

# SITE INFORMATION

## Report Type: Work Plan

### General Site Information:

Site:	Diamondback State Tank Battery					
Company:	COG Operating LLC					
Section, Township and Range	Unit G	Sec. 28	T-17-S	R-29-E		
Lease Number:	API-30-015-33203 Diamondback StateWell #001					
County:	Eddy County					
GPS:	32.80691° N			104.07777° W		
Surface Owner:	State					
Mineral Owner:						
Directions:	From Hwy 82 and CR-212 (West of Loco Hills 5.3 miles) travel south on CR-212 0.3 mi, turn right 0.1 mi, turn left 0.4 miles to location					

### Release Data:

<b>Date Released:</b>	4/25/2012
<b>Type Release:</b>	Oil
<b>Source of Contamination:</b>	Load line over pressured and ruptured
<b>Fluid Released:</b>	39 bbls
<b>Fluids Recovered:</b>	35 bbls

### Official Communication:

<b>Name:</b>	Pat Ellis	Ike Taravez
<b>Company:</b>	COG Operating, LLC	Tetra Tech
<b>Address:</b>	550 W. Texas Ave. Ste. 1300	1910 N. Big Spring
<b>P.O. Box</b>		
<b>City:</b>	Midland Texas, 79701	Midland, Texas
<b>Phone number:</b>	(432) 686-3023	(432) 682-4559
<b>Fax:</b>	(432) 684-7137	
<b>Email:</b>	pellis@conchoresources.com	Ike.Tavarez@tetrattech.com

### Ranking Criteria:

<b>Depth to Groundwater:</b>	<b>Ranking Score</b>	<b>Site Data</b>
<50 ft	20	
50-99 ft	10	
>100 ft.	0	0
<b>Wellhead Protection:</b>	<b>Ranking Score</b>	<b>Site Data</b>
Water Source <1,000 ft., Private <200 ft.	20	
Water Source >1,000 ft., Private >200 ft.	0	0
<b>Surface Body of Water:</b>	<b>Ranking Score</b>	<b>Site Data</b>
<200 ft.	20	
200 ft - 1,000 ft.	10	
>1,000 ft.	0	0
<b>Total Ranking Score:</b>	0	

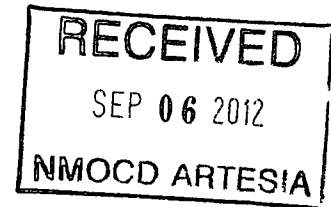
### Acceptable Soil RRAL (mg/kg)

<b>Benzene</b>	<b>Total BTEX</b>	<b>TPH</b>
10	50	5,000



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June 27, 2012



Mr. Mike Bratcher  
Environmental Engineer Specialist  
Oil Conservation Division, District 2  
1301 West Grand Avenue  
Artesia, New Mexico 88210

**Re: Assessment and Work Plan for the COG Operating LLC.,  
Diamondback State Tank Battery, Section 28, Township 17 South,  
Range 29 East, Eddy County, New Mexico.**

Mr. Bratcher:

Tetra Tech, Inc. (Tetra Tech) was contacted by COG Operating LLC. (COG) to assess a spill from the Diamondback State Tank Battery located in Section 28, Township 17 South, Range 29 East, Eddy County, New Mexico (Site). The spill site coordinates are N 32.80691°, W 104.07777°. The site location is shown on Figures 1 and 2.

### **Background**

According to the State of New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (NMOCD) Form C-141 Initial Report, the leak was discovered on April 25, 2012. The spill released approximately thirty-nine (39) barrels of oil from an over-pressured load line. COG was able to recover approximately 35 barrels of oil with a vacuum truck. To alleviate the problem, COG repaired the line and installed a pressure vent. The impacted area measured approximately 15'x 80'. The entire spill area was contained within the facility firewalls. The spill area is shown on Figures 3. The initial Form C-141 is enclosed in Appendix A.

### **Groundwater**

No water wells were reported in Section 28. According to the NMOCD groundwater map, the average depth to groundwater is approximately 175' below surface. The groundwater data is shown in Appendix B.

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## **Regulatory**

A risk-based evaluation was performed for the Site in accordance with the NMOCD Guidelines for Remediation of Leaks, Spills and Releases, dated August 13, 1993. The guidelines require a risk-based evaluation of the site to determine recommended remedial action levels (RRAL) for benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene and xylene (collectively referred to as BTEX) and total petroleum hydrocarbons (TPH) in soil. The proposed RRAL for benzene was determined to be 10 parts per million (ppm) or milligrams per kilogram (mg/kg) and 50 ppm for total BTEX (sum of benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, and xylene). Based upon the depth to groundwater, the proposed RRAL for TPH is 5,000 mg/kg.

## **Soil Assessment**

On May 30, 2012, Tetra Tech personnel inspected and sampled the spill area. A total of three (3) auger holes (AH-1 through AH-3) were installed using a stainless steel hand auger to assess the impacted area. Selected samples were analyzed for TPH analysis by EPA method 8015 modified, BTEX by EPA Method 8021B and chloride by EPA method 300.0. Copies of laboratory analysis and chain-of-custody documentation are included in Appendix C. The sampling results are summarized in Table 1. The auger hole locations are shown on Figure 3.

## **Analytical Results**

Referring to Table 1, all of the auger holes samples showed TPH, benzene and total BTEX exceeding the RRAL at 0-1' and 1-1.5' below surface. The deeper samples at 2-2.5' declined below the RRAL and were vertically defined. Elevated chloride concentrations were detected in the areas of AH-1 (0-1') of 2,600 mg/kg and AH-2 (0-1') 1,880 mg/kg, but significantly declined at 1-1.5' to 457 mg/kg and 311 mg/kg, respectively. The area of AH-3 did not show a chloride impact the soils.

## **Work Plan**

COG proposes to remove the impacted material as highlighted (green) in Table 1. To remove the impacted soil above the RRAL, the spill area will be excavated to a depth of approximately 2.0' below surface. Once excavated to the appropriate depths, the excavation will be backfilled with clean soil. The excavated soil will be hauled to proper disposal.

Due to the location of the spill, the proposed excavation depths or deeper excavation may not be achieved due to wall cave ins, limited access,

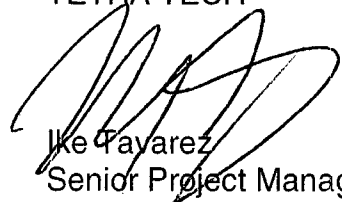


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oil and gas equipment, electrical, structures or lines which may not be feasible or practicable to be removed due to safety concerns. As such, Tetra Tech will excavate the soils to the maximum extent practicable. If the impacted soil is not accessible, the soil will be deferred until the abandonment of the facility.

Upon completion, a final report will be submitted to the NMOCD. If you have any questions or require any additional information regarding this work plan, please call me at (432) 682-4559.

Respectfully submitted,  
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Ike Pavarez  
Senior Project Manager

cc: Pat Ellis – COG  
cc: Terry Gregston - BLM

## Figures

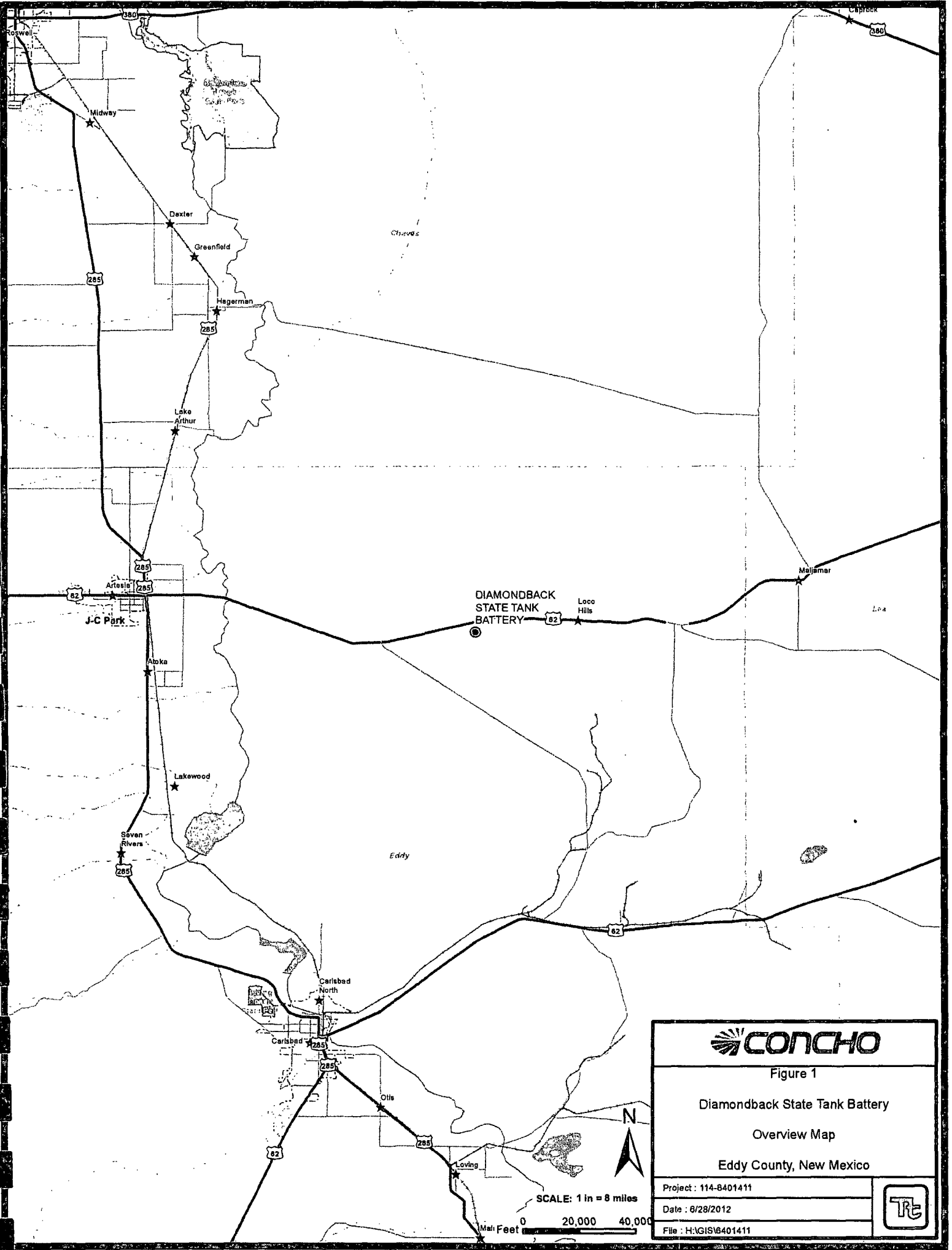


Figure 1

Diamondback State Tank Battery

Overview Map

Eddy County, New Mexico

Project : 114-8401411

Date : 6/28/2012

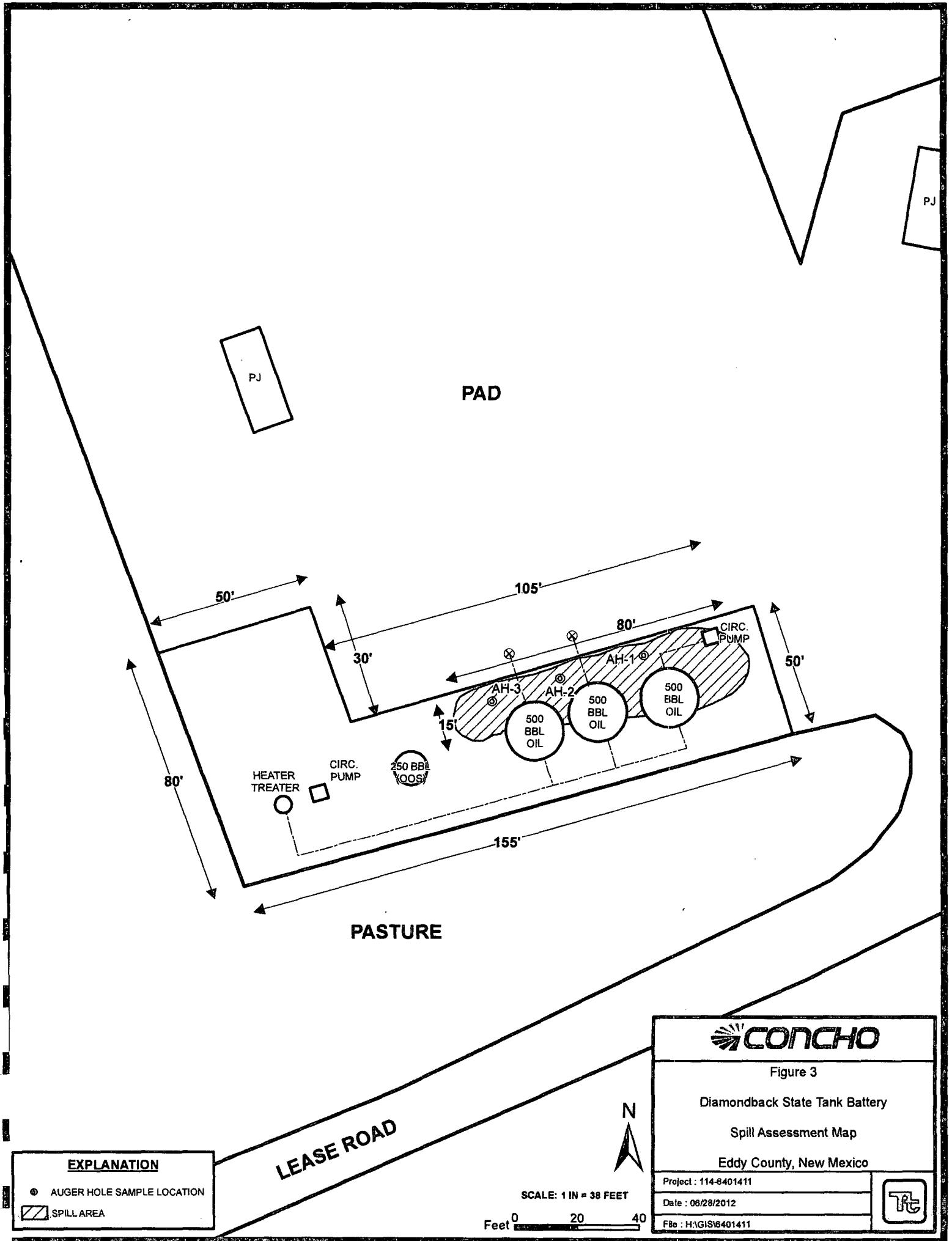
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SCALE: 1 in = 8 miles

0 20,000 40,000  
Miles Feet







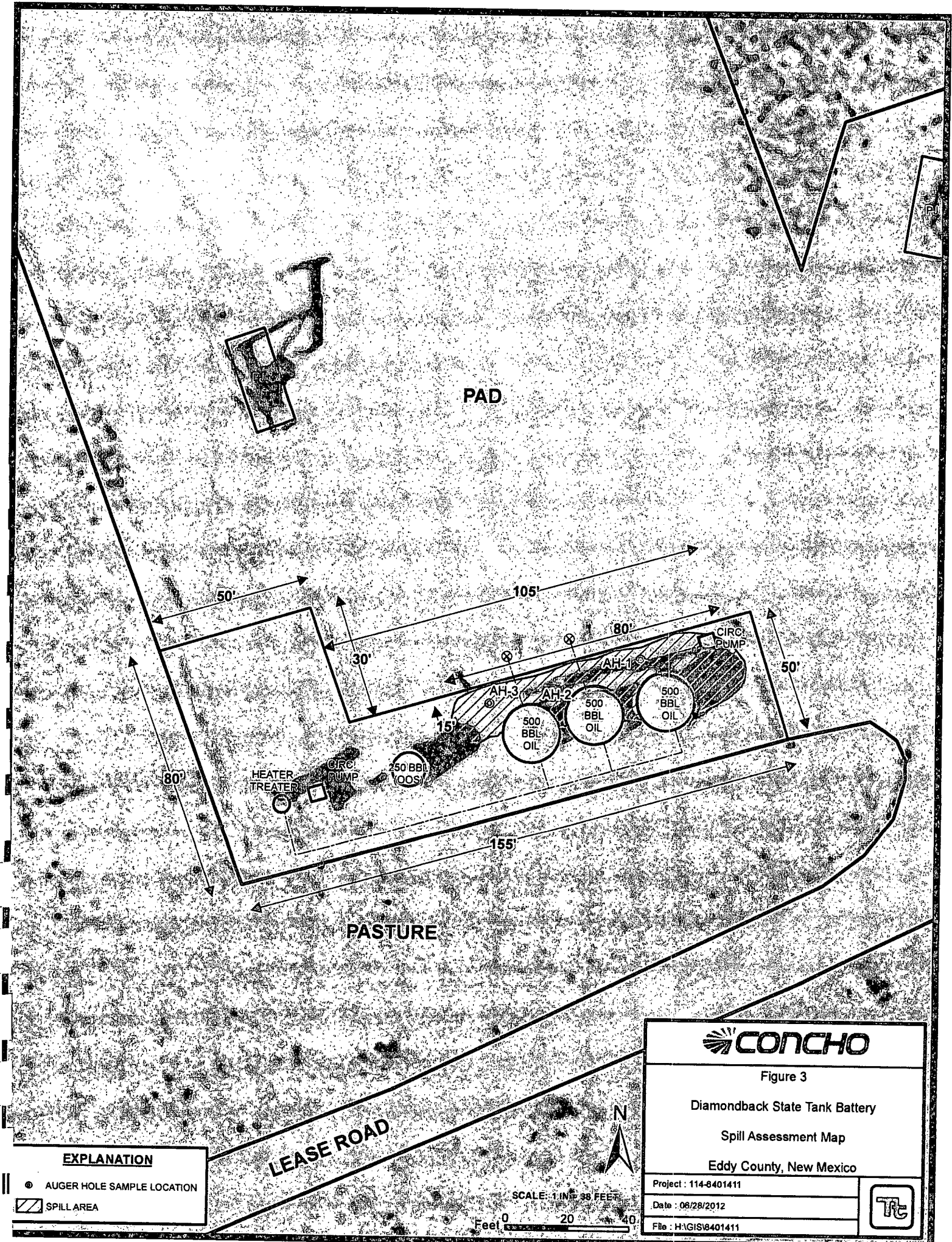


Figure 3

Diamondback State Tank Battery

Spill Assessment Map

Eddy County, New Mexico

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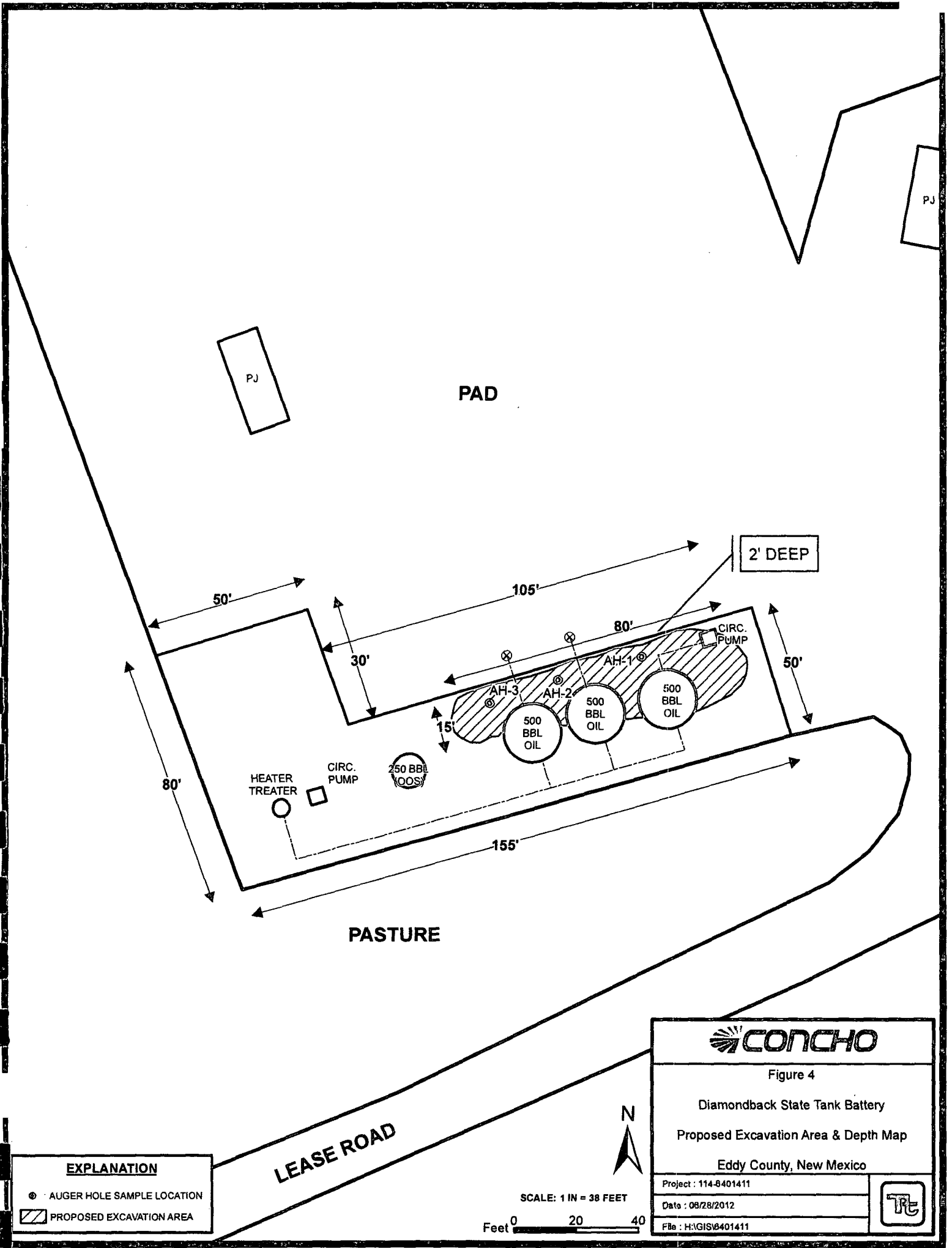


**EXPLANATION**

- AUGER HOLE SAMPLE LOCATION
- ▨ SPILL AREA

SCALE: 1 INCH = 38 FEET

0 20 40 Feet



## Tables

**Table 1**  
**COG Operating LLC.**  
**Diamondback State Tank Battery**  
**Eddy County, New Mexico**

Sample ID	Sample Date	Sample Depth (ft)	Soil Status		TPH (mg/kg)			Benzene (mg/kg)	Toluene (mg/kg)	Ethlybenzene (mg/kg)	Xylene (mg/kg)	Total BTEX (mg/kg)	Chloride (mg/kg)
			In-Situ	Removed	GRO	DRO	Total						
AH-1	5/30/2012	0-1	X		8,990	9,650	18,640	139	515	165	798	1,617	2,600
	"	1-1.5	X		5,070	6,240	11,310	23.1	131	40.4	184	379	457
	"	2-2.5	X		<100	<50.0	<100	<1.00	<1.00	<1.00	<1.00	<1.00	194
AH-2	5/30/2012	0-1	X		10,100	8,960	19,060	37.8	187	62.9	301	589	1,880
	"	1-1.5	X		5,360	4,780	10,140	13.8	99.8	43.7	193	350	311
	"	2-2.5	X		<100	<50.0	<100	<1.00	<1.00	<1.00	<1.00	<1.00	151
AH-3	5/30/2012	0-1	X		4,030	7,090	11,120	16.3	110	47.2	229	403	72.9
	"	1-1.5	X		<2.00	<50.0	<50.0	<0.0200	<0.0200	<0.0200	<0.0200	<0.0200	141
	"	2-2.5	X		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	77.7

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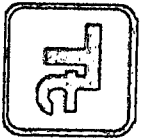
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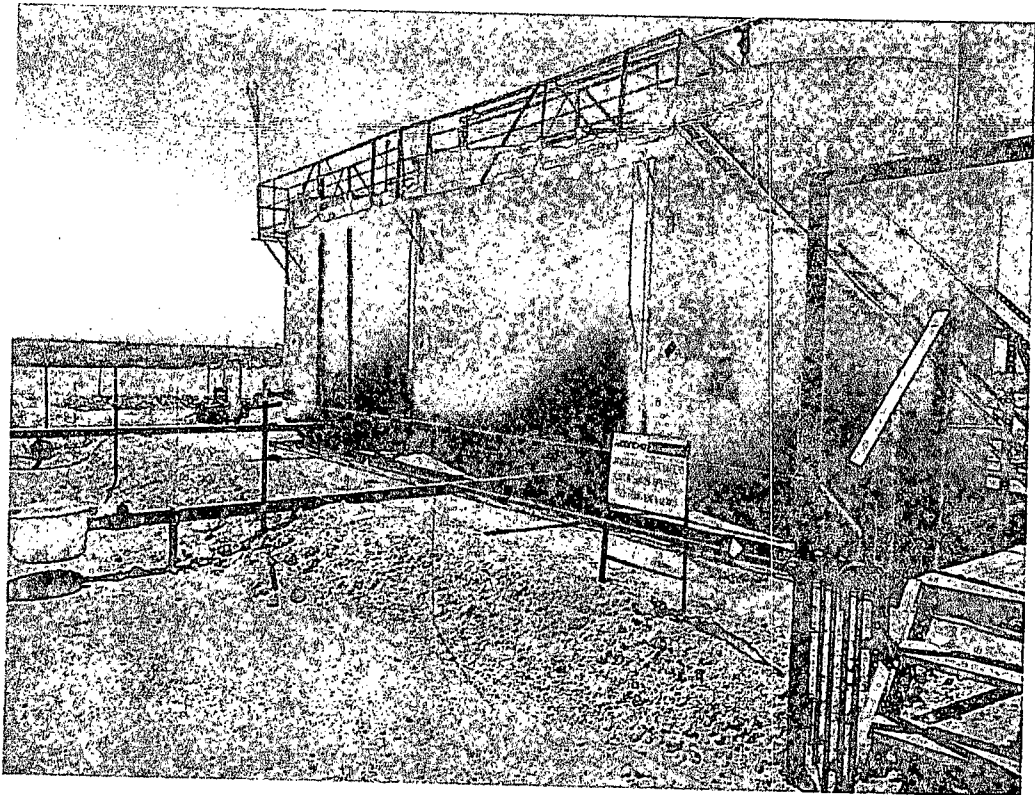
Proposed Excavation Depths

Photos

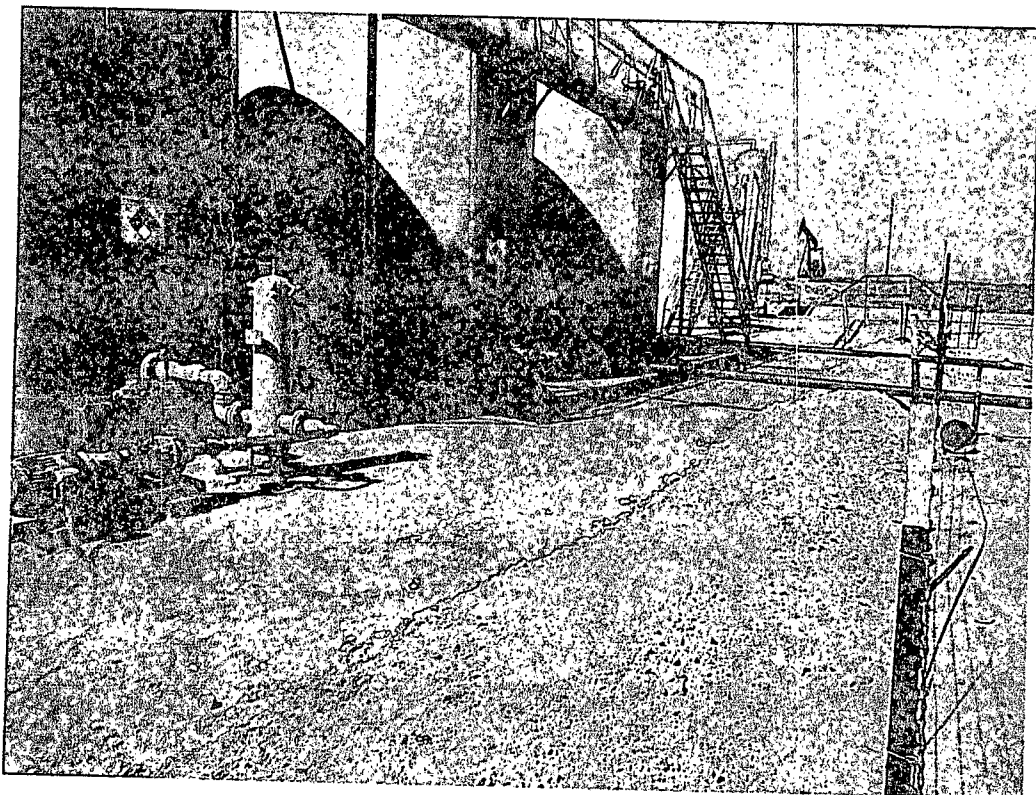
COG Operating LLC  
Diamondback State Tank Battery  
Eddy County, New Mexico



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View south east – Near AH-3



View south west – Near AH-1

## Appendix A

District I  
1625 N. French Dr., Hobbs, NM 88240  
District II  
1301 W. Grand Avenue, Artesia, NM 88210  
District III  
1000 Rio Brazos Road, Aztec, NM 87410  
District IV  
1220 S. St. Francis Dr., Santa Fe, NM 87505

State of New Mexico  
Energy Minerals and Natural Resources  
Oil Conservation Division  
1220 South St. Francis Dr.  
Santa Fe, NM 87505

Form C-141  
Revised October 10, 2003

Submit 2 Copies to appropriate  
District Office in accordance  
with Rule 116 on back  
side of form

**Release Notification and Corrective Action**

**OPERATOR**

☒ Initial Report ☐ Final Report

Name of Company	COG OPERATING LLC	Contact	Pat Ellis
Address	550 W. Texas, Suite 100, Midland, TX 79701	Telephone No.	432-230-0077
Facility Name	Diamondback State Tank Battery	Facility Type	Tank Battery

Surface Owner	State	Mineral Owner	Lease No. (API#) 30-015-33203 Diamondback State #001 well
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**LOCATION OF RELEASE**

Unit Letter	Section	Township	Range	Feet from the	North/South Line	Feet from the	East/West Line	County
G	28	17S	29E					Eddy

Latitude 32 48.699 Longitude 104 04.646

**NATURE OF RELEASE**

Type of Release	Oil	Volume of Release	39bbbls	Volume Recovered	35bbbls
Source of Release	Load line	Date and Hour of Occurrence	04/25/2012	Date and Hour of Discovery	04/25/2012 10:30 a.m.
Was Immediate Notice Given?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Required	If YES, To Whom?	Mike Bratcher-OCD		
By Whom?	Michelle Mullins	Date and Hour	04/26/2012 6:29 a.m.		
Was a Watercourse Reached?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	If YES, Volume Impacting the Watercourse.			

If a Watercourse was Impacted, Describe Fully.\*

Describe Cause of Problem and Remedial Action Taken.\*

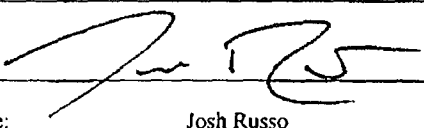
An increase in pressure inside the load line caused the line to split releasing fluid onto the ground inside the bermed tank battery. A pressure vent has been added to the load line to prevent the buildup of pressure inside the load line in the future.

Describe Area Affected and Cleanup Action Taken.\*

Initially 39bbbls of oil was released from the split load line inside the Diamondback State Tank Battery. We were able to recover 35bbbls with a vacuum truck. The entire release was contained inside the bermed walls of the facility. The defective load line has been repaired. All released free fluids have been removed from the facility. Tetra Tech will sample the spill site area to delineate any possible contamination from the release and we will present a remediation work plan to the NMOCD for approval prior to any significant remediation work.

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

**OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION**

Signature:			
Printed Name:	Josh Russo	Approved by District Supervisor:	
Title:	HSE Coordinator	Approval Date:	Expiration Date:
E-mail Address:	jrusso@conchoresources.com	Conditions of Approval:	
Date:	05/03/2012	Phone:	432-212-2399
		Attached <input type="checkbox"/>	

\* Attach Additional Sheets If Necessary

GW = 175'

Gail 528-9853



## Appendix B

**Water Well Data**  
**Average Depth to Groundwater (ft)**  
**COG - Diamondback State Tank Battery**  
**Eddy County, New Mexico**

16 South 28 East					
6	5	4	3	2	1
7	8	9	10	11	12
18	17	16	15	14	13
19	20	21	22	23	24
30	29	28	27	26	25
31	32	33	34	35	36

16 South 29 East					
6	5	4	3	2	1
7	8	9	10	11	12
18	17	16	15	14	13
19	20	21	22	23	24
110	29	28	27	26	25
31	32	33	34	35	36

16 South 30 East					
6	5	4	3	2	1
7	8	9	10	11	12
18	17	16	15	14	13
19	20	21	22	23	24
30	29	28	27	26	25
31	32	33	34	35	36

17 South 28 East					
6	5	4	3	2	1
7	8	9	10	11	12
18	17	16	15	14	13
19	20	21	22	23	24
30	29	28	27	26	25
31	32	33	34	35	36

17 South 29 East					
6	5	4	3	2	1
7	8	9	10	11	12
18	17	16	15	14	13
19	20	21	22	23	24
30	29	28	27	26	25
31	32	33	34	35	36

17 South 30 East					
6	5	4	3	2	1
7	8	9	10	11	12
18	17	16	15	14	13
19	20	21	22	23	24
30	29	28	27	26	25
31	32	33	34	35	36

18 South 28 East					
6	5	4	3	2	1
7	8	9	10	11	12
18	17	16	15	14	13
19	20	21	22	23	24
30	29	28	27	26	25
31	32	33	34	35	36

18 South 29 East					
6	5	4	3	2	1
7	8	9	10	11	12
18	17	16	15	14	13
19	20	21	22	23	24
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18 South 30 East					
6	5	4	3	2	1
7	8	9	10	11	12
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19	20	21	22	23	24
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- ☐ New Mexico State Engineers Well Reports
- ☐ USGS Well Reports
- ☐ Site Location - Diamondback State Tank Battery

## Appendix C

## Summary Report

Ike Tavaréz  
Tetra Tech  
1910 N. Big Spring Street  
Midland, TX 79705

Report Date: June 11, 2012

Work Order: 12060446

Project Location: Eddy Co., NM  
Project Name: COG/Diamondback State Tank Battery  
Project Number: 114-6401411

Sample	Description	Matrix	Date Taken	Time Taken	Date Received
299873	AH-1 0-1'	soil	2012-05-30	00:00	2012-06-04
299874	AH-1 1-1.5'	soil	2012-05-30	00:00	2012-06-04
299875	AH-1 2-2.5'	soil	2012-05-30	00:00	2012-06-04
299876	AH-2 0-1'	soil	2012-05-30	00:00	2012-06-04
299877	AH-2 1-1.5'	soil	2012-05-30	00:00	2012-06-04
299878	AH-2 2-2.5'	soil	2012-05-30	00:00	2012-06-04
299879	AH-3 0-1'	soil	2012-05-30	00:00	2012-06-04
299880	AH-3 1-1.5'	soil	2012-05-30	00:00	2012-06-04
299881	AH-3 2-2.5'	soil	2012-05-30	00:00	2012-06-04

Sample - Field Code	BTEX				TPH DRO - NEW	TPH GRO
	Benzene (mg/Kg)	Toluene (mg/Kg)	Ethylbenzene (mg/Kg)	Xylene (mg/Kg)	DRO (mg/Kg)	GRO (mg/Kg)
299873 - AH-1 0-1'	139	515	165	798	9650	8990
299874 - AH-1 1-1.5'	23.1	131	40.4	184	6240	5070
299875 - AH-1 2-2.5'	<1.00	<1.00	<1.00	<1.00	<50.0	<100
299876 - AH-2 0-1'	37.8	187	62.9	301	8960	10100
299877 - AH-2 1-1.5'	13.8	99.8	43.7	193	4780	5360
299878 - AH-2 2-2.5'	<1.00	<1.00	<1.00	<1.00	<50.0	<100
299879 - AH-3 0-1'	16.3	110	47.2	229	7090	4030
299880 - AH-3 1-1.5'	<0.0200	<0.0200	<0.0200	<0.0200	<50.0	<2.00

### Sample: 299873 - AH-1 0-1'

Param	Flag	Result	Units	RL
Chloride		2600	mg/Kg	4

**Sample: 299874 - AH-1 1-1.5'**

Param	Flag	Result	Units	RL
Chloride		457	mg/Kg	4

**Sample: 299875 - AH-1 2-2.5'**

Param	Flag	Result	Units	RL
Chloride		194	mg/Kg	4

**Sample: 299876 - AH-2 0-1'**

Param	Flag	Result	Units	RL
Chloride		1880	mg/Kg	4

**Sample: 299877 - AH-2 1-1.5'**

Param	Flag	Result	Units	RL
Chloride		311	mg/Kg	4

**Sample: 299878 - AH-2 2-2.5'**

Param	Flag	Result	Units	RL
Chloride		151	mg/Kg	4

**Sample: 299879 - AH-3 0-1'**

Param	Flag	Result	Units	RL
Chloride		72.9	mg/Kg	4

**Sample: 299880 - AH-3 1-1.5'**

Param	Flag	Result	Units	RL
Chloride		141	mg/Kg	4

**Sample: 299881 - AH-3 2-2.5'**

Param	Flag	Result	Units	RL
Chloride		77.7	mg/Kg	4