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Meter Number: 75699

Location Name: FEDERAL #16 DK, MV MV-PIT1

Location: TN-27 RG-08

SC-09 UL-M

2 - Federal

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

GENERAL	<p>Meter: <u>75699</u> Location: <u>FEDERAL #16 DK. MV</u> (<u>MV-PIT 1</u>) Operator #: <u>0286</u> Operator Name: <u>CONOCO</u> P/L District: <u>BALLARD</u> Coordinates: Letter: <u>M</u> Section <u>9</u> Township: <u>27</u> Range: <u>8</u> Or Latitude _____ Longitude _____ Pit Type: Dehydrator <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Location Drip: _____ Line Drip: _____ Other: _____ Site Assessment Date: <u>6-20-94</u> Area: <u>07</u> Run: <u>21</u></p>	
	<p>NMOCD Zone: (From NMOCD Maps) Inside <input type="checkbox"/> (1) Outside <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (2)</p> <p>Land Type: BLM <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (1) State <input type="checkbox"/> (2) Fee <input type="checkbox"/> (3) Indian _____</p> <p>Depth to Groundwater Less Than 50 Feet (20 points) <input type="checkbox"/> (1) 50 Ft to 99 Ft (10 points) <input type="checkbox"/> (2) Greater Than 100 Ft (0 points) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (3)</p> <p>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? <input type="checkbox"/> (1) YES (20 points) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (2) NO (0 points)</p> <p>Horizontal Distance to Surface Water Body Less Than 200 Ft (20 points) <input type="checkbox"/> (1) 200 Ft to 1000 Ft (10 points) <input type="checkbox"/> (2) Greater Than 1000 Ft (0 points) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (3)</p> <p>Name of Surface Water Body _____ (Surface Water Body : Perennial Rivers, Major Wash, Streams, Creeks, Irrigation Canals, Ditches, Lakes, Ponds) Distance to Nearest Ephemeral Stream <input type="checkbox"/> (1) < 100' (Navajo Pits Only) <input type="checkbox"/> (2) > 100'</p> <p>TOTAL HAZARD RANKING SCORE: <u>0</u> POINTS</p>	
REMARKS	<p>Remarks : <u>THREE PITS ON LOCATION. WILL CLOSE TWO OF THEM. PITS ARE DRY. LOCATION IS ON TOP OF HOLLIS PASS ON BLANCO MESA. REDLINE AND TOPO CONFIRMED LOCATION IS OUTSIDE V.I.Z.</u></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>PUSH IN</u></p>	

FIELD PIT REMEDIATION/CLOSURE FORM

GENERAL	Meter: <u>75694</u> Location: <u>Federal #16 MV</u> Coordinates: Letter: <u>M</u> Section <u>9</u> Township: <u>27</u> Range: <u>8</u> Or Latitude _____ Longitude _____ Date Started : <u>9-27-94</u> Run: <u>07</u> <u>21</u>
FIELD OBSERVATIONS	Sample Number(s): <u>W345</u> Sample Depth: <u>4'</u> Feet Final PID Reading <u>217</u> PID Reading Depth <u>4'</u> Feet <div style="text-align: center;">Yes No</div> Groundwater Encountered <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approximate Depth _____ Feet
CLOSURE	Remediation Method : <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div> Excavation Onsite Bioremediation Backfill Pit Without Excavation </div> <div style="text-align: right;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Approx. Cubic Yards _____ <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> </div> </div> Soil Disposition: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div> Envirotech <input type="checkbox"/> Other Facility <input type="checkbox"/> </div> <div style="text-align: right;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Tierra Name: _____ </div> </div> Pit Closure Date: <u>9-27-94</u> Pit Closed By: <u>BEZ</u>
REMARKS	Remarks : <u>4' sandstone</u> <u>10yds F-11</u> _____ _____
	Signature of Specialist: <u>Vale Weber</u>

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FIELD SERVICES LABORATORY ANALYTICAL REPORT

PIT CLOSURE PROJECT - Soil Samples Outside the GWV Zone

SAMPLE IDENTIFICATION

	Field ID	Lab ID
SAMPLE NUMBER:	VW 345 RLB9/26/95	946233
MTR CODE SITE NAME:	75694 95699	N/A
SAMPLE DATE TIME (Hrs):	9-27-94	1310
SAMPLED BY:	N/A	
DATE OF TPH EXT. ANAL.:	9-29-94	9-29-94
DATE OF BTEX EXT. ANAL.:	N/A	N/A
TYPE DESCRIPTION:	VG	Dark brown sand & clay

REMARKS: _____

RESULTS

PARAMETER	RESULT	UNITS	QUALIFIERS			
			DF	Q	M(g)	V(ml)
TPH (418.1)	1390	MG/KG			2.01	28
HEADSPACE PID	217	PPM				
PERCENT SOLIDS	82.8	%				

-- TPH is by EPA Method 418.1 --

Narrative: _____

DF = Dilution Factor Used

Approved By: _____

Date: _____

10/6/94

 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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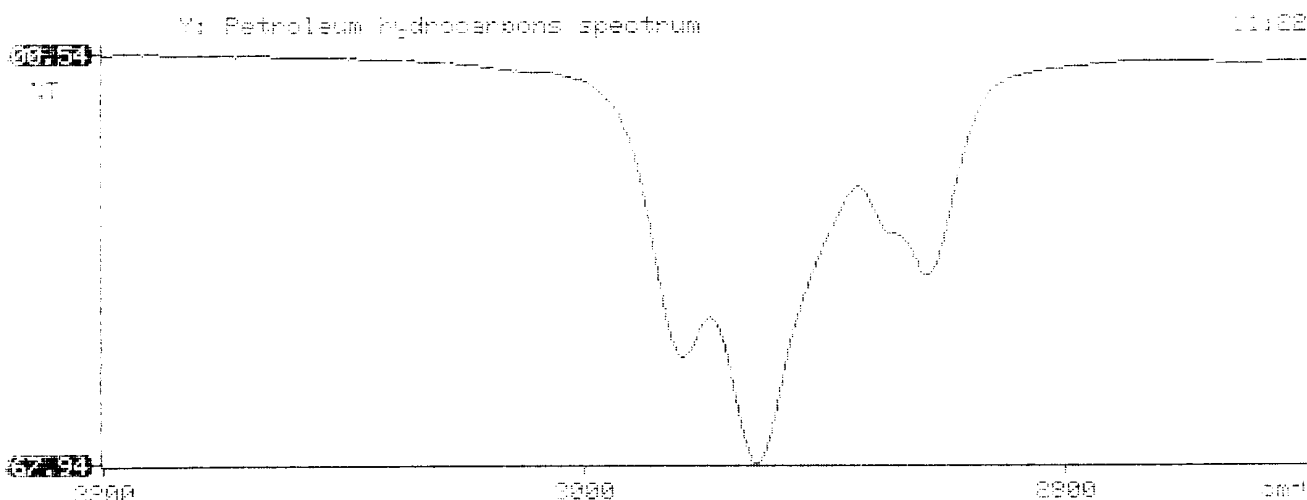
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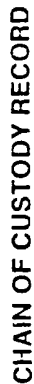
Initial mass of sample, g
 2.010

Volume of sample after extraction, ml
 28.000

Petroleum hydrocarbons, ppm
 1290.230

Net absorbance of hydrocarbons (2930 cm^{-1})
 0.166





CHAIN OF CUSTODY RECORD

White - Testing Laboratory Canary - EPNG Lab Pink - Field Sampler