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1625 N French Dr, Hobbs, NM 88240  
District II  
1301 W Grand Avenue, Artesia, NM 88210  
District III  
1000 Rio Brazos Road, Aztec, NM 87410  
District IV  
1220 S St Francis Dr, Santa Fe, NM 87505

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  
July 21, 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  
☐ Modification to an existing permit  
☐ Closure plan only submitted for an existing permitted or non-permitted 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

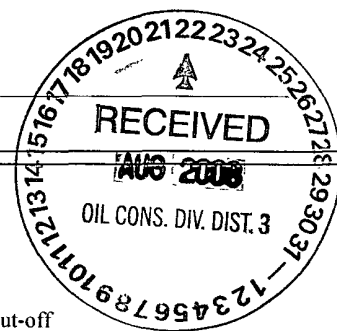
1.  
Operator: XTO Energy, Inc OGRID #: 5380  
Address: #382 County Road 3100, Aztec, NM 87410  
Facility or well name: Dryden LS #4C  
API Number: 30-045-34499 OCD Permit Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
U/L or Qtr/Qtr C Section 12 Township 27N Range 8W County: San Juan  
Center of Proposed Design: Latitude 36.59404 Longitude 107.63704 NAD: ☐ 1927 ☒ 1983  
Surface Owner: ☒ Federal ☐ State ☐ Private ☐ Tribal Trust or Indian Allotment

2.  
☒ **Pit:** Subsection F or G of 19.15.17.11 NMAC  
Temporary: ☒ Drilling ☐ Workover  
☐ Permanent ☐ Emergency ☐ Cavitation ☐ P&A  
☒ Lined ☐ Unlined Liner type: Thickness 20 mil ☒ LLDPE ☐ HDPE ☐ PVC ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_  
☒ String-Reinforced  
Liner Seams: ☒ Welded ☒ Factory ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_ Volume: \_\_\_\_\_ bbl Dimensions: L 200 x W 80 x D 8-12

3.  
☐ **Closed-loop System:** Subsection H of 19.15.17.11 NMAC  
Type of Operation: ☐ P&A ☐ Drilling a new well ☐ Workover or Drilling (Applies to activities which require prior approval of a permit or notice of intent)  
☐ Drying Pad ☐ Above Ground Steel Tanks ☐ Haul-off Bins ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Lined ☐ Unlined Liner type: Thickness \_\_\_\_\_ mil ☐ LLDPE ☐ HDPE ☐ PVC ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_  
Liner Seams: ☐ Welded ☐ Factory ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

4.  
☒ **Below-grade tank:** Subsection I of 19.15.17.11 NMAC  
Volume: 120 bbl Type of fluid: Produced Water  
Tank Construction material: Steel  
☐ Secondary containment with leak detection ☒ Visible sidewalls, liner, 6-inch lift and automatic overflow shut-off  
☐ Visible sidewalls and liner ☐ Visible sidewalls only ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_  
Liner type: Thickness 60 mil ☒ HDPE ☐ PVC ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

5.  
☐ **Alternative Method:**  
Submittal of an exception request is required. Exceptions must be submitted to the Santa Fe Environmental Bureau office for consideration of approval.



6.  
**Fencing:** Subsection D of 19.15.17.11 NMAC (*Applies to permanent pits, temporary pits, and below-grade tanks*)

- ☐ Chain link, six feet in height, two strands of barbed wire at top (*Required if located within 1000 feet of a permanent residence, school, hospital, institution or church*)
- ☒ Four foot height, four strands of barbed wire evenly spaced between one and four feet
- ☐ Alternate. Please specify \_\_\_\_\_

7.  
**Netting:** Subsection E of 19.15.17.11 NMAC (*Applies to permanent pits and permanent open top tanks*)

- ☐ Screen ☐ Netting ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Monthly inspections (If netting or screening is not physically feasible)

8.  
**Signs:** Subsection C of 19.15.17.11 NMAC

- ☐ 12"x 24", 2" lettering, providing Operator's name, site location, and emergency telephone numbers
- ☒ Signed in compliance with 19.15.3.103 NMAC

9.  
**Administrative Approvals and Exceptions:**

Justifications and/or demonstrations of equivalency are required. Please refer to 19.15.17 NMAC for guidance.

**Please check a box if one or more of the following is requested, if not leave blank:**

- ☒ Administrative approval(s): Requests must be submitted to the appropriate division district or the Santa Fe Environmental Bureau office for consideration of approval. Fencing- Hogwire
- ☐ Exception(s): Requests must be submitted to the Santa Fe Environmental Bureau office for consideration of approval.

10.  
**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. - NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search; USGS; Data obtained from nearby wells	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Within 300 feet of a continuously flowing watercourse, or 200 feet of any other significant watercourse or lakebed, sinkhole, or playa lake (measured from the ordinary high-water mark). - Topographic map; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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) - Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site; Aerial photo; Satellite image	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> NA
Within 1000 feet from a permanent residence, school, hospital, institution, or church in existence at the time of initial application. (Applies to permanent pits) - Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site; Aerial photo; Satellite image	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA
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. - NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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. - Written confirmation or verification from the municipality; Written approval obtained from the municipality	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Within 500 feet of a wetland. - US Fish and Wildlife Wetland Identification map; Topographic map; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Within the area overlying a subsurface mine. - Written confirmation or verification or map from the NM EMNRD-Mining and Mineral Division	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Within an unstable area. - Engineering measures incorporated into the design; NM Bureau of Geology & Mineral Resources; USGS; NM Geological Society; Topographic map	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Within a 100-year floodplain. - FEMA map	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

11.

**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 19.15.17.9 NMAC  
☒ Hydrogeologic Data (Temporary and Emergency Pits) - based upon the requirements of Paragraph (2) of Subsection B of 19.15.17.9 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 (Please complete Boxes 14 through 18, if applicable) - 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: \_\_\_\_\_ or Permit Number: \_\_\_\_\_

12.

**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 (only for on-site closure) - based upon the requirements of Paragraph (3) of Subsection B of 19.15.17.9  
☐ Siting Criteria Compliance Demonstrations (only 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 (Please complete Boxes 14 through 18, if applicable) - 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: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Previously Approved Operating and Maintenance Plan API Number: \_\_\_\_\_ (Applies only to closed-loop system that use above ground steel tanks or haul-off bins and propose to implement waste removal for closure)

13.

**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 19.15.17.9 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

14.

**Proposed Closure:** 19.15.17.13 NMAC

**Instructions:** Please complete the applicable boxes, Boxes 14 through 18, in regards to the proposed closure plan.

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

Proposed Closure Method: ☒ Waste Excavation and Removal  
☐ Waste Removal (Closed-loop systems only)  
☒ 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)

15.

**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

16.

**Waste Removal Closure For Closed-loop Systems That Utilize Above Ground Steel Tanks or 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. Use attachment if more than two facilities are required.

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

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Will any of the proposed closed-loop system operations and associated activities occur on or in areas that *will not* be used for future service and operations?

☐ Yes (If yes, please provide the information below) ☐ No

*Required for impacted areas which will not be used for future service and operations:*

☐ 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

17.

**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.

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

☐ NA

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

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

☐ NA

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

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

☒ Yes ☐ No

☐ NA

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

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

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

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

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.

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

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.

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

Within 500 feet of a wetland.

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

Within the area overlying a subsurface mine.

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

Within an unstable area.

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

Within a 100-year floodplain.

- FEMA map

☐ Yes ☒ No

18.

**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/Design Plan of Burial Trench (if applicable) based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.11 NMAC

☒ Construction/Design Plan of Temporary Pit (for in-place burial of a drying pad) - 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

19.

**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): Kim ChamplinTitle: Environmental RepresentativeSignature: Kim ChamplinDate: August 19, 2008e-mail address: kim\_champlin@xtoenergy.comTelephone: (505) 333-3100

20.

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

OCD Representative Signature: Bob D. HallApproval Date: 8-26-08Title: Enviro Spec

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

21.

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

*Instructions: Operators are required to obtain an approved closure plan prior to implementing any closure activities and submitting the closure report. The closure report is required to be submitted to the division within 60 days of the completion of the closure activities. Please do not complete this section of the form until an approved closure plan has been obtained and the closure activities have been completed.*

☐ Closure Completion Date: \_\_\_\_\_

22.

**Closure Method:**

☐ Waste Excavation and Removal ☐ On-Site Closure Method ☐ Alternative Closure Method ☐ Waste Removal (Closed-loop systems only)  
☐ If different from approved plan, please explain.

23.

**Closure Report Regarding Waste Removal Closure For Closed-loop Systems That Utilize Above Ground Steel Tanks or Haul-off Bins Only:**

*Instructions: Please indentify the facility or facilities for where the liquids, drilling fluids and drill cuttings were disposed. Use attachment if more than two facilities were utilized.*

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

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

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

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

Were the closed-loop system operations and associated activities performed on or in areas that *will not* be used for future service and operations?

☐ Yes (If yes, please demonstrate compliance to the items below) ☐ No

*Required for impacted areas which will not be used for future service and operations:*

- ☐ Site Reclamation (Photo Documentation)  
☐ Soil Backfilling and Cover Installation  
☐ Re-vegetation Application Rates and Seeding Technique

24.

**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 (surface owner and division)  
☐ Proof of Deed Notice (required for on-site closure)  
☐ Plot Plan (for on-site closures and temporary pits)  
☐ Confirmation Sampling Analytical Results (if applicable)  
☐ Waste Material Sampling Analytical Results (required for on-site closure)  
☐ 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

25.

**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): \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

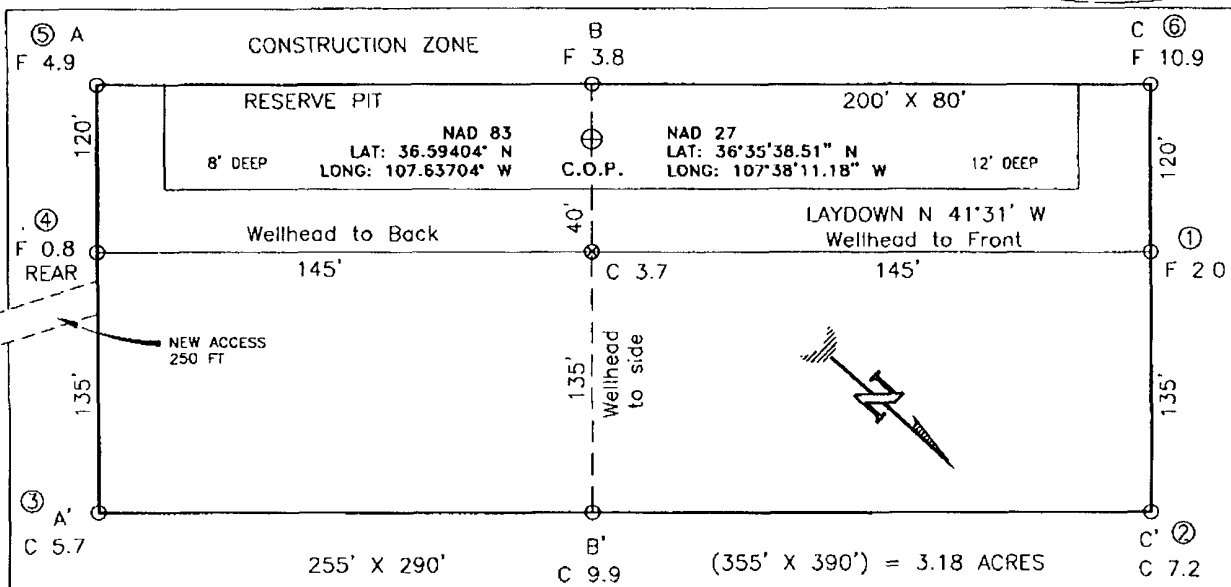
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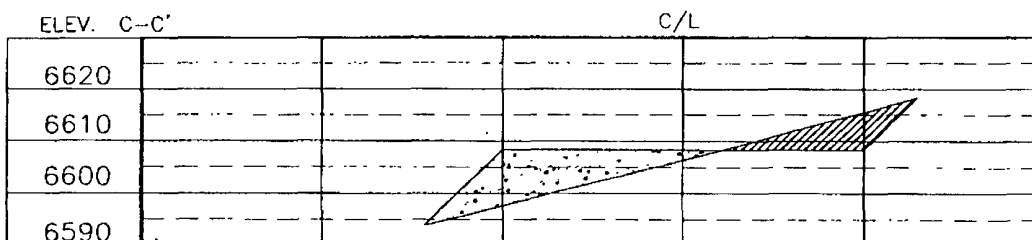
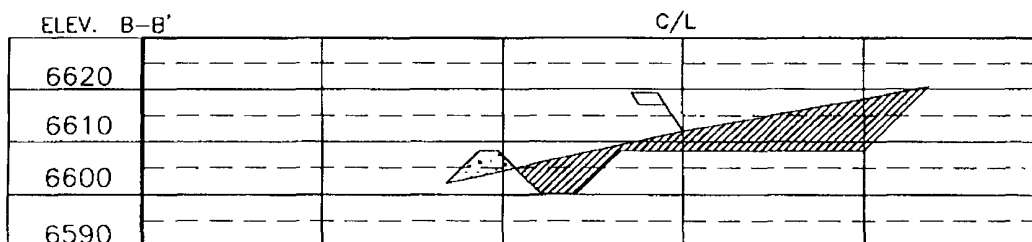
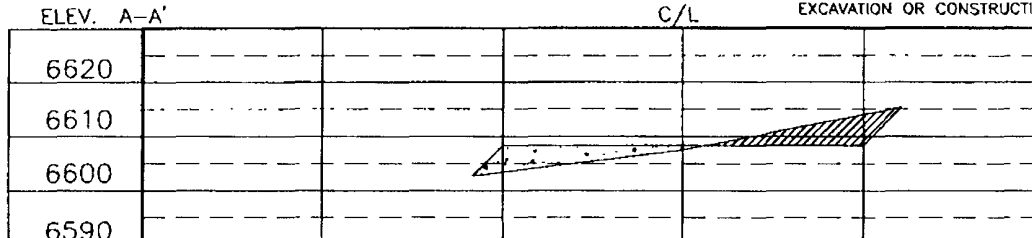
XTO ENERGY INC.  
 DRYDEN No. 4C, 665 FNL 1570 FWL  
 SECTION 12, T27N, R8W, N.M.P.M., SAN JUAN COUNTY, N.M.  
 GROUND ELEVATION: 6612' DATE: APRIL 11, 2007

NAD 83  
 LAT. = 36.59419° N  
 LONG. = 107.63684° W  
 NAD 27  
 LAT. = 36°35'39.0" N  
 LONG. = 107°38'10.4" W



RESERVE PIT DIKE: TO BE 8' ABOVE DEEP SIDE (OVERFLOW - 3' WIDE AND 1' ABOVE SHALLOW SIDE).  
 BLOW PIT: OVERFLOW PIPE HALFWAY BETWEEN TOP AND BOTTOM AND TO EXTEND OVER PLASTIC LINER AND INTO BLOW PIT.

NOTE: DAGGETT ENTERPRISES, INC. IS NOT LIABLE FOR  
 UNDERGROUND UTILITIES OR PIPELINES NEW MEXICO  
 ONE CALL TO BE NOTIFIED 48 HOURS PRIOR TO  
 EXCAVATION OR CONSTRUCTION



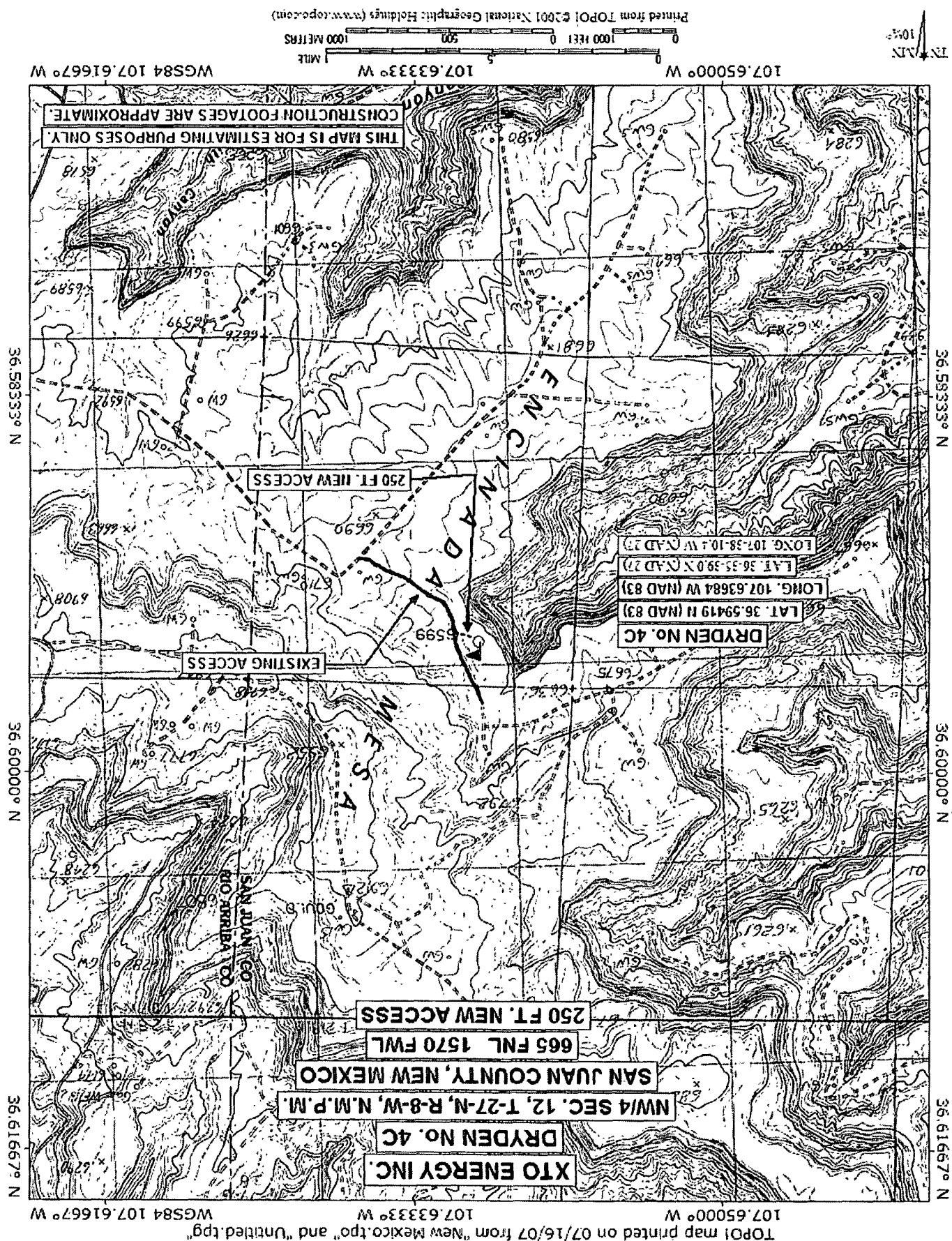
NOTE CONTRACTOR SHOULD CALL ONE-CALL FOR LOCATION OF ANY MARKED OR UNMARKED BURIED PIPELINES OR CABLES ON WELL PAD AND OR ACCESS ROAD AT LEAST TWO (2) WORKING DAYS PRIOR TO CONSTRUCTION.

REVISION	DATE	BY	REVISION	DATE	BY
	7/23/08	G.V.			

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 Surveying and Oil Field Services  
 P. O. Box 510 Farmington, NM 87499  
 Phone (505) 325-1772 • Fax (505) 326-5019  
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**Lodestar Services, Inc.**  
PO Box 4465, Durango, CO 81302

**Pit Permit  
Siting Criteria  
Information Sheet**

<b>Client:</b>	XTO Energy
<b>Project:</b>	Pit Permits
<b>Revised:</b>	16-Aug-08
<b>Prepared by:</b>	Ashley Ager

<b>API#:</b>	30-045-34499	<b>USPLSS:</b>	27N 08W 12C
<b>Name:</b>	DRYDEN LS No. 004C	<b>Lat/Long:</b>	36.59419, -107.63684
<b>Depth to groundwater:</b>	>100'	<b>Geologic formation:</b>	San Jose Formation (Tsj)
<b>Distance to closest continuously flowing watercourse:</b>	13.27 miles NW to 'San Juan River'		
<b>Distance to closest significant watercourse, lakebed, playa lake, or sinkhole:</b>	794' SW to 'Largo Canyon' tributary; 10,500' WSW to 'Largo Canyon'		
<b>Permanent residence, school, hospital, institution or church within 300'</b>	NO	<b>Soil Type:</b>	Rockland
<b>Domestic fresh water well or spring within 500'</b>	NO	<b>Annual Precipitation:</b>	Governador: 11.98", Capulin Rgr Strn.: 14.98" Lybrook: 10.88", Otis: 10.41"
<b>Any other fresh water well or spring within 1000'</b>	NO	<b>Precipitation Notes:</b>	no extreme historical precip. Events
<b>Within incorporated municipal boundaries</b>	NO	<b>Attached Documents:</b>	26N07W_iWaters pdf, 26N08W_iWaters pdf, 26N09W_iWaters pdf, 27N07W_iWaters pdf, 27N08W_iwaters pdf, 27N09W_iwaters pdf, 28N07W_iWaters pdf, 28N08W_iWaters pdf, 28N09W_iWaters pdf
<b>Within defined municipal fresh water well field</b>	NO	FM3500640750B_30-045-34499.jpg	30-045-34499_gEarth-iWaters.jpg, 30-045-34499_gEarth-PLS.jpg, 30-045-34499_topo-PLS.jpg,
<b>Wetland within 500'</b>	NO	<b>Mining Activity:</b>	None Near NM_NRD-MMD_MinesMillQuarries_30-045-34499.jpg
<b>Within unstable area</b>	NO		
<b>Within 100 year flood plain</b>	NO- FEMA Zone 'X'		
<b>Additional Notes:</b>  280' SW to cliff edge			

## **Dryden LS #4C Below Ground Tank Hydrogeologic Report for Siting Criteria**

### **General Geology and Hydrology**

The San Juan Basin is a typical Rocky Mountain basin with a gently dipping southern flank and a steeply dipping northern flank. Asymmetrically layered Tertiary sandstones and shales, along with Quaternary alluvial deposits, dominate surficial geology (Dane and Bachman, 1965). The proposed pit location will be situated near Gould Pass, which separates Largo and Cereza canyons in the San Juan Basin of northern New Mexico. Regional topography is composed of mesas dissected by deep, narrow canyons and arroyos. The cliff-forming sandstones are more resistant than the shales, but eventually weather into their composite sands; the shale weathers into silts and clays, resulting in a highly erodible landscape and an abundant sediment supply (Brister and Hoffman, 2002). Accumulations of talus and colluvial sediment at the base of the canyon walls form steep to gentle slopes that transition into flat-bottomed arroyos within the canyons. The predominant geologic formation at the proposed site is the San Jose Formation of Tertiary Age, which is exposed as interbedded sandstones and mudstones (Dane and Bachman, 1965). Thickness of the San Jose Formation ranges from 200 to 2700 feet (Stone et al., 1983) and generally increases towards the center and eastern portions of the basin.

Cretaceous and Tertiary sandstones, as well as Quaternary alluvial deposits serve as the primary aquifers in the San Juan Basin (Stone et al., 1983). Aquifers within the San Jose Formation occur in alluvial and fluvial sandstone deposits. Reported discharge from 46 water wells completed in the San Jose Formation ranges from 0.15 to 61 gallons per minute, with a median of 5 gallons per minute (Stone et al., 1983). Most of the wells provide water for livestock and domestic use.

The prominent soil type at the proposed site is Rockland, meaning there is little to no soil development on the sandstone outcrops and it is basically unaltered from the parent rock material ([www.emnrd.state.nm.us](http://www.emnrd.state.nm.us)). What soil exists is very sandy, highly permeable and easily eroded. Miles of arroyos, washes and intermittent streams exist as part of the drainage network towards the San Juan River. These features often cut into soil and other unconsolidated materials, contributing to sedimentation downstream. The sudden influx of water from storm events easily erodes the soils that cover the area and prohibits effective recharge to the underlying aquifers.

Dry and arid weather further prohibit active recharge. The climate of the region is arid, averaging just over 8 inches of rainfall annually. As is typical of the southwestern United States monsoonal weather patterns, most precipitation falls from August through October. The heaviest rainfall occurs in the summer in isolated, intense cloudbursts. November through June is relatively dry. Snow generally falls from December to mid-February and averages less than one-half inch in depth. However, most recharge occurs during the

winter months during snowmelt periods from the upper elevations (Western Regional Climate Center [www.wrcc.dri.edu](http://www.wrcc.dri.edu)).

The predominant vegetation is sagebrush and grasses with a more restricted pinon-juniper association (Dick-Peddie, 1993).

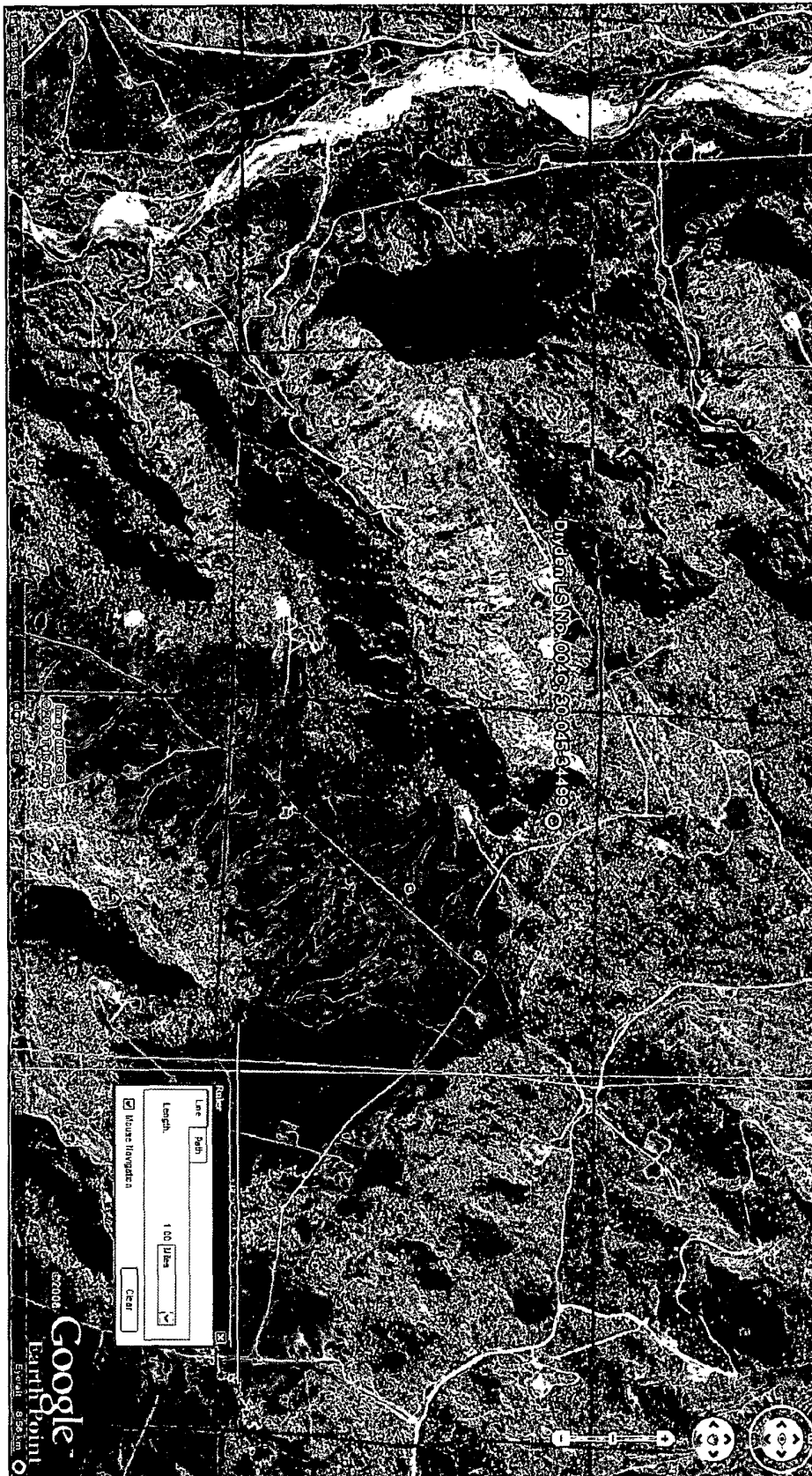
### **Site Specific Hydrogeology**

Depth to groundwater is estimated to be greater than 100 feet. This estimation is based on data from Stone and others (1983), the USGS Groundwater Atlas of the United States and depth to groundwater data published on the New Mexico State Engineer's iWaters Database website. Local topography and proximity to surface hydrologic features are also taken into consideration.

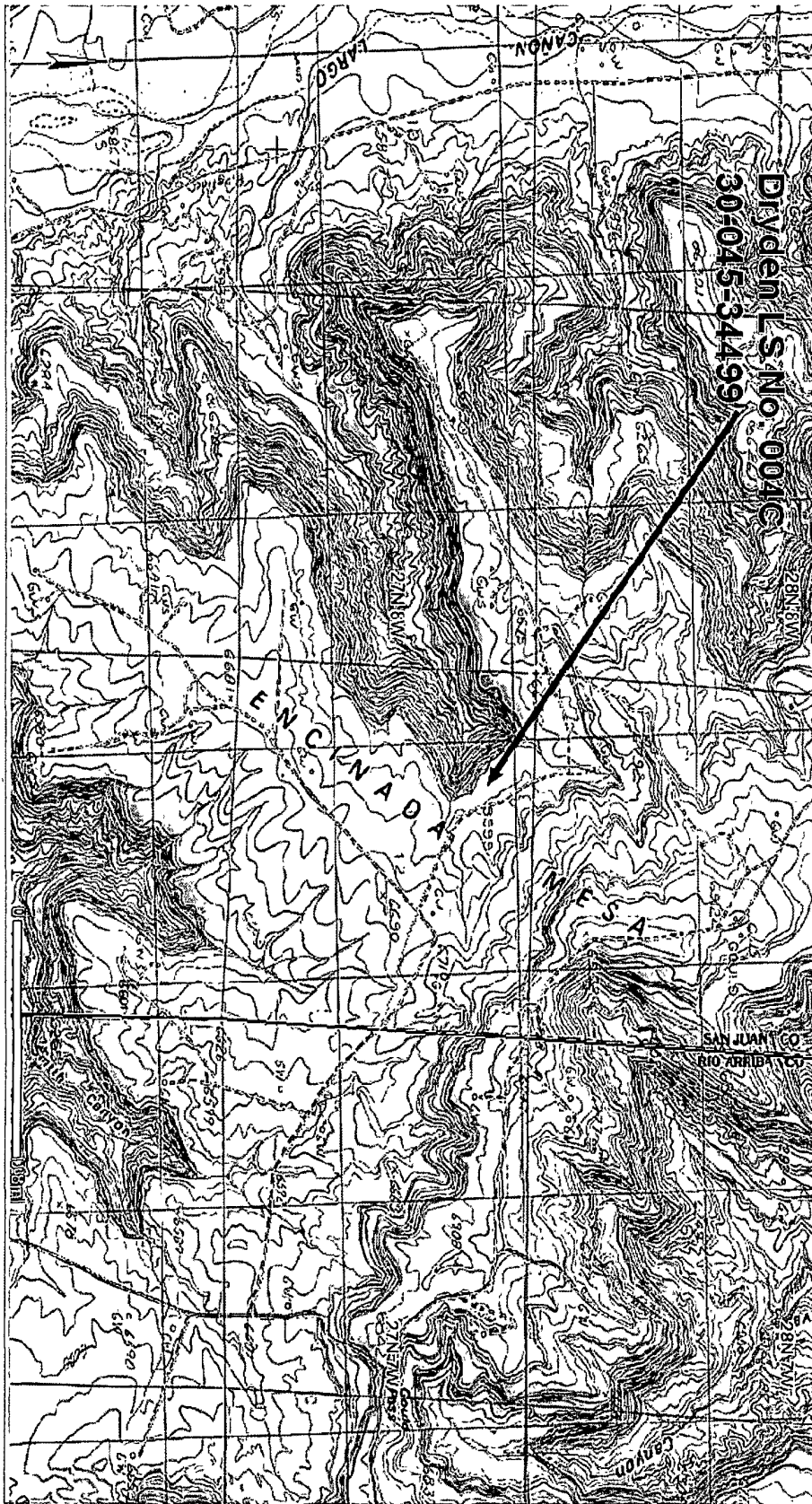
Beds of water-yielding sandstone are present in the San Jose Formation, which are fluvial and alluvial in origin and are interbedded with siltstone and mudstone. Porous sandstones form the principal aquifers, while relatively impermeable shales form confining units between the aquifers (Stone et al., 1983). Outcrops of sandstone are dissected by deep, narrow canyons and their tributaries, as shown on the attached aerial image.

This rural site location does not contain an abundant amount of groundwater elevation data. The closest public groundwater data exists approximately two and a half miles away in T27N, R7W, section 17. A single data point from the NM State Engineer's Office iWaters database indicates groundwater is 320 feet deep in Section 17. A general comparison of site topography between the groundwater well location and the proposed pit location suggests similar properties. Both sites are characterized by shallow alluvial fans spreading onto a flat mesa top. The surface elevation is 6610 feet at the proposed pit location and 6600 feet at the site of groundwater data.

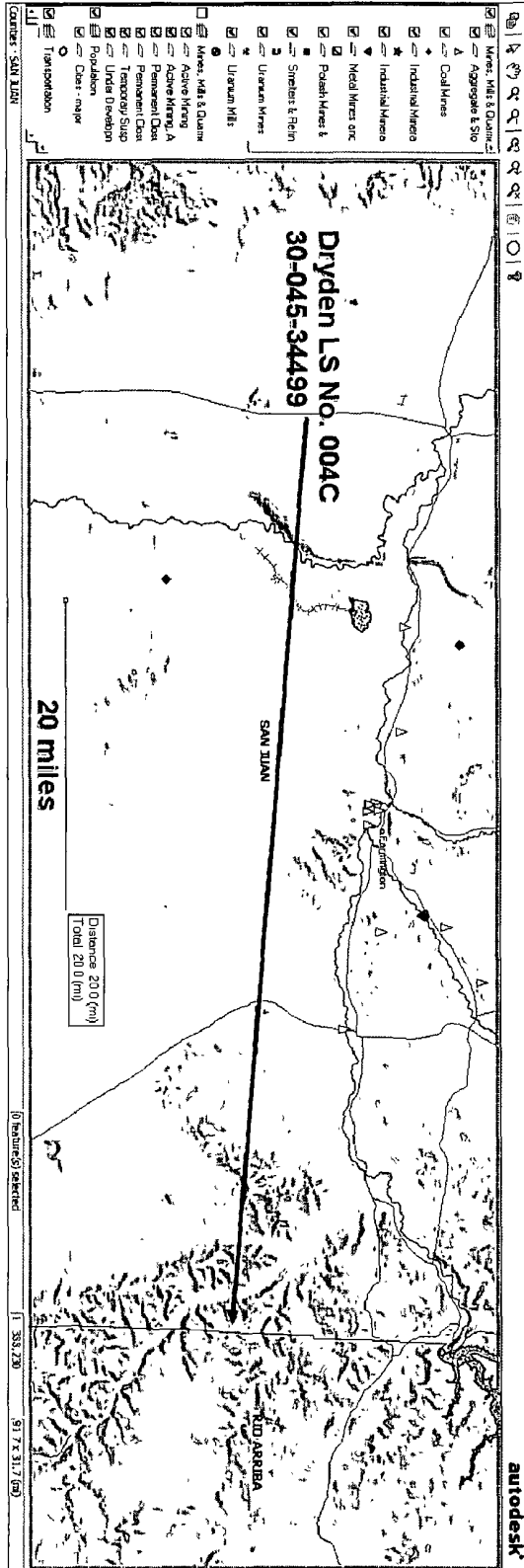
The site in question is located at an elevation of approximately 6610 feet. It is approximately 2 miles east of Largo Canyon and 2 miles southwest of Cerreza Canyon. As shown on the topographic map, Largo Wash and Cereza Wash are the closest surface water (intermittent surface water) sources. Groundwater is estimated to be very near the ground surface within the washes. Largo Wash is approximately 2 miles from the proposed pit location. The elevation change between Largo Wash and the proposed location is approximately 750 feet. Cereza Wash (another ephemeral stream) is approximately 2 miles to the north of the proposed site. The elevation change is approximately 720'.

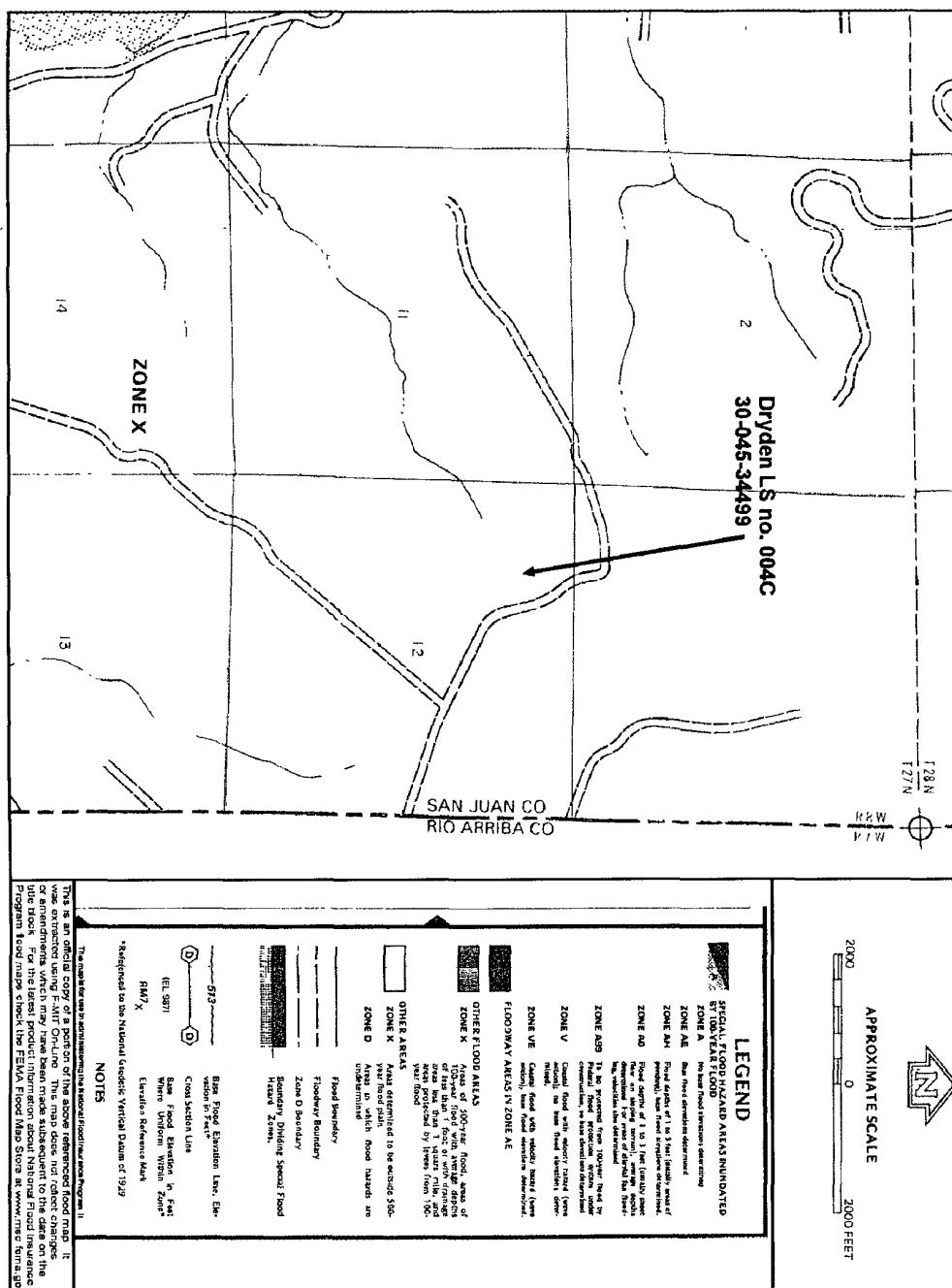






## Mines, Mills and Quarries Web Map







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POD Number	Tws	Rng	Sec	q	q	q	Zone	X	Y	Depth Well	Depth Water	Water (in feet) Column
<u>SJ 02283</u>	28N	08W	14	4	2	1				540	480	60
<u>SJ 00209</u>	28N	08W	17	3	2	1				15		
<u>SJ 00209 -AMENDED-S</u>	28N	08W	17	4	1	1				15		
<u>SJ 00209 S</u>	28N	08W	17	4	1	1				15		15
<u>SJ 00163 S</u>	28N	08W	18	4	4	2				1450	800	650

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POD Number	Tws	Rng	Sec	q	q	q	Zone	X	Y	Depth Well	Depth Water	Water (in feet) Column
<u>SJ 00002</u>	28N	07W	14	1						375		
<u>SJ 03116</u>	28N	07W	21	3	3	3				98	20	78

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POD Number	Tws	Rng	Sec	q	q	q	Zone	X	Y	Depth Well	Depth Water	Water (in feet) Column
<u>SJ 02410</u>	27N	08W	36	1	3	2				2200		

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POD Number	Tws	Rng	Sec	q	q	q	Zone	X	Y	Depth Well	Depth Water	Water (in feet) Column
<u>RG 81025</u>	27N	07W	35	4	3	3				560	465	95
<u>SJ 00195</u>	27N	07W	15	2						1633	500	1133
<u>SJ 02314</u>	27N	07W	17	3	3					355	320	35
<u>SJ 02408</u>	27N	07W	21	2	1	3				400	300	100
<u>SJ 03274</u>	27N	07W	35	3	4	4				450		
<u>SJ 02404</u>	27N	07W	35	4	3	3				550	250	300

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POD Number	Tws	Rng	Sec	q	q	q	Zone	X	Y	Depth Well	Depth Water	Water (in feet) Column
<u>SJ 02961</u>	26N	09W	01	2	2	3				1500		
<u>SJ 02962</u>	26N	09W	01	3	2	3				1500		
<u>SJ 01756</u>	26N	09W	11	2	2	3				75	40	35
<u>SJ 03811 POD1</u>	26N	09W	12	3	3	3				348	175	173
<u>SJ 00412</u>	26N	09W	16	4	2					202	65	137
<u>SJ 00214</u>	26N	09W	26	2	4	2				946	230	716
<u>SJ 00064</u>	26N	09W	26	4	2	1				490	215	275
<u>SJ 00063</u>	26N	09W	26	4	2	3				479	234	245

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

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POD Number	Tws	Rng	Sec	q	q	q	Zone	X	Y	Depth Well	Depth Water	Water (in feet) Column
<u>SJ 02405</u>	26N	08W	01	3	4	3				180	100	80
<u>SJ 02411</u>	26N	08W	01	4	4	1				6000		
<u>SJ 02407</u>	26N	08W	01	4	4	1				2200		

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POD Number	Tws	Rng	Sec	q	q	q	Zone	X	Y	Depth Well	Depth Water	Water (in feet) Column
<u>SJ 02409</u>	26N	07W	01	1	2	2				700	400	300
<u>SJ 02402</u>	26N	07W	05	3	3	2				36	18	18
<u>SJ 00071</u>	26N	07W	15	4	1	2				365	26	339
<u>SJ 00070</u>	26N	07W	15	4	2	3				335	22	313
<u>SJ 02406</u>	26N	07W	30	3	2	1				280	180	100

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POD Number	Tws	Rng	Sec	q	q	q	Zone	X	Y	Depth Well	Depth Water	Water (in feet) Column
<u>SJ 03746 POD1</u>	28N	09W	20	1	2	3				190	40	150
<u>SJ 00018</u>	28N	09W	20	3	1	4				135	71	64
<u>SJ 02800</u>	28N	09W	24	4	2	3				200		

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Kim Champlin/FAR/CTOC

08/19/2008 09:39 AM

To mark\_kelly@blm.gov

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Subject Notice- Dryden LS #4C Well Site

RE: Dryden LS #4C Gas Well API #30-045-34499  
Sec. 12C- T27N- R8W, San Juan County

Dear Mr. Kelly:

This submittal is pursuant to Rule 19.15.17.13 requiring operators to notify surface owners of on site burial of temporary pits. XTO Energy Inc. (XTO) is hereby providing written documentation of our intention to close the temporary pit associated with the aforementioned location by means of in place on site burial.

Should you have any questions or require additional information please feel free to contact me at your earliest convenience (505) 333-3100.

Kim Champlin  
Environmental Representative  
XTO Energy  
San Juan Division  
(505) 333-3207 Office  
(505) 330-8357 Cell  
(505) 333-3280 Fax

**XTO Energy Inc.**  
**San Juan Basin**  
**Pit Design and Construction Plan**

In accordance with Rule 19.15.17.11 NMAC the following information describes the design and construction of temporary pits on XTO Energy Inc. (XTO) locations. This is XTO's standard procedure for all temporary pits. A separate plan will be submitted for any temporary pit which does not conform to this plan.

**General Plan**

1. XTO will design and construct a temporary pit to contain liquids and solids and prevent contamination of fresh water and protect public health and environment.
2. Prior to constructing the pit, topsoil will be stockpiled in the construction zone for later use in restoration.
3. XTO will post a well sign, in compliance with 19.15.3.103 NMAC, on the well site prior to construction of the temporary pit. The sign will list the Operator on record as the operator, the location of the well site by unit letter, section, township, range, and emergency telephone numbers.
4. XTO shall construct all new fences utilizing 48" steel mesh field-fence (hogwire) on the bottom with a single strand of barbed wire on top. T-posts shall be installed every 12 feet and corners shall be anchored utilizing a secondary T-post. Temporary pits will be fenced at all times excluding drilling or workover operations, when the front side of the fence will be temporarily removed for operational purposes.
5. XTO shall construct the temporary pit so that the foundation and interior slopes are firm and free of rocks, debris, sharp edges or irregularities to prevent liner failure.
6. XTO shall construct the pit so that the slopes are no steeper than two horizontal feet to one vertical foot.
7. Pit walls will be walked down by a crawler type tractor following construction.
8. All temporary pits will be lined with a 20-mil, string reinforced, LLDPE liner, complying with EPA SW-846 method 9090A requirements.
9. Geotextile will be installed beneath the liner when rocks, debris, sharp edges or irregularities cannot be avoided.
10. All liners will be anchored in the bottom of a compacted earth-filled trench at least 18 inches deep.
11. XTO will minimize liner seams and orient them up and down, not across a slope. Factory seams will be used when possible. XTO will ensure all field seams are welded by qualified personnel. Field seams will be overlapped four to six inches and will be oriented parallel to the line of maximum slope. XTO will minimize the number of field seams in corners and irregularly shaped areas.
12. The liner shall be protected from any fluid force or mechanical damage through the use of mud pit slides, or a manifold system.
13. The pit shall be protected from run-off by constructing and maintaining diversion ditches around the location or around the perimeter of the pit in some areas.
14. The volume of the pit shall not exceed 10 acre-feet, including freeboard.

**XTO Energy Inc.**  
**San Juan Basin**  
**Maintenance and Operating Plan**

In accordance with Rule 19.15.17.12 NMAC the following information describes the operation and maintenance of temporary pits on XTO Energy Inc. locations. This is XTO's standard procedure for all temporary pits. A separate plan will be submitted for any temporary pit which does not conform to this plan.

**General Plan**

1. XTO will operate and maintain a temporary pit to contain liquids and solids and prevent contamination of fresh water and protect public health and environment.
2. XTO will conserve drilling fluids by transmitting liquids to pits ahead of the rigs whenever possible. All drilling fluids will be disposed at Basin Disposal Inc, Permit # NM-01-005.
3. XTO will not discharge or store any hazardous waste in any temporary pit.
4. If any pit liner integrity is compromised, or if any penetration of the liner occurs above the liquid surface, then XTO shall notify the Aztec Division office by phone or email within 48 hours of the discovery and repair the damage or replace the liner.
5. If a leak develops below the liquid level, XTO shall remove all liquids above the damaged liner within 48 hours and repair the damage or replace the liner. XTO shall notify the Aztec Division office by phone or email within 48 hours of the discovery for leaks less than 25 barrels. XTO shall notify the Aztec Division office as required pursuant to Subsection B of 19.15.3.116 NMAC within twenty-four (24) hours of discovery of leaks greater than 25 barrels. In addition, immediate verbal notification pursuant to Subsection B, Paragraph (1), and Subparagraph (d) of 19.15.3.116 NMAC shall be reported to the division's Environmental Bureau Chief.
6. The liner shall be protected from any fluid force or mechanical damage through the use of mud pits slides, or a manifold system.
7. The pit shall be protected from run-off by constructing and maintaining diversion ditches around the location or around the perimeter of the pit in some cases.
8. XTO shall immediately remove any visible layer of oil from the surface of the temporary pit after cessation of a drilling or workover operation. Oil absorbent booms will be utilized to contain and remove oil from pits surface. An oil absorbent boom will be stored on-site until closure of pit.
9. Only fluids generated during the drilling or workover process will be discharged into a temporary pit.
10. XTO will maintain the temporary pit free of miscellaneous solid waste or debris.
11. During drilling or workover operations, XTO will inspect the temporary pit at least once daily to ensure compliance with this plan. Inspections will be logged and logs maintained for review. XTO will file this log with the Aztec Division office upon closure of the pit.
12. After drilling or workover operations, XTO will inspect the temporary pit weekly so long as liquids remain in the temporary pit. A log of the inspections will be stored at XTO's office electronically and will be filed with the Aztec Division office upon closure of the pit.
13. XTO shall maintain at least two feet of freeboard for a temporary pit.
14. XTO shall remove all free liquids from a temporary pit within 30 days from the date the operator releases the drilling or workover rig.

## **XTO Energy Inc. San Juan Basin Closure Plan**

In accordance with Rule 19.15.17.13 NMAC the following information describes the closure requirements of temporary pits on XTO Energy Inc. (XTO) locations. This is XTO's standard procedure for all temporary pits. A separate plan will be submitted for any temporary pit which does not conform to this plan.

All closure activities will include proper documentation and be available for review upon request and will be submitted to OCD within 60 days of pit closure. Closure report will be filed on C-144 and incorporate the following:

- Details on Capping and Covering, where applicable.
- Plot Plan (Pit Diagram)
- Inspection Reports
- Sampling Results
- C-105
- Copy of Deed Notice will be filed with County Clerk

### **General Plan:**

1. All free standing liquids will be removed at the start of the pit closure process from the pit and disposed of in a division-approved facility or recycled, reused, or reclaimed in a manner that the Aztec Division office approves.
2. The preferred method of closure for all temporary pits will be on-site, in-place burial, assuming that all criteria listed in sub-section (B) of 19.15.17.13 are met.
3. The surface owner shall be notified of XTO proposed closure plan using a means that provides proof of notice i.e., Certified mail, return receipt requested.
4. Within 6 months of the Rig Off status occurring XTO will ensure that temporary pits are closed, re-contoured, and reseeded.
5. Notice of Closure will be given to the Aztec Division office between 72 hours and one week of closure via email, or verbally. The notification of closure will include the following:
  - i. Operators Name
  - ii. Location by Unit Letter, Section, Township, and Range. Well name and API number.
6. Liner of temporary pit shall be removed above "mud level" after stabilization. Removal of liner will consist of manually or mechanically cutting liner at mud level and removing all remaining liner. Care will be taken to remove "ALL" of the liner i.e., edges of liner entrenched or buried. All excessive liver will be disposed of at a licensed disposal facility.
7. Pit contents shall be mixed with non-waste containing, earthen material in order to achieve appropriate solidification. The solidification process will be accomplished using a combination of natural drying and mechanically mixing. Pit contents will be mixed with non-waste, earthen material to a consistency that is deemed a safe and stable. The mixing ratio shall not exceed 3 parts clean soil to 1 part pit contents.
8. A five point composite sample will be taken of the pit using sampling tools and all samples tested per Subsection B of 19.15.17.13(B)(1)(b). In the event that the criteria are not met, all contents will be handled per Subparagraph (a) of Paragraph (1) of Subsection B Of 19.15.17.13 i.e., Dig and haul. Disposal facility to be utilized should this method be required will be Envirotech, Permit No. NM01-0011 or IEI, Permit No. NM01-0010B.

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	2500
GRO/DRO	EPA SW-846 8015M	500
Chlorides	EPA 300.1	500 or background

9. Upon completion of solidification and testing, the pit area will be backfilled with compacted, non-waste containing, earthen material. A minimum of four feet of cover shall be achieved and the cover shall include one foot of suitable material to establish vegetation at the site, or the background thickness of topsoil, whichever is greater.
10. Re-contouring of location will match fit, shape, line, form and texture of the surrounding area. Re-shaping will include drainage control, ponding prevention, and erosion prevention. Natural drainages will be unimpeded and water bars and/or silt traps will be placed in areas where needed to prevent erosion on a large scale. Final re-contour shall have a uniform appearance with smooth surface, fitting the natural landscape.
11. Notification will be sent to OCD when the reclaimed area is seeded.
12. XTO shall seed the disturbed areas the first growing season after the operator closes the pit. Seeding will be accomplished via drilling on the contour whenever practical or by other division-approved methods. BLM of Forest Service stipulated seed mixes will be used on Federal Lands. Vegetative cover will equal 70% of the native perennial vegetative cover (un-impacted) consisting of at least three native plant species, including at least one grass, but not including noxious weeds, and maintain that cover through two successive growing seasons. Repeat seeding or planting will be continued until successful vegetative growth occurs.
13. The temporary pit will be located with a steel marker, no less than four inches in diameter, cemented in a hole three feet deep in the center of the onsite burial upon the abandonment of all the wells on the pad. The marker will be flush with the ground to allow access of the active well pad and for safety concerns. The marker will include a threaded collar to be used for future abandonment. The top of the marker will contain a welded steel 12" square plate that indicates the onsite burial of the temporary pit. The plate will be easily removable and a four foot tall riser will be threaded into the top of the collar marker and welded around the base with the operator's information at the time all wells on the pad are abandoned. The operator's information will include the following: Operator's Name, Lease Name, Well Name and Number, Unit Number, Section, Township, Range and an indicator that the marker is an onsite burial location.

**XTO Energy Inc.**  
**San Juan Basin**  
**Below Grade Tank Design and Construction Plan**

In accordance with Rule 19.15.17.11 NMAC the following information describes the design and construction of below grade tanks on XTO Energy Inc. (XTO) locations. This is XTO's standard procedure for all below grade tanks. A separate plan will be submitted for any below grade tank (BGT) which does not conform to this plan.

**General Plan**

1. XTO will design and construct a BGT to contain liquids and solids and prevent contamination of fresh water and protect public health and environment.
2. Prior to constructing the pit, topsoil will be stockpiled in the construction zone for later use in restoration.
3. XTO will post a well sign, in compliance with 19.15.3.103 NMAC, on the well site prior to construction of the BGT. The sign will list the Operator on record as the operator, the location of the well site by unit letter, section, township, range, and emergency telephone numbers.
4. XTO shall construct all new fences utilizing 48" steel mesh field-fence (hogwire) on the bottom with two strands of barbed wire on top, or with a pipe top rail. A 6' chain link fence topped with three strands of barbed wire will be used if the well location is within 1000' of a permanent residence, school, hospital, institution or church.
5. XTO shall construct an expanded metal covering on top of the BGT.
6. XTO will ensure that a BGT is constructed of materials resistant to the BGT's particular contents and resistant to damage from sunlight.
7. The BGT system will have a properly constructed foundation consisting of a level base free of rocks, debris, sharp edges or irregularities to prevent punctures, cracks or indentations of the liner or tank bottom.
8. XTO will construct a berm and/or diversion ditch in a manner that prevents the collection of surface water run-on.
9. XTO will construct and use BGT that does not have double walls. The BGT sidewalls will be open for visual inspection for leaks, the BGT bottom will be elevated a minimum of 6" above the underlying ground surface and the BGT will be underlain with a geomembrane liner to divert leaked liquid to a location that can be visually inspected.
10. XTO will equip BGT's designed in this manner with a properly functioning automatic high-level shut-off control device and manual controls to prevent overflows.
11. The geomembrane liner shall consist of 30-mil flexible PVC or 60-mil HDPE liner, or an equivalent liner material that the appropriate division district office approves. The geomembrane liner shall have a hydraulic conductivity greater than  $1 \times 10^{-9}$  cm/sec. The geomembrane liner shall be composed of an impervious, synthetic material that is resistant to petroleum hydrocarbons, salts and acidic and alkaline solutions. The liner material shall be resistant to ultraviolet light. Liner compatibility shall comply with EPA SW-846 method 9090A.
12. The general specifications for design and construction are attached.



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**Below Grade Tank Maintenance and Operating Plan**

In accordance with Rule 19.15.17.11 NMAC the following information describes the operation and maintenance of below grade tanks on XTO Energy Inc. (XTO) locations. This is XTO's standard procedure for all below grade tanks. A separate plan will be submitted for any below grade tank (BGT) which does not conform to this plan.

**General Plan**

1. XTO will operate and maintain a BGT to contain liquids and solids and prevent contamination of fresh water and protect public health and the environment.
2. XTO will not allow a BGT to overflow and will use berms and/or diversion ditch to prevent surface run on to enter the BGT.
3. XTO will continuously remove any visible or measurable layer of oil from the fluid surface of a BGT in order to prevent significant accumulation of oil.
4. XTO will inspect the BGT monthly and maintain written records for five years.
5. XTO will maintain adequate freeboard to prevent over topping of the BGT.

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**Below Grade Tank Closure Plan**

In accordance with Rule 19.15.17.11 NMAC the following information describes the closure requirements of below grade tanks on XTO Energy Inc. (XTO) locations. This is XTO's standard procedure for all below grade tanks. A separate plan will be submitted for any below grade tank (BGT) which does not conform to this plan.

**General Plan**

1. XTO will close a BGT within the time periods provided in 19.15.17.13 NMAC, or by an earlier date that the division requires because of imminent danger to fresh water, public health or the environment.
2. XTO will close an existing BGT that does not meet the requirements of Paragraphs (1) through (4) of Subsection I of 19.15.17.11 NMAC or is not included in Paragraph (5) of Subsection I of 19.15.17.11 NMAC within five years after June 16, 2008, if not retrofitted to comply with Paragraphs (1) through (4) of Subsection I of 19.15.17.11 NMAC.
3. XTO will close a permitted BGT within 60 days of cessation of the BGT's operation or as required by the transitional provisions of Subsection B of 19.15.17.17 NMAC in accordance with a closure plan that the appropriate division district office approves. The closure report will be filed on form C-144.
4. XTO will remove liquids and sludge from a BGT prior to implementing a closure method and will dispose of the liquids and sludge in a division-approved facility.
5. XTO will remove the BGT and dispose of it in a division approved facility or recycle, reuse, or reclaim it in a manner that the appropriate division district office approves.
6. XTO will remove any on-site equipment associated with a BGT unless the equipment is required for some other purpose.
7. XTO will test the solids beneath the BGT to determine whether a release has occurred. At a minimum 5 point composite sample will be collected along with individual grab samples from any area that is wet, discolored or showing other evidence of a release. Samples will be analyzed for BTEX, TPH and chlorides to demonstrate that the benzene concentration, as determined by EPA SW-846 methods 8021B or 8260B or EPA method that the division approves, does not exceed 0.2 mg/kg; total BTEX concentration, as determined by EPA SW-846 methods 8021B or 8260B or other EPA method that the division approves, does not exceed 50 mg/kg; the TPH concentration, as determined by EPA method 418.1 or other EPA method that the division approves, does not exceed 100mg/kg; and the chloride concentration, as determined by EPA method 300.1 or other EPA method that the division approves, does not exceed 250 mg/kg, or the background concentration, whichever is greater. XTO will notify the division of its results on form C-141.
8. If XTO or the division determines that a release has occurred, XTO will comply with 19.15.3.116 NMAC and 19.15.1.19NMAC as appropriate.
9. If the sampling program demonstrates that a release has not occurred or that any release does not exceed the concentrations specified in Paragraph (4) of Subsection E of 19.15.17.13 NMAC, XTO will backfill the excavation with compacted, non-waste containing, earthen material; construct a division prescribed soil cover; recontour and re-vegetate the site.
10. Notice of Closure will be given to the Aztec Division District III office between 72 hours and one week of closure via email or verbally. The notification will include the following:
  - i. Operator's name
  - ii. Location by Unit Letter, Section, Township, and Range. Well name and API number.

11. All closure activities will include proper documentation and be available for review upon request and will be submitted to OCD within 60 days of closure of the BGT. Closure report will be filed on form C-144 and incorporate the following:
  - i. Details on capping and covering, where applicable
  - ii. Inspection reports
  - iii. Sampling results
12. Re-contouring of location will match fit, shape, line, form and texture of the surrounding area. Re-shaping will include drainage control, prevent ponding, and prevent erosion. Natural drainages will be unimpeded and water bars and/or silt traps will be placed in areas where needed to prevent erosion on a large scale. Final re-contour shall have a uniform appearance with smooth surface, fitting the natural landscape.
13. XTO will seed the disturbed areas the first growing season after the operator closes the pit. Seeding will be accomplished via drilling on the contour whenever practical or by other division-approved methods. BLM or Forest Service stipulated seed mixes will be used on federal lands. Vegetative cover will equal 70% of the native perennial vegetative cover (un-impacted) consisting of at least three native plant species, including at least one grass, but not including noxious weeds, and maintain that cover through two successive growing seasons. Repeat seeding or planting will be continued until successful vegetative growth occurs.
14. A minimum of 4' of cover shall be achieved and the cover shall include 1' of suitable material to establish vegetation at the site, or the background thickness of topsoil, whichever is greater.
15. The surface owner shall be notified of XTO's proposal to close the BGT as per the approved closure plan using certified mail, return receipt requested.