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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: ConocoPhillips Company OGRID #: 217817  
Address: 3300 N "A" St Midland, TX 79705  
Facility or well name: Vacuum Abo Unit 79  
API Number: 30-025-20527 OCD Permit Number: P1-04319  
U/L or Qtr/Qtr E Section 26 Township 17S Range 35E County: LEA  
Center of Proposed Design: Latitude 32.806710 Longitude 103.433060 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 19.15.16.8 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 identify 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: Controlled Recovery Disposal Facility Permit Number: NM-01-0006  
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

#### 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): Rhonda Rogers Title: Staff Regulatory Technician

Signature:  Date: 03/05/2012

e-mail address: rogerrs@conocophillips.com Telephone: (432)688-9174

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

OCD Representative Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Approval Date: 8-15-2012

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

OCD Permit Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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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 Svstems 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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): Rhonda Rogers

Title: Staff Regulatory Technician

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **ConocoPhillips Company Closed-loop Plans**

### **Closed-loop Design Plan**

COPC's closed loop system will not entail a drying pad, temporary pit, below grade tank or sump. It will include an above ground tank suitable for holding the cuttings and fluids for rig operations. The tank will be sufficient volume to maintain a safe free board between disposal of the liquids and solids from rig operations.

1. Fencing is not required for an above ground closed-loop system
2. It will be signed in compliance with 19.15.3.103 NMAC
3. A frac tank will be on location to store fresh water

### **Closed-loop Operating and Maintenance Plan**

COPC's closed-loop tank will be operated and maintained to contain liquids and solids in order to prevent contamination of fresh water sources, in order to protect public health and the environment. To ensure the operation is maintained the following steps will be followed:

1. The liquids will be vacuumed out and disposed of at the Basin Disposal facility (Permit # NM-01-005) or JFJ Landfarm % Industrial Ecosystem Inc. (Permit # NM-01-0010B). Solids in the closed-loop tank will be vacuumed out and disposed of at Envirotech (Permit # NM-01-0011) or JFJ Landfarm % Industrial Ecosystem Inc. (Permit # NM-01-0010B) on a periodic basis to prevent over topping.
2. No hazardous waste, miscellaneous solid waste or debris will be discharged into or stored in the tank. Only fluids or cutting used or generated by rig operations will be placed or stored in the tank.
3. The division district office will be notified within 48 hours of the discovery of compromised integrity of the closed-loop tank. Upon the discovery of the compromised tank, repairs will be enacted immediately

### **Closed-loop Closure Plan**

The closed-loop tank will be closed in accordance with 19.15.17.13. This will be done by transporting cuttings and all remaining sludges to Envirotech (Permit # NM-01-0011) or JFJ Landfarm % Industrial Ecosystem Inc. (Permit # NM-01-0010B) immediately following rig operations. All remaining liquids will be transported and disposed of in the Basin Disposal facility (Permit # NM-01-005) or JFJ Landfarm % Industrial Ecosystem Inc. (Permit # NM-01-0010B). The tanks will be removed from the location as part of the rig move. At time of well abandonment, the site will be reclaimed and re-vegetated to pre-existing conditions when possible.