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**GENERAL
CORRESPONDENCE**

YEAR(S):

1991

FIELD TRIP, MONUMENT AREA

C. St. v. v.

4/20/91

0-2
FRAMES ~~1-15~~ Shots of Climax Chemical Co. salt
N(0-2) piles, H_2SO_4 plant, disposal pit
(YB) ~~12~~ center pivot irrigation sprinkler for Climax wastewater
N3-5 (note vegetationless area under sprinkler, 2 locations)
FRAMES 16-18 ATC tank; stores unseparated crude
N6-8 { 3 acid pits
NW 5F
Y4-6 { Climax ~ 1/2 mi
4/193 has fluids
N9-10
Y7-8 } water; RB says ATC recently
acquired leases from Sun Oil (?) →
evidence of leaks or spills w/in banned
area

FRAME 19 Corroded tank @ Climax plant.
Y9, N11

FRAMES 20-21 Climax wastewater pond discharging onto
Y10 pasture lands leased by L. Byrd.
N12-15-22 Salt deposition of dirt road that
receives drainage from the Climax
wastewater pond; ~ 1/4 mile from p/a

FRAMES 23-24 Fairbairn's Refinery (abandoned); @ least
N16-21 7 storage tanks (gasoline & crude) on
Y11-14 property; reclaiming plant (closed) on
property. So. Union bought property
& torn down refinery; then reclaimer
came in; reclaimer operated as late
as Summer '90; Byrd doesn't know
name of reclaimer.

Reclaimer heater treater still on property

Just SW of the SW corner of the property
→

Frame

on state land leased by Byrd is an oily waste pond, congregated in a small, natural depression. Byrd says the oily pond was here in summer '90. It measures about 20 m².

There are 2 oil flow lines ^(ATC 53) next to the oily waste, but the material looks like it was dumped. There is no evidence of direct leakage from these pipelines.

Frame 30

Y14

On a second look, one of the ATC flow lines (Byrd says the lines belong to Ameranda Hess) is adjacent to a crude stained & denuded (bar vegetation) area about 2 m². The line may have leaked crude into the depression. Byrd says the line has been repaired, but the waste hasn't been cleaned up.

Frame 31 Climax discharge water in dirt road

N22

~ 1/2 mile

downstream of plant

TIME SCHEDULE

SUNDAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY	
MONTH	DATE	MONTH	DATE	MONTH	DATE	MONTH	DATE	MONTH	DATE	MONTH	DATE	MONTH	DATE

Frames 32-34 So. side of old reclaimer/refining operation

N23-25 south of the Chevron/Warren gas plant.

Y15

1/2/91 C. Shuey

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near Monument →

ACRA SWM U

HC1

climax
plant site

Warren Act.

runoff
pond

Farmers - heater heaters;
bathery old tanks

EPNG



2 semi-buried,
rusting
lines

mysterious
crude tar
discharge
in shallow
depression

State land

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x
Byrd

OBSERVATION NOTES

PLANNING NOTES

At Tuzla Kopek Disposal facility on east side
of Laguna Quarts, just south of
NM 128.

H₂S odor detectable up to 1.4 miles
east of site on NM 128.

Y21, N35 Shots of Tuzla Kopek pits & storage
tanks

N36 Long view of T.K. ^{across} on Laguna Quarts

Y22, 23 Conduit for water from L. Quarts into
Laguna Trees. on ^{Rawhide} Road,
1 mi. S/ NM 128

N37 (Same) looking upstream from LQ to LT

Y24 Long view of salt flats looking north from
NM 128 up Nash Draw to IMC Fertilizer
Plant & tanks in far back ground

Y25 IMC Fertilizer plant & tanks to R;
off NM 31 @ NM 14

WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY	
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Executive

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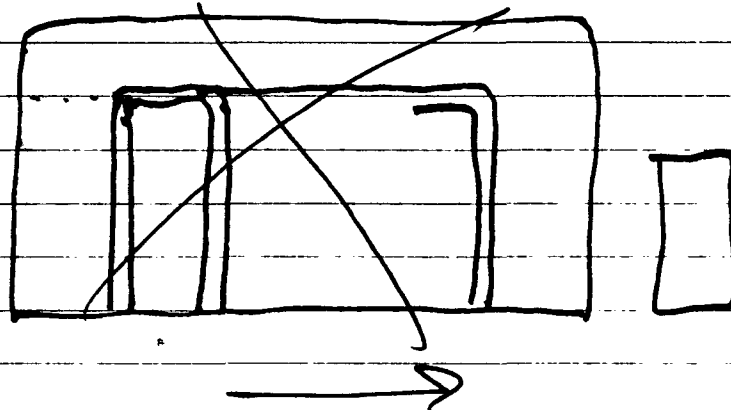
ARCO Empire Abu Unit F
Well #351
2550' FNL, 1650' FEL
SEC 34 T17S, R28E
Eddy County

* STORAGE TANKS OLD, EVIDENT OF
OIL SPILLAGE OR CORROSION
(RUST) *

- - No berm area around tanks!
- Crude spills on lease site
(black oily stains & puddles;
oil-soaked soils)
- Blowdown pit has < barrel
at bottom; ~ 20' x 20' x 10'

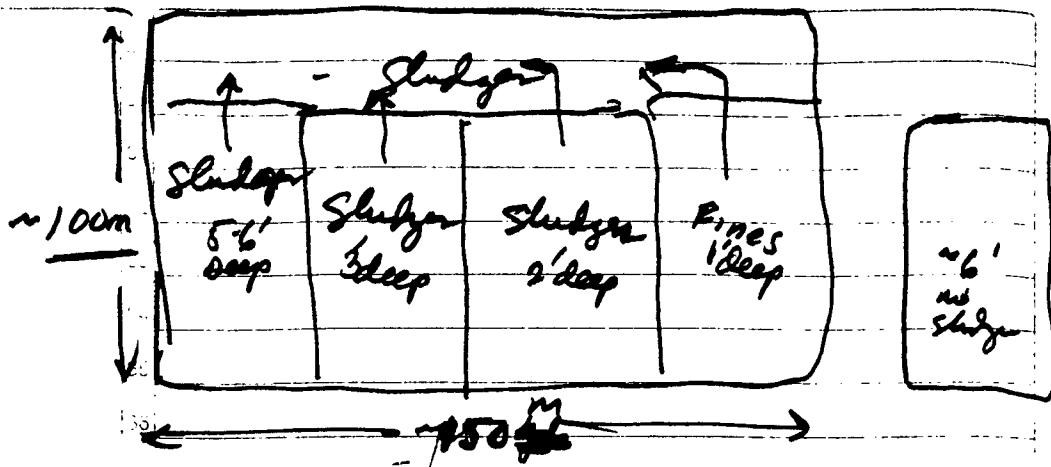
* SLUDGE PITS:

Just S/WELL #351 + tanks



excavation

N↑



- no standing water



- garbage - bag thick pale plastic
liner evident in westernmost cell

- Rusted ~~can~~ steel pipes strewn around pits

- Recent grading evident: muddy,
truck tire tracks, denuded,
areas graded, uneven

- .7 mi S of Rt. 82, ^{1.5} mi E of Antonio,
on Rt. 360

9/11/92

Artesia

9/11/91 1722

→ ARCO Empire ABO unit
Battery 634
SE 1/4 NW 1/4 SEC 34 T7S 28E
Eddy

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4 ^{separators} ~~lg heat treaters~~ (cylinder type)
1 lg heat treater

pipeline meters & ~~separators~~ -
ground pipes

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1.5 mile S/Rt. 82, 14.5 mi E Arteria
on Rt. 360

NA Relatively clean & new site

