ENVIROMENTAL SITE ASSESSMENT WORKPLAN

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New Mexico Oil Conservation Division
2042 S. Pacheco
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Attn: Mr. William C. Olson

RE: **Ground Water Investigations**
Durham State A Battery Site
Chevron Graham NCT B Battery Site

During the week of September 23, 1996, ground water monitor wells were drilled adjacent to the excavations at the abandoned Chevron NCT B and Durham State A battery sites. The wells were drilled pursuant to the Tank Battery Site Reclamation Plan submitted by Amerada Hess Corporation (AHC) on June 5, 1996 and the NMOCD letter of June 13, 1996, approving the plan with conditions. Soil samples were obtained from each well at approximate five foot intervals and were analyzed for TPH, BTEX and chloride concentrations. Ground water samples were obtained after completing each well and were analyzed for RCRA metals, cations and anions, TDS and BTEX. Plats of each site with the well locations indicated are attached along with a typical wellbore completion diagram, driller's logs and a summary of the test results (Tables 1 & 2).

As a result of the ground water investigations, AHC proposes to resume battery site reclamation activities by backfilling the excavations at both battery sites with five (5) feet of clean material (< 100 ppm TPH , < 50 ppm BTEX and < 10 ppm benzene), capped with two (2) feet of clay. The remainder of backfill material used to bring the locations to grade, approximately 30 feet, will be the caliche and soil removed from the excavations which will be remediated to 1000 ppm TPH, 50 ppm BTEX and 10 ppm benzene. AHC, also proposes to re-sample the monitor wells in March, 1997 and if no appreciable change is noted in the TDS or chloride concentrations and if there is no visible or analytical evidence of hydrocarbon contamination, the seven monitor wells will be plugged with cement containing 5% bentonite.

TDS and chloride concentrations exceed Safe Drinking Water Standards (SDWS) in six of the seven wells including the up-gradient well at the Durham State A (site D-1 on the plat). The ground water gradient in this area is generally assumed to be from the NW to the SE, which is confirmed by fluid levels measured at the two sites and in nearby water wells (Table 3). Fluid levels observed in the monitor wells indicate that there is little or no gradient across the locations. On November 25, 1996, water from the seven monitor wells was re-sampled and analyzed for TDS and chloride concentrations. Analytical results are consistent with the initial tests, however, a slight sheen was noted on the water sample obtained from well D-4 (analysis attached).

On Nov. 18, 1996 a water sample was obtained from the only active windmill observed in the vicinity of the battery sites. The windmill is located in the SE, SW of Sec 35, T 19S, R 36E, approximately 3/4 mile NNE of the Durham State A site and approximately 7/8 mile NW of the Chevron NCT B site (topographic map and analysis attached). TDS and chloride concentrations in this well also exceed SDWS. The State Engineer's office was contacted to obtain information on other water wells in the area. The only

other 'active' well is located in the NE, NE, SE of Sec 11, T 20S, R 36E, approximately 7/8 mile South of the Chevron NCT B site. A water sample from this well was analyzed on Jun. 14, 1990 and had a chloride concentration of 1320 ppm, no TDS concentration was determined. Fluid level information for both water wells is included in Table 3.

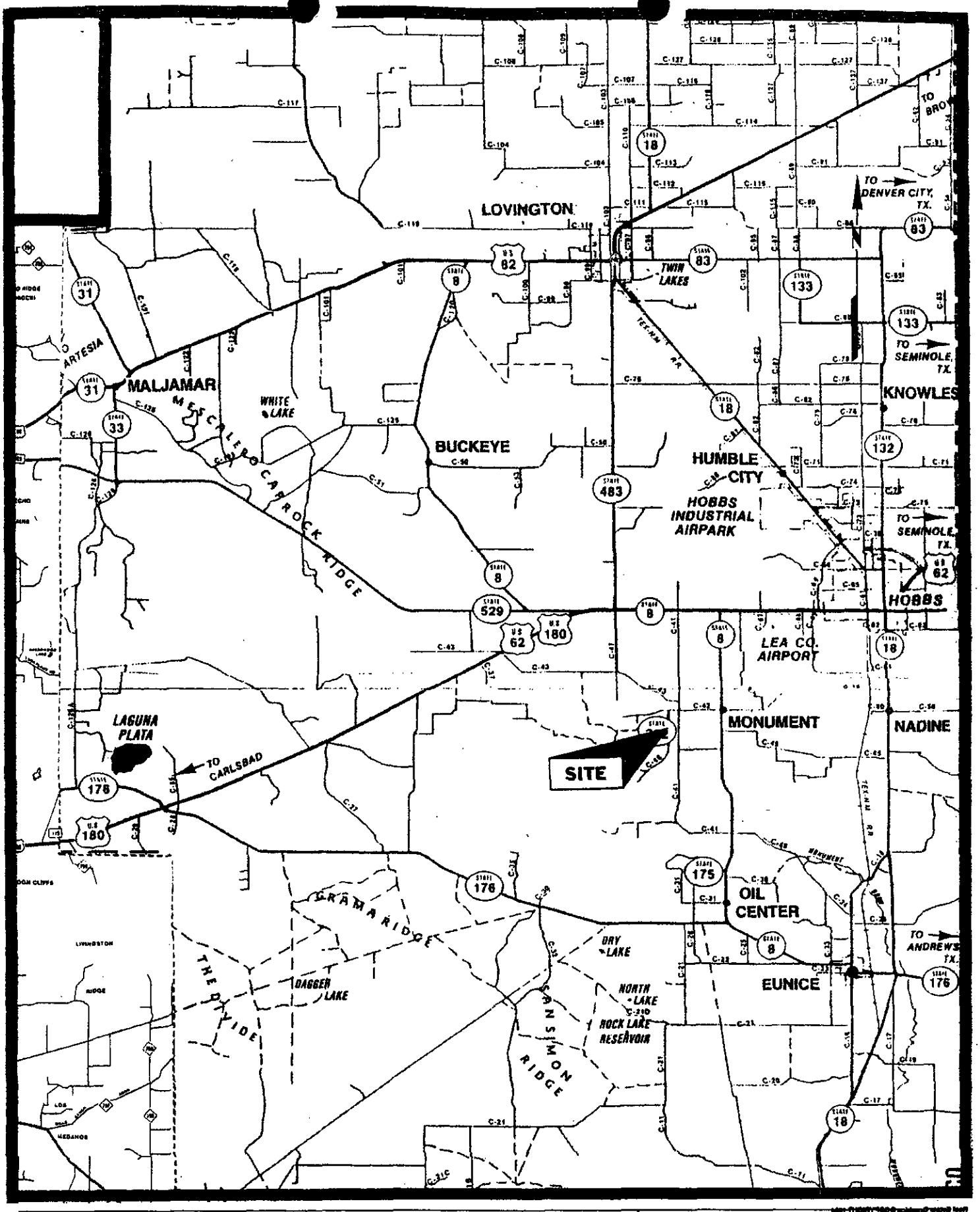
The elevated TDS and chloride concentrations in this aquifer appear to be naturally occurring or to be attributable to a source other than the referenced abandoned battery sites. In any case, reducing the TDS and chloride concentrations to a level below SDWS by abatement activities other than natural attenuation at either battery site is not feasible. AHC's recommended closure plan will insure that no further degradation of the aquifer will result from contaminated soil remaining at the two battery sites.

If you have any questions or need additional information please contact the undersigned at (915) 758-6741 or at the letterhead address. Bids will be solicited to close the excavations as soon as AHC receives a response from the NMOCD to the proposed closure plan.

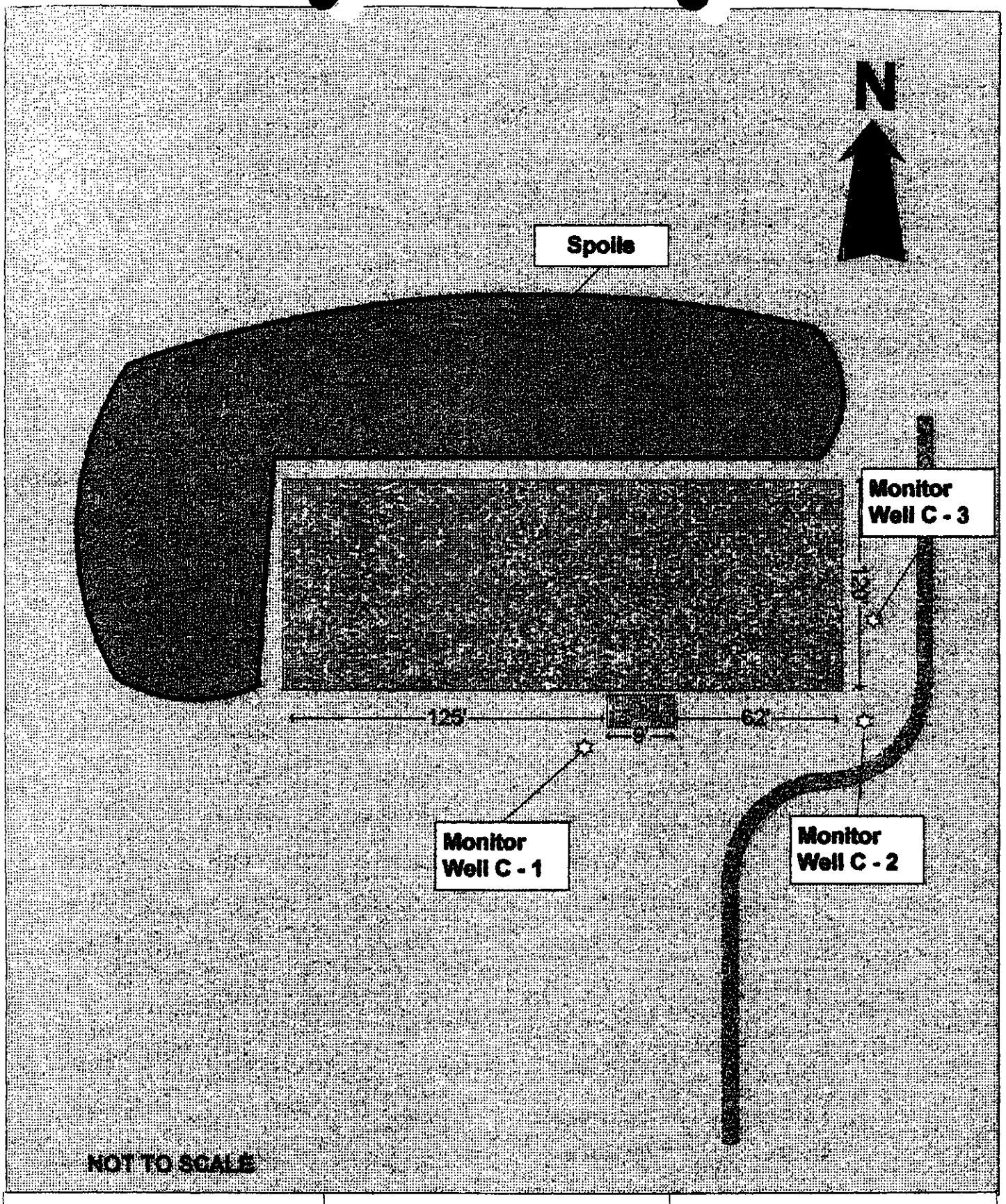
Sincerely.

Samuel Small, PE

xc: NMOCD - Hobbs
State Land Office - Hobbs
Houston Environmental File
Seminole District Environmental file
Monument Area File



Amerada Hess Corporation	**Vicinity Map**	**Safety & Environmental Solutions, Inc. Hobbs, New Mexico**



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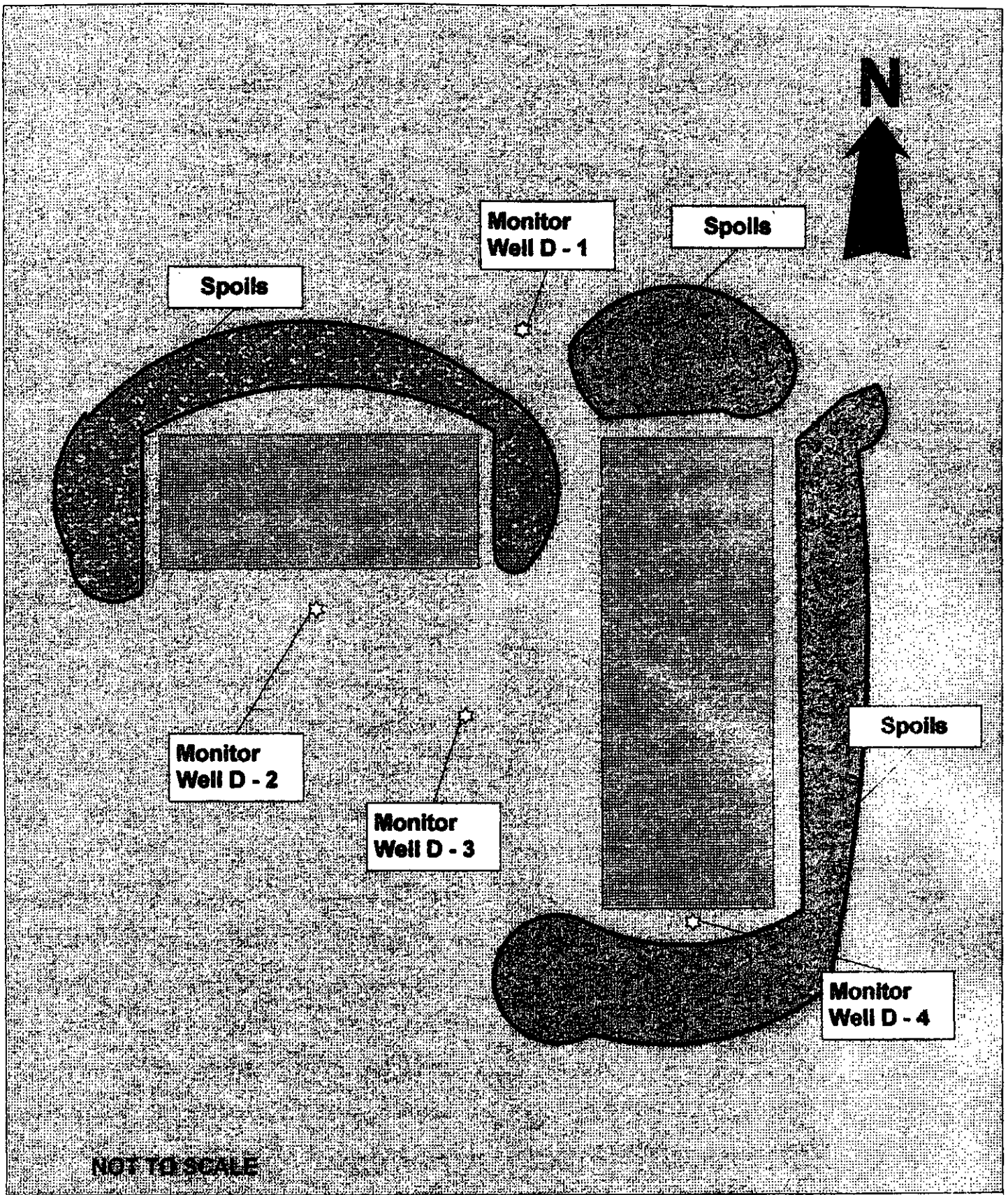

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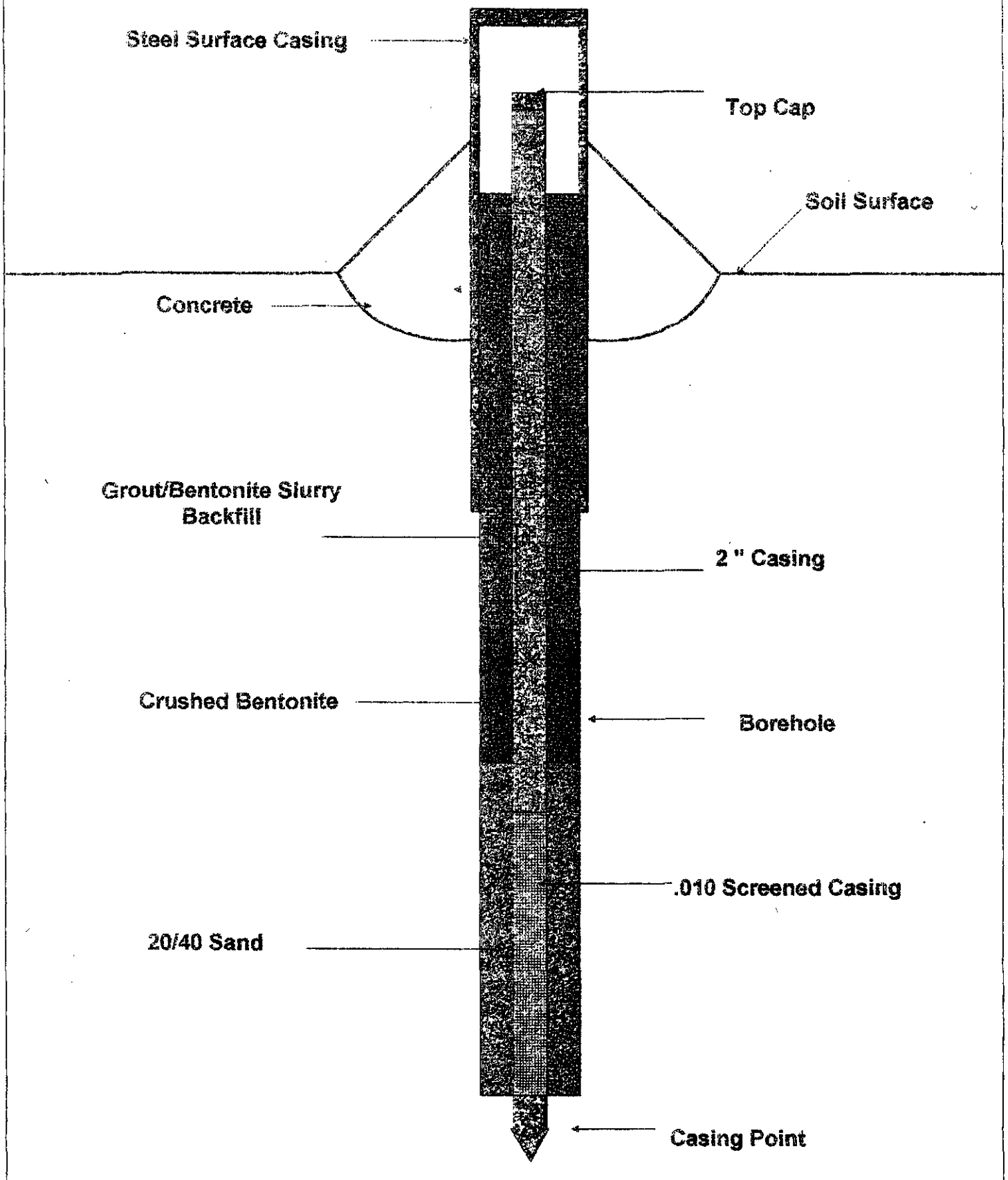

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WATER ANALYSES
CHEVRON NCT B AND DURHAM STATE A

TABLE 1

WELL	C-1	C-2	C-3		D-1	D-2	D-3	D-4
TOTAL DISSOLVED SOLIDS AND CATIONS AND ANIONS (PPM)								
TDS (mg/l)	4284	2194	2855		1285	1062	939	1064
Na	227.6	260	215		142.5	92.5	195	372.5
Ca	158.5	253.5	365		232.3	247.3	259.3	235.8
Mg	41.8	63.8	72.5		45.3	44	37	33.8
K	7.18	8.49	10.17		10.52	20.74	18.74	13.82
Cl	2440	592	715		636	220	276	334
SO_4	123	136	102		108	80	50	57
CO_3	Tr	0	0		0	0	0	0
HCO_3	228	298	205		301	273	342	361
TPH AND BTEX (PPB)								
TPH (mg/l)	1.12	0.59	0.5		0.5	1.22	0.55	2.61
Benzene	<1	<1	<1		<1	<1	<1	<1
Toluene	<1	<1	<1		<1	<1	<1	<1
Ethyl Benzene	<1	<1	<1		<1	<1	<1	<1
Xylene	<1	<1	<1		<1	<1	<1	<1
RCRA METALS (PPM)								
As	0.013	0.013	0.013		0.013	0.013	0.017	0.027
Ag	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1		<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1
Ba	<2	<2	<2		<2	<2	<2	<2
Cd	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1		<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1
Cr	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5		<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5
Pb	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5		<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5
Hg	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001		<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001
Se	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01		<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01

SOIL ANALYSES
CHEVRON NCT B AND DURHAM STATE A

TABLE 2

DEPTH (FT)	WELL	C-1	C-2	C-3		D-1	D-2	D-3	D-4
TPH (PPM)									
5		319	12	17		49	74	137	
10		44	774	259		13	66	108	18
15		34		93		9	14	26	179
20				21					
23			11			12	17	16	47
25		26							
28			14	12					
30		69				13	12	7	12
35		95							
36				5					
37			9						
39						7	9	9	7
40		147							
45							10	10	14
47			6						
50							7	11	10
58						5	7	4	8

SOIL ANALYSES
CHEVRON NCT B AND DURHAM STATE A

TABLE 2

DEPTH (FT)	WELL	C-1	C-2	C-3		D-1	D-2	D-3	D-4
BTEX (PPM)									
5		<0.2	<0.2	<0.2		<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	
10		<0.2	<0.2	<0.2		<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2
15		<0.2		<0.2		<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2
20				<0.2					
23			<0.2			<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2
25		<0.2							
28			<0.2	<0.2					
30		<0.2				<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2
35		<0.2							
36				<0.2					
37			<0.2						
39						<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2
40		<0.2							
45							<0.2	<0.2	<0.2
47			<0.2						
50							<0.2	<0.2	<0.2
58						<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2

SOIL ANALYSES
CHEVRON NCT B AND DURHAM STATE A

TABLE 2

DEPTH (FT)	WELL	C-1	C-2	C-3		D-1	D-2	D-3	D-4
CHLORIDES (PPM)									
5		2600	1700	1400		1400	1500	1800	
10		1200	3300	2400		1200	1400	1400	2200
15		<1000		1000		<1000	1000	1200	1800
20				<1000					
23			1000			<1000	<1000	1000	1200
25		<1000							
28			<1000	<1000					
30		<1000				<1000	<1000	<1000	<1000
35		<1000							
36				<1000					
37			<1000						
39						<1000	<1000	<1000	<1000
40		<1000							
45							<1000	<1000	<1000
47			<1000						
50							<1000	<1000	<1000
58						<1000	<1000	<1000	<1000

FLUID LEVEL DATA

TABLE 3

WELL	FLUID LEVEL FROM SURFACE	FLUID LEVEL SEA LEVEL [4]
C-1	31 [1]	3543
C-2	33 [1]	3541
C-3	33 [1]	3541
D-1	42 [1]	3560
D-2	41.5 [1]	3560.5
D-3	42 [1]	3560
D-4	43 [1]	3559
WINDMILL 35	37 [2]	3568
WINDMILL 11	30 [3]	3530

Notes: 1) Fluid level on 11/25/96
2) Fluid level on 03/26/91
3) Fluid level on 01/30/91
4) Ground level elevations taken from topographic map

Safety & Environmental Solutions, Inc.

Monitor Well Sampling Report
Amerada Hess Company

On November 25, 1996, Safety & Environmental Solutions, Inc. (SES) was engaged by Amerada Hess Company to sample the monitor wells located on the Chevron NCTB and Durham State A leases. Three casing volumes were bailed from each well before the samples were taken. The samples were preserved on ice and transported under chain of custody to Cardinal Laboratories for analysis.

The top of water was encountered at the following depths during the sampling procedure:

Well #	Depth to Top of Water
C - 1	31'
C - 2	33'
C - 3	33'
D - 1	42'
D - 2	41.5'
D - 3	42'
D - 4	43'

The results of the laboratory analysis (See attached lab report) as compared to the first analysis on September 30, 1996 are as follows:

Sample	TDS 9/30/96 mg/L	TDS 11/25/96 mg/L	CL 9/30/96 mg/L	CL 11/25/96 mg/L
C - 1	1284	1473	440	454
C - 2	2194	1761	592	586
C - 3	2655	1954	715	680
D - 1	1285	1056	336	282
D - 2	1062	898	220	208
D - 3	939	858	276	250
D - 4	1064	1060	334	326

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BORING/WELL REPORT Date 9-24-96

Company: SES Representative(s): D. A

Site: Duran State Monument, NM Boring/Well I.D.: D-1

Harrison Drilling Crew: Cooper, Miller

Rig: TH-60 Service Truck: E-92 Auger/Bit Size: 4 3/4

MOB/Rig Up Time	Start:	Stop:	Mileage:
Drilling Time	Start: 2:30 P.M.	Stop:	
Completion Time	Start:	Stop: 4:45 P.M.	
Decon Time	Start:	Stop:	
DEMOB/Rig Down	Start:	Stop:	Mileage:

Lost Time Total: Remarks:

Total Depth: 58' Depth to Ground Water: 41 Sample Interval: 5, 10, 15, 23, 30, 39, 45, 50+5

Casing Depth: 57' Screened Interval: 37'-57'

C

MATERIALS

20' Screen (2" OR 4") (.010 OR .020)

40' Blank (2" OR 4")

1 Casing Points

1 Locking Caps

_____ Locks

_____ Centralizers

5 Sand (10/20 ro 20/40)

1/2 Pellets/Chips

3 Bentonite Grout

2 Sackrete

_____ Plastic

_____ Drums

1 Surface Completion Type: AG. manhole

_____ Misc. Add. Materials:

REMARKS / SUBCONTRACT EXPENSE / MISC. EXPENSE / EXPENDABLES:

Sample description on back.

BORING/WELL REPORT Date 9-25-96

Company: SES Representative(s): D. [redacted]

Site: Duram State A (Amerada Hess) Monument, N.M. Boring/Well I.D.: D-2

Harrison Drilling Crew: Reza, Miller

Rig: TH-60 Service Truck: F-95 Auger/Bit Size: 4 3/4

MOB/Rig Up Time	Start: 5:00 A.M.	Stop: 6:30 A.M.	Mileage: 21 F-95	
Drilling Time	Start: 6:30 A.M.	Stop: [redacted] A.M. 10:00 A.M.		
Completion Time	Start: [redacted] 10:00 A.M.	Stop: 10:30 A.M.		
Decon Time	Start:	Stop:		
DEMOB/Rig Down	Start:	Stop:	Mileage:	

Lost Time Total: Remarks:

Total Depth: 58' Depth to Ground Water: 41.70 Sample Interval: 5, 10, 15, 23, 30, 34, 45, 50 & 58

Casing Depth: 57' Screened Interval: 37'-57'

MATERIALS

20' Screen (2" OR 4") (.010 OR .020) 40' [redacted]' Blank (2" OR 4")

1 Casing Points 1 Locking Caps

____ Locks ____ Centralizers

4 Sand (#0/20 to 20/40) ½ Pellets/Chips

6 Bentonite Grout 2 Sackrete

____ Plastic ____ Drums

1 Surface Completion Type: A.G. manhole

____ Misc. Add. Materials:

REMARKS / SUBCONTRACT EXPENSE / MISC. EXPENSE / EXPENDABLES:
mob, rig up, drill, sample, set casing, pour sand & chips + move to D-3

Sample description on back

BORING/WELL REPORT Date 9-25-96

Company: SES Representative(s): D. [redacted]

Site: Duram State A (Aggregate Mines) Monument, U.M. Boring/Well I.D.: B-3

Harrison Drilling Crew: Reza, Miller

Rig: TH-60 Service Truck: F-95 Auger/Bit Size: 4 3/4

MOB/Rig Up Time	Start:	Stop:	Mileage:
Drilling Time	Start: 12:30 P.M.	Stop: 2:30 P.M.	
Completion Time	Start: 2:30 P.M.	Stop: 3:00 P.M.	
Decon Time	Start:	Stop:	
DEMOB/Rig Down	Start:	Stop:	Mileage:

Lost Time Total: 10:30 A.M.-12:00 P.M. Remarks: work on drive line

Total Depth: 58' Depth to Ground Water: 41' Sample Interval: 5, 10, 15, 23, 30, 35, 45, 50 & 58

Casing Depth: 57' Screened Interval: 37'-57'

MATERIALS

20' Screen (2" OR 4") (.010 OR .020) 46' Blank (2" OR 4")

1 Casing Points 1 Locking Caps

____ Locks ____ Centralizers

4 Sand (0/20 to 20/40) 1/2 Pellets/Chips

6 Bentonite Grout 2 Sackrete

____ Plastic ____ Drums

1 Surface Completion Type: A.6 manhole

____ Misc. Add. Materials:

REMARKS / SUBCONTRACT EXPENSE / MISC. EXPENSE / EXPENDABLES:
work on drive line, rig up, drill, sample, set casing, pour sand + chips + move to D-4

Sample description on back

BORING/WELL REPORT Date 9-28-94

Company: SES Representative(s): D [redacted]

Site: Durham Station (Armada Hess) Monument, N.M. Boring/Well I.D.: D-4

Harrison Drilling Crew: Reza, Miller

Rig: TH-60 Service Truck: F-95 Auger/Bit Size: 4 3/4

MOB/Rig Up Time	Start:	Stop:	Mileage:	
Drilling Time	Start: 3:00 P.M.	Stop: 4:45 P.M.		
Completion Time	Start: 4:45 P.M.	Stop: 8:00 P.M.		
Decon Time	Start:	Stop:		
DEMOB/Rig Down	Start: 8:00 P.M.	Stop: 8:30 P.M.	Mileage: 21	F-95 TH-60

Lost Time Total: Remarks:

Total Depth: 58' Depth to Ground Water: 47' Sample Interval: D-15, 23, 30, 39, 45, 50+58

Casing Depth: 57' Screened Interval: 37'-57'

MATERIALS

20' Screen (2" OR 4") (.010 OR .020) 40' Blank (2" OR 4")

1 Casing Points 1 Locking Caps

____ Locks ____ Centralizers

4 Sand (10/20 ro 20/40) 1/2 Pellets/Chips

6 Bentonite Grout 2 Sackrete

____ Plastic ____ Drums

1 Surface Completion Type: AG manhole

____ Misc. Add. Materials:

REMARKS / SUBCONTRACT EXPENSE / MISC. EXPENSE / EXPENDABLES:

rig up, drill, sample, set casing, pour sand & chips, rig down grout up 3 mw & install manholes on 7 mw & de-mob to Hobbs

Sample descriptions on back

BORING/WELL REPORT Date 9-24-96

Company: SES Representative(s): D.

Site: Chevron NCTB Monument, N.M. Boring/Well I.D.: C-1

Harrison Drilling Crew: Cooper, Miller

Rig: TH-60 Service Truck: F-92 Auger/Bit Size: 4 3/4

MOB/Rig Up Time	Start:	Stop:	Mileage:
Drilling Time	Start: 6:45 A.M.	Stop:	
Completion Time	Start:	Stop: 9:00 A.M.	
Decon Time	Start:	Stop:	
DEMOB/Rig Down	Start:	Stop:	Mileage:

Lost Time Total: Remarks:

Total Depth: 48' Depth to Ground Water: 37' Sample Interval: 5, 10, 15, 25, 30, 35, 40

Casing Depth: 48' Screened Interval: 33'-48'

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MATERIALS

15' Screen (2" OR 4") (.010 OR .020)	35' Blank (2" OR 4")
1 Casing Points	1 Locking Caps
Locks	Centralizers
3 Sand (10/20 ro 20/40)	1/2 Pellets/Chips
2 Bentonite Grout	2 Sackrete
Plastic	Drums

1 Surface Completion Type: A.G. manhole

Misc. Add. Materials:

REMARKS / SUBCONTRACT EXPENSE / MISC. EXPENSE / EXPENDABLES:

Sample description on back

BORING/WELL REPORT Date 9-24-94

Company: SES Representative(s): D.

Site: Chevron NCTB Monument, U.M. Boring/Well I.D. C-2

Harrison Drilling Crew: Cooper, Miller

Rig: TH-60 Service Truck: F-92 Auger/Bit Size: 4 3/4

MOB/Rig Up Time	Start:	Stop:	Mileage:
Drilling Time	Start: 10:00 A.M.	Stop:	
Completion Time	Start:	Stop: 11:45 A.M.	
Decon Time	Start:	Stop:	
DEMOB/Rig Down	Start:	Stop:	Mileage:

Lost Time Total: Remarks:

Total Depth: 48' Depth to Ground Water: 37' Sample Interval: 5, 10, 23, 28, 37, 47

Casing Depth: 48' Screened Interval: 33'-48' 7

MATERIALS

15' Screen (2" OR 4") (.010 OR .020) 35' Blank (2" OR 4")

1 Casing Points 1 Locking Caps

Locks Centralizers

4 Sand (10/20 ro 20/40) 1/2 Pellets/Chips

2 Bentonite Grout 2 Sackrete

Plastic Drums

1 Surface Completion Type: A.G. manhole

Misc. Add. Materials:

REMARKS / SUBCONTRACT EXPENSE / MISC. EXPENSE / EXPENDABLES:

Sample description on back

BORING/WELL REPORT Date 9-24-92

Company: SES Representative(s): D.

Site: Chevron NCTB Monument, U.I. Boring/Well I.D.: 3

Harrison Drilling Crew: Cooper, Miller

Rig: TH-60 Service Truck: F-92 Auger/Bit Size: 4 3/4

MOB/Rig Up Time	Start:	Stop:	Mileage:
Drilling Time	Start: 12:00 P.M.	Stop:	
Completion Time	Start:	Stop: 1:30 P.M.	
Decon Time	Start:	Stop:	
DEMOB/Rig Down	Start:	Stop:	Mileage:

Lost Time Total: Remarks:

Total Depth: 48' Depth to Ground Water: 37' Sample Interval: 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 36

Casing Depth: 48' Screened Interval: 33'-48'

MATERIALS

15' Screen (2" OR 4") (.010 OR .020)

35' Blank (2" OR 4")

1 Casing Points

1 Locking Caps

____ Locks

____ Centralizers

4 Sand (10/20 ro 20/40)

1/2 Pellets/Chips

2 Bentonite Grout

2 Sackrete

____ Plastic

____ Drums

1 Surface Completion Type: A.G. manhole

____ Misc. Add. Materials:

REMARKS / SUBCONTRACT EXPENSE / MISC. EXPENSE / EXPENDABLES:

Sample description on back

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ANALYTICAL RESULTS FOR
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Receiving Date: 11/18/96
Reporting Date: 11/19/96
Project Number: NOT GIVEN
Project Name: WM35
Project Location: NMGBSAU

Sampling Date: 11/18/96
Sample Type: GROUNDWATER
Sample Condition: COOL & INTACT
Sample Received By: BC
Analyzed By: BC

LAB NUMBER	SAMPLE ID	TDS (mg/L)	Cl (mg/L)
ANALYSIS DATE:		11/19/96	11/18/96
H2708-1	NMGBSAU	3402	1483
Quality Control		NR	208
True Value QC		NR	200
% Accuracy		NR	104
Relative Percent Difference		3.2	1.9
METHODS: EPA 600/4-79-02		160.1	325.3

Chemist

11/19/96
Date

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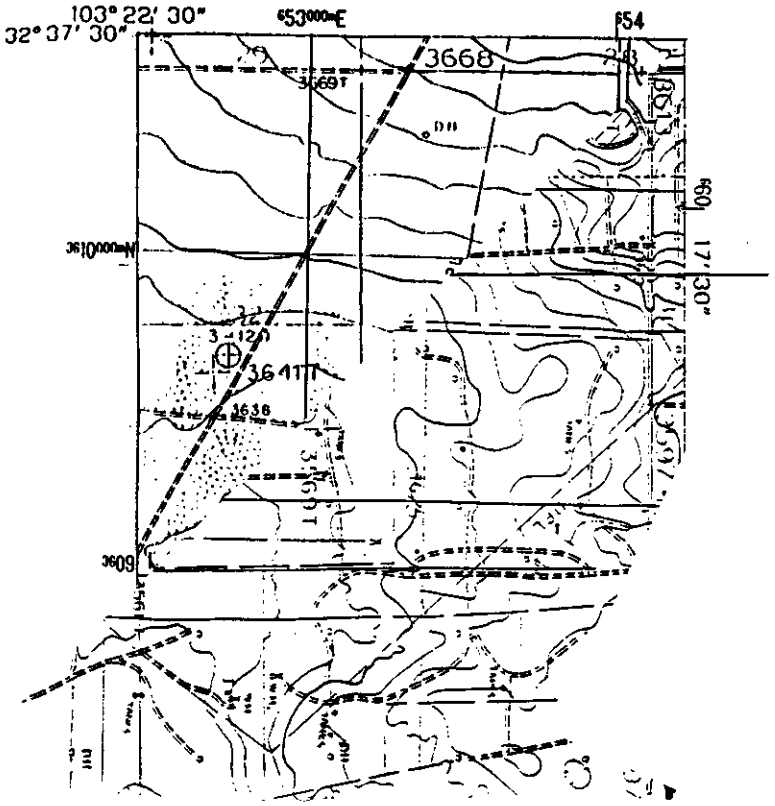

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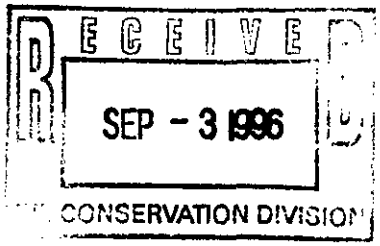

August 29, 1996

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Attn: Mr. William C. Olson

Re: **Ground water Investigation**
Durham State A
Chevron Graham NCT B
Lea County, NM

Pursuant to your letter of June 13, 1996, this letter is being submitted as a report on the current status of the project. Water Development Easement applications to permit the drilling of the seven monitor wells were submitted to the State Land Office on July 17, 1996. As of this date, Amerada Hess has not received approval of the Easement Applications from the SLO. Work will commence when the easements are received.

If you have any questions, please contact the undersigned at (915) 758-6741.

Sincerely,

Samuel Small, PE
Environmental Coordinator

xc: NMOCD - Hobbs District
Houston Environmental File
Seminole District Environmental File
Monument Area File

AMERADA HESS CORPORATION

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New Mexico State Engineer's Office
District 2
P.O. Box 1717
Roswell, New Mexico 88201-1717
Attn: Mr. Johnny Hernandez, PE

RE: **Groundwater Investigations**
Durham State 'A' Tank Battery
Chevron Graham NCT 'B' Tank Battery

Dear Mr. Hernandez,

Pursuant to my phone conversation with Mr. Fresquez on 06/17/96, Amerada Hess Corporation (AHC) is advising the State Engineer's Office, in writing, of our intention to drill seven monitor wells in central Lea County for the purpose of sampling the groundwater. The wells will be drilled to a depth of approximately 60 feet, or 10 feet below the depth at which groundwater is first encountered. Only enough water will be removed from each well to obtain a representative sample, approximately 30 to 50 gallons. If it becomes necessary to produce significantly larger volumes, your office will be notified prior to our doing so. The wells are being drilled to sample the groundwater for possible hydrocarbon contamination resulting from previous operators' surface activities at tank batteries which were located on each site. Three (3) wells are to be drilled in the SE^{4}, SE^{4} of Sec. 2, Twp 20S, Rge 36E and four (4) wells are to be drilled in the NW^{4}, SW^{4} of Sec. 2, Twp 20S, Rge 36E; detailed well locations will be provided upon completion of drilling activities. Both sites are located on State Land Office leases. AHC anticipates drilling the wells during August, 1996.

Please advise the undersigned, at the letterhead address, of any additional information which the State Engineer's Office may require, or if it will be necessary for AHC to submit permit applications for the above activity.

Sincerely,

Samuel Small, PE
Environmental Coordinator

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION
2040 S. PACHECO
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June 13, 1996

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RETURN RECEIPT NO. P-269-269-161

Mr. Samuel Small
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RE: GROUND WATER INVESTIGATIONS
DURHAM STATE "A" TANK BATTERY
CHEVRON GRAHAM NCT "B" TANK BATTERY

Dear Mr. Small:

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has completed a review of Amerada Hess Corporation's (AHC) March 20, 1996 and April 2, 1996 correspondence and AHC's June 5, 1996 "TANK BATTERY SITE RECLAMATION DURHAM STATE "A" TANK BATTERY & CHEVRON GRAHAM NCT "B" TANK BATTERY, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO". These documents contain AHC's notification of encountering ground water during soil remedial actions at the Durham State "A" tank battery and the Chevron Graham NCT "B" Tank Battery located in Unit P, Sec 2, T20S, R36E NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico. The documents also contain AHC's work plan for investigation of the potential occurrence of ground water contamination at the sites.

The above referenced work plan is approved with the following conditions:

1. All monitor wells will be constructed as set out below:

   a. A minimum of fifteen feet of well screen will be installed, with at least five feet of well screen above the water table and ten feet of well screen below the water table.

   b. An appropriately sized gravel pack will be set around the well screen from the bottom of the hole to 2-3 feet above the top of the well screen.

   c. A 2-3 foot bentonite plug will be placed above the gravel pack.

   d. The remainder of the hole will be grouted to the surface with cement containing 5 % bentonite.

2. AHC will develop each well upon completion using EPA approved procedures.

3. All wastes will be disposed of at an OCD approved facility or in an OCD approved manner.

4. Ground water from the monitor wells will be sampled and analyzed for concentrations of benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, xylene (BTEX), total dissolved solids (TDS), major cations and anions and heavy metals using EPA approved methods.

   NOTE: Since the New Mexico Water Quality Control Commission does not have a ground water standard for total petroleum hydrocarbons (TPH), the OCD does not require AHC to sample ground water for concentrations of TPH.

5. AHC will submit a report on the investigation to the OCD by August 30, 1996. The report will contain:

   a. A description of all activities which occurred during the investigation, conclusions and recommendations including a discussion and the results of the soil remedial actions.

   b. A summary of the laboratory analytic results of soil and water quality sampling.

   c. A water table elevation map for each site using the water table elevation of the ground water in all monitor wells.

   d. A geologic log and well completion diagram for each well.

6. AHC will notify the OCD at least 48 hours in advance of all scheduled activities such that the OCD has the opportunity to witness the events and/or split samples.

7. All documents submitted for approval will be submitted to the OCD Santa Fe Office with copies provided to the OCD Hobbs District Office.

Please be advised that OCD approval does not relieve AHC of liability if contamination exists which is beyond the scope of the plan or if the activities fail to adequately determine the extent of contamination. In addition, OCD approval does not relieve AHC of responsibility for compliance with any other federal, state or local laws and/or regulations.

If you have any questions, please call me at (505) 827-7154.

Sincerely,

William C. Olson
Hydrogeologist
Environmental Bureau

xc: Jerry Sexton, OCD Hobbs District Supervisor
Wayne Price, OCD Hobbs Office
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June 5, 1996

Oil Conservation Division
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Attn: Mr. William Olson

Re: **Tank Battery Site Reclamation**
Durham State 'A' Tank Battery &
Chevron-Graham NCT 'B' Tank Battery
Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Olson:

To facilitate closure of excavations at the above referenced sites, Amerada Hess Corporation (AHC) proposes drilling monitor wells at both sites to delineate remaining vadose zone contamination and to ascertain the existence and extent of any ground water contamination. Future closure activities at the excavations will be predicated on evaluation of the monitor well program.

AHC proposes drilling three (3) wells to the south (down gradient) of the Graham NCT 'B' excavation and three (3) wells to the south (down gradient), one (1) well to the north (up gradient) and one (1) well between the excavations at the State 'A' site. An up gradient well is not needed at the Graham NCT 'B' site because the excavation indicated that there is no contamination to the north. The wells will be drilled to a depth sufficient to penetrate approximately twenty (20) feet of aquifer and will be located as close to the excavations as safe operating practices will allow. Drilling samples will be collected at five (5) foot intervals and analyzed, using EPA approved protocols, for TPH and VOC content. The wells will be cased with 2' PVC pipe and water samples will be collected, using standard sampling procedures, and analyzed for VOC, TPH, chlorides and TDS using EPA approved protocols.

If the above proposal meets with NMOCD approval, work will commence shortly after AHC receives notification. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact the undersigned at the letterhead address or at (915) 758-6741.

Sincerely,

Samuel Small, PE
Environmental Coordinator

xc: NMOCD - Hobbs District Office
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Houston Environmental File
Seminole District Environmental File
Monument Area File
Chevron - Hobbs Office

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April 2, 1996

NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION
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ATTN: MR. ROGER ANDERSON

This is a follow-up notice regarding the discovery by Amerada Hess Corporation (AHC), as operator of the North Monument Graybury San Andres Unit (NMGSAU), of hydrocarbon-impacted soil (TPH and BTEX concentrations currently being analyzed) in close proximity to the groundwater level, during the clean-up of a tank battery site in the Southeast quarter of the Southeast quarter of Section 2, Township 20 South, Range 36 East, Lea County, New Mexico. The material discovered on March 27, 1996, was immediately reported by AHC to Mr. Jerry Sexton, of the NMOCD Hobbs District Office, who visited the site that same day. At that time, the groundwater did not appear to be impacted and efforts continued to remove the contaminated soil. On April 1, 1996, additional groundwater was encountered. Mr. Sexton was again notified and AHC ceased all further excavation operations and secured the site, pending further discussions with and guidance from the NMOCD.

The site is located on a State lease, and was apparently owned and operated by Chevron prior to unitization. The material was discovered by AHC while working on a project to consolidate individual lease batteries into one central facility for the NMGSAU. The battery has been dismantled and the source of the contamination is no longer present.

After consultation with the NMOCD, AHC will determine the extent of the hydrocarbon-impacted soil, and if required, will submit abatement plans to the NMOCD for consideration.

If you should have any questions or would like further information concerning this matter, please contact the undersigned at (915) 758-6741.

AMERADA HESS CORPORATION

SAMUEL W. SMALL
ENVIRONMENTAL COORDINATOR

xc: NMOCD, Hobbs district Office
State Land Office, Hobbs
Houston Environmental File
Seminole District Environmental File
Monument District File
Chevron

Wayne Price

From:	Wayne Price
To:	Roger Anderson
Cc:	Bill Olson; Jerry Sexton
Subject:	Amerada Hess-Chevron Graham Lease
Date:	Monday, April 01, 1996 2:50PM

Sam Small notified our office last week of another possible ground water contamination site located at the above referenced lease, se/4 se/4 sec 2-Ts 20s - R36e.

Sam indicated to me they will submit a notification and work plan to your office with cc's to the district.