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SPILL AND REMEDIATION REPORT

FOR

**THE CITY OF BLOOMFIELD
WATER TRANSPORT LOADING
FACILITY**

**SOUTH CHURCH STREET,
BLOOMFIELD, NEW MEXICO**

OCTOBER, 1999

Spill and Remediation Report

for

The City of Bloomfield Water Transport Loading Facility

South Church Street, Bloomfield, New Mexico

The City of Bloomfield owns and operates a Water Transport Loading Facility on South Church Street in the City of Bloomfield. Its purpose is to provide access for oilfield water haulers and others who need to transport large volumes of potable water by truck. The facility consists of a small blue metal building with a hose connection on the southeast corner. The oilfield water haulers on a twenty-four hour basis principally use the un-manned facility. It is located adjacent to a slew on the west side which contains slow moving running ground water collected as a result of local irrigation and stormwater runoff. The slew ultimately flows south and empties into the San Juan River.

On October 8, 1999 a water hauler who had arrived at the facility to load his truck reported to the City of Bloomfield that he had observed what he believed to be a spill of liquid oilfield waste. Bloomfield City Engineer Lloyd Aliffe after looking at the spill contacted me at Tierra Environmental Company, Inc. to act as the City's Environmental Consultant, to supervise the cleanup and coordinate with regulatory authorities. According to Mr. Aliffe, the spill was discovered at about 2:30 P.M., I was called at about 3:00 P.M. and arrived at the spill site at about 3:30 P.M. The spill site consisted of about a forty square foot area that was contaminated with what appeared to be liquid oilfield waste e.g. sludge, similar in nature to tank

paraffin, water and other hydrocarbon bi-products. Oilfield waste of this nature is considered non-hazardous by definition and exempt from regulation under the Federal Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA). Evidence at the site indicated the cause of the spill was that a water truck was being filled. It subsequently overflowed through the top hatch bringing with the excess water a substantial amount of oily waste that apparently had accumulated in the trucks tank from past oilfield activity. I would estimate that the spill involved no more than five barrels of material. City personnel had bermed and diked the area with sand to prevent any further migration of the contaminants. However after further examination it was evident that prior to the spills discovery, some of the material, a barrel or less, had migrated down gradient from the immediate spill area and entered the slew adjacent to the loading facility. With the assistance of City personnel an absorbent boom was placed into the slew about two hundred feet down stream in an effort to prevent any further migration of the contaminants. Shortly thereafter Denny Foust with the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD) arrived. Mr. Aliffe had notified him of the spill. OCD is the regulatory agency that has principal jurisdiction and environmental regulatory authority over oilfield operations, spills and releases. At his request I contacted the Santa Fe Office of the OCD, a requirement because the spill had impacted surface water, e.g. the slew. Ms. Martyne Kieling, Environmental Geologist at the Santa Fe Office was informed of the situation and the fact that an absorbent boom had been placed into the slew to prevent any further down stream migration of contaminants. I also received permission from her to treat the impacted surface water in the slew with Tierra Oxy 1. Oxy 1 is a mild oxidizer which contains a 6% solution of potassium permanganate, a surfactant and other

non-hazardous amenities, which would mitigate and neutralize the hydrocarbon contaminates. Prior to the application of Oxy 1, at the request of Denny Foust OCD two water samples were taken of the contamination in the slew. The samples were delivered to Envirotech Labs on October 12, 1999. About two-hundred-fifty gallons of Oxy 1 was applied to the area of the slew that was impacted. At my direction the City personnel covered the surface spill area at the facility with additional sand as an absorbent material. The facility was closed to the public from October 8 through the morning of Monday, October 11, 1999. On October 9 and again on October 10, 1999, I visited the site to examine the effects of OXY 1 on the slew contamination and to ensure the absorbent boom was holding. Some contamination was still visible but appeared to be dissipating. On October 9, 1999 I again visited the site. At that time under my direction, City personnel excavated the sand and gravel from the spill area to a depth of about one foot. The material (about forty-five cubic yards) was transported by City of Bloomfield trucks to the OCD permitted Tierra Environmental Crouch Mesa Landfarm Facility located at 420 County Road 3100 in San Juan County, New Mexico for remediation. The field tests I conducted at the site using a Thermo-Environmental Organic Vapor Meter Model 580 B indicated that all of the contamination had been removed from the excavated site. A laboratory soil sample was obtained for verification.

I then instructed the City personnel to backfill the excavation. While at the site on October 11, I again examined the effects of Oxy 1 in the slew. It appeared that about 65% of the contaminants had been mitigated and neutralized. The remaining contaminates appeared to have pooled in two locations down stream from the spill site but about one hundred feet up

stream of the absorbent boom. On Tuesday morning October 12, 1999, I again visited the site. The contaminants that remained in the slew had not dissipated any further. A second application of Oxy 1 (about 150 gallons) was conducted that same date.

On October 13, 1999, Denny Foust OCD again inspected the site. He noticed a strong hydrocarbon odor and asked that I again look the site over. At about 4:00 P.M. that same date I arrived at the site. The odor was noticeable. It appeared that as yet another small spill of what smelled like condensate had occurred again, as a result of an overflow of water from a water truck. There was what appeared to be a slight thin sheen of hydrocarbon product on the water in the slew. It covered about a four-foot square area. The boom containment was still in place.

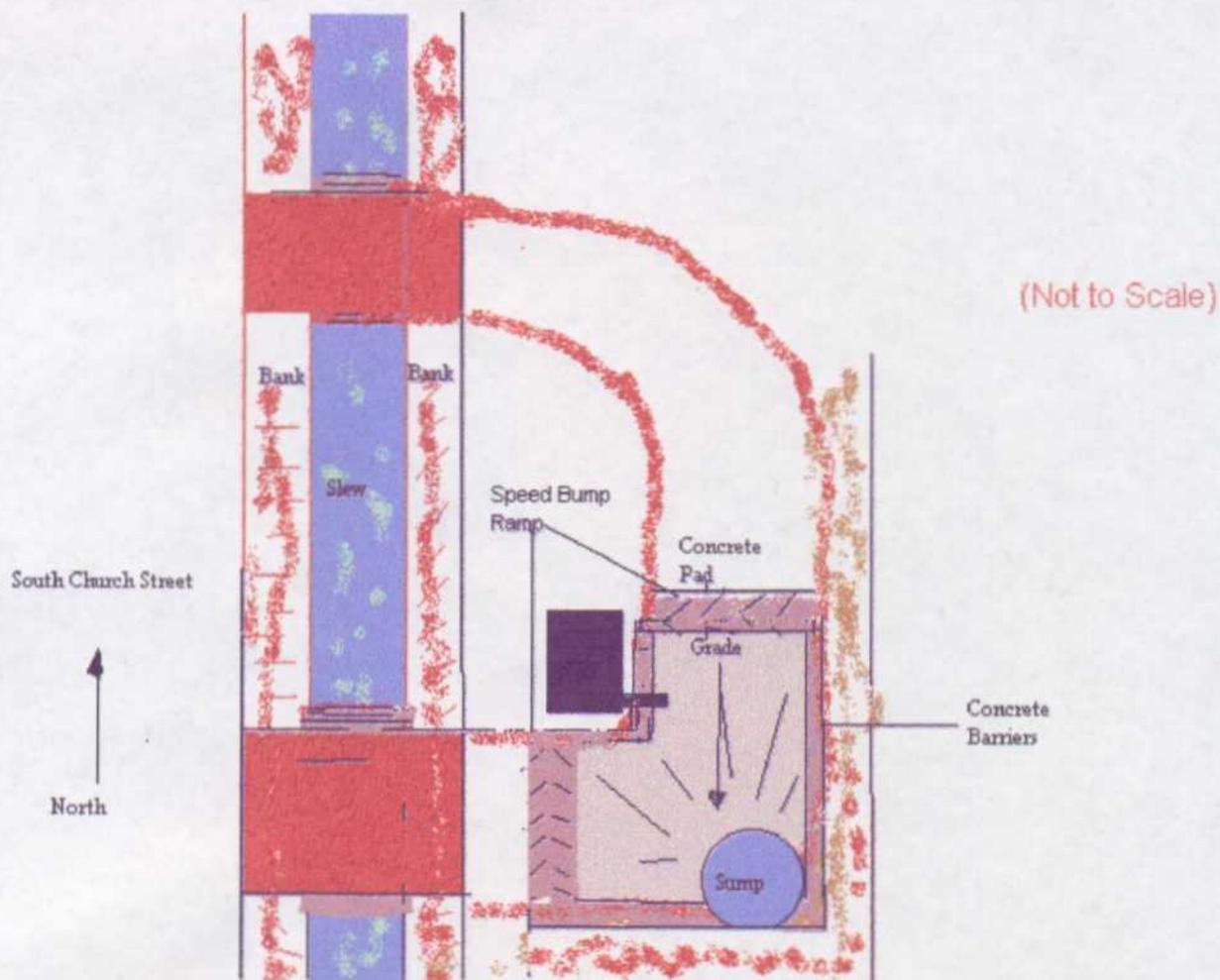
On Thursday October 14, 1999, Frank Chavez Area 3 Supervisor OCD and Denny Foust OCD met with City Officials and me at the site. The purpose of the meeting was to develop a contingency plan to prevent or minimize any future occurrence. Fire Chief Duncan and MOC Manager Curtis Lynch suggested that the City berm the facility with sand as a temporary measure, until a more permanent solution could be developed. OCD personnel voiced no objection. The facility was bermed the following morning, Friday, October 15, 1999. I inspected the berm later that same date. It appeared to be sufficient for the time being. I also inspected the water in the slew. There still appeared to be small ribbons of hydrocarbon product visible in a small area. On Monday October 18, 1999 at about 7:45 A.M., I again visited the site. Because the hydrocarbon sheen was still slightly visible on the

Observations and Recommendations for
Prevention and Containment

1. The City should consider adopting a policy directed to the water haulers assn., wherein procedures are set forth governing how water trucks are to be loaded. The policy would include that “no hatches or valves are to be left open during loading operations” e.g. “ no overflow is allowed at the loading facility whatsoever”. Penalties should be attached for violations whether or not contamination occurs.
2. The installation of a video surveillance camera in the proximity of the loading facility would also be a good preventive measure. There are some fairly inexpensive wireless models now available with tape backup.
3. A concrete pad with containment and a sump would also reduce the possibility of another release into the adjacent slew. I have included a diagram (not to scale) of what containment might be necessary.

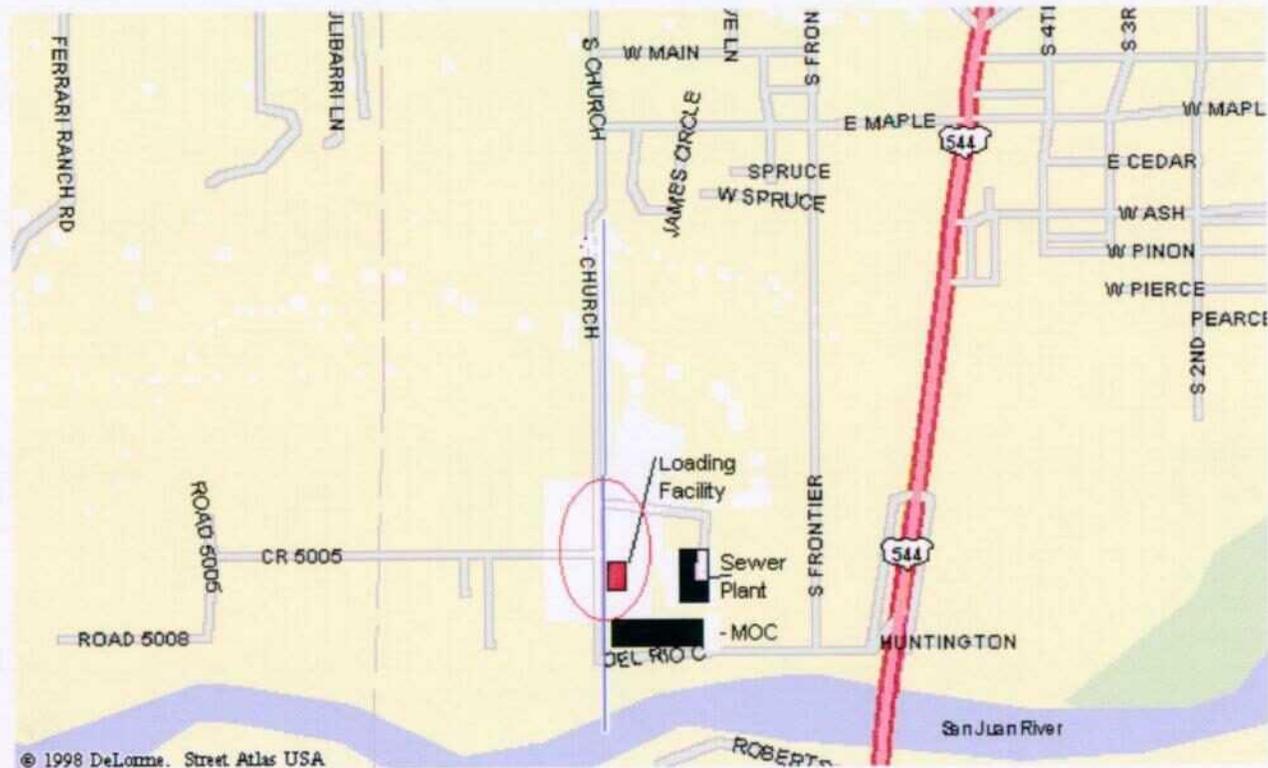
Suggested Containment for the Water Transport Loading Facility

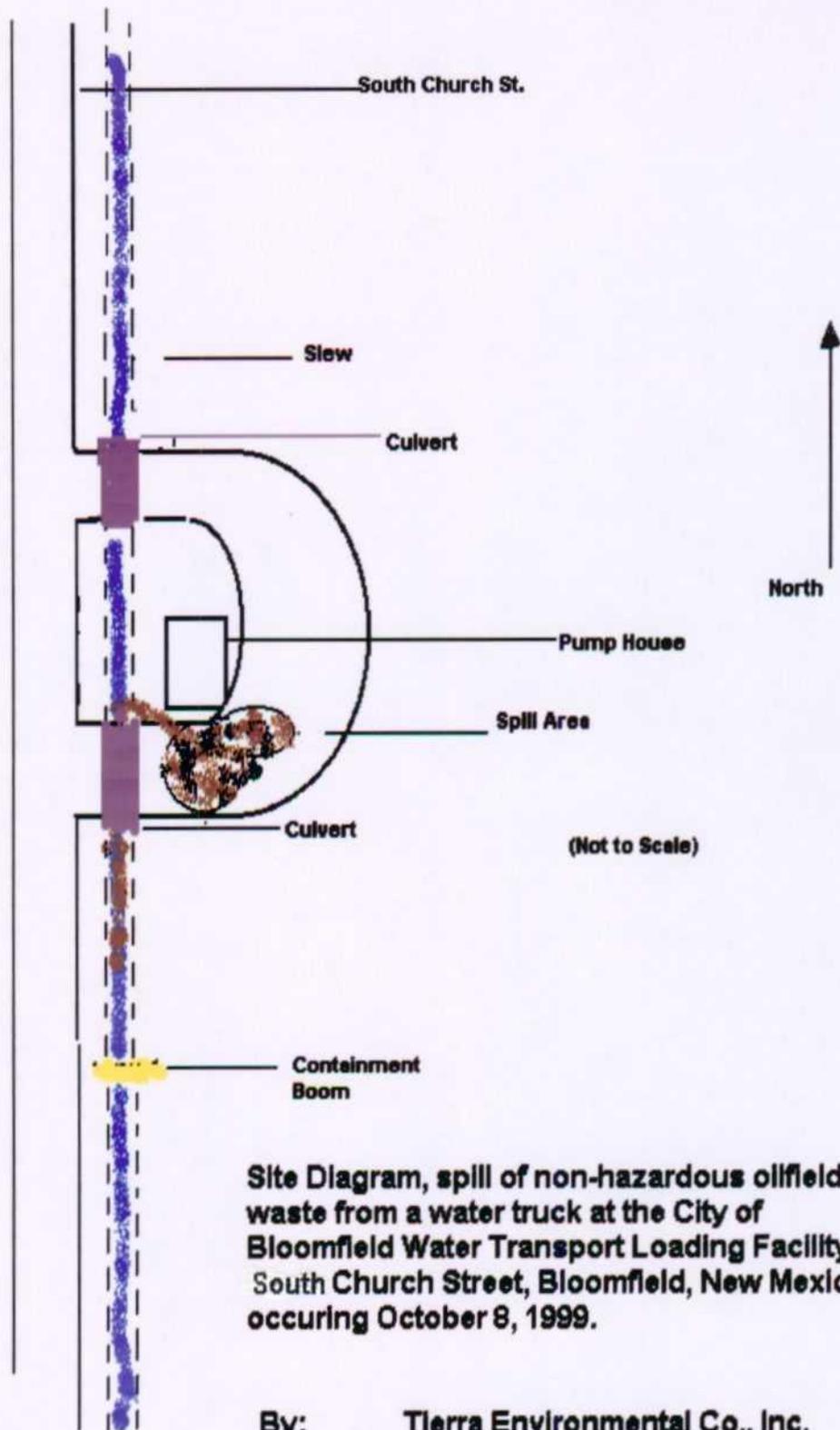
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Location Map - City of Bloomfield Water Transport Loading Facility - South Church Street, Bloomfield, New Mexico



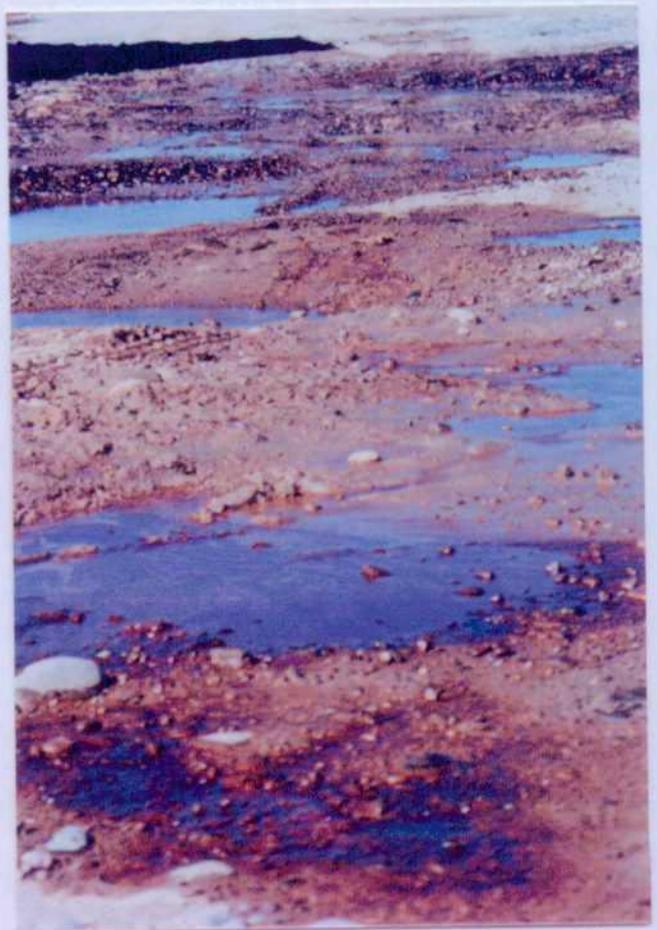


Site Diagram, spill of non-hazardous oilfield waste from a water truck at the City of Bloomfield Water Transport Loading Facility, South Church Street, Bloomfield, New Mexico occurring October 8, 1999.

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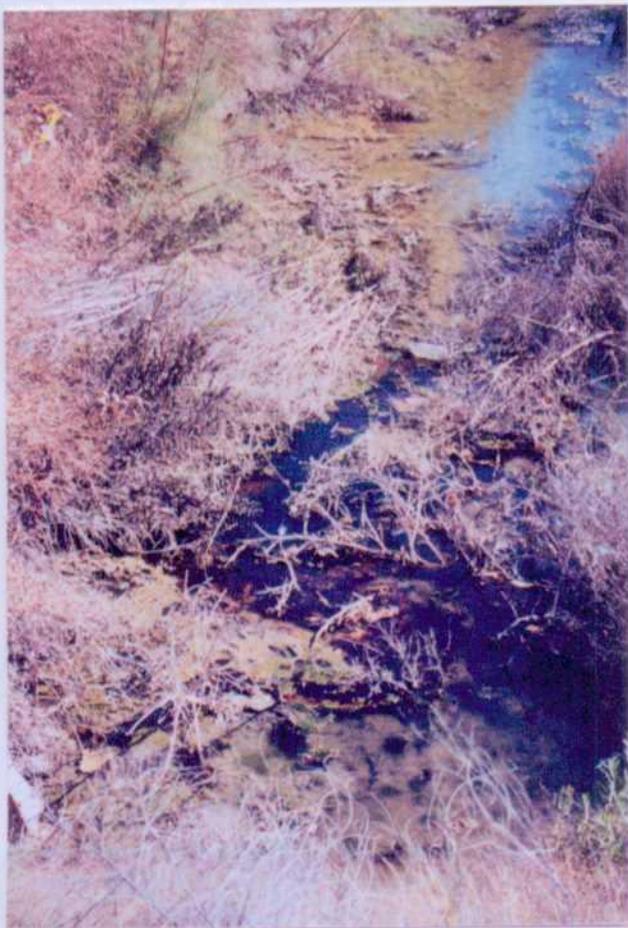


View of the approximately
40' x 40' Spill Area
Bloomfield Water Transport
Loading Facility





View of contaminants on the
surface water of the slew
looking south from the culvert





Excavation and Removal of Contaminants





Backfill
and
Closure

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PRACTICAL SOLUTIONS FOR A BETTER TOMORROW

EPA METHOD 8015 Modified Nonhalogenated Volatile Organics Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons

Client:	Tierra Environmental	Project #:	407403
Sample ID:	# 4	Date Reported:	10-20-99
Laboratory Number:	G218	Date Sampled:	10-19-99
Chain of Custody No:	7504	Date Received:	10-19-99
Sample Matrix:	Water	Date Extracted:	10-20-99
Preservative:	Cool	Date Analyzed:	10-20-99
Condition:	Cool and Intact	Analysis Requested:	8015 TPH

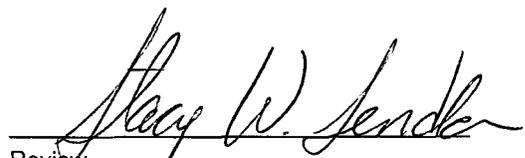
Parameter	Concentration (mg/L)	Det. Limit (mg/L)
Gasoline Range (C5 - C10)	ND	0.2
Diesel Range (C10 - C28)	ND	0.1
Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons	ND	0.2

ND - Parameter not detected at the stated detection limit.

References: Method 8015B, Nonhalogenated Volatile Organics, Test Methods for Evaluating Solid Waste, SW-846, USEPA, December 1996.

Comments: **City of Bloomfield.**


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EPA METHOD 8021 AROMATIC VOLATILE ORGANICS

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Chain of Custody:	7504	Date Sampled:	10-19-99
Laboratory Number:	G218	Date Received:	10-19-99
Sample Matrix:	Water	Date Analyzed:	10-20-99
Preservative:	HgCl ₂ & Cool	Analysis Requested:	BTEX
Condition:	Cool & Intact		

Parameter	Concentration (ug/L)	Dilution Factor	Det. Limit (ug/L)
Benzene	ND	1	0.2
Toluene	ND	1	0.2
Ethylbenzene	ND	1	0.2
p,m-Xylene	ND	1	0.2
o-Xylene	ND	1	0.1
Total BTEX	ND		

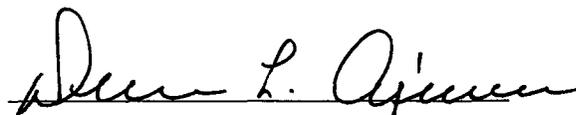
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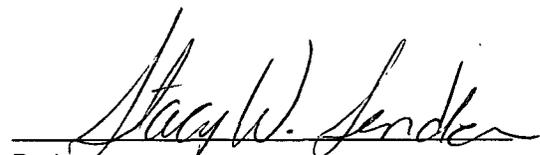
Surrogate Recoveries:	Parameter	Percent Recovery
	Trifluorotoluene	100 %
	Bromofluorobenzene	100 %

References: Method 5030B, Purge-and-Trap, Test Methods for Evaluating Solid Waste, SW-846, USEPA, December 1996.

Method 8021B, Aromatic and Halogenated Volatiles by Gas Chromatography Using Photoionization and/or Electrolytic Conductivity Detectors, SW-846, USEPA December 1996.

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EPA METHOD 8015 Modified Nonhalogenated Volatile Organics Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons

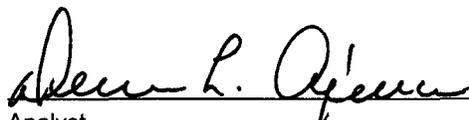
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Sample ID:	B - 1	Date Reported:	10-14-99
Laboratory Number:	G184	Date Sampled:	10-08-99
Chain of Custody No:	7431	Date Received:	10-12-99
Sample Matrix:	Water	Date Extracted:	10-13-99
Preservative:	Cool	Date Analyzed:	10-13-99
Condition:	Cool and Intact	Analysis Requested:	8015 TPH

Parameter	Concentration (mg/L)	Det. Limit (mg/L)
Gasoline Range (C5 - C10)	26.7	0.2
Diesel Range (C10 - C28)	54.4	0.1
Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons	81.1	0.2

ND - Parameter not detected at the stated detection limit.

References: Method 8015B, Nonhalogenated Volatile Organics, Test Methods for Evaluating Solid Waste, SW-846, USEPA, December 1996.

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EPA METHOD 8021 AROMATIC VOLATILE ORGANICS

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Sample ID:	B - 1	Date Reported:	10-13-99
Chain of Custody:	7431	Date Sampled:	10-08-99
Laboratory Number:	G184	Date Received:	10-12-99
Sample Matrix:	Water	Date Analyzed:	10-13-99
Preservative:	HgCl2 & Cool	Analysis Requested:	BTEX
Condition:	Cool & Intact		

Parameter	Concentration (ug/L)	Dilution Factor	Det. Limit (ug/L)
Benzene	140	1	0.2
Toluene	93.3	1	0.2
Ethylbenzene	63.1	1	0.2
p,m-Xylene	245	1	0.2
o-Xylene	114	1	0.1

Total BTEX 656

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Surrogate Recoveries:	Parameter	Percent Recovery
	Trifluorotoluene	99 %
	Bromofluorobenzene	99 %

References: Method 5030B, Purge-and-Trap, Test Methods for Evaluating Solid Waste, SW-846, USEPA, December 1996.

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EPA METHOD 8015 Modified Nonhalogenated Volatile Organics Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons

Client:	Tierra Environmental	Project #:	407403
Sample ID:	B - 2	Date Reported:	10-14-99
Laboratory Number:	G185	Date Sampled:	10-08-99
Chain of Custody No:	7431	Date Received:	10-12-99
Sample Matrix:	Water	Date Extracted:	10-13-99
Preservative:	Cool	Date Analyzed:	10-13-99
Condition:	Cool and Intact	Analysis Requested:	8015 TPH

Parameter	Concentration (mg/L)	Det. Limit (mg/L)
Gasoline Range (C5 - C10)	686	0.2
Diesel Range (C10 - C28)	1,700	0.1
Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons	2,390	0.2

ND - Parameter not detected at the stated detection limit.

References: Method 8015B, Nonhalogenated Volatile Organics, Test Methods for Evaluating Solid Waste, SW-846, USEPA, December 1996.

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EPA METHOD 8021 AROMATIC VOLATILE ORGANICS

Client:	Tierra Environmental	Project #:	407403
Sample ID:	B - 3	Date Reported:	10-13-99
Laboratory Number:	G186	Date Sampled:	10-11-99
Chain of Custody:	7431	Date Received:	10-12-99
Sample Matrix:	Soil	Date Analyzed:	10-13-99
Preservative:	Cool	Date Extracted:	10-13-99
Condition:	Cool & Intact	Analysis Requested:	BTEX

Parameter	Concentration (ug/Kg)	Det. Limit (ug/Kg)
Benzene	26.6	0.9
Toluene	2.2	0.8
Ethylbenzene	1.8	0.8
p,m-Xylene	129	1.1
o-Xylene	18.9	0.5
Total BTEX	178	

ND - Parameter not detected at the stated detection limit.

Surrogate Recoveries:	Parameter	Percent Recovery
	Trifluorotoluene	100 %
	Bromofluorobenzene	100 %

References: Method 5030B, Purge-and-Trap, Test Methods for Evaluating Solid Waste, SW-846, USEPA, December 1996.

Method 8021B, Aromatic Volatile Organics, Test Methods for Evaluating Solid Waste, SW-846, USEPA, December 1996.

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Client:	Tierra Environmental	Project #:	407403
Sample ID:	B - 3	Date Reported:	10-14-99
Laboratory Number:	G186	Date Sampled:	10-11-99
Chain of Custody No:	7431	Date Received:	10-12-99
Sample Matrix:	Soil	Date Extracted:	10-13-99
Preservative:	Cool	Date Analyzed:	10-13-99
Condition:	Cool and Intact	Analysis Needed:	TPH-418.1

Parameter	Concentration (mg/kg)	Det. Limit (mg/kg)
Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons	154	5.0

ND = Parameter not detected at the stated detection limit.

References: Method 418.1, Petroleum Hydrocarbons, Total Recoverable, Chemical Analysis of Water and Waste, USEPA Storet No. 4551, 1978.

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CHAIN OF CUSTODY RECORD

7431

Client / Project Name <i>Tierra Environmental</i>			Project Location <i>City of Bloomfield</i>			ANALYSIS / PARAMETERS							
Sampler: <i>Dave</i>			Client No. <i>407403</i>			No. of Containers	BOD 5021	pH TPH	4161 TPH				Remarks
Sample No./ Identification	Sample Date	Sample Time	Lab Number	Sample Matrix									
<i>B-1</i>	<i>10-8</i>	<i>5:00pm</i>	<i>G184</i>	<i>Water</i>	1	✓	✓						
<i>B-2</i>	<i>10-8</i>	<i>5:05pm</i>	<i>G185</i>	<i>L</i>	1	✓	✓						
<i>B-3</i>	<i>10-11</i>	<i>11:15am</i>	<i>G186</i>	<i>Soil</i>	1	✓		✓					
Relinquished by: (Signature) <i>Daniel Bernt</i>			Date <i>10-12-99</i>	Time <i>14:11</i>	Received by: (Signature) <i>Daniel L. O'Brien</i>			Date <i>10.12.99</i>	Time <i>1411</i>				
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