

Venegas, Victoria, EMNRD

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Victoria,

I believe that what happened at this site was that the shaker box was sitting in its own temporary containment during drilling activities. When the incident happened, the tanks overflowed, filling containment and then overtopping it, splashing out on either side of the shaker box containment. Because the containment was a large object and it didn't leak from the bottom, but rather overflowed from the top, the containment itself prevented any contamination of the area where it was sitting. The overflow was just on the two sides, thus creating the two separate areas of impact with the large dry space in between. The release was mapped by Marathon personnel onsite while the footprint was still noticeable and once the shaker box and its containment were removed, the release just appeared to be two separate locations rather than one contiguous release.

We did not sample between the two areas for two reasons: initial mapping showed that the release did not flow under the shaker containment; and excavation activities were guided with soil field screening, including the horizontal extent of the excavation area, and according to the Vertex technician onsite, the field screens at the edges of the excavation were showing contaminants not present.

If you have any other questions, please feel free to reach out to me any time.

Thank you,
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On Fri, Mar 20, 2020 at 10:18 AM Venegas, Victoria, EMNRD <Victoria.Venegas@state.nm.us> wrote:

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Good morning Natalie,

Quick question about this spill: Why two separate excavation instead of one continuous excavation encompassing the entire area? See Figure 1. Did you take sample in the area between the excavations? If so, please provide it.

Thanks!

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