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August 11, 2025

EMNRD – Oil Conservation Division  
506 W. Texas  
Artesia, New Mexico 88210

SUBJECT: Liner Inspection and Closure Report for Big Cat 9 CTB 2 – July 16, 2025 Site Visit

Incident ID: nAPP2514723014  
Facility ID (Name): fAPP2329744254 (BIG CAT 9 CTB 2)  
Facility Location: Unit B of Section 9, Township 23 South, Range 32 East, New Mexico  
Facility GPS Coordinates: 32.323442, -103.677896  
Lea County, New Mexico

### ***Introduction***

KLJ Engineering (KLJ) has prepared this report on behalf of Devon Energy Production Company, LP (Devon) to detail the recent liner inspection conducted at the Big Cat 9 CTB 2 (Site) on July 16, 2025, following the release of produced water that occurred on May 26, 2025.

### ***Site Information and Background***

The Site is located approximately 24.09 miles northeast of Loving, New Mexico, on Bureau of Land Management (BLM) federal property. The Site lies within Unit B, Section 9, Township 23 South, Range 32 East, in Lea County. KLJ conducted a liner inspection and associated site characterization in accordance with 19.15.29.11 and 19.15.29.12 of the New Mexico Administrative Code (NMAC) to assess the integrity of the containment system and evaluate any potential environmental impacts resulting from a release.

### ***Release Description and Immediate Response***

On May 26, 2025, a Devon lease operator discovered a water transfer pump sledge leaking inside the secondary containment, resulting in the release of approximately 15 barrels (bbls) of produced water. Initial response actions were conducted by the operator and included source elimination, photographic documentation of the affected area, volume estimation, and an attempt to recover released fluids. Photographic documentation of the secondary containment, liner, tanks, and equipment where the release occurred is included in the Liner Inspection Field Notes & Photolog Report (**Appendix A**).

On May 27, 2025, Devon Energy submitted the initial Notice of Release (NOR) to the New Mexico Energy, Minerals, and Natural Resources Department – Oil Conservation Division (NMOCD) via the Operator's Electronic Permitting and Payment Portal. A Form C-141 was subsequently submitted to the portal on May 31, 2025, in accordance with the requirements of NMAC 19.15.29.

### ***Site Characterization Summary***

The Site lies within Qe/Qp – Holocene to late Pleistocene, with a physiographic setting characteristic of southern High Plains Margin, reflecting alternating episodes of fluvial and aeolian deposition. These unconsolidated deposits include silt, fine sand, clay, and localized gravel accumulations (New Mexico Bureau of Geology and Mineral Resources). Terrain for the Site and immediate surrounding area includes

fan piedmonts, alluvial fans, and dunes at elevations ranging from 2,800 to 5,000 feet above mean sea level (amsl). Parent material consists of mixed alluvium and/or eolian sands derived from sedimentary rock. Soils are characterized as petrocalcic, petrogypsic, or gypsum horizon deep soils, with 8 to 13 inches of average annual precipitation. Soil within the Site tends to be well-drained, with negligible runoff and low water-holding capacity.

The USDA – Web Soil Survey (WSS) identifies the predominant soil type at the Site as the Pyote and Maljamar fine sands that is moderately deep or very deep, with surface textures ranging from loamy fine sand, fine sandy loam, loamy very fine sand, or gravelly sandy loam. Subsurface is a loamy fine sand, coarse sandy loam, fine sandy loam, or loam that averages less than 18 percent clay and less than 15 percent carbonates. Substratum includes a fine sandy loam or gravelly fine sandy loam with less than 15 percent gravel and with less than 40 percent calcium carbonate. Some layers high in lime or with caliche fragments may occur at depths of 20 to 30 inches.

Vegetation reflects a grassland community, consisting of black grama, dropseeds, and bluestems with scattered broom snakeweed, sand sage, shinnery oak, and mesquite. The vegetation reflects a drought-tolerant, arid-adapted community, with grass cover varying based on grazing intensity and precipitation patterns. The site supports a mix of warm-season perennials adapted to sandy soils and shallow rooting depths, forming a stable plant community under proper grazing management.

No surface water features were identified within 300 feet of the Site. The nearest significant watercourse is 2.8 miles northeast; the closest playa lake is 4.61 miles northwest, and the nearest wetland is 3.68 miles northeast (USFWS NWI, 2025). These distances comply with the requirements of 19.15.29.12(C)(4) NMAC.

Per the New Mexico Office of the State Engineer (NMOSE) Points of Diversion (POD) Map, the nearest POD is C-04703-POD1, located 0.99 miles southwest of the Site. The POD is identified as a temporary borehole used to determine depth to groundwater. The well record indicates that the temporary borehole was drilled to a depth of 55 ft bgs, and no groundwater was encountered. The nearest freshwater well used for stock watering purposes, POD C-02349-POD1, is located 0.97 miles northeast of the Site.

The Site is not located within a designated karst potential zone. The nearest potential karst zone, identified as a medium karst zone, is located 7.65 miles to the west. The Site is in a FEMA flood hazard area identified as FEMA Zone D (undetermined hazard); the nearest identified FEMA flood hazard area, classified as Zone A, is 11 miles to the southwest.

Additional information detailing the results of the Site characterization findings can be found in **Appendix B**.

### **Closure Criteria**

Table 1 summarizes key Site and Incident information relevant to closure evaluation, as required under 19.15.29.12 NMAC. This includes details such as release source, location, containment status, and site-specific features that may influence closure requirements. While contamination thresholds, sampling depths, and applicable concentration limits are not listed in this table, the information provided supports regulatory assessment of whether the release meets criteria for closure. In accordance with NMAC

19.15.29.11(A)(5)(b), if the release occurred within lined, impermeable secondary containment with no evidence of escape, it may qualify for reduced remediation requirements or a No Further Action (NFA) determination.

Because the Site has no depth to ground water determination wells within a ½ mile radius, it is subject to closure criteria applicable to areas with a DTGW of less than 50 ft bgs.

Table 1: Release Information and Closure Criteria Limits			
Depth to Ground Water Determination: < 50 feet bgs			
Site Name	Big Cat 9 CTB 2	Company	Devon Energy Production Company, LP
Facility ID/API Number	fAPP2329744254	PLSS GPS	B-09-23S-32E 32.323442, -103.677896
Lease ID	NMNM126065	Land Status	Federal
Incident ID	nAPP2514723014	Date Of Release	5/26/2025
Source of Release	Swedge failed on WTP inside containment	Volume Released/Recovered	15 bbls/15 bbls pw
Specific Features	No DTGW wells within ½ mile radius, no Karst Potential, no surface water within proximity, and FEMA Zone D		

### **Liner Inspection Activities**

KLJ Environmental Specialists conducted a site visit on July 16, 2025, to perform a liner inspection. During the visit, KLJ personnel completed a visual inspection of the secondary containment to verify liner integrity. The liner was observed to be intact, with no visible signs of compromise. The inspection included assessments for perforations, rips, tears, or signs of weathering that could impact containment integrity. No issues were noted that would warrant repair or replacement. Photographic documentation is provided in the Liner Inspection Field Notes & Photolog Report (**Appendix A**).

Prior to the inspection, notification was provided to Devon via email on June 23, 2025, with official notification submitted through the Operator's Electronic Permitting and Payment Portal on the same day, in accordance with NMAC 19.15.29.11(A)(5)(a)(iii). On June 26, 2025, a follow-up notification was submitted indicating that the inspection could not be completed. The scheduled inspection was canceled due to inclement weather, which resulted in standing water within the containment area, making inspection conditions unsuitable.

Notification of the cancellation was submitted to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (NMOCD) via email on June 26, 2025, and a copy is included in **Appendix C**.

A second official notification was submitted to the portal on July 14, 2025, for the successful inspection conducted on July 16, 2025. A copy of this notification is also provided in **Appendix C**.

### **Conclusion**

Based on the findings of the liner inspection, KLJ concludes that liner integrity is adequate to contain fluids and there are no further actions required in relation to incident nAPP2514723014.

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Based on the site assessment and activities conducted, Devon respectfully requests closure of incident nAPP2514723014 with a No Further Action (NFA) determination.

Submitted and prepared by:  
KLJ Engineering

Written By  
Name: Monica Peppin  
Title: Environmental Specialist II

Signature: 

Reviewed By  
Name: Will Harmon, P.G.  
Title: Environmental Project Manager

Signature: 

**Included Appendices**

Appendix A – LINER INSPECTION FIELD NOTES & PHOTOLOG REPORT  
Appendix B – CLOSURE CRITERIA RESEARCH  
Appendix C – CORRESPONDENCE




## APPENDIX A

### LINER INSPECTION FIELD NOTES & PHOTOLOG REPORT

# Environmental Liner Inspection Field Notes & Photolog Report



## Site & Incident Information

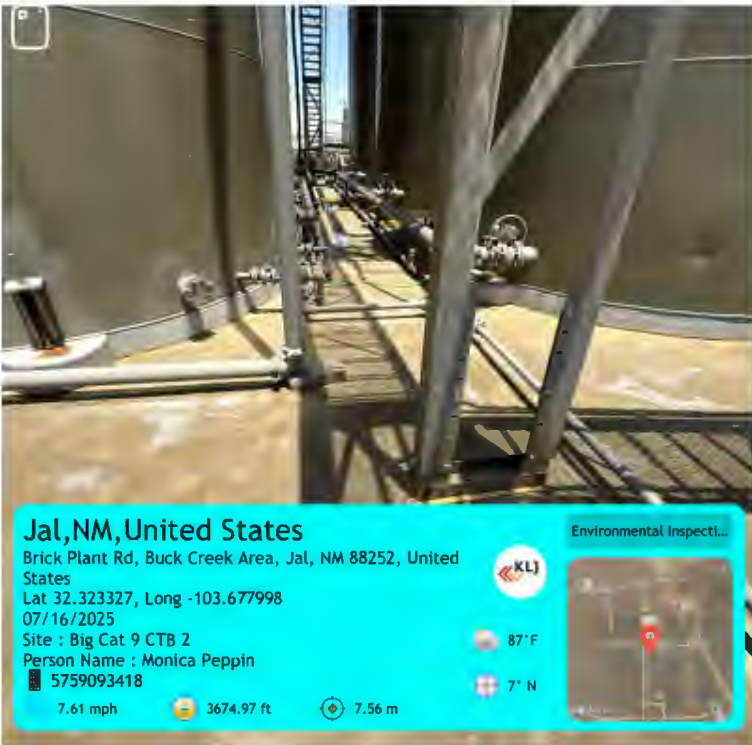
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<b>Incident ID:</b>	nAPP2514723014	 <p><b>Photo of Lease Sign</b></p>	
<b>Client Contact:</b>	Jim Raley		
<b>Land Status:</b>	BLM		
<b>County:</b>	Lea		
<b>Lease ID:</b>	NMNM126065		
<b>Facility ID:</b>	fAPP2329744254		
32.323442, -103.677896			

## Observations and Field Notes

- 10:12 AM - Arrive on site, observe area conditions for potential hazards, and fill out safety paperwork.
- 10:18 AM - Review correspondence emails from contractor and client, verify containment to inspect, liner has been pressure washed and ready for inspection.
- 10:20 AM - Start inspection of liner from outside of containment and complete 360 walk around.
- 10:23 AM - Inspect liner walls and base for any signs of abrasions or obvious wear.
- 10:28 AM - Liner surface appears structurally sound - no visible perforations, tears, or areas of concern.
- 10:40 AM - Seams are intact and no visual signs of stress.
- 10:45 AM - Complete inspection, photos taken from all cardinal directions, in between tanks, and different angles of equipment.



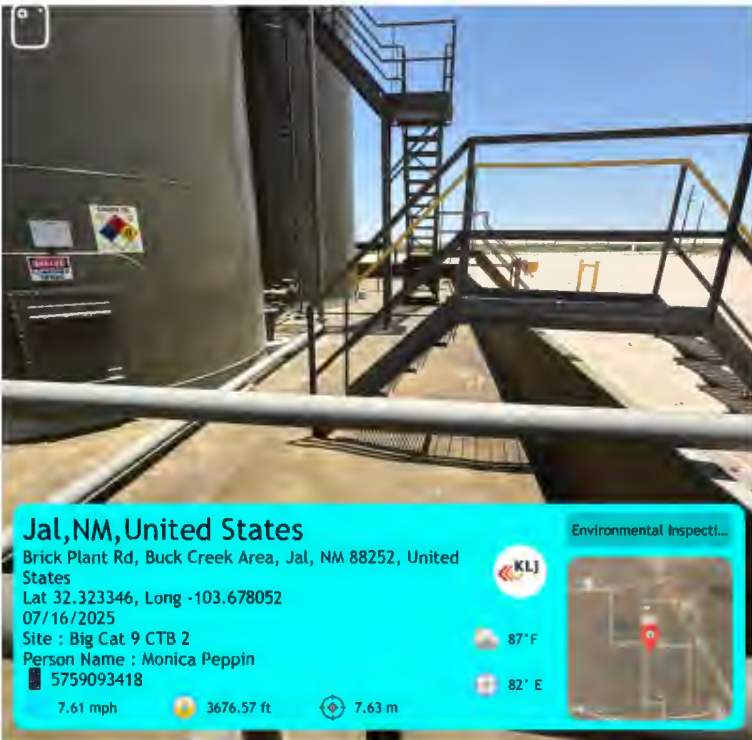
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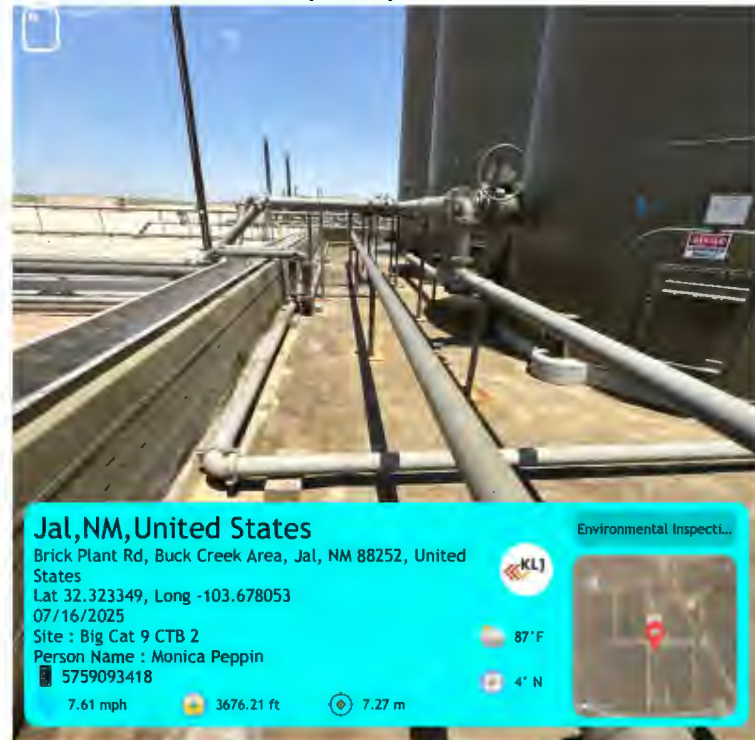
Liner between tanks facing north from south side.



Facing northwest viewing liner near transfer pumps and tanks.



Liner on south side facing east from southwest corner.

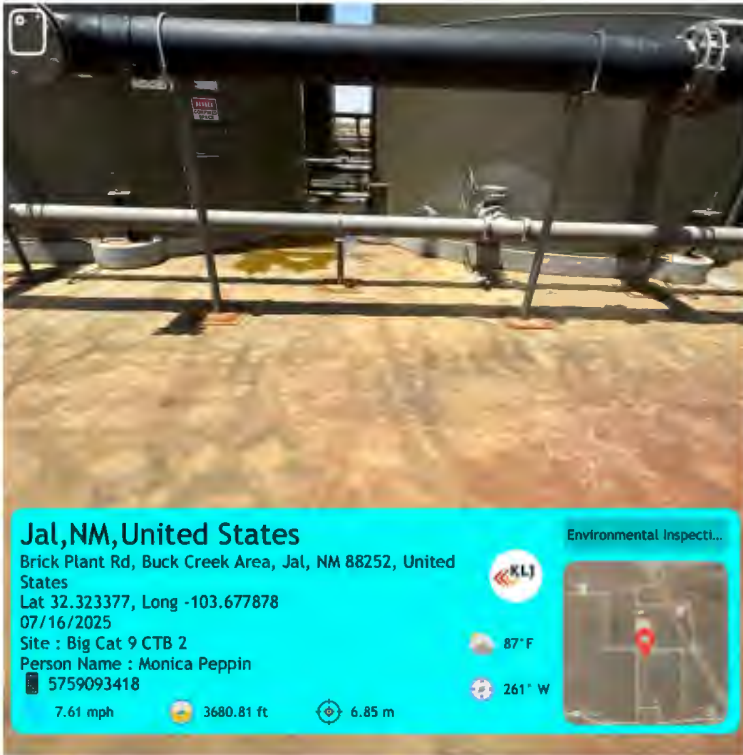


Facing north from southwest corner viewing west side.





## Photolog



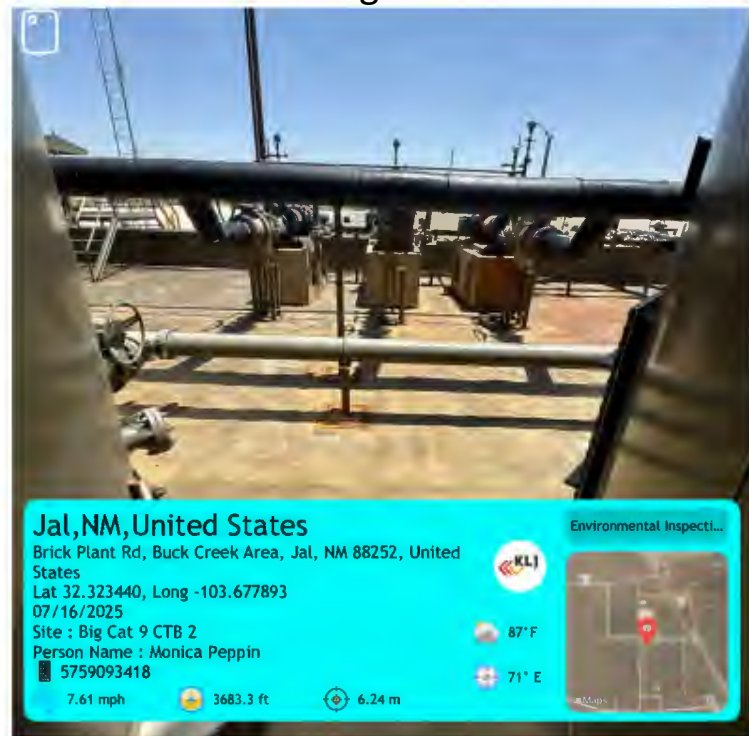
View of liner from southwest corner facing east.



Liner between tanks on northern end facing west.



Liner between tanks on south end facing east.



Liner between tanks facing west from east side.





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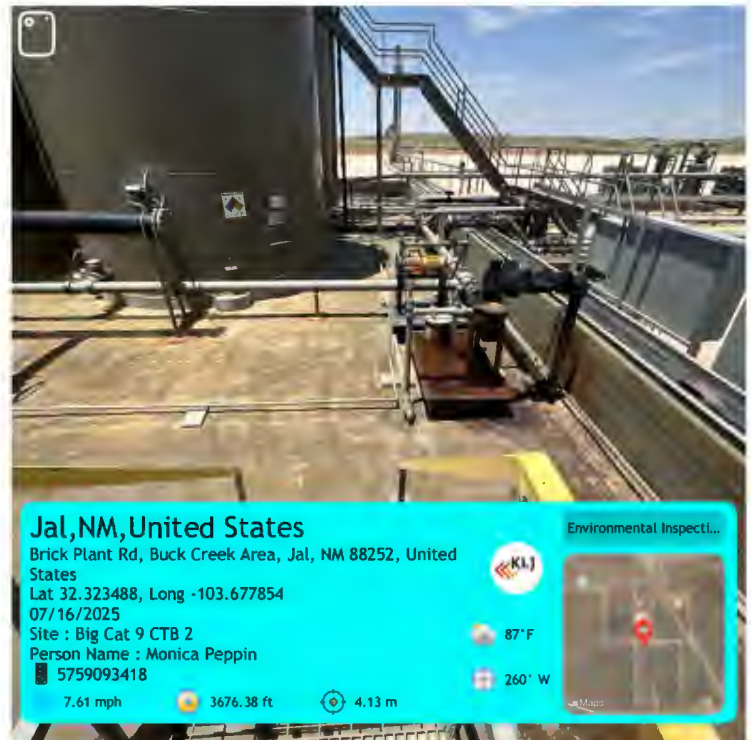
Facing east between tanks of liner under transfer pumps.



Viewing liner of northeast corner from near tanks.



Liner between tanks from west side facing east.



Liner view under transfer pumps facing south from northeast corner.

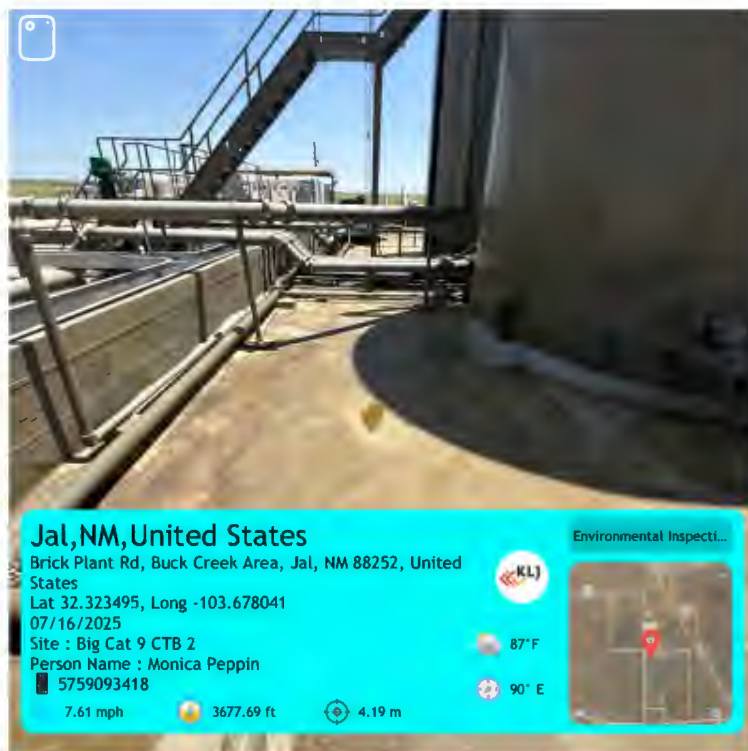




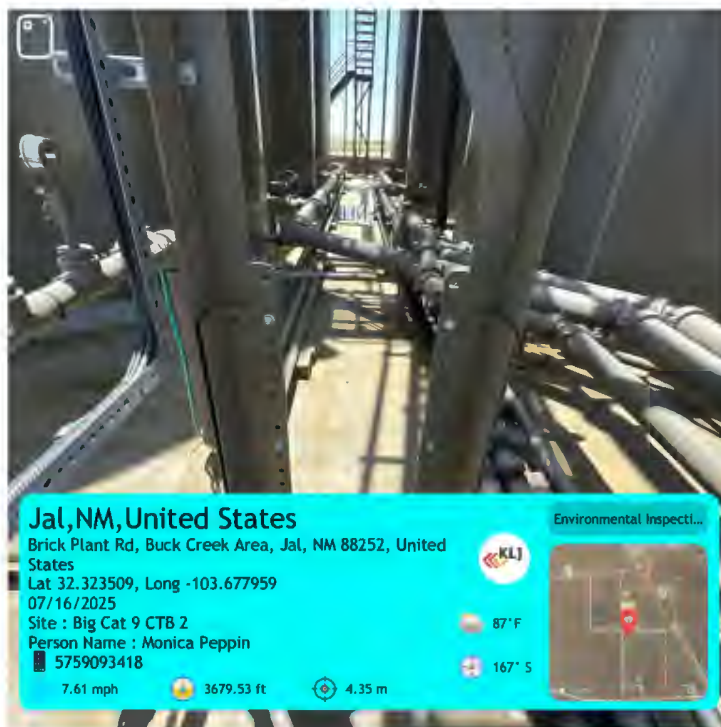
## Photolog



Facing west from east side viewing liner on north end.



North view from west side facing east.



Facing south from north end of containment between tanks.



## Additional Notes & Recommendations

- Visual observation supported with photo documentation.
- No issues identified; liner integrity confirmed and meets closure criteria.
- Upload documents and complete liner inspection closure report.
- Submit report for approval to applicable regulatory agencies.

## Acknowledgement & Signature

Technician: Monica Peppin

Date: July 16, 2025

Signature: 

Departure

Time: 3:16 PM

## APPENDIX B

### CLOSURE CRITERIA RESEARCH





## Big Cat 9 CTB 2

Incident ID: nAPP2514723014

Coordinates: 32.323442, -103.677896

Approx. Containment Area: 5,461 sq ft

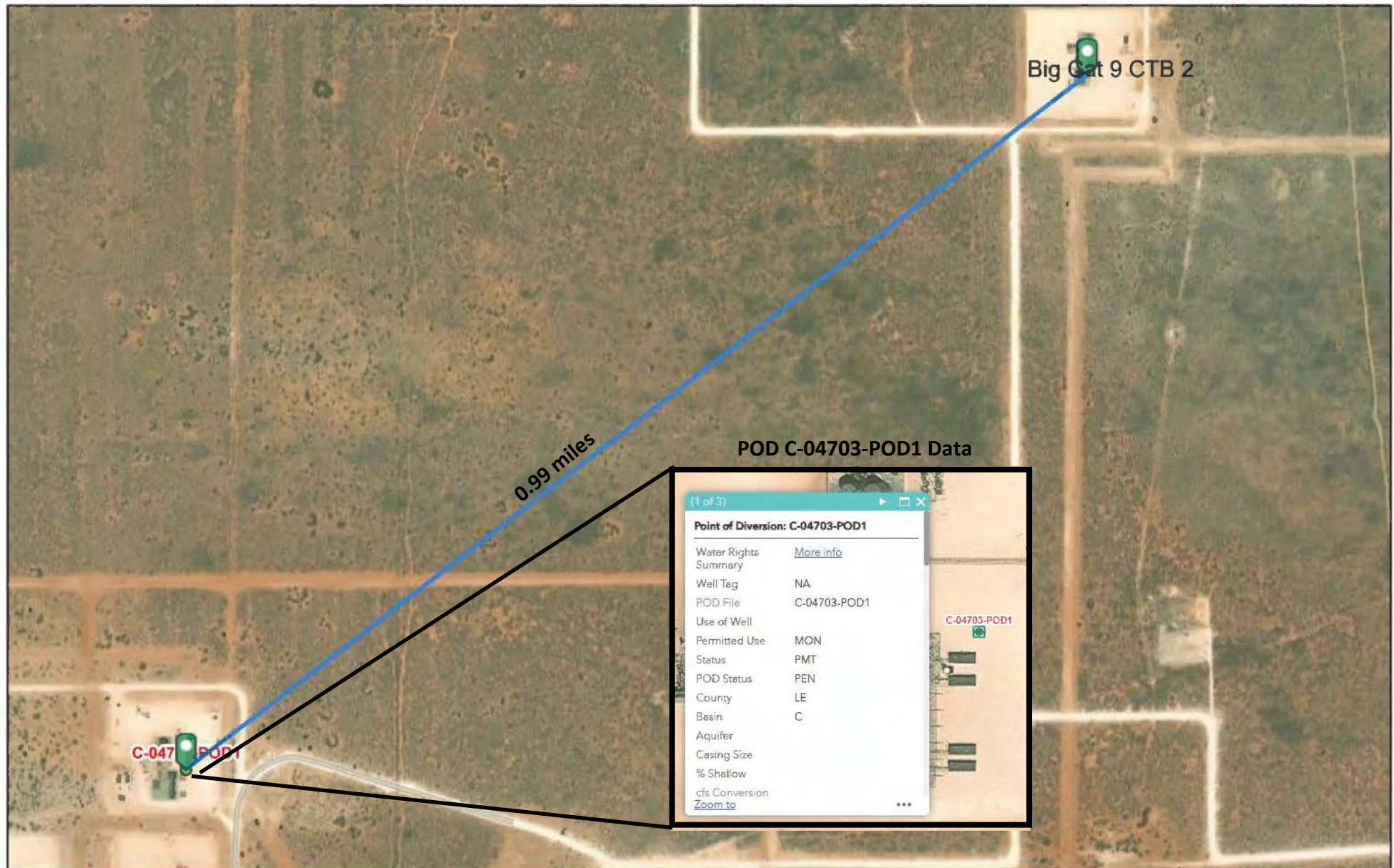
### Legend

-  Big Cat 9 CTB 2
-  Containment Area





# Big Cat 9 CTB 2 - Nearest DTGW OSE Pod Map



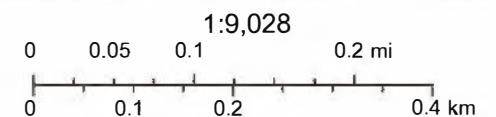
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— Override 1     OSE District Boundary  
 GIS WATERS PODs    NM Simplified Geology

● Pending     C Basin Fill

**Nearest OSE Pod**  
 C-04703-POD1  
**Distance**  
 0.99 miles

**Well Type**  
 Temporary Borehole  
**Well Depth**  
 55 ft bgs



Sources: Esri, TomTom, Garmin, FAO, NOAA, USGS, (c) OpenStreetMap contributors, and the GIS User Community, Maxar

Monica Peppin

This is an unofficial map from the OSE's online application.

File No. C-04703 Pod1

## NEW MEXICO OFFICE OF THE STATE ENGINEER



## WR-07 APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO DRILL

## A WELL WITH NO WATER RIGHT

(check applicable box):

For fees, see State Engineer website: <http://www.ose.state.nm.us/>

Purpose:	<input type="checkbox"/> Pollution Control And/Or Recovery	<input type="checkbox"/> Ground Source Heat Pump
<input type="checkbox"/> Exploratory Well (Pump test)	<input type="checkbox"/> Construction Site/Public Works Dewatering	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other(Describe): Groundwater Determination
<input type="checkbox"/> Monitoring Well	<input type="checkbox"/> Mine Dewatering	

A separate permit will be required to apply water to beneficial use regardless if use is consumptive or nonconsumptive.

☒ Temporary Request - Requested Start Date: 12/27/2022 Requested End Date: 01/20/2023

Plugging Plan of Operations Submitted? ☐ Yes ☒ No

## 1. APPLICANT(S)

Name: Devon Energy Production Company	Name:
Contact or Agent: check here if Agent <input type="checkbox"/> Dale Woodall	Contact or Agent: check here if Agent <input type="checkbox"/>
Mailing Address: 333 W Sheridan Ave	Mailing Address:
City: Oklahoma City	City:
State: OK Zip Code: 73102	State: Zip Code:
Phone: (405) 552-4660 <input type="checkbox"/> Home <input type="checkbox"/> Cell Phone (Work):	Phone <input type="checkbox"/> Home <input type="checkbox"/> Cell Phone (Work):
E-mail (optional): dale.woodall@dvn.com	E-mail (optional):

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File No.: C-04703	Trn. No.: 741900	Receipt No.: 2-45304
Trans Description (optional):		
Sub-Basin: W3	PCW/LOG Due Date: 2/3/24	

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**2. WELL(S)** Describe the well(s) applicable to this application.

<b>Location Required: Coordinate location must be reported in NM State Plane (NAD 83), UTM (NAD 83), or Latitude/Longitude (Lat/Long - WGS84).</b> <b>District II (Roswell) and District VII (Cimarron) customers, provide a PLSS location in addition to above.</b>			
<input type="checkbox"/> NM State Plane (NAD83) (Feet) <input type="checkbox"/> UTM (NAD83) (Meters) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lat/Long (WGS84) (to the nearest 1/10 <sup>th</sup> of second) <input type="checkbox"/> NM West Zone <input type="checkbox"/> Zone 12N <input type="checkbox"/> NM East Zone <input type="checkbox"/> Zone 13N <input type="checkbox"/> NM Central Zone			
<b>Well Number (if known):</b>	<b>X or Easting or Longitude:</b>	<b>Y or Northing or Latitude:</b>	<b>Provide if known:</b> -Public Land Survey System (PLSS) (Quarters or Halves, Section, Township, Range) OR - Hydrographic Survey Map & Tract; OR - Lot, Block & Subdivision; OR - Land Grant Name
C-04703 POD1	-103.6912877	32.314716	SE 1/4, SE 1/4, SECTION 8, T23S, R32E
<b>NOTE: If more well locations need to be described, complete form WR-08 (Attachment 1 – POD Descriptions)</b> <b>Additional well descriptions are attached:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <b>If yes, how many</b>			
Other description relating well to common landmarks, streets, or other: STRAY CAT 8 5 FED COM #214H			
Well is on land owned by: BLM			
<b>Well Information: NOTE: If more than one (1) well needs to be described, provide attachment. Attached?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If yes, how many:			
Approximate depth of well (feet): 55		Outside diameter of well casing (inches): 2	
Driller Name: Vision Resources, Jason Maley		Driller License Number: 1833	

**3. ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS OR EXPLANATIONS**

An exploratory soil boring will be installed up to a depth of 55 feet below ground surface (ft bgs). Temporary PVC well material will be placed to a depth of the boring and secured at the surface. The temporary well will be in place for a minimum of 72 hours at which time the well will be gauged for the presence of water. If water is encountered at any point during the boring installation, the soil boring will be plugged using a slurry of Portland Type I/II Neat Cement less than 6.0 gallons of water per 94 lb sack. If no water is encountered, the boring will be plugged using hydrated bentonite with drill cuttings to plug the upper 10 ft. bgs.

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**4. SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS:** The applicant must include the following, as applicable to each well type. Please check the appropriate boxes, to indicate the information has been included and/or attached to this application:

<b>Exploratory:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Include a description of any proposed pump test, if applicable.	<b>Pollution Control and/or Recovery:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Include a plan for pollution control/recovery, that includes the following: <input type="checkbox"/> A description of the need for the pollution control or recovery operation. <input type="checkbox"/> The estimated maximum period of time for completion of the operation. <input type="checkbox"/> The annual diversion amount. <input type="checkbox"/> The annual consumptive use amount. <input type="checkbox"/> The maximum amount of water to be diverted and injected for the duration of the operation. <input type="checkbox"/> The method and place of discharge.	<b>Construction De-Watering:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Include a description of the proposed dewatering operation. <input type="checkbox"/> The estimated duration of the operation. <input type="checkbox"/> The maximum amount of water to be diverted. <input type="checkbox"/> A description of the need for the dewatering operation, and, <input type="checkbox"/> A description of how the diverted water will be disposed of.	<b>Mine De-Watering:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Include a plan for pollution control/recovery, that includes the following: <input type="checkbox"/> A description of the need for mine dewatering. <input type="checkbox"/> The estimated maximum period of time for completion of the operation. <input type="checkbox"/> The source(s) of the water to be diverted. <input type="checkbox"/> The geohydrologic characteristics of the aquifer(s). <input type="checkbox"/> The maximum amount of water to be diverted per annum. <input type="checkbox"/> The maximum amount of water to be diverted for the duration of the operation. <input type="checkbox"/> The quality of the water. <input type="checkbox"/> The method of measurement of water diverted.
<b>Monitoring:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Include the reason for the monitoring well, and, <input type="checkbox"/> The duration of the planned monitoring.	<input type="checkbox"/> The method of measurement of water produced and discharged. <input type="checkbox"/> The source of water to be injected. <input type="checkbox"/> The method of measurement of water injected. <input type="checkbox"/> The characteristics of the aquifer. <input type="checkbox"/> The method of determining the resulting annual consumptive use of water and depletion from any related stream system. <input type="checkbox"/> Proof of any permit required from the New Mexico Environment Department. <input type="checkbox"/> An access agreement if the applicant is not the owner of the land on which the pollution plume control or recovery well is to be located.	<b>Ground Source Heat Pump:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Include a description of the geothermal heat exchange project. <input type="checkbox"/> The number of boreholes for the completed project and required depths. <input type="checkbox"/> The time frame for constructing the geothermal heat exchange project, and, <input type="checkbox"/> The duration of the project. <input type="checkbox"/> Preliminary surveys, design data, and additional information shall be included to provide all essential facts relating to the request.	<input type="checkbox"/> The recharge of water to the aquifer. <input type="checkbox"/> Description of the estimated area of hydrologic effect of the project. <input type="checkbox"/> The method and place of discharge. <input type="checkbox"/> An estimation of the effects on surface water rights and underground water rights from the mine dewatering project. <input type="checkbox"/> A description of the methods employed to estimate effects on surface water rights and underground water rights. <input type="checkbox"/> Information on existing wells, rivers, springs, and wetlands within the area of hydrologic effect.

#### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I, We (name of applicant(s)),

DALE WOODALL  
Print Name(s)

affirm that the foregoing statements are true to the best of (my, our) knowledge and belief.

Applicant Signature

Applicant Signature

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#### ACTION OF THE STATE ENGINEER

This application is:

☒ approved

☐ partially approved

☐ denied

provided it is not exercised to the detriment of any others having existing rights, and is not contrary to the conservation of water in New Mexico nor detrimental to the public welfare and further subject to the attached conditions of approval.

Witness my hand and seal this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February 20 23, for the State Engineer.

Mike A. Hamman, P.E.

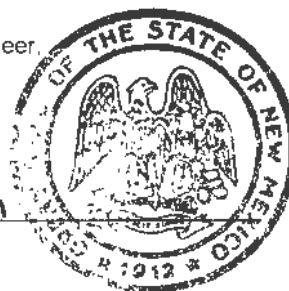
State Engineer

By: K. Parekh  
Signature

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Kashyap Parekh

Title: Water Resource Manager I  
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**SPECIFIC CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL**

- 17-16 Construction of a water well by anyone without a valid New Mexico Well Driller License is illegal, and the landowner shall bear the cost of plugging the well by a licensed New Mexico well driller. This does not apply to driven wells, the casing of which does not exceed two and three-eighths inches outside diameter.
- 17-1B Depth of the well shall not exceed the thickness of the Ogallala formation.
- 17-4 No water shall be appropriated and beneficially used under this permit.
- 17-6 The well authorized by this permit shall be plugged completely using the following method per Rules and Regulations Governing Well Driller Licensing, Construction, Repair and Plugging of Wells; Subsection C of 19.27.4.30 NMAC unless an alternative plugging method is proposed by the well owner and approved by the State Engineer upon completion of the permitted use. All pumping appurtenance shall be removed from the well prior to plugging. To plug a well, the entire well shall be filled from the bottom upwards to ground surface using a tremie pipe. The bottom of the tremie shall remain submerged in the sealant throughout the entire sealing process; other placement methods may be acceptable and approved by the state engineer. The well shall be plugged with an office of the state engineer approved sealant for use in the plugging of non-artesian wells. The well driller shall cut the casing off at least four (4) feet below ground surface and fill the open hole with at least two vertical feet of approved sealant. The driller must fill or cover any open annulus with sealant. Once the sealant has cured, the well driller or well owner may cover the seal with soil. A Plugging Report for said well shall be filed with the Office of the State Engineer in a District Office within 30 days of completion of the plugging.

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**SPECIFIC CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL (Continued)**

- 17-7 The Permittee shall utilize the highest and best technology available to ensure conservation of water to the maximum extent practical.
- 17-B The well shall be drilled by a driller licensed in the State of New Mexico in accordance with 72-12-12 NMSA 1978. A licensed driller shall not be required for the construction of a well driven without the use of a drill rig, provided that the casing shall not exceed two and three-eighths (2 3/8) inches outside diameter.
- 17-C The well driller must file the well record with the State Engineer and the applicant within 30 days after the well is drilled or driven. It is the well owner's responsibility to ensure that the well driller files the well record.  
The well driller may obtain the well record form from any District Office or the Office of the State Engineer website.
- 17-P The well shall be constructed, maintained, and operated to prevent inter-aquifer exchange of water and to prevent loss of hydraulic head between hydrogeologic zones.
- 17-Q The State Engineer retains jurisdiction over this permit.
- 17-R Pursuant to section 72-8-1 NMSA 1978, the permittee shall allow the State Engineer and OSE representatives entry upon private property for the performance of their respective duties, including access to the ditch or acequia to measure flow and also to the well for meter reading and water level measurement.

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SPECIFIC CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL (Continued)

LOG        The Point of Diversion C 04703 POD1 must be completed and the Well Log filed on or before 02/03/2024.

IT IS THE PERMITTEE'S RESPONSIBILITY TO OBTAIN ALL AUTHORIZATIONS AND PERMISSIONS TO DRILL ON PROPERTY OF OTHER OWNERSHIP BEFORE COMMENCING ACTIVITIES UNDER THIS PERMIT.

ACTION OF STATE ENGINEER

Notice of Intention Rcvd:	Date Rcvd. Corrected:
Formal Application Rcvd: 12/14/2022	Pub. of Notice Ordered:
Date Returned - Correction:	Affidavit of Pub. Filed:

This application is approved provided it is not exercised to the detriment of any others having existing rights, and is not contrary to the conservation of water in New Mexico nor detrimental to the public welfare of the state; and further subject to the specific conditions listed previously.

Witness my hand and seal this 03 day of Feb A.D., 2023

Mike A. Hamman, P.E., State Engineer

By:

K. Parekh  
KASHYAP PAREKH



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## United States Department of the Interior

### BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

Carlsbad Field Office  
620 E. Greene St.  
Carlsbad, NM 88220-6292

In Reply Refer To:  
3162.4 (NM-080)  
NMNM-98826

January 26, 2023

NM Office of the State Engineer  
1900 W. Second St.  
Roswell, NM 88201

Re: Stray Cat 8 5 Fed Com 214H  
Section 8, T23S-R32E  
30-025-44601  
Lea County, New Mexico

To Whom It May Concern:

The above well location and the immediate area mentioned above requires advanced soil boring to take place at approximately 55 feet below ground surface. The boring will be secured and left open for 72 hours at which time Devon Energy Production Company will assess for the presence or absence of groundwater. Temporary PVC well material will be placed to total depth of the boring and secured at the surface. If water is encountered at any point during the boring, installation of the soil boring will be plugged using Portland Type I/II neat cement less than 6.0 gallons of water per 94lb sack. If no water is encountered, then the soil boring will be plugged. The Bureau of Land Management (landowner) authorizes the access of the area to accomplish depth to groundwater determination of this site.

If you have any questions contact Crisha Morgan, at 575-234-5987.

Sincerely,

Crisha A. Morgan  
Certified Environmental Protection Specialist

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### Coordinates

**UTM - NAD 83 (m) - Zone 13**

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Northing 3576072.078

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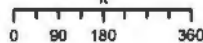
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Location pulled from Coordinate Search

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### Spatial Information

**County:** Lea  
**Groundwater Basin:** Carlsbad  
**Abstract Area:** Carlsbad 72-12-1  
**Land Grant:** New Mexico Land Grant  
**Restrictions:**

### PLSS Description

**NENWSESE Qtr of Sec 08 of 023S 032E**

Derived from CADNSDI- Qtr Sec. locations are calculated and are only approximations

### Parcel Information

**UPC/DocNum:**

**Parcel Owner:**

**Address:** null null null

**Legal:**

### POD Information

**Owner:**

**File Number:**

**POD Status:** NoData

**Permit Status:** NoData

**Permit Use:** NoData

**Purpose:**

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Mike A. Hamman, P.E.  
State Engineer



Roswell Office  
1900 WEST SECOND STREET  
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STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
OFFICE OF THE STATE ENGINEER

Trn Nbr: 741900  
File Nbr: C 04703

Feb. 03, 2023

DALE WOODALL  
DEVON ENERGY PRODUCTION CO.  
333 W SHERIDAN AVE  
OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73102

Greetings:

Your approved copy of the above numbered permit to drill a well for non-consumptive purposes is enclosed. You must obtain an additional permit if you intend to use the water. It is your responsibility to provide the contracted well driller with a copy of the permit that must be made available during well drilling activities.

Carefully review the attached conditions of approval for all specific permit requirements.

- \* If use of this well is temporary in nature and the well will be plugged at the end of the well usage, the OSE must initially approve of the plugging. If plugging approval is not conditioned in this permit, the applicant must submit a Plugging Plan of Operations for approval prior to the well being plugged. The Plugging Record must be properly completed and submitted to the OSE within 30 days of the well plugging.
- \* If the final intended purpose and condition requires a well ID tag and meter installation, the applicant must immediately send a completed meter report form to this office.
- \* The well record and log must be submitted within 30 days of the completion of the well or if the attempt was a dry hole.
- \* This permit expires and will be cancelled if no well is drilled and/or a well log is not received by the date set forth in the conditions of approval.

Appropriate forms can be downloaded from the OSE website [www.ose.state.nm.us](http://www.ose.state.nm.us).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rodolfo Chavez".

Rodolfo Chavez  
(575) 622-6521

Enclosure

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## WELL PLUGGING PLAN OF OPERATIONS



NOTE: A Well Plugging Plan of Operations shall be filed with and accepted by the Office of the State Engineer prior to plugging. This form may be used to plug a single well, or if you are plugging multiple monitoring wells on the same site using the same plugging methodology.

**Alert!** Your well may be eligible to participate in the Aquifer Mapping Program (AMP)-NM Bureau of Geology [geoinfo.nmt.edu/resources/water/cgmn/](http://geoinfo.nmt.edu/resources/water/cgmn/) if within an area of interest and meets the minimum construction requirements, such as there is still water in your well, and the well construction reflected in a well record and log is not compromised, contact AMP at 575-835-5038 or -6951, or by email [nmbg-waterlevels@nmt.edu](mailto:nmbg-waterlevels@nmt.edu), prior to completing this prior form. Showing proof to the OSE that your well was accepted in this program, may delay the plugging of your well until a later date.

**I. FILING FEE:** There is no filing fee for this form.

**II. GENERAL / WELL OWNERSHIP:** ☒ Check here if proposing one plan for multiple monitoring wells on the same site and attaching WD-08m.

Existing Office of the State Engineer POD Number (Well Number) for well to be plugged: C-4703-POD1

Name of well owner: Devon Energy Resources

Mailing address: 64888 Seven Rivers HWY County: EDDY

City: Artesia State: NM Zip code: 88210

Phone number: 405-318-4697 E-mail: Dale.Woodall@DVN.com

### III. WELL DRILLER INFORMATION:

Well Driller contracted to provide plugging services: Vision Resources, Jason Mayley

New Mexico Well Driller License No.: 1833 Expiration Date: 10/07/2023

**IV. WELL INFORMATION:** ☒ Check here if this plan describes method for plugging multiple monitoring wells on the same site and attach supplemental form WD-08m and skip to #2 in this section.

Note: A copy of the existing Well Record for the well(s) to be plugged should be attached to this plan.

1) GPS Well Location: Latitude: \_\_\_\_\_ deg. \_\_\_\_\_ min. \_\_\_\_\_ sec  
Longitude: \_\_\_\_\_ deg. \_\_\_\_\_ min. \_\_\_\_\_ sec, NAD 83

2) Reason(s) for plugging well(s):

No water found

3) Was well used for any type of monitoring program? no If yes, please use section VII of this form to detail what hydrogeologic parameters were monitored. If the well was used to monitor contaminated or poor quality water, authorization from the New Mexico Environment Department may be required prior to plugging.

4) Does the well tap brackish, saline, or otherwise poor quality water? NO If yes, provide additional detail, including analytical results and/or laboratory report(s): \_\_\_\_\_

5) Static water level: no water feet below land surface / feet above land surface (circle one)

6) Depth of the well: 55 feet

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- 7) Inside diameter of innermost casing: 2 \_\_\_\_\_ inches.
- 8) Casing material: PVC \_\_\_\_\_
- 9) The well was constructed with:  
☐ an open-hole production interval, state the open interval: \_\_\_\_\_  
☒ a well screen or perforated pipe, state the screened interval(s): 50-55 Feet
- 10) What annular interval surrounding the artesian casing of this well is cement-grouted? None \_\_\_\_\_
- 11) Was the well built with surface casing? no If yes, is the annulus surrounding the surface casing grouted or otherwise sealed? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, please describe:  
 \_\_\_\_\_
- 12) Has all pumping equipment and associated piping been removed from the well? Yes If not, describe remaining equipment and intentions to remove prior to plugging in Section VII of this form.

**V. DESCRIPTION OF PLANNED WELL PLUGGING:** ☐ If plugging method differs between multiple wells on same site, a separate form must be completed for each method.

Note: If this plan proposes to plug an artesian well in a way other than with cement grout, placed bottom to top with a tremie pipe, a detailed diagram of the well showing proposed final plugged configuration shall be attached, as well as any additional technical information, such as geophysical logs, that are necessary to adequately describe the proposal. Attach a copy of any signed OSE variance to this plugging plan.

Also, if this planned plugging plan requires a variance to 19.27.4 NMAC, attach a detailed variance request signed by the applicant.

- 1) Describe the method by which cement grout shall be placed in the well, or describe requested plugging methodology proposed for the well:  
 Temporary PVC casing will be removed and approximately 4.7 Cubic feet bentonite chips will be placed in well.
- 2) Will well head be cut-off below land surface after plugging? no well head will be installed.

**VI. PLUGGING AND SEALING MATERIALS:**

Note: The plugging of a well that taps poor quality water may require the use of a specialty cement or specialty sealant. Attach a copy of the batch mix recipe from the cement company and/or product description for specialty cement mixes or any sealant that deviates from the list of OSE approved sealants.

- 1) For plugging intervals that employ cement grout, complete and attach Table A.
- 2) For plugging intervals that will employ approved non-cement based sealant(s), complete and attach Table B.
- 3) Theoretical volume of grout required to plug the well to land surface: \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) Type of Cement proposed: \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) Proposed cement grout mix: \_\_\_\_\_ gallons of water per 94 pound sack of Portland cement.
- 6) Will the grout be: \_\_\_\_\_ batch-mixed and delivered to the site  
 \_\_\_\_\_ mixed on site



- 7) Grout additives requested, and percent by dry weight relative to cement:

- 8) Additional notes and calculations:

**VII. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** List additional information below, or on separate sheet(s):

**VIII. SIGNATURE:**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, say that I have carefully read the foregoing Well Plugging Plan of Operations and any attachments, which are a part hereof; that I am familiar with the rules and regulations of the State Engineer pertaining to the plugging of wells and will comply with them, and that each and all of the statements in the Well Plugging Plan of Operations and attachments are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Dale Woodall

Digitally signed by Dale Woodall  
Date: 2023.01.23.13:49:10 -0700

Signature of Applicant

Date

**IX. ACTION OF THE STATE ENGINEER:**

This Well Plugging Plan of Operations is:

☒ Approved subject to the attached conditions.  
☐ Not approved for the reasons provided on the attached letter.

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Witness my hand and official seal this 31<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2023



Mike A. Hammer P.E. New Mexico State Engineer

By: K. Parekh

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**TABLE A - For plugging intervals that employ cement grout. Start with deepest interval.**

	<b>Interval 1 – deepest</b>	<b>Interval 2</b>	<b>Interval 3 – most shallow</b>
			Note: if the well is non-artesian and breaches only one aquifer, use only this column.
Top of proposed interval of grout placement (ft bgl)			
Bottom of proposed interval of grout placement (ft bgl)			
Theoretical volume of grout required per interval (gallons)			
Proposed cement grout mix gallons of water per 94-lb. sack of Portland cement			
Mixed on-site or batch-mixed and delivered?			
Grout additive 1 requested			
Additive 1 percent by dry weight relative to cement			
Grout additive 2 requested			
Additive 2 percent by dry weight relative to cement			

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**TABLE B - For plugging intervals that will employ approved non-cement based sealant(s). Start with deepest interval.**

	Interval 1 – deepest	Interval 2	Interval 3 – most shallow
			Note: if the well is non-artesian and breaches only one aquifer, use only this column.
Top of proposed interval of sealant placement (ft bgl)	55 feet		Zero feet below grade.
Bottom of proposed sealant or grout placement (ft bgl)			
Theoretical volume of sealant required per interval (gallons)			
Proposed abandonment sealant (manufacturer and trade name)			

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Applicant has identified a well, listed below, to be plugged. Vision Resources (David Maley) (WD-1833) will perform the plugging.

Permittee: Devon Energy Resources  
 NMOSE Permit Number: C-4703

NMOSE File	Casing diameter (inches)	Well depth (feet bgl)	Approximate static water level (feet bgl)	Latitude	Longitude
C-4703	2.0	55.0	Dry	32.3147°	103.69128°

**Specific Plugging Conditions of Approval for Well located in Lea County.**

1. Water well drilling and well drilling activities, including well plugging, are regulated under 19.27.4 NMAC, which requires any person engaged in the business of well drilling within New Mexico to obtain a Well Driller License issued by the New Mexico Office of the State Engineer (NMOSE). Therefore, the firm of a New Mexico licensed Well Driller shall perform the well plugging.
2. Theoretical volume of sealant required for abandonment of the 2.0 inch diameter (I.D.) casing is approximately 9.0 gallons. Total minimum volume of necessary sealant shall be calculated upon sounding the actual pluggable depth of well, which is estimated at 55.0 feet below ground surface (b.g.s.).
3. Bentonite chips (Baroid Quick Grout/Baroid Hole Plug) is the approved sealant. When bentonite chips are added above static water level, a minimum of 5-gallons of fresh water shall be added to the borehole per 50-lb of bentonite chips.
4. Placement of the sealant within the wells shall be by tremie pipe extending to near well bottom and kept below top of the slurry column as the well is plugged from bottom-upwards in a manner that displaces the standing water column. The tremie shall be incrementally removed to retain the tremie bottom a limited distance above the top of the rising column of chips throughout the plugging process.
5. Any open annulus encountered surrounding the casing shall also be sealed by the placement of the approved sealant. When plugging shallow wells with no construction or environmental

concerns, and if the well record on a well to be plugged shows a proper 20-foot annular seal, a plugging plan can propose the use of clean fill material to a nominal 30 feet bgs, then placing an OSE approved sealant to surface. Lacking that information, we would require an excavation of at least 2-feet which shall then be filled in its entirety with sealant to surface.

6. Should the NMED, or another regulatory agency sharing jurisdiction of the project authorize, or by regulation require a more stringent well plugging procedure than herein acknowledged, the more-stringent procedure should be followed. This, in part, includes provisions regarding pre-authorization to proceed, contaminant remediation, inspection, pulling/perforating of casing, or prohibition of free discharge of any fluid from the borehole during or related to the plugging process.
7. NMOSE witnessing of the plugging of the non-artesian well will not be required.
8. Any deviation from this plan must obtain an approved variance from this office prior to implementation.
9. A Well Plugging Record itemizing actual abandonment process and materials used shall be filed with the State Engineer within 30 days after completion of well plugging. For the plugging record, please resurvey coordinate location for well and note coordinate system for GPS unit. Please attach a copy of these plugging conditions.

The NMOSE Well Plugging Plan of Operations is hereby approved with the aforesaid conditions applied.

Witness my hand and seal this 31<sup>st</sup> day of January 2023

Mike A. Hamman, P.E. State Engineer

By: K. Parekh

Kashyap Parekh  
Water Resources Manager I





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January 31, 2023

Devon Energy Resources  
6488 Seven Rivers Hwy  
Artesia, NM 88210

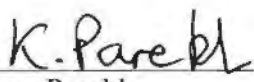
RE: Well Plugging Plan of Operations for **C-4703-POD1**

Greetings:

Enclosed is your copy of the Well Plugging Plan of Operations for the above referenced well subject to the attached Conditions of Approval. The proposed method of operation is found to be acceptable and in accordance with the Rules and Regulations Governing Well Driller Licensing; Construction, Repair and Plugging of Wells 19.27.4 NMAC adopted June 30, 2017 by the State Engineer, subject to the attached Conditions of Approval.

Within 30 days after the well is plugged, the well driller is required to file a complete plugging record with the OSE and the permit holder.

Sincerely,

  
Kashyap Parekh  
Water Resources Manager I





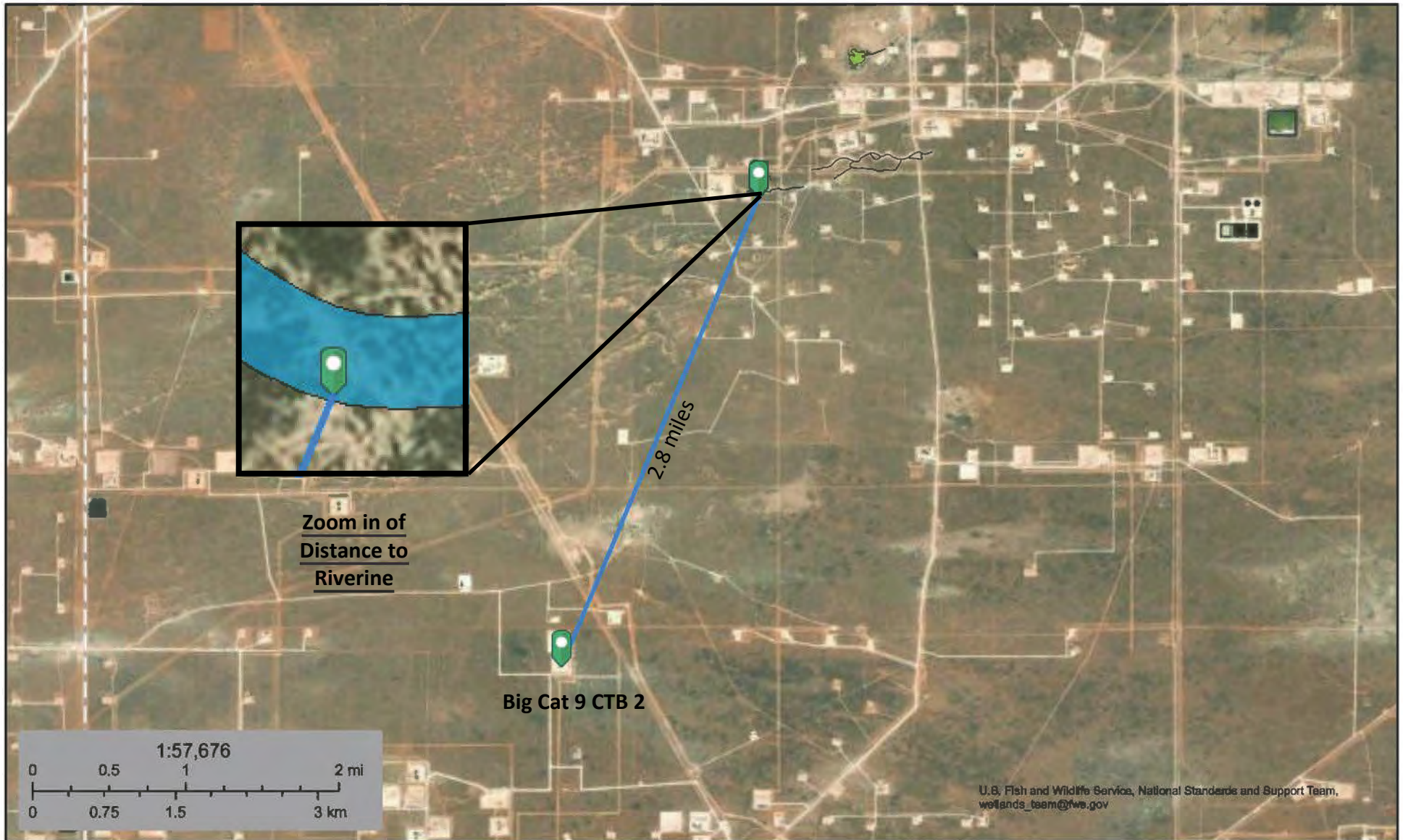
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## National Wetlands Inventory

Big Cat 9 CTB 2

Nearest Significant Watercourse: Riverine

Distance: 2.8 miles



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## Wetlands

Estuarine and Marine Deepwater

Estuarine and Marine Wetland

Freshwater Emergent Wetland

Freshwater Forested/Shrub Wetland

Freshwater Pond

Lake

Other

Riverine

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## National Wetlands Inventory

Big Cat 9 CTB 2

Nearest Playa Lake

Distance: 4.61 miles



July 25, 2025

## Wetlands

- Estuarine and Marine Deepwater
- Estuarine and Marine Wetland

- Freshwater Emergent Wetland
- Freshwater Forested/Shrub Wetland
- Freshwater Pond

- Lake
- Other
- Riverine



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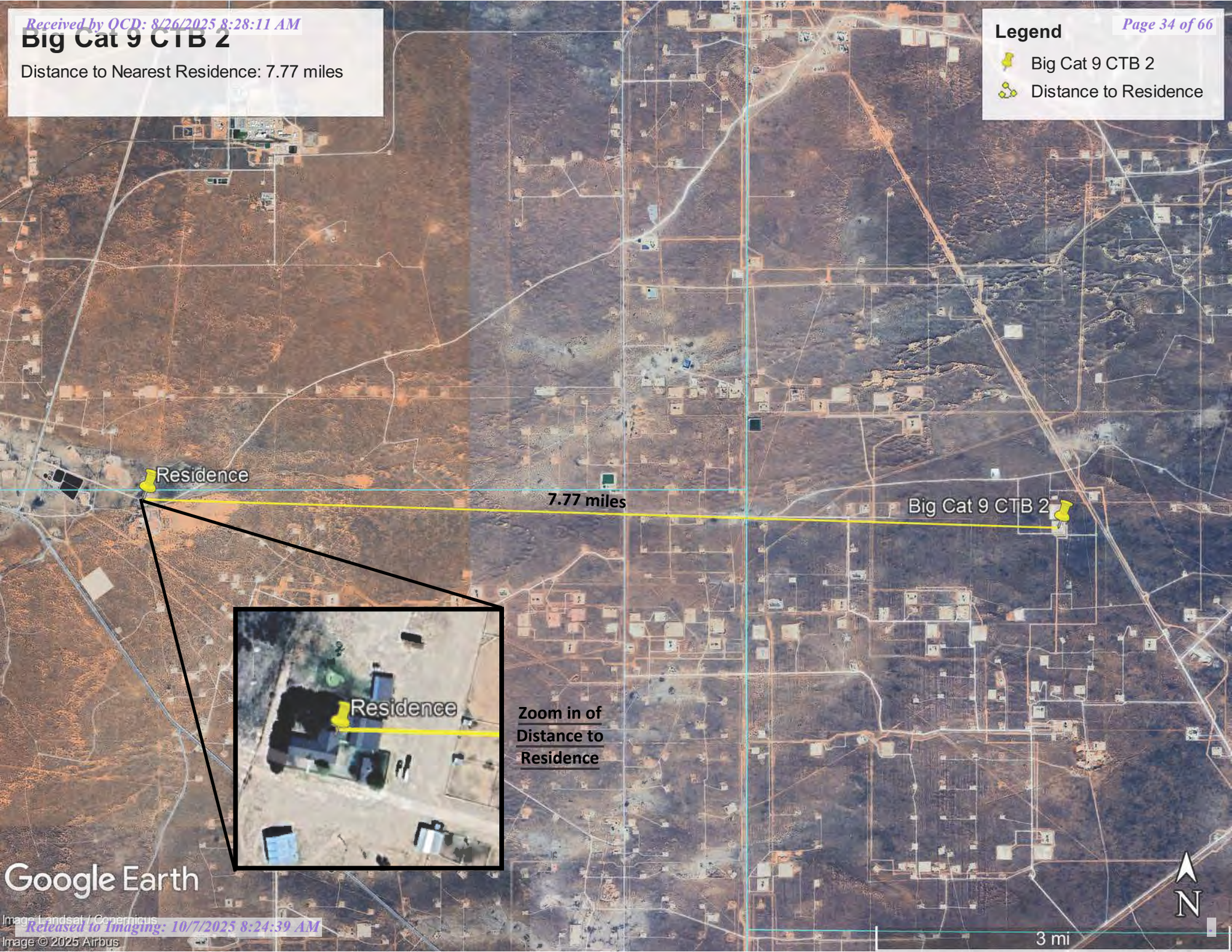


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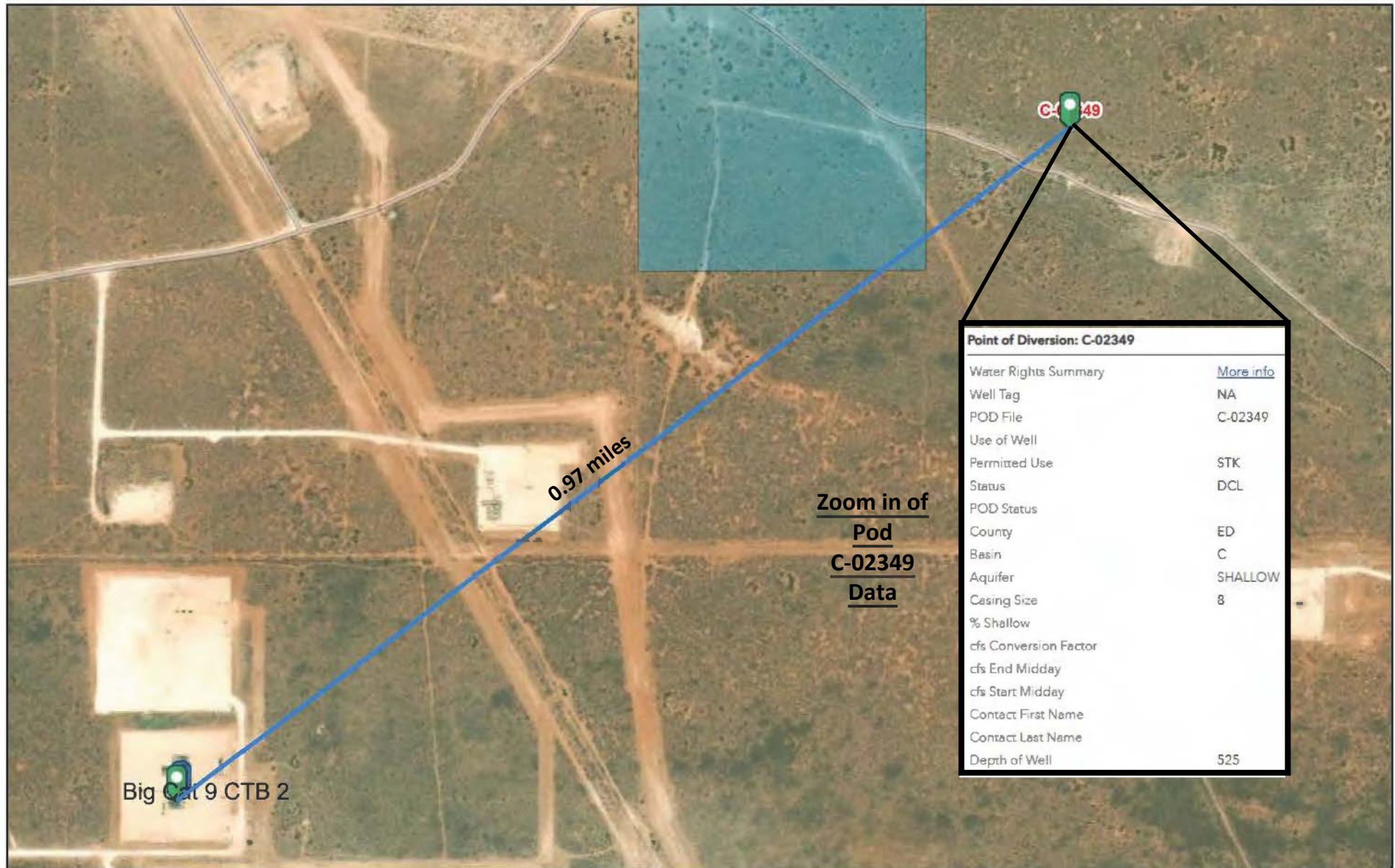
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## Big Cat 9 CTB 2 - Nearest Freshwater Well Map



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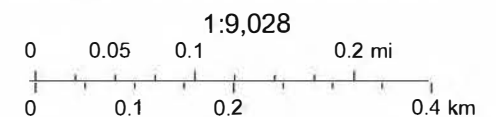
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Well Type

Stock Watering

Distance

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Monica Peppin

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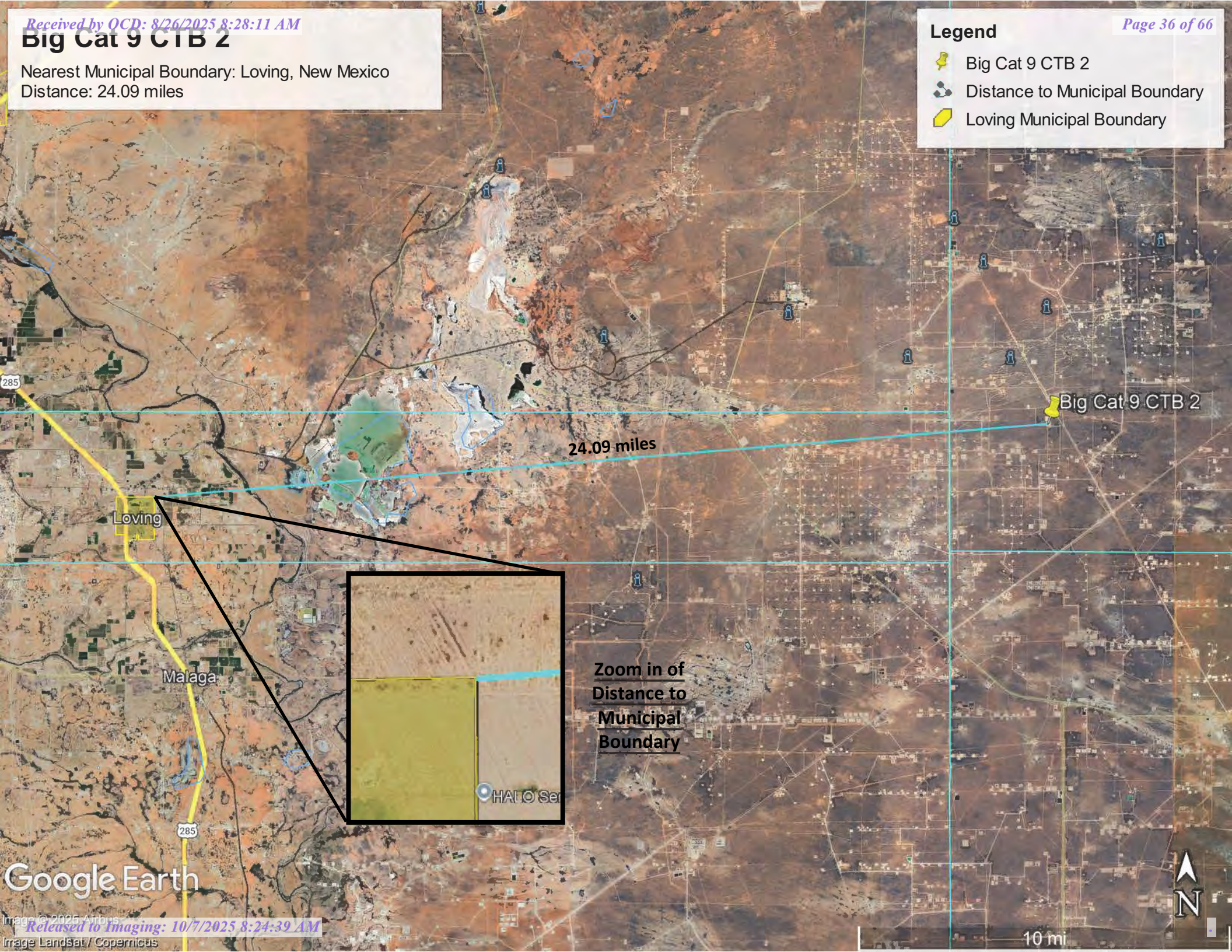


# Big Cat 9 CTB 2

Nearest Municipal Boundary: Loving, New Mexico  
Distance: 24.09 miles

## Legend

- Big Cat 9 CTB 2
- Distance to Municipal Boundary
- Loving Municipal Boundary



Big Cat 9 CTB 2

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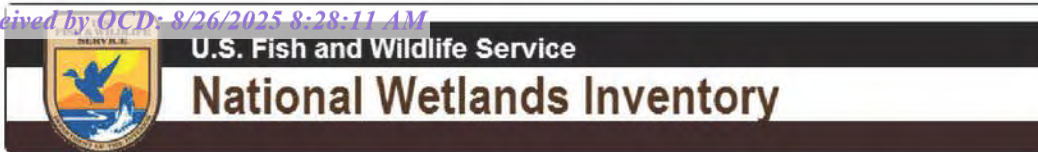
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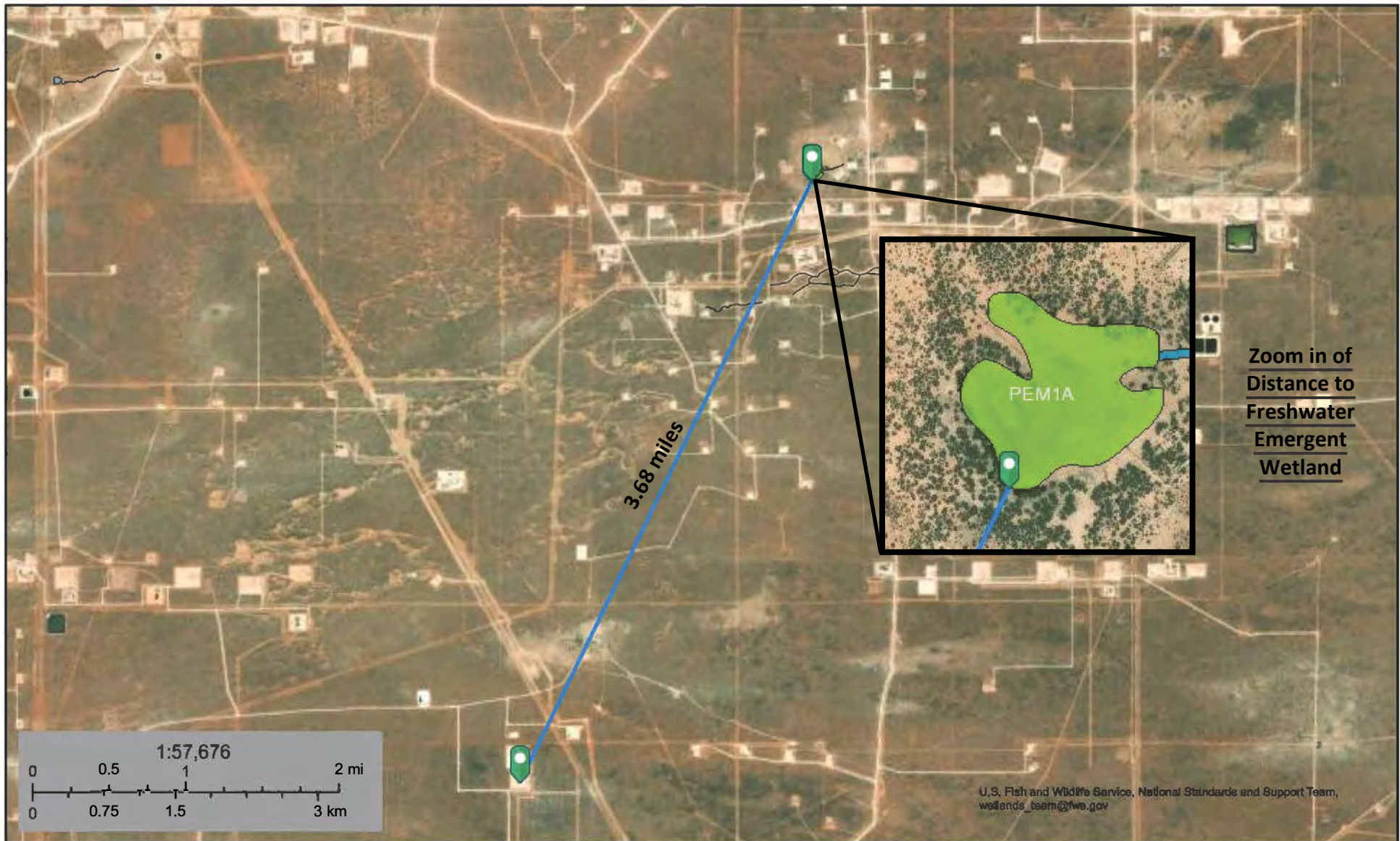
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**Nearest Wetland:** Freshwater Emergent Wetland  
**Distance:** 3.68 miles



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#### Wetlands

- Estuarine and Marine Deepwater
- Estuarine and Marine Wetland

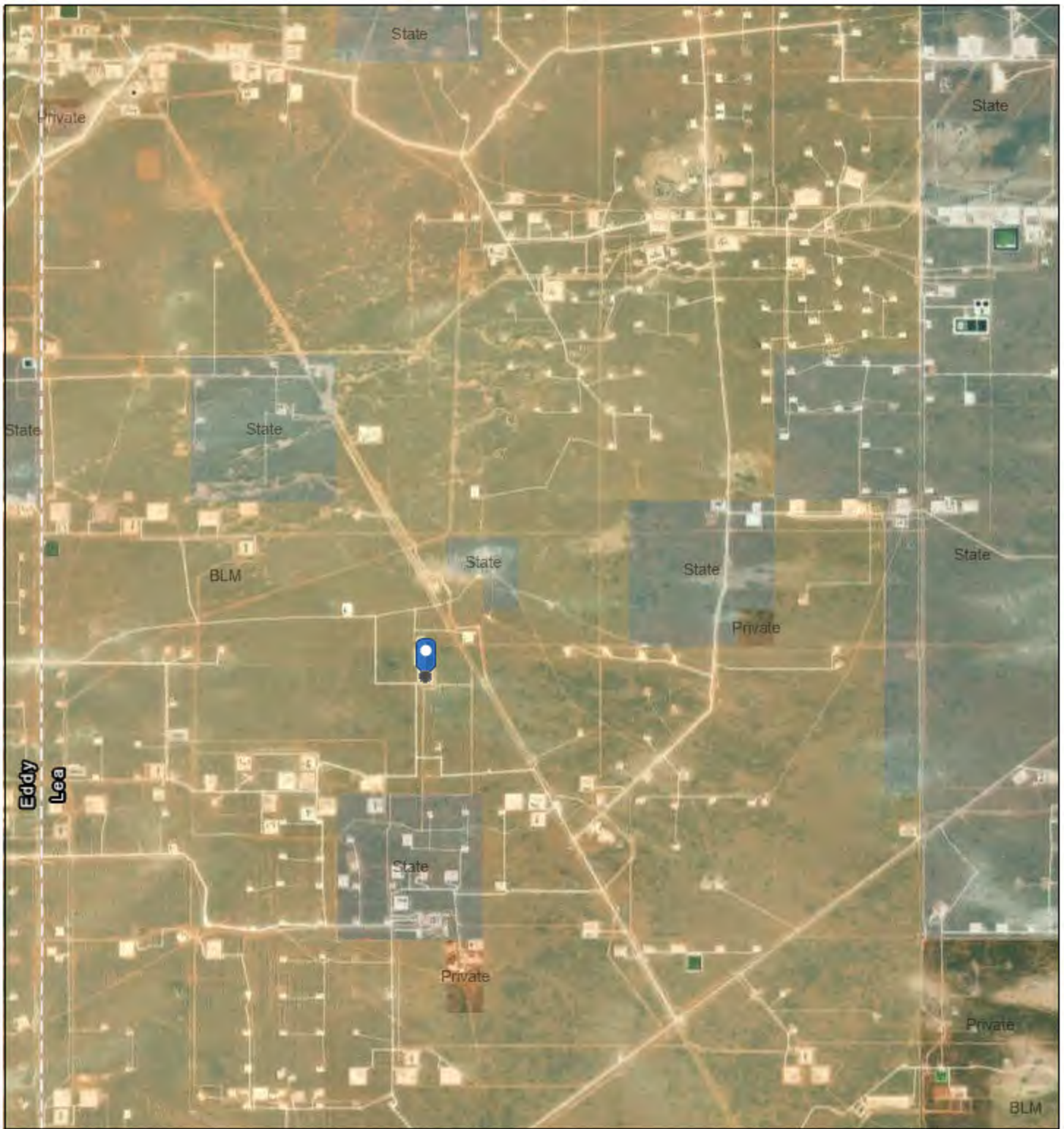
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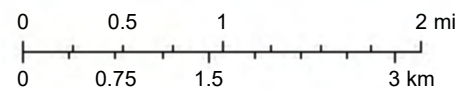


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Big Cat 9 CTB 2

## Big Cat 9 CTB 2 - Karst Potential Map

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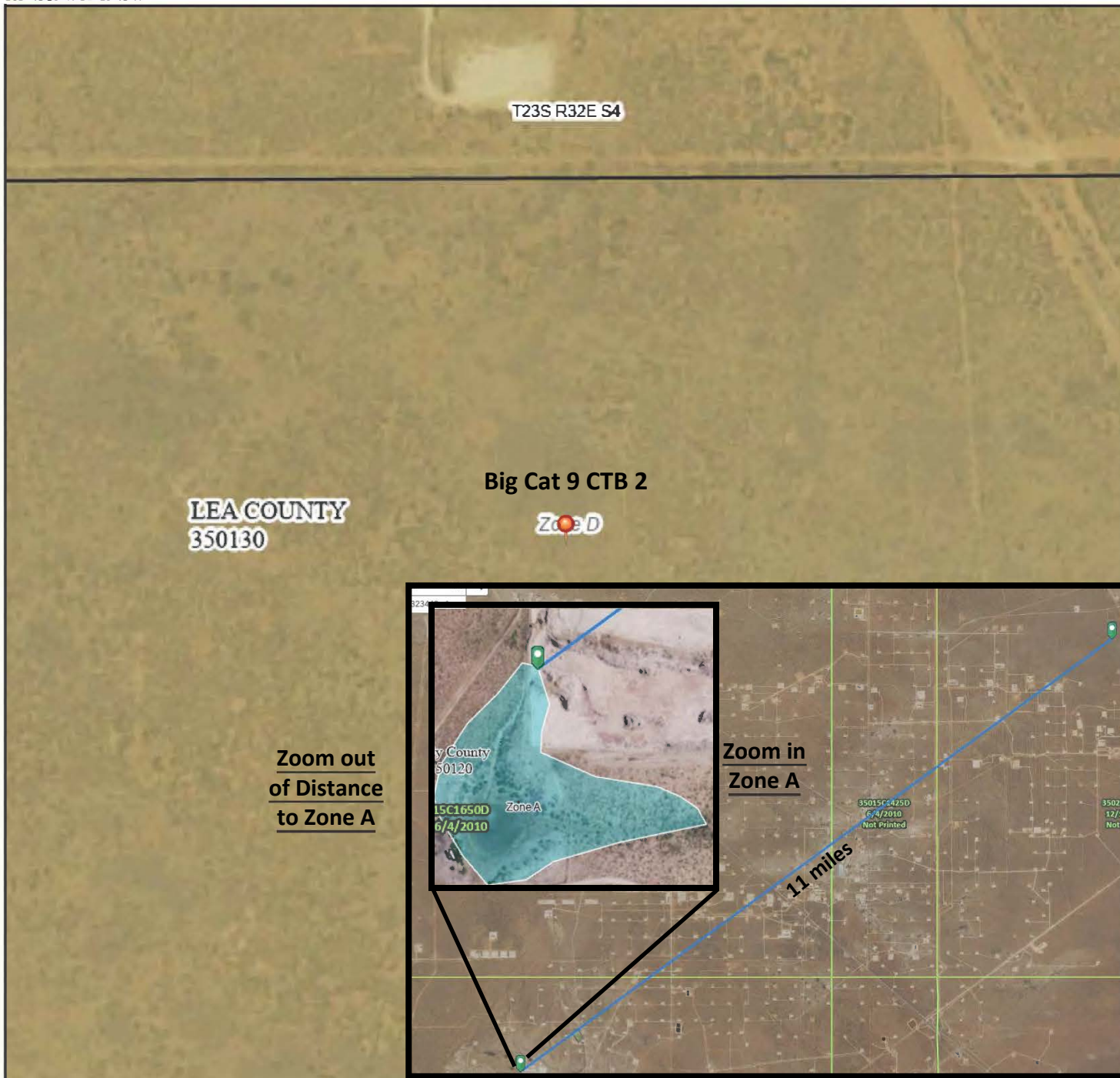
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# National Flood Hazard Layer FIRMMette



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## Legend

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SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD AREAS		Without Base Flood Elevation (BFE) Zone A, V, A99
		With BFE or Depth Zone AE, AO, AH, VE, AR
		Regulatory Floodway
OTHER AREAS OF FLOOD HAZARD		0.2% Annual Chance Flood Hazard, Areas of 1% annual chance flood with average depth less than one foot or with drainage areas of less than one square mile Zone X
		Future Conditions 1% Annual Chance Flood Hazard Zone X
		Area with Reduced Flood Risk due to Levee. See Notes. Zone X
		Area with Flood Risk due to Levee Zone D
OTHER AREAS		NO SCREEN Area of Minimal Flood Hazard Zone X
		Effective LOMRs
		Area of Undetermined Flood Hazard Zone D
GENERAL STRUCTURES		Channel, Culvert, or Storm Sewer
		Levee, Dike, or Floodwall
OTHER FEATURES		20.2 Cross Sections with 1% Annual Chance Water Surface Elevation
		17.5 Coastal Transect
		Base Flood Elevation Line (BFE)
		Limit of Study
		Jurisdiction Boundary
		Coastal Transect Baseline
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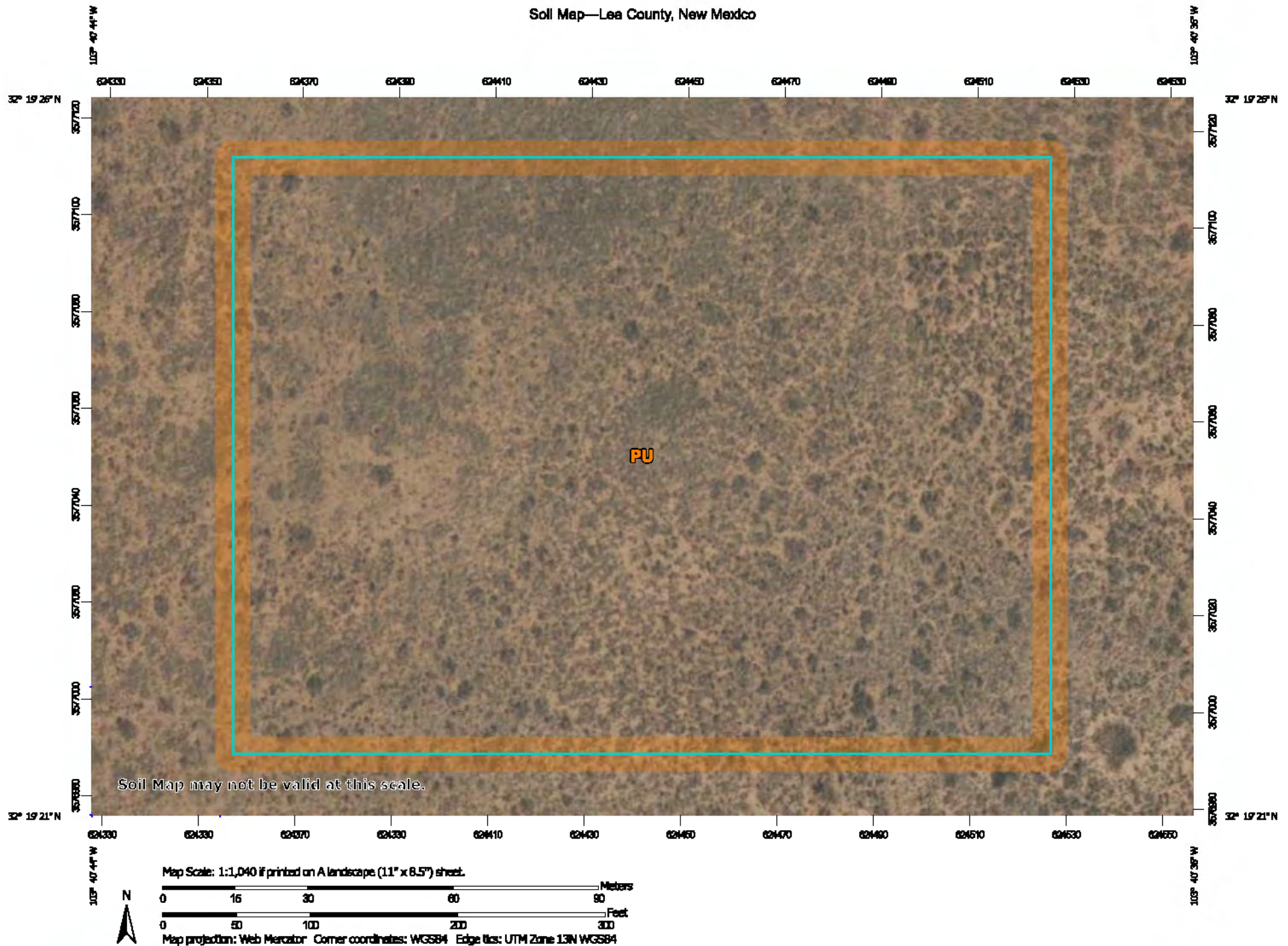
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## Soil Map—Lea County, New Mexico



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## MAP LEGEND

## Area of Interest (AOI)

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## Soils

 Soil Map Unit Polygons

 Soil Map Unit Lines

 Soil Map Unit Points

## Special Point Features



Blowout



Borrow Pit



Clay Spot



Closed Depression



Gravel Pit



Gravelly Spot



Landfill



Lava Flow



Marsh or swamp



Mine or Quarry



Miscellaneous Water



Perennial Water



Rock Outcrop



Saline Spot



Sandy Spot



Severely Eroded Spot



Sinkhole



Slide or Slip



Sodic Spot



Spoil Area



Stony Spot



Very Stony Spot



Wet Spot



Other



Special Line Features

## Water Features



Streams and Canals

## Transportation



Rails



Interstate Highways



US Routes



Major Roads

Local Roads

## Background



Aerial Photography

## MAP INFORMATION

The soil surveys that comprise your AOI were mapped at 1:20,000.

Warning: Soil Map may not be valid at this scale.

Enlargement of maps beyond the scale of mapping can cause misunderstanding of the detail of mapping and accuracy of soil line placement. The maps do not show the small areas of contrasting soils that could have been shown at a more detailed scale.

Please rely on the bar scale on each map sheet for map measurements.

Source of Map: Natural Resources Conservation Service

Web Soil Survey URL:

Coordinate System: Web Mercator (EPSG:3857)

Maps from the Web Soil Survey are based on the Web Mercator projection, which preserves direction and shape but distorts distance and area. A projection that preserves area, such as the Albers equal-area conic projection, should be used if more accurate calculations of distance or area are required.

This product is generated from the USDA-NRCS certified data as of the version date(s) listed below.

Soil Survey Area: Lea County, New Mexico

Survey Area Data: Version 21, Sep 3, 2024

Soil map units are labeled (as space allows) for map scales 1:50,000 or larger.

Date(s) aerial images were photographed: Feb 7, 2020—May 12, 2020

The orthophoto or other base map on which the soil lines were compiled and digitized probably differs from the background imagery displayed on these maps. As a result, some minor shifting of map unit boundaries may be evident.

Map Unit Legend

Map Unit Symbol	Map Unit Name	Acres in AOI	Percent of AOI
PU	Pyote and Maljamar fine sands	5.2	100.0%
Totals for Area of Interest		5.2	100.0%



Map Unit Description: Pyote and Maljamar fine sands—Lea County, New Mexico

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## Lea County, New Mexico

### PU—Pyote and Maljamar fine sands

#### Map Unit Setting

*National map unit symbol:* dmqq

*Elevation:* 3,000 to 3,900 feet

*Mean annual precipitation:* 10 to 12 inches

*Mean annual air temperature:* 60 to 62 degrees F

*Frost-free period:* 190 to 205 days

*Farmland classification:* Not prime farmland

#### Map Unit Composition

*Pyote and similar soils:* 46 percent

*Maljamar and similar soils:* 44 percent

*Minor components:* 10 percent

*Estimates are based on observations, descriptions, and transects of the mapunit.*

#### Description of Pyote

##### Setting

*Landform:* Plains

*Landform position (three-dimensional):* Rise

*Down-slope shape:* Linear

*Across-slope shape:* Linear

*Parent material:* Sandy eolian deposits derived from sedimentary rock

##### Typical profile

*A - 0 to 30 inches:* fine sand

*Bt - 30 to 60 inches:* fine sandy loam

##### Properties and qualities

*Slope:* 0 to 3 percent

*Depth to restrictive feature:* More than 80 inches

*Drainage class:* Well drained

*Runoff class:* Negligible

*Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat):* High  
(2.00 to 6.00 in/hr)

*Depth to water table:* More than 80 inches

*Frequency of flooding:* None

*Frequency of ponding:* None

*Calcium carbonate, maximum content:* 5 percent

*Gypsum, maximum content:* 1 percent

*Maximum salinity:* Nonsaline to very slightly saline (0.0 to 2.0 mmhos/cm)

*Sodium adsorption ratio, maximum:* 2.0

*Available water supply, 0 to 60 inches:* Low (about 5.1 inches)

##### Interpretive groups

*Land capability classification (irrigated):* 6e



Map Unit Description: Pyote and Maljamar fine sands—Lea County, New Mexico

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*Land capability classification (nonirrigated): 7s*  
*Hydrologic Soil Group: A*  
*Ecological site: R070BD003NM - Loamy Sand*  
*Hydric soil rating: No*

### **Description of Maljamar**

#### **Setting**

*Landform: Plains*  
*Landform position (three-dimensional): Rise*  
*Down-slope shape: Linear*  
*Across-slope shape: Linear*  
*Parent material: Sandy eolian deposits derived from sedimentary rock*

#### **Typical profile**

*A - 0 to 24 inches: fine sand*  
*Bt - 24 to 50 inches: sandy clay loam*  
*Bkm - 50 to 60 inches: cemented material*

#### **Properties and qualities**

*Slope: 0 to 3 percent*  
*Depth to restrictive feature: 40 to 60 inches to petrocalcic*  
*Drainage class: Well drained*  
*Runoff class: Very low*  
*Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): Very low to moderately low (0.00 to 0.06 in/hr)*  
*Depth to water table: More than 80 inches*  
*Frequency of flooding: None*  
*Frequency of ponding: None*  
*Calcium carbonate, maximum content: 5 percent*  
*Gypsum, maximum content: 1 percent*  
*Maximum salinity: Nonsaline to very slightly saline (0.0 to 2.0 mmhos/cm)*  
*Sodium adsorption ratio, maximum: 2.0*  
*Available water supply, 0 to 60 inches: Low (about 5.6 inches)*

#### **Interpretive groups**

*Land capability classification (irrigated): 6e*  
*Land capability classification (nonirrigated): 7e*  
*Hydrologic Soil Group: B*  
*Ecological site: R070BD003NM - Loamy Sand*  
*Hydric soil rating: No*

### **Minor Components**

#### **Kermit**

*Percent of map unit: 10 percent*  
*Ecological site: R070BC022NM - Sandhills*

Map Unit Description: Pyote and Maljamar fine sands—Lea County, New Mexico

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*Hydric soil rating:* No

## Data Source Information

Soil Survey Area: Lea County, New Mexico

Survey Area Data: Version 21, Sep 3, 2024





## Ecological site R070BD003NM Loamy Sand

Accessed: 07/01/2025

### General information

**Provisional.** A provisional ecological site description has undergone quality control and quality assurance review. It contains a working state and transition model and enough information to identify the ecological site.

Figure 1. Mapped extent

Areas shown in blue indicate the maximum mapped extent of this ecological site. Other ecological sites likely occur within the highlighted areas. It is also possible for this ecological site to occur outside of highlighted areas if detailed soil survey has not been completed or recently updated.

### Associated sites

R070BD004NM	Sandy Sandy
R070BD005NM	Deep Sand Deep Sand

Table 1. Dominant plant species

Tree	Not specified
Shrub	Not specified
Herbaceous	Not specified

### Physiographic features

This site is on uplands, plains, dunes, fan piedmonts and in inter dunal areas. The parent material consists of mixed alluvium and or eolian sands derived from sedimentary rock. Slope range on this site range from 0 to 9 percent with the average of 5 percent.

Low stabilized dunes may occur occasionally on this site. Elevations range from 2,800 to 5,000 feet.

Table 2. Representative physiographic features

Landforms	(1) Fan piedmont (2) Alluvial fan (3) Dune
Elevation	2,800–5,000 ft
Slope	9%
Aspect	Aspect is not a significant factor

### Climatic features

The average annual precipitation ranges from 8 to 13 inches. Variations of 5 inches, more or less, are common. Over 80 percent of the precipitation falls from April through October. Most of the summer precipitation comes in the form of high intensity-short duration thunderstorms.

Temperatures are characterized by distinct seasonal changes and large annual and diurnal temperature changes. The average annual temperature is 61 degrees with extremes of 25 degrees below zero in the winter to 112 degrees in the summer.

The average frost-free season is 207 to 220 days. The last killing frost being late March or early April and the first killing frost being in later October or early November.

Temperature and rainfall both favor warm season perennial plant growth. In years of abundant spring moisture, annual forbs and cool season grasses can make up an important component of this site. Strong winds blow from the southwest from January through June, which accelerates soil drying during a critical period for cool season plant growth.

Climate data was obtained from <http://www.wrcc.sage.dri.edu/summary/climsnm.html> web site using 50% probability for freeze-free and frost-free seasons using 28.5 degrees F and 32.5 degrees F respectively.

Table 3. Representative climatic features

Frost-free period (average)	221 days
Freeze-free period (average)	240 days
Precipitation total (average)	13 in

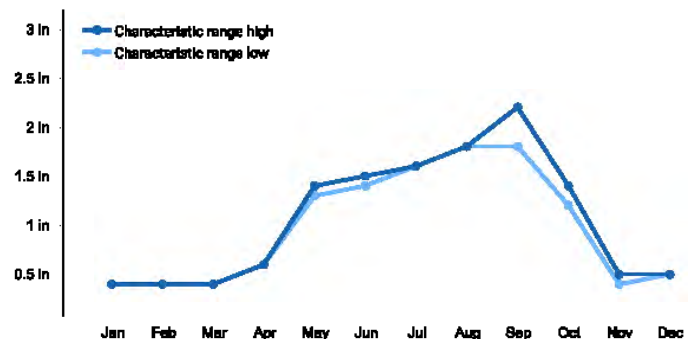


Figure 2. Monthly precipitation range

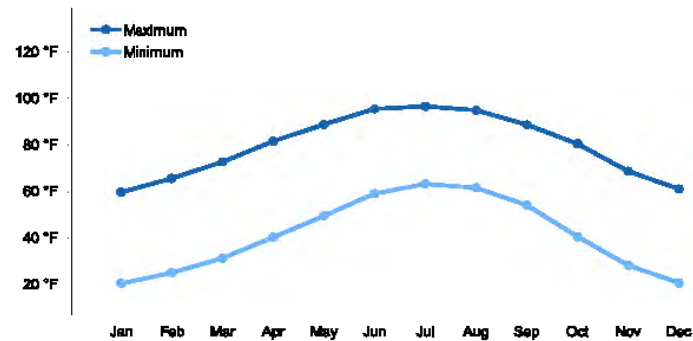


Figure 3. Monthly average minimum and maximum temperature

Influencing water features

This site is not influenced from water from wetlands or streams.

Soil features

Soils are moderately deep or very deep. Surface textures are loamy fine sand, fine sandy loam, loamy very fine sand or gravelly sandy loam.

Subsurface is a loamy fine sand, coarse sandy loam, fine sandy loam or loam that averages less than 18 percent clay and less than 15 percent carbonates.

Substratum is a fine sandy loam or gravelly fine sandy loam with less than 15 percent gravel and with less than 40 percent calcium carbonate. Some layers high in lime or with caliche fragments may occur at depths of 20 to 30 inches.

These soils, if unprotected by plant cover and organic residue, become wind blown and low hummocks are formed.

Minimum and maximum values listed below represent the characteristic soils for this site.

Characteristic soils are:

- Maljamar
- Berino
- Parjarito
- Palomas
- Wink
- Pyote

Table 4. Representative soil features

Surface texture	(1) Fine sand (2) Fine sandy loam (3) Loamy fine sand
Family particle size	(1) Sandy

Ecological dynamics

Overview

The Loamy Sand site intergrades with the Deep Sand and Sandy

Drainage class	Well drained to somewhat excessively drained
Permeability class	Moderate to moderately rapid
Soil depth	40–72 in
Surface fragment cover <=3"	10%
Surface fragment cover >3"	Not specified
Available water capacity (0–40in)	5–7 in
Calcium carbonate equivalent (0–40in)	3–40%
Electrical conductivity (0–40in)	2–4 mmhos/cm
Sodium adsorption ratio (0–40in)	2
Soil reaction (1:1 water) (0–40in)	6.6–8.4
Subsurface fragment volume <=3" (Depth not specified)	4–12%
Subsurface fragment volume >3" (Depth not specified)	Not specified

sites (SD-3). These sites can be differentiated by surface soil texture and depth to a textural change. Loamy Sand and Deep Sand sites have coarse textured (sands and loamy sand) surface soils while Sandy sites have moderately coarse textured (sandy loam and fine sandy loam) surfaces. Although Loamy Sand and

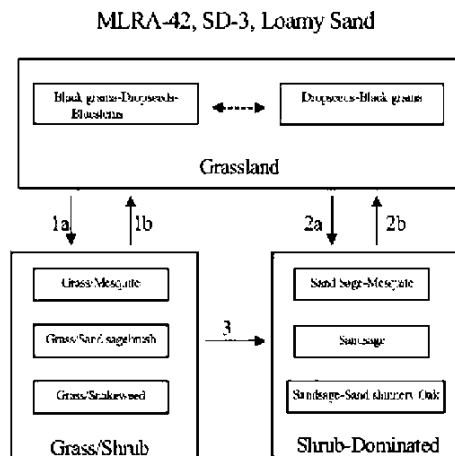


Deep Sand sites have similar surface textures, the depth to a textural change is different—Loamy Sand sub-surface textures typically increase in clay at approximately 20 to 30 inches, and Deep Sand sites not until around 40 inches.

The historic plant community of Loamy Sand sites is dominated by black grama (*Bouteloua eriopoda*), dropseeds (*Sporobolus flexuosus*, *S. contractus*, *S. cryptandrus*), and bluestems (*Schizachyrium scoparium* and *Andropogon hallii*), with scattered shinnery oak (*Quercus havardii*) and sand sage (*Artemisia filifolia*). Perennial and annual forb abundance and distribution are dependent on precipitation. Litter and to a lesser extent, bare ground, are a significant proportion of ground cover while grasses compose the remainder. Decreases in black grama indicate a transition to either a grass/shrub or shrub-dominated state. The grass/shrub state is composed of grasses/honey mesquite (*Prosopis glandulosa*), grasses/broom snakeweed (*Gutierrezia sarothrae*), or grasses/sand sage. The shrub-dominated state occurs after a severe loss of grass cover and a prevalence of sand sage with secondary shinnery oak and mesquite. Heavy grazing intensity and/or drought are influential drivers in decreasing black grama and bluestems and subsequently increasing shrub cover, erosion, and bare patches. Historical fire suppression also encourages shrub pervasiveness and a competitive advantage over grass species (McPherson 1995). Brush and grazing management, however, may reverse grass/shrub and shrub-dominated states toward the grassland-dominated historic plant community.

## State and transition model

Plant Communities and Transitional Pathways (diagram):



1a Drought, over grazing, fire suppression.

1b Brush control, prescribed grazing.

2a Severe loss of grass cover, fire suppression, erosion.

2b Brush control, seeding, prescribed grazing.

3. Continued loss of grass cover, erosion.

## State 1

### Historic Climax Plant Community

#### Community 1.1

#### Historic Climax Plant Community

Grassland: The historic plant community is a uniformly distributed grassland dominated by black grama, dropseeds, and bluestems. Sand sage and shinnery oak are evenly dispersed throughout the grassland due to the coarse soil surface texture. Perennial and annual forbs are common but their abundance and distribution are reflective of precipitation. Bluestems initially, followed by black grama, decrease with drought and heavy grazing intensity. Historical fire frequency is unknown but likely occurred enough to remove small shrubs to the competitive advantage of grass species. Fire suppression, drought conditions, and excessive grazing drive most grass species out of competition with shrub species. Diagnosis: Grassland dominated by black grama, dropseeds, and bluestems. Shrubs, such as sand sage, shinnery oak, and mesquite are dispersed throughout the grassland. Forbs are present and populations fluctuate with precipitation variability.

Table 5. Annual production by plant type

Plant Type	Low (Lb/Acre)	Representative Value (Lb/Acre)	High (Lb/Acre)
Grass/Grasslike	442	833	1224
Forb	110	208	306
Shrub/Vine	98	184	270
Total	650	1225	1800

Table 6. Ground cover

Tree foliar cover	0%
Shrub/vine/liana foliar cover	0%
Grass/grasslike foliar cover	28%
Forb foliar cover	0%
Non-vascular plants	0%
Biological crusts	0%
Litter	50%
Surface fragments >0.25" and <=3"	0%
Surface fragments >3"	0%
Bedrock	0%
Water	0%
Bare ground	22%

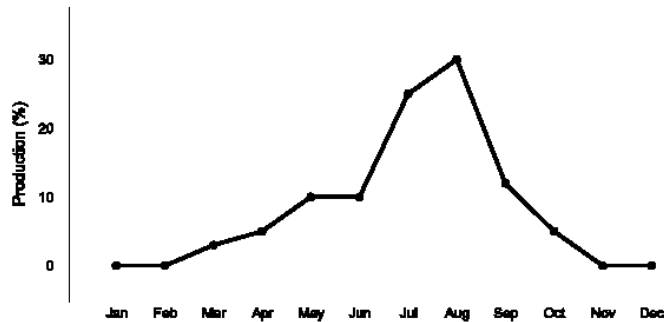


Figure 5. Plant community growth curve (percent production by month). NM2803, R042XC003NM-Loamy Sand-HGPC. SD-3 Loamy Sand - Warm season plant community.

## Stata 2 Grass/Shrub

### Community 2.1 Grass/Shrub



**Grass/Shrub State:** The grass/shrub state is dominated by communities of grasses/mesquite, grasses/snakeweed, or grasses/sand sage. Decreases in black grama and bluestem species lead to an increase in bare patches and mesquite which further competes with grass species. An increase of dropseeds and threeawns occurs. Grass distribution becomes more patchy with an absence or severe decrease in black grama and bluestems. Mesquite provides nitrogen and soil organic matter to co-dominant grasses (Ansley and Jacoby 1998, Ansley et al. 1998). Mesquite mortality when exposed to fire is low due to aggressive resprouting abilities. Herbicide application combined with subsequent prescribed fire may be more effective in mesquite reduction (Britton

and Wright 1971). **Diagnosis:** This state is dominated by an increased abundance of communities including grass/mesquite, grass/snakeweed, or grass/sand sage. Dropseeds and threeawns have a patchy distribution. **Transition to Grass/Shrub State (1a):** The historic plant community begins to shift toward the grass/shrub state as drivers such as drought, fire suppression, interspecific competition, and excessive grazing contribute to alterations in soil properties and herbaceous cover. Cover loss and surface soil erosion are initial indicators of transition followed by a decrease in black grama with a subsequent increase of dropseeds, threeawns, mesquite, and snakeweed. Snakeweed has been documented to outcompete black grama especially under conditions of fire suppression and drought (McDaniel et al. 1984). **Key indicators of approach to transition:** • Loss of black grama cover • Surface soil erosion • Bare patch expansion • Increased dropseed/threeawn and mesquite, snakeweed, or sand sage abundances **Transition to Historic Plant Community (1b):** Brush and grazing management may restore the grassland component and reverse shrub or grass/shrub dominated states back toward the historic plant community.

## State 3 Shrub Dominated

### Community 3.1 Shrub Dominated

**Shrub-Dominated State:** The shrub-dominated state results from a severe loss of grass cover. This state's primary species is sand sage. Shinnery oak and mesquite also occur; however, grass cover is limited to intershrub distribution. Sand sage stabilizes light sandy soils from wind erosion, which enhances protected grass/forb cover (Davis and Bonham 1979). However, shinnery oak also responds to the sandy soils with dense stands due to an aggressive rhizome system. Shinnery oak's extensive root system promotes competitive exclusion of grasses and forbs. Sand sage, shinnery oak, and mesquite can be controlled with herbicide (Herbel et al. 1979, Pettit 1986). **Transition to Shrub-Dominated (2a):** Severe loss of grass species with increased erosion and fire suppression will result in a transition to a shrub-dominated state with sand sage, Shin oak, and honey mesquite directly from the grassland-dominated state. **Key indicators of approach to transition:** • Severe loss of grass species cover • Surface soil erosion • Bare patch expansion • Increased sand sage, shinnery oak, and mesquite abundance **Transition to Historic Plant Community (2b):** Brush and grazing management may restore the grassland component and reverse shrub or grass/shrub dominated states back toward the historic plant community. In addition, seeding with native grass species will augment the transition to a grassland-dominated state. **Transition to Shrub-Dominated (3):** If the grass/shrub site continues to lose grass cover with soil erosion, the site will transition to a shrub-dominated state with sand sage, shinnery oak, and honey mesquite. **Key indicators of approach to transition:** • Continual loss of dropseeds/threeawns cover • Surface soil erosion • Bare patch expansion • Increased sand sage, shinnery oak, and mesquite/dropseed/threeawn and mesquite/snakeweed abundance



## Additional community tables

Table 7. Community 1.1 plant community composition

Group	Common Name	Symbol	Scientific Name	Annual Production (Lb/Acre)	Foliar Cover (%)
<b>Grass/Grasslike</b>					
1	<b>Warm Season</b>			61–123	
	little bluestem	SCSC	<i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i>	61–123	—
2	<b>Warm Season</b>			37–61	
	sand bluestem	ANHA	<i>Andropogon hallii</i>	37–61	—
3	<b>Warm Season</b>			37–61	
	cane bluestem	BOBA3	<i>Bothriochloa barbinodis</i>	37–61	—
	silver bluestem	BOSA	<i>Bothriochloa saccharoides</i>	37–61	—
4	<b>Warm Season</b>			123–184	
	black grama	BOER4	<i>Bouteloua eriopoda</i>	123–184	—
	bush muhly	MUPO2	<i>Muhlenbergia porteri</i>	123–184	—
5	<b>Warm Season</b>			123–184	
	thin paspalum	PASE5	<i>Paspalum setaceum</i>	123–184	—
	plains bristlegrass	SEVU2	<i>Setaria vulpiseta</i>	123–184	—
	fringed signalgrass	URCI	<i>Urochloa ciliatissima</i>	123–184	—
6	<b>Warm Season</b>			123–184	
	spike dropseed	SPCO4	<i>Sporobolus contractus</i>	123–184	—
	sand dropseed	SPCR	<i>Sporobolus cryptandrus</i>	123–184	—
	mesa dropseed	SPFL2	<i>Sporobolus flexuosus</i>	123–184	—
7	<b>Warm Season</b>			61–123	
	hooded windmill grass	CHCU2	<i>Chloris cucullata</i>	61–123	—
	Arizona cottontop	DICA8	<i>Digitaria californica</i>	61–123	—
9	<b>Other Perennial Grasses</b>			37–61	
	Grass, perennial	2GP	<i>Grass, perennial</i>	37–61	—
<b>Shrub/Vine</b>					
8	<b>Warm Season</b>			37–61	
	New Mexico feathergrass	HENE5	<i>Hesperostipa neomexicana</i>	37–61	—
	giant dropseed	SPGI	<i>Sporobolus giganteus</i>	37–61	—
10	<b>Shrub</b>			61–123	
	sand sagebrush	ARFI2	<i>Artemisia filifolia</i>	61–123	—
	Havard oak	QUHA3	<i>Quercus havardii</i>	61–123	—
11	<b>Shrub</b>			34–61	
	fourwing saltbush	ATCA2	<i>Atriplex canescens</i>	37–61	—
	featherplume	DAFO	<i>Dalea formosa</i>	37–61	—
12	<b>Shrub</b>			37–61	
	jointfir	EPHED	<i>Ephedra</i>	37–61	—
	littleleaf ratany	KRER	<i>Krameria erecta</i>	37–61	—
13	<b>Other Shrubs</b>			37–61	
	Shrub (>.5m)	2SHRUB	<i>Shrub (&gt;.5m)</i>	37–61	—
<b>Forb</b>					
14	<b>Forb</b>			61–123	
	leatherweed	CRPOP	<i>Croton pottsii</i> var. <i>pottsii</i>	61–123	—
	Indian blanket	GAPU	<i>Gaillardia pulchella</i>	61–123	—

	globemallow	SPHAE	<i>Sphaeralcea</i>	61–123	–
15	<b>Forb</b>			12–37	
	woolly groundsel	PACA15	<i>Packera cana</i>	12–37	–
16	<b>Forb</b>			61–123	
	touristplant	DIWI2	<i>Dimorphocarpa wislizeni</i>	61–123	–
	woolly plantain	PLPA2	<i>Plantago patagonica</i>	61–123	–
17	<b>Other Forbs</b>			37–61	
	Forb (herbaceous, not grass nor grass-like)	2FORB	<i>Forb (herbaceous, not grass nor grass-like)</i>	37–61	–

## Animal community

This Ecological Site provides habitat which supports a resident animal community that is characterized by pronghorn antelope, desert cottontail, spotted ground squirrel, black-tailed prairie dog, yellow faced pocket gopher, Ord's kangaroo rat, northern grasshopper mouse, southern plains woodrat, badger, roadrunner, meadowlark, burrowing owl, white necked raven, lesser prairie chicken, morning dove, scaled quail, Harris hawk, side blotched lizard, marbled whiptail, Texas horned lizard, western diamondback rattlesnake, dusty hognose snake and ornate box turtle. Where mesquite has invaded, most resident birds and scissor-tailed flycatcher, morning dove and Swainson's hawk, nest. Vesper and grasshopper sparrows utilize the site during migration.

## Hydrological functions

The runoff curve numbers are determined by field investigations using hydraulic cover conditions and hydrologic soil groups.

Hydrologic Interpretations

Soil Series Hydrologic Group

Berino B

Kinco A

Maljamar B

Pajarito B

Palomas B

Wink B

Pyote A

## Recreational uses

This site offers recreation potential for hiking, borseback riding, nature observation, photography and hunting. During years of

abundant spring moisture, this site displays a colorful array of wildflowers during May and June.

## Wood products

This site has no potential for wood products.

## Other products

This site is suitable for grazing by all kinds and classes of livestock at any time of year. In cases where this site has been invaded by brush species it is especially suited for goats. Mismanagement of this site will cause a decrease in species such as the bluestems, blck grama, bush muhly, plains bristlegrass, New Mexico feathergrass, Arizona cottontop and fourwing saltbush. A corresponding increase in the dropseeds, windmill grass, fall witchgrass, silver bluestem, sand sagebrush, shinary oak and ephedra will occur. This will also cause an increase in bare ground which will increase soil erodibility. This site will respond well to a system of management that rotates the season of use.

## Other information

Guide to Suggested Initial Stocking Rate Acres per Animal Unit Month

Similarity Index Ac/AUM

100 - 76 2.3 – 3.5

75 – 51 3.0 – 4.5



50 – 26 4.6 – 9.0


25 – 0 9.1 +



Geological Unit: Qe/Qp  
Description: Quaternary Eolian and  
Piedmont-Slope Deposits (Holocene  
to Pleistocene)

### Legend

-  Big Cat 9 CTB 2
-  Geological Unit

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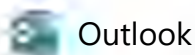


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## APPENDIX C

### CORRESPONDENCE



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**RE: [EXTERNAL] nAPP2514723014 Big Cat 9 CTB 2 Liner Inspection Notification**

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**Cc:** Will Harmon <will.harmon@kljeng.com>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] nAPP2514723014 Big Cat 9 CTB 2 Liner Inspection Notification

Jim,

Below is the liner notification for the Big Cat 9 CTB 2. Let me know if you have any questions or changes to the date and time.

Liner Inspection Notification	
Site Name	Big Cat 9 CTB 2
Incident ID	nAPP2514723014
Containment Surface Area (Square Feet)	5461
All impacted materials have been removed from liner?	Yes
Liner Inspection date pursuant to Subparagraph (a) of Paragraph (5) of Subsection A of 19.15.29.11 NMAC	6/26/2025
Inspection Time	11:30 AM

Contact info of technician for observers	Monica Peppin 575.909.3418
Navigation to site (Lat/Long)	32.323442, -103.677896

Thank you,  
Monica

Monica Peppin, A.S.  
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**RE: [EXTERNAL] nAPP2514723014 Big Cat 9 CTB 2 Liner Notification Reschedule**

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Good afternoon Monica,

Thank you for updating the OCD regarding the liner inspection that had to be cancelled due to weather today. This has been noted under the Incident Events in Permitting. Please include a copy of this and all notifications in the remedial and/or closure reports to ensure the notifications are documented in the project file.

Kind regards,

Shelly

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**From:** Monica Peppin <Monica.Peppin@kljeng.com>**Sent:** Thursday, June 26, 2025 2:43 PM**To:** Enviro, OCD, EMNRD <OCD.Enviro@emnrd.nm.gov>; Raley, Jim <jim.ralej@dmn.com>**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] nAPP2514723014 Big Cat 9 CTB 2 Liner Notification Reschedule

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To Whom it May Concern:

I am providing an update to the scheduling of the liner inspection originally planned for today at the Devon Energy - Big Cat 9 CTB 2 related to incident ID nAPP2514723014. Due to weather conditions

and accumulation of rainfall inside the secondary containment, standing water is currently present and prevents proper inspection of the liner surface.

An updated notification will be submitted through OCD permitting on the Operator's Electronic Permitting and Payment Portal.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me.

Thank you,  
Monica

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**RE: [EXTERNAL] nAPP2514723014 Big Cat 9 CTB 2 Liner Inspection Notification****From** Raley, Jim <Jim.Raley@dvn.com>**Date** Mon 2025-07-14 12:56 PM**To** Monica Peppin <Monica.Peppin@kljeng.com>**Cc** Will Harmon <will.harmon@kljeng.com>

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C: (575)689-7597 | [jim.rale@dvn.com](mailto:jim.rale@dvn.com)**From:** Monica Peppin <Monica.Peppin@kljeng.com>**Sent:** Friday, July 11, 2025 4:31 PM**To:** Raley, Jim <Jim.Raley@dvn.com>**Cc:** Will Harmon <will.harmon@kljeng.com>**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] nAPP2514723014 Big Cat 9 CTB 2 Liner Inspection Notification

Jim,

Here is the liner notice for the Big Cat. Just let me know if there are any adjustments needed to the date and time. I pushed it out to wednesday in case you are unable to get to it until monday. Have a good weekend!

Liner Inspection Notification	
Site Name	Big Cat 9 CTB 2
Incident ID	nAPP2514723014
Containment Surface Area (Square Feet)	5461
All impacted materials have been removed from liner?	Yes
Liner Inspection date pursuant to Subparagraph (a) of Paragraph (5) of Subsection A of 19.15.29.11 NMAC	7/16/2025
Inspection Time	11:00 AM



Contact info of technician for observers	Monica Peppin 575.909.3418
Navigation to site (Lat/Long)	32.323442, -103.677896

Thank you,  
MP

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	Action Number: 499227
	Action Type: [C-141] Remediation Closure Request C-141 (C-141-v-Closure)

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<b>Prerequisites</b>	
Incident ID (n#)	nAPP2514723014
Incident Name	NAPP2514723014 BIG CAT 9 CTB 2 @ FAPP2329744254
Incident Type	Produced Water Release
Incident Status	Remediation Closure Report Received
Incident Facility	[fAPP2329744254] BIG CAT 9 CTB 2

**Location of Release Source***Please answer all the questions in this group.*

Site Name	BIG CAT 9 CTB 2
Date Release Discovered	05/26/2025
Surface Owner	Federal

**Incident Details***Please answer all the questions in this group.*

Incident Type	Produced Water Release
Did this release result in a fire or is the result of a fire	No
Did this release result in any injuries	No
Has this release reached or does it have a reasonable probability of reaching a watercourse	No
Has this release endangered or does it have a reasonable probability of endangering public health	No
Has this release substantially damaged or will it substantially damage property or the environment	No
Is this release of a volume that is or may with reasonable probability be detrimental to fresh water	No

**Nature and Volume of Release***Material(s) released, please answer all that apply below. Any calculations or specific justifications for the volumes provided should be attached to the follow-up C-141 submission.*

Crude Oil Released (bbls) Details	Not answered.
Produced Water Released (bbls) Details	Cause: Equipment Failure   Pump   Produced Water   Released: 15 BBL   Recovered: 15 BBL   Lost: 0 BBL.
Is the concentration of chloride in the produced water >10,000 mg/l	Yes
Condensate Released (bbls) Details	Not answered.
Natural Gas Vented (Mcf) Details	Not answered.
Natural Gas Flared (Mcf) Details	Not answered.
Other Released Details	Not answered.
Are there additional details for the questions above (i.e. any answer containing Other, Specify, Unknown, and/or Fire, or any negative lost amounts)	Transfer pump swedge developed leak allowing fluids to be released to lined secondary containment and fully contained.

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<b>Nature and Volume of Release (continued)</b>	
Is this a gas only submission (i.e. only significant Mcf values reported)	No, according to supplied volumes this does not appear to be a "gas only" report.
Was this a major release as defined by Subsection A of 19.15.29.7 NMAC	No
Reasons why this would be considered a submission for a notification of a major release	Unavailable.
With the implementation of the 19.15.27 NMAC (05/25/2021), venting and/or flaring of natural gas (i.e. gas only) are to be submitted on the C-129 form.	

**Initial Response**

The responsible party must undertake the following actions immediately unless they could create a safety hazard that would result in injury.

The source of the release has been stopped	True
The impacted area has been secured to protect human health and the environment	True
Released materials have been contained via the use of berms or dikes, absorbent pads, or other containment devices	True
All free liquids and recoverable materials have been removed and managed appropriately	True
If all the actions described above have not been undertaken, explain why	Not answered.

Per Paragraph (4) of Subsection B of 19.15.29.8 NMAC the responsible party may commence remediation immediately after discovery of a release. If remediation has begun, please prepare and attach a narrative of actions to date in the follow-up C-141 submission. If remedial efforts have been successfully completed or if the release occurred within a lined containment area (see Subparagraph (a) of Paragraph (5) of Subsection A of 19.15.29.11 NMAC), please prepare and attach all information needed for closure evaluation in the follow-up C-141 submission.

I hereby certify that the information given above is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and understand that pursuant to OCD 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 OCD does not relieve the operator of liability should their operations have failed to adequately investigate and remediate contamination that pose a threat to groundwater, surface water, human health or the environment. In addition, OCD 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.

I hereby agree and sign off to the above statement	Name: James Raley Title: EHS Professional Email: jim.ralej@dv.com Date: 08/26/2025
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<b>Site Characterization</b>	
<i>Please answer all the questions in this group (only required when seeking remediation plan approval and beyond). This information must be provided to the appropriate district office no later than 90 days after the release discovery date.</i>	
What is the shallowest depth to groundwater beneath the area affected by the release in feet below ground surface (ft bgs)	Between 51 and 75 (ft.)
What method was used to determine the depth to ground water	NM OSE iWaters Database Search
Did this release impact groundwater or surface water	No
<b>What is the minimum distance, between the closest lateral extents of the release and the following surface areas:</b>	
A continuously flowing watercourse or any other significant watercourse	Between 1 and 5 (mi.)
Any lakebed, sinkhole, or playa lake (measured from the ordinary high-water mark)	Between 1 and 5 (mi.)
An occupied permanent residence, school, hospital, institution, or church	Greater than 5 (mi.)
A spring or a private domestic fresh water well used by less than five households for domestic or stock watering purposes	Between ½ and 1 (mi.)
Any other fresh water well or spring	Between ½ and 1 (mi.)
Incorporated municipal boundaries or a defined municipal fresh water well field	Greater than 5 (mi.)
A wetland	Between 1 and 5 (mi.)
A subsurface mine	Greater than 5 (mi.)
An (non-karst) unstable area	Greater than 5 (mi.)
Categorize the risk of this well / site being in a karst geology	Low
A 100-year floodplain	Greater than 5 (mi.)
Did the release impact areas not on an exploration, development, production, or storage site	No

<b>Remediation Plan</b>	
<i>Please answer all the questions that apply or are indicated. This information must be provided to the appropriate district office no later than 90 days after the release discovery date.</i>	
Requesting a remediation plan approval with this submission	Yes
<i>Attach a comprehensive report demonstrating the lateral and vertical extents of soil contamination associated with the release have been determined, pursuant to 19.15.29.11 NMAC and 19.15.29.13 NMAC.</i>	
Have the lateral and vertical extents of contamination been fully delineated	Yes
Was this release entirely contained within a lined containment area	Yes
<i>Per Subsection B of 19.15.29.11 NMAC unless the site characterization report includes completed efforts at remediation, the report must include a proposed remediation plan in accordance with 19.15.29.12 NMAC, which includes the anticipated timelines for beginning and completing the remediation.</i>	
On what estimated date will the remediation commence	07/14/2025
On what date will (or did) the final sampling or liner inspection occur	07/16/2025
On what date will (or was) the remediation complete(d)	07/16/2025
What is the estimated surface area (in square feet) that will be remediated	5461
What is the estimated volume (in cubic yards) that will be remediated	0
<i>These estimated dates and measurements are recognized to be the best guess or calculation at the time of submission and may (be) change(d) over time as more remediation efforts are completed.</i>	
<i>The OCD recognizes that proposed remediation measures may have to be minimally adjusted in accordance with the physical realities encountered during remediation. If the responsible party has any need to significantly deviate from the remediation plan proposed, then it should consult with the division to determine if another remediation plan submission is required.</i>	

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<b>Remediation Plan (continued)</b>	
<i>Please answer all the questions that apply or are indicated. This information must be provided to the appropriate district office no later than 90 days after the release discovery date.</i>	
<b>This remediation will (or is expected to) utilize the following processes to remediate / reduce contaminants:</b>	
<i>(Select all answers below that apply.)</i>	
Is (or was) there affected material present needing to be removed	Yes
Is (or was) there a power wash of the lined containment area (to be) performed	Yes
OTHER (Non-listed remedial process)	Not answered.
<i>Per Subsection B of 19.15.29.11 NMAC unless the site characterization report includes completed efforts at remediation, the report must include a proposed remediation plan in accordance with 19.15.29.12 NMAC, which includes the anticipated timelines for beginning and completing the remediation.</i>	
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I hereby agree and sign off to the above statement	Name: James Raley Title: EHS Professional Email: jim.raley@dv.com Date: 08/26/2025
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Liner Inspection Information	
Last liner inspection notification (C-141L) recorded	484583
Liner inspection date pursuant to Subparagraph (a) of Paragraph (5) of Subsection A of 19.15.29.11 NMAC	07/16/2025
Was all the impacted materials removed from the liner	Yes
What was the liner inspection surface area in square feet	5461

**Remediation Closure Request**

*Only answer the questions in this group if seeking remediation closure for this release because all remediation steps have been completed.*

Requesting a remediation closure approval with this submission	Yes
Have the lateral and vertical extents of contamination been fully delineated	Yes
Was this release entirely contained within a lined containment area	Yes
What was the total surface area (in square feet) remediated	5461
What was the total volume (cubic yards) remediated	0
Summarize any additional remediation activities not included by answers (above)	0

*The responsible party must attach information demonstrating they have complied with all applicable closure requirements and any conditions or directives of the OCD. This demonstration should be in the form of a comprehensive report (in .pdf format) including a scaled site map, sampling diagrams, relevant field notes, photographs of any excavation prior to backfilling, laboratory data including chain of custody documents of final sampling, and a narrative of the remedial activities. Refer to 19.15.29.12 NMAC.*

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I hereby agree and sign off to the above statement	Name: James Raley Title: EHS Professional Email: jim.raley@dv.com Date: 08/26/2025
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Created By	Condition	Condition Date
rhamlet	We have received your Remediation Closure Report for Incident #nAPP2514723014 BIG CAT 9 CTB 2, thank you. This Remediation Closure Report is approved.	10/7/2025