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REPORTS

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Mr. Bill Olson
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OIL CONSERVATION DIV.
01 AUG-21 PM 12:55

RE: MILES FEDERAL #1E DRIP PIT REMEDIATION AND CLOSURE REPORT

Dear Mr. Olson:

Enclosed please find information on remediation and closure activities associated with the unlined surface impoundment located at the Miles Federal #1E Drip site. Public Service Company of New Mexico (PNM) previously owned the site and initiated closure activities on June 5, 1997. The site later became an asset of Williams upon purchase of Gas Company of New Mexico (GCNM) from PNM. Upon expiration of PNM's retained environmental liabilities associated with the site, Williams agreed to complete necessary closure work. As such, the enclosed documentation reflects activities of both PNM and Williams.

Site History

Excavation of petroleum hydrocarbon impacted soil beneath the unlined surface impoundment was conducted in two phases. Phase I began on June 5, 1997 with the excavation and landfarming of approximately 360 cubic yards of contaminated soil. The excavation was terminated at a depth of 12-feet, where ground water was encountered. A sample of ground water collected from the excavation contained benzene (297 µg/l) at a concentration in excess of Water Quality Control Commission (WQCC) standards. A letter notifying the Oil Conservation Division (OCD) of ground water contamination at the site was submitted on June 24, 1997.

To evaluate the magnitude and extent of ground water contamination, four monitoring wells were installed on August 7, 1997. An additional well was added to the network on July 31, 1998. Quarterly ground water samples were collected from the wells through May of 2000.

Phase II began on March 17, 1999 with the excavation and on-site landfarming of an additional 360 cubic yards of contaminated soil from an area located west of the initial excavation. This secondary source removal was triggered by elevated concentrations of benzene in downgradient monitoring well MW-5. Attached are descriptions of the excavation activities along with the associated soil sample results.

Site Hydrogeology

The Miles Federal #1E Drip is located in Unit N, Section 5, Township 26N, Range 7W of Rio Arriba County, New Mexico (Figure 1). The site lies within the alluvial deposits of Largo Canyon, which contains a perennial stream flowing in a northwesterly direction across the site. The alluvium consists primarily of medium to coarse sand with varying amounts of silt and clay extending to an unknown depth. Ground water in the unconsolidated sediments is unconfined and the depth to ground water is typically around 12-feet below ground level. Hydrographs for the wells were included in the Annual Ground Water

Reports previously submitted to you. Ground water flows to the northwest consistent with the local flow direction in Largo Canyon. A potentiometric surface map is included as Figure 2. The average hydraulic gradient across the site is 0.003 to 0.004. Hydraulic conductivities of the sediments are likely on the order of 10^{-3} to 10^{-1} cm/sec.

Monitoring Results

Concentrations of benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene and xylene (BTEX) were analyzed in water samples collected quarterly from September 1997 through May 2000. Three of the five wells in the monitoring network had BTEX concentrations in excess of WQCC standards. Well MW-2, located in the former source area, contained the highest BTEX levels. Downgradient wells MW-3 and MW-5, located approximately 75-feet northwest of the source area, also contained measurable concentrations of the BTEX compounds. Table 1 summarizes the ground water analytical results. Copies of the laboratory analytical reports were included in the 1998, 1999 and 2000 Annual Ground Water Reports previously submitted to you.

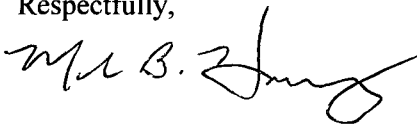
Natural attenuation processes active at the site resulted in a steady decrease in BTEX over the three-year monitoring period. The initial concentration of total BTEX in well MW-2 was 626 µg/L. Two years later, in August 1999, the total BTEX concentration was reduced to 15 µg/L. Total BTEX levels in downgradient well MW-3 increased over the first three quarters of monitoring to a maximum of 123 µg/l. Two quarters later, the BTEX levels dropped to below WQCC standards. Total BTEX levels in well MW-5 remained static over the first six quarters of monitoring. Following the additional source removal in March 1999, BTEX concentrations decreased to non-detectable levels. For the last four consecutive quarters of monitoring the concentrations of the BTEX compounds have remained below the WQCC standards in all monitoring wells.

Summary

The unlined surface impoundment at the Miles Federal #1E Drip was addressed consistent with OCD Order 7940-C and with the guidelines pertaining to the remediation of unlined surface impoundments. The work included the removal of hydrocarbon-impacted soil and an evaluation of ground water impacted by the historical operation of the impoundment. A network of ground water monitoring wells was installed and ground water analyses showed that a small BTEX plume existed in the vicinity of the former pit location. Natural attenuation of the BTEX compounds resulted in contaminant degradation to concentrations less than WQCC standards.

Based on current site conditions, Williams requests approval for closure of the Miles Federal #1E Drip site. Following receipt of your closure approval we will plug and abandon the monitoring wells in accordance with applicable regulations. Williams appreciates your time in reviewing this site closure request. If you have any questions or require any additional information, please contact me at 505-632-4409 or Jim Struhs, Project Hydrogeologist at 505-632-4457.

Respectfully,



Mark B. Harvey
Project Coordinator

Attachments

c: Mr. Denny Foust, OCD District III
Mr. Bill Liess, BLM Farmington District Office

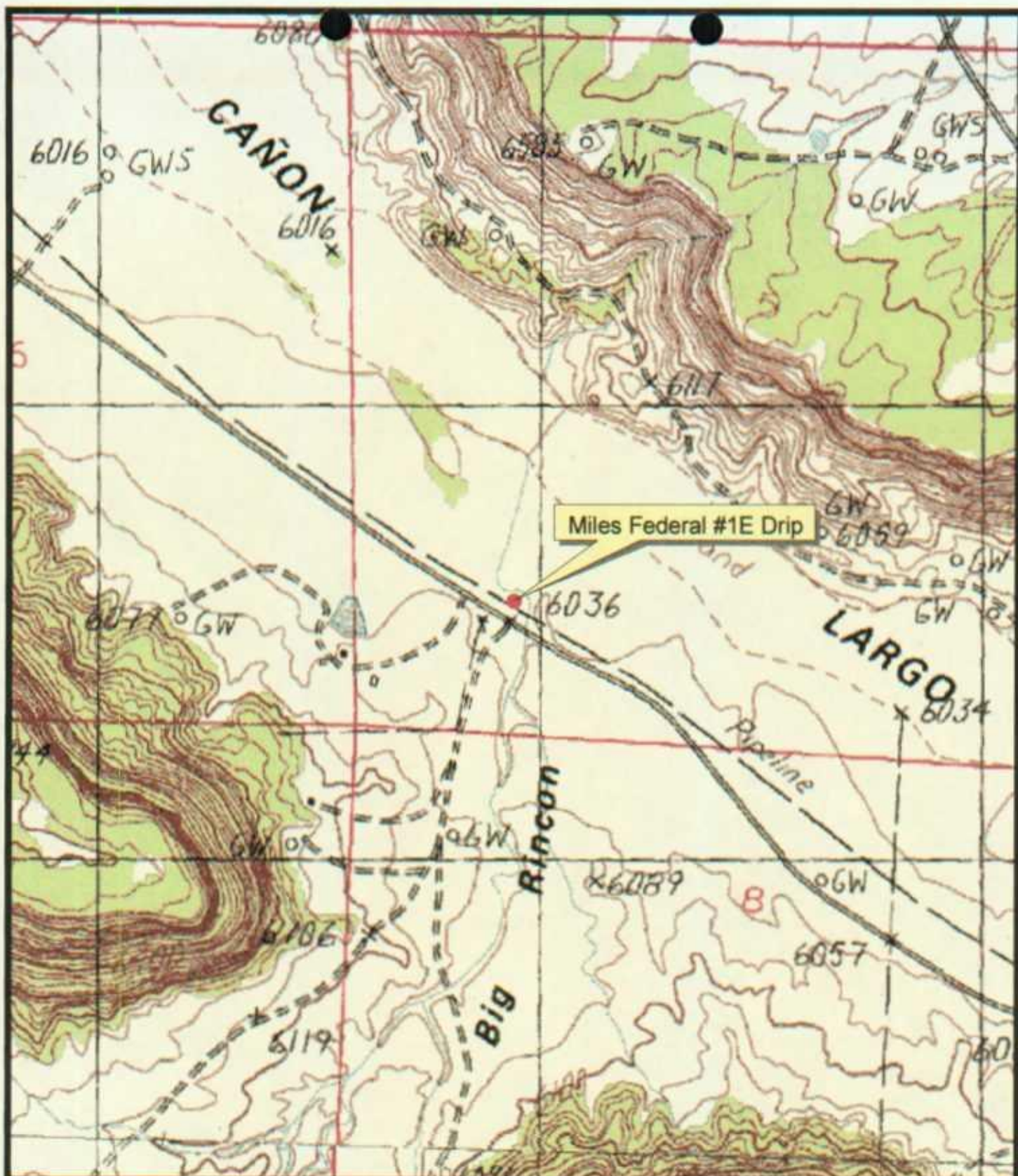


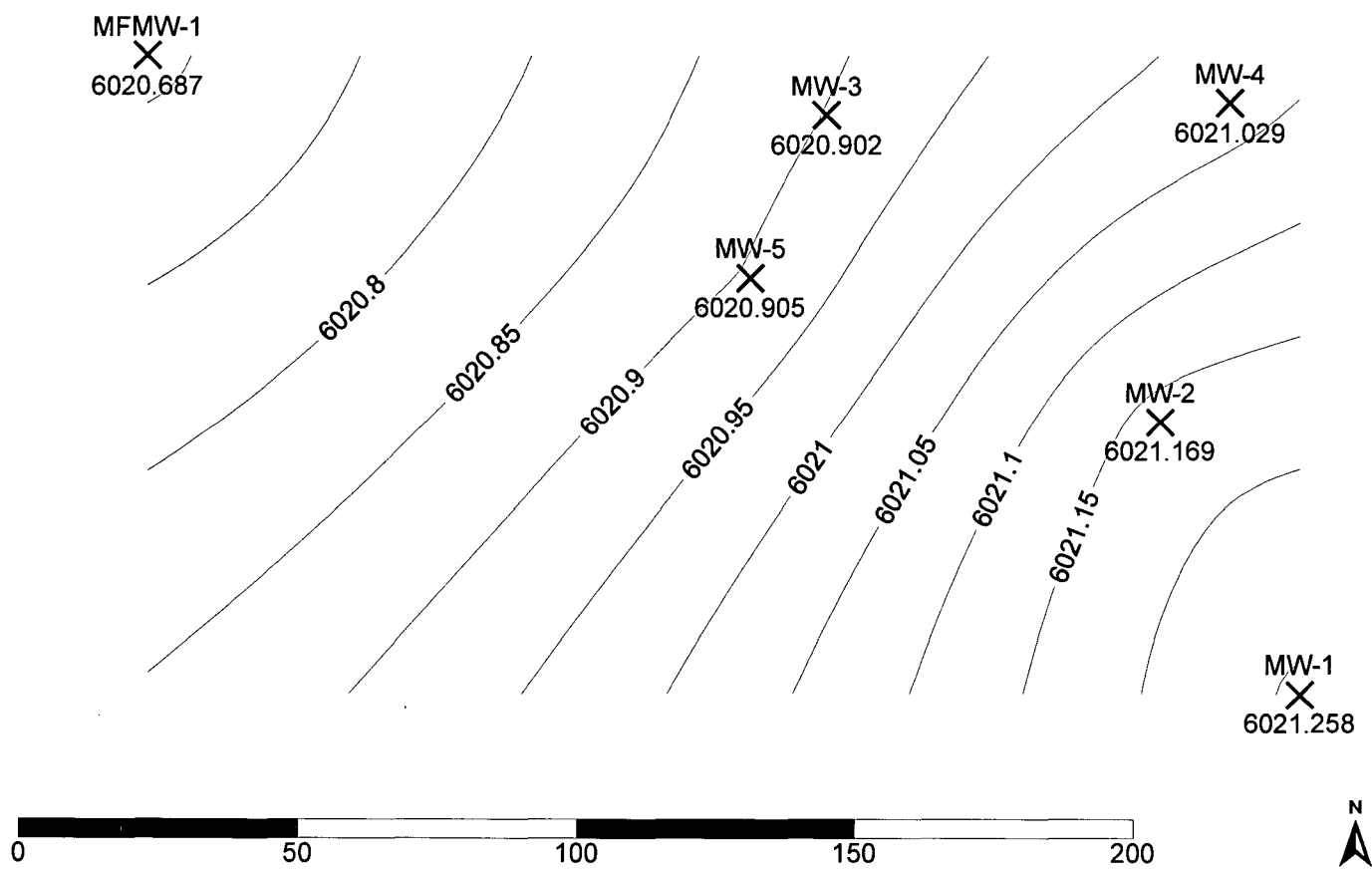
Figure 1
 Site Location Map
 Miles Federal #1E Drip
 Unit N, Sec. 5, T26N, R7W



1000 0 1000 2000 Feet



Figure 2. Miles Federal 1E Drip
Potentiometric Surface Map
(November 23, 1999)



**Table 1. Miles Federal 1E Drip
Summary of Ground Water Analytical Data
(Q3/1997 - Q2/2000)**

Well ID	Sample ID	Sample Date	Free Product		Analytes (values in ug/L)			
			Present Yes/No	Thickness (ft.)	benzene	toluene	ethylbenzene	total xylenes
MW-1	9709291300	29-Sep-97	N		<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2
	9712161432	16-Dec-97	N		<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2
	9803021245	2-Mar-98	N		<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<1.5
	9805201039	20-May-98	N		<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<1.5
	NS	1-Jun-99	N					
	NS	3-Aug-99	N					
	NS	23-Nov-99	N					
	NS	7-Feb-00	N					
MW-2	0005180810	18-May-00	N		<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<1.5
	9709291330	29-Sep-97	N		242.0	30	81.0	273.0
	9712161455	16-Dec-97	N		328.0	6	97.0	117.0
	9803021300	2-Mar-98	N		89.0	15	18.0	41.0
	9805201109	20-May-98	N		58.0	20	9.9	36.0
	9809241430	24-Aug-98	N		19.0	<1	6.0	19.0
	9812091200	9-Dec-98	N		16.0	<1	4.1	16.0
	9902111140	11-Feb-99	N		8.6	<0.5	2.0	4.7
	9906010925	1-Jun-99	N		11.0	<0.5	2.1	7.5
	9908030751	3-Aug-99	N		6.5	<0.5	2.9	5.6
	9911231428	23-Nov-99	N		3.3	<0.5	1.9	4.2
	0002071357	7-Feb-00	N		5.8	9.0	2.5	4.7
MW-3	0005180818	18-May-00	N		3.0	12.0	2.3	4.7
	9709291400	29-Sep-97	N		36	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2
	9712161517	16-Dec-97	N		99	<0.2	1	1
	9803021315	2-Mar-98	N		120	<0.5	3	<1.5
	9805201133	20-May-98	N		23	<0.5	<0.5	<1.5
	9809241500	24-Aug-98	N		<1	<1	<1	<3
	9812091300	9-Dec-98	N		2	<1	<1	<3
	9902111200	11-Feb-99	N		1	<0.5	<0.5	<1.5
	NS	1-Jun-99	N					
	NS	3-Aug-99	N					
	NS	23-Nov-99	N					
	NS	7-Feb-00	N					
MW-3	0005180830	18-May-00	N		5.8	<0.5	0.6	<1.5

NS=Not Sampled

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Well ID	Sample ID	Sample Date	Free Product		Analytes (values in ug/L)			
			Present Yes/No	Thickness (ft.)	benzene	toluene	ethylbenzene	total xylenes
MW-4	9709291430	29-Sep-97	N		<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2
	9712161533	16-Dec-97	N		<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2
	9803021330	2-Mar-98	N		<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<1.5
	9805201153	20-May-98	N		<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<1.5
	NS	1-Jun-99	N					
	NS	3-Aug-99	N					
	NS	23-Nov-99	N					
	NS	7-Feb-00	N					
	0005180845	18-May-00	N		<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<1.5
MW-5	9712161553	16-Dec-97	N		91	<0.2	0.9	0.6
	9803021345	2-Mar-98	N		96	<0.5	2	<1.5
	9805201215	20-May-98	N		67	14	9.4	35
	9809241530	24-Aug-98	N		62	<1	12	2.8
	9812091220	9-Dec-98	N		43	1.7	10	25
	9902111220	11-Feb-99	N		93	3.1	29	47
	9906011105	1-Jun-99	N		<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<1.5
	9908030814	3-Aug-99	N		<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<1.5
	9911231448	23-Nov-99	N		1.2	<0.5	<0.5	<1.5
	0002071424	7-Feb-00	N		<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<1.5
	0005180900	18-May-00	N		<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<1.5

NS=Not Sampled

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P O. Box 1980, Hobbs, NM

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Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

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District III
1000 Rio Brazos Rd, Aztec, NM 87410

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Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

PIT REMEDIATION AND CLOSURE REPORT

Operator: PNM Gas Services () Telephone: 324-3764

Address: 603 W. Elm Street Farmington, NM 87401

Facility or Well Name: Miles Federal #1E Drip (WFS)

Location: Unit: N Sec. 5 T. 26 N R. 7 W County Rio Arriba

Pit Type: Separator ☐ Dehydrator ☐ Other drip

Land Type: BLM ☒ State ☐ Fee ☐ Other ☐

Pit Location: Pit dimensions: length 20 width 20 depth 3

(Attach diagram) Reference: wellhead ☒ other ☐

Footage from reference: 405

Direction from reference: 85 Degrees ☒ East ☐ North ☒
of
☐ West ☐ South

Depth to Ground Water: Less than 50 feet (20 points)
50 feet to 99 feet (10 points)
Greater than 100 feet (0 points) 30

(Vertical distance from contaminants to
seasonal high water elevation of ground
water)

Wellhead Protection Area: Yes (20 points)
No (0 points) 0

(Less than 200 feet from a private
domestic water source, or, less than 1,000
feet from all other water sources)

Distance to Surface Water: Less than 200 feet (20 points)
200 feet to 1,000 feet (10 points)
Greater than 1,000 feet (0 points) 10

(Horizontal distance to perennial lakes,
ponds, rivers, streams, creeks, irrigation
canals and ditches)

RANKING SCORE (TOTAL POINTS): 30

Date Remediation Started: 6-5-97 Date Completed: 6-9-97

Remediation Method: Excavation X Approx. Cubic Yard 360

(Check all appropriate sections)

Landfarmed X Amount Landfarmed (cubic yds) 360

Other _____

Remediation Location: Onsite X Offsite _____
(i.e., landfarmed onsite, name and location of offsite facility)

Backfill Material Location: Blm wash 1.4 miles SW of location

General Description of Remedial Action:

Excavated pit 27' x 30' x 12'
Water at 12' depth

Ground Water Encountered: No ☐ Yes X Depth 12'

Final Pit Closure Sampling:

Sample Location middle of pit

(if multiple samples, attach sample result and diagram of sample locations and depths.)

Sample depth 12'

Sample date 6/6/97 Sample time 0800

Sample Results

Benzene (ppm) _____

Total BTEX (ppm) _____

Field headspace (ppm) _____

TPH _____ Method _____

Vertical Extent (ft) _____ Risk Assessment form attached Yes ☐ No ☐

Ground Water Sample: Yes X No ☐ (If yes, attach sample results)

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION ABOVE IS TRUE AND COMPLETE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND MY BELIEF

DATE 6/6/97

SIGNATURE

Naz Toth

PRINTED NAME
AND TITLE

Denver Bearden
Administrator III

6/5/97

Excavation Work Sheet

Well Name	Operator	S	T	R	UI
Miles Federal #1 E Drive	WFS	5	26N	7W	N

Pit Dimensions at Start	Excavation Dimensions at End
30X20X3	27X30X12

Excavated Cu. Yds.	Overburden Cu. Yds.	Spoil Cu. Yds.
360	0	360

PIT PID READINGS

Feet	Center	N. Wall	S. Wall	E. Wall	W. Wall	Soil Type
3'	352	0	0	0	0	sand
6'	800	0	6.1	0	0	sand
9'	702	0	18	3.2	126	sand
→ 12'		49	111	16	211	sand
15'						
18'						
21'						

B14/GRY
B14/GRY
B14/GRY
B14/GRY

H₂O

Composite Sample #	9706060800	H ₂ O
Location	Depth	PID Reading
North Wall		
South Wall		
East Wall		
West Wall		
Pit Bottom		

Land Farm Location:	On location
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Back Fill Location:	BLM wash 1.4 miles SW of location
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Comments:	pit was hit & very strong odor from first bucket. At 12' hit water. At 14' depth removed
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spoils. Just below water level soil was sandy & brown. Water sample 6/6/97 0800 hrs. Installed monitoring well with 10' slotted screen.

Excavation Work Sheet

Date <i>3-17-99</i>		Name <i>Ray Houston</i>			
Well Name <i>Miles Federal IE Drilling</i>	Operator <i>WFS</i>	S	T	R	UI
Pit Dimensions at Start <i>N/A</i>		Excavation Dimensions at End <i>67.5' (N+S) X 48' (E+W) X 11.5' (D)</i>			
Excavated Cu. Yds. <i>1380 yds.</i>	Overburden Cu. Yds. <i>1020 yds.</i>		Spoil Cu. Yds. <i>360 yds.</i>		

PIT PID READINGS		
Feet	Center	Soil Type
5'	<i>8</i>	<i>sand</i>
10'	<i>940</i>	<i>clay/sand.</i>
11' 15'	<i>1234</i>	<i>sand</i>
20'		
25'		

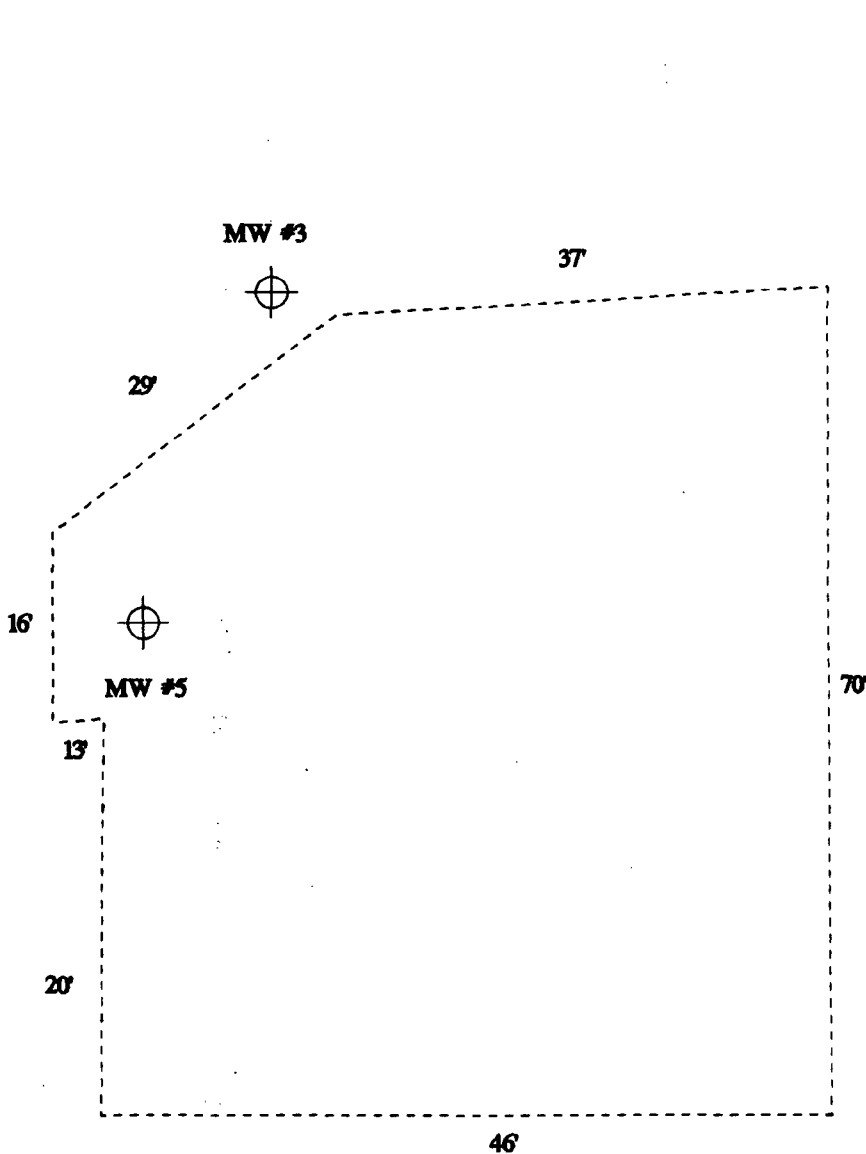
Composite Sample # (Walls):

Composite Sample # (Bottom):

Location	Depth	PID Reading
North Wall	11.5' <i>11.5'</i>	<i>HS. 0 ppm</i>
South Wall	<i>11.5'</i>	<i>HS 0 ppm</i>
East Wall	<i>11.5'</i>	<i>HS 680 ppm</i>
West Wall	<i>11.5'</i>	<i>HS 0 ppm</i>
Pit Bottom	<i>11.5'</i>	<i>HS 0 ppm</i>

Land Farm Location: *on site*

Field Notes: *NW#5 site 50' almost due north of E/W pipeline, were going to trench parallel of the pipeline to try and identify the southern edge of the contamination. At x10' there was a heavy band of contamination which extended to x11'6" where the water table held it. At the extreme southeast corner of the excavation the contamination band was about 2' thick (this area is 4' away from the intersection of the two pipelines). There is a 2' band that*



MW #4

1K tk.

MW #2

Previous Pit;
Already excavated.

70'

16'

MW #5

13'

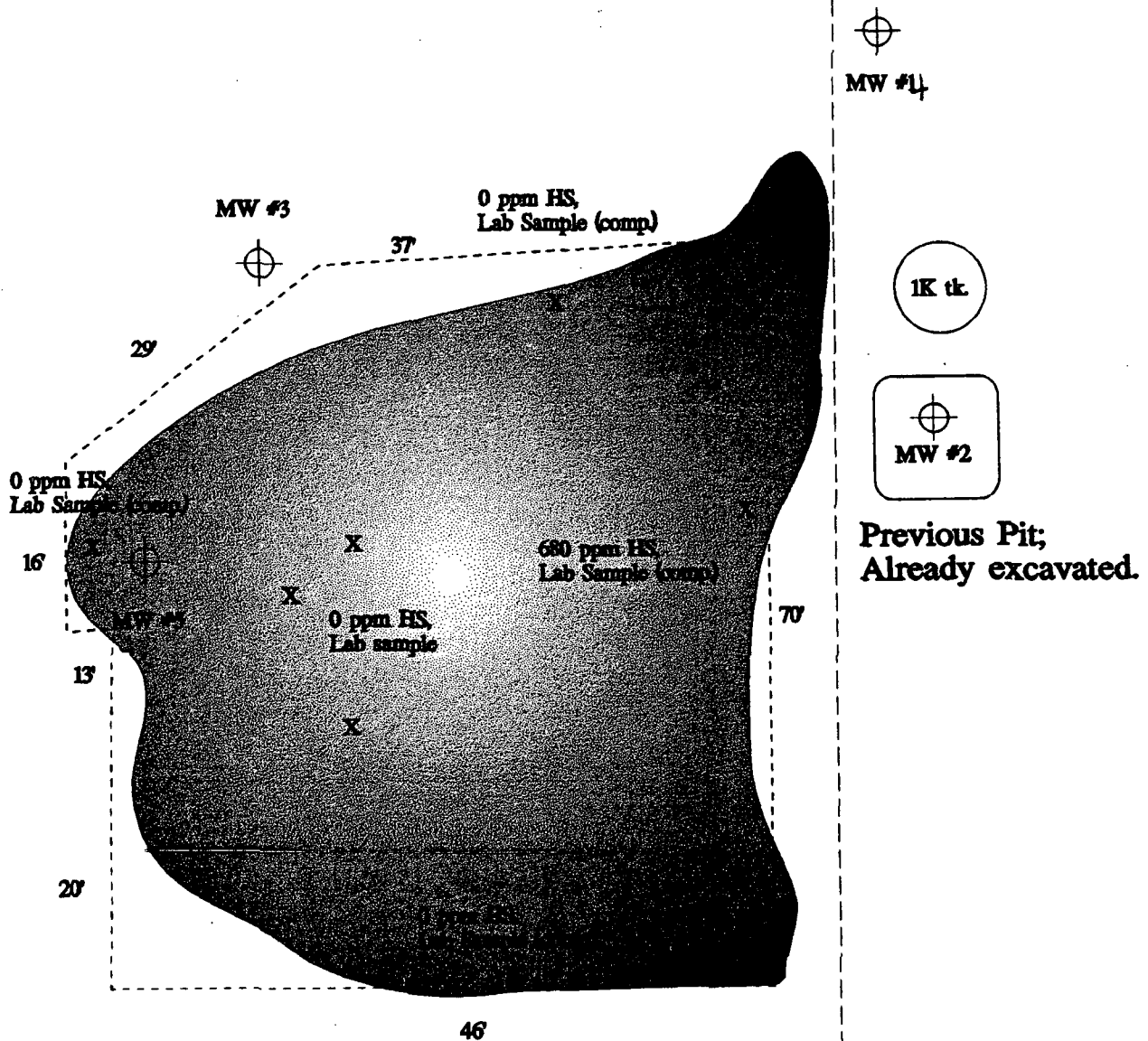
20'

46'

MW #1

50' from EW pipeline to MW #5

Miles Federal #1E Drip;
Further investigation.



Miles Federal #1E Drip; Further investigation.
Shaded area indicates apparent extent of
contamination.

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LAB: (505) 325-1556

ANALYTICAL REPORT

Attn: *Denver Bearden*
Company: *PNM Gas Services*
Address: *603 W. Elm*
City, State: *Farmington, NM 87401*

Date: *3-Jul-97*
COC No.: *5179*
Sample No.: *15145*
Job No.: *2-1000*

Project Name: *PNM Gas Services - Miles Federal 1E Drip Landfarm*
Project Location: *9706281137; 10pt. Composite*
Sampled by: *RH* Date: *28-Jun-97* Time: *11:37*
Analyzed by: *DC/HR* Date: *3-Jul-97*
Sample Matrix: *Soil*

Laboratory Analysis

Parameter	Results as Received	Unit of Measure	Limit of Quantitation	Unit of Measure
<i>Diesel Range Organics (C10 - C28)</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>mg/kg</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>mg/kg</i>

ND - Not Detected at Limit of Quantitation

Quality Assurance Report

DRO QC No.: 0548-STD

Continuing Calibration Verification

Parameter	Method Blank	Unit of Measure	True Value	Analyzed Value	RPD	RPD Limit
<i>Diesel Range (C10 - C28)</i>	<i>ND</i>	<i>ppm</i>	<i>200</i>	<i>189</i>	<i>5.6</i>	<i>15%</i>

Matrix Spike

Parameter	1- Percent Recovered	2 - Percent Recovered	Limit	RPD	RPD Limit
<i>Diesel Range (C10-C28)</i>	<i>96</i>	<i>98</i>	<i>(70-130)</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>20%</i>

Method - *SW-846 EPA Method 8015A mod. - Nonhalogenated Volatile Hydrocarbons by Gas Chromatography*

Approved by: *[Signature]*

Date: *7/3/97*

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Laboratory Analysis

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<i>Benzene</i>	ND	ug/kg	1	ug/kg
<i>Toluene</i>	5	ug/kg	1	ug/kg
<i>Ethylbenzene</i>	6	ug/kg	1	ug/kg
<i>m,p-Xylene</i>	15	ug/kg	1	ug/kg
<i>o-Xylene</i>	59	ug/kg	1	ug/kg
	<i>TOTAL</i>	85		ug/kg

ND - Not Detected at Limit of Quantitation

Method - SW-846 EPA Method 8020A Aromatic Volatile Organics by Gas Chromatography

Approved by: *[Signature]*
Date: *7/13/97*

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ANALYTICAL REPORT

Date: 29-Mar-99

Client:	PNM - Public Service Company of NM	Client Sample Info:	Miles Federal 1E Drip
Work Order:	9903044	Client Sample ID:	9903180845; 3pt. Bottom
Lab ID:	9903044-01A	Matrix:	SOIL
Project:	Miles Federal 1E Drip	Collection Date:	3/18/99 8:45:00 AM
		COC Record:	5785

Parameter	Result	PQL	Qual	Units	DF	Date Analyzed
DIESEL RANGE ORGANICS		SW8015				Analyst: DC
T/R Hydrocarbons: C10-C28	ND	50		mg/Kg	2	3/23/99
AROMATIC VOLATILES BY GC/PID		SW8021B				Analyst: HR
Benzene	ND	1		µg/Kg	1	3/22/99
Toluene	ND	2		µg/Kg	1	3/22/99
Ethylbenzene	ND	1		µg/Kg	1	3/22/99
m,p-Xylene	ND	2		µg/Kg	1	3/22/99
o-Xylene	ND	1		µg/Kg	1	3/22/99

Qualifiers:

PQL - Practical Quantitation Limit

ND - Not Detected at Practical Quantitation Limit

J - Analyte detected below Practical Quantitation Limit

B - Analyte detected in the associated Method Blank

S - Spike Recovery outside accepted recovery limits

R - RPD outside accepted recovery limits

E - Value above quantitation range

Surr: - Surrogate

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ANALYTICAL REPORT

Date: 29-Mar-99

Client:	PNM - Public Service Company of NM	Client Sample Info:	Miles Federal 1E Drip
Work Order:	9903044	Client Sample ID:	9903180855; 4 Wall Composite
Lab ID:	9903044-02A	Matrix:	SOIL
Project:	Miles Federal 1E Drip	Collection Date:	3/18/99 8:55:00 AM
		COC Record:	5785

Parameter	Result	PQL	Qual	Units	DF	Date Analyzed
DIESEL RANGE ORGANICS						
		SW8015				Analyst: DC
T/R Hydrocarbons: C10-C28	ND	50		mg/Kg	2	3/24/99
AROMATIC VOLATILES BY GC/PID						
		SW8021B				Analyst: HR
Benzene	12	1		µg/Kg	1	3/22/99
Toluene	14	2		µg/Kg	1	3/22/99
Ethylbenzene	2.8	1		µg/Kg	1	3/22/99
m,p-Xylene	20	2		µg/Kg	1	3/22/99
o-Xylene	4.3	1		µg/Kg	1	3/22/99

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RD

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LAB: (505) 325-1556

ANALYTICAL REPORT

Date: 07-May-99

Client:	PNM - Public Service Company of NM	Client Sample Info:	Miles Federal 1E Drip LF
Work Order:	9905012	Client Sample ID:	9905031531; 6pt. Comp
Lab ID:	9905012-01A	Matrix:	SOIL
Project:	Miles Federal 1E Drip LF	Collection Date:	5/3/99 3:31:00 PM
		COC Record:	7479

Parameter	Result	PQL	Qual	Units	DF	Date Analyzed
DIESEL RANGE ORGANICS		SW8015B				Analyst: DC
T/R Hydrocarbons: C10-C28	ND	25		mg/Kg	1	5/5/99

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