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**Conditions of Approval:**

1) Remove as much of the impacted soil as possible, verify the integrity of the liner.

**Soil Assessment and Remediation Work Plan**

High Plains State Com #1 \* 30-025-40334 \* 1RP-4457

Talon Project No. 700745.070.01

**Prepared For:**

Apache Corporation  
2350 W Marland Blvd  
Hobbs, New Mexico 88240

**Prepared By:**

Kimberly M. Wilson  
TALON/LPE  
408 W. Texas Avenue  
Artesia, New Mexico 88210

**October 29, 2016**

Ms. Kristen Lynch  
**NMOCD District I**  
1625 N. French Dr.  
Hobbs, NM 88240

Subject: **Soil Assessment and Remediation Work Plan**  
High Plains State Com #1 \* 30-025-40334 \* 1RP-4457

Dear Ms. Lynch,

Apache Corporation has contracted Talon/LPE (Talon) to perform soil assessment and remediation services at the above referenced location. The results of our soil assessment and proposed remediation activities consist of the following.

### Site Information

The High Plains State Com #1 is located approximately twenty-three (23) miles northwest of Lovington, New Mexico. The legal location for this release is Unit Letter L, Section 23, Township 14 South and Range 34 East in Lea County, New Mexico. More specifically the latitude and longitude for the release are 33.0875282 North and -103.4890442 West. A site plan is presented in [Appendix I](#).

According to the soil survey provided by the United States Department of Agriculture National Resources Conservation Services (NRSC) the soil in this area is made up of Lea fine sandy loam. Per the New Mexico Bureau of Geology and Mineral Resources, the local surface and shallow geology, Quaternary Age sedimentary deposits, is comprised of alluvium and eolian sands which includes silty soils underlain by dense caliche layers. Drainage courses in this area are normally dry.

### Ground Water and Site Ranking

The New Mexico State Engineer web site indicates the nearest ground water data to be in S23-T14S-R34E. The ground water in Section 23 is reported to be 60' below ground surface (BGS). See [Appendix II](#) for the referenced groundwater data.

Therefore the ranking for this site is a **10** based on the following:

|                                |            |
|--------------------------------|------------|
| Depth to ground water          | 50' - 100' |
| Wellhead Protection Area       | >1000'     |
| Distance to surface water body | >1000'     |

Based upon the site ranking of **10**, NMOCD Recommended Remedial Action Levels (RRAL) are 50 mg/kg for BTEX, 10 mg/kg for Benzene, 1,000 mg/kg for TPH and 1,000 mg/kg for total chlorides.

## Incident Description and Initial Remedial Actions

On September 19, 2016 Apache personnel found that livestock had broken a nipple on the wellhead resulting in a release of 8 barrels of mixed fluids. A vac truck was immediately called to the location to pick up the standing fluids. 2 barrels of oil and 3 barrels of produced water were recovered. The well was shut-in, repaired and put back into service. All of the fluids stayed on location. A site plan is presented in [Appendix I](#) which illustrates the impacted area. See initial C-141 in [Appendix II](#).

On October 5, 2016 Talon mobilized personnel to begin the site assessment and soil sampling activities for the construction of a work plan. Grab soil samples were collected utilizing a backhoe. It was discovered that a liner was installed during drilling activities at a depth of 2-2.5 feet deep. See photos presented in [Appendix IV](#).

See [Appendix III](#) for complete report of laboratory results.

| Sample ID | Depth (feet) | BTEX (mg/kg) | Chlorides (mg/kg) | TPH (mg/kg) GRO | TPH (mg/kg) DRO |
|-----------|--------------|--------------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| S-1       | 0.5'         | 17.2         | 960               | 464             | 3870            |
|           | 1'           | --           | 688               | --              | --              |
|           | 1.5'         | --           | 752               | --              | --              |
|           | 2'           | --           | 992               | --              | --              |

(--) Analyte Not Tested

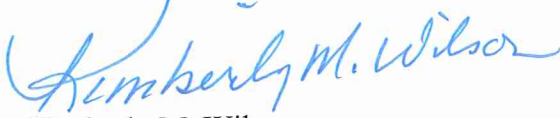
## Proposed Remedial actions

- To avoid compromising the integrity of the liner the impacted area will be scraped 0.5-feet deep.
- The excavated soil will be transported to a NMOCD approved solid waste disposal facility.
- The excavated area will be backfilled with new caliche, machine compacted and contoured to match the surrounding location.
- On behalf of Apache Corporation, we request that the remainder of the impacted soil be remediated upon the plugging of the well.
- A final closure report documenting the remedial actions, a final C-141 will be provided to the NMOCD District I Hobbs Office.

Should you have any questions or if further information is required, please do not hesitate to contact our office at (575)-746-8768

Respectfully submitted,

TALON/LPE



Kimberly M. Wilson  
Project Manager

David J. Adkins  
District Manager

Attachments:

Appendix I Site Plan  
Appendix II Groundwater Data & Initial C-141  
Appendix III Laboratory Results  
Appendix IV Photos

## **APPENDIX I**

### **SITE MAP**



# High Plains State Com #1H

Apache



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Google earth

100 ft





**APPENDIX II**  
**GROUNDWATER DATA**  
**INITIAL C-141**



# New Mexico Office of the State Engineer

## Water Column/Average Depth to Water













(A CLW##### in the  
POD suffix indicates the  
POD has been replaced  
& no longer serves a  
water right file.)

(R=POD has  
been replaced,  
O=orphaned,  
C=the file is  
closed)

(quarters are 1=NW 2=NE 3=SW 4=SE)

(quarters are smallest to largest) (NAD83 UTM in meters)

(In feet)

| POD Number              | POD Sub-Code basin County |    | Q Q Q Sec Tws Rng |     |     |     |     |     |        | X        | Y   | Distance | Depth Well | Depth Water | Water Column |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|----|-------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|--------|----------|---|----------|------------|-------------|--------------|
|                         | 64                        | 16 | 4                 | Sec | Tws | Rng |     |     |        |          |   |          |            |             |              |
| <a href="#">L 09357</a> | L                         | LE | 4                 | 3   | 1   | 23  | 14S | 34E | 641112 | 3662487  |    | 709      | 140        | 60          | 80           |
| <a href="#">L 05054</a> | L                         | LE |                   |     |     | 23  | 14S | 34E | 641725 | 3662288* |    | 865      | 105        | 90          | 15           |
| <a href="#">L 05104</a> | L                         | LE |                   |     | 2   | 27  | 14S | 34E | 640529 | 3661070* |    | 867      | 100        | 75          | 25           |
| <a href="#">L 05508</a> | L                         | LE |                   | 2   | 2   | 22  | 14S | 34E | 640702 | 3662885* |    | 1146     | 135        | 65          | 70           |
| <a href="#">L 10650</a> | L                         | LE |                   | 3   | 2   | 27  | 14S | 34E | 640328 | 3660869* |    | 1147     | 171        | 60          | 111          |
| <a href="#">L 10651</a> | L                         | LE |                   | 4   | 1   | 27  | 14S | 34E | 639925 | 3660863* |    | 1431     | 173        | 61          | 112          |
| <a href="#">L 06539</a> | L                         | LE |                   | 1   | 3   | 14  | 14S | 34E | 641093 | 3663695* |    | 1912     | 110        | 51          | 59           |
| <a href="#">L 09386</a> | L                         | LE | 3                 | 4   | 3   | 24  | 14S | 34E | 643030 | 3661613* |    | 2016     | 150        |             |              |
| <a href="#">L 06396</a> | L                         | LE |                   | 4   | 4   | 26  | 14S | 34E | 642351 | 3660094* |   | 2150     | 125        | 68          | 57           |
| <a href="#">L 06879</a> | L                         | LE | 2                 | 3   | 4   | 21  | 14S | 34E | 638806 | 3661748  |  | 2215     | 140        | 63          | 77           |
| <a href="#">L 06622</a> | L                         | LE | 2                 | 2   | 2   | 33  | 14S | 34E | 639236 | 3659744* |  | 2710     | 150        | 70          | 80           |
| <a href="#">L 09251</a> | L                         | LE | 3                 | 2   | 2   | 14  | 14S | 34E | 642185 | 3664416* |  | 2877     | 150        | 64          | 86           |

Average Depth to Water: **66 feet**

Minimum Depth: **51 feet**

Maximum Depth: **90 feet**

Record Count: 12

UTMNAD83 Radius Search (in meters):

Easting (X): 641021

Northing (Y): 3661784

Radius: 3000

\*UTM location was derived from PLSS - see Help

The data is furnished by the NMOSE/ISC and is accepted by the recipient with the expressed understanding that the OSE/ISC make no warranties, expressed or implied, concerning the accuracy, completeness, reliability, usability, or suitability for any particular purpose of the data.



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District III  
1000 Rio Brazos Road, Aztec, NM 87410  
District IV  
1220 S. St. Francis Dr., Santa Fe, NM 87505

State of New Mexico  
Energy Minerals and Natural Resources  
Oil Conservation Division  
1220 South St. Francis Dr.  
Santa Fe, NM 87505

REVIEWED

By Kristen Lynch at 9:46 am, Sep 28, 2016

Form C-141  
Revised August 8, 2011

Submit 1 Copy to appropriate District Office in  
accordance with 19.15.29 NMAC.

### Release Notification and Corrective Action

#### OPERATOR

☒ Initial Report ☐ Final Report

|  |                              |
|--|------------------------------|
| Name of Company: Apache Corporation          | Contact Bruce Baker          |
| Address: 2350 W Marland Blvd Hobbs, NM 88240 | Telephone No. (432) 631-6982 |
| Facility Name High Plains State Com # 001H   | Facility Type: Oil well      |

|                     |               |                      |
|---------------------|---------------|----------------------|
| Surface Owner State | Mineral Owner | API No. 30-025-40334 |
|---------------------|---------------|----------------------|

#### LOCATION OF RELEASE

|                  |               |                 |              |                       |                         |                      |                       |               |
|------------------|---------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|---------------|
| Unit Letter<br>L | Section<br>23 | Township<br>14S | Range<br>34E | Feet from the<br>1700 | North/South Line<br>FSL | Feet from the<br>330 | East/West Line<br>FWL | County<br>Lea |
|------------------|---------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|---------------|

Latitude N33.0875282 Longitude W103.4890442

#### NATURE OF RELEASE

|  |  |  |
|--|--|--|
| Type of Release: Oil and produced water  | Volume of Release 4 barrel of oil and 4 barrels of water | Volume Recovered 2 barrels of oil and 3 barrels of water |
| Source of Release: Nipple on well head   | Date and Hour of Occurrence<br>9/19/2016                 | Date and Hour of Discovery<br>9/19/2016                  |
| Was Immediate Notice Given?<br><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?<br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No  | If YES, Volume Impacting the Watercourse.                |  |

If a Watercourse was Impacted, Describe Fully.\*

Describe Cause of Problem and Remedial Action Taken.\*

A release occurred due to livestock in the area broke off a 1/4 inch nipple on the well head resulting in the loss of fluid. The well was shut in and nipple replaced.

Describe Area Affected and Cleanup Action Taken.\* The entire release was contained to the lease pad. A vacuum truck was dispatched to pick-up standing fluid.

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.

#### OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

Signature: *Bruce Baker*

Printed Name: Bruce Baker

Title: Environmental Technician

E-mail Address: larry.baker@apachecorp.com

Date: 9/27/2016

Phone: (432) 631-6982

Approved by Environmental Specialist:

*Kristen Lynch*

Approval Date: 9/28/2016

Expiration Date: 11/28/2016

NMOCD Accepts Discrete Samples Only

Conditions of Approval:  
Please submit Remediation Plan no later than  
10/28/2016

Attached ☐

1RP 4457

\* Attach Additional Sheets If Necessary

Notify NMOCD Prior to all Sampling

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pKL1627234922

**APPENDIX III**  
**LABORATORY RESULTS**



PHONE (575) 393-2326 • 101 E. MARLAND • HOBBS, NM 88240

November 30, 2016

KIMBERLY WILSON

TALON LPE

408 W. TEXAS AVE.

ARTESIA, NM 88210

RE: HIGH PLAINS ST. COM #1

Enclosed are the results of analyses for samples received by the laboratory on 10/07/16 13:30.

Cardinal Laboratories is accredited through Texas NELAP under certificate number T104704398-16-8. Accreditation applies to drinking water, non-potable water and solid and chemical materials. All accredited analytes are denoted by an asterisk (\*). For a complete list of accredited analytes and matrices visit the TCEQ website at [www.tceq.texas.gov/field/ga/lab\\_accred\\_certif.html](http://www.tceq.texas.gov/field/ga/lab_accred_certif.html).

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|                  |                              |
|------------------|------------------------------|
| Method EPA 552.2 | Haloacetic Acids (HAA-5)     |
| Method EPA 524.2 | Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM) |
| Method EPA 524.4 | Regulated VOCs (V1, V2, V3)  |

Accreditation applies to public drinking water matrices.

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

Sincerely,

Celey D. Keene

Lab Director/Quality Manager



**Analytical Results For:**

TALON LPE  
KIMBERLY WILSON  
408 W. TEXAS AVE.  
ARTESIA NM, 88210  
Fax To: (575) 745-8905

Received: 10/07/2016  
Reported: 11/30/2016  
Project Name: HIGH PLAINS ST. COM #1  
Project Number: 700745..071.01  
Project Location: LEA COUNTY, NM

Sampling Date: 10/05/2016  
Sampling Type: Soil  
Sampling Condition: Cool & Intact  
Sample Received By: Jodi Henson

**Sample ID: S-1 0.5' (H602266-01)**

| BTEX 8021B     |        | mg/kg           | Analyzed By: CK |              |      |            |               |       |           |
|----------------|--------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|------|------------|---------------|-------|-----------|
| Analyte        | Result | Reporting Limit | Analyzed        | Method Blank | BS   | % Recovery | True Value QC | RPD   | Qualifier |
| Benzene*       | <0.200 | 0.200           | 10/11/2016      | ND           | 2.18 | 109        | 2.00          | 1.38  |           |
| Toluene*       | 0.980  | 0.200           | 10/11/2016      | ND           | 2.27 | 114        | 2.00          | 1.12  |           |
| Ethylbenzene*  | 3.16   | 0.200           | 10/11/2016      | ND           | 2.21 | 110        | 2.00          | 1.03  |           |
| Total Xylenes* | 13.1   | 0.600           | 10/11/2016      | ND           | 6.66 | 111        | 6.00          | 0.694 |           |
| Total BTEX     | 17.2   | 1.20            | 10/11/2016      | ND           |      |            |               |       |           |

Surrogate: 4-Bromofluorobenzene (PID) 134 % 73.6-140

| Chloride, SM4500Cl-B |        | mg/kg           |            | Analyzed By: AC |     |            |               |      |           |
|----------------------|--------|-----------------|------------|-----------------|-----|------------|---------------|------|-----------|
| Analyte              | Result | Reporting Limit | Analyzed   | Method Blank    | BS  | % Recovery | True Value QC | RPD  | Qualifier |
| Chloride             | 960    | 16.0            | 10/12/2016 | ND              | 400 | 100        | 400           | 0.00 |           |
| TPH 8015M            |        | mg/kg           |            | Analyzed By: CK |     |            |               |      |           |
| S-06                 |        |                 |            |                 |     |            |               |      |           |

Surrogate: 1-Chlorooctane 155 % 35-147

Surrogate: 1-Chlorooctadecane 152 % 28-171


**Sample ID: S-1 1' (H602266-02)**

| Chloride, SM4500Cl-B |        | mg/kg           | Analyzed By: AC |              |     |            |               |      |           |
|----------------------|--------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|-----|------------|---------------|------|-----------|
| Analyte              | Result | Reporting Limit | Analyzed        | Method Blank | BS  | % Recovery | True Value QC | RPD  | Qualifier |
| Chloride             | 688    | 16.0            | 10/12/2016      | ND           | 400 | 100        | 400           | 0.00 |           |

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**Analytical Results For:**

TALON LPE  
KIMBERLY WILSON  
408 W. TEXAS AVE.  
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Fax To: (575) 745-8905

Received: 10/07/2016  
Reported: 11/30/2016  
Project Name: HIGH PLAINS ST. COM #1  
Project Number: 700745..071.01  
Project Location: LEA COUNTY, NM

Sampling Date: 10/05/2016  
Sampling Type: Soil  
Sampling Condition: Cool & Intact  
Sample Received By: Jodi Henson

**Sample ID: S-1 1.5' (H602266-03)**

| Chloride, SM4500Cl-B |        | mg/kg           |            | Analyzed By: AC |     |            |               |      |           |
|----------------------|--------|-----------------|------------|-----------------|-----|------------|---------------|------|-----------|
| Analyte              | Result | Reporting Limit | Analyzed   | Method Blank    | BS  | % Recovery | True Value QC | RPD  | Qualifier |
| Chloride             | 752    | 16.0            | 10/12/2016 | ND              | 400 | 100        | 400           | 3.92 |           |

**Sample ID: S-1 2' (H602266-04)**

| Chloride, SM4500Cl-B |        | mg/kg           |            | Analyzed By: AC |     |            |               |      |           |
|----------------------|--------|-----------------|------------|-----------------|-----|------------|---------------|------|-----------|
| Analyte              | Result | Reporting Limit | Analyzed   | Method Blank    | BS  | % Recovery | True Value QC | RPD  | Qualifier |
| Chloride             | 992    | 16.0            | 10/12/2016 | ND              | 400 | 100        | 400           | 3.92 |           |

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|       |   |
|-------|---|
| S-06  | The recovery of this surrogate is outside control limits due to sample dilution required from high analyte concentration and/or matrix interference's.                                  |
| QR-03 | The RPD value for the sample duplicate or MS/MSD was outside if QC acceptance limits due to matrix interference. QC batch accepted based on LCS and/or LCSD recovery and/or RPD values. |
| QM-07 | The spike recovery was outside acceptance limits for the MS and/or MSD. The batch was accepted based on acceptable LCS recovery.  |
| ND    | Analyte NOT DETECTED at or above the reporting limit  |
| RPD   | Relative Percent Difference   |
| **    | Samples not received at proper temperature of 6°C or below.   |
| ***   | Insufficient time to reach temperature.   |
| -     | Chloride by SM4500Cl-B does not require samples be received at or below 6°C<br>Samples reported on an as received basis (wet) unless otherwise noted on report                          |

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**CHAIN-OF-CUSTODY AND ANALYSIS REQUEST**

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Company Name: Talon/LPE

**Project Manager:**

Address: 408 W. Texas Ave.

city: Artesia

Phone #: 575-746-8768

Project #: 700745-071.01 Project Owner: 4/1/00

Project Name: High Plains & Co.

Project Location: Lea City

**Sampler Name**

**FOR LAB USE ONLY**

Lab I.D.

Sample I.D.

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ANALYSIS REQUEST

**APPENDIX IV**  
**PHOTOS**