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OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

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SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 87505  
(505) 827-7131

November 30, 1994

**CERTIFIED MAIL**  
**RETURN RECEIPT NO. Z 765 962 844**

Mr. Noel Garza  
Marathon Oil Company  
P.O. Box 1324  
Artesia, New Mexico 88211

**RE: GLYCOL SKIMMER  
DISCHARGE PLAN GW-21  
MARATHON OIL COMPANY  
INDIAN BASIN GAS PLANT**

Dear Mr. Garza:

As a result of an inspection by the Oil Conservation Division (OCD), the glycol skimmer was found to be lacking an inspection port between the inner and outer vessels as required by the discharge plan. Please provide the (OCD) with a plan by which Marathon proposes to install the above mentioned port.

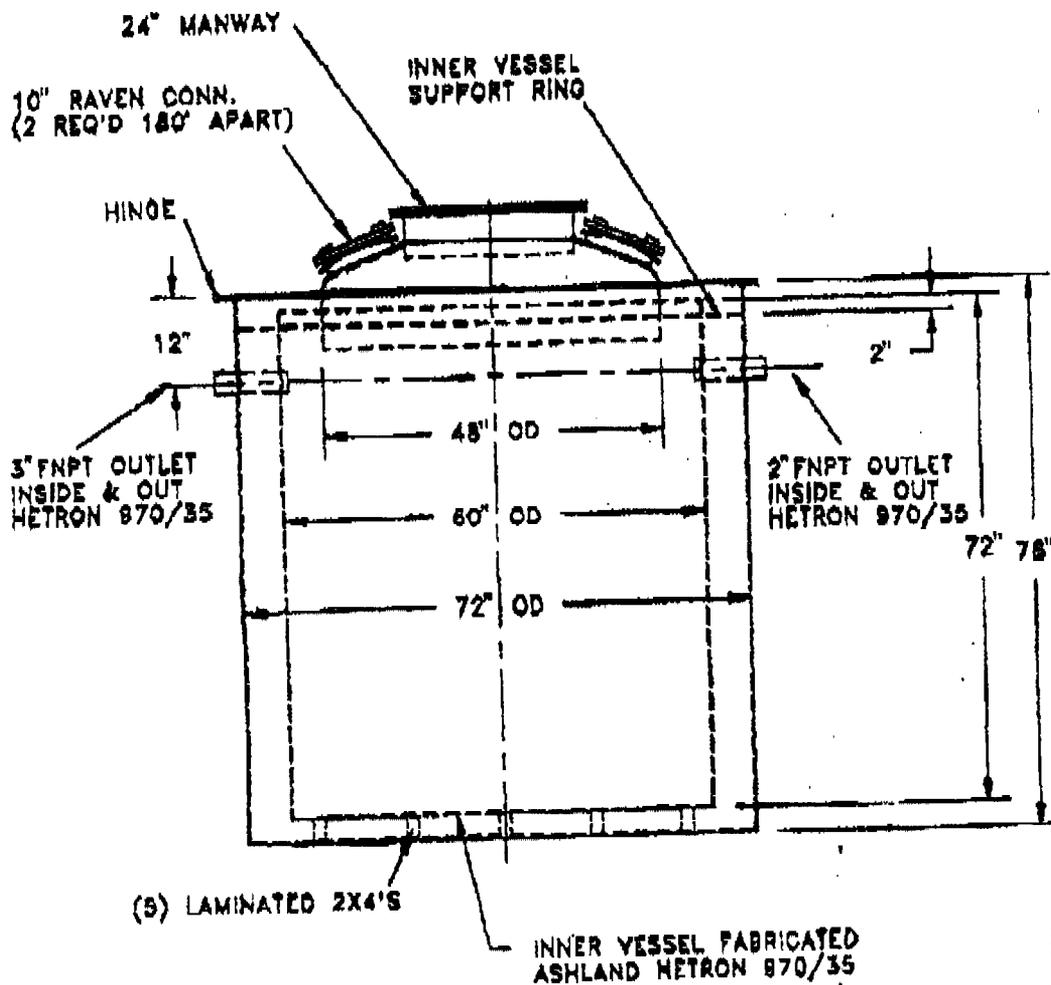
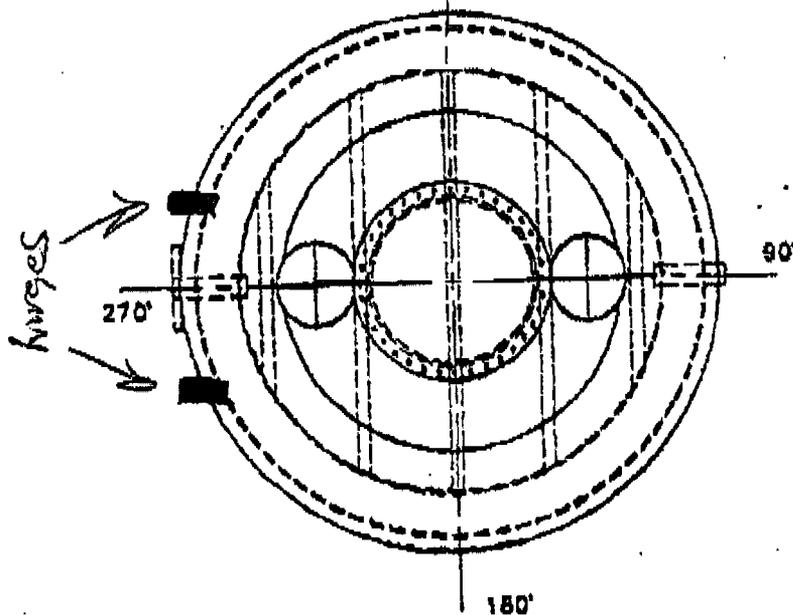
If you have any questions on this matter, please feel free to contact me at (505) 827-7155.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mark Ashley".

Mark Ashley  
Environmental Geologist  
Environmental Bureau

xc: Robert J. Menzie, Jr., Marathon Oil Company, Midland, Texas



**GLYCOL SKIMMER  
(MARATHON)**



# Affidavit of Publication

No. 14897

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County of Eddy:

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*Gary D. Scott*  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day

of \_\_\_\_\_ December 19 94

*Dorcas...*  
Notary Public, Eddy County, New Mexico

My Commission expires September 23, 1996

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**  
**STATE OF NEW MEXICO**

## Copy of Publication

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DIVISION  
s-William J. LeMay  
WILLIAM J. LEMAY,  
Director

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FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

NEW MEXICO ECOLOGICAL SERVICES STATE OFFICE

2105 OSUNA NE

ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO 87113

Telephone: (505) 761-4525

Fax Number: (505) 761-4542

December 1, 1994

William J. Lemay, Director  
New Mexico Water Quality Control Commission  
State Land Office Building  
P.O. Box 2088  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-2088

Dear Mr. Lemay:

This responds to the Oil Conservation Division's (OCD) public notice dated November 17, 1994, regarding the State of New Mexico's proposal to renew the discharge plan for the applicants listed below.

**(GW-22) - Amoco Production Company.** The manager of plant operations has submitted a discharge plan for renewal of their Empire Abo Gas Plant located in the NE/4 SE/4 Section 3, Township 18 South, Range 27 East, Eddy County, New Mexico. Approximately 17,000 gallons per day (gpd) of waste water will be collected and stored in an above ground, closed top, steel tank prior to disposal in an OCD-approved injection well.

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It is our understanding that all waste water produced by the applicant will be contained within a pipe, a closed tank, or transport vehicle. No produced water will be discharged into a surface impoundment or open-topped tank where it could become available to wildlife, except in case of accidental breach of a pipe or storage tank. Therefore, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has no objection to the Oil Conservation Division granting approval for the discharge plan application outlined above.

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on this discharge plan application. If you have any questions, please contact Joel D. Lusk at (505) 761-4525.

Sincerely,

*Brian Hanko*

*for*

Jennifer Fowler-Propst  
State Supervisor

cc:  
Director, New Mexico Department of Game and Fish, Santa Fe, New Mexico



STATE OF NEW MEXICO

ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

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*Sincerely,*

*Sally Martinez*  
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Administrative Secretary

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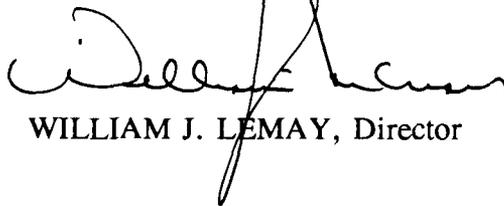
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WILLIAM J. LEMAY, Director

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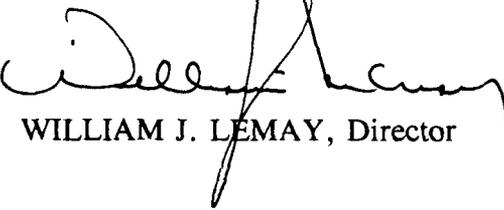
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WILLIAM J. LEMAY, Director

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT  
OF CHECK/CASH

I hereby acknowledge receipt of check No. [redacted] dated 10-24-94,  
or cash received on 11-15-94 in the amount of \$ 1717.50  
from Marathon Oil Co  
for (GW-21) Indian Basin Gas Plant

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Facility Name) (DP No.)

Submitted to ASD by: CHRIS EUSTICE Date: 11-17-94

Received in ASD by: H. Monroy Date: 11/17/94

Filing Fee  New Facility \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal   
Modification \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Marathon Oil Company**  
MIDLAND, TEXAS

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OIL CONSERVATION DIV.  
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October 31, 1994

Mr. Roger Anderson  
Environmental Bureau  
New Mexico Oil Conservation Division  
Land Office Building  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-2088

RE: Groundwater Discharge Plan GW-21 Renewal  
Indian Basin Gas Plant

Dear Mr. Anderson:

Marathon Oil Company operates the Indian Basin Gas Plant located in Eddy County, New Mexico. The plant is currently operating under the Groundwater Discharge Plan GW-21 approved in 1989. This approved plan expires on November 26, 1994.

Attached are two copies of the Groundwater Discharge Plan document for your review and approval. One copy has been transmitted to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD) District office in Artesia, New Mexico. Also, enclosed is a \$1717.50 check to cover both the filing and renewal fees. This plan was prepared in accordance with Section 3 of the New Mexico Water Quality Control Commission Regulations and the OCD guidance document entitled "Guidelines for the Preparation of Groundwater Discharge Plans at Natural Gas Processing Plants, Oil Refineries, and Gas Compressor Stations." If you have any questions regarding the document, please contact Noel R. Garza at the plant (505-457-2621) or Robert J. Menzie, Jr. in our Midland office (915-687-8312).

I hereby certify that I am familiar with the information contained in and submitted with this document and such information is true, accurate, and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'R. F. Unger'.

R. F. Unger  
Production Manager  
Midland Operations

xc: N. R. Garza  
R. J. Menzie, Jr.  
M. W. Ashley, NMOCD - Artesia



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August 25, 1994

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**CERTIFIED MAIL**  
**RETURN RECEIPT NO. P-111-334-160**

Mr. Robert J. Menzie, Jr.  
Production Environmental Representative  
Marathon Oil Company  
P.O. Box 552  
Midland, Texas 79702

**RE: PIPELINE SPILL REMEDIATION  
MARATHON INDIAN BASIN GAS PLANT  
EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO**

Dear Mr. Menzie:

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has completed a review of the Marathon Oil Company's (MOC) July 29, 1994 "INDIAN BASIN GAS PLANT, LINE #1 RELEASE REMEDIATION WORKPLAN". This document presents Marathon's workplan for remediation of soils contaminated as a result of a July 13, 1994 leak of condensate and produced water at MOC's Indian Basin Gas Plant.

The above referenced workplan is approved with the following condition:

1. MOC will submit a report containing the results of the remedial activities to the OCD for approval by November 4, 1994.

Please be advised that OCD approval does not relieve MOC of liability should the remedial actions fail to adequately remediate contaminants related to MOC's activities. In addition, OCD approval does not relieve you of responsibility for compliance with any other federal, state or local laws and/or regulations.

If you have any questions please contact me at (505) 827-5885.

Sincerely,

William C. Olson  
Hydrogeologist  
Environmental Bureau

xc: OCD Artesia District Office



**Marathon  
Oil Company**

P.O. Box 552  
Midland, Texas 79702  
Telephone 915/682-1626

July 29, 1994

Mr. William Olson  
State of New Mexico  
Oil Conservation Division  
P.O. Box 2088  
State Land Office Building  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504

RE: Indian Basin Gas Plant  
Line #1 Release Remediation Workplan

Dear Mr. Olson:

Per the 15-day written report requirement in the State of New Mexico Water Quality Control Commission (WQCC) Regulations Part 1, Section 1-203(6), "Notification of Discharge-Removal," Marathon Oil Company is submitting a workplan for Oil Conservation Division approval to address contaminated soil related to a 552-barrel spill consisting of 125 barrels of condensate and 427 barrels of produced water from Line #1 at the Indian Basin Gas Plant. Marathon intends to initiate work as described in the attached workplan on the morning of August 31, 1994 following a site safety meeting scheduled for 7:00 am.

If you have any questions concerning this project, please contact me at (915) 687-8312.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert J. Menzie, Jr.".

Robert J. Menzie, Jr.  
Production Environmental Representative

Attachment

xc: Mark Ashley, NMOCD, Artesia  
N. R. Garza, Indian Basin Gas Plant

**INDIAN BASIN GAS PLANT  
LINE #1 RELEASE  
REMEDICATION WORKPLAN**

**Indian Basin Gas Plant  
329 Marathon Road  
Lakewood, New Mexico 88254  
Eddy County**

**Submitted by  
Marathon Oil Company  
on behalf of the  
Indian Basin Gas Plant Owners**

**July 29, 1994**

## **INTRODUCTION**

This proposed workplan has been prepared in response to the 15-day written report requirement in the State of New Mexico Water Quality Control Commission (WQCC) Regulations Part 1, Section 1-203(6), "Notification of Discharge - Removal." At the Oil Conservation Division's (OCD) request, Marathon Oil Company is submitting a workplan for OCD approval to address contaminated soil related to a 552-barrel spill of condensate and produced water from a production pipeline within the Indian Basin Gas Plant on Marathon-owned property that occurred on July 15, 1994. The spill consisted of approximately 125 barrels of condensate and 427 barrels of produced water. The Indian Basin Gas Plant is located at 329 Marathon Road, Lakewood, New Mexico 88254 in Eddy County (Figure 1).

## **INTERIM MEASURES**

The Line #1 leak was discovered on the afternoon of July 13 by a plant operator on routine rounds. A wet area was observed above Line #1 at the southern plant area approximately 80 feet west of the inlet separators (Figure 2). Marathon immediately took steps to shut in and blow down Line #1. One high pressure dry gas pipeline is buried beneath Line #1 and presented a safety hazard during the excavation to repair Line #1. Marathon shut in and blew down this dry gas pipeline. Shovels and a backhoe were then used to excavate around the pipelines to expose the problem area. A corroded dresser coupling connecting two lengths of polyvinyl chloride (PVC) piping was leaking from one 1/8-inch hole. This faulty coupling was replaced with a section of poly pipe and the excavation was backfilled.

## **VERBAL AND WRITTEN SPILL REPORTING**

On July 15, 1994 a verbal notification of the spill event was made to Mark Ashley with the OCD, Artesia office. On July 22, 1994 a written report summarizing the spill nature, volume, and description of repair was submitted to OCD offices in Santa Fe and Artesia via an OCD Notification of Fire, Breaks, Spills, Leaks, and Blowouts standard reporting form.

## **WORKPLAN**

The following corrective action steps are identified for source reduction associated with contaminated soil adjacent to and below the Line #1 pipeline. Workplan activities are scheduled for August 31, 1994.

### Excavation

Marathon proposes to initially excavate contaminated soil related to the pipeline leak with

hand shovels to expose all pipelines in the area of the excavation. After these pipelines have been located exactly, a backhoe will be used to excavate the remaining contaminated soil to approximately 12 feet or to the depth that the backhoe can safely operate. An exclusion or safe zone will be established around the excavation to prevent onsite personnel from approaching the edge of the excavation. Sloping of one or more of the sidewalls or construction of earthen benches may be necessary to allow the backhoe to excavate to the target depth.

### Soil Sampling

One grab soil sample will be collected from contaminated soils immediately below the pipeline where the release occurred. A three by three grid consisting of nine grab soil samples will be collected from the bottom of the excavation. In addition, two soil samples will be collected from each sidewall of the excavation (i.e. east, west, north, and south). A total of 18 samples will be collected. The backhoe will be used to remove undisturbed soil from the bottom and sidewalls of the excavation for sampling purposes. Soil samples will be collected by Marathon personnel from the backhoe bucket at the edge of the exclusion zone. The soil samples will be collected in wide-mouth jars and placed on ice in a cooler at the site.

### Laboratory Analysis

The soil samples will be sent overnight to Analytical Technologies, Inc. in Albuquerque, New Mexico for benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, and total xylene (BTEX; EPA Method 8020), and total recovery petroleum hydrocarbon (TRPH; EPA Method 418.1) analyses. The turn-around time for BTEX and TRPH preliminary results will be 24 hours.

### Excavation Cleanup Standards

Marathon proposes to remove soil that exceeds the suggested concentrations in the New Mexico Spill and Leak Guidelines for sites where the depth to groundwater is less than 50 feet. Therefore, the proposed excavation cleanup standards for TRPH, total BTEX, and benzene concentration in the soil are 100 mg/kg, 50 mg/kg, and 10 mg/kg, respectively.

### Backfill of Excavation

If the laboratory results indicate that the cleanup standards proposed above have been met, the excavation will be backfilled with clean fill dirt and compacted. This clean fill dirt will be acquired from previously treated soil removed from the Indian Basin Gas Plant landfarm.

If the laboratory results indicate that the proposed cleanup standards have not been met, additional soil will be excavated, if possible, from the area where the laboratory results indicated the proposed cleanup standard was exceeded. Additional soil samples will be collected from this area after sufficient material is removed to satisfy the Marathon project manager. These samples

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will be submitted for laboratory analysis of only the constituent that did not meet the proposed standards. Upon receipt of results that are below the proposed cleanup standard, the excavation will be backfilled with clean fill dirt and compacted.

#### Soil Treatment and Disposition

Marathon proposes to treat the nonhazardous, contaminated soil in the Indian Basin Gas Plant landfarm to reduce the TRPH and total BTEX concentrations in the soil to below 3,000 mg/kg and 50 mg/kg, respectively. Bioremediation of the soil to these levels can be accomplished by performing nutrient and freshwater addition, as well as periodic tilling. Marathon proposes to stockpile the excavated contaminated soil on plastic sheeting in an area adjacent to the Indian Basin Gas Plant landfarm until the soil removed from the Line #1 excavation can be loaded into the landfarm treatment cell and treated separately from soil removed from other locations. Marathon will test periodically to determine when soil meets the cleanup standards.

Upon determination that cleanup standards have been met, Marathon proposes to use the treated soil for construction of secondary containment berms within the gas plant or stormwater berms on the south side of the plant.

#### Health and Safety Plan

A site safety meeting will be conducted by Marathon personnel before work begins on the morning of August 31, 1994. Excavation safety and other hazards associated with the workscope activities described above will be discussed.



State of New Mexico  
**ENERGY, MINERALS and NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT**  
 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

STATE OF  
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MEMORANDUM OF MEETING OR CONVERSATION

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Originating Party

Other Parties

Noel Garza, Bob Menzie - Marathon  
 Mark Ashley - OCD Artesis

Bill Olson - Envir. Bureau

Subject

Marathon Indian Basin Spill ~~Conference~~ Spill

Discussion

Spill estimates at 125 bbls condensate, 400 bbls produced water noticed through metering at gathering system. Shut in line. Spill surfaced at plant boundary. Dig up and discovered leak in a drosser coupling. Leak has been repaired.

Told them to follow leak & Spill guidelines and submit report on spill and work plan for remediation within 1 week as required by regs.

Conclusions or Agreements

They will submit a written report and work plan within one week.

Distribution

DP  
 file - Remediation  
 Rose Anderson

Signed

Bill Olson



State of New Mexico  
**ENERGY, MINERALS and NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT**  
 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

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MEMORANDUM OF MEETING OR CONVERSATION

Telephone     Personal    Time 0850 hrs.    Date 7/15/94

Originating Party

Other Parties

Merle Ashley - OCP Artesia

Bill Olson - Envir. Bureau

Subject

Marathon Indian Basin Gas Plant

Discussion

Noel Gargas just called to report spill between Rocky Arroyo (site of last leak) and the plant. 125 bbls condensate lost and 400 bbls produced water lost.

Conclusions or Agreements

He is leaving for the site to inspect and will report back upon return to office

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Roger Anderson

Signed

Bill Olson

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**Marathon  
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P.O. Box 552  
Midland, Texas 79702  
Telephone 915/682-1626

March 30, 1994

Mr. Roger C. Anderson  
State of New Mexico, Oil Conservation Division  
P.O. Box 2088  
State Land Office Building  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-2088

RE: INDIAN BASIN GAS PLANT  
EXEMPT WASTE DISPOSAL

Dear Mr. Anderson:

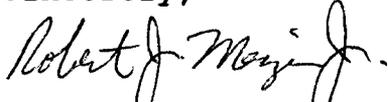
This letter is a follow-up to our phone conversation today requesting your approval to inject neutralized potassium hydroxide (KOH) waste into our two Class II injection wells. The KOH was used for cleaning piping and tanks in direct contact with the gas processing production stream. During this phone conversation you provided the verbal approval for this discharge. Four drums of this exempt waste are currently being stored in the Indian Basin Gas Plant drum storage area. The spent KOH has a pH of 14. Marathon will neutralize the KOH waste to a pH of between 4 and 9. The neutralized waste will then be transferred to the skimmer basin, thereby becoming part of the waste disposal stream that is injected into our two wells which are currently permitted for saltwater disposal. Marathon intends to modify our two existing injection permits to allow the discharge of exempt, plant processing liquid wastes into these wells.

During this same telephone conversation, you also approved our request to place nine drums of hydrocarbon-contaminated resin, gravel, and charcoal (activated carbon) into our landfarm on the west side of the Indian Basin Gas Plant. Marathon considers this waste to be exempt. Our intent is to modify the Indian Basin Gas Plant Groundwater Discharge Plan during the renewal process this summer to allow landfarming of exempt hydrocarbon-containing solid waste in addition to hydrocarbon-containing soil, the latter being the current permitted landfarming material.

Indian Basin Gas Plant  
Exempt Waste Disposal  
Page 2

Thank you for assisting us with the proper handling of these wastes. If you have any questions, please contact me at (915) 687-8312.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert J. Menzie, Jr." The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Robert J. Menzie, Jr.  
Production Environmental Representative

xc: C. M. Schweser, IBGP



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November 8, 1993

**CERTIFIED MAIL**  
**RETURN RECEIPT NO. P-176-012-043**

Mr. R. F. Unger, Production Manager  
Midland Operations  
Marathon Oil Company  
P.O. Box 552  
Midland, TX 79702

**RE: Discharge Plan GW-21 Renewal  
Indian Basin Gas Plant  
Eddy County, New Mexico**

Dear Mr. Unger,

On November 26, 1984, the original groundwater discharge plan, GW-21 for the Indian Basin Gas Plant located in the SW/4 NE/4 of Section 23, Township 21 South, Range 23 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico, was approved by the Director of the Oil Conservation Division (OCD), and was renewed on October 30 1989. This discharge plan was required and submitted pursuant to Water Quality Control Commission (WQCC) regulations and was approved for a period of five years. The current approval will expire on November 26, 1994.

If your facility continues to have potential or actual effluent or leachate discharges and you wish to continue operation, you must renew your discharge plan. The OCD is reviewing discharge plan submittals and renewals carefully and the review time can extend for several months. Please indicate whether you have made, or intend to make, any changes in you system, and if so, please include these modifications in your application for renewal.

Note that the completed and signed application form must be submitted with your discharge plant renewal request.

Mr. R. F. Unger  
November 8, 1993  
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If you no longer have any actual or potential discharges please identify this office. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Bobby Myers at (505)827-4080.

Sincerely,



Roger C. Anderson  
Environmental Bureau Chief

RCA/rlm  
xc: OCD Hobbs Office

# Feds start probe of Carlsbad oil spill

## Groundwater found to be contaminated

By **TONY DAVIS**

Staff reporter

Federal officials are investigating whether Marathon Oil Co. violated any laws when more than 2 million gallons of oil and wastewater leaked nearly a year ago from its pipeline near Carlsbad.

The company recently discovered groundwater is contaminated with oil more than 200 feet underground and about 4,000 to 5,000 feet east of where the leak occurred. In one monitoring well, Marathon's tests found a foot-thick oil layer floating on top of the area's groundwater table.

This was one of the largest oil leaks or spills in the state's history. Marathon discovered it in mid-April.

Tests of the water contamination show it is chemically different than the kind of oil that leaked from the Marathon pipeline, said Bill Ryder, a spokesman for the Pittsburgh-based company.

But state Oil Conservation Division, officials say they're holding Marathon responsible for the water contamination because no one else operates in the area. The contamination could have come from an earlier spill, state officials said.

And more oil has turned up in cracks and fractures in bedrock lying about 60 feet underground near the leak site. It too, could be heading to the groundwater, officials said.

Dale Tunnell, a special law enforcement agent for the U.S. Bureau of Land Management in Santa Fe, said the bureau has visited the company's plant site 25 miles north of Carlsbad and interviewed Marathon employees to determine if the company violated criminal or civil laws.

The leak spilled 1.47 million gallons of oil. The other 840,000 gallons were mostly salt water containing small amounts of dissolved oil from a 12-foot-deep underground pipeline.

"The only thing we can get into is who caused it — was it an act of God, negligence, or what?" said Tunnell, who declined further comment on the bureau's investigation.

The oil had been leaking since November 1990, Marathon has said. The oil leaked onto the federal land management agency's property and has spread about a half-mile east into the desert.

Until Marathon found the contamination recently, state and company officials had assumed or hoped the groundwater was protected by thick, seemingly impenetrable limestone and other bedrock formations starting a short distance below the ground surface.

"It's something we are not happy to see by any stretch of the imagination," said David Boyer, environmental bureau chief for the state's Oil Conservation Division. "It is a very serious occurrence."

It doesn't appear likely that the oil will contaminate anyone's drinking wells, because the nearest well lies far east of where the water pollution stops, Boyer said.

20  
1/2  
35,000 gal oil  
20,000 gal water

## BLM Probing Marathon After Massive Oil Leak

The Bureau of Land Management is investigating a 1.47 million-gallon oil leak in southeastern New Mexico that was discovered earlier this year, an agency official said Friday.

Bureau spokeswoman Mary O'Keeffe said officials from the bureau's law enforcement unit in Santa Fe are looking at Marathon Oil Co.'s leak, the state's largest in recent years.

O'Keeffe couldn't provide any further details. But Chris Shuey of Albuquerque's Southwest Research and Information Center, an environmental group, said the agency is looking at whether federal laws have been violated.

A state Oil Conservation Division official said last month Marathon won't be cited or fined for the leak because it didn't violate state laws.

Marathon officials discovered the leak in mid-April but said they believe the oil had been leaking since at least November 1990. About 840,000 gallons of waste water leaked with the spill.

BLM said in a statement Marathon will complete by Aug. 5 an assessment identifying the impacts caused by the leak.

Sunday, July 21, 1991 THE NEW MEXICAN B-7

## BLM investigating Carlsbad-area oil leak

### The Associated Press

The U.S. Bureau of Land Management's law enforcement unit is investigating a 1.47 million gallon oil leak discovered three months ago north of Carlsbad, a BLM spokeswoman said.

Mary O'Keeffe said Friday she could not provide any

further details about the investigation.

But Chris Shuey of Albuquerque's Southwest Research and Information Center said the BLM is looking at whether federal laws have been violated.

Robert Stovall, an attorney for the state Oil Conservation Division, said last month

Marathon Oil would not be cited or fined for the leak because it did not violate state laws.

Company officials discovered the leak in mid-April but said they believe the oil had been seeping out of an underground pipeline at the company's Lakewood plant since at least November 1990.

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CERTIFIED MAIL  
RETURN RECEIPT NO. P-327-278-118

Mr. R. F. Unger, Production Manager  
Midland Operations  
Marathon Oil Company  
P. O. Box 552  
Midland, Texas 79702

RE: April 12, 1991, Leak of Condensate and Produced Water, Marathon Indian Basin Gas Field, Eddy County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Unger:

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has received your April 22, 1991, written notification of the above leak of fluids. Verbal notification was provided to OCD on the morning of the leak discovery, as required by OCD Rule 116. Subsequent to the written notification, on April 29, 1991, OCD received a copy of the "Site Characterization Plan" (SCP) provided to the Bureau of Land Management. Both the OCD notification letter and the Site Characterization Plan provide information on the circumstances of the incident, volumes of fluids lost and interim measures being taken to investigate the extent of the spill and recover fluids.

The NMOCD has authority under both the Oil and Gas Act (70-2-1 et seq., NMSA 1978) and the New Mexico Water Quality Act (74-6-1 et seq., NMSA 1978), and rules and regulations adopted thereunder, to require actions be taken to protect public health and the environment and prevent water pollution; and to require corrective actions as are necessary or appropriate to contain, remove or mitigate the damage caused by a discharge of water pollutants. This letter is a request for your continued voluntary compliance in taking the corrective actions needed to investigate, assess, contain, remove and mitigate actual or potential environmental pollution that has been or may be caused by this spill.

OCD requests that further information be provided this agency regarding the circumstances of the incident, the progress of the technical investigation and other actions proposed to be taken by Marathon. OCD will review and comment in writing on actions already taken, review for approval proposed actions, and, if necessary, require that additional actions be undertaken if to prevent or abate pollution. The Site Characterization Plan already submitted was an excellent report providing timely information on the circumstances of the spill and immediately actions taken by Marathon in response to the spill.

#### Request For Information

In addition to the information provided in the SCP, Marathon is required to provide the following information:

##### A. Investigation Activities

1. Supply an updated map of remediation locations (soil gas measurement points, pits, borings, etc.) Please provide an updated map weekly during the investigation phase of the remediation.
2. Provide updated copies of Tables 2, 3 and 4 weekly during the investigation phase. Please revise Table 3 (Soil Boring Details) to include information on whether fluids were detected and type (water and/or condensate), fluid thickness, and indicate quality (fresh or produced water) of fluids. Include information as to whether the boreholes were completed as monitor and/or extraction wells.
3. Provide information on trenching activities (locations, rock characteristics, and type and quantity of any fluids encountered).
4. Provide weekly summaries of types and volumes of fluids recovered.

##### B. Site Geology

1. Provide lithologic information on the bedrock (both sandstone and dolomite) encountered at the leak site.
2. Provide additional information on the lithologic and structural characteristics of subsurface material beneath the spill site to first deep ground water (Lower Queen aquifer). Include information and interpretation on possible occurrence and continuity of vertical joint/fracture patterns in the subsurface. (Several core holes having shallow geologic data were referenced in the attached site characteristics section of the Gas Plant Discharge Plan.)

3. Some soil boring records (Appendix G) were illegible due to photocopying problems. Please provide complete copies of all logs.

C. Water Quality

1. Provide an analysis of the quality of the produced water discharged with the condensate. The analysis should include both general water chemistry parameters and ICAP metal constituents (both shown on the attached sheets), plus arsenic, selenium and mercury by the appropriate EPA atomic adsorption method.
2. Provide information on whether any shallow fresh water has been detected by the investigation in the vicinity of the spill. Indicate which boreholes, pits or trenches, if any, have intercepted fresh water.
3. In a phone call on May 8th with Mr. Tony Kavran of Marathon and myself, Marathon committed to weekly sampling of nearby domestic water wells. Please furnish the names and locations of those wells to be sampled, and constituents to be analyzed. We request that at least one sample at each well be analyzed for general water chemistry parameters.
4. In addition to the domestic wells we request that you sample the #6 and #13 stock wells shown on Exhibit 8 of the SCP, Indian Big Springs (21S-24E-Sec. 27.210), and the first seepage water in Rocky Arroyo downstream from the spill. Propose a schedule for future periodic monitoring of these locations.

D. Miscellaneous Information

1. Provide information on the material and age of the failed section of condensate line (the SCP does not make clear whether the failed section was PVC or steel, see p. 8 and 21) and whether the failure was likely due to internal or external corrosion.
2. Exhibit 9 (5-7-91) shows elevated soil-gas concentrations at some locations that appear isolated from the spill. These locations require further investigation to determine the source of this gas.
3. Provide information on material, age and testing program for other sections of the Indian Basin Gathering lines so that a reoccurrence of this incident does not occur. Provide a map showing the location of these lines.

Proposed Remediation

A. Groundwater Monitoring

Prior to drilling deep (Lower Queen) ground water monitoring wells, locations and construction details must be approved by OCD. Because of the possibility of cross-contamination, OCD discourages the drilling of deep monitor wells within the defined plume area. Any such drilling will require that special precautions be taken to prevent downward movement of contaminated fluids.

B. Remediation Plan

As discussed on page 31 of the SCP, submit a plan for product recovery and remediation of the affected area for OCD review and approval. After review of the plan, OCD will provide comments to Marathon and the BLM. During the time of review, OCD will coordinate with BLM to prevent, to the extent possible, duplication of effort. However, OCD recognizes that as the surface owner, BLM may require work in addition to that which OCD would require. Therefore, it will be necessary for Marathon consult with BLM as to their additional requirements.

Unfortunately, due to staff limitations, OCD can not provide a full-time staff person to be on-site during investigation and remediation efforts. However, OCD Artesia and OCD Santa Fe staff will visit the site periodically to monitor progress and communicate with you or your staff on the remediation.

If you have any questions regarding the information requests in this letter or on any other issue, please contact me at the above address or by phone at (505) 827-5812.

Sincerely,



David G. Boyer, Hydrogeologist  
Environmental Bureau Chief

DGB/sl

Enclosures

cc: OCD Artesia Office  
Kathy Sisneros, WWMD, Environment Department  
Dick Manus, BLM - Carlsbad Office  
Al Collar, BLM - Roswell Office



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May 13, 1991

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**CERTIFIED MAIL**  
**RETURN RECEIPT NO. P-327-278-123**

Mr. R. F. Unger, Production Manager  
Midland Operations  
Marathon Oil Company  
P. O. Box 552  
Midland, Texas 79702

RE: Site Characterization Plan, Indian Basin Gas Field

Dear Mr. Unger:

As a result of our conversation of May 8th, I am returning, without retaining a copy, Appendix F, ("GC Characterization of Condensate"), of the above document. Without making a determination as to whether the material in that Appendix is "Privileged and Confidential," I believe the detailed information provided is extraneous to OCD's part in the investigation and recovery effort. The remainder of the document is to be available for public use upon request.

In general, materials provided to the state in furtherance of our official duties are considered public records and available for inspection. The grounds on which material may be considered confidential are quite narrow. A copy of the appropriate section of the Water Quality Act (74-6-12.B) is enclosed.

If you have any questions please contact me at (505) 827-5812.

Sincerely,

David G. Boyer, Hydrogeologist  
Environmental Bureau Chief

DGB/sl

Enclosure

cc: OCD artesia Office w/enclosure  
Dick Manus, BLM Carlsbad Office w/enclosure  
Al Collar, BLM Roswell Office w/enclosure



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July 17, 1990

CERTIFIED MAIL  
RETURN RECEIPT NO. P-918-402-288

Mr. Ronald F. Morgan  
Senior Environmental Engineer  
Marathon Oil Company  
P. O. Box 553  
Midland, Texas 79702

RE: Landfarming of Hydrocarbon Stained Soils, Indian Basin Gas Plant

Dear Mr. Morgan:

We have received a copy of your June 6, 1990, letter requesting approval to roadspread instead of landfarm hydrocarbon stained spills. We have located the original letter and apologize for the delay in responding.

After discussion with you on the procedures to be followed prior to and during spreading, this request is hereby approved with the following conditions:

1. PCB contaminated soils will not be roadspread or landfarmed.
2. Soils to be roadspread will not contain heavy metals or other constituents in excess of TCLP levels.
3. Areas eligible for roadspreading include roads and other areas where maintenance vehicles may be driven within the property boundary of the facility.
4. The material will be used for dust control or filling small potholes or depressions in the roadways. It will not be used as fill material for large scale excavation.
5. Material spread on the surface will be worked into existing soil, bladed or rolled (i.e. compacted) to prevent migration by wind.

Mr. Ronald F. Morgan

July 17, 1990

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6. To prevent offsite runoff, the material shall be spread only on level surfaces or in areas diked to prevent movement to drainage channels.

Since the concept of removal and treatment of hydrocarbon soils was presented in the discharge plan previously approved with the provision that Marathon would consult with OCD staff on specifics, this approval is not considered a discharge plan modification subject to public notice requirements.

Please be advised that the approval does not relieve you of liability should your operation result in actual pollution of surface or ground waters or the environment which may be actionable under other laws and/or regulations.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (505) 827-5812.

Sincerely,



David G. Boyer, Hydrogeologist  
Environmental Bureau Chief

DGB/sl

cc: OCD Artesia Office



**Marathon  
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June 6, 1990

Mr. David G. Boyer  
Chief, Environmental Bureau  
New Mexico Oil Conservation Division  
P. O. Box 2088  
Santa Fe Land Office Building  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504

Dear Mr. Boyer:

The five-year update of the Discharge Plan for Marathon's Indian Basin Gas Plant, as required by the OCD, was completed during 1989. This document, which is a comprehensive waste management plan, was approved by you on October 30, 1989.

During the planning period you and Roger Anderson inspected the plant. You identified a number of areas where valves, fittings, flanges, pumps, etc., have been leaking. Marathon submitted plans for reducing and containing such leaks. Along with the containment effort, Marathon scheduled to initiate a landfarming project for the soil contaminated areas identified by your June 29, 1989 letter.

Herein, Marathon proposes an alternative to landfarming as such. In lieu of landfarming, we propose to utilize the contaminated material for surfacing at the plant site.

We will follow a procedure of routinely analyzing for PCBs before spreading. Likewise, we will test for toxic characteristic (TC) metals utilizing the new toxic characteristics leaching procedure (TCLP).

You and I discussed your idea of surface spreading as an alternative on March 7, 1990. And we briefly discussed the matter again on March 30.

Mr. David G. Boyer  
June 6, 1990  
Page 2

Marathon plans to proceed with such surfacing in the third quarter of this year. The proposed procedure is somewhat of a digression from the original plan. So, we hereby solicit your approval.

Sincerely,

*Ronald F. Morgan*

Ronald F. Morgan  
Senior Environmental Engineer

RFM/elg

cc: W. D. Holmes  
A. J. Kavran  
W. O. Snyder  
S. D. York

NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

NOTIFICATION OF FIRE, BREAKS, SPILLS, LEAKS, AND BLOWOUTS - 4 '90

NAME OF OPERATOR <b>Marathon Oil Co.</b>				ADDRESS <b>P.O. Box 1324 Artesia, N.M.</b>				O. C. D. <b>ARTESIA OFFICE</b>	
REPORT OF	FIRE	BREAK	SPILL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	LEAK	BLOWOUT	OTHER*			
TYPE OF FACILITY	DRLG WELL	PROD. WELL	TANK BTTY	PIPE LINE	GASO PLNT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	OIL RFY	OTHER*		
NAME OF FACILITY <b>INDIAN BASIN GAS PLANT</b>									
LOCATION OF FACILITY (QUARTER/QUARTER SECTION OR FOOTAGE DESCRIPTION) <b>SW/NE</b>					SEC. <b>23</b>	TWP. <b>21S</b>	RGE. <b>23E</b>	COUNTY <b>EDDY</b>	
DISTANCE AND DIRECTION FROM NEAREST TOWN OR PROMINENT LANDMARK <b>20 MILES WEST OF CARLSBAD</b>									
DATE AND HOUR OF OCCURENCE <b>4-30-90 5:00 P.M.</b>					DATE AND HOUR OF DISCOVERY <b>4-30-90 5:00 P.M.</b>				
WAS IMMEDIATE NOTICE GIVEN?		YES	NO	NOT REQUIRED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	IF YES, TO WHOM				
BY WHOM					DATE AND HOUR				
TYPE OF FLUID LOST <b>CONDENSATE</b>					QUANTITY OF LOSS <b>15 Bbls</b>		VOLUME RECOVERED <b>0 Bbls</b>		
DID ANY FLUIDS REACH A WATERCOURSE?		YES	NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	QUANTITY					
IF YES, DESCRIBE FULLY**									
<b>N/A</b>									
DESCRIBE CAUSE OF PROBLEM AND REMEDIAL ACTION TAKEN**									
<p><b>CONDENSATE TANKS OVER FILLED</b>  <b>SHUT DOWN CONDENSATE FEED PUMP</b>  <b>BEGAN TRUCKING CONDENSATE TO LOWER TANK LEVEL</b></p>									
DESCRIBE AREA AFFECTED AND CLEANUP ACTION TAKEN**									
<b>GRAVELLED AREA (12x50') UNDER CONDENSATE STORAGE TANKS</b>									
DESCRIPTION OF AREA	FARMING		GRAZING <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		URBAN		OTHER*		
SURFACE CONDITIONS	SANDY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	SANDY LOAM	CLAY	ROCKY	WET	DRY	SNOW		
DESCRIBE GENERAL CONDITIONS PREVAILING (TEMPERATURE, PRECIPITATION, ETC.)**									
<b>DRY CONDITIONS</b> <b>TEMPERATURE 80°F</b>									
I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION ABOVE IS TRUE AND COMPLETE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF									
SIGNED <b>Howard Wulfe</b>				TITLE <b>Plant Eng.</b>			DATE <b>5/1/90</b>		

\*SPECIFY

\*\*ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY

5-11-90 OK M.S.

MEMORANDUM OF MEETING OR CONVERSATION

Telephone

Personal

Time

8:15 AM

Date

8/17/89

Originating Party

Other Parties

Carolyn Ritchie

Dave Boyer, OCS

Marathon Oil (915) 637-2553 ext 223

Subject

Disposal of Used Oil Field Chemicals

Discussion

Marathon has determined they are excluded from Hazardous Waste Requirements by the oil and gas exclusion (40 CFR 261.4(b) 5) and specifically EPA's regulatory determination that workover and completion wastes are exempt. Marathon intends to blend the wastes into the crude stream, if we have no objection. I said that they need to ~~keep~~ keep records of this. I also said that even though they have

Conclusions or Agreements

determined they do not have hazardous waste, I did not want any waste containing chlorinated solvents at octo regulated disposal sites.

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Marathon file  
Octo Hobbs

Signed

Dave Boyer

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9 AM

Date

8/7/89

Originating Party

Other Parties

Carolyn Ritchie

David Boyer, DCR

Marathon Oil (915) 635-2553 ext 223

Subject

Disposal of Used Oil Field Chemicals

Discussion

Marathon's analyses showed the following chemicals - 46 gallons of a mixture of chlorotoluene (6,316 ppb) and 1,1,2,2 Tetrachloro ethane; 334 gallons of a mixture of bromoform (270 ppb), and 1,3 dichlorobenzene (130 ppb) and 1,1,2,2 Tetrachloroethane (67 ppb); 107 gallons of a bromoform mixture (578 ppb); 59 gallons of a mixture of bromoform (278 ppb) and 1,1,2,2 TCE (296 ppb); and 203 gallons of 1,1,2,2 TCE at 113 ppb.

Conclusions or Agreements

I told ~~Marathon~~ Marathon that they should determine if they met the hazardous waste determination of 40 CFR 262.11. ~~Marathon~~ and get back with us.

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OCT Hobbs

Signed

David A. Boyer



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July 13, 1989

Mr. David Boyer  
Environmental Bureau Chief  
New Mexico Oil Conservation Division  
P. O. Box 2088  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-2088

*Handwritten:* 11/18/89

JUL 18 1989

OIL CONSERVATION DIV.  
SANTA FE

Re: Waste Minimization

Dear Dave:

I would like to express my appreciation for the guidance and assistance you have given me concerning Marathon's efforts to minimize oil field waste throughout our operations in New Mexico. During our phone conversation this morning, we specifically discussed waste characterizations and disposal of those wastes by tank battery blending. I would like to review your directives to make sure we are in agreement as to what wastes cannot be tank battery blended.

You stated that no materials with a PCB content greater than 50 ppm should be disposed of in this manner. Our laboratory analysis of the materials at our Hobbs Warehouse Yard showed the PCB content to be less than 10 ppm in all cases.

You also advised me that all acids and bases must be neutralized to a pH greater than 2 and less than 12.5. Laboratory analysis has determined the pH of the Hobbs materials to range from 6.0 to 8.6.

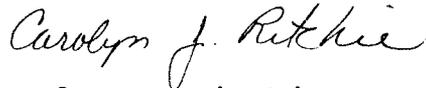
Additionally, you said that the metals content of the materials must not be in excess of the maximum concentration of contaminants for characteristic of EP toxicity as defined by 40 CFR Part 261.24. Our laboratory analysis of the materials under consideration for this type of disposal showed that none exceeded these standards.

Finally, you stated that no chlorinated solvents must be disposed of in this manner. None of the laboratory analyses showed any detectable (<10.0 ppm) levels of chlorinated solvents.

Mr. David Boyer  
July 13, 1989  
Page 2

In conclusion, I would like to thank you again for your assistance with Marathon's waste minimization efforts. If I have not correctly reviewed your directives, please let me know as soon as possible. I can be reached at 915/682-1626. Marathon Oil Company appreciates the opportunity to work in close cooperation with the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division.

Sincerely yours,



Carolyn J. Ritchie  
Associated Environmental Engineer

CJR/elk

File 400-42

\* Marathon Oil  
P.O. Box 552  
Midland TX 79702

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DIVISION



MEMORANDUM OF MEETING OR CONVERSATION

Telephone  Personal

Time 10 AM

Date 7/13/89

Originating Party

Other Parties

Caroline Ritchie\*  
Marathon Oil (915) 682-1626

Dave Boyer OCT

Subject Disposal of unused oil field chemicals,  
Hobbs area

Discussion Marathon wants to dispose/recycle unused chemicals such as emulsion breakers, surfactants, and used oils (such as lube oil) by blending into oil ~~and~~ at tank batteries. These are only small quantities and an occasional occurrence. She has analyzed for organics, and PCB's (all less than 50 ppm). Tank batteries would be Marathon's.

Conclusions or Agreements I told her I didn't have a problem with this as long as samples had no heavy metals in excess of hazardous waste limits, no chlorinated solvents, and pH was > 2 and < 12.5. I am NOT requiring any paperwork be sent to us on this.

Distribution  
Marathon file  
Hobbs OCT

Signed

ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION



GARREY CARRUTHERS  
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June 29, 1989

CERTIFIED MAIL  
RETURN RECEIPT NO. P-106-675-047

Mr. Stephen D. York, Superintendent  
MARATHON OIL COMPANY  
P. O. Box 1324  
Artesia, New Mexico 88211

RE: Discharge Plan GW-21  
Indian Basin Gas Plant  
Eddy County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. York:

On June 23, 1989, members of the Oil Conservation Division (OCD) Environmental Bureau conducted a facility inspection as part of the discharge plan renewal of the above referenced facility. The following observations made during the inspection should be addressed in your renewal application:

1. There were a number of above grade storage tanks that contained oils or chemicals that were not bermed. The OCD is requiring that above grade tanks that contain materials with constituents that can be harmful to fresh water and the environment, if a sudden and catastrophic spill were to occur, must be contained at the site of the spill and mitigated immediately. Containment in a small area at the tank site allows for maximum recovery of fluids and small volumes of contaminants available for infiltration. Without berming, the rupture of a tank will spread its contents over a large area minimizing the amount that can be recovered and increasing the surface area of contaminated soil available to leach contaminants. All tanks that contain these types of materials must be bermed to prevent migration of the fluids and decrease the potential for infiltration. Therefore a commitment and completion schedule is required for the berming of vessels that contain fluids other than fresh water. The bermed areas shall be large enough to hold one-third more than the volume of the largest vessel or one-third larger than the total volume of all interconnected vessels contained within the berm.

The following are specific areas identified during the inspection that require containment:

- a. The above ground saddle tanks on the North side of the facility that contain fuel, amine, etc.
  - b. The above ground saddle tank containing oil at the stabilizer overhead compressor.
  - c. Chemical storage tanks at the cooling tower.
  - d. D.E.A. storage tanks.
  - e. The skimmer tanks south of the process area.
  - f. Lube oil storage.
2. A number of areas were identified where valves, fittings, flanges, pumps, etc. have been leaking. Containment of these spills and/or leaks by paving or curbing or other effective means is required. The purpose of curbing and paving process areas is to prevent migration and infiltration of any spilled or leaked materials from the process units. The total process area does not need to be curbed and paved. Small containment facilities should be placed under and around valves and pumps. Vessels that have overflowed or leaked or have the potential to overflow or leak should also have containment:

The following are specific areas that require containment.

- a. The pump south of the stabilizer overhead compressor.
- b. The cooling tower pumps and the area around the cooling tower where spray drift ponds on the ground.
- c. Recompessors.
- d. Lube oil storage transfer pumps.
- e. Expander and lube oil skid system.
- f. The drains below the inlet condensate tanks.
- g. The area between the sidewalk and the amine circulation pumps.
- h. The pump on the south tank east of the D.E.A. tank.

Submit plans and a completion schedule for paving and berming, or other proposed containment methods, the above areas or any other areas where leaks or spills can occur.

3. Drummed chemicals are used throughout the facility. Some of these drums were on concrete pads with and without containment and some were on the ground. The OCD is requiring that all drums containing fluids, whether in storage or in use, be on pads with containment ample enough to hold any spills and/or leaks from the drums. Submit a plan and completion schedule for the containment of all drum areas.
4. Oil was observed pooling on the ground under the pipe run north of the generators. Submit a proposal and completion schedule for the identification of the source of the leak, cleanup of the area and elimination or containment of the source.
5. The sump in the water softener building appeared to have only an earthen bottom and to have overflowed several times. Submit a plan and completion schedule for installing an impermeable bottom in the sump and for the elimination or containment of future slump overflows.
6. The closed drain system tank was partially below grade without leak detection. Propose a method to test the integrity of this tank. If any below grade tank not presently equipped with leak detection is replaced, leak detection is required on reinstallation.
7. If Marathon desires continued use of the landfill west of the facility fence, the landfill should be fenced to prevent unauthorized access and dumping and covered to prevent blowing trash. Provide complete information on solid waste disposal practices with the renewal application.

Mr. Stephen D. York  
June 29, 1989  
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Thank you for the courtesy extended to us during the visit. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (505) 827-5884.

Sincerely,



Roger C. Anderson  
Environmental Engineer

RCA/sl

cc: OCD Artesia Office  
Ronald F. Morgan, Marathon, Midland



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August 2, 1989

Mr. Stephen D. York, Superintendent  
MARATHON OIL COMPANY  
P. O. Box 1324  
Artesia, New Mexico 88211

RE: Discharge Plan GW-21  
Indian Basin Gas Plant  
Eddy County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. York:

Enclosed are copies of the results of the chemical analyses from samples taken during our last sampling trip at your facility.

If you have any questions regarding the results, please contact me at (505) 827-5884.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Roger C. Anderson".

Roger C. Anderson  
Environmental Engineer

RCA/sl



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 Organic Section - Phone: 841-2570

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OR89-0912-C

REPORT TO: DAVID BOYER S.L.D. No. OR-  
N.M. OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION DATE REC. 6-27-89  
P.O. Box 2088 PRIORITY 3  
Santa Fe, NM 87504-2088 PHONE(S): 827-5812

COLLECTION CITY: Carlsbad; COUNTY: Essex

COLLECTION DATE/TIME CODE: (Year-Month-Day-Hour-Minute) 8906231110

LOCATION CODE: (Township-Range-Section-Tracts) 215+23E+23+1-1 (10N06E24342)

USER CODE: 82235 SUBMITTER: David Boyer CODE: 2610

SAMPLE TYPE: WATER , SOIL , FOOD , OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_

This form accompanies  Septum Vials, \_\_\_\_\_ Glass Jugs, and/or \_\_\_\_\_

- Samples were preserved as follows:
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  - P-Ice: Sample stored in an ice bath (Not Frozen).
  - P-AA: Sample Preserved with Ascorbic Acid to remove chlorine residual.
  - P-HCl: Sample Preserved with Hydrochloric Acid (2 drops/40 ml)

**ANALYSES REQUESTED:** Please check the appropriate box(es) below to indicate the type of analytical screens required. Whenever possible list specific compounds suspected or required.

**PURGEABLE SCREENS**

**EXTRACTABLE SCREENS**

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> (753) Aliphatic Headspace (1-5 Carbons)            | <input type="checkbox"/> (751) Aliphatic Hydrocarbons            |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (754) Aromatic & Halogenated Purgeables | <input type="checkbox"/> (755) Base/Neutral Extractables         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (765) Mass Spectrometer Purgeables                 | <input type="checkbox"/> (758) Herbicides, Chlorophenoxy acid    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (766) Trihalomethanes                              | <input type="checkbox"/> (759) Herbicides, Triazines             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (774) SDWA VOC's I (8 Regulated +)                 | <input type="checkbox"/> (760) Organochlorine Pesticides         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (775) SDWA VOC's II (EDB & DBCP)                   | <input type="checkbox"/> (761) Organophosphate Pesticides        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other Specific Compounds or Classes                | <input type="checkbox"/> (767) Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCB's) |
| <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> (764) Polynuclear Aromatic Hydrocarbons |
| <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> (762) SDWA Pesticides & Herbicides      |

\*Remarks: Low detection limit (10 ppb or less) requested for halogenated purgeables

**FIELD DATA:**  
 pH= 9.5; Conductivity= 13,900 umho/cm at 25 °C; Chlorine Residual= \_\_\_\_\_ mg/l  
 Dissolved Oxygen= \_\_\_\_\_ mg/l; Alkalinity= \_\_\_\_\_ mg/l; Flow Rate \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
 Depth to water \_\_\_\_\_ ft.; Depth of well \_\_\_\_\_ ft.; Perforation Interval \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ ft.; Casing: \_\_\_\_\_

Sampling Location, Methods and Remarks (i.e. odors, etc.)  
Marathon Indian Basin Gas Plant - Final Effluent  
Sampling commingled to injection well oily water

I certify that the results in this block accurately reflect the results of my field analyses, observations and activities. (signature collector): David Boyer Method of Shipment to the Lab: Soil

**CHAIN OF CUSTODY**  
 I certify that this sample was transferred from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_  
 at (location) \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ and that  
 the statements in this block are correct. Evidentiary Seals: Not Sealed  OR Seals Intact: Yes  No   
 Signatures \_\_\_\_\_



## SCIENTIFIC LABORATORY DIVISION

700 Camino de Salud, NE  
 Albuquerque, NM 87106 [505]-841-2500  
 ORGANIC CHEMISTRY SECTION [505]-841-2570

July 25, 1989

**ANALYTICAL REPORT**  
**SLD Accession No. OR-89-0912**

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To: NM Oil Conserv. Div.  
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 P. O. Box 2088  
 Santa Fe, NM 87504-2088

From: Organic Chemistry Section  
 Scientific Laboratory Div.  
 700 Camino de Salud, NE  
 Albuquerque, NM 87106

Re: A purgeable water sample submitted to this laboratory on June 27, 1989

User:

OIL CONSERVATION DIV  
 State Land Office Bldg.  
 P. O. Box 2088  
 Santa Fe, NM 87504-2088

## DEMOGRAPHIC DATA

COLLECTION	LOCATION
On: 23-Jun-89 At: 11:10 hrs.	By: Boy . . . In/Near: Carlsbad

## ANALYTICAL RESULTS: Aromatic &amp; Halogenated Purgeable Screen

Parameter	Value	Note	MDL	Units
Halogenated Purgeables (33)	0.00	N	5.00	ppb
Benzene	3700.00		100.00	ppb
Toluene	6600.00		100.00	ppb
Ethylbenzene	200.00		100.00	ppb
p- & m-Xylene	2000.00		100.00	ppb
1,2-Dimethylbenzene	2200.00		100.00	ppb

See Laboratory Remarks for Additional Information

Notations & Comments:

MDL = Minimal Detectable Level.

A = Approximate Value; N = None Detected above Detection Limit; P = Compound Present, but not quantified;  
 T = Trace (<Detection Limit); U = Compound Identity Not Confirmed.

Evidentiary Seals: Not Sealed ; Intact: No , Yes  & Broken By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Laboratory Remarks: Marathon Indian Basin- Fnl Eff

10-12 unidentified unsaturated compounds at trace to 200ppb were detected.

Analyst: Michael J. Owen  
 Michael J. Owen  
 Analyst, Organic Chemistry

7-12-89  
 Analysis  
 Date

Reviewed By: Richard F. Meyerhein  
 Richard F. Meyerhein 07/25/89  
 Supervisor, Organic Chemistry Section

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REPORT TO: DAVID BOYER S.L.D. No. OR-  
N.M. OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION DATE REC. 6-27-89  
P.O. Box 2088 PRIORITY 3  
Santa Fe, NM 87504-2088 PHONE(S): 827-5812

COLLECTION CITY: Carlisle; COUNTY: Eddy

COLLECTION DATE/TIME CODE: (Year-Month-Day-Hour-Minute) 89062311055

LOCATION CODE: (Township-Range-Section-Tracts) 21S+23E+23+1-1 (10N06E24342)

USER CODE: 82235 SUBMITTER: David Boyer CODE: 2610

SAMPLE TYPE: WATER , SOIL , FOOD , OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_

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- P-HCl: Sample Preserved with Hydrochloric Acid (2 drops/40 ml)

**ANALYSES REQUESTED:** Please check the appropriate box(es) below to indicate the type of analytical screens required. Whenever possible list specific compounds suspected or required.

**PURGEABLE SCREENS**

- (753) Aliphatic Headspace (1-5 Carbons)
- (754) Aromatic & Halogenated Purgeables
- (765) Mass Spectrometer Purgeables
- (766) Trihalomethanes
- (774) SDWA VOC's I (8 Regulated +)
- (775) SDWA VOC's II (EDB & DBCP)
- Other Specific Compounds or Classes

**EXTRACTABLE SCREENS**

- (751) Aliphatic Hydrocarbons
- (755) Base/Neutral Extractables
- (758) Herbicides, Chlorophenoxy acid
- (759) Herbicides, Triazines
- (760) Organochlorine Pesticides
- (761) Organophosphate Pesticides
- (767) Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCB's)
- (764) Polynuclear Aromatic Hydrocarbons
- (762) SDWA Pesticides & Herbicides

Remarks: \_\_\_\_\_

**FIELD DATA:**

pH=6.5; Conductivity=3000 umho/cm at 18°C; Chlorine Residual= \_\_\_\_\_ mg/l  
 Dissolved Oxygen= \_\_\_\_\_ mg/l; Alkalinity= \_\_\_\_\_ mg/l; Flow Rate \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
 Depth to water \_\_\_\_\_ ft.; Depth of well \_\_\_\_\_ ft.; Perforation Interval \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ ft.; Casing: \_\_\_\_\_

Sampling Location, Methods and Remarks (i.e. odors, etc.)

Marathon Indian Basin Gas Plant - Cooling Tower Water  
(from circulation line near amine pumps)

I certify that the results in this block accurately reflect the results of my field analyses, observations and activities. (signature collector): [Signature] Method of Shipment to the Lab: State Car

**CHAIN OF CUSTODY**

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 Signatures \_\_\_\_\_

For OCD use: Date owner notified: 8/3/89 Phone or Letter? Initials RB



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 Santa Fe, NM 87504-2088

From: Organic Chemistry Section  
 Scientific Laboratory Div.  
 700 Camino de Salud, NE  
 Albuquerque, NM 87106

Re: A purgeable water sample submitted to this laboratory on June 27, 1989

User:

OIL CONSERVATION DIV  
 State Land Office Bldg.  
 P. O. Box 2088  
 Santa Fe, NM 87504-2088

## DEMOGRAPHIC DATA

COLLECTION		LOCATION
On: 23-Jun-89	By: Boy . . .	
At: 10:55 hrs.	In/Near: Carlsbad	

## ANALYTICAL RESULTS: Aromatic &amp; Halogenated Purgeable Screen

Parameter	Value	Note	MDL	Units
Chloroform	8.00		0.50	ppb
Bromodichloromethane	3.00		0.50	ppb
Dibromochloromethane	4.00		0.50	ppb
Bromoform	2.00		0.50	ppb
Aromatic Purgeables (6)	0.00	N	0.50	ppb

See Laboratory Remarks for Additional Information

Notations & Comments:

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Evidentiary Seals: Not Sealed ; Intact: No , Yes  & Broken By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Laboratory Remarks: Marathon Indian Basin- Twr Wtr

Three unidentified unsaturated compounds at trace to 5ppb were detected.

Analyst:

Michael J. Owen  
 Michael J. Owen  
 Analyst, Organic Chemistry

7-12-89  
 Analysis  
 Date

Reviewed By:

Richard F. Meyerhein  
 Richard F. Meyerhein 07/25/89  
 Supervisor, Organic Chemistry Section

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REPORT TO: DAVID BOYER S.L.D. No. OR-  
N.M. OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION DATE REC. 6-27-89  
P.O. Box 2088 PRIORITY 3  
Santa Fe, NM 87504-2088 PHONE(S): 827-5812

COLLECTION CITY: Creekside; COUNTY: Eddy

COLLECTION DATE/TIME CODE: (Year-Month-Day-Hour-Minute) 8|9|06|23|10|45

LOCATION CODE: (Township-Range-Section-Tracts) 2|15+2|3|E+2|3+1| (10N06E24342)

USER CODE: 8|2|2|3|5 SUBMITTER: David Boyer CODE: 2|6|0

SAMPLE TYPE: WATER , SOIL , FOOD , OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_

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- (761) Organophosphate Pesticides
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- (764) Polynuclear Aromatic Hydrocarbons
- (762) SDWA Pesticides & Herbicides

Remarks: \_\_\_\_\_

**FIELD DATA:**

pH= 7; Conductivity= 700 umho/cm at 20 °C; Chlorine Residual= \_\_\_\_\_ mg/l  
*\* From Tank storage instead of pump.*

Dissolved Oxygen= \_\_\_\_\_ mg/l; Alkalinity= \_\_\_\_\_ mg/l; Flow Rate \_\_\_\_\_

Depth to water \_\_\_\_\_ ft.; Depth of well \_\_\_\_\_ ft.; Perforation Interval \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ ft.; Casing: \_\_\_\_\_

Sampling Location, Methods and Remarks (i.e. odors, etc.)

Marathon, Indiana Basin Gas Plant - Raw Water  
(From West well) - Sample from Top of PumpHouse \*

I certify that the results in this block accurately reflect the results of my field analyses, observations and activities. (signature collector): David Boyer Method of Shipment to the Lab: State Car

**CHAIN OF CUSTODY**

I certify that this sample was transferred from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

at (location) \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ and that

the statements in this block are correct. Evidentiary Seals: Not Sealed  OR Seals Intact: Yes  No

Signatures \_\_\_\_\_



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From: Organic Chemistry Section  
 Scientific Laboratory Div.  
 700 Camino de Salud, NE  
 Albuquerque, NM 87106

Re: A purgeable water sample submitted to this laboratory on June 27, 1989

User:

OIL CONSERVATION DIV  
 State Land Office Bldg.  
 P. O. Box 2088  
 Santa Fe, NM 87504-2088

## DEMOGRAPHIC DATA

COLLECTION		LOCATION
On: 23-Jun-89	By: Boy . . .	
At: 10:45 hrs.	In/Near: Carlsbad	

## ANALYTICAL RESULTS: Aromatic &amp; Halogenated Purgeable Screen

Parameter	Value	Note	MDL	Units
Halogenated Purgeables (33)	0.00	N	5.00	ppb
Aromatic Purgeables (6)	0.00	N	10.00	ppb

Notations & Comments:

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Evidentiary Seals: Not Sealed ; Intact: No , Yes  & Broken By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Laboratory Remarks: Marathon Indian Resin Raw Wtr

Analyst: Michael J. Owen Analysis Date: 7-12-89  
 Michael J. Owen  
 Analyst, Organic Chemistry

Reviewed By: Richard F. Meyerhein Date: 07/25/89  
 Richard F. Meyerhein  
 Supervisor, Organic Chemistry Section

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**GENERAL WATER CHEMISTRY  
and NITROGEN ANALYSIS**

DATE RECEIVED <u>06/27/89</u>	LAB NO. <u>WC 2372</u>	USER CODE <input type="checkbox"/> 59300 <input type="checkbox"/> 59600 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER: 82235
Collection DATE <u>06/23/89</u>	SITE INFORMATION	Sample location <u>Marathon Indian Basin (east part)</u>
Collection TIME <u>10:43</u>		Collection site description <u>West Water well / Raw</u>
Collected by <u>Boyer/Anderson/OCD</u>		Station/well code <u>215-23E-23-1</u>

ENVIRONMENTAL BUREAU  
 NM OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION  
 State Land Office Bldg, PO Box 2088  
 Santa Fe, NM 87504-2088

SEND FINAL REPORT TO

Attn: David Boyer  
 Phone: 827-5812

Water supply  
Sample from taps  
at pump house, but  
water from storage tank

**SAMPLING CONDITIONS**

<input type="checkbox"/> Bailed	<input type="checkbox"/> Pump	Water level <u>—</u>	Discharge <u>—</u>	Sample type <u>brack</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Dipped	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tap			
pH (00400) <u>7</u>	Conductivity (Uncorrected) <u>780</u> $\mu$ mho	Water Temp. (00010) <u>20</u> °C	Conductivity at 25°C (00094) <u>          </u> $\mu$ mho	
Field comments				

**SAMPLE FIELD TREATMENT — Check proper boxes**

No. of samples submitted <u>1</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NF: Whole sample (Non-filtered)	<input type="checkbox"/> F: Filtered in field with 0.45 $\mu$ m membrane filter	<input type="checkbox"/> A: 2 ml H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> /L added
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA: No acid added	<input type="checkbox"/> Other-specify: <u>          </u>	<input type="checkbox"/> A: 5ml conc. HNO <sub>3</sub> added	<input type="checkbox"/> A: 4ml fuming HNO <sub>3</sub> added

**ANALYTICAL RESULTS from SAMPLES**

NA	Units	Date analyzed	From <u>NF</u> , NA Sample:	Date Analyzed
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Conductivity (Corrected) 25°C (00095)	<u>878</u> $\mu$ mho	<u>7/6</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Calcium <u>80</u> mg/l	<u>8/04</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Total non-filterable residue (suspended) (00530)	<u>          </u> mg/l	<u>          </u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Potassium <u>2</u> mg/l	<u>7/10</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>Lab pH</u>	<u>7.76</u>	<u>6/30</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Magnesium <u>36</u> mg/l	<u>8/24</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Other:	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sodium <u>12</u> mg/l	<u>7/10</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Other:	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bicarbonate <u>313</u> mg/l	<u>6/30</u>
<b>A-H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub></b>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chloride <u>23</u> mg/l	<u>7/10</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Nitrate-N <sup>+</sup> , Nitrate-N total (00630)	<u>          </u> mg/l	<u>          </u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sulfate <u>65</u> mg/l	<u>7/26</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Ammonia-N total (00610)	<u>          </u> mg/l	<u>          </u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Total Solids <u>564</u> mg/l	<u>7/19</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Total Kjeldahl-N ( )	<u>          </u> mg/l	<u>          </u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CO <sub>3</sub> <u>0</u>	<u>6/30</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Chemical oxygen demand (00340)	<u>          </u> mg/l	<u>          </u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B <sub>3</sub> <u>40.20</u>	<u>7/11</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Total organic carbon ( )	<u>          </u> mg/l	<u>          </u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cation/Anion Balance <u>          </u>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other:	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	Analyst	Date Reported <u>8/7/89</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Other:	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>		Reviewed by <u>C. Dean</u>

Laboratory remarks

FOR OCD USE -- Date Owner Notified            Phone or Letter?            Initials

CATIONS

ANALYTE	MEQ.	PPM	DET. LIMIT
Ca	3.99	80.00	<3.0
Mg	2.96	36.00	<0.3
Na	0.52	12.00	<10.0
K	0.05	2.00	<0.3
Mn	0.00	0.00	
Fe	0.00	0.00	
SUMS	7.52	130.00	
Total Dissolved Solids=			564
Ion Balance =			99.64%

ANIONS

ANALYTE	MEQ.	PPM	DET. LIMIT
HCO3	5.13	313.00	<1.0
SO4	1.77	85.00	<10.0
CL	0.65	23.00	<5.0
NO3	0.00	0.00	< 0.
CO3	0.00	0.00	< 1.
NH3	0.00	0.00	< 0.
PO4	0.00	0.00	< 0.
	7.55	421.00	

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New Mexico Health and Environment Department  
 SCIENTIFIC LABORATORY DIVISION  
 700 Camino de Salud NE  
 Albuquerque, NM 87106

# HEAVY METAL ANALYSIS FORM

Telephone: (505)841-2553

Date Received 06/27/89 Lab No. ICAP 378 User Code  82235  Other:

COLLECTION DATE & TIME: yy mm dd hh mm 89 06 23 10 55 COLLECTION SITE DESCRIPTION Cooling tower water

COLLECTED BY: Boyer/Anderson

TO:

OWNER: Marathon Indian  
Boiling Gas Plant

ENVIRONMENTAL BUREAU  
 NM OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION  
 State Land Office Bldg., PO Box 2088  
 SANTA FE, NM 87504-2088

SITE LOCATION:  
 County: Sandoz

Township, Range, Section, Tract: (10N06E24342)  
2115+2R1E+213+1-1

ATTN: D. Boyer  
 TELEPHONE: 827-5812

STATION/ WELL CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

LATITUDE, LONGITUDE: \_\_\_\_\_

**SAMPLING CONDITIONS:**

Bailed  Pump  Water Level: \_\_\_\_\_  Discharge: \_\_\_\_\_  Sample Type: 200  
 Dipped  Tap

pH(00400) 6.5 Conductivity(Uncorr.) 3000  $\mu$ mho Water Temp.(00010) 18  $^{\circ}$ C Conductivity at 25 $^{\circ}$ C (00094) \_\_\_\_\_  $\mu$ mho

FIELD COMMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_

**SAMPLE FIELD TREATMENT**

Check proper boxes:  
 WPN: Water Preserved w/HNO<sub>3</sub> Non-Filtered  
 WPF: Water Preserved w/HNO<sub>3</sub> Filtered

**LAB ANALYSIS REQUESTED:**

ICAP Scan  
 Mark box next to metal if AA is required.

**ANALYTICAL RESULTS (MG/L)**

ELEMENT	ICAP VALUE	AA VALUE	ELEMENT	ICAP VALUE	AA VALUE
Aluminum	<u>0.2</u> <u>AA</u>	_____	Silicon	<u>1.4</u>	_____
Barium	<u>&lt;0.1</u>	_____	Silver	<u>&lt;0.1</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Beryllium	<u>&lt;0.1</u>	_____	Strontium	<u>AA 3.8 3.7</u>	_____
Boron	<u>0.3</u>	_____	Tin	<u>0.1</u>	_____
Cadmium	<u>&lt;0.1</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Vanadium	<u>&lt;0.1</u>	_____
Calcium	<u>580.</u>	_____	Zinc	<u>&lt;0.1</u>	_____
Chromium	<u>0.5</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>0.60</u>	Arsenic	_____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>0.13</u>
Cobalt	<u>&lt;0.05</u>	_____	Selenium	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Copper	<u>0.1</u>	_____	Mercury	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Iron	<u>AA 3.7 2.3</u>	_____			<input type="checkbox"/>
Lead	<u>&lt;0.1</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>
Magnesium	<u>240.</u>	_____			<input type="checkbox"/>
Manganese	<u>AA 0.08</u>	_____			<input type="checkbox"/>
Molybdenum	<u>&lt;0.1</u>	_____			<input type="checkbox"/>
Nickel	<u>&lt;0.1</u>	_____			<input type="checkbox"/>

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LAB COMMENTS: DIGESTED.

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ICAP Analyst AA Reviewer Jim Ashby  
 Date Analyzed 7/31/89 Date Received 10/2/89





# HEAVY METAL ANALYSIS FORM

Telephone: (505)841-2553

Date Received 06/27/89 Lab No. ICAP 372 User Code  82235  Other:

COLLECTION DATE & TIME: yy mm dd hh mm 89 06 23 11 10 COLLECTION SITE DESCRIPTION  
Final Effluent  
Commercial Leachate  
Injection

COLLECTED BY: Boyer/Anderson OWNER: Marathon Petroleum  
Refinery Gas Plant

TO: ENVIRONMENTAL BUREAU  
 NM OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION  
 State Land Office Bldg., PO Box 2088  
 SANTA FE, NM 87504-2088

SITE LOCATION:  
 County: Eddy

Township, Range, Section, Tract: (10N06E24342)  
21N23E23+1-1

ATTN: A Boyer  
 TELEPHONE: 827-5812

STATION/ WELL CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

LATITUDE, LONGITUDE: \_\_\_\_\_

SAMPLING CONDITIONS:  
 Bailed  Pump  Dipped  Tap Water Level: \_\_\_\_\_ Discharge: \_\_\_\_\_ Sample Type: Crab  
 pH(00400) \_\_\_\_\_ Conductivity(Uncorr.) \_\_\_\_\_ Water Temp.(00010) \_\_\_\_\_ Conductivity at 25°C (00094) \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  $\mu\text{mho}$  \_\_\_\_\_  $^{\circ}\text{C}$  \_\_\_\_\_  $\mu\text{mho}$

FIELD COMMENTS:  
Sample from top to injection well line

SAMPLE FIELD TREATMENT LAB ANALYSIS REQUESTED:  
 Check proper boxes:  
 WPN: Water Preserved w/HNO<sub>3</sub> Non-Filtered  WPF: Water Preserved w/HNO<sub>3</sub> Filtered  ICAP Scan  
 Mark box next to metal if AA is required.

## ANALYTICAL RESULTS (MG/L)

ELEMENT	ICAP VALUE	AA VALUE	ELEMENT	ICAP VALUE	AA VALUE
Aluminum	<0.1		Silicon	2.5	
Barium	<0.1		Silver	<0.1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Beryllium	<0.1		Strontium	16.	
Boron	1.4		Tin	<0.1	
Cadmium	<0.1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <0.001	Vanadium	<0.1	
Calcium	630.		Zinc	<0.1	
Chromium	<0.1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0.062	Arsenic		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0.020
Cobalt	<0.05		Selenium		<input type="checkbox"/>
Copper	<0.1		Mercury		<input type="checkbox"/>
Iron	3.8				<input type="checkbox"/>
Lead	<0.1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <0.005			<input type="checkbox"/>
Magnesium	130.				<input type="checkbox"/>
Manganese	0.12				<input type="checkbox"/>
Molybdenum	<0.1				<input type="checkbox"/>
Nickel	<0.1				<input type="checkbox"/>

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LAB COMMENTS: DIGESTED,

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 Date Owner Notified: \_\_\_\_\_ ICAP Analyst JAA Reviewer Jim Ashby  
 Phone or Letter? \_\_\_\_\_ Date Analyzed 7/31/89 Date Received 10/2/89  
 Initials: \_\_\_\_\_



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ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

GARREY CARRUTHERS  
GOVERNOR

May 15, 1989

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CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN  
RECEIPT NO. P-106 675 056

Manager, Houston Division  
Marathon Oil Company  
Onshore Operations Production, U.S.  
P. O. Box 3128  
Houston, Texas 77253

Re: Discharge Plan GW-21  
Indian Basin Gas Plant  
Eddy County, New Mexico

Dear Sir:

On November 26, 1984, the ground water discharge plan, GW-21 for the Indian Basin Gas Plant located in Eddy County was approved by the Director of the Oil Conservation Division (OCD). This discharge plan was required and submitted pursuant to Water Quality Control Commission Regulations and it was approved for a period of five years. The approval will expire on November 26, 1989.

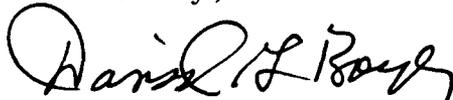
If your facility continues to have effluent or leachate discharges and you wish to continue discharging, please submit your application for renewal of plan approval as quickly as possible. The OCD is reviewing discharge plan submittals and renewals carefully and the review time can often extend for several months. Please indicate whether you have made, or intend to make, any changes in your discharge system, and if so, include an application for plan amendment with your application for renewal. To assist you in preparation of your renewal application, I have enclosed a copy of the OCD's guidelines for preparation of ground water discharge plans at natural gas processing plants. These guidelines will be used in review of your renewal application.

The disposal of all solid waste generated at your facility will be addressed in your discharge plan renewal. The guidelines are being revised to include the solid waste provisions as enacted by the New Mexico Legislature in the 1989 Legislative session.

If you no longer have discharges and discharge plan renewal is not needed, please notify this office.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Roger Anderson at (505) 927-5884.

Sincerely,

  
DAVID G. BOYER, Chief  
Environmental Bureau

DGB/dr

cc: Oil Conservation Division  
Artesia, New Mexico

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NOTIFICATION OF FIRE, BREAKS, SPILLS, LEAKS, AND BLOWOUTS

NAME OF OPERATOR Marathon Oil Company				ADDRESS P. O. Box 552, Midland, TX 79702			
REPORT OF	FIRE	BREAK X	SPILL	LEAK	BLOWOUT	OTHER*	
TYPE OF FACILITY	DRLG WELL	PROD WELL	TANK BTTY	PIPE LINE	GASO PLNT X	OIL RFY	OTHER*
NAME OF FACILITY Indian Basin Gas Plant				SEC. 23	TWP. 20S	RGE. 23E	COUNTY Eddy
LOCATION OF FACILITY (QUARTER/QUARTER SECTION OR FOOTAGE DESCRIPTION)							
DISTANCE AND DIRECTION FROM NEAREST TOWN OR PROMINENT LANDMARK 20 miles NW of Carlsbad, N. Mexico							
DATE AND HOUR OF OCCURENCE Wed., June 25, 1986				DATE AND HOUR OF DISCOVERY June 27, 1986 (8:00 a.m. MST)			
WAS IMMEDIATE NOTICE GIVEN?		YES	NO	NOT RE-QUIRED		IF YES, TO WHOM May Morgan	
BY WHOM Tom Zapatka		DATE AND HOUR July 1, 1986 (10:00 a.m. (CST))		QUANTITY OF LOSS 188 BBL.		VOLUME RE-COVERED 0	
TYPE OF FLUID LOST Condensate		DID ANY FLUIDS REACH A WATERCOURSE? YES X		NO		QUANTITY 188 BBL.	
IF YES, DESCRIBE FULLY**  See Attachment							
DESCRIBE CAUSE OF PROBLEM AND REMEDIAL ACTION TAKEN**  See Attachment							
DESCRIBE AREA AFFECTED AND CLEANUP ACTION TAKEN**  See Attachment							
DESCRIPTION OF AREA		FARMING	GRAZING	URBAN	OTHER* rocky arroyo		
SURFACE CONDITIONS		SANDY	SANDY LOAM	CLAY	ROCKY X	WET X	DRY SNOW
DESCRIBE GENERAL CONDITIONS PREVAILING (TEMPERATURE, PRECIPITATION, ETC.)**  See Attachment							
I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION ABOVE IS TRUE AND COMPLETE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF							
SIGNED <i>Tom Zapatka</i>				TITLE Prod. Eng.		DATE July 2, 1986	

\*SPECIFY

\*\*ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY

OK MW 7/15/86

TFZ;tjm

A six-inch PVC condensate line from the field to the gas plant was washed out during heavy rains discharging an estimated 188 barrels of condensate. This line crosses a normally dry arroyo located 1/4 mile south of the plant. Heavy rains during the week of June 23-27, flooded this arroyo. When the water subsided, a section of this six-inch line was found to have been washed away. There was no evidence of any spilled condensate in the area. It was all washed away.

This section of line will be replaced and steps taken so that this will not happen again. This office, in Midland, Texas, was not notified of the incident until the morning of July 1, 1986. Marathon regrets the delay in reporting this information to you and is also taking steps to insure more timely reporting from field personnel. If any further information is required, please contact my office at (915) 687-8530. Thank you for your cooperation.

TFZ;tjm/i



STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
ENERGY AND MINERALS DEPARTMENT  
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

TONEY ANAYA  
GOVERNOR

POST OFFICE BOX 2088  
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(505) 827-5800

November 26, 1984

Mr. C. L. Roberts  
Manager, Houston Division  
Marathon Oil Company  
Onshore Operations Production, US  
P.O. Box 3128  
Houston, Texas 77253

Re: Discharge Plan for  
Indian Basin Gas Plant

Dear Mr. Roberts:

The ground water discharge plan (GW-21) for Marathon Oil Company's Indian Basin Gas Plant located in the NE/4 of Section 23, Township 21 South, Range 23 East, Eddy County, New Mexico, is hereby approved. The approved discharge plan consists of the plan dated June 22, 1984, and the materials dated September 6, 1984 and November 21, 1984, submitted as supplements to the discharge plan.

The discharge plan was submitted pursuant to Section 3-106 of the New Mexico Water Quality Control Commission Regulations. It is approved pursuant to Section 3-109. Please note subsections 3-109.E. and 3-109.F., which provide for possible future amendment of the plan. Please be advised that the approval of this plan does not relieve you of liability should your operation result in actual pollution of surface or ground waters which may be actionable under other laws and/or regulations.

There will be no monitoring or reporting requirements. Please note that Section 3-104 of the regulations requires that "When a plan has been approved, discharges must be consistent with the terms and conditions of the plan."

Please be aware that in this discharge plan you have made commitments which are legally enforceable under the New Mexico Water Quality Act. These include constructing all aspects of your installation as designed. You are

susceptible to fines should you not fulfill these obligations.

Pursuant to subsection 3-109.G.4., this plan approval is for a period of five (5) years. This approval will expire November 26, 1989, and you should submit an application for new approval in ample time before that date.

On behalf of the staff of the Oil Conservation Division, I wish to thank you for your cooperation during this discharge plan review.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. L. Stamets", written over a horizontal line.

R. L. STAMETS  
Director

RLS/dp

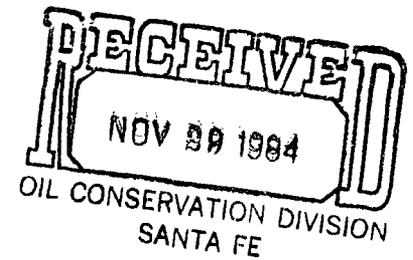
cc: Artesia District Office

Midland District  
Houston Division  
Production Operations United States



**Marathon  
Oil Company**

P.O. Box 552  
Midland, Texas 79702  
Telephone 915/682-1626



November 21, 1984

Mr. David G. Boyer, Hydrogeologist  
State of New Mexico  
Energy and Minerals Department  
Oil Conservation Division  
P. O. Box 2088  
State Land Office Building  
Sante Fe, New Mexico 87501

Dear Mr. Boyer:

This memo is in response to a telephone conversation on Monday, November 19, with Mr. Phillip Baca of your staff and Mr. J. L. Smith in Midland. In that conversation, Mr. Baca requested confirmation that modifications to the closed drain system at Marathon's Indian Basin Gas Plant are complete. As indicated to Mr. Baca on that date, the modifications described in the discharge plan are both complete and in operation.

If further information is desired, please advise.

Very truly yours,

MARATHON OIL COMPANY

*G. E. Yester*

G. E. Yester  
District Operations Manager







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UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE  
Ecological Services  
Suite D, 3530 Pan American Highway, NE  
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87107

November 16, 1989

Mr. William J. Lemay, Director  
New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural  
Resources Department  
Oil Conservation Division  
P. O. Box 2088  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-2088

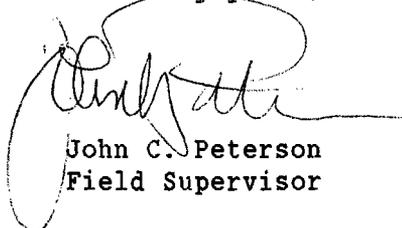
Dear Mr. Lemay:

We have reviewed the public notice dated September 14, 1989, requesting comments for the Marathon Oil Company, Indian Basin Gas Plant discharge permit renewal. The plant is located in the SW/4 NE/4, Section 23, Township 21 South, Range 23 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico.

The plan states that approximately 29,400 gallons per day of process wastewater is collected in an above-ground steel tank prior to disposal in an OCD approved Class II disposal well. If the above-ground storage tank is not currently covered, the Fish and Wildlife Service recommends that the Indian Basin Gas Plant screen the tank to prevent migratory birds from gaining access to wastewater.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. If the Service can be of any assistance, or you have any questions concerning our comments, call Rick Roy at (505) 883-7877.

Sincerely yours,



John C. Peterson  
Field Supervisor

cc:

Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Fish and Wildlife  
Enhancement, Albuquerque, New Mexico



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**GENERAL WATER CHEMISTRY  
 and NITROGEN ANALYSIS**

DATE RECEIVED <u>06/27/89</u>	LAB NO. <u>WC 2375</u>	USER CODE <input type="checkbox"/> 59300 <input type="checkbox"/> 59600 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER: 82235
Collection DATE <u>8/10/89</u>	SITE INFORMATION	Sample location <u>Marathon Indian Reservoir Gas Plant</u>
Collection TIME <u>11:00</u>		Collection site description <u>Final Effluent -</u>
Collected by — Person/Agency <u>Boix / Andersen</u>		<u>10CD</u>

SEND FINAL REPORT TO  
 ENVIRONMENTAL BUREAU  
 NM OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION  
 State Land Office Bldg, PO Box 2088  
 Santa Fe, NM 87504-2088

Attn: David Boyer

Phone: 827-5812

Commingled sample  
 from tap on line to  
 injection well

Station/well code 215-23E-23.1  
 Owner \_\_\_\_\_

**SAMPLING CONDITIONS**

<input type="checkbox"/> Bailed <input type="checkbox"/> Pump	Water level <u>—</u>	Discharge <u>—</u>	Sample type <u>Grab</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Dipped <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tap			
pH (00400) <u>9.5</u>	Conductivity (Uncorrected) <u>13,900</u> $\mu\text{mho}$	Water Temp. (00010) <u>25</u> °C	Conductivity at 25°C (00094) _____ $\mu\text{mho}$
Field comments _____			

**SAMPLE FIELD TREATMENT — Check proper boxes**

No. of samples submitted <u>1</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NF: Whole sample (Non-filtered)	<input type="checkbox"/> F: Filtered in field with 0.45 $\mu$ membrane filter	<input type="checkbox"/> A: 2 ml H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> /L added
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA: No acid added	<input type="checkbox"/> Other-specify: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> A: 5ml conc. HNO <sub>3</sub> added	<input type="checkbox"/> A: 4ml fuming HNO <sub>3</sub> added

**ANALYTICAL RESULTS from SAMPLES**

NA	Units	Date analyzed	From <u>WF</u> , NA Sample:	Date Analyzed
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Conductivity (Corrected) 25°C (00095)	<u>19496</u> $\mu\text{mho}$	<u>7/6</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Calcium	<u>128</u> mg/l <u>8/04</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Total non-filterable residue (suspended) (00530)	_____ mg/l	_____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Potassium	<u>53</u> mg/l <u>7/6</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>lab pH</u>	<u>7.05</u>	<u>7/10</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Magnesium	<u>144</u> mg/l <u>8/04</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	_____	_____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sodium	<u>3930</u> mg/l <u>7/11</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	_____	_____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bicarbonate	<u>1235</u> mg/l <u>7/10</u>
<b>A-H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub></b>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chloride	<u>7955</u> mg/l <u>7/11</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Nitrate-N +, Nitrate-N total (00630)	_____ mg/l	_____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sulfate	<u>58.5</u> mg/l <u>7/27</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Ammonia-N total (00610)	_____ mg/l	_____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Total Solids	<u>11,980</u> mg/l <u>7/19</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Total Kjeldahl-N ( )	_____ mg/l	_____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>CO<sub>2</sub></u>	<u>0</u> <u>7/10</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Chemical oxygen demand (00340)	_____ mg/l	_____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>B<sub>5</sub></u>	<u>20.20</u> <u>7/12</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Total organic carbon ( )	_____ mg/l	_____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cation/Anion Balance	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	_____	_____	Analyst _____	Date Reported <u>8/17/89</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	_____	_____	Reviewed by <u>[Signature]</u>	

Laboratory remarks \_\_\_\_\_

CATIONS

ANALYTE	MEQ.	PPM	DET. LIMIT
Ca	6.39	128.00	<3.0
Mg	11.83	144.00	<0.3
Na	170.94	3930.00	<10.0
K	1.36	53.00	<0.3
Mn	0.00	0.00	
Fe	0.00	0.00	
SUMS	190.51	4255.00	
Total Dissolved Solids=			11980
Ion Balance =			77.49%

ANIONS

ANALYTE	MEQ.	PPM	DET. LIMIT
HC03	20.24	1235.00	<1.0
SO4	1.22	58.50	<10.0
CL	224.40	7955.00	<5.0
NO3	0.00	0.00	< 0.
C03	0.00	0.00	< 1.
NH3	0.00	0.00	< 0.
PO4	0.00	0.00	< 0.
	245.86	9248.50	

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**GENERAL WATER CHEMISTRY  
and NITROGEN ANALYSIS**

DATE RECEIVED <u>10/27/89</u>	LAB NO. <u>WC 2371</u>	USER CODE <input type="checkbox"/> 59300 <input type="checkbox"/> 59600 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER: 82235
Collection DATE <u>8/10/89</u>	SITE INFORMATION	Sample location <u>Marathon Indian Reservation Gas Plant</u>
Collection TIME <u>1055</u>		Collection site description <u>Cooling Tower water (from circulation line near amine pumps)</u>
Collected by — Person/Agency <u>Boyer/Anderson 10CD</u>		

SEND FINAL REPORT TO

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 NM OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION  
 State Land Office Bldg, PO Box 2088  
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Attn: David Boyer

Phone: 827-5812

Station/well code 215-231-23.1  
 Owner

**SAMPLING CONDITIONS**

<input type="checkbox"/> Bailed <input type="checkbox"/> Dipped	<input type="checkbox"/> Pump <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tap	Water level <u>-</u>	Discharge <u>-</u>	Sample type <u>Grab</u>
pH (00400) <u>6.5</u>	Conductivity (Uncorrected) <u>3000</u> $\mu$ mho	Water Temp. (00010) <u>18</u> °C	Conductivity at 25°C (00094) <u>        </u> $\mu$ mho	
Field comments				

**SAMPLE FIELD TREATMENT — Check proper boxes**

No. of samples submitted <u>1</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NF: Whole sample (Non-filtered)	<input type="checkbox"/> F: Filtered in field with 0.45 $\mu$ m membrane filter	<input type="checkbox"/> A: 2 ml H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> /L added
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA: No acid added	<input type="checkbox"/> Other-specify:	<input type="checkbox"/> A: 5ml conc. HNO <sub>3</sub> added	<input type="checkbox"/> A: 4ml fuming HNO <sub>3</sub> added

**ANALYTICAL RESULTS from SAMPLES**

NA	Units	Date analyzed	From <u>NF</u> , NA Sample:	Date Analyzed
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Conductivity (Corrected) 25°C (00095)	<u>4445</u> $\mu$ mho	<u>7/10</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Calcium <u>532 508</u> mg/l	<u>8/04</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Total non-filterable residue (suspended) (00530)	mg/l		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Potassium <u>40</u> mg/l	<u>7/10</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>Lab pH</u>	<u>6.65</u>	<u>6/30</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Magnesium <u>242 253</u> mg/l	<u>8/04</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Other:			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sodium <u>287</u> mg/l	<u>7/10</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Other:			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bicarbonate <u>36.8</u> mg/l	<u>6/30</u>
<b>A-H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub></b>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chloride <u>445</u> mg/l	<u>7/10</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Nitrate-N <sup>+</sup> , Nitrate-N total (00630)	mg/l		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sulfate <u>1993 1867</u> mg/l	<u>7/26</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Ammonia-N total (00610)	mg/l		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Total Solids <u>4518</u> mg/l	<u>7/19</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Total Kjeldahl-N ( )	mg/l		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CO <sub>2</sub> <u>0</u>	<u>6/30</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Chemical oxygen demand (00340)	mg/l		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BR <u>20.20</u>	<u>7/11</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Total organic carbon ( )	mg/l		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cation/Anion Balance	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other:			Analyst	Date Reported <u>8/7/89</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Other:				Reviewed by <u>        </u>

Laboratory remarks

FOR OCD USE -- Date Owner Notified \_\_\_\_\_ Phone or Letter? \_\_\_\_\_ Initials \_\_\_\_\_

CATIONS

ANALYTE	MEQ.	PPM	DET. LIMIT
Ca	25.35	508.00	<3.0
Mg	20.78	253.00	<0.3
Na	12.48	287.00	<10.0
K	1.02	40.00	<0.3
Mn	0.00	0.00	
Fe	0.00	0.00	
SUMS	59.64	1088.00	
Total Dissolved Solids=			4518
Ion Balance =			114.57%

ANIONS

ANALYTE	MEQ.	PPM	DET. LIMIT
HC03	0.60	36.80	<1.0
SO4	38.90	1867.00	<10.0
CL	12.55	445.00	<5.0
NO3	0.00	0.00	< 0.
C03	0.00	0.00	< 1.
NH3	0.00	0.00	< 0.
PO4	0.00	0.00	< 0.
	52.05	2348.80	

WC No. = 8902371  
 Date out/By CS 5/17

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Gary D. Scott being duly  
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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27th day

of September 19, 89

*Barbara Ann Beans*

Notary Public, Eddy County, New Mexico

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## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION  
STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
ENERGY, MINERALS AND  
NATURAL RESOURCES  
DEPARTMENT  
OIL CONSERVATION  
DIVISION

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to New Mexico Water Quality Control Commission Regulations, the following discharge plan renewal has been submitted for approval to the Director of the Oil Conservation Division, State Land Office Building, P.O. Box 2088, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-2088, Telephone (505) 827-5800.

(GW-21) Marathon Oil Company, W.O. Snyder, Mid-Continent Region Production Manager, P.O. Box 552, Midland, TX 79702, has submitted for approval a ground water discharge plan renewal for its Indian Basin Gas Plant located in the SW/4 NE/4, Section 23, Township 21 South, Range 23 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico. Approximately 29,400 gallons per day of process waste water is collected in an above-ground steel tank prior to disposal in an OCD approved class II disposal well. The total dissolved solids concentration of the waste water is approximately 12,000 mg/l. Ground water most likely to be affected by any discharge to the surface is at a depth of 240 feet with a total dissolved solids concentration of approximately 550 mg/l. The discharge plan addresses how spills, leaks or other discharges to the ground at the plant will be managed.

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If no public hearing is held, the Director will approve or disapprove the proposed plan based on information available. If a public hearing is held, the Director will approve or disapprove the proposed plan based on information in the plan and information submitted at the hearing.

GIVEN under the Seal of New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on this 14th day of September, 1989. To be published on or before October 1, 1989.

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s- William J. LeMay  
WILLIAM J. LEMAY,  
Director

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*Thomas J. Smithson*

Sworn and subscribed to before me, a Notary Public in and  
 for the County of Bernalillo and State of New Mexico,  
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ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

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October 30, 1989

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CERTIFIED MAIL

RETURN RECEIPT NO. P-106 675-118

Mr. W. O. Snyder, Production Manager  
Marathon Oil Company  
P. O. Box 552  
Midland, Texas 79702

RE: Discharge Plan GW-21  
Indian Basin Gas Plant  
Eddy County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Snyder:

The ground water discharge plan renewal (GW-21) for the Marathon Oil Company Indian Basin Gas Plant located in the SW/4, NE/4, Section 23, Township 21 South, Range 23 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico, is hereby approved. The original discharge plan was approved on November 26, 1984 and expired on November 26, 1989. The renewal application consists of the original discharge plan as approved November 26, 1984 and the application dated August 18, 1989.

The discharge plan was submitted pursuant to Section 3-106 of the New Mexico Water Quality Control Commission Regulations. It is renewed pursuant to Section 3-109.F., which provides for the possible future amendments of the plan. Please be advised that the approval of this plan does not relieve you of liability should your operation result in actual pollution of surface or ground waters which may be actionable under other laws and/or regulations.

There will be no routine monitoring or reporting requirements.

Please be advised that all exposed pits, including lined pits and open top tanks, shall be screened, netted, or otherwise rendered nonhazardous to wildlife to include migratory birds.

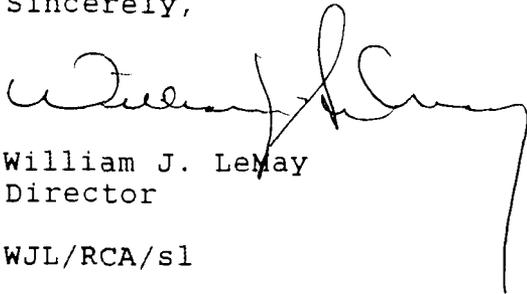
Please note that Section 3-104 of the regulations requires that "when a plan has been approved, discharges must be consistent with the terms and conditions of the plan." Pursuant to Section 3-107.C., you are required to notify the Director of any facility expansion, production increase, or process modification that would result in any change in the discharge of water quality or volume.

Mr. W. O. Snyder  
October 30, 1989  
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Pursuant to Section 3-109.G.4., this plan approval is for a period of five (5) years. This approval will expire November 26, 1994 and you should submit an application for renewal in ample time before that date. It should be noted that all gas processing plants and oil refineries in excess of twenty-five years of age will be required to submit plans for, or the results of an underground drainage testing program as a requirement for discharge plan approval or renewal.

On behalf of the staff of the Oil Conservation Division, I wish to thank you and your staff for your cooperation during this discharge plan review.

Sincerely,



William J. Lemay  
Director

WJL/RCA/sl

cc: OCD Artesia Office

C. L. Roberts  
Manager, Houston Division  
Onshore Operations  
Production, United States

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**Marathon  
Oil Company**

P.O. Box 3128  
Houston, Texas 77253  
Telephone 713/629-6600

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

September 6, 1984

Mr. Joe D. Ramey, Director  
State of New Mexico  
Energy and Minerals Department  
Oil Conservation Division  
P. O. Box 2088  
State Land Office Building  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Dear Mr. Ramey,

This memo is in response to Mr. David G. Boyer's memo of August 1, 1984, (received August 3, 1984). Mr. Boyer and Mr. J. L. Smith in Midland discussed parts of this memo in a telephone conversation on Tuesday, August 7. As stated in Marathon's discharge plan for the Indian Basin Gas Plant, work has been completed to gather, treat, commingle, and inject for disposal purposes all normal plant discharges. Pursuant to Mr. Boyer's memo, additional work is in progress to modify the closed drain system that will better enable the collection of infrequent discharges associated with process malfunctions and emergencies. It is anticipated that the modifications to the closed drain system will be complete by October 1, 1984.

The following is a resume of the additional information requested by Mr. Boyer.

#### Drain Systems

There are two types of process drain systems used at the Indian Basin Gas Plant. The closed drain system, previously mentioned, is used on an infrequent basis primarily when a process malfunction occurs and pressure must be relieved from a particular process unit. When modifications are complete, this system will consist of steel piping leading from process units to a fiberglass tank on the southwest side of the plant. Liquids can then be recovered and/or disposed of, as appropriate from this collection tank.

The second type of drain system used is the open drain system. Steel collection pots, located at many processing units, collect liquids that could otherwise cause a housekeeping problem. Steel piping connects these pots with a concrete drain system that empties into a steel skimmer basin. The skimmer basin separates condensate from the other fluid. The condensate is returned to the condensate separation tanks and the remaining fluid is pumped to the salt water collection tank for disposal purposes. This system handles only small volumes of fluid but serves an important housekeeping function.

There are no evaporation ponds or pits at the plant. Blowdown waters used to be discharged onto the ground. The analysis of these waters is shown in the discharge plan submitted in 1981. The ground where these waters were discharged does not appear to need reclaiming. As discussed in the current discharge plan, these discharges are gathered and injected for disposal purposes into a Class II disposal well.

The locations of the skimmer basin and closed drain system collection tank are shown on the attached plot plan. The closed drain system, as mentioned, is currently undergoing modification.

#### Discharge Quantities

There are essentially four discharges associated with normal plant operations. These discharges are:

- a.) produced salt water
- b.) cooling tower blowdown
- c.) sulfur recovery unit waste heat boiler and condenser blowdown
- d.) waste heat boiler and process steam-boiler blowdown

Discharge volumes are dependent upon plant and/or field operations. The discharge quantity of a.) (above) may range from 500-800 barrels per day. Based on a recent evaluation, the quantity of discharge b.) is estimated to be 26 barrels per day. Discharges c.) and d.) are approximately 14 barrels per day. Therefore, approximately 40 barrels per day of blowdown waters are gathered in the blowdown collection tank.

#### Salt Water Disposal System

Capacities of the salt water and blowdown collection tanks are 1000 barrels and 167 barrels, respectively. The fluid in the blowdown tank is chemically treated for compatibility with the salt water, then commingled with the salt water. A positive displacement pump is used to transfer this fluid through a three-inch steel (coated and wrapped) line to the disposal well where it is injected. The disposal line is buried under the ground from the plant to the disposal well, for protection.

#### Sampling and Analytical Techniques

When it was decided that samples of the commingled produced salt water and blowdown water were needed for the discharge plan, representatives of Martin Water Labs in Midland, Texas, were contacted. The needed analysis was discussed. They also prepared the sample containers with the necessary preservatives.

At the plant, the outlet piping from both the salt water and blowdown collection tanks leads into the suction side of positive displacement injection pumps. Grab samples were collected on the discharge side of the injection

Mr. Joe D. Ramey, Director  
New Mexico Oil Conservation Division  
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pump being operated on May 17, 1984. It was noted that the fluid levels in both tanks were decreasing while the pump was in operation. It is therefore anticipated the sample would be representative of the commingled stream. This injection system is manually started when sufficient fluid has accumulated in the collection tanks. The samples were analyzed by representatives of Martin Water Labs per Section 3-107 of the New Mexico Water Quality Control Commission Regulations.

#### Major Spills, Leaks, or Disposal Well Downtime

Although much work has been done to prevent spills of salt water, condensate and/or chemicals, sometimes spills do occur due to equipment failure, etc. When this happens, responsible actions will be taken by Marathon personnel to recover as much of the fluid as reasonably possible. The notification procedures outlined in Rule 116 of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division Regulations (attached) will be followed.

Fortunately, many leaks are detected in the early stages, before a major spill occurs. Also, if extended disposal well downtime occurs, equipment can be contracted to collect and/or dispose of the fluids.

#### Conclusion

As previously mentioned, the work necessary to gather, treat, commingle, and inject for disposal purposes the normal plant discharges has been completed. This system is in operation. Currently, modifications are being made to the closed drain system to better gather infrequent type discharges associated with process operations. This work should be completed by October 1, 1984.

Also, Mr. Boyer requested a more legible copy of the memorandum report, Queen and Related Aquifers in the Indian Basin. This memorandum was reportedly supplied to Marathon by the Oil Conservation Division in 1981. This was discussed with Mr. Boyer on Tuesday, August 7.

If you have any further questions, please advise.

Sincerely,

MARATHON OIL COMPANY



C. L. Roberts

JLS/bgr

Attachment

**RULE 115. WELL AND LEASE EQUIPMENT**

Christmas tree fittings or wellhead connections shall be installed and maintained in first class condition so that all necessary pressure tests may easily be made on flowing wells. On oil wells the Christmas tree fittings shall have a test pressure rating at least equivalent to the calculated or known pressure in the reservoir from which production is expected. On gas wells the Christmas tree fittings shall have a test pressure equivalent to at least 150 per cent of the calculated or known pressure in the reservoir from which production is expected.

Valves shall be installed and maintained in good working order to permit pressures to be obtained on both casing and tubing. Each flowing well shall be equipped to control properly the flowing of each well, and in case of an oil well, shall be produced into an oil and gas separator of a type generally used in the industry.

**RULE 116. NOTIFICATION OF FIRE, BREAKS, LEAKS, SPILLS, AND BLOWOUTS**

The Division shall be notified of any fire, break, leak, spill, or blowout occurring at any injection or disposal facility or at any oil or gas drilling, producing, transporting, or processing facility in the State of New Mexico by the person operating or controlling such facility.

"Facility," for the purpose of this rule, shall include any oil or gas well; any injection or disposal well, and any drilling or workover well; any pipe line through which crude oil, condensate, casinghead or natural gas, or injection or disposal fluid (gaseous or liquid) is gathered, piped, or transported (including field flow-lines and lead-lines but not including natural gas distribution systems); any receiving tank, holding tank, or storage tank, or receiving and storing receptacle into which crude oil, condensate, injection or disposal fluid, or casinghead or natural gas is produced, received, or stored; any injection or disposal pumping or compression station including related equipment; any processing or refining plant in which crude oil, condensate, or casinghead or natural gas is processed or refined; and any tank or drilling pit or slush pit associated with oil or gas well or injection or disposal well drilling operations or any tank, storage pit, or pond associated with oil or gas production or processing operations or with injection or disposal operations and containing hydrocarbons or hydrocarbon waste or residue, salt water, strong caustics or strong acids, or other deleterious chemicals or harmful contaminants.

Notification of such fire, break, leak, spill, or blowout shall be in accordance with the provisions set forth below:

1. Well Blowouts. Notification of well blowouts and/or fires shall be "immediate notification" described below. ("Well blowout" is defined as being loss of control over and subsequent eruption of any drilling or workover well, or the rupture of the casing, casinghead, or wellhead of any oil or gas well or injection or disposal well, whether active or inactive, accompanied by the sudden emission of fluids, gaseous or liquid, from the well.)
2. "Major" Breaks, Spills, or Leaks. Notification of breaks, spills, or leaks of 25 or more barrels of crude oil or condensate, or 100 barrels or more of salt water, none of which reaches a watercourse or enters a stream or lake; breaks, spills, or leaks in which one or more barrels of crude oil or condensate or 25 barrels or more of salt water does reach a watercourse or enters a stream or lake; and breaks, spills, or leaks of hydrocarbons or hydrocarbon waste or residue, salt water, strong caustics or strong acids, gases, or other deleterious chemicals or harmful contaminants of any magnitude which may with reasonable probability endanger human health or result in substantial damage to property, shall be "immediate notification" described below.
3. "Minor" Breaks, Spills, or Leaks. Notification of breaks, spills, or leaks of 5 barrels or more but less than 25 barrels of crude oil or condensate, or 25 barrels or more but less than 100 barrels of salt water, none of which reaches a watercourse or enters a stream or lake, shall be "subsequent notification" described below.
4. Gas Leaks and Gas Line Breaks. Notification of gas leaks from any source or of gas pipe line breaks in which natural or casinghead gas of any quantity has escaped or is escaping which may with reasonable probability endanger human health or result in substantial damage to property shall be "immediate notification" described below. Notification of gas pipe line breaks or leaks in which the loss is estimated to be 1000 or more MCF of natural or casinghead gas but in which there is no danger to human health nor of substantial damage to property shall be "subsequent notification" described below.
5. Tank Fires. Notification of fires in tanks or other receptacles caused by lightning or any other cause, if the loss is, or it appears that the loss will be, 25 or more barrels of crude oil or condensate, or fires which may with reasonable probability endanger human health or result in substantial damage to property, shall be "immediate notification" as described below. If the loss is, or it appears that the loss will be at least 5 barrels but less than 25 barrels, notification shall be "subsequent notification" described below.
6. Drilling Pits, Slush Pits, and Storage Pits and Ponds. Notification of breaks and spills from

any drilling pit, slush pit, or storage pit or pond in which any hydrocarbon or hydrocarbon waste or residue, strong caustic or strong acid, or other deleterious chemical or harmful contaminant endangers human health or does substantial surface damage, or reaches a watercourse or enters a stream or lake in such quantity as may with reasonable probability endanger human health or result in substantial damage to such watercourse, stream, or lake, or the contents thereof, shall be "immediate notification" as described below. Notification of breaks or spills of such magnitude as to not endanger human health, cause substantial surface damage, or result in substantial damage to any watercourse, stream, or lake, or the contents thereof, shall be "subsequent notification" described below, provided however, no notification shall be required where there is no threat of any damage resulting from the break or spill.

IMMEDIATE NOTIFICATION. "Immediate Notification" shall be as soon as possible after discovery and shall be either in person or by telephone to the district office of the Division district in which the incident occurs, or if the incident occurs after normal business hours, to the District Supervisor, the Oil and Gas Inspector, or the Deputy Oil and Gas Inspector. A complete written report ("Subsequent Notification") of the incident shall also be submitted in duplicate to the appropriate district office of the Division within ten days after discovery of the incident.

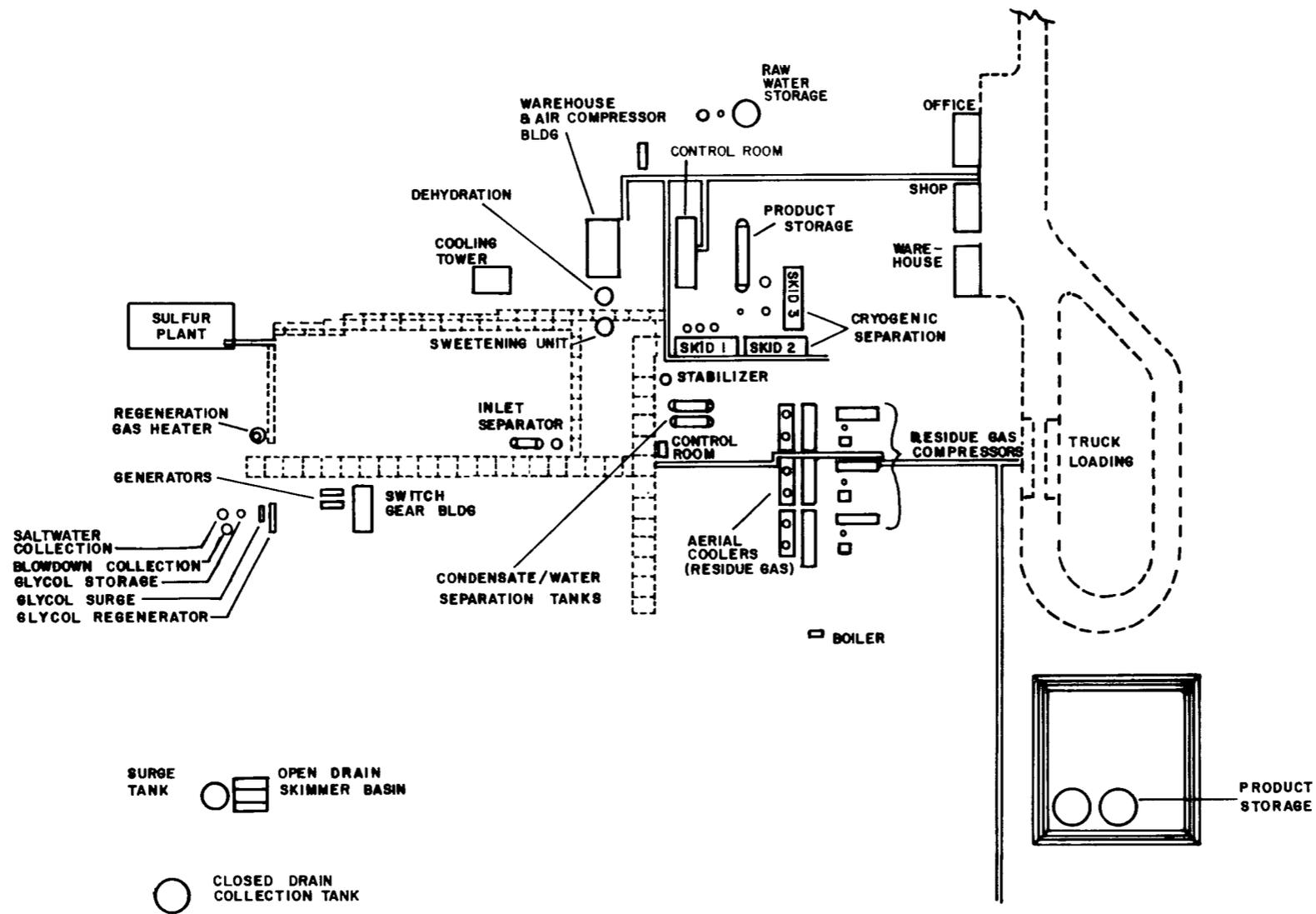
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CONTENT OF NOTIFICATION. All reports of fires, breaks, leaks, spills, or blowouts, whether verbal or written, shall identify the location of the incident by quarter-quarter, section, township, and range, and by distance and direction from the nearest town or prominent landmark so that the exact site of the incident can be readily located on the ground. The report shall specify the nature and quantity of the loss and also the general conditions prevailing in the area, including precipitation, temperature, and soil conditions. The report shall also detail the measures that have been taken and are being taken to remedy the situation reported.

WATERCOURSE, for the purpose of this rule, is defined as any lake-bed or gully, draw, stream bed, wash, arroyo, or natural or man-made channel through which water flows or has flowed.

#### RULE 117. WELL LOG, COMPLETION AND WORKOVER REPORTS

Within 20 days after the completion of a well drilled for oil or gas, or the recompletion of a well into a different common source of supply, a completion report shall be filed with the Division on Form C-105. For the purpose of this rule, any hole drilled or cored below fresh water or which penetrates oil or gas-bearing formations or which is drilled by an "owner" as defined herein shall be presumed to be a well drilled for oil or gas.



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**INDIAN BASIN GAS PLANT**  
**PLOT PLAN**  
 EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

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SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

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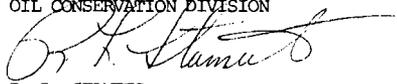
MARATHON OIL COMPANY, Indian Basin Gas Plant (NE 1/4, Section 23, Township 21 South, Range 23 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico), C. L. Roberts, Manager, Houston Division, P. O. Box 3128, Houston, Texas 77253, has modified its existing facility to commingle all waste water discharges for injection into a Class II disposal well. The waste stream includes up to 33,600 gallons per day (gpd) of produced salt water, 1100 gpd of cooling tower blowdown, and approximately 600 gpd of boiler and condensate blowdown. Previously the cooling tower effluents were discharged onto the ground near a dry arroyo. The ground water most likely to be affected by any discharges from surface facilities is at a depth of approximately 200 to 250 feet with a total dissolved solids concentration of about 575 mg/l.

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If no public hearing is held, the Director will approve or disapprove the proposed plan based on information available. If a public hearing is held, the Director will approve or disapprove the proposed plan based on information in the plan and information submitted at the hearing.

GIVEN Under the Seal of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on this 28th day of September, 1984.

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August 1, 1984

CERTIFIED MAIL  
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Marathon Oil Company  
P.O. Box 552  
Midland, Texas 79702

Attention: J. L. Smith

Re: Discharge Plan for  
Marathon Oil Company  
Indian Basin Gas Plant  
in Eddy County, NM

Dear Mr. Smith:

The OCD has reviewed your discharge plan application for the above facility (received July 2, 1984). Recently completed modifications of your Indian Basin facilities have greatly simplified OCD's review of your discharge plan since process effluents are no longer discharged onto the surface of the ground. However, I do have several questions, comments, or requests for additional information:

- 1) Provide for our files a facility site plan or large scale aerial photograph(s) showing the current plant layout. Include thereon the location of the process equipment shown in Figure 1. 4
- 2) Information submitted in 1981 indicated that prior to installation and operation of the new facilities, discharges were to dry arroyos at the plant. Were any evaporation ponds used for disposal at the site, and if so what is their current status (dry, drying, etc.) and proposed final disposition (covered and

reclaimed, etc.)?

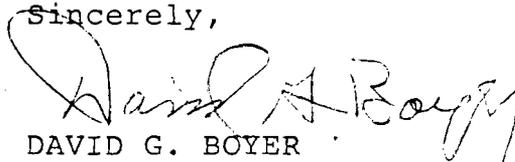
- 3) Provide the relative amounts of blowdown effluents from the cooling tower waste, heat boilers, process boiler, sulfur recovery unit boiler and sulfur condensers that make up the average 25 barrels per day to be mixed with produced salt water for disposal.
- 4) Regarding the analysis of commingled water in Figure 4 (p.10), indicate type of sample (grab or time-composited), date of sample, and laboratory performing the analysis.
- 5) Provide a legible copy of the memorandum report on site hydrology provided in the appendix.
- 6) Regarding the discussion on page 15, Marathon has referred to the definition of "Toxic Pollutant" given in Section 1-101.UU of the Water Quality Control Commission (WQCC) Regulations. The definition lists several types of contaminants that may, under certain conditions, be considered a "Toxic Pollutant". These include solvents and biocides as well as hydrocarbon components and processing by-products. Some of these may indeed exist in the various blowdown effluents, but not at significant concentrations. Because of this and because discharges are self-contained in tanks and pipelines, the OCD at this time is not asking for specific "Toxic Pollutant" information.
- 7) In the event the salt water disposal well or disposal line is shut-in for workover or repairs, what procedures are to be followed to prevent unauthorized discharges to the surface or subsurface? Are the holding tanks of sufficient size to store effluents during a breakdown? Provide a contingency plan addressing these questions and the procedures to be followed in the event of major spills, disposal pipeline failure, extended disposal well downtime, etc.
- 8) In addition to the process effluent discharges, the WQCC regulations cover any discharges onto or below the surface of the ground from routine housekeeping practices if they involve machinery oils, solvents, toxic pollutants or other

contaminants listed in Section 3-103 of the Regulations. Therefore, there should be no unpermitted discharges to unlined sumps or pits for disposal of solvents, cleaning fluids, waste engine oils, etc.

If plant practices currently involve disposal of any effluents in this manner, provide information on such disposal and what, if any, changes are proposed. Additional geotechnical information may be required for soils, hydrology, pit design, etc., if practices of this type occur and are proposed to continue unchanged.

Enclosed for your use is an updated (through November 13, 1983) copy of the WQCC Regulations. If you have any questions regarding the Regulations or the information requested in this letter, please contact me at the above address or at (505) 827-5812.

Sincerely,



DAVID G. BOYER  
Hydrogeologist

DGB/dp

cc: C. L. Roberts, Marathon, Houston  
OCD Artesia Field Office

# Memo



From

DAVID G. BOYER

Hydrogeologist

To Joe

OK JGR

This is my first review letter. The questions I've asked reflect the type of things I believe important to find out before approval of the plan, even for a plant that commingles all effluents and sends to a disposal well. If their answers to these questions and information requests are adequate (especially #2, 7 & 8), I expect to be able to recommend your approval of the plan at that time.

P.S. Dick has reviewed letter

None

C. L. Roberts  
Manager, Houston Division  
Onshore Operations  
Production, United States



P.O. Box 3128  
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June 22, 1984

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State of New Mexico  
Energy and Minerals Department  
Oil Conservation Division  
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State Land Office Building  
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This Plan was prepared in accordance with Part 3 of the New Mexico Water Quality Control Commission Regulations and covers all discharges from the Plant. These discharges are gathered, treated, commingled, and injected for disposal purposes into the Paddock formation through the Marathon Federal SWD Well No. 1. Therefore, under normal operating conditions, there are no discharges onto the surface of the natural ground from the Plant.

If you have any questions on material contained in this Plan, please contact J. L. Smith in Midland, Texas at 915/682-1626.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'C. L. Roberts'.

C. L. Roberts

CLR/JLS/mhh

Marathon Oil Company  
Indian Basin Gas Plant Discharge Plan

Submitted to

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Oil Conservation Division

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## PLANT HISTORY

The Indian Basin Gas Field was discovered in 1962 in the west central portion of Eddy County, New Mexico. This field is approximately 20 miles west-northwest of Carlsbad and 28 miles south-southwest of Artesia. The upper Pennsylvanian is the main production reservoir. The gas and liquid production is metered at each well site.

In 1965, construction of the Indian Basin Gas Plant (IBGP) was begun. The Plant was put on line in early 1966 with a design capacity of 120 MMCFD.

An expansion to the Plant in 1968 allowed residue gas sales to increase in excess of 200 MMCFD.

In early 1981, a cryogenic modification to the Plant was completed. This allowed a majority of the old process equipment to be taken out of service. The Plant capacity is still considered to be 200 MMCFD and the products are natural gas, demethanized hydrocarbon mix, condensate and sulfur.

In September, 1983, the construction of a new three-stage Claus sulfur recovery unit was completed. It has a capacity of 25 long tons per day.

## PROCESS FLOW DESCRIPTION

### INDIAN BASIN GAS PLANT

The following describes the process flow diagram shown on Figure 1.

- 1.) Gas and small quantities of liquids are separated. The liquids are transferred to the condensate and salt water separation system.
- 2.) Commingled salt water and liquid hydrocarbons are separated. The water flows to a storage tank. The condensate flows to a stabilizer.
- 3.) The condensate is stabilized, cooled, and put in storage tanks for sale. The overhead vapors are cooled, recompressed, and injected back into the inlet gas stream (1).
- 4.) The inlet gas and stabilizer gas is sweetened using DEA solvent.
- 5.) The DEA solvent is regenerated in a low pressure still using steam for re-boil heat.
- 6.) Acid gas from the DEA still is processed in a Claus sulfur recovery unit. The sulfur is sold as a pure liquid product. The discharge water from the boiler and condensers is collected in the blowdown tank (16).
- 7.) Sweet gas from No. (4) is dehydrated using a molecular sieve system.
- 8.) The sieve beds are regenerated with hot dry gas which is then cooled and returned to the sweetening system inlet.
- 9.) Dry gas is processed in a cryogenic system for a high level of ethane and propane removal. This cryogenic system was completed and put on line during the early part of 1981.
- 10.) The liquid product is sweetened with DEA and sold as a single mixed product to Mid-America Pipeline Company (MAPCO).
- 11.) Residue gas is recompressed from 400 psig to 1000 psig for sales to Natural Gas Pipeline Company (NGPL).
- 12.) Exhaust waste heat is utilized to produce process steam heat. The discharge water from the boilers flows to the blowdown tank (16).
- 13.) Two turbine generators supply approximately 1000 kw electricity to the plant.
- 14.) Three parallel compressors supply 125 psig air for the plant instrument air system.
- 15.) The cooling tower handles approximately 4000 gpm of water and includes a continuous water blowdown to control concentrations cycles. This discharge flows to the blowdown tank (16).

Process Flow Description

Indian Basin Gas Plant

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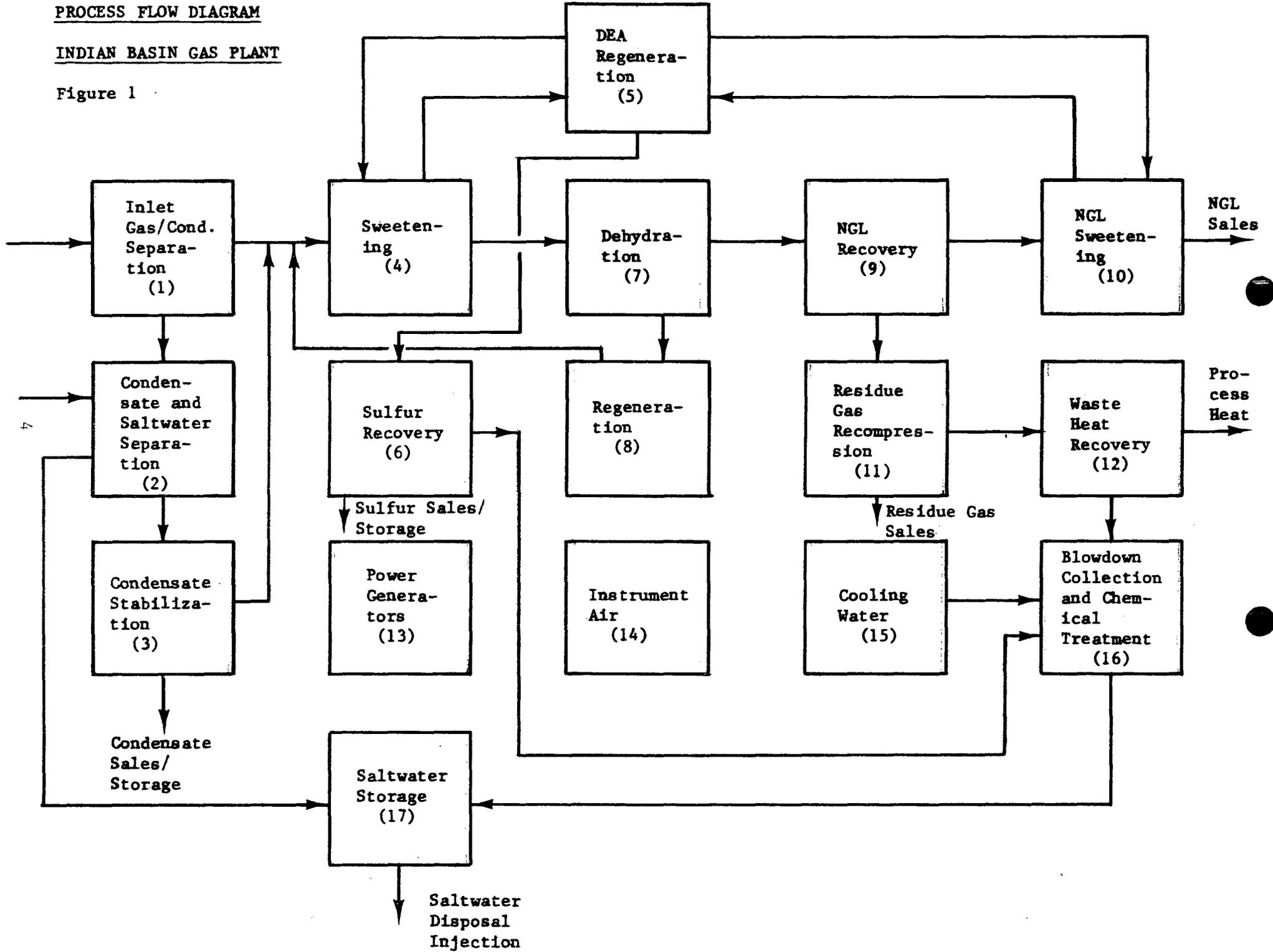
- 16.) The blowdown tank collects discharge water from the sulfur plant, boiler system, and cooling tower. Hence, all plant discharges are collected here. The water is chemically treated to attain compatibility with the rock formation in the disposal zone.
- 17.) The treated discharge water is mixed with the salt water and is injected in the salt water disposal well using a positive displacement pump.

The Plant is manned by operations personnel 24 hours per day.

PROCESS FLOW DIAGRAM

INDIAN BASIN GAS PLANT

Figure 1



## DISCHARGE INFORMATION

There are four discharges associated with Marathon's Indian Basin Gas Plant. These discharges are the:

- a.) produced salt water
- b.) cooling tower blowdown
- c.) sulfur recovery unit waste heat boiler and condenser blowdown
- d.) waste heat boiler and process steam boiler blowdown

There are no discharges, under normal operating conditions, onto the surface of the natural ground from the Plant. Discharge a (above) is collected in a salt water holding tank prior to disposal. Discharges b, c, and d are collected in another holding tank, chemically treated for compatibility, commingled with the Indian Basin Field produced waters and injected into Marathon's salt water disposal well. This well is the Marathon Federal SWD Well No. 1 located in Unit K of Section 24, Township 21S, Range 23E, Eddy County, New Mexico (approximately one mile east-southeast of the Plant). The location of this well with reference to the Plant is shown in Figure 2. This commingled stream primarily consists of produced salt water and is injected for disposal purposes into the Paddock formation at approximately 2534 feet to approximately 2726 feet through 2 3/8 inch tubing with a packer set at approximately 2450 feet in 4 1/2 inch casing (see Figure 3).

Marathon was granted the authority to use this well for salt water disposal purposes by the Oil Conservation Commission of the State of New Mexico on October 30, 1965. On March 14, 1984, Marathon requested that the Oil Conservation Division for the State of New Mexico amend the Administrative Order SWD-55 to permit the injection of the subject commingled stream. This request is shown on page 8 and is based on the regulatory interpretation that this disposal well will continue to be identified as a Class II well under New Mexico's Underground Injection Control (UIC)\* program.

Marathon is currently pursuing the approvals for a second disposal well for the Indian Basin Gas Plant. This second well will serve as a back-up well in the event problems are experienced with the Marathon Federal SWD Well No. 1.

\*memorandum included in appendix

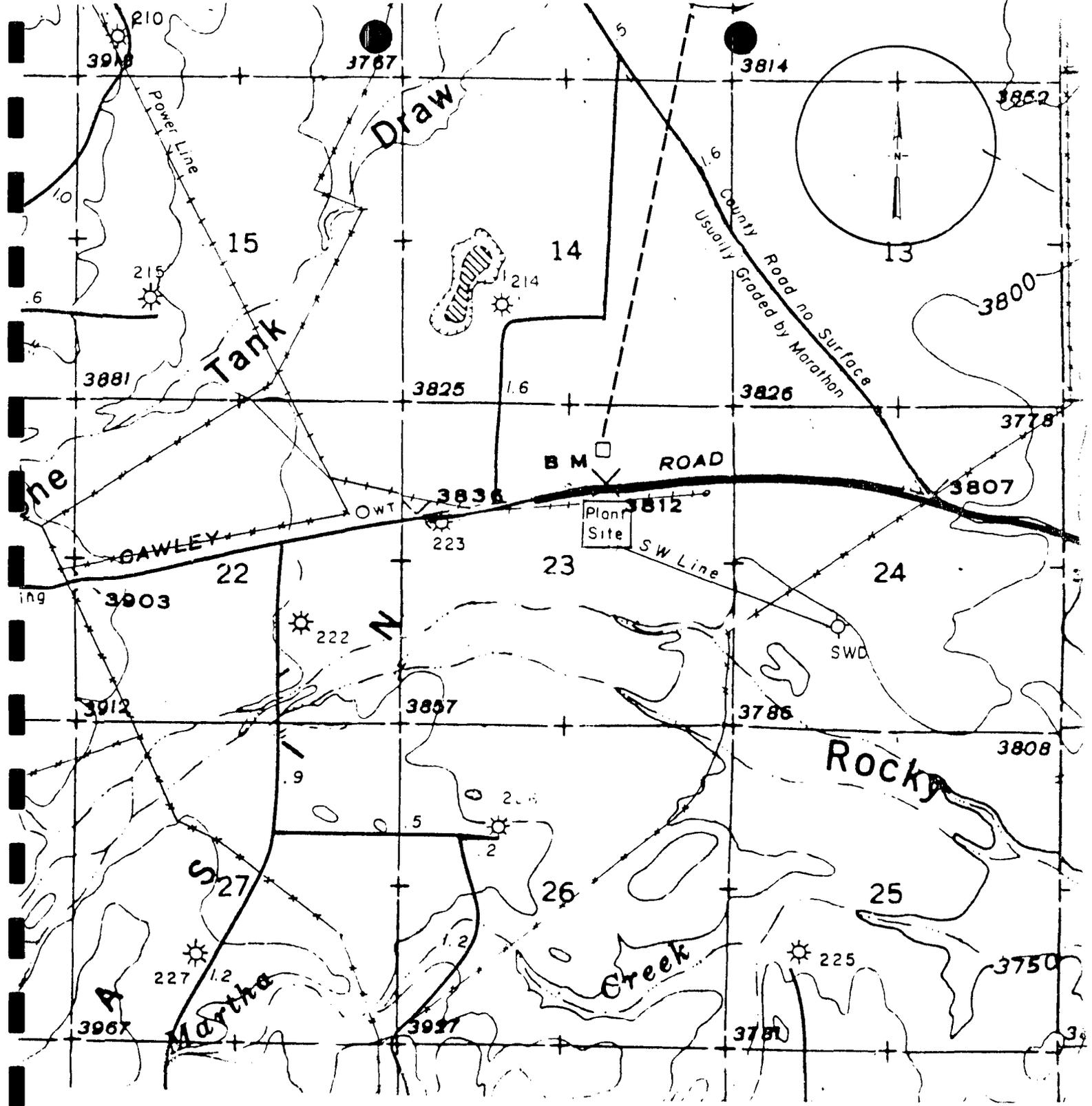


Figure 2

**MARATHON OIL COMPANY**  
**"DIAGRAMMATIC SKETCH OF DISPOSAL WELL"**  
**MARATHON FEDERAL, WELL NO. 1**  
**INDIAN BASIN AREA**  
**EDDY CO., NEW MEXICO**  
**SCALE: NONE**

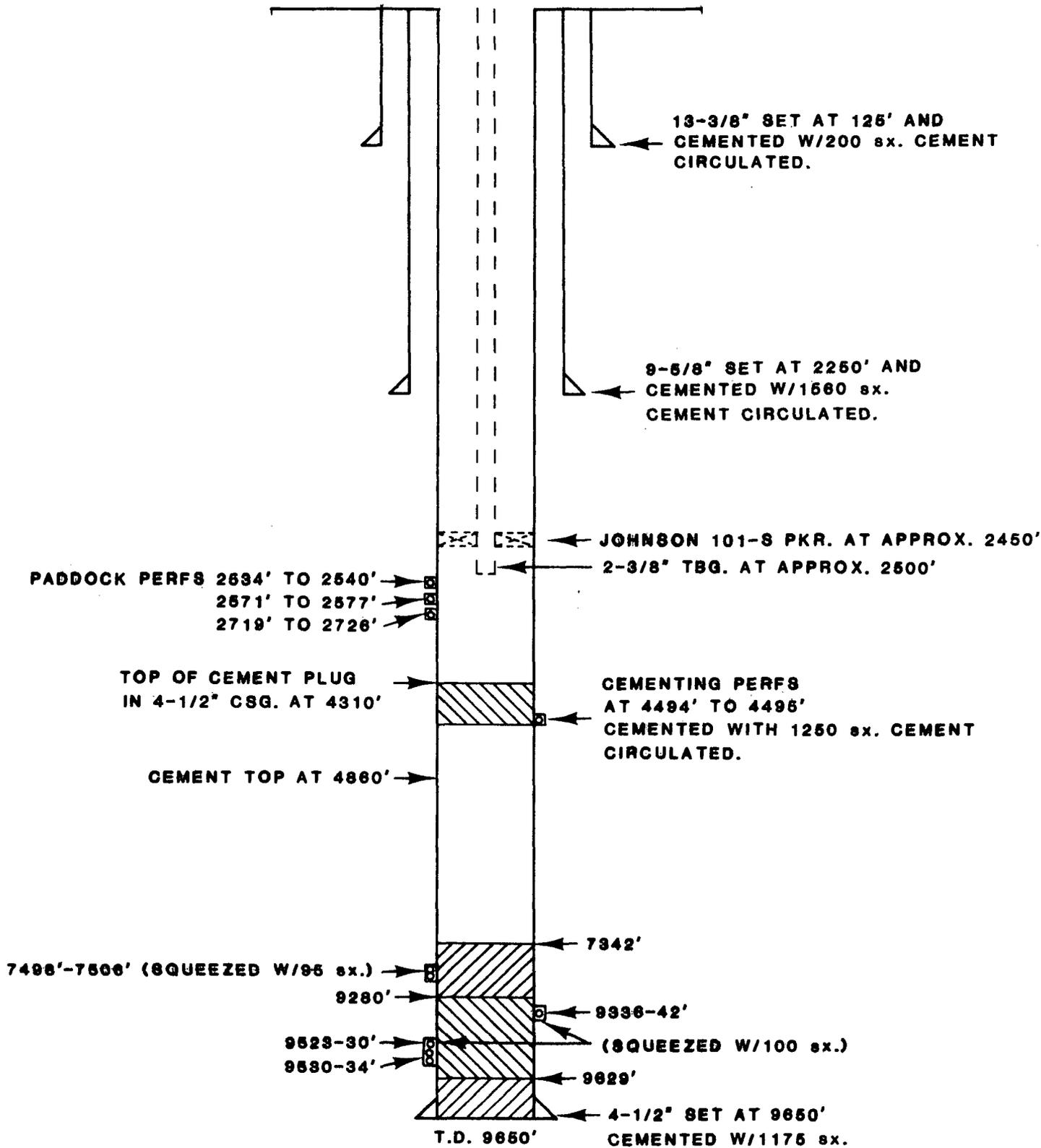


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March 14, 1984

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Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Attn: Joe D. Ramey

Dear Mr. Ramey:

Marathon Oil Company requests, effective May 1, the amendment of the Indian Basin Gas Plant Discharge Plan submitted to the State of New Mexico, Energy and Minerals Department, Oil Conservation Division, in November, 1981. With this amendment Marathon will eliminate all surface discharges at the Indian Basin Gas Plant.

It is requested that the referenced plan be amended to show that the plant's surface discharges,

- continuous blow-down from the cooling tower and
- condensed steam blow-down from all boilers,

will be commingled and injected with Indian Basin Field produced waters. (Marathon is currently permitted to inject salt water into Marathon Federal Well No. 1 located in Unit K of Section 24, Township 21 South, Range 23 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico.)

Under this requested amendment, the blow-down from the cooling tower and condensed steam will be treated in a separate holding tank to assure compatibility with produced waters before injection.

Furthermore, Marathon requests the Commission's amendment to their Administrative Order SWD-55 Of October 30, 1965, to permit the injection of the subject commingled stream.

Sincerely,

MARATHON OIL COMPANY

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'C. L. Roberts'.

C. L. Roberts  
Houston Onshore Division Operations Manager

RFM/bgr

## QUANTITY, QUALITY, AND TREATMENT OF DISCHARGES

### Quantity:

- a.) The cooling tower blowdown is normally a continuous blowdown done for the purposes of maintaining optimum chemical usage from system additives and conserving feedwater. The primary function of the chemical treatments in the cooling tower system are:
- corrosion inhibition
  - antifoulant
  - microbiocide
- b.) The blowdowns from the waste heat boilers, process boiler, sulfur recovery unit waste heat boiler, and sulfur condensers serve essentially the same purpose as the cooling tower blowdown. Primary functions of the chemical treatments in the boilers are:
- corrosion inhibition
  - scale control
  - sludge conditioner
  - oxygen scavenger

Approximately 25 barrels and 550 barrels of cooling tower/boiler blowdown and produced salt water, respectively, are injected for disposal purposes on a daily basis.

### Quality:

Figure 4 is a summary of the analysis performed on the commingled stream of Plant blowdown water and produced salt water. The analysis of the commingled stream shows the characteristics of this fluid, prior to injection.

### Treatment:

Hardness salts are present in the blowdown water. Without treatment, this can result in the precipitation of salts resulting in deposit formation. An organic dispersant is added to the blowdown collection tank to prevent deposits from forming. With the hardness salts complexed by the dispersant, the blowdown water can be commingled with the produced salt water and safely injected into the disposal well.

ANALYSIS OF COMMINGLED DISCHARGE

<u>Component</u>	<u>Commingled Stream (mg/l)*</u>
Aluminum (Al)	0.00
Arsenic (As)	0.000
Barium (Ba)	0.0
Boron (B)	0.49
Cadmium (Cd)	0.00
Calcium (Ca)	496.
Chloride (Cl)	4,723.
Chromium (Cr)	0.00
Cobalt (Co)	0.00
Copper (Cu)	0.00
Cyanide (CN)	0.0
Fluoride (F)	4.0
Iron (Fe)	3.9
Lead (Pb)	0.00
Magnesium (Mg)	92.
Manganese (Mn)	0.00
Mercury, Total (Hg)	0.0018
Nickel (Ni)	0.00
Nitrate (NO <sub>3</sub> as N)	1.1
pH	8.39
Phenols	0.00
Selenium (Se)	0.00
Silver (Ag)	0.00
Sulfate (SO <sub>4</sub> )	1,566.
Total Dissolved Solids (Calculated)	11,939.
Total Hardness as CaCO <sub>3</sub>	1620.0
Zinc (Zn)	0.20

\*represents total Plant discharge prior to injection

Figure 4

LOCATION OF SURFACE WATER AND GROUNDWATER SOURCES

There are no surface bodies of water within several miles of the Plant site. There is a normally dry arroyo approximately 1/4 mile south of the Plant. This arroyo is commonly known as Rocky Arroyo and it primarily travels in an east/west direction in the vicinity of the Plant. In the past, the only time this arroyo will contain water is during heavy rainfall periods.

Marathon Oil Company currently maintains two (2) water wells for use by the Indian Basin Gas Plant. Both water wells are located within the Plant boundaries, and they both produce water from the lower Queen aquifer.

Water Well #1 primarily supplies process water to the Plant and produces from a tubing depth of 230 feet. Water Well #2 is considered to be an auxiliary water well and its primary function is fire protection. This well produces from a depth of approximately 270 feet.

From available literature, there is no evidence to indicate there is an upper Queen aquifer in the area of the IBGP. Also, there are no known groundwater discharge sites within one mile of the Plant.

DEPTH TO AND TDS CONCENTRATION OF THE GROUNDWATER

Using the memorandum report "Queen and Related Aquifers in the Indian Basin,"\* the upper Queen aquifer does not exist in the area of Marathon's Water Well #1 which is within the Plant boundaries. The author of the above memorandum also stated that during the drilling of Marathon's Water Well #1, in July, 1965, no water was encountered above approximately 240'. This evidence indicates there is no upper Queen aquifer in the vicinity of the Indian Basin Gas Plant.

Depth to the lower Queen aquifer based on well records from Marathon's Water Well #1 at the IBGP is approximately 240 feet. An analysis of freshwater from this well shows a TDS concentration of approximately 578 mg/l.

\*report included in appendix

FLOODING POTENTIAL OF THE SITE

The location of the Indian Basin Gas Plant is such that susceptibility to flooding is virtually non-existent. Rocky Arroyo is located at a slightly lower elevation than the Plant site, and it will periodically have flowing water due to rainfall. This arroyo, however, poses little, if any, threat to the Plant.

INFORMATION ON GEOLOGIC CONDITIONS

As noted before, where Marathon's Indian Basin Gas Plant Water Well No. 1 was drilled in July, 1965, no water was encountered above approximately 240 feet. The logs of a well drilled in the vicinity of the Plant were correlated with a core hole drilled in an adjacent section. Interpretation shows the geologic interval from approximately 60' to 250' to be mainly dolomite and anhydrite that appears to be dense in nature. This geological condition should serve to protect the lower Queen aquifer from surface contaminants.

TOXIC POLLUTANTS

Excluding the produced salt water, there is no interface of the Plant feedwater with any of the product under normal operating conditions. If an interface did occur, the Plant product would be degraded. This condition would be immediately detected and corrected.

Because there is normally no interface between the Plant product and feedwater, no "toxic pollutants" should exist in the blowdown waters.

MONITORING AND REPORTING

As noted previously, Marathon operates two (2) fresh water wells from the lower Queen aquifer for the purpose of supplying feedwater to the Plant. Since there is no known evidence to indicate the presence of the upper Queen aquifer near the Plant site, these two (2) water wells can be used in a groundwater monitoring program, as needed.

At present, Marathon has no specific monitoring devices in the vadose zone or elsewhere. Both fresh water wells are maintained in working condition and samples from the lower Queen aquifer can be easily obtained and analyzed. Information and results will be available to the authorized agency.

## CONCLUSION

There are essentially four discharges from Marathon's Indian Basin Gas Plant. These discharges consist of:

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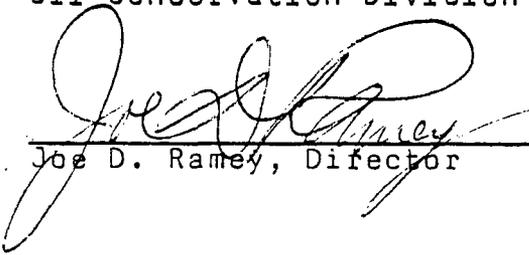
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and  
The United States Environmental Protection Agency,  
Region 6

ADDENDUM NO. 1

That wells used for disposal of waters brought to the surface in connection with oil or natural gas production, when such waters are recovered at gas plants, will be regulated (permitted, reviewed, inspected, etc.) in the same manner as any such well on an individual lease or in a community disposal system.

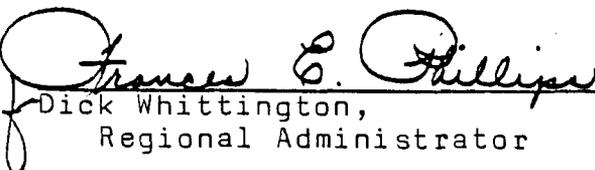
That such wells will also be so regulated when said produced water is commingled with waste waters from any such gas plant where such plant is an integral part of production operations provided that the waters are not classified as a hazardous waste at the time of injection.

Oil Conservation Division

  
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Joe D. Ramey, Director

June 10, 1982  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6

  
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Dick Whittington,  
Regional Administrator

June 28, 1982  
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Date

## MEMORANDUM REPORT

### Queen and Related Aquifers in the Indian Basin

This report deals with aquifers in and related to the Queen formation in the Queen outcrop area in Indian Basin from Township 23 South, Range 20 East north and northeast through Township 21 South, Range 24 East. A map, two cross sections and a well tabulation are attached hereto and make a part of this report. Only a part of the total Queen outcrop area is covered and will be incorporated in the complete Indian Basin Report when that report is finalized.

The Queen formation in this area outcrops in a band approximately 2 to 3 miles in width and is roughly parallel to the Azotea Mesa and Seven Rivers Hills. The strike is roughly northwest and dip is to the northeast, trending slightly more east than northeast at a rate of 100 to 125' per mile. The Queen formation in this area is of interbedded gypsum, sandstone, siltstone, and dolomite.

Material used in this report was obtained from a study of logs and well records available; notes made by the writer in 1964, 1968, and 1969 while studying the development of the Indian Basin Gas field; records in the Oil Conservation Commission Office, Artesia; from published and unpublished information available in the State Engineer office including the Motts Report, the transcript of the "Carlsbad" hearings, Geologic Map of New Mexico by Dune and Bachman of 1965, Subsurface Geologic Methods by Leroy; and from conversations with long time residents of the area.

A study of all material available indicates there are three aquifers present in the area of study from land surface to the bottom of the Queen. They are: (1) The alluvium (2) The upper Queen aquifer, possibly the Chettuck member, more commonly known as the Red Sand or Artesia Red Sand and (3) The bottom Queen aquifer, in the base of the Queen and possibly along the Queen-Grayburg contact zone.

The alluvium is rather thin and found primarily on valley or arroyo floors and alluvial fans in and along Rocky Arroyo. In times of wet weather the alluvium aquifer contributed some flow to Indian Big Springs and Rocky Arroyo. Mr. William Shafer, a long time resident, reports that 30 to 40 years ago, there were many small springs and seeps into Rocky Arroyo but at that time there was much more rain than now.

The upper aquifer in the Queen formation, probably being the Chettuck member or the Artesia Red Sand can be picked on some of the available logs and followed to the area of Indian Big Springs. Referring to the two cross sections, the well tabulation, and map; on cross-section A-X' wells #3, 4, and 5 and on cross-section Y-Y' wells #6, 7, 8, 9, and 10, and the wells marked D and D on the map, this aquifer is plotted from the logs. The wells Y-10 and X-5 are the same, being Lowe's #1 Staple oil test well.

A water well was drilled by Lowe at the site of the #1 Staples oil test well, to a reported depth of 250' and the water level was measured at 82'. This water level compares with the water level of Indian Big Springs as taken from the U.S.G.S. quadrangle map. Well No. 6 on cross-section Y-Y' is Shafer's commercial well located 21.21.23.443 with a reported total depth of 75' (Mott's Report) and the water level was measured at 49'. This water level at 49' projected into Y-Y' fits exceptionally well into the upper aquifer. Also wells marked "B" and "D" fit the pattern of the upper aquifer. Well "D" is Shafer's Geostic well (Bar well, C-1136) with a reported depth of 138' and with the water level measured at 51'. This fits exceptionally well into the cross-sections X-X' and Y-Y' as deriving its water from the upper aquifer.

The lower aquifer in the Queen formation has no name I am aware of and is separated from the upper aquifer by 100 to 300 feet of sandstone, dolomite and sandy dolomite. From interpretation of the gamma ray logs available, this material is quite dense, and no water flows have been reported to have been encountered between the upper and lower aquifers.

The correlation points (C.P.) shown on the cross-sections, are, in my opinion, the top of the lower aquifer. One water well was drilled and was watched closely. This was Marathon Oil Company's well 21.23.23.232 with a T.D. of 255'. The driller of this well reported water from 185' to 255' on his well record, however, I watched the drilling very closely and notes made during July 1965 and personal recollection indicates no water was encountered above about 240'. This depth on Marathon's sample description log is correlated with and used as the top of the lower Queen aquifer on the cross-sections.

#### Summary:

In the course of this study approximately 70 well logs and well records were examined. Part of these logs and records are of wells to the north of Township 21 North, Range 24 East and will be used in the continuation of this study. The remainder are in the immediate area of study.

On these logs and records of wells lying within the area covered by this report, the top of the lower Queen aquifer could be picked with reasonable accuracy. The bottom of the upper aquifer could be picked in areas where it was present and in some cases the top could be picked, however, due to logging methods, if the upper aquifer was on the surface or very near the surface, the picking of top and bottom was sometimes questionable.

The logs and well records of wells spotted on the attached map are representative of all of the logs examined, and the picking of the two aquifers shown on cross-sections X-X' and Y-Y' are confirmed by the study and comparison of those not plotted.

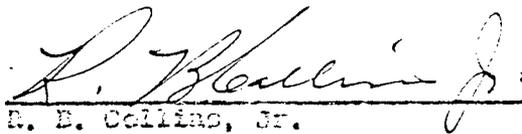
Conclusion:

In the area under study, there are two distinct aquifers in the Queen formation. The upper aquifer, which supplies water to Shafer's commercial well 21.23.20.442, Shafer's domestic well (Bar well C-1130) 21.24.20.144, is also the main source of water to Indian Big Springs. Also probably tapping the upper aquifer may be a few ranch and stock wells on the eastern edge of the Queen outcrop. The lower aquifer supplies water to the Davidson well in 23.23.10.431 (C-1371) and to Marathon Oil Company's water well 21.23.23.232 (EA-5131). I know of no other wells using the lower aquifer as a source in this area. Marathon Well #2

In this study, I have found no evidence which would indicate that the upper Queen aquifer and the lower Queen aquifer are interconnected. I do have notes made from conversations with the drillers that there is a dry zone between the upper and lower aquifers in the area where the upper aquifer is at or near the surface.

The natural discharge areas of the two Queen aquifers have not as yet been determined, but it is my opinion that the lower Queen aquifer does not contribute to the flow of Indian Big Springs or wells in Rocky Arroyo. It is hoped that in the continuation of this study, the discharge areas can be determined.

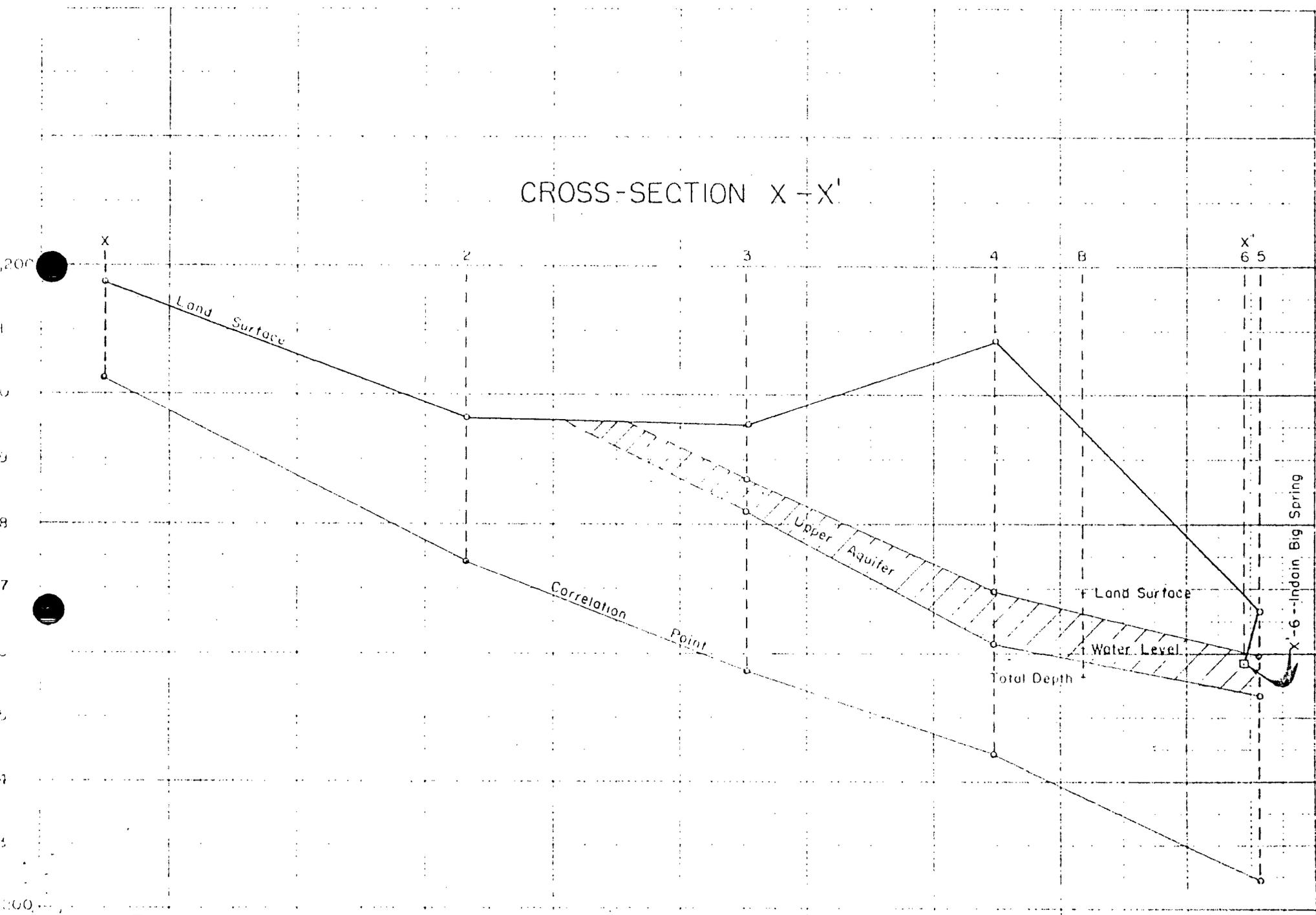
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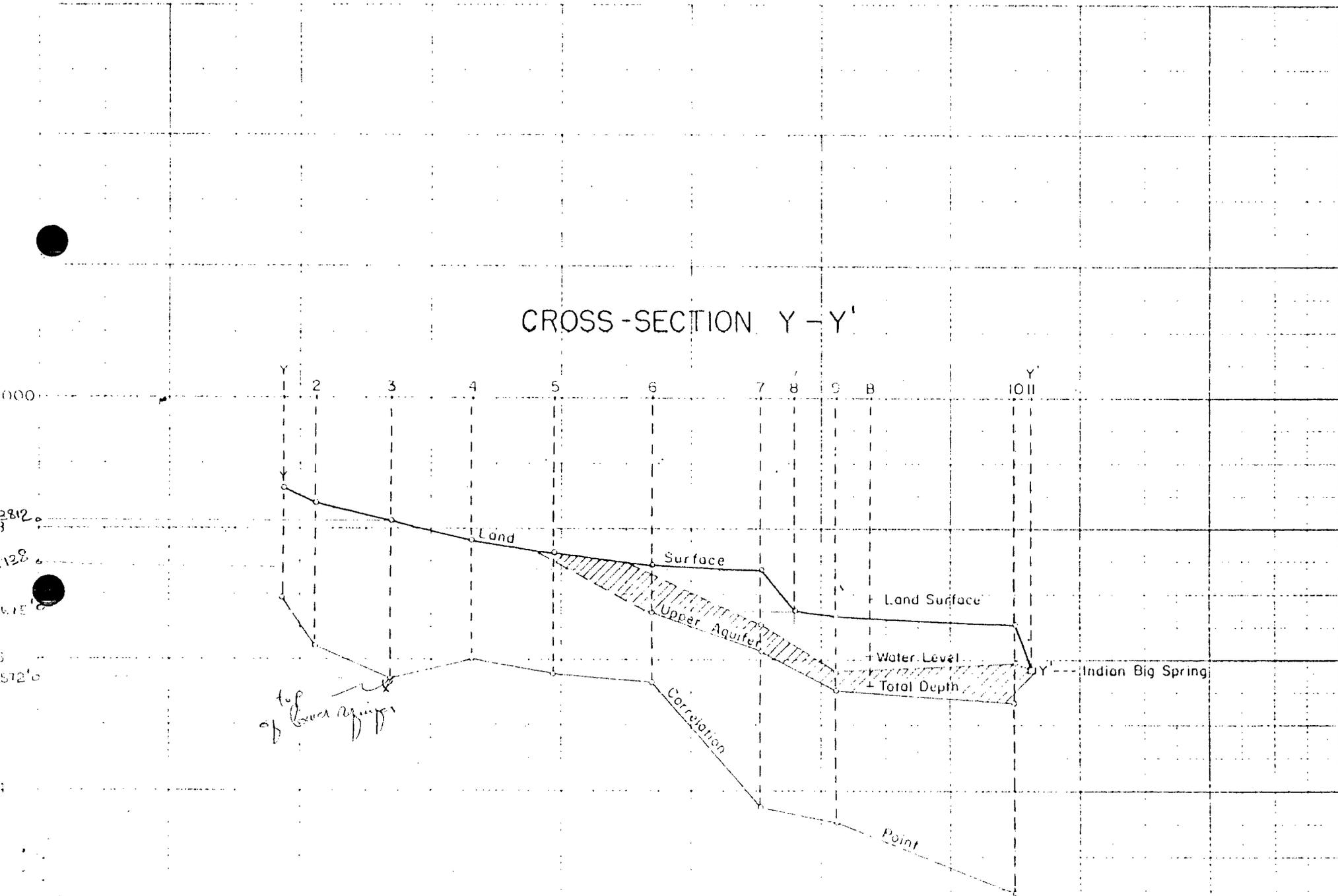


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### CROSS-SECTION Y-Y'





Indian Big Springs      Location: 21.24.27.210  
Elevation: surface - 3536'

Wells Shown on Map but Not on Cross-Sections

Well "D" Shafer domestic well      Location: 21.24.25.114 (C-1186)  
Elevations from USGS Quad - 3635'  
Reported depth 133'  
Water Level 91'  
Notes: Reported capable of producing 250 to 300 gpm.

Top of  
red sand      295' from sample log  
elevation  
top red sand 3735'  
elevation correlation point - 3415'  
Notes: The log available is a very poor print of original but the points  
in question compare very favorably.

Well "C"      Location: 21.24.29.321  
Elevations: surface - 3636'  
top upper aquifer - could not make satisfactory pick,  
probably very close or at surface.  
bottom upper aquifer - 3615'  
correlation point - 3482'

Well "D" oil test (driller's name not available)      Location: 21.21.3.410  
Elevation: 3943' (reported elevation 3940' is questionable USGS Quad  
sheet shows elevation to be 3930 to 3935)

Well "E"      Location: 23.24.0.182  
Elevations: surface - 4012'  
top upper aquifer - could not make satisfactory pick  
bottom upper aquifer - 3743'  
correlation point 3577



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May 21, 1984

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Marathon Oil Company  
P. O. Box 552  
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Attention: Robert P. Scott

Gentlemen:

In accordance with your letter of May 14, 1984, you are hereby granted an extension of the filing deadline on your Indian Basin Gas Plant Discharge Plan to July 15, 1984.

Yours very truly,

JOE D. RAMEY  
Director

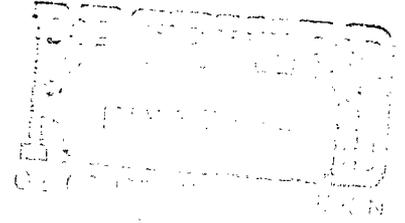
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May 14, 1984

Mr. Joe D. Ramey  
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Energy and Minerals Department  
Oil Conservation Division  
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Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Dear Mr. Ramey,

Due to unexpected time delays, the development of a new Discharge Plan for Marathon's Indian Basin Gas Plant has been regretfully delayed. Modifications are being completed to commingle, for disposal, the various Plant blowdowns with the produced waters from the Indian Basin Gas Field. Once this work is complete, a chemical analysis of the commingled stream will be performed, as requested.

Therefore, Marathon respectfully requests an extension of the filing deadline for the Plan. The original filing deadline is June 1, 1984. Extension of the deadline date by approximately one month will provide a sufficient amount of time to successfully complete this Discharge Plan.

Sincerely,

MARATHON OIL COMPANY

Robert P. Scott  
District Operations Manager

JLS/bgr

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Marathon Oil Company  
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Attention: Mr. C. L. Roberts

Gentlemen:

Since your original Discharge Plan for your Indian Basin Plant was submitted in November, 1981, and since your letter of March 14, 1984, indicates a change from the plan, I believe it would be appropriate for you to file a new discharge plan.

Please file a new plan by June 1, 1984.

Yours very truly,

JOE D. RAMEY  
Director

JDR/fd

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Manager, Houston Division  
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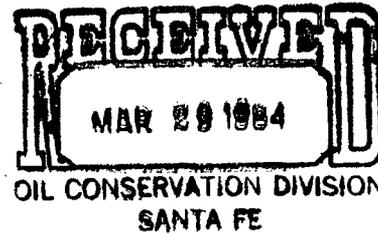


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March 14, 1984

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Oil Conservation Division  
P. O. Box 2088  
State Land Office Building  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501



Attn: Joe D. Ramey

Dear Mr. Ramey:

Marathon Oil Company requests, effective May 1, the amendment to the Indian Basin Gas Plant Discharge Plan submitted to the State of New Mexico, Energy and Minerals Department, Oil Conservation Division, in November, 1981. With this amendment Marathon will eliminate all surface discharges at the Indian Basin Gas Plant.

It is requested that the referenced plan be amended to show that the plant's surface discharges,

- continuous blow-down from the cooling tower and
- condensed steam blow-down from all boilers,

will be commingled and injected with Indian Basin Field produced waters. (Marathon is currently permitted to inject salt water into Marathon Federal Well No. 1 located in Unit K of Section 24, Township 21 South, Range 23 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico.)

Under this requested amendment, the blow-down from the cooling tower and condensed steam will be treated in a separate holding tank to assure compatibility with produced waters before injection.

Furthermore, Marathon requests the Commission's amendment to their Administrative Order SWD-55 Of October 30, 1965, to permit the injection of the subject commingled stream.

Sincerely,

MARATHON OIL COMPANY

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'C. L. Roberts'.

C. L. Roberts  
Houston Onshore Division Operations Manager

RFM/bgr

MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
MONTHLY WATER DISPOSAL REPORT

SF/ file  
Form C-120-A  
3-30-60

Submit this report in triplicate to the appropriate District Office, Oil Conservation Commission.

Disposal System Operator: MARATHON OIL COMPANY Disposal System: INDIAN BASIN SWD SYSTEM

County: EDDY Month: January 19 82

LEASE	WELL NO.	LOCATION				DISPOSED WATER BARRELS	CUMULATIVE DISPOSED WATER-BARRELS	AVERAGE INJECTION PRESSURES
		UL	S	T	R			
Marathon Federal SWD	1	K	24	21S	23E	20,595	2,851,723	1,850
TOTAL								

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I hereby certify that the above is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Remarks: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: W. J. Dwyer  
Company: MARATHON OIL COMPANY  
Title: Plant Superintendent

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Dear Mr. Simpson:

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This plan was prepared in accordance with Part 3 of the New Mexico Water Quality Control Commission Regulations and covers all surface discharges from the plant. References to "toxic pollutants" were included in this plan.

If you have any questions on material contained in this plan, please contact J. L. Smith in Midland, Texas at (915) 682-1626.

Sincerely,

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C. L. Roberts

CLR/JLS/mhh

Marathon Oil Company  
Indian Basin Gas Plant Discharge Plan

Submitted To

State Of New Mexico  
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## PLANT HISTORY

The Indian Basin Gas Field was discovered in 1962 in the west central portion of Eddy County, New Mexico. This field is approximately 20 miles west-northwest of Carlsbad and 28 miles south-southwest of Artesia. The upper Pennsylvanian is the main reservoir. The gas and liquid production is metered at each well-site.

In 1965, construction of the Indian Basin Gas Plant was begun. The plant was put on line in early 1966 with a design capacity of 120 MMCFD.

An expansion to the plant in 1968 allowed residue gas sales to increase in excess of 200 MMCFD.

In early 1981, a cryogenic modification to the plant was completed. This allowed a majority of the old process equipment to be taken out of service. The plant capacity is still considered to be 200 MMCFD and the products are natural gas, demethanized hydrocarbon mix, condensate and sulfur.

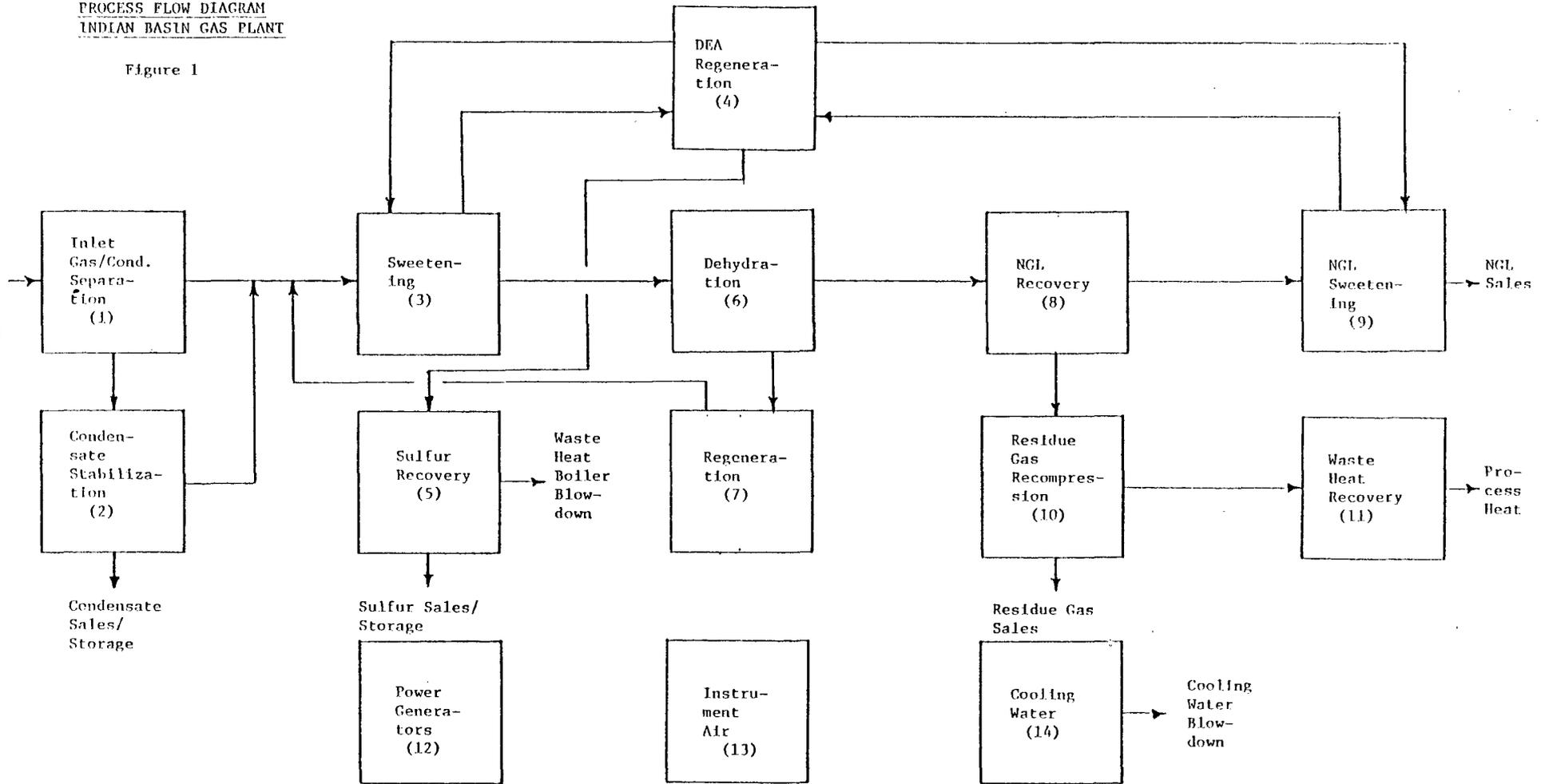
PROCESS FLOW DESCRIPTION

INDIAN BASIN GAS PLANT

1. Gas and liquid hydrocarbons are separated.
2. The liquid hydrocarbons are stabilized by fractionating out light components. The stabilized liquid is sold as "sour condensate."
3. The inlet gas and stabilizer gas is sweetened using DEA solvent.
4. The DEA solvent is regenerated in a low pressure still using steam for reboil heat.
5. Acid gas from the DEA still is processed in a Claus sulfur recovery unit. The sulfur is sold as a pure liquid product. An intermittent discharge from this unit occurs on the westside of the plant.
6. Sweet gas from No. 3 is dehydrated using a molecular sieve system.
7. The sieve beds are regenerated with hot dry gas which is cooled and returned to the sweetening system inlet.
8. Dry gas is processed in a cryogenic system for a high level of ethane and propane removal. This cryogenic system was completed and put on line during the early part of 1981.
9. The liquid product is sweetened with DEA and sold as a single mixed product.
10. Residue gas is recompressed from 400 psig to 1000 psig for sales to NGPL.
11. Exhaust waste heat is utilized to produce process steam heat.
12. Two turbine generators supply approximately 1000 kw electricity to the plant.
13. Three parallel compressors supply 125 psig air for the plant instrument air system.
14. The cooling tower handles approximately 4000 gpm of water and includes a continuous water blowdown to control concentration cycles. This blowdown water is metered prior to discharge on the southside of the plant.

PROCESS FLOW DIAGRAM  
INDIAN BASIN GAS PLANT

Figure 1



## Discharge Information

There are presently two (2) discharges on to the surface of the natural ground from the Marathon Oil Company Indian Basin Gas Plant. Both discharges gravity to lower elevations and evaporate to the atmosphere and/or soak into the soil. The discharges are the:

- { a) Cooling tower blowdown (continuous discharge)
- { b) Sulfur recovery unit waste heat boiler blowdown (intermittent discharge)

Water is separated from the field gas production and is (disposed of into the Marathon Federal SWD Well No. 1) located in Unit K of Section 24, Township 21S, Range 23E, Eddy County, New Mexico. Salt water is being injected for disposal purposes into the Paddock formation at approximately 2534 feet to approximately 2726 feet through 2 3/8 inch tubing with a packer set at approximately 2450 feet in 4 1/2 inch casing. Marathon was granted authority to use this well for salt water disposal on October 30, 1965 by the Oil Conservation Commission of the State of New Mexico.

Evidence indicates the primary groundwater source in the Indian Basin Gas Plant area to be the lower Queen aquifer at a depth of approximately 240 feet. It is the purpose of this discharge plan to primarily cover the two (2) surface discharges but if further information is desired on the salt water disposal system, it will be furnished upon request.

Quantity, Quality, And Flow Characteristics Of Discharge

Quantity:

a) The cooling tower blowdown is essentially a continuous blowdown done for the purposes of getting optimum chemical benefit from system additives and maintaining feedwater conservation. The function of the chemical treatments in the cooling tower system are:

- corrosion inhibition
- antifoulant
- microbiocide

The cooling tower blowdown is metered prior to discharge. The average discharge rate, as measured is approximately four (4) gallons per minute (gpm).

b) The sulfur recovery unit waste heat boiler blowdown serves essentially the same purpose as the cooling tower blowdown. The functions of the chemical treatments in the waste heat boiler are:

- corrosion inhibition
- scale control
- sludge conditioner
- oxygen scavenger

This blowdown is an intermittent discharge and somewhat smaller in volume than the cooling tower blowdown. The discharge is not physically measured and is estimated to be approximately 1.6 gpm (This number was obtained using a ten (10) percent blowdown rate for the total steam production of the unit.)

Quantity, Quality, and Flow Characteristics of Discharge (Cont.)

Quality:

Figure 2 is a summary of the laboratory testing done on the lower Queen groundwater and both the cooling tower blowdown and the sulfur recovery unit waste heat boiler blowdown. A (24-hour composite) sample was taken of the cooling tower blowdown since this is a continuous discharge. The sulfur recovery unit waste heat boiler blowdown is an intermittent discharge and a grab sample was used for this analysis. A grab sample was also taken of the groundwater from the No. 1 water well.

All samples were taken and analyzed in accordance with the guidelines set forth in the New Mexico Water Quality Control Commission Regulations 3-107B. It should also be noted that sampling was conducted during times that would be indicative of normal plant operation.

GROUND WATER AND EFFLUENT TEST RESULTS

<u>Component</u>	<u>(mg)</u> <u>Standard (l)</u>	<u>Ground (mg)</u> <u>Water (l)</u>	<u>Cooling Tower</u> <u>Effluent (mg)</u> <u>(l)</u>	<u>Sulfur Unit</u> <u>Effluent (mg)</u> <u>(l)</u>
Arsenic (As)	0.1 mg/1	0.000	0.000	0.000
Barium (Ba)	1.0 mg/1	0.	0.	0.
Cadium (Cd)	0.01 mg/1	0.00	0.00	0.00
Chromium (Cr)	0.05 mg/1	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cyanide (CN)	0.2 mg/1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Fluoride (F)	1.6 mg/1	0.3	*3.5	1.0
Lead (Pb)	0.05 mg/1	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Mercury (Hg)	0.002 mg/1	* 0.008	* 0.006	* 0.010
Nitrate (NO <sub>3</sub> as N)	10.0 mg/1	* 15.0	* 15.0	* 25.0
Selenium (Se)	0.05 mg/1	0.00	0.00	0.00
Silver (Ag)	0.05 mg/1	0.00	0.00	0.00
Uranium (U)	5.0 mg/1	0.002	0.027	**
Chloride (Cl)	250. mg/1	16.	7.	128
Copper (Cu)	1.0 mg/1	0.00	0.00	0.00
Iron (Fe)	1.0 mg/1	0.0	* 3.0	* 5.0
Manganese (Mn)	0.2 mg/1	0.00	0.00	0.00
Phenols	0.005 mg/1	< 0.005	* 0.008*	* 0.032*
Sulfate (SO <sub>4</sub> )	600. mg/1	161	* 624	297
Total Dissolved Solids (TDS)	1000. mg/1	578	* 1278	* 1356
Zinc (Zn)	10.0 mg/1	0.00	0.00	0.00
pH	between 6 and 9	6.8	7.0	* 11.96
Aluminum (Al)	5.0 mg/1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Boron (B)	0.75 mg/1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Cobalt (Co)	0.05 mg/1	0.00	0.00	0.00
Molybdenum (Mo)	1.0 mg/1	~0	~0	~0
Nickel (Ni)	0.2 mg/1	0.00	0.00	0.00
BOD	< 30 mg/1	0	8	**
COD	< 125 mg/1	0	* 170	**

\* grab samples  
\*\* not tested

Figure 2

Quantity, Quality, And Flow Characteristics Of Discharge (Cont.)

Flow Characteristics:

a) The cooling tower blowdown is discharged onto the surface of the ground on the southside of the plant. This is a one (1) stream continuous discharge that flows in a southerly direction toward a normally dry arroyo named Rocky Arroyo. This arroyo is approximately 1/4 mile south of the plant and is at a slightly lower elevation. (Only during abnormal conditions will the cooling tower blowdown reach Rocky Arroyo.) These conditions would include heavy rainfall and problems experienced by the plant where fewer cycles would be run in the cooling tower. It should be noted when fewer cycles are run in the cooling tower water, the TDS and related components will be at a lower than normal concentration.

b) The sulfur recovery unit waste heat boiler blowdown is a separate discharge on the westside of the plant. This is a small intermittent discharge which flows in an earthen ditch that runs in a southerly direction. Because of the quantity of this discharge, the effluent disappears approximately 100 yards from the discharge site and the only reason any component of this discharge would reach Rocky Arroyo would be due to heavy rainfall.

## Analysis of Testing Results

The following is a listing of effluent components that exceed the stated standards for groundwater of 10,000 mg/l or less:

### Cooling Tower Blowdown

- Fluoride (F)
- Total Mercury (Hg)\*
- Nitrate (NO<sub>3</sub> as N)\*
- Iron
- Phenols
- TDS
- Sulfate (SO<sub>4</sub>)
- COD

### Sulfur Unit Boiler Blowdown

- Total Mercury (Hg)\*
- Nitrate (NO<sub>3</sub> as N)\*
- Iron
- Phenols
- TDS
- pH

With the exception of phenols, there are no treatments responsible for these concentrations exceeding the standards. A phenolic type solvent is used as a microbiocide in the cooling tower water but is not used in the sulfur unit boiler water. \*

Iron is the product of corrosion in the piping systems. (It is believed that concentrating the feedwater components by cycling is the primary reason for the higher than standard concentrations.

\*groundwater concentration exceeds standard

## Location of the Discharge & Groundwater Sources

The location of the discharges relative to the plant site are shown on Figure 3, which is a map segment of the Indian Basin Gas Field in Eddy County, New Mexico. The cooling tower blowdown is labeled as #1 and the sulfur recovery unit waste heat boiler blowdown is labeled as #2.

There are no bodies of water within several miles of the plant site. There is a normally dry arroyo approximately 1/4 mile south of the plant. This arroyo is commonly known as Rocky Arroyo and it primarily travels in an east/west direction in the vicinity of the plant. In the past, the only time this arroyo will contain water is during heavy rainfall periods. There are no known groundwater discharge sites within one (1) mile of either discharge.

Marathon Oil Company currently maintains two (2) water wells for use by the Indian Basin Gas Plant. Both water wells are located within the plant boundaries, and they both produce water from the lower Queen aquifer.

Water Well #1 primarily supplies process water to the plant and produces from a tubing depth of 230 ft. Water Well #2 is considered to be an auxillary water well and its primary function is fire protection. This well produces from a depth of approximately 270 ft.

From available literature, there is no evidence to indicate there is an upper Queen aquifer in the area of the IBCP. Because of this, it is believed the most appropriate wells to be used for groundwater monitoring purposes would be the two (2) Marathon water wells currently producing from the lower Queen aquifer. Either and/or both of these lower Queen water wells can be used for groundwater monitoring purposes.



Depth To And TDS Concentration Of The Groundwater

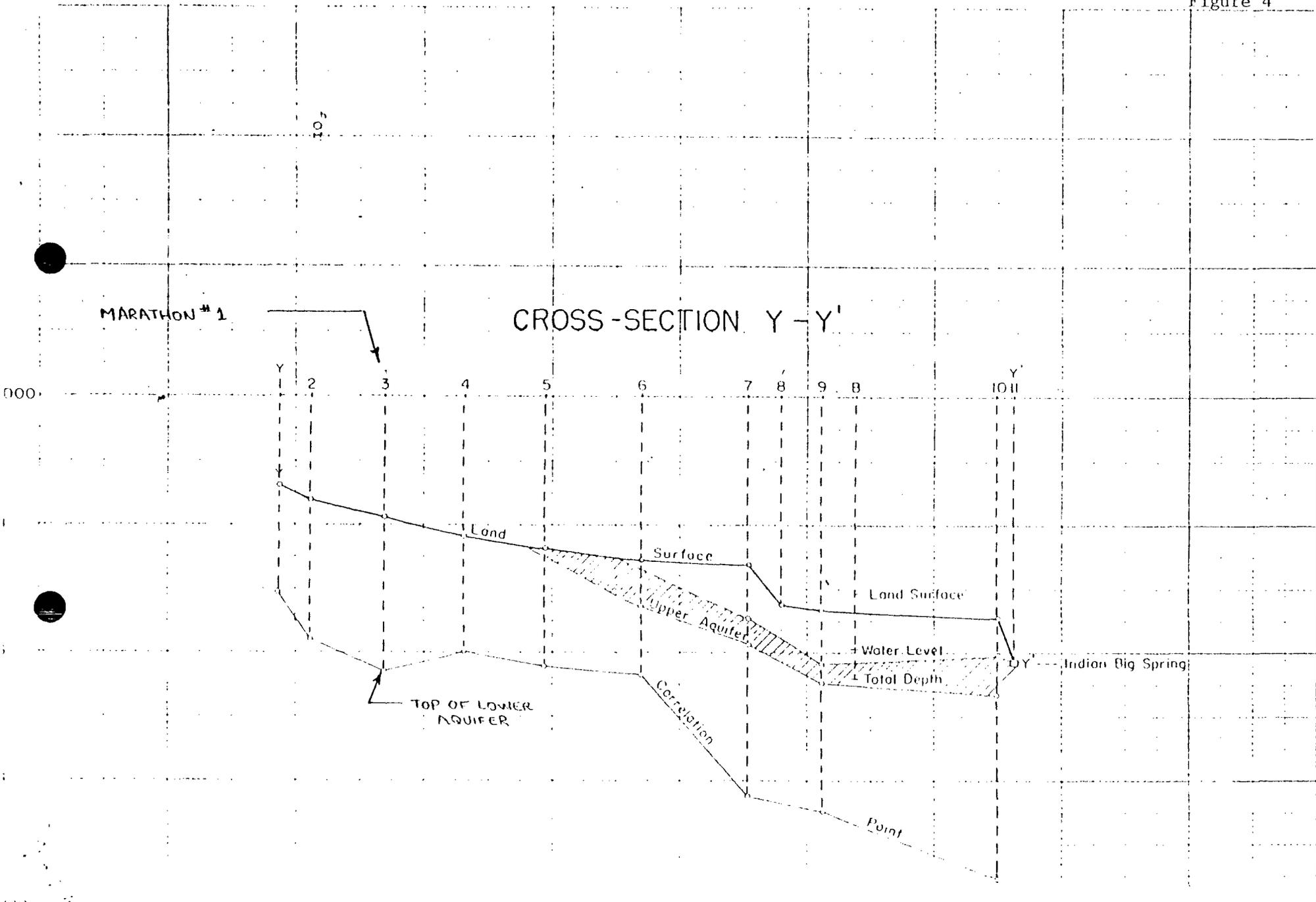
Using Figure 4 & 5 of the memorandum report "Queen and Related Aquifers in the Indian Basin,"\* cross section Y-Y indicates the upper Queen aquifer does not exist in the area of Marathon's Water Well #1 which is within the plant site boundaries. The author of the above memorandum also stated that during the drilling of Marathon's Water Well #1, in July 1965, data and personal recollection indicates no water was encountered above approximately 240'. This evidence indicates there is no upper Queen aquifer in the vicinity of the Indian Basin Gas Plant and the shallowest fresh water aquifer in this area is the lower Queen.

Depth to the lower Queen aquifer based on well records from Marathon's Water Well #1 at the IBGP is approximately 240 ft. An analysis of freshwater from this well shows a TDS concentration of approximately 578 mg/l.

\*report included in appendix

# To accompany Memorandum Report "Queen and Related Aquifers in the Indian Basin"

Figure 4





Flooding Potential Of The Site

The location of the Indian Basin Gas Plant is such that susceptibility to flooding is virtually non-existent. Rocky Arroyo is located at a slightly lower elevation than the gas plant site, and it will periodically have flowing water due to rainfall runoff. Normally, this is a dry arroyo.

Methods To Be Available For Sampling  
And For Measurement Or Calculation Of Flow

The cooling tower blowdown is measured prior to discharge using a conventional type meter. This meter was installed on October 1, 1981 and should serve as one of the more accurate methods to measure this continual discharge. This meter is also used to help control the number of cycles in the cooling tower water. The cooling tower blowdown rate has been monitored since meter installation and has demonstrated an average discharge rate of approximately four (4) gpm. This discharge rate should slightly increase during the summer months because of increased evaporation of cooling tower water and thus the need to run fewer cycles. W. Ran

The sulfur unit waste heat boiler blowdown is intermittent and the amount of discharge is not physically measured like the cooling tower blowdown. Using a ten (10) percent blowdown factor for the 8000<sup>#</sup>/hr steam produced, the approximate discharge rate is calculated to be 1.6 gpm. This method should be representative of the blowdown rate during the normal operation of this unit. Visual observation of this blowdown rate supports the calculated rate.

Marathon Oil Company presently has no effluent monitoring devices for either discharge. Marathon does, however, possess a composite sampling device which was used to obtain the 24-hour composite sample of cooling tower blowdown. Grab samples were taken of the sulfur unit waste heat boiler blowdown since this is an intermittent discharge. Any follow-up and/or periodic analysis can be done using either the composite sampling device or the grab sampling technique. Samples can be analyzed using the approved methods of analysis.

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Depth To And Lithological Description Of Rock At Base Of Alluvium

The following is an interpretation of the formation characteristics from the surface to the lower Queen aquifer. This interpretation is based on information from the core hole [L-24-21S-23E] drilled by Marathon in an adjacent *w. side* section and correlated with the log of the well [E-23-21S-23E] drilled near the Indian Basin Gas Plant.

- 0- 60': Mainly sandstone with some dolomite
- 60-130': Mainly dolomite
- 130-530': Dolomite and Anhydrite

Indications are the interval from approximately 60 feet to the lower Queen aquifer is a tight formation. This type interval should offer a degree of protection to the lower Queen aquifer from surface components. (*wrong*) *no data*

*to prove this statement*

Additional Information On Geologic Conditions

According to the memorandum report "Queen and Related Aquifers in the Indian Basin" by R. B. Collins, Jr. (copy attached), when the Marathon Oil Company water well 21.23.23.232 was drilled in July 1965, no water was encountered above about 240 feet. This well is the Indian Basin Gas Plant Water Well #1 and based on the cited report, there is no upper Queen aquifer in the vicinity of the plant. The author also indicates he was unable to find any evidence to indicate the upper and lower Queen aquifers are interconnected.

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H2O  
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As noted before, logs of a well drilled in the vicinity of the plant were correlated with a core hole drilled in an adjacent section. This interpretation shows the geologic interval from approximately 60' to 250' to be mainly dolomite and anhydrite that appears to be dense in nature. A degree of protection from surface constituents should be offered the lower Queen aquifer by this type geological condition.

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Toxic Pollutants

There is no interface with either the cooling tower water nor the sulfur unit waste heat boiler water with any product of the plant operations under normal operating conditions. If an interface such as this did occur, the plant product would be degraded and the condition would be detected by the routine product testing requirements. This interface condition would then be immediately corrected.

*definite  
un-normal*

Because there is normally no interface between product and waters that are eventually discharged, the only "toxic pollutant" that has the capability of existing in discharged waters because of treatment practices is phenols. This is because a phenolic type solvent is used as a microbiocide in the cooling tower water. This chemical is not, however, used in the sulfur unit boiler water.

Monitoring, Reporting, and Other Requirements

As noted previously, Marathon operates two (2) fresh water wells from the lower Queen aquifer for the purpose of supplying feedwater to the plant. Since there is no known evidence to indicate the presence of the upper Queen aquifer near the plant site, these two (2) water wells can be used in a groundwater monitoring program. *depends on location, depth*

The cooling tower blowdown is metered prior to discharge and serves as an accurate method to determine a discharge rate. This meter will be maintained as it serves additional purposes in its function. The discharge rate from the sulfur unit waste heat boiler is not measured in the same manner as the cooling tower blowdown. The sulfur unit boiler blowdown is intermittent and a representative rate can be calculated using a ten (10) percent blowdown factor with the total steam production of the boiler. Marathon possesses a 24-hour composite sampling device that can also be used for additional monitoring.

At present, Marathon has no specific monitoring devices in the vadose zone or elsewhere. Both water wells are maintained and samples from the lower Queen aquifer can be easily obtained and analyzed. Information and results will be available to the authorized agency. Periodic reporting to the authorized agency can also be done upon request. }

Conclusion

The surface discharges at the Indian Basin Gas Plant are essentially groundwater used as plant feedwater with additives to prevent scaling, corrosion, bacteria and algae growth. The system additives are contingent upon the number of times water in either the cooling tower or the sulfur unit waste heat boiler is cycled. The number of times water is cycled is dependent upon chemical analysis done on a routine basis. The primary benefits to optimum cycling are:

- { -get the most benefit from chemicals used
- { -feedwater conservation

Since both discharges are essentially feedwater with chemical additives, it appears the primary problem with certain component concentrations in the discharges is due to the effects of cycling. Cycling tends to concentrate not only feedwater components, but also any additives to the system because as more cycles are run - the concentrations will build because of evaporation. }

The TDS concentration can be reduced by running fewer cycles. This will also reduce the concentration of components that make up the TDS concentration. Although this procedure will bring the effluent constituents closer to the standards, the disadvantages are more chemicals will have to be used, thereby increasing chemical treating costs and more feedwater would be needed to maintain fewer cycles.

{ Because there is recognized importance to protect groundwater for both present and future use, Marathon will cooperate fully with feasible plans to accomplish this purpose. } \*

APPENDIX

MEMORANDUM REPORT

Queen and Related Aquifers in the Indian Basin

This report deals with aquifers in and related to the Queen formation in the Queen outcrop area in Indian Basin from Township 23 South, Range 23 East north and northeast through Township 21 South, Range 24 East. A map, two cross sections and a well tabulation are attached hereto and make a part of this report. Only a part of the total Queen outcrop area is covered and will be incorporated in the complete Indian Basin Report when that report is finalized.

The Queen formation in this area outcrops in a band approximately 3 to 5 miles in width and is roughly parallel to the Azotea Mesa and Seven Rivers Hills. The strike is roughly northwest and dip is to the northeast, trending slightly more east than northeast at a rate of 100 to 125' per mile. The Queen formation in this area is of interbedded gypsum, sandstone, siltstone, and dolomite.

Material used in this report was obtained from a study of logs and well records available; notes made by the writer in 1964, 1965, and 1966 while studying the development of the Indian Basin Gas field; records in the Oil Conservation Commission Office, Artesia; from published and unpublished information available in the State Engineer Office including the Notts Report, the transcript of the "Carlsbad" hearings, Geologic Map of New Mexico by Dane and Dackman of 1935, Subsurface Geologic Methods by Leroy; and from conversations with long time residents of the area.

A study of all material available indicates there are three aquifers present in the area of study from land surface to the bottom of the Queen. They are: (1) The alluvium (2) The upper Queen aquifer, possibly the Shattuck member, more commonly known as the Red Sand or Artesia Red Sand and (3) The bottom Queen aquifer, in the base of the Queen and possibly along the Queen-Grayburg contact zone.

The alluvium is rather thin and found primarily on valley or arroyo floors and alluvial fans in and along Rocky Arroyo. In times of wet weather the alluvium aquifer contributed some flow to Indian Big Springs and Rocky Arroyo. Mr. William Shaffer, a long time resident, reports that 30 to 40 years ago, there were many small springs and seeps into Rocky Arroyo but at that time there was much more rain than now.

The upper aquifer in the Queen formation, probably being the Shattuck member or the Artesia Red Sand can be picked on some of the available logs and followed to the area of Indian Big Springs. Referring to the two cross sections, the well tabulation, and map; on cross-section X-X' wells #3, 4, and 5 and on cross-section Y-Y' wells #6, 7, 8, 9, and 10, and the wells marked B and D on the map, this aquifer is plotted from the logs. The wells Y-10 and X-5 are the same, being Lowe's #1 Staple oil test well.

A water well was drilled by Lowe at the site of the #1 Staples oil test well, to a reported depth of 250' and the water level was measured at 92'. This water level compares with the water level of Indian Big Springs as taken from the U.S.G.S. quadrangle map. Well No. 8 on cross-section Y-Y' is Shafer's commercial well located 21.24.20.443 with a reported total depth of 75' (Mott's Report) and the water level was measured at 40'. This water level at 40' projected into Y-Y' fits exceptionally well into the upper aquifer. Also wells marked "B" and "D" fit the pattern of the upper aquifer. Well "B" is Shafer's domestic well (Bar well, C-1196) with a reported depth of 130' and with the water level measured at 91'. This fits exceptionally well into the cross-sections X-X' and Y-Y' as deriving its water from the upper aquifer.

The lower aquifer in the Queen formation has no name I am aware of and is separated from the upper aquifer by 100 to 300 feet of sandstone, dolomite and sandy dolomite. From interpretation of the gamma ray logs available, ~~this material is quite dense~~, and no water flows have been reported to have been encountered between the upper and lower aquifers.

The correlation points (C.P.) shown on the cross-sections, are, in my opinion, the top of the lower aquifer. One water well was drilled and was watched closely. This was ~~Marathon's well 21.24.20.443~~ ~~a T.H. well~~. The driller of this well reported water from 195' to 265' on his well record, however, I watched the drilling very closely and notes made during July 1965 and personal recollection indicates no water was encountered above about 240'. This depth on Marathon's sample description log is correlated with and used as the top of the lower Queen aquifer on the cross-sections.

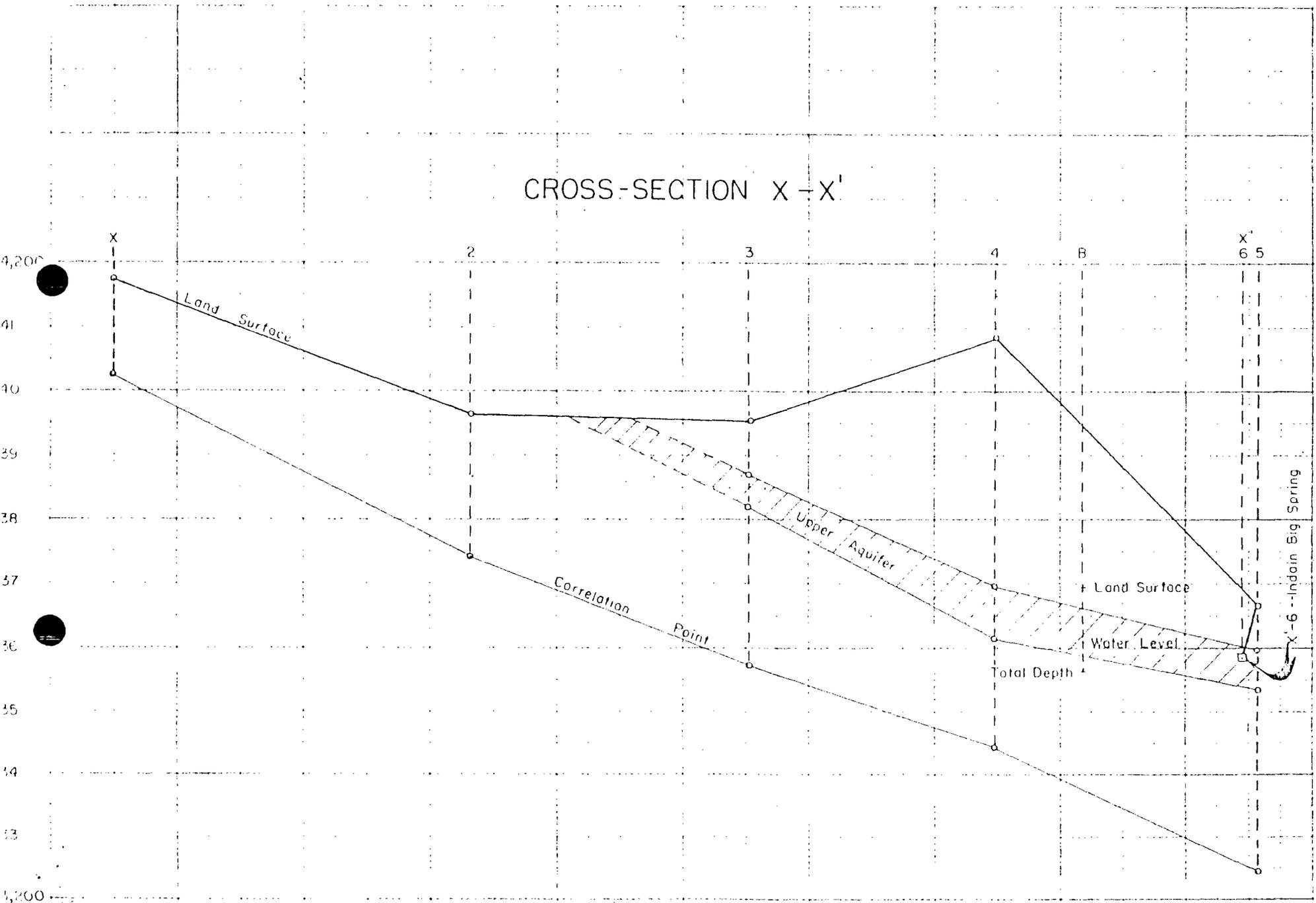
#### Summary:

In the course of this study approximately 70 well logs and well records were examined. Part of these logs and records are of wells to the north of Township 21 South, Range 24 East and will be used in the continuation of this study. The remainder are in the immediate area of study.

On these logs and records of wells lying within the area covered by this report, the top of the lower Queen aquifer could be picked with reasonable accuracy. The bottom of the upper aquifer could be picked in areas where it was present and in some cases the top could be picked, however, due to logging methods, if the upper aquifer was on the surface or very near the surface, the picking of top and bottom was sometimes questionable.

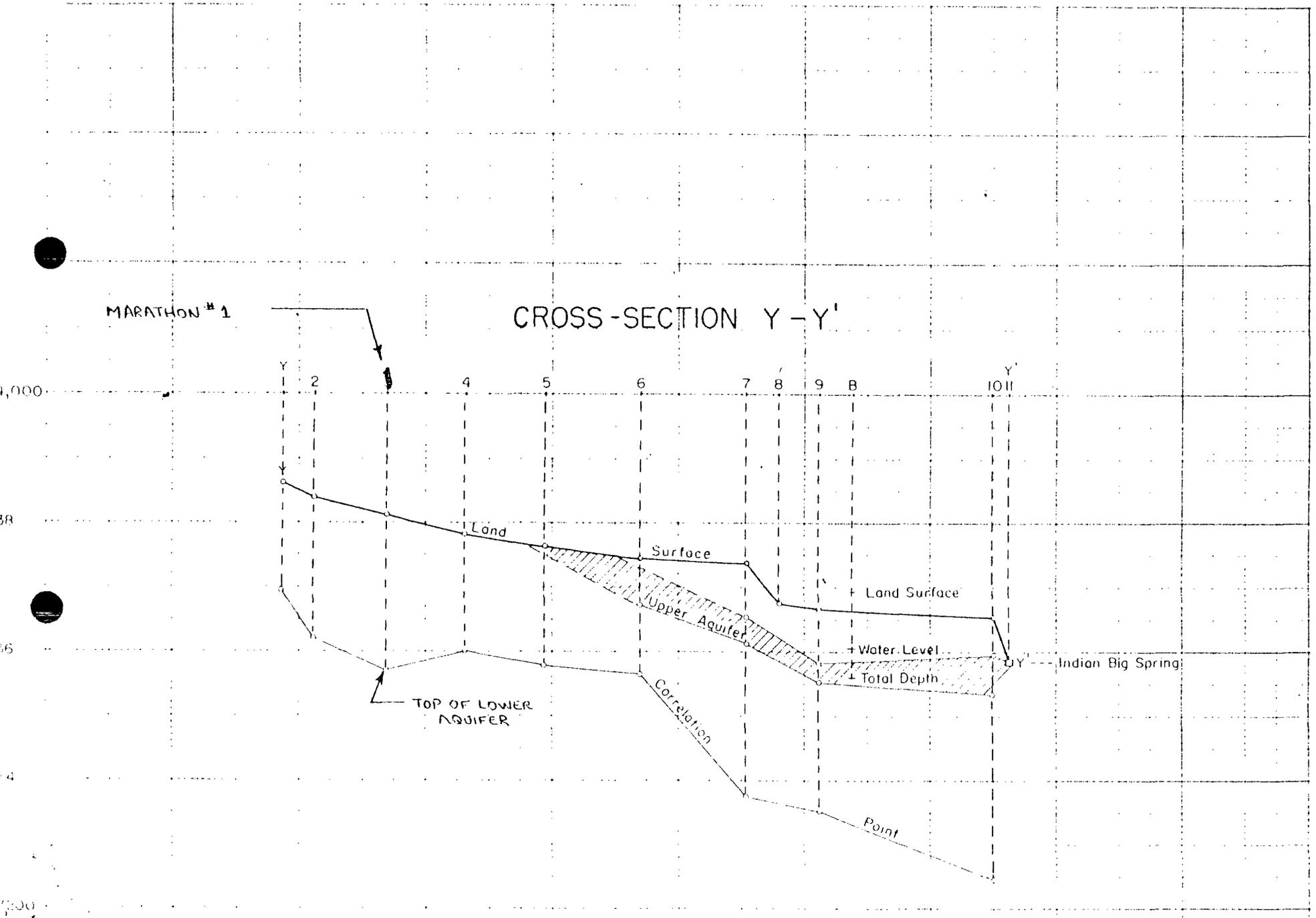
The logs and well records of wells spotted on the attached map are representative of all of the logs examined, and the picking of the two aquifers shown on cross-sections X-X' and Y-Y' are confirmed by the study and comparison of those not plotted.







# To accompany Memorandum Report "Queen and Related Aquifers in the Indian Basin"







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August 28, 1981

Marathon Oil Company  
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Attention: Jeffrey L. Smith

Re: Discharge Plan for Indian  
Basin Gas Plant

Mr. Smith:

Pursuant to the letter of July 30, 1981 by Jeffrey L. Smith of Marathon Oil Company requesting a 90 day extension of time for Indian Basin Gas Plant, the extension of time is hereby granted.

The extension of time was granted on the basis that Marathon Oil Company needs additional time to determine the feasibility of Disposing Plant effluent through injection into a disposal well. The extension of time for Indian Basin Discharge Plan is hereby extended from August 15, 1981 to November 15, 1981.

If you have any questions regarding this matter please call on me at 505-827-2534.

Sincerely,

OSCAR A. SIMPSON  
Water Resources Specialist

OAS/jc



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July 30, 1981

New Mexico Energy and Minerals Department  
P. O. Box 2088  
State Land Office Building  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Attention: Mr. Oscar Simpson

Dear Mr. Simpson:

As mentioned to you in our phone conversation of July 15, 1981, Marathon Oil Company is in the process of determining the feasibility of injecting the Indian Basin Gas Plant effluent into a disposal well. Several tests are presently being done and an engineering evaluation will be needed when the results are obtained.

The reason for this work is to determine a long-term solution to the disposal problem of the plant effluent. This solution would meet both state and federal regulations governing underground injection.

Due to the amount of work involved in determining a solution, I am requesting that you grant Marathon Oil Company a 90-day extension to the submittal of discharge plans for the Indian Basin Gas Plant. These plans are presently due August 15, 1981, and an extension would permit Marathon enough time to properly determine both an approved and feasible effluent injection method.

Very truly yours,

MARATHON OIL COMPANY

Jeffrey L. Smith  
Associate Safety Engineer

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R. L. McLehin  
Marathon Oil Company  
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Midland, Texas 79702

Re: Request for Discharge Plans

Dear Mr. McLehin:

Under provisions of the regulations of the Water Quality Control Commission you are hereby notified that the filing of discharge plans for Marathon's Indian Basin Plant (6-22S-24E) is required. Discharge plans are defined in Section 1-101.1 of the regulations and a copy of the regulations is enclosed for your convenience.

These plans should cover all discharge of effluent at the plant sites or adjacent to the plant sites. Section 3-106A. of the regulations requires submittal of the discharge plans within 120 days of receipt of this notice unless an extension of this time period is sought and approved.

The discharge plans should be prepared in accordance with Part 3 of the Regulations. Due to a recent court decision references to "toxic pollutants" may be ignored.

If there are any questions on this matter, please do not hesitate to call me or Oscar Simpson at 827-3260. Mr. Simpson has been assigned responsibility for review of all discharge plans.

Very truly yours,

JOE D. RAMEY  
Division Director

JDR/OS/og

cc: Oil Conservation Division - Hobbs  
Marathon Oil Company, P. O. Box 2409, Hobbs, N. Mex.

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

STATE OF NEW MEXICO

ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to New Mexico Water Quality Control Commission Regulations, the following discharge plan renewal has been submitted for approval to the Director of the Oil Conservation Division, State Land Office Building, P.O. Box 2088, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-2088, Telephone (505) 827-5800:

(GW-21) Marathon Oil Company, W.O. Snyder, Mid-Continent Region Production Manager, P.O. Box 552, Midland, TX 79702, has submitted for approval a ground water discharge plan renewal for its Indian Basin Gas Plant located in the SW/4 NE/4, Section 23, Township 21 South, Range 23 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico. Approximately 29,400 gallons per day of process waste water is collected in an above-ground steel tank prior to disposal in an OCD approved class II disposal well, The total dissolved solids concentration of the waste water is approximately 12,000 mg/l. Ground water most likely to be affected by any discharge to the surface is at a depth of 240 feet with a total dissolved solids concentration of approximately 550 mg/l. The discharge plan addresses how spills, leaks or other discharges to the ground at the plant will be managed.

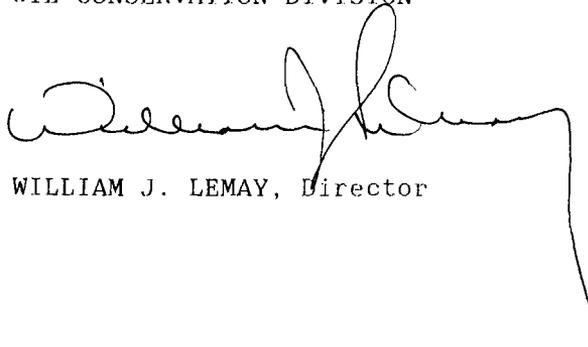
Any interested person may obtain further information from the Oil Conservation Division and may submit written comments to the Director of the Oil Conservation Division at the address given above. Prior to ruling on any proposed discharge plan or its modification, the Director of the Oil Conservation Division shall allow at least thirty (30) days after the date of publication of this notice during which comments may be submitted to him and public hearing may be requested by any interested person. A request for public hearing shall set forth the reasons why a hearing should be held. A hearing will be held if the Director determines there is significant public interest.

If no public hearing is held, the Director will approve or disapprove the

proposed plan based on information available. If a public hearing is held, the Director will approve or disapprove the proposed plan based on information in the plan and information submitted at the hearing.

GIVEN under the Seal of New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on this 14th day of September, 1989. To be published on or before October 1, 1989.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "William J. Lemay", written in black ink. The signature is positioned above the printed name and extends to the right with a long, thin tail.

WILLIAM J. LEMAY, Director

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Site - Indian Basin Field

Site Characterization Plan for the gathering line  
to Basin Gas Plant. Requirements of this report were  
met. This information will satisfy your needs.

As this report is being reviewed, we can only  
make efforts on a location-by-location basis. I  
will continue critical characterization work.

The area is dominated by soil-gas survey  
data. We must now progress  
with delineation. This will require a  
small amount of rock) to confirm the existence of  
water. In the case of the soil gas program,  
there is some trial-and-error and flexibility to  
the program. It is possible that once we more  
condensate and/or water, we may  
proceed. For this reason, I believe  
we proceed with our delineation  
preliminary list of locations and

Proceed

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SITE CHARACTERIZATION PLAN  
INDIAN BASIN GAS PLANT  
EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

Prepared by:

MARATHON OIL COMPANY  
Mid-Continent Region  
Midland, Texas

April 29, 1991

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## SITE CHARACTERIZATION PLAN

### 1.0 INTRODUCTION

#### 1.1 Site Location

The Indian Basin Gas Plant (IBGP) is located in Section 23, Township 21 South, Range 23 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico (refer to EXHIBIT 1, topographic map of the Indian Basin Gas Plant, located in the Exhibit section). The plant is approximately 25 (driving) miles from Carlsbad, New Mexico. A general road map and directions to the plant (from Carlsbad) are included as EXHIBIT 2. The leak site is located approximately 0.2 miles due south of the plant. Further descriptive information on this site is provided in Section 3.1.

#### 1.2 Topographical Description

The Indian Basin Gas Plant lies in the eastern portion of the Indian Basin, whose topography dips gently eastward at about 50 feet per mile. Small intermittent streams traverse the Basin in an east to northeasterly direction. The most prominent of these streams, Rocky Arroyo, has cut a canyon through a cuesta located 3 miles east of the gas plant. This cuesta forms the 250 to 400 foot western slope of the Azotea Mesa and Seven Rivers Hills.

The gas plant is located north of Rocky Arroyo in Section 23, T-21-S, R-23-E. A U.S.G.S. benchmark is less than a quarter mile away, therefore surface elevations in the area should be quite accurate. Topographic maps of the Bandanna Point Quadrangle and the Martha Creek Quadrangle are included as EXHIBIT 1 and EXHIBIT 3, respectively.

Rocky Arroyo directly south of the Indian Basin Gas Plant consists of a general braided stream topography approximately 1700 feet in width from north to south. Within this channel are two Arroyo stream beds separated by a higher, more vegetated area which comprises the majority of this system. The northern channel has the least amount of vegetation and is composed of predominantly large boulders and cobbles. It also shows the most evidence of past active water transport, having developed a 10 to 12 foot high cut back on its north side. The southern Arroyo also contains a gravel surface, however, it has a much less defined channel and appears to be less active. The center portion of the overall Arroyo system is slightly higher in elevation, contains considerable grass and brushy vegetation, and shows little signs of surface water activity.

These three areas can be observed on the USGS, seven and one-half minute Martha Creek quadrangle map in Section 23, T-21-S, R-23-E, just to the south of the plant site. The 3800 feet contour is deflected to the west on the north and south sides of the Arroyo system indicating

the location of the two gravel filled channels described above. The same contour deflects to the east, showing the area of generally higher topography in the center of Rocky Arroyo. This corresponds to the more vegetated area which comprises the majority of the Arroyo system.

### 1.3 Land Use Description

The Indian Basin Gas Plant is situated near the middle of the Indian Basin gas field which extends across several townships. Well density in the Indian Basin Field averages about 1.5 wells per section. The field is located primarily on federal land. The land surface is sparsely vegetated, and is used for grazing. A descriptive map is included as EXHIBIT 4.

New Mexico Highway 137 traverses the Rocky Arroyo Canyon approximately 4 miles east of the gas plant, then skirts the west flank of Azotea Mesa. Additionally, the Panaman Cawley Road runs from the Canyon west to the gas plant and beyond. Several other light duty roads branch from these roads to individual well sites. A General Highway map is included as EXHIBIT 5.

#### 1.4 Surface Water

The leak occurred subsurface in the northern channel of a dry wash named Rocky Arroyo. It is believed that surface water has not flowed in this portion of the arroyo since 1986. Nearest flowing surface water in the arroyo was determined to be at a point approximately 4.75 miles downstream. A stagnate pool of water is also present approximately 1.0 mile southeast in another channel of the arroyo system.

Sample

#### 1.5 Climatological Description

The nearest data available to characterize the climate at the Indian Basin Gas Plant is from a climatology station located six miles south of Artesia, New Mexico. The gas plant is located 28 miles south-southwest of Artesia. Temperature and precipitation data are collected at this site and are summarized below for the period 1951 to 1974.

##### ARTESIA, NEW MEXICO CLIMATOLOGY

<u>Period</u>	<u>Average Daily Temperature (degree F)</u>		<u>Average Precipitation (Inches) for Period</u>
	Maximum	Minimum	
January	58.0	24.5	0.33
July	95.6	65.9	1.60
Annual	77.4	44.7	9.78

Station Location: Six miles south of Artesia, New Mexico.  
Station Elevation: 3,320 feet above sea level.

These conditions result in the area being classified as arid (less than 10 inches of precipitation), although a few years of higher amounts of precipitation could raise the average enough to classify the area as semi-arid (10 to 20 inches of precipitation).

#### 1.6 Facility Description

Marathon Oil Company operates the Indian Basin Gas Plant. The plant is located in the Indian Basin Field about 25 miles northwest of Carlsbad, New Mexico. The plant currently processes about 130 million standard cubic feet per day (MMSCFD) of natural gas. The gas is produced from the Indian Basin Morrow and Indian Basin Upper Penn. Residue gas and recovered liquids are both sold via pipeline.

Field condensate is gathered, stabilized, and sold via truck from a central location on the plant site. The field condensate and produced water gathering system consists of 50 miles of line. The system contains four primary low pressure lines that feed to the stabilization equipment at the Plant.

## 2.0 REGIONAL HYDROGEOLOGY

### 2.1 Hydrogeology

A memorandum report on the Queen aquifers located in the vicinity of the Indian Basin Gas Plant is provided in APPENDIX A. The memorandum report was prepared in 1987 by R. B. Collins, Jr., a Water Resources Engineer with the State of New Mexico. Mr. Collins did a thorough job of evaluating the local groundwater conditions and shallow subsurface geology. He established the presence of two aquifer zones in the general area of the Indian Basin Gas Plant. Correlation of these two aquifers to gamma ray logs from 71 oil and gas wells (typical log included in APPENDIX B) resulted in the attached maps showing the elevation of the base of the Upper Queen aquifer (EXHIBIT 6) and the elevation of the top of the Lower Queen aquifer (EXHIBIT 7). These maps indicate both aquifers dip generally from WSW to ENE at a fairly constant rate. Minor interventions in the regional dip do occur and an example is the lessening of dip in the area of the Indian Basin Gas Plant. This may indicate an area of slight counter regional dip. These maps confirm Mr. Collins' conclusions that the Upper Queen aquifer is absent in the area of the plant and that the Lower Queen aquifer is located approximately 150 to 200 feet below the surface. A review of the geological outcrops around the plant and sample logs

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~~8087 500m contours  
map (exhibit 8)~~

from the area also support Mr. Collins' conclusion that the section between the Upper and Lower aquifer is impermeable and prevents the two aquifers from being interconnected.

## 2.2 Groundwater Systems

Water wells in the area appear to be using both Upper and Lower Queen aquifers (where present) as sources for domestic or stock watering purposes. Marathon has two water wells located on the plant site which are obtaining water from the Lower Queen aquifer.

A map of the known water wells in the area is provided in EXHIBIT 8. TABLE 1 contains a listing of summary data for each well. APPENDIX C presents copies of water well records on file from the State Engineers office in Santa Fe and Roswell. Files could not be located for several of the water wells on the map.

### 3.0 EMERGENCY RESPONSE ACTIONS

#### 3.1 Release Background and Regulatory Response

At 10:30 a.m. (MDT) on April 12, 1991 indication of an accidental discharge from a condensate/produced water gathering line was discovered by Marathon personnel. The location of the leak is approximately 0.2 miles south of the Indian Basin Gas Plant in the northern channel of Rocky Arroyo. Subsequent investigation found the leak to exist in a 6-inch condensate/produced water gathering line (Line #4) and actions were immediately initiated to shut-in production from the 23 gas wells that produce into this gathering line. Following shut-in of these wells, block valves were closed on the gas and liquid lines on each side of the line leak. Blowdown efforts were undertaken to evacuate the systems.

Excavation efforts successfully located the leak in a steel 6-inch section of line approximately 5-feet below the arroyo channel bed. This section of line was repaired and placed back into operation on April 16, 1991.

Within an hour of the release detection the appropriate Federal and State regulatory authorities were notified by telephone. These notifications were made by supervisory personnel on location following Marathon's written procedures contained in the Mid-Continent Region

Contingency/Response Plan and in the Indian Basin Gas Field Spill Prevention, Control and Countermeasure Plan (SPCC). Both of these internal plans address the actions and procedures to be taken in the event of accidental releases or discharges of oil, condensate or produced water to the environment. A copy of the SPCC Plan is contained in APPENDIX D.

The following agencies were contacted on April 12, 1991; the National Response Center in Washington, D. C. (Petty officer Siefring, 11:22 a.m. Case No.67729); the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in Carlsbad, New Mexico (Sharon Patuele, 11:17 a.m.) and the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD) in Artesia, New Mexico (Mike Williams, 11:12 a.m.). All times are Mountain Daylight Time. In accordance with NMOCD Rule 116, a written report was submitted to the OCD Artesia office within ten days after discovery of the incident. A copy of this notification is attached in APPENDIX E. An interim report was also submitted to the BLM on April 22, 1991, and is also provided in APPENDIX E.

As dictated by Marathon's Contingency/Response Plan, extensive internal reporting requirements exist in addition to the external reporting discussed in the previous paragraph. As a result of the release, Marathon's Corporate Emergency Response Plan was activated. This plan was developed by corporate personnel to aid and assist the various components within Marathon Oil Company in the event of a major emergency. The leader of the Corporate Emergency Response Team (CERT)

was notified and their group mobilized in the event that their assistance was required. The CERT team members consist of numerous key personnel in Marathon's organization who have expertise in responding to emergency situations. One such component of CERT is the Technical Environmental Support Team (TEST). Their group was mobilized and sent to the site to assist local Marathon personnel in the initial response actions and investigatory work.

### 3.2 Product Properties

The section below describes the chemical and physical properties of the unstabilized condensate. Typically, the condensate is a clear colorless liquid with a pungent odor and is highly volatile and flammable. The samples described below were obtained from Well #222 and from the inlet condensate tank on April 14, 1991. Additional information regarding distillation properties of the condensate is provided in APPENDIX K. The released condensate was similar in physical and chemical properties.

### 3.2.1 Chemical Description

#### Chemical properties - Liquid Analysis

##### Condensate from Well #222

	<u>MOL %</u>	<u>LV %</u>	<u>WT %</u>
CO2	0.06	0.02	0.03
METHANE	2.54	1.11	0.51
ETHANE	2.10	1.45	0.79
PROPANE	2.74	1.95	1.51
ISO-BUTANE	1.17	0.99	0.85
NORMAL BUTANE	2.77	2.25	2.01
ISO-PENTANE	2.18	2.05	1.96
NORMAL PENTANE	2.39	2.24	2.16
HEXANE PLUS	<u>84.05</u>	<u>87.94</u>	<u>90.18</u>
Totals	100.00	100.00	100.00

Specific gravity 0.655  
Pounds/gallon 5.461  
Pounds/gallon C5+ 5.583  
Vapor pressure 77.1  
Density (GM/CC) 0.654

Sample Date: 4-14-91

##### Condensate from Inlet Tank

	<u>MOL %</u>	<u>LV %</u>	<u>WT %</u>
CO2	0.02	0.01	0.01
METHANE	0.63	0.27	0.12
ETHANE	0.31	0.21	0.11
PROPANE	0.72	0.50	0.38
ISO-BUTANE	0.50	0.41	0.35
NORMAL BUTANE	1.49	1.18	1.03
ISO-PENTANE	1.76	1.61	1.51
NORMAL PENTANE	1.62	1.47	1.39
HEXANE PLUS	<u>92.95</u>	<u>94.34</u>	<u>95.10</u>
Totals	100.00	100.00	100.00

Specific gravity 0.666  
Pounds/gallon 5.555  
Pounds/gallon C5+ 5.588  
Vapor pressure 21.3  
Density (GM/CC) 0.666

Sample Date: 4-14-91

A sample of the released condensate was collected from Excavation #All on April 19, 1991 and the gas chromatographic characterization of this sample is provided in APPENDIX F.

### 3.2.2 Product Volatilization

Condensate from Well #222, sample as received:  
 Specific gravity 0.7282  
 Weathered 12 hrs. @ 68 degree F  
 Volume loss 29.5%  
 Specific gravity 0.7433 @ 12 hours

Condensate from Inlet Tank, sample as received:  
 Specific gravity 0.7293  
 Weathered 12 hrs. @ 68 degree F  
 Volume loss 25.0%  
 Specific gravity 0.7392 @ 12 hours

	<u>Before Weathering</u>		<u>After Weathering</u>	
	<u>H<sub>2</sub>S</u> ppm	<u>Mercaptan</u> ppm	<u>H<sub>2</sub>S</u> ppm	<u>Mercaptan</u> ppm
Well #222	227	123	49	420
Inlet Tank	129	257	15	999

Condensate from well #222, sample as received:  
 Specific gravity 0.7433 @ 12 hrs.  
 Weathered 24 hrs. @ 68 degree F  
 Volume loss 39.6%  
 Specific gravity 0.7457 @ 24 hrs.

Condensate from tank, sample as received:  
 Specific gravity 0.7292 @ 12 hrs.  
 Weathered 24 hrs. @ 68 degree F  
 Volume loss 36.0%  
 Specific gravity 0.7782 @ 24 hours

### 3.3 Product Biodegradation

Observations were made upon excavation of soils at numerous locations in the Rocky Arroyo channel. Black, moist soils and rocks were encountered in a 2-to-3-foot zone immediately above the bedrock and in the liquid layer. This black soil smelled pungent - similar to

the odor from biodegradation processes and possibly including hydrogen sulfide. It appears that an anaerobic (or similar) microbiological zone has set up through the Arroyo channel and is reducing hydrocarbons in the free product zone. Hydrogen sulfide, if present, may be evolved from this process as well as evolution from liquid condensate. Laboratory evaluations of biological activity in the subsurface environment is planned.

#### 3.4 Investigatory Excavations

During the first several days following the discovery of the leak, fourteen excavations were made in the arroyo in an attempt to delineate the extent of leaked fluids migration (the locations of the excavations are shown on the location plat provided as EXHIBIT 9). Three of the excavations, numbered 1, 3, and A8, were subsequently filled in with excavated materials. Perforated 4-inch PVC was placed vertically in six excavations, numbered 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, and A9, within which free fluids were not observed. Clean gravel was placed over the perforated interval and excavated materials were backfilled around the 4-inch PVC in these excavations, which are currently being used to monitor fluid migration. Security caps have been installed over the tops of the 4-inch PVC.

### 3.5 Product/Recovery Well Excavations

Slotted 24-inch galvanized conduit was placed vertically in the remaining five excavations, numbered 6, 9, 10, A10, and A11, within which free fluids were observed. Clean gravel was placed over the slotted intervals and excavated materials were backfilled around the 24-inch conduit. Security caps were placed over the top of each 24-inch conduit.

### 3.6 Soil Gas Survey

A soil gas survey consists of measuring volatile organic compounds contained in soil pore air space. These gases can typically occur from the volatilization of organic compounds which may have migrated into the subsurface.

On April 17, 1991, Roberts/Schornick and Associates (RSA) initiated a soil gas survey at the site of the condensate release. Prior to initiating the survey, a surveyed network based on 200 foot by 200 foot grids was established to accurately locate the soil gas survey stations in the area of the condensate release. The soil gas survey was conducted using a Geoprobe Soil Gas Survey System. This system consists of hydraulically pushing a hollow rigid sampling tube that has a small recessed screen assembly into the soil to depths generally

ranging from 1.0 to 10.0 feet. A vacuum pump is then connected to the hollow sampling tube and a vacuum is applied, thereby causing soil gases to migrate into the tube via the screen. An organic vapor monitor (OVM) which measures volatile hydrocarbon gases is then connected to the exhaust assembly of the vacuum pump to monitor for volatile gases. The discharged soil hydrocarbon gases are generally monitored for a period of 10 to 30 minutes and the resultant OVM reading recorded. The OVM has a detection limit of 100 parts per billion of total ionizable hydrocarbons based upon an isobutylene standard.

From April 17, 1991 to April 28, 1991, approximately sixty (60) soil gas probe readings were attempted in the gridded areas as shown on EXHIBIT 9. Successful soil gas measurements were obtained at approximately fifty-six (56) of the soil probe sites. However, at four (4) locations, the soil gas probe was unable to penetrate the soil horizon due to large cobbles or boulders. At most of the soil gas survey sites, attempts were made to obtain soil gas readings at depth intervals of approximately 1.0 foot and again at approximately 5.0 feet. At about thirty-seven (37) of the sixty (60) soil gas survey locations, soil gas readings were obtained at or near these two (2) depth intervals. At the remaining nineteen (19) successful survey locations, the soil probe was able to penetrate only to about 1-foot before refusal.

The soil gas survey was useful in defining the general lateral extent of the gaseous phase in the subsurface. Although the complete boundary of the condensate occurrence in the subsurface has not yet been fully defined, further soil gas and/or soil borings will be made in order to more accurately locate the condensate plume boundary. The approximate location of the hydrocarbon gas plume in the alluvial deposits as defined on April 28, 1991 by the soil gas survey, excavations, and soil borings, is shown on EXHIBIT 9. A summary of the soil gas survey readings for various depth intervals is presented in TABLE 2. The location of these soil probe measurement stations are shown in EXHIBIT 9.

### 3.7 Soil Characterization Borings

The drilling and sampling of soil characterization borings began April 18, 1991, and through April 28, 1991, twenty (20) borings have been completed. The total depths ranged from 3.0 to 15.1 feet below the ground surface. Soil samples were taken to provide a primary understanding of the extent of condensate impacts to the shallow alluvial soils and groundwater, if present.

Soil borings were drilled from the surface to total depth utilizing a CME-75 mobile drilling rig equipped with 7-1/4 inch O.D. continuous flight hollow stem augers. Soil samples generally were obtained at

5-foot intervals using a split-barrel sampler. The drilling contractor, Sergeant, Hauskins and Beckwich of Albuquerque, New Mexico, was under the professional supervision of Roberts/Schornick and Associates, Inc., Norman, Oklahoma.

A summary of soil boring details is presented in TABLE 3 and the soil boring logs are presented in APPENDIX G.

All downhole sampling equipment, as well as drilling equipment, which came in contact with the borehole, was thoroughly cleaned before commencement of drilling or sampling operations and between each soil boring. Decontamination was accomplished by washing the equipment utilizing a high pressure/high temperature water stream. Drill cuttings from soil boring operations were collected on and covered with plastic sheeting until proper disposal can be arranged.

Visual lithologic descriptions were made in the field of all recovered soil samples. Soils were classified according to the Unified Soil Classification System (ASTM D-2488 and ASTM D-2049). Discrete samples were taken at approximately 5-foot intervals when adequate sample recoveries permitted. Each discrete sample was placed in properly labeled, clean, glass containers and sealed with a foil layer and screw lid. Within one hour of sampling, soil gas measurements were taken from the headspace of each sample container using an organic

vapor monitor. Soil descriptions, classifications, and soil gas measurements are presented in the soil boring records found in APPENDIX G. A summary of the soil headspace gas measurements is presented in TABLE 4.

The locations of soil borings were selected based upon the location of the condensate line, topography, and results of soil gas vapor measurements. EXHIBIT 9 shows the location of all soil boring locations as of April 28, 1991.

### 3.8 Monitoring/Recovery Well

On April 26, 1991, RSA installed a monitoring well in boring BH-14 (MW-1) in the alluvial deposits of the Rocky Arroyo southeast at the Marathon Indian Basin Gas Plant (EXHIBIT 9). The monitor well was drilled to a depth of about 14.3 feet below ground level and was screened from 9.4 feet to 14.32 feet below ground level. The screen was set in the five (5) foot interval directly above the bedrock.

The depth to fluid measured in this well on April 26, 1991 was about 11.26 feet from ground level. At the location of the monitoring well, approximately 3.74 feet of fluid saturation was present in the alluvial deposits overlying the bedrock. The well construction diagram is presented in APPENDIX H.

### 3.9 Rain Contingency Plan

Marathon has developed an action plan to address the potential dispersion of hydrocarbons at the leak site in the event of surface/subsurface flows following rains. The plan, which has been approved by the BLM, is included as APPENDIX I. The plan calls for a diversion to be placed upstream of the leak site, and a collection basin downstream of the leak site. Since the plan submittal, the BLM had agreed that diversion and collection of the fluids in the central channel will not be necessary. Operations to divert and collect fluids in the northern channel are ongoing.

### 3.10 Free Product Recovery

Free fluids have been collected using vacuum trucks from each excavation. Since backfill of the excavations, fluids are being recovered only from those excavations completed with 24-inch conduit. A continuous pumping operation was established on April 26, 1991 at excavation #A-11, the excavation which has continuously "produced" the most fluids. A small pump has been set on the northern bank of the arroyo above the 24-inch conduit in #A-11, and fluids are being pumped into a frac tank. Vacuum truck withdrawals from the remaining 24-inch conduits

continue.

Cummulative fluid recovery, as of Sunday, April 28, 1991 is 629 barrels of condensate and 495 barrels of water. All fluids are being transported to the plant and pumped into the condensate skim tank system. Condensate is being recovered through this operation and ultimately sold. Produced water is currently being trucked to a contract disposal site.

### 3.11 Area Groundwater and Surface Water Sampling

The following samples of area groundwater and surface water have been obtained and reflect results obtained through April 28, 1991.

	<u>Results</u>	<u>Detection Level</u>
Plant water well #1 (Partial) analysis 4-26-91	Benzene	N.D. - 5 ug/L
	Ethylbenzene	N.D. - 5 ug/L
	Toluene	N.D. - 5 ug/L
	Xylenes	N.D. - 5 ug/L
	Chloride	16.6 mg/L
Plant water well #2-1 (duplicate of #1) (Partial) analysis 4-26-91	Benzene	N.D. - 5 ug/L
	Ethylbenzene	N.D. - 5 ug/L
	Toluene	N.D. - 5 ug/L
	Xylenes	N.D. - 5 ug/L
	Chloride	16.7 mg/L
Plant water well #2 (Partial) analysis 4-26-91	Benzene	N.D. - 5 ug/L
	Ethylbenzene	N.D. - 5 ug/L
	Toluene	N.D. - 5 ug/L
	Xylenes	N.D. - 5 ug/L
	Chloride	16.8 mg/L
W. Biebelle Stock tank well water (Lymon) 4-19-91	Benzene	N.D. - 5 ug/L
	Toluene	N.D. - 5 ug/L
	Ethylbenzene	N.D. - 5 ug/L
	Xylenes	N.D. - 5 ug/L

Stock tank water supply 4-24-91	Benzene	N.D. - 5 ug/L
	Toluene	N.D. - 5 ug/L
	Ethylbenzene	N.D. - 5 ug/L
	Xylenes	N.D. - 5 ug/L

Prior analyses of the plant water supply is provided in APPENDIX J.

Surface Water Samples - downstream Arroyo channels

		<u>Results</u>	<u>Detection Level</u>
Water #1 (R24E, T21S, S27) 13:50 hrs 4-19-91	Benzene	N.D. -	5 ug/L
	Toluene	N.D. -	5 ug/L
	Ethylbenzene	N.D. -	5 ug/L
	Xylenes	N.D. -	5 ug/L
Water #2 (R24E, T21S, S27) 15:18 hrs 4-19-91	Benzene	N.D. -	5 ug/L
	Toluene	N.D. -	5 ug/L
	Ethylbenzene	N.D. -	5 ug/L
	Xylenes	N.D. -	5 ug/L
Water #3 (R24E, T21S, S27) 17:46 hrs 4-19-91	Benzene	N.D. -	5 ug/L
	Toluene	N.D. -	5 ug/L
	Ethylbenzene	N.D. -	5 ug/L
	Xylenes	N.D. -	5 ug/L

\* Note: N.D. = non-detected

3.12 Pipeline Repair and Testing Program

*Steel or PVC? See p. 8*

Following isolation of the line leak, the 6-inch PVC line was cut on the north and south banks of the arroyo. Some 1700-feet of 4-inch poly line was pulled internally through the 6-inch PVC between these points, and connected to the 6-inch system using flanges. The working pressure of the 4-inch poly line is 160 psig, while the 6-inch PVC line has a 200 psig working pressure.

Following tie-in, the 4-inch internal line and some 4,300 feet of the northern 6-inch PVC line were hydrotested. The normal operating

pressure of the condensate line is approximately 30 psig. As a safety measure, the hydrotest was conducted to 100 psig. The test proved successful, and following removal of the blinds, production from wells connected to Line 4 was resumed at 11:30 p.m. on April 16, 1991.

An eight-foot section of the line at the site of the leak was removed prior to the repairs listed above. This line section was transported to Marathon's Production Technology Center in Littleton, Colorado, where failure analysis is on going.

### 3.13 Site Safety

All personnel on site have received training pursuant to OSHA Regulation 29 CFR 1910.120 Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response. The following persons have received 40 hours of training:

- . RSA Environmental Consultants
- . Drilling Rig Operators
- . Marathon's Environmental Representatives from PTC in Littleton, CO.
- . Marathon Site Safety Engineer

All other persons directly involved in site operations, both Marathon and contractor employees, received a 4-hour training class consisting of the following subject material:

- . Trenching and sloping
- . Confined space entry
- . Vacuum truck operation
- . Hydrogen Sulfide Safety
- . Hazard communication for condensate
- . Noise and hearing protection
- . Monitoring techniques and devices
- . Fire safety
- . Emergency action/reponse, and
- . Respiratory protection and rescue air pack use.

All visitors receive a 10-minute safety orientation prior to entry onto the site to ensure that they are aware of potential hazards and the appropriate actions necessary should an emergency arise. Trained personnel escort all visitors for the duration of their stay on site.

Several methods of monitoring are being used on site to ensure the health and safety of all workers. Personal hydrogen sulfide monitors are provided to personnel who have potential for exposure at or near 10 ppm. Tri-function monitors are being used for all excavation and vacuum recovery operations to ensure that flammable vapors are well below explosive levels, that hydrogen sulfide concentrations in the workers' breathing zone are below 10 ppm, and that adequate oxygen is

present for confined space entry. Organic vapor monitors, or passive sampling badges, have also been used to monitor personal exposure levels.

Emergency equipment is located at the work site for prompt access and response should an emergency situation arise. Equipment includes:

- . 150 lb. wheeled fire extinguishers
- . 30 lb. hand-portable fire extinguishers
- . rescue air packs (self contained breathing apparatus)
- . safety belts with retrieval lines
- . breathing air trailer with work units, and
- . wind sock

#### 4.0 ONGOING/FUTURE CHARACTERIZATION WORK

##### 4.1 Soil Characterization Borings

###### 4.1.1 Shallow Alluvial Formation

Soil borings to characterize the shallow alluvial formation and to further delineate the limits of condensate migration will be drilled and sampled as was discussed in section 3.7. The exact number and location of these borings will be evaluated based upon the results of the soil gas survey. The borings will be made in order to define the shallow alluvial geological conditions. Information from these borings will be used to develop geological cross-sections, isopach maps, and structure maps. In addition, a soil gas headspace assessment may be conducted to evaluate for the presence of condensate. All soil characterization borings will be drilled per ASTM engineering guidelines. Soil samples from each boring will be collected using split-spoon sampling methodology at intervals of between 2.5 to 5.0 feet and described on boring records. All soil characterization boreholes not completed as wells will be plugged back to surface using a cement-bentonite grout mix.

#### 4.1.2 Deeper Bedrock Formation (Queen)

Drilling below bedrock will only occur through steel or PVC conductor casing, securely cemented 5 to 10 feet into bedrock. Before drilling into the bedrock using an air/percussion drilling rig, the integrity of the hydraulic seal between the bedrock and the conductor casing will be assured.

Bedrock cuttings will be continuously collected and described on boring records. The deep bedrock borings will be drilled to determine aquifer characteristics and their interrelation with the overlying, alluvial groundwater, if present. The bedrock borings will define the groundwater occurrence in the Queen formation and to provide information necessary to construct geological cross section.

#### 4.2 Soil Gas Survey

Additional soil gas survey locations may be required to accurately define the lateral extent of the condensate plume. If additional soil gas survey locations are required, then soil gas readings will be taken, as per the methodology described in Section 3.6. Updated soil gas maps will be prepared that incorporate any additional soil gas survey data.

#### 4.3 Monitoring Well Installation

Deep or shallow?  
14 ft  
→ 120

Groundwater monitoring wells will be installed into the uppermost groundwater system that occurs beneath the site. If groundwater is present in the shallow alluvial deposits, then monitoring wells will be installed to monitor groundwater quality and occurrence directly above the bedrock surface. Ground water monitoring wells will also be installed into the next deeper bedrock groundwater system present in the underlying Queen formation. These wells will be installed to characterize the vertical extent of the condensate/produced water plume. The exact number and location of wells will depend upon the results of the soil gas survey, soil characterization borings, and excavations. A brief description of well construction methodologies is presented below.

##### 4.3.1 Shallow Alluvial Wells

Groundwater monitoring wells will be installed into the uppermost groundwater system that may occur beneath the site. A seasonal perched groundwater may exist upon the bedrock surface (10 to 20 feet deep) but within the alluvial deposits. Information taken from these wells may allow for the evaluation of groundwater flow direction, free floating product occurrence, and chemical quality of the shallow alluvial groundwater, if present.

The shallow alluvial wells will be constructed of 4-inch PVC. These wells will not penetrate into the underlying Queen formation. These wells will be completed to serve two (2) purposes, the first being to serve as groundwater characterization wells and the second to serve as potential recovery wells. All wells will be installed using EPA approved methodologies.

#### 4.3.2 Deep Bedrock Formation

As described in Section 4.1.2., deep bedrock borings will only be advanced below the top of the bedrock formation after setting a steel or PVC conductor casing 5 to 10 feet into the bedrock formation. Surface conductor casings are needed to insure that there is no potential to cross-contaminate deeper horizons via the well borehole.

The underlying bedrock will be drilled utilizing an air percussion drilling rig to a depth until the first groundwater bearing horizon is encountered (approximately 150-200 feet below ground).

Bedrock monitor wells will be completed by installing 4-inch, factory slotted, PVC, screw-coupled, screen (0.020 slot) and casing to selected depths below the conductor. The screened

interval will be selected so as to monitor the uppermost portion of the bedrock aquifer. Each monitor well will be fitted with an expandable locking cap and a protective steel outer casing anchored in concrete. The use of 4-inch wells will allow the wells to be used as recovery wells, if required.

*completion zone*

The positioning of bedrock monitor wells will be selected after evaluation of the drilling data derived from shallow soil borings and shallow monitor well installation(s). Any bedrock monitor wells will be nested (completed adjacent to) with a shallow monitor well so as to allow for a comparison of the two groundwater surfaces in order to determine the hydraulic relationships between the groundwater systems.

#### 4.4 Groundwater Quality Characterization

Groundwater samples will be collected from wells installed into the shallow alluvial deposits and the deeper bedrock formation. The groundwater collected from each well will be analyzed for benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, xylenes (collectively referred to as BTEX), total petroleum hydrocarbons (TPH), chloride, total dissolved solids, and pH. These parameters were selected because they are specific environmental indicators of the condensate and produced water that were released into the subsurface. All groundwater samples will be collected using strict EPA-approved well purging and sampling methodology.

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Based upon the analytical results, isopleth (constituent concentration) maps may be prepared that show the concentration of these constituents, if any, in the groundwater beneath the site. In addition, the groundwater levels in the monitoring wells will be measured and referenced to mean sea level elevation in order to determine groundwater flow direction and the hydraulic relationship between the shallow alluvial groundwater, if any, and the next deeper bedrock groundwater system. The thickness of any free condensate product present on the groundwater surface will also be measured and, if present, a map showing the free product thickness on the groundwater surface will be prepared.

#### 4.5 Laboratory Evaluations

##### 4.5.1 Venting Technology

Laboratory testing will be performed on soil removed from the saturated zone of the A-11 excavation with the purpose of determining if forced air drive or evacuation techniques will allow us to remediate the affected soil.

Columns will be set up using both forced air drive and vacuum sweeps conducted on the representative samples of the soil with appropriate testing before and after

ventilation to determine the degree of hydrocarbon removal as a function of time. This technology may prove applicable due to the fact that the condensate is very volatile and should ventilate very readily.

#### 4.5.2 Bioremediation

Using similar soils evacuated from the saturated zone in the contaminated area, Marathon plans to carry out column studies to determine if bioremediation is a viable technology in lieu of venting or if bioremediation would compliment a venting program. These column studies will evaluate the resident hydrocarbon bacteria populations and identify any other suitable bacteria strains which may accelerate the bioremediation process. Additionally, other information will be gathered from these studies such as nutrient requirements, oxygen demand and water infiltration rates.

#### 4.6 Remediation Plan

Marathon will prepare a Plan which will address product recovery and remediation once the site characterization investigation has been completed. This plan will be submitted to the appropriate regulatory agencies for review and approval.

APPENDIX A

Memorandum Report

Queen and Related Aquifers in Indian Basin

## MEMORANDUM REPORT

### Queen and Related Aquifers in the Indian Basin

This report deals with aquifers in and related to the Queen formation in the Queen outcrop area in Indian Basin from Township 23 South, Range 23 East north and northeast through Township 21 South, Range 24 East. A map, two cross sections and a well tabulation are attached hereto and made a part of this report. Only a part of the total Queen outcrop area is covered and will be incorporated in the complete Indian Basin Report when that report is finalized.

The Queen formation in this area outcrops in a band approximately 3 to 9 miles in width and is roughly parallel to the Azotez Mesa and Seven Rivers Hills. The strike is roughly northwest and dip is to the northeast, tending slightly more east than northeast at a rate of 100 to 125' per mile. The Queen formation in this area is of interbedded gypsum, sandstone, siltstone, and dolomite.

Material used in this report was obtained from a study of logs and well records available; notes made by the writer in 1964, 1965, and 1966 while studying the development of the Indian Basin Gas field; records in the Oil Conservation Commission Office, Artesia; from published and unpublished information available in the State Engineer Office including the Motts Report, the transcript of the "Carlsbad" hearings, Geologic Map of New Mexico by Dane and Bachman of 1965, Subsurface Geological methods by Leroy; and from conversations with long time residents of the area.

A study of all material available indicates there are three aquifers present in the area of study from land surface to the bottom of the Queen. They are: (1) The alluvium (2) The upper Queen aquifer, possibly the Shattuck member, more commonly known as the Red Sand or Artesia Red Sand and (3) The bottom Queen aquifer, in the base of the Queen and possibly along the Queen-Grayburg contact zone.

The alluvium is rather thin and found primarily on valley or arroyo floors and alluvial fans in and along Rocky Arroyo. In times of wet weather the alluvium aquifer contributed some flow to Indian Big Springs and Rocky Arroyo. Mr. William Shafer, a long time resident, reports that 30 to 40 years ago, there were many small springs and seeps into Rocky Arroyo but at that time there was much more rain than now.

The upper aquifer in the Queen formation, probably being the Shattuck member or the Artesia Red Sand can be picked on some of the available logs and followed to the area of Indian Big Springs. Referring to the two cross-sections, the well tabulation, and map; on cross-section X-X' wells #3, 4, and 5 and on cross-section Y-Y' wells #6, 7, 8, 9, and 10, and the wells marked B and D on the map, this aquifer is plotted from the logs. The wells Y-10 and X-5 are the same, being Lowe's #1 Staple oil test well.

A water well was drilled by Lowe at the site of the #1 Staples oil test well, to a reported depth of 250' and the water level was measured at S2'. This water level compares with the water level of Indian Big Springs as taken from the U.S.G.S. quadrangle map. Well No. 8 on cross-section Y-Y' is Shafer's commercial well located 21.24.26.443 with a reported total depth of 75' (Mott's Report) and the water level was measured at 40'. This water level at 40' projected into Y-Y' fits exceptionally well into the upper aquifer. Also wells marked "B" and "D" fit the pattern of the upper aquifer. Well "B" is Shafer's domestic well (Bar well, C-1136) with a reported depth of 138' and with the water level measured at 91'. This fits exceptionally well into the cross-sections X-X' and Y-Y' as deriving its water from the upper aquifer.

~~The lower aquifer in the Queen formation has no name I am aware of and is separated from the upper aquifer by 100 to 300 feet of sandstone, dolomite and sandy dolomite. From interpretation of the gamma ray logs available, this material is quite dense, and no water flows have been reported to have been encountered between the upper and lower aquifers.~~

The correlation points (C.P.) shown on the cross-sections, are, in my opinion, the top of the lower aquifer. One water well was drilled and was watched closely. This was Marathon Oil Company's well 21.23.23.232 with a T.D. of 255'. The driller of this well reported water from 195' to 255' on his well record, however, I watched the drilling very closely and notes made during July 1965 and personal recollection indicates no water was encountered above about 240'. This depth on Marathon's sample description log is correlated with and used as the top of the lower Queen aquifer on the cross-sections.

#### Summary:

In the course of this study approximately 70 well logs and well records were examined. Part of these logs and records are of wells to the north of Township 21 South, Range 24 East and will be used in the continuation of this study. The remainder are in the immediate area of study.

On these logs and records of wells lying within the area covered by this report, the top of the lower Queen aquifer could be picked with reasonable accuracy. The bottom of the upper aquifer could be picked in areas where it was present and in some cases the top could be picked, however, due to logging methods, if the upper aquifer was on the surface or very near the surface, the picking of top and bottom was sometimes questionable.

The logs and well records of wells spotted on the attached map are representative of all of the logs examined, and the picking of the two aquifers shown on cross-sections X-X' and Y-Y' are confirmed by the study and comparison of those not plotted.

Conclusion:

In the area under study, there are two distinct aquifers in the Queen formation. The upper aquifer, which supplies water to Shafer's commercial well 21.23.23.443, Shafer's domestic well (Bar well C-1136) 21.24.23.144, is also the main source of water to Indian Big Springs. Also probably tapping the upper aquifer may be a few ranch and stock wells on the eastern edge of the Queen outcrop. The lower aquifer supplies water to the Davidson well in 23.23.10.431 (C-1371) and to Marathon Oil Company's water well 21.23.23.232 (BA-5131). I know of no other wells using the lower aquifer as a source in this area.

In this study, I have found no evidence which would indicate that the upper Queen aquifer and the lower Queen aquifer are interconnected. I do have notes made from conversations with the drillers that there is a dry zone between the upper and lower aquifers in the area where the upper aquifer is at or near the surface.

The natural discharge areas of the two Queen aquifers have not as yet been determined, but it is my opinion that the lower Queen aquifer does not contribute to the flow of Indian Big Springs or wells in Rocky Arroyo. It is hoped that in the continuation of this study, the discharge areas can be determined.

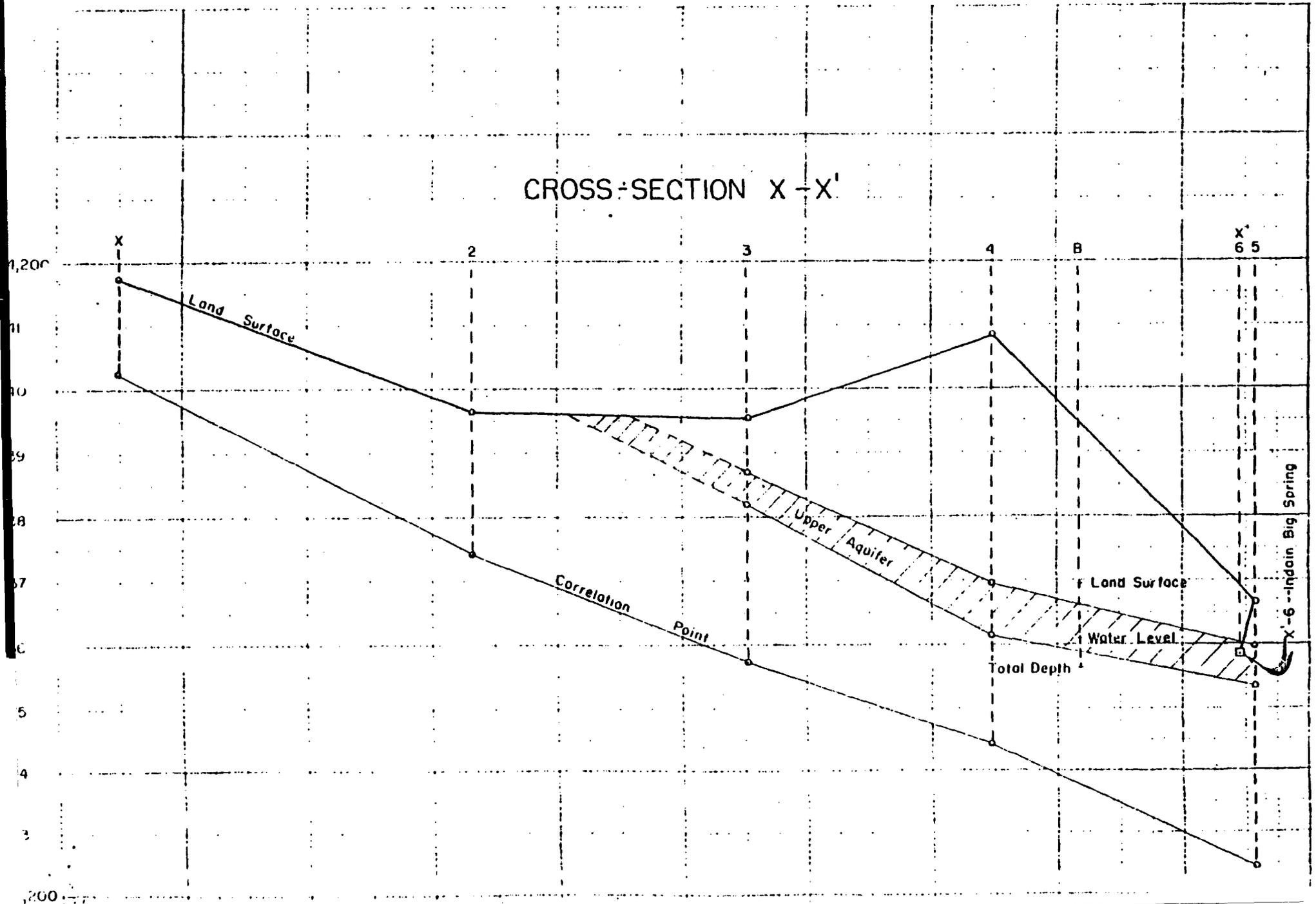
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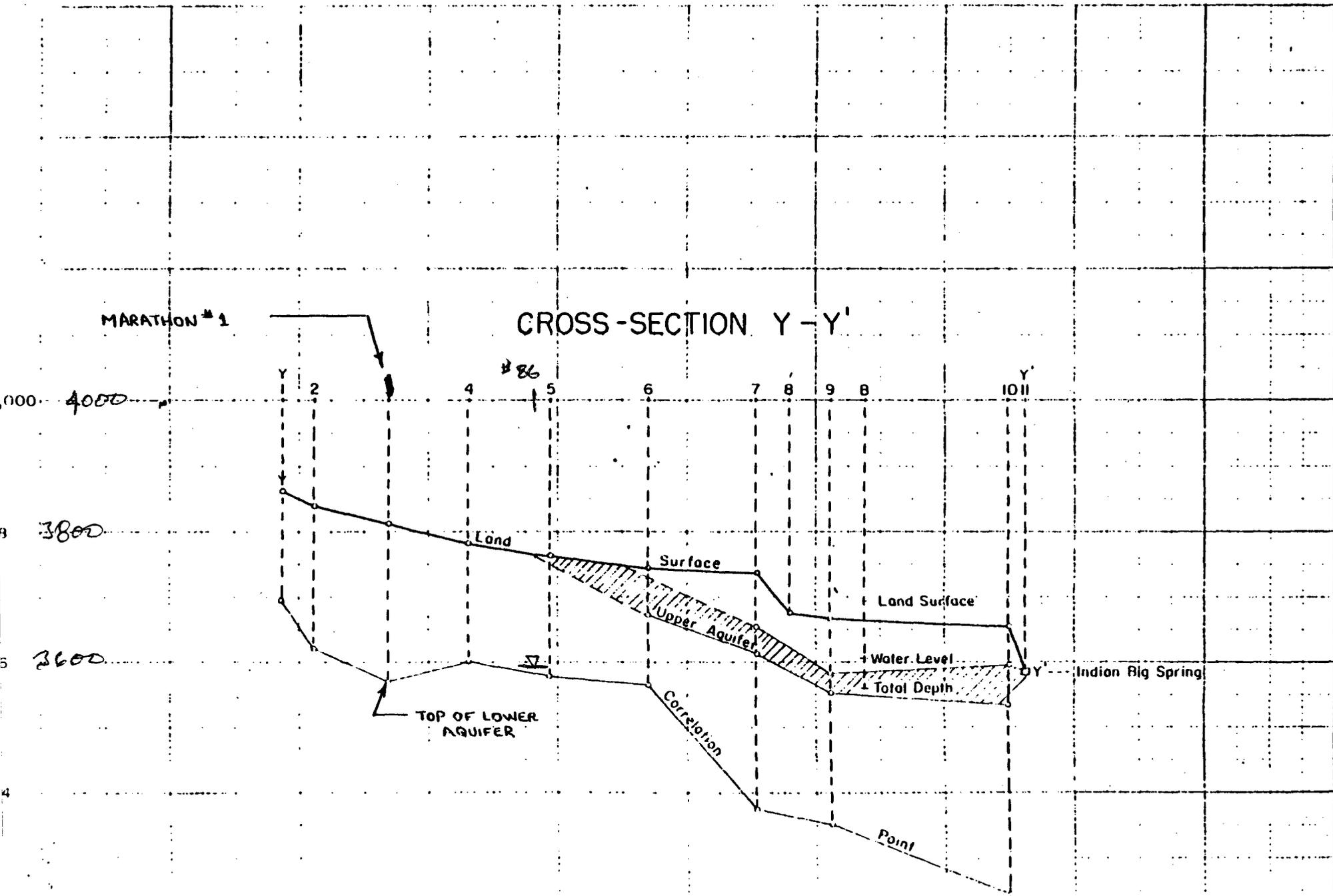
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To accompany Memorandum Report "Queen and Related Aquifers in the Indian Basin"

CROSS-SECTION X-X'



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Indian Big Springs            Location: 21.24.27.210  
Elevation:    surface - 3536'

Wells Shown on Map but Not on Cross-Sections

Well "B" Shafer domestic well Location: 21.24.25.114 (C-1136)  
Elevations from USGS Quad - 3695'  
Reported depth 138'  
Water Level 91'  
Notes: Reported capable of producing 250 to 300 gpm.

Top of  
red sand            205' from sample log  
elevation  
top red sand 3735'  
elevation correlation point - 3415'

Notes: The log available is very poor print of original but the  
points in question compare very favorably.

Well "C"            Location: 21.24.29.321  
Elevations:    surface - 3636'  
                 top upper aquifer - could not make satisfactory  
                 pick, probably very close or at surface.

Well "D" oil test (driller's name not available) Location:  
                 21.24.3.410  
Elevation:    3946' (reported elevation 3960' is questionable  
                 USGS Quad sheet shows elevation to be 3560 to 3950)

Well "E"            Location: 23.24.5.132  
Elevations:    surface - 4812'  
                 top upper aquifer - could not make satisfactory  
                 pick  
                 bottom upper aquifer - 3743'  
                 correlation point 3577



Well #2 Location: 21.23.23.130  
Elevations: surface 3843'  
top upper aquifer - not present  
bottom upper aquifer - not present  
correlation point - 3618'

Well #3 Location: 21.23.23.232 RA-6131  
Elevations: surface - 3812'  
top upper aquifer - not present  
bottom upper aquifer - not present  
correlation point - 3572'

Well #4 Location: 21.23.24.323  
Elevations: surface -3785'  
top upper aquifer - probably on surface  
bottom upper aquifer - at or near surface  
correlation point - 3600'

Well #5 Location: 21.23.24.422  
Elevations: surface - 3766'  
top upper aquifer - probably on surface  
bottom upper aquifer - 3700'  
correlation point - 3578'

Well #6 Location 21.24.19.414  
Elevations: surface 3746'  
top upper aquifer - probably on surface  
bottom upper aquifer - 3672'  
correlation point - 3508

Well #7 Location: 21.24.20.481 <sup>120.431 QWB</sup>  
Elevations: surface - 3738'  
top upper aquifer - 3653'  
bottom upper aquifer - 3615'  
correlation point - 3384'

Well #8 Location: 21.24.20.443 <sup>67, 29.221 QWB</sup> Shafer's commercial well  
Elevations: surface - 3675' (USGS Quad)  
total depth - 75'  
water level 40'

Notes: Reported capable of producing 250 - 300 gpm with 15 h.p. motor through 4" discharge.

Well #9 Location 21.24.21.330  
Elevations: surface - 3670'  
top upper aquifer - 3556'  
bottom upper aquifer - 3356'  
correlation pint - 3351'

Well #10 (Same as well 5 on X-X' cross-station)  
Location: 21.24.22.324  
Elevations: surface - 3666'  
top upper aquifer - 3598'  
bottom upper aquifer - 3493'  
correlation point - 3243'

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                    pick  
                    bottom upper aquifer - 3743'  
                    correlation point 3577

APPENDIX B

Typical Gamma Ray Geophysical Log

# TYPE LOG

24-21s-23e

COMPENSATED NEUTRON FORMATION DENSITY

COMPANY: COTTON PETROLEUM CORPORATION

WELL: FEDERAL "26" #1

FIELD: INDIAN BASIN

COUNTY: CROFT STATE: NEW MEXICO

660' F.B. & 660' FEL

LOG CYCLES: 25 | 21-5 | 23-6

LOG NUMBER: 3796

DATE: 10/27/50

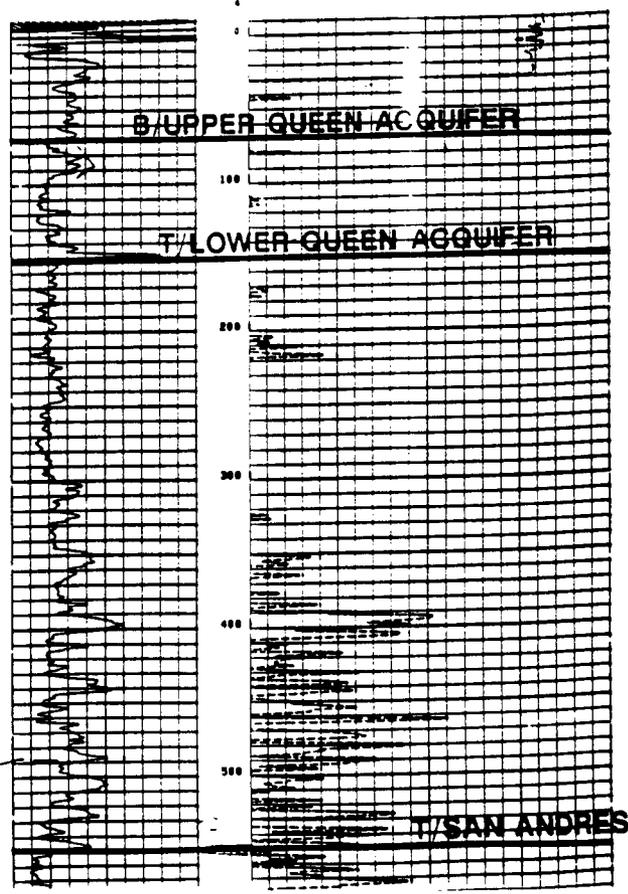
LOGGERS: A. J. HARRIS, J. W. HARRIS

LOGGING COMPANY: COTTON PETROLEUM CORPORATION

Log to Surface

CALIBER	DIAM. IN INCHES
6	1.6
GAMMA RAY	API UNITS
100	2.00

CORRECTION		CORRECTION	
0	-25	0	-25
BULK DENSITY		CORRECTION	
2.0	2.5	0	0
1.0	1.5	0	0
OIL POROSITY - %		CORRECTION	
30	20	10	0
			-10



APPENDIX C  
Water Well Records

WELL SCHEDULE

Source of data: Obser  Owner  Other

Date January 12, 1958 Record by Metz

LOCATION: County Eddy Map 117.2.2

OWNER A. B. Cothran Forrest Lee

DRILLER \_\_\_\_\_ Completed 4545 3802.9 19 \_\_\_\_\_

TOPO SITUATION \_\_\_\_\_ U.S.G.S. Elev 9802.9

DEPTH 25 ft  Rept  Meas Use Stick

CASING 5 (?) in to \_\_\_\_\_ ft Log \_\_\_\_\_

PUMP: Type Piston Make \_\_\_\_\_

Ser.no./model \_\_\_\_\_ Size of dischg \_\_\_\_\_ in.

PRIME MOVER: Make \_\_\_\_\_ windmill HP \_\_\_\_\_

Ser.no. \_\_\_\_\_ Power/Fuel wind

PUMP DRIVE:  Gear Head  Belt Head  Pump Jack

Make \_\_\_\_\_ Ser.no. \_\_\_\_\_  VHS

WATER LEVEL: 14.60 ft rept 1-12 19 58 above below

top of wooden clumps

which is 0.40 ft above below LS

PERMANENT RP is \_\_\_\_\_

which is \_\_\_\_\_ ft above described MP and \_\_\_\_\_ ft above below LS

REMARKS 2-1-78 Other well is located 9 feet south

AQUIFER(S): Por

Well No. \_\_\_\_\_ on Photo none DPN 15-20021

File No. \_\_\_\_\_ Loc. No. 21.23.14.21221

Remarks cont. of a 2 foot tall x 16 foot diameter steel storage tank. No visible casing. 2 in. x 4 in. column clumps appear to be resting on grass only. Well is abandoned. U.S.G.S location is 14.214. Water sample collected by U.S.G.S on 1-12

SKETCH:



INITIAL WATER-LEVEL MEASUREMENT	DEPTH TO WATER			
	Below MP			Below LS
	1st	2nd	3rd	
Date <u>1</u> <u>12</u> , 19 <u>58</u>				<u>14.60</u>
Hour _____ AM Obs <u>WM</u>				<u>0.4</u>
Not POA ( ) POA ( )	<u>14.60</u>			<u>14.20</u>

W L meas after pump shut off \_\_\_\_\_ min. Pumping W L ( )  
Remarks \_\_\_\_\_

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Owner <u>Forrest Lee</u>	Use <u>Abd. Stock</u>	Date <u>12, 1954</u>	Hour <u>AM</u>	Not POA ( ) POA ( )	DEPTH TO WATER			Pumping W L ( )
					Below MP 1st	2nd	Below LSD	
							<u>14.60</u>	
							<u>0.40</u>	<u>14</u>
							<u>14.20</u>	<u>3789</u>

W L meas after pump shut off \_\_\_\_\_ min. Pumping W L ( )  
Remarks \_\_\_\_\_

Date <u>22, 1958</u>	Hour <u>2:20</u> AM	Not POA (X) POA ( )	DEPTH TO WATER			Pumping W L ( )
			15.00	14.00	12.84	
			<u>2.16</u>	<u>1.14</u>	<u>0.40</u>	<u>12</u>
			<u>12.84</u>	<u>12.86</u>	<u>12.44</u>	<u>3791</u>

W L meas after pump shut off \_\_\_\_\_ min. Pumping W L ( )  
Remarks \_\_\_\_\_

Date <u>1, 1958</u>	Hour <u>11:00</u> AM	Not POA (X) POA ( )	DEPTH TO WATER			Pumping W L ( )
			12.80	12.90	12.80	
			<u>0.06</u>	<u>0.17</u>	<u>0.19</u>	<u>3803</u>
			<u>12.72</u>	<u>12.72</u>	<u>12.36</u>	<u>3791</u>

W L meas after pump shut off \_\_\_\_\_ min. Pumping W L ( )  
Remarks Very little water

Date _____, 19 <u>57</u>	Hour _____ AM	Not POA ( ) POA ( )	DEPTH TO WATER			Pumping W L ( )
			Below MP 1st	2nd	Below LSD	

W L meas after pump shut off \_\_\_\_\_ min. Pumping W L ( )  
Remarks U.S.G.S. located 9.3 ft below L.S.

Latitude \_\_\_\_\_ Longitude 15-20021  
File No \_\_\_\_\_ Location No 21.23.14.21221



FIELD ENGR. LOG

WELL RECORD

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Section 1


(A) Owner of well Low Drilling Company  
 Street and Number P. O. Box 832  
 City Midland State Texas  
 Well was drilled under Permit No. RA-5080 and is located in the  
SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 23 Twp. 21 S Rge. 23E  
 (B) Drilling Contractor W. C. Garner License No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street and Number \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_  
 Drilling was commenced May 19 6  
 Drilling was completed May 19 6

(Plat of 640 acres)

Elevation at top of casing in feet above sea level 3895 Total depth of well 253  
 State whether well is shallow or artesian \_\_\_\_\_ Depth to water upon completion 200

Section 2

PRINCIPAL WATER-BEARING STRATA

No.	Depth in Feet		Thickness in Feet	Description of Water-Bearing Formation
	From	To		
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				

Section 3

RECORD OF CASING

Dia in.	Pounds ft.	Threads in	Depth		Feet	Type Shoe	Perforations	
			Top	Bottom			From	To
<u>8 5/8</u>			<u>0</u>	<u>15</u>				

Section 4

RECORD OF MUDDING AND CEMENTING

Depth in Feet		Diameter Hole in in.	Tons Clay	No. Sacks of Cement	Methods Used
From	To				

Section 5

PLUGGING RECORD

Name of Plugging Contractor \_\_\_\_\_ License No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street and Number \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tons of Clay used \_\_\_\_\_ Tons of Roughage used \_\_\_\_\_ Type of roughage \_\_\_\_\_  
 Plugging method used \_\_\_\_\_ Date Plugged \_\_\_\_\_ 19 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Plugging approved by: \_\_\_\_\_

Cement Plugs were placed as follows:

No.	Depth of Plug		Number Sacks Used
	From	To	

Basin Supervisor

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Date Received \_\_\_\_\_

File No. RA-5080 Use Comm. & OWD Location No. 21.23.23.115 . 13924

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 DEC 8 1954  
 OFFICE  
 GROUND WATER SUPERVISOR  
 ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO

(4)

WELL SCHEDULE

Source of data:  Obser  Owner  Other

Date January 12, 1978 Record by O'Hare & Chavez

LOCATION: County Eddy Map 117.2.2

OWNER Lowie Drilling Co.

DRILLER W.C. Garner Completed May 1962

TOPO SITUATION flat SED Elev 3834.0

DEPTH 225 ft  Rept  Meas Use Abd. DWD

CASING 8 5/8 <sup>OD steel</sup> in to \_\_\_\_\_ ft Log drillers

PUMP: Type New Make \_\_\_\_\_

Ser.no./model \_\_\_\_\_ Size of dischg \_\_\_\_\_ in.

PRIME MOVER: Make \_\_\_\_\_ HP \_\_\_\_\_

Ser.no. \_\_\_\_\_ Power/Fuel \_\_\_\_\_

PUMP DRIVE:  Gear Head  Belt Head  Pump Jack

Make \_\_\_\_\_ Ser.no. \_\_\_\_\_  VHS

WATER LEVEL: 207.60 ft <sup>rept</sup> 1-12 1978 <sup>meas</sup> above below

top of casing which is 0.50 ft above below LS

PERMANENT RP is \_\_\_\_\_

which is \_\_\_\_\_ ft above \_\_\_\_\_ ft above  
below described MP and below LS

REMARKS Well is located 132 feet south west of

AQUIFER(S): Pgn

Well No. \_\_\_\_\_ on Photo \_\_\_\_\_ DPN 15-20022

File No RA-5060 Loc. No. 21.23.23.133241

Remarks cont. oil well Ralph Lowe #1 Indian  
Basin - 1980 ft 5x1 EGGO ft. FWL  
6/30/87 SW - 2 miles to sample - steel plate  
has no water in it - assume well is dead  
100' ENE of well

SKETCH:



INITIAL WATER-LEVEL MEASUREMENT	DEPTH TO WATER			Belo LS
	Below MP			
	1st	2nd	3rd	
Date <u>January 12, 1978</u>				<u>207.</u>
Hour <u>10:30</u> <sup>PM</sup> Obs <u>KEOEAC</u>				<u>0.</u>
Not POA (X) POA ( )	<u>207.60</u>			<u>207.</u>

W L meas after pump shut off \_\_\_\_\_ min. Pumping W L  
Remarks M-Scops measurement.

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Owner <u>Lowie Drilling</u> Use <u>Abd. DWD</u>	DEPTH TO WATER			Pumping W L ( )
	Below MP			
	1st	2nd	3rd	
Date <u>12, 1978</u>				
Hour <u>10:30</u> <sup>AM</sup> Obs <u>KEOEAC</u>				
Not POA (X) POA ( )	<u>207.60</u>	<u>0.50</u>	<u>207.10</u>	<u>3627</u>

W L meas after pump shut off \_\_\_\_\_ min. Pumping W L ( )  
Remarks M-Scops measurement

Owner <u>Lowie Drilling</u> Use <u>Abd. DWD</u>	DEPTH TO WATER			Pumping W L ( )
	Below MP			
	1st	2nd	3rd	
Date <u>12, 1978</u>				
Hour <u>11:15</u> <sup>AM</sup> Obs <u>KEOEAC</u>				
Not POA (X) POA ( )	<u>206.44</u>	<u>0.50</u>	<u>205.94</u>	<u>3628</u>

W L meas after pump shut off \_\_\_\_\_ min. Pumping W L ( )  
Remarks M-Scops

Owner <u>Lowie Drilling</u> Use <u>Abd. DWD</u>	DEPTH TO WATER			Pumping W L ( )
	Below MP			
	1st	2nd	3rd	
Date <u>01, 1977</u>				
Hour <u>3:00</u> <sup>PM</sup> Obs <u>KEOEAC</u>				
Not POA (X) POA ( )	<u>225.32</u>			<u>3834</u>

W L meas after pump shut off \_\_\_\_\_ min. Pumping W L ( )  
Remarks M-Scops

Owner <u>Lowie Drilling</u> Use <u>Abd. DWD</u>	DEPTH TO WATER			Pumping W L ( )
	Below MP			
	1st	2nd	3rd	
Date _____, 19____				
Hour _____ <sup>AM</sup> Obs _____				
Not POA ( ) POA ( )				

W L meas after pump shut off \_\_\_\_\_ min. Pumping W L ( )  
Remarks \_\_\_\_\_

Latitude \_\_\_\_\_ Longitude 15-20022  
File No RA-5060 Location No 21.23.23.133241

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WELL RECORD

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Section 1

Table with 4 columns and 4 rows for well location details.

(A) Owner of well Marathon Oil Co. Street and Number Box 2107 City Hobbs State N. M. Well was drilled under Permit No. and is located in NE 1/4 SW 1/4 NE 1/4 of Section 23 Twp. 27 Rge. 23 (B) Drilling Contractor Abbott Brothers License No. 46 Street and Number Box 637 City Hobbs State N. M. Drilling was commenced June 25 19 65 Drilling was completed July 19 65

(Plat of 640 acres)

Elevation at top of casing in feet above sea level Total depth of well State whether well is shallow or artesian Depth to water upon completion

Section 2

PRINCIPAL WATER-BEARING STRATA

Table with 4 columns: No., Depth in Feet (From, To), Thickness in Feet, Description of Water-Bearing Formation. Row 1: 1, 195, 255, 60, Sandy lime.

Section 3

RECORD OF CASING

Table with 8 columns: Dia in., Pounds ft., Threads in., Depth (Top, Bottom) Feet, Type Shoe, Perforations (From, To). Row 1: 7, 20, 8, 0, 165, 165, none, none. Note: Cemented at 165 and drilled open hole to bottom.

Section 4

RECORD OF MUDDING AND CEMENTING

Table with 5 columns: Depth in Feet (From, To), Diameter Hole in in., Tons Clay, No. Sacks of Cement, Methods Used. Row 1: 40.

Section 5

PLUGGING RECORD

Name of Plugging Contractor License No. Street and Number City State Tons of Clay used Tons of Roughage used Type of roughage Plugging method used Date Plugged 19 Plugging approved by: Cement Plugs were placed as follows:

Table with 3 columns: No., Depth of Plug (From, To), No. of Sacks Used.

FOR USE OF STATE ENGINEER ONLY Date Received 81:8 AM 12 7 65 5961 File No. PR-5131 Use Location No. 23.23.23.23

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WELL RECORD

Section 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

(A) Owner of well Marathon Oil Co. Owner's Well No. 1-A  
Street or Post Office Address P.O. Box 2409  
City and State Hobbs, New Mexico 88240

Well was drilled under Permit No. RA-5131-S and is located in the STATE ENGINEER OFFICE

a. NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 23 Township 21S Range 23E N.M.

b. Tract No. \_\_\_\_\_ of Map No. \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_

c. Lot No. \_\_\_\_\_ of Block No. \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_  
Subdivision, recorded in Eddy County.

d. X= \_\_\_\_\_ feet, Y= \_\_\_\_\_ feet, N.M. Coordinate System \_\_\_\_\_ Z. \_\_\_\_\_  
the \_\_\_\_\_

(B) Drilling Contractor Abbott Bros. License No. WD-46

Address P.O. Box 637, Hobbs, New Mexico 88240

Drilling Began 8/25/75 Completed 8/28/75 Type tools Cable Size of hole 12 1/2

Elevation of land surface or \_\_\_\_\_ at well is \_\_\_\_\_ ft. Total depth of well 292

Completed well is  shallow  artesian. Depth to water upon completion of well 180

Section 2. PRINCIPAL WATER-BEARING STRATA

Depth in Feet		Thickness in Feet	Description of Water-Bearing Formation	Estimated Yield (gallons per minute)
From	To			
180	292	112	Lime	350.00

Section 3. RECORD OF CASING

Diameter (inches)	Pounds per foot	Threads per in.	Depth in Feet		Length (feet)	Type of Shoe	Perforation	
			Top	Bottom			From	To
10	30	Welded	0	163	163	None	None	None

Section 4. RECORD OF MUDDING AND CEMENTING

Depth in Feet		Hole Diameter	Sacks of Mud	Cubic Feet of Cement	Method of Placement
From	To				
					Cement at top.

Section 5. PLUGGING RECORD

Plugging Contractor \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Plugging Method \_\_\_\_\_

Date Well Plugged \_\_\_\_\_

Plugging approved by: \_\_\_\_\_

State Engineer Representative

No.	Depth in Feet		Cubic of Cer.
	Top	Bottom	
1			
2			
3			
4			

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Quad \_\_\_\_\_ FWL \_\_\_\_\_ FSL \_\_\_\_\_

File No. RA-5131-S Use INDUSTRIAL Location No. 21.23.23.23







WELL SCHEDULE

Source of data: Obser  Owner  Other

Date June 22, 1954 Record by W. Math USGS

LOCATION: County Eddy Map 117.2.2

OWNER \_\_\_\_\_

DRILLER \_\_\_\_\_ Completed \_\_\_\_\_ 19 \_\_\_\_\_

TOPO SITUATION Mudstone S.E. slope SED Elev 3779.6

DEPTH \_\_\_\_\_ ft  Rept  Mens Use Stock

CASING 6 3/8 in to \_\_\_\_\_ ft Log \_\_\_\_\_

PUMP: Type Piston Make \_\_\_\_\_

Ser.no./model \_\_\_\_\_ Size of dischg \_\_\_\_\_ in.

PRIME MOVER: Make \_\_\_\_\_ windmill HP \_\_\_\_\_

Ser.no. wooden tower Power/Fuel wind

PUMP DRIVE:  Gear Head  Belt Head  Pump Jack

Make \_\_\_\_\_ Ser.no. \_\_\_\_\_  VHS

WATER LEVEL: 12.50 ft rept 6-22 1954 above below

top of casing which is 1.85 ft above below LS

PERMANENT RP is concrete blb 5' diam.

which is 1.85 ft above below described MP and 2.00 ft above below LS

REMARKS U.S.G.S. location 21.24.19.111 1-11-78 KFO

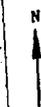
AQUIFERS: Qa1

Well No. \_\_\_\_\_ on Photo none DPN 15-20023

File No. \_\_\_\_\_ Loc. No. 21.23.24.2221

Remarks cont. SAC. Whole men very abandoned.  
Down Bradley W.M. in place on wooden tower. Both  
ruined 8 feet tall x 8 feet diameter steel tower  
5 feet north of well. Well is located 350 feet S  
50° W of 1966 section corner brass cap  
T 21S R 24E

SKETCH:



INITIAL WATER-LEVEL MEASUREMENT	DEPTH TO WATER			Belc LS
	1st	2nd	3rd	
Date <u>6 22, 19 54</u>				<u>12.</u>
Hour <u>AM</u> Obs <u>WM</u>				<u>1.</u>
Not POA ( ) POA ( )	<u>12.50</u>			<u>10.</u>

W L meas after pump shut off \_\_\_\_\_ min. Pumping W L

Remarks \_\_\_\_\_

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Owner	DEPTH TO WATER			WATER LEVEL ELEV
	Below MP 1st	Below MP 2nd	Below LSD	
Use <u>Aha</u>				
Date <u>6 22, 19 54</u>				
Hour <u>AM</u> Obs <u>WM</u>				
Not POA ( ) POA ( )				

W L meas after pump shut off \_\_\_\_\_ min. Pumping W L ( )

Remarks \_\_\_\_\_

Date <u>10 12, 19 55</u>				
Hour <u>AM</u> Obs <u>FOG</u>				
Not POA ( ) POA ( )				

W L meas after pump shut off \_\_\_\_\_ min. Pumping W L ( )

Remarks \_\_\_\_\_

Date <u>1 11, 19 78</u>	<u>26.00</u>	<u>27.00</u>	<u>27.00</u>	
Hour <u>4:30 AM</u> Obs <u>YORBY</u>	<u>7.50</u>	<u>7.50</u>	<u>7.50</u>	
Not POA (X) POA ( )	<u>21.50</u>	<u>21.50</u>	<u>21.50</u>	

W L meas after pump shut off \_\_\_\_\_ min. Pumping W L ( )

Remarks \_\_\_\_\_

Date <u>June 1, 19 77</u>	<u>22.00</u>	<u>21.00</u>	<u>21.00</u>	
Hour <u>2:10 AM</u> Obs <u>WM</u>	<u>1.20</u>	<u>1.20</u>	<u>1.80</u>	
Not POA (X) POA ( )	<u>21.12</u>	<u>21.12</u>	<u>21.12</u>	

W L meas after pump shut off \_\_\_\_\_ min. Pumping W L ( )

Remarks \_\_\_\_\_

Latitude \_\_\_\_\_ Longitude 107.20  
File No. \_\_\_\_\_ Location No. \_\_\_\_\_

STATE ENGINEER  
Technical Division

Owner	DEPTH TO WATER			WATER LEVEL ELEV
	Below MP 1st	Below MP 2nd	Below LSD	
Use <u>Abandoned Stock</u>				
Date <u>Jan 11, 19 83</u>	<u>35.00</u>	<u>36.00</u>	<u>32.42</u>	
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Remarks \_\_\_\_\_

Latitude \_\_\_\_\_ Longitude 107.20  
File No. \_\_\_\_\_ Location No. 21.23.24.22

WELL RECORD

INSTRUCTIONS: This form should be executed in triplicate, preferably typewritten, and submitted to the nearest district office of the State Engineer. All sections, except Section 5, shall be answered as completely as accurately as possible when any well is drilled, repaired or deepened. When this form is used as a plugging record, only Section 1A and Section 5 need be completed.

Section 1


(A) Owner of well Hugh Kincaid  
 Street and Number Queen Route  
 City Carlsbad State N. Mex.  
 Well was drilled under Permit No. \_\_\_\_\_ and is located in  
 \_\_\_\_\_ of Section 19 Twp. 22S Rge. 24E  
 (B) Drilling Contractor A.H. Moreland License No. WD-11  
 Street and Number 524 Standpipe Road  
 City Carlsbad State N. Mex.  
 Drilling was commenced January 2 19 58  
 Drilling was completed April 7 19 58

(Plat of 640 acres)

Elevation at top of casing in feet above sea level \_\_\_\_\_ Total depth of well 345  
 State whether well is shallow or artesian shallow Depth to water upon completion \_\_\_\_\_

Section 2

PRINCIPAL WATER-BEARING STRATA

No.	Depth in Feet		Thickness in Feet	Description of Water-Bearing Formation
	From	To		
1	210	214	4	Blue Shale
2				
3				
4				
5				

Section 3

RECORD OF CASING

Dia in.	Pounds ft.	Threads in	Depth		Feet	Type Shoe	Perforations	
			Top	Bottom			From	To

Section 4

RECORD OF MUDDING AND CEMENTING

Depth in Feet		Diameter Hole in in.	Tons Clay	No. Sacks of Cement	Methods Used
From	To				

Section 5

PLUGGING RECORD

Name of Plugging Contractor \_\_\_\_\_ License No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street and Number \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tons of Clay used \_\_\_\_\_ Tons of Roughage used \_\_\_\_\_ Type of roughage \_\_\_\_\_  
 Plugging method used \_\_\_\_\_ Date Plugged \_\_\_\_\_ 19 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Plugging approved by: \_\_\_\_\_

Cement Plugs were placed as follows:

No.	Depth of Plug		No. of Sacks Used
	From	To	

Basin Supervisor

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FIELD ENGR. LOG

WELL RECORD

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Section 1

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(Plat of 640 acres)

(A) Owner of well Betty C. Willis  
 Street and Number P.O. Box 786  
 City Carlsbad State New Mexi  
 Well was drilled under Permit No. 28215 5 256 and is located  
 $\frac{1}{4}$  NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 20 Twp. 22S Rg. 2  
 (B) Drilling Contractor Artesia Drilling Co. License No. WD  
 Street and Number P.O. Box 196  
 City Artesia State New Mex  
 Drilling was commenced July 20th 19  
 Drilling was completed September 9th 19

Elevation at top of casing in feet above sea level \_\_\_\_\_ Total depth of well 541'  
 State whether well is shallow or artesian Shallow Depth to water upon completion 528

Section 2

PRINCIPAL WATER-BEARING STRATA

No.	Depth in Feet		Thickness in Feet	Description of Water-Bearing Formation
	From	To		
1	538	541	3	White Lime
2				
3				
4				
5				

Section 3

RECORD OF CASING

Dia in.	Pounds ft.	Threads in	Depth		Feet	Type Shoe	Perforations	
			Top	Bottom			From	To
7"	20#	10			24	None		

Section 4

RECORD OF MUDDING AND CEMENTING

Depth in Feet		Diameter Hole in in.	Tons Clay	No. Sacks of Cement	Methods Used
From	To				

Section 5

PLUGGING RECORD

Name of Plugging Contractor \_\_\_\_\_ License No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street and Number \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tons of Clay used \_\_\_\_\_ Tons of Roughage used \_\_\_\_\_ Type of roughage \_\_\_\_\_  
 Plugging method used \_\_\_\_\_ Date Plugged \_\_\_\_\_  
 Plugging approved by: \_\_\_\_\_

Cement Plugs were placed as follows:

No.	Depth of Plug		No. of Sacks Used
	From	To	

Basin Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_

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APPENDIX D

SPCC PLAN

# SPILL PREVENTION CONTROL & COUNTERMEASURE PLAN

## PART I GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Name of facility Indian Basin Gas Field
2. Type of facility Onshore Production Facility
3. Location of facility Eddy County, New Mexico, approximately 20 miles W-NW of  
Carlsbad, New Mexico
4. Name and address of owner or operator:  
Name Marathon Oil Company  
Address P. O. Box 552  
Midland, Texas 79702
5. Designated person accountable for oil spill prevention at facility:  
Name and title S. D. York, Plant Superintendent
6. Facility experienced a reportable oil spill event during the twelve months prior to Jan. 10, 1971 (effective date of 40 CFR, Part 112). (If YES, complete Attachment =1.) No

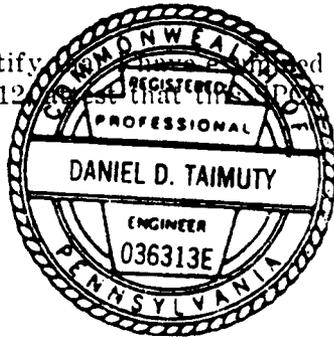
### MANAGEMENT APPROVAL

This SPCC Plan will be implemented as herein described.

Signature *JF Strong*  
 Name John F. Strong  
 Title Production Manager

### CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that I am a registered professional engineer and the facility, and being familiar with the provisions of 40 CFR, Part 112, that this SPCC Plan has been prepared in accordance with good engineering practices.



(Seal)

Date July 28, 1988

Daniel D. Taimuty  
 Printed Name of Registered Professional Engineer  
*Daniel D. Taimuty*  
 Signature of Registered Professional Engineer  
 Registration No. PE-036313-E State PA

PART I  
GENERAL INFORMATION

7. Potential Spills — Prediction & Control:

Source	Major Type of Failure	Total Quantity (bbls)	Rate (bbls/hr)	Direction of Flow*	Secondary Containment
2 Condensate Storage Tanks	Leaks Tank Rupture	3400		S	No*

Discussion:

Marathon Oil Company has not experienced a spill event at these facilities during the entire time the field and gas plant have been in production.

\*Currently in use are two horizontal vessels (old natural gasoline storage tanks) for condensate storage. These vessels do not have containment dikes.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Attach map if appropriate.

Name of facility      Indian Basin Gas Plant and Field Producing Facilities

Operator              Marathon Oil Company

PART I  
GENERAL INFORMATION

Responses to statements should be: YES, NO, or NA (Not Applicable.)

8. Containment or diversionary structures or equipment to prevent oil from reaching navigable waters are practicable. (If NO, complete Attachment #2.) Yes

9. Inspections and Records

A. The required inspections follow written procedures. Yes

B. The written procedures and a record of inspections, signed by the appropriate supervisor or inspector, are attached. Yes

Discussion:

The Corporate Risk Division of Marathon Oil Company makes an annual inspection of these facilities. Records are available at plant office.

Daily visual inspection is made by operating personnel.

Semi-annual inspection is conducted by the plant superintendent.

In May, 1988, a new policy was implemented. A Mid-Continent Region spill report (see attached form) is to be completed by any employee following his/her knowledge of a spill into the environment as soon as practical after the spill has been investigated and the source and affected area secured. Such records serve to show the physical integrity of Marathon's operations. (CONTINUED BELOW)

10. Personnel Training and Spill Prevention Procedures

A. Personnel are properly instructed in the following:

(1) operation and maintenance of equipment to prevent oil discharges, and Yes

(2) applicable regulation, control laws, rules, and regulations. Yes

Describe procedures employed for instruction: Instructions are narrative. Environmental Control and Site Security are discussed at safety meetings. Safety meetings are held on a semi-annual basis. Potential spill situations are reported immediately to the foreman and also reported by the safety committee on a monthly basis. Such situations are corrected.

B. Scheduled prevention briefings for the operating personnel are conducted frequently enough to assure adequate understanding of the SPCC Plan. Yes

Describe briefing program: Operation Management frequently reviews environmental standards at safety meetings. Such reviews assure an adequate understanding of SPCC. Operating superintendents are periodically requested to update Contingency Plans. Superintendents thereby assess and revise procedures when necessary.

~~CONTINUED FROM ABOVE: Site security and loss prevention surveys also serve the inspection requirements of SPCC. Maintenance needs are expressed periodically at safety meetings. The minutes from safety meetings also serve to document Marathon's efforts in SPCC. Through the years, it was not considered practical to attach records to the plan.~~

Name of facility Indian Basin Gas Plant and Field Producing Facilities

Operator Marathon Oil Company

**PART II. ALTERNATE A  
DESIGN AND OPERATING INFORMATION  
ONSHORE FACILITY (EXCLUDING PRODUCTION)**

**A. Facility Drainage**

1. Drainage from diked storage areas is controlled as follows (include operating description of valves, pumps, ejectors, etc. (Note: Flapper-type valves should not be used): \_\_\_\_\_  
By plant operators.

There are no drains in the dikes. Removal of oil within the dike is accomplished by a vacuum truck. It has not been necessary to remove any such oil in the history of the plant.

2. Drainage from undiked areas is controlled as follows (include description of ponds, lagoons, or catchment basins and methods of retaining and returning oil to facility): \_\_\_\_\_  
(Attachment #2 applies.)

3. The procedure for supervising the drainage of rain water from secondary containment into a storm drain or an open watercourse is as follows (include description of (a) inspection for pollutants, and (b) method of valving security). (A record of inspection and drainage events is to be maintained on a form similar to Attachment #3): \_\_\_\_\_

Plant personnel visually inspects fluids.

Record of such drainage is maintained on Attachment #3.

There are no drains in the dikes. It has not been necessary to remove rain water in the history of the plant.

In any case, personnel are instructed not to dispose of such water into a storm drain or open water cause.

Name of facility Indian Basin Gas Plant and Field Producing Facilities

Operator Marathon Oil Company

PART II. ALTERNATE A  
DESIGN AND OPERATING INFORMATION  
ONSHORE FACILITY (EXCLUDING PRODUCTION)

[Response to statements should be: YES, NO, or NA (Not Applicable).]

**B. Bulk Storage Tanks**

1. Describe tank design, materials of construction, fail-safe engineering features, and if needed, corrosion protection: (Atmospheric tanks.) The storage tanks are API design, welded steel. The storage tanks are storing the product (stabilized condensate) under atmospheric conditions.

2. Describe secondary containment design, construction materials, and volume: Earthen dike around condensate storage tanks. Volume sufficient to hold total storage - 6000 bbl.

3. Describe tank inspection methods, procedures, and record keeping: Marathon Oil Company Corporate Risk Division conducts an annual survey visually.

Operating personnel visually inspect these tanks during each shift. Operating personnel gauge tanks at 7:00AM each morning; Office personnel calculate daily production.

4. Internal heating coil leakage is controlled by one or more of the following control factors: NA

(a) Monitoring the steam return or exhaust lines for oil.

Describe monitoring procedure: \_\_\_\_\_

(b) Passing the steam return or exhaust lines through a settling tank, skimmer, or other separation system. NA

(c) Installing external heating systems. NA

5. Disposal facilities for plant effluents discharged into navigable waters are observed frequently for indication of possible upsets which may cause an oil spill event.

Describe method and frequency of observations: Continuous blow-down from the cooling tower and condensed steam blow-down from all boilers are commingled and injected with Indian Basin Field produced waters. The blow-down from the cooling tower and the condensed steam are treated in a separate holding tank to assure compatibility with produced waters before injection.

Name of facility Indian Basin Gas Plant and Field Producing Facilities

Operator Marathon Oil Company

**PART II, ALTERNATE A  
DESIGN AND OPERATING INFORMATION  
ONSHORE FACILITY (EXCLUDING PRODUCTION)**

[Response to statements should be: YES, NO, or NA (Not Applicable).]

**C. Facility Transfer Operations, Pumping, and In-plant Process**

1. Corrosion protection for buried pipelines: Yes
- (a) Pipelines are wrapped and coated to reduce corrosion. Yes
- (b) Cathodic protection is provided for pipelines if determined necessary by electrolytic testing. Yes
- (c) When a pipeline section is exposed, it is examined and corrective action taken as necessary. Yes

2. Pipeline terminal connections are capped or blank-flanged and marked if the pipeline is not in service or on standby service for extended periods. Yes  
 Describe criteria for determining when to cap or blank-flange: Continuous plant operation.
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3. Pipe supports are designed to minimize abrasion and corrosion and allow for expansion and contraction. Yes  
 Describe pipe support design: Steel stanchion.
- Wear plate protection at points of wear and contact.
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4. Describe procedures for regularly examining all above-ground valves and pipelines (including flange joints, valve glands and bodies, catch pans, pipeline supports, locking of valves, and metal surfaces): Annual Corporate Risk Division inspection.
- Nondestructive testing when warranted.
- Visual observation by plant operator while on duty.
- Periodic site security inspections.
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5. Describe procedures for warning vehicles entering the facility to avoid damaging above-ground piping: Signs and traffic barrier guards where needed.
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Name of facility Indian Basin Gas Plant and Field Producing Facilities

Operator Marathon Oil Company

**PART II, ALTERNATE A  
DESIGN AND OPERATING INFORMATION  
ONSHORE FACILITY (EXCLUDING PRODUCTION)**

[Response to statements should be: YES, NO, or NA (Not Applicable).]

**D. Facility Tank Car & Tank Truck Loading/Unloading Rack**

Tank car and tank truck loading/unloading occurs at the facility. (If YES, complete 1 through 5 below.)

1. Loading/unloading procedures meet the minimum requirements and regulations of the Department of Transportation. Yes

2. The unloading area has a quick drainage system. No

3. The containment system will hold the maximum capacity of any single compartment of a tank truck loaded/unloaded in the plant.

Describe containment system design, construction materials, and volume: Waterways not vulnerable to such a spill in this remote area.

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4. An interlocked warning light, a physical barrier system, or warning signs are provided in loading/unloading areas to prevent vehicular departure before disconnect of transfer lines. No

Describe methods, procedures, and/or equipment used to prevent premature vehicular departure: Company supervised loading or unloading, on condensate. The truck must be grounded prior to the actual loading of the truck. The groundwire on the truck is necessary to active the electric signal to the transfer pump. The circuit breaker must be unlocked by company personnel prior to any movement of the condensate. Delivery tickets are made for each truck shipment.

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5. Drains and outlets on tank trucks and tank cars are checked for leakage before loading/unloading or departure. Yes

Name of facility Indian Basin Gas Plant and Field Producing Facilities

Operator Marathon Oil Company



**PART II, ALTERNATE B  
DESIGN AND OPERATING INFORMATION  
ONSHORE OIL PRODUCTION FACILITY**

[Response to statements should be: YES, NO, or NA (Not Applicable).]

**A. Facility Drainage**

1. Drainage from diked storage areas is controlled as follows (include operating description of valves, pumps, ejectors, etc.): No field storage.

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2. The procedure for supervising the drainage of rain water from secondary containment into a storm drain or an open watercourse is as follows (include description of (a) inspection for pollutants, and (b) method of valving security). (A record of inspection and drainage events is to be maintained on a form similar to Attachment #3):

NA  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. Field drainage ditches, road ditches, and oil traps, sumps, or skimmers, if such exist, are inspected at regularly scheduled intervals for accumulations of oil. Yes  
Describe inspection procedures, intervals, and methods employed to remove oil: Daily by the responsible pumper. Semi-annual traverse of all field gathering lines and field facilities by the plant superintendent or his representative. In the instance of a leak disturbed area, are appropriately groomed.

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**B. Bulk Storage Tanks**

1. Describe tank design, materials of construction, and fail-safe engineering features: No field storage.

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Name of facility Indian Basin Gas Plant and Field Producing Facilities

Operator Marathon Oil Company

**PART II. ALTERNATE B  
DESIGN AND OPERATING INFORMATION  
ONSHORE OIL PRODUCTION FACILITY**

[Response to statements should be: YES, NO, or N/A (Not Applicable).]

2. Describe secondary containment design, construction materials, and volume: \_\_\_\_\_  
NA

3. Describe tank examination methods and procedures: \_\_\_\_\_  
No field storage tanks.

**C. Facility Transfer Operations**

1. Describe scheduled basis for examinations of above-ground valves and pipelines and salt water disposal facilities: An annual visual inspection is made by the foreman or other supervisory personnel. Daily inspections are conducted by the pumper. Such inspections are inherent to Marathon's site security.

2. Describe flowline maintenance program to prevent spills: Pipe sleeves or clamps are used to repair leaks. When conditions warrant, new pipe is installed.

**D. Oil Drilling and Workover Facilities**

1. A blowout preventer (BOP) assembly and well control system is installed before drilling below any casing string and, as required during workover operations. Yes
2. The BOP assembly is capable of controlling any expected wellhead pressure. Yes
3. Casing and BOP installations conform to state regulations. Yes

Name of facility Indian Basin Gas Plant and Field Producing Facilities

Operator Marathon Oil Company

SPCC PLAN, ATTACHMENT =.  
OIL SPILL CONTINGENCY PLANS AND  
WRITTEN COMMITMENT OF MANPOWER, EQUIPMENT, AND MATERIALS

Secondary containment or diversionary structures are impracticable for this facility for the following reasons (attach additional pages if necessary):

Due to the areal extent of the field and limited hydrocarbons present in the process units and gathering lines, full secondary containment is considered impracticable.

A strong oil spill contingency plan is attached.

Yes  
Yes

A written commitment of manpower, equipment, and materials is attached.

Yes

Name of facility Indian Basin Gas Plant and Field Producing Facilities

Operator Marathon Oil Company

## OIL SPILL CONTINGENCY PLAN

In the case of an oil spill from a producing well, a testing vessel, a tank, flowline or any other related oil field equipment, the following action will be implemented to protect human life and regain control of the spill as rapidly as possible. All steps should be carefully considered, to ensure control of the spill is effectively and efficiently regained.

- 1) Shut off the source contributing to the spill. Analyze the type of spill and determine the most appropriate immediate action to be taken to contain the spill.
- 2) If the spill contains hydrocarbons, collect lighters and matches from personnel working in the area.
- 3) Obtain labor and equipment to construct a containment barrier as rapidly as possible. (See the attached directory.)
- 4) As required have vacuum truck(s) pick up pooled or contained liquids.
- 5) As necessary the use of absorbent material (straw, dirt, lost circulation material, commercial sorbents, etc) should be utilized to remove standing volume which cannot be efficiently removed by a vacuum truck.
- 6) Restrict access to the affected area to only those persons involved in control, containment, and clean-up operations.

- 7) Notify the company representative in charge of the facility of the spill and action being taken who will in turn notify his respective supervisor.
- 8) As required, the Production Foreman will notify the regulatory agency of the spill.
- 9) Keep livestock from affected area and if necessary, as appropriate notify the landowner and other surface users of the situation.
- 10) The person in charge of the spill response activities shall keep a daily log of response activities. The log book shall be bound, not loose leaf. Entries shall be dated, timed and signed.
- 11) The Duty Officer at the National Response Center must be notified immediately when a spill reaches "waters of the U.S.," or it appears likely that the spill will reach "waters of the U.S."



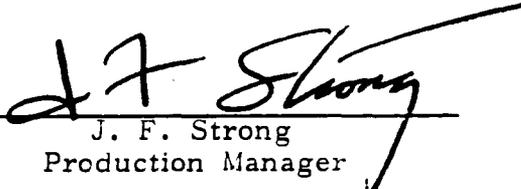
P.O. Box 552  
Midland, Texas 79702  
Telephone 915/682-1626

SPCC PLAN

COMMITMENT OF MANPOWER, EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS

TO: OPERATIONS SUPERVISORS

THIS IS YOUR AUTHORITY TO EXPEDITIOUSLY COMMIT MANPOWER, EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS NECESSARY TO ARREST AND CONTAIN AND INITIATE CLEANUP OF ANY HARMFUL QUANTITY OF OIL OR HAZARDOUS MATERIAL DISCHARGED FROM THIS FACILITY. THIS AUTHORITY MAY BE DELEGATED BY YOURSELVES TO THE PERSON IN CHARGE OF THE FACILITY TO ENSURE THAT NECESSARY ACTIVITIES ARE IMPLEMENTED AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE AFTER A SPILL IS NOTED.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
J. F. Strong  
Production Manager

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7/13/88



P.O. Box 552  
Midland, Texas 79702  
Telephone 915/682-1626

## SPCC PLAN INSPECTION PROCEDURES

### INDIAN BASIN FIELD EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

1. As part of his normal routine, the pumper(s) will visually inspect the field's production facilities for accumulations, leaks of oil or other hazardous substances. The pumper must perform the inspection at least once a week.
2. The production facilities to be inspected will include but are not limited to wellheads, flowlines, valves, tanks, vessels, miscellaneous fittings (flanges, etc.), sumps and ditches.
3. In the event that an accumulation or leak is discovered, the pumper shall initiate the actions detailed in the current SPCC Plan.
4. The pumper shall record his weekly inspection on the attached Site Security Inspection Form.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'W. D. Holmes', written over a horizontal line.

W. D. Holmes  
Operations Superintendent

LIST OF EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES

Field Atoka Penn, Indian Basin, Revelation, North Shugart

SPILLS

Equipment and Services Available to Contain and Cleanup Spills on Land,  
Rivers, Creeks, and/or Coastal Bays

<u>Available Equipment/Service</u>	<u>Source or Organization</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Telephone N</u>
Cleanup Service	Stevenson Roack Tank Co.	Artesia, NM	505-746-322
Earth Moving	Sweat Constr. Co.	Loco Hills, NM	505-677-351
	Berry Constr. Co.	Artesia, NM	505-746-343
	Globe Construction Co.	Hobbs, NM	505-392-651
Fire Control	Carlsbad Fire Department	Carlsbad, NM	505-885-312
	Artesia Fire Department	Artesia, NM	505-746-270
Oil Field Haulers	B. F. Walker	Hobbs, NM	505-392-554
	W. M. Walker	Hobbs, NM	505-397-244
Portable Tanks	Hardin-Houston	Hobbs, NM	505-393-501
	Diamond Rental, Inc.	Hobbs, NM	505-392-649
Vacuum Trucks	I & W Service	Lovington, NM	505-677-211

COMPANY PERSONNEL NOTIFICATION LIST

Indian Basin Gas Plant - (505) 457-2621

Home Telephone

York, Stephen D.	Plant Superintendent	(505) 746-3374
Berghorn, Matthew T.	Plant Engineer	(505) 746-2161
Hodges, Joe E.	Gang Pusher	(505) 746-9447
Barnett, Jimmy B.	Operator	(505) 746-2818
Moreno, Manuel S.	Roustabout	(505) 748-2175
Waldrup, Bruce W.	Operator	(505) 457-2252
Canada, Donald R.	Field Operator	(505) 748-1060
Case, Anthony W.	Operator	(505) 746-4014
Garrett, Kenton R.	Electrician	(505) 748-2932
Klein, Timothy P.	Mechanic	(505) 484-3675
Manthei, Don W.	Welder	(505) 457-2213
Rouse, David B.	Operator	(505) 746-2619
Winters, Timonthy L.	Field Operator	(505) 746-4662
Davis, Larry D.	Operator Helper	(505) 748-3752
Bowen, Patrick N.	Operator Helper	(505) 748-3570
Ivy, Jack L.	Operator Helper	(505) 746-9078
Rauch, Jack P.	Operator Helper	(505) 748-3121
Kucel, Joel D.	Roustabout	(505) 748-9050
London, Steve A.	Instrument Repairman	(505) 885-6843
Wilson, James E.	Tester	(505) 746-6481
Harrison, Jerry J.	Field Operator	(505) 365-2962
Miller, Ginger J.	Clerk	(505) 746-9711

Midland, Texas - (915) 682-1626

Gordy, Craig W.	E/S Supervisor	(915) 687-6051
Holmes, William D.	Operations Supt.	(915) 687-6305
Snyder, William O.	Region Manager	(915) 689-9911
	Midland Operations	



This form is to be completed for any spill (regardless of size) of any oilfield liquid onto the surface of the ground.

**NOTE:** Completion of this form does not eliminate the need to verbally report all discharges to your supervisor as soon as practicable after the source has been stopped and containment/cleanup operations have been mobilized as appropriate.

SPILL DATE MO DA YR	EST. SPILL TIME	AM PM	ESTIMATED SPILL VOLUME	TYPE OF FLUID SPILLED	VOLUME RECOVERED

LOCATION OF SPILL (State, County, Field, Lease, Well or Rig): \_\_\_\_\_

CAUSE OF SPILL: \_\_\_\_\_

Did the spill occur on location within a company made containment or drainage catchment area?  Yes  No If you checked "Yes" to the preceding question, provided such system adequately contained the spill, it is not necessary to complete the remainder of this form. Simply sign and date the report and forward to your supervisor.

DESCRIPTION OF SPILL AREA (Including proximity to watercourse): \_\_\_\_\_

ACTION TAKEN TO CONTAIN OR CLEANUP SPILL: \_\_\_\_\_

SURFACE: Sandy  Sandy Loam  Clay  Rocky  Wet  Dry  Snow   
 Cultivated  Grazing  Vacant  Rural  Residential

APPARENT DAMAGE TO ENVIRONMENT AND PROPERTY: \_\_\_\_\_

PROPERTY OWNER NOTIFIED: Yes  No  Date: \_\_\_\_\_ By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Property Owner: \_\_\_\_\_

HOW WAS SPILL FIRST NOTED: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Person Initiating Report/Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Supervisor Review/Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Supervisor Review/Date

LOCATION OF SPILL (State, County, Field, Lease, Well or Rig): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF SPILL: \_\_\_\_\_

NOTIFICATION OF REGULATORY AGENCIES:

A. Agency \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone No. \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_ Person Contacted \_\_\_\_\_  
Comments \_\_\_\_\_

B. Agency \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone No. \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_ Person Contacted \_\_\_\_\_  
Comments \_\_\_\_\_

C. Agency \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone No. \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_ Person Contacted \_\_\_\_\_  
Comments \_\_\_\_\_

PERSON MAKING CONTACT WITH AGENCIES: \_\_\_\_\_

DISTRIBUTION -

ORIGINAL COPY: Environmental and Safety Dept.

OTHER COPIES: \_\_\_\_\_  
(To Be Completed by \_\_\_\_\_  
Supt.) \_\_\_\_\_

SUPERINTENDENT COMPLETING THIS SECTION: \_\_\_\_\_

IF CORPORATE OFFICE NOTIFIED:

Person Contacted: \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Person Filing Report: \_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name Signature Date

APPENDIX E  
OCD Notification Report  
and  
BLM Notification Report



P.O. Box 552  
Midland, Texas 79702  
Telephone 915/682-1626

April 22, 1991

Mr. M. B. Williams  
Supervisor and Oil & Gas Inspector  
New Mexico Oil Conservation Division  
811 S. First Street  
P. O. Drawer DD  
Artesia, New Mexico 88210

Dear Mr. Williams:

In accordance with the applicable Rules and Regulations, the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (NMOCD) was notified at 11:12 a.m. (MST) on April 12, 1991, of the discovery of a potential leak in a subsurface liquid gathering line which occurred directly south of the Marathon-operated Indian Basin Gas Plant.

Attached is a completed NMOCD report entitled "Notification Of Fire, Breaks, Spills, Leaks, and Blowouts". This completed written report is intended to fulfill the subsequent notification requirements as specified in Rule 116.

Should you have any questions, please direct your inquiries to me at the number indicated on the letterhead.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'R. F. Unger'.

R. F. Unger  
Production Manager  
Midland Operations

RFU/101/jmh

Attachment

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

NOTIFICATION OF FIRE, BREAKS, SPILLS, LEAKS, AND BLOWOUTS

NAME OF OPERATOR MARATHON OIL COMPANY				ADDRESS P. O. BOX 552, MIDLAND, TX 79702			
REPORT OF	FIRE	BREAK	SPILL	LEAK XX	BLOWOUT	OTHER*	
TYPE OF FACILITY	DRUG WELL	PROD WELL	TANK BTTY	PIPE LINE XX	GASO PLNT	OIL RFY	OTHER*
NAME OF FACILITY INDIAN BASIN GAS PLANT - GATHERING SYSTEM							
LOCATION OF FACILITY (QUARTER/QUARTER SECTION OR FOOTAGE DESCRIPTION)				SEC.	TWP.	RGE.	COUNTY
NW/4 SE/4				23	21S	23E	EDDY
DISTANCE AND DIRECTION FROM NEAREST TOWN OR PROMINENT LANDMARK APPROXIMATELY 25 MILES NW OF CARLSBAD							
DATE AND HOUR OF OCCURENCE ESTIMATED TO HAVE COMMENCED 11/90				DATE AND HOUR OF DISCOVERY 4/12/91 @ 10:30 A.M.			
WAS IMMEDIATE NOTICE GIVEN?	YES XX	NO	NOT RE-REQUIRED	IF YES, TO WHOM MIKE WILLIAMS; ARTESIA, NM			
BY WHOM STEVE YORK, GAS PLANT SUPERINTENDENT				DATE AND HOUR 4/12/91 @ 11:12 A.M.			
TYPE OF FLUID LOST CONDENSATE AND PRODUCED WATER				QUANTITY OF LOSS SEE ATTACHMENT	VOLUME RECOVERED SEE ATTACHMENT		
DID ANY FLUIDS REACH A WATERCOURSE?	YES	NO	QUANTITY SEE BELOW				
IF YES, DESCRIBE FULLY**  THE LEAK OCCURRED UNDER A DRY ARROYO THAT QUALIFIES AS A WATERCOURSE. THE ARROYO IS PRESENTLY DRY AND IT IS BELIEVED IT HAS NOT FLOWED WATER IN THIS AREA IN 5 YEARS.							
DESCRIBE CAUSE OF PROBLEM AND REMEDIAL ACTION TAKEN**  SEE ATTACHMENT							
DESCRIBE AREA AFFECTED AND CLEANUP ACTION TAKEN**  SEE ATTACHMENT							
DESCRIPTION OF AREA	FARMING	GRAZING XX	URBAN	OTHER* OILFIELD			
SURFACE CONDITIONS	SANDY	SANDY LOAM	CLAY	ROCKY XX	WET	DRY XX	SNOW
DESCRIBE GENERAL CONDITIONS PREVAILING (TEMPERATURE, PRECIPITATION, ETC.)**  AT PRESENT VERY DRY AND WINDY							
I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION ABOVE IS TRUE AND COMPLETE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF							
SIGNED <i>R. F. Unger</i>			PRODUCTION MANAGER, R. F. UNGER TITLE MIDLAND OPERATIONS			DATE 4-22-91	

\*SPECIFY

\*\*ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY

ATTACHMENT

QUANTITY OF LOSS:

Up to 35,000 barrels of condensate and 20,000 barrels of produced water.

VOLUME RECOVERED:

As of 4-21-91, 307 barrels condensate and 207 barrels water.

CAUSE OF PROBLEM AND REMEDIAL ACTION TAKEN:

The cause of the leak was determined to be a hole in a subsurface gathering line. Within one hour of discovery, Indian Basin Field employees had initiated shutting in the 23 wells supplying this gathering line and appropriate regulatory notifications (New Mexico Oil Conservation Division, Bureau of Land Management, and the National Response Center) were completed.

Once the shutting-in of the wells was complete, efforts were focused on relieving the residual pressure in the line. Subsequently, work was directed to physically isolating the section of pipeline containing the leak from the rest of the system. This work was complete within 28½ hours after the discovery of the first evidence of a leak.

Following positive isolation of this section of the pipeline, work was directed toward removing any residual fluid in the line. This was accomplished by flushing the line with water introduced at one end and recovering the fluids at the opposite end of this section of the pipeline that had been isolated from the remainder of the gathering system. This work was completed within 44½ hours after the discovery of the first evidence of a leak.

DESCRIBE AREA AFFECTED AND CLEANUP ACTION TAKEN:

Since the leak in the line occurred subsurface, the affected area is not readily apparent. However, work has been undertaken to define the extent of the subsurface affected area. This work has already defined the primary extent of the affected area in three directions and is presently focussing on the eastern boundary. Of utmost importance in the cleanup efforts is the recovery of free liquids. Efforts in this regard were initiated within 5½ hours after discovery of the first evidence of the leak and have since been ongoing. The operation to recover free liquids has continued to expand as the extent of the affected area is defined. Efforts in this regard will be directed to maximize free liquid recovery. As of April 21, 11 recovery and monitoring wells were in place, with a total of approximately 514 barrels of fluid recovered. Recovery operations, as well as further characterization of the affected area are ongoing.



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April 22, 1991

United States Department of the Interior  
Bureau of Land Management  
P. O. Box 1778  
1011 East Mermod  
Carlsbad, New Mexico 88221-1778

Attn: District Engineer

Re: Interim Report  
Indian Basin Field Incident

Dear Sir:

In accordance with NTL 3A, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) was notified at 11:17 a.m. (MST) on April 12, 1991 of the discovery of a potential leak in a subsurface liquid gathering line which occurred directly south of the Marathon-operated Indian Basin Gas Plant. On April 15, 1991, a BLM Representative (Ms. Nancy Queen) arrived on site and reviewed the area of the leak. The following is an interim written report pursuant to the requirements of NTL 3A and provides the appropriate information as requested.

- A. The date and time of the occurrence, and the date and time reported to USGS (now BLM).  
Response: Discovery of the actual site of the leak occurred at approximately 10:30 a.m. (MST) on April 12, 1991. The BLM office in Carlsbad was notified at 11:17 a.m. (MST) on April 12, 1991. Further investigation tends to indicate that the leak began during November, 1990.
- B. The location where the incident occurred, including surface ownership and lease number.  
Response: The location of the leak is subsurface in a dry wash named Rocky Arroyo. The location is described as NW/4 SE/4 Sec. 23, T21S, R23E, Eddy County, New Mexico.
- C. The specific nature and cause of the incident.  
Response: The cause of the leak was determined to be a hole in a water and condensate gathering line. The line at the point of the leak runs approximately 5 feet subsurface through Rocky Arroyo.

- D. A description of the resultant damage.  
Response: Since the leak in the line occurred subsurface, the affected area is not readily apparent. However, work is underway to define the extent of the affected area in three directions and is presently focussing on the fourth, the eastern boundary.
- E. The action taken and the length of time required for control of the incident, for containing the discharged fluids, and for subsequent cleanup.  
Response: Within approximately one hour of discovery, Indian Basin Field employees had initiated shutting in the 23 wells supplying this gathering line and appropriate regulatory notifications (Bureau of Land Management, New Mexico Oil Conservation Division, and the National Response Center) were completed.
- Once all the wells were shut in, approximately 3½ hours after the initial discovery of the leak, efforts were focussed on relieving the residual pressure in the line. Subsequently, work was directed to physically isolating the section of pipeline containing the leak from the rest of the gathering system. This work was complete within 28½ hours after the discovery of the first evidence of a leak.
- Following positive isolation of this section of the pipeline, work was directed toward removing any residual fluid in the line. This was accomplished by flushing the line with water introduced at one end and recovering the fluids at the opposite end of this section of the pipeline that had been isolated from the remainder of the gathering system. This work was completed within 44½ hours after the discovery of the first evidence of a leak.
- Of utmost importance in the cleanup efforts is the recovery of free liquids. Efforts in this regard were initiated within 5½ hours after discovery of the first evidence of the leak and have since been ongoing. The operation to recovery free liquids has continued to expand as the extent of the area is defined. Efforts in this regard will be directed to maximize free liquid recovery. As of April 21, 11 recovery and monitoring wells were in place, with a total of approximately 514 barrels of fluid recovered. Recovery operations, as well as further characterization of the affected area are ongoing.
- F. The estimated volumes discharged and the volumes lost.  
Response: The estimated volume discharged is up to 35,000 barrels of condensate and 20,000 barrels of produced water. As of April 21, 1991, 307 barrels of condensate and 207 barrels of water had been recovered, with recovery operations continuing.

- G. The cause of death when fatal injuries are involved.  
Response: No fatalities or injuries resulted from this release.
- H. Actions that have been or will be taken to prevent a recurrence of the incident.  
Response: Existing systems and operating procedures are currently under review. Improvements will be made, as necessary, to prevent a recurrence of this type of incident.
- I. Other Federal or State agencies notified of the incident.  
Response: On April 12, 1991, the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division was notified at approximately 11:12 a.m. (MST), the New Mexico Air Quality Board was notified at 4:50 p.m. (MST), and the National Response Center was notified at 11:22 a.m. (MST) of the leak.
- J. Other pertinent comments or additional information requested by the District Engineer.  
Response: Requested information was provided to the BLM Representative viewing the site on April 15, 1991.

Should you have any questions, please direct your inquiries to me at the number indicated on the letterhead. Additional interim reports will be forthcoming as appropriate.

Sincerely,



R. F. Unger  
Production Manager  
Midland Operations

RFU/099/jmh

APPENDIX G  
Soil Boring Logs

# BORING RECORD

GEOLOGIC UNIT	DEPTH (INCHES)	LITHOLOGIC DESCRIPTION	UNIFIED SOIL CLASSIFICATION	GRAPHIC LOG	HMU SOIL GAS SURVEY PPM x 0.1							SAMPLE				REMARKS BACKGROUND HMU READINGS SOIL: 0.1 AIR: 0.2	
					2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	NUMBER	HMU READING		RECOVERY
	0	Blank 16-11 Stop: 16.376  B.L. Stop															
	50	Alluvium, fine to medium cobbles, sand, silt, and clay. Some sandstone fragments, clay. Brown to yellowish to pale brown. 5% silt Boring terminated at 5'	sw														5.0ppm 1.4ppm
		Fractured. Not showing any signs of fracture. HNU 4.0ppm NR No Recovery NR Not Sampled 5.1 5.3															

	ONE CONTINUOUS AUGER SAMPLER		WATER TABLE (TIME OF BORING)
	STANDARD PENETRATION TEST		LABORATORY TEST LOCATION
	UNDISTURBED SAMPLE		PENETROMETER (TONS / FT <sup>2</sup> )
	WATER TABLE (24 HOURS)		

**ROBERTS-SCHORNICK & ASSOCIATES, INC.**  
 Environmental Consultants  
 4000 Greenway Drive, Suite 4  
 Northridge, CA 91329  
 Tel: 818-715-1234

JOB NAME / NUMBER: PH-1-1024

BORING NUMBER: BH-1

DATE DRILLED: 04-18-91

DRILLING METHOD: HSA

DRILLED BY: GMB

LOGGED BY: TUL

CHECKED BY: BJS







# BORING RECORD

GEOLOG UNIT	DEPTH (INCHES)	LITHOLOGIC DESCRIPTION	UNIFIED SOIL CLASSIFICATION	GRAPHIC LOG	HMU SOIL GAS SURVEY PPM x 0.1							SAMPLE			REMARKS BACKGROUND HMU READING SOIL: 0.1 AIR: 0.2					
					2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	NUMBER		HMU READING	RECOVERY	DEPTH		
	0	Start 17 50 Stop 18 33 G.I. 100.																		
	0	Sandstone - Reddish Crumbly Sand. Shaly brown 10% 1/2 to 1% brown wh. gray, 10% 1/2 Cobble - boulders from 10 cm to 1.5 m, generally dry, v. hard Fracture Fracture, irregular at 6.0' Gravelly, not observed during Drilling Broken HMU (corrected by August). 1.2 ppm Some Vent. tubes at 6.25' Broken HMU from Some Vent. tube at 24 hrs. 1.0 ppm NR: NO Recovery NS: NO Sample	GW																	
	10				1	0.7	NR	NR												
	20				2	1.8	NR	NR												
	30				3	0.8	NR	NR												
	40																			
	50																			
	60																			
	70																			
	80																			
	90																			
	100																			

ONE CONTINUOUS AUGER SAMPLER	WATER TABLE (TIME OF BORING)
STANDARD PENETRATION TEST	LABORATORY TEST LOCATION
UNDISTURBED SAMPLE	PENETROMETER, (TONS / FT <sup>2</sup> )
WATER TABLE (24 HOURS)	

**ROBERTS-SCHORNICK**  
**& ASSOCIATES INC.**

Environmental Consultants  
 900 Lakeside Drive, Suite 4  
 New York, NY 10023-1077  
 Tel: 212-435-1000

JOB NAME / NUMBER: Fluoride 910

BORING NUMBER: BH-5

DATE DRILLED: 04-20-91

DRILLING METHOD: HSA

DRILLED BY: SHF

LOGGED BY: MJL

CHECKED BY: RJS







# BORING RECORD

GEOLOG UNIT	DEPTH (INCHES)	LITHOLOGIC DESCRIPTION	UNIFIED SOIL CLASSIFICATION	GRAPHIC LOG	HNU SOIL GAS SURVEY PPM x 0.1						SAMPLE			REMARKS BACKGROUND HNU READING SOIL: 0.1 AIR: 0.2	
					2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18		NUMBER
	0	Start 12:20 Stop 13:12  G.L. Elev.													
	0 - 50	Clayey silt, yellowish brown, 10 yr 3/4, dry, unconsolidated, weathered to 1.0', calcareous, vein below 1.7', v. fine quartz, 60% silt to clay v. low plasticity	CL									1	0.4	2.6	2.0
												2	0.2	2.6	2.0
												3	0.2	2.0	5.0
												NA			6.1
	50 - 90	Calichey - Boundary Silt, orange brown, 10 yr 3/4, silt weathered, poorly sorted, unconsolidated	GV									NA			9.0
	90 - 10	Open Refuse at 7.0 feet  Groundwater Not Observed During Drilling  NR: No Recovery NS: Not Sampled  Benchhole HNU Reading:  Send vent tube installation to 7.5'  Send vent HNU Reading after 20 hrs: 0.9 ppm background: 0.9 ppm													

- CME CONTINUOUS AUGER SAMPLER
- STANDARD PENETRATION TEST
- UNDISTURBED SAMPLE
- WATER TABLE (24 HOURS)
- WATER TABLE (TIME OF BORING)
- LABORATORY TEST LOCATION
- PENETROMETER (TONS / FT<sup>2</sup>)

**ROBERTS SCHORNICK & ASSOCIATES, INC.**  
Environmental Consultants  
 200 Commonwealth Blvd., Suite 100  
 Northampton, MA 01060 • 413/541-1000

JOB NAME / NUMBER: Monastic / 9103  
 BORING NUMBER: BH-9  
 DATE DRILLED: 04-23-91  
 DRILLING METHOD: MSA  
 DRILLED BY: SHB  
 LOGGED BY: MUL  
 CHECKED BY: BJS





# BORING RECORD

GEOLOG UNIT	DEPTH (INCHES)	LITHOLOGIC DESCRIPTION	UNIFIED SOIL CLASSIFICATION	GRAPHIC LOG	HMU SOIL GAS SURVEY PPM X							SAMPLE			REMARKS  BACKGROUND HMU READING SOIL: 0.1 P AIR: 0.1 P			
					2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	NUMBER		HMU READING	RECOVERY	DEPTH
	0	Start: 14:55 Stop: 16:04 B.L. Elev.																
	0 - 5.0	Clayey Silt, brown, 7.5% 5/2, dry, with mottled, v. low plasticity, calcareous, 60% silt, 40% clay, v. fine quartz	CL											1			0	
	5.0 - 5.2	Boundary - Cobblely Silt, gray, brown, 10% silt, dry, with mottled, sandy, scattered cobbles/boulders from 1/8" to 3/8" in. rounded, smooth.	GW											2	0.3	10	3.8	
	5.2 - 10.0	Clayey Sand, brown, 7.5% 5/2, med. to hard plasticity, quartz, fine sand, silty, medium, with some wet with hardening, 60% sand, 25% silt, 15% clay	SW											3	0.2	0.2	9.0	
	10.0 - 12.1	Dolomite, light brown, brown, 10% silt, med. v. hard												NR			9.9	
	12.1 - 12.5	Auger: Refused at 12.5'												NR			10.5	
	12.5 - 12.5	NR. No recovery NB. Not sampled												NR			12.0	
	12.5 - 12.5	Anchor HMU reading through Auger: 5.0 ppm												NR			12.5	

ONE CONTINUOUS AUGER SAMPLER	WATER TABLE (TIME OF BORING)
STANDARD PENETRATION TEST	LABORATORY TEST LOCATION
UNDISTURBED SAMPLE	PENETROMETER, (TONS / FT <sup>2</sup> )
WATER TABLE (24 HOURS)	

**ROBERTS-SCHORNICK & ASSOCIATES, INC.**  
 Environmental Consultants  
 200 Greenwood Street - Suite 4  
 Philadelphia, PA 19102  
 215-381-1000

JOB NAME / NUMBER: Month/9102  
 BORING NUMBER: BH-12  
 DATE DRILLED: 04-24-91  
 DRILLING METHOD: HSA  
 DRILLED BY: SHB  
 LOGGED BY: RJL  
 CHECKED BY: RJS









# BORING RECORD

GEOLOG UNIT	DEPTH (FEET)	LITHOLOGIC DESCRIPTION	UNIFIED SOIL CLASSIFICATION	GRAPHIC LOG	MNU SOIL GAS SURVEY PPM						SAMPLE		REMARKS BACKGROUND MNU READING: SOIL: _____ PPM AIR: _____ PPM					
					2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16		18	NUMBER	MNU READING	RECOVERY	DEPTH
		Start: 12:30 Stop: 1:22  b.h. Elev.																
	0	Silty clay, brown, 10% Y <sub>10</sub> , 5% V. low plasticity, dry, V. fine quartz, 60% clay, 40% silt	CL															
	3.0																	
	5.0	Boundary - Cobblely silt gravel, brown, 10% V. Poorly sorted, cobbles/boulders from 5-cm to 15cm, round	GW															
	7.0																	
	10.0	Auger refused at 10'  Groundwater not observed during drilling  Benchmarks NW U Reading through auger: 66 ppm  No No Recovery NS Not Standard																
	15.0																	

	CME CONTINUOUS AUGER SAMPLER		WATER TABLE (TIME OF BORING)	JOB NAME / NUMBER <u>Jonathan/91029</u>
				BH-17
	WATER TABLE (24 HOURS)			DATE DRILLED <u>04-26-91</u>
<u>ROBERTS/SCHORNICK</u>				DRILLING METHOD <u>H56</u>
Location: S 1400 E 100				DRILLED BY <u>SHB</u>
				MPL 35

APPENDIX H

Monitor Well Construction Diagram

OBSERVATIONS

MONITORING WELL INSTALLATION RECORD

SPECIFICATIONS

WELL

.32  
296  
15.02

Steel Protective Pipe  
RISER  
STICKUP

- Lock: Yes  No   
 Riser Cap w/Vent. Yes  No   
 Wrap Held: Yes  No   
 Concrete Pad: Yes  No   
 Size: \_\_\_\_\_

TIME DRILLING STOPPED: 14:30  
 TIME WELL INSTALLATION BEGAN: 15:37  
 TIME WELL INSTALLATION FINISHED: 15:56

CONCRETE  
SURFACE  
SEAL

1. Type of Riser: PVC  Galvanized  Teflon   
 Stainless Steel  Other \_\_\_\_\_

16.05  
 W.L. 11.96  
 TD 15.03  
 Stickup 1.20  
 W.L. 12.46  
 18:33

CEMENT-SODIUM  
BENTONITE  
GROUT MIX

2. Type of Riser/Screen Joints; Screen-Couple  Glued-  
 Couple  Other

Boys Sampler  
 Sp.C. 155x10

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Type of Well Screen: PVC  Galvanized   
 Teflon  Stainless Steel   
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

155  
 13  
 1550

SODIUM BENTONITE  
PELLETS (Generally  
2 Ft.)

4. Diameter of Riser and Well Screen; (I.D.):  
 Riser \_\_\_\_\_ inches, Screen \_\_\_\_\_ inches

CHEMICALLY  
INERT SAND  
FILTER PACK  
(2" Max. Above  
Screen)

5. Slot Size of Screen: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Type of Screen Perforation: Factory Slotted   
 Other

7. Installed Protector Pipe w/Lock: Yes  No

8. Borehole Diameter: \_\_\_\_\_ inches

9. Were Drilling Additives Used? Yes  No

Barvert  Bentonite  Water  Air

Gellans / Valspar Gears: \_\_\_\_\_

10. Was Flare Soap or Other Phase Sampling Cup  
 Installed? Yes  No

11. Was Outer Steel Casing Used? Yes  No

Depth: \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ Feet.

12. How Was Well Developed? Bailing  Pumping

Air Surging (Air or Nitrogen)  Other \_\_\_\_\_

13. Time Spent on Well Development? \_\_\_\_\_  
 / \_\_\_\_\_ Minutes/Hours

14. Approximate Water Volume Removed? \_\_\_\_\_ Gallons

15. Water Clarity Before Development? Clear

Turbid  Opaque

16. Water Clarity After Development? Clear

Turbid  Opaque

17. Did the Water have odor? Yes  No

If Yes, Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

18. Did Water have any Color? Yes  No

If Yes, Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

19. Water Level Summary (From Top of Riser)

Before Development \_\_\_\_\_ Ft. Date \_\_\_\_\_

After Development \_\_\_\_\_ Ft. Date \_\_\_\_\_

Water Level \_\_\_\_\_ Ft. Date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Ft. Date \_\_\_\_\_

20. Ground Surface Elevation: \_\_\_\_\_ Feet

Top of Riser Elevation: \_\_\_\_\_ Feet

WELL COMPLETION MATERIALS:  
 LENGTH OF SCREEN USED: 5 FT.  
 LENGTH OF RISER USED: 10 FT.  
 AMOUNT OF BENTONITE USED: 30 LBS.  
 AMOUNT OF SAND FILTER USED: 2 (100) BAGS  
 AMOUNT OF CEMENT USED: \_\_\_\_\_ BAGS  
 AMOUNT OF CONCRETE USED: \_\_\_\_\_ YARDS

FINES  
SOUP

0.3ft.

OVERDRILLED  
MATERIAL  
BACKFILL w/  
Formation Slough

0.6ft.

CAP PLUG

DRILLED  
DEPTH

**ROBERTS/SCHORNICK  
 & ASSOCIATES, INC.**

Environmental Consultants  
 600 Connecticut Drive - Suite 4  
 Meriden, CT 06450-1907  
 860-472-1000

WELL NUMBER: MW-1 (BH-14)

JOB NAME/ NUMBER: Marathon / 91029

LOCATION: E. 1600 / S. 300

INSTALLATION DATE: 04-24-91

USA REPRESENTATIVE: M Hansen

DRILLING CONTRACTOR: SHB

DRILLING METHOD: HSA

APPENDIX I  
Rain Contingency Plan



## United States Department of the Interior



BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT  
Carlsbad Resource Area Headquarters  
P.O. Box 1778  
Carlsbad, New Mexico 88421-1778

Mr. Tim Tipton  
Marathon Oil Company

APR 25 1991

Dear Tim:

I have reviewed Marathon Oil Company's Indian Basin Hydrocarbon Contamination Rainfall Plan. It is my determination, after consulting with various staff specialists in the Carlsbad Resource Area and the Roswell District offices, that the actions proposed by Marathon in the Plan are consistent with emergency measures needed to contain the flow of contaminated surface and/or subsurface waters in Rocky Arroyo.

In consultation with BLM staff, I have determined that possible impacts resulting from the implementation of the Plan are minimal and that implementation of the Plan is essential to containing the contamination and limiting any further contamination. Authorization to proceed with the Plan is contingent on Marathon's assurance that all surface disturbing activities will be limited to the stream bed.

Any proposed deviations in the Plan or any unforeseen events during the implementation of the plan must be reported immediately to the Carlsbad Resource Area Manager or to the BLM representative on site at the Indian Basin Plant.

Sincerely,

Richard L. Manus  
Area Manager



P.O. Box 552  
Midland, Texas 79702  
Telephone 915/682-1626

April 25, 1991

Confidential and Business Information

U. S. Department of Interior  
Bureau of Land Management  
P. O. Box 1778  
1011 E. Mermod  
Carlsbad, New Mexico 88221-1778

Attention: Dick Mannus

Dear Dick:

Attached is a summary of Marathon's proposed action plan to address the potential dispersion of hydrocarbon contamination at Indian Basin from surface/subsurface flows following rains. Should any further information be required, please advise.

Yours very truly,

  
T. N. Tipton  
Operations Superintendent

TNT/nrt

Attachments

xc: R. F. Unger

Indian Basin  
Hydrocarbon Contamination Rainfall Plan

Confidential and Business Information

Marathon's current assessment of the areal extent of hydrocarbon contamination is illustrated in the attached exhibit. The contamination boundaries are based upon 1) soil - gas analyses and 2) bore hole measurements of hydrocarbons. To address the potential dispersion of contamination from rainfall, the following plan is proposed.

- 1) Upstream diversion - As shown in the exhibit, the arroyo system in the general area consists of a northern and central channel. A southern channel also exists some 1200' to the south which is not shown on the exhibit. The leak, which occurred within the northern channel, is indicated by the "X" on the condensate line at grid location D-12. In an attempt to divert surface and subsurface flows within the northern and central channels from entering the area of contamination, it is proposed to construct earthen dams across these channels upstream of respective western contamination limits. (The proposed locations of the dams are shown at grid location C/D-6 and G-10/11). Immediately upstream of each dam, a trench will be excavated across the arroyo to a depth corresponding to the bedrock top; the trenches will not be dug into the bedrock, however. A pit liner will then be placed on the downstream bank of each trench in an attempt to restrict fluid flow in the channel beds. A pump will be placed at each dam and collected water will be transported to the southern channel for drainage away from the contamination area.
  
- 2) Downstream collection - To monitor fluid flow in the northern and central channels downstream of the contamination, it is proposed to cut trenches across each channel to serve as collection basins. The trenches will be located in areas of no hydrocarbon contamination, indicated at grid locations G/H-22 and H/I-21, respectively. Again, pit liners will be placed along the downstream banks of these trenches in an effort to force fluid flow to sumps at respective southern banks. Pumps will transfer the fluids across the arroyo to separate tanks on the northern bank. Field tests for hydrocarbons and high-chloride content produced water will be taken from samples off the tanks. Fresh water would be returned to the arroyo downstream of the channel merger, at approximate grid location I-23. All hydrocarbons will be trucked to the Indian Basin Gas plant (IBGP) for processing. Water with high chlorides will be initially trucked off site for disposal. (The IBGP saltwater disposal well has recently refused to accept injection. An AFE is circulating to convert a shut-in producer to saltwater disposal. Following this conversion, all high-chloride content water would be disposed into this well).

The upstream diversion proposal is Marathon's best effort at containing manageable fluid flow through the contaminated area. Obviously, a flash flood could sweep through the proposed flow restrictions and overrun the contamination area. Measures to address such a "100-year" occurrence are beyond the intentions of Marathon's

plans. In addition to containment of rainfall runoff, the downstream collection proposal will likely be included in final remediation plans to be submitted for your review.

Surface material to construct the dams will be from the arroyo bottoms so that no top soil from the banks is disturbed. We will limit the extension of the dams and trenches to the confines of the channels to preserve the bank soils/surface. The locations of pumps and tanks are subject to change as surface topography dictates.



APPENDIX J

IBGP Water Supply Analyses  
(6-15-89)



General Inorganics

Client Name: Marathon Oil Company  
 Client ID: IBGP Drinking Water  
 Lab ID: 005347-0003-SA      Enseco ID: 1041865  
 Matrix: AQUEOUS              Sampled: 15 JUN 89      Received: 16 JUN 89  
 Authorized: 16 JUN 89      Prepared: See Below      Analyzed: See Below

Parameter	Result	Units	Reporting Limit	Analytical Method	Prepared Date	Analyz Date
Alkalinity, Total as CaCO3 at pH 4.5	252	mg/L	5	310.1	NA	16 JUN
Chloride	17	mg/L	3	300.0	NA	20 JUN
Fluoride	0.6	mg/L	0.1	340.2	NA	28 JUN
Ion Balance Difference	1.8	%	--	104C	NA	29 JUN
Total Anions	9.1	meq/L	0.3		NA	29 JUN
Total Cations	9.5	meq/L	0.1		NA	29 JUN
Ammonia as N	ND	mg/L	0.1	350.1	NA	20 JUN
Nitrite as N	ND	mg/L	0.01	354.1	NA	16 JUN
Nitrate plus Nitrite as N	3.1	mg/L	0.1	353.2	NA	19 JUN
pH	7.6	units	--	150.1	NA	16 JUN
Sulfate	162	mg/L	5	300.0	NA	20 JUN
Specific Conductance at 25 deg.C	851	umhos/c	1	120.1	NA	16 JUN
Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen as N	ND	mg/L	3	351.2	NA	20 JUN
Total Dissolved Solids	530	mg/L	10	160.1	NA	20 JUN

N.D. = Not Detected  
 N.A. = Not Applicable

Reported By: Pam Rosas

Approved By: Tammy Bailey

## Metals

## Total Metals

Client Name: Marathon Oil Company  
 Client ID: IBGP Drinking Water  
 Lab ID: 005347-0003-SA      Enseco ID: 1041865  
 Matrix: AQUEOUS      Sampled: 15 JUN 89      Received: 16 JUN 89  
 Authorized: 16 JUN 89      Prepared: See Below      Analyzed: See Below

Parameter	Result	Units	Reporting Limit	Analytical Method	Prepared Date	Analyze Date
Chromium	ND	mg/L	0.05	218.1	20 JUN 89	30 JUN
Aluminum	ND	mg/L	0.1	200.7	20 JUN 89	26 JUN
Arsenic	ND	mg/L	0.005	206.2	20 JUN 89	26 JUN
Barium	0.03	mg/L	0.01	200.7	20 JUN 89	26 JUN
Boron	0.06	mg/L	0.03	200.7	20 JUN 89	26 JUN
Cadmium	ND	mg/L	0.005	200.7	20 JUN 89	26 JUN
Calcium	106	mg/L	0.2	200.7	20 JUN 89	26 JUN
Cobalt	ND	mg/L	0.01	200.7	20 JUN 89	26 JUN
Copper	ND	mg/L	0.01	200.7	20 JUN 89	26 JUN
Iron	ND	mg/L	0.1	200.7	20 JUN 89	26 JUN
Lead	ND	mg/L	0.005	239.2	20 JUN 89	20 JUN
Magnesium	41	mg/L	0.2	200.7	20 JUN 89	26 JUN
Manganese	ND	mg/L	0.01	200.7	20 JUN 89	26 JUN
Molybdenum	ND	mg/L	0.02	200.7	20 JUN 89	26 JUN
Nickel	ND	mg/L	0.04	200.7	20 JUN 89	26 JUN
Potassium	ND	mg/L	5	200.7	20 JUN 89	26 JUN
Selenium	ND	mg/L	0.2	200.7	20 JUN 89	26 JUN
Silica as SiO <sub>2</sub>	22	mg/L	0.2	200.7	20 JUN 89	26 JUN
Silver	ND	mg/L	0.01	200.7	20 JUN 89	26 JUN
Sodium	12	mg/L	5	200.7	20 JUN 89	26 JUN
Zinc	0.04	mg/L	0.01	200.7	20 JUN 89	26 JUN

N.D. = Not Detected  
 N.A. = Not Applicable

Reported By: Fred Velasquez

Approved By: Toni Stovall

Metals

Dissolved Metals

Client Name: Marathon Oil Company  
 Client ID: IBGP Drinking Water  
 Lab ID: 005347-0003-SA      Enseco ID: 1041865  
 Matrix: AQUEOUS              Sampled: 15 JUN 89      Received: 16 JUN 89  
 Authorized: 16 JUN 89        Prepared: See Below      Analyzed: See Below

Parameter	Result	Units	Reporting Limit	Analytical Method	Prepared Date	Analyz Date
Calcium	110	mg/L	0.2	200.7	NA	21 JUN
Iron	ND	mg/L	0.1	200.7	NA	21 JUN
Magnesium	42	mg/L	0.2	200.7	NA	21 JUN
Potassium	ND	mg/L	5	200.7	NA	21 JUN
Sodium	12	mg/L	5	200.7	NA	21 JUN

N.D. = Not Detected  
 N.A. = Not Applicable

Reported By: Bryan Anderson

Approved By: Toni Stovall



Halogenated Volatile Organics

Method 601

Client Name: Marathon Oil Company  
 Client ID: IBGP Drinking Water  
 Lab ID: 005347-0003-SA      Enseco ID: 1041865  
 Matrix: AQUEOUS              Sampled: 15 JUN 89  
 Authorized: 16 JUN 89        Prepared: NA              Received: 16 JUN 89  
    Analyzed: 20 JUN 89

Parameter	Result	Units	Reporting Limit
Chloromethane	ND	ug/L	5.0
Bromomethane	ND	ug/L	5.0
Vinyl chloride	ND	ug/L	1.0
Chloroethane	ND	ug/L	5.0
Methylene chloride	ND	ug/L	5.0
1,1-Dichloroethene	ND	ug/L	0.50
1,1-Dichloroethane	ND	ug/L	0.50
1,2-Dichloroethene			
(cis/trans)	ND	ug/L	0.50
Chloroform	ND	ug/L	0.50
1,1,2-Trichloro-2,2,			
1-trifluoroethane	ND	ug/L	1.0
1,2-Dichloroethane	ND	ug/L	1.0
1,1,1-Trichloroethane	ND	ug/L	0.50
Carbon tetrachloride	ND	ug/L	0.50
Bromodichloromethane	ND	ug/L	1.0
1,2-Dichloropropane	ND	ug/L	1.0
trans-1,3-Dichloropropene	ND	ug/L	1.0
Trichloroethene	ND	ug/L	0.50
Chlorodibromomethane	ND	ug/L	1.0
cis-1,3-Dichloropropene	ND	ug/L	2.0
1,1,2-Trichloroethane	ND	ug/L	1.0
EDB (1,2-Dibromoethane)	ND	ug/L	2.0
Bromoform	ND	ug/L	5.0
1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane	ND	ug/L	1.0
Tetrachloroethene	ND	ug/L	0.50
Chlorobenzene	ND	ug/L	2.0

N.D. = Not Detected  
 N.A. = Not Applicable

Reported By: Duane Newell

Approved By: Kim Zilis

## Benzene, Toluene, Ethyl Benzene and Xylenes (BTEX)

## Method 602

Client Name: Marathon Oil Company

Client ID: IBGP Drinking Water

Lab ID: 005347-0003-SA

Enseco ID: 1041865

Matrix: AQUEOUS

Sampled: 15 JUN 89

Authorized: 16 JUN 89

Prepared: NA

Received: 16 JUN 89

Analyzed: 20 JUN 89

Parameter	Result	Units	Reporting Limit
Benzene	ND	ug/L	0.50
Toluene	ND	ug/L	0.50
Ethyl benzene	ND	ug/L	0.50
Total xylenes	ND	ug/L	1.0

N.D. = Not Detected

N.A. = Not Applicable

Reported By: Duane Newell

Approved By: Kim Zilis

APPENDIX K

Unstabilized Condensate Distillation Data

TABLE 1:

Summary of Water Well Data  
 Marathon Oil Company, Indian Basin Gas Plant  
 Carlsbad, New Mexico

<u>Well No.</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>TD</u>	<u>ELEV.</u>	<u>DEPTH to WATER</u>	<u>COMPLETION DATE</u>
1	21.23.14.21221	25'	3802.9'	14.6'	01-12-54
2	21.23.22.24144	256'	3846.1'	217'	10-06-87
3*	21.23.22.443	?	?	?	?
4	21.23.23.133241	225'	3834'	208'	01-12-78
5	21.23.23.232	255'	3810'	182'	07-19-65
5A	21.23.23.23214	292'	3812'	180'	08-28-75
6*	21.24.20.333	?	?	?	?
7*	21.24.29.221	?	?	?	?
8*	22.24.4 112	?	?	?	?
9	22.23.8.211	648'	4225'	628'	07-17-66
11*	22.24.21.3112	?	?	?	?
12	22.23.13.331332	487'	4105'	474'	02-04-48
13	21.23.24.22221	?	3779'	12.5'	06-22-54
14	22.24.19.22	345'	?	210'	04-07-58
15	22.23.20.211	541'	?	528'	09-09-66

\*No files available in the State Engineers Office.

TABLE 2:

Summary of Soil Gas Survey Data  
Marathon Oil Company, Indian Basin Gas Plant  
Carlsbad, New Mexico

<u>Soil Probe No.</u>	<u>*Depth Ft.</u>	<u>OVM Reading, PPM (peak, vac applied)</u>	<u>OVM Reading, PPM, Initial (peak, w/o vacuum)</u>
SP-1	Refusal	-----	-----
SP-2	1.0'	36	-----
SP-2	1.3'	30	-----
SP-3	Refusal	-----	-----
SP-4	0.7'	46.1	45.0
SP-4A	0.8'	35.3	21.0
SP-5	1.0'	75.1	34.0
SP-5	3.5'	55.3	11.0
SP-6	3.5'	55.3	11.0
SP-7	1.2'	3.9	2.1
SP-8	1.1'	16.0	94.7
SP-9	1.0'	0.9	12.0
SP-10	1.0'	0.9	-----
SP-11	1.0'	0.0	0.0
SP-11	3.9	0.0	0.0
SP-12	1.0'	25.2	71.0
SP-12	1.4'	35.0	27.0
SP-13	1.0'	1.0	6.0
SP-13	5.0'	0.5	1.5
SP-14	1.0'	0.5	1.0
SP-14	5.0'	1.0	0.4
SP-15	1.0'	2.1	5.5
SP-15	1.4'	3.2	9.0
SP-16	1.0'	0.3 B.G.	0.0
SP-16	5.0'	0.3 B.G.	0.0
SP-17	1.0'	0.3 B.G.	0.0
SP-17	5.0'	0.3 B.G.	0.0
SP-18	1.0'	0.9	0.3
SP-18	5.0'	5.6	4.0
SP-19	1.0'	0.3 B.G.	0.0
SP-19	5.1'	0.3 B.G.	0.0
SP-20	1.0'	0.0	0.4
SP-20	5.2'	0.4	0.6
SP-21	1.0'	4.1	12.0
SP-21	5.0'	9.9	54.6
SP-22	1.0'	0.4	0.4
SP-22	5.2'	0.4	0.4
SP-23	1.0'	0.4	0.4
SP-23	5.0'	1.3	0.4
SP-24	1.0'	66	160.0
SP-24	5.0'	180	205

\* From Ground Level  
B.G. Background Level

Table 2: (cont'd)

<u>Soil Probe No.</u>	<u>*Depth Ft.</u>	<u>OVM Reading, PPM (peak, vac applied)</u>	<u>OVM Reading PPM, Initial (peak, w/o vacuum)</u>
SP-24	7.0'	242	161
SP-25	1.0'	223	---
SP-25	5.1'	55	158.4
SP-26	1.0'	26.5	40.1
SP-26	5.2'	148.0	309.0
SP-27	1.0'	0.0	0.0
SP-27	5.2'	0.0	0.0
SP-27	8.0'	0.0	0.0
SP-28	1.0'	1.7	0.5
SP-28	4.0'	0.0	1.0
SP-29	1.0'	1.7	0.0
SP-29	5.1'	0.5	0.5
SP-30	1.0'	0.0	0.0
SP-30	5.1'	20.0	1.0
SP-31	1.0'	7.0	4.4
SP-31	5.0'	1.9	0.6
SP-31	7.0'	2.0	4.7
SP-32	1.0'	0.0	0.0
SP-32	5.0'	0.0	0.0
SP-33	1.1'	0.0	2.0
SP-34	1.0'	2.5	2.5
SP-35	1.0'	0.0	0.0
SP-35	5.0'	0.8	0.8
SP-35	7.0'	0	0.8
SP-36	1.0'	0.7 B.G.	0.7
SP-36	3.0	3.9	0.0
SP-37	1.0'	0.7 B.G.	0.7
SP-37	5.0'	0.8	0.8
SP-38	1.0'	12.2	19.9
SP-38	3.0'	22.0	6.3
SP-39	1.0'	5.8	8.6
SP-39	3.0'	13.3	30.2
SP-40	1.0'	34.1	58.8
SP-40	3.0'	77.1	156.8
SP-41	1.0'	0.0	0.4
SP-41	3.0'	0.7	0.1
SP-42	1.0'	0.0	0.0
SP-42	3.5'	0.0	0.4
SP-43	1.0'	5.0	5.1
SP-43	5.0'	6.1	5.6
SP-44	1.0'	0.1	0.7
SP-44	5.1'	0.0	0.4
SP-45	1.0'	0.0	0.0
SP-45	5.2'	0.6	0.6
SP-46	1.0'	0.0	0.0

\* From Ground Level  
B.G. Background Level

Table 2: (cont'd)

<u>Soil Probe No.</u>	<u>*Depth Ft.</u>	<u>OVM Reading, PPM (peak, vac applied)</u>	<u>OVM Reading PPM, Initial (peak, w/o vacuum)</u>
SP-46	5.2'	0.0	0.0
SP-47	1.0'	30.7	54.1
SP-47	3.0'	44.2	128.0
SP-48	Refusal	----	-----
SP-49	1.1'	3.9	2.6
SP-50	1.1'	13.5	60.5
SP-51	1.0'	19.5	43.8
SP-52	Refusal	---	----
SP-53	1.0'	0.0	0.0
SP-53	2.0'	0.0	0.0
SP-54	1.0'	0.0	0.0
SP-54	2.0'	0.0	0.0
SP-54	3.0'	0.0	0.0
SP-54	4.0'	0.0	0.0
SP-54	4.4'	0.0	0.0
SP-55	1.0'	8.0	4.0
SP-55	2.0'	10.0	8.0
SP-55	3.0'	22.0	22.0
SP-55	4.0'	22.0	12.0
SP-55	4.4'	16.0	16.0
SP-56	1.0'	34.0	42.0
SP-56	2.0'	36.0	50.0
SP-57	1.0'	57.0	57.0
SP-57	1.5'	76.0	71.0
SP-58	1.0'	16.0 (22)	19.0 (22)
SP-59	1.0'	16.0	8.0
SP-59	1.2'	24.0	16.0
SP-60	1.0'	0.0	0.0
SP-60	1.7'	0.0	0.0

Note: These OVM Readings are Peak Readings with the Vac Pump on.

TABLE 3:

Summary of Soil Characterization Boring Details  
Marathon Oil Company, Indian Basin Gas Plant  
Carlsbad, New Mexico

<u>Boring</u>	<u>Date Drilled</u>	<u>Method</u>	<u>Total Depth, Ft</u>	<u>Bedrock Encounter</u>
BH-1	4-18-91	HSA	5.1	Unknown
BH-2	4-19-91	HSA	3.0	Unknown
BH-3	4-19-91	HSA	12.7	Unknown
BH-4	4-20-91	HSA	11.2	Yes
BH-5	4-20-91	HSA	7.5	Unknown
BH-6	4-21-91	HSA	4.0	Yes
BH-7	4-21-91	HSA	4.1	Possibly
BH-8	4-22-91	HSA	11.2	Possibly
BH-9	4-23-91	HSA	9.5	Unknown
BH-10	4-23-91	HSA	13.0	Possibly
BH-11	4-24-91	HSA	13.1	Yes
BH-12	4-24-91	HSA	12.5	Yes
BH-13	4-25-91	HSA	14.2	Yes
BH-14 (MW-1)	4-25-91	HSA	15.1	Yes
BH-15	4-25-91	HSA	13.0	Yes
BH-16	4-26-91	HSA	14.0	Possibly
BH-17	4-26-91	HSA	10.0	Possibly
BH-18	4-27-91	HSA	12.7	Yes

\* Depths measured from ground surface in feet

HSA: Hollow Stem Auger Drilling Methods

April 28, 1991

TABLE 4:

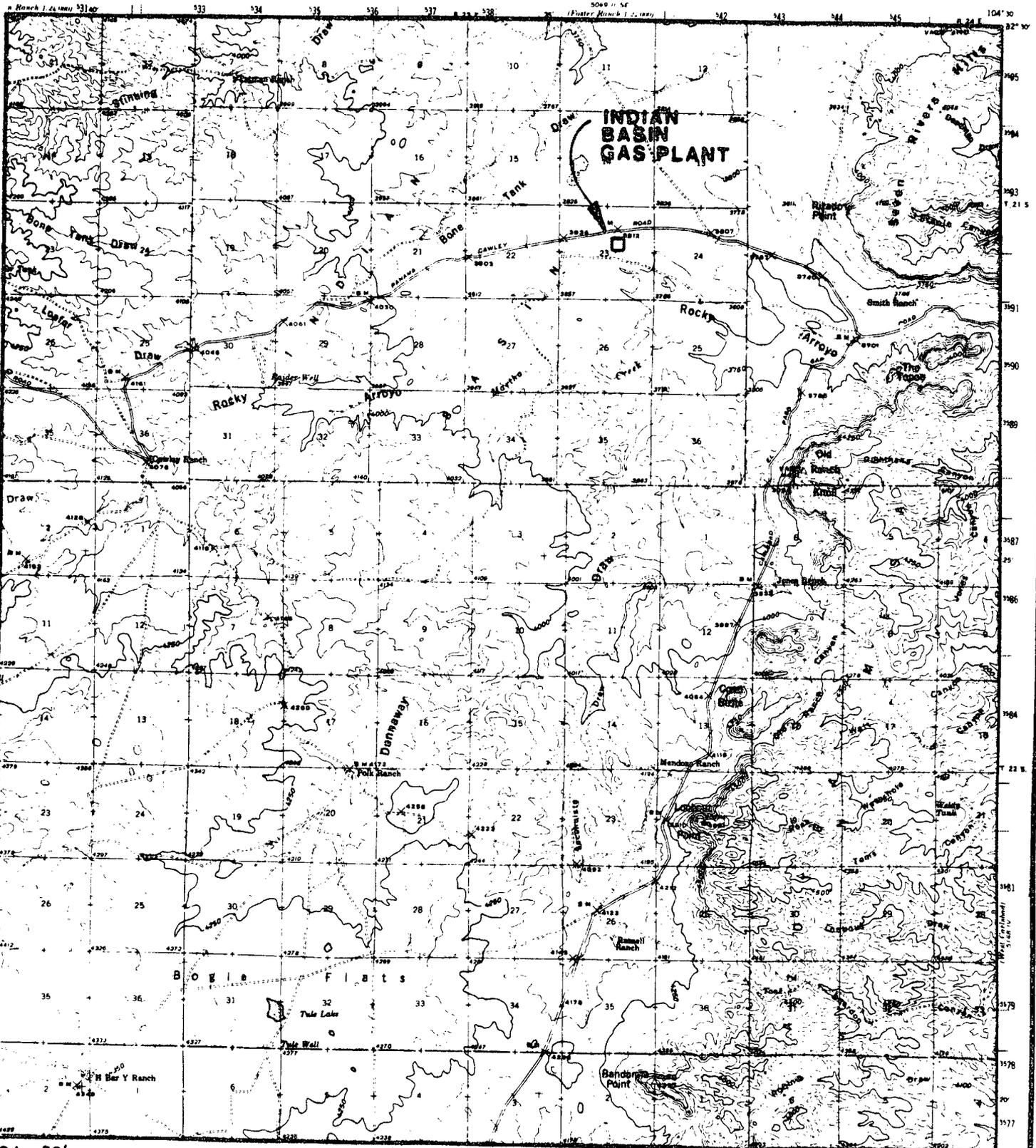
Summary of Soil Boring Headspace Gas Measurements  
Marathon Oil Company, Indian Basin Gas Plant  
Carlsbad, New Mexico

<u>SOIL BORING</u>	<u>SAMPLE INTERVAL, FT</u>	<u>* OVM HEADSPACE READING, PPM</u>	<u>COMMENTS</u>
BH-1	0 - 2.5	NS	<u>Background</u>
	2.5 - 3.5	0.1	Soil: 0.1 PPM
	3.5 - 4.0	NR	Air: 0.2 PPM
	4.0 - 5.1	0.1	
	5.1 - 5.3	NR	
BH-2	0 - 2.5	NS	<u>Background</u>
	2.5 - 3.7	1.0	Soil: 0.1 PPM
	3.7 - 4.0	NR	Air: 0.2 PPM
BH-3	0 - 1.5	0.1	<u>Background</u>
	1.5 - 2.5	NS	Soil: 0.1 PPM
	2.5 - 3.3	1.8	Air: 0.1 PPM
	3.3 - 4.0	NR	
	4.0 - 5.1	4.8	
	5.1 - 5.5	NR	
	5.5 - 9.0	NS	
	9.0 - 10.2	0.3	
	10.2 - 10.8	NR	
	10.8 - 12.0	NS	
	12.0 - 12.4	0.2	
12.4 - 12.7	NR		
BH-4	0 - 1.0	0.2	<u>Background</u>
	1.0 - 2.5	NS	Soil: 0.1 PPM
	2.5 - 4.0	0.4	Air: 0.4 PPM
	4.0 - 5.5	0.4	
	5.5 - 9.0	NS	
	9.0 - 9.8	0.2	
	9.8 - 10.5	NR	
BH-5	0 - 1.0	0.7	<u>Background</u>
	1.0 - 2.5	NS	Soil: 0.1 PPM
	2.5 - 3.7	1.8	Air: 0.2 PPM
	3.7 - 4.0	NR	
	4.0 - 5.2	0.8	
	5.2 - 5.5	NR	
	5.5 - 6.0	NS	
	6.0 - 7.2	0.6	
	7.2 - 7.5	NS	
BH-6	0 - 2.5	NS	<u>Background</u>
	2.5 - 3.0	0.1	Soil: 0.1 PPM
	3.0 - 3.5	NR	Air: 0.1 PPM
	3.5 - 4.0	NS	

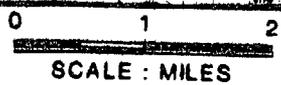
<u>SOIL BORING</u>	<u>SAMPLE INTERVAL, Ft</u>	<u>*OVM HEADSPACE READING, PPM</u>	<u>COMMENTS</u>
BH-7	0 - 2.5	NS	<u>Background</u>
	2.5 - 3.9	0.1	Soil: 0.1 PPM
	3.9 - 4.1	NR	Air: 0.1 PPM
BH-8	0 - 1.0	0.7	<u>Background</u>
	1.0 - 4.0	NS	Soil: 0.2 PPM
	4.0 - 4.6	0.4	Air: 0.4 PPM
	4.6 - 5.5	NR	
	5.5 - 9.0	NS	
	9.0 - 9.9	1.0	
	9.9 - 10.4	NR	
	10.4 - 11.2	NR	
BH-9	0 - 2.0	0.4	<u>Background</u>
	2.0 - 2.6	0.2	Soil: 0.1 PPM
	2.6 - 3.0	NR	Air: 0.2 PPM
	3.0 - 5.0	0.2	
	5.0 - 6.1	NR	
	6.1 - 9.0	NS	
	9.0 - 9.5	NR	
BH-10	0 - 1.0	NS	<u>Background</u>
	1.0 - 2.5	NR	Soil: 0.2 PPM
	2.5 - 4.0	0.7	Air: 0.2 PPM
	4.0 - 4.8	0.5	
	4.8 - 5.5	NR	
	5.5 - 9.0	NS	
	9.0 - 9.5	0.4	
	9.5 - 13.0	NS	
BH-11	0 - 1.0	NS	<u>Background</u>
	1.0 - 2.5	NR	Soil: 0.1 PPM
	2.5 - 4.0	0.1	Air: 0.1 PPM
	4.0 - 5.2	0.1	
	5.2 - 5.5	NR	
	5.5 - 9.0	NS	
	9.0 - 10.1	0.1	
	10.1 - 10.5	NR	
10.5 - 13.1	NS		
BH-12	0 - 1.0	NS	<u>Background</u>
	1.0 - 2.5	NS	Soil: 0.1 PPM
	2.5 - 3.5	0.3	Air: 0.1 PPM
	3.5 - 5.0	0.3	
	5.0 - 5.5	NR	
	5.5 - 9.0	NS	
	9.0 - 9.8	0.2	
	9.8 - 10.5	NR	
	10.5 - 12.0	NS	
	12.0 - 12.5	220	

<u>SOIL BORING</u>	<u>SAMPLE INTERVAL, FT</u>	<u>*OVM HEADSPACE READING, PPM</u>	<u>COMMENTS</u>
BH-13	0 - 1.0	0.6	<u>Background</u>
	1.0 - 2.5	NS	Soil: 0.2 PPM
	2.5 - 3.7	0.2	Air: 1.5 PPM
	3.7 - 4.0	NR	
	4.0 - 5.5	0.2	
	5.5 - 9.0	NS	
	9.0 - 10.5	0.2	
	10.5 - 14.0	NS	
	14.0 - 14.2	270	
BH-14 (MW-1)	0 - 1.0	NS	<u>Background</u>
	1.0 - 2.5	NS	Soil: 0.2 PPM
	2.5 - 3.3	0.2	Air: 0.5 PPM
	3.3 - 4.0	NR	
	4.0 - 9.0	NS	
	9.0 - 9.8	0.4	
	9.8 - 10.5	NR	
	10.5 - 13.5	NS	
	13.5 - 14.7	11.1	
		14.7 - 15.1	220
BH-15	0 - 1.0	0.2	<u>Background</u>
	1.0 - 2.5	NS	Soil: 0.1 PPM
	2.5 - 3.5	0.8	Air: 0.2 PPM
	3.5 - 4.0	NR	
	4.0 - 4.9	1.0	
	4.9 - 5.0	NR	
	5.0 - 9.0	NS	
	9.0 - 9.6	2.6	
	9.6 - 10.5	NR	
		10.5 - 13.0	NS
BH-16	0 - 1.0	NA	<u>Background</u>
	1.0 - 2.5	NA	Soil: PPM
	2.5 - 3.3	NA	Air: PPM
	3.3 - 4.0	NA	
	4.0 - 4.5	NA	
	4.5 - 5.5	NA	
	5.5 - 8.0	NA	
	8.0 - 9.0	NA	
	9.0 - 9.3	NA	
		9.3 - 14.0	NA

BANDANNA POINT QUAD.



C.I. : 50'



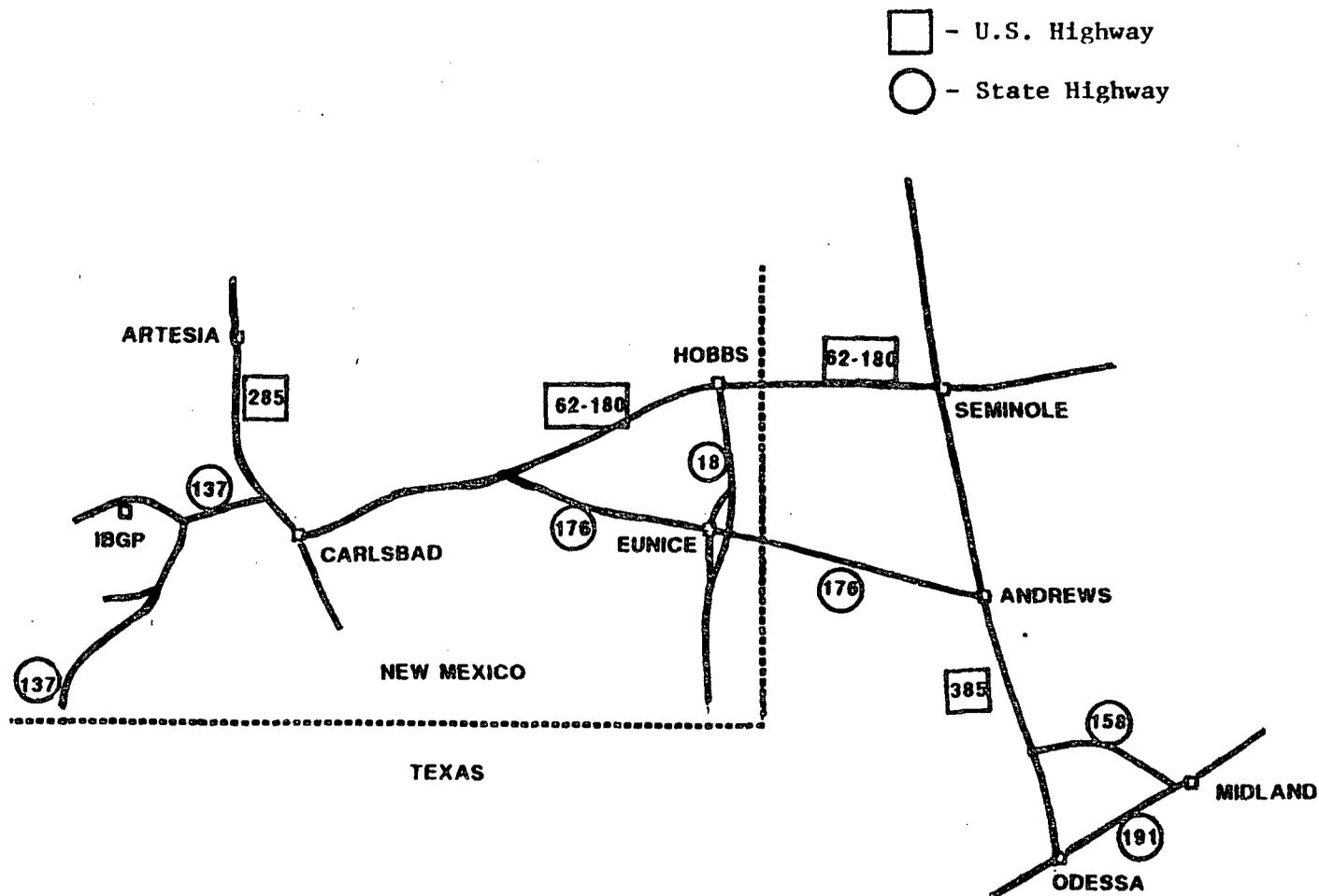
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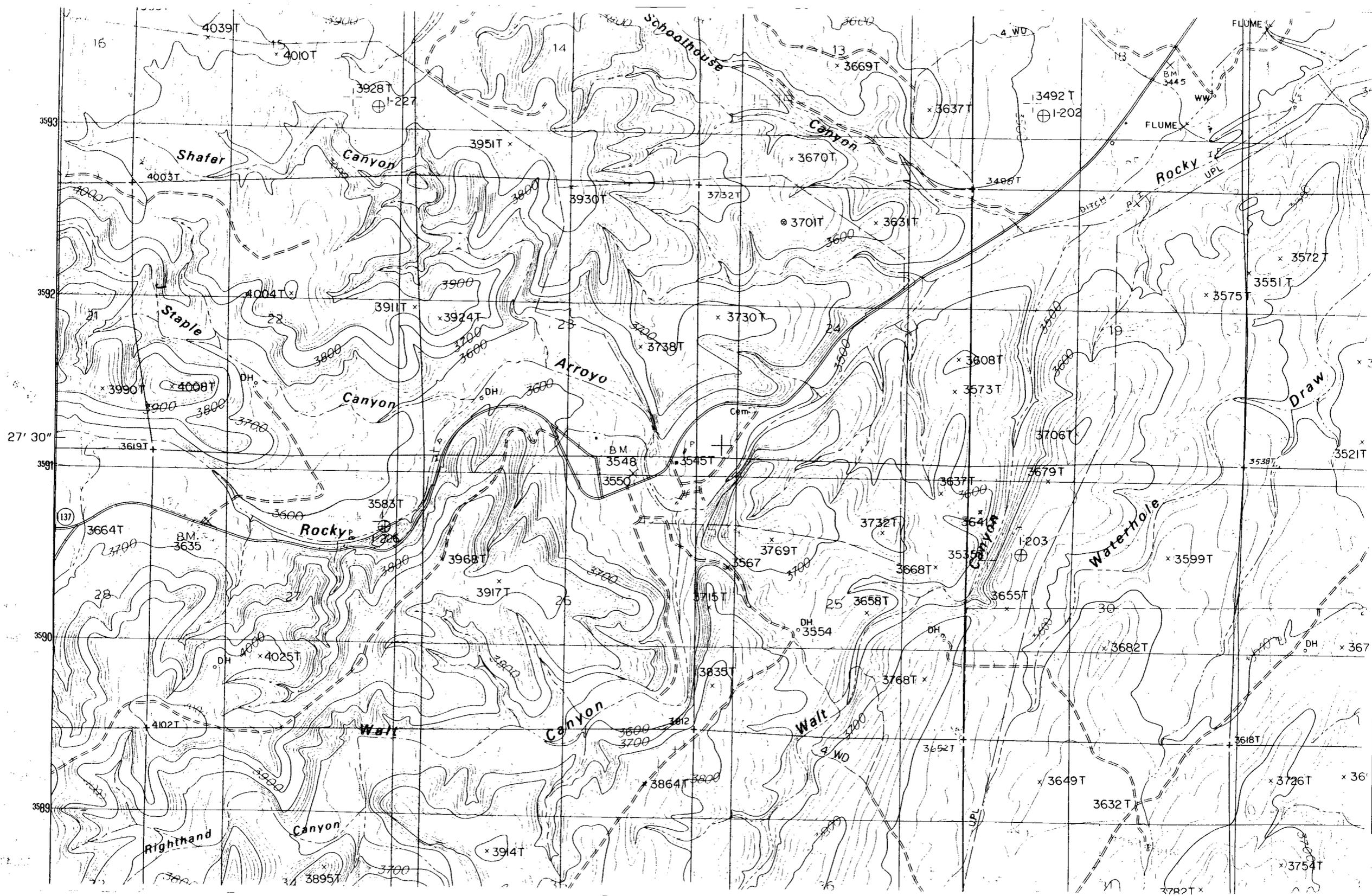
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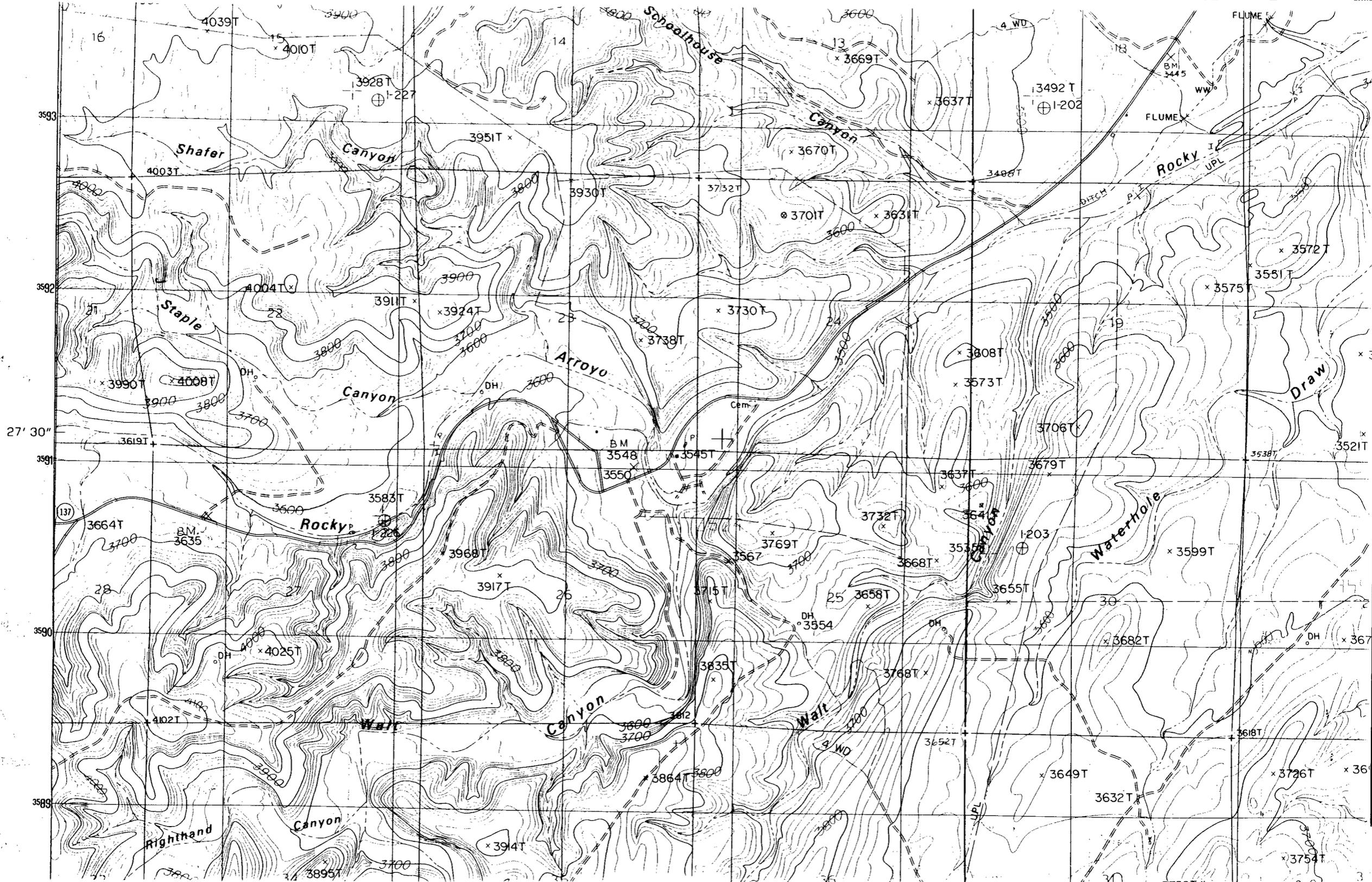
## INDIAN BASIN GAS PLANT (from Carlsbad, New Mexico)

- U.S. Hwy 285 North for 12 miles to State Hwy 137 (Sitting Bull Falls and Guadalupe Natl. Park Hwy).
- State Hwy 137 West for 8.9 miles. The road will "Y" at this point.
- Take the right side of the "Y" exiting off State Hwy 137.
- Stay on this road for 4 miles. IBGP will be on the left side of the road.

North





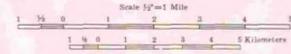


GUADALUPE RANGER DISTRICT

EXHIBIT 4

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NEW MEXICO  
NEW MEXICO PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN  
1979



LEGEND

- National Forest Boundary
- State Boundary
- County Boundary
- National Park Boundary
- Lincoln National Forest
- National Park Service
- Bureau of Land Management
- State of New Mexico
- Interstate Highway
- U.S. Highway
- State Highway
- Forest Route
- Forest Trail
- Paved Road
- All Weather Road
- Dirt Road
- Primitive Road
- Trail
- Railroad
- Helipad
- Power Transmission Line
- Mine, Quarry or Gravel Pit
- Church
- School
- House, Cabin or Other Building
- Blowrock
- Forest Supervisor's Office, Alamogordo, New Mexico
- District Ranger Office, Carlsbad, New Mexico
- Other Forest Service Facility
- Permanent Lookout Station
- Horizontal Control Station
- Permanent Lookout Station
- Stuck Tank
- Well
- Windmill
- Recreation Site
- Point of Interest

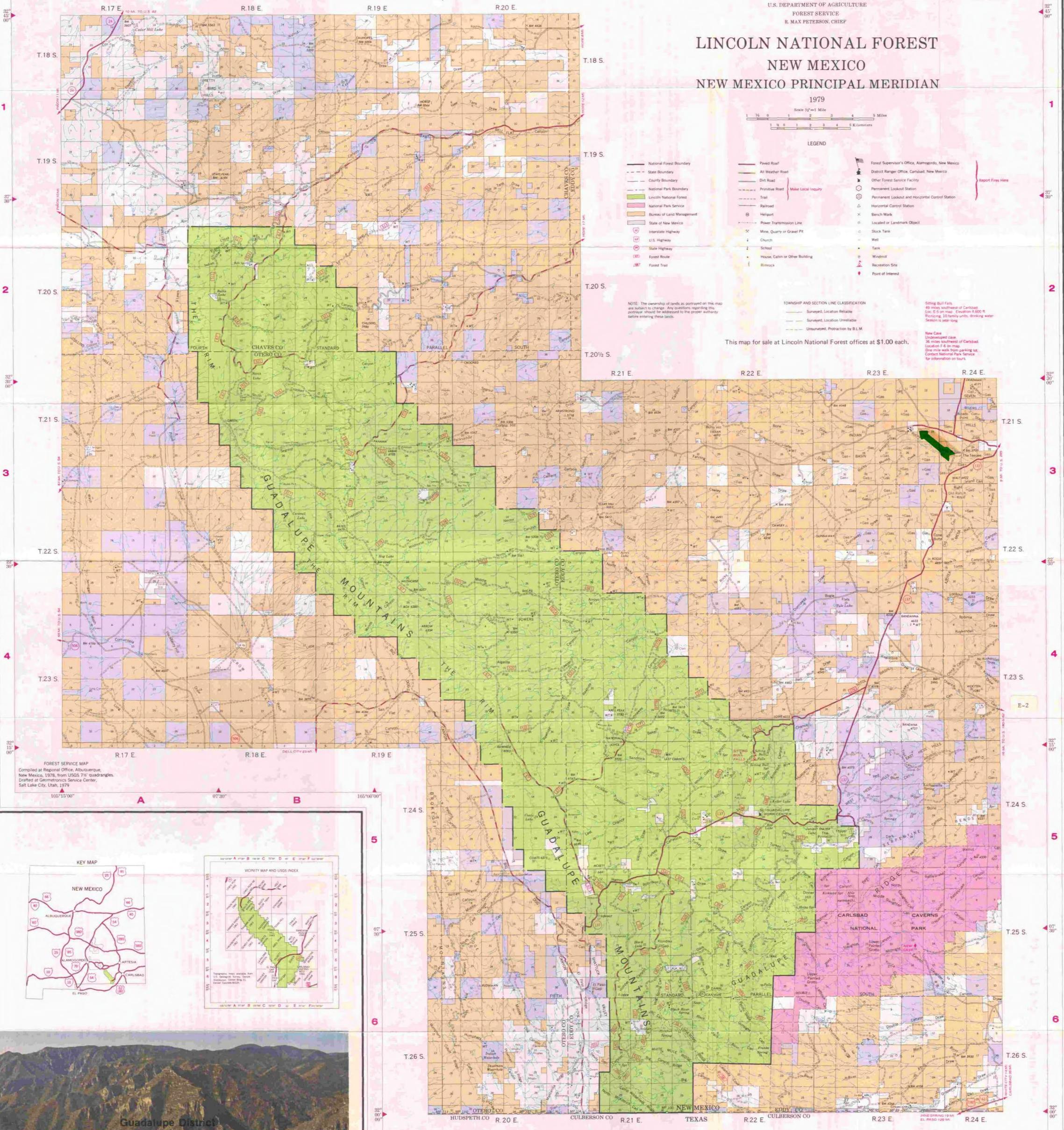
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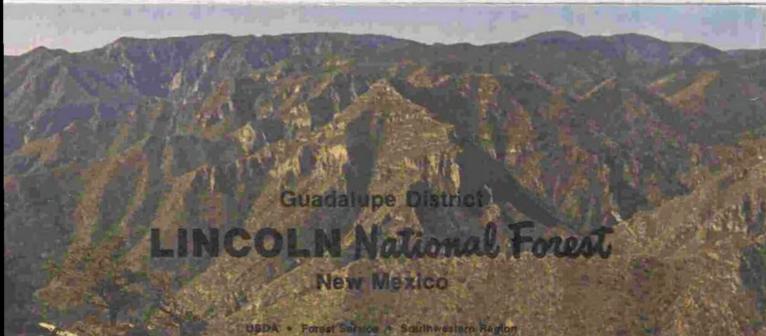
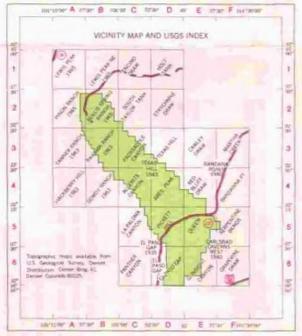
Sitting Bull Falls  
49 miles southwest of Carlsbad  
Loc. F-5 on map. Elevation 8,600 ft.  
Picnicking, 10 family units, drinking water.  
Season is year-long.

New Cave  
Undeveloped cave  
36 miles southwest of Carlsbad  
Location F-6 on map.  
One mile walk from parking lot.  
Contact National Park Service  
for information on tours.

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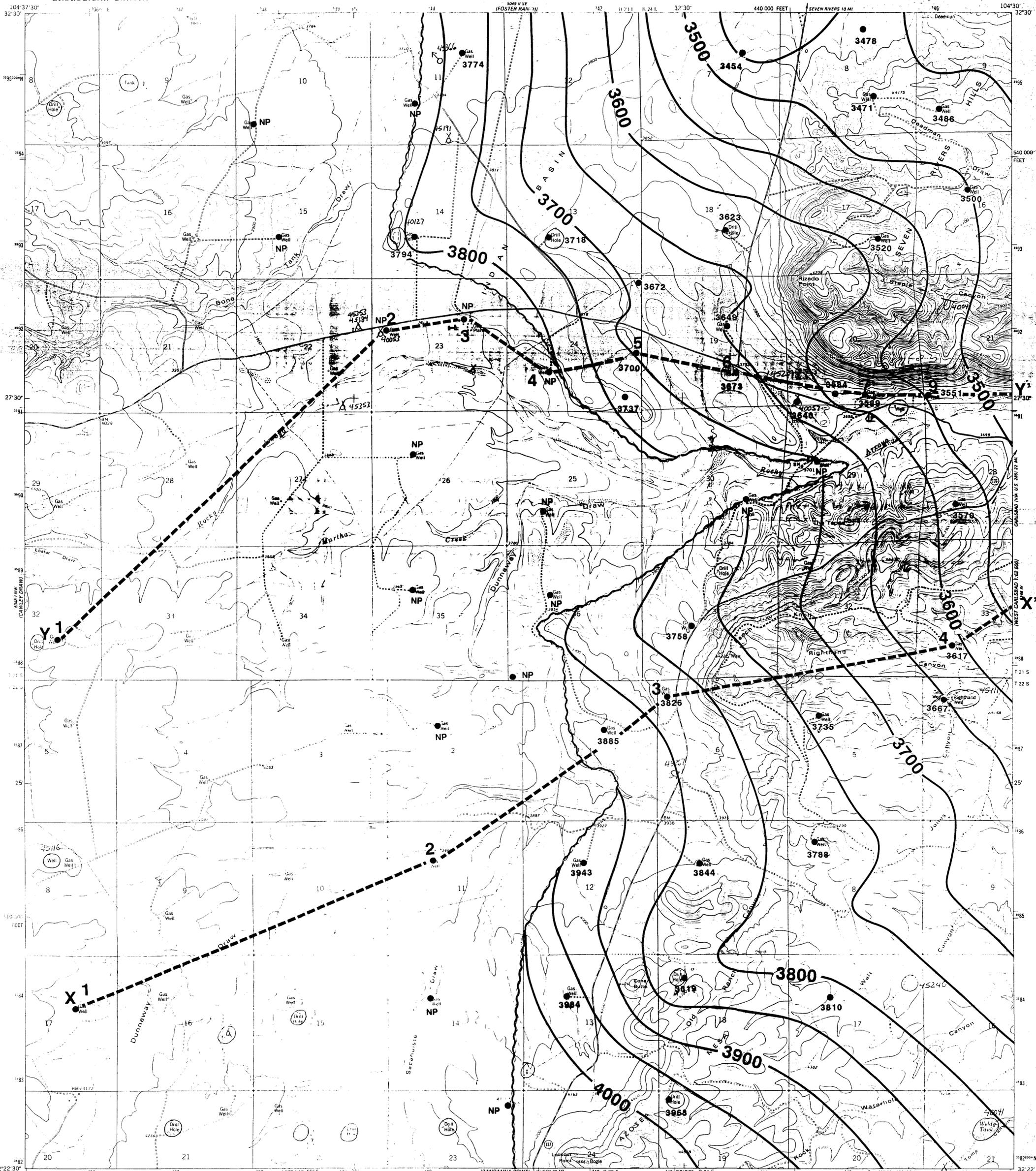
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New Mexico

# B/UPPER QUEEN AQUIFER

## SCALE 1" = 2000' C.I.=50'

MARTHA CREEK QUADRANGLE  
NEW MEXICO—EDDY CO.  
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)  
NE 4 BANDANNA POINT 15' QUADRANGLE

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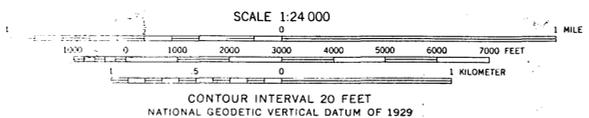
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1974 MAGNETIC NORTH DECLINATION AT CENTER OF SHEET



### ROAD CLASSIFICATION

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*BRICKLAW CANYON*  
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*← SPECKS*  
*WIMMEL*

MARTHA CREEK, N. MEX.  
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 N3222.5-W10430.7.5  
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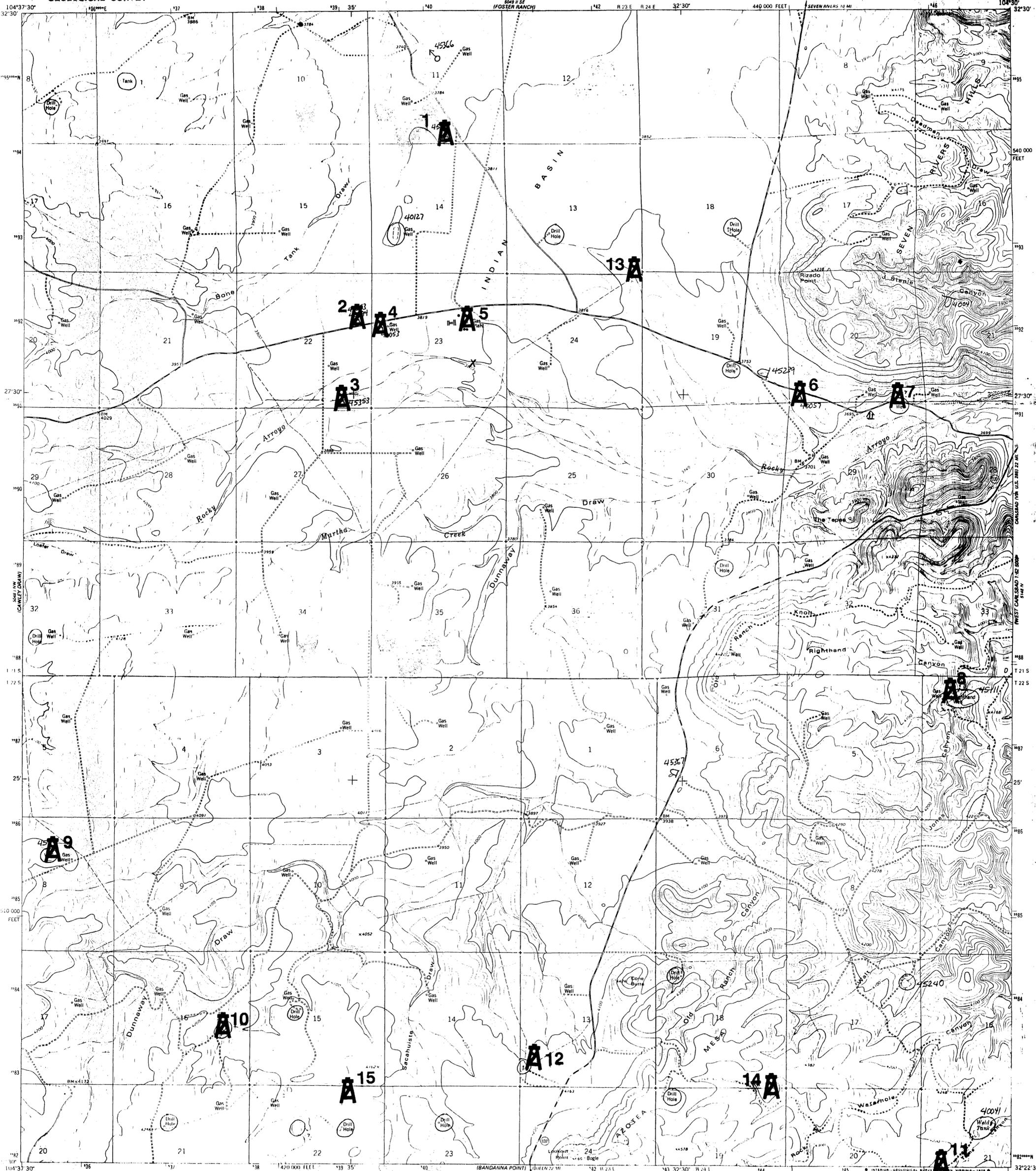
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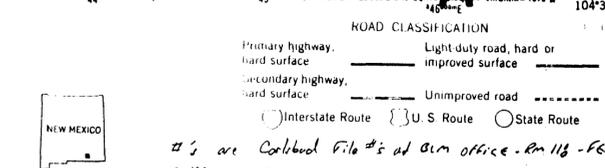
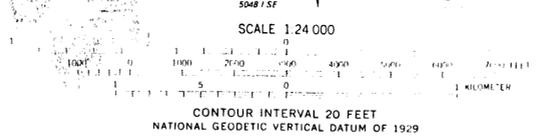
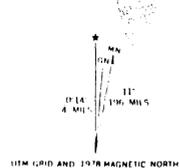
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# APPROXIMATE LOCATION OF KNOWN WATER WELLS

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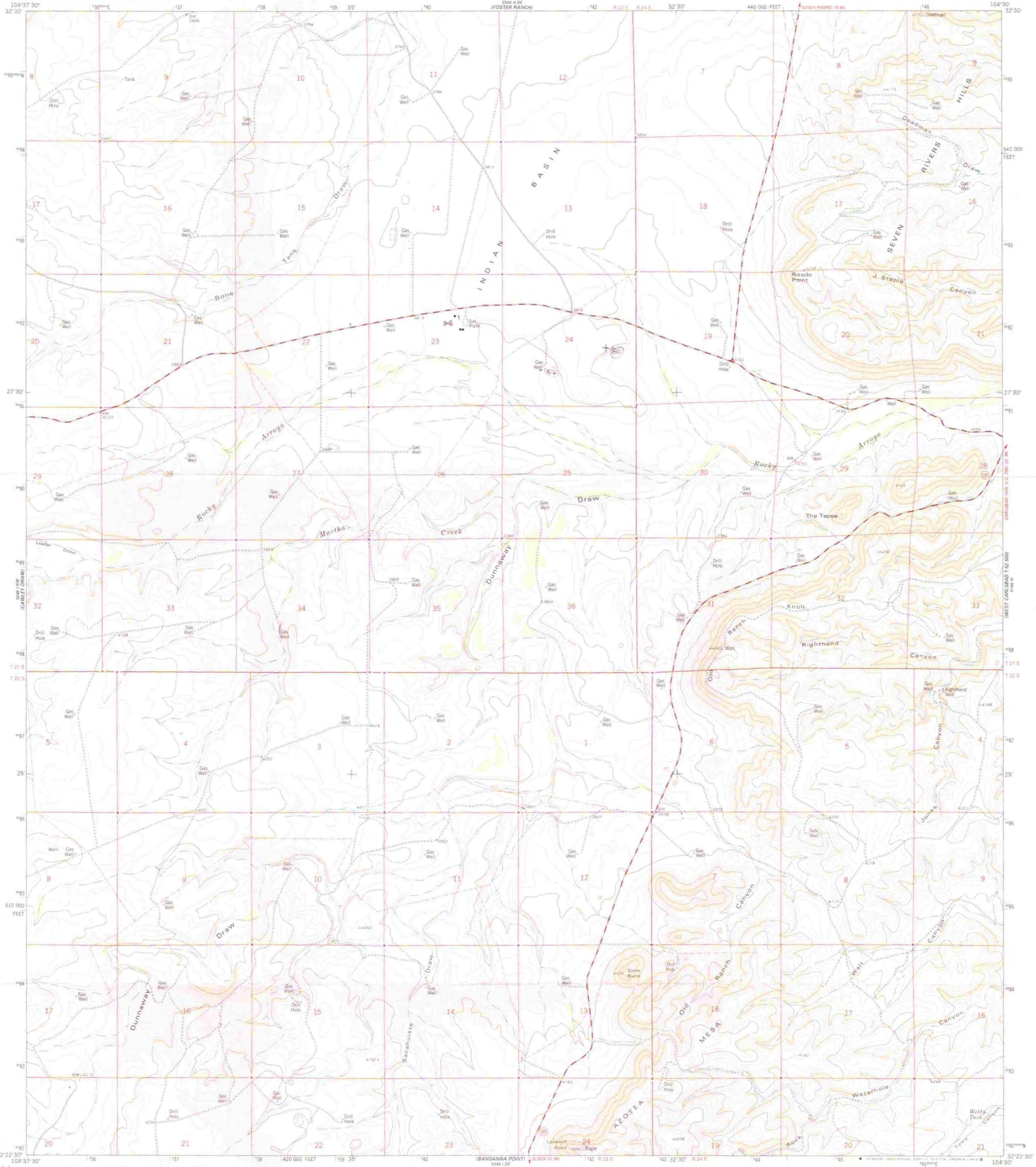


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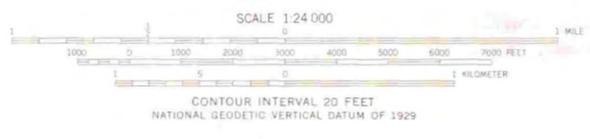


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 X WELLS  
 MARSHA CREEK, N. MEX.  
 NE 4 BANDANNA POINT 12 QUADRANGLE  
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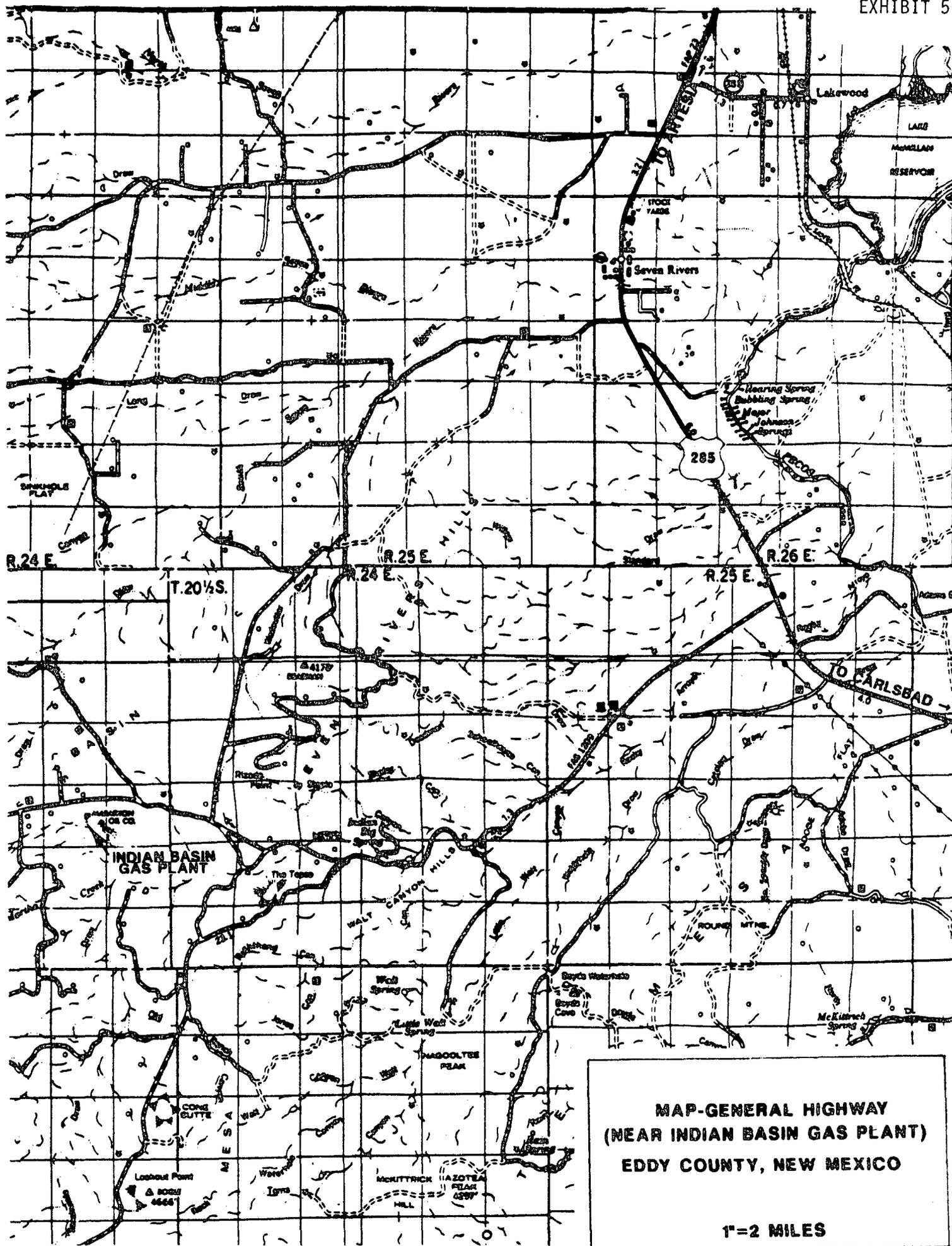


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1978  
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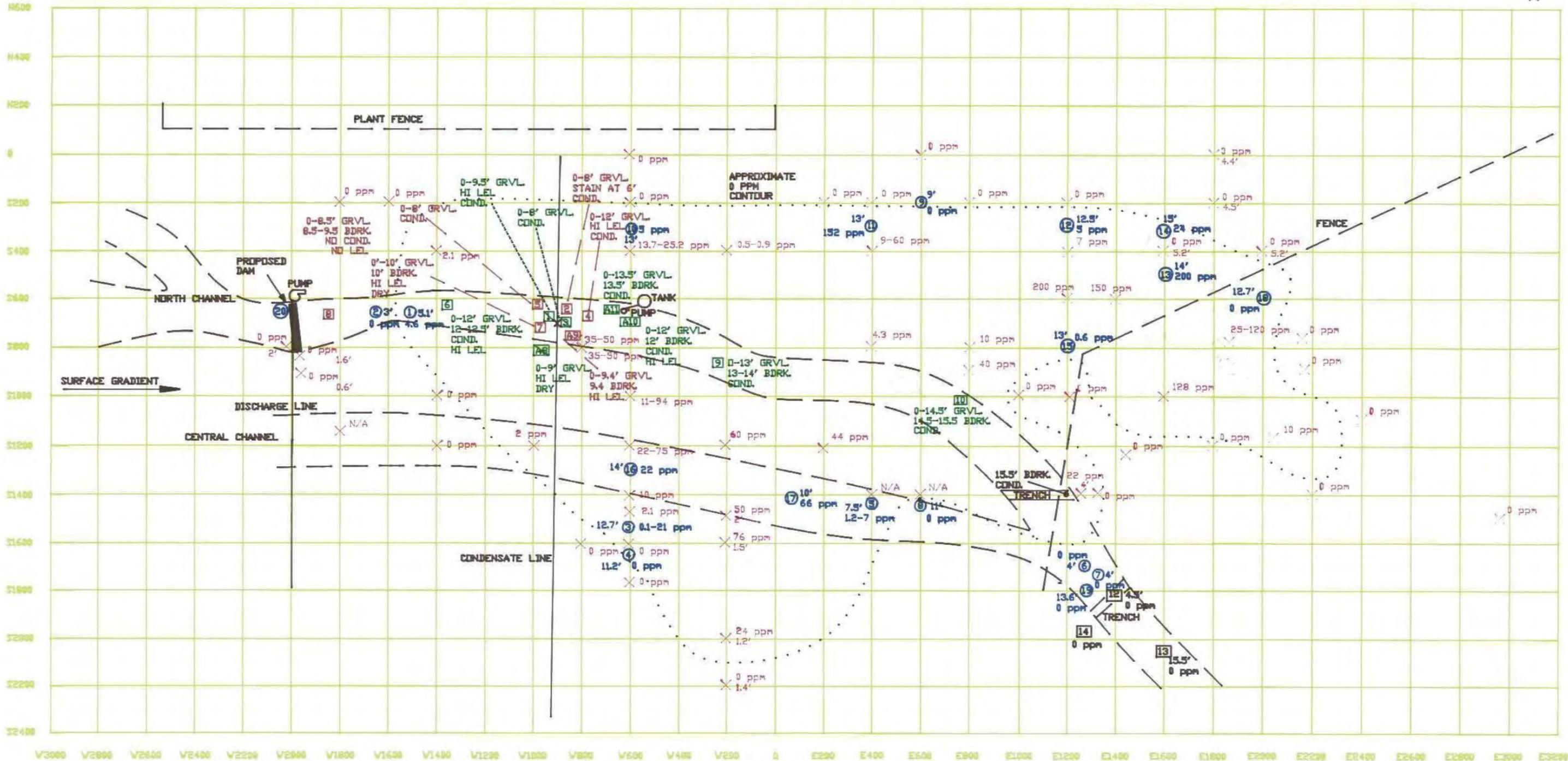


**MAP-GENERAL HIGHWAY  
(NEAR INDIAN BASIN GAS PLANT)  
EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO**

**1"=2 MILES**

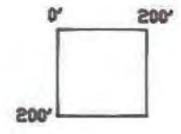
# INDIAN BASIN REMEDIATION

APRIL 28, 1991  
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**LEGEND**

✕	SOIL-GAS
□	PIT- 24 INCH
□	PIT- 4 INCH
■	FILLED PIT
○	BORE HOLE



<u>SOIL BORING</u>	<u>SAMPLE INTERVAL, FT</u>	<u>*OVM HEADSPACE READING, PPM</u>	<u>COMMENTS</u>
BH-17	0 - 1.0	NA	<u>Background</u> Soil: PPM Air: PPM
	1.0 - 2.5	NA	
	2.5 - 4.0	NA	
	4.0 - 4.3	NA	
	4.3 - 5.5	NA	
	5.5 - 9.0	NA	
	9.0 - 9.8	NA	
	9.8 - 10.0	NA	
BH-18	Log not yet available		

NS: No sample obtained, auger drilled

NR: No sample recovery, split spoon sample

\*OVM Readings are in PPM of total ionizable hydrocarbon based upon a isobutylene standard.

Unstabilized Condensate

Distillation Data

<u>Percent Over</u>	<u>Temperature, Deg/F</u>
First Drop	90
5%	138
10%	160
20%	186
30%	194
40%	220
50%	234
60%	246
70%	264
80%	290
90%	338
95%	-
End Point	414

Recovery: 94.0%

API Gravity: 64.1 @ 60 degree F

Residue: 3.0%

Specific Gravity: 0.7230

Loss: 3.0%