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Subject: Loco Hills SWD 33 4 spill map
Attachments: Loco Hills SWD 33 4-spill map-101310.jpg

Joshua,

This is the location I was attempting to talk to you about during the Skelly 967 onsite but couldn't remember the name.

Attached is the GPS'd spill map of the spill, but the location is so new that the pad is not depicted on the aerial background. Basically what you can see on the spill map is an outline of the tank battery berm that contained the majority of the spill, with a protrusion in the shape to the west and north west corner of the tank battery where the overspray occurred. Additionally, there was a heavily salted portion of the pad due east of the southeast corner of the tank berm. This may have been from a different event entirely.

On your C141 for this spill event it was stated that the over spray area will be monitored in the spring. The overspray area was heavily salted at the time of my onsite and I do not think waiting until spring will improve that much. The BLM prefers that the overspray area be sampled and cleaned up along with the pad spillage area. Additionally, the entire inside of the tank berm was heavily salted (fluids have evaporated off). Your tank battery was both bermed and lined, which is truly a great thing that will save a great deal of cleanup expense. However, we still need to get the salts out of the tank battery containment area. If the salts are left in place, they will be a mortality hazard to both birds and bats during rain events.

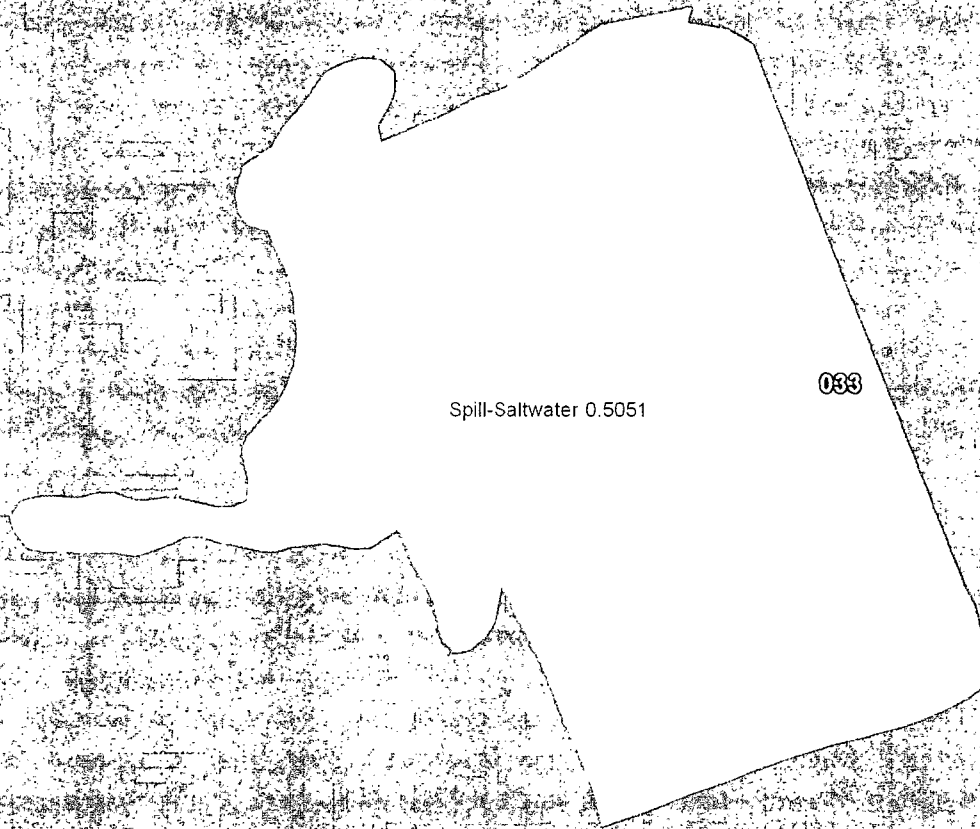
The other option is to net and maintain netting on the entire containment area. While cleaning up the salted liner or installing netting does create a cleanup expense, that expense is nominal to what it would have cost to delineate and excavate a spill of the same amount if the battery had not been lined. In this case, this one liner saved your company a great deal. If we move on the overspray area quickly before a rain event occurs, I think we keep the cleanup costs low overall.

You have BLM authorization to go ahead and proceed with cleanup of the overspray and pad affected areas on this location.

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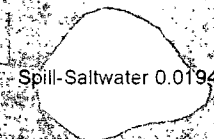
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