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State of New Mexico  
Energy Minerals and Natural Resources  
Department  
Oil Conservation Division  
1220 South St. Francis Dr.  
Santa Fe, NM 87505

Form C-144  
June 16, 2008

For temporary pits, closed-loop systems, and below-grade tanks, submit to the appropriate NMOCD District Office.  
For permanent pits and exceptions submit to the Santa Fe Environmental Bureau office and provide a copy to the appropriate NMOCD District Office.

Pit, Closed-Loop System, Below-Grade Tank, or  
Proposed Alternative Method Permit or Closure Plan Application

Type of action: ☒ Permit of a pit, closed-loop system, below-grade tank, or proposed alternative method  
☐ Closure of a pit, closed-loop system, below-grade tank, or proposed alternative method

**Instructions: Please submit one application (Form C-144) per individual pit, closed-loop system, below-grade tank or alternative request**

Please be advised that approval of this request does not relieve the operator of liability should operations result in pollution of surface water, ground water or the environment. Nor does approval relieve the operator of its responsibility to comply with any other applicable governmental authority's rules, regulations or ordinances.

Operator: <u>Dugan Production Corp.</u>		OGRID #: <u>006515</u>
Address: <u>709 East Murray Drive, Farmington, New Mexico 87401</u>		<b>RCVD AUG 13 '08</b> <b>OIL CONS. DIV.</b> <b>DIST. 3</b>
Facility or well name: <u>Big Eight #1 (Separator and Production Tank)</u>		
API Number: <u>30-045-21996</u>	OCD Permit Number: _____	
U/L or Qtr/Qtr <u>L</u> Section <u>8</u> Township <u>24N</u> Range <u>9W</u> County: <u>San Juan</u>		
Center of Proposed Design: Latitude <u>36.32579</u> North Longitude <u>107.81776</u> West NAD: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1927 <input type="checkbox"/> 1983		
Surface Owner: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Tribal Trust or Indian Allotment		

<b><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pit:</b> Subsection F or G of 19.15.17.11 NMAC Temporary: <input type="checkbox"/> Drilling <input type="checkbox"/> Workover <input type="checkbox"/> Permanent <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency <input type="checkbox"/> Cavitation <input type="checkbox"/> Lined <input type="checkbox"/> Unlined Liner type Thickness _____ mil <input type="checkbox"/> LLDPE <input type="checkbox"/> HDPE <input type="checkbox"/> PVC <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> String-Reinforced Seams: <input type="checkbox"/> Welded <input type="checkbox"/> Factory <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ Volume: _____ bbl Dimensions: L _____ x W _____ x D _____	<b><input type="checkbox"/> Closed-loop System:</b> Subsection H of 19.15.17.11 NMAC <input type="checkbox"/> Drying Pad <input type="checkbox"/> Tanks <input type="checkbox"/> Haul-off Bins <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Lined <input type="checkbox"/> Unlined Liner type: Thickness _____ mil <input type="checkbox"/> LLDPE <input type="checkbox"/> HDPE <input type="checkbox"/> PVC <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ Seams: <input type="checkbox"/> Welded <input type="checkbox"/> Factory <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ Volume: _____ bbl _____ yd <sup>3</sup> Dimensions: Length _____ x Width _____
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<b><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Below-grade tank:</b> Subsection I of 19.15.17.11 NMAC Volume: <u>50</u> bbl Type of fluid: <u>Produced H2O</u> Tank Construction material: <u>Fiberglass</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Secondary containment with leak detection <input type="checkbox"/> Visible sidewalls, liner, 6-inch lift and automatic overflow shut-off <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Visible sidewalls and liner <input type="checkbox"/> Visible sidewalls only (See Closure Plan #2) <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ Liner type: Thickness <u>20 High density</u> mil <input type="checkbox"/> HDPE <input type="checkbox"/> PVC <input type="checkbox"/> Other <u>weave low density coating</u> <u>poly ethylene</u>	<b><input type="checkbox"/> Fencing:</b> Subsection D of 19.15.17.11 NMAC <input type="checkbox"/> Chain link, six feet in height, two strands of barbed wire at top <input type="checkbox"/> Four foot height, four strands of barbed wire evenly spaced between one and four feet Other Fencing <u>4'=3' Hog wire + Top rail</u> <b><input type="checkbox"/> Netting:</b> Subsection E of 19.15.17.11 NMAC <input type="checkbox"/> Screen <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Netting <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Monthly inspections <b><input type="checkbox"/> Signs:</b> Subsection C of 19.15.17.11 NMAC <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 12"x24", 2' lettering, providing Operator's name, site location, and emergency telephone numbers <input type="checkbox"/> Signed in compliance with 19.15.3.103 NMAC
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<b><input type="checkbox"/> Alternative Method:</b> Submittal of an exception request is required. Exceptions must be submitted to the Santa Fe Environmental Bureau office for consideration of approval.	<b><input type="checkbox"/> Administrative Approvals and Exceptions:</b> Justifications and/or demonstrations of equivalency are required. Please refer to 19.15.17 NMAC for guidance. <b>Please check a box if one or more of the following is requested, if not leave blank:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Administrative approval(s): Requests must be submitted to the appropriate division district or the Santa Fe Environmental Bureau office for consideration of approval <input type="checkbox"/> Exception(s): Requests must be submitted to the Santa Fe Environmental Bureau office for consideration of approval.
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**Siting Criteria (regarding permitting):** 19.15.17.10 NMAC

**Instructions:** The applicant must demonstrate compliance for each siting criteria below in the application. Recommendations of acceptable source material are provided below. Requests regarding changes to certain siting criteria may require administrative approval from the appropriate district office or may be considered an exception which must be submitted to the Santa Fe Environmental Bureau office for consideration of approval. Applicant must attach justification for request. Please refer to 19.15.17.10 NMAC for guidance. Siting criteria does not apply to drying pads or above-grade tanks associated with a closed-loop system.

Ground water is less than 50 feet below the bottom of the temporary pit, permanent pit, or below-grade tank.

☐ Yes ☒ No

- NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search; USGS; Data obtained from nearby wells

Within 300 feet of a continuously flowing watercourse, or 200 feet of any other watercourse, lakebed, sinkhole, or playa lake (measured from the ordinary high-water mark).

☒ Yes ☐ No

- Topographic map; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site

Within 300 feet from a permanent residence, school, hospital, institution, or church in existence at the time of initial application. (Applies to temporary, emergency, or cavitation pits and below-grade tanks)

☐ Yes ☒ No

☐ NA

- Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site; Aerial photo; Satellite image

Within 1000 feet from a permanent residence, school, hospital, institution, or church in existence at the time of initial application. (Applies to permanent pits)

☐ Yes ☐ No

☒ NA

- Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site; Aerial photo; Satellite image

Within 500 horizontal feet of a private, domestic fresh water well or spring that less than five households use for domestic or stock watering purposes, or within 1000 horizontal feet of any other fresh water well or spring, in existence at the time of initial application.

☐ Yes ☒ No

- NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site

Within incorporated municipal boundaries or within a defined municipal fresh water well field covered under a municipal ordinance adopted pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 3-27-3, as amended.

☐ Yes ☒ No

- Written confirmation or verification from the municipality; Written approval obtained from the municipality

Within 500 feet of a wetland.

☐ Yes ☒ No

- US Fish and Wildlife Wetland Identification map; Topographic map; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site

Within the area overlying a subsurface mine.

☐ Yes ☒ No

- Written confirmation or verification or map from the NM EMNRD-Mining and Mineral Division

Within an unstable area.

☐ Yes ☒ No

- Engineering measures incorporated into the design; NM Bureau of Geology & Mineral Resources; USGS; NM Geological Society; Topographic map

Within a 100-year floodplain.

☐ Yes ☒ No

- FEMA map

**Temporary Pits, Emergency Pits, and Below-grade Tanks Permit Application Attachment Checklist:** Subsection B of 19.15.17.9 NMAC

**Instructions:** Each of the following items must be attached to the application. Please indicate, by a check mark in the box, that the documents are attached.

☒ Hydrogeologic Report (Below-grade Tanks) - based upon the requirements of Paragraph (4) of Subsection B of 19.15.17.15 NMAC

☐ Hydrogeologic Data (Temporary and Emergency Pits) - based upon the requirements of Paragraph (2) of Subsection B of 19.15.17.15 NMAC

☒ Siting Criteria Compliance Demonstrations - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.10 NMAC

☒ Design Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.11 NMAC

☒ Operating and Maintenance Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.12 NMAC

☒ Closure Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection C of 19.15.17.9 NMAC and 19.15.17.13 NMAC

☐ Previously Approved Design (attach copy of design) API Number: 30-045- or Permit Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Closed-loop Systems Permit Application Attachment Checklist:** Subsection B of 19.15.17.9 NMAC

**Instructions:** Each of the following items must be attached to the application. Please indicate, by a check mark in the box, that the documents are attached.

☐ Geologic and Hydrogeologic Data (required for on-site closure) - based upon the requirements of Paragraph (3) of Subsection B of 19.15.17.15 NMAC

☐ Siting Criteria Compliance Demonstrations (required for on-site closure) - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.10 NMAC

☐ Design Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.11 NMAC

☐ Operating and Maintenance Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.12 NMAC

☐ Closure Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection C of 19.15.17.9 NMAC and 19.15.17.13 NMAC

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☐ Previously Approved Design (attach copy of design) API Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Permanent Pits Permit Application Checklist:** Subsection B of 19.15.17.9 NMAC

**Instructions:** Each of the following items must be attached to the application. Please indicate, by a check mark in the box, that the documents are attached.

- ☐ Hydrogeologic Report - based upon the requirements of Paragraph (1) of Subsection B of 19.15.17.15 NMAC
- ☐ Siting Criteria Compliance Demonstrations - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.10 NMAC
- ☐ Climatological Factors Assessment
- ☐ Certified Engineering Design Plans - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.11 NMAC
- ☐ Dike Protection and Structural Integrity Design - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.11 NMAC
- ☐ Leak Detection Design - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.11 NMAC
- ☐ Liner Specifications and Compatibility Assessment - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.11 NMAC
- ☐ Quality Control/Quality Assurance Construction and Installation Plan
- ☐ Operating and Maintenance Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.12 NMAC
- ☐ Freeboard and Overtopping Prevention Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.11 NMAC
- ☐ Nuisance or Hazardous Odors, including H<sub>2</sub>S, Prevention Plan
- ☐ Emergency Response Plan
- ☐ Oil Field Waste Stream Characterization
- ☐ Monitoring and Inspection Plan
- ☐ Erosion Control Plan
- ☐ Closure Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection C of 19.15.17.9 NMAC and 19.15.17.13 NMAC

**Proposed Closure:** 19.15.17.13 NMAC

Type: ☐ Drilling ☐ Workover ☐ Emergency ☐ Cavitation ☐ Permanent Pit ☒ Below-grade Tank ☐ Closed-loop System ☐ Alternative

Proposed Closure Method: ☒ Waste Excavation and Removal

☐ On-site Closure Method (only for temporary pits and closed-loop systems)

☐ In-place Burial ☐ On-site Trench Burial

☐ Alternative Closure Method (Exceptions must be submitted to the Santa Fe Environmental Bureau for consideration)

**Siting Criteria (regarding on-site closure methods only):** 19.15.17.10 NMAC

**Instructions:** Each siting criteria requires a demonstration of compliance in the closure plan. Recommendations of acceptable source material are provided below. Requests regarding changes to certain siting criteria may require administrative approval from the appropriate district office or may be considered an exception which must be submitted to the Santa Fe Environmental Bureau office for consideration of approval. Justifications and/or demonstrations of equivalency are required. Please refer to 19.15.17.10 NMAC for guidance.

Ground water is less than 50 feet below the bottom of the buried waste.

☐ Yes ☐ No  
☐ NA

- NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search; USGS; Data obtained from nearby wells

Ground water is between 50 and 100 feet below the bottom of the buried waste

☐ Yes ☐ No  
☐ NA

- NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search; USGS; Data obtained from nearby wells

Ground water is more than 100 feet below the bottom of the buried waste.

☐ Yes ☐ No  
☐ NA

- NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search; USGS; Data obtained from nearby wells

Within 300 feet of a continuously flowing watercourse, or 200 feet of any other watercourse, lakebed, sinkhole, or playa lake (measured from the ordinary high-water mark).

☐ Yes ☐ No

- Topographic map, Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site

Within 300 feet from a permanent residence, school, hospital, institution, or church in existence at the time of initial application

☐ Yes ☐ No

- Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site; Aerial photo; Satellite image

Within 500 horizontal feet of a private, domestic fresh water well or spring that less than five households use for domestic or stock watering purposes, or within 1000 horizontal feet of any other fresh water well or spring, in existence at the time of initial application.

☐ Yes ☐ No

- NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site

Within incorporated municipal boundaries or within a defined municipal fresh water well field covered under a municipal ordinance adopted pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 3-27-3, as amended.

☐ Yes ☐ No

- Written confirmation or verification from the municipality; Written approval obtained from the municipality

Within 500 feet of a wetland.

☐ Yes ☐ No

- US Fish and Wildlife Wetland Identification map; Topographic map; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site

Within the area overlying a subsurface mine.

☐ Yes ☐ No

- Written confirmation or verification or map from the NM EMNRD-Mining and Mineral Division

Within an unstable area.

☐ Yes ☐ No

- Engineering measures incorporated into the design; NM Bureau of Geology & Mineral Resources; USGS; NM Geological Society; Topographic map

Within a 100-year floodplain.

☐ Yes ☐ No

- FEMA map

**Waste Excavation and Removal Closure Plan Checklist:** (19.15.17.13 NMAC) *Instructions: Each of the following items must be attached to the closure plan. Please indicate, by a check mark in the box, that the documents are attached.*

- ☒ Protocols and Procedures - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.13 NMAC
- ☒ Confirmation Sampling Plan (if applicable) - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection F of 19.15.17.13 NMAC
- ☒ Disposal Facility Name and Permit Number (for liquids, drilling fluids and drill cuttings)
- ☒ Soil Backfill and Cover Design Specifications - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection H of 19.15.17.13 NMAC
- ☒ Re-vegetation Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection I of 19.15.17.13 NMAC
- ☒ Site Reclamation Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection G of 19.15.17.13 NMAC

**Waste Removal Closure For Closed-loop Systems That Utilize Haul-off Bins Only:** (19.15.17.13.D NMAC) *Instructions: Please identify the facility or facilities for the disposal of liquids, drilling fluids and drill cuttings.*

Disposal Facility Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Disposal Facility Permit Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**On-Site Closure Plan Checklist:** (19.15.17.13 NMAC) *Instructions: Each of the following items must be attached to the closure plan. Please indicate, by a check mark in the box, that the documents are attached.*

- ☐ Siting Criteria Compliance Demonstrations - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.10 NMAC
- ☐ Proof of Surface Owner Notice - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection F of 19.15.17.13 NMAC
- ☐ Construction and Design of Burial Trench (if applicable) based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.11 NMAC
- ☐ Protocols and Procedures - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.13 NMAC
- ☐ Confirmation Sampling Plan (if applicable) - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection F of 19.15.17.13 NMAC
- ☐ Waste Material Sampling Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection F of 19.15.17.13 NMAC
- ☐ Disposal Facility Name and Permit Number (for liquids, drilling fluids and drill cuttings or in case on-site closure standards cannot be achieved)
- ☐ Soil Cover Design - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection H of 19.15.17.13 NMAC
- ☐ Re-vegetation Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection I of 19.15.17.13 NMAC
- ☐ Site Reclamation Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection G of 19.15.17.13 NMAC

**Operator Application Certification:**

I hereby certify that the information submitted with this application is true, accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Name (Print): Kurt Fagrelus

Title: Vice President, Exploration

Signature: Kurt Fagrelus

Date: August 11, 2008

e-mail address: kfagrelus@duganproduction.com

Telephone: 505-325-1821 (O), 505-320-8248 (C)

**OCD Approval:** ☒ Permit Application (including closure plan) ☐ Closure Plan (only)

OCD Representative Signature: Brandon Bell

Approval Date: 8-21-08

Title: EnviroSpec

OCD Permit Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Closure Report (required within 60 days of closure completion):** Subsection K of 19.15.17.13 NMAC

☐ Closure Completion Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Closure Method:**

- ☐ Waste Excavation and Removal ☐ On-Site Closure Method ☐ Alternative Closure Method
- ☐ If different from approved plan, please explain.

**Closure Report Attachment Checklist:** *Instructions: Each of the following items must be attached to the closure report. Please indicate, by a check mark in the box, that the documents are attached.*

- ☐ Proof of Closure Notice
- ☐ Proof of Deed Notice (if applicable)
- ☐ Plot Plan
- ☐ Confirmation Sampling Analytical Results
- ☐ Waste Material Sampling Analytical Results
- ☐ Disposal Facility Name and Permit Number
- ☐ Soil Backfilling and Cover Installation
- ☐ Re-vegetation Application Rates and Seeding Technique
- ☐ Site Reclamation (Photo Documentation)

On-site Closure Location: Latitude \_\_\_\_\_ Longitude \_\_\_\_\_ NAD: ☐ 1927 ☐ 1983

**Operator Closure Certification:**

I hereby certify that the information and attachments submitted with this closure report is true, accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. I also certify that the closure complies with all applicable closure requirements and conditions specified in the approved closure plan.

Name (Print): Kurt Fagrelus

Title: Vice President, Exploration

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail address: kfagrelus@duganproduction.com

Telephone: 505-325-1821

## **Big Eight #1 (Separator and Production Tank) Hydrogeologic Report**

The Big Eight #1 (Separator and Production Tank) is located on Federal land on the Chaco Slope area of the San Juan Basin, in San Juan County, New Mexico. The area is characterized by a very broad, flat lying plane with sage and grass. It is poorly drained by arroyos that carry water only during seasonal periods (rainstorms and snowmelt) and drain to the northeast into Blanco Wash (4-5 miles away).

A records search of the NM Office of the State Engineer –iWATERS database was conducted on a three square mile area centered on the Big Eight #1 (Separator and Production Tank) location (Exhibit 2). One water well was located 6,300 feet to the northwest. This well was drilled to a total depth of 1,100 feet and the top of water was reported at 1073 feet. This well provides water for livestock use and produces from the Ojo Alamo Sandstone. The results of the search are shown on Exhibit 1.

The main source of stock water in the region is encountered in valley-fill deposits in existing arroyos at shallow depths of approximately 15 – 50 feet below the surface and stock tanks constructed on surface shale in the upper reaches and confluences of arroyos. The proposed below grade tank is not located in an arroyo. There is one arroyo located 150 feet south of the proposed below grade tank. See the attached request for administrative approval.

The Nacimient Formation extends from the surface down to a depth of approximately 834 feet. From surface down to a depth of 210 feet, the interval consists primarily of mudstone / shale. From 210 feet down to a depth of 834 feet, there are six shaly sands (15 – 50 feet thick) inter-bedded with mudstones (50-125 feet thick).

The Nacimient is a source of ground water for livestock purposes and more rarely domestic use in some areas near the outcrop. With depth and distance from the outcrop, water quality decreases quickly and may be useful for livestock only. Due to the high silt content in the sands, poor reservoir quality and unpredictable nature of sand occurrence, the Nacimient is not expected to contain significant quantities of ground water in the area of the proposed below grade tank.

The underlying Ojo Alamo Sandstone ranges from approximately 834 feet down to a depth of approximately 1027 feet and is comprised of a coarse grained alluvial sandstone inter-bedded with lenses of mudstone and occasional conglomeratic sandstone. The Ojo may yield marginal quantities of water for livestock; however, the water quality is typically greater than 1,000 ppm total dissolved solids and high in sulfate.

Based on electric open hole logs, the iWATERS database, literature reviewed, poor quality groundwater might be found a depth below 210 feet from discontinuous sands in the Nacimient Formation. However, the underlying Ojo Alamo Sandstone (834 – 1027 feet deep) is capable of producing a larger volume of better quality groundwater.

The excessive drilling depth to reservoirs with unpredictable variations in reservoir quality and water quality has discouraged the drilling of water wells in the area.

- Stone, W.J., Lyford, F.P., Frenzel, P.F., Mizell, N.H., and Padgett, E.T., 1983, Hydrogeology and water resources of San Juan Basin, New Mexico: New Mexico Bureau of Mines and Mineral Resources Hydrologic Report 6, 70 p.
- Brown, D.R., and Stone, W.J., 1979, Hydrogeology of Aztec quadrangle, San Juan County, New Mexico: New Mexico Bureau of Mines and Mineral Resources Hydrogeologic Sheet 1.
- Levings, G.W., Craig, S.D., Dam, W.L. Kernodle, J.M., and Thorn, C.R., 1990, Hydrogeology of the San Jose, Nacimient, and Animas Formations in the San Juan Structural Basin, New Mexico, Colorado, Arizona and Utah: U.S. Geological Survey, Atlas HA-720-A, Sheet 1 and 2.
- Thorn, C.R., Levings, G.W., Craig, S.D., Dam, W.L., and Kernodle, J.M., 1990, Hydrogeology of the Ojo Alamo Sandstone in the San Juan Structural Basin, New Mexico, Colorado, Arizona and Utah: U.S.G.S, Atlas HA-720-B, Sheet 1 and 2.

**New Mexico Office of the State Engineer  
POD Reports and Downloads**

Township: 24N Range: 09W Sections: 4,5,6,7,8,9,16,17,18

NAD27 X: Y: Zone: ☐ Search Radius:

County: ☐ Basin: ☐ Number: Suffix:

Owner Name: (First)  (Last)  ☐ Non-Domestic ☐ Domestic ☒ All

**WATER COLUMN REPORT 08/07/2008**

(quarters are 1=NW 2=NE 3=SW 4=SE)  
(quarters are biggest to smallest)

POD Number	Tws	Rng	Sec	q	q	q	Zone	X	Y	Depth Well	Depth Water	Water (in feet) Column
SJ 01255	24N	09W	07	1	1					1100	1073	27

Record Count: 1

### **Siting Criteria for the Big Eight #1**

1. Ground water is not less than 50-feet below the bottom of the below grade tank. Ground water is greater than 100-feet below the bottom of the below grade tank.
2. The below grade tank is within 300-feet of a continuously flowing water course, or 200 feet of any other watercourse, lakebed, sinkhole, or playa lake (measured from ordinary high water mark). See the attached Topographic map (Exhibit 2) and Visual Inspection Certification of the location and area around the subject below grade tank.
3. The below grade tank is not within 300-feet from a permanent residence, school, hospital, institution, or church in existence at the time of initial application. See the attached Satellite Image (Exhibit 3) and Visual Inspection certification of the location and area around the subject below grade tank.
4. The below grade tank is not within 500-feet of a private, domestic fresh water well or spring that less than five households use for domestic or stock watering purposes, or within 1000 horizontal feet of any other fresh water well or spring, in existence at the time of initial application. See the attached NM Office of the State Engineer iWATERS database search (Exhibit 4) and Visual Inspection certification of the location and area around the subject below grade tank.
5. The below grade tank is not located within the incorporated municipal boundaries or within a defined municipal fresh water well field covered under a municipal ordinance adopted pursuant to NMSA 1978 Section 3-27-3, as amended. See the attached Topographic map of the location and area around the subject below grade tank.
6. The below grade tank is not located within 500-feet of a wetland. See the attached Topographic map and Visual Inspection Certification of the location and area around the subject below grade tank.
7. The below grade tank is not located within the area overlying a subsurface mine. See the attached Mine, Mills and Quarry Map of New Mexico (New Mexico, EMND 2008) (Exhibit 5) showing the location and area around the subject pit.
8. The below grade tank is not located within an unstable area. See the attached Topographic map of the location and area around the subject below grade tank.
9. The below grade tank is not located within a 100-year floodplain area. See the attached FEMA map (Exhibit 6) of the 100 year floodplain showing the location and area around the subject pit.

**Big Eight #1 (Separator and Production Tank) Visual Inspection Certification**

I, Kurt Fagrelus, Vice President of Exploration for Dugan Production Corp. 709 East Murray Drive, Farmington, New Mexico hereby certify that I or persons under my direct supervision, prepared the attached exhibits and conducted a Visual Inspection of the location and area around the Big Eight #1 (Separator and Production Tank) below grade tank (Week of July 21, 2008). This application is not in full compliance with all siting criteria and standards for below grade tanks established by the State of New Mexico, Energy Minerals and Natural Resources Department 19.15.17.10 NMAC. The proposed below grade tank is located within 200 feet of an existing, very small arroyo. See the attached Application for Administrative Approval.

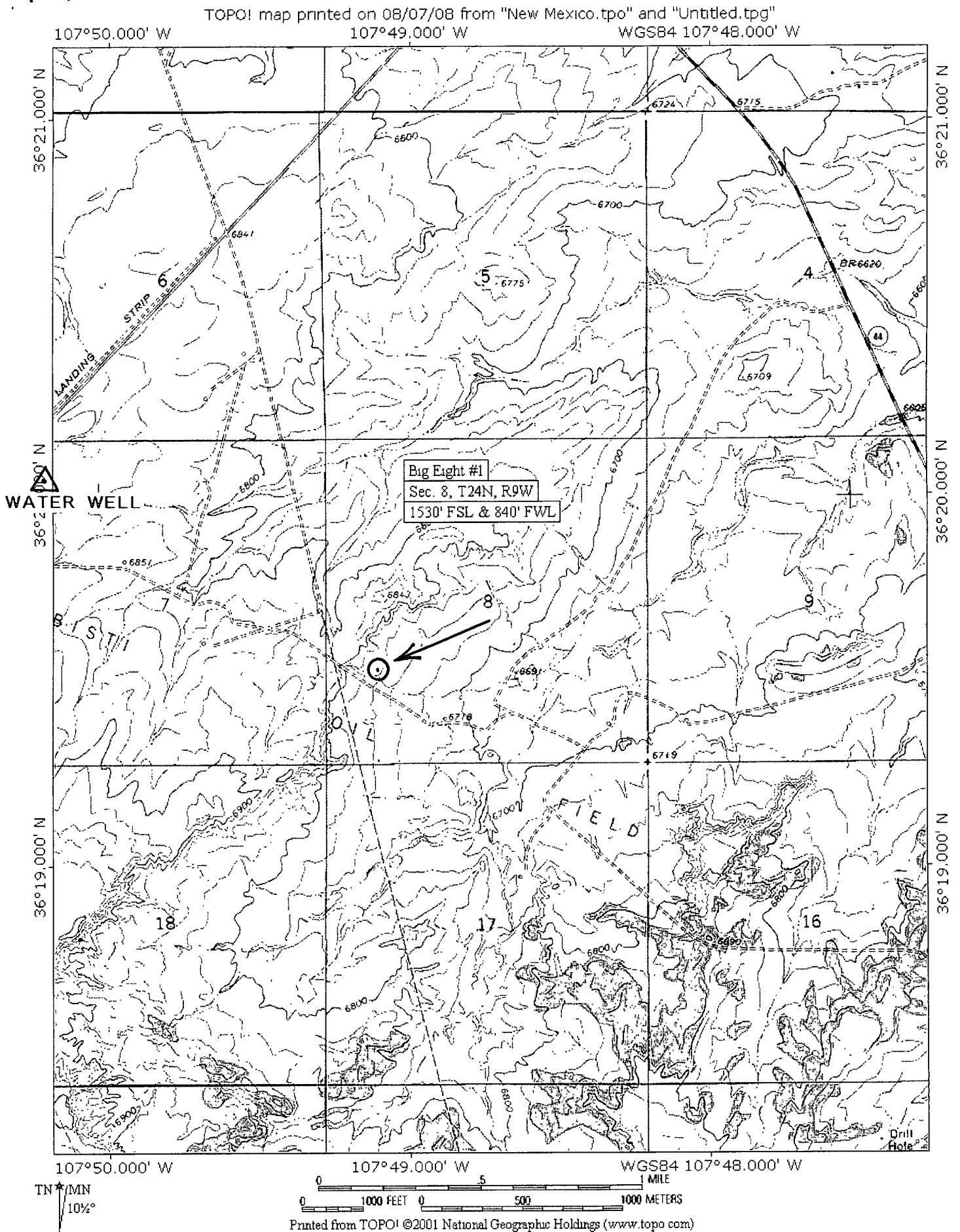
Kurt Fagrelus

Kurt Fagrelus

August 9, 2008

Date







*New Mexico Office of the State Engineer*  
**POD Reports and Downloads**

Township: 24N Range: 09W Sections: 7,8

NAD27 X: Y: Zone: Search Radius:

County: Basin: Number: Suffix:

Owner Name: (First) (Last) ☐ Non-Domestic ☐ Domestic ☒ All

POD / Surface Data Report

Avg Depth to Water Report

Water Column Report

Clear Form

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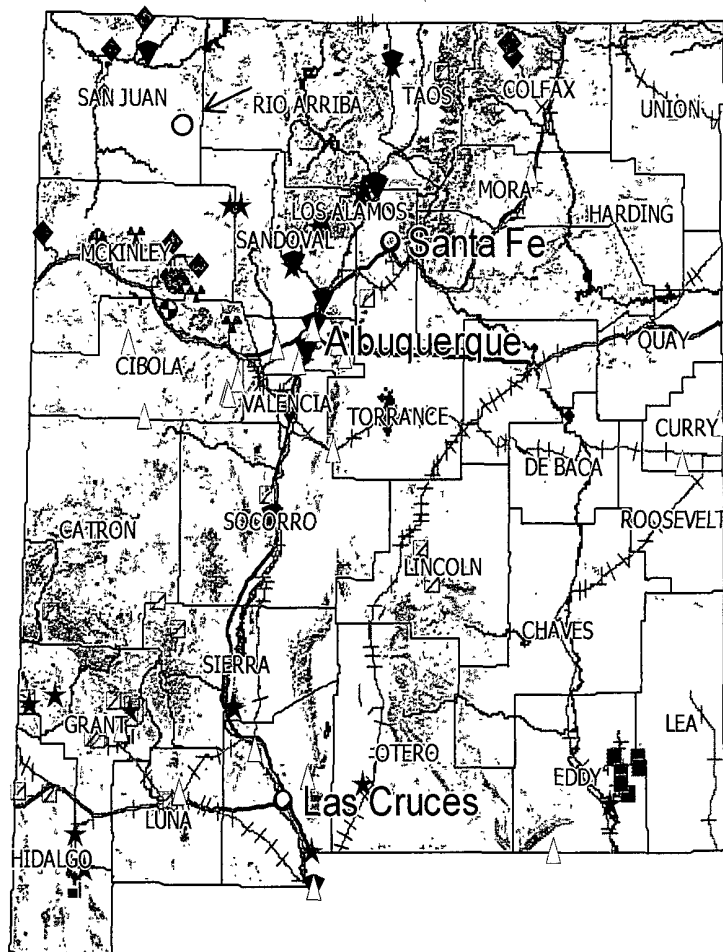
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**WATER COLUMN REPORT 08/07/2008**

(quarters are 1=NW 2=NE 3=SW 4=SE)  
 (quarters are biggest to smallest)

POD Number	Tws	Rng	Sec	q	q	q	Zone	X	Y	Depth Well	Depth Water	Water (in feet) Column
<u>SJ 01255</u>	24N	09W	07	1	1					1100	1073	27

Record Count: 1

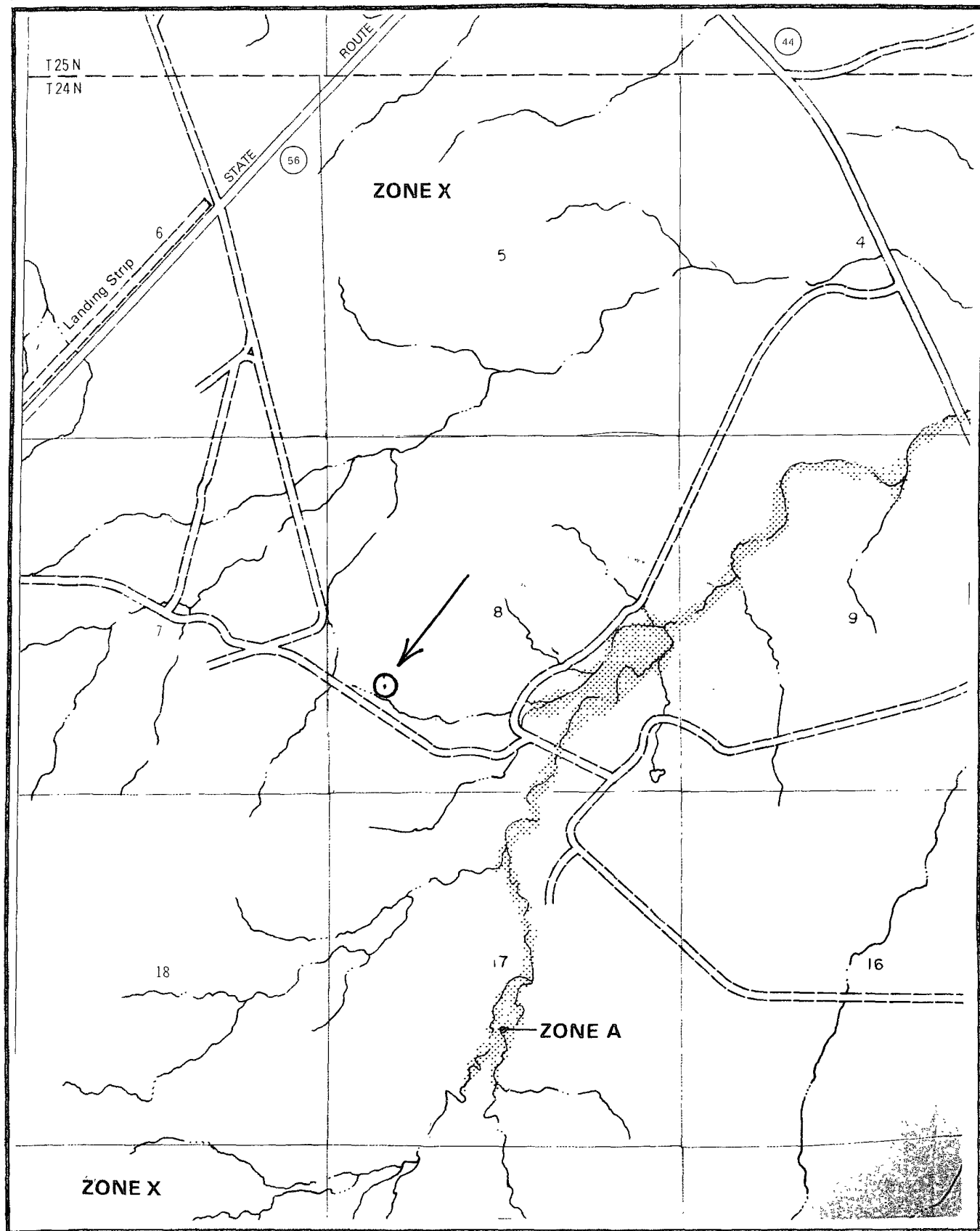


## Mine, Mills and Quarry Map of New Mexico

Dugan Production Corp.

Big Eight #1

Taken from the New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department.  
Mining and Minerals Division.



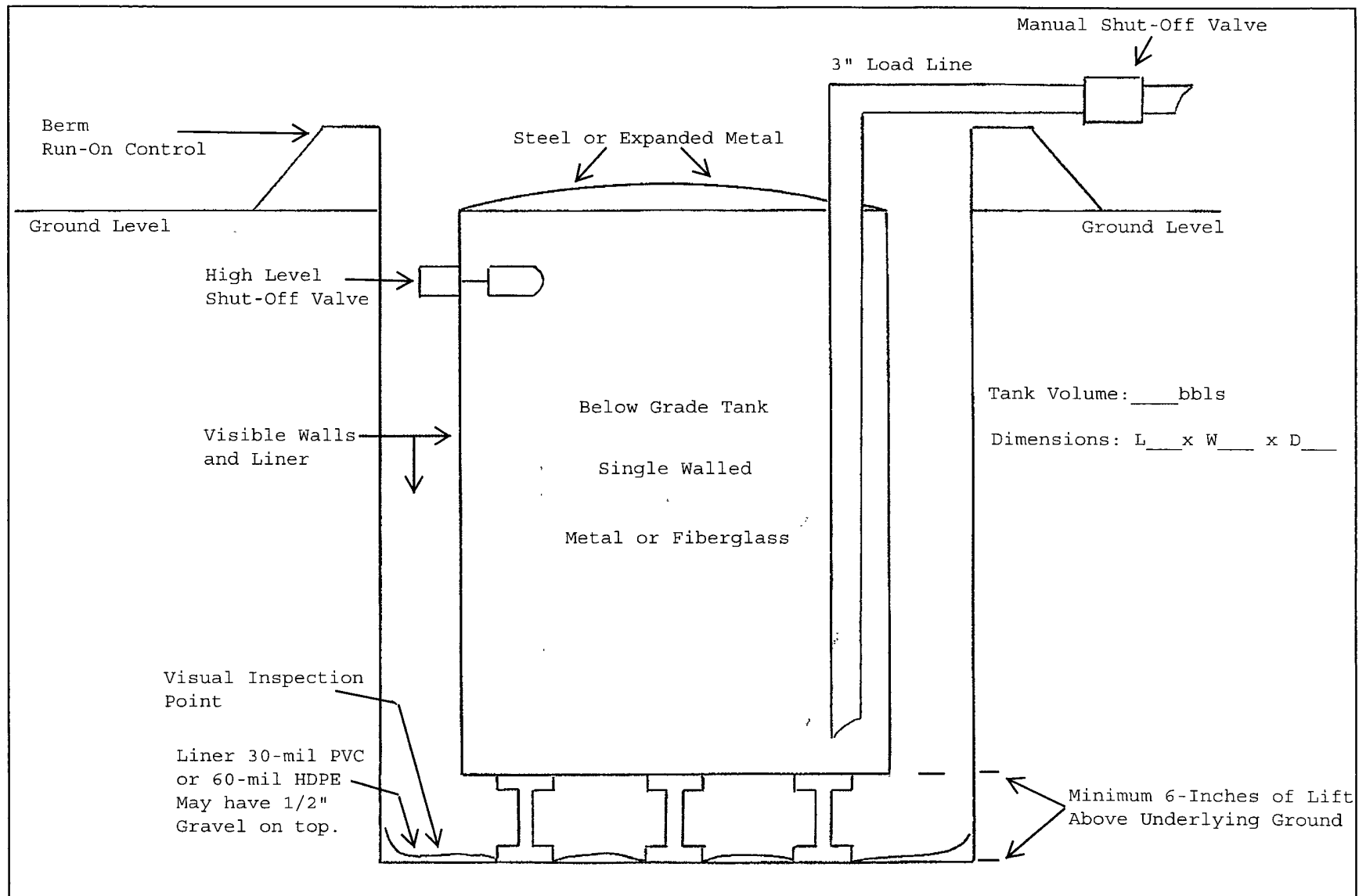
FEMA 100-Year Floodplain Map  
Big Eight #1

### **Big Eight #1 Design and Construction Plan**

The Big Eight #1 below grade tank will be designed and constructed in accordance with the following requirements:

1. Below grade tank will be designed and constructed to contain liquids and solids, prevent contamination of fresh water and protect the public health and environment (Exhibit 7).
2. Stockpile topsoil prior to digging pit, keep separate from subsoil and use as final cover and fill when closing pit.
3. Sign-12" by 24" with operator name, lease name, well #, location (unit letter, qtr/qtr, Sect., Twp., and Rge.) and emergency phone #'s will be posted on location. Sign will be posted in a location where it can be easily read.
4. Fencing around the Big Eight #1 below grade tank will be constructed and operated in a manner that prevents unauthorized access and shall be maintained in good condition to protect the public and wildlife. Fencing will include a 4-foot hog wire fencing with two strands of barbed wire or top rail of re-bar or pipe on top. See the attached request for Administrative Approval. The Big Eight #1 below grade tank is not located within 1000 feet of a house, school, hospital or church.
5. The Big Eight #1 below grade tank will be covered with expanded metal, chicken-wire or a metal lid on top of the tank.
6. Big Eight #1 below grade tank will be designed and constructed to ensure the confinement of liquids and prevent unauthorized releases. Pit will be constructed with a firm foundation and interior slopes, smooth and free of rocks or sharp edges to prevent punctures, cracks or indentations of the liner or tank bottom.
7. Big Eight #1 below grade tank will be constructed of materials resistant to the tank's particular contents and resistant to damage from sunlight.
8. Liner will be 30-mil flexible PVC or 60-mil HDPE, string reinforced, impervious material, resistant to UV light, hydrocarbons, salt, acidic or basic liquids. The liner will have a hydraulic conductivity less than  $1 \times 10^{-9}$  cm/sec. Liner compatibility will comply with EPA SW-846.
9. The Big Eight #1 below grade tank will be constructed with single walled sides and bottom which will be open for visual inspection for leaks. The below grade tank will be elevated a minimum of 6-inches above the underlying ground surface. The below grade tank will be underlain with a geo-membrane liner designed to divert any leaked fluid to a visual inspection point. Liner may be covered with gravel.
10. The Big Eight #1 below grade tank will be equipped with a properly operating automatic high-level shut-off control device and manual controls to prevent overflows.
11. Diversionary berms, ditches or sloping will be constructed as necessary to prevent overflow and the collection of surface water entrapment.

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### **Big Eight #1 Operational Requirements**

The Big Eight #1 below grade tank will be maintained and operated in accordance with the following requirements:

1. The Big Eight #1 below grade tank will be operated and maintained to contain liquids and solids and maintain the integrity of the tank / liner system or secondary containment system to prevent contamination of fresh water and protect public health and environment.
2. All fluids will be recycled, reused, reclaimed or disposed of in a manner approved by NMOCD rules.
3. Do not dispose of solid waste, trash, debris or hazardous material into the pit.
4. If the Big Eight #1 below grade tank develops a leak or if a penetration occurs below the liquids surface, all liquid will be removed above the damage or leak line within 48-hours. The NMOCD office will be notified within 48-hours of the discovery. The below grade tank / liner system or secondary containment system will then be either replaced or repaired.
5. Below grade tank will be constructed and operated in a manner that prevents the tank from over flow and prevents surface water from entering the pit. Diversion berms will be constructed around the sides of pit and an automatic high level shut-off will be installed.
6. Any measurable oil will be continuously removed from the Big Eight #1 below grade tank to prevent a significant accumulation of oil overtime.
7. The Big Eight #1 below grade tank will be inspected at least monthly and records of each inspection will be maintained for five years.
8. Adequate freeboard will be maintained to prevent overtopping of the Big Eight #1 below grade tank.



## Big Eight #1 Closure Plan-Methods, Procedures and Protocols

1. Comply with deadlines for closure of a pit or below grade tank established by the State of New Mexico, Energy Minerals and Natural Resources Department 19.15.17.13 NMAC, or an earlier date if required by the NMOCD in the case of imminent danger to fresh water, public health or the environment.

Existing On June 16, 2008	Permit Applic Submittal or Modification Request	File Closure Plan By	Stop Use By	Close By
Temporary Pit - Unlined	Not Permted under 19 15 17	7/16/2008	Upon drlg rig release	9/16/2008
Permanent Pit - Unlined or Lined	Not permitted with NMOCD	7/16/2008	6-16-2008	12/16/2008
Permanent Pit - Unlined	Permitted or with NMOCD	12-16-2008	6-16-2010	6-16-2011
BGT-Aprvd Design	Not Permted under 19.15.17 Applc by 9-16-2008	12/16/2008	failed integrity replc w/apprvd design	
<del>BGT-Not Aprvd Design Nor Retrofit to Comply w/19 15 17</del>	Not Permted under 19.15.17 Mod Rqst by 9-16-2008	12/16/2008	6/16/2013	6-16-2013
BGT-Not Aprvd Design Nor Retrofit to comply w/19 15.17	NA	12/16/2008	6/16/2013	6/16/2013
Permanent Pit-Design and Constr Does not comply w/19 15.17 permitted and lined	Mod Rqst by 12-16-2008 Comply w/in 18-mos of aprvl	12/16/2008 submit w/mod request	failed integrity replc w/apprvd design	60-days after cessation
Permanent Pit-Design and Constr Does not comply w/19.15.17 Registered and Lined	Permit Applic by 12-16-2008 Comply w/in 18-mos of aprvl	12/16/2008 submit w/permit Applc		60-days after cessation
Permanent Pit	Permitted under 19 15 17	60-Days prior to close		
Temporary Pit	Permitted under 19 15 17	Prior to closure	Upon drlg rig release	6-mos after rig release
BGT	Permitted under 19.15.17	12/16/2013 or prior to closure	failed integrity replc w/apprvd design	60-days after cessation

2. The Big Eight #1 below grade tank was registered under rule 50; however, it is not an approved design under rule 19.15.17. Upon approval of this application, the existing below grade tank will be closed and a new below grade tank that meets the design requirements of rule 19.15.17 will be constructed.
3. Below grade tank will be closed within 60-days after cessation of use.
4. Proof of closure notice will be provided by certified mail to surface owner after closure. Proof of notice will be attached to final closure report.

5. Remove all liquid from below grade tank prior to closure and dispose of at the Dugan Production operated Sanchez O'Brien #1 SWD (permit SWD-694) located 1650 feet from the South line and 990 feet from the West line (Unit L) of Section 6, Township 24 North, Range 9 West.
6. All solids from the below grade tank and all solids removed from the containment pit will be excavated, hauled to and disposed of at either the Envirotech facility (permit #NM-01-0011) facility located in Section 6, Township 26 North, Range 10 West or the IEI facility (permit NM-01-0010B) located in Section 2, Township 29 North, Range 12 West.
7. Remove below grade tank and dispose of in a NMOCD approved facility, or recycle, reuse, or reclaim it in a manner that the NMOCD approves.
8. On site equipment associated with the below grade tank will be removed unless it is needed for some other purpose.
9. Collect a five point, composite sample of the soils beneath the below grade tank (any area that is wet, discolored or shows evidence of a release) to demonstrate that Benzene, BTEX, TPH and chlorides do not exceed the standards as specified in 19.15.17.13.E or the background concentration, whichever is greater.

Components	Test Method	Limit (mg/kg)
Benzene	EPA SW-846 8021B or 8260B	0.2
BTEX	EPA SW-846 8021B or 8260B	50
TPH	EPA SW-846 418.1	100
GRO/DRO	EPA SW-846 8015M	NS
Chlorides	EPA 300.1	250 or Background

10. The NMOCD will be notified of the testing results on form C-141.
11. If it is determined that a release has occurred, rule 19.15.3.116 NMAC and 19.15.1.19 NMAC will be complied with as required.
12. If the sampling results demonstrate that a release has not occurred, or that any release does not exceed the concentrations specified above or background concentrations, the pit will be backfilled with compacted, non-waste containing, earthen material.
13. Stockpiled sub-surface soil will be used to backfill pit and re-contour (to a final or intermediate cover that blends with the surrounding topography). A minimum of four feet of compacted, non-waste containing, earthen material will be used as backfill.
14. Stockpiled surface soil will be used as a cover over the backfilled pit and disturbed area no longer needed for production operations. The soil cover will include either the background thickness of top soil or one foot of suitable material to establish vegetation at the site whichever is greater.
15. The area will be re-seeded as per BLM guidelines. Re-seeding will be repeated until 70% of the native natural cover is achieved and maintained for two successive growing seasons. The first growing season after the pit is closed the disturbed area will be re-seeded. The seeding method will be to drill on contour whenever possible.

16. The NMOCD will be notified within 60-days of closure of the below grade tank. The closure report will be filed on form C-144 and will document all closure activities, sampling results, a plot plan, and details on backfilling and capping where applicable.
17. The NMOCD will be notified once successful re-vegetation has been achieved.

## **Big Eight #1 (Separator and Production Tank) Request for Administrative Approval**

Administrative approval is hereby requested for alternatives to siting criteria and fencing design for the Big Eight #1 (Separator and Production Tank) below grade tank.

The request for administrative approval for alternative siting criteria is needed to allow for continued production from the Big Eight #1 well-head. All measures will be taken to minimize environmental impact and increase safety and protect wildlife, livestock and public health. The alternative proposed will enable continuous well-head production; protect fresh water, public health, safety and the environment. The siting criteria established by the State of New Mexico, Energy Minerals and Natural Resources Department in rule 19.15.17.10 NMAC would force the operator to plug and abandon the subject well.

1. The proposed alternative siting criteria will provide exception for Big Eight #1 (Separator and Production Tank) below grade tank where the location is within 300 feet of a continuously flowing watercourse or 200 feet of any other watercourse. The Big Eight #1 is 150-feet west of a very small arroyo.

The existing rule (19.15.17.10.C.10) would require the operator to locate the below grade tank further than 200 feet from the small arroyo. The proposed below grade tank will be located as far as possible (150-200 feet) from the small arroyo, however the private surface owner (Ed Blancett) would prefer that Dugan's facilities be confined to as small an area as possible on the existing location to prevent unnecessary loss of grass for livestock feed.

The request for administrative approval for alternative fencing design is needed to help minimize environmental impact and increase safety and protect wildlife and public health. The alternative proposed will protect fresh water, public health, safety and the environment more effectively than the design and construction specifications established by the State of New Mexico, Energy Minerals and Natural Resources Department do in rule 19.15.17.10 NMAC.

2. The proposed alternative fencing design will include T-posts spaced 10-feet apart. Hog wire / field fence 4-feet in height will be strung tightly and anchored to the top and bottom of each T-post. Small holes (3" high X 6" wide) in the hog-wire will be located at ground level with increasing larger holes (up to 7" high X 6" wide) located at the top of the fence. Anchor braces will be put at all four corners to strengthen and tighten the fence. Two strands of barbed wire or a pipe / re-bar top rail will be constructed above the hog wire. This fence design (developed over the last 30-years) has proven to be very effective controlling unauthorized access to below grade tanks.

The existing rule (19.15.17.11.D.3) would require the operator to fence the below grade tank with a four foot fence that has at least four strands of barbed wire evenly spaced in the interval between one foot and four feet above the ground level. The proposed fencing alternative would provide better security against unauthorized access to temporary drilling pits. The smaller holes in hog-wire (3"x 6" up to 7"x 6") is more effective at controlling

unauthorized access by the public and wildlife than 4-strands of barbed wire spaced 12” apart.

The proposed below grade tank will be designed and constructed to contain liquids and solids, prevent contamination of fresh water and protect the public health and environment (See Enclosed Design and Construction Plan). The Proposed below grade tank will be operated and maintained to contain liquids and solids and maintain the integrity of the tank / liner system or secondary containment system to prevent contamination of fresh water and protect public health and environment (See Enclosed Operational Requirements). The proposed fence around the below grade tank will be constructed and operated in a manner that prevents unauthorized access and will be maintained in good condition to protect the public and wildlife.

The requests for administrative approval cited above are needed to allow for continued production from the Big Eight #1E, help minimize environmental impact, increase safety and protect wildlife and public health. The alternatives proposed will provide protection of fresh water, public health, safety and the environment more effectively than the siting, design and construction specifications established by the State of New Mexico, Energy Minerals and Natural Resources Department do in rule 19.15.17.10 & 11 NMAC.