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State of New Mexico  
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Oil Conservation Division  
1220 South St. Francis Dr.  
Santa Fe, NM 87505

Form C-144  
June 24, 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

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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

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

Operator	Chesapeake Operating, Inc.	OGRID #	147179
Address:	P.O. Box 18496 Oklahoma City, OK 73154-0496		
Facility or well name:	Queen Lake 20 Federal # 2H		
API Number	30.015.36444	OCD Permit Number	
U/L or Qtr/Qtr	0	Section	20
Township	24 South	Range	29 East
County	Eddy		
Center of Proposed Design	Latitude 32.196536	Longitude	-103.002909
NAD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1927	<input type="checkbox"/> 1983	
Surface Owner	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Tribal Trust or Indian Allotment		

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Pit:</b> Subsection F or G of 19 15 17 11 NMAC Temporary <input type="checkbox"/> Drilling <input type="checkbox"/> Workover <input type="checkbox"/> Permanent <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency <input type="checkbox"/> Cavitation <input type="checkbox"/> Steel Pit <input type="checkbox"/> Lined <input type="checkbox"/> Unlined Liner type Thickness _____ mil <input type="checkbox"/> LLDPE <input type="checkbox"/> HDPE <input type="checkbox"/> PVC <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> String-Reinforced Seams: <input type="checkbox"/> Welded <input type="checkbox"/> Factory <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ Volume _____ bbl Dimensions: L _____ x W _____ x D _____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Closed-loop System:</b> Subsection H of 19 15 17 11 NMAC <input type="checkbox"/> Drying Pad <input type="checkbox"/> Tanks <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Haul-off Bins <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Lined <input type="checkbox"/> Unlined Liner type Thickness _____ mil <input type="checkbox"/> LLDPE <input type="checkbox"/> HDPE <input type="checkbox"/> PVC <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ Seams <input type="checkbox"/> Welded <input type="checkbox"/> Factory <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ Volume _____ bbl _____ yd <sup>3</sup> Dimensions Length _____ x Width _____
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<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Below-grade tank:</b> Subsection I of 19 15 17 11 NMAC Volume: _____ bbl Type of fluid: _____ Tank Construction material _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Secondary containment with leak detection <input type="checkbox"/> Visible sidewalls, liner, 6-inch lift and automatic overflow shut-off <input type="checkbox"/> Visible sidewalls and liner <input type="checkbox"/> Visible sidewalls only <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ Liner type: Thickness _____ mil <input type="checkbox"/> HDPE <input type="checkbox"/> PVC <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Fencing:</b> Subsection D of 19 15 17 11 NMAC <input type="checkbox"/> Chain link, six feet in height, two strands of barbed wire at top <input type="checkbox"/> Four foot height, four strands of barbed wire evenly spaced between one and four feet <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Netting:</b> Subsection E of 19 15 17 11 NMAC <input type="checkbox"/> Screen <input type="checkbox"/> Netting <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly inspections <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Signs:</b> Subsection C of 19 15 17 11 NMAC <input type="checkbox"/> 12"x24", 2' lettering, providing Operator's name, site location, and emergency telephone numbers <input type="checkbox"/> Signed in compliance with 19 15.3.103 NMAC
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<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Alternative Method:</b> Submittal of an exception request is required Exceptions must be submitted to the Santa Fe Environmental Bureau office for consideration of approval	<b>Administrative Approvals and Exceptions:</b> 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: <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 <input type="checkbox"/> Exception(s) Requests must be submitted to the Santa Fe Environmental Bureau office for consideration of approval
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**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 - NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search, USGS; Data obtained from nearby wells	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 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) - Topographic map, Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 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) - Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site, Aerial photo, Satellite image	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> 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) - Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site, Aerial photo, Satellite image	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <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 - NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search, Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 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	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Within 500 feet of a wetland - US Fish and Wildlife Wetland Identification map, Topographic map, Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Within the area overlying a subsurface mine. - Written confirmation or verification or map from the NM EMNRD-Mining and Mineral Division	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Within an unstable area - Engineering measures incorporated into the design, NM Bureau of Geology & Mineral Resources, USGS, NM Geological Society, Topographic map	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Within a 100-year floodplain - FEMA map	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

**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.

<input type="checkbox"/> Hydrogeologic Report (Below-grade Tanks) - based upon the requirements of Paragraph (4) of Subsection B of 19.15.17.9 NMAC
<input type="checkbox"/> Hydrogeologic Data (Temporary and Emergency Pits) - based upon the requirements of Paragraph (2) of Subsection B of 19.15.17.9 NMAC
<input type="checkbox"/> Siting Criteria Compliance Demonstrations - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.10 NMAC
<input type="checkbox"/> Design Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.11 NMAC
<input type="checkbox"/> Operating and Maintenance Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.12 NMAC
<input type="checkbox"/> Closure Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection C of 19.15.17.9 NMAC and 19.15.17.13 NMAC
<input type="checkbox"/> Previously Approved Design (attach copy of design)    API Number _____ or Permit Number _____

**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.

<input type="checkbox"/> Geologic and Hydrogeologic Data (required for on-site closure) - based upon the requirements of Paragraph (3) of Subsection B of 19.15.17.9
<input type="checkbox"/> Siting Criteria Compliance Demonstrations (required for on-site closure) - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.10 NMAC
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Design Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.11 NMAC
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Operating and Maintenance Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.12 NMAC
<input type="checkbox"/> Closure Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection C of 19.15.17.9 NMAC and 19.15.17.13 NMAC
<input type="checkbox"/> Previously Approved Design (attach copy of design)    API Number. _____

**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

**Proposed Closure:** 19 15 17 13 NMAC

- Type ☒ Drilling ☐ Workover ☐ Emergency ☐ Cavitation ☐ 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)

**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.

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| Ground water is less than 50 feet below the bottom of the buried waste  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| - NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search, USGS; Data obtained from nearby wells  | <input type="checkbox"/> NA                              |
| Ground water is between 50 and 100 feet below the bottom of the buried waste  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| - NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search, USGS; Data obtained from nearby wells  | <input type="checkbox"/> NA                              |
| Ground water is more than 100 feet below the bottom of the buried waste   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| - NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search, USGS; Data obtained from nearby wells  | <input type="checkbox"/> 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).   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input 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  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| - Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site, Aerial photo, Satellite image   |  |
| 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 type="checkbox"/> No |
| - NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database, 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 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 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 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 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 type="checkbox"/> No |
| - FEMA map  |  |

**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

**Waste Removal Closure For Closed-loop Systems That Utilize 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.*

Disposal Facility Name CRI Disposal Facility Permit Number R-9166

**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 and Design of Burial Trench (if applicable) 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

**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) Linda Good Title Sr. Regulatory Compl. Sp.

Signature Linda Good Date 7/22/2008

e-mail address: linda.good@chk.com Telephone 405-767-4275

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

OCD Representative Signature District II Supervisor Approval Date: 7-28-08

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ OCD Permit Number: 0208194

**Closure Report (required within 60 days of closure completion):** Subsection K of 19 15 17 13 NMAC

☐ Closure Completion Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Closure Method:**

- ☐ Waste Excavation and Removal ☐ On-Site Closure Method ☐ Alternative Closure Method
- ☐ If different from approved plan, please explain

**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
- ☐ Proof of Deed Notice (if applicable)
- ☐ Plot Plan
- ☐ Confirmation Sampling Analytical Results
- ☐ Waste Material Sampling Analytical Results
- ☐ 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

**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 \_\_\_\_\_

**Chesapeake Operating, Inc.'s Closed Loop System  
Queen Lake 20 Federal # 2H  
Unit O, Sec. 20, T-24-S R-29-E  
Eddy Co., NM  
API #: TBD**

**Equipment & Design:**

Chesapeake Operating, Inc. is to use a closed loop system with roll-off steel pits.

- (2) King Cobra linear shale shakers
- (1) Derrick D1000 centrifuge
- (1) 500 bbl "frac" tank" for fresh water
- (1) 500 bbl "frac tank" brine water

**Operations & Maintenance:**

During each and every tour, the rig's drilling crew will inspect and monitor closely the drilling fluids contained within the steel pits and visually monitor any spill which may occur.

Within 48 hours should a spill, release or leak occur, the NMOCD District II office in Artesia (575-7483-1283) will be notified. Please note that notifications may be made earlier to the district office should a greater release occur.

This is in keeping with the reporting requirements of NMOCD's rule 116.

**Closure:**

During and after drilling operations, liquids (which apply), all drill cuttings and drilling fluids will be hauled and disposed to the Controlled Recovery, Inc.'s location.

The permit number for the Queen Lake 20 Federal # 2H well is: R-9166