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Approved

Meter Number: 73069
Location Name: HANCOCK B #4
Location: TN-28 RG-09
SC-22 UL-C
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.

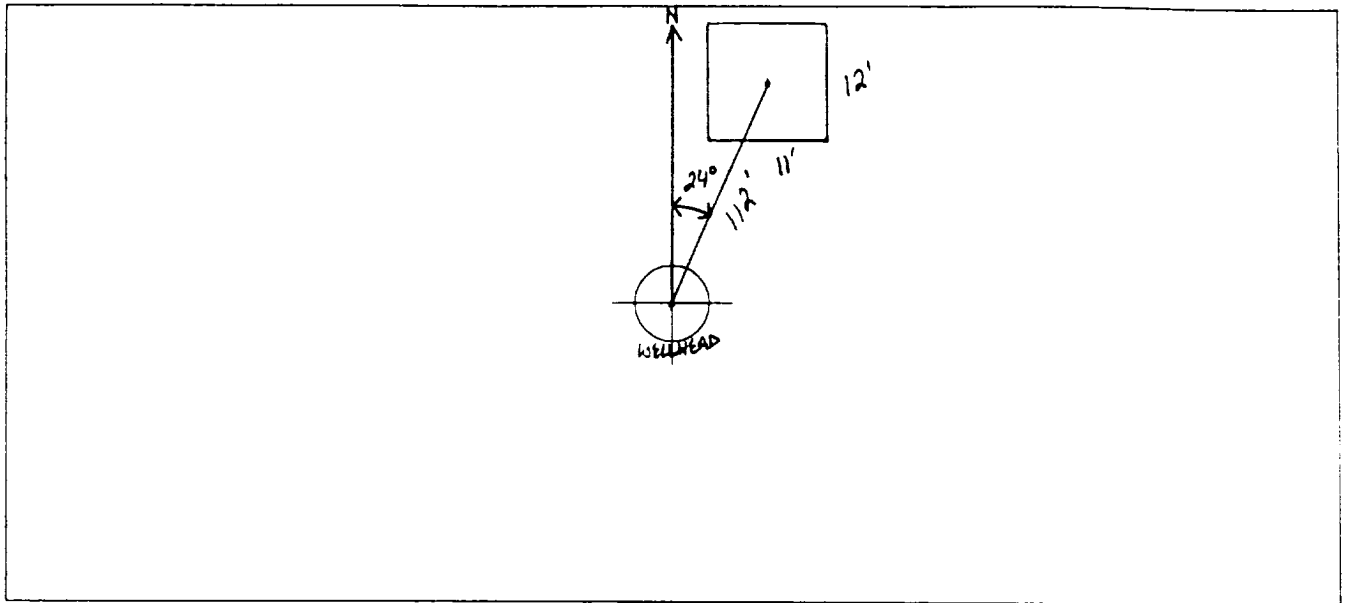
Based on the above information, it is highly unlikely that any source material will impact groundwater or ever find an exposure pathway to affect human health and therefore El Paso Field Services Company (EPFS) requests closure of this pit location.

FIELD PIT SITE ASSESSMENT FORM

GENERAL	<p>Meter: <u>73069</u> Location: <u>HANCOCK B#4</u></p> <p>Operator #: <u>2999</u> Operator Name: <u>MERIDIAN P/L</u> District: <u>BLANCO</u></p> <p>Coordinates: Letter: <u>C</u> Section <u>22</u> Township: <u>28</u> Range: <u>9</u></p> <p>Or Latitude _____ Longitude _____</p> <p>Pit Type: Dehydrator _____ Location Drip: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Line Drip: _____ Other: _____</p> <p>Site Assessment Date: <u>5.15.94</u> Area: <u>03</u> Run: <u>42.31</u> <u>5.15.94</u></p>
	SITE ASSESSMENT
REMARKS	

ORIGINAL PIT LOCATION

Original Pit : a) Degrees from North 24° Footage from Wellhead 112'
 b) Length : 12' Width : 11' Depth : 2'



Remarks :

TOOK PICTURES AT 10:59 A.M.

END DUMP

Completed By:

Bob Thompson

Signature

5.15.94

Date

FIELD PIT REMEDIATION/CLOSURE FORM

GENERAL	<p>Meter: <u>73069</u> Location: <u>Hancock B #4</u></p> <p>Coordinates: Letter: <u>C</u> Section <u>22</u> Township: <u>28</u> Range: <u>9</u></p> <p>Or Latitude _____ Longitude _____</p> <p>Date Started : <u>7-21-94</u> Run: <u>03</u> <u>31</u></p>
FIELD OBSERVATIONS	<p>Sample Number(s): <u>NK 173</u></p> <p>Sample Depth: <u>12'</u> Feet</p> <p>Final PID Reading <u>2</u> PID Reading Depth <u>12'</u> Feet</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Yes No</p> <p>Groundwater Encountered <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approximate Depth _____ Feet</p>
CLOSURE	<p>Remediation Method :</p> <p>Excavation <input type="checkbox"/> Approx. Cubic Yards _____</p> <p>Onsite Bioremediation <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Backfill Pit Without Excavation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Soil Disposition:</p> <p>Envirotech <input type="checkbox"/> Tierra <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Other Facility <input type="checkbox"/> Name: _____</p> <p>Pit Closure Date: <u>7-21-94</u> Pit Closed By: <u>BEI</u></p>
REMARKS	<p>Remarks : <u>EPNG lines not marked Brown soil no</u></p> <p><u>Hydrocarbon odor</u></p>
	<p>Signature of Specialist: <u>Morgan Lillian</u></p>



FIELD SERVICES LABORATORY

ANALYTICAL REPORT

PIT CLOSURE PROJECT - Soil

SAMPLE IDENTIFICATION

	Field ID	Lab ID
SAMPLE NUMBER:	mk173	945739
MTR CODE SITE NAME:	73069	N/A
SAMPLE DATE TIME (Hrs):	7-21-94	0851
SAMPLED BY:	N/A	
DATE OF TPH EXT. ANAL.:	7-26-94	7-26-94
DATE OF BTEX EXT. ANAL.:	N/A	N/A
TYPE DESCRIPTION:	VG	Fine Brown sand

REMARKS:

RESULTS

PARAMETER	RESULT	UNITS	QUALIFIERS			
			DF	Q	M(g)	V(ml)
BENZENE		MG/KG				
TOLUENE		MG/KG				
ETHYL BENZENE		MG/KG				
TOTAL XYLENES		MG/KG				
TOTAL BTEX		MG/KG				
TPH (418.1)	7.76	MG/KG			2.15	28
HEADSPACE PID	2	PPM				
PERCENT SOLIDS	94.9	%				

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

The Surrogate Recovery was at
Narrative:

N/A % for this sample All QA/QC was acceptable.

DF = Dilution Factor Used

Date:

8/8/94