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APPROVED By Olivia Yu at 10:48 am, May 11, 2017

> NMOCD approves the delineation workplan for 1RP-4500 with one condition: Vertical delineation is considered completed when BTEX, TPH, and 600 mg/kg chloride levels are obtained and maintained for an additional minimum of 5 ft. further.

Re: Proposed Delineation Workplan Trunk M Release (1RP-4500) GPS: N 32.31741° W 103.21097° Unit Letter "H", Section 12, Township 23 South, Range 36 East, NMPM Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Ms. Yu,

TRC Environmental Corporation (TRC) has prepared this Proposed Delineation Workplan (Workplan) for the Trunk M Release (Release Site). The purpose of this Workplan is to propose additional delineation activities designed to assess the horizontal and vertical extent of impact at the Release Site. The legal description of the Release Site is Unit Letter "H", Section 12, Township 23 South, Range 36 East, in Lea County, New Mexico. The GPS coordinates for the site are N 32.31741° W 103.21097°. The subject property is owned by the Strain-King Ranch, LLC. A Site Location Map and Site Details and Proposed Soil Sample Locations Map are provided as Figure 1 and Figure 2, respectively. Release Site photographs are attached to this Workplan.

A groundwater database maintained by The New Mexico Office of the State Engineer (NMOSE) did not identify any registered water wells in Section 12, Township 23 South, Range 36 East. A reference map utilized by the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (NMOCD) Hobbs District Office indicates groundwater should be encountered at approximately one hundred ten (110) feet below ground surface (bgs). Based on the NMOCD site classification system, zero (0) points will be assigned to the subject area ranking as a result of this criterion. No water wells were observed within one-thousand (1,000) feet of the Release Site. Based on the NMOCD site classification system, zero (0) points will be assigned to the subject area ranking as a result of this criterion. No surface water was observed within one-thousand (1,000) feet of the release. Based on the NMOCD site classification system, zero (0) points will be assigned to the subject area ranking as a result of this criterion.

The NMOCD guidelines indicate the Trunk M Release Site has a ranking score of zero (0). Based on this score, the initial soil remediation levels for a site with a ranking score of zero (0) points are as follows:

- Benzene 10 mg/Kg (ppm)
- Benzene, Toluene, Ethylbenzene, and Xylenes (BTEX) 50 mg/Kg (ppm)
- TPH 5,000 mg/Kg (ppm)
- Chloride 1,000 mg/Kg (ppm)

Based on the vertical extent of impact, the soil remediation levels may require modification.

On December 7, 2016, Terracon, on behalf of ETC, performed an initial site assessment of the Release Site. During the site assessment, a Terracon representative collected eight (8) soil samples from the open excavation at the Release Site. A review of laboratory analytical results indicated the soil samples were below the NMOCD Site Classification Criteria for TPH, benzene, BTEX, and chloride concentrations, with the exception of soil samples WSW #2 @ 3', Floor #1 (6-6.5), and Floor #2 (7-7.5), which exhibited BTEX and/or chloride concentrations above NMOCD guidelines. The *Initial Release Assessment Report* provided by Terracon is attached to this Workplan.

ETC proposes to vertically delineate the release extent utilizing a backhoe to advance the investigation trenches. The proposed investigation trenches will be advanced in the areas represented by soil samples WSW #2 @ 3', Floor #1 (6-6.5'), Floor #2 (7-7.5'). The investigation trenches in the areas represented by soil samples Floor #1 (6-6.5') and Floor #2 (7-7.5') will be advanced vertically and field screening will be perform every two (2) vertical feet. Based on visual evidence, olfactory evidence, and chloride field screen results, soil samples will be collected and submitted for TPH, BTEX, and chloride analysis. The advancement of the investigation trenches will be suspended when visual evidence, olfactory evidence, olfactory evidence, and/or chloride field screening indicates hydrocarbon and chloride concentrations do not exceed the NMOCD regulatory guidelines.

The investigation trench in the area represented by soil sample WSW #2 @ 3' will be advanced horizontally in a west direction beginning from the southwest wall of the open excavation. Field screen activities will be performed every two (2) horizontal feet and, based on visual evidence, olfactory evidence, and/or chloride field screening, soil samples will be submitted to the laboratory for TPH, BTEX, and chloride analysis. The advancement of the investigation trench will be suspended when visual evidence, olfactory evidence, and/or chloride field screening indicate hydrocarbon and chloride concentrations do not exceed the NMOCD regulatory guidelines.

Soil samples collected from the activities described above will be submitted to the laboratory and analyzed for concentrations of BTEX using Method SW 846 8021B, TPH using SW 846 8015M and chloride using EPA Method 300.0.

On receipt of the analytical results and the conclusion of delineation activities, a *Soil Investigation Summary and Proposed Remediation Workplan* will be prepared and submitted to the NMOCD for approval. The *Soil Investigation Summary and Proposed Remediation Workplan* will detail remediation activities designed to progress the Release Site toward a NMOCD Closure.

ETC is prepared to begin the activities outlined in this *Proposed Delineation Workplan* on NMOCD approval.

If you have any questions, or if additional information is required, please feel free to call Rose Slade (ETC) at 210-403-6525 or myself at 432-520-7720 (office) or 432-664-6699 (cell).

Respectfully submitted,

Nikki Green Project Manager TRC Environmental Corporation

Jeffrey Kindley, PG/ Senior Project Manager TRC Environmental Corporation

Attachments:

Figure 1 - Site Location Map Figure 2 – Site Detail and Proposed Investigation Trench Map Table 1 – Concentrations of Benzene, BTEX, TPH, and Chloride in Soil Terracon *Initial Release Assessment Report* Release Notification and Corrective Action (Form C-141)

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DRAWING NAME: H:\Nova\Project Files\ETC Field Services\Trunk M\ Figure 1 Site Location.dwg --- PLOT DATE: April 25, 2017 - 11:44AM --- LAYOUT: Layout1





TABLE 1

CONCENTRATIONS OF BENZENE, BTEX, TPH, AND CHLORIDE IN SOIL

ETC FIELD SERVICES, LLC Trunk M LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

All concentrations are reported in mg/Kg

		COH			METHODS:	SW 846-8021b				METHOD:	SW 8015M		E 300.1
SAMPLE LOCATION	SAMPLE DATE	SOIL STATUS	BENZENE	TOLUENE	ETHYL- BENZENE	m, p - XYLENES	o - XYLENE	TOTAL BTEX	TPH GRO C ₆ -C ₁₂	TPH DRO C ₁₂ -C ₂₈	TPH ORO C ₂₈ -C ₃₅	ТОТАL ТРН С ₆ -С ₃₅	CHLORIDE
NMOCD Site Classification Criteria			10					50				5,000	1,000
*NSW #1 @ 3'	12/06/16	In-Situ	< 0.0200	< 0.0200	< 0.0200	<0.0	0200	< 0.0200	<4.00	<50.0	<50.0	<50.0	93.4
*ESW #1 @ 3'	12/06/16	In-Situ	< 0.0200	< 0.0200	< 0.0200	<0.0	0200	< 0.0200	<4.00	<50.0	<50.0	<50.0	<25.0
*ESW #2 @ 3'	12/06/16	In-Situ	< 0.0200	< 0.0200	< 0.0200	<0.0	0200	< 0.0200	<4.00	<50.0	<50.0	<50.0	118
*SSW #2 @ 6'	12/06/16	In-Situ	< 0.0200	< 0.0200	< 0.0200	<0.0	0200	< 0.0200	<4.00	<50.0	<50.0	<50.0	456
*WSW #1 @ 3'	12/06/16	In-Situ	< 0.0200	< 0.0200	< 0.0200	<0.0	0200	< 0.0200	6.01	<50.0	<50.0	6.01	250
*WSW #2 @ 3'	12/06/16	In-Situ	5.85	56.0	66.7	14	42	270.55	4,160	4,280	<1000	8,440	974
*Floor #1 (6-6.5)	12/06/16	In-Situ	0.321	6.05	12.2	42	2.4	60.971	2,200	2,080	375	4,655	2,550
*Floor #2 (7-7.5)	12/06/16	In-Situ	0.725	14.5	25.6	48	3.6	89.425	1,760	1,050	<250	2,810	1,570

* - Soil samples were collected by a second party vendor assigned by ETC.





Initial Release Assessment Report

Date of Asse Site Name Terracon Pr		12/7/16 Trunk M AR167369	
Site GPS		Latitude: Longitude:	32.31741° : -103.21097°
County		Lea	
	P	PLSS	
Unit Letter	Section	Township	Range
I	12	23S	36E



General Description

General Description The site consists of a relatively large open excavation within a pipeline right-of-way transected by a recently replaced and/or repaired poly pipeline.

	Length	Width	Depth
Dimensions	90 ft.	40 ft.	3 - 7 ft.



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NMOCD Site Ranking and Recommended Remediation Action Levels

General Site Character	ristics	Score
Depth to Groundwater	~ 110 ft.	0
Distance to Nearest Well	> 1,000 ft.	0
Distance to Nearest Surface Water	> 1,000 ft.	0
Total Ranking Sco	re	0

Recommended Remedi	iation Action Levels
Benzene	10 mg/kg
BTEX	50 mg/kg
TPH	5,000 mg/kg
Chloride	1,000 mg/kg

Field Activities

Dec. 7, 2016 Terracon conducted an initial release assessment (IRA) at the site. During the initial release assessment, an open excavation was discovered within the pipeline right-of-way in the vicinity of the ETC provided GPS coordinates. Terracon collected eight confirmation soil samples (NSW #1 @ 3', ESW #1 @ 3', ESW #2 @ 3', SSW #1 @ 6', WSW #1 @ 3', WSW #2 @ 3', Floor #1 6-6.5' and Floor #2 7-7.5') from the floor and sidewalls of the excavated area and submitted them to the laboratory for analysis of BTEX, TPH and chloride concentrations. Laboratory analytical results indicated BTEX, TPH and chloride concentrations were less than the NMOCD Recommended Remediation Action Levels in each of the submitted soil samples with the exception of the TPH and total BTEX concentrations in soil sample WSW #2 @ 3' and the chloride concentrations in soil samples Floor #1 (6-6.5') and Floor #2 (7-7.5').



Confirmation Soil Sample Analytical Results - TPH, BTEX and Chloride

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Sample	Sample Depth			PH M Ext.)			'EX 21b)	Chloride
I.D.	(bgs)	C6-C12	C12-C28	C ₂₈ -C ₃₅	C6-C35	Benzene	Total BTEXal BTEX	(E300)
NSW #1 @ 3'	3'	<4.00	<50.0	<50.0	<50.0	<0.0200	<0.0200	93.4
ESW #1 @ 3'	3'	<4.00	<50.0	<50.0	<50.0	< 0.0200	<0.0200	<25.0
ESW #2 @ 3'	3'	<4.00	<50.0	<50.0	<50.0	<0.0200	< 0.0200	118
SSW #1 @ 6'	6'	<4.00	<50.0	<50.0	<50.0	<0.0200	<0.0200	456
WSW #1 @ 3'	3"	6.01	<50.0	<50.0	<50.0	<0.0200	<0.0200	250
WSW #2 @ 3'	3"	4,160	4,280	<1,000	8,440	5.85	142	974
Floor #1	6-6.5	2,220	2,080	375	4,675	0.321	42.2	2,550
Floor #2	7–7.5	1,760	1,050	<250	2,810	0.725	48.6	1,570
NMOCD	Recommen	ded Remedia	tion Action Le	vels	5,000	10	50	1,000

1. TPH = Total petroleum hydrocarbons analyzed by EPA Method 8015 M. Ext.

2. BTEX = Benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, and total xylenes analyzed by EPA Method 8021b.

3. Chloride = Chloride analyzed by EPA Method E300.

< = Constituent not detected above the indicated laboratory reporting limits (RL).

Concentrations in milligrams per kilogram (mg/kg)

Conclusions

Review of laboratory analytical results from confirmation soil samples collected from the floor and sidewalls of the excavated area indicates soil remaining in-situ in the areas characterized by sample points NSW #1, ESW #1, ESW #2, SSW #1 and WSW #1 is not affected above the NMOCD Recommended Remediation Action Levels.

Soil sample WSW #2 @ 3' exhibited a TPH concentration of 8,440 milligrams per kilogram (mg/kg) and a total BTEX concentration of 142 mg/kg. Soil samples Floor #1 (6-6.5') and Floor #2 (7-7.5') exhibited chloride concentrations of 2,550 and 1,570 mg/kg, respectively. The detected TPH, total BTEX and/or chloride concentrations in soil samples WSW #2 @ 3', Floor #1 (6-6.5') and Floor #2 (7-7.5') exceeds the NMOCD Recommended Remediation Action Levels. In the event soil impacts extend to within 100 ft. of groundwater, the Recommended Remediation Action Levels may change, prompting additional

Recommendations

Based on field observations made during the initial release assessment and the review of laboratory analytical results from confirmation soil samples, Terracon recommends further investigation and remediation of affected soil in the areas characterized by soil samples WSW #2 @ 3', Floor #1 (6-6.5') and Floor #2 (7-7.5'). In the event soil impacts extend to within 100 ft. of groundwater,

Please contact either of the undersigned at (806) 300-0140 if you have any questions regarding this project.

Joel Lowry

Project Geologist

Senior Associate

Fin Loyd, PG Office Manager



Attached: Photographic Log Laboratory Analytical Reports







PHOTO 2: View of the excavated area and sample locations, facing east.





PHOTO 3: View of the excavated area and sample locations, facing southeast.



PHOTO 4: View of the excavated area and sample locations, facing northwest.

Summary Report

Joel Lowry Terracon-Lubbock 5827 50th Suite 1 Lubbock, TX 79424

Report Date: December 16, 2016

Work Order: 16120818

Project Name: Truck-M

			Date	Time	Date
Sample	Description	Matrix	Taken	Taken	Received
433191	NSW #1 @ 3'	soil	2016-12-06	15:15	2016-12-08
433192	ESW #1 $@$ 3'	soil	2016-12-06	15:20	2016-12-08
433193	ESW $#2 @ 3'$	soil	2016-12-06	15:25	2016-12-08
433194	SSW $#2 @ 6'$	soil	2016-12-06	15:30	2016-12-08
433195	WSW $#1 @ 3'$	soil	2016-12-06	15:35	2016-12-08
433196	WSW $#2 @ 3'$	soil	2016-12-06	15:40	2016-12-08
433197	Floor $#1$ (6-6.5)	soil	2016-12-06	15:45	2016-12-08
433198	Floor $#2 (7-7.5)$	soil	2016-12-06	15:55	2016-12-08

			BTEX		MTBE	TPH DRO	TPH GRO
	Benzene	Toluene	Ethylbenzene	Xylene	MTBE	DRO	GRO
Sample - Field Code	(mg/Kg)	(mg/Kg)	(mg/Kg)	(mg/Kg)	(mg/Kg)	(mg/Kg)	(mg/Kg)
433191 - NSW #1 @ 3'	< 0.0200	< 0.0200	< 0.0200	< 0.0200		<50.0	<4.00
433192 - ESW #1 @ 3'	< 0.0200	< 0.0200	< 0.0200	< 0.0200		<50.0	$<\!4.00$
433193 - ESW #2 @ 3'	< 0.0200	< 0.0200	< 0.0200	< 0.0200		<50.0	$<\!4.00$
433194 - SSW #2 @ 6'	< 0.0200	< 0.0200	< 0.0200	< 0.0200		<50.0	$<\!4.00$
433195 - WSW #1 @ 3'	< 0.0200	< 0.0200	< 0.0200	< 0.0200		<50.0	6.01
433196 - WSW #2 @ 3'	5.85	56.0	66.7	142		4280	4160
433197 - Floor #1 (6-6.5)	0.321	6.05	12.2	42.4		2080	2200
433198 - Floor #2 (7-7.5)	0.725	14.5	25.6	48.6		1050	1760

Sample: 433191 - NSW #1 @ 3'

Param	Flag	Result	Units	RL
Chloride		93.4	m mg/Kg	25
ORO		$<\!50.0$	m mg/Kg	50

Sample: 433192 - ESW #1 @ 3'

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Param	Flag	Result	Units	RI
Chloride		<25.0	mg/Kg	25
ORO		<50.0	mg/Kg	50
Sample: 433193	- ESW #2 @ 3'			
Param	Flag	Result	Units	RI
Chloride		118	mg/Kg	25
ORO		<50.0	mg/Kg	50
Sample: 433194	- SSW #2 @ 6'			
Param	Flag	Result	Units	RI
Chloride		456	m mg/Kg	25
ORO		$<\!50.0$	m mg/Kg	50
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REVIEWED By Kristen Lynch at 12:50 pm, Nov 08, 2016 District | State of New Mexico Form C-141 1625 N. French Dr., Hobbs, NM 88240 **Energy Minerals and Natural Resources** Revised August 8, 2011 District II 811 S. First St., Artesia, NM 88210 Submit 1 Copy to appropriate District Office in **District III Oil Conservation Division** accordance with 19.15.29 NMAC. 1000 Rio Brazos Road, Aztec, NM 87410 1220 South St. Francis Dr. District IV 1220 S. St. Francis Dr., Santa Fe, NM 87505 Santa Fe, NM 87505 **Release Notification and Corrective Action OPERATOR** Initial Report **Final Report** Name of Company: ETC Field Services Contact: Johnnie Bradford Telephone No. (432) 250-5542 (cell) (817) 302-9812 (off) Address: 600 N. Marienfeld Street, Ste. 700 Facility Type: Pipeline Facility Name: Trunk M Mineral Owner: API No. Surface Owner: LOCATION OF RELEASE Feet from the North/South Line | Feet from the Section Township Range East/West Line County Unit Letter 23S 36E 555.64 North 195.53 East Lea H 12 Latitude 32.31741N Longitude___103.21097W NATURE OF RELEASE Volume of Release: -5.5 BBLs Volume Recovered: 0 Type of Release: Gas/Oil/Condensate Liquid/24 Mscf Gas Date and Hour of Discovery: Source of Release: Leaking Pipeline Date and Hour of Occurrence: 10/28/2016 12:52 10/28/2016 18:00 Was Immediate Notice Given? If YES. To Whom? 🗌 Yes 🖾 No 🛄 Not Required N/A By Whom? N/A Date and Hour: N/A If YES, Volume Impacting the Watercourse. Was a Watercourse Reached? Yes 🛛 No N/A If a Watercourse was Impacted, Describe Fully.* A Watercourse was not affected. Describe Cause of Problem and Remedial Action Taken.* Due to external corrosion, a section of 20" gathering system pipeline developed a hole causing a release of natural gas and oil. The pipeline was Immediately isolated and the leaking section of pipe dug up to reveal the hole. The contaminated soil was stockpiled and sampled to determine disposal options. This section of steel pipeline will be replaced with a section of poly. Describe Area Affected and Cleanup Action Taken.* The area affected was approximately 15'x10'x6'. The contaminated soil was stockpiled and sampled for disposal options. Considering that additional contamination remained, the hole will be deepened to expose uncontaminated soil. At that time, additional samples will be taken to demonstrate remediation to NMOCD Recommended Remediation Action Levels (RRALs). All contaminated material will be disposed in a NMOCD approved landfill or land farm. Once remediation is confirmed, the hole will be backfilled with uncontaminated soil. 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. OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION radford mul Signature Kusters Lynch Approved by Environmental Specialist: Printed Name: Johnnie Bradford 11/8/2016 Expiration Date: 1/8/2017 **Approval Date:** Title: Sr. Environmental Specialist **Conditions of Approval:** E-mail Address: johnnle.bradford@energytransfer.com Attached See attached Directive 11/12/2014 1RP 4500 Date: Phone: (432) 250-5542 Attach Additional Sheets If Necessary

NMOCD accepts discrete samples Notify OCD prior to sampling nKL1631344306 pKL1631345662 Operator/Responsible Party,

The OCD has received the form C-141 you provided on 11/2/2016 regarding an unauthorized release. The information contained on that form has been entered into our incident database and remediation case number 1RP 4500 has been assigned. Please refer to this case number in all future correspondence.

It is the Division's obligation under both the Oil & Gas Act and Water Quality Act to provide for the protection of public health and the environment. Our regulations (19.15.29.11 NMAC) state the following,

The responsible person shall complete <u>division-approved corrective action</u> for releases that endanger public health or the environment. The responsible person shall address releases in accordance with a remediation plan submitted to and approved by the division or with an abatement plan submitted in accordance with 19.15.30 NMAC. [emphasis added]

Release characterization is the first phase of corrective action unless the release is ongoing or is of limited volume and all impacts can be immediately addressed. Proper and cost-effective remediation typically cannot occur without adequate characterization of the impacts of any release. Furthermore, the Division has the ability to impose reasonable conditions upon the efforts it oversees. As such, the Division is requiring a workplan for the characterization of impacts associated with this release be submitted to the OCD District 1 office in Hobbs on or before 12/7/2016. If and when the release characterization workplan is approved, there will be an associated deadline for submittal of the resultant investigation report. Modest extensions of time to these deadlines may be granted, but only with acceptable justification.

The goals of a characterization effort are: 1) determination of the lateral and vertical extents along with the magnitude of soil contamination. 2) determine if groundwater or surface waters have been impacted. 3) If groundwater or surface waters have been impacted, what are the extents and magnitude of that impact. 4) The characterization of any other adverse impacts that may have occurred (examples: impacts on vegetation, impacts on wildlife, air quality, loss of use of property, etc.). To meet these goals as quickly as possible, the following items must, at a minimum, be addressed in the release characterization workplan and subsequent reporting:

• Horizontal delineation of soil impacts in each of the four cardinal compass directions. Adsorbed soil contamination must be characterized for the following constituents using the associated laboratory methods: benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, and total xylenes by either Method 8260 or 8021, total petroleum hydrocarbons by Method 8015 extended range (GRO+DRO+MRO; C₆ thru C₃₆), and for chloride by Method 300. This is not an exclusive list of potential contaminants. Analyzed parameters should be modified based on the nature of the released substance(s). Soil sampling must be both within the impacted area and beyond.

• Vertical delineation of soil impacts. Adsorbed soil contamination must be characterized for the following constituents using the associated laboratory methods: benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, and total xylenes by either Method 8260 or 8021, total petroleum hydrocarbons by Method 8015 extended range (GRO+DRO+MRO; C₆ thru C₃₆), and for chloride by Method 300. As above, this is not an exclusive list of potential contaminants and can be modified. Vertical characterization samples should be taken at depth intervals no greater than five feet apart. Lithologic description of encountered soils must also be provided. At least ten vertical feet of soils with contaminant concentrations at or below these values must be demonstrated as existing above the water table.

• Nominal detection limits for field and laboratory analyses must be provided.

• Composite sampling is not generally allowed.

• Field screening and assessment techniques are acceptable (headspace, titration, EC [include algorithm for validation purposes], EM, etc.), but the sampling and assay procedures must be clearly defined. Copies of field notes are highly desirable. A statistically significant set of split samples must be submitted for confirmatory laboratory analysis, including the laterally farthest and vertically deepest sets of soil samples. Make sure there are at least two soil samples submitted

for laboratory analysis from each borehole or test pit (highest observed contamination and deepest depth investigated). Copies of the actual laboratory results must be provided including chain of custody documentation.

•Probable depth to shallowest protectable groundwater and lateral distance to nearest surface water. If there is an estimate of groundwater depth, the information used to arrive at that estimate must be provided. If there is a reasonable assumption that the depth to protectable water is 50 feet or less, the responsible party should anticipate the need for at least one groundwater monitoring well to be installed in the area of likely maximum contamination.

• If groundwater contamination is encountered, an additional investigation workplan may be required to determine the extents of that contamination. Groundwater and/or surface water samples, if any, must be analyzed by a competent laboratory for volatile organic hydrocarbons (typically Method 8260 full list), total dissolved solids, pH, major anions and cations including chloride and sulfate, dissolved iron, and dissolved manganese. The investigation workplan must provide the groundwater sampling method(s) and sample handling protocols. To the fullest extent possible, aqueous analyses must be undertaken using nominal method detection limits. As with the soil analyses, copies of the actual laboratory results must be provided including chain of custody documentation.

• Accurately scaled and well-drafted site maps must be provided providing the location of borings, test pits, monitoring wells, potentially impacted areas, and significant surface features including roads and site infrastructure that might limit either the release characterization or remedial efforts. Field sketches may be included in subsequent reporting, but should not be considered stand-alone documentation of the site's layout. Digital photographic documentation of the location and fieldwork is recommended, especially if unusual circumstances are encountered.

Nothing herein should be interpreted to preclude emergency response actions or to imply immediate remediation by removal cannot proceed as warranted. Nonetheless, characterization of impacts and confirmation of the effectiveness of remedial efforts must still be provided to the OCD before any release incident will be closed.

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