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Meter Number: 72634
Location Name: ELLIOTT GAS COM K#1
Location: TN-30 RG-09
SC-26 UL-O
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.

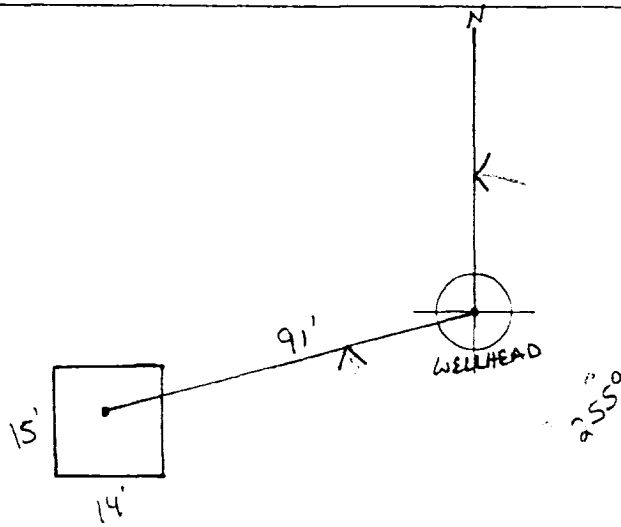
Based on the above information, it is highly unlikely that any source material will impact groundwater or ever find an exposure pathway to affect human health and therefore El Paso Field Services Company (EPFS) requests closure of this pit location.

FIELD PIT SITE ASSESSMENT FORM

GENERAL	<p>Meter: <u>72634</u> Location: <u>ELLIOT GAS Com K #1</u></p> <p>Operator #: <u>0203</u> Operator Name: <u>Amoco</u> P/L District: <u>BLOOMFIELD</u></p> <p>Coordinates: Letter: <u>0</u> Section <u>26</u> Township: <u>30</u> Range: <u>9</u></p> <p>Or Latitude _____ Longitude _____</p> <p>Pit Type: Dehydrator _____ Location Drip: <u>X</u> Line Drip: _____ Other: _____</p> <p>Site Assessment Date: <u>4.18.94</u> Area: <u>10</u> Run: <u>43</u></p>
SITE ASSESSMENT	<p>NMOCD Zone: (From NMOCD Maps)</p> <p style="margin-left: 150px;">Inside <input type="checkbox"/> (1)</p> <p style="margin-left: 150px;">Outside <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (2)</p> <p>Land Type:</p> <p style="margin-left: 100px;">BLM <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (1)</p> <p style="margin-left: 100px;">State <input type="checkbox"/> (2)</p> <p style="margin-left: 100px;">Fee <input type="checkbox"/> (3)</p> <p style="margin-left: 100px;">Indian _____</p> <p>Depth to Groundwater</p> <p>Less Than 50 Feet (20 points) <input type="checkbox"/> (1)</p> <p>50 Ft to 99 Ft (10 points) <input type="checkbox"/> (2)</p> <p>Greater Than 100 Ft (0 points) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (3)</p> <p>Wellhead Protection Area :</p> <p>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? <input type="checkbox"/> (1) YES (20 points) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (2) NO (0 points)</p> <p>Horizontal Distance to Surface Water Body</p> <p>Less Than 200 Ft (20 points) <input type="checkbox"/> (1)</p> <p>200 Ft to 1000 Ft (10 points) <input type="checkbox"/> (2)</p> <p>Greater Than 1000 Ft (0 points) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (3)</p> <p>Name of Surface Water Body _____</p> <p>(Surface Water Body : Perennial Rivers, Major Wash, Streams, Creeks, Irrigation Canals, Ditches, Lakes, Ponds)</p> <p>Distance to Nearest Ephemeral Stream <input type="checkbox"/> (1) < 100' (Navajo Pits Only)</p> <p style="margin-left: 150px;"><input type="checkbox"/> (2) > 100'</p> <p>TOTAL HAZARD RANKING SCORE: <u>0</u> POINTS</p>
REMARKS	<p>Remarks : <u>ONLY PIT ON LOCATION. PIT IS DRY.</u></p> <p> </p> <p> </p>

ORIGINAL PIT LOCATION

Original Pit : a) Degrees from North 255° Footage from Wellhead 91'
 b) Length : 15' Width : 14' Depth : 2'



Remarks :

STARTED TAKING PICTURES AT 2:05 P.M.
END DUMP

Completed By:

Bob Champion
 Signature

4.18.94

FIELD PIT REMEDIATION/CLOSURE FORM

GENERAL

Meter: 72634 Location: Ellis/H Gas Com K#1

Coordinates: Letter: 0 Section 26 Township: 30 Range: 9

Or Latitude _____ Longitude _____

Date Started : 5-31-94 Area: 10 Run: 43

FIELD OBSERVATIONS

Sample Number(s): VW154 _____

Sample Depth: 12' Feet

Final PID Reading 293 PID Reading Depth 12' Feet

Yes No

Groundwater Encountered ☐ (1) ☒ (2) Approximate Depth _____ Feet

CLOSURE

Remediation Method :

Excavation ☐ (1) Approx. Cubic Yards _____

Onsite Bioremediation ☐ (2)

Backfill Pit Without Excavation ☒ (3)

Soil Disposition:

Envirotech ☐ (1) ☐ (3) Tierra

Other Facility ☐ (2) Name: _____

Pit Closure Date: 5-31-94 Pit Closed By: BEI

REMARKS

Remarks : Line Markers

Signature of Specialist: Vale Wilson



FIELD SERVICES LABORATORY

ANALYTICAL REPORT

PIT CLOSURE PROJECT - Soil

SAMPLE IDENTIFICATION

SAMPLE NUMBER:

Field ID

Lab ID

MTR CODE | SITE NAME:

SAMPLE DATE | TIME (Hrs):

SAMPLED BY:

DATE OF TPH EXT. | ANAL.:

DATE OF BTEX EXT. | ANAL.:

TYPE | DESCRIPTION:

VW154	945311
72634	N/A
5-31-94	1400
N/A	
5-2-94	6/2/94
N/A	N/A
VG	Brown Fine Sand

REMARKS:

RESULTS

PARAMETER	RESULT	UNITS	QUALIFIERS			
			DF	Q	M(g)	V(ml)
BENZENE		MG/KG				
TOLUENE		MG/KG				
ETHYL BENZENE		MG/KG				
TOTAL XYLENES		MG/KG				
TOTAL BTEX		MG/KG				
TPH (418.1)	7730	MG/KG			77	28
HEADSPACE PID	293	PPM				
PERCENT SOLIDS	93.8	%				

— TPH is by EPA Method 418.1 and BTEX is by EPA Method 8020 —

The Surrogate Recovery was at N/A % for this sample All QA/QC was acceptable.
Narrative:

DF = Dilution Factor Used

Approved By: John L. Lardie

Date: 6/16/94

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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
045311

Initial mass of sample, g
0.070

Volume of sample after extraction, ml
15.000

Petroleum hydrocarbons, ppm
1525.957

Net absorbance of hydrocarbons (0.930 cm-1)
0.008

