District I
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.

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.

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

Santa Fe, NM 87505

Proposed Alternative Method Permit or Closure Plan Application
Type of action:    Closure 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 invironment. Nor does approval relieve the operator of its responsibility to comply with any other applicable governmental authority's rules, regulations or ordinances.
Operator: OGRID #:
Operator: VTO Energy, Inc. OGRID #: 5380
Address: 382 Road 3100 Aztec, NM 87410
Facility or well name: BOLACK C #16B
API Number: 3004532749 OCD Permit Number: Son Juan
U/L or Qtr/Qtr Section 33 Township 27NRange 8W County: San Juan
Center of Proposed Design: Latitude <u>36.52500</u> Longitude <u>107.68472</u> 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: Thicknessmil ☐ LLDPE ☐ HDPE ☐ PVC ☐ Other
☐ String-Reinforced
Liner Seams: Welded Factory Other Volume: bbl Dimensions: L x W x D
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
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Volume: 120 bbl. Type of fluid: Produced Water
Volume: 120 bbl Type of fluid: Produced Water  Tonk Construction material: Steel
Tank Construction material: Steel
☐ Visible sidewalls and liner ☐ Visible sidewalls only ☐ Other Visible sidewalls, vaulted, automatic high level shut off
Liner type: Thicknessmil
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.

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, institution or church)  Four foot height, four strands of barbed wire evenly spaced between one and four feet  Alternate. Please specify	hospital,				
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					
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 consideration of approval.  Exception(s): Requests must be submitted to the Santa Fe Environmental Bureau office for consideration of approval.	office for				
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 ⊠ 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)	☐ Yes ☐ No ☑ NA				
<ul> <li>Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site; Aerial photo; Satellite image</li> <li>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.</li> <li>NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site</li> </ul>	☐ 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				
<ul> <li>Within an unstable area.</li> <li>Engineering measures incorporated into the design; NM Bureau of Geology &amp; Mineral Resources; USGS; NM Geological Society; Topographic map</li> </ul>	☐ Yes ☑ No				
Within a 100-year floodplain FEMA map	☐ Yes ⊠ No				

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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)
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   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 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)
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 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 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						
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 provided below. Requests regarding changes to certain siting criteria may require administrative approval from the appropriate districtions considered an exception which must be submitted to the Santa Fe Environmental Bureau office for consideration of approval. Justific demonstrations of equivalency are required. Please refer to 19.15.17.10 NMAC for guidance.	ct office or may be					
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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					
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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					
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   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						

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Operator Application Certification:		
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Name (Print): Kim Champlin	Title:	Environmental Representative
Signature: Kim Champlen	Date:	9-12-08
e-mail address: kim_champlin@xtoenergy.com		(505) 333-3100
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OCD Approval: Permit Application (including closure plan) Close	ure Plan (only) \(\sime\) OCD	Conditions (see attachment)
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OCD Representative Signature:		Approval Date: <u>10-29-09</u>
Title: <u>Euroiro /spec</u>	OCD Permit Num	ber:
21. Closure Report (required within 60 days of closure completion): Subset	ation V of 10 15 17 13 NM	IAC
Instructions: Operators are required to obtain an approved closure plan p		
The closure report is required to be submitted to the division within 60 day		
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Closure Method:		
Waste Excavation and Removal On-Site Closure Method A	Iternative Closure Method	☐ Waste Removal (Closed-loop systems only)
If different from approved plan, please explain.		
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Closure Report Regarding Waste Removal Closure For Closed-loop Sys	tems 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 of	cuttings were disposed. Use attachment if more than
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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)	lo	
Required for impacted areas which will not be used for future service and of	perations:	
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Soil Backfilling and Cover Installation		
Re-vegetation Application Rates and Seeding Technique		
Closure Report Attachment Checklist: Instructions: Each of the follows	ing items must be attached	to the closure renort. Please indicate, by a check
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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 clos	ure)	
☐ 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 L	ongitude	NAD: □1927 □ 1983
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Operator Closure Certification:		
I hereby certify that the information and attachments submitted with this clo	sure 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 req	uirements and conditions s	specified in the approved closure plan.
Name (Print):	Title:	
Signature:	Date:	
e-mail address:	Telephone:	

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State of New Mexico Energy, Minerals & Natural Resources Department

DISTRICT a 1301 W. Grand Avenue, Artesia, N.J. B8210

DESTRICT 21 1000 Rio Brazos Rd., Aztec, N.W. 87410

Form C-102
Revised June 10, 2003
Instructions on back
Submit to Appropriate District Office
State Lease - 4 Copies
Fee Lease - 3 Copies

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION 1220 South St. Francis Dr.

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#### Client: XTO Energy **Pit Permit** Lodestar Services, Inc. **Project:** tank permitting **Siting Criteria** Revised: 28-Aug-08 PO Box 4465, Durango, CO 81302 **Information Sheet** Prepared by: **Trevor Ycas** API#: 30-045-32749 **USPLSS:** 27N 08W 33 O Name: BOLACK C No. 016B Lat/Long: 36.525000, -107.684722 Geologic >100' San Jose Formation (Tsj) Depth to groundwater: formation: Distance to closest Site Elevation: continuously flowing 15.5 miles NW to 'San Juan River' 2066m/67781 watercourse: Distance to closest drains 11,100' W to Blanco significant watercourse, Canyon' lakebed, playa lake, or sinkhole: Soil Type: Rockland, Aridisols Permanent residence, school, hospital, NO institution or church within 300° **Annual** Navajo Dam: 12.95", Governador: 11.98", Precipitation: Capulin Rgr Stn.: 14.98", Otis: 10.41" Domestic fresh water Historical daily max. precip.: 4.19" **Precipitation** well or spring within NO Notes: (Bloomfield) Any other fresh water well or spring within NO 25N06W iWaters.pdf, 25N07W iWaters.pdf, Attached 25N08W\_iWaters.pdf, 26N06W\_iWaters.pdf, **Documents:** 26N07W\_iWaters.pdf, 26N08W\_iWaters.pdf, NO 27N07W\_iWaters.pdf, 27N08W\_iwaters pdf, Within incorporated 27N09W\_iwaters.pdf, 28N07W\_iWaters.pdf, municipal boundaries 28N08W\_iWaters.pdf, 28N09W\_iWaters.pdf Within defined FM3500640750B-30-30-045-32749\_gEarth-PLS jpg, 30-045-32749\_topomunicipal fresh water PLS.jpg, 30-045-32749\_gEarth-iWaters.jpg, 045-32749.jpg well field NO None Near **Mining Activity:** Wetland within 500' Within unstable area Within 100 year flood No -FEMA Zone 'X' plain **Additional Notes:** located atop Blanco Mesa drains to Blanco Canyon

### **Bolack C #16B Below Grade 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 located in the western Largo Canyon region of the San Juan Basin, on Blanco Mesa between Onofre Jaquez and Cottonwood canyons. The predominant geologic formation is the San Jose Formation of Tertiary age, which underlies surface soils and is often exposed (Dane and Bachman, 1965). Deposits of Quaternary alluvial and aeolian sands occur prominently near the surface of the area, especially near streams and washes.

Cretaceous and Tertiary sandstones, as well as Quaternary alluvial deposits serve as the primary aquifers in the San Juan basin (Stone et al., 1983). In most of the proposed area, the San Jose Formation lies at the surface and overlies the Nacimiento Formation. Thickness of the San Jose ranges from 200 to 2700 feet, thickening from west to east across the region of interest (Stone et al., 1983). Aquifers within the coarser and continuous sandstone bodies of the San Jose Formation are between 0 and 2700' deep in this section of the basin (Stone et al., 1983). Groundwater within these aquifers flows north, toward the San Juan River. Little specific hydrogeologic data is available for the San Jose Formation system, but "numerous well and springs used for stock and domestic supplies" draw their water from the San Jose Formation (Stone et al, 1983).

The prominent soil type at the proposed site are rocklands and aridisols, which are defined as soils that exhibit little to no any profile development (www.emnrd.state.nm.us). Soils are basically unaltered from their parent rock. 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 12 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).

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

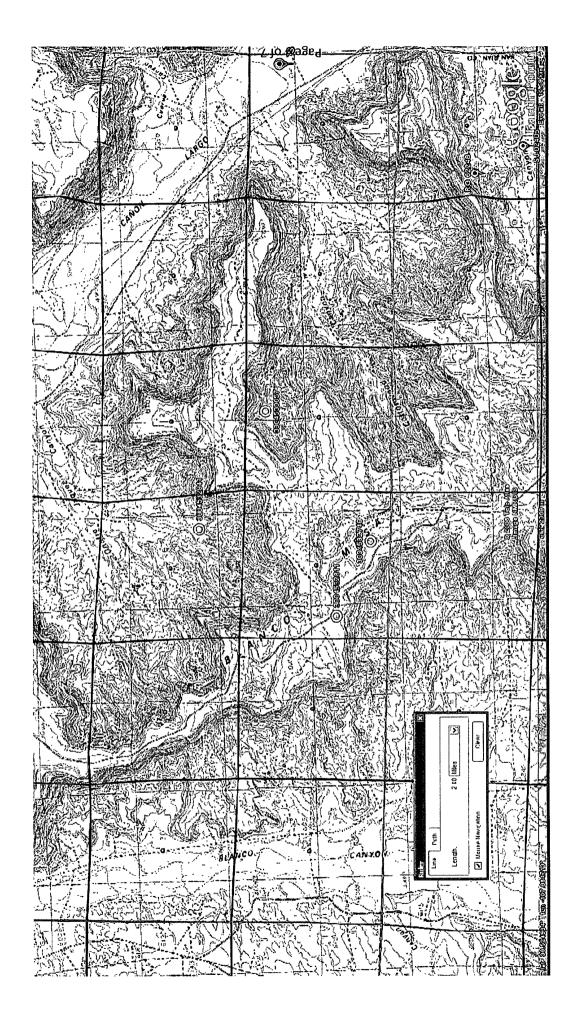
### Site Specific Hydrogeology

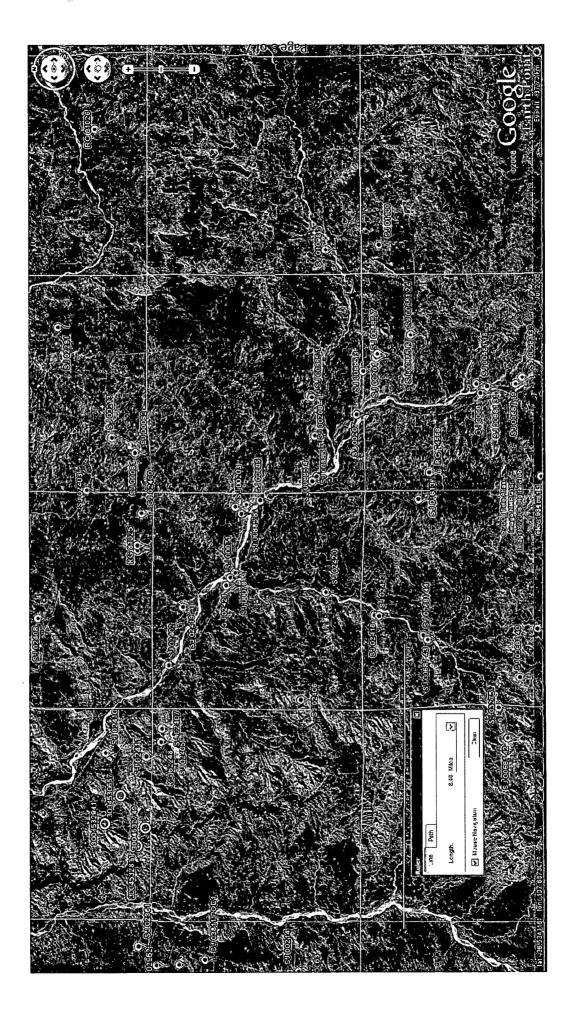
Depth to groundwater is estimated to be greater than 100 feet. This estimation is based on data from Stone and others (1983), the USGS Groundwater Atlas of the United States and depth to groundwater data published on the New Mexico State Engineer's iWaters Database website. Local topography and proximity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

Beds of water-yielding sandstone are present in the San Jose Formation, which are fluvial in origin and are interbedded with mudstone, siltstone & shale. "Extensive intertonguing" of different members of this formation is reported. (Stone et al, 1983). Porous sandstones form the principal aquifers, while relatively impermeable shales and mudstones form confining units between the aquifers (Stone et al., 1983). Local aquifers exist within the San Jose Formation at depths greater than 100 feet and thicknesses of the aquifer can be up to several hundred feet (USGS, Groundwater Atlas of the US) (Stone et al, 1983).

The site in question is located on top of Blanco Mesa, above Onofre Jaquez Canyon, at an elevation of approximately 6780 feet and approximately 11,100 feet east of Blanco Canyon. This region is deeply incised by canyons, washes, gullies and arroyos, with large, flat-topped mesas the predominant topographic feature. The mesas are composed of cliff-forming sandstone, and systems of dry washes and their tributaries composed of alluvium are evident on the attached aerial image. Groundwater is expected to be shallow within Largo and Blanco Canyons and within major tributary systems. However, an elevation difference between the canyon bottom and the site in question of over six hundred feet suggests groundwater is considerably deeper at this location.

Groundwater data is extremely limited in this region; the nearest iWaters data point lies 2.9 miles east (SJ02410). Other 'nearby' iWaters wells are located 3 miles southeast (RG62248) and 5.6 miles north-east (SJ02314). Groundwater data available from the NM State Engineer's iWaters Database for wells near the proposed site are attached and a map showing the location of wells in reference to the proposed pit location is also included.

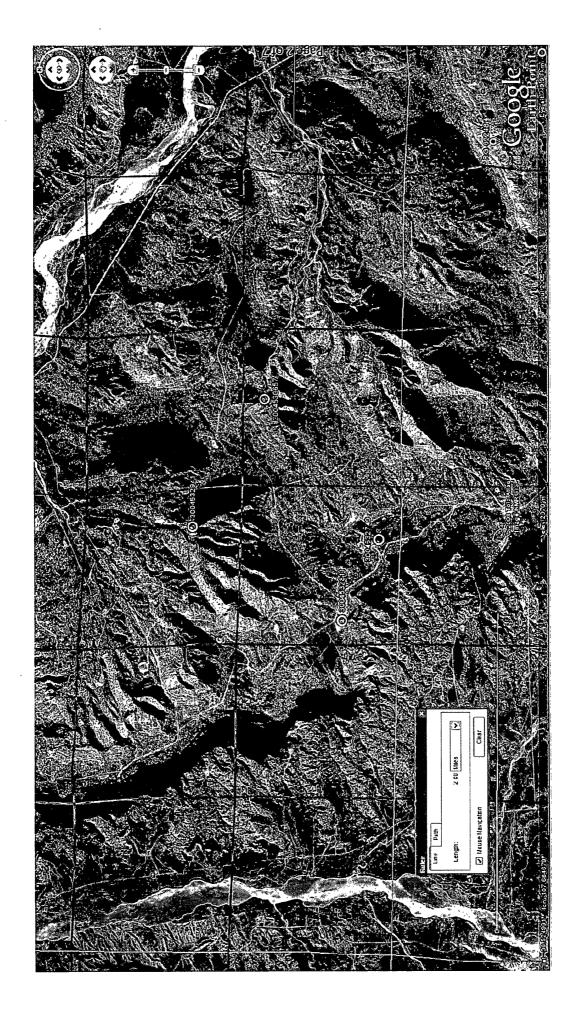


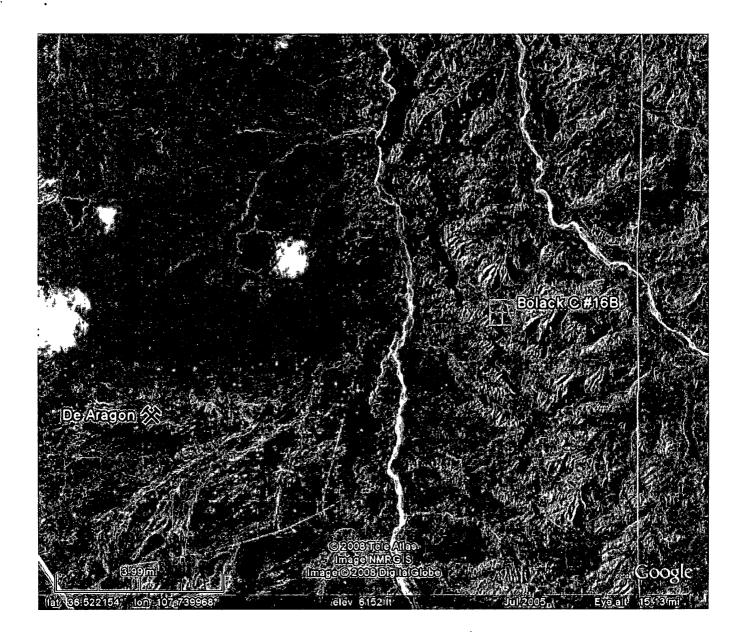


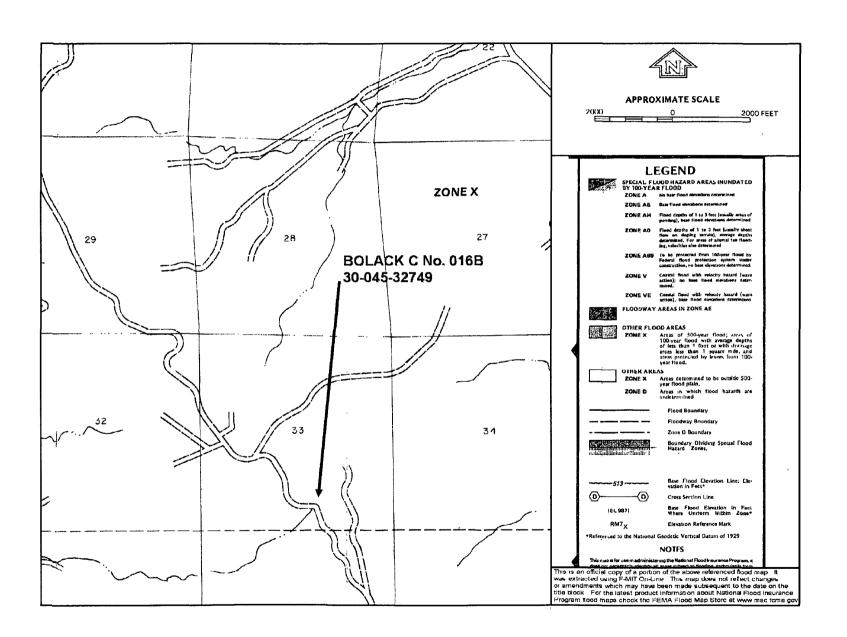
### New Mexico Office of the State Engineer POD Reports and Downloads

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	WATER COLUMN REPORT 08/04/2008
	(quarters are 1=NW 2=NE 3=SW 4=SE) (quarters are biggest to smallest)  Depth Depth Water (in feet)
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Record Count: 1







## 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 heath 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 stands 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.
- 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 that 1 x 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.

## XTO Energy Inc. San Juan Basin 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.

### XTO Energy Inc. San Juan Basin 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

- 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
  - 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.