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VIA EMAIL: wayne.price@state.nm.us CERTIFIED MAIL

Mr. Wayne Price, Chief Oil Conservation Division – Environmental Bureau State of New Mexico 1220 South St. Francis Drive Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

Re: Work Plan to Investigate Historic Hydrocarbons, Unit Letter C (NE/4, NW/4), Section 23, Township 22 South, Range 37 East, Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Price:

This letter is submitted to the State of New Mexico Oil Conservation Division ("OCD") on behalf of Chesapeake Energy Corporation ("Chesapeake") by Larson and Associates, Inc. ("LA"), its consultant, and presents a work plan to investigate historic hydrocarbons from a former tank battery ("Site") located in unit letter C (NE/4, NW/4), Section 23, Township 22 South, Range 37 East, Lea County, New Mexico. The Site is not affiliated with Chesapeake, but is located immediately north of its Ollie J. Boyd Tank Battery. The Site involves an area of historic hydrocarbons immediately north of the Ollie J. Boyd Tank Battery that measures approximately 100 x 200 feet. The historic hydrocarbons merge with an area of historic hydrocarbons about 150 feet northeast of the tank battery that measures approximately 100 x 150 feet. The latitude and longitude for the Site is North 32°, 22', 51.1" and West 103°, 08', 16.9". Contact information for Chesapeake is as follows:

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Figure 1 presents a location and topographic map. Figure 2 presents a Site drawing 120

#### Setting

The Site is located about four (4) miles southeast of Eunice, New Mexico, at an elevation approximately 3,330 feet above mean sea level ("MSL"). The topography slopes the FROCOSTO Cherapeare - 147179

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to the east and southeast toward Monument Draw, which is located about 1.3-miles east of the Site. The nearest residence is located about 1-mile southeast of the Site, in unit letter P (SE/4, SE/4), Section 23, Township 22 South and Range 37 East. Ground water occurs at approximately 60 feet below ground surface ("bgs"), based on records from the New Mexico State Engineer, and no wells or surface water is located within 1,000 feet of the Site. Figure 1 presents the approximate locations of water wells and depth to ground water within one (1) mile of the Site. Appendix A presents photographs.

#### **Proposal**

Chesapeake proposes to characterize the historic hydrocarbons in accordance with OCD guidelines ("Guidelines for Remediation of Leaks, Spills and Releases, August 13, 1993"). Soil samples will be collected at six (6) locations using a split-spoon or core sampler that will be advanced into the subsurface using an air rotary drill rig. Soil samples will be collected at ground surface and at approximately 3, 7, 11, 15, 20, 25 and 30 feet bgs or until the vertical extent of the hydrocarbons has been determined from field observations (i.e., odor, stain, etc.). The split-spoon or core sampler will be washed between samples with a solution of laboratory grade detergent and water, and rinsed with distilled water. Drilling equipment (i.e., bit, rods, etc.) will be washed between locations using a high-pressure hot water sprayer. A stainless steel hand auger will be used to collect shallow samples to about five (5) feet bgs at an area located north of the gas meter run. The soil samples will be examined using the Unified Soil Classification System ("USCS") and recorded on field log forms. Cuttings will be placed on the ground next to the drill holes, which will be plugged with bentonite. Figure 3 presents proposed sample locations.

Two (2) samples will be collected from each interval for headspace and possible laboratory analysis. The headspace samples will be collected in 8-ounce glass sample jars, which will be partially filled, covered with a layer of aluminum foil before securing the cap and allowed to warm to the ambient temperature (approximately 30 minutes). The headspace samples will be analyzed using a photoionization detector ("PID") that will be calibrated to an isobutylene span gas tested to 100 parts per million ("ppm"). The PID probe will be passed through the aluminum foil into the vacant headspace and the maximum PID reading will be recorded on the field log. The laboratory samples will be collected in clean 4-ounce glass jars, filled to zero headspace, labeled, chilled in an ice chest and delivered under chain-of-custody control to an environmental laboratory.

The laboratory samples corresponding with headspace samples exhibiting PID readings over 100 ppm will be analyzed by the laboratory for benzene, toluene, ethyl benzene and xylene ("BTEX"), total petroleum hydrocarbons ("TPH) and chloride. The laboratory will use methods SW-846-8021B (BTEX), SW-846-8015, including gasoline range organics ("GRO") and diesel range organics ("DRO") for TPH and SW-846-9253 (chloride). Additional samples may be analyzed for TPH and chloride. The synthetic

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precipitation leaching procedure ("SPLP") may be used to assess leaching potential for BTEX and chloride from soil to ground water.

A report will be prepared and submitted to OCD within 45 days after receipt and review of the laboratory analysis. The report will include discussions of investigation procedures, headspace and laboratory analysis and recommendation for remediation. The boring logs and laboratory reports will be included as attachments and OCD will be notified at least 48 hours before fieldwork commences. Your approval of this proposal is requested. Please call Mr. Jace A. Marshall with Chesapeake at (405) 767-4530, myself at (432) 687-0901 or email jmarshall2@chkenergy or mark@laenvironmental.com, if you have questions.

Sincerely,

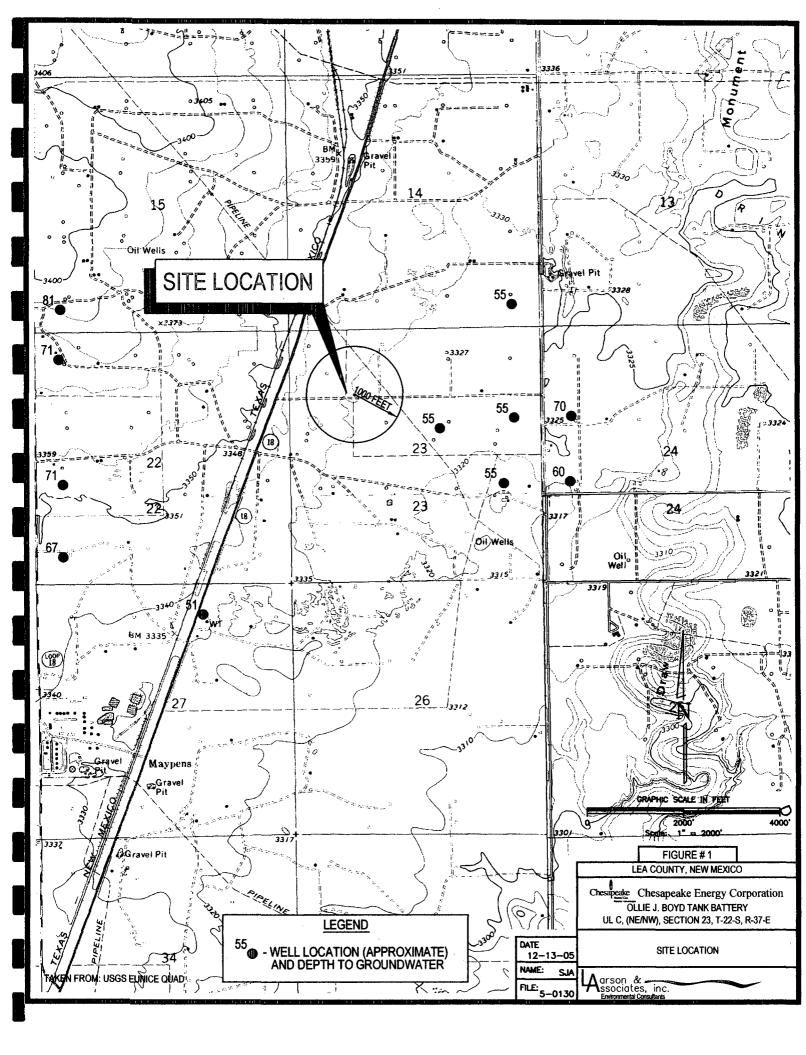
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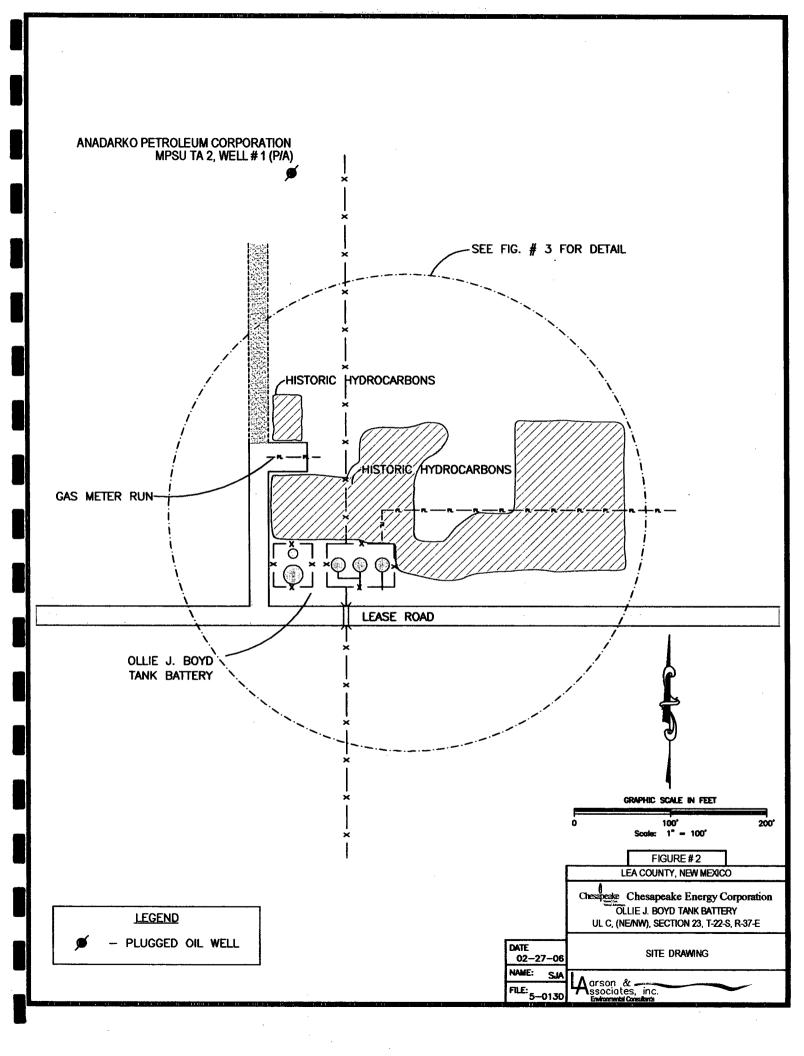
Mark J. Larson, P.G., C.P.G., C.G.W.P. Senior Project Manager/President

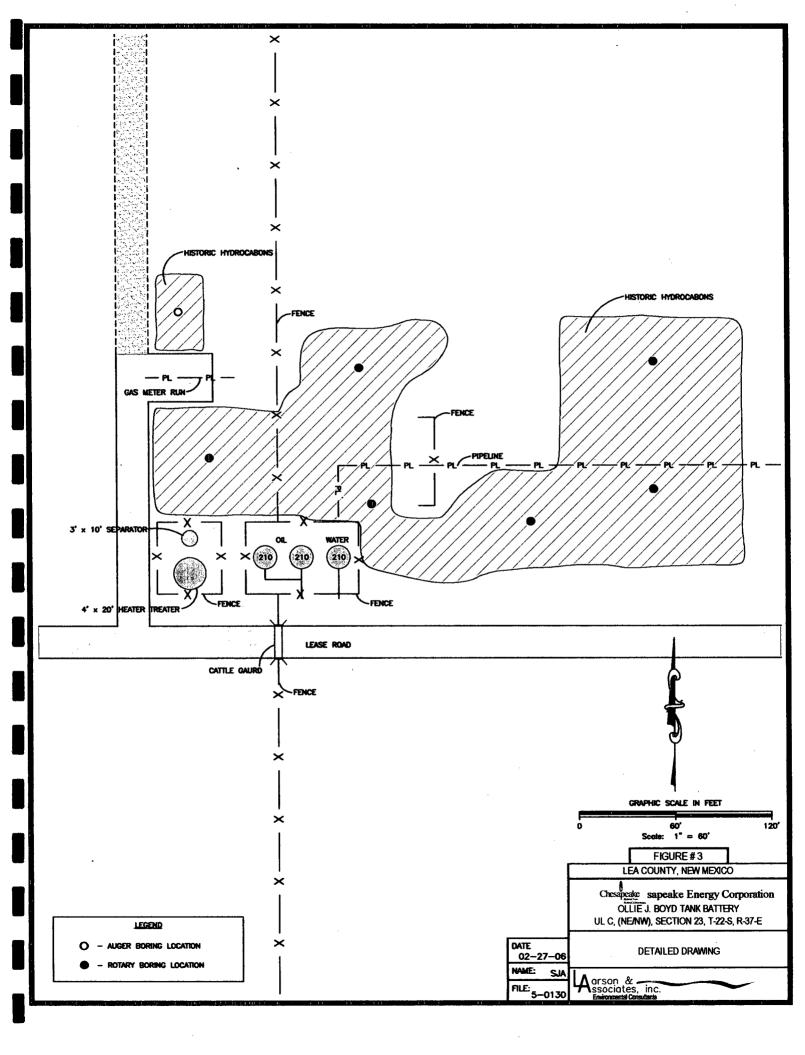
Enclosures

cc: Jace Marshall/Chesapeake
Paul Hagemeier/Chesapeake
Chris Williams/OCD – District 1

#### **FIGURES**

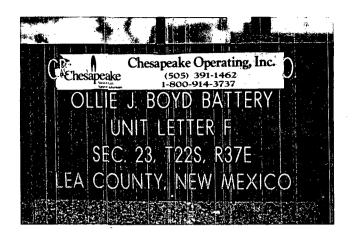




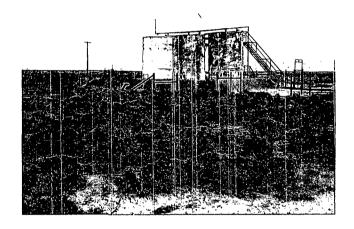


#### APPENDIX A

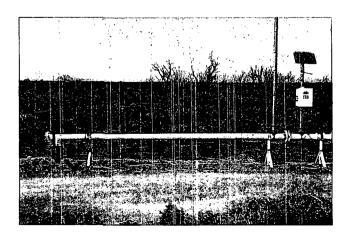
**Photographs** 



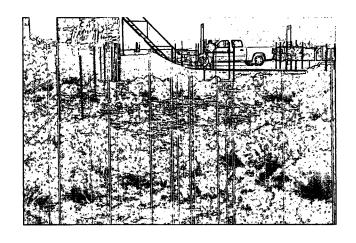
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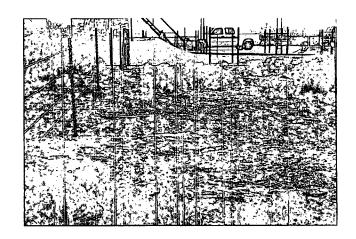
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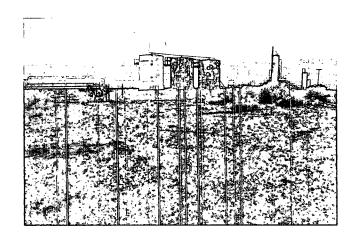
3. Historic hydrocarbons north of meter run



4. Historic hydrocarbons northwest of Ollie J. Boyd tank battery



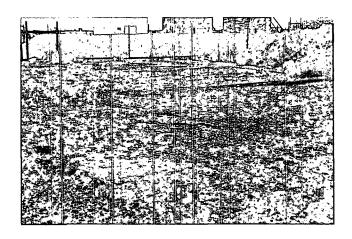
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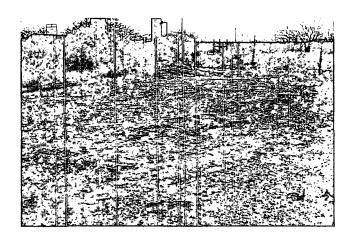
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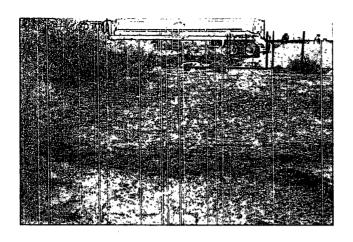
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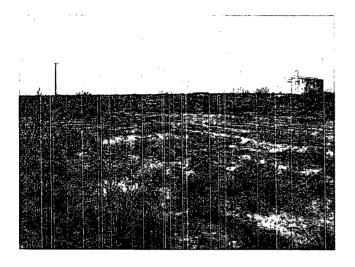
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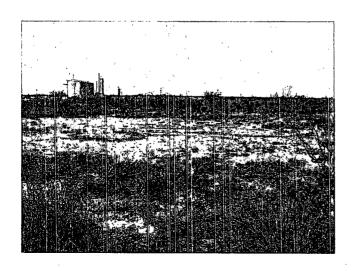
9. Historic hydrocarbons north of Ollie J. Boyd tank battery



11. Historic hydrocarbons east of Ollie J. Boyd tank battery



12. Historic Hydrocarbons Northeast of Tank Battery



13. Historic Hydrocarbons Northeast of Tank Battery