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Form C-144
June 16, 2008

**For temporary pits, closed-loop systems, and below-grade tanks**, submit to the appropriate NMOCD District Office.
**For permanent pits and exceptions** submit to the Santa Fe Environmental Bureau office and provide a copy to the appropriate NMOCD District Office.

# Pit, Closed-Loop System, Below-Grade Tank, or Proposed Alternative Method Permit or Closure Plan Application

Type of action: ☒ Permit of a pit, closed-loop system, below-grade tank, or proposed alternative method
☒ Closure of a pit, closed-loop system, below-grade tank, or proposed alternative method

***Instructions: Please submit one application (Form C-144) per individual pit, closed-loop system, below-grade tank or alternative request***

Please be advised that approval of this request does not relieve the operator of liability should operations result in pollution of surface water, ground water or the environment. Nor does approval relieve the operator of its responsibility to comply with any other applicable governmental authority's rules, regulations or ordinances.

Operator: COG OPERATING LLC OGRID #: 229137
Address: 550 WEST TEXAS, SUITE 1300 MIDLAND, TX 79701
Facility or well name: ORION FEDERAL #3H
API Number: 30-005-28001 OCD Permit Number: P1-00137
U/L or Qtr/Qtr UL P Section 13 Township 15S Range 31E County: CHAVES
Center of Proposed Design: Latitude N/A Longitude N/A NAD: ☐1927 ☐ 1983
Surface Owner: ☒ Federal ☐ State ☐ Private ☐ Tribal Trust or Indian Allotment

☐ **Pit:** Subsection F or G of 19.15.17.11 NMAC
Temporary: ☐ Drilling ☐ Workover
☐ Permanent ☐ Emergency ☐ Cavitation
☐ Lined ☐ Unlined
Liner type: Thickness _____mil ☐ LLDPE ☐ HDPE ☐ PVC
☐ Other _____ ☐ String-Reinforced
Seams: ☐ Welded ☐ Factory ☐ Other _____
Volume: _____bbl Dimensions: L_____ x W_____ x D_____

☒ **Closed-loop System:** Subsection H of 19.15.17.11 NMAC
☐ Drying Pad ☐ Tanks ☒ Haul-off Bins ☐ Other _____
☐ Lined ☐ Unlined
Liner type: Thickness _____mil ☐ LLDPE ☐ HDPE ☐ PVC
☐ Other _____
Seams: ☐ Welded ☐ Factory ☐ Other _____
Volume: _____bbl _____$yd^3$
Dimensions: Length_____ x Width_____

☐ **Below-grade tank:** Subsection I of 19.15.17.11 NMAC
Volume: _____bbl
Type of fluid: _____
Tank Construction material: _____
☐ Secondary containment with leak detection
☐ Visible sidewalls, liner, 6-inch lift and automatic overflow shut-off
☐ Visible sidewalls and liner
☐ Visible sidewalls only
☐ Other _____
Liner type: Thickness _____mil ☐ HDPE ☐ PVC
☐ Other _____

**Fencing:** Subsection D of 19.15.17.11 NMAC
☐ Chain link, six feet in height, two strands of barbed wire at top
☐ Four foot height, four strands of barbed wire evenly spaced between one and four feet
**Netting:** Subsection E of 19.15.17.11 NMAC
☐ Screen ☐ Netting ☐ Other _____
☐ Monthly inspections
**Signs:** Subsection C of 19.15.17.11 NMAC
☐ 12'x24', 2' lettering, providing Operator's name, site location, and emergency telephone numbers
☒ Signed in compliance with 19.15.3.103 NMAC

☐ **Alternative Method:**
Submittal of an exception request is required. Exceptions must be submitted to the Santa Fe Environmental Bureau office for consideration of approval.

**Administrative Approvals and Exceptions:**
Justifications and/or demonstrations of equivalency are required. Please refer to 19.15.17 NMAC for guidance.
***Please check a box if one or more of the following is requested, if not leave blank:***
☐ Administrative approval(s): Requests must be submitted to the appropriate division district or the Santa Fe Environmental Bureau office for consideration of approval.
☐ Exception(s): Requests must be submitted to the Santa Fe Environmental Bureau office for consideration of approval.

**Siting Criteria (regarding permitting):** 19.15.17.10 NMAC
***Instructions:*** ***The applicant must demonstrate compliance for each siting criteria below in the application. Recommendations of acceptable source material are provided below. Requests regarding changes to certain siting criteria may require administrative approval from the appropriate district office or may be considered an exception which must be submitted to the Santa Fe Environmental Bureau office for consideration of approval. Applicant must attach justification for request. Please refer to 19.15.17.10 NMAC for guidance.*** **Siting criteria does not apply to drying pads or above-grade tanks associated with a closed-loop system.**

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| Ground water is less than 50 feet below the bottom of the temporary pit, permanent pit, or below-grade tank.<br>- NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search; USGS; Data obtained from nearby wells | ☐ Yes ☐ No |
| Within 300 feet of a continuously flowing watercourse, or 200 feet of any other watercourse, lakebed, sinkhole, or playa lake (measured from the ordinary high-water mark).<br>- Topographic map; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site | ☐ Yes ☐ No |
| Within 300 feet from a permanent residence, school, hospital, institution, or church in existence at the time of initial application.<br>*(Applies to temporary, emergency, or cavitation pits and below-grade tanks)*<br>- Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site; Aerial photo; Satellite image | ☐ Yes ☐ No<br>☐ NA |
| Within 1000 feet from a permanent residence, school, hospital, institution, or church in existence at the time of initial application.<br>*(Applies to permanent pits)*<br>- Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site; Aerial photo; Satellite image | ☐ Yes ☐ No<br>☐ NA |
| Within 500 horizontal feet of a private, domestic fresh water well or spring that less than five households use for domestic or stock watering purposes, or within 1000 horizontal feet of any other fresh water well or spring, in existence at the time of initial application.<br>- NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site | ☐ Yes ☐ No |
| Within incorporated municipal boundaries or within a defined municipal fresh water well field covered under a municipal ordinance adopted pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 3-27-3, as amended.<br>- Written confirmation or verification from the municipality; Written approval obtained from the municipality | ☐ Yes ☐ No |
| Within 500 feet of a wetland.<br>- US Fish and Wildlife Wetland Identification map; Topographic map; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site | ☐ Yes ☐ No |
| Within the area overlying a subsurface mine.<br>- Written confirmation or verification or map from the NM EMNRD-Mining and Mineral Division | ☐ Yes ☐ No |
| Within an unstable area.<br>- Engineering measures incorporated into the design; NM Bureau of Geology & Mineral Resources; USGS; NM Geological Society; Topographic map | ☐ Yes ☐ No |
| Within a 100-year floodplain.<br>- FEMA map | ☐ Yes ☐ No |

**Temporary Pits, Emergency Pits, and Below-grade Tanks Permit Application Attachment Checklist:** Subsection B of 19.15.17.9 NMAC
***Instructions:*** ***Each of the following items must be attached to the application. Please indicate, by a check mark in the box, that the documents are attached.***

- ☐ Hydrogeologic Report (Below-grade Tanks) - based upon the requirements of Paragraph (4) of Subsection B of 19.15.17.9 NMAC
- ☐ Hydrogeologic Data (Temporary and Emergency Pits) - based upon the requirements of Paragraph (2) of Subsection B of 19.15.17.9 NMAC
- ☐ Siting Criteria Compliance Demonstrations - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.10 NMAC
- ☐ Design Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.11 NMAC
- ☐ Operating and Maintenance Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.12 NMAC
- ☐ Closure Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection C of 19.15.17.9 NMAC and 19.15.17.13 NMAC

☐ Previously Approved Design (attach copy of design) API Number: _____ or Permit Number: _____

**Closed-loop Systems Permit Application Attachment Checklist:** Subsection B of 19.15.17.9 NMAC
***Instructions:*** ***Each of the following items must be attached to the application. Please indicate, by a check mark in the box, that the documents are attached.***

- ☐ Geologic and Hydrogeologic Data (required for on-site closure) - based upon the requirements of Paragraph (3) of Subsection B of 19.15.17.9
- ☐ Siting Criteria Compliance Demonstrations (required for on-site closure) - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.10 NMAC
- ☒ Design Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.11 NMAC
- ☒ Operating and Maintenance Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.12 NMAC
- ☒ Closure Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection C of 19.15.17.9 NMAC and 19.15.17.13 NMAC

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☐ Previously Approved Design (attach copy of design) API Number: _____

**Permanent Pits Permit Application Checklist:** Subsection B of 19.15.17.9 NMAC

***Instructions: Each of the following items must be attached to the application. Please indicate, by a check mark in the box, that the documents are attached.***

- ☐ Hydrogeologic Report - based upon the requirements of Paragraph (1) of Subsection B of 19.15.17.9 NMAC
- ☐ Siting Criteria Compliance Demonstrations - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.10 NMAC
- ☐ Climatological Factors Assessment
- ☐ Certified Engineering Design Plans - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.11 NMAC
- ☐ Dike Protection and Structural Integrity Design - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.11 NMAC
- ☐ Leak Detection Design - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.11 NMAC
- ☐ Liner Specifications and Compatibility Assessment - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.11 NMAC
- ☐ Quality Control/Quality Assurance Construction and Installation Plan
- ☐ Operating and Maintenance Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.12 NMAC
- ☐ Freeboard and Overtopping Prevention Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.11 NMAC
- ☐ Nuisance or Hazardous Odors, including $H_2S$, Prevention Plan
- ☐ Emergency Response Plan
- ☐ Oil Field Waste Stream Characterization
- ☐ Monitoring and Inspection Plan
- ☐ Erosion Control Plan
- ☐ Closure Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection C of 19.15.17.9 NMAC and 19.15.17.13 NMAC

**Proposed Closure:** 19.15.17.13 NMAC

Type: ☐ Drilling ☐ Workover ☐ Emergency ☐ Cavitation ☐ Permanent Pit ☐ Below-grade Tank ☒ Closed-loop System ☐ Alternative

Proposed Closure Method: ☐ Waste Excavation and Removal
☐ On-site Closure Method (only for temporary pits and closed-loop systems)
☐ In-place Burial ☐ On-site Trench Burial
☐ Alternative Closure Method (Exceptions must be submitted to the Santa Fe Environmental Bureau for consideration)

**Siting Criteria (regarding on-site closure methods only):** 19.15.17.10 NMAC

***Instructions: Each siting criteria requires a demonstration of compliance in the closure plan. Recommendations of acceptable source material are provided below. Requests regarding changes to certain siting criteria may require administrative approval from the appropriate district office or may be considered an exception which must be submitted to the Santa Fe Environmental Bureau office for consideration of approval. Justifications and/or demonstrations of equivalency are required. Please refer to 19.15.17.10 NMAC for guidance.***

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| Ground water is less than 50 feet below the bottom of the buried waste.<br>- NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search; USGS; Data obtained from nearby wells | ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA |
| Ground water is between 50 and 100 feet below the bottom of the buried waste<br>- NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search; USGS; Data obtained from nearby wells | ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA |
| Ground water is more than 100 feet below the bottom of the buried waste.<br>- NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search; USGS, Data obtained from nearby wells | ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA |
| Within 300 feet of a continuously flowing watercourse, or 200 feet of any other watercourse, lakebed, sinkhole, or playa lake (measured from the ordinary high-water mark).<br>- Topographic map; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site | ☐ Yes ☐ No |
| Within 300 feet from a permanent residence, school, hospital, institution, or church in existence at the time of initial application.<br>- Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site; Aerial photo; Satellite image | ☐ Yes ☐ No |
| Within 500 horizontal feet of a private, domestic fresh water well or spring that less than five households use for domestic or stock watering purposes, or within 1000 horizontal feet of any other fresh water well or spring, in existence at the time of initial application.<br>- NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site | ☐ Yes ☐ No |
| Within incorporated municipal boundaries or within a defined municipal fresh water well field covered under a municipal ordinance adopted pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 3-27-3, as amended.<br>- Written confirmation or verification from the municipality; Written approval obtained from the municipality | ☐ Yes ☐ No |
| Within 500 feet of a wetland.<br>- US Fish and Wildlife Wetland Identification map; Topographic map; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site | ☐ Yes ☐ No |
| Within the area overlying a subsurface mine.<br>- Written confirmation or verification or map from the NM EMNRD-Mining and Mineral Division | ☐ Yes ☐ No |
| Within an unstable area.<br>- Engineering measures incorporated into the design; NM Bureau of Geology & Mineral Resources; USGS; NM Geological Society; Topographic map | ☐ Yes ☐ No |
| Within a 100-year floodplain.<br>- FEMA map | ☐ Yes ☐ No |

**Waste Excavation and Removal Closure Plan Checklist:** (19.15.17.13 NMAC) ***Instructions: Each of the following items must be attached to the closure plan. Please indicate, by a check mark in the box, that the documents are attached.***

- ☐ Protocols and Procedures - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.13 NMAC
- ☐ Confirmation Sampling Plan (if applicable) - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection F of 19.15.17.13 NMAC
- ☐ Disposal Facility Name and Permit Number (for liquids, drilling fluids and drill cuttings)
- ☐ Soil Backfill and Cover Design Specifications - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection H of 19.15.17.13 NMAC
- ☐ Re-vegetation Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection I of 19.15.17.13 NMAC
- ☐ Site Reclamation Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection G of 19.15.17.13 NMAC

**Waste Removal Closure For Closed-loop Systems That Utilize Haul-off Bins Only:** (19.15.17.13.D NMAC) ***Instructions: Please indentify the facility or facilities for the disposal of liquids, drilling fluids and drill cuttings.***

Disposal Facility Name: **CRI OR G M INC.** Disposal Facility Permit Number: **CRI (R9166) G M INC (711-019-001)**

**On-Site Closure Plan Checklist:** (19.15.17.13 NMAC) ***Instructions: Each of the following items must be attached to the closure plan. Please indicate, by a check mark in the box, that the documents are attached.***

- ☐ Siting Criteria Compliance Demonstrations - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.10 NMAC
- ☐ Proof of Surface Owner Notice - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection F of 19.15.17.13 NMAC
- ☐ Construction and Design of Burial Trench (if applicable) based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.11 NMAC
- ☐ Protocols and Procedures - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.13 NMAC
- ☐ Confirmation Sampling Plan (if applicable) - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection F of 19.15.17.13 NMAC
- ☐ Waste Material Sampling Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection F of 19.15.17.13 NMAC
- ☐ Disposal Facility Name and Permit Number (for liquids, drilling fluids and drill cuttings or in case on-site closure standards cannot be achieved)
- ☐ Soil Cover Design - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection H of 19.15.17.13 NMAC
- ☐ Re-vegetation Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection I of 19.15.17.13 NMAC
- ☐ Site Reclamation Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection G of 19.15.17.13 NMAC

**Operator Application Certification:**

I hereby certify that the information submitted with this application is true, accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Name (Print): **PHYLLIS A. EDWARDS** Title: **REGULATORY ANALYST**

Signature: Phyllis A Edwards Date: **7-1-08**

e-mail address: **pedwards@conchoresources.com** Telephone: **432-685-4340**

**OCD Approval:** ☒ Permit Application (including closure plan) ☐ Closure Plan (only)

**OCD Representative Signature:** _____ **Approval Date:** 7/25/08

**Title:** Geologist **OCD Permit Number:** PL-00137

**Closure Report (required within 60 days of closure completion):** Subsection K of 19.15.17.13 NMAC

☐ **Closure Completion Date:** _____

**Closure Method:**

☐ Waste Excavation and Removal ☐ On-Site Closure Method ☐ Alternative Closure Method

☐ If different from approved plan, please explain.

**Closure Report Attachment Checklist:** ***Instructions: Each of the following items must be attached to the closure report. Please indicate, by a check mark in the box, that the documents are attached.***

- ☐ Proof of Closure Notice
- ☐ Proof of Deed Notice (if applicable)
- ☐ Plot Plan
- ☐ Confirmation Sampling Analytical Results
- ☐ Waste Material Sampling Analytical Results
- ☐ Disposal Facility Name and Permit Number
- ☐ Soil Backfilling and Cover Installation
- ☐ Re-vegetation Application Rates and Seeding Technique
- ☐ Site Reclamation (Photo Documentation)

On-site Closure Location: Latitude _____ Longitude _____ NAD: ☐1927 ☐ 1983

**Operator Closure Certification:**

I hereby certify that the information and attachments submitted with this closure report is true, accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. I also certify that the closure complies with all applicable closure requirements and conditions specified in the approved closure plan.

Name (Print): _____ Title: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

e-mail address: _____ Telephone: _____

# Closed Loop Operation & Maintenance Procedure

All drilling fluid circulated over shaker(s) with cuttings discharged into roll off container.

Fluid and fines below shaker(s) are circulated with transfer pump through centrifuge(s) or solids separator with cuttings and fines discharged into roll off container.

Fluid is continuously re-circulated through equipment with polymer added to aid separation of cutting fines.

Roll off containers are lined and de-watered with fluids re-circulated into system.

Additional tank is used to capture unused drilling fluid or cement returns from casing jobs.

This equipment will be maintained 24 hrs./day by solids control personnel and or rig crews that stay on location.

Cuttings will be hauled to either:

CRI (permit number R9166)
or
GMI (permit number 711-019-001)

dependent upon which rig is available to drill this well.

COG Operating LLC

Closed Loop Equipment Diagram