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Meter Number: 75055
Location Name: STARR #3 (PIT 1)
Location: TN-26 RG-08
SC-05 UL-G
2 - Federal
NMOCD Zone: OUTSIDE
Hazard Ranking Score: 00

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DIST. 3

**RATIONALE FOR RISK-BASED CLOSURE OF PRODUCTION PITS
LOCATED OUTSIDE OF THE VULNERABLE ZONE
IN THE SAN JUAN BASIN**

This production pit location was ranked according to the criteria in the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division's Unlined Surface Impoundment Closure Guidelines and received a ranking score of zero. The estimated depth to groundwater is greater than 100-feet beneath ground surface (bgs), the pit is not in a well head protection area, and there are no surface water bodies within 1,000 horizontal feet of the pit location.

The primary source, discharge to the pit has been removed. There has been no discharge to the pits for at least 4 years and the pits have been closed for at least one year.

Each pit was backfilled with clean soil and graded in a manner to divert precipitation away from the excavated area. Minimal infiltration of rainfall is expected. Any rainfall that does infiltrate the ground surface must migrate through clean backfill before reaching the residual hydrocarbons.

There is no source material at the ground surface, so direct contact of hydrocarbons with livestock and the populous is not likely.

In general, outside of the vulnerable area and alluvial valleys, bedrock material is generally encountered within 20 feet of the ground surface. Bedrock material in the San Juan Basin consists of interbedded sandstones, shales and clays. According to Freeze and Cherry, 1979, the hydraulic conductivity of the bedrock material are as follows:

Sandstone	10^{-9} to 10^{-13} cm/sec
Shale	10^{-12} to 10^{-16} cm/sec
Clay	10^{-12} to 10^{-15} cm/sec

Based on this information, the residual hydrocarbons should not migrate to groundwater.

Natural process (bioremediation) are degrading the residual hydrocarbon to carbon dioxide and water and will continue until the source is gone, therefore minimizing any impact to the environment.

Based on the above information, it is highly unlikely that any source material will impact groundwater or ever find an exposure pathway to affect human health and therefore El Paso Field Services Company (EPFS) requests closure of this pit location.

FIELD PIT SITE ASSESSMENT FORM

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GENERAL

Meter: 75055 Location: Starr No. 3
Operator #: 2999 Operator Name: Meridian P/L District: Ballard
Coordinates: Letter: G Section 5 Township: 26 Range: 8
Or Latitude _____ Longitude _____
Pit Type: Dehydrator ☒ Location Drip: _____ Line Drip: _____ Other: _____
Site Assessment Date: 6-16-94 Area: 11 Run: 62

SITE ASSESSMENT

NMOCD Zone:
(From NMOCD Maps)

Inside	<input type="checkbox"/> (1)	Land Type:	BLM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (1)
Outside	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (2)		State	<input type="checkbox"/> (2)
			Fee	<input type="checkbox"/> (3)
			Indian	_____

Depth to Groundwater
Less Than 50 Feet (20 points) ☐ (1)
50 Ft to 99 Ft (10 points) ☐ (2)
Greater Than 100 Ft (0 points) ☒ (3)

Wellhead Protection Area :
Is it less than 1000 ft from wells, springs, or other sources of fresh water extraction? , or ; Is it less than 200 ft from a private domestic water source? ☐ (1) YES (20 points) ☒ (2) NO (0 points)

Horizontal Distance to Surface Water Body
Less Than 200 Ft (20 points) ☐ (1)
200 Ft to 1000 Ft (10 points) ☐ (2)
Greater Than 1000 Ft (0 points) ☒ (3)

Name of Surface Water Body _____
(Surface Water Body : Perennial Rivers, Major Wash, Streams, Creeks, Irrigation Canals, Ditches, Lakes, Ponds)
Distance to Nearest Ephemeral Stream ☐ (1) < 100' (Navajo Pits Only)
☐ (2) > 100'

TOTAL HAZARD RANKING SCORE: 0 **POINTS**

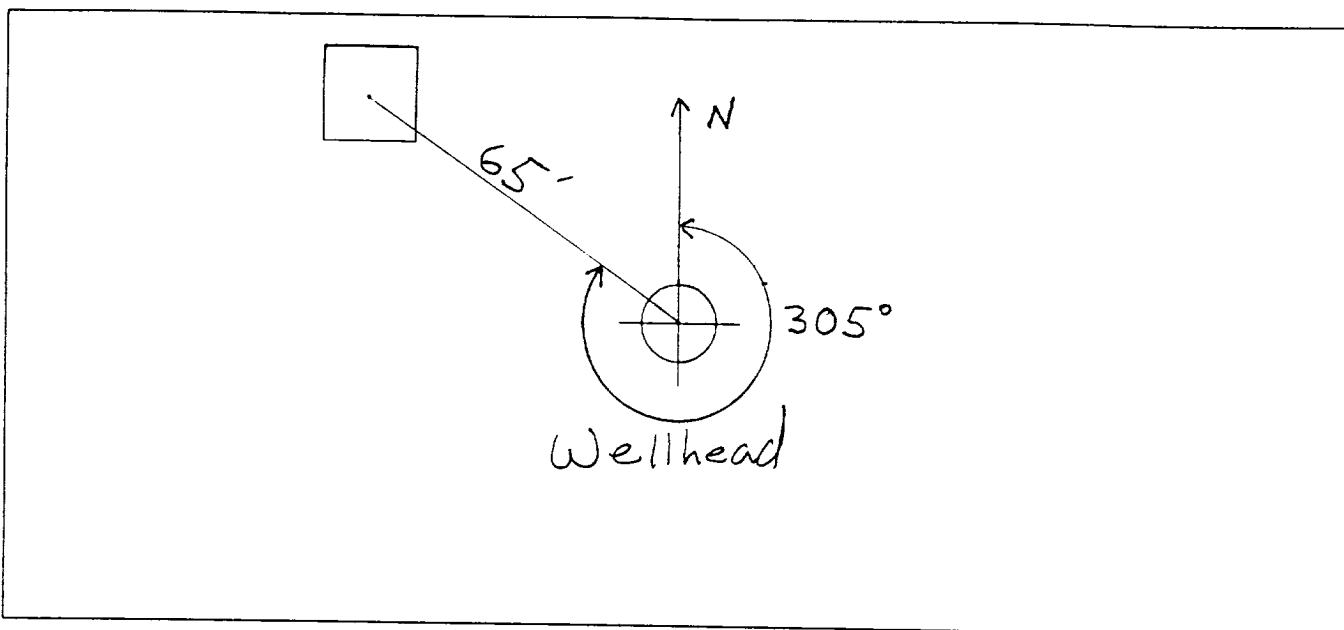
REMARKS

Remarks : Two pits on location, Two Meter houses.
each pit at ~~starry~~ end of Meter run. Both dry
outside V.Z. on Redline & Topo

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ORIGINAL PIT LOCATION

Original Pit : a) Degrees from North 305 Footage from Wellhead 65
b) Length : 16 Width : 16 Depth : 3



Remarks :

PHOTOS - 1411

Completed By:

[Signature]

Signature

5-16-94

Date

FIELD PIT REMEDIATION/CLOSURE FORM

GENERAL	Meter: <u>25055</u> Location: <u>shaft #3</u> <u>Pit 1</u> Coordinates: Letter: <u>6</u> Section <u>5</u> Township: <u>26</u> Range: <u>8</u> Or Latitude _____ Longitude _____ Date Started : <u>9-15-94</u> Run: <u>11</u> <u>62</u>
FIELD OBSERVATIONS	Sample Number(s): <u>VW291</u> <u>VW292</u> <u>VW293</u> _____ Sample Depth: <u>12'</u> Feet Final PID Reading <u>202</u> PID Reading Depth <u>12'</u> Feet <div style="text-align: center;">Yes No</div> Groundwater Encountered <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approximate Depth _____ Feet
CLOSURE	Remediation Method : <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div> Excavation Onsite Bioremediation Backfill Pit Without Excavation </div> <div style="text-align: right;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Approx. Cubic Yards _____ <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> </div> </div> Soil Disposition: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div> Envirotech <input type="checkbox"/> Other Facility <input type="checkbox"/> </div> <div style="text-align: right;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Tierra Name: _____ </div> </div> Pit Closure Date: <u>9-15-94</u> Pit Closed By: <u>BEI</u>
REMARKS	Remarks : _____ _____ _____
	Signature of Specialist: <u>Val Wilson</u>



**FIELD SERVICES LABORATORY
ANALYTICAL REPORT**

PIT CLOSURE PROJECT - Soil Samples Outside the GWV Zone

SAMPLE IDENTIFICATION

SAMPLE NUMBER:

Field ID

Lab ID

MTR CODE | SITE NAME:

SAMPLE DATE | TIME (Hrs):

SAMPLED BY:

DATE OF TPH EXT. | ANAL.:

DATE OF BTEX EXT. | ANAL.:

TYPE | DESCRIPTION:

VW 291

946131

75055 Pit 1

N/A

9-15-94

0945

N/A

9/20/94

9/20/94

N/A

N/A

VG

Grey Coarse Sand

REMARKS:

RESULTS

PARAMETER	RESULT	UNITS	QUALIFIERS			
			DF	Q	M(g)	V(ml)
TPH (418.1)	3820	MG/KG			2.16	28
HEADSPACE PID	202	PPM				
PERCENT SOLIDS	88.5	%				

-- TPH is by EPA Method 418.1 --

Narrative:

DF = Dilution Factor Used

Approved By:

J.P.

Date:

9/30/94

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Test Method for
Oil and Grease and Petroleum Hydrocarbons
in Water and Soil
Perkin-Elmer Model 1600 FT-IR
Analysis Report
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Sample identification
P46131

Initial mass of sample, g
1.160

Volume of sample after extraction, ml
19.000

Petroleum hydrocarbons, ppm
3823.800

Net absorbance of hydrocarbons (2930 cm⁻¹)
1.514

