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Approved

Meter Number: 73834

Location Name: BELL FEDERAL GAS UNIT B#1

Location: TN-30 RG-13

SC-11 UL-A

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

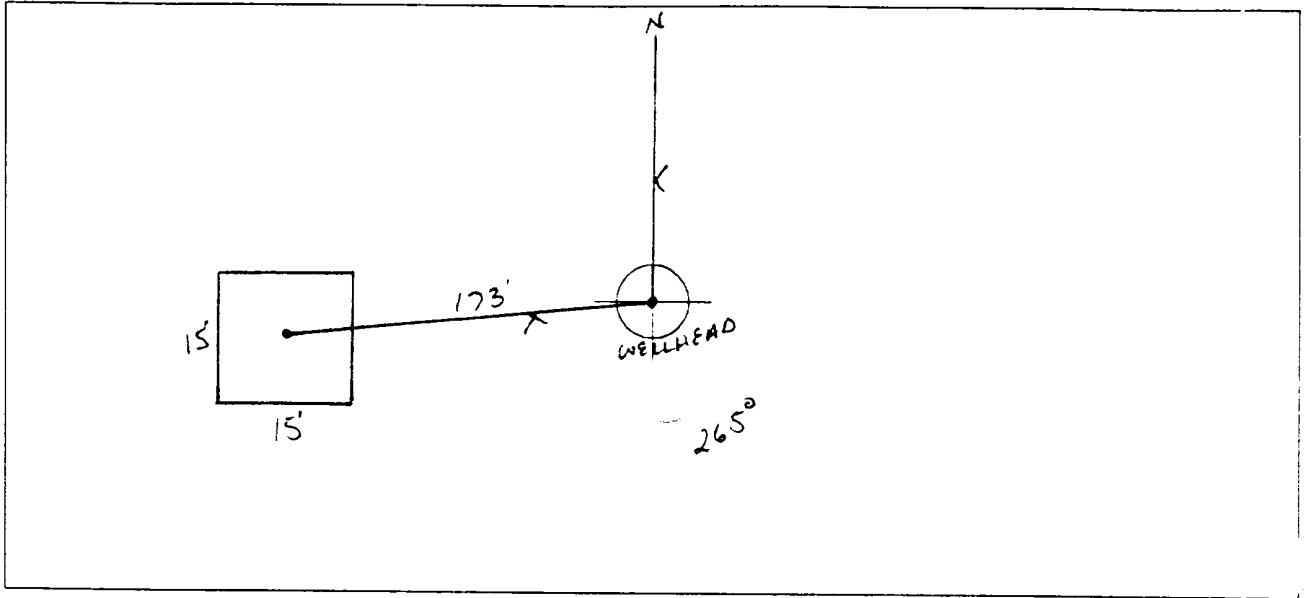
EL PASO FIELD SERVICE

GENERAL	Meter: <u>73834</u> Location: <u>BELL FEDERAL GAS UNIT B #1</u> Operator #: <u>0203</u> Operator Name: <u>AMOCO</u> P/L District: <u>KUTZ</u> Coordinates: Letter: <u>A</u> Section <u>11</u> Township: <u>30</u> Range: <u>13</u> Or Latitude _____ Longitude _____ Pit Type: Dehydrator <u>X</u> Location Drip: _____ Line Drip: _____ Other: _____ Site Visit Date: <u>3-23-94</u> Run: <u>02</u> <u>31</u>								
	<div> <div> NMOCD Zone: (From NMOCD Maps) </div> <div> Inside Vulnerable Zone <input type="checkbox"/> Outside <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> </div> </div> <div> Land Type: <table> <tr><td>BLM</td><td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td></tr> <tr><td>State</td><td><input type="checkbox"/></td></tr> <tr><td>Fee</td><td><input type="checkbox"/></td></tr> <tr><td>Indian</td><td>_____</td></tr> </table> </div>		BLM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	State	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fee	<input type="checkbox"/>	Indian
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SITE ASSESSMENT	Depth to Groundwater Less Than 50 Feet (20 points) <input type="checkbox"/> 50 Ft to 99 Ft (10 points) <input type="checkbox"/> Greater Than 100 Ft (0 points) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>								
	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"/> YES (20 points) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO (0 points)								
REMARKS	Horizontal Distance to Surface Water Body Less Than 200 Ft (20 points) <input type="checkbox"/> 200 Ft to 1000 Ft (10 points) <input type="checkbox"/> Greater Than 1000 Ft (0 points) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>								
	Name of Surface Water Body _____ (Surface Water Body : Perennial Rivers, Major Wash, Streams, Creeks, Irrigation Canals, Ditches, Lakes, Ponds) TOTAL HAZARD RANKING SCORE: <u>0</u> POINTS								
Remarks : <u>FOUR PITS ON LOCATION. WILL CLOSE ONLY ONE. PIT IS DRY.</u>									

ORIGINAL PIT LOCATION

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Original Pit : a) Degrees from North 265° Footage to Wellhead 173'
b) Degrees from North _____ Footage to Dogleg _____
Dogleg Name _____
c) Length : 15' Width : 15' Depth : 1'



REMARKS

Remarks :

STARTED TAKING PICTURES AT 1:44 P.M.
END DUMP

Completed By:

Robert O. Champion
Signature

3-23-94
Date

FIELD IT REMEDIATION/CLOSURE

GENERAL

Meter: 73834 Location: Bell Fed. ^{VW} ~~Cons~~ Unit B#1
 Coordinates: Letter: A Section 11 Township: 30 Range: 13
 Or Latitude _____ Longitude _____
 Date Started: 5/9/94 Area: 02 Run: 31

FIELD OBSERVATIONS

Sample Number(s): VW 39
 Sample Depth: 5' Feet
 Final PID Reading 161 Yes No
 Groundwater Encountered ☐ (1) ☒ (2) Approximate Depth _____ Feet
 PID Reading Depth 5' Feet

CLOSURE

Remediation Method:

Excavation ☐ (1) Approx. Cubic Yards _____
 Onsite Bioremediation ☐ (2)
 Backfill Pit Without Excavation ☒ (3)

Soil Disposition:

Envirotech ☐ (1)
 Other Facility ☐ (2)

Pit Closure Date: 5/9/94

Name: _____
☐ (3) Tierra

Pit Closed By: BEI

REMARKS

Remarks:

Hit sandstone at 5' + couldn't dig any further

Signature of Specialist: Vale Wilson



FIELD SERVICES LABORATORY

ANALYTICAL REPORT

PIT CLOSURE PROJECT - Soil

SAMPLE IDENTIFICATION

	Field ID	Lab ID
SAMPLE NUMBER:	VW39	945102
MTR CODE SITE NAME:	73834	NIA
SAMPLE DATE TIME (Hrs):	5/9/94	0905
SAMPLED BY:	NIA	
DATE OF TPH EXT. ANAL.:	5/10/94	5/10/94
DATE OF BTEX EXT. ANAL.:	NIA	NIA
TYPE DESCRIPTION:	VG	Coarse Grey/Brown 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)	2550	MG/KG			2.1	28
HEADSPACE PID	161	PPM				
PERCENT SOLIDS	93.3	%				

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

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

DF = Dilution Factor Used

Approved By:

Date:

6/15/94

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

 04/05/10 14:10

Sample identification
 045102
 Initial mass of sample, g
 1.100
 Volume of sample after extraction, ml
 12.000
 Petroleum hydrocarbons, ppm
 1345.812
 Net absorbance of hydrocarbons (2930 cm-1)
 0.012

% Petroleum hydrocarbons spectrum

