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Subject: **Remediation and Closure Report**

Oxy Permian, LTD

Government U Com #001

API #: 30-015-21020

Lease No. NM-17101

2RP-2985

Dear Ms. Patterson

Oxy Permian (Oxy) had contracted Talon/LPE (Talon) to perform soil assessment and remediation services at the above referenced location. The results of our soil assessment, completed remediation activities and closure request are submitted herein.

Background Information

The Government U Com #001 is located approximately thirty-three (33) miles southeast of Artesia, New Mexico. The legal location for this location is Unit Letter G, Section 22, Township 20 South and Range 38 East in Eddy County, New Mexico. More specifically the latitude and longitude for this release are 32.560936 North and -104.1634124 West. A site plan is presented in [Appendix I](#).

According to the soil survey provided by the United States Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service, the soil in this area is made up of Reeves-Gypsum land complex with 0 to 3 percent slopes. Per the New Mexico Bureau of Geology and Mineral Resources, the local surface and shallow geology is comprised of older alluvial deposits from upland plains and piedmont areas. Drainage courses in this area are normally dry. Ground water in the project vicinity is less than 50-feet bgs according to the 2006 Chevron Texaco Ground Water Trend Map See [Appendix II](#) for the referenced groundwater data.

The ranking for this site is **20** Based on the following:

Depth to ground water	<50'
Wellhead Protection Area	>1000'
Distance to surface water body	>1000'

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Incident Description

The stuffing box lost pressure causing a release of approximately 5bbls of oil. No fluids were recovered. The well was shut-in, the stuffing box was repaired and the well was put back into service. The stuffing box release resulted in a pooling area in the vicinity of the pump jack and a light overspray on the closed reserve pit adjacent to the well location.

Two Micro-Blaze applications were applied to the overspray area as part of the initial spill response activities. Talon mobilized personnel to conduct an initial site assessment and soil sampling utilizing a hand auger. Upon receipt of laboratory results from the initial soil sampling event it was determined that further vertical delineation would be required at sample location S-2. A backhoe was utilized to fully delineate the vertical extent of the impacted area at S-2.

Remedial Actions Taken

The impacted area in the vicinity of sample location S-1 was excavated to a depth of 2-feet bgs and the impacted area in the vicinity of sample location S-2 was excavated to a depth of 3-feet bgs.

All of the excavated material was hauled to Lea Land, LLC a solid waste disposal facility.

The excavated area was backfilled with caliche to match the surrounding location.

The pit area was not disturbed.


Closure

On behalf of Oxy USA Inc, we respectfully request that no further actions be required and that closure with respect to these releases be granted. A Final C-141 is also attached.

If we can provide additional information or be of further assistance please contact our office at 575.746.8768.

Respectfully submitted,

TALON/LPE



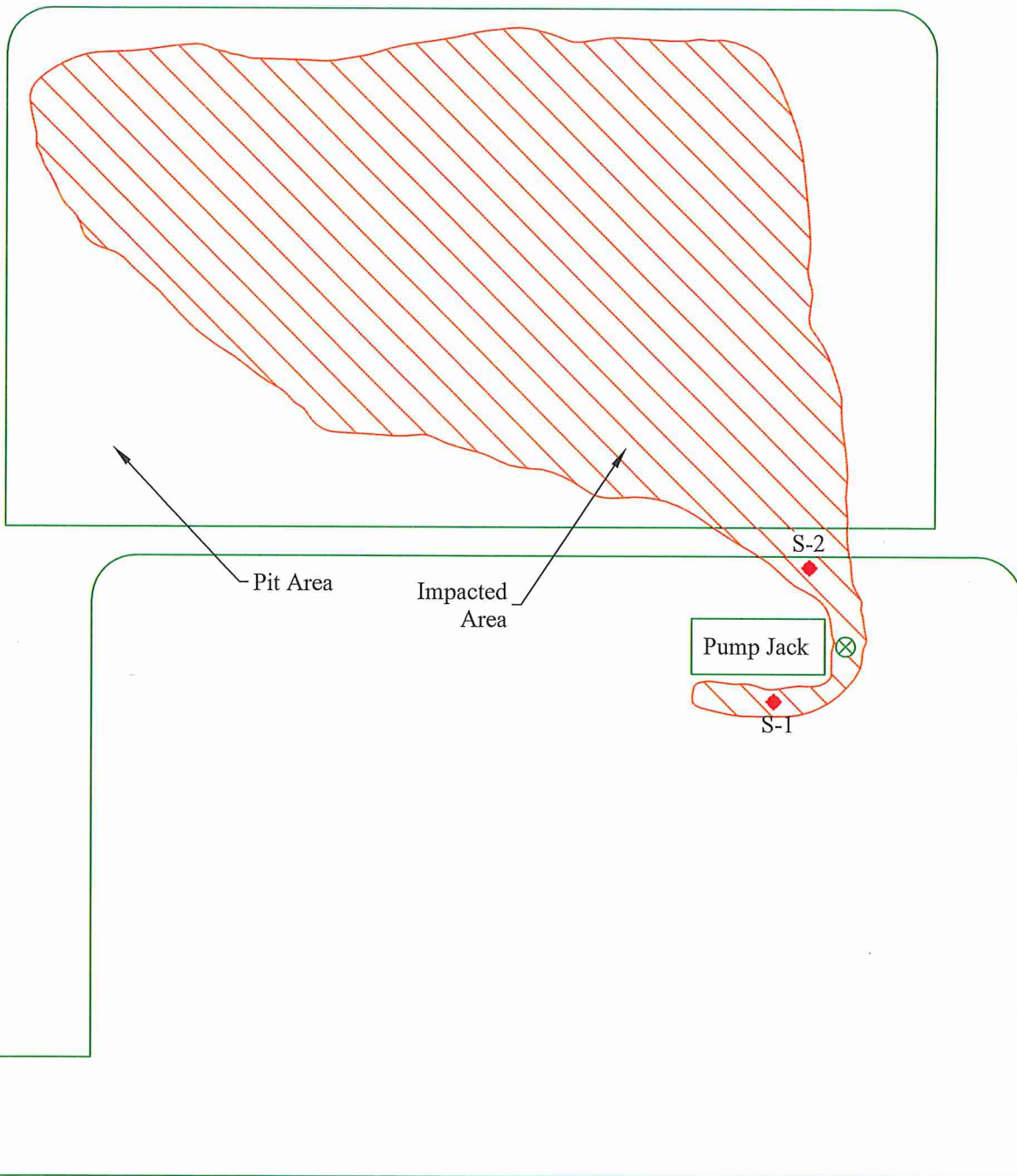
Kimberly M. Wilson
Project Manager



David J. Adkins
District Manager

APPENDIX I

SITE MAP



NTS
Scale in Feet

Legend
◆ - Sample Location



Date: 04/30/2015

Scale: NTS

Drawn By: TJS

Government U Com #1
Oxy - NM - North
Eddy County, New Mexico
Figure 1 - Site Plan

FINAL C-141

District I
1625 N. French Dr., Hobbs, NM 88240
District II
811 S. First St., Artesia, NM 88210
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

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: OXY USA WTP Limited Partnership	Contact:
Address: 102 S. Main St. Carlsbad, NM 88220	Telephone No.:
Facility Name: Government U Com #1	Facility Type: Well

Surface Owner: Federal	Mineral Owner:	API No.: 30-015-21020 Lense No.: NM-17101 2RP-2985
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LOCATION OF RELEASE

Unit Letter G	Section 22	Township 20S	Range 28E	Feet from the 1980'	North/South Line North	Feet from the 1980'	East/West Line East	County Eddy
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Latitude 32.560936 N Longitude -104.1634124 W

NATURE OF RELEASE


Type of Release: Oil	Volume of Release: 5 bbls Oil	Volume Recovered: 0 bbls
Source of Release: Stuffing Box	Date and Hour of Occurrence 3/15/2015	Date and Hour of Discovery 3/15/2015 12:00
Was Immediate Notice Given? <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? <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: The stuffing box lost pressure causing a release of 5 barrels of oil. No fluids were recovered. The well was shut-in, the stuffing box repaired and the well was put back into service. The majority of the spill remained on the location around the wellhead with overspray on the old reserve pit measuring approximately 80' x 90'.

Describe Area Affected and Cleanup Action Taken.* Talon/LPE was contracted by Oxy for the correction of this release. Pursuant to our work plan approved by the BLM and NMOCD, the impacted area in the vicinity of sample location S-1 was excavated to a depth of 2-feet deep and the impacted area in the vicinity of sample location S-2 was excavated to a depth of 3-feet deep, without disturbing the pit area. All of the excavated material was hauled to Lea Land, LLC a solid waste disposal facility. The excavated area was backfilled with caliche to match the surrounding location. On behalf of Oxy USA Inc, we respectfully request that no further actions be required.

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.

Signature: 	OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION	
Printed Name: Phancy Sumner	Approved by Environmental Specialist:	
Title: HES Lead	Approval Date:	Expiration Date:
E-mail Address: Phancy-Sumner@oxy.com	Conditions of Approval:	Attached <input type="checkbox"/>
Date: 6/4/2015	Phone: 575-631-9436	

* Attach Additional Sheets If Necessary