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DEPUTY OIL & GAS INSPECTOR

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Approved

Meter Number: 94940

Location Name: A.L. ELLIOTT B #6E

Location: TN-29 RG-09

SC-10 UL-D

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

Meter: 94940 Location: AL. ELLIOT 3 #6 E
 Operator #: 0203 Operator Name: AMOCO P/L District: BLOOMFIELD
 Coordinates: Letter: D Section 10 Township: 29 Range: 9
 Or Latitude _____ Longitude _____
 Pit Type: Dehydrator ☒ Location Drip: _____ Line Drip: _____ Other: _____
 Site Assessment Date: 4.28.94 Area: 10 Run: 22

SITE ASSESSMENT

NMOCD Zone: (From NMOCD Maps) Inside ☐ (1) Outside ☒ (2)

Land Type: BLM ☒ (1) State ☐ (2) Fee ☐ (3) Indian _____

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

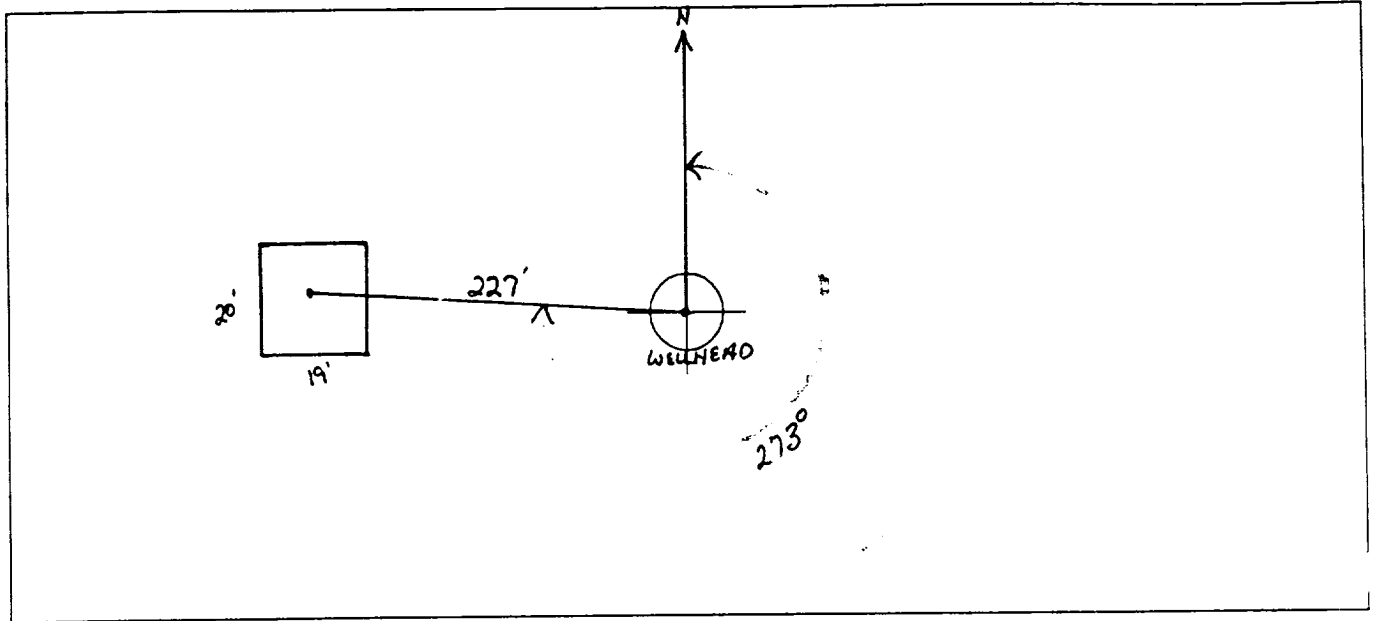
Remarks : TWO PITS ON LOCATION. WILL CLOSE ONLY ONE. PIT IS DRY
LOCATION IS ON A MESA AT THE BASE OF SOME CLIFFS. REDLINE AND
TOP CONFIRMED LOCATION TO BE OUTSIDE THE V.Z.

PUSH IN

ORIGINAL PIT LOCATION

Original Pit : a) Degrees from North 273° Footage from Wellhead 227'
 b) Length : 20' Width : 19' Depth : 3'

ORIGINAL PIT LOCATION



REMARKS

Remarks :

TOOK PICTURES AT 9:40 A.M.

END DUMP

Completed By:

Paul Thompson
 Signature

4.28.94
 Date

GENERAL

Meter: 94940 Location: A.L. Elliott B#6E
 Coordinates: Letter: D Section 10 Township: 29 Range: 9
 Or Latitude _____ Longitude _____
 Date Started : 5-20-94 Area: 10 Run: 22

FIELD OBSERVATIONS

Sample Number(s): VW 127 _____
 Sample Depth: 5' Feet
 Final PID Reading 254 PID Reading Depth 5' Feet
 Yes No
 Groundwater Encountered ☐ (1) ☒ (2) Approximate Depth _____ Feet

CLOSURE

Remediation Method :
 Excavation ☐ (1) Approx. Cubic Yards _____
 Onsite Bioremediation ☐ (2)
 Backfill Pit Without Excavation ☒ (3)
 Soil Disposition:
 Envirotech ☐ (1) ☐ (3) Tierra
 Other Facility ☐ (2) Name: _____
 Pit Closure Date: 5-20-94 Pit Closed By: BEI

REMARKS

Remarks : Line markers. 5' hit rock

Signature of Specialist: Vale Wilson



FIELD SERVICES LABORATORY

ANALYTICAL REPORT

PIT CLOSURE PROJECT - Soil

SAMPLE IDENTIFICATION

	Field ID	Lab ID
SAMPLE NUMBER:	VW 127	945261
MTR CODE SITE NAME:	94940	N/A
SAMPLE DATE TIME (Hrs):	5-20-94	1115
SAMPLED BY:	N/A	
DATE OF TPH EXT. ANAL.:	5/24/94	5/24/94
DATE OF BTEX EXT. ANAL.:	N/A	N/A
TYPE DESCRIPTION:	VG	Brown coarse 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)	1076 1070	MG/KG			2.15	28
HEADSPACE PID	254	PPM				
PERCENT SOLIDS	93.1	%				

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

Surrogate Recovery was at
Narrative:

N/A

% for this sample All QA/QC was acceptable.

= Dilution Factor Used

Approved By:

John Lamberti

Date:

6/16/94

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

24/05/24 10:35

Sample identification
 245261

Initial mass of sample, g
 1.150

Volume of sample after extraction, ml
 29.000

Petroleum hydrocarbons, ppm
 1070.863

Net absorbance of hydrocarbons (2930 cm⁻¹)
 0.141

