RAM SERVICES CORPORATION

CIMAREX ENERGY CO

WINNINGHAM NO. 9 WELL SITE

C-141 REMEDIATION

SOIL INVESTIGATION PLAN

PROJECT REF: RAM-06-001

UL-B (NW¼ OF THE NE½) OF SECTION 30 T25S R37E

LATITUDE: N32^o 06.411' LONGITUDE: 103^o 11.980'

~1.1 MILES SW (BEARING 214°) OF THE INTERSECTION OF NM HWY 18 AND NM HWY 128

CITY OF JAL

LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

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1.0 Introduction and Background

This report addresses a proposed Soil and Ground Water Investigation prior to submittal of a C-141 Remediation Plan for the 60-bbl release of production well work-over fluids that occurred at the Cimarex Energy Co. (CIMAREX) Winningham No. 9 well-site. The release occurred during the night of August 22, 2006 when the valves of a parked Ram Services Inc. (RAM) vacuum truck were maliciously opened. This plan proposes to delineate the vertical and horizontal extents of the chloride contamination on the CIMAREX location that resulted from the above described release.

The CIMAREX Willingham No. 9 production well and associated drilling pit are located on State owned land in Unit Letter B, (NW¼ of the NE¼), Section 30, T25S, R37E. The GPS coordinates are: Latitude: N32° 06.411'; Longitude: 103° 11.980'. A location map, topographical map, aerial photo of the site and a site detail drawing are included as Plates 1-4 in the Attachments.

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2.0 Site Description

2.1 Geological Description

<u>The United States Geological Survey (USGS) Ground-Water Report 6, "Geology and</u> <u>Ground-Water Conditions in Southern Lea County, New Mexico," A. Nicholson and A.</u> <u>Clebsch, 1961</u>, describes the near surface geology of southern Lea County as "an intergrade of the Quaternary Alluvium (QA) sediments, i.e., fine to medium sand, with the mostly eroded Cenozoic Ogallala (CO) formation. Typically, the QA and CO formations in the area are capped by a thick interbed of caliche and generally overlain by sandy soil." The release site is located at the southern extent of the Eunice Plain physiographic subdivision, described by Nicholson & Clebsch as an area "underlain by a hard caliche surface that is almost entirely covered by reddish-brown dune sand". The thickness of the sand cover ranges from 2-5 feet in most areas to as much as 20-30 feet in drift areas. (Nicholson & Clebsch - 1961).

2.2 Ecological Description

The area is typical of the Upper Chihuahuan Desert Biome consisting primarily of hummocky sand hills covered with Harvard Shin Oak (*Querqus harvardi*) interspersed with Honey Mesquite (*Prosopis glandulosa*) along with typical desert grasses, flowering annuals and flowering perennials. Mammals represented, include Orrd's and Merriam's Kangaroo Rat, Deer Mouse, White Throated Wood Rat, Cottontail Rabbit, Black Tailed Jackrabbit, Mule Deer, Bobcat, Red Fox and Coyote. Reptiles, Amphibians, and Birds are numerous

and typical of area. A survey of Listed, Threatened, or Endangered species was not conducted.

2.3 Area Ground Water

Based on available evidence, depth to ground water is projected to be >175-feet below ground surface (bgs).

2.4 Area Water Wells

There are no recorded or observed water wells within 1000 horizontal feet of the site.

2.5 Area Surface Water Features

No permanent surface water bodies exist within 1000 horizontal feet of the site.

3.0 Contaminant and Size of Area

The primary Contaminants of Concern (COC's) are total chlorides and, to a lesser extent, petroleum based hydrocarbons. The release affected area is irregular in shape with one area extending approximately 120-ft north of the battery fence line. The east-west extent is a maximum of 210-ft just north of the battery fence line. The calculated area of the total release is ~19,091-ft² (see Plate 4, Attachments).

The work-over fluids associated with this release are considered RCRA Exempt oilfield waste. No evidence of other contaminants was observed.

4.0 NMOCD Site Ranking Table

Preliminary investigation and evaluation of this site indicate that the chemical parameters of the soil and the physical parameters of the ground water are characterized consistent with the characterization and remediation/abatement goals and objectives set forth in the following New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (NMOCD) publications:

- Guidelines for Remediation of Leaks, Spills and Releases (August 13, 1993)
- Unlined Surface Impoundment Closure Guidelines (February 1993)

Acceptable thresholds for contaminants/constituents of concern (CoCs), i.e., TPH^{8015m}, Benzene, and the mass sum of Benzene, Toluene, Ethyl Benzene, and total Xylenes (BTEX⁸²⁶⁰), was determined based on the NMOCD Ranking Criteria as follows:

- Depth to Ground water, i.e., distance from the lower most acceptable concentration to the ground water.
- Wellhead Protection Area, i.e., distance from fresh water supply wells.
- Distance to Surface Water Body, i.e., horizontal distance to all down gradient surface water bodies.

Based on the proximity of the site to area water wells, surface water bodies, and depth to ground water from the lower most contamination, the NMOCD ranking score for the site is 0 points with the soil remedial goals highlighted in the Site Ranking Table on the following page

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5.0 Proposed Soil Investigation

The delineation of the vertical and horizontal contamination extents will be accomplished with the drilling and sampling of thirteen boreholes within or beyond the perimeter of the contaminated area. Drilling will be accomplished with the use of a hollow stem auger. The release affected area is readily identifiable due to significant NaCl crystallization on the surface of the area. The release area extents and proposed boreholes are displayed in Plate 5- Attachments.

Four boreholes will be drilled several feet beyond the perimeter of the release area to determine background total chloride concentrations. Three boreholes will be drilled at the perimeter of the release area and six boreholes will be drilled within the release area. *(See Plate 5)* All boreholes will be sampled at 5-ft intervals. Each sample will be field-tested for Total Chlorides utilizing high and low range test strips. Final depth of each boring will be determined by the achievement of a <250-ppm chloride concentration. All samples from this delineation process will be submitted to Cardinal Laboratories, Hobbs, NM under Chain of Custody for certified analysis.

Hydrocarbon delineation will be accomplished by obtaining several representative near-surface (0-3 ft) samples from the release area and analyzing them for TPH⁸⁰¹⁵; BTEX⁸²⁷⁰ and Benzene. Nearsurface sampling locations will be logged and included with the borehole sampling results in the C141 Remediation Work Plan to be submitted subsequent to the findings of this Soil Investigation Plan.

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