



5 August 2005

Mr. Larry Johnson, Environmental Engineer  
New Mexico Oil Conservation Division  
1625 North French Drive  
Hobbs, New Mexico 88240

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START ON LAST HOTSPOT  
SOON.

Re: Closure Proposal Chesapeake Energy Ruth 20-2 - Reference #160011

UL-D (NW¼ of the NW¼) of Section 20, Township 16 South, Range 36 East

Latitude N 32° 54' 48.033" and Longitude W 103° 22' 57.430"

Dear Mr. Johnson:

### Introduction

Environmental Plus, Inc. (EPI), on behalf of Mr. Bradley Blevins, Chesapeake Energy Corporation (Chesapeake), submits this letter report documenting the work completed at the above-referenced release site. The release site is situated on land owned by the State of New Mexico and is located approximately 2.4 miles southwest of Lovington, New Mexico (reference *Figure 1*). Information obtained from the New Mexico Office of the State Engineer's website and a United States Geological Survey (USGS) database indicates there are two water supply wells located within a 1,000-foot radius of the release site (reference *Figure 2*). In addition, there are more than twenty wells located within a one-mile radius of the release site. Groundwater level data for the well labeled USGS #1 was recorded at 70.5 feet below ground surface (bgs) in February 1991. The average depth to water for all wells with recorded groundwater level data is approximately 71 feet bgs (reference *Table 1*). Based on this information, it is estimated that the depth to groundwater at the site is between 50 and 100 feet bgs. The attached site information and metrics form ranks the site in accordance with the NMOCD Guidelines for Remediation of Leaks, Spills and Releases (August 13, 1993).

The release of 500 gallons of diesel fuel was the result of the fuel line located between the diesel tank and the generator being cut by vandals and the diesel fuel being allowed to flow out onto the caliche pad. Upon being notified of the release, Chesapeake retained EPI to conduct emergency response measures at the site. EPI mobilized to the site and excavated the saturated soil and stockpiled it on plastic until such time that remediation activities could commence. Upon completion of initial excavation activities, three composite samples were collected from the base of the excavation and submitted to an independent laboratory for quantification of total petroleum hydrocarbons (TPH) and benzene, ethylbenzene, toluene and total xylenes (BTEX constituents). Analytical results for these samples indicated TPH concentrations ranging from 3,440 parts per million (ppm) to 8,790 ppm with an average concentration of 5,350 ppm remaining in the excavation (reference *Table 1*). In addition, reported BTEX constituent concentrations ranged from 0.887 ppm to 3.11 ppm with an average concentration of 1.64 ppm (reference *Table 1*).

### Field Work

EPI returned to the site on June 8, 2005 and initiated remediation activities. Excavation of the hydrocarbon impacted soil (approximately 100 cubic yards) continued until field analyses indicated

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remedial concentrations had been achieved. Field analyses were conducted utilizing a MiniRae<sup>®</sup> photoionization detector (PID) equipped with a 9.7 electron volt (eV) lamp. The field analyses indicated organic vapor concentrations ranged from 10.1 parts per million (ppm) to 73.5 ppm, with an average concentration of 33.5 ppm. At that time, soil samples were collected from the excavation and submitted for quantification of total petroleum hydrocarbons (TPH) and benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene and total xylenes (BTEX constituents).

Analytical results, received on July 14, 2005 indicated remedial goals had not been achieved and, as such, additional excavation activities commenced on July 25, 2005 to excavate the areas from which analytical results indicated contaminant levels exceeded NMOCD remedial guidelines. An additional 40 cubic yards of soil were excavated during this phase of the remedial activities. Excavation activities continued until field analyses utilizing a MiniRae<sup>®</sup> PID equipped with a 9.7 eV lamp indicated remedial concentrations had been achieved. The field analyses indicated organic vapor concentrations ranged from 0.5 ppm to 3.0 ppm, with an average concentration of 1.1 ppm. At that time, soil samples were collected from the excavation and submitted for quantification of TPH and BTEX constituents.

### **Analytical Results**

Eleven soil samples were collected from the excavation on July 11, 2005 and submitted to an independent laboratory for quantification of TPH and BTEX constituents. Analytical results for two of the soil samples (SP-1 and SP-2) reported contaminant concentrations at or below each analyte's respective method detection limit (MDL). Analytical results for two additional samples (SP-4 and SP-8) reported contaminant concentrations below the NMOCD remedial guidelines. The only contaminants detected in these samples were diesel range organics (DRO) at concentrations of 90.4 milligrams per kilogram (mg/Kg) in sample SP-4 and 27.8 mg/Kg in sample SP-8.

Analytical results for the remaining seven soil samples (SP-2, SP-3, SP-5, SP-6, SP-9, SP-10 and SP-11) indicated TPH concentrations ranging from 108 mg/Kg to 3,410 mg/Kg, with an average concentration of 835 mg/Kg (reference *Table 1*). Of these samples, the only contaminants detected in three of the samples (SP-3, SP-5 and SP-11) were DRO, ranging in concentrations from 108 mg/Kg to 213 mg/Kg, with an average concentration of 163 mg/Kg (reference *Table 1*). The remaining four samples (SP-2, SP-6, SP-9 and SP-10) had gasoline range organic (GRO) concentrations ranging from 14.7 mg/Kg to 166 mg/Kg and DRO concentrations ranging from 315 mg/Kg to 3,240 mg/Kg (reference *Table 1*). BTEX constituents were not detected at or above each analyte's respective MDL in any of these seven soil samples.

Based on the fact that contaminant concentrations exceeded the NMOCD remedial goals in seven of the sampling points, additional excavation activities were completed. The additional excavation activities were completed in the areas where contaminant concentrations exceeded the NMOCD remedial goals. When field analyses indicated the successful removal of the impacted soil, five additional soil samples were collected from these areas.

Analytical results for three of these five samples (SP-5, SP-10 and SP-11) reported contaminant concentrations as ND at or above each analyte's respective MDL (reference *Table 1*). Analytical results for the remaining two samples (SP-6 and SP-9) indicated TPH concentrations of 138 mg/Kg and 276 mg/Kg, respectively (reference *Table 1*). The only contaminants detected in sample SP-6 were

DRO, while GRO and DRO were detected in sample SP-9. BTEX constituents were not detected in any sample at or above each analyte's respective MDL.

### **Discussion**

Based on NMOCD guidelines, the remedial goals for this site are as follows:

Analyte	Remedial Goal
Benzene	10 mg/Kg
BTEX constituents	50 mg/Kg
TPH	100 mg/Kg

Based on these remedial goals, analytical results indicate four areas with contamination remaining above the remedial goals. TPH concentrations for these areas ranged from 108 mg/Kg to 861 mg/Kg (reference *Figure 4*). Contaminant concentrations in three of these areas, SP-3, SP-6 and SP-9, only slightly exceed these remedial goals. TPH concentrations for these areas are 108 mg/Kg, 138 mg/Kg and 276 mg/Kg, respectively. Analytical results for the sample collected from the fourth area, SP-2, indicate TPH concentrations of 861 mg/Kg (reference *Figure 4*).

The remedial goals for this site are based on the fact that there are two water supply wells, L 00209C and USGS #1, located within a 1,000-foot radius of the release site (reference *Figure 2* and *Table 2*). Well L 00209C is an irrigation well and is owned by The College of The Southwest and well USGS #1 is either an irrigation or stock well. However, groundwater in this area flows southeasterly and these wells are located northeast (L00209C) and northwest (USGS #1) of the release site and, thus are located upgradient and will not be impacted by the release.

Based on this and the fact that the depth to groundwater is between 50 and 100 feet below the extent of contamination and there are no bodies of surface water located within a 200-foot radius of the release site, it is suggested that there is minimal to no risk to human health or the environment. Therefore, the TPH remedial goal should be changed from 100 mg/Kg to 1,000 mg/Kg.

### **Conclusions and Recommendations**

Based on field and laboratory analyses and the fact that there is minimal threat to human health or the environment as evidenced by the discussion presented above, it is recommended that the excavation be backfilled with caliche obtained from an off site source. Upon completion of the backfilling activities, it is further recommended the site file be closed and a *No Further Action Required* letter be issued to Chesapeake Energy.

Should you any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at (505) 394-3481 or via e-mail at [iolness@envplus.net](mailto:iolness@envplus.net) or Mr. Bradley Blevins at (505) 391-1462 ext. 24 or via e-mail at [bblevins@chkenergy.com](mailto:bblevins@chkenergy.com). All official communication should be addressed to:

Mr. Bradley Blevins  
Chesapeake Energy  
5014 Carlsbad Highway  
Hobbs, New Mexico 88240

Sincerely,

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Iain Olness, P.G.  
Hydrogeologist

cc: Bradley Blevins, Chesapeake Energy – Hobbs, NM  
Curtis Blake, Chesapeake Energy – Hobbs, NM  
Jace Marshall, Chesapeake Energy – Oklahoma City, OK  
Cody Morrow, New Mexico State Land Office, Surface Resource Division – Albuquerque, NM



Information and Metrics

**Incident Date:**  
03 June 2005

**NMOCD Notified:**  
04 June 2005

<b>Site:</b> BRC Federal Well #1 Battery		<b>Assigned Site Reference #:</b> 160010	
<b>Company:</b> Chesapeake Energy			
<b>Street Address:</b> 5014 Carlsbad Highway			
<b>Mailing Address:</b> 5014 Carlsbad Highway			
<b>City, State, Zip:</b> Hobbs, New Mexico 88240			
<b>Representative:</b> Bradley Blevins			
<b>Representative Telephone:</b> (505) 391-1462 ext. 24			
<b>Telephone:</b>			
<b>Fluid volume released (bbls):</b> 500 gallons		<b>Recovered (bbls):</b> 0 gallons	
<b>&gt;25 bbls: Notify NMOCD verbally within 24 hrs and submit form C-141 within 15 days.</b> <b>(Also applies to unauthorized releases &gt;500 mcf Natural Gas)</b>			
<b>5-25 bbls: Submit form C-141 within 15 days (Also applies to unauthorized releases of 50-500 mcf Natural Gas)</b>			
<b>Leak, Spill, or Pit (LSP) Name:</b> Ruth 20-2			
<b>Source of contamination:</b> Fuel line supplying diesel to a generator was vandalized and all the diesel fuel was released onto the surface.			
<b>Land Owner, i.e., BLM, ST, Fee, Other:</b> State of New Mexico			
<b>LSP Dimensions:</b> 75 feet by 45 feet			
<b>LSP Area:</b> $\approx 3,150 \text{ ft}^2$			
<b>Location of Reference Point (RP):</b>			
<b>Location distance and direction from RP:</b>			
<b>Latitude:</b> N 32° 54' 48.033"			
<b>Longitude:</b> W 103° 22' 57.430"			
<b>Elevation above mean sea level:</b> 3,938			
<b>Feet from South Section Line:</b>			
<b>Feet from West Section Line:</b>			
<b>Location- Unit or 1/4:</b> NW 1/4 of the NW 1/4		<b>Unit Letter:</b> D	
<b>Location- Section:</b> 20			
<b>Location- Township:</b> T16S			
<b>Location- Range:</b> R36E			
<b>Surface water body within 1000' radius of site:</b> none			
<b>Domestic water wells within 1000' radius of site:</b> none (USGS #1 as illustrated on Figure 2)			
<b>Agricultural water wells within 1000' radius of site:</b> two (College of the Southwest irrigation well – L 00209C and USGS #1, as illustrated on Figure 2)			
<b>Public water supply wells within 1000' radius of site:</b> none			
<b>Depth from land surface to ground water (DG):</b> 50 to 100 feet			
<b>Depth of contamination (DC):</b> < 10 feet			
<b>Depth to ground water (DG – DC = DtGW):</b> 50 to 100 feet			
<b>1. Ground Water</b>		<b>2. Wellhead Protection Area</b>	
If Depth to GW < 50 feet: <i>20 points</i>		If < 1000' from water source, or; < 200' from private domestic water source: <i>20 points</i>	
If Depth to GW 50 to 99 feet: <i>10 points</i>			
If Depth to GW > 100 feet: <i>0 points</i>		If > 1000' from water source, or; > 200' from private domestic water source: <i>0 points</i>	
<b>Ground water Score = 10</b>		<b>Wellhead Protection Area Score = 20</b>	
<b>Site Rank (1+2+3) = 10</b>		<b>Surface Water Score = 0</b>	
<b>Total Site Ranking Score and Acceptable Concentrations</b>			
Parameter	>19	10-19	0-9
Benzene <sup>1</sup>	10 ppm	10 ppm	10 ppm
BTEX <sup>1</sup>	50 ppm	50 ppm	50 ppm
TPH	100 ppm	1,000 ppm	5,000 ppm
<sup>1</sup> 100 ppm field VOC headspace measurement may be substituted for lab analysis			

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Oil Conservation Division  
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Form C-141  
Revised October 10, 2003

Submit 2 Copies to appropriate  
District Office in accordance  
with Rule 116 on back  
side of form

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INCIDENT  
NCWT 052307366  
INSPECTION # 1 WS 052307366  
Chesapeake

### Release Notification and Corrective Action

#### OPERATOR

☒ Initial Report ☐ Final Report

Name of Company: Chesapeake Energy	Contact: Bradley Blevins
Address: 5014 Carlsbad Highway	Telephone No.: (505) 391-1462 ext. 24
Facility Name: Ruth 20-2	Facility Type: Tank Battery

Surface Owner: State of New Mexico - Leased by Dale Gandy	Mineral Owner: State of New Mexico	Lease No.: V0-4719-0000
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#### LOCATION OF RELEASE

30.025 36866

Unit Letter D	Section 20	Township 16 S	Range 36 E	Feet from the	North/South Line	Feet from the	East/West Line	County Lea
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Latitude: N 32° 54' 48.033" Longitude: W 103° 22' 57.430"

#### NATURE OF RELEASE

Type of Release: Diesel Fuel	Volume of Release: 500 gallons	Volume Recovered: 0 gallons
Source of Release: Tank	Date and Hour of Occurrence: 03 June 2005, time unknown	Date and Hour of Discovery: 04 June 2005
Was Immediate Notice Given? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Required	If YES, To Whom? Not Applicable	
By Whom? Not Applicable	Date and Hour: Not Applicable	
Was a Watercourse Reached? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	If YES, Volume Impacting the Watercourse: Not Applicable	

If a Watercourse was Impacted, Describe Fully.\* Not Applicable

**Describe Cause of Problem and Remedial Action Taken.\*** The site was vandalized and the fuel line from the diesel tank to the generator was cut and all the diesel allowed to flow onto the caliche pad. Saturated soil was scraped up and placed on plastic pending a decision as how to remediate the site.

**Describe Area Affected and Cleanup Action Taken.\*** Approximately 3,150 square feet of surface area was impacted by the release, all of which was on the caliche pad at the site. Saturated soil has been excavated and stockpiled on plastic on site until a remediation plan is developed. Additional soil was excavated on June 8, 2005 and, based on field analyses, it was determined that remedial guidelines had been achieved and samples were collected for laboratory analyses. Analytical results received on June 17, 2005, indicated remedial guidelines had not been achieved and additional excavation would be required for closer. Additional excavation activities should be completed by the end of June 2005 and samples will be collected to verify soil impacted above the NMOCD remedial guidelines has been excavated. The excavated soil will be transported to an approved land treatment facility or blended with clean soil and returned to the excavation.

I hereby certify that the information given above is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and understand that pursuant to NMOCD rules and regulations all operators are required to report and/or file certain release notifications and perform corrective 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 their operations have failed to adequately investigate and remediate contamination that pose 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.

#### OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

Signature:

Printed Name: Bradley Blevins

Approved by District Supervisor:

Title: Field Technician

Approval Date:

Expiration Date:

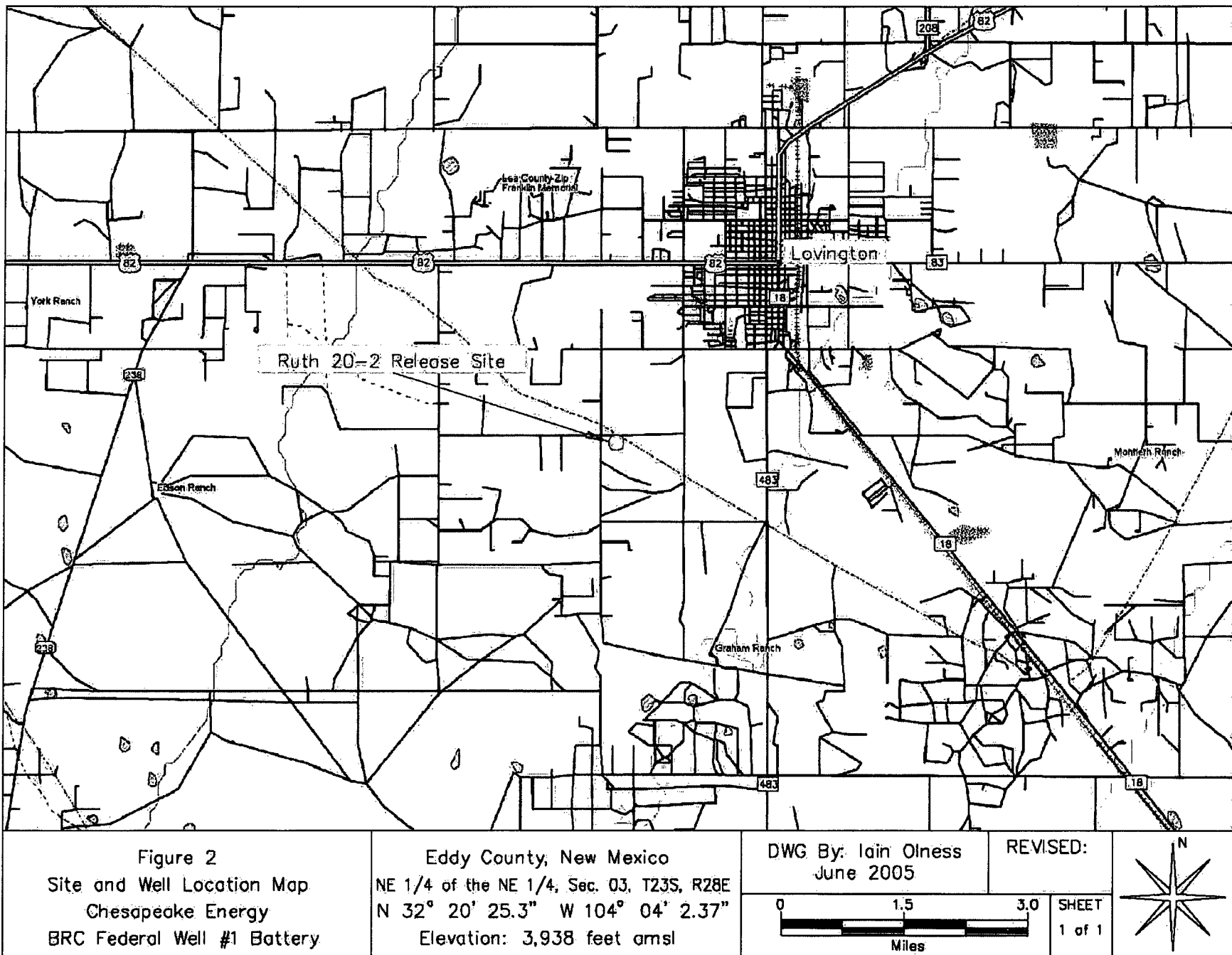
E-mail Address: bblevins@chkenergy.com

Conditions of Approval:

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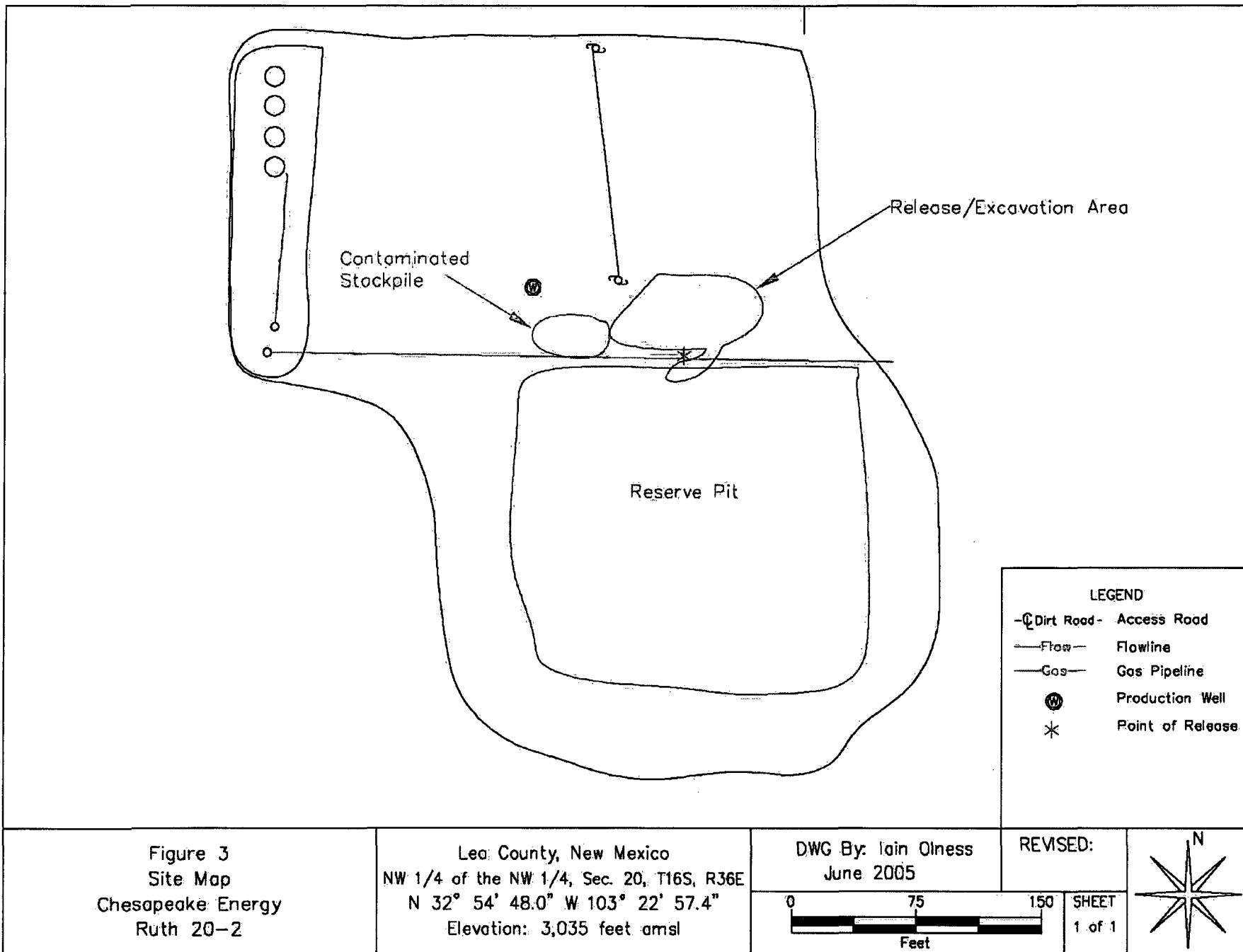
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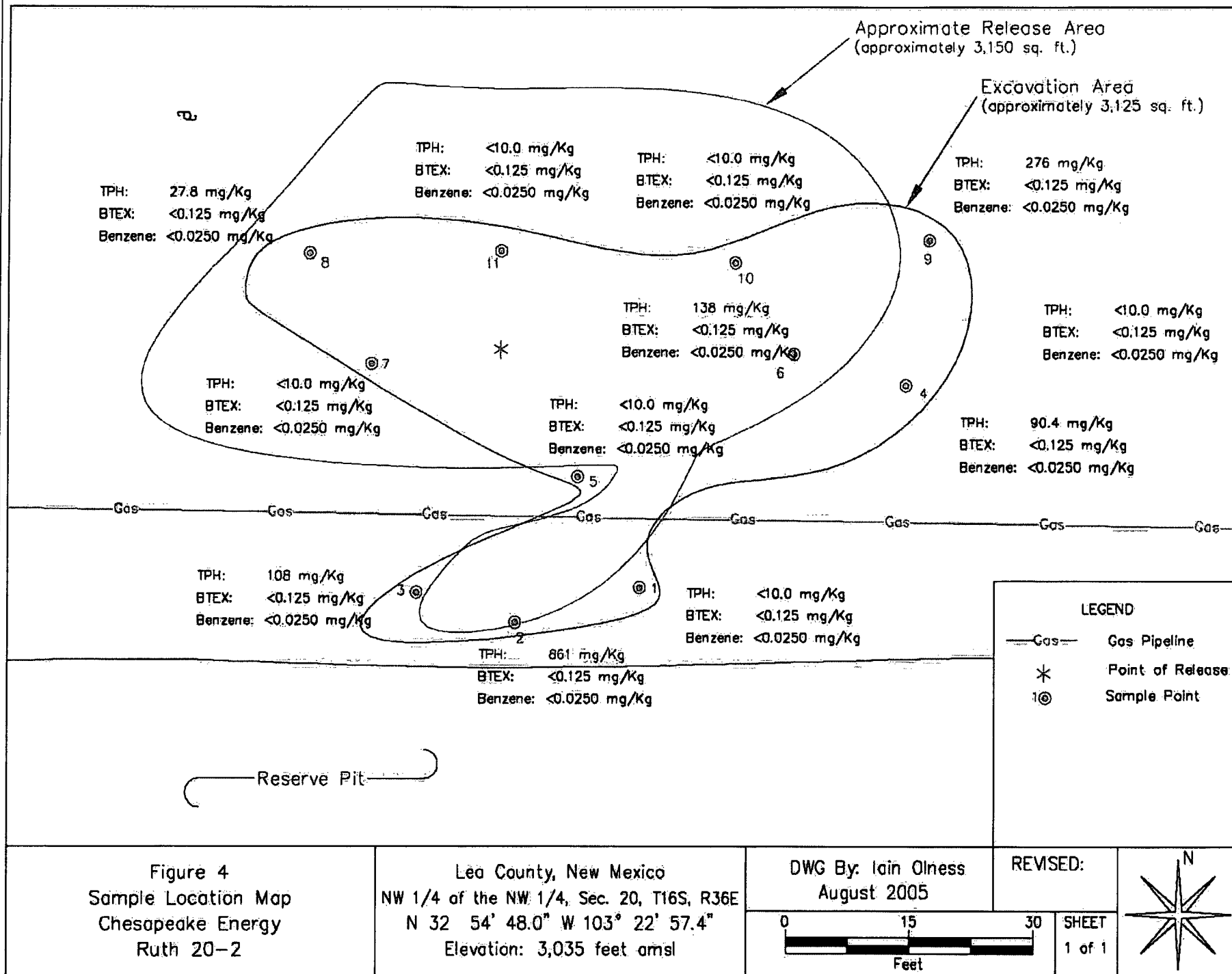
\* Attach Additional Sheets If Necessary











**TABLE 1**

**Summary of Excavation Soil Field Analyses and Laboratory Analytical Results**

**Chesapeake Energy Ruth 20-2 Release Site (Ref.# 160011)**

Sample ID	Depth (feet)	Sample Date	PID Reading (ppm)	Benzene (mg/Kg)	Toluene (mg/Kg)	Ethylbenzene (mg/Kg)	Total Xylenes (mg/Kg)	Total BTEX (mg/Kg)	TPH (as gasoline) (mg/Kg)	TPH (as diesel) (mg/Kg)	Total TPH (mg/Kg)
Ruth 20-2 S. Flowpath	Comp	08-Jun-05	NA	<0.0250	0.0711	0.510	2.53	3.11	1,590	7,200	8,790
Ruth 20-2 W. Half Pooling Area	Comp	08-Jun-05	NA	<0.0250	0.0683	0.134	0.685	0.887	507	3,300	3,810
Ruth 20-2 E. Half Pooling Area	Comp	08-Jun-05	NA	<0.0250	0.0518	0.0877	0.781	0.921	470	2,970	3,440
SP-1	1	11-Jul-05	23.5	<0.0250	<0.0250	<0.0250	<0.0500	<0.125	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0
SP-2	1	11-Jul-05	10.1	<0.0250	<0.0250	<0.0250	<0.0500	<0.125	14.7	846	861
SP-3	1	11-Jul-05	10.4	<0.0250	<0.0250	<0.0250	<0.0500	<0.125	<10.0	108	108
SP-4	1	11-Jul-05	24.1	<0.0250	<0.0250	<0.0250	<0.0500	<0.125	<10.0	90.4	90.4
SP-5	1	11-Jul-05	38.9	<0.0250	<0.0250	<0.0250	<0.0500	<0.125	<10.0	169	169
	2	26-Jul-05	0.7	<0.0250	<0.0250	<0.0250	<0.0500	<0.125	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0
SP-6	1	11-Jul-05	41.4	<0.0250	<0.0250	<0.0250	<0.0500	<0.125	30.9	724	755
	6	26-Jul-05	0.9	<0.0250	<0.0250	<0.0250	<0.0500	<0.125	<10.0	138	138
SP-7	1	11-Jul-05	25.0	<0.0250	<0.0250	<0.0250	<0.0500	<0.125	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0

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SP-8	1	11-Jul-05	39.6	<0.0250	<0.0250	<0.0250	<0.0500	<0.125	<10.0	27.8	27.8
SP-9	1	11-Jul-05	46.2	<0.0250	<0.0250	<0.0250	<0.0500	<0.125	16.9	315	<b>332</b>
	6	26-Jul-05	3.0	<0.0250	<0.0250	<0.0250	<0.0500	<0.125	12.4	264	276
SP-10	1	11-Jul-05	73.5	<0.0250	<0.0250	<0.0250	<0.0500	<0.125	166	3,240	<b>3,410</b>
	2	26-Jul-05	0.5	<0.0250	<0.0250	<0.0250	<0.0500	<0.125	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0
SP-11	1	11-Jul-05	31.6	<0.0250	<0.0250	<0.0250	<0.0500	<0.125	<10.0	213	<b>213</b>
	2	26-Jul-05	0.6	<0.0250	<0.0250	<0.0250	<0.0500	<0.125	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0
<b>NMOCD Remedial Thresholds</b>			<b>100</b>	<b>10</b>				<b>50</b>			<b>100</b>

<sup>1</sup>*Bolded values are in excess of NMOCD Remediation Thresholds*

<sup>2</sup>*NA=Not Applicable*

<sup>3</sup>*Chloride and Sulfate residuals may not be capable of impacting local groundwater above the NMWQCC standards of 250 mg/L and 650 mg/L respectively.*

TABLE 2

Well Data

Chesapeake Energy Ruth 20-2 (Ref. #160011)

Well Number	Diversion <sup>A</sup>	Owner	Use	Twsp	Rng	Sec q q q	Latitude	Longitude	Date Measured	Well Depth (ft bgs)	Depth to Water (ft bgs)
D05856	3	Payne Enterprise	STK	16 S	36 E	20 4	N 32° 54' 0.66"	W 103° 23' 35.46"	03-Mar-66	106	79
L 07165	3	G. Cattle Company	STK	16 S	36 E	20 2 3 1	N 32° 54' 26.83"	W 103° 23' 35.47"			
L 07163 EXPL	0	G. Cattle Company	EXP	16 S	36 E	20	N 32° 54' 0.63"	W 103° 23' 6.6"			
L 07402 EXPL	0	G. Cattle Company	EXP	16 S	36 E	20	N 32° 54' 0.63"	W 103° 23' 0.68"			
L 07443 EXPL	0	G. Cattle Company	EXP	16 S	36 E	20 4	N 32° 54' 0.66"	W 103° 23' 35.46"			
D 08898	0	Roger C. Hanks	PRO	16 S	36 E	20 1 3 4	N 32° 54' 39.88"	W 103° 23' 5.64"	31-Jul-82	147	70
L 10472	3	Yates Petroleum	OIL	16 S	36 E	20 2 2 1	N 32° 54' 39.94"	W 103° 23' 19.91"	27-Jun-96	150	70
L 10783	0	Yates Petroleum	PRO	16 S	36 E	20 2 2 1	N 32° 54' 39.94"	W 103° 23' 19.91"	27-Jun-96	150	70
USGS #1				16 S	36 E	20 1 1 1			17-Feb-91		70.47
USGS #2				16 S	36 E	20 4 2 3			31-Mar-81		75.34
L 03318	3	T. M. Blackmon	DOM	16 S	36 E	16 2 3 1	N 32° 55' 19.33"	W 103° 21' 33.28"			
L 03318 APPRO EXP		T. M. Blackmon		16 S	36 E	16 2 3 1	N 32° 55' 19.33"	W 103° 21' 33.28"			
L 04487 APPRO	3	Kenneth Cox	DOM	16 S	36 E	16 2 2 2	N 32° 55' 32.49"	W 103° 21' 17.73"	01-Jun-60	110	82
L 06368 EXP	0	T. M. Blackmon	STK	16 S	36 E	16 2	N 32° 54' 19.33"	W 103° 21' 33.28"			
L 00409	0	Chesapeake Operating	PRO	16 S	36 E	16 2 3 1	N 32° 55' 19.33"	W 103° 21' 33.28"		193	
USGS #3				16 S	36 E	16 2 3 1			27-Feb-91		61.33
L 00209 B	203.9	College of the S.W. Foundation	IRR	16 S	36 E	17 3 2 1	N 32° 55' 6.07"	W 103° 22' 51.08"		127	
L 00209 C	287.7	College of the S.W. Foundation	IRR	16 S	36 E	17 4 3	N 32° 54' 53"	W 103° 22' 51.08"		128	
L 00056	3	Noble Drilling Company	PRO	16 S	36 E	17 1 1	N 32° 55' 32.22"	W 103° 23' 6.68"	06-Mar-53	190	60
L 02056 APPRO		Noble Drilling Company		16 S	36 E	17 1 1	N 32° 55' 32.22"	W 103° 23' 6.68"	06-Mar-53	190	60
L 04437	3	Roy Boland	DOM	16 S	36 E	17 3	N 32° 54' 52.96"	W 103° 23' 6.65"	30-May-60	120	95
L 04437 APPRO		Roy Boland		16 S	36 E	17 3	N 32° 54' 52.96"	W 103° 23' 6.65"	30-May-60	120	95
L 05330 EXP	0	Berry Lee Hobbs	DOM	16 S	36 E	17 2 2 2	N 32° 55' 32.3"	W 103° 22' 19.98"			
L 07649	0	Hilda R. Heald	PRO	16 S	36 E	17	N 32° 54' 52.96"	W 103° 23' 6.65"	05-Feb-77	140	
L 07757	3	Berry Lee Hobbs	DOM	16 S	36 E	17 2 3 1	N 32° 55' 32.27"	W 103° 22' 34.55"	18-Jan-78	72	
L 09689 EXP	0	Calvin or Jo Ann Holloway	DOM	16 S	36 E	17 2 1 2	N 32° 55' 32.27"	W 103° 22' 35.53"			
L 00010 EXP	0	Inesco Oil Company	PRO	16 S	36 E	17 1 3	N 32° 55' 19.15"	W 103° 23' 6.67"			
USGS #4				16 S	36 E	17 1 1 1			25-Feb-91		63.24
USGS #5				16 S	36 E	17 1 3 3			16-Jun-89		67.82
L 01085	3	C. C. Chambers	DOM	16 S	36 E	18 2 2	N 32° 55' 32.19"	W 103° 23' 22.19"	02-Apr-51	73	
L 01087 APPRO	3	C. C. Chambers	DOM	16 S	36 E	18 2 2	N 32° 55' 32.19"	W 103° 23' 22.19"	02-Apr-51	73	
L 04398	3	Elmer H. Sumruld	DOM	16 S	36 E	18 4 2	N 32° 55' 6.02"	W 103° 23' 22.17"	21-Jan-62	136	73
L 04398 APPRO		Elmer H. Sumruld		16 S	36 E	18 4 2	N 32° 55' 6.02"	W 103° 23' 22.17"	21-Jan-62	136	73
L 04609	3	George Wayne Sumruld	DOM	16 S	36 E	18 4 4 3	N 32° 54' 52.93"	W 103° 23' 22.16"			
L 04609 APPRO EXP		George Wayne Sumruld		16 S	36 E	18 4 4 3	N 32° 54' 52.93"	W 103° 23' 22.16"			
L 00132	3	George Wayne Sumruld	DOM	16 S	36 E	18 4 2	N 32° 55' 6.02"	W 103° 23' 22.17"	30-May-67	95	70
L 00934	3	E. H. Sumruld	DOM	16 S	36 E	18 4 2 1	N 32° 55' 6.02"	W 103° 23' 22.17"	12-May-72	118	68
L 08963	3	Ricky Jones	DOM	16 S	36 E	18 4 4 3	N 32° 54' 52.93"	W 103° 23' 22.16"	24-Aug-72	120	88
L 08967	0	Oscar V. Nalicks	DOM	16 S	36 E	18 4 4 3	N 32° 54' 52.93"	W 103° 23' 22.16"			
L 07093	3	Osall Black	DOM	16 S	36 E	18 4 4 2	N 32° 54' 52.93"	W 103° 23' 22.16"	26-Apr-60	190	80
L 07911	0	Wayne Sumruld	STK	16 S	36 E	18 4 2	N 32° 55' 6.02"	W 103° 23' 22.17"			
L 09729	0	E. H. Sumruld	EXP	16 S	36 E	18 4 2	N 32° 55' 6.02"	W 103° 23' 22.17"			
L 09730	0	E. H. Sumruld	EXP	16 S	36 E	18 4 2	N 32° 55' 6.02"	W 103° 23' 22.17"			
L 10712	0	Chesapeake Operating	PRO	16 S	36 E	18 4 2	N 32° 55' 6.02"	W 103° 23' 22.17"	01-Sep-97	163	60
USGS #6				16 S	36 E	18 1 1 1			26-Jun-96		54.94
L 01054 APPRO	3	George Spies	DOM	16 S	36 E	19 1 3	N 32° 54' 36.72"	W 103° 24' 7.41"	15-Dec-50	76	45
L 05783	3	Venton N. Key	DOM	16 S	36 E	19 1 4 2	N 32° 54' 36.74"	W 103° 24' 53.17"	19-Feb-55	80	50
L 02783 APPRO		Venton N. Key		16 S	36 E	19 1 4 2	N 32° 54' 36.74"	W 103° 24' 53.17"	19-Feb-55	80	50

TABLE 2

Well Data

Chesapeake Energy Ruth 20-2 (Ref. #160011)

Well Number	Diversions <sup>A</sup>	Owner	Use	Twsp	Rng	Sec q q q	Latitude	Longitude	Date Measured	Well Depth (ft bgs)	Depth to Water (ft bgs)
L 04801	3	George Spies	DOM	16 S	36 E	19 1 12	N 32° 54' 39.61"	W 103° 23' 53.18"			
L 04895	3	George Spies	DOM	16 S	36 E	19 1 12	N 32° 54' 39.61"	W 103° 23' 53.18"	05-May-62	100	
L 06439 EXP	0	Joe Grady	DOM	16 S	36 E	19 1 14 2	N 32° 54' 36.74"	W 103° 23' 43.17"			
L 06689 EXP	0	Walter Haman	DOM	16 S	36 E	19 1 14 4	N 32° 54' 39.78"	W 103° 24' 27.12"			
L 06937	3	Dale Gundy	DOM	16 S	36 E	19 2 2 4	N 32° 54' 36.83"	W 103° 23' 22.15"	24-Apr-72	110	69
L 07444 EXPL-1	0	G. Cattle Company	EXP	16 S	36 E	19 2 3 1	N 32° 54' 26.76"	W 103° 23' 37.64"	13-Oct-75	130	
L 07444 EXPL-2		G. Cattle Company	EXP	16 S	36 E	19 2 3 1	N 32° 54' 26.76"	W 103° 23' 37.64"	13-Oct-75	140	
L 07444 EXPL-3		G. Cattle Company	EXP	16 S	36 E	19 2 3 1	N 32° 54' 26.76"	W 103° 23' 37.64"	14-Oct-75	178	120
L 08744	3	Roger Price	DOM	16 S	36 E	19 2 3	N 32° 54' 0.49"	W 103° 24' 7.42"		108	79
L 10209	3	Kenny Jackson	DOM	16 S	36 E	19 1 12 2	N 32° 54' 36.61"	W 103° 23' 43.18"	03-Aug-91	128	94
L 00159 ENGLD-S	0	Chesapeake Operating	PRO	16 S	36 E	19 2 1 3	N 32° 54' 39.83"	W 103° 23' 37.66"		80	
L 00159	0	Nearburg Producing Company	PRO	16 S	36 E	19 2 1 3	N 32° 54' 39.83"	W 103° 23' 37.66"		125	
USGS #7				16 S	36 E	19 1 1 1			31-Mar-81		59.25
USGS #8				16 S	36 E	19 2 1 1			16-Feb-61		59.9
USGS #9				16 S	36 E	19 2 1 1			03-Mar-76		84.9
USGS #10				16 S	36 E	19 2 1 4			10-Feb-71		64.03
USGS #11				16 S	36 E	19 4 1 3			30-Sep-61		66.53
L 03966	3	Robert Ralph Sims	DOM	16 S	36 E	21 2 4 4	N 32° 54' 26.96"	W 103° 21' 17.68"	18-Aug-58	95	60
L 03966 APPRO				16 S	36 E	21 2 2 4	N 32° 54' 40.06"	W 103° 21' 17.68"	18-Aug-58	95	60
L 05269	3	Ralph E. Collins	DOM	16 S	36 E	21 2 2 4	N 32° 54' 40.06"	W 103° 21' 17.68"	19-Oct-63	110	90
USGS #12				16 S	36 E	21 2 3 2			01-Feb-96		66.58
L 01608 APPRO	3	Lawton Oil Group	PRO	16 S	36 E	30 2 2	N 32° 53' 47.54"	W 103° 23' 21.07"	24-Oct-82	145	80
L 04932	3	George Spies	DOM	16 S	36 E	30 1 2	N 32° 53' 47.53"	W 103° 23' 53.08"	12-Jul-62	104	90
L 06334	0	Marcum Drilling Company	PRO	16 S	36 E	30 3 1 1	N 32° 53' 21.38"	W 103° 24' 7.28"	02-Jun-68	135	75
L 06334 (E) 1	0	Humble Oil & Refining Co.	PRO	16 S	36 E	30 3 1 1	N 32° 53' 21.38"	W 103° 24' 7.28"			
USGS #13				16 S	36 E	30 1 2 4			10-Mar-76		74.23

\* = Data obtained from the New Mexico Office of the State Engineer Website ([http://fwaters.ose.state.nm.us:7001/TWATERS/wr\\_RegisServlet1](http://fwaters.ose.state.nm.us:7001/TWATERS/wr_RegisServlet1))

Well locations shown on Figure 2

<sup>A</sup> = in acre feet per annum

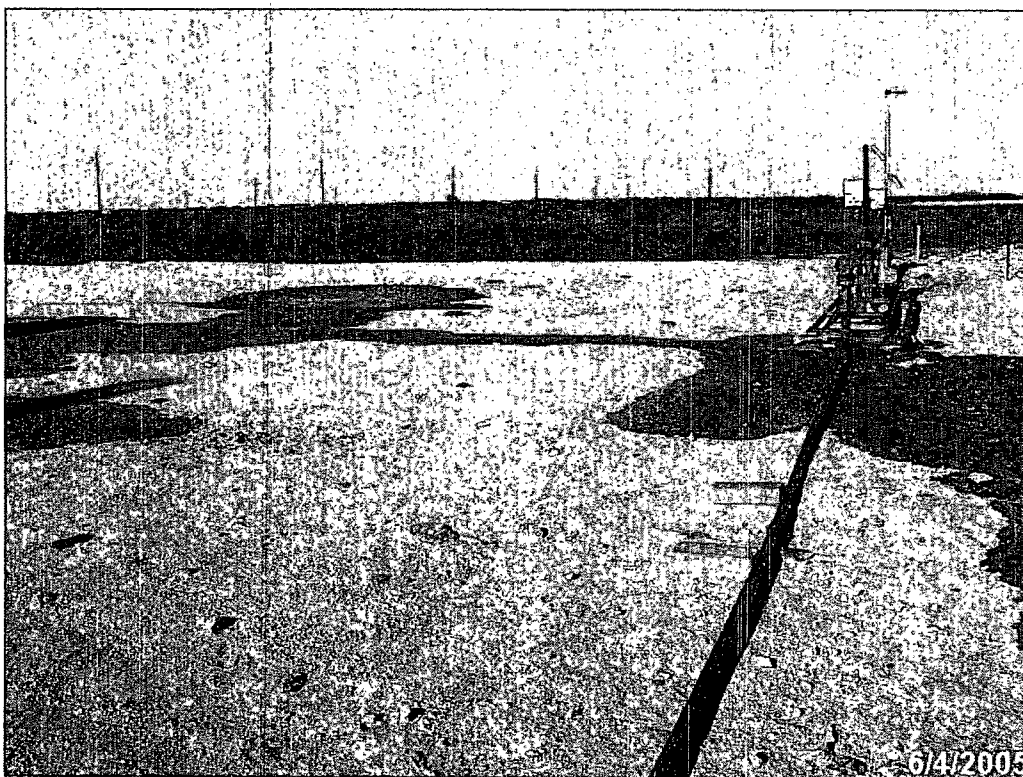
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IRR = Irrigation

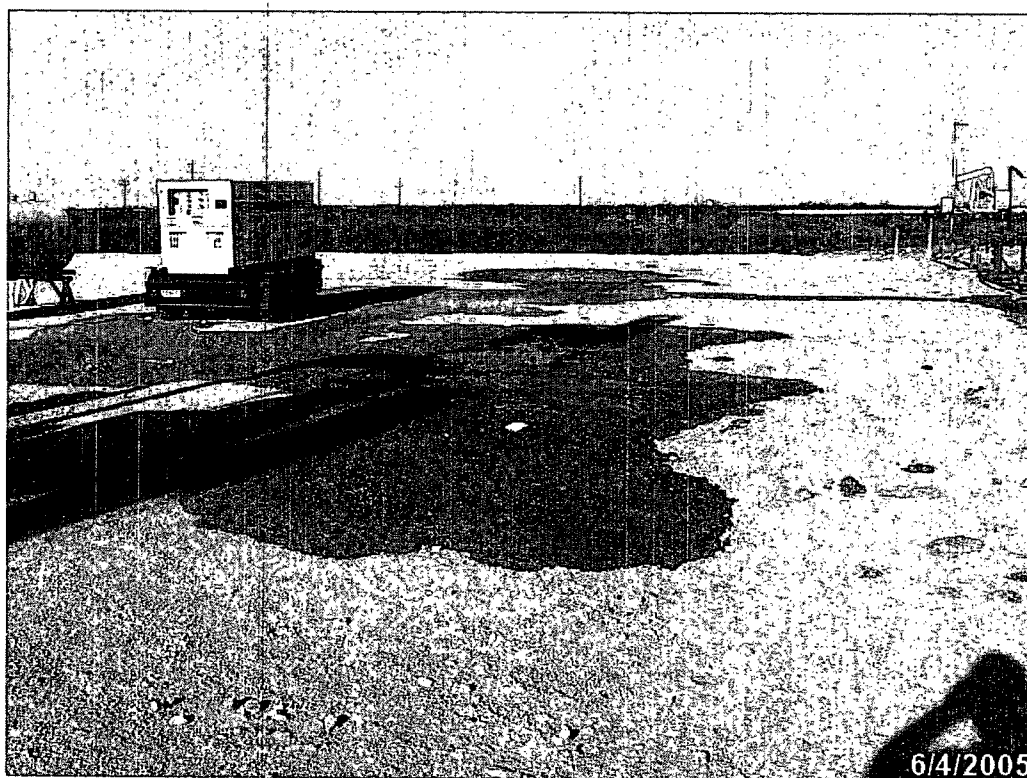
DOM = Domestic

EXP = Exploration

quarters are 1=NW, 2=NE, 3=SW, 4=SE; quarters are biggest to smallest

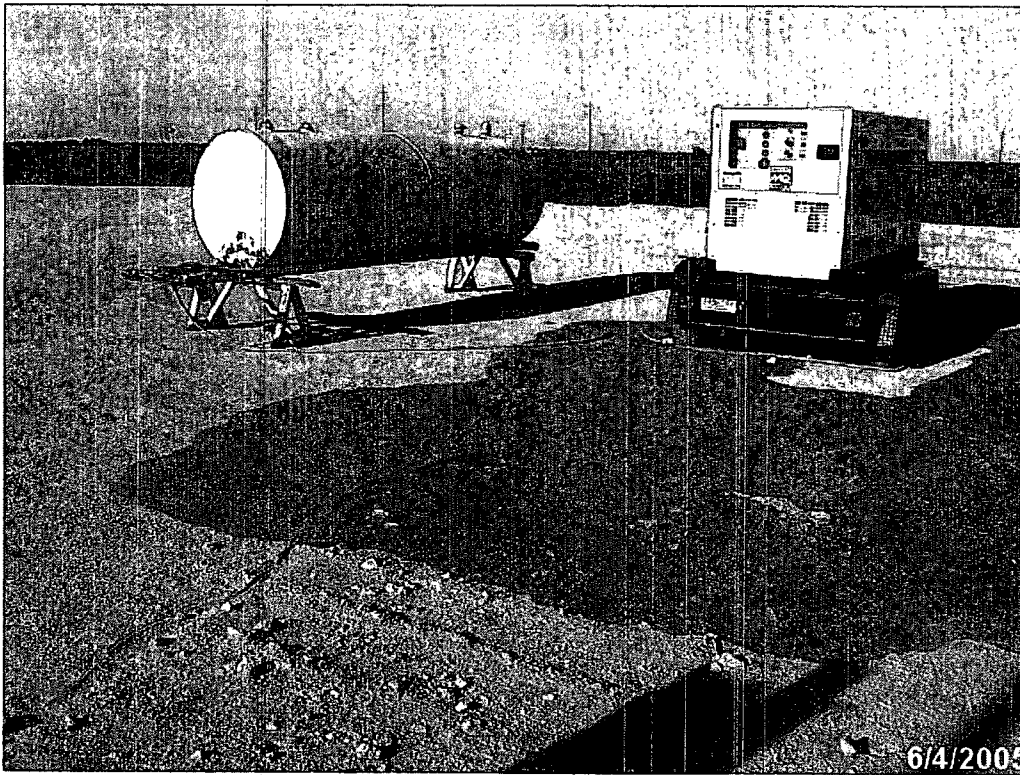


Photograph #1: Release area, looking easterly.



Photograph #2: Release area, looking easterly.



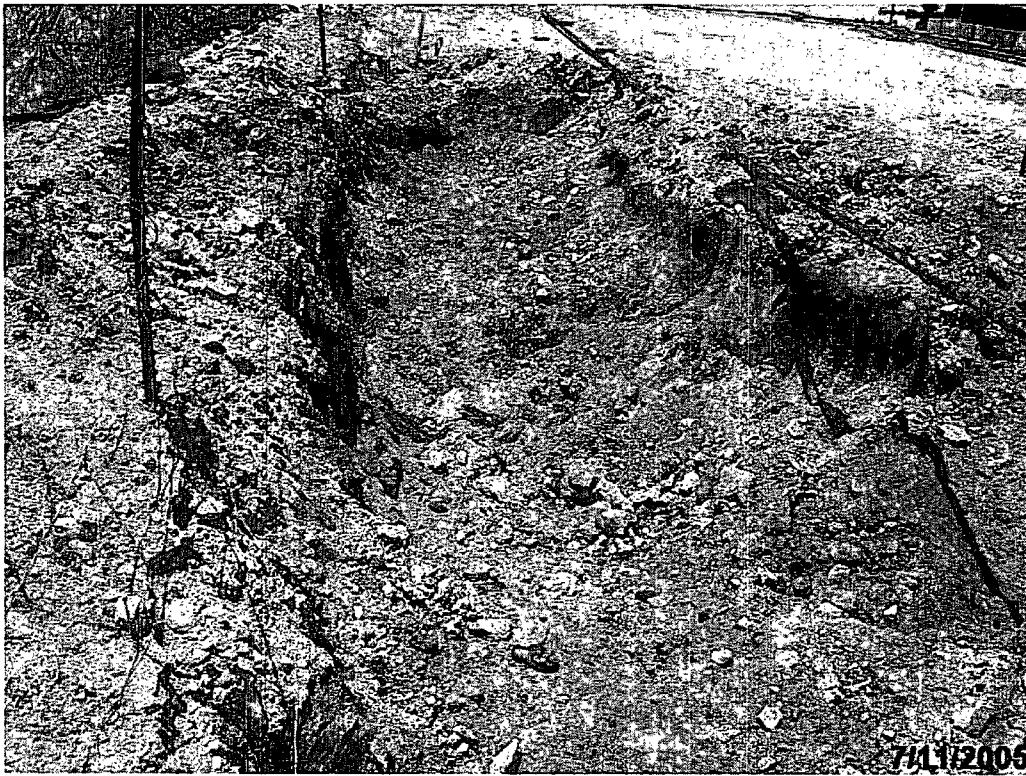


Photograph #3: Diesel tank and generator, looking northeasterly. Note cut fuel line between diesel tank and generator.



Photograph #4: Saturated soil stockpiled on plastic and fenced.





Photograph #5: Final excavation, look westerly.



Photograph #6: Final excavation, looking northeasterly.

# LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

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Date: 11 August 2005  
To: **Larry Johnson**  
Company Name: NMOCD  
Address: 1625 North French  
City / State / Zip: Hobbs, NM 88240  
From: Iain Olness  
CC: Brad Blevins, Chesapeake-Hobbs, NM  
Curtis Blake, Chesapeake-Hobbs, NM  
Jace Marshall, Chesapeake-Tulsa, OK  
Project #: 160012  
Project Name: Ruth 20-2  
Subject: **Closure Proposal**

# of originals	# of copies	Description
1		Closure Proposal

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Enclosed is the *Closure Proposal* for the above-referenced site amended to include the changes the NMOCD required. Upon your approval, the proposal will be implemented and final *Closure Documentation* will be submitted upon the successful removal of the remaining impacted soil.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at (505) 394-3481 or via e-mail at [iolness@envplus.net](mailto:iolness@envplus.net).

Signed:



P. O. Box 1558  
Eunice, NM 88240  
(505) 394-3481  
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11 August 2005

Mr. Larry Johnson, Environmental Engineer  
New Mexico Oil Conservation Division  
1625 North French Drive  
Hobbs, New Mexico 88240

Re: Closure Proposal Chesapeake Energy Ruth 20-2 – Reference #160011  
UL-D (NW¼ of the NW¼) of Section 20, Township 16 South, Range 36 East  
Latitude N 32° 54' 48.033" and Longitude W 103° 22' 57.430"

Dear Mr. Johnson:

### **Introduction**

Environmental Plus, Inc. (EPI), on behalf of Mr. Bradley Blevins, Chesapeake Energy Corporation (Chesapeake), submits this letter report documenting the work completed at the above-referenced release site. The release site is situated on land owned by the State of New Mexico and is located approximately 2.4 miles southwest of Lovington, New Mexico (reference *Figure 1*). Information obtained from the New Mexico Office of the State Engineer's website and a United States Geological Survey (USGS) database indicates there are two water supply wells located within a 1,000-foot radius of the release site (reference *Figure 2*). In addition, there are more than twenty wells located within a one-mile radius of the release site. Groundwater level data for the well labeled USGS #1 was recorded at 70.5 feet below ground surface (bgs) in February 1991. The average depth to water for all wells with recorded groundwater level data is approximately 71 feet bgs (reference *Table 1*). Based on this information, it is estimated that the depth to groundwater at the site is between 50 and 100 feet bgs. The attached site information and metrics form ranks the site in accordance with the NMOCD Guidelines for Remediation of Leaks, Spills and Releases (August 13, 1993).

The release of 500 gallons of diesel fuel was the result of the fuel line located between the diesel tank and the generator being cut by vandals and the diesel fuel being allowed to flow out onto the caliche pad. Upon being notified of the release, Chesapeake retained EPI to conduct emergency response measures at the site. EPI mobilized to the site and excavated the saturated soil and stockpiled it on plastic until such time that remediation activities could commence. Upon completion of initial excavation activities, three composite samples were collected from the base of the excavation and submitted to an independent laboratory for quantification of total petroleum hydrocarbons (TPH) and benzene, ethylbenzene, toluene and total xylenes (BTEX constituents). Analytical results for these samples indicated TPH concentrations ranging from 3,440 parts per million (ppm) to 8,790 ppm with an average concentration of 5,350 ppm remaining in the excavation (reference *Table 1*). In addition, reported BTEX constituent concentrations ranged from 0.887 ppm to 3.11 ppm with an average concentration of 1.64 ppm (reference *Table 1*).

### **Field Work**

EPI returned to the site on June 8, 2005 and initiated remediation activities. Excavation of the hydrocarbon impacted soil (approximately 100 cubic yards) continued until field analyses indicated

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remedial concentrations had been achieved. Field analyses were conducted utilizing a MiniRae<sup>®</sup> photoionization detector (PID) equipped with a 9.7 electron volt (eV) lamp. The field analyses indicated organic vapor concentrations ranged from 10.1 parts per million (ppm) to 73.5 ppm, with an average concentration of 33.5 ppm. At that time, soil samples were collected from the excavation and submitted for quantification of total petroleum hydrocarbons (TPH) and benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene and total xylenes (BTEX constituents).

Analytical results, received on July 14, 2005 indicated remedial goals had not been achieved and, as such, additional excavation activities commenced on July 25, 2005 to excavate the areas from which analytical results indicated contaminant levels exceeded NMOCD remedial guidelines. An additional 40 cubic yards of soil were excavated during this phase of the remedial activities. Excavation activities continued until field analyses utilizing a MiniRae<sup>®</sup> PID equipped with a 9.7 eV lamp indicated remedial concentrations had been achieved. The field analyses indicated organic vapor concentrations ranged from 0.5 ppm to 3.0 ppm, with an average concentration of 1.1 ppm. At that time, soil samples were collected from the excavation and submitted for quantification of TPH and BTEX constituents.

### **Analytical Results**

Eleven soil samples were collected from the excavation on July 11, 2005 and submitted to an independent laboratory for quantification of TPH and BTEX constituents. Analytical results for two of the soil samples (SP-1 and SP-2) reported contaminant concentrations at or below each analyte's respective method detection limit (MDL). Analytical results for two additional samples (SP-4 and SP-8) reported contaminant concentrations below the NMOCD remedial guidelines. The only contaminants detected in these samples were diesel range organics (DRO) at concentrations of 90.4 milligrams per kilogram (mg/Kg) in sample SP-4 and 27.8 mg/Kg in sample SP-8.

Analytical results for the remaining seven soil samples (SP-2, SP-3, SP-5, SP-6, SP-9, SP-10 and SP-11) indicated TPH concentrations ranging from 108 mg/Kg to 3,410 mg/Kg, with an average concentration of 835 mg/Kg (reference *Table 1*). Of these samples, the only contaminants detected in three of the samples (SP-3, SP-5 and SP-11) were DRO, ranging in concentrations from 108 mg/Kg to 213 mg/Kg, with an average concentration of 163 mg/Kg (reference *Table 1*). The remaining four samples (SP-2, SP-6, SP-9 and SP-10) had gasoline range organic (GRO) concentrations ranging from 14.7 mg/Kg to 166 mg/Kg and DRO concentrations ranging from 315 mg/Kg to 3,240 mg/Kg (reference *Table 1*). BTEX constituents were not detected at or above each analyte's respective MDL in any of these seven soil samples.

Based on the fact that contaminant concentrations exceeded the NMOCD remedial goals in seven of the sampling points, additional excavation activities were completed. The additional excavation activities were completed in the areas where contaminant concentrations exceeded the NMOCD remedial goals. When field analyses indicated the successful removal of the impacted soil, five additional soil samples were collected from these areas.

Analytical results for three of these five samples (SP-5, SP-10 and SP-11) reported contaminant concentrations as ND at or above each analyte's respective MDL (reference *Table 1*). Analytical results for the remaining two samples (SP-6 and SP-9) indicated TPH concentrations of 138 mg/Kg and 276 mg/Kg, respectively (reference *Table 1*). The only contaminants detected in sample SP-6 were

DRO, while GRO and DRO were detected in sample SP-9. BTEX constituents were not detected in any sample at or above each analyte's respective MDL.

### **Discussion**

Based on NMOCD guidelines, the remedial goals for this site are as follows:

Analyte	Remedial Goal
Benzene	10 mg/Kg
BTEX constituents	50 mg/Kg
TPH	100 mg/Kg

Based on these remedial goals, analytical results indicate four areas with contamination remaining above the remedial goals. TPH concentrations for these areas ranged from 108 mg/Kg to 861 mg/Kg (reference *Figure 4*). Contaminant concentrations in three of these areas, SP-3, SP-6 and SP-9, only slightly exceed these remedial goals. TPH concentrations for these areas are 108 mg/Kg, 138 mg/Kg and 276 mg/Kg, respectively. Analytical results for the sample collected from the fourth area, SP-2, indicate TPH concentrations of 861 mg/Kg (reference *Figure 4*).

The remedial goals for this site are based on the fact that there are two water supply wells, L 00209C and USGS #1, located within a 1,000-foot radius of the release site (reference *Figure 2* and *Table 2*). Well L 00209C is an irrigation well and is owned by The College of The Southwest and well USGS #1 is either an irrigation or stock well. However, groundwater in this area flows southeasterly and these wells are located northeast (L00209C) and northwest (USGS #1) of the release site and, thus are located upgradient and will not be impacted by the release.

### **Conclusions and Recommendations**

Based on field and laboratory analyses, it is recommended that the northern portion of the excavation be backfilled with caliche obtained from an off site source. The southern portion of the excavation located near the pit will remain open until such time that the pit is closed according to the State of New Mexico Rules. At the time the pit is closed, soil impacted above the NMOCD remedial guidelines will be excavated and transported to an off site treatment/disposal facility. Soil samples will be collected from the area where additional excavation activities will occur and submitted to verify the removal of the impacted soil. Upon receipt of analytical results confirming the removal of the impacted soil, the final excavation will be backfilled with caliche obtained from an off site source. Upon completion of the additional excavation and subsequent backfilling activities, it is recommended the site file be closed and a *No Further Action Required* letter be issued to Chesapeake Energy. A letter documenting the successful removal of the additional impacted soil will be submitted prior to final backfilling activities at the site.

Should you any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at (505) 394-3481 or via e-mail at [iolness@envplus.net](mailto:iolness@envplus.net) or Mr. Bradley Blevins at (505) 391-1462 ext. 24 or via e-mail at [bblevins@chkenergy.com](mailto:bblevins@chkenergy.com). All official communication should be addressed to:

Mr. Bradley Blevins  
Chesapeake Energy  
5014 Carlsbad Highway  
Hobbs, New Mexico 88240

Sincerely,

ENVIRONMENTAL PLUS, INC.



Iain Olness, P.G.  
Hydrogeologist

cc: Bradley Blevins, Chesapeake Energy – Hobbs, NM  
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Jace Marshall, Chesapeake Energy – Oklahoma City, OK  
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Information and Metrics

**Incident Date:**  
03 June 2005

**NMOCD Notified:**  
04 June 2005

<b>Site:</b> BRC Federal Well #1 Battery		<b>Assigned Site Reference #:</b> 160010	
<b>Company:</b> Chesapeake Energy			
<b>Street Address:</b> 5014 Carlsbad Highway			
<b>Mailing Address:</b> 5014 Carlsbad Highway			
<b>City, State, Zip:</b> Hobbs, New Mexico 88240			
<b>Representative:</b> Bradley Blevins			
<b>Representative Telephone:</b> (505) 391-1462 ext. 24			
<b>Telephone:</b>			
<b>Fluid volume released (bbls):</b> 500 gallons		<b>Recovered (bbls):</b> 0 gallons	
<b>&gt;25 bbls: Notify NMOCD verbally within 24 hrs and submit form C-141 within 15 days.</b> <b>(Also applies to unauthorized releases &gt;500 mcf Natural Gas)</b>			
<b>5-25 bbls: Submit form C-141 within 15 days (Also applies to unauthorized releases of 50-500 mcf Natural Gas)</b>			
<b>Leak, Spill, or Pit (LSP) Name:</b> Ruth 20-2			
<b>Source of contamination:</b> Fuel line supplying diesel to a generator was vandalized and all the diesel fuel was released onto the surface.			
<b>Land Owner, i.e., BLM, ST, Fee, Other:</b> State of New Mexico			
<b>LSP Dimensions:</b> 75 feet by 45 feet			
<b>LSP Area:</b> $\approx 3,150 \text{ ft}^2$			
<b>Location of Reference Point (RP):</b>			
<b>Location distance and direction from RP:</b>			
<b>Latitude:</b> N 32° 54' 48.033"			
<b>Longitude:</b> W 103° 22' 57.430"			
<b>Elevation above mean sea level:</b> 3,938			
<b>Feet from South Section Line:</b>			
<b>Feet from West Section Line:</b>			
<b>Location- Unit or 1/4:</b> NW 1/4 of the NW 1/4		<b>Unit Letter:</b> D	
<b>Location- Section:</b> 20			
<b>Location- Township:</b> T16S			
<b>Location- Range:</b> R36E			
<b>Surface water body within 1000' radius of site:</b> none			
<b>Domestic water wells within 1000' radius of site:</b> none (USGS #1 as illustrated on Figure 2)			
<b>Agricultural water wells within 1000' radius of site:</b> two (College of the Southwest irrigation well – L 00209C and USGS #1, as illustrated on Figure 2)			
<b>Public water supply wells within 1000' radius of site:</b> none			
<b>Depth from land surface to ground water (DG):</b> 50 to 100 feet			
<b>Depth of contamination (DC):</b> < 10 feet			
<b>Depth to ground water (DG – DC = DtGW):</b> 50 to 100 feet			
<b>1. Ground Water</b>		<b>2. Wellhead Protection Area</b>	
If Depth to GW < 50 feet: <i>20 points</i>		If < 1000' from water source, or; < 200' from private domestic water source: <i>20 points</i>	
If Depth to GW 50 to 99 feet: <i>10 points</i>		If > 1000' from water source, or; > 200' from private domestic water source: <i>0 points</i>	
If Depth to GW > 100 feet: <i>0 points</i>			
<b>Ground water Score =</b> 10		<b>Wellhead Protection Area Score =</b> 20	
<b>Site Rank (1+2+3) =</b> 10		<b>Surface Water Score =</b> 0	
<b>Total Site Ranking Score and Acceptable Concentrations</b>			
Parameter	> 19	10-19	0-9
Benzene <sup>1</sup>	10 ppm	10 ppm	10 ppm
BTEX <sup>1</sup>	50 ppm	50 ppm	50 ppm
TPH	100 ppm	1,000 ppm	5,000 ppm

<sup>1</sup> 100 ppm field VOC headspace measurement may be substituted for lab analysis

Mr. Larry Johnson  
5 August 2005



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Form C-141  
Revised October 10, 2003

Submit 2 Copies to appropriate  
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Release Notification and Corrective Action

OPERATOR

☒ Initial Report ☐ Final Report

Name of Company: Chesapeake Energy	Contact: Bradley Blevins
Address: 5014 Carlsbad Highway	Telephone No.: (505) 391-1462 ext. 24
Facility Name: Ruth 20-2	Facility Type: Tank Battery

Surface Owner: State of New Mexico - Leased by Dale Gandy	Mineral Owner: State of New Mexico	Lease No.: V0-4719-0000
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LOCATION OF RELEASE

Unit Letter	Section	Township	Range	Feet from the	North/South Line	Feet from the	East/West Line	County
D	20	16 S	36 E					Lea

Latitude: N 32° 54' 48.033" Longitude: W 103° 22' 57.430"

NATURE OF RELEASE

Type of Release: Diesel Fuel	Volume of Release: 500 gallons	Volume Recovered: 0 gallons
Source of Release: Tank	Date and Hour of Occurrence: 03 June 2005, time unknown	Date and Hour of Discovery: 04 June 2005
Was Immediate Notice Given? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Required	If YES, To Whom? Not Applicable	
By Whom? Not Applicable	Date and Hour: Not Applicable	
Was a Watercourse Reached? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	If YES, Volume Impacting the Watercourse: Not Applicable	
If a Watercourse was Impacted, Describe Fully.* Not Applicable		

**Describe Cause of Problem and Remedial Action Taken.\*** The site was vandalized and the fuel line from the diesel tank to the generator was cut and all the diesel allowed to flow onto the caliche pad. Saturated soil was scraped up and placed on plastic pending a decision as how to remediate the site.

**Describe Area Affected and Cleanup Action Taken.\*** Approximately 3,150 square feet of surface area was impacted by the release, all of which was on the caliche pad at the site. Saturated soil has been excavated and stockpiled on plastic on site until a remediation plan is developed. Additional soil was excavated on June 8, 2005 and, based on field analyses, it was determined that remedial guidelines had been achieved and samples were collected for laboratory analyses. Analytical results received on June 17, 2005, indicated remedial guidelines had not been achieved and additional excavation would be required for closer. Additional excavation activities should be completed by the end of June 2005 and samples will be collected to verify soil impacted above the NMOCD remedial guidelines has been excavated. The excavated soil will be transported to an approved land treatment facility or blended with clean soil and returned to the excavation.

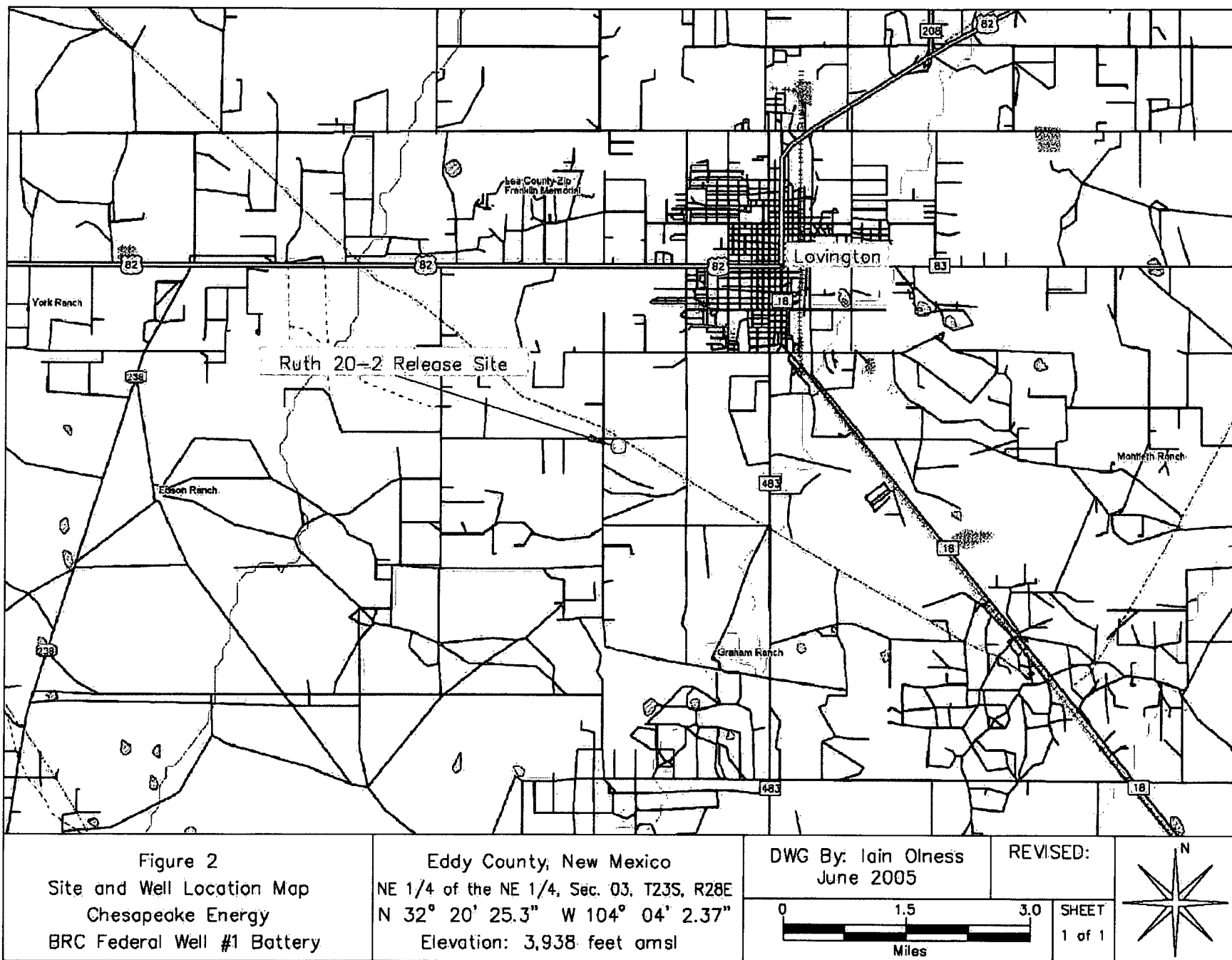
I hereby certify that the information given above is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and understand that pursuant to NMOCD rules and regulations all operators are required to report and/or file certain release notifications and perform corrective actions for releases which may endanger 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 their operations have failed to adequately investigate and remediate contamination that pose 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.

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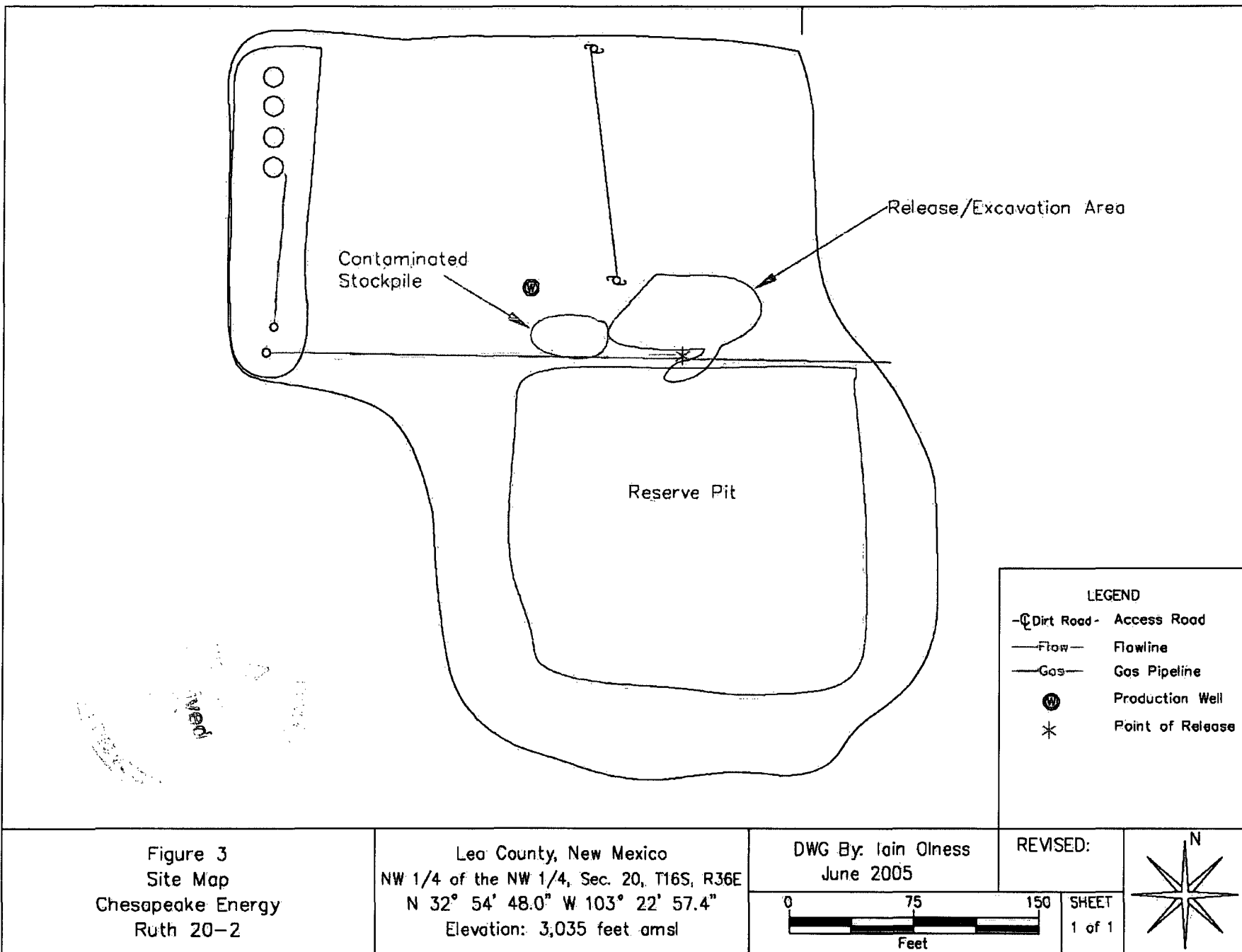
Signature:	Approved by District Supervisor:		
Printed Name: Bradley Blevins			
Title: Field Technician	Approval Date:	Expiration Date:	
E-mail Address: bblevins@chkenergy.com	Conditions of Approval:		Attached <input type="checkbox"/>
Date: Phone: (505) 391-1462 ext. 24			

\* Attach Additional Sheets If Necessary









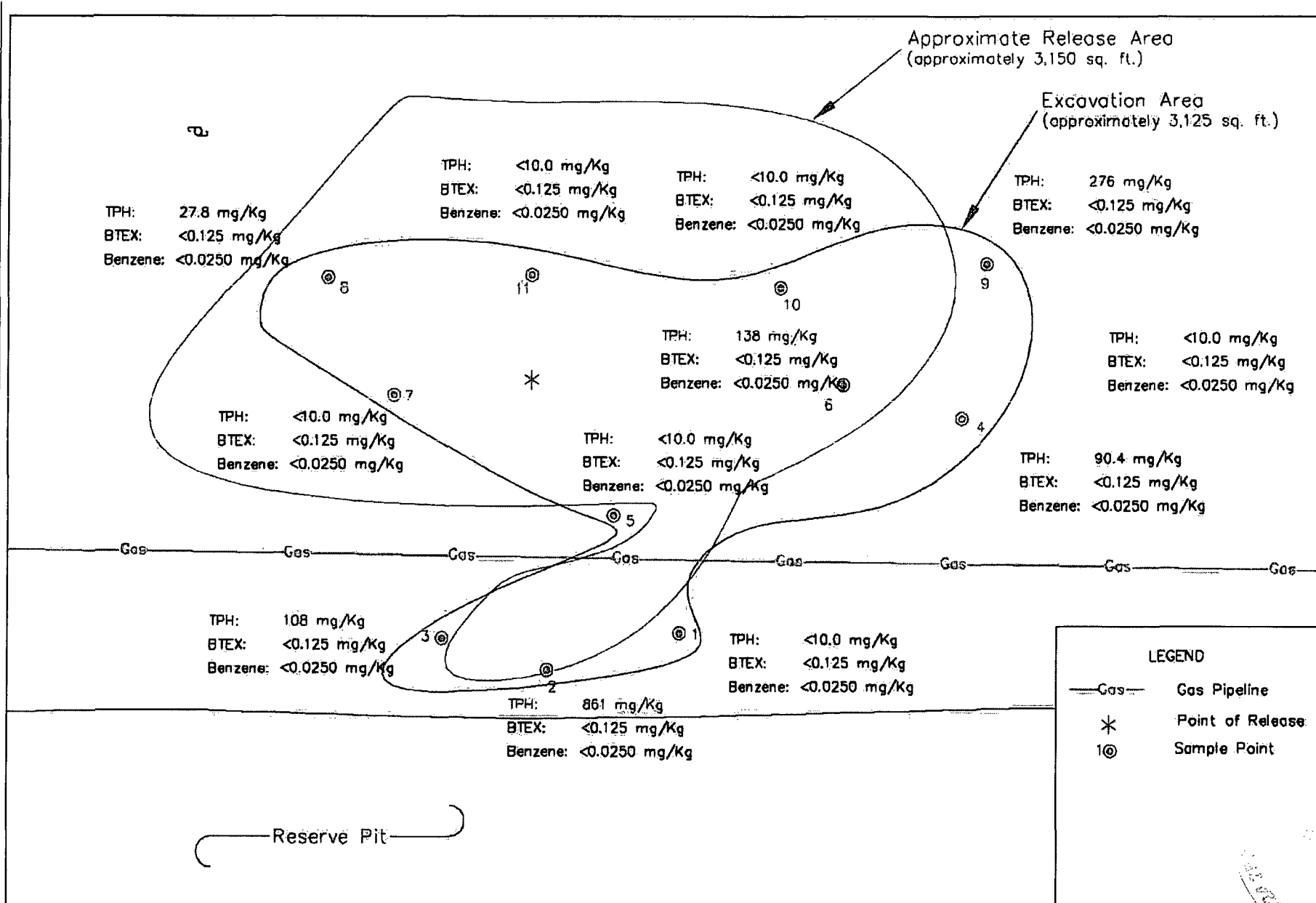
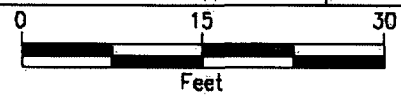


Figure 4  
Sample Location Map  
Chesapeake Energy  
Ruth 20-2

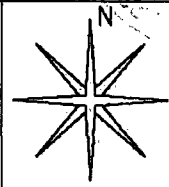
Lea County, New Mexico  
NW 1/4 of the NW 1/4, Sec. 20, T16S, R36E  
N 32° 54' 48.0" W 103° 22' 57.4"  
Elevation: 3,035 feet amsl

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**TABLE 1**

**Summary of Excavation Soil Field Analyses and Laboratory Analytical Results**

**Chesapeake Energy Ruth 20-2 Release Site (Ref.# 160011)**

Sample ID	Depth (feet)	Sample Date	PID Reading (ppm)	Benzene (mg/Kg)	Toluene (mg/Kg)	Ethylbenzene (mg/Kg)	Total Xylenes (mg/Kg)	Total BTEX (mg/Kg)	TPH (as gasoline) (mg/Kg)	TPH (as diesel) (mg/Kg)	Total TPH (mg/Kg)
Ruth 20-2 S. Flowpath	Comp	08-Jun-05	NA	<0.0250	0.0711	0.510	2.53	3.11	1,590	7,200	8,790
Ruth 20-2 W. Half Pooling Area	Comp	08-Jun-05	NA	<0.0250	0.0683	0.134	0.685	0.887	507	3,300	3,810
Ruth 20-2 E. Half Pooling Area	Comp	08-Jun-05	NA	<0.0250	0.0518	0.0877	0.781	0.921	470	2,970	3,440
SP-1	1	11-Jul-05	23.5	<0.0250	<0.0250	<0.0250	<0.0500	<0.125	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0
SP-2	1	11-Jul-05	10.1	<0.0250	<0.0250	<0.0250	<0.0500	<0.125	14.7	846	861
SP-3	1	11-Jul-05	10.4	<0.0250	<0.0250	<0.0250	<0.0500	<0.125	<10.0	108	108
SP-4	1	11-Jul-05	24.1	<0.0250	<0.0250	<0.0250	<0.0500	<0.125	<10.0	90.4	90.4
SP-5	1	11-Jul-05	38.9	<0.0250	<0.0250	<0.0250	<0.0500	<0.125	<10.0	169	169
	2	26-Jul-05	0.7	<0.0250	<0.0250	<0.0250	<0.0500	<0.125	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0
SP-6	1	11-Jul-05	41.4	<0.0250	<0.0250	<0.0250	<0.0500	<0.125	30.9	724	755
	6	26-Jul-05	0.9	<0.0250	<0.0250	<0.0250	<0.0500	<0.125	<10.0	138	138
SP-7	1	11-Jul-05	25.0	<0.0250	<0.0250	<0.0250	<0.0500	<0.125	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0

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SP-8	1	11-Jul-05	39.6	<0.0250	<0.0250	<0.0250	<0.0500	<0.125	<10.0	27.8	27.8
SP-9	1	11-Jul-05	46.2	<0.0250	<0.0250	<0.0250	<0.0500	<0.125	16.9	315	<b>332</b>
	6	26-Jul-05	3.0	<0.0250	<0.0250	<0.0250	<0.0500	<0.125	12.4	264	276
SP-10	1	11-Jul-05	73.5	<0.0250	<0.0250	<0.0250	<0.0500	<0.125	166	3,240	<b>3,410</b>
	2	26-Jul-05	0.5	<0.0250	<0.0250	<0.0250	<0.0500	<0.125	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0
SP-11	1	11-Jul-05	31.6	<0.0250	<0.0250	<0.0250	<0.0500	<0.125	<10.0	213	<b>213</b>
	2	26-Jul-05	0.6	<0.0250	<0.0250	<0.0250	<0.0500	<0.125	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0
NMOCD Remedial Thresholds			100	10				50			100

<sup>1</sup> **Bolded** values are in excess of NMOCD Remediation Thresholds

<sup>2</sup> NA=Not Applicable

<sup>3</sup> Chloride and Sulfate residuals may not be capable of impacting local groundwater above the NMWQCC standards of 250 mg/L and 650 mg/L respectively.

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TABLE 2

Well Data

Chesapeake Energy Ruth 20-2 (Ref. #160011)

Well Number	Diversion <sup>A</sup>	Owner	Use	Twsp	Rng	Sec q q q	Latitude	Longitude	Date Measured	Well Depth (ft bgs)	Depth to Water (ft bgs)
L 05856	3	Payne Enterprise	STK	16 S	36 E	20 4	N 32° 54' 0.66"	W 103° 23' 35.46"	05-Mar-66	106	70
L 07163	3	G. Cattle Company	STK	16 S	36 E	20 2 3 1	N 32° 54' 26.83"	W 103° 23' 35.47"			
L 07163 EXPL	0	G. Cattle Company	EXP	16 S	36 E	20	N 32° 54' 0.63"	W 103° 23' 6.6"			
L 07442 EXPL	10	G. Cattle Company	EXP	16 S	36 E	20	N 32° 54' 0.63"	W 103° 23' 6.6"			
L 07443 EXPL	0	G. Cattle Company	EXP	16 S	36 E	20 41	N 32° 54' 0.66"	W 103° 23' 35.46"			
L 08809	10	Roger C. Hanks	PRO	16 S	36 E	20 1 1 4	N 32° 54' 39.88"	W 103° 23' 6.64"	31-Jul-82	147	70
L 10572	3	Yates Petroleum	ORL	16 S	36 E	20 2 2 1	N 32° 54' 39.94"	W 103° 23' 19.91"	27-Jun-98	150	70
L 10785	0	Yates Petroleum	PRO	16 S	36 E	20 2 2 1	N 32° 54' 39.94"	W 103° 23' 19.91"	27-Jun-98	130	70
USGS #1				16 S	36 E	20 1 1 1			27-Feb-91		70.47
USGS #2				16 S	36 E	20 4 2 3			31-Mar-81		75.34
L 03318	3	T. M. Blackmon	DOM	16 S	36 E	16 2 3 1	N 32° 55' 19.33"	W 103° 21' 33.28"			
L 03318 APPRO EXP		T. M. Blackmon		16 S	36 E	16 2 3 1	N 32° 55' 19.33"	W 103° 21' 33.28"			
L 04487 APPRO	3	Kenneth Cox	DOM	16 S	36 E	16 2 2 2	N 32° 55' 32.49"	W 103° 21' 17.73"	01-Jun-60	110	82
L 06368 EXP	10	T. M. Blackmon	STK	16 S	36 E	16 2	N 32° 55' 19.33"	W 103° 21' 33.28"			
L 00408	0	Chesapeake Operating	PRO	16 S	36 E	16 2 3 1	N 32° 55' 19.33"	W 103° 21' 33.28"		193	
USGS #3				16 S	36 E	16 2 3 1			27-Feb-91		61.33
L 00289 B	103.3	College of the S.W. Foundation	IRR	16 S	36 E	17 3 3 3	N 32° 55' 6.07"	W 103° 22' 51.08"		127	
L 00209 C	237.7	College of the S.W. Foundation	IRR	16 S	36 E	17 4 3	N 32° 54' 53"	W 103° 22' 51.08"		128	
L 02056	3	Noble Drilling Company	PRO	16 S	36 E	17 1 1	N 32° 55' 32.22"	W 103° 23' 6.68"	06-Mar-93	130	60
L 02056 APPRO		Noble Drilling Company		16 S	36 E	17 1 1	N 32° 55' 32.22"	W 103° 23' 6.68"	06-Mar-93	130	60
L 04437	3	Roy Boland	DOM	16 S	36 E	17 3	N 32° 54' 52.96"	W 103° 23' 6.65"	30-May-60	120	95
L 04437 APPRO		Roy Boland		16 S	36 E	17 3	N 32° 54' 52.96"	W 103° 23' 6.65"	30-May-60	120	95
L 03330 EXP	0	Berry Lee Hobbs	DOM	16 S	36 E	17 2 2 2	N 32° 55' 32.3"	W 103° 22' 19.98"			
L 07649	0	Hilda R. Heibel	PRO	16 S	36 E	17	N 32° 54' 32.96"	W 103° 23' 6.63"	05-Feb-77	140	
L 07157	3	Berry Lee Hobbs	DOM	16 S	36 E	17 2 1 1	N 32° 55' 32.27"	W 103° 22' 34.55"	18-Jan-73	72	
L 05669 EXP	0	Calvin or Jo Ann Holloway	DOM	16 S	36 E	17 2 1 2	N 32° 55' 32.27"	W 103° 22' 34.55"			
L 10610 EXP	0	Inesco Oil Company	PRO	16 S	36 E	17 1 3	N 32° 55' 19.13"	W 103° 23' 6.67"			
USGS #4				16 S	36 E	17 1 1 1			28-Feb-91		63.24
USGS #5				16 S	36 E	17 1 3 3			10-Jan-92		67.82
L 01086	3	C.C. Chambers	DOM	16 S	36 E	18 2 4 2	N 32° 55' 32.19"	W 103° 23' 22.19"	02-Apr-51	75	
L 01087 APPRO	3	C.C. Chambers	DOM	16 S	36 E	18 2 2 2	N 32° 55' 32.19"	W 103° 23' 22.19"	02-Apr-51	75	
L 04598	3	Elmer H. Sumruld	DOM	16 S	36 E	18 4 2	N 32° 55' 6.02"	W 103° 23' 22.17"	21-Jan-62	136	75
L 04598 APPRO		Elmer H. Sumruld		16 S	36 E	18 4 2	N 32° 55' 6.02"	W 103° 23' 22.17"	21-Jan-62	136	75
L 04609	3	George Wayne Sumruld	DOM	16 S	36 E	18 4 4 3	N 32° 54' 52.93"	W 103° 23' 22.16"			
L 04609 APPRO EXP		George Wayne Sumruld		16 S	36 E	18 4 4 3	N 32° 54' 52.93"	W 103° 23' 22.16"			
L 05132	3	George Wayne Sumruld	DOM	16 S	36 E	18 4 2	N 32° 55' 6.02"	W 103° 23' 22.17"	30-May-57	95	70
L 06934	3	E. H. Sumruld	DOM	16 S	36 E	18 4 2 1	N 32° 55' 6.02"	W 103° 23' 22.17"	12-May-72	118	68
L 06953	3	Ricky Jones	DOM	16 S	36 E	18 4 4 4	N 32° 54' 52.93"	W 103° 23' 22.16"	24-Aug-72	120	88
L 06967	0	Oscar V. Nallie	DOM	16 S	36 E	18 4 4 3	N 32° 54' 52.93"	W 103° 23' 22.16"			
L 07063	3	Odell Black	DOM	16 S	36 E	18 4 4 2	N 32° 54' 52.93"	W 103° 23' 22.16"	26-Apr-60	120	80
L 07011	0	Wayne Sumruld	STK	16 S	36 E	18 4 2	N 32° 55' 6.02"	W 103° 23' 22.17"			
L 07029	0	E. H. Sumruld	EXP	16 S	36 E	18 4 2	N 32° 55' 6.02"	W 103° 23' 22.17"			
L 07030	0	E. H. Sumruld	EXP	16 S	36 E	18 4 2	N 32° 55' 6.02"	W 103° 23' 22.17"			
L 10712	0	Chesapeake Operating	PRO	16 S	36 E	18 4 2	N 32° 55' 6.02"	W 103° 23' 22.17"	01-Sep-97	163	60
USGS #6				16 S	36 E	18 1 1 1			26-Jun-96		54.94
L 01054 APPRO	3	George Spies	DOM	16 S	36 E	19 1 3	N 32° 54' 26.74"	W 103° 24' 53.17"	15-Dec-30	78	45
L 02783	3	Vernon N. Key	DOM	16 S	36 E	19 1 4 2	N 32° 54' 26.74"	W 103° 24' 53.17"	18-Feb-35	80	50
L 02783 APPRO		Vernon N. Key		16 S	36 E	19 1 4 2	N 32° 54' 26.74"	W 103° 24' 53.17"	19-Feb-35	80	50

TABLE 2

Well Data

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Well Number	Diverston <sup>A</sup>	Owner	Use	Twsp	Ring	Sec q q q	Latitude	Longitude	Date Measured	Well Depth (ft bgs)	Depth to Water (ft bgs)
L 04801	3	George Spies	DOM	16 S	36 E	19 1 2	N 32° 54' 39.81"	W 103° 23' 53.18"			
L 04893	3	George Spies	DOM	16 S	36 E	19 1 2	N 32° 54' 39.81"	W 103° 23' 53.18"	05-May-62	100	
L 06436 EXP	0	Joe Grado	DOM	16 S	36 E	19 1 4 2	N 32° 54' 26.74"	W 103° 23' 53.77"			
L 06689 EXP	0	Walter Hamman	DOM	16 S	36 E	19 1 3 4	N 32° 54' 39.78"	W 103° 24' 7.41"			
L 06937	3	Dale Gandy	DOM	16 S	36 E	19 2 2 4	N 32° 54' 39.83"	W 103° 23' 22.13"	22-Apr-72	110	69
L 07444 EXPL-1	0	G. Cattle Company	EXP	16 S	36 E	19 2 3 1	N 32° 54' 26.76"	W 103° 23' 37.64"	13-Oct-75	130	
L 07444 EXPL-2		G. Cattle Company	EXP	16 S	36 E	19 2 3 1	N 32° 54' 26.76"	W 103° 23' 37.64"	13-Oct-75	140	
L 07444 EXPL-3		G. Cattle Company	EXP	16 S	36 E	19 2 3 1	N 32° 54' 26.76"	W 103° 23' 37.64"	14-Oct-75	168	120
L 08744	3	Roger Price	DOM	16 S	36 E	19 3 3	N 32° 54' 0.59"	W 103° 24' 7.42"		108	79
L 10209	3	Kenny Jackson	DOM	16 S	36 E	19 1 2 2	N 32° 54' 39.81"	W 103° 23' 53.18"	03-Aug-91	128	94
L 00159 ENGLD-5	0	Chesapeake Operating	PRO	16 S	36 E	19 2 3 3	N 32° 54' 39.83"	W 103° 23' 37.66"		80	
L 00159	0	Newburg Producing Company	PRO	16 S	36 E	19 2 3 3	N 32° 54' 39.83"	W 103° 23' 37.66"		125	
USGS #7				16 S	36 E	19 1 3 1			31-Mar-61		59.25
USGS #8				16 S	36 E	19 2 3 1			16-Feb-61		59.9
USGS #9				16 S	36 E	19 2 3 1			03-Mar-76		64.9
USGS #10				16 S	36 E	19 2 1 4			15-Feb-71		64.03
USGS #11				16 S	36 E	19 4 1 3			30-Sep-61		66.54
L 03966	3	Robert Ralph Sims	DOM	16 S	36 E	21 2 4 4	N 32° 54' 26.96"	W 103° 21' 17.68"	18-Aug-58	95	60
L 03966 APPRO				16 S	36 E	21 2 2 4	N 32° 54' 40.06"	W 103° 21' 17.68"	18-Aug-58	95	60
L 05269	3	Ralph E. Collins	DOM	16 S	36 E	21 2 2 4	N 32° 54' 40.06"	W 103° 21' 17.68"	19-Oct-63	110	90
USGS #12				16 S	36 E	21 2 3 2			01-Feb-96		66.58
L 01608 APPRO	3	Lawton Oil Group	PRO	16 S	36 E	30 2 3	N 32° 53' 47.54"	W 103° 23' 22.07"	24-Sep-82	143	80
L 04932	3	George Spies	DOM	16 S	36 E	30 1 2	N 32° 53' 47.53"	W 103° 23' 53.08"	12-Jul-62	104	90
L 06334	0	Marcum Drilling Company	PRO	16 S	36 E	30 3 1 1	N 32° 53' 21.38"	W 103° 24' 7.28"	02-Jun-68	135	75
L 06334 (E) 1	0	Humble Oil & Refining Co.	PRO	16 S	36 E	30 3 1 1	N 32° 53' 21.38"	W 103° 24' 7.28"			
USGS #13				16 S	36 E	30 1 2 4			10-Mar-76		75.23

\* = Data obtained from the New Mexico Office of the State Engineer Website ([http://fwaters.ose.state.nm.us:7001/TWATERS/wr\\_RegisServlet1](http://fwaters.ose.state.nm.us:7001/TWATERS/wr_RegisServlet1))

Well locations shown on Figure 2

<sup>A</sup> = in acre feet per annum

IND = Industrial

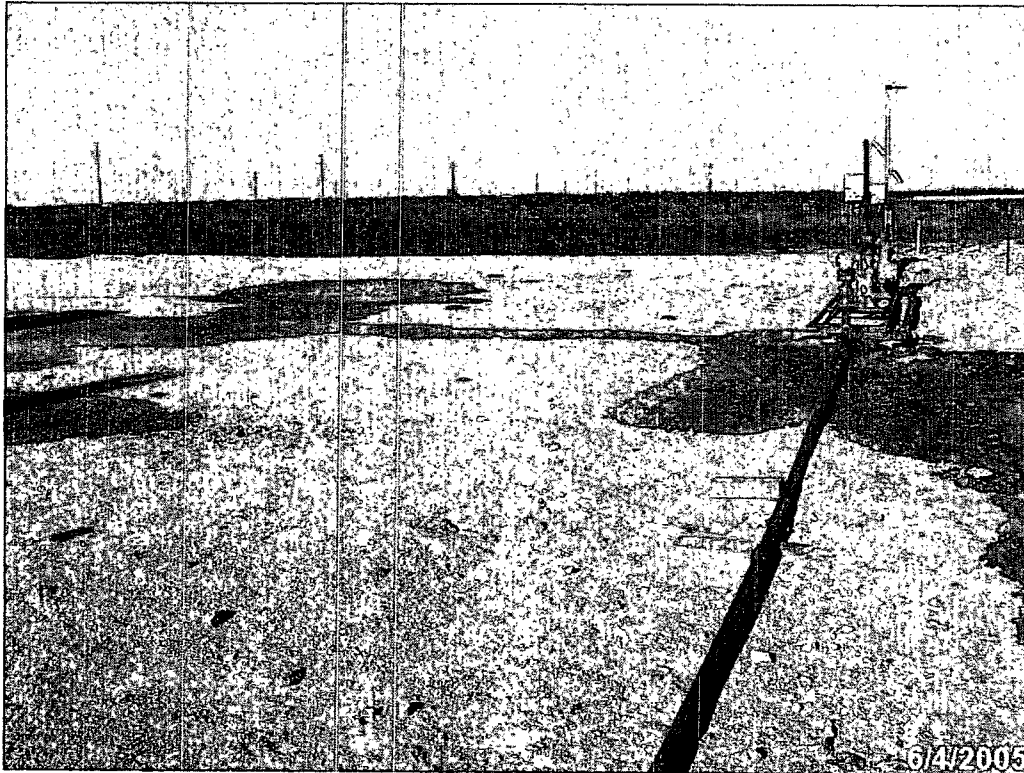
IRR = Irrigation

DOM = Domestic

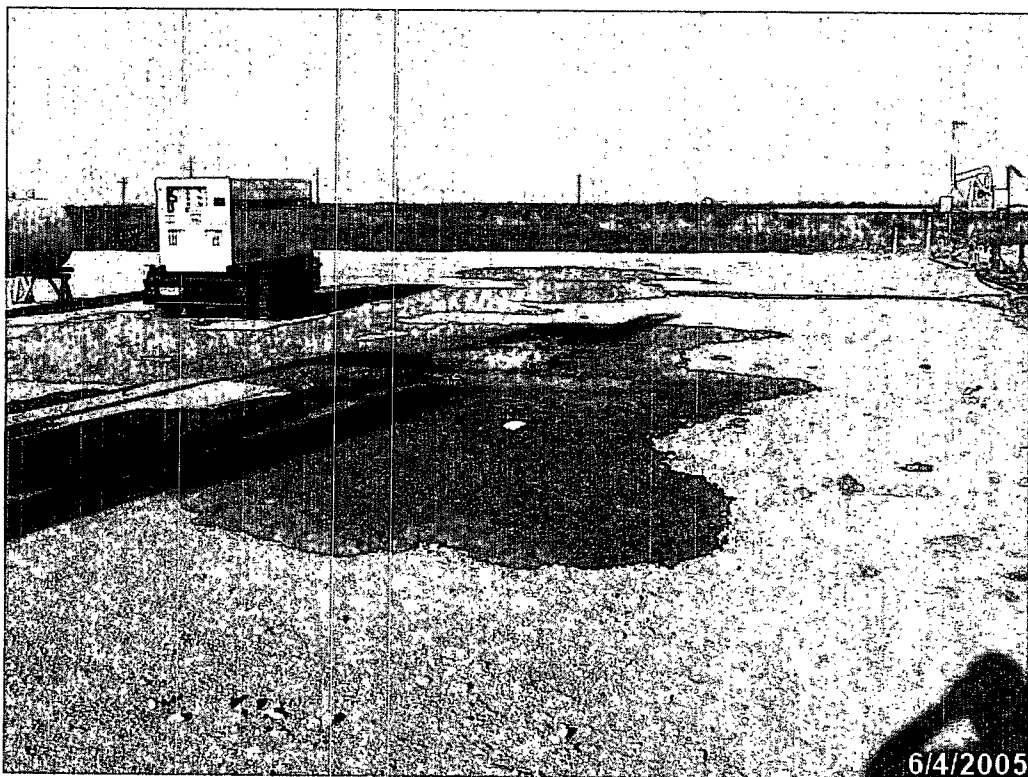
EXP = Exploration

quarters are 1=NW, 2=NE, 3=SW, 4=SE; quarters are biggest to smallest

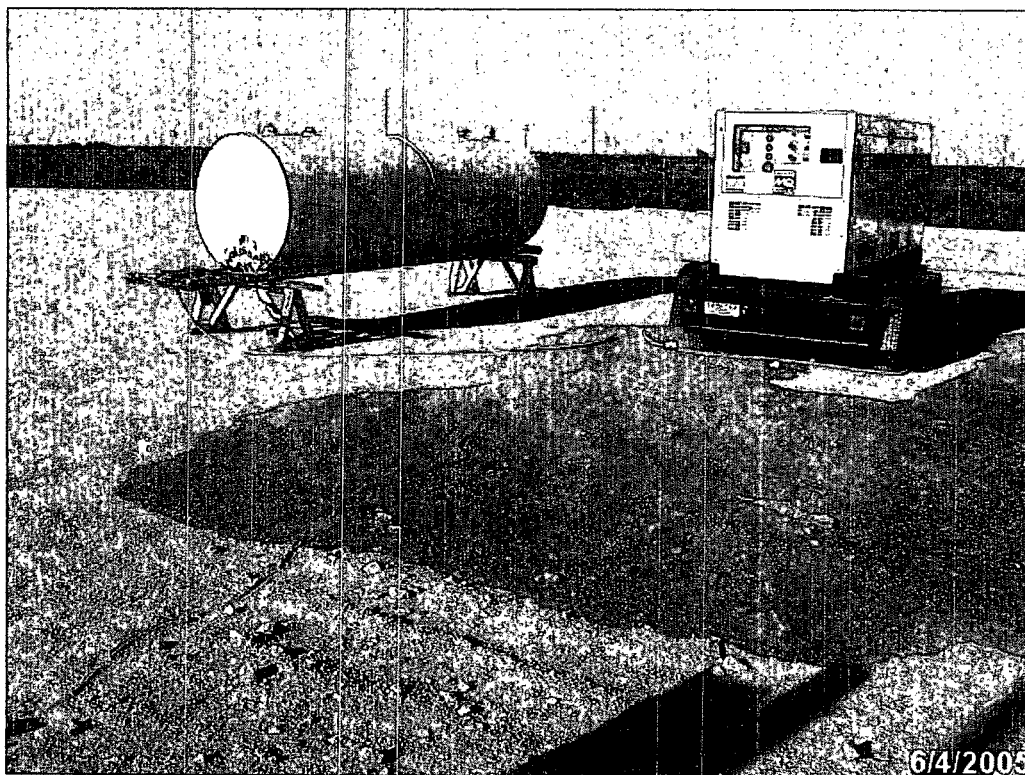




Photograph #1: Release area, looking easterly.



Photograph #2: Release area, looking easterly.



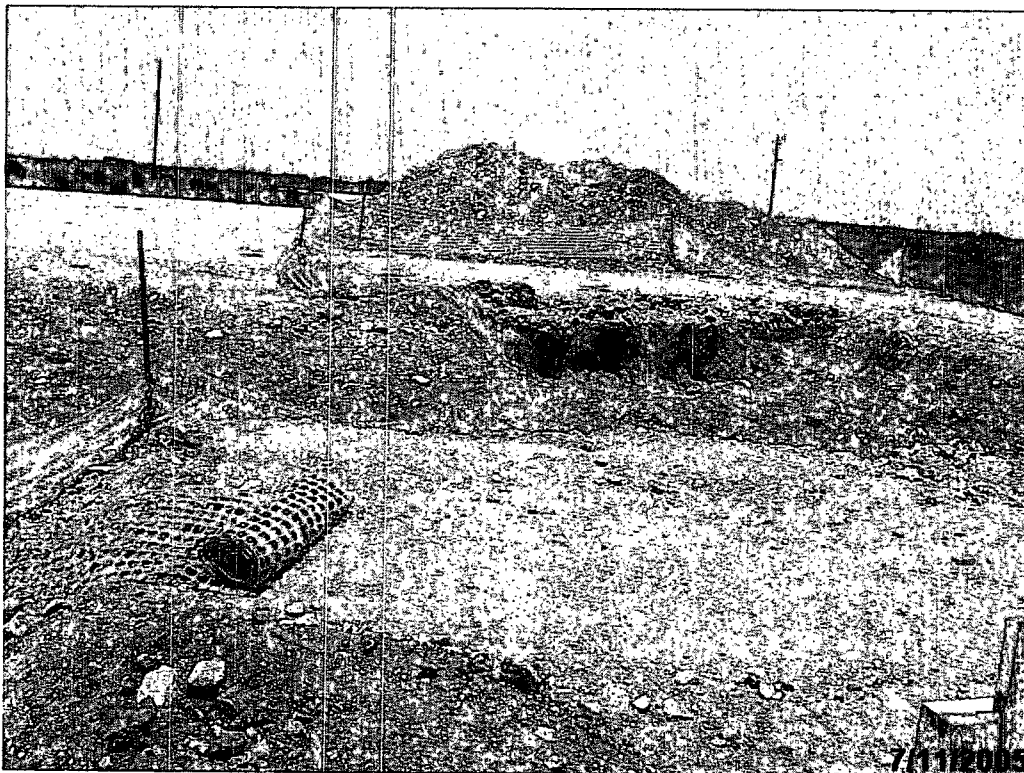
Photograph #3: Diesel tank and generator, looking northeasterly. Note cut fuel line between diesel tank and generator.



Photograph #4: Saturated soil stockpiled on plastic and fenced.



Photograph #5: Final excavation, look westerly.



Photograph #6: Final excavation, looking northeasterly.