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Subject: Remediation Plan (1R427-36) Termination - ROC EME H-12 Site

**RE: Termination Request
for the Rice Operating Company's
EME H-12 Site
Unit Letter H, Section 12, T21S, R35E, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico
Remediation Plan (1R427-36) Termination**

Dear Mr. Conder:

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has received Rice Operating Company's report and request to close the above-referenced site, dated January 25, 2013 (received January 28, 2013) and the "Final Report," dated September 30, 2003. The reports are acceptable to the OCD.

The above-referenced report, submitted in accordance with 19.15.29 NMAC (Rule 29; formally, Rule 116), indicates that Rice Operating Company has met the requirements of 19.15.29 NMAC; therefore, the OCD approves the report and hereby notifies you that the remediation plan (1R427-36) is terminated in accordance with 19.15.29 NMAC.

Please be advised that OCD approval of this report does not relieve the owner/operator of responsibility should operations pose a threat to ground water, surface water, human health or the environment. In addition, OCD approval does not relieve the owner/operator of responsibility for compliance with any OCD, federal, state, or local laws and/or regulations.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at 505-476-3489.

Edward J. Hansen
Hydrologist
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January 25, 2013

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RE: Termination Request
EME H-12 (1R427-36): UL/H Sec. 12, T21S, R35E
RICE Operating Company – Eunice Monument Eumont SWD System

Mr. Hansen:

Rice Operating Company (ROC) is the service provider (agent) for the EME Saltwater Disposal (SWD) System and has no ownership of any portion of the pipeline, well, or facility. The System is owned by a consortium of oil producers, System Parties, who provide all operating capital on a percentage ownership/usage basis.

Background

In 2003, ROC initiated work on the former H-12 junction box. The site is located in UL/H, Sec. 12, T21S, R35E. NM OSE records indicate that groundwater would likely be encountered at a depth of approximately 133 +/- feet. After the junction box was eliminated, the site was delineated using a backhoe to collect soil samples at regular intervals, creating a 23x14x13 ft deep excavation. Each sample was field titrated for chlorides and field screened using a PID for hydrocarbons, resulting in chloride concentrations that decreased with depth. The excavated soil was blended on site and representative composite samples of the excavation bottom, the excavation walls, and the remediated backfill were sent to a commercial for analysis of chloride and TPH, resulting in a sidewall chloride concentration of 704 mg/kg and concentrations of gasoline range organics (GRO) and diesel range organics (DRO) below detectable limits. The bottom composite resulted in a chloride concentration of 704 mg/kg and GRO and DRO concentrations below detectable limits. The remediated backfill resulted in a chloride concentration of 416 mg/kg and GRO and DRO concentrations below detectable limits. The remediated soil was returned to the excavation to ground surface and contoured to

the surrounding area. The site was not reseeded due to the close proximity of active facilities and lease roads.

The junction box site location map, final report, photodocumentation, laboratory analysis and current photodocumentation are attached.

Recommendations

Site investigation demonstrates that residual chloride and hydrocarbons in the vadose zone will not with reasonable probability contaminate groundwater in excess of NMOCD standards. This site meets the requirements of the NMOCD-approved Revised Junction Box Upgrade Work Plan (July 16, 2003). As such, ROC request termination of the regulatory file, or similar closure status.

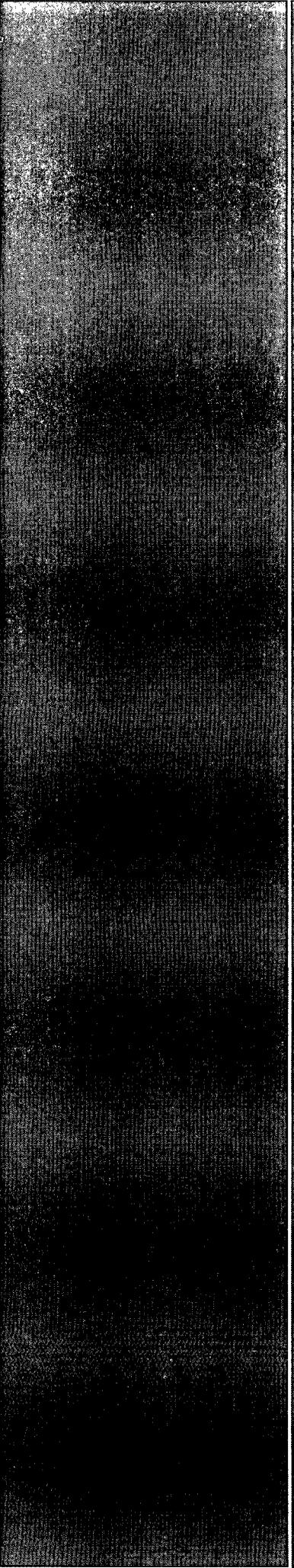
Please contact me at (575)393-9174 if you have any questions or wish to discuss this site. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
RICE Operating Company

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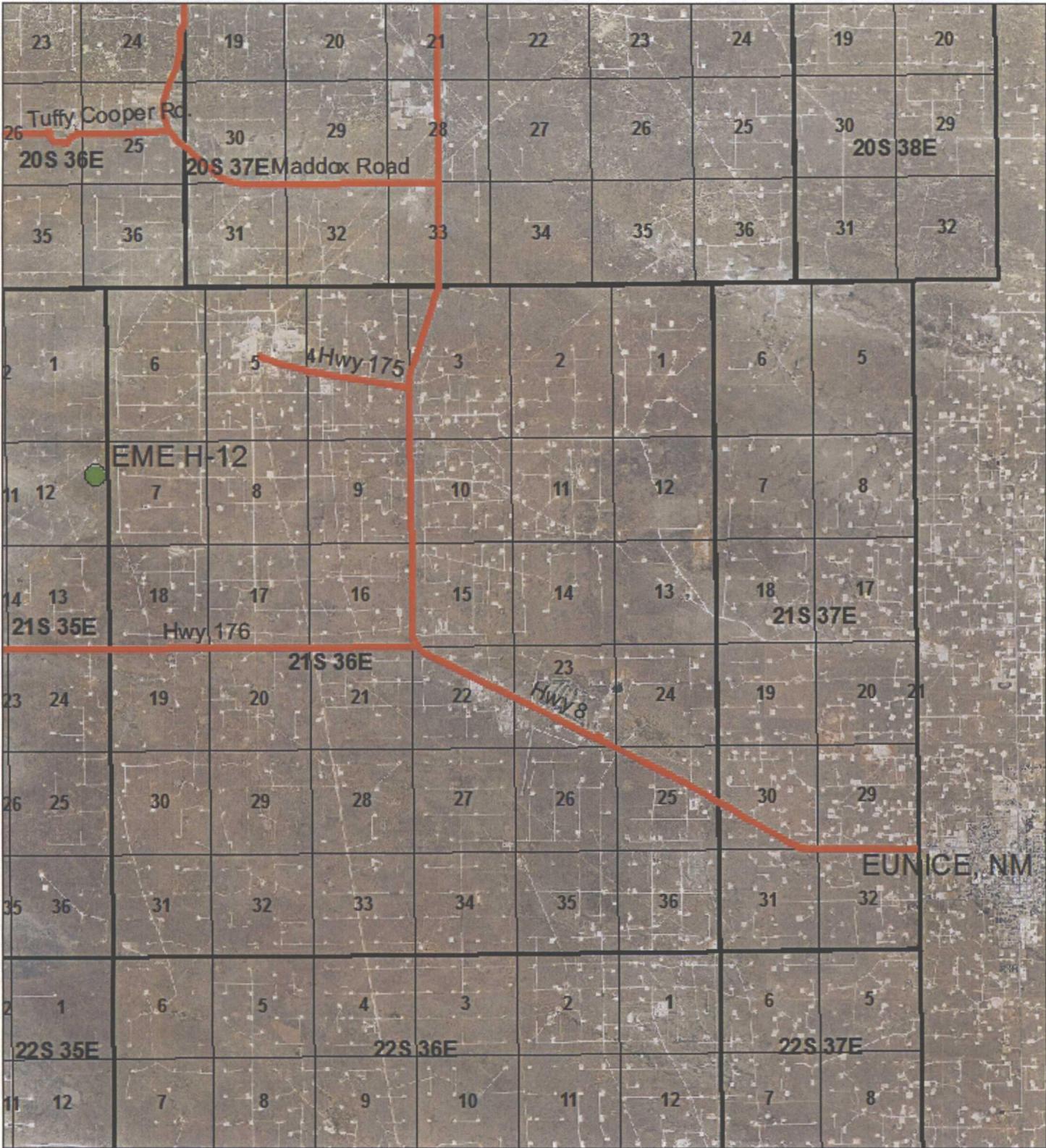
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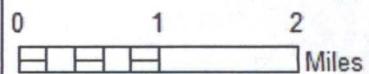
Site Location Map

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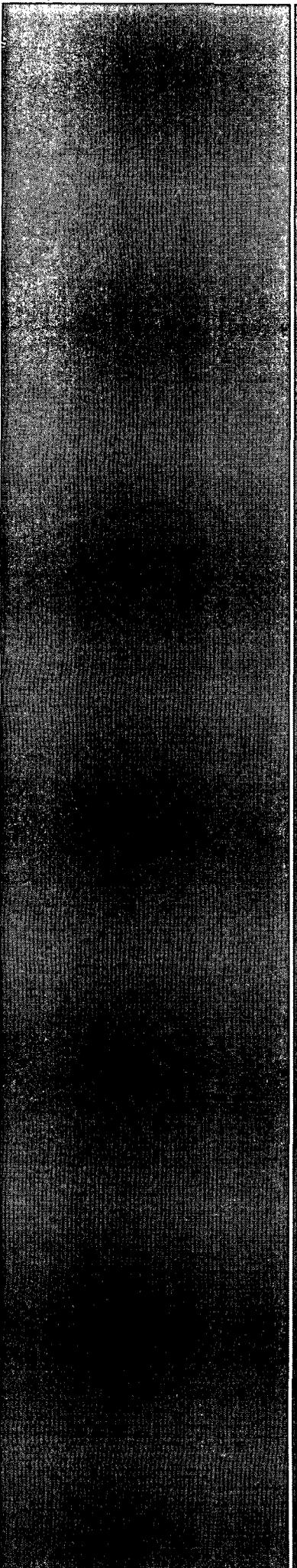


EME H-12

UL H SECTION 12
T-21-S R-35-E
LEA COUNTY, NM



Drawing date: 12/7/12
Drafted by: Tony Grieco



Junction Box Report

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**RICE OPERATING COMPANY
JUNCTION BOX FINAL REPORT**

BOX LOCATION

SWD SYSTEM	JUNCTION	UNIT	SECTION	TOWNSHIP	RANGE	COUNTY	BOX DIMENSIONS - FEET		
							Length	Width	Depth
EME	H-12	H	12	21S	35E	Lea	No Box (elimated)		

LAND TYPE: BLM _____ STATE _____ FEE LANDOWNER Merchant Livestock Co. OTHER _____

Depth to Groundwater 133 feet NMOCD SITE ASSESSMENT RANKING SCORE: 0

Date Started 8/14/2003 Date Completed 8/26/2003 OCD Witness No

Soil Excavated 155 cubic yards Excavation Length 23 Width 14 Depth 13 feet

Soil Disposed 0 cubic yards Offsite Facility n/a Location n/a

FINAL ANALYTICAL RESULTS: Sample Date 8/19/2003 Sample Depth 13 ft

Procure 5-point composite sample of bottom and 4-point composite sample of sidewalls. TPH, BTEX and Chloride laboratory test results completed by using an approved lab and testing procedures pursuant to NMOCD guidelines.

Sample Location	PID ppm	GRO mg/kg	DRO mg/kg	Chloride mg/kg
SIDEWALLS	<30.0 *	<10.0	<10.0	704
BOTTOM	20.8	<10.0	<10.0	704
REMEDIATED	29.5	<10.0	<10.0	416

* Each individual wall composite was tested with the PID. None were over 30 ppm.

General Description of Remedial Action: Delineation of this site exhibited

chloride concentration declines vertically and laterally in relation to the original junction. There was no evidence of TPH impact. PID readings were taken regularly which consistently yielded minimal readouts. The excavated soil from the 23 x 14 x 13-ft-deep hole was blended and then backfilled and contoured to the surrounding surface. A new junction box will not be re-built over the location as it was re-plumbed straight through with a new poly pipeline. The disturbed surface will not be re-seeded due to the site's proximity to active oilfield facilities, structures, and a road (see photos). The site is expected to naturally re-vegetate at a normal rate.

CHLORIDE FIELD TESTS

LOCATION	DEPTH (ft)	ppm
5 ft East	5	891
	6	1184
	7	1008
	8	896
	9	799
	10	464
	12	525
	13	540
bottom comp.	13	518
remed. comp.	n/a	534

cc: lab results, chloride graphs, PID field notes, photos

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION ABOVE IS TRUE AND COMPLETE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

DATE 9/30/2003 PRINTED NAME Kristin Farris

SIGNATURE *Kristin Farris* TITLE Project Scientist

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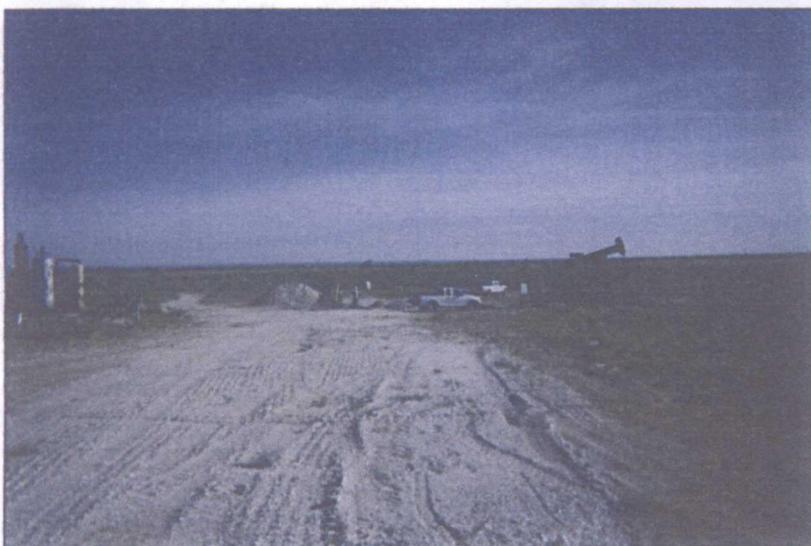
August 2003



Jct. Box Site (after NORM removal)



Excavation



Excavation (looking North)



Backfilled



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ANALYTICAL RESULTS FOR
RICE OPERATING CO.
ATTN: ROY R. RASCON
122 W. TAYLOR
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FAX TO:

Receiving Date: 08/19/03
Reporting Date: 08/21/03
Project Number: NOT GIVEN
Project Name: EME H-12
Project Location: LEA COOUNTY, NM

Sampling Date: 08/19/03
Sample Type: SOIL
Sample Condition: COOL & INTACT
Sample Received By: GP
Analyzed By: BC/AH

LAB NUMBER	SAMPLE ID	GRO (C ₆ -C ₁₀) (mg/Kg)	DRO (>C ₁₀ -C ₂₈) (mg/Kg)	Cl* (mg/Kg)
ANALYSIS DATE		08/20/03	08/20/03	08/20/03
H7928-1	BOTTOM COMPOSITE	<10.0	<10.0	704
H7928-2	N. WALL COMPOSITE	<10.0	<10.0	672
H7928-3	S. WALL COMPOSITE	<10.0	<10.0	864
H7928-4	W. WALL COMPOSITE	<10.0	<10.0	208
H7928-5	E. WALL COMPOSITE	<10.0	<10.0	1020
H7928-6	STOCKPILE COMPOSITE	<10.0	<10.0	416
Quality Control		812	748	1050
True Value QC		800	800	1000
% Recovery		102	93.5	105
Relative Percent Difference		2.1	0.8	5.0

METHODS: TPH GRO & DRO: EPA SW-846 8015 M; Cl: Std. Methods 4500-ClB

*Analyses performed on a 1:4 w:v aqueous extract.

Chemist

Date

8/21/03

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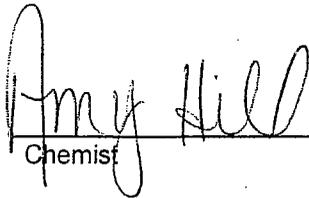
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Reporting Date: 09/02/03
Project Number: NOT GIVEN
Project Name: EME H-12
Project Location: LEA COUNTY, NM

Analysis Date: 08/29/03
Sampling Date: 08/19/03
Sample Type: SOIL
Sample Condition: COOL & INTACT
Sample Received By: GP
Analyzed By: AH

LAB NUMBER	SAMPLE ID	Cl ⁻ (mg/Kg)
H7928-1	COMP. N., S., E., & W. WALLS	704
Quality Control		1070
True Value QC		1000
% Recovery		107
Relative Percent Difference		1.9

METHOD: Standard Methods 4500-Cl⁻B

Note: Analysis performed on a 1:4 w:v aqueous extract.



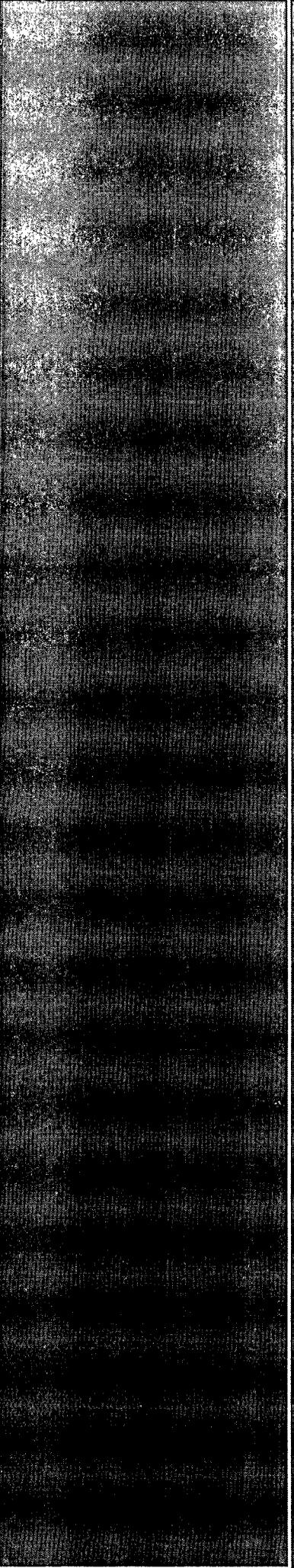
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Current Photodocumentation

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Facing Northeast



Facing North

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