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New Mexico Oil Conservation Division

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Attention:

Mr. Tim Gum

Mr. Ray Smith

Mr. Brian Arrandt

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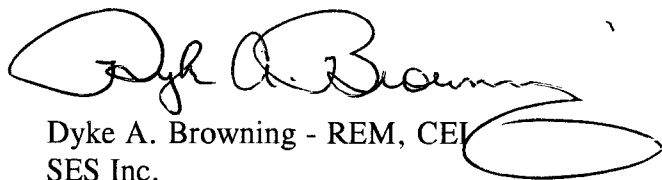
Enclosed please find the closure request on the GRB Properties recent leak. As per my conversation with Mr. Gum on 3/25/97, they have completed proper remediation procedures using the contaminated soils to berm the location. This work plan was verbally approved by the NMOCD office in Artesia, NM.

Safety & Environmental Solutions, Inc. is submitting the following documentation requesting final closure on this leak. The work on the location is completed at this time, however, if modifications are required, GRB Properties has agreed to comply with modifications requested by NMOCD.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at my office, or to call Mr. Gary Bailey at:

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Building Two, Suite 100
3300 North "A" St.
Midland, TX 79705
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Yours in Safety,


Dyke A. Browning - REM, CEI
SES Inc.



GRB Properties, Inc.

State A Leak Site Closure Request
Eddy County, New Mexico

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I. Physical Description

The leak was located on the State A lease. The legal description of the lease is in the E/2, E/2SW/4 and SW/4SW/4 of Section 16; S/2N/2, N/2SW/4 or Section 17; SE/4 of Section 18; NW/4NE/4, SE/4NE/4, N/2SE/4 and SW/4SE/4 of Section 19; S/2SW/4 of Section 20; W/2NW/4 of Section 29; NE/4 of Section 30; all in Township 20S Range 30 E, Eddy County, New Mexico. The elevation is approximately 3250 feet above sea level. (Vicinity Map) The land is owned by the Bureau of Land Management.

II. Background

The site is located on a production vessel location belonging to GRB Properties, Inc. The lease was drilled beginning in 1928 and wooden tanks are still on site. Evidence of historical contamination exists throughout the location and has turned to asphalt/hardpan.

III. Contaminant and Size of Leak

The leak was a result of an overflow of and storage vessel. The leak was basically contained to the location in an area 228' X 419'. A vacuum truck was onsite and was used to pick up free crude. The only contamination outside the fence are two small tendrils on the south end of the location. (Site Plan)

IV. Vertical and Horizontal Extent of Contamination

On August 6, 1996 two test holes were hand augured at points on the leak site to determine the horizontal extent of the contamination. (Site Plan) The first test hole was augured to a depth of 48" where groundwater was encountered and the second test hole was augured to a depth of 11' and did not encounter groundwater.

The technician sampled the soils from the bottom of each test hole, groundwater from test hole #1, and the water in the nearby lake. The samples were packed in glass jars, cooled and transported under chain of custody to Cardinal Laboratories for analysis. The soils were analyzed for Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons (TPH) and BTEX. The water was analyzed for TPH, BTEX, Chlorides and Total Dissolved Solids (TDS). The results of the soil analysis showed TPH under 100 ppm and BTEX under 0.002 ppm. The groundwater analysis showed TPH under 1 ppm, BTEX under 2 ppb, TDS of 18380 mg/L and Chlorides of 7447 mg/L. The results of the analysis of the lake water showed TPH of under 1 ppm, BTEX under 2 ppb, TDS of 13420 mg/L and Chlorides of 4898 mg/L. (See analytical results)

The vertical extent of the contamination is limited to 0 - 12 inches due to the red clay formation just under the surface at this site. The horizontal extent is an area 228' X 419' and was determined by visual inspection of the surface and immediate subsurface. The horizontal extent of contamination was largely controlled by the contour of the surface.

The leak was remediated (per work plan approved verbally by NMOCD) by scooping up all contaminated soils generated by this leak and using this material to create a dike around the location to protect the nearby surface water. All contaminated soils were removed and used in dike construction.

V. Surface Water and Waterways

The distance to the nearest surface water is in approximately 150 feet. The leak, however, has not reached the small lake to the southeast of the location. (See analytical results)

VI. Groundwater

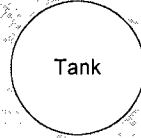
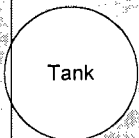
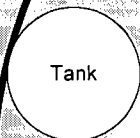
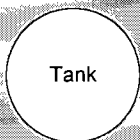
The groundwater is approximately 3' in depth at this location. This depth was confirmed with the encounter of groundwater in test hole #1 at 42". Sample holes were plugged with bentonite and grout.

VII. Soil Information

United States Soil Conservation Service Soil Survey of Eddy County, New Mexico was not available at the time of this assessment.

VIII. Maps and Figures

7.5 minute Quadrangle Map
Water Resource Map
Site Plan
Analytical Results



228'



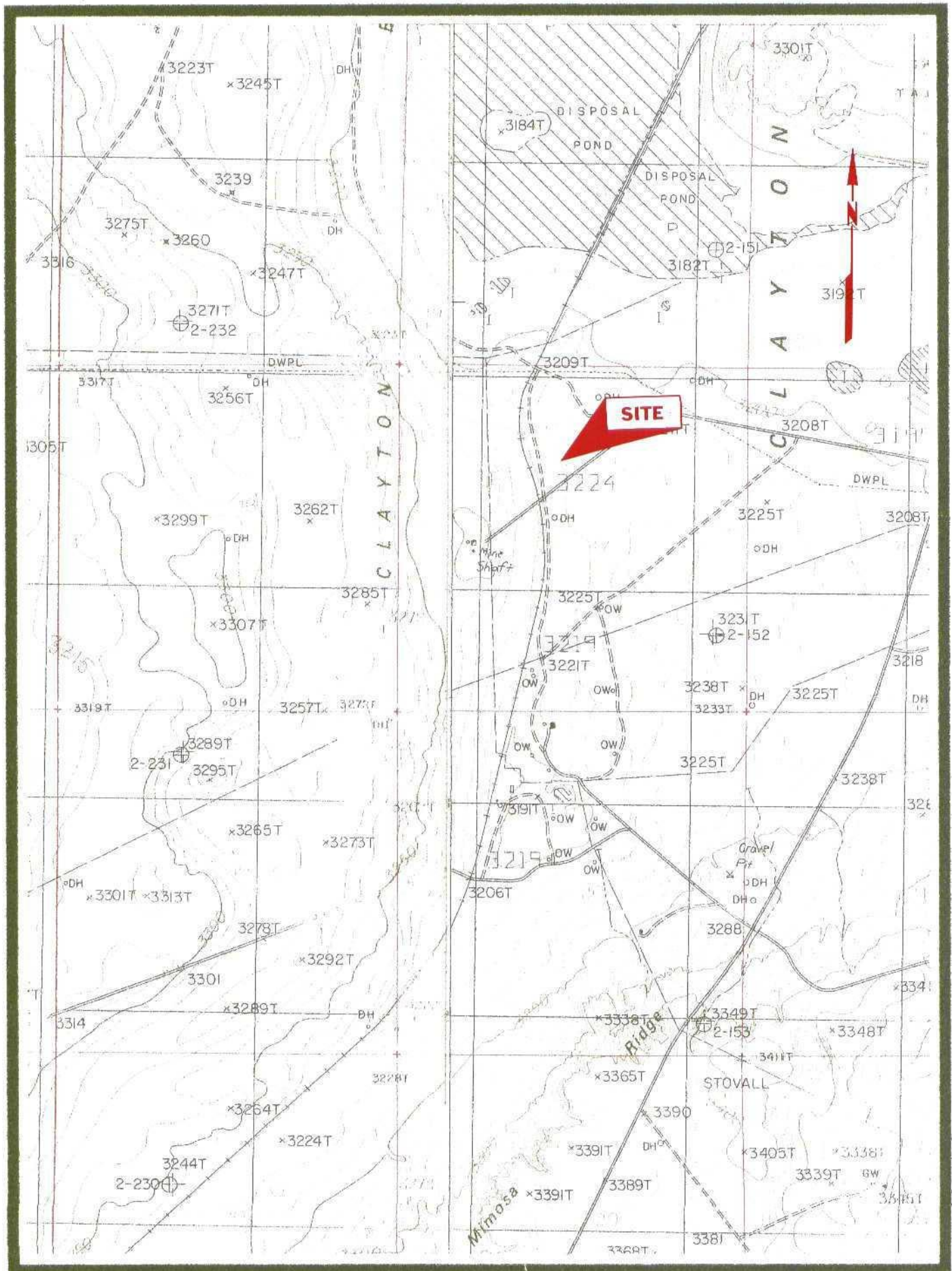
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GRB Properties, Inc.

Site Plan State A

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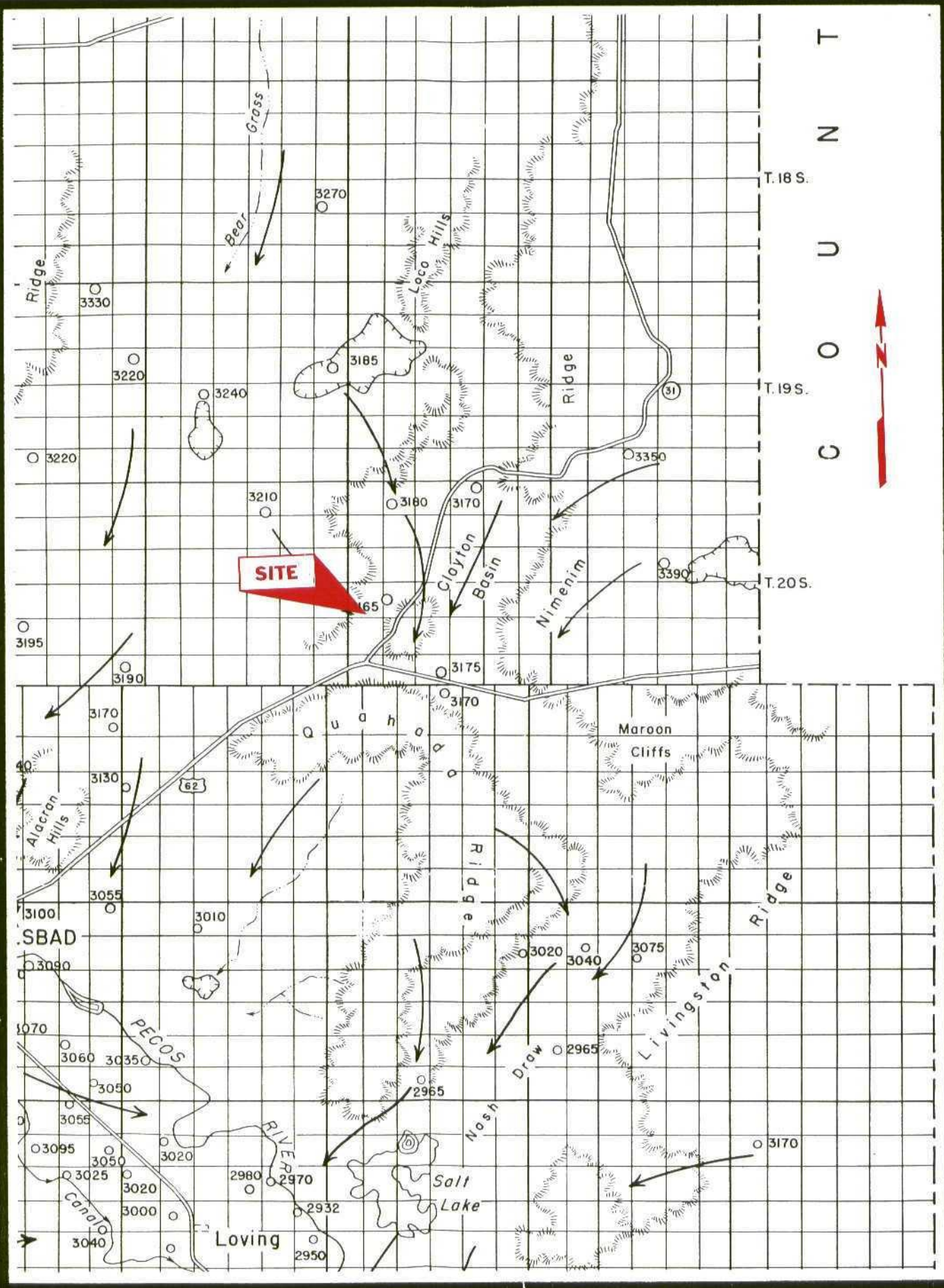
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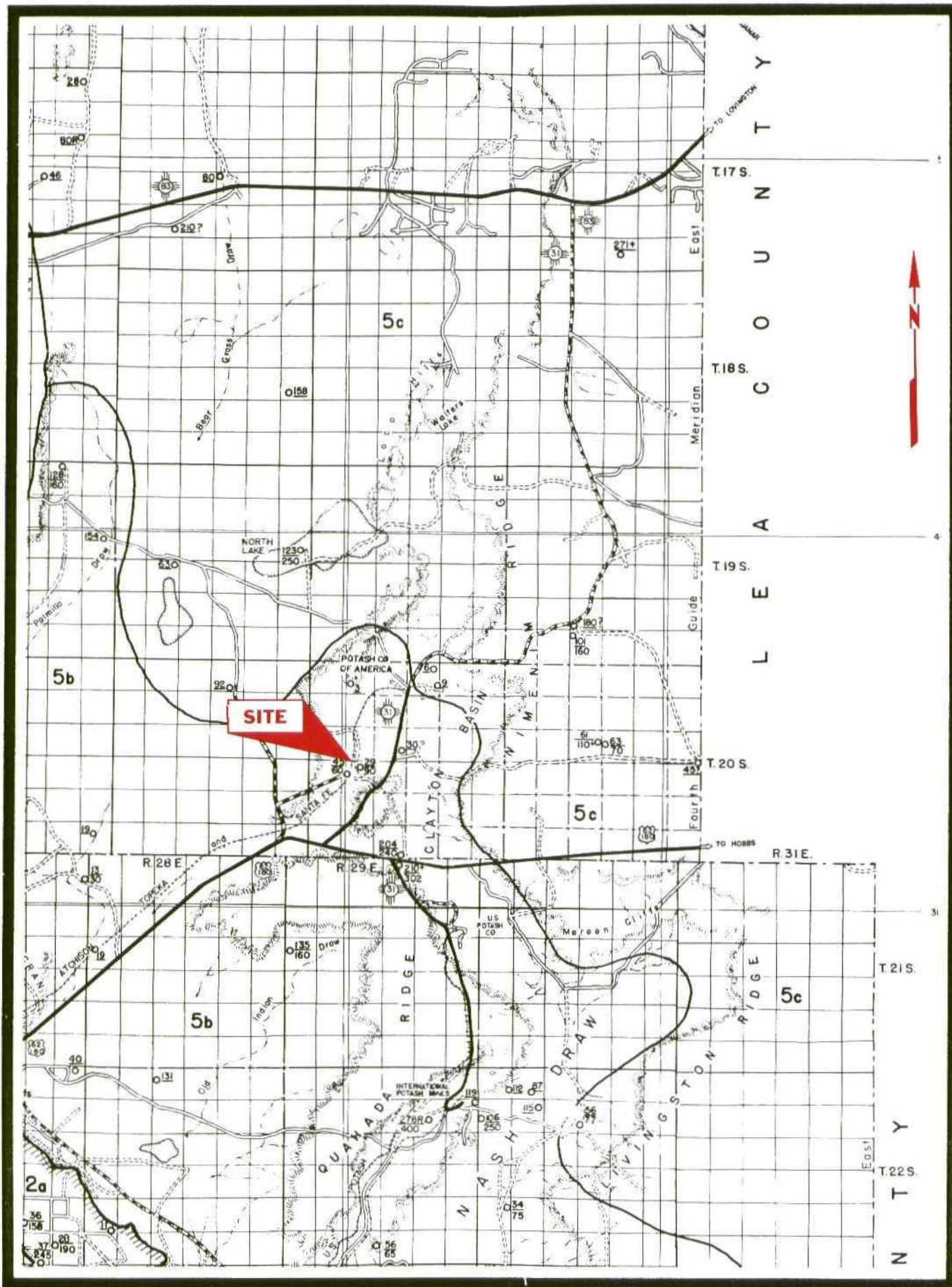
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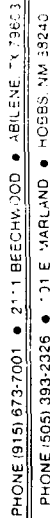
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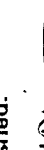
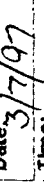




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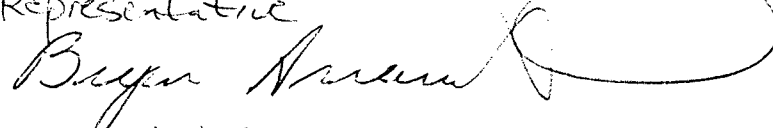
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| LAB I.D. # | Sample I.D. | COMP(C) OR GRAB(C) | # CONTAINERS | MATRIX | PRESERVATION | SAMPLING |
|------------|------------------------------|--------------------|--------------|--------------------------|--------------|-----------|
| | | | | GROUNDWATER | | |
| | | | | WASTEWATER | | |
| | | | | SOIL | | |
| | | | | OIL | | |
| | | | | SLUDGE | | |
| | | | | SEDIMENT LAKE | | |
| | | | | ACID: | | |
| | | | | ICE / COOL | | |
| | | | | OTHER: | | |
| | | | | | | DATE |
| | | | | | | TIME |
| H2833-1 | State A #1 Lake 1 #2 Lake | G | 2 | | X | 3/7 4:10p |
| H2833-2 | State A Groundwater 1 #2 | G | 2 | | X | 3/7 4:10p |
| H2833-3 | State A Test Hole 1 (South) | G | 1 | | X | 3/7 4:10p |
| H2833-4 | State A Test Hole #2 (North) | G | 1 | | X | 3/7 4:10p |

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|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|----------------|--|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|
| Samplex Relinquished:  | | Date: 3/7/97 | | Received By:  | | Phone Result: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | | Additional Fax #: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | |
| Relinquished By:  | | Time: 4:16pm | | Received By: (Lab Staff)  | | Fax Results: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | | REMARKS: | |
| Delivered By: (Circle One) | | Hand delivered | | Sample Condition Cool <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Intact <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | | CHECKED BY: (Initials) | | | |
| UPS - Fed Ex - Bus - Other: | | | | | | | | | |

Safety & Environmental Solutions, Inc
collected a water sample consisting
of two (2) quart jars from a
hand-augered hole in the approximate
middle of the leak at the "State A" south
side (see A) GFB resources near Carlsbad. on
3/7/97. EPA SW 846 sampling techniques
were used, & 0 headspace maintained
as near as possible & samples were
put on ice.

SES Inc. 
OCD Representative

GRB Representative
Mark Olin

Also collected soil sample @ 36" on middle
of location - Field TPH = nil
will submit for TPH & BTEX



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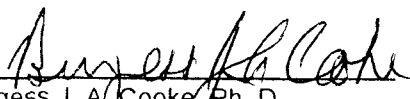
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603 E. CLINTON
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FAX TO:

Receiving Date: 03/07/97
Reporting Date: 03/12/96
Project Number: NOT GIVEN
Project Name: GRB RESOURCES
Project Location: CARLSBAD, NM

Sampling Date: 03/07/97
Sample Type: SOIL
Sample Condition: COOL, INTACT
Sample Received By: GP
Analyzed By: JA

| LAB NUMBER | SAMPLE ID | TPH (mg/Kg) | BENZENE (mg/Kg) | TOLUENE (mg/Kg) | ETHYL BENZENE (mg/Kg) | TOTAL XYLENES (mg/Kg) |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|----------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| ANALYSIS DATE: | | 03/12/97 | 03/11/97 | 03/11/97 | 03/11/97 | 03/11/97 |
| H2833-3 | ST.A, T. HOLE 1 (S) | 80.8 | <0.002 | <0.002 | <0.002 | <0.006 |
| H2833-4 | ST.A, T. HOLE 2 (N) | <10.00 | <0.002 | <0.002 | <0.002 | <0.006 |
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| | | | | | | |
| Quality Control | | 185 | 0.105 | 0.101 | 0.097 | 0.277 |
| True Value QC | | 203 | 0.109 | 0.103 | 0.105 | 0.310 |
| % Recovery | | 91 | 96 | 98 | 92 | 89 |
| Relative Percent Difference | | 1 | <1 | <1 | <1 | <1 |

METHODS: TRPHC - EPA 600/7-79-020, 418.1; BTEX - EPA SW-846-8020


Burgess J. A. Cooke, Ph. D.

3/12/97
Date

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Project Location: CARLSBAD, NM

Sampling Date:
Sample Type: WATER
Sample Condition: COOL & INTACT
Sample Received By: GP
Analyzed By: GP/AH

| LAB NUMBER | SAMPLE ID | TDS (mg/L) | Cl (mg/L) |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| ANALYSIS DATE: | | 03/10/97 | 03/10/97 |
| H2833-1 | ST. A, LAKE #1 & #2 | 13420 | 4898 |
| H2833-2 | ST. A, GRW #1 & #2 | 18380 | 7447 |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| Quality Control | | NR | 496 |
| True Value QC | | NR | 500 |
| % Accuracy | | NR | 99.2 |
| Relative Percent Difference | | 3.3 | 0 |

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| METHODS: EPA 600/4-79-02 | 160.1 | 325.3 |
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| H2833-1 | ST.A, LAKE #1 & #2 | <1.00 | <2.00 | <2.00 | <2.00 | <6.00 |
| H2833-2 | ST.A, GRW #1 & #2 | <1.00 | <2.00 | <2.00 | <2.00 | <6.00 |
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