



# CONOCOPHILLIPS

## EVGSAU WELL #3202-015 (8-23-04)

### ENVIRONMENTAL SITE INVESTIGATION

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**November 4, 2004**

PREPARED FOR:

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**CONOCOPHILLIPS**  
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**LOVINGTON, NEW MEXICO 88260-9613**

*Incident - nPAC 0605540108*  
*Application - pPAC 0605540342*

# **ConocoPhillips**

## **EVGSAU Well #3202-015**

### **8-23-04**

#### **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

The subject site is located east of Buckeye, New Mexico in Unit Letter H, of Section 32, Township 17 South, and Range 35 East. The site consists of undeveloped rangeland and petroleum production facilities. On August 23, 2004, a ¼ inch gauge in a valve on the wellhead of well #3202-015 backed out and leaked approximately 2.5 bbls of oil and 6.5 bbls of water with approximately 2 bbls of oil and 6 bbls of water being recovered.

#### **2.0 SITE CHARACTERIZATION**

The leak area runs west to east from the wellhead across the well location and along the road. The impacted area measures approximately 312 feet in length. The area around the wellhead is approximately 30 feet wide by 30 feet long which narrows to 12 feet by 50 feet, then for 220 feet it narrows to approximately 5 feet wide, at the east end of the leak is an area approximately 30 feet long by 12 feet wide. A sketch of the leak area including the sample points can be reviewed in Appendix II of this report. Photographs of the site can be reviewed in Appendix III of this report. The surface soil is mostly caliche with some brown topsoil. There is no water source within 1,000 feet of the site. There is no surface water within 1,000 feet of the site. Based on data from the New Mexico Office of the State Engineer, there are no recorded water wells located in Section 32, Township 17 South, and Range 35 East. The bedrock in the Buckeye area is very shallow and at this site it is approximately one foot below the surface of the topsoil.

#### **3.0 SITE INVESTIGATION ACTIVITIES**

On October 18, 2004, BBC personnel conducted an inspection of the site. Two samples were taken, both at a depth of approximately 1 foot. Sample Point 1 was taken from the west end of the leak site and Sample Point 2 was taken from the east end of the leak site. The samples were taken to Cardinal Laboratories and analyzed for BTEX, TPH (GRO and DRO), and Chlorides. Laboratory analysis for SP1-1' is: GRO – non detect, DRO – 165 ppm, Chlorides – 3280 ppm, Benzene – non detect, Toluene – non-detect, Ethyl Benzene – 0.006 ppm, and Total Xylenes – 0.016 ppm. Laboratory analysis for SP2-1' is: GRO – 10.6 ppm, DRO – 750 ppm, Chlorides – 5120 ppm, Benzene – non detect, Toluene – non-detect, Ethyl Benzene – 0.022 ppm, and Total Xylenes - 0.047 ppm.

Laboratory analytical results for this sampling event can be reviewed in Appendix I of this report and the sample point locations can be seen in the site diagram located in Appendix II of this report.

#### **4.0 CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION**

The laboratory data for this site indicates that TPH and BTEX concentrations are below OCD guidelines for areas where depth to groundwater is greater than 50 feet, and the area of greatest chloride contamination is in the near surface portion of the leak area. Taking into consideration that the depth to groundwater in the area is greater than 50 feet and the existence of the rock layer at a depth of approximately one foot below ground surface, the evidence indicates that the migration of contamination to groundwater is unlikely. Therefore it is recommended that the impacted caliche on the well pad and the lease road be removed and disposed of. This soil would be transported to an OCD approved landfarm or disposal site.

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1625 N. French Dr., Hobbs, NM 88240  
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1000 Rio Brazos Road, Aztec, NM 87410  
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Submit 2 Copies to appropriate  
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## Release Notification and Corrective Action

### OPERATOR

☒ Initial Report ☐ Final Report

Name of Company <b>ConocoPhillips</b>	Contact <b>Stephen Wilson</b>
Address <b>HC60 Box 66, Lovington, NM</b>	Telephone No. <b>505-396-7962</b>
Facility Name <b>East Vac San Andres Unit</b>	Facility Type <b>Oil and Gas</b>

Surface Owner <b>State of NM</b>	Mineral Owner	Lease No <b>30-025-02969</b>
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### LOCATION OF RELEASE

Unit Letter <b>H</b>	Section <b>32</b>	Township <b>17S</b>	Range <b>35E</b>	Feet from the	North/South Line	Feet from the	East/West Line	County <b>Lea</b>
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Latitude N 32° 47.159' Longitude W 103° 28.656'

### NATURE OF RELEASE

Type of Release <b>Oil and Produced water</b>	Volume of Release <b>9bbl (2.5oil, 6.5water)</b>	Volume Recovered <b>(2oil, 6water)</b>
Source of Release <b>gauge in 1/4" valve vibrated from choke</b>	Date and Hour of Occurrence <b>08-23-04 7:31am</b>	Date and Hour of Discovery <b>08-23-04 7:31am</b>
Was Immediate Notice Given? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Required	If YES, To Whom?	
By Whom?	Date and Hour	
Was a Watercourse Reached? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	If YES, Volume Impacting the Watercourse.	

If a Watercourse was Impacted, Describe Fully.\*  
**NA**

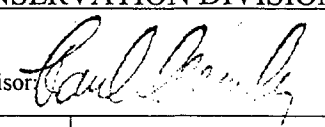
Describe Cause of Problem and Remedial Action Taken.\*

**Gauge in 1/4" valve backed out due to vibration from choke. Picked up free liquids and spread sand**

Describe Area Affected and Cleanup Action Taken.\*

**12' x 180' of caliche pad and caliche road. A vacuum truck and crew dispatched to pick up free liquid. caliche will be dug up and replaced with new caliche. The weather was clear and dry at the time of the leak with no cattle present A determination will be made as to the need for any further action. If further action is deemed necessary a follow up report will be filed.**

I hereby certify that the information given above is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and understand that pursuant to NMOCD rules and regulations all operators are required to report and/or file certain release notifications and perform corrective actions for releases which may endanger public health or the environment. The acceptance of a C-141 report by the NMOCD marked as "Final Report" does not relieve the operator of liability should their operations have failed to adequately investigate and remediate contamination that pose a threat to ground water, surface water, human health or the environment. In addition, NMOCD acceptance of a C-141 report does not relieve the operator of responsibility for compliance with any other federal, state, or local laws and/or regulations.

Signature:		<b>OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION</b>	
Printed Name: <b>Stephen R. Wilson</b>		Approved by District Supervisor 	
Title: <b>Sr. SHEAR Specialist</b>		Approval Date: <b>1-6-05</b> <b>ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEER</b>	
E-mail Address: <b>Stephen.R.Wilson@ConocoPhillips.com</b>		Conditions of Approval:	
Date: <b>08-26-04</b> Phone: <b>505-396-7962</b>		Attached <input type="checkbox"/>	

\* Attach Additional Sheets If Necessary



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January 3, 2004

Paul Sheeley  
NM Oil Conservation Division  
1625 N. French Drive  
Hobbs, NM 88240

**RE: ConocoPhillips – EVGSAU Well #3202-015 Leak (8-23-04)  
Unit Letter H, Section 32, Township 17 South, Range 35 East**

Dear Mr. Sheeley:

BBC International, Inc. respectfully submits this site investigation report for the EVGSAU Well # 3202-015 Leak on behalf of ConocoPhillips.

This site is an area that was investigated due to a wellhead valve leak that occurred on August 23, 2004. Approximately 2.5 barrels of oil and 6.5 barrels of produced water was released with 2 barrels of oil and 6 barrels of water recovered.

The investigation and sampling was conducted on October 18, 2004. The data indicates that the area of greatest contamination is in the upper portion of the leak area. Since the depth to groundwater in the area is greater 50 feet and there is a rock layer at approximately one foot below ground surface, it is recommended that approximately one foot of caliche be removed and disposed of at an OCD approved disposal facility or landfarm, and the site closed.

I look forward to your review of this report and the agreement to our recommendation. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (505)397-6388, by email at [kswinney@bbcinternational.com](mailto:kswinney@bbcinternational.com), or at the address above.

Sincerely,

BBC International, Inc.

Ken Swinney, CEI, CRS  
Director of Operations

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# Permian Basin Asset

Record of Accidental Discharge of Crude Oil, Water or Hazardous Substances

Lease: <b>EVGASA</b> Well # <b>3202-015</b>		Lease # <b>30-025-02969</b> (API, RRC, State, or Federal)		Field: <b>Buckeye</b>	
Discovered By: <b>Malcolm Cox</b>		Date and Time Discovered: <b>8-23-04 @ 7:30am</b>			
Date and Time Discharge Began: <b>8-23-04 @ 7:00am</b>		Date and Time Discharge Ended: <b>8-23-04 @ 7:31am</b>			
Discharge Site: Unit Letter Sec. 32 Blk/TWP 17S Survey/Range 35E County/State: <b>Lea, New Mexico</b>					
Latitude <b>N32 47.159</b> Longitude <b>W103 28.656</b>					
Highway Map Location: <b>1.7 miles east of Buckeye store, turn south and go 1 mile to location</b>					
Location Of Discharge: <b>Wellhead of 3202-015</b>		<input type="checkbox"/> Flowline -----		Feet to Nearest Wellhead Number	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Injection. Line		Feet to Nearest Wellhead Number	
Specific Source of Discharge: <b>1/4" valve on choke on wellhead</b>					
Describe Cause of Discharge : <b>gauge in 1/4" valve backed out due to vibration from choke</b>					
Actions taken to Prevent Reoccurrence: <b>installed new gauge tighter</b>					
Describe Nature and Extent of Area Affected: <b>12' x 180' Lease Road</b>					
Weather Conditions: <b>Clear and Dry</b>					
Clean-Up Action Taken: <b>Vacuum truck picked up free standing liquid. Backhoe cleaned up location and road.</b>					
Remediation Action Taken: <b>A determination will be made as to the need for any further action. If further action is deemed necessary a follow up report will be filed. No cattle in the area.</b>					
<b>Specific Source of Discharge</b>			<b>Possible Reasons For Failure</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Flowline <input type="checkbox"/> Tank Piping <input type="checkbox"/> Vessel Piping <input type="checkbox"/> Line Check Valve <input type="checkbox"/> Wellhead Connections <input type="checkbox"/> Tank			<input type="checkbox"/> Corrosion <input type="checkbox"/> External <input type="checkbox"/> Internal <input type="checkbox"/> Fatigue <input type="checkbox"/> Age		
<input type="checkbox"/> Pump <input type="checkbox"/> Vessel <input type="checkbox"/> Chemical Storage Container <input type="checkbox"/> Chemical Injection Equipment <input type="checkbox"/> Casing/Tubing Communication <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <b>1/4 valve</b>			<input type="checkbox"/> Human Error <input type="checkbox"/> Pressure <input type="checkbox"/> Instrumentation <input type="checkbox"/> Mechanical <input type="checkbox"/> Weather		
Pipe Size = inches			Cost of Cleanup/Repair:		
<input type="checkbox"/> Steel <input type="checkbox"/> Fiberglass <input type="checkbox"/> Plastic <input type="checkbox"/> Transite			<input type="checkbox"/> Buried <input type="checkbox"/> Surface <input type="checkbox"/> Bare		
<input type="checkbox"/> Coated <input type="checkbox"/> Internal <input type="checkbox"/> External <input type="checkbox"/> Cement Lined			<input type="checkbox"/> Plastic Lined <input type="checkbox"/> Fiberglass <input type="checkbox"/> Was Line Chemically Treated <input type="checkbox"/> Other		
<b>Names and Volumes of Substances Spilled</b>			<b>Remedial Action Picked Up</b>		
2.5 BBL Oil 6.5 BBL Produced Water			2 BBL Oil 6 BBL Produced Water		Contained in Dike? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Gallons Chemical Spilled		Gallons Chemical		MFG/Chemical Name:	
Gas Volume Released (MCF)		<input type="checkbox"/> Gas Leak <input type="checkbox"/> Blowdown <input type="checkbox"/> Upset			
Other - Explain:					
<b>Federal, State, and Local Agencies Notified:</b>				Job Number	
Agency	Person Notified	Date and Time Notified	Method Used		Person Notifying
NMOCD		@	<input type="checkbox"/> Phone	<input type="checkbox"/> Fax	
		@	<input type="checkbox"/> Phone	<input type="checkbox"/> Fax	
		@	<input type="checkbox"/> Phone	<input type="checkbox"/> Fax	
Landowner/Tenant:				Telephone No.	
<b>I Hereby Certify That The Above Information Is True To The Best Of My Knowledge.</b>					
Name and Title:					

# **Appendix I**



# ARDINAL LABORATORIES

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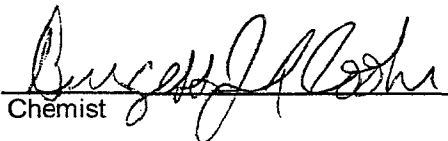
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Project Location: BUCKEYE, NM

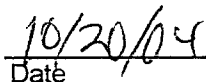
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Sample Type: SOIL  
Sample Condition: COOL & INTACT  
Sample Received By: BC  
Analyzed By: BC/AH

LAB NUMBER	SAMPLE ID	GRO (C <sub>6</sub> -C <sub>10</sub> ) (mg/Kg)	DRO (>C <sub>10</sub> -C <sub>28</sub> ) (mg/Kg)	Cl* (mg/Kg)
		10/19/04	10/19/04	10/20/04
H9253-1	SP1-1'	<10.0	165	3280
H9253-2	SP2-1'	10.6	750	5120
Quality Control		749	776	1000
True Value QC		800	800	1000
% Recovery		93.6	97.0	100
Relative Percent Difference		2.5	4.8	5.0

METHODS: TPH GRO & DRO: EPA SW-846 8015 M; Cl: Std. Methods 4500-ClB

\*Analyses performed on 1:4 w:v aqueous extracts.

  
Chemist

  
Date

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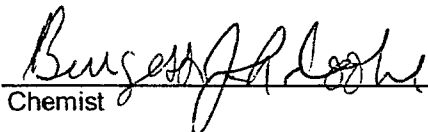
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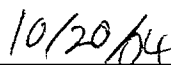
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Project Owner: CONOCO PHILLIPS  
Project Name: EVGSAU WELL #3202-015  
Project Location: BUCKEYE, NM

Sampling Date: 10/18/04  
Sample Type: SOIL  
Sample Condition: COOL & INTACT  
Sample Received By: BC  
Analyzed By: BC

LAB NUMBER	SAMPLE ID	BENZENE (mg/Kg)	TOLUENE (mg/Kg)	ETHYL BENZENE (mg/Kg)	TOTAL XYLENES (mg/Kg)
ANALYSIS DATE		10/19/04	10/19/04	10/19/04	10/19/04
H9253-1	SP1-1'	<0.005	<0.005	0.006	0.016
H9253-2	SP2-1'	<0.005	<0.005	0.022	0.047
Quality Control		0.098	0.100	0.104	0.322
True Value QC		0.100	0.100	0.100	0.300
% Recovery		98.1	99.9	104	107
Relative Percent Difference		4.9	2.6	6.3	7.3

METHOD: EPA SW-846 8260

  
Chemist

  
Date

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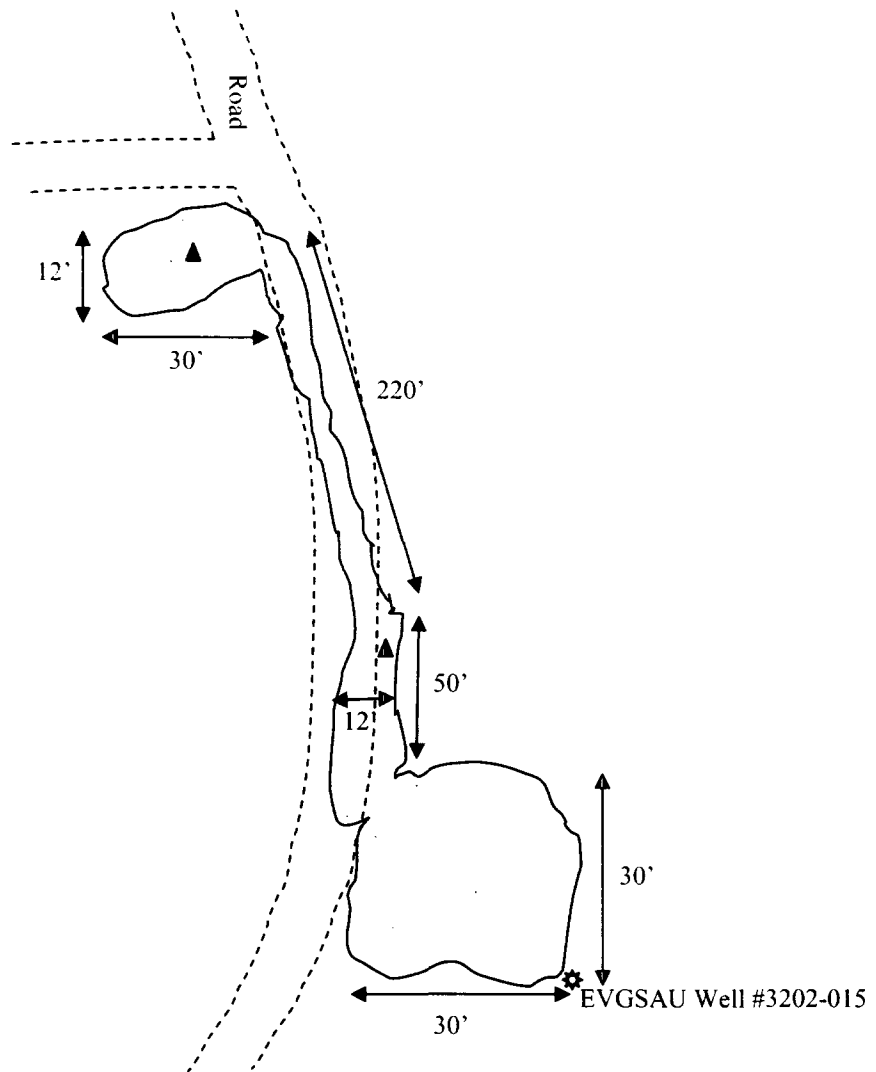
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# **Appendix II**

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## EVGSAU WELL # 3202-015



### LEGEND

- ⚙ Well Head
- ▲ Sample Point
- Contaminated Area

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CONOCOPHILLIPS

Date: 10-19-04

Drawn By: JG

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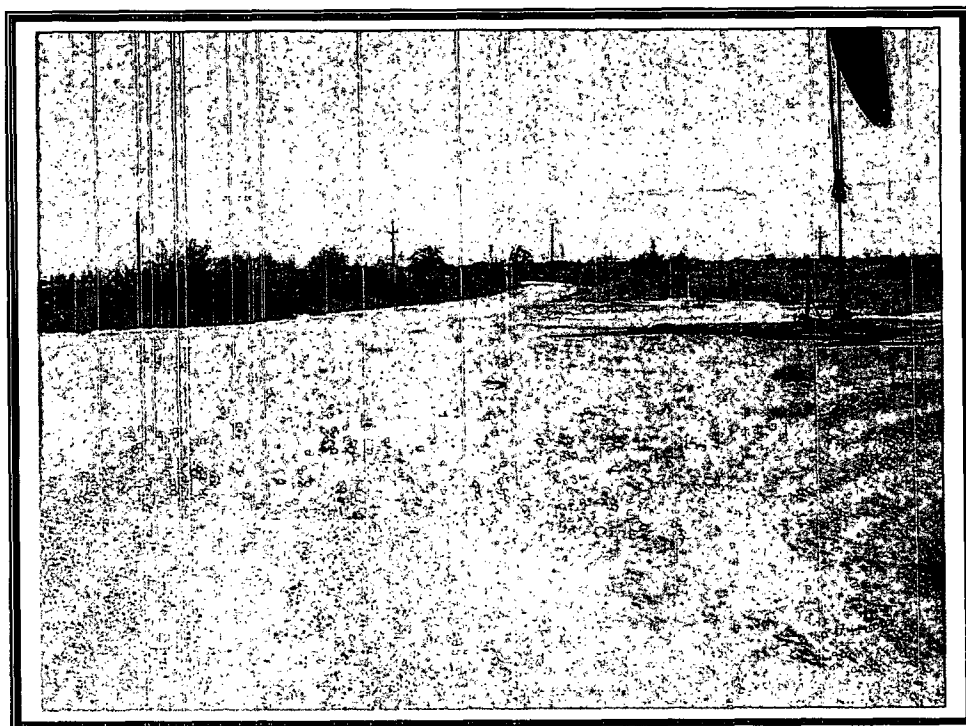
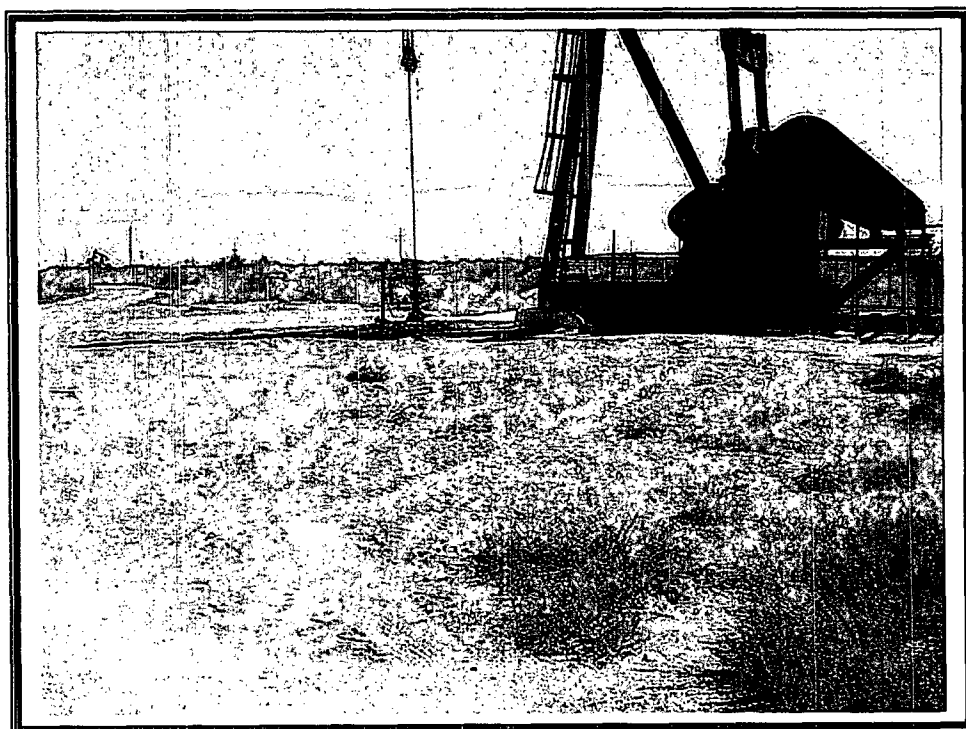
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# Appendix III

Leak 8-23-04



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