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South Red Lake Grayburg Unit 41

Eddy County, New Mexico

UNIT P (SE/SE), Section 35, Township 17S, Range 27E

Latitude 32°, 47', 10.62" North, Longitude 104°, 14', 44.73" West

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1.0 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Basin Environmental Consulting, LLC (Basin), on behalf of Fairway Resources Operating, LLC (Fairway), has prepared this Remediation Summary and Site Closure Strategy for the release site known as South Red Lake Grayburg Unit 41. The legal description of the release site is SE ¼ SE ¼ (Unit Letter P), Section 35, Township 17 South, Range 27 East, in Eddy County, New Mexico. The property is owned by the United States Bureau of Land Management (BLM). The release site GPS coordinates are 32° 47′ 10.62″ North and 104° 14′ 44.73″ West. A Site Location Map and a Site Map are provided as Figures 1 and 2, respectively. General site photographs are provided as Appendix A. The Release Notification and Corrective Action is provided as Appendix B.

The Eddy County Soil Survey (2004) indicates the release site soil type is Reeves-Gypsum land complex with 0-3% slopes, the area surrounding the release site is in an active oil and gas production field.

On September 28, 2009, Fairway discovered a produced water/crude oil release from the South Red Lake Grayburg Unit 41 flow line. The cause of the release was attributed to failure of the flow line and was reported to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (NMOCD) on October 12, 2009. During initial response activities, Fairway installed a temporary clamp on the flow line to mitigate the release. Approximately fifteen (15) barrels of produced water/crude oil was released from the flow line, with no recovery.

2.0 NMOCD SITE CLASSIFICATION

A search of the New Mexico Office of the State Engineer (NMOSE) database did not identify the average depth to groundwater information for Section 35, Township 17 South, Range 27 East. A reference map utilized by the NMOCD indicated depth to groundwater at the release site should be encountered at approximately 100 to 125 feet below ground surface (bgs). This depth to groundwater results in a score of zero (0) points being assigned to the site based on the NMOCD depth to groundwater criteria.

The water well database, maintained by the NMOSE, indicated there are no water wells less than 1,000 feet from the release, resulting in zero (0) points being assigned to this site as a result of the criteria.

There are no surface water bodies located within 1,000 feet of the site. Based on the NMOCD ranking system zero (0) points will be assigned to the site as a result of the criterion.

The NMOCD guidelines indicate the South Red Lake Grayburg Unit 41 release site has a ranking score of ten (10). Based on this score, the soil remediation levels for a site with a ranking score of zero (0) points are as follows:

- Benzene 10 mg/Kg (ppm)
- BTEX 50 mg/Kg (ppm)
- $TPH 5{,}000 \text{ mg/Kg (ppm)}$

The NMOCD chloride clean up level concentrations are site specific and will be 1,000 mg/Kg per the NMOCD – Artesia District office.

3.0 SUMMARY OF RECENT FIELD ACTIVITIES

On October 1, 2009, Basin began excavation of the impacted soil at the release site. The impacted soil is being transportation to Lea Land (NMOCD permit #WM-01-035) for disposal.

On October 2, 2009, four (4) trenches were excavated at the site to delineate the vertical extent of impacted soil. Soil samples were collected from the trenches and the trenches were backfilled.

Trench 1 was located at the release point and excavated to a total depth of approximately seven (7) feet bgs. Three (3) soil samples (Trench 1 @ 3', Trench 1 @ 6' and Trench 1 @ 7') were collected and the trench was backfilled. Results of the chloride field test indicated chloride concentrations ranged from 216 mg/Kg in soil sample Trench 1 @ 7' to 17,204 mg/Kg in soil sample Trench 1 @ 3'.

Trench 2 was located in the center of the release area and excavated to a total depth of approximately five (5) feet bgs. Two (2) soil samples (Trench 2 @ 2' and Trench 2 @ 5') were collected and the trench was backfilled. Results of the chloride field test indicated chloride concentrations ranged from 540 mg/Kg in the soil sample Trench 2 @ 5' to 2,884 mg/Kg in soil sample Trench 2 @ 2'.

Trench 3 was located in the southwest flow path and excavated to a total depth of approximately eight (8) feet bgs. Four (4) soil samples (Trench 3 @ 2', Trench 3 @ 5', Trench 3 @ 7' and Trench 3 @ 8') were collected and the trench was backfilled. Results of the chloride field test indicated chloride concentrations ranged from 856 mg/Kg in soil sample Trench 3 @ 8' to 4,860 mg/Kg in soil sample Trench 3 @ 5'.

Trench 4 was located in the west flow path and was excavated to a total depth of approximately eight (8) feet bgs. Four (4) soil samples (Trench 4 @ 2', Trench 4 @ 4', Trench 4 @ 6' and Trench 4 @ 8') were collected and the trench was backfilled. Results of the chloride field test indicated chloride concentrations ranged from 216 mg/Kg in soil sample Trench 4 @ 8' to 4,464 mg/Kg in soil sample Trench 4 @ 2'.

4.0 PROPOSED CLOSURE STRATEGY

Fairway proposes the following activities designed to advance the release site known as South Red Lake Grayburg Unit 41 toward an NMOCD approved site closure:

• Collect excavation floor confirmation soil samples and submit the soil samples for analysis of chlorides using EPA 300 Cl.

- If the confirmation analytical results indicate chloride concentrations exceed 1,000 mg/Kg, Fairway will continue the excavation of soil until analytical results indicate chloride concentrations are less than the NMOCD regulatory clean up level of 1,000 mg/Kg.
- If the confirmation analytical results indicate chloride concentrations are less than the NMOCD regulatory clean up level of 1,000 mg/Kg, Fairway will request NMOCD permission to backfill the excavation with locally purchased soil. Following backfilling activities, the site will be contoured to fit the surrounding topography and reseeded with a BLM approved seeding mixture.

5.0 REPORTING

On completion of the proposed site closure activities, Fairway will submit a Remediation Summary and Site Closure Request for NMOCD and BLM approval.

6.0 LIMITATIONS

Basin Environmental Consulting, LLC has prepared this Remediation Summary and Site Closure Strategy to the best of its ability. No other warranty, expressed or implied, is made or intended.

Basin Environmental Consulting, LLC has examined and relied upon documents referenced in the report and has relied on oral statements made by certain individuals. Basin Environmental Consulting, LLC has not conducted an independent examination of the facts contained in referenced materials and statements. We have presumed the genuineness of the documents and that the information provided in documents or statements is true and accurate. Basin Environmental Consulting, LLC has prepared this report, in a professional manner, using the degree of skill and care exercised by similar environmental consultants. Basin Environmental Consulting, LLC also notes that the facts and conditions referenced in this report may change over time and the conclusions and recommendations set forth herein are applicable only to the facts and conditions as described at the time of this report.

This report has been prepared for the benefit of Fairway Resources Operating, LLC. The information contained in this report, including all exhibits and attachments, may not be used by any other party without the express consent of Basin Environmental Consulting, LLC and/or Fairway Resources Operating, LLC.

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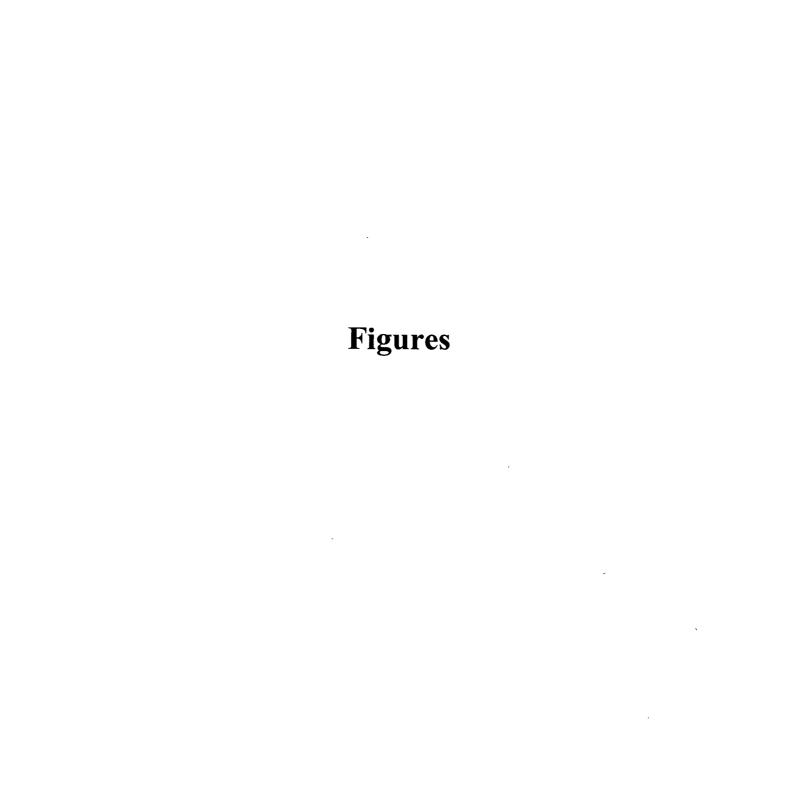
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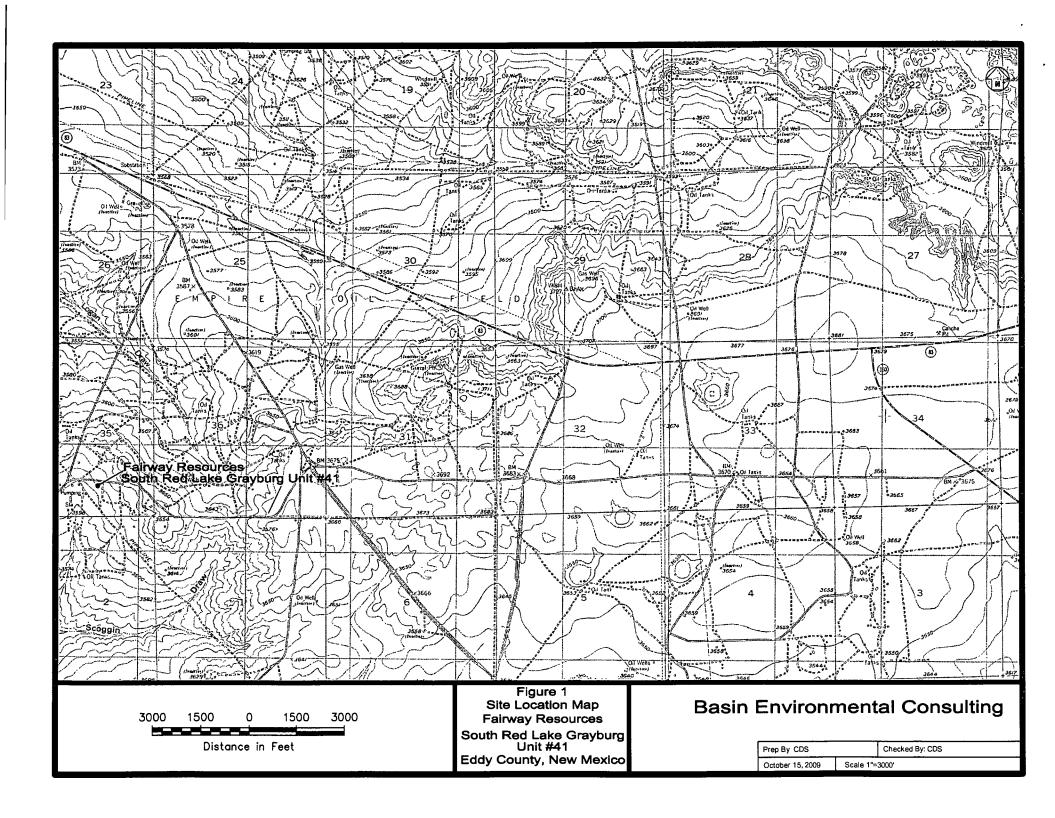
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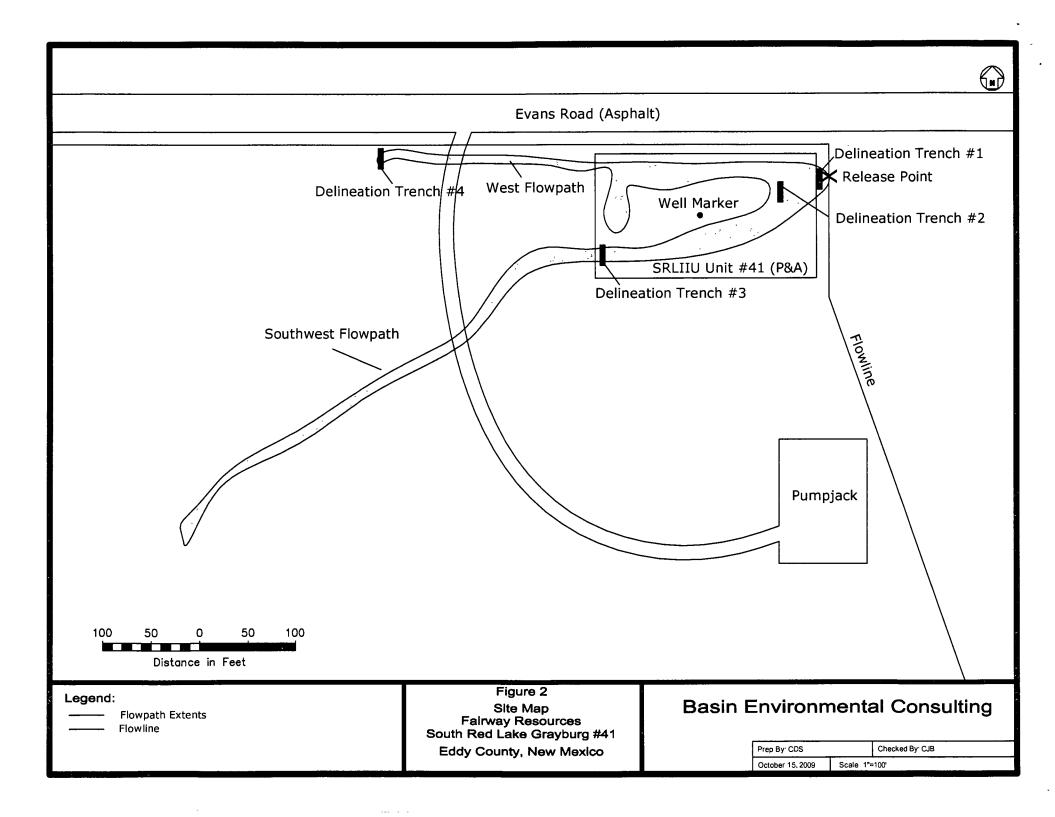
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Appendix A Photographs



South Red Lake Grayburg Unit 41 release site during initial activities



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Appendix B Release Notification and Corrective Action (Form C-141)

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