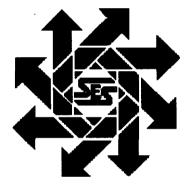
Range Operating New Mexico, Inc. South Culebra Bluff 23 Well #7 Unit J, Sec. 23, T23S, R28E Eddy County, New Mexico

**Work Plan** 

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#### II. Background

Safety and Environmental Solutions, Inc. (SESI) was engaged by Range Operating NM, Inc. to perform a site assessment at the South Culebra Bluff 23 Well #7. This is an active battery located in Unit J, Section 23, Township 23 South, Range 28 East.

#### III. Surface and Ground Water

According to the temporary monitor well installed on August 18, 2009 located in the northwest corner of the location, the depth to water is approximately 21' below ground level (bgl).

### IV. Work Performed

On July 9, 2009 SESI was onsite to assess the affected area. The area was mapped using a Trimble Geo XM GPS. SESI observed an excavated area, approximately one (1) foot in depth, located north of the well head.

SESI was onsite with M& J Backhoe Services to attempt to delineate the spill area. A total of three (3) test trenches were installed within the affected area. Chloride samples were collected within each of the three (3) trenches to determine the vertical extent of the contamination.

The first trench installed indicated a significant increase in chloride concentration at a depth of five (5) feet bgl, in which, a clay layer was encountered that contained heavy deposits of calcium sulfate. A comparative sample was collected from Test Trench #1 at a depth of nine (9) feet bgl. The sample was transported under chain of custody to Cardinal Labs of Hobbs, New Mexico to be analyzed for Chlorides (EPA Method 4500-CI<sup>-</sup>B).

The analytical results are as follows:

Sample ID	Lab Cl (mg/kg)
TT#1. 9'bgl	5040 .

Field grab samples were collected from the second and third test trenches and indicated a decrease in chloride concentrations.

Sample ID	Field Cl <sup>-</sup> (mg/kg)
TT#2. 2'bgl	7068
TT#2. 5'bgl	1852
TT#2. 9'bgl	2496
TT#3. 2'bgl	252
TT#3. 5'bgl	252

At this point, it was suspected that the elevated chloride levels may be naturally occurring.

On July 18, 2009, SESI was onsite with Eco-Enviro Drilling and installed a temporary monitor well on the northwest corner of the location. SESI collected a water sample from the temporary well on July 20, 2009. The sample was transported under chain of custody to Cardinal Labs of Hobbs, New Mexico for TDS (EPA Method 600/4-79-020) and Chloride (Method SM4500-CI-B).

The result of the analysis is as follows:

Sample ID	Lab TDS (mg/L)	Lab Cl <sup>-</sup> (mg/L)
TMW	6050	2120

On September 24, 2009 SESI conducted a background sampling investigation to determine the chloride concentrations of the surrounding area. Soil samples were collected from the adjacent fields at the Range 4B, 23-11 and 23-7 locations. A water sample was also collected from and irrigation system in the adjacent field from the Range 23-6 location. The samples were transported under chain of custody to Cardinal Labs of Hobbs, New Mexico for Chloride (Method 4500-Cl<sup>-</sup>B).

The result of the analysis is as follows:

Sample ID	Lab Cl <sup>-</sup> (ppm)
4B	6320
23-11	3280
23-7	8000
23-6	3040

### V. Action Plan

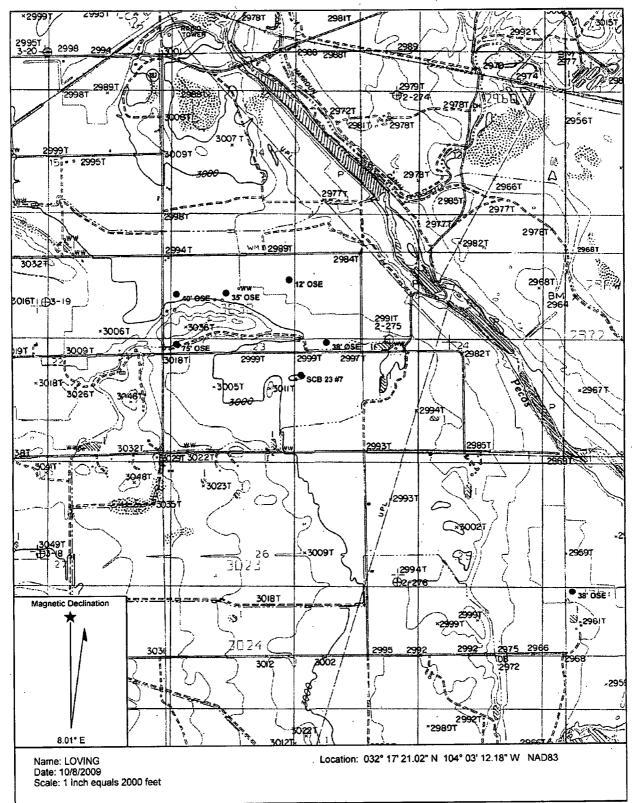
It is requested that the affected area be excavated to a depth of three (3) feet bgl. The excavated soils will be transported to a New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (NMOCD) approved facility for disposal. A 20 mil reinforced geo-membrane liner will be installed and the area will be backfilled with like soils and contoured to grade. It is also requested that the temporary monitor well be plugged and abandoned.

### VI. Figures & Appendices

Figure 1 – Vicinity Map Figure 2 – Site Plan Appendix A – Analytical Results Appendix B –Site Photos

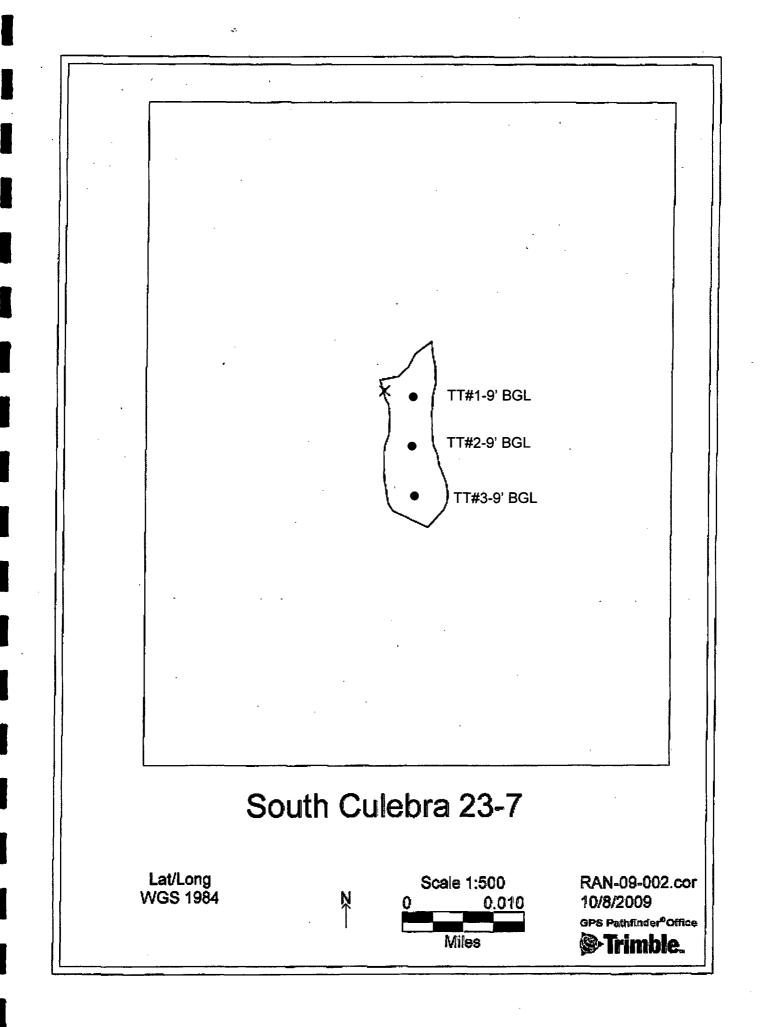
Figure 1 Vicinity Map

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# Figure 2 Site Plan



# Appendix A Analytical Results

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Receiving Date: 07/10/09 Reporting Date: 07/22/09 Project Number: RAN-09-001 (RANGE OPER.) Project Name: SOUTH CULEBRA BLUFF 23 WELL #7 Project Location: LOVING, NM Sample ID: TT #1 9' BGL Lab Number: H17780-1 Analysis Date: 07/21/09 Sampling Date: 07/09/09 Sample Type: SOIL Sample Condition: INTACT @ 28°C Sample Received By: AB Analyzed By: GO

COMPOSITION OF SOLIDS

PERCENT

Iron Oxide, as Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.64
Calcium Carbonate, as CaCO <sub>3</sub>	6.72
Calcium Sulfate, as CaSO <sub>4</sub> · 2H <sub>2</sub> O	79.65
Barium Sulfate, as BaSO <sub>4</sub>	0.00
Organic	2.45
*Other Acid Insoluble	10.55
*Note: Microscopic examination indicated th	his to be small
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LAB NO. SAMPLE ID	Cl (mg/kg)
H17780-1 TT #1 9' BGL	5,040
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Quality Control	490
True Value QC	500
% Recovery	98.0
Relative Percent Difference	2.0

METHOD: Standard Methods 4500-CIB Note: Analysis performed on a 1:4 w:v aqueous extract.

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		TDS	Cl
LAB NUMBER	SAMPLE ID	(mg/L)	(mg/L)
Analysis Date:		08/24/09	08/24/09
H18067-1	TMW	6,050	2,120
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Quality Control		NR	500
True Value QC		NR	500
% Recovery	······································	NR	100
Relative Percent D	Difference	10.4	< 0.1

METHOD: EPA 600/4-79-020 160.1 SM4500-CI-B

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Receiving Date: 09/25/09 Reporting Date: 10/07/09\*\* Project Number: RANGE OPERATING Project Name: RANDOM SAMPLING Project Location: LOVING, NM Analysis Date: 09/27/09 Sampling Date: 09/24/09 Sample Type: SOIL & WATER Sample Condition: INTACT @ 13.0°C Sample Received By: ML Analyzed By: HM

		CI
LAB NO.	SAMPLE ID	(ppm
H18344-2	4B	* 6320
H18344-3	23-11	* 328
H18344-6	23-7	* 800
H18344-7	23-8	3,04
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Quality Con		500
True Value		<u>500</u>
True Value % Recovery		500 500 100 < 0.4

METHOD: Standard Methods

\* Note: Analyses performed on 1:4 w:v aqueous extracts. \*\*Revised Report.

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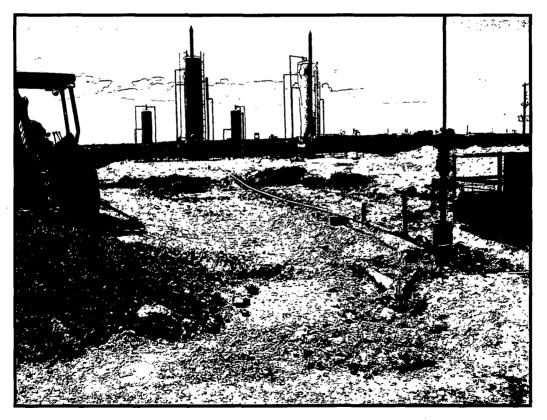
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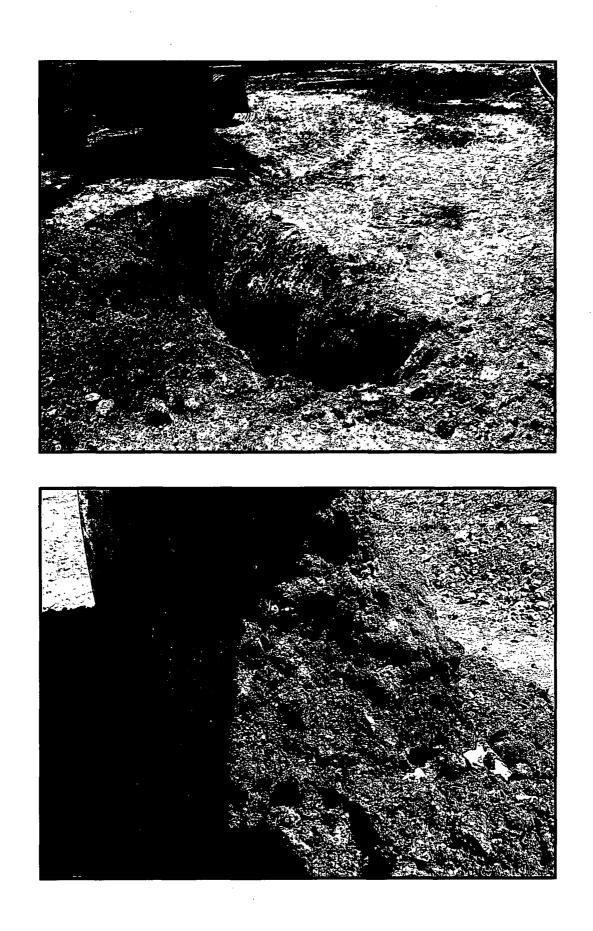
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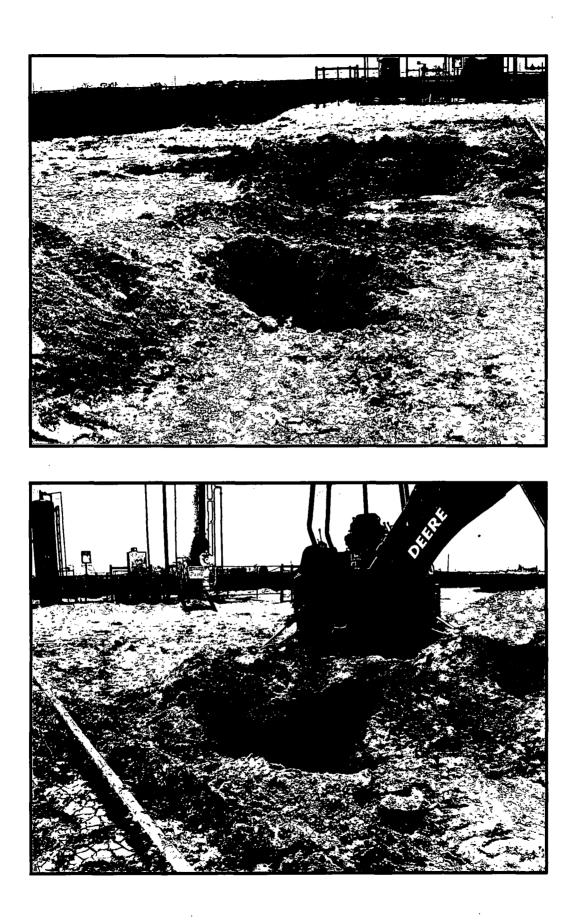
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## Appendix B Site Photos











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