

Appendix A

*New Mexico Office of the State Engineer
Plugging Plans of Operation and Plugging Records
(on CD included with this document)*



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June 27, 2016

U.S Department of Energy/ Los Alamos National Laboratory
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Re: Plugging Plans of Operation, LANL Wells RG-96135, RG-96137 and RG-96139 thru RG-96146

Greetings:

After a review of the Well Plugging Plan of Operations submitted on May 13, 2016, The Office of the Engineer is returning a favorable approval with specific Plugging Conditions and has accepted the Plugging Plan submitted for filing.

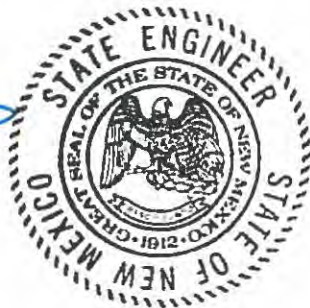
Please return a completed Well Plugging Report that itemizes the actual abandonment process and materials used within 20 days after completion of well plugging. In addition, please include a copy of the approved Plugging Conditions enclosed.

Please address any questions via- telephone to Ramona Martinez at 505.827.6120 or via e-mail at Ramona.Martinez2@state.nm.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ramona Martinez".

Ramona Martinez
Water Rights Division
Office of the State Engineer



Enclosure
cc: file



WELL PLUGGING PLAN OF OPERATIONS



NOTE: A Well Plugging Plan of Operations shall be filed with and accepted by the Office of the State Engineer prior to plugging.

I. FILING FEE: There is no filing fee for this form.

II. GENERAL / WELL OWNERSHIP:

Existing Office of the State Engineer POD Number (Well Number) for well to be plugged: N/A RG-96135(MT-1)

Name of well owner: Los Alamos National Laboratory

Mailing address: PO Box 1663

City: Los Alamos State: New Mexico Zip code: 87545

Phone number: 505-667-5931 E-mail: meverett@lanl.gov

III. WELL DRILLER INFORMATION:

Well Driller contracted to provide plugging services: Yellow Jacket Drilling Services

New Mexico Well Driller License No.: WD-1458 Expiration Date: 10-31-2016

IV. WELL INFORMATION:

Note: A copy of the existing Well Record for the well to be plugged should be attached to this plan.

- 1) GPS Well Location: Latitude: 35 deg, 51 min, 37.867 sec
MT-1 Longitude: -106 deg, 16 min, 2.617 sec, NAD 83
- 2) Reason(s) for plugging well:

No longer needed. Study completed.
- 3) Was well used for any type of monitoring program? Yes If yes, please use section VII of this form to detail what hydrogeologic parameters were monitored. If the well was used to monitor contaminated or poor quality water, authorization from the New Mexico Environment Department may be required prior to plugging.
- 4) Does the well tap brackish, saline, or otherwise poor quality water? No If yes, provide additional detail, including analytical results and/or laboratory report(s):
- 5) Static water level: Dry feet below land surface / feet above land surface (circle one)
- 6) Depth of the well: 69 feet

- 7) Inside diameter of innermost casing: 2 inches.
- 8) Casing material: PVC
- 9) The well was constructed with:
☐ an open-hole production interval, state the open interval: _____
☒ a well screen or perforated pipe, state the screened interval(s): 49-69'
- 10) What annular interval surrounding the artesian casing of this well is cement-grouted? N/A
- 11) Was the well built with surface casing? No No If yes, is the annulus surrounding the surface casing grouted or otherwise sealed? No No If yes, please describe:
- 12) Has all pumping equipment and associated piping been removed from the well? Yes If not, describe remaining equipment and intentions to remove prior to plugging in Section VII of this form.

V. DESCRIPTION OF PLANNED WELL PLUGGING:

Note: If this plan proposes to plug an artesian well in a way other than with cement grout, placed bottom to top with a tremie pipe, a detailed diagram of the well showing proposed final plugged configuration shall be attached, as well as any additional technical information, such as geophysical logs, that are necessary to adequately describe the proposal.

- 1) Describe the method by which cement grout shall be placed in the well, or describe requested plugging methodology proposed for the well:

Cement grout shall be tremie pumped from bottom to top of well casing. Well will then be overdrilled to 20' bgs. then regouted for the upper 20'.
- 2) Will well head be cut-off below land surface after plugging? Yes

VI. PLUGGING AND SEALING MATERIALS:

Note: The plugging of a well that taps poor quality water may require the use of a specialty cement or specialty sealant

- 1) For plugging intervals that employ cement grout, complete and attach Table A.
- 2) For plugging intervals that will employ approved non-cement based sealant(s), complete and attach Table B.
- 3) Theoretical volume of grout required to plug the well to land surface: _____
- 4) Type of Cement proposed: Bentonite cement grout (neat cement with 5% bentonite)
- 5) Proposed cement grout mix: ~~6.5~~ 8.5 gallons of water per 94 pound sack of Portland cement.
- 6) Will the grout be: _____ batch-mixed and delivered to the site
X mixed on site

- 7) Grout additives requested, and percent by dry weight relative to cement:

5% Bentonite

- 8) Additional notes and calculations:

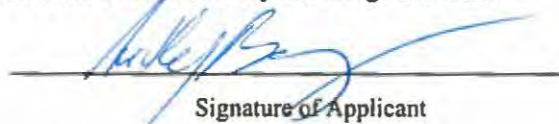
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VII. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: List additional information below, or on separate sheet(s):

MT-1 was used for measuring groundwater as part of a water-balance study. The study is complete.

VIII. SIGNATURE:

I, Anthony Burgess, say that I have carefully read the foregoing Well Plugging Plan of Operations and any attachments, which are a part hereof; that I am familiar with the rules and regulations of the State Engineer pertaining to the plugging of wells and will comply with them, and that each and all of the statements in the Well Plugging Plan of Operations and attachments are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.


Signature of Applicant

5/13/2016
Date

IX. ACTION OF THE STATE ENGINEER:

This Well Plugging Plan of Operations is:

- ☒ Approved subject to the attached conditions.
☐ Not approved for the reasons provided on the attached letter.

Witness my hand and official seal this 6 day of June, 2016

Tom Blaine P.E., New Mexico State Engineer

By: 

TABLE A - For plugging intervals that employ cement grout. Start with deepest interval.

	Interval 1 – deepest	Interval 2	Interval 3 – most shallow
			Note: if the well is non-artesian and breaches only one aquifer, use only this column.
Top of proposed interval of grout placement (ft bgl)	N/A	N/A	0'
Bottom of proposed interval of grout placement (ft bgl)	N/A	N/A	15'
Theoretical volume of grout required per interval (gallons)	N/A	N/A	62 gal.
Proposed cement grout mix gallons of water per 94-lb. sack of Portland cement	N/A	N/A	62 gal. UP TO 8.5 GALLONS RM
Mixed on-site or batch-mixed and delivered?	N/A	N/A	On site
Grout additive 1 requested	N/A	N/A	Bentonite
Additive 1 percent by dry weight relative to cement	-	N/A	5%
Grout additive 2 requested	N/A	N/A	N/A
Additive 2 percent by dry weight relative to cement	N/A	N/A	N/A

TABLE B - For plugging intervals that will employ approved non-cement based sealant(s). Start with deepest interval.

	Interval 1 – deepest	Interval 2	Interval 3 – most shallow
			Note: if the well is non-artesian and breaches only one aquifer, use only this column.
Top of proposed interval of sealant placement (ft bgl)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Bottom of proposed sealant of grout placement (ft bgl)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Theoretical volume of sealant required per interval (gallons)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Proposed abandonment sealant (manufacturer and trade name)	N/A	N/A	N/A



STATE OF NEW MEXICO OFFICE OF THE STATE ENGINEER

Tom Blaine, P.E.
District 6 Office, Santa Fe, NM

Well Plugging Plan of Operations **Conditions of Approval for RG-96135**

The U.S. Department of Energy / Los Alamos National Laboratory has identified 1 alluvial well as tabulated below. On the Well Plugging Plan of Operations received May 13, 2016, the applicant stated that the well is no longer needed as the study is completed. The applicant states that the casing will be pressure grouted with 5% bentonite enriched cement from total depth to 20 feet below ground surface (bgs) via tremie pipe. The well will then be overdrilled with a 9- inch (outside diameter) 4 ¼ (inside diameter) auger to a minimum of 20 feet bgs. 5% bentonite enriched cement will be used to fill the boring from 20 feet up to 2 feet bgs. The top 2 feet will be filled with concrete and mounded above the existing grade. Static water level is dry, according to the applicant. There is no OSE record available for this test well. This test well was used for measuring groundwater as part of a water balance study. The study is complete and the well is no longer needed. Existing active wells that are in close proximity to the well(s) that are to be abandoned could possibly have communication during cementing operations. To reduce the likelihood of this scenario, the water to cement ratio can be reduced to 5.2 gallons of water per 94 pound sack of Portland cement.

Location: Los Alamos, New Mexico.
Approximate well coordinates: See tabulated data.

<u>Well Name</u>	<u>Inside diameter (inches)</u>	<u>Total depth (feet)</u>	<u>Latitude North</u>	<u>Longitude West</u>
RG-96135 (MT-1)	2	69'	35°51'37.867	-106°16'2.617

Specific Plugging Conditions of Approval for 1 monitoring well for the U.S. Department of Energy / Los Alamos National Laboratory, Los Alamos County, New Mexico

1. Water well drilling and well drilling activities, including well plugging, are regulated under 19.27.4 NMAC, which requires any person engaged in the business of well drilling within New Mexico to obtain a Well Driller License issued by the New Mexico Office of the State Engineer (NMOSE). Therefore, the firm of a New Mexico licensed Well Driller shall perform the well plugging.
2. Placement of the sealant within the well shall be by pumping through a tremie pipe extended to near well bottom (based on sounding depth), and kept below top of the slurry column as the well is plugged from bottom-upwards in a manner that displaces the standing water column.
3. The use of up to 6% pure bentonite powder ("90 barrel yield") as an additive in cement is allowed under NMOSE/AWWA guidelines. Neither granular bentonite nor extended yield bentonite shall be mixed with cement. When supplementing a cement slurry with bentonite powder as requested, water demand for the mix increases at a rate of 0.65 gallons of water for each 1% increment of bentonite bdwc (by dry weight cement) above fundamental water demand of 5.2 gallons water per 94-lb. sack of cement. A 5% bentonite/cement slurry may therefore contain up to 8.5 gallons of water total per 94-lb. sack of cement / approximate 5-lb. bentonite increment, provided appropriate mixing order is maintained.

The bentonite shall be properly hydrated separately with its required increment of water, prior to being added into the cement mixture. If water is otherwise added to the combination of dry ingredients or the dry bentonite blended into wet cement, the hardness and alkalinity imparted to the mix water by the cement will restrict the ability of the bentonite powder to yield as expected, resulting in excess free water in the slurry and enhanced cement shrinkage upon curing.

4. Upon completion of plugging of the lower portion of the 2-inch well to the approximate 20-foot bags depth of actual overdrilling, the top of the 2-inch casing shall be severed within the bottom portion of the over-drilled hole prior to sealant being placed within the ID of the augers.
5. Sealant shall be kept up inside the augers during placement. The 4 1/4" x 9" augers shall be pulled out of the hole in such a manner that allows the sealant to remain inside the auger at all times, thus providing displacement to prevent borehole collapse. The 4 1/4" x 9" augers may not be pulled out of the hole prior to the sealant being placed.
6. Theoretical volume of sealant required for abandonment of the 2-inch (inside) diameter well is approximately .37 gallons per foot. Theoretical volume of sealant required for abandonment of the 9" (outside) diameter auger boring is 2.3 gallons per foot. Total theoretical volume of sealant required to fill the well is tabulated below. All cement mixture will contain no more than 5.2 gallons of water per 94 pound sack of cement. Total minimum amount of required sealant will be based on the sounding depth inside casing.

Well Name	Inside Diameter (Inches)	Total Depth (feet)	Volume (Cubic Feet)	Volume (Gallons)
MT-1	2	49	1.07	8.00
MT-1 (Auger Boring)	9	20	8.84	66.10
Totals:			9.90	74.09

7. All surface completions (vaults) will be removed, if applicable. The top of the 2-inch casing will be severed within the bottom of the overdrilled portion of the hole and will be backfilled with sealant to 2 feet bgs. The remaining 2-feet will be filled with concrete to surface.
8. Should the NMED, or another regulatory agency sharing jurisdiction of the project authorize, or by regulation require a more stringent well plugging procedure than herein acknowledged, the more-stringent procedure should be followed. This, in part, includes provisions regarding pre-authorization to proceed, contaminant remediation, inspection, pulling/perforating of casing, or prohibition of free discharge of any fluid from the borehole during or related to the plugging process.
9. NMOSE witnessing of the plugging will not be required, but shall be facilitated if a NMOSE observer is onsite. NMOSE witnessing may be requested during normal work hours by calling the District 6 NMOSE Office at 505-827-6120, at least 48-hours in advance. NMOSE inspection will occur dependant on personnel availability.
10. A Well Plugging Record (available at: <http://www.ose.state.nm.us/STST/Forms/WD-11.pdf>) itemizing actual abandonment process and materials used shall be filed with the State Engineer (NMOSE, P.O. Box 25102 - 407 Galisteo Street - Room 102, Santa Fe, NM 87504-5102), within 20 days after completion of well plugging. Please attach a copy of these plugging conditions.

The NMOSE Well Plugging Plan of Operations dated May 13, 2016, with annotation, is hereby approved with the aforesaid conditions applied, when signed by an authorized designee of the State Engineer:


 Ramona Martinez, NMOSE District 6, Water Rights Division

Date: 6/6/16



WELL PLUGGING PLAN OF OPERATIONS



NOTE: A Well Plugging Plan of Operations shall be filed with and accepted by the Office of the State Engineer prior to plugging.

I. FILING FEE: There is no filing fee for this form.

II. GENERAL / WELL OWNERSHIP:

Existing Office of the State Engineer POD Number (Well Number) for well to be plugged: N/A BG-96137 (MT-2)

Name of well owner: Los Alamos National Laboratory

Mailing address: PO Box 1663

City: Los Alamos State: New Mexico Zip code: 87545

Phone number: 505-667-5931 E-mail: meverett@lanl.gov

III. WELL DRILLER INFORMATION:

Well Driller contracted to provide plugging services: Yellow Jacket Drilling Services

New Mexico Well Driller License No.: WD-1458 Expiration Date: 10-31-2016

IV. WELL INFORMATION:

Note: A copy of the existing Well Record for the well to be plugged should be attached to this plan.

- 1) GPS Well Location: Latitude: 35 deg, 51 min, 38.369 sec
MT-2 Longitude: -106 deg, 15 min, 53.121 sec, NAD 83
- 2) Reason(s) for plugging well:

No longer needed. Study completed.
- 3) Was well used for any type of monitoring program? Yes If yes, please use section VII of this form to detail what hydrogeologic parameters were monitored. If the well was used to monitor contaminated or poor quality water, authorization from the New Mexico Environment Department may be required prior to plugging.
- 4) Does the well tap brackish, saline, or otherwise poor quality water? No If yes, provide additional detail, including analytical results and/or laboratory report(s):
- 5) Static water level: Dry feet below land surface / feet above land surface (circle one)
- 6) Depth of the well: 69 feet

- 7) Inside diameter of innermost casing: 2 inches.
- 8) Casing material: PVC
- 9) The well was constructed with:
☐ an open-hole production interval, state the open interval: _____
☒ a well screen or perforated pipe, state the screened interval(s): 59-69'
- 10) What annular interval surrounding the artesian casing of this well is cement-grouted? N/A
- 11) Was the well built with surface casing? No No If yes, is the annulus surrounding the surface casing grouted or otherwise sealed? No No If yes, please describe:

- 12) Has all pumping equipment and associated piping been removed from the well? Yes If not, describe remaining equipment and intentions to remove prior to plugging in Section VII of this form.

V. DESCRIPTION OF PLANNED WELL PLUGGING:

Note: If this plan proposes to plug an artesian well in a way other than with cement grout, placed bottom to top with a tremie pipe, a detailed diagram of the well showing proposed final plugged configuration shall be attached, as well as any additional technical information, such as geophysical logs, that are necessary to adequately describe the proposal.

- 1) Describe the method by which cement grout shall be placed in the well, or describe requested plugging methodology proposed for the well:

 Cement grout shall be tremie pumped from bottom to top of well casing. Well will then be overdrilled to 20' bgs. then regouted for the upper 20'.
- 2) Will well head be cut-off below land surface after plugging? Yes

VI. PLUGGING AND SEALING MATERIALS:

Note: The plugging of a well that taps poor quality water may require the use of a specialty cement or specialty sealant

- 1) For plugging intervals that employ cement grout, complete and attach Table A.
- 2) For plugging intervals that will employ approved non-cement based sealant(s), complete and attach Table B.
- 3) Theoretical volume of grout required to plug the well to land surface: _____
- 4) Type of Cement proposed: Bentonite cement grout (neat cement with 5% bentonite)
- 5) Proposed cement grout mix: ~~6.5~~ 8.5 gallons of water per 94 pound sack of Portland cement.
- 6) Will the grout be: _____ batch-mixed and delivered to the site
X mixed on site

- 7) Grout additives requested, and percent by dry weight relative to cement:

5% Bentonite

- 8) Additional notes and calculations:

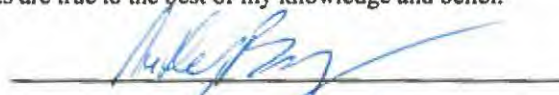
N/A

VII. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: List additional information below, or on separate sheet(s):

MT-2 was used for measuring groundwater as part of a water-balance study. The study is complete.

VIII. SIGNATURE:

I, Anthony Burgess, say that I have carefully read the foregoing Well Plugging Plan of Operations and any attachments, which are a part hereof; that I am familiar with the rules and regulations of the State Engineer pertaining to the plugging of wells and will comply with them, and that each and all of the statements in the Well Plugging Plan of Operations and attachments are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.


Signature of Applicant

5/13/16
Date

IX. ACTION OF THE STATE ENGINEER:

This Well Plugging Plan of Operations is:

☒ Approved subject to the attached conditions.
☐ Not approved for the reasons provided on the attached letter.

Witness my hand and official seal this 20 day of June, 2016

Tom Blaine P.E., New Mexico State Engineer

By: 

TABLE A - For plugging intervals that employ cement grout. Start with deepest interval.

	Interval 1 – deepest	Interval 2	Interval 3 – most shallow Note: if the well is non-artesian and breaches only one aquifer, use only this column.
Top of proposed interval of grout placement (ft bgl)	N/A	N/A	0'
Bottom of proposed interval of grout placement (ft bgl)	N/A	N/A	15'
Theoretical volume of grout required per interval (gallons)	N/A	N/A	62 gal.
Proposed cement grout mix gallons of water per 94-lb. sack of Portland cement	N/A	N/A	6.5 gal. UP to 8.5 Gallons BM
Mixed on-site or batch-mixed and delivered?	N/A	N/A	On site
Grout additive 1 requested	N/A	N/A	Bentonite
Additive 1 percent by dry weight relative to cement	-	N/A	5%
Grout additive 2 requested	N/A	N/A	N/A
Additive 2 percent by dry weight relative to cement	N/A	N/A	N/A

TABLE B - For plugging intervals that will employ approved non-cement based sealant(s). Start with deepest interval.

	Interval 1 – deepest	Interval 2	Interval 3 – most shallow
			Note: if the well is non-artesian and breaches only one aquifer, use only this column.
Top of proposed interval of sealant placement (ft bgl)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Bottom of proposed sealant of grout placement (ft bgl)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Theoretical volume of sealant required per interval (gallons)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Proposed abandonment sealant (manufacturer and trade name)	N/A	N/A	N/A



STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OFFICE OF THE STATE ENGINEER

Tom Blaine, P.E.
District 6 Office, Santa Fe, NM

Well Plugging Plan of Operations
Conditions of Approval for RG-96137

The U.S. Department of Energy / Los Alamos National Laboratory has identified 1 alluvial well as tabulated below. On the Well Plugging Plan of Operations received May 13, 2016, the applicant stated that the well is no longer needed as the study is completed. The applicant states that the casing will be pressure grouted with 5% bentonite enriched cement from total depth to 20 feet below ground surface (bgs) via tremie pipe. The well will then be overdrilled with a 9- inch (outside diameter) 4 ¼ (inside diameter) auger to a minimum of 20 feet bgs. 5% bentonite enriched cement will be used to fill the boring from 20 feet up to 2 feet bgs. The top 2 feet will be filled with concrete and mounded above the existing grade. Static water level is dry, according to the applicant. There is no OSE record available for this test well. This test well was used for measuring groundwater as part of a water balance study. The study is complete and the well is no longer needed. Existing active wells that are in close proximity to the well(s) that are to be abandoned could possibly have communication during cementing operations. To reduce the likelihood of this scenario, the water to cement ratio can be reduced to 5.2 gallons of water per 94 pound sack of Portland cement.

Location: Los Alamos, New Mexico.

Approximate well coordinates: See tabulated data.

<u>Well Name</u>	<u>Inside diameter (inches)</u>	<u>Total depth (feet)</u>	<u>Latitude North</u>	<u>Longitude West</u>
RG-96137 (MT-2)	2	69'	35°51'38.369	-106°15'53.421

Specific Plugging Conditions of Approval for 1 monitoring well for the U.S. Department of Energy / Los Alamos National Laboratory, Los Alamos County, New Mexico

1. Water well drilling and well drilling activities, including well plugging, are regulated under 19.27.4 NMAC, which requires any person engaged in the business of well drilling within New Mexico to obtain a Well Driller License issued by the New Mexico Office of the State Engineer (NMOSE). Therefore, the firm of a New Mexico licensed Well Driller shall perform the well plugging.
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Well Name	Inside Diameter (Inches)	Total Depth (feet)	Volume (Cubic Feet)	Volume (Gallons)
MT-2	2	49	1.07	8.00
MT-2 (Auger Boring)	9	20	8.84	66.10
Totals:			9.90	74.09

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 Ramona Martinez, NMOSE District 6, Water Rights Division

Date: 6/22/16



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Name of well owner: Los Alamos National Laboratory

Mailing address: PO Box 1663

City: Los Alamos State: New Mexico Zip code: 87545

Phone number: 505-667-5931 E-mail: meverett@lanl.gov

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6) Depth of the well: 74 feet

- 7) Inside diameter of innermost casing: 2 inches.
- 8) Casing material: PVC
- 9) The well was constructed with:
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☒ a well screen or perforated pipe, state the screened interval(s): 54-74'
- 10) What annular interval surrounding the artesian casing of this well is cement-grouted? N/A
- 11) Was the well built with surface casing? No No If yes, is the annulus surrounding the surface casing grouted or otherwise sealed? No No If yes, please describe:
- 12) Has all pumping equipment and associated piping been removed from the well? Yes If not, describe remaining equipment and intentions to remove prior to plugging in Section VII of this form.

V. DESCRIPTION OF PLANNED WELL PLUGGING:

Note: If this plan proposes to plug an artesian well in a way other than with cement grout, placed bottom to top with a tremie pipe, a detailed diagram of the well showing proposed final plugged configuration shall be attached, as well as any additional technical information, such as geophysical logs, that are necessary to adequately describe the proposal.

- 1) Describe the method by which cement grout shall be placed in the well, or describe requested plugging methodology proposed for the well:

Cement grout shall be tremie pumped from bottom to top of well casing. Well will then be overdrilled to 20' bgs. then regouted for the upper 20'.

- 2) Will well head be cut-off below land surface after plugging? Yes

VI. PLUGGING AND SEALING MATERIALS:

Note: The plugging of a well that taps poor quality water may require the use of a specialty cement or specialty sealant

- 1) For plugging intervals that employ cement grout, complete and attach Table A.
- 2) For plugging intervals that will employ approved non-cement based sealant(s), complete and attach Table B.
- 3) Theoretical volume of grout required to plug the well to land surface: _____
- 4) Type of Cement proposed: Bentonite cement grout (neat cement with 5% bentonite)
- 5) Proposed cement grout mix: ~~6.5~~ 8.5 ^{2M} gallons of water per 94 pound sack of Portland cement.
- 6) Will the grout be: _____ batch-mixed and delivered to the site
x mixed on site

- 7) Grout additives requested, and percent by dry weight relative to cement:

5% Bentonite

- 8) Additional notes and calculations:

N/A

VII. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: List additional information below, or on separate sheet(s):

MT-3 was used for measuring groundwater as part of a water-balance study. The study is complete.

VIII. SIGNATURE:

I, Anthony Burgess, say that I have carefully read the foregoing Well Plugging Plan of Operations and any attachments, which are a part hereof; that I am familiar with the rules and regulations of the State Engineer pertaining to the plugging of wells and will comply with them, and that each and all of the statements in the Well Plugging Plan of Operations and attachments are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Anthony Burgess
Signature of Applicant

5/13/16
Date

IX. ACTION OF THE STATE ENGINEER:

This Well Plugging Plan of Operations is:

☒ Approved subject to the attached conditions.
☐ Not approved for the reasons provided on the attached letter.

Witness my hand and official seal this 22 day of June, 2016

Tom Blaine P.E., New Mexico State Engineer

By: Barbara Blaine

TABLE A - For plugging intervals that employ cement grout. Start with deepest interval.

	Interval 1 – deepest	Interval 2	Interval 3 – most shallow
			Note: if the well is non-artesian and breaches only one aquifer, use only this column.
Top of proposed interval of grout placement (ft bgl)	N/A	N/A	0'
Bottom of proposed interval of grout placement (ft bgl)	N/A	N/A	15'
Theoretical volume of grout required per interval (gallons)	N/A	N/A	62 gal.
Proposed cement grout mix gallons of water per 94-lb. sack of Portland cement	N/A	N/A	8.5 gal. UP to 8.5 Gallons nm
Mixed on-site or batch-mixed and delivered?	N/A	N/A	On site
Grout additive 1 requested	N/A	N/A	Bentonite
Additive 1 percent by dry weight relative to cement	-	N/A	5%
Grout additive 2 requested	N/A	N/A	N/A
Additive 2 percent by dry weight relative to cement	N/A	N/A	N/A

TABLE B - For plugging intervals that will employ approved non-cement based sealant(s). Start with deepest interval.

	Interval 1 – deepest	Interval 2	Interval 3 – most shallow
			Note: if the well is non-artesian and breaches only one aquifer, use only this column.
Top of proposed interval of sealant placement (ft bgl)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Bottom of proposed sealant or grout placement (ft bgl)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Theoretical volume of sealant required per interval (gallons)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Proposed abandonment sealant (manufacturer and trade name)	N/A	N/A	N/A



STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OFFICE OF THE STATE ENGINEER

Tom Blaine, P.E.
District 6 Office, Santa Fe, NM

Well Plugging Plan of Operations
Conditions of Approval for RG-96139

The U.S. Department of Energy / Los Alamos National Laboratory has identified 1 alluvial well as tabulated below. On the Well Plugging Plan of Operations received May 13, 2016, the applicant stated that the well is no longer needed as the study is completed. The applicant states that the casing will be pressure grouted with 5% bentonite enriched cement from total depth to 20 feet below ground surface (bgs) via tremie pipe. The well will then be overdrilled with a 9- inch (outside diameter) 4 1/4 (inside diameter) auger to a minimum of 20 feet bgs. 5% bentonite enriched cement will be used to fill the boring from 20 feet up to 2 feet bgs. The top 2 feet will be filled with concrete and mounded above the existing grade. Static water level is dry, according to the applicant. There is no OSE record available for this test well. This test well was used for measuring groundwater as part of a water balance study. The study is complete and the well is no longer needed. Existing active wells that are in close proximity to the well(s) that are to be abandoned could possibly have communication during cementing operations. To reduce the likelihood of this scenario, the water to cement ratio can be reduced to 5.2 gallons of water per 94 pound sack of Portland cement.

Location: Los Alamos, New Mexico.

Approximate well coordinates: See tabulated data.

<u>Well Name</u>	<u>Inside diameter (inches)</u>	<u>Total depth (feet)</u>	<u>Latitude North</u>	<u>Longitude West</u>
RG-96139 (MT-3)	2	74'	35°51'39.489	-106°15'53.893

Specific Plugging Conditions of Approval for 1 monitoring well for the U.S. Department of Energy / Los Alamos National Laboratory, Los Alamos County, New Mexico

1. Water well drilling and well drilling activities, including well plugging, are regulated under 19.27.4 NMAC, which requires any person engaged in the business of well drilling within New Mexico to obtain a Well Driller License issued by the New Mexico Office of the State Engineer (NMOSE). Therefore, the firm of a New Mexico licensed Well Driller shall perform the well plugging.
2. Placement of the sealant within the well shall be by pumping through a tremie pipe extended to near well bottom (based on sounding depth), and kept below top of the slurry column as the well is plugged from bottom-upwards in a manner that displaces the standing water column.
3. The use of up to 6% pure bentonite powder ("90 barrel yield") as an additive in cement is allowed under NMOSE/AWWA guidelines. Neither granular bentonite nor extended yield bentonite shall be mixed with cement. When supplementing a cement slurry with bentonite powder as requested, water demand for the mix increases at a rate of 0.65 gallons of water for each 1% increment of bentonite bdwc (by dry weight cement) above fundamental water demand of 5.2 gallons water per 94-lb. sack of cement. A 5% bentonite/cement slurry may therefore contain up to 8.5 gallons of water total per 94-lb. sack of cement / approximate 5-lb. bentonite increment, provided appropriate mixing order is maintained.

The bentonite shall be properly hydrated separately with its required increment of water, prior to being added into the cement mixture. If water is otherwise added to the combination of dry ingredients or the dry bentonite blended into wet cement, the hardness and alkalinity imparted to the mix water by the cement will restrict the ability of the bentonite powder to yield as expected, resulting in excess free water in the slurry and enhanced cement shrinkage upon curing.

4. Upon completion of plugging of the lower portion of the 2-inch well to the approximate 20-feet bgs depth of actual overdrilling, the top of the 2-inch casing shall be severed within the bottom portion of the over-drilled hole prior to sealant being placed within the ID of the augers.
5. Sealant shall be kept up inside the augers during placement. The 9" x 4 1/4" augers shall be pulled out of the hole in such a manner that allows the sealant to remain inside the auger at all times, thus providing displacement to prevent borehole collapse. The 9" x 4 1/4" augers may not be pulled out of the hole prior to the sealant being placed.
6. Theoretical volume of sealant required for abandonment of the 2-inch (inside) diameter well is approximately .16 gallons per foot. Theoretical volume of sealant required for abandonment of the 9" (outside) diameter auger boring is 2.3 gallons per foot. Total theoretical volume of sealant required to fill the well is tabulated below. All cement mixture will contain no more than 5.2 gallons of water per 94 pound sack of cement. Total minimum amount of required sealant will be based on the sounding depth inside casing.

<u>Well Name</u>	<u>Inside Diameter (Inches)</u>	<u>Total Depth (feet)</u>	<u>Volume (Cubic Feet)</u>	<u>Volume (Gallons)</u>
MT-3	2	54	1.18	8.81
MT-3 (Auger Boring)	9	20	8.84	66.10
Totals:			10.01	74.91

7. All surface completions (vaults) will be removed, if applicable. The top of the 2-inch casing will be severed within the bottom of the overdrilled portion of the hole and will be backfilled with sealant to 2 feet bgs. The remaining 2-feet will be filled with concrete to surface.
8. Should the NMED, or another regulatory agency sharing jurisdiction of the project authorize, or by regulation require a more stringent well plugging procedure than herein acknowledged, the more-stringent procedure should be followed. This, in part, includes provisions regarding pre-authorization to proceed, contaminant remediation, inspection, pulling/perforating of casing, or prohibition of free discharge of any fluid from the borehole during or related to the plugging process.
9. NMOSE witnessing of the plugging will not be required, but shall be facilitated if a NMOSE observer is onsite. NMOSE witnessing may be requested during normal work hours by calling the District 6 NMOSE Office at 505-827-6120, at least 48-hours in advance. NMOSE inspection will occur dependant on personnel availability.
10. A Well Plugging Record (available at: <http://www.ose.state.nm.us/STST/Forms/WD-11.pdf>) itemizing actual abandonment process and materials used shall be filed with the State Engineer (NMOSE, P.O. Box 25102 - 407 Galisteo Street - Room 102, Santa Fe, NM 87504-5102), within 20 days after completion of well plugging. Please attach a copy of these plugging conditions.

The NMOSE Well Plugging Plan of Operations dated May 13, 2016, with annotation, is hereby approved with the aforesaid conditions applied, when signed by an authorized designee of the State Engineer:


 Ramona Martinez, NMOSE District 6, Water Rights Division

Date: 6/22/16



WELL PLUGGING PLAN OF OPERATIONS



NOTE: A Well Plugging Plan of Operations shall be filed with and accepted by the Office of the State Engineer prior to plugging.

I. FILING FEE: There is no filing fee for this form.

II. GENERAL / WELL OWNERSHIP:

Existing Office of the State Engineer POD Number (Well Number) for well to be plugged: N/A 136-96140 (MT-4)

Name of well owner: Los Alamos National Laboratory

Mailing address: PO Box 1663

City: Los Alamos State: New Mexico Zip code: 87545

Phone number: 505-667-5931 E-mail: meverett@lanl.gov

III. WELL DRILLER INFORMATION:

Well Driller contracted to provide plugging services: Yellow Jacket Drilling Services

New Mexico Well Driller License No.: WD-1458 Expiration Date: 10-31-2016

IV. WELL INFORMATION:

Note: A copy of the existing Well Record for the well to be plugged should be attached to this plan.

1) GPS Well Location: Latitude: 35 deg, 51 min, 39.258 sec
MT-4 Longitude: -106 deg, 15 min, 46.873 sec, NAD 83

2) Reason(s) for plugging well:

No longer needed. Study completed.

3) Was well used for any type of monitoring program? Yes If yes, please use section VII of this form to detail what hydrogeologic parameters were monitored. If the well was used to monitor contaminated or poor quality water, authorization from the New Mexico Environment Department may be required prior to plugging.

4) Does the well tap brackish, saline, or otherwise poor quality water? No If yes, provide additional detail, including analytical results and/or laboratory report(s):

5) Static water level: Dry feet below land surface / feet above land surface (circle one)

6) Depth of the well: 74 feet

- 7) Inside diameter of innermost casing: 2 inches.
- 8) Casing material: PVC
- 9) The well was constructed with:
☐ an open-hole production interval, state the open interval: _____
☒ a well screen or perforated pipe, state the screened interval(s): 64' - 74'
- 10) What annular interval surrounding the artesian casing of this well is cement-grouted? N/A
- 11) Was the well built with surface casing? No No If yes, is the annulus surrounding the surface casing grouted or otherwise sealed? No No If yes, please describe:
- 12) Has all pumping equipment and associated piping been removed from the well? Yes If not, describe remaining equipment and intentions to remove prior to plugging in Section VII of this form.

V. DESCRIPTION OF PLANNED WELL PLUGGING:

Note: If this plan proposes to plug an artesian well in a way other than with cement grout, placed bottom to top with a tremie pipe, a detailed diagram of the well showing proposed final plugged configuration shall be attached, as well as any additional technical information, such as geophysical logs, that are necessary to adequately describe the proposal.

- 1) Describe the method by which cement grout shall be placed in the well, or describe requested plugging methodology proposed for the well:

Cement grout shall be tremie pumped from bottom to top of well casing. Well will then be overdrilled to 20' bgs. then regouted for the upper 20'.
- 2) Will well head be cut-off below land surface after plugging? Yes

VI. PLUGGING AND SEALING MATERIALS:

Note: The plugging of a well that taps poor quality water may require the use of a specialty cement or specialty sealant

- 1) For plugging intervals that employ cement grout, complete and attach Table A.
- 2) For plugging intervals that will employ approved non-cement based sealant(s), complete and attach Table B.
- 3) Theoretical volume of grout required to plug the well to land surface: _____
- 4) Type of Cement proposed: Bentonite cement grout (neat cement with 5% bentonite)
- 5) Proposed cement grout mix: 8.5 ~~8.5~~ 8.5 gallons of water per 94 pound sack of Portland cement.
- 6) Will the grout be: _____ batch-mixed and delivered to the site
X mixed on site

- 7) Grout additives requested, and percent by dry weight relative to cement:

5% Bentonite

- 8) Additional notes and calculations:

N/A

VII. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: List additional information below, or on separate sheet(s):

MT-4 was used for measuring groundwater as part of a water-balance study. The study is complete.

VIII. SIGNATURE:

I, Anthony Burgess, say that I have carefully read the foregoing Well Plugging Plan of Operations and any attachments, which are a part hereof; that I am familiar with the rules and regulations of the State Engineer pertaining to the plugging of wells and will comply with them, and that each and all of the statements in the Well Plugging Plan of Operations and attachments are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

[Signature]
Signature of Applicant

5/13/16
Date

IX. ACTION OF THE STATE ENGINEER:

This Well Plugging Plan of Operations is:

- ☒ Approved subject to the attached conditions.
☐ Not approved for the reasons provided on the attached letter.

Witness my hand and official seal this 22 day of June, 2016

Tom Blaine P.E., New Mexico State Engineer

By: [Signature]

TABLE A - For plugging intervals that employ cement grout. Start with deepest interval.

	Interval 1 – deepest	Interval 2	Interval 3 – most shallow
			Note: if the well is non-artesian and breaches only one aquifer, use only this column.
Top of proposed interval of grout placement (ft bgl)	N/A	N/A	0'
Bottom of proposed interval of grout placement (ft bgl)	N/A	N/A	15'
Theoretical volume of grout required per interval (gallons)	N/A	N/A	62 gal.
Proposed cement grout mix gallons of water per 94-lb. sack of Portland cement	N/A	N/A	6.5 gal. Up to 8.5 Gallons (10)
Mixed on-site or batch-mixed and delivered?	N/A	N/A	On site
Grout additive 1 requested	N/A	N/A	Bentonite
Additive 1 percent by dry weight relative to cement	-	N/A	5%
Grout additive 2 requested	N/A	N/A	N/A
Additive 2 percent by dry weight relative to cement	N/A	N/A	N/A

TABLE B - For plugging intervals that will employ approved non-cement based sealant(s). Start with deepest interval.

	Interval 1 – deepest	Interval 2	Interval 3 – most shallow
			Note: if the well is non-artesian and breaches only one aquifer, use only this column.
Top of proposed interval of sealant placement (ft bgl)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Bottom of proposed sealant of grout placement (ft bgl)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Theoretical volume of sealant required per interval (gallons)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Proposed abandonment sealant (manufacturer and trade name)	N/A	N/A	N/A

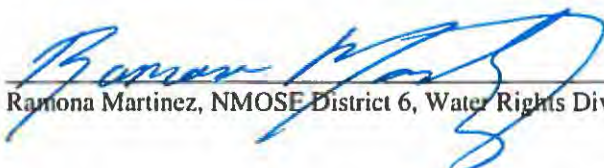
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5. Sealant shall be kept up inside the augers during placement. The 9" x 4 1/4" augers shall be pulled out of the hole in such a manner that allows the sealant to remain inside the auger at all times, thus providing displacement to prevent borehole collapse. The 9" x 4 1/4" augers may not be pulled out of the hole prior to the sealant being placed.
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Well Name	Inside Diameter (Inches)	Total Depth (feet)	Volume (Cubic Feet)	Volume (Gallons)
MT-4	2	54	1.18	8.81
MT-4 (Auger Boring)	9	20	8.84	66.10
Totals:			10.01	74.91

7. All surface completions (vaults) will be removed, if applicable. The top of the 2-inch casing will be severed within the bottom of the overdrilled portion of the hole and will be backfilled with sealant to 2 feet bgs. The remaining 2-feet will be filled with concrete to surface.
8. Should the NMED, or another regulatory agency sharing jurisdiction of the project authorize, or by regulation require a more stringent well plugging procedure than herein acknowledged, the more-stringent procedure should be followed. This, in part, includes provisions regarding pre-authorization to proceed, contaminant remediation, inspection, pulling/perforating of casing, or prohibition of free discharge of any fluid from the borehole during or related to the plugging process.
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The NMOSE Well Plugging Plan of Operations dated May 13, 2016, with annotation, is hereby approved with the aforesaid conditions applied, when signed by an authorized designee of the State Engineer:


 Ramona Martinez, NMOSE District 6, Water Rights Division

Date: 6/22/16



STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OFFICE OF THE STATE ENGINEER

Tom Blaine, P.E.
District 6 Office, Santa Fe, NM

Well Plugging Plan of Operations
Conditions of Approval for RG-96140

The U.S. Department of Energy / Los Alamos National Laboratory has identified 1 alluvial well as tabulated below. On the Well Plugging Plan of Operations received May 13, 2016, the applicant stated that the well is no longer needed as the study is completed. The applicant states that the casing will be pressure grouted with 5% bentonite enriched cement from total depth to 20 feet below ground surface (bgs) via tremie pipe. The well will then be overdrilled with a 9- inch (outside diameter) 4 ¼ (inside diameter) auger to a minimum of 20 feet bgs. 5% bentonite enriched cement will be used to fill the boring from 20 feet up to 2 feet bgs. The top 2 feet will be filled with concrete and mounded above the existing grade. Static water level is dry, according to the applicant. There is no OSE record available for this test well. This test well was used for measuring groundwater as part of a water balance study. The study is complete and the well is no longer needed. Existing active wells that are in close proximity to the well(s) that are to be abandoned could possibly have communication during cementing operations. To reduce the likelihood of this scenario, the water to cement ratio can be reduced to 5.2 gallons of water per 94 pound sack of Portland cement.

Location: Los Alamos, New Mexico.
Approximate well coordinates: See tabulated data.

<u>Well Name</u>	<u>Inside diameter (inches)</u>	<u>Total depth (feet)</u>	<u>Latitude North</u>	<u>Longitude West</u>
RG-96140 (MT-4)	2	74'	35°51'39.258	-106°15'43.873

Specific Plugging Conditions of Approval for 1 monitoring well for the U.S. Department of Energy / Los Alamos National Laboratory, Los Alamos County, New Mexico

1. Water well drilling and well drilling activities, including well plugging, are regulated under 19.27.4 NMAC, which requires any person engaged in the business of well drilling within New Mexico to obtain a Well Driller License issued by the New Mexico Office of the State Engineer (NMOSE). Therefore, the firm of a New Mexico licensed Well Driller shall perform the well plugging.
2. Placement of the sealant within the well shall be by pumping through a tremie pipe extended to near well bottom (based on sounding depth), and kept below top of the slurry column as the well is plugged from bottom-upwards in a manner that displaces the standing water column.
3. The use of up to 6% pure bentonite powder ("90 barrel yield") as an additive in cement is allowed under NMOSE/AWWA guidelines. Neither granular bentonite nor extended yield bentonite shall be mixed with cement. When supplementing a cement slurry with bentonite powder as requested, water demand for the mix increases at a rate of 0.65 gallons of water for each 1% increment of bentonite bdwc (by dry weight cement) above fundamental water demand of 5.2 gallons water per 94-lb. sack of cement. A 5% bentonite/cement slurry may therefore contain up to 8.5 gallons of water total per 94-lb. sack of cement / approximate 5-lb. bentonite increment, provided appropriate mixing order is maintained.



WELL PLUGGING PLAN OF OPERATIONS



NOTE: A Well Plugging Plan of Operations shall be filed with and accepted by the Office of the State Engineer prior to plugging.

I. FILING FEE: There is no filing fee for this form.

II. GENERAL / WELL OWNERSHIP:

Existing Office of the State Engineer POD Number (Well Number) for well to be plugged: N/A RG-96141 (MCWB-55A)

Name of well owner: Los Alamos National Laboratory

Mailing address: PO Box 1663

City: Los Alamos State: New Mexico Zip code: 87545

Phone number: 505-667-5931 E-mail: meverett@lanl.gov

III. WELL DRILLER INFORMATION:

Well Driller contracted to provide plugging services: Yellow Jacket Drilling Services

New Mexico Well Driller License No.: WD-1458 Expiration Date: 10-31-2016

IV. WELL INFORMATION:

Note: A copy of the existing Well Record for the well to be plugged should be attached to this plan.

1) GPS Well Location: Latitude: 35 deg, 51 min, 41.618 sec
MCWB-55A Longitude: -106 deg, 16 min, 24.578 sec, NAD 83

2) Reason(s) for plugging well:

No longer needed. Study completed.

3) Was well used for any type of monitoring program? Yes If yes, please use section VII of this form to detail what hydrogeologic parameters were monitored. If the well was used to monitor contaminated or poor quality water, authorization from the New Mexico Environment Department may be required prior to plugging.

4) Does the well tap brackish, saline, or otherwise poor quality water? No If yes, provide additional detail, including analytical results and/or laboratory report(s):

5) Static water level: 34.9 feet below land surface / feet above land surface (circle one)

6) Depth of the well: 37.5 feet

- 7) Inside diameter of innermost casing: 3 inches.
- 8) Casing material: PVC
- 9) The well was constructed with:
☐ an open-hole production interval, state the open interval: _____
☒ a well screen or perforated pipe, state the screened interval(s): 22.5-32.5'
- 10) What annular interval surrounding the artesian casing of this well is cement-grouted? N/A
- 11) Was the well built with surface casing? No No If yes, is the annulus surrounding the surface casing grouted or otherwise sealed? No No If yes, please describe:
- 12) Has all pumping equipment and associated piping been removed from the well? Yes If not, describe remaining equipment and intentions to remove prior to plugging in Section VII of this form.

V. DESCRIPTION OF PLANNED WELL PLUGGING:

Note: If this plan proposes to plug an artesian well in a way other than with cement grout, placed bottom to top with a tremie pipe, a detailed diagram of the well showing proposed final plugged configuration shall be attached, as well as any additional technical information, such as geophysical logs, that are necessary to adequately describe the proposal.

- 1) Describe the method by which cement grout shall be placed in the well, or describe requested plugging methodology proposed for the well:

Cement grout shall be tremie pumped from bottom to top of well casing. Well will then be overdrilled to 20' bgs. then regrouted for the upper 20'.
- 2) Will well head be cut-off below land surface after plugging? Yes

VI. PLUGGING AND SEALING MATERIALS:

Note: The plugging of a well that taps poor quality water may require the use of a specialty cement or specialty sealant

- 1) For plugging intervals that employ cement grout, complete and attach Table A.
- 2) For plugging intervals that will employ approved non-cement based sealant(s), complete and attach Table B.
- 3) Theoretical volume of grout required to plug the well to land surface: _____
- 4) Type of Cement proposed: Bentonite cement grout (neat cement with 5% bentonite)
- 5) Proposed cement grout mix: ~~0.5~~ 8.5 gallons of water per 94 pound sack of Portland cement.
- 6) Will the grout be: _____ batch-mixed and delivered to the site
X mixed on site

- 7) Grout additives requested, and percent by dry weight relative to cement:

5% Bentonite

- 8) Additional notes and calculations:

N/A

VII. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: List additional information below, or on separate sheet(s):

MCWB-55A was used for measuring groundwater as part of a water-balance study. The study is complete.

VIII. SIGNATURE:

I, Anthony Burgess, say that I have carefully read the foregoing Well Plugging Plan of Operations and any attachments, which are a part hereof; that I am familiar with the rules and regulations of the State Engineer pertaining to the plugging of wells and will comply with them, and that each and all of the statements in the Well Plugging Plan of Operations and attachments are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.


Signature of Applicant

5/13/16

Date

IX. ACTION OF THE STATE ENGINEER:

This Well Plugging Plan of Operations is:

- ☒ Approved subject to the attached conditions.
☐ Not approved for the reasons provided on the attached letter.

Witness my hand and official seal this 22 day of June, 2016

Tom Blaine P.E., New Mexico State Engineer

By: 

TABLE A - For plugging intervals that employ cement grout. Start with deepest interval.

	Interval 1 – deepest	Interval 2	Interval 3 – most shallow Note: if the well is non-artesian and breaches only one aquifer, use only this column.
Top of proposed interval of grout placement (ft bgl)	N/A	N/A	0'
Bottom of proposed interval of grout placement (ft bgl)	N/A	N/A	15'
Theoretical volume of grout required per interval (gallons)	N/A	N/A	62 gal.
Proposed cement grout mix gallons of water per 94-lb. sack of Portland cement	N/A	N/A	6.5 gal. <i>Up to 8.5 Gallons (rev)</i>
Mixed on-site or batch-mixed and delivered?	N/A	N/A	On site
Grout additive 1 requested	N/A	N/A	Bentonite
Additive 1 percent by dry weight relative to cement	-	N/A	5%
Grout additive 2 requested	N/A	N/A	N/A
Additive 2 percent by dry weight relative to cement	N/A	N/A	N/A

TABLE B - For plugging intervals that will employ approved non-cement based sealant(s). Start with deepest interval.

	Interval 1 – deepest	Interval 2	Interval 3 – most shallow
			Note: if the well is non-artesian and breaches only one aquifer, use only this column.
Top of proposed interval of sealant placement (ft bgl)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Bottom of proposed sealant of grout placement (ft bgl)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Theoretical volume of sealant required per interval (gallons)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Proposed abandonment sealant (manufacturer and trade name)	N/A	N/A	N/A



STATE OF NEW MEXICO OFFICE OF THE STATE ENGINEER

Tom Blaine, P.E.
District 6 Office, Santa Fe, NM

Well Plugging Plan of Operations **Conditions of Approval for RG-96141**

The U.S. Department of Energy / Los Alamos National Laboratory has identified 1 alluvial well as tabulated below. On the Well Plugging Plan of Operations received May 13, 2016, the applicant stated that the well is no longer needed as the study is completed. The applicant states that the casing will be pressure grouted with 5% bentonite enriched cement from total depth to 20 feet below ground surface (bgs) via tremie pipe. The well will then be overdrilled with a 9- inch (outside diameter) 4 1/4 (inside diameter) auger to a minimum of 20 feet bgs. 5% bentonite enriched cement will be used to fill the boring from 20 feet up to 2 feet bgs. The top 2 feet will be filled with concrete and mounded above the existing grade. Static water level is 34.9 feet, according to the applicant. There is no OSE record available for this test well. This test well was used for measuring groundwater as part of a water balance study. The study is complete and the well is no longer needed. Existing active wells that are in close proximity to the well(s) that are to be abandoned could possibly have communication during cementing operations. To reduce the likelihood of this scenario, the water to cement ratio can be reduced to 5.2 gallons of water per 94 pound sack of Portland cement.

Location: Los Alamos, New Mexico.

Approximate well coordinates: See tabulated data.

<u>Well Name</u>	<u>Inside diameter (inches)</u>	<u>Total depth (feet)</u>	<u>Latitude North</u>	<u>Longitude West</u>
RG-96141 (MCWB- 5.5 A)	3	37.5'	35°51'44.618	-106°16'24.578

Specific Plugging Conditions of Approval for 1 monitoring well for the U.S. Department of Energy / Los Alamos National Laboratory, Los Alamos County, New Mexico

1. Water well drilling and well drilling activities, including well plugging, are regulated under 19.27.4 NMAC, which requires any person engaged in the business of well drilling within New Mexico to obtain a Well Driller License issued by the New Mexico Office of the State Engineer (NMOSE). Therefore, the firm of a New Mexico licensed Well Driller shall perform the well plugging.
2. Placement of the sealant within the well shall be by pumping through a tremie pipe extended to near well bottom (based on sounding depth), and kept below top of the slurry column as the well is plugged from bottom-upwards in a manner that displaces the standing water column.
3. The use of up to 6% pure bentonite powder ("90 barrel yield") as an additive in cement is allowed under NMOSE/AWWA guidelines. Neither granular bentonite nor extended yield bentonite shall be mixed with cement. When supplementing a cement slurry with bentonite powder as requested, water demand for the mix increases at a rate of 0.65 gallons of water for each 1% increment of bentonite bdwc (by dry weight cement) above fundamental water demand of 5.2 gallons water per 94-lb. sack of cement. A 5% bentonite/cement slurry may therefore contain up to 8.5 gallons of water total per 94-lb. sack of cement / approximate 5-lb. bentonite increment, provided appropriate mixing order is maintained.

The bentonite shall be properly hydrated separately with its required increment of water, prior to being added into the cement mixture. If water is otherwise added to the combination of dry ingredients or the dry bentonite blended into wet cement, the hardness and alkalinity imparted to the mix water by the cement will restrict the ability of the bentonite powder to yield as expected, resulting in excess free water in the slurry and enhanced cement shrinkage upon curing.

4. Upon completion of plugging of the lower portion of the 3-inch well to the approximate 20-foot bags depth of actual overdrilling, the top of the 3-inch casing shall be severed within the bottom portion of the over-drilled hole prior to sealant being placed within the ID of the augers.
5. Sealant shall be kept up inside the augers during placement. The 4 ¼" x 9" augers shall be pulled out of the hole in such a manner that allows the sealant to remain inside the auger at all times, thus providing displacement to prevent borehole collapse. The 4 ¼" x 9" augers may not be pulled out of the hole prior to the sealant being placed.
6. Theoretical volume of sealant required for abandonment of the 3-inch (inside) diameter well is approximately .37 gallons per foot. Theoretical volume of sealant required for abandonment of the 9" (outside) diameter auger boring is 2.3 gallons per foot. Total theoretical volume of sealant required to fill the well is tabulated below. All cement mixture will contain no more than 5.2 gallons of water per 94 pound sack of cement. Total minimum amount of required sealant will be based on the sounding depth inside casing.

Well Name	Inside Diameter (Inches)	Total Depth (feet)	Volume (Cubic Feet)	Volume (Gallons)
MCWB-5.5 A	3	17.5	0.86	6.43
MCWB-5.5 A (Auger Boring)	9	20	8.84	66.10
Totals:			9.69	72.52

7. All surface completions (vaults) will be removed, if applicable. The top of the 3-inch casing will be severed within the bottom of the overdrilled portion of the hole and will be backfilled with sealant to 2 feet bgs. The remaining 2-feet will be filled with concrete to surface.
8. Should the NMED, or another regulatory agency sharing jurisdiction of the project authorize, or by regulation require a more stringent well plugging procedure than herein acknowledged, the more-stringent procedure should be followed. This, in part, includes provisions regarding pre-authorization to proceed, contaminant remediation, inspection, pulling/perforating of casing, or prohibition of free discharge of any fluid from the borehole during or related to the plugging process.
9. NMOSE witnessing of the plugging will not be required, but shall be facilitated if a NMOSE observer is onsite. NMOSE witnessing may be requested during normal work hours by calling the District 6 NMOSE Office at 505-827-6120, at least 48-hours in advance. NMOSE inspection will occur dependant on personnel availability.
10. A Well Plugging Record (available at: <http://www.ose.state.nm.us/STST/Forms/WD-11.pdf>) itemizing actual abandonment process and materials used shall be filed with the State Engineer (NMOSE, P.O. Box 25102 - 407 Galisteo Street - Room 102, Santa Fe, NM 87504-5102), within 20 days after completion of well plugging. Please attach a copy of these plugging conditions.

The NMOSE Well Plugging Plan of Operations dated May 13, 2016, with annotation, is hereby approved with the aforesaid conditions applied, when signed by an authorized designee of the State Engineer:


 Ramona Martinez, NMOSE District 6, Water Rights Division

Date: 6/22/16



WELL PLUGGING PLAN OF OPERATIONS



NOTE: A Well Plugging Plan of Operations shall be filed with and accepted by the Office of the State Engineer prior to plugging.

I. FILING FEE: There is no filing fee for this form.

II. GENERAL / WELL OWNERSHIP:

Existing Office of the State Engineer POD Number (Well Number) for well to be plugged: N/A B6-96142(MCWB-5.5)

Name of well owner: Los Alamos National Laboratory

Mailing address: PO Box 1663

City: Los Alamos State: New Mexico Zip code: 87545

Phone number: 505-667-5931 E-mail: meverett@lanl.gov

III. WELL DRILLER INFORMATION:

Well Driller contracted to provide plugging services: Yellow Jacket Drilling Services

New Mexico Well Driller License No.: WD-1458 Expiration Date: 10-31-2016

IV. WELL INFORMATION:

Note: A copy of the existing Well Record for the well to be plugged should be attached to this plan.

1) GPS Well Location: Latitude: 35 deg, 51 min, 44.112 sec
MCWB-5.5 B Longitude: -106 deg, 16 min, 25.003 sec, NAD 83

2) Reason(s) for plugging well:

No longer needed. Study completed.

3) Was well used for any type of monitoring program? Yes If yes, please use section VII of this form to detail what hydrogeologic parameters were monitored. If the well was used to monitor contaminated or poor quality water, authorization from the New Mexico Environment Department may be required prior to plugging.

4) Does the well tap brackish, saline, or otherwise poor quality water? No If yes, provide additional detail, including analytical results and/or laboratory report(s):

5) Static water level: 35.28 feet below land surface / feet above land surface (circle one)

6) Depth of the well: 37.5 feet

- 7) Inside diameter of innermost casing: 3 inches.
- 8) Casing material: PVC
- 9) The well was constructed with:
☐ an open-hole production interval, state the open interval: _____
☒ a well screen or perforated pipe, state the screened interval(s): 22.5 - 32.5'
- 10) What annular interval surrounding the artesian casing of this well is cement-grouted? N/A
- 11) Was the well built with surface casing? No No If yes, is the annulus surrounding the surface casing grouted or otherwise sealed? No No If yes, please describe:
- 12) Has all pumping equipment and associated piping been removed from the well? Yes If not, describe remaining equipment and intentions to remove prior to plugging in Section VII of this form.

V. DESCRIPTION OF PLANNED WELL PLUGGING:

Note: If this plan proposes to plug an artesian well in a way other than with cement grout, placed bottom to top with a tremie pipe, a detailed diagram of the well showing proposed final plugged configuration shall be attached, as well as any additional technical information, such as geophysical logs, that are necessary to adequately describe the proposal.

- 1) Describe the method by which cement grout shall be placed in the well, or describe requested plugging methodology proposed for the well:

Cement grout shall be tremie pumped from bottom to top of well casing. Well will then be overdrilled to 20' bgs. then regouted for the upper 20'.
- 2) Will well head be cut-off below land surface after plugging? Yes

VI. PLUGGING AND SEALING MATERIALS:

Note: The plugging of a well that taps poor quality water may require the use of a specialty cement or specialty sealant

- 1) For plugging intervals that employ cement grout, complete and attach Table A.
- 2) For plugging intervals that will employ approved non-cement based sealant(s), complete and attach Table B.
- 3) Theoretical volume of grout required to plug the well to land surface: _____
- 4) Type of Cement proposed: Bentonite cement grout (neat cement with 5% bentonite)
- 5) Proposed cement grout mix: ~~8.5~~ 8.5 gallons of water per 94 pound sack of Portland cement.
- 6) Will the grout be: _____ batch-mixed and delivered to the site
X mixed on site

- 7) Grout additives requested, and percent by dry weight relative to cement:

5%. Bentonite

- 8) Additional notes and calculations:


N/A

VII. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: List additional information below, or on separate sheet(s):

MCWB-5.5 B was used for measuring groundwater as part of a water-balance study. The study is complete.

VIII. SIGNATURE:

I, Anthony Burgess, say that I have carefully read the foregoing Well Plugging Plan of Operations and any attachments, which are a part hereof; that I am familiar with the rules and regulations of the State Engineer pertaining to the plugging of wells and will comply with them, and that each and all of the statements in the Well Plugging Plan of Operations and attachments are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.


Signature of Applicant

5/13/16
Date

IX. ACTION OF THE STATE ENGINEER:

This Well Plugging Plan of Operations is:

☒ Approved subject to the attached conditions.
☐ Not approved for the reasons provided on the attached letter.

Witness my hand and official seal this 22 day of June, 2016

Tom Blaine P.E., New Mexico State Engineer


By: 

TABLE A - For plugging intervals that employ cement grout. Start with deepest interval.


	Interval 1 – deepest	Interval 2	Interval 3 – most shallow
			Note: if the well is non-artesian and breaches only one aquifer, use only this column.
Top of proposed interval of grout placement (ft bgl)	N/A	N/A	0'
Bottom of proposed interval of grout placement (ft bgl)	N/A	N/A	15'
Theoretical volume of grout required per interval (gallons)	N/A	N/A	62 gal.
Proposed cement grout mix gallons of water per 94-lb. sack of Portland cement	N/A	N/A	6.5 gal. <i>Up to 8.5 Gallons</i> 
Mixed on-site or batch-mixed and delivered?	N/A	N/A	On site
Grout additive 1 requested	N/A	N/A	Bentonite
Additive 1 percent by dry weight relative to cement	-	N/A	5%
Grout additive 2 requested	N/A	N/A	N/A
Additive 2 percent by dry weight relative to cement	N/A	N/A	N/A

TABLE B - For plugging intervals that will employ approved non-cement based sealant(s). Start with deepest interval.

	Interval 1 – deepest	Interval 2	Interval 3 – most shallow
			Note: if the well is non-artesian and breaches only one aquifer, use only this column.
Top of proposed interval of sealant placement (ft bgl)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Bottom of proposed sealant of grout placement (ft bgl)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Theoretical volume of sealant required per interval (gallons)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Proposed abandonment sealant (manufacturer and trade name)	N/A	N/A	N/A



STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OFFICE OF THE STATE ENGINEER

Tom Blaine, P.E.
District 6 Office, Santa Fe, NM

Well Plugging Plan of Operations
Conditions of Approval for RG-96142

The U.S. Department of Energy / Los Alamos National Laboratory has identified 1 alluvial well as tabulated below. On the Well Plugging Plan of Operations received May 13, 2016, the applicant stated that the well is no longer needed as the study is completed. The applicant states that the casing will be pressure grouted with 5% bentonite enriched cement from total depth to 20 feet below ground surface (bgs) via tremie pipe. The well will then be overdrilled with a 9- inch (outside diameter) 4 ¼ (inside diameter) auger to a minimum of 20 feet bgs. 5% bentonite enriched cement will be used to fill the boring from 20 feet up to 2 feet bgs. The top 2 feet will be filled with concrete and mounded above the existing grade. Static water level is 35.28 feet, according to the applicant. There is no OSE record available for this test well. This test well was used for measuring groundwater as part of a water balance study. The study is complete and the well is no longer needed. Existing active wells that are in close proximity to the well(s) that are to be abandoned could possibly have communication during cementing operations. To reduce the likelihood of this scenario, the water to cement ratio can be reduced to 5.2 gallons of water per 94 pound sack of Portland cement.

Location: Los Alamos, New Mexico.

Approximate well coordinates: See tabulated data.

<u>Well Name</u>	<u>Inside diameter (inches)</u>	<u>Total depth (feet)</u>	<u>Latitude North</u>	<u>Longitude West</u>
RG-96142 (MCWB- 5.5 B)	3	37.5'	35°51'44.112	-106°16'25.003

Specific Plugging Conditions of Approval for 1 monitoring well for the U.S. Department of Energy / Los Alamos National Laboratory, Los Alamos County, New Mexico

1. Water well drilling and well drilling activities, including well plugging, are regulated under 19.27.4 NMAC, which requires any person engaged in the business of well drilling within New Mexico to obtain a Well Driller License issued by the New Mexico Office of the State Engineer (NMOSE). Therefore, the firm of a New Mexico licensed Well Driller shall perform the well plugging.
2. Placement of the sealant within the well shall be by pumping through a tremie pipe extended to near well bottom (based on sounding depth), and kept below top of the slurry column as the well is plugged from bottom-upwards in a manner that displaces the standing water column.
3. The use of up to 6% pure bentonite powder ("90 barrel yield") as an additive in cement is allowed under NMOSE/AWWA guidelines. Neither granular bentonite nor extended yield bentonite shall be mixed with cement. When supplementing a cement slurry with bentonite powder as requested, water demand for the mix increases at a rate of 0.65 gallons of water for each 1% increment of bentonite bdwc (by dry weight cement) above fundamental water demand of 5.2 gallons water per 94-lb. sack of cement. A 5% bentonite/cement slurry may therefore contain up to 8.5 gallons of water total per 94-lb. sack of cement / approximate 5-lb. bentonite increment, provided appropriate mixing order is maintained.

The bentonite shall be properly hydrated separately with its required increment of water, prior to being added into the cement mixture. If water is otherwise added to the combination of dry ingredients or the dry bentonite blended into wet cement, the hardness and alkalinity imparted to the mix water by the cement will restrict the ability of the bentonite powder to yield as expected, resulting in excess free water in the slurry and enhanced cement shrinkage upon curing.

4. Upon completion of plugging of the lower portion of the 3-inch well to the approximate 20-foot bags depth of actual overdrilling, the top of the 3-inch casing shall be severed within the bottom portion of the over-drilled hole prior to sealant being placed within the ID of the augers.
5. Sealant shall be kept up inside the augers during placement. The 4 1/4" x 9" augers shall be pulled out of the hole in such a manner that allows the sealant to remain inside the auger at all times, thus providing displacement to prevent borehole collapse. The 4 1/4" x 9" augers may not be pulled out of the hole prior to the sealant being placed.
6. Theoretical volume of sealant required for abandonment of the 3-inch (inside) diameter well is approximately .37 gallons per foot. Theoretical volume of sealant required for abandonment of the 9" (outside) diameter auger boring is 2.3 gallons per foot. Total theoretical volume of sealant required to fill the well is tabulated below. All cement mixture will contain no more than 5.2 gallons of water per 94 pound sack of cement. Total minimum amount of required sealant will be based on the sounding depth inside casing.

Well Name	Inside Diameter (Inches)	Total Depth (feet)	Volume (Cubic Feet)	Volume (Gallons)
MCWB-5.5 B	3	17.5	0.86	6.43
MCWB-5.5 B (Auger Boring)	9	20	8.84	66.10
Totals:			9.69	72.52

7. All surface completions (vaults) will be removed, if applicable. The top of the 3-inch casing will be severed within the bottom of the overdrilled portion of the hole and will be backfilled with sealant to 2 feet bgs. The remaining 2-feet will be filled with concrete to surface.
8. Should the NMED, or another regulatory agency sharing jurisdiction of the project authorize, or by regulation require a more stringent well plugging procedure than herein acknowledged, the more-stringent procedure should be followed. This, in part, includes provisions regarding pre-authorization to proceed, contaminant remediation, inspection, pulling/perforating of casing, or prohibition of free discharge of any fluid from the borehole during or related to the plugging process.
9. NMOSE witnessing of the plugging will not be required, but shall be facilitated if a NMOSE observer is onsite. NMOSE witnessing may be requested during normal work hours by calling the District 6 NMOSE Office at 505-827-6120, at least 48-hours in advance. NMOSE inspection will occur dependant on personnel availability.
10. A Well Plugging Record (available at: <http://www.ose.state.nm.us/STST/Forms/WD-11.pdf>) itemizing actual abandonment process and materials used shall be filed with the State Engineer (NMOSE, P.O. Box 25102 - 407 Galisteo Street - Room 102, Santa Fe, NM 87504-5102), within 20 days after completion of well plugging. Please attach a copy of these plugging conditions.

The NMOSE Well Plugging Plan of Operations dated May 13, 2016, with annotation, is hereby approved with the aforesaid conditions applied, when signed by an authorized designee of the State Engineer:


 Ramona Martinez, NMOSE District 6, Water Rights Division

Date: 6/22/16



WELL PLUGGING PLAN OF OPERATIONS



NOTE: A Well Plugging Plan of Operations shall be filed with and accepted by the Office of the State Engineer prior to plugging.

I. FILING FEE: There is no filing fee for this form.

II. GENERAL / WELL OWNERSHIP:

Existing Office of the State Engineer POD Number (Well Number) for well to be plugged: N/A BG-96143 (mcwb-6.) (RJ)

Name of well owner: Los Alamos National Laboratory

Mailing address: PO Box 1663

City: Los Alamos State: New Mexico Zip code: 87545

Phone number: 505-667-5931 E-mail: meverett@lanl.gov

III. WELL DRILLER INFORMATION:

Well Driller contracted to provide plugging services: Yellow Jacket Drilling Services

New Mexico Well Driller License No.: WD-1458 Expiration Date: 10-31-2016

IV. WELL INFORMATION:

Note: A copy of the existing Well Record for the well to be plugged should be attached to this plan.

1) GPS Well Location: Latitude: 35 deg, 51 min, 41.858 sec
mcwb-6.2B Longitude: -106 deg, 16 min, 21.788 sec, NAD 83

2) Reason(s) for plugging well:

No longer needed. Study completed.

3) Was well used for any type of monitoring program? Yes If yes, please use section VII of this form to detail what hydrogeologic parameters were monitored. If the well was used to monitor contaminated or poor quality water, authorization from the New Mexico Environment Department may be required prior to plugging.

4) Does the well tap brackish, saline, or otherwise poor quality water? No If yes, provide additional detail, including analytical results and/or laboratory report(s):

5) Static water level: Dry feet below land surface / feet above land surface (circle one)

6) Depth of the well: 32.5 feet

- 7) Inside diameter of innermost casing: 3 inches.
- 8) Casing material: PVC
- 9) The well was constructed with:
☐ an open-hole production interval, state the open interval: _____
☒ a well screen or perforated pipe, state the screened interval(s): 17.5-27.5'
- 10) What annular interval surrounding the artesian casing of this well is cement-grouted? N/A
- 11) Was the well built with surface casing? No No If yes, is the annulus surrounding the surface casing grouted or otherwise sealed? No No If yes, please describe:

- 12) Has all pumping equipment and associated piping been removed from the well? Yes If not, describe remaining equipment and intentions to remove prior to plugging in Section VII of this form.

V. DESCRIPTION OF PLANNED WELL PLUGGING:

Note: If this plan proposes to plug an artesian well in a way other than with cement grout, placed bottom to top with a tremie pipe, a detailed diagram of the well showing proposed final plugged configuration shall be attached, as well as any additional technical information, such as geophysical logs, that are necessary to adequately describe the proposal.

- 1) Describe the method by which cement grout shall be placed in the well, or describe requested plugging methodology proposed for the well:

Cement grout shall be tremie pumped from bottom to top of well casing. Well will then be overdrilled to 20' bgs. then regouted for the upper 20'.
- 2) Will well head be cut-off below land surface after plugging? Yes

VI. PLUGGING AND SEALING MATERIALS:

Note: The plugging of a well that taps poor quality water may require the use of a specialty cement or specialty sealant

- 1) For plugging intervals that employ cement grout, complete and attach Table A.
- 2) For plugging intervals that will employ approved non-cement based sealant(s), complete and attach Table B.
- 3) Theoretical volume of grout required to plug the well to land surface: _____
- 4) Type of Cement proposed: Bentonite cement grout (neat cement with 5% bentonite)
- 5) Proposed cement grout mix: ~~6.5~~ 8.5 gallons of water per 94 pound sack of Portland cement.
- 6) Will the grout be: _____ batch-mixed and delivered to the site
 x mixed on site

- 7) Grout additives requested, and percent by dry weight relative to cement:

5% Bentonite

- 8) Additional notes and calculations:

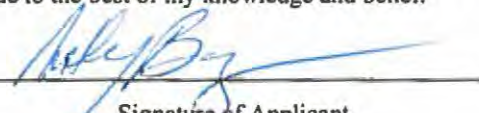
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VII. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: List additional information below, or on separate sheet(s):

MCWB-6.2 B was used for measuring groundwater as part of a water-balance study. The study is complete.

VIII. SIGNATURE:

I, Anthony Burgess, say that I have carefully read the foregoing Well Plugging Plan of Operations and any attachments, which are a part hereof; that I am familiar with the rules and regulations of the State Engineer pertaining to the plugging of wells and will comply with them, and that each and all of the statements in the Well Plugging Plan of Operations and attachments are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.


Signature of Applicant

5/13/16
Date

IX. ACTION OF THE STATE ENGINEER:

This Well Plugging Plan of Operations is:

☐ Approved subject to the attached conditions.
☐ Not approved for the reasons provided on the attached letter.

Witness my hand and official seal this 23 day of June, 2016

Tom Blaine P.E., New Mexico State Engineer

By: 

TABLE A - For plugging intervals that employ cement grout. Start with deepest interval.

	Interval 1 – deepest	Interval 2	Interval 3 – most shallow
			Note: if the well is non-artesian and breaches only one aquifer, use only this column.
Top of proposed interval of grout placement (ft bgl)	N/A	N/A	0'
Bottom of proposed interval of grout placement (ft bgl)	N/A	N/A	15'
Theoretical volume of grout required per interval (gallons)	N/A	N/A	62 gal.
Proposed cement grout mix gallons of water per 94-lb. sack of Portland cement	N/A	N/A	6.5 gal. Up to 8.5 Gallons <i>ew</i>
Mixed on-site or batch-mixed and delivered?	N/A	N/A	On site
Grout additive 1 requested	N/A	N/A	Bentonite
Additive 1 percent by dry weight relative to cement	-	N/A	5%
Grout additive 2 requested	N/A	N/A	N/A
Additive 2 percent by dry weight relative to cement	N/A	N/A	N/A

TABLE B - For plugging intervals that will employ approved non-cement based sealant(s). Start with deepest interval.

	Interval 1 – deepest	Interval 2	Interval 3 – most shallow
			Note: if the well is non-artesian and breaches only one aquifer, use only this column.
Top of proposed interval of sealant placement (ft bgl)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Bottom of proposed sealant or grout placement (ft bgl)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Theoretical volume of sealant required per interval (gallons)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Proposed abandonment sealant (manufacturer and trade name)	N/A	N/A	N/A



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Tom Blaine, P.E.
District 6 Office, Santa Fe, NM

Well Plugging Plan of Operations
Conditions of Approval for RG-96143

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Location: Los Alamos, New Mexico.

Approximate well coordinates: See tabulated data.

<u>Well Name</u>	<u>Inside diameter (inches)</u>	<u>Total depth (feet)</u>	<u>Latitude North</u>	<u>Longitude West</u>
RG-96143 (MCWB- 6.2 B)	3	37.5'	35°51'44.112	-106°16'25.003

Specific Plugging Conditions of Approval for 1 monitoring well for the U.S. Department of Energy / Los Alamos National Laboratory, Los Alamos County, New Mexico

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The bentonite shall be properly hydrated separately with its required increment of water, prior to being added into the cement mixture. If water is otherwise added to the combination of dry ingredients or the dry bentonite blended into wet cement, the hardness and alkalinity imparted to the mix water by the cement will restrict the ability of the bentonite powder to yield as expected, resulting in excess free water in the slurry and enhanced cement shrinkage upon curing.

4. Upon completion of plugging of the lower portion of the 3-inch well to the approximate 20-foot depth of actual overdrilling, the top of the 3-inch casing shall be severed within the bottom portion of the over-drilled hole prior to sealant being placed within the ID of the augers.
5. Sealant shall be kept up inside the augers during placement. The 4 1/4" x 9" augers shall be pulled out of the hole in such a manner that allows the sealant to remain inside the auger at all times, thus providing displacement to prevent borehole collapse. The 4 1/4" x 9" augers may not be pulled out of the hole prior to the sealant being placed.
6. Theoretical volume of sealant required for abandonment of the 3-inch (inside) diameter well is approximately .37 gallons per foot. Theoretical volume of sealant required for abandonment of the 9" (outside) diameter auger boring is 2.3 gallons per foot. Total theoretical volume of sealant required to fill the well is tabulated below. All cement mixture will contain no more than 5.2 gallons of water per 94 pound sack of cement. Total minimum amount of required sealant will be based on the sounding depth inside casing.

Well Name	Inside Diameter (Inches)	Total Depth (feet)	Volume (Cubic Feet)	Volume (Gallons)
MCWB-6.2 B	3	17.5	0.86	6.43
MCWB-6.2 B (Auger Boring)	9	20	8.84	66.10
Totals:			9.69	72.52

7. All surface completions (vaults) will be removed, if applicable. The top of the 3-inch casing will be severed within the bottom of the overdrilled portion of the hole and will be backfilled with sealant to 2 feet bgs. The remaining 2-feet will be filled with concrete to surface.
8. Should the NMED, or another regulatory agency sharing jurisdiction of the project authorize, or by regulation require a more stringent well plugging procedure than herein acknowledged, the more-stringent procedure should be followed. This, in part, includes provisions regarding pre-authorization to proceed, contaminant remediation, inspection, pulling/perforating of casing, or prohibition of free discharge of any fluid from the borehole during or related to the plugging process.
9. NMOSE witnessing of the plugging will not be required, but shall be facilitated if a NMOSE observer is onsite. NMOSE witnessing may be requested during normal work hours by calling the District 6 NMOSE Office at 505-827-6120, at least 48-hours in advance. NMOSE inspection will occur dependant on personnel availability.
10. A Well Plugging Record (available at: <http://www.ose.state.nm.us/STST/Forms/WD-11.pdf>) itemizing actual abandonment process and materials used shall be filed with the State Engineer (NMOSE, P.O. Box 25102 - 407 Galisteo Street - Room 102, Santa Fe, NM 87504-5102), within 20 days after completion of well plugging. Please attach a copy of these plugging conditions.

The NMOSE Well Plugging Plan of Operations dated May 13, 2016, with annotation, is hereby approved with the aforesaid conditions applied, when signed by an authorized designee of the State Engineer:


 Ramona Martinez, NMOSE District 6, Water Rights Division

Date: 6/23/16



WELL PLUGGING PLAN OF OPERATIONS



NOTE: A Well Plugging Plan of Operations shall be filed with and accepted by the Office of the State Engineer prior to plugging.

I. FILING FEE: There is no filing fee for this form.

II. GENERAL / WELL OWNERSHIP:

Existing Office of the State Engineer POD Number (Well Number) for well to be plugged: N/A **36-96144 (mcwb-6)**
Name of well owner: Los Alamos National Laboratory
Mailing address: PO Box 1663
City: Los Alamos State: New Mexico Zip code: 87545
Phone number: 505-667-5931 E-mail: meverett@lanl.gov

III. WELL DRILLER INFORMATION:

Well Driller contracted to provide plugging services: Yellow Jacket Drilling Services
New Mexico Well Driller License No.: WD-1458 Expiration Date: 10-31-2016

IV. WELL INFORMATION:

Note: A copy of the existing Well Record for the well to be plugged should be attached to this plan.

- 1) GPS Well Location: Latitude: 35 deg, 51 min, 41.815 sec
MCWB-6.2 C Longitude: -106 deg, 16 min, 21.822 sec, NAD 83
- 2) Reason(s) for plugging well:

No longer needed. Study completed.
- 3) Was well used for any type of monitoring program? Yes If yes, please use section VII of this form to detail what hydrogeologic parameters were monitored. If the well was used to monitor contaminated or poor quality water, authorization from the New Mexico Environment Department may be required prior to plugging.
- 4) Does the well tap brackish, saline, or otherwise poor quality water? No If yes, provide additional detail, including analytical results and/or laboratory report(s):
- 5) Static water level: Dry feet below land surface / feet above land surface (circle one)
- 6) Depth of the well: 42.5 feet

- 7) Inside diameter of innermost casing: 3 inches.
- 8) Casing material: PVC
- 9) The well was constructed with:
☐ an open-hole production interval, state the open interval: _____
☒ a well screen or perforated pipe, state the screened interval(s): 37.5 - 42.5'
- 10) What annular interval surrounding the artesian casing of this well is cement-grouted? N/A
- 11) Was the well built with surface casing? No No If yes, is the annulus surrounding the surface casing grouted or otherwise sealed? No No If yes, please describe:
- 12) Has all pumping equipment and associated piping been removed from the well? Yes If not, describe remaining equipment and intentions to remove prior to plugging in Section VII of this form.

V. DESCRIPTION OF PLANNED WELL PLUGGING:

Note: If this plan proposes to plug an artesian well in a way other than with cement grout, placed bottom to top with a tremie pipe, a detailed diagram of the well showing proposed final plugged configuration shall be attached, as well as any additional technical information, such as geophysical logs, that are necessary to adequately describe the proposal.

- 1) Describe the method by which cement grout shall be placed in the well, or describe requested plugging methodology proposed for the well:

Cement grout shall be tremie pumped from bottom to top of well casing. Well will then be overdrilled to 20' bgs. then regouted for the upper 20'.
- 2) Will well head be cut-off below land surface after plugging? Yes

VI. PLUGGING AND SEALING MATERIALS:

Note: The plugging of a well that taps poor quality water may require the use of a specialty cement or specialty sealant

- 1) For plugging intervals that employ cement grout, complete and attach Table A.
- 2) For plugging intervals that will employ approved non-cement based sealant(s), complete and attach Table B.
- 3) Theoretical volume of grout required to plug the well to land surface: _____
- 4) Type of Cement proposed: Bentonite cement grout (neat cement with 5% bentonite)
- 5) Proposed cement grout mix: ~~6.5~~ 8.5 ^(RM) gallons of water per 94 pound sack of Portland cement.
- 6) Will the grout be: _____ batch-mixed and delivered to the site
X mixed on site

- 7) Grout additives requested, and percent by dry weight relative to cement:

5% Bentonite

- 8) Additional notes and calculations:

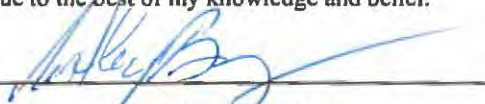
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VII. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: List additional information below, or on separate sheet(s):

MCWB-6.2 C was used for measuring groundwater as part of a water-balance study. The study is complete.

VIII. SIGNATURE:

I, Anthony Burgess, say that I have carefully read the foregoing Well Plugging Plan of Operations and any attachments, which are a part hereof; that I am familiar with the rules and regulations of the State Engineer pertaining to the plugging of wells and will comply with them, and that each and all of the statements in the Well Plugging Plan of Operations and attachments are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.


Signature of Applicant

5/13/16
Date

IX. ACTION OF THE STATE ENGINEER:

This Well Plugging Plan of Operations is:

- ☒ Approved subject to the attached conditions.
☐ Not approved for the reasons provided on the attached letter.

Witness my hand and official seal this 23 day of June, 2016

Tom Blaine P.E., New Mexico State Engineer

By: 

TABLE A - For plugging intervals that employ cement grout. Start with deepest interval.

	Interval 1 – deepest	Interval 2	Interval 3 – most shallow
			Note: if the well is non-artesian and breaches only one aquifer, use only this column.
Top of proposed interval of grout placement (ft bgl)	N/A	N/A	0'
Bottom of proposed interval of grout placement (ft bgl)	N/A	N/A	15'
Theoretical volume of grout required per interval (gallons)	N/A	N/A	82 gal. 65 gal <i>em</i>
Proposed cement grout mix gallons of water per 94-lb. sack of Portland cement	N/A	N/A	8.5 gal. Up to 8.5 Gallons <i>em</i>
Mixed on-site or batch-mixed and delivered?	N/A	N/A	On site
Grout additive 1 requested	N/A	N/A	Bentonite
Additive 1 percent by dry weight relative to cement	-	N/A	5%
Grout additive 2 requested	N/A	N/A	N/A
Additive 2 percent by dry weight relative to cement	N/A	N/A	N/A

TABLE B - For plugging intervals that will employ approved non-cement based sealant(s). Start with deepest interval.

	Interval 1 – deepest	Interval 2	Interval 3 – most shallow
			Note: if the well is non-artesian and breaches only one aquifer, use only this column.
Top of proposed interval of sealant placement (ft bgl)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Bottom of proposed sealant or grout placement (ft bgl)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Theoretical volume of sealant required per interval (gallons)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Proposed abandonment sealant (manufacturer and trade name)	N/A	N/A	N/A



STATE OF NEW MEXICO OFFICE OF THE STATE ENGINEER

Tom Blaine, P.E.
District 6 Office, Santa Fe, NM

Well Plugging Plan of Operations **Conditions of Approval for RG-96144**

The U.S. Department of Energy / Los Alamos National Laboratory has identified 1 alluvial well as tabulated below. On the Well Plugging Plan of Operations received May 13, 2016, the applicant stated that the well is no longer needed as the study is completed. The applicant states that the casing will be pressure grouted with 5% bentonite enriched cement from total depth to 20 feet below ground surface (bgs) via tremie pipe. The well will then be overdrilled with a 9- inch (outside diameter) 4 ¼ (inside diameter) auger to a minimum of 20 feet bgs. 5% bentonite enriched cement will be used to fill the boring from 20 feet up to 2 feet bgs. The top 2 feet will be filled with concrete and mounded above the existing grade. Static water level is dry, according to the applicant. There is no OSE record available for this test well. This test well was used for measuring groundwater as part of a water balance study. The study is complete and the well is no longer needed. Existing active wells that are in close proximity to the well(s) that are to be abandoned could possibly have communication during cementing operations. To reduce the likelihood of this scenario, the water to cement ratio can be reduced to 5.2 gallons of water per 94 pound sack of Portland cement.

Location: Los Alamos, New Mexico.

Approximate well coordinates: See tabulated data.

<u>Well Name</u>	<u>Inside diameter (inches)</u>	<u>Total depth (feet)</u>	<u>Latitude North</u>	<u>Longitude West</u>
RG-96144 (MCWB- 6.2 C)	3	42.5'	35°51'41.815	-106°16'21.822

Specific Plugging Conditions of Approval for 1 monitoring well for the U.S. Department of Energy / Los Alamos National Laboratory, Los Alamos County, New Mexico

1. Water well drilling and well drilling activities, including well plugging, are regulated under 19.27.4 NMAC, which requires any person engaged in the business of well drilling within New Mexico to obtain a Well Driller License issued by the New Mexico Office of the State Engineer (NMOSE). Therefore, the firm of a New Mexico licensed Well Driller shall perform the well plugging.
2. Placement of the sealant within the well shall be by pumping through a tremie pipe extended to near well bottom (based on sounding depth), and kept below top of the slurry column as the well is plugged from bottom-upwards in a manner that displaces the standing water column.
3. The use of up to 6% pure bentonite powder ("90 barrel yield") as an additive in cement is allowed under NMOSE/AWWA guidelines. Neither granular bentonite nor extended yield bentonite shall be mixed with cement. When supplementing a cement slurry with bentonite powder as requested, water demand for the mix increases at a rate of 0.65 gallons of water for each 1% increment of bentonite bdwc (by dry weight cement) above fundamental water demand of 5.2 gallons water per 94-lb. sack of cement. A 5% bentonite/cement slurry may therefore contain up to 8.5 gallons of water total per 94-lb. sack of cement / approximate 5-lb. bentonite increment, provided appropriate mixing order is maintained.

The bentonite shall be properly hydrated separately with its required increment of water, prior to being added into the cement mixture. If water is otherwise added to the combination of dry ingredients or the dry bentonite blended into wet cement, the hardness and alkalinity imparted to the mix water by the cement will restrict the ability of the bentonite powder to yield as expected, resulting in excess free water in the slurry and enhanced cement shrinkage upon curing.

4. Upon completion of plugging of the lower portion of the 3-inch well to the approximate 20-foot bags depth of actual overdrilling, the top of the 3-inch casing shall be severed within the bottom portion of the over-drilled hole prior to sealant being placed within the ID of the augers.
5. Sealant shall be kept up inside the augers during placement. The 4 1/4" x 9" augers shall be pulled out of the hole in such a manner that allows the sealant to remain inside the auger at all times, thus providing displacement to prevent borehole collapse. The 4 1/4" x 9" augers may not be pulled out of the hole prior to the sealant being placed.
6. Theoretical volume of sealant required for abandonment of the 3-inch (inside) diameter well is approximately .37 gallons per foot. Theoretical volume of sealant required for abandonment of the 9" (outside) diameter auger boring is 2.3 gallons per foot. Total theoretical volume of sealant required to fill the well is tabulated below. All cement mixture will contain no more than 5.2 gallons of water per 94 pound sack of cement. Total minimum amount of required sealant will be based on the sounding depth inside casing.

Well Name	Inside Diameter (Inches)	Total Depth (feet)	Volume (Cubic Feet)	Volume (Gallons)
MCWB-6.2 C	3	22.5	1.10	8.26
MCWB-6.2 C (Auger Boring)	9	20	8.84	66.10
Totals:			9.94	74.36

7. All surface completions (vaults) will be removed, if applicable. The top of the 3-inch casing will be severed within the bottom of the overdrilled portion of the hole and will be backfilled with sealant to 2 feet bgs. The remaining 2-feet will be filled with concrete to surface.
8. Should the NMED, or another regulatory agency sharing jurisdiction of the project authorize, or by regulation require a more stringent well plugging procedure than herein acknowledged, the more-stringent procedure should be followed. This, in part, includes provisions regarding pre-authorization to proceed, contaminant remediation, inspection, pulling/perforating of casing, or prohibition of free discharge of any fluid from the borehole during or related to the plugging process.
9. NMOSE witnessing of the plugging will not be required, but shall be facilitated if a NMOSE observer is onsite. NMOSE witnessing may be requested during normal work hours by calling the District 6 NMOSE Office at 505-827-6120, at least 48-hours in advance. NMOSE inspection will occur dependant on personnel availability.
10. A Well Plugging Record (available at: <http://www.ose.state.nm.us/STST/Forms/WD-11.pdf>) itemizing actual abandonment process and materials used shall be filed with the State Engineer (NMOSE, P.O. Box 25102 - 407 Galisteo Street - Room 102, Santa Fe, NM 87504-5102), within 20 days after completion of well plugging. Please attach a copy of these plugging conditions.

The NMOSE Well Plugging Plan of Operations dated May 13, 2016, with annotation, is hereby approved with the aforesaid conditions applied, when signed by an authorized designee of the State Engineer:

Date: _____

Ramona Martinez, NMOSE District 6, Water Rights Division



WELL PLUGGING PLAN OF OPERATIONS



NOTE: A Well Plugging Plan of Operations shall be filed with and accepted by the Office of the State Engineer prior to plugging.

I. FILING FEE: There is no filing fee for this form.

II. GENERAL / WELL OWNERSHIP:

Existing Office of the State Engineer POD Number (Well Number) for well to be plugged: N/A **RG-96145 (mcwb-6.5)**

Name of well owner: Los Alamos National Laboratory

Mailing address: PO Box 1663

City: Los Alamos State: New Mexico Zip code: 87545

Phone number: 505-667-5931 E-mail: meverett@lanl.gov

III. WELL DRILLER INFORMATION:

Well Driller contracted to provide plugging services: Yellow Jacket Drilling Services

New Mexico Well Driller License No.: WD-1458 Expiration Date: 10-31-2016

IV. WELL INFORMATION:

Note: A copy of the existing Well Record for the well to be plugged should be attached to this plan.

- 1) GPS Well Location: Latitude: 35 deg, 51 min, 40.490 sec
mcwb-6.5c Longitude: -106 deg, 16 min, 18.043 sec, NAD 83
- 2) Reason(s) for plugging well:

No longer needed. Study completed.
- 3) Was well used for any type of monitoring program? Yes If yes, please use section VII of this form to detail what hydrogeologic parameters were monitored. If the well was used to monitor contaminated or poor quality water, authorization from the New Mexico Environment Department may be required prior to plugging.
- 4) Does the well tap brackish, saline, or otherwise poor quality water? No If yes, provide additional detail, including analytical results and/or laboratory report(s):
- 5) Static water level: Dry feet below land surface / feet above land surface (circle one)
- 6) Depth of the well: 42.5 feet

- 7) Inside diameter of innermost casing: 3 inches.
- 8) Casing material: PVC
- 9) The well was constructed with:
☐ an open-hole production interval, state the open interval: _____
☒ a well screen or perforated pipe, state the screened interval(s): 27.5-37.5'
- 10) What annular interval surrounding the artesian casing of this well is cement-grouted? N/A
- 11) Was the well built with surface casing? No No If yes, is the annulus surrounding the surface casing grouted or otherwise sealed? No No If yes, please describe:
- 12) Has all pumping equipment and associated piping been removed from the well? Yes If not, describe remaining equipment and intentions to remove prior to plugging in Section VII of this form.

V. DESCRIPTION OF PLANNED WELL PLUGGING:

Note: If this plan proposes to plug an artesian well in a way other than with cement grout, placed bottom to top with a tremie pipe, a detailed diagram of the well showing proposed final plugged configuration shall be attached, as well as any additional technical information, such as geophysical logs, that are necessary to adequately describe the proposal.

- 1) Describe the method by which cement grout shall be placed in the well, or describe requested plugging methodology proposed for the well:

Cement grout shall be tremie pumped from bottom to top of well casing. Well will then be overdrilled to 20' bgs. then regrouted for the upper 20'.
- 2) Will well head be cut-off below land surface after plugging? Yes

VI. PLUGGING AND SEALING MATERIALS:

Note: The plugging of a well that taps poor quality water may require the use of a specialty cement or specialty sealant

- 1) For plugging intervals that employ cement grout, complete and attach Table A.
- 2) For plugging intervals that will employ approved non-cement based sealant(s), complete and attach Table B.
- 3) Theoretical volume of grout required to plug the well to land surface: _____
- 4) Type of Cement proposed: Bentonite cement grout (neat cement with 5% bentonite)
- 5) Proposed cement grout mix: ~~6.5~~ 8.5 gallons of water per 94 pound sack of Portland cement.
- 6) Will the grout be: _____ batch-mixed and delivered to the site
X mixed on site

- 7) Grout additives requested, and percent by dry weight relative to cement:

5% Bentonite

- 8) Additional notes and calculations:


N/A

VII. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: List additional information below, or on separate sheet(s):

MCWB-6-5C was used for measuring groundwater as part of a water-balance study. The study is complete.

VIII. SIGNATURE:

I, Anthony Burgess, say that I have carefully read the foregoing Well Plugging Plan of Operations and any attachments, which are a part hereof; that I am familiar with the rules and regulations of the State Engineer pertaining to the plugging of wells and will comply with them, and that each and all of the statements in the Well Plugging Plan of Operations and attachments are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.


Signature of Applicant

5/13/16
Date

IX. ACTION OF THE STATE ENGINEER:

This Well Plugging Plan of Operations is:

☒ Approved subject to the attached conditions.
☐ Not approved for the reasons provided on the attached letter.

Witness my hand and official seal this 23 day of June, 2016

Tom Blaine P.E., New Mexico State Engineer

By: 

TABLE A - For plugging intervals that employ cement grout. Start with deepest interval.

	Interval 1 – deepest	Interval 2	Interval 3 – most shallow
			Note: if the well is non-artesian and breaches only one aquifer, use only this column.
Top of proposed interval of grout placement (ft bgl)	N/A	N/A	0'
Bottom of proposed interval of grout placement (ft bgl)	N/A	N/A	15'
Theoretical volume of grout required per interval (gallons)	N/A	N/A	62 gal.
Proposed cement grout mix gallons of water per 94-lb. sack of Portland cement	N/A	N/A	6.5 gal. Up to 8.5 gallons (RM)
Mixed on-site or batch-mixed and delivered?	N/A	N/A	On site
Grout additive 1 requested	N/A	N/A	Bentonite
Additive 1 percent by dry weight relative to cement	-	N/A	5%
Grout additive 2 requested	N/A	N/A	N/A
Additive 2 percent by dry weight relative to cement	N/A	N/A	N/A

TABLE B - For plugging intervals that will employ approved non-cement based sealant(s). Start with deepest interval.

	Interval 1 – deepest	Interval 2	Interval 3 – most shallow
			Note: if the well is non-artesian and breaches only one aquifer, use only this column.
Top of proposed interval of sealant placement (ft bgl)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Bottom of proposed sealant of grout placement (ft bgl)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Theoretical volume of sealant required per interval (gallons)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Proposed abandonment sealant (manufacturer and trade name)	N/A	N/A	N/A



STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OFFICE OF THE STATE ENGINEER

Tom Blaine, P.E.
District 6 Office, Santa Fe, NM

Well Plugging Plan of Operations
Conditions of Approval for RG-96145

The U.S. Department of Energy / Los Alamos National Laboratory has identified 1 alluvial well as tabulated below. On the Well Plugging Plan of Operations received May 13, 2016, the applicant stated that the well is no longer needed as the study is completed. The applicant states that the casing will be pressure grouted with 5% bentonite enriched cement from total depth to 20 feet below ground surface (bgs) via tremie pipe. The well will then be overdrilled with a 9- inch (outside diameter) 4 ¼ (inside diameter) auger to a minimum of 20 feet bgs. 5% bentonite enriched cement will be used to fill the boring from 20 feet up to 2 feet bgs. The top 2 feet will be filled with concrete and mounded above the existing grade. Static water level is dry, according to the applicant. There is no OSE record available for this test well. This test well was used for measuring groundwater as part of a water balance study. The study is complete and the well is no longer needed. Existing active wells that are in close proximity to the well(s) that are to be abandoned could possibly have communication during cementing operations. To reduce the likelihood of this scenario, the water to cement ratio can be reduced to 5.2 gallons of water per 94 pound sack of Portland cement.

Location: Los Alamos, New Mexico.

Approximate well coordinates: See tabulated data.

<u>Well Name</u>	<u>Inside diameter (inches)</u>	<u>Total depth (feet)</u>	<u>Latitude North</u>	<u>Longitude West</u>
RG-96145 (MCWB- 6.5 C)	3	42.5'	35°51'40.490	-106°16'18.043

Specific Plugging Conditions of Approval for 1 monitoring well for the U.S. Department of Energy / Los Alamos National Laboratory, Los Alamos County, New Mexico

1. Water well drilling and well drilling activities, including well plugging, are regulated under 19.27.4 NMAC, which requires any person engaged in the business of well drilling within New Mexico to obtain a Well Driller License issued by the New Mexico Office of the State Engineer (NMOSE). Therefore, the firm of a New Mexico licensed Well Driller shall perform the well plugging.
2. Placement of the sealant within the well shall be by pumping through a tremie pipe extended to near well bottom (based on sounding depth), and kept below top of the slurry column as the well is plugged from bottom-upwards in a manner that displaces the standing water column.
3. The use of up to 6% pure bentonite powder ("90 barrel yield") as an additive in cement is allowed under NMOSE/AWWA guidelines. Neither granular bentonite nor extended yield bentonite shall be mixed with cement. When supplementing a cement slurry with bentonite powder as requested, water demand for the mix increases at a rate of 0.65 gallons of water for each 1% increment of bentonite bdwc (by dry weight cement) above fundamental water demand of 5.2 gallons water per 94-lb. sack of cement. A 5% bentonite/cement slurry may therefore contain up to 8.5 gallons of water total per 94-lb. sack of cement / approximate 5-lb. bentonite increment, provided appropriate mixing order is maintained.

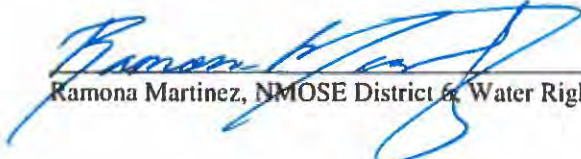
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4. Upon completion of plugging of the lower portion of the 3-inch well to the approximate 20-foot bags depth of actual overdrilling, the top of the 3-inch casing shall be severed within the bottom portion of the over-drilled hole prior to sealant being placed within the ID of the augers.
5. Sealant shall be kept up inside the augers during placement. The 4 1/4" x 9" augers shall be pulled out of the hole in such a manner that allows the sealant to remain inside the auger at all times, thus providing displacement to prevent borehole collapse. The 4 1/4" x 9" augers may not be pulled out of the hole prior to the sealant being placed.
6. Theoretical volume of sealant required for abandonment of the 3-inch (inside) diameter well is approximately .37 gallons per foot. Theoretical volume of sealant required for abandonment of the 9" (outside) diameter auger boring is 2.3 gallons per foot. Total theoretical volume of sealant required to fill the well is tabulated below. All cement mixture will contain no more than 5.2 gallons of water per 94 pound sack of cement. Total minimum amount of required sealant will be based on the sounding depth inside casing.

<u>Well Name</u>	<u>Inside Diameter (Inches)</u>	<u>Total Depth (feet)</u>	<u>Volume (Cubic Feet)</u>	<u>Volume (Gallons)</u>
MCWB-6.5 C	3	22.5	1.10	8.26
MCWB-6.5 C (Auger Boring)	9	20	8.84	66.10
Totals:			9.94	74.36

7. All surface completions (vaults) will be removed, if applicable. The top of the 3-inch casing will be severed within the bottom of the overdrilled portion of the hole and will be backfilled with sealant to 2 feet bgs. The remaining 2-feet will be filled with concrete to surface.
8. Should the NMED, or another regulatory agency sharing jurisdiction of the project authorize, or by regulation require a more stringent well plugging procedure than herein acknowledged, the more-stringent procedure should be followed. This, in part, includes provisions regarding pre-authorization to proceed, contaminant remediation, inspection, pulling/perforating of casing, or prohibition of free discharge of any fluid from the borehole during or related to the plugging process.
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The NMOSE Well Plugging Plan of Operations dated May 13, 2016, with annotation, is hereby approved with the aforesaid conditions applied, when signed by an authorized designee of the State Engineer:


 Ramona Martinez, NMOSE District 6, Water Rights Division

Date: 6/23/16



WELL PLUGGING PLAN OF OPERATIONS



NOTE: A Well Plugging Plan of Operations shall be filed with and accepted by the Office of the State Engineer prior to plugging.

I. FILING FEE: There is no filing fee for this form.

II. GENERAL / WELL OWNERSHIP:

Existing Office of the State Engineer POD Number (Well Number) for well to be plugged: N/A RG-9614B GmcwB-6

Name of well owner: Los Alamos National Laboratory

Mailing address: PO Box 1663

City: Los Alamos State: New Mexico Zip code: 87545

Phone number: 505-667-5931 E-mail: meverett@lanl.gov

III. WELL DRILLER INFORMATION:

Well Driller contracted to provide plugging services: Yellow Jacket Drilling Services

New Mexico Well Driller License No.: WD-1458 Expiration Date: 10-31-2016

IV. WELL INFORMATION:

Note: A copy of the existing Well Record for the well to be plugged should be attached to this plan.

1) GPS Well Location: Latitude: 35 deg, 51 min, 38.282 sec
mcwB-6-SD Longitude: -106 deg, 16 min, 19.443 sec, NAD 83

2) Reason(s) for plugging well:

No longer needed. Study completed.

3) Was well used for any type of monitoring program? Yes If yes, please use section VII of this form to detail what hydrogeologic parameters were monitored. If the well was used to monitor contaminated or poor quality water, authorization from the New Mexico Environment Department may be required prior to plugging.

4) Does the well tap brackish, saline, or otherwise poor quality water? No If yes, provide additional detail, including analytical results and/or laboratory report(s):

5) Static water level: Dry feet below land surface / feet above land surface (circle one)

6) Depth of the well: 42.5 feet

- 7) Inside diameter of innermost casing: 3 inches.
- 8) Casing material: PVC
- 9) The well was constructed with:
☐ an open-hole production interval, state the open interval: _____
☒ a well screen or perforated pipe, state the screened interval(s): 37.5-42.5'
- 10) What annular interval surrounding the artesian casing of this well is cement-grouted? N/A
- 11) Was the well built with surface casing? No No If yes, is the annulus surrounding the surface casing grouted or otherwise sealed? No No If yes, please describe:

- 12) Has all pumping equipment and associated piping been removed from the well? Yes If not, describe remaining equipment and intentions to remove prior to plugging in Section VII of this form.

V. DESCRIPTION OF PLANNED WELL PLUGGING:

Note: If this plan proposes to plug an artesian well in a way other than with cement grout, placed bottom to top with a tremie pipe, a detailed diagram of the well showing proposed final plugged configuration shall be attached, as well as any additional technical information, such as geophysical logs, that are necessary to adequately describe the proposal.

- 1) Describe the method by which cement grout shall be placed in the well, or describe requested plugging methodology proposed for the well:

 Cement grout shall be tremie pumped from bottom to top of well casing. Well will then be overdrilled to 20' bgs. then regrouted for the upper 20'.
- 2) Will well head be cut-off below land surface after plugging? Yes

VI. PLUGGING AND SEALING MATERIALS:

Note: The plugging of a well that taps poor quality water may require the use of a specialty cement or specialty sealant

- 1) For plugging intervals that employ cement grout, complete and attach Table A.
- 2) For plugging intervals that will employ approved non-cement based sealant(s), complete and attach Table B.
- 3) Theoretical volume of grout required to plug the well to land surface: _____
- 4) Type of Cement proposed: Bentonite cement grout (neat cement with 5% bentonite)
- 5) Proposed cement grout mix: 5.5 8.5 gallons of water per 94 pound sack of Portland cement.
- 6) Will the grout be: _____ batch-mixed and delivered to the site
X mixed on site

- 7) Grout additives requested, and percent by dry weight relative to cement:

5% Bentonite

- 8) Additional notes and calculations:

N/A

VII. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: List additional information below, or on separate sheet(s):

MCWB-6.5 D was used for measuring groundwater as part of a water-balance study. The study is complete.

VIII. SIGNATURE:

I, Anthony Burgess, say that I have carefully read the foregoing Well Plugging Plan of Operations and any attachments, which are a part hereof; that I am familiar with the rules and regulations of the State Engineer pertaining to the plugging of wells and will comply with them, and that each and all of the statements in the Well Plugging Plan of Operations and attachments are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Anthony Burgess
Signature of Applicant

5/13/16
Date

IX. ACTION OF THE STATE ENGINEER:

This Well Plugging Plan of Operations is:

☒ Approved subject to the attached conditions.
☐ Not approved for the reasons provided on the attached letter.

Witness my hand and official seal this 23 day of June, 2016

Tom Blaine P.E., New Mexico State Engineer

By: Ramona Plante

TABLE A - For plugging intervals that employ cement grout. Start with deepest interval.

	Interval 1 – deepest	Interval 2	Interval 3 – most shallow
			Note: if the well is non-artesian and breaches only one aquifer, use only this column.
Top of proposed interval of grout placement (ft bgl)	N/A	N/A	0'
Bottom of proposed interval of grout placement (ft bgl)	N/A	N/A	15'
Theoretical volume of grout required per interval (gallons)	N/A	N/A	62 gal.
Proposed cement grout mix gallons of water per 94-lb. sack of Portland cement	N/A	N/A	65 gal. Up to 8.5 gallons. <i>RM</i>
Mixed on-site or batch-mixed and delivered?	N/A	N/A	On site
Grout additive 1 requested	N/A	N/A	Bentonite
Additive 1 percent by dry weight relative to cement	-	N/A	5%
Grout additive 2 requested	N/A	N/A	N/A
Additive 2 percent by dry weight relative to cement	N/A	N/A	N/A

TABLE B - For plugging intervals that will employ approved non-cement based sealant(s). Start with deepest interval.

	Interval 1 – deepest	Interval 2	Interval 3 – most shallow
			Note: if the well is non-artesian and breaches only one aquifer, use only this column.
Top of proposed interval of sealant placement (ft bgl)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Bottom of proposed sealant or grout placement (ft bgl)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Theoretical volume of sealant required per interval (gallons)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Proposed abandonment sealant (manufacturer and trade name)	N/A	N/A	N/A



STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OFFICE OF THE STATE ENGINEER

Tom Blaine, P.E.
District 6 Office, Santa Fe, NM

Well Plugging Plan of Operations
Conditions of Approval for RG-96146

The U.S. Department of Energy / Los Alamos National Laboratory has identified 1 alluvial well as tabulated below. On the Well Plugging Plan of Operations received May 13, 2016, the applicant stated that the well is no longer needed as the study is completed. The applicant states that the casing will be pressure grouted with 5% bentonite enriched cement from total depth to 20 feet below ground surface (bgs) via tremie pipe. The well will then be overdrilled with a 9- inch (outside diameter) 4 1/4 (inside diameter) auger to a minimum of 20 feet bgs. 5% bentonite enriched cement will be used to fill the boring from 20 feet up to 2 feet bgs. The top 2 feet will be filled with concrete and mounded above the existing grade. Static water level is dry, according to the applicant. There is no OSE record available for this test well. This test well was used for measuring groundwater as part of a water balance study. The study is complete and the well is no longer needed. Existing active wells that are in close proximity to the well(s) that are to be abandoned could possibly have communication during cementing operations. To reduce the likelihood of this scenario, the water to cement ratio can be reduced to 5.2 gallons of water per 94 pound sack of Portland cement.

Location: Los Alamos, New Mexico.

Approximate well coordinates: See tabulated data.

<u>Well Name</u>	<u>Inside diameter (inches)</u>	<u>Total depth (feet)</u>	<u>Latitude North</u>	<u>Longitude West</u>
RG-96146 (MCWB- 6.5 D)	3	42.5'	35°51'40.38.282	-106°16'19.443

Specific Plugging Conditions of Approval for 1 monitoring well for the U.S. Department of Energy / Los Alamos National Laboratory, Los Alamos County, New Mexico

1. Water well drilling and well drilling activities, including well plugging, are regulated under 19.27.4 NMAC, which requires any person engaged in the business of well drilling within New Mexico to obtain a Well Driller License issued by the New Mexico Office of the State Engineer (NMOSE). Therefore, the firm of a New Mexico licensed Well Driller shall perform the well plugging.
2. Placement of the sealant within the well shall be by pumping through a tremie pipe extended to near well bottom (based on sounding depth), and kept below top of the slurry column as the well is plugged from bottom-upwards in a manner that displaces the standing water column.
3. The use of up to 6% pure bentonite powder ("90 barrel yield") as an additive in cement is allowed under NMOSE/AWWA guidelines. Neither granular bentonite nor extended yield bentonite shall be mixed with cement. When supplementing a cement slurry with bentonite powder as requested, water demand for the mix increases at a rate of 0.65 gallons of water for each 1% increment of bentonite bdwc (by dry weight cement) above fundamental water demand of 5.2 gallons water per 94-lb. sack of cement. A 5% bentonite/cement slurry may therefore contain up to 8.5 gallons of water total per 94-lb. sack of cement / approximate 5-lb. bentonite increment, provided appropriate mixing order is maintained.

The bentonite shall be properly hydrated separately with its required increment of water, prior to being added into the cement mixture. If water is otherwise added to the combination of dry ingredients or the dry bentonite blended into wet cement, the hardness and alkalinity imparted to the mix water by the cement will restrict the ability of the bentonite powder to yield as expected, resulting in excess free water in the slurry and enhanced cement shrinkage upon curing.

4. Upon completion of plugging of the lower portion of the 3-inch well to the approximate 20-foot bags depth of actual overdrilling, the top of the 3-inch casing shall be severed within the bottom portion of the over-drilled hole prior to sealant being placed within the ID of the augers.
5. Sealant shall be kept up inside the augers during placement. The 4 1/4" x 9" augers shall be pulled out of the hole in such a manner that allows the sealant to remain inside the auger at all times, thus providing displacement to prevent borehole collapse. The 4 1/4" x 9" augers may not be pulled out of the hole prior to the sealant being placed.
6. Theoretical volume of sealant required for abandonment of the 3-inch (inside) diameter well is approximately .37 gallons per foot. Theoretical volume of sealant required for abandonment of the 9" (outside) diameter auger boring is 2.3 gallons per foot. Total theoretical volume of sealant required to fill the well is tabulated below. All cement mixture will contain no more than 5.2 gallons of water per 94 pound sack of cement. Total minimum amount of required sealant will be based on the sounding depth inside casing.

Well Name	Inside Diameter (Inches)	Total Depth (feet)	Volume (Cubic Feet)	Volume (Gallons)
MCWB-6.5 D	3	22.5	1.10	8.26
MCWB-6.5 D (Auger Boring)	9	20	8.84	66.10
Totals:			9.94	74.36

7. All surface completions (vaults) will be removed, if applicable. The top of the 3-inch casing will be severed within the bottom of the overdrilled portion of the hole and will be backfilled with sealant to 2 feet bgs. The remaining 2-feet will be filled with concrete to surface.
8. Should the NMED, or another regulatory agency sharing jurisdiction of the project authorize, or by regulation require a more stringent well plugging procedure than herein acknowledged, the more-stringent procedure should be followed. This, in part, includes provisions regarding pre-authorization to proceed, contaminant remediation, inspection, pulling/perforating of casing, or prohibition of free discharge of any fluid from the borehole during or related to the plugging process.
9. NMOSE witnessing of the plugging will not be required, but shall be facilitated if a NMOSE observer is onsite. NMOSE witnessing may be requested during normal work hours by calling the District 6 NMOSE Office at 505-827-6120, at least 48-hours in advance. NMOSE inspection will occur dependant on personnel availability.
10. A Well Plugging Record (available at: <http://www.ose.state.nm.us/STST/Forms/WD-11.pdf>) itemizing actual abandonment process and materials used shall be filed with the State Engineer (NMOSE, P.O. Box 25102 - 407 Galisteo Street - Room 102, Santa Fe, NM 87504-5102), within 20 days after completion of well plugging. Please attach a copy of these plugging conditions.

The NMOSE Well Plugging Plan of Operations dated May 13, 2016, with annotation, is hereby approved with the aforesaid conditions applied, when signed by an authorized designee of the State Engineer:


 Ramona Martinez, NMOSE District 6, Water Rights Division

Date: 6/23/16



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State Engineer

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June 27, 2016

U.S Department of Energy/ Los Alamos National Laboratory
C/O Mark Everett
P.O Box 1663
Los Alamos, NM 87545

Re: Plugging Plan of Operation, LANL Wells RG-96151 thru RG-96159

Greetings:

After a review of the Well Plugging Plan of Operations submitted on May 13, 2016, The Office of the Engineer is returning a favorable approval with specific Plugging Conditions and has accepted the Plugging Plan submitted for filing.

Please return a completed Well Plugging Report that itemizes the actual abandonment process and materials used within 20 days after completion of well plugging. In addition, please include a copy of the approved Plugging Conditions enclosed.

Please address any questions via- telephone to Ramona Martinez at 505.827.6120 or via e-mail at Ramona.Martinez2@state.nm.us.

Sincerely,


Ramona Martinez
Water Rights



Enclosure
cc: file



WELL PLUGGING PLAN OF OPERATIONS



NOTE: A Well Plugging Plan of Operations shall be filed with and accepted by the Office of the State Engineer prior to plugging.

I. FILING FEE: There is no filing fee for this form.

II. GENERAL / WELL OWNERSHIP:

Existing Office of the State Engineer POD Number (Well Number) for well to be plugged: N/A **AG-96151 (mcwb-6 SE)**
Name of well owner: Los Alamos National Laboratory
Mailing address: PO Box 1663
City: Los Alamos State: New Mexico Zip code: 87545
Phone number: 505-667-5931 E-mail: meverett@lanl.gov

III. WELL DRILLER INFORMATION:

Well Driller contracted to provide plugging services: Yellow Jacket Drilling Services
New Mexico Well Driller License No.: WD-1458 Expiration Date: 10-31-2016

IV. WELL INFORMATION:

Note: A copy of the existing Well Record for the well to be plugged should be attached to this plan.

- 1) GPS Well Location: Latitude: 35 deg, 51 min, 38.753 sec
mcwb-6.5 E Longitude: -106 deg, 16 min, 19.986 sec, NAD 83
- 2) Reason(s) for plugging well:

No longer needed. Study completed.
- 3) Was well used for any type of monitoring program? Yes If yes, please use section VII of this form to detail what hydrogeologic parameters were monitored. If the well was used to monitor contaminated or poor quality water, authorization from the New Mexico Environment Department may be required prior to plugging.
- 4) Does the well tap brackish, saline, or otherwise poor quality water? No If yes, provide additional detail, including analytical results and/or laboratory report(s):
- 5) Static water level: 46.39 feet below land surface / feet above land surface (circle one)
- 6) Depth of the well: 50 feet

- 7) Inside diameter of innermost casing: 3 inches.
- 8) Casing material: PVC
- 9) The well was constructed with:
☐ an open-hole production interval, state the open interval: _____
☒ a well screen or perforated pipe, state the screened interval(s): 35-45'
- 10) What annular interval surrounding the artesian casing of this well is cement-grouted? N/A
- 11) Was the well built with surface casing? No No If yes, is the annulus surrounding the surface casing grouted or otherwise sealed? No No If yes, please describe:
- 12) Has all pumping equipment and associated piping been removed from the well? Yes If not, describe remaining equipment and intentions to remove prior to plugging in Section VII of this form.

V. DESCRIPTION OF PLANNED WELL PLUGGING:

Note: If this plan proposes to plug an artesian well in a way other than with cement grout, placed bottom to top with a tremie pipe, a detailed diagram of the well showing proposed final plugged configuration shall be attached, as well as any additional technical information, such as geophysical logs, that are necessary to adequately describe the proposal.

- 1) Describe the method by which cement grout shall be placed in the well, or describe requested plugging methodology proposed for the well:

Cement grout shall be tremie pumped from bottom to top of well casing. Well will then be overdrilled to 20' bgs. then regouted for the upper 20'.
- 2) Will well head be cut-off below land surface after plugging? Yes

VI. PLUGGING AND SEALING MATERIALS:

Note: The plugging of a well that taps poor quality water may require the use of a specialty cement or specialty sealant

- 1) For plugging intervals that employ cement grout, complete and attach Table A.
- 2) For plugging intervals that will employ approved non-cement based sealant(s), complete and attach Table B.
- 3) Theoretical volume of grout required to plug the well to land surface: _____
- 4) Type of Cement proposed: Bentonite cement grout (neat cement with 5% bentonite)
- 5) Proposed cement grout mix: ~~6.5~~ 8.5 gallons of water per 94 pound sack of Portland cement.
- 6) Will the grout be: _____ batch-mixed and delivered to the site
X mixed on site

- 7) Grout additives requested, and percent by dry weight relative to cement:

5% Bentonite

- 8) Additional notes and calculations:


N/A

VII. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: List additional information below, or on separate sheet(s):

mw-6-5C was used for measuring groundwater as part of a water-balance study. The study is complete.

VIII. SIGNATURE:

I, Anthony Burgess, say that I have carefully read the foregoing Well Plugging Plan of Operations and any attachments, which are a part hereof; that I am familiar with the rules and regulations of the State Engineer pertaining to the plugging of wells and will comply with them, and that each and all of the statements in the Well Plugging Plan of Operations and attachments are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.


Signature of Applicant

5/13/16
Date

IX. ACTION OF THE STATE ENGINEER:

This Well Plugging Plan of Operations is:

- ☒ Approved subject to the attached conditions.
☐ Not approved for the reasons provided on the attached letter.

Witness my hand and official seal this 23 day of June, 2016

Tom Blaine P.E., New Mexico State Engineer

By: 

TABLE A - For plugging intervals that employ cement grout. Start with deepest interval.

	Interval 1 – deepest	Interval 2	Interval 3 – most shallow
			Note: if the well is non-artesian and breaches only one aquifer, use only this column.
Top of proposed interval of grout placement (ft bgl)	N/A	N/A	0'
Bottom of proposed interval of grout placement (ft bgl)	N/A	N/A	15'
Theoretical volume of grout required per interval (gallons)	N/A	N/A	62 gal.
Proposed cement grout mix gallons of water per 94-lb. sack of Portland cement	N/A	N/A	6.5 gal. Up to <u>8.5 Gallons</u> <i>(rm)</i>
Mixed on-site or batch-mixed and delivered?	N/A	N/A	On site
Grout additive 1 requested	N/A	N/A	Bentonite
Additive 1 percent by dry weight relative to cement	-	N/A	5%
Grout additive 2 requested	N/A	N/A	N/A
Additive 2 percent by dry weight relative to cement	N/A	N/A	N/A

TABLE B - For plugging intervals that will employ approved non-cement based sealant(s). Start with deepest interval.

	Interval 1 – deepest	Interval 2	Interval 3 – most shallow
			Note: if the well is non-artesian and breaches only one aquifer, use only this column.
Top of proposed interval of sealant placement (ft bgl)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Bottom of proposed sealant or grout placement (ft bgl)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Theoretical volume of sealant required per interval (gallons)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Proposed abandonment sealant (manufacturer and trade name)	N/A	N/A	N/A



STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OFFICE OF THE STATE ENGINEER

Tom Blaine, P.E.
District 6 Office, Santa Fe, NM

Well Plugging Plan of Operations
Conditions of Approval for RG-96151

The U.S. Department of Energy / Los Alamos National Laboratory has identified 1 alluvial well as tabulated below. On the Well Plugging Plan of Operations received May 13, 2016, the applicant stated that the well is no longer needed as the study is completed. The applicant states that the casing will be pressure grouted with 5% bentonite enriched cement from total depth to 20 feet below ground surface (bgs) via tremie pipe. The well will then be overdrilled with a 9- inch (outside diameter) 4 1/4 (inside diameter) auger to a minimum of 20 feet bgs. 5% bentonite enriched cement will be used to fill the boring from 20 feet up to 2 feet bgs. The top 2 feet will be filled with concrete and mounded above the existing grade. Static water level is 46.39 feet, according to the applicant. There is no OSE record available for this test well. This test well was used for measuring groundwater as part of a water balance study. The study is complete and the well is no longer needed. Existing active wells that are in close proximity to the well(s) that are to be abandoned could possibly have communication during cementing operations. To reduce the likelihood of this scenario, the water to cement ratio can be reduced to 5.2 gallons of water per 94 pound sack of Portland cement.

Location: Los Alamos, New Mexico.

Approximate well coordinates: See tabulated data.

<u>Well Name</u>	<u>Inside diameter (inches)</u>	<u>Total depth (feet)</u>	<u>Latitude North</u>	<u>Longitude West</u>
RG-96151 (MCWB-6.5 E)	3	50'	35°51'38.753	-106°16'19.986

Specific Plugging Conditions of Approval for 1 monitoring well for the U.S. Department of Energy / Los Alamos National Laboratory, Los Alamos County, New Mexico

1. Water well drilling and well drilling activities, including well plugging, are regulated under 19.27.4 NMAC, which requires any person engaged in the business of well drilling within New Mexico to obtain a Well Driller License issued by the New Mexico Office of the State Engineer (NMOSE). Therefore, the firm of a New Mexico licensed Well Driller shall perform the well plugging.
2. Placement of the sealant within the well shall be by pumping through a tremie pipe extended to near well bottom (based on sounding depth), and kept below top of the slurry column as the well is plugged from bottom-upwards in a manner that displaces the standing water column.
3. The use of up to 6% pure bentonite powder ("90 barrel yield") as an additive in cement is allowed under NMOSE/AWWA guidelines. Neither granular bentonite nor extended yield bentonite shall be mixed with cement. When supplementing a cement slurry with bentonite powder as requested, water demand for the mix increases at a rate of 0.65 gallons of water for each 1% increment of bentonite bdwc (by dry weight cement) above fundamental water demand of 5.2 gallons water per 94-lb. sack of cement. A 5% bentonite/cement slurry may therefore contain up to 8.5 gallons of water total per 94-lb. sack of cement / approximate 5-lb. bentonite increment, provided appropriate mixing order is maintained.

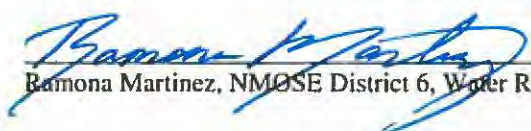
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4. Upon completion of plugging of the lower portion of the 3-inch well to the approximate 20-feet bags depth of actual overdrilling, the top of the 3-inch casing shall be severed within the bottom portion of the over-drilled hole prior to sealant being placed within the ID of the augers.
5. Sealant shall be kept up inside the augers during placement. The 4 1/4" x 9" augers shall be pulled out of the hole in such a manner that allows the sealant to remain inside the auger at all times, thus providing displacement to prevent borehole collapse. The 4 1/4" x 9" augers may not be pulled out of the hole prior to the sealant being placed.
6. Theoretical volume of sealant required for abandonment of the 3-inch (inside) diameter well is approximately .37 gallons per foot. Theoretical volume of sealant required for abandonment of the 9" (outside) diameter auger boring is 2.3 gallons per foot. Total theoretical volume of sealant required to fill the well is tabulated below. All cement mixture will contain no more than 5.2 gallons of water per 94 pound sack of cement. Total minimum amount of required sealant will be based on the sounding depth inside casing.

<u>Well Name</u>	<u>Inside Diameter (Inches)</u>	<u>Total Depth (feet)</u>	<u>Volume (Cubic Feet)</u>	<u>Volume (Gallons)</u>
MCWB-6.5 E	3	30	1.47	11.02
MCWB-6.5 E (Auger Boring)	9	20	8.84	66.10
Totals:			10.31	77.11

7. All surface completions (vaults) will be removed, if applicable. The top of the 3-inch casing will be severed within the bottom of the overdrilled portion of the hole and will be backfilled with sealant to 2 feet bgs. The remaining 2-feet will be filled with concrete to surface.
8. Should the NMED, or another regulatory agency sharing jurisdiction of the project authorize, or by regulation require a more stringent well plugging procedure than herein acknowledged, the more-stringent procedure should be followed. This, in part, includes provisions regarding pre-authorization to proceed, contaminant remediation, inspection, pulling/perforating of casing, or prohibition of free discharge of any fluid from the borehole during or related to the plugging process.
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The NMOSE Well Plugging Plan of Operations dated May 13, 2016, with annotation, is hereby approved with the aforesaid conditions applied, when signed by an authorized designee of the State Engineer:


 Ramona Martinez, NMOSE District 6, Water Rights Division

Date: 6/23/16



WELL PLUGGING PLAN OF OPERATIONS



NOTE: A Well Plugging Plan of Operations shall be filed with and accepted by the Office of the State Engineer prior to plugging.

I. FILING FEE: There is no filing fee for this form.

II. GENERAL / WELL OWNERSHIP:

Existing Office of the State Engineer POD Number (Well Number) for well to be plugged: N/A **RG-96152 (mcwb-6.6)** RM

Name of well owner: Los Alamos National Laboratory

Mailing address: PO Box 1663

City: Los Alamos State: New Mexico Zip code: 87545

Phone number: 505-667-5931 E-mail: meverett@lanl.gov

III. WELL DRILLER INFORMATION:

Well Driller contracted to provide plugging services: Yellow Jacket Drilling Services

New Mexico Well Driller License No.: WD-1458 Expiration Date: 10-31-2016

IV. WELL INFORMATION:

Note: A copy of the existing Well Record for the well to be plugged should be attached to this plan.

- 1) GPS Well Location: Latitude: 35 deg, 51 min, 38.574 sec
mcwb-6.6 Longitude: -106 deg, 16 min, 17.706 sec, NAD 83
- 2) Reason(s) for plugging well:

No longer needed. Study completed.
- 3) Was well used for any type of monitoring program? Yes If yes, please use section VII of this form to detail what hydrogeologic parameters were monitored. If the well was used to monitor contaminated or poor quality water, authorization from the New Mexico Environment Department may be required prior to plugging.
- 4) Does the well tap brackish, saline, or otherwise poor quality water? No If yes, provide additional detail, including analytical results and/or laboratory report(s):
- 5) Static water level: Day feet below land surface / feet above land surface (circle one)
- 6) Depth of the well: 48 feet

- 7) Inside diameter of innermost casing: 3 inches.
- 8) Casing material: PVC
- 9) The well was constructed with:
☐ an open-hole production interval, state the open interval: _____
☒ a well screen or perforated pipe, state the screened interval(s): 33-43'
- 10) What annular interval surrounding the artesian casing of this well is cement-grouted? N/A
- 11) Was the well built with surface casing? No No If yes, is the annulus surrounding the surface casing grouted or otherwise sealed? No No If yes, please describe:

- 12) Has all pumping equipment and associated piping been removed from the well? Yes If not, describe remaining equipment and intentions to remove prior to plugging in Section VII of this form.

V. DESCRIPTION OF PLANNED WELL PLUGGING:

Note: If this plan proposes to plug an artesian well in a way other than with cement grout, placed bottom to top with a tremie pipe, a detailed diagram of the well showing proposed final plugged configuration shall be attached, as well as any additional technical information, such as geophysical logs, that are necessary to adequately describe the proposal.

- 1) Describe the method by which cement grout shall be placed in the well, or describe requested plugging methodology proposed for the well:

 Cement grout shall be tremie pumped from bottom to top of well casing. Well will then be overdrilled to 20' bgs. then regouted for the upper 20'.
- 2) Will well head be cut-off below land surface after plugging? Yes

VI. PLUGGING AND SEALING MATERIALS:

Note: The plugging of a well that taps poor quality water may require the use of a specialty cement or specialty sealant

- 1) For plugging intervals that employ cement grout, complete and attach Table A.
- 2) For plugging intervals that will employ approved non-cement based sealant(s), complete and attach Table B.
- 3) Theoretical volume of grout required to plug the well to land surface: _____
- 4) Type of Cement proposed: Bentonite cement grout (neat cement with 5% bentonite)
- 5) Proposed cement grout mix: 0.5 8.5 gallons of water per 94 pound sack of Portland cement.
- 6) Will the grout be: _____ batch-mixed and delivered to the site
X mixed on site

- 7) Grout additives requested, and percent by dry weight relative to cement:

5% BENTONITE

- 8) Additional notes and calculations:

N/A

VII. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: List additional information below, or on separate sheet(s):

MCWB-6.6 was used for measuring groundwater as part of a water-balance study. The study is complete.

VIII. SIGNATURE:

I, Anthony Burgess, say that I have carefully read the foregoing Well Plugging Plan of Operations and any attachments, which are a part hereof; that I am familiar with the rules and regulations of the State Engineer pertaining to the plugging of wells and will comply with them, and that each and all of the statements in the Well Plugging Plan of Operations and attachments are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Anthony Burgess
Signature of Applicant

5/13/16
Date

IX. ACTION OF THE STATE ENGINEER:

This Well Plugging Plan of Operations is:

☒ Approved subject to the attached conditions.
☐ Not approved for the reasons provided on the attached letter.

Witness my hand and official seal this 23 day of June, 2016

Tom Blaine P.E., New Mexico State Engineer

By: Ramona Martinez

TABLE A - For plugging intervals that employ cement grout. Start with deepest interval.

	Interval 1 – deepest	Interval 2	Interval 3 – most shallow
			Note: if the well is non-artesian and breaches only one aquifer, use only this column.
Top of proposed interval of grout placement (ft bgl)	N/A	N/A	0'
Bottom of proposed interval of grout placement (ft bgl)	N/A	N/A	15'
Theoretical volume of grout required per interval (gallons)	N/A	N/A	62 gal.
Proposed cement grout mix gallons of water per 94-lb. sack of Portland cement	N/A	N/A	65 gal. <i>Up to 85 Gallons here</i>
Mixed on-site or batch-mixed and delivered?	N/A	N/A	On site
Grout additive 1 requested	N/A	N/A	Bentonite
Additive 1 percent by dry weight relative to cement	-	N/A	5%
Grout additive 2 requested	N/A	N/A	N/A
Additive 2 percent by dry weight relative to cement	N/A	N/A	N/A

TABLE B - For plugging intervals that will employ approved non-cement based sealant(s). Start with deepest interval.

	Interval 1 – deepest	Interval 2	Interval 3 – most shallow
			Note: if the well is non-artesian and breaches only one aquifer, use only this column.
Top of proposed interval of sealant placement (ft bgl)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Bottom of proposed sealant or grout placement (ft bgl)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Theoretical volume of sealant required per interval (gallons)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Proposed abandonment sealant (manufacturer and trade name)	N/A	N/A	N/A

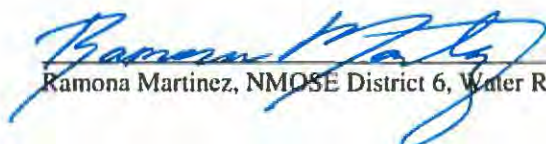
The bentonite shall be properly hydrated separately with its required increment of water, prior to being added into the cement mixture. If water is otherwise added to the combination of dry ingredients or the dry bentonite blended into wet cement, the hardness and alkalinity imparted to the mix water by the cement will restrict the ability of the bentonite powder to yield as expected, resulting in excess free water in the slurry and enhanced cement shrinkage upon curing.

4. Upon completion of plugging of the lower portion of the 3-inch well to the approximate 20-foot bags depth of actual overdrilling, the top of the 3-inch casing shall be severed within the bottom portion of the over-drilled hole prior to sealant being placed within the ID of the augers.
5. Sealant shall be kept up inside the augers during placement. The 4 1/4" x 9" augers shall be pulled out of the hole in such a manner that allows the sealant to remain inside the auger at all times, thus providing displacement to prevent borehole collapse. The 4 1/4" x 9" augers may not be pulled out of the hole prior to the sealant being placed.
6. Theoretical volume of sealant required for abandonment of the 3-inch (inside) diameter well is approximately .37 gallons per foot. Theoretical volume of sealant required for abandonment of the 9" (outside) diameter auger boring is 2.3 gallons per foot. Total theoretical volume of sealant required to fill the well is tabulated below. All cement mixture will contain no more than 5.2 gallons of water per 94 pound sack of cement. Total minimum amount of required sealant will be based on the sounding depth inside casing.

<u>Well Name</u>	<u>Inside Diameter (Inches)</u>	<u>Total Depth (feet)</u>	<u>Volume (Cubic Feet)</u>	<u>Volume (Gallons)</u>
MCWB-6.6	3	28	1.37	10.28
MCWB-6.6 (Auger Boring)	9	20	8.84	66.10
Totals:			10.21	76.38

7. All surface completions (vaults) will be removed, if applicable. The top of the 3-inch casing will be severed within the bottom of the overdrilled portion of the hole and will be backfilled with sealant to 2 feet bgs. The remaining 2-feet will be filled with concrete to surface.
8. Should the NMED, or another regulatory agency sharing jurisdiction of the project authorize, or by regulation require a more stringent well plugging procedure than herein acknowledged, the more-stringent procedure should be followed. This, in part, includes provisions regarding pre-authorization to proceed, contaminant remediation, inspection, pulling/perforating of casing, or prohibition of free discharge of any fluid from the borehole during or related to the plugging process.
9. NMOSE witnessing of the plugging will not be required, but shall be facilitated if a NMOSE observer is onsite. NMOSE witnessing may be requested during normal work hours by calling the District 6 NMOSE Office at 505-827-6120, at least 48-hours in advance. NMOSE inspection will occur dependant on personnel availability.
10. A Well Plugging Record (available at: <http://www.ose.state.nm.us/STST/Forms/WD-11.pdf>) itemizing actual abandonment process and materials used shall be filed with the State Engineer (NMOSE, P.O. Box 25102 - 407 Galisteo Street - Room 102, Santa Fe, NM 87504-5102), within 20 days after completion of well plugging. Please attach a copy of these plugging conditions.

The NMOSE Well Plugging Plan of Operations dated May 13, 2016, with annotation, is hereby approved with the aforesaid conditions applied, when signed by an authorized designee of the State Engineer:


 Ramona Martinez, NMOSE District 6, Water Rights Division

Date: 6/23/16



STATE OF NEW MEXICO OFFICE OF THE STATE ENGINEER

Tom Blaine, P.E.
District 6 Office, Santa Fe, NM

Well Plugging Plan of Operations **Conditions of Approval for RG-96152**

The U.S. Department of Energy / Los Alamos National Laboratory has identified 1 alluvial well as tabulated below. On the Well Plugging Plan of Operations received May 13, 2016, the applicant stated that the well is no longer needed as the study is completed. The applicant states that the casing will be pressure grouted with 5% bentonite enriched cement from total depth to 20 feet below ground surface (bgs) via tremie pipe. The well will then be overdrilled with a 9- inch (outside diameter) 4 ¼ (inside diameter) auger to a minimum of 20 feet bgs. 5% bentonite enriched cement will be used to fill the boring from 20 feet up to 2 feet bgs. The top 2 feet will be filled with concrete and mounded above the existing grade. Static water level is dry, according to the applicant. There is no OSE record available for this test well. This test well was used for measuring groundwater as part of a water balance study. The study is complete and the well is no longer needed. Existing active wells that are in close proximity to the well(s) that are to be abandoned could possibly have communication during cementing operations. To reduce the likelihood of this scenario, the water to cement ratio can be reduced to 5.2 gallons of water per 94 pound sack of Portland cement.

Location: Los Alamos, New Mexico.

Approximate well coordinates: See tabulated data.

<u>Well Name</u>	<u>Inside diameter (inches)</u>	<u>Total depth (feet)</u>	<u>Latitude North</u>	<u>Longitude West</u>
RG-96152 (MCWB-6.6)	3	48'	35°51'38.574	-106°16'17.706

Specific Plugging Conditions of Approval for 1 monitoring well for the U.S. Department of Energy / Los Alamos National Laboratory, Los Alamos County, New Mexico

1. Water well drilling and well drilling activities, including well plugging, are regulated under 19.27.4 NMAC, which requires any person engaged in the business of well drilling within New Mexico to obtain a Well Driller License issued by the New Mexico Office of the State Engineer (NMOSE). Therefore, the firm of a New Mexico licensed Well Driller shall perform the well plugging.
2. Placement of the sealant within the well shall be by pumping through a tremie pipe extended to near well bottom (based on sounding depth), and kept below top of the slurry column as the well is plugged from bottom-upwards in a manner that displaces the standing water column.
3. The use of up to 6% pure bentonite powder ("90 barrel yield") as an additive in cement is allowed under NMOSE/AWWA guidelines. Neither granular bentonite nor extended yield bentonite shall be mixed with cement. When supplementing a cement slurry with bentonite powder as requested, water demand for the mix increases at a rate of 0.65 gallons of water for each 1% increment of bentonite bdwc (by dry weight cement) above fundamental water demand of 5.2 gallons water per 94-lb. sack of cement. A 5% bentonite/cement slurry may therefore contain up to 8.5 gallons of water total per 94-lb. sack of cement / approximate 5-lb. bentonite increment, provided appropriate mixing order is maintained.



WELL PLUGGING PLAN OF OPERATIONS



NOTE: A Well Plugging Plan of Operations shall be filed with and accepted by the Office of the State Engineer prior to plugging.

I. FILING FEE: There is no filing fee for this form.

II. GENERAL / WELL OWNERSHIP:

Existing Office of the State Engineer POD Number (Well Number) for well to be plugged: N/A BG-96153 (mcwb-7A)

Name of well owner: Los Alamos National Laboratory

Mailing address: PO Box 1663

City: Los Alamos State: New Mexico Zip code: 87545

Phone number: 505-667-5931 E-mail: meverett@lanl.gov

III. WELL DRILLER INFORMATION:

Well Driller contracted to provide plugging services: Yellow Jacket Drilling Services

New Mexico Well Driller License No.: WD-1458 Expiration Date: 10-31-2016

IV. WELL INFORMATION:

Note: A copy of the existing Well Record for the well to be plugged should be attached to this plan.

1) GPS Well Location: Latitude: 35 deg, 51 min, 38.129 sec
mcwb-7A Longitude: -106 deg, 16 min, 13.628 sec, NAD 83

2) Reason(s) for plugging well:

No longer needed. Study completed.

3) Was well used for any type of monitoring program? Yes If yes, please use section VII of this form to detail what hydrogeologic parameters were monitored. If the well was used to monitor contaminated or poor quality water, authorization from the New Mexico Environment Department may be required prior to plugging.

4) Does the well tap brackish, saline, or otherwise poor quality water? No If yes, provide additional detail, including analytical results and/or laboratory report(s):

5) Static water level: 44.75 feet below land surface / feet above land surface (circle one)

6) Depth of the well: 52 feet

- 7) Inside diameter of innermost casing: 3 inches.
- 8) Casing material: PVC
- 9) The well was constructed with:
☐ an open-hole production interval, state the open interval: _____
☒ a well screen or perforated pipe, state the screened interval(s): 37-47'
- 10) What annular interval surrounding the artesian casing of this well is cement-grouted? N/A
- 11) Was the well built with surface casing? No No If yes, is the annulus surrounding the surface casing grouted or otherwise sealed? No No If yes, please describe:

- 12) Has all pumping equipment and associated piping been removed from the well? Yes If not, describe remaining equipment and intentions to remove prior to plugging in Section VII of this form.

V. DESCRIPTION OF PLANNED WELL PLUGGING:

Note: If this plan proposes to plug an artesian well in a way other than with cement grout, placed bottom to top with a tremie pipe, a detailed diagram of the well showing proposed final plugged configuration shall be attached, as well as any additional technical information, such as geophysical logs, that are necessary to adequately describe the proposal.

- 1) Describe the method by which cement grout shall be placed in the well, or describe requested plugging methodology proposed for the well:

 Cement grout shall be tremie pumped from bottom to top of well casing. Well will then be overdrilled to 20' bgs. then regouted for the upper 20'.
- 2) Will well head be cut-off below land surface after plugging? Yes

VI. PLUGGING AND SEALING MATERIALS:

Note: The plugging of a well that taps poor quality water may require the use of a specialty cement or specialty sealant

- 1) For plugging intervals that employ cement grout, complete and attach Table A.
- 2) For plugging intervals that will employ approved non-cement based sealant(s), complete and attach Table B.
- 3) Theoretical volume of grout required to plug the well to land surface: _____
- 4) Type of Cement proposed: Bentonite cement grout (neat cement with 5% bentonite)
- 5) Proposed cement grout mix: 8.5 gallons of water per 94 pound sack of Portland cement.
- 6) Will the grout be: _____ batch-mixed and delivered to the site
X mixed on site

- 7) Grout additives requested, and percent by dry weight relative to cement:

5% Bentonite

- 8) Additional notes and calculations:

N/A

VII. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: List additional information below, or on separate sheet(s):

manb-7A was used for measuring groundwater as part of a water-balance study. The study is complete.

VIII. SIGNATURE:

I, Anthony Burgess, say that I have carefully read the foregoing Well Plugging Plan of Operations and any attachments, which are a part hereof; that I am familiar with the rules and regulations of the State Engineer pertaining to the plugging of wells and will comply with them, and that each and all of the statements in the Well Plugging Plan of Operations and attachments are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Anthony Burgess
Signature of Applicant

5/13/16
Date

IX. ACTION OF THE STATE ENGINEER:

This Well Plugging Plan of Operations is:

- ☒ Approved subject to the attached conditions.
☐ Not approved for the reasons provided on the attached letter.

Witness my hand and official seal this 24 day of June, 2016

Tom Blaine P.E., New Mexico State Engineer

By: Ramon Montez

TABLE A - For plugging intervals that employ cement grout. Start with deepest interval.

	Interval 1 – deepest	Interval 2	Interval 3 – most shallow
			Note: if the well is non-artesian and breaches only one aquifer, use only this column.
Top of proposed interval of grout placement (ft bgl)	N/A	N/A	0'
Bottom of proposed interval of grout placement (ft bgl)	N/A	N/A	15'
Theoretical volume of grout required per interval (gallons)	N/A	N/A	62 gal.
Proposed cement grout mix gallons of water per 94-lb. sack of Portland cement	N/A	N/A	8.5 gal. Up to 8.5 gallons <i>(initials)</i>
Mixed on-site or batch-mixed and delivered?	N/A	N/A	On site
Grout additive 1 requested	N/A	N/A	Bentonite
Additive 1 percent by dry weight relative to cement	-	N/A	5%
Grout additive 2 requested	N/A	N/A	N/A
Additive 2 percent by dry weight relative to cement	N/A	N/A	N/A

TABLE B - For plugging intervals that will employ approved non-cement based sealant(s). Start with deepest interval.

	Interval 1 – deepest	Interval 2	Interval 3 – most shallow
			Note: if the well is non-artesian and breaches only one aquifer, use only this column.
Top of proposed interval of sealant placement (ft bgl)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Bottom of proposed sealant or grout placement (ft bgl)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Theoretical volume of sealant required per interval (gallons)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Proposed abandonment sealant (manufacturer and trade name)	N/A	N/A	N/A



STATE OF NEW MEXICO OFFICE OF THE STATE ENGINEER

Tom Blaine, P.E.
District 6 Office, Santa Fe, NM

Well Plugging Plan of Operations **Conditions of Approval for RG-96153**

The U.S. Department of Energy / Los Alamos National Laboratory has identified 1 alluvial well as tabulated below. On the Well Plugging Plan of Operations received May 13, 2016, the applicant stated that the well is no longer needed as the study is completed. The applicant states that the casing will be pressure grouted with 5% bentonite enriched cement from total depth to 20 feet below ground surface (bgs) via tremie pipe. The well will then be overdrilled with a 9- inch (outside diameter) 4 1/4 (inside diameter) auger to a minimum of 20 feet bgs. 5% bentonite enriched cement will be used to fill the boring from 20 feet up to 2 feet bgs. The top 2 feet will be filled with concrete and mounded above the existing grade. Static water level is 44.75 feet, according to the applicant. There is no OSE record available for this test well. This test well was used for measuring groundwater as part of a water balance study. The study is complete and the well is no longer needed. Existing active wells that are in close proximity to the well(s) that are to be abandoned could possibly have communication during cementing operations. To reduce the likelihood of this scenario, the water to cement ratio can be reduced to 5.2 gallons of water per 94 pound sack of Portland cement.

Location: Los Alamos, New Mexico.

Approximate well coordinates: See tabulated data.

<u>Well Name</u>	<u>Inside diameter (inches)</u>	<u>Total depth (feet)</u>	<u>Latitude North</u>	<u>Longitude West</u>
RG-96153 (MCWB- 7 A)	3	52'	35°51'38.429	-106°16'13.628

Specific Plugging Conditions of Approval for 1 monitoring well for the U.S. Department of Energy / Los Alamos National Laboratory, Los Alamos County, New Mexico

1. Water well drilling and well drilling activities, including well plugging, are regulated under 19.27.4 NMAC, which requires any person engaged in the business of well drilling within New Mexico to obtain a Well Driller License issued by the New Mexico Office of the State Engineer (NMOSE). Therefore, the firm of a New Mexico licensed Well Driller shall perform the well plugging.
2. Placement of the sealant within the well shall be by pumping through a tremie pipe extended to near well bottom (based on sounding depth), and kept below top of the slurry column as the well is plugged from bottom-upwards in a manner that displaces the standing water column.
3. The use of up to 6% pure bentonite powder ("90 barrel yield") as an additive in cement is allowed under NMOSE/AWWA guidelines. Neither granular bentonite nor extended yield bentonite shall be mixed with cement. When supplementing a cement slurry with bentonite powder as requested, water demand for the mix increases at a rate of 0.65 gallons of water for each 1% increment of bentonite bdwc (by dry weight cement) above fundamental water demand of 5.2 gallons water per 94-lb. sack of cement. A 5% bentonite/cement slurry may therefore contain up to 8.5 gallons of water total per 94-lb. sack of cement / approximate 5-lb. bentonite increment, provided appropriate mixing order is maintained.

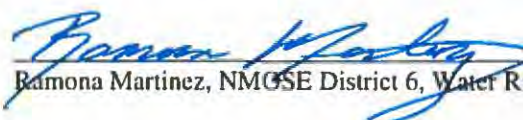
The bentonite shall be properly hydrated separately with its required increment of water, prior to being added into the cement mixture. If water is otherwise added to the combination of dry ingredients or the dry bentonite blended into wet cement, the hardness and alkalinity imparted to the mix water by the cement will restrict the ability of the bentonite powder to yield as expected, resulting in excess free water in the slurry and enhanced cement shrinkage upon curing.

4. Upon completion of plugging of the lower portion of the 3-inch well to the approximate 20-feet bags depth of actual overdrilling, the top of the 3-inch casing shall be severed within the bottom portion of the over-drilled hole prior to sealant being placed within the ID of the augers.
5. Sealant shall be kept up inside the augers during placement. The 4 1/4" x 9" augers shall be pulled out of the hole in such a manner that allows the sealant to remain inside the auger at all times, thus providing displacement to prevent borehole collapse. The 4 1/4" x 9" augers may not be pulled out of the hole prior to the sealant being placed.
6. Theoretical volume of sealant required for abandonment of the 3-inch (inside) diameter well is approximately .37 gallons per foot. Theoretical volume of sealant required for abandonment of the 9" (outside) diameter auger boring is 2.3 gallons per foot. Total theoretical volume of sealant required to fill the well is tabulated below. All cement mixture will contain no more than 5.2 gallons of water per 94 pound sack of cement. Total minimum amount of required sealant will be based on the sounding depth inside casing.

Well Name	Inside Diameter (Inches)	Total Depth (feet)	Volume (Cubic Feet)	Volume (Gallons)
MCWB-7 A	3	32	1.57	11.75
MCWB-7 A (Auger Boring)	9	20	8.84	66.10
Totals:			10.41	77.85

7. All surface completions (vaults) will be removed, if applicable. The top of the 3-inch casing will be severed within the bottom of the overdrilled portion of the hole and will be backfilled with sealant to 2 feet bgs. The remaining 2-feet will be filled with concrete to surface.
8. Should the NMED, or another regulatory agency sharing jurisdiction of the project authorize, or by regulation require a more stringent well plugging procedure than herein acknowledged, the more-stringent procedure should be followed. This, in part, includes provisions regarding pre-authorization to proceed, contaminant remediation, inspection, pulling/perforating of casing, or prohibition of free discharge of any fluid from the borehole during or related to the plugging process.
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10. A Well Plugging Record (available at: <http://www.osc.state.nm.us/STST/Forms/WD-11.pdf>) itemizing actual abandonment process and materials used shall be filed with the State Engineer (NMOSE, P.O. Box 25102 - 407 Galisteo Street - Room 102, Santa Fe, NM 87504-5102), within 20 days after completion of well plugging. Please attach a copy of these plugging conditions.

The NMOSE Well Plugging Plan of Operations dated May 13, 2016, with annotation, is hereby approved with the aforesaid conditions applied, when signed by an authorized designee of the State Engineer:


 Ramona Martinez, NMOSE District 6, Water Rights Division

Date: 6/24/16



WELL PLUGGING PLAN OF OPERATIONS



NOTE: A Well Plugging Plan of Operations shall be filed with and accepted by the Office of the State Engineer prior to plugging.

I. FILING FEE: There is no filing fee for this form.

II. GENERAL / WELL OWNERSHIP:

Existing Office of the State Engineer POD Number (Well Number) for well to be plugged: N/A 136-96154 (mcwb-78) (RM)
Name of well owner: Los Alamos National Laboratory
Mailing address: PO Box 1663
City: Los Alamos State: New Mexico Zip code: 87545
Phone number: 505-667-5931 E-mail: meverett@lanl.gov

III. WELL DRILLER INFORMATION:

Well Driller contracted to provide plugging services: Yellow Jacket Drilling Services
New Mexico Well Driller License No.: WD-1458 Expiration Date: 10-31-2016

IV. WELL INFORMATION:

Note: A copy of the existing Well Record for the well to be plugged should be attached to this plan.

- 1) GPS Well Location: Latitude: 35 deg, 51 min, 37.625 sec
mcwb-78 Longitude: -106 deg, 16 min, 13.706 sec, NAD 83
- 2) Reason(s) for plugging well:

No longer needed. Study completed.
- 3) Was well used for any type of monitoring program? Yes If yes, please use section VII of this form to detail what hydrogeologic parameters were monitored. If the well was used to monitor contaminated or poor quality water, authorization from the New Mexico Environment Department may be required prior to plugging.
- 4) Does the well tap brackish, saline, or otherwise poor quality water? No If yes, provide additional detail, including analytical results and/or laboratory report(s):
- 5) Static water level: 44.39 feet below land surface / feet above land surface (circle one)
- 6) Depth of the well: 48 feet

- 7) Inside diameter of innermost casing: 3 inches.
- 8) Casing material: PVC
- 9) The well was constructed with:
☐ an open-hole production interval, state the open interval: _____
☒ a well screen or perforated pipe, state the screened interval(s): 33-43'
- 10) What annular interval surrounding the artesian casing of this well is cement-grouted? N/A
- 11) Was the well built with surface casing? No No If yes, is the annulus surrounding the surface casing grouted or otherwise sealed? No No If yes, please describe:

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V. DESCRIPTION OF PLANNED WELL PLUGGING:

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- 2) Will well head be cut-off below land surface after plugging? Yes

VI. PLUGGING AND SEALING MATERIALS:

Note: The plugging of a well that taps poor quality water may require the use of a specialty cement or specialty sealant

- 1) For plugging intervals that employ cement grout, complete and attach Table A.
- 2) For plugging intervals that will employ approved non-cement based sealant(s), complete and attach Table B.
- 3) Theoretical volume of grout required to plug the well to land surface: _____
- 4) Type of Cement proposed: Bentonite cement grout (neat cement with 5% bentonite)
- 5) Proposed cement grout mix: 4.5 8.5 gallons of water per 94 pound sack of Portland cement.
- 6) Will the grout be: _____ batch-mixed and delivered to the site
_____ x mixed on site

- 7) Grout additives requested, and percent by dry weight relative to cement:

5% Bentonite

- 8) Additional notes and calculations:

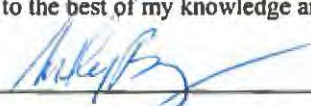
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VII. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: List additional information below, or on separate sheet(s):

manB-7B was used for measuring groundwater as part of a water-balance study. The study is complete.

VIII. SIGNATURE:

I, Anthony Burgess, say that I have carefully read the foregoing Well Plugging Plan of Operations and any attachments, which are a part hereof; that I am familiar with the rules and regulations of the State Engineer pertaining to the plugging of wells and will comply with them, and that each and all of the statements in the Well Plugging Plan of Operations and attachments are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.


Signature of Applicant

5/13/16
Date

IX. ACTION OF THE STATE ENGINEER:

This Well Plugging Plan of Operations is:

- ☒ Approved subject to the attached conditions.
☐ Not approved for the reasons provided on the attached letter.

Witness my hand and official seal this 24 day of June, 2016

Tom Blaine P.E., New Mexico State Engineer

By: 

TABLE A - For plugging intervals that employ cement grout. Start with deepest interval.

	Interval 1 – deepest	Interval 2	Interval 3 – most shallow
			Note: if the well is non-artesian and breaches only one aquifer, use only this column.
Top of proposed interval of grout placement (ft bgl)	N/A	N/A	0'
Bottom of proposed interval of grout placement (ft bgl)	N/A	N/A	15'
Theoretical volume of grout required per interval (gallons)	N/A	N/A	62 gal.
Proposed cement grout mix gallons of water per 94-lb. sack of Portland cement	N/A	N/A	6.5 gal. <i>Up to 8.5 Gallons</i>
Mixed on-site or batch-mixed and delivered?	N/A	N/A	On site
Grout additive 1 requested	N/A	N/A	Bentonite
Additive 1 percent by dry weight relative to cement	-	N/A	5%
Grout additive 2 requested	N/A	N/A	N/A
Additive 2 percent by dry weight relative to cement	N/A	N/A	N/A

TABLE B - For plugging intervals that will employ approved non-cement based sealant(s). Start with deepest interval.

	Interval 1 – deepest	Interval 2	Interval 3 – most shallow
			Note: if the well is non-artesian and breaches only one aquifer, use only this column.
Top of proposed interval of sealant placement (ft bgl)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Bottom of proposed sealant or grout placement (ft bgl)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Theoretical volume of sealant required per interval (gallons)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Proposed abandonment sealant (manufacturer and trade name)	N/A	N/A	N/A



STATE OF NEW MEXICO OFFICE OF THE STATE ENGINEER

Tom Blaine, P.E.
District 6 Office, Santa Fe, NM

Well Plugging Plan of Operations **Conditions of Approval for RG-96154**

The U.S. Department of Energy / Los Alamos National Laboratory has identified 1 alluvial well as tabulated below. On the Well Plugging Plan of Operations received May 13, 2016, the applicant stated that the well is no longer needed as the study is completed. The applicant states that the casing will be pressure grouted with 5% bentonite enriched cement from total depth to 20 feet below ground surface (bgs) via tremie pipe. The well will then be overdrilled with a 9- inch (outside diameter) 4 ¼ (inside diameter) auger to a minimum of 20 feet bgs. 5% bentonite enriched cement will be used to fill the boring from 20 feet up to 2 feet bgs. The top 2 feet will be filled with concrete and mounded above the existing grade. Static water level is 44.39 feet, according to the applicant. There is no OSE record available for this test well. This test well was used for measuring groundwater as part of a water balance study. The study is complete and the well is no longer needed. Existing active wells that are in close proximity to the well(s) that are to be abandoned could possibly have communication during cementing operations. To reduce the likelihood of this scenario, the water to cement ratio can be reduced to 5.2 gallons of water per 94 pound sack of Portland cement.

Location: Los Alamos, New Mexico.

Approximate well coordinates: See tabulated data.

<u>Well Name</u>	<u>Inside diameter (inches)</u>	<u>Total depth (feet)</u>	<u>Latitude North</u>	<u>Longitude West</u>
RG-96154 (MCWB- 7 B)	3	48'	35°51'37.625	-106°16'13.706

Specific Plugging Conditions of Approval for 1 monitoring well for the U.S. Department of Energy / Los Alamos National Laboratory, Los Alamos County, New Mexico

1. Water well drilling and well drilling activities, including well plugging, are regulated under 19.27.4 NMAC, which requires any person engaged in the business of well drilling within New Mexico to obtain a Well Driller License issued by the New Mexico Office of the State Engineer (NMOSE). Therefore, the firm of a New Mexico licensed Well Driller shall perform the well plugging.
2. Placement of the sealant within the well shall be by pumping through a tremie pipe extended to near well bottom (based on sounding depth), and kept below top of the slurry column as the well is plugged from bottom-upwards in a manner that displaces the standing water column.
3. The use of up to 6% pure bentonite powder ("90 barrel yield") as an additive in cement is allowed under NMOSE/AWWA guidelines. Neither granular bentonite nor extended yield bentonite shall be mixed with cement. When supplementing a cement slurry with bentonite powder as requested, water demand for the mix increases at a rate of 0.65 gallons of water for each 1% increment of bentonite bdwc (by dry weight cement) above fundamental water demand of 5.2 gallons water per 94-lb. sack of cement. A 5% bentonite/cement slurry may therefore contain up to 8.5 gallons of water total per 94-lb. sack of cement / approximate 5-lb. bentonite increment, provided appropriate mixing order is maintained.

The bentonite shall be properly hydrated separately with its required increment of water, prior to being added into the cement mixture. If water is otherwise added to the combination of dry ingredients or the dry bentonite blended into wet cement, the hardness and alkalinity imparted to the mix water by the cement will restrict the ability of the bentonite powder to yield as expected, resulting in excess free water in the slurry and enhanced cement shrinkage upon curing.

4. Upon completion of plugging of the lower portion of the 3-inch well to the approximate 20-foot bags depth of actual overdrilling, the top of the 3-inch casing shall be severed within the bottom portion of the over-drilled hole prior to sealant being placed within the ID of the augers.
5. Sealant shall be kept up inside the augers during placement. The 4 1/4" x 9" augers shall be pulled out of the hole in such a manner that allows the sealant to remain inside the auger at all times, thus providing displacement to prevent borehole collapse. The 4 1/4" x 9" augers may not be pulled out of the hole prior to the sealant being placed.
6. Theoretical volume of sealant required for abandonment of the 3-inch (inside) diameter well is approximately .37 gallons per foot. Theoretical volume of sealant required for abandonment of the 9" (outside) diameter auger boring is 2.3 gallons per foot. Total theoretical volume of sealant required to fill the well is tabulated below. All cement mixture will contain no more than 5.2 gallons of water per 94 pound sack of cement. Total minimum amount of required sealant will be based on the sounding depth inside casing.

<u>Well Name</u>	<u>Inside Diameter (Inches)</u>	<u>Total Depth (feet)</u>	<u>Volume (Cubic Feet)</u>	<u>Volume (Gallons)</u>
MCWB-7 B	3	28	1.37	10.28
MCWB-7 B (Auger Boring)	9	20	8.84	66.10
Totals:			10.21	76.38

7. All surface completions (vaults) will be removed, if applicable. The top of the 3-inch casing will be severed within the bottom of the overdrilled portion of the hole and will be backfilled with sealant to 2 feet bgs. The remaining 2-feet will be filled with concrete to surface.
8. Should the NMED, or another regulatory agency sharing jurisdiction of the project authorize, or by regulation require a more stringent well plugging procedure than herein acknowledged, the more-stringent procedure should be followed. This, in part, includes provisions regarding pre-authorization to proceed, contaminant remediation, inspection, pulling/perforating of casing, or prohibition of free discharge of any fluid from the borehole during or related to the plugging process.
9. NMOSE witnessing of the plugging will not be required, but shall be facilitated if a NMOSE observer is onsite. NMOSE witnessing may be requested during normal work hours by calling the District 6 NMOSE Office at 505-827-6120, at least 48-hours in advance. NMOSE inspection will occur dependant on personnel availability.
10. A Well Plugging Record (available at: <http://www.osc.state.nm.us/STST/Forms/WD-11.pdf>) itemizing actual abandonment process and materials used shall be filed with the State Engineer (NMOSE, P.O. Box 25102 - 407 Galisteo Street - Room 102, Santa Fe, NM 87504-5102), within 20 days after completion of well plugging. Please attach a copy of these plugging conditions.

The NMOSE Well Plugging Plan of Operations dated May 13, 2016, with annotation, is hereby approved with the aforesaid conditions applied, when signed by an authorized designee of the State Engineer:


 Ramona Martinez, NMOSE District 6, Water Rights Division

Date: 6/24/16



WELL PLUGGING PLAN OF OPERATIONS



NOTE: A Well Plugging Plan of Operations shall be filed with and accepted by the Office of the State Engineer prior to plugging.

I. FILING FEE: There is no filing fee for this form.

II. GENERAL / WELL OWNERSHIP:

Existing Office of the State Engineer POD Number (Well Number) for well to be plugged: N/A RG-96155 (MCWB-7.2) (RM)

Name of well owner: Los Alamos National Laboratory

Mailing address: PO Box 1663

City: Los Alamos State: New Mexico Zip code: 87545

Phone number: 505-667-5931 E-mail: meverett@lanl.gov

III. WELL DRILLER INFORMATION:

Well Driller contracted to provide plugging services: Yellow Jacket Drilling Services

New Mexico Well Driller License No.: WD-1458 Expiration Date: 10-31-2016

IV. WELL INFORMATION:

Note: A copy of the existing Well Record for the well to be plugged should be attached to this plan.

1) GPS Well Location: Latitude: 35 deg, 51 min, 37.846 sec
MCWB-7.2 Longitude: -106 deg, 16 min, 6.334 sec, NAD 83

2) Reason(s) for plugging well:

No longer needed. Study completed.

3) Was well used for any type of monitoring program? Yes If yes, please use section VII of this form to detail what hydrogeologic parameters were monitored. If the well was used to monitor contaminated or poor quality water, authorization from the New Mexico Environment Department may be required prior to plugging.

4) Does the well tap brackish, saline, or otherwise poor quality water? No If yes, provide additional detail, including analytical results and/or laboratory report(s):

5) Static water level: 68.15 feet below land surface / feet above land surface (circle one)

6) Depth of the well: 76 feet

- 7) Inside diameter of innermost casing: 3 inches.
- 8) Casing material: PVC
- 9) The well was constructed with:
☐ an open-hole production interval, state the open interval: _____
☒ a well screen or perforated pipe, state the screened interval(s): 51-71'
- 10) What annular interval surrounding the artesian casing of this well is cement-grouted? N/A
- 11) Was the well built with surface casing? No No If yes, is the annulus surrounding the surface casing grouted or otherwise sealed? No No If yes, please describe:

- 12) Has all pumping equipment and associated piping been removed from the well? Yes If not, describe remaining equipment and intentions to remove prior to plugging in Section VII of this form.

V. DESCRIPTION OF PLANNED WELL PLUGGING:

Note: If this plan proposes to plug an artesian well in a way other than with cement grout, placed bottom to top with a tremie pipe, a detailed diagram of the well showing proposed final plugged configuration shall be attached, as well as any additional technical information, such as geophysical logs, that are necessary to adequately describe the proposal.

- 1) Describe the method by which cement grout shall be placed in the well, or describe requested plugging methodology proposed for the well:

Cement grout shall be tremie pumped from bottom to top of well casing. Well will then be overdrilled to 20' bgs. then regouted for the upper 20'.

- 2) Will well head be cut-off below land surface after plugging? Yes

VI. PLUGGING AND SEALING MATERIALS:

Note: The plugging of a well that taps poor quality water may require the use of a specialty cement or specialty sealant

- 1) For plugging intervals that employ cement grout, complete and attach Table A.
- 2) For plugging intervals that will employ approved non-cement based sealant(s), complete and attach Table B.
- 3) Theoretical volume of grout required to plug the well to land surface: _____
- 4) Type of Cement proposed: Bentonite cement grout (neat cement with 5% bentonite)
- 5) Proposed cement grout mix: 0.5 8.5 gallons of water per 94 pound sack of Portland cement.
- 6) Will the grout be: _____ batch-mixed and delivered to the site
x mixed on site

- 7) Grout additives requested, and percent by dry weight relative to cement:

5% Bentonite

- 8) Additional notes and calculations:

N/A

VII. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: List additional information below, or on separate sheet(s):

MCWB-7.2 was used for measuring groundwater as part of a water-balance study. The study is complete.

VIII. SIGNATURE:

I, Anthony Burgess, say that I have carefully read the foregoing Well Plugging Plan of Operations and any attachments, which are a part hereof; that I am familiar with the rules and regulations of the State Engineer pertaining to the plugging of wells and will comply with them, and that each and all of the statements in the Well Plugging Plan of Operations and attachments are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.


Signature of Applicant

5/13/16
Date

IX. ACTION OF THE STATE ENGINEER:

This Well Plugging Plan of Operations is:

☒ Approved subject to the attached conditions.
☐ Not approved for the reasons provided on the attached letter.

Witness my hand and official seal this 24 day of June, 2016

Tom Blaine P.E., New Mexico State Engineer

By: 

TABLE A - For plugging intervals that employ cement grout. Start with deepest interval.

	Interval 1 – deepest	Interval 2	Interval 3 – most shallow
			Note: if the well is non-artesian and breaches only one aquifer, use only this column.
Top of proposed interval of grout placement (ft bgl)	N/A	N/A	0'
Bottom of proposed interval of grout placement (ft bgl)	N/A	N/A	15'
Theoretical volume of grout required per interval (gallons)	N/A	N/A	62 gal.
Proposed cement grout mix gallons of water per 94-lb. sack of Portland cement	N/A	N/A	6.5 gal. <i>Up to 8.5 Gallons</i>
Mixed on-site or batch-mixed and delivered?	N/A	N/A	On site
Grout additive 1 requested	N/A	N/A	Bentonite
Additive 1 percent by dry weight relative to cement	-	N/A	5%
Grout additive 2 requested	N/A	N/A	N/A
Additive 2 percent by dry weight relative to cement	N/A	N/A	N/A

TABLE B - For plugging intervals that will employ approved non-cement based sealant(s). Start with deepest interval.

	Interval 1 – deepest	Interval 2	Interval 3 – most shallow
			Note: if the well is non-artesian and breaches only one aquifer, use only this column.
Top of proposed interval of sealant placement (ft bgl)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Bottom of proposed sealant or grout placement (ft bgl)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Theoretical volume of sealant required per interval (gallons)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Proposed abandonment sealant (manufacturer and trade name)	N/A	N/A	N/A



STATE OF NEW MEXICO OFFICE OF THE STATE ENGINEER

Tom Blaine, P.E.
District 6 Office, Santa Fe, NM

Well Plugging Plan of Operations **Conditions of Approval for RG-96155**

The U.S. Department of Energy / Los Alamos National Laboratory has identified 1 alluvial well as tabulated below. On the Well Plugging Plan of Operations received May 13, 2016, the applicant stated that the well is no longer needed as the study is completed. The applicant states that the casing will be pressure grouted with 5% bentonite enriched cement from total depth to 20 feet below ground surface (bgs) via tremie pipe. The well will then be overdrilled with a 9- inch (outside diameter) 4 1/4 (inside diameter) auger to a minimum of 20 feet bgs. 5% bentonite enriched cement will be used to fill the boring from 20 feet up to 2 feet bgs. The top 2 feet will be filled with concrete and mounded above the existing grade. Static water level is 68.15 feet, according to the applicant. There is no OSE record available for this test well. This test well was used for measuring groundwater as part of a water balance study. The study is complete and the well is no longer needed. Existing active wells that are in close proximity to the well(s) that are to be abandoned could possibly have communication during cementing operations. To reduce the likelihood of this scenario, the water to cement ratio can be reduced to 5.2 gallons of water per 94 pound sack of Portland cement.

Location: Los Alamos, New Mexico.

Approximate well coordinates: See tabulated data.

<u>Well Name</u>	<u>Inside diameter (inches)</u>	<u>Total depth (feet)</u>	<u>Latitude North</u>	<u>Longitude West</u>
RG-96155 (MCWB- 7.2)	3	76'	35°51'37.846	-106°16'6.334

Specific Plugging Conditions of Approval for 1 monitoring well for the U.S. Department of Energy / Los Alamos National Laboratory, Los Alamos County, New Mexico

1. Water well drilling and well drilling activities, including well plugging, are regulated under 19.27.4 NMAC, which requires any person engaged in the business of well drilling within New Mexico to obtain a Well Driller License issued by the New Mexico Office of the State Engineer (NMOSE). Therefore, the firm of a New Mexico licensed Well Driller shall perform the well plugging.
2. Placement of the sealant within the well shall be by pumping through a tremie pipe extended to near well bottom (based on sounding depth), and kept below top of the slurry column as the well is plugged from bottom-upwards in a manner that displaces the standing water column.
3. The use of up to 6% pure bentonite powder ("90 barrel yield") as an additive in cement is allowed under NMOSE/AWWA guidelines. Neither granular bentonite nor extended yield bentonite shall be mixed with cement. When supplementing a cement slurry with bentonite powder as requested, water demand for the mix increases at a rate of 0.65 gallons of water for each 1% increment of bentonite bdwc (by dry weight cement) above fundamental water demand of 5.2 gallons water per 94-lb. sack of cement. A 5% bentonite/cement slurry may therefore contain up to 8.5 gallons of water total per 94-lb. sack of cement / approximate 5-lb. bentonite increment, provided appropriate mixing order is maintained.

The bentonite shall be properly hydrated separately with its required increment of water, prior to being added into the cement mixture. If water is otherwise added to the combination of dry ingredients or the dry bentonite blended into wet cement, the hardness and alkalinity imparted to the mix water by the cement will restrict the ability of the bentonite powder to yield as expected, resulting in excess free water in the slurry and enhanced cement shrinkage upon curing.

4. Upon completion of plugging of the lower portion of the 3-inch well to the approximate 20-foot bags depth of actual overdrilling, the top of the 3-inch casing shall be severed within the bottom portion of the over-drilled hole prior to sealant being placed within the ID of the augers.
5. Sealant shall be kept up inside the augers during placement. The 4 1/4" x 9" augers shall be pulled out of the hole in such a manner that allows the sealant to remain inside the auger at all times, thus providing displacement to prevent borehole collapse. The 4 1/4" x 9" augers may not be pulled out of the hole prior to the sealant being placed.
6. Theoretical volume of sealant required for abandonment of the 3-inch (inside) diameter well is approximately .37 gallons per foot. Theoretical volume of sealant required for abandonment of the 9" (outside) diameter auger boring is 2.3 gallons per foot. Total theoretical volume of sealant required to fill the well is tabulated below. All cement mixture will contain no more than 5.2 gallons of water per 94 pound sack of cement. Total minimum amount of required sealant will be based on the sounding depth inside casing.

<u>Well Name</u>	<u>Inside Diameter (Inches)</u>	<u>Total Depth (feet)</u>	<u>Volume (Cubic Feet)</u>	<u>Volume (Gallons)</u>
MCWB-7.2	3	56	2.75	20.56
MCWB-7.2 (Auger Boring)	9	20	8.84	66.10
Totals:			11.58	86.66

7. All surface completions (vaults) will be removed, if applicable. The top of the 3-inch casing will be severed within the bottom of the overdrilled portion of the hole and will be backfilled with sealant to 2 feet bgs. The remaining 2-feet will be filled with concrete to surface.
8. Should the NMED, or another regulatory agency sharing jurisdiction of the project authorize, or by regulation require a more stringent well plugging procedure than herein acknowledged, the more-stringent procedure should be followed. This, in part, includes provisions regarding pre-authorization to proceed, contaminant remediation, inspection, pulling/perforating of casing, or prohibition of free discharge of any fluid from the borehole during or related to the plugging process.
9. NMOSE witnessing of the plugging will not be required, but shall be facilitated if a NMOSE observer is onsite. NMOSE witnessing may be requested during normal work hours by calling the District 6 NMOSE Office at 505-827-6120, at least 48-hours in advance. NMOSE inspection will occur dependant on personnel availability.
10. A Well Plugging Record (available at: <http://www.osc.state.nm.us/STST/Forms/WD-11.pdf>) itemizing actual abandonment process and materials used shall be filed with the State Engineer (NMOSE, P.O. Box 25102 - 407 Galisteo Street - Room 102, Santa Fe, NM 87504-5102), within 20 days after completion of well plugging. Please attach a copy of these plugging conditions.

The NMOSE Well Plugging Plan of Operations dated May 13, 2016, with annotation, is hereby approved with the aforesaid conditions applied, when signed by an authorized designee of the State Engineer:


 Ramona Martinez, NMOSE District 6, Water Rights Division

Date: 6/24/16



WELL PLUGGING PLAN OF OPERATIONS



NOTE: A Well Plugging Plan of Operations shall be filed with and accepted by the Office of the State Engineer prior to plugging.

I. FILING FEE: There is no filing fee for this form.

II. GENERAL / WELL OWNERSHIP:

Existing Office of the State Engineer POD Number (Well Number) for well to be plugged: N/A BG-96156 (mcwb-9A)
Name of well owner: Los Alamos National Laboratory
Mailing address: PO Box 1663
City: Los Alamos State: New Mexico Zip code: 87545
Phone number: 505-667-5931 E-mail: meverett@lanl.gov

III. WELL DRILLER INFORMATION:

Well Driller contracted to provide plugging services: Yellow Jacket Drilling Services
New Mexico Well Driller License No.: WD-1458 Expiration Date: 10-31-2016

IV. WELL INFORMATION:

Note: A copy of the existing Well Record for the well to be plugged should be attached to this plan.

- 1) GPS Well Location: Latitude: 35 deg, 51 min, 39.193 sec
mcwb-9A Longitude: -106 deg, 15 min, 27.867 sec, NAD 83
- 2) Reason(s) for plugging well:

No longer needed. Study completed.
- 3) Was well used for any type of monitoring program? Yes If yes, please use section VII of this form to detail what hydrogeologic parameters were monitored. If the well was used to monitor contaminated or poor quality water, authorization from the New Mexico Environment Department may be required prior to plugging.
- 4) Does the well tap brackish, saline, or otherwise poor quality water? No If yes, provide additional detail, including analytical results and/or laboratory report(s):
- 5) Static water level: Day feet below land surface / feet above land surface (circle one)
- 6) Depth of the well: 75 feet

- 7) Inside diameter of innermost casing: 3 inches.
- 8) Casing material: PVC
- 9) The well was constructed with:
☐ an open-hole production interval, state the open interval: _____
☒ a well screen or perforated pipe, state the screened interval(s): 50-70'
- 10) What annular interval surrounding the artesian casing of this well is cement-grouted? N/A
- 11) Was the well built with surface casing? No No If yes, is the annulus surrounding the surface casing grouted or otherwise sealed? No No If yes, please describe:
- 12) Has all pumping equipment and associated piping been removed from the well? Yes If not, describe remaining equipment and intentions to remove prior to plugging in Section VII of this form.

V. DESCRIPTION OF PLANNED WELL PLUGGING:

Note: If this plan proposes to plug an artesian well in a way other than with cement grout, placed bottom to top with a tremie pipe, a detailed diagram of the well showing proposed final plugged configuration shall be attached, as well as any additional technical information, such as geophysical logs, that are necessary to adequately describe the proposal.

- 1) Describe the method by which cement grout shall be placed in the well, or describe requested plugging methodology proposed for the well:

Cement grout shall be tremie pumped from bottom to top of well casing. Well will then be overdrilled to 20' bgs. then regouted for the upper 20'.
- 2) Will well head be cut-off below land surface after plugging? Yes

VI. PLUGGING AND SEALING MATERIALS:

Note: The plugging of a well that taps poor quality water may require the use of a specialty cement or specialty sealant

- 1) For plugging intervals that employ cement grout, complete and attach Table A.
- 2) For plugging intervals that will employ approved non-cement based sealant(s), complete and attach Table B.
- 3) Theoretical volume of grout required to plug the well to land surface: _____
- 4) Type of Cement proposed: Bentonite cement grout (neat cement with 5% bentonite)
- 5) Proposed cement grout mix: 6.5 8.5 gallons of water per 94 pound sack of Portland cement.
- 6) Will the grout be: _____ batch-mixed and delivered to the site
X mixed on site

- 7) Grout additives requested, and percent by dry weight relative to cement:

5% Bentonite

- 8) Additional notes and calculations:

N/A

VII. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: List additional information below, or on separate sheet(s):

mcwb-9A was used for measuring groundwater as part of a water-balance study. The study is complete.

VIII. SIGNATURE:

I, Anthony Burgess, say that I have carefully read the foregoing Well Plugging Plan of Operations and any attachments, which are a part hereof; that I am familiar with the rules and regulations of the State Engineer pertaining to the plugging of wells and will comply with them, and that each and all of the statements in the Well Plugging Plan of Operations and attachments are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

[Signature]
Signature of Applicant

5/13/16

Date

IX. ACTION OF THE STATE ENGINEER:

This Well Plugging Plan of Operations is:

- ☒ Approved subject to the attached conditions.
☐ Not approved for the reasons provided on the attached letter.

Witness my hand and official seal this 24 day of June, 2016

Tom Blaine P.E., New Mexico State Engineer

By: [Signature]

TABLE A - For plugging intervals that employ cement grout. Start with deepest interval.

	Interval 1 – deepest	Interval 2	Interval 3 – most shallow
			Note: if the well is non-artesian and breaches only one aquifer, use only this column.
Top of proposed interval of grout placement (ft bgl)	N/A	N/A	0'
Bottom of proposed interval of grout placement (ft bgl)	N/A	N/A	15'
Theoretical volume of grout required per interval (gallons)	N/A	N/A	62 gal.
Proposed cement grout mix gallons of water per 94-lb. sack of Portland cement	N/A	N/A	6.5 gal. Up to RM 8.5 Gallons
Mixed on-site or batch-mixed and delivered?	N/A	N/A	On site
Grout additive 1 requested	N/A	N/A	Bentonite
Additive 1 percent by dry weight relative to cement	-	N/A	5%
Grout additive 2 requested	N/A	N/A	N/A
Additive 2 percent by dry weight relative to cement	N/A	N/A	N/A

TABLE B - For plugging intervals that will employ approved non-cement based sealant(s). Start with deepest interval.

	Interval 1 – deepest	Interval 2	Interval 3 – most shallow
			Note: if the well is non-artesian and breaches only one aquifer, use only this column.
Top of proposed interval of sealant placement (ft bgl)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Bottom of proposed sealant or grout placement (ft bgl)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Theoretical volume of sealant required per interval (gallons)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Proposed abandonment sealant (manufacturer and trade name)	N/A	N/A	N/A



STATE OF NEW MEXICO OFFICE OF THE STATE ENGINEER

Tom Blaine, P.E.
District 6 Office, Santa Fe, NM

Well Plugging Plan of Operations **Conditions of Approval for RG-96156**

The U.S. Department of Energy / Los Alamos National Laboratory has identified 1 alluvial well as tabulated below. On the Well Plugging Plan of Operations received May 13, 2016, the applicant stated that the well is no longer needed as the study is completed. The applicant states that the casing will be pressure grouted with 5% bentonite enriched cement from total depth to 20 feet below ground surface (bgs) via tremie pipe. The well will then be overdrilled with a 9- inch (outside diameter) 4 ¼ (inside diameter) auger to a minimum of 20 feet bgs. 5% bentonite enriched cement will be used to fill the boring from 20 feet up to 2 feet bgs. The top 2 feet will be filled with concrete and mounded above the existing grade. Static water level is dry, according to the applicant. There is no OSE record available for this test well. This test well was used for measuring groundwater as part of a water balance study. The study is complete and the well is no longer needed. Existing active wells that are in close proximity to the well(s) that are to be abandoned could possibly have communication during cementing operations. To reduce the likelihood of this scenario, the water to cement ratio can be reduced to 5.2 gallons of water per 94 pound sack of Portland cement.

Location: Los Alamos, New Mexico.

Approximate well coordinates: See tabulated data.

<u>Well Name</u>	<u>Inside diameter (inches)</u>	<u>Total depth (feet)</u>	<u>Latitude North</u>	<u>Longitude West</u>
RG-96156 (MCWB- 9 A)	3	75'	35°51'39.193	-106°15'27.867

Specific Plugging Conditions of Approval for 1 monitoring well for the U.S. Department of Energy / Los Alamos National Laboratory, Los Alamos County, New Mexico

1. Water well drilling and well drilling activities, including well plugging, are regulated under 19.27.4 NMAC, which requires any person engaged in the business of well drilling within New Mexico to obtain a Well Driller License issued by the New Mexico Office of the State Engineer (NMOSE). Therefore, the firm of a New Mexico licensed Well Driller shall perform the well plugging.
2. Placement of the sealant within the well shall be by pumping through a tremie pipe extended to near well bottom (based on sounding depth), and kept below top of the slurry column as the well is plugged from bottom-upwards in a manner that displaces the standing water column.
3. The use of up to 6% pure bentonite powder ("90 barrel yield") as an additive in cement is allowed under NMOSE/AWWA guidelines. Neither granular bentonite nor extended yield bentonite shall be mixed with cement. When supplementing a cement slurry with bentonite powder as requested, water demand for the mix increases at a rate of 0.65 gallons of water for each 1% increment of bentonite bdwc (by dry weight cement) above fundamental water demand of 5.2 gallons water per 94-lb. sack of cement. A 5% bentonite/cement slurry may therefore contain up to 8.5 gallons of water total per 94-lb. sack of cement / approximate 5-lb. bentonite increment, provided appropriate mixing order is maintained.

The bentonite shall be properly hydrated separately with its required increment of water, prior to being added into the cement mixture. If water is otherwise added to the combination of dry ingredients or the dry bentonite blended into wet cement, the hardness and alkalinity imparted to the mix water by the cement will restrict the ability of the bentonite powder to yield as expected, resulting in excess free water in the slurry and enhanced cement shrinkage upon curing.

4. Upon completion of plugging of the lower portion of the 3-inch well to the approximate 20-foot bags depth of actual overdrilling, the top of the 3-inch casing shall be severed within the bottom portion of the over-drilled hole prior to sealant being placed within the ID of the augers.
5. Sealant shall be kept up inside the augers during placement. The 4 1/4" x 9" augers shall be pulled out of the hole in such a manner that allows the sealant to remain inside the auger at all times, thus providing displacement to prevent borehole collapse. The 4 1/4" x 9" augers may not be pulled out of the hole prior to the sealant being placed.
6. Theoretical volume of sealant required for abandonment of the 3-inch (inside) diameter well is approximately .37 gallons per foot. Theoretical volume of sealant required for abandonment of the 9" (outside) diameter auger boring is 2.3 gallons per foot. Total theoretical volume of sealant required to fill the well is tabulated below. All cement mixture will contain no more than 5.2 gallons of water per 94 pound sack of cement. Total minimum amount of required sealant will be based on the sounding depth inside casing.

<u>Well Name</u>	<u>Inside Diameter (Inches)</u>	<u>Total Depth (feet)</u>	<u>Volume (Cubic Feet)</u>	<u>Volume (Gallons)</u>
MCWB-9 A	3	55	2.70	20.20
MCWB-9 A (Auger Boring)	9	20	8.84	66.10
Totals:			11.54	86.29

7. All surface completions (vaults) will be removed, if applicable. The top of the 3-inch casing will be severed within the bottom of the overdrilled portion of the hole and will be backfilled with sealant to 2 feet bgs. The remaining 2-feet will be filled with concrete to surface.
8. Should the NMED, or another regulatory agency sharing jurisdiction of the project authorize, or by regulation require a more stringent well plugging procedure than herein acknowledged, the more-stringent procedure should be followed. This, in part, includes provisions regarding pre-authorization to proceed, contaminant remediation, inspection, pulling/perforating of casing, or prohibition of free discharge of any fluid from the borehole during or related to the plugging process.
9. NMOSE witnessing of the plugging will not be required, but shall be facilitated if a NMOSE observer is onsite. NMOSE witnessing may be requested during normal work hours by calling the District 6 NMOSE Office at 505-827-6120, at least 48-hours in advance. NMOSE inspection will occur dependant on personnel availability.
10. A Well Plugging Record (available at: <http://www.ose.state.nm.us/STST/Forms/WD-11.pdf>) itemizing actual abandonment process and materials used shall be filed with the State Engineer (NMOSE, P.O. Box 25102 - 407 Galisteo Street - Room 102, Santa Fe, NM 87504-5102), within 20 days after completion of well plugging. Please attach a copy of these plugging conditions.

The NMOSE Well Plugging Plan of Operations dated May 13, 2016, with annotation, is hereby approved with the aforesaid conditions applied, when signed by an authorized designee of the State Engineer:


 Ramona Martinez, NMOSE District 6, Water Rights Division

Date: 6/24/16



WELL PLUGGING PLAN OF OPERATIONS



NOTE: A Well Plugging Plan of Operations shall be filed with and accepted by the Office of the State Engineer prior to plugging.

I. FILING FEE: There is no filing fee for this form.

II. GENERAL / WELL OWNERSHIP:

Existing Office of the State Engineer POD Number (Well Number) for well to be plugged: N/A **RG-96157 (MCWB-9B)**
Name of well owner: Los Alamos National Laboratory
Mailing address: PO Box 1663
City: Los Alamos State: New Mexico Zip code: 87545
Phone number: 505-667-5931 E-mail: meverett@lanl.gov

III. WELL DRILLER INFORMATION:

Well Driller contracted to provide plugging services: Yellow Jacket Drilling Services
New Mexico Well Driller License No.: WD-1458 Expiration Date: 10-31-2016

IV. WELL INFORMATION:

Note: A copy of the existing Well Record for the well to be plugged should be attached to this plan.

- 1) GPS Well Location: Latitude: 35 deg, 51 min, 37.841 sec
mcwb-9B Longitude: -106 deg, 15 min, 28.529 sec, NAD 83
- 2) Reason(s) for plugging well:

No longer needed. Study completed.
- 3) Was well used for any type of monitoring program? Yes If yes, please use section VII of this form to detail what hydrogeologic parameters were monitored. If the well was used to monitor contaminated or poor quality water, authorization from the New Mexico Environment Department may be required prior to plugging.
- 4) Does the well tap brackish, saline, or otherwise poor quality water? No If yes, provide additional detail, including analytical results and/or laboratory report(s):
- 5) Static water level: Dry feet below land surface / feet above land surface (circle one)
- 6) Depth of the well: 80 feet

- 7) Inside diameter of innermost casing: 3 inches.
- 8) Casing material: PVC
- 9) The well was constructed with:
☐ an open-hole production interval, state the open interval: _____
☒ a well screen or perforated pipe, state the screened interval(s): 55-75'
- 10) What annular interval surrounding the artesian casing of this well is cement-grouted? N/A
- 11) Was the well built with surface casing? No No If yes, is the annulus surrounding the surface casing grouted or otherwise sealed? No No If yes, please describe:

- 12) Has all pumping equipment and associated piping been removed from the well? Yes If not, describe remaining equipment and intentions to remove prior to plugging in Section VII of this form.

V. DESCRIPTION OF PLANNED WELL PLUGGING:

Note: If this plan proposes to plug an artesian well in a way other than with cement grout, placed bottom to top with a tremie pipe, a detailed diagram of the well showing proposed final plugged configuration shall be attached, as well as any additional technical information, such as geophysical logs, that are necessary to adequately describe the proposal.

- 1) Describe the method by which cement grout shall be placed in the well, or describe requested plugging methodology proposed for the well:

 Cement grout shall be tremie pumped from bottom to top of well casing. Well will then be overdrilled to 20' bgs. then regouted for the upper 20'.
- 2) Will well head be cut-off below land surface after plugging? Yes

VI. PLUGGING AND SEALING MATERIALS:

Note: The plugging of a well that taps poor quality water may require the use of a specialty cement or specialty sealant

- 1) For plugging intervals that employ cement grout, complete and attach Table A.
- 2) For plugging intervals that will employ approved non-cement based sealant(s), complete and attach Table B.
- 3) Theoretical volume of grout required to plug the well to land surface: _____
- 4) Type of Cement proposed: Bentonite cement grout (neat cement with 5% bentonite)
- 5) Proposed cement grout mix: 8.5 gallons of water per 94 pound sack of Portland cement.
- 6) Will the grout be: _____ batch-mixed and delivered to the site
x mixed on site

- 7) Grout additives requested, and percent by dry weight relative to cement:

5% Bentonite

- 8) Additional notes and calculations:

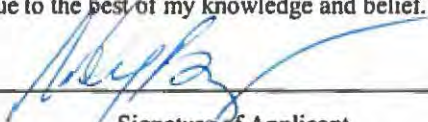
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VII. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: List additional information below, or on separate sheet(s):

mcwb-9B was used for measuring groundwater as part of a water-balance study. The study is complete.

VIII. SIGNATURE:

I, Anthony Burgess, say that I have carefully read the foregoing Well Plugging Plan of Operations and any attachments, which are a part hereof; that I am familiar with the rules and regulations of the State Engineer pertaining to the plugging of wells and will comply with them, and that each and all of the statements in the Well Plugging Plan of Operations and attachments are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.



Signature of Applicant

5/13/16

Date

IX. ACTION OF THE STATE ENGINEER:

This Well Plugging Plan of Operations is:

- ☒ Approved subject to the attached conditions.
☐ Not approved for the reasons provided on the attached letter.

Witness my hand and official seal this 24 day of June, 2016

Tom Blaine P.E., New Mexico State Engineer

By: 

TABLE A - For plugging intervals that employ cement grout. Start with deepest interval.

	Interval 1 – deepest	Interval 2	Interval 3 – most shallow
			Note: if the well is non-artesian and breaches only one aquifer, use only this column.
Top of proposed interval of grout placement (ft bgl)	N/A	N/A	0'
Bottom of proposed interval of grout placement (ft bgl)	N/A	N/A	15'
Theoretical volume of grout required per interval (gallons)	N/A	N/A	62 gal.
Proposed cement grout mix gallons of water per 94-lb. sack of Portland cement	N/A	N/A	6.5 gal. <i>up to 8.5 gallons</i>
Mixed on-site or batch-mixed and delivered?	N/A	N/A	On site
Grout additive 1 requested	N/A	N/A	Bentonite
Additive 1 percent by dry weight relative to cement	-	N/A	5%
Grout additive 2 requested	N/A	N/A	N/A
Additive 2 percent by dry weight relative to cement	N/A	N/A	N/A

TABLE B - For plugging intervals that will employ approved non-cement based sealant(s). Start with deepest interval.

	Interval 1 – deepest	Interval 2	Interval 3 – most shallow
			Note: if the well is non-artesian and breaches only one aquifer, use only this column.
Top of proposed interval of sealant placement (ft bgl)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Bottom of proposed sealant of grout placement (ft bgl)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Theoretical volume of sealant required per interval (gallons)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Proposed abandonment sealant (manufacturer and trade name)	N/A	N/A	N/A



STATE OF NEW MEXICO OFFICE OF THE STATE ENGINEER

Tom Blaine, P.E.
District 6 Office, Santa Fe, NM

Well Plugging Plan of Operations **Conditions of Approval for RG-96157**

The U.S. Department of Energy / Los Alamos National Laboratory has identified 1 alluvial well as tabulated below. On the Well Plugging Plan of Operations received May 13, 2016, the applicant stated that the well is no longer needed as the study is completed. The applicant states that the casing will be pressure grouted with 5% bentonite enriched cement from total depth to 20 feet below ground surface (bgs) via tremie pipe. The well will then be overdrilled with a 9- inch (outside diameter) 4 1/4 (inside diameter) auger to a minimum of 20 feet bgs. 5% bentonite enriched cement will be used to fill the boring from 20 feet up to 2 feet bgs. The top 2 feet will be filled with concrete and mounded above the existing grade. Static water level is dry, according to the applicant. There is no OSE record available for this test well. This test well was used for measuring groundwater as part of a water balance study. The study is complete and the well is no longer needed. Existing active wells that are in close proximity to the well(s) that are to be abandoned could possibly have communication during cementing operations. To reduce the likelihood of this scenario, the water to cement ratio can be reduced to 5.2 gallons of water per 94 pound sack of Portland cement.

Location: Los Alamos, New Mexico.

Approximate well coordinates: See tabulated data.

<u>Well Name</u>	<u>Inside diameter (inches)</u>	<u>Total depth (feet)</u>	<u>Latitude North</u>	<u>Longitude West</u>
RG-96157 (MCWB- 9 B)	3	80'	35°51'37.841	-106°16'28.524

Specific Plugging Conditions of Approval for 1 monitoring well for the U.S. Department of Energy / Los Alamos National Laboratory, Los Alamos County, New Mexico

1. Water well drilling and well drilling activities, including well plugging, are regulated under 19.27.4 NMAC, which requires any person engaged in the business of well drilling within New Mexico to obtain a Well Driller License issued by the New Mexico Office of the State Engineer (NMOSE). Therefore, the firm of a New Mexico licensed Well Driller shall perform the well plugging.
2. Placement of the sealant within the well shall be by pumping through a tremie pipe extended to near well bottom (based on sounding depth), and kept below top of the slurry column as the well is plugged from bottom-upwards in a manner that displaces the standing water column.
3. The use of up to 6% pure bentonite powder ("90 barrel yield") as an additive in cement is allowed under NMOSE/AWWA guidelines. Neither granular bentonite nor extended yield bentonite shall be mixed with cement. When supplementing a cement slurry with bentonite powder as requested, water demand for the mix increases at a rate of 0.65 gallons of water for each 1% increment of bentonite bdwc (by dry weight cement) above fundamental water demand of 5.2 gallons water per 94-lb. sack of cement. A 5% bentonite/cement slurry may therefore contain up to 8.5 gallons of water total per 94-lb. sack of cement / approximate 5-lb. bentonite increment, provided appropriate mixing order is maintained.

The bentonite shall be properly hydrated separately with its required increment of water, prior to being added into the cement mixture. If water is otherwise added to the combination of dry ingredients or the dry bentonite blended into wet cement, the hardness and alkalinity imparted to the mix water by the cement will restrict the ability of the bentonite powder to yield as expected, resulting in excess free water in the slurry and enhanced cement shrinkage upon curing.

4. Upon completion of plugging of the lower portion of the 3-inch well to the approximate 20-foot bags depth of actual overdrilling, the top of the 3-inch casing shall be severed within the bottom portion of the over-drilled hole prior to sealant being placed within the ID of the augers.
5. Sealant shall be kept up inside the augers during placement. The 4 1/4" x 9" augers shall be pulled out of the hole in such a manner that allows the sealant to remain inside the auger at all times, thus providing displacement to prevent borehole collapse. The 4 1/4" x 9" augers may not be pulled out of the hole prior to the sealant being placed.
6. Theoretical volume of sealant required for abandonment of the 3-inch (inside) diameter well is approximately .37 gallons per foot. Theoretical volume of sealant required for abandonment of the 9" (outside) diameter auger boring is 2.3 gallons per foot. Total theoretical volume of sealant required to fill the well is tabulated below. All cement mixture will contain no more than 5.2 gallons of water per 94 pound sack of cement. Total minimum amount of required sealant will be based on the sounding depth inside casing.

<u>Well Name</u>	<u>Inside Diameter (Inches)</u>	<u>Total Depth (feet)</u>	<u>Volume (Cubic Feet)</u>	<u>Volume (Gallons)</u>
MCWB-9 B	3	60	2.95	22.03
MCWB-9 B (Auger Boring)	9	20	8.84	66.10
Totals:			11.78	88.13

7. All surface completions (vaults) will be removed, if applicable. The top of the 3-inch casing will be severed within the bottom of the overdrilled portion of the hole and will be backfilled with sealant to 2 feet bgs. The remaining 2-feet will be filled with concrete to surface.
8. Should the NMED, or another regulatory agency sharing jurisdiction of the project authorize, or by regulation require a more stringent well plugging procedure than herein acknowledged, the more-stringent procedure should be followed. This, in part, includes provisions regarding pre-authorization to proceed, contaminant remediation, inspection, pulling/perforating of casing, or prohibition of free discharge of any fluid from the borehole during or related to the plugging process.
9. NMOSE witnessing of the plugging will not be required, but shall be facilitated if a NMOSE observer is onsite. NMOSE witnessing may be requested during normal work hours by calling the District 6 NMOSE Office at 505-827-6120, at least 48-hours in advance. NMOSE inspection will occur dependant on personnel availability.
10. A Well Plugging Record (available at: <http://www.osc.state.nm.us/STST/Forms/WD-11.pdf>) itemizing actual abandonment process and materials used shall be filed with the State Engineer (NMOSE, P.O. Box 25102 - 407 Galisteo Street - Room 102, Santa Fe, NM 87504-5102), within 20 days after completion of well plugging. Please attach a copy of these plugging conditions.

The NMOSE Well Plugging Plan of Operations dated May 13, 2016, with annotation, is hereby approved with the aforesaid conditions applied, when signed by an authorized designee of the State Engineer:


 Ramona Martinez, NMOSE District 6, Water Rights Division

Date: 6/24/16



WELL PLUGGING PLAN OF OPERATIONS



NOTE: A Well Plugging Plan of Operations shall be filed with and accepted by the Office of the State Engineer prior to plugging.

I. FILING FEE: There is no filing fee for this form.

II. GENERAL / WELL OWNERSHIP:

Existing Office of the State Engineer POD Number (Well Number) for well to be plugged: N/A **RG-96158 (mcwb-7.4A)** (RM)

Name of well owner: Los Alamos National Laboratory

Mailing address: PO Box 1663

City: Los Alamos State: New Mexico Zip code: 87545

Phone number: 505-667-5931 E-mail: meverett@lanl.gov

III. WELL DRILLER INFORMATION:

Well Driller contracted to provide plugging services: Yellow Jacket Drilling Services

New Mexico Well Driller License No.: WD-1458 Expiration Date: 10-31-2016

IV. WELL INFORMATION:

Note: A copy of the existing Well Record for the well to be plugged should be attached to this plan.

1) GPS Well Location: Latitude: 35 deg, 51 min, 38.614 sec
mcwb-7.4A Longitude: -106 deg, 16 min, 25.27 sec, NAD 83

2) Reason(s) for plugging well:

No longer needed. Study completed.

3) Was well used for any type of monitoring program? Yes If yes, please use section VII of this form to detail what hydrogeologic parameters were monitored. If the well was used to monitor contaminated or poor quality water, authorization from the New Mexico Environment Department may be required prior to plugging.

4) Does the well tap brackish, saline, or otherwise poor quality water? No If yes, provide additional detail, including analytical results and/or laboratory report(s):

5) Static water level: dry feet below land surface / feet above land surface (circle one)

6) Depth of the well: 70 feet

- 7) Inside diameter of innermost casing: 3 inches.
- 8) Casing material: PVC
- 9) The well was constructed with:
☐ an open-hole production interval, state the open interval: _____
☒ a well screen or perforated pipe, state the screened interval(s): 45-65'
- 10) What annular interval surrounding the artesian casing of this well is cement-grouted? N/A
- 11) Was the well built with surface casing? No No If yes, is the annulus surrounding the surface casing grouted or otherwise sealed? No No If yes, please describe:

- 12) Has all pumping equipment and associated piping been removed from the well? Yes If not, describe remaining equipment and intentions to remove prior to plugging in Section VII of this form.

V. DESCRIPTION OF PLANNED WELL PLUGGING:

Note: If this plan proposes to plug an artesian well in a way other than with cement grout, placed bottom to top with a tremie pipe, a detailed diagram of the well showing proposed final plugged configuration shall be attached, as well as any additional technical information, such as geophysical logs, that are necessary to adequately describe the proposal.

- 1) Describe the method by which cement grout shall be placed in the well, or describe requested plugging methodology proposed for the well:

Cement grout shall be tremie pumped from bottom to top of well casing. Well will then be overdrilled to 20' bgs. then regouted for the upper 20'.

- 2) Will well head be cut-off below land surface after plugging? Yes

VI. PLUGGING AND SEALING MATERIALS:

Note: The plugging of a well that taps poor quality water may require the use of a specialty cement or specialty sealant

- 1) For plugging intervals that employ cement grout, complete and attach Table A.
- 2) For plugging intervals that will employ approved non-cement based sealant(s), complete and attach Table B.
- 3) Theoretical volume of grout required to plug the well to land surface: _____
- 4) Type of Cement proposed: Bentonite cement grout (neat cement with 5% bentonite)
- 5) Proposed cement grout mix: ~~6.5~~ 8.5 gallons of water per 94 pound sack of Portland cement.
- 6) Will the grout be: _____ batch-mixed and delivered to the site
X mixed on site

- 7) Grout additives requested, and percent by dry weight relative to cement:

5% Bentonite

- 8) Additional notes and calculations:

N/A

VII. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: List additional information below, or on separate sheet(s):

mcwb-7.4 A was used for measuring groundwater as part of a water-balance study. The study is complete.

VIII. SIGNATURE:

I, Anthony Burgess, say that I have carefully read the foregoing Well Plugging Plan of Operations and any attachments, which are a part hereof; that I am familiar with the rules and regulations of the State Engineer pertaining to the plugging of wells and will comply with them, and that each and all of the statements in the Well Plugging Plan of Operations and attachments are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.


Signature of Applicant

5/13/16
Date

IX. ACTION OF THE STATE ENGINEER:

This Well Plugging Plan of Operations is:

☒ Approved subject to the attached conditions.
☐ Not approved for the reasons provided on the attached letter.

Witness my hand and official seal this 27 day of June, 2016

Tom Blaine P.E., New Mexico State Engineer

By: 

TABLE A - For plugging intervals that employ cement grout. Start with deepest interval.

	Interval 1 – deepest	Interval 2	Interval 3 – most shallow
			Note: if the well is non-artesian and breaches only one aquifer, use only this column.
Top of proposed interval of grout placement (ft bgl)	N/A	N/A	0'
Bottom of proposed interval of grout placement (ft bgl)	N/A	N/A	15'
Theoretical volume of grout required per interval (gallons)	N/A	N/A	62 gal.
Proposed cement grout mix gallons of water per 94-lb. sack of Portland cement	N/A	N/A	6.5 gal. <i>Up to 8.5 Gallons per</i>
Mixed on-site or batch-mixed and delivered?	N/A	N/A	On site
Grout additive 1 requested	N/A	N/A	Bentonite
Additive 1 percent by dry weight relative to cement	-	N/A	5%
Grout additive 2 requested	N/A	N/A	N/A
Additive 2 percent by dry weight relative to cement	N/A	N/A	N/A

TABLE B - For plugging intervals that will employ approved non-cement based sealant(s). Start with deepest interval.

	Interval 1 – deepest	Interval 2	Interval 3 – most shallow
			Note: if the well is non-artesian and breaches only one aquifer, use only this column.
Top of proposed interval of sealant placement (ft bgl)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Bottom of proposed sealant or grout placement (ft bgl)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Theoretical volume of sealant required per interval (gallons)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Proposed abandonment sealant (manufacturer and trade name)	N/A	N/A	N/A



STATE OF NEW MEXICO OFFICE OF THE STATE ENGINEER

Tom Blaine, P.E.
District 6 Office, Santa Fe, NM

Well Plugging Plan of Operations **Conditions of Approval for RG-96158**

The U.S. Department of Energy / Los Alamos National Laboratory has identified 1 alluvial well as tabulated below. On the Well Plugging Plan of Operations received May 13, 2016, the applicant stated that the well is no longer needed as the study is completed. The applicant states that the casing will be pressure grouted with 5% bentonite enriched cement from total depth to 20 feet below ground surface (bgs) via tremie pipe. The well will then be overdrilled with a 9- inch (outside diameter) 4 ¼ (inside diameter) auger to a minimum of 20 feet bgs. 5% bentonite enriched cement will be used to fill the boring from 20 feet up to 2 feet bgs. The top 2 feet will be filled with concrete and mounded above the existing grade. Static water level is dry, according to the applicant. There is no OSE record available for this test well. This test well was used for measuring groundwater as part of a water balance study. The study is complete and the well is no longer needed. Existing active wells that are in close proximity to the well(s) that are to be abandoned could possibly have communication during cementing operations. To reduce the likelihood of this scenario, the water to cement ratio can be reduced to 5.2 gallons of water per 94 pound sack of Portland cement.

Location: Los Alamos, New Mexico.

Approximate well coordinates: See tabulated data.

<u>Well Name</u>	<u>Inside diameter (inches)</u>	<u>Total depth (feet)</u>	<u>Latitude North</u>	<u>Longitude West</u>
RG-96158 (MCWB- 7.4 A)	3	70'	35°51'38.614	-106°16'2.527

Specific Plugging Conditions of Approval for 1 monitoring well for the U.S. Department of Energy / Los Alamos National Laboratory, Los Alamos County, New Mexico

1. Water well drilling and well drilling activities, including well plugging, are regulated under 19.27.4 NMAC, which requires any person engaged in the business of well drilling within New Mexico to obtain a Well Driller License issued by the New Mexico Office of the State Engineer (NMOSE). Therefore, the firm of a New Mexico licensed Well Driller shall perform the well plugging.
2. Placement of the sealant within the well shall be by pumping through a tremie pipe extended to near well bottom (based on sounding depth), and kept below top of the slurry column as the well is plugged from bottom-upwards in a manner that displaces the standing water column.
3. The use of up to 6% pure bentonite powder ("90 barrel yield") as an additive in cement is allowed under NMOSE/AWWA guidelines. Neither granular bentonite nor extended yield bentonite shall be mixed with cement. When supplementing a cement slurry with bentonite powder as requested, water demand for the mix increases at a rate of 0.65 gallons of water for each 1% increment of bentonite bdwc (by dry weight cement) above fundamental water demand of 5.2 gallons water per 94-lb. sack of cement. A 5% bentonite/cement slurry may therefore contain up to 8.5 gallons of water total per 94-lb. sack of cement / approximate 5-lb. bentonite increment, provided appropriate mixing order is maintained.

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4. Upon completion of plugging of the lower portion of the 3-inch well to the approximate 20-foot bags depth of actual overdrilling, the top of the 3-inch casing shall be severed within the bottom portion of the over-drilled hole prior to sealant being placed within the ID of the augers.
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6. Theoretical volume of sealant required for abandonment of the 3-inch (inside) diameter well is approximately .37 gallons per foot. Theoretical volume of sealant required for abandonment of the 9" (outside) diameter auger boring is 2.3 gallons per foot. Total theoretical volume of sealant required to fill the well is tabulated below. All cement mixture will contain no more than 5.2 gallons of water per 94 pound sack of cement. Total minimum amount of required sealant will be based on the sounding depth inside casing.

<u>Well Name</u>	<u>Inside Diameter (Inches)</u>	<u>Total Depth (feet)</u>	<u>Volume (Cubic Feet)</u>	<u>Volume (Gallons)</u>
MCWB-7.4 A	3	50	2.45	18.36
MCWB-7.4 A (Auger Boring)	9	20	8.84	66.10
Totals:			11.29	84.46

7. All surface completions (vaults) will be removed, if applicable. The top of the 3-inch casing will be severed within the bottom of the overdrilled portion of the hole and will be backfilled with sealant to 2 feet bgs. The remaining 2-feet will be filled with concrete to surface.
8. Should the NMED, or another regulatory agency sharing jurisdiction of the project authorize, or by regulation require a more stringent well plugging procedure than herein acknowledged, the more-stringent procedure should be followed. This, in part, includes provisions regarding pre-authorization to proceed, contaminant remediation, inspection, pulling/perforating of casing, or prohibition of free discharge of any fluid from the borehole during or related to the plugging process.
9. NMOSE witnessing of the plugging will not be required, but shall be facilitated if a NMOSE observer is onsite. NMOSE witnessing may be requested during normal work hours by calling the District 6 NMOSE Office at 505-827-6120, at least 48-hours in advance. NMOSE inspection will occur dependant on personnel availability.
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The NMOSE Well Plugging Plan of Operations dated May 13, 2016, with annotation, is hereby approved with the aforesaid conditions applied, when signed by an authorized designee of the State Engineer:


 Ramona Martinez, NMOSE District 6, Water Rights Division

Date: 6/27/16



WELL PLUGGING PLAN OF OPERATIONS



NOTE: A Well Plugging Plan of Operations shall be filed with and accepted by the Office of the State Engineer prior to plugging.

I. FILING FEE: There is no filing fee for this form.

II. GENERAL / WELL OWNERSHIP:

Existing Office of the State Engineer POD Number (Well Number) for well to be plugged: N/A **RG-96159 (mcwb-7.4B)**
Name of well owner: Los Alamos National Laboratory
Mailing address: PO Box 1663
City: Los Alamos State: New Mexico Zip code: 87545
Phone number: 505-667-5931 E-mail: meverett@lanl.gov

III. WELL DRILLER INFORMATION:

Well Driller contracted to provide plugging services: Yellow Jacket Drilling Services
New Mexico Well Driller License No.: WD-1458 Expiration Date: 10-31-2016

IV. WELL INFORMATION:

Note: A copy of the existing Well Record for the well to be plugged should be attached to this plan.

- 1) GPS Well Location: Latitude: 35 deg, 51 min, 37.015 sec
mcwb-7.4B Longitude: -106 deg, 16 min, 2.215 sec, NAD 83
- 2) Reason(s) for plugging well:

No longer needed. Study completed.
- 3) Was well used for any type of monitoring program? Yes If yes, please use section VII of this form to detail what hydrogeologic parameters were monitored. If the well was used to monitor contaminated or poor quality water, authorization from the New Mexico Environment Department may be required prior to plugging.
- 4) Does the well tap brackish, saline, or otherwise poor quality water? No If yes, provide additional detail, including analytical results and/or laboratory report(s):
- 5) Static water level: Dry feet below land surface / feet above land surface (circle one)
- 6) Depth of the well: 70 feet

- 7) Inside diameter of innermost casing: 3 inches.
- 8) Casing material: PVC
- 9) The well was constructed with:
☐ an open-hole production interval, state the open interval: _____
☒ a well screen or perforated pipe, state the screened interval(s): 45-65'
- 10) What annular interval surrounding the artesian casing of this well is cement-grouted? N/A
- 11) Was the well built with surface casing? No No If yes, is the annulus surrounding the surface casing grouted or otherwise sealed? No No If yes, please describe:

- 12) Has all pumping equipment and associated piping been removed from the well? Yes If not, describe remaining equipment and intentions to remove prior to plugging in Section VII of this form.

V. DESCRIPTION OF PLANNED WELL PLUGGING:

Note: If this plan proposes to plug an artesian well in a way other than with cement grout, placed bottom to top with a tremie pipe, a detailed diagram of the well showing proposed final plugged configuration shall be attached, as well as any additional technical information, such as geophysical logs, that are necessary to adequately describe the proposal.

- 1) Describe the method by which cement grout shall be placed in the well, or describe requested plugging methodology proposed for the well:

 Cement grout shall be tremie pumped from bottom to top of well casing. Well will then be overdrilled to 20' bgs. then regouted for the upper 20'.
- 2) Will well head be cut-off below land surface after plugging? Yes

VI. PLUGGING AND SEALING MATERIALS:

Note: The plugging of a well that taps poor quality water may require the use of a specialty cement or specialty sealant

- 1) For plugging intervals that employ cement grout, complete and attach Table A.
- 2) For plugging intervals that will employ approved non-cement based sealant(s), complete and attach Table B.
- 3) Theoretical volume of grout required to plug the well to land surface: _____
- 4) Type of Cement proposed: Bentonite cement grout (neat cement with 5% bentonite)
- 5) Proposed cement grout mix: 8.5 gallons of water per 94 pound sack of Portland cement.
- 6) Will the grout be: _____ batch-mixed and delivered to the site
X mixed on site

- 7) Grout additives requested, and percent by dry weight relative to cement:

5% Bentonite

- 8) Additional notes and calculations:


N/A

VII. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: List additional information below, or on separate sheet(s):

mcwb-7-4 B was used for measuring groundwater as part of a water-balance study. The study is complete.

VIII. SIGNATURE:

I, Anthony Burgess, say that I have carefully read the foregoing Well Plugging Plan of Operations and any attachments, which are a part hereof; that I am familiar with the rules and regulations of the State Engineer pertaining to the plugging of wells and will comply with them, and that each and all of the statements in the Well Plugging Plan of Operations and attachments are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.


Signature of Applicant

5/13/16
Date

IX. ACTION OF THE STATE ENGINEER:

This Well Plugging Plan of Operations is:

- ☒ Approved subject to the attached conditions.
☐ Not approved for the reasons provided on the attached letter.

Witness my hand and official seal this 27 day of June, 2016

Tom Blaine P.E., New Mexico State Engineer

By: 

TABLE A - For plugging intervals that employ cement grout. Start with deepest interval.

	Interval 1 – deepest	Interval 2	Interval 3 – most shallow Note: if the well is non-artesian and breaches only one aquifer, use only this column.
Top of proposed interval of grout placement (ft bgl)	N/A	N/A	0'
Bottom of proposed interval of grout placement (ft bgl)	N/A	N/A	15'
Theoretical volume of grout required per interval (gallons)	N/A	N/A	62 gal.
Proposed cement grout mix gallons of water per 94-lb. sack of Portland cement	N/A	N/A	6.5 gal. Up to 8.5 Gallons. <i>km</i>
Mixed on-site or batch-mixed and delivered?	N/A	N/A	On site
Grout additive 1 requested	N/A	N/A	Bentonite
Additive 1 percent by dry weight relative to cement	-	N/A	5%
Grout additive 2 requested	N/A	N/A	N/A
Additive 2 percent by dry weight relative to cement	N/A	N/A	N/A

TABLE B - For plugging intervals that will employ approved non-cement based sealant(s). Start with deepest interval.

	Interval 1 – deepest	Interval 2	Interval 3 – most shallow
			Note: if the well is non-artesian and breaches only one aquifer, use only this column.
Top of proposed interval of sealant placement (ft bgl)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Bottom of proposed sealant or grout placement (ft bgl)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Theoretical volume of sealant required per interval (gallons)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Proposed abandonment sealant (manufacturer and trade name)	N/A	N/A	N/A



STATE OF NEW MEXICO OFFICE OF THE STATE ENGINEER

Tom Blaine, P.E.
District 6 Office, Santa Fe, NM

Well Plugging Plan of Operations **Conditions of Approval for RG-96159**

The U.S. Department of Energy / Los Alamos National Laboratory has identified 1 alluvial well as tabulated below. On the Well Plugging Plan of Operations received May 13, 2016, the applicant stated that the well is no longer needed as the study is completed. The applicant states that the casing will be pressure grouted with 5% bentonite enriched cement from total depth to 20 feet below ground surface (bgs) via tremie pipe. The well will then be overdrilled with a 9- inch (outside diameter) 4 1/4 (inside diameter) auger to a minimum of 20 feet bgs. 5% bentonite enriched cement will be used to fill the boring from 20 feet up to 2 feet bgs. The top 2 feet will be filled with concrete and mounded above the existing grade. Static water level is dry, according to the applicant. There is no OSE record available for this test well. This test well was used for measuring groundwater as part of a water balance study. The study is complete and the well is no longer needed. Existing active wells that are in close proximity to the well(s) that are to be abandoned could possibly have communication during cementing operations. To reduce the likelihood of this scenario, the water to cement ratio can be reduced to 5.2 gallons of water per 94 pound sack of Portland cement.

Location: Los Alamos, New Mexico.

Approximate well coordinates: See tabulated data.

<u>Well Name</u>	<u>Inside diameter (inches)</u>	<u>Total depth (feet)</u>	<u>Latitude North</u>	<u>Longitude West</u>
RG-96159 (MCWB- 7.4 B)	3	70'	35°51'37.015	-106°16'2.315

Specific Plugging Conditions of Approval for 1 monitoring well for the U.S. Department of Energy / Los Alamos National Laboratory, Los Alamos County, New Mexico

1. Water well drilling and well drilling activities, including well plugging, are regulated under 19.27.4 NMAC, which requires any person engaged in the business of well drilling within New Mexico to obtain a Well Driller License issued by the New Mexico Office of the State Engineer (NMOSE). Therefore, the firm of a New Mexico licensed Well Driller shall perform the well plugging.
2. Placement of the sealant within the well shall be by pumping through a tremie pipe extended to near well bottom (based on sounding depth), and kept below top of the slurry column as the well is plugged from bottom-upwards in a manner that displaces the standing water column.
3. The use of up to 6% pure bentonite powder ("90 barrel yield") as an additive in cement is allowed under NMOSE/AWWA guidelines. Neither granular bentonite nor extended yield bentonite shall be mixed with cement. When supplementing a cement slurry with bentonite powder as requested, water demand for the mix increases at a rate of 0.65 gallons of water for each 1% increment of bentonite bdwc (by dry weight cement) above fundamental water demand of 5.2 gallons water per 94-lb. sack of cement. A 5% bentonite/cement slurry may therefore contain up to 8.5 gallons of water total per 94-lb. sack of cement / approximate 5-lb. bentonite increment, provided appropriate mixing order is maintained.

The bentonite shall be properly hydrated separately with its required increment of water, prior to being added into the cement mixture. If water is otherwise added to the combination of dry ingredients or the dry bentonite blended into wet cement, the hardness and alkalinity imparted to the mix water by the cement will restrict the ability of the bentonite powder to yield as expected, resulting in excess free water in the slurry and enhanced cement shrinkage upon curing.

4. Upon completion of plugging of the lower portion of the 3-inch well to the approximate 20-feet bags depth of actual overdrilling, the top of the 3-inch casing shall be severed within the bottom portion of the over-drilled hole prior to sealant being placed within the ID of the augers.
5. Sealant shall be kept up inside the augers during placement. The 4 1/4" x 9" augers shall be pulled out of the hole in such a manner that allows the sealant to remain inside the auger at all times, thus providing displacement to prevent borehole collapse. The 4 1/4" x 9" augers may not be pulled out of the hole prior to the sealant being placed.
6. Theoretical volume of sealant required for abandonment of the 3-inch (inside) diameter well is approximately .37 gallons per foot. Theoretical volume of sealant required for abandonment of the 9" (outside) diameter auger boring is 2.3 gallons per foot. Total theoretical volume of sealant required to fill the well is tabulated below. All cement mixture will contain no more than 5.2 gallons of water per 94 pound sack of cement. Total minimum amount of required sealant will be based on the sounding depth inside casing.

Well Name	Inside Diameter (Inches)	Total Depth (feet)	Volume (Cubic Feet)	Volume (Gallons)
MCWB-7.4 B	3	50	2.45	18.36
MCWB-7.4 B (Auger Boring)	9	20	8.84	66.10
Totals:			11.29	84.46

7. All surface completions (vaults) will be removed, if applicable. The top of the 3-inch casing will be severed within the bottom of the overdrilled portion of the hole and will be backfilled with sealant to 2 feet bgs. The remaining 2-feet will be filled with concrete to surface.
8. Should the NMED, or another regulatory agency sharing jurisdiction of the project authorize, or by regulation require a more stringent well plugging procedure than herein acknowledged, the more-stringent procedure should be followed. This, in part, includes provisions regarding pre-authorization to proceed, contaminant remediation, inspection, pulling/perforating of casing, or prohibition of free discharge of any fluid from the borehole during or related to the plugging process.
9. NMOSE witnessing of the plugging will not be required, but shall be facilitated if a NMOSE observer is onsite. NMOSE witnessing may be requested during normal work hours by calling the District 6 NMOSE Office at 505-827-6120, at least 48-hours in advance. NMOSE inspection will occur dependant on personnel availability.
10. A Well Plugging Record (available at: <http://www.ose.state.nm.us/STST/Forms/WD-11.pdf>) itemizing actual abandonment process and materials used shall be filed with the State Engineer (NMOSE, P.O. Box 25102 - 407 Galisteo Street - Room 102, Santa Fe, NM 87504-5102), within 20 days after completion of well plugging. Please attach a copy of these plugging conditions.

The NMOSE Well Plugging Plan of Operations dated May 13, 2016, with annotation, is hereby approved with the aforesaid conditions applied, when signed by an authorized designee of the State Engineer:


 Ramona Martinez, NMOSE District 6, Water Rights Division

Date: 6/27/16



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June 27, 2016

U.S Department of Energy/ Los Alamos National Laboratory
C/O Mark Everett
P.O Box 1663
Los Alamos, NM 87545

Re: Plugging Plans of Operation, LANL Wells RG-96160 thru RG-96165

Greetings:

After a review of the Well Plugging Plan of Operations submitted on May 13, 2016, The Office of the Engineer is returning a favorable approval with specific Plugging Conditions and has accepted the Plugging Plan submitted for filing.

Please return a completed Well Plugging Report that itemizes the actual abandonment process and materials used within 20 days after completion of well plugging. In addition, please include a copy of the approved Plugging Conditions enclosed.

Please address any questions via- telephone to Ramona Martinez at 505.827.6120 or via e-mail at Ramona.Martinez2@state.nm.us.

Sincerely,

Ramona Martinez
Water Rights Division
Office of the State Engineer



Enclosure
cc: file



WELL PLUGGING PLAN OF OPERATIONS



NOTE: A Well Plugging Plan of Operations shall be filed with and accepted by the Office of the State Engineer prior to plugging.

I. FILING FEE: There is no filing fee for this form.

II. GENERAL / WELL OWNERSHIP:

Existing Office of the State Engineer POD Number (Well Number) for well to be plugged: N/A **86-9460(mcwB-77A)**
Name of well owner: Los Alamos National Laboratory
Mailing address: PO Box 1663
City: Los Alamos State: New Mexico Zip code: 87545
Phone number: 505-667-5931 E-mail: meverett@lanl.gov

III. WELL DRILLER INFORMATION:

Well Driller contracted to provide plugging services: Yellow Jacket Drilling Services
New Mexico Well Driller License No.: WD-1458 Expiration Date: 10-31-2016

IV. WELL INFORMATION:

Note: A copy of the existing Well Record for the well to be plugged should be attached to this plan.

- 1) GPS Well Location: Latitude: 35 deg, 51 min, 39.913 sec
mcwB-7.7 A Longitude: -106 deg, 15 min, 59.849 sec, NAD 83
- 2) Reason(s) for plugging well:

No longer needed. Study completed.
- 3) Was well used for any type of monitoring program? Yes If yes, please use section VII of this form to detail what hydrogeologic parameters were monitored. If the well was used to monitor contaminated or poor quality water, authorization from the New Mexico Environment Department may be required prior to plugging.
- 4) Does the well tap brackish, saline, or otherwise poor quality water? No If yes, provide additional detail, including analytical results and/or laboratory report(s):
- 5) Static water level: 63.63 feet below land surface / feet above land surface (circle one)
- 6) Depth of the well: 67 feet

- 7) Inside diameter of innermost casing: 3 inches.
- 8) Casing material: PVC
- 9) The well was constructed with:
☐ an open-hole production interval, state the open interval: _____
☒ a well screen or perforated pipe, state the screened interval(s): 52-62'
- 10) What annular interval surrounding the artesian casing of this well is cement-grouted? N/A
- 11) Was the well built with surface casing? No No If yes, is the annulus surrounding the surface casing grouted or otherwise sealed? No No If yes, please describe:

- 12) Has all pumping equipment and associated piping been removed from the well? Yes If not, describe remaining equipment and intentions to remove prior to plugging in Section VII of this form.

V. DESCRIPTION OF PLANNED WELL PLUGGING:

Note: If this plan proposes to plug an artesian well in a way other than with cement grout, placed bottom to top with a tremie pipe, a detailed diagram of the well showing proposed final plugged configuration shall be attached, as well as any additional technical information, such as geophysical logs, that are necessary to adequately describe the proposal.

- 1) Describe the method by which cement grout shall be placed in the well, or describe requested plugging methodology proposed for the well:

 Cement grout shall be tremie pumped from bottom to top of well casing. Well will then be overdrilled to 20' bgs. then regouted for the upper 20'.
- 2) Will well head be cut-off below land surface after plugging? Yes

VI. PLUGGING AND SEALING MATERIALS:

Note: The plugging of a well that taps poor quality water may require the use of a specialty cement or specialty sealant

- 1) For plugging intervals that employ cement grout, complete and attach Table A.
- 2) For plugging intervals that will employ approved non-cement based sealant(s), complete and attach Table B.
- 3) Theoretical volume of grout required to plug the well to land surface: _____
- 4) Type of Cement proposed: Bentonite cement grout (neat cement with 5% bentonite)
- 5) Proposed cement grout mix: 6.5 8.5 gallons of water per 94 pound sack of Portland cement.
- 6) Will the grout be: _____ batch-mixed and delivered to the site
x mixed on site

7) Grout additives requested, and percent by dry weight relative to cement:

5% Bentonite

8) Additional notes and calculations:

N/A

VII. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: List additional information below, or on separate sheet(s):

MCWB-7.7A was used for measuring groundwater as part of a water-balance study. The study is complete.

VIII. SIGNATURE:

I, Anthony Burgess, say that I have carefully read the foregoing Well Plugging Plan of Operations and any attachments, which are a part hereof; that I am familiar with the rules and regulations of the State Engineer pertaining to the plugging of wells and will comply with them, and that each and all of the statements in the Well Plugging Plan of Operations and attachments are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Anthony Burgess
Signature of Applicant

5/13/16
Date

IX. ACTION OF THE STATE ENGINEER:

This Well Plugging Plan of Operations is:

☒ Approved subject to the attached conditions.
☐ Not approved for the reasons provided on the attached letter.

Witness my hand and official seal this 27 day of June, 2016

Tom Blaine P.E., New Mexico State Engineer

By: Benson Martin

TABLE A - For plugging intervals that employ cement grout. Start with deepest interval.

	Interval 1 – deepest	Interval 2	Interval 3 – most shallow
			Note: if the well is non-artesian and breaches only one aquifer, use only this column.
Top of proposed interval of grout placement (ft bgl)	N/A	N/A	0'
Bottom of proposed interval of grout placement (ft bgl)	N/A	N/A	15'
Theoretical volume of grout required per interval (gallons)	N/A	N/A	62 gal.
Proposed cement grout mix gallons of water per 94-lb. sack of Portland cement	N/A	N/A	65 gal. Up to max 8.5 gallons
Mixed on-site or batch-mixed and delivered?	N/A	N/A	On site
Grout additive 1 requested	N/A	N/A	Bentonite
Additive 1 percent by dry weight relative to cement	-	N/A	5%
Grout additive 2 requested	N/A	N/A	N/A
Additive 2 percent by dry weight relative to cement	N/A	N/A	N/A

TABLE B - For plugging intervals that will employ approved non-cement based sealant(s). Start with deepest interval.

	Interval 1 – deepest	Interval 2	Interval 3 – most shallow
			Note: if the well is non-artesian and breaches only one aquifer, use only this column.
Top of proposed interval of sealant placement (ft bgl)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Bottom of proposed sealant of grout placement (ft bgl)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Theoretical volume of sealant required per interval (gallons)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Proposed abandonment sealant (manufacturer and trade name)	N/A	N/A	N/A



STATE OF NEW MEXICO OFFICE OF THE STATE ENGINEER

Tom Blaine, P.E.
District 6 Office, Santa Fe, NM

Well Plugging Plan of Operations **Conditions of Approval for RG-96160**

The U.S. Department of Energy / Los Alamos National Laboratory has identified 1 alluvial well as tabulated below. On the Well Plugging Plan of Operations received May 13, 2016, the applicant stated that the well is no longer needed as the study is completed. The applicant states that the casing will be pressure grouted with 5% bentonite enriched cement from total depth to 20 feet below ground surface (bgs) via tremie pipe. The well will then be overdrilled to a minimum of 20 feet bgs. 5% bentonite enriched cement will be used to fill the boring from 20 feet up to 2 feet bgs. The top 2 feet will be filled with concrete and mounded above the existing grade. Static water level is 68.63 feet, according to the applicant. There is no OSE record available for this test well. This test well was not used as part of a monitoring program. Existing active wells that are in close proximity to the well(s) that are to be abandoned could possibly have communication during cementing operations. To reduce the likelihood of this scenario, the water to cement ratio can be reduced to 5.2 gallons of water per 94 pound sack of Portland cement.

Location: Los Alamos, New Mexico.

Approximate well coordinates: See tabulated data.

<u>Well Name</u>	<u>Inside diameter (inches)</u>	<u>Total depth (feet)</u>	<u>Latitude North</u>	<u>Longitude West</u>
RG-96160 (MCWB- 7.7 A)	3	67'	35°51'39.913	-106°15'54.849

Specific Plugging Conditions of Approval for 1 monitoring well for the U.S. Department of Energy / Los Alamos National Laboratory, Los Alamos County, New Mexico

1. Water well drilling and well drilling activities, including well plugging, are regulated under 19.27.4 NMAC, which requires any person engaged in the business of well drilling within New Mexico to obtain a Well Driller License issued by the New Mexico Office of the State Engineer (NMOSE). Therefore, the firm of a New Mexico licensed Well Driller shall perform the well plugging.
2. Placement of the sealant within the well shall be by pumping through a tremie pipe extended to near well bottom (based on sounding depth), and kept below top of the slurry column as the well is plugged from bottom-upwards in a manner that displaces the standing water column.
3. The use of up to 6% pure bentonite powder ("90 barrel yield") as an additive in cement is allowed under NMOSE/AWWA guidelines. Neither granular bentonite nor extended yield bentonite shall be mixed with cement.

When supplementing a cement slurry with bentonite powder as requested, water demand for the mix increases at a rate of 0.65 gallons of water for each 1% increment of bentonite bdwc (by dry weight cement) above fundamental water demand of 5.2 gallons water per 94-lb. sack of cement. A 5% bentonite/cement slurry may therefore contain up to 8.5 gallons of water total per 94-lb. sack of cement / approximate 5-lb. bentonite increment, provided appropriate mixing order is maintained.

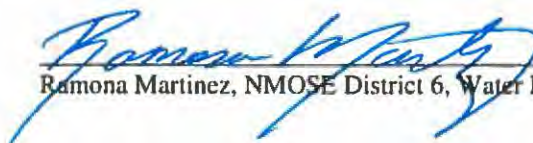
The bentonite shall be properly hydrated separately with its required increment of water, prior to being added into the cement mixture. If water is otherwise added to the combination of dry ingredients or the dry bentonite blended into wet cement, the hardness and alkalinity imparted to the mix water by the cement will restrict the ability of the bentonite powder to yield as expected, resulting in excess free water in the slurry and enhanced cement shrinkage upon curing.

4. Upon completion of plugging of the lower portion of the 3-inch well to the approximate 20-feet bags depth of actual overdrilling, the top of the 3-inch casing shall be severed within the bottom portion of the over-drilled hole prior to sealant being placed within the ID of the augers.
5. Sealant shall be kept up inside the augers during placement. The 4 1/4" x 9" augers shall be pulled out of the hole in such a manner that allows the sealant to remain inside the auger at all times, thus providing displacement to prevent borehole collapse. The 4 1/4" x 9" augers may not be pulled out of the hole prior to the sealant being placed.
6. Theoretical volume of sealant required for abandonment of the 3-inch (inside) diameter well is approximately .37 gallons per foot. Theoretical volume of sealant required for abandonment of the 9" (outside) diameter auger boring is 2.3 gallons per foot. Total theoretical volume of sealant required to fill the well is tabulated below. All cement mixture will contain no more than 5.2 gallons of water per 94 pound sack of cement. Total minimum amount of required sealant will be based on the sounding depth inside casing.

Well Name	Inside Diameter (Inches)	Total Depth (feet)	Volume (Cubic Feet)	Volume (Gallons)
MCWB-7.7 A	3	47	2.31	17.26
MCWB-7.7 A Auger Boring)	9	20	8.84	66.10
Totals:			11.14	83.35

7. All surface completions (vaults) will be removed, if applicable. The top of the 3-inch casing will be severed within the bottom of the overdrilled portion of the hole and will be backfilled with sealant to 2 feet bgs. The remaining 2-feet will be filled with concrete to surface.
8. Should the NMED, or another regulatory agency sharing jurisdiction of the project authorize, or by regulation require a more stringent well plugging procedure than herein acknowledged, the more-stringent procedure should be followed. This, in part, includes provisions regarding pre-authorization to proceed, contaminant remediation, inspection, pulling/perforating of casing, or prohibition of free discharge of any fluid from the borehole during or related to the plugging process.
9. NMOSE witnessing of the plugging will not be required, but shall be facilitated if a NMOSE observer is onsite. NMOSE witnessing may be requested during normal work hours by calling the District 6 NMOSE Office at 505-827-6120, at least 48-hours in advance. NMOSE inspection will occur dependant on personnel availability.
10. A Well Plugging Record (available at: <http://www.ose.state.nm.us/STST/Forms/WD-11.pdf>) itemizing actual abandonment process and materials used shall be filed with the State Engineer (NMOSE, P.O. Box 25102 - 407 Galisteo Street - Room 102, Santa Fe, NM 87504-5102), within 20 days after completion of well plugging. Please attach a copy of these plugging conditions.

The NMOSE Well Plugging Plan of Operations dated May 13, 2016, with annotation, is hereby approved with the aforesaid conditions applied, when signed by an authorized designee of the State Engineer:


 Ramona Martinez, NMOSE District 6, Water Rights Division

Date: 6/27/16



WELL PLUGGING PLAN OF OPERATIONS



NOTE: A Well Plugging Plan of Operations shall be filed with and accepted by the Office of the State Engineer prior to plugging.

I. FILING FEE: There is no filing fee for this form.

II. GENERAL / WELL OWNERSHIP:

Existing Office of the State Engineer POD Number (Well Number) for well to be plugged: N/A BG-96161 (MCWB-7.7B) (rm)

Name of well owner: Los Alamos National Laboratory

Mailing address: PO Box 1663

City: Los Alamos State: New Mexico Zip code: 87545

Phone number: 505-667-5931 E-mail: meverett@lanl.gov

III. WELL DRILLER INFORMATION:

Well Driller contracted to provide plugging services: Yellow Jacket Drilling Services

New Mexico Well Driller License No.: WD-1458 Expiration Date: 10-31-2016

IV. WELL INFORMATION:

Note: A copy of the existing Well Record for the well to be plugged should be attached to this plan.

- 1) GPS Well Location: Latitude: 35 deg, 51 min, 38.098 sec
MCWB-7.7B Longitude: -106 deg, 15 min, 54.611 sec, NAD 83
- 2) Reason(s) for plugging well:

No longer needed. Study completed.
- 3) Was well used for any type of monitoring program? Yes If yes, please use section VII of this form to detail what hydrogeologic parameters were monitored. If the well was used to monitor contaminated or poor quality water, authorization from the New Mexico Environment Department may be required prior to plugging.
- 4) Does the well tap brackish, saline, or otherwise poor quality water? No If yes, provide additional detail, including analytical results and/or laboratory report(s):
- 5) Static water level: Dry feet below land surface / feet above land surface (circle one)
- 6) Depth of the well: 70 feet

- 7) Inside diameter of innermost casing: 3 inches.
- 8) Casing material: PVC
- 9) The well was constructed with:
☐ an open-hole production interval, state the open interval: _____
☒ a well screen or perforated pipe, state the screened interval(s): 55-65'
- 10) What annular interval surrounding the artesian casing of this well is cement-grouted? N/A
- 11) Was the well built with surface casing? No No If yes, is the annulus surrounding the surface casing grouted or otherwise sealed? No No If yes, please describe:

- 12) Has all pumping equipment and associated piping been removed from the well? Yes If not, describe remaining equipment and intentions to remove prior to plugging in Section VII of this form.

V. DESCRIPTION OF PLANNED WELL PLUGGING:

Note: If this plan proposes to plug an artesian well in a way other than with cement grout, placed bottom to top with a tremie pipe, a detailed diagram of the well showing proposed final plugged configuration shall be attached, as well as any additional technical information, such as geophysical logs, that are necessary to adequately describe the proposal.

- 1) Describe the method by which cement grout shall be placed in the well, or describe requested plugging methodology proposed for the well:

 Cement grout shall be tremie pumped from bottom to top of well casing. Well will then be overdrilled to 20' bgs. then regouted for the upper 20'.
- 2) Will well head be cut-off below land surface after plugging? Yes

VI. PLUGGING AND SEALING MATERIALS:

Note: The plugging of a well that taps poor quality water may require the use of a specialty cement or specialty sealant

- 1) For plugging intervals that employ cement grout, complete and attach Table A.
- 2) For plugging intervals that will employ approved non-cement based sealant(s), complete and attach Table B.
- 3) Theoretical volume of grout required to plug the well to land surface: _____
- 4) Type of Cement proposed: Bentonite cement grout (neat cement with 5% bentonite)
- 5) Proposed cement grout mix: to 8.5 gallons of water per 94 pound sack of Portland cement.
- 6) Will the grout be: _____ batch-mixed and delivered to the site
 x mixed on site

- 7) Grout additives requested, and percent by dry weight relative to cement:

5% Bentonite

- 8) Additional notes and calculations:

N/A

VII. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: List additional information below, or on separate sheet(s):

mwB-7.7 B was used for measuring groundwater as part of a water-balance study. The study is complete.

VIII. SIGNATURE:

I, Anthony Burgess, say that I have carefully read the foregoing Well Plugging Plan of Operations and any attachments, which are a part hereof; that I am familiar with the rules and regulations of the State Engineer pertaining to the plugging of wells and will comply with them, and that each and all of the statements in the Well Plugging Plan of Operations and attachments are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

[Signature]
Signature of Applicant

5/13/16
Date

IX. ACTION OF THE STATE ENGINEER:

This Well Plugging Plan of Operations is:

- ☒ Approved subject to the attached conditions.
☐ Not approved for the reasons provided on the attached letter.

Witness my hand and official seal this 27 day of June, 2016

Tom Blaine P.E., New Mexico State Engineer

By: [Signature]

TABLE A - For plugging intervals that employ cement grout. Start with deepest interval.

	Interval 1 – deepest	Interval 2	Interval 3 – most shallow Note: if the well is non-artesian and breaches only one aquifer, use only this column.
Top of proposed interval of grout placement (ft bgl)	N/A	N/A	0'
Bottom of proposed interval of grout placement (ft bgl)	N/A	N/A	15'
Theoretical volume of grout required per interval (gallons)	N/A	N/A	62 gal.
Proposed cement grout mix gallons of water per 94-lb. sack of Portland cement	N/A	N/A	65 gal. <i>Up to 8.5 Gallons</i> pm
Mixed on-site or batch-mixed and delivered?	N/A	N/A	On site
Grout additive 1 requested	N/A	N/A	Bentonite
Additive 1 percent by dry weight relative to cement	-	N/A	5%
Grout additive 2 requested	N/A	N/A	N/A
Additive 2 percent by dry weight relative to cement	N/A	N/A	N/A

TABLE B - For plugging intervals that will employ approved non-cement based sealant(s). Start with deepest interval.

	Interval 1 – deepest	Interval 2	Interval 3 – most shallow
			Note: if the well is non-artesian and breaches only one aquifer, use only this column.
Top of proposed interval of sealant placement (ft bgl)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Bottom of proposed sealant or grout placement (ft bgl)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Theoretical volume of sealant required per interval (gallons)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Proposed abandonment sealant (manufacturer and trade name)	N/A	N/A	N/A



STATE OF NEW MEXICO OFFICE OF THE STATE ENGINEER

Tom Blaine, P.E.
District 6 Office, Santa Fe, NM

Well Plugging Plan of Operations **Conditions of Approval for RG-96161**

The U.S. Department of Energy / Los Alamos National Laboratory has identified 1 alluvial well as tabulated below. On the Well Plugging Plan of Operations received May 13, 2016, the applicant stated that the well is no longer needed as the study is completed. The applicant states that the casing will be pressure grouted with 5% bentonite enriched cement from total depth to 20 feet below ground surface (bgs) via tremie pipe. The well will then be overdrilled with a 9- inch (outside diameter) 4 1/4 (inside diameter) auger to a minimum of 20 feet bgs. 5% bentonite enriched cement will be used to fill the boring from 20 feet up to 2 feet bgs. The top 2 feet will be filled with concrete and mounded above the existing grade. Static water level is dry, according to the applicant. There is no OSE record available for this test well. This test well was used for measuring groundwater as part of a water balance study. The study is complete and the well is no longer needed. Existing active wells that are in close proximity to the well(s) that are to be abandoned could possibly have communication during cementing operations. To reduce the likelihood of this scenario, the water to cement ratio can be reduced to 5.2 gallons of water per 94 pound sack of Portland cement.

Location: Los Alamos, New Mexico.

Approximate well coordinates: See tabulated data.

<u>Well Name</u>	<u>Inside diameter (inches)</u>	<u>Total depth (feet)</u>	<u>Latitude North</u>	<u>Longitude West</u>
RG-96162 (MCWB- 7.7 B)	3	70'	35°51'38.098	-106°15'54.611

Specific Plugging Conditions of Approval for 1 monitoring well for the U.S. Department of Energy / Los Alamos National Laboratory, Los Alamos County, New Mexico

1. Water well drilling and well drilling activities, including well plugging, are regulated under 19.27.4 NMAC, which requires any person engaged in the business of well drilling within New Mexico to obtain a Well Driller License issued by the New Mexico Office of the State Engineer (NMOSE). Therefore, the firm of a New Mexico licensed Well Driller shall perform the well plugging.
2. Placement of the sealant within the well shall be by pumping through a tremie pipe extended to near well bottom (based on sounding depth), and kept below top of the slurry column as the well is plugged from bottom-upwards in a manner that displaces the standing water column.
3. The use of up to 6% pure bentonite powder ("90 barrel yield") as an additive in cement is allowed under NMOSE/AWWA guidelines. Neither granular bentonite nor extended yield bentonite shall be mixed with cement. When supplementing a cement slurry with bentonite powder as requested, water demand for the mix increases at a rate of 0.65 gallons of water for each 1% increment of bentonite bdwc (by dry weight cement) above fundamental water demand of 5.2 gallons water per 94-lb. sack of cement. A 5% bentonite/cement slurry may therefore contain up to 8.5 gallons of water total per 94-lb. sack of cement / approximate 5-lb. bentonite increment, provided appropriate mixing order is maintained.

The bentonite shall be properly hydrated separately with its required increment of water, prior to being added into the cement mixture. If water is otherwise added to the combination of dry ingredients or the dry bentonite blended into wet cement, the hardness and alkalinity imparted to the mix water by the cement will restrict the ability of the bentonite powder to yield as expected, resulting in excess free water in the slurry and enhanced cement shrinkage upon curing.

4. Upon completion of plugging of the lower portion of the 3-inch well to the approximate 20-foot bags depth of actual overdrilling, the top of the 3-inch casing shall be severed within the bottom portion of the over-drilled hole prior to sealant being placed within the ID of the augers.
5. Sealant shall be kept up inside the augers during placement. The 4 1/4" x 9" augers shall be pulled out of the hole in such a manner that allows the sealant to remain inside the auger at all times, thus providing displacement to prevent borehole collapse. The 4 1/4" x 9" augers may not be pulled out of the hole prior to the sealant being placed.
6. Theoretical volume of sealant required for abandonment of the 3-inch (inside) diameter well is approximately .37 gallons per foot. Theoretical volume of sealant required for abandonment of the 9" (outside) diameter auger boring is 2.3 gallons per foot. Total theoretical volume of sealant required to fill the well is tabulated below. All cement mixture will contain no more than 5.2 gallons of water per 94 pound sack of cement. Total minimum amount of required sealant will be based on the sounding depth inside casing.

<u>Well Name</u>	<u>Inside Diameter (Inches)</u>	<u>Total Depth (feet)</u>	<u>Volume (Cubic Feet)</u>	<u>Volume (Gallons)</u>
MCWB-7.7 B	3	50	2.45	18.36
MCWB-7.7 B (Auger Boring)	9	20	8.84	66.10
Totals:			11.29	84.46

7. All surface completions (vaults) will be removed, if applicable. The top of the 3-inch casing will be severed within the bottom of the overdrilled portion of the hole and will be backfilled with sealant to 2 feet bgs. The remaining 2-feet will be filled with concrete to surface.
8. Should the NMED, or another regulatory agency sharing jurisdiction of the project authorize, or by regulation require a more stringent well plugging procedure than herein acknowledged, the more-stringent procedure should be followed. This, in part, includes provisions regarding pre-authorization to proceed, contaminant remediation, inspection, pulling/perforating of casing, or prohibition of free discharge of any fluid from the borehole during or related to the plugging process.
9. NMOSE witnessing of the plugging will not be required, but shall be facilitated if a NMOSE observer is onsite. NMOSE witnessing may be requested during normal work hours by calling the District 6 NMOSE Office at 505-827-6120, at least 48-hours in advance. NMOSE inspection will occur dependant on personnel availability.
10. A Well Plugging Record (available at: <http://www.osg.state.nm.us/STST/Forms/WD-11.pdf>) itemizing actual abandonment process and materials used shall be filed with the State Engineer (NMOSE, P.O. Box 25102 - 407 Galisteo Street - Room 102, Santa Fe, NM 87504-5102), within 20 days after completion of well plugging. Please attach a copy of these plugging conditions.

The NMOSE Well Plugging Plan of Operations dated May 13, 2016, with annotation, is hereby approved with the aforesaid conditions applied, when signed by an authorized designee of the State Engineer:


 Ramona Martinez, NMOSE District 6, Water Rights Division

Date: 6/27/16



WELL PLUGGING PLAN OF OPERATIONS



NOTE: A Well Plugging Plan of Operations shall be filed with and accepted by the Office of the State Engineer prior to plugging.

I. FILING FEE: There is no filing fee for this form.

II. GENERAL / WELL OWNERSHIP:

Existing Office of the State Engineer POD Number (Well Number) for well to be plugged: N/A **86-96162 (MCWB-8.1A)** (2A)

Name of well owner: Los Alamos National Laboratory

Mailing address: PO Box 1663

City: Los Alamos State: New Mexico Zip code: 87545

Phone number: 505-667-5931 E-mail: meverett@lanl.gov

III. WELL DRILLER INFORMATION:

Well Driller contracted to provide plugging services: Yellow Jacket Drilling Services

New Mexico Well Driller License No.: WD-1458 Expiration Date: 10-31-2016

IV. WELL INFORMATION:

Note: A copy of the existing Well Record for the well to be plugged should be attached to this plan.

1) GPS Well Location: Latitude: 35 deg, 51 min, 39.947 sec
MCWB-8.1A Longitude: -106 deg, 15 min, 46.951 sec, NAD 83

2) Reason(s) for plugging well:

No longer needed. Study completed.

3) Was well used for any type of monitoring program? Yes If yes, please use section VII of this form to detail what hydrogeologic parameters were monitored. If the well was used to monitor contaminated or poor quality water, authorization from the New Mexico Environment Department may be required prior to plugging.

4) Does the well tap brackish, saline, or otherwise poor quality water? No If yes, provide additional detail, including analytical results and/or laboratory report(s):

5) Static water level: dry feet below land surface / feet above land surface (circle one)

6) Depth of the well: 75 feet

- 7) Inside diameter of innermost casing: 3 inches.
- 8) Casing material: PVC
- 9) The well was constructed with:
☐ an open-hole production interval, state the open interval: _____
☒ a well screen or perforated pipe, state the screened interval(s): 50-70'
- 10) What annular interval surrounding the artesian casing of this well is cement-grouted? N/A
- 11) Was the well built with surface casing? No No If yes, is the annulus surrounding the surface casing grouted or otherwise sealed? No No If yes, please describe:
- 12) Has all pumping equipment and associated piping been removed from the well? Yes If not, describe remaining equipment and intentions to remove prior to plugging in Section VII of this form.

V. DESCRIPTION OF PLANNED WELL PLUGGING:

Note: If this plan proposes to plug an artesian well in a way other than with cement grout, placed bottom to top with a tremie pipe, a detailed diagram of the well showing proposed final plugged configuration shall be attached, as well as any additional technical information, such as geophysical logs, that are necessary to adequately describe the proposal.

- 1) Describe the method by which cement grout shall be placed in the well, or describe requested plugging methodology proposed for the well:

Cement grout shall be tremie pumped from bottom to top of well casing. Well will then be overdrilled to 20' bgs. then regouted for the upper 20'.
- 2) Will well head be cut-off below land surface after plugging? Yes

VI. PLUGGING AND SEALING MATERIALS:

Note: The plugging of a well that taps poor quality water may require the use of a specialty cement or specialty sealant

- 1) For plugging intervals that employ cement grout, complete and attach Table A.
- 2) For plugging intervals that will employ approved non-cement based sealant(s), complete and attach Table B.
- 3) Theoretical volume of grout required to plug the well to land surface: _____
- 4) Type of Cement proposed: Bentonite cement grout (neat cement with 5% bentonite)
- 5) Proposed cement grout mix: 6.5 8.5 gallons of water per 94 pound sack of Portland cement.
- 6) Will the grout be: _____ batch-mixed and delivered to the site
x mixed on site

- 7) Grout additives requested, and percent by dry weight relative to cement:

5% Bentonite

- 8) Additional notes and calculations:

N/A

VII. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: List additional information below, or on separate sheet(s):

mcwb- B.1A was used for measuring groundwater as part of a water-balance study. The study is complete.

VIII. SIGNATURE:

I, Anthony Burgess, say that I have carefully read the foregoing Well Plugging Plan of Operations and any attachments, which are a part hereof; that I am familiar with the rules and regulations of the State Engineer pertaining to the plugging of wells and will comply with them, and that each and all of the statements in the Well Plugging Plan of Operations and attachments are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.


Signature of Applicant

5/13/16
Date

IX. ACTION OF THE STATE ENGINEER:

This Well Plugging Plan of Operations is:

- ☒ Approved subject to the attached conditions.
☐ Not approved for the reasons provided on the attached letter.

Witness my hand and official seal this 27 day of June, 2016

Tom Blaine P.E., New Mexico State Engineer

By: 

TABLE A - For plugging intervals that employ cement grout. Start with deepest interval.

	Interval 1 – deepest	Interval 2	Interval 3 – most shallow Note: if the well is non-artesian and breaches only one aquifer, use only this column.
Top of proposed interval of grout placement (ft bgl)	N/A	N/A	0'
Bottom of proposed interval of grout placement (ft bgl)	N/A	N/A	15'
Theoretical volume of grout required per interval (gallons)	N/A	N/A	62 gal.
Proposed cement grout mix gallons of water per 94-lb. sack of Portland cement	N/A	N/A	6.5 gal. <i>up to 8.5 Gallons</i>
Mixed on-site or batch-mixed and delivered?	N/A	N/A	On site
Grout additive 1 requested	N/A	N/A	Bentonite
Additive 1 percent by dry weight relative to cement	-	N/A	5%
Grout additive 2 requested	N/A	N/A	N/A
Additive 2 percent by dry weight relative to cement	N/A	N/A	N/A

TABLE B - For plugging intervals that will employ approved non-cement based sealant(s). Start with deepest interval.

	Interval 1 – deepest	Interval 2	Interval 3 – most shallow
			Note: if the well is non-artesian and breaches only one aquifer, use only this column.
Top of proposed interval of sealant placement (ft bgl)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Bottom of proposed sealant of grout placement (ft bgl)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Theoretical volume of sealant required per interval (gallons)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Proposed abandonment sealant (manufacturer and trade name)	N/A	N/A	N/A



STATE OF NEW MEXICO OFFICE OF THE STATE ENGINEER

Tom Blaine, P.E.
District 6 Office, Santa Fe, NM

Well Plugging Plan of Operations **Conditions of Approval for RG-96162**

The U.S. Department of Energy / Los Alamos National Laboratory has identified 1 alluvial well as tabulated below. On the Well Plugging Plan of Operations received May 13, 2016, the applicant stated that the well is no longer needed as the study is completed. The applicant states that the casing will be pressure grouted with 5% bentonite enriched cement from total depth to 20 feet below ground surface (bgs) via tremie pipe. The well will then be overdrilled with a 9- inch (outside diameter) 4 ¼ (inside diameter) auger to a minimum of 20 feet bgs. 5% bentonite enriched cement will be used to fill the boring from 20 feet up to 2 feet bgs. The top 2 feet will be filled with concrete and mounded above the existing grade. Static water level is dry, according to the applicant. There is no OSE record available for this test well. This test well was used for measuring groundwater as part of a water balance study. The study is complete and the well is no longer needed. Existing active wells that are in close proximity to the well(s) that are to be abandoned could possibly have communication during cementing operations. To reduce the likelihood of this scenario, the water to cement ratio can be reduced to 5.2 gallons of water per 94 pound sack of Portland cement.

Location: Los Alamos, New Mexico.

Approximate well coordinates: See tabulated data.

<u>Well Name</u>	<u>Inside diameter (inches)</u>	<u>Total depth (feet)</u>	<u>Latitude North</u>	<u>Longitude West</u>
RG-96162 (MCWB- 8.1 A)	3	75'	35°51'39.947	-106°15'46.951

Specific Plugging Conditions of Approval for 1 monitoring well for the U.S. Department of Energy / Los Alamos National Laboratory, Los Alamos County, New Mexico

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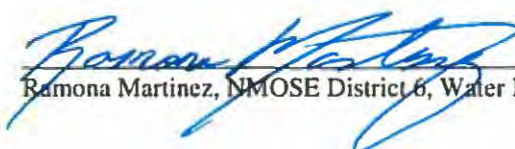
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<u>Well Name</u>	<u>Inside Diameter (Inches)</u>	<u>Total Depth (feet)</u>	<u>Volume (Cubic Feet)</u>	<u>Volume (Gallons)</u>
MCWB-8.1 A	3	55	2.70	20.20
MCWB-8.1 A (Auger Boring)	9	20	8.84	66.10
Totals:			11.54	86.29

7. All surface completions (vaults) will be removed, if applicable. The top of the 3-inch casing will be severed within the bottom of the overdrilled portion of the hole and will be backfilled with sealant to 2 feet bgs. The remaining 2-feet will be filled with concrete to surface.
8. Should the NMED, or another regulatory agency sharing jurisdiction of the project authorize, or by regulation require a more stringent well plugging procedure than herein acknowledged, the more-stringent procedure should be followed. This, in part, includes provisions regarding pre-authorization to proceed, contaminant remediation, inspection, pulling/perforating of casing, or prohibition of free discharge of any fluid from the borehole during or related to the plugging process.
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The NMOSE Well Plugging Plan of Operations dated May 13, 2016, with annotation, is hereby approved with the aforesaid conditions applied, when signed by an authorized designee of the State Engineer:


 Ramona Martinez, NMOSE District 6, Water Rights Division

Date: 6/27/16



WELL PLUGGING PLAN OF OPERATIONS



NOTE: A Well Plugging Plan of Operations shall be filed with and accepted by the Office of the State Engineer prior to plugging.

I. FILING FEE: There is no filing fee for this form.

II. GENERAL / WELL OWNERSHIP:

Existing Office of the State Engineer POD Number (Well Number) for well to be plugged: N/A **86-96163 (mcwb-818)** RM

Name of well owner: Los Alamos National Laboratory

Mailing address: PO Box 1663

City: Los Alamos State: New Mexico Zip code: 87545

Phone number: 505-667-5931 E-mail: meverett@lanl.gov

III. WELL DRILLER INFORMATION:

Well Driller contracted to provide plugging services: Yellow Jacket Drilling Services

New Mexico Well Driller License No.: WD-1458 Expiration Date: 10-31-2016

IV. WELL INFORMATION:

Note: A copy of the existing Well Record for the well to be plugged should be attached to this plan.

- 1) GPS Well Location: Latitude: 35 deg, 51 min, 37.099 sec
mcwb-818 Longitude: -106 deg, 15 min, 46.858 sec, NAD 83
- 2) Reason(s) for plugging well:

No longer needed. Study completed.
- 3) Was well used for any type of monitoring program? Yes If yes, please use section VII of this form to detail what hydrogeologic parameters were monitored. If the well was used to monitor contaminated or poor quality water, authorization from the New Mexico Environment Department may be required prior to plugging.
- 4) Does the well tap brackish, saline, or otherwise poor quality water? No If yes, provide additional detail, including analytical results and/or laboratory report(s):
- 5) Static water level: dry feet below land surface / feet above land surface (circle one)
- 6) Depth of the well: 72 feet

- 7) Inside diameter of innermost casing: 3 inches.
- 8) Casing material: PVC
- 9) The well was constructed with:
☐ an open-hole production interval, state the open interval: _____
☒ a well screen or perforated pipe, state the screened interval(s): 47-67'
- 10) What annular interval surrounding the artesian casing of this well is cement-grouted? N/A
- 11) Was the well built with surface casing? No No If yes, is the annulus surrounding the surface casing grouted or otherwise sealed? No No If yes, please describe:

- 12) Has all pumping equipment and associated piping been removed from the well? Yes If not, describe remaining equipment and intentions to remove prior to plugging in Section VII of this form.

V. DESCRIPTION OF PLANNED WELL PLUGGING:

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- 2) Will well head be cut-off below land surface after plugging? Yes

VI. PLUGGING AND SEALING MATERIALS:

Note: The plugging of a well that taps poor quality water may require the use of a specialty cement or specialty sealant

- 1) For plugging intervals that employ cement grout, complete and attach Table A.
- 2) For plugging intervals that will employ approved non-cement based sealant(s), complete and attach Table B.
- 3) Theoretical volume of grout required to plug the well to land surface: _____
- 4) Type of Cement proposed: Bentonite cement grout (neat cement with 5% bentonite)
- 5) Proposed cement grout mix: 6.5 8.5 PM gallons of water per 94 pound sack of Portland cement.
- 6) Will the grout be: _____ batch-mixed and delivered to the site
x mixed on site

- 7) Grout additives requested, and percent by dry weight relative to cement:

5% Bentonite

- 8) Additional notes and calculations:

N/A

VII. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: List additional information below, or on separate sheet(s):

mcwb-8-1B was used for measuring groundwater as part of a water-balance study. The study is complete.

VIII. SIGNATURE:

I, Anthony Burgess, say that I have carefully read the foregoing Well Plugging Plan of Operations and any attachments, which are a part hereof; that I am familiar with the rules and regulations of the State Engineer pertaining to the plugging of wells and will comply with them, and that each and all of the statements in the Well Plugging Plan of Operations and attachments are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.



Signature of Applicant

5/13/16

Date

IX. ACTION OF THE STATE ENGINEER:

This Well Plugging Plan of Operations is:

- ☒ Approved subject to the attached conditions.
☐ Not approved for the reasons provided on the attached letter.

Witness my hand and official seal this 27 day of June, 2016

Tom Blaine P.E., New Mexico State Engineer

By: 

TABLE A - For plugging intervals that employ cement grout. Start with deepest interval.

	Interval 1 – deepest	Interval 2	Interval 3 – most shallow
			Note: if the well is non-artesian and breaches only one aquifer, use only this column.
Top of proposed interval of grout placement (ft bgl)	N/A	N/A	0'
Bottom of proposed interval of grout placement (ft bgl)	N/A	N/A	15'
Theoretical volume of grout required per interval (gallons)	N/A	N/A	62 gal.
Proposed cement grout mix gallons of water per 94-lb. sack of Portland cement	N/A	N/A	6.5 ^{upto 8.5} gal. <i>(run Gallons)</i>
Mixed on-site or batch-mixed and delivered?	N/A	N/A	On site
Grout additive 1 requested	N/A	N/A	Bentonite
Additive 1 percent by dry weight relative to cement	-	N/A	5%
Grout additive 2 requested	N/A	N/A	N/A
Additive 2 percent by dry weight relative to cement	N/A	N/A	N/A

TABLE B - For plugging intervals that will employ approved non-cement based sealant(s). Start with deepest interval.

	Interval 1 – deepest	Interval 2	Interval 3 – most shallow
			Note: if the well is non-artesian and breaches only one aquifer, use only this column.
Top of proposed interval of sealant placement (ft bgl)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Bottom of proposed sealant or grout placement (ft bgl)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Theoretical volume of sealant required per interval (gallons)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Proposed abandonment sealant (manufacturer and trade name)	N/A	N/A	N/A



STATE OF NEW MEXICO OFFICE OF THE STATE ENGINEER

Tom Blaine, P.E.
District 6 Office, Santa Fe, NM

Well Plugging Plan of Operations **Conditions of Approval for RG-96163**

The U.S. Department of Energy / Los Alamos National Laboratory has identified 1 alluvial well as tabulated below. On the Well Plugging Plan of Operations received May 13, 2016, the applicant stated that the well is no longer needed as the study is completed. The applicant states that the casing will be pressure grouted with 5% bentonite enriched cement from total depth to 20 feet below ground surface (bgs) via tremie pipe. The well will then be overdrilled with a 9- inch (outside diameter) 4 ¼ (inside diameter) auger to a minimum of 20 feet bgs. 5% bentonite enriched cement will be used to fill the boring from 20 feet up to 2 feet bgs. The top 2 feet will be filled with concrete and mounded above the existing grade. Static water level is dry , according to the applicant. There is no OSE record available for this test well. This test well was used for measuring groundwater as part of a water balance study. The study is complete and the well is no longer needed. Existing active wells that are in close proximity to the well(s) that are to be abandoned could possibly have communication during cementing operations. To reduce the likelihood of this scenario, the water to cement ratio can be reduced to 5.2 gallons of water per 94 pound sack of Portland cement.

Location: Los Alamos, New Mexico.

Approximate well coordinates: See tabulated data.

<u>Well Name</u>	<u>Inside diameter (inches)</u>	<u>Total depth (feet)</u>	<u>Latitude North</u>	<u>Longitude West</u>
RG-96163 (MCWB- 8.1 B)	3	72'	35°51'39.099	-106°15'46.858

Specific Plugging Conditions of Approval for 1 monitoring well for the U.S. Department of Energy / Los Alamos National Laboratory, Los Alamos County, New Mexico

1. Water well drilling and well drilling activities, including well plugging, are regulated under 19.27.4 NMAC, which requires any person engaged in the business of well drilling within New Mexico to obtain a Well Driller License issued by the New Mexico Office of the State Engineer (NMOSE). Therefore, the firm of a New Mexico licensed Well Driller shall perform the well plugging.
2. Placement of the sealant within the well shall be by pumping through a tremie pipe extended to near well bottom (based on sounding depth), and kept below top of the slurry column as the well is plugged from bottom-upwards in a manner that displaces the standing water column.
3. The use of up to 6% pure bentonite powder ("90 barrel yield") as an additive in cement is allowed under NMOSE/AWWA guidelines. Neither granular bentonite nor extended yield bentonite shall be mixed with cement. When supplementing a cement slurry with bentonite powder as requested, water demand for the mix increases at a rate of 0.65 gallons of water for each 1% increment of bentonite bdwc (by dry weight cement) above fundamental water demand of 5.2 gallons water per 94-lb. sack of cement. A 5% bentonite/cement slurry may therefore contain up to 8.5 gallons of water total per 94-lb. sack of cement / approximate 5-lb. bentonite increment, provided appropriate mixing order is maintained.

The bentonite shall be properly hydrated separately with its required increment of water, prior to being added into the cement mixture. If water is otherwise added to the combination of dry ingredients or the dry bentonite blended into wet cement, the hardness and alkalinity imparted to the mix water by the cement will restrict the ability of the bentonite powder to yield as expected, resulting in excess free water in the slurry and enhanced cement shrinkage upon curing.

4. Upon completion of plugging of the lower portion of the 3-inch well to the approximate 20-foot bags depth of actual overdrilling, the top of the 3-inch casing shall be severed within the bottom portion of the over-drilled hole prior to sealant being placed within the ID of the augers.
5. Sealant shall be kept up inside the augers during placement. The 4 1/4" x 9" augers shall be pulled out of the hole in such a manner that allows the sealant to remain inside the auger at all times, thus providing displacement to prevent borehole collapse. The 4 1/4" x 9" augers may not be pulled out of the hole prior to the sealant being placed.
6. Theoretical volume of sealant required for abandonment of the 3-inch (inside) diameter well is approximately .37 gallons per foot. Theoretical volume of sealant required for abandonment of the 9" (outside) diameter auger boring is 2.3 gallons per foot. Total theoretical volume of sealant required to fill the well is tabulated below. All cement mixture will contain no more than 5.2 gallons of water per 94 pound sack of cement. Total minimum amount of required sealant will be based on the sounding depth inside casing.

<u>Well Name</u>	<u>Inside Diameter (Inches)</u>	<u>Total Depth (feet)</u>	<u>Volume (Cubic Feet)</u>	<u>Volume (Gallons)</u>
MCWB-8.1 B	3	52	2.55	19.09
MCWB-8.1 B (Auger Boring)	9	20	8.84	66.10
Totals:			11.39	85.19

7. All surface completions (vaults) will be removed, if applicable. The top of the 3-inch casing will be severed within the bottom of the overdrilled portion of the hole and will be backfilled with sealant to 2 feet bgs. The remaining 2-feet will be filled with concrete to surface.
8. Should the NMED, or another regulatory agency sharing jurisdiction of the project authorize, or by regulation require a more stringent well plugging procedure than herein acknowledged, the more-stringent procedure should be followed. This, in part, includes provisions regarding pre-authorization to proceed, contaminant remediation, inspection, pulling/perforating of casing, or prohibition of free discharge of any fluid from the borehole during or related to the plugging process.
9. NMOSE witnessing of the plugging will not be required, but shall be facilitated if a NMOSE observer is onsite. NMOSE witnessing may be requested during normal work hours by calling the District 6 NMOSE Office at 505-827-6120, at least 48-hours in advance. NMOSE inspection will occur dependant on personnel availability.
10. A Well Plugging Record (available at: <http://www.ose.state.nm.us/STST/Forms/WD-11.pdf>) itemizing actual abandonment process and materials used shall be filed with the State Engineer (NMOSE, P.O. Box 25102 - 407 Galisteo Street - Room 102, Santa Fe, NM 87504-5102), within 20 days after completion of well plugging. Please attach a copy of these plugging conditions.

The NMOSE Well Plugging Plan of Operations dated May 13, 2016, with annotation, is hereby approved with the aforesaid conditions applied, when signed by an authorized designee of the State Engineer:


 Ramona Martinez, NMOSE District 6, Water Rights Division

Date: 6/27/16



WELL PLUGGING PLAN OF OPERATIONS



NOTE: A Well Plugging Plan of Operations shall be filed with and accepted by the Office of the State Engineer prior to plugging.

I. FILING FEE: There is no filing fee for this form.

II. GENERAL / WELL OWNERSHIP:

Existing Office of the State Engineer POD Number (Well Number) for well to be plugged: N/A BG-96164(MCWB-81C) (RM)

Name of well owner: Los Alamos National Laboratory

Mailing address: PO Box 1663

City: Los Alamos State: New Mexico Zip code: 87545

Phone number: 505-667-5931 E-mail: meverett@lanl.gov

III. WELL DRILLER INFORMATION:

Well Driller contracted to provide plugging services: Yellow Jacket Drilling Services

New Mexico Well Driller License No.: WD-1458 Expiration Date: 10-31-2016

IV. WELL INFORMATION:

Note: A copy of the existing Well Record for the well to be plugged should be attached to this plan.

1) GPS Well Location: Latitude: 35 deg, 51 min, 38.242 sec
MCWB-81C Longitude: -106 deg, 15 min, 46.788 sec, NAD 83

2) Reason(s) for plugging well:

No longer needed. Study completed.

3) Was well used for any type of monitoring program? Yes If yes, please use section VII of this form to detail what hydrogeologic parameters were monitored. If the well was used to monitor contaminated or poor quality water, authorization from the New Mexico Environment Department may be required prior to plugging.

4) Does the well tap brackish, saline, or otherwise poor quality water? No If yes, provide additional detail, including analytical results and/or laboratory report(s):

5) Static water level: dry feet below land surface / feet above land surface (circle one)

6) Depth of the well: 80 feet

- 7) Inside diameter of innermost casing: 3 inches.
- 8) Casing material: PVC
- 9) The well was constructed with:
☐ an open-hole production interval, state the open interval: _____
☒ a well screen or perforated pipe, state the screened interval(s): 55-75'
- 10) What annular interval surrounding the artesian casing of this well is cement-grouted? N/A
- 11) Was the well built with surface casing? No No If yes, is the annulus surrounding the surface casing grouted or otherwise sealed? No No If yes, please describe:
- 12) Has all pumping equipment and associated piping been removed from the well? Yes If not, describe remaining equipment and intentions to remove prior to plugging in Section VII of this form.

V. DESCRIPTION OF PLANNED WELL PLUGGING:

Note: If this plan proposes to plug an artesian well in a way other than with cement grout, placed bottom to top with a tremie pipe, a detailed diagram of the well showing proposed final plugged configuration shall be attached, as well as any additional technical information, such as geophysical logs, that are necessary to adequately describe the proposal.

- 1) Describe the method by which cement grout shall be placed in the well, or describe requested plugging methodology proposed for the well:

Cement grout shall be tremie pumped from bottom to top of well casing. Well will then be overdrilled to 20' bgs. then regouted for the upper 20'.
- 2) Will well head be cut-off below land surface after plugging? Yes

VI. PLUGGING AND SEALING MATERIALS:

Note: The plugging of a well that taps poor quality water may require the use of a specialty cement or specialty sealant

- 1) For plugging intervals that employ cement grout, complete and attach Table A.
- 2) For plugging intervals that will employ approved non-cement based sealant(s), complete and attach Table B.
- 3) Theoretical volume of grout required to plug the well to land surface: _____
- 4) Type of Cement proposed: Bentonite cement grout (neat cement with 5% bentonite)
- 5) Proposed cement grout mix: 5.5 8.5 RM gallons of water per 94 pound sack of Portland cement.
- 6) Will the grout be: _____ batch-mixed and delivered to the site
X mixed on site

- 7) Grout additives requested, and percent by dry weight relative to cement:

5% Bentonite

- 8) Additional notes and calculations:

N/A

VII. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: List additional information below, or on separate sheet(s):

mwB-8.1C was used for measuring groundwater as part of a water-balance study. The study is complete.

VIII. SIGNATURE:

I, Anthony Burgess, say that I have carefully read the foregoing Well Plugging Plan of Operations and any attachments, which are a part hereof; that I am familiar with the rules and regulations of the State Engineer pertaining to the plugging of wells and will comply with them, and that each and all of the statements in the Well Plugging Plan of Operations and attachments are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Anthony Burgess

Signature of Applicant

5/13/16

Date

IX. ACTION OF THE STATE ENGINEER:

This Well Plugging Plan of Operations is:

- ☒ Approved subject to the attached conditions.
☐ Not approved for the reasons provided on the attached letter.

Witness my hand and official seal this 27 day of June, 2016

Tom Blaine P.E., New Mexico State Engineer

By: Roman Martinez

TABLE A - For plugging intervals that employ cement grout. Start with deepest interval.

	Interval 1 – deepest	Interval 2	Interval 3 – most shallow Note: if the well is non-artesian and breaches only one aquifer, use only this column.
Top of proposed interval of grout placement (ft bgl)	N/A	N/A	0'
Bottom of proposed interval of grout placement (ft bgl)	N/A	N/A	15'
Theoretical volume of grout required per interval (gallons)	N/A	N/A	62 gal.
Proposed cement grout mix gallons of water per 94-lb. sack of Portland cement	N/A	N/A	6.5 gal. <i>-up to 8.5 gallons</i> PR
Mixed on-site or batch-mixed and delivered?	N/A	N/A	On site
Grout additive 1 requested	N/A	N/A	Bentonite
Additive 1 percent by dry weight relative to cement	-	N/A	5%
Grout additive 2 requested	N/A	N/A	N/A
Additive 2 percent by dry weight relative to cement	N/A	N/A	N/A

TABLE B - For plugging intervals that will employ approved non-cement based sealant(s). Start with deepest interval.

	Interval 1 – deepest	Interval 2	Interval 3 – most shallow
			Note: if the well is non-artesian and breaches only one aquifer, use only this column.
Top of proposed interval of sealant placement (ft bgl)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Bottom of proposed sealant or grout placement (ft bgl)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Theoretical volume of sealant required per interval (gallons)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Proposed abandonment sealant (manufacturer and trade name)	N/A	N/A	N/A



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Tom Blaine, P.E.
District 6 Office, Santa Fe, NM

Well Plugging Plan of Operations **Conditions of Approval for RG-96164**

The U.S. Department of Energy / Los Alamos National Laboratory has identified 1 alluvial well as tabulated below. On the Well Plugging Plan of Operations received May 13, 2016, the applicant stated that the well is no longer needed as the study is completed. The applicant states that the casing will be pressure grouted with 5% bentonite enriched cement from total depth to 20 feet below ground surface (bgs) via tremie pipe. The well will then be overdrilled with a 9- inch (outside diameter) 4 ¼ (inside diameter) auger to a minimum of 20 feet bgs. 5% bentonite enriched cement will be used to fill the boring from 20 feet up to 2 feet bgs. The top 2 feet will be filled with concrete and mounded above the existing grade. Static water level is dry, according to the applicant. There is no OSE record available for this test well. This test well was used for measuring groundwater as part of a water balance study. The study is complete and the well is no longer needed. Existing active wells that are in close proximity to the well(s) that are to be abandoned could possibly have communication during cementing operations. To reduce the likelihood of this scenario, the water to cement ratio can be reduced to 5.2 gallons of water per 94 pound sack of Portland cement.

Location: Los Alamos, New Mexico.

Approximate well coordinates: See tabulated data.

<u>Well Name</u>	<u>Inside diameter (inches)</u>	<u>Total depth (feet)</u>	<u>Latitude North</u>	<u>Longitude West</u>
RG-96164 (MCWB- 8.1 C)	3	80'	35°51'38.242	-106°15'46.788

Specific Plugging Conditions of Approval for 1 monitoring well for the U.S. Department of Energy / Los Alamos National Laboratory, Los Alamos County, New Mexico

1. Water well drilling and well drilling activities, including well plugging, are regulated under 19.27.4 NMAC, which requires any person engaged in the business of well drilling within New Mexico to obtain a Well Driller License issued by the New Mexico Office of the State Engineer (NMOSE). Therefore, the firm of a New Mexico licensed Well Driller shall perform the well plugging.
2. Placement of the sealant within the well shall be by pumping through a tremie pipe extended to near well bottom (based on sounding depth), and kept below top of the slurry column as the well is plugged from bottom-upwards in a manner that displaces the standing water column.
3. The use of up to 6% pure bentonite powder ("90 barrel yield") as an additive in cement is allowed under NMOSE/AWWA guidelines. Neither granular bentonite nor extended yield bentonite shall be mixed with cement. When supplementing a cement slurry with bentonite powder as requested, water demand for the mix increases at a rate of 0.65 gallons of water for each 1% increment of bentonite bdwc (by dry weight cement) above fundamental water demand of 5.2 gallons water per 94-lb. sack of cement. A 5% bentonite/cement slurry may therefore contain up to 8.5 gallons of water total per 94-lb. sack of cement / approximate 5-lb. bentonite increment, provided appropriate mixing order is maintained.

The bentonite shall be properly hydrated separately with its required increment of water, prior to being added into the cement mixture. If water is otherwise added to the combination of dry ingredients or the dry bentonite blended into wet cement, the hardness and alkalinity imparted to the mix water by the cement will restrict the ability of the bentonite powder to yield as expected, resulting in excess free water in the slurry and enhanced cement shrinkage upon curing.

4. Upon completion of plugging of the lower portion of the 3-inch well to the approximate 20-feet bags depth of actual overdrilling, the top of the 3-inch casing shall be severed within the bottom portion of the over-drilled hole prior to sealant being placed within the ID of the augers.
5. Sealant shall be kept up inside the augers during placement. The 4 1/4" x 9" augers shall be pulled out of the hole in such a manner that allows the sealant to remain inside the auger at all times, thus providing displacement to prevent borehole collapse. The 4 1/4" x 9" augers may not be pulled out of the hole prior to the sealant being placed.
6. Theoretical volume of sealant required for abandonment of the 3-inch (inside) diameter well is approximately .37 gallons per foot. Theoretical volume of sealant required for abandonment of the 9" (outside) diameter auger boring is 2.3 gallons per foot. Total theoretical volume of sealant required to fill the well is tabulated below. All cement mixture will contain no more than 5.2 gallons of water per 94 pound sack of cement. Total minimum amount of required sealant will be based on the sounding depth inside casing.

Well Name	Inside Diameter (Inches)	Total Depth (feet)	Volume (Cubic Feet)	Volume (Gallons)
MCWB-8.1 C	2	20	0.44	3.26
MCWB-8.1 C (Auger Boring)	7.5	20	6.14	45.90
Totals:			6.57	49.16

7. All surface completions (vaults) will be removed, if applicable. The top of the 3-inch casing will be severed within the bottom of the overdrilled portion of the hole and will be backfilled with sealant to 2 feet bgs. The remaining 2-feet will be filled with concrete to surface.
8. Should the NMED, or another regulatory agency sharing jurisdiction of the project authorize, or by regulation require a more stringent well plugging procedure than herein acknowledged, the more-stringent procedure should be followed. This, in part, includes provisions regarding pre-authorization to proceed, contaminant remediation, inspection, pulling/perforating of casing, or prohibition of free discharge of any fluid from the borehole during or related to the plugging process.
9. NMOSE witnessing of the plugging will not be required, but shall be facilitated if a NMOSE observer is onsite. NMOSE witnessing may be requested during normal work hours by calling the District 6 NMOSE Office at 505-827-6120, at least 48-hours in advance. NMOSE inspection will occur dependant on personnel availability.
10. A Well Plugging Record (available at: <http://www.ose.state.nm.us/STST/Forms/WD-11.pdf>) itemizing actual abandonment process and materials used shall be filed with the State Engineer (NMOSE, P.O. Box 25102 - 407 Galisteo Street - Room 102, Santa Fe, NM 87504-5102), within 20 days after completion of well plugging. Please attach a copy of these plugging conditions.

The NMOSE Well Plugging Plan of Operations dated May 13, 2016, with annotation, is hereby approved with the aforesaid conditions applied, when signed by an authorized designee of the State Engineer:


 Ramona Martinez, NMOSE District 6, Water Rights Division

Date: 6/27/16



WELL PLUGGING PLAN OF OPERATIONS



NOTE: A Well Plugging Plan of Operations shall be filed with and accepted by the Office of the State Engineer prior to plugging.

I. FILING FEE: There is no filing fee for this form.

II. GENERAL / WELL OWNERSHIP:

Existing Office of the State Engineer POD Number (Well Number) for well to be plugged: N/A **RG-96165 (mcwb-4)**
Name of well owner: Los Alamos National Laboratory
Mailing address: PO Box 1663
City: Los Alamos State: New Mexico Zip code: 87545
Phone number: 505-667-5931 E-mail: meverett@lanl.gov

III. WELL DRILLER INFORMATION:

Well Driller contracted to provide plugging services: Yellow Jacket Drilling Services
New Mexico Well Driller License No.: WD-1458 Expiration Date: 10-31-2016

IV. WELL INFORMATION:

Note: A copy of the existing Well Record for the well to be plugged should be attached to this plan.

- 1) GPS Well Location: Latitude: 35 deg, 51 min, 50.238 sec
mcwb-4 Longitude: -106 deg, 16 min, 45.417 sec, NAD 83
- 2) Reason(s) for plugging well:

No longer needed. Study completed.
- 3) Was well used for any type of monitoring program? Yes If yes, please use section VII of this form to detail what hydrogeologic parameters were monitored. If the well was used to monitor contaminated or poor quality water, authorization from the New Mexico Environment Department may be required prior to plugging.
- 4) Does the well tap brackish, saline, or otherwise poor quality water? No If yes, provide additional detail, including analytical results and/or laboratory report(s):
- 5) Static water level: 12.53 feet below land surface / feet above land surface (circle one)
- 6) Depth of the well: 15 feet

- 7) Inside diameter of innermost casing: 3 inches.
- 8) Casing material: PVC
- 9) The well was constructed with:
☐ an open-hole production interval, state the open interval: _____
☒ a well screen or perforated pipe, state the screened interval(s): 10-15'
- 10) What annular interval surrounding the artesian casing of this well is cement-grouted? N/A
- 11) Was the well built with surface casing? No No If yes, is the annulus surrounding the surface casing grouted or otherwise sealed? No No If yes, please describe:

- 12) Has all pumping equipment and associated piping been removed from the well? Yes If not, describe remaining equipment and intentions to remove prior to plugging in Section VII of this form.

V. DESCRIPTION OF PLANNED WELL PLUGGING:

Note: If this plan proposes to plug an artesian well in a way other than with cement grout, placed bottom to top with a tremie pipe, a detailed diagram of the well showing proposed final plugged configuration shall be attached, as well as any additional technical information, such as geophysical logs, that are necessary to adequately describe the proposal.

- 1) Describe the method by which cement grout shall be placed in the well, or describe requested plugging methodology proposed for the well:

Cement grout shall be tremie pumped from bottom to top of well casing. Well will then be overdrilled to 20' bgs. then regouted for the upper 20' 15' 6 Remove casing. (nm)
- 2) Will well head be cut-off below land surface after plugging? Yes

VI. PLUGGING AND SEALING MATERIALS:

Note: The plugging of a well that taps poor quality water may require the use of a specialty cement or specialty sealant

- 1) For plugging intervals that employ cement grout, complete and attach Table A.
- 2) For plugging intervals that will employ approved non-cement based sealant(s), complete and attach Table B.
- 3) Theoretical volume of grout required to plug the well to land surface: _____
- 4) Type of Cement proposed: Bentonite cement grout (neat cement with 5% bentonite)
- 5) Proposed cement grout mix: 6.5 8.5 (nm) gallons of water per 94 pound sack of Portland cement.
- 6) Will the grout be: _____ batch-mixed and delivered to the site
x mixed on site

- 7) Grout additives requested, and percent by dry weight relative to cement:

5% Bentonite

- 8) Additional notes and calculations:

N/A

VII. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: List additional information below, or on separate sheet(s):

MCWB-4 was used for measuring groundwater as part of a water-balance study. The study is complete.

VIII. SIGNATURE:

I, Anthony Burgess, say that I have carefully read the foregoing Well Plugging Plan of Operations and any attachments, which are a part hereof; that I am familiar with the rules and regulations of the State Engineer pertaining to the plugging of wells and will comply with them, and that each and all of the statements in the Well Plugging Plan of Operations and attachments are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.


Signature of Applicant

5/13/16
Date

IX. ACTION OF THE STATE ENGINEER:

This Well Plugging Plan of Operations is:

☒ Approved subject to the attached conditions.
☐ Not approved for the reasons provided on the attached letter.

Witness my hand and official seal this 27 day of June, 2016

Tom Blaine P.E., New Mexico State Engineer

By: 

TABLE A - For plugging intervals that employ cement grout. Start with deepest interval.


	Interval 1 – deepest	Interval 2	Interval 3 – most shallow
			Note: if the well is non-artesian and breaches only one aquifer, use only this column.
Top of proposed interval of grout placement (ft bgl)	N/A	N/A	0'
Bottom of proposed interval of grout placement (ft bgl)	N/A	N/A	15'
Theoretical volume of grout required per interval (gallons)	N/A	N/A	62 gal.
Proposed cement grout mix gallons of water per 94-lb. sack of Portland cement	N/A	N/A	6.5 gal. <i>upto 8.5 gallons</i> 
Mixed on-site or batch-mixed and delivered?	N/A	N/A	On site
Grout additive 1 requested	N/A	N/A	Bentonite
Additive 1 percent by dry weight relative to cement	-	N/A	5%
Grout additive 2 requested	N/A	N/A	N/A
Additive 2 percent by dry weight relative to cement	N/A	N/A	N/A

TABLE B - For plugging intervals that will employ approved non-cement based sealant(s). Start with deepest interval.

	Interval 1 – deepest	Interval 2	Interval 3 – most shallow
			Note: if the well is non-artesian and breaches only one aquifer, use only this column.
Top of proposed interval of sealant placement (ft bgl)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Bottom of proposed sealant or grout placement (ft bgl)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Theoretical volume of sealant required per interval (gallons)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Proposed abandonment sealant (manufacturer and trade name)	N/A	N/A	N/A



STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OFFICE OF THE STATE ENGINEER

Tom Blaine, P.E.
District 6 Office, Santa Fe, NM

Well Plugging Plan of Operations
Conditions of Approval for RG-96165

The U.S. Department of Energy / Los Alamos National Laboratory has identified 1 alluvial well as tabulated below. On the Well Plugging Plan of Operations received May 13, 2016, the applicant stated that the well is no longer needed as the study is completed. The applicant states that the casing will be pressure grouted with 5% bentonite enriched cement from total depth to 20 feet below ground surface (bgs) via tremie pipe. The well will then be overdrilled with a 9- inch (outside diameter) 4 1/4 (inside diameter) auger to a minimum of 15 feet bgs. 5% bentonite enriched cement will be used to fill the boring from 20 feet up to 2 feet bgs. The top 2 feet will be filled with concrete and mounded above the existing grade. Static water level is 12.53 feet, according to the applicant. There is no OSE record available for this test well. This test well was used for measuring groundwater as part of a water balance study. The study is complete and the well is no longer needed. Existing active wells that are in close proximity to the well(s) that are to be abandoned could possibly have communication during cementing operations. To reduce the likelihood of this scenario, the water to cement ratio can be reduced to 5.2 gallons of water per 94 pound sack of Portland cement.

Location: Los Alamos, New Mexico.

Approximate well coordinates: See tabulated data.

<u>Well Name</u>	<u>Inside diameter (inches)</u>	<u>Total depth (feet)</u>	<u>Latitude North</u>	<u>Longitude West</u>
RG-96165 (MCWB- 4)	3	15'	35°51'50.238	-106°16'45.417

Specific Plugging Conditions of Approval for 1 monitoring well for the U.S. Department of Energy / Los Alamos National Laboratory, Los Alamos County, New Mexico

1. Water well drilling and well drilling activities, including well plugging, are regulated under 19.27.4 NMAC, which requires any person engaged in the business of well drilling within New Mexico to obtain a Well Driller License issued by the New Mexico Office of the State Engineer (NMOSE). Therefore, the firm of a New Mexico licensed Well Driller shall perform the well plugging.
2. Placement of the sealant within the well shall be by pumping through a tremie pipe extended to near well bottom (based on sounding depth), and kept below top of the slurry column as the well is plugged from bottom-upwards in a manner that displaces the standing water column.
3. The use of up to 6% pure bentonite powder ("90 barrel yield") as an additive in cement is allowed under NMOSE/AWWA guidelines. Neither granular bentonite nor extended yield bentonite shall be mixed with cement. When supplementing a cement slurry with bentonite powder as requested, water demand for the mix increases at a rate of 0.65 gallons of water for each 1% increment of bentonite bdwc (by dry weight cement) above fundamental water demand of 5.2 gallons water per 94-lb. sack of cement. A 5% bentonite/cement slurry may therefore contain up to 8.5 gallons of water total per 94-lb. sack of cement / approximate 5-lb. bentonite increment, provided appropriate mixing order is maintained.

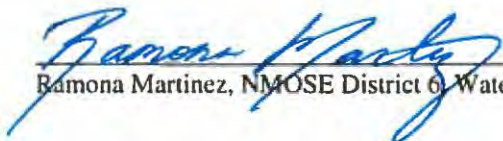
The bentonite shall be properly hydrated separately with its required increment of water, prior to being added into the cement mixture. If water is otherwise added to the combination of dry ingredients or the dry bentonite blended into wet cement, the hardness and alkalinity imparted to the mix water by the cement will restrict the ability of the bentonite powder to yield as expected, resulting in excess free water in the slurry and enhanced cement shrinkage upon curing.

4. Upon completion of plugging of the lower portion of the 3-inch well to the approximate 20-feet bags depth of actual overdrilling, the top of the 3-inch casing shall be severed within the bottom portion of the over-drilled hole prior to sealant being placed within the ID of the augers.
5. Sealant shall be kept up inside the augers during placement. The 4 1/4" x 9" augers shall be pulled out of the hole in such a manner that allows the sealant to remain inside the auger at all times, thus providing displacement to prevent borehole collapse. The 4 1/4" x 9" augers may not be pulled out of the hole prior to the sealant being placed.
6. Theoretical volume of sealant required for abandonment of the 3-inch (inside) diameter well is approximately .37 gallons per foot. Theoretical volume of sealant required for abandonment of the 9" (outside) diameter auger boring is 2.3 gallons per foot. Total theoretical volume of sealant required to fill the well is tabulated below. All cement mixture will contain no more than 5.2 gallons of water per 94 pound sack of cement. Total minimum amount of required sealant will be based on the sounding depth inside casing.

Well Name	Inside Diameter (Inches)	Total Depth (feet)	Volume (Cubic Feet)	Volume (Gallons)
MCWB-4 (Auger Boring)	7.5	15	4.6	34.4
Totals:			4.6	34.4

7. All surface completions (vaults) will be removed, if applicable. The top of the 3-inch casing will be severed within the bottom of the overdrilled portion of the hole and will be backfilled with sealant to 2 feet bgs. The remaining 2-feet will be filled with concrete to surface.
8. Should the NMED, or another regulatory agency sharing jurisdiction of the project authorize, or by regulation require a more stringent well plugging procedure than herein acknowledged, the more-stringent procedure should be followed. This, in part, includes provisions regarding pre-authorization to proceed, contaminant remediation, inspection, pulling/perforating of casing, or prohibition of free discharge of any fluid from the borehole during or related to the plugging process.
9. NMOSE witnessing of the plugging will not be required, but shall be facilitated if a NMOSE observer is onsite. NMOSE witnessing may be requested during normal work hours by calling the District 6 NMOSE Office at 505-827-6120, at least 48-hours in advance. NMOSE inspection will occur dependant on personnel availability.
10. A Well Plugging Record (available at: <http://www.ose.state.nm.us/STST/Forms/WD-11.pdf>) itemizing actual abandonment process and materials used shall be filed with the State Engineer (NMOSE, P.O. Box 25102 - 407 Galisteo Street - Room 102, Santa Fe, NM 87504-5102), within 20 days after completion of well plugging. Please attach a copy of these plugging conditions.

The NMOSE Well Plugging Plan of Operations dated May 13, 2016, with annotation, is hereby approved with the aforesaid conditions applied, when signed by an authorized designee of the State Engineer:


 Ramona Martinez, NMOSE District 6 Water Rights Division

Date: 6/27/16