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**Price, Wayne**

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**From:** Price, Wayne  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 18, 2002 4:00 PM  
**To:** 'mriw@chevron.com'  
**Cc:** 'enviplus1@aol.com'  
**Subject:** Chevron/Anadarko West Hugh Lease Railroad Conduit Remediation OCD Case #1R0296

**Contacts:** R.W. (Rick) Massey

Dear Mr. Massey:

The OCD is in receipt of the Closure report dated March 25, 2002 for the above subject site. **The OCD hereby approves of the closure plan** and requires no further action at this time. Please be advised that NMOCD approval of this plan does not relieve Chevron USA of liability should their operations have failed to adequately investigate and remediate contamination that pose a threat to ground water, surface water, human health or the environment. In addition, NMOCD approval does not relieve Chevron USA of responsibility for compliance with any other federal, state, or local laws and/or regulations.



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March 25, 2002

Mr. Wayne Price  
NMOCD Environmental Bureau  
P.O. Box 6429  
1220 South Saint Francis Drive  
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Environmental Bureau  
Oil Conservation Division

Subject: Chevron/Anadarko West Hugh Lease Railroad Conduit Remediation

OCD Case #: 1R0296

Dear Mr. Price,

Environmental Plus, Inc. of Eunice, New Mexico on behalf of Mr. Rick Massey, Chevron USA and Mr. Mike Gray, Anadarko Petroleum Corporation submits the following information to substantiate that ground water was not impacted at the above referenced site. The final New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (NMOCD) form C-141 and report titled, "Remediation Work Plan and Closure Report for the production fluid release associated with the West Hugh Lease Railroad Conduit," documented remediation of the site and was submitted to you in March 2001. The information collected during this most recent study substantiates that the ground water at this site has not been impacted by this release, therefore it is requested that the NMOCD require "no further action at this site."

If more information is required, please contact Mr. Massey, Mr. Gray, or myself at 505.394.1237, 915.683.0540, or 505.390.7864, respectively.

Sincerely,

Pat McCasland  
EPI Technical Services Manager

cc: Chris Williams, NMOCD Hobbs  
Rick Massey, ChevronTexaco  
Mike Gray, Anadarko  
Ben Miller, EPI Vice President and General Manager  
Sherry Miller, EPI President  
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### Background

The NMOCD requested information be collected that would substantiate the conclusion that the ground water at the site had not been impacted by the production fluid release. The proposal accepted by the NMOCD was to advance and sample a single borehole southeast of the site center just inside the clay barrier perimeter apron to the 40'bgs interval and sample discretely for chloride. Successive samples would be collected at 4' intervals until a field chloride result of less than 250 mg/Kg was obtained and confirmed by laboratory analysis. When confirmed to be <250 mg/Kg the NMOCD Santa Fe office will be notified and a request for final closure submitted along with documentation.

### Proposal Implementation

On March 8 and 11, 2002, EPI advanced and sampled the borehole along the southeast barrier apron. The borelog provides the lithology and field chloride data.

Interval	Lithology	Field Chloride Data	Laboratory Chloride Data
Feet below ground surface		mg/Kg	mg/Kg
2'bgs	Brown Sand	na	Not analyzed (na)
5'bgs	Red Clay Sand	na	na
10'bgs	Light Brown Sand	na	na
15'bgs	Light Brown Sand	na	na
20'bgs	Brown Sand	na	na
25'bgs	Brown Sand/Caliche	na	na
27-28'bgs	Indurated Siliceous Sandstone	na	na
30'bgs	Light Brown Sand/Caliche Rock	na	na
35'bgs	Light Brown Sand	na	na
40'bgs	Red Clay Sand (dry)	1024	na
41'bgs	Red Clay Sand (dry)	1600	na
42'bgs	Red Clay Sand (dry)	1120	na
44'bgs	Red Clay (dry)	864	na
45.5'bgs	Red Clay (dry)	864	na
49.5'bgs	Red Clay (dry)	416	na
51'bgs	Red Clay (dry)	640	na
54'bgs	Red Clay (dry)	448	na
56'bgs	Red Clay (dry)	192	200 (SCAHRRC31102BH2-56')

### Conclusion

The chloride delineation goal of 250 mg/Kg was achieved at the 56'bgs interval validating the initial conclusion that the ground water had not been impacted by this release. NMOCD personnel from the Hobbs field office observed drilling and sampling activities on both days and were given a split of the 56'bgs sample under chain of custody protocol. The Cardinal Laboratories analytical report is included below along with a site map.



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ANALYTICAL RESULTS FOR  
 ENVIRONMENTAL PLUS, INC.  
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 EUNICE, NM 88231  
 FAX TO: (505) 394-2601

Receiving Date: 03/11/02  
 Reporting Date: 03/12/02  
 Project Owner: TEXACO/ANADARKO  
 Project Name: CHEVRON/ANADARKO HUGH  
 RAILROAD CONDUIT  
 Project Location: NOT GIVEN

Analysis Date: 03/11/02  
 Sampling Date: 03/11/02  
 Sample Type: SOIL  
 Sample Condition: COOL & INTACT  
 Sample Received By: AH  
 Analyzed By: AH

LAB NUMBER	SAMPLE ID	Cl <sup>-</sup> (mg/Kg)
H6581-1	SCAHRRC31102BH2-56'	200

Quality Control	980
True Value QC	1000
% Recovery	98.0
Relative Percent Difference	6.0

METHOD: Standard Methods 4500-Cl<sup>-</sup>B

NOTE: Analyses performed on 1:4 w:v aqueous extracts.

Amy Hill  
 Chemist

3-12-02  
 Date

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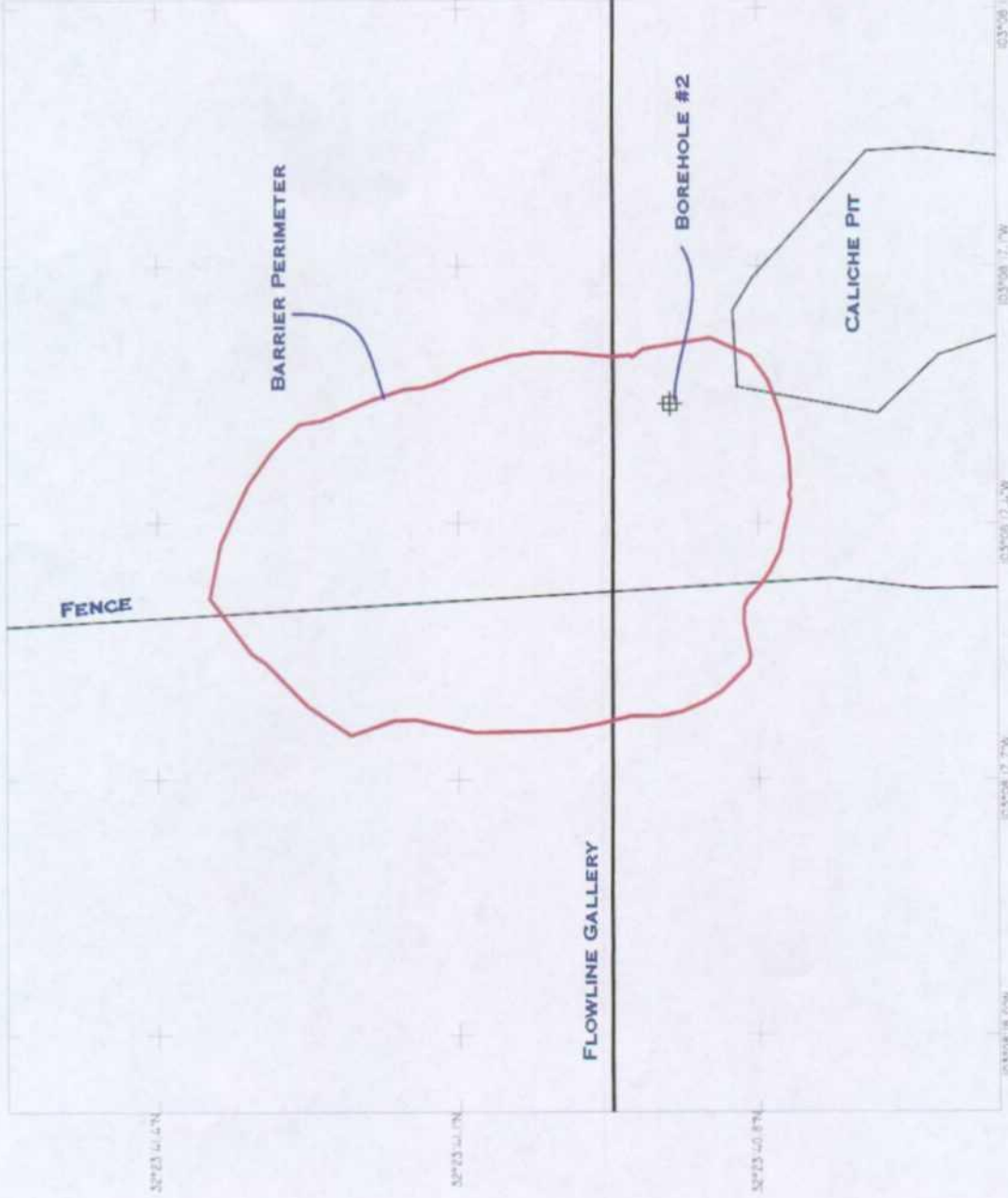
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3/25/2002



Report Date: April 9, 2002

Order Number: A02031822

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Environmentl Plus Sample-Anadarko

Chevron Site

Hugh Railroad Conduit

## Summary Report

Paul Sheeley  
OCD Hobbs Office  
1625 N. French Drive  
Hobbs, NM 88240

Report Date: April 9, 2002

Order ID Number: A02031822

Project Number: Environmentl Plus Sample-Anadarko  
Project Name: Chevron Site  
Project Location: Hugh Railroad Conduit

Sample	Description	Matrix	Date Taken	Time Taken	Date Received
193148	0203131200	Soil	3/13/02	12:00	3/15/02

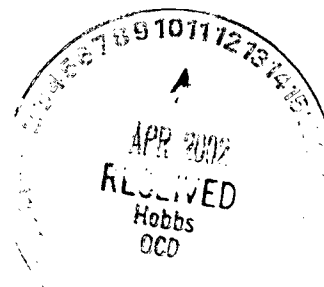
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### Sample: 193148 - 0203131200

Param	Flag	Result	Units
Specific Conductance		488	$\mu$ MHOS/cm
Extractable Calcium		23.4	mg/Kg
Extractable Magnesium		9.85	mg/Kg
Extractable Potassium		7.98	mg/Kg
Extractable Sodium		45.0	mg/Kg
Chloride	1	63.4	mg/Kg
Fluoride	2	4.06	mg/Kg
Nitrate-N		<2.0	mg/Kg
Sulfate	3	52.4	mg/Kg
pH		8.2	s.u.

Wayne,  
This is the soil  
sample split w/Pat  
McCasland...  
Hugh Railroad Conduit

Thanks,  
Paul S.



<sup>1</sup>Chloride matrix spikes RPD = 0; %EA = 81

<sup>2</sup>Fluoride matrix spikes RPD = 1; %EA = 92

<sup>3</sup>Sulfate matrix spikes RPD = 1; %EA = 51. The %EA is low due to matrix difficulties. LCS spikes show that the test was in control.



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## Analytical and Quality Control Report

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Report Date: April 9, 2002

Order ID Number: A02031822

Project Number: Environmentl Plus Sample-Anadarko  
Project Name: Chevron Site  
Project Location: Hugh Railroad Conduit

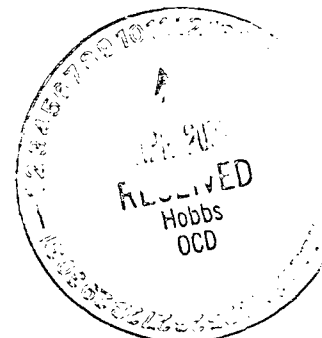
Enclosed are the Analytical Results and Quality Control Data Reports for the following samples submitted to Trace-Analysis, Inc.

Sample	Description	Matrix	Date Taken	Time Taken	Date Received
193148	0203131200	Soil	3/13/02	12:00	3/15/02

These results represent only the samples received in the laboratory. The Quality Control Report is generated on a batch basis. All information contained in this report is for the analytical batch(es) in which your sample(s) were analyzed. Note: the RDL is equal to MQL for all organic analytes including TPH.

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Dr. Blair Leftwich, Director



## Analytical Report

**Sample: 193148 - 0203131200**

Analysis: Conductivity Analytical Method: SM 2510B QC Batch: QC19288 Date Analyzed: 4/2/02  
Analyst: JSW Preparation Method: N/A Prep Batch: PB18607 Date Prepared: 4/2/02

Param	Flag	Result	Units	Dilution	RDL
Specific Conductance		488	$\mu$ MHOS/cm	1	

**Sample: 193148 - 0203131200**

Analysis: Extractable Metals Analytical Method: S 6010B QC Batch: QC19340 Date Analyzed: 4/2/02  
Analyst: BC Preparation Method: E 3050B Prep Batch: PB18720 Date Prepared: 3/25/02

Param	Flag	Result	Units	Dilution	RDL
Extractable Calcium		23.4	mg/Kg	1	0.05
Extractable Magnesium		9.85	mg/Kg	1	0.05
Extractable Potassium		7.98	mg/Kg	1	0.05
Extractable Sodium		45.0	mg/Kg	1	0.05

**Sample: 193148 - 0203131200**

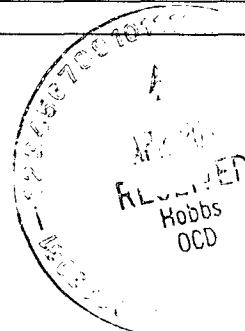
Analysis: Ion Chromatography (IC) Analytical Method: E 300.0 QC Batch: QC19364 Date Analyzed: 4/2/02  
Analyst: JS Preparation Method: N/A Prep Batch: PB18679 Date Prepared: 4/1/02

Param	Flag	Result	Units	Dilution	RDL
Chloride	1	63.4	mg/Kg	2	0.50
Fluoride	2	4.06	mg/Kg	2	0.20
Nitrate-N		<2.0	mg/Kg	2	0.20
Sulfate	3	52.4	mg/Kg	2	0.50

**Sample: 193148 - 0203131200**

Analysis: pH Analytical Method: E 150.1 QC Batch: QC19311 Date Analyzed: 4/2/02  
Analyst: RS Preparation Method: N/A Prep Batch: PB18634 Date Prepared: 4/2/02

Param	Flag	Result	Units	Dilution	RDL
pH		8.2	s.u.	1	1



<sup>1</sup>Chloride matrix spikes RPD = 0; %EA = 81

<sup>2</sup>Fluoride matrix spikes RPD = 1; %EA = 92

<sup>3</sup>Sulfate matrix spikes RPD = 1; %EA = 51. The %EA is low due to matrix difficulties. LCS spikes show that the test was in control.

## Quality Control Report Method Blank

Method Blank QCBatch: QC19288

Param	Flag	Results	Units	Reporting Limit
Specific Conductance		7.00	μMHOS/cm	

Method Blank QCBatch: QC19340

Param	Flag	Results	Units	Reporting Limit
Extractable Calcium		<5	mg/Kg	0.05
Extractable Magnesium		<5	mg/Kg	0.05
Extractable Potassium		<5	mg/Kg	0.05
Extractable Sodium		<5	mg/Kg	0.05

Method Blank QCBatch: QC19364

Param	Flag	Results	Units	Reporting Limit
Chloride		10.72	mg/Kg	0.50
Fluoride		0.73	mg/Kg	0.20
Nitrate-N		<1.00	mg/Kg	0.20
Sulfate		13.34	mg/Kg	0.50

## Quality Control Report Duplicate Samples

Duplicate QCBatch: QC19288

Param	Flag	Duplicate Result	Sample Result	Units	Dilution	RPD	RPD Limit
Specific Conductance		490	488	μMHOS/cm	1	0	4.3

Duplicate QCBatch: QC19311

Param	Flag	Duplicate Result	Sample Result	Units	Dilution	RPD	RPD Limit
pH		8.2	8.2	s.u.	1	0	0

## Quality Control Report Lab Control Spikes and Duplicate Spikes

### Laboratory Control Spikes

QCBatch: QC19340

Param	LCS Result	LCSD Result	Units	Dil.	Spike Amount Added	Matrix Result	% Rec	RPD	% Rec Limit	RPD Limit
Extractable Calcium	101	98.2	mg/Kg	1	100	<5	101	2	80 - 120	20
Extractable Magnesium	100	96.6	mg/Kg	1	100	<5	100	3	80 - 120	20
Extractable Potassium	103	102	mg/Kg	1	100	<5	103	0	80 - 120	20
Extractable Sodium	103	103	mg/Kg	1	2	<5	5150	0	80 - 120	20

Percent recovery is based on the spike result. RPD is based on the spike and spike duplicate result.

### Laboratory Control Spikes

QCBatch: QC19364

Param	LCS Result	LCSD Result	Units	Dil.	Spike Amount Added	Matrix Result	% Rec	RPD	% Rec Limit	RPD Limit
Chloride	22.13	22.15	mg/Kg	1	12.50	10.72	91	0	90 - 110	20
Fluoride	2.98	3.04	mg/Kg	1	2.50	0.73	90	1	90 - 110	20
Nitrate-N	2.52	2.53	mg/Kg	1	2.50	<1.00	100	0	90 - 110	20
Sulfate	25.31	25.17	mg/Kg	1	12.50	13.34	96	0	90 - 110	20

Percent recovery is based on the spike result. RPD is based on the spike and spike duplicate result.

## Quality Control Report Matrix Spikes and Duplicate Spikes

### Matrix Spikes

QCBatch: QC19340

Param	MS Result	MSD Result	Units	Dil.	Spike Amount Added	Matrix Result	% Rec	RPD	% Rec Limit	RPD Limit
Extractable Calcium	1300	1260	mg/Kg	1	1000	277	102	3	75 - 125	20
Extractable Magnesium	1060	1040	mg/Kg	1	1000	49.9	101	1	75 - 125	20
Extractable Potassium	998	962	mg/Kg	1	1000	12.0	98	3	75 - 125	20
Extractable Sodium	1110	1070	mg/Kg	1	1000	158	95	4	75 - 125	20

Percent recovery is based on the spike result. RPD is based on the spike and spike duplicate result.

### Matrix Spikes

QCBatch: QC19364

Param	MS Result	MSD Result	Units	Dil.	Spike Amount Added	Matrix Result	% Rec	RPD	% Rec Limit	RPD Limit
Nitrate-N	12.72	12.67	mg/Kg	1	5	8.04	93	0	76 - 117	20

Percent recovery is based on the spike result. RPD is based on the spike and spike duplicate result.

## Quality Control Report Continuing Calibration Verification Standards

### CCV (1)

QCBatch: QC19288

Param	Flag	Units	CCVs True Conc.	CCVs Found Conc.	CCVs Percent Recovery	Percent Recovery Limits	Date Analyzed
Specific Conductance		μMHOS/cm	1412	1400	99	90 - 110	4/2/02

ICV (1) QCBatch: QC19288

Param	Flag	Units	CCVs True Conc.	CCVs Found Conc.	CCVs Percent Recovery	Percent Recovery Limits	Date Analyzed
Specific Conductance		μMHOS/cm	1409	1400	99	90 - 110	4/2/02

CCV (1) QCBatch: QC19311

Param	Flag	Units	CCVs True Conc.	CCVs Found Conc.	CCVs Percent Recovery	Percent Recovery Limits	Date Analyzed
pH		s.u.	7	7.0	100	-0.1 s.u. - +0.1 s.u.	4/2/02

ICV (1) QCBatch: QC19311

Param	Flag	Units	CCVs True Conc.	CCVs Found Conc.	CCVs Percent Recovery	Percent Recovery Limits	Date Analyzed
pH		s.u.	7	7.0	100	-0.1 s.u. - +0.1 s.u.	4/2/02

CCV (1) QCBatch: QC19340

Param	Flag	Units	CCVs True Conc.	CCVs Found Conc.	CCVs Percent Recovery	Percent Recovery Limits	Date Analyzed
Extractable Calcium		mg/Kg	25	25.1	100	90 - 110	4/2/02
Extractable Magnesium		mg/Kg	25	24.4	97	90 - 110	4/2/02
Extractable Potassium		mg/Kg	25	25.7	102	90 - 110	4/2/02
Extractable Sodium		mg/Kg	25	24.9	99	90 - 110	4/2/02

ICV (1) QCBatch: QC19340

Param	Flag	Units	CCVs True Conc.	CCVs Found Conc.	CCVs Percent Recovery	Percent Recovery Limits	Date Analyzed
Extractable Calcium		mg/Kg	25	26.1	104	90 - 110	4/2/02
Extractable Magnesium		mg/Kg	25	25.1	100	90 - 110	4/2/02
Extractable Potassium		mg/Kg	25	25.6	102	90 - 110	4/2/02
Extractable Sodium		mg/Kg	25	26.1	104	90 - 110	4/2/02

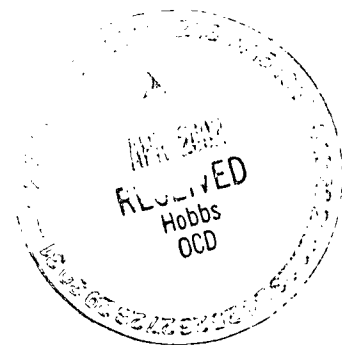
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CCV (1) QCBatch: QC19364

Param	Flag	Units	CCVs True Conc.	CCVs Found Conc.	CCVs Percent Recovery	Percent Recovery Limits	Date Analyzed
Chloride		mg/L	12.50	11.37	90	90 - 110	4/2/02
Fluoride		mg/L	2.50	2.34	93	90 - 110	4/2/02
Nitrate-N		mg/L	2.50	2.36	94	90 - 110	4/2/02
Sulfate		mg/L	12.50	11.62	92	90 - 110	4/2/02

ICV (1) QCBatch: QC19364

Param	Flag	Units	CCVs True Conc.	CCVs Found Conc.	CCVs Percent Recovery	Percent Recovery Limits	Date Analyzed
Chloride		mg/L	12.50	11.40	91	90 - 110	4/2/02
Fluoride		mg/L	2.50	2.35	94	90 - 110	4/2/02
Nitrate-N		mg/L	2.50	2.36	94	90 - 110	4/2/02
Sulfate		mg/L	12.50	11.67	93	90 - 110	4/2/02





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**Sent:** Friday, March 01, 2002 3:17 PM  
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**Cc:** Larry\_Pickerel@anadarko.com; mriw@chevron.com;  
**Subject:** RE: Chevron/Anadarko West Hugh Railroad Conduit Case #1R0296  
**Approved:**

Please be advised that NMOCD approval of this plan does not relieve ChevronTexaco and Anadarko of liability should their operations fail to adequately investigate and remediate contamination that pose a threat to ground water, surface water, human health or the environment. In addition, NMOCD approval does not relieve ChevronTexaco and Anadarko of responsibility for compliance with any other federal, state, or local laws and/or regulations.

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**Cc:** Larry\_Pickerel@anadarko.com; mriw@chevron.com; Miller1b@aol.com  
**Subject:** Re: Chevron/Anadarko West Hugh Railroad Conduit Case #1R0296

Wayne,

Environmental Plus, Inc., on behalf of Mr. Rick Massey and Mr. Mike Gray, ChevronTexaco and Anadarko, respectively, submits this proposal in response to your request for more information to further substantiate and verify the reported conclusion that ground water at the Chevron/Anadarko West Hugh Railroad Conduit, Case #1R0296 has not been impacted by chloride.

**Proposal;**

Using a hollow stem drill rig, a sample borehole will be advanced and logged at a location down gradient, i.e., southeast of the site center, just inside the clay barrier perimeter apron to the 40'bgs interval and discretely sampled and field tested for chloride. Successive samples will be collected at 4' intervals until a field chloride result less than 250 mg/Kg is obtained, the sample will then be sent to the lab for confirmatory analysis. When confirmed to be <250 mg/Kg, the NMOCD Santa Fe will be notified and final closure requested.

The "February 2001, Remediation Work Plan and Closure Report" should be referenced for site metrics and previous delineation and remediation activities.

With your approval of this proposal, EPI will issue the New Mexico One Call, and notify the local NMOCD and landowners of the proposed activities and implement the proposal.

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# NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS and NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

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February 19, 2002

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**CERTIFIED MAIL**  
**RETURN RECEIPT NO. 5357 7188**

Mr. Rick Massey  
Chevron U.S.A.  
P.O. Box 1949  
Eunice, NM 88231

Re: Chevron/Anadarko Hugh Remediation Case # 1R0296

Dear Mr. Massey:

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD) is in receipt of Environmental Plus, Inc. letter dated March 28, 2001 with an accompanying closure report. The report indicates that chloride levels of 801 mg/kg were found at 40 feet below ground surface (bgs) and that groundwater in the area is noted to be at approximately 60 feet bgs. The conclusion of the report indicates there is a red clay interbed at this depth and noted this is consistent with the borelog information for the origin borehole, i.e. reddish brown sand, and concludes that this serves as a retarding barrier.

OCD could not find a copy of the borehole log report. Typically red bed clays would not be defined as a sand. Therefore in order for OCD to continue evaluating the closure report please submit documentation demonstrating that the underlying groundwater has not been impacted.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at 505-476-3487 or E-mail WPRICE@state.nm.us.

Sincerely,

Wayne Price- Engineer

cc: OCD Hobbs Office

**Price, Wayne**

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**Cc:** wprice@state.nm.us  
**Subject:** (no subject)

Gentlemen,

The barrier will be tested by Pettigrew and Associates today. If compaction is at least 95% of the proctor for the Wallach clay, we will proceed with backfilling. I should have the Final Remediation Report completed in 2 weeks.

Pat McCasland

## **Price, Wayne**

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**Cc:** wprice@state.nm.us  
**Subject:** Fwd: Chevron/Anadarko Hugh Remediation



RE: Chevron/  
Anadarko H...

Gentlemen,  
Mr. Wayne Price notified me that the NMOCD has assigned the Hugh remediation site, OCD Case # 1R0296 and that a closure plan be submitted. I explained to Mr. Price this AM about the project and appraised him of the closure plan strategy, i.e., determine vertical extent and install the clay barrier. He is looking forward to the Final Remediation Report. Call if there are any questions.

Pat McCasland

**Price, Wayne**

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**From:** Price, Wayne  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 22, 2001 5:23 PM  
**To:** 'ENVIPLUS1@aol.com'  
**Subject:** RE: Chevron/Anadarko Hugh Remediation

Dear Pat:

Please notify your clients that OCD will require a closure plan to be submitted for approval. Please note the closure plan shall demonstrate that the corrective actions taken will be protective of public health, fresh water and the environment.

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We have assigned this case as OCD Case # 1R0296. Please reference this number in all future submittals.

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Thanks,  
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**To:** 'ENVIPLUS1@aol.com'  
**Cc:** Olson, William  
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Donna Williams had been to the site in the past and was aware of the proposed investigation and remediation activities. She also acknowledged at the time that the site was historical, but nevertheless needed to be remediated to NMOCD standards and supporting documentation submitted to her upon completion. I will, on behalf of Chevron and Anadarko, submit the final report to you or your designee (?). Please note that the initial excavation will cease at -20'bgs even if contamination persists below that level. It is at -20.bgs that the OSHA excavation safety regs require a professional engineer to sign off on the excavation safety plan and excavation costs and occupational safety risks escalate. The risk based closure strategy requires advancing a sampling borehole near the leak origin to identify vertical extent and then utilizes an engineered barrier to limit transport of residual contaminants. If you need more information, please let me know.

Sincerely,  
Pat McCasland  
EPI Technical Manager

# CHEVRON USA AND ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORP.

## REMEDIATION WORK PLAN

FOR THE  
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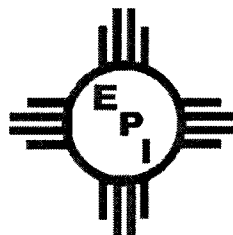
## WEST HUGH LEASE RAILROAD CONDUIT

NW¼ SECTION 14, T22S, R37E  
~3 miles southeast of Eunice  
Lea County, New Mexico

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# 1 WEST HUGH LEASE CONDUIT REMEDIATION WORK PLAN

This plan will restore the impacted surface area to an acceptable agricultural state and remove soil contaminated above New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (NMOCD) guidelines by historical oil and gas production and handling activities. Of main concern will be the concentration of Chloride, Total Petroleum Hydrocarbon (TPH) and Benzene, Toluene, Ethyl Benzene, and m & p Xylene (BTEX). This Site Specific Remediation Work Plan will provide information and identify activities necessary to;

1. Restore the impacted surface area to an acceptable agricultural state
2. Document final achievement of acceptable environmental thresholds established by the NMOCD

## 1.1 Site Description

This site is associated with a gallery of five 2" diameter production flow lines owned by Chevron USA and Anadarko Petroleum Corporation that carries production fluid from the Hugh Lease wells east of Highway 18 and the Texas-New Mexico Railroad to the tank batteries on the west via a common conduit under the Texas-New Mexico Railroad right of way. The leak occurred inside the conduit where one or more of the flow lines failed, resulting in production fluid being released to the surface via the east end of the conduit. The decision was made by Chevron and Anadarko managers to first replace or repair the flow lines inside the conduit and then proceed with site remediation. The leak origin lies on the northwest corner of a caliche barrow pit that also received historic run-in from the location. Discovery of the Hugh Lease Top West Conduit site occurred in July 2000, when contractors involved in remediating the Anadarko Top East site located on the northeast corner of the caliche barrow pit, observed crude oil pooling on the surface near the east end of the railroad conduit. Both leaks developed respective flow paths that end in a common pooling area in the bottom of the 25' deep caliche pit. The Top East Anadarko site, flow path, and half the pooling area were remediated to NMOCD standards in August 2000. Details are presented in the "Anadarko West Hugh Highway 18 Conduit Remediation Report, EPI, October 2000." Significant run-in of possibly contaminated fluid has occurred to the pooling area. A current site status map is included as Attachment I.

### 1.1.1 Historical Use

This land surface is owned by Sims/Kennann and used for livestock grazing, caliche sales, and oil and gas production facilities access.

### 1.1.2 Legal Description

The site is located approximately 3 miles southeast of Eunice, Lea County, New Mexico. The legal description is NW¼ S14 T22S R37E. Latitude 32°23'39"N and Longitude 103°08'18"W.

### 1.1.3 Photographic documentation

Photographs of the site are included as Attachment II.

### 1.1.4 Ecological Description

The area is typical of the Upper Chihuahuan Desert Biome consisting primarily of hummocky sand hills covered with Harvard Shin Oak (*Quercus harvardi*) interspersed with Honey Mesquite (*Prosopis glandulosa*) along with typical desert grasses and weeds. Mammals present, include Orrd's and Merriam's Kangaroo Rat, Deer Mouse, White Throated Wood Rat, Cottontail Rabbit, Black Tailed Jackrabbit, and the Mule Deer. Reptiles, Amphibians, and Birds are numerous and typical of area. A survey of Listed, Threatened, or Endangered species has not been conducted.

### 1.1.5 Environmental Media Characterization

Chemical parameters of the soil and ground water will be characterized consistent with the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (NMOCD) guidelines published in the following documents;

- Guidelines for Remediation of Leaks, Spills and Releases (August 13, 1993)
- Unlined Surface Impoundment Closure Guidelines (February 1993)

Acceptable "Site Specific" thresholds for contaminants of concern, i.e., Chloride, TPH and BTEX, will be determined based on the following;

- Depth to Ground water, i.e., distance from the lower most acceptable concentration to the ground water.
- Wellhead Protection Area, i.e., distance from fresh water supply wells.
- Distance to Surface Water Body, i.e., horizontal distance to all down gradient surface water bodies.

#### 1.1.5.1 Ground Water Level

According to the Office of the New Mexico State Engineer ground water level database, there are three water wells with known levels in section 14 of T22S R37E, i.e., 60.76, 68, 54.06 feet below ground surface (bgs). This averages to 60.94'bgs.

#### 1.1.5.2 Depth to Ground Water Calculation

Depth to ground water, i.e., "the vertical distance from the lowermost contaminants to the seasonal high water elevation of the ground water." This will be determined following investigation.

#### 1.1.5.3 Ground Water Gradient

According to the USGS (Nicholson & Clbesch), the gradient is to the southeast.

#### 1.1.5.4 Wellhead Protection Area

There is one domestic use well located upgradient but within a 1000' radius of the site.

#### 1.1.5.5 Distance to Nearest Surface Water Body

There are no naturally occurring surface water bodies located within a 1 mile radius of the site.

#### 1.1.5.6 Soil Assessment

The site will be divided into 3 areas and considered separately, i.e., Conduit Area, Flow Path, and Pooling Area (Pit Bottom). The VOC headspace threshold of 200 ppm is being used here to determine when samples should be ascensioned to the laboratory for analysis and is not implied to be an acceptable remedial goal.

##### 1.1.5.6.1 Conduit Area

Soil will be excavated to 20' below ground surface or until bottom hole field headspace VOC readings are <200 ppm and chloride is <1000 mg/Kg. Side walls will be excavated to the horizontal interval where the VOC readings are <200 ppm and chloride is <1000 mg/Kg. "Five-Point" composite samples of the 4 sidewalls and the bottom hole will be collected and ascensioned to the laboratory for Chloride, TPH, and BTEX analyses. Refer to Attachment I, Site Map.

##### 1.1.5.6.2 Flow Path

The slope leading from the Top West Conduit Area will be sampled at 1' intervals to 4' below ground surface and surveyed. Soil with VOC readings >200 ppm and chloride >1000 mg/Kg will be disposed of in an NMOCD approved facility. After soil surveys of the surfaces indicate acceptable field survey data, "Five-Point" composite samples of the 4 sidewalls and the bottom hole will be collected and ascensioned to the laboratory for Chloride, TPH, and BTEX analyses. Refer to Attachment I, Site Map.

##### 1.1.5.6.3 Pooling Area (Pit Bottom)

The East half of the Pooling Area is the responsibility of Anadarko and had been remediated in October 2000. NMOCD remedial goals required excavation to ~4 feet below the bottom surface. Storm events have occurred during the interim and washed contamination from the Top West Conduit site into the pit bottom. Three east/west sampling trenches will be excavated and sampled to determine acceptable intervals. Soil with VOC readings >200 ppm and chloride >1000 mg/Kg will be disposed of in an NMOCD approved facility.

#### 1.1.5.7 Ground Water Assessment

The ground water level is conservatively estimated to occur at ~61 feet bgs. If the soil assessment indicates that the ground water has been impacted, the ground water will be investigated.

## 1.2 Data Quality

To ensure quality and credibility of data used to support successful site remediation the following quality controls will be documented.

- Laboratory data must have > 85% recovery for TPH and BTEX and >75% recovery for general chemistry parameters.
- Laboratory data must have <15% Relative Percent Difference
- Field headspace analyses must be supported with instrument calibration data and calibration gas certification.

Duplicates or blanks may be submitted to the laboratory to establish reproducibility and possible laboratory contamination, respectively.

### **1.3 Project Safety**

Hazards that will be encountered at this site include the following;

- Moving equipment
- Buried pipelines
- Highway ingress/egress
- Excavation
- Potential Hydrogen Sulfide Gas

Employees and subcontractors will be required to confirm current training in these hazards. Standard personal protective equipment will include;

- Personal H<sub>2</sub>S Monitor
- Hard-hat
- Safety Glasses
- Excavation Safety
- Steel Toed Boots/Shoes

### **1.4 Process/Procedure**

The following sequence will be used to guide project implementation.

1. Site visit: Photograph and map
2. Issue "One Call" and notifying utilities
3. Locate, hand spot, and mark buried lines or other structures
4. Overhead powerlines are present just beyond the east perimeter and will not be a hazard.
5. Lockout/Tagout: Pipeline companies notified of activity but LO/TO unnecessary
6. Procedure: Equipment required will be: Backhoe, Excavator, Dump Trucks
  - Daily Tail gate safety meetings and PPE check
  - Excavate visibly contaminated soil and stockpile
  - Haul stockpiled soil to NMOC approved facility
  - Conduct field VOC headspace analyses on selected samples
  - Collect Composite Sample of the selected areas for laboratory analysis
  - Review data and determine "Depth to Ground Water"
  - Backfill excavations with volume consistent with disposal volume
  - Photograph
  - Develop and issue site specific report
  - Reseed surface

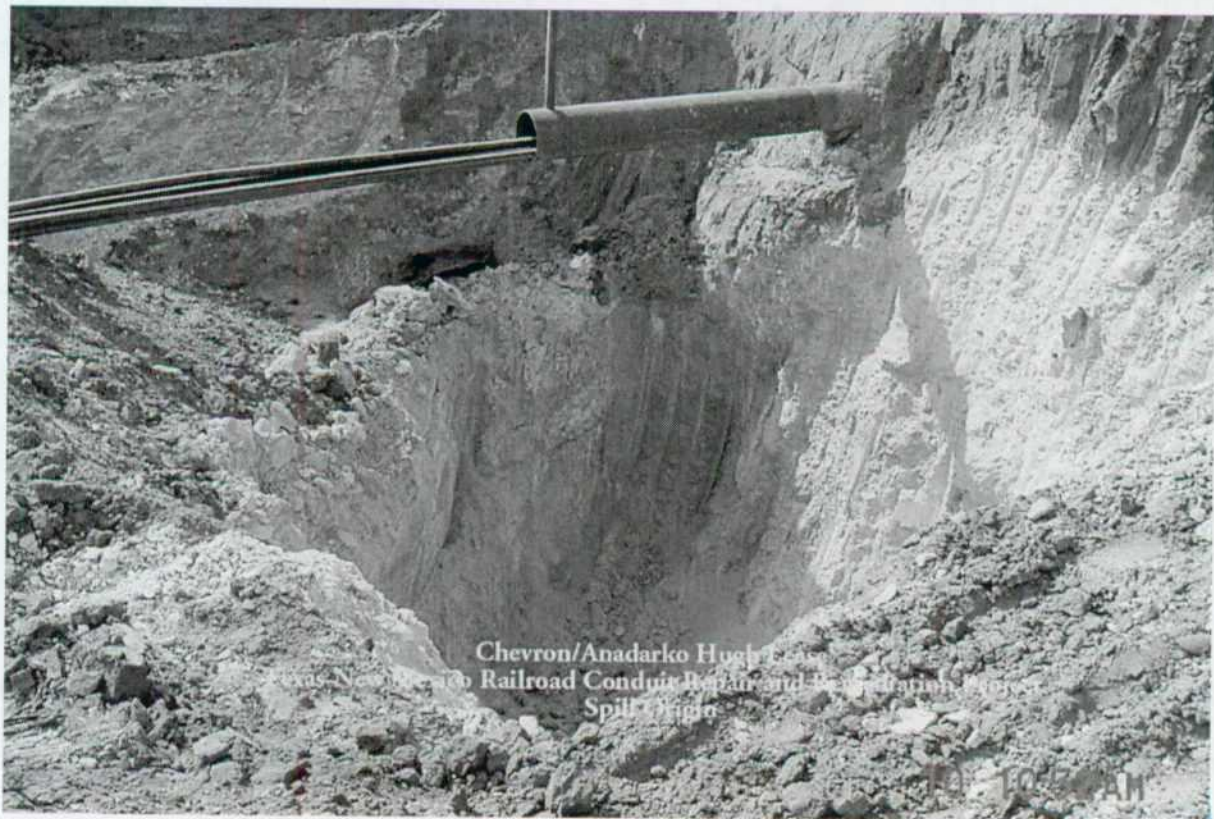
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## Attachment II: Photographs

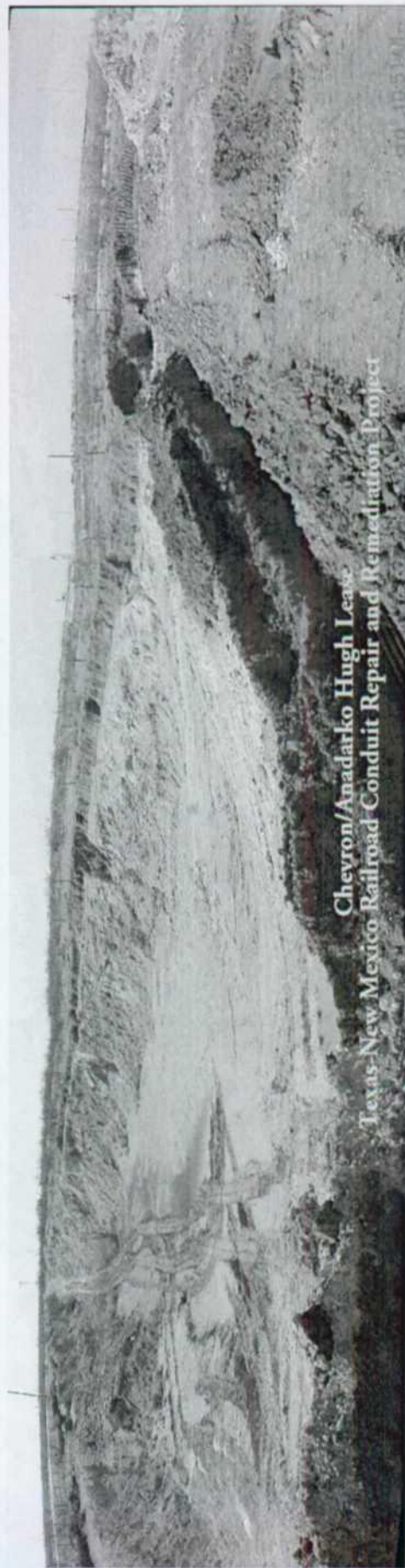


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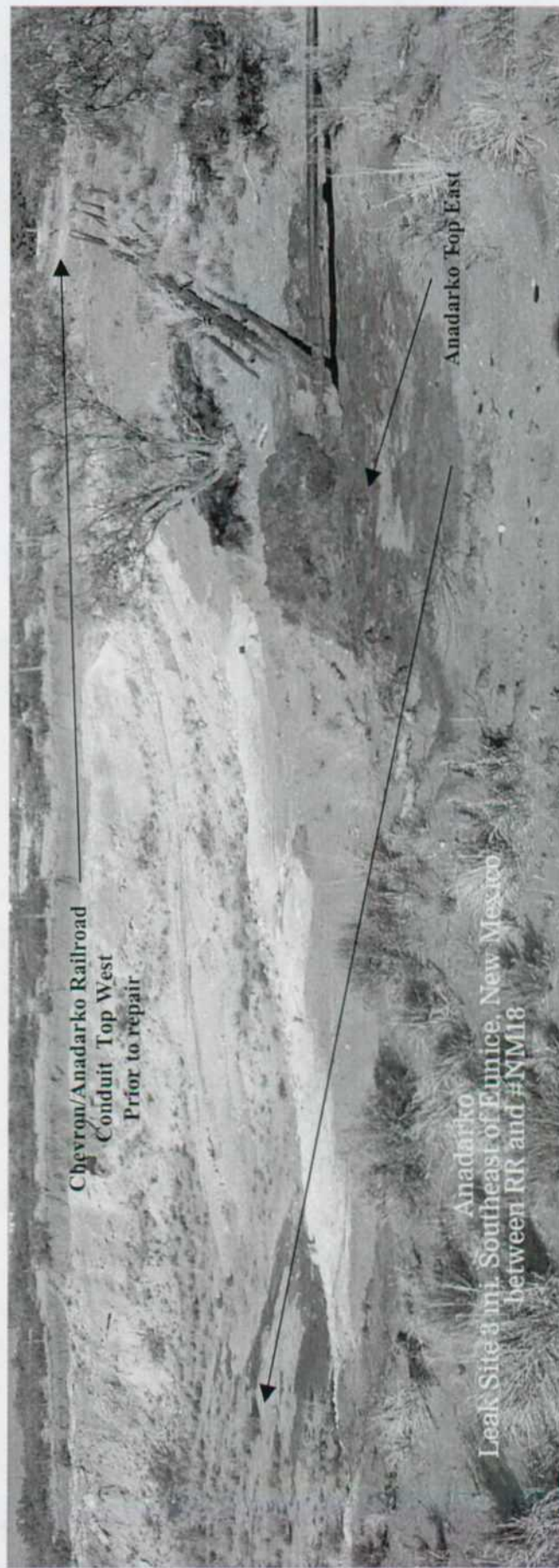
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Chevron/Anadarko Hugh Lease  
Texas-New Mexico Railroad Conduit Repair and Remediation Project

Caliche Pit to the left/Railroad Conduit to the right (photo looking southwest)



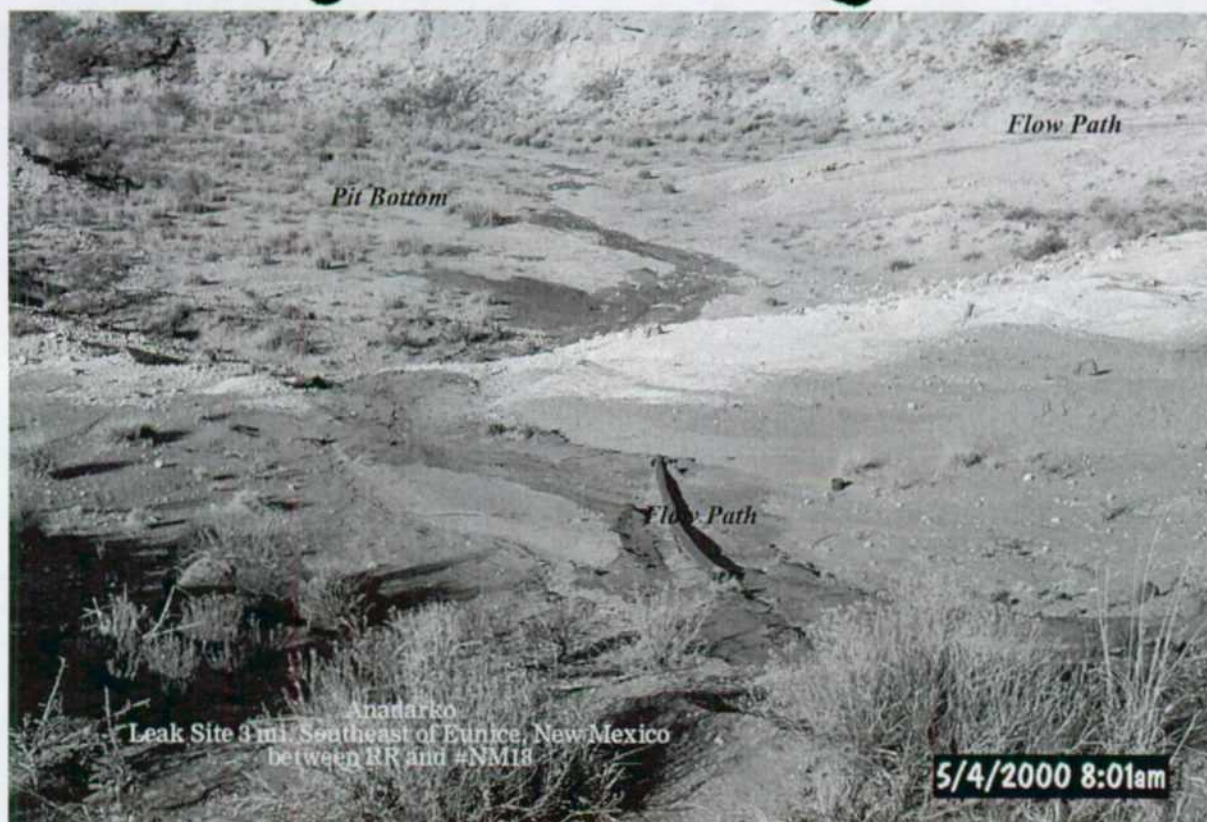
Chevron/Anadarko Railroad  
Conduit Top West  
Prior to repair

Anadarko Top East

Anadarko  
Leak Site 3 mi. Southeast of Eunice, New Mexico  
between RR and #NM18

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Run-in area from the Railroad Conduit showing historical hydrocarbon impact



## Attachment II: Photographs





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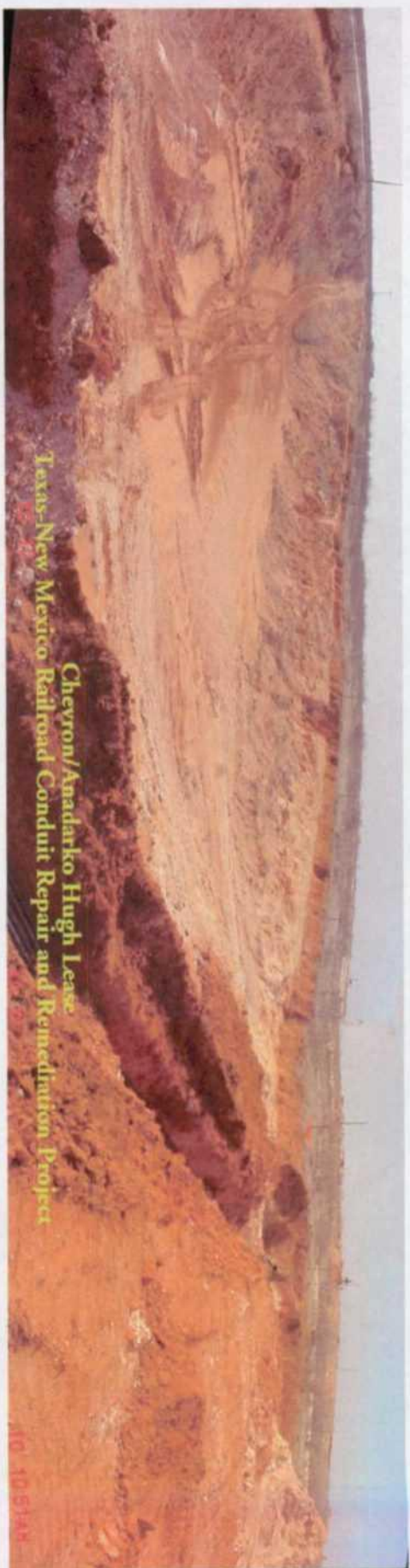


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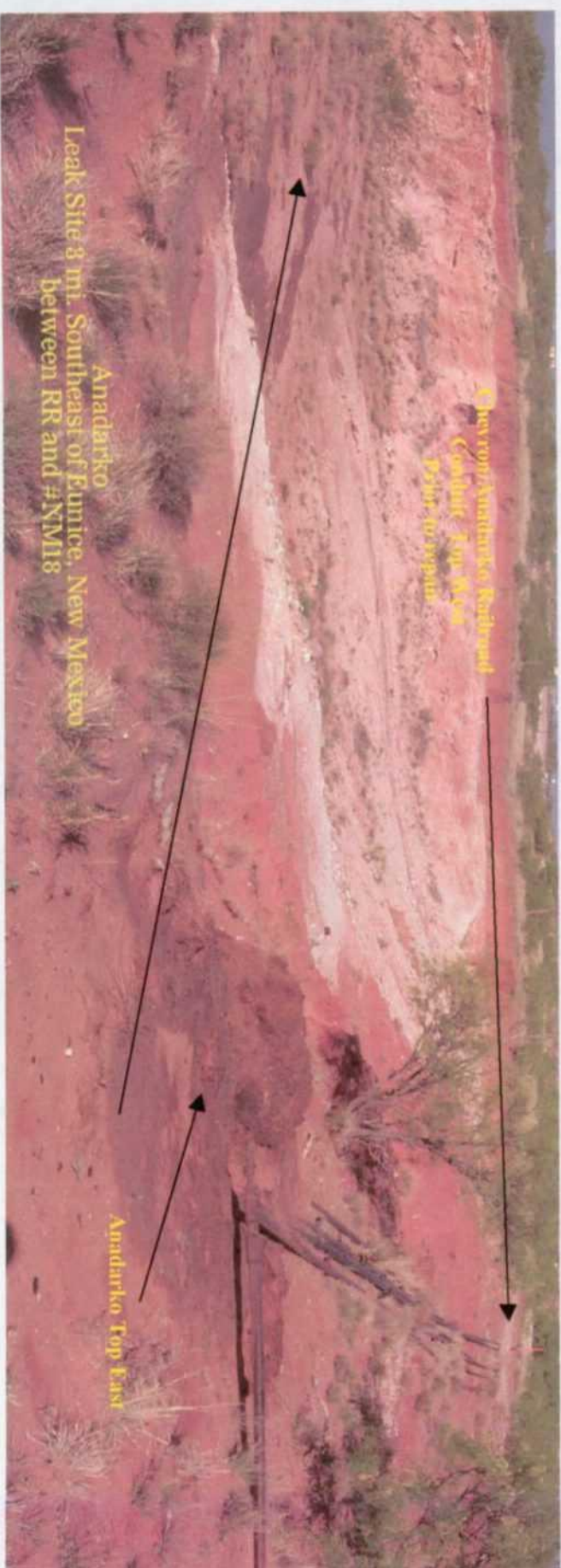
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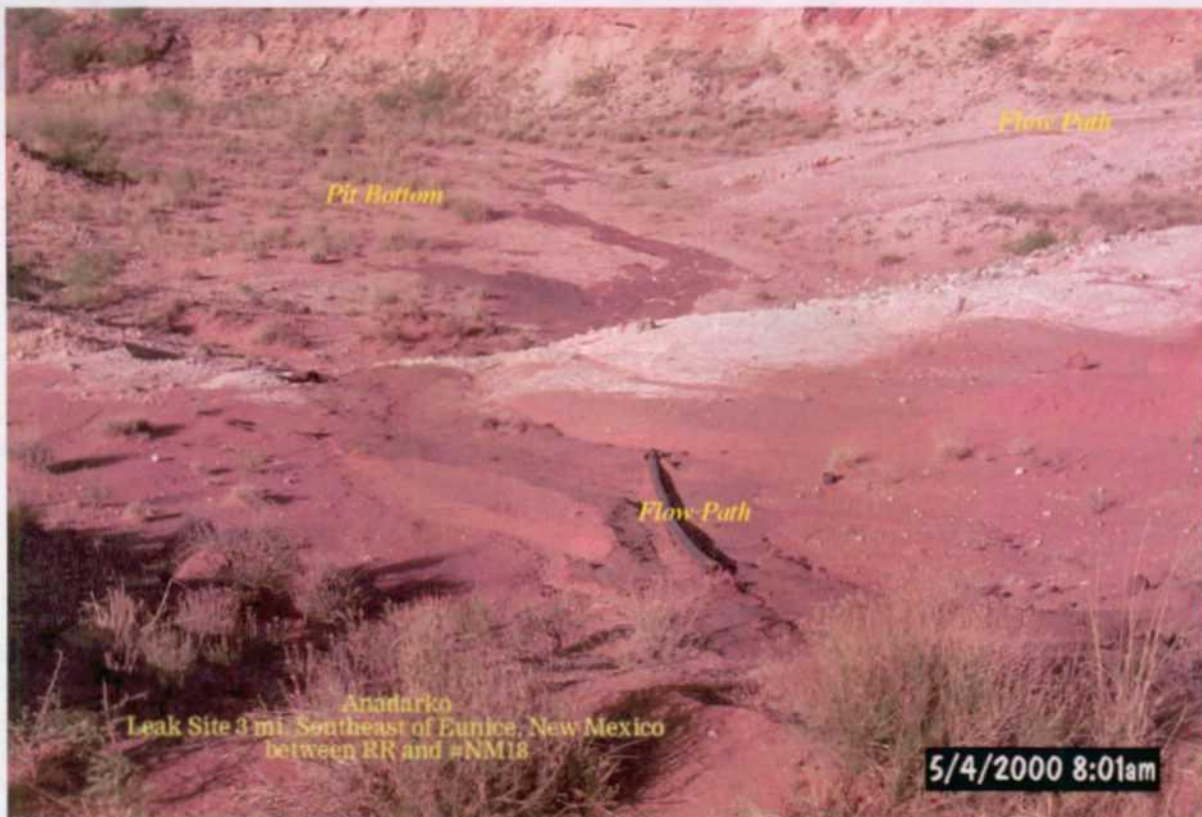


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