

INITIAL C-141 AND SUPPORTING ITEMS

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Energy Minerals and Natural Resources
Oil Conservation Division
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Form C-141
Revised October 10, 2003

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Release Notification and Corrective Action

OPERATOR

Initial Report Final Report

Name of Company: Linn Energy	Contact: Joe Hernandez
Address: 2130 W Bender Blvd. - Hobbs, NM	Telephone No.: 575-942-8675
Facility Name: CMU Battery A	Facility Type: Oil and Produced Water Tank Battery

Surface Owner: State of NM	Mineral Owner: BLM	Lease No.: B-2148
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LOCATION OF RELEASE

NEAREST WELL CMU-42
API # 30-025-01499-00-00

Unit Letter	Section	Township	Range	Feet from the	North/South Line	Feet from the	East/West Line	County
B	20	17S	33E					Lea

Latitude: 32.826556 Longitude: -103.684941

NATURE OF RELEASE

Type of Release: Oil & Produced Water	Volume of Release: 105	Volume Recovered: 99
Source of Release: Corroded nipple at the transfer pump.	Date and Hour of Occurrence: 09/05/11 - 0730	Date and Hour of Discovery: 09/05/11 - 0830
Was Immediate Notice Given? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Required	If YES, To Whom? J Leking OCD Hobbs, T Gregston - BLM	
By Whom? D. Potter	Date and Hour: BLM, 09/05/11-1610, OCD 09/13/11 - 1630	
Was a Watercourse Reached? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	If YES, Volume Impacting the Watercourse.	

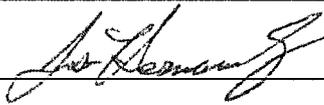
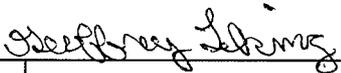
If a Watercourse was Impacted, Describe Fully.*:

GW @ 150'

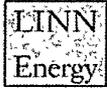
Describe Cause of Problem and Remedial Action Taken.*: Pipe nipple attached to a transfer pump failed due to corrosion. Pump was shut down and the nipple replaced.

Describe Area Affected and Cleanup Action Taken.*: Fluids were confined to the containment. Corrective action plan and photographs are attached.
Note: Actual remediation levels are pending determination of depth to groundwater levels.

I hereby certify that the information given above is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and understand that pursuant to NMOCD 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 NMOCD marked as "Final Report" does not relieve the operator of liability should their operations have failed to adequately investigate and remediate contamination that pose a threat to ground water, surface water, human health or the environment. In addition, NMOCD 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.

Signature: 	OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION	
Printed Name: Jose Hernandez	ENV. ENGINEER: Approved by District Supervisor: 	
Title: Foreman	Approval Date: 09/15/11	Expiration Date: 11/15/11
E-mail Address: jhernandez@linenergy.com Date: 09/13/11 Phone: 575-738-1739	Conditions of Approval: SUBMIT FINAL C-141 BY 11/15/11	Attached <input type="checkbox"/> RAP-09-11-2739

* Attach Additional Sheets If Necessary



Corrective Action Report – Short Form
(To Accompany C-141)

HOBBS OCD

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Date: 09/13/11

Lease Name: CMU Battery A

Type of Contamination: Hydrocarbon Produced Water Other (Specify):

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Cause of Release: Pipe nipple corroded on transfer pump allowing oil and produced water to be released.

Site Information

General Setting and Area of Impact (Check All that Apply):

Pad Only Road Only Off-Site Areas Impacted: Flat Sloped Drainage Features Impacted

Estimated Depth of Contamination: .5-1 Feet, Vertical

Estimated Area of Contamination: 6750 Square Feet

Site Delineated: No Yes Method: Visual (probe/shovel) Sampling & Analysis (Attach Analysis)

Corrective Actions to Be Taken

Remedial Action Goals: Hydrocarbons "Pending" mg/kg Chlorides "Pending" mg/kg

Other (Specify): See notes.

Estimated Start Date:

Estimated Completion Date:

Remedial Actions (Check All That Apply):

Dig & Haul Disposal Site: CRI Lea Land Sundown Other (Specify):

Blending Biological Degradation Irrigation Calcium Amendment & Irrigation

Cap & Cover Cap Material: Clay Caliche Native Soil

Liner: Mil Thickness: , Installation Depth: Feet

Other (Specify): See Notes

Clearance Confirmation Sampling to be Performed: Yes No

Restoration Activities (Check All That Apply)

Installation of Top Soil ft. Contour to Grade

Erosion Control: Water Bars Rip/Rap Other (Specify): Site is relatively flat, erosion controls should be minimal by furrowing.

Seeding: Natural BLM Seed Mix #2 BLM Seed Mix #3 BLM Seed Mix #4

Other: If site pad is being reused, site will not be seeded. Full reclamation will occur once the site is abandoned or closed.

Other Notes or Actions:

The tank battery site is scheduled to be replaced. When the new tank battery is constructed, the equipment will be removed and the site remediated to OCD remedial action levels. Actual levels are pending depth to groundwater determination.

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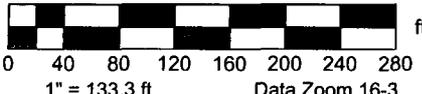
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Spill Area

CMU Tank Battery

Scale 1:1,600



1" = 133.3 ft Data Zoom 16-3

CMU A Tank Battery Release Assessment Map

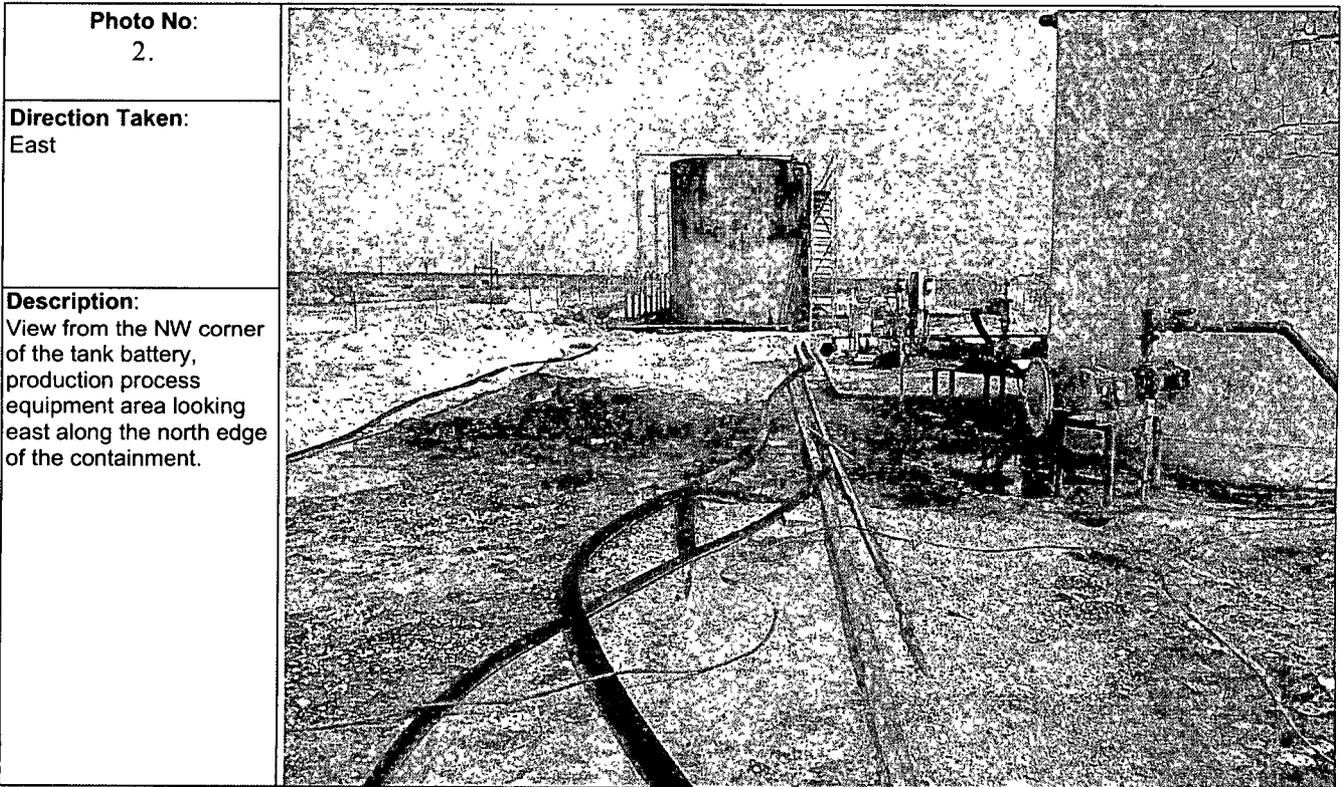
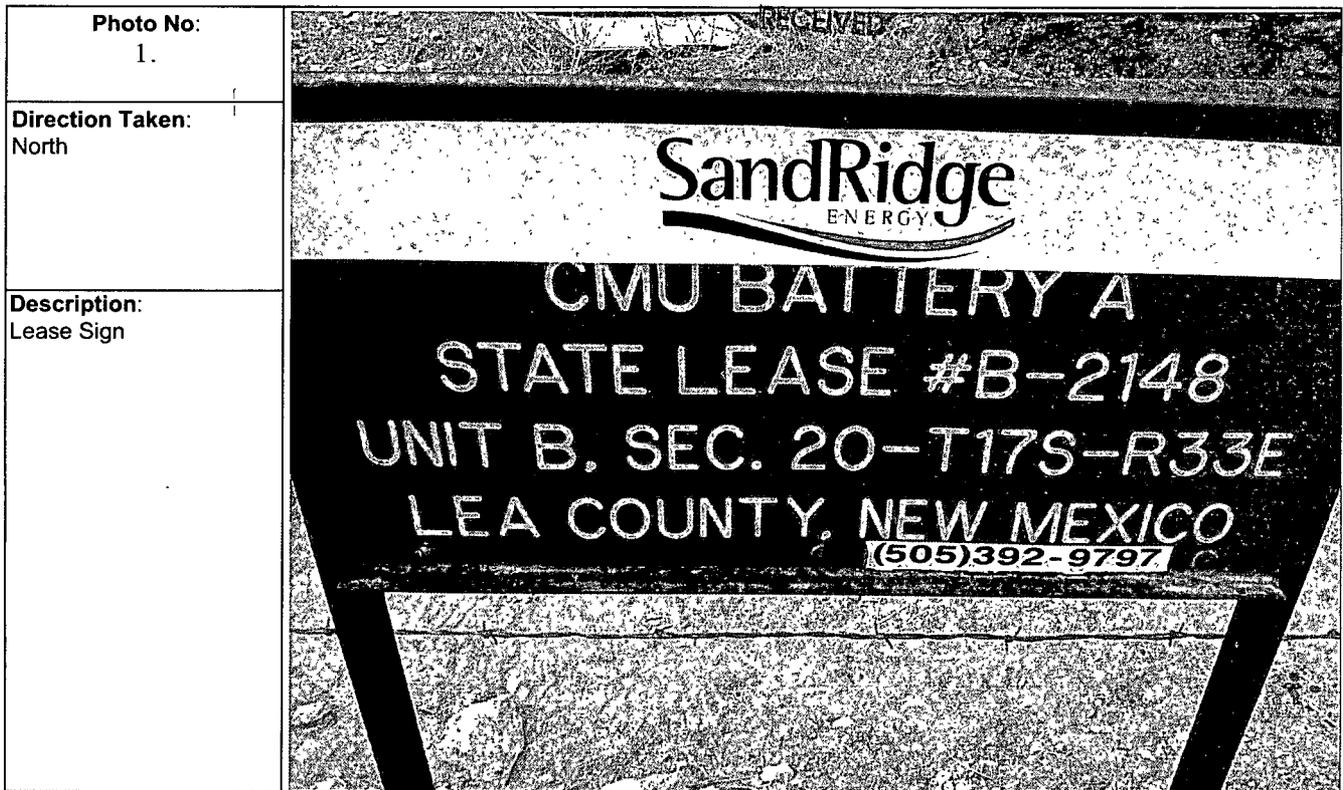


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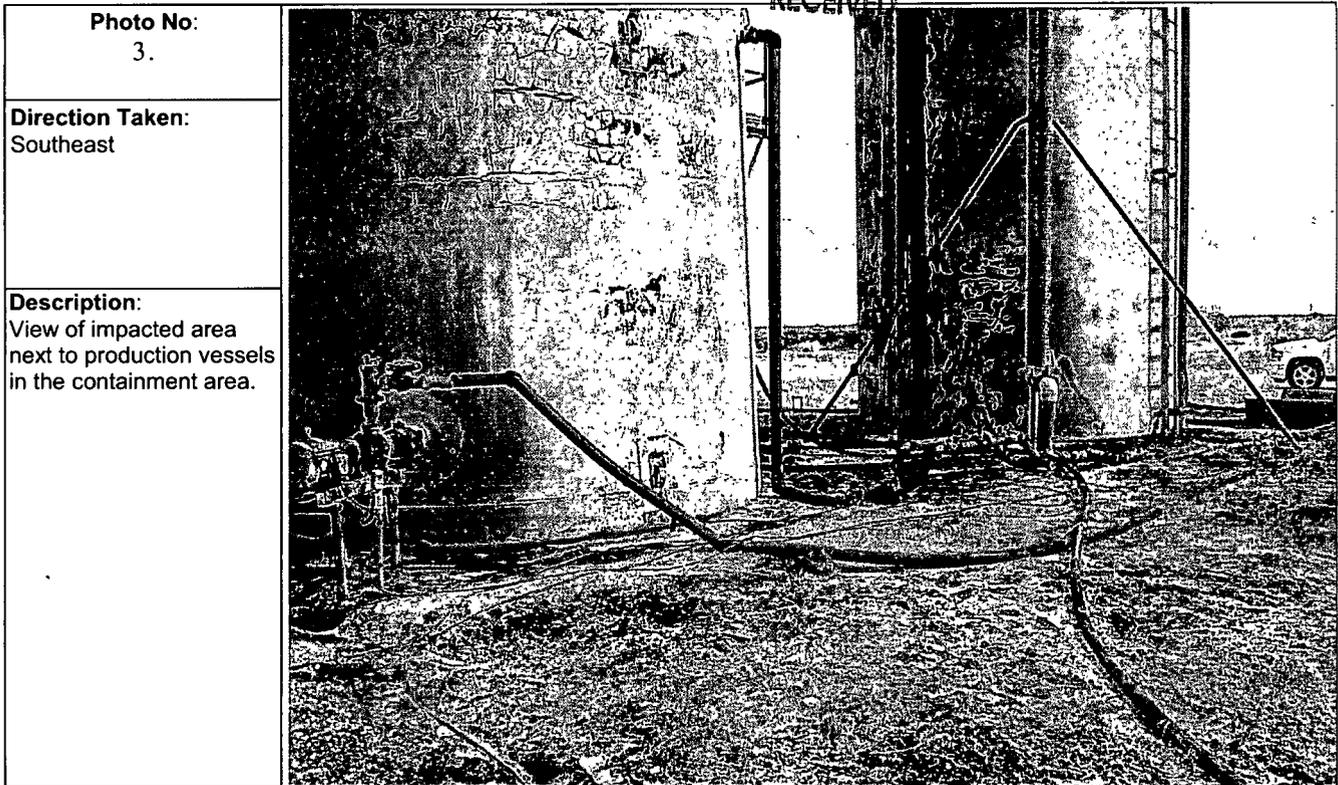
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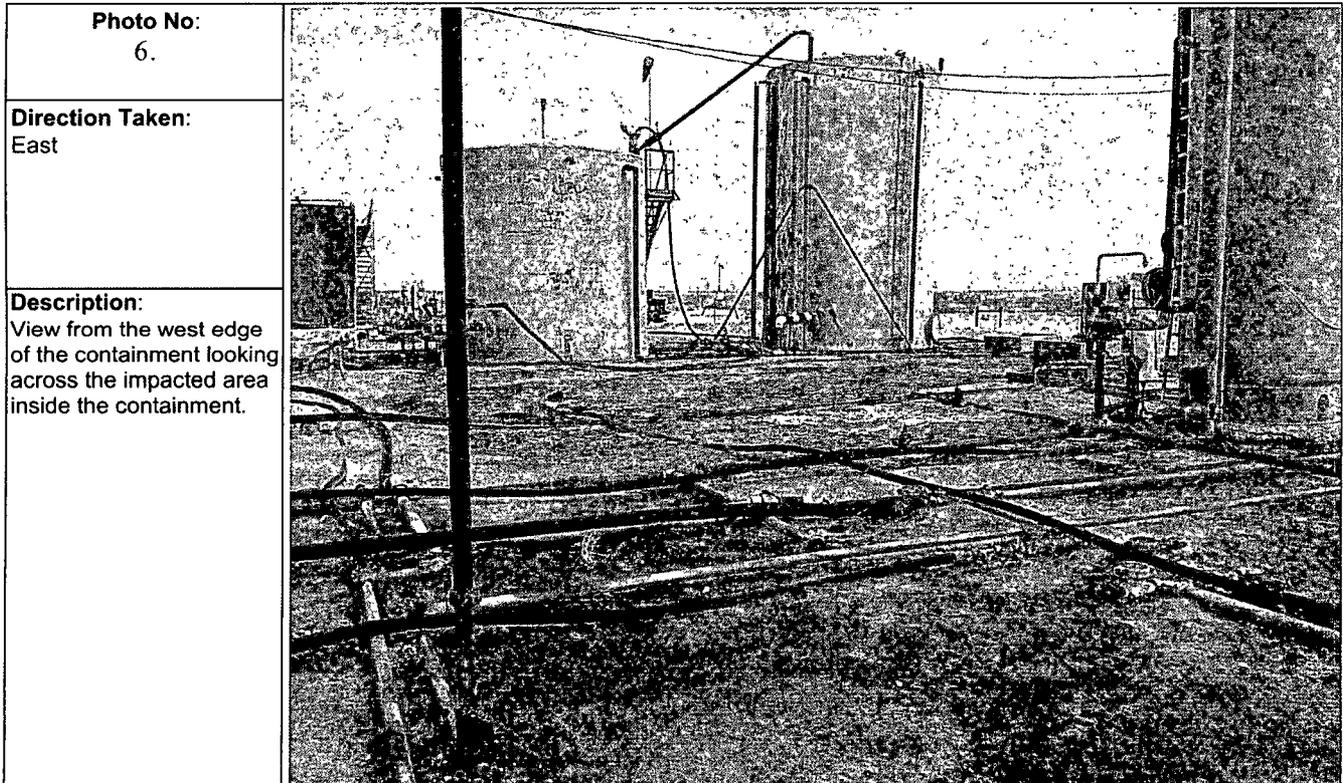
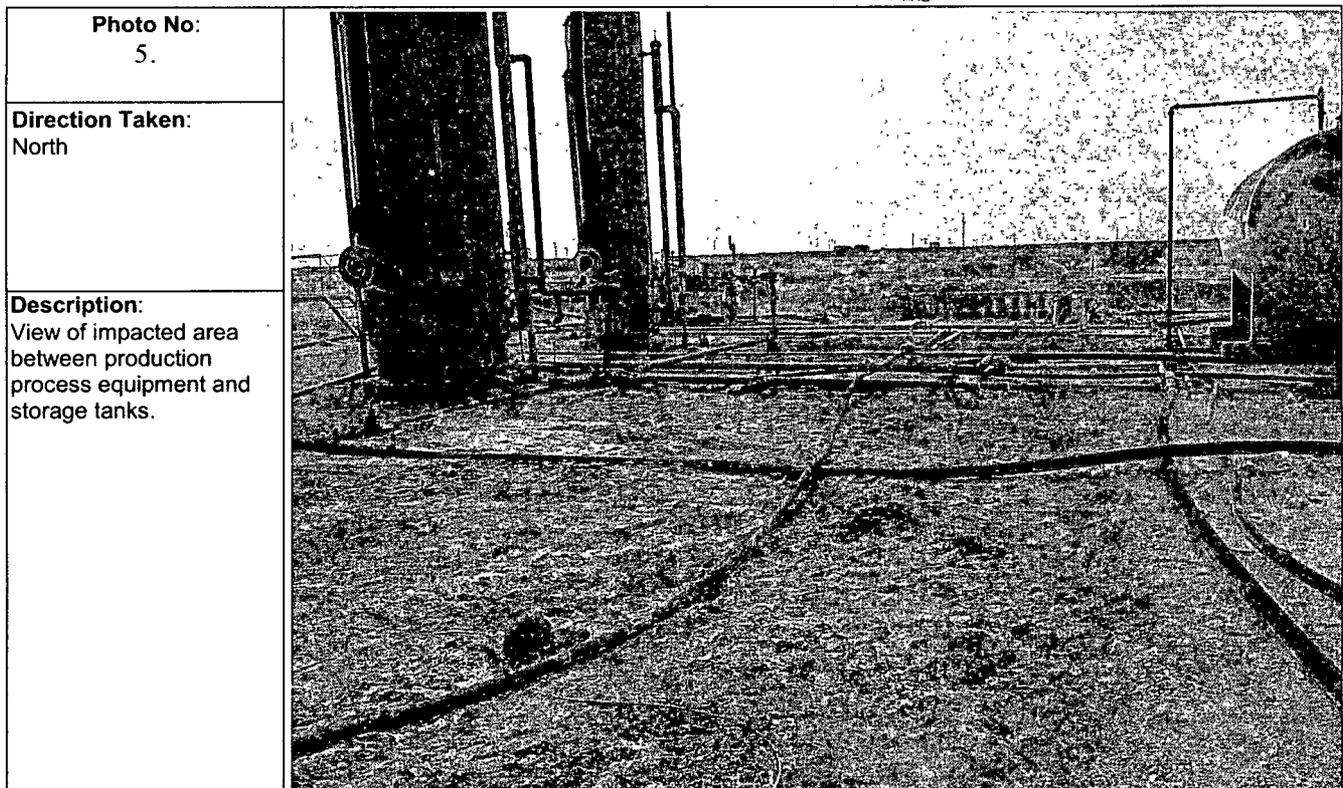


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Project Name: CMU Battery A Release 09/05/11
Project No: 259-2970-000

Photograph Log
Date Taken: 09/12/11

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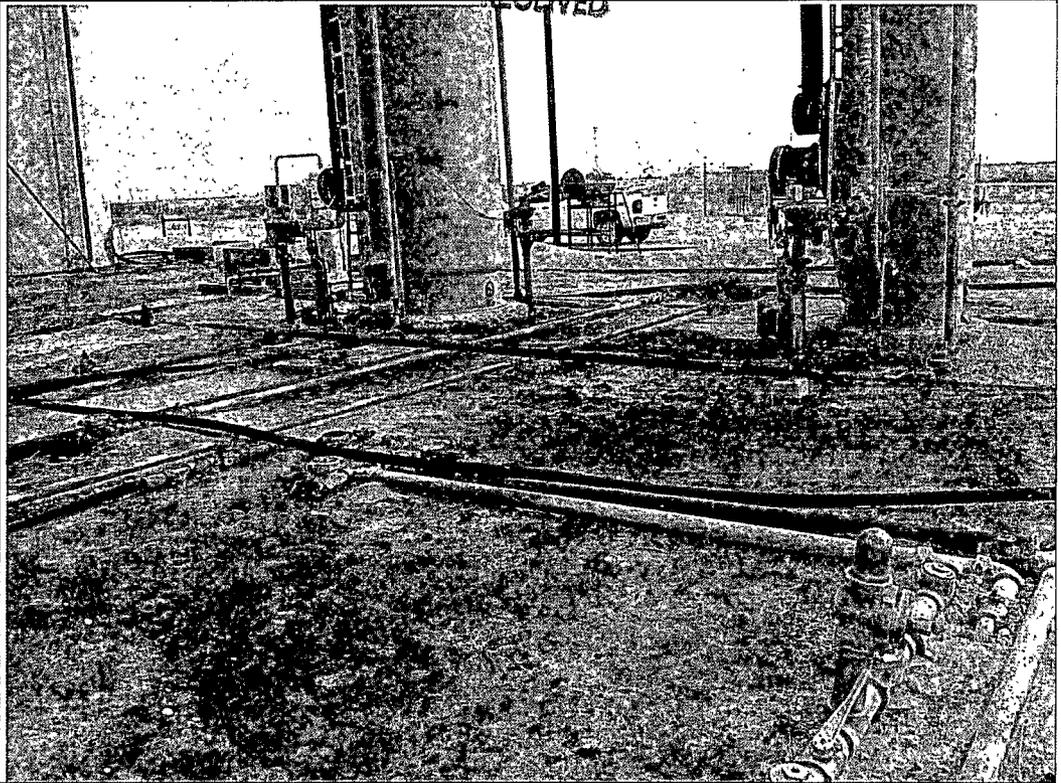


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Direction Taken:
Southeast

Description:
View from the NW corner of the containment looking across the impacted area inside the containment.



Leking, Geoffrey R, EMNRD

From: Fred Holmes [fred@etechnv.com]
Sent: Tuesday, September 13, 2011 5:38 PM
To: Leking, Geoffrey R, EMNRD
Cc: 'Daniel Frick'; 'Ron Ragland'; Joe Hernandez
Subject: LINN Energy - CMU A Battery Initial Notification
Attachments: CMU Tank Battery Release Map.pdf; CMU A Corrective Action Report 091311.pdf; CMU A Battery Photo Log 091211.pdf; LINN Energy CMU A Tank Battery C-141 Initial 091311.pdf

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Geoff:

1. Attached is the initial notification of the release at the LINN Energy CMU A Tank Battery Site. Also attached is the site map, photo log and corrective action plan form.
2. As we discussed the actual remediation levels are pending depth to groundwater determination which you and I will verify tomorrow.
3. Also, LINN is planning to replace this battery. So, the corrective actions will take place when, or before the new battery is constructed. Since there was other remedial action in progress on the other end of the battery site, using this approach will allow the equipment to be removed and a more effective remedial approach be utilized.

My apologies on the delay in notification. The Artesia office was inadvertently notified instead of Hobbs. I will email Mike and let him know (you will be copied).

Thanks for your help. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Respectfully:

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