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State of New Mexico  
Energy Minerals and Natural Resources

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

Form C-144  
June 1, 2004

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: Rice Operating Company Telephone: (505) 393-9174 e-mail address: jscribeswd@valomet.com or cdhrieswd@valomet.com  
Address: 122 West Taylor, Hobbs, NM 88240  
Facility or well name: Blainebry Drinkard #20 API #: 30-025-37168 U/L or Qtr/Qtr D Sec 20 T 22S R 37E  
County: LEA Latitude \_\_\_\_\_ Longitude \_\_\_\_\_ NAD: 1927 ☐ 1983 ☐  
Surface Owner: Federal ☐ State ☐ Private ☒ Indian ☐

**Pit**

Type: Drilling ☒ Production ☐ Disposal ☐  
Workover ☐ Emergency ☐

Lined ☒ Unlined ☐

Liner type: Synthetic ☒ Thickness 20 mil Clay ☐

Pit Volume 1200 bbl

**Below-grade tank**

Volume: \_\_\_\_\_ bbl Type of fluid: \_\_\_\_\_

Construction material: \_\_\_\_\_

Double-walled, with leak detection? Yes ☐ If no, explain why not. \_\_\_\_\_

Depth to ground water (vertical distance from bottom of pit to seasonal high water elevation of ground water.) 80' (or greater)

Less than 50 feet  
50 feet or more, but less than 100 feet  
100 feet or more

Wellhead protection area: (Less than 200 feet from a private domestic water source, or less than 1000 feet from all other water sources.) NO

Yes  
No

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

**Ranking Score (Total Points)**

(8 points)  
(10 points)  
(0 points)  
(20 points)  
(10 points)  
(0 points) X  
(10 points)

**If this is a pit closure:** (1) Attach a diagram of the facility showing the pit's relationship to other equipment and tanks. (2) Indicate disposal location: (check the onsite box if you are burying in place) onsite ☐ offsite ☒ If offsite, name of facility Sundance Parabo. (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:**

Pit contents were excavated and hauled to Sundance Parabo Facility for disposal. A composite sample was taken of the soil beneath the pit liner and was found to be similar to background. Clean soils of like kind were used to fill the depression area and the site was contoured to resemble surrounding terrain. The 20 mil poly liner was folded and deep-buried at the site as shown on the attached diagram. Also attached, please find composite soil sample lab results for Chloride and TPH.

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: January 20, 2006

Printed Name/Title Scott Curtis / Operations Manager 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 GARY W. WINK / STAFF MGR Signature Gary W. Wink Date: 2/7/06