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1220 S. St. Francis Dr., Santa Fe, NM 87505

State of New Mexico  
Energy Minerals and Natural Resources

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

Form C-144  
June 1, 2004  
For drilling and production facilities, submit to appropriate NMOCD District Office.  
For downstream facilities, submit to Santa Fe office

**Pit or Below-Grade Tank Registration or Closure**

Is pit or below-grade tank covered by a "general plan"? Yes ☐ No ☒

Type of action: Registration of a pit or below-grade tank ☐ Closure of a pit or below-grade tank ☒

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Operator: Oxy USA WTP Limited Partnership Telephone: 505-397-0510 e-mail address: ballen@sesi-nm.com  
Address: 4008 North Grimes PMB 269, Hobbs, New Mexico 88240  
Facility or well name: Santa Fe Federal #1 API #: 30-015-34264 U/L or Qtr/Qtr O Sec 8 T 25S R 26E  
County: Eddy Latitude 32°08'20.70"N Longitude 104°18'40.77" W NAD: 1927 X 1983 ☐ Surface Owner: Federal ☐ State ☐ Private ☒ Indian ☐

**Pit**

Type: Drilling ☒ Production ☐ Disposal ☐

Workover ☐ Emergency ☐

Lined ☒ Unlined ☐

Liner type: Synthetic ☒ Thickness 12 mil Clay ☐

Pit Volume 11,000 bbl

**Below-grade tank**

Volume: bbl Type of fluid:

Construction material:

Double-walled, with leak detection? Yes ☐ If not, explain why not.

Depth to ground water (vertical distance from bottom of pit to seasonal high water elevation of ground water.)

Less than 50 feet

50 feet or more, but less than 100 feet

100 feet or more

(20 points) XXXX

(10 points)

( 0 points)

Wellhead protection area: (Less than 200 feet from a private domestic water source, or less than 1000 feet from all other water sources.)

Yes

No

(20 points)

( 0 points) XXXX

Distance to surface water: (horizontal distance to all wetlands, playas, irrigation canals, ditches, and perennial and ephemeral watercourses.)

Less than 200 feet

200 feet or more, but less than 1000 feet

1000 feet or more

(20 points)

(10 points) XXXX

( 0 points)

**Ranking Score (Total Points)**

30 points

**If this is a pit closure:** (1) Attach a diagram of the facility showing the pit's relationship to other equipment and tanks. (2) Indicate disposal location: (check the onsite box if you are burying in place) onsite ☒ offsite ☐ If offsite, name of facility. (3) Attach a general description of remedial action taken including remediation start date and end date. (4) Groundwater encountered: No ☒ Yes ☐ If yes, show depth below ground surface ft. and attach sample results. (5) Attach soil sample results and a diagram of sample locations and excavations.

Additional Comments: Closure work plan for drilling pit. Category 2 location: The drilling pit contents will be excavated from the pit area.

If there is evidence of contamination, the soil will be tested by lab and if contamination is confirmed, further remediation will be conducted according to guidelines. A trench will be installed. The trench will be lined with a 12-mil impervious liner and the excavated material will be placed on top. The trench will then be encapsulated with 20-mil liner. The excavated pit will be backfilled with clean soil and the pit area as well as the trench will be covered and contoured with three feet of soil or like material capable of supporting native plant growth to prevent erosion and ponding of rainwater.

A one call and a 48 hour notice will be provided to the Oil Conservation Division.

I hereby certify that the information above is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. I further certify that the above-described pit or below-grade tank has been/will be constructed or closed according to NMOCD guidelines ☐, a general permit X or an (attached) alternative OCD-approved plan ☐.

Date: 04/28/06 Printed Name/Title Bob Allen/ Consultant

Signature

*Bob Allen*

Your certification and NMOCD approval of this application/closure does not relieve the operator of liability should the contents of the pit or tank contaminate ground water or otherwise endanger public health or the environment. Nor does it relieve the operator of its responsibility for compliance with any other federal, state, or local laws and/or regulations.

Approval:  
Printed Name/Title

**DENIED**

Please submit a plan that can be approved for a sensitive area or schedule a meeting where other water data can be reviewed.

Date: