

## Jones, Brad A., EMNRD

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**From:** Lindsey, Don (LLIN) [LLIN@chevron.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 29, 2011 11:06 AM  
**To:** Jones, Brad A., EMNRD  
**Cc:** Powell, Brandon, EMNRD; Clenney, Laura E; Toni McKnight; Murray, Michael  
**Subject:** Chevron BGT Removals in 2011 Per Brad Jones' Request

Brad,

Per our telephone discussions and agreement last Thursday, find below a list of the Below Ground Tank removal projects for this year, for the Chevron San Juan office.

Note the last 4 highlighted in yellow are the last 4 planned for the year and are yet, although about to be done. You and I discussed and I updated you on those four in my Thursday e-mail below, and you indicated you were intending on trying to provide closure approvals on those, perhaps as early as today.

Also as we discussed, for all but those last four, we will need to pursue obtaining your closure approvals in a separate effort.

I look forward to getting that process direction from you, and working with you and perhaps Brandon Powell in Aztec as needed.

Another longer term item we discussed, was the planned removal/replacement of approximately 20 BGTs in calendar year 2012. We will advise you many weeks in advance of starting those projects next spring, so that Closure Approvals can be issued by you well in advance of that work. Again, the 2012 BGT projects will round out our BGT replacement project and none are planned for 2013. With that schedule, we plan to be finished well in advance of the June, 2013 deadline. Should you have any further questions, please send to a note to me as well as Laura Clenny, as Laura is the BGT Project Manager and most knowledgeable of any technical information.

Thank you again,

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### 2011 Chevron BGTs Projects:

<u>Site</u>	<u>API</u>	<u>Location S/T/R (all San Juan Co.)</u>	<u>New Replacement Tank</u>
Jicarilla C-34	30-039-22840	Section 22 T25N R5W	No Replacement Tank, we Abdn the Loc
Wayne Moore Com 2S	30-045-31993	Section 16 T31N R9W	No Replacement Tank
Redfern 2	30-045-29023	Section 33 T30N R12W	No Replacement Tank
State 3	30-045-22781	Section 2 T31N R7W	Single Wall Above Ground
Horton Federal CB-27 #1	30-045-28892	Section 27 T32N R12W	Double Wall Below Ground
Redfern 1	30 045-29035	Section 14 T29N R13W	Double Wall Below Ground
State 16-1E	30-045-24298	Section 16 T26N R8W	Single Wall Above Ground
Rincon 193M	30-039-25529	Section 35 T27N R7W	Single Wall Above Ground
Rincon 303	30-039-25403	Section 33 T27N R7W	Single Wall Above Ground
Rincon 186M	30-039-25406	Section 33 T27N R7W	Single Wall Above Ground
Rincon 73	30-039-06824	Section 33 T27N R7W	Double Wall Below Ground

Rincon 303M	30-039-26744	Section 36 T27N R7W	Double Wall Below Ground
Rincon 306	30-039-25404	Section 34 T27N R7W	Single Wall Above Ground
Rincon 72	30-039-06780	Section 33 T27N R7W	Double Wall Below Ground
Rincon 169M	30-039-26209	Section 26 T27N R7W	Double Wall Below Ground
Rincon 302	30-039-25396	Section 11 T26N R7W	Single Wall Above Ground
Rincon 187E	30-039-25361	Section 35 T27N R7W	Single Wall Above Ground
Rincon 183E	30-039-25433	Section 31 T27N R6W	Single Wall Above Ground
Shelby Federal 1E	30-039-25343	Section 24 T27N R7W	Double Wall Below Ground
Rincon 128M	30-039-25224	Section 28 T7N R6W	Single Wall Above Ground
Rincon 146	30-039-20157	Section 23 T27N R6W	Double Wall Below Ground

**From:** Lindsey, Don (LLIN)  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 25, 2011 1:32 PM  
**To:** Jones, Brad A., EMNRD  
**Cc:** Clenney, Laura E  
**Subject:** Chevron BGT Planned Removals in Near Term

Brad,  
Thanks again for your time on the phone today.  
Below is a list of the 4 Below Ground Tanks (BGTs) we will remove in the next few days.  
I will e-mail to you in separate subsequent e-mails in a few minutes, each C-144 (the entire scanned 20+ page package) for each. The Well specifics (location, APIs) are on those. I must e-mail those separately as the files are too large to send together in one e-mail.

A replacement BGT will be going on site on all of these. See notes below on each.

Also, more clarification on the replacement tank design since you and I talked:  
The new replacement tank will either be a double wall/double floor buried tank or single wall above-ground tank, depending on the location and operational specifics.

Shelby Fed 1-E ; Only one BGT on location. Replacement will be Double wall/Double floor buried, and place in same spot on site.

Rincon 183 E ; BGT No 2, the only single wall BGT on location. Replacement will be Single wall above-ground, Not buried. Place in a different spot.

Rincon 128 M ; BGT No 2, the only single wall BGT on location. Replacement will be Single wall above-ground, Not buried. Placed in a different spot.

Rincon 146 ; Only one BGT on location. Replacement will be Double wall/Double floor buried, and placed in the same spot on site.

Thank you,

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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.

**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: Four Star Oil & Gas Company OGRID #: 131944  
Address: P.O. Box 36366 Houston, TX 77236  
Facility or well name: Redfern #2  
API Number: 30-045-29023 OCD Permit Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
U/L or Qtr/Qtr Qtr/Qtr H Section 33 Township 30N Range 12W County: San Juan  
Center of Proposed Design: Latitude 36.770065° Longitude 108.097364° 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 \_\_\_\_\_ mil ☐ LLDPE ☐ HDPE ☐ PVC ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ String-Reinforced  
Liner Seams: ☐ Welded ☐ Factory ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_ Volume: \_\_\_\_\_ bbl Dimensions: L \_\_\_\_\_ x W \_\_\_\_\_ x D \_\_\_\_\_

3.  
☐ **Closed-loop System:** Subsection H of 19.15.17.11 NMAC  
Type of Operation: ☐ P&A ☐ Drilling a new well ☐ Workover or Drilling (Applies to activities which require prior approval of a permit or notice of intent)  
☐ Drying Pad ☐ Above Ground Steel Tanks ☐ Haul-off Bins ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Lined ☐ Unlined Liner type: Thickness \_\_\_\_\_ mil ☐ LLDPE ☐ HDPE ☐ PVC ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_  
Liner Seams: ☐ Welded ☐ Factory ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

4.  
☒ **Below-grade tank:** Subsection I of 19.15.17.11 NMAC  
Volume: 65 bbl Type of fluid: Recycled Oil  
Tank Construction material: Steel  
☒ 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.

**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 Self supporting cattle panel.

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

**Instructions:** The applicant must demonstrate compliance for each siting criteria below in the application. Recommendations of acceptable source material are provided below. Requests regarding changes to certain siting criteria may require administrative approval from the appropriate district office or may be considered an exception which must be submitted to the Santa Fe Environmental Bureau office for consideration of approval. Applicant must attach justification for request. Please refer to 19.15.17.10 NMAC for guidance. Siting criteria does not apply to drying pads or above-grade tanks associated with a closed-loop system.

Ground water is less than 50 feet below the bottom of the temporary pit, permanent pit, or below-grade tank.

- Please reference hydrogeologic report and printout from iWATERS database.

☐ Yes ☒ No

Within 300 feet of a continuously flowing watercourse, or 200 feet of any other significant watercourse or lakebed, sinkhole, or playa lake (measured from the ordinary high-water mark).

- Please reference the attached topographic map with distance rings. In addition, a field visit was conducted by Envirotech in July 2008 certifying that, at the time, there were no watercourses within the distance specified above.

☐ Yes ☒ No

Within 300 feet from a permanent residence, school, hospital, institution, or church in existence at the time of initial application.

(Applies to temporary, emergency, or cavitation pits and below-grade tanks)

- Please reference the attached aerial photo. In addition, a field visit was conducted by Envirotech in July 2008 certifying that, at the time, there were no referenced buildings within the distance specified above.

☐ Yes ☒ No  
☐ NA

Within 1000 feet from a permanent residence, school, hospital, institution, or church in existence at the time of initial application.

(Applies to permanent pits)

- Please reference the attached aerial photo. In addition, a field visit was conducted by Envirotech in July 2008 certifying that, at the time, there were no referenced buildings within the distance specified above.

☐ Yes ☐ No  
☒ NA

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.

- Please reference the attached iWATERS printout. In addition, a field visit was conducted by Envirotech in July 2008 certifying that, at the time, there were no wells or springs within the distances specified above.

☐ 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.

The site is not within any known incorporated municipal boundaries, please reference the attached topographic map.

☐ Yes ☒ No

☐ Yes ☒ No

Within 500 feet of a wetland.

- Please reference the attached topographic map with distance rings. In addition, a field visit was conducted by Envirotech in July 2008 certifying that, at the time, there were no wetlands within the distance specified above

☐ Yes ☒ No

Within the area overlying a subsurface mine.

- Please reference the attached topographic map

☐ Yes ☒ No

Within an unstable area.

- Please reference the attached topographic map which includes FEMA flood map data. The map indicates the well site is outside of any known 100 year floodplains.

☐ Yes ☒ No

Within a 100-year floodplain.

- FEMA map

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

Disposal Facility Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Disposal Facility Permit Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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 &amp; 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): Rodney Bailey Title: Waste & Water Group Lead

Signature:  Date: March 1, 2010

e-mail address: Bailerg@chevron.com Telephone: (432) 687 7123

20.

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

OCD Representative Signature:  Approval Date: 9/13/11

Title: Environmental Engineer 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Disposal Facility Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Disposal Facility Permit Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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: \_\_\_\_\_

Well Name & Number: Redfern #2 DATE: 7/28/08  
API #: C3004529023 Initials: T/K  
Lease #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Quarter/Quarter: H Section: 33 Township: 30N Range: 12W  
Lat: 36.770015° Long: -108.097364°

Pit Tank #1: Manufacturer: Eagle Welding  
Serial #: 8122 DOM: 12/2004 Size 105 bbl  
○ If N/A - Dimensions: Diameter \_\_\_\_\_ Height \_\_\_\_\_  
Material: Steel ☒ Galvanized \_\_\_\_\_ Fiberglass \_\_\_\_\_  
Tank Configuration: Double Wall ☒ Single Wall \_\_\_\_\_ (Buried ☒ or Exposed \_\_\_\_\_ Walls)  
Contents: Produced Water \_\_\_\_\_ Condensate \_\_\_\_\_ Recycled Oil ☒  
Tank Top Covering: Solid/Cone-top \_\_\_\_\_ Netting ☒ (Solid ☒ Fiber \_\_\_\_\_)  
Secondary Containment: Yes ☒ No \_\_\_\_\_  
Fencing around berm: Yes ☒ No \_\_\_\_\_  
○ Fence Type: Cattle Panel ☒ Field Fence \_\_\_\_\_ Barbwire \_\_\_\_\_

Pit Tank #2: Manufacturer: Eagle Welding  
Serial #: N/A DOM: N/A Size 95 bbl  
○ If N/A - Dimensions: Diameter \_\_\_\_\_ Height \_\_\_\_\_  
Material: Steel ☒ Galvanized \_\_\_\_\_ Fiberglass \_\_\_\_\_  
Tank Configuration: Double Wall ☒ Single Wall \_\_\_\_\_ (Buried ☒ or Exposed \_\_\_\_\_ Walls)  
Contents: Produced Water ☒ Condensate \_\_\_\_\_ Recycled Oil \_\_\_\_\_  
Tank Top Covering: Solid/Cone-top \_\_\_\_\_ Netting ☒ (Solid ☒ Fiber \_\_\_\_\_)  
Secondary Containment: Yes ☒ No \_\_\_\_\_  
Fencing around berm: Yes ☒ No \_\_\_\_\_  
○ Fence Type: Cattle Panel ☒ Field Fence \_\_\_\_\_ Barbwire \_\_\_\_\_

Above-Ground Tank #1: Manufacturer: \_\_\_\_\_  
Serial #: \_\_\_\_\_ DOM: \_\_\_\_\_ Size \_\_\_\_\_ bbl  
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Material: Steel \_\_\_\_\_ Galvanized \_\_\_\_\_ Fiberglass \_\_\_\_\_  
Contents: Produced Water \_\_\_\_\_ Condensate \_\_\_\_\_ (State # \_\_\_\_\_) Recycled Oil \_\_\_\_\_  
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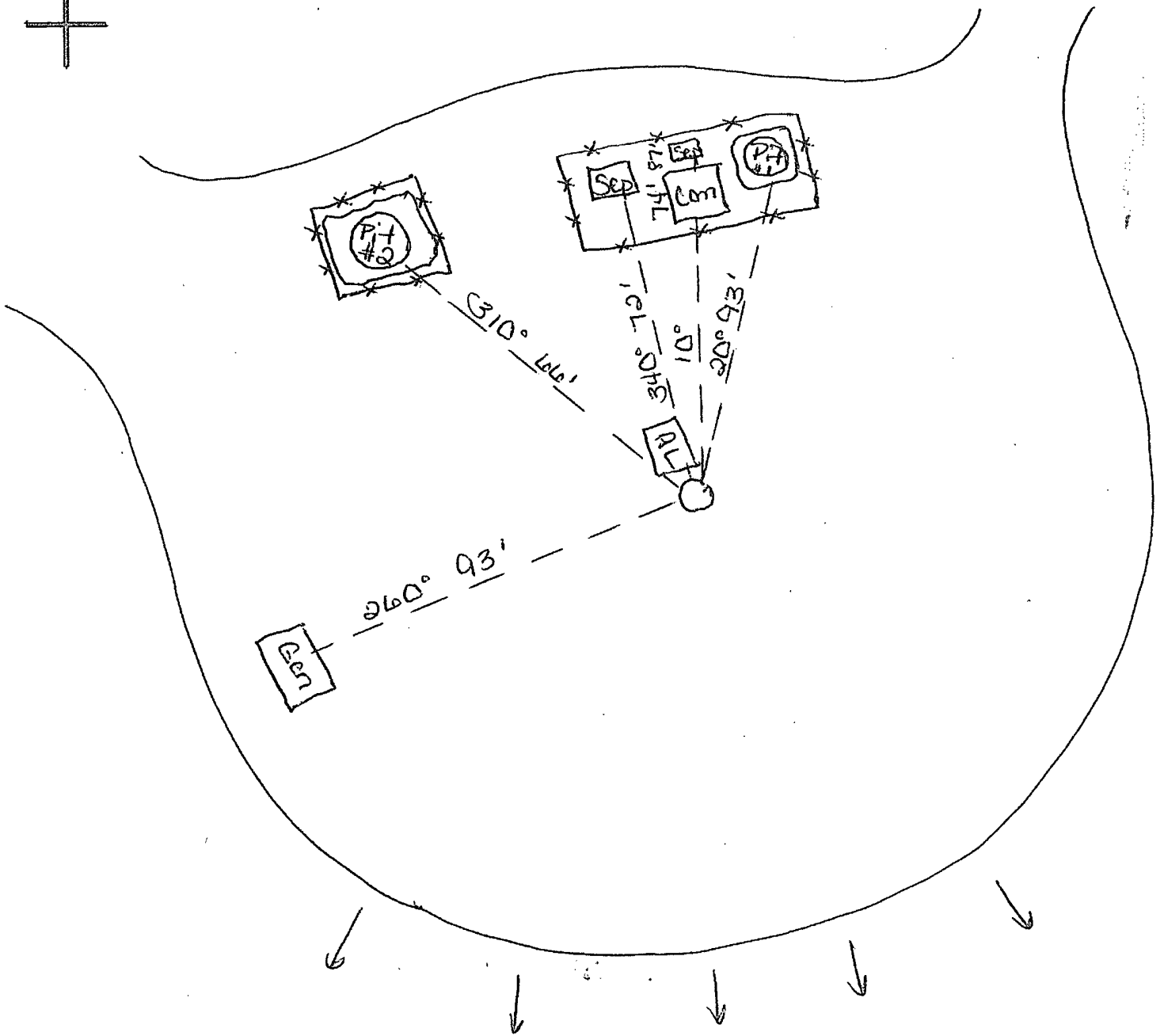
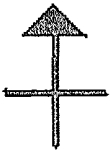
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Material: Steel \_\_\_\_\_ Galvanized \_\_\_\_\_ Fiberglass \_\_\_\_\_  
Contents: Produced Water \_\_\_\_\_ Condensate \_\_\_\_\_ (State # \_\_\_\_\_) Recycled Oil \_\_\_\_\_  
Secondary Containment: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_



# Well Schematic

NORTH



## Schematic Key:

Separator

SEP

Artificial Lift

AL

Condensate Tank

COND

Compressor

COM

Meter Run

METER RUN

Dehydrator

DEH

Well Head



Water Tank

WATER

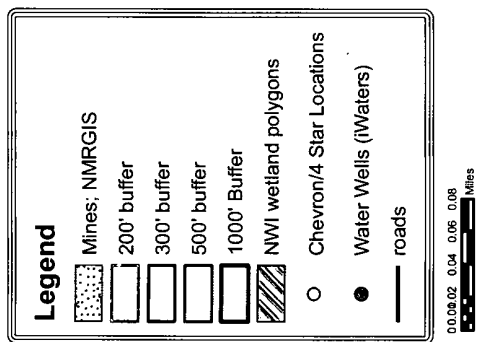
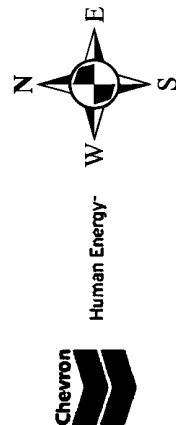
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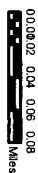
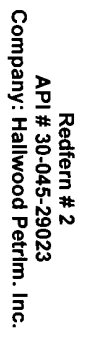
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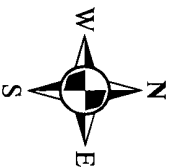
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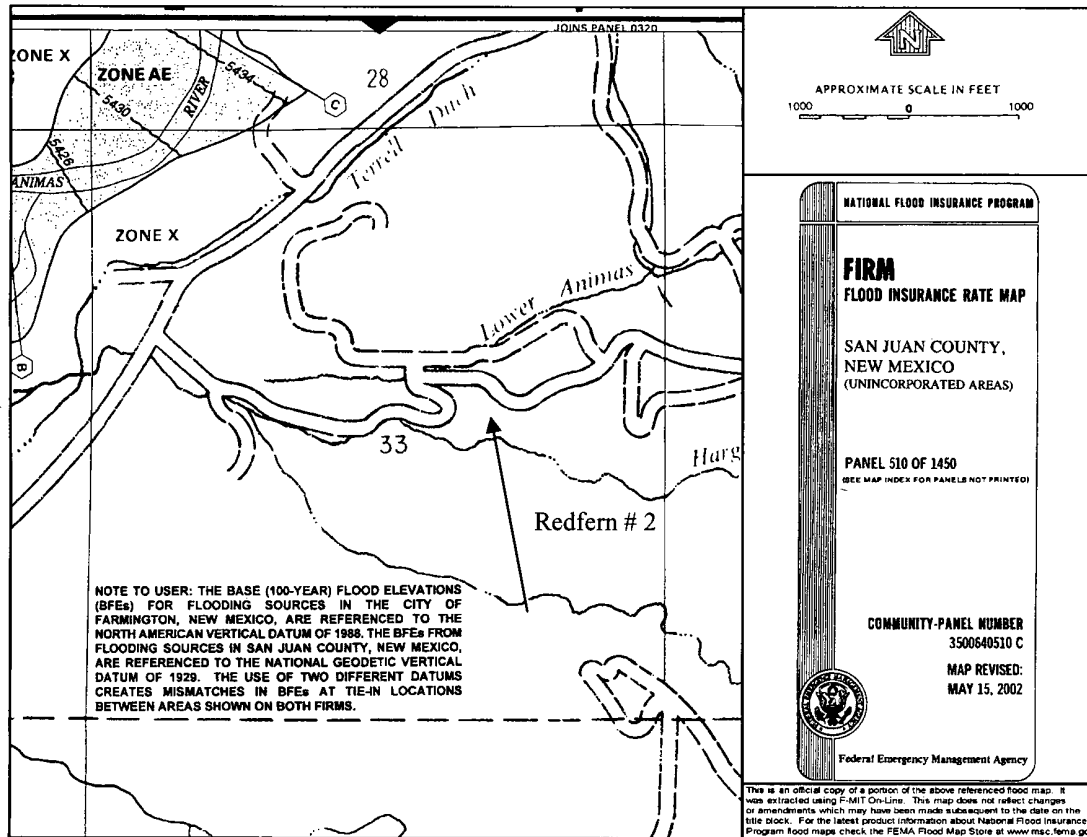
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## Human Energy



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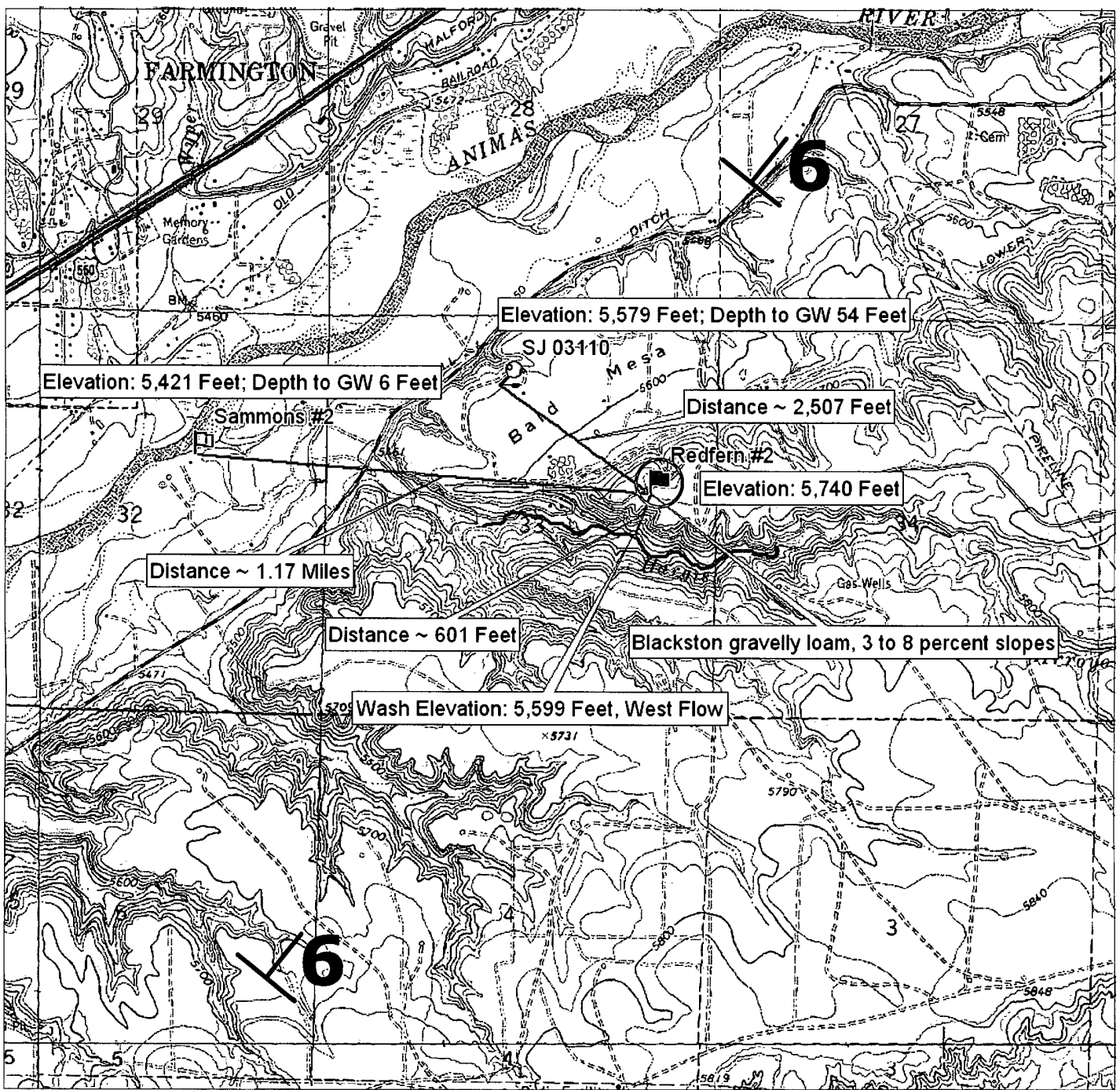


## **Redfern #2 Groundwater Statement**

The attached iWATERS database search and topographic map shows a water well approximately 2,507 feet to the north-west with a depth to groundwater of 54 feet. This water well is labeled on the topographic map with a red point. As evidenced on the attached topographic map, the water well is at an elevation approximately 161 feet lower than the Redfern #2 well site, which is represented by a blue flag on the topographic map. The attached memorandum for groundwater contamination in 1997 for the Sammons #2 well site, owned and operated by Burlington Resources, shows that groundwater was encountered at 6 feet. This memorandum is stamped as being accepted by the OCD in April of 1997. The Sammons #2 well site is located approximately 1.17 miles to the west of the Redfern #2 well site at an elevation approximately 319 feet lower than the Redfern #2 well site. The Sammons #2 well site is represented on the map with a yellow flag. The soil type at the Redfern #2 well site is a Blackston gravelly loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes. This is a well drained soil, characterized by stream alluvium derived from igneous and sedimentary rock, with a low available water capacity. The nearest surface water is approximately 601 feet to the south-west of the Redfern #2 well site at an elevation of 5,599 feet. This is a west flowing ephemeral wash that only exists during periods of heavy precipitation. This wash is the Hargis Wash. The Redfern #2 well site lies in the Nacimientos Formation Aquifer which dips at 6 degrees to the north-east (Frenzel, 1983); see Topographic Map for aquifer dip direction. The Nacimientos Formation lies at the surface in a broad belt at the western and southern edges of the central basin and dips beneath the San Jose Formation in the basin center. (Frenzel, 1983). These findings indicate that the depth to groundwater is greater than 50 feet from the bottom of the BGT at the Redfern #2 well site. All above information, excluding the aquifer dip, was confirmed by a visual inspection performed by Envirotech, Inc

The **Nacimientos Formation** (Tn) is Paleocene in age and grades laterally into the **Animas Formation** (Tka) around Dulce, New Mexico thickening considerably around Durango, Colorado. The Animas occurs at the same stratigraphic interval as the Nacimientos (Fassett and Hinds, 1971, p. 34). The Nacimientos sits unconformably to conformably below the San Jose Formation, outcrops in a broad band inside the southern and western boundaries of the central basin and rises structurally as a narrow band along the west side of the Nacimientos Uplift (Baltz, 1967, p. 35). The Nacimientos is the surface formation in the eastern third of the San Juan Basin, and being nonresistant, erodes to low rounded hills or the formation of badlands-type physiography distinctive from the much more resistant overlying San Jose Formation. The Nacimientos Formation is present in only the southern two-thirds of the Basin where it conformably both overlies and intertongues with the much thinner Ojo Alamo Sandstone (Fassett, 1974, p. 229). Thickness ranges from 800 feet in the southern part to nearly 2232 feet (Stone, et al, 1983, p. 30) in the subsurface of the northern part. In the eastern outcrops, the thickness is less than 500 feet to nearly 1400 feet due to folding and erosion (Baltz, 1967, p. 1). In general, the total thickness of the Nacimientos thickens from the basin margins towards the basin center. The Nacimientos in the southern area is comprised predominantly of drab interbedded black and gray claystones and siltstones with some discontinuous relatively unconsolidated white, medium to coarse-grained arkosic sandstone with a few

interbedded resistant sandstone strata (Stone, etal, 1983, p.30). To the north, the Nacimiento Formation contains a much greater proportion of sandstone, and at some localized places more than 50 percent (Baltz, 1967, p. 1), although most of the sandstones extend only a few thousand feet (Brimhall, 1973, p. 201). Overall, the environment of deposition is predominantly lake deposits and to a lesser extent localization in stream channels (Brimhall, 1973, p. 201).



# LEGEND

- X6** Aquifer Strike & Dip
- ~ Ephemeral Wash
- Well Area Soil Type
- Distance

Topographic Map

Redfern #2

Sec 33, Twp 30N, Rge 12W

San Juan County, New Mexico

SCALE: NTS

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FIGURE NO. 1

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## REVISIONS

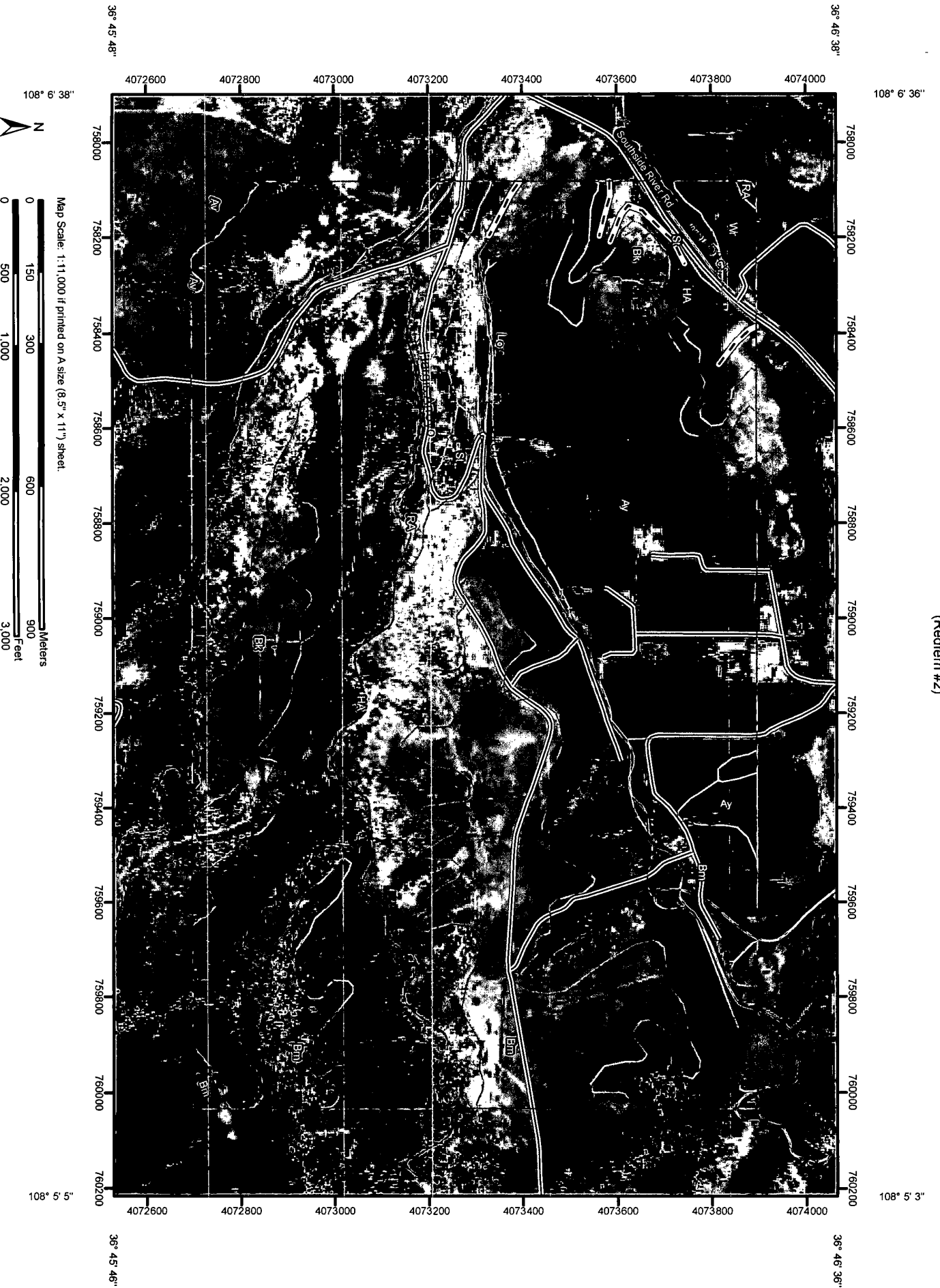
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




































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Soil Map—San Juan County, New Mexico, Eastern Part  
(Redfern #2)





## MAP LEGEND

	Area of Interest (AOI)		Very Stony Spot
	Soils		Wet Spot
	Soil Map Units		Other
	Special Point Features		Special Line Features
	Blowout		Gully
	Borrow Pit		Short Steep Slope
	Clay Spot		Other
	Closed Depression		Political Features
	Gravel Pit		Cities
	Gravelly Spot		Water Features
	Landfill		Oceans
	Lava Flow		Streams and Canals
	Marsh or swamp		Transportation
	Mine or Quarry		Rails
	Miscellaneous Water		Interstate Highways
	Perennial Water		US Routes
	Rock Outcrop		Major Roads
	Saline Spot		Local Roads
	Sandy Spot		
	Severely Eroded Spot		
	Sinkhole		
	Slide or Slip		
	Sodic Spot		
	Spoil Area		
	Stony Spot		

## MAP INFORMATION

Map Scale: 1:11,000 if printed on A size (8.5" x 11") sheet.

The soil surveys that comprise your AOI were mapped at 1:63,360.

Please rely on the bar scale on each map sheet for accurate map measurements.

Source of Map: Natural Resources Conservation Service  
Web Soil Survey URL: <http://websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov>  
Coordinate System: UTM Zone 12N NAD83

This product is generated from the USDA-NRCS certified data as of the version date(s) listed below.

Soil Survey Area: San Juan County, New Mexico, Eastern Part  
Survey Area Data: Version 9, Feb 20, 2009

Date(s) aerial images were photographed: 10/13/1997

The orthophoto or other base map on which the soil lines were compiled and digitized probably differs from the background imagery displayed on these maps. As a result, some minor shifting of map unit boundaries may be evident.

## Map Unit Legend

San Juan County, New Mexico, Eastern Part (NM618)			
Map Unit Symbol	Map Unit Name	Acres in AOI	Percent of AOI
Av	Avalon sandy loam, 2 to 5 percent slopes	3.4	0.6%
Ay	Avalon loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes	105.4	18.2%
Bk	Blackston loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes	39.2	6.8%
Bm	Blackston gravelly loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes	103.0	17.8%
HA	Haplargids-Blackston-Torriorthents complex, very steep	291.6	50.5%
RA	Riverwash	21.9	3.8%
St	Stumble loamy sand, 0 to 3 percent slopes	7.3	1.3%
Wr	Werlog loam	6.2	1.1%
<b>Totals for Area of Interest</b>		<b>578.0</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

## San Juan County, New Mexico, Eastern Part

### Bm—Blackston gravelly loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes

#### Map Unit Setting

*Elevation:* 4,800 to 6,400 feet  
*Mean annual precipitation:* 6 to 10 inches  
*Mean annual air temperature:* 51 to 55 degrees F  
*Frost-free period:* 140 to 160 days

#### Map Unit Composition

*Blackston and similar soils:* 95 percent

#### Description of Blackston

##### Setting

*Landform:* Stream terraces  
*Landform position (three-dimensional):* Tread  
*Down-slope shape:* Linear  
*Across-slope shape:* Linear  
*Parent material:* Stream alluvium derived from igneous and  
sedimentary rock

##### Properties and qualities

*Slope:* 3 to 8 percent  
*Depth to restrictive feature:* More than 80 inches  
*Drainage class:* Well drained  
*Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water*  
*(Ksat):* Moderately high to high (0.60 to 2.00 in/hr)  
*Depth to water table:* More than 80 inches  
*Frequency of flooding:* None  
*Frequency of ponding:* None  
*Calcium carbonate, maximum content:* 20 percent  
*Maximum salinity:* Very slightly saline to slightly saline (4.0 to 8.0  
mmhos/cm)  
*Available water capacity:* Low (about 4.4 inches)

##### Interpretive groups

*Land capability (nonirrigated):* 7e  
*Ecological site:* Limy (R035XB003NM)

##### Typical profile

*0 to 9 inches:* Gravelly loam  
*9 to 25 inches:* Very gravelly loam  
*25 to 60 inches:* Very gravelly sand

## Data Source Information

Soil Survey Area: San Juan County, New Mexico, Eastern Part  
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# New Mexico Office of the State Engineer

## Water Column/Average Depth to Water

(quarters are 1=NW 2=NE 3=SW 4=SE)

(quarters are smallest to largest) (NAD83 UTM in meters) (In feet)

POD Number	Sub basin	Use	County	Q 64	Q 16	Q 4	Sec	Tws	Rng	X	Y	Depth Well	Depth Water	Water Column
SJ 00444	DOM	SJ		4	2	33		30N	12W	223607	4073990*	66	34	32
SJ 00447	DOM	SJ		1	4	33		30N	12W	223185	4073605*	104	65	39
SJ 00474	DOM	SJ		3	3	2	33	30N	12W	223105	4073899*	104	60	44
SJ 00505	DOM	SJ		4	2	33		30N	12W	223607	4073990*	85	45	40
SJ 00590	DOM	SJ		3	1	4	33	30N	12W	223084	4073504*	98	60	38
SJ 00605	DOM	SJ		2	1	2	33	30N	12W	223325	4074499*	72	35	37
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SJ 00613	DOM	SJ		3	2	3	33	30N	12W	222683	4073511*	147	95	52
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SJ 03133	DOM	SJ		4	4	1	33	30N	12W	222903	4073910*	39	20	19
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SJ 03349	DOM	SJ		1	2	1	33	30N	12W	222724	4074510*	55		
SJ 03614	DOL	SJ		3	3	2	33	30N	12W	223105	4073899*	42	33	9

\*UTM location was derived from PLSS - see Help

(quarters are 1=NW 2=NE 3=SW 4=SE)

(quarters are smallest to largest) (NAD83 UTM in meters) (In feet)

POD Number	Sub	Q	Q	Q	Depth	Depth	Water
basin	Use	County	64	16	4	Sec	Tws
						Rng	X
							Y
							Well
							Water
							Column

Average Depth to Water: 74 feet

Minimum Depth: 10 feet

Maximum Depth: 269 feet

Record Count: 29

**PLSS Search:**

Section(s): 33

Township: 30N

Range: 12W

\*UTM location was derived from PLSS - see Help

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# BELOW GRADE TANK (BGT) DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION PLAN

SUBMITTED TO:

ENVIRONMENTAL BUREAU,  
NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

ON BEHALF OF:

CHEVRON USA INC., CHEVRON MIDCONTINENT, L.P., AND FOUR STAR OIL & GAS  
COMPANY  
P.O. Box 730  
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# **Chevron San Juan Basin Below Grade Tank Closure Plan**

## INTRODUCTION

In accordance with NMAC §§ 19.15.17.9(B)(4) and 19.15.17.13, Chevron (representing Chevron USA Inc, Chevron Midcontinent, L.P., and Four Star Oil & Gas Company) submits this Closure Plan for below grade tanks (BGTs) in New Mexico. This Closure Plan contains standard conditions that attach to multiple BGTs. If needed for a particular BGT, a modified Closure Plan for a proposed alternative closure will be submitted to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (NMOCD or the division) for approval prior to closure.

## CLOSURE PLAN PROCEDURES AND PROTOCOLS (NMAC §§ 19.15.17.9(C) and 19.15.17.13).

- 1) Chevron, or a contractor acting on behalf of Chevron, will close a BGT within the time periods provided in NMAC § 19.15.17.13(A), or by an earlier date required by NMOCD to prevent an imminent danger to fresh water, public health, or the environment. NMAC § 19.15.17.13(A).
- 2) Chevron, or a contractor acting on behalf of Chevron, will close an existing BGT that does not meet the requirements of NMAC § 19.15.17.11(I)(1 through 4) or is not included in NMAC § 19.15.17.11(I)(5) within five years after June 16, 2008, if not retrofitted to comply with § 19.15.17.11(I)(1 through 4). NMAC § 19.15.17.13(A)(4).
- 3) Chevron shall close an existing below-grade tank that does not meet the requirements of Paragraphs (1) through (4) of Subsection I of 19.15.17.11 NMAC, if not retrofitted to comply with Paragraphs 1) through (4) of Subsection I of 19.15.17.11 NMAC, prior to any sale or change of operator pursuant to 19.15.9.9 NMAC.
- 4) Chevron, or a contractor acting on behalf of Chevron, will close a permitted BGT within 60 days of cessation of the BGT's operation or as required by the transitional provisions of NMAC § 19.15.17.17(B) in accordance with a closure plan that the appropriate division district office approves. NMAC §§ 19.15.17.13(A)(9) and 19.15.17.9(C).
- 5) In accordance with NMAC § 19.15.17.13(J)(1), Chevron will notify the surface owner by certified mail, return receipt requested, of its plans to close a BGT prior to beginning closure activities. Evidence of mailing of the notice to the address of the surface owner shown in the county tax records is sufficient to demonstrate compliance. Chevron will also notify the appropriate division district office verbally or by other means at least 72 hours, but not more than one week, prior to any closure operation. The notice shall include the operator's name and the location to be closed by unit letter, section, township and range. If the closure is associated with a particular well, then the notice shall also include the well's name, number and API number. NMAC § 19.15.17.13(J)(2).

- 6) Chevron, or a contractor acting on behalf of Chevron, will remove liquids and sludge from a BGT prior to implementing a closure method and will dispose of the liquids and sludge in a division approved facility. NMAC § 19.15.17.13(E)(1). A list of Chevron currently approved disposal facilities is included at the end of this document.
- 7) The proposed method of closure for this Closure Plan is waste excavation and removal. NMAC §§ 19.15.17.13 (E)(1).
- 8) Chevron, or a contractor acting on behalf of Chevron, shall 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. When required, prior approval for disposal will be obtained. NMAC § 19.15.17.13(E)(2). Documentation regarding disposal of the BGT and its associated liner, if any, will be included in the closure report.
- 9) Waste generated during closure will be handled and disposed of in accordance with applicable laws. NMAC § 19.15.35.8(C)(1)(m) provides that plastic pit liners may be disposed at a solid waste facility without testing before disposal, provided they are cleaned well.
- 10) Chevron, or a contractor acting on behalf of Chevron, will remove on-site equipment associated with a BGT unless the equipment is required for some other purpose. NMAC § 19.15.17.13(E)(3).
- 11) Chevron, or a contractor acting on behalf of Chevron, will test the soils beneath the BGT to determine whether a release has occurred. At a minimum, 5 point composite samples will be collected along with individual grab samples from any area that is wet, discolored, or showing other evidence of a release. Samples will be analyzed for BTEX, TPH and chlorides to demonstrate that the benzene concentration, as determined by EPA SW-846 methods 8021B or 8260B or EPA method that the division approves, does not exceed 0.2mg/kg; total BTEX concentration, as determined by EPA SW-846 methods 8021B or 8260B or other EPA method that the division approves, does not exceed 50mg/kg; the TPH concentration, as determined by EPA method 418.1 or other EPA method that the division approves, does not exceed 100mg/kg; and the chloride concentration, as determined by EPA method 300.1 or other EPA method that the division approves, does not exceed 250mg/kg; or the background concentration, whichever is greater. Chevron, or a contractor acting on behalf of Chevron, will notify the NMOCD Division District office of its results on form C-141. NMAC § 19.15.17.13(E)(4).
- 12) If Chevron or the division determines that a release has occurred, Chevron will comply with NMAC §§ 19.15.29 and 19.15.30, as appropriate. NMAC § 19.15.17.13(E)(5).
- 13) If the sampling program demonstrates that a release has not occurred or that any release does not exceed the concentrations specified in NMAC § 19.15.17.13(E)(4), Chevron will backfill the excavation with compacted, non-waste containing, earthen materials; construct a division prescribed soil cover; re-contour and re-vegetate the site. The division-prescribed soil cover, recontouring and re-vegetation requirements shall comply with NMAC § 19.15.17.13)(G, H and I). NMAC § 19.15.17.13(E)(6).



- 14) As per NMAC § 19.15.17.13(G)(1), once Chevron has closed a BGT or is no longer using the BGT or an area associated with the BGT, Chevron will reclaim the BGT location and all areas associated with it including associated access roads not needed by the surface estate owner to a safe and stable condition that blends with the surrounding undisturbed area. Chevron will substantially restore impacted surface area to the condition that existed prior to its oil and gas operations by placement of soil cover as provided in NMAC § 19.15.17.13(H) (see below), re-contour the location and associated areas to a contour that approximates the original contour and blends with the surrounding topography, and re-vegetate according to NMAC § 19.15.17.13(I). NMAC § 19.15.17.13(G)(1).
- 15) Chevron may propose an alternative to the re-vegetation requirement of NMAC § 19.15.17.13(G)(1) if it demonstrates that the proposed alternative effectively prevents erosion, and protects fresh water, human health and the environment. The proposed alternative must be agreed upon in writing by the surface owner. Chevron will submit the proposed alternative, with written documentation that the surface owner agrees to the alternative, to the division for approval. NMAC § 19.15.17.13(G)(2).
- 16) Soil cover for closures where Chevron has removed the pit contents or remediated the contaminated soil to the division's satisfaction will consist of the background thickness of topsoil or one foot of suitable material to establish vegetation at the site, whichever is greater. NMAC § 19.15.17.13(H)(1).
- 17) Chevron will construct the soil cover to the site's existing grade and prevent ponding of water and erosion of the cover material. NMAC § 19.15.17.13(H)(3).
- 18) As per NMAC § 19.15.17.13(I)(1) and 19.15.17.13(G)(2), Chevron will seed or plant disturbed areas during the first growing season after it is no longer using a BGT or an area associated with the BGT including access roads unless needed by the surface estate owner as evidenced by a written agreement with the surface estate owner, if any and written approval by NMOCD.
- 19) Seeding will be accomplished by drilling on the contour whenever practical or by other division approved methods. Chevron will obtain vegetative cover that equals 70% of the native perennial vegetative cover (un-impacted by overgrazing, fire or other intrusion damaging to native vegetation) 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. During the two growing seasons that prove viability, Chevron will not artificially irrigate the vegetation. NMAC § 19.15.17.13(I)(2).
- 20) Chevron will notify the division when it has seeded or planted and when it successfully achieves re-vegetation. NMAC § 19.15.17.13(I)(5).
- 21) Seeding or planting will be repeated until Chevron successfully achieves the required vegetative cover. NMAC § 19.15.17.13(I)(3).

- 22) When conditions are not favorable for the establishment of vegetation, such as periods of drought, the division may allow Chevron to delay seeding or planting until soil moisture conditions become favorable or may require Chevron to use additional cultural techniques such as mulching, fertilizing, irrigating, fencing or other practices. NMAC § 19.15.17.13(I)(4).
- 23) As per NMAC § 19.15.17.13(K), within 60 days of closure completion, Chevron will submit a closure report containing the elements required by NMAC § 19.15.17.13(K) including:
- i) Confirmation sampling results,
  - ii) A plot plan ,
  - iii) Details on back-filling, capping and covering, where applicable, including revegetation application rates and seeding technique,
  - iv) Proof of closure notice to the surface owner, if any, and the division,
  - v) Name and permit number of disposal facility, and
  - vi) Photo documentation.
- 24) The closure report will be filed on NMOCD Form C-144. Chevron will certify that all information in the closure report and attachments is correct and that it has complied with all applicable closure requirements and conditions specified in the approved closure plan. NMAC § 19.15.17.13(K).
- 25) As requested, the following are the current Chevron approved Waste Disposal Sites for the identified waste streams:

Soils and Sludges

- i) Envirotech Inc. Soil Remediation Facility, Permit No. NM-01-0011

Solids

- ii) San Juan County Regional Land Fill (NMAC § 19.15.35.8 items only, with prior NMOCD approval when required)

Liquids

- i) Key Energy Disposal Facility, Permit No. NM-01-0009
- ii) Basin Disposals Facility, Permit No. NM-01-005.

- 26) These waste disposal sites are subject to change if their certification is lost or they are closed or other more appropriate, equally protective sites become available. Chevron will provide notice if such a change is affected.

**Chevron**  
**San Juan Basin**  
**Below Grade Tank Design and Construction Plan**

**INTRODUCTION**

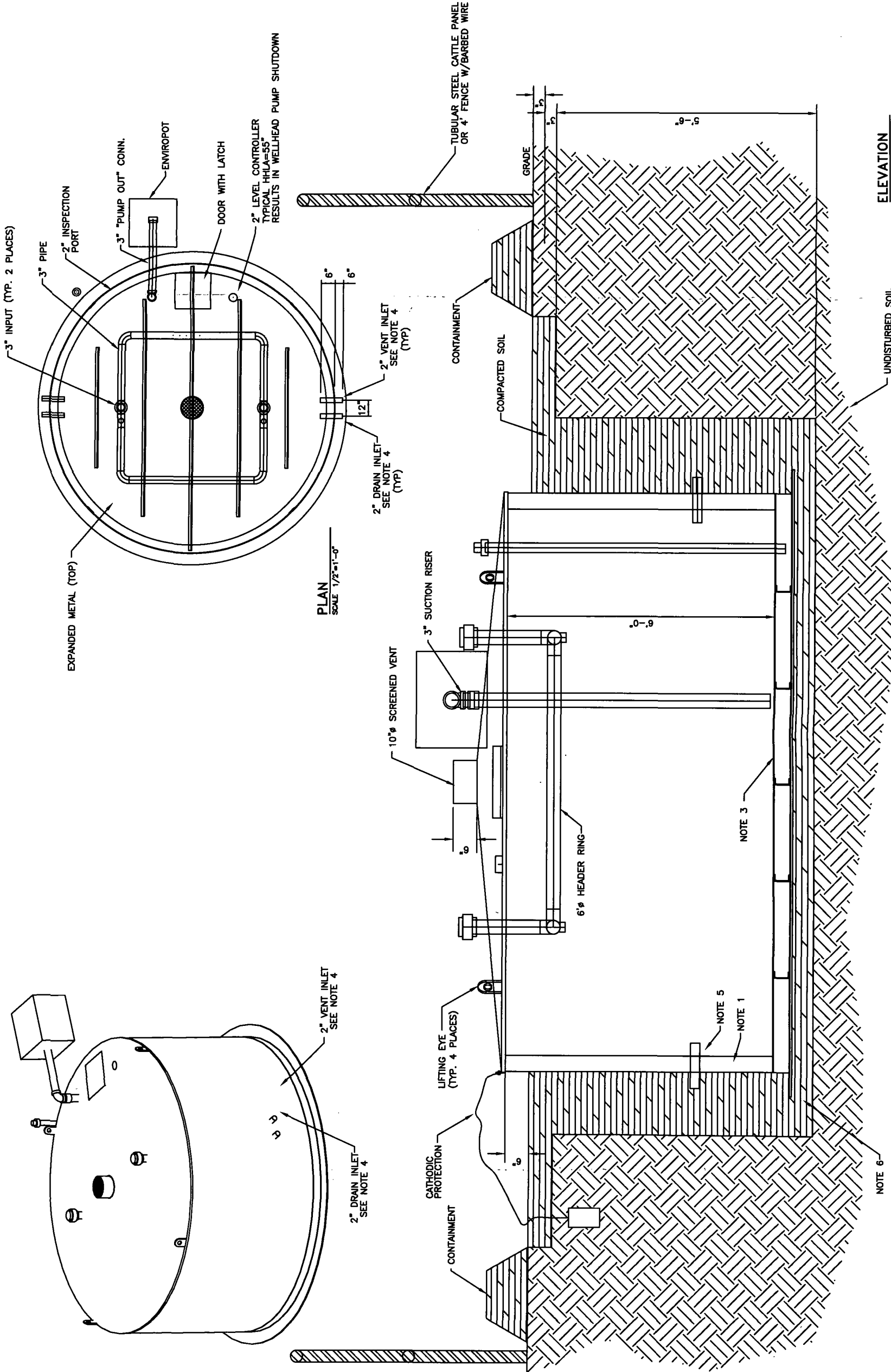
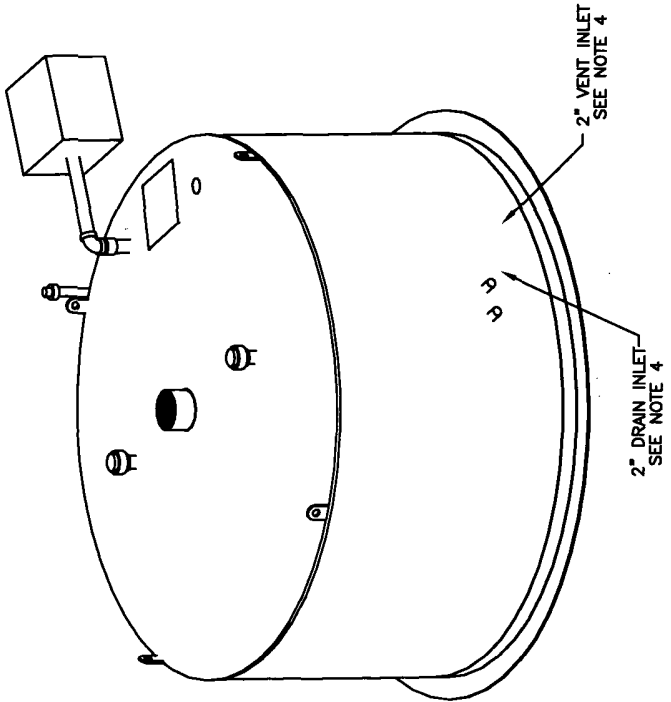
In accordance with NMAC §§ 19.15.17.9(B)(4) and 19.15.17.11 Chevron (representing Chevron USA Inc, Chevron Midcontinent, L.P., and Four Star Oil & Gas Company) submits this Design and Construction Plan for below grade tanks (BGTs) in New Mexico. This Plan contains standard conditions that attach to multiple BGTs.

1. Chevron will design and construct a BGT to contain liquids and solids, prevent contamination of fresh water, and protect public health and the environment. NMAC § 19.15.17.11(A).
2. Chevron will post an upright sign not less than 12 inches by 24 inches with lettering not less than two inches in height in a conspicuous place on the fence surrounding the BGT, unless the BGT is located on a site where there is an existing well, signed in compliance with NMAC § 19.15.16.8, that is operated by Chevron. Chevron will post the sign in a manner and location such that a person can easily read the legend. The sign will provide the following information: Chevron's name; the location of the site by quarter-quarter or unit letter, section, township and range; and emergency telephone numbers. NMAC § 19.15.17.11(C).
3. Chevron will fence or enclose a BGT in a manner that prevents unauthorized access and will maintain the fences in good repair. Fences are not required if there is an adequate surrounding perimeter fence that prevents unauthorized access to the well site or facility, including the BGT. NMAC § 19.15.17.11(D)(1).
4. Chevron will fence or enclose a BGT located within 1000 feet of a permanent residence, school, hospital, institution or church with a chain link security fence, at least six feet in height with at least two strands of barbed wire at the top. Chevron will close and lock all gates associated with the fence when responsible personnel are not on-site. NMAC § 19.15.17.11(D)(2).
5. Chevron will fence BGTs to exclude livestock with a four foot fence that has at least four strands of barbed wire evenly spaced in the interval between one foot and four feet above ground level. NMAC § 19.15.17.11(D)(3). Chevron may install tubular steel cattle panels, as it determines appropriate (photo of cattle

panel fence submitted to NMOCD, 24 June 2009). As illustrated on the attach photo.

6. Chevron will screen the permanent opening on the tank top with expanding steel mesh in order to render it non-hazardous to wildlife, including migratory birds. NMAC § 19.15.17.11(E).
7. Chevron's BGTs will be constructed with the design features illustrated on the attached drawing.
8. Only double-walled, double-bottomed BGTs will be installed.
9. Chevron will use 3/16" carbon steel which is resistant to the anticipated contents and resistant to damage from sunlight. NMAC § 19.15.17.11(I)(1).
10. Chevron will construct a BGT foundation on a level base free of rocks, debris, sharp edges or irregularities to help prevent punctures, cracks or indentations of the liner or tank bottom. NMAC § 19.15.17.11(I)(2).
11. Chevron will construct a BGT to prevent overflow and the collection of surface water run-on. NMAC § 19.15.17.11(I)(3). Chevron, or a contractor representing Chevron, will install a level control device to help prevent overflow from the BGT and will use berms and/or a diversion ditch to prevent surface run on from entering the BGT. NMAC §§ 19.15.17.11(I)(3), 19.15.17.12(A)(7), and 19.15.17.12(D)(1).
12. All BGTs, in which the side walls are not open for visible inspection for leaks, will be double walled with leak detection capability. NMAC § 19.15.17.11(I)(4)(b).
13. Chevron, as the operator of a below-grade tank constructed and installed prior to June 16, 2008 that does not meet all the requirements in Paragraphs (1) through (4) of Subsection I of 19.15.17.11 NMAC and is not included in Paragraph (6) of Subsection I of 19.15.17.11 NMAC, is not required to equip or retrofit the below-grade tank to comply with Paragraphs (1) through (4) of Subsection I of 19.15.17.11 NMAC so long as it demonstrates integrity. If the existing below-grade tank does not demonstrate integrity, the operator shall promptly remove that below-grade tank and install a below-grade tank that complies with Paragraphs (1) through (4) of Subsection I of 19.15.17.11 NMAC, as illustrated in the approved drawing. Chevron shall comply with the operational requirements of 19.15.17.12 NMAC.

14. Chevron, as the operator of a below-grade tank constructed and 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 five years after June 16, 2008. If the existing below-grade tank does not demonstrate integrity, Chevron shall promptly remove that below-grade tank and install a below-grade tank that complies with Paragraphs (1) through (4) of Subsection I of 19.15.17.11 NMAC, as illustrated in the approved drawing. Chevron shall comply with the operational requirements of 19.15.17.12 NMAC.



ELEVATION  
SCALE 1/2"=1'-0"

- NOTES:**
- FABRICATOR TO PRESSURE TEST THE AREA BETWEEN THE TANK WALLS TO ENSURE LEAK-FREE DOUBLE CONTAINMENT.
  - TANK TO BE CONSTRUCTED OF 3/16" THK. ASTM A36 STEEL ALL PIPING TO BE SCH. 40 CARBON STEEL.
  - DOUBLE WALL DOUBLE BOTTOM.
  - DEPENDENT ON THE ORIENTATION OF THE EQUIPMENT ON LOCATION, ONE OF THE STUBS MAY BE CONNECTED TO THE DIFFUSER. ANY OF THE FOUR 2" STUBS THAT ARE NOT CONNECTED TO THE DIFFUSER WILL BE CAPPED BOTH INTERNALLY AND EXTERNALLY.
  - UNDERGROUND TANK CONNECTIONS AND TRANSFER LINES ARE WELDED. ALL UNDERGROUND TRANSFER LINES HAVE A FUSION BONDED EPOXY (FBE) COATING OR SIMILAR.
  - CHEVRON WILL CONSTRUCT A BGT FOUNDATION ON A LEVEL BASE FREE OF ROCKS, DEBRIS, SHARP EDGES OR IRREGULARITIES TO HELP PREVENT PUNCTURES, CRACKS OR INDENTATIONS OF THE LINER OR TANK BOTTOM. NMAC 19.15.17.11(1)(2).

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# BELOW GRADE TANK (BGT) OPERATING AND MAINTENANCE PLAN

SUBMITTED TO:

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#### **Below Grade Tank Operating and Maintenance Plan**

##### **INTRODUCTION**

In accordance with NMAC §§ 19.15.17.9(B)(4) and 19.15.17.12 Chevron (representing Chevron USA Inc, Chevron Midcontinent, L.P., and Four Star Oil & Gas Company) submits this Operating and Maintenance Plan (O&M Plan) for below grade tanks (BGTs) in New Mexico. This O&M Plan contains standard conditions that attach to multiple BGTs. If needed for a particular BGT, a modified O&M Plan will be submitted to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (NMOCD or the division) for approval prior to implementation.

##### **GENERAL PLAN:**

1. Chevron, or a contractor representing Chevron, will operate and maintain a BGT to contain liquids and solids to prevent contamination of fresh water and to protect public health and environment. NMAC § 19.15.17.12(A)(1).
2. Chevron will not discharge into or store any hazardous waste in a BGT. NMAC § 19.15.17.12(A)(3).
3. If a BGT develops a leak or is penetrated below the liquid surface, Chevron will remove liquid above the damage within 48 hours, notify the appropriate division district office within 48 hours of discovery and will promptly repair the BGT. If a BGT develops a leak Chevron will remove liquid above the damage within 48 hours, notify the appropriate division district office within 48 hours of discovery and will promptly repair or replace the BGT. If replacement is required, the BGT will meet all specification included in the attached approved design drawing and comply with 19.15.17.11(I)(1-4).
4. If Chevron as an operator of a below-grade tank that was constructed and installed prior to June 16, 2008 that does not meet the requirements of Paragraphs (1) through (4) of Subsection I of 19.15.17.11 NMAC and discovers that the below-grade tank does not demonstrate integrity or that the below-grade tank develops any of the conditions identified in Paragraph (5) of Subsection A of 19.15.17.12 NMAC, then Chevron or their representative shall close the existing below-grade tank pursuant to the closure requirements of 19.15.17.13 NMAC and install a below-grade tank that complies with the requirements of Paragraphs



(1) through (4) of Subsection I of 19.15.17.11 NMAC. NMAC § 19.15.17.12(D)(5). If replacement is required, the BGT will meet all specification included in the attached approved design drawing.

5. If Chevron as the operator of the below-grade tank that was constructed and installed prior to June 16, 2008 that does not comply with Paragraphs (1) through (4) of Subsection I of 19.15.17.11 NMAC and equips or retrofits the existing tank to comply with Paragraphs (1) through (4) of Subsection I of 19.15.17.11 NMAC, then Chevron or their representative shall visually inspect the area beneath the below-grade tank during the retrofit and document any areas that are wet, discolored or showing other evidence of a release on form C-141. Chevron shall demonstrate to the division whether the evidence of contamination indicates that an imminent threat to fresh water, public health, safety or the environment exists. If the division determines that the contamination does not pose an imminent threat to fresh water, public health, safety or the environment, the operator shall complete the retrofit or the replacement of the below-grade tank. If Chevron or division determines that the contamination poses an imminent threat to fresh water, public health, safety or the environment, then Chevron shall close the existing below-grade tank pursuant to the closure requirements of 19.15.17.13 NMAC prior to initiating the retrofit or replacement. NMAC § 19.15.17.12(D)(6). If replacement is required, the BGT will meet all specification included in the attached approved design drawing.
6. Chevron, or a contractor representing Chevron, will use berms and/or diversion ditches to prevent surface run-on from entering the BGT by diverting surface water run-on away from the bermed area. NMAC §§ 19.15.17.12(A)(7) and 19.15.17.12(D)(1).
7. Chevron, or a contractor representing Chevron, will not allow a BGT to overflow and will maintain adequate freeboard on existing BGTs by routine inspections utilizing pumper trucks whose routes are timed based on known production rates. Fluid is pumped out on this schedule. For newly constructed BGTs Chevron, or a contractor representing Chevron, will maintain adequate freeboard by installing level control devices that automatically shut off inflow to alleviate potential overtopping. NMAC § 19.15.17.12(D)(1) and 19.15.17.12(D)(4).
8. Chevron, or a contractor representing Chevron, will remove a visible or measurable layer of oil from the fluid surface of a BGT. NMAC § 19.15.17.12(D)(2).
9. Chevron, or a contractor representing Chevron, will inspect the BGT to assess compliance with NMAC § 19.15.17.12, Operational Requirements, at least once monthly and maintain a written record of each inspection for at least five (5) years. The approved inspection form is attached.

# Chevron: New Mexico Inspection Form for Below Grade Tanks

Inspection Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Below Grade Tank (BGT) Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Does the BGT have adequate freeboard to prevent overflow;	yes	no
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Does the tank have visible leaks or sign of corrosion;	yes	no
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Do tank valves, flanges and hatches have visible leaks;	yes	no
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Is there evidence of significant spillage of produced liquids;	yes	no
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Is this a single or double wall tank; \_\_\_\_\_

Are berms and/or diversion ditches in place to prevent surface

run-on from entering the BGT;	yes	no
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Have visible or measurable layers of oil been removed from

liquid surface fluid;	yes	no
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# BELOW GRADE TANK (BGT) CLOSURE PLAN

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