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DEPUTY OIL & GAS INSPECTOR

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Meter Number: 90375
Location Name: NE BLANCO UNIT #102A
Location: TN-30 RG-07
SC-03 UL-F
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

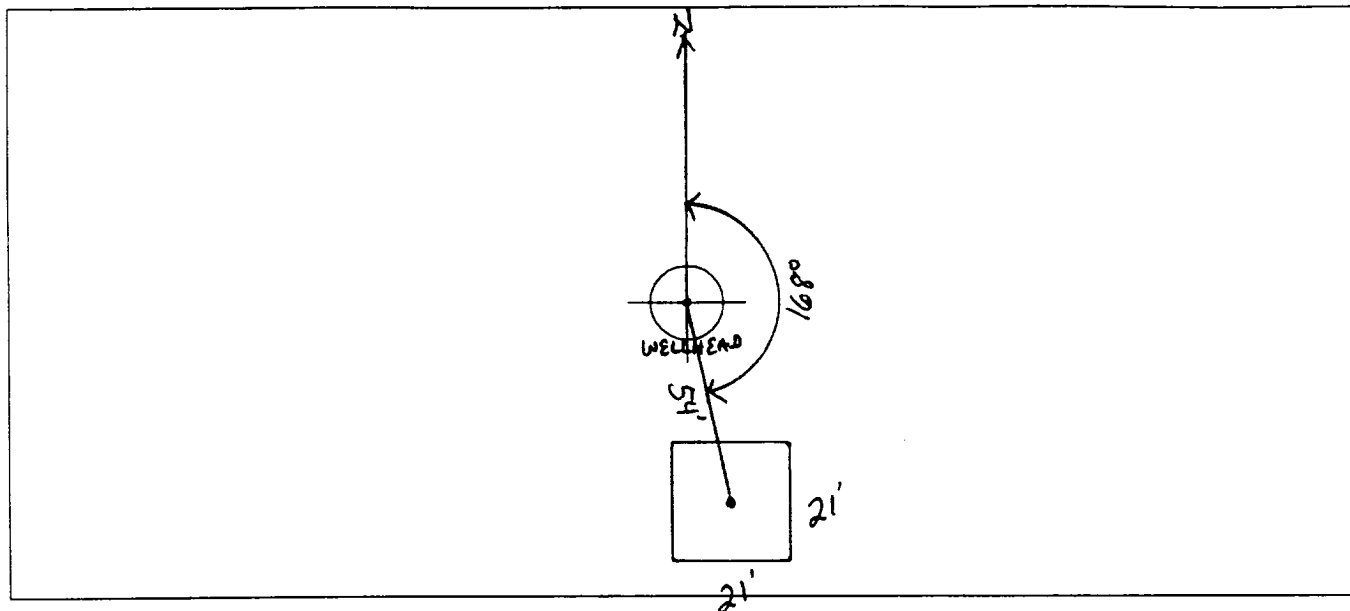


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REMARKS	<p>Remarks : <u>TWO PITS ON LOCATION, WILL CLOSE ONLY ONE. PIT IS DRY.</u></p> <p><u>LOCATION IS NORTH OF THE SIMS HWY. REDLINE SHOWS LOCATION INSIDE V.Z. BUT TOPO SHOWS LOCATION IS OUTSIDE V.Z.</u></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>PUSH ME</u></p>				

ORIGINAL PIT LOCATION

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Original Pit : a) Degrees from North 168° Footage from Wellhead 54'
b) Length : 21' Width : 21' Depth : 3'



REMARKS

Remarks :

TOOK PICTURES AT 11:36 A.M.

END DUMP

Completed By:

Robert Champion
Signature

6.7.94

Date

FH-101 (Rev. 10-1-80) PIT REMEDIATION/CLOSURE FORM

GENERAL	FIELD OBSERVATIONS	CLOSURE	REMARKS
Meter: <u>90375</u> Location: <u>NE Blanco unit #102A</u> Coordinates: Letter: <u>E</u> Section: <u>3</u> Township: <u>30</u> Range: <u>7</u> Or Latitude _____ Longitude _____ Date Started : <u>7-12-94</u> Area: <u>10</u> Run: <u>82</u>	Sample Number(s): <u>MK 124</u> _____ Sample Depth: <u>12'</u> Feet Final PID Reading <u>294</u> PID Reading Depth <u>12'</u> Feet Yes No Groundwater Encountered <input type="checkbox"/> (1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (2) Approximate Depth _____ Feet	Remediation Method : Excavation <input type="checkbox"/> (1) Approx. Cubic Yards _____ Onsite Bioremediation <input type="checkbox"/> (2) Backfill Pit Without Excavation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (3) Soil Disposition: Envirotech <input type="checkbox"/> (1) <input type="checkbox"/> (3) Tierra Other Facility <input type="checkbox"/> (2) Name: _____ Pit Closure Date: <u>7-12-94</u> Pit Closed By: <u>BFI</u>	Remarks : <u>EPNG lines marked soil gray strong</u> <u>HYDROCARBON odor</u>
Signature of Specialist: <u>Morgan Killian</u>			

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      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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1/07/13 11:09

Sample Identification
45841

Weight of sample, g
0.1

Weight of sample after extraction, g
0.0

Extraction solvent, ml
10

Extraction time, min
15

