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**GENERAL
CORRESPONDENCE**

YEAR(S):
1999-1997



NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS
& NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION
2040 South Pacheco Street
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505
(505) 827-7131

October 20, 1999

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT NO. P-326-936-653

Mr. V. Ed Butler
Northland Operating Company
13760 Noel Road
Suite 1030
Dallas, TX 75240-7336

RE: Pit Closure Approval
Northland Operating Company
SE/4, NE/4, Section 25, Township 13 South, Range 31 East, NMPM
Chaves County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Butler:

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has received the Northland Operating Company (Northland) pit remediation and closure report dated February 27, 1998, regarding the pit closures at the above referenced location. The OCD has reviewed the information provided by Northland on the **three saltwater disposal overflow pits**. The pit sites have been remediated, filled, compacted and contoured according to the OCD requirements. The Rock Queen Unit Saltwater Plant #2 **pit closures are hereby approved**.

Please be advised that this approval does not relieve Northland of liability should their operation result in pollution of surface water, ground water, or the environment. In addition, OCD approval does not relieve Northland of liability for compliance with other laws and/or regulation.

If you require any further information please contact me at (505) 827-7153.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Martyne J. Kielling".

Martyne J. Kielling
Environmental Geologist

xc: Hobbs OCD Office
Jim Hull, Northland Operating



QUEEN SAND RESOURCES, INC.

FAX

13760 Noel Rd.
Suite 1030, Stone Tower
Dallas, TX 75240-7336
Tel: (972) 233-9906
Fax: (972) 233-9575

30 Metcalfe Street
Suite 620
Ottawa, Canada K1P 5L4
Tel: (613) 230-7211
Fax: (613) 230-6055

1415 Louisiana
Suite 2601
Houston, TX 77002
Tel: (713) 752-1920
Fax: (713) 752-1942

Date: 10/19/99

To: MARTINE KIELWC

Attention:

Fax Number: 505-827-5177

From: NORTHLAND OPERATIVE - Jim Hull C 972-383-8260

MESSAGE:

MARTINE -

Hi! SORRY WE KEEP MISSING EACH OTHER.
FOLLOWING ARE COPIES OF TWO LETTERS
WRITTEN BY YOU REGARDING OUR PIT
CLOSURES. YOUR LETTER DATED 4/13/99
GIVES FINAL PIT CLOSURE APPROVAL ON ROCK
QUEEN TRACT 20.

PLEASE ISSUE LETTER INDICATING FINAL APPROVAL
ON PIT CLOSURES IN SECTION 25 (YOUR LETTER DATED
3/7/98 IS LAST CORRESPONDENCE I CAN FIND).
WE ARE CHANGING BANKS & NEW BANK IS
REQUESTING DOCUMENTATION. THANKS -

Privileged and Confidential Notice: The information in this facsimile is intended for the named recipients only. It may contain privileged and confidential information. If you have received this facsimile in error, please notify us immediately by a collect telephone call to (613) 230-7211 or (972) 233-9906 or (713) 752-1920 and return the original to the sender by mail. We will reimburse you for postage. Do not disclose the contents to anyone. Thank you.

**NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS
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OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION
2040 South Pacheco Street
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505
(505) 827-7121

April 13, 1999

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT NO. P-326-936-529

Mr. V. Ed Butler
Northland Operating Company
13760 Noel Road
Suite 1030
Dallas, TX 75240-7336

RE: Pit Closure Approval
Northland Operating Company
SE/4, NW/4, Section 30, Township 13 South, Range 32 East, NMPM
Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Butler:

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has received the Northland Operating Company (Northland) pit remediation and closure report dated December 30, 1998 and April 7, 1999 regarding the pit closures at the above referenced location. The OCD has reviewed the information provided by Northland on the lined pit and the non-exempt (non-hazardous) pit. The pit sites have been remediated, filled, compacted and contoured according to the OCD requirements outlined in the November 19, 1998 letter. The Rock Queen Unit Tract 20 pit closures are hereby approved.

Please be advised that this approval does not relieve Northland of liability should their operation result in pollution of surface water, ground water, or the environment. In addition, OCD approval does not relieve Northland of liability for compliance with other laws and/or regulation.

If you require any further information please contact me at (505) 827-7153.

Sincerely,

Martyne J. Kieling
Environmental Geologist

xc: Hobbs OCD Office
Mike Manush, State Land Office
Leon Anderson, Hobbs, State Land Office



NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS
& NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION
2040 South Pacheco Street
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March 31, 1998

CERTIFIED MAIL

RETURN RECEIPT NO. P-326-936-414

RECEIVED

4-6-98

Mr. V. Ed Butler
Northland Operating Company
3500 Oak Lawn
Suite 380
Dallas, TX 75219-4398

**RE: Pit Closure Report
Northland Operating Company
SE/4 NE/4, Section 25, Township 13 South, Range 31 East, NMPM
Chaves County, New Mexico**

Dear Mr. Butler:

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has received the Northland Operating Company (Northland) letter and requested documentation dated February 27, 1998 regarding the pit closures at the above referenced location. The OCD has reviewed all of the material supplied by Northland regarding the three saltwater disposal overflow pits and finds it complete. Northland may proceed with back-filling the pit excavations.

The OCD hereby approves the pit closure report. Upon written notification to the Santa Fe and Hobbs OCD offices of completion of backfilling final closure of pits may be approved.

If you require any further information please contact me at (505) 827-7153.

Sincerely,

Martyne J. Kieling
Environmental Geologist

xc: Hobbs OCD Office
Ed Morney, Field Superintendent, Northland, P.O. Box 119, Maljamar, NM 88264

MEMORANDUM OF MEETING OR CONVERSATION

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Telephone | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal | Time | Date 10-20-99 |
| <u>Originating Party</u> | | <u>Other Parties</u> | |
| <u>Subject</u> | | | |
| <u>Discussion</u> | | | |
| Note to File Pitsat SE/4 NE/4 Sec 25, T13S, R3, E. WmPM Chavez Chavez County. | | | |
| Pits are Back Filled & Mounded when Last Field Inspection Occured Spring 1998 5-18-98 At 15:35 | | | |
| <u>Conclusions or Agreements</u> | | | |
| <u>Distribution</u> | | Signed <i>Monty J. Kuf</i> | |



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Sincerely,

Martyne J. Kielling
Environmental Geologist

xc: Hobbs OCD Office
Ed Morney, Field Superintendent, Northland, P.O. Box 119, Maljamar, NM 88264



NMOCD: ID#. 022994 By: W Price #1
Date/Time: Jan 12, 1998 11am
Site/Co. Northland Operating Co.
Location: UL H sec 25-Ts13s-R31e
Subject: Looking SW. SWD Inj St
north pit, has been excavated.



NMOCD: ID#. 022994 By: W Price #2
Date/Time: Jan 12, 1998 11am
Site/Co. Northland Operating Co.
Location: UL H sec 25-Ts13s-R31e
Subject: Looking S. SWD Inj St
pits, has been excavated.



BORE
HOLE



NMOCID: ID#. 022994 By: W Price #3
Date/Time: Jan 12, 1998 11am
Site/Co. Northland Operating Co.
Location: UL H sec 25-Ts13s-R31e
Subject: Looking West. SWD Inj St
center pit bore hole.



NMOCD: ID#. 022994 By: W Price #4
Date/Time: Jan 12, 1998 11am
Site/Co. Northland Operating Co.
Location: UL H sec 25-Ts13s-R31e
Subject: Looking NE. SWD Inj St
center pit bore hole.



NMOCD: ID#. 022994 By: W Price #5
Date/Time: Jan 12, 1998 11am
Site/Co. Northland Operating Co.
Location: UL H sec 25-Ts13s-R31e
Subject: Looking SW. SWD Inj St
Berm holding snow water.



NMOCD: ID#. 022994 By: W Price #6
Date/Time: Jan 12, 1998 11am
Site/Co. Northland Operating Co.
Location: UL H sec 25-Ts13s-R31e
Subject: Looking West. SWD Inj St
Berm & Sec. Containment for tk.

ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION
2040 S. PACHECO
SANTA FE, NM 87505

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Environmental Bureau
Oil Conservation Division

Northland Operating Company

3500 Oak Lawn, L.B. #31

Dallas, Texas 75219-4398

February 27, 1998



Ms. Martyne J. Kieling, Environmental Geologist
Environmental Bureau - OCD
New Mexico Energy, Minerals & Natural Resources
2040 South Pacheco
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

Re: Pit Closures - SE/4 NE/4 Section 25, T13S, R31E, NMPM
Chaves County, New Mexico

Dear Ms. Kieling:

In response to your letter dated February 17, 1998, the enclosed information is provided. The file copy of our earlier transmittal contained a copy of the chain of custody form for the Cardinal BTEX analysis requested in your item 1. Chain of custody forms for the playa and ground water samples taken in November requested under your item 2 are enclosed along with the laboratory reports for those samples. We have taken the liberty of also enclosing new water sample analyses requested by Mr. Bill Olson in your office. Mr. Olson requested analysis of both playa water and produced saltwater. The chain of custody forms for these samples is attached to the laboratory reports.

The Pit Remediation and Closure Reports for the three pits at this site have been signed and dated. The forms were not provided to you earlier since our February 4 letter was a simple request that you review the work that had been done at this site and give you the chance to note any deficiencies in the work that has been done. As soon as your requirements for these sites are satisfied, Northland will promptly proceed with back-filling operations for these three pits.

Respectfully,

John E. Rhoads
Agent

Cc: Mr. Wayne Price, OCD, Hobbs
Mr. Ed Butler

CHART OF CUSTODY AND ANALYSIS REQUEST

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 LABORATORIES

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| Company Name: <u>ABC Security Group</u> | | State: <u>TX</u> | | City: <u>San Antonio</u> | | Zip: <u>78201</u> | |
| Project Manager: <u>Mr. F. Dean</u> | | Phone #: <u>505-397-6500</u> | | Fax #: <u>397-0597</u> | | Project #: <u></u> | |
| Address: <u></u> | | City: <u></u> | | State: <u></u> | | Zip: <u></u> | |
| Project Name: <u></u> | | Phone #: <u></u> | | Fax #: <u></u> | | Project #: <u></u> | |
| Project Location: <u>Soft water pit #2</u> | | Date: <u>11-24-97</u> | | Time: <u>10:00 AM</u> | | Analyst: <u>Rebecca</u> | |

| LAB ID # | Sample ID | CONTAINER OR SEALING | | | | MATRIX | | | | ANALYSIS | | | | DATE | TIME |
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| 113539 | Sample #1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | 11-24-97 | 10:00 AM |
| | #2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | 11-24-97 | 10:00 AM |
| | #3 | | | | | | | | | | | | | 11-24-97 | 10:00 AM |

ARDINAL LABORATORIES is a laboratory that provides forensic analysis services to law enforcement agencies. We are a full-service laboratory that provides a wide range of services including but not limited to: drug analysis, DNA analysis, fingerprint analysis, and more. We are a member of the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors (ASCLD) and are ISO 9001:2015 certified.

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| Sender: <u>Rebecca</u> | | Date: <u>11-24-97</u> | | Time: <u>10:00 AM</u> | | Received By: <u>Mr. Dean</u> | |
| Initiated By: <u>Rebecca</u> | | Date: <u>11-24-97</u> | | Time: <u>10:00 AM</u> | | Received By: <u>Mr. Dean</u> | |
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| UPS - Fed Ex - Bus - Other: | | Date: <u>11-24-97</u> | | Time: <u>10:00 AM</u> | | Received By: <u>Mr. Dean</u> | |

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CHAIN OF CUSTODY RECORD

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CHAIN OF CUSTODY RECORD

No 2921

| CUSTOMER INFORMATION | | | | REQUIRED TURNAROUND TIME: | | <input type="checkbox"/> NORMAL <input type="checkbox"/> EXPEDITED * | | | | | | | | | |
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| COMPANY: NTCC LABORATORY | | | | SHIPMENT METHOD: UPS | | DATE: 11/24/97 | | | | | | | | | |
| SEND REPORT TO: R.J. WILLIAMS | | | | CUSTODY SEALED: YLS | | DATE: 11/24/97 | | | | | | | | | |
| ADDRESS: 2000 Old Burk Road | | | | NTCC LABORATORY JOB NUMBER: JR-000 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| CITY: WICHITA FALLS | | | | STATE: TX | | ZIP: 76304 | | | | | | | | | |
| TELEPHONE: 940-723-5222 | | | | FAX: 940-723-5222 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| BILLING INFORMATION | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| SAMPLER: JOEL RHODES | | SIGNATURE: | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| NTCC LAB ID | SAMPLE ID AND FIELD DESCRIPTION | SAMPLE DATE | SAMPLE TIME | SAMPLE MATRIX | TYPE G C | PRESERVATIVE | NUMBER OF CONTAINERS | | | | | | | | |
| JR001 | WICHITA FALLS WATER | 11/24/97 | 12:00 | H | X | YLC | 2 | | | | | | | | |
| JR002 | WICHITA FALLS WATER | 11/24/97 | 12:00 | H | X | YLC | 2 | | | | | | | | |
| JR003 | WICHITA FALLS WATER | 11/24/97 | 12:00 | H | X | YLC | 2 | | | | | | | | |
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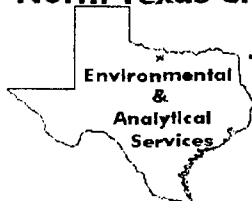
CHAIN OF CUSTODY RECORD

No 2920

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| CUSTOMER INFORMATION | | | | REQUIRED TURNAROUND TIME: <input type="checkbox"/> NORMAL <input type="checkbox"/> EXPEDITED * | | | |
| COMPANY: NORTHLAND OPERATING | | | | * expedited service may require surcharge | | | |
| SEND REPORT TO: JOHN RHODES | | | | SHIPMENT METHOD: DATE: | | | |
| ADDRESS: 719 SCOTT SUITE 624 | | | | CUSTODY SEALED: DATE: | | | |
| CITY: WICHITA FALLS STATE: TX ZIP: 76301 | | | | NTCC LABORATORY JOB NUMBER: | | | |
| TELEPHONE: (940) 723-8511 FAX: 940-766-3087 | | | | COMMENTS: | | | |
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| SAMPLER: John Rhodes | | SIGNATURE: | | | | | |
| NTCC LAB ID | SAMPLE ID AND FIELD DESCRIPTION | SAMPLE DATE | SAMPLE TIME | SAMPLE MATRIX | TYPE PRESERVATIVE | NUMBER OF CONTAINERS | COMMENTS |
| JR-001 | WINDMILL WATER | 11/20/97 | 12:00 | W | ✓ | | Hold 137EX 10-705 |
| JR-002 | WINDMILL WATER | 11/20/97 | 12:20 | W | ✓ | | X |
| JR-003 | FRESH WATER PUMP SURFACE WATER | 11/20/97 | 12:50 | W | ✓ | | X |
| JR-004 | CRUDE OIL Sump | 11/20/97 | 1:20 | Oil | ✓ | | X |
| RELINQUISHED BY: | | DATE: 11/22/97 | | TIME: 14:01 | | RECEIVED BY: J. Williams | |
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NTCC

North Texas Chemical Consultants
Laboratory



2000 Old Burk Road Wichita Falls Texas 76304-1714
940-723-5868 / Fax 940-723-5886

Sample Submitted By: Northland Operating
719 Scott Suite 624
Wichita Falls, Texas 76301

Attention: John Rhodes

Report Date: December 9, 1997

Report Number: JR-003

Received Date: November 22, 1997

Received Time: 1401

Chain of Custody #: 2920

SAMPLE ID: Freshwater/Surfwater - November 20, 1997; 1250 Grab

| <i>Parameter</i> | <i>Method</i> | <i>Detection Limit mg/L</i> | <i>Analyst</i> | <i>Analyzed</i> | | <i>Results mg/L</i> |
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| Dissolved Solids, Total | 160.1 | 1. | JQ | 12/02 | 1630 | 9399. |
| Chloride, as Cl ⁻ | 325.3 | 1. | JQ | 12/02 | 1730 | 5346. |

R.J. Williams, Ph.D.
President

Methods utilized are from "Methods for Chemical Analysis of Water and Wastes" EPA-600/4-79-020, "Test Methods for Evaluating Solid Waste EPA-SW846", and "Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater" 18th Edition.



Intertek Testing Services Environmental Laboratories

ANALYTICAL REPORT

DATE RECEIVED : 25-NOV-1997

REPORT NUMBER : D97-14250

REPORT DATE : 30-NOV-1997

ATTENTION : R.J. Williams
SAMPLE SUBMITTED BY : North Texas Chemical Consultants Laboratory,
ADDRESS : 2000 Old Burk Road
: Wichita Falls, Tx. 76304

PROJECT : JR-000

Included in this data package are the analytical results for the sample group which you have submitted to Intertek Testing Services for analysis. These results are representative of the samples as received by the laboratory.

The information contained herein has undergone extensive review and is deemed accurate and complete. Sample analysis and quality control were performed in accordance with all applicable protocols. Please refrain from reproducing this report except in its entirety.

If you have any questions regarding this report and its associated materials please call your Project Manager at (972) 238-5591.

We appreciate the opportunity to serve you and look forward to providing continued service in the future.

Martin Jeffus
General Manager



Intertek Testing Services

Environmental Laboratories

DATE RECEIVED : 25-NOV-1997

REPORT NUMBER : D97-14250-1

REPORT DATE : 30-NOV-1997

SAMPLE SUBMITTED BY : North Texas Chemical Consultants Laboratory,
ADDRESS : 2000 Old Burk Road
: Wichita Falls, Tx. 76304
ATTENTION : R.J. Williams

SAMPLE MATRIX : Water
ID MARKS : JR001
PROJECT : JR-000
DATE SAMPLED : 21-NOV-1997
ANALYSIS METHOD : EPA 8020B /1
ANALYZED BY : CNA
ANALYZED ON : 27-NOV-1997
DILUTION FACTOR : 1
METHOD FACTOR : 1
QC BATCH NO : 34-112697

| BTEX ANALYSIS | | | |
|----------------|-----------------|------|--------------|
| TEST REQUESTED | DETECTION LIMIT | | RESULTS |
| Benzene | 1.0 | µg/L | < 1.0 µg/L |
| Toluene | 1.0 | µg/L | < 1.0 µg/L |
| Ethyl benzene | 1.0 | µg/L | < 1.0 µg/L |
| Xylenes | 1.0 | µg/L | < 1.0 µg/L |
| BTEX (total) | | | < 1.0 µg/L # |

| QUALITY CONTROL DATA | | |
|----------------------|--|-----------------|
| SURROGATE COMPOUND | | SPIKE RECOVERED |
| Bromofluorobenzene | | 99.6 % |

Based upon Good Laboratory Practice, the result is rounded to the appropriate number of significant figures.

Intertek Testing Services NA Inc.
1089 East Collins Boulevard Richardson, TX 75081
Telephone (972) 238-5591 Fax (972) 238-5592



Intertek Testing Services Environmental Laboratories

DATE RECEIVED : 25-NOV-1997

REPORT NUMBER : D97-14250-2

REPORT DATE : 30-NOV-1997

SAMPLE SUBMITTED BY : North Texas Chemical Consultants Laboratory,
ADDRESS : 2000 Old Burk Road
: Wichita Falls, Tx. 76304
ATTENTION : R.J. Williams

SAMPLE MATRIX : Water
ID MARKS : JR002
PROJECT : JR-000
DATE SAMPLED : 21-NOV-1997
ANALYSIS METHOD : EPA 8020B /1
ANALYZED BY : CNA
ANALYZED ON : 27-NOV-1997
DILUTION FACTOR : 1
METHOD FACTOR : 1
QC BATCH NO : 34-112697

| BTEX ANALYSIS | | | |
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| Xylenes | 1.0 | µg/L | < 1.0 µg/L |
| BTEX (total) | | | < 1.0 µg/L # |

| QUALITY CONTROL DATA | | |
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| SURROGATE COMPOUND | | SPIKE RECOVERED |
| Bromofluorobenzene | | 99.1 % |

Based upon Good Laboratory Practice, the result is rounded to the appropriate number of significant figures.

Intertek Testing Services NA Inc.
1089 East Collins Boulevard Richardson, TX 75081
Telephone (972) 238-5591 Fax (972) 238-5592



Intertek Testing Services

Environmental Laboratories

DATE RECEIVED : 25-NOV-1997

REPORT NUMBER : D97-14250-3

REPORT DATE : 30-NOV-1997

SAMPLE SUBMITTED BY : North Texas Chemical Consultants Laboratory,
ADDRESS : 2000 Old Burk Road
: Wichita Falls, Tx. 76304
ATTENTION : R.J. Williams

SAMPLE MATRIX : Water
ID MARKS : JR003
PROJECT : JR-000
DATE SAMPLED : 21-NOV-1997
ANALYSIS METHOD : EPA 8020B /1
ANALYZED BY : CNA
ANALYZED ON : 27-NOV-1997
DILUTION FACTOR : 1
METHOD FACTOR : 1
QC BATCH NO : 34-112697

| BTEX ANALYSIS | | | |
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| TEST REQUESTED | DETECTION LIMIT | | RESULTS |
| Benzene | 1.0 | µg/L | < 1.0 µg/L |
| Toluene | 1.0 | µg/L | < 1.0 µg/L |
| Ethyl benzene | 1.0 | µg/L | < 1.0 µg/L |
| Xylenes | 1.0 | µg/L | < 1.0 µg/L |
| BTEX (total) | | | < 1.0 µg/L # |

| QUALITY CONTROL DATA | | |
|----------------------|--|-----------------|
| SURROGATE COMPOUND | | SPIKE RECOVERED |
| Bromofluorobenzene | | 101 % |

Based upon Good Laboratory Practice, the result is rounded to the appropriate number of significant figures.

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REPORT DATE : 30-NOV-1997

REPORT NUMBER : D97-14250

SAMPLE SUBMITTED BY : North Texas Chemical Consultants Laboratory,
ATTENTION : R.J. Williams
PROJECT : JR-000

LABORATORY QUALITY CONTROL REPORT

| ANALYTE | Benzene | Ethylbenzene |
|------------------|------------|--------------|
| BATCH NO. | 34-112697 | 34-112697 |
| LCS LOT NO. | AC033-85B | AC033-85B |
| PREP METHOD | --- | --- |
| PREPARED BY | --- | --- |
| ANALYSIS METHOD | EPA 8020B | EPA 8020B |
| ANALYZED BY | CNA | CNA |
| UNITS | µg/L | µg/L |
| METHOD BLANK | < 1.00 | < 1.00 |
| SPIKE LEVEL | 500 | 500 |
| SPK REC LIMITS | 75.0 - 125 | 75.0 - 125 |
| SPK RPD LIMITS | 20.0 | 20.0 |
| MS RESULT | 530 | 537 |
| MS RECOVERY % | 106 | 107 |
| MSD RESULT | 513 | 518 |
| MSD RECOVERY % | 103 | 104 |
| MS/MSD RPD % | 3.26 | 3.60 |
| BS RESULT | NA | NA |
| BS RECOVERY % | NA | NA |
| BSD RESULT | NA | NA |
| BSD RECOVERY % | NA | NA |
| BS/BSD RPD % | NA | NA |
| DUP RPD LIMITS | --- | --- |
| DUPLICATE RPD % | NA | NA |
| LCS LEVEL | 50.0 | 50.0 |
| LCS REC LIMITS | 75.0 - 125 | 75.0 - 125 |
| LCS RESULT | 52.1 | 52.9 |
| LCS RECOVERY % | 104 | 106 |
| SPIKE SAMPLE ID | 14251-7 | 14251-7 |
| SAMPLE VALUE | < 1.00 | < 1.00 |
| DUP SAMPLE ID | --- | --- |
| DUP SAMPLE VAL/1 | --- | --- |
| DUP SAMPLE VAL/2 | --- | --- |

NA

Not applicable

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CHAIN OF CUSTODY RECORD

№ 3213

| CUSTOMER INFORMATION | | | | | | | | | | REQUIRED TURNAROUND TIME: | | <input type="checkbox"/> NORMAL | |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|----------|-----|-------|---------|--------|---|--|--|--|-------------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|--|
| COMPANY: <i>Northland Operating</i> | | | | | | | | | | * expedited service may require surcharge | | <input type="checkbox"/> EXPEDITED * | |
| SEND REPORT TO: <i>John Rhoads</i> | | | | | | | | | | SHIPMENT METHOD: | | DATE: | |
| ADDRESS: <i>719 Scott Suite 624</i> | | | | | | | | | | CUSTODY SEALED: | | DATE: | |
| CITY: <i>W Falls TX</i> STATE: <i>Texas</i> ZIP: <i>76301</i> | | | | | | | | | | NTCC LABORATORY JOB NUMBER: | | | |
| TELEPHONE: <i>940-723-8511</i> FAX: <i>940-766-3089</i> | | | | | | | | | | COMMENTS: | | | |
| BILLING INFORMATION | | | | | | | | | | REQUESTED ANALYSES | | | |
| ADDRESS: <i>3500 Oak Lawn LB #31</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| CITY: <i>W Falls</i> STATE: <i>Texas</i> ZIP: <i>76319-4398</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| PO NUMBER: | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| PROJECT INFORMATION | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| LOCATION: <i>Tract 20 Rick Green</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| CITY: STATE: <i>New Mexico</i> NUMBER: | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SAMPLER: <i>John Rhoads</i> SIGNATURE: <i>[Signature]</i> ZIP: | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| NTCC LAB ID | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SAMPLE ID AND FIELD DESCRIPTION | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| DATE | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SAMPLE TIME | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SAMPLE MATRIX | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| PRESERVATIVE | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| NUMBER OF CONTAINERS | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| JR006 | 1-SW | 3/2 | 12:15 | Water G | - | 1 | | | | | | | |
| JR007 | 2-SW | 3/2 | 12:22 | Water G | HNO3 | 1 | | | | | | | |
| JR008 | 2-Flange | 3/2 | 12:40 | Water | C HNO3 | 1 | | | | | | | |
| JR009 | 3-Flange | 3/2 | 12:45 | Water | C | 2 | | | | | | | |
| JR010 | 4-Flange | 3/2 | 12:45 | Water | C | | | | | | | | |
| JR011 | 3-SW | 3/2 | 12:22 | Water G | | | | | | | | | |
| JR012 | 4-SW | 3/2 | 12:25 | Water G | | | | | | | | | |

BTEX

METAL

Na, Ca

HCO3

Sulfate, Cl

See and Plans taken for Ball Olan analysis - 1/12/00 SW also

Duplicate - HNO3

CHAIN OF CUSTODY RECORD

No 3217

| CUSTOMER INFORMATION | | | | | | | | | | REQUIRED TURNAROUND TIME: | | |
|-------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|----------|--------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------|
| COMPANY: NORTHLAND OPERATING | | | | | | | | | | <input type="checkbox"/> NORMAL | <input type="checkbox"/> EXPEDITED* | |
| SEND REPORT TO: R. WILLIAMS | | | | | | | | | | SHIPMENT METHOD: UPS | | |
| ADDRESS: 2000 Old Burt Road | | | | | | | | | | CUSTODY SEALED: YES | | |
| CITY: WICHITA FALLS STATE: TX ZIP: 76704 | | | | | | | | | | NTCC LABORATORY JOB NUMBER: | | |
| TELEPHONE: 940-723-5766 FAX: 940-723-5886 | | | | | | | | | | COMMENTS: | | |
| BILLING INFORMATION | | | | | | | | | | REQUESTED ANALYSES | | |
| ADDRESS: (Same) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| CITY: STATE: ZIP: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| PO NUMBER: TERMS: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| PROJECT INFORMATION | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| LOCATION: TRAIL 20 RICK QUINN | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| CITY: STATE: ZIP: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SAMPLER: SIGNATURE: MEXICO | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| NTCC LAB ID | SAMPLE ID AND FIELD DESCRIPTION | SAMPLE DATE | SAMPLE TIME | SAMPLE MATRIX | TYPE G C | PRESERVATIVE | NUMBER OF CONTAINERS | ICP METALS: AL, AR, BA, B, CA, CH, CO, CU, FE, Pb, Mn, Mo, Ni, AS, Zn | AA METALS: Hg, Se | BTEX | Alkalinity | COMMENTS |
| JR007 | 2-5W | 2/2/98 | 12:25 | W | X | PH 4.2 | 1 | X | X | | | 1064-1 |
| JR008 | 2-PLA2A | 2/2/98 | 12:44 | W | X | PH 4.2 | 1 | X | X | | | 2 |
| JR009 | 3-PLA2A | 2/2/98 | 12:45 | W | X | PH 4.2 | 2 | X | X | | | 4 |
| JR010 | 3-5W | 2/2/98 | 12:22 | W | X | PH 4.2 | 1 | X | X | | | |

ORIGINAL

| RELINQUISHED BY: [Signature] | | DATE: 2/2/98 | TIME: 15:00 | RECEIVED BY: | DATE: | TIME: |
|---------------------------------------|--|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------|-------|
| RELINQUISHED BY: | | DATE: | TIME: | RECEIVED BY: | DATE: | TIME: |
| RECEIVED IN LABORATORY BY: BUD DUBOIS | | DATE: 2-5-98 | TIME: 1035 | | | |

SAMPLE RECEIVING CHECKLIST / COOLER RECEIPT

Customer: NTCC

Date received: 2.5.98

Project: Tract 20 RAK Queen

Login Signature: B. Wilcox

Date: 2-5-98

Cooler Information:

Shipping Carrier: FedEx DHL UPS USPS Pony Airborne Hand Other

YES NO Airtail Attached?

YES NO Custody Seals Type: Tape COC Seals Signed Tape

YES NO Seals Intact?

Cooler Temp: 4°C Ice-present Ice-melted Ice Substitute None

YES NO Were Containers Intact (no leaking or broken bottles)?

YES NO Were sample labels intact and in good condition?

COC / Sample Information:

YES NO Do the sample labels agree with the COC?

YES NO Sufficient Sample Provided?

YES NO Is it clear what analysis are needed?

YES NO Were samples received in cold time?

YES NO Short holding parameters flagged / As notified

Person(s) notified: _____ time: _____

Notes: _____



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SAMPLE PRESERVATION INFORMATION SHEET

| | | | |
|--------------|--------|--------------------|------|
| Preserved By | BDF | JOB NUMBER 1064 | |
| Date | 2-9-98 | | |
| Time | | | |
| | | Client Name | NTCC |

| Sample No. | Container Type | Apparent Volume (mLs) | pH (of preserved samples) | Preservative Added | Filtration | Comments |
|-----------------------|----------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|------------|------------|
| 1064-1 | IG | 1L | 4.2 | 3 | | metals |
| -2 | 1 | 500mLs | 1 | 1 | | |
| X Preserved by client | | | | | | |
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PRESERVATION / FILTRATION KEY

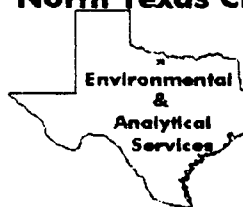
1 = Pre-preserved
2 = H₂SO₄ to pH<2
3 = HNO₃ to pH<2
4 = HCl to pH<2

5 = NaOH to pH>12
6 = Na₂S₂O₃ (0.008%)
7 = 2 mL Zn OAc/NaOH to pH>12
8 = No Preservative Required

F = Chain-of-Custody indicates sample was filtered in the field
L = Sample filtered (0.45 µm) in the laboratory before preservation

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Handwritten: P. Rhodes
S. Hunter

Sample Submitted By: Northland Operating
719 Scott Suite 624
Wichita Falls, Texas 76301
Attention: John Rhodes

Report Date: February 19, 1998 [Revised Copy]
Report Number: JR-006
Received Date: February 3, 1998
Received Time: 1140
Chain of Custody #: 3213

| SAMPLE ID: 1-SW - February 2, 1998; 1215 Grab | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------|----------------------|---------|----------|------|--------------|
| Parameter | Method | Detection Limit mg/L | Analyst | Analyzed | | Results mg/L |
| | | | | Date | Time | |
| Sulfate, Total as SO_4^{2-} | 375.4 | 100. | JQ | 02/05 | 1500 | 1700. |
| Alkalinity, Total as CaCO_3 | 310.1 | 1. | JQ | 02/05 | 1830 | 75. |
| Chloride, as Cl^- | 325.3 | 1. | JQ | 02/05 | 1730 | 185,100. |

| QUALITY CONTROL DATA | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|------------|--------------------|------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Parameter | Blank mg/L | Standard Recovery* | Spike Recovery % | Sample Batch SD | Sample Batch CV % |
| Alkalinity, Total as CaCO_3 | 0.00 | | | 1.8 | 2.4 |
| Chloride, as Cl^- | 0. | 101 % | | 12.8 | 0.3 |
| Sulfate, Total as SO_4^{2-} | 0. | 96 % | | 70.5 | 4.2 |

* Each Sulfate Std. : 50.0 mg/L; Chloride Std. 100.0 mg/L.

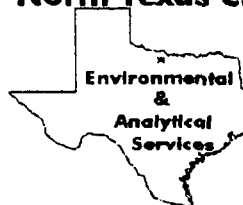
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Methods utilized are from "Methods for Chemical Analysis of Water and Wastes" EPA-600/4-79-020, "Test Methods for Evaluating Solid Waste EPA-SW846", and "Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater" 18th Edition.

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*Produced
Saturated*

Sample Submitted By: Northland Operating
719 Scott Suite 624
Wichita Falls, Texas 76301
Attention: John Rhodes

Report Date: February 26, 1998
Report Number: JR-007
Received Date: February 3, 1998
Received Time: 1140
Chain of Custody #: 3213

| SAMPLE ID: 2-SW, February 2, 1998; 1220 Grab | | | | | | |
|----------------------------------------------|--------|-------------------------|---------|-----------------------|------|-----------------|
| Parameter | Method | Detection Limit mg/L | Analyst | Analyzed Date Time | | Results mg/L |
| Calcium, Total | 215.1 | 0.02 | RW | 02/11 | 2020 | 2101. |
| Sodium, Total | 273.1 | 0.1 | RW | 02/12 | 2235 | 66,975. |

| QUALITY CONTROL DATA | | | | | |
|----------------------|---------------|-----------------------|---------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| Parameter | Blank mg/L | Standard Recovery* | Spike Recovery % | Sample Batch SD | Sample Batch CV % |
| Calcium, Total | 0.00 | 99% | | 10.0 | 6.4% |
| Sodium, Total | 0.8 | 105 % | | 0.9 | 0.7 |

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ANALYTICAL REPORT

DATE RECEIVED : 5-FEB-1998

REPORT NUMBER : D98-1064

REPORT DATE : 16-FEB-1998

ATTENTION : R.J. Williams
SAMPLE SUBMITTED BY : North Texas Chemical Consultants Laboratory,
ADDRESS : 2000 Old Burk Road
: Wichita Falls, Tx. 76304

PROJECT : Tract 20 Rock Queen

Included in this data package are the analytical results for the sample group which you have submitted to Intertek Testing Services. for analysis. These results are representative of the samples as received by the laboratory.

The information contained herein has undergone extensive review and is deemed accurate and complete. Sample analysis and quality control were performed in accordance with all applicable protocols. Please refrain from reproducing this report except in its entirety.

If you have any questions regarding this report and its associated materials please call your Project Manager at (972) 238-5591.

We appreciate the opportunity to serve you and look forward to providing continued service in the future.



Project Manager



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DATE RECEIVED : 5-FEB-1998

REPORT NUMBER : D98-1064-1

REPORT DATE : 16-FEB-1998

SAMPLE SUBMITTED BY : North Texas Chemical Consultants Laboratory,
ADDRESS : 2000 Old Burk Road
: Wichita Falls, Tx. 76304
ATTENTION : R.J. Williams

SAMPLE MATRIX : Liquid
ID MARKS : JR007
PROJECT : Tract 20 Rock Queen
DATE SAMPLED : 2-FEB-1998

| TOTAL METALS | | |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| TEST REQUESTED | DETECTION LIMIT | RESULTS |
| Silver /1 | 0.005 mg/L | 0.013 mg/L |
| Dilution Factor : 1 Prepared using EPA 200.7 on 10-FEB-1998 by CEL Analyzed using EPA 200.7 on 12-FEB-1998 by MPE QC Batch No : AC330-13 | | |
| Aluminum /1 | 0.05 mg/L | < 0.05 mg/L |
| Dilution Factor : 1 Prepared using EPA 200.7 on 10-FEB-1998 by CEL Analyzed using EPA 200.7 on 10-FEB-1998 by GAY QC Batch No : AC330-13 | | |
| Arsenic /1 | 0.01 mg/L | < 0.01 mg/L |
| Dilution Factor : 1 Prepared using EPA 200.7 on 10-FEB-1998 by CEL Analyzed using EPA 200.7 on 10-FEB-1998 by GAY QC Batch No : AC330-13 | | |
| Barium /1 | 0.010 mg/L | 0.111 mg/L |
| Dilution Factor : 1 Prepared using EPA 200.7 on 10-FEB-1998 by CEL Analyzed using EPA 200.7 on 10-FEB-1998 by GAY QC Batch No : AC330-13 | | |
| Boron /1 | 10 mg/L | 210 mg/L |
| Dilution Factor : 100 Prepared using EPA 200.7 on 10-FEB-1998 by CEL Analyzed using EPA 200.7 on 13-FEB-1998 by GAY QC Batch No : AC330-13 | | |

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| TOTAL METALS | | |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| TEST REQUESTED | DETECTION LIMIT | RESULTS |
| Cadmium /1 | 0.005 mg/L | < 0.005 mg/L |
| Dilution Factor : 1 Prepared using EPA 200.7 on 10-FEB-1998 by CEL Analyzed using EPA 200.7 on 10-FEB-1998 by GAY QC Batch No : AC330-13 | | |
| Cobalt /1 | 0.050 mg/L | < 0.050 mg/L |
| Dilution Factor : 1 Prepared using EPA 200.7 on 10-FEB-1998 by CEL Analyzed using EPA 200.7 on 10-FEB-1998 by GAY QC Batch No : AC330-13 | | |
| Chromium /1 | 0.025 mg/L | < 0.025 mg/L |
| Dilution Factor : 1 Prepared using EPA 200.7 on 10-FEB-1998 by CEL Analyzed using EPA 200.7 on 10-FEB-1998 by GAY QC Batch No : AC330-13 | | |
| Copper /1 | 0.025 mg/L | < 0.025 mg/L |
| Dilution Factor : 1 Prepared using EPA 200.7 on 10-FEB-1998 by CEL Analyzed using EPA 200.7 on 10-FEB-1998 by GAY QC Batch No : AC330-13 | | |
| Iron /1 | 0.500 mg/L | 13.6 mg/L |
| Dilution Factor : 1 Prepared using EPA 200.7 on 10-FEB-1998 by CEL Analyzed using EPA 200.7 on 10-FEB-1998 by GAY QC Batch No : AC330-13 | | |
| Mercury /1 | 0.0002 mg/L | < 0.0002 mg/L |
| Dilution Factor : 1 Prepared using EPA 245.1 on 11-FEB-1998 by IH Analyzed using EPA 245.1 on 12-FEB-1998 by AH QC Batch No : AC330-25 | | |
| Manganese /1 | 0.005 mg/L | 4.68 mg/L |
| Dilution Factor : 1 Prepared using EPA 200.7 on 10-FEB-1998 by CEL Analyzed using EPA 200.7 on 10-FEB-1998 by GAY QC Batch No : AC330-13 | | |



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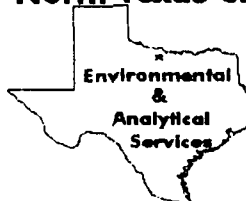
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| TOTAL METALS | | | |
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| TEST REQUESTED | | DETECTION LIMIT | RESULTS |
| Molybdenum | /1 | 0.025 mg/L | < 0.025 mg/L |
| Dilution Factor : 1 Prepared using EPA 200.7 on 10-FEB-1998 by CEL Analyzed using EPA 200.7 on 10-FEB-1998 by GAY QC Batch No : AC330-13 | | | |
| Nickel | /1 | 0.025 mg/L | < 0.025 mg/L |
| Dilution Factor : 1 Prepared using EPA 200.7 on 10-FEB-1998 by CEL Analyzed using EPA 200.7 on 10-FEB-1998 by GAY QC Batch No : AC330-13 | | | |
| Lead | /1 | 0.025 mg/L | < 0.025 mg/L |
| Dilution Factor : 1 Prepared using EPA 200.7 on 10-FEB-1998 by CEL Analyzed using EPA 200.7 on 10-FEB-1998 by GAY QC Batch No : AC330-13 | | | |
| Selenium | /1 | 0.3 mg/L | < 0.3 mg/L |
| Dilution Factor : 25 Prepared using EPA 206.2/270.2 on 11-FEB-1998 by CEL Analyzed using EPA 270.2 on 12-FEB-1998 by AH QC Batch No : AC330-22F | | | |
| Zinc | /1 | 0.100 mg/L | < 0.100 mg/L |
| Dilution Factor : 1 Prepared using EPA 200.7 on 10-FEB-1998 by CEL Analyzed using EPA 200.7 on 10-FEB-1998 by GAY QC Batch No : AC330-13 | | | |

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Playa water

Sample Submitted By: Northland Operating
719 Scott Suite 624
Wichita Falls, Texas 76301
Attention: John Rhodes

Report Date: February 26, 1998
Report Number: JR-008
Received Date: February 3, 1998
Received Time: 1140
Chain of Custody #: 3213

| SAMPLE ID: 2-Playa, February 2, 1998; 1240 Grab | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------------------|--------|-------------------------|---------|-----------------------|------|-----------------|
| Parameter | Method | Detection Limit mg/L | Analyst | Analyzed Date Time | | Results mg/L |
| Calcium, Total | 215.1 | 0.02 | RW | 02/11 | 2020 | 147.9 |
| Sodium, Total | 273.1 | 0.1 | RW | 02/12 | 2235 | 2827. |

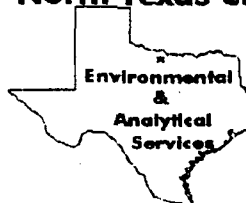
| QUALITY CONTROL DATA | | | | | |
|----------------------|---------------|-----------------------|---------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| Parameter | Blank mg/L | Standard Recovery* | Spike Recovery % | Sample Batch SD | Sample Batch CV % |
| Calcium, Total | 0.00 | 99% | | 10.0 | 6.4% |
| Sodium, Total | 0.8 | 105 % | | 0.9 | 0.7 |

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Playa water

Sample Submitted By: Northland Operating
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Wichita Falls, Texas 76301

Attention: John Rhodes

Report Date: February 26, 1998

Report Number: JR-008

Received Date: February 3, 1998

Received Time: 1140

Chain of Custody #: 3213

| SAMPLE ID: 2-Playa, February 2, 1998; 1240 Grab | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------------------|--------|----------------------|---------|--------------------|------|--------------|
| Parameter | Method | Detection Limit mg/L | Analyst | Analyzed Date Time | | Results mg/L |
| Sulfate, Total as SO_4^{2-} | 375.4 | 100. | JQ | 02/05 | 1500 | 23. |
| Chloride, as Cl^- | 325.3 | 1. | JQ | 02/05 | 1730 | 5058. |

| QUALITY CONTROL DATA | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|------------|--------------------|------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Parameter | Blank mg/L | Standard Recovery* | Spike Recovery % | Sample Batch SD | Sample Batch CV % |
| Chloride, as Cl^- | 0. | 101 % | | 12.8 | 0.3 |
| Sulfate, Total as SO_4^{2-} | 0. | 96 % | | 70.5 | 4.2 |

- Hach Sulfate Std. : 50.0 mg/L; Chloride Std. 100.0 mg/L.

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Playa water

DATE RECEIVED : 5-FEB-1998

REPORT NUMBER : D98-1064-2

REPORT DATE : 16-FEB-1998

SAMPLE SUBMITTED BY : North Texas Chemical Consultants Laboratory,
ADDRESS : 2000 Old Burk Road
: Wichita Falls, Tx. 76304
ATTENTION : R.J. Williams

SAMPLE MATRIX : Liquid
ID MARKS : JR008
PROJECT : ~~Tract 20~~ Rick Queen
DATE SAMPLED : 2-FEB-1998

| TOTAL METALS | | |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| TEST REQUESTED | DETECTION LIMIT | RESULTS |
| Silver /1 | 0.005 mg/L | < 0.005 mg/L |
| Dilution Factor : 1 Prepared using EPA 200.7 on 10-FEB-1998 by CEL Analyzed using EPA 200.7 on 12-FEB-1998 by MPE QC Batch No : AC330-13 | | |
| Aluminum /1 | 0.05 mg/L | 1.54 mg/L |
| Dilution Factor : 1 Prepared using EPA 200.7 on 10-FEB-1998 by CEL Analyzed using EPA 200.7 on 10-FEB-1998 by GAY QC Batch No : AC330-13 | | |
| Arsenic /1 | 0.01 mg/L | < 0.01 mg/L |
| Dilution Factor : 1 Prepared using EPA 200.7 on 10-FEB-1998 by CEL Analyzed using EPA 200.7 on 10-FEB-1998 by GAY QC Batch No : AC330-13 | | |
| Barium /1 | 0.010 mg/L | 0.784 mg/L |
| Dilution Factor : 1 Prepared using EPA 200.7 on 10-FEB-1998 by CEL Analyzed using EPA 200.7 on 10-FEB-1998 by GAY QC Batch No : AC330-13 | | |
| Boron /1 | 1.0 mg/L | 4.0 mg/L |
| Dilution Factor : 10 Prepared using EPA 200.7 on 10-FEB-1998 by CEL Analyzed using EPA 200.7 on 13-FEB-1998 by GAY QC Batch No : AC330-13 | | |



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| TOTAL METALS | | |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| TEST REQUESTED | DETECTION LIMIT | RESULTS |
| Cadmium /1 | 0.001 mg/L | < 0.001 mg/L |
| Dilution Factor : 1 Prepared using EPA 200.7 on 10-FEB-1998 by CEL Analyzed using EPA 200.7 on 10-FEB-1998 by GAY QC Batch No : AC330-13 | | |
| Cobalt /1 | 0.010 mg/L | < 0.010 mg/L |
| Dilution Factor : 1 Prepared using EPA 200.7 on 10-FEB-1998 by CEL Analyzed using EPA 200.7 on 10-FEB-1998 by GAY QC Batch No : AC330-13 | | |
| Chromium /1 | 0.005 mg/L | 0.007 mg/L |
| Dilution Factor : 1 Prepared using EPA 200.7 on 10-FEB-1998 by CEL Analyzed using EPA 200.7 on 10-FEB-1998 by GAY QC Batch No : AC330-13 | | |
| Copper /1 | 0.005 mg/L | < 0.005 mg/L |
| Dilution Factor : 1 Prepared using EPA 200.7 on 10-FEB-1998 by CEL Analyzed using EPA 200.7 on 10-FEB-1998 by GAY QC Batch No : AC330-13 | | |
| Iron /1 | 0.100 mg/L | 0.935 mg/L |
| Dilution Factor : 1 Prepared using EPA 200.7 on 10-FEB-1998 by CEL Analyzed using EPA 200.7 on 10-FEB-1998 by GAY QC Batch No : AC330-13 | | |
| Mercury /1 | 0.0002 mg/L | < 0.0002 mg/L |
| Dilution Factor : 1 Prepared using EPA 245.1 on 11-FEB-1998 by IH Analyzed using EPA 245.1 on 12-FEB-1998 by AH QC Batch No : AC330-25 | | |
| Manganese /1 | 0.005 mg/L | 0.130 mg/L |
| Dilution Factor : 1 Prepared using EPA 200.7 on 10-FEB-1998 by CEL Analyzed using EPA 200.7 on 10-FEB-1998 by GAY QC Batch No : AC330-13 | | |



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| TOTAL METALS | | |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| TEST REQUESTED | DETECTION LIMIT | RESULTS |
| Molybdenum /1 | 0.005 mg/L | < 0.005 mg/L |
| Dilution Factor : 1 Prepared using EPA 200.7 on 10-FEB-1998 by CEL Analyzed using EPA 200.7 on 10-FEB-1998 by GAY QC Batch No : AC330-13 | | |
| Nickel /1 | 0.005 mg/L | 0.007 mg/L |
| Dilution Factor : 1 Prepared using EPA 200.7 on 10-FEB-1998 by CEL Analyzed using EPA 200.7 on 10-FEB-1998 by GAY QC Batch No : AC330-13 | | |
| Lead /1 | 0.005 mg/L | < 0.005 mg/L |
| Dilution Factor : 1 Prepared using EPA 200.7 on 10-FEB-1998 by CEL Analyzed using EPA 200.7 on 10-FEB-1998 by GAY QC Batch No : AC330-13 | | |
| Selenium /1 | 0.002 mg/L | < 0.002 mg/L |
| Dilution Factor : 1 Prepared using EPA 206.2/270.2 on 11-FEB-1998 by CEL Analyzed using EPA 270.2 on 12-FEB-1998 by AH QC Batch No : AC330-22F | | |
| Zinc /1 | 0.020 mg/L | < 0.020 mg/L |
| Dilution Factor : 1 Prepared using EPA 200.7 on 10-FEB-1998 by CEL Analyzed using EPA 200.7 on 10-FEB-1998 by GAY QC Batch No : AC330-13 | | |



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Playa water

DATE RECEIVED : 5-FEB-1998

REPORT NUMBER : D98-1064-3

REPORT DATE : 16-FEB-1998

SAMPLE SUBMITTED BY : North Texas Chemical Consultants Laboratory,
ADDRESS : 2000 Old Burk Road
: Wichita Falls, Tx. 76304
ATTENTION : R.J. Williams

SAMPLE MATRIX : Liquid
ID MARKS : ~~JR009~~
PROJECT : Tract 20 Rock Queen
DATE SAMPLED : 2-FEB-1998
ANALYSIS METHOD : EPA 602 /1
ANALYZED BY : CNA
ANALYZED ON : 9-FEB-1998
DILUTION FACTOR : 1
METHOD FACTOR : 1
QC BATCH NO : 30-020898A

| BTEX ANALYSIS | | | | |
|----------------|-----------------|------|---------|------------|
| TEST REQUESTED | DETECTION LIMIT | | RESULTS | |
| Benzene | 1.0 | µg/L | < | 1.0 µg/L |
| Toluene | 1.0 | µg/L | < | 1.0 µg/L |
| Ethyl benzene | 1.0 | µg/L | < | 1.0 µg/L |
| Xylenes | 1.0 | µg/L | < | 1.0 µg/L |
| BTEX (total) | | | < | 1.0 µg/L # |

| QUALITY CONTROL DATA | | |
|----------------------|--|-----------------|
| SURROGATE COMPOUND | | SPIKE RECOVERED |
| Bromofluorobenzene | | 101 % |

Based upon Good Laboratory Practice, the result is rounded to the appropriate number of significant figures.



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REPORT DATE : 16-FEB-1998

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ADDRESS : 2000 Old Burk Road
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ATTENTION : R.J. Williams

SAMPLE MATRIX : Liquid
ID MARKS : JR009
PROJECT : Tract 20 Rick Queen
DATE SAMPLED : 2-FEB-1998

| MISCELLANEOUS ANALYSES | | |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| TEST REQUESTED | DETECTION LIMIT | RESULTS |
| Alkalinity /1 | 1.00 mg/L CaCO ₃ | 66.0 mg/L CaCO ₃ |
| Analyzed using SM 2320B on 11-FEB-1998 by AMM QC Batch No : 206078 | | |



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DATE RECEIVED : 5-FEB-1998

REPORT NUMBER : D98-1064-4

REPORT DATE : 16-FEB-1998

SAMPLE SUBMITTED BY : North Texas Chemical Consultants Laboratory,
ADDRESS : 2000 Old Burk Road
Wichita Falls, Tx. 76304
ATTENTION : R.J. Williams

SAMPLE MATRIX : Liquid
ID MARKS : ~~JR0010~~
PROJECT : Tract 20 Rick Queen
DATE SAMPLED : 2-FEB-1998
ANALYSIS METHOD : EPA 602 /1
ANALYZED BY : CNA
ANALYZED ON : 9-FEB-1998
DILUTION FACTOR : 50
METHOD FACTOR : 1
QC BATCH NO : 30-020898A

| BTEX ANALYSIS | | | |
|----------------|-----------------|------|-------------|
| TEST REQUESTED | DETECTION LIMIT | | RESULTS |
| Benzene | 50 | µg/L | 478 µg/L |
| Toluene | 50 | µg/L | 356 µg/L |
| Ethyl benzene | 50 | µg/L | 116 µg/L |
| Xylenes | 50 | µg/L | 296 µg/L |
| BTEX (total) | | | 1250 µg/L # |

| QUALITY CONTROL DATA | | |
|----------------------|--|-----------------|
| SURROGATE COMPOUND | | SPIKE RECOVERED |
| Bromofluorobenzene | | 102 % |

Based upon Good Laboratory Practice, the result is rounded to the appropriate number of significant figures.



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REPORT DATE : 16-FEB-1998

REPORT NUMBER : D98-1064

SAMPLE SUBMITTED BY : North Texas Chemical Consultants Laboratory,
ATTENTION : R.J. Williams
PROJECT : Tract 20 Rick Queen

LABORATORY QUALITY CONTROL REPORT

| ANALYTE | Benzene | Ethylbenzene | Silver | Aluminum | Arsenic |
|------------------|------------|--------------|-------------|------------|------------|
| BATCH NO. | 30-020898A | 30-020898A | AC330-13 | AC330-13 | AC330-13 |
| LCS LOT NO. | AC033-85B | AC033-85B | AC223-25A,B | AC223-25 | AC223-25 |
| PREP METHOD | --- | --- | EPA 200.7 | EPA 200.7 | EPA 200.7 |
| PREPARED BY | --- | --- | CEL | CEL | CEL |
| ANALYSIS METHOD | EPA 602 | EPA 602 | EPA 200.7 | EPA 200.7 | EPA 200.7 |
| ANALYZED BY | CNA | CNA | MPE | GAY | GAY |
| UNITS | µg/L | µg/L | µg/L | µg/L | µg/L |
| METHOD BLANK | < 1.00 | < 1.00 | < 5.00 | < 50.0 | < 10.0 |
| SPIKE LEVEL | 500 | 500 | 200 | 10000 | 1000 |
| SPK REC LIMITS | 75.0 - 125 | 75.0 - 125 | 70.0 - 130 | 80.0 - 120 | 80.0 - 120 |
| SPK RPD LIMITS | 20.0 | 20.0 | 30.0 | 20.0 | 20.0 |
| MS RESULT | 501 | 498 | 205 | 10300 | 1030 |
| MS RECOVERY % | 100 | 99.6 | 103 | 102 | 103 |
| MSD RESULT | 559 | 563 | 210 | 9480 | 945 |
| MSD RECOVERY % | 112 | 113 | 105 | 93.6 | 94.5 |
| MS/MSD RPD % | 10.9 | 12.3 | 2.41 | 8.39 | 8.61 |
| BS RESULT | NA | NA | 210 | 9670 | 989 |
| BS RECOVERY % | NA | NA | 105 | 96.7 | 98.9 |
| BSD RESULT | NA | NA | 212 | 10600 | 1080 |
| BSD RECOVERY % | NA | NA | 106 | 106 | 108 |
| BS/BSD RPD % | NA | NA | 0.95 | 9.18 | 8.80 |
| DUP RPD LIMITS | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| DUPLICATE RPD % | NA | NA | NC | NC | NC |
| LCS LEVEL | 50.0 | 50.0 | --- | --- | --- |
| LCS REC LIMITS | 75.0 - 125 | 75.0 - 125 | --- | --- | --- |
| LCS RESULT | 52.0 | 51.8 | SEE_BS | SEE_BS | SEE_BS |
| LCS RECOVERY % | 104 | 104 | SEE_BS | SEE_BS | SEE_BS |
| SPIKE SAMPLE ID | 1064-3 | 1064-3 | 1177-11 | 1177-11 | 1177-11 |
| SAMPLE VALUE | < 1.00 | < 1.00 | < 5.00 | 121 | < 10.0 |
| DUP SAMPLE ID | --- | --- | 1177-11 | 1177-11 | 1177-11 |
| DUP SAMPLE VAL/1 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| DUP SAMPLE VAL/2 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |

NA
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REPORT NUMBER : D98-1064

SAMPLE SUBMITTED BY : North Texas Chemical Consultants Laboratory,
ATTENTION : R.J. Williams
PROJECT : Tract 20 Rick Queen

LABORATORY QUALITY CONTROL REPORT

| ANALYTE | Barium | Boron | Cadmium | Cobalt | Chromium |
|------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| BATCH NO. | AC330-13 | AC330-13 | AC330-13 | AC330-13 | AC330-13 |
| LCS LOT NO. | AC223-25 | AC223-25 | AC223-25 | AC223-25 | AC223-25 |
| PREP METHOD | EPA 200.7 | EPA 200.7 | EPA 200.7 | EPA 200.7 | EPA 200.7 |
| PREPARED BY | CEL | CEL | CEL | CEL | CEL |
| ANALYSIS METHOD | EPA 200.7 | EPA 200.7 | EPA 200.7 | EPA 200.7 | EPA 200.7 |
| ANALYZED BY | GAY | GAY | GAY | GAY | GAY |
| UNITS | µg/L | µg/L | µg/L | µg/L | µg/L |
| METHOD BLANK | < 10.0 | < 100 | < 1.00 | < 50.0 | < 5.00 |
| SPIKE LEVEL | 1000 | 1000 | 500 | 1000 | 1000 |
| SPK REC LIMITS | 80.0 - 120 | 80.0 - 120 | 80.0 - 120 | 80.0 - 120 | 80.0 - 120 |
| SPK RPD LIMITS | 20.0 | 20.0 | 20.0 | 20.0 | 20.0 |
| MS RESULT | 1040 | 1110 | 513 | 1020 | 1040 |
| MS RECOVERY % | 99.7 | 111 | 103 | 102 | 104 |
| MSD RESULT | 959 | 1020 | 471 | 940 | 952 |
| MSD RECOVERY % | 91.6 | 102 | 94.2 | 94.0 | 95.2 |
| MS/MSD RPD % | 8.47 | 8.45 | 8.54 | 8.16 | 8.84 |
| BS RESULT | 952 | 1050 | 493 | 984 | 991 |
| BS RECOVERY % | 95.2 | 105 | 98.6 | 98.4 | 99.1 |
| BSD RESULT | 1040 | 1160 | 537 | 1070 | 1080 |
| BSD RECOVERY % | 104 | 116 | 107 | 107 | 108 |
| BS/BSD RPD % | 8.84 | 9.95 | 8.54 | 8.37 | 8.59 |
| DUP RPD LIMITS | 20.0 | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| DUPLICATE RPD % | 9.01 | NC | NC | NC | NC |
| LCS LEVEL | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| LCS REC LIMITS | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| LCS RESULT | SEE_BS | SEE_BS | SEE_BS | SEE_BS | SEE_BS |
| LCS RECOVERY % | SEE_BS | SEE_BS | SEE_BS | SEE_BS | SEE_BS |
| SPIKE SAMPLE ID | 1177-11 | 1177-11 | 1177-11 | 1177-11 | 1177-11 |
| SAMPLE VALUE | 42.9 | < 100 | < 1.00 | < 50.0 | < 5.00 |
| DUP SAMPLE ID | 1177-11 | 1177-11 | 1177-11 | 1177-11 | 1177-11 |
| DUP SAMPLE VAL/1 | 39.2 | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| DUP SAMPLE VAL/2 | 42.9 | --- | --- | --- | --- |

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SAMPLE SUBMITTED BY : North Texas Chemical Consultants Laboratory,
ATTENTION : R.J. Williams
PROJECT : Tract 20 Rick Queen

LABORATORY QUALITY CONTROL REPORT

| ANALYTE | Copper | Iron | Mercury | Manganese | Molybdenum |
|------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| BATCH NO. | AC330-13 | AC330-13 | AC330-25 | AC330-13 | AC330-13 |
| LCS LOT NO. | AC223-25 | AC223-25 | AC223-20 | AC223-25 | AC223-25 |
| PREP METHOD | EPA 200.7 | EPA 200.7 | EPA 245.1 | EPA 200.7 | EPA 200.7 |
| PREPARED BY | CEL | CEL | IH | CEL | CEL |
| ANALYSIS METHOD | EPA 200.7 | EPA 200.7 | EPA 245.1 | EPA 200.7 | EPA 200.7 |
| ANALYZED BY | GAY | GAY | AH | GAY | GAY |
| UNITS | µg/L | µg/L | µg/L | µg/L | µg/L |
| METHOD BLANK | < 5.00 | < 100 | < 0.200 | < 5.00 | < 5.00 |
| SPIKE LEVEL | 1000 | 10000 | 3.00 | 1000 | 400 |
| SPK REC LIMITS | 80.0 - 120 | 80.0 - 120 | 80.0 - 120 | 80.0 - 120 | 80.0 - 120 |
| SPK RPD LIMITS | 20.0 | 20.0 | 20.0 | 20.0 | 20.0 |
| MS RESULT | 2140 | 10500 | 2.95 | 1070 | 412 |
| MS RECOVERY % | 102 | 105 | 94.7 | 106 | 103 |
| MSD RESULT | 1970 | 9650 | 2.93 | 981 | 381 |
| MSD RECOVERY % | 85.0 | 96.5 | 94.0 | 97.6 | 95.3 |
| MS/MSD RPD % | 18.2 | 8.44 | 0.71 | 8.72 | 7.82 |
| BS RESULT | 973 | 10000 | NA | 1020 | 397 |
| BS RECOVERY % | 97.3 | 100 | NA | 102 | 99.3 |
| BSD RESULT | 1060 | 10900 | NA | 1110 | 435 |
| BSD RECOVERY % | 106 | 109 | NA | 111 | 109 |
| BS/BSD RPD % | 8.56 | 8.61 | NA | 8.45 | 9.13 |
| DUP RPD LIMITS | 20.0 | --- | --- | 20.0 | --- |
| DUPLICATE RPD % | 8.37 | NC | NC | 14.4 | NC |
| LCS LEVEL | --- | --- | 3.00 | --- | --- |
| LCS REC LIMITS | --- | --- | 80.0 - 120 | --- | --- |
| LCS RESULT | SEE_BS | SEE_BS | 2.89 | SEE_BS | SEE_BS |
| LCS RECOVERY % | SEE_BS | SEE_BS | 96.3 | SEE_BS | SEE_BS |
| SPIKE SAMPLE ID | 1177-11 | 1177-11 | 1064-2 | 1177-11 | 1177-11 |
| SAMPLE VALUE | 1120 | < 100 | 0.110 | 5.36 | < 5.00 |
| DUP SAMPLE ID | 1177-11 | 1177-11 | 1064-2 | 1177-11 | 1177-11 |
| DUP SAMPLE VAL/1 | 1030 | --- | --- | 4.64 | --- |
| DUP SAMPLE VAL/2 | 1120 | --- | --- | 5.36 | --- |

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NA

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SAMPLE SUBMITTED BY : North Texas Chemical Consultants Laboratory,
ATTENTION : R.J. Williams
PROJECT : Tract 20 Rick Queen

LABORATORY QUALITY CONTROL REPORT

| ANALYTE | Nickel | Lead | Selenium | Zinc | Alkalinity |
|------------------|------------|------------|-----------------|------------|------------|
| BATCH NO. | AC330-13 | AC330-13 | AC330-22F | AC330-13 | 206078 |
| LCS LOT NO. | AC223-25 | AC223-25 | AC223-20 | AC223-25 | 809056C |
| PREP METHOD | EPA 200.7 | EPA 200.7 | EPA 206.2/270.2 | EPA 200.7 | --- |
| PREPARED BY | CEL | CEL | CEL | CEL | --- |
| ANALYSIS METHOD | EPA 200.7 | EPA 200.7 | EPA 270.2 | EPA 200.7 | SM 2320B |
| ANALYZED BY | GAY | GAY | AH | GAY | AMM |
| UNITS | µg/L | µg/L | µg/L | µg/L | mg/L |
| METHOD BLANK | < 5.00 | < 5.00 | < 2.00 | < 20.0 | < 1.00 |
| SPIKE LEVEL | 1000 | 1000 | 20.0 | 1000 | 100 |
| SPK REC LIMITS | 80.0 - 120 | 80.0 - 120 | 80.0 - 120 | 80.0 - 120 | 80.0 - 120 |
| SPK RPD LIMITS | 20.0 | 20.0 | 20.0 | 20.0 | 10.0 |
| MS RESULT | 1020 | 1030 | 18.3 | 1090 | 242 |
| MS RECOVERY % | 102 | 103 | 91.5 | 102 | 88.0 |
| MSD RESULT | 934 | 949 | 18.8 | 997 | 240 |
| MSD RECOVERY % | 93.4 | 94.9 | 94.0 | 93.0 | 86.0 |
| MS/MSD RPD % | 8.80 | 8.19 | 2.70 | 9.52 | 2.30 |
| BS RESULT | 976 | 995 | NA | 976 | NA |
| BS RECOVERY % | 97.6 | 99.5 | NA | 97.6 | NA |
| BSD RESULT | 1070 | 1080 | NA | 1070 | NA |
| BSD RECOVERY % | 107 | 108 | NA | 107 | NA |
| BS/BSD RPD % | 9.19 | 8.19 | NA | 9.19 | NA |
| DUP RPD LIMITS | --- | --- | --- | 20.0 | 10.0 |
| DUPLICATE RPD % | NC | NC | NC | 7.60 | 2.63 |
| LCS LEVEL | --- | --- | 20.0 | --- | 100 |
| LCS REC LIMITS | --- | --- | 80.0 - 120 | --- | 80.0 - 120 |
| LCS RESULT | SEE_BS | SEE_BS | 17.5 | SEE_BS | 96.0 |
| LCS RECOVERY % | SEE_BS | SEE_BS | 87.5 | SEE_BS | 96.0 |
| SPIKE SAMPLE ID | 1177-11 | 1177-11 | 1212-2 | 1177-11 | 1099-1 |
| SAMPLE VALUE | < 5.00 | < 5.00 | < 2.00 | 66.9 | 154 |
| DUP SAMPLE ID | 1177-11 | 1177-11 | 1212-2 | 1177-11 | 1099-1 |
| DUP SAMPLE VAL/1 | --- | --- | --- | 62.0 | 150 |
| DUP SAMPLE VAL/2 | --- | --- | --- | 66.9 | 154 |

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Date Remediation Started: Nov. 18, 1997 Date Completed: Nov. 28, 1997

Remediation Method: Excavation xx
(Check all appropriate sections)

Approx. cubic yards 240 yards *

Landfarmed

Insitu Bioremediation

Other * plus additional 320 yards from tank cleaning

Remediation Location:
(ie. landfarmed onsite,
name and location of
offsite facility)

Onsite Offsite Hauled all material to Controlled
Recovery, Inc.

General Description Of Remedial Action: Hauled to Controlled Recovery, Inc as above

Ground Water Encountered: No xx Yes Depth

Final Pit:

Sample location Multiple samples, see attached

Closure Sampling:

(if multiple samples,
attach sample results
and diagram of sample
locations and depths)

Sample depth

Sample date

Sample time

Sample Results

Benzene (ppm)

Total BTEX (ppm)

Field headspace (ppm)

TPH

Ground Water Sample: Yes No (If yes, attach sample results)

HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION ABOVE IS TRUE AND COMPLETE TO THE BEST
OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF

DATE 2/27/98

SIGNATURE

V. E. Butler

PRINTED NAME
AND TITLE

V. Ed Butler
Vice President

NORTHLAND OPERATING COMPANY
Rock Queen Unit Saltwater Plant #2
North (primary) pit
Sample Results

Sample location
or depth below
ground level (BGL)

Random in bottom of
pit (BBC International,
November 24, 1997 - Cardinal
Laboratories H3332-3 #3)

BTEX: benzene < 0.002 ppm (mg/Kg)
toluene < 0.002 ppm
ethyl benzene: 0.022 ppm
total xylenes: 0.089 ppm

The above sample was taken prior to repair work on the saltwater tank at this location. That work resulted in this pit being used for drainage from the tank so that repairs could be made.

Random in bottom of
pit after repairs (SESI,
field sample, December 10, 1997)

Total Petroleum Hydrocarbon:
TPH
1870 ppm

Vertical Profile samples
December 10, 1997

19' BGL (field sample, SESI)

TPH: 13 ppm
BTEX: 12 ppm by PID

28' BGL (field sample, SESI)

TPH: 53 ppm
BTEX: 1.4 ppm by PID

28' BGL (Cardinal Laboratories
H3371-1, confirming sample)

TPH: < 10 ppm (mg/Kg)

Depth of pit: approximately 8' BGL

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P.O. Drawer DD, Artesia, NM 88211
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1000 Rio Brazos Rd, Aztec, NM 87410

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PIT REMEDIATION AND CLOSURE REPORT

Operator: Northland Operating Company Telephone: 1-214-521-9959
Address: 3500 Oak Lawn, L.B. #31, Dallas, Texas 75219-4398
Facility Or: Rock Queen Unit Saltwater Plant #2 - middle pit
Well Name _____
Location: Unit or Qtr/Qtr Sec SE/4, NE/4 Sec 25 T 13S R 31E County Chaves
Pit Type: Separator ___ Dehydrator ___ other Secondary emergency overflow
Land Type: BLM ___, State ___, Fee ___, Other Private

Pit Location: Pit dimensions: length 35', width 40', depth 6' after
(Attach diagram) excavation
Reference: wellhead ___, other _____
Footage from reference: _____
Direction from reference: _____ Degrees _____ East North _____
_____ of _____
_____ West South _____

Depth To Ground Water: Less than 50 feet (20 points)
(Vertical distance from 50 feet to 99 feet (10 points)
contaminants to seasonal Greater than 100 feet (0 Points) 0
high water elevation of
ground water)

Wellhead Protection Area: Yes (20 points)
(Less than 200 feet from a private No (0 points) 0
domestic water source, or; less than
1000 feet from all other water sources)

Distance To Surface Water: Less than 200 feet (20 points)
(Horizontal distance to perennial 200 feet to 1000 feet (10 points) 0
lakes, ponds, rivers, streams, creeks, Greater than 1000 feet (0 points)
irrigation canals and ditches)

RANKING SCORE (TOTAL POINTS): 0

NORTHLAND OPERATING COMPANY
Rock Queen Unit Saltwater Plant #2
Middle pit
Sample Results

Sample location
or depth below
ground level (BGL)

Random sample from bottom
of pit (BBC International,
November 24, 1997 - Cardinal
Laboratories H3332-2 #2)

BTEX: benzene: < 0.002 ppm(mg/Kg)
toluene: 0.008 ppm
ethyl benzene: 0.012 ppm
total xylenes: 0.038 ppm

BBC - field sample November 24

Total Petroleum hydrocarbon:
TPH:
2220 ppm

The above sample was taken for establishing the results of work done to that point in time. Hauled additional material from this pit on November 28 in order to reduce further the TPH level.

Random sample from the bottom
of the pit December 10, 1997,
field sample, SESI

TPH: 2667 ppm

Vertical Profile samples
December 10, 1997

10' BGL (field sample, SESI)
(4' below pit floor)

TPH: 267 ppm

20' BGL (field sample, SESI)

TPH: non-detect

20' BGL (Cardinal Laboratories
H3371-2)

TPH: < 10 ppm (mg/Kg)

Bottom of pit 6' below ground level after final excavation

1000 Rio Brazos Rd. Aztec, NM 87410

Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-2088

(Revised 3/9/94)

PIT REMEDIATION AND CLOSURE REPORT

RANKING SCORE (TOTAL POINTS): 0

Date Remediation Started:

n/a

Date Completed:

 n/a

Remediation Method: Excavation

Approx. cubic yards none

(Check all appropriate sections)

Landfarmed _____

Insitu Bioremediation

Other

Remediation Location:

| | | |
|---------------|----------------|-----|
| Onsite | Offsite | n/a |
|---------------|----------------|-----|

(ie. landfarmed onsite,
name and location of
offsite facility)

General Description Of Remedial Action: Tested soil in bottom of pit to

see if any action was necessary. See sample results below.

Ground Water Encountered:

No XX

Yes

Depth

Final Pit:

Sample location Random sample in bottom of pit

Closure Sampling:

| Sample depth | Pit bottom | surface | sample |
|--------------|------------|---------|--------|
|--------------|------------|---------|--------|

Sample date November 24, 1997 Sample time

Sample Results

Benzene (ppm) 0.002 ppm (mg/Kg)

Total BTEX (ppm) see attached

Field headspace (ppm)

TPH _____

Ground Water Sample:

Yes

No

(If yes, attach sample results)

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION ABOVE IS TRUE AND COMPLETE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF

DATE 2/27/98

SIGNATURE *U. E. Butte*

PRINTED NAME
AND TITLE

V. Ed Butler,
Vice President



NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS
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OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION
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February 17, 1998

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT NO. P-326-936-397

Mr. V. Ed Butler
Northland Operating Company
3500 Oak Lawn
Suite 380
Dallas, TX 75219-4398

RE: Pit Closure Report
Northland Operating Company
SE/4, NE/4, Section 25, Township 13 South, Range 31 East, NMPM
Chaves County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Butler:

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has received the Northland Operating Company (Northland) Pit Closure Report dated January 16, 1998 regarding the pit closures at the above referenced location. The OCD has reviewed the information provided by Northland and requires additional information to aid in the review of the closure report. Northland shall submit the following:

1. Chain of custody for the BETX analysis, Cardinal Laboratories number H3332-1, H3332-2, and H3332-3;
2. Chain of custody and original laboratory report for the ground water and playa analysis, sample ID JR001, JR002, and JR003;
3. Completed Pit Remediation And Closure Report Forms. The Form shall stipulate the location to which the contaminated soil was hauled. In addition, all Forms shall have the original date and signature by the appropriate Northland Operating Company representative.

Final approval of the closure plan will be deferred until the requested materials listed above are received and evaluated. Northland shall submit the requested materials to the OCD Santa Fe office and a copy to the Hobbs District office **no later than March 6, 1998.**

If you require any further information concerning closure procedures please contact me at (505) 827-7153.

Sincerely,

Martyne J. Kielling
Environmental Geologist

xc: Hobbs OCD Office
Ed Morney, Field Superintendent, Northland, P.O. Box 119, Maljamar, NM 88264

MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

✓ TELEPHONE _____ PERSONAL _____ TIME 10:45 DATE 12-9-97 & 12-10-97

ORIGINATING PARTY Dike Browning Safety Solutions (Bob Alan)
505 397 0510

OTHER PARTIES Martynne Kicking

505 369 9239

DISCUSSION Sampling of Exempt waste pits Next to SWD
Take one Sample From the center of the two pits that
had contamination. Plug with Bentonite & Grout top 5 feet.
At a Non exempt waste pit Take Sample for waste Characterization
and Document Vertical Extent.

CONCLUSIONS _____

~~CHRIS EUSTICE~~ _____

MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

✓ TELEPHONE PERSONAL TIME 8:30 DATE 11-15-77

ORIGINATING PARTY Art Hillman

OTHER PARTIES Marlyne Kicling

DISCUSSION SE NE. 25 T13R31E

Northland 3 pits waste is exempt and is going to CRT. I confirmed waste is exempt and is ok to accept at CRT with waste status C135

CONCLUSIONS

~~CHRIS ELSIE~~ Martyn Kutz

NORTHLAND OPERATING COMPANY

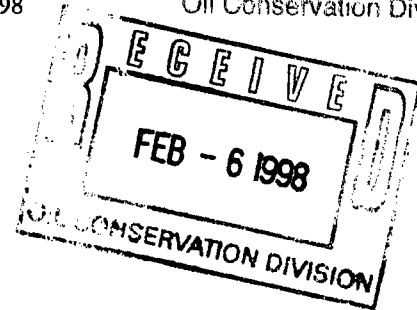
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Oil Conservation Division

February 4, 1998

Ms. Martyne Kieling
Environmental Geologist
New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department
Oil Conservation Division - Environmental Bureau
2040 South Pacheco Street
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505



Re: Pit Closures - Rock Queen Unit Saltwater Plant #2 (three pits)

Dear Ms. Kieling:

As you are aware, Northland has excavated and hauled to an approved facility approximately 560 yards of material from the 'north' pit and 286 yards of material from the 'middle' pit at the referenced facility. Soil samples were taken from the bottom of all three pits at this facility (the 'south' pit appeared to have never received any hydrocarbons). These samples were collected by an independent third party (BBC International) and submitted to Cardinal Laboratory for BTEX analysis. The report from Cardinal is attached. Samples from these three pits are identified as H3332-3 #3 (north pit), H-3332-2 #2 (middle pit) and H3332-1 #1 (south pit). After these pit bottom tests, Northland made provisions to determine the vertical extent of any hydrocarbon migration beneath the north and middle pits. A path was made into these two pits to allow the drilling rig to set up in the bottom of the two pits. This was the optimal place to determine if any significant vertical migration had occurred. Enclosed are the reports from Safety & Environmental Solutions, Inc. that provide details of this vertical profiling work in the north and middle pits.

Please review the enclosed material for completeness as it relates to your needs. It is our position that these three pits are ready to be filled, but we are reluctant to proceed without your approval. It appears we have met all of the requirements of the pit closure guidelines. Please be aware that we did not notify the OCD when the pit bottom samples were taken for BTEX analysis on November 24, 1997. Excavation had been done and I personally was too eager to wait a couple of days to determine the levels of contamination remaining. In the interest of impartiality, we did employ a third party to collect these samples and submit them to a laboratory of his choice for analysis. We have no doubts as to the validity or impartiality of these BTEX results. At this point in time, additional pit floor samples from the north and middle pits would require that we excavate the material that was unavoidably pushed into these pits to provide access to the drilling rig used for vertical profiling. Please let us know your thoughts.

Respectfully,

John E. Rhoads
Agent for Northland Operating

cc: Mr. Wayne Price, OCD



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ANALYTICAL RESULTS FOR
BBC INTERNATIONAL
ATTN: JOE FRANK DEAN
P O. BOX 297
HOBBS, NM 88241-0297
FAX TO: 505-397-0397

Receiving Date: 11/24/97
Reporting Date: 12/01/97
Project Number: NOT GIVEN
Project Name: NORLAND OPERATING
Project Location: SALT WATER PIT #2

Sampling Date: 11/24/97
Sample Type: SOIL
Sample Condition: COOL & INTACT
Sample Received By: JS
Analyzed By: BC

| LAB NUMBER | SAMPLE ID | BENZENE (mg/Kg) | TOLUENE (mg/Kg) | ETHYL BENZENE (mg/Kg) | TOTAL XYLENES (mg/Kg) |
|-----------------------------|-----------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| ANALYSIS DATE | | 11/25/97 | 11/25/97 | 11/25/97 | 11/25/97 |
| H3332-1 | #1 | <0.002 | <0.002 | <0.002 | <0.008 |
| H3332-2 | #2 | <0.002 | 0.008 | 0.012 | 0.036 |
| H3332-3 | #3 | <0.002 | <0.002 | 0.022 | 0.089 |
| Quality Control | | 0.101 | 0.090 | 0.094 | 0.278 |
| True Value QC | | 0.100 | 0.100 | 0.100 | 0.300 |
| % Accuracy | | 101 | 90 | 94 | 92 |
| Relative Percent Difference | | 0.9 | 11.1 | 6.4 | 0.5 |

METHOD: EPA SW 848-8020, 5030, Gas Chromatography

Chemist

Date

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ANALYTICAL RESULTS FOR
BBC INTERNATIONAL
ATTN: JOE FRANK DEAN
P.O. BOX 297
HOBBS, NM 88240
FAX TO: 505-397-0397

Receiving Date: 11/21/97
Reporting Date: 11/24/97
Project Number: NOT GIVEN
Project Name: NORTHERN OPERATION
Project Location: NOT GIVEN

Analysis Date: 11/21/97
Sampling Date: 11/21/97
Sample Type: SOIL
Sample Condition: COOL, INTACT
Sample Received By: AH
Analyzed By: AH

LAB NUMBER SAMPLE ID TPH
(mg/Kg)

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|-----------------------------|---|------|
| H332B-1 | - | 2220 |
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| | | |
| Quality Control | | 212 |
| True Value QC | | 200 |
| % Recovery | | 106 |
| Relative Percent Difference | | 0.5 |

METHOD: EPA 418.1, 3510, 3640, or 3660; Infrared Spectroscopy

[Signature]
Chemist

11/24/97
Date

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ANALYSIS REQUEST

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|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Company Name: Rockwell International <i>Arthur's operating</i> | PO #: |
| Project Manager: <i>Joe F. Dean</i> | |
| Address: | Company: <i>DAZ</i> |
| City: | State: |
| Phone #: <i>505-397-6800</i> | Address: |
| Fax #: <i>397-0397</i> | City: |
| Project #: | State: |
| Project Name: | Phone #: |
| Project Location: <i>South western mt #2</i> | Fax #: |

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| Date: 11-2-97 Time: 1:00 PM Date: _____ Time: _____ | | Received By: [Signature] Received By: Lab Staff | | CHECKED BY: [Signature] | |
| Date: 11-2-97 Time: 1:00 PM Date: _____ Time: _____ | | Received By: [Signature] Received By: Lab Staff | | CHECKED BY: [Signature] | |



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November 6, 1997

CERTIFIED MAIL

RETURN RECEIPT NO. P-326-936-364

Mr. Robert E. McKnight
Northland Operating Company
3500 Oak Lawn
Suite 380
Dallas, TX 75219-4398

**RE: Pit Closure
Northland Operating Company
SE/4, NE/4, Section 25, Township 13 South, Range 31 East, NMPM
Chaves County, New Mexico**

Dear Mr. McKnight:

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has received the Northland Operating Company (Northland) letter dated October 30, 1997 regarding the pit closures at the above referenced location. According to the information supplied by Northland and the fact that there were no drums, buckets or containers in the pits at the above referenced location the OCD agrees with Northland's determination that the waste is exempt oilfield waste.

In addition, The concepts proposed in the Northland pit closure outline are hereby tentatively approved. However, final approval of the closure plan will be deferred until sample analysis are received and evaluated from Step IV, proposed in the pit closure outline. At such time Northland shall clarify Step V of the pit closure plan. Northland may proceed with Steps I-IV and VII proposed in the pit closure outline. Northland shall submit the sample analysis data and clarification to Step V to the OCD Santa Fe office and a copy to the Hobbs District office **no later than January 20, 1998.**

If you require any further information concerning closure procedures please contact me at (505) 827-7153.

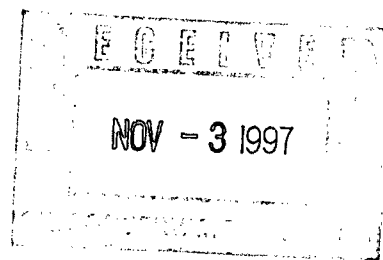
Sincerely,

Martyne J. Kieling
Environmental Geologist

xc: Hobbs OCD Office
Ed Morney, Field Superintendent, Northland, P.O. Box 119, Maljamar, NM 88264

NORTHLAND OPERATING CO.

3500 Oak Lawn, Suite 380, LB #31
Dallas, Texas 75219-4398
214-521-9959; 214-521-9960 Fax



October 30, 1997

Ms. Martyne J. Kieling, Environmental Geologist
New Mexico Energy, Minerals & Natural Resources Department
Oil Conservation Division
2040 South Pacheco Street
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

Re: Unauthorized Waste Disposal Pits
SE/4 of NE/4, Section 25, T13S, R31E
Chaves County, New Mexico

Dear Ms. Kieling:

We are in receipt of your letter dated October 22, 1997 regarding the inspection on September 22, 1997 by yourself and other employees of the OCD, representatives of the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U. S. Fish & Wildlife Commission. This letter is to inform you of the steps we have taken to address the issues raised as a result of that inspection, to respond to your request for information, and to outline our plans for closing the three pits at this location.

As was evident during your inspection, the north and middle pits of the three small pits just east of the saltwater facility have been used as emergency overflow pits for the single saltwater storage tank at this site. We did not feel that it would be prudent to close these pits before providing emergency storage for the operational mishaps that occur from time to time. Without emergency storage, we would be faced with an *un-contained* release of saltwater to the surface of the land. Accordingly, we have already set a tank for the collection of the fluids coming from the operation of the saltwater pump at this facility. This tank will be equipped with a sump pump to transfer any such fluids back into the storage tanks. We have arranged for an additional 1000 barrel emergency overflow tank to be set (complete with a liner and secondary containment) to the west of the existing tank. This tank will be operational within the next few days. We have ordered an alarm system for this facility to provide our operational personnel with an early warning when abnormal operational conditions occur. The alarm system is scheduled to be in place within ten days.

Ms. Martyne J. Kieling
October 30, 1997

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Answers to the four questions posed at the top of the second page of your letter are as follows:

1) "the names and addresses of all waste generators who are utilizing the pits" -

Northland Operating is the only known current user of these pits, whose address is that noted in the above letterhead.

2) "the names and addresses of all waste transporters;" -

It is assumed on our part that you are asking if waste is hauled into and disposed of in these pits by others. No other waste is placed in these pits other than produced water (occasionally skim oil and miniscule amounts of lube oil) from wells operated by Northland on the Rock Queen Unit.

3) "the location of all waste generation (exact well locations);" -

Attached please find a plat (showing the well spots within the section, township and range) of the currently producing wells that generate saltwater for disposal by this facility.

4) "the total volume of waste from each location that has gone into the unauthorized pits." -

Northland Operating company has no records that would allow us to answer this question even for the short period of time we have operated this property. Prior operators likewise did not keep such records.

An outline of our pit closure plan is also enclosed. Please advise if our plan is deficient in any way or lacks essential elements.

Sincerely,



Robert E. McKnight
Engineer

cc: Mr. Wayne Price, OCD, Hobbs

NORTHLAND OPERATING COMPANY

Pit Closure Outline

October 30, 1997

Step I: Finish setting overflow tank at the site to preclude further saltwater releases to the emergency pit.

Step II: Empty the north-most and the middle pit of all liquids that can be pulled with a vacuum truck. Liquids (predominately produced saltwater) will to be hauled to CRI in Hobbs.

Step III: With 'track-hoe', excavate sludge material and haul to CRI in Hobbs for possible oil reclamation or land farming. Provisions will be taken to ensure that no fluids are lost during transportation. An accounting of all materials removed shall be made and appropriate records kept.

Step IV: Starting with the south-most pit, core samples will be taken at the southeast edge of each pit to determine the vertical extent of contamination. Samples will be taken at 10' intervals and detection of TPH and BTEX will utilize field instrumentation for screening purposes. Once the field instrumentation indicates TPH and BTEX levels at or below levels of regulatory concern, confirmation samples will be sent to a laboratory for testing in compliance with EPA standards and protocols.

Step V: The results of the vertical profiling will determine which method of remediation will be most effective for each of the three pits at this site. If feasible, subsurface media contaminated at levels above those of regulatory concern will be brought to the surface, placed on impervious liners and remediated on-site. It is reported that solid rock is in the near surface; rock may be difficult to 'remediate'. If on-site remediation is not feasible, the operator would like to retain the flexibility to haul material to a licensed disposal facility (tentatively CRI in Hobbs), to blend with other soils or gravel to levels below regulatory concern for use as road material, or to propose a closure protocol that includes contamination plume migration modeling if feasible and allowable.

Step VI: If additional material is needed to fill these pits to grade level as a result of the excavation and hauling of material from these pits, materials will be purchased from a local private source for back-filling these pits. Pits will be brought to or above grade and re-seeded with native or improved dry-land grasses.

Step VII: The District Office of the OCD will be contacted anytime material is to be hauled off-site or when sampling is to be done. Photographs will be taken at appropriate stages during the entire process.

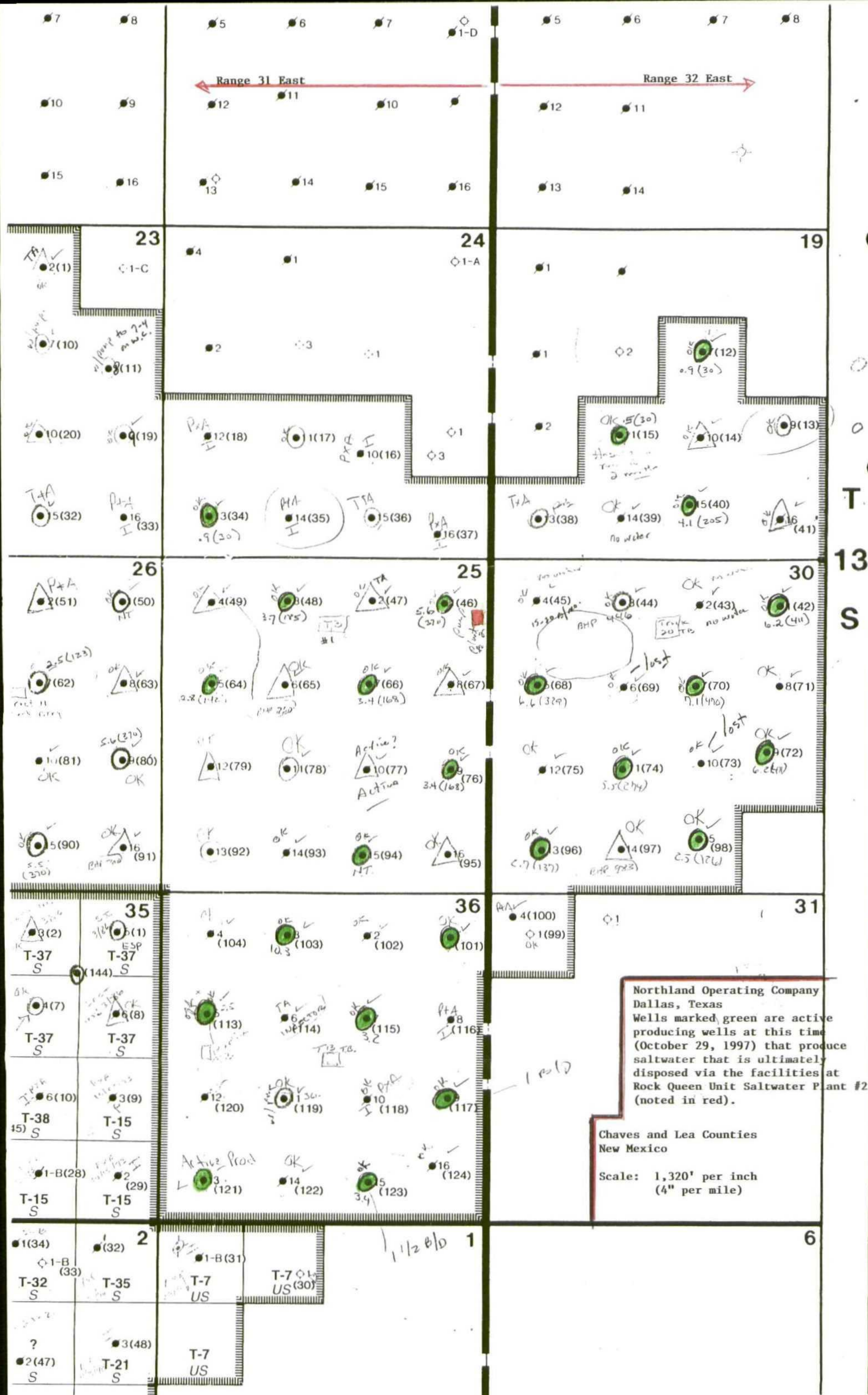
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Pit Closure Outline

October 30, 1997

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Step VIII: A final report documenting all the work performed during the pit closures will be submitted to the New Mexico OCD.



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PIT INVENTORY FORM

Operator: Northland Operating Company

Address: 3500 Oak Lawn, Suite 380, LB #31
Dallas, Texas 75219-4398

Phone Number: 214-521-9959

Previous Operator(s): Circle Ridge (1988-1995) / Great Western Drilling (original Unit operator)

Is the pit permitted: Yes ☐ No ☒

Unit Letter: A Section: 25 Township: 13S Range: 31E NE/4 of the NE/4

County: Chaves

Location Name: Rock Queen Unit Saltwater Plant #2

Number of wells to the pit: none

Are the wells to the pit operated by one operator ☒ or multiple operators ☐

Total daily volume (in barrels) to the pit: None - no evidence that this pit has ever had any significant amounts of fluid in it except rainwater

Pit Type: Emergency
(Emergency, Production, Workover, Reserve/Drilling(greater than 6 months old), Flare, Blowdown, Separator, Dehydrator, Line Drip, BS&W/Tank Bottoms, Compressor, Pigging, Washdown, or other)

What types of wastes are accepted in the pit (Exempt, Non-exempt, Both, None): Exempt

Pit age (years): Greater than 30

Is the pit lined ☐ or unlined ☒

Type of liner (None, Synthetic, Clay): _____

Is leak detection present: Yes ☐ No ☒

Is the pit netted: Yes ☐ No ☒

Pit dimensions (LxWxD): 80' x 80' x 4' (south pit)

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the information submitted is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Name: Robert E. McKnight Title: Engineer

Signature: [Signature] Date: October 30, 1997

A pit is defined as any below grade or surface feature which receives any materials other than fresh water.

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Is the pit permitted: Yes ☐ No ☒

Unit Letter: A Section: 25 Township: 13S Range: 31E NE/4 of the NE/4

County: Chaves

Location Name: Rock Queen Unit Saltwater Plant #2

Number of wells to the pit: none directly; receives over-flow from the north pit

Are the wells to the pit operated by one operator ☒ or multiple operators ☐

Total daily volume (in barrels) to the pit: None, except during storage tank and north pit overflow

Pit Type: Emergency

(Emergency, Production, Workover, Reserve/Drilling(greater than 6 months old), Flare, Blowdown, Separator, Dehydrator, Line Drip, BS&W/Tank Bottoms, Compressor, Pigging, Washdown, or other)

What types of wastes are accepted in the pit (Exempt, Non-exempt, Both, None): Exempt

Pit age (years): Greater than 30

Is the pit lined ☐ or unlined ☒

Type of liner (None, Synthetic, Clay): _____

Is leak detection present: Yes ☐ No ☒

Is the pit netted: Yes ☐ No ☒

Pit dimensions (LxWxD): 50' x 40' x 8' (middle of three small pits)

CERTIFICATION

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Name: Robert E. McKnight Title: Engineer

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Previous Operator(s): Circle Ridge (1988-1995)/ Great Western Drilling (original Unit operator)

Is the pit permitted: Yes ☐ No ☒

Unit Letter: A Section: 25 Township: 13S Range: 31E NE/4 of the NE/4

County: Chaves

Location Name: Rock Queen Unit Saltwater Plant #2

Number of wells to the pit: Water from 24 producing wells

Are the wells to the pit operated by one operator ☒ or multiple operators ☐

Total daily volume (in barrels) to the pit: None except during storage tank overflow

Pit Type: Emergency
(Emergency, Production, Workover, Reserve/Drilling(greater than 6 months old), Flare, Blowdown, Separator, Dehydrator, Line Drip, BS&W/Tank Bottoms, Compressor, Pigging, Washdown, or other)

What types of wastes are accepted in the pit (Exempt, Non-exempt, Both, None): Exempt

Pit age (years): Greater than 30

Is the pit lined ☐ or unlined ☒

Type of liner (None, Synthetic, Clay): _____

Is leak detection present: Yes ☐ No ☒

Is the pit netted: Yes ☐ No ☒

Pit dimensions (LxWxD): 30' x 30' 6' (northern-most pit of three)

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the information submitted is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Name: Robert E. McKnight Title: Engineer
Signature: [Signature] Date: October 30, 1997

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Is the pit permitted: Yes ☐ No ☒

Unit Letter: A Section: 25 Township: 13S Range: 31E NE/4 of the NE/4

County: Chaves

Location Name: Rock Queen Unit Saltwater Plant #2

Number of wells to the pit: none

Are the wells to the pit operated by one operator ☒ or multiple operators ☐

Total daily volume (in barrels) to the pit: None - no evidence that this pit has ever had any significant amounts of fluid in it except rainwater

Pit Type: Emergency

(Emergency, Production, Workover, Reserve/Drilling (greater than 6 months old), Flare, Blowdown, Separator, Dehydrator, Line Drip, BS&W/Tank Bottoms, Compressor, Pigging, Washdown, or other)

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Pit age (years): Greater than 30

Is the pit lined ☐ or unlined ☒

Type of liner (None, Synthetic, Clay): _____

Is leak detection present: Yes ☐ No ☒

Is the pit netted: Yes ☐ No ☒

Pit dimensions (LxWxD): 80' x 80' x 4' (south pit)

CERTIFICATION

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Name: Robert E. McKnight

Title: Engineer

Signature: [Signature]

Date: October 30, 1997

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Is leak detection present: Yes ☐ No ☒Is the pit netted: Yes ☐ No ☒Pit dimensions (LxWxD): 50' x 40' x 8' (middle of three small pits)

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the information submitted is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Name: Robert E. McKnightTitle: EngineerSignature: Date: October 30, 1997

A pit is defined as any below grade or surface feature which receives any materials other than fresh water.

PIT INVENTORY FORM

Operator: Northland Operating Company

Address: 3500 Oak Lawn, Suite 380, LB #31

Dallas, Texas 75219-4398

Phone Number: 214-521-9959

Previous Operator(s): Circle Ridge (1988-1995) / Great Western Drilling (original Unit operator)

Is the pit permitted: Yes ☐ No ☒

Unit Letter: A Section: 25 Township: 13S Range: 31E NE/4 of the NE/4

County: Chaves

Location Name: Rock Queen Unit Saltwater Plant #2

Number of wells to the pit: Water from 24 producing wells

Are the wells to the pit operated by one operator ☒ or multiple operators ☐

Total daily volume (in barrels) to the pit: None except during storage tank overflow

Pit Type: Emergency

(Emergency, Production, Workover, Reserve/Drilling(greater than 6 months old), Flare, Blowdown, Separator, Dehydrator, Line Drip, BS&W/Tank Bottoms, Compressor, Pigging, Washdown, or other)

What types of wastes are accepted in the pit (Exempt, Non-exempt, Both, None): Exempt

Pit age (years): Greater than 30

Is the pit lined ☐ or unlined ☒

Type of liner (None, Synthetic, Clay): _____

Is leak detection present: Yes ☐ No ☒

Is the pit netted: Yes ☐ No ☒

Pit dimensions (LxWxD): 30' x 30' 6' (northern-most pit of three)

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the information submitted is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Name: Robert E. McKnight

Title: Engineer

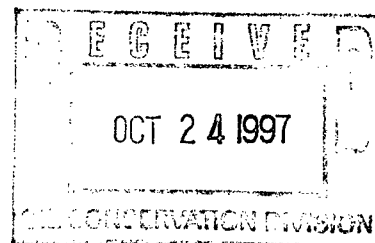
Signature: [Signature]

Date: October 30, 1997

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John E. Rhoads

**719 Scott, Suite 624
Wichita Falls, Texas 76301
940-723-8511
October 13, 1997**



**Mr. Wayne Price
New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural
Resources Department, Oil Conservation Division
1000 West Broadway
Hobbs, New Mexico 88240**

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**Environmental Bureau
Oil Conservation Division**

**Re: Northland Operating Company
Rock Queen Unit, Lea and Chaves County, New Mexico
SPCC Plans for Tract 20 and Saltwater Plant #2**

Dear Mr. Price:

Enclosed are the two SPCC Plans I mentioned to you on September 22, 1997. It is unclear to me whether or not these have been sent to you as requested. In the interest of certainty, I will duplicate the effort if it has already been done.

Northland has been removing the liquids from the pits that were inspected. It now appears that there is a diminishing return on efforts to hot oil and remove as liquid the remainder of the sludge. Accordingly, a dirt contractor is in the process of estimating costs and making arrangements for a track-hoe and trucks to remove the remaining sludge.

Respectfully,

**John E. Rhoads
For Northland Operating**

cc: Mr. Bob McKnight, Northland Operating

SPILL PREVENTION & COUNTERMEASURE PLAN

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Name of Facility: Rock Queen Unit Saltwater Plant #2
2. Type of Facility: Produced Saltwater storage
3. Location of Facility: Chaves County, New Mexico
NE/4 of NE/4 Section 25, T13S-R31E

4. Name and address of owner or operator:

Name : Northland Operating Company

Address: 3500 Oak Lawn, Suite 380, L.B. #31
Dallas, Texas 75219-4398

5. Designated person accountable for oil spill prevention at facility:

Name and title: Ed Marney, Field Superintendent

6. This facility did not experience a reportable oil spill event during the twelve months prior to January 10, 1974 (effective date of 40 CFR, Part 112).

I hereby certify that I have examined the facility, and being familiar with the provisions of 40 CFR, Part 112, attest that this SPCC Plan has been prepared in accordance with good engineering practices.

Ed Butler, Registered Professional Engineer

(Seal)

J. Ed Butler
Signature

Date: 7/23/96 Registration No. 54443 State of Texas

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MANAGEMENT APPROVAL

This SPCC Plan will be implemented as herein described.

Signature: J. Ed Butler

Name : Ed Butler

Title: Vice President

FACILITY DESCRIPTION

The Rock Queen Unit Saltwater Plant #2 facility is identical to the Rock Queen Saltwater Plant #1 (see photograph filed with the Plant #1 SPCC), except there is no idle tank at this site. This facility includes the following equipment:

One (1) 3,000 barrel steel saltwater tank

FACILITY OPERATION

This facility is for receipt, storage and subsequent disposal of produced saltwater only. It is the intent of Northland Operating to treat spills of saltwater to the surface of the land on a par with oil spills. This facility receives approximately 1,900 barrels of water per day for disposal.

FACILITY INSPECTION

The facility was personally inspected during July 1996. All subsequent inspections will follow a written inspection procedure. A written record of these inspections will be kept in the Dallas office. The site description and operations noted during this inspection are as noted above. The following observations and recommendations are hereby recorded:

1. There is no secondary containment at this site. It is recommended that dikes or other means of secondary containment be installed immediately around the storage tank. The volume of secondary containment should approximate 3,500 barrels.

POTENTIAL SITE DRAINAGE

Terrain is flat with overall drainage to the east. There is a stock pond to the south of this facility, but drainage would not be toward this water. It is not reasonable to expect that oil from this saltwater facility would reach navigable waters. As a result, the facility is deemed NOT subject to the provisions of the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 and no Facility Response Plan is required.

SPILL CONTROL AND COUNTERMEASURE PLANS

All operating personnel will be informed of the requirements for spill prevention and control. Each employee or contract personnel will be provided with instructions and information that will allow him to initiate the appropriate action upon the discovery of a spill or potential spill.

I. SPILL PREVENTION CONTROL PLAN

A. Each lease operator and will be advised that his responsibilities include:

1. A daily inspection of all oil handling and oil treating equipment on each lease to assure proper functioning.
2. A daily inspection of all storage facilities to insure adequate storage volumes. Bypass, drain and pipeline valves should be checked for proper position and for security.
3. A daily inspection of all producing wells will be made to insure proper functioning of stuffing boxes, valves and connections (pumping wells), and chokes (flowing wells) for setting or mechanical integrity.
4. A daily determination of oil production. If shortages or overages occur, an immediate survey shall be conducted to determine the cause of the variance. Flowlines, leaking tanks or separators should be checked in the event of shortages; plugged waterlegs or dump valves on separation equipment that may have caused water to dump to the oil production tanks should be checked; for flowing wells, overages could be due to washed out or broken chokes.
5. Daily reports of leaks and potential problems shall be reported to the lease operator's supervisor.

B. Each production foreman will be advised that his responsibilities include:

1. A daily review of lease operations and operational problems with the lease operator.
2. Periodic inspection of the lease equipment and storage facilities to insure that the lease operator is operating and maintaining equipment in an environmentally acceptable manner as directed by the company. The production foreman will make a concerted effort to determine if corrosion problems or other potential leak sources exist.

3. Immediate reporting of leaks or potential leaks to the Superintendent. In the event the Superintendent is unavailable, the foreman will be authorized to take all actions necessary to stop leakages and to initiate measures to contain and mitigate any spill.

II. SPILL COUNTERMEASURE PLAN

- A. Immediate reports of oil spills or leaks shall be made to the proper production personnel. They may be contacted as follows:

| | | |
|--------------|----------------|-------------------|
| Ed Marney | 1-505-676-2130 | site office |
| | 1-505-369-5451 | mobile |
| | 1-505-676-6755 | residence on site |
| Bob McKnight | 1-214-521-9959 | office |
| | 1-972-612-5744 | home |
| Ed Butler | 1-214-521-9959 | office |
| | 1-214-507-8003 | mobile |
| | 1-817-549-2946 | home |

- B. Immediate action shall be initiated to stop any leakage and to contain and remove any oil spillage. For this property, the Company has available on site both personnel and equipment to contain and remove oil and saltwater spills. The equipment includes but is not limited to a bulldozer, a vacuum truck and a backhoe. The company has a roustabout crew that is dedicated to this property and is on call for emergency spills.
- C. Any problem relating to the engineering or design of this plan for the control or containment of oil and saltwater spills should be referred to Ed Butler, Vice President of Northland Operating.
- D. Every employee needs to be aware of the Company's concern regarding potential spills and the Company's dictate for immediate action in the event of a spill or leak. Each employee shall be encouraged to evaluate potentially hazardous operations and to proceed only after careful consideration of the situation and an evaluation of the available equipment for the particular cleanup operation. The employee is reminded that certain hazardous material (crude oil) cleanup operations may be beyond the capabilities immediately available on the lease and that personnel with proper HAZWOPER training may need to be called for these operations.

- E. Any oil spill that has the possibility of entering "navigable waters of the United States" should be reported immediately to the regional office of the United States Environmental Protection Agency in Dallas, Texas.
- F. The lease operator needs to be aware of "Reportable Limits" set by regulators. Oil spill volumes above these limits may need to be reported to both the United States Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Management and the Oil Conservation Division, State of New Mexico.

WRITTEN COMMITMENT OF MANPOWER

It is the policy of Northland Operating Company that in the event of a spill, the containment and cleanup effort shall take precedence over all other operations and all necessary employees shall be made available for such effort.

APPLICABLE TELEPHONE NUMBERS

U. S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management
2909 West Second Street
Roswell, New Mexico

1-505-627-0272

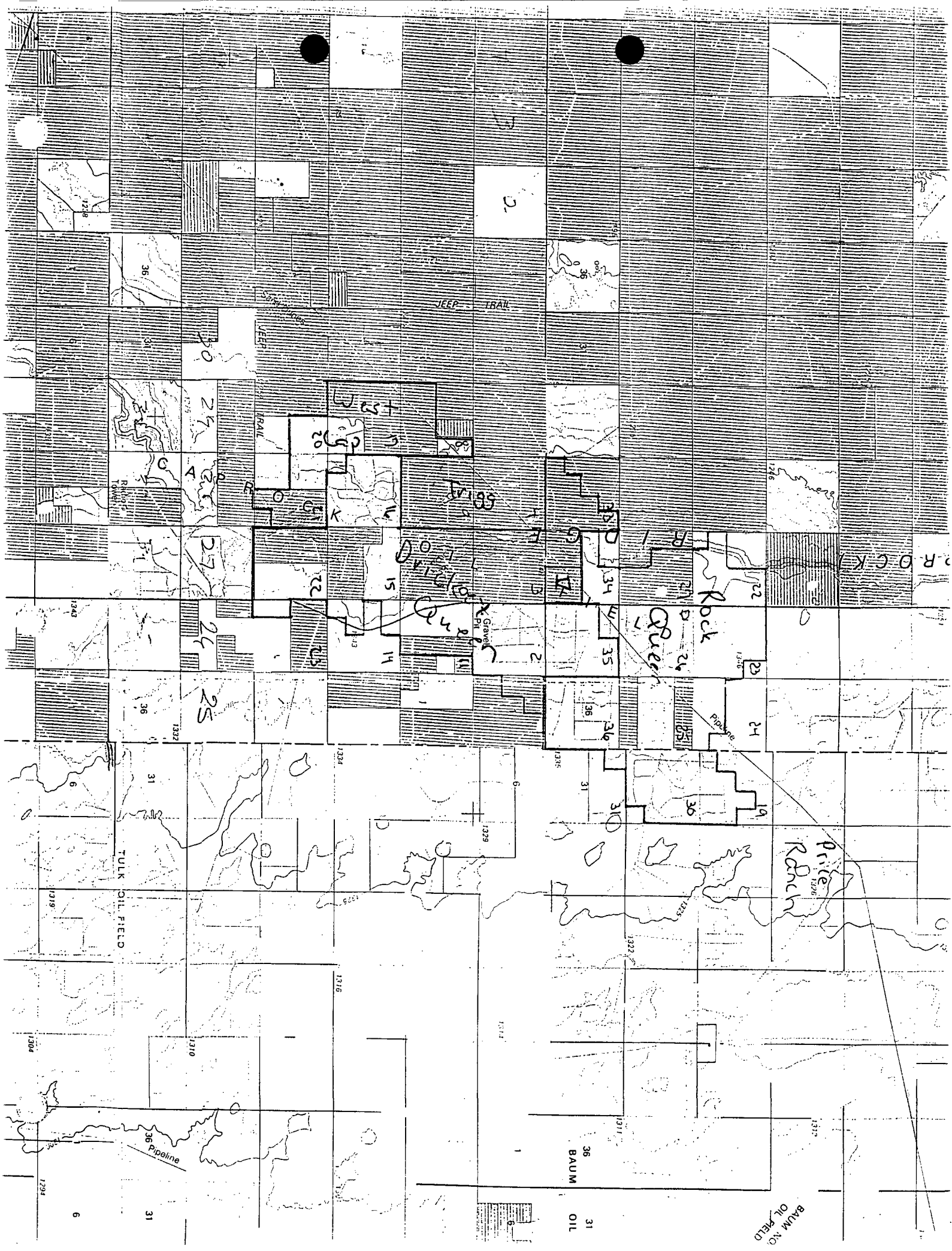
Oil Conservation Division, State of New Mexico
Jerry Sexton, District Supervisor
P. O. Box 1980
Hobbs, New Mexico

1-505-393-6161

United States Environmental Protection Agency
Region 6
1445 Ross Avenue
Dallas, Texas 75202-2733

1-214-655-6444

National Response Center (oil on navigable waters only)
1-800-424-8802





**NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS
& NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT**

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION
2040 South Pacheco Street
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505
(505) 827-7131

October 22, 1997

CERTIFIED MAIL

RETURN RECEIPT NO. P-326-936-350

Mr. Robert E. McKnight
Northland Operating Company
3500 Oak Lawn
Suite 380
Dallas, TX 75219-4398

**RE: NOTICE OF VIOLATION
Unauthorized Waste Disposal Pits
Northland Operating Company
SE/4, NE/4, Section 25, Township 13 South, Range 31 East, NMPM
Chaves County, New Mexico**

Dear Mr. McKnight:

On September 22, 1997 The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD), identified three unauthorized, unlined waste disposal pits located in the SE/4, NE/4, Section 25, Township 13 South, Range 31 East, NMPM, Chaves County, New Mexico (see attached map). These unauthorized pits are owned by Northland Operating Company (Northland).

OCD personnel performed an onsite inspection of the facility on September 22, 1997 and noted the following:

- 1) These unlined pits owned by Northland are being utilized on land that according to county records is private land;
- 2) These pits are accepting oilfield waste;
- 4) These pits were not screened or netted;
- 5) Thirty-six birds were collected within one pit by the US Fish and Wildlife.

Surface waste management facilities must be permitted pursuant to Rule 711 (as amended 1-1-96). In addition, pursuant to the OCD Order R-8952, all tanks exceeding 16 feet in diameter and all exposed pits and ponds shall be screened, netted or covered unless rendered non-hazardous to migratory birds. Order R-3221, as amended, prohibits the disposal of water produced in conjunction with the production of oil and gas in unlined pits or ponds where such disposal may impact fresh water supplies of the state of New Mexico. Therefore, all discharges into the unauthorized, unlined pits must cease.

Mr. Robert E. McKnight
October 22, 1997
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The OCD hereby requires Northland Operating Company to submit the following information: 1) the names and addresses of all waste generators who are utilizing the pits; 2) the names and addresses of all waste transporters; 3) the location of all waste generation (exact well locations); and 4) the total volume of waste from each location that has gone into the unauthorized pits.

In addition, Northland Operating Company must either permit the facility as a waste management facility or close the pits. Regardless of whether the facility is to be permitted or closed, Northland must submit a closure plan to the Santa Fe OCD office and a copy to the Hobbs District office. Included in the closure plan must be a plan for determining the nature and extent of contamination that has left the pits, how far the contamination has migrated. For your use please find enclosed a copy of the Order amending Rule 711, a form C-137 and OCD's pit closure guidelines. **A response is required by Northland Oil Corporation to these deficiencies by November 3, 1997.**

Failure to respond to this notice of violation by November 3, 1997 may result in a show cause hearing against Northland, requiring Northland to appear and show cause why it should not be ordered to close these pits and why it should not also be assessed civil penalties.

If you require any further information concerning permitting/closure procedures please contact me at (505) 827-7153.

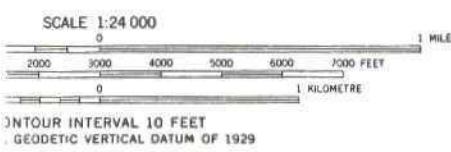
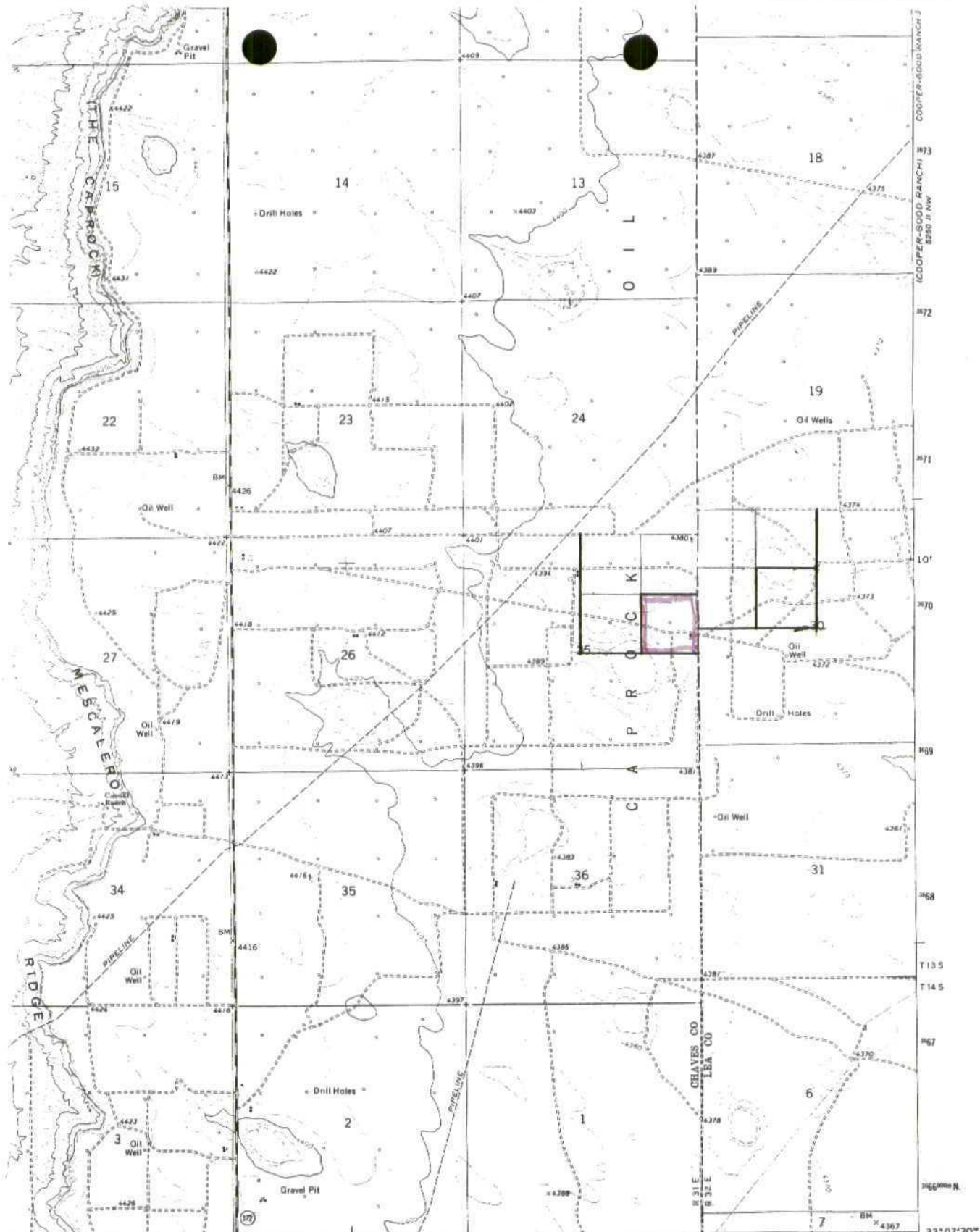
Sincerely,



Martyne J. Kieling
Environmental Geologist

Attachments- location map, Order R-10411-B (Rule 711), Form C-137, and pit closure guidelines.

xc: Hobbs OCD Office
Ed Morney, Field Superintendent, Northland, P.O. Box 119, Maljamar, NM 88264



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

| | |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| Primary highway, hard surface | Light-duty road, hard or improved surface |
| Secondary highway, hard surface | Unimproved road |
| ○ Interstate Route | ○ U.S. Route |
| | ○ State Route |

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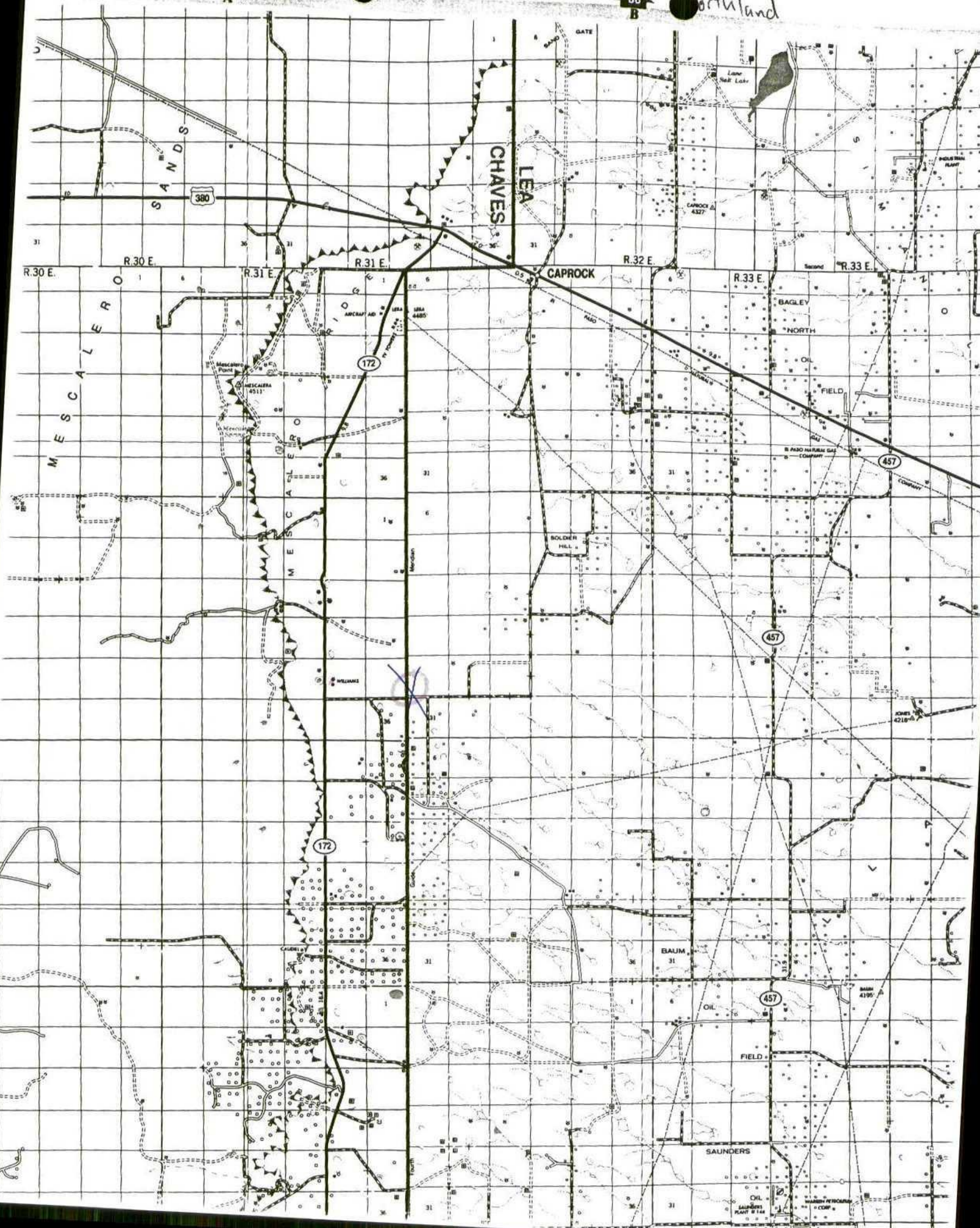
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ONE INCH EQUALS 2.9 MILES

Northland



MEMORANDUM OF MEETING OR CONVERSATION



Telephone



Personal

Time

10:20

Date

10-20-97

Originating Party

John Rhodes

Other Parties

Matyze Kieling

Subject

Eggert Eye Consulting

Northland operating Co

Discussion

will be sending a letter to the Santa Fe office on how they will propose to close the pits (5 total)

Conclusions or Agreements

Distribution

Signed

Matyze Kieling

PROBLEM OIL PIT INSPECTION CHECKLIST

Site Number (State-Year-Waypoint):

Northland

Checklists Completed (circle those that apply):

A B C

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PROBLEM OIL PIT INSPECTION CHECKLIST

SECTION ONE: Site Information

Site Name and Waypoint: Northland operation (Ed Marnie)

Lease # and Operator: Saltwater plant #2 Rock Queen unit

Site Location Section/Township/Range: 25 T13S R31E

GPS Coordinates Obtained During Aerial Survey: _____

GPS Coordinates Obtained During Site Inspection: _____

Site Address: P.O. Box 119 Northland operating
3500 Oaklawn

City/County/State/Zip: Madama, NM Dallas, TX

USFWS Case ID #: _____ 214-521-9959

EPA Facility ID # and/or NMOCD ID #'s: _____ For 214-521-9960

Contact Name/Affiliation/Phone: Ed Marnie 505-676-2130

Contact Address (if different from site address): Field Superintendent

Site Type (production, commercial disposal, other): Production

SECTION TWO: Inspection Information

Inspection date and time: 9/22/97

Describe weather conditions (including estimated temperature): clear warm

If known, list federal, state, or tribal programs that this site is subject to regulation under via a permit and list all permit number(s): _____

Inspection Team: Waxne Price

Inspector 1 Marnie Agency/Program: OCD Phone: _____

Inspector 2 Nick Chavez Agency/Program: FWS Phone: _____

Inspector 3 Greg Pashia Agency/Program: EPA Phone: _____

Inspector 4 _____ Agency/Program: _____ Phone: _____

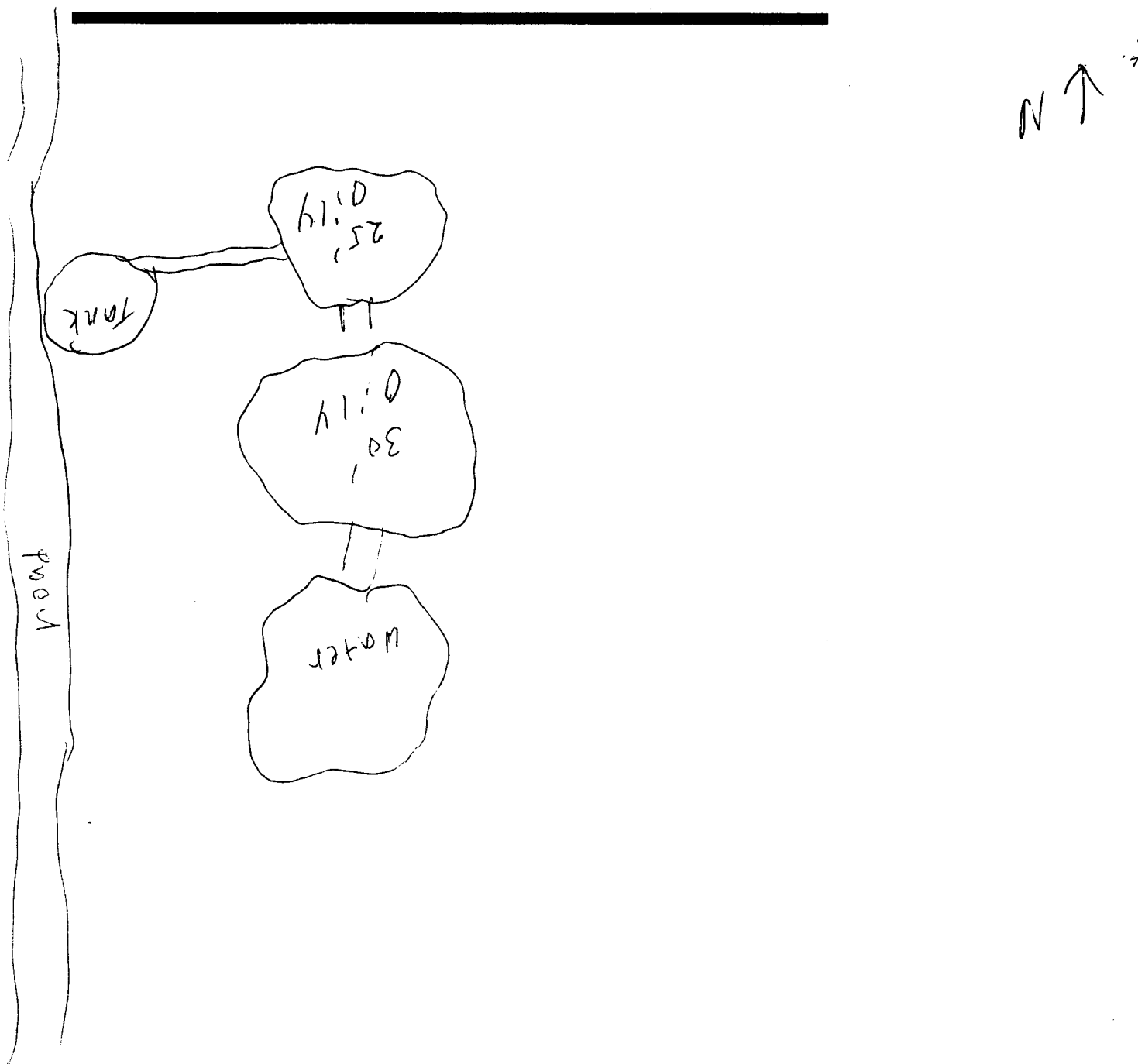
Inspector 5 _____ Agency/Program: _____ Phone: _____

Inspector 6 _____ Agency/Program: _____ Phone: _____

SECTION THREE: Sketch of Site/Layout

Site Number and Name : Northland

Include the estimated size (including depth) of any pits and describe site operations on site sketch. Include description of pertinent features such as waters of the US (location of, distance to, description of conduits to, etc.) or electrical equipment areas, for example. Include a north arrow on site sketch.



SECTION FOUR: General Observations

A. PITS (complete checklist A if any of the following conditions exist)

1. Does accumulated oil exist on the surface of any pits, ponds, sumps, or other open-topped storage devices ? Yes X No
2. Are pits, ponds, tanks, sumps, or other devices which may accumulate oil covered with netting or are there any other wildlife exclusionary or deterrent devices in use (covers, flagging, etc.) ? Yes No X
3. Are there any dead or oiled birds or other wildlife on or near the site or any indication of oiled birds/wildlife previously at or near the site (oily tracks, etc.) ? Yes X No

B. DISCHARGES (complete checklist B if any of the following conditions exist)

1. Is there a discharge (either ongoing or one-time) from a pit, pond, tank, or other device at the site ? Yes No X
2. Is there indication of any past or potential future discharge from a pit, pond, tank, or other device at the site (soil staining, fresh dirt or gravel used as cover, 2 ft or less freeboard maintained, eroded berms, etc.) ? Yes No X

C. TANKS AND CONTAINERS (complete checklist C if any of the following conditions exist)

1. Are there any tanks or containers on site ? Yes No

No tank problems, Tank closed at top.
~~except~~ No ~~for~~ secondary containment.

CHECKLIST "A" - PITS

1. If accumulated oil exists on the surface of any pits, ponds, sumps, or other open-topped storage devices, describe observed conditions including size of each pit, pond, sump, or device, percentage of area covered, and thickness of oil. Describe any other observations (visual, odor) of the material in each pit, pond, sump, or other device:

1 pit \approx 25' diameter with only water and sludge
2 pit \approx 35' diameter with oily sludge and some oil.

2. Describe any netting or other wildlife exclusionary or deterrent devices in use at the site. Include description of condition, coverage, netting mesh size, etc.:

NO netting on any pit.

3. Describe any oiled or dead birds or other wildlife found at or near the site. Indicate the number of mortalities and the seizure tag numbers for any birds collected:

4. Describe the construction and operation of any pits or ponds located at the site. Include a description of the pond liner system, if possible. Estimate the freeboard observed at the time of the inspection:

all pits unlined.

5. Indicate how long any pits or ponds at the site have been in operation:

40 years

6. If a pit, pond, sump, or other device is used as a loading/unloading area at a non-production site, describe any secondary containment used:

CHECKLIST "B" - DISCHARGES AND SPILLS

1. Indicate whether or not the site has a NPDES permit and, if so, indicate the permit number and whether or not the number is posted on site:
No NPDES
2. Describe any ongoing discharges or one-time spills from pits, ponds, or other devices at the site. For each discharge, include a description of the source, duration, and rate (gal/min or cfs) of material discharged. For each spill, describe the amount and area of the spilled material. Also describe any observations (oil sheen, odor) regarding the type of material discharged or spilled:
No spills apparent.
3. Describe any indications (e.g. soil / vegetation staining on ground or in drainages) of past discharges or spills from pits, ponds, tanks, or other devices at the site. Include any indication of the type of material discharged or spilled (e.g. oil stain, salt brine, etc.) and when and for how long the discharge or spill occurred:
Salt water discharge
4. Identify and describe the drainage pathway (dry arroyo, ditch, stream, etc.) of any current or suspected past discharges or spills from the site. Trace the drainage pathway to a flowing waterway, if possible, and describe the extent of any oil staining. Include a description of whether the drainage is dry at the time of the inspection, contains standing water that doesn't appear to be flowing or, if flowing, the estimated flowrate (gal/min or cfs) of water and/or discharged material:
N/A
5. Identify and describe any pits, ponds, or other devices in which less than 2 ft of freeboard exists at the time of the inspection. Also describe any indications that less than 2 ft of freeboard has been maintained in the past, such as staining of pond banks or overtopping of berms, etc.:
N/A
6. If possible, estimate the receipt rate or production rate (gal/day) of oil and/or produced water at the site:
19 wells.
7. If possible, determine whether or not any discharges or spills from the site have been reported and, if so, describe how (letter, phone, etc.), when, and to whom (EPA, BLM, DEQ, OGCC, BIA, etc.) it was reported:
N/A
8. Describe the general housekeeping and maintenance of the facility and any conditions which could result in a discharge or spill (valves which could be opened, poorly supported pipelines, etc.):

CHECKLIST "C" - TANKS AND CONTAINERS

1. Identify whether or not the site has a Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure (SPCC) Plan. If so, verify by personally viewing the plan, if possible. Has it been certified by a registered Professional Engineer?:

~~no~~ spcc plan available.

2. Describe the type, use, condition, maximum capacity (gal or bbl), contents, markings, and actual quantity at the time of the inspection for each tank and container on the site. Also describe any secondary containment for each tank and container, including its condition, estimated capacity, and method of precipitation removal:

| Tank / Container Type and Use | Maximum Capacity | Actual Quantity | Secondary Containment | Markings | Comments (including condition) |
|------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|----------|---------------------------------------------------|
| sewage produced waters Bolted Tank | 2000 bbls | | no containment | | good condition no markings. bottom unknown |

CONTINUATION SHEET (identify Section and/or Checklist continued)

PHOTO LOG

Site Number: Northland

Film Type/ASA/Size: 200 ASA / 135 / Kodak

Photographer: Wallace O'Rear

Photo Number _____ Subject Northland

- R2E06 Dead bird in old sludge, Looking Southeast
- R2E07 another Dead bird in old sludge.
- R2E08 another dead bird
- R2E09 Another dead bird in pit
- R2E10 Photograph of ~~Old~~ Sludge Pit, Looking South East
- R2E11 View of Old Sludge Pit looking northeast
- R2E12 View of west side of old sludge pit, Looking North
- R2E13 Additional dead bird on north side of Oil sludge pond
- R2E14 Another dead bird
- R2E15 Dead bird partially submerged with beak + feet sticking
up out of sludge.

