

**EL PASO FIELD SERVICES**  
**PRODUCTION PIT CLOSURE**

DEPUTY OIL & GAS

DEC 21 1998

**JOHNSTON FEDERAL #9A**  
**Meter/Line ID - 89193**

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**SITE DETAILS**

**Legals - Twn: 31 Rng: 09**  
**NMOCD Hazard Ranking: 40**  
**Operator: MERIDIAN OIL INC - UNICON**

**Sec: 35 Unit: 1**  
**Land Type: 2 - Federal**  
**Pit Closure Date: 09/16/94**

**RATIONALE FOR RISK-BASED CLOSURE:**

The above mentioned production pit was assessed and ranked according to the criteria in the New Mexico Conservation Division's Unlined Surface Impoundment Closure Guidelines.

The primary source, discharge to the pit, has been removed. There has been no discharge to the production pit for at least five years and the pit has been closed for at least three years.

The production pit has been remediated to the practical extent of the trackhoe or to the top of bedrock. Initial laboratory analysis has indicated that the soil remaining at the bottom of the excavation is above standards based on the hazard ranking score. Contaminated soil was removed and transported to an approved landfarm for disposal. The initial excavation was backfilled with clean soil and graded in a manner to divert precipitation away from the excavated area. Any rainfall that does infiltrate the ground surface must migrate through clean backfill before reaching any residual hydrocarbons remaining in the soil. Therefore, further mobility of residual hydrocarbons is unlikely.

Since the soil samples from the initial excavation were above standards, a test boring was drilled and a sample was collected to evaluate the vertical extent of impact to soils. Test boring sample results indicated soils below standards beneath the original excavation.

El Paso Field Services Company (EPFS) requests closure of the above mentioned production pit location for the following reasons:

- Discharge to the pit has not occurred in over five years and the pit has been closed for over three years.
- The bulk of the impacted soil was removed during the initial excavation.
- The excavation was backfilled with clean soil and graded to divert precipitation away from the excavation area.
- All source material has been removed from the ground surface, eliminating potential direct contact with livestock and the general public.
- Groundwater was not encountered in the initial excavation or test boring; therefore, impact to groundwater is unlikely.
- Soil samples collected beneath the initial excavation were below standards.
- No potential receptors are within 1,000 feet of the site.
- Residual hydrocarbons remaining in the soil at the bottom of the initial excavation will naturally degrade in time with minimal risk to the environment.

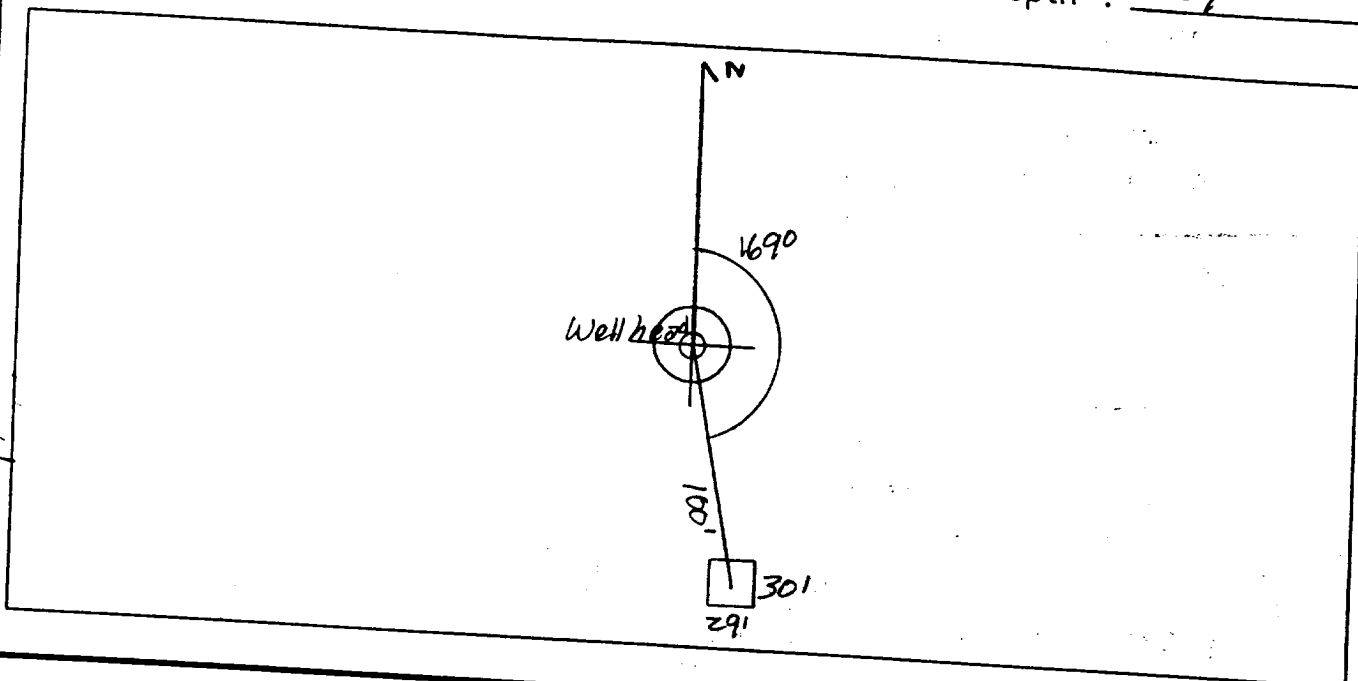
# FIELD PIT SITE ASSESSMENT FORM

GENERAL	<p>Meter: <u>89-193</u> Location: <u>Johnston Federal #9A</u>          Operator #: <u>0128</u> Operator Name: <u>Meridian P/L</u> District: <u>Aztec</u>          Coordinates: Letter: <u>I</u> Section <u>35</u> Township: <u>31</u> Range: <u>9</u>          Or Latitude _____ Longitude _____          Pit Type: Dehydrator _____ Location Drip: <u>X</u> Line Drip: _____ Other: _____          Site Assessment Date: <u>8/31/94</u> Area: <u>04</u> Run: <u>41</u></p>
SITE ASSESSMENT	<p><b>NMOCD Zone:</b>          (From NMOCD Maps) Inside <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (1) Outside <input type="checkbox"/> (2)</p> <p><b>Land Type:</b> BLM <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (1) State <input type="checkbox"/> (2) Fee <input type="checkbox"/> (3) Indian _____</p> <p><b>Depth to Groundwater</b>          Less Than 50 Feet (20 points) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (1)          50 Ft to 99 Ft (10 points) <input type="checkbox"/> (2)          Greater Than 100 Ft (0 points) <input type="checkbox"/> (3)</p> <p><b>Wellhead Protection Area :</b>          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><b>Horizontal Distance to Surface Water Body</b>          Less Than 200 Ft (20 points) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (1)          200 Ft to 1000 Ft (10 points) <input type="checkbox"/> (2)          Greater Than 1000 Ft (0 points) <input type="checkbox"/> (3)          Name of Surface Water Body <u>Pump Canyon</u>          (Surface Water Body : Perennial Rivers, Major Wash, Streams, Creeks, Irrigation Canals, Ditches, Lakes, Ponds)          Distance to Nearest Ephemeral Stream <input type="checkbox"/> (1) &lt; 100' (Navajo Pits Only)  <input type="checkbox"/> (2) &gt; 100'</p> <p><b>TOTAL HAZARD RANKING SCORE:</b> <u>40</u> POINTS</p>
REMARKS	<p>Remarks : <u>Redline Book - Inside</u> <u>Vulnerable Zone Type - Inside</u>  <u>Three pits, location drip pit is dry. Will close one pit.</u>  <u>DIG &amp; HAUL</u></p>

## ORIGINAL PIT LOCATION

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Original Pit : a) Degrees from North 169° Footage from Wellhead 100'  
b) Length : 29' Width : 30' Depth : 4'



## REMARKS

## Remarks :

Pictures @ 1254 (5-8, Roll 15)  
Dump Truck

Completed By:

Sarah Kelly  
Signature

8/31/94  
Date

# **PHASE I EXCAVATION**

# FIELD PIT REMEDIATION/CLOSURE FORM

<b>GENERAL</b>	Meter: <u>89193</u> Location: <u>Johnston Federal #9A</u> Coordinates: Letter: <u>I</u> Section <u>35</u> Township: <u>31</u> Range: <u>9</u> Or Latitude _____ Longitude _____ Date Started : <u>9/16/94</u> Run: <u>04</u> <u>41</u>
<b>FIELD OBSERVATIONS</b>	Sample Number(s): <u>263</u> <u>264</u> <u>265</u> Sample Depth: <u>12'</u> Feet Final PID Reading <u>565 ppm</u> PID Reading Depth <u>12'</u> Feet Groundwater Encountered <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Approximate Depth _____ Feet
<b>CLOSURE</b>	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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approx. Cubic Yards <u>50</u>  <input type="checkbox"/>  <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tierra            Name: _____         </div> </div> Pit Closure Date: <u>9/16/94</u> Pit Closed By: <u>BEI</u>
<b>REMARKS</b>	Remarks : <u>Excavated pit to 12', took pid sample, closed pit.</u> _____ _____
	Signature of Specialist: <u>Henry Deenen</u>



FIELD SERVICES LABORATORY  
ANALYTICAL REPORT

PIT CLOSURE PROJECT - Soil Samples Inside the GWV Zone

SAMPLE IDENTIFICATION

	Field ID	Lab ID
SAMPLE NUMBER:	KD 263	946151
MTR CODE   SITE NAME:	89193	N/A
SAMPLE DATE   TIME (Hrs):	9-16-94	1410
SAMPLED BY:	N/A	
DATE OF TPH EXT.   ANAL.:	9-20-94	9-20-94
DATE OF BTEX EXT.   ANAL.:	9-22-94	9-24-94
TYPE   DESCRIPTION:	VC	light grey sand & clay

REMARKS:

RESULTS

PARAMETER	RESULT	UNITS	QUALIFIERS			
			DF	Q	M(g)	V(ml)
BENZENE	40.25	MG/KG	10			
TOLUENE	4.8	MG/KG	10			
ETHYL BENZENE	1.4	MG/KG	10			
TOTAL XYLENES	17	MG/KG	10			
TOTAL BTEX	23.5	MG/KG				
TPH (418.1)	190	MG/KG			2.27	28
HEADSPACE PID	565	PPM				
PERCENT SOLIDS	88.8	%				

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

The Surrogate Recovery was at 76 % for this sample All QA/QC was acceptable.  
Narrative:

AT 1 Results attached.

DF = Dilution Factor Used

Approved By:

Date:

10/27/94

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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Sample identification  
946151

Initial mass of sample, g  
2.270

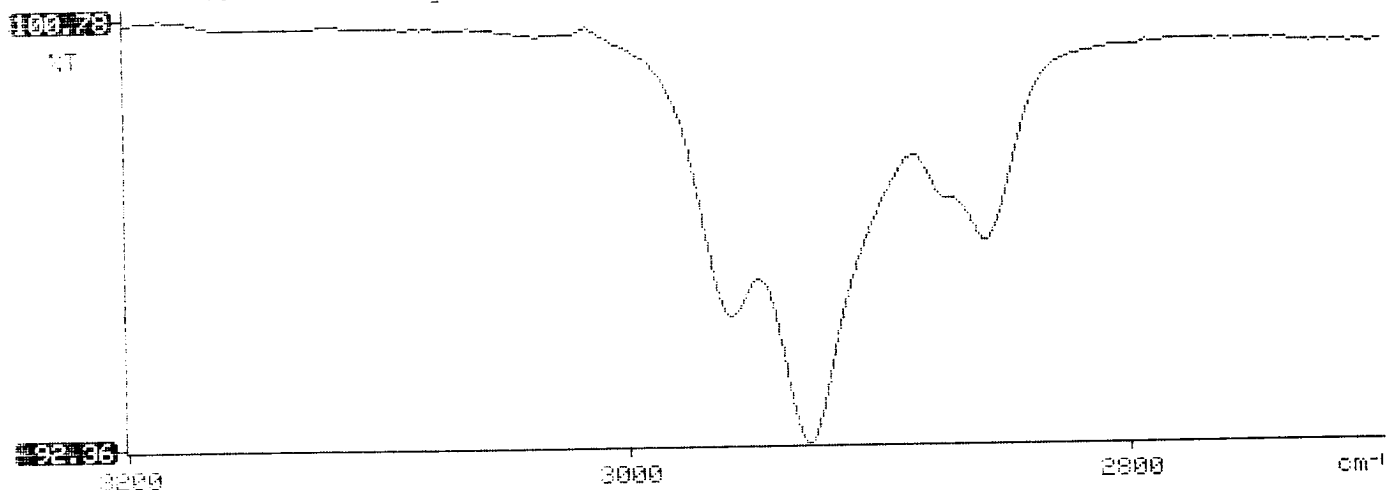
Volume of sample after extraction, ml  
28.000

Petroleum hydrocarbons, ppm  
190.392

Net absorbance of hydrocarbons (2930  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )  
0.036

Y: Petroleum hydrocarbons spectrum

12:53





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ATI I.D. 409389

September 29, 1994

El Paso Natural Gas Company  
P.O. Box 4990  
Farmington, NM 87499

Project Name/Number: PIT CLOSURE 24324

Attention: John Lambdin

On 09/21/94, Analytical Technologies, Inc., (ADHS License No. AZ0015), received a request to analyze **non-aqueous** samples. The samples were analyzed with EPA methodology or equivalent methods. The results of these analyses and the quality control data, which follow each set of analyses, are enclosed.

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact us at (505) 344-3777.

Letitia Krakowski, Ph.D.  
Project Manager

H. Mitchell Rubenstein, Ph.D.  
Laboratory Manager

MR:jt

Enclosure







Analytical Technologies, Inc.

## GAS CHROMATOGRAPHY RESULTS

TEST : BTEX (EPA 8020)  
CLIENT : EL PASO NATURAL GAS  
PROJECT # : 24324  
PROJECT NAME : PIT CLOSURE

ATI I.D.: 409389

SAMPLE ID. #	CLIENT I.D.	MATRIX	DATE SAMPLED	DATE EXTRACTED	DATE ANALYZED	DIL. FACTOR
04	946130	NON-AQ	09/15/94	09/22/94	09/23/94	1
05	946150	NON-AQ	09/16/94	09/22/94	09/24/94	10
06	946151	NON-AQ	09/16/94	09/22/94	09/24/94	10
PARAMETER			UNITS	04	05	06
BENZENE			MG/KG	<0.025	0.62	<0.25
TOLUENE			MG/KG	0.032	<0.25	4.8
ETHYLBENZENE			MG/KG	<0.025	8.0	1.4
TOTAL XYLENES			MG/KG	<0.025	79	17

SURROGATE:

BROMOFLUOROBENZENE (%)

93

95

76

# PHASE II

# RECORD OF SUBSURFACE EXPLORATION

Philip Environmental Services Corp.

4000 Monroe Road

Farmington, New Mexico 87401

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Borehole # BH-1  
Well # \_\_\_\_\_  
Page 1 of 1

Project Name EPNG Pits  
Project Number 14509 Phase 6000  
Project Location Johnston Federal #9A, 89-19

Elevation \_\_\_\_\_  
Borehole Location T31, R9, S.35, E  
GWL Depth \_\_\_\_\_  
Logged By S.Kelly  
Drilled By M. Dandane  
Date/Time Started 8/14/95, 0805  
Date/Time Completed 8/14/95, 0935

Well Logged By S.Kelly  
Personnel On-Site M. Dandane, J.O'Keefe, R. Riddle  
Contractors On-Site \_\_\_\_\_  
Client Personnel On-Site \_\_\_\_\_  
Drilling Method 4 1/4" ID HSA  
Air Monitoring Method CGI, PID

Depth (Feet)	Sample Number	Sample Interval	Sample Type & Recovery (inches)	Sample Description Classification System: USCS	USCS Symbol	Depth Lithology Change (feet)	Air Monitoring Units: NDU BZ BH S			Drilling Conditions & Blow Counts
0				Backfill						
5				to 12'						
10										
15										
18	18-20	18-20	.8 1.5	SILT, dk brown, stiff dry						drilling is hard, like rock
23	23-24.5	23-24.5	.8 1.5	SAM. very stiff.						1/81 0840
24.5				TOB-24.5'						0/26 0855
30										
35										
40										

Comments:

23'-24.5' sample (SEK51) sent to lab (BTEX & TPH)  
sample bagged and iced prior to being put in jar. BH  
grouted to surface.

Geologist Signature

Sarah Kelly



## FIELD SERVICES LABORATORY

## ANALYTICAL REPORT

## PIT CLOSURE PROJECT - Soil Samples Inside the GWV Zone

## SAMPLE IDENTIFICATION

	Field ID	Lab ID
SAMPLE NUMBER:	SEK 51	947157
MTR CODE   SITE NAME:	89193	Johnston Federal #9 A
SAMPLE DATE   TIME (Hrs):	08/04/95	08:55
PROJECT:	Phase II Drilling	
DATE OF TPH EXT.   ANAL.:	8-7-95	8-7-95
DATE OF BTEX EXT.   ANAL.:	8-12-95	8-12-95
TYPE   DESCRIPTION:	VG	grey sand & clay

Field Remarks: (23-24.5')

## RESULTS

PARAMETER	RESULT	UNITS	QUALIFIERS			
			DF	Q	M(g)	V(ml)
BENZENE	<0.025	MG/KG	1			
TOLUENE	<0.025	MG/KG	1			
ETHYL BENZENE	<0.025	MG/KG	1			
TOTAL XYLENES	<0.025	MG/KG	1			
TOTAL BTEX	<0.10	MG/KG				
TPH (418.1)	76.2	MG/KG			1.98	28
HEADSPACE PID	26	PPM				
PERCENT SOLIDS	91.4	%				

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

The Surrogate Recovery was at 113 for this sample All QA/QC was acceptable.

Narrative:

ATI Results attached.

DF = Dilution Factor Used

Approved By:

Date:

8/28/95

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*      Test Method for         *
*      Oil and Grease and Petroleum Hydrocarbons      *
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*      Analysis Report                                *
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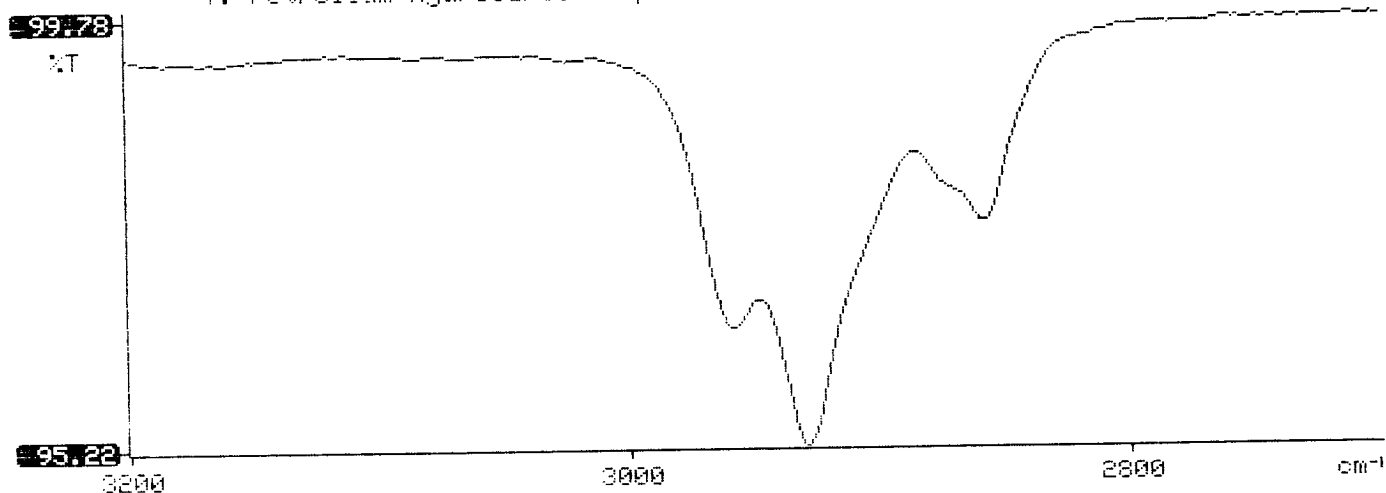
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* Sample identification
* 947157
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* Initial mass of sample, g
* 1.980
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* Volume of sample after extraction, ml
* 28.000
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* Petroleum hydrocarbons, ppm
* 76.155
* Net absorbance of hydrocarbons (2930 cm-1)
* 0.019
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Y: Petroleum hydrocarbons spectrum

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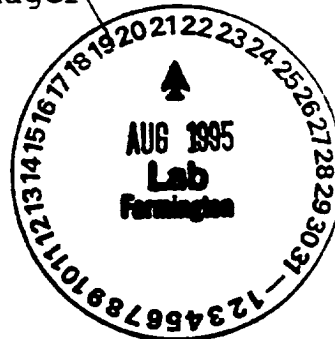
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# GAS CHROMATOGRAPHY RESULTS

TEST : BTEX (EPA 8020)  
CLIENT : EL PASO NATURAL GAS CO. ATI I.D.: 508367  
PROJECT # : 24324  
PROJECT NAME : PIT CLOSURE/PHASE I, II & III

SAMPLE ID. #	CLIENT I.D.	MATRIX	DATE SAMPLED	DATE EXTRACTED	DATE ANALYZED	DIL. FACTOR
04	947156	NON-AQ	08/04/95	08/14/95	08/15/95	1
05	947157	NON-AQ	08/04/95	08/12/95	08/12/95	1
06	947158	NON-AQ	08/04/95	08/12/95	08/12/95	20

PARAMETER	UNITS	04	05	06
BENZENE	MG/KG	<0.025	<0.025	<0.5
TOLUENE	MG/KG	0.11	<0.025	5.6
ETHYLBENZENE	MG/KG	0.056	<0.025	3.3
TOTAL XYLENES	MG/KG	0.28	<0.025	38

## SURROGATE:

BROMOFLUOROBENZENE (%)	84	113	182*
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\*OUTSIDE ATI QUALITY CONTROL LIMITS DUE TO MATRIX INTERFERENCE