

**AP - 121**

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CORRESPONDENCE**

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**Subject:** RE: Email for Carl  
**Date:** Thursday, November 5, 2020 9:33:00 AM

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Heidi,

Good morning!

Please proceed.

Thank you for the update.

Note: Mrs. Emily Hernandez replaced Jim Griswold on 11/2 as the new OCD Environmental Bureau Chief.

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Good Morning Carl,

I wanted to provide you with an update on the Wingate Facility Hydro punch investigation. Marathon (MPC) will be removing natural gas from tankage during the week of November 9<sup>th</sup> and are limiting contractor access during that time and we will not be allowed to do the drilling for the hydro punch investigation at that time. There are safety concerns with having drill rigs running while contractors are de-inventorying product tanks. The next available time the drillers are available to conduct the investigation is the week of December 7<sup>th</sup>. MPC still proposes a 2 stage investigation as previously discussed. Stage 1 will include boreholes BH-11 through 29, which are on MPC property, and stage 2 will be performed once off site property agreements have been secured. Marathon has begun work to get access agreements, but does not expect this will be complete prior to December 7<sup>th</sup>. Please let us know if you have any concerns regarding this revised scheduling of the first phase

of this work.

Thank You,  
Heidi

**Heidi Jones, CES**  
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**Subject:** AP-121 (Formerly Conoco AP-117/GW-054) Marathon Petroleum Company- Wingate Gas Plant McKinley Co. (Secs. 9 – 10 & 15 – 17 15N-7W): MARATHON PETROLEUM CORPORATION MARATHON WINGATE FACILITY BENZENE INVESTIGATION REPORT JULY 17, 2020  
**Date:** Monday, September 21, 2020 1:52:00 PM

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Ms. Jones,

Good afternoon. The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has completed a preliminary review of the above subject report.

OCD observes while there is an hydrogeologic investigation into the Benzene in groundwater, there are no monitor wells to help assess, monitor or remediate the source(s) in soils. There are no MWs proposed as part of the investigation to assess or monitor the horizontal and vertical extent of groundwater contamination for a final remediation plan.

OCD concurs with the conclusions and recommendations to the point that remediation is required immediately near the source area(s) and near the BH-9 area to contain, control and/or capture GW contamination migrating off-property from the facility. This should be implemented immediately following EPA quality assurance/quality control and data quality objectives while Marathon proceeds to address off-site contamination per the report recommendations.

Please contact me to setup a communication meeting to discuss the above situation. OCD believes Marathon would agree that the off-property migration should be stopped.

Thank you.

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**From:** Chavez, Carl J, EMNRD  
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**Subject:** RE: Wingate Geoprobe Investigation WMW-2 Benzene Exceedance (AP-121) Work Plan

FYI: Per John Moore's Phone Msg. of 11/21 at 13:13, the pond photos referenced in yesterday's msg. below were from a different site, i.e., AP-111 SWMU-1, and are not related to the Wingate Facility (AP-121).

Please disregard any OCD comments on the "ponds" below, and OCD will remove the "pond" section, photos, etc. from the admin. record today.

Thank you.

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**From:** Chavez, Carl J, EMNRD  
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**Subject:** RE: Wingate Geoprobe Investigation WMW-2 Benzene Exceedance (AP-121) Work Plan

John:

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has reviewed the Marathon Memorandum (see attachment) dated November 1, 2019 related to the above subject topic.

OCD hereby **approves** the attached Memorandum with maps, etc. (hereafter work plan) with some conditions (see "Conditions" below).

### OCD Conditions:

- 1) Adhere to EPA QA/QC and DQOs during the environmental field investigation, sampling and analytical lab work.
- 2) Work plan Section c.iv.5: One environmental soil sample at BH-1, BH-2, BH-3, BH-4 and BH-5 from above the water table is required with 8260 Method lab analysis is required.
- 3) Based on step out approach, i.e., BHs 6 – 11, based on field PID > 1 ppm results per BH, continued step-out to complete horizontal characterization of contamination is required (see OCD "Recommendations" section below).
- 4) More information on the ponds and their proximity or intersection with potential GW contamination observed at WMW-2 is needed.
- 5) Provide a work schedule to OCD within 30 days from the date of this message.

### OCD observations:

- 1) The map with proposed BHs does not have a scale; however, all BHs appear to be within Marathon Property.
- 2) Marathon mentions WMW-7 was installed into an artesian saturated sand zone below clay with head indicative of artesian condition. There appears to be a **shallow water table** aquifer or perched aquifer present at the facility. Perhaps the water table pinches out in the vicinity of WMW-7.
- 3) WMW-2 appears to be at or near the benzene source area.
- 4) No soil sampling is proposed.
- 5) All of the proposed BHs appear to be on Marathon Property.

- 6) The railroad loadout rack is currently the suspected source for Benzene.
- 7) Pond correspondence from Marathon indicates ponds are likely in hydrogeologic connection with GW (water table) in the ponds and there appears to be discoloration of soils and water present.

**OCD comments:**

- 1) OCD is concerned there is a dissolved phase VOC plume migrating off-property toward the SW based on historical GW surface maps.
- 2) OCD is concerned there may be a VOC Plume South of I-40 based on consistent historical Benzene concentrations detected in WMW-2.
- 3) OCD is concerned based on Benzene concentrations consistently detected in WMW-2 there may be “free product” present.
- 4) There appears to be a shallow water table aquifer present; however, Marathon by mention of WMW-7 seems to indicate there was no water table encountered there and a deeper saturated zone was encountered and where MMW-7 was installed. However, based on head elevations it would seem the water surface map from the AGWMR is likely a piezometric (water table) surface map. This is further supported by information associated with the ponds (see attachment).

**OCD recommendations:**

- 1) Since Marathon has a Geoprobe Rig, and a shallow water table, borings could be installed across I-40 South of WMWs 2, 4 and 7. The Geoprobe could be used to physically excavate boreholes for permanent MW emplacement at the water table with sand, gravel pack around screen, bentonite above sand, and well caps with locks.

**OCD pond comments and/or questions:**

- 1) OCD had difficulty correlating pond photos to ponds on attached maps. For example, a pond photo displays a culvert, which may mean it is a facility stormwater run-in and/or run-off pond?
- 2) There is mention by Marathon that head in the pond photos is from the water table aquifer in hydrogeologic connection with the pond(s).
- 3) The pond photos appear to exhibit soil staining and discolored groundwater.
- 4) Could Marathon correlate the pond photos with any of the attached maps?
- 5) If any of the ponds are the evaporation ponds for the facility, is Marathon working to repair or install a liner system over the breached liner system?
- 6) Has Marathon collected any soil and water media environmental lab samples from the ponds in the photos?

Please contact me to arrange a communication phone call or if you have work plan questions. Thank you.

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Carl,

Attached, please find an outline of the anticipated work at Wingate to help define the benzene in the groundwater. If you have any questions, please let me know.

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**Attachments:** WMW-2.docx; Figure 1 Proposed Borehole Locations.jpg

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## memorandum

**To:** Carl Chavez, Oil Conservation Division (OCD)  
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**cc:** Greg McCartney, Marathon; Heidi Jones, Trihydro  
**Date:** November 1, 2019  
**Re:** Wingate Facility – WMW-2 Benzene Exceedance

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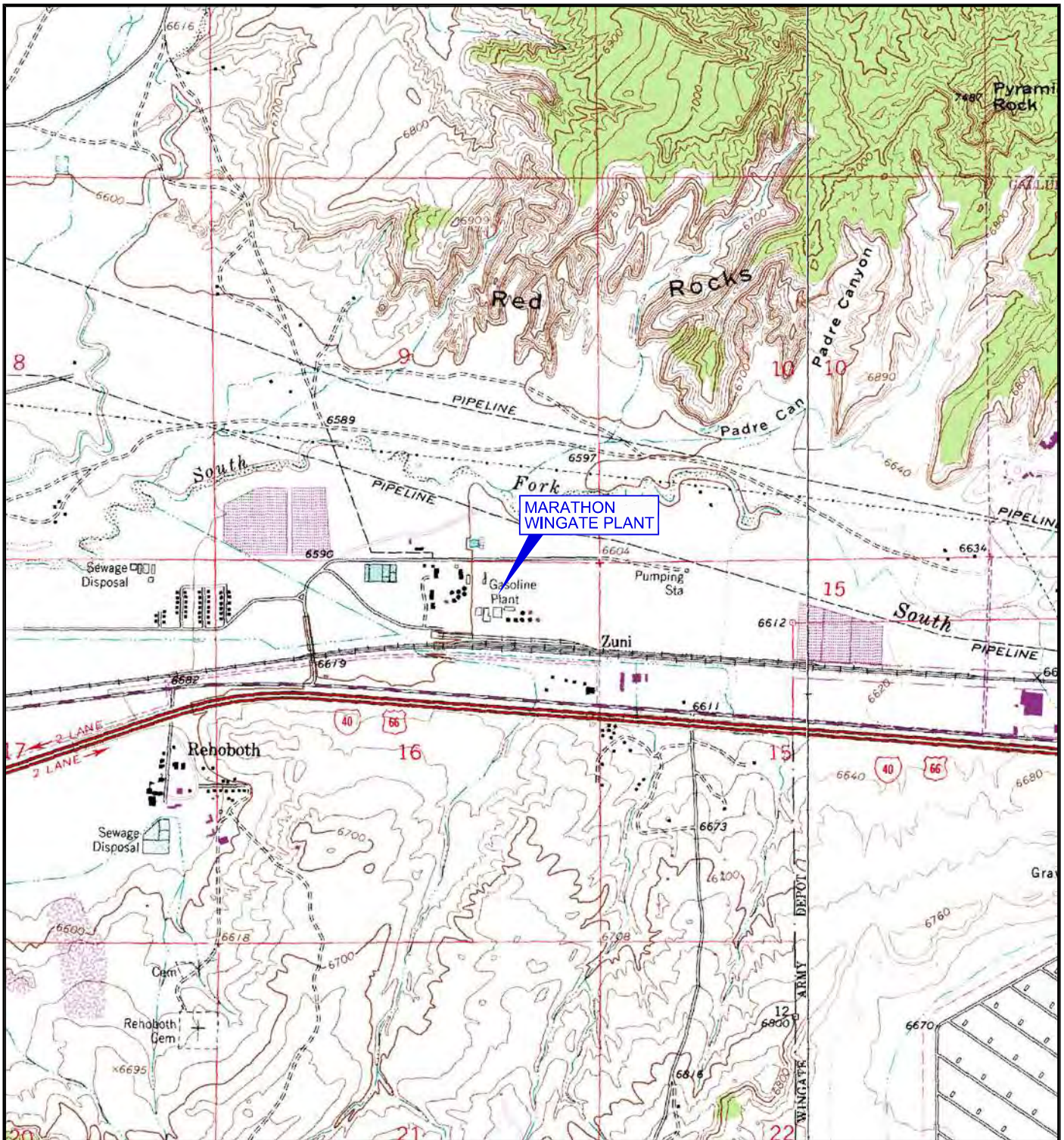
### Proposed Path Forward -

- Historical Document review – Determine the presence of benzene during prior due diligence efforts preceding sales of the property.
  - WMW-2 was installed in 1991 and the first sample collected was in July of 1991 with a benzene concentration 26 milligrams / liter (mg/L). Concentrations have been as high as 37 mg/L in 1993.
- Conduct a Geoprobe investigation in the area of the rail load out rack as outlined below.

#### **Borehole installation**

- a. Install five boreholes with a Geoprobe to a depth of approximately 15-32 feet below ground surface (bgs) or to the top of groundwater, whichever is shallower.
- b. The first group of borings (BH-1 through BH-5) will be installed around WMW-2 in the locations shown on Figure 1.
- c. The second group of borings will only be installed if benzene concentrations of soil samples screened with an UltraRae instrument exceed 1 part per million 2 feet above where groundwater is first encountered.
  - i. Based on borehole logs for WMW-7 which is due west of WMW-2 (unable to locate log for WMW-2)
    1. The WMW-7 borehole log indicates a hard, dry, plastic clay/silty clay to a depth of approximately 26 feet bgs.
    2. A fine-grained, well sorted sand was encountered at 26 feet bgs. The sand was wet and continued to a depth of 38 feet bgs
    3. Based on the clay above the sand only being damp, it quite possible that the groundwater is under confining conditions. Static water level was at 9.33 feet bgs and several feet above the top of the screened interval.
  - ii. The boreholes will be installed to four feet into the first saturated interval encountered.
  - iii. The boreholes will be continuously cored and described by a geologist.
  - iv. A 2-inch diameter temporary PVC screen will be placed in the borehole
    1. The temporary monitoring well will be gaged periodically with an interface probe
    2. After the fluid level stabilizes, a groundwater sample will be collected

- v. The samples will be analyzed for:
    1. BTEX by EPA Method 8260B
    2. SVOC by EPA Method 8270
    3. Chloride, sulfate, and nitrate by EPA Method 300.0A
    4. Alkalinity by EPA Method 310.1
    5. Metals including mercury, arsenic, barium, calcium, cadmium, chromium, magnesium, selenium, silver, sodium, and lead by EPA Method 6010B
    6. Total dissolved solids (TDS) by EPA Method 160.1
    7. pH by EPA Method 150.1
  - d. After sampling, the temporary well screens will be extracted and the borehole will be abandoned with bentonite pellets below the water level and bentonite chips above the water table
  - e. The borehole locations will be marked and surveyed either with a GPS unit or by traditional survey methods.
- o Marathon will evaluate the data obtained through the Geoprobe investigation and determine the appropriate next steps with the Oil Conservation Division.



Map Source: USGS 7.5 Min. Quad Sheets CHURCH ROCK, NM., 1963, Photorevised 1979;  
 GALLUP EAST, NM., 1963, Photorevised 1979.



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 WINGATE PLANT

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 SCALE IN FEET



QUADRANGLE LOCATION

FIGURE 1  
 SITE LOCATION MAP

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● WMW-8

WMW-8	
BTEX	<0.0045
Uranium	0.011
Chloride	30
Sulfate	190
TDS	794

● WMW-3

WMW-3	
BTEX	<0.0045
Uranium	<b>0.069</b>
Chloride	<b>1000</b>
Sulfate	<b>2600</b>
TDS	<b>6680</b>

WMW-5

BTEX	<0.0045
Uranium	<b>0.038</b>
Chloride	<b>390</b>
Sulfate	<b>2200</b>
TDS	<b>4730</b>

● WMW-5

● WMW-4

WMW-4	
BTEX	<0.0045
Uranium	0.0012
Chloride	180
Sulfate	320
TDS	<b>1560</b>

● WMW-7

WMW-7	
BTEX	<0.0045
Uranium	<b>0.032</b>
Chloride	200
Sulfate	<b>990</b>
TDS	<b>2600</b>

● WMW-2

WMW-2	
Benzene	<b>24</b>
Toluene	<0.001
Ethylbenzene	0.088
Xylenes	0.470
Uranium	<0.0050
Chloride	<b>770</b>
Sulfate	<2.5
TDS	<b>3660</b>

● WMW-1R

WMW-1R	WN
BTEX	
Uranium	
Chloride	
Sulfate	
TDS	