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Release Notification and Corrective Action

OPERATOR

☐ Initial Report ☒ Final Report

Name of Company	COG Operating LLC	Contact	Pat Ellis
Address	550 W. Texas, Suite 1300 Midland, Texas 79701	Telephone No.	(432) 685-4332
Facility Name	MC Federal #3 Tank Battery	Facility Type	Tank Battery

Surface Owner: Federal	Mineral Owner	Lease No. NMLC-029509-A
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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
F	21	17S	32E					Lea

Latitude N 32 49.282° Longitude W 103 46.359°

NATURE OF RELEASE

Type of Release: Produced Water	Volume of Release 60 bbls	Volume Recovered 57 bbls
Source of Release Water Tank	Date and Hour of Occurrence 7/9/10	Date and Hour of Discovery 7/9/10 5:45 a.m.
Was Immediate Notice Given? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Required	If YES, To Whom? Larry Johnson - OCD and Geoffrey Leking - OCD	
By Whom? Josh Russo	Date and Hour 7/9/10 5:03p.m.	
Was a Watercourse Reached? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	If YES, Volume Impacting the Watercourse. N/A	

If a Watercourse was Impacted, Describe Fully.*

N/A


Describe Cause of Problem and Remedial Action Taken.*

Water tank overflowed due to wells being shut in for water tie in. The flush from this down time along with hanging a new well were contributing factors.

Describe Area Affected and Cleanup Action Taken.*

Tetra Tech inspected site and collected samples to define spills extent. Soil with elevated chloride concentrations were removed and hauled away for proper disposal. The excavation was backfilled with clean clay material and brought up to surface grade. Tetra Tech prepared closure report and submitted to NMOCD for review.

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.

Signature: 		OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION	
Printed Name: Ike Tavarez		Approved by District Supervisor:	
Title: Project Manager		Approval Date:	Expiration Date:
E-mail Address: Ike.Tavarez@tetrattech.com		Conditions of Approval:	
Date: 8-8-11 Phone: (432) 682-4559		Attached <input type="checkbox"/>	

* Attach Additional Sheets If Necessary

Deferred until Abandonment

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Name of Company	COG OPERATING LLC	Contact	Pat Ellis
Address	550 W. Texas, Suite 100, Midland, TX 79701	Telephone No.	432-230-0077
Facility Name	MC Federal #3 Tank Battery	Facility Type	Tank Battery
Surface Owner	Federal	Mineral Owner	
		Lease No.	NMLC-029509-A

LOCATION OF RELEASE

Unit Letter	Section	Township	Range	Feet from the	North/South Line	Feet from the	East/West Line	County
F	21	17S	32E					Lea

Latitude 32 49.282 Longitude 103 46.359

NATURE OF RELEASE

Type of Release	Produced Water	Volume of Release	60bbls	Volume Recovered	57bbls
Source of Release	Water tank	Date and Hour of Occurrence	07/09/2010	Date and Hour of Discovery	07/09/2010 5:45 a.m.
Was Immediate Notice Given?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Required	If YES, To Whom?	Larry Johnson-OCD Geoffrey Leking-OCD		
By Whom?	Josh Russo	Date and Hour	07/09/2010 5:03 p.m.		
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.*

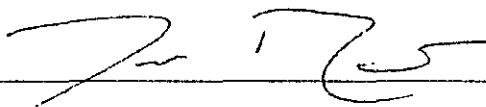
Describe Cause of Problem and Remedial Action Taken.*

Water tank overflowed due to wells being shut in for water tie in. The flush from this down time along with hanging a new well were contributing factors.

Describe Area Affected and Cleanup Action Taken.*

Initially 60bbls of produced water was released from the water tank inside the facility firewall of the MC Federal #3 Tank Battery. We were able to recover 57bbls with a vacuum truck. All free fluids were recovered and contained inside the dike walls of the facility. The chloride concentration of the produced water in this area is 135,500 mg/l. The dimensions of the release area were 20' x 60' from the front of the water tank, then flowed east along dike wall 60' x 5'. (The closest well location to this release is the MC Federal #3, Unit F, Sec.21-T17S-R32E, 2160' FNL 2310' FWL, Lea County, New Mexico, NMLC-029509-A, API# 30-025-34773). Tetra Tech will sample the spill site area to delineate any possible contamination from the release and we will present a remediation work plan to the NMOCD / BLM for approval prior to any significant remediation work.

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Signature: 		OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION	
Printed Name: Josh Russo		Approved by District Supervisor:	
Title: HSE Coordinator		Approval Date:	Expiration Date:
E-mail Address: jrusso@conchoresources.com	Conditions of Approval:		Attached <input type="checkbox"/>
Date: 07/09/2010	Phone: 432-212-2399		

* Attach Additional Sheets If Necessary

SITE INFORMATION

Report Type: Work Plan

General Site Information:

Site:	MC Federal #3 Tank Battery	
Company:	COG Operating LLC	
Section, Township and Range	Unit F - Sec 21 - T17S - R32E	
Lease Number:	029509-A	
County:	Lea County	
GPS:	32.82150° N	103.77258° W
Surface Owner:	Federal	
Mineral Owner:		
Directions:	From the intersection of Hwy 529 and CR 126 travel north 1.8 miles on CR-126, turn left on Conoco Road 0.3 miles, right 0.3 miles, left 0.2 miles to location.	

Release Data:

Date Released:	7/9/2010
Type Release:	Produced water
Source of Contamination:	Tank overflowed during shut in for water tie in
Fluid Released:	60 bbls
Fluids Recovered:	57 bbls

Official Communication:

Name:	Pat Ellis	Ike Tavarez
Company:	COG Operating, LLC	Tetra Tech
Address:	550 W. Texas Ave. Ste. 1300	1910 N. Big Spring
P.O. Box		
City:	Midland Texas, 79701	Midland, Texas
Phone number:	(432) 686-3023	(432) 631-0348
Fax:	(432) 684-7137	(432) 682-3946
Email:	pellis@conchoresources.com	ike.tavarez@tetratech.com

Ranking Criteria

Depth to Groundwater:	Ranking Score	Site Data
<50 ft	20	
50-99 ft	10	
>100 ft.	0	0
Wellhead Protection:	Ranking Score	Site Data
Water Source <1,000 ft., Private <200 ft.	20	
Water Source >1,000 ft., Private >200 ft.	0	0
Surface Body of Water:	Ranking Score	Site Data
<200 ft.	20	
200 ft - 1,000 ft.	10	
>1,000 ft.	0	0
Total Ranking Score:		0

Acceptable Soil RRAL (mg/kg)		
Benzene	Total BTEX	TPH
10	50	5,000

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TETRA TECH

February 27, 2011

Mr. Geoffrey Leking
Environmental Engineer Specialist
Oil Conservation Division, District 1
1625 North French Drive
Hobbs, New Mexico 88240

Re: Work Plan for the COG Operating LLC., MC Federal #3 Tank Battery, Unit F, Section 21, Township 17 South, Range 32 East, Lea County, New Mexico.

Mr. Leking:

Tetra Tech, Inc. (Tetra Tech) was contacted by COG Operating LLC. (COG) to assess a spill from the MC Federal #3 Tank Battery, Unit F, Section 21, Township 17 South, Range 32 East, Lea County, New Mexico (Site). The spill site coordinates are N 32.82150°, W 103.77258°. The site location is shown on Figures 1 and 2.

Background

According to the State of New Mexico C-141 Initial Report, the leak was discovered on July 9, 2010, and released approximately sixty (60) barrels of produced water, due to a tank overflow. Fifty seven (57) barrels of standing fluids were recovered from the site. The spill was contained within the facility firewall and impacted an area approximately 20' x 60'. The initial C-141 form is enclosed in Appendix C.

Groundwater

The United States Geological Survey (USGS) Well Reports did not list any wells in Section 21. To establish depth to groundwater, Tetra Tech previously installed a temporary monitor well (TMW) in Section 30 to a depth of 125' bgs and did not encounter groundwater. According to the

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NMOCD groundwater map, the average depth to groundwater in this area is greater than 200' below surface. The average depth to groundwater is shown in Appendix A.

Regulatory

A risk-based evaluation was performed for the Site in accordance with the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (NMOCD) Guidelines for Remediation of Leaks, Spills and Releases, dated August 13, 1993. The guidelines require a risk-based evaluation of the site to determine recommended remedial action levels (RRAL) for benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene and xylene (collectively referred to as BTEX) and total petroleum hydrocarbons (TPH) in soil. The proposed RRAL for benzene was determined to be 10 parts per million (ppm) or milligrams per kilogram (mg/kg) and 50 ppm for total BTEX (sum of benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, and xylene). Based upon the depth to groundwater, the proposed RRAL for TPH is 5,000 mg/kg.

Soil Assessment and Analytical Results

On August 17, 2010, Tetra Tech personnel inspected and sampled the spill area. Due access or equipment issues, a total of three (3) auger holes (AH-1 through AH-3) were installed using a stainless steel hand auger to assess the impacted soils. AH-1 was installed in the west end of the tank battery. Auger holes (AH-2 and AH-3) were installed behind the facility south of the tank battery. Select samples were analyzed for TPH analysis by EPA method 8015 modified, BTEX by EPA Method 8021B and chloride by EPA method 300.0. Copies of laboratory analysis and chain-of-custody documentation are included in Appendix B. The sampling results are summarized in Table 1. The auger hole locations are shown on Figure 3.

Referring to Table 1, all of the submitted samples were below the RRAL for TPH and BTEX at 0-1.0'. Elevated chloride concentrations were detected for all three auger holes. AH-3 declined with depth showing a chloride high of 3,230 at 0-1.0', which declined to <200 mg/kg at 6.0-6.5' below surface. AH-1 was not vertically defined and showed a chloride concentration of 1,390 mg/kg at 1.0-1.5' below surface. AH-2 showed a significant decline from 5,040 at 0-1' to <200 mg/kg at 3.0-3.5' below surface. However, the deeper samples did show an increasing chloride concentration with depth to 10,100 mg/kg at 7.0-7.5' below surface.



Work Plan

Although the chloride impact was not vertically defined, the site limited access restricts collecting deeper samples with a drilling rig. The area south of the tank battery is elevated and numerous lines are present in the area. (See Attached Photos).

On February 16, 2011, Tetra Tech discussed the results and access issues with Geoffrey Leking with NMOCD. He agreed the area of AH-2 and AH-3 would require some soil removal for a liner installation and the deeper impact would be deferred until abandonment. The excavation depth (maximum depth of 4.0') would depend on the site formation and safety of lines and tanks.

The proposed excavation depths are highlighted in Table 1. Once the areas are excavated to the appropriate depths, the excavation will be backfilled with clean soil.

Since the excavation is inside a tank battery firewall, the proposed excavation depths may not be reached due to wall cave ins and safety concerns for onsite personnel. In addition, impacted soil around oil and gas equipment, structures or lines may not be feasible or practicable to be removed due to safety concerns. As such, Tetra Tech will excavate the soils to the maximum extent practicable.

Upon completion, a final report will be submitted to the NMOCD. If you have any questions or require any additional information regarding this work plan proposal, please call me at (432) 682-4559.

Respectfully submitted,
TETRA TECH

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ike Tavaréz', written over the printed name.

Ike Tavaréz
Project Manager

cc: Pat Ellis – COG
cc: Jim Amos – BLM
cc: Terry Gregston

Table 1
COG Operating LLC.
MC FEDERAL #3 TANK BATTERY
Lea County, New Mexico

Sample ID	Sample Date	Sample Depth (ft)	Depth (BEB)	Soil Status		TPH (mg/kg)			Benzene (mg/kg)	Toluene (mg/kg)	Ethylbenzene (mg/kg)	Xylene (mg/kg)	Chloride (mg/kg)
				In-Situ	Removed	GRO	DRO	Total					
AH-1	8/17/2010	0-1'		X		<2.00	<50.0	<50.0	<0.0200	<0.0200	<0.0200	<0.0200	1,140
	"	1-1.5'		X		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,390
AH-2	8/17/2010	0-1'		X		<2.00	<50.0	<50.0	<0.0200	<0.0200	<0.0200	<0.0200	5,040
	"	1-1.5'		X		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	206
	"	2-2.5'		X		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	228
	"	3-3.5'		X		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<200
	"	4-4.5'		X		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	201
	"	5-5.5'		X		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,260
	"	6-6.5'		X		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,520
	"	7-7.5'		X		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,100
AH-3	8/17/2010	0-1'		X		<2.00	<50.0	<50.0	<0.0200	<0.0200	<0.0200	<0.0200	3,230
	"	1-1.5'		X		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	725
	"	2-2.5'		X		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	648
	"	3-3.5'		X		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	345
	"	4-4.5'		X		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	561
	"	5-5.5'		X		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	600
	"	6-6.5'		X		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<200
	"	6.5-7'		X		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<200

BEB Below Excavation Bottom

(-) Not Analyzed

Proposed Excavation Depth

liner

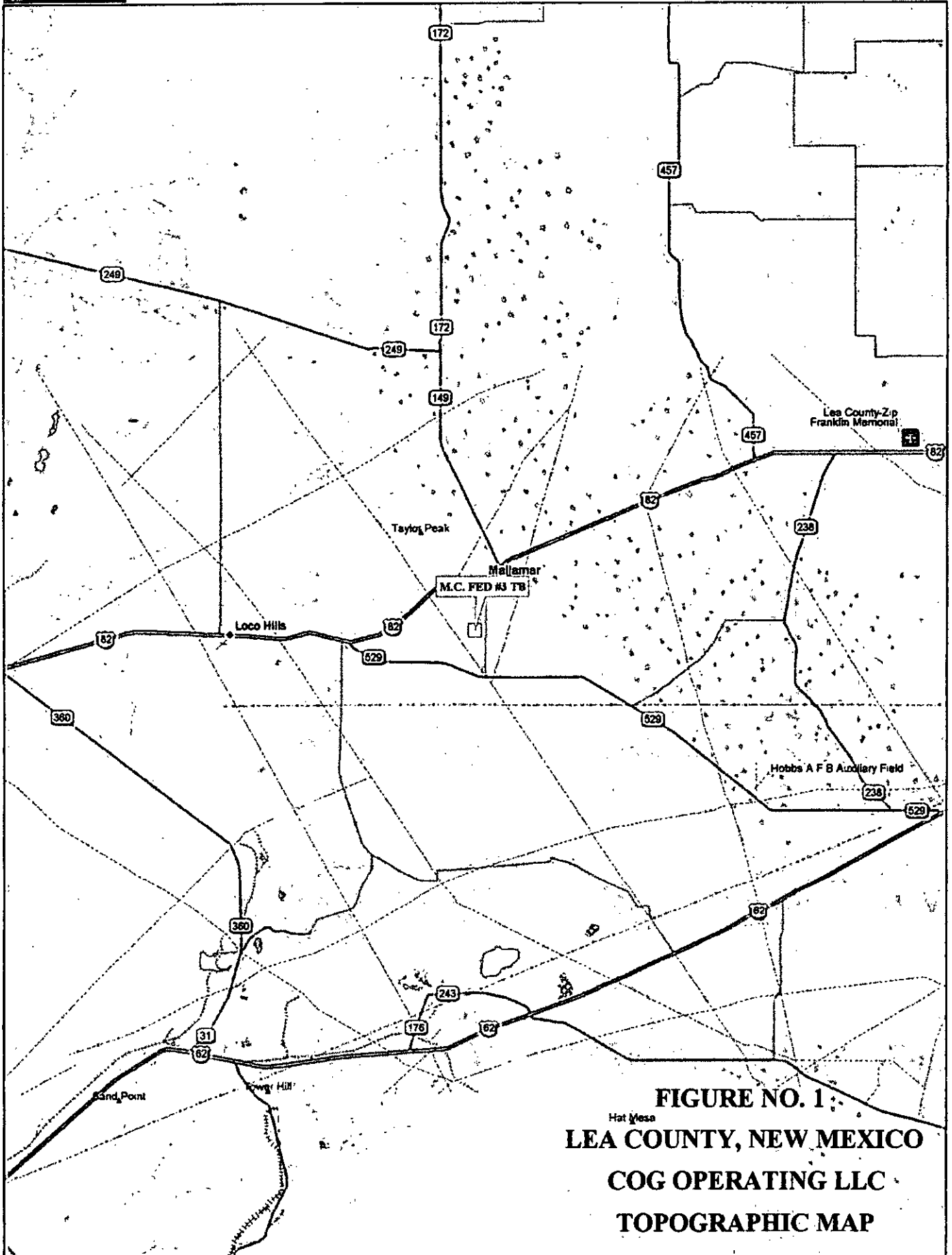
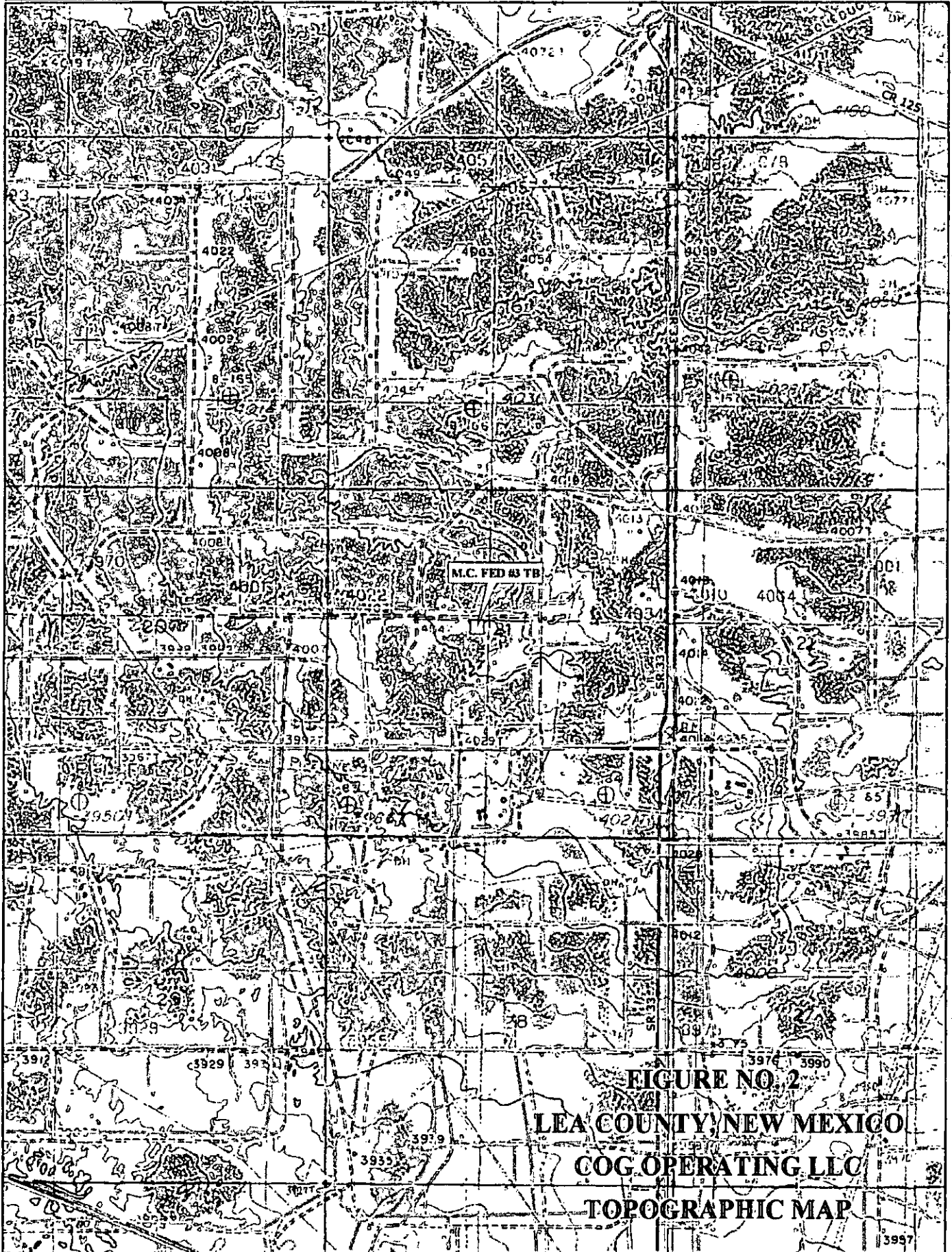


FIGURE NO. 1
 Hat Mesa
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO
COG OPERATING LLC
TOPOGRAPHIC MAP



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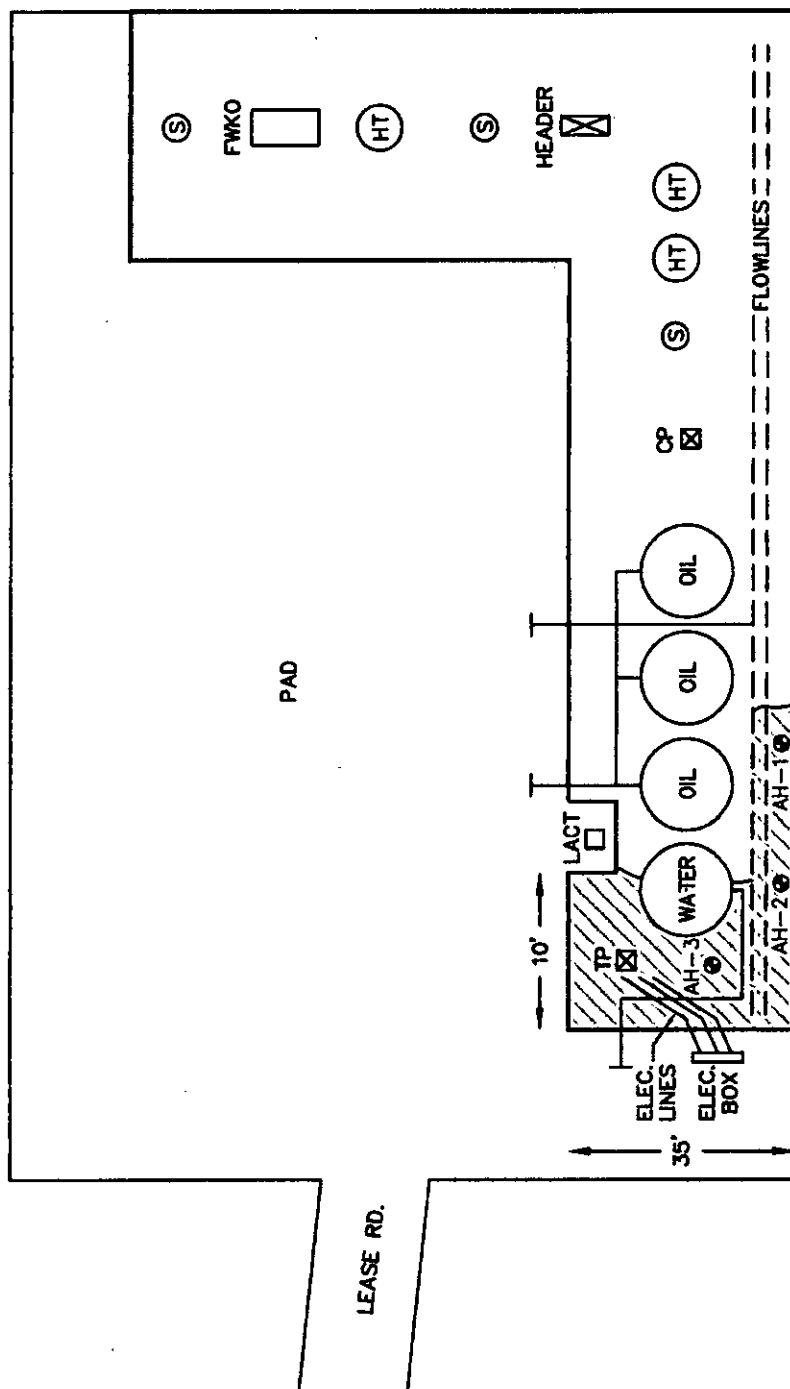
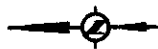


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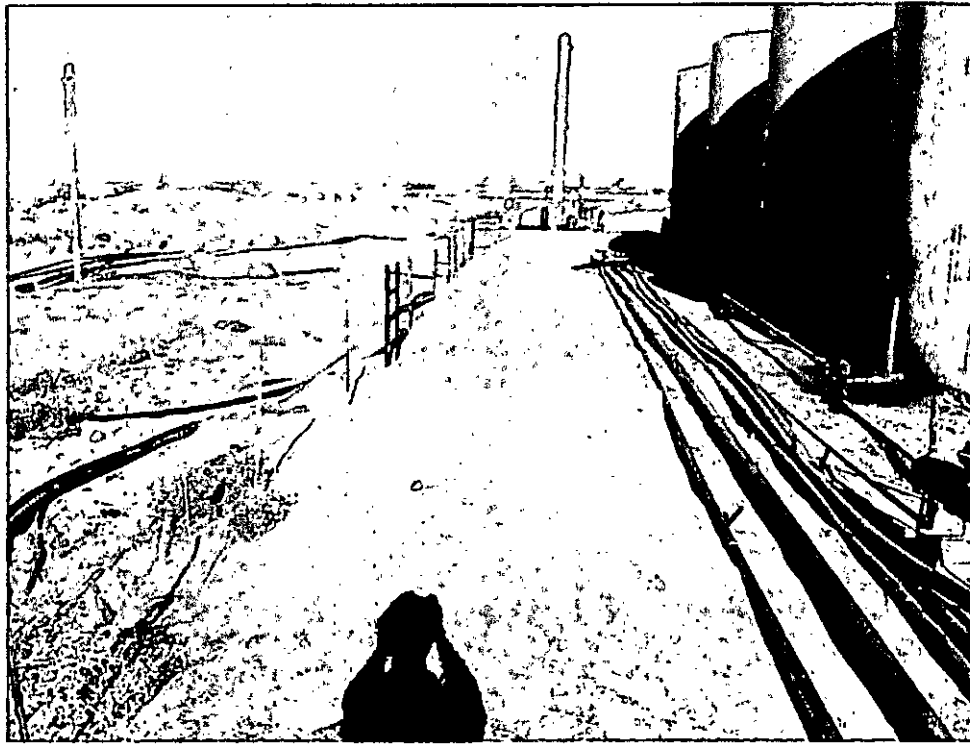
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO
COG OPERATING LLC
MC FED #3 TB
TETRA TECH, INC. MIDLAND, TEXAS

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FILE	10/17/10
REV	10/17/10

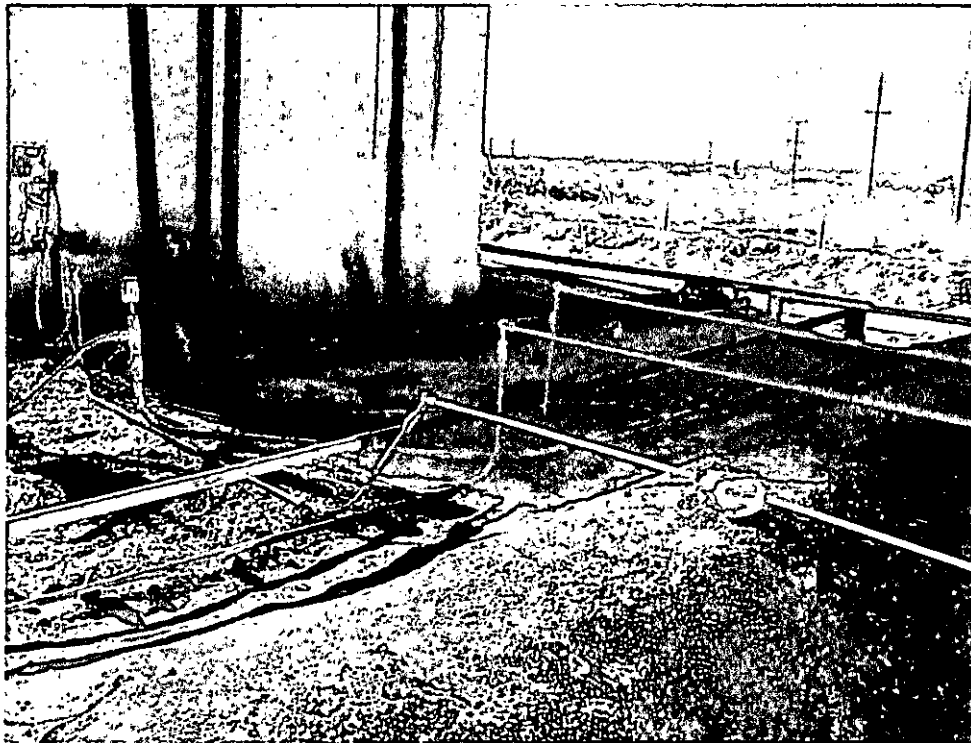
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- SPILL AREA
- SAMPLE LOCATIONS

COG - MC Federal #3 Tank Battery
Lea County, NM

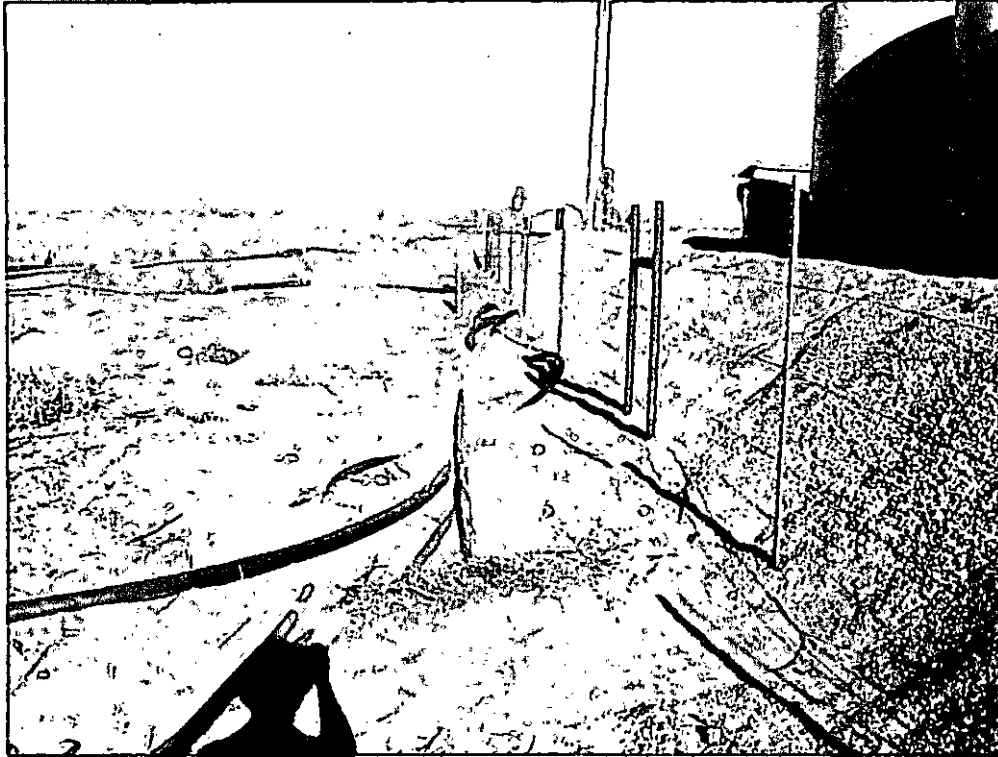


1. View of Sample Points #1, #2 and flow lines

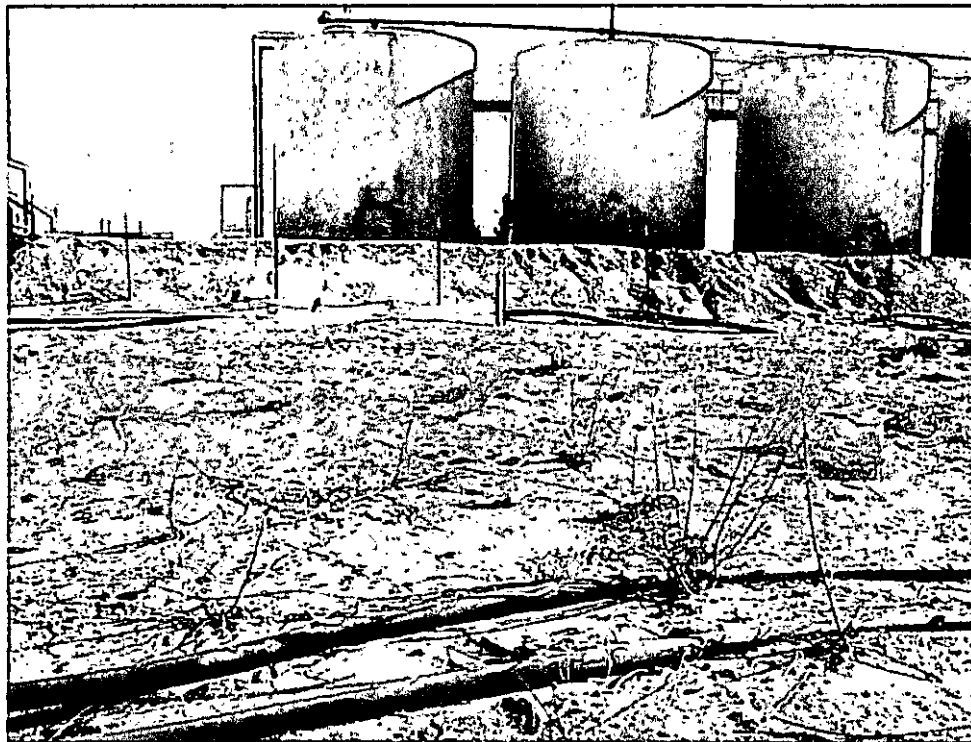


2. View of Sample Point #3

COG - MC Federal #3 Tank Battery
Lea County, NM



3. View of access issues south of Tank Battery



4. View of access issues south of Tank Battery

Water Well Data
Average Depth to Groundwater (ft)
COG - MC Federal #3 Tank Battery
Lea County, New Mexico

16 South			31 East		
6	5	4	3	2	1
7	8	9	10	11	12
18	17	16	15	14	13
19	20	21	22	23	24
30	29	28	27	26	25
31	32	33	34	35	36
290					

17 South			31 East		
6	5	4	3	2	1
7	8	9	10	11	12
18	17	16	15	14	13
19	20	21	22	23	24
30	29	28	27	26	25
31	32	33	34	35	36
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18 South			31 East		
6	5	4	3	2	1
7	8	9	10	11	12
18	17	16	15	14	13
19	20	21	22	23	24
30	29	28	27	26	25
31	32	33	34	35	36
				261	

16 South			32 East		
6	5	4	3	2	1
7	8	9	10	11	12
18	17	16	15	14	13
19	20	21	22	23	24
30	29	28	27	26	25
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17 South			32 East		
6	5	4	3	2	1
7	8	9	10	11	12
18	17	16	15	14	13
19	20	21	22	23	24
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31	32	33	34	35	36

18 South			32 East		
6	5	4	3	2	1
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31	32	33	34	35	36

16 South			33 East		
6	5	4	3	2	1
7	8	9	10	11	12
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19	20	21	22	23	24
30	29	28	27	26	25
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17 South			33 East		
6	5	4	3	2	1
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18 South			33 East		
6	5	4	3	2	1
7	8	9	10	11	12
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19	20	21	22	23	24
30	29	28	27	26	25
31	32	33	34	35	36

- New Mexico State Engineers Well Reports
- USGS Well Reports
- Geology and Groundwater Conditions in Southern Eddy, County, NM
- NMOCD - Groundwater Data
- Field water level
- New Mexico Water and Infrastructure Data System
- Tetra Tech Temporary well (TD 180' - Dry Well)

Summary Report

Ike Tavaréz
Tetra Tech
1910 N. Big Spring Street
Midland, TX 79705

Report Date: August 27, 2010

Work Order: 10081832



Project Location: Lea County, NM
Project Name: COG/MC Fed #3 TB
Project Number: 114-6400647

Sample	Description	Matrix	Date Taken	Time Taken	Date Received
241718	AH-1 0-1'	soil	2010-08-17	00:00	2010-08-18
241719	AH-1 1-1.5'	soil	2010-08-17	00:00	2010-08-18
241720	AH-2 0-1'	soil	2010-08-17	00:00	2010-08-18
241721	AH-2 1-1.5'	soil	2010-08-17	00:00	2010-08-18
241722	AH-2 2-2.5'	soil	2010-08-17	00:00	2010-08-18
241723	AH-2 3-3.5'	soil	2010-08-17	00:00	2010-08-18
241724	AH-2 4-4.5'	soil	2010-08-17	00:00	2010-08-18
241725	AH-2 5-5.5'	soil	2010-08-17	00:00	2010-08-18
241726	AH-2 6-6.5'	soil	2010-08-17	00:00	2010-08-18
241727	AH-2 7-7.5'	soil	2010-08-17	00:00	2010-08-18
241728	AH-3 0-1'	soil	2010-08-17	00:00	2010-08-18
241729	AH-3 1-1.5'	soil	2010-08-17	00:00	2010-08-18
241730	AH-3 2-2.5'	soil	2010-08-17	00:00	2010-08-18
241731	AH-3 3-3.5'	soil	2010-08-17	00:00	2010-08-18
241732	AH-3 4-4.5'	soil	2010-08-17	00:00	2010-08-18
241733	AH-3 5-5.5'	soil	2010-08-17	00:00	2010-08-18
241734	AH-3 6-6.5'	soil	2010-08-17	00:00	2010-08-18
241735	AH-3 6.5-7'	soil	2010-08-17	00:00	2010-08-18

Sample - Field Code	BTEX				TPH DRO - NEW	TPH GRO
	Benzene (mg/Kg)	Toluene (mg/Kg)	Ethylbenzene (mg/Kg)	Xylene (mg/Kg)	DRO (mg/Kg)	GRO (mg/Kg)
241718 - AH-1 0-1'	<0.0200	<0.0200	<0.0200	<0.0200	<50.0	<2.00
241720 - AH-2 0-1'	<0.0200	<0.0200	<0.0200	<0.0200	<50.0	<2.00
241728 - AH-3 0-1'	<0.0200	<0.0200	<0.0200	<0.0200	<50.0	<2.00

Sample: 241718 - AH-1 0-1'

Param	Flag	Result	Units	RL
Chloride		1140	mg/Kg	4.00

Sample: 241719 - AH-1 1-1.5'

Param	Flag	Result	Units	RL
Chloride		1390	mg/Kg	4.00

Sample: 241720 - AH-2 0-1'

Param	Flag	Result	Units	RL
Chloride		5040	mg/Kg	4.00

Sample: 241721 - AH-2 1-1.5'

Param	Flag	Result	Units	RL
Chloride		206	mg/Kg	4.00

Sample: 241722 - AH-2 2-2.5'

Param	Flag	Result	Units	RL
Chloride		228	mg/Kg	4.00

Sample: 241723 - AH-2 3-3.5'

Param	Flag	Result	Units	RL
Chloride		<200	mg/Kg	4.00

Sample: 241724 - AH-2 4-4.5'

Param	Flag	Result	Units	RL
Chloride		201	mg/Kg	4.00

Sample: 241725 - AH-2 5-5.5'

Param	Flag	Result	Units	RL
Chloride		1260	mg/Kg	4.00

Sample: 241726 - AH-2 6-6.5'

Param	Flag	Result	Units	RL
Chloride		3520	mg/Kg	4.00

Sample: 241727 - AH-2 7-7.5'

Param	Flag	Result	Units	RL
Chloride		10100	mg/Kg	4.00

Sample: 241728 - AH-3 0-1'

Param	Flag	Result	Units	RL
Chloride		3230	mg/Kg	4.00

Sample: 241729 - AH-3 1-1.5'

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SITE INFORMATION

Report Type: Closure

General Site Information:

Site:	MC Federal #3 Tank Battery	
Company:	COG Operating LLC	
Section, Township and Range	Unit F - Sec 21 - T17S - R32E	
Lease Number:	029509-A	
County:	Lea County	
GPS:	32.82150° N	103.77258° W
Surface Owner:	Federal	
Mineral Owner:		
Directions:	From the intersection of Hwy 529 and CR 126 travel north 1.8 miles on CR-126, turn left on Conoco Road 0.3 miles, right 0.3 miles, left 0.2 miles to location.	

Release Data:

Date Released:	7/9/2010
Type Release:	Produced water
Source of Contamination:	Tank overflowed during shut in for water tie in
Fluid Released:	60 bbls
Fluids Recovered:	57 bbls

Official Communication:

Name:	Pat Ellis	Kim Dorey
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Ranking Criteria:

Depth to Groundwater:	Ranking Score	Site Data
<50 ft	20	
50-99 ft	10	
>100 ft.	0	0

Wellhead Protection:	Ranking Score	Site Data
Water Source <1,000 ft., Private <200 ft.	20	
Water Source >1,000 ft., Private >200 ft.	0	0

Surface Body of Water:	Ranking Score	Site Data
<200 ft.	20	
200 ft - 1,000 ft.	10	
>1,000 ft.	0	0

Total Ranking Score:	0
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Acceptable Soil RRAL (mg/kg)		
Benzene	Total BTEX	TPH
10	50	5,000

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September 8, 2011

Mr. Geoffrey Leking
Environmental Engineer Specialist
Oil Conservation Division, District 1
1625 North French Drive
Hobbs, New Mexico 88240

Re: Work Plan for the COG Operating LLC., MC Federal #3 Tank Battery, Unit F, Section 21, Township 17 South, Range 32 East, Lea County, New Mexico.

Mr. Leking:

Tetra Tech, Inc. (Tetra Tech) was contacted by COG Operating LLC. (COG) to assess a spill from the MC Federal #3 Tank Battery, Unit F, Section 21, Township 17 South, Range 32 East, Lea County, New Mexico (Site). The spill site coordinates are N 32.82150°, W 103.77258°. The site location is shown on Figures 1 and 2.

Background

According to the State of New Mexico C-141 Initial Report, the leak was discovered on July 9, 2010, and released approximately sixty (60) barrels of produced water, due to a tank overflow. Fifty seven (57) barrels of standing fluids were recovered from the site. The spill was contained within the facility firewall and impacted an area approximately 20' x 60'. The initial C-141 form is enclosed in Appendix C.

Groundwater

The United States Geological Survey (USGS) Well Reports did not list any wells in Section 21. To establish depth to groundwater, Tetra Tech previously installed a temporary monitor well (TMW) in Section 30 to a depth of 125' bgs and did not encounter groundwater. According to the

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NMOCD groundwater map, the average depth to groundwater in this area is greater than 200' below surface. The average depth to groundwater is shown in Appendix A.

Regulatory

A risk-based evaluation was performed for the Site in accordance with the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (NMOCD) Guidelines for Remediation of Leaks, Spills and Releases, dated August 13, 1993. The guidelines require a risk-based evaluation of the site to determine recommended remedial action levels (RRAL) for benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene and xylene (collectively referred to as BTEX) and total petroleum hydrocarbons (TPH) in soil. The proposed RRAL for benzene was determined to be 10 parts per million (ppm) or milligrams per kilogram (mg/kg) and 50 ppm for total BTEX (sum of benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, and xylene). Based upon the depth to groundwater, the proposed RRAL for TPH is 5,000 mg/kg.

Soil Assessment and Analytical Results

On August 17, 2010, Tetra Tech personnel inspected and sampled the spill area. Due access or equipment issues, a total of three (3) auger holes (AH-1 through AH-3) were installed using a stainless steel hand auger to assess the impacted soils. AH-1 was installed in the west end of the tank battery. Auger holes (AH-2 and AH-3) were installed behind the facility south of the tank battery. Select samples were analyzed for TPH analysis by EPA method 8015 modified, BTEX by EPA Method 8021B and chloride by EPA method 300.0. Copies of laboratory analysis and chain-of-custody documentation are included in Appendix B. The sampling results are summarized in Table 1. The auger hole locations are shown on Figure 3.

Referring to Table 1, all of the submitted samples were below the RRAL for TPH and BTEX at 0-1.0'. Elevated chloride concentrations were detected for all three auger holes. AH-3 declined with depth showing a chloride high of 3,230 at 0-1.0', which declined to <200 mg/kg at 6.0-6.5' below surface. AH-1 was not vertically defined and showed a chloride concentration of 1,390 mg/kg at 1.0-1.5' below surface. AH-2 showed a significant decline from 5,040 at 0-1' to <200 mg/kg at 3.0-3.5' below surface. However, the deeper samples did show an increasing chloride concentration with depth to 10,100 mg/kg at 7.0-7.5' below surface.



Remedial Work and Closure Request

Although the chloride impact was not vertically defined, the site limited access restricts collecting deeper samples with a drilling rig. The area south of the tank battery is elevated and numerous lines are present in the area. (See Attached Photos).

On February 16, 2011, Tetra Tech discussed the results and access issues with Geoffrey Leking with NMOCD. He agreed the area of AH-2 and AH-3 would require some soil removal for a liner or clay installation and the deeper impact would be deferred until abandonment. The excavation depth (maximum depth of 4.0') would depend on the site formation and safety of lines and tanks.

Tetra Tech personnel oversaw the excavation of the site from March 31 through April 1, 2011, based on the NMOCD approved work plan. The excavation measured approximately 40' x 3' wide with housekeeping areas near AH-3.

Approximately 28 yards³ were removed and hauled to CRI Inc. for proper disposal. Photos of the excavation are attached. The excavation depths are highlighted in Table 1. Once excavated, the site was backfilled with clean material. A copy of the C-141 (Final) is included in Appendix A.

Based on the remedial activities performed at this site, COG request closure of this site. If you require any additional information or have any questions or comments concerning this report, please call at (432) 682-4559.

Respectfully submitted,
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Kim Dorey
Staff II Geologist

cc: Pat Ellis – COG
cc: Jim Amos – BLM

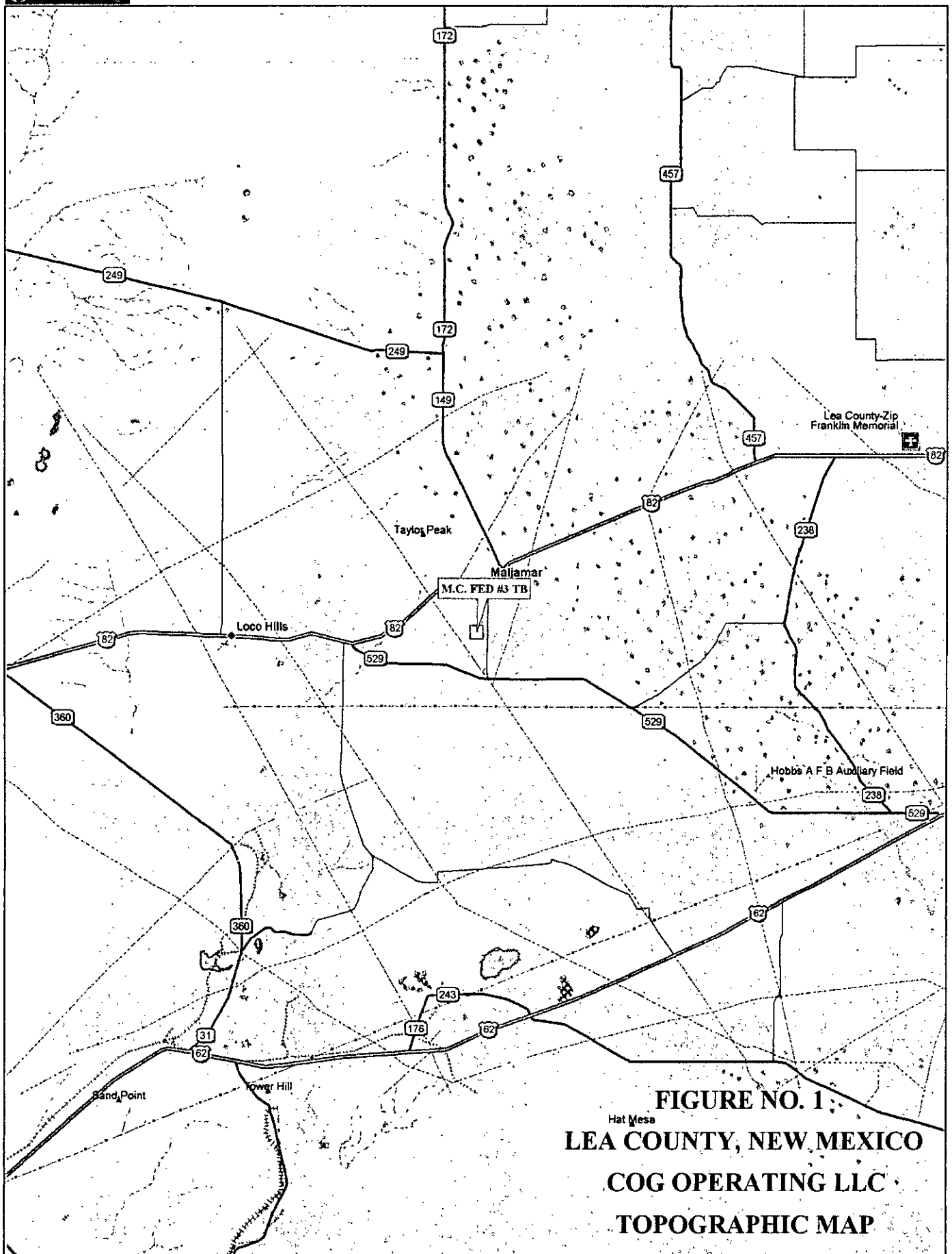
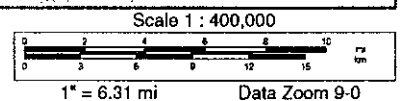


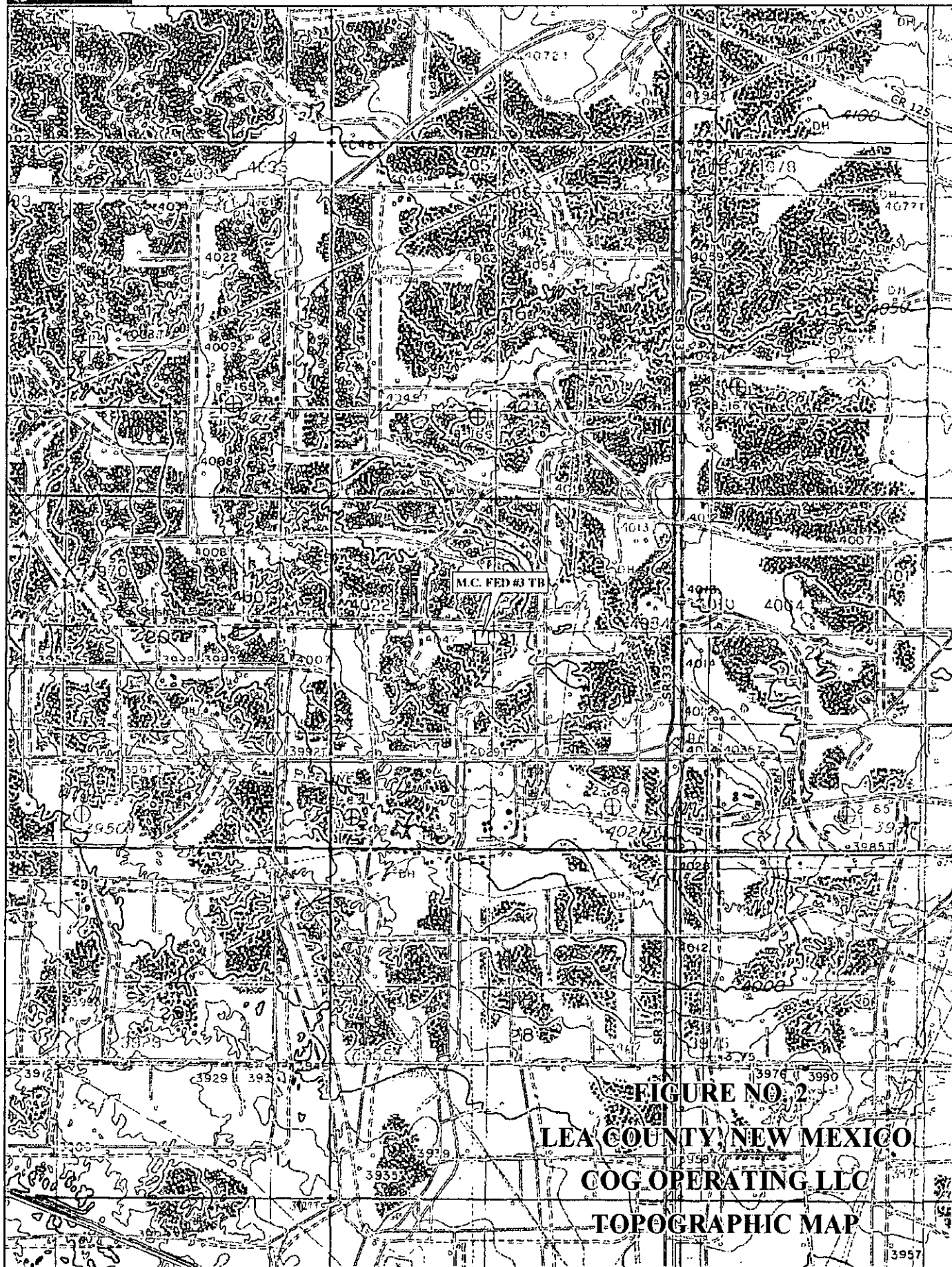
FIGURE NO. 1
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO
COG OPERATING LLC
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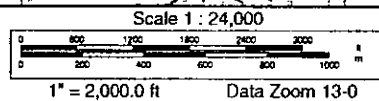


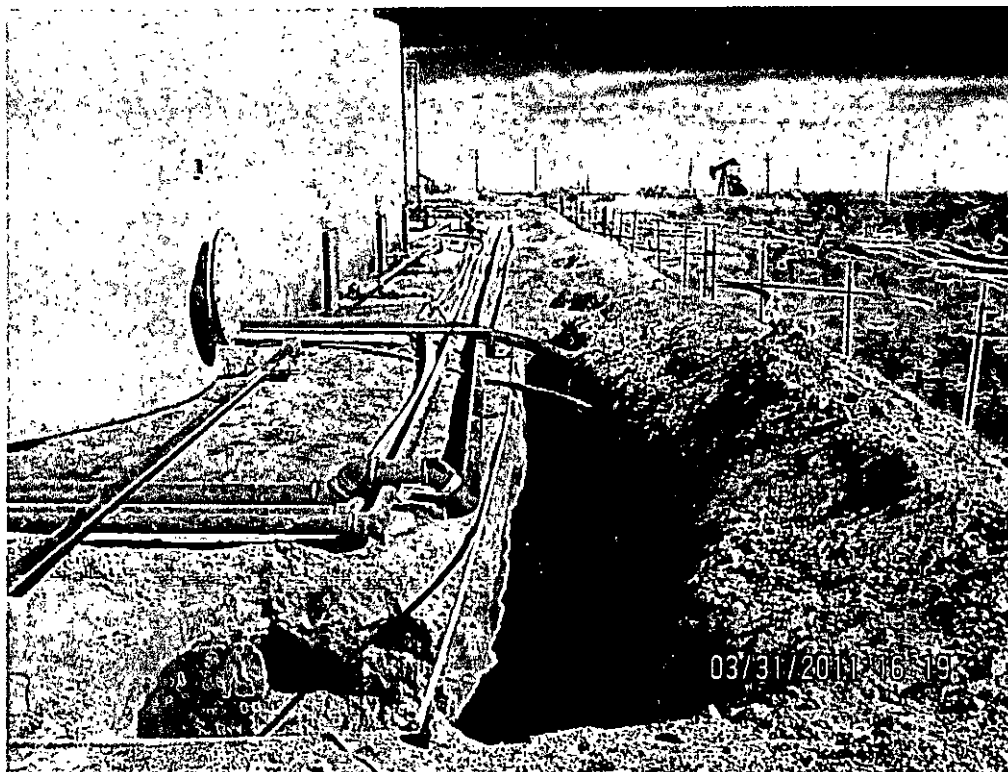


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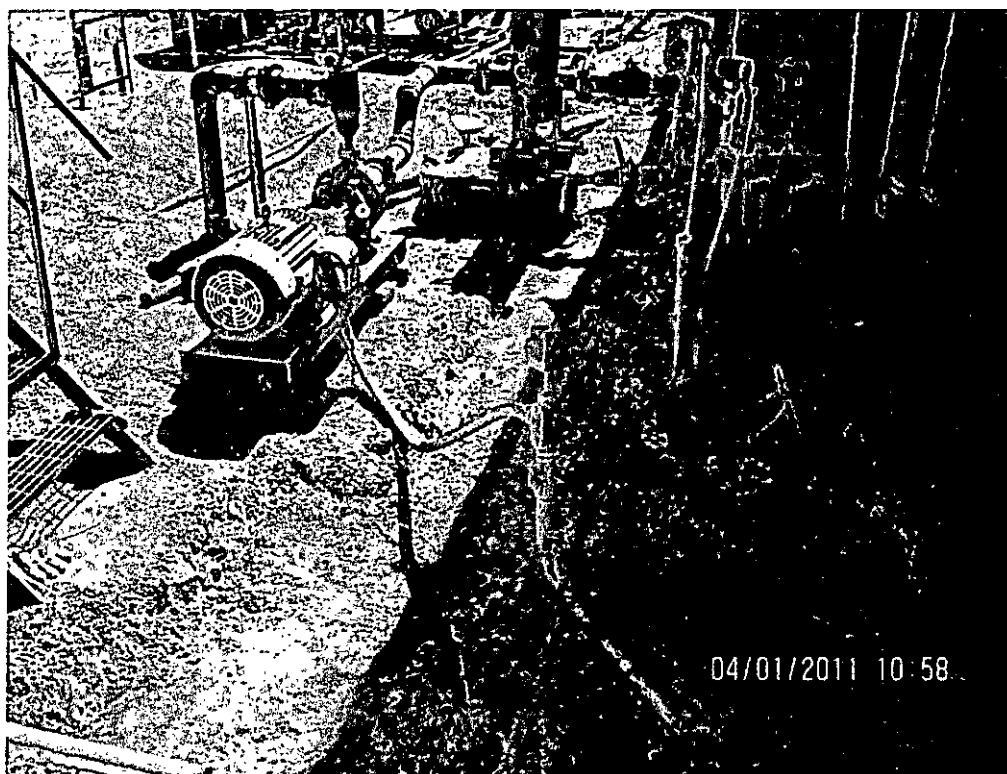
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View east – Excavated area near AH-1 and AH-2



Housekeeping near AH-3

Table 1
COG Operating LLC.
MC FEDERAL #3 TANK BATTERY
Lea County, New Mexico

Sample ID	Sample Date	Sample Depth (ft)	Depth (BEB)	Soil Status		TPH (mg/kg)			Benzene (mg/kg)	Toluene (mg/kg)	Ethylbenzene (mg/kg)	Xylene (mg/kg)	Chloride (mg/kg)
				In-Situ	Removed	GRO	DRO	Total					
AH-1	8/17/2010	0-1'		X		<2.00	<50.0	<50.0	<0.0200	<0.0200	<0.0200	<0.0200	1,140
	"	1-1.5'		X		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,390
AH-2	8/17/2010	0-1'			X	<2.00	<50.0	<50.0	<0.0200	<0.0200	<0.0200	<0.0200	5,040
	"	1-1.5'			X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	206
	"	2-2.5'			X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	228
	"	3-3.5'			X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<200
	"	4-4.5'			X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	201
	"	5-5.5'		X		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,260
	"	6-6.5'		X		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,520
	"	7-7.5'		X		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,100
AH-3	8/17/2010	0-1'		X		<2.00	<50.0	<50.0	<0.0200	<0.0200	<0.0200	<0.0200	3,230
	"	1-1.5'		X		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	725
	"	2-2.5'		X		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	648
	"	3-3.5'		X		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	345
	"	4-4.5'		X		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	561
	"	5-5.5'		X		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	600
	"	6-6.5'		X		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<200
	"	6.5-7'		X		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<200

BEB Below Excavation Bottom

(-) Not Analyzed

Excavation Depths

Compacted clay bottom

Water Well Data
Average Depth to Groundwater (ft)
COG - MC Federal #3 Tank Battery
Lea County, New Mexico

16 South			31 East		
6	5	4	3	2	1
7	8	9	10	11	12
18	17	16	15	14	13
19	20	21	22	23	24
30	29	28	27	26	25
31	32	33	34	35	36
290					

17 South			31 East		
6	5	4	3	2	1
7	8	9	10	11	12
18	17	16	15	14	13
19	20	21	22	23	24
30	29	28	27	26	25
31	32	33	34	35	36
			271		

18 South			31 East		
6	5	4	3	2	1
7	8	9	10	11	12
18	17	16	15	14	13
19	20	21	22	23	24
30	29	28	27	26	25
31	32	33	34	35	36
			281		

16 South			32 East		
6	5	4	3	2	1
7	8	9	10	11	12
18	17	16	15	14	13
19	20	21	22	23	24
30	29	28	27	26	25
31	32	33	34	35	36
					260

17 South			32 East		
6	5	4	3	2	1
7	8	9	10	11	12
18	17	16	15	14	13
19	20	21	22	23	24
30	180	29	28	27	26
31	32	33	34	35	36

18 South			32 East		
6	5	4	3	2	1
7	460	8	9	10	11
18	17	16	15	14	13
19	20	21	22	23	24
30	29	28	27	26	25
31	32	33	34	35	36
			117		

16 South			33 East		
6	5	4	3	2	1
7	8	9	10	11	12
18	17	16	15	14	13
19	20	21	22	23	24
30	29	28	27	26	25
31	32	33	34	35	36
190	168		160		

17 South			33 East		
6	5	4	3	2	1
7	167	8	9	10	11
18	17	16	15	14	13
19	20	21	22	23	24
30	29	28	27	26	25
31	32	33	34	35	36

18 South			33 East		
6	5	4	3	2	1
7	8	9	10	11	12
18	17	16	15	14	13
19	20	21	22	23	24
30	29	28	27	26	25
31	32	33	34	35	36

- New Mexico State Engineers Well Reports
- USGS Well Reports
- Geology and Groundwater Conditions in Southern Eddy, County, NM
- NMOCD - Groundwater Data
- Field water level
- New Mexico Water and Infrastructure Data System
- Tetra Tech Temporary well (TD 180' - Dry Well)

Summary Report

Ike Tavaroz
Tetra Tech
1910 N. Big Spring Street
Midland, TX 79705

Report Date: August 27, 2010

Work Order: 10081832



Project Location: Lea County, NM
Project Name: COG/MC Fed #3 TB
Project Number: 114-6400647

Sample	Description	Matrix	Date Taken	Time Taken	Date Received
241718	AH-1 0-1'	soil	2010-08-17	00:00	2010-08-18
241719	AH-1 1-1.5'	soil	2010-08-17	00:00	2010-08-18
241720	AH-2 0-1'	soil	2010-08-17	00:00	2010-08-18
241721	AH-2 1-1.5'	soil	2010-08-17	00:00	2010-08-18
241722	AH-2 2-2.5'	soil	2010-08-17	00:00	2010-08-18
241723	AH-2 3-3.5'	soil	2010-08-17	00:00	2010-08-18
241724	AH-2 4-4.5'	soil	2010-08-17	00:00	2010-08-18
241725	AH-2 5-5.5'	soil	2010-08-17	00:00	2010-08-18
241726	AH-2 6-6.5'	soil	2010-08-17	00:00	2010-08-18
241727	AH-2 7-7.5'	soil	2010-08-17	00:00	2010-08-18
241728	AH-3 0-1'	soil	2010-08-17	00:00	2010-08-18
241729	AH-3 1-1.5'	soil	2010-08-17	00:00	2010-08-18
241730	AH-3 2-2.5'	soil	2010-08-17	00:00	2010-08-18
241731	AH-3 3-3.5'	soil	2010-08-17	00:00	2010-08-18
241732	AH-3 4-4.5'	soil	2010-08-17	00:00	2010-08-18
241733	AH-3 5-5.5'	soil	2010-08-17	00:00	2010-08-18
241734	AH-3 6-6.5'	soil	2010-08-17	00:00	2010-08-18
241735	AH-3 6.5-7'	soil	2010-08-17	00:00	2010-08-18

Sample - Field Code	BTEX				TPH DRO - NEW	TPH GRO
	Benzene (mg/Kg)	Toluene (mg/Kg)	Ethylbenzene (mg/Kg)	Xylene (mg/Kg)	DRO (mg/Kg)	GRO (mg/Kg)
241718 - AH-1 0-1'	<0.0200	<0.0200	<0.0200	<0.0200	<50.0	<2.00
241720 - AH-2 0-1'	<0.0200	<0.0200	<0.0200	<0.0200	<50.0	<2.00
241728 - AH-3 0-1'	<0.0200	<0.0200	<0.0200	<0.0200	<50.0	<2.00

Sample: 241718 - AH-1 0-1'

Param	Flag	Result	Units	RL
Chloride		1140	mg/Kg	4.00

Sample: 241719 - AH-1 1-1.5'

Param	Flag	Result	Units	RL
Chloride		1390	mg/Kg	4.00

Sample: 241720 - AH-2 0-1'

Param	Flag	Result	Units	RL
Chloride		5040	mg/Kg	4.00

Sample: 241721 - AH-2 1-1.5'

Param	Flag	Result	Units	RL
Chloride		206	mg/Kg	4.00

Sample: 241722 - AH-2 2-2.5'

Param	Flag	Result	Units	RL
Chloride		228	mg/Kg	4.00

Sample: 241723 - AH-2 3-3.5'

Param	Flag	Result	Units	RL
Chloride		<200	mg/Kg	4.00

Sample: 241724 - AH-2 4-4.5'

Param	Flag	Result	Units	RL
Chloride		201	mg/Kg	4.00

Sample: 241725 - AH-2 5-5.5'

Param	Flag	Result	Units	RL
Chloride		1260	mg/Kg	4.00

Sample: 241726 - AH-2 6-6.5'

Param	Flag	Result	Units	RL
Chloride		3520	mg/Kg	4.00

Sample: 241727 - AH-2 7-7.5'

Param	Flag	Result	Units	RL
Chloride		10100	mg/Kg	4.00

Sample: 241728 - AH-3 0-1'

Param	Flag	Result	Units	RL
Chloride		3230	mg/Kg	4.00

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