

October 20, 2011

Ms. Jennifer Van Curen
Bureau of Land Management
620 E. Green Street
Carlsbad, NM 88220

Subject: **Soil Assessment and Remediation Work Plan**
Cimerax Energy Corporation
Callaway Federal #2 Drilling Pit Remediation
API # 30-015-23486

Dear Ms. Van Curen,

Cimerax Energy has contracted Talon/LPE (Talon) to perform soil assessment and remediation services at the referenced Callaway Federal #2 location. Our soil sampling results and proposed remediation activities consists of the following:

Incident Date

May 18, 2011

Background Information

The Callaway Federal #2 is located approximately twenty (20) miles northeast of Artesia, New Mexico. The legal location for the site is Section 6, Township 16 South and Range 28 East in Eddy County, New Mexico. More Specifically the latitude and longitude for the release are 32.95813 North and -104.21215 West.

According to the soil survey provided by the United States Department of Agriculture National Resources Conservation Services, the soil in this area is made up of Reeves-Gypsum land complex soils with 0 to 3 percent slopes. The local surface and shallow geology, Quaternary Age sedimentary deposits, is comprised of alluvium and eolian sands which includes silty soils under lain by gypsum and hard caliches. Drainage courses in this area are normally dry. The New Mexico State Engineer web site indicates the nearest ground water data to be in S34-T15S-R27E. The ground water in Section 34 is reported to be at depth of 85' below ground surface (bgs). The referenced groundwater data is presented in Appendix I.

The ranking for this site is 10 based on the as following:

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

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Incident Description

On May 18, 2011 the Bureau of Land Management notified Cimarex Energy Corporation regarding the drilling pit at the Callaway Federal #2, requesting a work plan for the restoration of the non-vegetated drilling reserve pit area.

Actions Taken

On July 1, 2011 Talon/LPE mobilized personnel to begin the assessment and soil sampling for the construction of a work plan. The soil sample S-1 was collected from soil within the drilling pit area.

The soil sample was collected by Talon personnel wearing clean nitrile gloves. The sample was placed in a laboratory provided sample container and transported to Cardinal Laboratories in Hobbs, New Mexico for analysis of chlorides using Method SM4500CL-B. The complete laboratory report is attached as Appendix II.

Analytical Results

Analytical results received from Cardinal Laboratories are summarized below:

July 18, 2011

<u>Sample</u>	<u>Depth</u>	<u>Chlorides</u>
S-1	0'	24,400 mg/kg

Summary and Conclusions

- Groundwater in the project vicinity is greater than 50-feet below land surface per the New Mexico State Engineer Database.
- Based upon the results of the laboratory data obtained for this investigation, the chloride impacts have been documented to be 24,400 mg/kg at the surface of the drilling pit area.
- Based on the depth to groundwater at the sample location, it is unlikely that the chloride impacts identified from this release will pose a threat to groundwater after proposed remediation activities are complete.

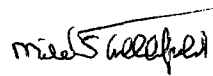
Proposed Remedial Actions

- A decontamination station will be set up to pressure wash off all equipment and vehicles before leaving location to prevent the cross contamination of the African Rue.
- The surface of the closed drilling pit area will be bladed to prepare for the installation of a liner. Rock and debris will be deep buried into the drilling reserve pit area.
- A composite 20 millimeter liner will be installed over the closed drilling pit area. The edges of the liner will be keyed a minimum of three 3-feet deep into a trench excavated at the boundaries of the closed drilling pit area. Visually impacted area outside the drilling pit will be pushed up under the liner area with a dozer.
- New soil will be transported to the location from a local borrow pit and will be placed over the top of the 20 millimeter liner with a 3-foot soil lift.
- The soil lift will be contoured to match the surrounding terrain and seeded using the recommended BLM seed mixture for the area.
- Erosion control berms will be installed to prevent storm waters from running across the area. A berm and barbed wire fence will be installed across the access road.
- A final report will be provided to the Bureau of Land Management Carlsbad Office utilizing Form 3160.

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

Respectfully submitted,

TALON/LPE

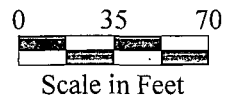
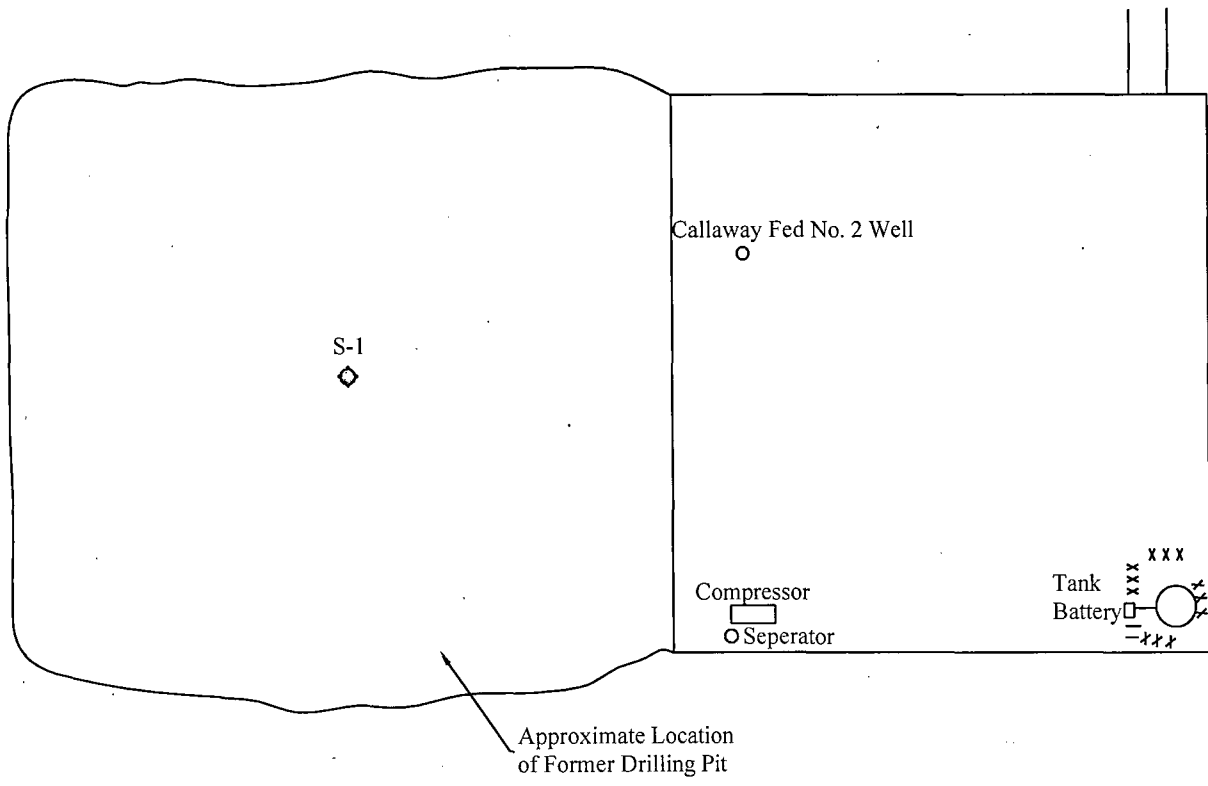


Mike Stubblefield
Project Manager



David J. Adkins
District Manager

SITE MAP



Legend

◆ - Sample Location



Date: 10/20/2011

Scale: 1" = 70'

Drawn By: TJS

Callaway Federal No. 2

Cimarex Energy

Artesia, Eddy County, New Mexico

APPENDIX I
GROUNDWATER DATA



New Mexico Office of the State Engineer Water Column/Average Depth to Water

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

(quarters are smallest to largest)

(NAD83 UTM in meters)

(In feet)

POD Number	Sub	basin	Use	County	Q	Q	Q	Sec	Tws	Rng	X	Y	Distance	Depth	Depth	Water	
														Well	Water	Column	
RA 08613			DOM	CH	4	4	1	34	15S	27E	572480	3648590*	2952	200	85	115	
															Average Depth to Water:		85 feet
															Minimum Depth:		85 feet
															Maximum Depth:		85 feet

Record Count: 1

UTMNAD83 Radius Search (in meters):

Easting (X): 573304

Northing (Y): 3645755

Radius: 5000

*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.

James Tinney

From: Mark Cummings
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2011 11:00 AM
To: Terry Ainsworth; James Tinney
Subject: FW: location that need work-response requested.

FYI, on the lease inspection that we should be doing now let's make sure we catch this kind of stuff before the BLM ships us these type of letters.

Thanks

Mark Cummings
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Cimarex Energy

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-----Original Message-----

From: Zeno Farris
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2011 10:45 AM
To: Edgar F. Locke; John Osborne; Mark Martino; Mark Cummings
Subject: FW: location that need work-response requested.

-----Original Message-----

From: jvancure@blm.gov [mailto:jvancure@blm.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2011 10:37 AM
To: Zeno Farris
Subject: location that need work-response requested.

1. Callaway Fed 3--The location has not vegetated and is past due on a reclamation. Complete reclamation of location by 6-17-11. Contact me with plan of action before start.
2. Callaway Fed 4--Remove unused equipment, Replace windsock, Downsize and use material for pit remediation. Contact me before starting pit remediation.
3. Callaway Fed 1--Remove unused tank, Downsize location and use material for pit remediation after testing and also to prevent stormwater from east. Contact me before starting any remediation and so we can go over test sampling of chlorides.
4. Callaway Fed 2-- Block trespass road, Remove polyline from pit area, Remediation of pit area and stormwater prevention a must. Contact me before

APPENDIX II
LABORATORY RESULTS



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July 18, 2011

MIKE STUBBLEFIELD

TALON LPE

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RE: CALLAWAY FED #2

Enclosed are the results of analyses for samples received by the laboratory on 07/14/11 14:47.

Cardinal Laboratories is accredited through Texas NELAP for:

Method SW-846 8021	Benzene, Toluene, Ethyl Benzene, and Total Xylenes
Method SW-846 8260	Benzene, Toluene, Ethyl Benzene, and Total Xylenes
Method TX 1005	Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons

Certificate number T104704398-08-TX. Accreditation applies to solid and chemical materials and non-potable water matrices.

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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 (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:

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Received: 07/14/2011
Reported: 07/18/2011
Project Name: CALLAWAY FED #2
Project Number: 701162.006.01
Project Location: SEC.6 - T16S - R28E

Sampling Date: 07/01/2011
Sampling Type: Soil
Sampling Condition: Cool & Intact
Sample Received By: Jodi Henson

Sample ID: S-1 0' DRILLING PIT (H101459-01)

Chloride, SM4500Cl-B

mg/kg

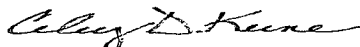
Analyzed By: HM

Analyte	Result	Reporting Limit	Analyzed	Method Blank	BS	% Recovery	True Value QC	RPD	Qualifier
Chloride	24400	16.0	07/15/2011	ND	416	104	400	3.77	

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*=Accredited Analyte

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Notes and Definitions

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
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: <u>Talco/LPE</u>		BILL TO		ANALYSIS REQUEST																						
Project Manager: <u>Mike Stubblefield</u>		P.O. #:																								
Address: <u>408 W. Texas Ave.</u>		Company: <u>Talco/LPE</u>																								
City: <u>Artesia</u> State: <u>NM</u> Zip: <u>88210</u>		Attn:																								
Phone #: <u>505-441-7254</u> Fax #:		Address:																								
Project #: <u>701162.006.01</u> Project Owner: <u>Cimarex Energy</u>		City:																								
Project Name: <u>Callaway Fed. No. 2</u>		State: Zip:																								
Project Location: <u>sec. 6 - T16S-R28E</u>		Phone #:																								
Sampler Name: <u>Mike Stubblefield</u>		Fax #:																								
FOR LAB USE ONLY				MATRIX		PRESERV.		SAMPLING																		
Lab I.D.	Sample I.D.	(G)RAB OR (C)OMP.	# CONTAINERS	GROUNDWATER	WASTEWATER	SOIL	OIL	SLUDGE	OTHER:	ACID/BASE:	ICE / COOL	OTHER:	DATE	TIME	Total Chlorides											
<u>H101434</u>	<u>5-1 0' drilling pit</u>	<u>9</u>				<u>✓</u>							<u>7/1/2011</u>	<u>2:20 PM</u>	<u>✓</u>											

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