

District I  
1625 N. French Dr., Hobbs, NM 88240  
District II  
1301 W. Grand Avenue, Artesia, NM 88210  
District III  
1000 Rio Brazos Road, Aztec, NM 87410  
District IV  
1220 S. St. Francis Dr., Santa Fe, NM 87505

State of New Mexico  
Energy Minerals and Natural Resources  
Department  
Oil Conservation Division  
1220 South St. Francis Dr.  
Santa Fe, NM 87505

Form C-144  
July 21, 2008

For temporary pits, closed-loop systems, and below-grade tanks, submit to the appropriate NMOCD District Office.  
For permanent pits and exceptions submit to the Santa Fe Environmental Bureau office and provide a copy to the appropriate NMOCD District Office.

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

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

Instructions: Please submit one application (Form C-144) per individual pit, closed-loop system, below-grade tank or alternative request

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

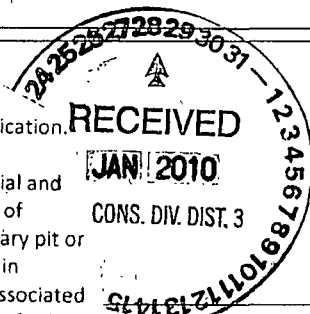
1. Operator: Williams Operating Co, LLC OGRID #: 120782  
Address: PO Box 640 / 721 S Main Aztec, NM 87410  
Facility or well name: Rosa SWD Unit No. 2  
API Number: 30-039-30812 OCD Permit Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
U/L or Qtr/Qtr F Section 25 Township 31N Range 5W County: Rio Arriba  
Center of Proposed Design: Latitude 36.886951N / 36.87077N Longitude -107.311156W / -107.31548W 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 20 mil ☒ LLDPE ☐ HDPE ☐ PVC ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_  
☒ String-Reinforced  
Liner Seams: ☒ Welded ☒ Factory ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_ Volume: 44,000 bbl Dimensions: L 140' x W 70' x D 25'

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 \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Denied**

The OCD District office reviewed the permit and due to the complexities the District office also contacted the OCD Environmental Bureau regarding the permit. As a result of the discussions the OCD hereby denies Williams permit application. Williams closure plan proposed hauling the drilling cuttings and materials to an off-site location for burial and disposal. Pursuant to 19.15.17.13.D NMAC, approved closure methods for closed-loop systems include transferring waste material and the drying pad liner to a division-approved facility or on-site burial. Pursuant to the on-site closure method provisions of 19.15.17.13.F NMAC, an operator "may use in-place burial (burial in the existing temporary pit) for closure of a temporary pit or bury the contents of a drying pad associated with a closed-loop system in a temporary pit that the operator constructs in accordance with Paragraphs (1) through (6) and (10) of Subsection F of 19.15.17.11 NMAC for closure of a drying pad associated with a closed loop system" on-site. Off-site disposal would require the operator to obtain a surface waste management facility permit (landfill permit) in accordance with 19.15.36 NMAC, unless the waste material is hauled to a division-approved facility.



BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
Santa Fe, New Mexico  
Case No. 14521 Exhibit No. 5  
Submitted by:  
WILLIAMS PRODUCTION CO., LLC  
Hearing Date: July 29, 2010

6.	<p><b>Fencing:</b> Subsection D of 19.15.17.11 NMAC (<i>Applies to permanent pits, temporary pits, and below-grade tanks</i>)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Chain link, six feet in height, two strands of barbed wire at top (<i>Required if located within 1000 feet of a permanent residence, school, hospital, institution or church</i>)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Four foot height, four strands of barbed wire evenly spaced between one and four feet</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alternate. Please specify <u>As per USFS specifications</u></p>																				
7.	<p><b>Netting:</b> Subsection E of 19.15.17.11 NMAC (<i>Applies to permanent pits and permanent open top tanks</i>)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Screen <input type="checkbox"/> Netting <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Monthly inspections (If netting or screening is not physically feasible)</p>																				
8.	<p><b>Signs:</b> Subsection C of 19.15.17.11 NMAC</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 12"x 24", 2" lettering, providing Operator's name, site location, and emergency telephone numbers</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Signed in compliance with 19.15.3.103 NMAC</p>																				
9.	<p><b>Administrative Approvals and Exceptions:</b></p> <p>Justifications and/or demonstrations of equivalency are required. Please refer to 19.15.17 NMAC for guidance.</p> <p><b>Please check a box if one or more of the following is requested, if not leave blank:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Administrative approval(s): Requests must be submitted to the appropriate division district or the Santa Fe Environmental Bureau office for consideration of approval.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Exception(s): Requests must be submitted to the Santa Fe Environmental Bureau office for consideration of approval.</p>																				
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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 indentify the facility or facilities for the disposal of liquids, drilling fluids and drill cuttings. Use attachment if more than two facilities are required.*

Disposal Facility Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Temporary Pit on Rosa 394 Location \_\_\_\_\_ 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 & 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

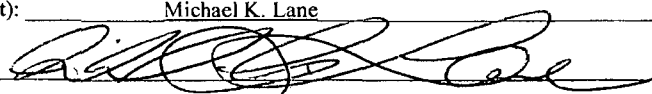
☒ Re-vegetation Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection I of 19.15.17.13 NMAC

☒ 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): Michael K. LaneTitle: Sr. EH & S SpecialistSignature: Date: 1/26/2010e-mail address: myke.lane@williams.comTelephone: 505-634-4219

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

OCD Rep

**\* Denied**

Title: The OCD District office reviewed the permit and due to the complexities the District office also contacted the OCD Environmental Bureau regarding the permit. As a result of the discussions the OCD hereby denies Williams permit application.

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Williams closure plan proposed hauling the drilling cuttings and materials to an off-site location for burial and disposal. Pursuant to 19.15.17.13.D NMAC, approved closure methods for closed-loop systems include transferring waste material and the drying pad liner to a division-approved facility or on-site burial. Pursuant to the on-site closure method provisions of 19.15.17.13.F NMAC, an operator "may use in-place burial (burial in the existing temporary pit) for closure of a temporary pit or bury the contents of a drying pad associated with a closed-loop system in a temporary pit that the operator constructs in accordance with Paragraphs (1) through (6) and (10) of Subsection F of 19.15.17.11 NMAC for closure of a drying pad associated with a closed loop system" on-site. Off-site disposal would require the operator to obtain a surface waste management facility permit (landfill permit) in accordance with 19.15.36 NMAC, unless the waste material is hauled to a division-approved facility.

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☐ 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: \_\_\_\_\_

**Williams Production Co., LLC**  
**Rosa SWD #2 (API: 30-039-30812)**  
Drilling and Completion  
Closed-Loop & Temporary Pit System

In accordance with Rule 19.15.17 NMAC, the following plans describes the Design and Construction (D&C); the Maintenance and Operation (O&M) and Closure of a closed-loop and temporary pit system to be used for the drilling and completion of the Rosa Unit SWD #2 by Williams Production Co, LLC (WPX).

The Closed-loop portion of this system will be located immediately adjacent to the drilling/completion rig for solids and fluid handling and to prevent impacts to the immediate environment surrounding the wellsite. The temporary pit portion of the system will be needed to provided additional fluids storage for pressure control, hole stability and solids management. The temporary pit will be located at a less environmental sensitive new drill well location (Rosa Unit #394: API 30-039-29706) within 1.1 miles north of the SWD #2 wellsite.

### **Design and Construction Plans**

#### **Closed-Loop Design & Construction Plan:**

The Closed-Loops System will consist of one or more temporary above-ground tank(s) suitable for holding the cuttings and fluids for rig operations and the planned Drilling/Completion activities. The tank(s) will be of sufficient volume to maintain a safe free-board between disposal of the liquids and solids from rig operations. Additional design considerations include:

1. The Closed-loop System used by WPX will not entail a drying pad, below-grade tank or sump.
2. Fencing is not required for an above-ground closed-loop system.
3. It will be signed in compliance with 19.15.3.103 NMAC
4. A temporary pit will be used to store surplus liquids and handle the large volume of cutting anticipated while drilling the disposal well.
5. Haul-off bins or similar containers will be used to temporarily hold dewatered solid prior to disposal in the temporary pit.
6. Tanks will be placed on the active and disturbed areas of the SWD well location and within the existing ROW footprint.

#### **Temporary Design & Construction Plan:**

##### **General Requirements:**

1. WPX will be designed and constructed the temporary pit to contain surplus liquids and recovered solids associated with the drilling and completion of the referenced SWD well which will prevent contamination of fresh water resources and protect public health and the environment.
2. Prior to excavation of the pit, topsoil will be stripped and stockpiled within the construction zone of the wellsite want within the ROW for later use during restoration.
3. WPX will post a well sign, not less than 12" by 24", on the well site prior to construction of the temporary pit. This sign will list the operator on record, the location of the well site by unit letter/section/township/range, and emergency telephone number(s).
4. WPX shall construct all new fences utilizing 48" steel mesh field-fence (hogwire) on the bottom with a single strand of barbed wire on top. T-posts will be installed every 12 feet and corners shall be anchored utilizing a secondary T-post or similar bracing. The temporary pit will be fenced at all times excluding drilling/completion operations, at which time the "front" side of the fence will be temporarily removed for operational purposes.

5. WPX shall construction the temporary pit so that the foundation and interior slopes are firm and free of rocks, debris, sharp edges or irregularities to meet manufacturers' specifications and potential liner failure.
6. WPX shall construct the pit so that the slopes are no steeper than two horizontal to one vertical. Where steeper slopes are required due to surface owner and right-a-way restriction, an engineer's certification of stability will be provided
7. The pit walls will be walked down by a crawler type tractor following construction and prior to liner installation.
8. The temporary pit will be lined with a 20-mil, string reinforced, LLDPE liner, complying with EPA SW-846 method 9090A requirements.
9. Geotextile will be installed beneath the liner when rocks, debris, sharp objects or irregularities cannot be avoided.
10. The liner will be anchored in the bottom of a compacted earth-filled trench consistent with manufacturer's specifications and at least 18 inches deep.
11. WPX will minimize liner seams and orient them up and down, not across slope faces. Factory seams will be used whenever possible. Field seams will be overlapped per manufacturers' specifications. WPX will minimize the number of field seams in corners and irregularly shaped areas.
12. The liner shall be protected from any fluid force or mechanical damage through the use of mud pit slides (secondary liner placed over the primary liner), and/or a manifold system.
13. The pit shall be protected from run-on by construction of diversion ditches around the location or around the perimeter of the pit as necessary.
14. The volume of the pit shall not exceed 10 acre-feet (77,580 bbl), including freeboard.
15. No temporary blow pit will be needed for the drilling and completion of the reference SWD.

## **Maintenance & Operating Plan**

### **Closed-Loop Plan:**

The Closed-Loops System will be operated and maintained: to contain liquids and solids, to aid in the prevention of contamination of fresh water sources, in order to protect public health and the environment. The following steps will be followed to attain this goal:

1. The liquids will be transferred to and from the temporary above-ground rig tanks using vacuum trucks. Liquid levels will be maintained to provide required free-board and prevent overtopping. Surplus liquids will be stored in the Temporary Pit and tranfered to and from the Closed-Loop system as needed to effective drill and complete the well.
2. Solids in the Closed-Loop tanks will be vacuumed out and transferred to the Temporary pit on a periodic basis to ensure sufficient liquid volumes for effective drilling/completion and to prevent over topping.
3. No hazardous waste, miscellaneous solid waste or debris will be discharged into or stored in the tank(s). Only fluids or cutting intrinsic to, used or generated by rig operations will be placed or stored in the tank(s).
4. The Division District office will be notified within 48 hours of the discovery of compromised integrity of the Closed-Loop System. Upon discovery of the compromised tank, repairs will be enacted immediately.
5. All of the above operations will be inspected and a log will be signed and dated. During rig operations the inspection will be daily.

### **Temporary Pit Plan:**

1. WPX will operate and maintain the temporary pit to contain liquids and solids associated with the drilling and completion of the referenced SWD well which will prevent contamination of fresh water resources and protect public health and the environment.
2. WPX will to the extent practical conserve drilling fluids for reuse by transferring liquids to other pits ahead of the rig. Any excess fluids that are not needed for

- well control during drilling or completion will be disposed by evaporation or transport to Basin Disposal, Inc in Bloomfield, New Mexico (Permit # NM-01-005).
3. WPX shall maintain at least two (2) feet of vertical freeboard for the temporary pit.
  4. WPX shall remove all free liquids from the temporary pit within 30 days from the date the drilling or completion rig is released.
  5. Only fluids and solids generated during the drilling/completion process and from the reference closed-loop system will be discharged into the temporary pit. Other miscellaneous solid waste or debris will not be allowed.
  6. WPX will not discharge or store any hazardous waste as defined under RCRA 40CFR 261 and 19.15.1.7.W(3) NMAC in the temporary pit or associated Closed-Loop system.
  7. If any pit liner's integrity is compromised, or if any penetration of the liner occurs:
    - a. Above the liquid's surface, WPX shall repair the damage or replace the liner as necessary. WPX will notify the NMOCD Aztec District Office by phone or email within 48-hours of discovery.
    - b. Leak below the liquid's surface, WPX shall suspend operations, remove all liquids above the damaged liner within 48 hours, and repair the damage or replace the liner. WPX will notify and report to NMOCD as follows:
      - i. If the release is less than 25 bbls, the Aztec District Office by phone or email within 48-hours of discovery and repair.
      - ii. If the release is suspected to be greater than 25 bbls, the Aztec District Office and the Environmental Bureau Chief by phone for immediate verbal notification pursuant to 19.15.3.116.B (1)(d).
    - c. Written Spill/Release reports will be submitted on Form C-141 per 19.15.3.116.C NMAC within 15 days to the Aztec District Office.
  8. The liner shall be protected from any fluid force or mechanical damage through the use of mud pit slides (secondary liner placed over the primary liner), and/or a manifold system.
  9. Diversion ditches, around the location or around the perimeter of the pit, shall be maintained as protection from run-on.
  10. WPX shall immediately remove any visible layer of oil from the surface of a temporary pit following cessation of drilling/completion operations. Oil absorbent booms will be utilized to contain and remove oil. An oil absorbent boom will be stored on-site until the pit is covered.
  11. WPX will inspect the temporary pit as follows to ensure compliance with this plan:
    - a. Daily during drilling or workover operations. Inspections will be included with the IADC reports.
    - b. Weekly as long as liquids remain in the pit. Electronic copies of the inspections will be kept at the WPX San Juan Basin office.
    - c. Copies of the inspections will be filed with the NMOCD Aztec District office upon pit closure.

## **Closure Plan**

### **Closed-Loop Plan:**

The Closed-Loops System will be closed in accordance with 19.15.17.13. This will be done by:

1. WPX will vacuum removed any residual cutting and sludge from all temporary above-ground tanks and transporting cuttings to the Temporary Pit following rig operations.
2. WPX will to the extent practical conserve drilling fluids for reuse by transferring liquids to other permitted pits ahead of the rig. Any excess fluids that are not needed for well control during drilling or completion will be disposed by evaporation or transport to Basin Disposal, Inc in Bloomfield, New Mexico (Permit # NM-01-005).
3. Removal of the tank(s) from the well location as part of the rig move.
4. At time of well abandonment, the site will be reclaimed and re-vegetated to pre-existing conditions when possible, or as stipulated by the surface management agency (i.e. USFS) in the APD conditions of approval.



## Temporary Pit In-place Closure Plan

In accordance with Rule 19.15.17.13 NMAC, the following plan describes the in-place closure requirements of the temporary pit to be used with the reference SWD well. Since the pit location is in a non-sensitive area with groundwater > 100 feet below the pit bottom the closure criteria for non-sensitive areas will be followed.

All closure activities will include proper documentation and will be submitted to OCD within 60 days of the pit closure on a Closure Report using Division Form C-144. The Report will include the following:

- Details on Capping and Covering, where applicable
- Plot Plan (Pit Diagram)
- Inspection reports
- Sampling Results
- Division Form C-105: WELL COMPLETION OR RECOMPLETION REPORT AND LOG

### Closure Procedure:

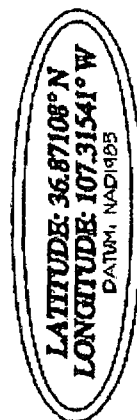
1. All free standing liquids will be removed from the pit at the start of the closure process. To the extent practical WPX will attempt to conserve drilling fluids for reuse by transferring liquids to other permitted pits ahead of the rig. Any excess fluids that are not needed for well control during drilling or completion will be disposed by evaporation or transport to Basin Disposal, Inc in Bloomfield, New Mexico (Permit # NM-01-005).
2. The method of closure for the temporary pit will be in-place burial on-site closure as all the criteria in 19.15.17.13.B are met.
3. The surface owner shall be notified of WPX's proposed closure plan using a means that provides proof of notice and consistent with the BLM-NMOCD MOU.
4. Within six months of the "rig-off" status occurring WPX will ensure that the temporary pit is covered, recontoured and reseeded in progress consistent with the USFS APD conditions of approval.
5. Notice of Closure will be given to the Aztec District office between 72 hours and one week of the scheduled closure via email or phone. The notification of closure will include the following: Operators Name (WPX), Well Name and API Number, and Location (USTR)
6. The pit liner shall be removed above "mud level" after stabilization. Removal of the liner will consist of manually or mechanically cutting the liner at the mud level and removing all remaining liner. Care will be taken to remove "all" of the liner (i.e. anchored material). All excessive liner will be disposed of at a licensed disposal facility (probably San Juan Regional Landfill operated by Waste Management under NMED Permit SWM-052426).
7. Solidification of the remaining pit contents shall be achieved by mixing non-waste containing, earthen material. The solidification process will be accomplished use a combination of natural drying and mechanical mixing. Pit contents will be mixed with non-waste, earthen material to a consistency that is deemed safe and stable. The mixing ratio shall not exceed 3 parts non-waste to 1 part pit contents.
8. A five-point composite sample will be taken of the pit using sampling tools and all samples tested per 19.15.17.13(B)(1)(b) NMAC. In the event that the criteria are not met (See Table 1), all contents will be handled per 19.15.17.13(B)(1)(a) (i.e. dig and haul to a Division-approved facility). Approval to haul will be requested of the Aztec District office prior to initiation.

Table 1: Closure Criteria for Temporary Pits in Non-sensitive Areas

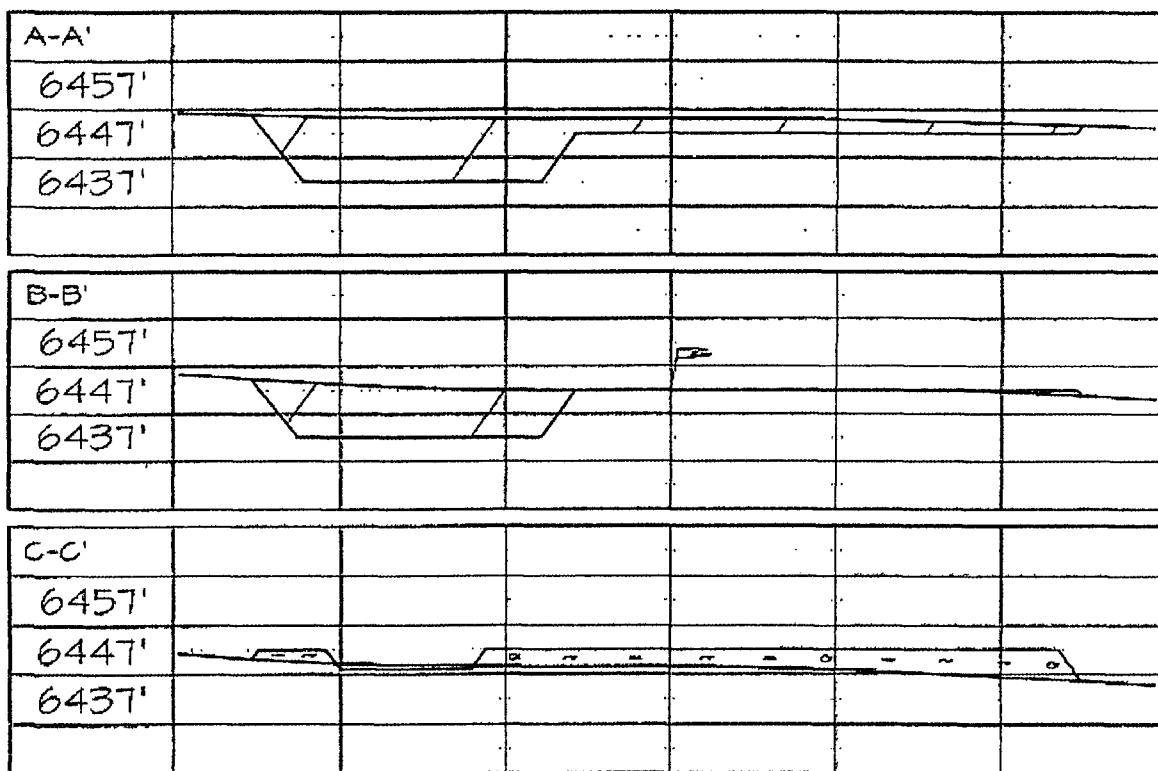
Components	Testing Methods	Closure Limits (mg/Kg)
Benzene	EPA SW-846 Method 8021B or 8260B	0.2
BTEX	EPA SW-846 Method 8021B or 8260B	50
TPH	EPA SW-846 Method 418.1 modified	2500
GRO/DRO	EPA SW-846 Method 8015M (GRO/DRO)	500
Chlorides	EPA SW-846 Method 300.1	1000

9. Upon completion of solidification and testing, the pit area will be backfilled with non-waste earthen material compacted to native conditions to enable effective revegetation for successful evapotranspiration. A minimum of four feet of cover including replacement of one foot of suitable material to establish vegetation, or the background thickness of topsoil, whichever is greater.
10. Following cover, the site will be recontoured to meet the Surface Management Agency USFS APD conditions of approval requirements. Re-contouring will attempt to match fit, shape, line form, and texture of the surrounding geography. Re-shaping will include drainage control, prevent ponding, and minimize erosion. Natural drainages will be unimpeded and stormwater Best Management Practices (BMPs) will be used to aid in soil stabilization and protection surface water quality.
11. Notification will be sent to the Aztec District office when the reclaimed area is seeded.
12. WPX shall seed the disturbed areas the first growing season after the pit is covered. Seeding will be accomplished via drilling on the contour whenever practical, or by other Division-approved methods. Vegetative cover will equal 70% of the native perennial vegetative cover (un-impacted) consisting of at least three native plant species, including at least one grass, but not including noxious weeds, and maintained that cover through two successive growing seasons. Repeat seeding or planting will be continued until successful vegetative growth occurs. *Note: WPX assumes the seeding stipulations including mix and seeding methods specified by the USFS as the Surface Management Agency and as part of the APD are Division-approved methods unless notified by the Division of their unacceptability.*
13. The temporary pit will be located with a steel marker, no less than four inches in diameter, cemented in a hole three feet deep in the center of the on site burial upon the abandonment of all wells on the pad. The marker will be flush with the ground to allow access of the active well pad and for safety concerns. The marker will include a threaded collar to be used for future abandonment. The top of the marker will contain a welded steel 12" square plate that indicates the on site burial of the temporary pit. The plate will be easily removable and a four-foot tall riser will be threaded into the top of the collar marker and welded around the base with the operations information at the time of all wells on the pad abandoned. The information will include Operator Name, Lease Name, Well Name, and number, USTR, and an indicator that the marker is an onsite pit burial location

WILLIAMS PRODUCTION COMPANY ROSA UNIT SWD #2  
2460' FNL & 2095' FWL, SECTION 25, T31N, R5W, NMPM  
RIO ARriba COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ELEVATION: 6447'



Steel T-Posts have been set to define the Edge of Disturbance limits which are 50' offset from the edge of the graded wallpad.

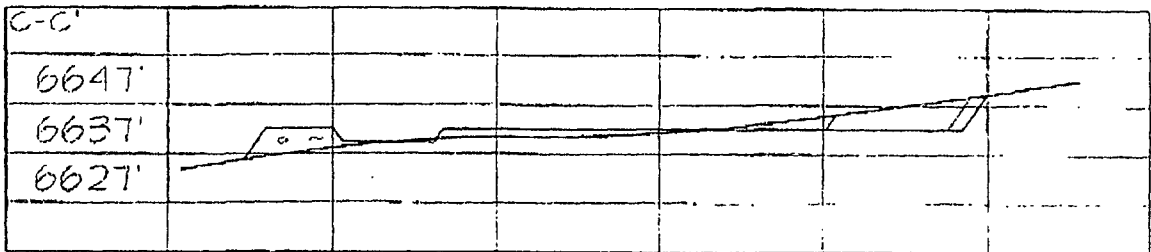
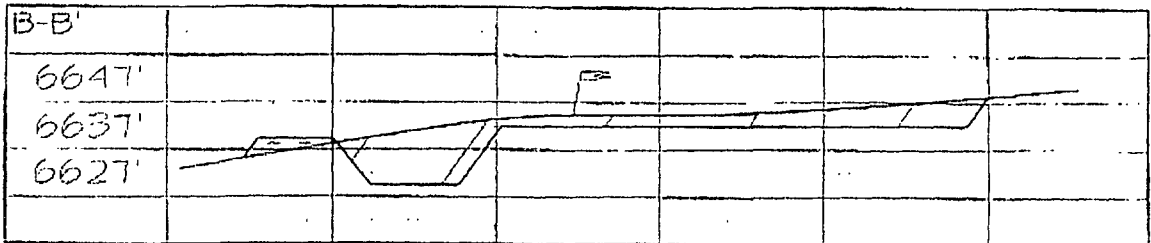
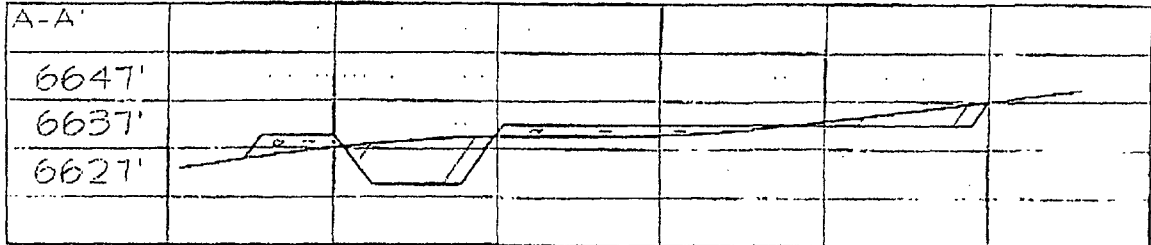
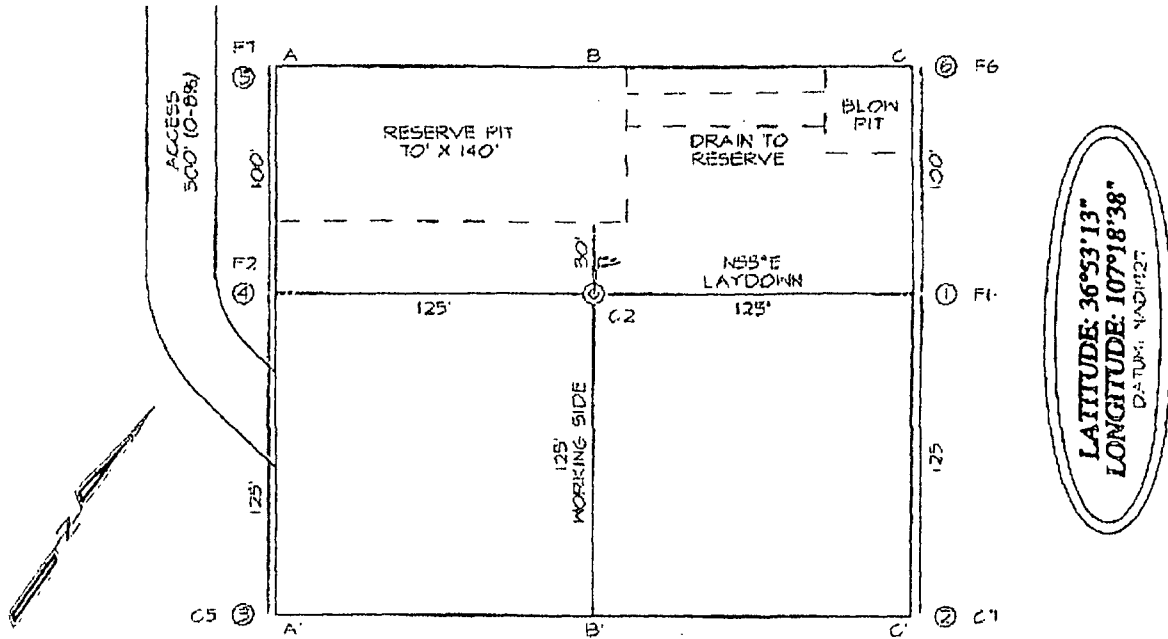


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# Location of Temporary Pit System

## ROSA UNIT SWD #2

WILLIAMS PRODUCTION COMPANY ROSA UNIT #394  
1975' FNL & 1980' FEL, SECTION 24, T31N, R5W, NMPM  
RIO ARriba COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ELEVATION: 6639'



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**Hydrogeological Report--  
Williams Production Company, LLC  
Rosa Unit SWD #2 Temporary Pit  
Regional Hydrological Context**

**Referenced Well Location:**

The referenced temporary pit is located on Carson National Forest's Jicarilla Ranger District jurisdiction in Rio Arriba County, New Mexico. This site is positioned in the northeastern portion of the San Juan Basin, an asymmetrical syncline that extends from northwestern New Mexico into southwestern Colorado (Carson National Forest FEIS, 2008). Elevation of the referenced well is approximately 6639 feet MSL.

**General Regional Groundwater Description:**

As a portion of the San Juan Basin, the Jicarilla Ranger District is underlain by sandstone aquifers of the Colorado Plateau. The primary aquifer of potential concern at this location is the Uinta-Animas Aquifer, composed primarily of Lower Tertiary rocks in the San Juan Basin. The aquifer consists of the San Jose Formation; the underlying Animas formation and its lateral equivalent, the Nacimiento formation; and the Ojo Alamo Sandstone. The thickness of the Uinta-Animas aquifer generally increases toward the central part of the basin. In this region, the maximum thickness of the aquifer is approximately 3500 feet (USGS, 2001). This aquifer contains fresh to moderately saline water.

Groundwater generally flows toward the San Juan River and its tributaries, where it becomes alluvial groundwater or is discharged to stream flow. Additional information regarding the hydrogeologic setting can be found in the provided references.

**Site Specific Information:**

**Surface Hydrology:**

The pit is located on a large level northern bench approximately 40-60 feet above Martinez Canyon. The topography slopes toward a drainage associated with Martinez Canyon. Martinez Canyon is located approximately 1/4 mile to the north and Cabresto Canyon is located approximately one (1) mile to the south.

**1<sup>st</sup> Water Bearing Formation:**

San Jose, Tertiary

**Formation Thickness:**

Approximately 1,900 ft.

**Underlying Formation:**

Nacimiento, Tertiary

**Depth to Groundwater:**

Depth to groundwater is estimated at greater than 100 feet bgs. Within a one-mile radius of this location, there were no iWATERS wells with recorded water depth information. Comparison to cathodic wells on six gas well locations near the proposed well indicate the groundwater show be greater than 124 to 290 feet. See Table 1 and Siting Criteria Map 1 for details.

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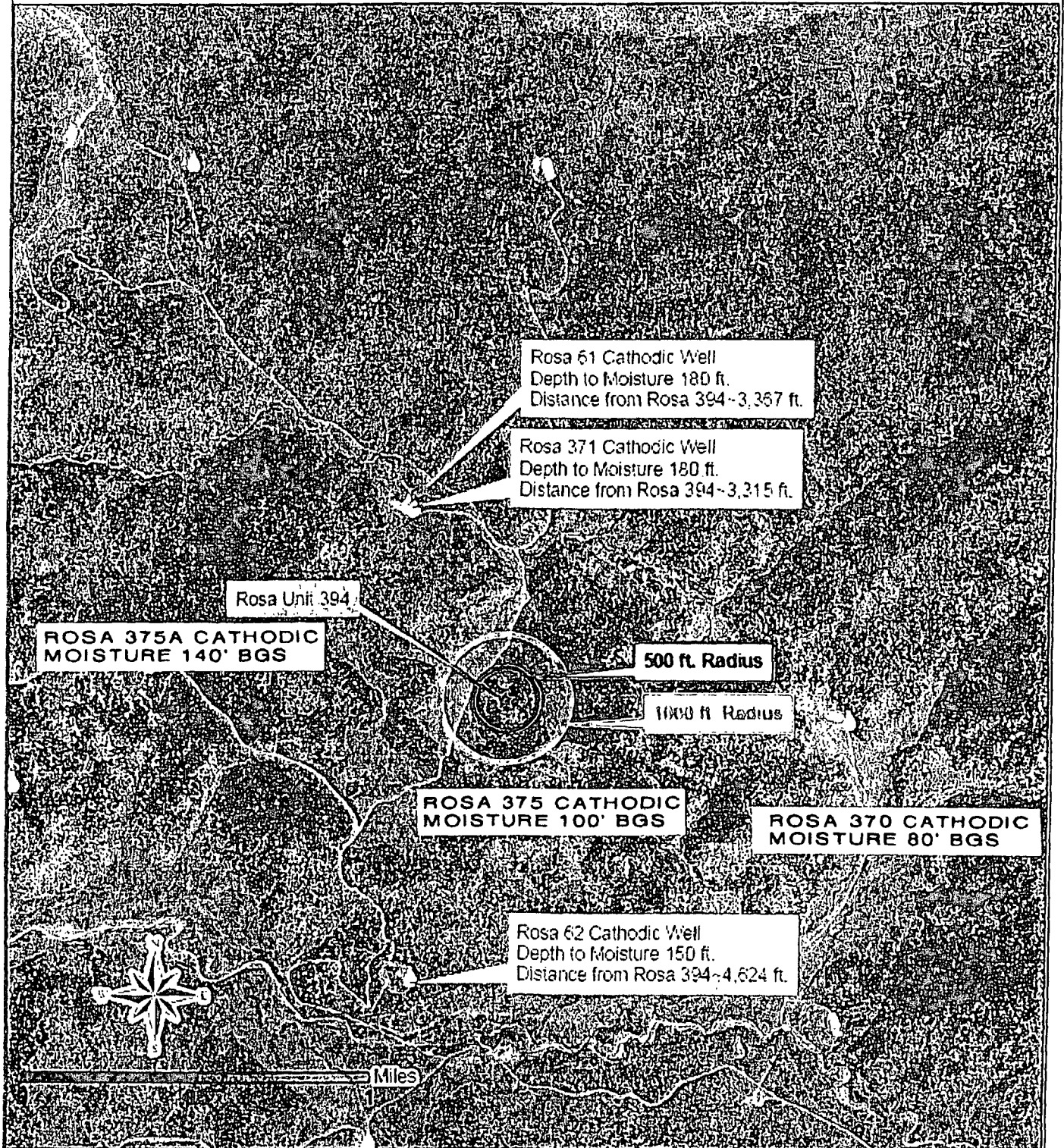
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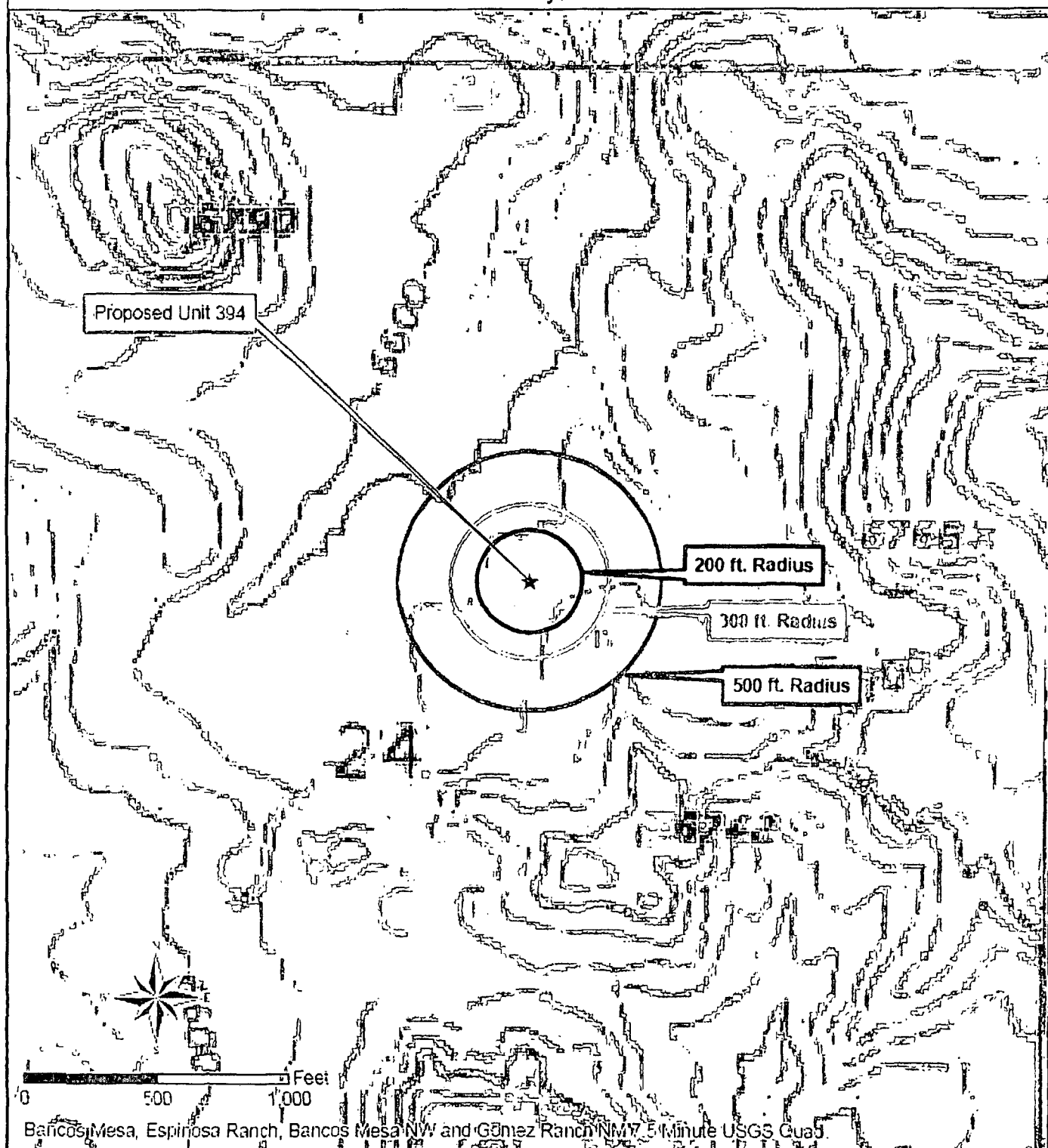
Table 1: Comparison of Cathodic Well Data to Proposed Rosa Unit  
SWD #2 Temporary Pit Location

Well	Lat	Long	Site Elevation (ft) MSL	Depth to Moisture		Relative to RU 394	
				BGS (ft)	Elevation (ft) MSL	GW Elevation (ft) BGS	Distance (ft)
Rosa SWD#2 Temp Pit	36.886944	107.310556	6639	100	6539	>100	0
Rosa 371	36.89495	-107.31722	6530	180	6350	289	3315
Rosa 370	36.87788	-107.29895	6554	80	6474	165	4125
Rosa 375	36.88244	-107.31644	6596	100	6496	143	2062
Rosa 375A	36.88972	107.31972	6655	140	6515	124	2743
Rosa 62	36.87523	-107.31685	6606	150	6456	183	4624
Rosa 61	36.89502	-107.31767	6527	180	6347	292	3367

Siting Criteria Map I  
Water Wells, Cathodic Wells, & Springs  
Williams Production Company, LLC  
ROSA UNIT SWD #2 TEMP PIT  
T31N, R05W, Section 24 NMPM  
Rio Arriba County, New Mexico



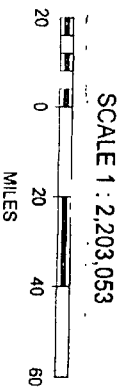
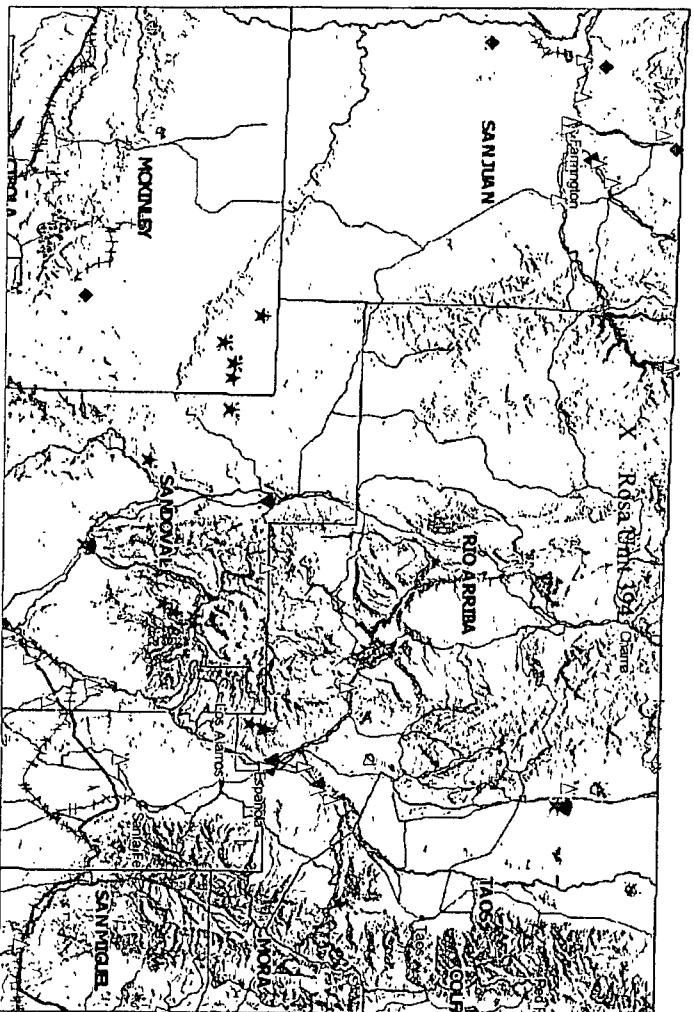
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Topographic Features  
Williams Production Company, LLC  
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Rio Arriba County, New Mexico





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**FEMA Map – 100-Year Floodplain:**

As this location is within Carson National Forest, no FEMA maps are available. However, ortho-photographic and topographic maps, and an on site investigation indicate that this location is not within a floodplain..

**Siting Criteria Compliance Demonstrations:**

The Rosa Unit #394 well is not located in an unstable area. The location is not situated over a mine or a steep slope. Excavated pit material will not be located within 300 feet of a continuously flowing water course or within 200 feet of any other significant water course, lakebed, sinkhole, or playa lake (see Siting Criteria Map II). The site is not within 500 feet of any reported riparian areas or wetlands; within 500 feet of any private, domestic fresh water well or spring; or within 1000 feet of any other fresh water well or spring (see Siting Criteria Map I). The proposed pit will not be within any incorporated municipal boundaries or defined municipal freshwater well field covered under a municipal ordinance adopted pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 3-27-3, as amended. The location of the proposed pit is not within 300 feet of any permanent residence, school, hospital, institution, or church.

## Lane, Myke

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**From:** Lane, Myke  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 26, 2010 5:55 PM  
**To:** 'John Reidinger'; 'Jon J Miller'  
**Cc:** Meador, Tasha ; Higgins, Larry ; Riley, Heather  
**Subject:** Landowner Notice - Rosa SWD #2 Closed-Loop & Temporary Pit System

This correspondence is to notify the USFS that Williams Production is planning to use a Closed-Loop with temporary pit associated with the drilling and completion of the reference well. The Closed-Loop system consisting of temporary above-ground tanks only will be used on the SWD#2 wellpad. The temporary pit needed for surplus mud storage and solids handling will be located on the Rosa #394. This will minimize the need for trucking liquid and solids handling during drilling/completion operations, ensuring sufficient mud and liquids are readily available to effectively and safely install the reference well. Following discontinued use of the Closed-Loop system all tanks will be removed from the well site, and the temporary pit will close by onsite burial. The planned closure is consistent with the Surface Use Plans submitted with Williams APDs.

This notice is to comply with the NMOC D Pit Rule 19.15.17 NMAC requirement to notify surface owners of the operator's intended closure method(s). If site conditions do not allow Williams to close in-place, we will provide your office with prior notice should the USFS have any concerns.

Please contact us if there are any questions or additional information is required

Michael K. (Myke) Lane, PE  
EH&S Team Leader - San Juan Basin Operations  
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*"The problems we face cannot be resolved at the same level of thinking as that which gave rise to them!"---shared with me by Brent Hale*

**Tracking:**