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1625 N. French Dr., Hobbs, NM 88240  
District II  
1301 W. Grand Avenue, Artesia, NM 88210  
District III  
1000 Rio Brazos Road, Aztec, NM 87410  
District IV  
1220 S. St. Francis Dr., Santa Fe, NM 87505

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: Oxy USA WTP Limited Partnership Telephone: 505-397-0510 e-mail address: ballen@sesi-nm.com  
Address: 4008 North Grimes PMB 269, Hobbs, New Mexico 88240  
Facility or well name: GR 8 State #1 API #: 30-025-37160 U/L or Qtr/Qtr P Sec 8 T 22S R 34E  
County: Lea Latitude 32°24'02.34"N Longitude 103°29'06.62"W NAD: 1927 ☒ 1983 ☐  
Surface Owner: Federal ☐ State ☐ Private ☒ Indian ☐

Pit

Type: Drilling ☒ Production ☐ Disposal ☐

Workover ☐ Emergency ☐

Lined ☒ Unlined ☐

Liner type: Synthetic ☒ Thickness 12 mil Clay ☐

Pit Volume 11,000 bbl

Below-grade tank

Volume: bbl Type of fluid:

Construction material:

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

Depth to ground water (vertical distance from bottom of pit to seasonal high water elevation of ground water.) 31'

Less than 50 feet

(20 points) XXXX

50 feet or more, but less than 100 feet

(10 points)

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)

No

( 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

(20 points)

200 feet or more, but less than 1000 feet

(10 points)

1000 feet or more

( 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 Sundance (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. Category 1 location: The drilling pit contents will be excavated & hauled to an NMOCD approved soil waste facility

If there is evidence of contamination, the soil will be tested by lab and if contamination is confirmed, further remediation will be conducted according to guidelines.

The excavated area will be backfilled with clean soil and covered and contoured with three feet of soil or like material capable of supporting native plant growth to prevent erosion and ponding of rainwater.

A one call and a 48 hour notice will be provided to the Oil Conservation Division.

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: 02/01/06 Printed Name/Title Bob Allen/ Consultant 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 Larry Johnson

Signature

Date: 7/19/06



# NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS and NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

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Director

**Oil Conservation Division**

*30-May-2006*

**OXY USA WTP LIMITED PARTNERSHIP** 192463  
PO Box 50250  
HOUSTON, TX 77210-4294

**Property OXY GR 8 STATE**  
P-8-22S-34E 30-025-37160-00-00 001

Form C-103, Report of Plugging has been approved as to plugging of the Well Bore. Liability under bond is retained until an NMOCD representative has made an inspection of the location and found it to be cleared to comply with OCD rules and regulations. Please check each item in the space provided to indicate that the work has been accomplished and the location is ready for final inspection.

- ☐ 1. All pits have been remediated, filled and leveled.
- ☐ 2. Rat hole and cellar have been filled and leveled.
- ☐ 3. A steel marker 4" in diameter and approximately 4' above mean ground level has been set in concrete to mark the exact location of the plugged well. (Marker must have operator name, lease name, well number and location including quarter/quarter section or unit letter, section, township, range and API well ID number permanently welded, stamped or otherwise engraved into the metal marker.)
- ☐ 4. The location has been leveled as nearly as possible to original top ground contour and has been cleared of all junk and equipment.
- ☐ 5. The dead men and tie downs have been cut and removed.
- ☐ 6. If a one well lease or last remaining well on lease, the battery and burn pit locations have been remediated, leveled and cleared of all junk & equipment.
- ☐ 7. All environmental concerns have been addressed as per OCD guidelines.

The above are minimum requirements and no plugging bond will be cancelled until all locations for plugged and abandoned wells have been inspected.

When all of the work outlined above has been done, please notify this office by completing, signing and returning this letter to us so that our representative will not have to make more than one trip to the location.

I certify that the above work has been done and the above-mentioned lease is ready for OCD inspection and approval.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_



**OXY USA WTP LP**

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August 1, 2006

***Sent Via Certified Mail  
Return Receipt Requested  
#7006 0100 0002 9329 7523***

State of New Mexico  
Oil Conservation Division  
1625 N. French Drive  
Hobbs, NM 88240

***Re: OXY GR 8 State #1 Well  
Section 8-22S-34E  
Lea County, New Mexico***

Dear Mr. Fesmire:

In reference to the captioned well, our records indicate that application was made for the approval of the pit closure pursuant to Form C-144, on February 1, 2006. On July 19, 2006, Pat Caperton, on behalf of Larry Johnson, approved our application (copy enclosed). Therefore, we have begun the process of closing the pit according to OCD guidelines. Upon completion, our office will notify your office via execution of your letter dated May 30, 2006 (copy enclosed), advising that the lease is ready for final OCD inspection and approval.

In the interim, should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 505-887-8337.

Sincerely,

Rick Kerby  
HES Specialist

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Enclosure

