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PIT REMEDIATION AND CLOSURE REPORT

*Approved*

**Operator:** Burlington Resources (Williams Field Services) **Telephone:** (801) 584-6361  
**Address:** P.O. Box 58900, Salt Lake City, Utah 84158-0900  
**WellName:** SJ 27-5 UNIT #84 NP ( 73525 )  
**Location:** Unit or Qtr/Qtr Sec N Sec 3 T 27N R 5W County Rio Arriba  
**PitType:** Dehydrator  
**LandType:** BLM

**Pit Location:** Pit dimensions: length 30 ft., width 27 ft., depth 8 ft.  
(Attach diagram)

Reference: Wellhead

Footage from reference: 91 ft.

Direction from reference: 63 Degrees West of South

**Depth To Ground Water:**

(Vertical distance from  
contaminants to seasonal  
high water elevation of  
ground water)

Less than 50 feet (20 points)  
50 feet to 99 feet (10 points)  
Greater than 100 feet (0 points) 0

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**Wellhead Protection Area:**

(Less than 200 feet from a private  
domestic water source, or; less than  
1000 feet from all other water sources)

Yes (20 points)  
No (0 points) 0

**Distance To Surface Water:**

(Horizontal distance to perennial  
lakes, ponds, rivers, streams, creeks, irrigation  
canals and ditches)

Less than 200 feet (20  
points)  
200 feet to 1,000 feet (10 0)

**Ranking Score (TOTAL POINTS):** 0

**Date Remediation Started:** 11/25/96**Date Completed:** 12/21/96Excavation ☒

Approx. Cubic Yard 240

Landfarmed ☒Insitu Bioremediation ☐

Other

Stockpiled soil after mechanical aeration.

**Remediation Location:**Onsite ☒ Offsite(ie. landfarmed onsite,  
name and location of  
offsite facility)**General Description Of Remedial Action:**

The pit was excavated to remove gross petroleum contamination. The excavated material was mechanically aerated, mixed with fertilizer, and placed into an onsite stockpile. After remediation goals were confirmed, the soil was returned to the excavation.

**Ground Water Encountered:** No**Final Pit:**

Sample location SJ 27-5 #84 V-EX-01

**Closure Sampling:**(if multiple samples, attach  
sample results and diagram  
of sample locations and  
depths)

A composite sample, made up of 4 points from each excavation face, was collected..

Sample depth Up to 8 feet.

Sample date 12/4/96

Sample time 13:40

## Sample Result

Benzene (ppm) 0.43

Total BTEX (ppm) 155

Field Headspace (ppm)

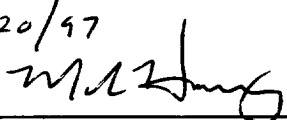
TPH (ppm) 773

**Ground Water Sample:** No

I HERBY CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION ABOVE IS TRUE AND COMPLETE TO THE  
BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF

DATE 3/20/97

SIGNATURE



FOR WFS

PRINTED NAME MARK HARVEY

AND TITLE PROJECT COORDINATOR



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### **Pit Closure and Retirement Addendum- Risk Assessment**

The sample analyzed for confirmation at this site exhibited slightly elevated levels of xylene. Xylene toxicity information indicates that such low levels (<200 ppm) pose very low risk to human health and the environment. This conclusion is based in part on the information below:

#### **Toxicity Information**

Xylene is a colorless liquid with a strong, sweetish aromatic odor. Studies have indicated that it is neither a carcinogen or mutagen. Bio-accumulation of xylene is limited due to the fact that it is rapidly metabolized and eliminated from the body in urine within a few hours. Rats and dogs exposed to xylene vapor for 13 weeks at 180 - 810 ppm showed no adverse effects related to dose or treatment. (1)

#### **Environmental Effects**

Xylene released to soil will volatilize and leach into the ground where it will degrade 70% under aerobic conditions in approximately 10 days or under anaerobic (six months before degradation starts) denitrifying conditions.(2) If released to surface water, the half life of xylene is approximately 1-5 days with the main attenuation process being volatilization.

When released to the atmosphere, xylene may degrade by reactions with hydroxyl radicals which are produced photochemically. As a result of this reaction, xylene has been determined to have a half life of 1.5 hours in summer and 15 hours in winter.(2)

EPA's Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards, has evaluated mixed xylenes for chronic toxicity in order to determine a hazard ranking under Section 112(g) of the Clean Air Act Amendments and assigned a composite score of 8. The scores are based on the minimal effect-dose and a rating on the type of effect. Scores range from 1 to 100, with 100 representing the most toxic. (3)

Based on an evaluation of topography, this site is believed to have ground water greater than 75' below ground surface. Due to the immobility of xylene through soil and a lack of continuous transporting mechanisms, it is very likely that the residual xylene remaining in the pit will degrade in the short term under existing conditions, or certainly during the life of the producing well. Granular fertilizer has been added to the soil in order to facilitate further degradation. Observations and data collected from other sites suggests that the concentration of xylene would diminish vertically and likely be less than 10 ppm within the next 1-5 feet of soil depth.

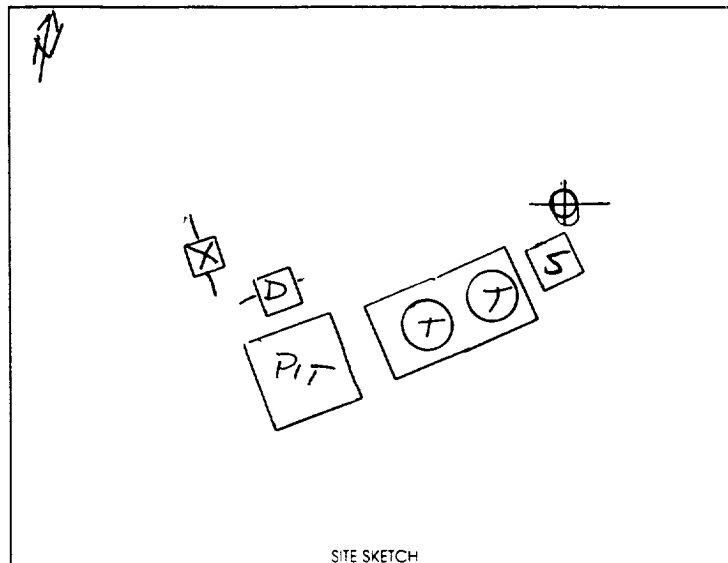
**Since there are no nearby receptors or domestic water sources, this site poses little risk to human health and the environment. Closure is justified based on the relatively low total petroleum hydrocarbon (TPH) concentration and the fact that benzene, toluene, and ethylbenzene meet applicable closure criteria.**

- (1) Canadian Department of Occupational Health and Database, CCINFO Xylene 1991.
- (2) *Handbook of Environmental Fate and Exposure Data for Organic Chemicals*, Vol 1, Large Production and Priority Pollutants, Philip H. Howard. Lewis Pub. 1989.
- (3) USEPA. *Technical Background Document to Support Rulemaking Pursuant to the Clean air Act Section 112(g). Ranking of Pollutants with Respect to Hazard to Human Health*. EPAB450/3-92-010. Emissions Standards Division, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards, Research Triangle Park, NC. 1994.

## PIT RETIREMENT FORM

Date: 11-25-96Weather                     Well Name SJ 27-5 #84 Operator BURLINGTON RESOURCES Sec 3 T 27N R 5W UL 1825'SLand Type: BLM STATE FEE INDIANCounty RIO ARribaOne Call Made (505-765-1234)? (Y) NLine Marking Evident? (Y) N

## Pit Location:

Reference Wellhead X Other                     Distance from: 91 feetDirection: 63° Degrees                      E                      N                     X of                       
X W                      S XStarting Pit Dimensions 19' x 19' x 3'Final Pit Dimensions 30' x 27' x 8'

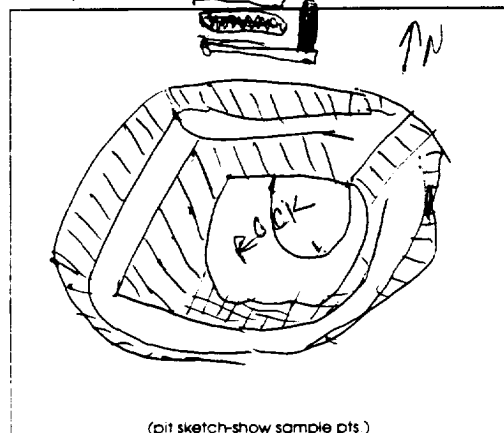
SITE SKETCH

Organic Vapor Readings: Start                      Soil Description: BROWN SILTY SAND  
 @ 2'                      BROWN SANDY SILT  
 @ 4'                                            
 @ 6'                                            
 @ 8'                      BEDROCK  
 @                       
 @                     

Well Proximity To: Residence, Domestic Water Well, Stock Well NONE  
 Arroyo, Wash, Lake, Stream NONE  
 Estimated or Known Distance to Ground Water 2100 feet

Source of Backfill (if other than processed material)                     

Samples collected: Type Progress: Verification: ID SJ 27-5 #84 V-EX-01 soil / water  
 Progress: Verification: ID SJ 27-5 #84 V-EF-02 soil / water  
 Progress: Verification: ID                      soil / water

Sample sent to Lab Via: Courier Hand Carried Other                      Preservative: ICE Other                     

(pit sketch-show sample pts)

Comments: SET UP, EXCAVATE, SHRED MATERIAL,  
AND ADD FERTILIZER. STOCKPILED MATERIAL  
ON SITE. ROCK WAS ENCOUNTERED. AFTER  
REMEDIATION CONFIRMED, STOCKPILED MATERIAL  
WAS USED TO BACKFILL EXCAVATION.

Soil Shipped to:                       
 Prepared by:



## Organic Analysis - Pit Closure

### Williams Field Services

Project ID:	OCD Pits	Report Date:	12/09/96
Sample ID:	SJ 27-5 #84 V-EX-01	Date Sampled:	12/04/96
Lab ID:	5841	Date Received:	12/04/96
Sample Matrix:	Soil	Date Extracted:	12/05/96
Preservative:	Cool	Date Analyzed:	12/5-7/96
Condition:	Intact		

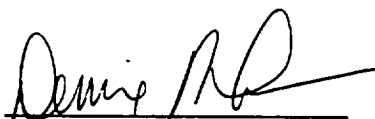
Target Analyte	Concentration (mg/kg)	Detection Limit (mg/kg)
<b>Total Aromatic Hydrocarbons</b>	<b>155</b>	
Benzene	0.43	0.31
Toluene	22.7	3.09
Ethylbenzene	6.07	0.31
m,p-Xylenes	103	6.17
o-Xylene	23.3	3.09
<b>Total Recoverable Petroleum Hydrocarbons</b>	<b>773</b>	<b>281</b>

<b>Quality Control:</b>	<u>Surrogate</u>	<u>Percent Recovery</u>	<u>Acceptance Limits</u>
	Trifluorotoluene	87	81 - 117%
	Bromofluorobenzene	94	74 - 121%

**Reference:** Method 5030, Purge and Trap; Method 8020, Aromatic Volatile Organics;  
Test Methods for Evaluating Solid Wastes, SW-846, United States  
Environmental Protection Agency, Final Update I, July, 1992.

Method 3550 - Sonication Extraction; Test Methods for Evaluating Solid Waste,  
SW-846, United States Environmental Protection Agency, September, 1986;  
Method 418.1 - Petroleum Hydrocarbons, Total Recoverable; Chemical Analysis of  
Water and Waste, United States Environmental Protection Agency, 1978.

**Comments:**

  
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## Organic Analysis - Pit Closure

### Williams Field Services

Project ID: OCD Pits  
Sample ID: SJ 27-5 #84 V-LF-02  
Lab ID: 5981  
Sample Matrix: Soil  
Preservative: Cool  
Condition: Intact

Report Date: 12/18/96  
Date Sampled: 12/16/96  
Date Received: 12/16/96  
Date Extracted: 12/17/96  
Date Analyzed: 12/17/96

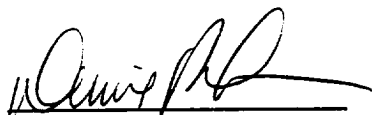
Target Analyte	Concentration (mg/kg)	Detection Limit (mg/kg)
<b>Total Aromatic Hydrocarbons</b>	<b>54.1</b>	
Benzene	ND	0.74
Toluene	4.50	0.74
Ethylbenzene	1.42	0.74
m,p-Xylenes	38.1	1.48
o-Xylene	10.1	0.74
<b>Total Recoverable Petroleum Hydrocarbons</b>	<b>1,010</b>	<b>54.6</b>

<b>Quality Control:</b>	<u>Surrogate</u>	<u>Percent Recovery</u>	<u>Acceptance Limits</u>
	Trifluorotoluene	104	81 - 117%
	Bromofluorobenzene	102	74 - 121%

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