

District I
1625 N. French Dr., Hobbs, NM 88240
District II
1301 W. Grand Avenue, Artesia, NM 88210
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1000 Rio Brazos Road, Aztec, NM 87410
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Energy Minerals and Natural Resources

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

Form C-144
June 1, 2004

OIL CONSERVATION

DIVISION 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: Yates Petroleum Corporation Telephone: 505-748-4500 e-mail address: mikes@ypcnm.com

Address: 105 South 4th Street, Artesia, N.M. 88210

Facility or well name: Chicken Little State Unit 1 API #: 30-005-27940 U/L or Qtr/Qtr M Sec 36 T 10S R 31E

County: Chaves Latitude: 33.39709 Longitude: 103.73609 NAD: 1927 ☒ 1983 ☐

Surface Owner: Federal ☐ State ☒ Private ☐ Indian ☐

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Pit

Type: Drilling ☒ Production ☐ Disposal ☐

Work over ☐ Emergency ☐

Lined ☒ Unlined ☐

Liner type: Synthetic ☒ Thickness 12 mil Clay ☐

Pit Volume 24,000 bbl

Below-grade tank

Volume: bbl Type of fluid:

Construction material:

Double-walled, with leak detection? Yes ☐ If not, explain why not.

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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) XXXX

(10 points)

(0 points)

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Wellhead protection area: (Less than 200 feet from a private domestic water source, or less than 1000 feet from all other water sources.)

Yes

No

(20 points)

(0 points) XXXX

Distance to surface water: (horizontal distance to all wetlands, playas, irrigation canals, ditches, and perennial and ephemeral watercourses.)

Less than 200 feet

200 feet or more, but less than 1000 feet

1000 feet or more

(20 points)

(10 points)

(0 points) XXXX

Ranking Score (Total Points)

20 points

If this is a pit closure: (1) Attach a diagram of the facility showing the pit's relationship to other equipment and tanks. (2) Indicate disposal location: (check the onsite box if you are burying in place) onsite ☒ offsite ☐ If offsite, name of facility NA (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: Closure work plan for drilling pit. An encapsulation trench will be constructed and lined with 12 mil synthetic liner next to existing drilling pit. The drilling pit contents will be excavated and emplaced into the encapsulation trench using a mixture of three to one pit material and Class H bulk cement or CKD. The emulsion of pit material and cement will be mixed using a track hoe and water added if needed. After completion of solidifying pit material in cement and pit contents have set in place for a minimum of 24 hours, the encapsulation trench will then be capped using a 20 mil synthetic liner and backfilled to grade using a minimum of 3' of like material and clean soil. A one call and 48 hour notification to OCD will be made before pit closure action begins. Beginning pit closure date: N/A. Ending pit closure date: N/A

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: 09/28/2005

Printed Name/Title Mike Stubblefield / Regulatory Agent

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 Mike Stubblefield

Signature

Date: 11/22/05

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Water Resources

Data Category:
Ground Water

Ground-water levels for New Mexico

Search Results -- 1 sites found

Search Criteria

Agency code = usgs

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Chicken Little State Unit 1

USGS 332433103444901 10S.31E.35.121131

Chaves County, New Mexico

Latitude 33°24'33", Longitude 103°44'49"

NAD27

Land-surface elevation

4,385.40 feet above sea level NGVD29

The depth of the well is 119 feet below land surface.

This well is completed in the OGALLALA FORMATION (121OGLL) local aquifer.

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Date	Time	Water level, feet below land surface	Status
1957-06-10		53.00	
1961-03-06		71.30	P
1961-04-14		47.02	R
1966-03-24		48.17	R

Date	Time	Water level, feet below land surface	Status
1969-11-06		45.76	R
1971-04-02		46.20	R
1976-04-20		45.83	
1981-02-11		44.45	
1986-02-25		44.31	
1996-02-06		44.87	

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Ground water for New Mexico: Water Levels

<http://waterdata.usgs.gov/nm/nwis/gwlevels?>

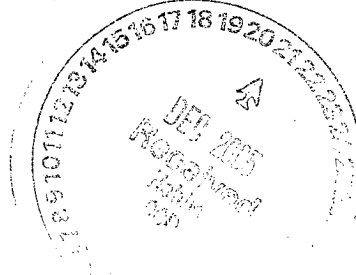
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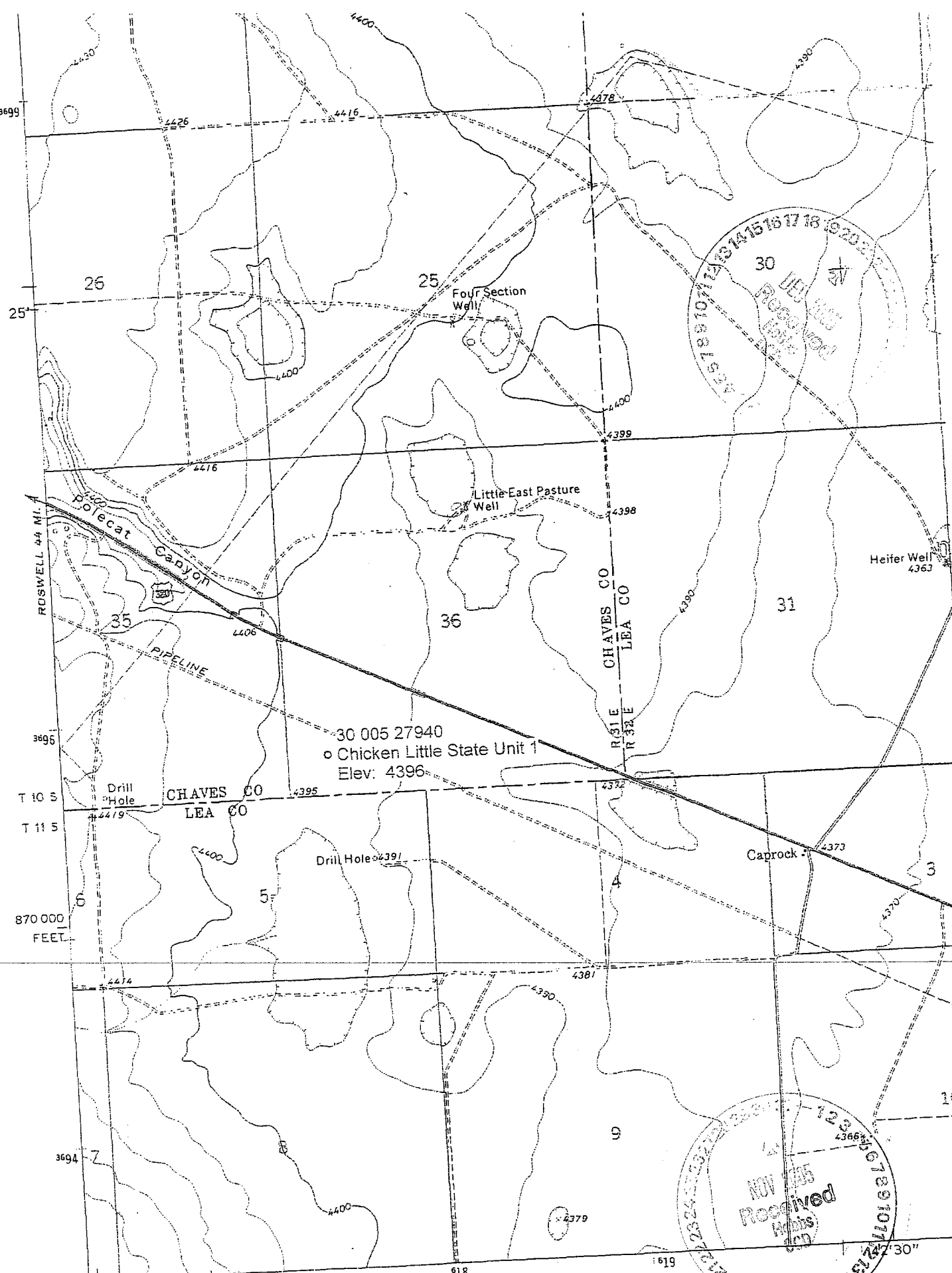
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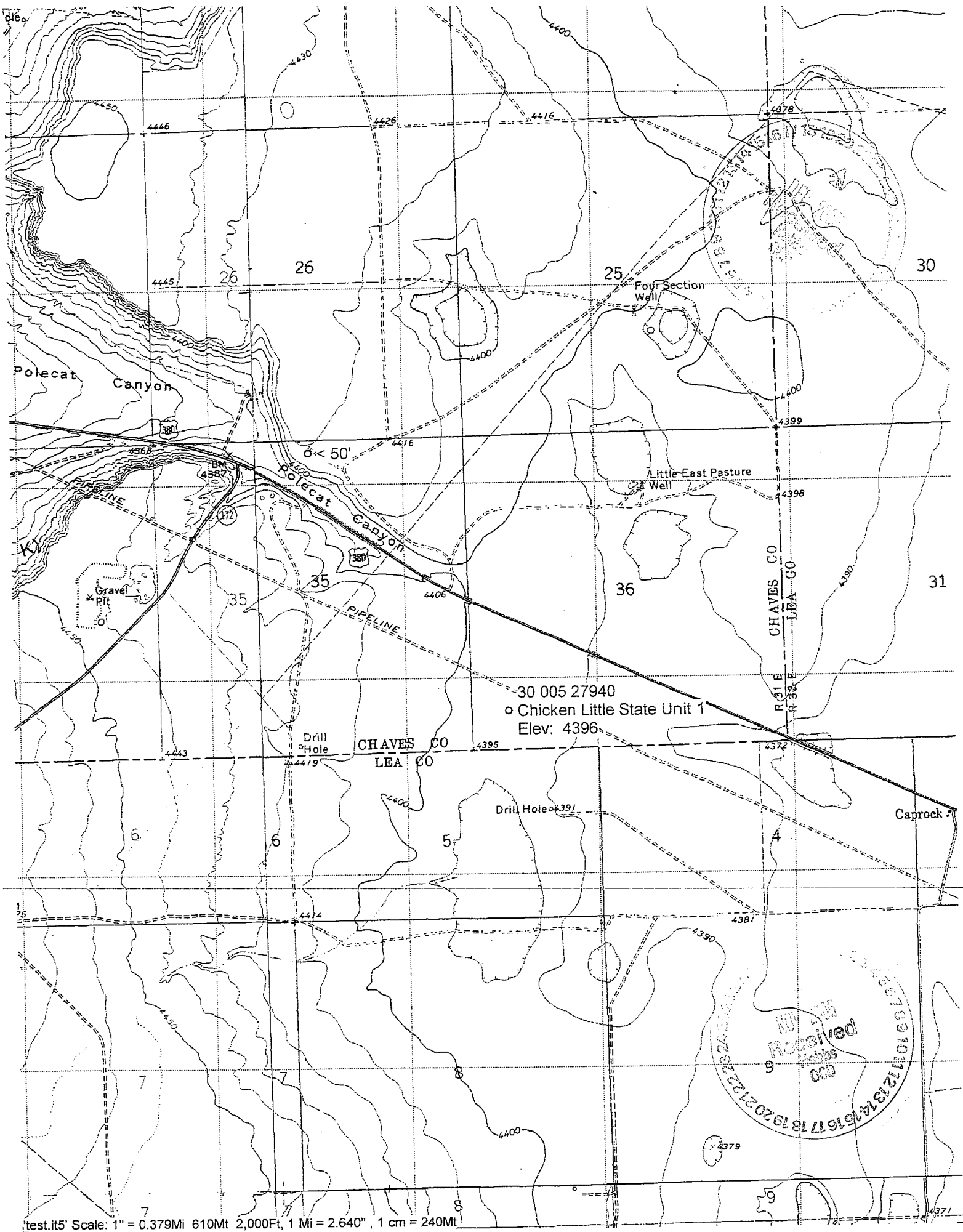
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33° 22' 30" 103° 45' 1680 000 FEET 618 619 123° 30"

'Caprock; NM' Scale: 1" = 0.379Mi 610Mt 2,000Ft, 1 Mi = 2.640" , 1 cm = 240Mt



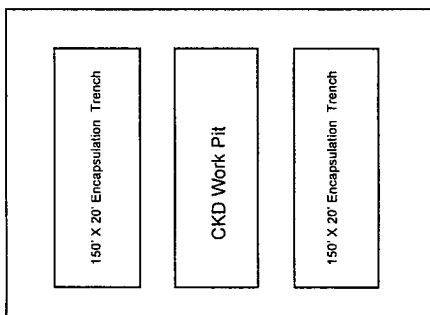
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YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION

Reserve Pit Solidification Procedure



1. Diagram of deep burial trench(s) is provided with application for closure (form C-144)



Reserve pit 150' x 150'



2. **Solidification of Cuttings:**
 - (A) The cuttings will be mixed with a track hoe. Contents will be lifted and dropped so as to create a stirring process. This process will continue until CKD and pit contents are thoroughly bonded.
 - (B) The solidification material will be Cement Kiln Dust (CKD).
 - (C) CKD to pit contents ratio will be 1 yard of pit contents to 240 lbs. of CKD or 1,000 cubic yards of pit contents to 120 tons of CKD. Pit contents will be measure to determine actual volume (length x width x depth /27). CKD is weighed and delivered to the site in 40,000 lb increments.

A 1,200 cubic yard work pit is constructed inside the original reserve pit beside the encapsulation/solidification trench. One thousand cubic yards of pit contents will be placed in the work trench along with six 20 ton loads of CKD to begin the mixing process.
 - (D) Fresh water may be introduced to initiate the bonding process of CKD and pit contents.
 - (E) In order to assure proper mixing, all CKD is precisely weighed before delivery and pit construction is measured to a pre-determined need depending on exact volume of pit contents.
3. A minimum of three representative samples will be taken from pit contents prior to any work. These samples will be stored in closed containers.

4. Each stage being mixed will be sampled prior to transferring the slurry to the deep trench as follows:
 - (A) One sample of the slurry will be taken at the beginning of the transference and stored in a closed container.
 - (B) One sample of the slurry will be taken at the beginning of the transference and stored in an open container.
 - (C) One sample of the slurry will be taken at the end of the transference and stored in a closed container.
 - (D) One sample of the slurry will be taken at the end of the transference and stored in an open container.
5. All samples will be stored in environmentally approved containers.
6. All samples and associated paperwork will be delivered to the OCD office within 3 working days of closure.

