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Meter Number:90946
Location Name:Jicarilla #107
Location:TN-24 RG-04
SC-07 UL-A
6 - Jicarilla
NMOCD Zone:OUTSIDE
Hazard Ranking Score:00

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**RATIONALE FOR RISK-BASED CLOSURE OF PRODUCTION PITS
LOCATED OUTSIDE OF THE VULNERABLE ZONE
IN THE SAN JUAN BASIN**

This production pit location was ranked according to the criteria in the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division's Unlined Surface Impoundment Closure Guidelines and received a ranking score of zero. The estimated depth to groundwater is greater than 100-feet beneath ground surface (bgs), the pit is not in a well head protection area, and there are no surface water bodies within 1,000 horizontal feet of the pit location.

The primary source, discharge to the pit has been removed. There has been no discharge to the pits for at least 4 years and the pits have been closed for at least one year.

Each pit was backfilled with clean soil and graded in a manner to divert precipitation away from the excavated area. Minimal infiltration of rainfall is expected. Any rainfall that does infiltrate the ground surface must migrate through clean backfill before reaching the residual hydrocarbons.

There is no source material at the ground surface, so direct contact of hydrocarbons with livestock and the populous is not likely.

In general, outside of the vulnerable area and alluvial valleys, bedrock material is generally encountered within 20 feet of the ground surface. Bedrock material in the San Juan Basin consists of interbedded sandstones, shales and clays. According to Freeze and Cherry, 1979, the hydraulic conductivity of the bedrock material are as follows:

Sandstone	10^{-9} to 10^{-13} cm/sec
Shale	10^{-12} to 10^{-16} cm/sec
Clay	10^{-12} to 10^{-15} cm/sec

Based on this information, the residual hydrocarbons should not migrate to groundwater.

Natural process (bioremediation) are degrading the residual hydrocarbon to carbon dioxide and water and will continue until the source is gone, therefore minimizing any impact to the environment.

Based on the above information, it is highly unlikely that any source material will impact groundwater or ever find an exposure pathway to affect human health and therefore El Paso Field Services Company (EPFS) requests closure of this pit location.

FIELD PIT SITE ASSESSMENT FORM



Meter: 90946 Location: JICARILLA #107
 Operator #: 0148 Operator Name: SPYDER OIL CORP P/L District: DTTD
 Coordinates: Letter: A Section 7 Township: 24 Range: 4
 Or Latitude _____ Longitude _____
 Pit Type: Denydrator _____ Location Drip: Line Drip: _____ Other: _____
 Site Assessment Date: 7-26-95 Area: 08 Run: 63

NMOCD Zone: _____ Land Type: BLM _____ (1)
 (From NMOCD State _____ (2)
 Maps) Inside _____ (1) Fee _____ (3)
 Outside (2) Indian: JICARILLA

Depth to Groundwater
 Less Than 50 Feet (20 points) _____ (1)
 50 Ft to 99 Ft (10 points) _____ (2)
 Greater Than 100 Ft (0 points) (3)

Wellhead Protection Area :
 Is it less than 1000 ft from wells, springs, or other sources of
 fresh water extraction? , or is it less than 200 ft from a private
 domestic water source? _____ (1) YES (20 points) (2) NO (0 points)

Horizontal Distance to Surface Water Body
 Less Than 200 Ft (20 points) _____ (1)
 200 Ft to 1000 Ft (10 points) _____ (2)
 Greater Than 1000 Ft (0 points) (3)

Name of Surface Water Body _____
 (Surface Water Body : Perennial Rivers, Major Wash, Streams, Creeks,
 Irrigation Canals, Ditches, Lakes, Ponds)

Distance to Nearest Ephemeral Stream _____ (1) < 100' (Navajo Pits Only)
 (2) > 100'

TOTAL HAZARD RANKING SCORE: 0 POINTS

Remarks : I.D.

FIELD PIT REMEDIATION/CLOSURE FORM

GENERAL	Meter: <u>90946</u> Location: <u>Jicarilla #107</u> Coordinates: Letter: <u>A</u> Section <u>2</u> Township: <u>24</u> Range: <u>4</u> Or Latitude _____ Longitude _____ Date Started : <u>9/27/95</u> Run: <u>08</u> <u>63</u>
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FIELD OBSERVATIONS	Sample Number(s): <u>JK 90</u> Sample Depth: <u>16'</u> Feet Final PID Reading <u>900</u> PID Reading Depth <u>16'</u> Feet Yes No Groundwater Encountered <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approximate Depth _____ Feet
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CLOSURE	Remediation Method : Excavation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approx. Cubic Yards <u>702</u> <u>lt</u> <u>10/5/95</u> Onsite Bioremediation <input type="checkbox"/> <u>GABRIEL JICARILLA E.P.O. APPROVED</u> Backfill Pit Without Excavation <input type="checkbox"/> <u>CLOSURE 10-2-95</u> Soil Disposition: Envirotech <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Tierra Other Facility <input type="checkbox"/> Name: _____ Pit Closure Date: <u>10-3-95</u> Pit Closed By: <u>PHILIP</u>
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REMARKS	Remarks : <u>Pit PID readings (N-1.0)(7.2)(E-25.3)(W-8.9)</u> <u>Pit size: 27x24x16</u> <u>Fence size: 17x17x3 net yes</u> <u>MORE THAN 100' FROM EPHEMERAL STREAM</u>
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SIGNATURE	Signature of Specialist: <u>[Signature]</u>
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FIELD SERVICES LABORATORY

ANALYTICAL REPORT

PIT CLOSURE PROJECT - Soil Samples Inside the GWV Zone

SAMPLE IDENTIFICATION

	Field ID	Lab ID
SAMPLE NUMBER:	JK90	947552
MTR CODE SITE NAME:	90946	Jicarilla H#107
SAMPLE DATE TIME (Hrs):	09-27-95	1200
PROJECT:	JicPits	
DATE OF TPH EXT. ANAL.:	9/28/95	
DATE OF BTEX EXT. ANAL.:	9/28/95	9/28/95
TYPE DESCRIPTION:	VG	Proximal surface sand

Field Remarks: _____

RESULTS

PARAMETER	RESULT	UNITS	QUALIFIERS			
			DF	Q	M(g)	V(ml)
BENZENE	< 0.5	MG/KG				
TOLUENE	< 0.5	MG/KG				
ETHYL BENZENE	< 0.5	MG/KG				
TOTAL XYLENES	< 1.5	MG/KG				
TOTAL BTEX	< 3	MG/KG				
TPH (418.1)	156	MG/KG			2.20	2.5
HEADSPACE PID	90.0	PPM				
PERCENT SOLIDS	95.3	%				

-- TPH is by EPA Method 418.1 and BTEX is by EPA Method 8020 --

The Surrogate Recovery was at 101% for this sample All QA/QC was acceptable.

Narrative:

ATI Results for mod 8015 attached (110).

DF = Dilution Factor Used

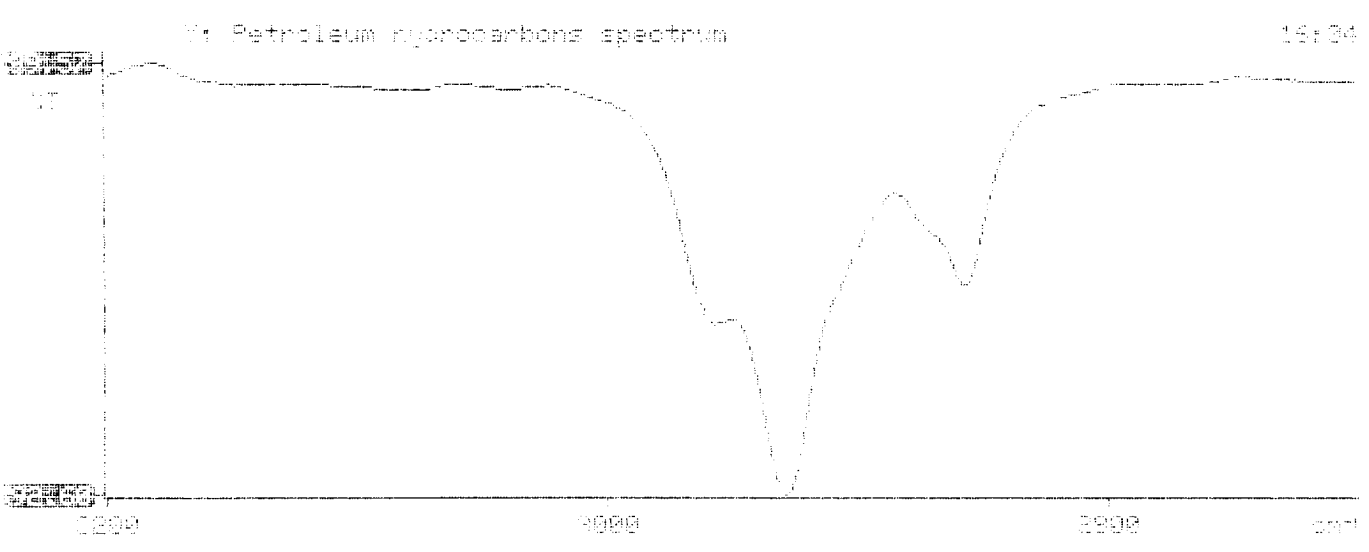
Approved By: AP

Date: 9-29-95

Test Method for *
Oil and Grease and Petroleum Hydrocarbons *
in Water and Soil *
Perkin-Elmer Model 1600 FT-IR *
Analysis Report *

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Sample identification
247552
Initial mass of sample, g
1.200
Volume of sample after extraction, ml
28.000
Petroleum hydrocarbons, ppm
50.129
Net absorbance of hydrocarbons (2930 cm-1)
0.030



BTEX SOIL SAMPLE WORKSHEET

File	:	947552	Date Printed	:	9/29/95
Soil Mass (g)	:	5.00	Multiplier (L/g)	:	0.00100
Extraction vol. (mL)	:	10	DF (Analytical)	:	200
Shot Volume (uL)	:	50	DF (Report)	:	0.20000

				Det. Limit	
Benzene (ug/L)	:	0.00	Benzene (mg/Kg):	0.000	0.500
Toluene (ug/L)	:	0.40	Toluene (mg/Kg):	0.080	0.500
Ethylbenzene (ug/L)	:	0.26	Ethylbenzene (mg/Kg):	0.052	0.500
p & m-xylene (ug/L)	:	1.61	p & m-xylene (mg/Kg):	0.322	1.000
o-xylene (ug/L)	:	0.50	o-xylene (mg/Kg):	0.100	0.500
			Total xylenes (mg/Kg):	0.422	1.500
			Total BTEX (mg/Kg):	0.554	

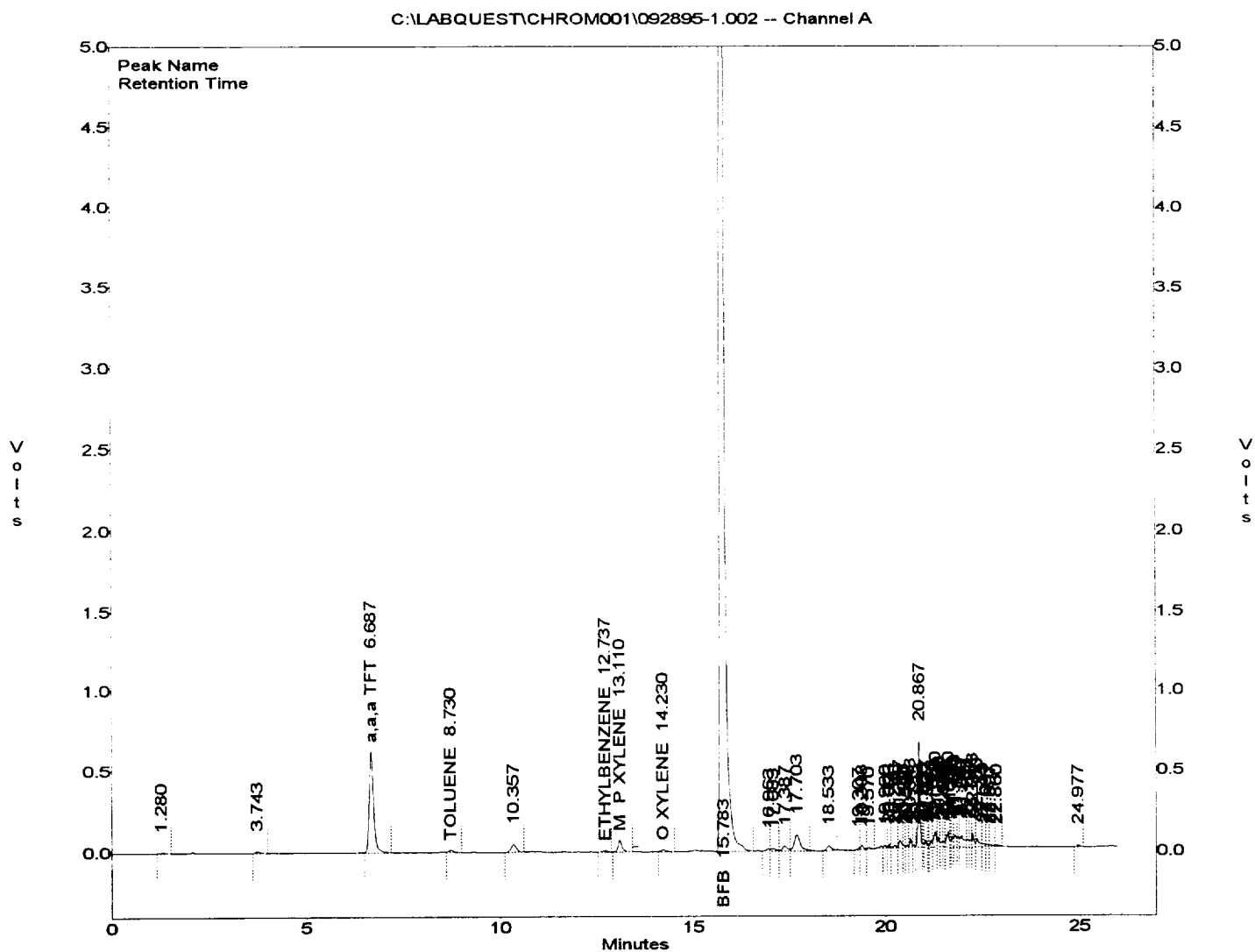
EL PASO NATURAL GAS

EPA METHOD 8020 - BTEX SOILS

File : C:\LABQUEST\CHROM001\092895-1.002
 Method : C:\LABQUEST\METHODS\9001.MET
 Sample ID : 947552,5.00G,50U
 Acquired : Sep 28, 1995 13:32:55
 Printed : Sep 28, 1995 13:59:22
 User : MARLON

Channel A Results

COMPONENT	RET TIME	AREA	CONC (ug/L)
BENZENE	4.917	0	0.0000
a,a,a TFT	6.687	4827406	104.5633
TOLUENE	8.730	111515	0.4015
ETHYLBENZENE	12.737	65923	0.2580
M & P XYLENE	13.110	533368	1.6098
O XYLENE	14.230	118061	0.4958
BFB	15.783	73157016	100.9213



GAS CHROMATOGRAPHY RESULTS

TEST : EPA 8015 MODIFIED
 CLIENT : EL PASO NATURAL GAS ATI I.D.: 510303
 PROJECT # : 24324
 PROJECT NAME : PIT CLOSURE/JIC PITS

SAMPLE ID. #	CLIENT I.D.	MATRIX	DATE SAMPLED	DATE EXTRACTED	DATE ANALYZED	DIL. FACTOR
01	947552	NON-AQ	09/27/95	10/03/95	10/04/95	1
PARAMETER			UNITS	01		
FUEL HYDROCARBONS			MG/KG	110		
HYDROCARBON RANGE				C6-C36		
HYDROCARBONS QUANTITATED USING				DIESEL		

SURROGATE:

O-TERPHENYL (%) 97



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ATI I.D. 510303

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Project Name/Number: PIT CLOSURE/JIC PITS 24324

Attention: John Lambdin

On 10/03/95, Analytical Technologies, Inc., (ADHS License No. AZ0015), received a request to analyze **non-aqueous** sample(s). The sample(s) were analyzed with EPA methodology or equivalent methods. The results of these analyses and the quality control data, which follow each set of analyses, are enclosed.

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact us at (505) 344-3777.

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Enclosure

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