

Electronic Correspondence

October 24, 2012

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Re: Corrective Action Plan  
LINN Energy, Skelly Unit 18  
API No.: 30-015-05154  
Legal: Unit D, Section 15, T17S, R31E, 660FNL, 660 FWL, Eddy Co., NM  
GPS: N32.84013, W103.86367

Dear Mike:

Etech Environmental & Safety Solutions, Inc. (Etech) is pleased to submit the following corrective action plan on the aforementioned site for your review and approval.

### Scope of Work

The scope of this project is for the remediation of a produced water/hydrocarbon impact. Completion of remediation will involve the following actions:

1. Placement of a one-call for utility location.
2. Excavation of impacted soils as far as practicable or until the chloride levels are less than 1,000 mg/kg and/or hydrocarbon levels of less than 5,000 mg/kg are reached. Preliminary assessment data indicated the chlorides exceeded regulatory threshold levels to a depth of 0-1 feet. A copy of the assessment map and the screening data are attached. Please note: The delineation data was collected from the lowest point in the impacted area where it was evident liquids had pooled. The assessment map includes the delineation data and the sampling points (SP's) that will be used to determine that the excavation has reached remediation objectives.
3. During the course of excavation soil samples will be screened on site to determine the progress of the remediation. Screening is achieved using a YSI chloride meter with a tolerance of +/- 6% which is the same tolerance as laboratory titration methods.
4. Once the screening determines the remediation objectives have been reached, confirmation samples will be collected from the bottom of the excavation to confirm that remediation goals have been reached. If the excavation depth is greater than 2 feet vertical, side wall samples will be collected as well.
5. If the results of analysis determine that the chloride levels are above regulatory threshold levels, additional excavation will be performed until the remediation objectives are met. It should be noted that due to the depth of the impact from the delineation, there may be

circumstance that arise where additional excavation is not practical. This includes reaching the limits of excavation with chlorides that are close to objective levels, safety issues such as the close proximity of equipment, or other site specific issues. In this event, it will be likely to install a liner or a layer of gypsum at the bottom of the excavation before backfilling.

6. Backfilling of the excavated area(s) will be achieved by placing clean fill similar to the existing material from the site to within 2 foot of the surface. The last two feet will be backfilled with top soil of similar configuration to the surrounding area and contoured to match the existing grade.
7. Where pad areas or interior areas of tank batteries are excavated, they will be backfilled to within 6 inches of surface then backfilled to grade with compacted caliche. Any firewalls or containment berms removed during remediation will be reinstalled.
8. The site will be seeded with a 50/50 mixture of BLM #2 and #4 seed. Seeding will take place when the seasonal conditions are conducive to maximizing the potential for seed germination. Actual seeding will be accomplished by broadcast or drilling; whichever is the most practical for the site.

#### **Notifications and Special Conditions**

1. The OCD and BLM will be notified prior to the commencement of on-site operations.
2. The OCD and BLM will be notified prior to each sampling event to allow the opportunity to witness the sampling events. Splits will be made available if requested.
3. The OCD and BLM (if applicable) will be notified when the site is closed for final inspection prior to seeding.
4. A final report documenting the closure of the site will be submitted along with a final C-141.

Thank you for your assistance on this matter. Should you have any questions, require additional information, or have any additional stipulations for this site, please contact Mr. Gary Wink at (575) 738-1739 (Office) or via email at [gawink@linnenergy.com](mailto:gawink@linnenergy.com) or myself at (432) 563-2200 (office) or via email at [kit@etechnv.com](mailto:kit@etechnv.com).

Respectfully:

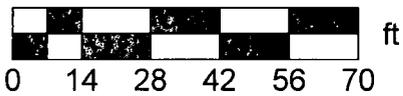


Kit Prichard  
Environmental Professional

cc: Terry Gregston, BLM Carlsbad District Office



Scale 1:450



1" = 37.5 ft

Data Zoom 17-7

LINN Energy  
Skelly Unit 18  
Sample Points and Excavation Map



MN (7.6° E)

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October 22, 2012

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RE: SKELLY #18

Enclosed are the results of analyses for samples received by the laboratory on 10/18/12 14:56.

Cardinal Laboratories is accredited through Texas NELAP under certificate number T104704398-11-3. Accreditation applies to drinking water, non-potable water and solid and chemical materials. All accredited analytes are denoted by an asterisk (\*). For a complete list of accredited analytes and matrices visit the TCEQ website at [www.tceq.texas.gov/field/qa/lab\\_accred\\_certif.html](http://www.tceq.texas.gov/field/qa/lab_accred_certif.html).

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Accreditation applies to public drinking water matrices.

This report meets NELAP requirements and is made up of a cover page, analytical results, and a copy of the original chain-of-custody. If you have any questions concerning this report, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



Celey D. Keene

Lab Director/Quality Manager

**Analytical Results For:**

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 Received: 10/18/2012  
 Reported: 10/22/2012  
 Project Name: SKELLY #18  
 Project Number: 253-3627-000  
 Project Location: EDDY COUNTY, NM

 Sampling Date: 10/18/2012  
 Sampling Type: Soil  
 Sampling Condition: \*\* (See Notes)  
 Sample Received By: Celey D. Keene

**Sample ID: HA1 0-1' (H202551-01)**

Chloride, SM4500Cl-B		mg/kg		Analyzed By: HM						
Analyte	Result	Reporting Limit	Analyzed	Method Blank	BS	% Recovery	True Value QC	RPD	Qualifier	
Chloride	28800	16.0	10/19/2012	ND	416	104	400	0.00		

**Sample ID: HA1 4-5' (H202551-02)**

Chloride, SM4500Cl-B		mg/kg		Analyzed By: HM						
Analyte	Result	Reporting Limit	Analyzed	Method Blank	BS	% Recovery	True Value QC	RPD	Qualifier	
Chloride	336	16.0	10/19/2012	ND	416	104	400	0.00		

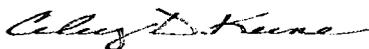
**Sample ID: HA1 9-10' (H202551-03)**

Chloride, SM4500Cl-B		mg/kg		Analyzed By: HM						
Analyte	Result	Reporting Limit	Analyzed	Method Blank	BS	% Recovery	True Value QC	RPD	Qualifier	
Chloride	272	16.0	10/19/2012	ND	416	104	400	0.00		

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**Notes and Definitions**

ND	Analyte NOT DETECTED at or above the reporting limit
RPD	Relative Percent Difference
**	Samples not received at proper temperature of 6°C or below.
***	Insufficient time to reach temperature.
-	Chloride by SM4500Cl-B does not require samples be received at or below 6°C Samples reported on an as received basis (wet) unless otherwise noted on report

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