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State of New Mexico  
 Energy Minerals and Natural Resources

Oil Conservation Division  
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 Santa Fe, NM 87505

For drilling and production facilities, submit to appropriate NMOC District Office.  
 For downstream facilities, submit to Santa Fe office

Form C-144  
 June 1, 2004

**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: <u>LE JONES OIL, INC</u> Telephone: <u>432-685-3001</u> e-mail address: _____	
Address: <u>414 WEST TERRY SUITE 216 MIDLAND, TX 79701</u>	
Facility or well name: <u>McNELL "33" #4</u> API #: <u>30-025-36852</u> U/L or Q/L or R <u>E</u> Sec <u>33</u> T <u>19</u> R <u>38</u>	
County: <u>LEA CO NEW MEXICO</u> Latitude: <u>32°-37'-09.1" N</u> Longitude: <u>107°-09'-17.7" W</u> NAD: 1927 <input type="checkbox"/> 1983 <input type="checkbox"/>	
Surface Owner: Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Indian <input type="checkbox"/>	
Pit 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"/> Lining type: Synthetic <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Thickness: <u>12</u> mil Clay <input type="checkbox"/> Oil Volume: <u>2000</u> bbl	Below-grade tank Volume: _____ bbl Type of fluid: _____ Construction material: _____ Double-walled, with leak detection? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> If not, explain why not: <u>N/A</u>
Depth to ground water (vertical distance from bottom of pit to seasonal high water elevation of ground water.)	Less than 50 feet <u>40'</u> (20 points) <u>20</u> 50 feet or more, but less than 100 feet (10 points) <u>10</u> 100 feet or more (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 (20 points) <u>No</u> (0 points) <u>0</u>
Distance to surface water: (horizontal distance to all wetlands, playas, irrigation canals, ditches, and perennial and ephemeral watercourses.)	Less than 200 feet (20 points) 200 feet or more, but less than 1000 feet (10 points) <u>0</u> 1000 feet or more (0 points)
Ranking Score (Total Points) <u>20</u>	

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: \_\_\_\_\_ (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.

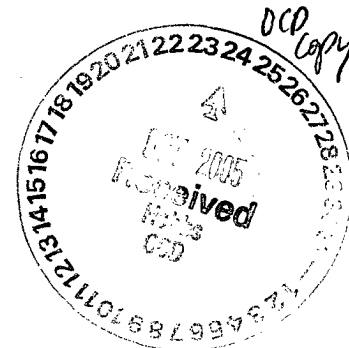
(5) Attach and sample results and a diagram of sample locations and excavations.

Additional Comments: SEE WORK PLAN

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 NMOC guidelines ☒ a general permit ☐ or as (attached) alternative OCD-approved plan ☐.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Printed Name/Title: H.R. Holcomb-AGENT Signature: H.R. Holcomb  
 Your certification and NMOC 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: Paul Sheehy Signature: [Signature] Date: 10-24-05





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October 19, 2005

L E Jones  
414 West Texas, Suite 216  
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Attn: Mr. H. R. Holcomb

**RE: Work Plan to close the McNeill "33" #4 Drilling Pit Located in UL F,  
Sec. 33, T19S, R38E of Lea County, New Mexico on the McNeill Ranch**

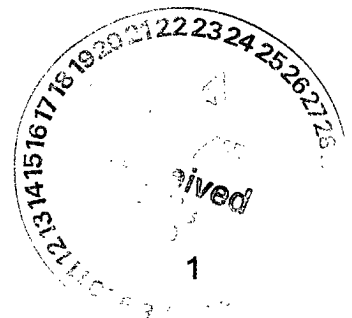
Dear Mr. Holcomb:

Phoenix Environmental, LLC (Phoenix) would like to take this time to thank you and L E Jones for the opportunity to provide our professional services on the site remediation of the above listed site that is located on the McNeill Ranch.

If you have any questions and/or need more data in regards to this project please call at any time.

Sincerely,

Allen Hodge, REM  
Sr. Project Manager  
Phoenix Environmental LLC



## **Summary/Overview**

The Drilling Pit site should be completed and remediated in accordance with the standards of the NMOCD, McNeill Ranch and any lease agreements that may be in place. It is our understanding that any potential contamination from the site was a result of activities associated with the production of oil and gas.

The potential contaminants of concern are mid to high-level concentrations of salt water, drilling mud and fluids that were left after drilling operations.

The lands primary use is domestic pasture for ranching and the production of oil and gas.

The ground water depth data available for this area showed the depth to ground water to be in the 60' range.

Pursuant to the standards of the NMOCD and the McNeill Ranch, the clean up level for this site will be at <100ppm of TPH and ND for BTEX. The McNeill Ranch requires that the chlorides be at background levels or very near.

The following scope of work and cost that has been requested for the listed site was based on data from our site visit and the requirements of the NMOCD and the McNeill Ranch for site clean up.

## **Scope of Work for Entombment of Impacted Soils**

**NOTE:** Phoenix for the purpose of this bid will estimate that there is approximately 1,200cyds of impacted soils and mud at each site that needs to be addressed for site closure.

1. First Phoenix will call One-Call for line spot clearance before any excavation at the site.
2. Phoenix will mobilize to the site located on the McNeill ranch equipment and personnel necessary to start and complete the site remediation as required, getting the site back into compliance.
3. First the site will be cleared of brush and debris and a staging area set up for site control and safety.



4. Phoenix will move the stockpile of soils on the backside of the pits back to allow room to excavate the tomb to hold the contents of the pit. While leaving the top of the impacted soils at a minimum of six feet below grade, the size of the tomb will need to be 125x25x20 and will yield an estimated 2,315cyds of total material and will hold an estimated 1,620cyds of impacted soils.
5. Once the tomb area has been excavated it will be lined with 12mil HDPE bottom and a 20mil top with enough to fold back over the top of the impacted soils before backfilling.
6. Impacted soils at the site will then be excavated, transported and placed in the lined tomb area until the top of the impacted soils are at a minimum of six feet below grade.
7. Phoenix will field screen the site during the excavation and once the TPH and CL has dropped below clean up requirements final samples will be taken and sent to a third party lab for analysis.
8. Once all of the remediation criteria have been met for site closure and compliance, the site will be backfilled with clean material from the McNeill Ranch. The site will be contoured with a slit crown to prevent the ponding of any water and reseeded.
9. Once all of the closure criteria have been met, a final closure report will be prepared by Phoenix. This report will include a summary of remediation operations, findings on-site and lab analysis, site maps and project photos.

If you have any questions and/or need more data in regards to this project please call 505-631-8314 at any time.

Sincerely,



Allen Hodge, REM  
Sr. Project Manager  
Phoenix Environmental LLC





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0 1000 FEET 0 500 1000 METERS  
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