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Meter Number: 93088
Location Name: CORNELL A#1E
Location: TN-29 RG-12
SC-10 UL-N
2 - Federal
NMOCD Zone: OUTSIDE
Hazard Ranking Score: 00

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**RATIONALE FOR RISK-BASED CLOSURE OF PRODUCTION PITS
LOCATED OUTSIDE OF THE VULNERABLE ZONE
IN THE SAN JUAN BASIN**

This production pit location was ranked according to the criteria in the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division's Unlined Surface Impoundment Closure Guidelines and received a ranking score of zero. The estimated depth to groundwater is greater than 100-feet beneath ground surface (bgs), the pit is not in a well head protection area, and there are no surface water bodies within 1,000 horizontal feet of the pit location.

The primary source, discharge to the pit has been removed. There has been no discharge to the pits for at least 4 years and the pits have been closed for at least one year.

Each pit was backfilled with clean soil and graded in a manner to divert precipitation away from the excavated area. Minimal infiltration of rainfall is expected. Any rainfall that does infiltrate the ground surface must migrate through clean backfill before reaching the residual hydrocarbons.

There is no source material at the ground surface, so direct contact of hydrocarbons with livestock and the populous is not likely.

In general, outside of the vulnerable area and alluvial valleys, bedrock material is generally encountered within 20 feet of the ground surface. Bedrock material in the San Juan Basin consists of interbedded sandstones, shales and clays. According to Freeze and Cherry, 1979, the hydraulic conductivity of the bedrock material are as follows:

Sandstone	10^{-9} to 10^{-13} cm/sec
Shale	10^{-12} to 10^{-16} cm/sec
Clay	10^{-12} to 10^{-15} cm/sec

Based on this information, the residual hydrocarbons should not migrate to groundwater.

Natural process (bioremediation) are degrading the residual hydrocarbon to carbon dioxide and water and will continue until the source is gone, therefore minimizing any impact to the environment.

Based on the above information, it is highly unlikely that any source material will impact groundwater or ever find an exposure pathway to affect human health and therefore El Paso Field Services Company (EPFS) requests closure of this pit location.

FIELD PIT SITE ASSESSMENT FORM



GENERAL

Meter: 93088 Location: CORNELL A #1E
 Operator #: 0203 Operator Name: AMOCO P/L District: KUTZ
 Coordinates: Letter: N Section 10 Township: 29 Range: 12
 Or Latitude _____ Longitude _____
 Pit Type: Dehydrator ☒ Location Drip: _____ Line Drip: _____ Other: _____
 Site Visit Date: 3-17-94 Run: 02 02

SITE ASSESSMENT

NMOCD Zone: Inside ☐ **Land Type:** BLM ☒
 (From NMOCD Vulnerable ☐ State ☐
 Maps) Zone ☐ Fee ☐
 Outside ☒ Indian _____

Depth to Groundwater
 Less Than 50 Feet (20 points) ☐
 50 Ft to 99 Ft (10 points) ☐
 Greater Than 100 Ft (0 points) ☒

Wellhead Protection Area :
 Is it less than 1000 ft from wells, springs, or other sources of
 fresh water extraction? , or ; Is it less than 200 ft from a private
 domestic water source? ☐ YES (20 points) ☒ NO (0 points)

Horizontal Distance to Surface Water Body
 Less Than 200 Ft (20 points) ☐
 200 Ft to 1000 Ft (10 points) ☐
 Greater Than 1000 Ft (0 points) ☒

Name of Surface Water Body _____
 (Surface Water Body : Perennial Rivers, Major Wash, Streams, Creeks,
 Irrigation Canals, Ditches, Lakes, Ponds)

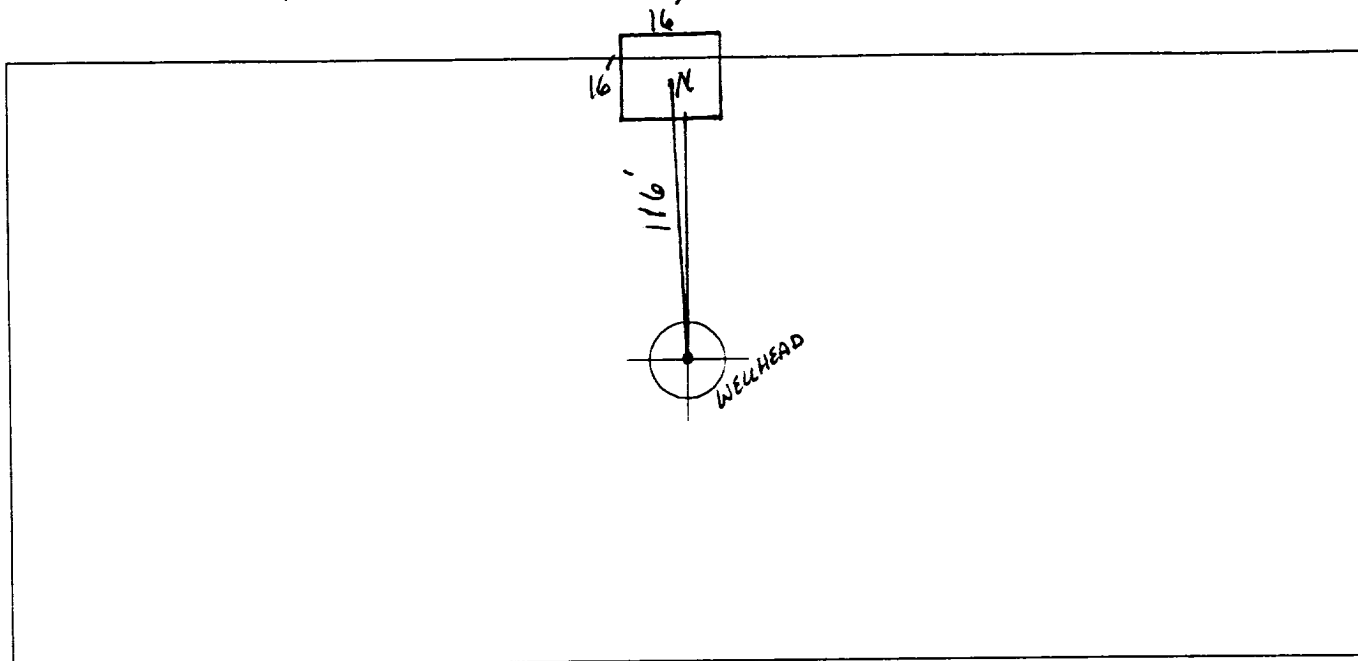
TOTAL HAZARD RANKING SCORE: 0 **POINTS**

REMARKS

Remarks : DEHYDRATOR HAS NOT BEEN DISCONNECTED FROM
PIT YET. SECOND PIT ON LOCATION THAT A SEPERATOR
GOES TO.

ORIGINAL PIT LOCATION

Original Pit : a) Degrees from North 357° Footage to Wellhead 116'
 b) Degrees from North _____ Footage to Dogleg _____
 Dogleg Name _____
 c) Length : 16' Width : 16' Depth : 4'



REMARKS :

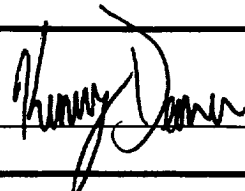
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Completed By:

Robert Thompson
 Signature

3.17.94
 Date

FIELD PIT REMEDIATION/CLOSURE FORM

GENERAL	<p>Meter: <u>93088</u> Location: <u>Cornell A #1E</u></p> <p>Coordinates: Letter: <u>N</u> Section <u>10</u> Township: <u>29</u> Range: <u>12</u></p> <p>Or Latitude _____ Longitude _____</p> <p>Date Started : <u>11/18/94</u> Run: <u>02</u> <u>02</u></p>
FIELD OBSERVATIONS	<p>Sample Number(s): <u>KD 371</u></p> <p>Sample Depth: <u>5'</u> Feet</p> <p>Final PID Reading <u>70 ppm</u> PID Reading Depth <u>5'</u> Feet</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Yes No</p> <p>Groundwater Encountered <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approximate Depth _____ Feet</p>
CLOSURE	<p>Remediation Method :</p> <p>Excavation <input type="checkbox"/> Approx. Cubic Yards _____</p> <p>Onsite Bioremediation <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Backfill Pit Without Excavation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Soil Disposition:</p> <p>Envirotech <input type="checkbox"/> Tierra <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Other Facility <input type="checkbox"/> Name: _____</p> <p>Pit Closure Date: <u>11/18/94</u> Pit Closed By: <u>BEI</u></p>
REMARKS	<p>Remarks : <u>Dug test Hole to 5', hit Sandstone, took PID sample, closed pit.</u></p>
	<p>Signature of Specialist: <u></u></p>



FIELD SERVICES LABORATORY

ANALYTICAL REPORT

PIT CLOSURE PROJECT - Soil Samples Outside the GWV Zone

SAMPLE IDENTIFICATION

SAMPLE NUMBER:

MTR CODE | SITE NAME:

SAMPLE DATE | TIME (Hrs):

SAMPLED BY:

DATE OF TPH EXT. | ANAL.:

DATE OF BTEX EXT. | ANAL.:

TYPE | DESCRIPTION:

Field ID

Lab ID

KD 371	926490
93088	N/A
11-18-94	1425
N/A	
11-22-94	11-22-94
N/A	N/A
VG	

REMARKS:

RESULTS

PARAMETER	RESULT	UNITS	QUALIFIERS			
			DF	Q	M(g)	V(ml)
TPH (418.1)	111	MG/KG			2.01	28
HEADSPACE PID	70	PPM				
PERCENT SOLIDS	91.2	%				

-- TPH is by EPA Method 418.1 --

Narrative:

DF = Dilution Factor Used

Approved By: J.F.

Date: 12-6-94

* Test Method for *
* Oil and Grease and Petroleum Hydrocarbons *
* in Water and Soil *
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* Perkin-Elmer Model 1600 FT-IR *
* Analysis Report *

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: Sample identification
946470
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: Initial mass of sample, g
2.010
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: Volume of sample after extraction, ml
15.000
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: Petroleum hydrocarbons, ppm
110.840
: %T absorbance of hydrocarbons (2930 cm-1)
0.024
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