



SITE INVESTIGATION AND CLOSURE PROPOSAL

TT 115 RELEASE SITE

DEFS REF: 130007

UL-E (SW¼ OF THE NW¼) OF SECTION 32 T22S R38E

~7.2 MILES SOUTHEAST (137°) OF EUNICE

LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

LATITUDE: N 32° 21' 3.555"

LONGITUDE: W 103° 05' 19.73"

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1.0 Introduction & Background

This report addresses the site investigation and proposed closure guidelines of the Duke Energy Field Services (DEFS) "TT 115" remediation site. On July 7, 2004, Environmental Plus, Inc. (EPI) was notified by DEFS regarding a recently discovered pit along the TT 115 line. This site is located approximately 7.2 miles southeast of Eunice, Lea County, New Mexico (*reference Figure 1*). The C-144 Form submitted to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (NMOCD) on July 30, 2004, reports an historic release of an unknown volume. EPI performed GPS surveying, photography and characterization of the site on July 20, 2004. The site consists of an approximate 400 square feet (ft²) visibly affected surface area (*reference Figure 3*).

This release site is located in Unit Letter E, (SW¼ of the NW¼), Section 32, T22S, R38E, N32° 21' 3.555" and W103° 5' 19.73". The site is approximately 7.2-miles southeast of Eunice, New Mexico. The property is owned by D. K. Boyd Oil & Gas (*reference Figures 1 through 3*).

2.0 Site Description

2.1 Geological Description

The United States Geological Survey (USGS) Ground-Water Report 6, "Geology and Ground-Water Conditions in Southern Lea County, New Mexico," A. Nicholson and A. Clebsch, 1961, describes the near surface geology of southern Lea County as "an intergrade of the Quaternary Alluvium (QA) sediments, i.e., fine to medium sand, with the mostly eroded Cenozoic Ogallala (CO) formation. Typically, the QA and CO formations in the area are capped by a thick interbed of caliche and generally overlain by sandy soil."

The release site is located in the Eunice Plain physiographic subdivision, described by Nicholson & Clebsch as an area "underlain by a hard caliche surface and is almost entirely covered by reddish-brown dune sand". The thickness of the sand cover ranges from 2-5 feet in most areas to as much as 20-30 feet in drift areas.

2.2 Ecological Description

The area is typical of the Upper Chihuahuan Desert Biome consisting primarily of hummocky sand hills covered with Harvard Shin Oak (*Quercus harvardi*) interspersed with Honey Mesquite (*Prosopis glandulosa*) along with typical desert grasses, flowering annuals and flowering perennials. Mammals represented, include Orrd's and Merriam's Kangaroo Rats, Deer Mouse, White Throated Wood Rat, Cottontail Rabbit, Black Tailed Jackrabbit, Mule Deer, Bobcat, Red Fox and Coyote. Reptiles, amphibians, and birds are numerous and typical of area. A survey of Listed, Threatened, or Endangered species was not conducted.

2.3 Area Ground Water

The unconfined groundwater aquifer at this site is projected to be >100-ft bgs based on limited water depth data obtained from the New Mexico State Engineers Office data base (*reference Table 1*). Ground water gradient in this area is generally to the east-southeast.

2.4 Area Water Wells

All recorded wells are greater than 1,000 horizontal feet from the site (*reference Figure 3*).

2.5 Area Surface Water Features

No surface water bodies exist within 1,000 horizontal feet of the site.

3.0 NMOCD Site Ranking

Contaminant delineation and remedial work done at this site indicate that the chemical parameters of the soil and the physical parameters of the groundwater were characterized consistent with the characterization and remediation/abatement goals and objectives set forth in the following New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (NMOCD) publications:

- ◆ Guidelines for Remediation of Leaks, Spills and Releases (August 13, 1993)
- ◆ Unlined Surface Impoundment Closure Guidelines (February 1993)

Acceptable thresholds for contaminants/constituents of concern (CoC), i.e., TPH^{8015m}, benzene, and the mass sum of benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, and total xylenes (BTEX), were determined based on the NMOCD Ranking Criteria as follows:

- ◆ *Depth to Ground water, i.e., distance from the lower most acceptable concentration to the ground water.*
- ◆ *Wellhead Protection Area, i.e., distance from fresh water supply wells.*
- ◆ *Distance to Surface Water Body, i.e., horizontal distance to all down gradient surface water bodies.*

Based on the proximity of the site to protectable area water wells, surface water bodies, and depth to groundwater from the lower most contamination, the NMOCD ranking score for the site is 0 points with the soil remedial goals highlighted in the Site Ranking table presented below.

1. Ground Water	2. Wellhead Protection Area	3. Distance to Surface Water
Depth to GW <50 feet: 20 points	If <1,000' from water source, or; <200' from private domestic water source: 20 points	<200 horizontal feet: 20 points
Depth to GW 50 to 99 feet: 10 points		200-1,000 horizontal feet: 10 points
Depth to GW >100 feet: 0 points	If >1,000' from water source, or; >200' from private domestic water source: 0 points	>1,000 horizontal feet: 0 points
Ground Water Score = 0	Wellhead Protection Score = 0	Surface Water Score = 0
Site Rank (1+2+3) = 0 + 0 + 0 = 0 points (for soil 0-120'-bgs)		
Total Site Ranking Score and Acceptable Remedial Goal Concentrations		
Parameter	20 of 2	10
Benzene¹	10 ppm	10 ppm
BTEX¹	50 ppm	50 ppm
TPH	100 ppm	1,000 ppm
		0
		10 ppm
		50 ppm
		5,000 ppm

¹ A field soil vapor headspace measurement of 100 ppm may be substituted for a laboratory analysis of the benzene and BTEX concentration limits.

4.0 Subsurface Soil Investigation

The vertical extent of hydrocarbon contamination at the site was determined by advancing a soil boring near the center of the pit (reference Photograph #4) to a depth of 10-ft bgs on July 30, 2004. Soil samples were collected from the surface, 5 feet below ground surface (bgs) and 10 feet bgs. A portion of the samples were immediately placed in laboratory provided containers and placed on ice. The remainder of the samples was placed in a Ziploc bags for field analysis for the presence of organic vapors. Organic vapor concentrations were measured in the field utilizing an UltraRae PID equipped with a 10.6 eV lamp. Organic vapor concentrations ranged from 0.0 parts per million (ppm) to 2.1 ppm.

The soil samples collected from the surface and from 5 feet bgs were submitted to Cardinal Laboratories of Hobbs, New Mexico. The samples were submitted for quantification of gasoline range organics (GRO) and diesel range organics (DRO) via EPA Method 8015M and benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene and total xylenes (BTEX) via EP Method 8260 as listed in EPA publication SW-846. In addition, the samples were submitted for quantification of chlorides via Standard Method 4500 ClB and sulfates via EPA Method 375.4 as listed in EPA publication 600/4-79-020.

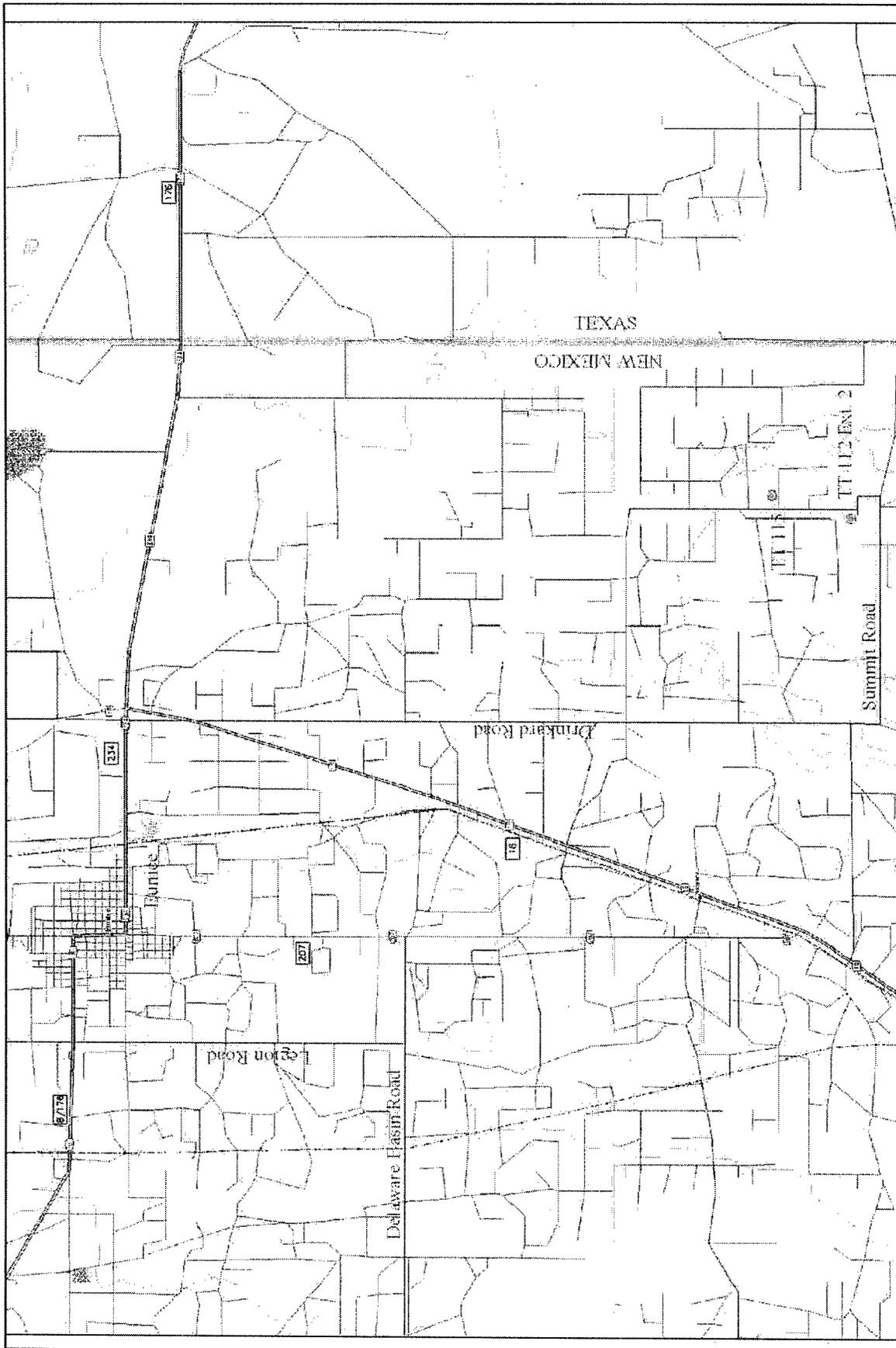
Analytical results for both samples were below the NMOCD remedial thresholds as listed above (reference Table 2).

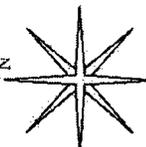
5.0 Closure Proposal

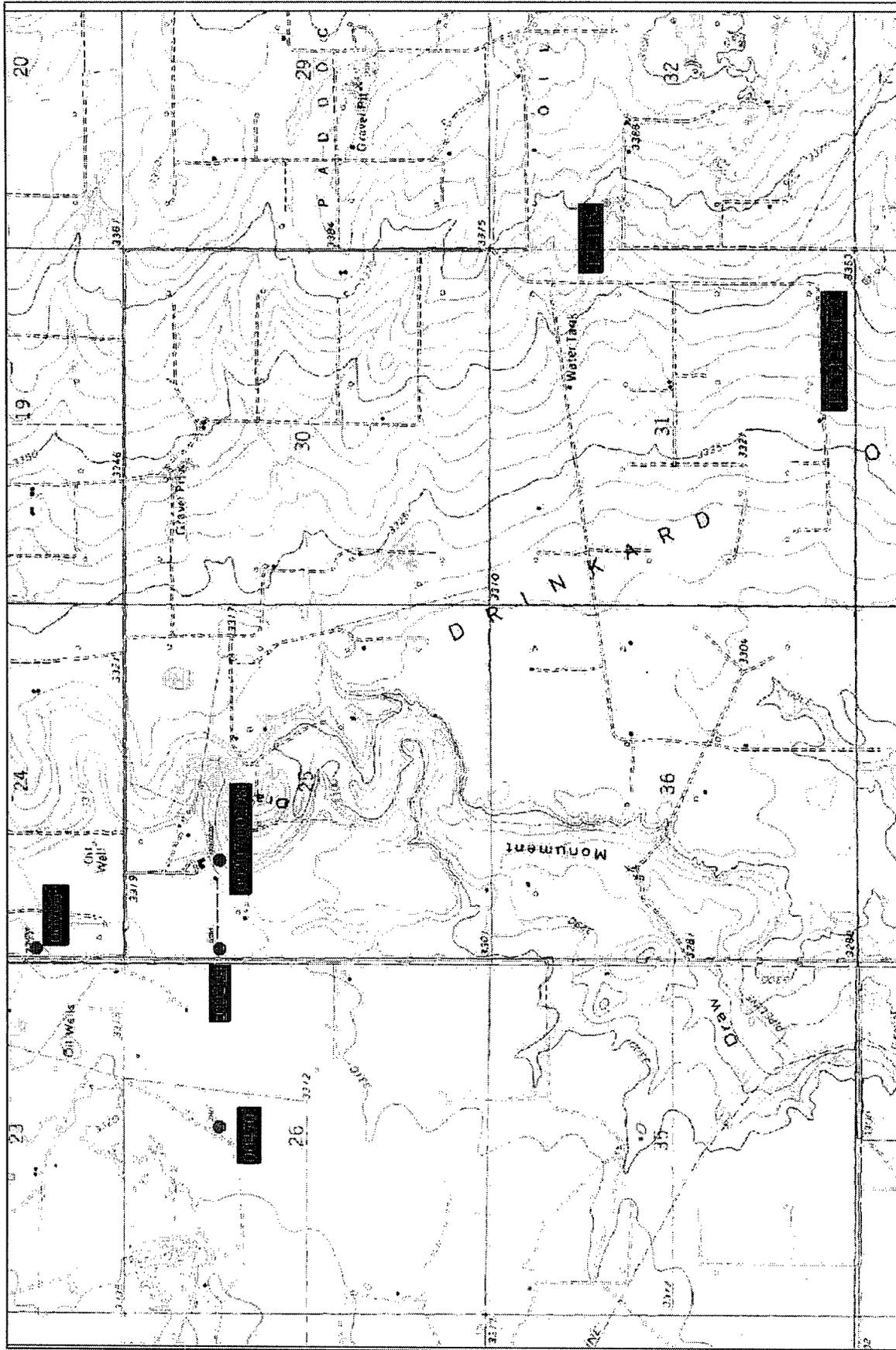
Due to the fact that the depth to groundwater in this area is >100 feet and the fact that analytical results for both samples were below the remedial threshold, it is recommended that all surface features associated with the burn pit (i.e., fence, barrel and piping) be removed and the site closed. This recommendation is based on the fact that the burn pit has been re-vegetated (reference Photographs 2-4) and that contaminant levels are below the NMOCD remedial thresholds.

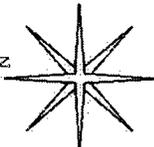
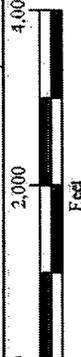
Based on the data presented in this report, Environmental Plus, Inc., on behalf of Duke Energy Field Services, requests that the NMOCD require "no further action" at this site and issue a *Site Closure Letter*.

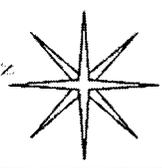
FIGURES



<p>Figure 1 Area Map Duke Energy Field Services TT 115</p>	<p>Lea County, New Mexico NW 1/4 of the NE 1/4, Sec. 32, T17S, R33E N 32° 21' 3.55" W 103° 05' 19.7" Elevation: 3,355 feet amsl</p>	<p>DWG By: Iain Olness July 2004</p>	<p>REVISED:</p> <p>0 1.25 2.5 Miles</p> <p>2.5 SHEET 1 of 1</p> 
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<p>Figure 2 Site and Well Location Map Duke Energy Field Services TT 115</p>	<p>Lea County, New Mexico SW 1/4 of the NW 1/4, Sec. 32, T22S, R38E N 32° 21' 3.55" W 103° 05' 19.7" Elevation: 3,355 feet amsl</p>	<p>DWG By: Iain Olness July 2004</p>	<p>REVISED:</p>   <p>4,000 SHEET 1 of 1</p>
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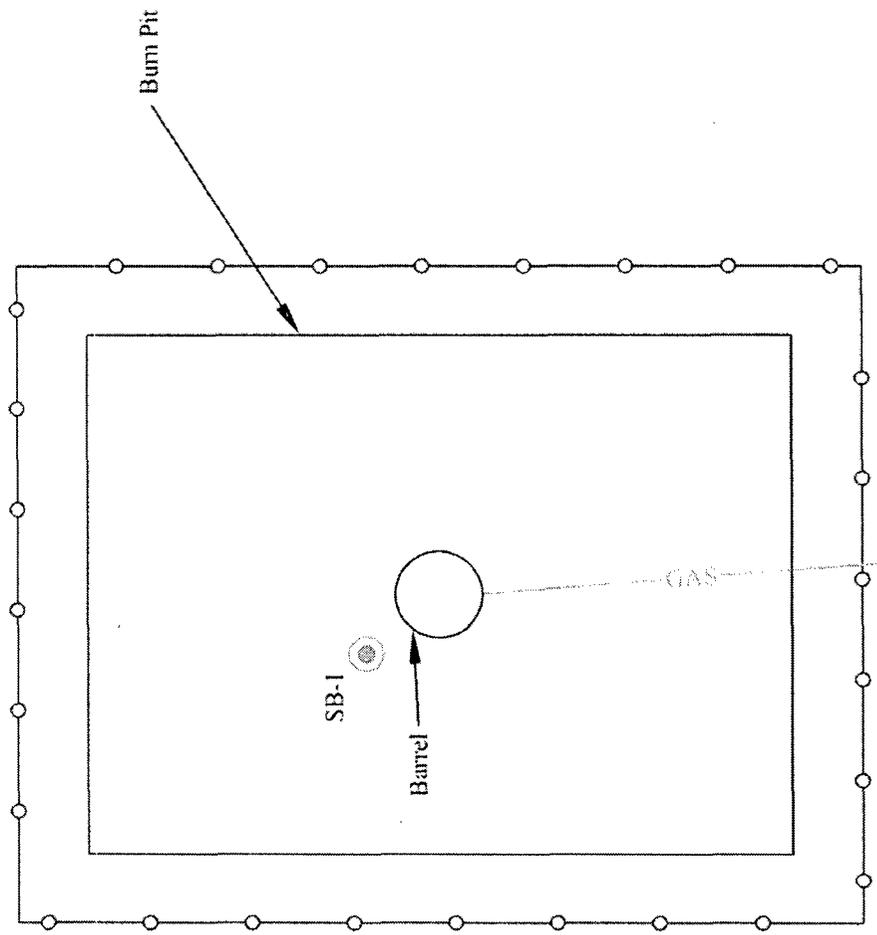
DWG By: Iain Olness
July 2004

Lea County, New Mexico
SW 1/4 of the NW 1/4, Sec. 6, T22S, R38E
N 32° 21' 3.55" W 103° 05' 19.7"
Elevation: 3,355 feet amsl

Figure 3
Site Map
Duke Energy Field Services
TT 115

LEGEND

- Gas Pipeline (dashed line)
- Fence (line with circles)
- Soil Boring (circle with cross-hatch)



TABLES

TABLE 1

WELL/SURFACE DATA REPORT - 07/21/04*

Duke Energy Field Services TT 115 - Ref. #130007

DB	File Nbr	Use	Division ¹	Owner	Well Number	Source	Twp	Rng	Sec	q	q	q	q	Latitude	Longitude	Start Date	Finish Date	Depth of Well (ft bgs)	Depth to Water (ft bgs)
CP	00687	DOM	3	Lanebery	CP 00687	Shallow	25S	38E	08	2	1			N 32° 19' 20.6"	W 103° 4' 55.31"		1-03-85	400	335
CP	00688	DOM	3	Tom Lanebery	CP 00688	Shallow	25S	38E	20	4	4			N 32° 16' 56.91"	W 103° 6' 40"		1-03-85	335	265
CP	00190	DOM	0	George W. Sims	CP 00190		25S	38E	07	3	1			N 32° 24' 9.34"	W 103° 6' 27.45"				
CP	00192	DOM	0	George W. Sims	CP 00192		25S	38E	20	1	3			N 32° 22' 51.13"	W 103° 5' 25.96"				
CP	00193	DOM	0	George W. Sims	CP 00193		25S	38E	07	3	1			N 32° 24' 9.34"	W 103° 6' 27.45"				
CP	00470	PRO	0	Captain Drilling Co., Inc.	CP 00470	Shallow	25S	37E	26	2	1			N 32° 21' 59.05"	W 103° 7' 59.95"	24-Dec-68	31-Dec-68	99	65
CP	00561	STK	3	Della M. Vergason	CP 00561	Shallow	25S	37E	34	3	3			N 32° 20' 27.5"	W 103° 9' 31.85"	26-Dec-76	29-Dec-76	137	60
CP	00706	DOM	3	Ellic Spear	CP 00706	Shallow	25S	37E	24	3	1			N 32° 22' 25.06"	W 103° 7' 29.11"	29-Dec-86	31-Dec-86	96	60
CP	00204	DOM	0	Annanda E. Sims	CP 00204		25S	37E	25	1	4			N 32° 21' 59"	W 103° 7' 29.11"				
CP	00207	DOM	0	A. M. Drinkard	CP 00207		25S	37E	25	1	3			N 32° 21' 58.97"	W 103° 7' 13.69"				
CP	00208	DOM	0	A. M. Drinkard	CP 00208		25S	37E	25	1	3			N 32° 21' 58.97"	W 103° 7' 13.69"				
CP	00187	DOM	0	George W. Sims	CP 00187		25S	37E	24	1	3			N 32° 22' 38.1"	W 103° 7' 29.11"				

* Data obtained from the New Mexico Office of the State Engineer Website (http://waters.osc.state.nm.us:7001/WATERS/vr_RegisServlet1)
 Shaded well information indicates well location shown on Figure 3.

¹ = in acre feet per annum
 PRO = Prospecting or Development of Natural Resource
 DOM = Domestic One Household
 STK = Stock Well
 (quarters are 1=NW, 2=NE, 3=SW, 4=SE)
 (quarters are biggest to smallest - N, Y are in Feet - UTM are in Meters)

TABLE 2
SUMMARY OF SOIL BORING ANALYTICAL RESULTS

Duke Energy Field Services TT 115 - Ref. #130007

Sample ID	Sample Date	Sample Depth (feet)	Field Analyses (ppm)	Benzene (ug/kg)	Toluene (ug/kg)	Ethylbenzene (ug/kg)	Total Xylenes (ug/kg)	Total BTEX (ug/kg)	TPH (as gasoline) (mg/kg)	TPH (as diesel) (mg/kg)	Total TPH (mg/kg)	Chloride (mg/kg)	Sulfate (mg/kg)
DETT115073004-Topsoil	30-Jul-04	Topsoil	0.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<15.0	<30.0	<10.0	498	498	64	31
DETT115073004-5'	30-Jul-04	5	0.4	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<15.0	<30.0	<10.0	32.5	32.5	48	55
DETT115073004-10'	30-Jul-04	10	2.1	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
NMOC Remedial Thresholds				10,000				50,000			100	250	

¹ Bolded values are in excess of the NMOC Remediation Thresholds

² NA : Not Analyzed

³ NS : Not Sampled

APPENDIX I

NMOCD C-144 FORM

AND

SITE INFORMATION AND METRICS FORM

District I
1625 N. French Dr., Hobbs, NM 88240
District II
1301 W. Grand Avenue, Artesia, NM 88210
District III
1000 Rio Brazos Road, Aztec, NM 87410
District IV
1220 S. St. Francis Dr., Santa Fe, NM 87505

State of New Mexico
Energy Minerals and Natural Resources

Form C-144
June 1, 2004

Oil Conservation Division
1220 South St. Francis Dr.
Santa Fe, NM 87505

For drilling and production facilities, submit to appropriate NMOCD District Office.
For downstream facilities, submit to Santa Fe office

Pit or Below-Grade Tank Registration or Closure

Is pit or below-grade tank covered by a "general plan"? Yes No
Type of action: Registration of a pit or below-grade tank Closure of a pit or below-grade tank

Operator: Duke Energy Field Services, LP Telephone: 432/620-4207 e-mail address: lcward@duke-energy.com
Address: 10 Destia Dr., Suite 400-W, Midland, TX 79705
Facility or well name: Historic (Amoco State S #3) API #: N/A U/L or Qtr/Qtr Unit E Sec 32 T 22S R 38E
County: Lea Latitude 32° 21' 3.55493" Longitude 103° 5' 19.72893" NAD: 1927 1983 Surface Owner Federal State Private Indian

Pit	Below-grade tank	
Type: Drilling <input type="checkbox"/> Production <input type="checkbox"/> Disposal <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Historic - unknown</u> Workover <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency <input type="checkbox"/>	Volume: <u> </u> bbl Type of fluid: <u> </u>	
Lined <input type="checkbox"/> Unlined <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Construction material: <u> </u>	
Liner type: Synthetic <input type="checkbox"/> Thickness <u> </u> mil Clay <input type="checkbox"/>	Double-walled, with leak detection? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> if not, explain why not.	
Pit Volume <u> </u> bbl <u>unknown</u>		
Depth to ground water (vertical distance from bottom of pit to seasonal high water elevation of ground water.)	Less than 50 feet	(20 points)
	50 feet or more, but less than 100 feet	(10 points)
	<u>100 feet or more</u>	(0 points) <u>Ø</u>
Wellhead protection area: (Less than 200 feet from a private domestic water source, or less than 1000 feet from all other water sources.)	Yes	(20 points)
	No	(0 points) <u>TBD</u>
Distance to surface water: (horizontal distance to all wetlands, playas, irrigation canals, ditches, and perennial and ephemeral watercourses.)	Less than 200 feet	(20 points)
	200 feet or more, but less than 1000 feet	(10 points)
	1000 feet or more	(0 points) <u>TBD</u>
Ranking Score (Total Points)		

If this is a pit closure: (1) attach a diagram of the facility showing the pit's relationship to other equipment and tanks. (2) Indicate disposal location: (check the onsite box if you are burying in place) onsite offsite If offsite, name of facility TBD (3) Attach a general description of remedial action taken including remediation start date and end date. (4) Groundwater encountered: No Yes If yes, show depth below ground surface ft. and attach sample results. (5) Attach soil sample results and a diagram of sample locations and excavations.

Additional Comments: The pit was discovered on 7/7/04. The pit is a historic pit that DEFS intends to close in accordance with the Unlined Surface Impoundment Closure Guidelines (February 1993). The pit is approximately 20' x 20' in size, located in Unit E, Section 32, T22S, R38E. Environmental Plus, Inc. has been retained by DEFS to perform delineation of the pit and will also provide all written correspondence. The equipment remaining on location includes a separator which signage indicates belongs to John H. Hendrix Corporation, and a meter loop belonging to DEFS and which is scheduled for removal. The pit origins are unknown.
While DEFS does not claim to have constructed or operated the pit and acquired the pit through an acquisition, DEFS has determined that the pit does require closure.

I hereby certify that the information above is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. I further certify that the above-described pit or below-grade tank has been/will be constructed or closed according to NMOCD guidelines , a general permit , or an (attached) alternative OGD-approved plan .

Date: 7/30/04

Printed Name/Title: Lynn Ward, Sr. Environmental Specialist

Signature: Lynn Ward

Your certification and NMOCD approval of this application/closure does not relieve the operator of liability should the contents of the pit or tank contaminate ground water or otherwise endanger public health or the environment. Nor does it relieve the operator of its responsibility for compliance with any other federal, state, or local laws and/or regulations.

Approval:

Printed Name/Title

Signature

Date:

Duke Energy Field Services Site Information and Metrics		Incident Date: Historical	NMOCD Notified: Not Applicable		
Site: TT 1115		Assigned Site Reference #: 130007			
Company: Duke Energy Field Services					
Street Address:					
Mailing Address: 11525 West Carlsbad Highway					
City, State, Zip: Hobbs, New Mexico 88240					
Representative: Paul Mulkey					
Representative Telephone: (505) 397-5716					
Telephone:					
Fluid volume released (bbls): Unknown		Recovered (bbls): 0 barrels			
>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. (Also applies to unauthorized releases of 50-500 mcf Natural Gas)					
Leak, Spill, or Pit (LSP) Name: TT 115					
Source of contamination: Historic Burn Pit					
Land Owner, i.e., BLM, ST, Fee, Other: D. K. Boyd Oil & Gas					
LSP Dimensions: 20 feet by 20 feet					
LSP Area: ≈400 ft ²					
Location of Reference Point (RP):					
Location distance and direction from RP:					
Latitude: N 32° 21' 3.55493"					
Longitude: W 103° 5' 19.72893"					
Elevation above mean sea level: 3,355					
Feet from South Section Line:					
Feet from West Section Line:					
Location- Unit or ¼: SW¼ of the NW¼		Unit Letter: E			
Location- Section: 32					
Location- Township: T22S					
Location- Range: R38E					
Surface water body within 1000' radius of site: none					
Domestic water wells within 1000' radius of site: none					
Agricultural water wells within 1000' radius of site: none					
Public water supply wells within 1000' radius of site: none					
Depth from land surface to ground water (DG): >100' below ground surface					
Depth of contamination (DC): ≈ 5'					
Depth to ground water (DG - DC = DtGW): >100'					
1. Ground Water		2. Wellhead Protection Area		3. Distance to Surface Water Body	
If Depth to GW <50 feet: 20 points		If <1,000' from water source, or, <200' from private domestic water source: 20 points		<200 horizontal feet: 20 points	
If Depth to GW 50 to 99 feet: 10 points		If >1,000' from water source, or, >200' from private domestic water source: 0 points		200-100 horizontal feet: 10 points	
If Depth to GW >100 feet: 0 points				>1,000 horizontal feet: 0 points	
Ground water Score = 0		Wellhead Protection Area Score = 0		Surface Water Score = 0	
Site Rank (1+2+3) = 0					
Total Site Ranking Score and Acceptable Concentrations					
Parameter	>19	10-19	0-9		
Benzene ¹	10 ppm	10 ppm	10 ppm		
BTEX ¹	50 ppm	50 ppm	50 ppm		
TPH	100 ppm	1,000 ppm	5,000 ppm		
¹ 100 ppm field VOC headspace measurement may be substituted for lab analysis					

APPENDIX II
PROJECT PHOTOGRAPHS

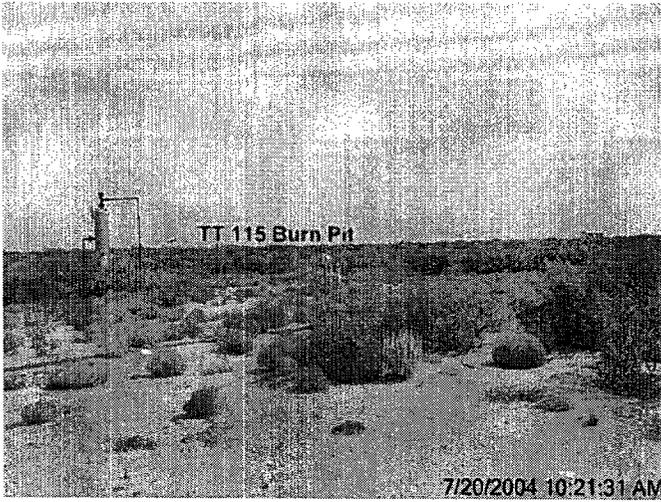


Photo #1: Release area, looking northerly.

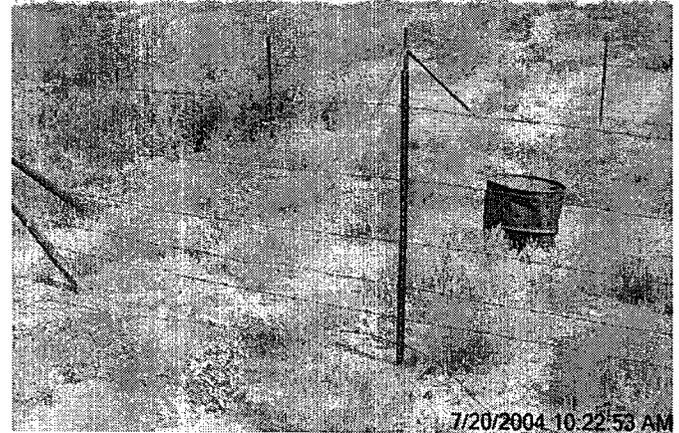


Photo #2: Burn pit, looking northeasterly.



Photo #3: Barrel in burn pit, looking northwesterly.

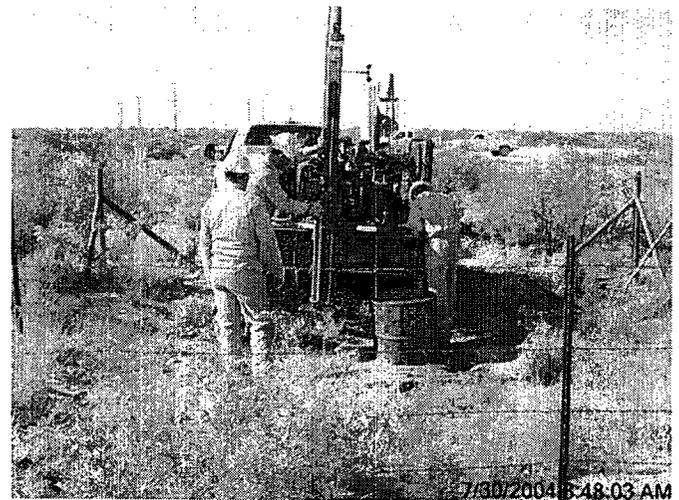


Photo #4: Advancement of soil boring, looking southerly.

APPENDIX III
ANALYTICAL RESULTS
AND
CHAIN-OF-CUSTODY FORM



PHONE (325) 673-7001 • 2111 BEECHWOOD • ABILENE, TX 79603

PHONE (505) 393-2326 • 101 E. MARLAND • HOBBS, NM 88240

ANALYTICAL RESULTS FOR
 ENVIRONMENTAL PLUS, INC.
 ATTN: IAIN OLNESS
 P.O. BOX 1558
 EUNICE, NM 88231
 FAX TO: (505) 394-2601

Receiving Date: 07/30/04
 Reporting Date: 08/03/04
 Project Number: 130007
 Project Name: DEFS TT115
 Project Location: NOT GIVEN

Sampling Date: NOT GIVEN
 Sample Type: SOIL
 Sample Condition: COOL & INTACT
 Sample Received By: HM
 Analyzed By: BC

LAB NO.	SAMPLE ID	GRO (C ₈ -C ₁₀) (mg/Kg)	DRO (>C ₁₀ -C ₂₈) (mg/Kg)	BENZENE (mg/Kg)	TOLUENE (mg/Kg)	ETHYL BENZENE (mg/Kg)	TOTAL XYLENES (mg/Kg)
ANALYSIS DATE:		08/02/04	08/02/04	08/02/04	08/02/04	08/02/04	08/02/04
H8962-1	DETT115073004TOPSOIL	<10.0	498	<0.005	<0.005	<0.005	<0.015
H8962-2	DETT115073004 5'	<10.0	32.5	<0.005	<0.005	<0.005	<0.015
Quality Control		785	749	0.086	0.101	0.091	0.273
True Value QC		800	800	0.100	0.100	0.100	0.300
% Recovery		98.1	93.7	86.4	101	91.1	91.0
Relative Percent Difference		0.6	2.2	7.3	3.0	0.5	2.7

METHODS: TPH GRO & DRO - EPA SW-846 8015 M; BTEX - SW-846 8260.

Burgess J. A. Cooke, Ph. D.

8/13/04
 Date

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