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1220 S. St. Francis Dr., Santa Fe, NM 87505

State of New Mexico  
Energy Minerals and Natural Resources

Form C-144  
June 1, 2004

Oil Conservation Division  
1220 South St. Francis Dr.  
Santa Fe, NM 87505

For drilling and production facilities, submit to appropriate NMOCD District Office.  
For downstream facilities, submit to Santa Fe office

**Pit or Below-Grade Tank Registration or Closure**

Is pit or below-grade tank covered by a "general plan"? Yes ☐ No ☒

Type of action: Registration of a pit or below-grade tank ☐ Closure of a pit or below-grade tank ☒

Operator: McElvain Oil & Gas Properties, Inc. Telephone: 505-632-3869 e-mail address: pmci@acs-online.net  
Address: 1050 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 1800 Denver, CO 80265-1801  
Facility or well name: PRI No.3 API #: 30-045-32667 U/L or Qtr/Qtr I Sec 11 T 29N R 12W  
County: San Juan Latitude 36° 44' 17" Longitude 108° 03' 43" NAD: 1927 X 1983 ☐  
Surface Owner: Federal ☒ State ☐ Private ☐ Indian ☐

<b>Pit</b> Type: Drilling <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Production <input type="checkbox"/> Disposal <input type="checkbox"/> Workover <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency <input type="checkbox"/> Lined <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unlined <input type="checkbox"/> Liner type: Synthetic <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Thickness 12 mil Clay <input type="checkbox"/> Pit Volume 2280 bbl	<b>Below-grade tank</b> Volume: _____ bbl Type of fluid: _____ Construction material: _____ Double-walled, with leak detection? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> If not, explain why not. _____
Depth to ground water (vertical distance from bottom of pit to seasonal high water elevation of ground water.)	Less than 50 feet (20 points) 50 feet or more, but less than 100 feet (10 points) 100 feet or more (0 points) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Wellhead protection area: (Less than 200 feet from a private domestic water source, or less than 1000 feet from all other water sources.)	Yes (20 points) No (0 points) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Distance to surface water: (horizontal distance to all wetlands, playas, irrigation canals, ditches, and perennial and ephemeral watercourses.)	Less than 200 feet (20 points) 200 feet or more, but less than 1000 feet (10 points) 1000 feet or more (0 points) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	<b>Ranking Score (Total Points)</b> 0

**If this is a pit closure:** (1) Attach a diagram of the facility showing the pit's relationship to other equipment and tanks. (2) Indicate disposal location: (check the onsite box if you are burying in place) onsite ☒ offsite ☐ If offsite, name of facility \_\_\_\_\_. (3) Attach a general description of remedial action taken including remediation start date and end date. (4) Groundwater encountered: No ☒ Yes ☐ If yes, show depth below ground surface \_\_\_\_\_ ft. and attach sample results. (5) Attach soil sample results and a diagram of sample locations and excavations.

Additional Comments: Propose to close the drilling pit on this location using the following closure plan. No discharge to the environment occurred during the drilling of this well. Fresh water (<9.5 ppg) was used during the drilling operation.

- 1) All free liquid will be hauled to a commercial disposal facility. 2) All trash will be removed from the pit surface and disposed of in Waste Managements landfill.  
3) Residual mud solids and cuttings will be buried in place and encapsulated in accordance with Section IV,B.2 of Rule 50. 4) Pit will be filled with soil to a minimum of 6 inches above graded ground level and topsoil placed on top of this bermed area. 5) Pit area will be reclaimed and seeded in accordance with BLM stipulations.  
This plan will be implemented as soon as this plan is approved.

I hereby certify that the information above is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. I further certify that the above-described pit or below-grade tank has been/will be constructed or closed according to NMOCD guidelines ☒, a general permit ☐, or an (attached) alternative OCD-approved plan ☐.

Date: June 30, 2005

Printed Name/Title Robert E. Fielder / Agent

Signature

*Robert E. Fielder*

Your certification and NMOCD approval of this application/closure does not relieve the operator of liability should the contents of the pit or tank contaminate ground water or otherwise endanger public health or the environment. Nor does it relieve the operator of its responsibility for compliance with any other federal, state, or local laws and/or regulations.

Approval:

DEPUTY OIL & GAS INSPECTOR, DIST. IV

Printed Name/Title

Signature

*H. Villanueva*

Date:

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