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AMERADA HESS CORPORATION

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October 5, 2000

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Ms. Donna Williams
New Mexico Oil Conservation Division
1625 French Drive
Hobbs, New Mexico 88240

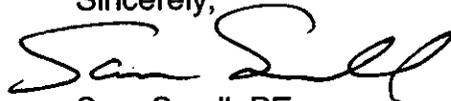
Re: Spill Report 12-08-99
W.A. Weir B Battery
UL C Sec. 26, T-19S, R-36E
Letter of Oct. 2, 2000

Dear Ms. Williams:

Amerada Hess Corporation respectfully requests an explanation as to why the response in our letter of April 11, 2000, does not adequately demonstrate a sufficient level of clean up, at this spill site, to be protective of the groundwater. The spill was the result of a leak in a treating vessel, so the volume of the spilled liquid is fairly well established. The volume of material hauled to disposal is more than adequate to reasonably remove source material from the area as demonstrated in the calculations. AHC does not believe that any further delineation is necessary.

We will await your response.

Sincerely,



Sam Small, PE
Environmental Coordinator

Xc: NMOCD – Santa Fe
Houston Environmental File
PBBU Environmental File
Monument Area File



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Attn: Sam Small
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C-141-leak 12-7-99
UL C-Sec 26-T19S-R36E
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April 11, 2000

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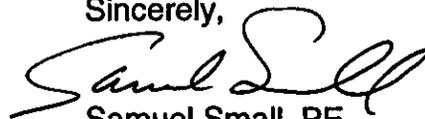
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March 2, 2000

Amerada Hess Corp.
Attn: Douglas Roberts
Drawer D
Monument, New Mexico 88265

Re: C-141: Submitted on 12-08-99
UL C-Sec 26-T19S-R36E

Dear Mr. Roberts,

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Release Notification and Corrective Action

OPERATOR

Initial Report Final Report

Name AMERADA HESS CORP.		Contact AL YOUNG SR. PRODUCTION FOREMAN
Address DRAWER D MONUMENT, NM 88265		Telephone No. 505-393-2144 X 117
Facility Name WA WEIR B BATTERY		Facility Type PRODUCTION STORAGE
Surface Owner JIMMIE T. COOPER	Mineral Owner	Lease No. P106950

LOCATION OF RELEASE

Unit Letter	Section	Township	Range	Feet from the	North/South Line	Feet from the	East/West Line	County
C	26	19S	36E					LEA

NATURE OF RELEASE

Type of Release OIL & WATER	Volume of Release 20 BBLS OIL & 5 BBLS WATER	Volume Recovered 0
Source of Release HEATER TREATER FIRE TUBE (W/HOLE)	Date and Hour of Occurrence 12/7/99 11:30 AM	Date and Hour of Discovery 12/7/99 11:30 AM
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Signature: <i>[Signature]</i>	OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION	
Printed Name: DOUGLAS ROBERTS	Approved By District Supervisor:	Expiration Date:
Title: ADMIN. SUPR.	Approval Date:	
Date: 12/1/99	Phone: 393 2144	Conditions of Approval: Attached <input type="checkbox"/> <i>[Signature]</i>

**New Mexico Office of the State Engineer
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Township: Range: Sections:

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AVERAGE DEPTH OF WATER REPORT 10/13/2000

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L	19S	36E	04				9	45	65	51
L	19S	36E	05				2	65	70	68
L	19S	36E	06				1	65	65	65
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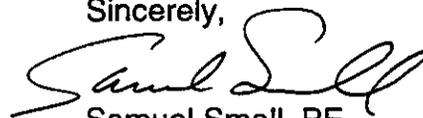
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Title: ADMIN. SUPR.	Conditions of Approval:	Attached <input type="checkbox"/>	<i>SW</i>
Date: 12/18/99	Phone: 393-2144		



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February 13, 1998

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT NO. Z-235-437-230

Mr. Samuel Small
Amerada Hess Corporation
P.O. Box 840
Seminole, Texas 79360

**RE: SITE REMEDIATION REPORT
WEIR "B" TANK BATTERY**

Dear Mr. Small:

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has reviewed Amerada Hess Corporation's (AHC) October 15, 1997 "SITE RECLAMATION, FINAL CLOSURE REPORT, WEIR "B" TANK BATTERY SITE, NW/4, SEC. 26, T-19S, R-36E, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO". This document contains the results of AHC's remediation of contaminated soils and investigation of potential ground water contamination. The document also requests final closure approval of remedial actions and permission to plug and abandon the existing site monitor well.

The OCD considers the soil and ground water closure actions at this site to be complete and final closure is approved. The OCD requires that the existing site monitor well be plugged with a cement grout containing 3-5% bentonite.

Please be advised that OCD approval does not relieve AHC of liability if remaining contaminants are found to pose a future threat to ground water, surface water, human health or the environment. In addition, OCD approval does not relieve AHC of responsibility for compliance with any other federal, state or local laws and regulations.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Will Olson".

William C. Olson
Hydrogeologist
Environmental Bureau

xc: Wayne Price, OCD Hobbs District Office.

NMOCD INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO: Bill Olson-Environmental Bureau, Santa Fe, NM
From: Wayne Price-Environmental Engineer *WJ*
Date: June 25, 1997
Reference: Amerada Hess-Weir "B" Tk. Battery.
NW/4 Sec 26-Ts19s-R36e.
Subject: Field Report of Ground Water Contamination.
Comments:

Dear Bill,

Please find enclosed photos of the above referenced site. This site is approximately 1/4-1/2 mi. Due west of the Cooper ranch where the monument spring is located.

Photos: By: W.Price-NMOCD
June 25, 1997
Amerada Hess-Weir "B" Tk. Battery.
NW/4 Sec 26-Ts19s-R36e.
Neg# 370223

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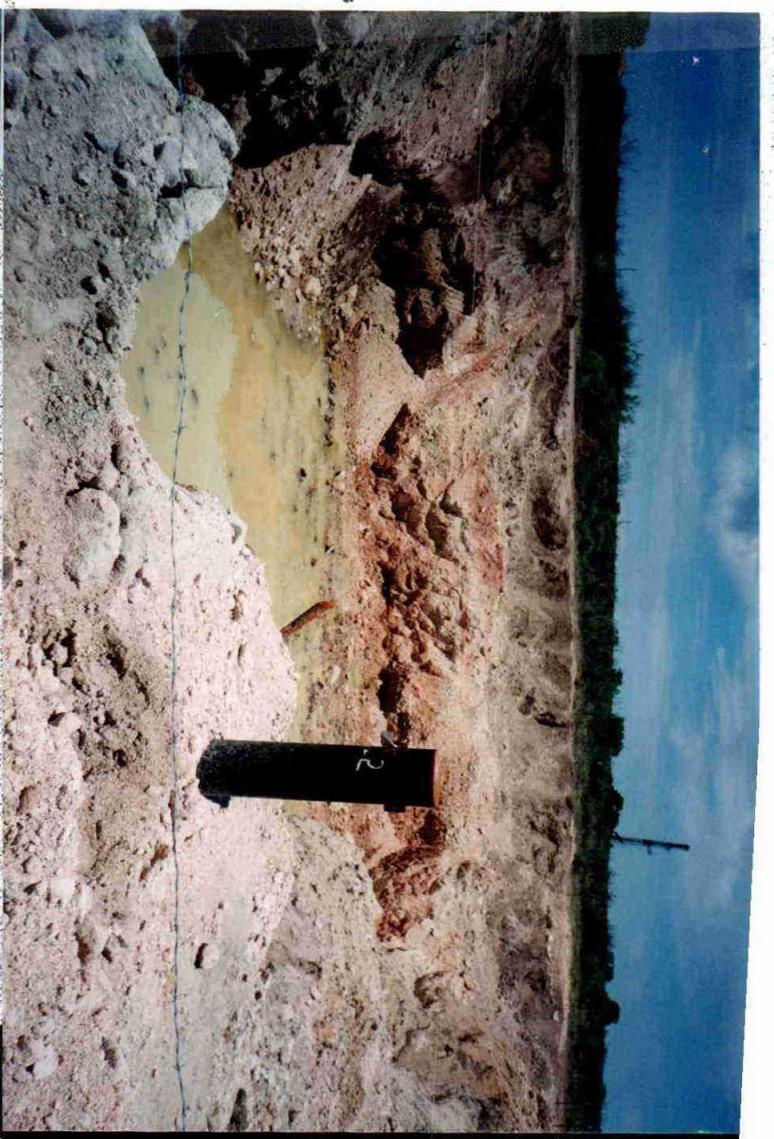
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