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1000 Rio Brazos Road, Aztec, NM 87410
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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: <u>Chevron Production Co.</u> Telephone <u>(505) 334-7117</u> e-mail address: <u>MArcher@chevron.com</u>		
Address: <u>322 County Road 3100, Aztec, NM 87410</u>		
Facility or well name: <u>Rincon #279</u> API #: <u>30-039-24742</u> U/L or Qtr/Qtr <u>K</u> Sec <u>14</u> T <u>27</u> N <u>R</u> <u>7</u> W		
County: <u>Rio Arriba</u> Latitude <u>36.572445</u> Longitude <u>-107.54838</u> NAD: 1927 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1983 <input type="checkbox"/>		
Surface Owner: Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Indian <input type="checkbox"/>		
Pit Type: Drilling <input type="checkbox"/> Production <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Disposal <input type="checkbox"/> Workover <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency <input type="checkbox"/> Lined <input type="checkbox"/> Unlined <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Liner type: Synthetic <input type="checkbox"/> Thickness <input type="checkbox"/> Clay <input type="checkbox"/> Pit Volume <u>25</u> bbl	Below-grade tank Volume: <u> </u> 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) 0
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) 0
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) 10
Ranking Score (Total Points)		10

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:
Soil passed TPH standard of 1000 ppm and 100 ppm PID standard on November 11, 2006 at approximately 20 feet x 20 feet x 22 feet deep.

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: 11-28-07

Printed Name/Title Mr. Michael W. Archer - HES Specialist

Signature Michael W. Archer

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. 1

Bob Pull

Date: DEC 04 2007



November 30, 2006

SMA Project: 5115310

RE: Sampling activities for Pit Closure at the Rincon 279. Unit K, Sec. 14, T 27N, R 7W, Fruitland Coal, Rio Arriba County NM. Fed Lease SF079298-D. API 3003924742.

On May 27, 2005, SMA mobilized to the unlined separator pit at the Rincon 279. The dimensions of the unlined pit are approximately 20 X 20 X 4 feet.

On May 27, 2005, SMA collected a soil sample from the center pit bottom for field analysis by Photo Ionization Detector (PID). A four-point composite soil sample was collected from the sidewalls for field analysis by PID. The center pit bottom sample showed a PID reading of 1405 units and the sidewall composite sample showed a PID reading of 0 units. Soil samples for closure were collected for laboratory analysis. Samples were analyzed for Diesel Range Organics (DRO), and Gasoline Range Organics (GRO). Based on Field Screening with a PID, BTEX was analyzed by laboratory methods. The laboratory analysis of the closure samples showed hydrocarbon levels of:

May 27, 2005	DRO ppm	GRO ppm	Benzene ppm	BTEX ppm
4 Point Sidewall	BDL	BDL	NA	NA
Center Pit Bottom	3550	2340	0.793	80.743

BDL: Below Detection Limits

NA: Not Analyzed

On July 17, 2006 SMA collected five discrete samples from the bottom of the pit at the Rincon 279.

July 17, 2006	DRO ppm	GRO ppm	Benzene ppm	BTEX ppm
NE Corner	219	BDL	NA	NA
NW Corner	74.8	BDL	NA	NA
SW Corner	BDL	BDL	NA	NA
SE Corner	BDL	BDL	NA	NA
Center Pit Bottom	135	70.6	BDL	760.1

On November 11, 2006 SMA collected five discrete samples from the bottom of the pit at the Rincon 279 after excavation to an approximate depth of 22 feet BG.

11/10/06	DRO ppm	GRO ppm	PID	BTEX ppm
NE Corner	BDL	BDL	7.9	NA
NW Corner	BDL	BDL	19.2	NA
SW Corner	BDL	BDL	12.2	NA
SE Corner	BDL	BDL	17.1	NA
Center Pit Bottom	BDL	BDL	55.7	NA

Remedial excavation has been performed based on laboratory analysis of soil samples. On behalf of our client, Pure Resources, SMA requests closure for this pit. Groundwater was not encountered.

Respectfully submitted,

John Hagstrom
Environmental Technician
Souder, Miller and Associates

ENVIROTECH INC.

PRACTICAL SOLUTIONS FOR A BETTER TOMORROW

November 20, 2007

Project # 92270-170-001

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**RE: LANDFARM SAMPLING LOCATED AT RINCON UNIT #279, RIO ARRIBA COUNTY,
NEW MEXICO.**

Dear Mr. Archer,

Enclosed are the analytical results for the sample collected from the location designated above.

A composite sample was field tested per the United States Environmental Protection Agency's (USEPA) Method 418.1 for Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons (TPH)'s and for Organic Vapors (OV) with a Photo Ionization Detector (PID).

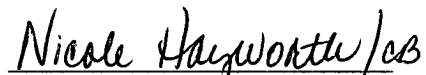
The TPH results were below the NMOCD standard of 1000 ppm and the OV were also below the required 100 ppm closure standard.

Due to results below the regulatory limit for this site Envirotech recommends that this landfarm be closed and not further action be taken with regards to this landfarm.

Should you have any question or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us at (505) 632-0615.

Respectfully Submitted,

ENVIROTECH, INC.


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Environmental Scientist
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PIT No. _____
C.O.C # _____

FIELD REPORT: REMEDIATION FACILITY CLOSURE VERIFICATION

JOB No. _____
PAGE No. _____ of _____

FACILITY LOCATION: RINCON UNIT 279

DATE STARTED: 8/28/07

SOURCE LOCATION: _____

DATE FINISHED: 8/28/07

SOURCE LOCATION: _____

SOURCE LOCATION: _____

FACILITY CLASSIFICATION: GAS & CONDENSATE

PIT TYPE: SEPARATOR

ENVIRONMENTAL
SPECIALIST: GWC

SOIL REMEDIATION. QUANTITY: APPROX 150 YD³ # OF COMP. SAMPLES: 1
DIMENSIONS: 70 x 48 x 1

VISIBLE OBSERVATIONS: SOIL VISUALLY CLEAN, NO ODOR

SAMPLING PLAN: ONE (1) 5-POINT COMPOSITE SAMPLE

FIELD NOTES & REMARKS: FACILITY CENTER LOCATED APPROX 60 FEET YARDS 245° FROM WELLHEAD.

DEPTH TO GROUNDWATER: >100

NEAREST WATER SOURCE/TYPE: >100

NEAREST SURFACE WATER: >200 <1000

MAX TPH PER NMOC: 1000

No. OF 5-POINT
COMPOSITE SAMPLES:

YARDAGE--#

0-200=1

201-400=2

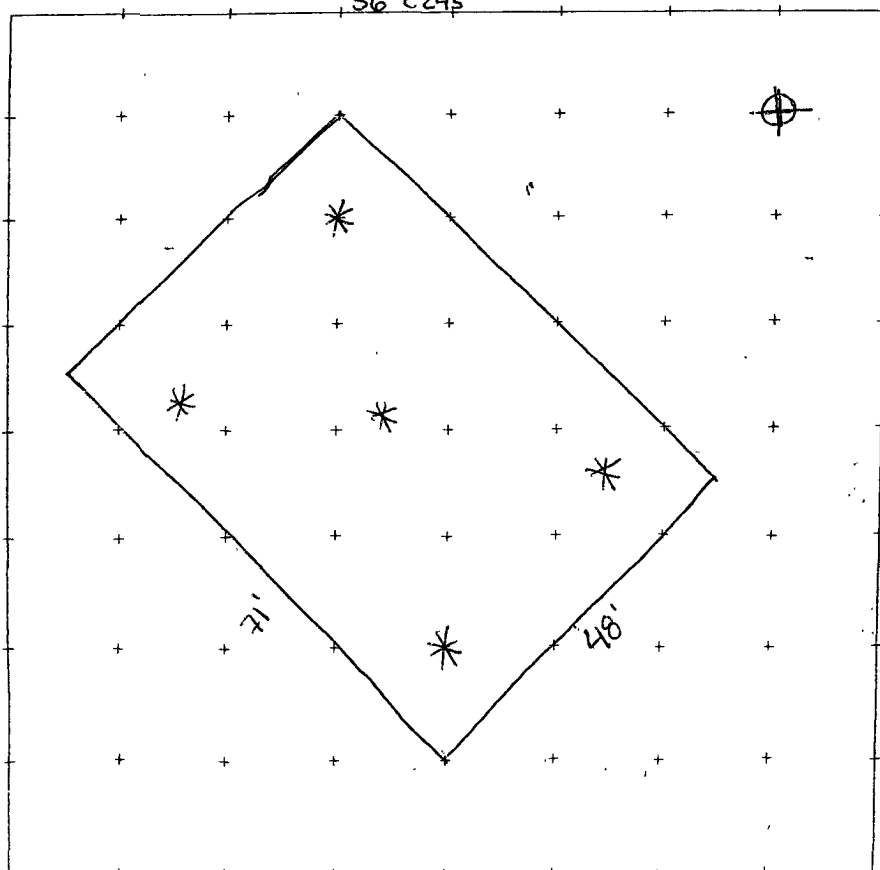
401-1000=3

>1000=5

$$TPH = 41 \times 4 = 164 \text{ ppm}$$

FACILITY DIAGRAM

GRID SCALE:



OVM RESULTS

SAMPLE ID	FIELD HEADSPACE PID (ppm)
1	3.5

LAB RESULTS

SAMPLE ID	ANALYSIS REQUESTED	RESULTS PPM
1	418.1	164



NORTH

WELLHEAD

SURFACE
FLOW DIR.

ESTIMATED
GROUNDWATER
FLOW DIR

EPA METHOD 418.1
TOTAL PETROLEUM
HYDROCARBONS

Client:	Chevron	Project #:	92270-169-001
Sample No.:	1	Date Reported:	11/8/2007
Sample ID:	Landfarm Composite	Date Sampled:	8/28/2007
Sample Matrix:	Soil	Date Analyzed:	8/28/2007
Preservative:	Cool	Analysis Needed:	TPH-418.1
Condition:	Cool and Intact		

Parameter	Concentration (mg/kg)	Det. Limit (mg/kg)
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Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons	164	5.0
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ND = Parameter not detected at the stated detection limit.

References: Method 418.1, Petroleum Hydrocarbons, Total Recoverable, Chemical Analysis of Water and Waste, USEPA Storet No. 4551, 1978.

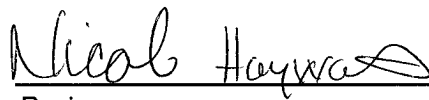
Comments: **Rincon Unit #279**

Instrument calibrated to 200 ppm standard. Zeroed before each sample



Analyst

Greg Crabtree
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Review

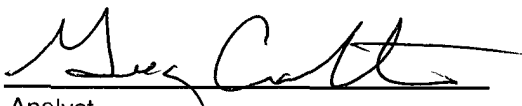
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CONTINUOUS CALIBRATION
EPA METHOD 418.1
TOTAL PETROLEUM
HYDROCARBONS

Cal. Date: 28-Aug-07

Parameter	Standard Concentration mg/L	Concentration Reading mg/L
TPH	100	204
	200	
	500	
	1000	

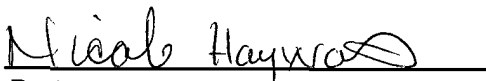
The accepted percent relative deviation (%RSD) of the calibration factor is less than 20% over the working range.



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**RE: SOIL SAMPLING OF AN EARTHEN PIT LOCATED AT THE RINCON #279 WELL SITE,
RIO ARRIBA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO**

Dear Mr. Powell,

Envirotech has completed a site assessment of an earthen pit located at the Rincon #279 well site, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico that had previously been excavated and sampled by Souder, Miller & Associates (SMA). Attached to this letter are the field site assessment sheet, the C-144 pit closure documentation, and a letter from SMA entitled *RE: Sampling activities for Pit Closure at the Rincon 279. Unit K, Sec. 14, T 27N, R 7W, Fruitland Coal, Rio Arriba County NM. Fed Lease SF079298-D. API 3003924742.*

The site was ranked by Envirotech according to the NMOCD/BLM guidance for unlined surface impoundments. The site was ranked as a 1000 ppm closure for Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons (TPH).

SMA conducted sampling on three (3) separate occasions. On May 27, 2005 two (2) composite samples were collected. One (1) sample was collected from the sidewalls and one (1) sample was collected from the bottom. The sidewall sample was below detection limits on this date. On this date the dimensions are stated to be approximately 20 feet x 20 feet x 4 feet deep. SMA returned on July 17, 2006 and took five (5) separate composite samples from the bottom. Two (2) of these samples were below detection limits. The dimensions on this date are unknown. SMA

completed the sampling of this pit on November 11, 2006 when they collected five (5) additional composite samples from the bottom. On this date all samples were below detection limits. The final depth reported by SMA was 22 feet deep. Contaminated soil from this excavation was landfarmed on site.

Envirotech was onsite on September 5, 2007 to perform a site assessment to determine the ranking and closure standard for this site. While onsite Envirotech observed a 12 foot deep excavation and an NMOCD ranking score of 10, giving the site a 1000 ppm closure standard.

Based on the results from the sampling at the Rincon #279 well site Envirotech recommends no further action with regards to this site. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael W. Archer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Michael" being the most prominent part.

Michael W. Archer
Chevron North America
Exploration & Production Company

Enclosures: C-144
Field Site Assessment Sheet
SMA Letter