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October 28, 2008

Randy Barnes
Hess Corporation
P.O. Box 840
Seminole, TX 79360

**RE: Groundwater Monitoring Well Plugging Report for the Hess'
NMGSAU Battery #94 Release Site
Section 3, T20S, R37E, Lea County, New Mexico
Abatement Plan (AP-19) Termination**

Dear Mr. Barnes:

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has received Hess' report and request to close the above-referenced site (dated October 24, 2008). The report is acceptable to the OCD. The above-referenced report, submitted in accordance with Rule 19.K, indicates that the Hess Corporation has completed the requirements of Rule 19.B; therefore, the OCD approves the report and hereby notifies you that the abatement plan (AP-19) is terminated in accordance with Rule 19.K.(2).

Please be advised that OCD approval of this report does not relieve the owner/operator of responsibility should operations pose a threat to ground water, surface water, human health or the environment. In addition, OCD approval does not relieve the owner/operator of responsibility for compliance with any OCD, federal, state, or local laws and/or regulations.



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Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Edward Hansen of my staff at 505-476-3489 or edwardj.hansen@state.nm.us.

Sincerely,



Wayne Price
Environmental Bureau Chief

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cc: OCD; Hobbs District Office
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October 24, 2008

Mr. Edward J. Hansen
New Mexico Oil Conservation Division
1220 South St. Francis Drive
Santa Fe, NM 87505

RE: NMGSAU Battery No. 94 (AP-19) Groundwater Monitoring Well Plugging

Dear Mr. Hansen:

On Tuesday, August 26, 2008, BBC International, Inc. (BBC), on behalf of Hess Corporation (Hess) requested permission to plug and abandon the four groundwater monitoring wells located at the NMGSAU Battery No. 94 site. These activities would be the final step in receiving termination of the Abatement Plan (AP-19) for this location.

On August, 26, 2008, the NMOCD approved the plugging of the groundwater monitoring wells in an e-mail to myself which is included in this letter.

On October 9 and 10, 2008, BBC personnel conducted plugging and abandoning activities at the NMGSAU Battery No. 94 site. The monitoring well vaults and concrete pads were removed then the wells were plugged from the bottom of the well pipe to the surface with sealing material comprised of cement grout with 3 % bentonite and allowed to cure. The surface was then backfilled with native soils and contoured to grade. Please see attached photograph examples of the plugging activities.

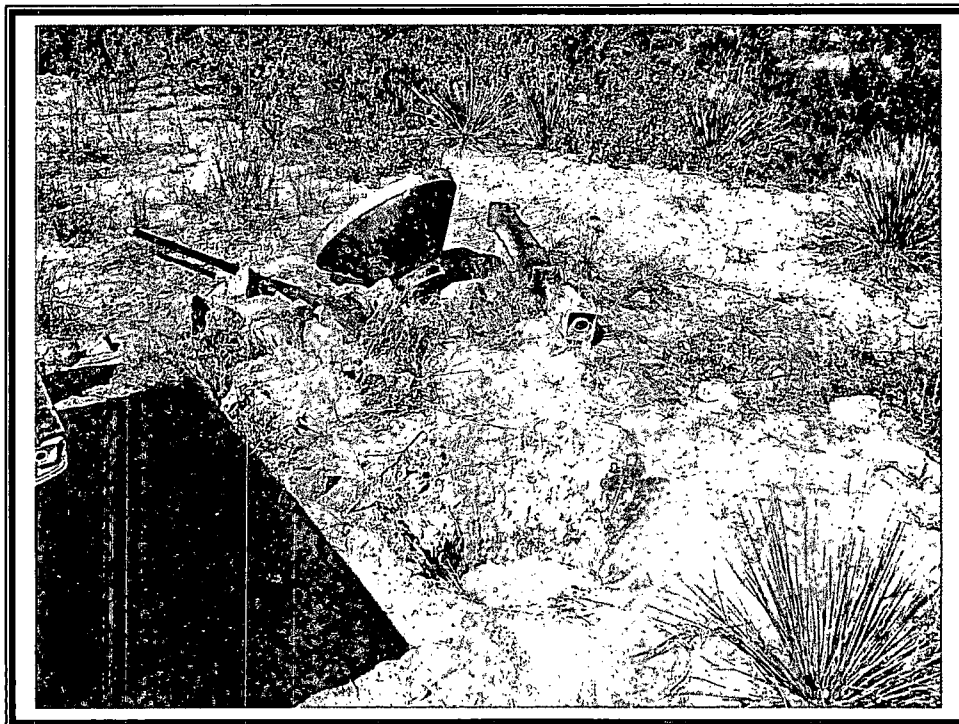
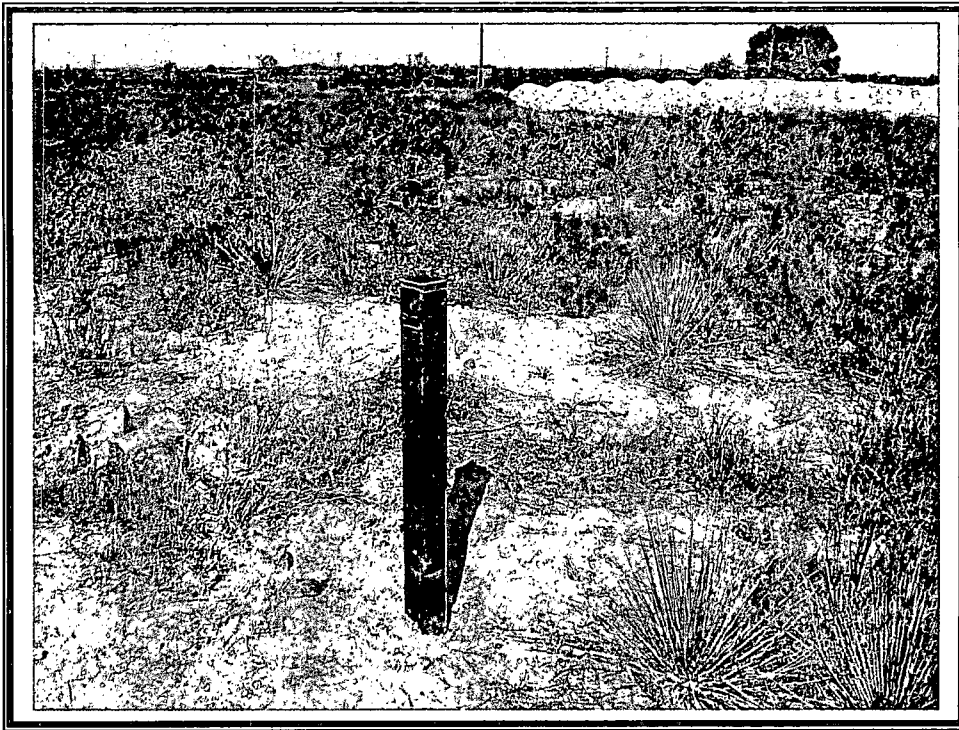
On behalf of Hess, BBC is requesting a letter of termination from the NMOCD for this Abatement Plan (AP-19). The mailing address for Hess is furnished below. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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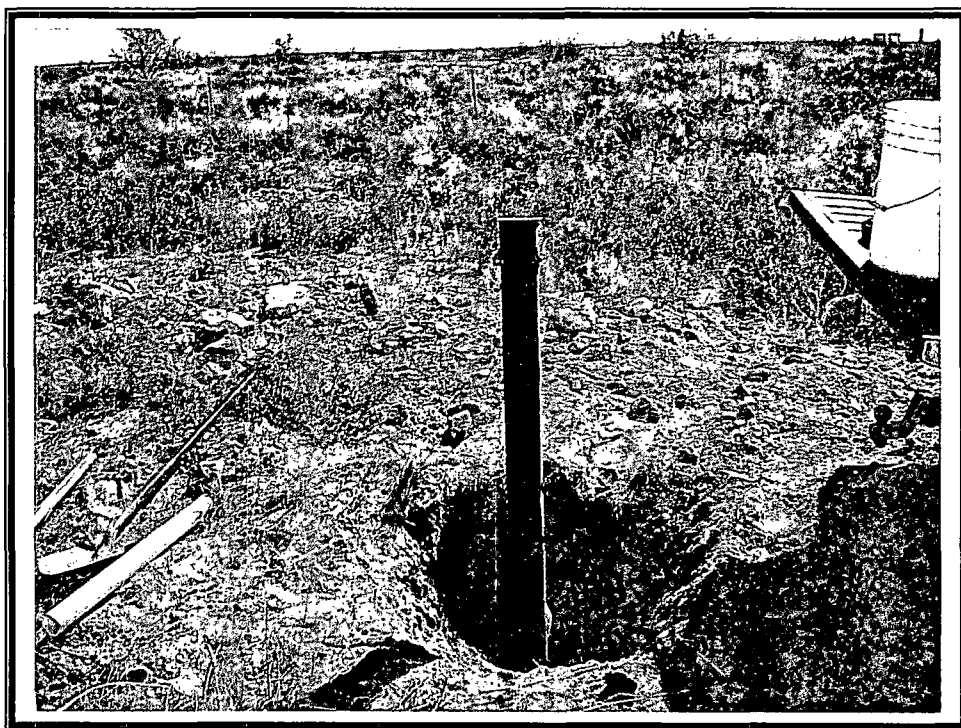
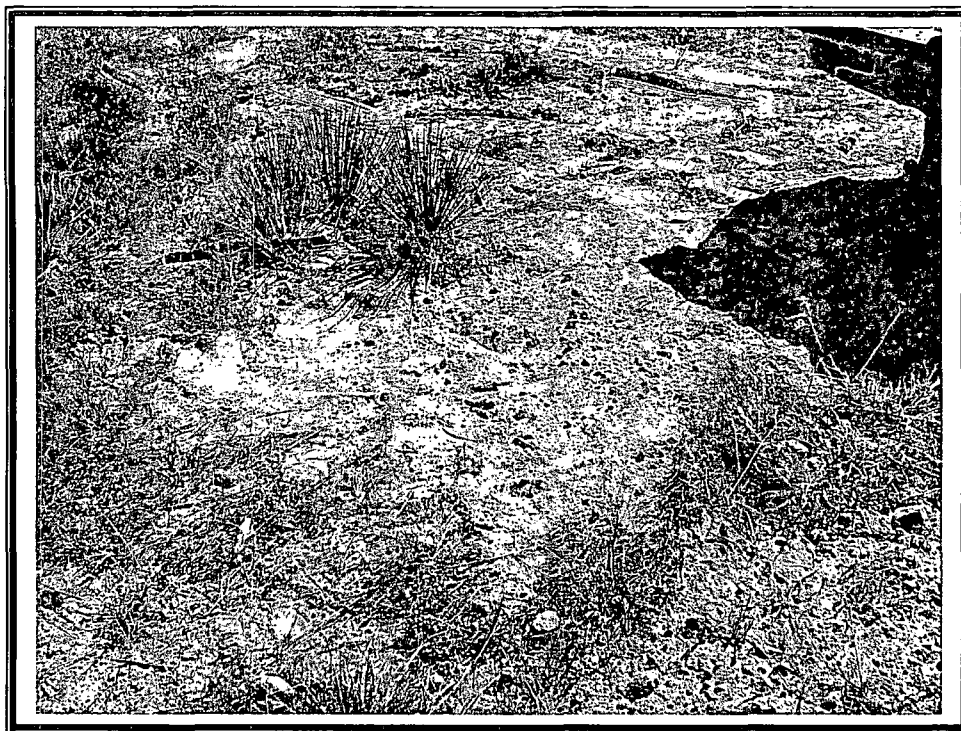
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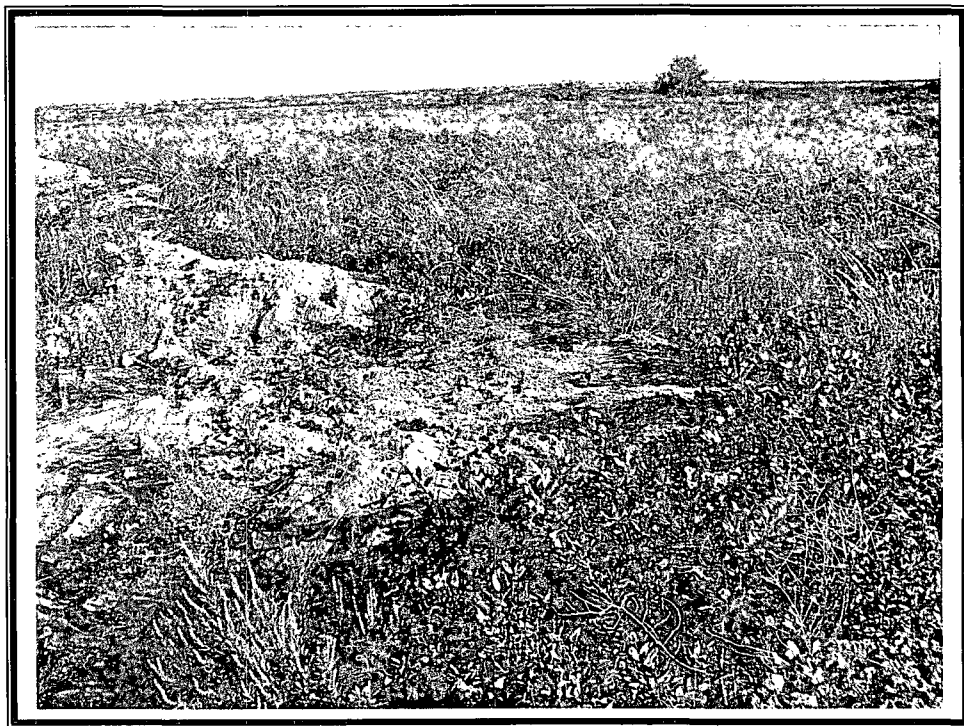
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From: Hansen, Edward J., EMNRD [edwardj.hansen@state.nm.us]
Sent: Tuesday, August 26, 2008 2:47 PM
To: Cliff Brunson
Cc: Price, Wayne, EMNRD
Subject: NMGSAU BATTERY NO. 94 (AP-19) Groundwater Monitoring Well plugging

Dear Mr. Brunson:

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (NMOCD) hereby approves the plugging of the four groundwater monitoring wells at the above referenced site. The material used to plug the wells must be a cement grout with 1% to 3% bentonite. Please submit a final plugging report to the NMOCD within 60 days of receipt of this email. Once the final plugging report has been submitted, then the NMOCD will issue a letter of termination for this Abatement Plan (AP-19).

Please be advised that NMOCD approval of the well plugging does not relieve the owner/operator of responsibility should operations pose a threat to ground water, surface water, human health or the environment. In addition, NMOCD approval does not relieve the owner/operator of responsibility for compliance with any OCD, federal, state, or local laws and/or regulations.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at 505-476-3489.

Edward J. Hansen
Hydrologist
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