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Month - Year  
MAY 2, 2007  
CLY ARTESIA, NM

May 18, 2007

Mr. Ron Harvey  
NMOCD District 2  
1301 W. Grand Avenue  
Artesia, NM 88210

**Re: Oxy Mustang State Com No 1  
Section 16 - T18S - R29E  
Eddy County, New Mexico**

Dear Mr. Harvey:

Further to your Letter of Violation No 0211507 of April 24, 2007 regarding the open pit at the captioned location; OXY USA WTP LP advises that a Form C-144 detailing our plans for closing this pit was submitted on May 16, 2007 (copy enclosed for your review). We are currently awaiting approval from the NMOCD regarding same.

Should you require anything further of this office, please advise.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rick Kerby".

Rick Kerby  
HES Specialist  
Frontier RMT

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District III  
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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

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Form C-144  
June 1, 2004

For drilling and production facilities, submit to appropriate NMOC 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 ☒

Operator: Oxy USA WTP Limited Partnership Telephone: 505-397-0510 e-mail address: office@sesi-nm.com		
Address: PO Box 1988, Carlsbad, New Mexico 88220		
Facility or well name: Mustang State Com #1 API #: 30-015-29376 U/L or Qtr/Qtr I Sec 16 T 18S R 29E		
County: Eddy Latitude 32°44'44.5 Longitude 104°04'22.08 NAD: 1927 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1983		
Surface Owner: Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Indian <input type="checkbox"/>		
<b>Pit</b> Type: Drilling <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Production <input type="checkbox"/> Disposal <input type="checkbox"/> Workover <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency <input type="checkbox"/> Lined <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unlined <input type="checkbox"/> Liner type: Synthetic <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Thickness 12 mil Clay <input type="checkbox"/> Pit Volume 11,000 bbl	<b>Below-grade tank</b> Volume: bbl Type of fluid: Construction material: Double-walled, with leak detection? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 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) (10 points) XXXX ( 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) ( 0 points) XXXX
<b>Ranking Score (Total Points)</b>		10 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: Category #2 Location
Closure work plan for drilling pit. The drilling pit will be capped and encapsulated insitu. This will be accomplished by mixing earthen materials with the pit contents, as necessary to stiffen the pit contents sufficiently to provide physical stability and support for the pit cover. The edges of the liner will be folded over the stiffened mud and cuttings; capping the pit with a 20 mil thickness impervious; reinforced synthetic liner meeting ASTM standards that is designed to be resistant to the material encapsulated; and covering the cap with a minimum of 3' feet of clean soil or like material that is capable of supporting native plant growth.
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 <input type="checkbox"/> , a general permit X or an (attached) alternative OCD-approved plan <input type="checkbox"/> .		
Date: 5-16-07	Printed Name/Title: Jerri Lee/ Consultant	Signature: <i>Jerri Lee</i>
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: Signature: Date:		