

LINN ENERGY

2130 W. Bender Blvd.
Hobbs, NM 88241
Phone 575.738.1739

Fren Oil #23 (2RP-944)

Termination Request

API No. 3001528822

Release Date: October 27th, 2011

Unit Letter O, Section 19, Township 17S, Range 31E

Rice Environmental Consulting & Safety

P.O. Box 2948, Hobbs, NM 88241
Phone 575.393.2967

August 27th, 2013

Mike Bratcher

New Mexico Energy, Minerals, & Natural Resources
Oil Conservation Division, Environmental Bureau – District 2
811 S. First St.
Artesia, NM 88210

**RE: Termination Request
Linn Energy – Fren Oil #23 (2RP-944)
UL/O sec. 19 T17S R31E
API No. 3001528822**

Mr. Bratcher:

Linn Energy (Linn) has retained and Rice Environmental Consulting & Safety (RECS) to address potential environmental concerns at the above-referenced site.

Background and Previous Work

The site is located approximately 4.5 miles east of Loco Hills, New Mexico at UL/O sec. 19 T17S R31E in Eddy County, New Mexico. This site is in an area of no known groundwater.

On October 27th, 2011, the stuffing box of the well head at the Fren #23 blew out releasing 4-6 barrels of oil and produced water. A vacuum truck was called to the site and recovered 3-5 barrels of oil and produced water. Linn notified NMOCDD of the release on October 27th, 2011 and BLM of the release on November 1st, 2011. Linn submitted an initial C-141 to both agencies on November 1st, 2011 (Appendix A).

The release covered approximately 339 sq ft in the pasture. On July 29th, 2013, RECS personnel met with BLM regarding the path forward for the site. BLM requested the removal of the plastic from the pasture area and remediation of the area that was without vegetation. The non-vegetated area measured 6,488 sq ft. Since the release area and non-vegetated area were located in a slight depression, the release in the pasture and the non-vegetated area needed a 6 inch caliche pad built over the entire area, then a 2 – 3 foot layer of topsoil to overlie the caliche to provide a seed bed and bring the site up to the surrounding location.

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caliche. On August 21st, 2013, the pasture area was disked, soil amendments were added and the site was seeded with LPC seed mix.

Photo Documentation of these activities will be found in Appendix B.

Linn submits the final C-141 and asks for 'remediation termination' of the site or similar closure status (Appendix C).

RECS appreciates the opportunity to work with you on this project. Please call Hack Conder at (575) 393-2967 or me if you have any questions or wish to discuss the site.

Sincerely,

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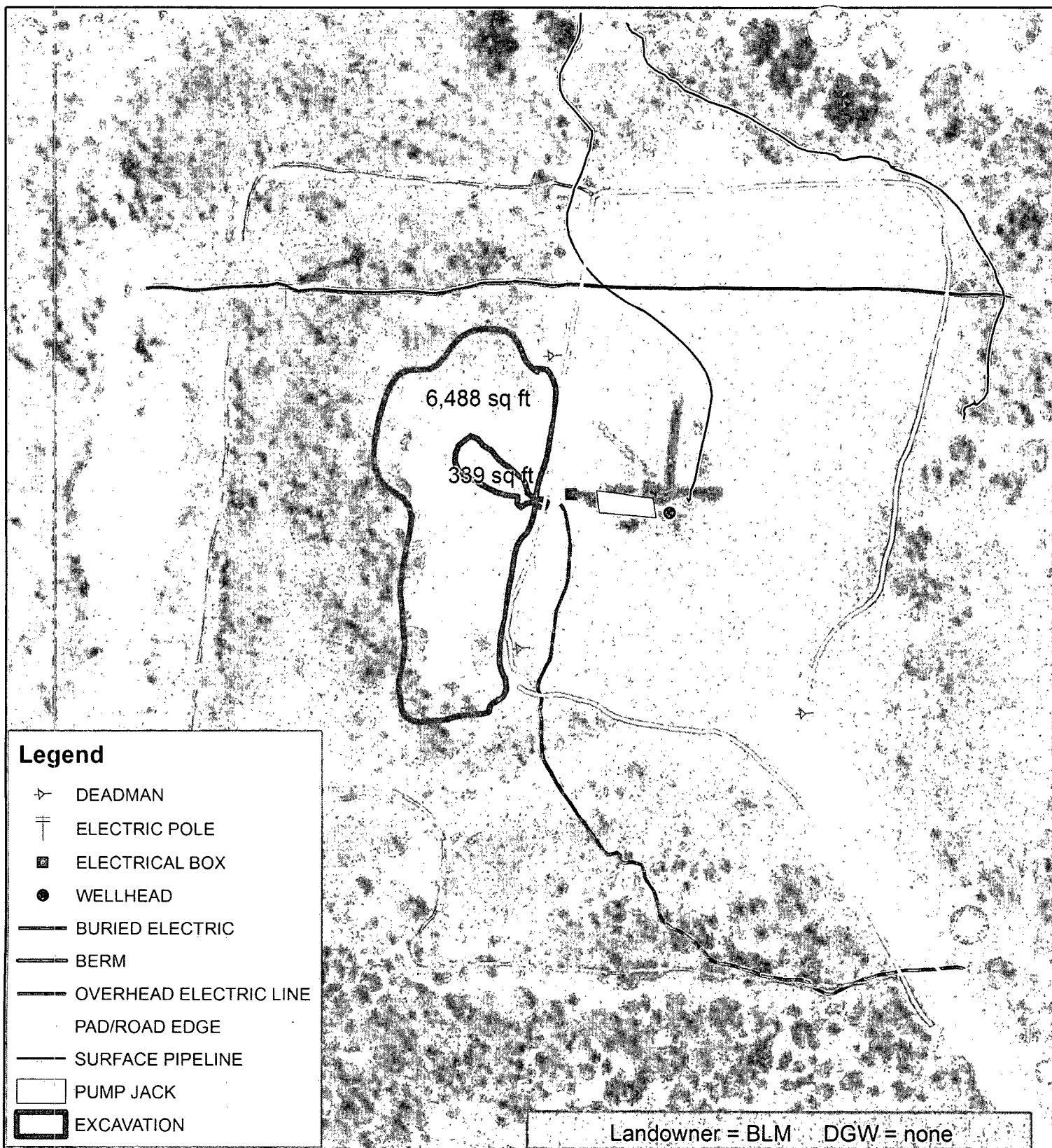
Lara Weinheimer
Project Scientist
RECS
(575) 441-0431

Attachments:

- Figure 1 – Site Map
- Appendix A – Initial C-141
- Appendix B – Photo Documentation
- Appendix C – Final C-141

Figures

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**LINN FREN
OIL #23**
 LEGALS UL/ O Sec. 19
 T17S - R31E
 EDDY COUNTY, NM
 NMOCD Case #: 2RP-944

Figure 1



0 30 60
 Feet

GPS date: 8/20/2013 KL
 Drawing date: 8/21/2013
 Drafted by: L. Weinheimer

Appendix A

Initial C-141

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Form C-141
Revised October 10, 2003

Submit Copy to appropriate District Office in accordance with 19 15 29 NMAC

NMOCD ARTESIA

Release Notification and Corrective Action

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OPERATOR

☒ Initial Report ☐ Final Report

Name of Company: Linn Operating	269324	Contact: Joe Hernandez
Address: 2130 W. Bender Hobbs, NM 88240		Telephone No: 575-738-1739
Facility Name: Fren Oil # 23		Facility Type: Producing Oil Well
Surface Owner: BLM	Mineral Owner: BLM	API No: 3001528822

LOCATION OF RELEASE

Unit Letter O	Section 19	Township 17S	Range 31E	Feet from the 10	North/South Line S	Feet from the 1475	East/West Line E	County EDDY
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Latitude: 32° 48' 46.6" Longitude: -103° 54' 19.1"

NATURE OF RELEASE

Type of Release: Land <i>Oil & Produced Water</i>	Volume of Release: 4-6	Volume Recovered: 3-5
Source of Release: <i>Oil - Water</i> <i>Stuffing box</i>	Date and Hour of Occurrence 10/27/2011 10:30am	Date and Hour of Discovery 10/27/2011 11:00am
Was Immediate Notice Given? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Required	If YES, To Whom? M Bratcher-NM OCD	
By Whom? Joe Hernandez	Date and Hour 10/27/2011 11:00am	
Was a Watercourse Reached? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	If YES, Volume Impacting the Watercourse	

If a Watercourse was Impacted, Describe Fully *

Describe Cause of Problem and Remedial Action Taken * Stuffing box blew out

Describe Area Affected and Cleanup Action Taken * Called out vac truck and picked up all fluids

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	SIGNED BY <i>Mike Bratcher</i>	
Printed Name: Joe Hernandez	Approved by District Supervisor NOV 04 2011	
Title: Production Foreman	Approval Date	Expiration Date
E-mail Address: jhernandez@linenergy.com	Conditions of Approval	Attached <input type="checkbox"/>
Date: 11/01/2011 Phone: 575-942-9492	Remediation per OCD Rules & Guidelines. SUBMIT REMEDIATION PROPOSAL NOT LATER THAN: 12/4/2011	

* Attach Additional Sheets If Necessary

2RP-944

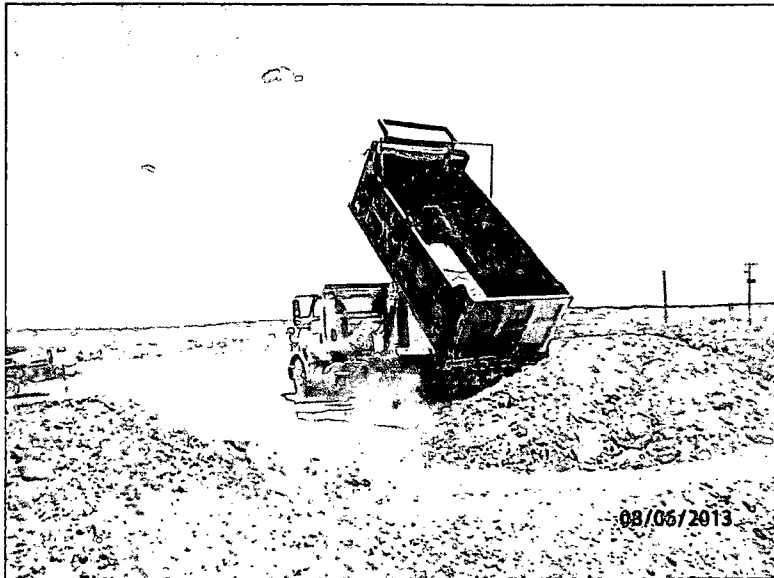
Appendix B

Photo Documentation

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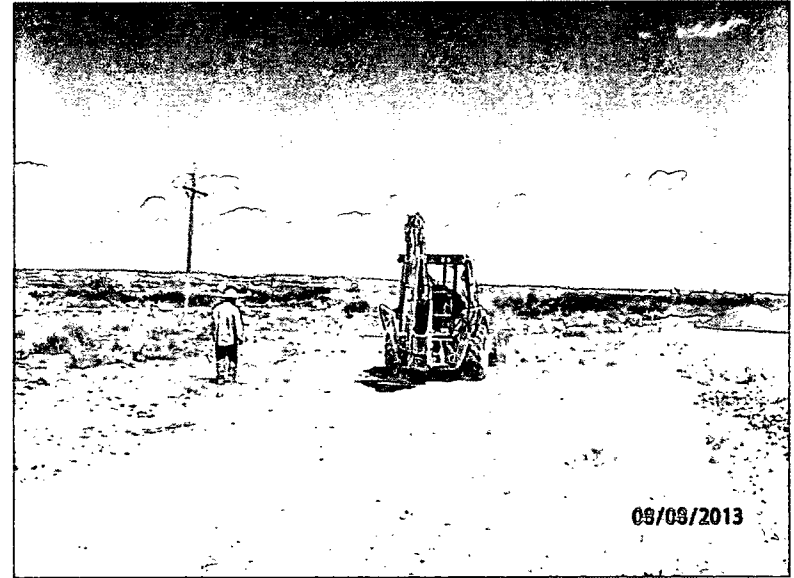
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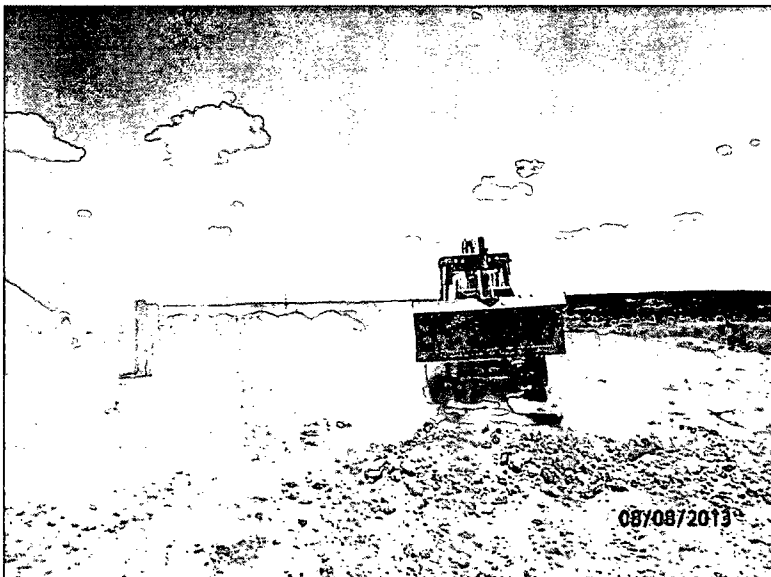
Importing caliche, facing southeast

8/6/13



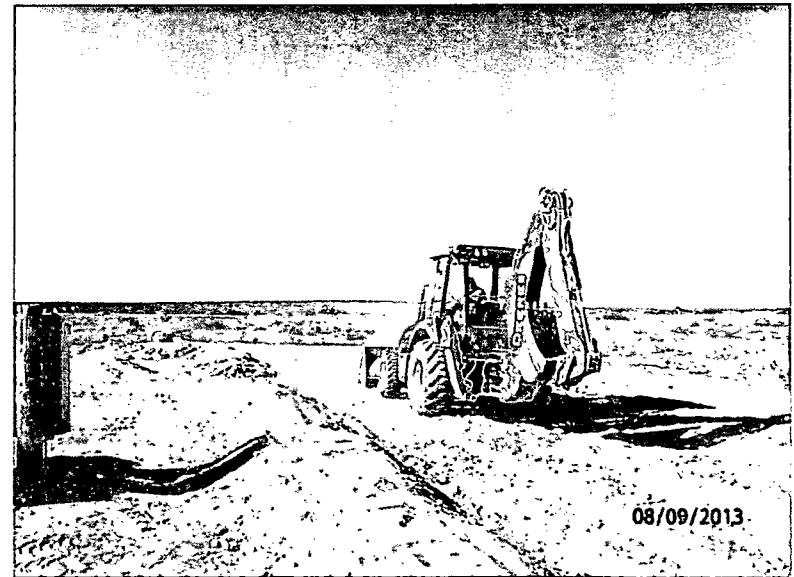
Leveling the pasture area, facing northwest

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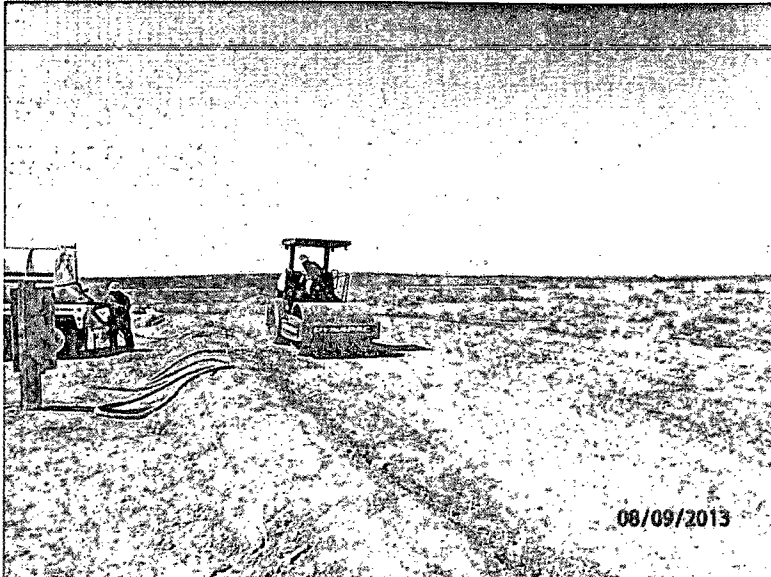
Installing the 6 inch caliche pad over pasture area,
facing south

8/8/13

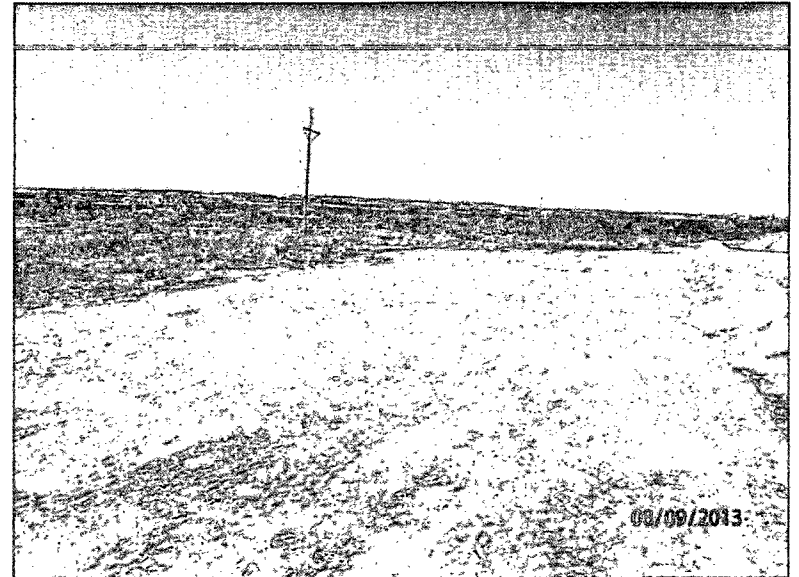


Caliche pad completed, facing southwest

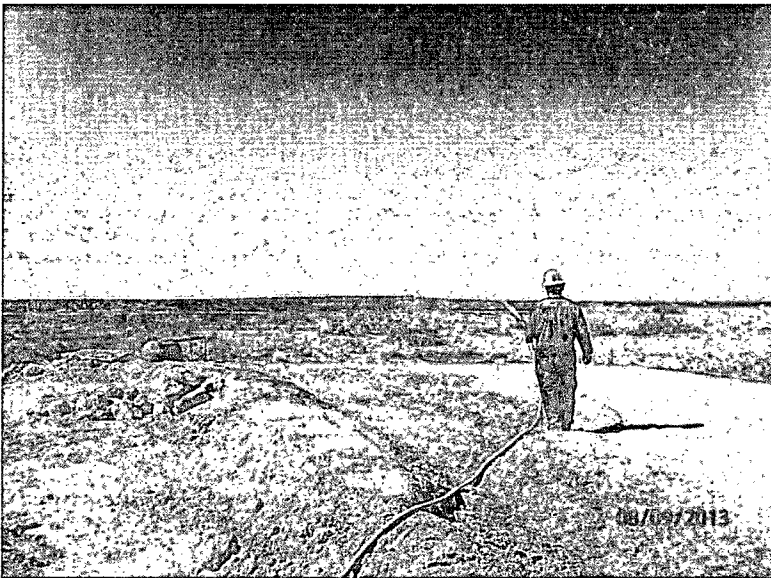
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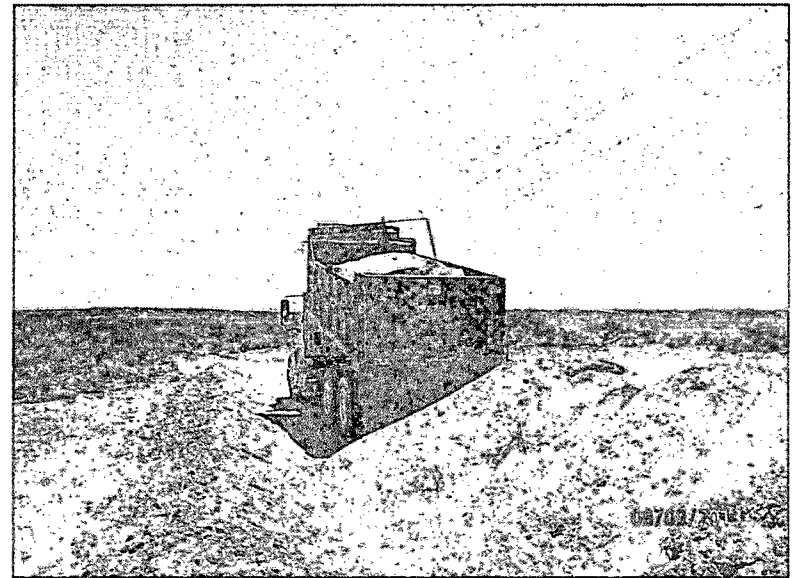
Roller packing caliche pad, facing southwest 8/9/13



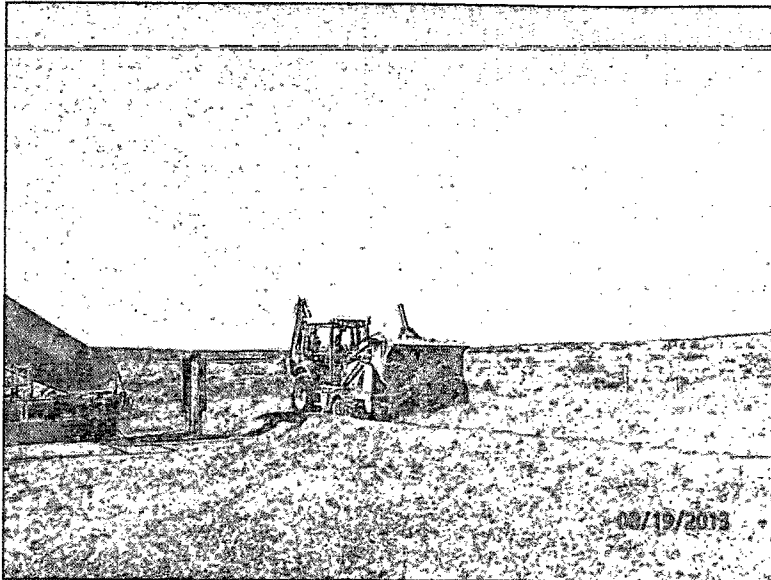
Final packing completed, facing northwest 8/9/13



Watering caliche pad, facing southwest 8/9/13



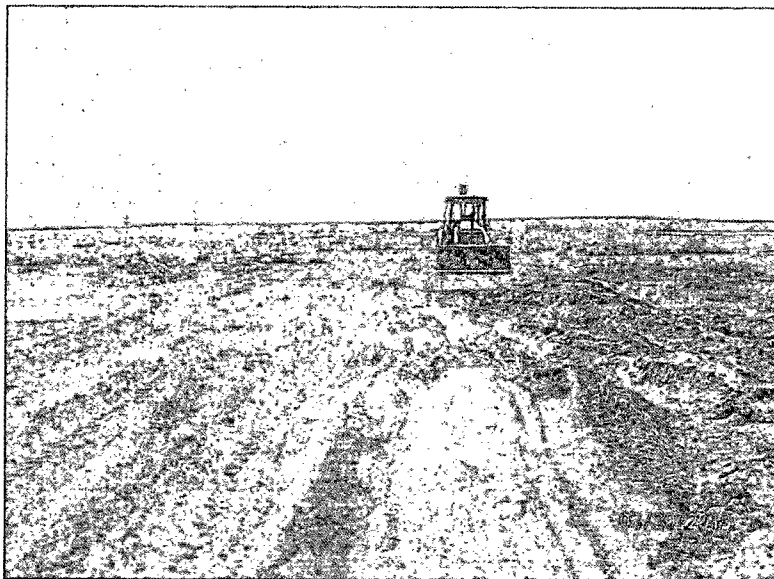
Importing soil, facing east 8/9/13



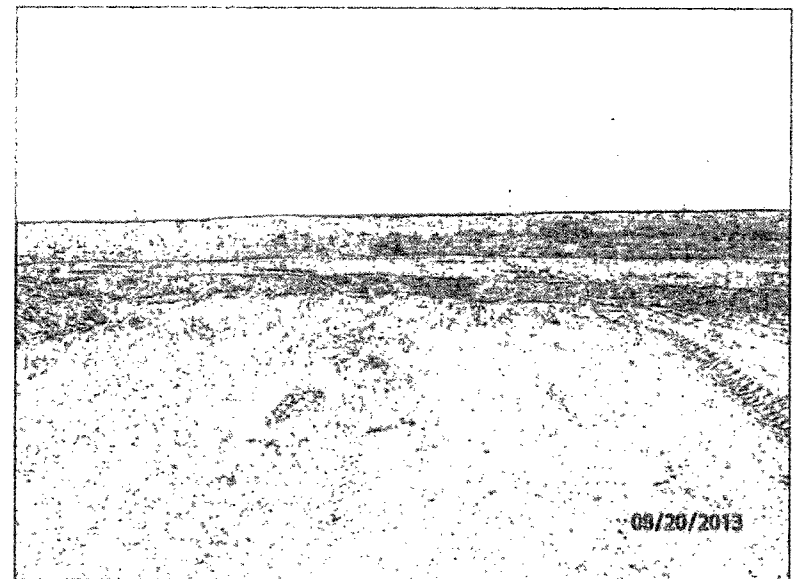
Backfilling pasture area, facing southwest 8/19/13



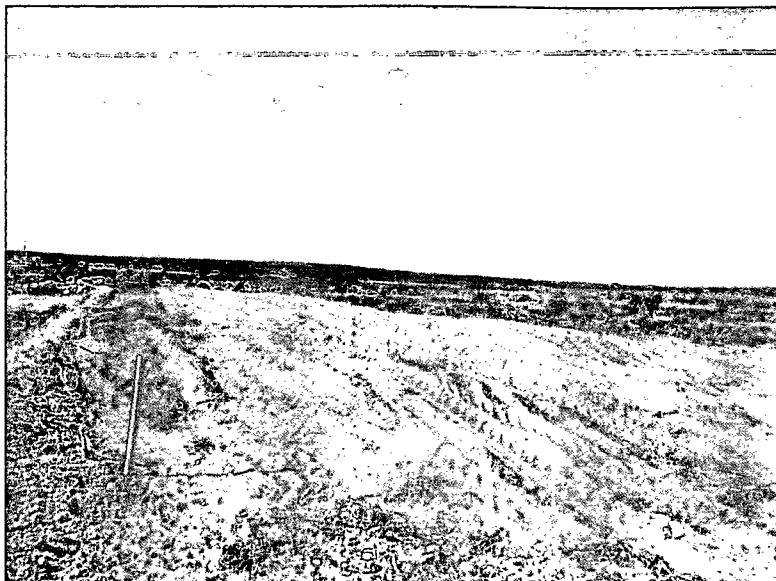
Checking depth of backfill, facing west 8/19/13



Leveling backfilled area, facing south 8/20/13

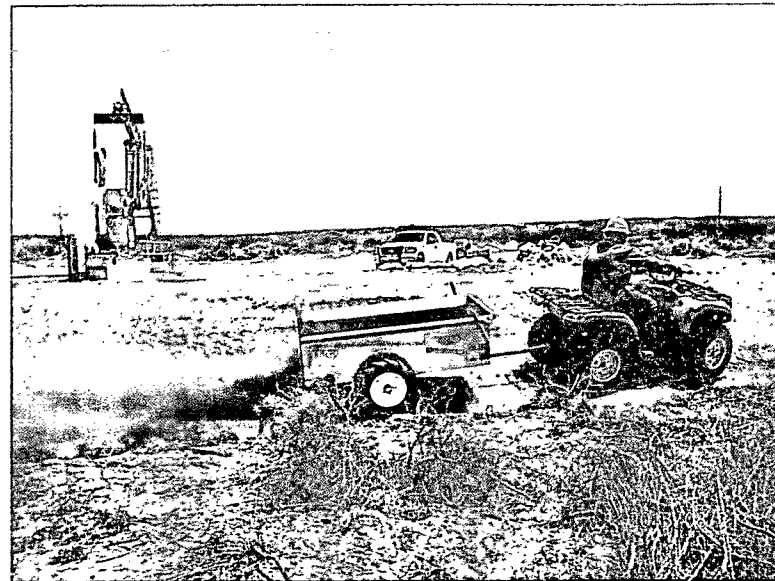


Backfill of pasture completed with berm, facing west 8/20/13



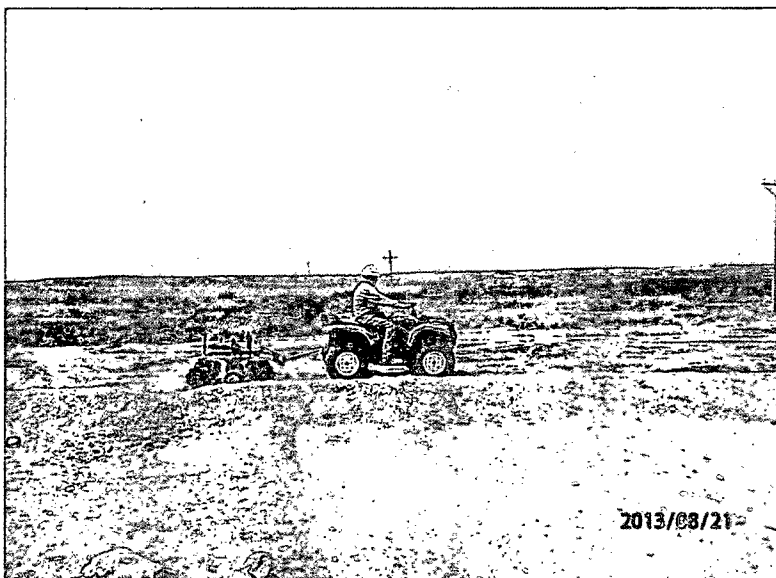
Completed pasture area, facing south

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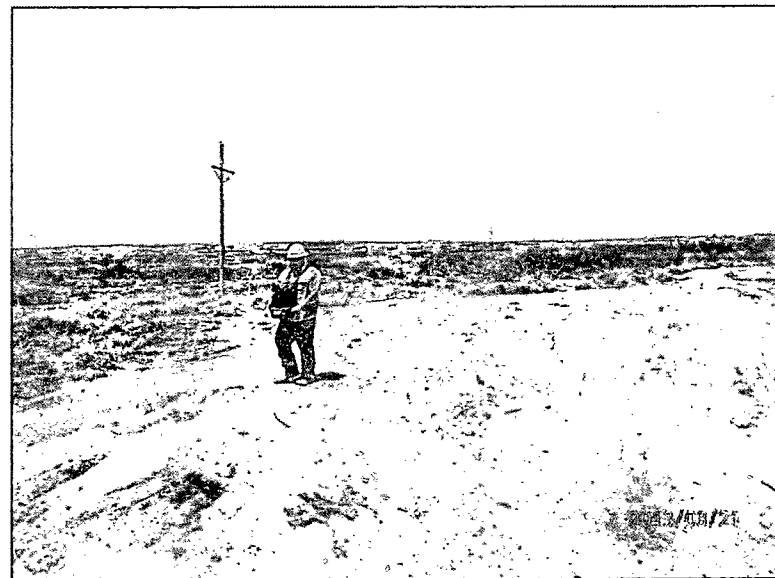
Adding soil amendments to pasture area, facing east

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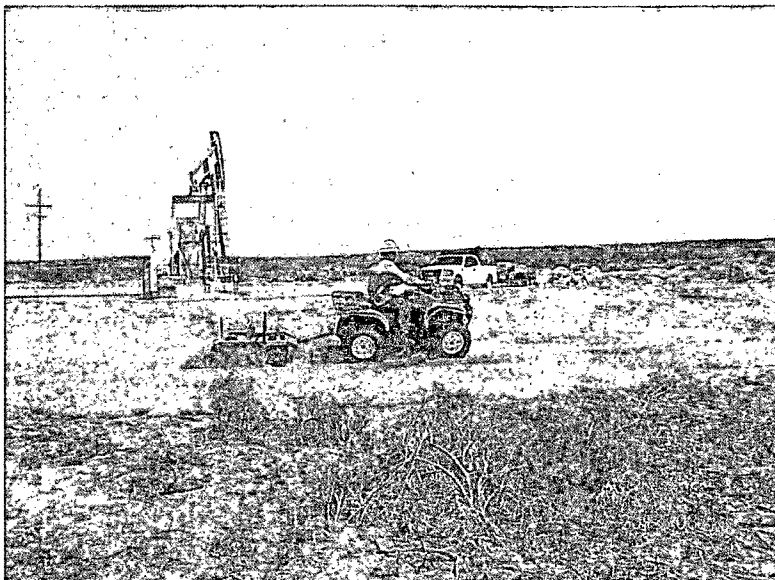
Disking site, facing west

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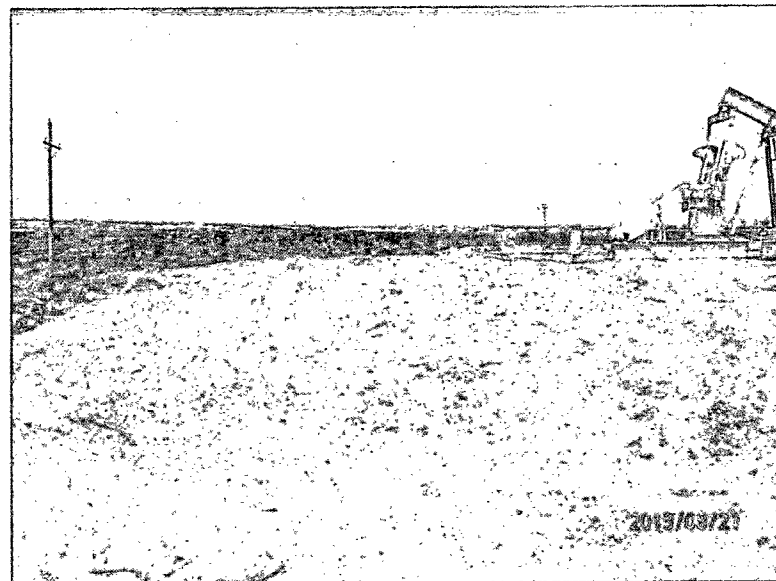
Seeding site, facing north

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Disking seed into soil, facing southeast

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Site completed, facing north

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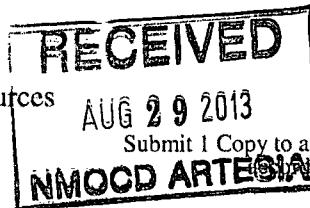
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Printed Name: Brian Wall		Approved by Environmental Specialist:	
Title: Production Foreman		Approval Date:	Expiration Date:
E-mail Address: Bwall@linenergy.com		Conditions of Approval:	Attached <input type="checkbox"/>
Date: _____ Phone: (806) 367-0645			

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