

Form C-141

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Oil Conservation Division

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### Closure

The responsible party must attach information demonstrating they have complied with all applicable closure requirements and any conditions or directives of the OCD. This demonstration should be in the form of a comprehensive report (electronic submittals in .pdf format are preferred) including a scaled site map, sampling diagrams, relevant field notes, photographs of any excavation prior to backfilling, laboratory data including chain of custody documents of final sampling, and a narrative of the remedial activities. Refer to 19.15.29.12 NMAC.

**Closure Report Attachment Checklist:** *Each of the following items must be included in the closure report.*

A scaled site and sampling diagram as described in 19.15.29.11 NMAC

Photographs of the remediated site prior to backfill or photos of the liner integrity if applicable (Note: appropriate OCD District office must be notified 2 days prior to liner inspection)

Laboratory analyses of final sampling (Note: appropriate ODC District office must be notified 2 days prior to final sampling)

Description of remediation activities

I hereby certify that the information given above is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and understand that pursuant to OCD 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 OCD does not relieve the operator of liability should their operations have failed to adequately investigate and remediate contamination that pose a threat to groundwater, surface water, human health or the environment. In addition, OCD 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. The responsible party acknowledges they must substantially restore, reclaim, and re-vegetate the impacted surface area to the conditions that existed prior to the release or their final land use in accordance with 19.15.29.13 NMAC including notification to the OCD when reclamation and re-vegetation are complete.

Printed Name: Bob Hall Title: Environmental Manager

Signature:  Date: 11/26/2019

email: bhall@btaoil.com Telephone: (432) 682-3753

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Closure approval by the OCD does not relieve the responsible party of liability should their operations have failed to adequately investigate and remediate contamination that poses a threat to groundwater, surface water, human health, or the environment nor does not relieve the responsible party of compliance with any other federal, state, or local laws and/or regulations.

Closure Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_



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July 22, 2019

SMA #5E28395, BG4

NMOCD District 1  
1625 N. French Drive  
Hobbs, New Mexico 88240

**RE: LINER INSPECTION REPORT  
STARCASTER 18 FED COM TANK BATTERY (1RP-5444)**

To Whom it May Concern:

Souder, Miller & Associates (SMA) is pleased to submit this letter report on behalf of BTA Oil Producers, LLC (BTA) summarizing the liner inspection that occurred due to the Starcaster 18 Fed Com Tank Battery release. The site is located in Section 18, T23S, R34E (N32.31139/W-103.50283) Lea County, New Mexico, on privately-owned land.

**Site Characterization**

On April 1, 2019, a head switch malfunction resulted in the release of 390 bbls of produced water inside the lined secondary containment of the tank battery. Initial response activities were conducted by the operator and included source elimination and site stabilization, which recovered approximately 390 bbls of produced water. The tanks and containment were then pressure washed and the residual fluid recovered.

Based upon New Mexico Office of the State Engineer (NMOSE) and United States Geological Survey (USGS) well data, depth to groundwater in the area is estimated to be between 170 to 200 feet below grade surface (bgs). There is one water source within ½-mile of the location, according to the NMOSE and USGS online water well databases (Appendix C). The nearest significant watercourse is the Riverine Wetland, located approximately 75 feet to the southeast.

Based on the information presented herein, the applicable NMOCD Closure Criteria for this site is for a groundwater depth of <50 feet bgs.

**Liner Integrity**

At the request of BTA, SMA conducted a liner integrity inspection per the requirements of 19.15.29.11.A(5)(a) NMAC. NMOCD was notified on July 8, 2019 that the liner inspection was to occur and SMA conducted the inspection on July 11, 2019. After a thorough visual inspection of the liner within the tank battery containment, the liner appeared to be intact and had the ability to contain the leak in question. The tank from which the release occurred was identified, and SMA verified that the release did not occur outside of the lined containment. A photo log and field notes of the inspection is included in Appendix A.

SMA recommends no further action for this release.

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Souder, Miller and Associates appreciates the opportunity to provide environmental services to you. If you have any questions or comments concerning this report, please feel free to call Melodie R. Sanjari at 574-370-9782.

Sincerely,  
Souder, Miller & Associates



Melodie R. Sanjari  
Project Scientist



Shawna Chubbuck  
Senior Scientist

### **Appendices**

Appendix A: Photo Log & Field Notes

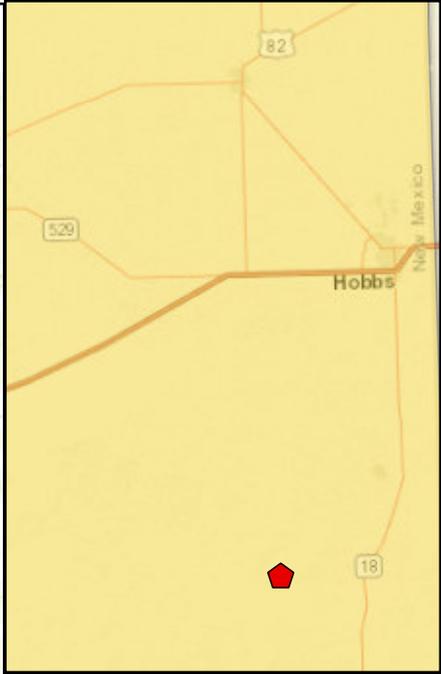
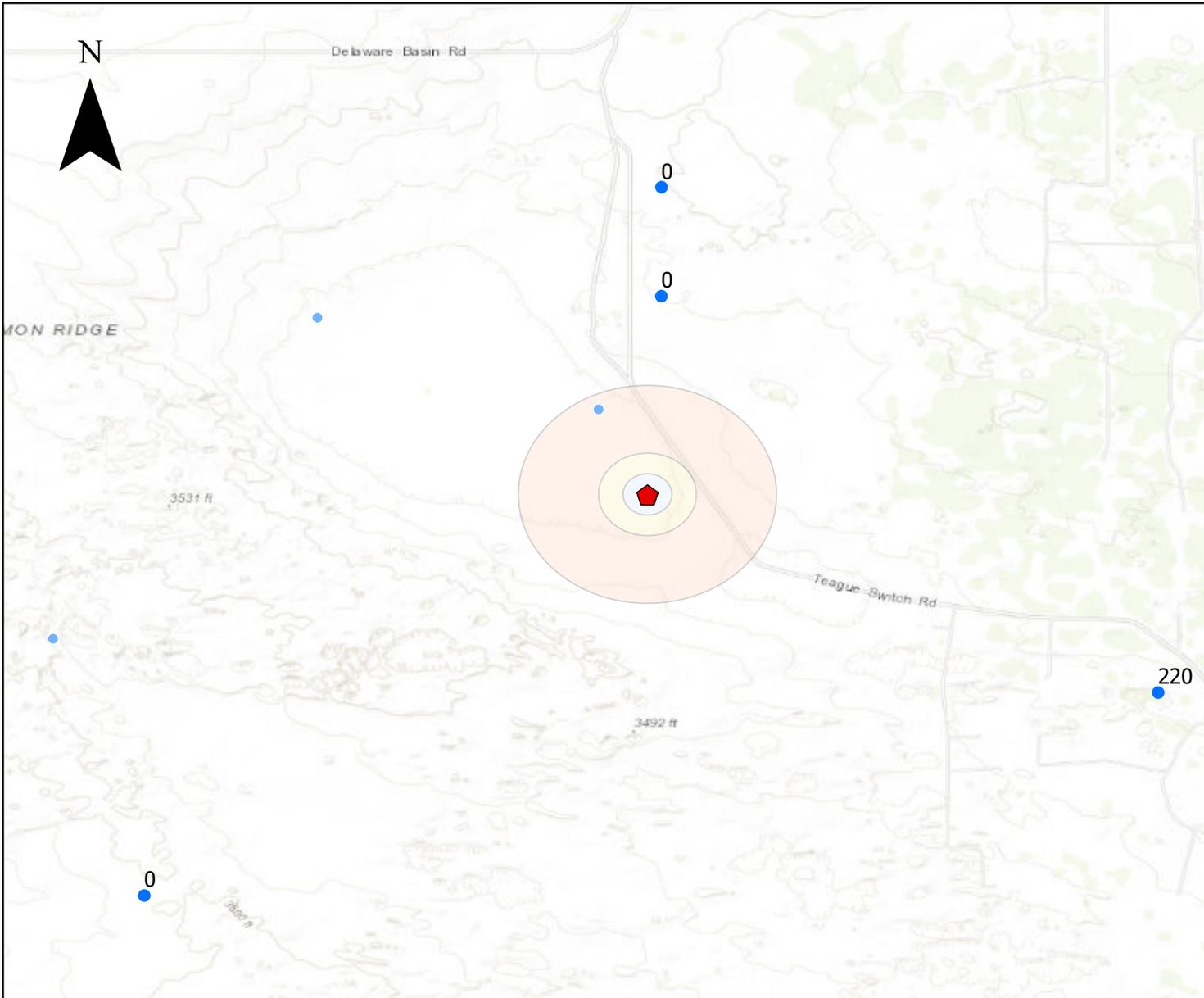
Appendix B: C141

Appendix C: Water Well Data

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## FIGURES



**Legend**

- Point of Release
- OSE Waterwells
- USGS Waterwells
- .5 Mile
- 1000 Feet
- 500 Feet

**Karst Potential**

Low

0 0.25 0.49 0.99 Miles

*Regional Vicinity & Wellhead Protection Map*  
 Starcaster 18 Fed Com #4H Tank Battery - BTA Oil Producers, LLC  
 Lea County, New Mexico

Figure 1

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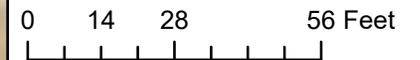
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- Point of Release



Site and Sample Locations  
 Starcaster 18 Fed Com Tank Battery- BTA Oil Producer, LLC  
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Figure 2

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**Appendix A**  
**PHOTO LOG & FIELD NOTES**







**Souder, Miller & Associates  
Liner Inspection Form**



Project Name: StarCaster 18 Fed Inspection Date: 7/11/19  
Client Name: Com # B  
BTA  
Client Representative(s): Bob Hall  
SMA Inspector(s): MRS & JI  
Project Location: A 18 23S 34E Lea Co. Latitude: 32.31139 Longitude: -103.50283

**Inspection Parameters as Outlined in 19.15.29.11.A(5) NMAC**

**PRIOR TO INSPECTION:**

Two (2) Business Day Notification of Inspection to Appropriate Division Office (Y/N): Y  
Date of Notice: 7/8/19

Material Covering Liner Removed by Client (Y/N): Y

Affected Areas Exposed by Client (Y/N): Y

**INSPECTION:**

Liner Thoroughly Inspected for Damage (Y/N): Y

All Damaged Areas Observed Marked in <sup>N/A</sup> White Paint on Liner  
Photos and Field Notes Detailing Failures Attached to This Form

**To Be Completed by Client Representative:**

Can Responsible Party Demonstrate:  
Liner Integrity Was Maintained (per SMA Inspection) (Y/N): Y  
Release Was Contained to Lined Containment Area (Y/N): Y  
Liner Was Able to Contain the Leak (Y/N): Y

**If YES:**

Certify on Form C-141 That Liner Remains Intact

**If NO to Any of Above:**

Responsible Party Must Delineate Horizontal & Vertical Extent

Depending on Release:

See Table 1 19.15.29.12 NMAC

See Subparagraph (e) Paragraph (5) of Subsection A 19.15.29.11 NMAC

**Additional Comments:**

See field notes.

**SMA INSPECTOR SIGNATURE**

**CLIENT REPRESENTATIVE**

Date: M. J. [Signature] 7/11/2019

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**APPENDIX B**  
**C141**

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 Department  
Oil Conservation Division  
1220 South St. Francis Dr.  
Santa Fe, NM 87505

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## Release Notification

### Responsible Party

Responsible Party: BTA Oil Producers, LLC	OGRID: 260297
Contact Name: Bob Hall	Contact Telephone: 432-682-3753
Contact email: bhall@btaoil.com	Incident # (assigned by OCD) NAB1911652112
Contact mailing address: 104 S. Pecos St., Midland, TX 79701	

### Location of Release Source

Latitude: 32.31139° Longitude: -103.50283°

(NAD 83 in decimal degrees to 5 decimal places)

Site Name: Starcaster 18 Fed Com Tank Battery	Site Type: Tank Battery
Date Release Discovered: 4/1/2019	API# (if applicable) Nearest well: Starcaster 18 Fed Com #004 API #30-025-42025

Unit Letter	Section	Township	Range	County
A	18	23S	34E	Lea

Surface Owner:  State  Federal  Tribal  Private (Name: Limestone Basin Prop Ranch LLC, 18 Desta Dr, Midland, TX 79705)

### Nature and Volume of Release

Material(s) Released (Select all that apply and attach calculations or specific justification for the volumes provided below)

<input type="checkbox"/> Crude Oil	Volume Released (bbls)	Volume Recovered (bbls)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Produced Water	Volume Released (bbls) 390 BBL (Based on volume recovered from lined containment.)	Volume Recovered (bbls) 390 BBL – Lined containment.
	Is the concentration of dissolved chloride in the produced water >10,000 mg/l?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> Condensate	Volume Released (bbls)	Volume Recovered (bbls)
<input type="checkbox"/> Natural Gas	Volume Released (Mcf)	Volume Recovered (Mcf)
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (describe)	Volume/Weight Released (provide units)	Volume/Weight Recovered (provide units)

Cause of Release

A head switch malfunction failed to stop the flow of water into the water tanks. The tanks overflowed 390 BBL of produced water into the lined containment of the tank battery. The produced water was completely recovered with a vacuum truck from the lined containment.

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Was this a major release as defined by 19.15.29.7(A) NMAC?  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If YES, for what reason(s) does the responsible party consider this a major release?  NMOCD Rules define a release greater than 25 BBL as a major release.
If YES, was immediate notice given to the OCD? By whom? To whom? When and by what means (phone, email, etc)? Yes, I received notification of the release via email today. This C-141 Form is being sent as immediate notice of the release.	

### Initial Response

*The responsible party must undertake the following actions immediately unless they could create a safety hazard that would result in injury*

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The source of the release has been stopped. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The impacted area has been secured to protect human health and the environment. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Released materials have been contained via the use of berms or dikes, absorbent pads, or other containment devices. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All free liquids and recoverable materials have been removed and managed appropriately.
If all the actions described above have <u>not</u> been undertaken, explain why:   
Per 19.15.29.8 B. (4) NMAC the responsible party may commence remediation immediately after discovery of a release. If remediation has begun, please attach a narrative of actions to date. If remedial efforts have been successfully completed or if the release occurred within a lined containment area (see 19.15.29.11(A)(5)(a) NMAC), please attach all information needed for closure evaluation.
I hereby certify that the information given above is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and understand that pursuant to OCD 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 OCD does not relieve the operator of liability should their operations have failed to adequately investigate and remediate contamination that pose a threat to groundwater, surface water, human health or the environment. In addition, OCD 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.
Printed Name: <b>Bob Hall</b> Title: <b>Environmental Manager</b>  Signature: <u></u> Date: <u>4/2/2019</u>  email: <u>bhall@btaoil.com</u> Telephone: <u>432-682-3753</u>
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**APPENDIX C  
WATER WELL DATA**



## 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	Code	Sub-basin	County	Q	Q	Q	Sec	Tw	Rng	X	Y	Distance	Depth	Well	Depth	Water	Column
<a href="#">CP 00556 POD1</a>	CP	LE	64	4	3	08	23S	34E	641762	3576206	862	497	255	242			
<a href="#">CP 00872 POD1</a>	CP	LE	1	1	1	08	23S	34E	641225	3577504*	1593	494	305	189			
<a href="#">CP 01075 POD1</a>	CP	LE	1	1	1	08	23S	34E	641278	3577525	1624	430	20	410			
<a href="#">CP 01130 POD2</a>	CP	LE	2	1	2	07	23S	34E	640674	3577549	1635	27					
<a href="#">CP 01130 POD1</a>	CP	LE	2	1	2	07	23S	34E	640662	3577558	1646	27					
<a href="#">CP 01502 POD1</a>	CP	LE	4	3	3	05	23S	34E	641316	3577635	1739	648	200	448			
<a href="#">CP 01502 POD2</a>	CP	LE	4	3	3	05	23S	34E	642074	3577676	2075	680	300	380			
<a href="#">CP 01730 POD1</a>	CP	LE	2	2	1	16	23S	34E	643549	3575824	2608	594	200	394			

Average Depth to Water: **213 feet**  
 Minimum Depth: **20 feet**  
 Maximum Depth: **305 feet**

**Record Count:** 8

**UTM NAD83 Radius Search (in meters):**

**Easting (X):** 640943

**Northing (Y):** 3575936

**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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WATER



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Lea County, New Mexico

Hydrologic Unit Code 13070007

Latitude 32°19'01", Longitude 103°18'51" NAD27

Land-surface elevation 3,438 feet above NAVD88

The depth of the well is 140 feet below land surface.

This well is completed in the Chinle Formation (231CHNL) local aquifer.

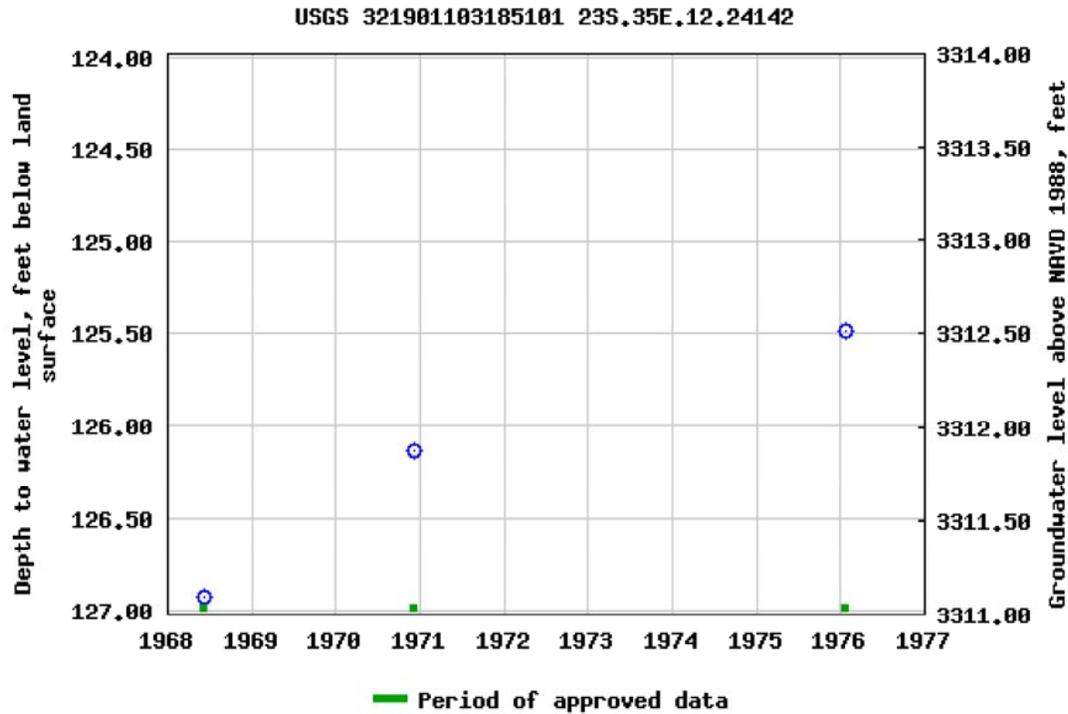
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Latitude 32°16'29.2", Longitude 103°19'35.3" NAD83

Land-surface elevation 3,483 feet above NAVD88

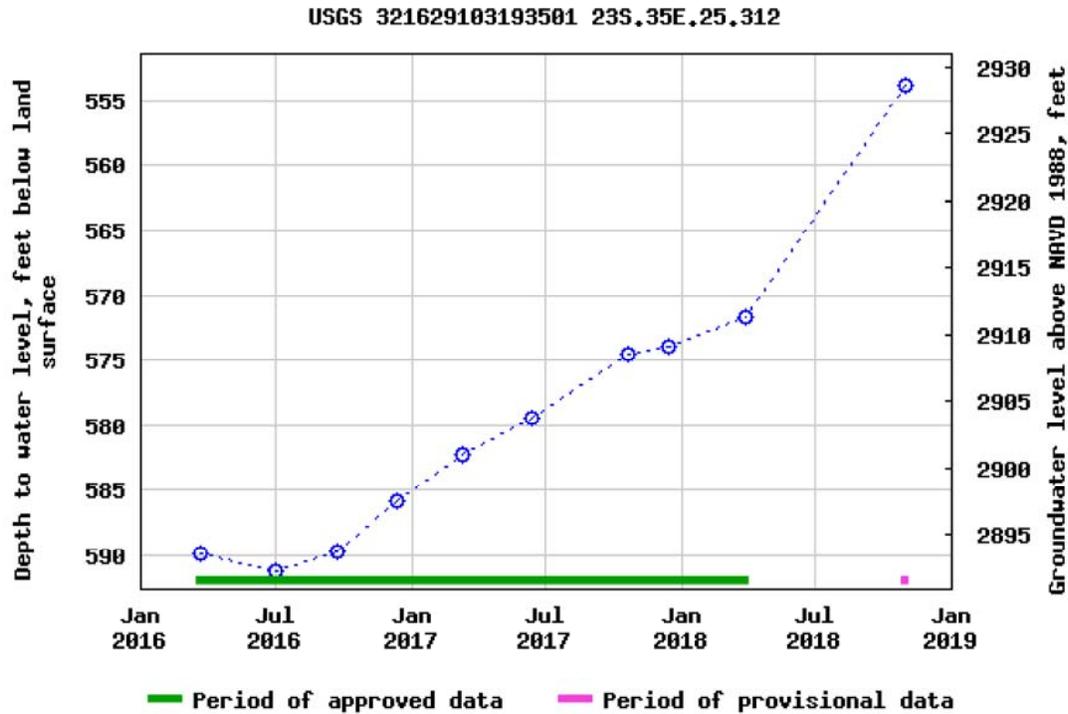
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