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Form C-144 CLEZ
July 21, 2008

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

Closed-Loop System Permit or Closure Plan Application

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

Type of action: ■ Permit ☐ Closure

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

Please be advised that approval of this request does not relieve the operator of liability should operations result in pollution of surface water, ground water or the environment Nor does approval relieve the operator of its responsibility to comply with any other applicable governmental authority's rules, regulations or ordinances.

1.
Operator: SAHARA OPERATING COMPANY OGRID #: 020077
Address: P.O. BOX 4130, MIDLAND, TX 79704
Facility or well name: North El Mar Unit #26
API Number: 30 025 08293 OCD Permit Number: P1-D1525
U/L or Qtr/Qtr UL J Section 26 Township 26S Range 32E County: LEA
Center of Proposed Design: Latitude _____ Longitude _____ NAD: ☐1927 ☐ 1983
Surface Owner: ■ Federal ☐ State ☐ Private ☐ Tribal Trust or Indian Allotment

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

3.
Signs: Subsection C of 19.15.17.11 NMAC
■ 12"x 24", 2" lettering, providing Operator's name, site location, and emergency telephone numbers
☐ Signed in compliance with 19.15.3.103 NMAC

4.
Closed-loop Systems Permit Application Attachment Checklist: Subsection B of 19.15.17.9 NMAC
Instructions: Each of the following items must be attached to the application. Please indicate, by a check mark in the box, that the documents are attached.
■ Design Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.11 NMAC
■ Operating and Maintenance Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.12 NMAC
☐ Closure Plan (Please complete Box 5) - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection C of 19.15.17.9 NMAC and 19.15.17.13 NMAC
☐ Previously Approved Design (attach copy of design) API Number: _____
☐ Previously Approved Operating and Maintenance Plan API Number: _____

5.
Waste Removal Closure For Closed-loop Systems That Utilize Above Ground Steel Tanks or Haul-off Bins Only: (19.15.17.13.D NMAC)
Instructions: Please 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: CRI - Halfway Plant (Cuttings) Disposal Facility Permit Number: NM-01-0006
Disposal Facility Name: CRW-SWD Ross Draw SWD #1 (Fluids) Disposal Facility Permit Number: R-7355
Will any of the proposed closed-loop system operations and associated activities occur on or in areas that *will not* be used for future service and operations?
☐ Yes (If yes, please provide the information below) ■ No
Required for impacted areas which will not be used for future service and operations:
☐ Soil Backfill and Cover Design Specifications - - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection H of 19.15.17.13 NMAC
☐ Re-vegetation Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection I of 19.15.17.13 NMAC
☐ Site Reclamation Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection G of 19.15.17.13 NMAC

6.
Operator Application Certification:
I hereby certify that the information submitted with this application is true, accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.
Name (Print): Robert McAlpine Title: President
Signature: _____ Date: 11-06-2009
e-mail address: Saharam@sbcglobal.net Telephone: 432-697-0967

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7.
OCD Approval: ☐ Permit Application (including closure plan) ☐ Closure Plan (only)

OCD Representative Signature: _____ **Approval Date:** 6-16-2011

Title: Staff Mgr **OCD Permit Number:** P1-01525

8.
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:** _____

9.
Closure Report Regarding Waste Removal Closure For Closed-loop Systems That Utilize Above Ground Steel Tanks or Haul-off Bins Only:

Instructions: Please indentify 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: _____

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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

10.
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: _____

Closed-Loop System Design and Operating Plan
Attached to Form C-144 CLEZ
Sahara Operating Company – North El Mar Unit #26 – Reentry
API# 30-025-08293

1. This system shall utilize a standard steel reverse pit of approximately 130 barrel capacity.

2. Connections to pumps and wellheads shall be via steel reinforced hose of sufficient strength to prevent leakage.

3. This pit shall be used for circulating the well, drilling out plugs, and other such procedures as may be necessary during the reentry process.

4. Circulating the well shall take place under a closed BOP or stripper rubber so that fluids will be confined to the wellbore, flowlines, and steel pit or pump truck.

5. Only cement cuttings will be generated during this operation. It is not anticipated to drill any new formation. Fluids will be confined to the above-ground steel pit.

6. The pit shall be located on the prepared caliche well pad.

6. Cuttings will be screened onto a plastic (polyethylene) drying pad. The ground beneath the drying pad shall be contoured so as to provide a sump and prevent fluid runoff.

6. At the cessation of operations pit contents will be transferred to a fluid transport truck to be hauled to an approved fluid disposal facility.

7. Once dried, cuttings will be transported to CRI – Halfway plant.