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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

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: X Permit of a pit, closed-loop system, below-grade tank, or proceed closure of a pit, closed-loop system, below-grade tank, or proceed closure plan only submitted for an existing permitted or non below-grade tank, or proposed alternative method	oposed alternative method
Instructions: Please submit one application (Form C-144) per individual pit, closed-loop system, b	elow-grade tank or alternative request
Please be advised that approval of this request does not relieve theoperator of liability should operations result in pollenvironment. Nor does approval relieve the operator of its responsibility to comply with any other applicable government.	lution of surface water, ground water or the
Operator: Energen Resources OGRID #:	162928 .
Address: 2010 Afton Place, Farmington, New Mexico 87401	RCVD AUG 14'08
Facility or well name: Carson SWD #1	AN ADMC DILL
API Number: 3003926868 OCD Permit Number:	
U/L or Qtr/Qtr D Section 26 Township 30N Range 4W County:	
Center of Proposed Design: Latitude 36.787778 Longitude 107.230000 Surface Owner: Federal State Private Tribal Trust or Indian Allotment	
Pit: Subsection F or G of 19.15.17.11 NMAC Temporary: □ Drilling □ Workover □ Permanent □ Emergency □ Cavitation □ P&A □ Lined □ Unlined Liner type: Thickness mil □ LLDPE □ HDPE □ PVC □ Other □ String-Reinforced Liner Seams: □ Welded □ Factory □ Other	
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 reintent) Drying Pad Above Ground Steel Tanks Haul-off Bins Other Lined Unlined Liner type: Thickness mil LLDPE HDPE PVC Oth	
4. **Below-grade tank: Subsection I of 19.15.17.11 NMAC Volume: 30	
5. Alternative Method: Submittal of an exception request is required. Exceptions must be submitted to the Santa Fe Environmental I	Bureau office for consideration of approval.

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 Alternate.			
Netting: Subsection E of 19.15.17.11 NMAC (Applies to permanent pits and permanent open top tanks) Screen Netting X Other Expanded Metal Monthly inspections (If netting or screening is not physically feasible)			
Signs: Subsection C of 19.15.17.11 NMAC 12"x 24", 2" lettering, providing Operator's name, site location, and emergency telephone numbers X Signed in compliance with 19.15.3.103 NMAC			
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. Exception(s): Requests must be submitted to the Santa Fe Environmental Bureau office for consideration of approval.			
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	☐ Yes 🛣 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	☐ Yes X 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	☐ Yes 🕅 No ☐ 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	☐ Yes ☐ No ※ 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	Yes X 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		

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. X 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 X 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 X 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 Previously Approved Design (attach copy of design) API Number: 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 (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 Preeboard and Overtopping Prevention Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.11 NMAC Nuisance or Hazardous Odors, including H ₂ S, Prevention Plan Emergency Response Plan Oil Field Waste Stream Characterization Monitoring and Inspection Plan Erosion Control 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 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: X 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)				
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. X. Protocols and Procedures - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.13 NMAC X. Disposal Facility Name and Permit Number (for liquids, drilling fluids and drill cuttings) X. Soil Backfill and Cover Design Specifications - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection H of 19.15.17.13 NMAC X. Re-vegetation Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection I of 19.15.17.13 NMAC X. 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 Above Ground Steel Tanks or Haul-off Bins Only: (19.15.17.13.D NMAC) Instructions: Please indentify 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 Name:	Disposal Facility Permit Number:		
Will any of the proposed closed-loop system operations and associated activities o Yes (If yes, please provide the information below) No	ccur on or in areas that will not be used for future ser	vice and operations?	
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 G 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; Database search;	a 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; Database search;	a 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 siglake (measured from the ordinary high-water mark). - Topographic map; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site	gnificant watercourse or lakebed, sinkhole, or playa	☐ Yes ☐ No	
Within 300 feet from a permanent residence, school, hospital, institution, or church - Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site; Aerial photo; Satellit		☐ Yes ☐ No	
Within 500 horizontal feet of a private, domestic fresh water well or spring that les watering purposes, or within 1000 horizontal feet of any other fresh water well or NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database; Visual inspection	spring, in existence at the time of initial application.	Yes No	
Within incorporated municipal boundaries or within a defined municipal fresh wat adopted pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 3-27-3, as amended. - Written confirmation or verification from the municipality; Written approx	•	☐ Yes ☐ No	
Within 500 feet of a wetland. - US Fish and Wildlife Wetland Identification map; Topographic map; Visu	al 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	g and Mineral Division	☐ Yes ☐ No	
Within an unstable area. Engineering measures incorporated into the design; NM Bureau of Geolog Society; Topographic map	y & Mineral Resources; USGS; NM Geological	☐ Yes ☐ No	
Within a 100-year floodplain. - FEMA map		☐ Yes ☐ No	
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 19.15.17.13 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 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			

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Operator Application Certification: I hereby certify that the information submitted with this application is true, accurding to the control of the control	rate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.		
Name (Print): Ed Hasely	Title: Sr. Environmental Engineer .		
Signature: D'Hareh	Date: 8/13/08		
e-mail address: cd.hasely@energen.com	Telephone: (505) 324-4131		
OCD Approval: ☐ Permit Application (including closure plan) ☐ Closure P	lan (only) OCD Conditions (see attachment)		
OCD Representative Signature: By	Approval Date: 8-27-08		
Title: Enviro/spee	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:			
Closure Method: Waste Excavation and Removal On-Site Closure Method Alternative If different from approved plan, please explain.	ative Closure Method Waste Removal (Closed-loop systems only)		
23. Closure Report Regarding Waste Removal Closure For Closed-loop Systems Instructions: Please indentify the facility or facilities for where the liquids, drift 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 Yes (If yes, please demonstrate compliance to the items below) No	in areas that will not be used for future service and operations?		
Required for impacted areas which will not be used for future service and operat Site Reclamation (Photo Documentation) Soil Backfilling and Cover Installation Re-vegetation Application Rates and Seeding Technique	ions.		
Closure Report Attachment Checklist: Instructions: Each of the following it 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 Longin			
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:		

e-mail address:

Telephone: _

Hydrogeologic Report:

100-year Floodplain:

There is no map available from FEMA depicting a 100-year floodplain for the Carson SWD #1 located in that portion of the Carson National Forest, Jicarilla Ranger District in Rio Arriba County, NM.

Site Specific:

The San Jose formation is the highest water bearing zone at this site with the exception of possible perched water. It is the youngest Tertiary bedrock unit in the San Basin. The formation occurs at the surface to a depth of 1,929' at the Carson SWD #1 location and ranges from 1,900' to 2,600' in this township and range. The only potentially unstable areas in the region are over subsurface coal mines. The below grade tank is not located over any subsurface coal mines.

According to well data from the iWaters database, the average depth to ground water is 210'. No specific location was given for this well, but based on the quarters it was determined that the well is at the same elevation as the below grade tanks. Ground water will be at least 210' from the surface location. This well is located in the SE/4, SE/4, SW/4 of Section 21 of T31N, R4W and is not within 1000' of the Carson SWD #1 location.

Geologic Summary:

The San Jose is a sequence of interbedded sandstones and mudstones deposited in an alluvial and fluvial environment. The formation accumulated in broad, wet, alluvial aprons. Groundwater is associated with the alluvial and fluvial sandstone aquifers, hence it is controlled by the distribution of these sands. The San Jose can further be broken into four members: Cuba Mesa, Regina, Llaves, and Tapicitos (in ascending order). The first two, Cuba Mesa and Regina, are predominately sandstone and the latter two, Llaves and Tapicitos, are predominately mudstone.

Reference:

Stone W.J., Lyford F.P., Frenzel P.F., Mizell N.H., and Padgett E.T.: Hydrology and water resources of San Juan Basin, New Mexico Hydrologic Report 6, 1983.

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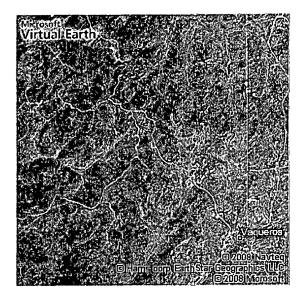
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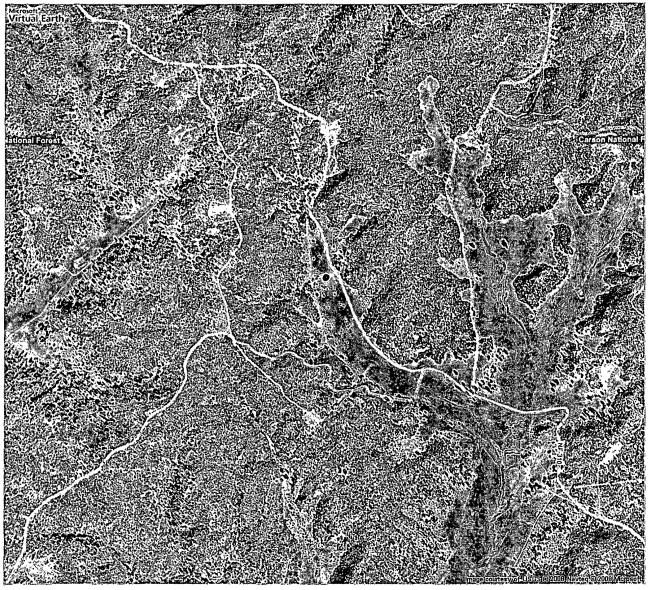
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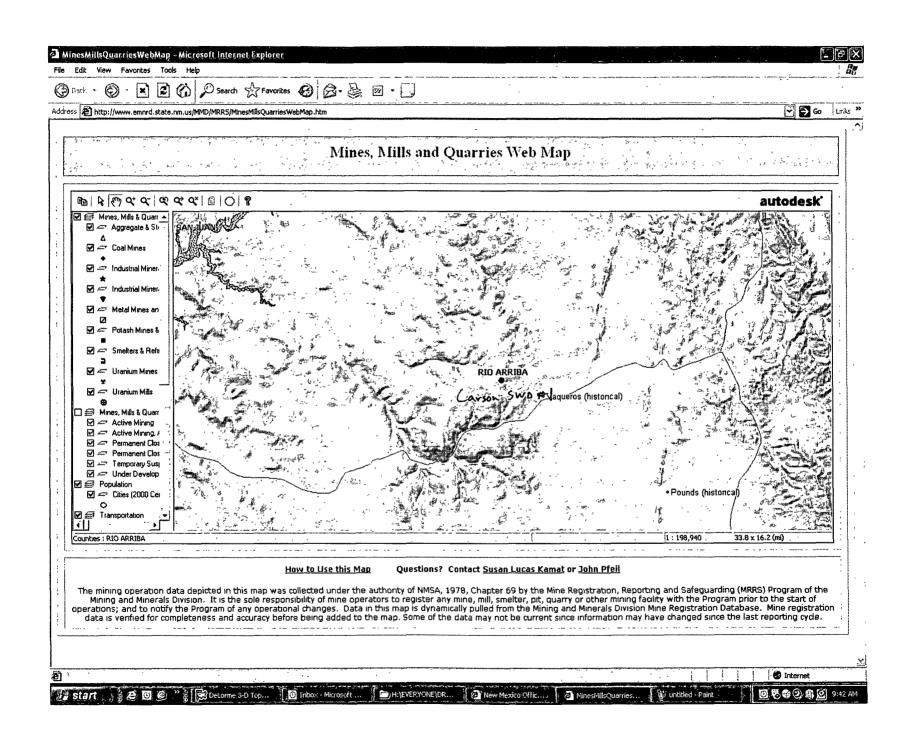




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BELOW-GRADE TANK DESIGN PLAN

ENERGEN RESOURCES

Design Specifics:

- (1) Designed and constructed to contain liquids and to prevent contamination of fresh water and protect public health and the environments.
- (2) The general location sign for the well is posted on location.
- (3) The entire location is fenced.
- (4) The below grade tank has an expanded metal top.
- (5) The tank is constructed of materials resistant to the contents and resistant to damage from sunlight.
- (6) The tank's foundation is a level base free of rocks, debris sharp edges or irregularities to prevent punctures, cracks, or indentations of the liner or tank bottom.
- (7) The tank is constructed to prevent overflow and the collection of surface water run-on.
- (8) The tank does not have double walls. The walls are open for visible inspection for leaks.
- (9) Prior to June 16, 2013, the tank will be retrofitted to meet Subpart I(4)(a) of NMAC 19.15.17.11. The side walls are open for visible inspection for leaks. The tank's bottom will be elevated a minimum of six inches and the tank will be underlain with a 30-mil flexible PVC or 60-mil HDPE liner to divert leaked liquids to a location that can be visually inspected. The tank will be equipped with a properly operating automatic high-level shut-off control device and manual controls to prevent overflows.

BELOW-GRADE TANK OPERATING AND MAINTENANCE PLAN

ENERGEN RESOURCES

Specifics:

- (1) Tank is operated and maintained to contain liquids and solids, prevent contamination of fresh water, and protect public health and the environment.
- (2) The tank is maintained with adequate freeboard to prevent overflow.
- (3) Surface water is prevented from running into the tank.
- (4) Oil accumulations are removed from the surface to prevent significant accumulations of oil over time.
- (5) Monthly inspections are conducted and written records of the inspections are maintained for five years.

BELOW-GRADE TANK CLOSURE PLAN

ENERGEN RESOURCES

CLOSURE STEPS:

- (1) Notify the surface owner by certified mail, return receipt requested, of the plans to close the below-grade tank.
- (2) Notify the Aztec OCD office (Brandon Powell 334-6178, Ext 15) verbally or by other means at least 72 hours, but not more than one week, prior to the planned closure operation.
- (3) Remove liquids and sludge from the below-grade tank. Dispose of the liquids and sludge in a division-approved facility.
- (4) Remove the below-grade tank 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.
- (5) Unless the equipment is required for some other purpose, remove any on-site equipment associated with the below-grade tank.
- (6) Test the soils beneath the below-grade tank to determine whether a release has occurred.
 - Collect, at a minimum, a five point, composite sample;
 - Collect individual grab samples from any area that is wet, discolored or showing other evidence of a release;

Analyze for BTEX, TPH and chlorides to demonstrate:

- Benzene concentration does not exceed 0.2 mg/kg, as determined by EPA SW-846 methods 8021B or 8260B
- Total BTEX concentration does not exceed 50 mg/kg, as determined by EPA SW-846 methods 8021B or 8260B
- TPH concentration does not exceed 100 mg/kg, as determined by EPA method 418.1
- Chloride concentration does not exceed 250 mg/kg, as determined by EPA method 300.1 or other division approved method, or the background concentration, whichever is greater.
- (7) IF the soil analyses show that the soils meet the concentrations specified in (6) above, backfill the excavation with compacted, non-waste containing, earthen material in a manner that will prevent ponding or erosion. If the area will not be needed for operations, reclaim the area as described in the "RECLAMATION" section.
- (8) IF the soil analyses show that the soils exceed one or more of the concentrations specified in (6) above, comply with 19.15.3.116 NMAC and 19.15.1.19 NMAC, as appropriate. Follow the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division's 1993 "Guidelines for Remediation of Leaks, Spills and Releases". If excavation is necessary, dispose of excavated soils at an off-site division-approved facility.

FINAL CLOSURE REPORT:

Within 60 days of closure completion, submit a closure report on form C-144, with necessary attachments to document all closure activities including sampling results.

RECLAMATION:

If the area is not needed for operations, reclaim the area to a safe and stable condition that blends with the surrounding undisturbed area. Restore the impacted surface area to the condition that existed prior to oil and gas operations by placement of the soil cover, recontour the location and associated areas to a contour that approximates the original contour and blends with the surrounding topography and re-vegetate.

- (A) Construct the soil cover to the site's existing grade and prevent ponding of water and erosion of the cover material. The soil cover shall consist of the background thickness of topsoil or one foot of suitable material to establish vegetation at the site, whichever is greater.
- (B) Seed or plant the disturbed areas the first growing season after closing the below-grade tank. Drill on the contour whenever practical or by other division-approved methods. The goal is to obtain vegetative cover that equals 70% of the native perennial vegetative cover (un-impacted by overgrazing, fire or other intrusion damaging to native vegetation) 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. During the two growing seasons that prove viability, there shall be no artificial irrigation of the vegetation.
 - (C) Repeat seeding or planting until it successfully achieves the required vegetative cover.
- (D) If conditions are not favorable for the establishment of vegetation, such as periods of drought, contact the Aztec OCD office to discuss possibly delaying seeding or planting until soil moisture conditions become favorable or using additional techniques such as mulching, fertilizing, irrigating, fencing or other practices.
- **(E)** Notify the Aztec OCD office (Brandon Powell 334-6178, Ext 15) when the area has been seeded or planted and when it successfully achieves re-vegetation.