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August 22, 2021

Mr. Brad Jones  
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**Re: Chevron Jal Landfarm (Permit NM-02-0012), Lea County, New Mexico Minor Permit Modification Request**

Mr. Jones:

On behalf of Chevron Environmental Management Company (CEMC), Arcadis U.S., Inc. (Arcadis) has prepared this Minor Permit Modification Request for the Jal Landfarm, a centralized surface waste management facility (NM-02-0012) located in Lea County, New Mexico (Site).

To date, the Site has been operating under the requirements of permit NM-02-0012 and 19.15.36 New Mexico Administrative Code (NMAC; 02/14/2007, as amended through 06/30/2016), commonly referred to as "Part 36". In accordance with provision 19.15.36.8(D) NMAC, CEMC is submitting this Minor Permit Modification Request to request the following change to the landfarm operation requirements described in permit NM-02-0012: reduce the site inspection frequency from weekly to monthly.

As specified by permit NM-02-0012 Landfarm Operation condition 11, "landfarm inspection and maintenance must be conducted on a weekly basis or immediately following a consequential rainstorm or windstorm". CEMC requests to reduce site inspections from weekly to monthly. No earth-moving activities are occurring onsite on a weekly basis; the facility has not received any soil since 2007 and biweekly tilling was discontinued in December 2020. In addition, to ensure that no one trespasses onto the Site, there is fencing around the Site perimeter and a locked gate. Therefore, monthly site inspections should be adequate to ensure that the Site remains in good condition. CEMC will continue to inspect the landfarm following consequential rainstorms and will remove freestanding water as needed, as specified in provision 19.15.36.15.C(8) NMAC.

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A completed Form C-137A: Application For Minor Modification to Surface Waste Management Facility is provided as Attachment 1.

Should you have any questions or require additional information please contact me at (505) 690 5408 or you can reach me via email at [amarti@chevron.com](mailto:amarti@chevron.com).

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Armando Martinez".

Armando Martinez

cc: Mr. Ryan Nanny, Project Manager, Arcadis  
Mr. Steve Rice, Arcadis  
Ms. Alison Schaffer, Arcadis

Enclosure:  
Attachment 1: *Form C-137A*

**Jones, Brad A., EMNRD**

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**From:** Jones, Brad A., EMNRD  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 31, 2022 12:26 PM  
**To:** amarti@chevron.com  
**Cc:** Rice, Steve  
**Subject:** NM2-012 Chevron Jal Landfarm Permit Minor Modification Request Approval  
**Attachments:** 2022 0831 NM2-012 Chevron Permit Minor Modification Request Approval signed.pdf

Mr. Martinez,

Please see the attached. It is OCD's approval of the minor modification request for Permit NM2-012. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Brad A. Jones

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**RE: Permit Minor Modification Request Approval  
Chevron USA Inc. (OGRID 4323)  
Jal Landfarm, Permit NM2-012  
Location: W/2 of Section 17, Township 24 South, Range 36 East, NMPM  
Lea County, New Mexico**

Dear Mr. Martinez:

The Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has completed its review of Chevron Environmental Management Company's (CEMC) minor modification request, dated August 22, 2022, to the commercial surface waste management facility permit, NM2-012. CEMC has requested the following permit minor modification:

- CEMC requests to modify Condition 11, under the heading Landfarm Operations, to reduce site inspections from weekly to monthly. Condition 11 requires the following: Landfarm inspection and maintenance must be conducted on a weekly basis or immediately following a consequential rainstorm or windstorm.

OCD hereby grants CEMC approval of the minor modification request to permit NM2-012 with the following conditions:

1. CEMC shall comply with all applicable requirements of the Oil and Gas Act (Chapter 70, Article 2 NMSA 1978), the existing permit NM1-012 as modified, the transitional provisions of 19.15.36.20 NMAC, and all conditions specified in this approval;
2. CEMC shall inspect the landfarm and berms monthly and after a major rainfall or windstorm, and maintain the berms in such a manner as to prevent erosion; and
3. CEMC shall obtain written approval from OCD prior to implementing any changes to this approval.

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Please be advised that approval of this request does not relieve CEMC of liability should operations result in pollution of surface water, ground water or the environment. Nor does approval relieve CEMC of its responsibility to comply with any other applicable governmental authority's rules and regulations.

If there are any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to email me at [brad.a.jones@state.nm.us](mailto:brad.a.jones@state.nm.us).

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Brad A. Jones', with a stylized flourish extending from the end.

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CONDITIONS

Action 139195

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Operator: CHEVRON U S A INC 6301 Deauville Blvd Midland, TX 79706	OGRID: 4323
	Action Number: 139195
	Action Type: [C-137] SWMF Minor Modification (C-137A)

**CONDITIONS**

Created By	Condition	Condition Date
bjones	OCD emailed the minor modification approval for Permit NM2-12 to Armando Martinez (Chevron) and Steve Rice (Arcadis) on August 31, 2022. OCD's approval is attached to the end of the request as OCD's Response. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.	8/31/2022