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**GENERAL  
CORRESPONDENCE**

**YEAR(S):**

1999 - 1997



NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS  
& NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION  
2040 South Pacheco Street  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505  
(505) 827-7131

October 20, 1999

**CERTIFIED MAIL**  
**RETURN RECEIPT NO. P-326-936-653**

Mr. V. Ed Butler  
Northland Operating Company  
13760 Noel Road  
Suite 1030  
Dallas, TX 75240-7336

**RE: Pit Closure Approval**  
**Northland Operating Company**  
**SE/4, NE/4, Section 25, Township 13 South, Range 31 East, NMPM**  
**Chaves County, New Mexico**

Dear Mr. Butler:

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has received the Northland Operating Company (Northland) pit remediation and closure report dated February 27, 1998, regarding the pit closures at the above referenced location. The OCD has reviewed the information provided by Northland on the **three saltwater disposal overflow pits**. The pit sites have been remediated, filled, compacted and contoured according to the OCD requirements. **The Rock Queen Unit Saltwater Plant #2 pit closures are hereby approved.**

Please be advised that this approval does not relieve Northland of liability should their operation result in pollution of surface water, ground water, or the environment. In addition, OCD approval does not relieve Northland of liability for compliance with other laws and/or regulation.

If you require any further information please contact me at (505) 827-7153.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Martyne J. Kieling".

Martyne J. Kieling  
Environmental Geologist

xc: Hobbs OCD Office  
Jim Hull, Northland Operating



QUEEN SAND RESOURCES, INC.

# FAX

13760 Noel Rd.  
Suite 1030, Stone Tower  
Dallas, TX 75240-7336  
Tel: (972) 233-9906  
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30 Metcalfe Street  
Suite 620  
Ottawa, Canada K1P 5L4  
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1415 Louisiana  
Suite 2601  
Houston, TX 77002  
Tel: (713) 752-1920  
Fax: (713) 752-1942

Date: 10/19/99

To: MARTINE KIELWC

Attention:

Fax Number: 505-827-5177

From: NORTHLAND OPERATIONS - Jim Hull C 972-383-8260

## MESSAGE:

MARTINE -

Hi! SORRY WE KEEP MISSING EACH OTHER.  
FOLLOWING ARE COPIES OF TWO LETTERS  
WRITTEN BY YOU REGARDING OUR PIT  
CLOSURES. YOUR LETTER DATED 4/13/99  
GIVES FINAL PIT CLOSURE APPROVAL ON ROCK  
QUEEN TRACT 20.

PLEASE ISSUE LETTER INDICATING FINAL APPROVAL  
ON PIT CLOSURES IN SECTION 25 (YOUR LETTER DATED  
3/7/99 IS LAST CORRESPONDENCE I CAN FIND).  
WE ARE CHANGING BANKS & NEW BANK IS  
REQUESTING DOCUMENTATION. THANKS -

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**NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS  
& NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT**OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION  
2040 South Pacheco Street  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505  
(505) 827-7121

April 13, 1999

**CERTIFIED MAIL**  
**RETURN RECEIPT NO. P-326-936-529**Mr. V. Ed Butler  
Northland Operating Company  
13760 Noel Road  
Suite 1030  
Dallas, TX 75240-7336RE: Pit Closure Approval  
Northland Operating Company  
SE/4, NW/4, Section 30, Township 13 South, Range 32 East, NMPM  
Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Butler:

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has received the Northland Operating Company (Northland) pit remediation and closure report dated December 30, 1998 and April 7, 1999 regarding the pit closures at the above referenced location. The OCD has reviewed the information provided by Northland on the lined pit and the non-exempt (non-hazardous) pit. The pit sites have been remediated, filled, compacted and contoured according to the OCD requirements outlined in the November 19, 1998 letter. The Rock Queen Unit Tract 20 pit closures are hereby approved.

Please be advised that this approval does not relieve Northland of liability should their operation result in pollution of surface water, ground water, or the environment. In addition, OCD approval does not relieve Northland of liability for compliance with other laws and/or regulation.

If you require any further information please contact me at (505) 827-7153.

Sincerely,

  
Martyne J. Kieling  
Environmental Geologistxc: Hobbs OCD Office  
Mike Manush, State Land Office  
Leon Anderson, Hobbs, State Land Office

**NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS  
& NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT**OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION  
2040 South Pacheco Street  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505  
(505) 827-7131

March 31, 1998

**CERTIFIED MAIL**  
**RETURN RECEIPT NO. P-326-936-414**

RECEIVED

4-6-98

Mr. V. Ed Butler  
Northland Operating Company  
3500 Oak Lawn  
Suite 380  
Dallas, TX 75219-4398

**RE: Pit Closure Report**  
**Northland Operating Company**  
**SE/4 NE/4, Section 25, Township 13 South, Range 31 East, NMPM**  
**Chaves County, New Mexico**

Dear Mr. Butler:

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has received the Northland Operating Company (Northland) letter and requested documentation dated February 27, 1998 regarding the pit closures at the above referenced location. The OCD has reviewed all of the material supplied by Northland regarding the three saltwater disposal overflow pits and finds it complete. Northland may proceed with back-filling the pit excavations.

The OCD hereby approves the pit closure report. Upon written notification to the Santa Fe and Hobbs OCD offices of completion of backfilling final closure of pits may be approved.

If you require any further information please contact me at (505) 827-7153.

Sincerely,

Martyne J. Kieling  
Environmental Geologist

xc: Hobbs OCD Office  
Ed Morney, Field Superintendent, Northland, P.O. Box 119, Maljamar, NM 88264

MEMORANDUM OF MEETING OR CONVERSATION

<input type="checkbox"/> Telephone	<input type="checkbox"/> Personal	Time	Date 10-20-99
<u>Originating Party</u>		<u>Other Parties</u>	
<u>Subject</u>			
<u>Discussion</u>			
Note to File Pitsat SE/4 NE/4 Sec 25, T13S, R3, E. WMPM <del>State</del> Chaves County.			
Pits are Back Filled + Mounded when Last Field Inspection Occured Spring 1998 5-18-98 At 15:35 +			
<u>Conclusions or Agreements</u>			
<u>Distribution</u>		Signed <i>Martin J. Kauf</i>	



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March 31, 1998

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SE/4 NE/4, Section 25, Township 13 South, Range 31 East, NMPM  
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Sincerely,

Martyne J. Kieling  
Environmental Geologist

xc: Hobbs OCD Office  
Ed Morney, Field Superintendent, Northland, P.O. Box 119, Maljamar, NM 88264



NMOCB: ID#. 022994 By: W Price #1  
Date/Time: Jan 12, 1998 11am  
Site/Co. Northland Operating Co.  
Location: UL H sec 25-Ts13s-R31e  
Subject: Looking SW. SWD Inj St  
north pit, has been excavated.



NMOCD: ID#. 022994 By: W Price #2  
Date/Time: Jan 12, 1998 11am  
Site/Co. Northland Operating Co.  
Location: UL H sec 25-Ts13s-R31e  
Subject: Looking S. SWD Inj St  
pits, has been excavated.

BORE  
HOLE



NMOCID: ID#. 022994 By: W Price #3  
Date/Time: Jan 12, 1998 11am  
Site/Co. Northland Operating Co.  
Location: UL H sec 25-Ts13s-R31e  
Subject: Looking West. SWD Inj St  
center pit bore hole.



NMOCD: ID#. 022994 By: W Price #4  
Date/Time: Jan 12, 1998 11am  
Site/Co. Northland Operating Co.  
Location: UL H sec 25-Ts13s-R31e  
Subject: Looking NE. SWD Inj St  
center pit bore hole.



NMOCD: ID#. 022994 By: W Price #5  
Date/Time: Jan 12, 1998 11am  
Site/Co. Northland Operating Co.  
Location: UL H sec 25-Ts13s-R31e  
Subject: Looking SW. SWD Inj St  
Berm holding snow water.



NMOCD: ID#. 022994 By: W Price #6  
Date/Time: Jan 12, 1998 11am  
Site/Co. Northland Operating Co.  
Location: UL H sec 25-Ts13s-R31e  
Subject: Looking West. SWD Inj St  
Berm & Sec. Containment for tk.

**ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT**

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

2040 S. PACHECO

SANTA FE, NM 87505

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Environmental Bureau  
Oil Conservation Division

Northland Operating Company

3500 Oak Lawn, L.B. #31

Dallas, Texas 75219-4398

February 27, 1998



Ms. Martyne J. Kieling, Environmental Geologist  
Environmental Bureau - OCD  
New Mexico Energy, Minerals & Natural Resources  
2040 South Pacheco  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

Re: Pit Closures - SE/4 NE/4 Section 25, T13S, R31E, NMPM  
Chaves County, New Mexico

Dear Ms. Kieling:

In response to your letter dated February 17, 1998, the enclosed information is provided. The file copy of our earlier transmittal contained a copy of the chain of custody form for the Cardinal BTEX analysis requested in your item 1. Chain of custody forms for the playa and ground water samples taken in November requested under your item 2 are enclosed along with the laboratory reports for those samples. We have taken the liberty of also enclosing new water sample analyses requested by Mr. Bill Olson in your office. Mr. Olson requested analysis of both playa water and produced saltwater. The chain of custody forms for these samples is attached to the laboratory reports.

The Pit Remediation and Closure Reports for the three pits at this site have been signed and dated. The forms were not provided to you earlier since our February 4 letter was a simple request that you review the work that had been done at this site and give you the chance to note any deficiencies in the work that has been done. As soon as your requirements for these sites are satisfied, Northland will promptly proceed with back-filling operations for these three pits.

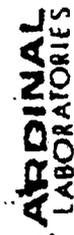
Respectfully,

John E. Rhoads  
Agent

Cc: Mr. Wayne Price, OCD, Hobbs  
Mr. Ed Butler

**CHAIN OF CUSTODY AND ANALYSIS REQUEST**

800-814-1111, 900-814-1111, 814-1111, 814-1111  
 1000 N. 10th St., Erie, PA 16512



Company Name: ABC Abraham operators  
 Project Manager: Dr. F. Dean  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone #: 505-397-6500  
 Fax #: 397-0997  
 Project #: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Project Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Project Location: Soft water pit #2

LAB ID. #	Sample I.D.	CONTAINER OR STORAGE				MATRIX				SAMPLING			
		GLASS	PLASTIC	OTHER	OTHER	SOIL	ROCK	SLUDGE	OTHER	ICE/COOL	OTHER	DATE	TIME
<u>H 3538</u>	<u>Sample #1</u>											<u>11-27-97</u>	<u>10:00 A.</u>
	<u>#2</u>											<u>12-27-97</u>	<u>10:00 A.</u>
	<u>#3</u>											<u>11-27-97</u>	<u>10:00 A.</u>

Company: ABC  
 Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Fax #: \_\_\_\_\_

Received By: [Signature] Date: 11-27-97  
 Time: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Received By: [Signature] Date: 12/27/97  
 Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Delivered By: (Circle One)  
 UPS - Fed Ex - Bus - Other: \_\_\_\_\_

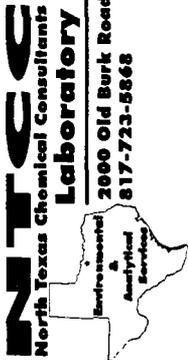
Checked By: [Signature]

Additional Fee:  Yes  No

15053932476

CHAIN OF CUSTODY





# CHAIN OF CUSTODY RECORD

No 2921

<b>CUSTOMER INFORMATION</b>		REQUIRED TURNAROUND TIME: <input type="checkbox"/> NORMAL <input type="checkbox"/> EXPEDITED*																
COMPANY: <u>NTCC LABORATORY</u>		* expedited service may require surcharge																
SEND REPORT TO: <u>R.J. WILLIAMS</u>		SHIPMENT METHOD: <u>ups</u>	DATE: <u>11/24/97</u>															
ADDRESS: <u>2000 Old Burk Road</u>		CUSTODY SEALED: <u>YLS</u>	DATE: <u>11/20/97</u>															
CITY: <u>WICHITA FALLS</u>	STATE: <u>TX</u>	NTCC LABORATORY JOB NUMBER: <u>JR-000</u>																
TELEPHONE: <u>940-723-5222</u>	FAX: <u>940-723-5222</u>	COMMENTS:																
<b>BILLING INFORMATION</b>		<b>REQUESTED ANALYSES</b>																
ADDRESS: <u>(SAMPLE)</u>	STATE: _____	_____	_____															
CITY: _____	ZIP: _____	_____	_____															
PO NUMBER: _____	TERMS: _____	_____	_____															
<b>PROJECT INFORMATION</b>																		
LOCATION: <u>NORTHLAND OPERATING</u>	NUMBER: _____	_____	_____															
CITY: <u>WICHITA FALLS</u>	STATE: _____	_____	_____															
SAMPLER: <u>JOHAN RHODES</u>	SIGNATURE: _____	_____	_____															
NTCC LAB ID	SAMPLE FIELD DESCRIPTION	SAMPLE DATE	SAMPLE TIME	SAMPLE MATRIX	TYPE G C	PRESERVATIVE	NUMBER OF CONTAINERS	RECEIVED BY:	DATE:	TIME:	RECEIVED BY:	DATE:	TIME:	RECEIVED BY:	DATE:	TIME:	COMMENTS	
JR001	WICHITA WATER	11/20/97	12:00	H	X	YLC	2		11/24/97	2:30		11/24/97						14250-1
JR002	WICHITA WATER	11/20/97	12:20	H	X	YLC	2											2
JR003	FRESH WATER	11/20/97	12:50	H	X	YLC	2											3
ORIGINAL																		
RELINQUISHED BY: <u>[Signature]</u>																		
RELINQUISHED BY:																		
RELINQUISHED BY:																		
RECEIVED IN LABORATORY BY: <u>[Signature]</u>																		
										DATE: <u>11-25-97</u> TIME: <u>10:35</u>								



**NTCC**  
**North Texas Chemical Consultants**  
**Laboratory**



2000 Old Burk Road Wichita Falls Texas 76304-1714  
 940-723-5868 / Fax 940-723-5886

*Sample Submitted By:* Northland Operating  
 719 Scott Suite 624  
 Wichita Falls, Texas 76301

*Attention:* John Rhodes

*Report Date:* December 9, 1997

*Report Number:* JR-003

*Received Date:* November 22, 1997

*Received Time:* 1401

*Chain of Custody #:* 2920

**SAMPLE ID:** Freshwater/Surfwater - November 20, 1997; 1250 Grab

Parameter	Method	Detection Limit mg/L	Analyst	Analyzed		Results mg/L
				Date	Time	
Dissolved Solids, Total	160.1	1.	JQ	12/02	1630	9399.
Chloride, as Cl <sup>-</sup>	325.3	1.	JQ	12/02	1730	5346.

R.J. Williams, Ph.D.  
 President

Methods utilized are from "Methods for Chemical Analysis of Water and Wastes" EPA-600/4-79-020, "Test Methods for Evaluating Solid Waste EPA-SW846", and "Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater" 18th Edition.



# Intertek Testing Services Environmental Laboratories

## ANALYTICAL REPORT

DATE RECEIVED : 25-NOV-1997

REPORT NUMBER : D97-14250

REPORT DATE : 30-NOV-1997

ATTENTION : R.J. Williams  
SAMPLE SUBMITTED BY : North Texas Chemical Consultants Laboratory,  
ADDRESS : 2000 Old Burk Road  
: Wichita Falls, Tx. 76304

PROJECT : JR-000

Included in this data package are the analytical results for the sample group which you have submitted to Intertek Testing Services for analysis. These results are representative of the samples as received by the laboratory.

The information contained herein has undergone extensive review and is deemed accurate and complete. Sample analysis and quality control were performed in accordance with all applicable protocols. Please refrain from reproducing this report except in its entirety.

If you have any questions regarding this report and its associated materials please call your Project Manager at (972) 238-5591.

We appreciate the opportunity to serve you and look forward to providing continued service in the future.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Martin Jeffus'.

Martin Jeffus  
General Manager



# Intertek Testing Services Environmental Laboratories

DATE RECEIVED : 25-NOV-1997

REPORT NUMBER : D97-14250-1

REPORT DATE : 30-NOV-1997

SAMPLE SUBMITTED BY : North Texas Chemical Consultants Laboratory,  
ADDRESS : 2000 Old Burk Road  
Wichita Falls, Tx. 76304  
ATTENTION : R.J. Williams

SAMPLE MATRIX : Water  
ID MARKS : JR001  
PROJECT : JR-000  
DATE SAMPLED : 21-NOV-1997  
ANALYSIS METHOD : EPA 8020B /1  
ANALYZED BY : CNA  
ANALYZED ON : 27-NOV-1997  
DILUTION FACTOR : 1  
METHOD FACTOR : 1  
QC BATCH NO : 34-112697

BTEX ANALYSIS		
TEST REQUESTED	DETECTION LIMIT	RESULTS
Benzene	1.0 µg/L	< 1.0 µg/L
Toluene	1.0 µg/L	< 1.0 µg/L
Ethyl benzene	1.0 µg/L	< 1.0 µg/L
Xylenes	1.0 µg/L	< 1.0 µg/L
BTEX (total)		< 1.0 µg/L #

QUALITY CONTROL DATA		
SURROGATE COMPOUND		SPIKE RECOVERED
Bromofluorobenzene		99.6 %

# Based upon Good Laboratory Practice, the result is rounded to the appropriate number of significant figures.

Intertek Testing Services NA Inc.  
1089 East Collins Boulevard Richardson, TX 75081  
Telephone (972) 238-5591 Fax (972) 238-5592



# Intertek Testing Services Environmental Laboratories

DATE RECEIVED : 25-NOV-1997

REPORT NUMBER : D97-14250-2

REPORT DATE : 30-NOV-1997

SAMPLE SUBMITTED BY : North Texas Chemical Consultants Laboratory,  
ADDRESS : 2000 Old Burk Road  
: Wichita Falls, Tx. 76304  
ATTENTION : R.J. Williams

SAMPLE MATRIX : Water  
ID MARKS : JR002  
PROJECT : JR-000  
DATE SAMPLED : 21-NOV-1997  
ANALYSIS METHOD : EPA 8020B /1  
ANALYZED BY : CNA  
ANALYZED ON : 27-NOV-1997  
DILUTION FACTOR : 1  
METHOD FACTOR : 1  
QC BATCH NO : 34-112697

BTEX ANALYSIS			
TEST REQUESTED	DETECTION LIMIT	RESULTS	
Benzene	1.0 $\mu\text{g/L}$	<	1.0 $\mu\text{g/L}$
Toluene	1.0 $\mu\text{g/L}$	<	1.0 $\mu\text{g/L}$
Ethyl benzene	1.0 $\mu\text{g/L}$	<	1.0 $\mu\text{g/L}$
Xylenes	1.0 $\mu\text{g/L}$	<	1.0 $\mu\text{g/L}$
BTEX (total)		<	1.0 $\mu\text{g/L}$ #

QUALITY CONTROL DATA		
SURROGATE COMPOUND		SPIKE RECOVERED
Bromofluorobenzene		99.1 %

# Based upon Good Laboratory Practice, the result is rounded to the appropriate number of significant figures.

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# Intertek Testing Services Environmental Laboratories

DATE RECEIVED : 25-NOV-1997

REPORT NUMBER : D97-14250-3

REPORT DATE : 30-NOV-1997

SAMPLE SUBMITTED BY : North Texas Chemical Consultants Laboratory,  
ADDRESS : 2000 Old Burk Road  
: Wichita Falls, Tx. 76304  
ATTENTION : R.J. Williams

SAMPLE MATRIX : Water  
ID MARKS : JR003  
PROJECT : JR-000  
DATE SAMPLED : 21-NOV-1997  
ANALYSIS METHOD : EPA 8020B /1  
ANALYZED BY : CNA  
ANALYZED ON : 27-NOV-1997  
DILUTION FACTOR : 1  
METHOD FACTOR : 1  
QC BATCH NO : 34-112697

BTEX ANALYSIS			
TEST REQUESTED	DETECTION LIMIT	RESULTS	
Benzene	1.0 $\mu\text{g/L}$	<	1.0 $\mu\text{g/L}$
Toluene	1.0 $\mu\text{g/L}$	<	1.0 $\mu\text{g/L}$
Ethyl benzene	1.0 $\mu\text{g/L}$	<	1.0 $\mu\text{g/L}$
Xylenes	1.0 $\mu\text{g/L}$	<	1.0 $\mu\text{g/L}$
BTEX (total)		<	1.0 $\mu\text{g/L}$ #

QUALITY CONTROL DATA		
SURROGATE COMPOUND		SPIKE RECOVERED
Bromofluorobenzene		101 %

# Based upon Good Laboratory Practice, the result is rounded to the appropriate number of significant figures.

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# Intertek Testing Services Environmental Laboratories

REPORT DATE : 30-NOV-1997

REPORT NUMBER : D97-14250

SAMPLE SUBMITTED BY : North Texas Chemical Consultants Laboratory,  
ATTENTION : R.J. Williams  
PROJECT : JR-000

## LABORATORY QUALITY CONTROL REPORT

ANALYTE	Benzene	Ethylbenzene
BATCH NO.	34-112697	34-112697
LCS LOT NO.	AC033-85B	AC033-85B
PREP METHOD	---	---
PREPARED BY	---	---
ANALYSIS METHOD	EPA 8020B	EPA 8020B
ANALYZED BY	CNA	CNA
UNITS	$\mu\text{g/L}$	$\mu\text{g/L}$
METHOD BLANK	< 1.00	< 1.00
SPIKE LEVEL	500	500
SPK REC LIMITS	75.0 - 125	75.0 - 125
SPK RPD LIMITS	20.0	20.0
MS RESULT	530	537
MS RECOVERY %	106	107
MSD RESULT	513	518
MSD RECOVERY %	103	104
MS/MSD RPD %	3.26	3.60
BS RESULT	NA	NA
BS RECOVERY %	NA	NA
BSD RESULT	NA	NA
BSD RECOVERY %	NA	NA
BS/BSD RPD %	NA	NA
DUP RPD LIMITS	---	---
DUPLICATE RPD %	NA	NA
LCS LEVEL	50.0	50.0
LCS REC LIMITS	75.0 - 125	75.0 - 125
LCS RESULT	52.1	52.9
LCS RECOVERY %	104	106
SPIKE SAMPLE ID	14251-7	14251-7
SAMPLE VALUE	< 1.00	< 1.00
DUP SAMPLE ID	---	---
DUP SAMPLE VAL/1	---	---
DUP SAMPLE VAL/2	---	---

NA

Not applicable

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1089 East Collins Boulevard Richardson, TX 75081  
Telephone (972) 238-5591 Fax (972) 238-5592

**CHAIN OF CUSTODY RECORD**

No 3213

**CUSTOMER INFORMATION**

COMPANY: *Northland Operating*  
 SEND REPORT TO: *John Rhoads*  
 ADDRESS: *719 Scott Suite 684*  
 CITY: *W Falls TX* STATE: *Texas* ZIP: *76301*  
 TELEPHONE: *940-783-8511* FAX: *940-766-3089*

**BILLING INFORMATION**

ADDRESS: *3500 Oak Lawn LB # 31*  
 CITY: *Dallas* STATE: *Texas* ZIP: *75219-4398*  
 PO NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ TERMS: \_\_\_\_\_

**REQUIRED TURNAROUND TIME:**  NORMAL  EXPEDITED \*  
 \* expedited service may require surcharge

SHIPMENT METHOD: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
 CUSTODY SEALED: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
 NTC LABORATORY JOB NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_  
 COMMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_

**PROJECT INFORMATION**

LOCATION: *Tract 20 Rick Green* NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_  
 CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: *New Mexico* ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_  
 SAMPLER: *John Rhoads* SIGNATURE: *John Rhoads*

NTCC LAB ID	SAMPLE ID AND FIELD DESCRIPTION	SAMPLE DATE	SAMPLE TIME	SAMPLE MATRIX	PIPE G C	PRESERVATIVE	NUMBER OF CONTAINERS	ANALYSES	DATE	TIME
JR006	1-SW	2/2	12:15	NATN G		-	1	BTEX METAL Na, Ca HCO <sub>3</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup> , Cl <sup>-</sup>		
JR007	2-SW	2/2	12:22	NATN G		HNO <sub>3</sub>	1			
JR005	2-Flange	2/2	12:40	NATN		C HNO <sub>3</sub>	1			
JR009	3-Flange	2/2	12:45	NATN		C	2			
<del>JR011</del>	<del>4-Flange</del>	<del>2/2</del>	<del>12:45</del>	<del>NATN</del>		<del>C</del>	<del>1</del>			

*See and  
 Plans taken  
 analysis -  
 for Bill Olan  
 Treatment SW also*

**RELINQUISHED BY:** *John Rhoads* DATE: *2/3/93* TIME: *11:40A* RECEIVED BY: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ TIME: \_\_\_\_\_

**RELINQUISHED BY:** \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ TIME: \_\_\_\_\_ RECEIVED BY: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ TIME: \_\_\_\_\_

**RECEIVED IN LABORATORY BY:** \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ TIME: \_\_\_\_\_

CHAIN OF CUSTODY RECORD

No 3217

CUSTOMER INFORMATION

COMPANY: NORTHSTAR OPERATING  
 SEND REPORT TO: R. WILLIAMS  
 ADDRESS: 2000 Old Burk Road  
 CITY: WICHITA FALLS STATE: TX ZIP: 76704  
 TELEPHONE: 940-723-5712 FAX: 940-723-5868  
 BILLING INFORMATION

REQUIRED TURNAROUND TIME:  NORMAL  EXPEDITED \*  
 \* expedited service may require surcharge  
 SHIPMENT METHOD: UPS DATE: 02/27/98  
 CUSTODY SEALED: YES DATE: 02/27/98  
 NTCC LABORATORY JOB NUMBER:  
 COMMENTS:  
 REQUESTED ANALYSES

PROJECT INFORMATION

LOCATION: TRACT 20 RICK QUINN NUMBER:  
 CITY: STATE: TX ZIP:  
 SIGNATURE: NTCC

NTCC LAB ID	SAMPLE ID AND FIELD DESCRIPTION	SAMPLE DATE	SAMPLE TIME	SAMPLE MATRIX	TYPE G   C	PRESERVATIVE	NUMBER OF CONTAINERS
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12007	2-SW	2/2/98	12:25	P	X	PH 22 H2O2	1
12008	2-PLA2A	2/2/98	12:44	P	X	PH 22 H2O2	1
12009	3-PLA2A	2/2/98	12:45	P	X	PH 22 H2O2	2
12010	3-SW	2/2/98	12:22	P	X	PH 22 H2O2	1

ICP METALS: AL, AR, BA, B, CD, CR, CO, CU, FE	PH, MA, MO, NI, AS, ZN	AA METALS: Hg, Se	BTEX	Alkalinity	REQUESTED ANALYSES	COMMENTS
X	X	X	X	X		1064-1
						7we

ORIGINAL

REINQUISHED BY: [Signature] DATE: 2/4/98 TIME: 15:00 RECEIVED BY: [Signature] DATE: 2-5-98 TIME: 1035  
 RECEIVED IN LABORATORY BY: [Signature]

SAMPLE RECEIVING CHECKLIST / COOLER RECEIPT

Customer: NTCC

Date received: 2-5-98

Project: Tract 20 RAK Queen

Login Signature: B. Wilcox

Date: 2-5-98

Cooler Information:

Shipping Carrier: FedEx  DHL  UPS  USPS  Pony  Airborne  Hand  Other

YES  NO  Aircell Attached?

YES  NO  Custody Seals Type: Tape CCC Seals  Signed Tape

YES  NO  Seals Intact?

Cooler Temp: 4°C Ice-present  Ice-melted  Ice Substitute  None

YES  NO  Were Containers Intact (no leaking or broken bottles)?

YES  NO  Were sample labels intact and in good condition?

CCC / Sample Information:

YES  NO  Do the sample labels agree with the CCC?

YES  NO  Sufficient Sample Provided?

YES  NO  Is it clear what analysis are needed?

YES  NO  Were samples received in cold time?

YES  NO  Short holding parameters flagged / As notified

Person(s) notified: \_\_\_\_\_ time: \_\_\_\_\_

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**SAMPLE PRESERVATION INFORMATION SHEET**

Preserved By	BDF	<b>JOB NUMBER</b>	1064
Date	2-9-98		
Time		Client Name	NTCC

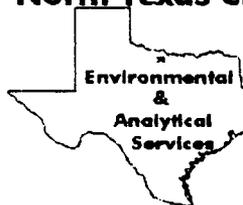
Sample No.	Container Type	Apparent Volume (mLs)	pH (of preserved samples)	Preservative Added	Filtration	Comments
1064-1	1G	1L	12	3		metals
-2	1	500mls	1	1		
X Preserved by client						
2-9-98 BDF						

**PRESERVATION / FILTRATION KEY**

- |                                            |                                                            |                                      |
|--------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1 = Pre-preserved                          | 5 = NaOH to pH>12                                          | F = Chain-of-Custody indicates       |
| 2 = H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> to pH<2 | 6 = Na <sub>2</sub> S <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> (0.008%) | sample was filtered in the field     |
| 3 = HNO <sub>3</sub> to pH<2               | 7 = 2 mL Zn OAc/NaOH to pH>12                              | L = Sample filtered (0.45 µm) in the |
| 4 = HCl to pH<2                            | 8 = No Preservative Required                               | laboratory before preservation       |

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*Richard C. S. Hunter*

Sample Submitted By: Northland Operating  
719 Scott Suite 624  
Wichita Falls, Texas 76301  
Attention: John Rhodes

Report Date: February 19, 1998 [Revised Copy]  
Report Number: JR-006  
Received Date: February 3, 1998  
Received Time: 1140  
Chain of Custody #: 3213

SAMPLE ID: 1-SW - February 2, 1998; 1215 Grab						
Parameter	Method	Detection Limit mg/L	Analyst	Analyzed		Results mg/L
				Date	Time	
Sulfate, Total as SO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup>	375.4	100.	JQ	02/05	1500	1700.
Alkalinity, Total as CaCO <sub>3</sub>	310.1	1.	JQ	02/05	1830	75.
Chloride, as Cl <sup>-</sup>	325.3	1.	JQ	02/05	1730	185,100.

QUALITY CONTROL DATA					
Parameter	Blank mg/L	Standard Recovery*	Spike Recovery %	Sample Batch SD	Sample Batch CV %
Alkalinity, Total as CaCO <sub>3</sub>	0.00			1.8	2.4
Chloride, as Cl <sup>-</sup>	0.	101 %		12.8	0.3
Sulfate, Total as SO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup>	0.	96 %		70.5	4.2

\* Each Sulfate Std.: 50.0 mg/L; Chloride Std.: 100.0 mg/L.

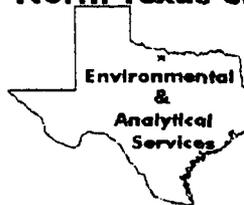
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Methods utilized are from "Methods for Chemical Analysis of Water and Wastes" EPA-600/4-79-020, "Test Methods for Evaluating Solid Waste EPA-SW846", and "Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater" 18th Edition.

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*Produced  
Saturated*

Sample Submitted By: Northland Operating  
719 Scott Suite 624  
Wichita Falls, Texas 76301  
Attention: John Rhodes

Report Date: February 26, 1998  
Report Number: JR-007  
Received Date: February 3, 1998  
Received Time: 1140  
Chain of Custody #: 3213

SAMPLE ID: 2-SW, February 2, 1998; 1220 Grab						
Parameter	Method	Detection Limit mg/L	Analyst	Analyzed Date Time		Results mg/L
Calcium, Total	215.1	0.02	RW	02/11	2020	2101.
Sodium, Total	273.1	0.1	RW	02/12	2235	66,975.

QUALITY CONTROL DATA					
Parameter	Blank mg/L	Standard Recovery*	Spike Recovery %	Sample Batch SD	Sample Batch CV %
Calcium, Total	0.00	99%		10.0	6.4%
Sodium, Total	0.8	105 %		0.9	0.7

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## ANALYTICAL REPORT

DATE RECEIVED : 5-FEB-1998

REPORT NUMBER : D98-1064  
REPORT DATE : 16-FEB-1998

ATTENTION : R.J. Williams  
SAMPLE SUBMITTED BY : North Texas Chemical Consultants Laboratory,  
ADDRESS : 2000 Old Burk Road  
: Wichita Falls, Tx. 76304

PROJECT : Tract 20 Rock Queen

Included in this data package are the analytical results for the sample group which you have submitted to Intertek Testing Services for analysis. These results are representative of the samples as received by the laboratory.

The information contained herein has undergone extensive review and is deemed accurate and complete. Sample analysis and quality control were performed in accordance with all applicable protocols. Please refrain from reproducing this report except in its entirety.

If you have any questions regarding this report and its associated materials please call your Project Manager at (972) 238-5591.

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Project Manager



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DATE RECEIVED : 5-FEB-1998

REPORT NUMBER : D98-1064-1

REPORT DATE : 16-FEB-1998

SAMPLE SUBMITTED BY : North Texas Chemical Consultants Laboratory,  
 ADDRESS : 2000 Old Burk Road  
 : Wichita Falls, Tx. 76304  
 ATTENTION : R.J. Williams

SAMPLE MATRIX : Liquid  
 ID MARKS : JR007  
 PROJECT : Tract 20 Rock Queen  
 DATE SAMPLED : 2-FEB-1998

TOTAL METALS		
TEST REQUESTED	DETECTION LIMIT	RESULTS
Silver /1	0.005 mg/L	0.013 mg/L
Dilution Factor : 1 Prepared using EPA 200.7 on 10-FEB-1998 by CEL Analyzed using EPA 200.7 on 12-FEB-1998 by MPE QC Batch No : AC330-13		
Aluminum /1	0.05 mg/L	< 0.05 mg/L
Dilution Factor : 1 Prepared using EPA 200.7 on 10-FEB-1998 by CEL Analyzed using EPA 200.7 on 10-FEB-1998 by GAY QC Batch No : AC330-13		
Arsenic /1	0.01 mg/L	< 0.01 mg/L
Dilution Factor : 1 Prepared using EPA 200.7 on 10-FEB-1998 by CEL Analyzed using EPA 200.7 on 10-FEB-1998 by GAY QC Batch No : AC330-13		
Barium /1	0.010 mg/L	0.111 mg/L
Dilution Factor : 1 Prepared using EPA 200.7 on 10-FEB-1998 by CEL Analyzed using EPA 200.7 on 10-FEB-1998 by GAY QC Batch No : AC330-13		
Boron /1	10 mg/L	210 mg/L
Dilution Factor : 100 Prepared using EPA 200.7 on 10-FEB-1998 by CEL Analyzed using EPA 200.7 on 13-FEB-1998 by GAY QC Batch No : AC330-13		



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TOTAL METALS			
TEST REQUESTED		DETECTION LIMIT	RESULTS
Cadmium	/1	0.005 mg/L	< 0.005 mg/L
Dilution Factor : 1 Prepared using EPA 200.7 on 10-FEB-1998 by CEL Analyzed using EPA 200.7 on 10-FEB-1998 by GAY QC Batch No : AC330-13			
Cobalt	/1	0.050 mg/L	< 0.050 mg/L
Dilution Factor : 1 Prepared using EPA 200.7 on 10-FEB-1998 by CEL Analyzed using EPA 200.7 on 10-FEB-1998 by GAY QC Batch No : AC330-13			
Chromium	/1	0.025 mg/L	< 0.025 mg/L
Dilution Factor : 1 Prepared using EPA 200.7 on 10-FEB-1998 by CEL Analyzed using EPA 200.7 on 10-FEB-1998 by GAY QC Batch No : AC330-13			
Copper	/1	0.025 mg/L	< 0.025 mg/L
Dilution Factor : 1 Prepared using EPA 200.7 on 10-FEB-1998 by CEL Analyzed using EPA 200.7 on 10-FEB-1998 by GAY QC Batch No : AC330-13			
Iron	/1	0.500 mg/L	13.6 mg/L
Dilution Factor : 1 Prepared using EPA 200.7 on 10-FEB-1998 by CEL Analyzed using EPA 200.7 on 10-FEB-1998 by GAY QC Batch No : AC330-13			
Mercury	/1	0.0002 mg/L	< 0.0002 mg/L
Dilution Factor : 1 Prepared using EPA 245.1 on 11-FEB-1998 by IH Analyzed using EPA 245.1 on 12-FEB-1998 by AH QC Batch No : AC330-25			
Manganese	/1	0.005 mg/L	4.68 mg/L
Dilution Factor : 1 Prepared using EPA 200.7 on 10-FEB-1998 by CEL Analyzed using EPA 200.7 on 10-FEB-1998 by GAY QC Batch No : AC330-13			



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TOTAL METALS		
TEST REQUESTED	DETECTION LIMIT	RESULTS
Molybdenum /1	0.025 mg/L	< 0.025 mg/L
Dilution Factor : 1 Prepared using EPA 200.7 on 10-FEB-1998 by CEL Analyzed using EPA 200.7 on 10-FEB-1998 by GAY QC Batch No : AC330-13		
Nickel /1	0.025 mg/L	< 0.025 mg/L
Dilution Factor : 1 Prepared using EPA 200.7 on 10-FEB-1998 by CEL Analyzed using EPA 200.7 on 10-FEB-1998 by GAY QC Batch No : AC330-13		
Lead /1	0.025 mg/L	< 0.025 mg/L
Dilution Factor : 1 Prepared using EPA 200.7 on 10-FEB-1998 by CEL Analyzed using EPA 200.7 on 10-FEB-1998 by GAY QC Batch No : AC330-13		
Selenium /1	0.3 mg/L	< 0.3 mg/L
Dilution Factor : 25 Prepared using EPA 206.2/270.2 on 11-FEB-1998 by CEL Analyzed using EPA 270.2 on 12-FEB-1998 by AH QC Batch No : AC330-22F		
Zinc /1	0.100 mg/L	< 0.100 mg/L
Dilution Factor : 1 Prepared using EPA 200.7 on 10-FEB-1998 by CEL Analyzed using EPA 200.7 on 10-FEB-1998 by GAY QC Batch No : AC330-13		

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*Playa water*

Sample Submitted By: Northland Operating  
719 Scott Suite 624  
Wichita Falls, Texas 76301

Attention: John Rhodes

Report Date: February 26, 1998

Report Number: JR-008

Received Date: February 3, 1998

Received Time: 1140

Chain of Custody #: 3213

SAMPLE ID: 2-Playa, February 2, 1998; 1240 Grab						
Parameter	Method	Detection Limit mg/L	Analyst	Analyzed		Results mg/L
				Date	Time	
Calcium, Total	215.1	0.02	RW	02/11	2020	147.9
Sodium, Total	273.1	0.1	RW	02/12	2235	2827.

QUALITY CONTROL DATA					
Parameter	Blank mg/L	Standard Recovery*	Spike Recovery %	Sample Batch SD	Sample Batch CV %
Calcium, Total	0.00	99%		10.0	6.4%
Sodium, Total	0.8	105 %		0.9	0.7

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Chain of Custody #: 3213

SAMPLE ID: 2-Playa, February 2, 1998; 1240 Grab						
Parameter	Method	Detection Limit mg/L	Analyst	Analyzed Date Time		Results mg/L
Sulfate, Total as SO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup>	375.4	100.	JQ	02/05	1500	23.
Chloride, as Cl <sup>-</sup>	325.3	1.	JQ	02/05	1730	5058.

QUALITY CONTROL DATA					
Parameter	Blank mg/L	Standard Recovery*	Spike Recovery %	Sample Batch SD	Sample Batch CV %
Chloride, as Cl <sup>-</sup>	0.	101 %		12.8	0.3
Sulfate, Total as SO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup>	0.	96 %		70.5	4.2

• Hach Sulfate Std. : 50.0 mg/L; Chloride Std. 100.0 mg/L.

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*Playa water*

DATE RECEIVED : 5-FEB-1998

REPORT NUMBER : D98-1064-2

REPORT DATE : 16-FEB-1998

SAMPLE SUBMITTED BY : North Texas Chemical Consultants Laboratory,  
 ADDRESS : 2000 Old Burk Road  
 : Wichita Falls, Tx. 76304  
 ATTENTION : R.J. Williams

SAMPLE MATRIX : Liquid  
 ID MARKS : JR008  
 PROJECT : ~~Tract~~ 20 Rick Queen  
 DATE SAMPLED : 2-FEB-1998

TOTAL METALS		
TEST REQUESTED	DETECTION LIMIT	RESULTS
Silver /1	0.005 mg/L	< 0.005 mg/L
Dilution Factor : 1 Prepared using EPA 200.7 on 10-FEB-1998 by CEL Analyzed using EPA 200.7 on 12-FEB-1998 by MPE QC Batch No : AC330-13		
Aluminum /1	0.05 mg/L	1.54 mg/L
Dilution Factor : 1 Prepared using EPA 200.7 on 10-FEB-1998 by CEL Analyzed using EPA 200.7 on 10-FEB-1998 by GAY QC Batch No : AC330-13		
Arsenic /1	0.01 mg/L	< 0.01 mg/L
Dilution Factor : 1 Prepared using EPA 200.7 on 10-FEB-1998 by CEL Analyzed using EPA 200.7 on 10-FEB-1998 by GAY QC Batch No : AC330-13		
Barium /1	0.010 mg/L	0.784 mg/L
Dilution Factor : 1 Prepared using EPA 200.7 on 10-FEB-1998 by CEL Analyzed using EPA 200.7 on 10-FEB-1998 by GAY QC Batch No : AC330-13		
Boron /1	1.0 mg/L	4.0 mg/L
Dilution Factor : 10 Prepared using EPA 200.7 on 10-FEB-1998 by CEL Analyzed using EPA 200.7 on 13-FEB-1998 by GAY QC Batch No : AC330-13		



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TOTAL METALS		
TEST REQUESTED	DETECTION LIMIT	RESULTS
Cadmium /1	0.001 mg/L	< 0.001 mg/L
Dilution Factor : 1 Prepared using EPA 200.7 on 10-FEB-1998 by CEL Analyzed using EPA 200.7 on 10-FEB-1998 by GAY QC Batch No : AC330-13		
Cobalt /1	0.010 mg/L	< 0.010 mg/L
Dilution Factor : 1 Prepared using EPA 200.7 on 10-FEB-1998 by CEL Analyzed using EPA 200.7 on 10-FEB-1998 by GAY QC Batch No : AC330-13		
Chromium /1	0.005 mg/L	0.007 mg/L
Dilution Factor : 1 Prepared using EPA 200.7 on 10-FEB-1998 by CEL Analyzed using EPA 200.7 on 10-FEB-1998 by GAY QC Batch No : AC330-13		
Copper /1	0.005 mg/L	< 0.005 mg/L
Dilution Factor : 1 Prepared using EPA 200.7 on 10-FEB-1998 by CEL Analyzed using EPA 200.7 on 10-FEB-1998 by GAY QC Batch No : AC330-13		
Iron /1	0.100 mg/L	0.935 mg/L
Dilution Factor : 1 Prepared using EPA 200.7 on 10-FEB-1998 by CEL Analyzed using EPA 200.7 on 10-FEB-1998 by GAY QC Batch No : AC330-13		
Mercury /1	0.0002 mg/L	< 0.0002 mg/L
Dilution Factor : 1 Prepared using EPA 245.1 on 11-FEB-1998 by IH Analyzed using EPA 245.1 on 12-FEB-1998 by AH QC Batch No : AC330-25		
Manganese /1	0.005 mg/L	0.130 mg/L
Dilution Factor : 1 Prepared using EPA 200.7 on 10-FEB-1998 by CEL Analyzed using EPA 200.7 on 10-FEB-1998 by GAY QC Batch No : AC330-13		



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TOTAL METALS		
TEST REQUESTED	DETECTION LIMIT	RESULTS
Molybdenum /1	0.005 mg/L	< 0.005 mg/L
Dilution Factor : 1 Prepared using EPA 200.7 on 10-FEB-1998 by CEL Analyzed using EPA 200.7 on 10-FEB-1998 by GAY QC Batch No : AC330-13		
Nickel /1	0.005 mg/L	0.007 mg/L
Dilution Factor : 1 Prepared using EPA 200.7 on 10-FEB-1998 by CEL Analyzed using EPA 200.7 on 10-FEB-1998 by GAY QC Batch No : AC330-13		
Lead /1	0.005 mg/L	< 0.005 mg/L
Dilution Factor : 1 Prepared using EPA 200.7 on 10-FEB-1998 by CEL Analyzed using EPA 200.7 on 10-FEB-1998 by GAY QC Batch No : AC330-13		
Selenium /1	0.002 mg/L	< 0.002 mg/L
Dilution Factor : 1 Prepared using EPA 206.2/270.2 on 11-FEB-1998 by CEL Analyzed using EPA 270.2 on 12-FEB-1998 by AH QC Batch No : AC330-22F		
Zinc /1	0.020 mg/L	< 0.020 mg/L
Dilution Factor : 1 Prepared using EPA 200.7 on 10-FEB-1998 by CEL Analyzed using EPA 200.7 on 10-FEB-1998 by GAY QC Batch No : AC330-13		



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*Playa water*

DATE RECEIVED : 5-FEB-1998

REPORT NUMBER : D98-1064-3

REPORT DATE : 16-FEB-1998

SAMPLE SUBMITTED BY : North Texas Chemical Consultants Laboratory,  
 ADDRESS : 2000 Old Burk Road  
 : Wichita Falls, Tx. 76304  
 ATTENTION : R.J. Williams

SAMPLE MATRIX : Liquid  
 ID MARKS : ~~JR009~~  
 PROJECT : Tract 20 Rock Queen  
 DATE SAMPLED : 2-FEB-1998  
 ANALYSIS METHOD : EPA 602 /1  
 ANALYZED BY : CNA  
 ANALYZED ON : 9-FEB-1998  
 DILUTION FACTOR : 1  
 METHOD FACTOR : 1  
 QC BATCH NO : 30-020898A

BTEX ANALYSIS			
TEST REQUESTED	DETECTION LIMIT	RESULTS	
Benzene	1.0 µg/L	<	1.0 µg/L
Toluene	1.0 µg/L	<	1.0 µg/L
Ethyl benzene	1.0 µg/L	<	1.0 µg/L
Xylenes	1.0 µg/L	<	1.0 µg/L
BTEX (total)		<	1.0 µg/L #

QUALITY CONTROL DATA		
SURROGATE COMPOUND	SPIKE RECOVERED	
Bromofluorobenzene	101	%

# Based upon Good Laboratory Practice, the result is rounded to the appropriate number of significant figures.



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*Playa water*

DATE RECEIVED : 5-FEB-1998

REPORT NUMBER : D98-1064-3  
REPORT DATE : 16-FEB-1998

SAMPLE SUBMITTED BY : North Texas Chemical Consultants Laboratory,  
ADDRESS : 2000 Old Burk Road  
: Wichita Falls, Tx. 76304  
ATTENTION : R.J. Williams

SAMPLE MATRIX : Liquid  
ID MARKS : JR009  
PROJECT : Tract 20 Rick Queen  
DATE SAMPLED : 2-FEB-1998

MISCELLANEOUS ANALYSES		
TEST REQUESTED	DETECTION LIMIT	RESULTS
Alkalinity /1	1.00 mg/L CaCO <sub>3</sub>	66.0 mg/L CaCO <sub>3</sub>
Analyzed using SM 2320B on 11-FEB-1998 by AMM QC Batch No : 206078		



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*Product  
 Substrate*

DATE RECEIVED : 5-FEB-1998

REPORT NUMBER : D98-1064-4

REPORT DATE : 16-FEB-1998

SAMPLE SUBMITTED BY : North Texas Chemical Consultants Laboratory,  
 ADDRESS : 2000 Old Burk Road  
 : Wichita Falls, Tx. 76304  
 ATTENTION : R.J. Williams

SAMPLE MATRIX : Liquid  
 ID MARKS : ~~JR0010~~  
 PROJECT : Tract 20 Rick Queen  
 DATE SAMPLED : 2-FEB-1998  
 ANALYSIS METHOD : EPA 602 /1  
 ANALYZED BY : CNA  
 ANALYZED ON : 9-FEB-1998  
 DILUTION FACTOR : 50  
 METHOD FACTOR : 1  
 QC BATCH NO : 30-020898A

BTEX ANALYSIS		
TEST REQUESTED	DETECTION LIMIT	RESULTS
Benzene	50 µg/L	478 µg/L
Toluene	50 µg/L	356 µg/L
Ethyl benzene	50 µg/L	116 µg/L
Xylenes	50 µg/L	296 µg/L
BTEX (total)		1250 µg/L #

QUALITY CONTROL DATA		
SURROGATE COMPOUND		SPIKE RECOVERED
Bromofluorobenzene		102 %

# Based upon Good Laboratory Practice, the result is rounded to the appropriate number of significant figures.



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REPORT DATE : 16-FEB-1998

REPORT NUMBER : D98-1064

SAMPLE SUBMITTED BY : North Texas Chemical Consultants Laboratory,  
 ATTENTION : R.J. Williams  
 PROJECT : Tract 20 Rick Queen

### LABORATORY QUALITY CONTROL REPORT

ANALYTE	Benzene	Ethylbenzene	Silver	Aluminum	Arsenic
BATCH NO.	30-020898A	30-020898A	AC330-13	AC330-13	AC330-13
LCS LOT NO.	AC033-85B	AC033-85B	AC223-25A,B	AC223-25	AC223-25
PREP METHOD	---	---	EPA 200.7	EPA 200.7	EPA 200.7
PREPARED BY	---	---	CEL	CEL	CEL
ANALYSIS METHOD	EPA 602	EPA 602	EPA 200.7	EPA 200.7	EPA 200.7
ANALYZED BY	CNA	CNA	MPE	GAY	GAY
UNITS	µg/L	µg/L	µg/L	µg/L	µg/L
METHOD BLANK	< 1.00	< 1.00	< 5.00	< 50.0	< 10.0
SPIKE LEVEL	500	500	200	10000	1000
SPK REC LIMITS	75.0 - 125	75.0 - 125	70.0 - 130	80.0 - 120	80.0 - 120
SPK RPD LIMITS	20.0	20.0	30.0	20.0	20.0
MS RESULT	501	498	205	10300	1030
MS RECOVERY %	100	99.6	103	102	103
MSD RESULT	559	563	210	9480	945
MSD RECOVERY %	112	113	105	93.6	94.5
MS/MSD RPD %	10.9	12.3	2.41	8.39	8.61
BS RESULT	NA	NA	210	9670	989
BS RECOVERY %	NA	NA	105	96.7	98.9
BSD RESULT	NA	NA	212	10600	1080
BSD RECOVERY %	NA	NA	106	106	108
BS/BSD RPD %	NA	NA	0.95	9.18	8.80
DUP RPD LIMITS	---	---	---	---	---
DUPLICATE RPD %	NA	NA	NC	NC	NC
LCS LEVEL	50.0	50.0	---	---	---
LCS REC LIMITS	75.0 - 125	75.0 - 125	---	---	---
LCS RESULT	52.0	51.8	SEE_BS	SEE_BS	SEE_BS
LCS RECOVERY %	104	104	SEE_BS	SEE_BS	SEE_BS
SPIKE SAMPLE ID	1064-3	1064-3	1177-11	1177-11	1177-11
SAMPLE VALUE	< 1.00	< 1.00	< 5.00	121	< 10.0
DUP SAMPLE ID	---	---	1177-11	1177-11	1177-11
DUP SAMPLE VAL/1	---	---	---	---	---
DUP SAMPLE VAL/2	---	---	---	---	---

NA  
 SEE\_BS  
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REPORT DATE : 16-FEB-1998

REPORT NUMBER : D98-1064

SAMPLE SUBMITTED BY : North Texas Chemical Consultants Laboratory,  
ATTENTION : R.J. Williams  
PROJECT : Tract 20 Rick Queen

## LABORATORY QUALITY CONTROL REPORT

ANALYTE	Barium	Boron	Cadmium	Cobalt	Chromium
BATCH NO.	AC330-13	AC330-13	AC330-13	AC330-13	AC330-13
LCS LOT NO.	AC223-25	AC223-25	AC223-25	AC223-25	AC223-25
PREP METHOD	EPA 200.7				
PREPARED BY	CEL	CEL	CEL	CEL	CEL
ANALYSIS METHOD	EPA 200.7				
ANALYZED BY	GAY	GAY	GAY	GAY	GAY
UNITS	µg/L	µg/L	µg/L	µg/L	µg/L
METHOD BLANK	< 10.0	< 100	< 1.00	< 50.0	< 5.00
SPIKE LEVEL	1000	1000	500	1000	1000
SPK REC LIMITS	80.0 - 120	80.0 - 120	80.0 - 120	80.0 - 120	80.0 - 120
SPK RPD LIMITS	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0
MS RESULT	1040	1110	513	1020	1040
MS RECOVERY %	99.7	111	103	102	104
MSD RESULT	959	1020	471	940	952
MSD RECOVERY %	91.6	102	94.2	94.0	95.2
MS/MSD RPD %	8.47	8.45	8.54	8.16	8.84
BS RESULT	952	1050	493	984	991
BS RECOVERY %	95.2	105	98.6	98.4	99.1
BSD RESULT	1040	1160	537	1070	1080
BSD RECOVERY %	104	116	107	107	108
BS/BSD RPD %	8.84	9.95	8.54	8.37	8.59
DUP RPD LIMITS	20.0	---	---	---	---
DUPLICATE RPD %	9.01	NC	NC	NC	NC
LCS LEVEL	---	---	---	---	---
LCS REC LIMITS	---	---	---	---	---
LCS RESULT	SEE_BS	SEE_BS	SEE_BS	SEE_BS	SEE_BS
LCS RECOVERY %	SEE_BS	SEE_BS	SEE_BS	SEE_BS	SEE_BS
SPIKE SAMPLE ID	1177-11	1177-11	1177-11	1177-11	1177-11
SAMPLE VALUE	42.9	< 100	< 1.00	< 50.0	< 5.00
DUP SAMPLE ID	1177-11	1177-11	1177-11	1177-11	1177-11
DUP SAMPLE VAL/1	39.2	---	---	---	---
DUP SAMPLE VAL/2	42.9	---	---	---	---

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ATTENTION : R.J. Williams  
PROJECT : Tract 20 Rick Queen

## LABORATORY QUALITY CONTROL REPORT

ANALYTE	Copper	Iron	Mercury	Manganese	Molybdenum
BATCH NO.	AC330-13	AC330-13	AC330-25	AC330-13	AC330-13
LCS LOT NO.	AC223-25	AC223-25	AC223-20	AC223-25	AC223-25
PREP METHOD	EPA 200.7	EPA 200.7	EPA 245.1	EPA 200.7	EPA 200.7
PREPARED BY	CEL	CEL	IH	CEL	CEL
ANALYSIS METHOD	EPA 200.7	EPA 200.7	EPA 245.1	EPA 200.7	EPA 200.7
ANALYZED BY	GAY	GAY	AH	GAY	GAY
UNITS	µg/L	µg/L	µg/L	µg/L	µg/L
METHOD BLANK	< 5.00	< 100	< 0.200	< 5.00	< 5.00
SPIKE LEVEL	1000	10000	3.00	1000	400
SPK REC LIMITS	80.0 - 120	80.0 - 120	80.0 - 120	80.0 - 120	80.0 - 120
SPK RPD LIMITS	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0
MS RESULT	2140	10500	2.95	1070	412
MS RECOVERY %	102	105	94.7	106	103
MSD RESULT	1970	9650	2.93	981	381
MSD RECOVERY %	85.0	96.5	94.0	97.6	95.3
MS/MSD RPD %	18.2	8.44	0.71	8.72	7.82
BS RESULT	973	10000	NA	1020	397
BS RECOVERY %	97.3	100	NA	102	99.3
BSD RESULT	1060	10900	NA	1110	435
BSD RECOVERY %	106	109	NA	111	109
BS/BSD RPD %	8.56	8.61	NA	8.45	9.13
DUP RPD LIMITS	20.0	---	---	20.0	---
DUPLICATE RPD %	8.37	NC	NC	14.4	NC
LCS LEVEL	---	---	3.00	---	---
LCS REC LIMITS	---	---	80.0 - 120	---	---
LCS RESULT	SEE_BS	SEE_BS	2.89	SEE_BS	SEE_BS
LCS RECOVERY %	SEE_BS	SEE_BS	96.3	SEE_BS	SEE_BS
SPIKE SAMPLE ID	1177-11	1177-11	1064-2	1177-11	1177-11
SAMPLE VALUE	1120	< 100	0.110	5.36	< 5.00
DUP SAMPLE ID	1177-11	1177-11	1064-2	1177-11	1177-11
DUP SAMPLE VAL/1	1030	---	---	4.64	---
DUP SAMPLE VAL/2	1120	---	---	5.36	---

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REPORT NUMBER : D98-1064

SAMPLE SUBMITTED BY : North Texas Chemical Consultants Laboratory,  
ATTENTION : R.J. Williams  
PROJECT : Tract 20 Rick Queen

## LABORATORY QUALITY CONTROL REPORT

ANALYTE	Nickel	Lead	Selenium	Zinc	Alkalinity
BATCH NO.	AC330-13	AC330-13	AC330-22F	AC330-13	206078
LCS LOT NO.	AC223-25	AC223-25	AC223-20	AC223-25	809056C
PREP METHOD	EPA 200.7	EPA 200.7	EPA 206.2/270.2	EPA 200.7	---
PREPARED BY	CEL	CEL	CEL	CEL	---
ANALYSIS METHOD	EPA 200.7	EPA 200.7	EPA 270.2	EPA 200.7	SM 2320B
ANALYZED BY	GAY	GAY	AH	GAY	AMM
UNITS	µg/L	µg/L	µg/L	µg/L	mg/L
METHOD BLANK	< 5.00	< 5.00	< 2.00	< 20.0	< 1.00
SPIKE LEVEL	1000	1000	20.0	1000	100
SPK REC LIMITS	80.0 - 120	80.0 - 120	80.0 - 120	80.0 - 120	80.0 - 120
SPK RPD LIMITS	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0	10.0
MS RESULT	1020	1030	18.3	1090	242
MS RECOVERY %	102	103	91.5	102	88.0
MSD RESULT	934	949	18.8	997	240
MSD RECOVERY %	93.4	94.9	94.0	93.0	86.0
MS/MSD RPD %	8.80	8.19	2.70	9.52	2.30
BS RESULT	976	995	NA	976	NA
BS RECOVERY %	97.6	99.5	NA	97.6	NA
BSD RESULT	1070	1080	NA	1070	NA
BSD RECOVERY %	107	108	NA	107	NA
BS/BSD RPD %	9.19	8.19	NA	9.19	NA
DUP RPD LIMITS	---	---	---	20.0	10.0
DUPLICATE RPD %	NC	NC	NC	7.60	2.63
LCS LEVEL	---	---	20.0	---	100
LCS REC LIMITS	---	---	80.0 - 120	---	80.0 - 120
LCS RESULT	SEE_BS	SEE_BS	17.5	SEE_BS	96.0
LCS RECOVERY %	SEE_BS	SEE_BS	87.5	SEE_BS	96.0
SPIKE SAMPLE ID	1177-11	1177-11	1212-2	1177-11	1099-1
SAMPLE VALUE	< 5.00	< 5.00	< 2.00	66.9	154
DUP SAMPLE ID	1177-11	1177-11	1212-2	1177-11	1099-1
DUP SAMPLE VAL/1	---	---	---	62.0	150
DUP SAMPLE VAL/2	---	---	---	66.9	154

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NORTHLAND OPERATING COMPANY  
Rock Queen Unit Saltwater Plant #2  
North (primary) pit  
Sample Results

Sample location  
or depth below  
ground level (BGL)

Random in bottom of  
pit (BBC International,  
November 24, 1997 - Cardinal  
Laboratories H3332-3 #3)

BTEX: benzene < 0.002 ppm (mg/Kg)  
toluene < 0.002 ppm  
ethyl benzene : 0.022 ppm  
total xylenes : 0.089 ppm

The above sample was taken prior to repair work on the saltwater tank at this location. That work resulted in this pit being used for drainage from the tank so that repairs could be made.

Random in bottom of  
pit after repairs (SESI,  
field sample, December 10, 1997)

Total Petroleum Hydrocarbon:  
TPH  
1870 ppm

Vertical Profile samples  
December 10, 1997

19' BGL (field sample, SESI)

TPH: 13 ppm  
BTEX: 12 ppm by PID

28' BGL (field sample, SESI)

TPH: 53 ppm  
BTEX: 1.4 ppm by PID

28' BGL (Cardinal Laboratories  
H3371-1, confirming sample)

TPH: < 10 ppm (mg/Kg)

Depth of pit: approximately 8' BGL



NORTHLAND OPERATING COMPANY  
Rock Queen Unit Saltwater Plant #2  
Middle pit  
Sample Results

Sample location  
or depth below  
ground level (BGL)

Random sample from bottom of pit (BBC International, November 24, 1997 - Cardinal Laboratories H3332-2 #2)	BTEX: benzene: < 0.002 ppm(mg/Kg) toluene: 0.008 ppm ethyl benzene: 0.012 ppm total xylenes: 0.038 ppm
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BBC - field sample November 24	Total Petroleum hydrocarbon: TPH: 2220 ppm
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The above sample was taken for establishing the results of work done to that point in time. Hauled additional material from this pit on November 28 in order to reduce further the TPH level.

Random sample from the bottom of the pit December 10, 1997, field sample, SESI	TPH: 2667 ppm
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Vertical Profile samples  
December 10, 1997

10' BGL (field sample, SESI) (4' below pit floor)	TPH: 267 ppm
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20' BGL (field sample, SESI)	TPH: non-detect
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20' BGL (Cardinal Laboratories H3371-2)	TPH: < 10 ppm (mg/Kg)
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Bottom of pit 6' below ground level after final excavation







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February 17, 1998

**CERTIFIED MAIL**  
**RETURN RECEIPT NO. P-326-936-397**

Mr. V. Ed Butler  
Northland Operating Company  
3500 Oak Lawn  
Suite 380  
Dallas, TX 75219-4398

**RE: Pit Closure Report**  
**Northland Operating Company**  
**SE/4, NE/4, Section 25, Township 13 South, Range 31, East, NMPM**  
**Chaves County, New Mexico**

Dear Mr. Butler:

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has received the Northland Operating Company (Northland) Pit Closure Report dated January 16, 1998 regarding the pit closures at the above referenced location. The OCD has reviewed the information provided by Northland and requires additional information to aid in the review of the closure report. Northland shall submit the following:

1. Chain of custody for the BETX analysis, Cardinal Laboratories number H3332-1, H3332-2, and H3332-3;
2. Chain of custody and original laboratory report for the ground water and playa analysis, sample ID JR001, JR002, and JR003;
3. Completed Pit Remediation And Closure Report Forms. The Form shall stipulate the location to which the contaminated soil was hauled. In addition, all Forms shall have the original date and signature by the appropriate Northland Operating Company representative.

Final approval of the closure plan will be deferred until the requested materials listed above are received and evaluated. Northland shall submit the requested materials to the OCD Santa Fe office and a copy to the Hobbs District office **no later than March 6, 1998.**

If you require any further information concerning closure procedures please contact me at (505) 827-7153.

Sincerely,

Martyne J. Kieling  
Environmental Geologist

xc: Hobbs OCD Office  
Ed Morney, Field Superintendent, Northland, P.O. Box 119, Maljamar, NM 88264

# MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

✓ TELEPHONE    PERSONAL    TIME 10:45    DATE 12-10-97 <sup>12-9-97</sup> &

ORIGINATING PARTY Dike Browning Safety Solutions (Bob Alan)  
505 397 0510

OTHER PARTIES Martynne Kicking  
505 369 9239

DISCUSSION Sampling of Exempt waste pits Next to SWD

Take one Sample From the center of the two pits that  
had contamination. Plug with Bentonite & Grout top 5 feet.

At a Non exempt waste pit Take Sample for waste Characterization  
and Document Vertical Extent.

CONCLUSIONS \_\_\_\_\_

~~CHRIS JUSTICE~~ \_\_\_\_\_

MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

✓ TELEPHONE    PERSONAL    TIME 8:30 DATE 11-15-17

ORIGINATING PARTY Art Hillier

OTHER PARTIES Martyn Kicling

DISCUSSION SE, NE, 25 TIBER 31E

Northend 3 pits waste is exempt and is going to  
CRI. I confirmed waste is exempt and is ok to  
accept at CRI with waste status C13E

CONCLUSIONS \_\_\_\_\_

~~CHRIS HUSICE~~ Martyn Kicling

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Environmental Bureau  
Oil Conservation Division

February 4, 1998



Ms. Martyne Kieling  
Environmental Geologist  
New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department  
Oil Conservation Division – Environmental Bureau  
2040 South Pacheco Street  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

Re: Pit Closures – Rock Queen Unit Saltwater Plant #2 (three pits)

Dear Ms. Kieling:

As you are aware, Northland has excavated and hauled to an approved facility approximately 560 yards of material from the 'north' pit and 286 yards of material from the 'middle' pit at the referenced facility. Soil samples were taken from the bottom of all three pits at this facility (the 'south' pit appeared to have never received any hydrocarbons). These samples were collected by an independent third party (BBC International) and submitted to Cardinal Laboratory for BTEX analysis. The report from Cardinal is attached. Samples from these three pits are identified as H3332-3 #3 (north pit), H-3332-2 #2 (middle pit) and H3332-1 #1 (south pit). After these pit bottom tests, Northland made provisions to determine the vertical extent of any hydrocarbon migration beneath the north and middle pits. A path was made into these two pits to allow the drilling rig to set up in the bottom of the two pits. This was the optimal place to determine if any significant vertical migration had occurred. Enclosed are the reports from Safety & Environmental Solutions, Inc. that provide details of this vertical profiling work in the north and middle pits.

Please review the enclosed material for completeness as it relates to your needs. It is our position that these three pits are ready to be filled, but we are reluctant to proceed without your approval. It appears we have met all of the requirements of the pit closure guidelines. Please be aware that we did not notify the OCD when the pit bottom samples were taken for BTEX analysis on November 24, 1997. Excavation had been done and I personally was too eager to wait a couple of days to determine the levels of contamination remaining. In the interest of impartiality, we did employ a third party to collect these samples and submit them to a laboratory of his choice for analysis. We have no doubts as to the validity or impartiality of these BTEX results. At this point in time, additional pit floor samples from the north and middle pits would require that we excavate the material that was unavoidably pushed into these pits to provide access to the drilling rig used for vertical profiling. Please let us know your thoughts.

Respectfully,

John E. Rhoads  
Agent for Northland Operating

cc: Mr. Wayne Price, OCD



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ANALYTICAL RESULTS FOR  
 BBC INTERNATIONAL  
 ATTN: JOE FRANK DEAN  
 P O. BOX 297  
 HOBBS, NM 88241-0297  
 FAX TO: 505-397-0397

Receiving Date: 11/24/97  
 Reporting Date: 12/01/97  
 Project Number: NOT GIVEN  
 Project Name: NORLAND OPERATING  
 Project Location: SALT WATER PIT #2

Sampling Date: 11/24/97  
 Sample Type: SOIL  
 Sample Condition: COOL & INTACT  
 Sample Received By: JS  
 Analyzed By: BC

LAB NUMBER	SAMPLE ID	BENZENE (mg/Kg)	TOLUENE (mg/Kg)	ETHYL BENZENE (mg/Kg)	TOTAL XYLENES (mg/Kg)
ANALYSIS DATE		11/25/97	11/25/97	11/25/97	11/25/97
H3332-1	#1	<0.002	<0.002	<0.002	<0.008
H3332-2	#2	<0.002	0.008	0.012	0.036
H3332-3	#3	<0.002	<0.002	0.022	0.089
Quality Control		0.101	0.090	0.094	0.278
True Value QC		0.100	0.100	0.100	0.300
% Accuracy		101	90	94	92
Relative Percent Difference		0.9	11.1	6.4	0.5

METHOD: EPA SW 848-8020, 5030, Gas Chromatography

Gregory J. Cash  
 Chemist

12/1/97  
 Date

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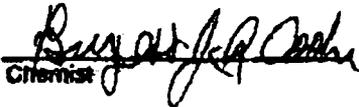
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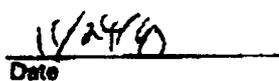
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Reporting Date: 11/24/97  
Project Number: NOT GIVEN  
Project Name: NORTHERN OPERATION  
Project Location: NOT GIVEN

Analysis Date: 11/21/97  
Sampling Date: 11/21/97  
Sample Type: SOIL  
Sample Condition: COOL, INTACT  
Sample Received By: AH  
Analyzed By: AH

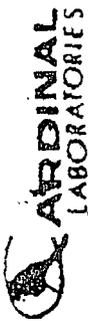
LAB NUMBER	SAMPLE ID	TPH (mg/Kg)
H332B-1	-	2220
Quality Control		212
True Value QC		200
% Recovery		106
Relative Percent Difference		0.5

METHOD: EPA 418.1, 3510, 3640, or 3660; Infrared Spectroscopy

  
Chemist

  
Date

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CHAIN OF CUSTODY ANALYSIS REQUEST

Company Name: ARDINAL LABORATORIES Abraham operators  
 Project Manager: Dr. F. Dean  
 Address: BILLERICA, MA PO #:  
 Company: D.A.C.  
 State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone #: 505-397-6580  
 Fax #: 397-0397  
 Project #: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Project Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Project Location: Soft water pit #2

LAB ID #	Sample I.D.	CONTAINER OR BAG			MATERIAL			SAMPLING					
		CONTAINER	GROUNDWATER	WASTEWATER	SOIL	OR	SLUDGE	OTHER:	ADJ:	ICE/COOL	OTHER:	DATE	TIME
<u>H 3338</u>	<u>Sample I.D. #1</u>											<u>11-24-97</u>	<u>10:30 AM</u>
	<u>#2</u>											<u>12/4/97</u>	<u>10:15 AM</u>
	<u>#3</u>											<u>11/4/97</u>	<u>10:15 AM</u>

Received By: [Signature] Date: 11-24-97  
 Time: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Received By: [Signature] Date: 10/9/98  
 Time: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Delivered By: (Circle One)  
 UPS - Fed Ex - Bus - Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Checked By: (Address) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sample Condition:  
 Cool  Yes  No  
 Sealed  Yes  No  
 Returned By: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Planning Report:  Yes  No  
 Field Report:  Yes  No  
 Additional Fee #: \_\_\_\_\_

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November 6, 1997

**CERTIFIED MAIL**  
**RETURN RECEIPT NO. P-326-936-364**

Mr. Robert E. McKnight  
Northland Operating Company  
3500 Oak Lawn  
Suite 380  
Dallas, TX 75219-4398

RE: Pit Closure  
Northland Operating Company  
SE/4, NE/4, Section 25, Township 13 South, Range 31 East, NMPM  
Chaves County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. McKnight:

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has received the Northland Operating Company (Northland) letter dated October 30, 1997 regarding the pit closures at the above referenced location. According to the information supplied by Northland and the fact that there were no drums, buckets or containers in the pits at the above referenced location the OCD agrees with Northland's determination that the waste is exempt oilfield waste.

In addition, The concepts proposed in the Northland pit closure outline are hereby tentatively approved. However, final approval of the closure plan will be deferred until sample analysis are received and evaluated from Step IV, proposed in the pit closure outline. At such time Northland shall clarify Step V of the pit closure plan. Northland may proceed with Steps I-IV and VII proposed in the pit closure outline. Northland shall submit the sample analysis data and clarification to Step V to the OCD Santa Fe office and a copy to the Hobbs District office **no later than January 20, 1998.**

If you require any further information concerning closure procedures please contact me at (505) 827-7153.

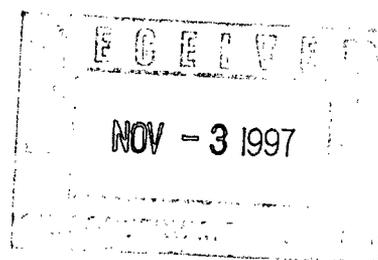
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Martyne J. Kieling  
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xc: Hobbs OCD Office  
Ed Morney, Field Superintendent, Northland, P.O. Box 119, Maljamar, NM 88264

# NORTHLAND OPERATING CO.

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October 30, 1997

Ms. Martyne J. Kieling, Environmental Geologist  
New Mexico Energy, Minerals & Natural Resources Department  
Oil Conservation Division  
2040 South Pacheco Street  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

Re: Unauthorized Waste Disposal Pits  
SE/4 of NE/4, Section 25, T13S, R31E  
Chaves County, New Mexico

Dear Ms. Kieling:

We are in receipt of your letter dated October 22, 1997 regarding the inspection on September 22, 1997 by yourself and other employees of the OCD, representatives of the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U. S. Fish & Wildlife Commission. This letter is to inform you of the steps we have taken to address the issues raised as a result of that inspection, to respond to your request for information, and to outline our plans for closing the three pits at this location.

As was evident during your inspection, the north and middle pits of the three small pits just east of the saltwater facility have been used as emergency overflow pits for the single saltwater storage tank at this site. We did not feel that it would be prudent to close these pits before providing emergency storage for the operational mishaps that occur from time to time. Without emergency storage, we would be faced with an *un-contained* release of saltwater to the surface of the land. Accordingly, we have already set a tank for the collection of the fluids coming from the operation of the saltwater pump at this facility. This tank will be equipped with a sump pump to transfer any such fluids back into the storage tanks. We have arranged for an additional 1000 barrel emergency overflow tank to be set (complete with a liner and secondary containment) to the west of the existing tank. This tank will be operational within the next few days. We have ordered an alarm system for this facility to provide our operational personnel with an early warning when abnormal operational conditions occur. The alarm system is scheduled to be in place within ten days.

Ms. Martyne J. Kieling  
October 30, 1997

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Answers to the four questions posed at the top of the second page of your letter are as follows:

1) "the names and addresses of all waste generators who are utilizing the pits" -  
Northland Operating is the only known current user of these pits, whose address is that noted in the above letterhead.

2) "the names and addresses of all waste transporters;" -

It is assumed on our part that you are asking if waste is hauled into and disposed of in these pits by others. No other waste is placed in these pits other than produced water (occasionally skim oil and miniscule amounts of lube oil) from wells operated by Northland on the Rock Queen Unit.

3) "the location of all waste generation (exact well locations);" -

Attached please find a plat (showing the well spots within the section, township and range) of the currently producing wells that generate saltwater for disposal by this facility.

4) "the total volume of waste from each location that has gone into the unauthorized pits." -

Northland Operating company has no records that would allow us to answer this question even for the short period of time we have operated this property. Prior operators likewise did not keep such records.

An outline of our pit closure plan is also enclosed. Please advise if our plan is deficient in any way or lacks essential elements.

Sincerely,



Robert E. McKnight  
Engineer

cc: Mr. Wayne Price, OCD, Hobbs

# **NORTHLAND OPERATING COMPANY**

## **Pit Closure Outline**

**October 30, 1997**

**Step I: Finish setting overflow tank at the site to preclude further saltwater releases to the emergency pit.**

**Step II: Empty the north-most and the middle pit of all liquids that can be pulled with a vacuum truck. Liquids (predominately produced saltwater) will to be hauled to CRI in Hobbs.**

**Step III: With 'track-hoe', excavate sludge material and haul to CRI in Hobbs for possible oil reclamation or land farming. Provisions will be taken to ensure that no fluids are lost during transportation. An accounting of all materials removed shall be made and appropriate records kept.**

**Step IV: Starting with the south-most pit, core samples will be taken at the southeast edge of each pit to determine the vertical extent of contamination. Samples will be taken at 10' intervals and detection of TPH and BTEX will utilize field instrumentation for screening purposes. Once the field instrumentation indicates TPH and BTEX levels at or below levels of regulatory concern, confirmation samples will be sent to a laboratory for testing in compliance with EPA standards and protocols.**

**Step V: The results of the vertical profiling will determine which method of remediation will be most effective for each of the three pits at this site. If feasible, subsurface media contaminated at levels above those of regulatory concern will be brought to the surface, placed on impervious liners and remediated on-site. It is reported that solid rock is in the near surface; rock may be difficult to 'remediate'. If on-site remediation is not feasible, the operator would like to retain the flexibility to haul material to a licensed disposal facility (tentatively CRI in Hobbs), to blend with other soils or gravel to levels below regulatory concern for use as road material, or to propose a closure protocol that includes contamination plume migration modeling if feasible and allowable.**

**Step VI: If additional material is needed to fill these pits to grade level as a result of the excavation and hauling of material from these pits, materials will be purchased from a local private source for back-filling these pits. Pits will be brought to or above grade and re-seeded with native or improved dry-land grasses.**

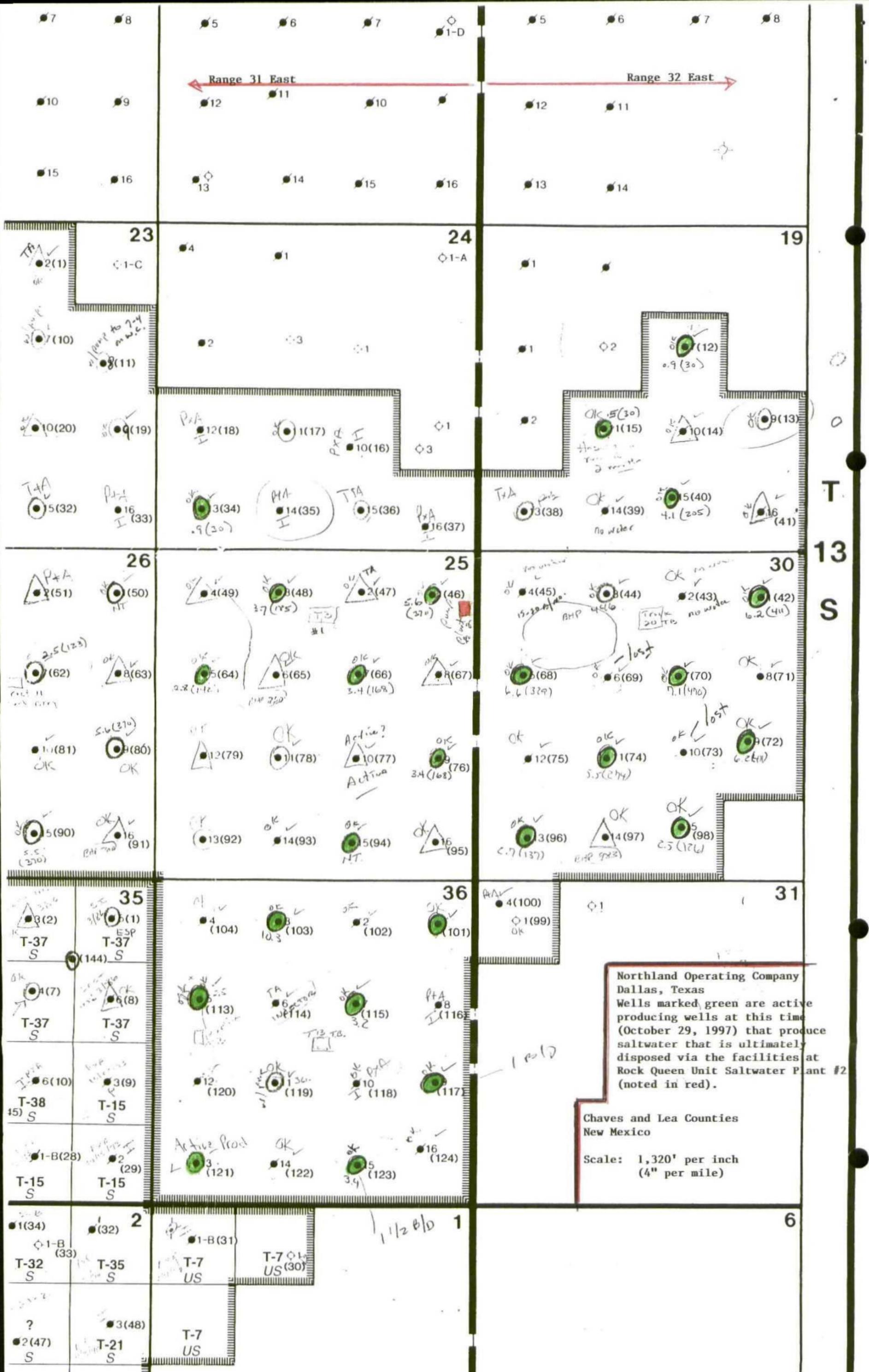
**Step VII: The District Office of the OCD will be contacted anytime material is to be hauled off-site or when sampling is to be done. Photographs will be taken at appropriate stages during the entire process.**

**Northland Operating Company**  
**Pit Closure Outline**

October 30, 1997

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**Step VIII: A final report documenting all the work performed during the pit closures will be submitted to the New Mexico OCD.**



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Address: 3500 Oak Lawn, Suite 380, LB #31  
Dallas, Texas 75219-4398

Phone Number: 214-521-9959

Previous Operator(s): Circle Ridge (1988-1995) / Great Western Drilling (original Unit operator)

Is the pit permitted: Yes  No

Unit Letter: A Section: 25 Township: 13S Range: 31E NE/4 of the NE/4

County: Chaves

Location Name: Rock Queen Unit Saltwater Plant #2

Number of wells to the pit: none

Are the wells to the pit operated by one operator  or multiple operators

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Pit Type: Emergency  
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Is the pit netted: Yes  No

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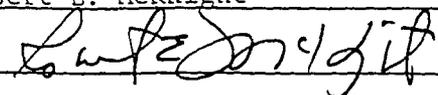
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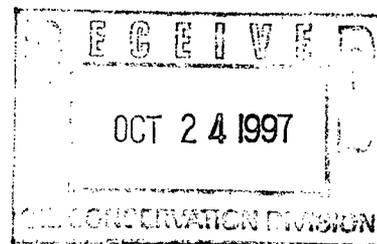
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**John E. Rhoads**

**719 Scott, Suite 624  
Wichita Falls, Texas 76301  
940-723-8511  
October 13, 1997**



**Mr. Wayne Price  
New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural  
Resources Department, Oil Conservation Division  
1000 West Broadway  
Hobbs, New Mexico 88240**

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Environmental Bureau  
Oil Conservation Division

**Re: Northland Operating Company  
Rock Queen Unit, Lea and Chaves County, New Mexico  
SPCC Plans for Tract 20 and Saltwater Plant #2**

**Dear Mr. Price:**

**Enclosed are the two SPCC Plans I mentioned to you on September 22, 1997. It is unclear to me whether or not these have been sent to you as requested. In the interest of certainty, I will duplicate the effort if it has already been done.**

**Northland has been removing the liquids from the pits that were inspected. It now appears that there is a diminishing return on efforts to hot oil and remove as liquid the remainder of the sludge. Accordingly, a dirt contractor is in the process of estimating costs and making arrangements for a track-hoe and trucks to remove the remaining sludge.**

**Respectfully,**

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John E. Rhoads".

**John E. Rhoads  
For Northland Operating**

**cc: Mr. Bob McKnight, Northland Operating**

SPILL PREVENTION & COUNTERMEASURE PLAN

GENERAL INFORMATION

- 1. Name of Facility: Rock Queen Unit Saltwater Plant #2
- 2. Type of Facility: Produced Saltwater storage
- 3. Location of Facility: Chaves County, New Mexico  
NE/4 of NE/4 Section 25, T13S-R31E

4. Name and address of owner or operator:

Name : Northland Operating Company

Address: 3500 Oak Lawn, Suite 380, L.B. #31  
Dallas, Texas 75219-4398

5. Designated person accountable for oil spill prevention at facility:

Name and title: Ed Marney, Field Superintendent

6. This facility did not experience a reportable oil spill event during the twelve months prior to January 10, 1974 (effective date of 40 CFR, Part 112).

I hereby certify that I have examined the facility, and being familiar with the provisions of 40 CFR, Part 112, attest that this SPCC Plan has been prepared in accordance with good engineering practices.

Ed Butler, Registered Professional Engineer

(Seal)

U. Ed Butler  
Signature

Date: 7/23/96 Registration No. 54443 State of Texas

MANAGEMENT APPROVAL

This SPCC Plan will be implemented as herein described.

Signature: U. Ed Butler

Name : Ed Butler Title: Vice President

## FACILITY DESCRIPTION

The Rock Queen Unit Saltwater Plant #2 facility is identical to the Rock Queen Saltwater Plant #1 (see photograph filed with the Plant #1 SPCC), except there is no idle tank at this site. This facility includes the following equipment:

One (1) 3,000 barrel steel saltwater tank

## FACILITY OPERATION

This facility is for receipt, storage and subsequent disposal of produced saltwater only. It is the intent of Northland Operating to treat spills of saltwater to the surface of the land on a par with oil spills. This facility receives approximately 1,900 barrels of water per day for disposal.

## FACILITY INSPECTION

The facility was personally inspected during July 1996. All subsequent inspections will follow a written inspection procedure. A written record of these inspections will be kept in the Dallas office. The site description and operations noted during this inspection are as noted above. The following observations and recommendations are hereby recorded:

1. There is no secondary containment at this site. It is recommended that dikes or other means of secondary containment be installed immediately around the storage tank. The volume of secondary containment should approximate 3,500 barrels.

## POTENTIAL SITE DRAINAGE

Terrain is flat with overall drainage to the east. There is a stock pond to the south of this facility, but drainage would not be toward this water. It is not reasonable to expect that oil from this saltwater facility would reach navigable waters. As a result, the facility is deemed NOT subject to the provisions of the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 and no Facility Response Plan is required.

## SPILL CONTROL AND COUNTERMEASURE PLANS

All operating personnel will be informed of the requirements for spill prevention and control. Each employee or contract personnel will be provided with instructions and information that will allow him to initiate the appropriate action upon the discovery of a spill or potential spill.

### I. SPILL PREVENTION CONTROL PLAN

A. Each lease operator and will be advised that his responsibilities include:

1. A daily inspection of all oil handling and oil treating equipment on each lease to assure proper functioning.
2. A daily inspection of all storage facilities to insure adequate storage volumes. Bypass, drain and pipeline valves should be checked for proper position and for security.
3. A daily inspection of all producing wells will be made to insure proper functioning of stuffing boxes, valves and connections (pumping wells), and chokes (flowing wells) for setting or mechanical integrity.
4. A daily determination of oil production. If shortages or overages occur, an immediate survey shall be conducted to determine the cause of the variance. Flowlines, leaking tanks or separators should be checked in the event of shortages; plugged waterlegs or dump valves on separation equipment that may have caused water to dump to the oil production tanks should be checked; for flowing wells, overages could be due to washed out or broken chokes.
5. Daily reports of leaks and potential problems shall be reported to the lease operator's supervisor.

B. Each production foreman will be advised that his responsibilities include:

1. A daily review of lease operations and operational problems with the lease operator.
2. Periodic inspection of the lease equipment and storage facilities to insure that the lease operator is operating and maintaining equipment in an environmentally acceptable manner as directed by the company. The production foreman will make a concerted effort to determine if corrosion problems or other potential leak sources exist.

3. Immediate reporting of leaks or potential leaks to the Superintendent. In the event the Superintendent is unavailable, the foreman will be authorized to take all actions necessary to stop leakages and to initiate measures to contain and mitigate any spill.

## II. SPILL COUNTERMEASURE PLAN

- A. Immediate reports of oil spills or leaks shall be made to the proper production personnel. They may be contacted as follows:

Ed Marney	1-505-676-2130	site office
	1-505-369-5451	mobile
	1-505-676-6755	residence on site
Bob McKnight	1-214-521-9959	office
	1-972-612-5744	home
Ed Butler	1-214-521-9959	office
	1-214-507-8003	mobile
	1-817-549-2946	home

- B. Immediate action shall be initiated to stop any leakage and to contain and remove any oil spillage. For this property, the Company has available on site both personnel and equipment to contain and remove oil and saltwater spills. The equipment includes but is not limited to a bulldozer, a vacuum truck and a backhoe. The company has a roustabout crew that is dedicated to this property and is on call for emergency spills.
- C. Any problem relating to the engineering or design of this plan for the control or containment of oil and saltwater spills should be referred to Ed Butler, Vice President of Northland Operating.
- D. Every employee needs to be aware of the Company's concern regarding potential spills and the Company's dictate for immediate action in the event of a spill or leak. Each employee shall be encouraged to evaluate potentially hazardous operations and to proceed only after careful consideration of the situation and an evaluation of the available equipment for the particular cleanup operation. The employee is reminded that certain hazardous material (crude oil) cleanup operations may be beyond the capabilities immediately available on the lease and that personnel with proper HAZWOPER training may need to be called for these operations.

- E. Any oil spill that has the possibility of entering "navigable waters of the United States" should be reported immediately to the regional office of the United States Environmental Protection Agency in Dallas, Texas.
- F. The lease operator needs to be aware of "Reportable Limits" set by regulators. Oil spill volumes above these limits may need to be reported to both the United States Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Management and the Oil Conservation Division, State of New Mexico.

#### WRITTEN COMMITMENT OF MANPOWER

It is the policy of Northland Operating Company that in the event of a spill, the containment and cleanup effort shall take precedence over all other operations and all necessary employees shall be made available for such effort.

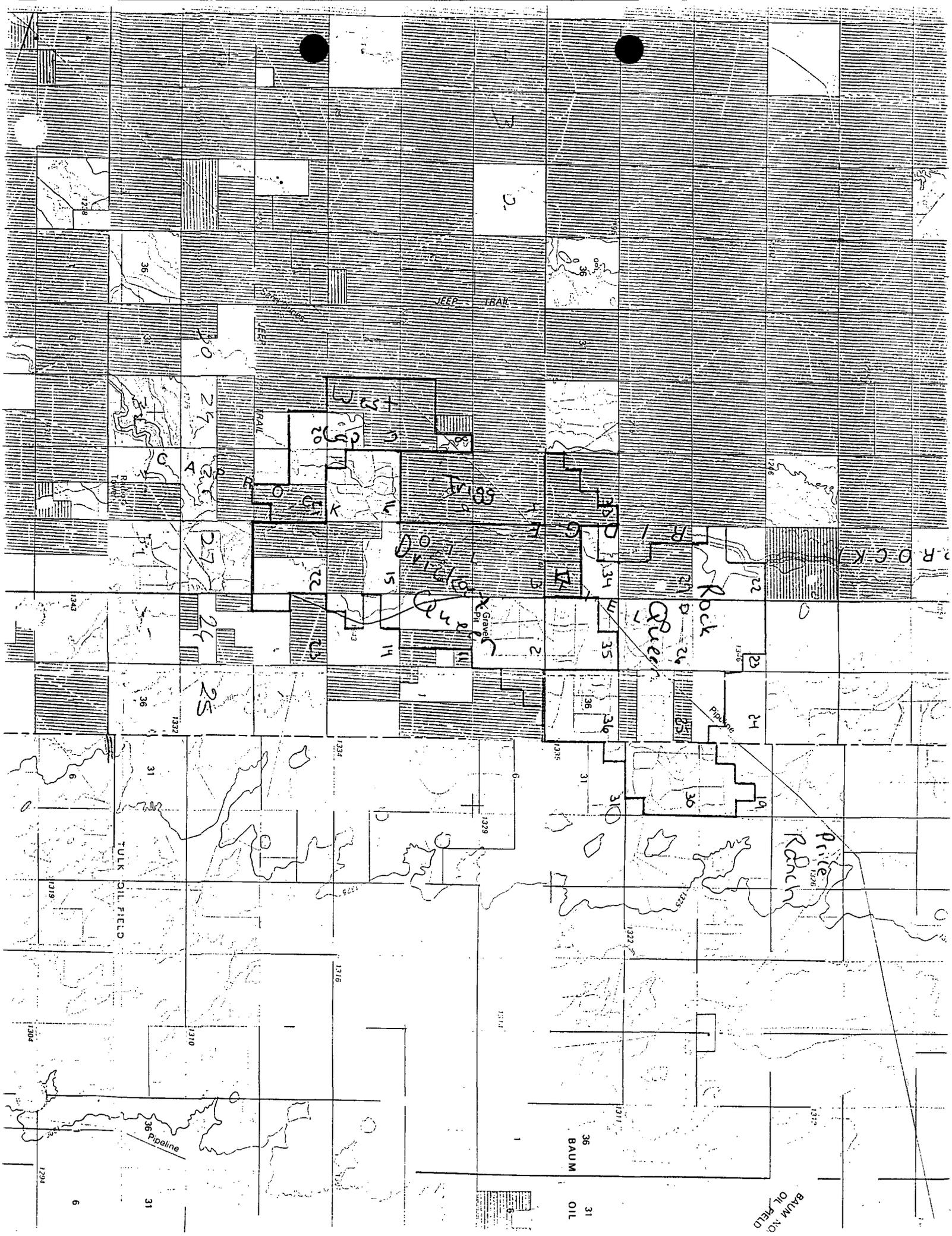
#### APPLICABLE TELEPHONE NUMBERS

U. S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management  
2909 West Second Street  
Roswell, New Mexico 1-505-627-0272

Oil Conservation Division, State of New Mexico  
Jerry Sexton, District Supervisor  
P. O. Box 1980  
Hobbs, New Mexico 1-505-393-6161

United States Environmental Protection Agency  
Region 6  
1445 Ross Avenue  
Dallas, Texas 75202-2733 1-214-655-6444

National Response Center (oil on navigable waters only)  
1-800-424-8802



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**NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS  
& NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT**

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION  
2040 South Pacheco Street  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505  
(505) 827-7131

October 22, 1997

**CERTIFIED MAIL**  
**RETURN RECEIPT NO. P-326-936-350**

Mr. Robert E. McKnight  
Northland Operating Company  
3500 Oak Lawn  
Suite 380  
Dallas, TX 75219-4398

**RE: NOTICE OF VIOLATION**  
**Unauthorized Waste Disposal Pits**  
**Northland Operating Company**  
**SE/4, NE/4, Section 25, Township 13 South, Range 31 East, NMPM**  
**Chaves County, New Mexico**

Dear Mr. McKnight:

On September 22, 1997 The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD), identified three unauthorized, unlined waste disposal pits located in the SE/4, NE/4, Section 25, Township 13 South, Range 31 East, NMPM, Chaves County, New Mexico (see attached map). These unauthorized pits are owned by Northland Operating Company (Northland).

OCD personnel performed an onsite inspection of the facility on September 22, 1997 and noted the following:

- 1) These unlined pits owned by Northland are being utilized on land that according to county records is private land;
- 2) These pits are accepting oilfield waste;
- 4) These pits were not screened or netted;
- 5) Thirty-six birds were collected within one pit by the US Fish and Wildlife.

Surface waste management facilities must be permitted pursuant to Rule 711 (as amended 1-1-96). In addition, pursuant to the OCD Order R-8952, all tanks exceeding 16 feet in diameter and all exposed pits and ponds shall be screened, netted or covered unless rendered non-hazardous to migratory birds. Order R-3221, as amended, prohibits the disposal of water produced in conjunction with the production of oil and gas in unlined pits or ponds where such disposal may impact fresh water supplies of the state of New Mexico. Therefore, all discharges into the unauthorized, unlined pits must cease.

Mr. Robert E. McKnight  
October 22, 1997  
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The OCD hereby requires Northland Operating Company to submit the following information: 1) the names and addresses of all waste generators who are utilizing the pits; 2) the names and addresses of all waste transporters; 3) the location of all waste generation (exact well locations); and 4) the total volume of waste from each location that has gone into the unauthorized pits.

In addition, Northland Operating Company must either permit the facility as a waste management facility or close the pits. Regardless of whether the facility is to be permitted or closed, Northland must submit a closure plan to the Santa Fe OCD office and a copy to the Hobbs District office. Included in the closure plan must be a plan for determining the nature and extent of contamination that has left the pits, how far the contamination has migrated. For your use please find enclosed a copy of the Order amending Rule 711, a form C-137 and OCD's pit closure guidelines. **A response is required by Northland Oil Corporation to these deficiencies by November 3, 1997.**

Failure to respond to this notice of violation by November 3, 1997 may result in a show cause hearing against Northland, requiring Northland to appear and show cause why it should not be ordered to close these pits and why it should not also be assessed civil penalties.

If you require any further information concerning permitting/closure procedures please contact me at (505) 827-7153.

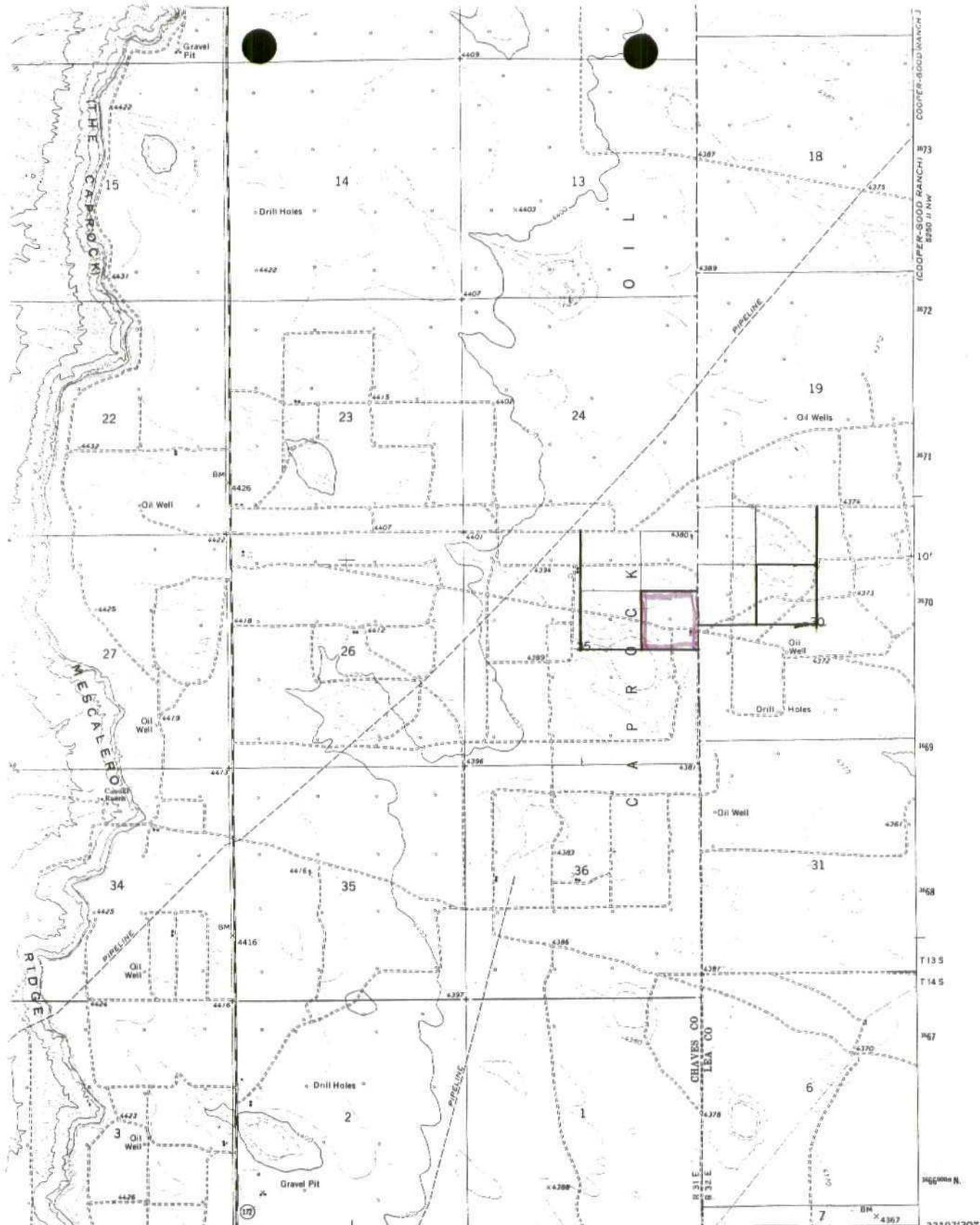
Sincerely,



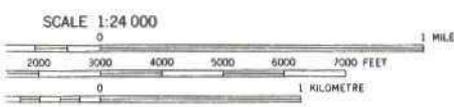
Martyne J. Kieling  
Environmental Geologist

Attachments- location map, Order R-10411-B (Rule 711), Form C-137, and pit closure guidelines.

xc: Hobbs OCD Office  
Ed Morney, Field Superintendent, Northland, P.O. Box 119, Maljamar, NM 88264



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**ROAD CLASSIFICATION**

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Secondary highway, hard surface	Unimproved road
○ Interstate Route	○ U.S. Route
	○ State Route

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MEMORANDUM OF MEETING OR CONVERSATION

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Telephone	<input type="checkbox"/> Personal	Time 10:20	Date 10-20-97
<u>Originating Party</u> John Rhodes Eagad Eye Consulting		<u>Other Parties</u> Martyne Kieling	
<u>Subject</u> Northland operating Co			
<u>Discussion</u> will be sending a letter to the Santa Fe office on how they will propose to close the pits (5 total)			
<u>Conclusions or Agreements</u>			
<u>Distribution</u>		Signed Martyne Kieling	

# PROBLEM OIL PIT INSPECTION CHECKLIST

Site Number (State-Year-Waypoint):

Northland

Checklists Completed (circle those that apply):

A B C

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# PROBLEM OIL PIT INSPECTION CHECKLIST

## SECTION ONE: Site Information

Site Name and Waypoint: Northland operation (Ed Marnie)

Lease # and Operator: Saltwater plant #2 Rock Queen unit

Site Location Section/Township/Range: 25 T13S R31E

GPS Coordinates Obtained During Aerial Survey: \_\_\_\_\_

GPS Coordinates Obtained During Site Inspection: \_\_\_\_\_

Site Address: P.O. Box 119 Northland operating  
3500 Oaklawn

City/County/State/Zip: Madama, NM Dallas, TX

USFWS Case ID #: \_\_\_\_\_ 214-521-9959

EPA Facility ID # and/or NMOCD ID #'s: \_\_\_\_\_ Fox 214-521-9960

Contact Name/Affiliation/Phone: Ed Marnie 505-676-2130  
Field Superintendent

Contact Address (if different from site address): \_\_\_\_\_

Site Type (production, commercial disposal, other): Production

## SECTION TWO: Inspection Information

Inspection date and time: 9/22/97

Describe weather conditions (including estimated temperature): clear warm

If known, list federal, state, or tribal programs that this site is subject to regulation under via a permit and list all permit number(s):  
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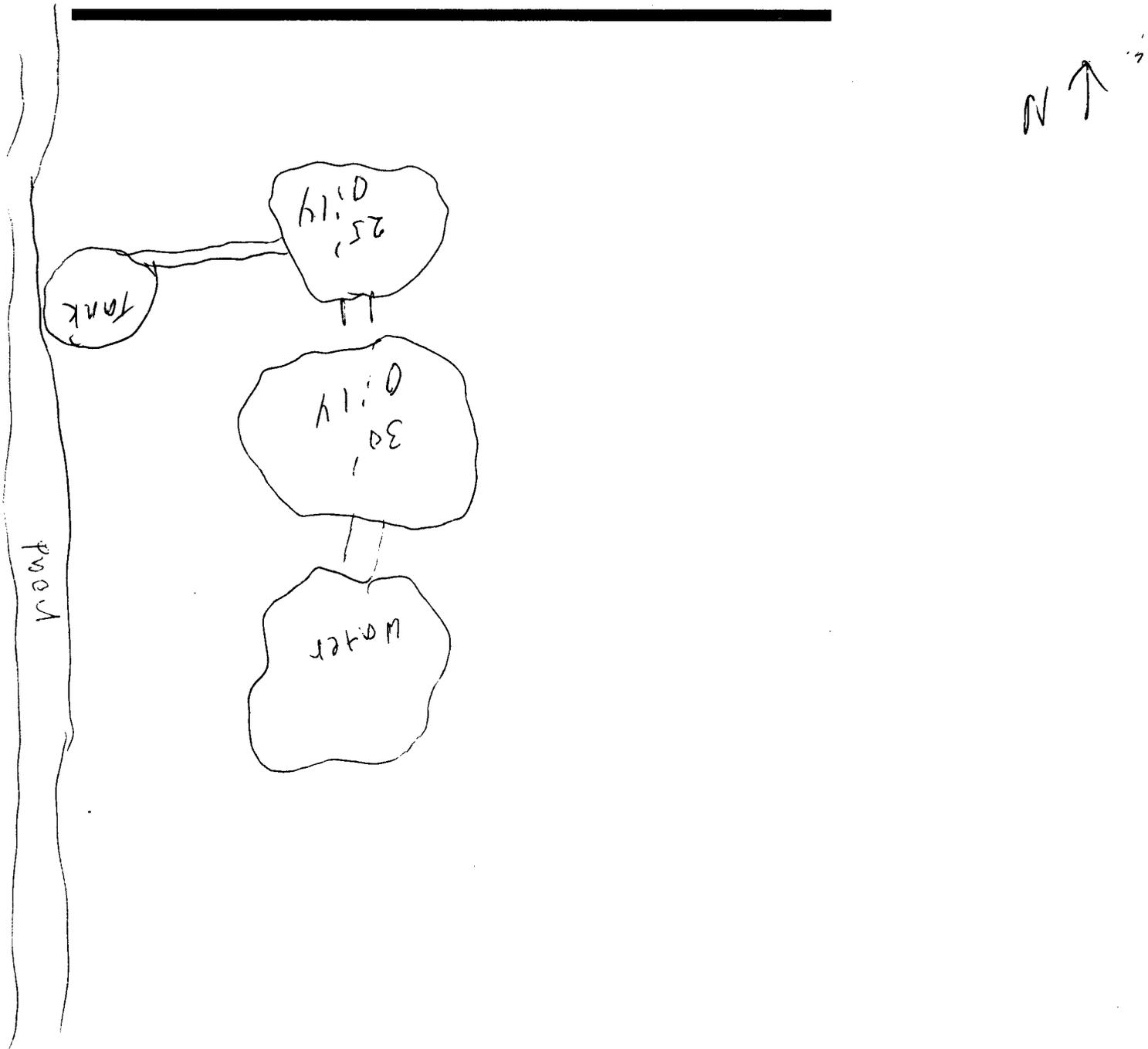
Inspection Team:

Inspector 1	<u>Waxne Price</u> <u>Marnie</u>	Agency/Program: <u>OCD</u>	Phone: _____
Inspector 2	<u>Nick Chavez</u>	Agency/Program: <u>FWS</u>	Phone: _____
Inspector 3	<u>Greg Pashia</u>	Agency/Program: <u>EPA</u>	Phone: _____
Inspector 4	_____	Agency/Program: _____	Phone: _____
Inspector 5	_____	Agency/Program: _____	Phone: _____
Inspector 6	_____	Agency/Program: _____	Phone: _____

**SECTION THREE: Sketch of Site/Layout**

Site Number and Name : Northland

Include the estimated size (including depth) of any pits and describe site operations on site sketch. Include description of pertinent features such as waters of the US (location of, distance to, description of conduits to, etc.) or electrical equipment areas, for example. Include a north arrow on site sketch.



**SECTION FOUR: General Observations**

**A. PITS (complete checklist A if any of the following conditions exist)**

- 1. Does accumulated oil exist on the surface of any pits, ponds, sumps, or other open-topped storage devices? Yes  No
- 2. Are pits, ponds, tanks, sumps, or other devices which may accumulate oil covered with netting or are there any other wildlife exclusionary or deterrent devices in use (covers, flagging, etc.)? Yes  No
- 3. Are there any dead or oiled birds or other wildlife on or near the site or any indication of oiled birds/wildlife previously at or near the site (oily tracks, etc.)? Yes  No

**B. DISCHARGES (complete checklist B if any of the following conditions exist)**

- 1. Is there a discharge (either ongoing or one-time) from a pit, pond, tank, or other device at the site? Yes  No
- 2. Is there indication of any past or potential future discharge from a pit, pond, tank, or other device at the site (soil staining, fresh dirt or gravel used as cover, 2 ft or less freeboard maintained, eroded berms, etc.)? Yes  No

**C. TANKS AND CONTAINERS (complete checklist C if any of the following conditions exist)**

- 1. Are there any tanks or containers on site? Yes  No

No tank problems, Tank closed at top.  
~~except~~ No ~~for~~ secondary containment.

## CHECKLIST "A" - PITS

1. If accumulated oil exists on the surface of any pits, ponds, sumps, or other open-topped storage devices, describe observed conditions including size of each pit, pond, sump, or device, percentage of area covered, and thickness of oil. Describe any other observations (visual, odor) of the material in each pit, pond, sump, or other device:

1 pit  $\approx$  25' diameter with only water and sludge  
2 pits  $\approx$  35' diameter with oily sludge and some oil.

2. Describe any netting or other wildlife exclusionary or deterrent devices in use at the site. Include description of condition, coverage, netting mesh size, etc.:

NO netting on any pit.

3. Describe any oiled or dead birds or other wildlife found at or near the site. Indicate the number of mortalities and the seizure tag numbers for any birds collected:

4. Describe the construction and operation of any pits or ponds located at the site. Include a description of the pond liner system, if possible. Estimate the freeboard observed at the time of the inspection:

all pits unlined.

5. Indicate how long any pits or ponds at the site have been in operation:

40 years

6. If a pit, pond, sump, or other device is used as a loading/unloading area at a non-production site, describe any secondary containment used:

# CHECKLIST "B" - DISCHARGES AND SPILLS

1. Indicate whether or not the site has a NPDES permit and, if so, indicate the permit number and whether or not the number is posted on site:  
*No NPDES*
2. Describe any ongoing discharges or one-time spills from pits, ponds, or other devices at the site. For each discharge, include a description of the source, duration, and rate (gal/min or cfs) of material discharged. For each spill, describe the amount and area of the spilled material. Also describe any observations (oil sheen, odor) regarding the type of material discharged or spilled:  
*no spills apparent.*
3. Describe any indications (e.g. soil / vegetation staining on ground or in drainages) of past discharges or spills from pits, ponds, tanks, or other devices at the site. Include any indication of the type of material discharged or spilled (e.g. oil stain, salt brine, etc.) and when and for how long the discharge or spill occurred:  
*salt water discharge*
4. Identify and describe the drainage pathway (dry arroyo, ditch, stream, etc.) of any current or suspected past discharges or spills from the site. Trace the drainage pathway to a flowing waterway, if possible, and describe the extent of any oil staining. Include a description of whether the drainage is dry at the time of the inspection, contains standing water that doesn't appear to be flowing or, if flowing, the estimated flowrate (gal/min or cfs) of water and/or discharged material:  
*N/A*
5. Identify and describe any pits, ponds, or other devices in which less than 2 ft of freeboard exists at the time of the inspection. Also describe any indications that less than 2 ft of freeboard has been maintained in the past, such as staining of pond banks or overtopping of berms, etc.:  
*N/A*
6. If possible, estimate the receipt rate or production rate (gal/day) of oil and/or produced water at the site:  
*19 wells.*
7. If possible, determine whether or not any discharges or spills from the site have been reported and, if so, describe how (letter, phone, etc.), when, and to whom (EPA, BLM, DEQ, OGCC, BIA, etc.) it was reported:  
*N/A.*
8. Describe the general housekeeping and maintenance of the facility and any conditions which could result in a discharge or spill (valves which could be opened, poorly supported pipelines, etc.):



# CHECKLIST "C" - TANKS AND CONTAINERS

1. Identify whether or not the site has a Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure (SPCC) Plan. If so, verify by personally viewing the plan, if possible. Has it been certified by a registered Professional Engineer?:

SPCC plan available.

2. Describe the type, use, condition, maximum capacity (gal or bbl), contents, markings, and actual quantity at the time of the inspection for each tank and container on the site. Also describe any secondary containment for each tank and container, including its condition, estimated capacity, and method of precipitation removal:

Tank / Container Type and Use	Maximum Capacity	Actual Quantity	Secondary Containment	Markings	Comments (including condition)
<del>Seawater</del> Produced Waters Bolted Tank	2000 bbls		NO containment		Good condition NO markings. bottom unknown



***CONTINUATION SHEET*** (identify Section and/or Checklist continued)





# PHOTO LOG

Site Number: Northland

Film Type/ASA/Size: 200 ASA / 135 / Kodak

Photographer: Wallace O'Rear

Photo Number \_\_\_\_\_ Subject Northland

- R2E06 Dead bird in old sludge, Looking Southeast
- R2E07 another Dead bird in old sludge.
- R2E08 another dead bird
- R2E09 Another dead bird in pit
- R2E10 Photograph of Old Sludge Pit, Looking South East
- R2E11 View of Old Sludge Pit looking northeast
- R2E12 View of west side of old sludge pit, Looking North
- R2E13 Additional dead bird on north side of Oil sludge pond
- R2E14 Another dead bird
- R2E15 Dead bird partially submerged with beak + feet sticking up out of sludge.

