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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
Revised April 3, 2017

For temporary pits, below-grade tanks, and multi-well fluid management pits, submit to the appropriate NMOCD District Office.
For permanent pits submit to the Santa Fe Environmental Bureau office and provide a copy to the appropriate NMOCD District Office.

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Pit, Below-Grade Tank, or
Proposed Alternative Method Permit or Closure Plan Application

Type of action: ☐ Below grade tank registration
☐ Permit of a pit or proposed alternative method
☒ Closure of a pit, below-grade tank, or proposed alternative method
☐ Modification to an existing permit/or registration
☐ Closure plan only submitted for an existing permitted or non-permitted pit, below-grade tank, or proposed alternative method

Instructions: Please submit one application (Form C-144) per individual pit, 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: Hilcorp Energy Company OGRID #: 372171
Address: 382 Road 3100 Aztec, NM 87410
Facility or well name: Ballard 7
API Number: 30-045-05863 OCD Permit Number: _____
U/L or Qtr/Qtr E Section 15 Township 26N Range 09W County: San Juan
Center of Proposed Design: Latitude 36.491040 Longitude 107.782551 NAD83
Surface Owner: ☒ Federal ☐ State ☐ Private ☐ Tribal Trust or Indian Allotment

2.
☐ **Pit:** Subsection F, G or J of 19.15.17.11 NMAC
Temporary: ☐ Drilling ☐ Workover
☐ Permanent ☐ Emergency ☐ Cavitation ☐ P&A ☐ Multi-Well Fluid Management Low Chloride Drilling Fluid ☐ yes ☐ no
☐ Lined ☐ Unlined Liner type: Thickness _____ mil ☐ LLDPE ☐ HDPE ☐ PVC ☐ Other _____
☐ String-Reinforced
Liner Seams: ☐ Welded ☐ Factory ☐ Other _____ Volume: _____ bbl Dimensions: L _____ x W _____ x D _____

3.
☒ **Below-grade tank:** Subsection I of 19.15.17.11 NMAC
Volume: 120 bbl Type of fluid: Produced Water
Tank Construction material: Metal
☐ 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 Unspecified

4.
☐ **Alternative Method:**
Submittal of an exception request is required. Exceptions must be submitted to the Santa Fe Environmental Bureau office for consideration of approval.

5.
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 _____

6.

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)

7.

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 19.15.16.8 NMAC

8.

Variations 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:

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

9.

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. Siting criteria does not apply to drying pads or above-grade tanks.*****General siting****Ground water is less than 25 feet below the bottom of a low chloride temporary pit or below-grade tank.**

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

☐ Yes ☐ No
☒ NA

Ground water is less than 50 feet below the bottom of a Temporary pit, permanent pit, or Multi-Well Fluid Management pit .

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

☐ Yes ☐ No
☒ NA

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. **(Does not apply to below grade tanks)**

- Written confirmation or verification from the municipality; Written approval obtained from the municipality

☐ Yes ☐ No

Within the area overlying a subsurface mine. **(Does not apply to below grade tanks)**

- Written confirmation or verification or map from the NM EMNRD-Mining and Mineral Division

☐ Yes ☐ No

Within an unstable area. **(Does not apply to below grade tanks)**

- 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. **(Does not apply to below grade tanks)**

- FEMA map

☐ Yes ☐ No

Below Grade Tanks

Within 100 feet of a continuously flowing watercourse, significant watercourse, lake bed, sinkhole, wetland or playa lake (measured from the ordinary high-water mark).

- Topographic map; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site

☐ Yes ☒ No

Within 200 horizontal feet of a spring or a fresh water well used for public or livestock consumption;.

- NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site

☐ Yes ☒ No

Temporary Pit using Low Chloride Drilling Fluid (maximum chloride content 15,000 mg/liter)

Within 100 feet of a continuously flowing watercourse, or any other significant watercourse or within 200 feet of any lakebed, sinkhole, or playa lake (measured from the ordinary high-water mark). (Applies to low chloride temporary pits.)

- Topographic map; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site

☐ Yes ☐ No

Within 300 feet from a occupied 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 200 horizontal feet of a spring or a private, domestic fresh water well used by less than five households for domestic or stock watering purposes, or 300feet of any other fresh water well or spring, in existence at the time of the initial application.

NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site

☐ Yes ☐ No

Within 100 feet of a wetland.

- US Fish and Wildlife Wetland Identification map; Topographic map; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site

☐ Yes ☐ No

Temporary Pit Non-low chloride drilling fluid

Within 300 feet of a continuously flowing watercourse, or any other significant watercourse, or within 200 feet of any 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 spring or a private, domestic fresh water well used by less than five households for domestic or stock watering purposes, or 1000 feet of any other fresh water well or spring, in the existence at the time of the initial application;

- NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site

☐ Yes ☐ No

Within 300 feet of a wetland.

- US Fish and Wildlife Wetland Identification map; Topographic map; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site

☐ Yes ☐ No

Permanent Pit or Multi-Well Fluid Management Pit

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 1000 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 spring or a fresh water well used for domestic or stock watering purposes, in existence at the time of initial application.

- NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site

☐ Yes ☐ 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

10.

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: _____

11.

Multi-Well Fluid Management Pit 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.

- ☐ 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
- ☐ A List of wells with approved application for permit to drill associated with the pit.
- ☐ 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
- ☐ Hydrogeologic Data - based upon the requirements of Paragraph (4) of Subsection B of 19.15.17.9 NMAC
- ☐ Siting Criteria Compliance Demonstrations - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.10 NMAC

☐ Previously Approved Design (attach copy of design) API Number: _____ or Permit Number: _____

12.

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 H₂S, 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

13.

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 ☐ Multi-well Fluid Management Pit
☐ 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

14.

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 C 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 H of 19.15.17.13 NMAC
☒ Site Reclamation Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection H of 19.15.17.13 NMAC

15.

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 require justifications and/or demonstrations of equivalency. Please refer to 19.15.17.10 NMAC for guidance.

Ground water is less than 25 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 25-50 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 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 100 feet of a continuously flowing watercourse, or 200 feet of any other significant watercourse, 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 300 horizontal feet of a private, domestic fresh water well or spring used for domestic or stock watering purposes, 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
Written confirmation or verification from the municipality; Written approval obtained from the municipality	☐ Yes ☐ No
Within 300 feet of a wetland. US Fish and Wildlife Wetland Identification map; Topographic map; 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 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

16.

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 E of 19.15.17.13 NMAC
- ☐ Construction/Design Plan of Burial Trench (if applicable) based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection K 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 19.15.17.13 NMAC
- ☐ Waste Material Sampling Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements 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 H of 19.15.17.13 NMAC
- ☐ Site Reclamation Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection H of 19.15.17.13 NMAC

17.

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.

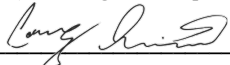
Name (Print): _____ Title: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

e-mail address: _____ Telephone: _____

18.

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

OCD Representative Signature:  Approval Date: 1/22/2021

Title: Environmental Specialist OCD Permit Number: 99

19.

Closure Report (required within 60 days of closure completion): 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: 07/16/2020

20.

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.

21.

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 for private land only)
- ☐ 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

22.

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): Cherylene Weston Title: Operations/Regulatory Technician-Sr.

Signature: Cherylene Weston Date: 08/05/2020

e-mail address: cweston@hilcorp.com Telephone: 505-564-0779

**Hilcorp Energy Company
San Juan Basin
Below Grade Tank Closure Report**

Lease Name: Ballard #7

API No.: 30-045-05863

In accordance with Rule 19.15.17.13 NMAC the following information describes the closure of the below-grade tank referenced above. All proper documentation regarding closure activities is being included with the C-144.

General Plan:

1. HILCORP shall close a below-grade tank within 60 days of cessation of operations per Subsection G.4 of 19.15.17.13 NMAC. This will include a) below-grade tanks that do 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, if not retrofitted to comply with Paragraphs (1) through (4) of Subsection I of 19.15.17.11 NMAC; b) an earlier date that the division requires because of imminent danger to fresh water, public health or the environment. For any closure, HILCORP will file the C144 Closure Report as required.

The below-grade tank referenced above was permitted and closed within 60 days of cessation of the below-grade tanks operation.

2. HILCORP shall remove liquids and sludge from a below-grade tank prior to implementing a closure method and shall dispose of the liquids and sludge in a division-approved facility. The facilities to be used will be Basin Disposal (Permit #NM-01-005), JFJ Landfarm % Industrial Ecosystem Inc. (Permit # NM-01-0010B) and Envirotech Land Farm (Permit #NM-01-011). The liner after being cleaned well (Subsection D, Paragraph 1, Subparagraph (m) of 19.15.9.712 NMAC) will be disposed of at the San Juan County Regional Landfill located on CR 3100.

All recovered liquids were disposed of at Basin Disposal (Permit #NM-01-005) and any sludge or soil required to be removed to facilitate closure was hauled to Envirotech Land Farm (Permit #NM-01-011) and JFJ Landfarm % IEI (Permit #NM-01-0010B). The liner was cleaned per Subsection D, Paragraph 1, Subparagraph (m) of 19.15.9.712 NMAC was disposed of at the San Juan County Regional Landfill located on CR 3100.

3. HILCORP will receive prior approval to remove the below-grade tank and dispose of it in a division-approved facility or recycle, reuse, or reclaim it in a manner that the appropriate division district office approves.

The below-grade tank was disposed of in a division-approved manner.

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

All on-site equipment associated with the below-grade tank was removed.

5. HILCORP will test the soils beneath the below-grade tank to determine whether a release has occurred. HILCORP shall collect, at a minimum, a five point, composite sample; collect individual grab samples from any area that is wet, discolored or showing other evidence of a release; and analyzed for the constituents listed in Table I of 19.15.17.13 NMAC. Hilcorp shall notify the division of its results on form C-141.

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A five point composite sample was taken of the below-grade tank using sampling tools and all samples tested per Subsection B of 19.15.17.1 3(B)(1)(b). (Sample results attached). Form C-141 is attached.

Components	Tests 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	100
Chlorides	EPA 300.0	250

6. If HILCORP or the division determines that a release has occurred, then HILCORP shall comply with 19.15.3.116 NMAC and 19.15.1.19 NMAC, as appropriate.

A release was not determined for the above referenced well.

7. If the sampling program demonstrates that a release has not occurred or that any release does not exceed the concentrations specified in Table I of 19.15.17.13 NMAC, then HILCORP shall backfill the excavation with compacted, non-waste containing, earthen material; construct a division-prescribed soil cover; recontour and re-vegetate the site.

The below-grade tank area passed all requirements of Paragraph (4) of Subsection E of 19.15.17.13 NMAC and was backfilled with compacted, non-waste containing, earthen material.

8. Notice of Closure will be given prior to closure to the Aztec Division office between 72 hours and one week via email or verbally. The notification of closure will include the following:
- i. Operator's name
 - ii. Location by Unit Letter, Section, Township, and Range. Well name and API number.

Notification is attached.

9. The surface owner shall be notified of HILCORP's closing of the below-grade tank 72 hours, but not more than one week, prior to closure as per the approved closure plan via certified mail, return receipt requested.

The closure process notification to the landowner was sent via email. (See Attached) (Well located on Federal Land, certified mail is not required for Federal Land per BLM/OCD MOU.)

10. Re-contouring of location will match fit, shape, line, form and texture of the surrounding. 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 place 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.

The below-grade tank area was re-contoured to match fit, shape, line, form and texture of the surrounding area. Re-shaping including drainage control, to prevent ponding and erosion. Natural drainages were unimpeded and water bars and/or silt traps were placed in areas where needed to prevent erosion on a large scale. Final recontour has a uniform appearance with smooth surface, fitting the natural landscape.

11. HILCORP shall seed the disturbed areas the first favorable growing season following closure of a below-grade tank. Seeding will be accomplished via drilling on the contour whenever practical or by other division-approved methods. BLM stipulated seed mixes will be used on federally regulated lands and division-approved seed mixtures (administratively approved if required) will be utilized on all State or private lands. A uniform vegetative cover has been established that reflects a life-form ratio of plus or minus fifty percent (50%) of pre-disturbance levels and a total percent plant cover of at least seventy percent (70%) of pre-disturbance levels, excluding noxious weeds. If alternate seed mix is required by the state, private owner or tribe, it will be implemented with administrative approval if needed. Hilcorp will repeat seeding or planting will be continued until successful vegetative growth occurs.

7/28/2020

Provision 13 was accomplished through complying with BLM seeding requirements as allowed by the BLM/OCD MOU.

12. A minimum of four feet of cover shall be achieved and the cover shall include one foot of suitable material, with chloride concentrations less than 600 mg/kg as analyzed by EPA Method 300.0, to establish vegetation at the site, or the background thickness of topsoil, whichever is greater.

The below-grade tank area was backfilled and more than four feet of cover was achieved and the cover included one foot of suitable material to establish vegetation at the site.

13. 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 below-grade tank. Closure report will be filed on C-144 and incorporate the following:
 - Soil Backfilling and Cover Installation **(See Report)**
 - Re-vegetation application rates and seeding techniques **(See Report)**
 - Photo documentation of the site reclamation **(Included as an attachment)**
 - Confirmation Sampling Results **(Included as an attachment)**
 - Proof of closure notice **(Included as an attachment)**

7/28/2020

Cheryl Weston

From: Cheryl Weston
Sent: Wednesday, July 1, 2020 10:13 AM
To: 'Smith, Cory, EMNRD'; Adeloje, Abiodun A
Cc: Kandis Roland; Curtis House; Clara Cardoza; Cary Green
Subject: 72 Hour notification - Ballard 7 (API 30-045-05863)

Subject: 72 Hour BGT Closure Notification

Anticipated Start Date: Monday, July 6, 2020 at approximately 1:00 p.m.

The subject well has one below-grade tank that will begin the closure process between 72 hours and one week from this notification. Please contact me at any time if you have any questions or concerns.

Well Name: Ballard 7

API#: 30-045-05863

Location: Unit E (SWNW), Section 15, T26N, R09W

Footages: 1650' FNL & 790' FWL

Operator: Hilcorp Energy **Surface Owner: Federal (Lease NMNM03154)**

Reason: Fiberglass tank was permitted as 120 bbl metal by previous operator; OCD requested closure.

Thanks,

Cheryl Weston
San Juan South Regulatory
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Form C-141
Revised August 24, 2018
Submit to appropriate OCD District office

Incident ID	
District RP	
Facility ID	
Application ID	

Release Notification

Responsible Party

Responsible Party	Hilcorp Energy Company	OGRID	372171
Contact Name	Cherylene Weston	Contact Telephone	(505) 564-0779
Contact email	cweston@hilcorp.com	Incident #	(assigned by OCD)
Contact mailing address	382 Road 3100 Aztec NM 87410		

Location of Release Source

Latitude 36.491040 Longitude -107.782551
(NAD 83 in decimal degrees to 5 decimal places)

Site Name	Ballard 7	Site Type	Gas Well
Date Release Discovered	N/A	API# (if applicable)	30-045-05863

Unit Letter	Section	Township	Range	County
E	15	26N	9W	SAN JUAN

Surface Owner: ☐ State ☒ Federal ☐ Tribal ☐ Private (Name: _____)

Nature and Volume of Release

Material(s) Released (Select all that apply and attach calculations or specific justification for the volumes provided below)

☐ Crude Oil	Volume Released (bbls)	Volume Recovered (bbls)
☐ Produced Water	Volume Released (bbls)	Volume Recovered (bbls)
	Is the concentration of dissolved chloride in the produced water >10,000 mg/l?	☐ Yes ☐ No
☐ Condensate	Volume Released (bbls)	Volume Recovered (bbls)
☐ Natural Gas	Volume Released (Mcf)	Volume Recovered (Mcf)
☐ Other (describe)	Volume/Weight Released (provide units)	Volume/Weight Recovered (provide units)

Cause of Release

No release was encountered during the BGT Closure.

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Was this a major release as defined by 19.15.29.7(A) NMAC? ☐ Yes ☒ No	If YES, for what reason(s) does the responsible party consider this a major release? N/A
If YES, was immediate notice given to the OCD? By whom? To whom? When and by what means (phone, email, etc)? Not Required	

Initial Response

The responsible party must undertake the following actions immediately unless they could create a safety hazard that would result in injury

☐ The source of the release has been stopped.	
☐ The impacted area has been secured to protect human health and the environment.	
☐ Released materials have been contained via the use of berms or dikes, absorbent pads, or other containment devices.	
☐ All free liquids and recoverable materials have been removed and managed appropriately.	
If all the actions described above have <u>not</u> been undertaken, explain why: 	
Per 19.15.29.8 B. (4) NMAC the responsible party may commence remediation immediately after discovery of a release. If remediation has begun, please attach a narrative of actions to date. If remedial efforts have been successfully completed or if the release occurred within a lined containment area (see 19.15.29.11(A)(5)(a) NMAC), please attach all information needed for closure evaluation.	
I hereby certify that the information given above is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and understand that pursuant to OCD rules and regulations all operators are required to report and/or file certain release notifications and perform corrective actions for releases which may endanger public health or the environment. The acceptance of a C-141 report by the OCD does not relieve the operator of liability should their operations have failed to adequately investigate and remediate contamination that pose a threat to groundwater, surface water, human health or the environment. In addition, OCD acceptance of a C-141 report does not relieve the operator of responsibility for compliance with any other federal, state, or local laws and/or regulations.	
Printed Name: _____	Title: _____
Signature: <u>Cherylene Weston</u>	Date: <u>07/28/2020</u>
email: <u>cweston@hilcorp.com</u>	Telephone: <u>(505) 564-0779</u>
<u>OCD Only</u>	
Received by: _____	Date: _____



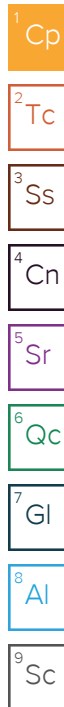
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July 14, 2020

Ballard 7 - API# 3004505863

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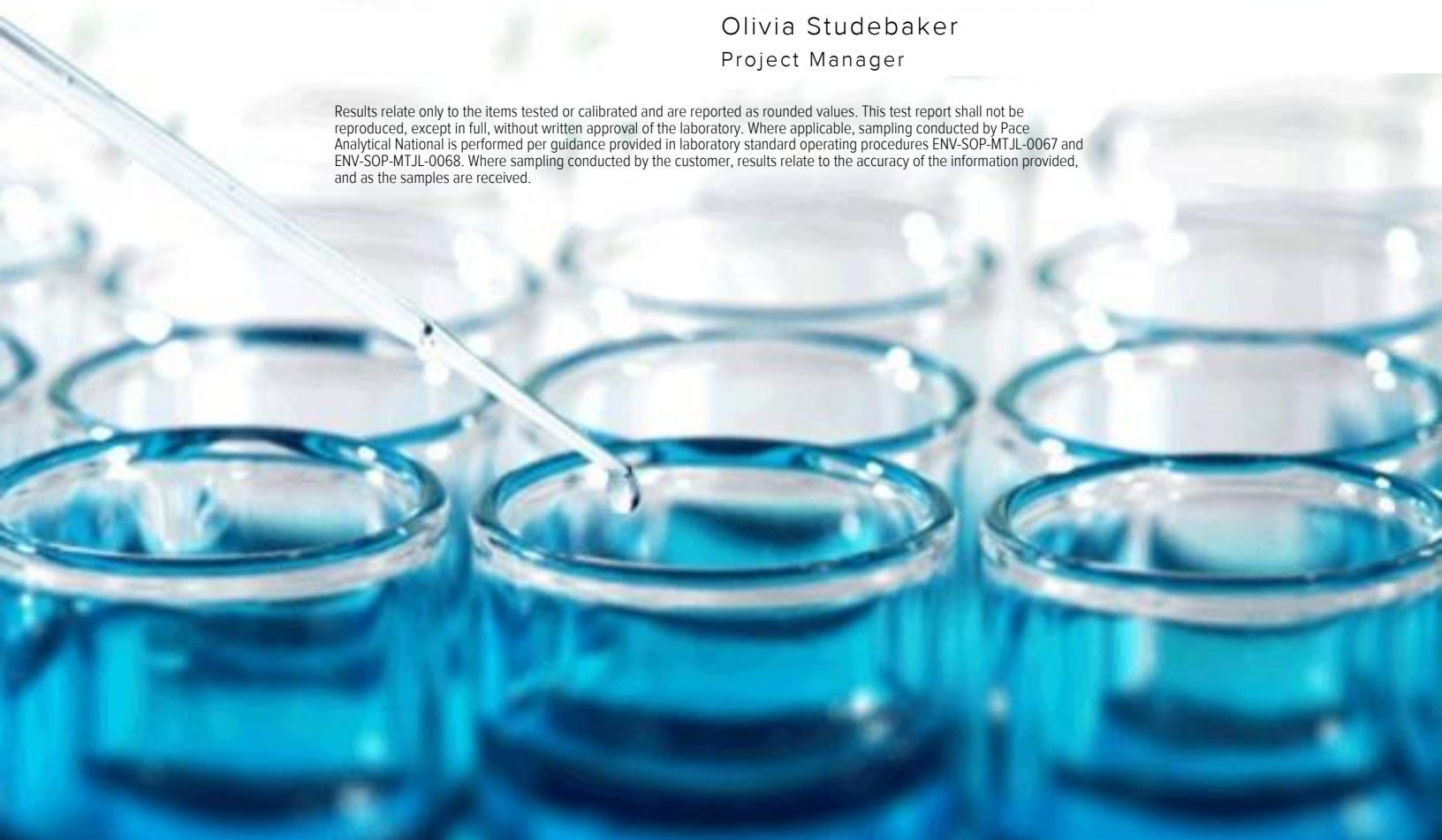
Sample Delivery Group: L1237012
Samples Received: 07/07/2020
Project Number:
Description: BGT Samples
Site: MULTIPLE
Report To: Clara Cardoza
382 Road 3100
Aztec, NM 87410



Entire Report Reviewed By:

Olivia Studebaker
Project Manager

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BALLARD 7 L1237012-01 Solid

Collected by C. Cardoza
Collected date/time 07/06/20 10:43
Received date/time 07/07/20 08:45

Method	Batch	Dilution	Preparation date/time	Analysis date/time	Analyst	Location
Wet Chemistry by Method 300.0	WG1505529	1	07/09/20 16:09	07/10/20 04:48	MSP	Mt. Juliet, TN
Volatile Organic Compounds (GC) by Method 8015/8021	WG1507239	1	07/08/20 10:27	07/10/20 23:31	ADM	Mt. Juliet, TN
Semi-Volatile Organic Compounds (GC) by Method 8015	WG1506774	1	07/09/20 17:10	07/10/20 13:55	FM	Mt. Juliet, TN

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All sample aliquots were received at the correct temperature, in the proper containers, with the appropriate preservatives, and within method specified holding times, unless qualified or notated within the report. Where applicable, all MDL (LOD) and RDL (LOQ) values reported for environmental samples have been corrected for the dilution factor used in the analysis. All Method and Batch Quality Control are within established criteria except where addressed in this case narrative, a non-conformance form or properly qualified within the sample results. By my digital signature below, I affirm to the best of my knowledge, all problems/anomalies observed by the laboratory as having the potential to affect the quality of the data have been identified by the laboratory, and no information or data have been knowingly withheld that would affect the quality of the data.



Olivia Studebaker
Project Manager

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Collected date/time: 07/06/20 10:43

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Wet Chemistry by Method 300.0

Analyte	Result mg/kg	Qualifier	RDL mg/kg	Dilution	Analysis date / time	Batch
Chloride	ND		20.0	1	07/10/2020 04:48	WG1505529

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Volatile Organic Compounds (GC) by Method 8015/8021

Analyte	Result mg/kg	Qualifier	RDL mg/kg	Dilution	Analysis date / time	Batch
Benzene	ND		0.000500	1	07/10/2020 23:31	WG1507239
Toluene	ND		0.00500	1	07/10/2020 23:31	WG1507239
Ethylbenzene	ND		0.000500	1	07/10/2020 23:31	WG1507239
Total Xylene	ND		0.00150	1	07/10/2020 23:31	WG1507239
TPH (GC/FID) Low Fraction	ND		0.100	1	07/10/2020 23:31	WG1507239
(S) a,a,a-Trifluorotoluene(FID)	101		77.0-120		07/10/2020 23:31	WG1507239
(S) a,a,a-Trifluorotoluene(PID)	97.9		72.0-128		07/10/2020 23:31	WG1507239

3 Ss

4 Cn

5 Sr

6 Qc

Semi-Volatile Organic Compounds (GC) by Method 8015

Analyte	Result mg/kg	Qualifier	RDL mg/kg	Dilution	Analysis date / time	Batch
C10-C28 Diesel Range	ND		4.00	1	07/10/2020 13:55	WG1506774
C28-C40 Oil Range	ND		4.00	1	07/10/2020 13:55	WG1506774
(S) o-Terphenyl	50.0		18.0-148		07/10/2020 13:55	WG1506774

7 Gl

8 Al

9 Sc

Wet Chemistry by Method 300.0

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Method Blank (MB)

(MB) R3548287-1 07/09/20 17:21

	MB Result	MB Qualifier	MB MDL	MB RDL
Analyte	mg/kg		mg/kg	mg/kg
Chloride	U		9.20	20.0

L1236490-01 Original Sample (OS) • Duplicate (DUP)

(OS) L1236490-01 07/09/20 19:38 • (DUP) R3548287-3 07/09/20 20:01

	Original Result	DUP Result	Dilution	DUP RPD	DUP Qualifier	DUP RPD Limits
Analyte	mg/kg	mg/kg		%		%
Chloride	ND	ND	1	0.000		20

Laboratory Control Sample (LCS)

(LCS) R3548287-2 07/09/20 17:43

	Spike Amount	LCS Result	LCS Rec.	Rec. Limits	LCS Qualifier
Analyte	mg/kg	mg/kg	%	%	
Chloride	200	196	98.1	90.0-110	

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Volatile Organic Compounds (GC) by Method 8015/8021

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Method Blank (MB)

(MB) R3548500-3 07/10/20 16:22

Analyte	MB Result mg/kg	MB Qualifier	MB MDL mg/kg	MB RDL mg/kg
Benzene	U		0.000120	0.000500
Toluene	U		0.000150	0.00500
Ethylbenzene	U		0.000110	0.000500
Total Xylene	U		0.000460	0.00150
TPH (GC/FID) Low Fraction	U		0.0217	0.100
(S) a,a,a-Trifluorotoluene(FID)	106			77.0-120
(S) a,a,a-Trifluorotoluene(PID)	104			72.0-128

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Laboratory Control Sample (LCS)

(LCS) R3548500-1 07/10/20 15:20

Analyte	Spike Amount mg/kg	LCS Result mg/kg	LCS Rec. %	Rec. Limits %	LCS Qualifier
Benzene	0.0500	0.0505	101	76.0-121	
Toluene	0.0500	0.0542	108	80.0-120	
Ethylbenzene	0.0500	0.0553	111	80.0-124	
Total Xylene	0.150	0.164	109	37.0-160	
(S) a,a,a-Trifluorotoluene(FID)			107	77.0-120	
(S) a,a,a-Trifluorotoluene(PID)			102	72.0-128	

Laboratory Control Sample (LCS) • Laboratory Control Sample Duplicate (LCSD)

(LCS) R3548500-2 07/10/20 15:41 • (LCSD) R3548500-4 07/10/20 17:11

Analyte	Spike Amount mg/kg	LCS Result mg/kg	LCSD Result mg/kg	LCS Rec. %	LCSD Rec. %	Rec. Limits %	LCS Qualifier	LCSD Qualifier	RPD %	RPD Limits %
TPH (GC/FID) Low Fraction	5.50	6.09	5.26	111	95.6	72.0-127			14.6	20
(S) a,a,a-Trifluorotoluene(FID)				101	98.0	77.0-120				
(S) a,a,a-Trifluorotoluene(PID)				110	107	72.0-128				

Semi-Volatile Organic Compounds (GC) by Method 8015 L1237012-01

Method Blank (MB)

(MB) R3548356-1 07/10/20 11:38

Analyte	MB Result mg/kg	MB Qualifier	MB MDL mg/kg	MB RDL mg/kg
C10-C28 Diesel Range	U		1.61	4.00
C28-C40 Oil Range	U		0.274	4.00
(S) o-Terphenyl	61.6			18.0-148

Laboratory Control Sample (LCS)

(LCS) R3548356-2 07/10/20 11:52

Analyte	Spike Amount mg/kg	LCS Result mg/kg	LCS Rec. %	Rec. Limits %	LCS Qualifier
C10-C28 Diesel Range	50.0	39.0	78.0	50.0-150	
(S) o-Terphenyl			76.9	18.0-148	

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Guide to Reading and Understanding Your Laboratory Report

The information below is designed to better explain the various terms used in your report of analytical results from the Laboratory. This is not intended as a comprehensive explanation, and if you have additional questions please contact your project representative.

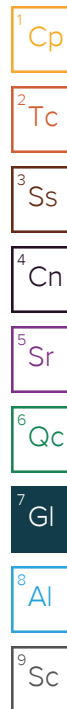
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Abbreviations and Definitions

MDL	Method Detection Limit.
ND	Not detected at the Reporting Limit (or MDL where applicable).
RDL	Reported Detection Limit.
Rec.	Recovery.
RPD	Relative Percent Difference.
SDG	Sample Delivery Group.
(S)	Surrogate (Surrogate Standard) - Analytes added to every blank, sample, Laboratory Control Sample/Duplicate and Matrix Spike/Duplicate; used to evaluate analytical efficiency by measuring recovery. Surrogates are not expected to be detected in all environmental media.
U	Not detected at the Reporting Limit (or MDL where applicable).
Analyte	The name of the particular compound or analysis performed. Some Analyses and Methods will have multiple analytes reported.
Dilution	If the sample matrix contains an interfering material, the sample preparation volume or weight values differ from the standard, or if concentrations of analytes in the sample are higher than the highest limit of concentration that the laboratory can accurately report, the sample may be diluted for analysis. If a value different than 1 is used in this field, the result reported has already been corrected for this factor.
Limits	These are the target % recovery ranges or % difference value that the laboratory has historically determined as normal for the method and analyte being reported. Successful QC Sample analysis will target all analytes recovered or duplicated within these ranges.
Original Sample	The non-spiked sample in the prep batch used to determine the Relative Percent Difference (RPD) from a quality control sample. The Original Sample may not be included within the reported SDG.
Qualifier	This column provides a letter and/or number designation that corresponds to additional information concerning the result reported. If a Qualifier is present, a definition per Qualifier is provided within the Glossary and Definitions page and potentially a discussion of possible implications of the Qualifier in the Case Narrative if applicable.
Result	The actual analytical final result (corrected for any sample specific characteristics) reported for your sample. If there was no measurable result returned for a specific analyte, the result in this column may state "ND" (Not Detected) or "BDL" (Below Detectable Levels). The information in the results column should always be accompanied by either an MDL (Method Detection Limit) or RDL (Reporting Detection Limit) that defines the lowest value that the laboratory could detect or report for this analyte.
Uncertainty (Radiochemistry)	Confidence level of 2 sigma.
Case Narrative (Cn)	A brief discussion about the included sample results, including a discussion of any non-conformances to protocol observed either at sample receipt by the laboratory from the field or during the analytical process. If present, there will be a section in the Case Narrative to discuss the meaning of any data qualifiers used in the report.
Quality Control Summary (Qc)	This section of the report includes the results of the laboratory quality control analyses required by procedure or analytical methods to assist in evaluating the validity of the results reported for your samples. These analyses are not being performed on your samples typically, but on laboratory generated material.
Sample Chain of Custody (Sc)	This is the document created in the field when your samples were initially collected. This is used to verify the time and date of collection, the person collecting the samples, and the analyses that the laboratory is requested to perform. This chain of custody also documents all persons (excluding commercial shippers) that have had control or possession of the samples from the time of collection until delivery to the laboratory for analysis.
Sample Results (Sr)	This section of your report will provide the results of all testing performed on your samples. These results are provided by sample ID and are separated by the analyses performed on each sample. The header line of each analysis section for each sample will provide the name and method number for the analysis reported.
Sample Summary (Ss)	This section of the Analytical Report defines the specific analyses performed for each sample ID, including the dates and times of preparation and/or analysis.

Qualifier Description

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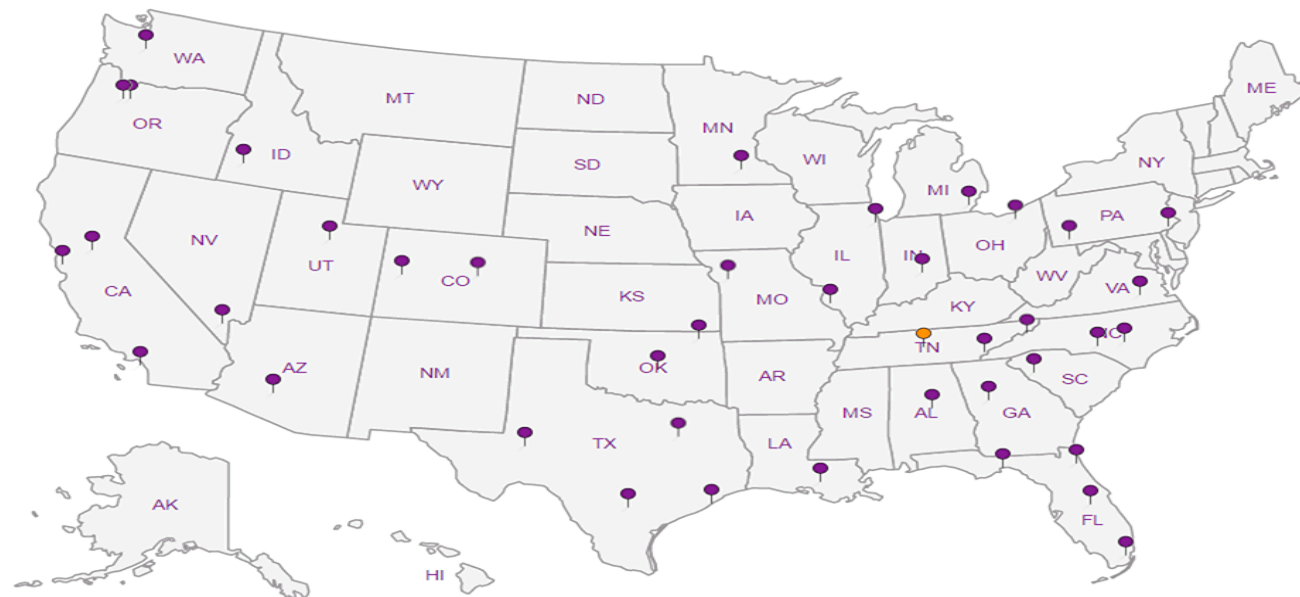
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