

February 24, 2006

NMOCD District 2 Office
Oil Conservation Division
Chris Beadle
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Artesia, New Mexico 88210

RE: Range Operating New Mexico, Inc. Inspection, Reid Battery

Chronology

On February 16, 2006 a spill was discovered at the Range Operating New Mexico, Inc. (Range) site Reid Battery. The spill had occurred when a 1" ball valve was open at the circulating pump. The failure resulted in the loss of approximately 58 barrels of oil and produced water. Approximately 58 barrels of fluids were recovered from inside the firewall. The spill appears to have been completely contained inside the firewall. The site was assessed for a formal work plan and specific site information obtained. WBESI uses the attached information and metrics sheet for summarizing the remediation requirements for this site.

The following is an initial "Remediation Work Plan" for this site:

Reid Battery

General site characteristics

Depth to Ground Water: 44'

Wellhead Protection Area: 250' to closest well

Distance to Nearest Surface Water Body: 1000 yards

Site ranking score: 40

Soil remediation action levels

Highly Contaminated / Saturated Soils

Benzene 10 ppm, 50 BTEX ppm, TPH 100 ppm

Soil remediation methods

Excavation and disposal (or alternative approved onsite remediation)

Planned analytical testing

BTEX, TPH, Chlorides on soil

Work Plan

- Continue excavation until limits are obtained in a vertical and horizontal direction.
- Sample site for above parameters.
- Determine quantity of spoils removed from the excavated area.

- Determine most cost effective means of disposal or onsite bioremediation in accordance with NMOCD "Guidelines for Remediation of Leaks, Spills, and Releases".
- Contact NMOCD to set up sampling and post remediation inspection.
- Review analytical results.
- Backfill excavation if limits have been achieved or continue excavation.
- Sampling will be per NMOCD guidance including all walls and floor of the excavation.
- A final report will be issued on behalf of Range to the NMOCD documenting all final activities.
- A final letter of concurrence and closure will be issued by NMOCD if all guidelines have been achieved.

For further questions or comments please contact White Buffalo Environmental Services, Inc. at (325) 651-9054.



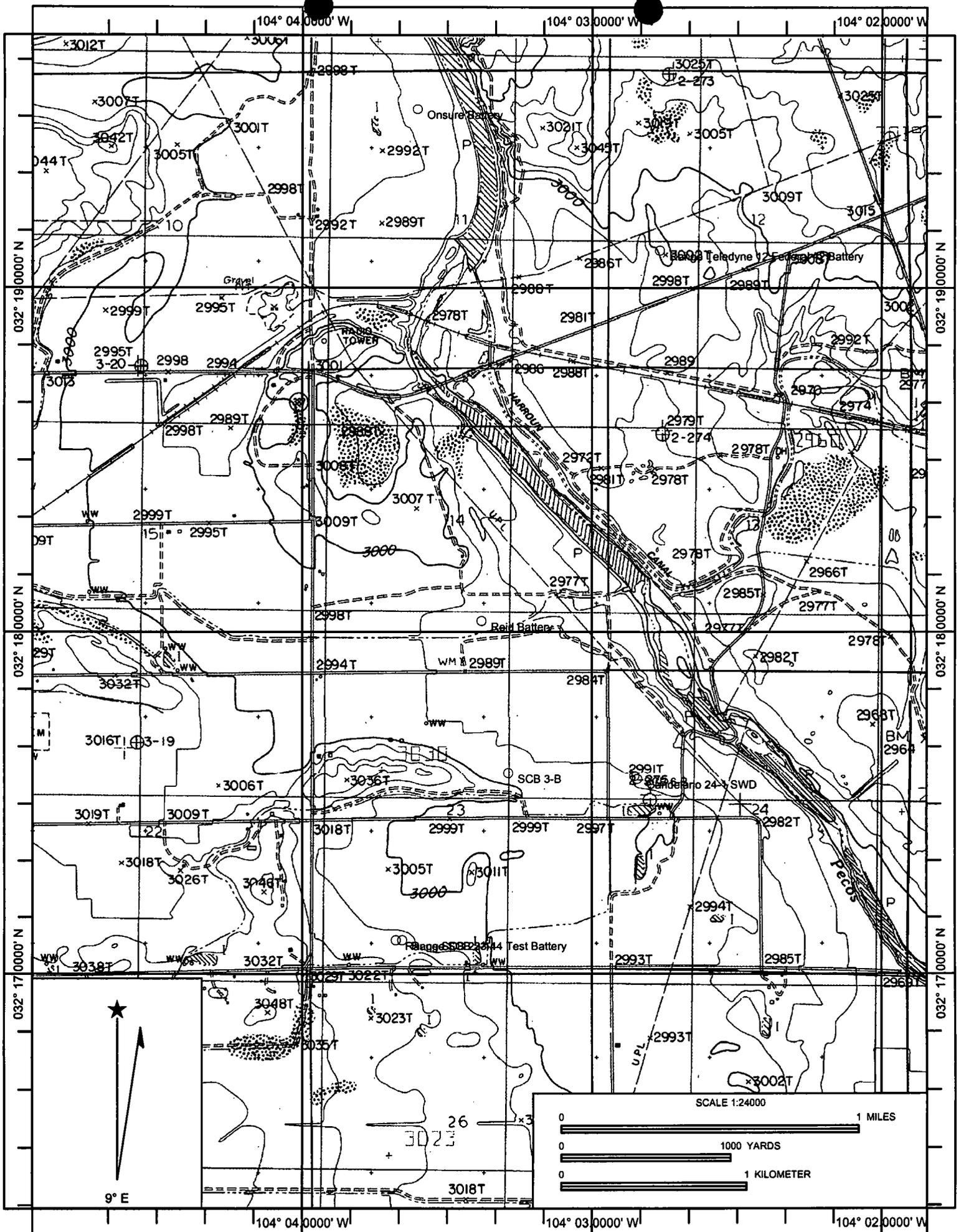
Greg Swindle,
President
WBESI

Enclosures:

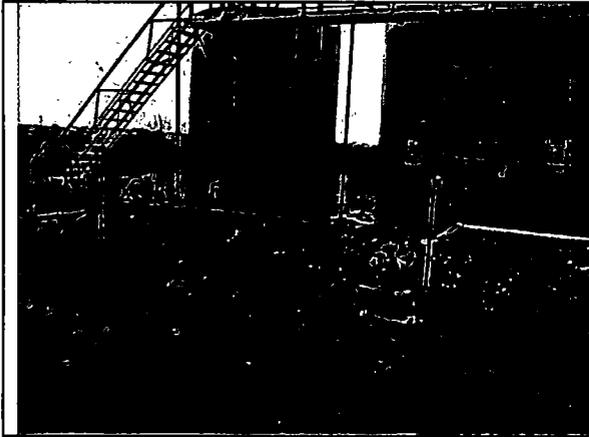
Information and Metrics sheet
USGS Map
Aerial Photo
Site Photographs

RANGE OPERATING NEW MEXICO, INC
Information and Metrics

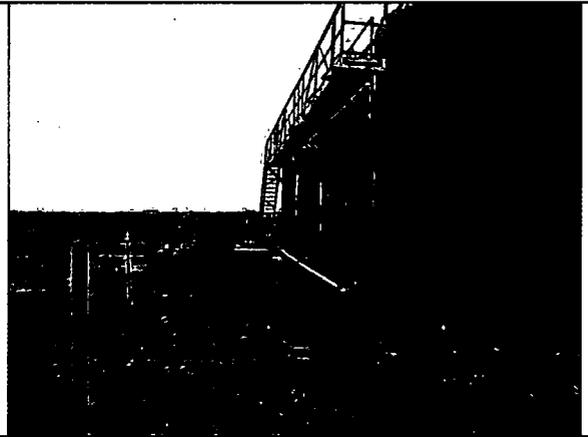
Incident Date: February 16, 2006		NMOCD Notified: February 16, 2006	
Site: Reid Battery		Assigned Site Reference #:	
Company: Range Operating New Mexico, Inc.			
Street Address: 777 Main Street Suite 800			
Mailing Address: 777 Main Street Suite 800			
City, State, Zip: Ft. Worth, TX 76102			
Representative: George Teer			
Representative Telephone: (817) 870-2601			
Fluid volume released (bbls): 58		Recovered (bbls): 58	
<i>25 bbls: Notify NMOCD verbally within 24 hrs and submit form C-141 within 15 days. (Also applies to unauthorized releases >500 mcf Natural Gas) 5 - 25 bbls: Submit form C-141 within 15 days</i>			
Leak, Spill, or Pit (LSP) Name: Reid Battery			
Source of contamination: Spill inside containment area (firewall)			
Land Owner, i.e., BLM, ST, Fee, Other: Johnny & Jackie L Reid			
LSP Dimensions: 107' X 64'			
LSP Area: Bases of north and south tanks			
Location of Reference Point (RP): NA			
Location distance and direction from RP: NA			
Latitude: N 32° 18.021'			
Longitude: W 104° 2.839'			
Elevation above mean sea level: 2991' per USGS Map			
Location- Unit or ¼ ¼: NW/4 NW/4 of Sec. 24		Unit Letter: O	
Location Section: 14			
Location- Township: 23S			
Location Range: 28E			
Surface water body within 1000' radius of site: No 3000 feet per USGS Map			
Domestic water wells within 1000' radius of site: Yes			
Agricultural water wells within 1000' radius of site: Yes			
Depth from land surface to ground water (DG): 42' estimated based upon relationship to Pecos River			
Depth of contamination (DC): 8'			
Depth to ground water (DG - DC = DtGW): 44'			
1. Ground water		2. Wellhead Protection Area	
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		If >1000' from water source, or >200' from private domestic water source: 0 points	
Ground Water Score = 20		Wellhead Protection Area Score = 20	
Site Rank (1+2+3) = 40		Surface Water Score = 0	
Total Site Ranking Score and Acceptable Concentrations			
Parameter		10-19	0-9
Benzene		10 ppm	10 ppm
BTEX		50 ppm	50 ppm
TPH		1,000 ppm	5,000 ppm



Reid Battery
Spill Site Photographs



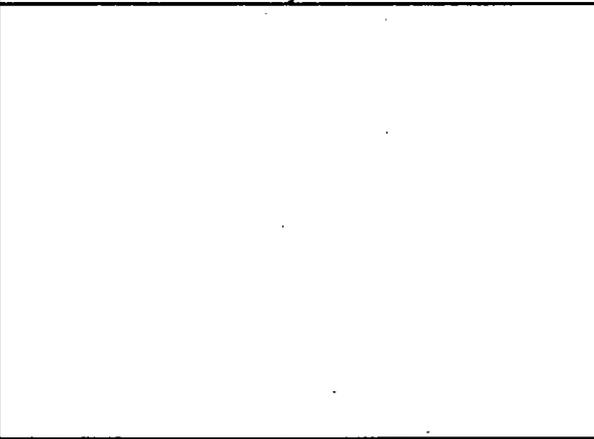
Front of battery



Front of battery from north end



Rear of battery from north end



Bratcher, Mike, EMNRD

From: Greg Swindle [greg@wbesi.com]
Sent: Saturday, June 03, 2006 8:59 AM
To: Bratcher, Mike, EMNRD; 'Tony Tucker'
Cc: 'Linda Stiles'
Subject: Reid Remediation
Attachments: Range Resource Reid Battery Spill Workplan.pdf

Mike,

This week it was brought to my attention that the attached workplan may have not been reviewed by Chris Beadle. I show generating this in late February but at that time we were so busy working on a couple of immediate need sites this one may have gotten misplaced. Tony has a good crew out doing cleanup of all sites and cellars and this was brought to my attention by Tony.

I have reviewed this workplan and agree that it is still appropriate. It was a 58 barrel water spill inside the containment. When you get a chance please look this over. Please send me an email noting your review so that we can work this into our site cleanup schedule.

Tony, Linda,

I will be gone this week June 5-9. I will be on vacation but I will be available via email at least daily so stay in touch.

Greg Swindle

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