

# INITIAL C-141 AND REMEDIATION WORK PLAN

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Release Notification and Corrective Action

OPERATOR

☒ Initial Report ☐ Final Report

Name of Company	COG OPERATING LLC	Contact	Pat Ellis
Address	550 W. Texas, Suite 100, Midland, TX 79701	Telephone No.	432-230-0077
Facility Name	Hercules Federal Com #1	Facility Type	Flowline
Surface Owner	Federal	Mineral Owner	
		Lease No. (API#) 30-005-27999	

LOCATION OF RELEASE

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By Whom?	Josh Russo	Date and Hour	05/02/2011 10:45 a.m.		
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GW @ 260'

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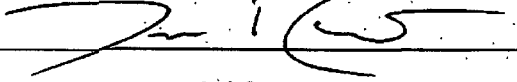
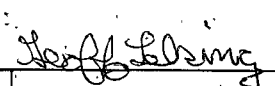
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OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

Signature:			
Printed Name:	Josh Russo	Approved by District Supervisor:	
Title:	HSE Coordinator	Approval Date:	9/22/11
E-mail Address:	jrusso@conchoresources.com	Expiration Date:	11/22/11
Date:	05/05/2011	Phone:	432-212-2399
		Conditions of Approval:	SUBMIT FINAL C-141 BY 11/22/11.
		Attached	<input type="checkbox"/> IRP-09-11-2742

\* Attach Additional Sheets If Necessary

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SEP 22 2011

**Leking, Geoffrey R, EMNRD**

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**From:** Tavaréz, Ike [Ike.Tavaréz@tetrattech.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 22, 2011 3:27 PM  
**To:** Leking, Geoffrey R, EMNRD  
**Cc:** 'Joshua Russo'; 'Pat Ellis'; Grubbs, Robert  
**Subject:** COG - Hercules Federal Com #1 - Chaves County - Work Plan Approval Request  
**Attachments:** COG - Hercules Federal - Work Plan .pdf

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Geoffrey,

Please find the enclosed Work Plan for the Hercules Federal Com #1 located in Chaves County, New Mexico. The work plan includes the soil assessment and recommendations for the remediation for the site. I will mail you a hard copy of the work plan for your files. Once approved, Tetra Tech will schedule the soil remediation and notify you prior to implementing the work plan.. Please let me know if you need additional information or call me if you have any questions, thanks

**Ike Tavaréz, PG** | Senior Project Manager

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# SITE INFORMATION

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## Report Type: Work Plan

### General Site Information:

SEP 22 2011

Site:	Hercules Federal Com #1				
Company:	COG Operating LLC				
Section, Township and Range	Unit E	Sec 15	T15S	R31E	RECEIVED
Lease Number:	API-30-005-27999				
County:	Chaves County				
GPS:	33.01765° N			103.81779° W	
Surface Owner:	Federal				
Mineral Owner:					
Directions:	From the intersection of Hwy 82 and Co Rd 249 travel north on Co Rd 249 for 11 miles, turn left and continue on Co Rd 249 for 0.9 miles, turn right onto Meldin Ranch Road and travel for 0.1 miles to site.				

### Release Data:

Date Released:	5/2/2011
Type Release:	Produced Fluid
Source of Contamination:	Flowline
Fluid Released:	30 bbls
Fluids Recovered:	25 bbls

### Official Communication:

Name:	Pat Ellis	Ike Tavaréz
Company:	COG Operating, LLC	Tetra Tech
Address:	550 W. Texas Ave. Ste. 1300	1910 N. Big Spring
P.O. Box		
City:	Midland Texas, 79701	Midland, Texas
Phone number:	(432) 686-3023	(432) 425-3878
Fax:	(432) 684-7137	
Email:	pellis@conchoresources.com	ike.tavarez@tetrattech.com

### Ranking Criteria

Depth to Groundwater:	Ranking Score	Site Data
<50 ft	20	
50-99 ft	10	
>100 ft.	0	0

Wellhead Protection:	Ranking Score	Site Data
Water Source <1,000 ft., Private <200 ft.	20	
Water Source >1,000 ft., Private >200 ft.	0	0

Surface Body of Water:	Ranking Score	Site Data
<200 ft.	20	
200 ft - 1,000 ft.	10	
>1,000 ft.	0	0

<b>Total Ranking Score:</b>	<b>0</b>
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Acceptable Soil RRAL (mg/kg)		
Benzene	Total BTEX	TPH
10	50	5,000

Approved with conditions  
 Jeffery Selim, Env. Eng.  
 NMCCD-DIST 1  
 9/23/11



**TETRA TECH**

September 12, 2011

Mr. Geoffrey Leking  
Environmental Engineer  
Oil Conservation Division, District 1  
1625 North French Drive  
Hobbs, New Mexico 88240

**Re: Work Plan for the COG Operating LLC., Hercules Federal Com #1,  
Unit E, Section 15, Township 15 South, Range 31 East, Chaves  
County, New Mexico.**

Mr. Leking:

Tetra Tech, Inc. (Tetra Tech) was contacted by COG Operating LLC. (COG) to assess a spill from the Hercules Federal Com #1 located in Unit E, Section 15, Township 15 South, Range 31 East, Chaves County, New Mexico (Site). The spill site coordinates are N 33.01765°, W 103.81779°. The site location is shown on Figures 1 and 2.

### **Background**

According to the State of New Mexico C-141 Initial Report, the leak was discovered on May 1, 2011, and released approximately thirty (30) barrels of produced fluid from a flow line. Twenty Five (25) barrels of standing fluids were recovered. The spill initiated west of the pad affecting an area measuring 160' x (5' to 40' wide). In addition, there was also an area of light overspray measuring approximately 80' x 145'. The initial C-141 is enclosed in Appendix A.

### **Groundwater**

No water wells were listed within Section 15. According to the NMOCD groundwater map, the average depth to groundwater in this area is greater than 200' below surface.

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## **Regulatory**

A risk-based evaluation was performed for the Site in accordance with the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (NMOCD) Guidelines for Remediation of Leaks, Spills and Releases, dated August 13, 1993. The guidelines require a risk-based evaluation of the site to determine recommended remedial action levels (RRAL) for benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene and xylene (collectively referred to as BTEX) and total petroleum hydrocarbons (TPH) in soil. The proposed RRAL for benzene was determined to be 10 parts per million (ppm) or milligrams per kilogram (mg/kg) and 50 ppm for total BTEX (sum of benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, and xylene). Based upon the depth to groundwater, the proposed RRAL for TPH is 5,000 mg/kg.

## **Soil Assessment and Analytical Results**

On May 24, 2011, Tetra Tech personnel inspected and sampled the spill area. Four (4) auger holes (AH-1 and AH-4) were installed using a stainless steel hand auger to assess the impacted soils. Select samples were analyzed for TPH analysis by EPA method 8015 modified, BTEX by EPA Method 8021B and chloride by EPA method 300.0. Copies of laboratory analysis and chain-of-custody documentation are included in Appendix B. The results of the sampling are summarized in Table 1. The auger hole locations are shown on Figure 3.

Referring to Table 1, all of the samples were below the TPH and BTEX RRAL, with the exception of AH-4. Auger hole (AH-4) showed a TPH of 9,585 mg/kg at 0-0.5' and not vertically defined, due to the dense formation. AH-1, AH-3 and AH-4 showed chloride concentrations of 1,600 mg/kg (0-0.5'), 2,120 mg/kg (0-1') and 1,670 mg/kg (0-0.5'), respectively. AH-1 did show a significant decline to <200 mg/kg at 1-1.5', but the remaining auger holes were not vertically defined.

## **Work Plan**

COG proposes to remove impacted material as highlighted (green) in Table 1. The areas of AH-1, AH-3 and AH-4 will be excavated to a depth of approximately 1.0' to 2.0' below surface. Once excavated, backhoe trenches will be installed in the areas of AH-3 and AH-4 to evaluate the excavation bottom and further define the chloride impact, if necessary. In addition, a confirmation sample for TPH will be collected from the area of AH-4. Once excavated to the appropriate depths, the excavations will be backfilled with clean soil.



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Upon completion, a final report will be submitted to the NMOCD. If you have any questions or comments concerning the assessment or the proposed remediation activities for this site, please call me at (432) 682-4559.

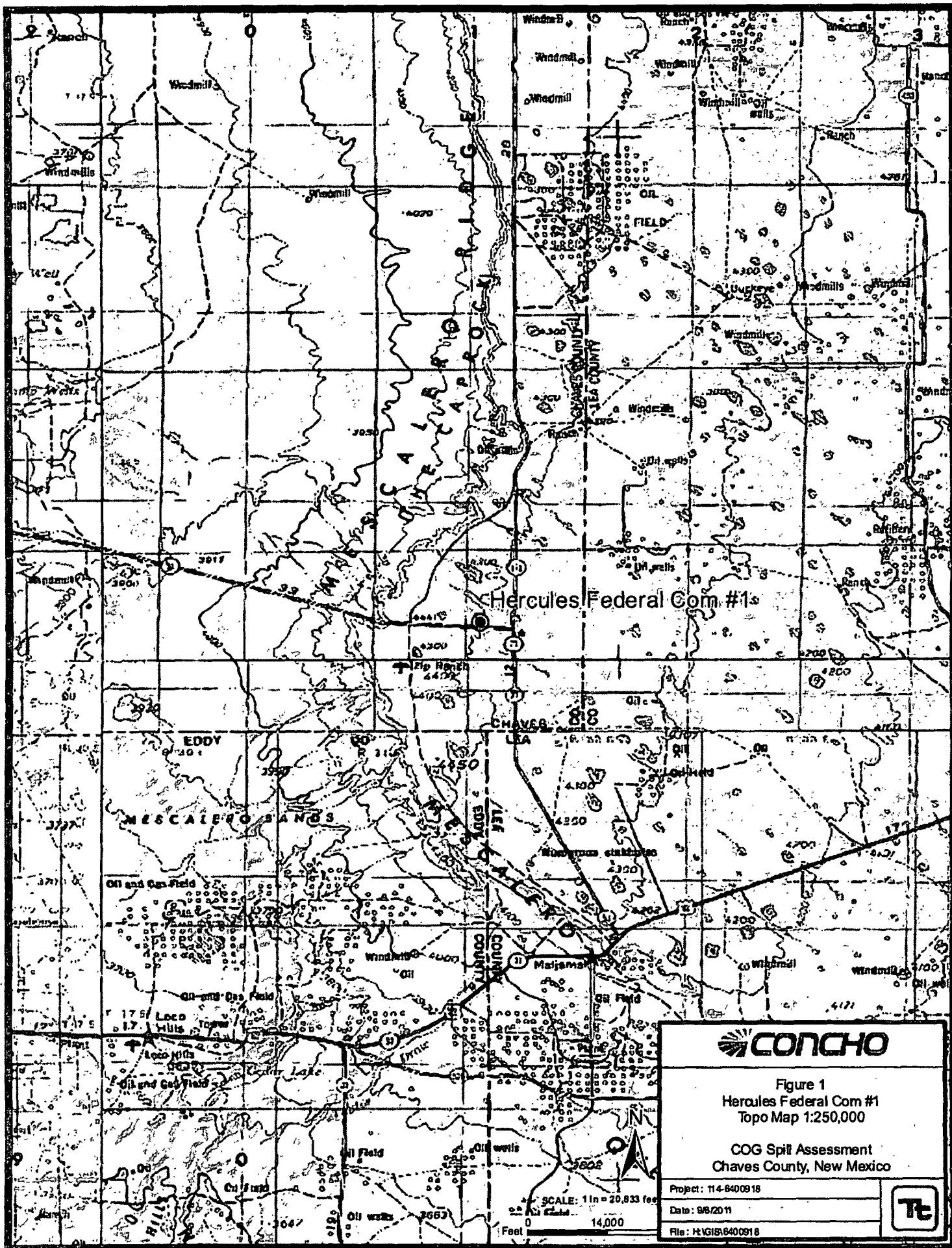
Respectfully submitted,  
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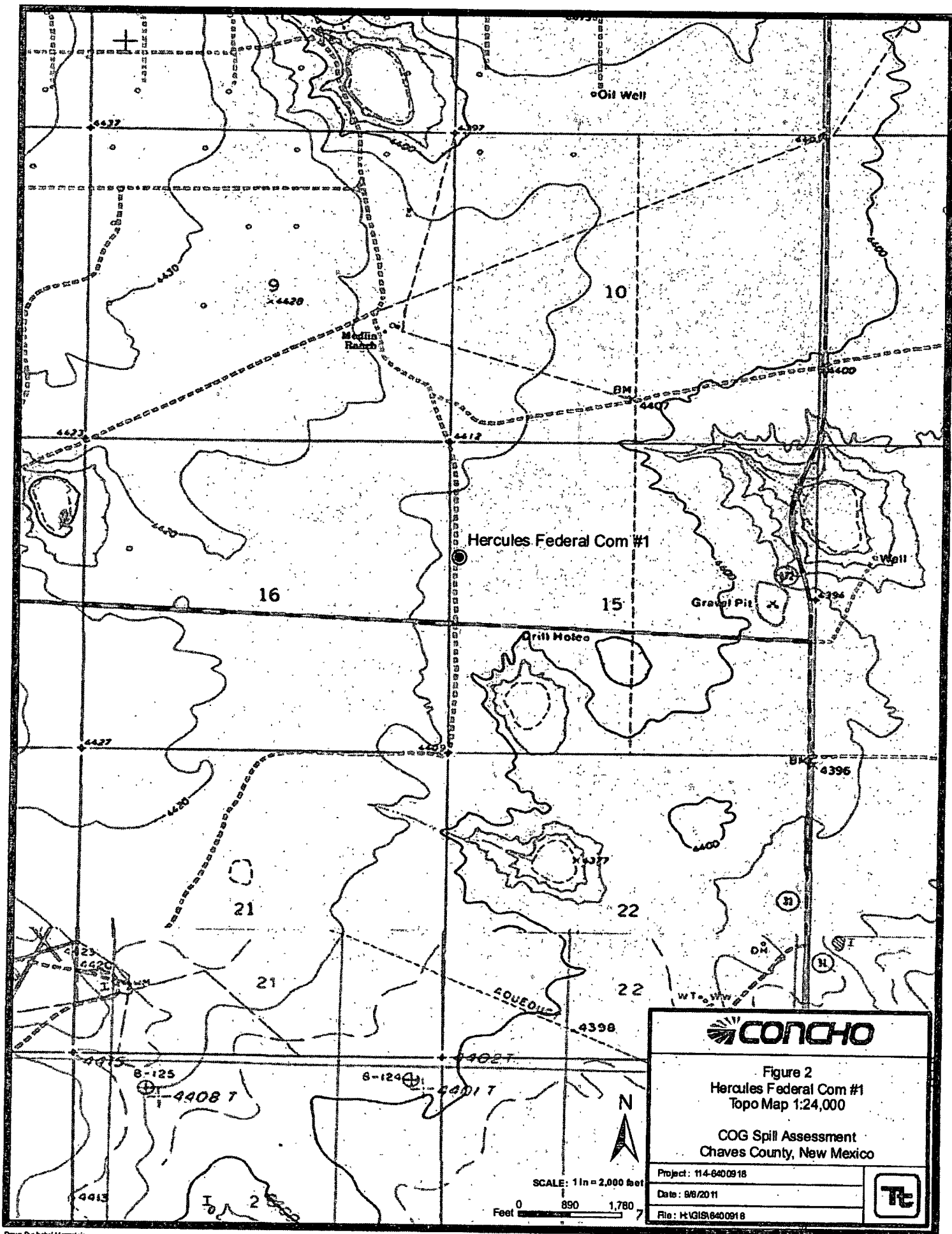


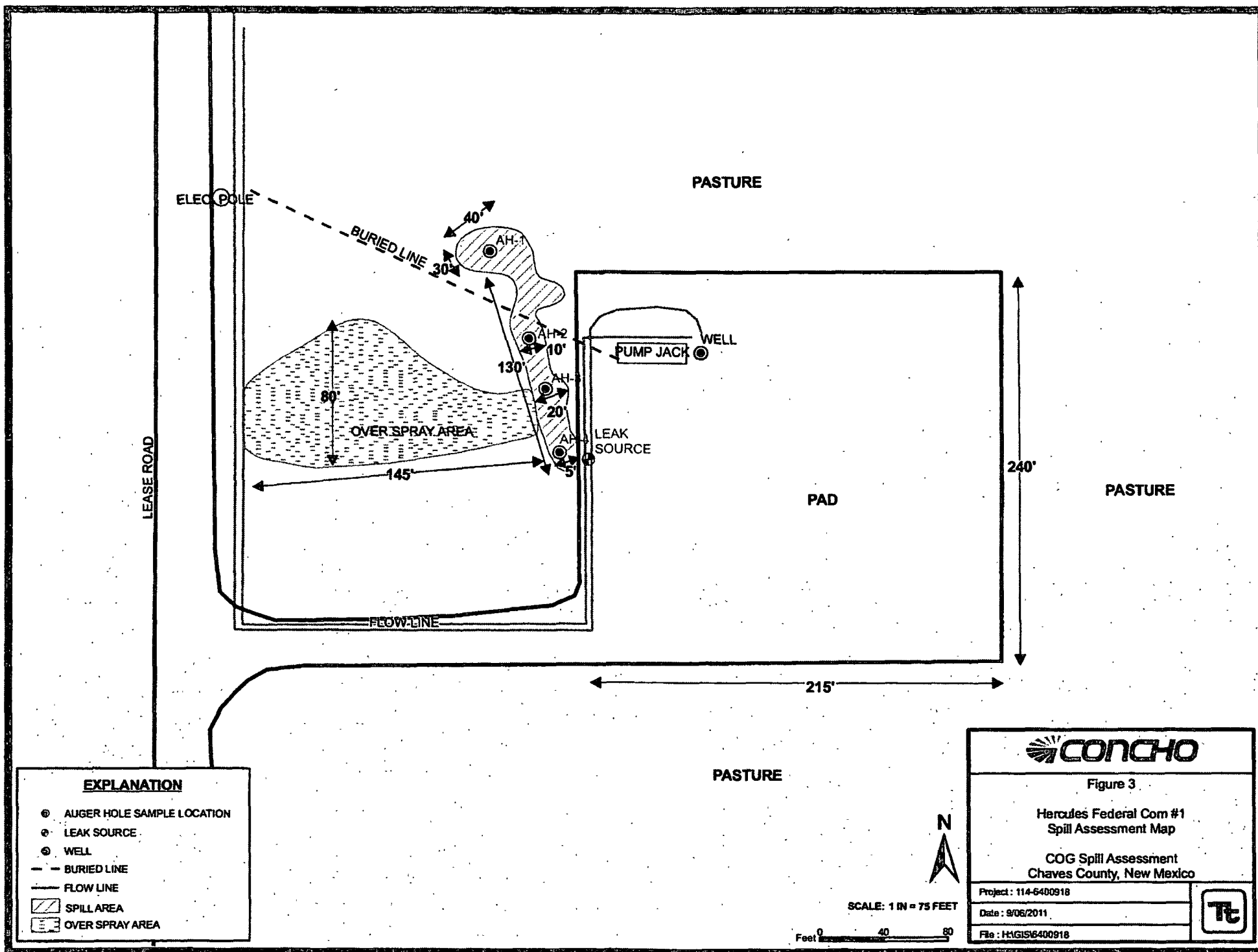
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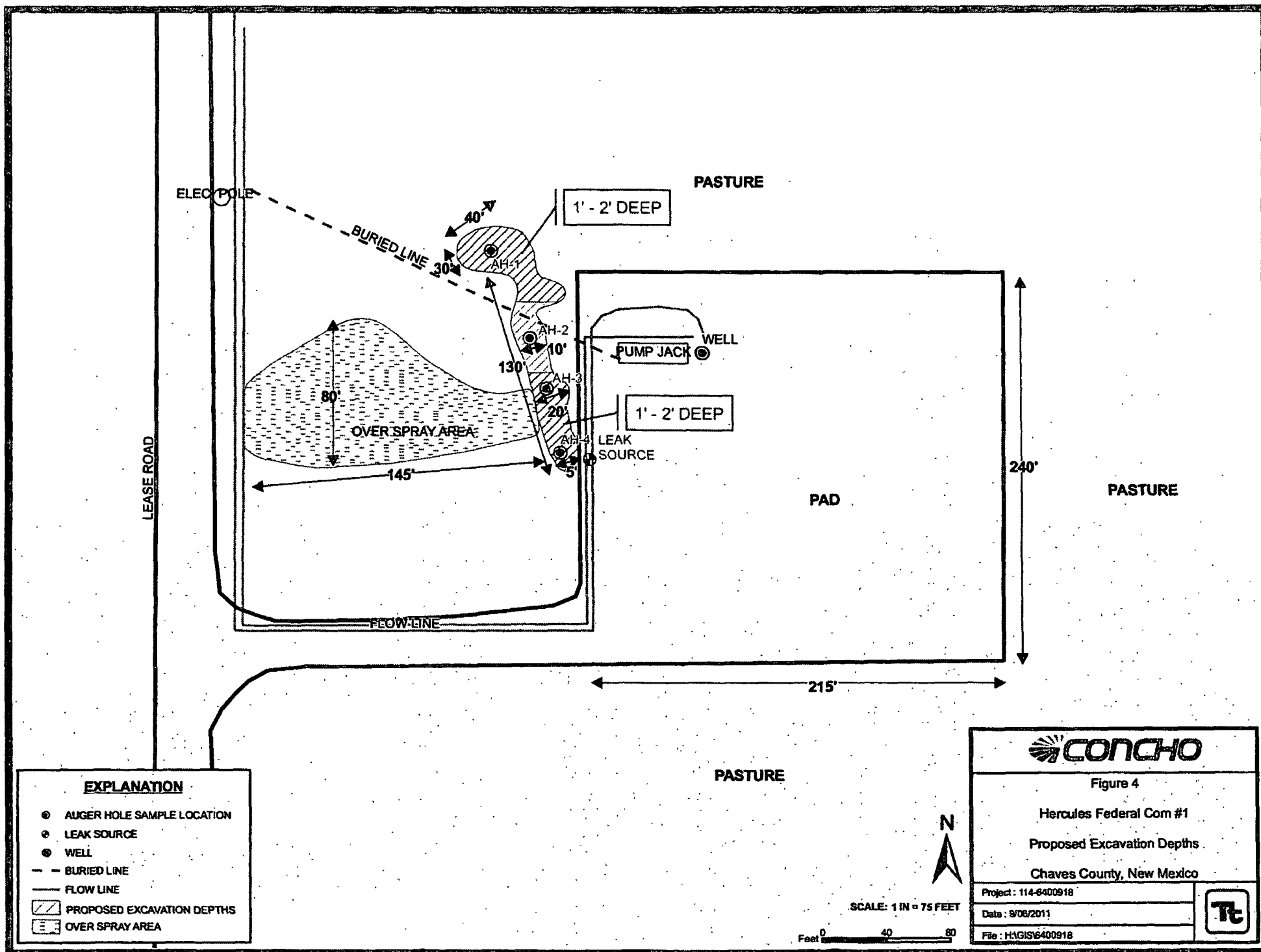
cc: Pat Ellis – COG

## Figures









## Tables

**Table 1**  
**COG Operating LLC.**  
**HERCULES FEDERAL COM. #1**  
**Chavez County, New Mexico**

Sample ID	Sample Date	Sample Depth (ft)	Soil Status		TPH (mg/kg)			Benzene (mg/kg)	Toluene (mg/kg)	Ethlybenzene (mg/kg)	Xylene (mg/kg)	Total BTEX	Chloride (mg/kg)
			In-Situ	Removed	GRO	DRO	Total						
AH-1	5/24/2011	0-1'	X		474	3,400	3,874	<0.200	<0.200	0.771	2.96	3.73	1,600
	"	1-1.5'	X		49.7	148	197.7	<0.0200	<0.0200	<0.0200	0.318	0.318	<200
AH-2	5/24/2011	0-1'	X		297	2,310	2,607	<0.100	<0.100	0.413	2.96	3.373	626
AH-3	5/24/2011	0-1'	X		394	3,600	3,994	<0.100	0.602	0.619	6.53	7.15	2,120
AH-4	5/24/2011	0-0.5'	X		775	8,810	9,585	1.04	13.2	19.5	16.8	36.30	1,670

( - ) Not Analyzed



Proposed Excavated Depths

Photos

COG Operating LLC  
Hercules Federal Com #1  
Chaves County,  
New Mexico



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View North – AH-4, 3, 2, 1



View South – AH-1, 2, 3, 4

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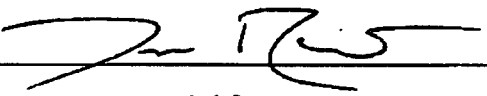
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Signature: 		<b>OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION</b>	
Printed Name: Josh Russo		Approved by District Supervisor:	
Title: HSE Coordinator		Approval Date:	Expiration Date:
E-mail Address: jrusso@conchoresources.com		Conditions of Approval:	
Date: 05/05/2011 Phone: 432-212-2399		Attached <input type="checkbox"/>	

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## Appendix B

## Summary Report

Ike Tavaréz  
Tetra Tech  
1910 N. Big Spring Street  
Midland, TX 79705

Report Date: June 14, 2011

Work Order: 11052704



Project Location: Chavez Co., NM  
Project Name: COG/Hercules Fed. Com. #1  
Project Number: 114-6400918

Sample	Description	Matrix	Date Taken	Time Taken	Date Received
267518	AH-1 0-1'	soil	2011-05-24	00:00	2011-05-26
267519	AH-1 1-1.5'	soil	2011-05-24	00:00	2011-05-26
267520	AH-2 0-1'	soil	2011-05-24	00:00	2011-05-26
267521	AH-3 0-1'	soil	2011-05-24	00:00	2011-05-26
267522	AH-4 0-0.5'	soil	2011-05-24	00:00	2011-05-26

Sample - Field Code	BTEX				TPH DRO - NEW	TPH GRO
	Benzene (mg/Kg)	Toluene (mg/Kg)	Ethylbenzene (mg/Kg)	Xylene (mg/Kg)	DRO (mg/Kg)	GRO (mg/Kg)
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267521 - AH-3 0-1'	<0.100	0.602	0.619	6.53	3600 q.	394
267522 - AH-4 0-0.5'	1.04	13.2	19.5	16.8	8810 q.	775

Sample: 267518 - AH-1 0-1'

Param	Flag	Result	Units	RL
Chloride		1600	mg/Kg	4

Sample: 267519 - AH-1 1-1.5'

Param	Flag	Result	Units	RL
Chloride		<200	mg/Kg	4