



May 1, 2023

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RE: EKG Containment

Magrym Consulting has been working with Aris Water Solutions at the EKG Containment since 2021. Magrym prepared a plan set for the EKG pond conversion from freshwater to produced water in February 2021. When the pond was converted the old liner was removed, slopes were re-dressed, and the containment was relined with a new 60 MIL HDPE primary liner, 200 MIL Geonet, and 40 MIL HDPE secondary liner in accordance with the requirements pursuant to NMAC 19.15.34.

As the Engineer for the EKG Containment, Magrym performed a review of the Lined Water Impoundment Inspection/Repair Log (Appendix A), AirScan 3D Mapping Report (Appendix B), and Site Photographs (Appendix C) provided by Chad Gallagher of Aris Water Solutions. The *Lined Water Impoundment Inspection/Repair Log* performed by Souksan Inthavongsa (Lee) of Patriot Environmental focused on the liner welds, rub sheets, the liner surface, depth gauge, pipe boots and the leak detection system. This analysis concluded no fluid was found in the leak detection sump and apart from small holes in the rub sheet, no damage was indicated. These small holes have been repaired, as shown in figures 10-14.

Based upon available data, the liner appears to be in good working condition, free of stretching and tears and acceptable for continued use. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at [claudius.sanchez@magrym.com](mailto:claudius.sanchez@magrym.com).

Respectfully Submitted,

  
05/01/2023

Claudius Sanchez Czyzewksa, PE  
Magrym Consulting, Inc.





May 15, 2023

## Statement Explaining Why the Applicant Seeks a Variance

The prescriptive mandates of the Rule that are the subject of this variance request are:

19.15.34.13.C A recycling containment shall be deemed to have ceased operations if less than 20% of the total fluid capacity is used every six months following the first withdrawal of produced water for use. The operator must report cessation of operations to the appropriate division district office. The appropriate division district office may grant an extension to this determination of cessation of operations not to exceed six months

The EKG Containment is associated with the Landes Recycling Facility as it receives treated produced water via pipeline when hydraulic stimulation of oil wells occurs in the area. Thus, the use of The EKG Containment is 100% dependent upon the drilling schedule of wells in the vicinity. The EKG Containment received treated produced from the Landis recycling facility and transferred 821,141 bbls for use at the Marathon Honey Mustard 22 WXY Fed Com 6H and 8H wells. This use of The EKG Containment ceased on October XXX, 2022.

ConocoPhillips plans drill and stimulate Tomahawk WC Unit 714H, 715H, 716H sometime during Q2 or Q3 2023. While schedules can change, The EKG Containment is essential to allowing these scheduled wells to use treated produced water in lieu of fresh water.

Closure of The EKG Containment to maintain compliance with Rule 34 followed by reconstruction of the containment provides no environmental or financial benefit.



## Demonstration That the Variance Will Provide Equal or Better Protection of Fresh Water, Public Health and the Environment

Prior to introduction of produced water into the containment for the next stimulation event in Q2 or Q3 of 2023, Solaris will provide OCD with

- An update regarding the anticipated start of recycling activities
- Results of an inspection of the liner system, avian hazing device, fencing, etc.
- A leak detection report 2 weeks prior to use in stimulation with the Containment filled with water. If Solaris detects leakage, the Containment will be drained and repaired prior to re-filling for use in well stimulation.

During the first three weeks after the initial test described above, Solaris will monitor the leak detection system and provide OCD with the findings via email.

We contend that these actions provide equal protection of fresh water, public health and the environment when compared to closure of the containment and rebuilding.

https://www.emnrd.nm.gov/ocd/ocd-e-permitting/

## Recycling Facility and/or Recycling Containment

Type of Facility:  Recycling Facility  Recycling Containment\*  
 Type of action:  Permit  Registration  
 Modification  Extension extension of cessation of operation  
 Closure  Other (explain) request from May 2023 to November 2023

\* At the time C-147 is submitted to the division for a Recycling Containment, a copy shall be provided to the surface owner.

Be advised that approval of this request does not relieve the operator of liability should operations result in pollution of surface water, ground water or the environment. Nor does approval relieve the operator of its responsibility to comply with any other applicable governmental authority's rules, regulations or ordinances.

1.  
 Operator: Solaris Water Midstream, LLC (For multiple operators attach page with information) OGRID #: 371643  
 Address: 9811 Katy Freeway, Suite 700, Houston TX, 77024  
 Facility or well name (include API# if associated with a well): EKG Produced Water Containment  
 OCD Permit Number: 2RF-159 (For new facilities the permit number will be assigned by the district office)  
 U/L or Qtr/Qtr F Section 29 Township 24S Range 28E County: Eddy  
 Surface Owner:  Federal  State  Private  Tribal Trust or Indian Allotment

2.  
 **Recycling Facility:**  
 Location of recycling facility (if applicable): Latitude 32.117435 Longitude -104.075971 NAD83  
 Proposed Use:  Drilling\*  Completion\*  Production\*  Plugging \*  
*\*The re-use of produced water may NOT be used until fresh water zones are cased and cemented*  
 Other, requires permit for other uses. Describe use, process, testing, volume of produced water and ensure there will be no adverse impact on groundwater or surface water.  
 Fluid Storage  
 Above ground tanks  Recycling containment  Activity permitted under 19.15.17 NMAC explain type \_\_\_\_\_  
 Activity permitted under 19.15.36 NMAC explain type: \_\_\_\_\_  Other explain \_\_\_\_\_  
 For multiple or additional recycling containments, attach design and location information of each containment  
 **Closure Report (required within 60 days of closure completion):**  Recycling Facility Closure Completion Date: \_\_\_\_\_

3.  
 **Recycling Containment:**  
 Annual Extension after initial 5 years (attach summary of monthly leak detection inspections for previous year)  
 Center of Recycling Containment (if applicable): Latitude 32.1893287°N Longitude -104.1132493°W NAD83  
 For multiple or additional recycling containments, attach design and location information of each containment  
 Lined  Liner type: Thickness \_\_\_\_\_ mil  LLDPE  HDPE  PVC  Other please see drawings  
 String-Reinforced  
 Liner Seams:  Welded  Factory  Other please see drawings Volume: \_\_\_\_\_ bbl Dimensions: L \_\_\_\_\_ x W \_\_\_\_\_ x D \_\_\_\_\_  
 Recycling Containment Closure Completion Date: \_\_\_\_\_

4.

**Bonding:**

Covered under bonding pursuant to 19.15.8 NMAC per 19.15.34.15(A)(2) NMAC (These containments are limited to only the wells owned or operated by the owners of the containment.)

Bonding in accordance with 19.15.34.15(A)(1). Amount of bond \$ see transmittal letter (work on these facilities cannot commence until bonding amounts are approved)

Attach closure cost estimate and documentation on how the closure cost was calculated.

5.

**Fencing:**

Four foot height, four strands of barbed wire evenly spaced between one and four feet

Alternate. Please specify game fence

6.

**Signs:**

12"x 24", 2" lettering, providing Operator's name, site location, and emergency telephone numbers

Signed in compliance with 19.15.16.8 NMAC

7.

**Variiances:**

Justifications and/or demonstrations that the proposed variance will afford reasonable protection against contamination of fresh water, human health, and the environment.

**Check the below box only if a variance is requested:**

Variance(s): Requests must be submitted to the appropriate division district for consideration of approval. If a Variance is requested, include the variance information on a separate page and attach it to the C-147 as part of the application.

**If a Variance is requested, it must be approved prior to implementation.**

8.

**Siting Criteria for Recycling Containment**

*Instructions: The applicant must provide attachments that demonstrate compliance for each siting criteria below as part of the application. Potential examples of the siting attachment source material are provided below under each criteria.*

<b>General siting</b>	
<b>Ground water is less than 50 feet below the bottom of the Recycling Containment.</b> NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search; USGS; Data obtained from nearby wells	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> NA
Within incorporated municipal boundaries or within a defined municipal fresh water well field covered under a municipal ordinance adopted pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 3-27-3, as amended. - Written confirmation or verification from the municipality; written approval obtained from the municipality	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> NA
Within the area overlying a subsurface mine. - Written confirmation or verification or map from the NM EMNRD-Mining and Minerals Division	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Within an unstable area. - Engineering measures incorporated into the design; NM Bureau of Geology & Mineral Resources; USGS; NM Geological Society; topographic map	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Within a 100-year floodplain. FEMA map	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Within 300 feet of a continuously flowing watercourse, or 200 feet of any other significant watercourse, or lakebed, sinkhole, or playa lake (measured from the ordinary high-water mark). - Topographic map; visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Within 1000 feet from a permanent residence, school, hospital, institution, or church in existence at the time of initial application. - Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site; aerial photo; satellite image	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Within 500 horizontal feet of a spring or a fresh water well used for domestic or stock watering purposes, in existence at the time of initial application. - NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search; visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Within 500 feet of a wetland. - US Fish and Wildlife Wetland Identification map; topographic map; visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

9.

**Recycling Facility and/or Containment Checklist:**

**Instructions:** Each of the following items must be attached to the application. Indicate, by a check mark in the box, that the documents are attached.

- Design Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements.
- Operating and Maintenance Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements.
- Closure Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements.
- Site Specific Groundwater Data -
- Siting Criteria Compliance Demonstrations -
- Certify that notice of the C-147 (only) has been sent to the surface owner(s)

10.

**Operator Application Certification:**

I hereby certify that the information and attachments submitted with this application are true, accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Name (Print): Chad Gallagher Title: Permit Agent

Signature: *Chad Gallagher* Date: 5-16-2023

e-mail address: chad.gallagher@ariswater.com Telephone: (575)444-9786

11.

OCD Representative Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Approval Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ OCD Permit Number: \_\_\_\_\_

OCD Conditions \_\_\_\_\_

Additional OCD Conditions on Attachment \_\_\_\_\_

Pond or AST	Date	Operator Name	Tear in Liner (Y/N)?	Break in Berms and run-on storm water (Y/N)?	Dead Wildlife (Y/N)?	Oil on fluid (Y/N)?	Leak Detection Working (Y/N)?	Freeboard Fluid Level (ft)	Pond Level (ft)	Comments or Updates
EKG Really Scary Pond	12/6/2022	Ricardo Lara	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	TRUE	13.00	3.00	Looks to be rain water
EKG Really Scary Pond	12/13/2022	Ricardo Lara	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	TRUE	13.00	3.00	
EKG Really Scary Pond	12/13/2022	Ricardo Lara	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	TRUE	13.00	3.00	Rain water in pond
EKG Really Scary Pond	12/19/2022	Ricardo Lara	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	TRUE	13.00	3.00	
EKG Really Scary Pond	12/26/2022	Ricardo Lara	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	TRUE	13.00	3.00	
EKG Really Scary Pond	2/12/2023	Bradley Webb	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	TRUE	13.00	3.00	
EKG Really Scary Pond	2/24/2023	Bradley Webb	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	TRUE	13.00	3.00	Middle part starting to rise on liner
EKG Really Scary Pond	3/9/2023	Bradley Webb	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	TRUE	13.00	3.00	
EKG Really Scary Pond	3/17/2023	Bradley Webb	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	TRUE	13.00	3.00	
EKG Really Scary Pond	3/23/2023	Bradley Webb	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	TRUE	13.00	3.00	
EKG Really Scary Pond	3/31/2023	Bradley Webb	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	TRUE	13.00	3.00	
EKG Really Scary Pond	4/7/2023	Bradley Webb	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	TRUE	13.00	3.00	
EKG Really Scary Pond	4/14/2023	Bradley Webb	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	TRUE	13.00	3.00	
EKG Really Scary Pond	4/21/2023	Bradley Webb	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	TRUE	13.00	3.00	
EKG Really Scary Pond	4/28/2023	Bradley Webb	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	TRUE	13.00	3.00	
EKG Really Scary Pond	5/5/2023	Bradley Webb	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	TRUE	13.00	3.00	
EKG Really Scary Pond	5/9/2023	Bradley Webb	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	TRUE	7.00	6.00	

# Appendices



**Appendix A: Lined Water Impoundment Inspection/Repair Log  
(Patriot Environmental)**





## Lined Water Impoundment Inspection / Repair Log

### Interior Liner

	Y	N	Location <small>(e.g., NE wall 3rd panel)</small>	Description <small>(e.g., Rip, Tear, loose Extrude, etc)</small>	Repaired (Y or N)	Repair Description <small>(e.g., Welded Extruded, etc.)</small>
Fluid in pit?	Y		N/A	N/A		
Weld Seems Damaged		N				
Rub Sheets Damaged	Y		Rub sheet in corner.	Small hole on rub sheet	yes 1/27/23	Extruded small hole. placed small beads on other davits
Extrudes Damaged		N				
Liner Surface Damaged		N				
Washouts / Voids		N				
Fluid Behind Liner		N				
Depth guage damaged		N				
Pipe Boots Damaged		N/A				

There was little to no fluid in the leak detection sump

### Exterior of Impoundment

	Y	N	Location <small>(e.g., NE wall 3rd panel)</small>	Description <small>(e.g., Rip, Tear, loose Extrude, etc)</small>	Repaired (Y or N)	Repair Description <small>(e.g., Welded Extruded, etc.)</small>
Liner on exterior						
Extrudes damaged						
Weld Seams damaged						
Liner Surface damaged				N/A		
Washouts / Voids						
Loose or torn Recyclelex						
Fluid leaking from pit						
Subgrade Degradation						
Erosion						
Erosion control ditch damaged						
Anchor trench damaged						
Erosion control ditch damaged						

**Notes:** Pit was walked with 3 ft of water in it. it was determined there was no water under the liner; full visual inspection was done above water level.

## Appendix B: AirScan 3D Mapping Report (Transwater, Inc.)





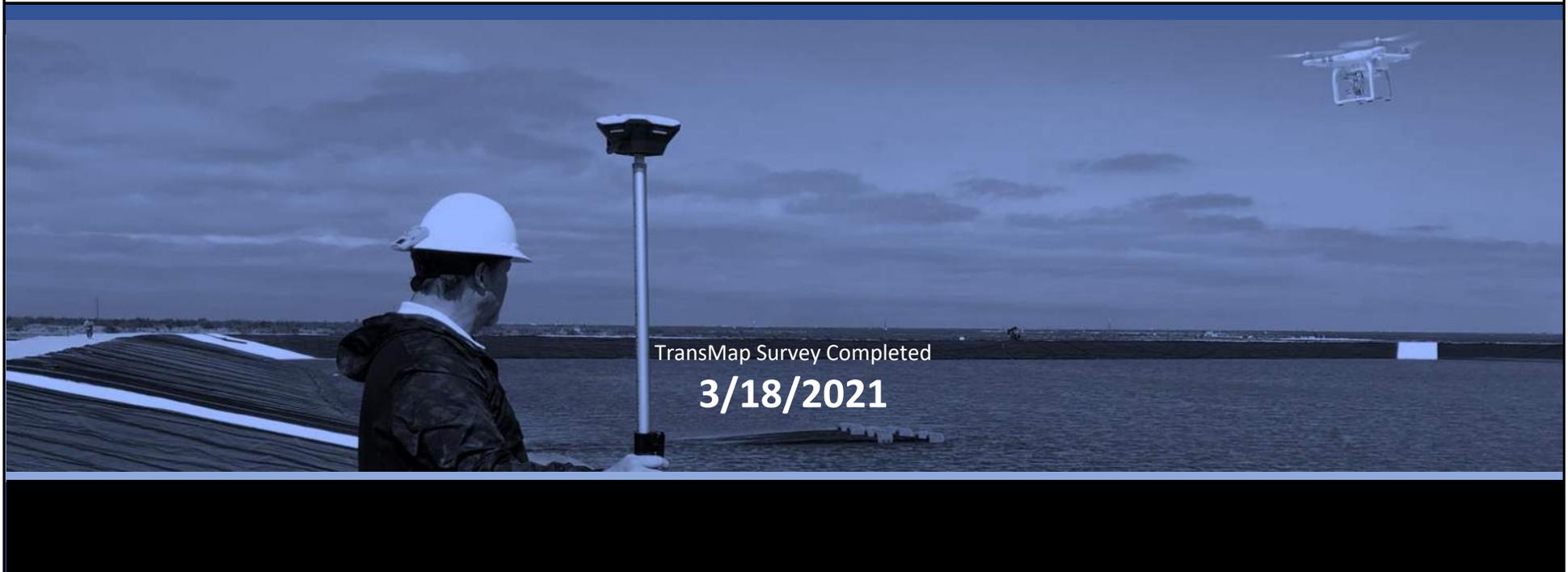
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## AirScan 3D Mapping

This TransMap Report Prepared for:



# EKG

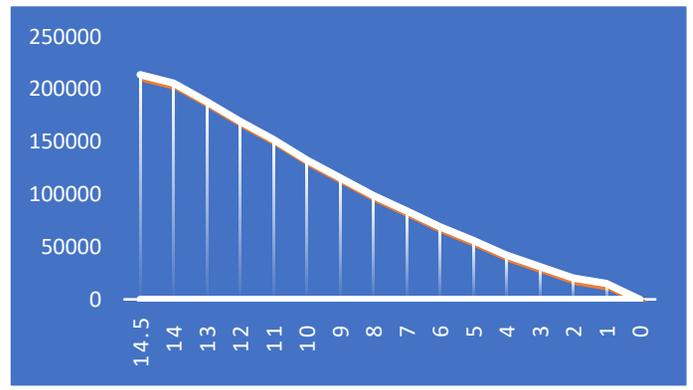


TransMap Survey Completed  
**3/18/2021**

Max fill to 2ft freeboard	<b>14.5</b>	ft	15	14	205,533
Volume at 2ft freeboard fill	<b>213,703</b>	bbls	14	13	188,171
<b>Berm Slope Reference Calculations</b>			13	12	169,337
			12	11	152,024
			11	10	132,590
North Berm Grade:	<b>30.88%</b>		10	9	115,851
South Berm Grade:	<b>34.22%</b>		9	8	98,831
East Berm Grade:	<b>34.15%</b>		8	7	84,122
West Berm Grade:	<b>32.14%</b>		7	6	69,104
			6	5	56,072
<b>Summary Notes</b>			5	4	42,067
To ensure a 2ft Freeboard minimum across the entire brim, 14.5ft is the recommend "full" line in this pit. East Gauge was used as the reference point.			4	3	31,251
			3	2	20,427
			2	1	15,001
			1	0	0



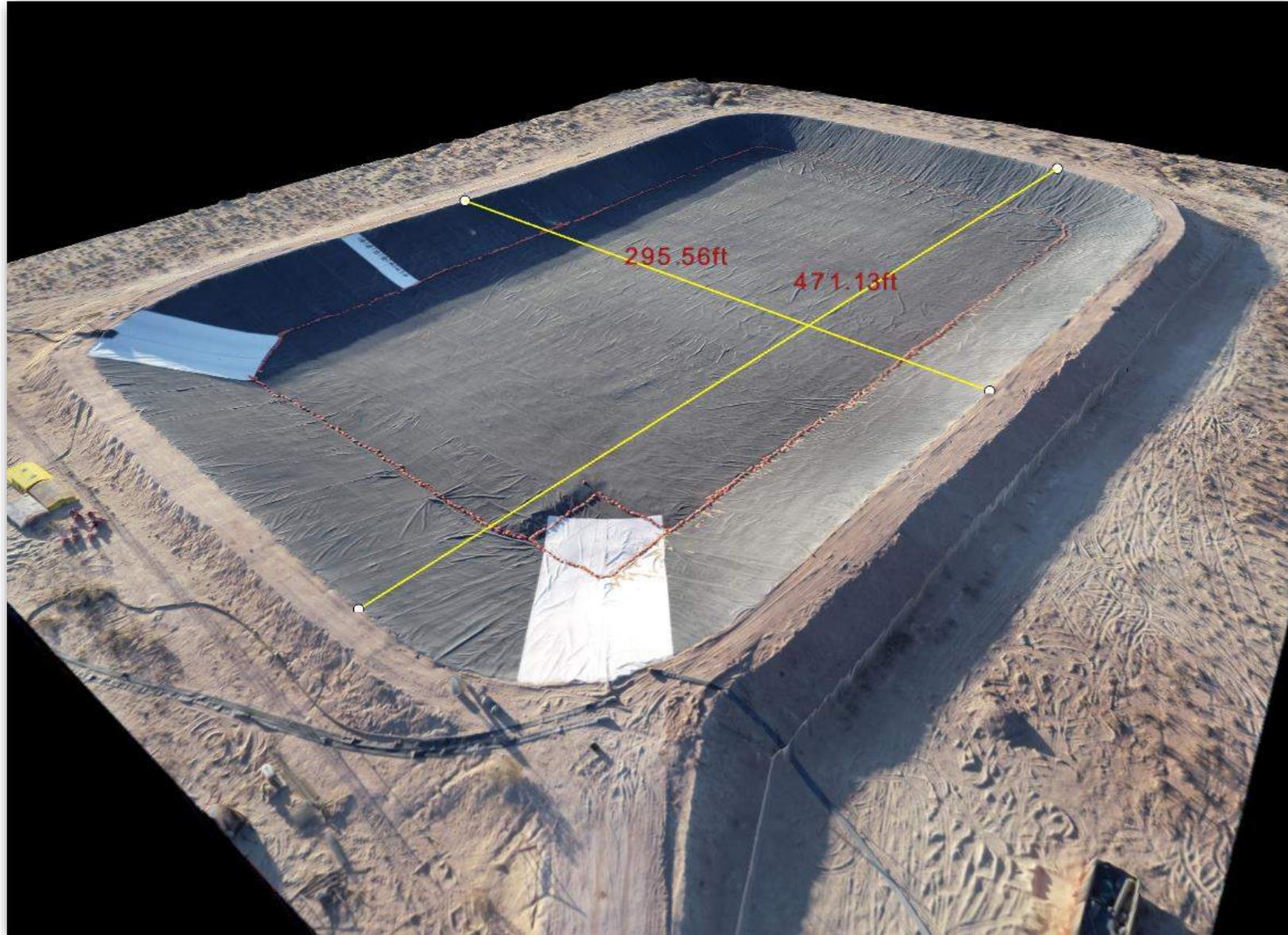
Level/Volume Curve



Drone scan performed by licensed  
 FAA Remote Pilot  
 Certificate Number: 4247357  
 Certificate Number: 4223011

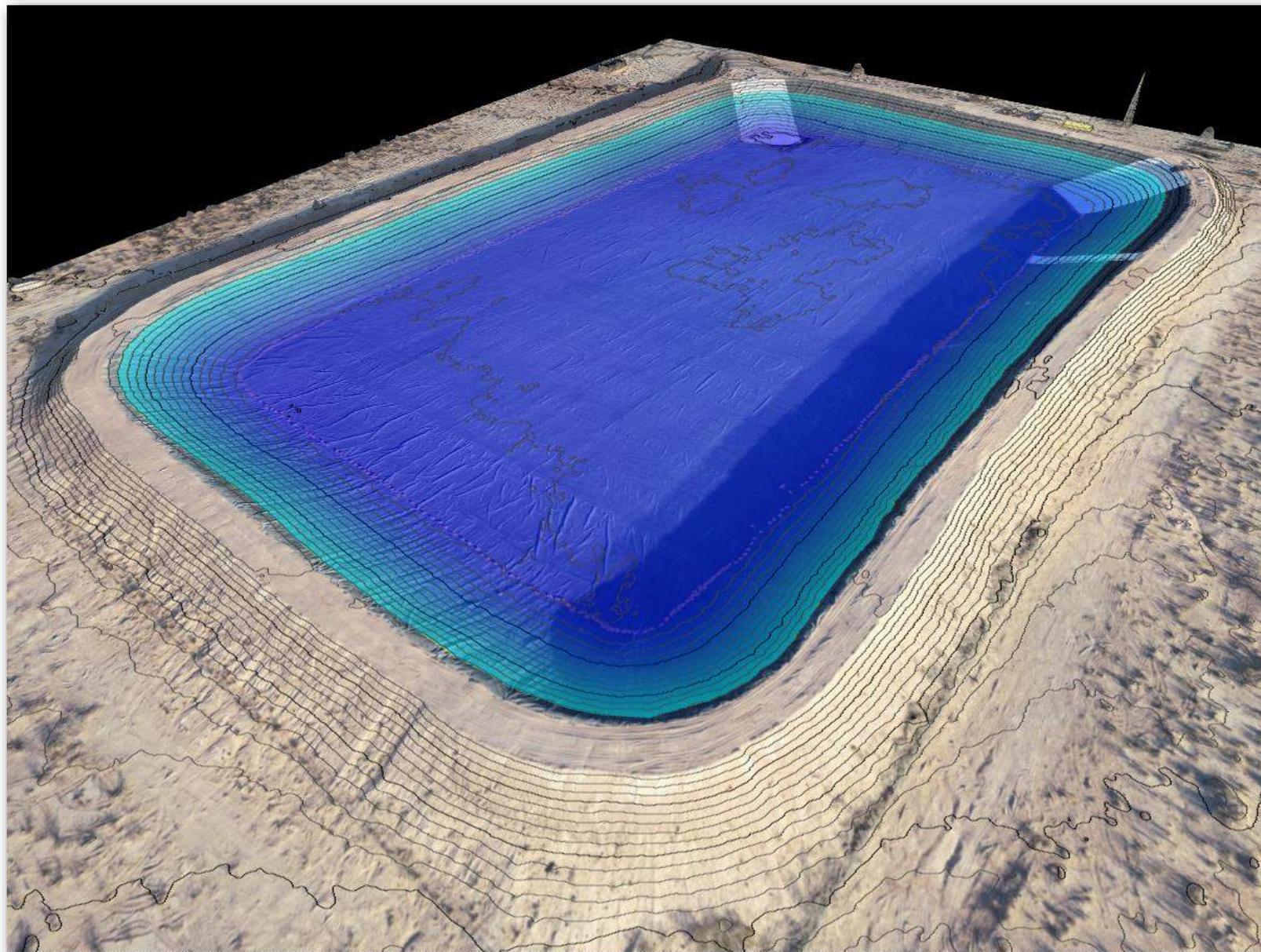
# EKG

**Measured dimension of the pit:  
471.13 ft x 295.56 ft at top of berm**



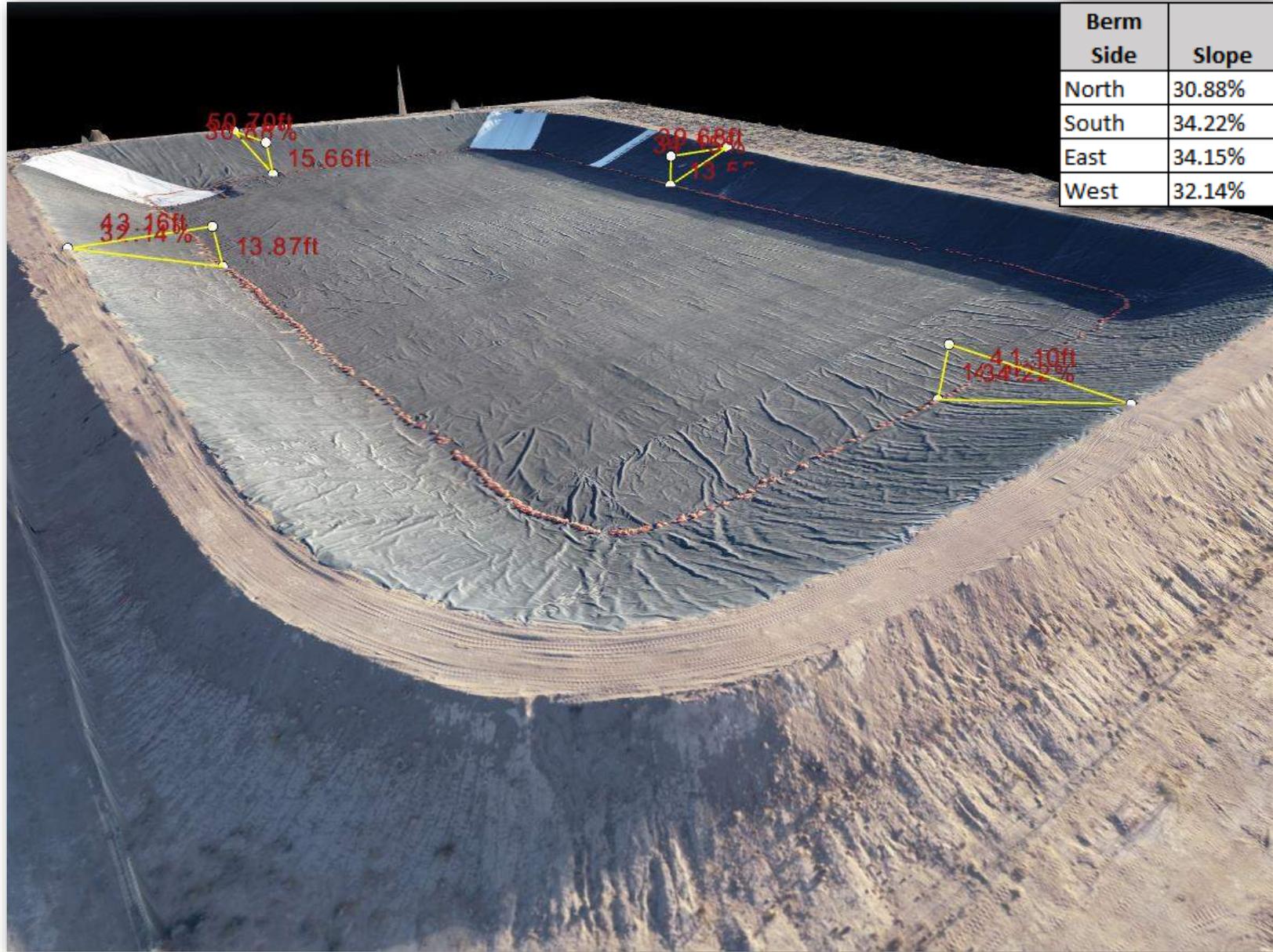
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**Simulated 2 foot freeboard fill with contour lines representing 1 foot grade changes in measured elevations.**



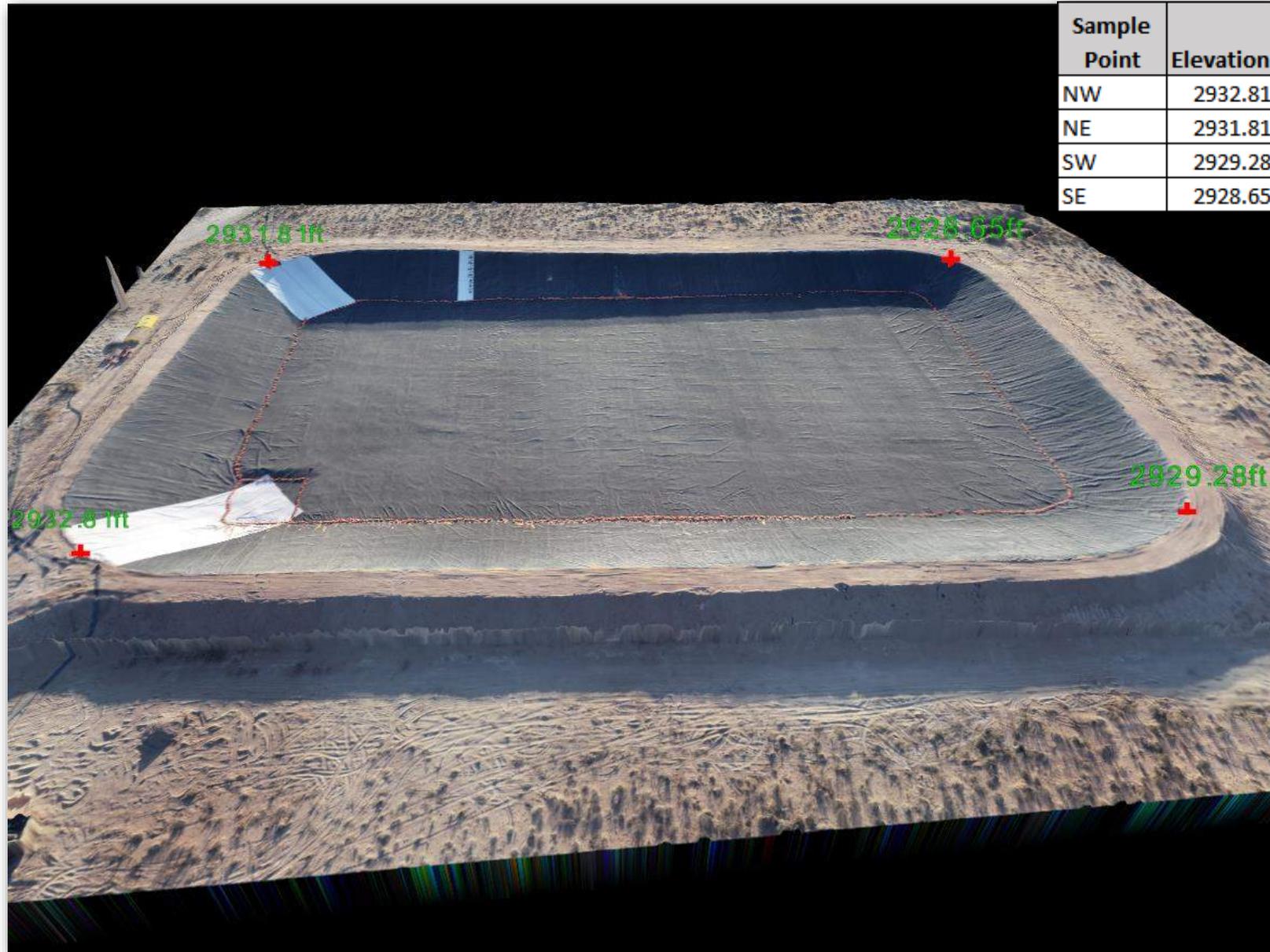
# EKG

Measurements indicating slope depth and slope grade at North, South, East, and West sides



# EKG

The 4 data elements in this graph and chart represent sample points at each corner of the pond the longitudes/latitudes shown and indicate the elevation (from sea-level) for each data sample



# EKG

## Chart of Measured Levels & Volumes

Gauge	Depth in Feet	Barrels	Gallons	Cubic Feet
<b>14.5</b>	<b>14.5</b>	<b>213,703</b>	<b>8,975,541</b>	<b>1,199,855</b>
14	14	205,533	8,632,401	1,153,984
13	13	188,171	7,903,194	1,056,503
12	12	169,337	7,112,134	950,754
11	11	152,024	6,385,007	853,551
10	10	132,590	5,568,778	744,437
9	9	115,851	4,865,763	650,458
8	8	98,831	4,150,886	554,893
7	7	84,122	3,533,116	472,309
6	6	69,104	2,902,367	387,990
5	5	56,072	2,355,003	314,818
4	4	42,067	1,766,810	236,188
3	3	31,251	1,312,553	175,463
2	2	20,427	857,943	114,690
1	1	15,001	630,056	84,226

### Summary Information

The top of berm elevation study measurements indicated a small and gradual elevation change across the pit brim.

The highest inside corner of berm point is at the Northwest corner and the lowest point is at the Southeast corner.

To ensure a 2ft Freeboard minimum across the entire brim, 14.5ft is the recommend "full" line in this pit. That is indicated with the highlighted line in the volume table.

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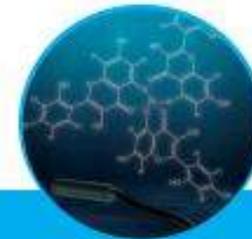
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Pond Level & Flow Data	
Diapneptic	54
Battery Voltage	14
Digital Sounding	-6.3 dftm
Flow Rate	71.7 BPH
Total Flow	571,511 barrels
Level	12.85 ft
Volume	571,511 barrels

### Appendix C: Site Photographs



Figure 1



Figure 2



Figure 3



Figure 4





Figure 5



Figure 6



Figure 7



Figure 8





Figure 9



Figure 10



Figure 11



Figure 12





Figure 13



Figure 14



Figure 15



Figure 16





Figure 17



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**Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources**  
**Oil Conservation Division**  
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CONDITIONS

Action 279601

**CONDITIONS**

Operator: SOLARIS WATER MIDSTREAM, LLC 907 Tradewinds Blvd, Suite B Midland, TX 79706	OGRID: 371643
	Action Number: 279601
	Action Type: [C-147] Water Recycle Long (C-147L)

**CONDITIONS**

Created By	Condition	Condition Date
vvenegas	None	10/26/2023