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**HOBBS OCD** State of New Mexico  
Energy Minerals and Natural Resources  
Department

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Oil Conservation Division  
1220 South St. Francis Dr.  
Santa Fe, NM 87505

Form C-144 CLEZ  
21-Jul-08

For closed-loop systems that only use above ground steel tanks or haul off bins and propose to implement waste removal for closure, submit to the appropriate NMOCD District Office.

**Closed-Loop System Permit or Closure Plan Application**

(that only use above ground steel tanks or haul-off bins and propose to implement waste removal for closure)

Type of action:  Permit  Closure

Instructions: Please submit one application (Form C-144 CLEZ) per individual closed-looped system request. For any application request other than for a closed-loop system that only use above ground steel tanks or haul-off bins and propose to implement waste removal for closure, please submit a Form C-144. 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 government authority's rules, regulations or ordinances.

1. Operator: Apache Corporation OGRID# 873  
Address: 303 Veterans Airpark Lane, Ste 3000, Midland, TX 79705  
Facility or Well Name: Empire Abo Unit "D" #41  
API Number: 30-015-01533 OCD Permit Number: 213503  
U/L or Qtr/Qtr: M Section 25 Township 17S Range 28E County: Eddy  
Center of Proposed Design: Latitude \_\_\_\_\_ Longitude \_\_\_\_\_ NAD:  1927  1983  
Surface Owner:  Federal  State  Private  Tribal Trust or Indian Allotment

2.  **Closed-loop System:** Subsection H of 19.15.17.11 NMAC  
Operation:  Drilling a new well  Workover of Drilling (Applies to activities which require prior approval of a permit or notice of intent)  P&A  
 Above Ground Steel Tanks or  Haul-off Bins

3. **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

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4. **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.  
 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 Box 5) - 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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5. **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: Sundance Services Disposal Facility Permit Number: NM-01-0003  
Disposal Facility Name: Controlled Recovery Inc. Disposal Facility Permit Number: NM-01-0006  
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

6. **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): Guinn Burks Title: Reclamation Foreman  
Signature: Guinn Burks Date: 9/27/2012  
e-mail address: guinn.burks@apachecorp.com Telephone: 432-556-9143

