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Oil Conservation Division  
1220 South St. Francis Dr.  
Santa Fe, NM 87505

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Form C-144  
July 21, 2008

For temporary pits, closed-loop systems, and below-grade tanks, submit to the appropriate NMOCD District Office.  
For permanent pits and exceptions submit to the Santa Fe Environmental Bureau office and provide a copy to the appropriate NMOCD District Office.

Pit, Closed-Loop System, Below-Grade Tank, or  
Proposed Alternative Method Permit or Closure Plan Application

Type of action: ☐ Permit of a pit, closed-loop system, below-grade tank, or proposed alternative method  
☒ Closure of a pit, closed-loop system, below-grade tank, or proposed alternative method  
☐ Modification to an existing permit  
☐ Closure plan only submitted for an existing permitted or non-permitted pit, closed-loop system, below-grade tank, or proposed alternative method

*Instructions: Please submit one application (Form C-144) per individual pit, closed-loop system, below-grade tank or alternative request*

Please be advised that approval of this request does not relieve the operator of liability should operations result in pollution of surface water, ground water or the environment. Nor does approval relieve the operator of its responsibility to comply with any other applicable governmental authority's rules, regulations or ordinances.

1. Operator: XOG Operating, LLC. OGRID #: 236790  
Address: 1801 W. Texas, Midland, TX 79701  
Facility or well name: Catclaw 19-001  
API Number: 30-015-34574 OCD Permit Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
U/L or Qtr/Qtr P Section 18 Township 215 Range 26E County: Eddy  
Center of Proposed Design: Latitude \_\_\_\_\_ Longitude \_\_\_\_\_ NAD: ☐ 1927 ☐ 1983  
Surface Owner: ☐ Federal ☒ State ☐ Private ☐ Tribal Trust or Indian Allotment

2. ☒ **Pit:** Subsection F or G of 19.15.17.11 NMAC  
Temporary: ☒ Drilling ☐ Workover  
☐ Permanent ☐ Emergency ☐ Cavitation ☐ P&A  
☒ Lined ☐ Unlined Liner type: Thickness 12 mil ☐ LLDPE ☐ HDPE ☐ PVC ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ String-Reinforced  
Liner Seams: ☐ Welded ☐ Factory ☒ Other stitched Volume: 14,000 bbl Dimensions: L 150 x W 110 x D 5

3. ☐ **Closed-loop System:** Subsection H of 19.15.17.11 NMAC  
Type of Operation: ☐ P&A ☐ Drilling a new well ☐ Workover or Drilling (Applies to activities which require prior approval of a permit or notice of intent)  
☐ Drying Pad ☐ Above Ground Steel Tanks ☐ Haul-off Bins ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Lined ☐ Unlined Liner type: Thickness \_\_\_\_\_ mil ☐ LLDPE ☐ HDPE ☐ PVC ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_  
Liner Seams: ☐ Welded ☐ Factory ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

4. ☐ **Below-grade tank:** Subsection I of 19.15.17.11 NMAC  
Volume: \_\_\_\_\_ bbl Type of fluid: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tank Construction material: \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Secondary containment with leak detection ☐ Visible sidewalls, liner, 6-inch lift and automatic overflow shut-off  
☐ Visible sidewalls and liner ☐ Visible sidewalls only ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_  
Liner type: Thickness \_\_\_\_\_ mil ☐ HDPE ☐ PVC ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

5. ☐ **Alternative Method:**  
Submittal of an exception request is required. Exceptions must be submitted to the Santa Fe Environmental Bureau office for consideration of approval.

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*Closure Completion 12/10/09 - Rule 50 permitted*

6.	<p><b>Fencing:</b> Subsection D of 19.15.17.11 NMAC (<i>Applies to permanent pits, temporary pits, and below-grade tanks</i>)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Chain link, six feet in height, two strands of barbed wire at top (<i>Required if located within 1000 feet of a permanent residence, school, hospital, institution or church</i>)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Four foot height, four strands of barbed wire evenly spaced between one and four feet</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Alternate. Please specify _____</p>																				
7.	<p><b>Netting:</b> Subsection E of 19.15.17.11 NMAC (<i>Applies to permanent pits and permanent open top tanks</i>)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Screen <input type="checkbox"/> Netting <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Monthly inspections (If netting or screening is not physically feasible)</p>																				
8.	<p><b>Signs:</b> Subsection C of 19.15.17.11 NMAC</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 12"x 24", 2" lettering, providing Operator's name, site location, and emergency telephone numbers</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Signed in compliance with 19.15.3 103 NMAC</p>																				
9.	<p><b>Administrative Approvals and Exceptions:</b></p> <p>Justifications and/or demonstrations of equivalency are required. Please refer to 19.15.17 NMAC for guidance.</p> <p><i>Please check a box if one or more of the following is requested, if not leave blank:</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Administrative approval(s). Requests must be submitted to the appropriate division district or the Santa Fe Environmental Bureau office for consideration of approval.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Exception(s). Requests must be submitted to the Santa Fe Environmental Bureau office for consideration of approval</p>																				
10.	<p><b>Siting Criteria (regarding permitting):</b> 19.15.17.10 NMAC</p> <p><i>Instructions: The applicant must demonstrate compliance for each siting criteria below in the application. Recommendations of acceptable source material are provided below. Requests regarding changes to certain siting criteria may require administrative approval from the appropriate district office or may be considered an exception which must be submitted to the Santa Fe Environmental Bureau office for consideration of approval. Applicant must attach justification for request. Please refer to 19.15.17.10 NMAC for guidance. Siting criteria does not apply to drying pads or above-grade tanks associated with a closed-loop system.</i></p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 80%;"> <p>Ground water is less than 50 feet below the bottom of the temporary pit, permanent pit, or below-grade tank.</p> <p>- NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search; USGS; Data obtained from nearby wells</p> </td> <td style="width: 20%; text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No </td> </tr> <tr> <td> <p>Within 300 feet of a continuously flowing watercourse, or 200 feet of any other significant watercourse or lakebed, sinkhole, or playa lake (measured from the ordinary high-water mark).</p> <p>- Topographic map; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site</p> </td> <td style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No </td> </tr> <tr> <td> <p>Within 300 feet from a permanent residence, school, hospital, institution, or church in existence at the time of initial application. 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11.

**Temporary Pits, Emergency Pits, and Below-grade Tanks Permit Application Attachment Checklist:** Subsection B of 19.15.17.9 NMAC*Instructions: Each of the following items must be attached to the application. Please indicate, by a check mark in the box, that the documents are attached.*

- ☐ Hydrogeologic Report (Below-grade Tanks) - based upon the requirements of Paragraph (4) of Subsection B of 19.15.17.9 NMAC  
☒ Hydrogeologic Data (Temporary and Emergency Pits) - based upon the requirements of Paragraph (2) of Subsection B of 19.15.17.9 NMAC  
☒ Siting Criteria Compliance Demonstrations - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.10 NMAC  
☐ Design Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.11 NMAC  
☐ Operating and Maintenance Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.12 NMAC  
☒ Closure Plan (Please complete Boxes 14 through 18, if applicable) - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection C of 19.15.17.9 NMAC and 19.15.17.13 NMAC

☐ Previously Approved Design (attach copy of design) API Number: \_\_\_\_\_ or Permit Number: \_\_\_\_\_

12.

**Closed-loop Systems Permit Application Attachment Checklist:** Subsection B of 19.15.17.9 NMAC*Instructions: Each of the following items must be attached to the application. Please indicate, by a check mark in the box, that the documents are attached.*

- ☐ Geologic and Hydrogeologic Data (only for on-site closure) - based upon the requirements of Paragraph (3) of Subsection B of 19.15.17.9  
☐ Siting Criteria Compliance Demonstrations (only for on-site closure) - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.10 NMAC  
☐ Design Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.11 NMAC  
☐ Operating and Maintenance Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.12 NMAC  
☐ Closure Plan (Please complete Boxes 14 through 18, if applicable) - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection C of 19.15.17.9 NMAC and 19.15.17.13 NMAC

☐ Previously Approved Design (attach copy of design) API Number: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Previously Approved Operating and Maintenance Plan API Number: \_\_\_\_\_ (Applies only to closed-loop system that use above ground steel tanks or haul-off bins and propose to implement waste removal for closure)

13.

**Permanent Pits Permit Application Checklist:** Subsection B of 19.15.17.9 NMAC*Instructions: Each of the following items must be attached to the application. Please indicate, by a check mark in the box, that the documents are attached.*

- ☐ Hydrogeologic Report - based upon the requirements of Paragraph (i) of Subsection B of 19.15.17.9 NMAC  
☐ Siting Criteria Compliance Demonstrations - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.10 NMAC  
☐ Climatological Factors Assessment  
☐ Certified Engineering Design Plans - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.11 NMAC  
☐ Dike Protection and Structural Integrity Design - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.11 NMAC  
☐ Leak Detection Design - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.11 NMAC  
☐ Liner Specifications and Compatibility Assessment - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.11 NMAC  
☐ Quality Control/Quality Assurance Construction and Installation Plan  
☐ Operating and Maintenance Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.12 NMAC  
☐ Freeboard and Overtopping Prevention Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.11 NMAC  
☐ Nuisance or Hazardous Odors, including H<sub>2</sub>S, Prevention Plan  
☐ Emergency Response Plan  
☐ Oil Field Waste Stream Characterization  
☐ Monitoring and Inspection Plan  
☐ Erosion Control Plan  
☐ Closure Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection C of 19.15.17.9 NMAC and 19.15.17.13 NMAC

14.

**Proposed Closure:** 19.15.17.13 NMAC*Instructions: Please complete the applicable boxes, Boxes 14 through 18, in regards to the proposed closure plan.*

Type: ☒ Drilling ☐ Workover ☐ Emergency ☐ Cavitation ☐ P&A ☐ Permanent Pit ☐ Below-grade Tank ☐ Closed-loop System  
☐ Alternative

Proposed Closure Method: ☒ Waste Excavation and Removal  
☐ Waste Removal (Closed-loop systems only)  
☐ On-site Closure Method (Only for temporary pits and closed-loop systems)  
☐ In-place Burial ☐ On-site Trench Burial  
☐ Alternative Closure Method (Exceptions must be submitted to the Santa Fe Environmental Bureau for consideration)

15.

**Waste Excavation and Removal Closure Plan Checklist:** (19.15.17.13 NMAC) *Instructions: Each of the following items must be attached to the closure plan. Please indicate, by a check mark in the box, that the documents are attached.*

- ☐ Protocols and Procedures - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.13 NMAC  
☐ Confirmation Sampling Plan (if applicable) - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection F of 19.15.17.13 NMAC  
☐ Disposal Facility Name and Permit Number (for liquids, drilling fluids and drill cuttings)  
☐ Soil Backfill and Cover Design Specifications - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection H of 19.15.17.13 NMAC  
☐ Re-vegetation Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection I of 19.15.17.13 NMAC  
☐ Site Reclamation Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection G of 19.15.17.13 NMAC

16. **Waste Removal Closure For Closed-loop Systems That Utilize Above Ground Steel Tanks or Haul-off Bins Only:** (19.15.17.13.D NMAC)  
**Instructions:** Please identify the facility or facilities for the disposal of liquids, drilling fluids and drill cuttings. Use attachment if more than two facilities are required.

Disposal Facility Name CBI Disposal Facility Permit Number: 6

Disposal Facility Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Disposal Facility Permit Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Will any of the proposed closed-loop system operations and associated activities occur on or in areas that *will not* be used for future service and operations?  
☐ Yes (if yes, please provide the information below) ☐ No

*Required for impacted areas which will not be used for future service and operations.*

☒ Soil Backfill and Cover Design Specifications - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection H of 19.15.17.13 NMAC  
☒ Re-vegetation Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection I of 19.15.17.13 NMAC  
☒ Site Reclamation Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection G of 19.15.17.13 NMAC

17. **Siting Criteria (regarding on-site closure methods only):** 19.15.17.10 NMAC  
**Instructions:** Each siting criteria requires a demonstration of compliance in the closure plan. Recommendations of acceptable source material are provided below. Requests regarding changes to certain siting criteria may require administrative approval from the appropriate district office or may be considered an exception which must be submitted to the Santa Fe Environmental Bureau office for consideration of approval. Justifications and/or demonstrations of equivalency are required. Please refer to 19.15.17.10 NMAC for guidance.

Ground water is less than 50 feet below the bottom of the buried waste - NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search; USGS; Data obtained from nearby wells	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> NA
Ground water is between 50 and 100 feet below the bottom of the buried waste - NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search; USGS; Data obtained from nearby wells	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> NA
Ground water is more than 100 feet below the bottom of the buried waste - NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search; USGS; Data obtained from nearby wells	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> NA
Within 300 feet of a continuously flowing watercourse, or 200 feet of any other significant watercourse or lakebed, sinkhole, or playa lake (measured from the ordinary high-water mark). - Topographic map; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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Within 500 feet of a wetland. - US Fish and Wildlife Wetland Identification map; Topographic map; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Within the area overlying a subsurface mine - Written confirmation or verification or map from the NM EMNRD-Mining and Mineral Division	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Within an unstable area. - Engineering measures incorporated into the design; NM Bureau of Geology & Mineral Resources; USGS; NM Geological Society; Topographic map	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Within a 100-year floodplain. - FEMA map	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

18. **On-Site Closure Plan Checklist:** (19.15.17.13 NMAC) **Instructions:** Each of the following items must be attached to the closure plan. Please indicate, by a check mark in the box, that the documents are attached.

☐ Siting Criteria Compliance Demonstrations - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.10 NMAC  
☐ Proof of Surface Owner Notice - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection F of 19.15.17.13 NMAC  
☐ Construction/Design Plan of Burial Trench (if applicable) based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.11 NMAC  
☐ Construction/Design Plan of Temporary Pit (for in-place burial of a drying pad) - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.11 NMAC  
☐ Protocols and Procedures - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.13 NMAC  
☐ Confirmation Sampling Plan (if applicable) - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection F of 19.15.17.13 NMAC  
☐ Waste Material Sampling Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection F of 19.15.17.13 NMAC  
☐ Disposal Facility Name and Permit Number (for liquids, drilling fluids and drill cuttings or in case on-site closure standards cannot be achieved)  
☐ Soil Cover Design - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection H of 19.15.17.13 NMAC  
☐ Re-vegetation Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection I of 19.15.17.13 NMAC  
☐ Site Reclamation Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection G of 19.15.17.13 NMAC

19.

**Operator Application Certification:**

I hereby certify that the information submitted with this application is true, accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Name (Print): Nick Hoop Title: ENGINEERSignature: [Signature] Date: \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

20.

**OCD Approval:** ☐ Permit Application (including closure plan) ☐ Closure Plan (only) ☐ OCD Conditions (see attachment)

OCD Representative Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Approval Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ OCD Permit Number: \_\_\_\_\_

21.

**Closure Report (required within 60 days of closure completion):** Subsection K of 19.15.17.13 NMAC*Instructions: Operators are required to obtain an approved closure plan prior to implementing any closure activities and submitting the closure report. The closure report is required to be submitted to the division within 60 days of the completion of the closure activities. Please do not complete this section of the form until an approved closure plan has been obtained and the closure activities have been completed.*☒ Closure Completion Date: 12-10-2009

22.

**Closure Method:**☒ Waste Excavation and Removal ☐ On-Site Closure Method ☐ Alternative Closure Method ☐ Waste Removal (Closed-loop systems only)  
☐ If different from approved plan, please explain.

23.

**Closure Report Regarding Waste Removal Closure For Closed-loop Systems That Utilize Above Ground Steel Tanks or Haul-off Bins Only:***Instructions: Please identify the facility or facilities for where the liquids, drilling fluids and drill cuttings were disposed. Use attachment if more than two facilities were utilized.*Disposal Facility Name: CR1 Disposal Facility Permit Number: NM R-9166

Disposal Facility Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Disposal Facility Permit Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Were the closed-loop system operations and associated activities performed on or in areas that will not be used for future service and operations?

☐ Yes (If yes, please demonstrate compliance to the items below) ☒ No

Required for impacted areas which will not be used for future service and operations:

- ☐ Site Reclamation (Photo Documentation)  
☐ Soil Backfilling and Cover Installation  
☐ Re-vegetation Application Rates and Seeding Technique

24.

**Closure Report Attachment Checklist:** *Instructions: Each of the following items must be attached to the closure report. Please indicate, by a check mark in the box, that the documents are attached.*

- ☐ Proof of Closure Notice (surface owner and division)  
☐ Proof of Deed Notice (required for on-site closure)  
☐ Plot Plan (for on-site closures and temporary pits)  
☒ Confirmation Sampling Analytical Results (if applicable)  
☒ Waste Material Sampling Analytical Results (required for on-site closure)  
☒ Disposal Facility Name and Permit Number  
☒ Soil Backfilling and Cover Installation  
☐ Re-vegetation Application Rates and Seeding Technique  
☒ Site Reclamation (Photo Documentation)

On-site Closure Location: Latitude \_\_\_\_\_ Longitude \_\_\_\_\_ NAD: ☐ 1927 ☐ 1983

25.

**Operator Closure Certification:**

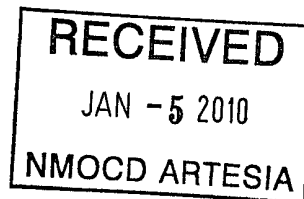
I hereby certify that the information and attachments submitted with this closure report is true, accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. I also certify that the closure complies with all applicable closure requirements and conditions specified in the approved closure plan.

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**PIT REMEDIATION AND  
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CATCLAW 18 #001, API: 30-015-34574  
EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO**

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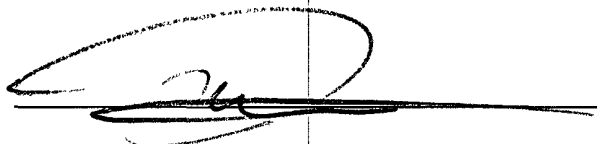
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**December 10, 2009**

Mr. Mike Bratcher  
Oil Conservation Division  
1301 West Grand Avenue  
Artesia, NM 88210

RE: Pit Remediation and Closure Report  
Catclaw 18 #001, API #: 30-015-34574  
Excavation and Remediation of Impacted Soil  
Eddy County, New Mexico

## **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

On behalf of XOG Operating, LLC. (XOG), South Environmental Services, Inc. (SES) is pleased to submit this Pit Remediation and Closure Report for the site known as Catclaw unit 18 #001 Lease, API: 30-015-34574, Eddy County, New Mexico (the site). This report presents the results of the remedial actions performed at the above referenced site.

### **1.1 Purpose of Report**

The purpose of this report is to present a summary of the completed field activities and results of remedial actions performed in order to facilitate regulatory closure of this site.

## **2.0 PROTOCOLS AND PROCEDURES**

### **2.1 Pit Remediation and Closure Activities**

As illustrated in the attached Figures, the Excavation and Backfill procedures followed all applicable protocols and rules outlined in 19.15.17.10 NMAC. All liquids were removed prior to excavation process and 3,044 cubic yards of the contaminated soil was hauled to the Controlled Recovery, Inc. (CRI). South Environmental Services, Inc. took special care to ensure all impacted soils were included in the excavation and disposal. As outlined an approved state disposal facility was utilized for waste disposal. Confirmation sampling took place to ensure no impacted soil had been left in place. The pit was lined with a twelve (12) mil stitched liner. All backfilled material was appropriate soil, clean and compacted. Re-Vegetation and Site Remediation procedures were followed.

### **3.0 CONFIRMATION SAMPLING**

As illustrated in the attached figures, confirmation sampling took place after impacted material had been disposed of. The confirmation samples were taken for each quadrant (North, South, East, and West) of the main reserve pit and a sample from the center of the main reserve pit. Multiple sampling events were conducted on May 20, 2009 thru September 17, 2009. The confirmation samples (NW, SW, CENTER, and NE) were analyzed for chlorides using EPA METHOD 4500. Confirmation sampling locations are depicted in Attachment 2, Figure 2.

### **4.0 DISPOSAL FACILITY NAME AND PERMIT NUMBER**

Controlled Recovery, Inc. Disposal, Permit #: NM R-9166

### **5.0 SOIL BACKFILL AND COVER DESIGN SPECIFICATIONS**

A twenty (20) mil cap was installed in the bottom of the pit to meet OCD requirements. The soil cover is an adequate backfill material, compacted and non-waste containing, from top to cap (<4' below surface ground) to >1' below ground surface and topsoil to surface grade.

### **6.0 RE-VEGETATION**

The re-vegetation took place with a minimum of 70% native perennial vegetative cover consisted of at least 3 native plant species, including at least one grass and no noxious weeds. Cover will be maintained through 2 successive growing seasons.

### **7.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

Based on the findings and results of the remedial actions described herewith, South Environmental request the OCD's concurrence that the site meets the conditions for final site closure, thus requiring no further corrective action by XOG Operating. Upon OCD approval, the site will be restored as near as possible to the original site conditions as set out below.

- The former pit area will be backfilled with native soils to the original elevation and contours of the surrounding land.
- The disturbed soils in the native pasture areas will be tilled and seeded to help minimize erosion and re-establish natural plant growth.

## **8.0 QA/QC PROCEDURES**

### **8.1 Soil Sampling**

Samples of subsurface soils were obtained utilizing proper EPA protocols and/or standards. Representative soil samples were collected using clean, disposable gloves and clean sampling tools. The soil sample was then placed in a sterile glass container equipped with a Teflon-lined lid furnished by the analytical laboratory. The container was filled to capacity to limit the amount of head-space present. Each container was labeled and placed on ice in an insulated cooler. Upon selection of samples for analysis, the cooler will be sealed for shipment to the laboratory. Proper chain-of-custody documentation will be maintained throughout the sampling and transportation process.

Soil samples were delivered to Cardinal Laboratories in Hobbs, NM for Chloride analyses using the methods described below. Soil samples were analyzed for Chlorides within fourteen days following the collection date.

The soil samples were analyzed as follows:

1. Chloride concentrations in accordance with Method 4500-Cl-B.

### **8.2 Laboratory Protocol**

The laboratory will be responsible for proper QA/QC procedures. These procedures will either be transmitted with the laboratory reports or on file at the laboratory.

## **9.0 LIMITATIONS**

South Environmental Services, Inc. has prepared this Pit Remediation and Closure Report to the best of its ability. No other warranty, expressed or implied, is made or intended.

South Environmental Services, Inc. has examined and relied upon documents referenced in the report and has relied on oral statements made by certain individuals. South Environmental Services, Inc. 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. South Environmental Services, Inc. has prepared this report in a professional manner, using the degree of skill and care exercised by similar environmental consultants. South Environmental Services, Inc. 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 XOG 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 South Environmental Services, Inc. and/or XOG Operating, LLC.

Thank you for the assistance in this matter. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me at 432-425-8454.

Sincerely,  
SOUTH ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, INC.

Ronnie W. Nickell  
Sr. Project Manager

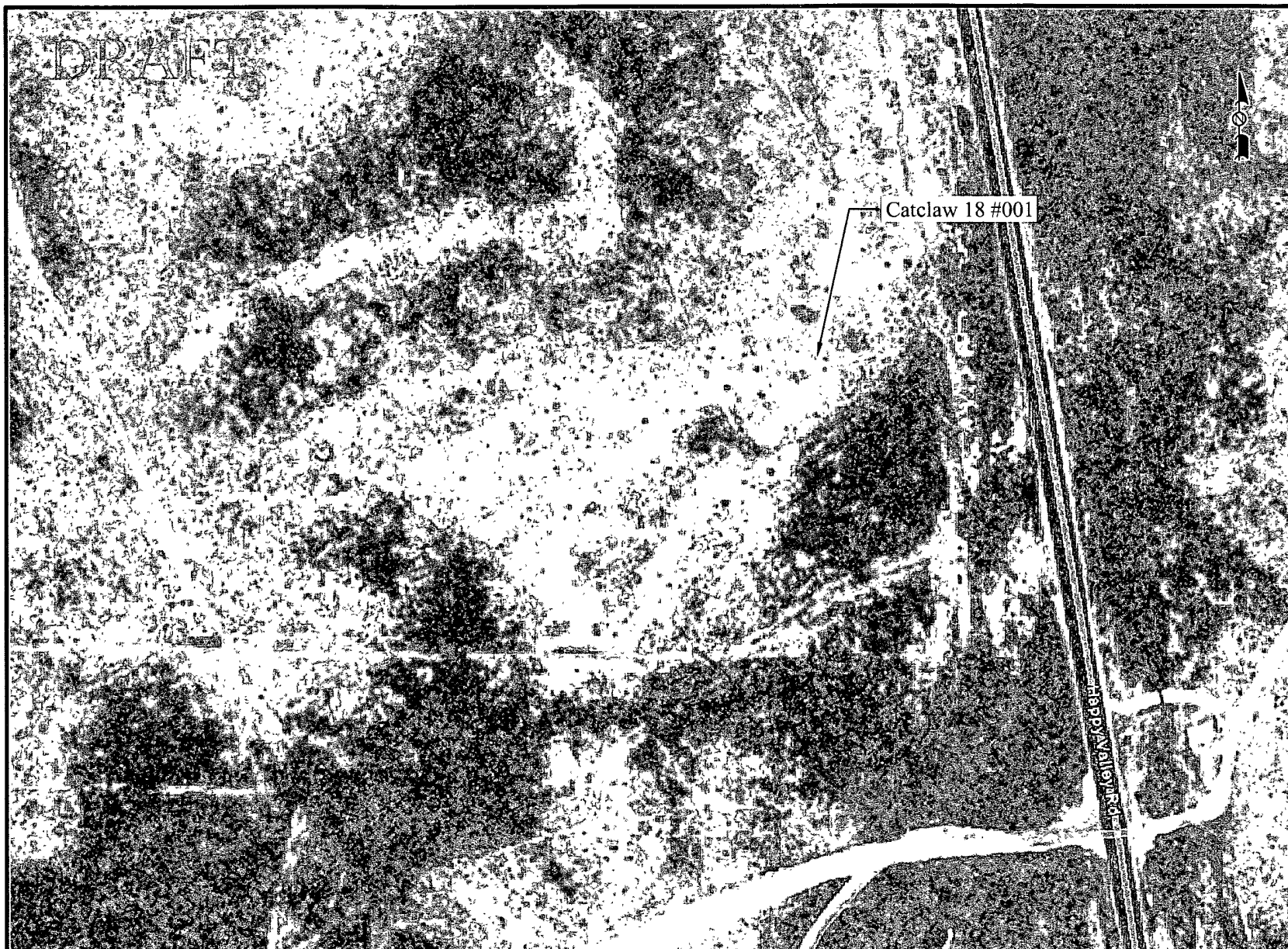
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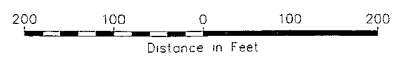
**SITE FIGURES**



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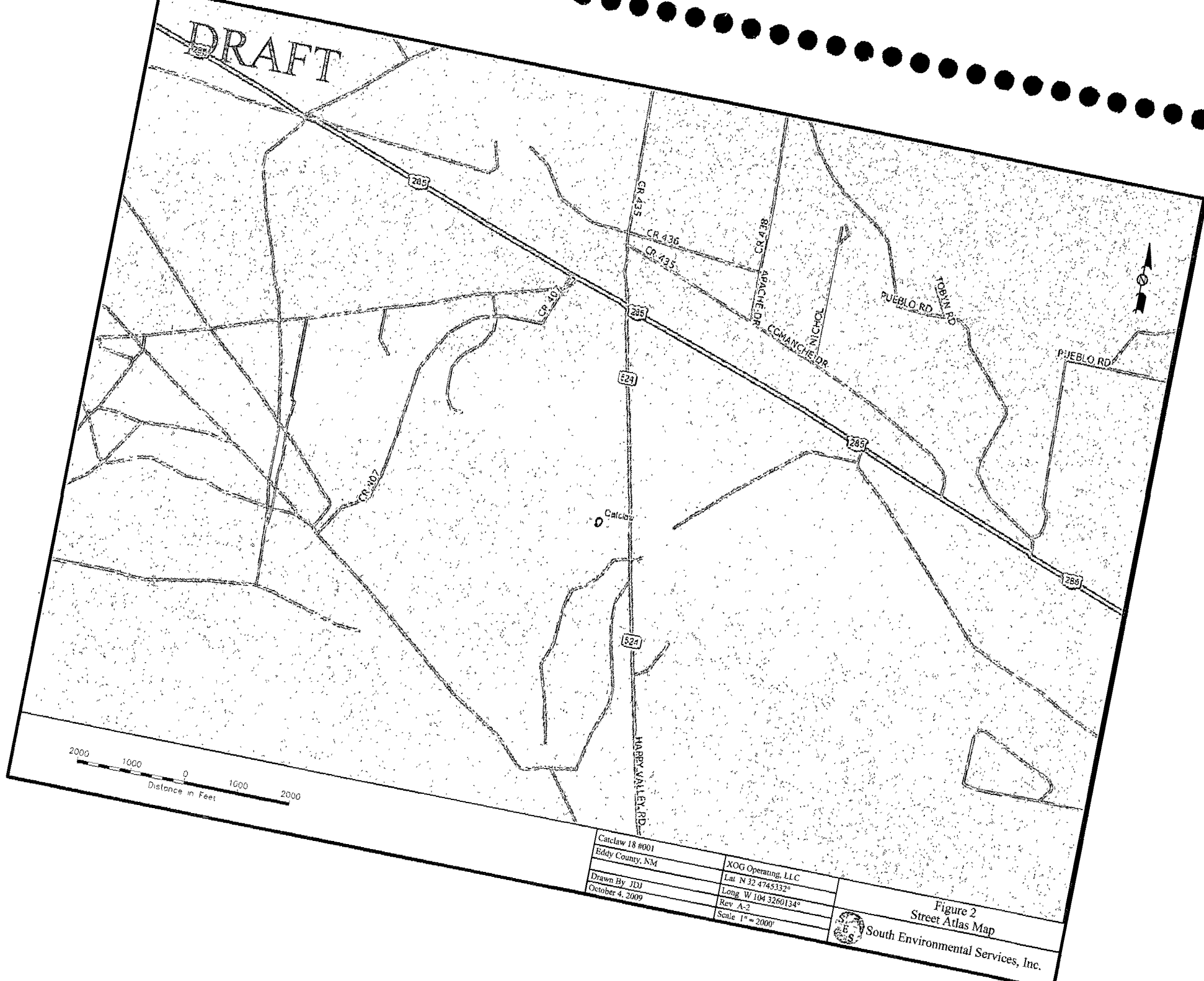
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Figure 1  
Aerial Photo



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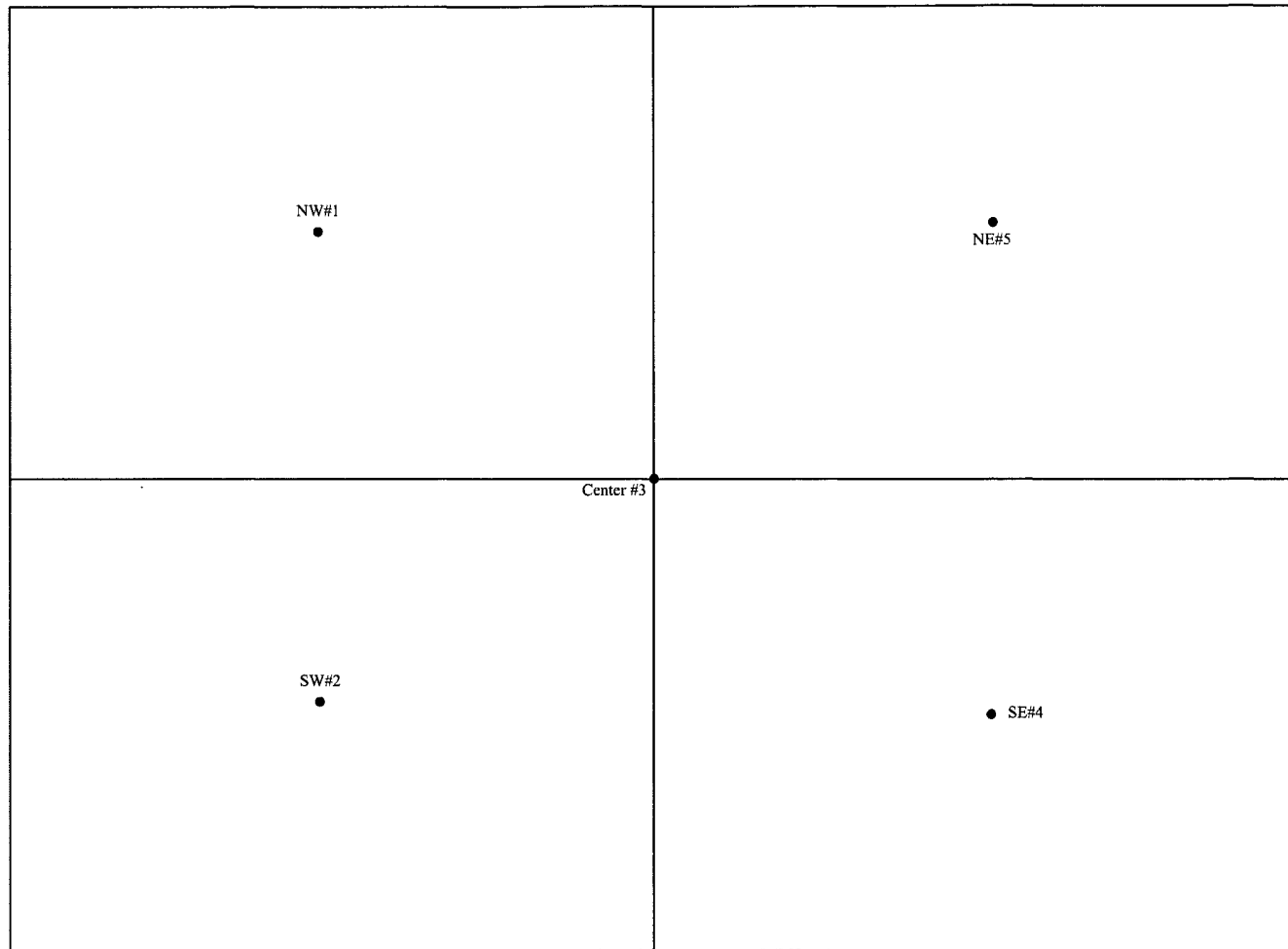
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Figure 2  
Street Atlas Map  
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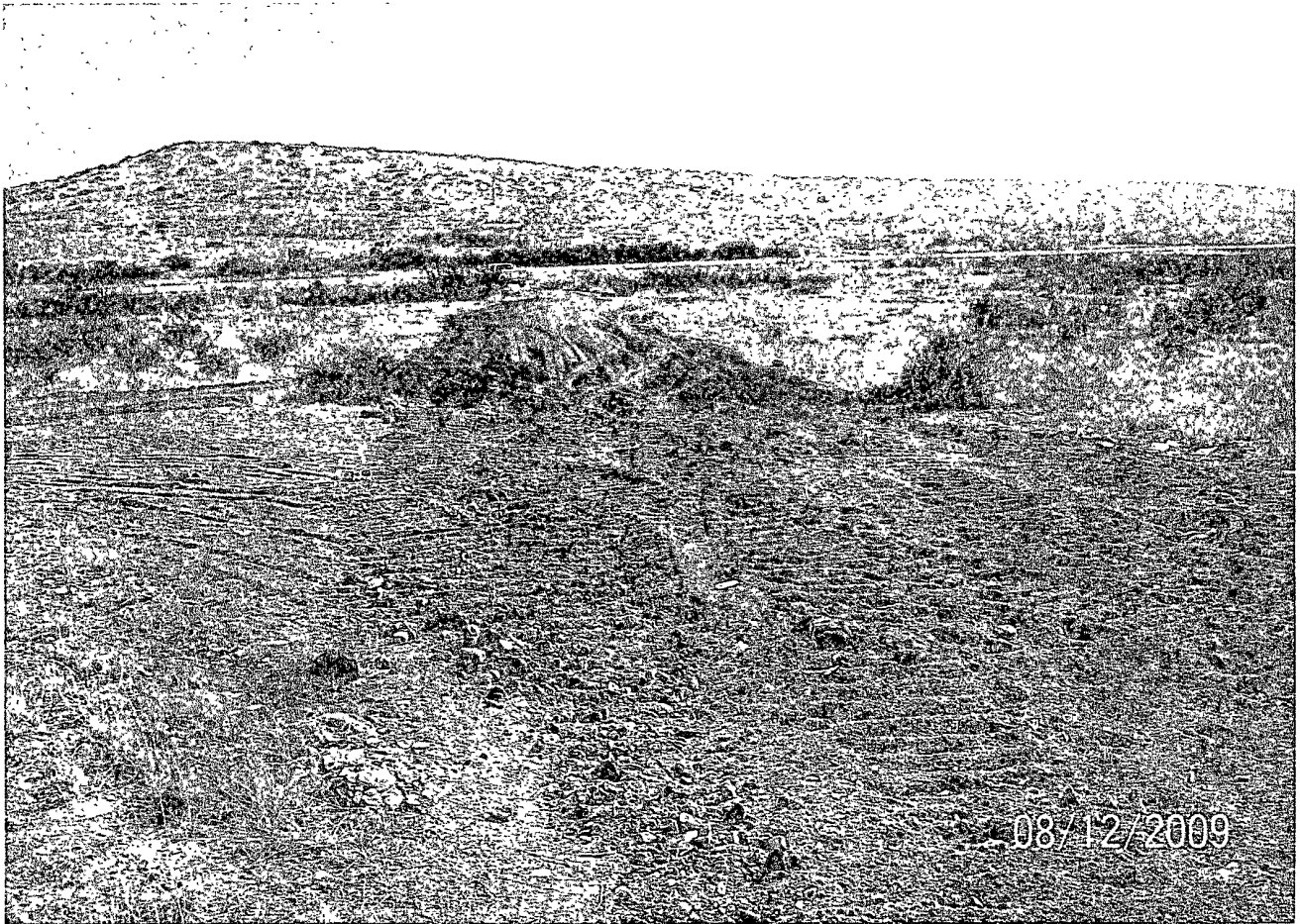
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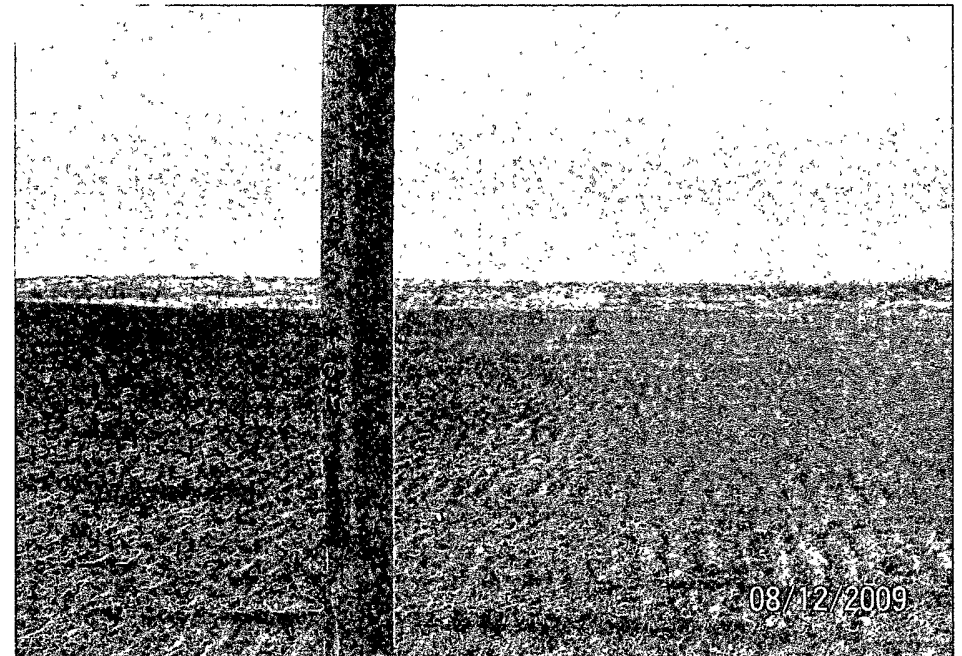
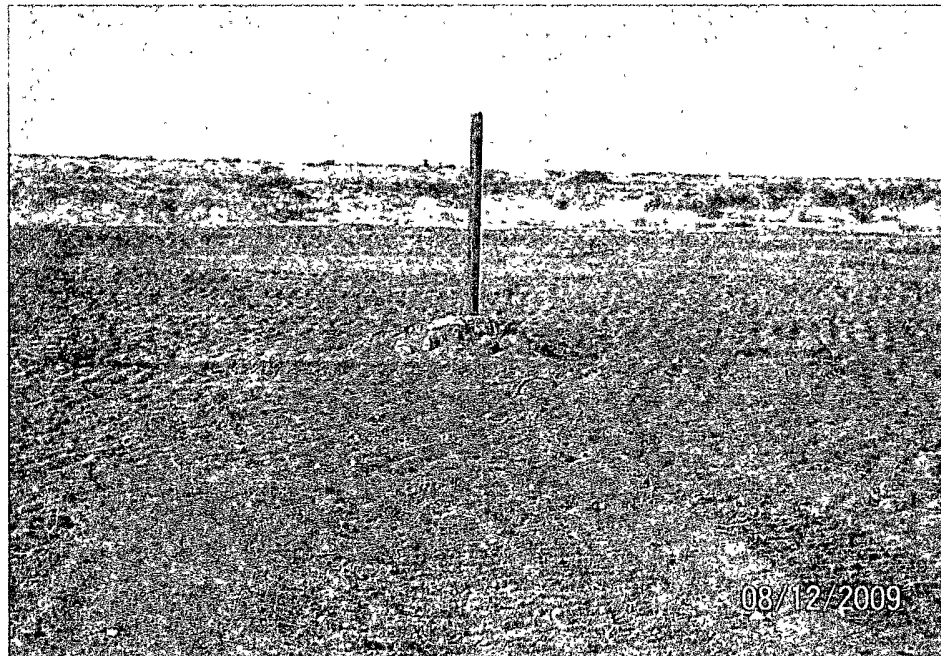
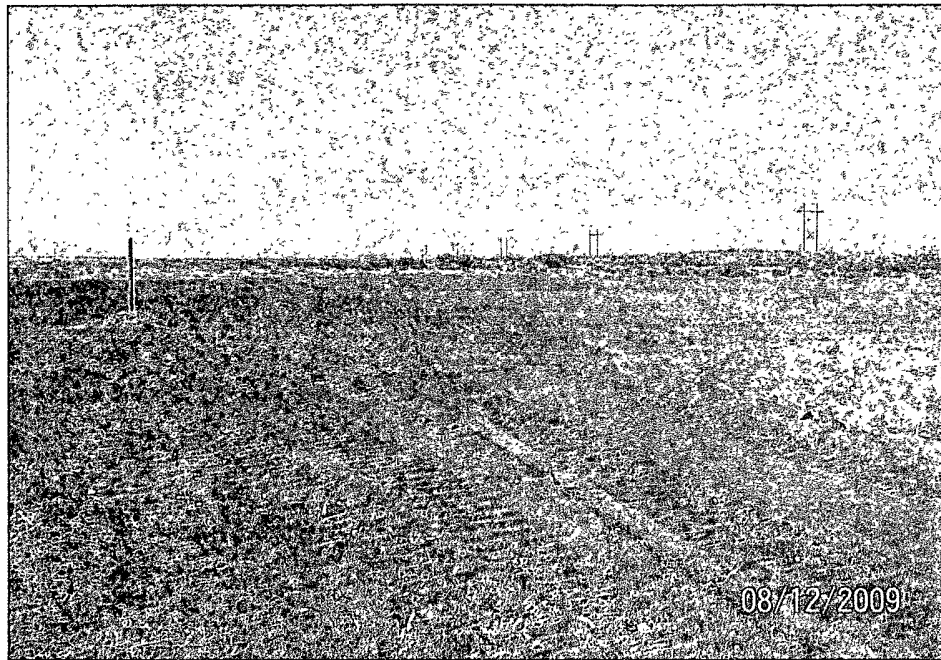
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**ATTACHMENT 2**

**SITE PHOTOGRAPHS**



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EDDY CO., NM API #30-015-34574



**ATTACHMENT 3**

**LABORATORY ANALYSIS REPORTS**



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# ANALYTICAL RESULTS FOR

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ATTN: JAMES MANN

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FAX TO: (432) 682-4182 & (575) 393-3615

Receiving Date: 05/20/09

Reporting Date: 06/09/09

Project Owner: NOT GIVEN

Project Name: CAT CLAW

Project Location: CARLSBAD, NM

Lab Number: H17460-1

Sample ID: PIT

Analysis Date: 06/09/09

Sampling Date: 05/20/09

Sample Type: SOIL

Sample Condition: INTACT @ 24°C

Sample Received By: AB

Analyzed By: CK

TCLP SEMIVOLATILES (mg/L)	EPA LIMIT	Sample Result H17460-1	Method Blank	QC	% Recov.	True Value QC
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Pyridine	5.00	<0.014	<0.010	0.024	121	0.020
1,4-Dichlorobenzene	7.50	<0.007	<0.005	0.029	145	0.020
o-Cresol	200	<0.014	<0.010	0.023	115	0.020
m, p-Cresol	200	<0.007	<0.005	0.025	125	0.020
Hexachloroethane	3.00	<0.007	<0.005	0.025	125	0.020
Nitrobenzene	2.00	<0.007	<0.005	0.022	110	0.020
Hexachloro-1,3-butadiene	0.500	<0.014	<0.010	0.025	125	0.020
2,4,6-Trichlorophenol	2.00	<0.007	<0.005	0.020	97.5	0.020
2,4,5-Trichlorophenol	400	<0.007	<0.005	0.022	110	0.020
2,4-Dinitrotoluene	0.130	<0.011	<0.008	0.019	95.0	0.020
Hexachlorobenzene	0.130	<0.007	<0.005	0.024	120	0.020
Pentachlorophenol	100	<0.029	<0.020	0.024	120	0.020

## % RECOVERY

Fluorophenol	15.8
Phenol-d5	8.38
Nitrobenzene-d5	43.9
2-Fluorobiphenyl	24.7
2,4,6-Tribromophenol	21.2
Terphenyl-d14	49.2

METHODS: EPA SW-846 1311, 8270, 3510

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2	1,1-Dichloroethene	0.7	<0.20	<0.20	9.0	90	10.0
3	Chloroform	6.0	<0.20	<0.20	9.2	92	10.0
4	Carbon tetrachloride	0.5	<0.20	<0.20	10.0	100	10.0
5	2-Butanone	200	<1.0	<1.0	47.9	96	50.0
6	Benzene	0.5	<0.20	<0.20	8.8	88	10.0
7	1,2-Dichloroethane	0.5	<0.20	<0.20	11.1	111	10.0
8	Trichloroethene	0.5	<0.20	<0.20	9.2	92	10.0
9	Tetrachloroethene	0.7	<0.20	<0.20	8.9	89	10.0
10	Chlorobenzene	100	<0.20	<0.20	10.1	101	10.0
11	1,4 Dichlorobenzene	7.5	<0.20	<0.20	9.0	90	10.0

Surrogates	%Recovery
1,2 Dichloroethane-d4	92
Toluene-d8	89
4-Bromofluorobenzene	88

METHODS: EPA SW-846-1311/8260.

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Sample Condition: INTACT @ 24°C

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Sample Received By: AB

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Enclosed are the results of analyses for sample number H17982, received by the laboratory on 08/13/09 at 9:15 am.

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Method TX 1005	Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons

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Sincerely,

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Receiving Date: 08/13/09

Reporting Date: 08/13/09

Project Owner: XOG

Project Name: CAT CLAW

Project Location: EDDY CO.

Analysis Date: 08/13/09

Sampling Date: 08/13/09

Sample Type: SOIL

Sample Condition: INTACT @ 28°C

Sample Received By: CK

Analyzed By: HM

METHOD: Standard Methods	4500-CIB
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Note: Analyses performed on 1:4 w:v aqueous extracts.

Chemist

Date \_\_\_\_\_

H17982 XOG

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Re: Cat Claw

Enclosed are the results of analyses for sample number H18259, received by the laboratory on 09/16/09 at 11:10 am.

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Method EPA 524.2	Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)
Method EPA 524.2	Regulated VOCs (V2, V3)

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Receiving Date: 09/16/09  
Reporting Date: 09/16/09  
Project Number: 18-001  
Project Name: CAT CLAW  
Project Location: EDDY

Analysis Date: 09/16/09  
Sampling Date: 09/16/09  
Sample Type: SOIL  
Sample Condition: INTACT @ 22.5°C  
Sample Received By: ML  
Analyzed By: HM

LAB NO.	SAMPLE ID	Cl <sup>-</sup> (mg/kg)
H18259-1	#1 SE	2,800
H18259-2	#2 SW	3,880
H18259-3	#3 NW	416
H18259-4	#4 NE	64
H18259-5	#5 C	48
Quality Control		500
True Value QC		500
% Recovery		100
Relative Percent Difference		2.0

**METHOD:** Standard Methods

4500-CIB

Note: Analyses performed on 1:4 w:v aqueous extracts.

Chemist

Date \_\_\_\_\_

H18259 XOG

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**ATTACHMENT 4**

**CLOSURE PLAN APPLICATION C-144**

**WASTE EXCAVATION AND REMOVAL CLOSURE PLAN**

**DRILLING RESERVE PIT  
PIT CLOSURE PLAN**

**Catclaw Unit 18 #001  
Eddy County, New Mexico**

Prepared for:

XOG Operating, LLC.

**API Well #30-015-34574**

Prepared by:

South Environmental Services, Inc.

**MAY 2009**

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FIGURE 1: Site Aerial Photograph

FIGURE 2: Site Topographic Map

## **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

On behalf of XOG Operating, LLC., South Environmental Services, Inc. has prepared this Closure Plan in compliance with the Oil Conservation Districts (OCD) regulations. The site is located approximately 0.8 miles Southeast of Hwy. 524 in Eddy County, New Mexico.

## **2.0 PROTOCOLS AND PROCEDURES**

The Excavation and Backfill procedures shall follow all applicable protocols and rules outlined in 19.15.17.10 NMAC. All liquids will be removed prior to excavation process and the in place soil will be hauled to Controlled Recovery, Inc. (CRI). South will take special care to ensure all impacted soils are included in the excavation and disposal. As outlined an approved state disposal facility will be utilized for waste disposal. Confirmation Sampling shall take place to ensure no impacted soil has been left in place. All backfill material will be appropriate soil, clean and compacted. Re-Vegetation and Site Reclamation procedures will be followed according to NMOCD Rules as outlined below.

## **3.0 CONFIRMATION SAMPLING PLAN**

Confirmation sampling shall take place after impacted material has been disposed of to a state disposal facility (CRI). The confirmation samples shall be taken for each quadrant (North, South, East, and West) as well as the center. If a confirmation sample results do not meet regulatory requirements, a supplemental plan will be established to address the results.

## **4.0 DISPOSAL FACILITY NAME AND PERMIT NUMBER**

Controlled Recovery Recovery, Inc. Disposal, Permit #: NM R-9166

## **5.0 SOIL BACKFILL AND SPECIFICATIONS**

The cover soil shall be an adequate backfill material, compacted and non-waste containing, from top of cap (>4' below ground surface) to >1' below ground surface and topsoil to surface grade.

## **6.0 RE-VEGETATION PLAN**

The re-vegetation shall take place with a minimum of 70% native perennial vegetative cover consisting of at least 3 native plant species, including at least one grass and no noxious weeds. Cover shall be maintained through 2 successive growing seasons.

## **7.0 SITE RECLAMATION PLAN**

Site reclamation will be accomplished through several steps. The original surface grade will be established with both the original reserve pits and the burial trench and re-vegetation, will take place as described above. Additionally, site photo documentation will be submitted upon closure request to show that proper surface measures have been taken to ensure the site is brought back, as much as possible, to its condition before surface activity took place.