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Price, Wayne

From: Price, Wayne
Sent: Monday, April 30, 2001 11:59 AM
To: 'sagapetbjh@lx.net'
Cc: Williams, Chris; 'ballen@sesi-nm.com'
Subject: FW: Saga Petroleum CS Caylor Spill Case #1R0312

Dear Ms. Husband:

The NMOCD is in receipt of the revised attached work plan for the above referenced site. The OCD hereby approves of the work plan with the following conditions:

1. Chloride soil clean-up levels shall be 250 ppm unless Saga can demonstrate higher levels will not impact groundwater in the foreseeable future and is protective of public health and the environment.
2. Soil clean-up standards will be dependent upon the OCD guidelines; vertical distance from the lower most contaminants to the top of groundwater may change Saga's proposed 1000 TPH levels. This value may change depending upon the results of the investigation.
3. Saga will notify the OCD Santa Fe office and the OCD District office at least 72 hours in advance of all scheduled activities such that the OCD has the opportunity to witness the events and/or split samples during OCD's normal business hours.
4. Saga shall submit a final report for OCD approval to this office by June 29, 2001.

Please be advised that NMOCD approval of this plan does not relieve Saga of liability should their operations fail to adequately investigate and remediate contamination that pose a threat to ground water, surface water, human health or the environment. In addition, NMOCD approval does not relieve Saga of responsibility for compliance with any other federal, state, or local laws and/or regulations.

From: Kristi Hinojos[SMTP:khinojos@msn.com]
Sent: Monday, April 30, 2001 11:40 AM
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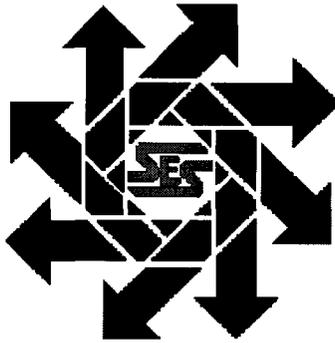


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**Saga Petroleum LLC
Caylor Battery**

**Remediation/Cleanup Work Plan
Lea County, New Mexico**



Prepared for:

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By:

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A stock tank overflowed on November 22, 2000 resulting in the spillage of approximately 120 barrels of crude oil and water. Approximately 80 barrels of fluid was recovered from the spill site.

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The crude oil and water spilled into the bermed area around the battery and a small area outside the berm. (Site Plan) The crude oil and produced water is considered to be exempt oilfield waste. No evidence of other contaminants was observed.

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The vertical and horizontal extent of the contamination will be determined by excavation or boring at the time of cleanup. All samples will be collected with strict adherence to the SOPs found in **Environmental Protection Agency, 1984, Characterization of Hazardous Waste Site - A Methods Manual: Vol II**. These samples will be representative of the contamination levels and will be analyzed for Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons (TPH), Benzene, Toluelene, Ethyl Benzene, Xylene (BTEX), and Chloride content. The results will be compared to the contaminate levels specified in **"Guidelines for Remediation of Leaks, Spills and Releases"** *New Mexico Oil Conservation Division* - August 13, 1993.

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According to the New Mexico State Engineer's office, the nearest water well is within the same section and the depth to water in that well is recorded as being 61.64'.

VI. Action Plan

Site Characterization

Distance to Surface Water/Waterways	0 points
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Applying the ranking criteria specified in “**Guidelines for Remediation of Leaks, Spills and Releases**” *New Mexico Oil Conservation Division* - August 13, 1993 to this site results in a cleanup level of 1000 ppm Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons (TPH).

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VII. Maps and Figures

Vicinity Map
Site Plan

Figure 1
Vicinity Map

**Figure 2
Site Plan**

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From: Price, Wayne
Sent: Monday, April 30, 2001 9:30 AM
To: 'SAGAPETBJH@LX.NET'
Cc: Williams, Chris; 'ballen@sesi-nm.com'
Subject: CAYLOR BATTERY C-6-17S-37E

CASE # 1R0312

Dear Bonnie:

This case has been assigned Case #1R0312. Please reference this number on all future documents. Please note the OCD cannot approve of the submitted plan as presented. Saga failed to include BTEX and Chlorides as required by the District office. Please modify plan and re-submit!

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1R03H



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FAX

TO: ROGER ANDERSON
FROM: GARY W. WINK
Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department,
Oil Conservation Division
RE: WORK PLAN
DATE: 4/18/01

*ROGER - THIS WAS SUBMITTED FOR
SAGA BY SAFETY & ENVIRONMENTAL SOLUTIONS
JAN 24, 01. THEY CALLED THIS MORNING
WANTING TO KNOW WHAT THE STATUS
WAS. I TOLD HER I WOULD HAVE TO
SEND IT TO YOU FOR REVIEW. THE CONTACT
FOR SAGA IS BONNIE HUSBAND.
HER #915-684-4293.*

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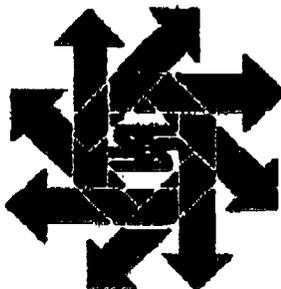
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8 pages
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Caylor Battery**

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***Caylor Battery K Work Plan
January 24, 2001***

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January 24, 2001

Saga Petroleum LLC

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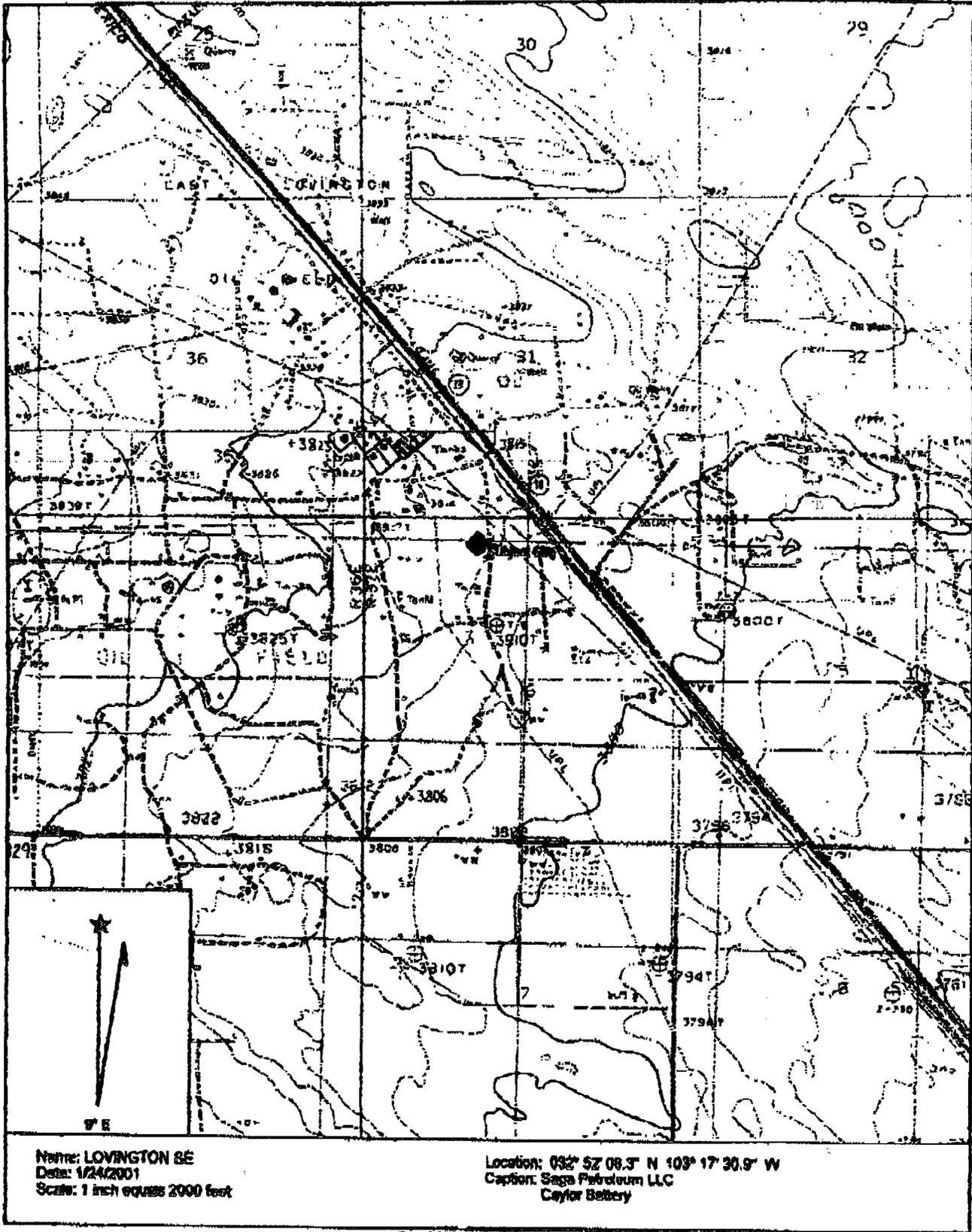
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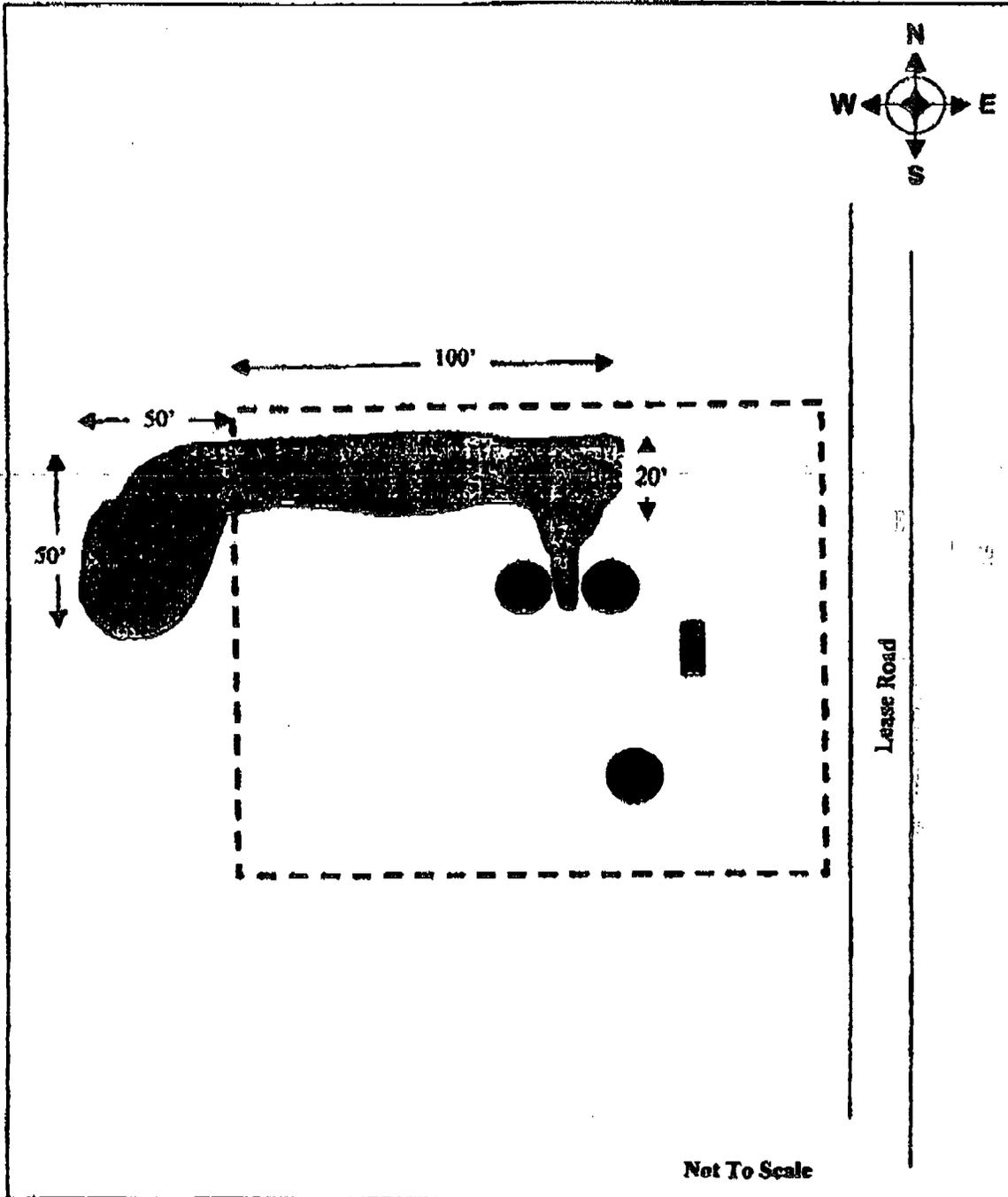
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VII. Maps and Figures

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<p><i>Saga Petroleum LLC</i> January 24, 2001</p>	<p>Craylor Battery Site Plan</p>	<p>Safety & Environmental Solutions, Inc. Hobbs, New Mexico</p>
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December 27, 2000

RECEIVED

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Saga Petroleum
Attn: Roland Beal
2121 French Dr.
Hobbs, New Mexico 88240

Re: C-141: Submitted on November 28, 2000
UL C--Sec 6-T17S-R37E
C.S. Caylor Battery

Dear Mr. Beal:

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (NMOCD) is in receipt of the C-141 referenced above that was submitted by Saga Petroleum (Saga). The C-141 indicated that on November 22, 2000, Saga had a release of 70 bbls. of oil and 50 bbls. of produced water, recovering 60 bbls of oil and 20 bbls. of produced water. The C-141 submitted stated that Saga mixed in and blended clean soil and fertilizer and left in place to remediate. The NMOCD hereby requires that Saga demonstrate that contaminants have not and will not migrate vertically so as to cause groundwater to exceed standards and submit to the NMOCD District I Hobbs Office by January 26, 2001, a remediation plan pursuant to Rule 116.D concerning the above referenced release. Saga shall include in the sampling event(s) the following: TPH, BTEX and Chlorides.

If you have any further questions, or need any assistance please do not hesitate to write or call me at (505) 393-6161 ext...113.

Sincerely,

Donna Williams

Donna Williams
Environmental Engineer Specialist

cc: Roger Anderson - Environmental Bureau Chief
Chris Williams - District I Supervisor

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Form C-141
 Originated 3/13/97

Submit 3 copies to
 Appropriate District
 Office in accordance
 with Rule 116 on
 back side of form

Release Notification and Corrective Action

OPERATOR

Initial Report Final Report

Name: Saga Petroleum	Contact: Roland Beal
Address: 2121 French Dr. Hobbs NM 88240	Telephone No: Office-391-9291 M-369-5020
Facility Name: C.S. Caylor Battery	Facility Type: Production Battery
Surface Owner: Rice - ?	Mineral Owner: ?
Lease No.	

LOCATION OF RELEASE

Well Letter: C	Section: 6	Township: 17S	Range: 37E	Feet from the North/South Line	Feet from the East/West Line	County: Lea
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NATURE OF RELEASE

Type of Release: Oil + Water	Volume of Release: 70 Bbl oil, 50 Bbl water	Volume Recovered: 60 oil, 20 water
Source of Release: Stock tank ran over	Date and Hour of Occurrence: 11-22-00 AM	Date and Hour of Discovery: 11-22-00 10 AM
Was Watercourse Nearby? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable	Was it cleaned up? cleaned up - forgot to call + fill out this report.	
By Whom?	Date and How	
Was a Watercourse Encroached? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	If YES, Volume Impinging the Watercourse.	

If a Watercourse was Impacted, Describe Fully (Attach Additional Sheets if Necessary)

Describe Cause of Problem and Remedial Action Taken. (Attach Additional Sheets if Necessary)

Water meter on FWKO became partially restricted - water line did not keep up completely - sent some water to oil tank + ran over, removed meter + changed out water line with new poly line.

Describe Area Affected and Cleanup/Action Taken. (Attach Additional Sheets if Necessary)

Picked up all water + oil. Brought in clean dirt + mixed in. Will disk, add more clean dirt w/ fertilizer + remediate.

I hereby certify that the information given above is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and understand that pursuant to NMOC rules and regulations all operators are required to report and file certain release notifications and perform emergency actions for releases which may endanger public health or the environment. The acceptance of a C-141 report by the NMOCD marked as "Final Report" does not relieve the operator of liability should that operator have failed to adequately investigate and remediate contamination that poses a threat to ground water, surface water, human health or the environment. In addition, NMOCD acceptance of a C-141 report does not relieve the operator of responsibility for compliance with any other federal, state, or local laws and/or regulations.

Signature: Roland Beal	OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION	
Printed Name: Roland Beal	Approved by District Supervisor:	Expiration Date:
Title: Production Foreman	Approval Date:	Conditions of Approval:
Date: 11-28-00	Phone: 391-9291	Checked <input type="checkbox"/>

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