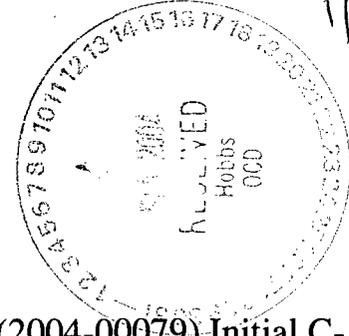




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March 3, 2004

Mr. Larry Johnson  
 New Mexico Oil Conservation Division  
 1625 North French  
 Hobbs, New Mexico 88240

Subject: LINK Energy Crouch Station Check Meter (2004-00079) Initial C-141

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Environmental Plus, Inc. (EPI), on behalf of Mr. Frank Hernandez, LINK Energy LLC, submits the attached New Mexico Oil Conservation Division Form C-141 for the above referenced leak site located on lands owned by the Snyder Ranch. The release volume is estimated to be 15-bbl of crude petroleum with 10-bbl recovered. The release site is located in the SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of the SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> (Unit Letter P), Section 18, Township 18 South, and Range 36 East. The geographic location is N32° 44' 28.018"; W103° 23' 12.390". The site is ~15 miles east (bearing 281°) from Hobbs, Lea County, New Mexico. According to information obtained from the New Mexico Office of the State Engineer (NMOSE) database, ground water level beneath this site is ~60-ft bgs. The site matrix ranking for this site is 10 due to the depth to ground water from the lower contaminant level being <100-ft and >50-ft.

The remedial action plan for this site is to delineate and characterize the soil contamination within the surface extents of the release, excavate, dispose of and/or blend and attenuate on-site the RCRA non-exempt contaminated soils, and backfill the excavation with clean soil obtained on-site and/or off-site from private or public sources. Any contaminated soils removed from the site will be disposed of in an NMOCD approved surface waste treatment facility.

The Constituents of Concern (CoC's) and associated NMOCD acceptable remedial levels are as follows:

- BTEX<sup>8620</sup> (Benzene, Toluene, Ethyl Benzene, and Xylenes): 50 mg/kg
- TPH<sup>8015m</sup> (Total Petroleum Hydrocarbon): 1000 mg/kg
- Benzene<sup>8620</sup>: 10 mg/kg

It is the policy of Link Energy to evaluate crude oil release sites for the presence of elevated levels of SO<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup> and Cl<sup>-</sup> ions. These inorganic constituents are often present in subsurface soils associated with sour crude releases and/or releases containing a

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brine component. Chloride and sulfate contamination of the soil will be evaluated relative to NMWQCC Ground Water Standards, 250 mg/ml and 600 mg/ml respectively.

If there are any questions please call Mr. Ben Miller, or myself, at our office or at (505) 390-0288 and (505) 390-9804, respectively or Mr. Frank Hernandez at (505) 631-3095. All official written communications should be addressed to:

Mr. Frank Hernandez  
EOTT Energy Pipeline, L.P.  
PO Box 1660  
Midland, TX 79701

Sincerely,

John Good  
EPI Environmental Consultant

cc: Frank Hernandez, LINK Energy – Dist Environmental Supv., w/enclosure  
Jeff Dann – LINK Energy - Environmental Specialist, w/enclosure  
Ben Miller, EPI Vice President and General Manager  
Pat McCasland, EPI Technical Manager  
Sherry Miller, EPI President  
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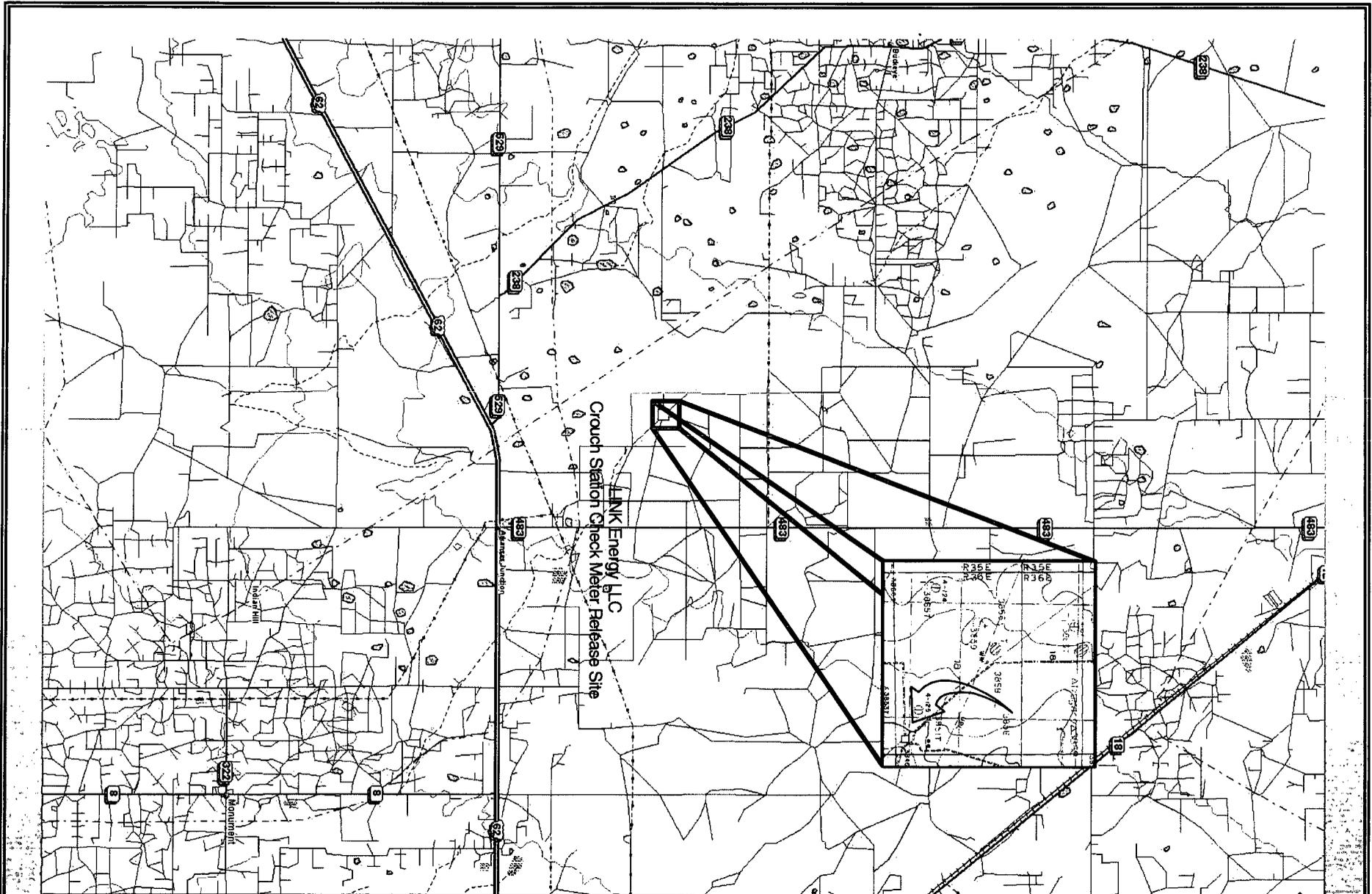


Plate 1: Site Location  
 LINK Energy LLC  
 Crouch Station Check Meter  
 2004-00079

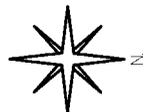
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 Elevation: 3848-ft amsl

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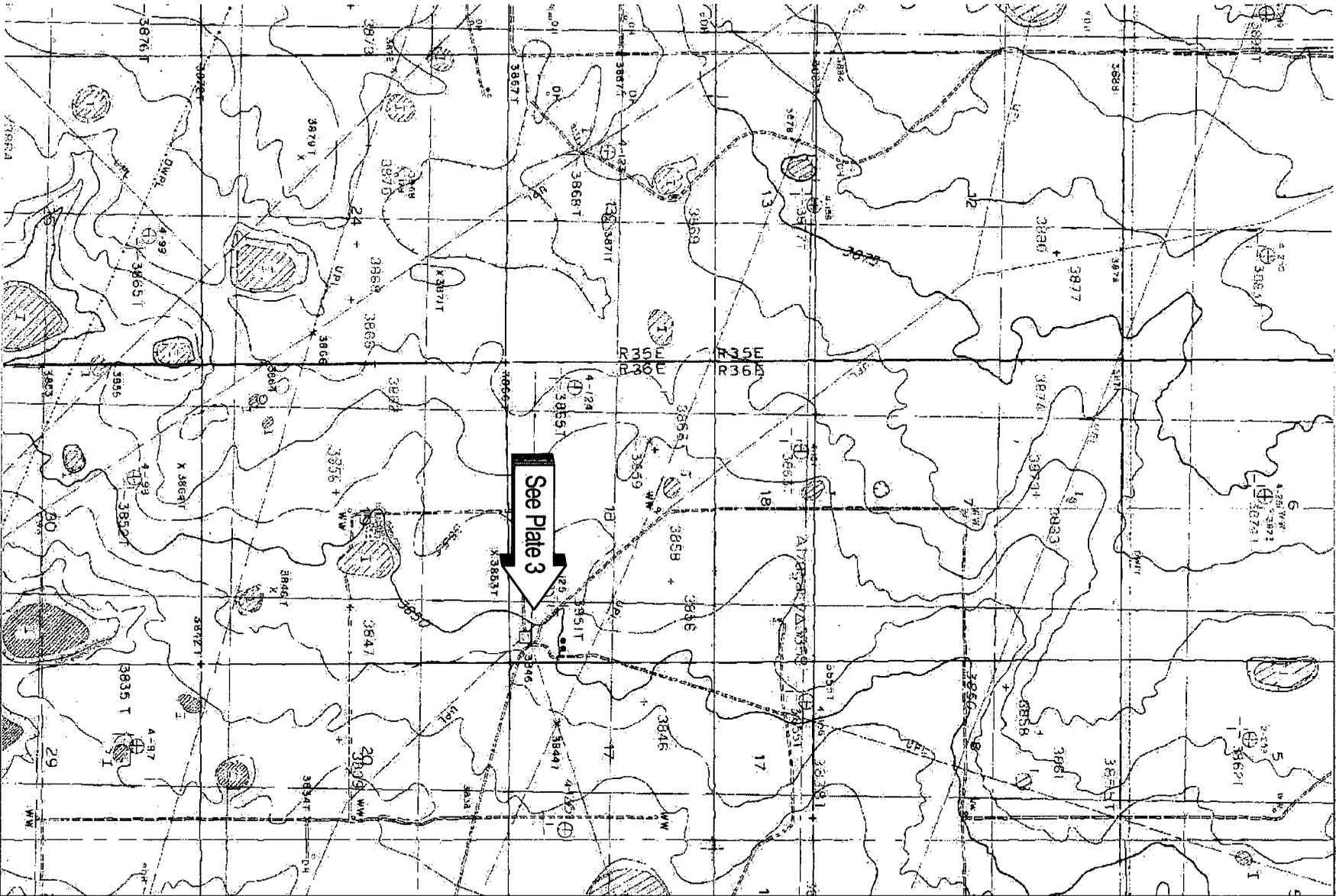


Plate 2: Site Topography  
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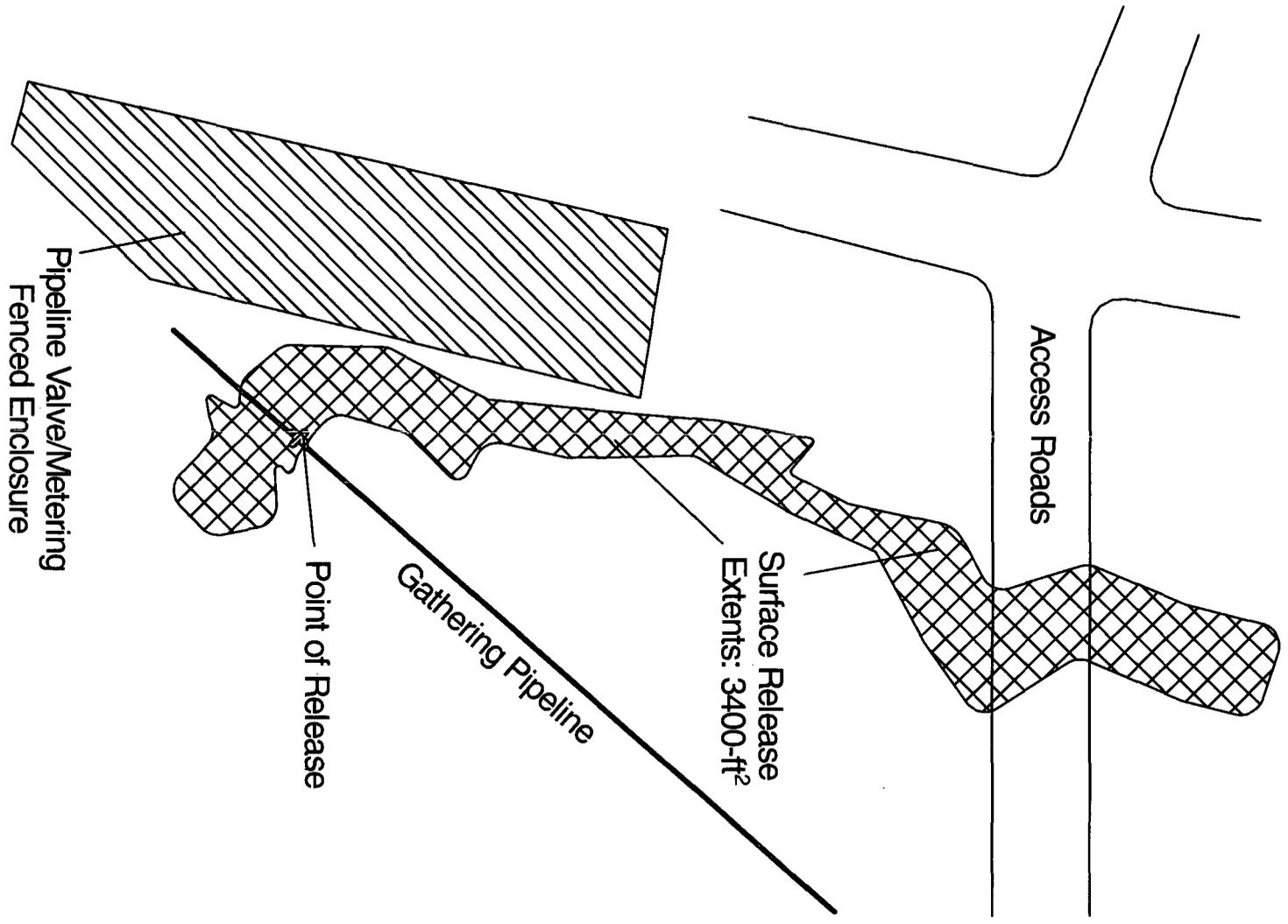
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<p>Plate 3 - Initial GPS Demarcation LINK Energy LLC Crouch Station Check Meter 2004-00079</p>	<p>Lea County, New Mexico UL-P Section 18 T18S R36E N32° 44' 28.02" W103° 23' 12.39" Elevation: 3848-ft amsl</p>	<p>DWG BY: John Good March - 2004</p>	<p>REVISED:</p>	
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Release Notification and Corrective Action

OPERATOR

[X] Initial Report [ ] Final Report

Name of Company: Link Energy LLC; Contact: Frank Hernandez; Address: P.O. Box 1660, Midland, TX 79702; Telephone No.: (505) 631-3095; Facility Name: Crouch Station Check Meter; Facility Type: Crude Oil Metering Station

Surface Owner: Snyder Ranch; Mineral Owner: NA; Lease No.: NA

LOCATION OF RELEASE

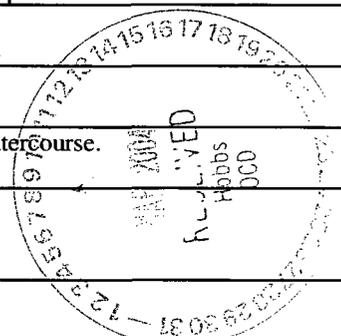
Table with 9 columns: Unit Letter (P), Section (18), Township (18S), Range (36E), Feet from South Line (250), Feet from West Line (4737), Longitude (W103° 23' 12.390"), Latitude (N32° 44' 28.018"), County (Lea)

NATURE OF RELEASE

Type of Release: Crude Oil Release and associated components; Volume of Release: 15 bbl; Volume Recovered: 10 bbl; Source of Release: Check Meter; Date and Hour of Occurrence: 3/2/2004; Date and Hour of Discovery: 3/2/04; Was Immediate Notice Given? [X] Yes; By Whom? John Good - EPI; Date and Hour: 3/2/04 10:00 AM; Was a Watercourse Reached? [X] No; Describe Cause of Problem and Remedial Action Taken: Meter integrity failure; Describe Area Affected and Cleanup Action Taken: 3400-ft² surface area affected; 15-bbl of product released, 10 recovered; 56-yd³ of RCRA Non-Exempt Non-hazardous contaminated soil was excavated and transported to LINK's Lea Station land farm by EPI.

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.

Signature: Frank Hernandez; Printed Name: Frank Hernandez; Title: District Environmental Supv.; E-Mail: frank.hernandez@eott.com; Date: 3/3/04; Phone: (505) 631-3095; OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION; Approved by District Supervisor; Approval Date; Expiration Date; Conditions of Approval: [ ] Attached





**Incident Date and NMOCD Notified?**

3/2/04

3/2/04 10:00 AM

SITE: Crouch Station Check Meter		Assigned Site Reference 2004-00079	
Company: Link Energy LLC			
Street Address: 5805 East Highway 80			
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 1660			
City, State, Zip: Midland, TX 79702			
Representative: Frank Hernandez			
Representative Telephone: (505) 631-3095			
Telephone:			
Fluid volume released (bbls): 15		Recovered (bbls): 10	
>25 bbls: Notify NMOCD verbally within 24 hrs and submit form C-141 within 15 days.			
5-25 bbls: Submit form C-141 within 15 days (Also applies to unauthorized releases of 50-500 mcf Natural Gas)			
Leak, Spill, or Pit (LSP) Name: 2004-00079			
Source of contamination: Check Meter			
Land Owner, i.e., BLM, ST, Fee, Other: Snyder Ranch		PO Box 2158, Hobbs, NM 88240	
LSP Dimensions: 211' X 15' (See attached drawing)			
LSP Area: 3,400		-ft <sup>2</sup>	
Location of Reference Point (RP):			
Location distance and direction from RP:			
Latitude: N32° 44' 28.018"			
Longitude: W103° 23' 12.390"			
Elevation above mean sea level: 3848		-ft amsl	
Feet from South Section Line: 250			
Feet from West Section Line: 4737			
Location - Unit and 1/4 1/4: UL- P		SE 1/4 of SE 1/4	
Location - Section: 18			
Location - Township: 18S			
Location - Range: 36E			
Surface water body within 1000' radius of Site: 0			
Surface water body within 1000' radius of Site: 0			
Domestic water wells within 1000' radius of Site: 0			
Domestic water wells within 1000' radius of Site: 0			
Agricultural water wells within 1000' radius of Site: 0			
Agricultural water wells within 1000' radius of Site: 0			
Public water supply wells within 1000' radius of Site: 0			
Public water supply wells within 1000' radius of Site: 0			
Depth (ft) from land surface to ground water (DG): 60			
Depth (ft) of contamination (DC): 5			
Depth (ft) to ground water (DG - DC = DtGW): 55			
<b>1. Ground Water</b>		<b>2. Wellhead Protection Area</b>	
If Depth to GW <50 feet: 20 points		If <1000' from water source, or, <200' from private domestic water source: 20 points	
If Depth to GW 50 to 99 feet: 10 points		If >1000' from water source, or, >200' from private domestic water source: 0 points	
If Depth to GW >100 feet: 0 points			
Ground water Score: 10		Wellhead Protection Area Score: 0	
Site Rank (1+2+3) = 10		Surface Water Score: 0	
<b>Total Site Ranking Score and Acceptable Concentrations</b>			
Parameter	20 or >	10	0
Benzene <sup>1</sup>	10 ppm	10 ppm	10 ppm
BTEX <sup>1</sup>	50 ppm	50 ppm	50 ppm
TPH	100 ppm	1000 ppm	5000 ppm
<sup>1</sup> 100 ppm field VOC headspace measurement may be substituted for lab analysis			



## Certificate of Waste Status

### "RCRA Non-Exempt Waste"

Company: Link Energy LLC

Origin: UL or ¼¼: P Section: 18 Township: 18S Range: 36E

Source Description (Pipeline, Lease, Battery, Flowline, etc.) Crude Oil Metering Station

**Check Meter**

"As a condition of acceptance for disposal, I hereby certify that this waste is a *non-exempt* waste as defined by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) July 1988 Regulatory Determination and to my knowledge, this waste been characterized as "non-hazardous" pursuant to the provisions of EPA 40 CFR Part 261 Subpart C and has not been comingled with an EPA 40 CFR Part 261 Subpart D "Listed Waste."

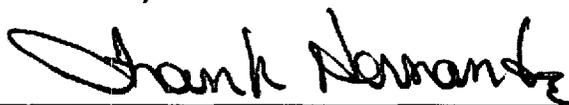
NORM Exposure Rate: < 50 µR/Hour

I, Frank Hernandez, the undersigned agent for

Link Energy LLC

hereby certify that, based on personal knowledge,  
the above statement is true and correct.

Name Frank Hernandez  
Title District Environmental Supv.  
Address P.O. Box 1660  
Midland, TX 79702

Signature   
Date Wednesday, March 03, 2004

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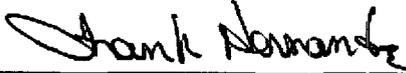
**REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO ACCEPT SOLID WASTE**

1. RCRA Exempt: <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Exempt: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4. Generator: <b>Link Energy LLC</b>
Verbal Approval Received?: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	5. Originating Site Designation: <b>2004-0079</b>
2. Management Facility Designation: <b>Link Energy LLC Lea Station Land Farm</b>	6. Transporter: <b>Environmental Plus, Inc.</b>
3. Address of Facility Operator: <b>P.O. Box 1660, Midland, TX 79702</b>	7. State <b>New Mexico</b>
8. Location of Material (Street Address or ULSTR) <b>UL- P Section 18 T 18S R 36E</b>	
9. Circle One:  <p><b>A.</b> All requests for approval to accept oilfield exempt wastes will be accompanied by a certification of waste status from the Generator; one certificate per job.</p> <p><b>B.</b> All requests for approval to accept non-exempt wastes must be accompanied by the necessary chemical analysis to PROVE the material is non-hazardous and the Generator's certification of origin. No waste classified as "HAZARDOUS" by listing or testing shall be approved.</p> <p><b>All transporters must certify the wastes delivered are only those consigned for transport.</b></p>	

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF MATERIAL:

**Contaminated Soil(s): hydrocarbon release involving -  
Crude Oil Release and associated components**

Estimated Volume: 300 yd<sup>3</sup>. Known volume (to be entered by the operator at the end of the haul: (yd<sup>3</sup>) \_\_\_\_\_ yd<sup>3</sup>

SIGNATURE:  TITLE: Link District Environmental Supv. 3/3/04  
Waste Management Facility Authorized Agent

TYPE OR PRINT NAME: Frank Hernandez TELEPHONE NO.: (505) 631-3095

*(This space for State Use)*

APPROVED BY: _____	TITLE: _____	DATE: _____
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