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**Fasken Oil & Ranch, Ltd.
Site Assessment
Felmont Collier Site**

**Section 9 Township 11S Range 33E
Lea County, New Mexico**

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I. Background

Safety & Environmental Solutions, Inc. (SESI) was engaged in September, 1999 to perform a site assessment at the Felmont Collier Site located in Section 9, Township 11S, Range 33E, Lea County, New Mexico (Figure 1). The site consists of an old "blow-down" pit adjacent to a well and lease road. (Figure 2). An old pit area was investigated.

According to the State of New Mexico water well database, the depth to groundwater in the nearest water wells is 41' to 45' and the wells are listed as follows:

11S.33E.09.142424	19960123	41.41
11S.33E.09.44424	19810213	45.84

II. Work Performed

SESI performed sampling and field testing services for this project on several different occasions. The regulatory limits are found in "**Unlined Surface Impoundment Closure Guidelines**" *New Mexico Oil Conservation Division* - February 1993 and address Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons (TPH), Benzene, Ethyl Benzene, Toluene and Total Xylenes (BTEX). Due to the recorded depth to water in the area, the limit for TPH is 100ppm.

On September 21, 1999, Bob Allen performed two (2) field tests for TPH (EPA Method 418.1) using a General Analysis Corp. Mega TPH, Total Petroleum Hydrocarbon Analyzer Serial # 01196. Soil sampling was performed on soils from each test hole using SOPs found in **Environmental Protection Agency, 1984, Characterization of Hazardous Waste Site - A Methods Manual: Vol II**. Upon determining that there were elevated TPH levels, it was decided to bore into the pit area to delineate contamination.

On September 27, 1999, two (2) borings were done with field-testing performed for TPH. One boring was on the north side of the pit and one was at the apparent center of the pit. The bottom hole samples from both borings were taken to a third party laboratory for confirmation sampling. The delineation of vertical contamination was not achieved due to an impervious layer of rock encountered at the 8'-9' range. It was then decided to bring in an excavator to break through the rock and determine the vertical extent of contamination.

On September 29, 1999, an excavator began removing material from the pit area. The impervious rock layer encountered in the boring was found to be fractured in several spots and was removed. Four (4) samples were at various depths taken to the agreed upon bottom depth of 30'. It was decided that due to the elevated TPH levels at the bottom of the excavation, further delineation would be required using a hand auger.

On October 19, 1999, hand auger sampling was attempted on the bottom of the excavation after proper benching and sloping was achieved to safely reach the bottom of the excavated area. Removal of 1' of soil revealed highly solidified sandstone. The excavator was used to remove an additional 3' of rock. At a bottom depth of 34' a final sample was taken for field TPH testing and third party laboratory confirmation. The results are listed below.

III. Vertical and Horizontal Extent Investigation

A summary of each test hole is presented in the following tables with the field analysis in bold text and third party laboratory confirmation in italics:

Test Hole # 1

The first test hole was completed on the north side of the pit to a depth of 9'.

ID/ Depth	TPH	Benzene	Toluene	Ethyl Benzene	Xylenes	Cl
9'	581ppm					
9'-Lab	<i>1315.6 ppm</i>	<i><0.002 ppm</i>	<i>0.003 ppm</i>	<i>0.011 ppm</i>	<i>0.097 ppm</i>	<i>65ppm</i>

Test Hole # 2

This test hole was completed approximately 30' south of Test Hole #1 in the apparent center of the pit to a depth of 8'.

ID/ Depth	TPH	Benzene	Toluene	Ethyl Benzene	Xylenes	Cl
8'	1790ppm					
8' - Lab	<i>1787 ppm</i>	<i><0.002 ppm</i>	<i><0.002 ppm</i>	<i>0.099 ppm</i>	<i>1.020 ppm</i>	<i>49ppm</i>

Excavation Sampling

The results are from various depths during excavation on September 29, 1999 to the agreed upon 30' depth.

ID/ Depth	TPH	Benzene	Toluene	Ethyl Benzene	Nylenes	Cl
13'	8950ppm					
16'	7200ppm					
20'	7000ppm					
26'	7450ppm					
30'	6450ppm					

Final Excavation

This sample was collected from the final excavation depth of 34'.

ID/ Depth	TPH	Benzene	Toluene	Ethyl Benzene	Nylenes	Cl
34'	115ppm					
34' - Lab	<105.7 ppm	<0.002 ppm	<0.002 ppm	<0.002 ppm	<0.006 ppm	54ppm

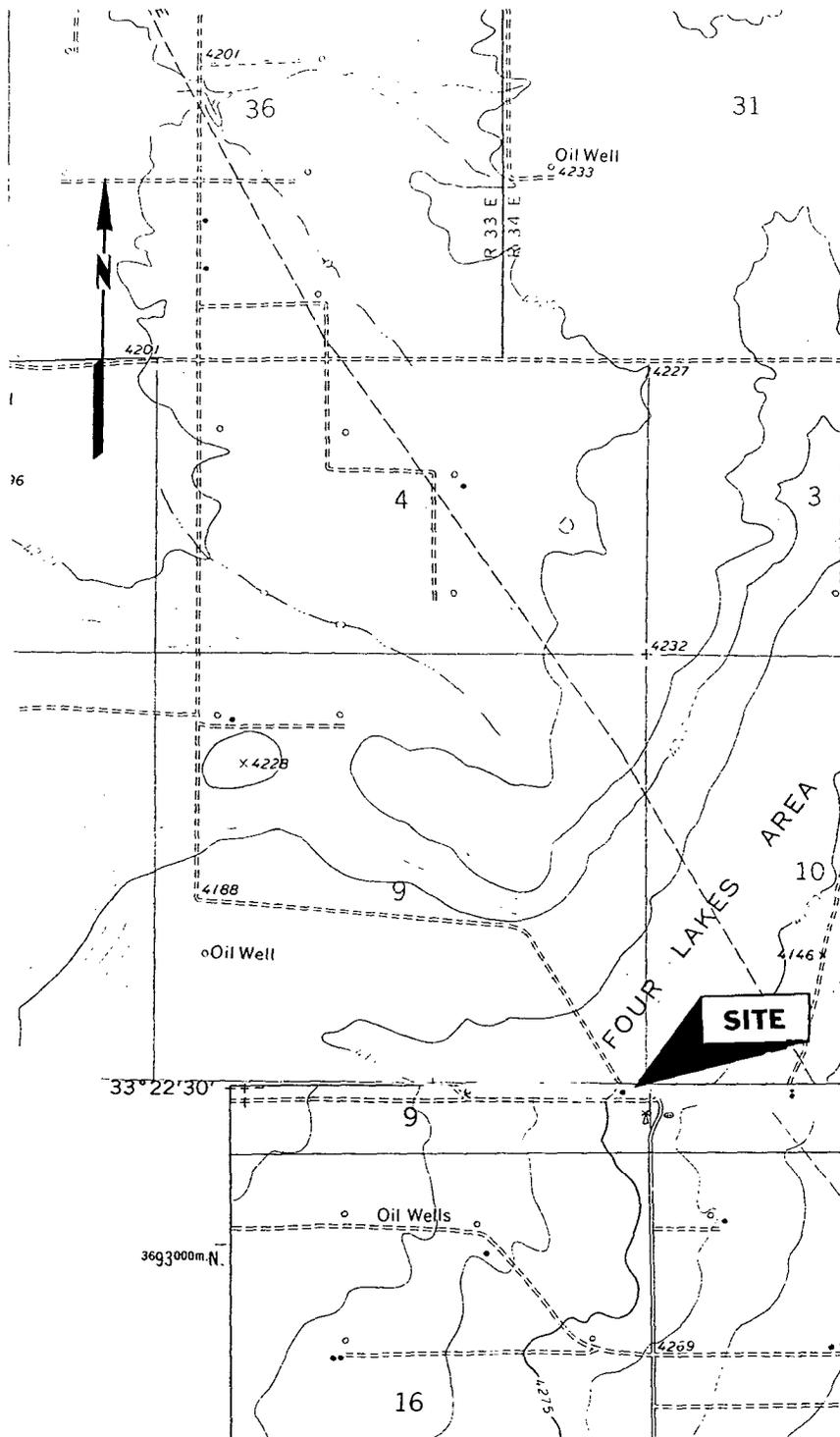
IV. Summary

This site assessment has revealed the vertical extent of contaminated soils is to a depth of 34' at the subject site. There was no indication that any contamination has migrated into the ground water in this area and no tests were conducted of the ground water.

V. Figures

- Figure 1 - Vicinity Map
- Figure 2 - Site Plan
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Figure 1
Vicinity Map

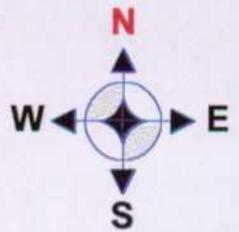
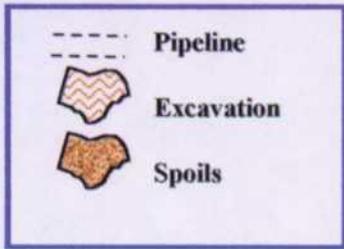


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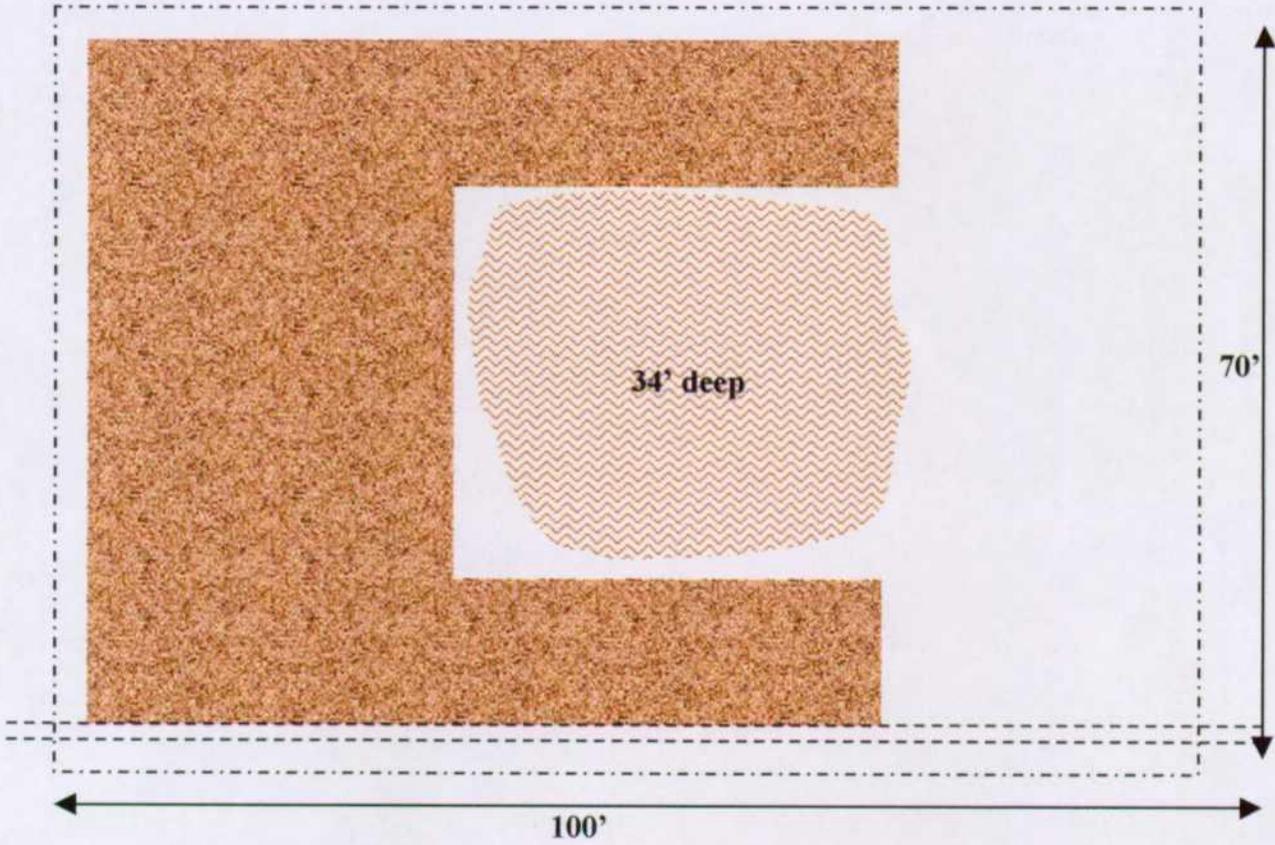
**Felmont Collier Site
Vicinity Map**

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Figure 2
Site Plan



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Figure 3
Laboratory Analyticals



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Receiving Date: 09/28/99
 Reporting Date: 09/29/99
 Project Owner: FASKIN
 Project Name: NOT GIVEN
 Project Location: FELMONT COLLIN #1

Sampling Date: 09/27/99
 Sample Type: SOIL
 Sample Condition: COOL & INTACT
 Sample Received By: JP
 Analyzed By: BC

LAB NUMBER	SAMPLE ID	GRO (C ₈ -C ₁₀) (mg/Kg)	DRO (>C ₁₀ -C ₂₈) (mg/Kg)	BENZENE (mg/Kg)	TOLUENE (mg/Kg)	ETHYL BENZENE (mg/Kg)	TOTAL XYLENES (mg/Kg)
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ANALYSIS DATE:	09/28/99	09/28/99	09/28/99	09/28/99	09/28/99	09/28/99
H4370-1 B.H. #1 9'	75.6	1240	<0.002	0.003	0.011	0.097
H4370-2 B.H. #2 8'	247	1540	<0.002	<0.002	0.099	1.02
Quality Control	1053	914	0.093	0.091	0.091	0.278
True Value QC	1000	1000	0.100	0.100	0.100	0.300
% Recovery	105	91.4	93.1	91.4	91.1	92.7
Relative Percent Difference	6.6	4.7	6.9	4.2	4.4	4.1

METHODS: TPH(GRO & DRO) - EPA SW-846 8015 M; BTEX/MTBE-EPA SW-846 8260

Burgess J.A. Cooke
 Burgess J.A. Cooke, Ph. D.

9/29/99
 Date

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 Sample Condition: COOL & INTACT
 Sample Received By: GP
 Analyzed By: BC/AH

LAB NUMBER	SAMPLE ID	GRO (C ₆ -C ₁₀) (mg/Kg)	DRO (>C ₁₀ -C ₂₈) (mg/Kg)	CI ⁻ (mg/Kg)
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ANALYSIS DATE	10/21/99	10/21/99	10/22/99
H4409-1 BOTTOM HOLE	<10	95.7	54
Quality Control	1040	1050	955
True Value QC	1000	1000	1000
% Recovery	104	105	95.5
Relative Percent Difference	3.3	3.3	2.9

METHODS: TPH GRO & DRO: EPA SW-846 8015 M; CI⁻: Std. Methods 4500-CI⁻B

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 Chemist

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H4409-1	BOTTOM HOLE	<0.002	<0.002	<0.002	<0.006
Quality Control		0.092	0.099	0.096	0.290
True Value QC		0.100	0.100	0.100	0.300
% Recovery		91.6	98.7	95.6	96.6
Relative Percent Difference		2.1	2.1	1.4	0.6

METHOD: EPA SW 846-8021B, 5030, 5021 Gas Chromatography

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Figure 4
Photo Exhibits



Felmont Collier - Pit Area Facing West



Felmont Collier - Pit Area Facing North



Felmont Collier - Excavated Area Facing Southeast



Felmont Collier - Excavated Area Facing Northeast



Felmont Collier - Excavated Pit Area Facing Southeast



Felmont Collier - Excavated Pit Area at Bottom