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

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

- 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: BC Operating, Inc. \_\_\_\_\_ OGRID #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: P.O. Box 50820, Midland, Texas 79710 \_\_\_\_\_  
Facility or well name: Shell Federal #2 \_\_\_\_\_  
API Number: 30-15-34679 \_\_\_\_\_ OCD Permit Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
U/L or Qtr/Qtr D \_\_\_\_\_ Section 06 Township 21S Range 24E County: Eddy \_\_\_\_\_  
Center of Proposed Design: Latitude N32° 31' 01.94" Longitude W104° 32' 41.01" 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 14 mil  LLDPE  HDPE  PVC  Other \_\_\_\_\_  
 String-Reinforced  
Liner Seams:  Welded  Factory  Other \_\_\_\_\_ Volume: 24,000\_bbl Dimensions: L\_130'\_ x W\_113'\_ x D\_10'\_

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 \_\_\_\_\_

4.  
 Below-grade tank: Subsection I of 19.15.17.11 NMAC  
Volume: \_\_\_\_\_ bbl Type of fluid: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tank Construction material: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Secondary containment with leak detection  Visible sidewalls, liner, 6-inch lift and automatic overflow shut-off  
 Visible sidewalls and liner  Visible sidewalls only  Other \_\_\_\_\_  
Liner type: Thickness \_\_\_\_\_ mil  HDPE  PVC  Other \_\_\_\_\_

5.  
 Alternative Method:  
Submittal of an exception request is required. Exceptions must be submitted to the Santa Fe Environmental Bureau office for consideration of approval.

6.

**Fencing:** Subsection D of 19.15.17.11 NMAC (*Applies to permanent pits, temporary pits, and below-grade tanks*)

- Chain link, six feet in height, two strands of barbed wire at top (*Required if located within 1000 feet of a permanent residence, school, hospital, institution or church*)
- Four foot height, four strands of barbed wire evenly spaced between one and four feet
- Alternate. Please specify \_\_\_\_\_

7.

**Netting:** Subsection E of 19.15.17.11 NMAC (*Applies to permanent pits and permanent open top tanks*)

- Screen  Netting  Other \_\_\_\_\_
- Monthly inspections (If netting or screening is not physically feasible)

8.

**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

9.

**Administrative Approvals and Exceptions:**

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:**

- Administrative approval(s): Requests must be submitted to the appropriate division district or the Santa Fe Environmental Bureau office for consideration of approval.
- Exception(s): Requests must be submitted to the Santa Fe Environmental Bureau office for consideration of approval.

10.

**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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Within 300 feet from a permanent residence, school, hospital, institution, or church in existence at the time of initial application. ( <i>Applies to temporary, emergency, or cavitation pits and below-grade tanks</i> ) - Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site; Aerial photo; Satellite image	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" 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. ( <i>Applies to permanent pits</i> ) - Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site; Aerial photo; Satellite image	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" 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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Within a 100-year floodplain. - FEMA map	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

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: \_\_\_\_\_ 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.*

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

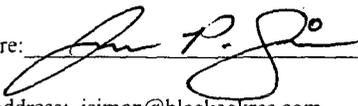
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**Operator Application Certification:**

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): Jaron Simon

Title: Drilling and Completion Engineer

Signature: 

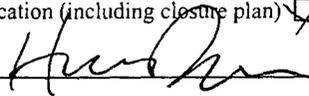
Date: 8-10-09

e-mail address: jsimon@blackoakres.com

Telephone: (432) 684-9696, Ext. 250

20.

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

OCD Representative Signature: 

Approval Date: 5/20/10

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

OCD Permit Number: N/A

21.

**Closure Report (required within 60 days of closure completion):** Subsection K of 19.15.17.13 NMAC

*Instructions: Operators are required to obtain an approved closure plan prior to implementing any closure activities and submitting the closure report. The closure report is required to be submitted to the division within 60 days of the completion of the closure activities. Please do not complete this section of the form until an approved closure plan has been obtained and the closure activities have been completed.*

Closure Completion Date: 2/23/10

22.

**Closure Method:**

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

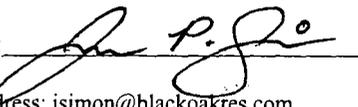
25.

**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): Jaron Simon

Title: Drilling and Completion Engineer

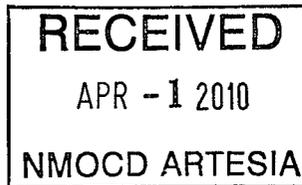
Signature: 

Date: 3/24/10

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# LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL



ENVIRONMENTAL PLUS, INC.



Date: March 31, 2010  
To: **Mr. Mike Bratcher**  
Company Name: New Mexico Oil Conservation Division  
Address: 1301 West Grand  
City / State / Zip: Artesia, New Mexico 88210  
From: David P. Duncan  
CC: Jason Wacker, BC Operating, Inc. – Midland, Texas  
Jim Amos, BLM – Carlsbad, New Mexico  
File  
Project #: EPI Ref. #456001  
Project Name: Shell Federal #2  
Subject: **Final Drilling Reserve Pit Closure Report**

# of originals	# of copies	Description
1		BC Operating, Inc. – Shell Federal #2 Final Drilling Reserve Pit Closure Report

## Remarks

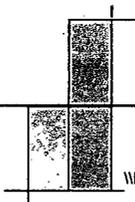
Dear Mr. Bratcher:

Enclosed is a bound copy of a *Final Drilling Reserve Pit Closure Report* for the above referenced site. Should you have any technical questions, concerns or need additional information, please contact me at (575) 394-3481 (office), (575) 441-7802 (cellular) or via email at [dduncanepi@gmail.com](mailto:dduncanepi@gmail.com) Official communications/correspondence should be directed to Mr. Jason Wacker, BC Operating, Inc., at (432) 684-9696 (office), (432) 631-2142 (cellular) or via e-mail at [jwacker@blackoakres.com](mailto:jwacker@blackoakres.com)

Sincerely,

David P. Duncan  
Civil Engineer  
EPI Project Manager

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# FINAL DRILLING RESERVE PIT CLOSURE REPORT

**SHELL FEDERAL #2**

**EPI REF: #456001**

**UL-D (NW¼ OF THE NW¼) OF SECTION 06, T 21 S, R 24 E**

**~20 MILES WEST BY NORTHWEST OF CARLSBAD,**

**EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO**

**LATITUDE: N 32° 31' 01.94"**

**LONGITUDE: W 103° 32' 41.01"**

**MARCH 2010**

***PREPARED BY:***

**ENVIRONMENTAL PLUS, INC.**

**P.O. BOX 1558**

**2100 WEST AVENUE O**

**EUNICE, NEW MEXICO 88231**

***PREPARED FOR:***

**BC OPERATING, INC.**

**303 VETERANS AIRPARK LANE**

**P.O. BOX 50820**

**MIDLAND, TEXAS 79705**



31 March 2010

Mr. Mike Bratcher  
Environmental Engineer  
New Mexico Oil Conservation Division  
1301 West Grand  
Artesia, New Mexico 88210

**RE: Final Closure Report  
BC Operating, Inc.  
Shell Federal #2 Drilling Reserve Pit  
UL-D (NW ¼ of the NW ¼) of Section 06, T21S, R24E  
Latitude: N32° 31' 01.94"; Longitude: W104° 32' 41.01"  
Eddy County, New Mexico  
EPI Ref. #456001**

Dear Mr. Bratcher:

Environmental Plus, Inc., (EPI) on behalf of Mr. Jason Wacker, BC Operating, Inc., presents the following letter form *Final Closure Report* for the above referenced project.

Remediation activities were initiated to bring the drilling reserve pit into conformance with both NMOCD and BLM requirements. For clarity and cross reference elimination purposes, the following letter form offers Site Background History, Analytical Data and Drill Pit Remediation procedures.

**Site Background**

The Site is located in UL-D (NW¼ of the NW ¼) of Section 06, T21S, R24E at an approximate elevation of 3,680 feet above mean sea level (amsl). The property is owned by the Department of the Interior and managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). A search for water wells was completed utilizing the New Mexico Office of the State Engineers website and a database maintained by the United States Geological Survey (USGS). No wells (domestic, agriculture or public) or bodies of surface water exist within a 1,000 feet radius of the Site (reference *Figure 2*). Groundwater data indicates average water depth is approximately 100 feet below ground surface (bgs). Based on available information, projected distance between impacted soil and groundwater is less than 100 vertical feet. Utilizing this information, New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (NMOCD) Remedial Goals for this Site were determined as follows:

Parameter	Remedial Goal
Benzene	10 mg/Kg
BTEX	50 mg/Kg
TPH	2,500 mg/Kg
Chlorides	500 mg/Kg

ENVIRONMENTAL PLUS, INC.



## **Analytical Data**

Soil samples collected were field analyzed using the following methods described below:

Organic Vapor Concentrations – A portion of each soil sample was inserted into a self-sealing polyethylene bag to allow volatilization of organic vapors. After allowed to equilibrate to ~70° F, soil samples were analyzed for organic vapors concentrations utilizing a MiniRae® Photoionization Detector (PID) equipped with a 10.6 electron volt (eV) lamp calibrated for Benzene response..

Chloride Concentrations – A LaMotte Chloride Kit (Titration Method) was used for analyses of chloride concentrations

After field analysis confirmed soil samples were below NMOCD Remedial Threshold Goals for chloride and TPH concentrations, remainder of the soil sample was placed into a glass sample jar, labeled and inserted on ice in a cooler for transportation to an independent laboratory for confirmatory analytical analyses.

Field and laboratory analyses focused on chloride concentrations as TPH was not the dominant contaminant.

## **Site Remedial Procedures**

Impacted contents of the drilling reserve pit (drill tailings, drilling mud, etc.) were consolidated with existing excavated native material to form a cohesive mass void of free water. Upon completion of consolidation activities, the impacted material was transported to Lea Land, Inc., (Permit Number NM-01-0035) for disposal. Selective top soil was transported on return trips and stockpiled for later distribution. During the period of 21 December 2009 through 27 January 2010 approximately 2,614 cubic yards of impacted material were transported to Lea Land, Inc., for disposal and 2,196 cubic yards of top soil on return trips. However, remediation of drilling reserve pit was suspended from 4-10 January 2010 for plugging/abandoning the production well.

Following removal of impacted material and pit liner, interior sidewalls and drilling reserve pit bottom were field analyzed for chloride and TPH concentrations. Table 2, *Summary of Excavation Soil Sample Field Analyses and Laboratory Analytical Results*, illustrates efforts exerted to remove impacted material from sidewalls. As noted, sidewall located in the northeast corner around SW-1 (Ref. *Figure 4*) required additional excavation to remove impacted material above NMOCD Remedial Threshold Goals of 500 mg/Kg. On 22 January 2010 eight (8) soil samples were collected from sidewalls. As drilling reserve pit bottom was composed of solid rock, one (1) composite soil sample was collected from the area. Collected soil samples were transported to Cardinal Laboratory (Hobbs, New Mexico) for quantification of BTEX constituents, TPH and chloride concentrations per NMOCD requirements. With exception of the composite soil sample collected from the drilling reserve pit bottom, remainder of soil samples were below NMOCD Remedial Threshold Goals for BTEX constituents, TPH and chloride concentrations (Ref. *Table 2*).

As normal procedures for excavating the dense drilling reserve pit bottom were to no avail, a 20-mil polyethylene liner was installed as a physical barrier to mitigate downward migration of



surface water as discussed in the *Remediation Proposal*. After receiving permission from the NMOCD, backfill operations were started on 15 February and completed 23 February 2010. Large rocks were placed in the deepest end of the drilling reserve pit with greater dimension facing laterally. Due to intermingling large rocks with normal material during original excavation activities, segregation was required to displace them from stockpiled material. After placement of large rocks was completed, stockpiled excavation material was used to fill the interstices. Following completion of this operation, a minimum two (2) foot layer of clean top soil was placed over the backfill material. A 20-mil thick polyethylene liner was placed over bottom of the backfilled area extending up sidewalls to within six (6) inches of original ground surface. Another two (2) foot layer of top soil was placed over the liner for protection. In areas where vertical depths permitted, the remaining volume was backfilled with original stockpiled excavation material to within one (1) foot of original ground surface. A minimum one (1) foot top soil cap was placed over the entire drilling reserve pit area. Disturbed areas were contoured to permit natural drainage and ripped cross ways to prevent excessive wind/water erosion.

Disturbed areas will be disked and drill seeded with BLM Mix #1 at a rate of seven and one-half (7.5) PLS per acre to complete the project. However, EPI recommends this activity be deferred until late spring 2010 when ground and weather conditions are more conducive to vegetative growth.

Should you have any technical questions or concerns, please contact me at (575) 394-3481 (office), (575) 441-7802 (mobile) or via email at [dduncanepi@gmail.com](mailto:dduncanepi@gmail.com). Please direct official communications to Mr. Jason Wacker at (432) 684-9696, Ext. 250 (office), (432) 631-2142 (cellular) or via email at [jwacker@blackoakres.com](mailto:jwacker@blackoakres.com) with correspondence addressed to:

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Midland, Texas 79705

Sincerely,

ENVIRONMENTAL PLUS, INC.

David P. Duncan  
Civil Engineer

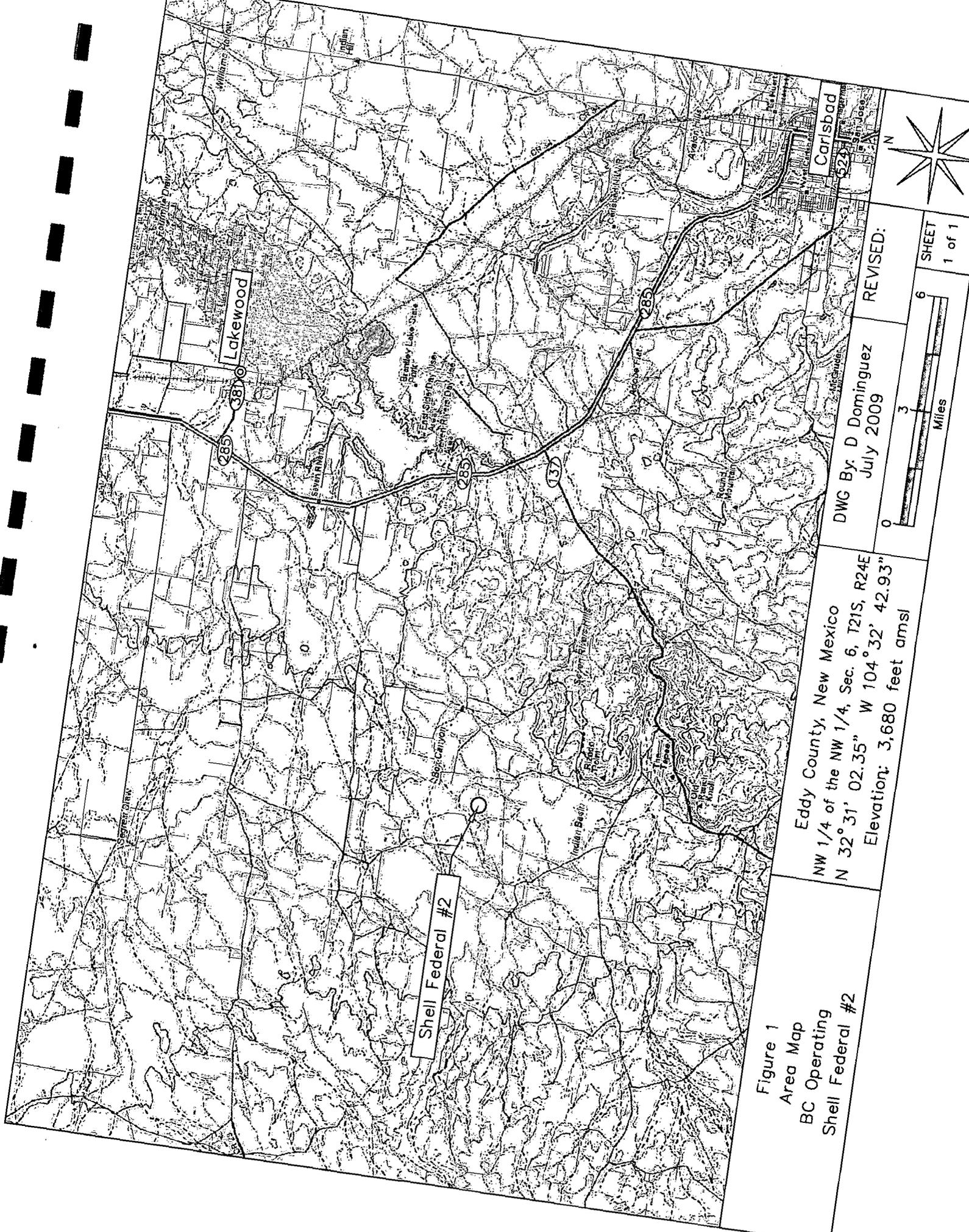
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Cody Miller - General Manager, EPI  
Roger Boone - Operations Superintendent, EPI  
Jim Amos – SUPV. Env. Prot. Spec, BLM



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**FIGURES**



Shell Federal #2

Lakewood

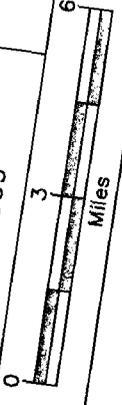
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Figure 1  
Area Map  
BC Operating  
Shell Federal #2

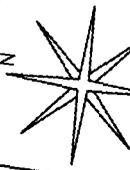
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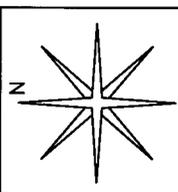
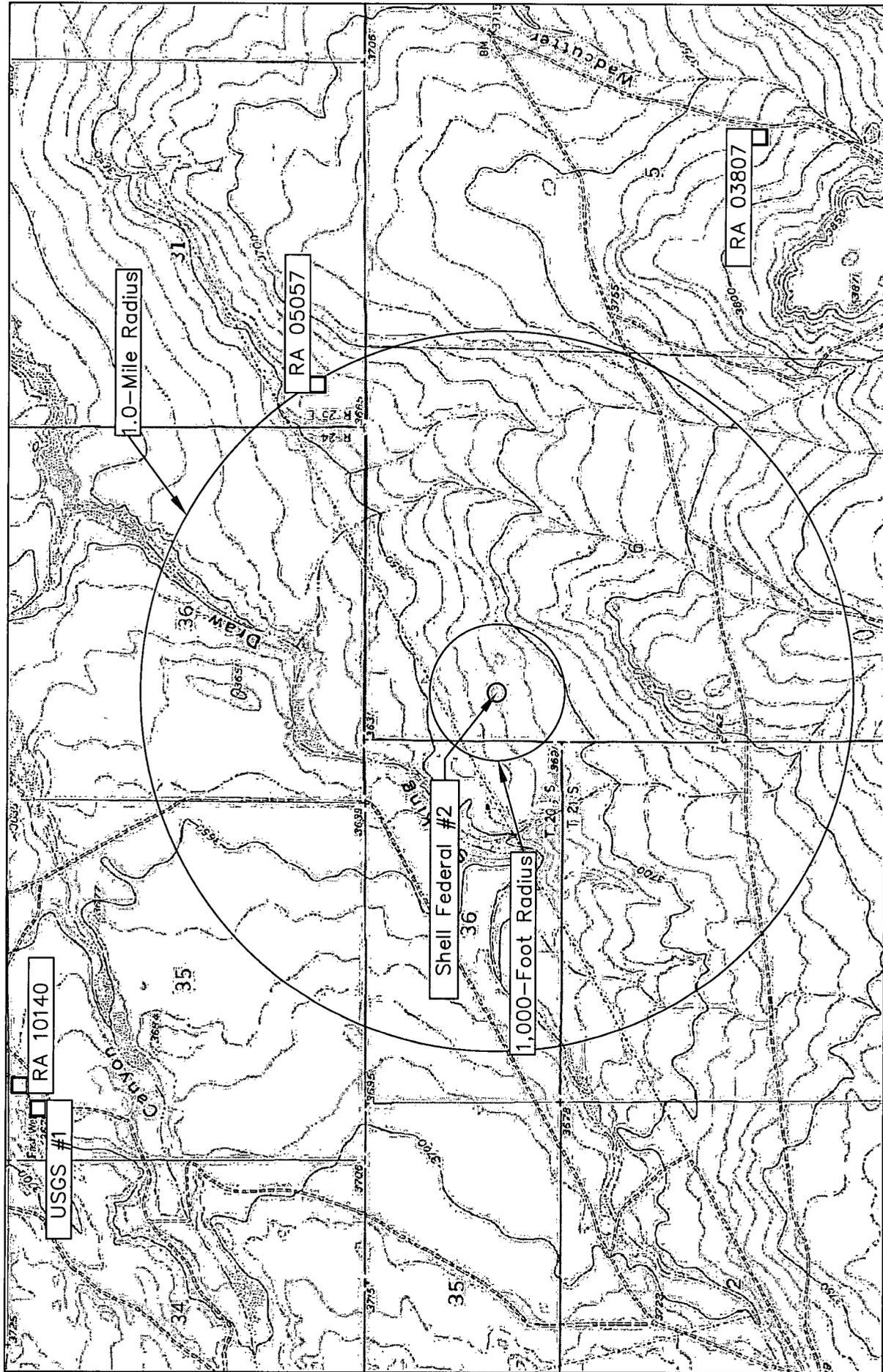
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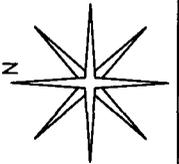
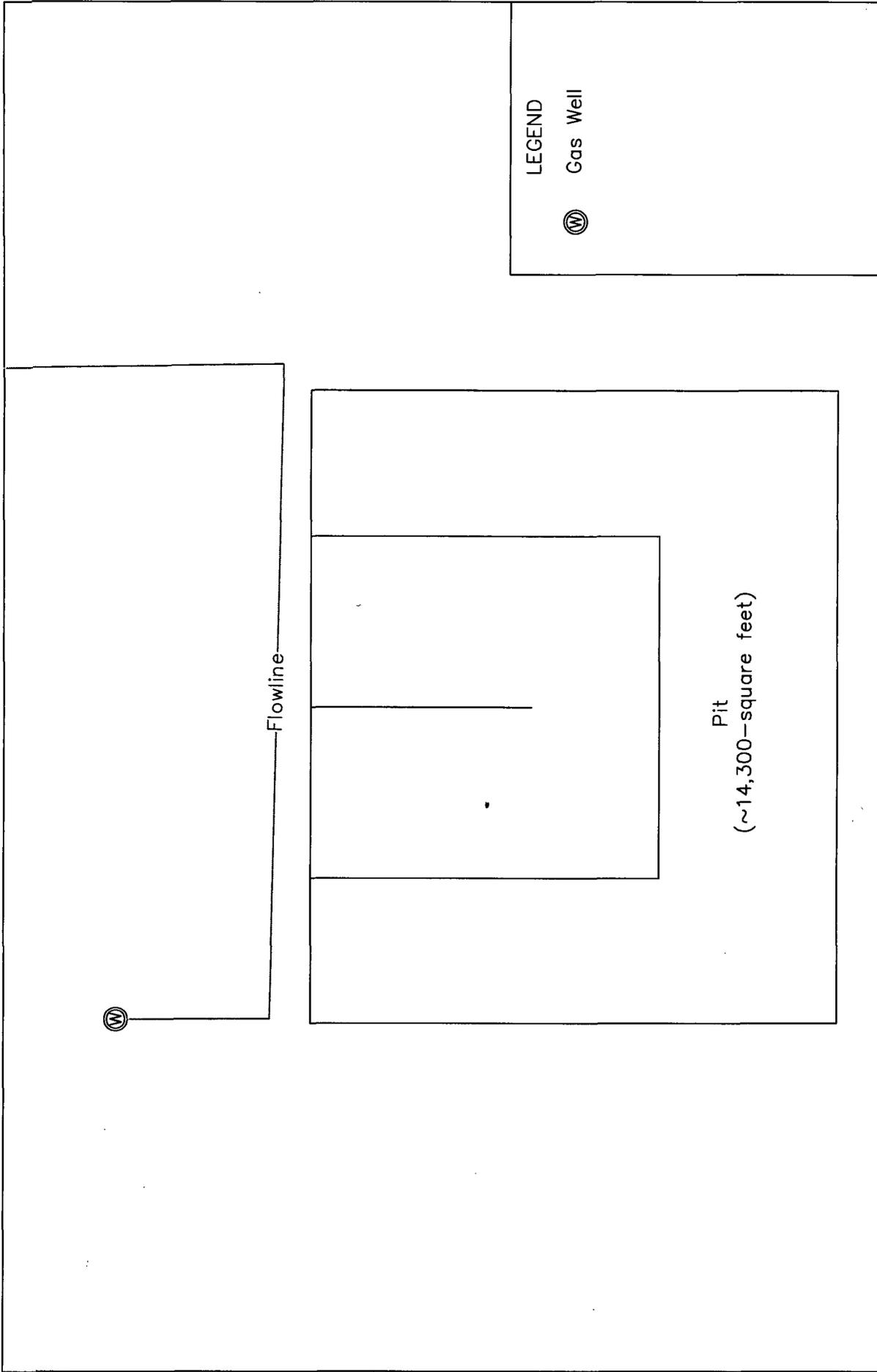
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Figure 2  
 Site Location Map  
 BC Operating  
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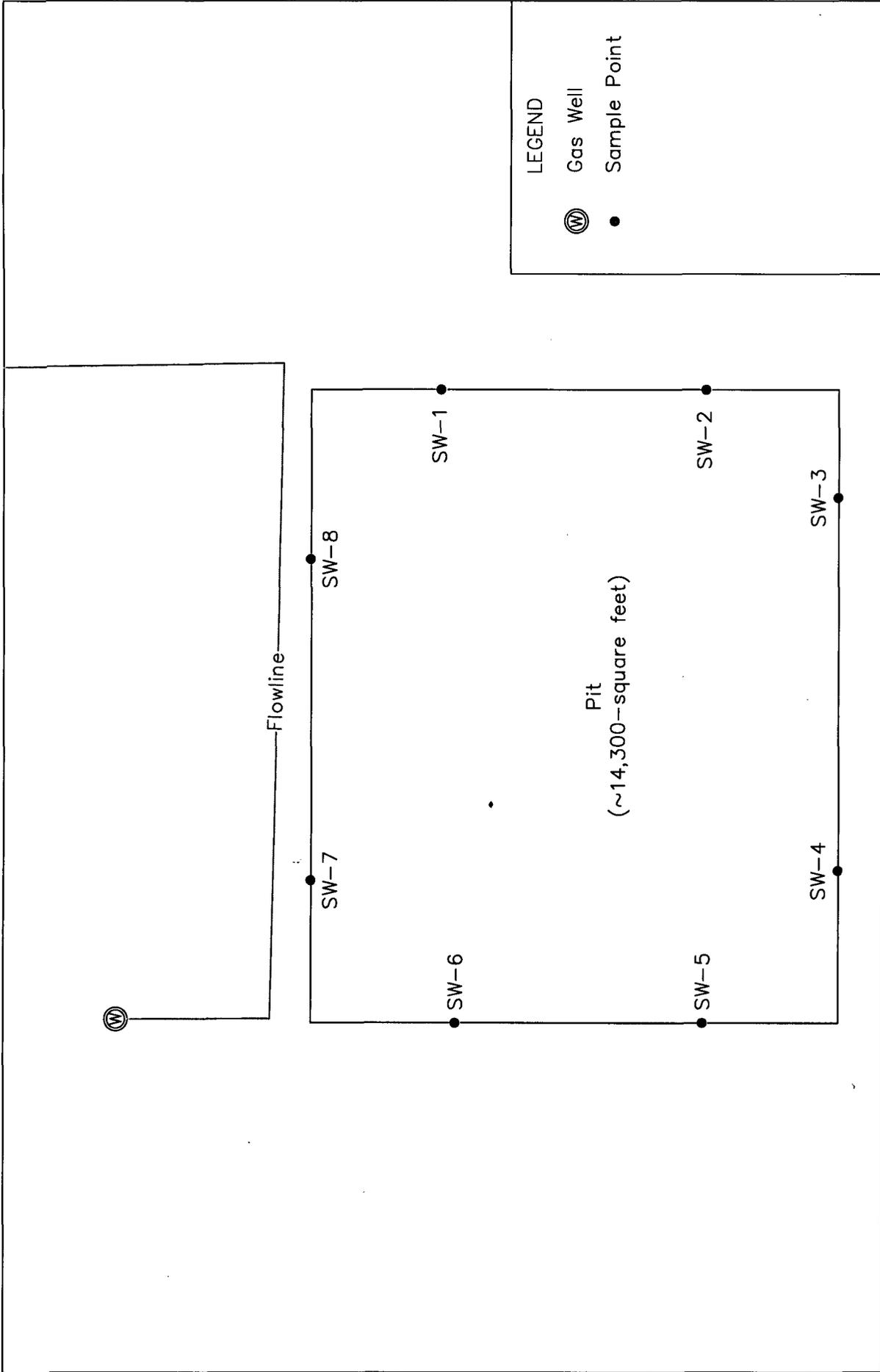
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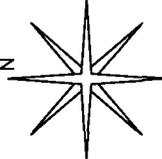
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Figure 3  
 Site Map  
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**LEGEND**

-  Gas Well
-  Sample Point

<p>Figure 4 Sample Location Map BC Operating Shell Federal #2</p>	<p>Eddy County, New Mexico NW 1/4 of the NW 1/4, Sec. 6, T21S, R24E N 32° 31' 02.35" W 104° 32' 42.93" Elevation: 3,680 feet amsl</p>	<p>DWG By: D Dominguez July 2009</p>	<p>REVISIED: Jan. 2010</p>	<p>60 0 30 60 Feet</p> 	
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**TABLES**

TABLE 1

Well Data

BC Operating - Shell #2

Well Number	Diversion <sup>A</sup>	Owner	Use	Twp	Rng	Sec q q q	Latitude	Longitude	Date Measured	Surface Elevation <sup>B</sup>	Depth to Water	
											(ft)	(bgs)
RA 03807	3	JIM HOWELL	STK	21S	24E	05 4 1	N32° 30' 24.91"	W104° 31' 8.50"		3,775		
RA 10140	3	HENRY TERPENING	STK	20S	24E	35 1 1 2	N32° 32' 11.14"	W104° 33' 50.52"		3,669		
RA 05057	3	HAROLD HOUGHTALING	STK	20S	25E	31 3 3	N32° 31' 28.39"	W104° 31' 50.63"	07-Dec-64	3,671		312
USGS #1				20S	24E	35 1 1 2			1/17/1963	3,675		166.55
C 03245	3	RICHARD HOWELL	DOM	20S	25E	32 4 1 3	N32° 31' 38.19"	W104° 30' 21.49"	10-Jan-06	3,625		100
RA 08641	3	RICHARD HOWELL	STK	20S	25E	32 4 1 4	N32° 31' 38.16"	W104° 30' 13.83"		3,625		
USGS #2				20S	25E	32 4 1 3			3/7/1990	3,625		107.41

\* = Data obtained from the New Mexico Office of the State Engineer Website ([http://waters.osc.state.nm.us:7001/AWATERS/wr\\_RegisServlet1](http://waters.osc.state.nm.us:7001/AWATERS/wr_RegisServlet1)) and USGS Database

<sup>A</sup> = In acre feet per annum

<sup>B</sup> = Elevation interpolated from USGS topographical map based on referenced location.

DOM = 72-12-1 Domestic one household

STK = 72-12-1 Livestock Watering

quarters are 1=NW, 2=NE, 3=SW, 4=SE; quarters are biggest to smallest

Shaded area indicates wells not shown in Figure 2

TABLE 2  
 Summary of Excavation Soil Sample Field Analyses and Laboratory Analytical Results  
 BC Operating, Inc.  
 Project: Shell Federal #2 (EPI Ref. #456001)

Sample I.D.	Depth (feet)	Soil Status	Sample Date	PID Field Analysis (ppm)	Field Chloride Analyses (mg/Kg)	Benzene (mg/Kg)	Toluene (mg/Kg)	Ethylbenzene (mg/Kg)	Total Xylenes (mg/Kg)	Total BTEX (mg/Kg)	GR11 (C6-C10) (mg/Kg)	DR11 (>C10-C28) (mg/Kg)	Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons (C6-C28) (mg/Kg)	Chloride (mg/Kg)
SW-1A	3	Excavated	30-Dec-09	0.0	4,000+	<0.050	<0.050	<0.050	<0.300	<0.450	<10.0	<10.0	<20.0	64
SW-1B	3	Excavated	31-Dec-09	0.0	4,000+	<0.050	<0.050	<0.050	<0.300	<0.450	<10.0	<10.0	<20.0	64
SW-1C	3	Excavated	04-Jan-10	0.0	2,400	<0.050	<0.050	<0.050	<0.300	<0.450	<10.0	<10.0	<20.0	64
SW-1D	3	Excavated	20-Jan-10	0.0	640	<0.050	<0.050	<0.050	<0.300	<0.450	<10.0	<10.0	<20.0	64
SW-1E	3	In Situ	21-Jan-10	0.0	640	<0.050	<0.050	<0.050	<0.300	<0.450	<10.0	<10.0	<20.0	64
SW-2	3	Excavated	30-Dec-09	0.0	320	<0.050	<0.050	<0.050	<0.300	<0.450	<10.0	<10.0	<20.0	64
SW-2A	3	In Situ	31-Dec-09	0.0	400	<0.050	<0.050	<0.050	<0.300	<0.450	<10.0	<10.0	<20.0	64
SW-2B	3	In Situ	22-Jan-10	0.0	480	<0.050	<0.050	<0.050	<0.300	<0.450	<10.0	<10.0	<20.0	64
SW-3	3	Excavated	30-Dec-09	0.0	800	<0.050	<0.050	<0.050	<0.300	<0.450	<10.0	<10.0	<20.0	64
SW-3A	3	In Situ	31-Dec-09	0.0	640	<0.050	<0.050	<0.050	<0.300	<0.450	<10.0	<10.0	<20.0	64
SW-3B	3	In Situ	22-Jan-10	0.0	400	<0.050	<0.050	<0.050	<0.300	<0.450	<10.0	<10.0	<20.0	64
SW-4	3	Excavated	30-Dec-09	0.0	4,000+	<0.050	<0.050	<0.050	<0.300	<0.450	<10.0	<10.0	<20.0	64
SW-4A	3	Excavated	31-Dec-09	0.0	3,600	<0.050	<0.050	<0.050	<0.300	<0.450	<10.0	<10.0	<20.0	64
SW-4B	3	In Situ	04-Jan-09	0.0	240	<0.050	<0.050	<0.050	<0.300	<0.450	<10.0	<10.0	<20.0	64
SW-4C	3	In Situ	22-Jan-10	0.0	320	<0.050	<0.050	<0.050	<0.300	<0.450	<10.0	<10.0	<20.0	64

TABLE 2  
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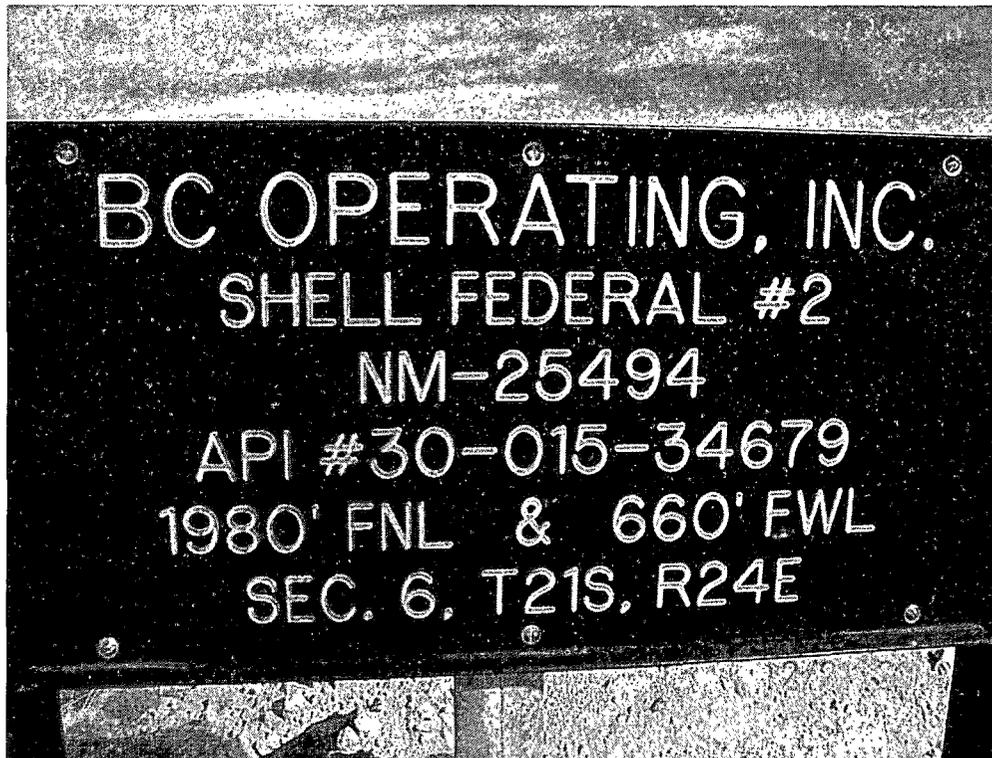
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SW-5	3	Excavated	30-Dec-09		640									
SW-5A	3	In Situ	31-Dec-09		400									
SW-5B	3	In Situ	22-Jan-10	0.0	320	<0.050	<0.050	<0.050	<0.300	<0.450	<10.0	<10.0	<20.0	48
SW-6	3	Excavated	30-Dec-09		640									
SW-6A	3	In Situ	31-Dec-09		400									
SW-6B	3	In Situ	22-Jan-10	0.0	560	<0.050	<0.050	<0.050	<0.300	<0.450	<10.0	<10.0	<20.0	304
SW-7	3	Excavated	30-Dec-09		4,000+									
SW-7A	3	In Situ	31-Dec-09		640									
SW-7B	3	In Situ	22-Jan-10	0.0	320	<0.050	<0.050	<0.050	<0.300	<0.450	<10.0	<10.0	<20.0	48
SW-8	3	Excavated	30-Dec-09		4,000+									
SW-8A	3	Excavated	31-Dec-09		4,000+									
SW-8B	3	In Situ	04-Jan-09		640									
SW-8C	3	In Situ	22-Jan-10	0.0	400	<0.050	<0.050	<0.050	<0.300	<0.450	<10.0	<10.0	<20.0	64
BH-1(Composite)	Bottom	In Situ	22-Jan-10	0	2,560	<0.050	<0.050	<0.050	<0.300	<0.450	<10.0	<10.0	<20.0	2,620
Remedial Threshold Goals				100						100			1,000	500

*Bolded* values are in excess of NMOCD Remediation Threshold Goals  
 -- = Not Analyzed; N/A = Not Applicable  
 ND = Nondetectable  
 SW = Soil samples collected from site walls; BH = Soil samples collected from bottom of excavation

**ATTACHMENTS**

**ATTACHMENT I**  
**SITE PHOTOGRAPHS**



Photograph No. 1 - Lease Sign



Photograph No. 2 - Looking southerly at interior of drilling reserve pit



Photograph No. 3 – Looking at northwest corner of drilling reserve pit, impacted material and stockpiled excavation material in background



Photograph No. 4 – Looking westerly at drilling reserve pit, poly liner and impacted material



Photograph No. 5 – Blending stockpiled excavation material with impacted



Photograph No. 6 – Drilling reserve pit with impacted material removed



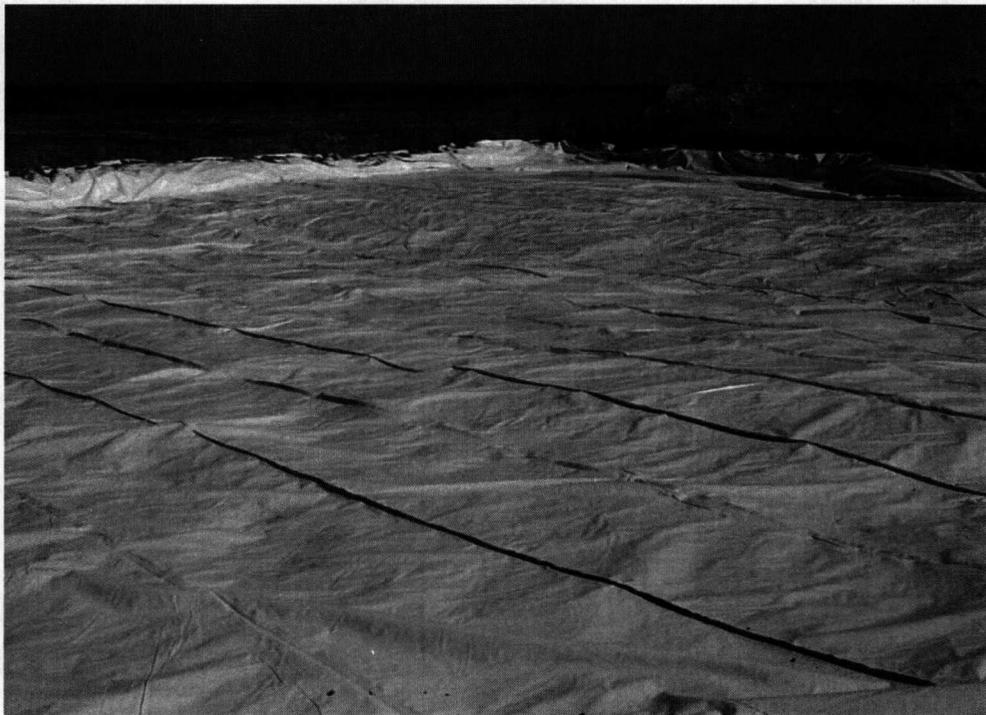
Photograph No. 7 – Large rocks to be installed in bottom of drilling reserve pit



Photograph No. 8 – Large rocks after installation into bottom of drilling reserve pit. Backfilling with clean top soil cushion material for polyethylene liner



Photograph No. 9 – Finished layer of top soil cushion material for polyethylene layer



Photograph No. 10 – Completed installation of polyethylene liner



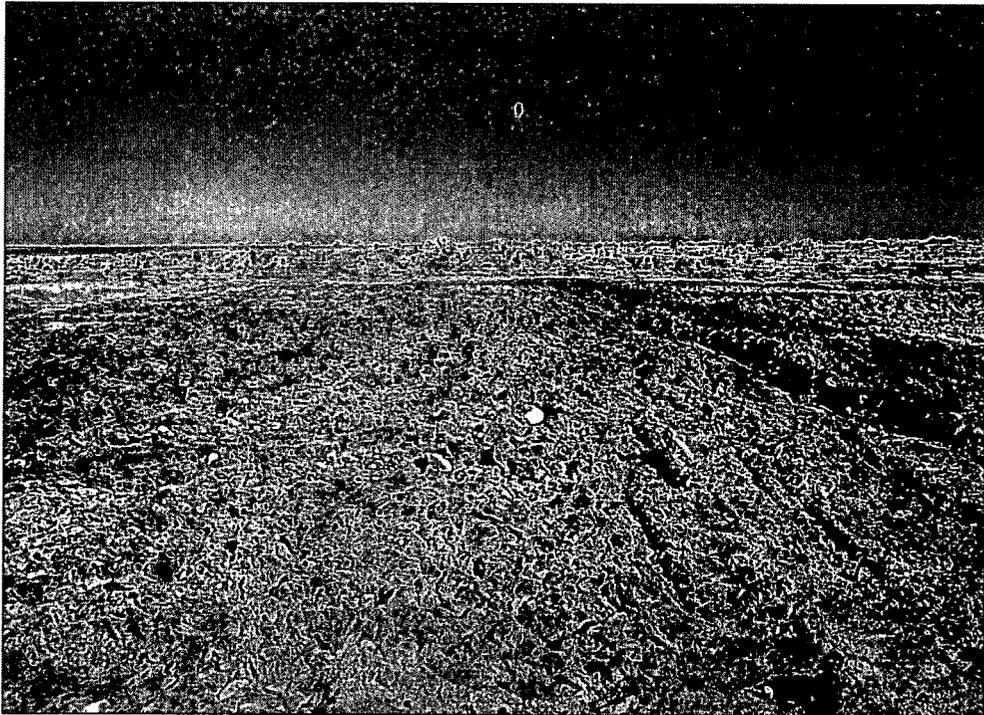
Photograph No. 11 – Placing top soil cushion over polyethylene liner



Photograph No. 12 – Backfilling with excavated stockpiled material over top soil cushion layer



Photograph No. 13 – Placing minimum one (1) foot layer of top soil cap over excavated stockpile material



Photograph No. 14 – Completed top soil layer contoured and cross row ripped to prevent excessive wind/water erosion

**ATTACHMENT II**

**LABORATORY ANALYTICAL DATA  
AND  
CHAIN-OF-CUSTODY FORM**



January 29, 2010

David P. Duncan  
Environmental Plus, Inc.  
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Eunice, NM 88231

Re: BC Operating, Inc. (456001)

Enclosed are the results of analyses for sample number H19137, received by the laboratory on 01/25/10 at 10:30 am.

Cardinal Laboratories is accredited through Texas NELAP for:

Method SW-846 8021	Benzene, Toluene, Ethyl Benzene, and Total Xylenes
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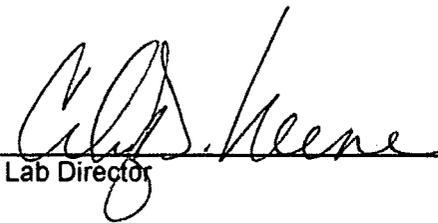
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 Project Name: SHELL FEDERAL #2  
 Project Location: UL-D, SEC. 06, T21S, R24E

Sampling Date: 01/22/10  
 Sample Type: SOIL  
 Sample Condition: COOL & INTACT @ 0°C  
 Sample Received By: JH  
 Analyzed By: AB/ZL/HM

LAB NO.	SAMPLE ID	GRO (C <sub>6</sub> -C <sub>10</sub> ) (mg/kg)	DRO (>C <sub>10</sub> -C <sub>28</sub> ) (mg/kg)	BENZENE (mg/kg)	TOLUENE (mg/kg)	ETHYL BENZENE (mg/kg)	TOTAL XYLENES (mg/kg)	CI* (mg/kg)
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H19137-9	BH-1 (BOTTOM - COMPOSITE)	<10.0	<10.0	<0.050	<0.050	<0.050	<0.300	2,620
Quality Control		500	534	0.044	0.042	0.043	0.126	510
True Value QC		500	500	0.050	0.050	0.050	0.150	500
% Recovery		100	107	88.0	84.0	86.0	84.0	102
Relative Percent Difference		9.6	5.7	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	2.0

METHODS: TPH GRO & DRO - EPA SW-846 8015 M; BTEX - SW-846 8021B; CI-: Std. Methods 4500-CI-B

TEXAS NELAP CERTIFICATION T104704398-08-TX FOR BENZENE, TOLUENE, ETHYL BENZENE, AND TOTAL XYLENES. Reported on wet weight. Not accredited for GRO/DRO and Chloride.

  
 Lab Director

  
 Date

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**ATTACHMENT III**

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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

Form C-144  
June 1, 2004

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

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

Operator: B.C. OPERATING, INC. Telephone: (432) 683-2950 e-mail address: kwidner@usaonline.net  
 Address: P.O. Box 50820, Midland, TX 79705  
 Facility or well name: Shell Federal #2 API #: \_\_\_\_\_ U/L or Qtr/Qtr 23 Sec 6 T 21S R 24E  
 County: Eddy Latitude 434,840.4 Longitude 551,936.8 NAD: 1927  1983   
 Surface Owner: Federal  State  Private  Indian

Pit	Below-grade tank	
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 <u>14</u> mil Clay <input type="checkbox"/> Pit Volume <u>24,000</u> bbl	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) ( 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)
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)
	<b>Ranking Score (Total Points)</b>	<b>10 points</b>

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 your 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:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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 , or an (attached) alternative OCD-approved plan .

Date: 2/8/06  
 Printed Name/Title Kevin Widner, Operations Manager Signature [Signature]

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: \_\_\_\_\_

**ATTACHMENT IV**

**NMOCD FORM C-144 (07-21-08 Version)**

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.

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: BC Operating, Inc. \_\_\_\_\_ OGRID #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: P.O. Box 50820, Midland, Texas 79710 \_\_\_\_\_  
Facility or well name: Shell Federal #2 \_\_\_\_\_  
API Number: 30-15-34679 \_\_\_\_\_ OCD Permit Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
U/L or Qtr/Qtr D \_\_\_\_\_ Section 06 \_\_\_\_\_ Township 21S \_\_\_\_\_ Range 24E \_\_\_\_\_ County: Eddy \_\_\_\_\_  
Center of Proposed Design: Latitude N32° 31' 01.94" \_\_\_\_\_ Longitude W104° 32' 41.01" \_\_\_\_\_ 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 14 mil  LLDPE  HDPE  PVC  Other \_\_\_\_\_  
 String-Reinforced  
Liner Seams:  Welded  Factory  Other \_\_\_\_\_ Volume: 24,000 bbl Dimensions: L 130' x W 113' x D 10'

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 \_\_\_\_\_

4.  
 Below-grade tank: Subsection I of 19.15.17.11 NMAC  
Volume: \_\_\_\_\_ bbl Type of fluid: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tank Construction material: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Secondary containment with leak detection  Visible sidewalls, liner, 6-inch lift and automatic overflow shut-off  
 Visible sidewalls and liner  Visible sidewalls only  Other \_\_\_\_\_  
Liner type: Thickness \_\_\_\_\_ mil  HDPE  PVC  Other \_\_\_\_\_

5.  
 Alternative Method:  
Submittal of an exception request is required. Exceptions must be submitted to the Santa Fe Environmental Bureau office for consideration of approval.

6. **Fencing:** Subsection D of 19.15.17.11 NMAC (*Applies to permanent pits, temporary pits, and below-grade tanks*)

- Chain link, six feet in height, two strands of barbed wire at top (*Required if located within 1000 feet of a permanent residence, school, hospital, institution or church*)
- Four foot height, four strands of barbed wire evenly spaced between one and four feet
- Alternate. Please specify \_\_\_\_\_

7. **Netting:** Subsection E of 19.15.17.11 NMAC (*Applies to permanent pits and permanent open top tanks*)

- Screen  Netting  Other \_\_\_\_\_
- Monthly inspections (If netting or screening is not physically feasible)

8. **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

9. **Administrative Approvals and Exceptions:**

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:*

- Administrative approval(s): Requests must be submitted to the appropriate division district or the Santa Fe Environmental Bureau office for consideration of approval.
- Exception(s): Requests must be submitted to the Santa Fe Environmental Bureau office for consideration of approval.

10. **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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Within a 100-year floodplain. - FEMA map	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

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: \_\_\_\_\_

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	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> 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	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> 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	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <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). - 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. - Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site; Aerial photo; Satellite image	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 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	<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

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): Jaron Simon

Title: Drilling and Completion Engineer

Signature: 

Date: 8-10-09

e-mail address: jsimon@blackoakres.com

Telephone: (432) 684-9696, Ext. 250

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

**OCD Representative Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Approval Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Title:** \_\_\_\_\_ **OCD Permit Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

21. **Closure Report (required within 60 days of closure completion):** Subsection K of 19.15.17.13 NMAC

*Instructions: Operators are required to obtain an approved closure plan prior to implementing any closure activities and submitting the closure report. The closure report is required to be submitted to the division within 60 days of the completion of the closure activities. Please do not complete this section of the form until an approved closure plan has been obtained and the closure activities have been completed.*

Closure Completion Date: 2/23/10

22. **Closure Method:**

- 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)

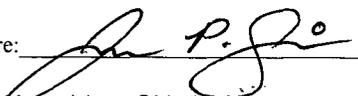
On-site Closure Location: Latitude \_\_\_\_\_ Longitude \_\_\_\_\_ NAD:  1927  1983

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): Jaron Simon

Title: Drilling and Completion Engineer

Signature: 

Date: 3/24/10

e-mail address: jsimon@blackoakres.com

Telephone: (432) 684-9696, Ext. 250

**ATTACHMENT V**

**COPY OF LETTER OF VIOLATION - INSPECTION**



NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS and  
NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

**BILL RICHARDSON**  
Governor  
Joanna Prukop  
Cabinet Secretary

Mark E. Fesmire, P.E.  
Director  
Oil Conservation Division

**\*Response Required - Deadline Enclosed\***

17-Jul-09

BC DEVELOPMENT, LP  
PO BOX 50820  
MIDLAND TX 79710

LOV NO. 02-09-038

LETTER OF VIOLATION - Inspection

Dear Operator:

The following inspection(s) indicate that the well, equipment, location or operational status of the well(s) failed to meet standards of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division as described in the detail section below. To comply with standards imposed by Rules and Regulations of the Division, corrective action must be taken immediately and the situation brought into compliance. The detail section indicates preliminary findings and/or probable nature of the violation. This determination is based on an inspection of your well or facility by an inspector employed by the Oil Conservation Division on the date(s) indicated.

Please notify the proper district office of the Division, in writing, of the date corrective actions are scheduled to be made so that arrangements can be made to reinspect the well and/or facility.

**INSPECTION DETAIL SECTION**

SHELL FEDERAL No.002		23-6-21S-24E	30-015-34679-00-00			
Inspection Date	Type Inspection	Inspector	Violation?	*Significant Non-Compliance?	Corrective Action Due By:	Inspection No.
07/16/2009	Routine/Periodic	Richard Inge	Yes	No	7/31/2009	IREI0919738255
<b>Comments on Inspection:</b>		Violation of OCD rule 17. Drilling pit is on location containing fluids and solids. The liner has been breached. Submit OCD form C-144 with a pit closure plan by Completion Action Due By date with the pit to be closed within 1 month of the closure approval by the OCD.				

In the event that a satisfactory response is not received to this letter of direction by the "Corrective Action Due By:" date shown above, further enforcement will occur. Such enforcement may include this office applying to the Division for an order summoning you to a hearing before a Division Examiner in Santa Fe to show cause why you should not be ordered to permanently plug and abandon this well. Such a hearing may result in imposition of CIVIL PENALTIES for your violation of OCD rules.

Sincerely,

*RICHARD INGE*

Artesia OCD District Office

Note: Information in Detail Section comes directly from field inspector data entries - not all blanks will contain data.  
\*Significant Non-Compliance events are reported directly to the EPA, Region VI, Dallas, Texas.