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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  
Revised August 1, 2011

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: Hess Corporation OGRID #: 495  
Address: P.O. Box 840, Seminole, TX 79360  
Facility or well name: West Bravo Dome Unit 1929-261F  
API Number: 30-021-20545 OCD Permit Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
U/L or Qtr/Qtr F Section 26 Township 19N Range 29E County: Harding  
Center of Proposed Design: Latitude N 35°50'59.01" Longitude W 103°49'55.58" NAD: 1983  
Surface Owner: ☐ Federal ☐ State ☒ Private ☐ Tribal Trust or Indian Allotment

2.  
☒ **Pit:** Subsection F or G of 19.15.17.11 NMAC  
Temporary: ☒ Drilling ☐ Workover  
☐ Permanent ☐ Emergency ☐ Cavitation ☐ P&A  
☒ Lined ☐ Unlined Liner type: Thickness 20 mil ☒ LLDPE ☐ HDPE ☐ PVC ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ String-Reinforced  
Liner Seams: ☒ Welded ☐ Factory ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_ Volume: 670 bbl Dimensions: L 75' x W 75' x D 5'

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: \_\_\_\_\_ bbl Type of fluid: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tank Construction material: \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Secondary containment with leak detection ☐ Visible sidewalls, liner, 6-inch lift and automatic overflow shut-off  
☐ Visible sidewalls and liner ☐ Visible sidewalls only ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_  
Liner type: Thickness \_\_\_\_\_ mil ☐ HDPE ☐ PVC ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

5.  
☐ **Alternative Method:**  
Submittal of an exception request is required. Exceptions must be submitted to the Santa Fe Environmental Bureau office for consideration of approval.

6.

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

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

7.

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

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

8.

**Signs:** Subsection C of 19.15.17.11 NMAC

- ☐ 12"x 24", 2" lettering, providing Operator's name, site location, and emergency telephone numbers
- ☒ Signed in compliance with 19.15.16.8 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.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
- NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search; USGS; Data obtained from nearby wells	
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).	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
- Topographic map; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site	
Within 300 feet from a permanent residence, school, hospital, institution, or church in existence at the time of initial application. ( <i>Applies to temporary, emergency, or cavitation pits and below-grade tanks</i> )	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
- Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site; Aerial photo; Satellite image	<input type="checkbox"/> NA
Within 1000 feet from a permanent residence, school, hospital, institution, or church in existence at the time of initial application. ( <i>Applies to permanent pits</i> )	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
- Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site; Aerial photo; Satellite image	<input type="checkbox"/> 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.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
- NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site	
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.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
- Written confirmation or verification from the municipality; Written approval obtained from the municipality	
Within 500 feet of a wetland.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
- US Fish and Wildlife Wetland Identification map; Topographic map; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site	
Within the area overlying a subsurface mine.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
- Written confirmation or verification or map from the NM EMNRD-Mining and Mineral Division	
Within an unstable area.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
- Engineering measures incorporated into the design; NM Bureau of Geology & Mineral Resources; USGS; NM Geological Society; Topographic map	
Within a 100-year floodplain.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
- 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): Danny J. Holcomb Title: Facilities Team Leader

Signature: *D. Holcomb* Date: 2/28/12

e-mail address: dholcomb@hcss.com Telephone: 575-673-6700 X5001

20.

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

OCD Representative Signature: *Ed Martin* Approval Date: 2/29/2012

Title: **DISTRICT SUPERVISOR** 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 Decd Notice (required for on-site closure)  
☐ Plot Plan (for on-site closures and temporary pits)  
☐ Confirmation Sampling Analytical Results (if applicable)  
☐ Waste Material Sampling Analytical Results (required for on-site closure)  
☐ Disposal Facility Name and Permit Number  
☐ Soil Backfilling and Cover Installation  
☐ Re-vegetation Application Rates and Seeding Technique  
☐ Site Reclamation (Photo Documentation)

On-site Closure Location: Latitude \_\_\_\_\_ Longitude \_\_\_\_\_ NAD: ☐ 1927 ☐ 1983

25.

**Operator Closure Certification:**

I hereby certify that the information and attachments submitted with this closure report is true, accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. I also certify that the closure complies with all applicable closure requirements and conditions specified in the approved closure plan.

Name (Print): \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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



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# New Mexico Office of the State Engineer Water Column/Average Depth to Water

No records found.

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Range: 29E

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WATER COLUMN/ AVERAGE  
DEPTH TO WATER

**HESS CORPORATION  
DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION PLAN  
TEMPORARY PITS**

In accordance with 19.15.17.11 NMAC, the following information describes the design and construction of temporary pits on Hess Corporation locations.

1. Hess will design and construct a temporary pit to contain liquids and solids to prevent contamination of fresh water and to protect public health and the environment.
2. Prior to constructing the pit, topsoil will be stockpiled in the construction zone for later use in surface restoration.
3. Hess will install a barbed wire fence around each temporary pit. The fence will be either 3 or 4 strand barbed wire sufficient to keep livestock from entering the pit.
4. Hess shall construct the temporary pit so that the foundation and interior slope are firm and free of rocks, debris, sharp edges or irregularities to prevent liner failure.
5. Hess shall construct pit walls so that the slopes are no steeper than two horizontal feet to one vertical foot.
6. Hess shall line temporary pits with 20-mil, string reinforced LLDPE or equivalent liner, complying with EPA SW-846 method 9090A requirements.
7. Hess shall minimize liner seams. Temporary pit construction shall avoid excessive stress-strain on the liner.
8. Hess shall install a geotextile under the liner where needed to reduce localized stress-strain or protuberances that may otherwise compromise the liner's integrity.
9. Hess shall anchor the edges of the liner in the bottom of a compacted earth-filled trench at least 18 inches deep.
10. Hess shall protect the liner from fluid force or mechanical damage through the use of mud pit slides or a manifold system.
11. Hess shall protect the temporary pit from run-off by constructing and maintaining diversion ditches around the location and/or around the perimeter of the pit.
12. Hess will not allow the volume of the pit to exceed 10 acre-feet, including freeboard.
13. Hess will not allow any freestanding liquids to remain on any unlined portion of a temporary pit used to vent gas.



**HESS CORPORATION**  
**MAINTENANCE AND OPERATING PLAN**  
**TEMPORARY PITS**

In accordance with 19.15.17.12 NMAC, the following information describes the maintenance and operating plan for temporary pits on Hess Corporation locations.

1. Hess will discharge only fluids used or generated during the drilling, completion or workover process into a temporary pit.
2. Hess will maintain temporary pits free of miscellaneous solid waste or debris.
3. Any hydrocarbon based drilling fluid generated during the drilling, completion or workover operations will be contained in an appropriate tank. Hess will remove any measureable layer of oil from the surface of a temporary drilling or workover pit.
4. Hess shall maintain at least two feet of freeboard for a temporary pit.
5. Hess will use a check list to perform a daily pit inspection while the drilling or workover rig is on-site. After drilling or workover operations, Hess will inspect the temporary pit weekly so long as liquids remain in the temporary pit. A log of the inspections will be kept in the local well file and be made available for the district office's review upon request. Hess will file a copy of the log with the District IV office upon the closure of the temporary pit.
6. Hess shall remove all free liquids from a temporary pit within 30 days from the date the drilling, completion or workover rig is released.

## TEMPORARY PIT INSPECTION

<b>Well</b>		<b>Liner Thickness</b>	
<b>API #</b>	<b>30-021-</b>	<b>Rig Mob Date</b>	
<b>County</b>	<b>Harding</b>	<b>Rig Demob Date</b>	

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All pits to be inspected DAILY during drilling/completion operations, WEEKLY thereafter. Any penetration of the pit liner shall be reported to the NMOCD within 48 hours.

## HESS CORPORATION

### CLOSURE PLAN TEMPORARY PITS

In accordance with 19.15.17.13 NMAC, the following information describes the closure plans for temporary pits on Hess Corporation locations.

1. Hess will remove free standing liquids as soon as practical for recycle use in the drilling of other wells. All free standing liquids that are not recycled will be removed prior to pit closure and disposed of in a division-approved facility or recycled, reused or reclaimed in a manner approved by the District IV office. Solids in the pit will be allowed to air dry as completely as possible prior to starting the pit closure.
2. The preferred method of closure for temporary pits is on-site burial in a separate, lined deep trench assuming that all closure requirements and standards of Subsection C of 19.15.17.10 NMAC and Subparagraph (c) of Paragraph (3) of Subsection F of 19.15.17.13 NMAC are met.
3. Hess shall notify the surface owner of the proposed closure plan and provide the District IV office with proof of notice.
4. Hess shall close temporary pits within 6 months of rig off status.
5. Notice of closure will be given to the District IV office within 72 hours and one week of closure.
6. Hess shall collect a five point, composite sample of the contents of the temporary pit and test the sample per Subsection B of 19.15.17.13(B)(1)(b) to demonstrate that the contents do not exceed the following limits:

Composites	Test Methods	Limit (mg/Kg)
Benzene	EPA SW-846 Methods 8021B or 8260B	0.2
BTEX	EPA SW-846 Methods 8021B or 8260B	50
TPH	EPA SW-846 Method 418.1	2500
GRO/DRO	EPA SW-846 Method 8015M	500
Chlorides	EPA method 300.1	3000

7. In the event that the test results exceed the above criteria, Hess will handle all pit contents per Subparagraph (a) of Paragraph (1) of Subsection B of 19.15.17.13 NMAC (ie. dig and haul).
8. Upon completion of testing and District Office approval for onsite burial, Hess shall dig a deep trench within 100 feet of the temporary pit in accordance with the

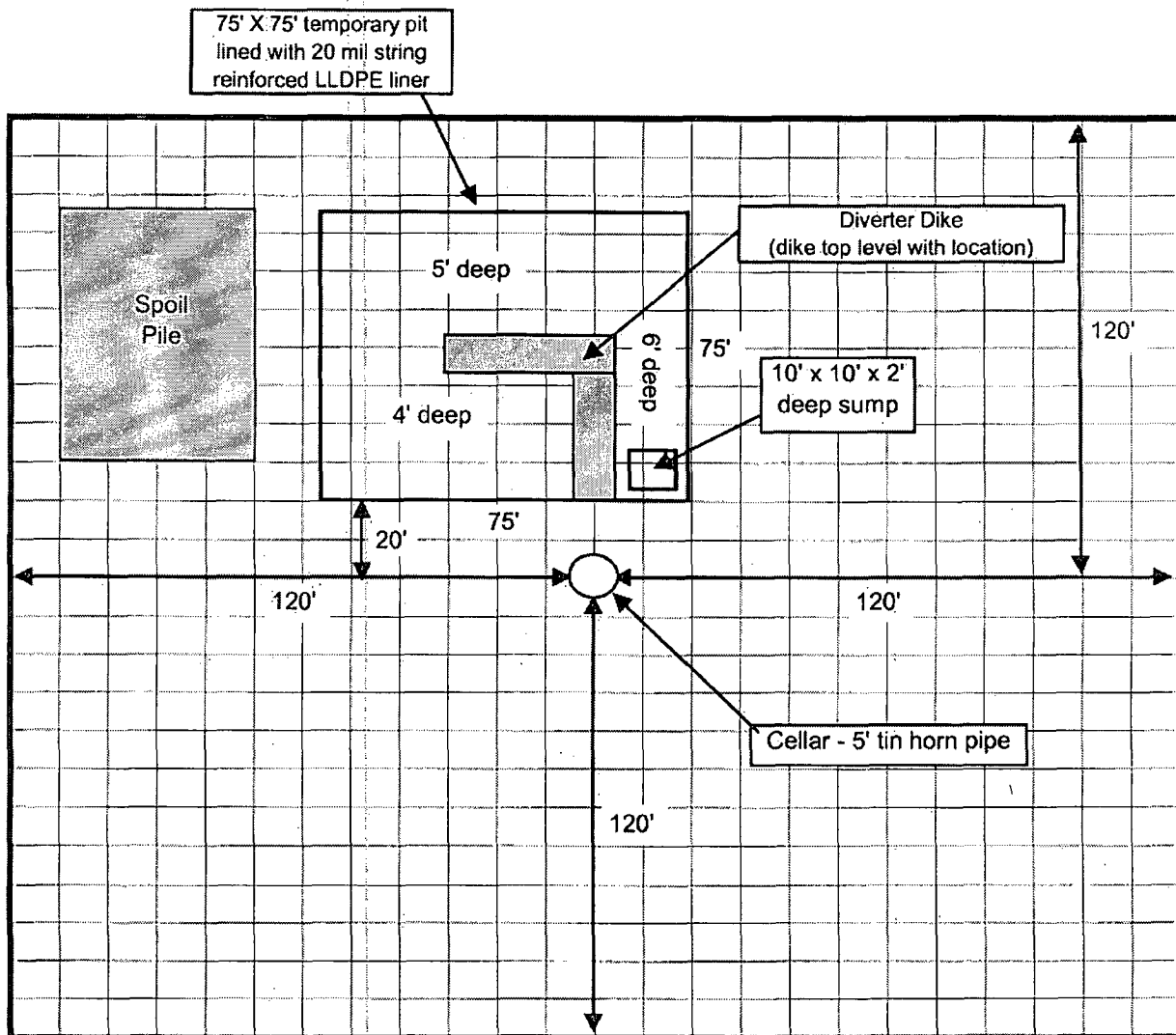
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### **CLOSURE PLAN TEMPORARY PITS**

design and construction requirements specified in Paragraphs (1) through (8) of Subsection J of 19.15.17.11 NMAC. This trench will be of sufficient depth to insure that a minimum of four feet of clean soil will cover the lined waste. This trench will be lined with a geomembrane liner (20-mil string reinforced LLDPE or equivalent).

9. The temporary pit contents will be stabilized and solidified to a bearing capacity sufficient to support the final cover of the trench burial. The temporary pit contents and original liner will then be transferred to the separately lined deep trench and completely encased in the trench liner. The trench liner will cover all six sides of the temporary pit contents in such a manner that prevents the collection of infiltration water in the lined trench and prevents the escape of waste outside of the trench liner. A minimum of four feet of cover will be placed over the trench liner.
10. Upon completion of pit closure, Hess will reclaim the pit and trench location to a contour that approximates the original contour prior to construction.
11. Hess shall reseed the disturbed pit area to achieve a vegetative cover that equals 70% of the native perennial vegetative cover 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.
12. Hess shall notify the District IV office when the temporary pit has been closed via a closure report on form C-144.

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Location size - 240' X 240'