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1301 W. Grand Avenue, Artesia, NM 88210
District III
1000 Rio Brazos Road, Aztec, NM 87410
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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: EnerVest Operating, LLC OGRID #: 143199
Address: 1001 Fannin Street Suite 800
Facility or well name: Jicarilla Apache Tribal 151 No. 001
API Number: 30-039-08166 OCD Permit Number: _____
U/L or Qtr/Qtr N Section 10 Township 26N Range 05W County: Rio Arriba
Center of Proposed Design: Latitude 36.49830

6.

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

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

7.

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

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

8.

Signs: Subsection C of 19.15.17.11 NMAC

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

9.

Administrative Approvals and Exceptions:

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

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

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

10.

Siting Criteria (regarding permitting): 19.15.17.10 NMAC

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

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: _____ Disposal Facility Permit Number: _____

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

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

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

☐ Soil Backfill and Cover Design Specifications - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection H of 19.15.17.13 NMAC

☐ Re-vegetation Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection I of 19.15.17.13 NMAC

☐ Site Reclamation Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection G of 19.15.17.13 NMAC

17.

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

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

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

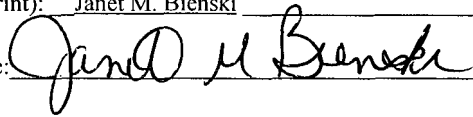
- NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search; USGS; Data obtained from nearby wells

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): Janet M. Bienski Title: Regulatory Assistant

Signature:  Date: 9/24/10

e-mail address: jbienski@enervest.net Telephone: 713-495-1571

20.

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

OCD Representative Signature:  Approval Date: 9/27/10

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.

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PS Form 3800 See Reverse for Instructions	

EnerVest Operating, LLC (EV)

**BELOW-GRADE TANK
CLOSURE REQUIREMENTS**

Rule 19.15.17.13

Before June 15, 2013, EV shall close, retrofit, or replace an existing below-grade tank that has not demonstrated integrity.

EV shall close a below-grade tank 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.

- A. EV shall close an existing below-grade tank that does not meet the requirements of Subsection I, paragraphs (1) through (4), of 19.15.17.11 NMAC if not retrofitted to comply with said requirements prior to any sale or change of operator to 19.15.9.9 NMAC.

Any below-grade tank installed prior to June 16, 2008 that is single walled and where any portion of the tank sidewall is below the ground surface and not visible shall equip or retrofit the below-grade tank to comply with paragraphs (1) through (4) of Subsection I of 19.15.17.11 NMAC, or close it, within 5 years after June 16, 2008.

Within 60 days of cessation of the permitted below-grade tanks operation or as required by Subsection B of 19.15.17.17 NMAC, EV shall close the below-grade tank in accordance with a closure plan that the appropriate division district office approves.

- J. Prior to implementing any closure operations EV shall research county tax records to determine the name and address of the surface owner of the properties involved. EV shall notify this surface owner via Certified U.S. Mail, return receipt requested, of their intent to close said below-grade tank.

Upon determination, EV will notify the appropriate district office prior to any closure operations beginning. Such notification shall be at least 72 hours, via U.S. Mail, prior to beginning work but not more than one week prior to beginning work. Such notice shall contain at a minimum the following:

Operators Name
Unit letter, Section, Township, & Range of well
Well name and well number
API Number of well

- E. All free standing liquids and sludge will be removed at the start of the below-grade tank closure process from the below-grade tank and disposed of in one of the below division-approved facility as indicated below:

TNT Land Farm	Permit # NM-01-0008	Liquids & Sludge
Environtech Land Farm	Permit # NM-01-0011	Solids
AguaMoss	Permit # 247130	Liquids

EV will obtain prior approval from the division to dispose, recycle, reuse, or reclaim the below-grade tanks and provide documentation of the final disposition of the below-grade tank in the closure report.

Existing liners that are removed as a result of closure will be wiped cleaned and disposed of at a solid waste facility listed below in compliance with Subparagraph (M) of Paragraph (I) of Subsection C 19.15.35.8 NMAC..

San Juan Regional Landfill	Permit # SWM 052426 or
“	Special Waster Permit # SWM052433 “sp”

If there is any on-site equipment associated with a below-grade tank, EV shall remove the equipment, unless the equipment is required for some other purpose .

Upon removal of the below-grade tank, EV will take, at a minimum, a five point composite sample from where the tank was sitting. EV shall collect individual grab samples will be taken from any area that is wet, discolored or showing other evidence of a release. All samples will be analyzed for the following:

Components	Test Method	Limits (mg/Kg)
Benzene	EPA SW-846 8021B or 8260B	0.2
BTEX	EPA SW-846 8021B or 8260B	50
TPH	EPA SW-846 418.1	100
Chlorides	EPA 300.1	250 or background, whichever is greater

EV will insure that the results of all sampling shall be reported to the division on approved form C-141. EV understands that the division may require additional delineation upon review of the results.

If sampling demonstrates that concentrations specified above have NOT been exceeded, or that a release has NOT occurred, EV will backfill the excavation with compacted, non-waste containing, earthen material, construct a division prescribed soil cover, and recontour and re-vegetate the site. The division prescribed soil cover, recontouring, and re-

If EV or the division determines that a release has occurred, EV shall fully comply with 19.15.29 NMAC and 19.15.30 NMAC as appropriate.

- G. Once EV has closed a below-grade tank, we shall reclaim the site to a safe and stable condition that blends with the surrounding undisturbed area. When possible, EV will restore the impacted surface area to the condition that existed prior to oil and gas operations by the placement of soil cover.

If the closed area is within the confines of the pad location EV will blend the site to match the pad location as much as possible. Such activities shall prevent erosion, protect fresh water, human health and the environment. EV will obtain written agreement from the surface owner for any alternate re-vegetation proposals and submit to the division for final approval.

- H. The soil cover design will be consistent with the requirements of 19.15.17.13(H)(1) and (3). The soil cover will consist of the background thickness of topsoil or one foot of suitable material to establish vegetation at the site, whichever is greater. The soil cover will be constructed to the site's existing grade and prevent ponding of water and erosion of the cover material.

- I. EV will seed the disturbed areas the first growing season after closing the below grade tank. 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. During the two growing seasons that prove viability, there shall be no artificial irrigation of the vegetation.

EV shall notify the division when it has seeded or planted and when it successfully achieves re-vegetation by U.S. Mail.

- K. Within 60 days of completion of closure operations, EV will file Form C-144, with attachments, outlining the detailed operations of the closing operations. Such attachments shall include, but not limited to, proof of surface owner and division notifications, confirmation of sampling analysis, disposal facility names and permit numbers, soil backfilling and cover installation, re-vegetation application rates and seeding techniques, and photo documentations.