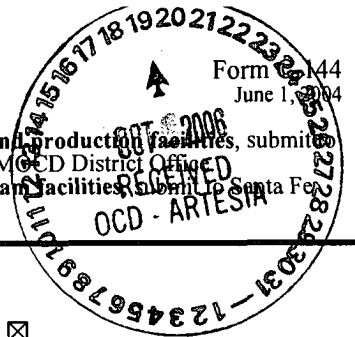


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For drilling and production facilities, submit appropriate NMOC District Office  
For downstream facilities, submit to Santa Fe office



**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: Pogo Producing Company Telephone: 432-685-8100 e-mail address: wrightc@pogoproducing.com  
Address: P. O. Box 10340, Midland, TX 79702  
Facility or well name: Sterling Silver 33 Federal #9 API #: 30-015-33975 U/L or Qtr/Qtr N Sec 33 T 23S R 31E  
County: Eddy Latitude 32:15:32.8 Longitude 103:47:05.6 NAD: 1927 ☒ 1983 ☐  
Surface Owner: Federal ☒ State ☐ Private ☐ Indian ☐

<b>Pit</b> 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"/> Liner type: Synthetic <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Thickness <u>12</u> mil Clay <input type="checkbox"/> Pit Volume <u>28000</u> bbl	<b>Below-grade tank</b> Volume: _____ bbl Type of fluid: _____ Construction material: _____ Double-walled, with leak detection? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> If not, explain why not. _____	
Depth to ground water (vertical distance from bottom of pit to seasonal high water elevation of ground water.)	Less than 50 feet	(20 points)
	50 feet or more, but less than 100 feet	(10 points)
	100 feet or more X	( 0 points) 0
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 X	( 0 points) 0
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 X	( 0 points) 0
<b>Ranking Score (Total Points)</b>		0

**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 soil sample results and a diagram of sample locations and excavations.

Additional Comments:

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 an (attached) alternative OCD-approved plan ☐.

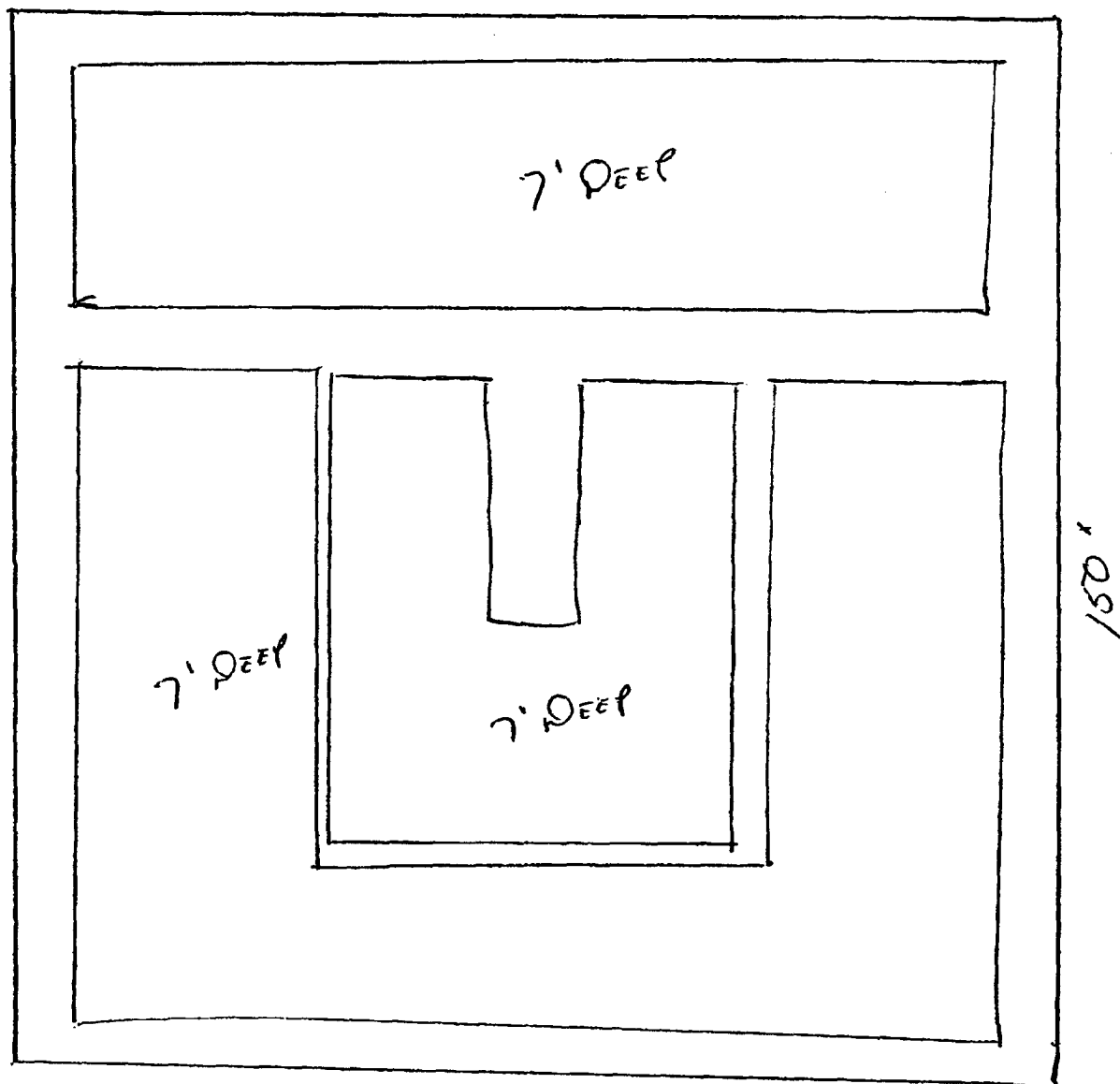
Date: 10/18/06  
Printed Name/Title Cathy Wright, Sr. Eng Tech Signature Cathy Wright

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: Jim W. Green  
Printed Name/Title District II Supervisor Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 10/19/06

#### Pit Closing Procedure:

Pits are dewatered. Dirt contractor digs a deep bury pit adjacent to the drilling pit. Deep bury pit is lined with 12 mil plastic. Dirt contractor pushes contents of drilling pit into the deep bury pit. Deep bury pit is capped with 20 mil plastic then covered with 3 feet of fill dirt.



150'  
 Staking Silver 33-9D  
 198 FSL 1980 FWL  
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