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**SUBSIDENCE
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REPORTS**

Chavez, Carl J, EMNRD

From: VonGonten, Glenn, EMNRD
Sent: Friday, January 23, 2009 1:12 PM
To: Chavez, Carl J, EMNRD
Subject: FW: loco hills sinks
Attachments: LHsink2-1-18-09-4.jpg; LHsink2-1-18-09-6.jpg; LHsink-01-18-09-2.jpg

Carl,

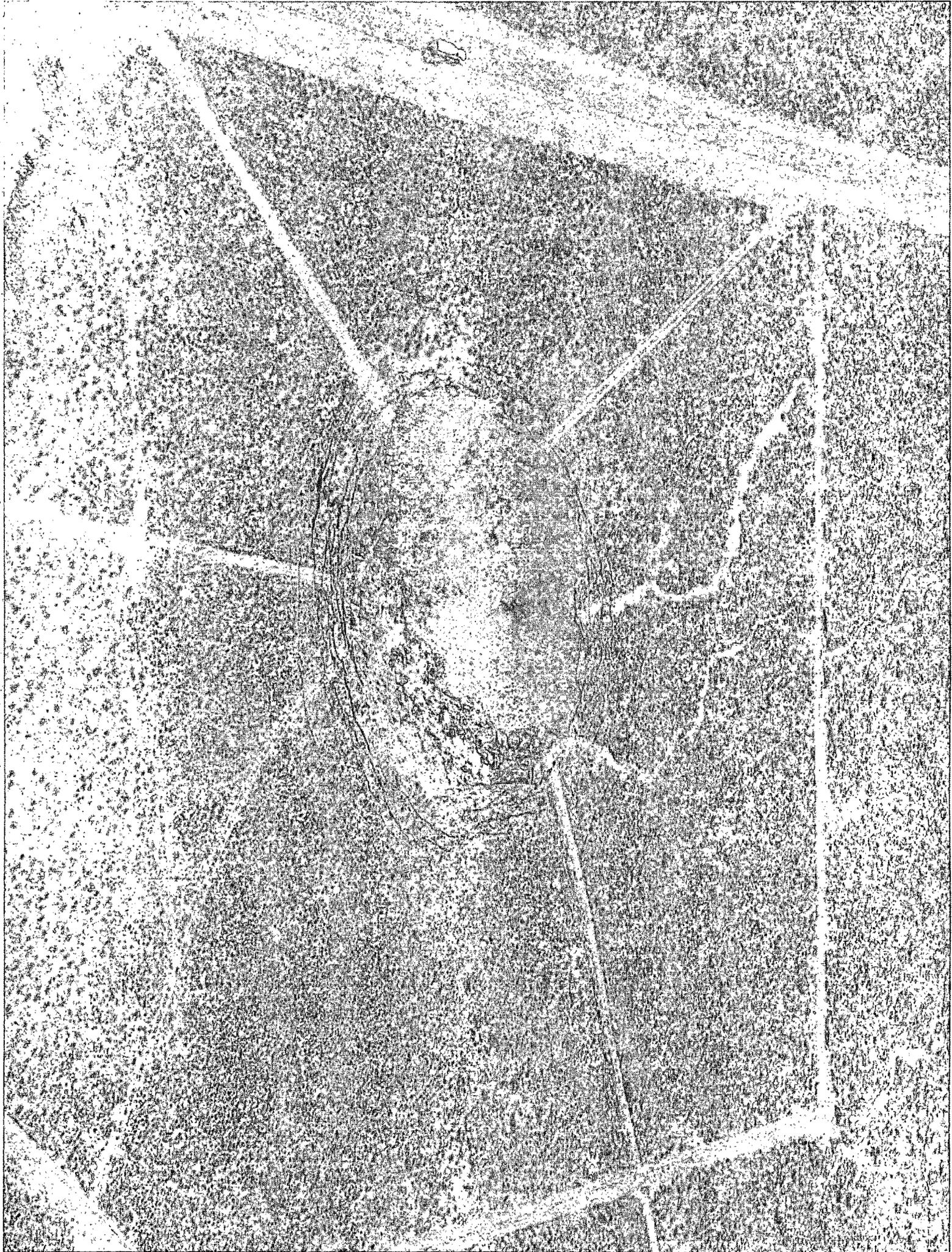
I'll put these photos on the L drive and the ftp site (when we get more room).

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From: Lewis Land [mailto:[lland@nckri.org](mailto:liland@nckri.org)]
Sent: Friday, January 23, 2009 12:02 PM
To: VonGonten, Glenn, EMNRD
Subject: loco hills sinks

Hi Glenn, I thought you might be interested in the latest aerial shots of the Loco Hills sinkholes. Number 2 has grown quite a bit since my last visit there in December. The first one has apparently stabilized, although you can still see exciting concentric fractures around it. –Lewis Land

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Chavez, Carl J, EMNRD

From: Sherry Glass [SGlass@kpk.com]
Sent: Thursday, December 18, 2008 9:14 AM
To: Brad Berge; Brian Henington; Chavez, Carl J, EMNRD; Davis O'Connor; Dimas Herrera; VonGonten, Glenn, EMNRD; J. Arnwine; Carr, Jim A.; Griswold, Jim, EMNRD; Kelsey H. Wasylenky; kgoil@msn.com; Kevin Kauffman; Larry Kehoe; Ocean Munds-Dry; Paul Phillips; Sherry Glass; Price, Wayne, EMNRD
Subject: FW: Fence Job

For your information, the latest update from Roadrunner Environmental. Thank you.

From: roadrunner office [mailto:roadrunneroffice@swwmail.net]
Sent: Thursday, December 18, 2008 8:53 AM
To: Sherry Glass
Subject: Fence Job

Sherry,

Continuing to set and cement poles on north side of fence. Finish digging holes on west side of fence to be able to set and cement poles tomorrow on west side.

Thank You,
Shawn Hnulik
(575)361-3771

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Chavez, Carl J, EMNRD

From: Sherry Glass [SGlass@kpk.com]
Sent: Friday, December 12, 2008 10:22 AM
To: Chavez, Carl J, EMNRD; Carr, Jim A.; Price, Wayne, EMNRD; Paul Phillips; Brad Berge; Ocean Munds-Dry
Cc: Kent Gilbert; Kevin Kauffman; Kelsey H. Wasylenky
Subject: status fence update 12-12-08

Shawn of Roadrunner Environmental gave me my daily update this morning on the status of the fence; the crews were still digging postholes yesterday, the east side is completed and they are working on the north side today. They will not work this weekend. By Monday, they will be digging on the west side. Their plan is to complete the post holes on the south (road) side last. I will send a status report on Monday. Have a good weekend! Thanks.

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From: Sherry Glass [SGlass@kpk.com]
Sent: Wednesday, December 10, 2008 8:45 AM
To: Carr, Jim A.; Chavez, Carl J, EMNRD; Price, Wayne, EMNRD; Brad Berge; Paul Phillips; Ocean Munds-Dry; Kent Gilbert; Kelsey H. Wasylenky; Kevin Kauffman; dherrera@swwmail.net
Subject: FW: Fence Job

From: roadrunner office [mailto:roadrunneroffice@swwmail.net]
Sent: Wednesday, December 10, 2008 8:41 AM
To: Sherry Glass
Subject: Fence Job

Sherry,

We are digging the holes for the corner posts. Going to set and cement corner posts and run slick wire today. If you have any questions, you can contact me at (575)361-3771.

Thank You,
Shawn Hnulik
Sales

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Chavez, Carl J, EMNRD

From: Chavez, Carl J, EMNRD
Sent: Tuesday, December 09, 2008 8:01 AM
To: 'Moore, Darrell'
Cc: Price, Wayne, EMNRD
Subject: RE: Small fire at Artesia Plant

Darrell:

Good morning. Please submit a C-141 to document the fire and the corrective action taken to address the problem. Also, any release of fluids, type and estimated volume of any release. Thank you.

Carl J. Chavez, CHMM
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(Pollution Prevention Guidance is under "Publications")

From: Moore, Darrell [<mailto:Darrell.Moore@hollycorp.com>]
Sent: Monday, December 08, 2008 9:55 AM
To: Chavez, Carl J, EMNRD
Subject: Small fire at Artesia Plant

Carl

We had a small fire here at the plant on Saturday at 6:20 pm. A depropanizer pump in the Alky Unit blew a seal and the escaping C4/C5 flashed. There were no injuries and very minor damage (melted electric lines). This is the first time we have reported a fire as per our discharge permit. Is this e mail enough or do we need to fill out a form? If so, which form do we fill out?

Darrell Moore
Environmental Manager for Water and Waste
Navajo Refining Company, LLC
Phone Number 575-746-5281
Cell Number 575-703-5058
Fax Number 575-746-5451

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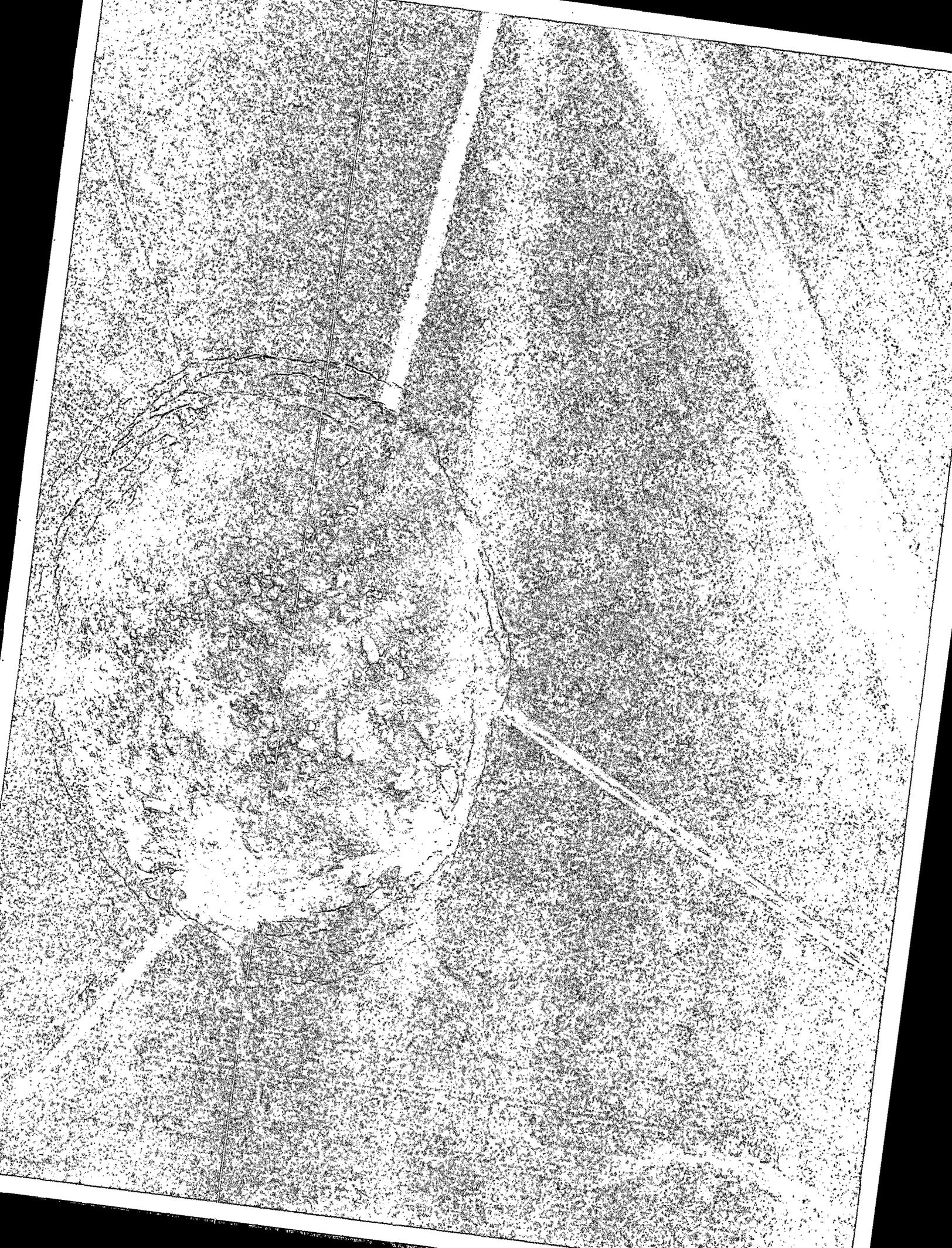
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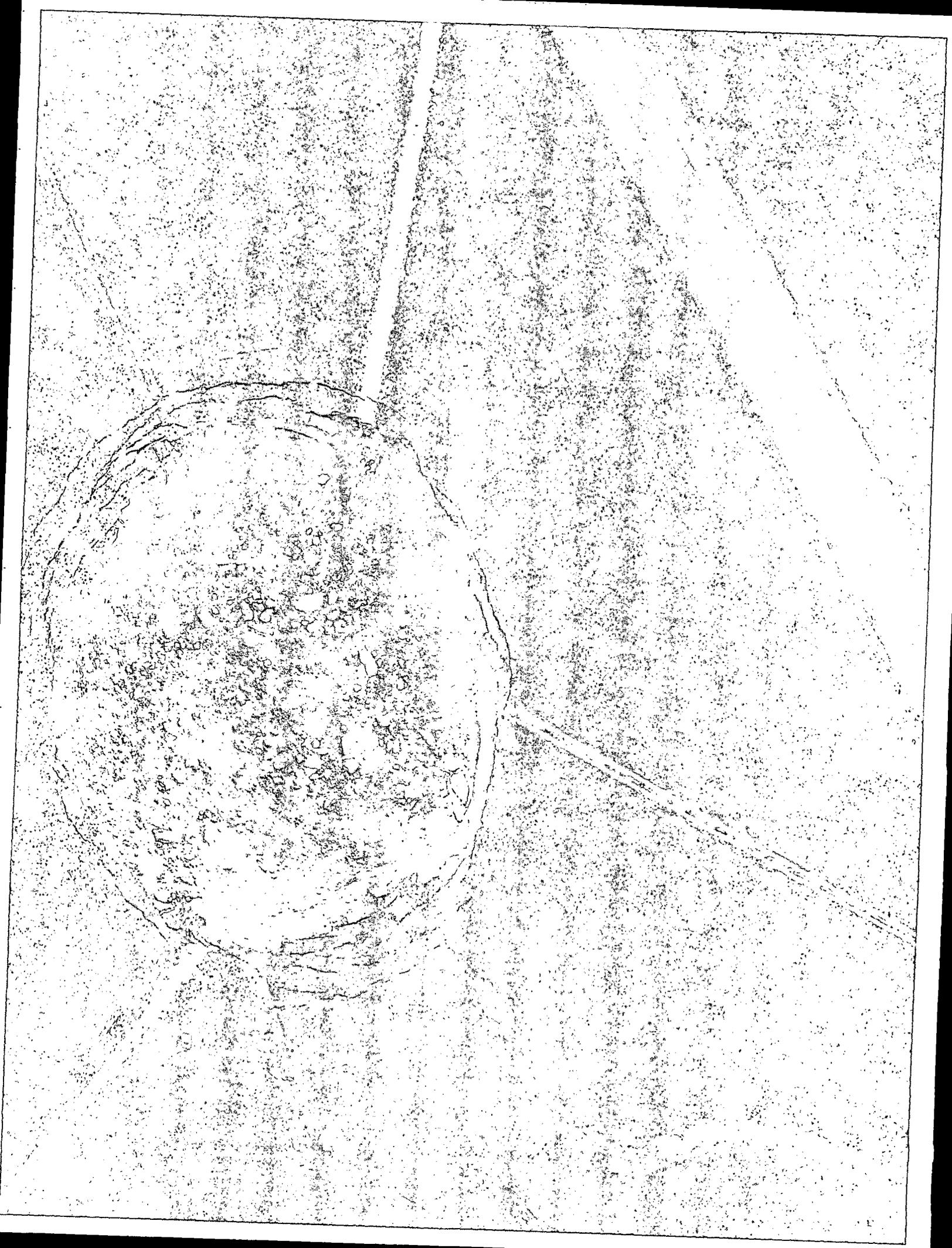
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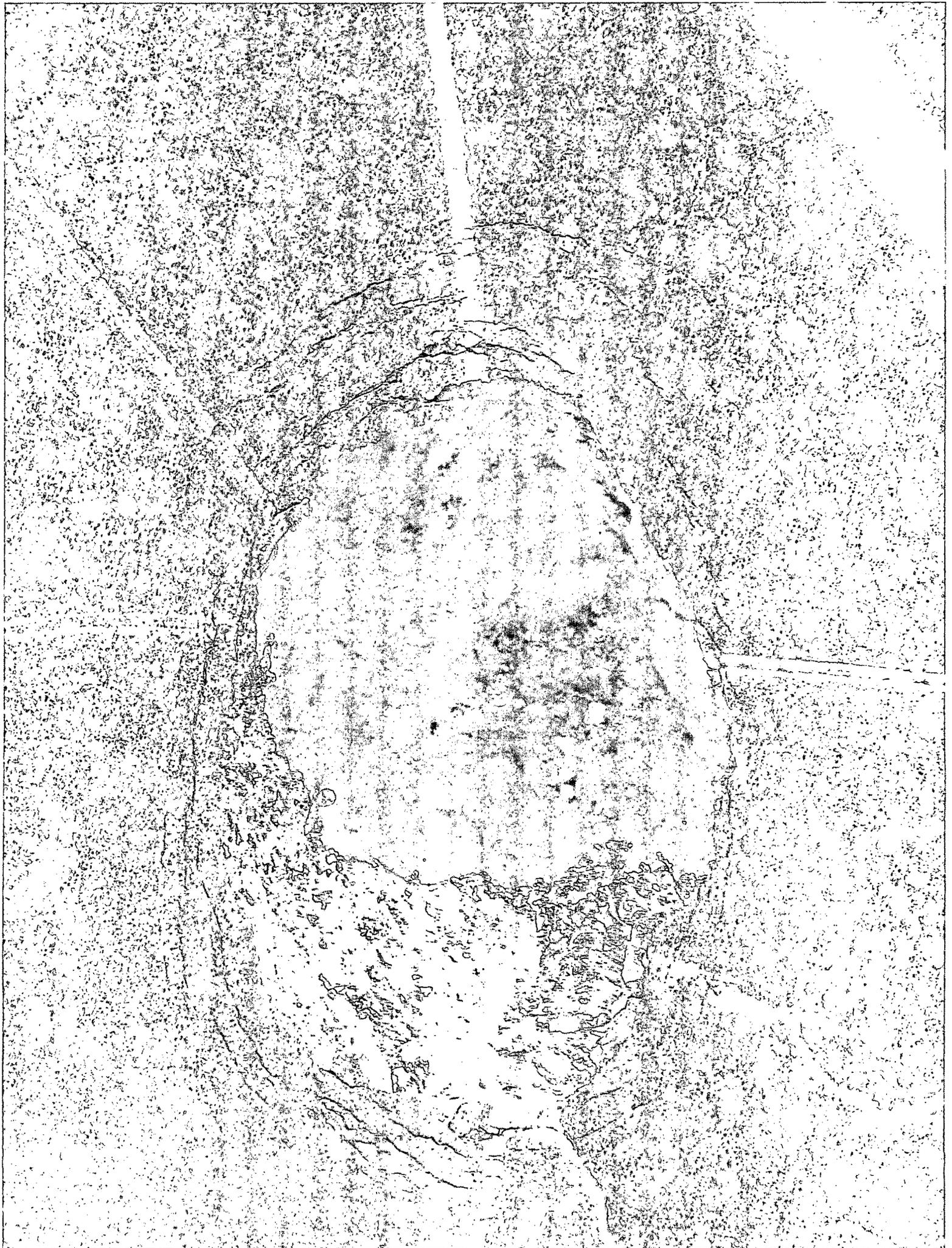
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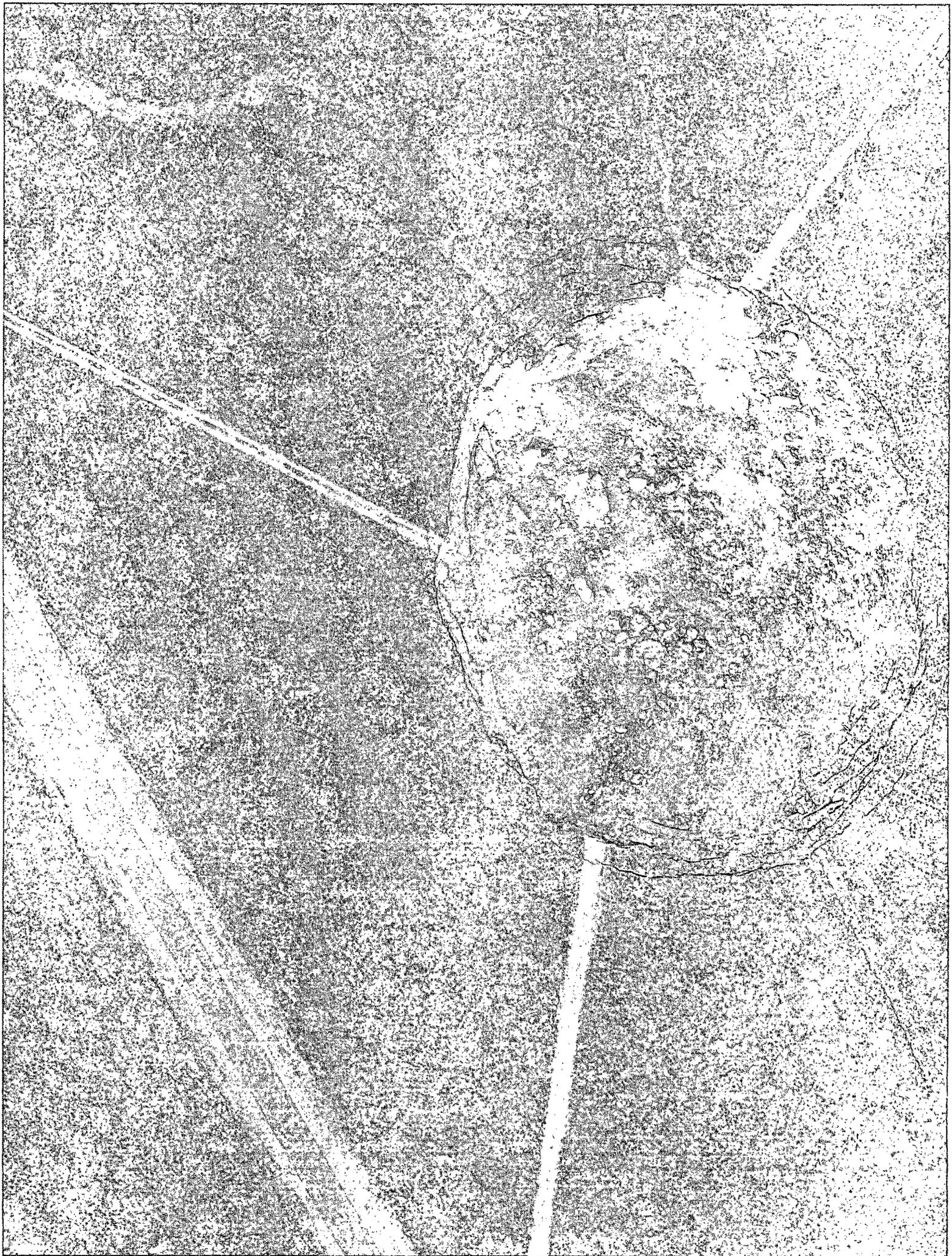
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From: Chavez, Carl J, EMNRD
Sent: Friday, November 14, 2008 4:38 PM
To: 'ziatransports@gmail.com'; 'jrmillett@gmail.com'; 'rharrisnm@aim.com'; 'gandy2@leaco.net'; 'seay04@leaco.net'; 'iwcarlsbad@plateautel.net'; 'Patterson, Bob'; 'Dimas Herrera'; 'gil@mull.us'; 'David Pyeatt'; 'Wayne E Roberts'; Dennis L Shearer; 'garymschubert@aol.com'; 'dgibson@keyenergy.com'; 'Clay Wilson'; 'Prather, Steve'; Ronnie D Devore
Cc: Hill, Larry, EMNRD; Gum, Tim, EMNRD; Price, Wayne, EMNRD
Subject: Brine Well Moratorium Press Release Today
Attachments: PR-OCD Brine Well Moratorium.pdf

FYI, please see the attached NM OCD Press Release issued today. Thank you.

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November 14, 2008

NEWS RELEASE

Contact: Jodi McGinnis Porter,
Public Information Officer 505.476.3226

Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Cabinet Secretary Prukop Orders a Six Month Moratorium on New Brine Wells ***Oil Conservation Division to Investigate Brine Well Collapses and Provide Recommendations***

SANTA FE, NM – Secretary Joanna Prukop today ordered the Oil Conservation Division to place a six month moratorium on any new brine well applications located in geologically sensitive areas. Secretary Prukop's action comes following the second brine well collapse in less than four months in southeastern New Mexico. The Secretary has also directed the Oil Conservation Division to work with the Environmental Protection Agency, other states, technical experts and oil and gas industry representatives to examine the causes of recent collapses, and provide a report with recommendations to the Oil Conservation Commission for a safe path forward. The report should be completed by May 1, 2009.

"I am deeply concerned by these two serious incidents and we are taking action to ensure the safety of our citizens and to protect the environment," stated Secretary Prukop.

Brine wells are an essential part of the oil and gas drilling industry, particularly in the southeastern part of the state. Oil and gas operators use brine water in the drilling process. Brine is saturated salt water which can be more salty than sea water. Brine is created by injecting fresh water into salt formations, allowing the water to absorb the salt and then pumping it out of the well. This method creates an underground cavity.

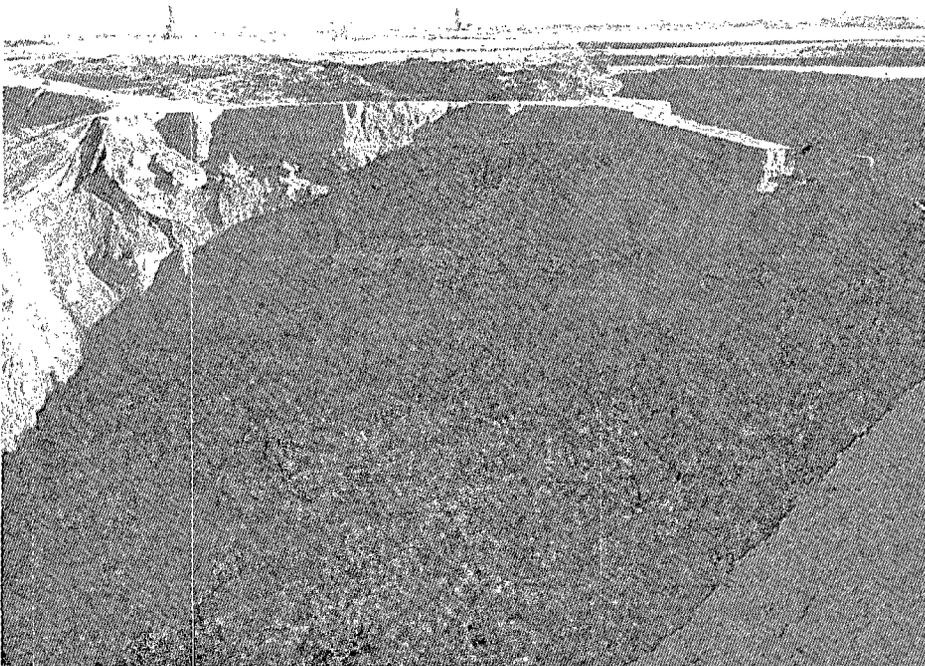
"The moratorium will provide time to properly evaluate the causes of the recent collapses and to discuss the development of new rules or guidelines to ensure the safety and stability of brine well systems," added Secretary Prukop.

The moratorium will only affect new wells and will not impact existing wells and facilities.

Below are photographs of the two recent collapses:



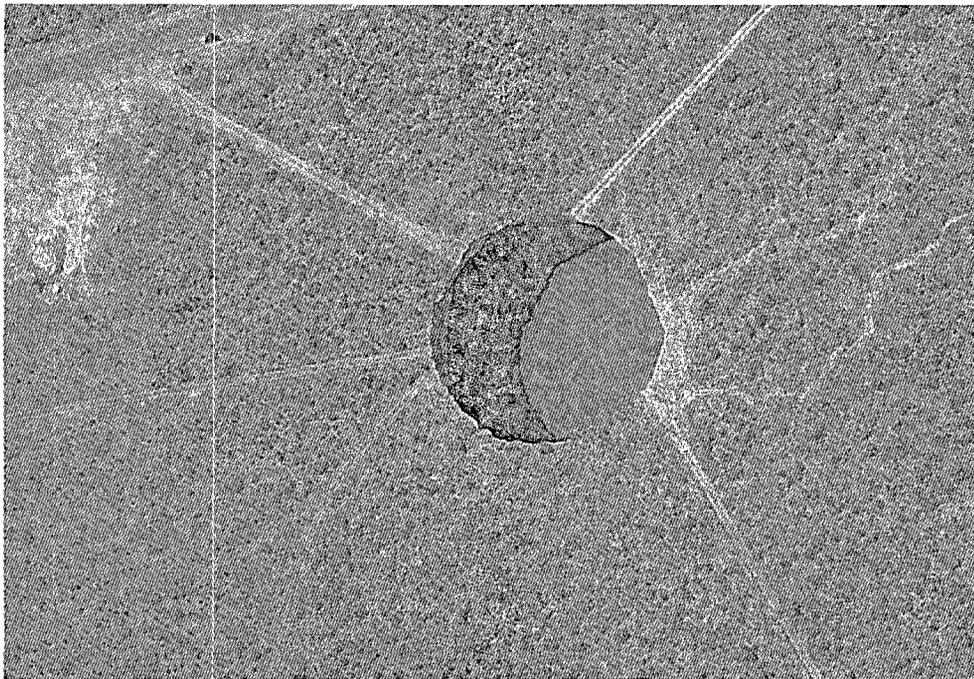
Loco Hills brine well collapse, morning, November 7, 2008, sinkhole with fresh water pond in foreground.
Photo courtesy of Oil Conservation Division



Loco Hills brine well collapse, morning, November 7, 2008 sinkhole.
Photo courtesy of Oil Conservation Division



Loco Hills brine well collapse, morning, November 7, 2008 status of fresh water pond.
Photo courtesy of Oil Conservation Division



Artesia brine well collapse, morning, July 20, 2008 at 10:44 am.
Photo courtesy of National Cave and Karst Research Institute



Artesia brine well collapse morning, July 22, 2008
Photo courtesy of National Cave and Karst Research Institute

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From: Chavez, Carl J, EMNRD
Sent: Wednesday, September 10, 2008 2:29 PM
To: Pham.Lisa@epamail.epa.gov; 'Leissner.Ray@epamail.epa.gov'
Cc: Price, Wayne, EMNRD
Subject: FW: Jims Waters Service (BW-5) sinkhole update 9-9-09
Attachments: executed memorandum update on sinkhole_080909.pdf; JWSMONITOING2 SECONDARY CONTROL.pdf; JWS monitoring survey Summary and tracking chart ONLY.xls; sinkhole overflight 8-26-08 annotated.pdf

Lisa and Ray:

Hi. Just wanted share some updated information on the sinkhole with you. I heard from Lisa today that Ray you may be coming down to view the sinkhole soon. The OCD would like to meet with you in the OCD Artesia Office and to drive with you to the sinkhole location.

District 2 – OCD ARTESIA Office
 1301 W. Grand Avenue
 Artesia, NM 88210
 OFFICE: (575) 748-1283 FAX: (575) 748-9720
 Business Hours:
 7:00 AM-12:00 PM and 1:00 - 4:00 PM
 Monday through Friday

The Jims Water Service file is available via the Internet at:
<http://ocdimage.emnrd.state.nm.us/imaging/AEOrderFileView.aspx?appNo=pENV0000BW0006>

Could you please provide the date and time for a meeting and any agenda items for our meeting and site visit? Thank you.

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Subject: sinkhole update 9-9-09

Please see attached. If you have any questions, please let me know. Thank you.

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9/10/2008

Memorandum

To: Wayne Price, New Mexico OCD

CC: JWS file

From: Kent Gilbert

Date: September 9, 2009

Re: Update on sinkhole

The sinkhole is fully fenced off with barbed wire, with a locked gate and posted with warning signs stating the penalty for trespassing. The state land office is evaluating the fenced area and adjacent properties to develop a final plan for the site.

JWS personnel continue to be vigilant with daily observations and monitoring the sinkhole and adjacent areas.

The sinkhole apparently has slowed in its growth. Additional fissures are developing and being observed by personnel and surveyors.

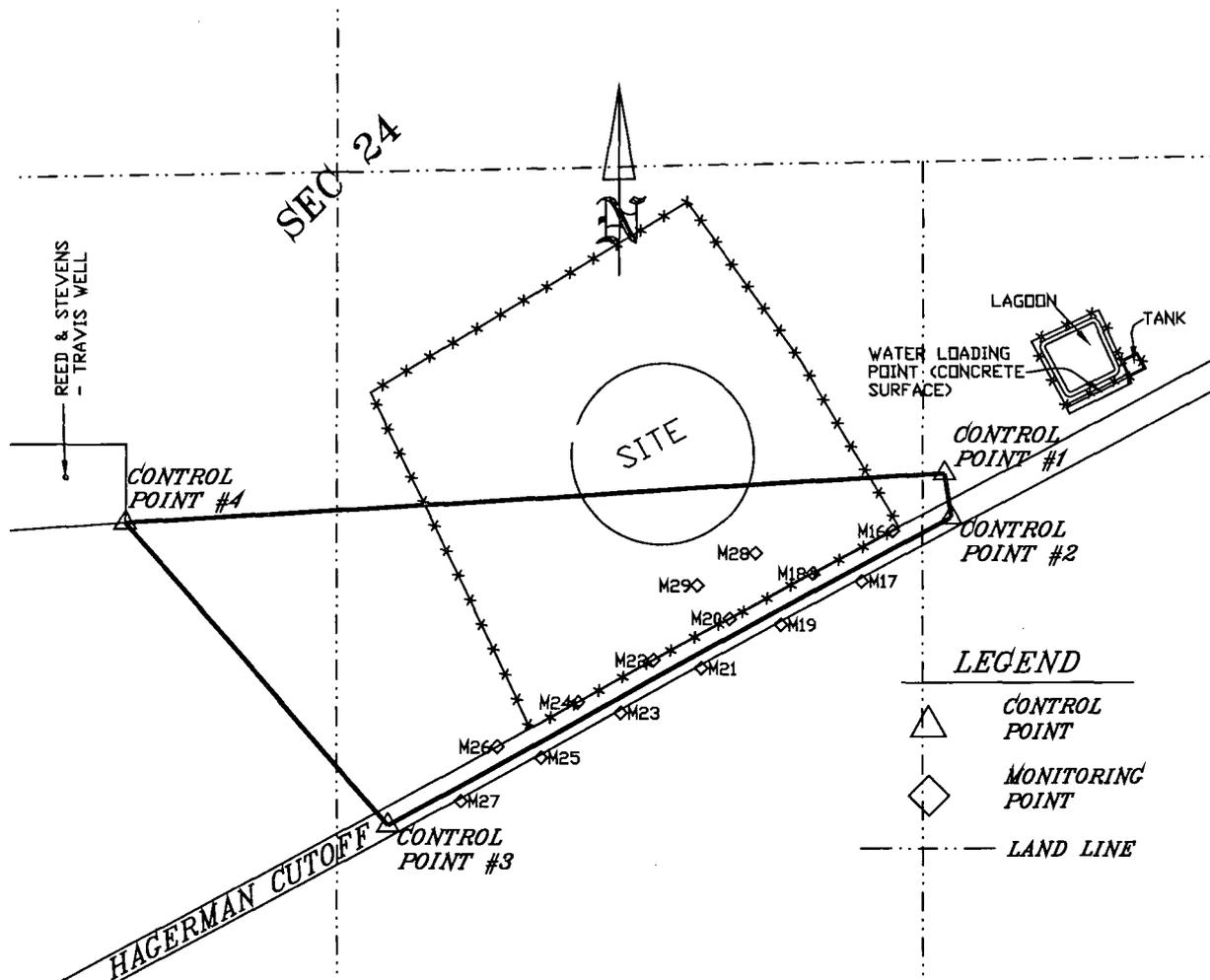
The surveying firm has established a benchmark survey array around the sinkhole and the nearby roadway (217) to monitor and evaluate surface movement and trends. This array is monitored on a daily basis.

We will continue to evaluate the surveys and track any developing trends within the array.

A current trending chart, which has been developed using the data from these surveys, is attached along with the relevant survey array plat.



INSIDE CONTROL FOR: SINKHOLE DEVELOPMENT 7/16/2008



NEW MEXICO EAST STATE PLANE COORDINATES FOR:

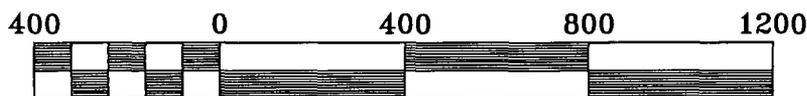
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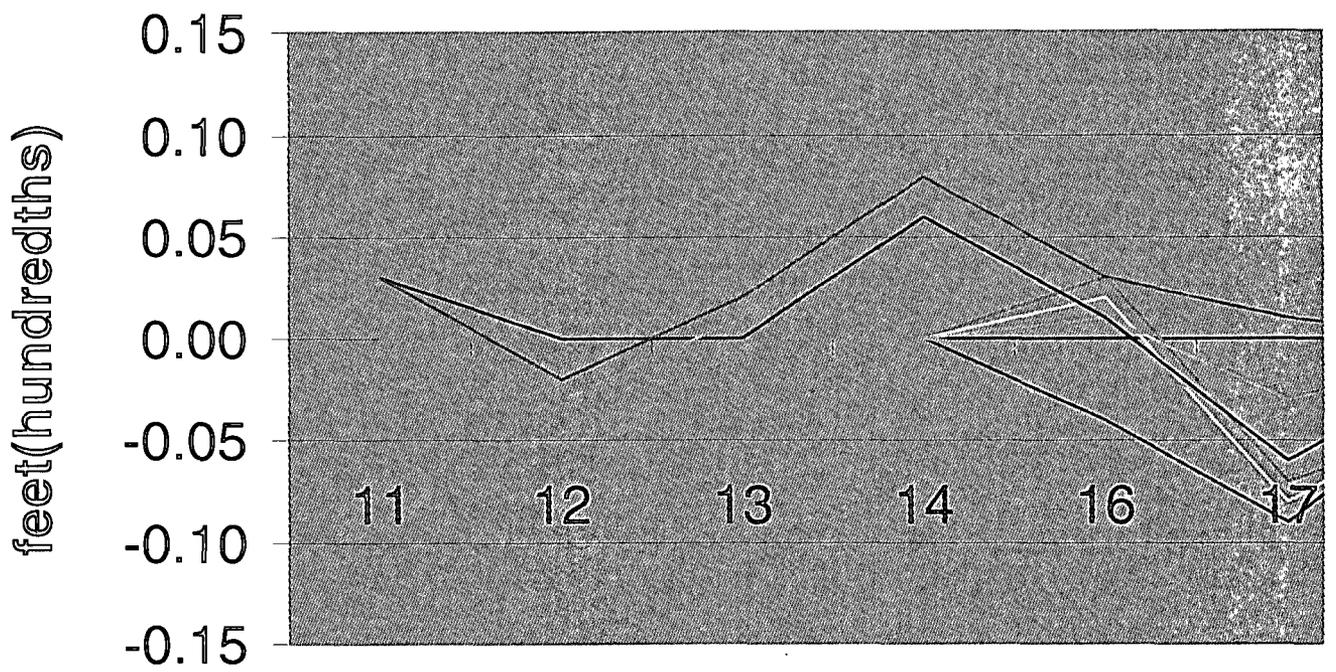
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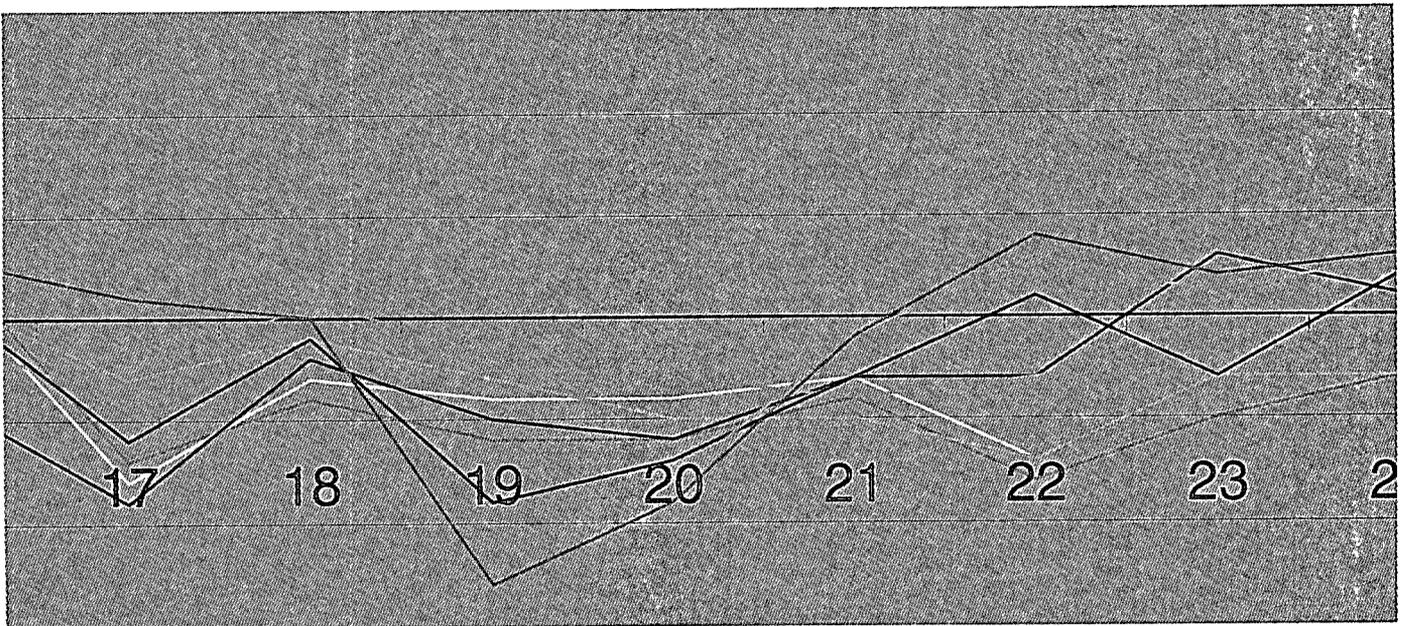


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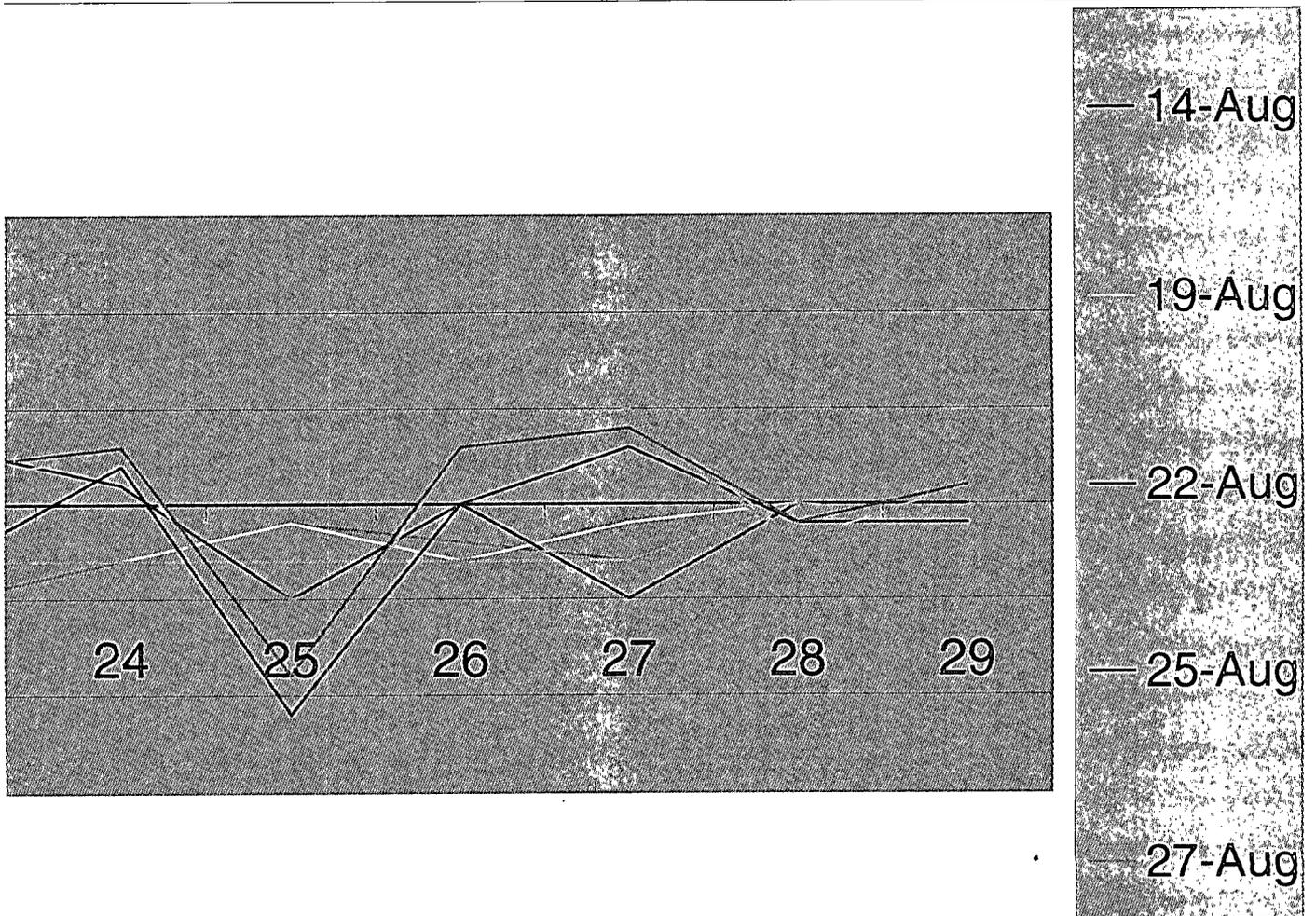
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overflight posted on ftp site NCKRI 8-26-08



appears fissures trending NE-SW

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To: Pham.Lisa@epamail.epa.gov
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Subject: FW: Brine Well Investigations
Attachments: Brine well info request letter_Aug01_08.doc; BW Form 2008_08_01_08 final.doc

Please pass along.

From: Price, Wayne, EMNRD
Sent: Friday, August 01, 2008 12:51 PM
To: Prukop, Joanna, EMNRD; Fesmire, Mark, EMNRD; Sanchez, Daniel J., EMNRD
Cc: Gum, Tim, EMNRD; Perrin, Charlie, EMNRD; Martin, Ed, EMNRD; Williams, Chris, EMNRD
Subject: Brine Well Investigations

Please find attached a letter and information form to be filled out by all brine well operators. This information will allow OCD to better determine if additional monitoring or modes of operation requires changing, or if some wells are candidates for closure. Will go out today.

Wayne Price-Environmental Bureau Chief
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Certified Receipt/Return Requested:

August 01, 2008

Attention Brine Well Operator(s):

One of the permitted brine wells has experienced a total collapse and created an enormous sinkhole. The well was located approximately 17 miles SE of Artesia, NM, on State Trust Land. The operator was Jim's Water Service and the brine well permit is BW-005. OCD has enclosed a press release with photos of the event.

The magnitude of this event warrants an immediate investigation of all brine wells in the state. Therefore, please find enclosed a "BRINE WELL INFORMATION REQUEST" form to be filled out and returned to this office no later than September 05, 2008. Failure to properly fill out and return the form in a timely manner may result in OCD requesting you shut down your operations until further notice. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call me at 505-476-3490 or E-mail wayne.price@state.nm.us.

Sincerely,

Wayne Price
Environmental Bureau Chief
Oil Conservation Division

Attachments: (2)

Cc: EMNRD Cabinet Secretary-Joanna Prukop
OCD Director-Mark Fesmire
NMSLO- Brian Henington SF, Jim Carr-Carlsbad
BLM-Carlsbad Office- Dave Herrell
Eddy Co. Emergency Management-Joel Arnwine
NM State Police -Roswell Sgt. Les Clements
National Cave and Karst Research Institute- Dr. George Veni
NMOSE-John Stewart
Solution Mining Research Institute-John Voigt





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OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION BRINE WELL INFORMATION REQUEST

GENERAL INFORMATION:	
Operator Name _____	Well Name(s) _____
API Number _____	Brine Well Permit # _____
Date Permit Expires? _____	
Location: Section _____	Ts _____ Rg _____
FNL _____	FSL _____ FEL _____ FWL _____
GPS of well(s): Lat: _____	Long: _____
Have you reviewed and understand all of your permit conditions? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Are you presently deficient of any condition in your permit? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know <input type="checkbox"/> Do you operate below grade tanks or pits at the site? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Do all tanks, including fresh water tanks, have secondary containment? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Do you think you have the expertise, knowledge and general understanding of what causes a brine well to collapse? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Do you think OCD should provide guidelines on subsidence and collapse issues? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
SITING INFORMATION: <i>Please provide the following information and depict on 7.5 minute (1" = 2000') USGS Quad Map. Limit search to one mile radius.</i>	
Is the brine well located within a municipality or city limits? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Distance and direction to nearest permanent structure, house, school, etc. <i>if less than one mile:</i>	
Distance and direction to nearest water well <i>if less than one mile:</i>	
Distance to nearest watercourse(s), floodplain, playa lake(s), or man-made canal(s) or pond(s) <i>if less than one mile:</i>	
Distance and direction to nearest known karst features or mines <i>if less than one mile:</i>	



Distance and direction to nearest producing oil or gas well(s) <i>if less than one mile:</i> Provide API Number:
Distance and direction to nearest tank battery(ies) <i>if less than one mile:</i>
Distance and direction to nearest pipeline(s), including fresh water pipelines <i>if less than one mile:</i>
Distance and direction to nearest paved or maintained road or railroad <i>if less than one mile:</i>
Depth to ground water found above the Salado (salt section), regardless of yield:
Name of aquifer(s):
WELL CONSTRUCTION: <i>Please provide the following information and attach a diagram depicting the brine well. Check box if attached:</i> Copy of a current well diagram: Attached <input type="checkbox"/> Copy of formation record with tops: Attached <input type="checkbox"/> Copy of geophysical well logs if available: Attached <input type="checkbox"/> If not, well logs within one mile <input type="checkbox"/>
Depth of the top of the salt below ground surface (feet):
Depth to the bottom of the salt below ground surface (feet):
Depth(s) to and thickness(es) of any anhydrite section(s) (located above the salt):
Depth of casing(s) shoe below ground surface (feet): _____ Is the casing shoe set in the anhydrite or other layer above the salt? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Is the casing shoe set into the salt? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, how far into the salt? _____
Depth of tubing(s):
Do you suspect that your cavern has partially caved in? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know <input type="checkbox"/>
OPERATIONS: <i>Please provide the following information.</i>
Start date of brine well operation:
Total volume of fresh water injected into the brine well to date (bbls) and how determined:

Total volume of brine water produced (bbls) to date and how determined:
Have you ever lost casing or tubing? If yes, please provide details. Document attached <input type="checkbox"/>
Do you maintain a surface pressure on your well during idle times? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Have you noticed large amounts of air built up during cavity pressurization? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Have you ever noticed fluids or air/gas bubbling up around the casing during testing or normal operations? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
MONITORING: Please provide the following information.
Are you currently monitoring ground water contamination from your brine well or system? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Have you ever run a sonar log? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, please provide last date: _____
Provide cavern configuration (dimensions and volume) and method(s) used to estimate: If sonar report please attach <input type="checkbox"/> If other, please specify and provide a sketch of cavern: <input type="checkbox"/>
Do you have a subsidence monitoring program in place? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Do you have any geophysical monitoring devices, such as a seismic device positioned near your brine well? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Have you submitted all of your monthly, quarterly, or annual reports to the OCD? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Have you failed a brine well mechanical integrity test (MIT)? If yes, please attach details and results. Attached <input type="checkbox"/>
Have you ever had a casing leak? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Have you ever had a cavern leak? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know <input type="checkbox"/> Have you ever exceeded the cavern fracture pressure? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know <input type="checkbox"/> Do you know how to calculate your maximum pressure? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know <input type="checkbox"/>
Have you routinely looked for cracks or fissures in the ground surface around your brine well? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Do you have any minor or major cracks, fissures, tank settlement, line breakage from settlement or any minor subsidence. Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
During operations have you experienced any ground vibration, ground movement, or well movement after opening or shunting valves, pump start-up, shut-down, etc.? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

Chavez, Carl J, EMNRD

From: Chavez, Carl J, EMNRD
Sent: Friday, July 25, 2008 4:21 PM
To: Hansen, Edward J., EMNRD; Price, Wayne, EMNRD
Cc: Sanchez, Daniel J., EMNRD
Subject: RE: PR-Secretary Prukop Proposes Stricter Conditions on Brine Wells State-wide
Attachments: image001.jpg; image007.jpg

Ed, Wayne, et. al:

Based on my records and knowledge of current activities at NMOCD BWs, my tally is as follows:

There are a total of 15 active UIC Class III Brine Well Permits (excluding BW-5 JWS & BW-6 I&W)

There are currently 13 active UIC Class III Brine Wells in operation (BW-2; BW-4; BW-8; BW-9; BW-12; BW-13; BW-22; BW-25; BW-27 Wells 1 & 2; BW-28; BW-30; and BW-31)

There are currently 6 brine wells that have actually been PA'd including: BW-5 JWS Collapse w/ Site Closure; BW-6 Eugenie #2; BW-21 Loco Hills Well #1 recently PA'd; BW-26 Salado Brine Sales; BW-29 Marbob; & William Brininstool.

There are currently 3 pending PAs of BWs including: BW-6 Eugenie #1 w/ Site Closure; BW-18 Key w/ redrill; and BW-19 Key w/ redrill.

There are currently 5 inactive brine wells (BW-5 Collapse w/ Site Closure; BW-6 needs PA Eugenie #1 w/ Site Closure; BW-18 needs PA w/ redrill; BW-19 needs PA w/ redrill; and BW21 needs redrill)

Let me know how we need to straighten RBDMS out. Please contact me if you have questions. Thanks.

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Wayne,
Jane and I tallied these numbers off of RBDMS (you may want to double check).

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Sent: Wednesday, July 23, 2008 5:54 PM
To: Porter, Jodi, EMNRD
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Jodi,

We counted (from our database: RBDMS):

16 Active Brine Wells

11 Plugged and Abandoned Brine Wells

2 Inactive Brine Wells

7/29/2008

From: Porter, Jodi, EMNRD
Sent: Wednesday, July 23, 2008 5:00 PM
Subject: PR-Secretary Prukop Proposes Stricter Conditions on Brine Wells State-wide



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July 23, 2008

NEWS RELEASE

Contact: Jodi McGinnis Porter,
 Public Information Officer 505.476.3226

Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Cabinet Secretary Joanna Prukop Proposes Stricter Conditions on Brine Wells State-wide

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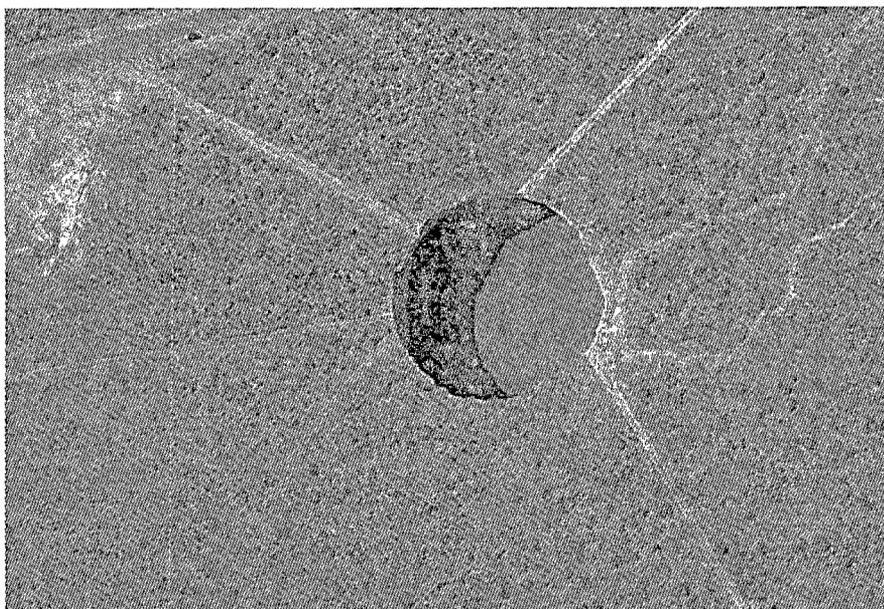
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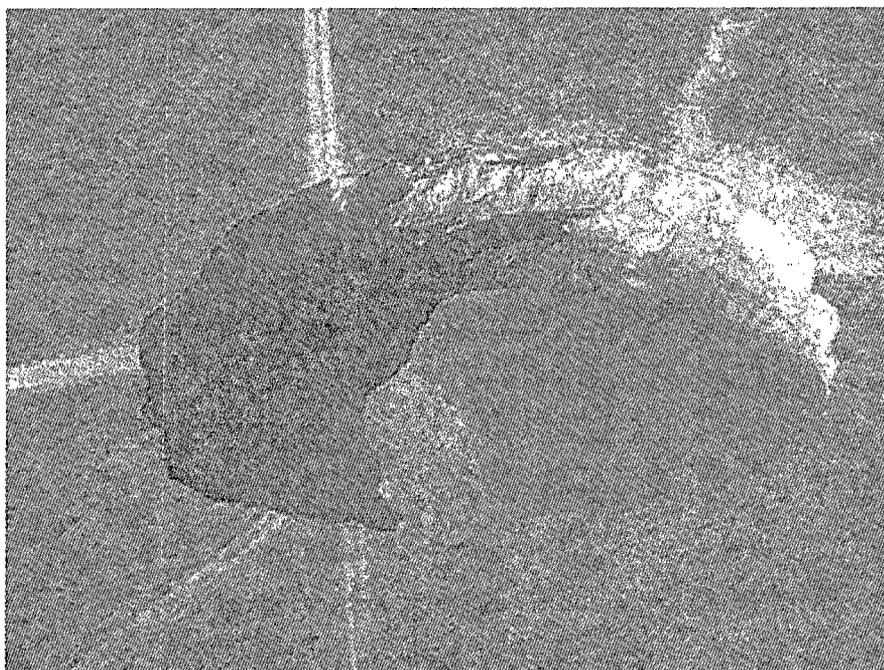
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Images provided on the brine well collapse are courtesy of National Cave and Karst Research Institute:



Morning, July 20, 2008 at 10:44 am.
courtesy of National Cave and Karst Research Institute



Morning, July 22, 2008
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From: Kent Gilbert [kgoil@msn.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 31, 2008 3:19 PM
To: Price, Wayne, EMNRD
Cc: Gum, Tim, EMNRD; Fesmire, Mark, EMNRD; Sanchez, Daniel J., EMNRD; Macquesten, Gail, EMNRD; jarnwine@eddyoem.com; Jones, Brad A., EMNRD; Chavez, Carl J, EMNRD; Griswold, Jim, EMNRD; Hansen, Edward J., EMNRD; Lowe, Leonard, EMNRD; VonGonten, Glenn, EMNRD
Subject: RE: JWS BW-05

Wayne et al: JWS is providing notice to all of the listed agencies and personnel that they will be setting up a benchmark survey along County Road 217 to help with determination of any subsidence that may be occurring along the road. We will have more specific details available when we have a commencement date, although commencement is anticipated early next week.

(week of August 4, 2008)

Thanks,

Kent Gilbert
kgoil@msn.com
303-478-8393

Subject: JWS BW-05
Date: Thu, 24 Jul 2008 15:01:26 -0600
From: wayne.price@state.nm.us
To: kgoil@msn.com
CC: tim.gum@state.nm.us; mark.fesmire@state.nm.us; daniel.sanchez@state.nm.us; gail.macquesten@state.nm.us; jarnwine@eddyoem.com; brad.a.jones@state.nm.us; CarlJ.Chavez@state.nm.us; Jim.Griswold@state.nm.us; edwardj.hansen@state.nm.us; Leonard.Lowe@state.nm.us; Glenn.VonGonten@state.nm.us

Attention: Kent Gilbert 303-825-4822 cell 303-478-8393

Dear Kent:

Please acknowledge this E-mail in order to open the lines of post incident communication up. OCD has the following requirements until future notice:

- Please monitor the roadway daily for any sign of subsidence.
- Notify OCD of any activity at the site, before entry.
- Provide OCD the company name, mailing address and name of official contact for JWS.
- Provide OCD, State Land Office and Eddy Co. with local emergency telephone numbers.
- Do not disturb or remove any items, equipment, stakes, pipe, perform dirt work, or alter the site in any manner unless deemed an emergency and approved by OCD.

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To: Jones, Brad A., EMNRD; Hansen, Edward J., EMNRD; Chavez, Carl J, EMNRD; Griswold, Jim, EMNRD; Lowe, Leonard, EMNRD
Subject: FW: Brine Well Collapse
Attachments: Loco Hills sink-annotated-small.pdf; LHsink-07-28-08-13.jpg; LHsink-07-28-08-10.jpg

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From: Lewis Land [mailto:liland@nckri.org]
Sent: Wednesday, July 30, 2008 12:17 PM
To: VonGonten, Glenn, EMNRD; Price, Wayne, EMNRD
Subject: RE: Brine Well Collapse

Hello Glen and Wayne. I just discovered that my annotated photograph of the Loco Hills sink that I have tried repeatedly to send you is a 29 MB file. Attached here is a substantially smaller version of the same graphic, which you should be able to receive, along with a couple of other photos taken on the same day. -Lewis Land

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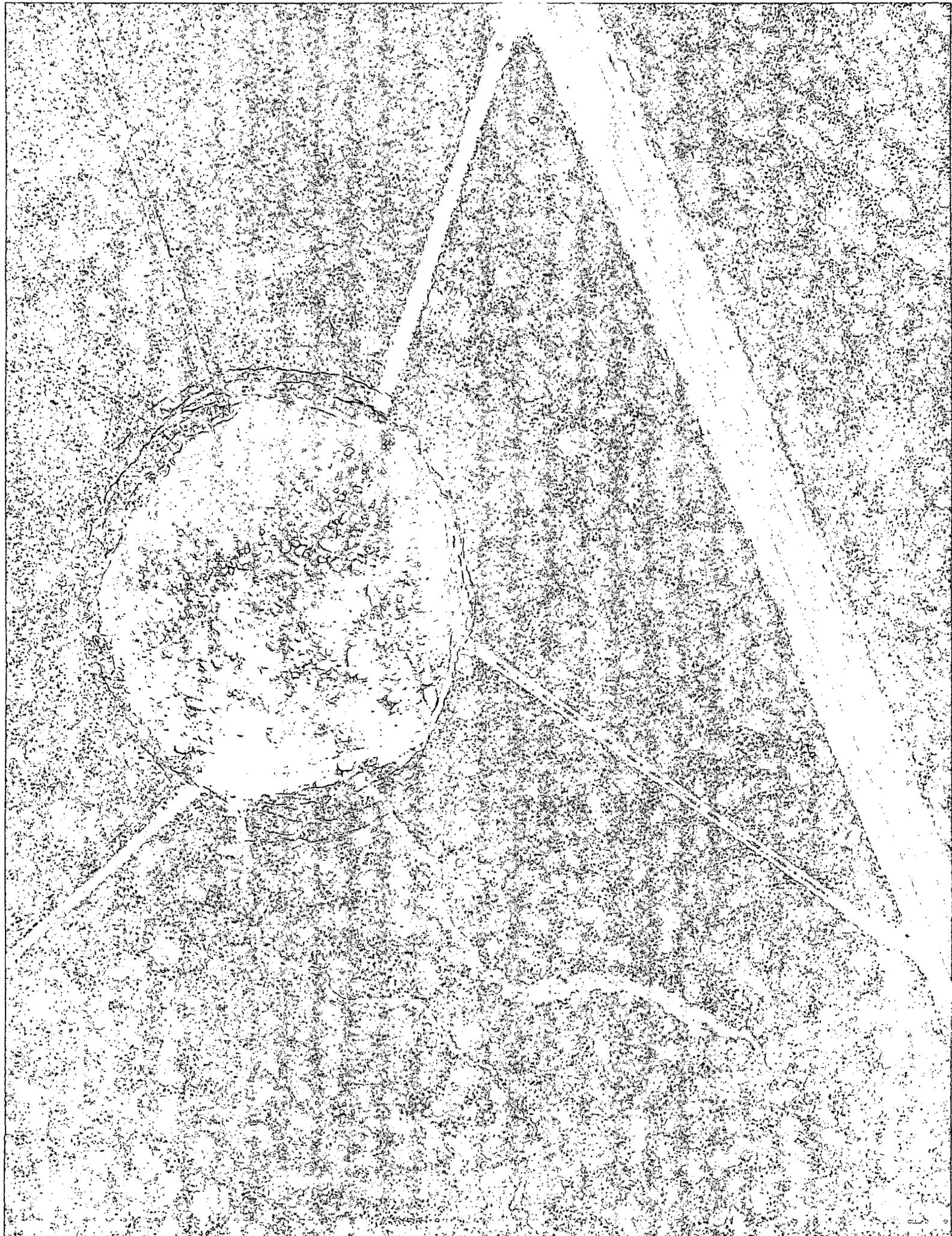


Loco Hills Sinkhole:
07-28-2008: 10:00am
111 m (364 ft) diam

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50 m

County Rd-217

108.65 m





Chavez, Carl J, EMNRD

From: Price, Wayne, EMNRD

Sent: Monday, July 28, 2008 1:17 PM

To: Ezeanyim, Richard, EMNRD; Jones, Brad A., EMNRD; Warnell, Terry G, EMNRD

Cc: VonGonten, Glenn, EMNRD; Chavez, Carl J, EMNRD; Jones, Brad A., EMNRD; Lowe, Leonard, EMNRD; Griswold, Jim, EMNRD; Sanchez, Daniel J., EMNRD; Fesmire, Mark, EMNRD; Hansen, Edward J., EMNRD

Subject: Anhydrite Properties

Gentlemen:

The OCD Environmental Bureau is in need of the stress properties of Permian Anhydrite. We need an average value for Compressive, tensional and shear strength in psi or other units. Due to the recent Brine well collapse we are putting together a set of guidelines to determine if the cavern has an adequate roof support. For worst case we will use a typical cantilever design using Mohr's circle to calculate max shear stress. If you find other properties such as Bulk Modulus of Elasticity, poisson's ratio, etc. We can do the engineering calculations but need the properties to plug in.

We need this ASAP!

Thanks!

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Chavez, Carl J, EMNRD

From: Lowe, Leonard, EMNRD

Sent: Friday, July 25, 2008 10:42 AM

To: Price, Wayne, EMNRD; VonGonten, Glenn, EMNRD; Jones, Brad A., EMNRD; Hansen, Edward J., EMNRD; Chavez, Carl J, EMNRD; Griswold, Jim, EMNRD; Sanchez, Daniel J., EMNRD

Subject: Photos and video from 07.24.08 of Subsidence

Photos and video of subsidence for July 24, 2008 are located here:

(L:\SantaFe\UICPROG_Latest\Subsidence-Collapsed Wells\UIC Class III Wells\BW-005 Jims Water Service\Photos\Photos 7-24-25-2008)

Enjoy

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From: Chavez, Carl J, EMNRD
Sent: Friday, July 25, 2008 10:30 AM
To: 'Pham.Lisa@epamail.epa.gov'
Subject: RE: FW: PR-Secretary Prukop Proposes Stricter Conditions on Brine Wells State-wide

Ok. Thanks.

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Thank you for forwarding. Please keep us updated with this. Thanks.

"Chavez, Carl J, EMNRD" <CarlJ.Chavez@state.nm.us> wrote on 07/23/2008 06:04:56 PM:

> FYI, NMOCD News Release.
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Subject: RE: BW-5 Jims Water Service Brine Well Collapse Update

Hi Carl,

Thank you for responding quickly to our questions. Looks like NMOCD has been taking prudent measures - very impressive!!!

You might want to contact USGS because they may be able to offer some valuable assistance. They were very active in monitoring movement and assessing the Daisetta sinkhole --- the USGS staff involved were from the San Antonio or Austin Office.

Lisa

"Chavez, Carl J, EMNRD" <CarlJ.Chavez@state.nm.us> wrote on 07/23/2008 02:35:36 PM:

> Lisa, et. al:

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> Hi. Please refer to the NMOCD responses to the EPA questions below.

>

> 1. What is the operational activity of the brine well in question?

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> The BW was completely consumed in the collapse and all operational
> activities have halted, except for emptying the brine pond.

>

> 2. What is NMOCD's current opinion on what caused the collapse and
> how much more collapse do you expect?

>

> At this point and time no determination has been made for the
> definitive cause. OCD has ordered the operator to perform an internal
> investigation to assist OCD in making that determination. OCD is also
> reviewing all the technical information we have in our files and will
> utilize other agencies and technical resources to assist in this
> determination. OCD had successfully tested this well for MIT and no
> problems were observed.

>

> Several flags have been placed at concentric stress cracks around the
> salt collapse feature to monitor the immediate potential for growth.
> The NMOCD will be monitoring the growth rate over time to determine
> whether the hole will expand to and beyond CR 217. We have a mobile
> command center on site controlling and monitoring all activities. A
> temporary barbed wire fence along the CR-217 easement north of the
> roadway to prevent access via the 2 dirt roadways leading into the
> former BW-005 and a fence is also being installed around the
> circumference of the hole a minimum of 100 feet setback from
> identified outer micro stress cracks. The property is owned by the
> state of New Mexico and we will install warning and no trespass signs.

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> 3. What is the public reaction?

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> The EMNRD's public information office has informed all parties of
> interest including the public thru radio, newspaper, and TV. The site
> is very remote and not in close proximity to the general public. On
> the other hand, we have another brine well BW-006 located in side of

> the City limits of Carlsbad. This well has the same geologic
> structure, size and age as the BW-005 well that collapsed. This well
> was shut in yesterday and the Emergency Management Agency was
> notified.
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> OCD is starting a comprehensive audit of all permitted brine wells to
> assess their potential for collapse. We also plan to start a task
> force committee to investigate this occurrence and make recommendation
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Mr. Leissner:

We'll check into this to see if we may do something similar. Thank you.

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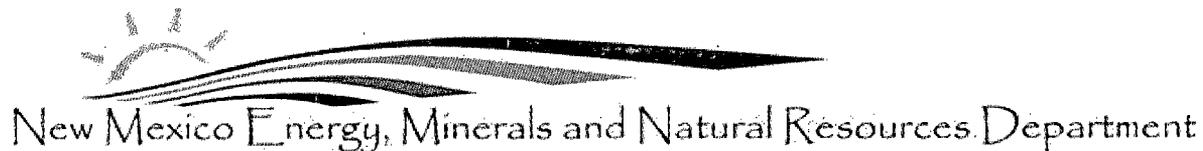
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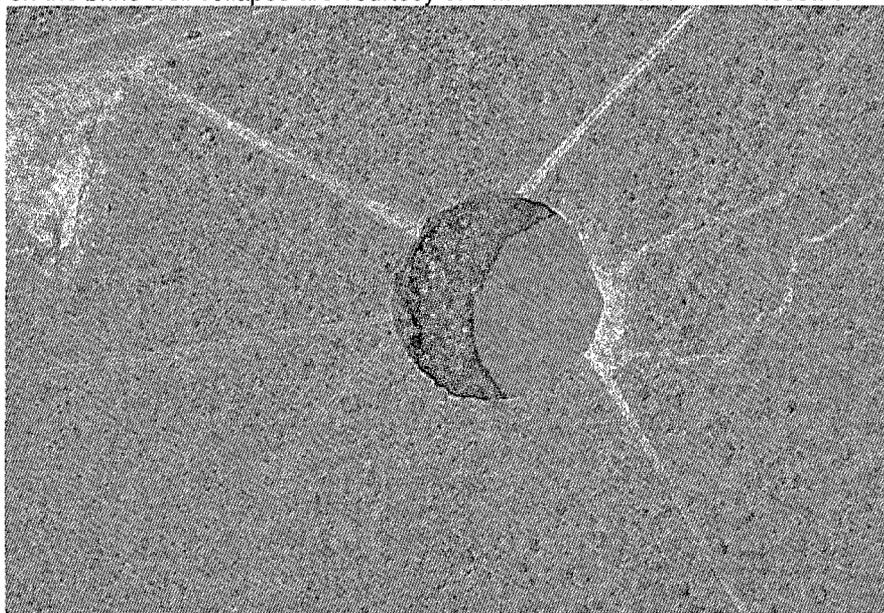
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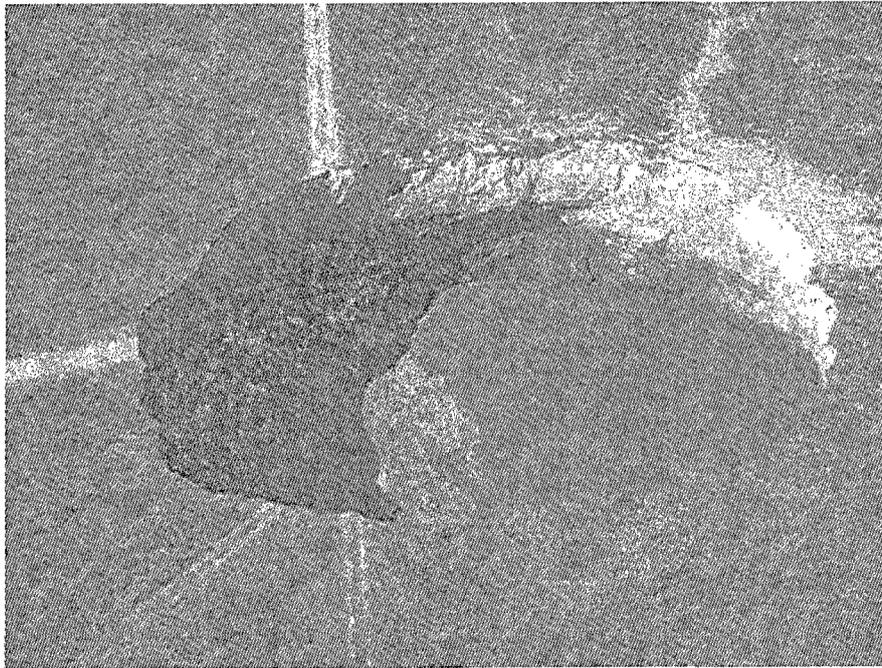
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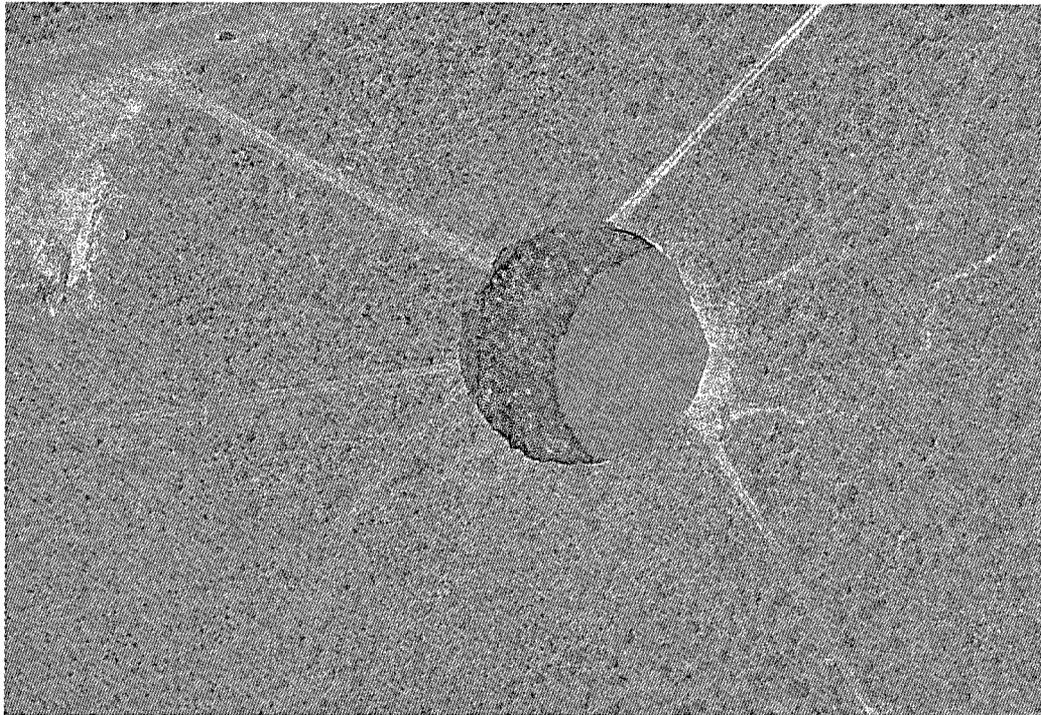
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To: VonGonten, Glenn, EMNRD
Cc: 'George Veni'
Subject: loco hills sink

Hello Glenn. Attached is one of the photos I took this morning. It's a bit overexposed, but does show the convergence of those two 2-track roads coming in from the east. The apex of the angle they're making is getting progressively chewed off, indicating that the more recent growth of the sinkhole is on the east side, as you mentioned this morning.

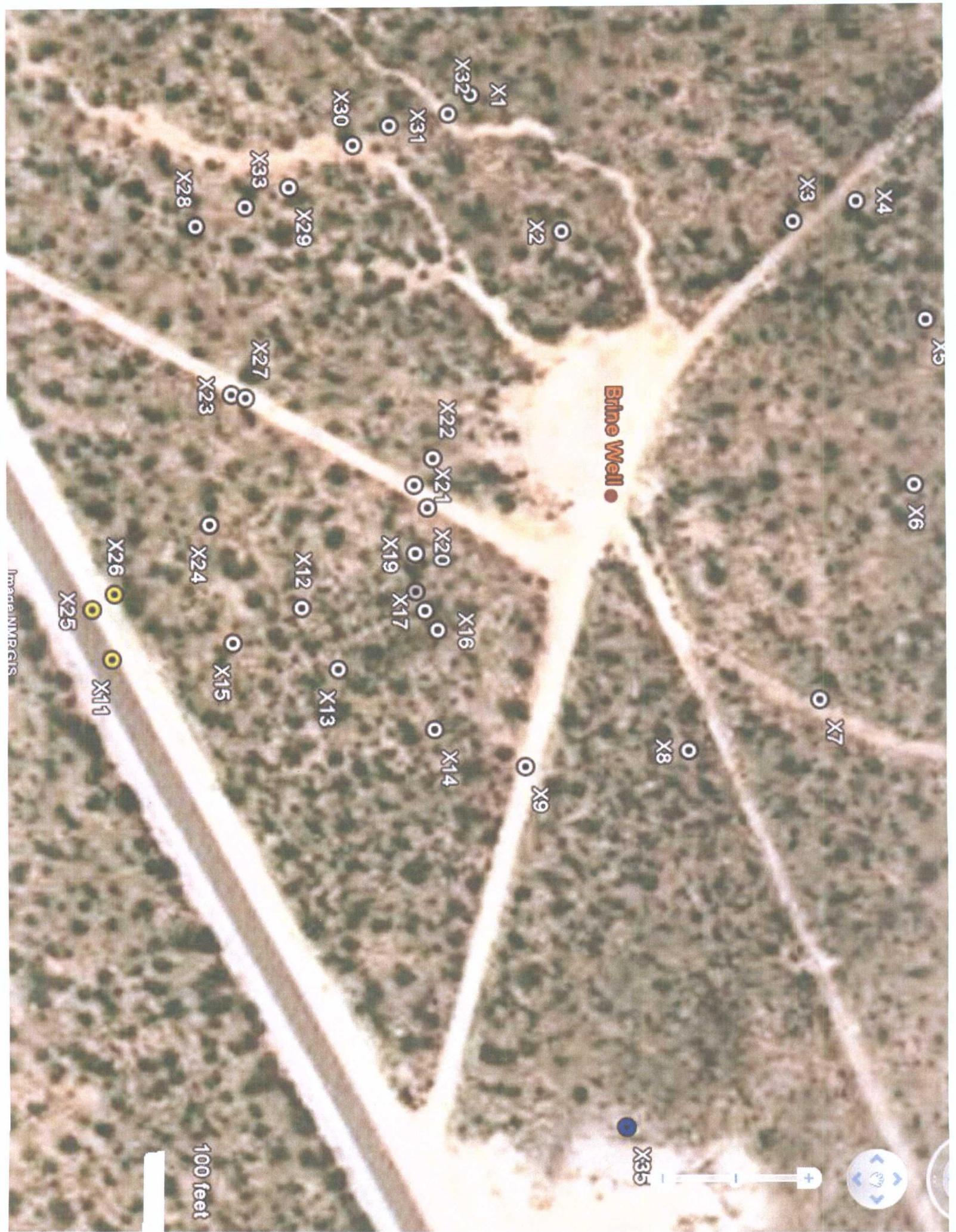
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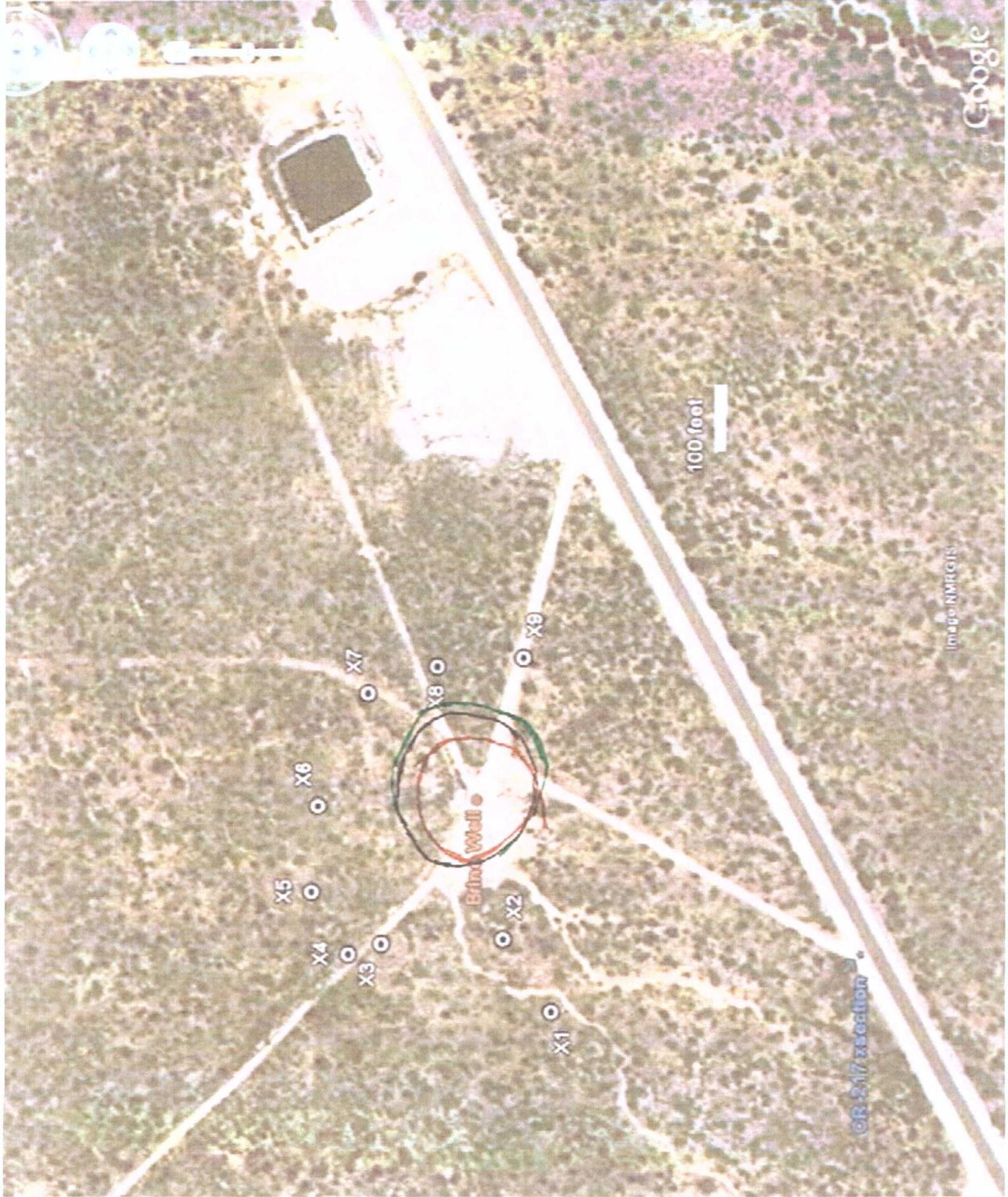
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All,

As of 7:30 PM, July 19, 2008, here is how things stand.

Mark has been relieved by Paul, also from Jim's.

Our dinner is late.

Joel brought by today's aerial photos. After studying all the photos, I estimate that the collapse was approximately 180 feet across and 45 feet to water on July 16, 2008. Today, I would estimate the collapse to be 240 feet across and 75 feet to water. A threefold increase in three days.

The photos show that the collapse is on the southwest and is actively expanding to the east-northeast. I cannot get the scanner to save the photos that I was working from. Try again tomorrow when Joel stops by.

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Subject: Brine Well Collapse BW005 Status @ 2008_0722
Attachments: BW005 Status @ 2008_0721.pdf

All,

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The plan today is to turn over command to Dave Harrel, travel to Artesia and meet with Daniel and Sonny. We will hand over Durango with the 660-1067 cell phone, H2S meter, and camera. We will then take the car back to Santa Fe this afternoon.

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Subject: BW005 COLLAPSE STATUS

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As of 06:30 hrs, July 20, 2008, the collapse is quiet. No spalling events detected from nearby point of rocks over 10 minute period of time. The yellow crime scene tapes across the 5 roads are all still visible.

Ed is sleeping like a Lord. We are now out of coffee - situation is now serious.

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Subject: BW005 Collapse

Ed Hansen and I relieved Wayne and Carl. Collapses are still occurring. The consensus from the Walk Around was that the cracks are getting bigger and that the hole is getting larger.

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Subject: Aerial Photos

Attachments: BW-5 Pictures 7-16-2008 009.jpg; BW-5 Pictures 7-16-2008 010.jpg; BW-5 Pictures 7-16-2008 008.jpg; BW-5 Pictures 7-16-2008 007.jpg









CR-217 xsection

Brine Well

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Image NMRGIS

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Subject: Brine well collapse Status report

IC was taken by Dave Herrell 8-5pm.

News paper and TV on-site. Jodi Porter notified.

Cavern active early and tapered off later in the day. Still growing, will provide estimate tomorrow. Fly over planned in the morning 9am. Road marked for spotting an comparing hole size.

Carl Chavez and Wayne Price visited I&W evaluated brine well system located in Carlsbad. Reviewed Echo-Log. Preliminary evaluation indicates large roof cavern size. Our recommendation to I&W was to considered P&A. They have not responded. If they do not respond will recommend we require closure or show cause hearing to determine path forward. We received an unsolicit call from Jim Goodbar BLM Karst expert???, recommended that OCD require I&W require closure. He indicated it would be a catastrophic event, due to the fact that the main canel for the Carlsbad irrigation district is in close proximaty to site. He indicated if cavern failed all of the water in largest canel approximately 20 miles would be lost and only cutoff is at MacMillian Lake. Also downstream farming would be out of water.

Wayne Price took back ICO at 17:30 pm.

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From: Carl Chavez [miraclemaker40@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, July 18, 2008 7:12 AM
To: Fesmire, Mark, EMNRD; VonGonten, Glenn, EMNRD
Cc: miraclemaker40@yahoo.com; Price, Wayne, EMNRD; Chavez, Carl J, EMNRD
Subject: Morning Status Report

Good morning. weather good. 72 degrees wind 8 ssw. mostly clear skies.

Viewed copy of press release last night & looks accurate.

ICS telephone numbers 575-200-(6112, 6113, or 6114) Command Center do not give out to Public or media. The new IC today will be Dave Harrell (BLM) Safety Officer and recently retired State Police ERO.

Checked Cty rd all night at 1 and 2 hr. intervals, no change, all ok. Observed 4 foot rattlesnake within 50 ft of command center.

Walked south side at 6:45, propogation cracks somewhat larger, collapse area active mainly on the west side. Noted one large mesquite bush now gone, however hole still inside of first line perimeter flags.

Upon relief this a.m. from Dave Harrell, Carl & I are going to I&W (BW-6) Carlsbad to determine the status of their subsidence monitoring program.

Will keep you apprised.

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From: VonGonten, Glenn, EMNRD
Sent: Friday, July 18, 2008 12:11 PM
To: Fesmire, Mark, EMNRD; Sanchez, Daniel J., EMNRD; Lowe, Leonard, EMNRD; Griswold, Jim, EMNRD
Cc: Price, Wayne, EMNRD; Hansen, Edward J., EMNRD; Jones, Brad A., EMNRD; Chavez, Carl J, EMNRD
Subject: BW005

All,

Ed and I are traveling to Roswell this afternoon. We will relieve Wayne and Carl at the collapse site Saturday morning. We have Daniel's Durango and a cell phone (795-1222). We are prepared to stay Saturday through Sunday, but we will have to play it by ear.

Sue's phone number is 992-0402 if there is an emergency.

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From: Carl Chavez [miraclemaker40@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, July 18, 2008 12:06 AM
To: Stewart, John L., OSE
Cc: miraclemaker40@yahoo.com; Price, Wayne, EMNRD; Chavez, Carl J, EMNRD
Subject: Hydrogeology Near BW-005 Collapse N 32.73199 W 104.12791

John:

Could you please send the OCD some hydrogeologic information or a summary of the area for our record?

See link to press release issued yesterday evening at <http://www.emnrd.state.nm.us/main/documents/PR-OCD.Brine.Collapse.07.17.08.pdf>. Thank you.

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Sent: Friday, July 18, 2008 1:16 AM
To: gveni@nckri.org
Cc: miraclemaker40@yahoo.com; Chavez, Carl J, EMNRD; Price, Wayne, EMNRD
Subject: Jims Water Service BW-5 Information

George:

Please go to OCD Online at <http://ocdimage.emnrd.state.nm.us/imaging/AEOrderFileView.aspx?appNo=pENV0000BW0006>

to view the well file. You may also query well information by entering the API# 30-015-02036 at OCD Online at <http://ocdimage.emnrd.state.nm.us/imaging/AEOrderCriteria.aspx>

It was a pleasure meeting and talking to you about your business. Hope some good info. will result from this event.

Thank you.

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Chavez, Carl J, EMNRD

From: Chavez, Carl J, EMNRD
Sent: Friday, July 18, 2008 6:01 PM
To: Price, Wayne, EMNRD
Subject: FW: www.krqe.com : Expanding sinkhole closes state highway

From: Porter, Jodi, EMNRD
Sent: Thu 7/17/2008 9:09 PM
To: Prukop, Joanna, EMNRD; EMNRD-OCD - SANTA FE
Cc: Shipley, Pahl, DHSEM
Subject: www.krqe.com : Expanding sinkhole closes state highway



Jodi (jodi.porter@state.nm.us) has sent you an item from <http://www.krqe.com>.

Expanding sinkhole closes state highway

SANTA FE (KRQE) - State environment officials are investigating a sinkhole that is several hundred feet across and still growing in an oil-and-gas area southeast of Artesia.
<http://www.krqe.com/global/story.asp?s=8695626>

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From: Carl Chavez [miraclemaker40@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 17, 2008 10:08 PM
To: VonGonten, Glenn, EMNRD; Fesmire, Mark, EMNRD
Cc: miraclemaker40@yahoo.com; Price, Wayne, EMNRD; Chavez, Carl J, EMNRD
Subject: Jims Waterr Service (BW-5) Collapse & Requested Information

Glenn:

Wayne and I forgot the web address link to access our work e-mails and are using my personal e-mail address to communicate with you from the Command Center. Could you please send us the web address to the NMOCD e-mail system so we may access our work e-mail. Also, Wayne would like you to resend the message he sent you and Mark tonight back to miraclemaker40@yahoo.com so he may read it. In the future we will copy this address to read what we send. Thanks.

We are working to identify concentric stress cracks (micro and macro) away from the center of the collapse or brine well. Some of the cracks exhibit shear, but most have no vertical offset. The majority of slumping is occurring at the NW, N and NE walls. Slumping is occurring at a rate of about every 15 minutes. An observer who looked over the rim of the collapse this afternoon said that there is major fracturing all around circumference of the hole and any major rain event may result in a significant collapse. Since we can't step up to the hole, we are attempting to collect and monitor obvious information that may yield useful information to OCD and the regulated community related to brine well collapse. Sometimes, witnesses have observed water splashing over the rim during slumping, but I haven't seen this. We are having trouble assessing the depth to the water table within the hole. Please find an aerial photo that may help you to estimate the depth to the water table based on dimensions from the roadway to the brine well, you may be able to scale the aerial photo sent to you to give us your opinion on depth to the water table in the hole, since we can't approach the rim. Thnx.

Could you please assist us by plotting some coordinates on Google Earth to give us some outer dimensions of the stress cracking around the hole. The coordinates taken on 7/17/2008 17:00 are:

Brine Well Location of Collapse: N 32.73199 W -104.12791

CR-217 & Dirt Road Intersection: N 32.73037 W -104.12872 EL. 3371

Stress Crack Locations Around Collapse:

X1: N 32.73169 W -104.12896

X2: N 32.73189 W -104.12860

X3: N 32.73240 W -104.12862

X4: N 32.73254 W --104.12867

X5: N 32.73269 W -104.12836

X6: N 32.73266 W -104.12793 EL 3504

X7: N 32.73245 W -104.12737 EL. 3510

X8: N 32.73216 W -104.12724

X9: N 32.73180 W -104.12720 EL. 3509

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Tomorrow morning, we will search for stress cracking further away from the staked locations and positioned stakes for loss as the hole gets larger. Please send us back a map with the plotted coordinates provided above with some dimensions (in feet) to give us a better handle on footages from the center of the collapse or brine well, from the road to the center of the brine well, and distances of the stress cracks from the center of the hole or brine well and distances of cracks from roadway and distances from the brine well or center of the collapse if possible. We have estimated a max. radius based on production data of about 300 ft. from the center of the brine well. Thank you.

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Sent: Thursday, July 17, 2008 9:33 PM
To: Fesmire, Mark, EMNRD
Cc: glen.vongonten@state.nm.us; Price, Wayne, EMNRD; Chavez, Carl J, EMNRD
Subject: Jims Water Service (BW-5) Collapse- Status Report from Command Center
Attachments: BW-5 Pictures 7-16-2008 010.jpg; BW-5 Pictures 7-16-2008 008.jpg

Gentlemen:

Aerial photos taken by Eddy County air command yesterday afternoon. Estimated size of hole was 150-200 feet Dia. Hole expanded to approximately 250-300 feet by noon today.

Hole is very unstable, continue to closely monitor.

Hwy ct rd 217 closed between bluestem 360 and Illinois Camp Road. State Police ERO is Brain Burke, his commander Cris Clements NMSP Roswell (575-622-7200). Mr. Clements made a request that OCD Wayne Price assume command of site due to ICS experience. I relieved on site commander Robert Brader of Eddy Ct Emergency Management center.

Transition very smooth.

Command center set up at brine pond up on hill overlooking well area approximately 400-500 yards east of site on Hwy. Hole area is propagating generally to the west down 2 small dry watercourse features. Hwy being monitored on the hour thru out the night.

On site meeting held with NMSLO, NMSP, OCD, JWS, Eddy CT. Emergency Management team and County Commissioner. Agreed that Emergency Command center remain on site until hole stabilizes and fence built.

The site was flagged with markers at the most inner stress macro cracks and at minor cracks that basically run circle-parallel around hole. Four access roads were blocked with rocks and barrier tape. Oil operators in area offered assistance. No known pipelines,

power lines, tank batteries are within 1/2 mile. Carl with assistance of the JWS, NCKRI, BLM is plotting stress cracks to determine est. path migration. Using extreme caution with buddy system and a watchmen during survey.

7/23/2008

State Land office wants fence and signs. JWS making Large signs and arrangement to put up fence.

Several people from the public ran the barriers and was stopped by state police. State police issued tickets and warnings. Once this started we were able to obtain control of the site.

Press has not shown up.

No Injuries.

Interviewed the eye witness. Took statement.

Met with Company representatives. Very cooperative.

Will report again in the morning.

Command center fully equipped, communication, food/water, satellite TV.

Command Center telephone numbers 575-200-6112,6113,6114.

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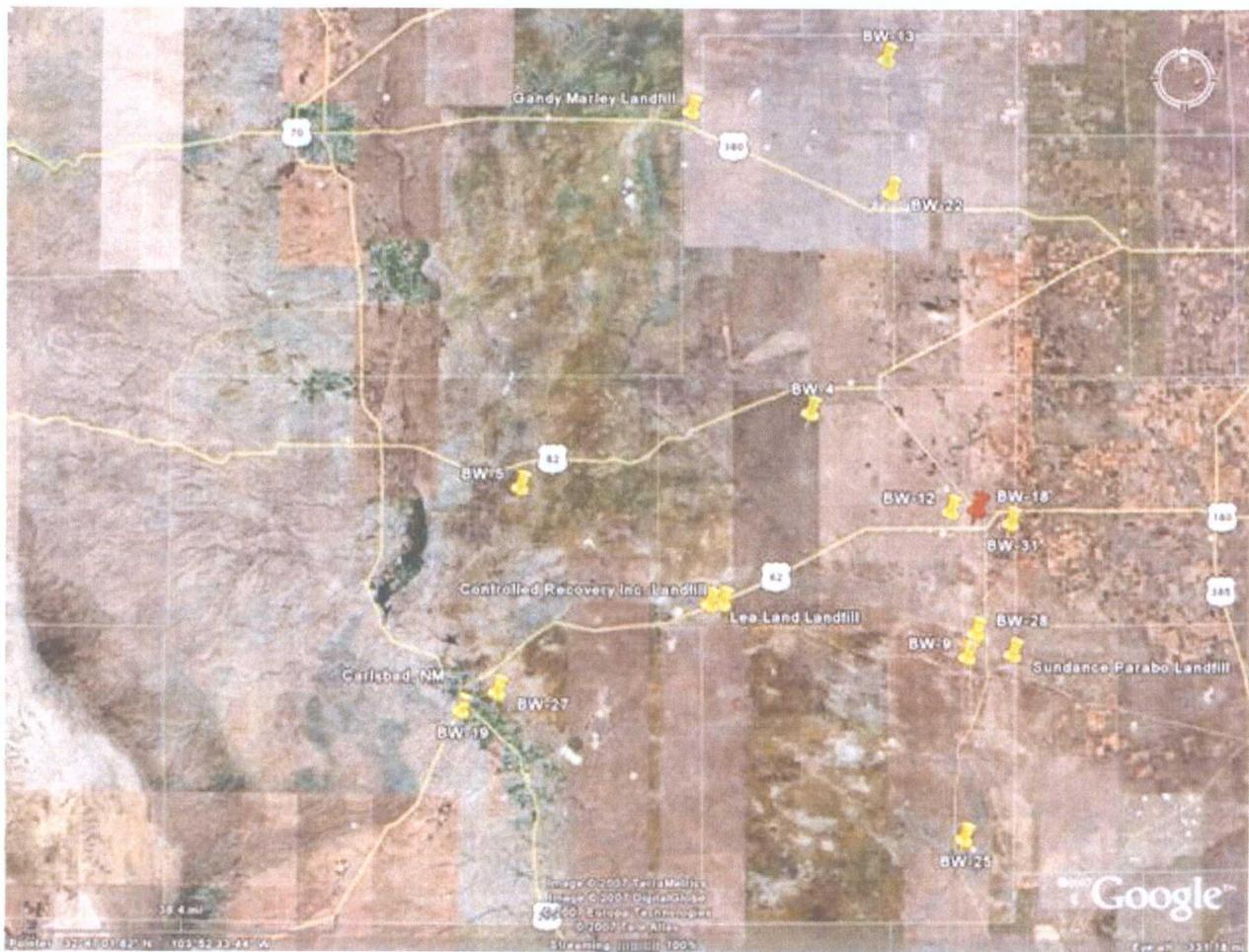
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Sent: Wednesday, July 16, 2008 5:37 PM
To: Pham.Lisa@epamail.epa.gov
Cc: Sanchez, Daniel J., EMNRD; Fesmire, Mark, EMNRD; Price, Wayne, EMNRD; Vaughan.Michael@epamail.epa.gov
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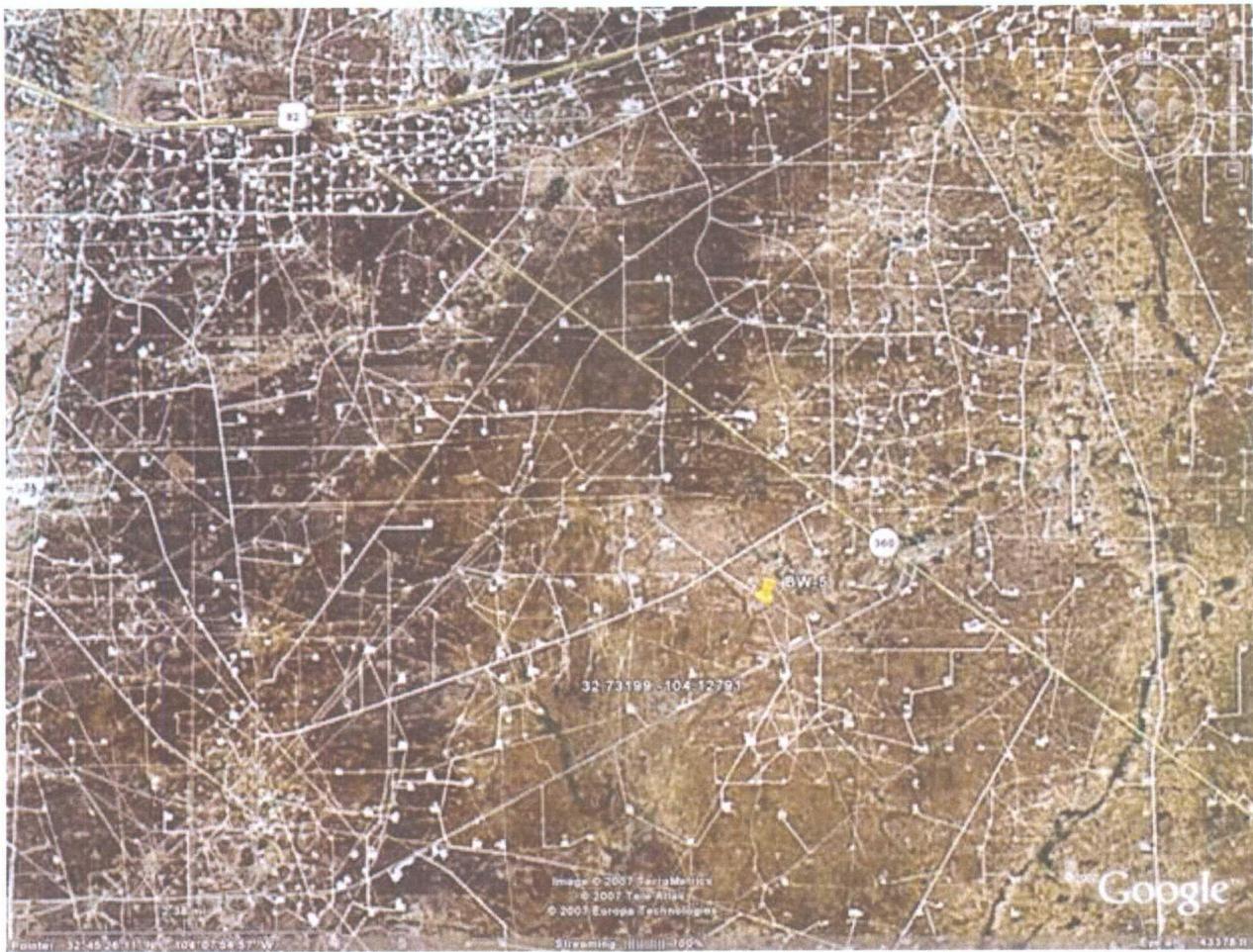
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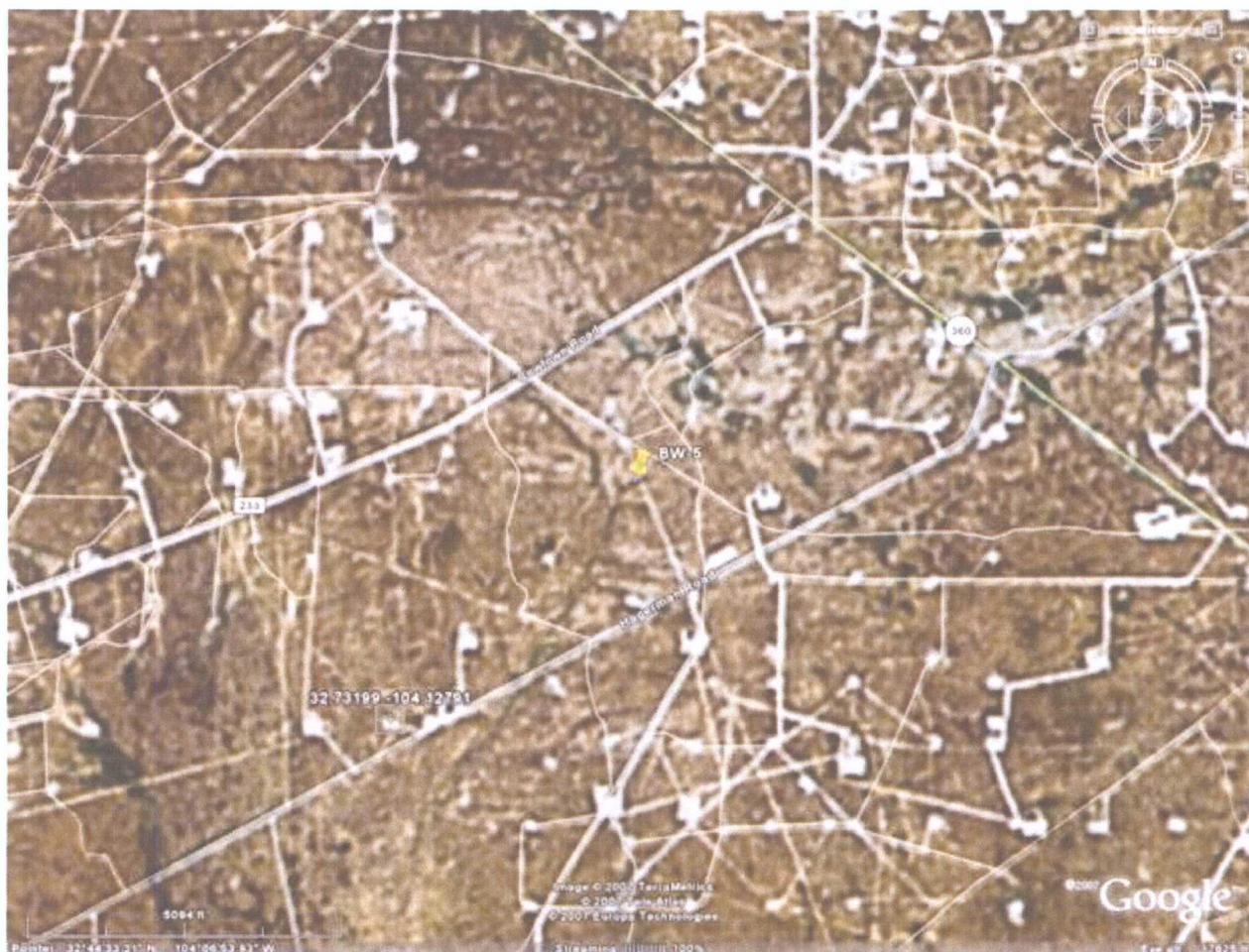
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This afternoon the OCD was alerted to a collapse at BW-5 (see link below to more information on well). As of this time, there appears to be no injuries and the well is located in a remote area that has been secured by State Police. Wayne Price and Carl Chavez will be on site tomorrow morning. The facility is located about 20 miles NE of Carlsbad, NM. We'll keep you apprised as conditions warrant.







Thank you.

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Sent: Wednesday, July 16, 2008 5:14 PM
To: Porter, Jodi, EMNRD
Cc: Fesmire, Mark, EMNRD; Price, Wayne, EMNRD
Subject: BW-5 Jims Water Service Brine Well Collapse- No Injuries

Jodi:

In case you need info. on the brine well collapse NE of Carlsbad today, please go to OCD Online at <http://ocdimage.emnrd.state.nm.us/imaging/AEOrderFileView.aspx?appNo=pENV0000BW0006>.

You may contact Wayne Price and I tomorrow at 505-660-1067 or 795-1222 Cell phone. Thx.

Carl J. Chavez, CHMM

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From: Pham.Lisa@epamail.epa.gov
Sent: Wednesday, July 23, 2008 8:36 AM
To: Chavez, Carl J, EMNRD
Cc: Sanchez, Daniel J., EMNRD; Vaughan.Michael@epamail.epa.gov; Price, Wayne, EMNRD; Leissner.Ray@epamail.epa.gov
Subject: BW-5 Jims Water Service Brine Well Collapse Update

Hi Carl,

Thank you so much for this update. We have a few questions about this well so please respond if you can. Thanks.

1. What is the operational activity of the brine well in question?
2. What is NMOCD's current opinion on what caused the collapse and how much more collapse do you expect?
3. What is the public reaction?

Lisa Pham
U.S. EPA Region 6 (6WQ-SG)
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From: Griswold, Jim, EMNRD
Sent: Tuesday, July 22, 2008 9:27 AM
To: Chavez, Carl J, EMNRD; Price, Wayne, EMNRD; VonGonten, Glenn, EMNRD
Subject: sinkhole correction

On the last aerial I sent you, the full extent of the scale on the lower left was cropped off in making the .jpg file. The size of that white bar is actually only about 50 feet. The distance from the original brine well to point X35 in blue is about 510 feet.

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Chavez, Carl J, EMNRD

From: Price, Wayne, EMNRD
Sent: Tuesday, July 22, 2008 4:31 PM
To: Chavez, Carl J, EMNRD
Subject: RE: BW-5 Jims Water Service Brine Well Collapse Update

Thanks

From: Chavez, Carl J, EMNRD
Sent: Tuesday, July 22, 2008 3:46 PM
To: Pham.Lisa@epamail.epa.gov
Cc: Vaughan.Michael@epamail.epa.gov; Leissner.Ray@epamail.epa.gov; Price, Wayne, EMNRD
Subject: RE: BW-5 Jims Water Service Brine Well Collapse Update

Ms. Pham:

Please attached photos of the brine well collapse; Eddy County Mobile Command Center stationed at the site; and Incident Commander Wayne Price of the OCD on location. The Command Center will remain on site blocking the roadway probably until this Friday. According to an eye witness, the collapse occurred on 7/16/2008 at about 8:15 a.m.

A 3-mile stretch of CR-217 was closed the evening of 7-16-2008, until a barbed wire fence along the easement of the roadway and a fence around the hole a minimum of 100 ft. back from outer stress cracks flagged at the site.

A detention pond on the uphill side will be constructed to prevent fresh water from draining into the hole. The hole size is increasing by about 10 ft. per day. Please contact the OCD if you have questions. Thank you.

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Sent: Thursday, July 17, 2008 5:55 AM
To: Chavez, Carl J, EMNRD
Subject: Re: Salty Dog (BW-8) UIC Class III Well ACO Follow-Up (Lea County)

Thank you for the information. Could you please include Mike Vaughn, Ray Leissner, and Jim Walker in your future e-mails also. Thanks.

"Chavez, Carl J, EMNRD" <CarlJ.Chavez@state.nm.us> wrote on 07/16/2008 03:00:58 PM:

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Cc: Lowe, Leonard, EMNRD; Griswold, Jim, EMNRD; Chavez, Carl J, EMNRD; Jones, Brad A., EMNRD
Subject: BW005

We have turned over the IC to Dave Harrell and are heading for Artesia to meet Daniel and Sonny.

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Subject: sinkhole

Attachments: sinkhole aerial.jpg

Attached you will find a .jpg file from Google Earth containing all GPS locations. Points marked in blue or yellow are reference points. Points in white are the positions of fractures.

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Artesia, New Mexico 88210

Re: Form C-103
Sundry Notice sinkhole development 7-16-08, summation of incident report
API #30-015-02036
State 24 No. 1

To Whom It May Concern:

Please see attached sundry (in triplicate) regarding the referenced well. This brine well was reported as lost on the morning of July 16, 2008. The sundry and attachments are the incident report for this event. I will send more information on the ongoing investigation that Jim's Water Service (JWS) and K. P. Kauffman Company, Inc. (KPK) are conducting at this time when the information becomes available. We will continue to notify you of anyone on site. Please call me if you have any questions. Thanks!

Sherry Glass
Engineering Technician
KPK/JWS

Attachments

Cc: Mr. Wayne Price, OCD, Santa Fe, New Mexico office

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Summation of JWS brine well collapse, OCD permit #BW-005, Eddy County,
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7-16-08: Mark Netherlin of JWS arrived at the wellhead site at approximately 8:15 a.m., saw the collapse of the wellhead start after hearing a loud noise (rumble), got back in his truck and reversed quickly to a safe distance on the pavement along Hwy 217, then called the JWS field office. Dimas Herrera, the GM of the JWS field office, arrived within half an hour and called the OCD, BLM, State Land Office, Eddy Co. Emergency Response and County Roads and Sheriff's office. Dimas called corporate office to report loss of brine well. The hole was approximately 30' x 40' wide at that point, with undetermined depth. Other field hands arrived from the field office and blocked off all access roads with posts, flagging ribbons and old pallets and lumber available at the brine reserve pit. OCD (Mike Bratcher) reported later to Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources (EMNR) District 2 office in Artesia about disappearance of the well. Many successive collapses occurred over the course of the day, with noise and dust obscuring the sinkhole from sight. Sheriff was on location to close road.

7-17-08: OCD was onsite and Mark Netherlin gave a verbal report to Wayne Price of OCD, who had assumed Incident Commander (IC) role. The sinkhole was very active, had grown to approximately 120' x 100'. A perimeter around the outside of the visual cracks was established with stakes and flagging. Kent Gilbert of Denver office flew to Artesia to go to site and meet with OCD, established a log book for visitors to site, and incidents report. Kent, Dimas and Wayne agreed to wait until Monday to set up fence to allow sinkhole to stabilize. Kent Gilbert and Dimas Herrera then walked perimeter of site to place numbered flags on visible surface cracks to map and record distances from approximate far wall of hole to each flag (please see attachment 1). The Eddy County Mobile Command Center arrived, Jim Carr, District Manager of Field Operations Division of State (SLO) arrived and inspected the site. David Herroll of the BLM assumed IC from Wayne Price and was safety officer when Mark Netherlin, Pat Seiser of the National Caverns and Karst Research Institute (NCKRI), and Carl Chavez of the OCD walked the perimeter to examine the cracks paralleling the feature. Wayne Price called for a safety meeting to assign tasks to the personnel at the site and go over the dangers to avoid on the site.

7-18-08: The sinkhole was very active, with loud rumbling, ground-shaking and dust thrown up. The hole is approximately 200' x 200'. John Stewart of EMNR stated there was little fresh ground water present in this location (from Rustler Formation). The BLM representatives arrived with 4 karst specialists, including George Veni, the Executive Director of the NCKRI and Lewis Derrick, Eddy County Commissioner. David Herroll assumed IC, and did the incident safety briefing for the day and indicated he wanted 'Keep Out-Danger' signs posted, as he noticed cracks along the east side and undercutting of the north and west walls. Wayne Price had diagrammed the 'Hot Zone' indicated on the attached map (please see attachment 2), expecting the feature to stabilize within one week. Pat Seiser spray painted a scale on the roadway for the expected flyovers. Robert Brader of the SLO requested a chain link fence around the site. The Eddy County

Mobile Command Center was assigned to the location and JWS personnel were assigned to be on site 24 hours a day. The state police arrived and ranchers requesting access to their lands were told they could not go by the access roads in the 'Hot Zone' by Lewis Derrick. Dimas Herrera and the OCD conducted GPS and range finder surveys on the flagged stress cracks and the perimeter of the hole. State police arrived on the site at 3:40 p.m. 7-19-08: JWS personnel posted 2 state signs, indicating penalties and danger of trespass of property on T-posts with wire strung in between around access onto site from 217. Glenn Von Gonten and Edward Hansen (OCD) arrived on site. There were two flyovers, at 9:22 and 9:40 a.m. Some activity at the site indicated the feature was mainly deepening. Email from George Veni (NCKRI) to Carl Chavez (OCD) indicates his interest in coordinating an exchange of information and ideas regarding this sinkhole and the brine production well in Carlsbad.

7-20-08: Rental trailer secured for the JWS crew to stay in, OCD requested meals for their personnel on site. Some activity, with NCKRI photos indicating growth except for the W-SW-S area. OCD queried JWS personnel about fence status.

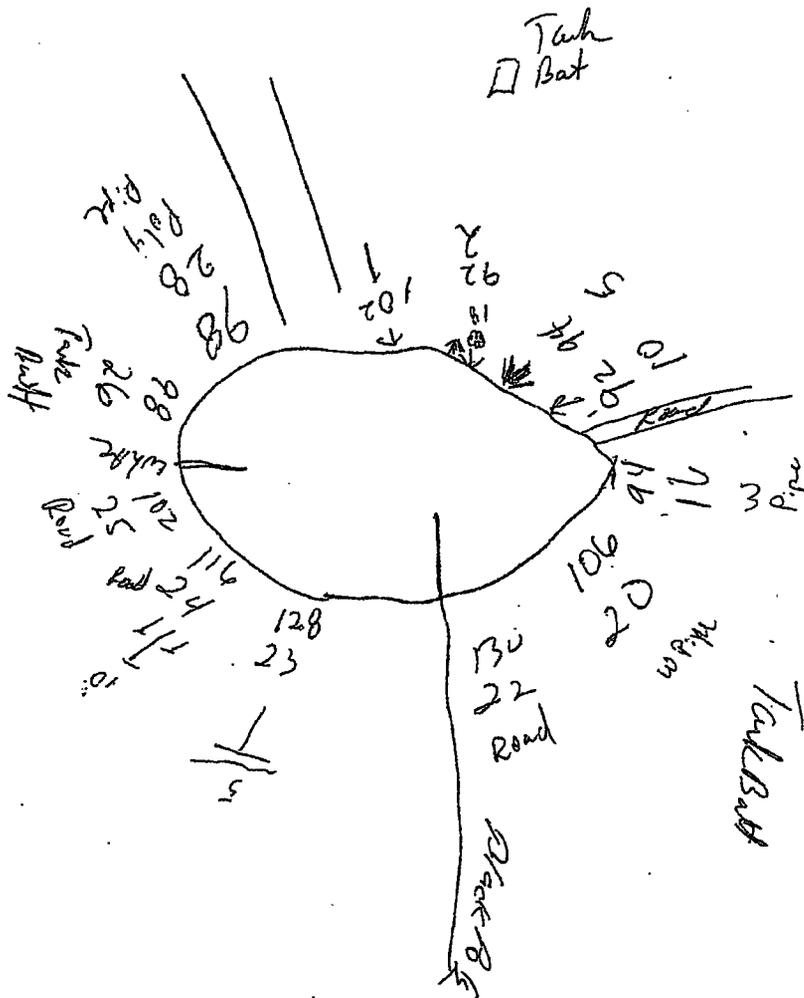
7-21-08: KPK discussing cave specialists to help mitigate situation, lessen impacts to public safety and help in KPK investigation of event. NCKRI flyover, JWS began installing fence posts and cemented in place. Jenny Rennie (Eddy County Commissioner), Robert Brader (Eddy Co. OEM), and Joel Arnwine (Eddy Co. OEM) walked perimeter of hole. Jim Herring (Bogel Farms ranch foreman) came to check on progress of the fence. Hole was active, lots of dust from fallout. Size is approximately 220' x 220'. Massive sinkhole activity occurred in the evening. Two trespassers were encountered on the north side of the area at 22:00, state police were informed.

7-22-08: Aerial photos indicating feature over brine well are discussed at KPK, acquiring and sorting documents from JWS for review. Sheriff visits the site, JWS directed to dig a trench with a backhoe on high ground on east side to direct drainage from the sinkhole. Cemented fence corner post at Reed & Stevens Travis well location to southwest of feature, but directed by David Herroll to put fencing crews to dig ditch for drainage from sinkhole, so workers pulled off fencing project. Hole was very active in the evening.

7-23-08: Pipeline markers were flagged. Ten workmen for JWS working on installing fencing and finishing ditch by backhoe. OCD puts Travis well (Reed and Stevens, operator) to the west back on line. Activity resumes, with S-SE sidewalls caving back approximately 50'. The Eddy County Mobile Command unit decides to de-mobilize on 7-24-08. Leonard Lowe and Jim Griswold from OCD were on site. Hole active in the evening, as indicated by dusting.

7-24-08: Activity larger on south side, helicopter flyover, outermost fractures at 118' to 217.

7-25-08: Finished fencing, lock on gate. Hole is still active, with lots of dust from the edges. Highway (217) is opened. (please see attachment 3, sketch of fence around sinkhole, and attachment 4, photos of sinkhole)



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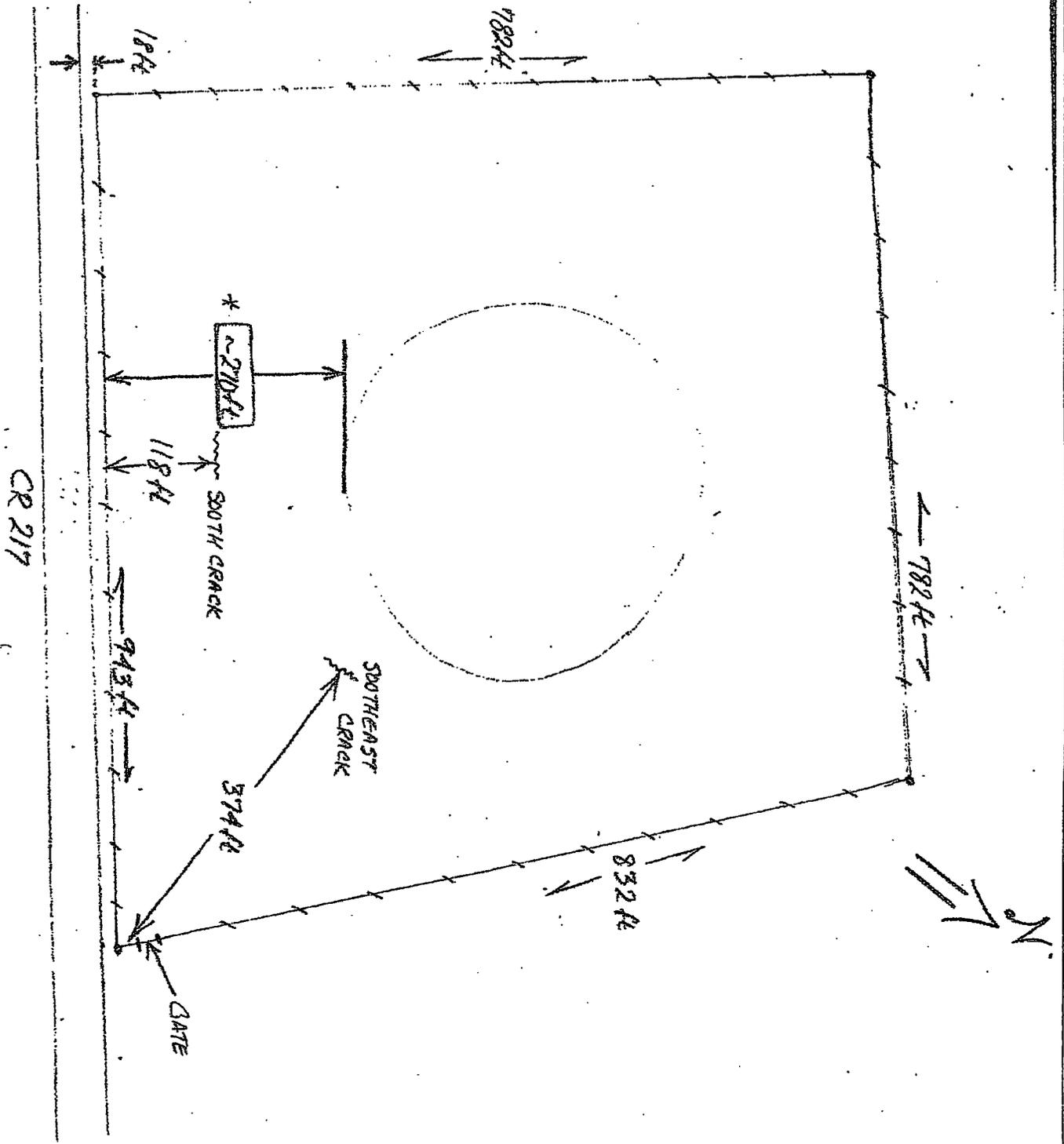
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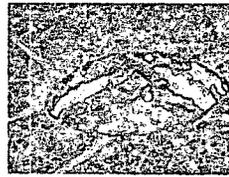
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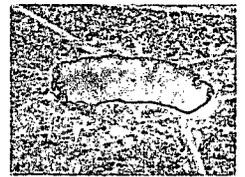
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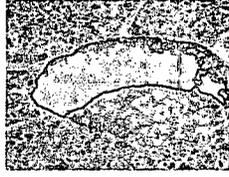
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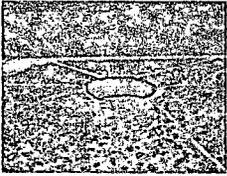
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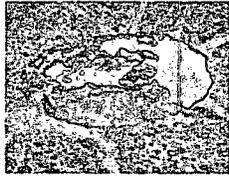
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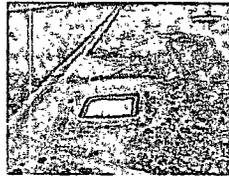
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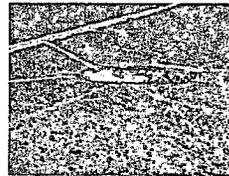
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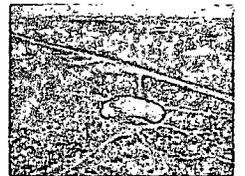
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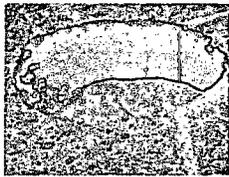
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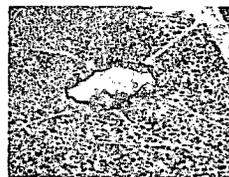
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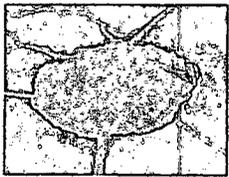
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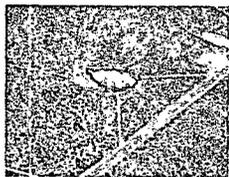
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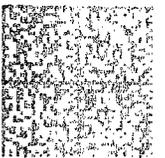
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