

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.  
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.

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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.

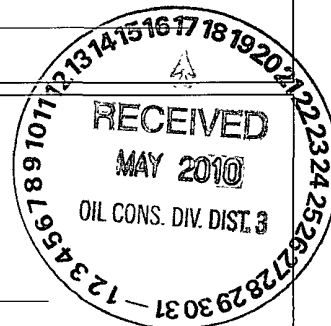
1.  
Operator: XTO Energy, Inc. OGRID #: 5380  
Address: #382 County Road 3100, Aztec, NM 87410  
Facility or well name: Ginther #21H  
API Number: 30-045-34773 OCD Permit Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
U/L or Qtr/Qtr A Section 13 Township 27N Range 13W County: San Juan  
Center of Proposed Design: Latitude 36.57918 Longitude 108.16571 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 55 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) **To be used during completion operations**  
☐ 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: \_\_\_\_\_ bbl Type of fluid: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tank Construction material: \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ 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 \_\_\_\_\_ 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.	<p><b>Fencing:</b> Subsection D of 19.15.17.11 NMAC (<i>Applies to permanent pits, temporary pits, and below-grade tanks</i>)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Chain link, six feet in height, two strands of barbed wire at top (<i>Required if located within 1000 feet of a permanent residence, school, hospital, institution or church</i>)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Four foot height, four strands of barbed wire evenly spaced between one and four feet</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Alternate. Please specify _____</p>																				
7.	<p><b>Netting:</b> Subsection E of 19.15.17.11 NMAC (<i>Applies to permanent pits and permanent open top tanks</i>)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Screen <input type="checkbox"/> Netting <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Monthly inspections (If netting or screening is not physically feasible)</p>																				
8.	<p><b>Signs:</b> Subsection C of 19.15.17.11 NMAC</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 12"x 24", 2" lettering, providing Operator's name, site location, and emergency telephone numbers</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Signed in compliance with 19.15.3.103 NMAC</p>																				
9.	<p><b>Administrative Approvals and Exceptions:</b></p> <p>Justifications and/or demonstrations of equivalency are required. Please refer to 19.15.17 NMAC for guidance.</p> <p><b>Please check a box if one or more of the following is requested, if not leave blank:</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Administrative approval(s): Requests must be submitted to the appropriate division district or the Santa Fe Environmental Bureau office for consideration of approval. Fencing- Hogwire</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Exception(s): Requests must be submitted to the Santa Fe Environmental Bureau office for consideration of approval.</p>																				
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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 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: Envirotech

Disposal Facility Permit Number: NM01-0011

Disposal Facility Name: IEI

Disposal Facility Permit Number: NM01-0010B

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): Malia Villers Title: Permitting Tech.

Signature: Malia Villers Date: May 14, 2010

e-mail address: malia\_villers@xtoenergy.com Telephone: (505) 333-3100

20.

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

OCD Representative Signature: Bruce Bell Approval Date: 7/21/10

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

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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) ☐ 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: \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_



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### Pit Permit Siting Criteria Information Sheet

Client:	XTO Energy
Project:	Pit Permits
Revised:	5/12/2010
Prepared by:	Brooke Herb

API#: NA

Name: Ginther #21H

Depth to groundwater: >100'

Distance to closest  
continuously flowing  
watercourse: 8.68 miles south of the San Juan  
River

Distance to closest  
significant watercourse,  
lakebed, playa lake, or  
sinkhole: 1724 feet south of Charlie Wash;  
1.34 miles west of Gallegos  
Canyon

Permanent residence,  
school, hospital,  
institution or church  
within 300': NO

Domestic fresh water  
well or spring within  
500': NO

Any other fresh water  
well or spring within  
1000': NO

Within incorporated  
municipal boundaries: NO

Within defined  
municipal fresh water  
well field: NO

Wetland within 500': NO

Within unstable area: NO

Within 100 year flood  
plain: NO

USPLSS: T27N, R13W, S13A

Lat/Long: 36.57918, -108.16571

Geologic  
formation: Nacimiento Formation

Soil Type: Entisols

Annual  
Precipitation: 8.21" - Farmington; 10.41" Otis; 8.71"  
Bloomfield

Precipitation  
Notes: no significant precipitation events on  
record

Attached  
Documents: Site Visit Survey  
Hydrogeologic Report  
Topographic Map  
Aerial Photo  
Mines, Mills and Quarries Map  
FEMA Flood Zone Map

Mining Activity: None identified in the vicinity

Additional Notes:

DISTRICT I  
1625 N. French Dr., Hobbs, N.M. 88240

DISTRICT II  
1301 W. Grand Ave., Artesia, N.M. 88210

DISTRICT III  
1000 Rio Brazos Rd., Aztec, N.M. 87410

DISTRICT IV  
1220 South St. Francis Dr., Santa Fe, NM 87505

State of New Mexico  
Energy, Minerals & Natural Resources Department  
**OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION**  
1220 South St. Francis Dr.  
Santa Fe, NM 87505

Form C-102  
Revised October 12, 2005

Submit to Appropriate District Office  
State Lease - 4 Copies  
Fee Lease - 3 Copies

☐ AMENDED REPORT

**WELL LOCATION AND ACREAGE DEDICATION PLAT**

<sup>1</sup> API Number		<sup>2</sup> Pool Code		<sup>3</sup> Pool Name	
<sup>4</sup> Property Code		<sup>5</sup> Property Name GINTHER			<sup>6</sup> Well Number 21 H
<sup>7</sup> GRID No.		<sup>8</sup> Operator Name XTO ENERGY INC.			<sup>9</sup> Elevation 5835

<sup>10</sup> Surface Location

UL or lot no.	Section	Township	Range	Lot Idn	Feet from the	North/South line	Feet from the	East/West line	County
A	13	27-N	13-W		1215	NORTH	1220	EAST	SAN JUAN

<sup>11</sup> Bottom Hole Location If Different From Surface

UL or lot no.	Section	Township	Range	Lot Idn	Feet from the	North/South line	Feet from the	East/West line	County

<sup>12</sup> Dedicated Acres	<sup>13</sup> Joint or Infill	<sup>14</sup> Consolidation Code	<sup>15</sup> Order No.

NO ALLOWABLE WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THIS COMPLETION UNTIL ALL INTERESTS HAVE BEEN CONSOLIDATED  
OR A NON-STANDARD UNIT HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE DIVISION

<sup>16</sup> FD. 2 1/2" BC. 1911 G.L.O.		S 89-58-15 W 5285.30' (M)		<sup>17</sup> FD. 3 1/4" BC. 1911 G.L.O.	
		1215'		1220'	
		SURFACE: LAT: 36.57918" N. (NAD 83) LONG: 108.16571" W. (NAD 83) LAT: 36°34'45.0" N. (NAD 27) LONG: 108°09'54.3" W. (NAD 27)		S 00-02-22 W 2642.07' (M)	
		13		FD. 2 1/2" BC. 1911 G.L.O.	

**OPERATOR CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the information contained herein is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief, and that this organization either owns a working interest or unleased mineral interest in the land including the proposed bottom hole location or has a right to drill this well at this location pursuant to a contract with an owner of such a mineral or working interest, or to a voluntary pooling agreement or a compulsory pooling order heretofore entered by the division.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

**18 SURVEYOR CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the well location shown on this plat was plotted from field notes of actual surveys made by me or under my supervision, and that the same is true and correct to the best of my belief.

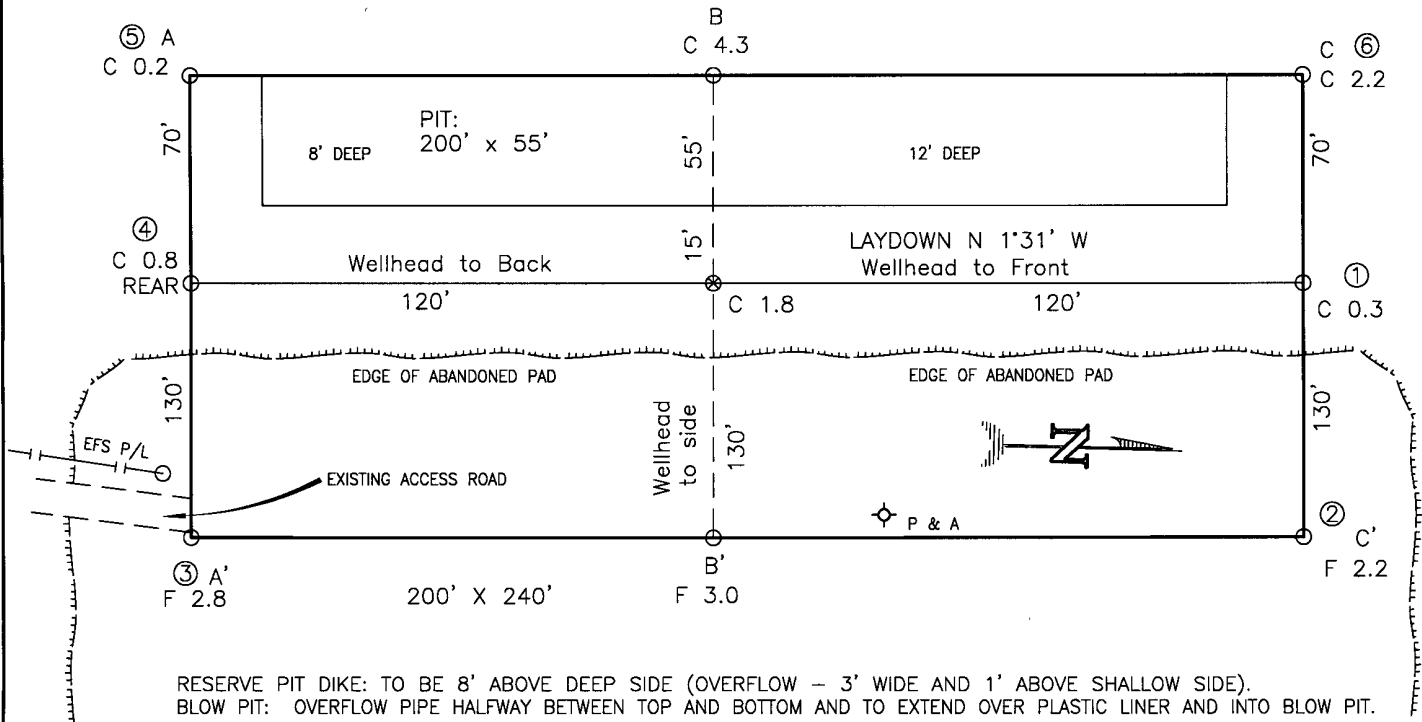
Date of Survey DECEMBER 13, 2007

Signature and Seal of Professional Surveyor [Signature]

Certificate Number 123-07

XTO ENERGY INC.  
 SHIPP GAS COM No. 21H, 770 FSL 1975 FEL  
 SECTION 1, T27N, R13W, N.M.P.M., SAN JUAN COUNTY, N.M.  
 GROUND ELEVATION: 5778' DATE: MAY 6, 2008

NAD 83  
 LAT. = 36.59913° N  
 LONG. = 108.16828° W  
 NAD 27  
 LAT. = 36°35'56.8" N  
 LONG. = 108°10'03.5" 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.

ELEV. A-A'	C/L			
5790				
5780				
5770				
5760				

ELEV. B-B'	C/L			
5790				
5780				
5770				
5760				

ELEV. C-C'	C/L			
5790				
5780				
5770				
5760				

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	REVISED BY
WELL PAD ROTATION	05/13/08	A.G.
GENERAL REVISION	05/27/08	G.V.

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 Surveying and Oil Field Services  
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 NEW MEXICO L.S. No. 8894

DRAWN BY: G.V.  
 ROW# CR940

CADFILE: CR940-CF8  
 DATE: 12/21/07





**Ginther #21H**  
**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 central Bisti region of the San Juan Basin within an area dominated by Gallegos Wash and irrigated fields of the Navajo Indian Irrigation Project. The predominant geologic formation is the Nacimient 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 Nacimient Formation lies at the surface and grades into the Animas Formation to the west. Thickness of the Nacimient ranges from 418 to 2232 feet (Stone et al., 1983). Aquifers within the coarser and continuous sandstone bodies of the Nacimient Formation are between 0 and 1000' deep in this section of the basin (Stone et al., 1983). Groundwater within these aquifers flows toward the San Juan River.

The prominent soil type at the proposed site are entisols and aridisols, which are defined as soils that exhibit little to no any profile development ([www.emnrd.state.nm.us](http://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.

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).

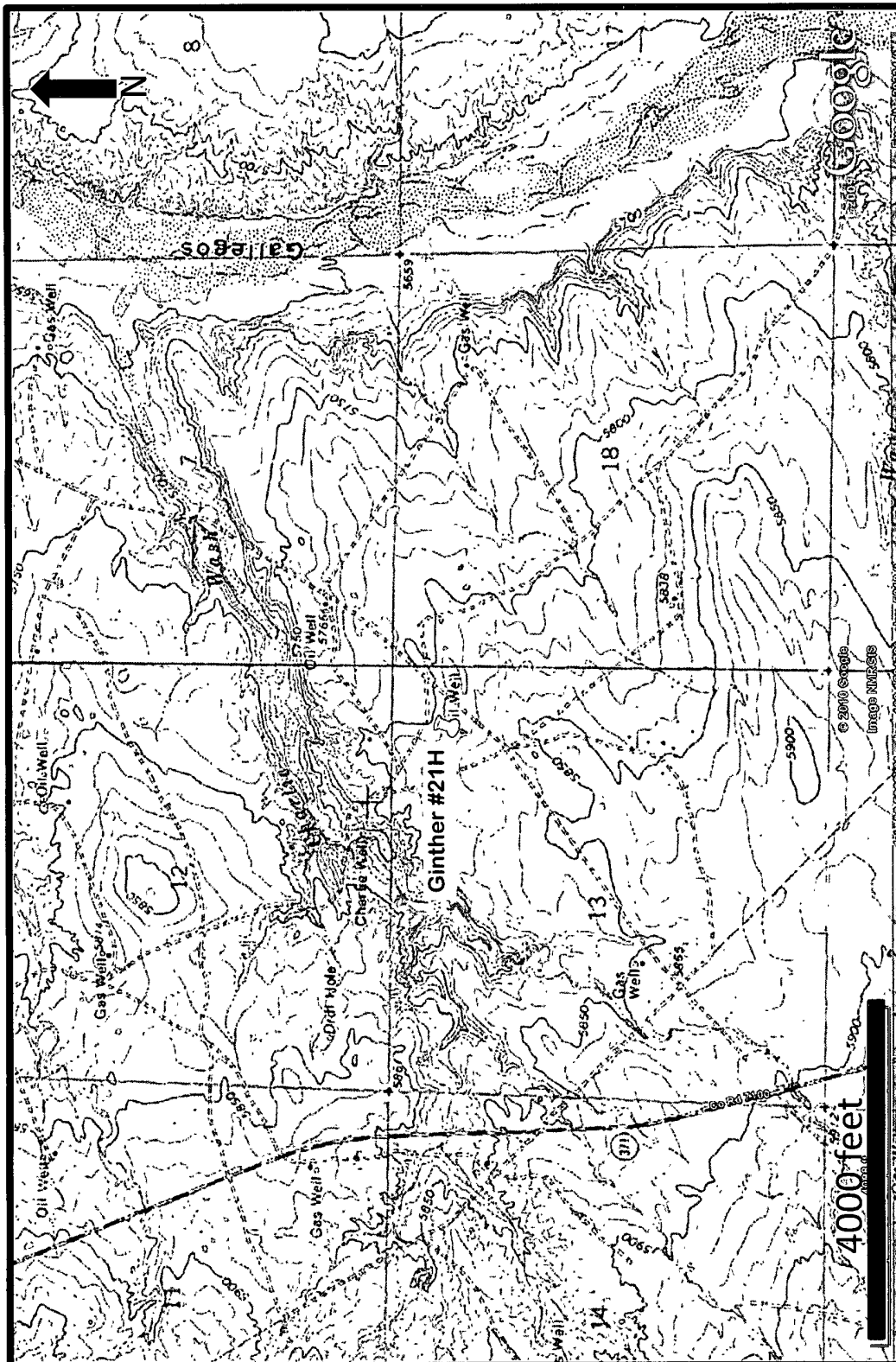
### **Site Specific Hydrogeology**

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 Nacimiento Formation, which are fluvial in origin and are interbedded with siltstone, shale and coal. Porous sandstones form the principal aquifers, while relatively impermeable shales form confining units between the aquifers (Stone et al., 1983). Local aquifers exist within the Nacimiento Formation at depths greater than 100 feet and thicknesses of the aquifer can be up to 3500 feet (USGS, Groundwater Atlas of the US).

The site in question is located on the western flank of Gallegos Canyon at an elevation approximately 200 feet higher in elevation than the wash. Broad shaley hills are interspersed with occasional sandstone outcrops, and systems of dry washes and their tributaries are evident on the attached aerial image. Groundwater is expected to be shallow within Gallegos Canyon. But the significant distance between the Canyon and the site (1.34 miles), as well as an elevation difference of almost 200 feet suggest groundwater is greater than 100 feet at the proposed site.

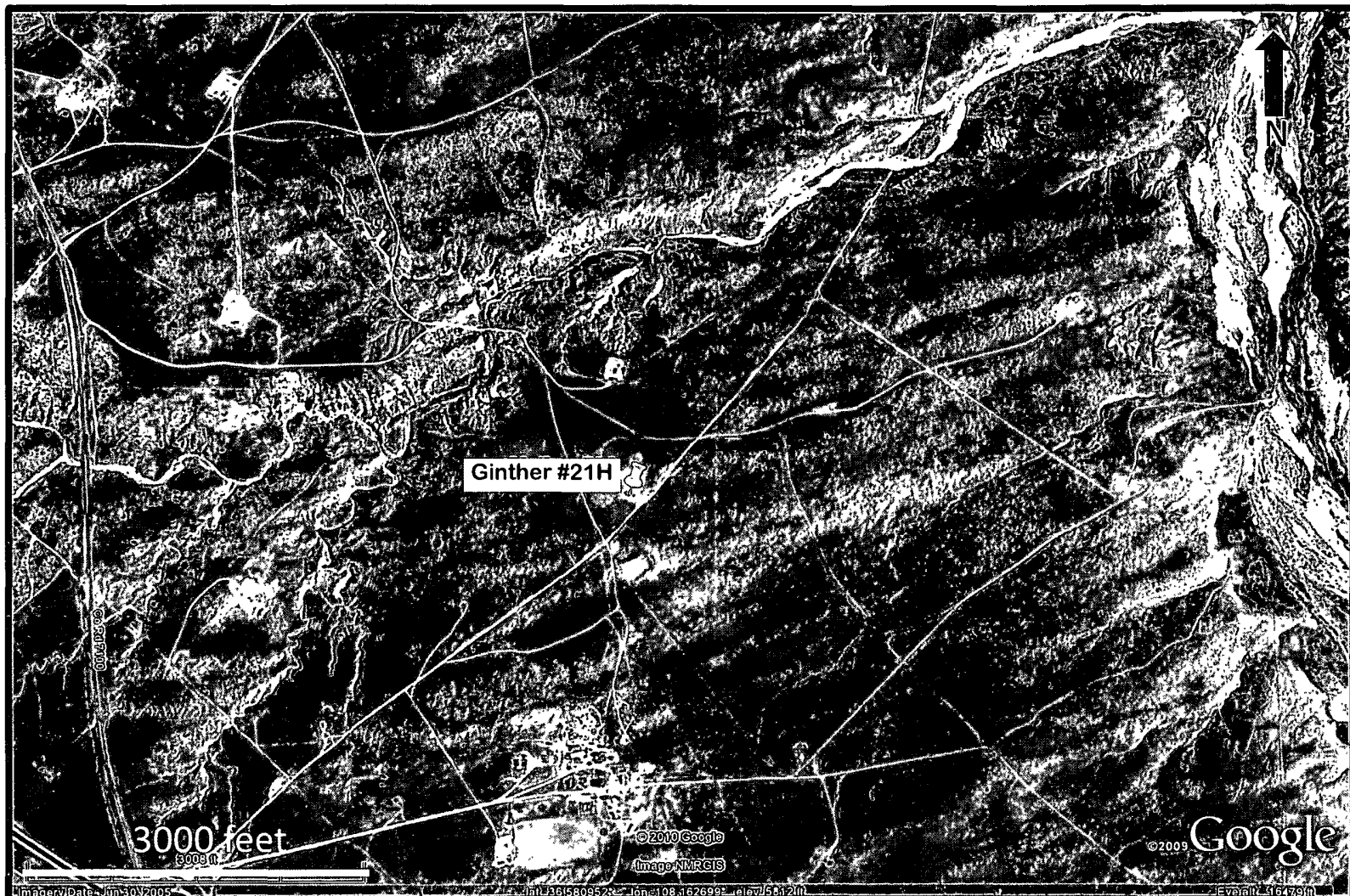
Groundwater data available from the NM State Engineer's iWaters Database for wells near the proposed site are attached. Wells located at similar elevations on the opposite flank of Gallegos Canyon contain groundwater greater than 100 feet deep. A map showing the location of wells in reference to the proposed pit location is attached.



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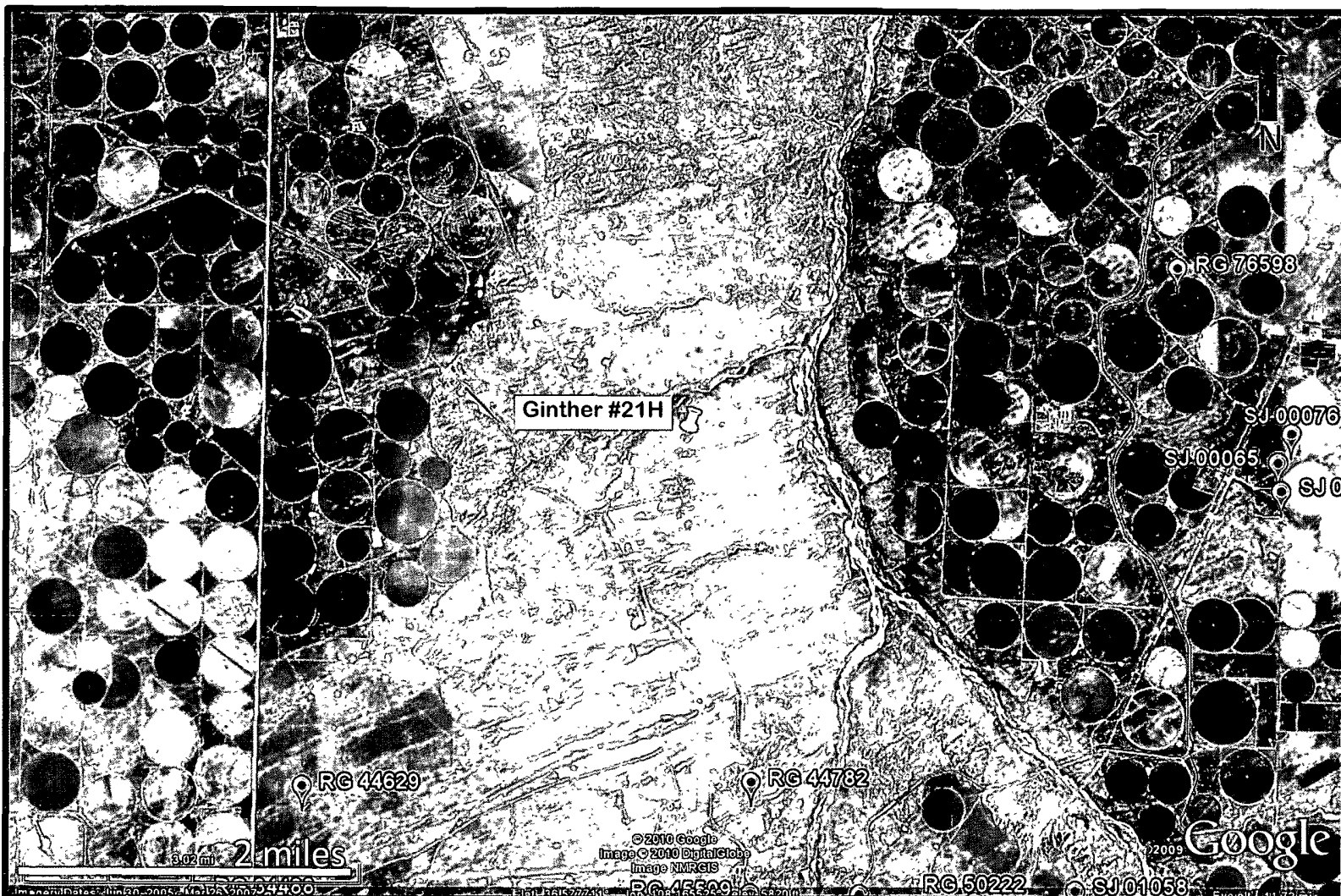
Topographic Map



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**Aerial Photograph**



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iWaters  
 Groundwater  
 Data Map



## New Mexico Office of the State Engineer Wells with Well Log Information

(quarters are 1=NW 2=NE 3=SW 4=SE)																		
(quarters are smallest to largest) (NAD83 UTM, in meters)																		
		Sub			Q	Q	Q									Log File	Depth	Depth
POD Number		basin	Use	County	Source	5416 4	Sec	Twp	Range	X	Y	Start Date	Finish Date	Date			Well	Water
<u>SJ00065</u>		IND	SJ	Shallow	1 1 3	13	27N	12W		225197	4052037*	04/03/1957	04/19/1957	06/08/1958			671	215
<u>SJ00066</u>		IND	SJ	Shallow	1 3 3	13	27N	12W		225194	4051635*	03/12/1957	04/02/1957	06/08/1958			750	177
<u>SJ00076</u>		IND	SJ	Shallow	2 3 1	13	27N	12W		225410	4052439*	04/21/1966	04/27/1966	06/28/1968			641	408

Record Count: 3

Basin/County Search:

Basin: San Juan

County: San Juan

PLSS Search:

Township: 27N

Range: 12W

Usage Filter:

Use: All Usages

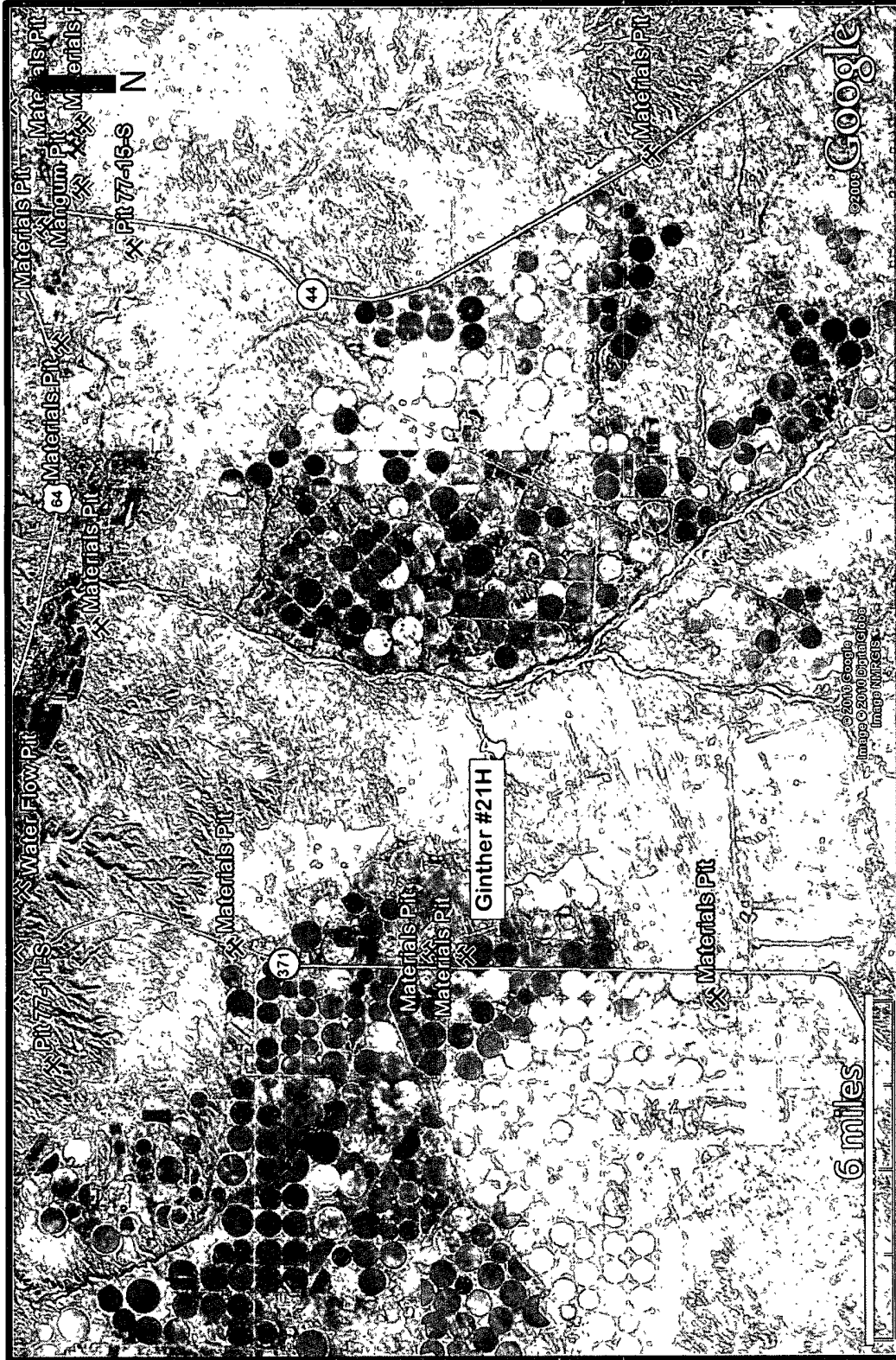
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Mines, Mills and  
 Quarries Map









Malia Villers/FAR/CTOC

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To arvintrujillo@frontiernet.net

cc

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Subject Notice - Ginther #21H Well Site

RE: Ginther #21H Gas Well  
Sec. 13 (A), T27N, R13W, San Juan County

Dear Mr. Trujillo,

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 burial.

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

Malia Villers  
Permitting Tech.  
XTO Energy Inc.  
505-333-3100  
Direct: 505-333-3698  
malia\_villers@xtoenergy.com

**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.

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**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 liner 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**  
**Closed-Loop System Design and Construction Plan**

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

**General Plan**

Our closed-loop system will not entail a drying pad, temporary pit, below grade tank or sump. It will entail an above ground tank suitable for holding the cuttings and fluids for rig operations. The tank will be of sufficient volume to maintain a safe free board between disposal of the liquids and solids from rig operations.

1. Fencing is not required for an above ground closed-loop system.
2. It will be signed in compliance with 19.15.3.103 NMAC.

**XTO Energy Inc.**  
**San Juan Basin**  
**Closed-Loop Systems Maintenance and Operating Plan**

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

**General Plan**

The closed-loop tank will be operated and maintained; to contain liquids and solids, to aid in the prevention of contamination of fresh water sources, in order to protect public health and the environment. To attain the goal the following steps will be followed:

1. The liquids will be vacuumed out and disposed of at the Basin Disposal, Inc. facility (Permit Number NM01-005). An alternative if available for liquids disposal, will be to move the liquids forward to a XTO temporary pit constructed in accordance with all specifications in NMAC Rule 19.15.17 for a well yet to be drilled. All specifications, limitations, and rules within the New Mexico Administrative Code regulating this transfer of liquids will be strictly adhered to. As a third alternative, if Basin Disposal turns away the fluids because of capacity reasons, and the second transfer option is not available, XTO may elect to haul fluids to IEI (Permit Number NM01-0010B) for final disposition.
2. Solids in the closed-loop tank will be vacuumed out and disposed of at Envirotech (Permit Number NM01-0011) or IEI (Permit Number NM01-0010B) on a periodic basis to prevent over topping.
3. No hazardous waste, miscellaneous solids, waste, or debris will be discharged into, or stored in the tank. Only fluids or cutting used or generated by rig operations will be placed or stored in the tank.
4. The division district office will be notified within 48 hours of the discovery of compromised integrity of the closed-loop tank. Upon discovery of the compromised tank, repairs will be enacted immediately.
5. All of the above operations will inspected and a log will be signed and dated daily during rig operations.

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**Closed-Loop System Closure Plan**

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

**General Plan**

XTO will close a drying pad used for a closed-loop system within six months from the date that XTO released the drilling or workover rig. XTO will not the date of the drilling or workover rig's release on form C-105 or C-103, filed with the division, upon the well's or workover's completion.

The closed-loop tank will be closed in accordance with 19.15.17.13 NMAC. This will be done by transporting cuttings and all remaining sludges to Envirotech (Permit Number NM01-0011) or IEI (Permit Number NM01-0010B) immediately following rig operations.

All remaining liquids will be transported and disposed of at the Basin Disposal, Inc facility (Permit Number NM 01-005). As an alternative (in the event Basin Disposal refused liquids because of capacity considerations, and if proper inventory space is available for liquids transfer while meeting free board requirements), the liquids will be moved forward to a XTO temporary pit constructed in accordance with all specifications in NMAC Rule 19.15.17 for a well yet to be drilled. All specifications, limitations, and rules within the New Mexico Administrative Codes regulating this transfer of liquids will be strictly adhered to. As a third alternative, if Basin Disposal turns away the fluids because of capacity reasons, and the second transfer option is not available, XTO may elect to haul the fluids to IEI (Permit Number 01-0010B) for final disposition.

The tanks will be removed from the location as part of the rig move. At the time of well abandonment the site will be reclaimed and re-vegetated to pre-existing conditions when possible.