

SURFACE USE AND OPERATING PLAN

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6. Source of Construction Materials:

All caliche required for construction of the drill pad and the proposed new access road (approximately 1500 cubic yards) will be obtained from a BLM - approved caliche pit. All roads and pads will be constructed of 6" of rolled and compacted caliche.

7. Methods of Handling Water Disposal:

- A. Drill cuttings not retained for evaluation purposes will be disposed into the reserve pit.
- B. Drilling fluids will be contained in lined working pits. The reserve pit will contain any excess drilling fluid or flow from the well during drilling, cementing, and completion operations. The reserve pit will be an earthen pit, approximately 130' X 130' X 6" deep. The reserve pit will be plastic-lined to minimize loss of drilling fluids and saturation of the ground with brine water.
- C. Water produced from the well during completion may be disposed into the reserve pit.
- D. Garbage and trash produced during drilling or completion operations will be hauled off. All waste material will be contained to prevent scattering by the wind. All water and fluids will be disposed of into the reserve pit. Salts and other chemicals produced during drilling or testing will be disposed into the reserve pit. No toxic waste or hazardous chemicals will be produced by this operation.
- E. After the rig is moved out and the well is either completed or abandoned, all waste materials will be cleaned up within 30 days. No adverse materials will be left on location.

The reserve pit will be completely fenced until it has dried. When the reserve pit is dry enough to breakout and fill, the reserve pit will be leveled and reseeded as per BLM specifications. In the event of a dry hole, the location will be ripped and seeded, as per BLM specifications, and a dry hole marker will remain.