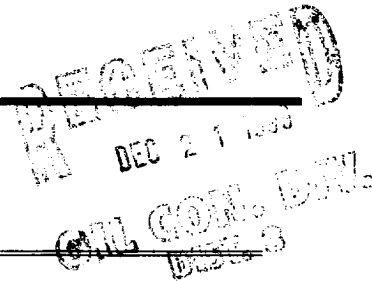


**EL PASO FIELD SERVICES
PRODUCTION PIT CLOSURE**

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**Houck #1
Meter/Line ID - 73706**



SITE DETAILS

| | | | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|----------------|
| Legals - Twn: 29N | Rng: 10W | Sec: 11 | Unit: P |
| NMOCD Hazard Ranking: 0 | | Land Type: BLM | |
| Operator: Meridian | | Pit Closure Date: 6/8/94 | |

RATIONALE FOR RISK-BASED CLOSURE

The pit noted above was assessed and ranked according to the criteria in the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division's (NMOCD) Unlined Surface Impoundment Closure Guidelines.

A test pit was excavated to 4' where sandstone was encountered. The excavation was terminated at 4' and a soil sample was collected for field headspace analysis and laboratory analysis for TPH. Groundwater was not encountered in the test pit. The pit was backfilled and graded in a manner to direct surface runoff away from the pit area. Headspace analysis indicated an organic vapor content of 213 ppm; laboratory analysis indicated a TPH concentration of 100 mg/kg.

El Paso Field Services Company (EPFS) requests closure of the above mentioned production pit location for the following reasons:

- The primary source, discharge to the pit, has been removed for over five years.
- Bedrock was encountered in the test excavation at four feet below ground surface making remediation impractical.
- The test pit was backfilled with clean soil and the former pit area graded to direct surface runoff away from the former pit.
- Source material has been removed from the ground surface, eliminating potential direct contact with livestock and the public.
- Groundwater was not encountered in the test excavation. In addition, the estimated depth to groundwater is greater than 100 feet; therefore, impact to groundwater is unlikely.
- There are no water supply wells or potential surface water receptors within 1,000 feet of the site.
- Residual hydrocarbons in the soil will degrade by natural attenuation with minimal risk to the environment.

ATTACHMENT

Revised Field Pit Assessment Form
Field Pit Remediation/Closure Form

Field Pit Assessment Form
Laboratory Analytical Results

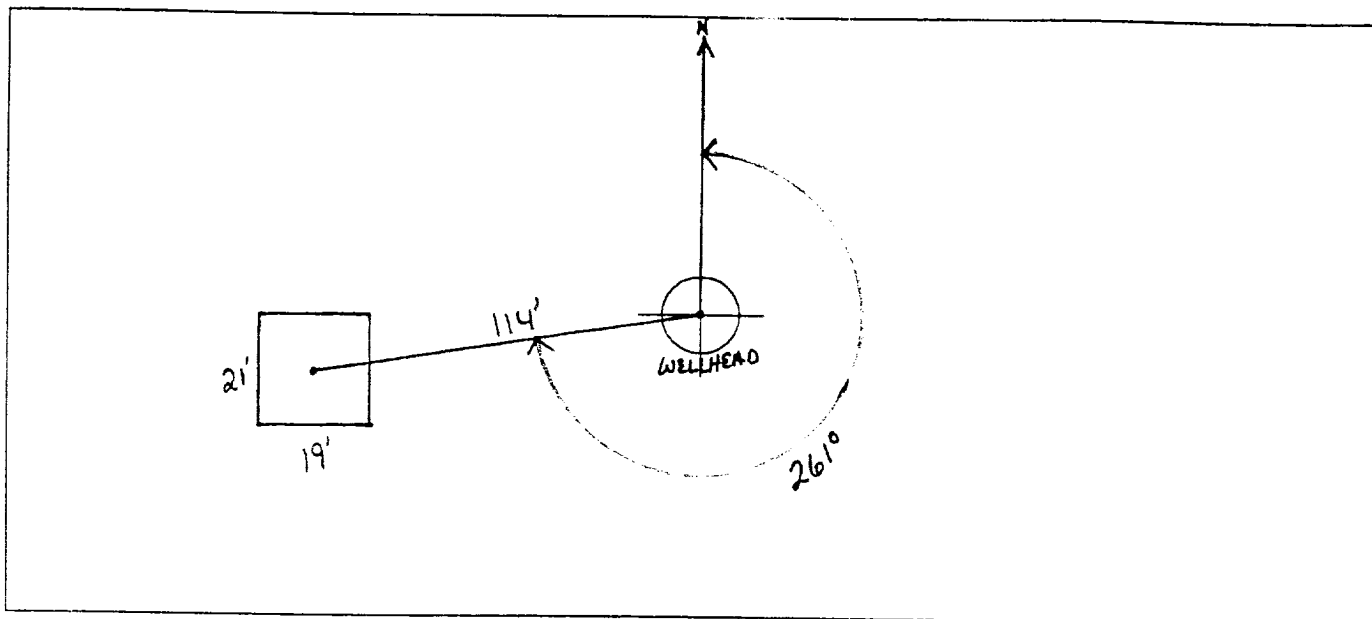
FIELD PIT SITE ASSESSMENT FORM

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|-----------------|---|
| GENERAL | <p>Meter: <u>73706</u> Location: <u>Houck #1</u></p> <p>Operator #: <u>2999</u> Operator Name: <u>MERIDIAN</u> P/L District: <u>BLOOMFIELD</u></p> <p>Coordinates: Letter: <u>P</u> Section <u>11</u> Township: <u>29</u> Range: <u>10</u></p> <p>Or Latitude _____ Longitude _____</p> <p>Pit Type: Dehydrator <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Location Drip: _____ Line Drip: _____ Other: _____</p> <p>Site Assessment Date: <u>5.4.94</u> Area: <u>10</u> Run: <u>73</u></p> |
| SITE ASSESSMENT | <p>NMOCD Zone: (From NMOCD Maps)</p> <p>Inside <input type="checkbox"/> (1) Outside <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (2)</p> <p>Land Type: BLM <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (1) State <input type="checkbox"/> (2) Fee <input type="checkbox"/> (3) Indian _____</p> <p>Depth to Groundwater</p> <p>Less Than 50 Feet (20 points) <input type="checkbox"/> (1) 50 Ft to 99 Ft (10 points) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (2) Greater Than 100 Ft (0 points) <input type="checkbox"/> (3)</p> <p>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? <input type="checkbox"/> (1) YES (20 points) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (2) NO (0 points)</p> <p>Horizontal Distance to Surface Water Body</p> <p>Less Than 200 Ft (20 points) <input type="checkbox"/> (1) 200 Ft to 1000 Ft (10 points) <input type="checkbox"/> (2) Greater Than 1000 Ft (0 points) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (3)</p> <p>Name of Surface Water Body _____</p> <p>(Surface Water Body : Perennial Rivers, Major Wash, Streams, Creeks, Irrigation Canals, Ditches, Lakes, Ponds)</p> <p>Distance to Nearest Ephemeral Stream <input type="checkbox"/> (1) < 100' (Navajo Pits Only) <input type="checkbox"/> (2) > 100'</p> <p>TOTAL HAZARD RANKING SCORE: <u>10</u> POINTS</p> |
| REMARKS | <p>Remarks : <u>TWO PITS ON LOCATION. WILL CLOSE ONLY ONE. PIT IS DRY. THERE ARE TWO PITS ENCLOSED BY THE SAME FENCE. WILL CLOSE ONLY THE ONE CLOSEST TO THE METER HOUSE. DO NOT COVER THE THE SEPERATOR IS DUMPING INTO. REDLINE AND TOPO CONFIRMED LOCATION TO BE OUTSIDE THE V.Z. PUSH IN</u></p> |

ORIGINAL PIT LOCATION

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Original Pit : a) Degrees from North 261° Footage from Wellhead 114'
b) Length : 21' Width 19' Depth : 2'



REMARKS

Remarks :

TOOK PICTURES AT 1:44 P.M.

END DUMP

Completed By:

Robert Thompson

Signature

5.4.94

Date

FIELD PIT REMEDIATION/CLOSURE FORM

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|---------------------------|---|
| GENERAL | <p>Meter: <u>73706</u> Location: <u>Houck #1</u></p> <p>Coordinates: Letter: <u>P</u> Section <u>11</u> Township: <u>29</u> Range: <u>10</u></p> <p>Or Latitude _____ Longitude _____</p> <p>Date Started : <u>6-8-94</u> Area: <u>10</u> Run: <u>73</u></p> |
| FIELD OBSERVATIONS | <p>Sample Number(s): <u>KD106</u></p> <p>Sample Depth: <u>4'</u> Feet</p> <p>Final PID Reading <u>213 ppm</u> PID Reading Depth <u>4'</u> Feet</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Yes No</p> <p>Groundwater Encountered <input type="checkbox"/> (1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (2) Approximate Depth _____ Feet</p> |
| CLOSURE | <p>Remediation Method :</p> <p>Excavation <input type="checkbox"/> (1) Approx. Cubic Yards <u>0</u></p> <p>Onsite Bioremediation <input type="checkbox"/> (2)</p> <p>Backfill Pit Without Excavation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (3)</p> <p>Soil Disposition:</p> <p>Envirotech <input type="checkbox"/> (1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (3) Tierra</p> <p>Other Facility <input type="checkbox"/> (2) Name: _____</p> <p>Pit Closure Date: <u>6-8-94</u> Pit Closed By: <u>BEI</u></p> |
| REMARKS | <p>Remarks : <u>Test Hole went to 4', hit sandstone, took PID sample,</u></p> <p><u>closed pit</u></p> |
| | <p>Signature of Specialist: <u>King Dean</u></p> |



FIELD SERVICES LABORATORY
ANALYTICAL REPORT
PIT CLOSURE PROJECT - Soil

SAMPLE IDENTIFICATION

| | Field ID | Lab ID |
|----------------------------|----------|-------------------|
| SAMPLE NUMBER: | KD 106 | 945404 |
| MTR CODE SITE NAME: | 73704 | N/A |
| SAMPLE DATE TIME (Hrs): | 6-8-94 | 1530 |
| SAMPLED BY: | N/A | |
| DATE OF TPH EXT. ANAL.: | 6/10/94 | 6/10/94 |
| DATE OF BTEX EXT. ANAL.: | N/A | N/A |
| TYPE DESCRIPTION: | V G | Brown Coarse Sand |

REMARKS:

RESULTS

| PARAMETER | RESULT | UNITS | QUALIFIERS | | | |
|----------------|--------|-------|------------|---|------|-------|
| | | | DF | Q | M(g) | V(ml) |
| BENZENE | | MG/KG | | | | |
| TOLUENE | | MG/KG | | | | |
| ETHYL BENZENE | | MG/KG | | | | |
| TOTAL XYLENES | | MG/KG | | | | |
| TOTAL BTEX | | MG/KG | | | | |
| TPH (418.1) | 100 | MG/KG | | | 2.13 | 28 |
| HEADSPACE PID | 213 | PPM | | | | |
| PERCENT SOLIDS | 91.00 | % | | | | |

— TPH is by EPA Method 418.1 and BTEX is by EPA Method 8020 —

The Surrogate Recovery was at N/A % for this sample All QA/QC was acceptable.
Narrative:

DF = Dilution Factor Used

Approved By:

John L. Smith

Date:

6/16/94