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Meter Number: 92157 92157-2

Location Name: ELLIOT GAS COM Y #1 (Pit #2)

Location: TN-30 RG-09

SC-09 UL-H

2 - Federal

NMOCD Zone: OUTSIDE

Hazard Ranking Score: 00

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**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



GENERAL

Meter: 92157.03 Location: ELLIOT GAS Com Y #1 (Pit # 2)
 Operator #: 0203 Operator Name: Amoco P/L District: BLOOMFIELD
 Coordinates: Letter: H Section 9 Township: 30 Range: 9
 Or Latitude _____ Longitude _____
 Pit Type: Dehydrator _____ Location Drip: _____ Line Drip: _____ Other: SEPARATOR
 Site Assessment Date: 2.22.95 Area: 10 Run: 33

SITE ASSESSMENT

NMOCD Zone: (From NMOCD Maps) Inside ☐ (1) Outside ☒ (2)

Land Type: BLM ☒ (1) State ☐ (2) Fee ☐ (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

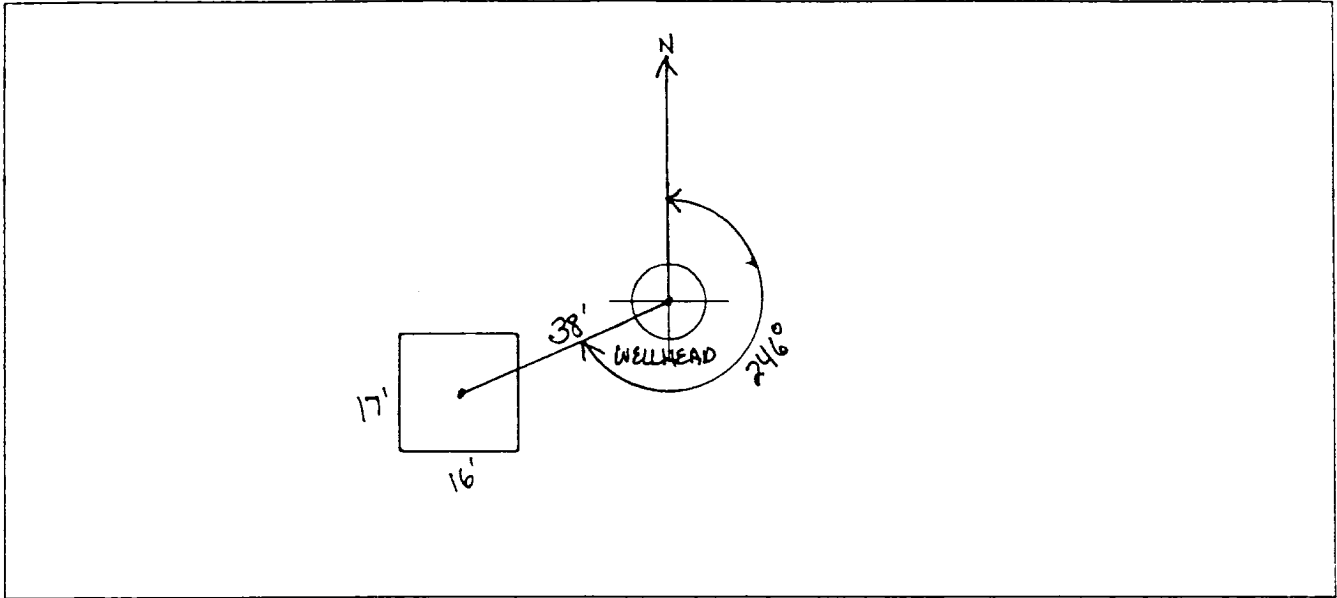
Remarks : REDLINE & TOPO SHOW LOCATION OUTSIDE V-Z ONLY PIT ON LOCATION. BELONGS TO EPNG. WILL CLOSE PIT.

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ORIGINAL PIT LOCATION

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Original Pit : a) Degrees from North 246° Footage from Wellhead 38'
b) Length : 17' Width : 16' Depth : 3'



REMARKS

Remarks :

PHOTOS - 0919

Completed By:

Robert Thompson

Signature

2.22.95

Date

FIELD PIT REMEDIATION/CLOSURE FORM

GENERAL	Meter: <u>9215-7</u> Location: <u>ELLIE T Gas com y #1</u> (Pit #2) Coordinates: Letter: <u>H</u> Section <u>9</u> Township: <u>30</u> Range: <u>9</u> Or Latitude _____ Longitude _____ Date Started : <u>2-28-95</u> Run: <u>10</u> <u>33</u>
FIELD OBSERVATIONS	Sample Number(s): <u>MK 412</u> Sample Depth: <u>12'</u> Feet Final PID Reading <u>001 PPM</u> PID Reading Depth <u>12'</u> Feet Yes No Groundwater Encountered ☐ ☒ Approximate Depth _____ Feet
CLOSURE	Remediation Method : Excavation Onsite Bioremediation Backfill Pit Without Excavation ☐ Approx. Cubic Yards _____ ☐ ☒ Soil Disposition: Envirotech ☐ Other Facility ☐ ☐ Tierra Name: _____ Pit Closure Date: <u>2-28-95</u> Pit Closed By: <u>BEI</u>
REMARKS	Remarks : <u>Arrived pit Had about 6" of oil & water on top Dug Sample Hole pit appeared to be clean all the way Through Brown Soil No Hydrocarbon odor</u>
	Signature of Specialist: <u>Morgan Killion</u>



**FIELD SERVICES LABORATORY
ANALYTICAL REPORT**

PIT CLOSURE PROJECT - Soil Samples Outside the GWV Zone

SAMPLE IDENTIFICATION

	Field ID	Lab ID
SAMPLE NUMBER:	mk 412	9416716
MTR CODE SITE NAME:	32157	N/A
SAMPLE DATE TIME (Hrs):	2-28-95	1350
SAMPLED BY:	N/A	
DATE OF TPH EXT. ANAL.:	3/3/95	3/3/95
DATE OF BTEX EXT. ANAL.:	N/A	N/A
TYPE DESCRIPTION:	VG	Light brown sand

REMARKS:

RESULTS

PARAMETER	RESULT	UNITS	QUALIFIERS			
			DF	Q	M(g)	V(ml)
TPH (418.1)	52.2 52.0	MG/KG			2.04	28
HEADSPACE PID	1	PPM				
PERCENT SOLIDS	93.7	%				

-- TPH is by EPA Method 418.1 --

Narrative:

DF = Dilution Factor Used

Approved By:

Date:

3-20-95

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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
946716

Initial mass of sample, g
2.040

Volume of sample after extraction, ml
25.000

Petroleum hydrocarbons, ppm
32.192

Net absorbance of hydrocarbons (2930 cm⁻¹)
1.018

Y: Petroleum hydrocarbons spectrum

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