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Mike, Ike, Josh, and Pat,

The E High Lonesome Tank Battery spill was not contained within the firewalls. See the attached spill map that I GPS'd shortly after the spill. It is somewhat difficult to tell from the spill map, but the spill filled the tank battery firewall then seeped through the pea gravel firewall and contaminated a large portion of the pad downslope of the tank battery. The spill was only stopped by a raised berm built across the road. It pooled in front of the road berm area. I will forward a separate response with a photo or two of how the spill seeped through the tank battery firewall. The seepage was caused by the firewall being built of pea gravel, rather than from a fluid retaining medium.

The BLM requests sampling and cleanup of the pad area south of the tank battery in addition to sampling and testing inside the tank battery firewall.

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Eddy County, NM  
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