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February 2, 2004

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**RE: Site Investigation, Remediation and Final C-141 Closure Documentation
A-8-2 Extension Pipeline Release
Duke Energy Field Services, LP
UL-G SW ¼ of the NE ¼ of Sec 26, T17S R34E
Lea County, NM**

Mr. Johnson:

Enclosed please find for your review, one copy of the **Site Investigation, Remediation and Final C-141 Closure Documentation** for the A-8-2 pipeline release that occurred on May 22, 2003.

Based on the information provided in the above referenced report, Duke Energy Field Services, LP would like to request no further action for this site.

If you have any questions regarding the information provided in the closure reports, please give me a call at 303-605-1718.

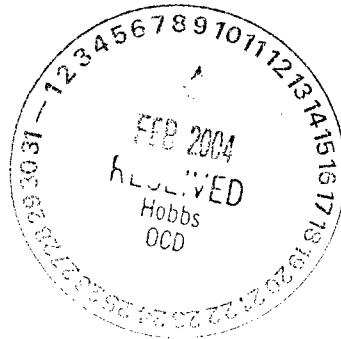
Sincerely

Duke Energy Field Services, LP

Stephen Weathers P.G.
Sr. Environmental Specialist

cc: Lynn Ward, DEFS Midland
Environmental Files

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SITE INVESTIGATION,
REMEDICATION AND FINAL C-141
CLOSURE DOCUMENTATION
A-8-2 EXTENSION

DEFS REF: #052203

UL-G SW¼ OF THE NE¼ OF SECTION 26 T17S R34E

~9.3 MILES WEST-NORTHWEST (BEARING 292.1°) OF

EUNICE, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

LATITUDE: N32° 48' 28.64" LONGITUDE: W103° 31' 45.77"

JANUARY 7, 2004

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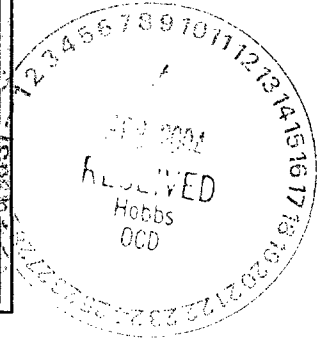
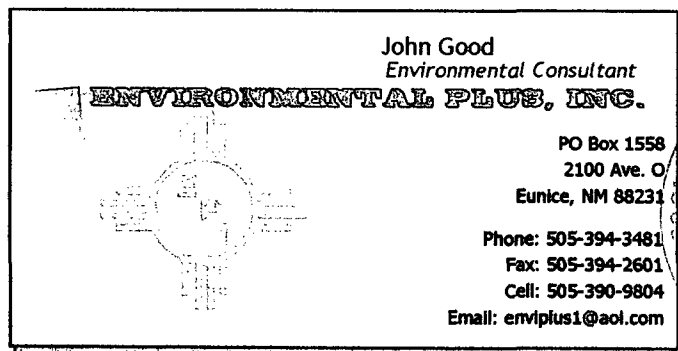


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Project Summary

Site Specific:

- ◆ **Company Name:** Duke Energy Field Services
- ◆ **Facility Name:** A-8-2 Extension Natural Gas Gathering Line
- ◆ **Project Reference** 052203
- ◆ **Company Contact:** Paul Mulkey; pdmulkey@duke-energy.com
- ◆ **Site Location:** WGS84: N32° 48' 28.64" "; W103° 31' 45.77"
- ◆ **Legal Description:** Unit Letter G, (SW¼ of the NE¼), Section 26, T17S, R34E
- ◆ **General Description:** approximately ~1.4-miles west-northwest (286.5°) of Buckeye, Lea County, NM
- ◆ **Elevation:** 4026-ft amsl **Depth to Ground Water:** ~50-ft
- ◆ **Land Ownership:** State of New Mexico
- ◆ **EPI Personnel:** Technical Manager – Pat McCasland
 Consultant – John Good
 Foreman – Morris Burkett

Release Specific:

- ◆ **Product Released:** Produced Water (saline) from Exxon-Mobil Line
- ◆ **Volume Released:** ~190 bbl **Volume Recovered:** 180 bbl
- ◆ **Time of Occurrence:** 5/22/03 **Time of Discovery:** 5/22/03
- ◆ **Release Source:** Exxon-Mobil Produced Water Line
- ◆ **Initial Surface Area Affected:** 4,200-ft² **Final Area Affected:** 11,275-ft²

Remediation Specific:

- ◆ **Final Vertical extent of contamination:** 10-ft bgs; Remaining depth to ground water: 40-ft
- ◆ **Water wells within 1000-ft:** 0 **Surface water bodies within 1000-ft:** 0
- ◆ **NMOCD Site Ranking Index:** 20 points (<50-ft to top of water table)
- ◆ **Remedial goals for Soil:** Chlorides: <250 ppm
- ◆ **RCRA Waste Classification:** Exempt
- ◆ **Remediation Option Selected:** a) Excavate and dispose of chloride (>250 mg/kg) contaminated soil; b) analytical confirmation of bottom-hole contaminant levels; c) backfill with clean caliche and contour so as to divert storm water runoff.
- ◆ **Disposal Facility:** Controlled Recovery Inc. **Volume disposed of:** 2,036-yd³
- ◆ **Project Completion Date:** July 23, 2003
- ◆ **Additional Commentary:**

1.0 Introduction & Background

This report addresses the site investigation and remediation of the Duke Energy Field Services (DEFS) "A-8-2 Extension 052203 – Exxon Mobil Produced Water Line" pipeline remediation site. On June 18, 2003, Environmental Plus, Inc. (EPI) was notified by DEFS regarding a produced water release at a location where an Exxon-Mobil produced water pipeline intersects the DEFS A-8-2 Extension pipeline. The Exxon-Mobil fiberglass produced water pipeline was inadvertently punctured by a DEFS crew doing maintenance on the A-8-2 Extension natural gas gathering pipeline on May 22, 2003. The initial C-141 Form submitted to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (NMOCD) on May 30, 2003 reports the release volume as 190-bbl of Exxon-Mobil produced water, with 180-bbl recovered. EPI responded on June 19, 2003 and commenced GPS delineation, photography, preliminary excavation and characterization of the site. The site initially consisted of an approximate 4,200-ft² area with visibly discernible salt contamination at the surface (*Plate 3, Attachments*). Remediation of this release site consisted of the excavating and disposing of 2,036-yd³ (0-ft to 7-ft depth) of chloride-contaminated soil from an approximate 11,275-ft² final excavation extent (*Plate 3, Attachments*). The contaminated soil was disposed of at the Controlled Recovery Inc. NMOCD approved surface waste facility. Due to the fragile nature of the 4" fiberglass Exxon-Mobil produced water pipeline, EPI requested and received approval from NMOCD to allow an approximate 2-ft wide column of caliche beneath the pipeline to remain in-place as support (*Pages 18-19, Attachments*). NMOCD approved non-removal of this contaminated column contingent on the contouring of the final closed site such that any storm water runoff would be diverted around the excavation site. The excavation was backfilled with caliche (2,200-yd³) purchased from the State of New Mexico. The site was contoured to divert runoff as per NMOCD requirements. The project was completed on July 23, 2003.

The release site is located in Unit Letter G (SW¼ of the NE¼), Section 26, T17S, R34E, N32° 48' 28.64" and W103° 31' 45.77". The site is located approximately 1.4-miles west-northwest (286.5°) of Buckeye, Lea County, NM. The property is owned by the State of New Mexico. A site location map, site topographical map and detailed GPS site diagrams are included in the Attachments as *Plates 1, 2, 3 and 5*.

The produced water release at this site occurred on May 22, 2003 and reported to NMOCD that morning by Ronnie Gilchrist, DEFS. The Initial NMOCD C-141 Form was submitted on May 30, 2003 by Lynn Ward, DEFS – Midland, TX. The leak was the result of accidental damage by DEFS employees. The pipeline was repaired with a clamp installed by DEFS personnel.

2.0 Site Description

2.1 Geological Description

The United States Geological Survey (USGS) Ground-Water Report 6, "Geology and Ground-Water Conditions in Southern Lea County, New Mexico," A. Nicholson and A. Clebsch, 1961, describes the near surface geology of southern Lea County as an intergrade of the Quaternary Alluvium (QA) sediments, i.e., fine to medium sand, with the mostly eroded Cenozoic Ogallala (CO) formation. Typically, the QA and CO formations in the area are capped by a thick interbed of caliche and generally overlain by sandy soil. The release site is located in the High Plains (Llano Estacado) physiographic subdivision, described by Nicholson & Clebsch as an area "capped by a thick layer of resistant caliche, locally called caprock. The High Plains surface is uniformly flat and slopes ~17-ft per mile east-southeast."

The subsurface at the site is composed of a hard caliche base covered with 1-2-feet of reddish sand/clay topsoil.

2.2 Ecological Description

The area is typical of the Upper Chihuahuan Desert Biome consisting primarily of hummocky sand hills covered with Harvard Shin Oak (*Quercus harvardi*) interspersed with Honey Mesquite (*Prosopis glandulosa*) along with typical desert grasses, flowering annuals and flowering perennials. Mammals represented, include Orrd's and Merriam's Kangaroo Rat, Deer Mouse, White Throated Wood Rat, Cottontail Rabbit, Black Tailed Jackrabbit, Mule Deer, Bobcat, Red Fox and Coyote. Reptiles, Amphibians, and Birds are numerous and typical of area. A survey of Listed, Threatened, or Endangered species was not conducted.

2.3 Area Ground Water

Based on data obtained from the Office of the State Engineer for water wells in the general vicinity of the release, the estimated ground water depth at this site is 50-ft bgs.

2.4 Area Water Wells and/or Surface Water Features

There are no water wells and/or surface water features within 1000-ft of the release site.

There are no surface water bodies within 1000-ft of the site.

3.0 NMOCD Site Ranking

The release at this site involved only produced water after it had been processed by Exxon-Mobil to remove hydrocarbon content. Since no hydrocarbons are involved, the NMOCD threshold values for CoCs, as determined through the use of the Site Ranking Index, are not relevant. The relevant standard, when chloride contamination is the chief concern, is the 250 mg/kg standard for drinking water established by the NM Water Quality Control Commission.

4.0 Subsurface Soil Investigation

On June 19, 2003, two surface composite soil samples (north and south of the Exxon-Mobil pipeline) were collected from within the visible release area. Analytical results of these two samples confirmed significantly high levels of chloride contamination, 15,595 mg/kg and 9,597 mg/kg respectively. Test trenches were excavated to 10-ft bgs on both sides of the Exxon-Mobil pipeline and sampled at the 2-ft, 5-ft and 10-ft intervals on July 9, 2003. Analytical results of these samples indicated that the north side would be below 250 mg/kg at 5-ft bgs, and that the south side would be below 250 mg/kg at 7-ft bgs.

5.0 Ground Water Investigation

Ground water depth is estimated to be 50-ft bgs at the site, based on records obtained from the NM Office of the State Engineer. The site was excavated to a maximum depth of 7-ft to remove soil with chloride contamination above the 250 mg/kg remedial goal. A relatively narrow profile column of contaminated soil was left in-place to maintain support for the Exxon-Mobil produced water line. The excavation was backfilled and contoured to an above-grade level to prevent infiltration of storm water runoff that might approach the site from the north. Based on the removal of soil containing chlorides above 250 mg/kg (excepting the pipeline support column) and the prevention of storm water infiltration, there will be no need for further ground water investigation at this site.

6.0 Remediation Process

The remediation process at this site commenced on June 19, 2003 and continued through July 23, 2003. Remediation of the site consisted of excavation and disposal of 2,036 yd³ of chloride-

contaminated soil from the excavation down to a maximum depth of 7-ft. All contaminated soil excavated from the site was disposed of at the Controlled Recovery Inc. NMOCD approved surface waste facility.

Test trenches were excavated parallel to, and on both sides of the fiberglass Exxon-Mobil pipeline to determine the vertical extent of the chloride contamination present. Analytical results indicated that the saline contamination (>250 mg/kg) extended to less than 5-ft bgs on the “north” side of the pipeline, and to less than 7-ft bgs on the “south” side of the pipeline. It was discovered that the areal extents of the release were more than the preliminary GPS survey had indicated. A combination of shallow excavation and some field chloride analyses revealed that much of the release affected surface had been covered with sand carried by the high winds of May and June. The final excavation surface extent of $11,275\text{-ft}^2$ is shown on *Plate 3 of the Attachments*. The “north” portion of the release was excavated to 3-5-ft bgs, with the deeper portion being near the Exxon-Mobil pipeline. The “south” portion of the release was excavated to 3-7-ft bgs, with the deeper portion being near the Exxon-Mobil pipeline. The column of caliche supporting the 4” fiberglass pipeline was left in-place with the approval of NMOCD. Since the line could not be deactivated during the excavation phase of the project, it was deemed acceptable to leave this small footprint column of contaminated soil in-place, rather than risk another release even closer to the 50-ft water table beneath the site.

The excavation was backfilled with $2,200\text{-yd}^3$ of clean caliche purchased for the State of New Mexico. The final contour of the fill excavation was above grade, so as to prevent infiltration of storm water runoff traversing the site from the north.

7.0 Closure Justification

This report documents successful implementation of the Remediation Plan approved by NMOCD for this release site. Soil contaminated with chlorides above the acceptable remedial concentration (250 mg/ml) was excavated and removed from the location. Disposal of RCRA exempt contaminated soils was at the Controlled Recovery Inc. approved surface waste facility. The excavation was backfilled with clean caliche and properly contoured to prevent storm water runoff infiltration. Based on the data presented in this report, Environmental Plus, Inc., on behalf of Duke Energy Field Services, requests that the NMOCD require “no further action” at this site.

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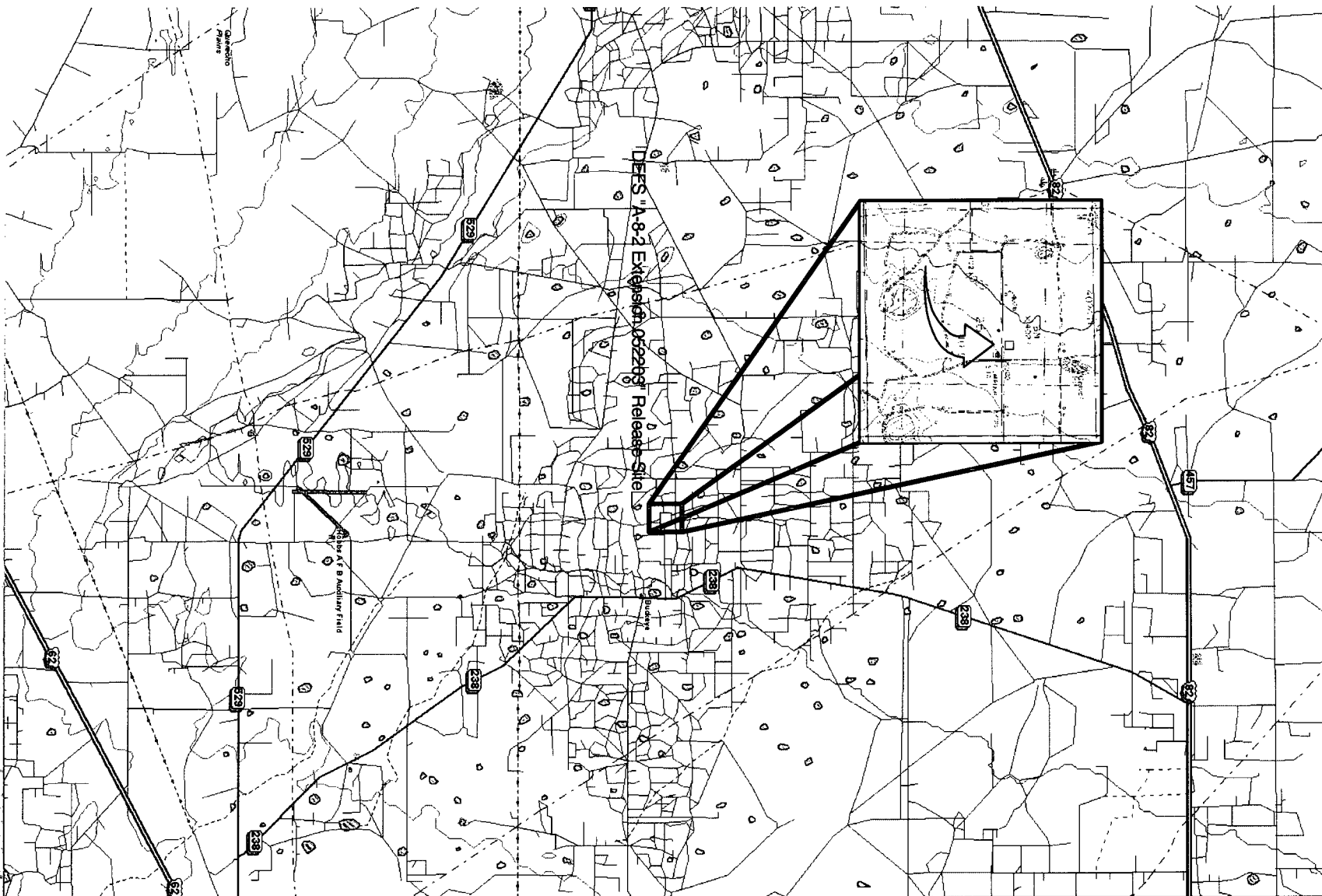


Plate 1
Release Site Location
Duke Energy Field Services
A-8-2 Extension - 052203

Lea County, New Mexico
UL-G Section 26 T17S R34E
N32° 48' 28.64" W103° 31' 45.77"
Elevation: 4026-ft amsl

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December - 2003

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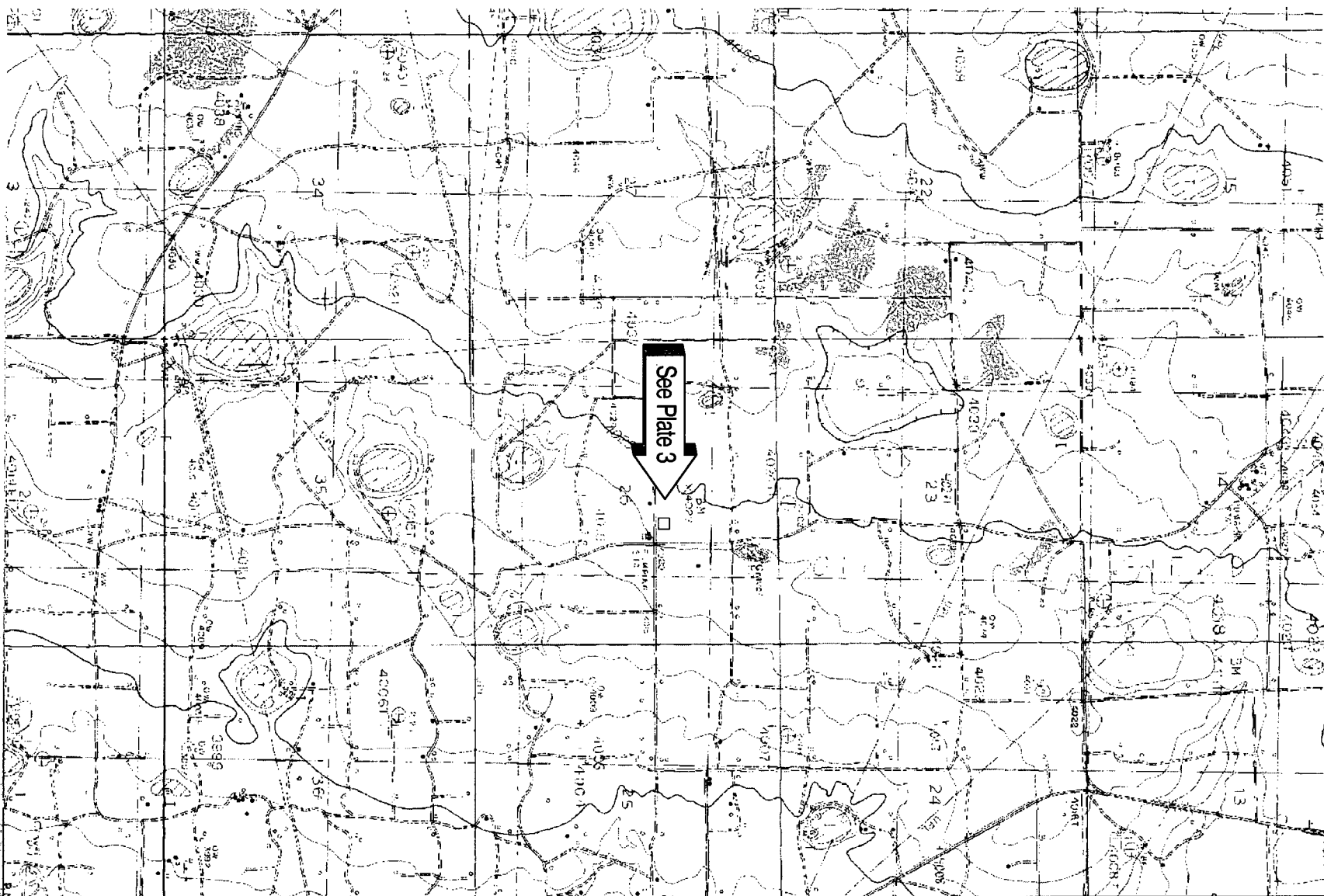


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Release Site Topography
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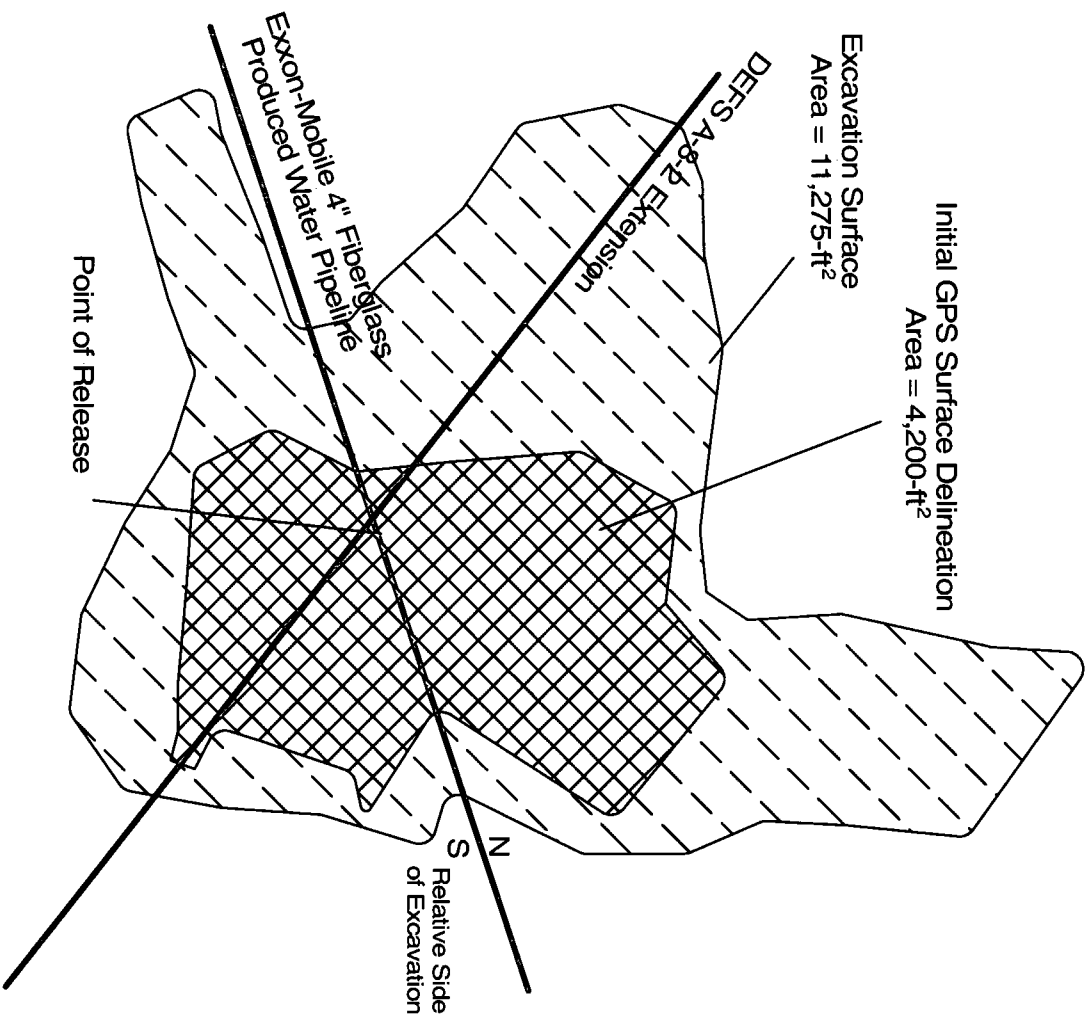
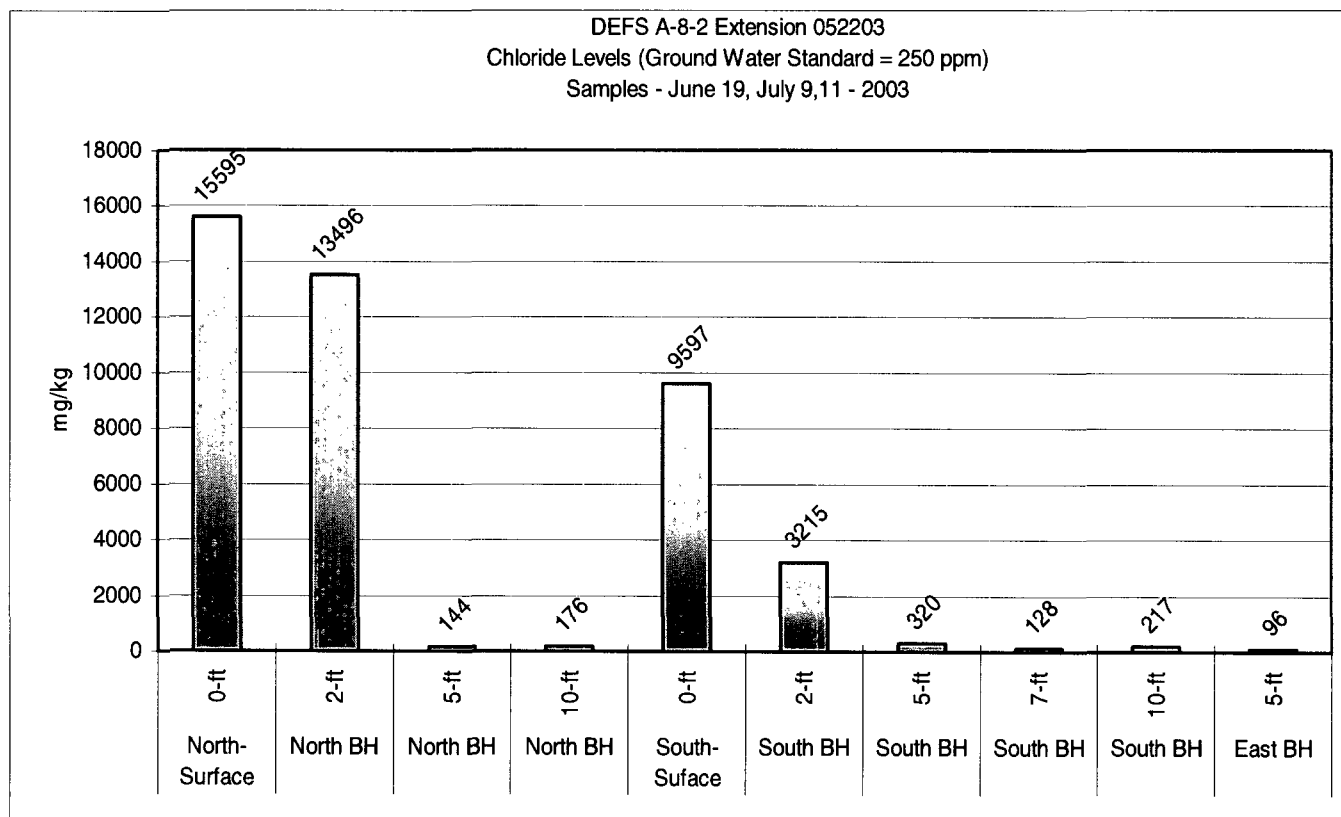


Plate 3 - Initial and Final GPS Demarcations Duke Energy Field Services A-8-2 Extension - 052203	Lea County, New Mexico UL-G Section 26 T17S R34E N32° 48' 28.64" W103° 31' 45.77" Elevation: 4026-ft amsl	DWG BY: John Good July - 2003	REVISED:
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Plate 4 – Soil Sample Analytical Results (Chlorides)

Duke Energy Field Services - A-8-2 Extension 052203 - Excavation Sampling Results (chlorides)														
Bold	highlighted cells indicate values in excess of the NMOCD remedial action guideline thresholds: TPH = 1000 mg/Kg; Benzene = 10 mg/Kg; BTEX = 50 mg/Kg; Cl = 250 + background													
Sample Date	Excavation Sampling Area	Depth (ft - bgs ¹)	SAMPLE ID#	GRO ² mg/Kg	DRO ³ mg/Kg	TPH ⁴ mg/Kg	BTEX ⁵ mg/Kg	Benzene mg/Kg	Toluene mg/Kg	Ethyl Benzene mg/Kg	Total Xylenes mg/Kg	Cl ⁻ mg/Kg	SO ₄ mg/Kg	pH
19-Jun	North-Surface	0-ft	SDA8061903N									15595		
19-Jun	South-Surface	0-ft	SDA8061903S									9597		
9-Jul	North BH	2-ft	SDA82070903NBHC-2									13496		
9-Jul	North BH	5-ft	SDA82070903NBHC-5									144		
9-Jul	North BH	10-ft	SDA82070903NBHC-10									176		
9-Jul	South BH	2-ft	SDA82070903SBHC-2									3215		
9-Jul	South BH	5-ft	SDA82070903SBHC-5									320		
9-Jul	South BH	10-ft	SDA82070903SBHC-10									217		
9-Jul	East BH	5-ft	SDA82070903EBHC-5									96		
11-Jul	South BH	7-ft	SDA82071103SBHC-7									128		

¹ bgs = below ground surface ² GRO - Gasoline Range Organics (Detection Limit = 10 mg/Kg) ³ DRO - Diesel Range Organics (Detection Limit = 10 mg/Kg) ⁴ TPH - Total Petroleum Hydrocarbon (GRO+DRO) ⁵ BTEX = Sum of CoC's (Detection Limits = 0.005 mg/Kg; 0.015 mg/Kg) Note: Reported detection limits are considered "de minimus" values and are included in the TPH and BTEX summations.



LABORATORY ANALYTICAL RESULTS

101 East Marland, Hobbs, NM 88240
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Sampler Relinquished by: <i>Cody Miller</i>	20-Jun 7:45	Received By: <i>Roger Boone</i>	Fax Results To John Good 505-394-2801 REMARKS:
Relinquished by: <i>Roger Boone</i>	Date 6-20 Time 8:30	Received By: (lab staff) <i>Bryan J. Cole</i>	
Delivered by Sampler	Sample Cool & Intact Yes No	Checked By:	

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Analysis Date: 06/23/03
Sampling Date: 06/19/03
Sample Type: SOIL
Sample Condition: COOL & INTACT
Sample Received By: BC
Analyzed By: AH

Note: Analyses performed on 1:4 w/v aqueous extracts.

Date 6/23/03

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Company Name Environmental Plus, Inc.		Bill To		ANALYSIS REQUEST																																
EPI Project Manager John Good																																				
Billing Address P.O. BOX 1558																																				
City, State, Zip Eunice New Mexico 88231																																				
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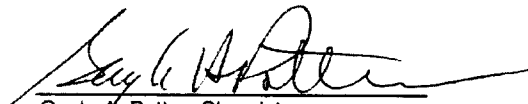
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Reporting Date: 07/10/2003
Project Number: NOT GIVEN
Project Name: A-8-2 EXTENSION PIPELINE
Project Location: DEFS A-8-2 EXTENSION 052203

Analysis Date: 07/10/2003
Sampling Date: 07/09/2003
Sample Type: SOIL
Sample Condition: COOL & INTACT
Sample Received By: GP
Analyzed By: GP

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Quality Control		1020
True Value QC		1000
% Recovery		102
Relative Percent Difference		4.9
METHOD: EPA 600/4-79-020,		325.3


Gayle A. Potter, Chemist

07/10/2003
Date

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Time: 2:40 PM

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Received By: (lab staff)

Sample Cool & Intact: ☒ Yes ☐ No

Checked By:

Fax Results To John Good 505-394-2601

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Receiving Date: 07/11/03

Reporting Date: 07/14/03

Project Owner: DEFS

Project Name: A-8-2 EXTENSION PIPELINE

Project Location: DEFS A-8-2 EXTENSION 052203

Analysis Date: 07/14/03

Sampling Date: 07/11/03

Sample Type: SOIL

Sample Condition: COOL & INTACT

Sample Received By: GP

Analyzed By: AH

LAB NUMBER	SAMPLE ID	Cl ⁻ (mg/Kg)
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Quality Control		1020
True Value QC		1000
% Recovery		102
Relative Percent Difference		4.9
METHOD: Standard Methods		4500-ClB

Amy Hill
Chemist

7/14/03
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July 15, 2003

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Attachments: Site Diagram and Photos

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pdmulkey@duke-energy.com

Re: Remediation Plan Approval, A-8-2 Ext.052203
Site Reference UL-G, Sec-26 T-17S R-34E
Request Plan Dated: July 15, 2003

Dear Mr. Mulkey,

The revised Closure Proposal submitted to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD) by Environmental Plus, Inc. for Duke Energy Field Services is hereby approved as requested.

Please be advised that OCD approval of this plan does not relieve Duke Energy Field Services of liability should their operations fail to adequately investigate and remediate contaminants that threaten ground water, surface water, human health or the environment. Additionally, OCD approval does not relieve Duke Energy Field Services of responsibility for compliance with any other federal, state, or local laws and/or regulations.

If you have any questions or need assistance please feel free to call or e-mail me at
(505) 393-6161, x111 or email lwjohnson@state.nm.us

Sincerely,

Larry Johnson - Environmental Engineer

Cc: Roger Anderson - Environmental Bureau Chief
Chris Williams - District I Supervisor
Bill Olson - Hydrologist
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Form C-141

Revised March 17, 1999

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1220 S. St. Francis Dr., Santa Fe, NM 87505

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Submit 2 Copies to appropriate

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Release Notification and Corrective Action

OPERATOR☐ Initial Report ☒ Final Report

Name of Company DUKE ENERGY FIELD SERVICES	Contact Steve Weathers
Address PO Box 5493 Denver, CO 80217	Telephone No. (303) 605-1718
Facility Name Exxon-Mobil Produced Water Line	Facility Type Produced Water Line

Surface Owner State of New Mexico	Mineral Owner NA	Lease No. NA
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LOCATION OF RELEASE

Unit Letter G	Section 26	Township 17S	Range 34E	Feet from South Line 3300	Feet from West Line 3180	Longitude W103° 31' 45.77"	Latitude N32° 48' 28.64"	County: Lea
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NATURE OF RELEASE

Type of Release Produced Water	Volume of Release 190 bbl	Volume Recovered 180 bbl
Source of Release Rupture of Exxon-Mobil Produced Water Line	Date and Hour of Occurrence 5/22/2003	Date and Hour of Discovery 5/22/03
Was Immediate Notice Given? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Required	If YES, To Whom? Larry Johnson (NMOCD-Hobbs)	
By Whom? Ronnie Gilchrest (DEFS)	Date and Hour 5/22/03 10:35 AM	
Was a Watercourse Reached? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	If YES, Volume Impacting the Watercourse. NA	
If a Watercourse was Impacted, Describe Fully.* NA		

Describe Cause of Problem and Remedial Action Taken.*


Exxon-Mobil did not respond to NM One-Call. DEFS personnel were hand spotting lines with a pick. Produced water line was punctured when struck with pick. Pipeline was repaired by DEFS personnel by clamping.

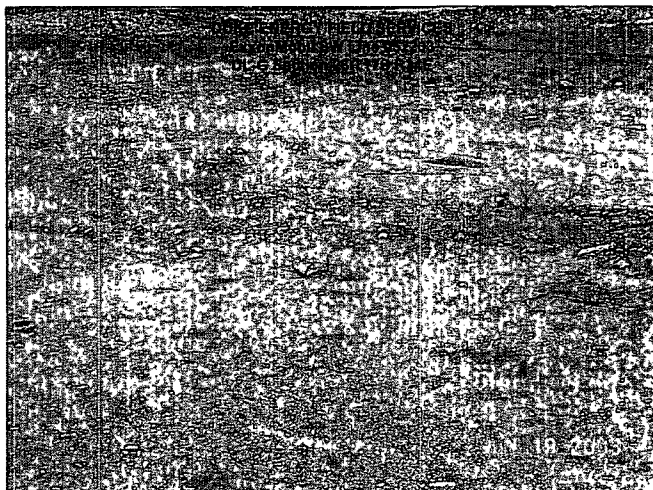
Describe Area Affected and Cleanup Action Taken.*

Final ~11,265-ft² surface area affected. 180-bbl of produced water recovered from ~190-bbl release. Contaminated soil above remedial goal of 250 ppm Chloride was excavated and disposed of by EPI at Controlled Recovery Inc.

I hereby certify that the information given above is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and understand that pursuant to NMOCD rules and regulations all operators are required to report and/or file certain release notifications and perform corrective actions for releases which may endanger public health or the environment. The acceptance of a C-141 report by the NMOCD marked as "Final Report" does not relieve the operator of liability should their operations have failed to adequately investigate and remediate contamination that pose a threat to ground water, surface water, human health or the environment. In addition, NMOCD acceptance of a C-141 report does not relieve the operator of responsibility for compliance with any other federal, state, or local laws and/or regulations.

Signature:	<u>OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION</u>		
Printed Name: Steve Weathers	Approved by District Supervisor:		
Title: Environmental Specialist	Approval Date:	Expiration Date:	
Email: swweathers@duke-energy.com			
Date: 1/7/04 Phone: (303) 605-1718	Conditions of Approval:		<input type="checkbox"/> Attached

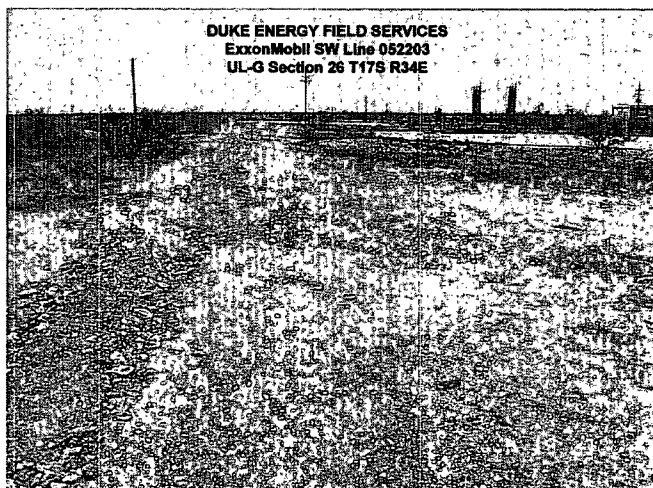
		Incident Date and NMOCD Notified?	
		5/22/03	5/22/03 10:35 AM
SITE: Exxon-Mobil Produced Water Line		Assigned Site Reference A-8-2 Extension #052203	
Company: DUKE ENERGY FIELD SERVICES			
Street Address: 5805 East Highway 80			
Mailing Address: PO Box 5493			
City, State, Zip: Denver, CO 80217			
Representative: Steve Weathers			
Representative Telephone: (303) 605-1718			
Telephone:			
Fluid volume released (bbls): 190		Recovered (bbls): 180	
>25 bbls: Notify NMOCD verbally within 24 hrs and submit form C-141 within 15 days.			
5-25 bbls: Submit form C-141 within 15 days (Also applies to unauthorized releases of 50-500 mcf Natural Gas)			
Leak, Spill, or Pit (LSP) Name: A-8-2 Extension #052203			
Source of contamination: Rupture of Exxon-Mobil Produced Water Line			
Land Owner, i.e., BLM, ST, Fee, Other: State of New Mexico State Land Office, Santa Fe, NM			
LSP Dimensions: 120' X 90' (GPS Site Diagram attached)			
LSP Area: 11,275 -ft ²			
Location of Reference Point (RP):			
Location distance and direction from RP:			
Latitude: N32° 48' 28.64"			
Longitude: W103° 31' 45.77"			
Elevation above mean sea level: 4026 -ft amsl			
Feet from South Section Line: 3300			
Feet from West Section Line: 3180			
Location - Unit and 1/4 1/4: UL- G SW 1/4 of NE 1/4			
Location - Section: 26			
Location - Township: 17S			
Location - Range: 34E			
Surface water body within 1000' radius of Site: 0			
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Domestic water wells within 1000' radius of Site: 0			
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Agricultural water wells within 1000' radius of Site: 0			
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Public water supply wells within 1000' radius of Site: 0			
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Depth (ft) from land surface to ground water (DG): 50			
Depth (ft) of contamination (DC): 10			
Depth (ft) to ground water (DG - DC = DtGW): 40			
1. Ground Water		2. Wellhead Protection Area	
If Depth to GW <50 feet: 20 points		If <1000' from water source, or, <200' from private domestic water source: 20 points	
If Depth to GW 50 to 99 feet: 10 points		If >1000' from water source, or, >200' from private domestic water source: 0 points	
If Depth to GW >100 feet: 0 points			
Ground water Score: 20		Wellhead Protection Area Score: 0	
Site Rank (1+2+3) = 20		Surface Water Score: 0	
Total Site Ranking Score and Acceptable Concentrations			
Parameter	20		
Chlorides	250 mg/kg		



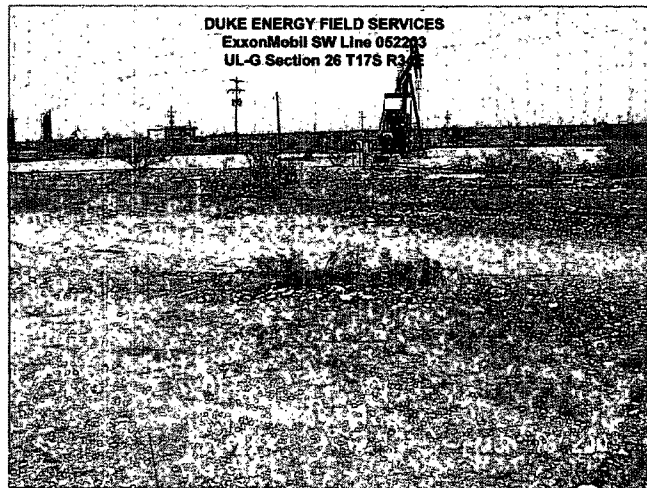
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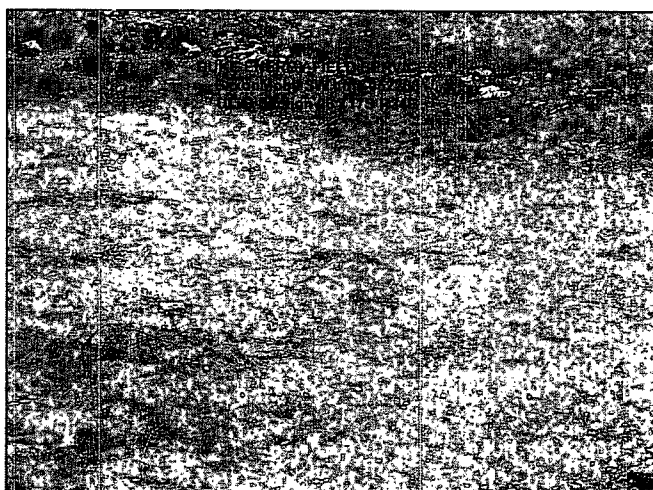
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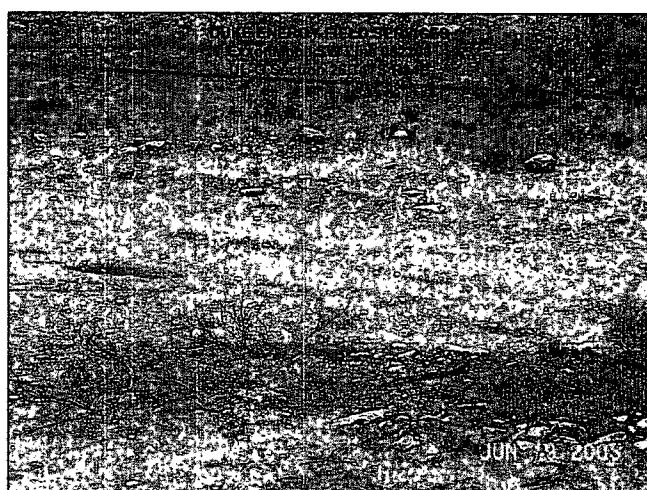
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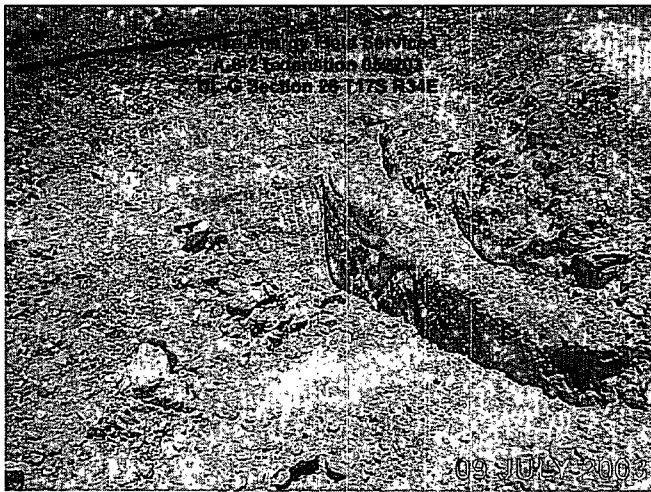
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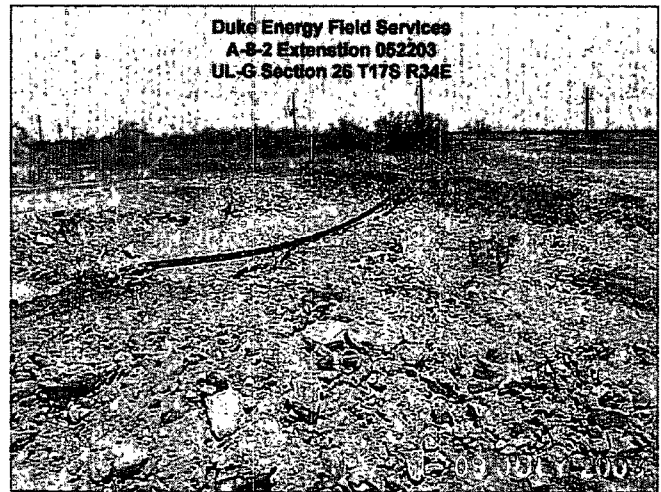
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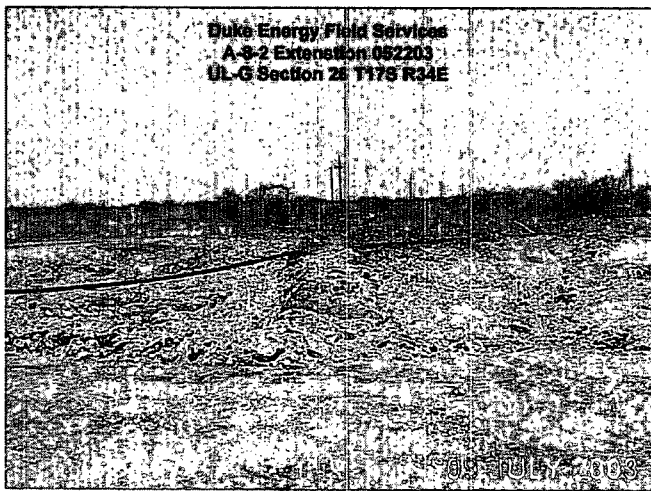
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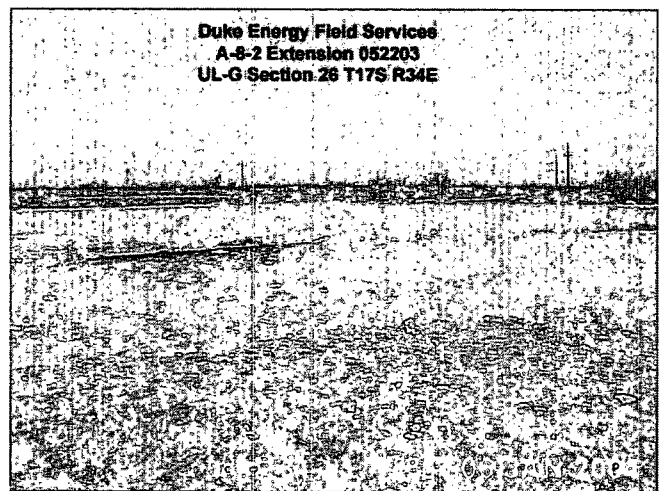
Test trench dug to 10-ft



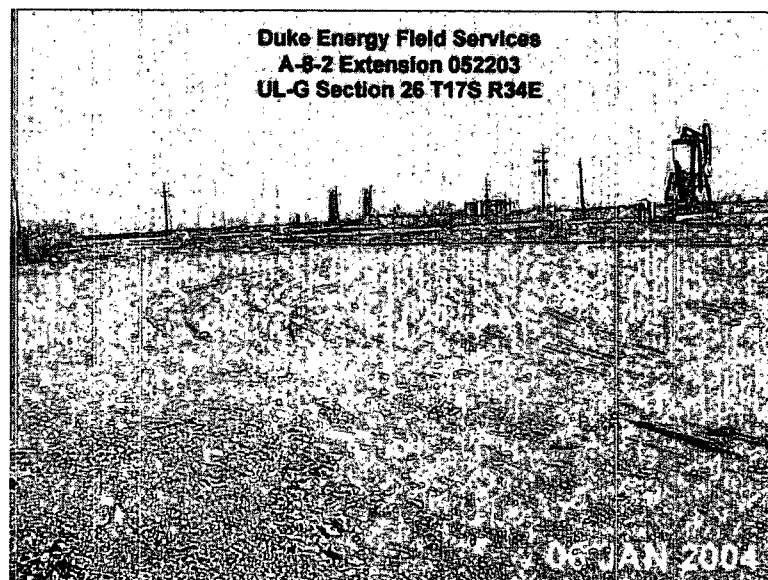
Excavation from SW to NE



Excavation looking NW along Exxon-Mobil line



Site contoured and completed



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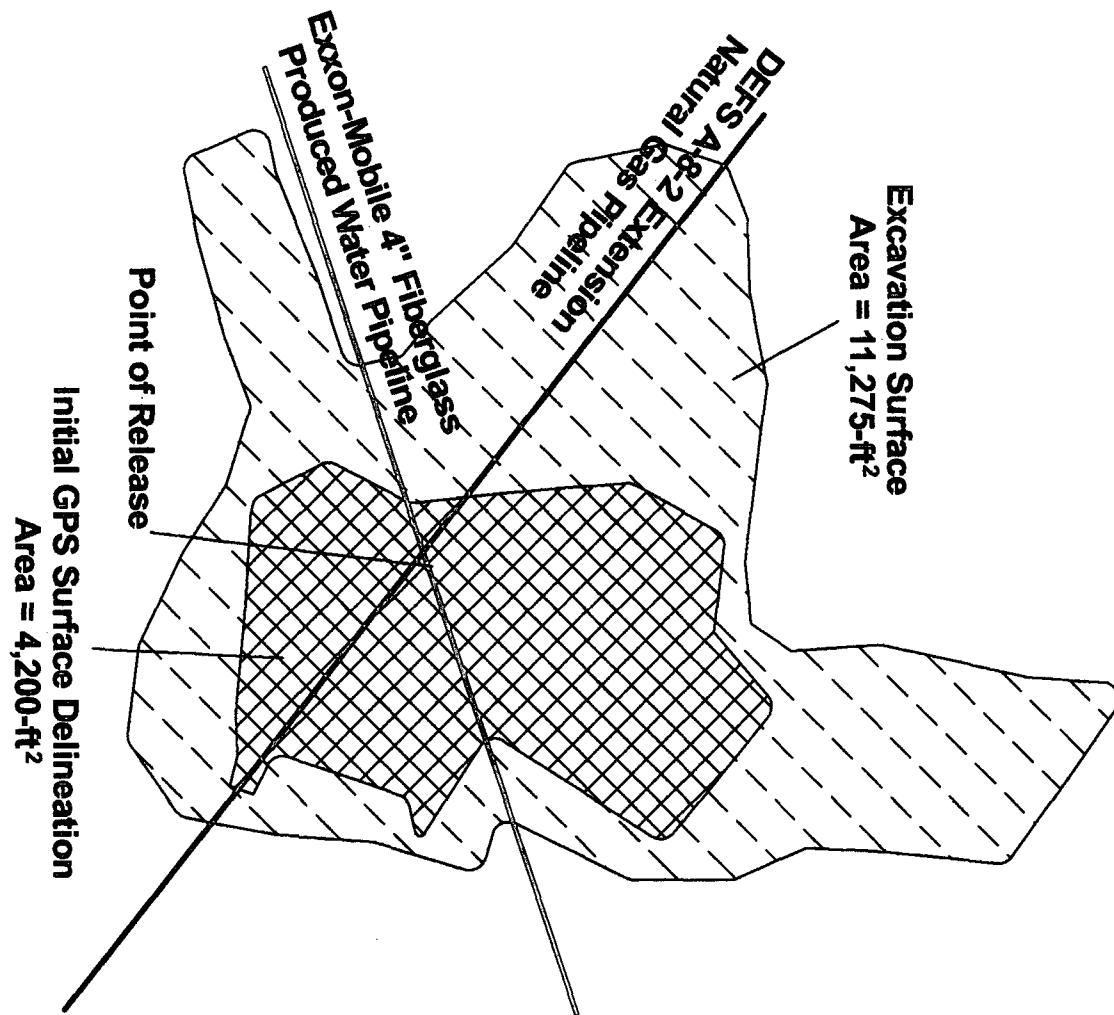


Plate 3 - Initial and Final GPS Demarcations
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A-8-2 Extension - 052203

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DWG BY: John Good
July - 2003

REVISED:

SCALE:

