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Oil Conservation Division  
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Release Notification and Corrective Action

OPERATOR

Initial Report  Final Report

Name of Company: Samson Resources Company	Contact: Autumn Long
Address: Two West Second Street	Telephone No. (918) 591-1364
Facility Name: State BD #3	Facility Type: Injection Well (W)

Surface Owner:	Mineral Owner:	Lease No.:
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LOCATION OF RELEASE API# 30.025.01033.00.00

Unit Letter	Section	Township	Range	Feet from the	North/South Line	Feet from the	East/West Line	County
I	2	12 T2+S	R33E	1980	South	660	East	Lea

Latitude: 33.30574 Longitude: -103.57766

NATURE OF RELEASE

Type of Release: Produced Water	Volume of Release: 785 Barrels	Volume Recovered: 730 Barrels
Source of Release: Flange Gasket Failed	Date and Hour of Occurrence: 6-19-2010; 05:52 a.m.	Date and Hour of Discovery: 6/19/2010 05:52 a.m.
Was Immediate Notice Given? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Required	If YES, To Whom? E. L. Gonzalez - District 1 (505) 393-6161 (Initially reported on 6/19/2010) Geoff Lcking - District 1 (505) 393-6161 (Follow-up Contact on 6/21/2010)	
By Whom? Autumn Long	Date and Hour: 6-19-2010 at 10:50 a.m. and 6-21-2010 at 3:30 p.m.	
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.\*  
N/A

Describe Cause of Problem and Remedial Action Taken.\*

Flange gasket failed; 785 barrels of produced water was released, all contained in firewall. Pumper went to location and turned off disposal pump and closed valves; therefore, stopping discharge. Gasket was replaced with high temperature gasket and pump turned back to disposal at 0900.

Describe Area Affected and Cleanup Action Taken.\*

The estimated release of 785 barrels of produced water, was all contained in the firewall: Length: 138' Width: 160' Depth: 2.4'  
Approximately 730 barrels of produced water was recovered from the containment area.

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: <i>Autumn M. Long</i>	<b>OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION</b>	
Printed Name: Autumn Long	Approved by-District Supervisor: <i>Geoffrey Lcking</i>	
Title: Environmental Specialist	Approval Date: 07/07/10	Expiration Date: 09/07/10
E-mail Address: autumnl@samson.com	Conditions of Approval: SUBMIT INVESTIGATION WORK PLAN. DELINEATE TO CLEAN + 1. SUBMIT FINAL C-141	Attached <input type="checkbox"/>
Date: June 21, 2010 Phone: (918) 591-1364	IRP-10-07-2575	

\* Attach Additional Sheets If Necessary

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**PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION REPORT**

BD State Well #3  
1RP-10-07-2575  
API #30-025-01033  
Lea County, New Mexico

LAI Project No. 10-0115

July 16, 2010

Prepared for:  
Samson Resources Company  
Two West Second Street  
Tulsa, Oklahoma 74103

Prepared by:  
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## 1.0 Executive Summary

Larson & Associates, inc. (LAI), as consultant to Samson Resources Company (Samson), has prepared this preliminary investigation report for submittal to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD) to present the results of an electromagnetic (EM-31) terrain conductivity survey performed at the BD State Well #3 (Site) located in Unit I (NE/4, SE/4), Section 2, Township 12 South, Range 33 East NMPM in Lea County, New Mexico. The Site is located about 15 miles northwest Tatum, New Mexico, with a geodetic position north  $32^{\circ} 18' 21.34''$  and west  $103^{\circ} 34' 41.69''$ .

On July 1, 2010, LAI used an EM-31 meter manufactured by Geonics, Ltd., to qualitatively assess the vertical and lateral extent of a spill involving approximately 785 barrels (bbl) of produced water that was released from the injection pump on June 21, 2010. The spill occurred after a gasket failed but was contained within the firewall measuring approximately 138 x 160 feet. Samson recovered approximately 730 bbl of produced water for a net loss of approximately 55 bbl. Form C-141 was submitted to the OCD on June 21, 2010. OCD District 1 assigned the spill remediation project number 1RP-10-07-2575.

The EM-31 survey encompassed an area measuring approximately 400 x 500 feet or 4.59 acres. LAI performed the survey in the horizontal dipole (HD) and vertical dipole (VD) modes to measure conductivity between ground surface and about 19.7 feet below ground surface (bgs).

An area of EM-31HD and EM-31VD readings greater than 25 times background or greater than 175 millimhos per meter (mmhos/m) was recorded between the well and tank battery. The area of elevated readings decreased during the EM-31VD survey suggesting that the chloride concentration decreases with depth. The EM-31HD and EM-31VD readings decreased to near background levels north, south, east and west of the Site.

Samson proposes to collect soil samples from six (6) locations (BH-1 through BH-6) using an air rotary rig and jam tube sampler. The borings will be drilled in the area in which EM-31HD and EM-31VD readings were greater than 25 times background, as well as west, north, east and southeast to delineate the vertical and lateral extent of impact to soil. A background boring will be installed northeast of the Site.

## **2.0 Introduction**

This document has been prepared by Larson & Associates, Inc. (LAI) for submittal to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD) on behalf of Samson Resources Company (Samson) to report the results of an electromagnetic (EM-31) terrain conductivity survey that was performed at the State BD Well #3 (Site) to qualitatively assess the lateral and vertical extent of a produced water spill. The Site is situated in Unit I (SE/4, NE/4), Section 2, Township 12 South, Range 33 East NMPM, in Lea County, New Mexico. The Site is located about 15 miles northwest of Tatum, New Mexico, at geodetic position north 32° 18' 21.34" and west 103° 34' 41.69". A location and topographic map is presented in Figure 1. An aerial map is presented in Figure 2.

The Site includes two (2) above ground storage tanks, injection pump, disposal well and associated piping. The Site is gated and secured with a barbed wire fence. A Site Drawing is presented in Figure 3.

### **2.1 Background**

On June 19, 2010, Samson reported to the OCD that a spill involving approximately 785 barrels (bbl) of produced water occurred due to gasket failure at the injection pump. The spill was contained within the firewall measuring approximately 138 x 160 feet and about 730 bbl was recovered. The net loss was reported at 55 bbl. Form C-141 was submitted to the OCD District 1 on June 21, 2010 and the OCD assigned remediation project number 1RP-10-07-2575 to the release.

### **2.2 Setting**

The setting is as follows:

- Groundwater occurs between 50 and 100 feet below ground surface (bgs) based on records from the New Mexico State Engineer (NMSE);
- The nearest fresh water well is located approximately 1,200 feet south (cross gradient) of the Site based on NMSE records;
- No continuously flowing watercourse is within 1,000 horizontal feet of the release; and
- No surface water features, including lakes, rivers, ponds, arroyos, lakebed, sinkhole, or playa lake, are located within 1,000 horizontal feet of the release.

## **3.0 Preliminary Investigation**

On July 1, 2010, LAI personnel performed an EM terrain conductivity survey to identify areas of elevated conductivity, relative to background, that would correlate with elevated chloride in the soil. An EM-31 meter, manufactured by Geonics, Ltd., Toronto, Canada, was used to collect measurements over an area measuring approximately 400 x 500 feet (4.59 acres). The EM-31 meter has exploration capabilities ranging from 0 to 9.8 feet in the horizontal dipole (HD) mode and 0 to 19.7 feet in the vertical dipole (VD) mode. The conductivity response in the HD mode is greatest near the surface and decreases with depth, whereas, the conductivity response is null near the surface and increases rapidly to a depth equal to about 0.4 times the coil spacing in the VD mode. The maximum EM-31VD response occurs at a depth equal to about 75% of the exploration depth or at about 14.75 feet and decreases with depth.

Measurement stations were established using a Nikon DTM-310 total station system and documented for latitude and longitude with a Trimble global positioning system (GPS) hand held instrument. Measurement stations were established every 100 feet outside the fenced area and every 50 feet inside the fenced area near the east side of the Site. The EM-31HD and VD measurements were compared to background readings collected from an undisturbed area located near station north 400 and east 500.

The background EM-31HD and EM-31VD measurements were 7.0 and 4.7 millimhos per meter (mmhos/m), respectively. The EM-31 measurement stations are presented in Figure 3. Figures 4 and 5 present the EM-31HD and VD drawings, respectively. The EM-31 field sheets are presented in Appendix A. Photo documentation is presented in Appendix B.

Referring to Figure 4, an area of elevated EM-31HD readings exceeding about 25 times background was recorded in an area between the well and tank battery at stations north 100 and north 200 on profile east 300. The EM-31HD readings decrease to near background north, south, east and west of the Site.

Referring Figure 5, an area of elevated EM-31VD readings exceeding about 25 times background was observed between the well and tank battery. The area of elevated EM-31VD readings is similar to the EM-31HD reading and suggests that the impact diminishes with depth. The EM-31VD readings decrease to near background north, south, east and west of the Site.

## **4.0 Proposed Investigation**

### **4.1 Soil Samples**

Samson proposes to collect soil samples from six (6) borings (BH-1 through BH-6) that will be drilled using an air rotary rig and jam tube sampler. Soil samples will be collected to about 10 feet bgs at a background location (BH-1) near station north 400 and east 500. Soil samples will be collected to about 40 feet bgs in the area of EM-31HD and EM-31VD readings greater than 25 times background (BH-2). Soil samples will be collected to about 20 feet bgs at locations BH-3, BH-4, BH-5 and BH-6 that will be drilled west, northeast, east and south of BH-2, respectively.

The soil samples will be collected in laboratory provided pre-cleaned glass containers that will be filled, labeled, chilled in an ice chest and delivered under chain of custody to an environmental laboratory. The samples will be analyzed for chloride by method 300. Samples may be analyzed for benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene and xylene (BTEX) by method SW-8021B if headspace readings, using a calibrated photoionization detector (PID), exceed 100 parts per million (ppm). Select samples will be analyzed for total petroleum hydrocarbons (TPH), including gasoline range organics (GRO) and diesel range organics (DRO), by method SW-8015M.

All sampling equipment, including jam tube sampler, sample scoop, etc., will be thoroughly washed between uses with a solution of potable water and laboratory grade detergent and rinsed with distilled water. The drill cuttings will be placed on plastic adjacent to the borings until disposal is arranged. The borings will be plugged according to NMSE rules.

### **4.2 Report**

A report will be submitted to the OCD within 30-days after receiving the final laboratory report which will include a discussion of the EM-31 terrain conductivity survey results, soil sample collection, laboratory results and conclusions. An initial C-141 is presented in Appendix C.

### **4.3 Notification**

Notification will be given to the OCD District 1 office at least 48 hours prior to commencing the field investigation.

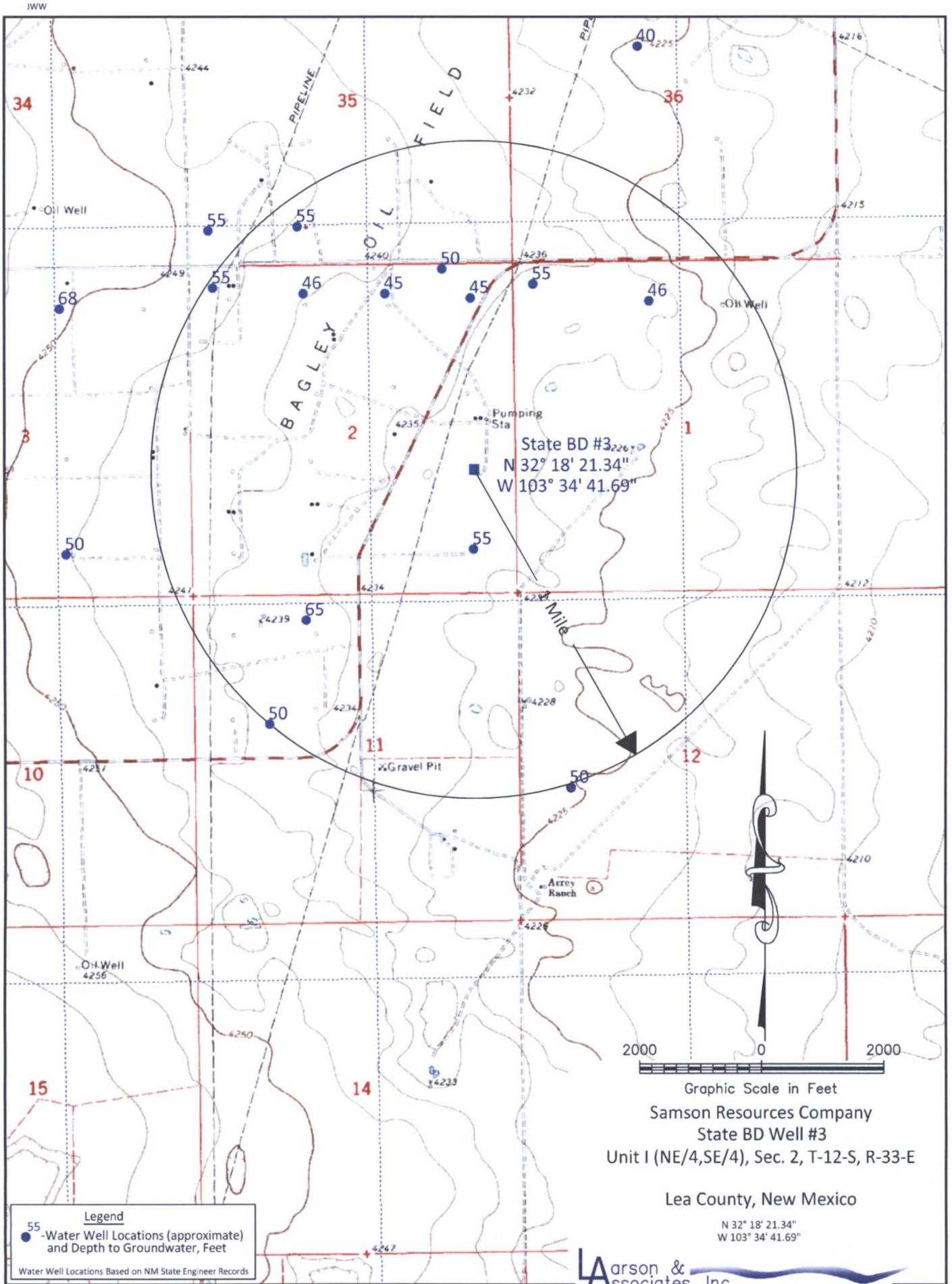


Figure 1 - Topographic Map

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Legend

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 State BD Well #3  
 Unit I (NE/4,SE/4), Sec. 2, T-12-S, R-33-E

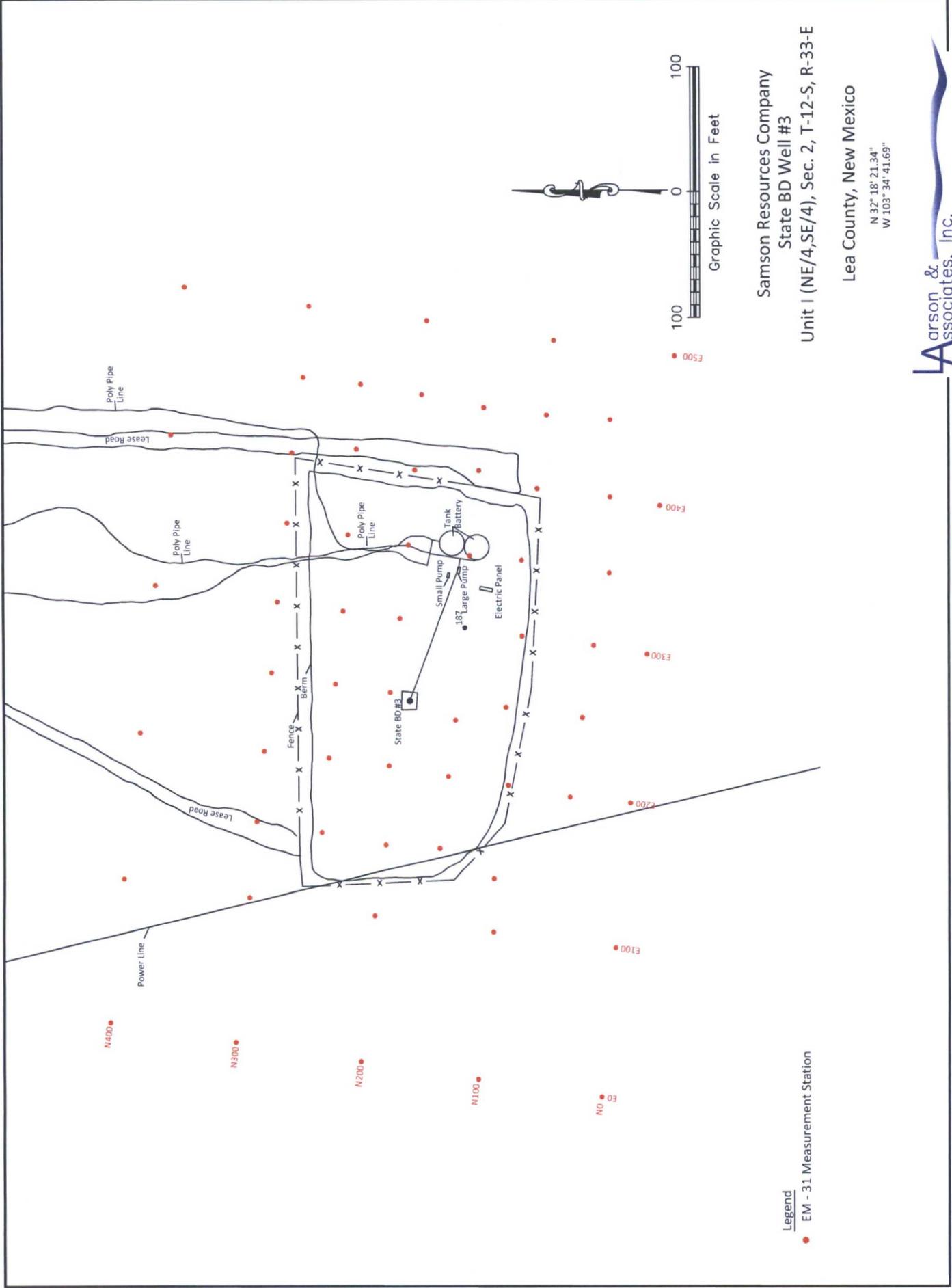
Lea County, New Mexico

N 32° 18' 21.34"  
 W 103° 34' 41.69"



Figure 2 - Aerial Map

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 Unit 1 (NE/4,SE/4), Sec. 2, T-12-S, R-33-E

Lea County, New Mexico

N 32° 18' 21.34"  
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Figure 3 - Site Drawing

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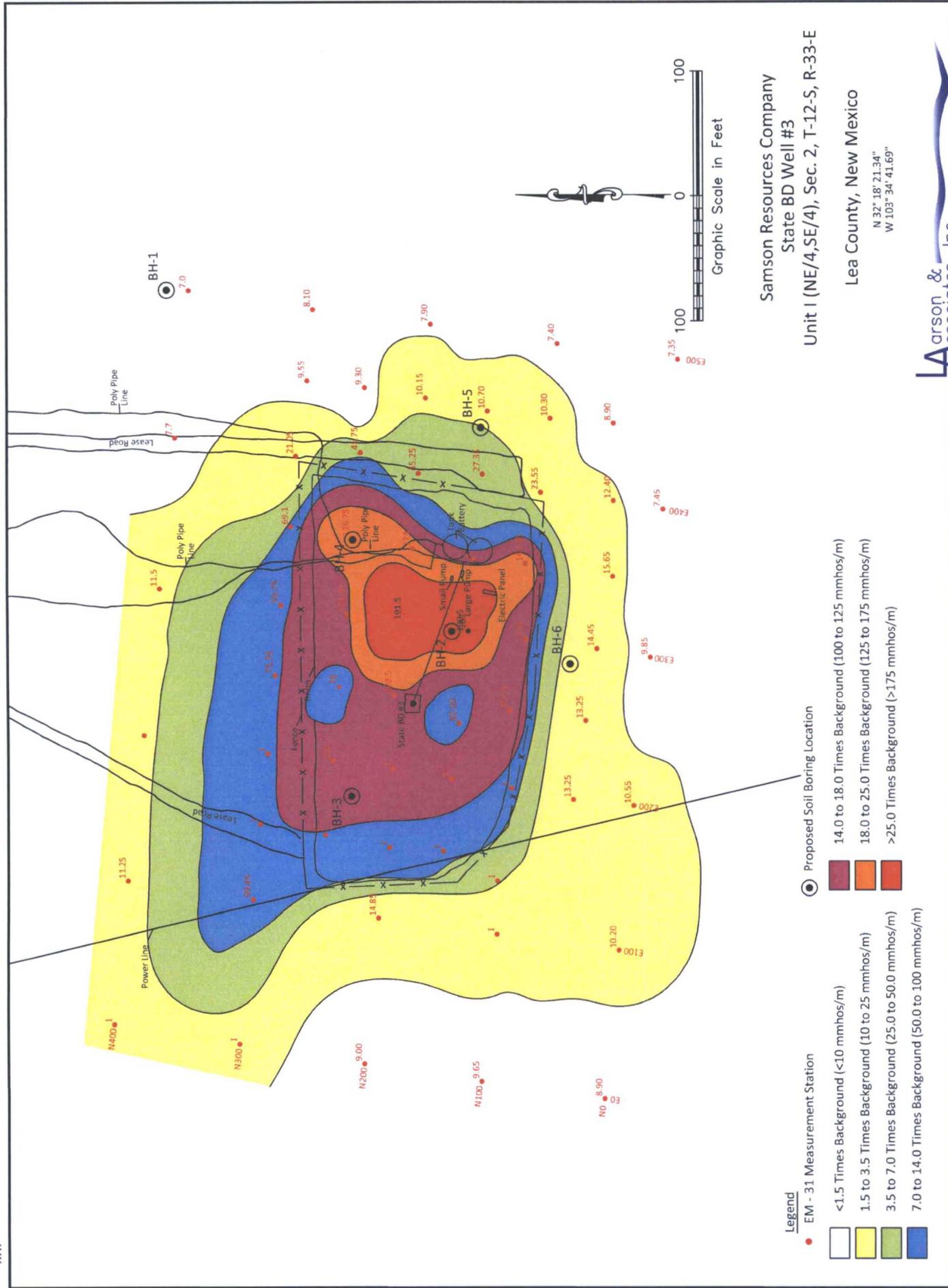


Figure 4 - EM-31 HD Drawing



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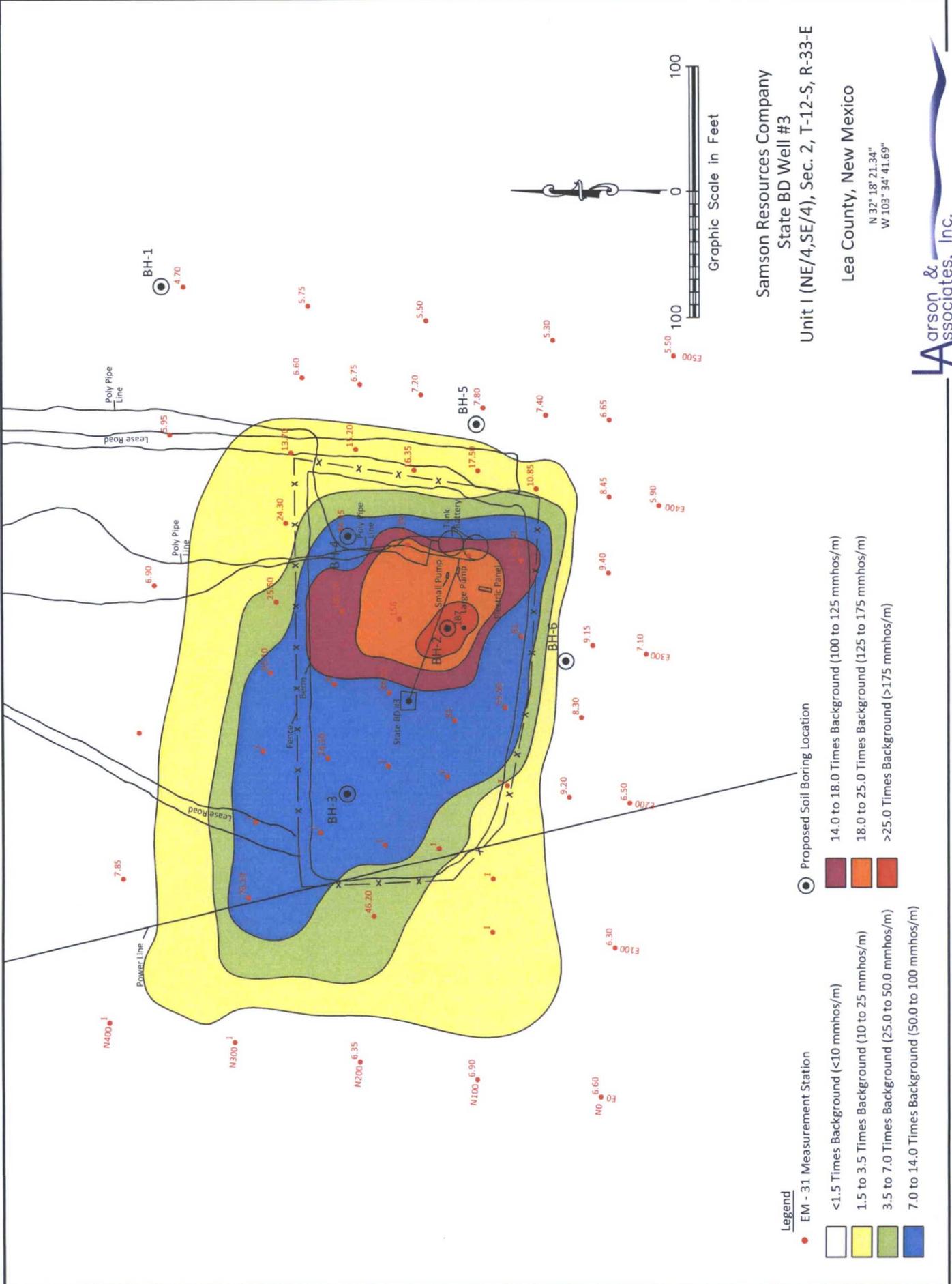


Figure 5 - EM-31 VD Drawing







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State BD Well No. 3

EM-31 SURVEY

<b>Profile:</b>	200 East	<b>Date:</b>	07-01-2010
<b>Spacing:</b>	50 Feet	<b>Start:</b>	<b>Stop:</b>
<b>Scale:</b>	1000 mmhos/m	15:19	15:25
<b>Direction:</b>	South to North	<b>Operator:</b>	MJL/JWW

STATION	HD (N - S)	HD (E - W)	VD (N - S)	VD (E - W)	Comments
0 North	10.5	10.6	6.6	6.7	
50 North	13.1	13.4	9.0	9.4	
100 North					
150 North					
200 North					
250 North	118	126	70	79	
300 North					
Background	7.0	7.0	4.7	4.7	

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**SAMSON RESOURCES COMPAY**

State BD Well No. 3

**EM-31 SURVEY**

<b>Profile:</b>	250 East	<b>Date:</b>	07-01-2010
<b>Spacing:</b>	50 Feet	<b>Start:</b>	<b>Stop:</b>
<b>Scale</b>	1000 mmhos/m	15:14	15:19
<b>Direction:</b>	South to North	<b>Operator:</b>	MJL/JWW

STATION	HD (N - S)	HD (E - W)	VD (N - S)	VD (E - W)	Comments
50 North	13.3	13.2	8.2	8.4	
100 North	106	109	47	64	
150 North	80	84	80	82	Well tubing approximatley 10 feet east
200 North	99	108	79	90	SWD well approximately 12 southwest
250 North	71	81	58	76	Closed drilling pit 20 feet west
300 North	78.2	72.9	69.4	60.8	
Background	7.0	7.0	4.7	4.7	

**Notes:**

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State BD Well No. 3

**EM-31 SURVEY**

<b>Profile:</b>	300 East	<b>Date:</b>	07-01-2010
<b>Spacing:</b>	50 Feet	<b>Start:</b>	<b>Stop:</b>
<b>Scale</b>	1000 mmhos/m	16:00	16:10
<b>Direction:</b>	North to South	<b>Operator:</b>	MJL/JWW

STATION	HD (N - S)	HD (E - W)	VD (N - S)	VD (E - W)	Comments
0 North	9.8	9.9	7.0	7.2	
50 North	14.6	14.3	9.8	8.5	
100 North	123	109	72	90	
150 North	191	190	191	183	
200 North	198	185	158	154	
250 North	106.9	100.8	110.6	102.8	
300 North	61	58.5	25.2	25.8	
400 North	11.6	11.4	7.2	6.6	
Background	7.0	7.0	4.7	4.7	

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State BD Well No. 3

**EM-31 SURVEY**

<b>Profile:</b>	400 East	<b>Date:</b>	07-01-2010
<b>Spacing:</b>	50 Feet	<b>Start:</b>	<b>Stop:</b>
<b>Scale:</b>	1000 mmhos/m	13:38	14:00
<b>Direction:</b>	South to North	<b>Operator:</b>	MJL/JWW

STATION	HD (N - S)	HD (E - W)	VD (N - S)	VD (E - W)	Comments
0 North	7.6	7.3	6.0	5.8	
50 North	12.3	12.5	8.1	8.8	
100 North	23.2	23.9	10.8	10.9	
150 North	26.4	28.3	15.5	19.5	
200 North	44.3	46.2	16.4	16.3	
250 North	37.4	46.1	14.6	15.8	
300 North	21.2	20.9	13.2	14.2	
400 North	7.6	7.8	5.8	6.1	
Background	7.0	7.0	4.7	4.7	

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State BD Well No. 3

EM-31 SURVEY

<b>Profile:</b>	450 East	<b>Date:</b>	07-01-2010
<b>Spacing:</b>	50 Feet	<b>Start:</b>	<b>Stop:</b>
<b>Scale:</b>	1000 mmhos/m	14:55	15:00
<b>Direction:</b>	South to North	<b>Operator:</b>	MJL/JWW

STATION	HD (N - S)	HD (E - W)	VD (N - S)	VD (E - W)	Comments
50 North	8.9	8.9	6.7	6.6	
100 North	10.4	10.2	7.5	7.3	
150 North	10.8	10.6	7.8	7.8	
200 North	10.2	10.1	7.3	7.1	
250 North	9.3	9.3	6.6	6.9	
300 North	9.2	9.9	6.4	6.8	
Background	7.0	7.0	4.7	4.7	

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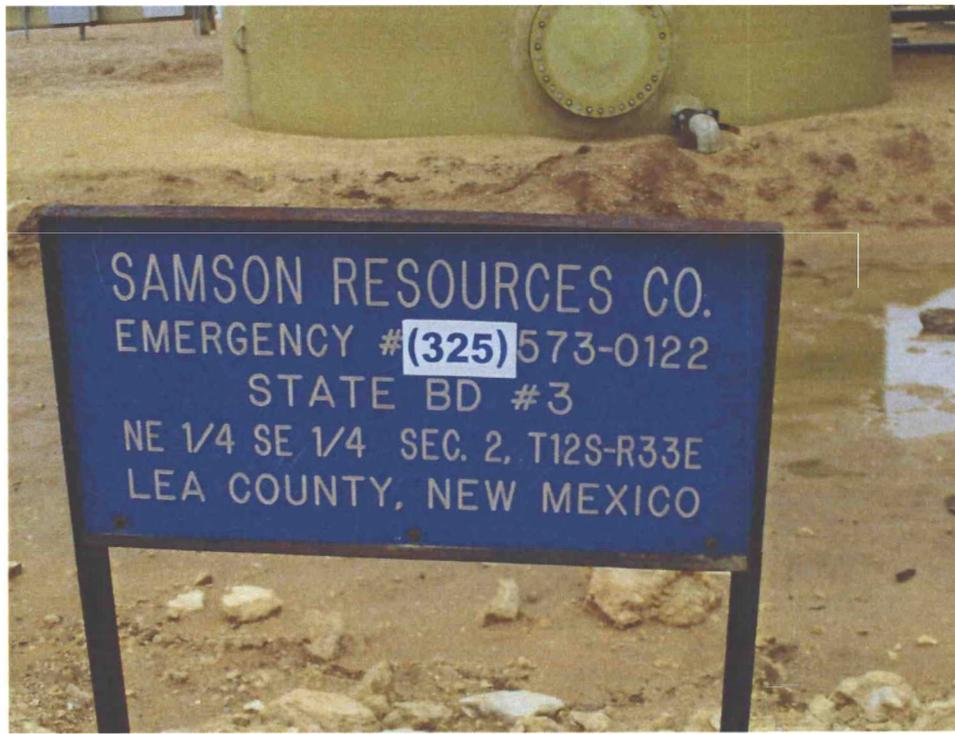
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STATION	HD (N - S)	HD (E - W)	VD (N - S)	VD (E - W)	Comments
0 North	7.3	7.4	5.6	5.4	
100 North	7.4	7.4	5.2	5.4	
200 North	7.9	7.9	5.6	5.7	
300 North	8.2	8.0	5.8	5.7	
400 North	7.0	7.0	4.7	4.7	
Background	7.0	7.0	4.7	4.7	

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Photo Documentation



July 1, 2010 – Location sign.

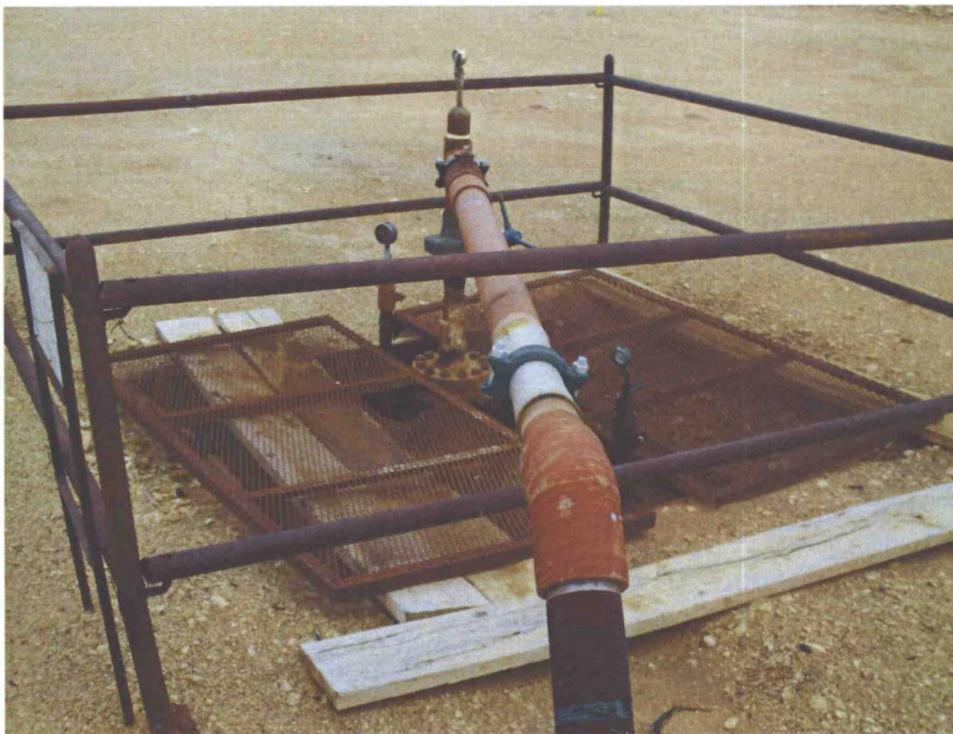


July 1, 2010 – East side of tank battery viewing north.

**Photo Documentation**



July 1, 2010 – West side of tank battery viewing north.



July 1, 2010 – SWD Well viewing northwest.

**Photo Documentation**



July 1, 2010 – Northeast of tank battery viewing north.



July 1, 2010 – Tank battery viewing south.



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June 21, 2010

State of New Mexico Energy Minerals and Natural Resources  
District 1  
Attn: Geoff Leking  
1625 N. French Drive  
Hobbs, NM 88240

Reference: Release Notification and Corrective Action  
Operator: Samson Resources Company  
Location: State BD #3  
Section 2, T12S-R33E  
Lea County, NM

Dear Mr. Leking:

Per the initial telephone notification to E. L. Gonzalez on 6/19/2010 at 10:50 a.m. and to you today at 3:30 p.m., please find attached a completed Form C-141 regarding the above referenced release.

Please recognize it is Samson's intent to operate in an environmentally responsible manner and to maintain compliance with applicable laws and regulations. I trust this information will satisfy any concerns the State of New Mexico Energy Minerals and Natural Resources may have regarding this incident. If you need additional information, please feel free to contact me at (918) 591-1364.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Samson Resources Company

*Autumn M. Long*  
Autumn Long  
Environmental Specialist

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Attachments

Cc: Gerry Petree – Superintendent  
Production Department