



February 21, 2025

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EMNRD – Oil Conservation Division  
 506 W. Texas Ave  
 Artesia, NM 88210

SUBJECT: Closure Request Report for the Tomb Raider 1 Federal 1H Battery, Incident ID # nAPP2427052436,  
 Facility ID fAPP2130648375, Eddy County, New Mexico.

## 1.0 Introduction

On behalf of Devon Energy Production Company, LP (Devon), Souder, Miller & Associates (SMA) has prepared this Closure Request Report. This report describes the corrective actions for a produced water incident related to oil and gas production activities at the Tomb Raider 1 Federal 1H Battery (Tomb Raider), Incident ID nAPP2427052436, that occurred on September 26, 2024. The spill area is located at latitude N 32.340535 and longitude W -103.729657.

Devon completed a release notification to the New Mexico Energy, Minerals, and Natural Resources Department – Oil Conservation Division (OCD) via email on November 1, 2024, and on the Operators Electronic Permitting and Payment Portal on September 26, 2024, for the submission of Notice of Release (NOR), followed by the submission of the Form C-141, Release Notification on September 30, 2024. This letter provides a description of the incident assessment and includes a request for spill closure.

Table 1: Release Information and Closure Criteria			
Name	Tomb Raider 1 Federal 1H Battery	Company	Devon Energy Production Company, LP
Facility ID	fAPP2130648375	PLSS GPS	L-01-23S-31E 32.340535, -103.729657
Case Serial Number	NMNM105913393	Legacy ID	NMNM136203
Incident Number	nAPP2427052436	Land Status	Federal
Date of Release	September 26, 2024	County	Eddy
Source of Release	Pinhole leak on ball valve inside secondary lined containment		
Released Volume	75 bbls	Recovered Volume	75 bbls
NMOCD Closure Criteria	Depth to groundwater 51-100 feet below ground surface (bgs), low karst potential		

## 2.0 Background

On September 26, 2024, a gasket was found leaking on the water transfer pump inside the secondary containment at the Tomb Raider. The total volume of released fluids was 75 barrels (bbls) of produced water. The release occurred within the secondary lined containment at Tomb Raider. Initial response activities were conducted by the operator, including source elimination, photographs of standing fluids,

recovery of approximately 75 bbls of produced water, and verification that the affected area was properly exposed and cleaned for visual observation. Documentation of the liner inspection, including photographs, is provided in the Site Assessment Report and Photolog in Attachment 1.

### **3.0 Site Geology and Vegetation**

The Geologic Map of New Mexico by New Mexico Bureau of Geology and Mineral Resources indicates the surface geology at the incident location area is comprised of primarily Qep – Eolian and piedmont deposits (Holocene to middle Pleistocene), interlayed eolian sands and piedmont-slope deposits.

The surrounding geography and terrain are associated with uplands, plains, dunes, fan piedmonts, and inter-dunal areas, at elevations between 2,800 and 5,000 feet above mean sea level (amsl). The annual average rainfall and precipitation ranges between 8 to 13 inches. Soils tend to be moderately deep or very deep.

The primary surficial soil type on the location is Kermit and Berino fine sands. This type of soil tends to be well drained, with low runoff, and low to moderate available water supply. Surface textures are loamy fine sand, fine sandy loam, loamy very fine sand, or gravelly sandy loam.

Subsurface is a loamy fine sand, course sandy loam, fine sandy loam, or loam that averages less than 18 percent clay and less than 15 percent carbonates. Substratum consists of a fine sandy loam or gravelly fine sandy loam with less than 15 percent gravel and with less than 40 percent calcium carbonate. Some layers high in lime or with caliche fragments may occur at depths of 20 to 30 inches.

The ecological setting is vegetation of a grassland dominated by black grama, dropseeds, and bluestems. Sand sage and shinnery oak are evenly dispersed due to the course soil surface texture. Perennial and annual forbs are common but are reflective of precipitation. Shrubs are dispersed throughout the grassland and consist of honey mesquite, broom snakeweed, or sand sage.

### **4.0 Site Information and Closure Criteria**

The Tomb Raider is located approximately 21.31 miles east of Carlsbad, New Mexico, on Bureau of Land Management (BLM) land at an elevation of approximately 3,641 feet amsl. SMA completed site assessment/characterization pursuant to 19.5.29.11-12 NMAC to determine potential environmental impacts and closure criteria. Site assessment and characterization results are included in Attachments 1 and 2.

There is no surface water located on site or within 300 feet of the site. The nearest significant watercourse, as defined in 19.15.17.7.P NMAC, is a riverine located approximately 1.59 miles, a playa lake 2.52 miles, and freshwater emergent wetland 2.67 miles to the southwest of Tomb Raider (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Wetlands Inventory, 2024). There are no continuous flowing watercourses or significant watercourses, lakebeds, sinkholes, playa lakes, or other critical water or community features as outlined in Paragraph (4) of Subsection C of 19.15.29.12 NMAC.

Depth to ground water was determined using New Mexico Office of the State Engineer (NMOSE) Water Rights Pod Location: ArcGIS Interactive Online Map. The nearest active pod is C-04726-Pod1, a temporary borehole placed for depth to groundwater determination by Devon, placed on the southwest corner of Tomb Raider's pad. The OSE-approved temporary borehole was bored to a depth of 55 feet bgs and was

determined that groundwater is deeper than the depth of the exploratory well. The nearest domestic well is Pod C-03351, a livestock watering well located 2.95 miles southwest of Tomb Raider.

Karst potential for the area that Tomb Raider is low, based on the New Mexico State Land Office Land Status Interactive Map (NMSLO) and is located 4.67 miles from a medium karst potential area.

According to FEMA's National Flood Hazard Layer, Tomb Raider is located in Zone X, an area of minimal flood hazard (>500-year flood zone). The nearest mapped 100-year floodplain (Zone A) is located 9.64 miles southwest of the site.

Based on remediation and closure standards, the closure criteria for the site are the constituent concentration limits associated with 51 to 100 feet depth to groundwater (DTGW), as stated in Table I of 19.15.29.12 NMAC. Documentation of site characterization, including surface water features, depth to groundwater, nearest residence, unstable areas, and flood zone, is included in Attachment 2.

## **5.0 Remediation Activities**

Prior to Devon submitting notification of the liner inspection, a change in environmental personnel occurred resulting in the incident not getting properly assigned, preventing the inspection from being conducted within the 90-day period. Devon submitted an extension request on December 16, 2024 for an additional 90 days for enough time to complete the inspection and closure request after the holiday season in 2025. The new due date was updated to March 17, 2025. Correspondence of the extension request is included in Attachment 3.

Notification of the liner inspection, scheduled for December 21, 2024, was provided to Devon through email by SMA personnel on December 18, 2024. Devon provided notification to NMOCD through the ENMRD Electronic Permitting and Payment Portal for Operators on December 18, 2024 and email notification to BLM. Notification of correspondence is included in Attachment 3.

On December 21, 2024, SMA personnel performed an on-site visual inspection of the secondary containment to verify liner integrity as outlined in Paragraph (5)(a) of Subsection A of 19.15.29.11 NMAC.

Visual observation of the liner included a complete inspection of all sidewalls and the base of the containment, around equipment, and all seams of the liner. The inspection included looking for any potential perforations in the liner that could lead to a breach of the secondary containment. Observations concluded no signs of any cuts, rips, tears, or weathering of the liner condition which need repairs or replacement. Liner integrity was confirmed. Photo documentation of the liner inspection is in the Site Assessment Report and Photolog (Attachment 1).

## **6.0 Conclusions and Recommendations**

Based on the liner inspection and assessment, SMA concludes the liner integrity is adequate to contain the release related to incident nAPP2427052436. There is no evidence of a release or any risk to the environment. Based on the professional activities and site assessment, Devon Energy Production Company respectfully requests closure of the incident that occurred at Tomb Raider 1 Federal 1H Battery.

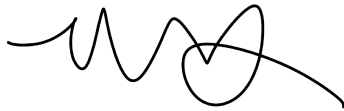
## **7.0 Scope and Limitations**

The scope of our services included: visual inspection for liner integrity; regulatory liaison; and preparing this report. All work has been performed in accordance with accepted professional environmental consulting practices for oil and gas incidents in the Permian Basin in New Mexico.

If there are any questions regarding this report, please contact Stephanie Hinds at (505) 302-1127 or Monica Peppin at (575) 909-3418.

Submitted by:  
SOUDER, MILLER & ASSOCIATES

Reviewed by:



Monica Peppin, A.S.  
Project Manager



Stephanie Hinds, P.E.  
Senior Engineer

### **REFERENCES:**

New Mexico Office of the State Engineer (NMOSE) online water well database

[https://gis.ose.state.nm.us/gisapps/ose\\_pod\\_locations/](https://gis.ose.state.nm.us/gisapps/ose_pod_locations/)

USGS National Water Information System: Web interface online water well database

[https://nwis.waterdata.usgs.gov/nwis/gwlevels?site\\_no=321205103544701&agency\\_cd=USGS&format=html](https://nwis.waterdata.usgs.gov/nwis/gwlevels?site_no=321205103544701&agency_cd=USGS&format=html)

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service: National Wetlands Inventory

[Wetlands Mapper | U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service](#)

New Mexico State Land Office: Land Status

[NMSLO Land Status](#)

United States Department of Agriculture: Natural Resources Conservation Service: Web Soil Survey

<https://websoilsurvey.sc.egov.usda.gov/App/WebSoilSurvey.aspx>

USDA, USGS The National Map: Orthoimagry: FEMA's National Flood Hazard Layer (NFHL) Viewer

<https://hazards-fema.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=8b0adb51996444d4879338b5529aa9cd>

NMBGMR: Interactive Resources Map

[NMBGMR Interactive Resources Map](#)

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment 1: Site Assessment Photolog

Attachment 2: Closure Criteria Determination Research

Attachment 3: Correspondence



# ATTACHMENT 1: SITE ASSESSMENT PHOTOLOG

# Site Assessment Photolog



Client: Devon Energy Corporation

Incident ID: nAPP2427052436

Facility ID: fAPP2130648375

Project Manager: Monica Peppin

Lease ID: NMNM0404441

Project Owner: Jim Raley

Site: Tomb Raider 1 Federal 1H Battery

## Field Notes

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- Arrive on site.
- Fill out safety paperwork.
- Begin inspection of secondary containment.
- Take photos from around the containment in all cardinal directions.
- Additional photos taken between tanks, under piping, and near equipment.
- Inspected for any visible perforations, cuts, rips, tears, or substantial weathering that could lead to the potential breach through the liner.
- Inspection complete and there are no signs of permeation through the liner.
- The barrier between the secondary containment and ground surface is isolated to withhold fluids.
- Notified client that inspection was complete and ready for closure.

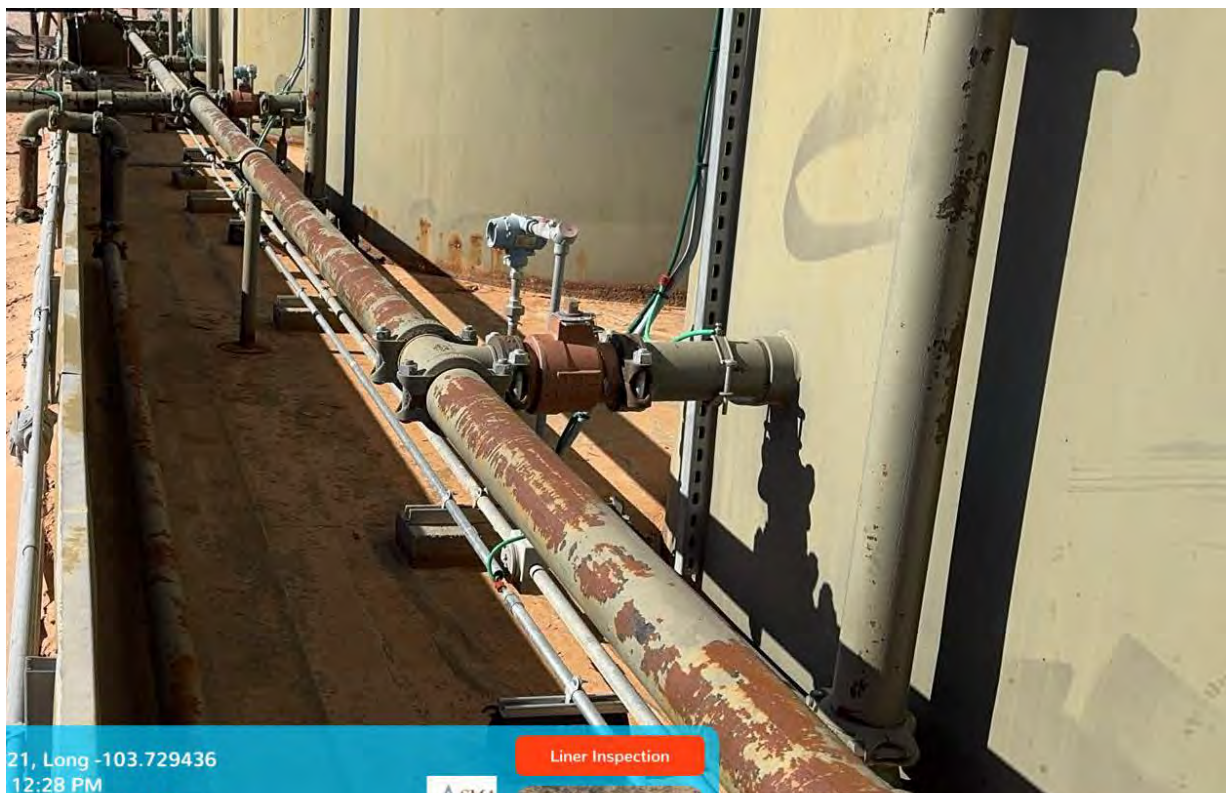
## Photographs



Photograph #1: Lease sign with site info and geographic data.



Photograph #2: South wall of containment looking east.



Photograph #3: South wall area facing west viewing liner near tanks.

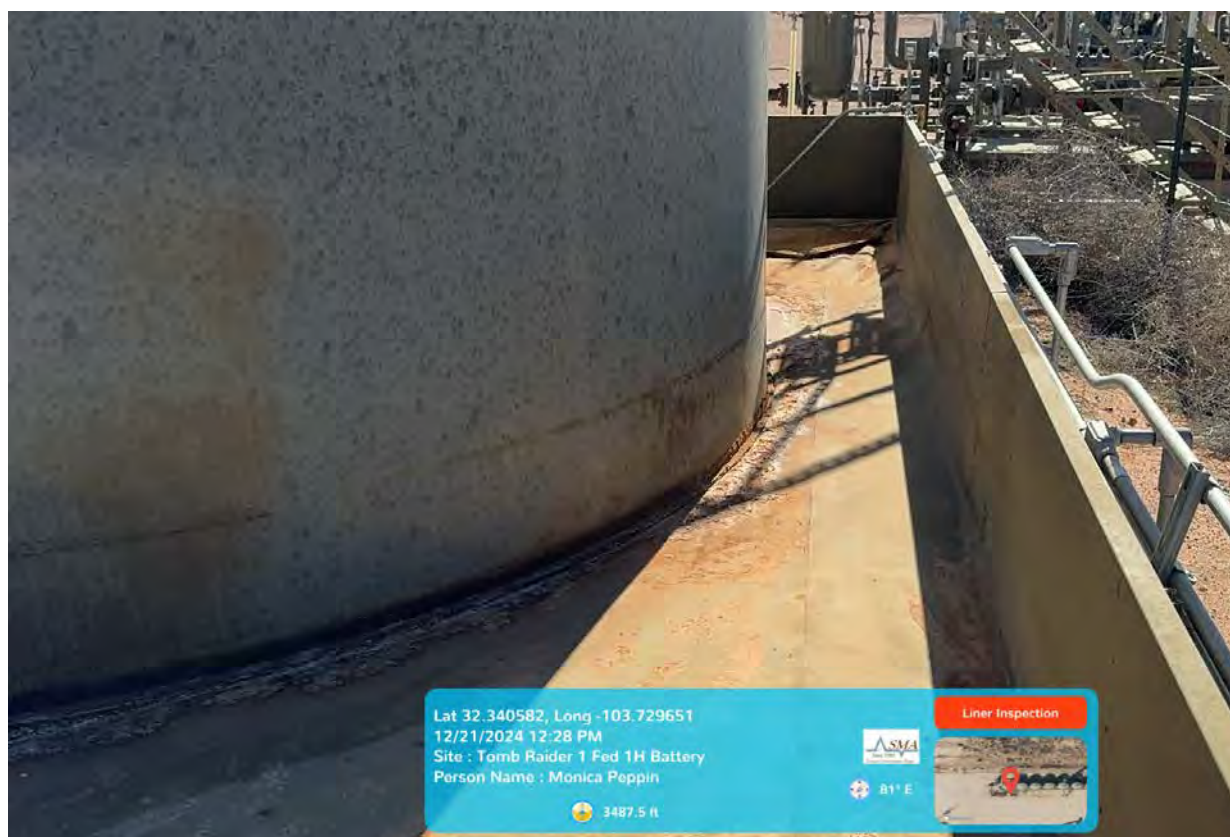


Photograph #4: Northwest area view from the middle north section of containment.



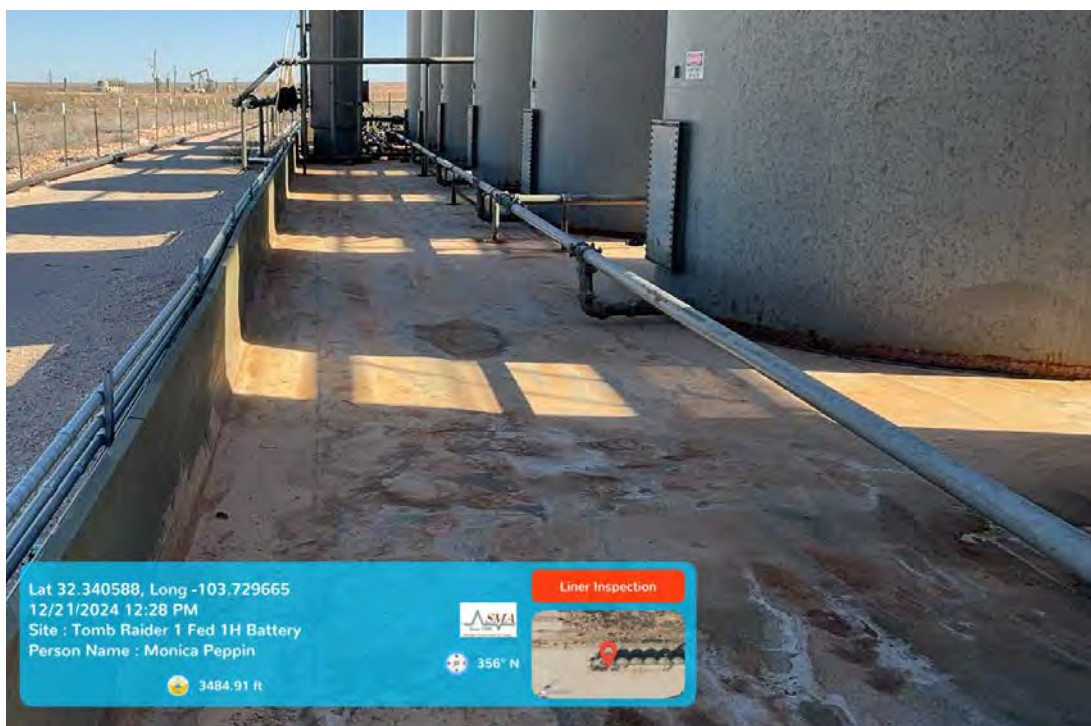


Photograph #5: Facing east showing middle north side of containment near equipment and tanks.



Photograph #6: Looking west to show northwest corner near tank.



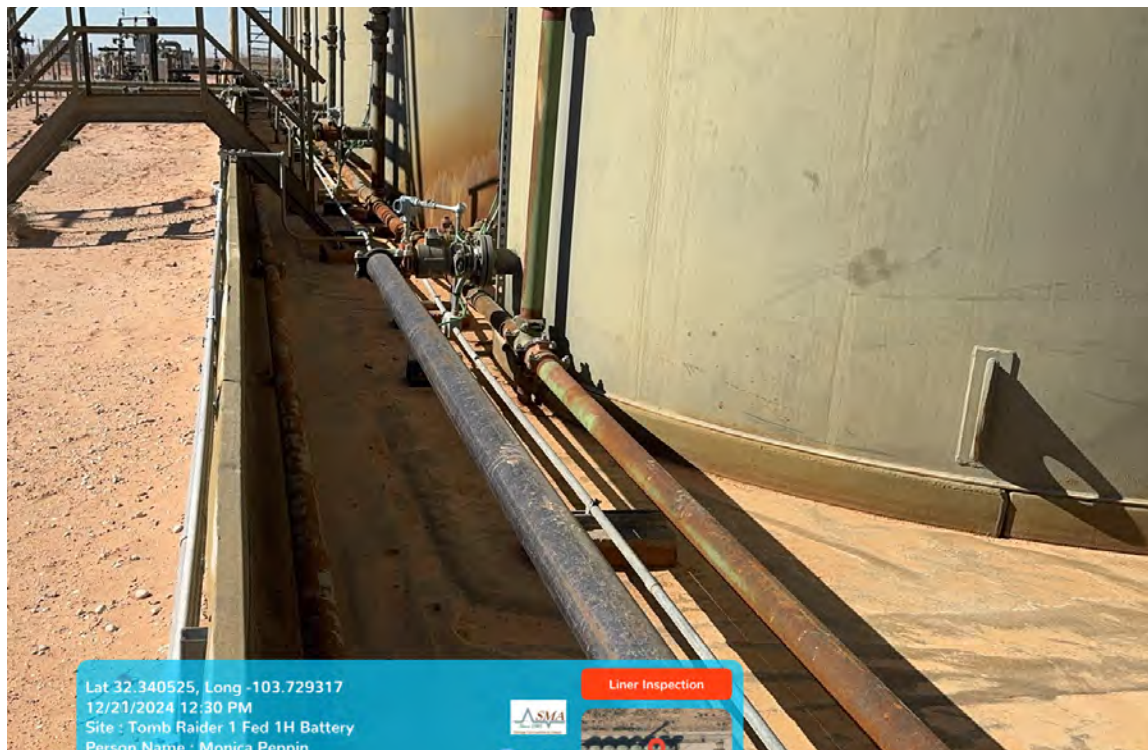


Photograph #7: Facing east from northwest corner.



Photograph #8: Facing east looking at south side of containment from west end.



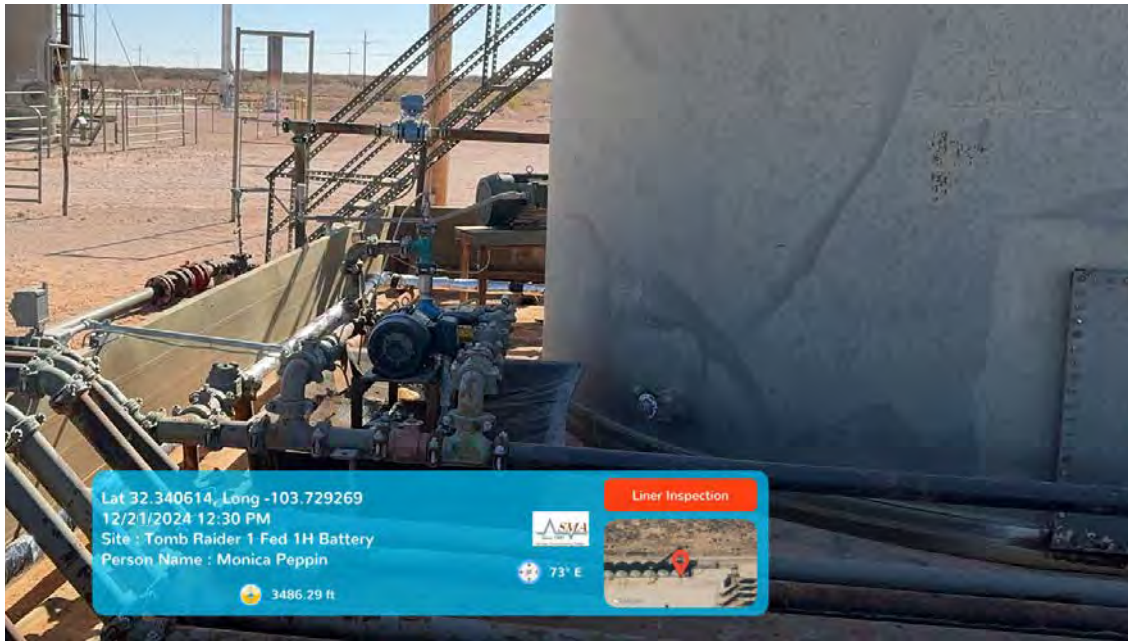


Photograph #9: South area of containment looking west from east corner.



Photograph #10: Facing west showing north side of containment.





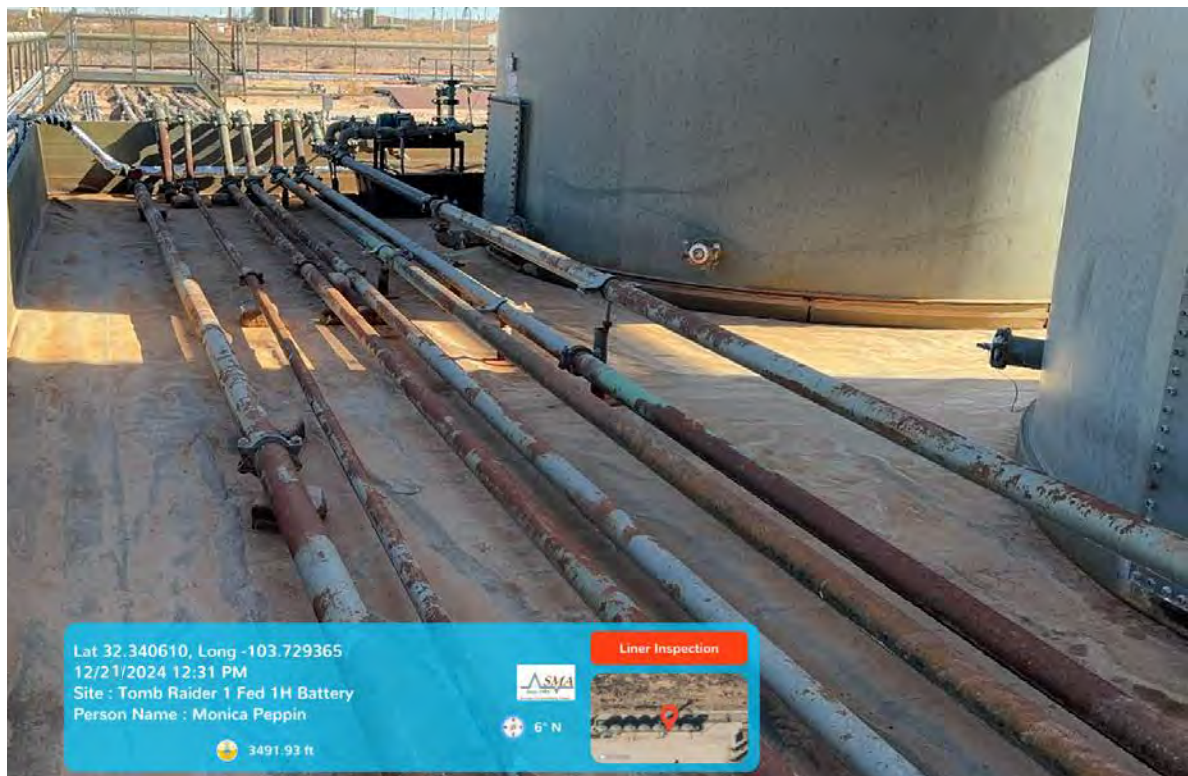
Photograph #11: East wall area of containment under equipment.



Photograph #12: Northeast corner of containment under piping.



Photograph #13: Facing north for southeast area.



Photograph #14: Facing east on middle north side of containment.





Photograph #15: Viewing liner from southeast corner facing west.

Technician: Monica Peppin

Date: 12/21/2024

Signature: 

# ATTACHMENT 2: CLOSURE CRITERIA DETERMINATION RESEARCH





# Tomb Raider 1 Fed 1H Battery

POR Coordinates: 32.340535, -103.729657

Containment Square Footage: 4,953 sq ft

## Legend

-  Containment Area
-  Tomb Raider 1 Fed 1H Battery

Tomb Raider 1 Fed 1H Battery



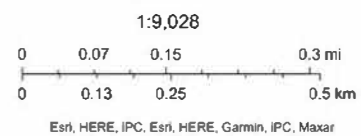


**Tomb Raider 1 Fed 1H Battery - OSE Pod 0.5-Mile Radius/Nearest Well**

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● Active

**Nearest Pod:** Temp. BH C-04726-Pod1  
**Distance:** 0.04 miles/229 feet (Edge of Pad)  
**Plugging Date Recorded:** 4.25.23  
**Depth:** 55 feet bgs (No water bearing zone)  
**DTGW:** 51-100 feet bgs



Online web user  
This is an unofficial map from the OSE's online application.





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## National Wetlands Inventory

**Tomb Raider 1 Fed 1H Battery** Page 17 of 89  
**Nearest Significant Watercourse: Riverine**  
**Distance: 1.59 miles/8,399 feet**



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**Wetlands**

- Estuarine and Marine Deepwater
- Estuarine and Marine Wetland

- Freshwater Emergent Wetland
- Freshwater Forested/Shrub Wetland
- Freshwater Pond

- Lake
- Other
- Riverine

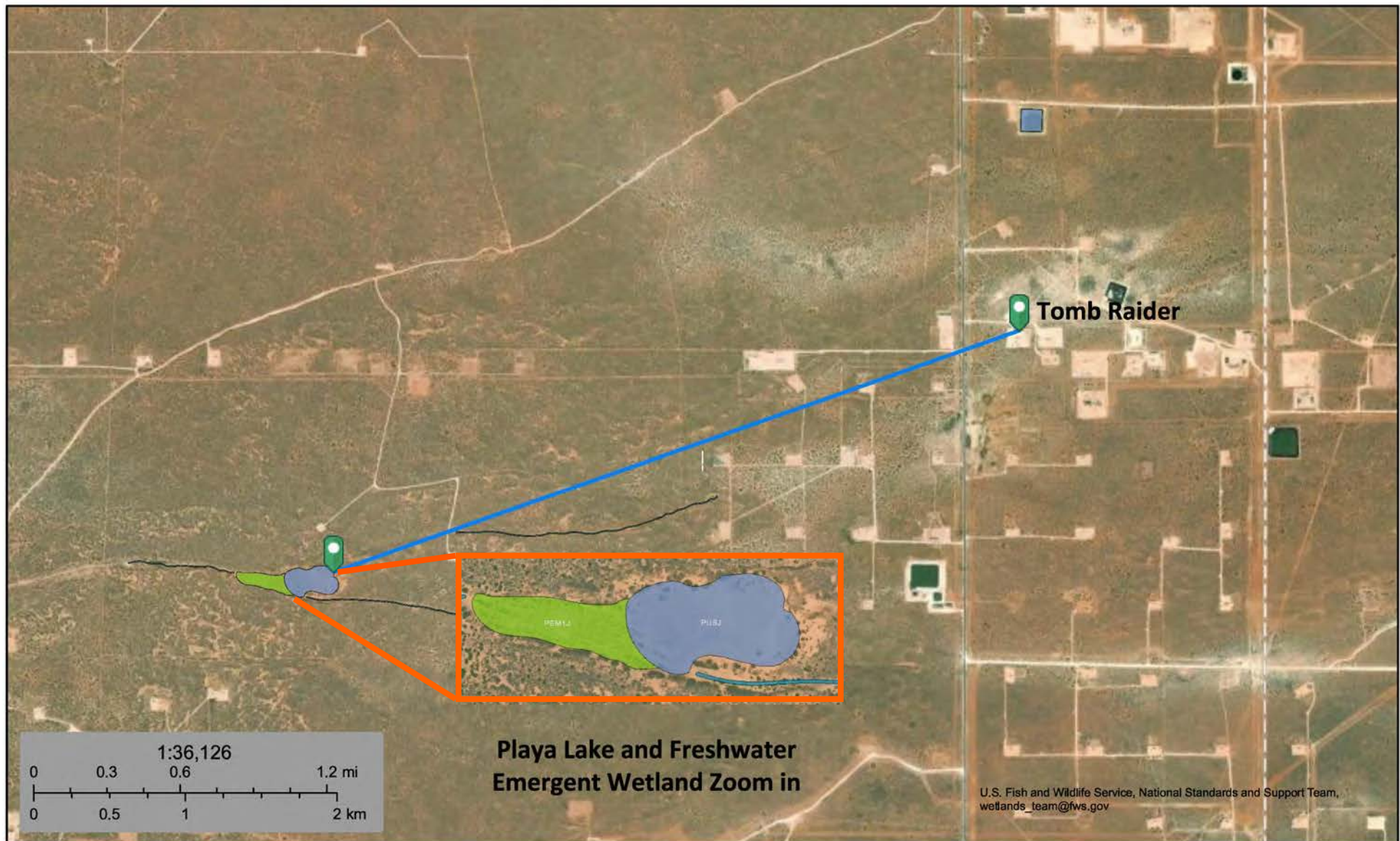
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**Tomb Raider 1 Fed 1H Battery**

Nearest Playa Lake Distance: 2.52 miles/13,288 feet

Nearest Wetland Distance: 2.67 miles/14,111 feet



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**Wetlands**

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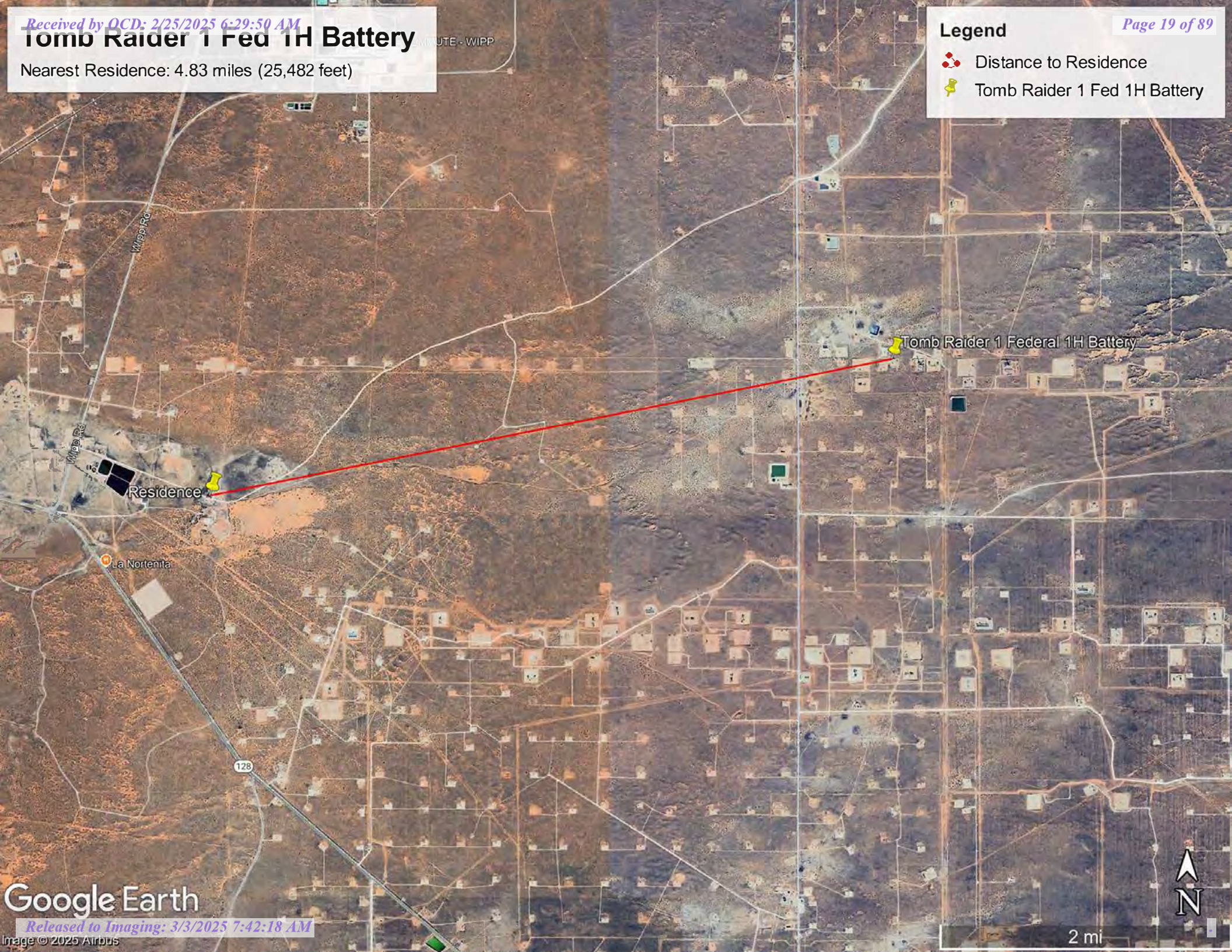


# Tomb Raider 1 Fed 1H Battery

Nearest Residence: 4.83 miles (25,482 feet)

## Legend

-  Distance to Residence
-  Tomb Raider 1 Fed 1H Battery





**Tomb Raider 1 Fed 1H Battery - Nearest Domestic Well Pod C-03351 Livestock Watering Well****Distance to Pod: 2.95 miles (15,563 feet)**

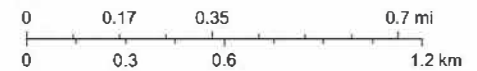
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- Active
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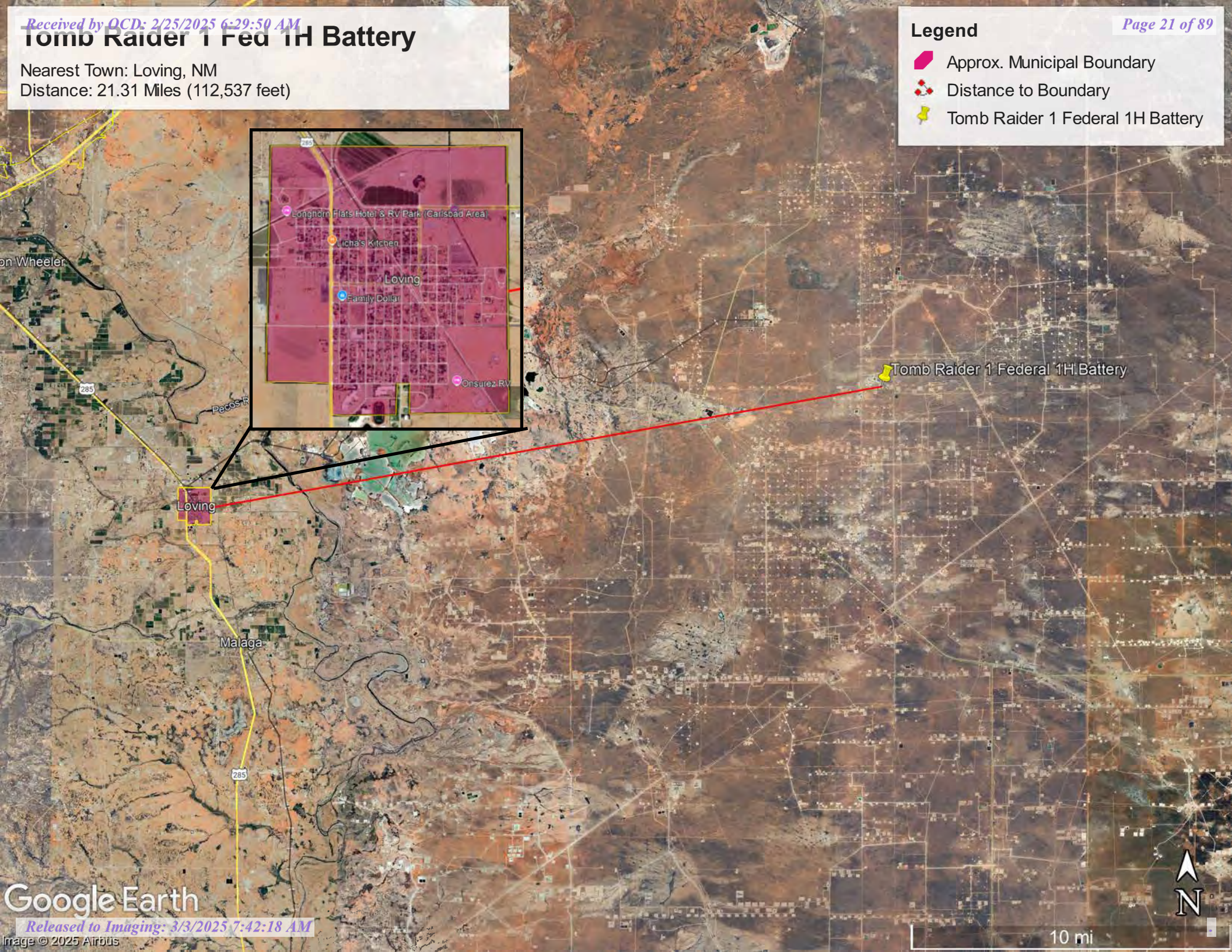
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Nearest Town: Loving, NM

Distance: 21.31 Miles (112,537 feet)

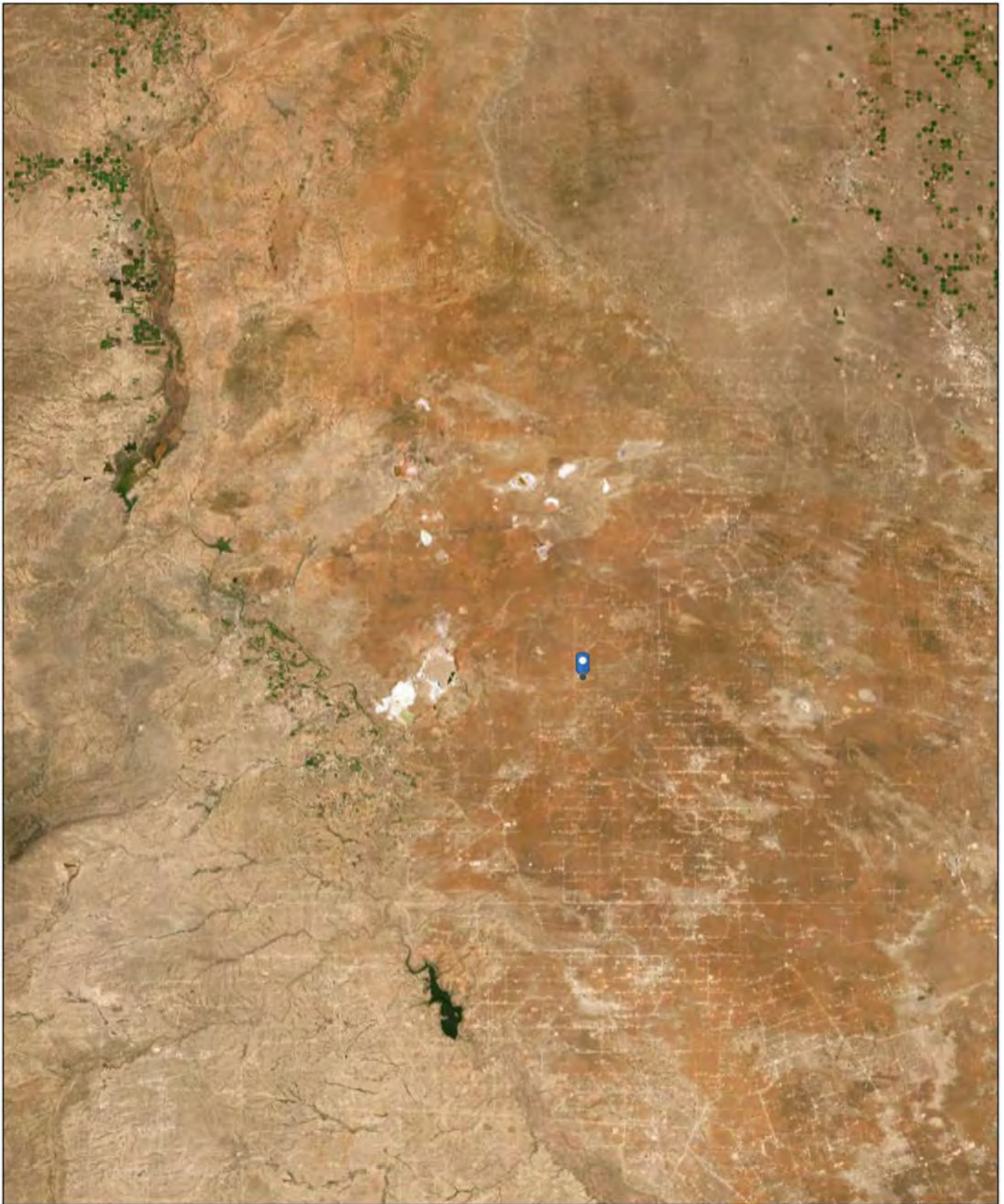
## Legend

-  Approx. Municipal Boundary
-  Distance to Boundary
-  Tomb Raider 1 Federal 1H Battery





# Tomb Raider 1 Fed 1H Battery - Subsurface Mines Map

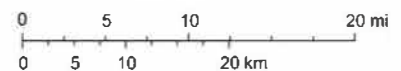


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**No Active Mines within 20 mile radius of site**

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New Mexico Bureau of Geology and Mineral Resources, Earthstar  
Geographics, NMBGMR



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## Tomb Raider 1 Fed 1H Battery - Karst Potential Map/Distance to Nearest Karst Feature

0 0.85 mi



New Mexico

0.4 1.7

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User drawn points

Karst\_Potential\_NM

Potential

High

Medium

Low

Critical\_Karst\_Zone\_NM

Low Karst Potential Area

Distance to Medium Karst: 4.67 miles (24,657 feet)





# National Flood Hazard Layer FIRMette - Tomb Raider 1 Fed 1H Battery



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103°43'28"W 32°20'11"N

Basemap Imagery Source: USGS National Map 2023

## Legend

SEE FIS REPORT FOR DETAILED LEGEND AND INDEX MAP FOR FIRM PANEL LAYOUT

SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD AREAS		Without Base Flood Elevation (BFE) Zone A, V, A99
		With BFE or Depth Zone AE, AO, AH, VE, AR
		Regulatory Floodway
OTHER AREAS OF FLOOD HAZARD		0.2% Annual Chance Flood Hazard, Areas of 1% annual chance flood with average depth less than one foot or with drainage areas of less than one square mile Zone X
		Future Conditions 1% Annual Chance Flood Hazard Zone X
		Area with Reduced Flood Risk due to Levee. See Notes. Zone X
		Area with Flood Risk due to Levee Zone D
OTHER AREAS		NO SCREEN Area of Minimal Flood Hazard Zone X
		Effective LOMRs
		Area of Undetermined Flood Hazard Zone D
GENERAL STRUCTURES		Channel, Culvert, or Storm Sewer
		Levee, Dike, or Floodwall
OTHER FEATURES		20.2 Cross Sections with 1% Annual Chance Water Surface Elevation
		17.5
		Coastal Transect
		Base Flood Elevation Line (BFE)
		Limit of Study
		Jurisdiction Boundary
		Coastal Transect Baseline
		Profile Baseline
MAP PANELS		Digital Data Available
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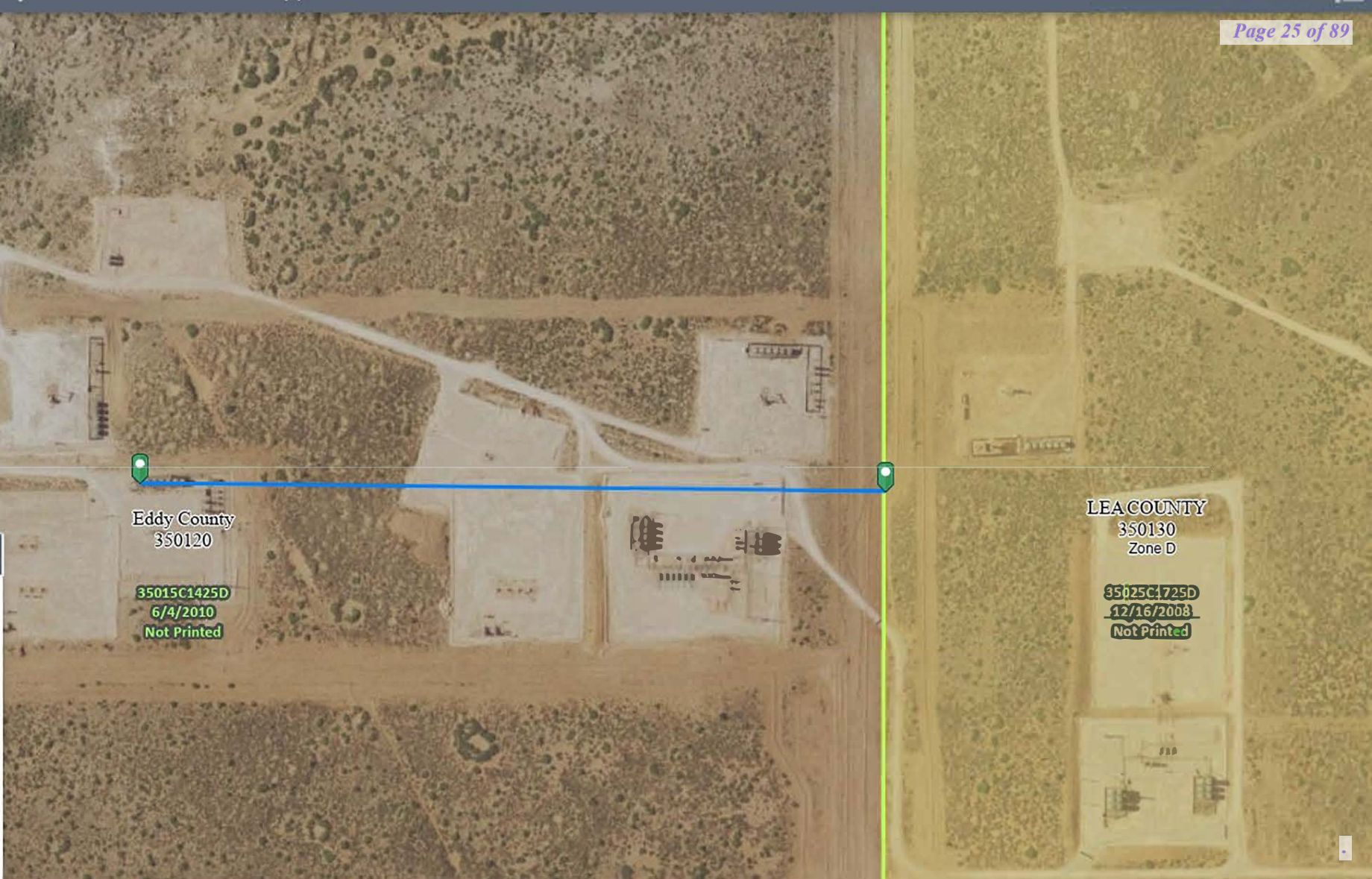
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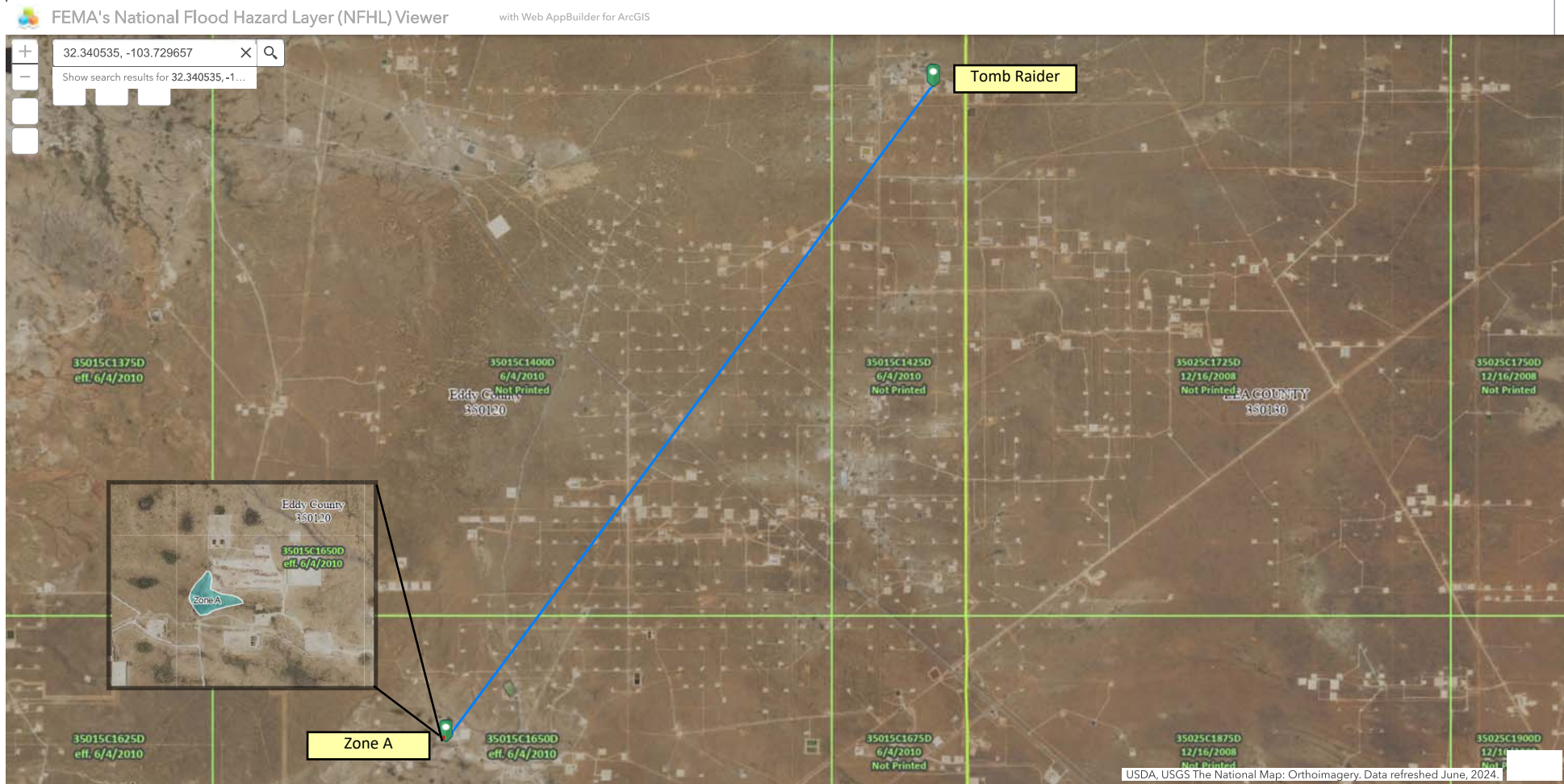
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Distance to Zone A: 9.64 mi / 50,889 ft

# Tomb Raider 1 Federal 1H Battery - Soil Map

Soil Map—Eddy Area, New Mexico



Natural Resources  
Conservation Service


Web Soil Survey  
National Cooperative Soil Survey

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## Soil Map—Eddy Area, New Mexico

## MAP LEGEND

## Area of Interest (AOI)

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## Soils

 Soil Map Unit Polygons

 Soil Map Unit Lines

 Soil Map Unit Points

## Special Point Features



Blowout



Borrow Pit



Clay Spot



Closed Depression



Gravel Pit



Gravelly Spot



Landfill



Lava Flow



Marsh or swamp



Mine or Quarry



Miscellaneous Water



Perennial Water



Rock Outcrop



Saline Spot



Sandy Spot



Severely Eroded Spot



Sinkhole



Slide or Slip



Sodic Spot



Spoil Area



Stony Spot



Very Stony Spot



Wet Spot



Other



Special Line Features

## Water Features



Streams and Canals

## Transportation



Rails



Interstate Highways



US Routes



Major Roads



Local Roads

## Background



Aerial Photography

## MAP INFORMATION

The soil surveys that comprise your AOI were mapped at 1:20,000.

Warning: Soil Map may not be valid at this scale.

Enlargement of maps beyond the scale of mapping can cause misunderstanding of the detail of mapping and accuracy of soil line placement. The maps do not show the small areas of contrasting soils that could have been shown at a more detailed scale.

Please rely on the bar scale on each map sheet for map measurements.

Source of Map: Natural Resources Conservation Service

Web Soil Survey URL:

Coordinate System: Web Mercator (EPSG:3857)

Maps from the Web Soil Survey are based on the Web Mercator projection, which preserves direction and shape but distorts distance and area. A projection that preserves area, such as the Albers equal-area conic projection, should be used if more accurate calculations of distance or area are required.

This product is generated from the USDA-NRCS certified data as of the version date(s) listed below.

Soil Survey Area: Eddy Area, New Mexico

Survey Area Data: Version 20, Sep 3, 2024

Soil map units are labeled (as space allows) for map scales 1:50,000 or larger.

Date(s) aerial images were photographed: Feb 7, 2020—May 12, 2020

The orthophoto or other base map on which the soil lines were compiled and digitized probably differs from the background imagery displayed on these maps. As a result, some minor shifting of map unit boundaries may be evident.



Map Unit Legend

Map Unit Symbol	Map Unit Name	Acres in AOI	Percent of AOI
KM	Kermit-Berino fine sands, 0 to 3 percent slopes	2.4	100.0%
Totals for Area of Interest		2.4	100.0%



# PLUGGING RECORD



**NOTE: A Well Plugging Plan of Operations shall be approved by the State Engineer prior to plugging - 19.27.4 NMAC**

## I. GENERAL / WELL OWNERSHIP:

State Engineer Well Number: C-4726 POD-1

Well owner: Devon Energy

Phone No.: 575-748-1838

Mailing address: 6488 7 Rivers Hwy

City: Artesia

State: New Mexico

Zip code: 88210

## II. WELL PLUGGING INFORMATION:

1) Name of well drilling company that plugged well: Jackie D. Atkins (Atkins Engineering Associates Inc.)

2) New Mexico Well Driller License No.: 1249 Expiration Date: 04/30/25

3) Well plugging activities were supervised by the following well driller(s)/rig supervisor(s):  
Shane Eldridge, Lupe Leyba

4) Date well plugging began: 4/25/23 Date well plugging concluded: 4/25/23

5) GPS Well Location: Latitude: 32 deg, 20 min, 23.65 sec  
Longitude: 108 deg, 43 min, 47.22 sec, WGS 84

6) Depth of well confirmed at initiation of plugging as: 55 ft below ground level (bgl),  
by the following manner: weighted tape

7) Static water level measured at initiation of plugging: n/a ft bgl

8) Date well plugging plan of operations was approved by the State Engineer: 3/30/23

9) Were all plugging activities consistent with an approved plugging plan? Yes If not, please describe differences between the approved plugging plan and the well as it was plugged (attach additional pages as needed):

- For each interval plugged, describe within the following columns:**

**III. SIGNATURE:**

Jack Atkins

4/26/23

Date \_\_\_\_\_






# 10-C-4726\_WR-20 Well Record and Log\_packet-forsign

Final Audit Report

2023-04-26

Created:	2023-04-26
By:	Lucas Middleton (lucas@atkinseng.com)
Status:	Signed
Transaction ID:	CBJCHBCAABAAMZN9MhgFMwkKRdXW8aJNd3jYU1CiaLzo

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## WELL PLUGGING PLAN OF OPERATIONS



NOTE: A Well Plugging Plan of Operations shall be filed with and accepted by the Office of the State Engineer prior to plugging. This form may be used to plug a single well, or if you are plugging multiple monitoring wells on the same site using the same plugging methodology.

**Alert!** Your well may be eligible to participate in the Aquifer Mapping Program (AMP)-NM Bureau of Geology [geninfo.nmt.edu/resources/water/cgmn/](http://geninfo.nmt.edu/resources/water/cgmn/) if within an area of interest and meets the minimum construction requirements, such as there is still water in your well, and the well construction reflected in a well record and log is not compromised, contact AMP at 575-835-5038 or -6951, or by email [nmhg-waterlevels@nmt.edu](mailto:nmhg-waterlevels@nmt.edu), prior to completing this prior form. Showing proof to the OSE that your well was accepted in this program, may delay the plugging of your well until a later date.

**I. FILING FEE:** There is no filing fee for this form.

**II. GENERAL / WELL OWNERSHIP:** ☐ Check here if proposing one plan for multiple monitoring wells on the same site and attaching WD-08m

Existing Office of the State Engineer POD Number (Well Number) for well to be plugged: C-4726 - (POD-1)

Name of well owner: Devon Energy

Mailing address: 6488 Rivers Hwy County: Eddy

City: Artesia State: NM Zip code: 88210

Phone number: 505-748-1838 E-mail: Dale.Woodall@devon.com

### III. WELL DRILLER INFORMATION:

Well Driller contracted to provide plugging services: Jackie D. Atkins (Atkins Engineering Associates)

New Mexico Well Driller License No.: 1249 Expiration Date: 04/3/2023

**IV. WELL INFORMATION:** ☐ Check here if this plan describes method for plugging multiple monitoring wells on the same site and attach supplemental form WD-08m and skip to #2 in this section.

Note: A copy of the existing Well Record for the well(s) to be plugged should be attached to this plan.

1) GPS Well Location: Latitude: 32 deg, 20 min, 23.65 sec  
Longitude: 103 deg, 43 min, 47.22 sec, NAD 83

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2) Reason(s) for plugging well(s):

Soil boring to determine groundwater level

3) Was well used for any type of monitoring program? NO If yes, please use section VII of this form to detail what hydrogeologic parameters were monitored. If the well was used to monitor contaminated or poor quality water, authorization from the New Mexico Environment Department may be required prior to plugging.

4) Does the well tap brackish, saline, or otherwise poor quality water? N/A If yes, provide additional detail, including analytical results and/or laboratory report(s):

5) Static water level: Unknown feet below land surface / feet above land surface (circle one)

6) Depth of the well: 55 feet



- 7) Inside diameter of innermost casing: 6.5 boring inches.
- 8) Casing material: 2" Temporary PVC Sch 40 to be removed prior to plugging
- 9) The well was constructed with:  
☐ an open-hole production interval, state the open interval: \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ a well screen or perforated pipe, state the screened interval(s): \_\_\_\_\_
- 10) What annular interval surrounding the artesian casing of this well is cement-grouted? N/A
- 11) Was the well built with surface casing? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, is the annulus surrounding the surface casing grouted or otherwise sealed? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, please describe:
- 12) Has all pumping equipment and associated piping been removed from the well? \_\_\_\_\_ If not, describe remaining equipment and intentions to remove prior to plugging in Section VII of this form.

**V. DESCRIPTION OF PLANNED WELL PLUGGING:** ☐ If plugging method differs between multiple wells on same site, a separate form must be completed for each method.

Note: If this plan proposes to plug an artesian well in a way other than with cement grout, placed bottom to top with a tremie pipe, a detailed diagram of the well showing proposed final plugged configuration shall be attached, as well as any additional technical information, such as geophysical logs, that are necessary to adequately describe the proposal. Attach a copy of any signed OSE variance to this plugging plan.

Also, if this planned plugging plan requires a variance to 19.27.4 NMAC, attach a detailed variance request signed by the applicant.

- 1) Describe the method by which cement grout shall be placed in the well, or describe requested plugging methodology proposed for the well:  

The temporary well material will be removed. Tremied from bottom to land Neat Cement in lifts
- 2) Will well head be cut-off below land surface after plugging? N/A

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**VI. PLUGGING AND SEALING MATERIALS:**

Note: The plugging of a well that taps poor quality water may require the use of a specialty cement or specialty sealant. Attach a copy of the batch mix recipe from the cement company and/or product description for specialty cement mixes or any sealant that deviates from the list of OSE approved sealants.

- 1) For plugging intervals that employ cement grout, complete and attach Table A.
- 2) For plugging intervals that will employ approved non-cement based sealant(s), complete and attach Table B.
- 3) Theoretical volume of grout required to plug the well to land surface: 94
- 4) Type of Cement proposed: Type I/II Neat Cement
- 5) Proposed cement grout mix: < 60 gallons of water per 94 pound sack of Portland cement.
- 6) Will the grout be: \_\_\_\_\_ batch-mixed and delivered to the site  
X mixed on site

- 7) Grout additives requested, and percent by dry weight relative to cement:

N/A

- 8) Additional notes and calculations:

N/A

**VII. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** List additional information below, or on separate sheet(s):

The temporary well material will be removed. If no water is encountered then drill cuttings will be used to (10) ten feet of land surface and plugged using hydrated bentonite. If ground water is encountered the boring will be plugged tremie from bottom to a slurry of Portland TYPE I/II Neat cement in lifts. A 6.5" borehole will be plugged.

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**VIII. SIGNATURE:**

I, Dale Woodall, say that I have carefully read the foregoing Well Plugging Plan of Operations and any attachments, which are a part hereof; that I am familiar with the rules and regulations of the State Engineer pertaining to the plugging of wells and will comply with them, and that each and all of the statements in the Well Plugging Plan of Operations and attachments are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Dale Woodall

Dale Woodall (Oct 7, 2022 10:27 MDT)

10/7/2022

Signature of Applicant

Date

**IX. ACTION OF THE STATE ENGINEER:**

This Well Plugging Plan of Operations is:

- ☒ Approved subject to the attached conditions.  
☐ Not approved for the reasons provided on the attached letter.

Witness my hand and official seal this 30th day of March, 2023

Mike A. Hamman, P.E.

\_\_\_\_\_, New Mexico State Engineer



By Samantha Davis  
 Water Resources Professional II

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**TABLE A - For plugging intervals that employ cement grout. Start with deepest interval.**

	<b>Interval 1 – deepest</b>	<b>Interval 2</b>	<b>Interval 3 – most shallow</b>
			Note: if the well is non-artesian and breaches only one aquifer, use only this column.
Top of proposed interval of grout placement (ft bgl)	N/A	N/A	0
Bottom of proposed interval of grout placement (ft bgl)	N/A	N/A	55
Theoretical volume of grout required per interval (gallons)	N/A	N/A	94
Proposed cement grout mix gallons of water per 94-lb. sack of Portland cement	N/A	N/A	<6.0
Mixed on-site or batch-mixed and delivered?	N/A	N/A	On-Site
Grout additive 1 requested	N/A	N/A	N/A
Additive 1 percent by dry weight relative to cement	N/A	N/A	N/A
Grout additive 2 requested	N/A	N/A	N/A
Additive 2 percent by dry weight relative to cement	N/A	N/A	N/A

**TABLE B - For plugging intervals that will employ approved non-cement based sealant(s). Start with deepest interval.**

	<b>Interval 1 – deepest</b>	<b>Interval 2</b>	<b>Interval 3 – most shallow</b>
			Note: if the well is non-artesian and breaches only one aquifer, use only this column.
Top of proposed interval of sealant placement (ft bgl)	N/A	N/A	0
Bottom of proposed sealant of grout placement (ft bgl)	N/A	N/A	10
Theoretical volume of sealant required per interval (gallons)	N/A	N/A	15
Proposed abandonment sealant (manufacturer and trade name)	N/A	N/A	Bariod Hole Plug

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Applicant has identified wells, listed below, to be plugged. Jackie D. Atkins (Atkins Engineering Associates Inc.) (WD-1249) will perform the plugging.

Permittee: Devon Energy  
NMOSE Permit Number: C-4726-POD1

NMOSE File	Casing diameter (inches)	Well depth (feet bgl)	Approximate static water level (feet bgl)	Latitude	Longitude
C-4726-POD1	6.5 (Soil Boring)	55	Unknown	32° 20' 23.65"	103° 43' 47.22"

**Specific Plugging Conditions of Approval for Well located in Eddy County, New Mexico.**

1. Water well drilling and well drilling activities, including well plugging, are regulated under 19.27.4 NMAC, which requires any person engaged in the business of well drilling within New Mexico to obtain a Well Driller License issued by the New Mexico Office of the State Engineer (NMOSE). Therefore, the firm of a New Mexico licensed Well Driller shall perform the well plugging.
2. Ground Water encountered: The total Theoretical volume of sealant required for abandonment of soil boring well is approximately 94.7 gallons. Total minimum volume of necessary sealant shall be calculated upon sounding the actual pluggable depth of well, which is estimated at 55 feet.
3. Dry Hole: The total Theoretical volume of sealant required for abandonment of soil boring well is approximately 17.2 gallons. Total minimum volume of necessary sealant shall be calculated upon sounding the actual pluggable depth of well, which is estimated at 10 feet.
4. **Ground Water encountered:** Type I/II Portland cement mixed with 5.2 to 6.0 gallons of fresh water per 94-lb sack of cement is approved for the plugging the well.
5. **Dry Hole:** (a) Drill cuttings up to ten feet of land surface. (b) 10 feet to 0 feet – Hydrated bentonite. The bentonite shall be hydrated separately with its required increments of water prior to being mixed into the cement slurry.

6. Sealant shall be placed by pumping through a tremie pipe extended to near well bottom and kept below top of the slurry column as the well is plugged from bottom-upwards in a manner that displaces the standing water column upwards from below. Tremie pipe may be pulled as necessary to retain minimal submergence in the advancing column of sealant.
7. Should cement "shrinks-back" occur in the well, use of a tremie for topping off is required for cement placement deeper than 20 feet below land surface or if water is present in the casing. The approved sealant for topping off is identified in condition 3 & 4 of these Specific Conditions of Approval.
8. Any open annulus encountered surrounding the casing shall also be sealed by the placement of the approved sealant. When plugging shallow wells with no construction or environmental concerns, and if the well record on a well to be plugged shows a proper 20-foot annular seal, a plugging plan can propose the use of clean fill material to a nominal 30 feet bgs, then placing an OSE approved sealant to surface. Lacking that information, we would require an excavation of at least 2-feet which shall then be filled in its entirety with sealant to surface.
9. Should the NMED, or another regulatory agency sharing jurisdiction of the project authorize, or by regulation require a more stringent well plugging procedure than herein acknowledged, the more-stringent procedure should be followed. This, in part, includes provisions regarding pre-authorization to proceed, contaminant remediation, inspection, pulling/perforating of casing, or prohibition of free discharge of any fluid from the borehole during or related to the plugging process.
10. NMOSE witnessing of the plugging of the shallow well will not be required.
11. Any deviation from this plan must obtain an approved variance from this office prior to implementation.
12. A Well Plugging Record itemizing actual abandonment process and materials used shall be filed with the State Engineer within 30 days after completion of well plugging. For the plugging record, please resurvey coordinate location for well and note coordinate system for GPS unit. Please attach a copy of these plugging conditions.

The NMOSE Well Plugging Plan of Operations is hereby approved with the aforesaid conditions applied.

Witness my hand and seal this 30<sup>th</sup> day of March 2023

Mike A. Hamman, P.E. State Engineer

By:



Samantha Davis

Water Resources Professional II





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March 30, 2023

Devon Energy  
6488 7 Rivers Hwy  
Artesia, NM 88210

RE: Well Plugging Plan of Operations for well no. C-4726-POD1

Greetings:

Enclosed is your copy of the Well Plugging Plan of Operations for the above referenced well subject to the attached Conditions of Approval. The proposed method of operation is found to be acceptable and in accordance with the Rules and Regulations Governing Well Driller Licensing; Construction, Repair and Plugging of Wells 19.27.4 NMAC adopted June 30, 2017 by the State Engineer. subject to the attached Conditions of Approval.

Within 30 days after the well is plugged, the well driller is required to file a complete plugging record with the OSE and the permit holder.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Samantha Davis", written over a horizontal line.

Samantha Davis  
Water Resources Professional II



# WELL RECORD & LOG

OFFICE OF THE STATE ENGINEER

[www.ose.state.nm.us](http://www.ose.state.nm.us)

OSE 00-4726-123

1. GENERAL AND WELL LOCATION	OSF POD NO. (WELL NO.) POD 1 (TW-1)		WELL TAG ID NO. N/A		OSE FILE NO(S) C-4726			
	WELL OWNER NAME(S) Devon Energy				PHONE (OPTIONAL) 575-748-1838			
	WELL OWNER MAILING ADDRESS 6488 7 Rivers Hwy				CITY Artesia	STATE NM	ZIP 88210	
	WELL LOCATION (FROM GPS)	LATITUDE	DEGREES 32	MINUTES 20	SECONDS 23.65	N	* ACCURACY REQUIRED: ONE TENTH OF A SECOND * DATUM REQUIRED: WGS 84	
	LONGITUDE	103	43	47.22	W			
DESCRIPTION RELATING WELL LOCATION TO STREET ADDRESS AND COMMON LANDMARKS - PLSS (SECTION, TOWNSHIP, RANGE) WHERE AVAILABLE NW L2 Sec.1 T23S R31E NMPM								
2. DRILLING & CASING INFORMATION	LICENSE NO. 1249		NAME OF LICENSED DRILLER Jackie D. Atkins			NAME OF WELL DRILLING COMPANY Atkins Engineering Associates, Inc.		
	DRILLING STARTED 4/17/23		DRILLING ENDED 4/17/23		DEPTH OF COMPLETED WELL (FT) Temporary Well Material	BORE HOLE DEPTH (FT) ±55	DEPTH WATER FIRST ENCOUNTERED (FT) N/A	
	COMPLETED WELL IS: <input type="checkbox"/> ARTESIAN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DRY HOLE <input type="checkbox"/> SHALLOW (UNCONFINED)					STATIC WATER LEVEL IN COMPLETED WELL (FT) N/A	DATE STATIC MEASURED 4/25/23	
	DRILLING FLUID: <input type="checkbox"/> AIR <input type="checkbox"/> MUD ADDITIVES - SPECIFY:							
	DRILLING METHOD: <input type="checkbox"/> ROTARY <input type="checkbox"/> HAMMER <input type="checkbox"/> CABLE TOOL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER - SPECIFY: Hollow Stem Auger						CHECK HERE IF PITLESS ADAPTER IS INSTALLED <input type="checkbox"/>	
	DEPTH (feet bgl)		BORE HOLE DIAM (inches)	CASING MATERIAL AND/OR GRADE (include each casing string, and note sections of screen)	CASING CONNECTION TYPE (add coupling diameter)	CASING INSIDE DIAM. (inches)	CASING WALL THICKNESS (inches)	SLOT SIZE (inches)
	FROM	TO						
	0	55	±6.25	Soil Boring	--	--	--	--
3. ANNULAR MATERIAL	DEPTH (feet bgl)		BORE HOLE DIAM. (inches)	LIST ANNULAR SEAL MATERIAL AND GRAVEL PACK SIZE-RANGE BY INTERVAL	AMOUNT (cubic feet)	METHOD OF PLACEMENT		
	FROM	TO						
				N/A				

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#### 4. HYDROGEOLOGIC LOG OF WELL.

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File No.

C-4726 POOL

## NEW MEXICO OFFICE OF THE STATE ENGINEER



## WR-07 APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO DRILL

## A WELL WITH NO WATER RIGHT

(check applicable box):

For fees, see State Engineer website: <http://www.ose.state.nm.us/>

Purpose:

☐ Exploratory Well (Pump test)☐ Monitoring Well☐ Pollution Control  
And/Or Recovery☐ Construction Site/Public  
Works Dewatering☐ Mine Dewatering☐ Ground Source Heat Pump☒ Other(Describe): Groundwater Determination

A separate permit will be required to apply water to beneficial use regardless if use is consumptive or nonconsumptive.

☐ Temporary Request - Requested Start Date:

Requested End Date:

Plugging Plan of Operations Submitted? ☒ Yes ☐ No

## 1. APPLICANT(S)

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Name: Devon Energy	Name:
Contact or Agent: check here if Agent <input type="checkbox"/>	Contact or Agent: check here if Agent <input type="checkbox"/>
Dale Woodall	
Mailing Address: 6488 7 Rivers Hwy	Mailing Address:
City: Artesia	City:
State: NM Zip Code: 88210	State: Zip Code:
Phone: 575-748-1838 <input type="checkbox"/> Home <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cell	Phone: <input type="checkbox"/> Home <input type="checkbox"/> Cell
Phone (Work):	Phone (Work):
E-mail (optional): Dale.Woodall@dvn.com	E-mail (optional):

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Trans Description (optional): MON		
Sub-Basin: CUB	PCW/LOG Due Date: 3/28/24	

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## 2. WELL(S) Describe the well(s) applicable to this application.

**Location Required:** Coordinate location must be reported in NM State Plane (NAD 83), UTM (NAD 83), or Latitude/Longitude (Lat/Long - WGS84).

**District II (Roswell) and District VII (Cimarron) customers, provide a PLSS location in addition to above.**

☐ NM State Plane (NAD83) (Feet)

☐ NM West Zone

☐ NM East Zone

☐ NM Central Zone

☐ UTM (NAD83) (Meters)

☐ Zone 12N

☐ Zone 13N

☒ Lat/Long (WGS84) (to the nearest 1/10<sup>th</sup> of second)

Well Number (If known):	X or Easting or Longitude:	Y or Northing or Latitude:	Provide if known: -Public Land Survey System (PLSS) (Quarters or Halves, Section, Township, Range) OR - Hydrographic Survey Map & Tract; OR - Lot, Block & Subdivision; OR - Land Grant Name
C-4726 POD1(TW-1)	103°43'47.22"	32°20'23.65"	NW L2 Sec.1 T23S R31S NMPM

**NOTE: If more well locations need to be described, complete form WR-08 (Attachment 1 – POD Descriptions)**

Additional well descriptions are attached: ☐ Yes ☒ No If yes, how many \_\_\_\_\_

Other description relating well to common landmarks, streets, or other:

Tomb Raider 1 Fed 1  
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Well is on land owned by: Bureau of Land Management

**Well Information:** NOTE: If more than one (1) well needs to be described, provide attachment. Attached? ☐ Yes ☒ No  
If yes, how many \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate depth of well (feet): 55

Outside diameter of well casing (inches): 6.5" boring

Driller Name: Jackie D. Atkins

Driller License Number: 1249

## 3. ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS OR EXPLANATIONS

A Soil Boring to determine depth up to 55 feet. Temporary PVC well material will be placed to total depth and secured at surface. Temporary well will be in place for minimum of 72 hours. If ground water is encountered the boring will be plugged immediately using augers as tremie to land a slurry of Portland TYPE I/II Neat cement less than 6.0 gallons of water per 94 lb. sack. If no water is encountered then drill cuttings will be used to (10) ten feet of land surface and plugged using hydrated bentonite.

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**4. SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS:** The applicant must include the following, as applicable to each well type. Please check the appropriate boxes, to indicate the information has been included and/or attached to this application:

<b>Exploratory:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Include a description of any proposed pump test, if applicable.	<b>Pollution Control and/or Recovery:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Include a plan for pollution control/recovery, that includes the following: <input type="checkbox"/> A description of the need for the pollution control or recovery operation. <input type="checkbox"/> The estimated maximum period of time for completion of the operation. <input type="checkbox"/> The annual diversion amount. <input type="checkbox"/> The annual consumptive use amount. <input type="checkbox"/> The maximum amount of water to be diverted and injected for the duration of the operation. <input type="checkbox"/> The method and place of discharge.	<b>Construction De-Watering:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Include a description of the proposed dewatering operation, <input type="checkbox"/> The estimated duration of the operation, <input type="checkbox"/> The maximum amount of water to be diverted, <input type="checkbox"/> A description of the need for the dewatering operation, and, <input type="checkbox"/> A description of how the diverted water will be disposed of.	<b>Mine De-Watering:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Include a plan for pollution control/recovery, that includes the following: <input type="checkbox"/> A description of the need for mine dewatering. <input type="checkbox"/> The estimated maximum period of time for completion of the operation. <input type="checkbox"/> The source(s) of the water to be diverted. <input type="checkbox"/> The geohydrologic characteristics of the aquifer(s). <input type="checkbox"/> The maximum amount of water to be diverted per annum. <input type="checkbox"/> The maximum amount of water to be diverted for the duration of the operation. <input type="checkbox"/> The quality of the water.
<b>Monitoring:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Include the reason for the monitoring well, and, <input type="checkbox"/> The duration of the planned monitoring.	<input type="checkbox"/> The method of measurement of water produced and discharged. <input type="checkbox"/> The source of water to be injected. <input type="checkbox"/> The method of measurement of water injected. <input type="checkbox"/> The characteristics of the aquifer. <input type="checkbox"/> The method of determining the resulting annual consumptive use of water and depletion from any related stream system. <input type="checkbox"/> Proof of any permit required from the New Mexico Environment Department. <input type="checkbox"/> An access agreement if the applicant is not the owner of the land on which the pollution plume control or recovery well is to be located.	<b>Ground Source Heat Pump:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Include a description of the geothermal heat exchange project, <input type="checkbox"/> The number of boreholes for the completed project and required depths. <input type="checkbox"/> The time frame for constructing the geothermal heat exchange project, and, <input type="checkbox"/> The duration of the project. <input type="checkbox"/> Preliminary surveys, design data, and additional information shall be included to provide all essential facts relating to the request.	<input type="checkbox"/> The method of measurement of water diverted. <input type="checkbox"/> The recharge of water to the aquifer. <input type="checkbox"/> Description of the estimated area of hydrologic effect of the project. <input type="checkbox"/> The method and place of discharge. <input type="checkbox"/> An estimation of the effects on surface water rights and underground water rights from the mine dewatering project. <input type="checkbox"/> A description of the methods employed to estimate effects on surface water rights and underground water rights. <input type="checkbox"/> Information on existing wells, rivers, springs, and wetlands within the area of hydrologic effect.

#### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I, We (name of applicant(s)), Dale Woodall (Devon Energy)

Print Name(s)

affirm that the foregoing statements are true to the best of (my, our) knowledge and belief.

Dale Woodall

Dale Woodall (Aug 11, 2022 12:45 MDT)

Applicant Signature

Applicant Signature

#### ACTION OF THE STATE ENGINEER

This application is:

☒ approved

☐ partially approved

☐ denied

provided it is not exercised to the detriment of any others having existing rights, and is not contrary to the conservation of water in New Mexico nor detrimental to the public welfare and further subject to the attached conditions of approval.

Witness my hand and seal this 29<sup>th</sup> day of March 20 23, for the State Engineer,

Mike A. Hamman, P.E.

State Engineer

By: K. Parekh  
Signature

Kashyap Parekh  
Print

Title: Water Resource Manager I  
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**SPECIFIC CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL**

- 17-16 Construction of a water well by anyone without a valid New Mexico Well Driller License is illegal, and the landowner shall bear the cost of plugging the well by a licensed New Mexico well driller. This does not apply to driven wells, the casing of which does not exceed two and three-eighths inches outside diameter.
- 17-1A Depth of the well shall not exceed the thickness of the valley fill.
- 17-4 No water shall be appropriated and beneficially used under this permit.
- 17-6 The well authorized by this permit shall be plugged completely using the following method per Rules and Regulations Governing Well Driller Licensing, Construction, Repair and Plugging of Wells; Subsection C of 19.27.4.30 NMAC unless an alternative plugging method is proposed by the well owner and approved by the State Engineer upon completion of the permitted use. All pumping appurtenance shall be removed from the well prior to plugging. To plug a well, the entire well shall be filled from the bottom upwards to ground surface using a tremie pipe. The bottom of the tremie shall remain submerged in the sealant throughout the entire sealing process; other placement methods may be acceptable and approved by the state engineer. The well shall be plugged with an office of the state engineer approved sealant for use in the plugging of non-artesian wells. The well driller shall cut the casing off at least four (4) feet below ground surface and fill the open hole with at least two vertical feet of approved sealant. The driller must fill or cover any open annulus with sealant. Once the sealant has cured, the well driller or well owner may cover the seal with soil. A Plugging Report for said well shall be filed with the Office of the State Engineer in a District Office within 30 days of completion of the plugging.

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**SPECIFIC CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL (Continued)**

- 17-7 The Permittee shall utilize the highest and best technology available to ensure conservation of water to the maximum extent practical.
- 17-B The well shall be drilled by a driller licensed in the State of New Mexico in accordance with 72-12-12 NMSA 1978. A licensed driller shall not be required for the construction of a well driven without the use of a drill rig, provided that the casing shall not exceed two and three-eighths (2 3/8) inches outside diameter.
- 17-C The well driller must file the well record with the State Engineer and the applicant within 30 days after the well is drilled or driven. It is the well owner's responsibility to ensure that the well driller files the well record.  
The well driller may obtain the well record form from any District Office or the Office of the State Engineer website.
- 17-P The well shall be constructed, maintained, and operated to prevent inter-aquifer exchange of water and to prevent loss of hydraulic head between hydrogeologic zones.
- 17-Q The State Engineer retains jurisdiction over this permit.
- 17-R Pursuant to section 72-8-1 NMSA 1978, the permittee shall allow the State Engineer and OSE representatives entry upon private property for the performance of their respective duties, including access to the ditch or acequia to measure flow and also to the well for meter reading and water level measurement.

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**SPECIFIC CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL (Continued)**

LOG      The Point of Diversion C 04726 POD1 must be completed and the Well Log filed on or before 03/28/2024.

IT IS THE PERMITTEE'S RESPONSIBILITY TO OBTAIN ALL AUTHORIZATIONS AND PERMISSIONS TO DRILL ON PROPERTY OF OTHER OWNERSHIP BEFORE COMMENCING ACTIVITIES UNDER THIS PERMIT.

**ACTION OF STATE ENGINEER**

Notice of Intention Rcvd:	Date Rcvd. Corrected:
Formal Application Rcvd: 03/27/2023	Pub. of Notice Ordered:
Date Returned - Correction:	Affidavit of Pub. Filed:

This application is approved provided it is not exercised to the detriment of any others having existing rights, and is not contrary to the conservation of water in New Mexico nor detrimental to the public welfare of the state; and further subject to the specific conditions listed previously.

Witness my hand and seal this 29 day of Mar A.D., 2023

Mike A. Hamman, P.E., State Engineer

By:

K. Parekh  
KASHYAP PAREKH

Trn Desc: C 04726 PO1

File Number: C 04726

Trn Number: 745169

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## United States Department of the Interior

### BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

Carlsbad Field Office  
620 E. Greene St.  
Carlsbad, NM 88220-6292

In Reply Refer To:  
3162.4 (NM-080)  
NMNM-22080

March 21, 2023

NM Office of the State Engineer  
1900 W. Second St.  
Roswell, NM 88201

Re: Tomb Raider 1 Fed 1  
Section 1, T23S-R31E  
30-015-42655  
Eddy County, New Mexico

USE OUT MAR 27 2023 #M1/24

#### To Whom It May Concern:

The above well location and the immediate area mentioned above requires advanced soil boring to take place at approximately 55 feet below ground surface. The boring will be secured and left open for 72 hours at which time Devon Energy Production Company will assess for the presence or absence of groundwater. Temporary PVC well material will be placed to total depth of the boring and secured at the surface. If water is encountered at any point during the boring, installation of the soil boring will be plugged using Portland Type I/II neat cement less than 6.0 gallons of water per 94lb sack. If no water is encountered, then the soil boring will be plugged. The Bureau of Land Management (landowner) authorizes the access of the area to accomplish depth to groundwater determination of this site.

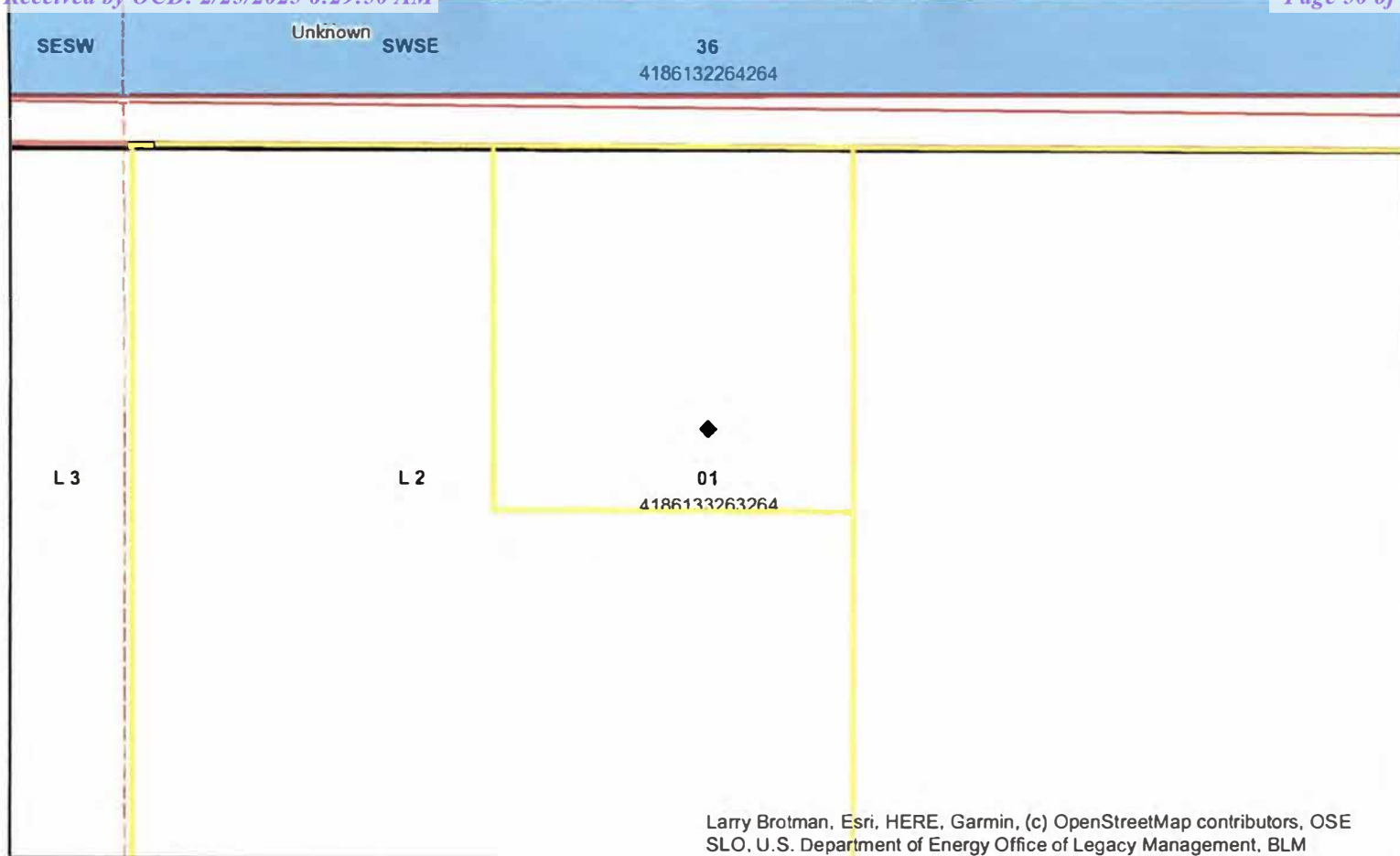
If you have any questions contact Crisha Morgan, at 575-234-5987.

Sincerely,

*Crisha Morgan*

Crisha A. Morgan  
Certified Environmental Protection Specialist



**Coordinates****UTM - NAD 83 (m) - Zone 13**

Easting 619539.119

Northing 3578820.675

**State Plane - NAD 83 (ft) - Zone E**

Easting 727741.628

Northing 487911.900

**Degrees Minutes Seconds**

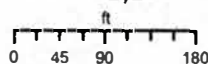
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Location pulled from Coordinate Search

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**Spatial Information**

County: Eddy

Groundwater Basin: Carlsbad

Abstract Area: Carlsbad 72-12-1

Land Grant: No Data  
Groundwater Basin Restrictions:

NA

**PLSS Description**

NE NW NW NE Qtr of Sec 1 of 23S 31E

Derived from Projected PLSS- Qtr Sec.  
locations are calculated and are only  
approximations

**Parcel Information**

UPC/DocNum: 4186133263264

Parcel Owner: Bureau Of Land

Address: S Of 575 Mills Ranch Road  
Carlsbad 88220

Legal: Quarter: Ne S: 1 T: 23S R: 31E Quarter: Nw S: 1 T:  
23S R: 31E Quarter: Sw S: 1 T: 23S R: 31E Quarter:  
Se S: 1 T: 23S R: 31E All

**POD Information**

Owner:

File Number:

POD Status: NoData

Permit Status: NoData

Permit Use: NoData

Purpose:

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Mike A. Hamman, P.E.  
State Engineer



Roswell Office  
1900 WEST SECOND STREET  
ROSWELL, NM 88201

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
OFFICE OF THE STATE ENGINEER**

Trn Nbr: 745169  
File Nbr: C 04726

Mar. 29, 2023

DALE WOODALL  
DEVON ENERGY  
6488 7 RIVERS HWY  
ARTESIA, NM 88210

Greetings:

Your approved copy of the above numbered permit to drill a well for non-consumptive purposes is enclosed. You must obtain an additional permit if you intend to use the water. It is your responsibility to provide the contracted well driller with a copy of the permit that must be made available during well drilling activities.

Carefully review the attached conditions of approval for all specific permit requirements.

- \* If use of this well is temporary in nature and the well will be plugged at the end of the well usage, the OSE must initially approve of the plugging. If plugging approval is not conditioned in this permit, the applicant must submit a Plugging Plan of Operations for approval prior to the well being plugged. The Plugging Record must be properly completed and submitted to the OSE within 30 days of the well plugging.
- \* If the final intended purpose and condition requires a well ID tag and meter installation, the applicant must immediately send a completed meter report form to this office.
- \* The well record and log must be submitted within 30 days of the completion of the well or if the attempt was a dry hole.
- \* This permit expires and will be cancelled if no well is drilled and/or a well log is not received by the date set forth in the conditions of approval.

Appropriate forms can be downloaded from the OSE website [www.ose.state.nm.us](http://www.ose.state.nm.us).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Azucena Ramirez".

Azucena Ramirez  
(575) 622-6521

Enclosure

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File Number: C-3351

Sub Basin: \_\_\_\_\_

**NEW MEXICO OFFICE OF THE STATE ENGINEER**  
**APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO USE UNDERGROUND WATERS**

**IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTIONS 72-12-1.1, 72-12-1.2, or 72-12-1.3 NEW MEXICO STATUTES**

Date rec'd October 9, 2007

**1. APPLICANT**Name: United States - Bureau Of Land Management - Carlsbad Field OfficeAddress: 620 E. Greene StreetCity: CarlsbadState: NM Zip: 88220Phone: 505-234-5942Phone: 505-234-2220Contact: Steve DalyRick Friese**2. LOCATION OF WELL (A or B required, C required, if applicable, D required)**

A. NAD 83 (Select Appropriate Coordinate System and Zone)

NOTE: State Plane units - feet, UTM units - meters

X = 614968.79 Y = 3577879.68B. Latitude: 32 d 19 m 54.22 sLongitude: 103 d 46 m 42.80 44s4(Enter Lat/Long to at least 1/10<sup>th</sup> of a second)

State Plane	<u>      </u> NM West Zone
	<u>      </u> NM Central Zone
	<u>      </u> NM East Zone
UTM	<u>      </u> X UTM Zone 13N
	<u>      </u> UTM Zone 12N

Grant (If Applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

C. Subdivision \_\_\_\_\_ Recorded in County of \_\_\_\_\_  
Lot No. \_\_\_\_\_, Block No. \_\_\_\_\_D. On land owned by: United States - Bureau Of Land Management

E. Tract No. \_\_\_\_\_, Map No. \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ Hydrographic Survey

F. Is this well within a municipality? NO if yes, where? \_\_\_\_\_G. Give State Engineer File Number if existing well: New well to be drilled at location below:H. SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  Section 4 Township 23 S. Range 31 E.

I. Other \_\_\_\_\_

**3. USE OF WATER (check use applied for)**       Domestic use for one household  X   Livestock watering       Domestic well to accompany a house or other dwelling unit constructed for sale.       Domestic use to serve \_\_\_\_\_ households       Drinking and sanitary uses that are incidental to the operations of a governmental, commercial, or non-profit facility       Prospecting, mining or drilling operations to discover or develop natural resources       Construction of public works, highways and roads

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Number: C-3351

Sub Basin: \_\_\_\_\_

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**4. WELL INFORMATION**

Name of well driller and driller license number: \_\_\_\_\_

WD#: \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate depth \_\_\_\_\_ feet; Outside diameter of casing \_\_\_\_\_ inches.

\_\_\_\_ Replacement well

\_\_\_\_ Repair or Deepen:

\_\_\_\_ Clean out well to original depth

\_\_\_\_ Deepen well from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ feet

\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Supplemental well

**5. ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS OR EXPLANATIONS:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
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 \_\_\_\_\_

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

For

I, Jim Stovall - Field Manager - CFO affirm that the

(Please Print)

foregoing statements are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.



Applicant Signature

10/5/2007

**ACTION OF THE STATE ENGINEER**

This application is approved subject to the attached general and specific conditions of approval.

Witness my hand and seal this 16th day of November, 20 07.

John R. D'Antonio, Jr. P.E., State Engineer

By: 

Bill Duemling

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**NEW MEXICO STATE ENGINEER OFFICE  
APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO USE UNDERGROUND WATERS  
IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 72-12-1 NEW MEXICO STATUTES**

**GENERAL CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL (A thru O)**

- 06-A The maximum amount of water that may be appropriated under this permit is 3.000 acre-feet in any year.
- 06-B The well shall be drilled by a driller licensed in the State of New Mexico in accordance with Section 72-12-12 New Mexico Statutes Annotated. A licensed driller shall not be required for the construction of a driven well; provided that the casing shall not exceed two and three-eighths (2 3/8) inches outside diameter (Section 72-12-12).
- 06-C Driller's well record must be filed with the State Engineer within 20 days after the well is drilled or driven. Well record forms will be provided by the State Engineer upon request.
- 06-D The casing shall not exceed 7 inches outside diameter except under specific conditions in which reasons satisfactory to the State Engineer are shown.
- 06-E To request a change to the use of water authorized under this permit, the permittee shall file an application with the State Engineer.
- 06-F An application for a new 72-12-1.1 domestic well permit where the proposed point of diversion is to be located on the same legal lot of record as an operational 72-12-1.1 domestic well shall be treated as an application for a supplemental well.
- 06-G If artesian water is encountered, all rules and regulations pertaining to the drilling and casing of artesian wells shall be complied with.
- 06-H The drilling of the well and amount and uses of water permitted are subject to such limitations as may be imposed by a court or by lawful municipal or county ordinance which are more restrictive than the conditions of this permit and applicable State Engineer regulations.
- 06-I The permittee shall utilize the highest and best technology available to ensure conservation of water to the maximum extent practical.

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**GENERAL CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL (Continued)**

- 06-J The well shall be set back a minimum of 50 ft. from an existing well of other ownership unless a variance has been granted by the State Engineer. The State Engineer may grant a variance for a replacement well or to allow for maximum spacing of the well from a source of groundwater contamination. The well shall be set back from potential sources of contamination in accordance with rules and regulations of the NM Environment Department.
- 06-K Pursuant to section 72-8-1 NMSA, the permittee shall allow the State Engineer and his representatives entry upon private property for the performance of their respective duties, including access to the well for meter reading and water level measurement.
- 06-L The permit is subject to cancellation for non-compliance with the conditions of approval or if otherwise not exercised in accordance with the terms of the permit.
- 06-M The right to divert water under this permit is subject to curtailment by priority administration as implemented by the State Engineer or a court.
- 06-N In the event of any change of ownership to this permit the new owner shall file a change of ownership form with the State Engineer in accordance with Section 72-1-2.1 NMSA.
- 06-O This well permit shall automatically expire unless the well is completed and the well record is filed with the State Engineer within one year of the date of issuance of the permit. It is the responsibility of the permit holder to ensure that the well record has been properly filed with the State Engineer.

**SPECIFIC CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL**

- 06-4 Use shall be limited to household, non-commercial trees, lawn and garden not to exceed one acre and/or stock use.
- 06-18 Any diversion of water made in excess of the authorized maximum diversion amount shall be repaid with twice the amount of the over-diversion during the following calendar year. Repayment shall be made by either: (a) reducing the diversion from the well that is the source of the over-diversion; or (b) acquiring or leasing a valid, existing consumptive use water right in an amount equal to the repayment amount and submitting to the State Engineer for his approval a plan for the proposed repayment.

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NEW MEXICO STATE ENGINEER OFFICE  
APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO USE UNDERGROUND WATERS  
IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 72-12-1 NEW MEXICO STATUTES

LOG This permit will automatically expire unless the well C 03351 POD1  
is completed and the well record filed on or before 11/30/2008.

ACTION OF STATE ENGINEER

This application is approved for the use indicated, subject to all general  
conditions and to specific conditions listed above.

Witness my hand and seal this 15 day of Nov A.D., 2007

John R. D Antonio, Jr., P.E., State Engineer

By: Bill Duemling  
Bill Duemling

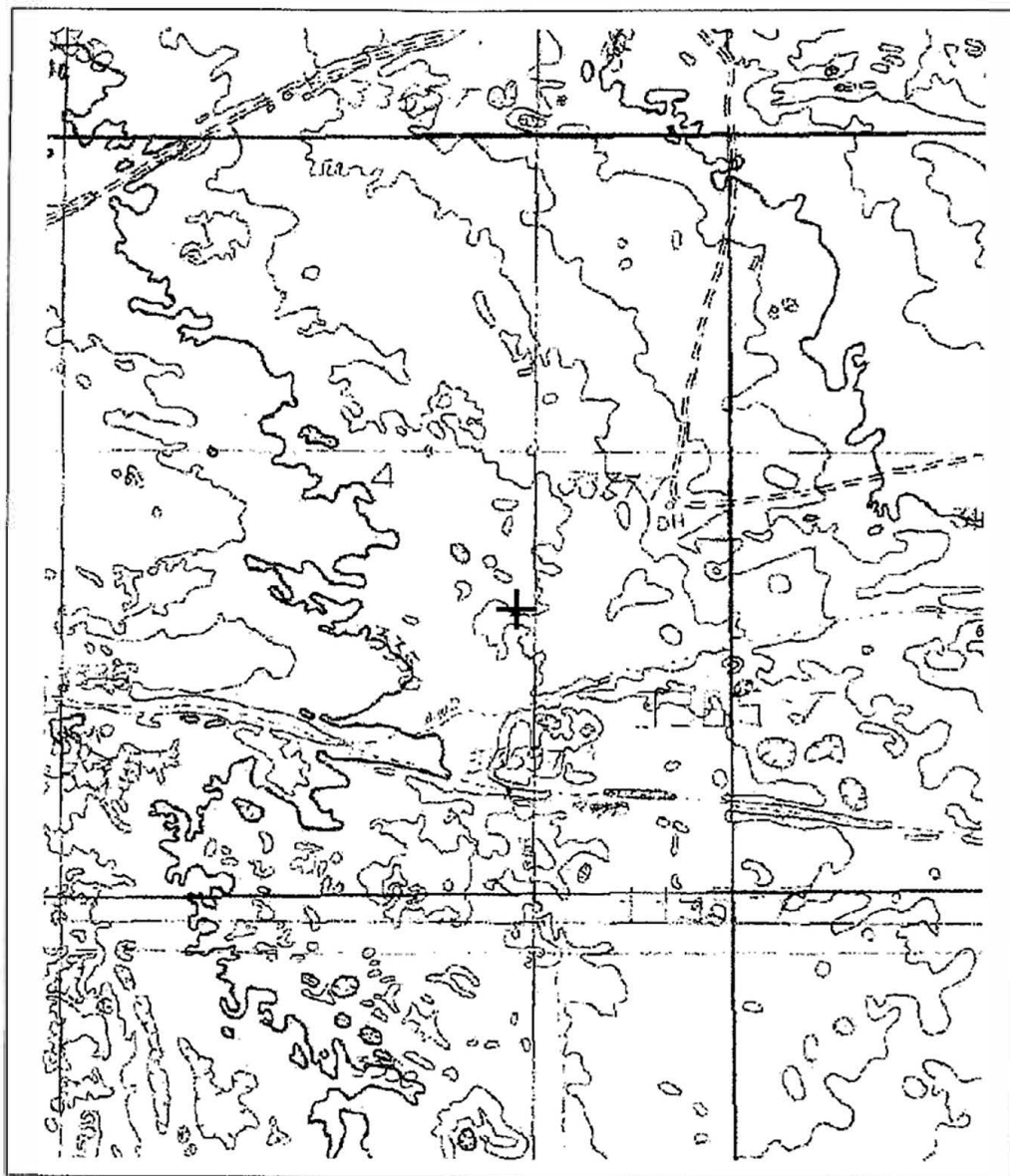
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**NEW MEXICO OFFICE OF STATE ENGINEER**

**Locator Tool Report**



WR File Number: C-03351

Scale: 1:15,745

Northing/Easting: UTM83(92) (Meter): N: 3,577,862

E: 614,916

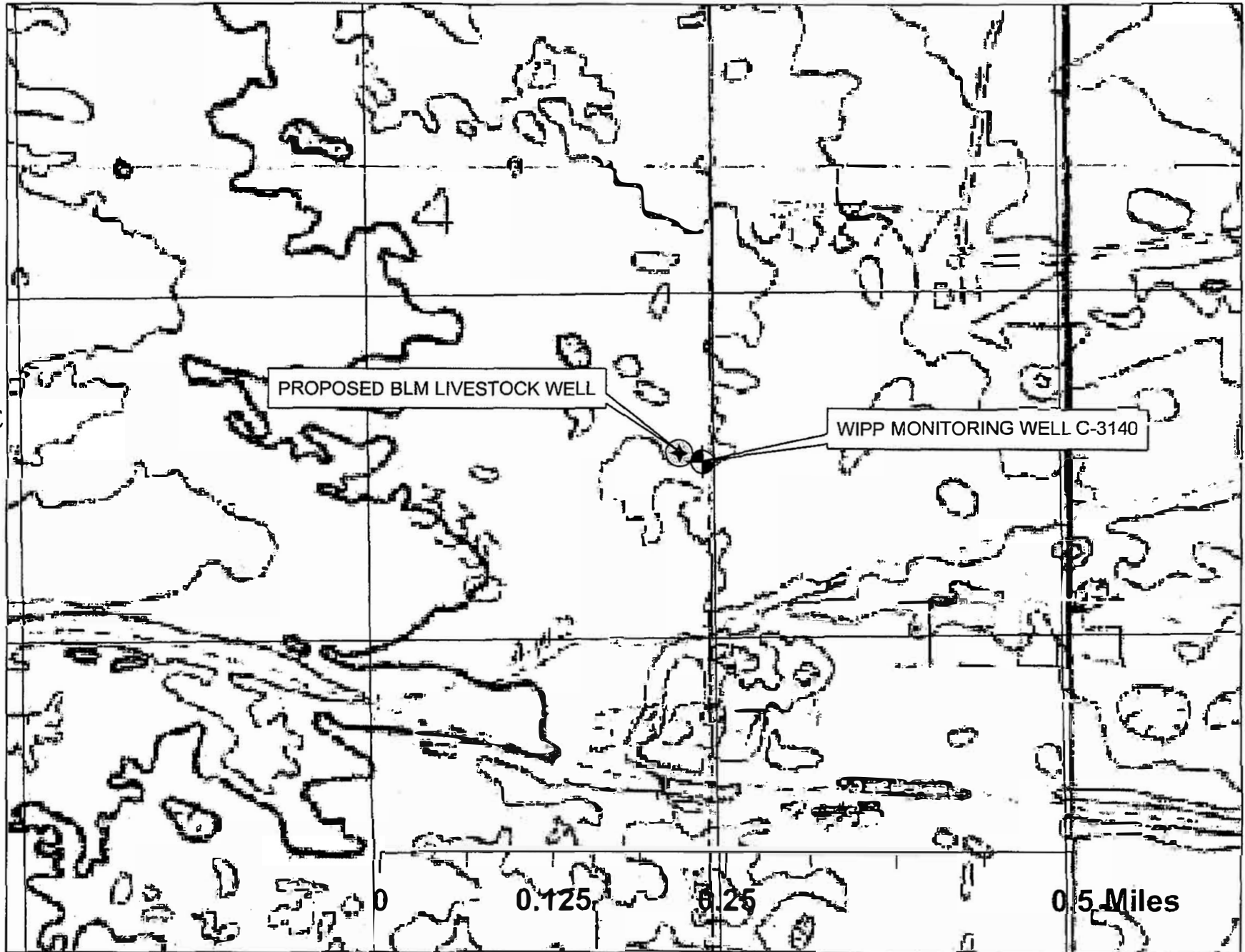
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E: 712,553

GW Basin: Carlsbad



# WIPP MONITORING WELL C-3140 & PROPOSED LESSEE STOCK WELL



**T. 23S, R. 31E, Section 4: SE/4**

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John R. D Antonio, Jr., P.E.  
State Engineer



Roswell Office  
1900 WEST SECOND STREET  
ROSWELL, NM 88201

Trn Nbr: 393496  
File Nbr: C 03351

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
OFFICE OF THE STATE ENGINEER**

Nov. 16, 2007

STEVE DALY  
US BLM CRLSB FLD OFFICE  
620 E GREENE STREET  
CARLSBAD, NM 88220

Greetings:

Enclosed is your copy of the 72-12-1 Permit which has been approved. Your attention is called to the Specific and the General Conditions of Approval of this permit.

In accordance with General Condition C, a well record shall be filed in this office within twenty (20) days after completion of drilling. The well record is proof of completion of the well. IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO ASSURE THAT THE WELL LOG BE FILED WITHIN 20 DAYS OF DRILLING THE WELL.

This permit will expire on or before 11/30/2008, unless the well has been drilled and the well log filed in this office.

Sincerely,

  
Bill Duemling  
(505) 622-6521

Enclosure

cc: Santa Fe Office

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# Water Right Summary



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[list](#)

WR File Number:		C 03351	Subbasin:	C	Cross Reference:
Primary Purpose:		STK 72-12-1 LIVESTOCK WATERING			
Primary Status:		PMT Permit			
Total Acres:			Subfile:		Header:
Total Diversion:		3.000	Cause/Case:		
Owner:		BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT	Owner Class:	Owne	r
Contact:		STEVE DALY			

## Documents on File

Transaction Images	Trn #	Doc	File/Act	Status 1	Status 2	Transaction Desc.	From/To	Acres	D
<a href="#">_get images</a>	<a href="#">469289</a>	72121	2007-11-15	PMT	LOG	C 03351	T		3.

## Current Points of Diversion

POD Number	Well Tag	Source	Q64	Q16	Q4	Sec	Tws	Rng	X	Y	Map	Other Location Desc
<a href="#">C 03351</a>		Shallow	SE	NW	SE	04	23S	31E	614916.6	3577861.1		

\* UTM location was derived from PLSS - see Help

The data is furnished by the NMOSE/ISC and is accepted by the recipient with the expressed understanding that the OSE/ISC make no warranties, expressed or implied, concerning the accuracy, completeness, reliability, usability, or suitability for any particular purpose of the data.

Map Unit Description: Kermit-Berino fine sands, 0 to 3 percent slopes—Eddy Area, New Mexico

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## Eddy Area, New Mexico

### KM—Kermit-Berino fine sands, 0 to 3 percent slopes

#### Map Unit Setting

*National map unit symbol:* 1w4q

*Elevation:* 3,100 to 4,200 feet

*Mean annual precipitation:* 10 to 14 inches

*Mean annual air temperature:* 60 to 64 degrees F

*Frost-free period:* 190 to 230 days

*Farmland classification:* Not prime farmland

#### Map Unit Composition

*Kermit and similar soils:* 50 percent

*Berino and similar soils:* 35 percent

*Minor components:* 15 percent

*Estimates are based on observations, descriptions, and transects of the mapunit.*

#### Description of Kermit

##### Setting

*Landform:* Plains, alluvial fans

*Landform position (three-dimensional):* Talf, rise

*Down-slope shape:* Convex, linear

*Across-slope shape:* Linear

*Parent material:* Mixed alluvium and/or eolian sands

##### Typical profile

*H1 - 0 to 7 inches:* fine sand

*H2 - 7 to 60 inches:* fine sand

##### Properties and qualities

*Slope:* 0 to 3 percent

*Depth to restrictive feature:* More than 80 inches

*Drainage class:* Excessively drained

*Runoff class:* Negligible

*Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat):* Very high (20.00 in/hr)

*Depth to water table:* More than 80 inches

*Frequency of flooding:* None

*Frequency of ponding:* None

*Maximum salinity:* Nonsaline (0.0 to 1.0 mmhos/cm)

*Sodium adsorption ratio, maximum:* 1.0

*Available water supply, 0 to 60 inches:* Low (about 3.1 inches)

##### Interpretive groups

*Land capability classification (irrigated):* None specified

*Land capability classification (nonirrigated):* 7e

*Hydrologic Soil Group:* A

*Ecological site:* R070BD005NM - Deep Sand

*Hydric soil rating:* No



Map Unit Description: Kermit-Berino fine sands, 0 to 3 percent slopes—Eddy Area, New Mexico

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## Description of Berino

### Setting

*Landform:* Plains, fan piedmonts  
*Landform position (three-dimensional):* Riser  
*Down-slope shape:* Convex  
*Across-slope shape:* Linear  
*Parent material:* Mixed alluvium and/or eolian sands

### Typical profile

*H1 - 0 to 17 inches:* fine sand  
*H2 - 17 to 50 inches:* fine sandy loam  
*H3 - 50 to 58 inches:* loamy sand

### Properties and qualities

*Slope:* 0 to 3 percent  
*Depth to restrictive feature:* More than 80 inches  
*Drainage class:* Well drained  
*Runoff class:* Low  
*Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat):* Moderately high to high (0.60 to 2.00 in/hr)  
*Depth to water table:* More than 80 inches  
*Frequency of flooding:* None  
*Frequency of ponding:* None  
*Calcium carbonate, maximum content:* 40 percent  
*Maximum salinity:* Very slightly saline to slightly saline (2.0 to 4.0 mmhos/cm)  
*Sodium adsorption ratio, maximum:* 1.0  
*Available water supply, 0 to 60 inches:* Moderate (about 7.2 inches)

### Interpretive groups

*Land capability classification (irrigated):* 4e  
*Land capability classification (nonirrigated):* 7e  
*Hydrologic Soil Group:* B  
*Ecological site:* R070BD003NM - Loamy Sand  
*Hydric soil rating:* No

## Minor Components

### Active dune land

*Percent of map unit:* 15 percent  
*Hydric soil rating:* No

## Data Source Information

Soil Survey Area: Eddy Area, New Mexico  
Survey Area Data: Version 20, Sep 3, 2024



## Ecological site R070BD003NM Loamy Sand

Accessed: 01/19/2025

### General information

**Provisional.** A provisional ecological site description has undergone quality control and quality assurance review. It contains a working state and transition model and enough information to identify the ecological site.

#### Figure 1. Mapped extent

Areas shown in blue indicate the maximum mapped extent of this ecological site. Other ecological sites likely occur within the highlighted areas. It is also possible for this ecological site to occur outside of highlighted areas if detailed soil survey has not been completed or recently updated.

### Associated sites

R070BD004NM	<b>Sandy</b> Sandy
R070BD005NM	<b>Deep Sand</b> Deep Sand

**Table 1. Dominant plant species**

Tree	Not specified
Shrub	Not specified
Herbaceous	Not specified

### Physiographic features

This site is on uplands, plains, dunes, fan piedmonts and in inter dunal areas. The parent material consists of mixed alluvium and or eolian sands derived from sedimentary rock. Slope range on this site range from 0 to 9 percent with the average of 5 percent.

Low stabilized dunes may occur occasionally on this site. Elevations range from 2,800 to 5,000 feet.

**Table 2. Representative physiographic features**

Landforms	(1) Fan piedmont (2) Alluvial fan (3) Dune
Elevation	2,800–5,000 ft
Slope	0–9%
Aspect	Aspect is not a significant factor

### Climatic features

The average annual precipitation ranges from 8 to 13 inches. Variations of 5 inches, more or less, are common. Over 80 percent of the precipitation falls from April through October. Most of the summer precipitation comes in the form of high intensity-short duration thunderstorms.

Temperatures are characterized by distinct seasonal changes and large annual and diurnal temperature changes.



The average annual temperature is 61 degrees with extremes of 25 degrees below zero in the winter to 112 degrees in the summer.

The average frost-free season is 207 to 220 days. The last killing frost being late March or early April and the first killing frost being in later October or early November.

Temperature and rainfall both favor warm season perennial plant growth. In years of abundant spring moisture, annual forbs and cool season grasses can make up an important component of this site. Strong winds blow from the southwest from January through June, which accelerates soil drying during a critical period for cool season plant growth.

Climate data was obtained from <http://www.wrcc.sage.dri.edu/summary/climsmnm.html> web site using 50% probability for freeze-free and frost-free seasons using 28.5 degrees F and 32.5 degrees F respectively.

**Table 3. Representative climatic features**

Frost-free period (average)	221 days
Freeze-free period (average)	240 days
Precipitation total (average)	13 in

## Influencing water features

This site is not influenced from water from wetlands or streams.

## Soil features

Soils are moderately deep or very deep. Surface textures are loamy fine sand, fine sandy loam, loamy very fine sand or gravelly sandy loam.

Subsurface is a loamy fine sand, coarse sandy loam, fine sandy loam or loam that averages less than 18 percent clay and less than 15 percent carbonates.

Substratum is a fine sandy loam or gravelly fine sandy loam with less than 15 percent gravel and with less than 40 percent calcium carbonate. Some layers high in lime or with caliche fragments may occur at depths of 20 to 30 inches.

These soils, if unprotected by plant cover and organic residue, become wind blown and low hummocks are formed.

Minimum and maximum values listed below represent the characteristic soils for this site.

Characteristic soils are:

Maljamar

Berino

Parjarito

Palomas

Wink

Pyote

**Table 4. Representative soil features**

Surface texture	(1) Fine sand (2) Fine sandy loam (3) Loamy fine sand
Family particle size	(1) Sandy
Drainage class	Well drained to somewhat excessively drained
Permeability class	Moderate to moderately rapid

Soil depth	40–72 in
Surface fragment cover $\leq 3$ "	0–10%
Surface fragment cover $> 3$ "	0%
Available water capacity (0–40in)	5–7 in
Calcium carbonate equivalent (0–40in)	3–40%
Electrical conductivity (0–40in)	2–4 mmhos/cm
Sodium adsorption ratio (0–40in)	0–2
Soil reaction (1:1 water) (0–40in)	6.6–8.4
Subsurface fragment volume $\leq 3$ " (Depth not specified)	4–12%
Subsurface fragment volume $> 3$ " (Depth not specified)	0%

## Ecological dynamics

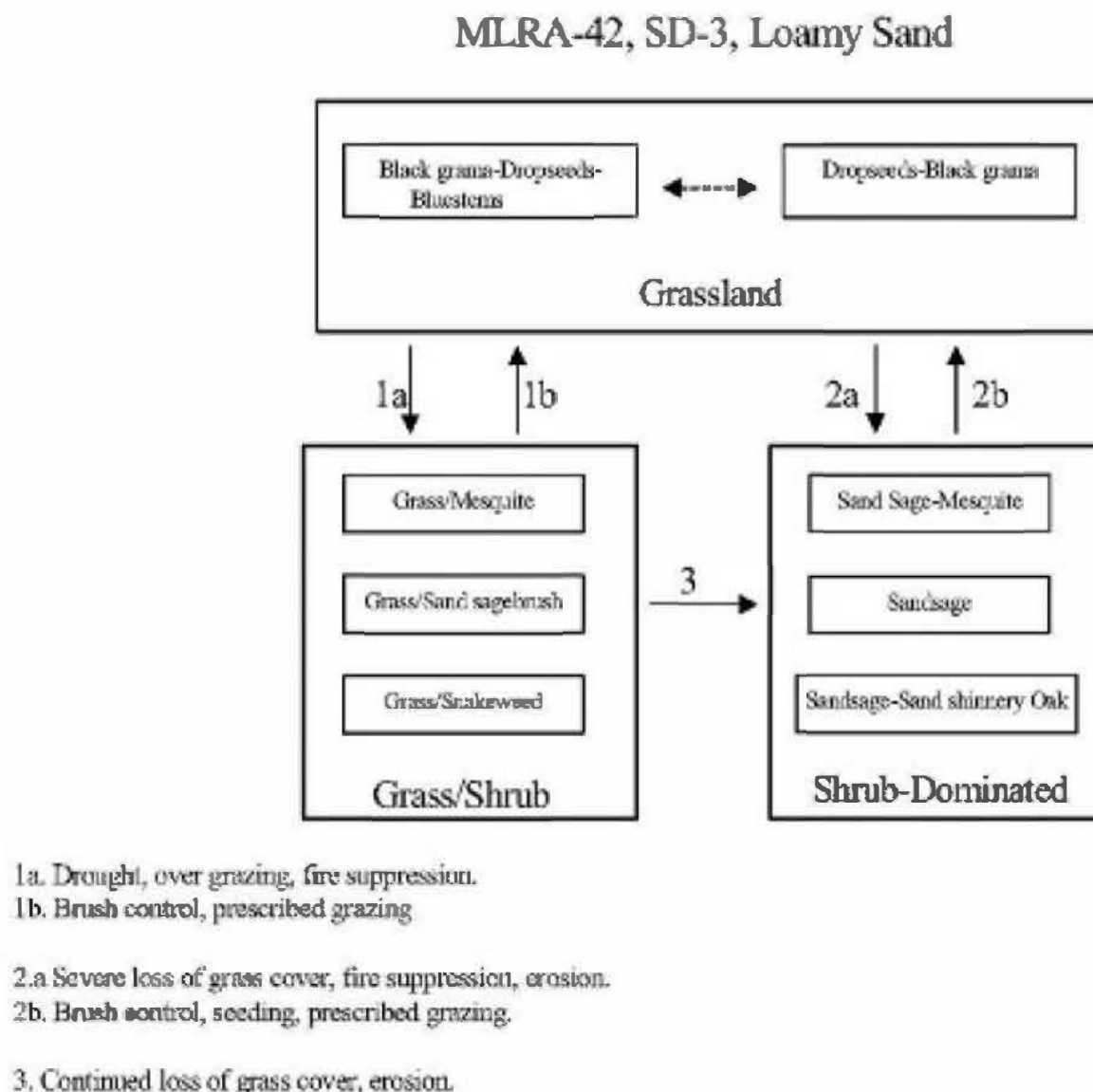
### Overview

The Loamy Sand site intergrades with the Deep Sand and Sandy sites (SD-3). These sites can be differentiated by surface soil texture and depth to a textural change. Loamy Sand and Deep Sand sites have coarse textured (sands and loamy sand) surface soils while Sandy sites have moderately coarse textured (sandy loam and fine sandy loam) surfaces. Although Loamy Sand and Deep Sand sites have similar surface textures, the depth to a textural change is different—Loamy Sand sub-surface textures typically increase in clay at approximately 20 to 30 inches, and Deep Sand sites not until around 40 inches.

The historic plant community of Loamy Sand sites is dominated by black grama (*Bouteloua eriopoda*), dropseeds (*Sporobolus flexuosus*, *S. contractus*, *S. cryptandrus*), and bluestems (*Schizachyrium scoparium* and *Andropogon hallii*), with scattered shinnery oak (*Quercus havardii*) and sand sage (*Artemisia filifolia*). Perennial and annual forb abundance and distribution are dependent on precipitation. Litter and to a lesser extent, bare ground, are a significant proportion of ground cover while grasses compose the remainder. Decreases in black grama indicate a transition to either a grass/shrub or shrub-dominated state. The grass/shrub state is composed of grasses/honey mesquite (*Prosopis glandulosa*), grasses/broom snakeweed (*Gutierrezia sarothrae*), or grasses/sand sage. The shrub-dominated state occurs after a severe loss of grass cover and a prevalence of sand sage with secondary shinnery oak and mesquite. Heavy grazing intensity and/or drought are influential drivers in decreasing black grama and bluestems and subsequently increasing shrub cover, erosion, and bare patches. Historical fire suppression also encourages shrub pervasiveness and a competitive advantage over grass species (McPherson 1995). Brush and grazing management, however, may reverse grass/shrub and shrub-dominated states toward the grassland-dominated historic plant community.

### State and transition model

## Plant Communities and Transitional Pathways (diagram):



### State 1 Historic Climax Plant Community

#### Community 1.1 Historic Climax Plant Community

Grassland: The historic plant community is a uniformly distributed grassland dominated by black grama, dropseeds, and bluestems. Sand sage and shinnery oak are evenly dispersed throughout the grassland due to the coarse soil



surface texture. Perennial and annual forbs are common but their abundance and distribution are reflective of precipitation. Bluestems initially, followed by black grama, decrease with drought and heavy grazing intensity. Historical fire frequency is unknown but likely occurred enough to remove small shrubs to the competitive advantage of grass species. Fire suppression, drought conditions, and excessive grazing drive most grass species out of competition with shrub species. Diagnosis: Grassland dominated by black grama, dropseeds, and bluestems. Shrubs, such as sand sage, shinnery oak, and mesquite are dispersed throughout the grassland. Forbs are present and populations fluctuate with precipitation variability.

Table 5. Annual production by plant type

Plant Type	Low (Lb/Acre)	Representative Value (Lb/Acre)	High (Lb/Acre)
Grass/Grasslike	442	833	1224
Forb	110	208	306
Shrub/Vine	98	184	270
Total	650	1225	1800

Table 6. Ground cover

Tree foliar cover	0%
Shrub/vine/liana foliar cover	0%
Grass/grasslike foliar cover	28%
Forb foliar cover	0%
Non-vascular plants	0%
Biological crusts	0%
Litter	50%
Surface fragments >0.25" and <=3"	0%
Surface fragments >3"	0%
Bedrock	0%
Water	0%
Bare ground	22%

Figure 5. Plant community growth curve (percent production by month). NM2803, R042XC003NM-Loamy Sand-HCPC. SD-3 Loamy Sand - Warm season plant community .

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
0	0	3	5	10	10	25	30	12	5	0	0

State 2  
Grass/Shrub

Community 2.1  
Grass/Shrub



**Grass/Shrub State:** The grass/shrub state is dominated by communities of grasses/mesquite, grasses/snakeweed, or grasses/sand sage. Decreases in black grama and bluestem species lead to an increase in bare patches and mesquite which further competes with grass species. An increase of dropseeds and threeawns occurs. Grass distribution becomes more patchy with an absence or severe decrease in black grama and bluestems. Mesquite provides nitrogen and soil organic matter to co-dominant grasses (Ansley and Jacoby 1998, Ansley et al. 1998). Mesquite mortality when exposed to fire is low due to aggressive resprouting abilities. Herbicide application combined with subsequent prescribed fire may be more effective in mesquite reduction (Britton and Wright 1971). **Diagnosis:** This state is dominated by an increased abundance of communities including grass/mesquite, grass/snakeweed, or grass/sand sage. Dropseeds and threeawns have a patchy distribution. **Transition to Grass/Shrub State (1a):** The historic plant community begins to shift toward the grass/shrub state as drivers such as drought, fire suppression, interspecific competition, and excessive grazing contribute to alterations in soil properties and herbaceous cover. Cover loss and surface soil erosion are initial indicators of transition followed by a decrease in black grama with a subsequent increase of dropseeds, threeawns, mesquite, and snakeweed. Snakeweed has been documented to outcompete black grama especially under conditions of fire suppression and drought (McDaniel et al. 1984). **Key indicators of approach to transition:** • Loss of black grama cover • Surface soil erosion • Bare patch expansion • Increased dropseed/threeawn and mesquite, snakeweed, or sand sage abundances **Transition to Historic Plant Community (1b):** Brush and grazing management may restore the grassland component and reverse shrub or grass/shrub dominated states back toward the historic plant community.

### **State 3 Shrub Dominated**

#### **Community 3.1 Shrub Dominated**

**Shrub-Dominated State:** The shrub-dominated state results from a severe loss of grass cover. This state's primary species is sand sage. Shinnery oak and mesquite also occur; however, grass cover is limited to intershrub distribution. Sand sage stabilizes light sandy soils from wind erosion, which enhances protected grass/forb cover (Davis and Bonham 1979). However, shinnery oak also responds to the sandy soils with dense stands due to an

aggressive rhizome system. Shinnery oak's extensive root system promotes competitive exclusion of grasses and forbs. Sand sage, shinnery oak, and mesquite can be controlled with herbicide (Herbel et al. 1979, Pettit 1986). Transition to Shrub-Dominated (2a): Severe loss of grass species with increased erosion and fire suppression will result in a transition to a shrub-dominated state with sand sage, Shin oak, and honey mesquite directly from the grassland-dominated state. Key indicators of approach to transition: • Severe loss of grass species cover • Surface soil erosion • Bare patch expansion • Increased sand sage, shinnery oak, and mesquite abundance Transition to Historic Plant Community (2b): Brush and grazing management may restore the grassland component and reverse shrub or grass/shrub dominated states back toward the historic plant community. In addition, seeding with native grass species will augment the transition to a grassland-dominated state. Transition to Shrub-Dominated (3): If the grass/shrub site continues to lose grass cover with soil erosion, the site will transition to a shrub-dominated state with sand sage, shinnery oak, and honey mesquite. Key indicators of approach to transition: • Continual loss of dropseeds/threawns cover • Surface soil erosion • Bare patch expansion • Increased sand sage, shinnery oak, and mesquite/dropseed/threawn and mesquite/snakeweed abundance

## Additional community tables

Table 7. Community 1.1 plant community composition

Group	Common Name	Symbol	Scientific Name	Annual Production (Lb/Acre)	Foliar Cover (%)
<b>Grass/Grasslike</b>					
1	<b>Warm Season</b>			61–123	
	little bluestem	SCSC	<i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i>	61–123	–
2	<b>Warm Season</b>			37–61	
	sand bluestem	ANHA	<i>Andropogon hallii</i>	37–61	–
3	<b>Warm Season</b>			37–61	
	cane bluestem	BOBA3	<i>Bothriochloa barbinodis</i>	37–61	–
	silver bluestem	BOSA	<i>Bothriochloa saccharoides</i>	37–61	–
4	<b>Warm Season</b>			123–184	
	black grama	BOER4	<i>Bouteloua eriopoda</i>	123–184	–
	bush muhly	MUPO2	<i>Muhlenbergia porteri</i>	123–184	–
5	<b>Warm Season</b>			123–184	
	thin paspalum	PASE5	<i>Paspalum setaceum</i>	123–184	–
	plains bristlegrass	SEVU2	<i>Setaria vulpiseta</i>	123–184	–
	fringed signalgrass	URCI	<i>Urochloa ciliatissima</i>	123–184	–
6	<b>Warm Season</b>			123–184	
	spike dropseed	SPCO4	<i>Sporobolus contractus</i>	123–184	–
	sand dropseed	SPCR	<i>Sporobolus cryptandrus</i>	123–184	–
	mesa dropseed	SPFL2	<i>Sporobolus flexuosus</i>	123–184	–
7	<b>Warm Season</b>			61–123	
	hooded windmill grass	CHCU2	<i>Chloris cucullata</i>	61–123	–
	Arizona cottontop	DICA8	<i>Digitaria californica</i>	61–123	–
9	<b>Other Perennial Grasses</b>			37–61	
	Grass, perennial	2GP	<i>Grass, perennial</i>	37–61	–
<b>Shrub/Vine</b>					
8	<b>Warm Season</b>			37–61	
	New Mexico feathergrass	HENE5	<i>Hesperostipa neomexicana</i>	37–61	–
	giant dropseed	SPGI	<i>Sporobolus giganteus</i>	37–61	–
10	<b>Shrub</b>			61–123	



	sand sagebrush	ARFI2	<i>Artemisia filifolia</i>	61–123	–
	Havard oak	QUHA3	<i>Quercus havardii</i>	61–123	–
11	<b>Shrub</b>			34–61	
	fourwing saltbush	ATCA2	<i>Atriplex canescens</i>	37–61	–
	featherplume	DAFO	<i>Dalea formosa</i>	37–61	–
12	<b>Shrub</b>			37–61	
	jointfir	EPHED	<i>Ephedra</i>	37–61	–
	littleleaf ratany	KRER	<i>Krameria erecta</i>	37–61	–
13	<b>Other Shrubs</b>			37–61	
	Shrub (>.5m)	2SHRUB	<i>Shrub (&gt;.5m)</i>	37–61	–
<b>Forb</b>					
14	<b>Forb</b>			61–123	
	leatherweed	CRPOP	<i>Croton pottsii</i> var. <i>pottsii</i>	61–123	–
	Indian blanket	GAPU	<i>Gaillardia pulchella</i>	61–123	–
	globemallow	SPHAE	<i>Sphaeralcea</i>	61–123	–
15	<b>Forb</b>			12–37	
	woolly groundsel	PACA15	<i>Packera cana</i>	12–37	–
16	<b>Forb</b>			61–123	
	touristplant	DIWI2	<i>Dimorphocarpa wislizeni</i>	61–123	–
	woolly plantain	PLPA2	<i>Plantago patagonica</i>	61–123	–
17	<b>Other Forbs</b>			37–61	
	Forb (herbaceous, not grass nor grass-like)	2FORB	<i>Forb (herbaceous, not grass nor grass-like)</i>	37–61	–

## Animal community

This Ecological Site provides habitat which supports a resident animal community that is characterized by pronghorn antelope, desert cottontail, spotted ground squirrel, black-tailed prairie dog, yellow faced pocket gopher, Ord's kangaroo rat, northern grasshopper mouse, southern plains woodrat, badger, roadrunner, meadowlark, burrowing owl, white necked raven, lesser prairie chicken, morning dove, scaled quail, Harris hawk, side blotched lizard, marbled whiptail, Texas horned lizard, western diamondback rattlesnake, dusty hognose snake and ornate box turtle.

Where mesquite has invaded, most resident birds and scissor-tailed flycatcher, morning dove and Swainson's hawk, nest. Vesper and grasshopper sparrows utilize the site during migration.

## Hydrological functions

The runoff curve numbers are determined by field investigations using hydraulic cover conditions and hydrologic soil groups.

Hydrologic Interpretations

Soil Series Hydrologic Group

Berino B

Kinco A

Maljamar B

Pajarito B

Palomas B

Wink B

Pyote A

## Recreational uses

This site offers recreation potential for hiking, horseback riding, nature observation, photography and hunting. During years of abundant spring moisture, this site displays a colorful array of wildflowers during May and June.

### Wood products

This site has no potential for wood products.

### Other products

This site is suitable for grazing by all kinds and classes of livestock at any time of year. In cases where this site has been invaded by brush species it is especially suited for goats. Mismanagement of this site will cause a decrease in species such as the bluestems, black grama, bush muhly, plains bristlegrass, New Mexico feathergrass, Arizona cottontop and fourwing saltbush. A corresponding increase in the dropseeds, windmill grass, fall witchgrass, silver bluestem, sand sagebrush, shinery oak and ephedra will occur. This will also cause an increase in bare ground which will increase soil erodibility. This site will respond well to a system of management that rotates the season of use.

### Other information

Guide to Suggested Initial Stocking Rate Acres per Animal Unit Month

Similarity Index Ac/AUM

100 - 76 2.3 – 3.5

75 – 51 3.0 – 4.5

50 – 26 4.6 – 9.0

25 – 0 9.1 +

### Inventory data references

Data collection for this site was done in conjunction with the progressive soil surveys within the Southern Desertic Basins, Plains and Mountains, Major Land Resource Areas of New Mexico. This site has been mapped and correlated with soils in the following soil surveys. Eddy County, Lea County, and Chaves County.

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## Rangeland health reference sheet

Interpreting Indicators of Rangeland Health is a qualitative assessment protocol used to determine ecosystem condition based on benchmark characteristics described in the Reference Sheet. A suite of 17 (or more) indicators are typically considered in an assessment. The ecological site(s) representative of an assessment location must be known prior to applying the protocol and must be verified based on soils and climate. Current plant community cannot be used to identify the ecological site.

Author(s)/participant(s)	
Contact for lead author	
Date	
Approved by	
Approval date	
Composition (Indicators 10 and 12) based on	Annual Production

## Indicators

### 1. Number and extent of rills:

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### 2. Presence of water flow patterns:

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### 3. Number and height of erosional pedestals or terracettes:

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### 4. Bare ground from Ecological Site Description or other studies (rock, litter, lichen, moss, plant canopy are not bare ground):

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### 5. Number of gullies and erosion associated with gullies:

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### 6. Extent of wind scoured, blowouts and/or depositional areas:

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7. **Amount of litter movement (describe size and distance expected to travel):**
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8. **Soil surface (top few mm) resistance to erosion (stability values are averages - most sites will show a range of values):**
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9. **Soil surface structure and SOM content (include type of structure and A-horizon color and thickness):**
- 
10. **Effect of community phase composition (relative proportion of different functional groups) and spatial distribution on infiltration and runoff:**
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11. **Presence and thickness of compaction layer (usually none; describe soil profile features which may be mistaken for compaction on this site):**
- 
12. **Functional/Structural Groups (list in order of descending dominance by above-ground annual-production or live foliar cover using symbols: >>, >, = to indicate much greater than, greater than, and equal to):**
- Dominant:
- Sub-dominant:
- Other:
- Additional:
- 
13. **Amount of plant mortality and decadence (include which functional groups are expected to show mortality or decadence):**
- 
14. **Average percent litter cover (%) and depth ( in):**
- 
15. **Expected annual annual-production (this is TOTAL above-ground annual-production, not just forage annual-production):**
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16. **Potential invasive (including noxious) species (native and non-native). List species which BOTH characterize degraded states and have the potential to become a dominant or co-dominant species on the ecological site if their future establishment and growth is not actively controlled by management interventions. Species that become dominant for only one to several years (e.g., short-term response to drought or wildfire) are not invasive plants. Note that unlike other indicators, we are describing what is NOT expected in the reference state for the ecological site:**
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**17. Perennial plant reproductive capability:**

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Tomb Raider 1 Fed 1H Battery - Geological Map

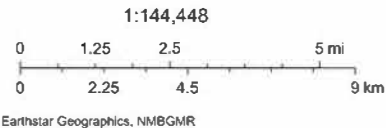


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Lithologic Units

- Playa—Alluvium and evaporite deposits (Holocene)
- Water—Perennial standing water
- Qa—Alluvium (Holocene to upper Pleistocene)

**Lithological Unit: Qep - Eolian and piedmont deposits (Holocene to middle Pleistocene) — Interlayered eolian sands and piedmont-slope deposits**





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NAPP2427052436 TOMB RAIDER 1 FED 1H BATTERY @ 0

General Incident Information

Site Name:

TOMB RAIDER 1 FED 1H BATTERY

Well:

Facility:

[\[fAPP2130648375\]](#) TOMB RAIDER 1 FED 1H BATTERY

Operator:

[\[6137\]](#) DEVON ENERGY PRODUCTION COMPANY, LP

Status:

Initial C-141 Approved, Pending submission of Site Characterization / Remediation Plan OR Remediation Closure Report from the operator

Type:

Produced Water Release

Severity:

Major

Surface

Owner:

Federal

County:

Eddy (15)

District:

Artesia

Incident

Location:

L-01-23S-31E    218 FNL    1967 FEL

Lat/Long:

32.3401207,-103.7293257 NAD83

Directions:

Notes

Source of Referral:

Industry Rep

Action / Escalation:

Resulted In Fire:

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Resulted In Injury:

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Endangered Public Health:

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Will or Has Reached

Fresh Water Contamination:

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Watercourse:

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Property Or Environmental Damage:

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Date of Discovery:	09/26/2024	Initial C-141 Report Due:	10/11/2024
		Remediation Closure Report Due:	03/17/2025

Incident Dates

Type	Action	Received	Denied	Approved
Liner Inspection Notice	[413566]	12/18/2024		12/18/2024
Initial C-141 Report	[388309]	09/30/2024		09/30/2024
Notification	[387510]	09/26/2024		09/26/2024

Compositional Analysis of Vented and/or Flared Natural Gas

No Compositional Analysis Found

Incident Materials

Cause	Source	Material	Volume				Units
			Unk.	Released	Recovered	Lost	
Equipment Failure	Valve	Produced Water	<input type="checkbox"/>	75	75	0	BBL
The concentration of dissolved chloride in the produced water >10,000 mg/l:					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
Cause of Release OR Additional Details provided for materials released: 75 bbls PW released into lined containment. pinhole leak in victaulic ball valve. 75 bbls recovered							



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Searches

Operator Data

Hearing Fee Application

12/18/2024	The (12/18/2024, C-141L) application [413566] was assigned to this incident.
12/16/2024	Your 90-day time extension request is approved. Email submitted by operator on 12/16/2024 stated, "This was a spill inside of lined containment that needed a liner inspection. Due to change in environmental employees this incident was not properly assigned and will be completed after the holidays in 2025". Remediation Due date updated to March 17, 2025.
09/30/2024	The (09/30/2024, C-141) application [388309] was accepted by OCD. The operator was emailed with details of this event.
09/30/2024	An application [388309] was submitted to OCD for review. It was submitted, indicating that it was an: [C-141] Application for administrative approval of a release notification and corrective action The operator was emailed confirmation of this event.
09/30/2024	The (09/30/2024, C-141) application [388309] was assigned to this incident.
09/26/2024	The (09/26/2024, NOR) application [387510] was assigned to this incident.
09/26/2024	Release discovered by the operator.
09/26/2024	New incident created by the operator, upon the submission of notification of release.

Incident Severity

Major release as defined by 19.15.29.7(A) NMAC?  
☒ Yes ☐ No

From paragraph A. "Major release" determine using:  
(1) an unauthorized release of a volume, excluding gases, of 25 barrels or more.

Incident Corrective Actions

Initial Response

No site characterization data was found for this incident.

Remediation Plan

Have the lateral and vertical extents of contamination been fully delineated?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
On what estimated date will the remediation commence?	
On what date will (or did) the final sampling occur?	
On what date will (or was) the remediation complete(d)	

Release is indicated as not yet fully delineated. Any Deferral Requests received may not be granted for this incident.

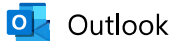
No remediation closure report data was found for this incident.

No reclamation report data was found for this incident.

No re-vegetation report data was found for this incident.

Orders

No Orders Found



Outlook

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**RE: [EXTERNAL] nAPP2427052436 Tomb Raider 1 Fed 1H Battery Liner Notification**

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**From** Raley, Jim <Jim.Raley@dvn.com>  
**Date** Wed 12/18/2024 1:55 PM  
**To** Monica Peppin <Monica.Peppin@soudermiller.com>  
**Cc** Stephanie Hinds <stephanie.hinds@soudermiller.com>

Submitted to portal 12/18/2024

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**Cc:** Stephanie Hinds <stephanie.hinds@soudermiller.com>; BLM Spill Email <blm\_nm\_cfo\_spill@blm.gov>; ocd.enviro@emnrd.nm.gov  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] nAPP2427052436 Tomb Raider 1 Fed 1H Battery Liner Notification

**All:**

**SMA anticipates conducting liner inspection activities at the following site on Saturday, December 21, 2024:**

**Proposed Date: 12.21.2024**

**Proposed Time Frame: 10:30 AM**

**Site Name: Tom Raider 1 Fed 1H Battery**

**Incident Number: nAPP2427052436**

**API: fAPP2130648375**

Liner Inspection Notification	
Incident ID and Site Name:	Tomb Raider 1 Fed 1H Battery/nAPP2427052436
API # and Corresponding Agency:	fAPP2130648375/NMNM0404441 BLM/Federal
Question	Answer (Fill In)
What is the liner inspection surface area in square feet (secondary containmet):	4953 sq ft
Have all the impacted materials been removed from the liner and cleaned?	Yes - 10.2.2024
Liner inspection date pursuant to Subparagraph (a) of Paragraph (5) of Subsection A of 19.15.29.11 NMAC: 48 HOURS PRIOR TO INSPECTION	12.21.2024
Time liner inspection will commence:	10:30 AM
Please provide any information necessary for observers to contact inspector: (Name and	Monica Peppin 575.909.3418



Number)	
Please provide any information necessary for navigation to liner inspection site and coordinates (Lat/Long)	Intersection 128/Red Rd travel north for 6.45 miles, turn right/east onto lease road travel 0.39 miles, follow turn to the right/south travel 0.15 miles, turn left/facing southeast travel 0.18 miles, turn right/south travel 0.11 miles, turn left/southeast travel 0.09 miles and end on site 32.340535, -103.729657

Thank you,  
MP



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Action 434894

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Prerequisites	
Incident ID (n#)	nAPP2427052436
Incident Name	NAPP2427052436 TOMB RAIDER 1 FED 1H BATTERY @ 0
Incident Type	Produced Water Release
Incident Status	Remediation Closure Report Received
Incident Facility	[fAPP2130648375] TOMB RAIDER 1 FED 1H BATTERY

Location of Release Source	
Please answer all the questions in this group.	
Site Name	TOMB RAIDER 1 FED 1H BATTERY
Date Release Discovered	09/26/2024
Surface Owner	Federal

Incident Details	
Please answer all the questions in this group.	
Incident Type	Produced Water Release
Did this release result in a fire or is the result of a fire	No
Did this release result in any injuries	No
Has this release reached or does it have a reasonable probability of reaching a watercourse	No
Has this release endangered or does it have a reasonable probability of endangering public health	No
Has this release substantially damaged or will it substantially damage property or the environment	No
Is this release of a volume that is or may with reasonable probability be detrimental to fresh water	No

Nature and Volume of Release	
Material(s) released, please answer all that apply below. Any calculations or specific justifications for the volumes provided should be attached to the follow-up C-141 submission.	
Crude Oil Released (bbls) Details	Not answered.
Produced Water Released (bbls) Details	Cause: Equipment Failure   Valve   Produced Water   Released: 75 BBL   Recovered: 75 BBL   Lost: 0 BBL.
Is the concentration of chloride in the produced water >10,000 mg/l	Yes
Condensate Released (bbls) Details	Not answered.
Natural Gas Vented (Mcf) Details	Not answered.
Natural Gas Flared (Mcf) Details	Not answered.
Other Released Details	Not answered.
Are there additional details for the questions above (i.e. any answer containing Other, Specify, Unknown, and/or Fire, or any negative lost amounts)	75 bbls PW released into lined containment. pinhole leak in victaulic ball valve. 75 bbls recovered



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<b>Nature and Volume of Release (continued)</b>	
Is this a gas only submission (i.e. only significant Mcf values reported)	No, according to supplied volumes this does not appear to be a "gas only" report.
Was this a major release as defined by Subsection A of 19.15.29.7 NMAC	Yes
Reasons why this would be considered a submission for a notification of a major release	From paragraph A. "Major release" determine using: (1) an unauthorized release of a volume, excluding gases, of 25 barrels or more.
With the implementation of the 19.15.27 NMAC (05/25/2021), venting and/or flaring of natural gas (i.e. gas only) are to be submitted on the C-129 form.	

**Initial Response**

The responsible party must undertake the following actions immediately unless they could create a safety hazard that would result in injury.

The source of the release has been stopped	True
The impacted area has been secured to protect human health and the environment	True
Released materials have been contained via the use of berms or dikes, absorbent pads, or other containment devices	True
All free liquids and recoverable materials have been removed and managed appropriately	True
If all the actions described above have not been undertaken, explain why	Not answered.

Per Paragraph (4) of Subsection B of 19.15.29.8 NMAC the responsible party may commence remediation immediately after discovery of a release. If remediation has begun, please prepare and attach a narrative of actions to date in the follow-up C-141 submission. If remedial efforts have been successfully completed or if the release occurred within a lined containment area (see Subparagraph (a) of Paragraph (5) of Subsection A of 19.15.29.11 NMAC), please prepare and attach all information needed for closure evaluation in the follow-up C-141 submission.

I hereby certify that the information given above is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and understand that pursuant to OCD rules and regulations all operators are required to report and/or file certain release notifications and perform corrective actions for releases which may endanger public health or the environment. The acceptance of a C-141 report by the OCD does not relieve the operator of liability should their operations have failed to adequately investigate and remediate contamination that pose a threat to groundwater, surface water, human health or the environment. In addition, OCD acceptance of a C-141 report does not relieve the operator of responsibility for compliance with any other federal, state, or local laws and/or regulations.

I hereby agree and sign off to the above statement	Name: James Raley Title: EHS Professional Email: jim.raley@dvsn.com Date: 02/25/2025
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<b>Site Characterization</b>	
<i>Please answer all the questions in this group (only required when seeking remediation plan approval and beyond). This information must be provided to the appropriate district office no later than 90 days after the release discovery date.</i>	
What is the shallowest depth to groundwater beneath the area affected by the release in feet below ground surface (ft bgs)	Between 51 and 75 (ft.)
What method was used to determine the depth to ground water	NM OSE iWaters Database Search
Did this release impact groundwater or surface water	No
<b>What is the minimum distance, between the closest lateral extents of the release and the following surface areas:</b>	
A continuously flowing watercourse or any other significant watercourse	Between 1 and 5 (mi.)
Any lakebed, sinkhole, or playa lake (measured from the ordinary high-water mark)	Between 1 and 5 (mi.)
An occupied permanent residence, school, hospital, institution, or church	Between 1 and 5 (mi.)
A spring or a private domestic fresh water well used by less than five households for domestic or stock watering purposes	Between 1 and 5 (mi.)
Any other fresh water well or spring	Between 1 and 5 (mi.)
Incorporated municipal boundaries or a defined municipal fresh water well field	Greater than 5 (mi.)
A wetland	Between 1 and 5 (mi.)
A subsurface mine	Greater than 5 (mi.)
An (non-karst) unstable area	Between 1 and 5 (mi.)
Categorize the risk of this well / site being in a karst geology	Low
A 100-year floodplain	Greater than 5 (mi.)
Did the release impact areas not on an exploration, development, production, or storage site	No

<b>Remediation Plan</b>	
<i>Please answer all the questions that apply or are indicated. This information must be provided to the appropriate district office no later than 90 days after the release discovery date.</i>	
Requesting a remediation plan approval with this submission	Yes
<i>Attach a comprehensive report demonstrating the lateral and vertical extents of soil contamination associated with the release have been determined, pursuant to 19.15.29.11 NMAC and 19.15.29.13 NMAC.</i>	
Have the lateral and vertical extents of contamination been fully delineated	Yes
Was this release entirely contained within a lined containment area	Yes
<i>Per Subsection B of 19.15.29.11 NMAC unless the site characterization report includes completed efforts at remediation, the report must include a proposed remediation plan in accordance with 19.15.29.12 NMAC, which includes the anticipated timelines for beginning and completing the remediation.</i>	
On what estimated date will the remediation commence	10/02/2024
On what date will (or did) the final sampling or liner inspection occur	12/21/2024
On what date will (or was) the remediation complete(d)	12/21/2024
What is the estimated surface area (in square feet) that will be remediated	4953
What is the estimated volume (in cubic yards) that will be remediated	0
<i>These estimated dates and measurements are recognized to be the best guess or calculation at the time of submission and may (be) change(d) over time as more remediation efforts are completed.</i>	
<i>The OCD recognizes that proposed remediation measures may have to be minimally adjusted in accordance with the physical realities encountered during remediation. If the responsible party has any need to significantly deviate from the remediation plan proposed, then it should consult with the division to determine if another remediation plan submission is required.</i>	

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<b>Remediation Plan (continued)</b>	
<i>Please answer all the questions that apply or are indicated. This information must be provided to the appropriate district office no later than 90 days after the release discovery date.</i>	
<b>This remediation will (or is expected to) utilize the following processes to remediate / reduce contaminants:</b>	
<i>(Select all answers below that apply.)</i>	
Is (or was) there affected material present needing to be removed	Yes
Is (or was) there a power wash of the lined containment area (to be) performed	Yes
OTHER (Non-listed remedial process)	Not answered.
<i>Per Subsection B of 19.15.29.11 NMAC unless the site characterization report includes completed efforts at remediation, the report must include a proposed remediation plan in accordance with 19.15.29.12 NMAC, which includes the anticipated timelines for beginning and completing the remediation.</i>	
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I hereby agree and sign off to the above statement	Name: James Raley Title: EHS Professional Email: jim.raley@dv.com Date: 02/25/2025
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Liner Inspection Information	
Last liner inspection notification (C-141L) recorded	413566
Liner inspection date pursuant to Subparagraph (a) of Paragraph (5) of Subsection A of 19.15.29.11 NMAC	12/21/2024
Was all the impacted materials removed from the liner	Yes
What was the liner inspection surface area in square feet	4953

**Remediation Closure Request**

*Only answer the questions in this group if seeking remediation closure for this release because all remediation steps have been completed.*

Requesting a remediation closure approval with this submission	Yes
Have the lateral and vertical extents of contamination been fully delineated	Yes
Was this release entirely contained within a lined containment area	Yes
What was the total surface area (in square feet) remediated	4953
What was the total volume (cubic yards) remediated	0
Summarize any additional remediation activities not included by answers (above)	Secondary Containment inspection completed. No breach through liner

*The responsible party must attach information demonstrating they have complied with all applicable closure requirements and any conditions or directives of the OCD. This demonstration should be in the form of a comprehensive report (in .pdf format) including a scaled site map, sampling diagrams, relevant field notes, photographs of any excavation prior to backfilling, laboratory data including chain of custody documents of final sampling, and a narrative of the remedial activities. Refer to 19.15.29.12 NMAC.*

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Created By	Condition	Condition Date
nvez	Liner inspection approved, release resolved.	3/3/2025