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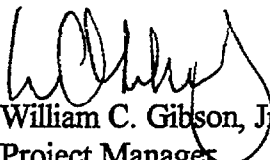
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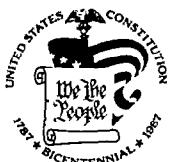
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ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

ac	acre
adj	adjacent
ADM	action description memorandum
AFFF	aqueous film forming foam
AO	administrative order
ARCO	Atlantic Richfield Company
As	arsenic
AST	aboveground storage tanks
ASTM	American Standard Testing Methods
avg	average
bbbl	barrel(s) (1 bbl = 42 gallons)
BC	Bayou Choctaw
BDL	below detectable limit
BH	Big Hill
bldg	building
bls	below land surface
BM	Bryan Mound
BMP	best management practices
BOD ₅	five day biochemical oxygen demand
BTU	British Thermal Unit
CAA	Clean Air Act

ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS (continued)

CAP	corrective action plan
°C	degrees Celsius
CEQ	Council for Environmental Quality
CERCLA	Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act
CESQG	conditionally exempt small quantity generator
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
Ci	curies
cm	centimeter
CMD	Coastal Management Division
CO	carbon monoxide
COD	chemical oxygen demand
COE	United States Army Corps of Engineers
CV	coefficient of variation
CWA	Clean Water Act
CX	categorical exclusion
CY	calendar year
DM	DynMcDermott Petroleum Operations Company, Inc.
DMR	discharge monitoring report
DO	dissolved oxygen
DOE	United States Department of Energy
DOT	United States Department of Transportation

ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS (continued)

DPRP	Discharge Prevention and Response Plan
EA	environmental assessment
EIQ	emissions inventory questionnaire
EIS	emissions inventory summary
EIS	environmental impact statement
EO	executive order
EPA	United States Environmental Protection Agency
EPCRA	Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act
ERT	emergency response team
ERO	emergency response organization
ESA	Endangered Species Act
ES&H	Environmental Safety & Health
F&WS	United States Fish and Wildlife Service
FIFRA	Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act
FONSI	finding of no significant impact
FRP	Facility Response Plan
ft	feet
GALCOE	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Galveston Division
GLO	General Land Office
ha	hectare
HAP	hazardous air pollutant

ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS (continued)

Hg	mercury
HPP	high pressure pump pad
HQ	headquarters
HW	hazardous waste
ICW	Intracoastal Waterway
ISO	International Organization of Standardization
in	inch
km	kilometers
LA	Louisiana
lab	laboratory
LAC	Louisiana Administrative Code
lbs	pounds
LDEQ	Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality
LPDES	Louisiana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System
LPE	laboratory performance evaluation
LDNR	Louisiana Department of Natural Resources
LDOTD	Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development
LDWF	Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
LOOP	Louisiana Offshore Oil Port
LWDPS	Louisiana Water Discharge Permit System
m ³	cubic meters

ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS (continued)

m/sec	meters per second
maint	maintenance
max	maximum
MBI	methylenebis
mCi	millicuries
mgd	million gallons per day
mg/l	milligrams per liter
mi	miles
M&O	management & operations contractor
mmb	million barrels
mt	metric tons
NAAQS	National Ambient Air Quality Standards
NE	northeast
NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act
NFRAP	No Further Remedial Action Plan
NHPA	National Historic Preservation Act
NOEC	No observed effects concentration
NORM	naturally occurring radioactive material
NO _x	nitrogen oxide
NOV	notice of violation
NPDES	National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System

ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS (continued)

NPL	National Priority List (CERCLA)
NRC	National Response Center
NSR	new source review
NV	not a valid or statistically meaningful number
NW	northwest
NWP	nationwide permit
O&G	oil and grease
OPA	Oil Pollution Act
Ops	operations
OSPRA	Oil Spill Prevention and Response Act
OVA	organic vapor analyzer
PCB	polychlorinated biphenyl
pH	negative logarithm of the hydrogen ion concentration (acidic to basic on a scale of 0 to 14, 7 is neutral)
PM ₁₀	particulate matter (larger than 10 microns)
PMO	Project Management Office
PPA	Pollution Prevention Act of 1990
ppt	parts per thousand
PREP	Preparedness for Response Exercise Program
PSD	prevention of significant deterioration
QA	quality assurance
QC	quality control

ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS (continued)

RCRA	Resource Conservation and Recovery Act
RCT	Railroad Commission of Texas
ROW	right-of-way
RPX	recovery pump exercise
RWIS	raw water intake structure
SAL	salinity
SARA	Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act
SDWA	Safe Drinking Water Act
Se	selenium
SE	southeast
SIP	state implementation plan
SJ	St. James Terminal
SOC	security operations center
SO ₂	sulfur dioxide
SOW	statement of work
SPCC	Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasures Plan
SPR	Strategic Petroleum Reserve
SQG	small quantity generator
STP	sewage treatment plant
s.u.	standard units
SW	southwest

ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS (continued)

TDH	Texas Department of Health
TDH&PT	Texas Department of Highways and Public Transportation
TDS	total dissolved solids
TNRCC	Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission
TOC	total organic carbon
TPDES	Texas Pollution Discharge Elimination System
TPQ	threshold planning quantity
tpy	tons per year
TSCA	Toxic Substance Control Act
TSS	total suspended solids
TWC	Texas Water Commission
TX	Texas
UIC	underground injection control
UST	underground storage tank
USCG	United States Coast Guard
VOC	volatile organic compound
VWS	verification well study
WH	West Hackberry
WI	Weeks Island
yd	yard

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this Site Environmental Report (SER) is to characterize site environmental management performance, confirm compliance with environmental standards and requirements, and highlight significant programs and efforts for the U. S. Department of Energy (DOE) Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR). The SER, provided annually in accordance with DOE Order 5400.1, serves the public by summarizing monitoring data collected to assess how the SPR impacts the environment. The SER provides a balanced synopsis of non-radiological monitoring and regulatory compliance data and affirms that the SPR has been operating within acceptable regulatory limits.

Included in this report is a description of each site's environment, an overview of the SPR environmental program, and a recapitulation of special environmental activities and events associated with each SPR site during 1998. One of these highlights includes decommissioning of the Weeks Island site, involving the disposition of 11.6 million m³ (73 million barrels) of crude oil inventory. The decision to decommission the Weeks Island site is a result of diminishing mine integrity from ground water intrusion. Transfer of Weeks Island oil began in November 1995 with 98 percent of the oil recovered by the end of CY 1998.

There was only one reportable oil and three reportable brine spills during 1998. Although the total volume of oil moved (received and transferred internally) was approximately 3.4 million m³ (21.6 million barrels), the total amount of oil spilled in 1998 was < ½ pint. The longer term trend for oil and brine spills has declined substantially from 27 in 1990 down to four in 1998. The oil and brine spills were reported to the appropriate agencies and immediately cleaned up with no long term impacts observed.

The SPR's continuing efforts to improve the quality, cost effectiveness, and integration of environmental operations are consistent with the Code of Environmental Management Principles (CEMP). The SPR has incorporated CEMP's five environmental principles into an Integrated Safety Management System.

The SPR sites were inspected or visited on eight occasions by outside regulatory agencies (Environmental Protection Agency, Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, and Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals) during 1998. There were no findings associated with these inspections. Eleven minor noncompliances were self reported under state and federal discharge permits for all SPR sites during 1998, and no Notice of Violations (NOV) were received. The SPR continues to address ground water contamination from the brine pond and buried piping at West Hackberry with positive results.

The SPR sites generally operate as either Conditionally Exempt Small Quantity Generators (CESQG) in Texas, or Small Quantity Generators (SQG) in Louisiana (the smallest level generator in each state). The SPR is not a hazardous waste treatment, storage, or disposal (TSD) facility. Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) Title III, Tier Two, reports are prepared and submitted to agencies every year detailing the kinds and amounts of hazardous substances on SPR facilities. There were no activities during 1998 that triggered Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA) Section 313 reporting for CY 1998.

The SPR facilities operate under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES). Permit renewal applications were found administratively complete by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in late 1993 to early 1994 allowing each site to continue to discharge. The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ) has primacy for the Louisiana NPDES program (LPDES) while the Railroad Commission of Texas (RCT), which has SPR jurisdiction, does not. Consequently, at this time, there is a dual federal and state discharge program only at the Texas sites. Also, each SPR site operates in accordance with a Pollution Prevention Plan prepared in accordance with a separately issued general permit for storm water associated with industrial activity.

The SPR met its drill and exercise requirements for 1998 under the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 through the National Preparedness for Response Exercise Program (PREP).

DOE SPRPMO appraisal teams conducted formal annual visits to each site meeting with contractor management staff, reviewing environmental practices and performance indicators, and reviewing findings with management and operations (M&O) contractor staff. Internal M&O contractor environmental self-assessments at the SPR sites during 1998 identified a total of four Environmental Category II findings (Administrative) and six Environmental Category III findings (Best Management Practice). No findings indicated that there was any environmental degradation occurring as result of these findings.

The SER also characterizes environmental management performance and programs pertinent to the SPR. The active permits and the results of the environmental monitoring program (i.e., air, surface water, ground water, and water discharges) are discussed within each section by site. The quality assurance program is presented which includes results from laboratory and field audits and studies performed internally and by regulatory agencies.

Several pollution prevention initiatives are discussed within this report.

The Questionnaire/Reader Comment Form located inside the front cover of this document may be utilized to submit questions or comments to the originator for response.

1. INTRODUCTION

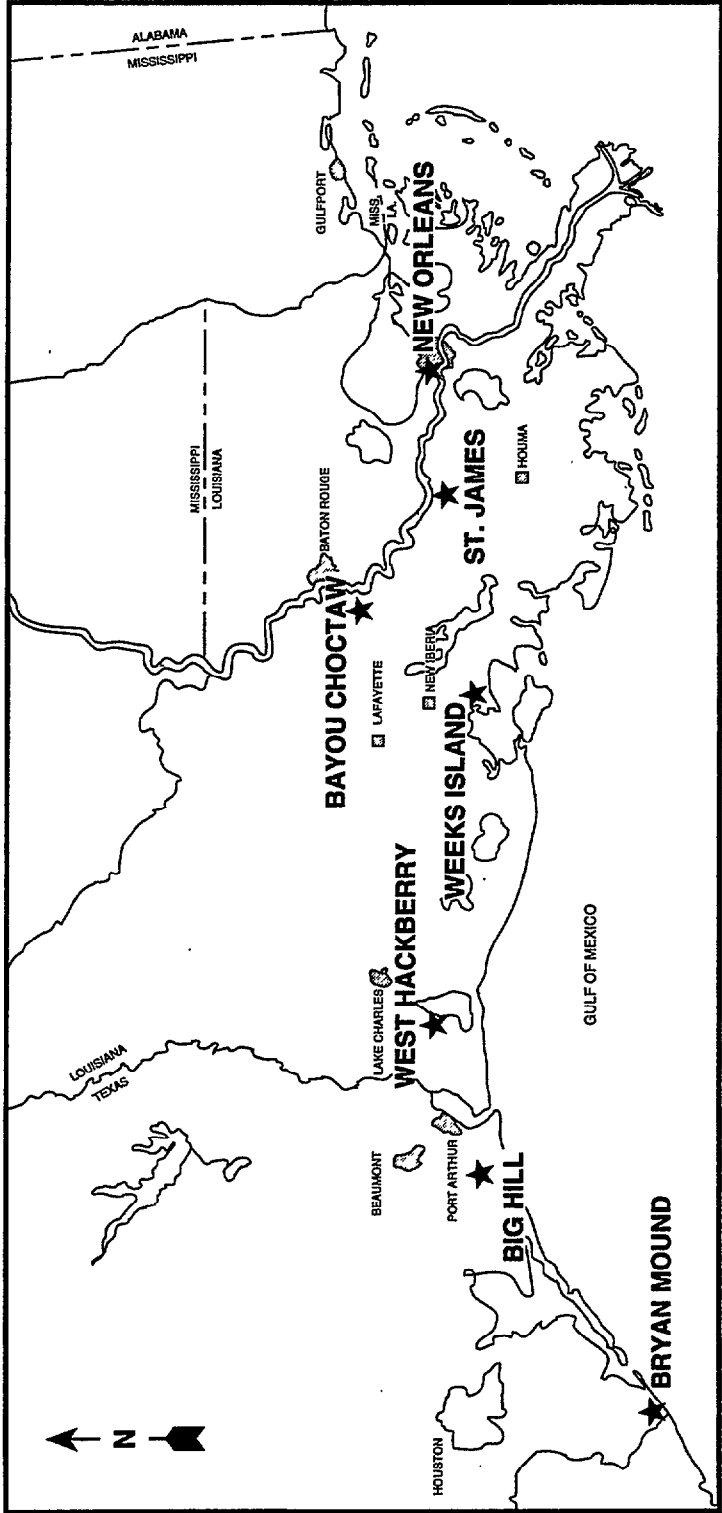
The purpose of this Site Environmental Report (SER) is to present a summary of environmental data gathered at or near SPR sites to characterize site environmental management performance, confirm compliance with environmental standards and requirements, and highlight significant programs and efforts.

The creation of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR) was mandated by Congress in Title I, Part B, of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (P.L. 94-163), of December 22, 1975. The SPR provides the United States with sufficient petroleum reserves to mitigate the effects of a significant oil supply interruption.

During 1998, the SPR consisted of five Gulf Coast underground salt dome oil storage facilities (three in Louisiana and two in Texas) and a project management facility (in Louisiana). The Weeks Island site is undergoing decommissioning and its inventory is being transferred to the Big Hill and Bayou Choctaw sites. The St. James Terminal, a marine terminal facility, has been under commercial lease since January 31, 1997, and is not addressed in this report. The SPR employed approximately 1,059 government and contractor personnel at these facilities during 1998. Figure 1-1 is a regional map showing the relative location of SPR facilities.

The pipeline terminals used by the SPR are the Seaway (formerly ARCO) Terminal at Texas City, Texas; Seaway (formerly Phillips) Jones Creek, Texas; Sunoco Pipeline Terminal at Nederland, Texas; Capline and LOCAP (through Sugarland Terminal); the Louisiana Offshore Oil Port (LOOP) for oil receipts only; the Lake Charles refineries through the Lake Charles Meter Station (LCMS) at the Texas Pipeline, Inc. (TPLI) 22 inch pipeline; and the Unocal Pipeline at Nederland, Texas. The sites are also capable of distributing crude oil through marine facilities at Seaway (Texas City and Freeport) Terminal, Sunoco, Unocal, and Sugarland Terminal. Descriptions of the individual sites with photographs (Figures 1-2 through 1-6), follow. Section 5, Figures 5-1 through 5-5, provide the site-specific configurations.

SPR SITE LOCATIONS



2074/MP/ENV/G/COAST MAP/4-95

Figure 1-1. SPR Site Locations

Each site's crude oil storage capacity and 1998 year-end inventory is illustrated in Table 1-1.

Table 1-1. Site Storage Capacities/Inventories

Site	Capacity	Inventory (Dec 31, 1998)
BC	12.0 million m ³ (76 mmb)	10.8 million m ³ (67.7 mmb)
BH	27.0 million m ³ (170 mmb)	13.0 million m ³ (81.9 mmb)
BM	36.9 million m ³ (232 mmb)	35.5 million m ³ (223.0 mmb)
WH	35.3 million m ³ (222 mmb)	30.8 million m ³ (193.7 mmb)
WI	N/A Undergoing Decommissioning	254,352 m ³ (1.6 mmb)

1.1 BAYOU CHOCTAW

The Bayou Choctaw (BC) site is located on the west side of the Mississippi River, 19.3 km (12 mi.) southwest of Baton Rouge in Iberville Parish, Louisiana (Figure 1-2). The site consists of a primary operational area and a brine disposal area occupying a total of approximately 145 hectares (ha) (358 acres (ac)). The area surrounding the site is rural with a number of people living in small settlements along the nearby highways. The nearest communities are Addis to the northeast and Plaquemine to the southeast. Baton Rouge, which is the Louisiana State Capital and the major source of housing and services for the site, is within easy commuting distance.

The habitat surrounding the site is a freshwater swamp. Elevation ranges from approximately 1.5 to 3.0 m (five to ten ft) above sea level.

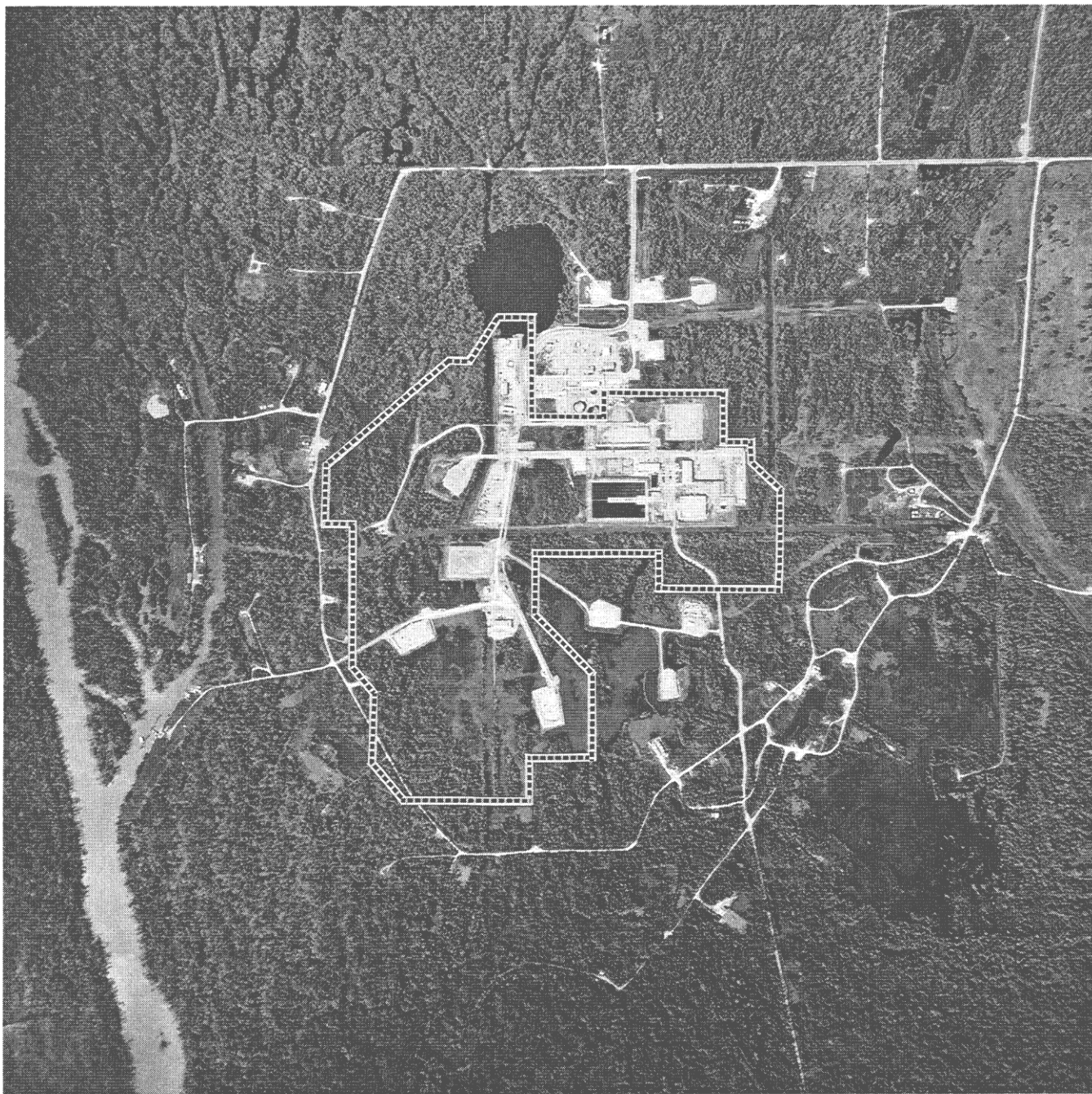


Figure 1-2. Bayou Choctaw SPR Site

Although there are no clear topographic expressions in the area, major surface subsidence has occurred creating substantial areas of bottomland hardwoods and swamp with interconnecting waterways. The site proper is normally dry and protected from spring flooding by the site's flood control levees and pumps. The collapse of a solution-mined cavern in 1954 resulted in the formation of a 4.9 ha (12 ac) lake, Cavern Lake, on the north side of the site.

Bottomland hardwood forest and deciduous swamps are predominant at the Bayou Choctaw site. The vegetation at the site includes bald cypress, sweetgum, water tupelo (characteristic of lowland areas), bulltongue, and spikerushes. Water oak is also present but not abundant. The deciduous swamp is the most widespread habitat type found at the site. It provides resources for a large number of wildlife.

Bird species common at Bayou Choctaw are heron, ibis, egret, woodpecker, wood duck, thrush, American anhinga, and American woodcock. Raptors are commonly observed perching in the area. Other endangered species of raptors may occasionally appear near the Bayou Choctaw site or along its pipeline right-of-ways. Inhabitants of the bottomland forest and swamp include opossum, squirrel, nutria, mink, river otter, raccoon, swamp rabbit, white-tailed deer, and snakes. The American alligator, classified as "threatened by similarity of appearance," is frequently found in and adjacent to the site.

The site is located near the intersection of several major bayous and waterways. The Intracoastal Waterway (Port Allen Canal) passes in a north-south direction one km (0.6 mi) west of the site. The Intracoastal Waterway extends to the north and then turns eastward through the Port Allen Locks to enter the Mississippi River at Baton

Rouge. In the area of the site, the Intracoastal Waterway is part of Choctaw Bayou, a natural waterway. Smaller canals and bayous, such as Bayou Bourbeaux, the North-South Canal, and the East-West Canal enter the site area and continue to Bull Bay and the Intracoastal Waterway.

The Bayou Choctaw site will be used to store 12.0 million m³ (76 mmb) of crude oil. The 1998 year-end inventory is 10.8 million m³ (67.7 mmb). Currently, there are six solution-mined caverns at this storage site. Raw water is provided from Cavern Lake. Brine is transported via pipeline to 12 brine disposal wells located approximately 3 km (2 mi) south of the site.

1.2

BIG HILL

The Big Hill (BH) site is located in Jefferson County, Texas, approximately 109 km (68 mi) east of Houston, 37 km (23 mi) southwest of Port Arthur, and 14 km (9 mi) north of the Gulf of Mexico. Only small unincorporated communities are located near the site. The rural area around the site (Figure 1-3) is used primarily for rice farming, cattle grazing, and oil and gas production. The permanent work force is supplied in small part from the local area, with the remainder moving into the area or commuting from Beaumont or Port Arthur. The site is situated on approximately 108 ha (266 ac) of land on the Big Hill salt dome. Surface elevations reach 10 m (35 ft) above sea level, the highest elevations in the region. The agricultural and pasture land uses around Big Hill are typical of the region.

Approximately one km (0.6 mi) south of the dome is the northern boundary of fresh to intermediate marsh which grades into brackish and

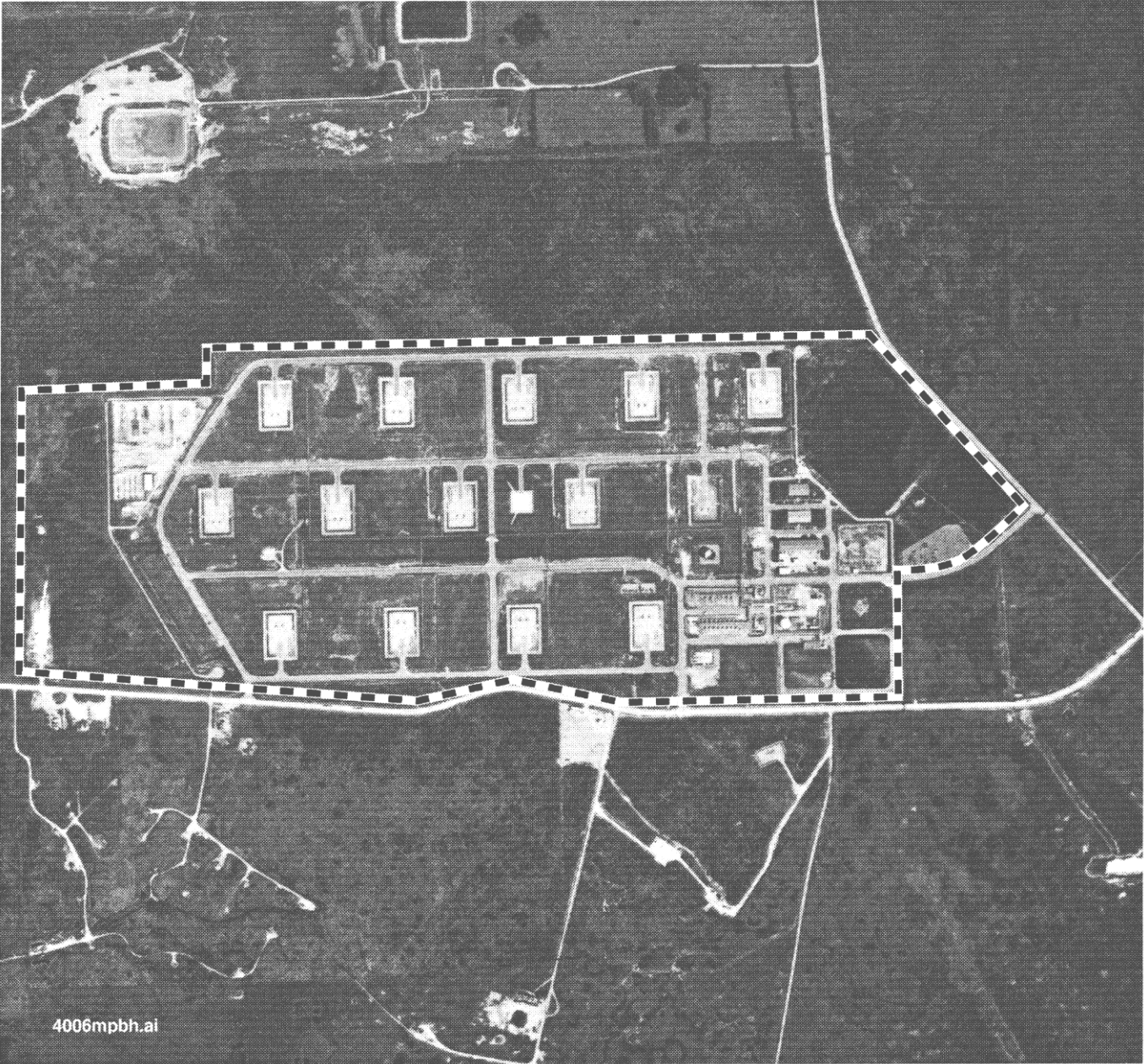


Figure 1-3. Big Hill SPR Site

saline marsh toward the Gulf of Mexico. The nearby waterways include Spindletop Ditch, approximately five km (three mi) south of the site, which connects to the Intracoastal Waterway located three km (two mi) further south and oriented in a northeast to southwest direction. Freshwater impoundments are located south of the site. Numerous sloughs, bayous, and lakes, including Willow Slough Marsh, Salt Bayou, Star Lake, and Clam Lake, connect with the Intracoastal Waterway. Natural ridges (cheniers) paralleling the coastline isolate the marsh from the Gulf of Mexico. Existing habitats in the vicinity of the site are related to agricultural use. There are petroleum-related industrial operations on and off the salt dome which have altered land use.

There are two ponds present on the eastern edge of the dome, one of which is located on the northeast corner of the site and the other just north of the site. The upland habitat, which comprises the majority of the site, consists of many tall grasses such as bluestem, indiangrass, switchgrass, and prairie wildgrass. A few 150 year old live oak trees are present on the site. Identified bird concentrations and rookeries are about eight km (five mi) south and west of the site.

No rare, threatened, or endangered species habitat is identified in the vicinity of the Big Hill site on the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC), Coastal Regional Spill Response Map. The paddlefish, a state regulated species, has been identified in Taylor Bayou in the vicinity of the oil pipeline crossing. Fauna typical in the area include coyote, pocket gopher, rabbit, raccoon, rodents, snakes, turtle, and numerous upland game birds and passerines. Red-bellied woodpeckers have excavated nesting cavities in several wooden power poles that lead to the Raw Water Intake Structure (RWIS).

Several poles were repaired or replaced in 1998 since the cavities can jeopardize the structural integrity of the poles. All work was performed after the breeding season. The nearby ponds and marsh south of the site provide excellent habitat for the American alligator. The McFaddin National Wildlife Refuge located south of the site provides important habitat for over-wintering waterfowl.

The Big Hill site capacity is 27 million m³ (170 mmb) of crude oil in 14 caverns, and the 1998 year-end inventory is 13 million m³ (81.9 mmb). Appurtenant facilities include a raw water intake structure 8.4 km (5.2 mi) south on the Intracoastal Waterway with a 107 cm (48 in) raw water intake pipeline extending to the site, a 107 cm (48 in) brine disposal pipeline extending 15.1 km (9.4 mi) onshore and 7.6 km (4.7 mi) offshore in the Gulf of Mexico, and a 39.3 km (24.4 mi) 91 cm (36 in) pipeline for transporting crude oil between the site and the Sunoco Terminal in Nederland, Texas. A connection on this pipeline links the 91 cm (36 in) line to the Unocal Terminal in Nederland, Texas. The brine pipeline has a series of 74 brine diffuser nozzles, eight of which are operational, dispersing and mixing brine with receiving sea water.

1.3 BRYAN MOUND

The Bryan Mound (BM) site is located in Brazoria County, about 105 km (65 mi) due south of Houston, Texas, and five km (3 mi) south of Freeport, Texas, on the east bank of the Brazos River Diversion Channel, near the Gulf of Mexico. The area is highly industrialized, and includes several petrochemical related facilities. Approximately 50 percent of the area's population work in the local area, although many commute to work from outside the immediate vicinity.

The site occupies 202 ha (500 ac) in the southwest apex of a triangle formed by the Brazos River Diversion Channel, the old Brazos River, and the Intracoastal Waterway. A U.S. Army Corps of Engineers silt gate controls the flow of water between the Intracoastal Waterway and the Diversion Channel. A levee parallels the Diversion Channel in a southern direction from Freeport until due west of the site. The levee then turns east, bisecting the site.

Figure 1-4 shows the major water bodies near the site, Blue Lake to the north and Mud Lake to the southeast. These water bodies generally define the mounded aspect of the Bryan Mound dome, which creates a surface expression in the terrain by rising approximately five meters (15 ft) above the surrounding wetlands. Although Blue Lake is within the protective triangle formed by the levee system, with excess rainwater drained off by two large pump stations operated by the city of Freeport, there is some drainage through culverts southward into the Intracoastal Waterway. Tidally influenced Mud Lake, on the other hand, is connected by a slough to the Intracoastal Waterway.

The marsh and prairie areas surrounding Bryan Mound are typical of those found throughout this region of the Texas Gulf Coast. Brackish marshland dominates the low-lying portions of the site in all but the northern area, where the coastal prairie ecosystem extends along the levee paralleling the Brazos River Diversion Channel. The coastal prairie is covered with medium to very tall grasses forming a moderate to dense cover for wildlife. These grasses also occur in unmowed "natural" site areas. Those areas periodically inundated by tidal waters are dominated by cordgrass.

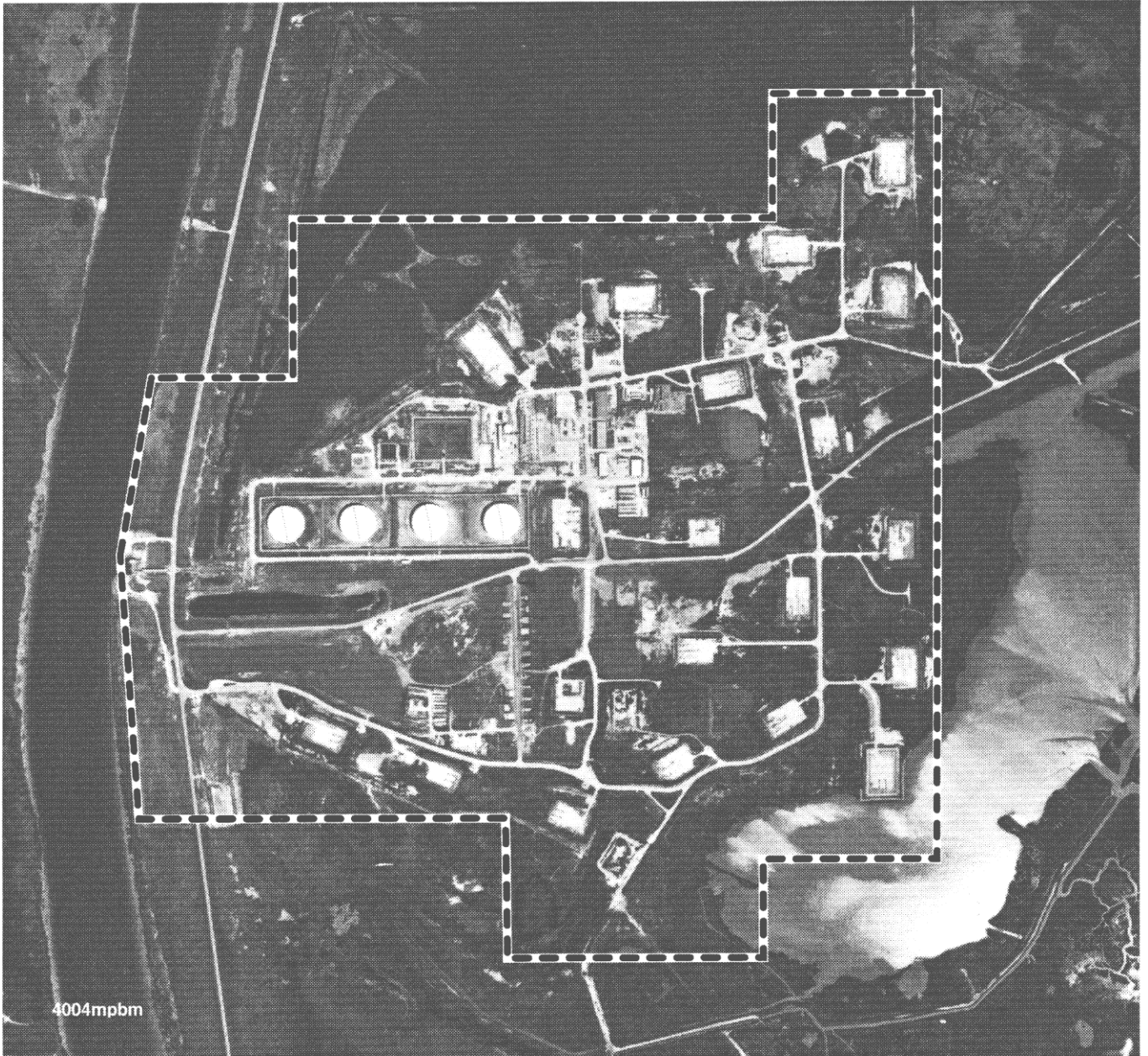


Figure 1-4. Bryan Mound SPR Site

A diverse range of habitats is created by water bodies surrounding Bryan Mound. Marshes and tidal pools, such as Mud Lake and Bryan Lake, which connect with the Gulf of Mexico by way of the Intracoastal Waterway or the Brazos River, are ideal habitats for a variety of birds, aquatic life, and mammals. Migratory waterfowl, common egret, snowy egret, great blue heron, killdeer, least tern, and black-necked stilt (the latter two are Texas state-protected species), as well as nutria, raccoon, skunk, rattlesnake, turtles, and frogs can be found on and in the area surrounding Bryan Mound. No federally endangered or threatened species are found on the site; however, brown pelican, piping plover, and peregrine falcon inhabit nearby areas. Whooping cranes have been recorded occurring just across the Brazos River Diversion Channel to the southwest of the site.

Shrimp, crab, trout, flounder, and redfish are abundant in Mud Lake during various seasons of the year. Black drum, mullet, gar, and blue crab are found in Blue Lake.

Bryan Mound has a total storage capacity of 36.9 million m³ (232 mmb) of crude oil in 20 solution-mined caverns. The 1998 year-end inventory is 35.5 million m³ (223 mmb). Appurtenant facilities include a 61 cm (24 in) brine disposal pipeline extending 6.6 km (3.5 nautical mi) offshore into the Gulf of Mexico and 4.5 km (2.8 mi) onshore, a raw water intake structure adjacent to the site on the Brazos River Diversion Channel, two 76 cm (30 in) crude oil pipelines connecting the site to the Jones Creek Tank Farm 4.8 km (3 mi) northwest of the site, the Phillips docks 6.4 km (4 mi) northeast of the site, and the 102 cm (40 in) 73.6 km (46 mi) crude oil pipeline from the site to the ARCO refinery in Texas City. The brine pipeline has a series of 17

brine diffusers, 12 of which are operational, dispersing and mixing brine with receiving sea water.

1.4

WEEKS ISLAND

DOE Headquarters announced on December 15, 1994, that the Weeks Island (WI) site will be decommissioned. Weeks Island began drawing down oil stocks in November 1995 and transferring them to Big Hill and Bayou Choctaw. Although the bulk of the oil was removed in 1996, final skimming and removal of residual oil, geologic stabilization, and decommissioning should be completed by the end of CY 1999. The 1998 year-end inventory is approximately 254,352 m³ (1.6 mmb).

The Weeks Island site is located in Iberia Parish, Louisiana, about 22 km (14 mi) south of New Iberia. The surrounding area is sparsely populated. New Iberia, the closest major urban center, supplies the greater part of the labor force. The major employment sectors within the parish are mineral production, manufacturing, construction, and agriculture.

The aboveground facility is shown in Figure 1-5. The site occupies approximately 158 ha (390 ac) both surface and sub-surface. The dome borders Vermilion Bay, which opens to the Gulf of Mexico. The Weeks Island salt mine, developed in the early 1900s by room-and-pillar mining, operated continuously until 1981, at which time operations were moved to another part of the same dome. The land surface over the salt dome forms an "island" caused by domal upthrusting and includes the highest elevation, 52 m (171 ft) above sea level, in southern Louisiana. The area surrounding the island is a combination of marsh, bayous, manmade canals (including the Intracoastal Waterway), and bays contiguous with the Gulf of Mexico.

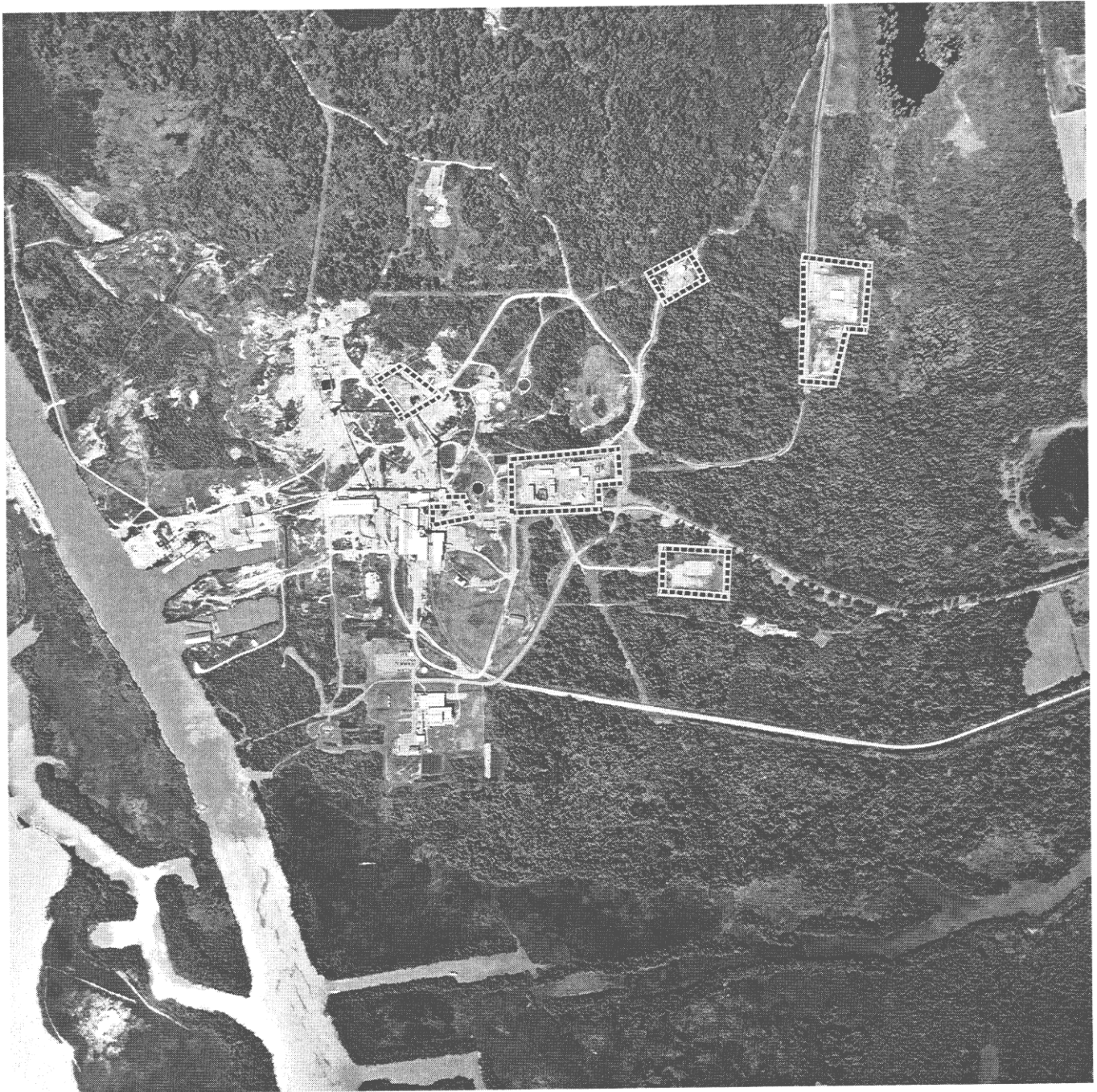


Figure 1-5. Weeks Island SPR Site

The Weeks Island site consists of a large mechanically excavated salt mine. The 91 cm (36 in) diameter, 108 km (67 mi) long crude oil pipeline connecting the site to the St. James Terminal was sold to Louisiana Intrastate Gas Company on August 22, 1997. A 15 cm (6 in) diameter pipeline, 3.2 km (2 mi) long was installed above ground between the WI facility and the neighboring Shell facility to transport the remaining crude oil via Shell's barge dock.

The vegetation communities on Weeks Island are diverse. Lowland hardwood species proliferate in the very fertile loam soil common at the higher elevations. The predominant tree species are oak, magnolia, and hickory which extend down to the surrounding marsh. Pecan trees are also present. Gull, tern, heron, and egret are common in the marsh area.

Mink, nutria, river otter, and raccoon are the most common inhabitants of the intermediate marshes. Other mammals found at Weeks Island are opossum, bat, squirrel, swamp rabbit, bobcat, white-tailed deer, and coyote. Weeks Island is the home of one of the densest breeding populations of the Louisiana black bear, which has been listed as a threatened species by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (F&WS) under authority of the Endangered Species Act (ESA). The endangered red wolf has been sighted in nearby Vermilion Parish about 48.2 km (30 mi) west.

Weeks Island and the surrounding wetlands are also frequented by a variety of endangered or threatened avian species, including the brown pelican, bald eagle, peregrine falcon, the piping plover, and least tern. The wetlands to the southwest of Weeks Island are a breeding area for

least terns. The American alligator occurs in the marshes adjacent to the site.

The water bodies surrounding Weeks Island provide a vast estuarine nursery ground for an array of commercially and recreationally important finfish and shellfish.

1.5

WEST HACKBERRY

The West Hackberry (WH) site is located in Cameron Parish 40 km (25 mi) southwest of Lake Charles, Louisiana, and 26 km (16 mi) north of the Gulf of Mexico. Cameron Parish is the largest and least populous parish in Louisiana. The local economy consists of fishing, shrimping, rice farming, and petroleum production. The work force at the site is derived from local residents of the Hackberry community, the towns of Sulphur and Lake Charles, Calcasieu and Cameron parishes, and from recent arrivals to the area.

The site is situated on 229 ha (565 ac) of land on top of the West Hackberry salt dome (Figure 1-6). The dome is covered by a distinct mounded overburden on its western portion, with elevations up to 6.5 m (21 ft), the highest elevation in Cameron Parish. The majority of the dome is approximately 1.5 m (five ft) above sea level. Two brine disposal well pads occupying approximately 2.5 ha (six ac) are located three km (1.9 mi) south of the site. Waterways near the site include Calcasieu Lake and the Calcasieu Ship Channel approximately five km (three mi) to the east, and the Intracoastal Waterway approximately six km (four mi) north of the site. Black Lake, a brackish water lake, borders the dome on the northern and western sides. Numerous canals and natural waterways, including Black Lake Bayou which is referred



Figure 1-6. West Hackberry SPR Site

to locally as Kelso Bayou, connect Black Lake to the Alkali Ditch and then to the Intracoastal Waterway. Black Lake Bayou continues wandering in a generally easterly direction from Black Lake, eventually connecting with the Calcasieu Ship Channel northeast of the town of Hackberry.

The western part of Cameron Parish consists of marshland with natural ridges extending in a generally east-west direction. These ridges, or cheniers, are stranded former beach lines which affect water flow through the marshes. The cheniers typically support grasses and trees. In many areas, lakes, bayous, and canals are concentrated so that the marsh may not seem to be a land mass, but rather a large region of small islands.

Marshland closest to the coast generally has the highest salinity levels and lowest species diversity. Vegetation found on the site and in the surrounding is dominated by Chinese tallow, willow, various oak species, and numerous species of marsh and upland grasses. The marsh lands surrounding West Hackberry and its appurtenant facilities provides excellent habitat for a variety of wetland species. This area is predominantly brackish marsh with areas of submerged vegetation. Many wading birds, waterfowl, shore birds, seabirds, and diving birds frequent the area, in many cases breeding and nesting here. The American alligator is extremely common, breeding and nesting in this area. A variety of other reptiles, fish, shellfish, and mammals also frequent this area, in many cases breeding and reproducing. Oyster reefs occur in Calcasieu Lake with large concentrations in West Cove near the brine disposal pipeline which is currently removed from service. Sport and commercial fishing takes place throughout this area

for a variety of species, including fresh water and marine fish and shellfish.

Several species that are protected by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service under authority of the Endangered Species Act occur in the West Hackberry area. These include the southern bald eagle, Arctic peregrine falcon, and brown pelican. These species also inhabit the lands through which the SPR pipelines pass.

Also inhabiting the area surrounding the West Hackberry site are snakes, egret, heron, migratory waterfowl, red-tailed hawk, red fox, raccoon, nutria, opossum, wolf, bobcat, rabbit, and white-tailed deer. Aquatic inhabitants of Black Lake include crab, shrimp, drum, croaker, spot, sheepshead, mullet, gar, redfish, and catfish. No endangered or threatened species other than the alligator (threatened by similarity of appearance) have been identified on the site.

The West Hackberry site will store 35.3 million m³ (222 mmb) of crude oil in 22 solution-mined caverns. The 1998 year-end inventory is 30.8 million m³ (193.7 mmb). Brine is currently transported and disposed by injection into nine brine disposal wells. The 91 cm (36 in), 44.7 km (27.8 mi) brine pipeline that goes to an area 17.4 km (10.8 mi) south of Holly Beach, Louisiana, in the Gulf of Mexico is currently out of service. Raw water is brought to the site via a 107 cm (42 in), 6.6 km (4.2 mi) pipeline from the Intracoastal Waterway. Crude oil is transported between the site and the Sunoco Terminal in Nederland, Texas, via a 107 cm (42 in) 69 km (43 mi) crude oil pipeline or to the Texas Pipeline Inc. distribution line via a 91 cm (36 in) 22.5 km (14 mi) crude oil pipeline.

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NEW ORLEANS HEADQUARTERS

The project management office for SPR operations is housed in three adjacent office buildings in Harahan, a suburb of New Orleans, Louisiana. Unlike the crude oil reserve sites, activities conducted at the New Orleans office complex are predominantly administrative with nearby warehouse capacity to augment project-wide equipment storage. Office space is rented, not owned, by the Department of Energy.

2. COMPLIANCE SUMMARY

General

The SPR operates in conformance with standards established by federal and state statutes and regulations, Executive Orders, and Department of Energy (DOE) orders and directives. A list of environmental federal, state, and many of the DOE standards that, in varying degrees, affect the SPR is found in Appendix A.

The DOE Office of Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Strategic Petroleum Reserves has overall responsibility for environmental monitoring, compliance, and protection activities at the SPR. The Project Manager, Strategic Petroleum Reserve Project Management Office (SPRPMO), is responsible for issuing and updating, as required, a General Environmental Statement (Appendix B) that reflects the statement of policy contained in DOE Order 5400.1 and provides broad environmental protection goals. The DOE policy flows to SPR operations through the current M&O contractor's Environmental Policy (Appendix B.)

The SPR has had an Environmental Protection Program since its inception and initial operation. The Deputy Assistant Secretary for the SPR has delegated primary responsibility for implementation of the SPR Environmental Protection Program to the SPRPMO. The SPRPMO has delegated responsibilities for implementation of the program to the current Management & Operating (M&O) contractor, DynMcDermott Petroleum Operations Company (DM). Additional responsibilities, as applicable; are delegated to the Architect-Engineering (A&E) contractor, Walk Haydel and Associates, Inc. (WHA); and SPR subcontractors. DM has been under contract to DOE since April 1, 1993.

The SPRPMO Environmental, Safety and Health (ES&H) division is responsible for development and oversight of ES&H programs and provides direction, technical guidance, and independent oversight to its prime contractors in the implementation of environmental programs and assessment of contractor performance.

It is the SPR's policy and practice to conduct operations in compliance with all applicable environmental requirements with the highest regard for the protection and preservation of the environment. Compliance status in this year's report reflects compliance activities conducted by DOE and DM personnel.

The SPR has incorporated the following five broad Code of Environmental Management Principles (CEMP) into the implementation of its Integrated Safety Management System:

1. management commitment;
2. compliance assurance and pollution prevention;
3. enabling systems;
4. performance and accountability; and
5. measurement and improvement.

A summary of the programs and procedures that presently make up the SPR environmental protection program are:

- a. inspections, appraisals, assessments, and surveillance which provide regular monitoring to ensure compliance with regulatory and policy requirements;
- b. a non-routine reporting program directed toward notification of oil, brine, or hazardous substance spills, or noncompliant effluent emissions, to identify the impact of such spills or emissions on property and the environment, and to comply with regulatory requirements;
- c. a routine reporting program directed toward fulfilling self-reporting obligations under water, air, and waste permits and regulations;
- d. a permit monitoring program to ensure compliance with all permit requirements and limitations, onsite operations and maintenance activities;

- e. an environmental monitoring program to detect any possible influence the SPR might have on surface waters and ground waters on or near SPR sites and to provide a baseline in the event of an environmental upset;
- f. a discharge procedure used by each site when releasing liquid from any authorized containment or control system;
- g. an environmental training program to ensure that applicable personnel are aware of environmental laws and regulations, trained in oil and hazardous material spill prevention, and safe handling of hazardous waste;
- h. a pollution prevention program which focuses on source reduction of wastes, recycling, and proper disposal of all wastes produced on the SPR sites;
- i. an underground injection control program mandated by the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) to ensure sound operation of Class II underground wells/caverns for brine disposal or hydrocarbon storage to protect aquifers; and
- j. regulatory review program for new environmental requirements.

Regulatory

The principal agencies responsible for enforcing environmental regulations at SPR facilities are the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region VI, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (COE), the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ), the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources (LDNR), the Railroad Commission of Texas (RCT), and the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC), and the Texas General Land Office (GLO). These agencies issue permits, review compliance reports, inspect site operations, and oversee compliance with regulations.

Executive Orders (E.O.)

The SPR follows and operates in conformance with numerous Executive Orders applicable to its operation. Two of the major orders include Federal Compliance with Pollution Control Standards (E.O. 12088) and Federal Compliance with Right-to-Know Laws and Pollution Prevention Requirements (E. O. 12856). The Greening the Government Through Waste Prevention, Recycling, and Federal Acquisition (E.O. 13101) order was issued during 1998 and is being implemented.

DOE Orders/Directives

The SPR follows and operates in conformance with numerous DOE Orders applicable to its operation. Two of the major orders include General Environmental Protection Program (5400.1) and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Compliance Program (451.1). The orders establish some of the policies of the SPRPMO.

2.1 **COMPLIANCE STATUS (JAN. 1, 1998 THROUGH DEC. 31, 1998)**
Much of the SPR's compliance program deals with meeting regulations under the Clean Water Act. The SPR sites have a total of 99 wastewater and storm water discharge monitoring stations.

The SPR is also required to meet many requirements under the Clean Air Act and the Safe Drinking Water Act.

Site waste management activities are conducted in accordance with the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA).

The following sections highlight primary compliance activities at the SPR sites by environmental statute.

Clean Water Act (CWA)

The SPR sites comply with the CWA through permitting with the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) program, following the spill prevention regulations (SPCC), complying with the requirements of the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (OPA), and complying with the wetlands usage program.

During 1998 the SPR submitted 11 minor noncompliances with state and federal water discharge permits to regulatory agencies under the permit self-reporting provisions. These noncompliances are discussed further in Sections 2.3 and 5.3.

NPDES permit renewal applications were submitted to EPA for all sites in 1993. EPA found these applications administratively complete in 1994 and directed the SPR to continue operating under the existing permits. Bryan Mound is the only site to have since received a new permit. In Louisiana, NPDES permits are being replaced with equivalent state permits as LDEQ issues new permits under its recently acquired primacy for the program.

In September 1998, the SPRPMO submitted a Louisiana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (LPDES) permit renewal application to the LDEQ for Bayou. The LDEQ issued a draft LPDES permit for West Hackberry during October 1998. The SPRPMO also resubmitted the Weeks Island 1993 LWDPS permit renewal application in lieu of submitting a new LPDES application (as directed by LDEQ) in December 1998 to administratively extend the LWDPS permit until the site is fully decommissioned in 1999. The LDEQ preferred to extend the current permit instead of processing an LPDES renewal

permit application and issuing a permit that would only be used for a short period of time.

The SPR maintains a Louisiana statewide permit from LDEQ for discharge of hydrostatic test water that saves filing fees and increases flexibility in support of site construction and maintenance activities.

Since 1994, the two Texas SPR sites operate under authority granted with Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) permits issued by the RCT who has not yet received primacy from EPA. This coverage imposes some additional testing, reporting, and other administrative duties beyond the parallel federal NPDES program.

Each SPR site has to comply with the Federal Spill, Prevention, Control, and Countermeasures (SPCC) regulations and in Louisiana with the state SPCC regulations by following a plan that addresses prevention and containment of hazardous substance spills. During 1998, DM revised the SPCC plans for Bayou Choctaw, Bryan Mound, West Hackberry, and the New Orleans Warehouse. All of the SPR spill plans are now current in accordance with 40CFR112.

The SPR sites obtain permits from the U.S. Corp of Engineers and Coastal Zone Management Divisions of the various state agencies whenever fill, discharge, or dredging occurs in a wetland. During 1998, 12 separate SPR projects occurred in jurisdictional wetlands in Louisiana and Texas requiring Corps of Engineers permit actions from the New Orleans and Galveston districts in addition to Coastal Zone Management approval (Department of Natural Resources – Coastal Zone Management in Louisiana and the General Land Office in Texas). Most of these projects resulted from work involving

maintenance dredging and spoil placement at the raw water intake structures (RWIS) and pipeline maintenance at the sites.

Oil Pollution Act (OPA) of 1990

SPR emergency programs, planning, and management are guided by OPA 90 regulatory standards for onshore storage facilities, pipelines, and marine terminal facilities. SPR site facility response plans have been developed to meet or exceed the requirement of OPA 90 and related state acts such as the Oil Spill Prevention and Response Act (OSPRA) in Texas. The plans have been approved by the appropriate federal regulatory agencies.

The National Preparedness for Response Exercise Program (PREP) has been adopted and incorporated into the SPR Emergency Management exercise program since 1994. SPR sites conduct emergency drills or hands-on training each quarter. A professional staff of emergency management exercise personnel from DM New Orleans conducts two equipment deployment exercises at each site annually. The annual site exercises include the participation of public regulatory/governmental agencies.

The SPR has adopted the National Interagency Incident Management System (NIIMS), the response management system required by the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan. SPR site and New Orleans response management personnel have been trained in the unified Incident Command System and a team of selected New Orleans personnel is available to support extended site emergency operations when needed.

Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA)

The SPR oil storage caverns and brine disposal wells are regulated by the SDWA. The EPA has given primacy under the SDWA to both Louisiana and Texas Underground Injection Control (UIC) programs, which regulate underground hydrocarbon storage, related brine disposal, and oil field wastes. The SPR operates 21 saltwater disposal wells for the Louisiana sites. In Texas, brine disposal is predominantly done through brine pipelines that extend into the Gulf of Mexico. Some ancillary commercial disposal wells are used occasionally at Big Hill. The 1998 Annual Report Form OR-1 was completed and submitted on schedule to the LDNR. A similar reporting requirement does not exist for the Texas wells.

Historic ground water evaluations have indicated the presence of shallow ground water impacts from salt water at the Bryan Mound and West Hackberry sites. At Bryan Mound, more recently analyzed data suggests that pre-DOE use of unlined brine storage pits may have been a major contributor to the salt impacted ground water located east of the site's closed large brine storage pond. The West Hackberry site negotiated a corrective action plan (CAP) for a leaking brine pond with LDNR in February 1992. The CAP requires ground water recovery pumping, ground water monitoring, and submission of quarterly monitoring reports. In 1993, LDNR issued a requirement to continue to monitor certain wells for 30 years after closure of the permanent anhydrite disposal pits. This requirement is being currently met by the quarterly monitoring requirement for the brine pond CAP. Both of these separately permitted but contiguous ponds were replaced with aboveground tanks during 1998, leaving only the implementation of the approved closure plan to be completed in 1999.

The annual hydraulic evaluation and engineering inspection of the Bryan Mound brine pond was conducted in accordance with pond permit provisions and the resulting report submitted to the RCT. The pond was taken from brine storage service, the solids residuals were dewatered and properly removed and handled, and progress was made on the initial steps of pond closure before the close of 1998.

A program to establish baseline ground water conditions at Weeks Island prior to making post-decommissioning comparisons was initiated in 1996 and maintained as planned through 1998. This activity is establishing background information about the groundwater and then it will be used to provide long-term ground water monitoring assurance once the site has been decommissioned. Background conditions are currently being measured tri-annually until final skimming and brine backfill is completed in 1999. This activity currently involves four wells, and the program is referred to as Weeks Island Long-term (WILT) monitoring.

Clean Air Act (CAA)

The SPR sites comply with the applicable provisions of the CAA and State Implementation Plans (SIP) through permitting with the state agencies having primacy (LDEQ and TNRCC) and following applicable regulations. All of the SPR sites are located in attainment areas for all National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) pollutants with the exception of ozone. Weeks Island and West Hackberry are located in attainment areas for ozone; therefore, they are regulated by the Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) permitting program. Big Hill, Bryan Mound, and Bayou Choctaw are located in nonattainment areas for ozone; therefore, the New Source Review (NSR) permitting program applies. None of the SPR sites are

considered to be major sources during normal operations under PSD, NSR, Title III hazardous air pollutant, or Title V operating permit regulations. All of the facilities operate in accordance with the provisions of the applicable state air permits.

In January 1998, an air permit application was submitted to TNRCC for renewal of the Big Hill air permit. TNRCC renewed the air permit in April 1998.

An air permit application was submitted to LDEQ in February 1998 to replace the existing 9 ft. diameter flare at Weeks Island with a larger 12 ft. diameter flare. LDEQ issued the new permit in February 1998.

In June 1998, an exemption registration was approved by TNRCC for additional hours to operate the paint solvent recycler at Big Hill.

Air permitting and exemption registration with TNRCC was not required for the new slop oil tank at Bryan Mound because the tank meets the requirements of TNRCC Standard Exemption 86 and is less than 25,000 gallons in size.

There were numerous permit variance requests made to LDEQ during 1998. A permit variance request must be made to LDEQ when there is a probability that a change in a process (such as maintenance, upset condition, or other) will increase emissions over the permitted allowables. A permit variance request was made for Bayou Choctaw to operate the emergency generator for additional hours due to life extension work. Two permit variance requests associated with the decommissioning were made for Weeks Island to vent mine gas. An additional two variance requests were made for West Hackberry to

operate the emergency generator and for brine pond emissions associated with additional crude oil storage in the caverns. A small source exemption was also approved by LDEQ for the addition of a new oil/water separator at West Hackberry.

Pollution Prevention Act of 1990 (PPA)

Each SPR site operates in accordance with a Pollution Prevention Plan prepared in accordance with the EPA storm water general permits and similar Louisiana requirements. This multimedia document consolidates these regulatory agency requirements with the more general DOE Order 5400.1 required Pollution Prevention Plan, and the related Waste Minimization and Solid Waste Management Plans.

Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA)

The SPR has not needed to conduct response activities pursuant to this act. DOE Order 5480.14 required all DOE-owned sites to evaluate compliance with CERCLA. The SPR completed DOE Phase I and II reports (similar to CERCLA's Preliminary Assessment and Site Investigation process) in 1986 and 1987, respectively. The reports assessed each site for the potential presence of inactive hazardous waste sites, and recommended no further action under CERCLA. The DOE Phase I and II reports were submitted to EPA Region VI, and all SPR sites are considered as No Further Remedial Action Plan (NFRAP) to reflect the findings in the reports.

Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA)

SARA Title III Tier Two reports, also known as Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA) Section 312 reports, were prepared and distributed as required by March 1st to state and

local emergency planning committees and local fire departments. SPR sites are required to report under EPCRA Section 313 when crude oil is transferred to other facilities because of Executive Order 12856 which requires federal facilities to submit Toxic Release Inventory (TRI) Form R reporting even though the facilities' SIC Codes are 5171. When crude oil is transferred to other facilities from SPR sites, they are re-packaging the hazardous substance for introduction into commerce. SPR sites did not submit EPCRA 313 (Form R) reports for CY 1998 because they were below the threshold limit that requires reporting. When the SPR exceeds the alternate threshold of one million pounds of benzene, EPCRA 313 reports are submitted.

Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA)

Hazardous wastes generated on the SPR are managed in strict compliance with state and EPA hazardous waste programs. The EPA has delegated the hazardous waste to LDEQ in Louisiana. State jurisdiction of SPR Texas sites fall under the RCT in Texas which has not yet received delegation. Therefore, the SPR complies with both EPA and RCT regulations in Texas.

The SPR sites do not routinely generate large quantities of hazardous waste and therefore, are typically classified as either Conditionally Exempt Small Quantity Generators (CESQG) in Texas, or Small Quantity Generators (SQG) in Louisiana (the smallest level generator in each state.) The SPR sites do not treat, store, or dispose of hazardous wastes on site and therefore, are not RCRA-permitted treatment, storage, and disposal (TSD) facilities. Each site has an EPA generator number that is used to track the manifesting of hazardous waste for off-site treatment or disposal. None of the SPR sites are identified on the National Priority Listing (NPL) under CERCLA.

Polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) contaminated oils and friable asbestos wastes were not generated at SPR sites in 1998.

SPR non-hazardous wastes, which are associated with underground hydrocarbon storage activities, are regulated under the corresponding state programs for managing drilling fluids, produced waters, and other wastes associated with the exploration, development, production or storage of crude oil or natural gas.

Other non-hazardous wastes generated at SPR sites are managed in accordance with state solid waste programs. The appropriate waste management strategy is based on the results of waste stream characteristics.

In 1998, the SPR manifested hazardous waste from the Bayou Choctaw, Bryan Mound, Big Hill, and West Hackberry to an offsite hazardous waste incinerator. The hazardous wastes consisted primarily of paint solvent and solids and laboratory wastes. The SPR submitted notification forms of regulated waste activity to the EPA for all SPR sites. In 1998, all Louisiana sites averaged hazardous waste generation rates well within the Small Quantity Generator (SQG) limits. In Texas, the Conditionally Exempt Small Quantity Generator (CESQG) status was exceeded twice at Bryan Mound and twice at Big Hill during CY 1998.

The DOE and M&O contractor's corporate policies stress the SPR's commitment to waste management and environmental protection (Appendix B).

Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA)

Friable asbestos is not present at SPR sites. Small amounts of nonfriable asbestos usually in the form of seals or gaskets are disposed of locally as they are taken out of service, in accordance with applicable solid waste regulations.

No liquid-filled electrical equipment or hydraulic equipment currently used on the SPR has been identified as PCB equipment or PCB contaminated under TSCA.

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

Three hundred and thirty-one design reviews, scopes of work, and purchase requests were evaluated for NEPA review in 1998. Out of the 331 reviews, only 243 required a NEPA review. None of these projects adversely affected any culturally sensitive resources such as structures of historic, archeological, or architectural significance or any threatened or endangered species or their habitat. Also, no environmentally sensitive areas or wetlands were adversely impacted as a result of these actions. All but one of these NEPA reviews resulted in categorical exclusions that did not require further action. An Environmental Assessment resulting in a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) was completed in September for one Bayou Choctaw pipeline extension to the Placid Refinery (DOE/EA-1251). No Environmental Impact Statements (EIS) were initiated during CY 1998.

Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA)

All pesticides and herbicides were used in accordance with manufacturers' labels. Restricted use pesticides were applied only by licensed commercial applicators.

The SPR encompasses 841 ha (2,078 ac) and uses approximately 2,700 kg (6,000 lbs) of pesticides and herbicides to control weeds, insects, and rodents on the sites annually.

Endangered Species Act (ESA)

The Weeks Island site, along with neighboring facilities on the island, continued to coordinate with the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service (F&WS), Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF), and the Louisiana Nature Conservancy to prevent harm to resident Louisiana black bears.

In a continuing effort to minimize disruption and provide suitable habitat to the existing migratory birds in the Bryan Mound area, bird nesting areas are quarantined during nesting season to prevent disturbance as a result of site operations.

National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA)

No site activities performed in 1998 required coordination with State Historical Preservation Offices. No places on or eligible to the National Register of Historic Places are located on or adjacent to SPR sites.

Executive Order (E.O.) 12088 "Federal Compliance with Pollution Control Standards"

In accordance with all applicable pollution control standards, the SPR complies with E.O. 12088 by implementing the SPR Pollution Prevention Plan. The plan includes goals for hazardous and non-hazardous waste reduction.

Between 1994 and 1997 the SPR reduced hazardous waste generation by 75 percent, down to 1.8 mt (two tons). However, in 1998 two events increased hazardous waste generation. Extensive painting during the continuing life extension work at Bryan Mound and Big Hill generated approximately 2.4 mt (2.6 tons) of hazardous paint waste. Also, several weeks of daily testing of a West Hackberry cavern generated nearly 0.7 mt (0.8 tons) of hazardous crude oil contaminated wire line grease.

Weeks Island met the 1998 hazardous waste reduction goal. Weeks Island, Bryan Mound, West Hackberry, and Big Hill met their 1998 non-hazardous sanitary waste goals.

Over CY 1998, paper recycling ranged from 74 percent in New Orleans to 174 percent in Bryan Mound. The SPR-wide average was 89 percent. The SPR's paper recycling goals are based on a fiscal year reporting period. During 1998, all SPR sites exceeded the standing FY 1998 60 percent paper recycling goals. Bayou Choctaw, Bryan Mound, West Hackberry, and Weeks Island met the FY 1999 paper recycling goal of 70 percent during the first quarter of that fiscal year.

The Texas General Land Office presented the SPR Big Hill site with the 1998 OSPRA Award for Excellence in Oil Spill Preparedness, Prevention, and Response.

The U. S. Department of Energy, Office of Fossil Energy, presented its annual ES&H award to the SPR for recycling efforts that minimized hazardous waste generation during removal of tank bottoms.

The Governor of Louisiana presented the SPR with an Environmental Leadership Award for the SPR's efforts in mentoring contractors in waste minimization and recycling.

Clean Texas 2000 provides guidelines of an overall reduction of 50 percent or more by the year 2000 in the release of toxics and/or the generation of hazardous pollutants in Texas from 1987 levels. A reduction in the disposal of solid waste in landfills by as much as 60 percent by the year 2000 is also proposed. The SPR sites' specific achievable, measurable waste generation reduction goals satisfy Clean Texas 2000 guidelines.

Pollution prevention is integrated into the SPR mission through policies, procedures, performance measures, and standards. This was accomplished by updating the goals and training; computerizing the regulatory tracking; self-assessments; and continual improvement priority planning. Pollution prevention is also integrated into the Behavioral Safety Program in New Orleans through the development of pollution prevention definitions and addition of pollution prevention behaviors in the critical behavior inventory list. To heighten employee pollution prevention awareness and behavioral safety, observers "observe" the work force and note defined pollution prevention behaviors.

Of over 3,000 documents that received pollution prevention review during 1998, 2,800 were purchase requests that were screened against the SPR Qualified Products List to assure that products purchased met environmental criteria established by the list. Products and information provided by the list help minimize specific EPA

recognized toxic chemicals and potential hazardous waste, and encourage the purchase of materials containing recycled content.

Executive Order (E.O.) 13101, Greening the Government Through Waste Prevention, Recycling and Federal Acquisition

E.O. superceded and replaced EO 12873, but it retained the intent of the latter and strengthened its implementation through enhanced management requirements. One of the programs in EO 12873 and 13101 is affirmative procurement, the procurement of EPA designated items (36 in all) that contain recovered material. The Secretary of Energy set a goal of increasing DOE's procurement of the designated items to 100 percent by December 31, 1999. The SPR is committed to meeting the goal and will buy, track, and report the purchases of affirmative procurement materials.

Executive Order 12856, "Federal Compliance with Right-to-Know Laws and Pollution Prevention Requirements"

Compliance with E. O. 12856 is indicated in Table 2-1. Tables 2-2 through 2-7 provide a summary of 1998 SARA reporting for each site. Offsite SPR pipelines containing crude oil were reported separately from SPR sites (Tables 2-8 and 2-9). There were no extremely hazardous substances in excess of the Threshold Planning Quantity (TPQ) in 1998, negating the possibility of reportable releases.

In response to Section 5-501 of E. O. 12856, all SPR sites were listed in the Potential Facilities Listing prepared by DOE on April 13, 1994, for potentially meeting reporting requirements under EPCRA Sections 304 and 311-312 requirements.

EPCRA, Section 313, regulations require applicable facilities to complete an annual TRI Form R Report. These regulations apply to facilities with Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) Codes 20 through 39 that manufacture, process, or otherwise use any listed toxic chemical in quantities above specific threshold limits in a calendar year. EPCRA Section 313 does not require SPR sites, SIC Code 5171, to report until 1999; however, Executive Order 12856 signed by the President on August 3, 1993, requires federal facilities to perform TRI Form R reporting regardless of the facility's SIC Code.

Table 2-1. Compliance with Executive Order 12856

EPCRA 302-303: Planning Notification	Yes [X]	No []	Not Required []
EPCRA 304: EHS Release Notification	Yes [X]	No []	Not Required []
EPCRA 311: Material Safety Data Sheets	Yes [X]	No []	Not Required []
EPCRA 312: Chemical Inventory	Yes [X]	No []	Not Required []
EPCRA 313: TRI Reporting	Yes [X]	No []	Not Required []

Table 2-2. Louisiana SARA Title III Tier Two Summary at Bayou Choctaw

Chemical Name (Category)	* Max Daily Amt (lbs)	Location
Bromotrifluoromethane	1,000 - 9,999	Control room in Building 401
Crude oil, petroleum flammable and combustible liquid	> 1 billion	Six underground storage caverns in salt dome and site piping; flammable storage building
Diesel fuel #2	10,000 - 99,999	Property tank #2, emergency generator fuel tank; HPP flammable storage cabinet
FC-600 3M Light-water ATC/AFFF	10,000 - 99,999	Foam deluge and fire systems, foam storage building
Gasoline	10,000 - 99,999	Property Tank #1; TIC flammable locker
Nitrogen	1,000 - 9,999	TIC laydown yard; cylinder rack
Oil, flammable and combustible	1,000 - 9,999	Flammable storage and maintenance buildings; TIC flammable locker; benchstock
Paint, flammable or combustible	1,000 - 9,999	Flammable storage building; TIC flammable locker
Roundup herbicide	100 - 999	Flammable storage building; property warehouse
Sodium Chloride	100 - 999	Potable H2O building

* Reporting range specified by LA SARA Title III Tier Two Reporting Requirement

Table 2-3. Texas SARA Title III Tier Two Summary at Big Hill

Chemical Name (Category)	* Max Daily Amt (lbs)	Location
Crude oil, petroleum, flammable and combustible liquid	> 1 billion	Site tanks, piping, and underground storage caverns across the salt dome
Diesel fuel #2	10,000 - 99,999	Raw water intake structure; site diesel tank; BHT-4 in building 810; diesel trailer; TIC fuel truck; emergency generator tank
FC-600 3M Light-water ATC/AFFF	10,000 - 99,999	Fire truck, fire bay, BHT-16
Gasoline	10,000 - 99,999	Fuel station; TIC fuel truck
Oil, flammable and combustible	10,000 - 99,999	Storage north of Cav 111; lay-down yard; raw water intake structure; "E" whse; tool trailer

*Reporting range specified by Texas SARA Title III Tier Two Reporting Requirement

Table 2-4. Texas SARA Title III Tier Two Summary at Bryan Mound

Chemical Name (Category)	*Max Daily Amt (lbs)	Location
Crude oil, petroleum, flammable and combustible liquid	> 1 billion	Site tanks, piping, underground storage caverns across the salt dome, and crude oil storage building
Diesel fuel #2	10,000 - 99,999	Site fuel tanks; diked area
FC-600 3M Light-water ATC/AFFF	100,000 - 999,000	Fixed systems, foam storage, mobile units
Gasoline	10,000 - 99,999	Site fuel tank; diked area
Oil, flammable and combustible	10,000 - 99,999	Tool shed; bin outside tool shed; diked area; chemical storage cabinet outside Trailer #235-T; benchstock; property warehouse; workover rig area;
Paints, flammable or combustible	10,000 - 99,999	Bin outside tool shed; paint yard, property flammable cabinet; workover rig area; building 243

* Reporting range specified by Texas SARA Title III Tier Two Reporting Requirement

Table 2-5. Louisiana SARA Title III Tier Two Summary at New Orleans Warehouse

Chemical Name (Category)	*Max Daily Amt (lbs)	Location
Antifreeze compound, liquid contains Ethylene Glycol	10,000 - 99,999	Fire cabinet, west wall of whse
Diesel fuel #2	10,000 - 99,999	Test pad
Oil, flammable/combustible	10,000 - 99,999	Fire cabinet, west wall of warehouse, L-1

* Reporting range specified by LA SARA Title III Tier Two Reporting Requirement

Table 2-6. Louisiana SARA Title III Tier Two Summary at Weeks Island

Chemical Name (Category)	*Max Daily Amt (lbs)	Location
Bromotrifluoromethane	10,000 - 99,999	Control room in Operations building; mine service shaft
Crude oil, petroleum, flammable and combustible liquid	10,000,000 – 49,999,999	Underground storage cavern in salt dome and site piping
Diesel fuel #2	10,000 - 99,999	Diesel tank; emergency generators
FC-600 3M Lightwater ATC/AFFF	1,000 - 9,999	Laydown yard
Gasoline	10,000 - 99,999	Fuel storage tank
Insecticide, liquid N.O.S.	1,000 - 9,999	Laydown yard; drum storage; flammable bin; property whse
Monoammonium phosphate	100 – 999	All site areas
Oil, flammable and combustible	1,000 - 9,999	Property warehouse, flammable bin; drum storage
Paint, flammable/combustible	1,000 – 9,999	Flammable bin
Potassium bicarbonate	1,000 – 9,999	All site areas; fire truck
Roundup herbicide	1,000 – 9,999	Laydown yard; warehouse

* Reporting range specified by LA SARA Title III Tier Two Reporting Requirement

Table 2-7. Louisiana SARA Title III Tier Two Summary at West Hackberry

Chemical Name (Category)	*Max Daily Amt (lbs)	Location
Alkydimethylbenzylammonium Chloride in Methanol and Water	1,000 - 9,999	Sun Oil Terminal
Antifreeze compound	1,000 – 9,999	D-Whse; flammable storage bldg
Bromotrifluoromethane	1,000 - 9,999	Building 301
Crude oil, petroleum, flammable and combustible liquid	> 1 billion	Underground storage caverns in salt dome, site piping, tanks; Lake Charles meter station; E-Whse
Diesel fuel #2	10,000 - 99,999	Site fuel station; RVE laydown
FC-600 3M Lightwater ATC/AFFF	10,000 - 99,999	Foam storage bldg; site fire system
Gasoline	10,000 - 99,999	Fuel station; pipeline shed; maintenance laydown yard
Oil, flammable and combustible	10,000 - 99,999	OCB 5KV substation; RVE laydown yard; flammable storage bldg; high pressure pump flammable cabinet; pipeline shed; fuel station cabinet
Paint, flammable or combustible	1,000 – 9,999	RVE laydown yard; flammable storage bldg
Potassium bicarbonate	10,000 -99,999	Building 303; RVE laydown yard
Propane/liquefied petroleum gas	1,000 - 9,999	Lake Charles meter station
Silica, crystalline-quartz	1,000 - 9,999	Paint laydown yard

* Reporting range specified by LA SARA Title III Tier Two Reporting Requirement

Table 2-8. Louisiana SARA Title III Tier Two Summary in Offsite Pipelines

Chemical Name (Category)	*Max Daily Amt (lbs)	Location
Crude oil, petroleum, flammable and combustible liquid	50,000,000 - 99,999,999	Off-site pipelines in Calcasieu Parish, LA (West Hackberry)
Crude oil, petroleum, flammable and combustible liquid	10,000,000 - 49,999,999	Off-site pipelines in Cameron Parish, LA (West Hackberry)
Crude oil, petroleum, flammable and combustible liquid	10,000,000 - 49,999,999	Off-site pipeline in St. Martin Parish, LA (Bayou Choctaw)

* Reporting range specified by LA SARA Title III Tier Two Reporting Requirement

Table 2-9. Texas SARA Title III Tier Two Summary in Offsite Pipelines

Chemical Name (Category)	*Max Daily Amount (lbs)	Location
Crude oil, petroleum, flammable and combustible liquid	50,000,000 - 99,999,999	Off-site pipelines in Brazoria County, TX (Bryan Mound)
Crude oil, petroleum, flammable and combustible liquid	10,000,000 - 49,999,999	Off-site pipeline in Galveston County, TX (Bryan Mound)
Crude oil, petroleum, flammable and combustible liquid	50,000,000 - 99,999,999	Off-site pipeline in Jefferson County, TX (Big Hill)
Crude oil, petroleum, flammable and combustible liquid	1,000,000 - 9,999,999	Off-site pipeline in Jefferson County, TX (West Hackberry)
Crude oil, petroleum, flammable or combustible liquid	10,000,000 - 49,999,999	Off-site pipeline in Orange County, TX (West Hackberry)

* Reporting range specified by Texas SARA Title III Tier Two Reporting Requirement

2.2 MAJOR ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES AND ACTIONS

Weeks Island Decommissioning

As a result of the two sinkholes found on the ground surface above the storage site at Weeks Island, DOE HQ announced on December 15, 1994, the decision to decommission Weeks Island because these sinkholes may be linked to the integrity of the mine. The plan to draw down and decommission Weeks Island commenced in 1995 with removal of oil beginning in late 1995. The majority of the oil was removed in 1996 and was either transferred to other SPR sites or sold to private industry. DOE has progressed to the final stage of

to a depth of approximately five feet below the ground surface and lined with perforated PVC pipe to allow oil and water to percolate into the wellbore for removal. Product recovery operations began in July 1997 and approximately 25 gallons of an oil and water mixture was removed from all three boreholes over a two month period. In February 1998, site personnel began product recovery and documentation of oil removed from each borehole per event and, as of December 16, 1998, a total of 3.2 gals of oil was removed. Oil volumes removed per bailing event are usually between 0.05 to 0.1 gal indicating that almost all of the free phase oil has been removed.

Commercialization

In an effort to take advantage of the low prices in the 1998 oil market and increase the size of the nation's emergency oil stockpile without adding to government spending, DOE issued an order to store privately-owned crude oil in unused cavern space at the SPR. Rather than paying a storage fee, private companies would turn over a portion of the stored crude oil thereby increasing the SPR's inventory by as much as 2 million barrels. Interest in this program is under evaluation.

DOE On-Site Appraisal

DOE SPRPMO On-Site Management Appraisal teams conduct formal visits to every SPR site annually. The teams meet with site contractor management staff and audit environmental practices, survey performance indicators, and review the audit findings with the contractor staff during exit briefings. Of the 16 environmental issues identified during 1998, all were resolved within 45 days of notification and none of these were associated with significant environmental impacts.

M&O Contractor Self-Assessment

All site and New Orleans environmental groups conducted the annual self-assessment in accordance with the self-assessment plan for 1998. Self-assessments are reviewed annually for adequacy through the DM Independent Assessment program. Independent Assessment findings are tracked to completion in the Consolidated Corrective Action Plan (PMO) and the Action Tracking System (contractor).

There were no Category I Environmental independent assessment findings during 1998. All 1998 findings were either categories II or III. Category II findings were primarily administrative in nature and disclosed no environmental impact. Category III findings were minor deviations from environmental policies and regulations. Table 2-10 is a tabulation of 1998 findings by site. Appropriate corrective actions have been scheduled.

Table 2-10. 1998 M&O Contractor Independent Assessment Environmental Findings

Site	Category I	Category II	Category III
Bayou Choctaw	0	0	0
Big Hill	0	1	4
Bryan Mound	0	3	1
New Orleans	0	0	0
West Hackberry	0	0	1

Regulatory Inspections/Visits

There were seven inspections or visits by regulatory agencies to SPR facilities in 1998. There were no findings associated with these

inspections. Table 2-11 below is a summary of these inspections/visits.

Table 2-11. Summary of Regulatory Inspections/Visits During 1998

Site	Regulatory Agency	Remarks
BC	LDHH	Agency inspected and was satisfied with the site potable water system. No findings.
	EPA	Agency inspected site for compliance with OPA 90, SPCC, and SARA Title 3 Tier II. The site and its personnel passed the inspection with no findings or corrective actions.
WH	LDEQ	Agency inspected the site ground water program and found everything satisfactory. No findings.
	LDEQ	Agency inspected air quality with no findings. Minor issues to be addressed in the next permit renewal or modification, were noted.
	EPA	Agency inspected site for compliance with OPA 90, SARA Title 3 Tier II, and the CWA with no findings or concerns. Site provided EPA with a copy of the SPCC Plan in response to their request.
WI	LDEQ	Agency inspected the site water quality, identified no findings but pulled samples.
	LDEQ	Agency inspected and was satisfied with site air quality.

Non-Routine Releases

In 1998, the SPR sites reported only one oil spill and three brine spills in quantities of one barrel (42 gallons) or greater or as otherwise required by regulation.

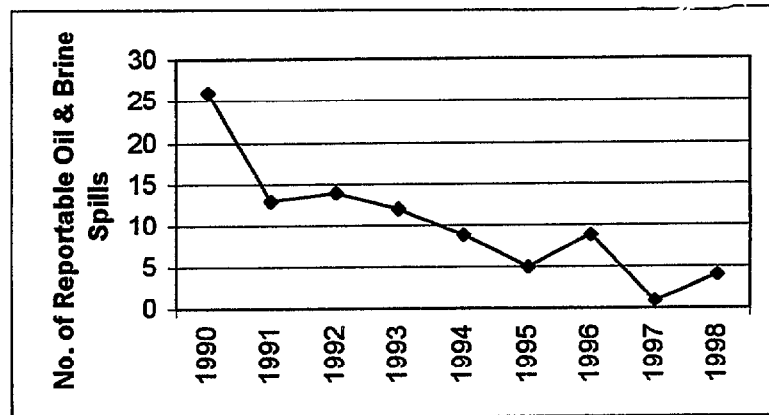
State and federal agencies require notification if an oil spill equals or exceeds one barrel (LA) or five barrels (TX) or if there is a potential for significant impact. Brine spills are reported if they equal or exceed one barrel in Louisiana or five barrels in Texas. The specified spills were reported to the appropriate agencies and immediately cleaned up, with no long-term impacts observed.

The 1998 oil spill resulted in a sheen with an estimated volume of <1/2 pint. Oil spills are reported to the National Response Center (NRC) if they cause a film or sheen on navigable waters. The three brine spills during 1998 resulted in an approximate total of 39 barrels of brine spilled. Of this 39 barrels, 95 percent was recovered. For further spill incident information, see Sections 5.4.1 and 5.4.2.

During CY 1998, the SPR moved (received and transferred internally) 3.4 million m³ (21.6 mmb) of oil and disposed of 2.21 million m³ (13.9 mmb) of brine.

The long-term trend for spills and releases has declined substantially from 26 in 1990 to four in 1998 as depicted below in Figure 2-1.

Figure 2-1. Number of Reportable Spills 1990-98



2.3

SUMMARY OF PERMITS (JAN. 1, 1998 THROUGH DEC. 31, 1998)

General

Permits currently in effect during 1998 include five NPDES permits, five CAA permits, 42 COE wetlands permits (Section 404 of CWA),

and over 100 oil field pit, underground injection well, and mining permits. In addition, a number of corresponding state discharge and other state and local permits are in effect. These permits are presented in tabular form in Section 3, Tables 3-2 through 3-7.

Permit Compliance

Compliance with environmental permits is assured by meeting the conditions detailed within the permit. These conditions can be monitoring of components or processes, monitoring of pollutant effluents to ensure they meet permit limits, maintaining structures in their original condition, and inspecting facilities.

Air quality operating permits require that piping components such as valves, flanges, pressure relief valves, and pump seals be inspected for leaks of VOC on a regular basis (quarterly in Texas and annually in Louisiana) using organic vapor analyzers (OVA). In addition, the Texas permits require that the flanges be inspected visually or by olfactory methods to identify any possible leaks on a weekly basis. All SPR air permits contain permit limitations based on pollutant discharge rate in lbs per hour and annual totals in tons per year.

The SPR ensures compliance with these permit limits by monitoring the processes that emit the pollutants. This includes monitoring usage of generators, volumes of crude oil and gasoline movements through tanks, volume of painting, and others. The results of this effluent monitoring are reported to the agencies annually at Bryan Mound, Big Hill through an Emissions Inventory Questionnaire (EIQ), and Weeks Island through an Emissions Inventory Summary (EIS). Bayou Choctaw and West Hackberry do not require reporting because they are below the required emission limit to report. If a Louisiana facility

is going to exceed its permitted limit during a year, LDEQ allows facilities to submit permit variance requests. All air reports were submitted to the appropriate agencies on time.

Water discharge permits require visual monitoring of the effluents to ensure that they have no visible sheen or foaming. Other permit conditions relate to ensuring that permit limits are met and reported. All SPR sites require periodic (monthly and/or quarterly) reporting of permit limit compliance through the NPDES Discharge Monitoring Reports (DMRs). All of these were submitted to the appropriate agencies.

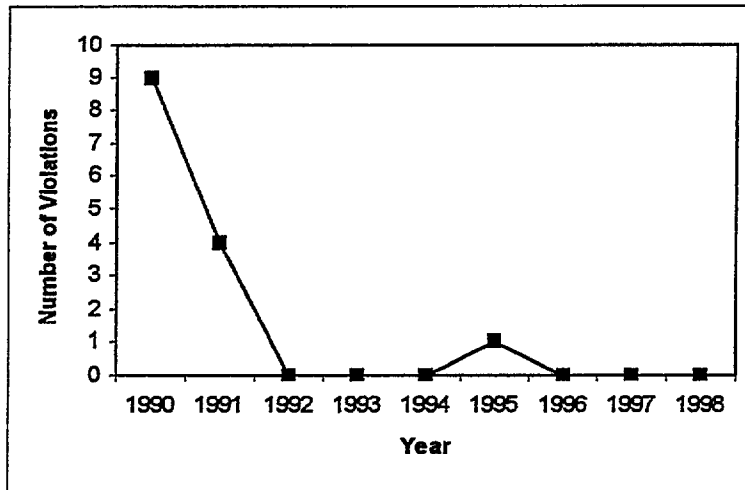
Noncompliances

Eleven National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit noncompliances occurred out of a total of 8,070 permit related analyses performed in 1998. Six noncompliances were the result of samples being outside of the permit parameter limits with the remaining five resulting from recordkeeping or operator errors. The 11 noncompliances produced an overall project-wide 99.9 percent compliance rate for 1998. All noncompliances were of short duration and immediately resolved, causing no observable adverse environmental impact. Corrective actions implemented to mitigate noncompliance recurrence included developing or modifying applicable procedures, retraining and certifying personnel, initiating special studies, and repairing faulty equipment. Summary information of NPDES exceedances and noncompliances is contained in Section 5.3, Tables 5-8, 5-10, and 5-13.

Notice of Violation (NOV)

During 1998, the SPR continued to maintain a status of low risk to the environment. NOV's have declined significantly from 9 (all administrative) in 1990 to zero in 1998 as depicted below in Figure 2-2.

Figure 2-2. Number of Violations 1990-98



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3. ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAM INFORMATION

The environmental program is implemented by a prime contractor for the SPR on behalf of DOE (permittee) and is designed to support the SPR through tasks aimed at avoiding or minimizing adverse environmental effects from the SPR on surrounding lands, air, and water bodies.

The monitoring and inspection program, originally developed under guidance of the SPR Programmatic Environmental Action Report and Site Environmental Action Reports, now conforms to the monitoring program by DOE Order 5400.1. This program includes monitoring permitted NPDES outfalls and air emissions, conducting other required federal and state inspections, and surveillance sampling and analysis of site-associated surface and ground water quality. This makes possible the assessment of environmental impacts and early detection of water quality degradation that may occur from SPR operations.

The results of the individual program areas such as air emissions monitoring and reporting, NPDES compliance, water quality monitoring, and ground water monitoring for 1998 are discussed in sections 5 and 6.

3.1 ASSOCIATED PLANS AND PROCEDURES

Associated plans that support the SPR environmental program include site specific Facility Response Plans with spill reporting procedures; the site-specific Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasures Plans (SPCC); the Ground Water Protection Management Program (GWMP) document; the Pollution Prevention Plan, and the Environmental Monitoring Plan (EMP). The GWMP document and the EMP were revised during 1996, published in 1997, and reviewed during 1998 as required.

Associated procedures that support the SPR environmental program are located in the DM Environmental Instructions Manual. These procedures identify requirements, responsible personnel, deadlines, and governing standards. Each site has developed instructions that implement the environmental program specific to their facility.

3.2 REPORTING

Proper operation of the SPR with respect to the environment involves several types of reports and reporting procedures. The basic reports are summarized briefly in this section.

3.2.1 Spill Reports

The Facility Response Plans include procedures for reporting spills to the SPR contractor, DOE, and appropriate regulatory agencies. Specific reporting procedures are dependent upon several key factors including the quantity and type of material spilled, immediate and potential impacts of the spill, and spill location (e.g., wetland or water body). All spills of hazardous substances are first verbally reported to site management and then to the SPR contractor management in New Orleans and the onsite DOE representative. Verbal notification and associated written reports to the appropriate regulatory agencies occur as required, if the spill meets the reportable criteria. Final written reports from the site are submitted after cleanup, unless otherwise directed by the DOE or appropriate regulatory agency.

3.2.2 Discharge Monitoring Reports

Wastewater and stormwater discharges from SPR sites are authorized by EPA through the NPDES Program; through the LDEQ by the Louisiana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (LPDES); and through the Railroad Commission of Texas (RCT) by the Texas

Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Program.

Depending upon site-specific permit requirements, discharge sample analyses are reported monthly to EPA for Big Hill, Bryan Mound, and West Hackberry and quarterly for the remaining SPR sites. All state permits issued to the SPR require quarterly reporting to the appropriate state agency (LDEQ or RCT). Included in each report is an explanation of the cause and actions taken to correct any noncompliance or bypass that may have occurred during the reporting period.

3.2.3 Other Reports

The SPR contractor provides several other reports to, or on behalf of DOE. Table 3-1 contains a comprehensive list of environmental plans and reports.

Table 3-1. Federal, State, and Local Reporting Requirements

Regulation, Statute or Directive	Regulated Area	Enforcement Agency	Types of Required Permits, Applications, or Documentation	Routine Reporting Requirements
Clean Water Act as amended (FWPCA)	Wastewater discharges	U.S. EPA, Region VI	NPDES Permit	Quarterly & monthly monitoring reports
		LA Dept. of Env. Quality (LDEQ)	Water Discharge Permit	Quarterly monitoring reports
		Railroad Commission of Texas (RCT)	Water Discharge Permit	Quarterly monitoring reports
	Spill Prevention, Control and Countermeasures (SPCC)	U.S. EPA, LDEQ	SPCC Plan	Submit existing plan when spills on navigable waters exceed 1000 gals or occur >=2x in 1 year
Discharge notification	LDEQ, TNRC, RCT, U.S. DOT, EPA	Verbal and written notification	Non-permitted discharges over RQ	

Table 3-1. Federal, State, and Local Reporting Requirements
(Continued)

Regulation, Statute or Directive	Regulated Area	Enforcement Agency	Types of Required Permits, Applications, or Documentation	Routine Reporting Requirements
Clean Water Act as amended (FWPCA) (continued)	Dredging maintenance, and any construction in wetlands for structures. (Sections 404 & 10)	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (COE)	Construct & Maintain Permit, Maintenance Notifications	Two week advance of work start, notice suspension, and end.
	Wildlife refuges	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (US FWS)	Right-of-way for Construction and Maintenance	None
Coastal Zone Management Act	Wetlands construction within state coastal management zones	Louisiana Dept. of Natural Resources (LDNR), General Land Office (GLO)	Federal project consistency determinations	None
Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (amendment of FWPCA)	Oil spill response	U.S. EPA, LDEQ, USCG, TNRCC	Facility Response Plan, Oil Spill Response Cert.	None
		U.S. Dept. of Transportation(DOT)	Pipeline Response Plan	None
Oil Spill Prevention and Response Act of 1991	Oil spill response in Texas coastal zone	GLO	Discharge Prevention and Response Plan	Report spills of oil as required
			Discharge Prevention and Response Facility Cert.	None
Safe Drinking Water Act	Cavern formation, well workovers, and salt-water disposal wells	LDNR, Office of Conservation, Underground Injection and Mining Division	Well Workover Permit (WH-1)	Well Workover Report
			Cavern Inspection (29-M)	Semi-annual Cavern Inspection Report
			Saltwater Disposal (UIC-10)	Annual Saltwater Disposal Well Report
			Cavern Integrity Test Report	Annual Cavern Integrity
	Oil Wells Integrity (W-10)	Annual Oil Well Status Report		
		RCT	Brine Injection Permit (H-10)	Annual Disposal/ Injection Wells Reports
	Potable water	LA Dept. of Health & Hospitals (LDHH)	Chlorine Concentration	Monthly Chlorine Report

Table 3-1. Federal, State, and Local Reporting Requirements
(Continued)

Regulation, Statute or Directive	Regulated Area	Enforcement Agency	Types of Required Permits, Applications, or Documentation	Routine Reporting Requirements
Safe Drinking Water Act (continued)	Storage of oil in underground salt domes	LDNR, RCT	Storage permit	None
Clean Air Act	Control of hydrocarbon emissions from tanks, valves, and piping	LDEQ, TNRCC	Air Emissions Permit	Annual Emissions Inventory Questionnaires
		TNRCC	Air Emissions Permit Special Requirement	Monthly Tank Emissions
Resource Conservation and Recovery Act	Hazardous waste generation and disposal	LDEQ	Annual Generators Report	Annual report to agency
			LA Notification of HW Activity	New waste stream, change in generator status
			LA Uniform HW Manifest	Complete and submit form with disposal
		RCT	TX Uniform HW Manifest	Complete and submit form with disposal
	Used oil burned for recovery	LDEQ, TNRCC	Uniform Hw Manifest (Recycling)	Complete and submit form with disposal
	Non-hazardous oilfield waste disposal	LDNR	Non-Haz Oilfield Waste Shipping Control Ticket	Complete and submit form with disposal
		RCT	Minor Permit	Complete and submit for non-RCT permitted disposal facilities
Non-hazardous special	LDEQ, TNRCC	Shipping Paper	Complete and submit form with disposal	
Waste Management		LDEQ, TNRCC	Monthly waste inventory form	Complete for documentation
			Weekly waste inspection form	Complete for documentation

Table 3-1. Federal, State, and Local Reporting Requirements
(Continued)

Regulation, Statute or Directive	Regulated Area	Enforcement Agency	Types of Required Permits, Applications, or Documentation	Routine Reporting Requirements
Superfund Amendment Reauthorization Act	Reporting of inventories of hazardous substances and materials stored on site	Louisiana Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections, Texas Dept. of Health	Title III, Tier II	Annual Inventory Report
	Reporting of discharges of all listed hazardous materials	EPA	Toxic Release Inventory, Form R	Complete and submit form when threshold exceeded
Pollution Prevention Act of 1990	Strategy to incorporate pollution prevention into ES&H goals	EPA, DOE	Pollution Prevention Plan, Waste Min Plan, Waste Mgmt Plan, Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan	Annual Inspection and Update of Plan (rewrite every 3 yrs)
National Environmental Policy Act	Review of proposed projects for environmental considerations	U.S. Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ)	Environmental Impact statements, Environmental Assessments	Only when not tiered under other EIS or EA.
			Categorical Exclusions	For projects that require consent.
Federal Migratory Bird Act	Disturbance of bird nests	US FWS	Special Purpose Permit	As requested by USFWS
Miscellaneous State Environmental Regulations	Use of salt domes	LDNR	Permit for Use of Salt Domes for Hydro-carbon Storage	None
	Water withdrawal from coastal areas	TNRCC	Water Appropriation Permit	Annual Usage Report
	Pipeline usage	RCT	Pipeline and Gathering System Certification (T-4C)	Annual Certification
	Operation of brine ponds	LDNR, RCT	Operate and Maintain Permit	None

Table 3-1. Federal, State, and Local Reporting Requirements
(Continued)

Regulation, Statute or Directive	Regulated Area	Enforcement Agency	Types of Required Permits, Applications, or Documentation	Routine Reporting Requirements
DOE Orders	Environmental Planning (5400.1)	DOE	Environmental Protection and Implementation Plan	Annual revision
			Ground Water Protection Management Program Plan	Annual review (revision every 3 yrs)
			Environmental Monitoring Plan	Annual review (revision every 3 yrs)
			Site Environmental Report	Annual revision
	Environmental Monitoring	DOE	Performance Indicator	Quarterly report
	Waste Management	DOE	Annual Report on Waste Generation and Waste Min Progress	Annual summary of all wastes
	Budget/Planning	DOE	Affirmative Procurement Report ES&H Management Plan	Annual report Annual update

3.3

ENVIRONMENTAL PERMITS

The active environmental permits required by regulatory agencies to construct, operate, and maintain the SPR are discussed by site.

The SPR holds a general permit to discharge hydrostatic test water in the state of Louisiana that applies to all Louisiana SPR sites, including offsite pipelines. This permit requires quarterly reporting.

On August 27, 1996, Region VI EPA granted LDEQ primacy for the NPDES program in Louisiana that includes responsibility for all compliance and enforcement actions relating to the discharge of water in Louisiana. In the interim, both the administratively extended federal permits and the renewed (state) LWDPs permits will be valid. LDEQ will issue a single LPDES permit to replace the current LWDPs permits and NPDES permits for the Louisiana sites when they expire.

On September 9, 1997, the original coverage received from US EPA for Storm Water Discharges Associated with Industrial Activity expired. The SPRPMO elected to extend its existing coverage by an administrative process and awaited finalization of a proposed Multi-Sector General Permit (MSGP). The MSGP was promulgated at the close of CY 1998 and the SPRPMO submitted appropriately signed Notices of Intent for all sites in a letter dated December 22, 1998.

3.3.1

Bayou Choctaw

Table 3-2 lists the permits at Bayou Choctaw. Individual work permits are received from the Louisiana Underground Injection Control Division of LDNR for each well workover performed. State inspectors periodically visit the site to observe SPR operations. The site operated under a current LWDPs permit issued in March 1994. The NPDES renewal application, forwarded to Region VI EPA in November 1993, and accepted as administratively complete on January 3, 1994, was not acted upon in 1998. Louisiana receiving primacy, as described in Paragraph 3.3 of this section, has affected both discharge permits for Bayou Choctaw. An LPDES renewal application was submitted to the LDEQ on September 4, 1998.

An air quality permit variance request for additional hours to operate the emergency generator was approved by LDEQ in November 1998.

Table 3-2. Permits at Bayou Choctaw

PERMIT NUMBER	ISSUING AGENCY	PERMIT TYPE	EFFECTIVE DATE	EXPIRATION DATE	COMMENTS
LA0053040	EPA	NPDES	01/03/94		(1)
LAR00A280	LDEQ	NPDES*	02/09/99	12/31/03	(2)
WP0179	LDEQ	LWDPS	03/06/94	03/05/99	(3)
1280-00015- 01	LDEQ	Air	12/12/97	Open	(4)
None	LDNR	Injection	01/11/83	Open	(5)
SDS-1	LDNR	Injection	09/09/77	Open	(6)
LMNOD-SP (Bull Bay) 3	COE	Constr. & Maintain	01/30/79	-	(7)
LMNOD-SP(Iberville Parish Wetlands) 7	COE	Constr. & Maintain	09/26/77	-	(8)
LMNOD-SP(Iberville Parish Wetlands) 10	COE	Constr. & Maintain	06/12/78	-	(9)
LMNOD-SP(Iberville Parish Wetlands) 17	COE	Constr. & Maintain	11/06/78	-	(10)
LMNOD-SP(Iberville Parish Wetlands) 31	COE	Constr. & Maintain	05/27/80	-	(11)
LMNOD-SP(Iberville Parish Wetlands) 102	COE	Constr. & Maintain	09/26/77	-	(12)

- (1) Renewal application of 11/24/93 accepted as administratively complete on 1/3/94.
- (2) NPDES* Baseline General Permit for Storm Water Associated with Industrial Activity expired and was administratively extended by a NOI on 9/4/97. Multi-Sector General Permit coverage obtained as renewal in a 12/22/98 required second NOI.
- (3) Renewal permit effective 3/6/94. Fully implemented on 4/1/94.
- (4) Site air operating permit modified 12/97
- (5) Letter of financial responsibility to plug and abandon injection wells.
- (6) Permit approved use of salt dome cavities for storage of liquid hydrocarbons.
- (7) Maintain Bull Bay 24" brine disposal pipeline recorded with applicable Registrar of Deeds.
- (8) Construct and maintain well pads (brine disposal wells).
- (9) Enlarge existing well pads and construct access roads (brine disposal wells 1, 2, & 3.)
- (10) Construct and maintain access road to brine disposal well area. NOTE: brine disposal pipeline was constructed under NWP authority and maintenance is allowed in conjunction with the access road permit. Major maintenance performed in 1996.
- (11) Construct and maintain well pad, levees, access road & appurtenances to Cavern 102 and additional bank stabilization, warehouse pad and culvert per additions of 1983.
- (12) Construct and maintain ring levee, drill site and appurtenances, Well 101.

3.3.2 Big Hill

Table 3-3 lists the permits at Big Hill. In 1998, the site appropriated 146,009 m³ (118 acre-feet) of water from the Intracoastal Waterway exclusive of water for fire protection. This represents only 0.4 percent of the new revised total allowable withdrawal for a year.

The NPDES renewal application, forwarded to Region VI EPA in November 1993 and accepted as administratively complete on December 22, 1993, was not acted upon in 1998. A letter was sent to Region 6 as a reminder of the fifth anniversary of this outstanding renewal action.

Table 3-3. Permits at Big Hill

PERMIT NUMBER	ISSUING AGENCY	PERMIT TYPE	EFFECTIVE DATE	EXPIRATION DATE	COMMENTS
TX0092827	EPA	NPDES	12/22/93		(1)
TXR05G823	EPA	NPDES*	01/26/99	12/31/03	(2)
SWGCO-RP 16536 (01,02,03,04)	COE	Constr. & Maintain	01/11/84		(3)
P-7	F&WS	Constr. Operate	07/31/86 07/31/86	07/31/88 06/30/36	(4) (5)
9256	TNRCC	Air	04/22/98	04/22/08	
02939	RCT	Operate	11/28/83	Open	(6)
P000226A & P000226B	RCT	Operate/ Maintain	09/19/84	Open	(7)
0048295 0048320	RCT	Operate	05/09/83 06/23/83	Open Open	(8)
UHS-006	RCT	Water Disch.	09/01/94	08/31/99	(9)
4045A	TNRCC	Water Use	11/14/83	Open	(10)

- (1) Renewal submitted 11/24/93 - accepted as administratively complete 12/22/93.
- (2) NPDES* Baseline General Permit for Storm Water Associated with Industrial Activity expired and was administratively extended by and NOI on 9/4/97. Multi-Sector General Permit coverage obtained as renewal in a 12/22/98 required second NOI.
- (3) Permits to construct and maintain RWIS, raw water 48" pipeline, brine disposal 48" pipeline, crude oil 36" pipeline. Maintenance dredging clause renewed until 12/31/08. Modified in 1996 for new integrity test method.
- (4) Completion of raw water, brine disposal, and crude oil pipeline extended. Amended to install offshore pipeline by trenching.
- (5) Completion of pipeline construction extended. (48" Brine Pipeline)
- (6) Pipeline distribution system registration to operate crude oil lines. Renewed annually.
- (7) Permits to operate and maintain anhydrite and brine/oil pits.
- (8) Permits to create, operate, and maintain an underground hydrocarbon storage facility consisting of 14 caverns.
- (9) Corresponds to TX0092827 (EPA-NPDES). Permit renewed by RCT with an effective date of 09/01/94.
- (10) Permit amended in 1990 to allow for annual diversion of no more than 117,291 acre feet of water and to authorize diversion until termination of the project as a SPR operation. Modified in 1996 to reduce water set aside down to 30,000 ac/ft per year.

The Big Hill site continues to mix slightly higher pH raw water with the intermittent low pH brines in the onsite brine pond, sufficiently buffering the low pH prior to discharge in order to meet permitted effluent limitations as required. This approach appears satisfactory to avoid future noncompliant discharges of brines. Maintenance notifications made to the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers Galveston District (GALCOE) included repair and replacement activities for two traveling screens at the RWIS during 1998; a renewal of the ten-year duration maintenance dredging clause for the site's RWIS; and construction work at the RWIS involving sandblasting and painting of existing piping, some life extension repairs and the replacement of a number of the power supply poles leading down to the RWIS.

An application to renew the air permit at Big Hill was submitted to TNRCC in January 1998. TNRCC renewed the air permit in April 1998.

An exemption registration was approved by TNRCC in June 1998 for additional hours to operate the paint solvent recycler at Big Hill.

3.3.3

Bryan Mound

Table 3-4 lists the permits for the Bryan Mound site. The Bryan Mound site has a second TNRCC permit for the appropriation of state waters for the leaching program, site utility, and fire protection systems. The permit requires a yearly report of the quantity of water used. In 1998, the site used only a total of 24,517 m³ (20 acre-feet) of water from the Brazos River Diversion Channel. A total of 151 million m³ (122,186 acre-feet) of water has been appropriated to date for site activities which represents 36 percent of the total volume originally permitted for the life of the project.

Maintenance dredging was performed in 1998 under COE permit 12347 (as amended in 1995). A COE permit for construction and maintenance of the site's RWIS was modified to accommodate the life extension renovations proposed there and appropriate notifications were made to the state and federal agencies regarding increased recirculation flows anticipated. A draft permit (renewal) was received from the Railroad Commission for the permit UHS-004. This draft was subsequently finalized and issued early in CY 1999 and resulted from the required renewal application completed and sent 180 days prior to expiration in April 1998. In a separate action, a special discharge of oxygen scavenged water used to hydrostatically test new piping and connections for the heat exchanging unit was coordinated with both the state and federal agencies.

Table 3-4. Permits at Bryan Mound

PERMIT NUMBER	ISSUING AGENCY	PERMIT TYPE	EFFECTIVE DATE	EXPIRATION DATE	COMMENTS
TX0074012	EPA	NPDES	09/01/95	08/31/00	(1)
TXR05G824	EPA	NPDES*	01/26/99	12/31/03	(2)
SWGCO-RP-12347 (03)	COE	Dredging	04/24/95	12/31/06	(3)
3-67-782 (Docket#)	RCT	Injection	08/21/78	Open	(4)
3-70-377 (Docket#)	RCT	Injection	12/18/78	Open	(4)
P001447	RCT	Operate	10/30/84	Open	(5)
3681A	TNRCC	Water	07/20/81	Open	(6)
UHS-004	RCT	Water Disch	10/01/93	09/30/98	(7)
6176B	TNRCC	Air	01/11/95	Open	
82-8475	TDH&PT	Constr.	01/01/83	Open	(8)
SWGCO-RP-11666	COE	Constr. & Maintain	10/15/77	-	(9)
SWGCO-RP-12112	COE	Constr. & Maintain	07/25/77	-	(10)
SWGCO-RP-12062 (03)	COE	Constr. & Maintain	10/10/78	-	(11)
SWGCO-RP-14114 (01)	COE	Constr. & Maintain	05/18/85	-	(12)
SWGCO-RP-16177	COE	Constr. & Maintain	09/07/82	-	(13)
04994	RCT	Operate	*June/95	-	(14)

- (1) Renewal submitted 11/24/93. Accepted as administratively complete 1/3/94.
- (2) NPDES* Baseline General Permit for Storm Water Associated with Industrial Activity expired and was administratively extended by and NOI on 9/4/97. Multi-Sector General Permit coverage obtained as renewal in a 12/22/98 required second NOI.
- (3) Maintenance dredging of raw water intake extended to 12/31/06. (SWGCO-RP 12347 authorized constr. of RWIS). Extension/renewal authorizes spoil area addition.
- (4) Approval of oil storage and salt disposal program.
- (5) Authority to operate brine pond.
- (6) Permit expires after consumption of 367,088 acre-feet of water or project ends.
- (7) Corresponds with TX0074012 (EPA-NPDES). (Renewal submitted 1/30/89, RCT acted on permit in August, 1993; effective 10/1/93)
- (8) Corresponds with SWGCO-RP-16177.
- (9) for 30-inch crude oil pipeline to 3 miles SW from Freeport
- (10) for 30-inch crude oil pipeline to 2 miles S from Freeport
- (11) for 36-inch brine disposal pipeline & diffuser. Revision/amendment (01) deleted special condition (a) requiring maximized deep well injection; (02) approved construction of 24 inch replacement pipeline and diffuser in January 12, 1993. (03) added the offshore additions the new integrity test method.
- (12) general permit for pipeline crossings by directional drilling in navigable waters
- (13) place an 8-inch water line (PVC, potable)
- (14) Pipeline distribution system registration to operate crude oil lines. Renewed annually.

The Railroad Commission also granted approval to close the site's brine holding pond according to the plan presented in April 1998. This approval was contingent upon completion of a review of potential shallow ground water impacts and conditions, which was forwarded and accepted by June 1998.

In a separate action, shallow soils conditions around two of the site's four crude oil storage tanks were investigated and a comprehensive assessment of no discernible impact was forwarded to the RCT after some holes and pitting was discovered by a contractor hired to inspect and refurbish these facilities.

Bryan Mound continued to operate under the 1995 revised TNRCC air emission permit. This permit recognizes the standby status of the site and the concept that a presidentially-mandated drawdown and refill would be treated as a variance from the permitted emission limitations.

Air permitting and exemption registration with TNRCC was not required for the new slop oil tank because the tank meets the requirements of TNRCC Standard Exemption 86 and is less than 95 m³ (25,000 gals) in size.

3.3.4 St. James

The SPRMO successfully completed a long-term leasing arrangement for use of the St. James site by the private corporation Shell Oil Pipeline in 1997. Shell Oil Pipeline retains all responsibility for maintaining necessary permits at St. James with one exception. The site general stormwater permit has been temporarily maintained against potential future need regarding an ongoing spill cleanup.

Table 3-5. Permits at St. James Terminal

PERMIT NUMBER	ISSUING AGENCY	PERMIT TYPE	EFFECTIVE DATE	EXPIRATION DATE	COMMENTS
LAR00A276	EPA	NPDES	12/31/92	Terminated	(1)

(1) NPDES* General Storm Water permit; Notice of Intent made 09/30/92, Renewal NOI sent 09/04/97. Notice of Termination (NOT) sent to LDEQ in early 1999.

3.3.5 Weeks Island

The permits for Weeks Island are listed in Table 3-6.

As part of the Weeks Island decommissioning, several phases of crude oil skimming operations continued into 1998. SOFREGAZ, Inc. remains on site supplying brine for backfilling purposes as the crude oil inventory continues to be removed by skimming operations.

Table 3-6. Permits at Weeks Island

PERMIT NUMBER	ISSUING AGENCY	PERMIT TYPE	EFFECTIVE DATE	EXPIRATION DATE	COMMENTS
LA0056243	EPA	NPDES	12/22/93		(1)
LAR00A278	LDEQ	NPDES*	2/9/99	12/31/03	(2)
LMNOD-SP (Atchafalaya Floodway) 251	COE	Constr. & Maintain	07/12/78		(3)
1260-00065-04	LDEQ	Air	02/27/98	Open	(4)
SDS-8	LDNR	Injection	02/16/79	Open	(5)
WP1051	LDEQ	Water Disch.	06/26/94	06/25/99	(6)

- (1) Renewal submitted 11/24/93. Accepted as administratively complete 12/22/93.
- (2) NPDES* Baseline General Storm Water permit for Storm Water Associated with Industrial Activity expired and was administratively extended by a NOI on 9/4/97. Multi-Sector General Permit coverage obtained as renewal in a 12/22/98 required second NOI.
- (3) Recorded permit and amendments with applicable Parish Registrar of Deeds. Maintenance dredging clause renewed as needed.
- (4) Requires annual air emission inventory questionnaire.
- (5) Approval for use of salt dome cavities for storage of liquid hydrocarbons.
- (6) Permit request submitted to LDEQ to administratively extend the permit through 12/31/99 to accommodate decommissioning activities.

The NPDES renewal application, forwarded to Region VI EPA in November 1993, and accepted as administratively complete on December 22, 1993, was not acted upon in 1998. The state, since receiving primacy for this program, became the single agency for renewal of the discharge permitting and enforcement. The renewal application was submitted to the LDEQ for the LWDP5 WP1051 permit on December 21, 1998. Since decommissioning is scheduled for completion no later than December 31, 1999, DOE requested that the agency administratively extend the WP1051 until that date to accommodate decommissioning activities. LDEQ agreed to this in place of processing a permit application and possibly issuing a permit that will not be used.

A consistency determination was obtained for the construction of an aboveground pipeline connecting the main site with the Shell Corporation's barge loading docks. The action was taken for the

purpose of loading barges for transporting the skimmed crude oil and excess brine from the mine.

An air permit modification application was submitted to LDEQ in February 1998 to replace the existing 2.7 m (9 ft) diameter flare with a larger 3.7 m (12 ft) diameter flare. LDEQ issued a new air permit in February 1998.

The permit variance issued by LDEQ in 1997, to allow brine fill gas containing less than 3 percent VOCs to be vented directly to the atmosphere, was extended for an additional six months in June 1998 and December 1998.

3.3.6 West Hackberry

Permits for West Hackberry are listed in Table 3-7.

Table 3-7. Permits at West Hackberry

PERMIT NUMBER	ISSUING AGENCY	PERMIT TYPE	EFFECTIVE DATE	EXPIRATION DATE	COMMENTS
LA0053031	EPA	NPDES	01/03/94	01/02/99	(1)
LAR00A279	LDEQ	NPDES*	2/9/99	Terminated	(2)
LMNOD-SP (LTCS) 26	COE	Dredging	02/08/79	02/08/99	(3)
LMNOD-SP (Black Lk)31	COE	Dredging	10/26/82	09/39/96	(4)
LMNOD-SP (Black Lk)43	COE	Constr.& Maintain	07/26/84		(5)
LMNOD-SP (Gulf of Mexico) 2574	COE	Constr.& Maintain	08/11/80		(6)
LMNOD-SE (LTCS)40	COE	Constr.& Maintain	05/25/88		(7)
LMNOD-SP (Cameron Parish Wetlands) 162	COE	Constr. & Maintain	03/09/78	-	(8)
None	LDNR	Injection	08/07/79	Open	(9)
971198-9	LDNR	Injection	10/06/83	Open	(10)
WP1892	LDEQ	LWDPS	03/10/94	03/09/99	(11)
0560-00019-02	LDEQ	Air	11/24/97	Open	
SWGCO-RP-12342	COE	Constr. & Maintain	03/28/78		(12)
LMNOD-SP (Cameron Parish Wetlands) 152	COE	Constr. & Maintain	03/16/78		(13)

Table 3-7. Permits at West Hackberry (continued)

PERMIT NUMBER	ISSUING AGENCY	PERMIT TYPE	EFFECTIVE DATE	EXPIRATION DATE	COMMENTS
LMNOD-SP (Cameron Parish Wetlands) 276	COE	Constr. & Maintain	02/11/80		(14)
WM-19-980-3055	COE	Constr. & Maintain	06/29/98	06/29/00	(15)
WO-19-990-0537-WH	COE	Constr. & Maintain	12/10/98	12/10/00	(16)
D-9858	COE	Constr. & Maintain	10/05/98	10/05/99	(17)
WD-19-980-4056	COE	Constr. & Maintain	09/03/98	09/03/00	(18)

- (1) Renewal submitted 11/24/93. Accepted as administratively complete 1/3/94.
- (2) NPDES* Baseline General Storm Water permit for Storm Water Associated wit Industrial Activity expired and was administratively extended by a NOI on 9/4/97. Multi-Sector General Permit coverage obtained as renewal in a 12/22/98 required second NOI.
- (3) Maintenance dredging for raw water intake.
- (4) Maintenance dredging for fire water canal and extended boat slip access amendment of 1993.
- (5) Construction of erosion control dike completed in 1986. Maintenance dredging open until 7/26/94; addition of rip-rap amendment of 1993 open until 1995.
- (6) Amended to install parallel pipeline (05/29/86).
- (7) Permit to construct and maintain 36" crude oil pipeline from site to Texoma/LC Meter Station.
- (8) Permit to maintain 42" crude oil pipeline.
- (9) Approval to create 16 additional salt dome cavities.
- (10) Approval to construct and operate wells 117A and B.
- (11) Includes Texoma/Lake Charles Meter Station-Outfall 004. Permit renewal issued with an effective date of 3/10/94; fully implemented on 4/1/94. Renewal for LPDES permit sent 9/97
- (12) For 42" crude oil pipeline crossings of waters & waterways in Texas
- (13) For brine disposal wells, well pads, and brine disposal pipelines, (12", 20", & 24")
- (14) For well pads, levees, and access roads (Wells 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, & 115)
- (15) Spoil bank refurbishment and sign replacement at Black Bayou Cutoff pipeline crossing.
- (16) Subsidence mitigation for raising well pads and levees, new fence installation, and access roads.
- (17) Galveston COE permit for valve station upgrades along 42" crude line from WH to Sun Terminal.
- (18) New Orleans COE permit for valve station upgrades along 42" crude line from WH to Sun Terminal.

LDEQ issued a draft LPDES discharge permit in 1998 based on the renewal application submitted in September 1997. The final permit is expected to be issued during the first quarter of 1999.

A finalized closure plan was submitted in April 1998 to the LDNR for the site's main brine pond storage facility which includes a raw water pond and an anhydrite settling pond. This plan was concurred with in a letter of approval dated September 30, 1998, contingent upon receipt

of quarterly updates on the closure construction through the extended closure period.

Two permit variance requests were approved by LDEQ for additional hours to operate the emergency generator and for brine pond emissions associated with additional crude oil storage in the caverns. A small source exemption was approved by LDEQ for the addition of a new oil/water separator.

3.4

WASTE MINIMIZATION PROGRAM

The waste minimization program reduces the generation of all wastes including hazardous and non-hazardous sanitary wastes.

The SPR generated only RCRA hazardous and sanitary (non-hazardous municipal and non-hazardous oil field) wastes during 1998. The SPR sent 3.6 metric tons (mt) (8,002 lbs) of hazardous waste off site for incineration during 1998.

The SPR sent 423.6 mt (931,998 lbs) of sanitary waste off site for disposal during 1998. Bryan Mound, West Hackberry, Weeks Island, and Big Hill met their non-hazardous sanitary waste generation goals.

The SPR'S paper recycling goals are based on a fiscal year reporting period. The amount of office paper recycled exceeded 88 percent of the amount purchased in 1998. This value exceeds the FY 1998 goal of 60 percent and the FY 1999 goal of 70 percent. The SPR also shipped 19.2 mt (42,174 lbs) of used oil to be burned for energy during 1998.

Table 3-8 illustrates the materials and amounts recycled or reclaimed during 1998:

Table 3-8. 1998 Recycled/Reclaimed Materials

Material	Amount Recycled/ Reclaimed
Anhydrite	5,351 m ³ (7,000 yd ³)
Antifreeze	0.5 mt (1,140 lbs)
Batteries	1.5 mt (3,388 lbs)
Cardboard	2.4 mt (5,368 lbs)
Fluorescent lamps	0.5 mt (992 lbs)
Metallic mercury	0.04 mt (84 lbs)
Newspaper/magazines	1.2 mt (2,596 lbs)
Office and mixed paper	58.5 mt (128,612 lbs)
Oil filters	0.4 mt (814 lbs)
Scrap metal	631.8 mt (1,389,674 lbs)
Telephone books	0.2 mt (506 lbs)
Toner cartridges	0.2 mt (352 lbs)
Used oil burned for energy	19.2 mt (42,174 lbs)
X-ray film	0.5 mt (1,089 lbs)

Roughly 5,351 m³ (7,000 yds³) of anhydrite (calcium sulfate) was mixed with clay by a commercial recycler and used as road sub-base.

Proceeds from sales of scrap materials generated from life extension projects were returned to the U.S. Treasury. Sales of used pumps, valves, wellheads, and other hardware that will be refurbished and reused returned \$147,283, and sales of scrap metal returned \$9,481.

3.5 POLLUTION PREVENTION

Although pollution prevention (P2) is everyone's responsibility, P2 awareness is disseminated throughout the SPR through the Pollution Prevention Interdepartmental Team. The team is composed of P2 focal points from all sites, several departments in New Orleans, and a DOE representative. SPR-wide conference calls are conducted monthly to

discuss pollution prevention topics, thus increasing its scope of activity. Pollution prevention information was communicated to the entire SPR via e-mail and handouts. In 1998, pollution prevention awards were given to 36 SPR personnel for their involvement in recycling, material substitution, P2 activities, and waste minimization.

Two major pollution prevention awards were conferred on the SPR in 1998. The project received the DOE Fossil Energy ES&H Achievement Award for crude oil tank cleaning methodology that minimizes tank bottom waste. The M&O contractor received the Louisiana Governor's Environmental Leadership Award for mentoring suppliers and smaller companies to prevent pollution. The SPR provided waste minimization guidance to over 20 onsite contractors by explaining pollution prevention requirements, assisting with waste management plans, providing facilities lists and showing an in-house produced awareness video.

3.6

TRAINING

Site personnel with environmental responsibilities and Emergency Response Team (ERT) personnel have received training in environmental plans and procedures. Site management personnel are knowledgeable of environmental procedures, spill reporting procedures, the site-specific Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasures (SPCC) Plans, Facility Response Plans, and compliance awareness. ERT personnel from all sites participate in annual spill response refresher and hazardous materials technician training currently provided by the Texas A&M University, Engineering Extension Service. Onsite drills and exercises are also provided to practice spill cleanup and sharpen control skills. Site response personnel are trained to rapidly and effectively contain and cleanup oil,

brine, and hazardous substance spills under the circumstances typical at each SPR site. New Orleans personnel, who will be expected to provide site support during an incident response, have been trained to the hazardous materials technician level.

All site personnel and unescorted site visitors receive compliance awareness training via "The Active Force of Protection" videotape. SPCC and Hazardous Waste Handling training is mandatory and provided to applicable site personnel annually.

All M&O contractor New Orleans environmental staff have been trained to the National Registry of Environmental Professionals, Registered Environmental Manager, level and have been independently certified as such through examination.

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4. ENVIRONMENTAL RADIOLOGICAL PROGRAM INFORMATION

There are no radioactive process effluents from any SPR site. The only radioactive materials at any SPR site are sealed sources in certain field instruments.

4.1 **SEALED SOURCES**

A total of two nuclear density gauges located on the metering skid at the West Hackberry site. The gauges are used for monitoring fluid density changes (oil versus brine) in pipelines. Each gauge unit contains between 2000 and 4000 millicuries (mCi) of cesium 137.

Gauge wipe tests are performed every three years as required by the general license. The DOE is a general licensee under the manufacturer, Texas Nuclear. No radiation leakage has been detected from any of the gauges to date.

4.2 **NATURALLY OCCURRING RADIOACTIVE MATERIALS (NORM)**

A contracted survey, conducted at all SPR sites and the commercial pipe yard where SPR piping is stored, was completed in early 1991. The results, no readings of elevated levels at any location, were submitted to the state as required by Louisiana and Texas regulations. No additional monitoring is required due to the negative results of this 1991 NORM survey.

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5. ENVIRONMENTAL NON-RADIOLOGICAL PROGRAM INFORMATION

A primary goal of DOE and the SPR contractor is to ensure that all SPR activities are conducted in accordance with sound environmental practices and the environmental integrity of the SPR sites and their respective surroundings is maintained.

The two types of monitoring conducted at the SPR sites to assess the impact of SPR activity on air, surface water, and groundwater are effluent and surveillance monitoring. Effluent monitoring consists of measuring the pollutants of concern in airborne and liquid effluents at all the sites while surveillance monitoring consists of sampling the environmental media at or around the sites.

5.1 AIR QUALITY EFFLUENT MONITORING

The air pollutants of concern that are emitted by the SPR sites are either hazardous or have an impact on the ambient air quality. The hazardous air pollutants (HAP) are benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, and xylene. The non-hazardous pollutants that have an impact on air quality are non-methane/non-ethane volatile organic compounds (VOC), nitrogen oxides (NO_x), sulfur dioxides (SO₂), carbon monoxide (CO), and particulate matter (PM₁₀).

Effluent monitoring for air pollutants consists of monitoring processes and calculating the effluent volume through the use of acceptable industry practices. These results are compared to the permitted limits to ensure that they are in compliance. Effluent monitoring at the SPR consists of measuring the run-time of diesel generators; the volume and type of crude oil flowed through frac tanks, floating roof tanks, gasoline tanks, and oil/water separators; the volume of paint and solvent used on site; the volume of brine placed into the brine pond; and counting the number of piping components that emit over the acceptable regulatory limits (leakers) by sniffing all components with an organic vapor analyzer (OVA.)

Effluent monitoring for air pollutants is conducted at both Texas sites (Big Hill and Bryan Mound) and three Louisiana sites (Bayou Choctaw, Weeks Island, and West Hackberry). The results are reported to state agencies through EIQs except for Bayou Choctaw and West Hackberry. These sites are exempt from reporting because their emissions are below the regulatory threshold for reporting in their respective ozone attainment areas. Even though the results of the monitoring for Bayou Choctaw and West Hackberry are not reported, they are used to determine compliance with the permit.

Another type of monitoring conducted at the SPR sites is air pollution control equipment monitoring. The air regulations require that the seals on internal and external floating roof tanks be inspected at frequent intervals for visible tears, holes, or cumulative gaps exceeding regulatory limits and to ensure they are operating accordingly. Big Hill has an external floating roof tank that requires inspection of the primary (every five years) and secondary (semi-annual) seals. The three internal floating roof tanks at Bryan Mound require seal inspections every year because the roofs only have a mechanical shoe seal.

5.1.1

Bayou Choctaw

Bayou Choctaw, located in a serious nonattainment area for ozone, is permitted to emit 8.3 metric tpy (9.1 tpy) of VOC. Since the site emits less than nine metric tpy (10 tpy), it does not require an EIQ to report its annual emissions. Although Bayou Choctaw is exempt from reporting emissions, effluent monitoring was conducted in 1998 on all permitted sources. These sources include the volume of crude oil in slop tanks and frac tanks, volume of brine into the brine pond, sniffing piping components to determine number of leakers, and monitoring the run-time of the emergency generators. Bayou Choctaw operated in accordance with all air quality regulatory requirements in 1998. Table

5-1 is a summary of the permitted limit requirements for Bayou Choctaw.

Table 5-1. Parameters for the Bayou Choctaw Emission Points

Emission Point Description	Parameter	Permit Limits Metric tpy (tpy)
Crude & Slop Oil Tanks	VOC	0.59 (0.65)
Gasoline Fuel Tank	VOC	0.37 (0.41)
Frac Tanks	VOC	2.63 (2.90)
Brine Pond	VOC	1.14 (1.26)
Fugitive Emissions	VOC	3.28 (3.62)
Air Eliminator	VOC	0.06 (0.07)
Emergency Generators/Pumps	VOC	0.16 (0.18)
	PM ₁₀	0.08 (0.09)
	SO ₂	0.70 (0.77)
	NO _x	5.29 (5.83)
	CO	1.15 (1.27)

5.1.2

Big Hill

The Big Hill site, located in a moderate nonattainment area for ozone, is permitted to emit 13.7 metric tpy (15.1 tpy) of VOC. Since it emits more than nine metric tpy (10 tpy), it requires an EIQ to report its annual emissions. Effluent monitoring was conducted in 1998 on all permitted sources such as the volume of crude oil in slop tanks, frac tanks, and surge tank; volume of brine into the brine pond; sniffing piping components to determine number of leakers; and monitoring the run-time of the emergency generators. Big Hill operated in accordance with all air quality regulatory requirements in 1998. Table 5-2 is a summary of the permitted limit requirements for Big Hill.

Table 5-2. Parameters for the Big Hill Emission Points

Emission Point Description	Parameter	Permit Limits, Metric tpy (tpy)
Crude & Slop Oil Tanks	VOC	0.59 (0.65)
Gasoline & Diesel Fuel Tanks	VOC	0.25 (0.28)
Brine Pond	VOC	2.86 (3.15)
Fugitive Emissions	VOC	8.47 (9.34)
Air Eliminator	VOC	1.36 (1.50)
Solvent Recycler	VOC	0.05 (0.06)
	Acetone	0.01 (0.01)
Emergency Generators/Pumps	VOC	0.11 (0.12)
	PM ₁₀	0.07 (0.08)
	SO ₂	0.64 (0.71)
	NO _x	2.38 (2.62)
	CO	0.52 (0.57)

5.1.3 Bryan Mound

The Bryan Mound site, located in a severe nonattainment area for ozone, is permitted to emit 17.2 metric tpy (19 tpy) of VOC. Since it emits more than nine metric tpy (10 tpy), it requires an EIQ to report its annual emissions. Effluent monitoring was conducted in 1998 on all permitted sources. These sources include the volume of crude oil in slop tanks, frac tanks, and three internal floating roof tanks; volume of brine into the brine pond; sniffing piping components to determine number of leakers; and monitoring the run-time of the emergency generators. Bryan Mound operated in accordance with all air quality regulatory requirements in 1998. Table 5-3 is a summary of the permitted limit requirements for Bryan Mound.

Table 5-3. Parameters for the Bryan Mound Emission Points

Emission Point Description	Parameter	Permit Limits, Metric tpy (tpy)
Crude Oil Tanks	VOC	12.34 (13.60)
Gasoline & Diesel Fuel Tanks	VOC	0.20 (0.22)
Brine Pond	VOC	1.05 (1.16)
Fugitive Emissions	VOC	2.95 (3.25)
Paints & Solvents	VOC	0.63 (0.69)
Emergency Generators/Pumps	VOC	0.05 (0.06)
	PM ₁₀	0.15 (0.17)
	SO ₂	0.19 (0.21)
	NO _x	1.63 (1.80)
	CO	0.46 (0.51)

5.1.4 Weeks Island

Weeks Island, located in an attainment area for ozone, is permitted to emit 84.3 metric tpy (92.9 tpy) of VOC. Since it emits more than 45.4 metric tpy (50 tpy), it requires an EIQ to report its annual emissions. Effluent monitoring was conducted in 1998 on all permitted sources such as the flare, piping components, and monitoring the run-time of the emergency generators. Weeks Island operated in accordance with all air quality regulatory requirements in 1998. Table 5-4 is a summary of the permitted limit requirements for Weeks Island.

Table 5-4. Parameters for the Weeks Island Emission Points

Emission Point Description	Parameter	Permit Limits, Metric tpy (tpy)
Portable Enclosed Flare	VOC	78.81 (86.87)
	BTEX	0.07 (0.08)
	NO _x	5.81 (6.40)
	CO	7.74 (8.53)
Gasoline Fuel Tank	VOC	0.21 (0.23)
Fugitive Emissions	VOC	4.61 (5.08)
Air Eliminator	VOC	0.44 (0.48)
Emergency Generators/Pumps	VOC	0.24 (0.27)
	PM ₁₀	0.77 (0.85)
	SO ₂	0.97 (1.07)
	NO _x	8.19 (9.03)
	CO	2.11 (2.33)

5.1.5 West Hackberry

West Hackberry, located in an ozone attainment area, is permitted to emit 37 metric tpy (40.8 tpy) of VOC. Since the site emits less than 45.4 metric tpy (50 tpy), it does not require an EIQ to report its annual emissions. Although West Hackberry is exempt from reporting emissions, effluent monitoring was conducted in 1998 on all permitted sources. These sources include the volume of crude oil in slop tanks and frac tanks, volume of brine into the brine pond, sniffing piping components to determine number of leakers, and monitoring the run-time of the emergency generators. West Hackberry operated in accordance with all air quality regulatory requirements in 1998. Table 5-5 is a summary of the permitted limit requirements for West Hackberry.

Table 5-5. Parameters for the West Hackberry Emission Points.

Emission Point Description	Parameter	Permit Limits, Metric tpy (tpy)
Slop Oil Tanks	VOC	1.81 (1.99)
Gasoline Fuel Tank	VOC	0.25 (0.28)
Frac Tanks	VOC	23.86 (26.30)
Brine Pond	VOC	0.95 (1.05)
Fugitive Emissions	VOC	9.71 (10.70)
Air Eliminator	VOC	0.06 (0.07)
Emergency Generators/Pumps	VOC	0.41 (0.45)
	PM ₁₀	0.20 (0.22)
	SO ₂	0.02 (0.02)
	NO _x	12.59 (13.88)
	CO	2.75 (3.03)

5.2 WATER DISCHARGE EFFLUENT MONITORING

The water discharge permit monitoring program fulfills the requirements of the EPA NPDES, and corresponding state TPDES, LWDPs, and the new LPDES programs. All SPR point source discharges are conducted in compliance with these federal and state programs. SPR personnel regularly conducted point source discharges from all sites during 1998. These discharges are grouped as:

- a. brine discharge to the Gulf of Mexico;
- b. storm water runoff from tank, well, and pump pads;
- c. rinse water from vehicles at specific locations draining to permitted outfalls;
- d. effluent from package sewage treatment plants; and
- e. hydrostatic test water for piping or tanks (LA only).

Approximately 83 percent of the brine was disposed in the Gulf of Mexico via the Bryan Mound (65 percent of the total) and the Big Hill (17 percent of the total) brine disposal pipelines. The remainder was disposed in saline aquifers via injection wells at the Bayou Choctaw (0.9 percent of the total) and West Hackberry (16 percent of the total) sites. In 1998, less than 0.1 percent of the total was disposed at permitted offsite disposal wells. Saltwater recirculation was continued at the Weeks Island site throughout the year. The saltwater is taken from sumps within the oil storage chamber and reintroduced at the top of salt near the sinkhole location. This permitted activity has been found to be an effective mitigative factor in preventing continued sinkhole growth and water seepage. This recirculating volume of 29,826 bbls is not considered in the disposal figures as it represents an operational process, but it is incorporated in the brine spill performance calculation.

During 1998, 8,070 measurements and analyses were performed to monitor wastewater discharge quality from the SPR in accordance with NPDES and corresponding state permits. The SPR was in compliance with permit requirements for approximately 99.9 percent of the analyses performed. A total of 11 permit noncompliances were reported during CY 1998 (Tables 5-8, 5-10, 5-13.) Six noncompliances were the result of samples being outside of the permit parameter limits

with the remaining five resulting from recordkeeping or operator errors. All noncompliances were of short duration and immediately resolved, causing no observable adverse environmental impact.

Parameters monitored varied by site and discharge. Separate tables provide specific parameters and the most frequent sampling interval (based on permit limitations). More frequent measurements are often made of certain parameters that assist with unit operations; these additional data are reported as required by law. The data measurement variations observed during CY 1998 are discussed in separate sections by site.

5.2.1

Bayou Choctaw

Bayou Choctaw personnel performed a total of 1,116 measurements on permitted outfalls and reporting stations to monitor NPDES and state permit compliance during 1998. Table 5-6 provides the permit required monitoring parameters and limits for the Bayou Choctaw outfalls. There were no noncompliances in 1998 resulting in a site compliance performance of 100 percent.

Most monitoring is related to water discharges regulated under the EPA (NPDES) permit and a corresponding permit issued by the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ) Office of Water Resources. Discharges are from two package sewage treatment plants (STP), and storm water runoff from well pads, pump pads (containment areas), and the site vehicle rinsing station.

Table 5-6. Parameters for the Bayou Choctaw Outfalls

Location/Discharge	Parameter	Frequency	Compliance Range
Sewage Treatment Plants	Flow	1/mo	(Report only)
	BOD ₅	1/mo	<45 mg/l max <30 mg/l avg
	TSS	1/mo	<45 mg/l max <30 mg/l avg
	pH	1/mo	6.0 - 9.0
	Fecal Coliform	1/6 mo	<400 co./100 ml
Storm Water and Vehicle Rinsing	Flow	Daily when disch	(report only)
	Oil and Grease	Daily	<15 mg/l
	pH	Daily	6.0 - 9.0
	TOC	Daily	<50 mg/l

5.2.2

Big Hill

During 1998, 2,051 measurements were performed to monitor NPDES and state discharge permit compliance. Table 5-7 provides the permit required monitoring parameters and limits for the Big Hill outfalls. There were three noncompliances during 1998 (Table 5-8) resulting in a 99.9 percent site compliance performance level.

Water discharges at Big Hill are regulated and enforced through the EPA NPDES permit program and the similar RCT discharge permit program (TPDES). The discharges at the site involve brine to the Gulf of Mexico, hydroclone blowdown into the Intracoastal Waterway, effluent from the sewage treatment plant, vehicle rinsing station, and storm water from well pads and pump pads. There were no discharges during 1998 from the hydroclone blowdown system.

Table 5-7. Parameters for the Big Hill Outfalls

Location/Discharge	Parameter	Frequency	Compliance Range
Brine to Gulf	Flow	Continuously	0.27 million m ³ /day
	Velocity	Per flow	>6.1 m/sec (20 ft/sec)
	Oil & Grease	Daily	<15 mg/l max, <10 mg/l avg
	TDS	1/wk	(report only)
	TSS	1/wk	(report only)
	pH	1/mo	6.0 - 9.0 su
	DO	Daily	detectable (when using O ₂ scavenger)
	Integrity Tests	1/6 mo	within 4%
Storm Water and Car Wash	Oil and Grease	Daily	<15 mg/l
	TOC	Daily	< 50 mg/l
	pH	Daily	6.0 - 9.0 su
	Salinity	1/mo	<8 ppt (RWIS report only)
Sewage Treatment Plant (TPDES only)	Flow	5 days/wk	(report only)
	BOD ₅	1/mo	<45 mg/l max <20 mg/l avg
	COD	1/mo	<250 mg/l max <150 mg/l avg
	TSS	1/mo	<45 mg/l max <20 mg/l avg
	pH	1/mo	6.0 - 9.0 su
Hydroclone Blowdown (not used)	Flow	1/wk	report
	TSS	1/wk	report
	pH	1/wk	6.0 - 9.0 su

Table 5-8. 1998 Permit Noncompliances at Big Hill

Date	Outfall Location	Permit Parameter	Value (Limit)	Cause
02/17/98	Sewage Treatment Plant (STP)	TSS	86 mg/l (45 mg/l)	TSS sample from STP indicated 86 mg/l which is above daily max of 45 mg/l. Result is suspect since operator indicated no visual or odor problems and BOD ₅ was only 19.5 mg/l.
06/23/98	Sewage Treatment Plant (STP)	BOD ₅	52 Hr. Holding Time (48 Hrs.)	When contract lab returned results of sample obtained from STP, it was discovered BOD ₅ was not analyzed within the allowed 48 hr. hold time (exceeded by 4 hrs). No other samples pulled during the month and no time to analyze another sample. Data stood alone for June.

Table 5-8. 1998 Permit Noncompliances at Big Hill
 (continued)

Date	Outfall Location	Permit Parameter	Value (Limit)	Cause
10/29/98	Foam Retention Pond	Salinity	(8 ppt)	Technical noncompliance occurred at Outfall 003 when operator used an uncalibrated refractometer to analyze a storm water sample for salinity. Site chemist discovered situation while performing QA/QC of analysis.

5.2.3

Bryan Mound

Bryan Mound personnel made 2,057 measurements on permitted outfalls for the purpose of monitoring NPDES and state discharge permit compliance during 1998. Table 5-9 provides the permit-required parameters and limits for the Bryan Mound outfalls. There were three noncompliances during 1998 (Table 5-10) resulting in a 99.9 percent site compliance performance level.

Water discharges at Bryan Mound are regulated and enforced through the EPA NPDES permit program and the similar RCT discharge permit program for state waters (TPDES). Under provisions of the new permit Bryan Mound was able to reduce the frequency of its biomonitoring to annual based on the lethal No Observed Effect Concentration (NOEC) being below the permitted limit. The three permitted discharges are brine to the Gulf of Mexico; storm water from the tank farm, well pads, and pump pads; and package sewage treatment plant effluent.

Table 5-9. Parameters for the Bryan Mound Outfalls

Location/Discharge	Parameter	Frequency	Compliance Range
Brine to Gulf	Flow	Continuously	report only
	Velocity	Per flow	>6.1 m/sec (20 ft/sec)
	Oil & Grease	Daily	<15 mg/l max <10 mg/l avg.
	TDS	1/mo	(report only)
	TSS	1/mo	(report only)
	pH	1/mo	6.0 - 9.0 su
	Copper	1/mo	<0.21 mg/l
Biomonitoring		1/yr if no exceedance	Lethal NOEC 1.53%
	Integrity test	1/6 mo when flow	Offshore within 4% of onshore
Storm Water	Flow	1/wk	(report only)
	Oil and Grease	1/mo	<15 mg/l
	TOC	1/mo	< 50 mg/l (RCT)
	pH	1/mo	<75 mg/l (EPA)
	Copper	1/mo	6.0 - 9.0 su
	Salinity	1/mo	< 8 ppt
	Recirculated Raw Water	Flow	1/mo
Sewage Treatment Plant	Flow	5/wk	(report only) (RCT only) <.006 mgd max <.004 mgd avg.
	BOD ₅	every 2 wk	<45 mg/l max <20 mg/l avg.
	COD	every 2 wk	<250 mg/l max (RCT only) <150 mg/l avg.
	Chlorine	2/mo	1.0 mg/l
	pH	every 2 wk	6.0 - 9.0 su
	TSS	every 2 wk	<45 mg/l max <20 mg/l avg.

Table 5-10. 1998 Permit Noncompliances at Bryan Mound

Date	Outfall Location	Permit Parameter	Value (Limit)	Cause
01/14/98	Brine pond pump pad	Flow	<20fps (≥20fps)	Temporary pump was positioned at brine pond's pump pad replacing the permanent pumps which were removed. After coming on line and allowing pump to stabilize, it was determined that flow was less than the required 20 fps. Flow was stopped and accommodations were made for manifolding additional pumpage to finish the flow.
05/22/98	Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) Outfall 002	Residual Chlorine	0.3 mg/l (1.0 mg/l)	Residual chlorine reading at Outfall 002 was 0.3 mg/l which was below permitted daily average and daily maximum requirement of a minimum of 1.0 mg/l. Cause was a faulty chlorine pump sensor which was corrected.
12/02/98		Salinity	69 ppt. (8 ppt.)	Contractor dewatering headers/piping discharged approximately 32 bbls brine at 69 ppt. to ditch causing fish kill. Contractor apparently misread refractometer.

5.2.4 Weeks Island

During 1998, 288 measurements were performed on permitted outfalls to monitor NPDES compliance. Table 5-11 provides the permit required monitoring parameters and limits for the Weeks Island outfalls. There were no noncompliances in 1998 resulting in a site compliance performance level of 100 percent.

The water discharges at Weeks Island are regulated and enforced in accordance with the new LPDES program which incorporates the old EPA NPDES permit and the current LWDPS (state) water discharge permit. There are separate outfalls (01B and 002) for each package sewage treatment plant. Outfall 01A handles all of the storm water runoff collected in an onsite retention pond (Figure 5-7). There was no

discharge from the iron removal unit (Outfall 003) in 1998. The water condensing unit for the mine air (Outfall 004) operated nearly continuously in 1998.

Table 5-11. Parameters for the Weeks Island Outfalls

Location/Discharge	Parameter	Frequency	Compliance Range
Storm Water	Flow	1/mo	(report only)
	Oil and Grease	1/mo	<15 mg/l
	pH	1/mo	6.0 - 9.0 su
	TOC	1/mo	<50 mg/l
	TSS	1/mo	<45 mg/l
	COD	1/mo	<125 mg/l
Sewage Treatment Plant	Flow	1/mo	(report only)
	BOD ₅	1/mo	<45 mg/l
	TSS	1/mo	<45 mg/l
	Fecal Coliform	1/mo	<400 colonies/100 ml
	pH	1/mo	6.0 - 9.0 su
Mine Air Dryer Condensate Water	Flow	1/mo	(report)
	pH	1/mo	6.0 - 9.0 s.u.
	TOC	1/mo	(report)

5.2.5 West Hackberry

West Hackberry personnel performed 2,558 measurements on permitted outfalls to monitor NPDES compliance during 1998. Table 5-12 provides the permit-required parameters and limits for the West Hackberry outfalls. There were five noncompliances during 1998 (Table 5-13); therefore, the site compliance level was 99.8 percent.

Table 5-12. Parameters for the West Hackberry Outfalls

Location/Discharge	Parameter	Frequency	Compliance Range
Brine to Gulf	Flow	Continuously	0.17 million m ³ /day
	Velocity	Per flow	>7.6 m/sec (25 ft/sec)
	Oil & Grease	1/day	<15 mg/l
	TSS	1/day	(report only)
	TDS	1/day	(report only)
	pH	1/mo	6.0 - 9.0 su
	DO	1/day	detectable (when using O ₂ scavenger)
Sewage Treatment Plant	Flow	1/mo	(report only)
	BOD ₅	1/mo	<15 mg/l
	TSS	1/mo	<45 mg/l
	Fecal Coliform	1/6 mo	400 col./100 ml
	pH	1/mo	6.0 - 9.0 su
Storm Water	Flow	1/day	(report only)
	Oil and Grease	1/day	<15 mg/l
	TOC	1/day	< 50 mg/l
	pH	1/day	6.0 - 9.0 su
Vehicle Rinse Station	TSS		< 45 mg/l

Table 5-13. 1998 Permit Noncompliances at West Hackberry

Date	Outfall Location	Permit Parameter	Value (Limit)	Cause
Feb. '98	N/A	Multiple	(see cause)	Administrative recordkeeping errors and unsubstantiated data were discovered, LDEQ was notified, and steps were taken to correct and resubmit the DMRs. The errors resulted in 2 permit noncompliances for the month of February.
03/31/98	Sewage Treatment Plant (STP)	BOD ₅	17 mg/l (15 mg/l daily max)	Lab results from STP indicated BOD ₅ result of 17 mg/l which is above the daily max of 15 mg/l. Excursion attributed to short term upset caused by seasonal changes.
05/22/98	Cavern 11 Wellpad	TOC	81.2 mg/l (NPDES 75 mg/l) (LWDPS 50 mg/l)	TOC result of 81.2 mg/l exceeded the NPDES limit of 75 mg/l and LWDPS limit of 50 mg/l. Verification analysis was performed and yielded 82.6 mg/l value. Suspect contaminated sample bottle.
12/11/98	High Pressure Pump Pad (HPPP)	TOC pH	Invalid Sample	Invalid sample was collected on storm water discharge from HPPP disallowing TOC and pH analyses.

The water discharges at the West Hackberry site are regulated under the EPA (NPDES) permit and a corresponding permit issued by the LDEQ Office of Water Resources. The three categories of discharges and their parameters at West Hackberry are brine disposal to the Gulf of Mexico; sewage treatment plant effluent; vehicle rinsing, station, and storm water runoff from well pads and pump pads.

5.3

SURFACE WATER QUALITY SURVEILLANCE MONITORING

During 1998, surface waters of the Bayou Choctaw, Big Hill, Bryan Mound, and West Hackberry SPR sites were sampled and monitored for general water quality according to the SPR Environmental Monitoring Plan which is required by DOE Order 5400.1. Monitoring is conducted to provide early detection of surface water quality degradation resulting from SPR operations. It is separate from, and in addition to, the water discharge permit monitoring program. Surface water quality monitoring was not conducted at Weeks Island because of the low potential to impact surface waters at this site.

Data and statistics are presented in tabular form by site in Tables 5-14 through Table 5-17. All observed values that were below detectable limit (BDL) were evaluated as one-half the detection limit for statistical calculation purposes. In addition to commonly used statistical methods, the coefficient of variation (CV) was incorporated to evaluate the data. The coefficient of variation is used to quickly identify data sets with a high incidence of variation. Values approaching or exceeding 100 percent indicate that one standard deviation from the stated mean encompasses zero. Such occurrences invalidate the data from a statistical utility standpoint. This method draws attention to highly variable data sets for further evaluation. Extremely low values of CV (approaching or equal 0.0) indicate little or no variation which

may be caused by a preponderance of measurements below the method limit of detectability.

5.3.1 Bayou Choctaw

Samples were collected and analyzed monthly, where possible, for seven surface water monitoring stations. Monitoring stations A through G are identified in Figure 5-1. Parameters monitored include pH, salinity (SAL), temperature, dissolved oxygen (DO), oil and grease (O&G), and total organic carbon (TOC) (Table 5-14). A discussion of each parameter follows.

5.3.1.1 Hydrogen Ion Activity (pH)

The annual median values of pH for all the monitored stations ranged from 7.1 to 7.4 s.u. which is consistent with the ambient conditions of surrounding waters. Fluctuations observed are attributed to environmental and seasonal factors such as variations in rainfall, temperature, and aquatic system flushing.

5.3.1.2 Temperature

Observed temperature ranged from 7.3° C to 29.9° C. Temperature fluctuations were consistent among all stations and are attributed solely to meteorological conditions since the Bayou Choctaw site produces no thermal discharges.

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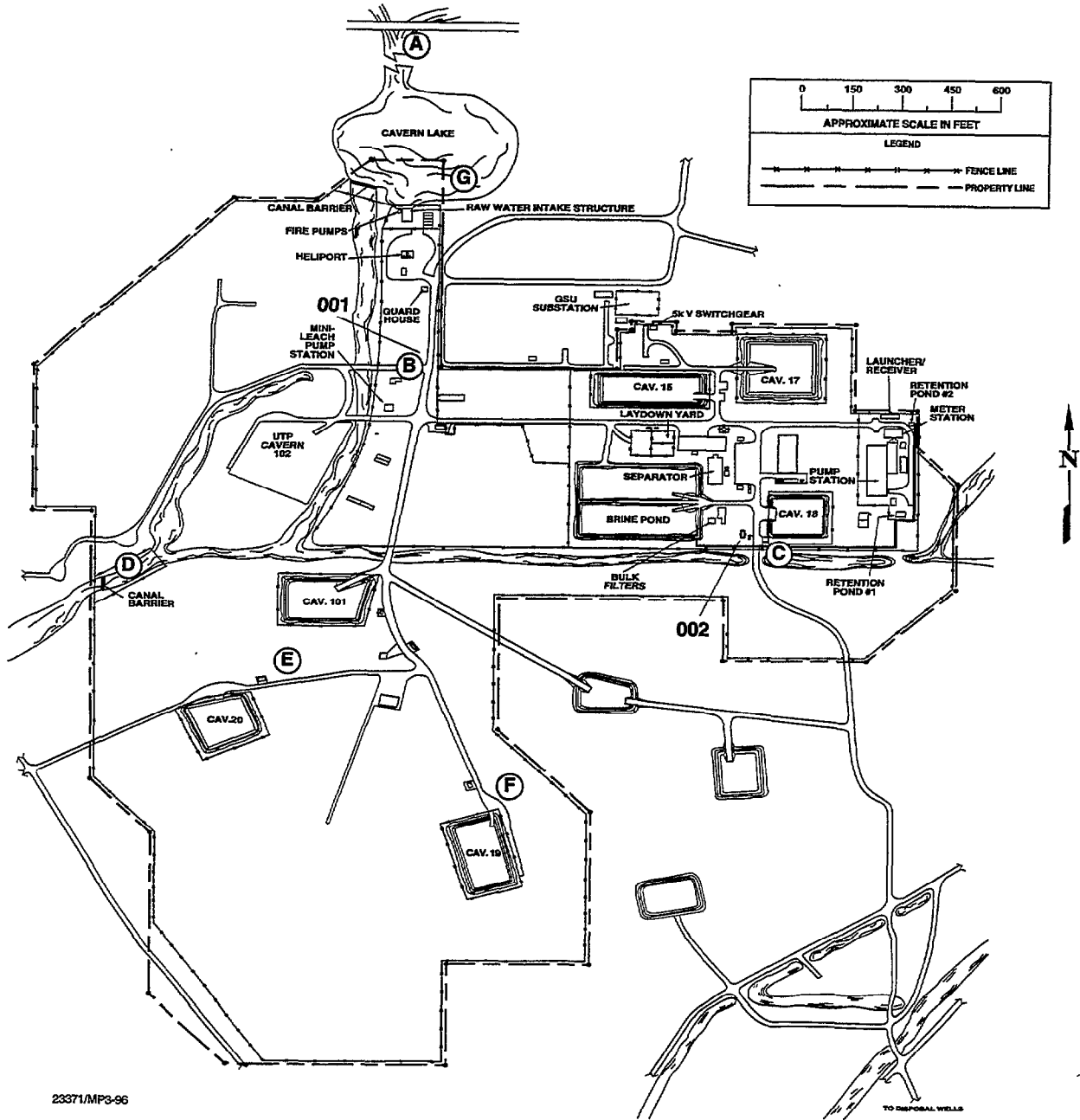


Figure 5-1
(Sheet 1 of 2) Bayou Choctaw Environmental Monitoring Stations

Federal Discharge Monitoring Stations

- 001 Discharge from sewage treatment plant (administration building)
- 002 Discharge from sewage treatment plant (control building)

Storm Water Discharges

- Storm water and pump flush from pump pads
- Storm water runoff from well pads 15, 17-20, and 101
- Storm water runoff from brine disposal well pads

Water Quality Monitoring Stations

- A Canal north of Cavern Lake at perimeter road bridge
- B Ditch running under the road to warehouse on West side of the road in area of heat exchangers.
- C East-West Canal at Intersection of road to brine disposal wells
- D East-West Canal at cavern 10
- E Wetland Area near well pad 20
- F Wetland Area near well pad 19
- G Near Raw Water Intake

Figure 5-1
(Sheet 2 of 2) Bayou Choctaw Environmental Monitoring Stations

Table 5-14. 1998 Data Summary for Bayou Choctaw Monitoring Stations

Station	Statistical Parameters	pH (s.u.)	Temperature (deg. C)	Salinity (ppt)	Oil & Grease (mg/l)	Dissolved Oxygen (mg/l)	Total Organic Carbon (mg/l)
A	Sample Size	13	13	13	5	13	13
	Number of BDL	0	NV	13	5	0	0
	Maximum	8.2	29.6	0.5	2.5	5.5	17.7
	Minimum	6.4	15	0.5	2.5	0.5	0.5
	Mean	NV	22.6	0.5	2.5	3.3	5.6
	Median	7.2	21.6	0.5	2.5	3.5	6.0
	Standard Deviation	NV	5.0	0	0	1.4	4.6
	Coefficient of Variation	NV	22.0	0	0	41.1	81.6
B	Sample Size	12	12	12	4	12	12
	Number of BDL	0	NV	7	4	0	0
	Maximum	7.8	28.6	6.0	2.5	6.0	43.4
	Minimum	6.9	13.5	0.5	2.5	1.0	2.2
	Mean	NV	22.2	1.3	2.5	2.8	8.9
	Median	7.2	23.4	0.5	2.5	2.8	5.5
	Standard Deviation	NV	5.2	1.6	0	1.3	11.3
	Coefficient of Variation	NV	23.6	128.2	0	48.7	127.1
C	Sample Size	12	12	12	4	12	12
	Number of BDL	0	NV	11	4	0	0
	Maximum	7.6	29.9	3.0	2.5	6.0	25.5
	Minimum	6.8	14.2	0.5	2.5	2.0	1.5
	Mean	NV	22.8	0.7	2.5	3.9	10.1
	Median	7.4	24.3	0.5	2.5	3.8	7.8
	Standard Deviation	NV	5.7	0.7	0	1.3	6.5
	Coefficient of Variation	NV	25.0	101.8	0	32.6	64.5
D	Sample Size	12	12	12	4	12	12
	Number of BDL	0	NV	12	4	0	0
	Maximum	7.7	29.4	0.5	2.5	6.0	24.6
	Minimum	6.8	14.4	0.5	2.5	2.5	0.5
	Mean	NV	22.4	0.5	2.5	3.5	6.3
	Median	7.2	23.3	0.5	2.5	3.3	3.9
	Standard Deviation	NV	5.5	0	0	1.2	6.4
	Coefficient of Variation	NV	24.4	0	0	33.6	101.1
E	Sample Size	12	12	12	4	12	12
	Number of BDL	0	NV	12	4	0	1
	Maximum	7.6	28.5	0.5	2.5	4.5	29.8
	Minimum	6.7	10.9	0.5	2.5	1.0	0.5
	Mean	NV	21.6	0.5	2.5	2.8	12.5
	Median	7.1	22.1	0.5	2.5	2.8	10.2
	Standard Deviation	NV	5.6	0	0	1.3	8.8
	Coefficient of Variation	NV	25.9	0	0	48.7	69.7

Note: BDL = Number of samples that were below the detectable limit.
NV = Not a valid number or statistically meaningful.

Table 5-14 (Continued).
1998 Data Summary for Bayou Choctaw Monitoring Stations

Station	Statistical Parameters	pH (s.u.)	Temperature (deg. C)	Salinity (ppt)	Oil & Grease (mg/l)	Dissolved Oxygen (mg/l)	Total Organic Carbon (mg/l)
F	Sample Size	12	12	12	4	12	12
	Number of BDL	0	NV	12	4	0	1
	Maximum	8.2	29.9	0.5	2.5	6.5	31.0
	Minimum	6.8	12.7	0.5	2.5	1.5	0.5
	Mean	NV	22.5	0.5	2.5	3.5	12.2
	Median	7.2	23.5	0.5	2.5	3.5	12.7
	Standard Deviation	NV	5.7	0	0	1.5	9.1
	Coefficient of Variation	NV	25.3	0	0	43.2	74.3
G	Sample Size	12	12	12	4	12	12
	Number of BDL	0	NV	12	4	0	0
	Maximum	8.4	29.6	0.5	2.5	7.0	20.9
	Minimum	6.6	7.3	0.5	2.5	0.5	1.1
	Mean	NV	22.0	0.5	2.5	4.0	7.5
	Median	7.3	23.9	0.5	2.5	4.3	6.2
	Standard Deviation	NV	6.7	0	0	1.9	5.2
	Coefficient of Variation	NV	30.6	0	0	45.2	68.9

Note: BDL = Number of samples that were below the detectable limit.
NV = Not a valid number or statistically meaningful.

5.3.1.3 Salinity (SAL)

In 1998, average annual salinities were 0.5 (indicating below detectable limits) at all stations except B (1.3 ppt) and C (0.7 ppt). Similar to last year, several spikes were observed at Station B that could possibly be due to offsite sources, traces of historical contamination, or the result of evaporation where dissolved salts were concentrated. Also, there was a small (3 bbl) brine spill experienced early in the year in the vicinity of Station B which did not produce any immediately noticeable monitoring effect but possibly could have been responsible for the 6.0 ppt spike later in the year. It is also speculated that the ongoing life extension construction sporadically occurring throughout the main site area may have disturbed some historically affected soils which could potentially account for the measurements observed at Station C. None of the measured values produced any discernible physical impacts.

5.3.1.4 Oil and Grease (O&G)

Oil and grease levels were below detectable levels (<5 mg/l) at all stations throughout 1998 which favorably reflects continued good site housekeeping and effective site spill prevention, control, and response efforts.

5.3.1.5 Dissolved Oxygen (DO)

The consistency in DO observations suggests that SPR runoff and discharges do not significantly reduce the DO of receiving waters. Low levels observed below 1.0 mg/l at various times are attributed to high temperature and high natural organic loading combined with low flow and minimal flushing typically observed in a wetland environment. Peak levels approaching 7.0 mg/l are attributed to high primary productivity. All of the CV percentages were very similar at all stations and each indicated a suite of measurements with a very limited variability in the data sets.

5.3.1.6 Total Organic Carbon (TOC)

Average annual TOC concentrations ranged from 5.6 to 12.5 mg/l. This range of TOC is indicative of biologically stable surface waters. High TOC readings correlate with high organic loading which is usually found in stagnant or sluggish water bodies of limited volume, such as an evaporating pool of water. Stations B and D both produced CV percentages indicating wide variability during the year. The highest value measured (43.4 mg/l) occurred at Station B and is indicative of a spurious excursion in a shallow intermittently flowing onsite ditch. The variability observed at Station D also produced a singular ephemeral (annual maximum) spike of 24.6 mg/l. The relatively low values observed as our peaks produced no discernible physical impacts and are not out of line with the natural setting or system.

5.3.1.7 **General Observations**

Based on the above discussion, the following general observations are made regarding the quality of Bayou Choctaw surface waters.

- a. The surrounding surface waters continue to have a relatively neutral pH.
- b. Observed salinities remained generally low and within the historical range. Those observations of slightly elevated salinity were quite fleeting during the year and are possibly accounted for by routine SPR construction activity noted nearby the stations in 1998.
- c. Temperature variations were caused by seasonal changes. There are no thermal processes used at any SPR site.
- d. Occasionally low DO levels are attributed to high temperatures and organic loading resulting from low flow and minimal flushing typically observed in backwater swamp areas.
- e. Consistently low oil and grease levels observed indicate that site oil spills are effectively managed, minimizing any impact on the Bayou Choctaw environs.

5.3.2 **Big Hill**

Monitoring stations were established at five locations (Figure 5-2) to assess site-associated surface water quality and to provide early detection of any surface water quality degradation that may result from SPR operations. Parameters including pH, temperature, salinity (SAL),

oil and grease (O&G), dissolved oxygen (DO), and total organic carbon (TOC) were monitored (Table 5-15).

5.3.2.1 Hydrogen Ion Activity (pH)

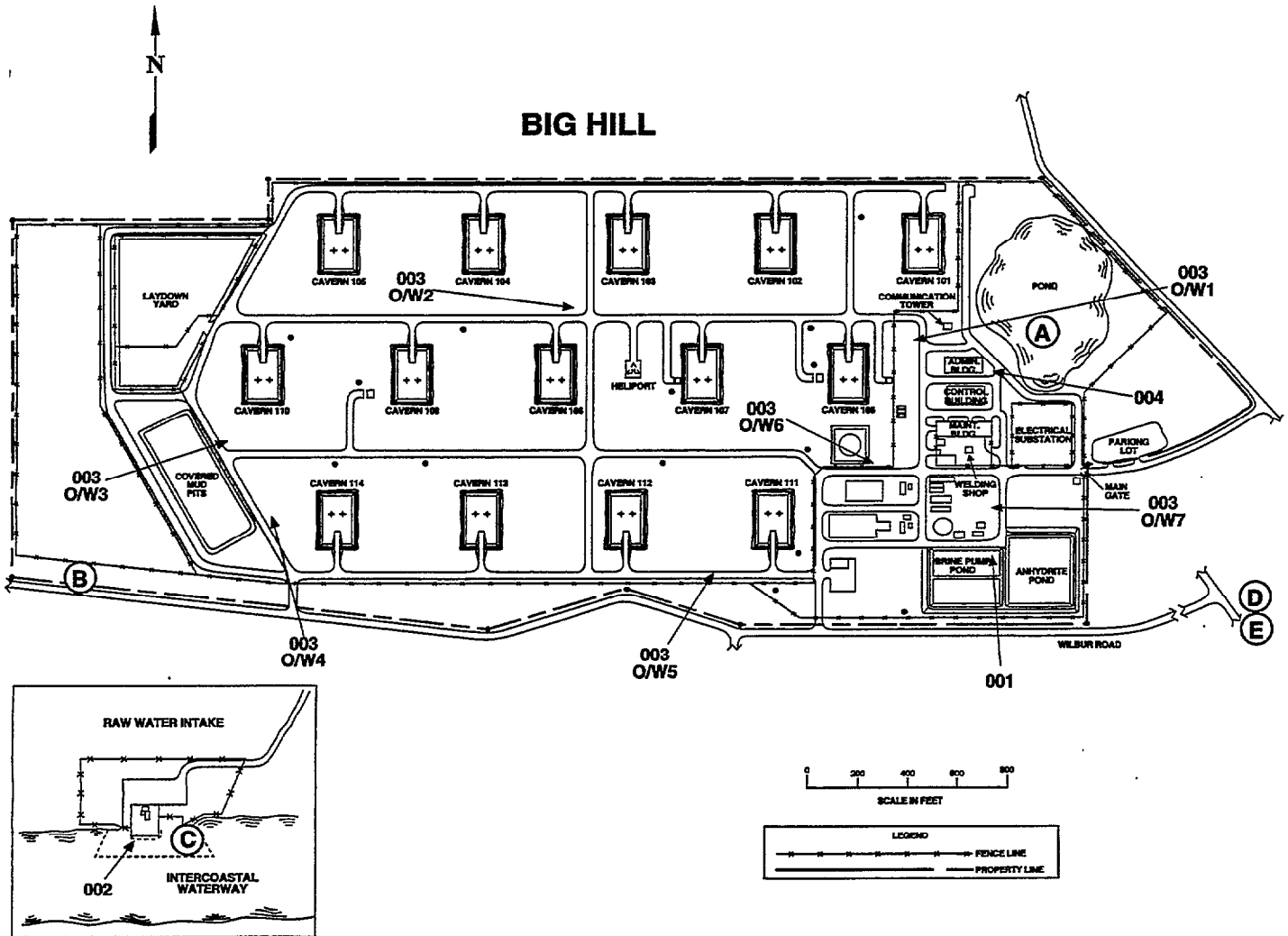
The 1998 data show the pH of site and surrounding surface waters remained between 6.2 and 8.2 s.u. The annual median values of pH for each of the monitored stations ranged from 6.9 to 7.4 s.u. No seasonal trend was observed, but higher pHs were generally observed in more saline waters. The Wilber Road Ditch (Station B) had slightly higher pH readings throughout the year and also accounted for the highest single monthly measurement of 8.2 s.u. This may be associated with the brackish water occasionally found there.

5.3.2.2 Temperature

Temperatures observed in 1998 ranged from 10°C to 30°C exhibiting the characteristics expected from seasonal meteorological changes. Temperature fluctuations were very similar among all stations.

5.3.2.3 Salinity (SAL)

Annual average salinities were generally low, ranging from fresh on the site throughout the year to a maximum of 13.3 ppt at the RWIS during late summer. The fresh water environment evident at the STP pond (Station A) and the Pipkin Reservoir (Station D) transitioned to brackish at the Gator Hole (Station E) and the ICW (Station C). Marsh changes from fresh to intermediate regime were evident.



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Figure 5-2
(Sheet 1 of 2). Big Hill Environmental Monitoring Stations

Federal Discharge Monitoring Stations

- 001 Brine disposal to Gulf of Mexico
- 002 Hydroclone and blowdown at raw water intake structure
- 003 Storm water discharges
 - O/W1 Storm water from well pads 101, 102, 106, 107
 - O/W2 Storm water from well pads 103, 104, 105
 - O/W3 Storm water from well pads 108, 109, 110
 - O/W4 Storm water from well pads 113, 114
 - O/W5 Storm water from well pads 111, 112
 - O/W6 Storm water from BHT-7 (crude oil surge tank) diked area
 - O/W7 Storm water from pump and meter pads
- 004 Discharge from sewage treatment plant (RCT only)

Water Quality Monitoring Stations

- A Pond receiving effluent from site sewage treatment plant (STP)
- B Wilber Road ditch - southwest of site
- C RWIS at Intracoastal Waterway
- D Pipkin Reservoir - (1.8 Miles from map location)
- E Gator Hole (3.1 Miles from map location)

Figure 5-2
(Sheet 2 of 2). Big Hill Environmental Monitoring Stations

Table 5-15. 1998 Data Summary for Big Hill Monitoring Stations

Station	Statistical Parameters	pH (s.u.)	Temperature (deg. C)	Salinity (ppt)	Oil & Grease (mg/l)	Dissolved Oxygen (mg/l)	Total Organic Carbon (mg/l)
A	Sample Size	12	12	12	12	12	12
	Number of BDL	0	NV	12	12	0	0
	Maximum	7.2	29	0.5	2.5	4.6	20.8
	Minimum	6.7	11	0.5	2.5	0.5	3.1
	Mean	NV	22	0.5	2.5	2.3	9.3
	Median	7	23.5	0.5	2.5	2.0	7.7
	Standard Deviation	NV	6.4	0	0	1.5	5.4
	Coefficient of Variation	NV	29.1	0	0	64.5	58.1
B	Sample Size	12	12	12	12	12	12
	Number of BDL	0	NV	7	12	0	0
	Maximum	8.2	30	3.7	2.5	10.9	44.8
	Minimum	6.8	10	0.5	2.5	0.5	3.7
	Mean	NV	22.6	1.3	2.5	3.4	16.6
	Median	7.2	24.5	0.5	2.5	2.5	14.6
	Standard Deviation	NV	6.9	1.3	0	3.1	10.7
	Coefficient of Variation	NV	30.9	92.9	0	90.5	64.9
C	Sample Size	12	12	12	12	12	12
	Number of BDL	0	NV	4	11	0	0
	Maximum	7.7	29	13.3	6.6	7.8	28.7
	Minimum	6.2	0.3	0.5	2.5	1.9	1
	Mean	NV	20.0	4.7	2.8	5.6	10.6
	Median	7.4	21.5	3.1	2.5	5.4	10.3
	Standard Deviation	NV	8.4	4.6	1.2	1.6	6.7
	Coefficient of Variation	NV	41.9	98.7	41.7	29.2	63.2
D	Sample Size	12	12	12	12	12	12
	Number of BDL	0	NV	11	12	0	0
	Maximum	7.3	29	1.2	2.5	10.8	34.8
	Minimum	6.6	11	0.5	2.5	0.4	4.4
	Mean	NV	22.3	0.6	2.5	3.6	21.9
	Median	6.9	24	0.5	2.5	1.7	21.7
	Standard Deviation	NV	6.3	0.2	0	3.5	8.8
	Coefficient of Variation	NV	28.4	36.2	0	97.1	39.8
E	Sample Size	12	12	12	12	12	12
	Number of BDL	0	NV	1	12	0	0
	Maximum	7.6	30	12.1	2.5	10.7	27
	Minimum	6.5	10	0.5	2.5	0.2	8.7
	Mean	NV	22.3	5.1	2.5	3.8	16.8
	Median	6.9	23	3.9	2.5	3.7	16.3
	Standard Deviation	NV	6.8	3.9	0	3.2	6.6
	Coefficient of Variation	NV	30.2	75.8	0	82.4	39.1

Note: BDL = Number of samples that were below the detectable limit.
NV = Not a valid number or statistically meaningful.

5.3.2.4 Oil and Grease (O&G)

With the exception of one O&G reading of 6.6 mg/l at Station C during December, the results for all stations were below the detectable limit. Although well within the permit limit, this single anomaly was possibly the result of life-extension construction ongoing at the time. No indication of crude oil from SPR activities was found at any of these stations during sampling episodes.

5.3.2.5 Dissolved Oxygen (DO)

Dissolved oxygen was generally greatest in the winter and spring and lowest from summer through fall. The lowest variability was at the RWIS where the greater flow and depth of the ICW provided a more constant dissolved oxygen level. The most variable station was the Pipkin Reservoir (Station D).

5.3.2.6 Total Organic Carbon (TOC)

Average annual TOC concentrations varied from 9.3 to 21.9 mg/l over the year at the five monitoring stations, ranging from 1.0 to 44.8 mg/l. The higher TOC levels observed are indicative of potential biological decomposition events.

5.3.2.7 General Observations

Based on the above discussion, the following general observations are made regarding the quality of Big Hill surface waters.

- a. The fresh surface waters had a near neutral pH, but pH was generally higher in brackish water.

- b. Observed salinities were low on the site and increased in natural fashion from fresh water at the site to intermediate brackish water regimes at the ICW
- c. Surrounding surface waters were not contaminated by SPR crude oil.
- d. Temperature variations followed seasonal meteorological changes.
- e. Dissolved oxygen and total organic carbon fluctuations were within typical ranges indicative of seasonal and meteorological influences.

5.3.3

Bryan Mound

Surface waters surrounding the Bryan Mound site were monitored during 1998. Blue Lake was sampled at seven stations and Mud Lake was sampled at three stations.

Surface water monitoring stations are identified in Figure 5-3. Stations A through C and E through G are located along the Blue Lake shoreline to monitor effects of site runoff. Station D, located farther away from the site in Blue Lake, serves as a control. Stations H and I are located along the Mud Lake shoreline to monitor effects of site runoff. Station J, located near the central point of Mud Lake, serves as a control.

Parameters monitored in the Bryan Mound surface waters include pH, temperature, salinity (SAL), oil and grease (O&G), and total organic carbon (TOC) (Table 5-16).

Federal Discharge Monitoring Stations

- 001 Brine disposal
- 002 Discharge from the sewage treatment plant
- 003 Storm water discharges
 - Runoff from well pads 1, 2, 4, 5, and 101-116
 - Runoff from the high-pressure pump pad
 - Runoff from transfer pump pad
 - Runoff from surge tank area

Water Quality Monitoring Stations

- A Blue Lake
- B Blue Lake
- C Blue Lake
- D Blue Lake - Control Point 1
- E Blue Lake
- F Blue Lake
- G Blue Lake
- H Mud Lake
- I Mud Lake
- J Mud Lake - Control Point 2

Figure 5-3
(Sheet 2 of 2). Bryan Mound Environmental Monitoring Stations

Table 5-16. 1998 Data Summary for Bryan Mound Monitoring Stations

Station	Statistical Parameters	pH (s.u.)	Temperature (deg. C)	Salinity (ppt)	Oil & Grease (mg/l)	Dissolved Oxygen (mg/l)	Total Organic Carbon (mg/l)
A	Sample Size	10	10	10	4	10	10
	Number of BDL	0	NV	0	4	1	0
	Maximum	9.7	32.4	3.8	2.5	14.7	12.5
	Minimum	6.9	17.1	2.1	2.5	0.05	8.2
	Mean	NV	25.1	3	2.5	8.9	9.9
	Median	8.5	26.2	3	2.5	9.3	9.7
	Standard Deviation	NV	5.7	0.6	0	4.8	1.2
	Coefficient of Variation	NV	22.8	20.3	0	53.8	11.7
B	Sample Size	10	10	10	4	10	10
	Number of BDL	0	NV	0	4	1	0
	Maximum	9.6	32.2	3.7	2.5	16.9	10.9
	Minimum	8	16.7	2.2	2.5	0.05	8.3
	Mean	NV	24.9	3.0	2.5	9.9	9.6
	Median	8.9	26.2	3.0	2.5	10.6	9.8
	Standard Deviation	NV	5.8	0.5	0	4.9	0.7
	Coefficient of Variation	NV	23.3	17.6	0	49.9	7.3
C	Sample Size	10	10	10	4	10	10
	Number of BDL	0	NV	0	4	1	0
	Maximum	8.7	31.6	3.7	2.5	14.7	10.1
	Minimum	8	16.5	2.2	2.5	0.05	8.4
	Mean	NV	25.1	3.0	2.5	9.4	9.4
	Median	8.5	26.3	3	2.5	9.4	9.6
	Standard Deviation	NV	6.1	0.5	0	4.3	0.6
	Coefficient of Variation	NV	24.5	16.8	0	46.0	6.8
D	Sample Size	10	10	10	4	10	10
	Number of BDL	0	NV	0	4	1	0
	Maximum	8.4	31.5	3.6	2.5	15.7	10.3
	Minimum	7.9	7.1	2.2	2.5	0.05	8.3
	Mean	NV	24.0	3.0	2.5	8.9	9.3
	Median	8.3	26.5	2.9	2.5	8.2	9.4
	Standard Deviation	NV	8.2	0.5	0	4.4	0.6
	Coefficient of Variation	NV	34.2	16.5	0	49.1	6.8
E	Sample Size	11	11	11	4	11	11
	Number of BDL	0	NV	0	4	1	0
	Maximum	8.4	31.6	3.6	2.5	16.7	10.2
	Minimum	7.9	16.7	2.2	2.5	0.05	8.5
	Mean	NV	25.5	3.1	2.5	9.1	9.3
	Median	8.2	27.9	3.0	2.5	7.9	9.3
	Standard Deviation	NV	5.9	0.5	0	4.5	0.6
	Coefficient of Variation	NV	23.2	15.7	0	49.0	6.4

Note: BDL = Number of samples that were below the detectable limit.
NV = Not a valid number or statistically meaningful.

Table 5-16 (Continued).
1998 Data Summary for Bryan Mound Monitoring Stations

Station	Statistical Parameters	pH (s.u.)	Temperature (deg. C)	Salinity (ppt)	Oil & Grease (mg/l)	Dissolved Oxygen (mg/l)	Total Organic Carbon (mg/l)
F	Sample Size	9	9	9	4	9	9
	Number of BDL	0	NV	0	4	1	0
	Maximum	8.4	31.6	3.6	2.5	16.3	10.7
	Minimum	7.9	16.5	2.2	2.5	0.05	8.3
	Mean	NV	24.9	2.9	2.5	9.5	9.3
	Median	8.1	24.8	3	2.5	8.8	9.2
	Standard Deviation	NV	6.6	0.5	0	4.8	0.8
	Coefficient of Variation	NV	26.4	16.9	0	50.2	8.7
G	Sample Size	10	10	10	4	10	10
	Number of BDL	0	NV	0	4	1	0
	Maximum	8.5	31.6	3.7	2.5	16.4	10.3
	Minimum	7.9	16.8	2.2	2.5	0.05	8.3
	Mean	NV	25.3	3.03	2.5	9.4	9.2
	Median	8.2	26.4	3	2.5	8.9	9.1
	Standard Deviation	NV	6.2	0.5	0	4.5	0.7
	Coefficient of Variation	NV	24.6	16.8	0	47.4	7.7
H	Sample Size	4	4	4	2	4	4
	Number of BDL	0	NV	0	2	0	0
	Maximum	8	31.2	24.6	2.5	9.9	9.1
	Minimum	7.8	24.9	1.9	2.5	5.7	4.2
	Mean	NV	27.8	13.9	2.5	7.6	6.4
	Median	7.9	27.6	14.7	2.5	7.3	6.1
	Standard Deviation	NV	2.9	9.6	0	1.9	2.4
	Coefficient of Variation	NV	10.5	68.9	0	25.0	37.1
I	Sample Size	4	4	4	2	4	4
	Number of BDL	0	NV	0	2	0	0
	Maximum	8	31.2	24.3	2.5	8.6	10.5
	Minimum	7.7	25	1.8	2.5	5.2	4.7
	Mean	NV	27.8	12.4	2.5	6.6	7.2
	Median	7.9	27.5	11.7	2.5	6.3	6.8
	Standard Deviation	NV	2.9	9.2	0	1.5	2.7
	Coefficient of Variation	NV	10.3	74.5	0	22.3	37.0
J	Sample Size	4	4	4	2	4	4
	Number of BDL	0	NV	0	2	0	0
	Maximum	8.8	30.4	23.6	2.5	8	15.3
	Minimum	7.8	23.9	2.6	2.5	5.2	7.3
	Mean	NV	27.4	11.8	2.5	6.6	9.9
	Median	8.1	27.7	10.6	2.5	6.6	8.5
	Standard Deviation	NV	2.9	8.7	0	1.3	3.7
	Coefficient of Variation	NV	10.4	73.7	0	19.9	37.0

Note: BDL = Number of samples that were below the detectable limit.
NV = Not a valid number or statistically meaningful.

5.3.3.1 Hydrogen Ion Activity (pH)

In 1998 the pH of Blue Lake and Mud Lake was slightly basic, indicative of natural waters devoid of carbon dioxide and generally hard in regard to mineral content. Marine and brackish waters, such as those in Blue Lake and Mud Lake, typically have somewhat elevated pH levels and high mineral content. The pH fluctuations in these Bryan Mound surface waters were quite small and considered within the normal range of variability.

5.3.3.2 Temperature

Temperatures observed in 1998 ranged from 7.1° C to 32.4° C and exhibited the characteristics expected from seasonal meteorological changes.

5.3.3.3 Salinity (SAL)

Observed salinity fluctuations ranged from 2.1 to 3.8 ppt in Blue Lake and 9.8 to 24.6 ppt in Mud Lake. Salinity fluctuations are attributed to meteorological and tidal conditions rather than site operations, since salinity observed at control sample stations D and J were consistent with those found along the site shoreline. The higher salinities in Mud Lake are primarily caused by the strong tidal and wind influence on the lake, and its more direct link with the nearby Gulf of Mexico through the Intracoastal Waterway.

5.3.3.4 Oil and Grease (O&G)

All of the O&G measurements made during the course of the 1998 calendar year were found below the method detectable limit of 5 mg/l. These data reflect effective spill prevention and good housekeeping practices being maintained throughout the year.

5.3.3.5 Dissolved Oxygen (DO)

Dissolved oxygen was not highly variable during the seasons of the year or between various stations. The CVs at all stations indicate low variability or, in other words, fairly stable oxygen levels. The Blue Lake stations reveal a notable doubling of variance versus the Mud Lake stations for the year. The Blue Lake tabulation displays a single BDL measurement observed at each station during the year including the control point. This suite of spurious field data was sufficient to account for the increased variability but was not sufficient to invalidate the data set. These measurements were noted to have all occurred on the same day and are unexplained, with no correlated environmental impacts observed. Excluding the spurious BDLs, the Blue Lake stations varied from a low of 4.1 to 16.9 mg/l, as compared to their control point which ranged from 6.9 to 15.7 mg/l for the year. In Mud Lake the test stations ranged from 5.2 to 9.9 mg/l versus their control point which varied from 5.8 to 8.0 mg/l. All measurements reflect "no discernible impact" from SPR operations.

5.3.3.6 Total Organic Carbon (TOC)

In 1998 observed average TOC in Blue Lake ranged from 9.2 to 9.9 mg/l with the range of all observations from 8.2 to 12.5 mg/l. Observed TOC in Mud Lake was lower (range: 6.8 to 7.9 mg/l) than Blue Lake. Higher TOC measured in Blue Lake is attributed to primary productivity and low volumetric flushing. The TOC levels observed in both lakes, however, are indicative of healthy conditions.

5.3.3.7 General Observations

Based on the above discussions, the following general observations are made regarding the quality of Bryan Mound surface waters.

- a. The observed pH was stable for the period tested and slightly basic in Blue Lake and Mud Lake, typical of brackish waters.

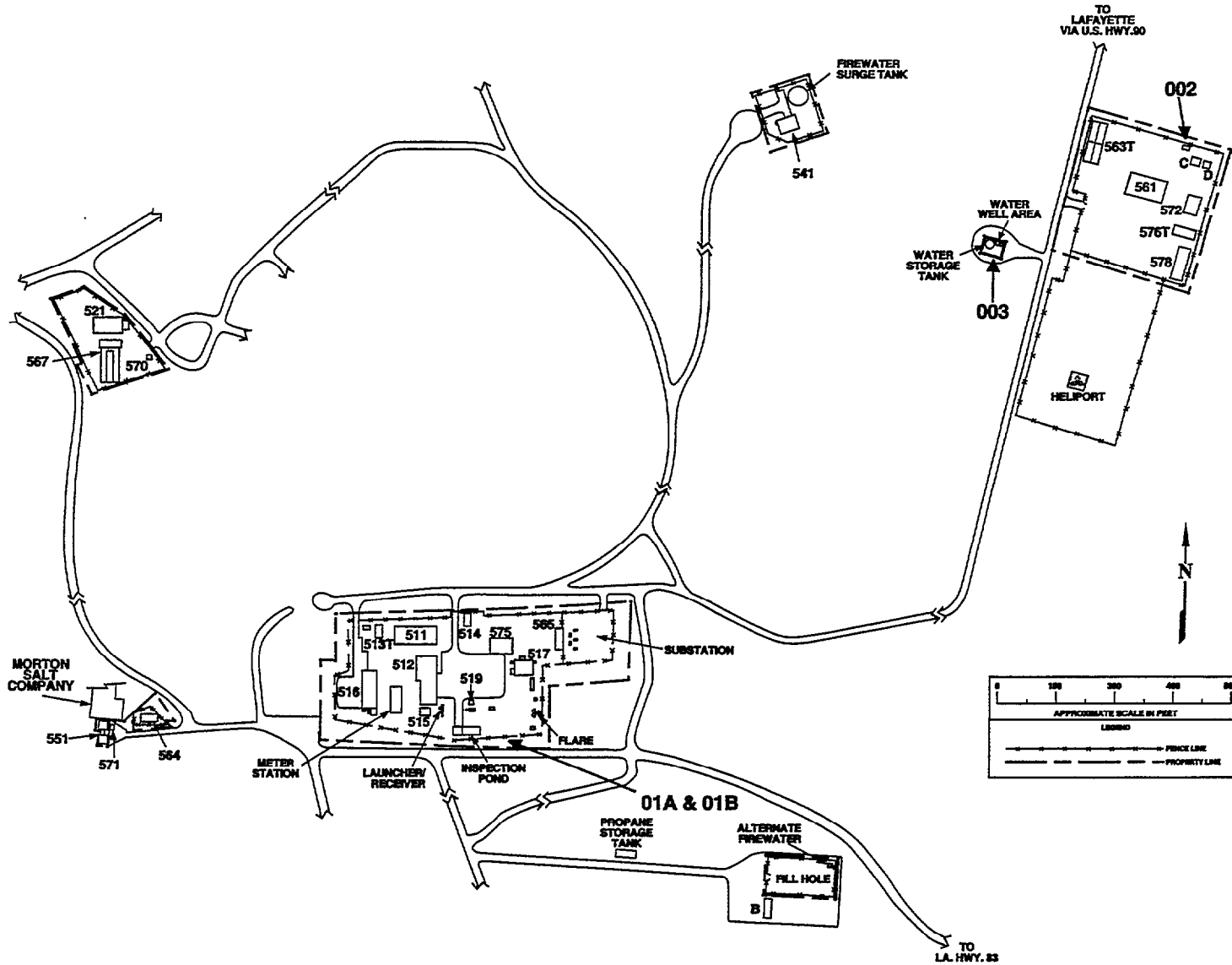
- b. Temperature and salinity fluctuations observed during the period tested are attributed to meteorological and tidal conditions rather than site operations.
- c. Higher TOC levels observed in Blue Lake are attributed to higher primary productivity and low flushing of this surface water body.
- d. A non-detectable DO observed in Blue Lake in September was a transient anomaly unaccompanied by any related observed indications of environmental stress.

5.3.4

Weeks Island

The Weeks Island site is located on the Weeks Island salt dome approximately 30 m (100 ft) above sea level. The surrounding topography is of rather sharp relief with several small ponds located outside of SPR boundaries. None of the SPR outfalls discharge directly into these ponds. Other surface waters at this site are intermittent in nature, draining rapidly and thoroughly after any precipitation. The site outfalls (Figure 5-4) discharge small volumes into surface runoff at a substantial distance from receiving waters. The lack of potentially impacted DOE-owned surface waters precludes the need for surface water quality monitoring. Outfalls 004 and 01B are discharged with 01A through a single surface drain.

WEEKS ISLAND



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Figure 5-4
(Sheet 1 of 2). Weeks Island Environmental Monitoring Stations

Federal Discharge Monitoring Stations

- 01A Storm water runoff
- 01B Discharge from sewage treatment plant
- 002 Discharge from sewage treatment plant
- 003 Discharge from iron removal system
- 004 Discharge from mine air dryer condensate

There are no water quality monitoring stations at Weeks Island.

Figure 5-4
(Sheet 2 of 2). Weeks Island Environmental Monitoring Stations

5.3.5 West Hackberry

In 1998, six surface water quality stations (Figure 5-5) were monitored monthly (where practicable) at West Hackberry. Parameters monitored include pH, temperature, salinity (SAL), dissolved oxygen (DO), oil and grease (O&G), and total organic carbon (TOC) (Table 5-17). Life extension construction activities affected data collection at the main site sampling points this year.

5.3.5.1 Hydrogen Ion Activity (pH)

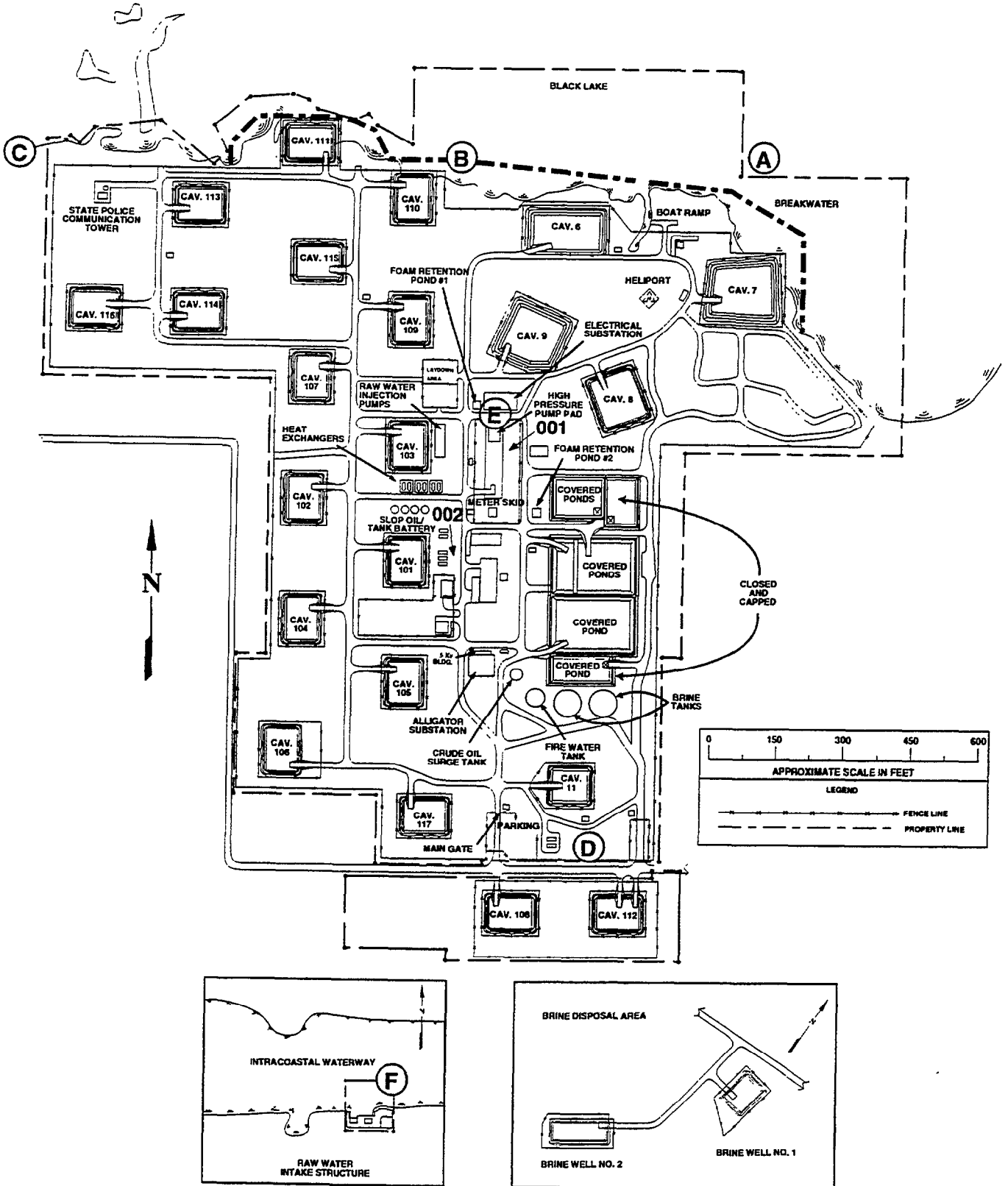
The pH of site and surrounding waters ranged between 5.7 and 8.3 s.u., and median values ranged from 7.2 to 8.3 s.u. The limited readings were consistently higher and exhibited less variability at the concrete north foam retention pond at the high pressure pump pad on the site (Station E) than at other locations. Water sampled at the retention pond is primarily phreatic (commonly well water) run-off from the site high-pressure pump pad, which is buffered by the concrete retention pond. Surface water sampled at other stations was meteoric in origin.

Fluctuations observed are relatively minor and attributed to environmental and seasonal factors such as variation in rainfall, temperature, algae and biotic growth, and aquatic system flushing.

5.3.5.2 Temperature

Observed temperatures in 1998 were consistent with observations at other sites and were indicative of regional climatic effects. No off-normal measurements were observed. Recorded temperatures ranged from 11° C to 32° C and were generally consistent among stations.

WEST HACKBERRY



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Figure 5-5
(Sheet 1 of 2) West Hackberry Environmental Monitoring Stations

Federal Discharge Monitoring Stations

- 001 Brine disposal
- 002 Discharge from sewage treatment plant
- 003 Storm water and pump flush from high-pressure pump pad
Storm water runoff from well pads 6-9, 11, and 101-117
- 004 Storm water from the Texoma/Lake Charles meter station

Water Quality Monitoring Stations

- A Black Lake
- B Black Lake
- C Black Lake
- D Southeast drainage ditch
- E High-pressure pump pad
- F Raw water intake structure (Intracoastal Waterway)

Figure 5-5
(Sheet 2 of 2). West Hackberry Environmental Monitoring Stations

Table 5-17. 1998 Data Summary for W. Hackberry Monitoring Stations

Station	Statistical Parameters	pH (s.u.)	Temperature (deg. C)	Salinity (ppt)	Oil & Grease (mg/l)	Dissolved Oxygen (mg/l)	Total Organic Carbon (mg/l)
A	Sample Size	10	10	10	6	11	8
	Number of BDL	0	NV	0	6	0	0
	Maximum	8.0	31.0	14.4	2.5	9.3	20.4
	Minimum	6.9	11	2.0	2.5	3.4	9.6
	Mean	NV	24.7	7.9	2.5	6.8	12.3
	Median	7.5	25.0	8.8	2.5	6.9	11.2
	Standard Deviation	NV	6.3	4.1	0	1.6	3.5
	Coefficient of Variation	NV	25.7	51.4	0	24.1	28.6
B	Sample Size	10	10	10	6	10	8
	Number of BDL	0	NV	0	6	0	0
	Maximum	7.8	32.0	14.8	2.5	8.4	20.8
	Minimum	7.0	11.0	2.0	2.5	5.5	8.9
	Mean	NV	24.7	7.9	2.5	7.0	12.1
	Median	7.5	25.0	8.7	2.5	6.9	10.9
	Standard Deviation	NV	6.4	4.2	0	1.0	3.8
	Coefficient of Variation	NV	25.8	52.9	0	14.7	31.0
C	Sample Size	10	10	10	6	10	8
	Number of BDL	0	NV	0	6	0	0
	Maximum	7.9	31.0	14.7	2.5	10.0	20.6
	Minimum	6.4	11.0	2.0	2.5	5.3	9.6
	Mean	NV	24.8	7.8	2.5	7.1	12.6
	Median	7.5	26.0	8.6	2.5	7.2	11.5
	Standard Deviation	NV	6.3	4.2	0	1.5	3.5
	Coefficient of Variation	NV	25.5	53.3	0	21.6	28.1
D	Sample Size	5	5	5	3	5	3
	Number of BDL	0	NV	4	3	0	0
	Maximum	7.8	27.0	1.0	2.5	7.5	30.9
	Minimum	6.7	20.0	0.5	2.5	4.0	9.5
	Mean	NV	22.6	0.6	2.5	6.2	20.2
	Median	7.2	22.0	0.5	2.5	7.0	20.1
	Standard Deviation	NV	2.7	0.2	0	1.6	10.7
	Coefficient of Variation	NV	11.9	37.3	0	25.5	53.1

Note: BDL = Number of samples that were below the detectable limit.
NV = Not a valid number or statistically meaningful.

Table 5-17 (Continued).
1998 Data Summary for W. Hackberry Monitoring Stations

Station	Statistical Parameters	pH (S.U.)	Temperature (deg. C)	Salinity (ppt)	Oil & Grease (mg/l)	Dissolved Oxygen (mg/l)	Total Organic Carbon (mg/l)
E	Sample Size	2	2	2	2	2	0
	Number of BDL	0	NV	1	2	0	0
	Maximum	8.3	26.0	2.0	2.5	9.9	0
	Minimum	7.7	21.0	0.5	2.5	3.3	0
	Mean	NV	23.5	1.25	2.5	6.6	0
	Median	8.3	23.5	1.25	2.5	6.6	0
	Standard Deviation	NV	3.5	1.1	0	4.7	0
	Coefficient of Variation	NV	15.0	84.9	0	70.7	0
F	Sample Size	9	9	9	6	9	7
	Number of BDL	0	NV	2	6	0	0
	Maximum	7.8	32.0	20.0	2.5	8.3	20.8
	Minimum	5.7	15.0	0.5	2.5	4.7	7.8
	Mean	NV	25.3	4.3	2.5	6.1	11.3
	Median	7.2	27.0	2.9	2.5	5.5	10.4
	Standard Deviation	NV	5.9	6.1	0	1.4	4.5
	Coefficient of Variation	NV	23.1	138.2	0	23.0	39.9

Note: BDL = Number of samples that were below the detectable limit.
NV = Not a valid number or statistically meaningful.

5.3.5.3 Salinity (SAL)

Meteorological factors such as wind, tide, and rainfall contributed to the salinity variation observed in brackish Black Lake (Stations A, B, and C) and the Intracoastal Waterway (ICW) (Station F). Salinity ranges observed in these water bodies (2.0 to 14.8 ppt in Black Lake) (0.5, indicating BDL, to 20.0 ppt in the ICW) are more conducive to supporting euryhaline organisms and those with sufficient mobility to avoid salinity stresses that occur with seasonal changes. Mean annual salinity observed at the ICW (4.3 ppt) was lower than that of Black Lake (7.8 to 7.9 ppt) due largely to the fresher water influences received from more northerly drainage ways.

Salinities observed at the two upland site stations were affected by surface runoff not Black Lake. Maximum salinities in the drainage ditch at the southwest corner of the site (Station D) was 1.0 ppt and 2.0 ppt at the high pressure pump pad (Station E), which is not uncommon for surface water runoff in this brackish environment.

5.3.5.4 Oil and Grease (O&G)

Observed O&G levels were below the detectable level (5 mg/l) at all stations throughout 1998. The data reflect effective spill prevention and housekeeping by the site.

5.3.5.5 Dissolved Oxygen (DO)

The DO levels observed at all stations are suitable for aquatic life. Dissolved oxygen was somewhat variable at all site stations. Greater surface area and water movement through currents and wave action provided continuous aeration of the lake and ICW water. Water movement at the ditch (Station D) and the retention pond were sufficient to provide some aeration throughout 1998.

5.3.5.6 Total Organic Carbon (TOC)

Average annual TOC concentrations ranged from 11.3 to 20.2 mg/l with Station D experiencing the highest single value of 30.9 mg/l during the year. This value is not out of line with the industrial setting and may be reflective of the extensive life extension construction activities occurring throughout the main site area during the year. The two main site monitoring points were affected also by life extension activities which often precluded access for sampling activities during the height of construction progress.

5.3.5.7 **General Observations**

The following observations are made, based on the above discussion, concerning operational impacts on the West Hackberry aquatic environs.

- a. pH and temperature remained fairly stable, generally slightly basic, and were only affected by seasonal factors.
- b. The salinities observed throughout 1998 were consistent with the ambient brackish environment.
- c. Oil and grease levels were below the detectable limit at all stations throughout 1998 which is indicative of good housekeeping.
- d. Dissolved oxygen levels at site and Black Lake stations were consistently high and did not appear adversely affected by site operations.
- e. Total organic carbon concentrations were quite similar at all stations throughout the year suggesting no substantial transient bio-contamination or ecological events.

5.4 **ENVIRONMENTAL OCCURRENCES**

The majority of the non-routine releases of pollutants occur with the spills of crude oil and brine into the environment from the SPR operations.

5.4.1 **Oil Spills**

State agencies require notification if an oil spill exceeds one barrel in LA, five barrels in TX. Along with the state agencies, the National

Response Center (NRC) requires notification if a sheen is on a navigable waterway. There was only one reportable oil spill during 1998 with a volume totaling < ½ pint. This spill caused a small sheen on a nearby swamp requiring NRC notification but did not result in environmental damage.

In 1998, the total volume of oil moved (received and transferred internally) was approximately 3.4 million m³ (21.6 mmb) of oil. The total number of reportable crude oil spills, total volume spilled, and the percent volume spilled of total volume moved are shown in Table 5-18 for each year from 1982 through 1998. During 1998, the SPR experienced the lowest volume spilled since it has been in operation.

Table 5-18. Number of Reportable Crude Oil Spills

Year	Total Spills	Volume Spilled m ³ (barrels)	Percent Spilled of Total Throughput
1982	24	847.0 (5,328)	0.00704
1983	21	380.9 (2,396)	0.00281
1984	13	134.8 (848)	0.00119
1985	7	85.4 (537)	0.00122
1986	5	1232.5 (7,753)	0.01041
1987	5	2.5 (16)	0.00002
1988	6	8.8 (55)	0.00001
1989	11	136.4 (858)	0.00004
1990	14	74.8 (467)	0.00003
1991	6	37.9 (237)	0.0004
1992	5	1.9 (12)	0.00006
1993	6	36.9 (232)	0.0007
1994	7	6.2 (39)	0.0003
1995	2	56.3 (354)	0.0006
1996	4	4.7 (30)	0.00002
1997	1	0.32 (2)	4.0 x 10 ⁻⁹
1998	1	Sheen	N/A

The reportable oil spill that occurred during 1998 is presented in Table 5-19.

Table 5-19. 1998 Reportable Oil Spill

Date	Location	Amount	Cause/Corrective Action
12/03/98	BC	Sheen	Contractor was dewatering an excavation at Wellpad 20 dike. During operation, a sheen was detected on water in the excavation area. < ½ pint of oil was released into a nearby swamp. Possible source of the oil in the ground may have been a previous spill. The contractor was advised to more closely monitor dewatering activities.

5.4.2 Brine Spills

There were three SPR brine spills in quantities of one barrel (42 gallons) or greater or reportable as required by regulation during 1998. The three spills totaled about 6.2 m³ (39 bbls) released during the calendar year. Brine spills are reported if they may affect water quality.

The SPR disposed of 2.21 million m³ (13.93 mmb) of brine during 1998. Table 5-20 illustrates the total number of brine spills, total volume spilled, and percent volume spilled of total volume disposed for each year from 1982 through 1998.

Corrosion/erosion has been the leading cause of brine spills over the past few years. Other types of failures (gasket/flange/other equipment) have contributed somewhat. The second major factor is operator error.

Table 5-20. Number of Reportable Brine Spills

Year	Total Spills	Volume Spilled m ³ (barrels)	Percent Spilled of Total Throughput
1982	43	443.8 (2,792)	0.0005
1983	44	259.4 (1,632)	0.0002
1984	17	314.0 (1,975)	0.0003
1985	16	96,494.8 (607,000)	0.1308
1986	7	275.6 (1,734)	0.0017
1987	22	96.5 (608)	0.0003
1988	12	93.8 (586)	0.0001
1989	17	31,231.6 (825,512)	0.1395
1990	12	11,944.3 (74,650)	0.0170
1991	7	1,156.8 (7,230)	0.004
1992	9	48.0 (302)	0.003
1993	6	59.2 (370)	0.001
1994	2	14.4 (90)	0.0006
1995	3	131.1 (825)	0.0028
1996	5	179.7 (1,130)	0.0014
1997	0	0	0.0
1998	3	6.2 (39)	0.00028

The three reportable brine spills that occurred during CY 1998 are presented in Table 5-21.

Table 5-21. 1998 Reportable Brine Spills

Date	Location	Amount	Cause/Corrective Action
03/31/98	BC	3 bbls	During transfer of brine from Cav. 19 into brine pond, guard in Security Ops Center observed spray of liquid coming from ground. Transfer immediately shut down. Vacuum truck used to clean up spill, area washed down with fresh water and again vacuumed. Contractor had inadvertently cut/plugged brine line in accordance with site drawings that were later determined to be in error.
09/15/98	WH	30 bbls	During routine operation of brine injection into a crude oil storage cavern, brine was released from low pressure raw water piping west of LPP3 Pump station. Apparent failure of piping/fitting where 6" line was previously removed and capped. Line was successfully repaired.
10/08/98	WI	6 bbls	While a brine pump was being returned to service after repair, operator noticed pump running, but meter was not indicating flow to frac tank. Brine spill occurred at broken PVC valve that is now eliminated from system. Prompt response and appropriate clean-up operations prevented spill from reaching wetlands or waterways.

6. GROUND WATER MONITORING AND PROTECTION INFORMATION

Ground water monitoring is performed at the Bayou Choctaw, Big Hill, Bryan Mound, and West Hackberry sites to comply with DOE Order 5400.1, and in the case of West Hackberry, a state agency agreement. Salinity and the presence of hydrocarbons are measured at Bayou Choctaw, Big Hill, and Bryan Mound. The monitoring performed at West Hackberry is required by an agreement between DOE and the LDNR. West Hackberry ground water monitoring and recovery activities were reported quarterly to the LDNR in 1998. At the Weeks Island site, long-term ground water monitoring is performed as part of the state approved decommissioning plan.

Ground water data collected for the past five years are presented graphically, as available, and are then discussed within each site specific section.

6.1 BAYOU CHOCTAW

The Plaquemine Aquifer is the main source of fresh water for the site and several surrounding municipalities. It is located approximately 18 m (60 ft) below the surface and extends to a depth of 150 to 182 m (500-600 ft). The upper 18 m (60 ft) of sediments in the aquifer consist of predominantly Atchafalaya clay. The interface of freshwater and saline water occurs at a depth of 122 to 150 m (400-500 ft) below the surface. Ground water in the Plaquemine Aquifer communicates locally with the Mississippi River, flowing away from it during the high river stage and towards the river in the low stage. Other local influences to the general flow patterns are manifested by structural features such as the piercing salt domes and proximity to offtake.

Historically, there have been four monitoring wells (MW1, MW2, MW3, and MW4) at Bayou Choctaw (Figure 6-1). These wells were drilled roughly 9 m (30 ft) below land surface (bls) to monitor impact

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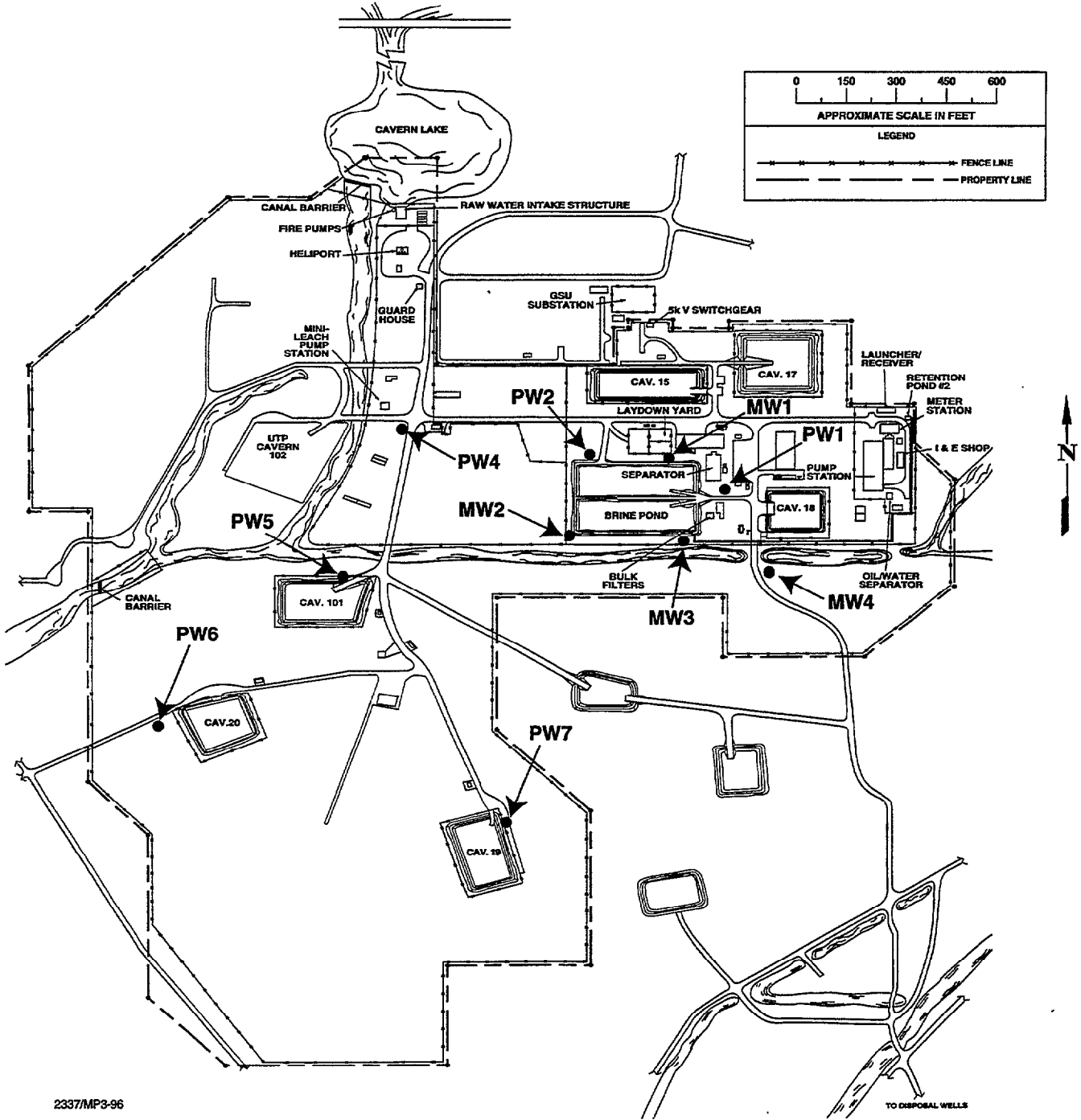


Figure 6-1.
Bayou Choctaw Ground Water Monitoring Wells

from the brine pond and other shallow contamination. The verification well study placed seven additional similarly screened wells around the main site and one remotely down near a selected brine disposal well pad.

These wells have been added to the site's monitoring scheme to enhance evaluation of ground water flow direction and outlying salinity movement. The results of monitoring these wells are not being graphed and included in this report at this time because there are insufficient data to make representative charts. See the CY 1996 Site Environmental Report for details of the Phase II.

Ground water salinity observed at the four historical wells (Figure 6-2) are above ambient for a fresh water environment and are presumably elevated by past and possibly present brine handling activities.

All four wells exhibit seasonal salinity fluctuations that are affected by rainfall. Highest salinities have usually occurred in late winter and early spring, and lowest salinities have been observed in late spring and summer. The five year trends at each of these wells, however, continues to decrease with time.

Past surface brine spills and other activities from previous occupants of the area may have also affected the ground water salinity observed in these shallow wells. The salinity range observed at well MW3 is much greater than that of the other three historical wells. Ground water surface piezometric data of all the wells indicate that ground water movement is radial in all directions from the high point on the dome around Cavern 15. A 1992 brine spill on the nearby low pressure pump pad north of the well may have elevated the salinity in that area, and its southerly movement was captured by MW3. The historical graph

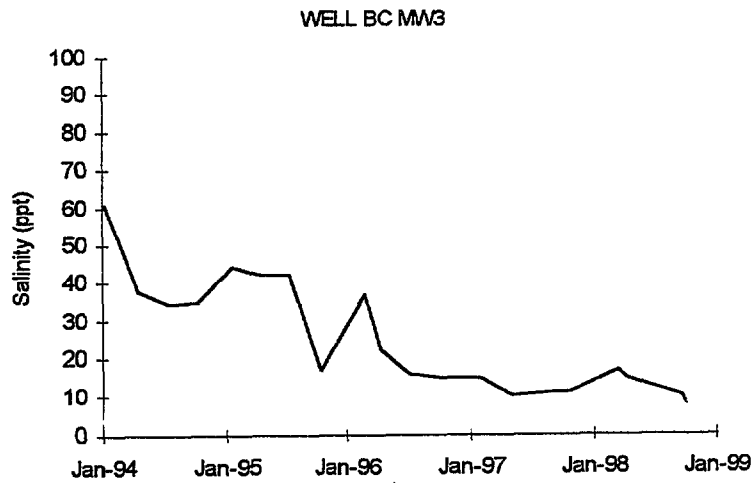
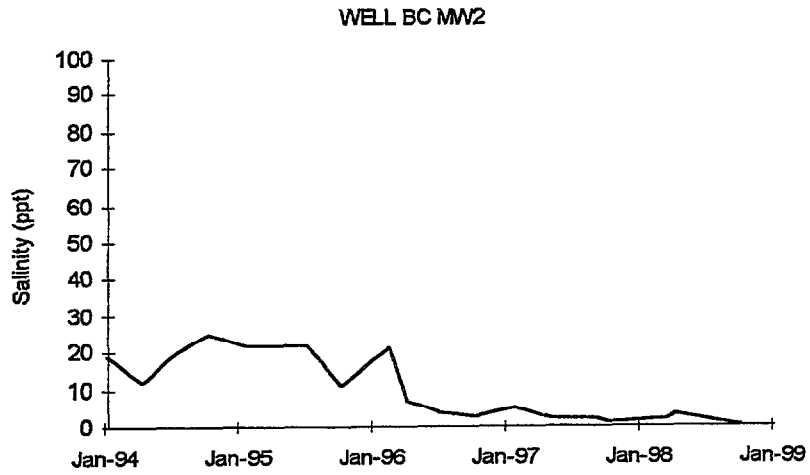
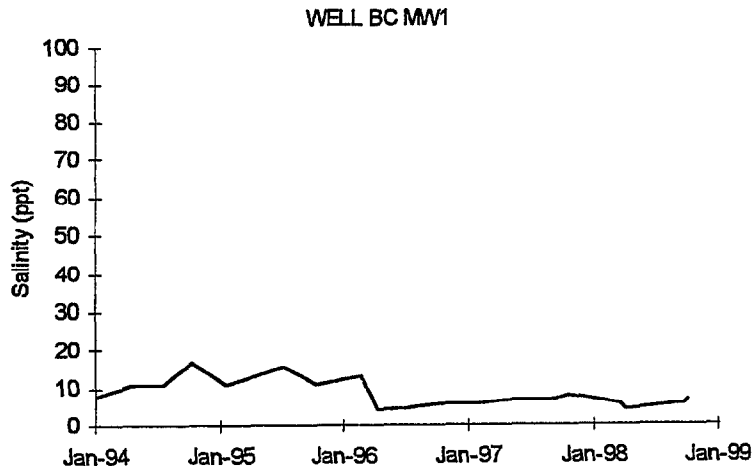


Figure 6-2.
Bayou Choctaw Ground Water Monitoring Well Salinities

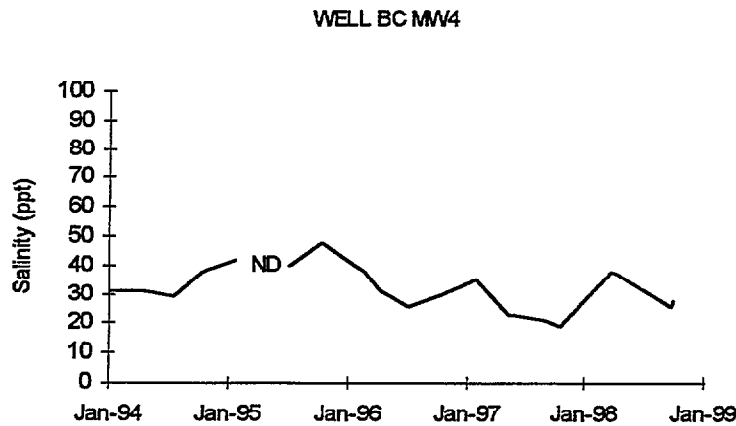


Figure 6-2. (Continued)
Bayou Choctaw Ground Water Monitoring Well Salinities

indicates that the salinity is lessening as time goes on, and the transient effects of the spill become either dilute or are moving past this monitoring position.

Long-term salinity trends have been established which, when examined within the context of the radial ground water movement, assist in identifying possible areas or sources of contamination. Wells MW1 and MW2 both exhibit a continuing general (5-year trend) of decreasing salinity into 1998. Well MW1 is situated up gradient of the brine pond area with respect to ground water movement, and well MW2 appears to be immediately down gradient of the brine pond. A potential source of subsurface contamination may be residuals from historical activity that occurred along the northwest corner of the pond. Verification well PW2 encountered this existing affected ground water area. The limited measurements obtained since installation indicate no trends but rather a flat (with time) area of impact which, judging from the flow patterns, is not indicated to be associated with current brine pond operations. Although it has captured the most saline ground water on the site, MW3 is slowly decreasing in salinity over time. The steeply downward

sloping salinity 5-year trend observed at MW3 differs from that observed at the other pond wells. This appears to confirm that some other brine source, such as the prior piping leak found near the low pressure pump pad, is affecting MW3.

Despite frequent fluctuations, there is no well-defined salinity trend observed at well MW4. This well is situated away from and down gradient of the brine pond and the effects observed near higher salinity well MW3. Changes in sampling methodology implemented in 1995 and 1996 may have affected the historical trending at this position but overall a general five year decreasing trend is evident with the data.

All of the data obtained from the verification wells maintained beyond the original scope, with the exception of PW7, do not reveal any noticeable time trends to date. All data points at each well location appear to fluctuate very regularly over the nearly three year period of record. Well PW7, however, has the most variable dataset observed thus far, but the variability is moderating as the well "settles in" with time.

Future ground water data, including that from the newly added wells from the Phase II verification studies and ongoing inspections of the brine pond and site piping, will assist in determining if any contamination observed originated from SPR activities. The shallow ground water monitoring well net is adequately placed and sampled to serve as a complete sitewide detection monitoring system.

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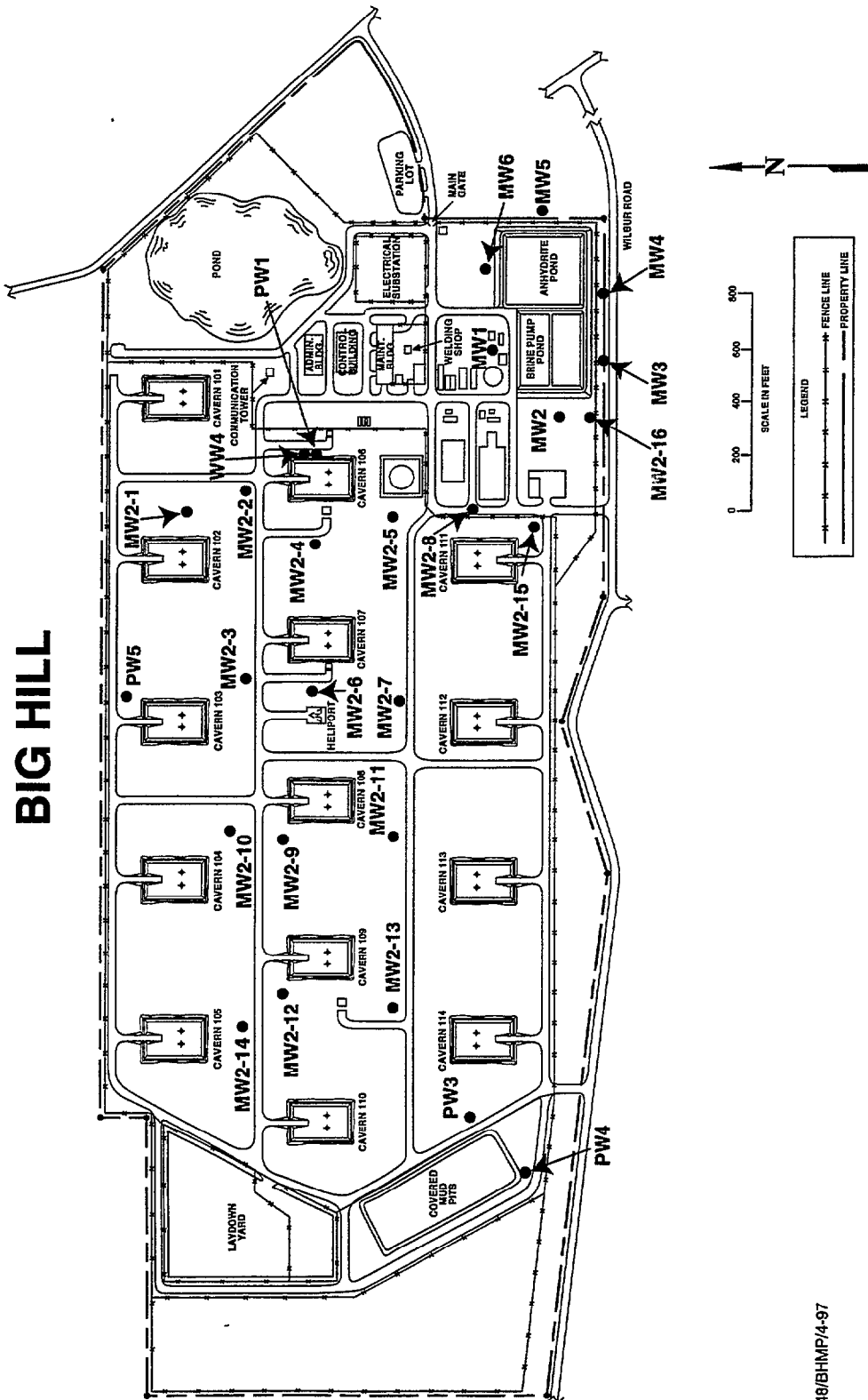
BIG HILL

The three major subsurface hydrological formations in the Big Hill area are the Chicot and Evangeline aquifers and the Burkeville aquitard. The major source of fresh water is the Chicot Aquifer which is

compressed over the Big Hill salt dome. Fresh water in the upper Chicot Aquifer is limited from near the surface to a depth of -30 m (-98 ft) mean sea level. The town of Winnie uses fresh water from the upper Chicot Aquifer. Beaumont and Port Arthur draw fresh water from the lower Chicot Aquifer.

Sampling of six monitoring wells (wells MW1 to MW6) around the brine disposal pond system (Figure 6-3) began in 1987. Big Hill began sampling these wells by the low-flow method in May 1995. The pond system is composed of three Hypalon-lined ponds, of which two have a protective concrete top coat. All three have an underdrain system contained within a slurry wall keyed to an underlying clay bed. Salinity data collected from the six wells for the past five years indicate complete consistency amongst them. Salinity of ground water from all wells remained at or below the detection limit (1 ppt) of the salinity meter used (Figure 6-4). All observed values that are below detection limit are evaluated as one-half the detection limit for statistical calculations. No measured impacts have been determined in the past five-year history and no ground water effects associated with the pond operation are evident since monitoring was begun in 1987.

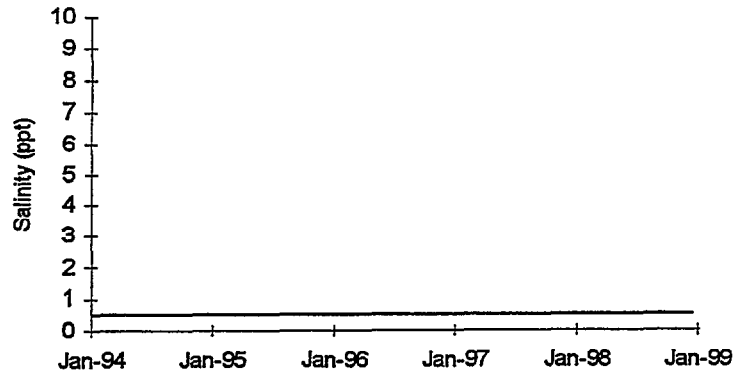
Also located on the site are 16 two-inch brine piping leak detection monitoring wells (MW2-1 to MW2-16). These wells were sampled by the traditional pump and purge technique in the past and have been converted for low-flow sampling on a bimonthly schedule. Unlike those around the brine pond, these smaller wells are installed adjacent to buried onsite brine piping to detect brine should a leak occur. In several instances, these wells, installed in the buried piping trenches, are not sufficiently deep enough to even intercept the shallow uppermost aquifer (Figure 6-3). As a result of life extension construction which replaces the below ground brine piping with aboveground piping, these leak detection monitors shall be abandoned soon. During 1998, these monitor points were not tested due to the ongoing construction



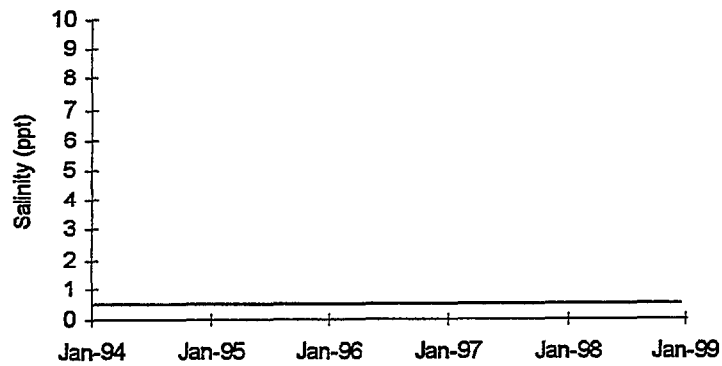
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Figure 6-3.
 Big Hill Ground Water Monitoring Wells

WELL BH MW1



WELL BH MW2



WELL BH MW3

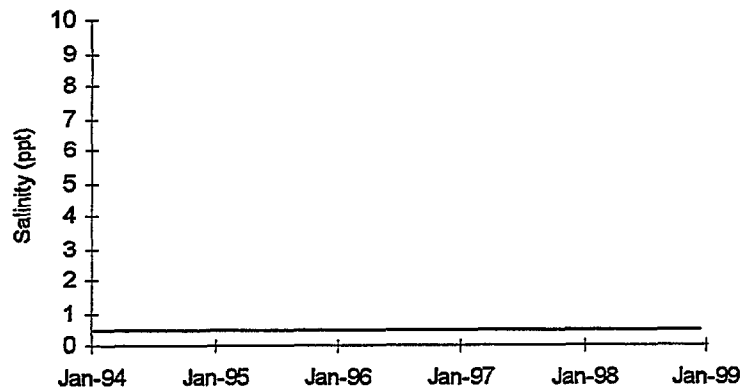


Figure 6-4.
Big Hill Ground Water Monitoring Well Salinities

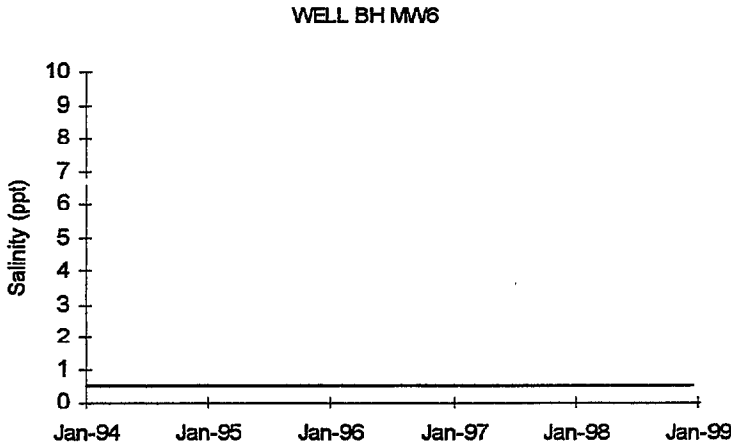
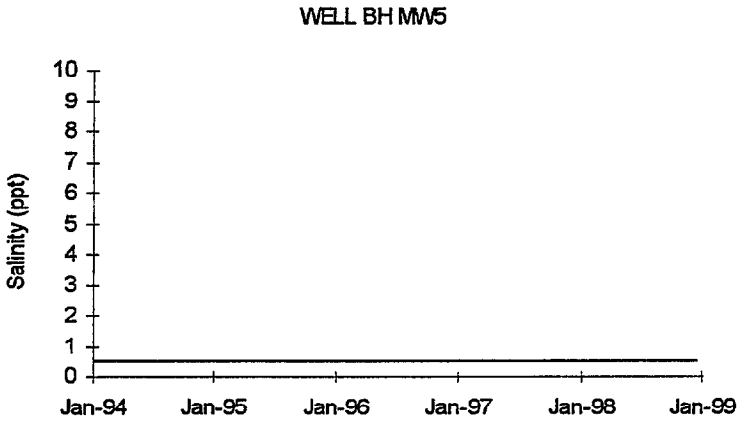
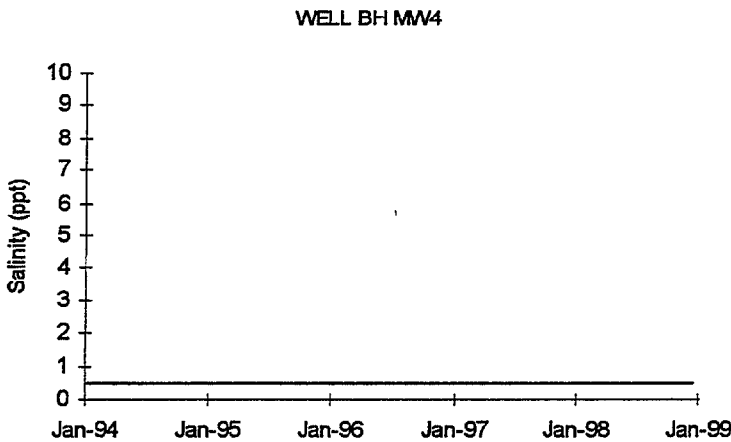


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activities and because the brine piping operations were temporarily taken from service. Each of these wells will be properly abandoned after site construction work is completed which is expected sometime during CY 1999.

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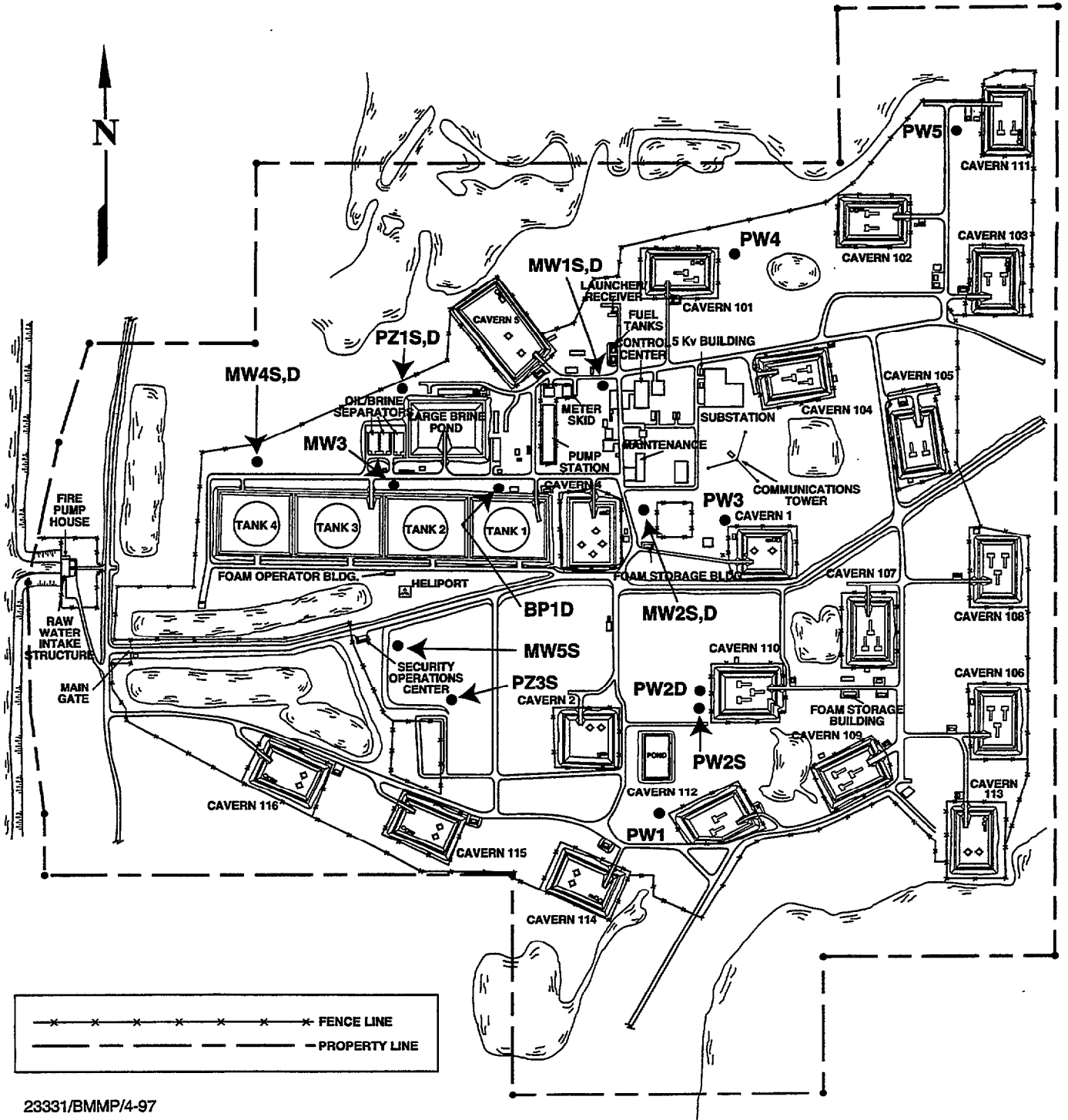
BRYAN MOUND

Site monitoring wells installed in 6 and 15 m (20 and 50 ft) bls water bearing zones indicate that no fresh water exists over the salt dome. This generalization is confirmed by the additional salinity data from the verification well study (VWS). However, the Chicot and Evangeline Aquifers are fresh to slightly saline in the Bryan Mound area, and fresh water for Brazoria County is obtained from the upper portions of the Chicot up-gradient of the Bryan Mound area.

Fifteen monitoring wells have been drilled at Bryan Mound in four phases between 1981 and 1990 (Figure 6-5). Sampling began shortly after installation. Bryan Mound began using a modified low flow technique for sampling these wells in September 1995. Wells BP1S, BP2S, and PZ2S have been removed from monitoring service due to casing damage. BP1S is discussed further below. Five additional shallow well locations and one additional deep well were installed in 1996 as part of the VWS, and all of these have been incorporated into the site's monitor well net.

A 1991 study determined that site ground water movement in the shallow, 6 m bls (20 ft), zone was in the northerly direction toward Blue Lake while that of the deep, 15 m bls (50 ft), zone was in the southeasterly direction toward Mud Lake. Local movement is affected by the domal upthrusting and the data from the VWS wells remaining after the study have provided for a re-evaluation. With these new, more peripheral well locations it is believed that the shallower zone is influenced more by the topography and appears to be flowing radially (in all directions) off the dome. The flow direction in the lower zone is

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Figure 6-5.
Bryan Mound Ground Water Monitoring Wells

a bit more easterly. Both of these aquifers exhibit a very low average linear velocity ranging from 1.5 to 3 m/yr (5 to 10 ft/yr) due to the combined effects of the clay content of the water bearing strata and very low hydraulic gradients which range from .0006 m/m to .001 m/m (0.002 ft/ft to 0.004 ft/ft). This characteristic reduces the risk of contaminating the potable portions of the aquifers on the salt dome.

Three areas where ground water salinity exceeds ambient (or unaffected) for the Bryan Mound site (>20 ppt) have been located. The first area stretches from the brine pond eastward to the brine pump pads and to the vicinity of a brine pond demolished by DOE in 1989. Historical operations (pre-dating DOE ownership) included brine retention in two separate elongated abandoned ponds reclaimed (filled) by DOE in this same area. These historical operations were associated with the brine generation process of a former owner/operator. The second area lies southeast of the security operations center (SOC) adjacent to a closed anhydrite confinement area, and the third lies south of the maintenance building.

Elevated salinity observed at shallow monitor wells since their installation, PZ1S, MW1S, and former BP1S, has been speculated as associated with brine pond activity. The large brine pond with a Hypalon (chlorosulfonated polyethylene) membrane was constructed in 1978. The pond was subsequently renovated and enlarged with installation of a new Hypalon liner and a concrete weight coat in 1982. The Bryan Mound brine pond was successfully taken from brine storage service by September 1998 with subsequent solids removal and closure construction activities concluding early in 1999. Ground water salinity observed in the pond area and to the northeast and east could be the result of previous or continued seepage from the pond, from adjacent buried piping, or from proximity to former (pre-DOE) operations. Salinity of deep complements to wells PZ1S and former BP1S (PZ1D and BP1D) are much lower and considered ambient for the site. They indicate no contamination of the deep zone around the present pond and no apparent direct communication with the shallow zone in this area.

Data from the VWS completed in the summer of 1996 indicate that the primary location of shallow zone salinity impact is in the area of well MW1S, which is mirrored by elevated salinity in the underlying deep zone around MW1D. This is the location of former in-ground unlined brine retention from pre-DOE operations. The high salinity of the deep well may also indicate limited upgradient communication of the two ground water zones in or near that location.

The current brine pond was stripped of its pumping capability in the fall of 1997. The pumps were removed and relocated to a position close by the newly converted above ground brine storage tank. Later in July 1998, the pond was disconnected from inflow piping and dewatering of and eventual removal of residual solids began. The solids removal operations were completed before the end of the calendar year. The annual structural inspection of the brine pond was made in November 1998 and reported as required to the RCT. These inspections indicate no obvious structural compromises of the pond's integrity as it remained in viable service until the liquid contents were pumped down and the solids removed. The pond will be officially decommissioned per the approved closure plan in the CY 1999 time frame.

Southeast of the SOC in a second area where elevated salinity ground water is found, an anhydrite disposal area used during early construction and leaching phases of the site may be a contributory source of brine contamination effects. The limited area of contamination is intercepted in the shallow zone by wells MW5S and PZ3S and has been relatively consistent over the history of long term monitoring.

A brine contamination source in a third area of elevated salinity, near the maintenance building, has not been identified or associated with any known historical operations or incidents, and probably predates SPR activity. Salinity measurements exceeding ambient levels are observed in both zones at wells MW2S and MW2D with the shallow well MW2S remaining below 20 ppt throughout all of 1998.

Brine contamination is not evident at the northwest corner of the site. Shallow zone monitor wells MW3S and MW4S near the southwest corner and west of the brine pond, respectively, have remained relatively stable in the 5 to 10 ppt range. The ground water salinity at the northwest corner of the site is consistent with salinity observed in Blue Lake, the adjoining surface water feature.

Wide salinity fluctuations observed in Figure 6-6 graphs prior to 1995 are due to change of sampling methodology. Consistent purging methodology was instituted but poorly practiced in September 1993, and a later modified (site-specific) version of the newer low flow sampling technique was instituted in the fall of 1995.

Salinity trends are evident in contaminated and uncontaminated areas. Elevated ground water salinity measurements in both zones in the brine pond and pump pad area have remained relatively constant overall, despite the fluctuations noted which are believed to be an artifact of an inconsistent sampling technique.

An overall step change in salinity is evident for 1995 at both wells MW1S and MW1D which is possibly related to the change to a modified low-flow sampling method.

High salinity measurements observed in the shallow zone near the SOC and in both the shallow and the deep zones near the maintenance building appear to be stable or just slightly increasing over the long term and not indicative of any significant or noteworthy releases or events. Salinity observed in uncontaminated deep and shallow zones at the northwest corner of the site reveal on overall flat or slightly decreasing five year trend; each showing minor inconsequential fluctuations for CY 1998. Also during this year, two separate reports of findings were prepared and provided to the RCT. The first

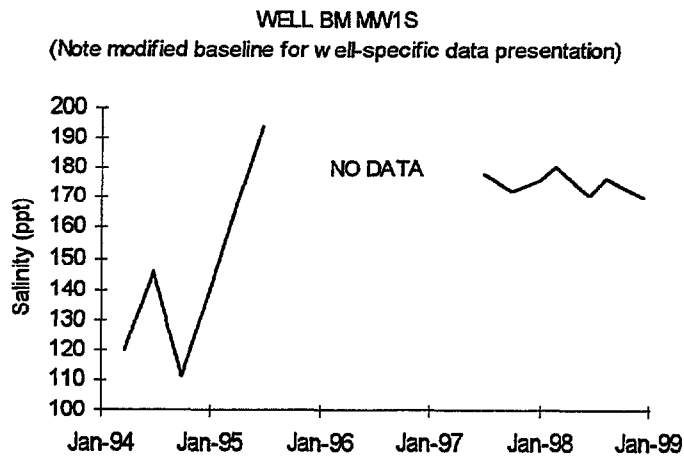
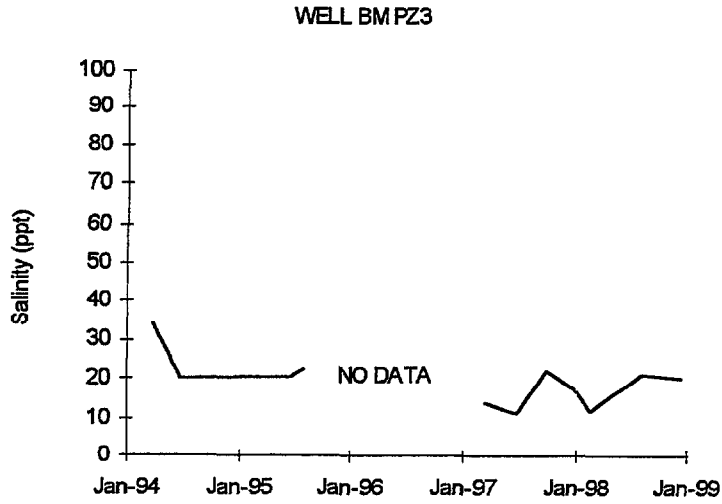
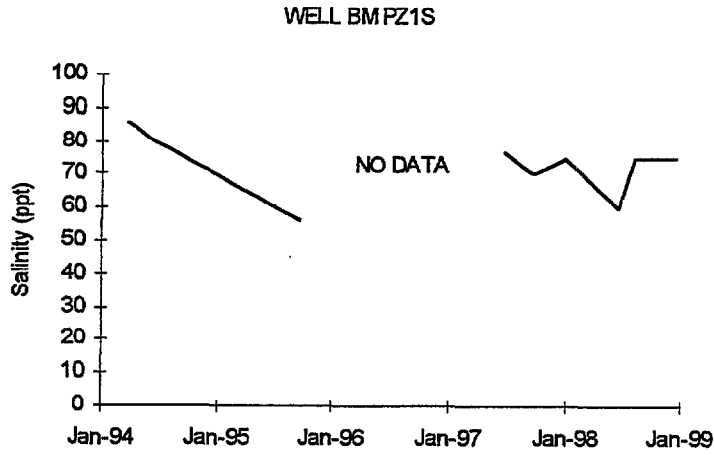


Figure 6-6
Bryan Mound Ground Water Monitoring Well Salinities

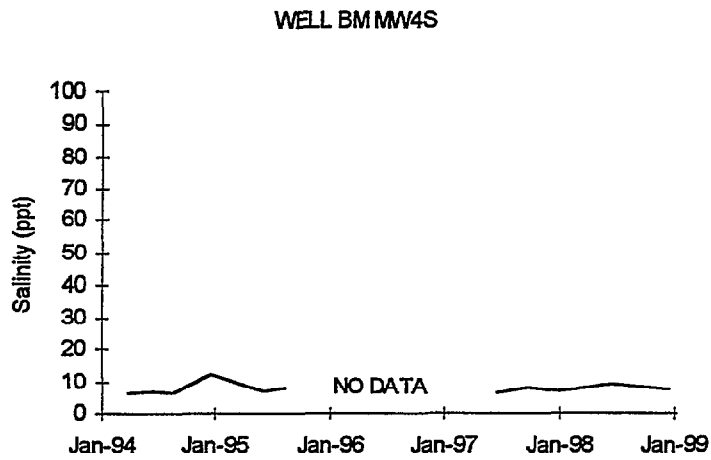
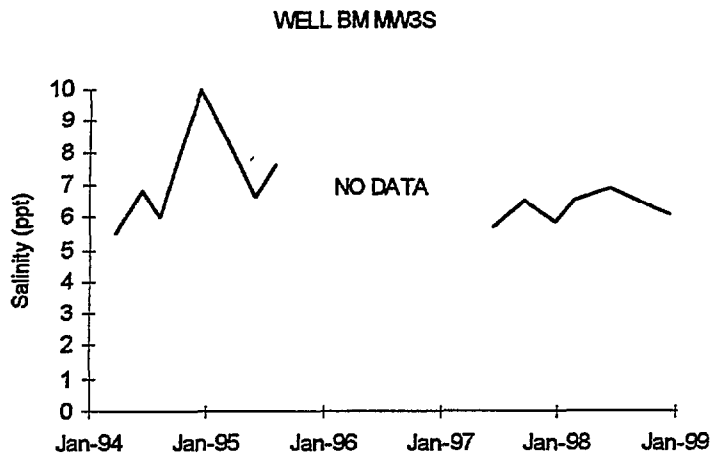
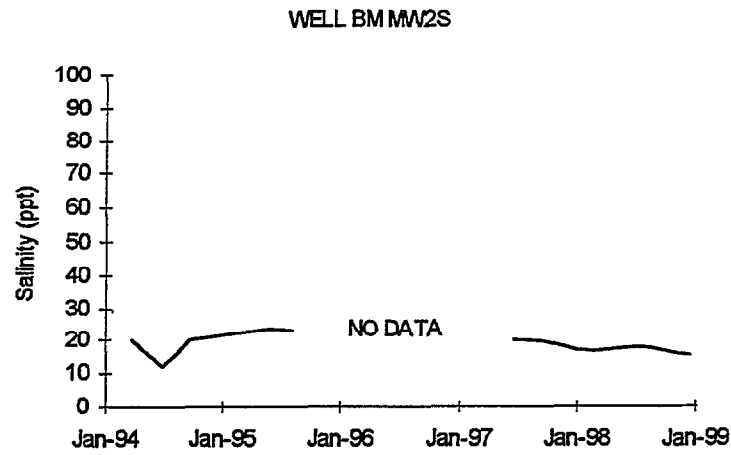
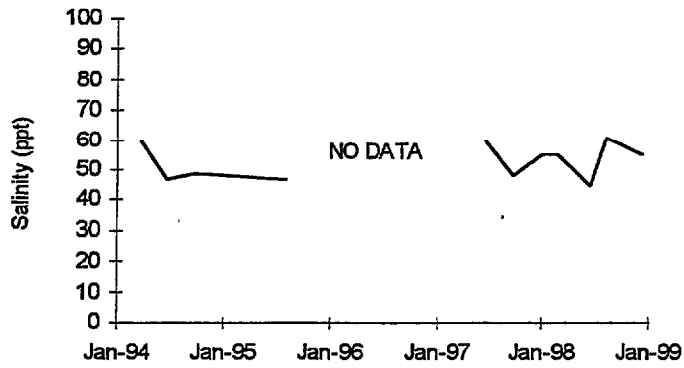
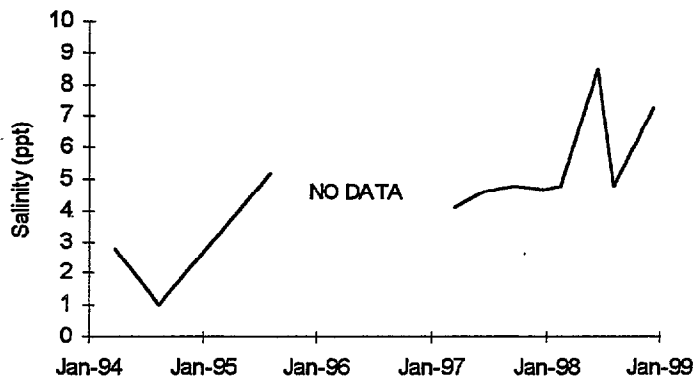


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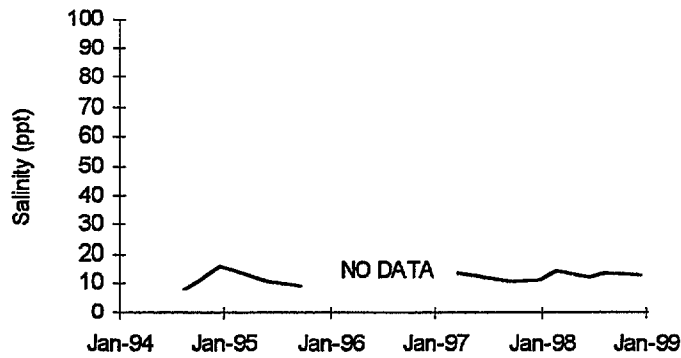


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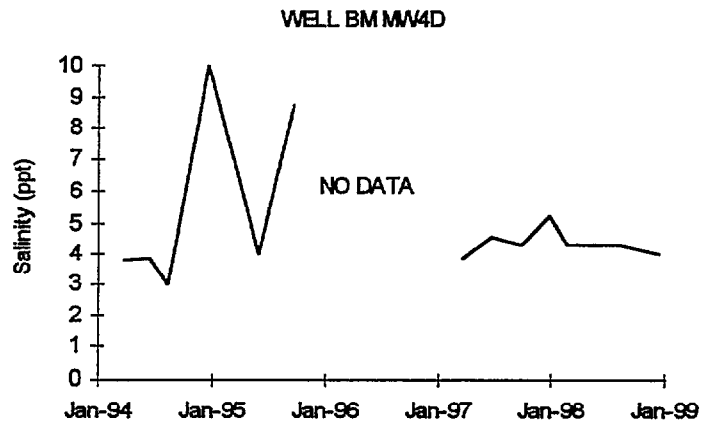
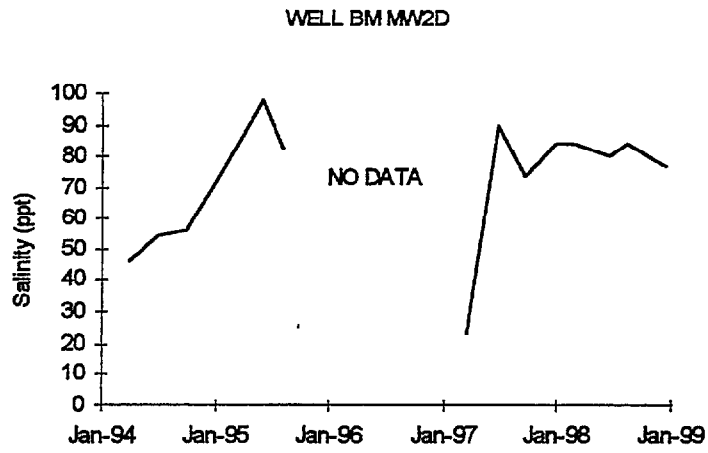
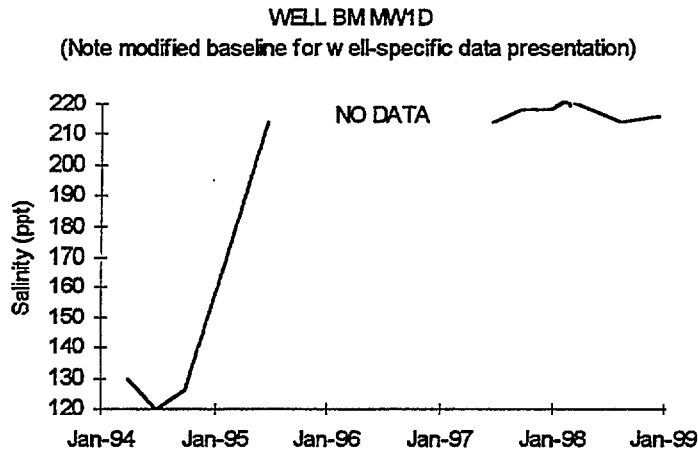


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Bryan Mound Ground Water Monitoring Well Salinities

conveyed the sampling and test results of soil sampling around two of the site's four crude oil storage tanks. One tank has since been converted to brine. As per routine and because of conversion of one of the tanks to brine storage service, an outside contractor was procured to clean, inspect, and refurbish each of the aboveground tanks. During the inspection, areas with small holes and pitting were noted on the two tank floors. In order to investigate the prospect and potential for historical seepage from these tanks, a special soil sampling scheme was devised and soil samples were subjected to chemical analyses for the presence of crude oil and brine. None of the laboratory analyses indicated any impacts from the samples taken underneath and adjacent to suspect areas noted during the tank inspections. This voluntary report was finalized and forwarded to the local district office of the RCT early in the year and the tanks were then refurbished and returned to crude oil storage service or converted, as planned to brine storage.

A second report followed a facility specific request made by the RCT pits and ponds permitting group upon review of the 1997 SER. A detailed chronological history of the brine pond operations was prepared from environmental files as part of the pond's ongoing closure activities and site ground water monitoring regime. This report conveyed additional accounts and interpretations of the historical data and incorporated numerous excerpts from reports made by outside expert consultants through the years. This report was completed and forwarded to RCT in Austin, as requested, by mid-year.

6.4

ST. JAMES

The Chicot Aquifer is the principal regional aquifer at St. James. The upper strata of the Chicot Aquifer is in direct hydrologic contact with the Mississippi River. Most of the ground water contained in this aquifer is slightly brackish. In the St. James area only the uppermost units contain fresh water.

No ground water monitoring wells have been installed at the St. James site due to the absence of brine and chronic crude oil spills.

Underground diesel and gasoline tanks removed in 1995 were found to have leaked. Resulting contaminated soil was removed and remediated to the satisfaction of the state.

As a result of due diligence studies undertaken prior to property transfer to Shell Oil Pipeline, crude oil was located on the shallowest perched water table at two limited areas at St. James. Notification was made to LDEQ in January 1997. Additional remedial investigations and remedial actions were implemented throughout CY 1997. As a result, one of the areas has been approved as "no further action needed" by the state, and crude oil removal efforts continued through CY 1998 at the other.

6.5 WEEKS ISLAND

The Chicot formation is the principal aquifer in the Weeks Island area. The aquifer potentiometric surface is at approximately sea level near Weeks Island and slopes slightly northwest towards a cone of depression attributed to heavy withdrawals in the Lake Charles area. The fresh water sand layers provide water for the local area.

A sink hole found four years ago on Morton Property which could potentially affect crude oil storage in the underlying mine has prompted further investigation and relocation of the crude oil stores and decommissioning of the Weeks Island site. The sink hole, located east of the mine's crude oil fill hole, continued to grow since 1993 until arrested by construction and maintenance of a freeze wall plug created in the water table around the throat of a suspected crevasse leading down into the top of the salt formation. This plug has abated communication of ground water with the oil storage chamber. Relocation of the bulk of the mine inventory to Bayou Choctaw and Big Hill began in 1995 and was completed in November 1996. Pumps are now being reconfigured for four phases of skimming operations designed to maximize removal of the remaining oil. Five ground water monitoring points outside of the freeze plug have been identified and

background or ambient conditions are currently being monitored to assist with post decommissioning long-term monitoring.

The VWS studies were used to further the characterization efforts of the water table aquifer at the Weeks Island site and to install an additional well completing the "net" for the subsequent long-term monitoring proposed. From these long-term monitoring positions, ground water was initially determined to flow generally toward the northwest at an approximate average linear velocity of around 75 feet per year based upon the gradients observed and the fairly large permeabilities measured. Subsequent monitoring has followed the flow direction from northwest around to the southwest.

The Weeks Island long-term monitoring program involves triannual sampling visits made until the mine is deemed closed. Periodic samplings will then be used to compare to the background conditions established prior to closure. The primary compound of concern is crude oil so the parameter total petroleum hydrocarbons (TPH) is used to screen for any components crude oil present. The background thus far established indicates no TPH found in any well at the limits of detectability of the method of 5 mg/l.

6.6

WEST HACKBERRY

The Chicot Aquifer, which flows closest to the surface in the Hackberry area, contains predominantly fresh water with salinity increasing with proximity to the Gulf of Mexico. The majority of the ground water pumping from the Chicot Aquifer takes place in the Lake Charles area. Pumping is so great that a cone of depression has been created which has reversed the flow direction to the north. The fresh/saline water interface is approximately 213 m (700 ft) bls. Zones contaminated and monitored at West Hackberry are near the surface, the shallow zone at roughly 6 m (20 ft) bls and the deep zone at roughly 15 m (50 ft) bls. Details provided by the VWS in 1996 indicate that the two zones contrast sharply in permeability, and as a result, their estimated linear velocity measurements are quite different. The range of flow rate estimated for the shallow zone is from 50 to 200 feet of movement per year, which results from both variable permeability

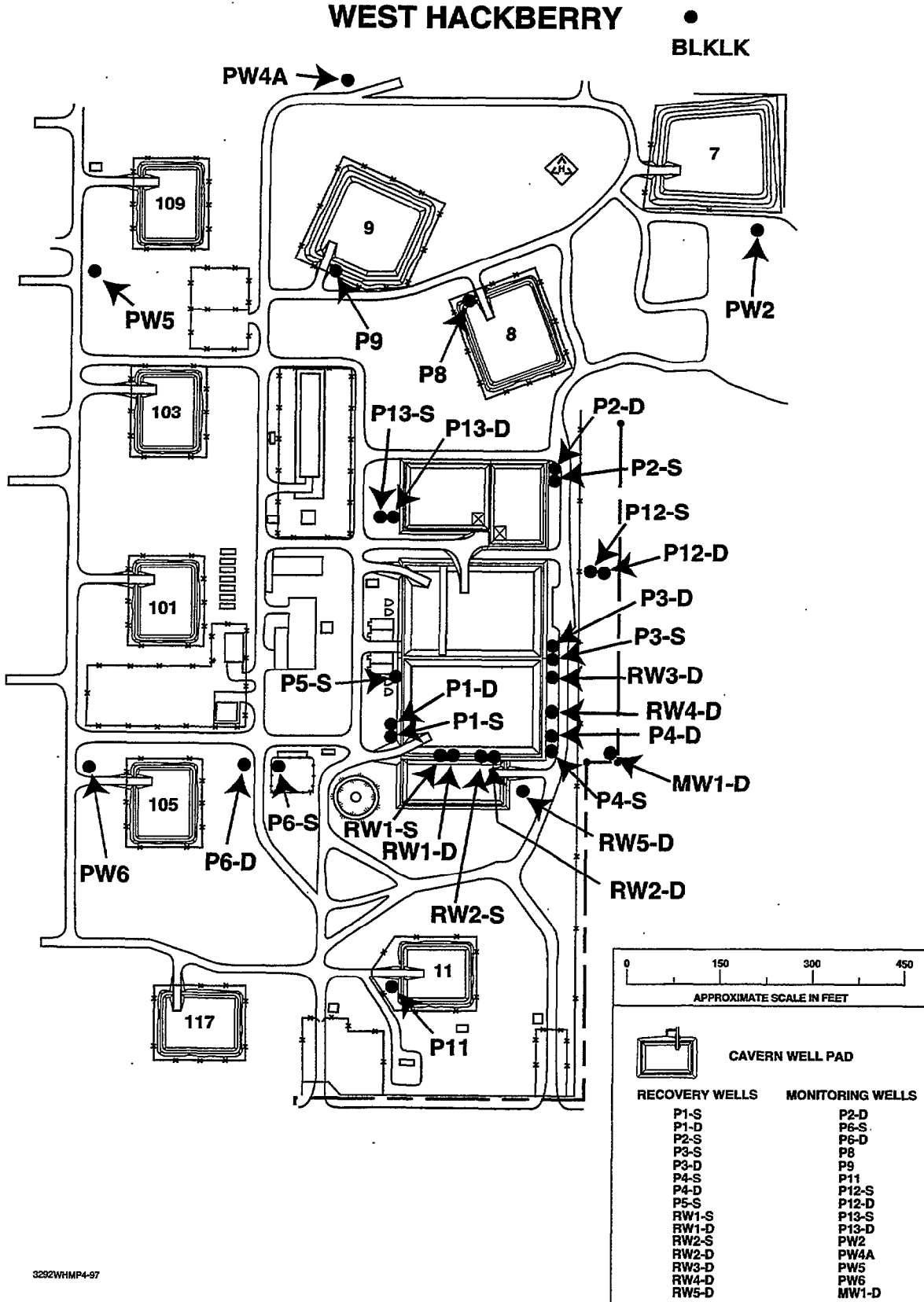
values and varying gradients across the site. The deep zone exhibits a generalized flow rate estimate of only 7.5 feet per year, which is largely due to the more clayey nature of the sands conveying these waters and the lower gradients evident within the limited well net.

Situated directly atop the salt dome and given the long industrialized history of the site and the immediate area, a 10 ppt cut-off for salinity is used in comparisons for determining affected and unaffected waters as ambient conditions have been found highly variable across the site.

The 1991 Contamination Assessment Report and Remedial Alternatives Analysis identified the brine pond as a source of ground water contamination. The brine pond is one of five adjoining ponds comprising a pond system that contains brine and anhydrite solids pumped from the storage caverns. As an abatement measure, the brine pond was cleaned, and cracks in the walls and floor were grouted to stop leakage. Ground water recovery around the pond was also increased. The West Hackberry state approved brine pond decommissioning plan was implemented as scheduled commencing in October 1998.

Eleven monitoring wells and 15 recovery wells (Figure 6-7) were installed on the West Hackberry site in five phases. All wells are used to monitor or control brine contamination movement beneath the brine pond system. West Hackberry began using the low flow technique for sampling these wells in December 1995. Salinity data gathered over the past five years at all wells are depicted in Figure 6-8. Four of the seven wells installed for VWS were retained for additional water level measuring points around the periphery of the main site.

Ground water recovery at the brine pond has improved over the past five years. Gaps in the line graphs in Figure 6-8 denote periods when pumps were inoperable or when wells were dry.



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Figure 6-7.
 West Hackberry Ground Water Monitoring Wells

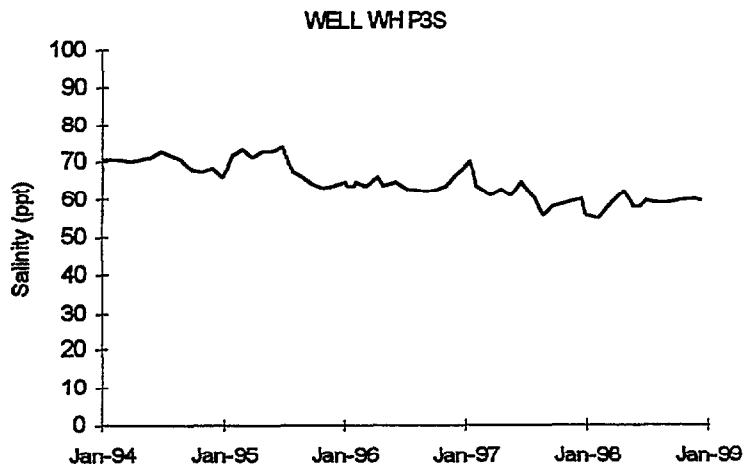
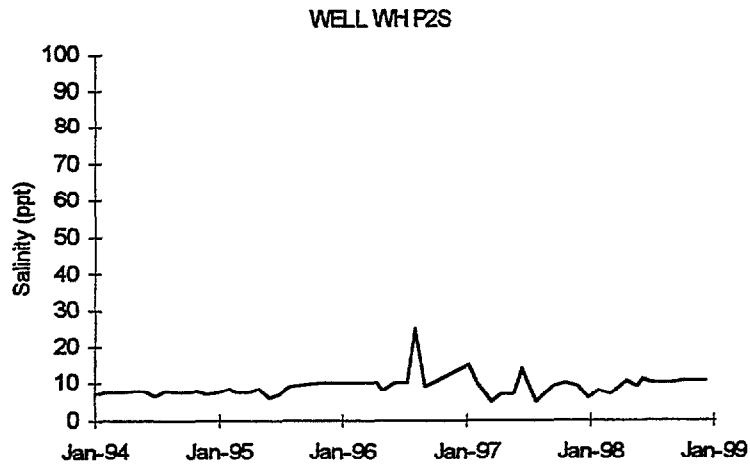
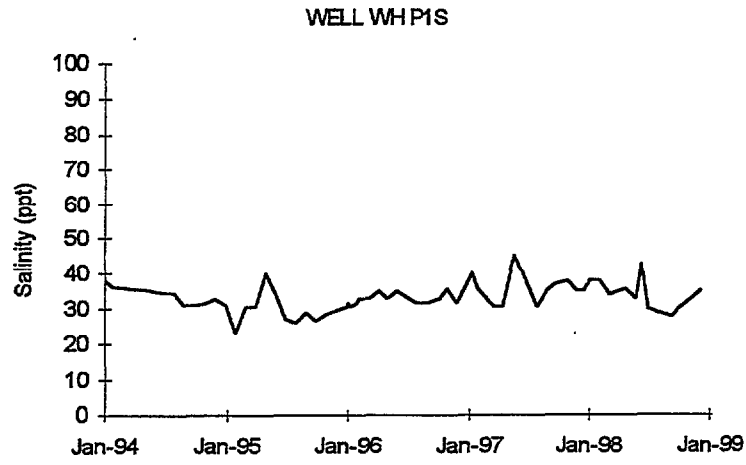


Figure 6-8.
West Hackberry Ground Water Monitoring Well Salinities

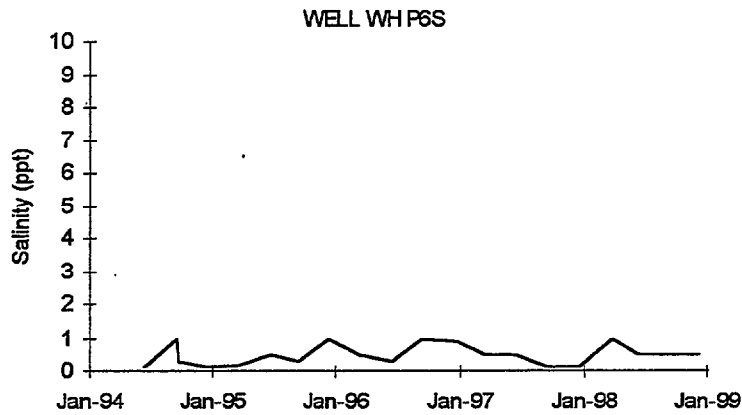
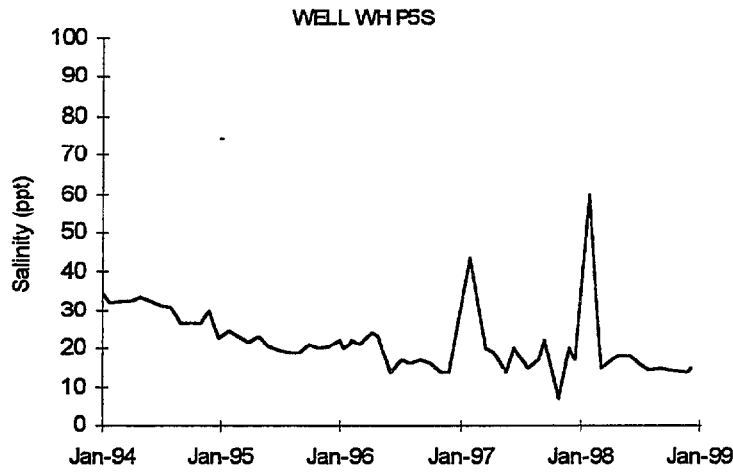
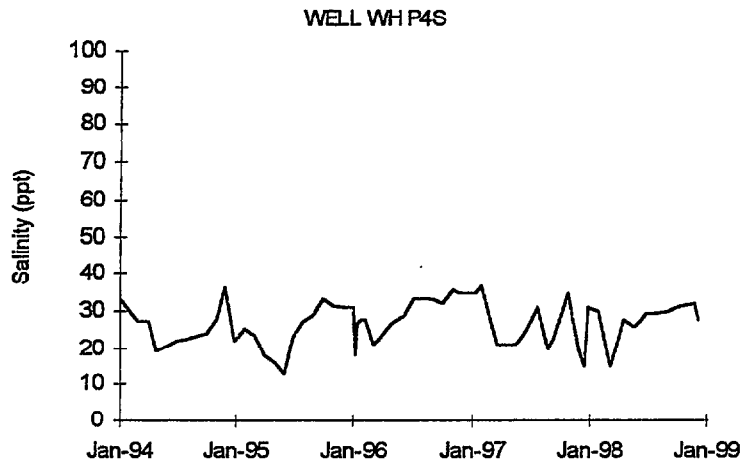


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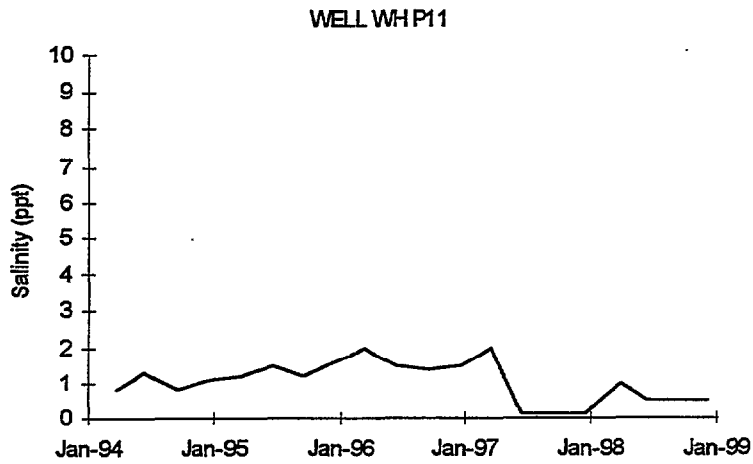
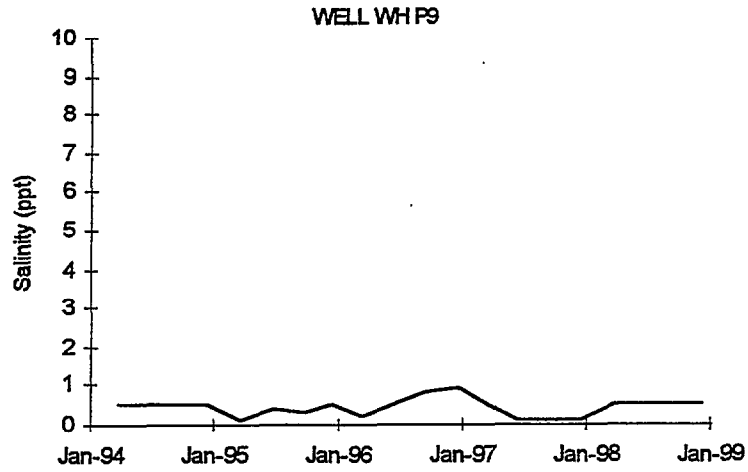
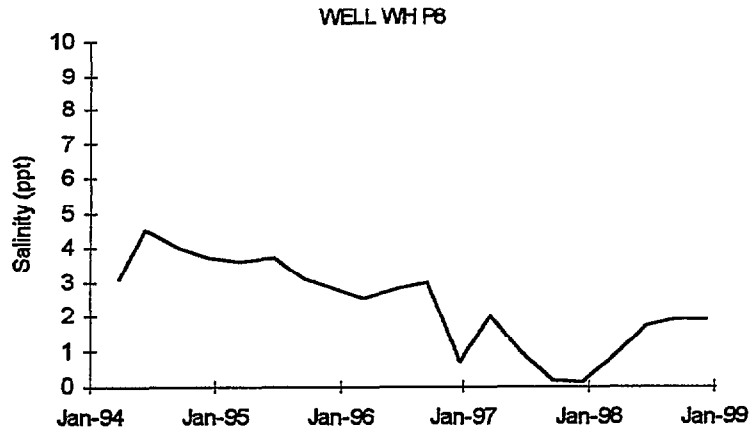


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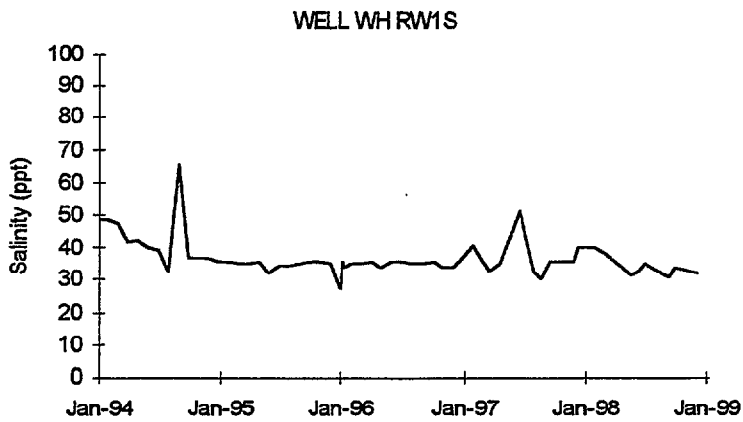
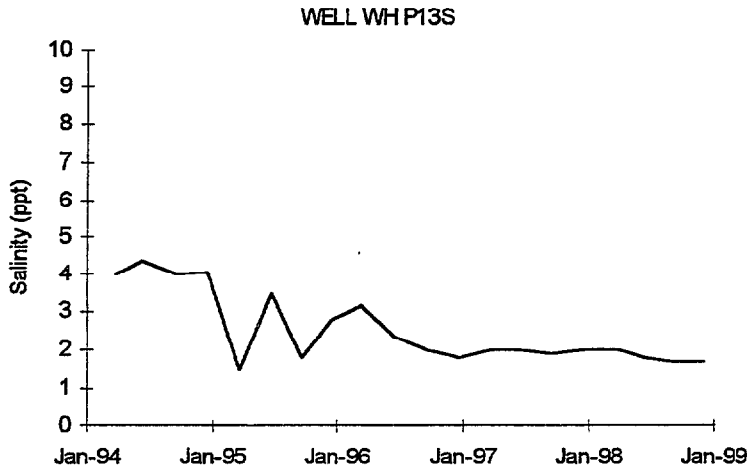
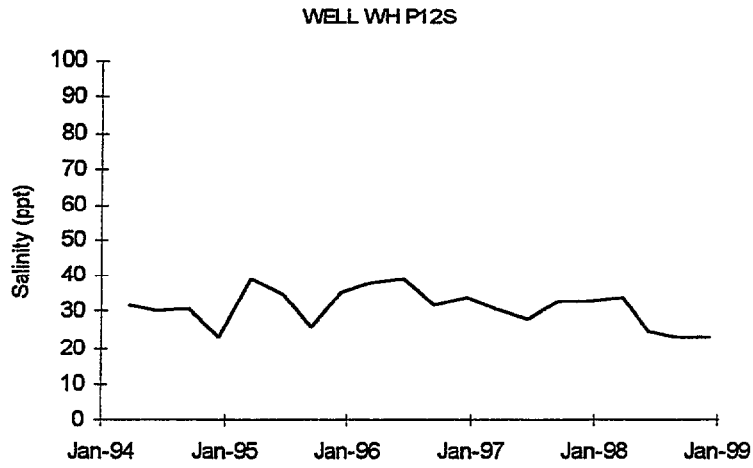


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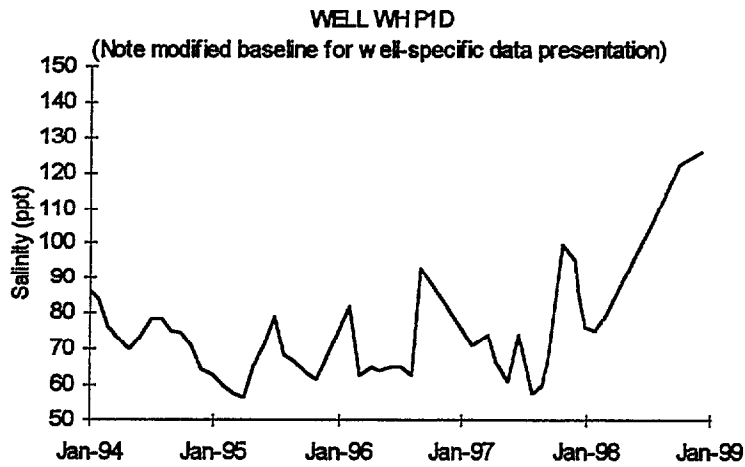
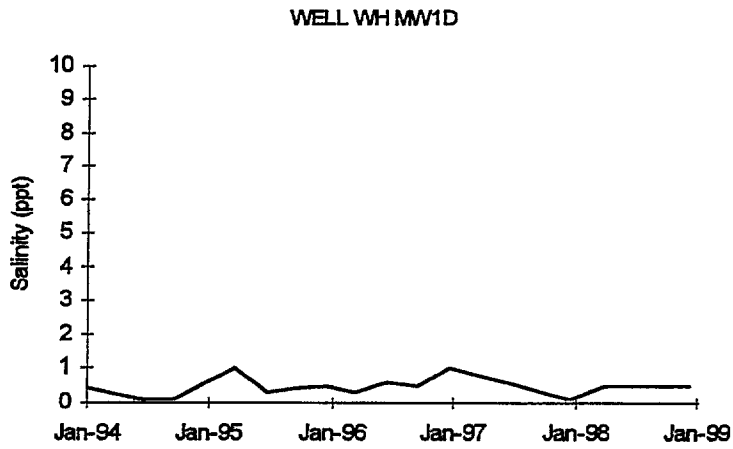
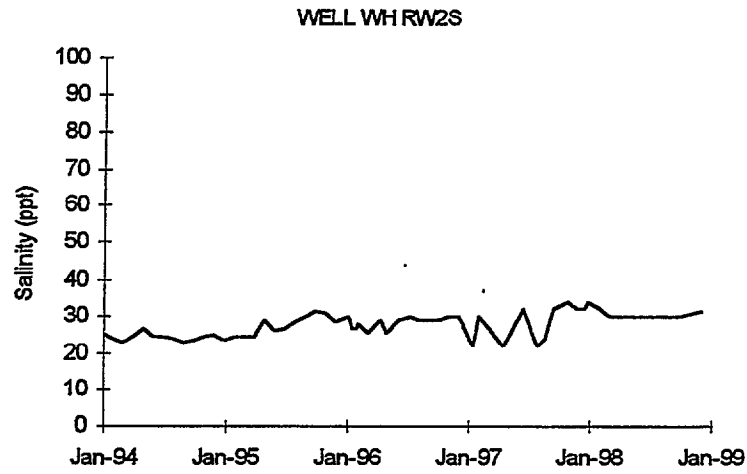
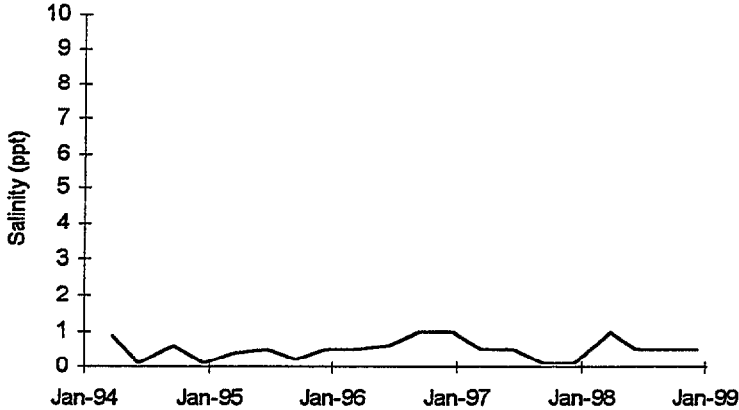
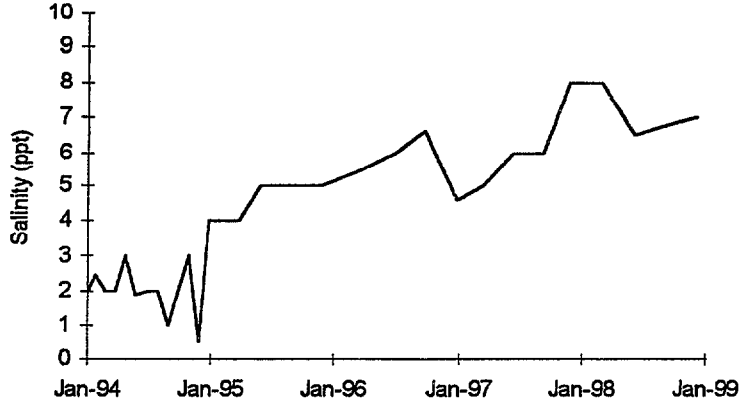


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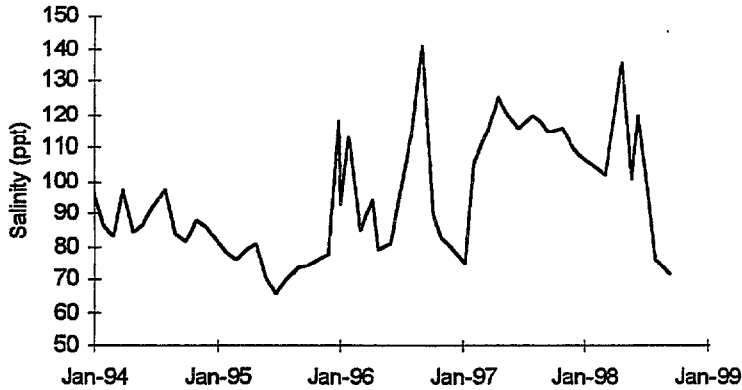


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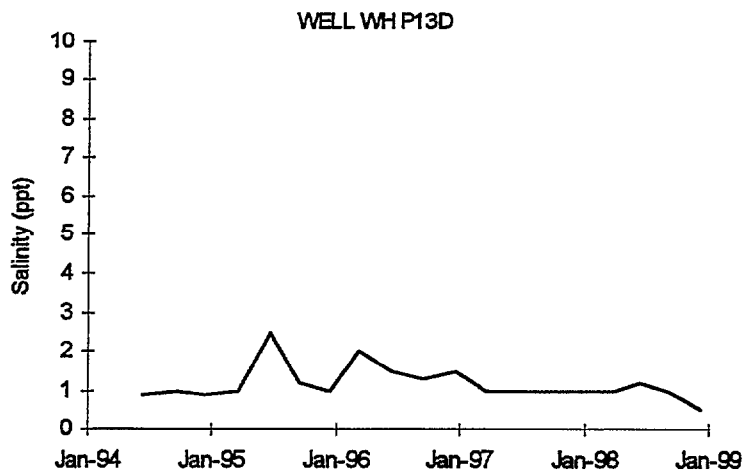
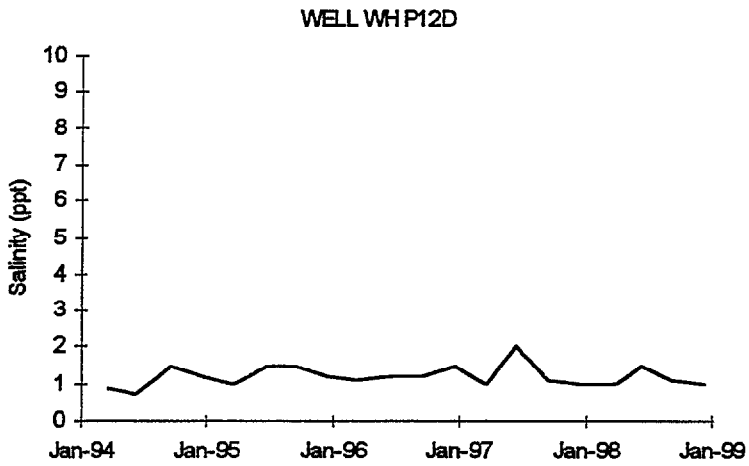
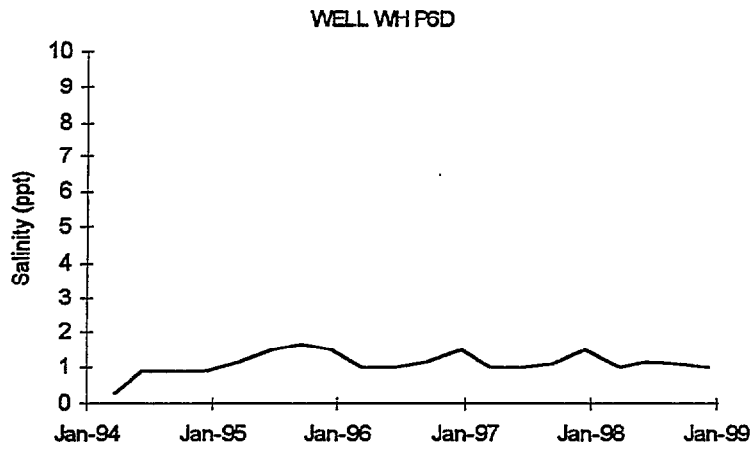
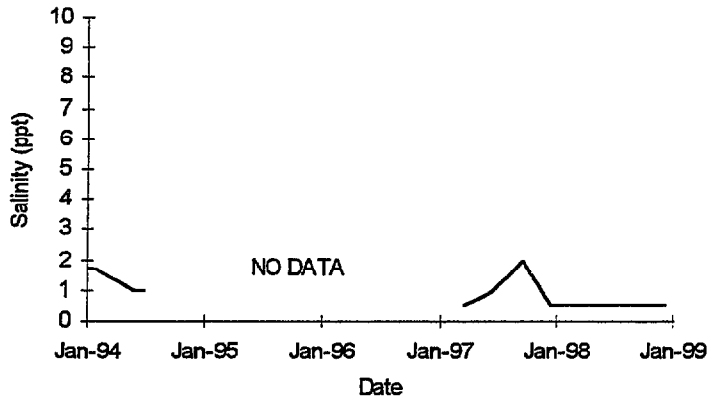
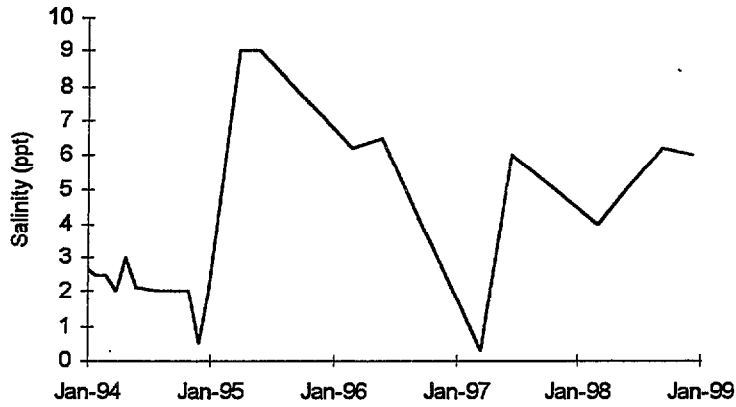


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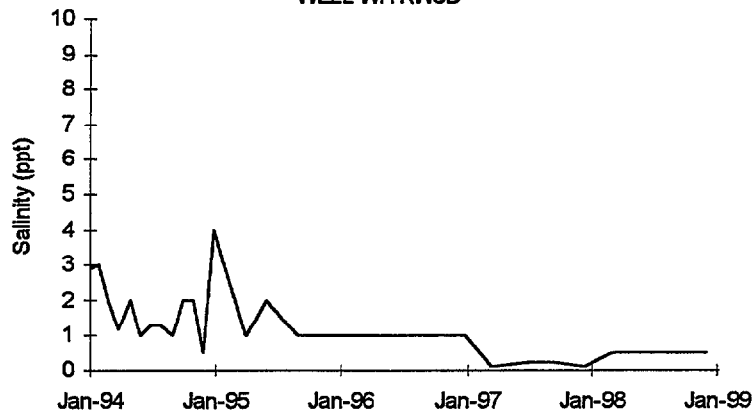


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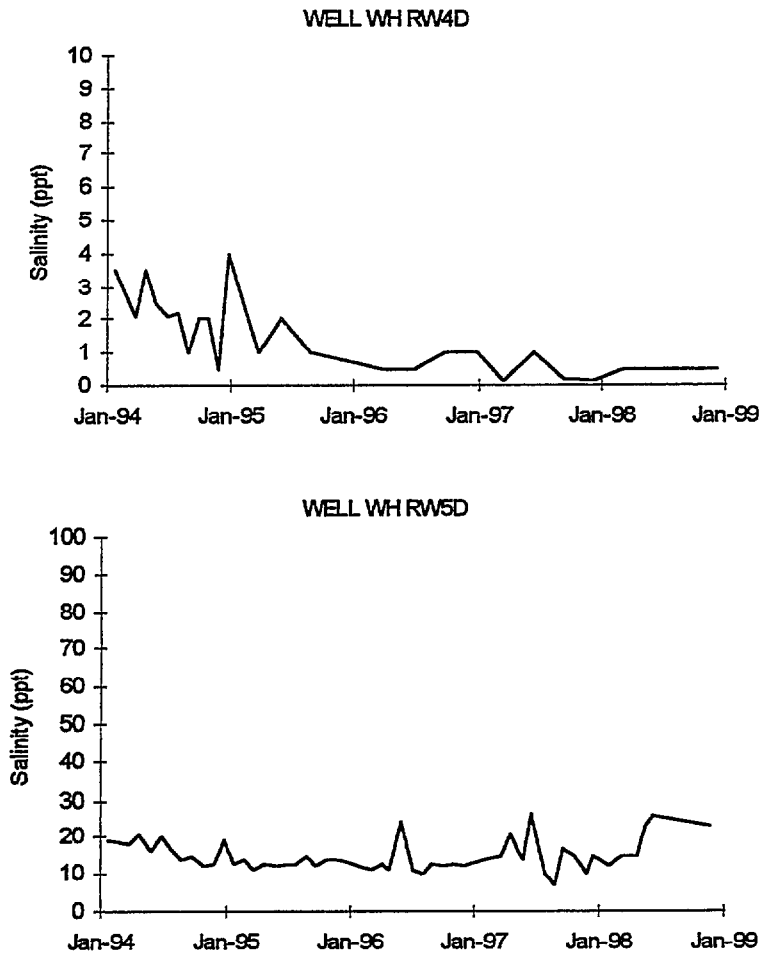


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West Hackberry Ground Water Monitoring Well Salinities

Observed recovery well salinity measurements depict a complex picture of ground water contamination beneath the pond system. Salinity is more elevated and spatially variable in the shallow zone than the deep zone with the exception of the two deep zone wells P1D and P4D on opposing west and east sides of the brine pond, respectively, where salinity inexplicably exceeds that of all other wells.

A brine plume exists in an east-northeastward shaped ellipse beneath the brine pond in the shallow zone from the southwest corner over to Well P3-S. Its saline ground water is captured by six recovery wells. Wells P1S and P5S intercept the plume on the west side of the pond, wells RW1S and RW2S on the south side, and P3S and P4S on the east

side. Wide salinity fluctuations of data graphs are attributed to salinity stratification in the wells and oscillating cones of depression. Prior to mid-1993, submersible recovery well pumps ran intermittently and could not maintain a stable cone of depression or resultant stable salinity.

A slight decreasing salinity trend is observed at wells P1S, P5S, and RW1S along the west side of the brine pond. A stable to slightly increasing salinity trend is apparent at wells RW2S, P2S, and P3S along the east half of the pond system. With ground water movement to the east, it is expected that wells on the west side of the pond will capture more fresh, uncontaminated ground water from the west as the source of brine contamination decreases. This response may be delayed to the east.

Ground water recovery efforts may be slightly influencing certain areas and wells around the pond in a positive way. For example, the general declining trend evident with well P3S along the east side of the pond is notable in as much as this well is located directly in the middle of the shallow zone plume and is direct downgradient flow path from the pond.

It appears that elevated deep zone salinity is limited to wells P1D and P4D since no effects have been identified elsewhere in the deep well network. The salinity in deep zone recovery wells RW1D and RW2D near high salinity P1D, and wells P3D, RW3D, and RW4D north of high salinity P4D, remain near ambient although trending slightly downward. The salinity of deep recovery well RW5D south of P4D remains above the unaffected cut-off of 10 ppt (19.2 ppt annual average for 1998) and is apparently situated along the edge of the same area of contamination intercepted by P4D.

Shallow monitoring wells P8, P9, and P11 at caverns 8, 9, and 11, respectively, are located away from the brine pond and intercept unaffected waters that are near ambient levels compared to up-gradient well P6S. These wells have exhibited a gradual freshening over the past five years, but wells P8 and P11 have detected slight localized

contamination. The source of contamination at P8 was not determined. However, the temporary elevated salinity observed at well P11 resulted from a brackish water leak four years ago from piping of a nearby fire water system. As the graph depicts this area's ground water has returned to background conditions.

Shallow zone monitoring wells P6S, P12S, and P13S, and deep zone monitoring wells P2D, P6D, P12D, P13D, and MW1D are nearer the brine pond than wells at the caverns and, with the exception of well P12S, also intercept ambient ground water. Well P12S is the only down gradient monitoring well that is affected by the shallow zone brine plume extending eastward from the brine pond. Its salinity remains elevated (26.2 ppt annual average in 1998) and has been generally consistent since sampling began in 1992 (range 23 to 39 ppt, Std. D = 4.7 ppt, avg. = 30.73 ppt, n = 27) but showing a general freshening in the last half of 1998. Prior to 1995, well P13S was trending slightly upward, but it has since exhibited a steady declining trend returning to ambient in the past year or two. The slightly elevated salinity may have resulted from residual localized contamination from a nearby brine line leak in 1992.

Cones of depression have been sustained in both zones as a result of successful ground water recovery. The differences in shallow and deep zone potentiometric surfaces indicate that the two zones are hydraulically separate; however, the potential is downward and combined with the increased density of saline water, contamination will tend to seek lower elevations through any natural breach or natural connection available between the two zones. The two zones behave as poorly confined units exhibiting static heads considerably above the elevations of an upper confining unit. Recharge would be expected to occur somewhere off site at an up-gradient location; however, local topographic modifications of the surrounding area from the underlying salt piercement have locally modified the regional ground water movement. From the addition of several outlying shallow wells placed for the VWS, we now find that ground water contours indicate a radial flow of water subparalleling surface topography off the dome, placing a recharge potential for the shallow zone directly under the main site in a

N-S trending ridge. Insufficient data are available to assess the deeper zone in a similar fashion.

7. QUALITY ASSURANCE

The SPR sites undergo periodic evaluation throughout the year in the form of yearly internal audits as well as inspections by outside federal and state agencies. The structured laboratory quality assurance program has continued through the systematic application of acceptable accuracy and precision criteria at SPR laboratories. Compliance with this and other environmental program requirements was reviewed and evaluated at each site by means of the M&O contractor's Quality Assurance Assessments, Independent Assessments, and program inspections at selected sites by state and federal environmental agencies.

7.1 **FIELD QUALITY CONTROL**

All field environmental monitoring and surveillance activities are performed in accordance with standard procedures which are maintained in the contractor's Laboratory Programs and Procedures Manual and the Environmental Monitoring Plan. These procedures include maintenance of chain-of-custody, collection of quality control (QC) samples, and field documentation.

7.2 **DATA MANAGEMENT**

SPR data is generated by SPR and contractor laboratories. All data generated by SPR laboratories is recorded and maintained in bound, numbered, and signed laboratory notebooks. Contractor laboratory data and accompanying QC data is received by the site laboratory or Environmental department and retained on site as part of the original data file.

Water quality data is added to the SPR ES&H Management Information System (SEMIS) for retention, manipulation, and interpretation. This data is compiled and appears in various reports such as the Site Environmental Report, in support of assessments, evaluations, and development of appropriate responses.

7.3 EPA DISCHARGE MONITORING REPORT QUALITY
ASSURANCE STUDY

The EPA entered the 18th year of its Discharge Monitoring Report Quality Assurance Laboratory Performance Evaluation program (DMR-QA LPE). Through this program, EPA ensures verifiable and consistent data generation by providing analytical laboratories of major NPDES dischargers blind samples for analysis of permit parameters. The Big Hill, Bryan Mound, and West Hackberry sites, who used to be classified as major dischargers, participated in the study in 1998. Resultant data was provided to EPA, via their contractor, on a standard report form. The results of this study indicated that the SPR laboratories performed acceptably and are approved for continued DMR/NPDES analyses.

7.4 SPR LABORATORY ACCURACY AND PRECISION PROGRAM

The SPR laboratory quality assurance program is based on the *U.S. EPA Handbook for Analytical Quality Control in Water and Wastewater Laboratories*. This program focuses on the use of solvent or standard and method blanks, check standards, and for instrumental methods, final calibration blanks and final calibration verification standards with each analytical batch to verify quality control. Additionally, replicate and spiked samples are analyzed at a 10 percent frequency to determine precision and accuracy, respectively. Analytical methodology is based on the procedures listed in Table 7-1. Several hundred of these quality assurance analyses were performed in 1998 to verify the continuing high quality of SPR laboratory data.

The EPA quality control document advocates use of quality control charts to maintain and evaluate accuracy and precision data. The SPR uses a computer program to allow rapid and exact determinations of

Table 7-1. SPR Wastewater Analytical Methodology

Parameter	Method	Source*	Description
Biochemical Oxygen Demand	5210(B) 405.1	APHA EPA-1	5 Day, 20°C 5 Day, 20° C
Chemical Oxygen Demand	D1252-88(B) 410.4 5220(D)	ASTM EPA-1 APHA	Micro Spectrophotometric Proc. Colorimetric, Manual Closed Reflux, Colorimetric
Fecal Coliform	Part III-C-2 9222(D)	EPA-2 APHA	Direct Membrane Filter Method Membrane Filter Procedure
Residual Chlorine	4500-Cl(G) 330.5 8021	APHA EPA-1 Hach	DPD Colorimetric Spectrophotometric, DPD DPD Method
Oil & Grease (Total, Recoverable)	413.1	EPA-1	Gravimetric, Separatory Funnel Extraction
Oil & Grease (Partition, Gravimetric)	5520-(B)	APHA	Gravimetric, Separatory Funnel Extraction
Total Organic Carbon	415.1 D4839-88 5310(C) D2579(A) 5310(B)	EPA-1 ASTM APHA ASTM APHA	Combustion or Oxidation Persulfate – UV Oxidation, IR Combustion – IR
Dissolved Oxygen	D888-87(D) 360.1 360.2 4500-O(C) 4500-O(G)	ASTM EPA-1 EPA-1 APHA APHA	Membrane Electrode Membrane Electrode Winkler Method with Azide Mod. Winkler Method with Azide Mod. Membrane Electrode
Hydrogen Ion conc. (pH)	D1293-84(A&B) 150.1 4500-H ⁺ (B)	ASTM EPA-1 APHA	Electrometric Electrometric Electrometric
Total Dissolved Solids (Residual, Filterable)	160.1 2540(C)	EPA-1 APHA	Gravimetric, Dried at 180°C Gravimetric, Dried at 180°C
Total Suspended Solids (Residual, Non-Filterable)	160.2 2540(D)	EPA-1 APHA	Gravimetric, Dried at 103-105°C Gravimetric, Dried at 103-105°C
Salinity	D4542-85 (Sect. 7) 2520(B) & 2510 210B	ASTM APHA APHA (16 th Ed.)	Refractometric Electrical Conductivity Hydrometric
Biomonitoring	1006.0 1007.0	EPA-3 EPA-3	Menidia beryllina 7 day survival Mysidopsis bahia 7 day survival
Copper	200.7	EPA-1	Inductively coupled plasma atomic emission spectrometric method for trace element analysis of water and waste.

- EPA-1 = U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Methods for Chemical Analysis of Water and Wastes, Document No. EPA-600/4-79-020, March 1983.
- APHA = American Public Health Association, et al., Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater, 17th Ed., 1989.
- EPA-2 = U.S. EPA, Microbiological Methods for Monitoring the Environment: Water and Wastes, Document No. EPA-600/8-78-017, December 1978.
- ASTM = American Society for Testing and Materials, Annual Book of Standards, Section 11 - Water, Volumes 11.01 and 11.02, 1990.
- Hach = Hach Company, Hach Water Analysis Handbook, 2nd Ed., 1992
- EPA-3 = U.S. EPA, Short Term Methods for Estimating the Chronic Toxicity of Effluents and Receiving Waters to Marine and Estuarine Organisms, Document No. EPA/600/4-87/028.

accuracy and precision without the necessity of manual quality control chart preparation.

7.5

CONTROL OF SUBCONTRACTOR LABORATORY QUALITY ASSURANCE

The M&O Contractor subcontracts some of the required analytical work the SPR laboratories perform. The Laboratories Programs and Procedures Manual contains mandatory guidelines by which such contracts must be prepared. In addition, procurement documents are reviewed by the respective laboratory staff and M&O Contractor Quality Assurance, Operations and Maintenance, and Environmental staff. Subcontractor laboratory service vendors are selected from an approved vendors list maintained by the M&O Contractor Quality Assurance organization. The successful bidder must be on the approved vendors list prior to the start of the laboratory contract. Vendors on the approved list are periodically reassessed by the M&O Contractor Quality Assurance and Operations and Maintenance organizations.

Appendix A
SPR ES&H Standards

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STRATEGIC PETROLEUM RESERVE ES&H STANDARDS

STANDARD	AREA	DESCRIPTION
10 CFR 1021	MR	Compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act
10 CFR 1022	MR	Compliance with Flood Plain/Wetlands Environmental Review
10 CFR 835	RP	Occupational Radiation Protection - Applicable and Enforceable Portions
14 CFR 77	IS	(Aviation) Objects Affecting Navigable Airspace
14 CFR 91	IS	(Aviation) General Operating and Flight Rules
14 CFR 121	IS	(Aviation) Operating Requirements: Domestic, Flag, and Supplemental Operations
14 CFR 125	IS	(Aviation) Certifications and Operations
14 CFR 127	IS	(Aviation) Certification and Operations of Scheduled Air Carriers with Helicopters
14 CFR 133	IS	(Aviation) Rotorcraft External Load Operations
14 CFR 135	IS	(Aviation) Operating Requirements: Commuter and On-Demand Operations
14 CFR 137	IS	(Aviation) Agricultural Aircraft Operations
14 CFR 139	IS	(Aviation) Certification and Operation: Land Airport Serving Certain Air Carriers
14 CFR 145	IS	(Aviation) Repair Stations
14 CFR 830	IS	(Aviation) Notification And Reporting - Accidents and Incidents
29 CFR 1903.2	IS	Posting of Notice: Availability of the Act, Regulations, and Applicable Standards
29 CFR 1903.13	IS	Imminent Danger
29 CFR 1904	MO	Recordkeeping and Reporting Occupational Injuries and Illnesses
29 CFR 1910 SUBPART A	IS,FP	General (1 through 8)
29 CFR 1910 SUBPART B	IS	Adoption and Extension of Established Federal Standards (11 through 19)
29 CFR 1910 SUBPART D	IS	Walking-Working Surfaces (21 through 30)
29 CFR 1910 SUBPART E	IS	Means of Egress (35 through 38)
29 CFR 1910 SUBPART F	IS	Powered Platforms, Manlifts, and Vehicle Mounted Work Platforms (66 through 68)
29 CFR 1910 SUBPART G	IH	Occupational Health and Environmental Control (94 through 98)
29 CFR 1910 SUBPART H	IS,CS,FP	Hazardous Materials (101 through 126)
29 CFR 1910 SUBPART I	IS	Personal Protective Equipment (132 through 139)
29 CFR 1910 SUBPART J	IS,FP	General Environmental Controls (141 through 147)
29 CFR 1910 SUBPART K	MS	Medical and First Aid (151)
29 CFR 1910 SUBPART L	IS,FP	Fire Protection (155 through 165)
29 CFR 1910 SUBPART M	IS	Compressed Gas and Compressed Air Equipment (169)

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STANDARD	AREA	DESCRIPTION
29 CFR 1910 SUBPART N	IS	Materials Handling and Storage (176-179, 181, 183-184)
29 CFR 1910 SUBPART O	IS	Machinery and Machine Guarding (211 through 213, 215, 219)
29 CFR 1910 SUBPART P	IS	Hand/Portable Powered Tools and Other Hand-Held Equipment (241 through 244)
29 CFR 1910 SUBPART Q	IS	Welding, Cutting, and Brazing (251 through 255)
29 CFR 1910 SUBPART R	IS	Special Industries (269)
29 CFR 1910 SUBPART S	IS	Electrical (301 through 306, 331-335, 399)
29 CFR 1910 SUBPART T	IS	Commercial Diving Operations (401 through 402, 410, 420-427, 430, 440-441)
29 CFR 1910 SUBPART Z	IH	Toxic and Hazardous Substances (1000 through 1450 except 1029, 1043, 1045, 1047, 1050-1051)
29 CFR 1926 APPENDIX A	IS	Designations for General Industry Standards Incorporated Into Body of Construction Standards
29 CFR 1926 SUBPART A	MO	General (1 through 5)
29 CFR 1926 SUBPART B	IS	General Interpretations (10 through 16)
29 CFR 1926 SUBPART C	IS,FP	General Safety and Health Provisions (20 through 35)
29 CFR 1926 SUBPART D	IS	Occupational Health and Environmental Controls (50 through 66)
29 CFR 1926 SUBPART E	IS,FP	Personal Protection and Life Saving Equipment (95 through 107)
29 CFR 1926 SUBPART F	IS,FP	Fire Protection and Prevention (150 through 155)
29 CFR 1926 SUBPART G	IS	Signs, Signals, and Barricades (200 through 203)
29 CFR 1926 SUBPART H	IS	Materials Handling, Storage, Use, and Disposal (250 through 252)
29 CFR 1926 SUBPART I	IS	Tools - Hand and Power (300 through 307)
29 CFR 1926 SUBPART J	IS	Welding and Cutting (350 through 354)
29 CFR 1926 SUBPART K	IS	Electrical (400 through 408, 416-417, 431-432, 441, 449)
29 CFR 1926 SUBPART L	IS	Scaffolds (450 through 454)

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STANDARD	AREA	DESCRIPTION
29 CFR 1926 SUBPART M	IS	Fall Protection (500 through 503)
29 CFR 1926 SUBPART N	IS	Cranes, Derricks, Hoists, Elevators, and Conveyors (550 through 555)
29 CFR 1926 SUBPART O	IS	Motor Vehicles, Mechanized Equipment, and Marine Operations (600 through 606)
29 CFR 1926 SUBPART P	IS	Excavations (650 through 652)
29 CFR 1926 SUBPART Q	IS	Concrete and Masonry Construction (700 through 706)
29 CFR 1926 SUBPART R	IS	Steel Erection (750 through 752)
29 CFR 1926 SUBPART S	IS	Underground Construction, Caissons, Cofferdams, and Compressed Air (800 through 804)
29 CFR 1926 SUBPART T	IS	Demolition (850 through 860)
29 CFR 1926 SUBPART U	IS	Blasting and the Use of Explosives (900 through 914)
29 CFR 1926 SUBPART V	IS	Power Transmission and Distribution (950 through 960)
29 CFR 1926 SUBPART W	IS	Rollover Protective Structures; Overhead Protection (1000 through 1003)
29 CFR 1926 SUBPART X	IS	Stairways and Ladders (1050 through 1060)
29 CFR 1926 SUBPART Y	IS	Diving (1071 through 1092)
29 CFR 1926 SUBPART Z	IH	Toxic and Hazardous Substances (1100 through 1152 except 1129, 1145, 1147)
30 CFR 57	IS	(MSHA) Safety and Health Standards - Underground Metal and Nonmetal Mines
33 CFR 64	CW	Markings of Structures, Sunken Vessels and Other Obstructions
33 CFR 67	CW	Aids to Navigation on Artificial Islands and Fixed Structures
33 CFR 68	CW	Private Aid to Navigation
33 CFR 126	CW	Handling Class I (Explosive) Materials or Other Dangerous Cargo
33 CFR 153	CW	Control of Pollution by Oil and Hazardous Substances, Discharged Removed
33 CFR 154	CW	Facilities Transferring Oil or Hazardous Material in Bulk
33 CFR 156	CW	Oil and Hazardous Material Transfer Operations
33 CFR 158	HW	Reception Facilities for Oil, Noxious Liquid Substances, and Garbage (MARPOL)
33 CFR 322	CW	Permits for Structures or Work in or Affecting Navigable Waters of the U.S.
33 CFR 323	CW	Permits for Discharges of Dredged or Fill Material into Waters of the U.S.
33 CFR 325	CW	Process of Department of Army Permits
33 CFR 326	CW	Enforcement
33 CFR 328	CW	Definition of Waters of the United States

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STANDARD	AREA	DESCRIPTION
33 CFR 329	CW	Definition of Navigable Waters of the United States
33 CFR 330	CW	Nationwide Permits
36 CFR 800	MR	Advisory Council on Historical Preservation
40 CFR 52	CA	Approval & Promulgation of Implementation Plans
40 CFR 53	CA	Ambient Air Monitoring
40 CFR 60	CA	Standards of Performance for New Stationary Sources
40 CFR 60, Appendix A	CA	Determination of Emissions from Volatile Compounds Leaks
40 CFR 61	CA	National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants
40 CFR 63	CA	National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutant for Source Categories
40 CFR 66	CA	Assessment and Collection of Noncompliance Penalties
40 CFR 70	CA	State Operating Permit Programs
40 CFR 80	CA	Regulations of Fuels and Fuel Additives
40 CFR 81	CA	Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes
40 CFR 82	CA	Protection of Stratospheric Ozone
40 CFR 109	CW	Criteria for State, Local, and Regional Oil Removal Contingency Plans
40 CFR 110	CW	Discharge of Oil
40 CFR 112	CW	Oil Pollution Prevention
40 CFR 116	CW	Designation of Hazardous Substances
40 CFR 117	CW	Determination of Reportable Quantities for Hazardous Substances
40 CFR 121	CW	State Certification of Activities Requiring a Federal License or Permit
40 CFR 122	CW	EPA Administrated Permit Programs: NPDES
40 CFR 124	CW	Procedures for Decision Making
40 CFR 125	CW	Criteria and Standards for NPDES
40 CFR 129	CW	Toxic Pollutant Effluent Standards
40 CFR 131	CW	Water Quality Planning and Management, Water Quality Standards
40 CFR 133	CW	Secondary Treatment Regulation
40 CFR 136	CW	Guidelines Establishing Test Procedures for the Analysis of Pollutants
40 CFR 141	CW	National Primary Drinking Water Regulations
40 CFR 142	CW	National Primary Drinking Water Implementation Regulations
40 CFR 143	CW	National Secondary Drinking Water Regulations
40 CFR 144	CW	Underground Injection Control Program
40 CFR 146	CW	Underground Injection Control Programs: Criteria and Standards
40 CFR 147	CW	State UIC Programs
40 CFR 149	CW	Sole Source Aquifers
40 CFR 152	CS	Pesticide Registration and Classification Procedures
40 CFR 156	CS	Labeling Requirements for Pesticides and Devices
40 CFR 170	CS	Worker Protection Standards (Pesticides)
40 CFR 171	CS	Certification of Pesticide Applicators
40 CFR 220	CW	General
40 CFR 228	CW	Ocean Dumping

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STANDARD	AREA	DESCRIPTION
40 CFR 243	HW	Guidelines for Storage and Collection of Residential, Commercial, and Institutional Solid Wastes
40 CFR 247	HW	Comprehensive Procurement Guideline for Products Containing Recovered Materials
40 CFR 260	HW	Hazardous Waste Management System: General
40 CFR 261	HW	Identification and Listing of Hazardous Waste
40 CFR 262	HW	Standards Applicable to Generators of Hazardous Wastes
40 CFR 263	HW	Standards applicable to transporters of hazardous wastes
40 CFR 264	HW	Standards for Owners and Operators of Hazardous Waste, Treatment, Storage, and Disposal Facilities
40 CFR 266	HW	Standards for Management of Specific Hazardous Wastes
40 CFR 268	HW	Land Disposal Restrictions
40 CFR 272	HW	Approved State Hazardous Waste Management Programs
40 CFR 273	HW	Standard for Universal Waste Management
40 CFR 279	HW	Standards for Management of Used Oil
40 CFR 280	HW	Technical Standards and Corrective Action Requirements for Owners and Operators of UST
40 CFR 282	HW	Approved Underground Storage Tank Programs
40 CFR 300	CS	National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plans
40 CFR 302	CS	Designation of Reportable Quantities and Notification
40 CFR 355	CS	Emergency Planning and Notification
40 CFR 370	CS	Hazardous Chemical Reporting: Community Right-to-Know
40 CFR 372	CS	Toxic Chemical Release Reporting: Community Right-to-Know
40 CFR 373	CS	Reporting Hazardous Substance Activity When Selling or Transferring Federal Real Property
40 CFR 401	CW	General Provisions
40 CFR 403	CW	General Pretreatment Regulations for Existing and New Sources of Pollution
40 CFR 700	CS	General
40 CFR 761	CS	PCB Manufacturing, Processing, Distribution in Commerce, and Use Prohibitions
40 CFR 763	IH,CS	Asbestos
40 CFR 1500	MR	Purpose, Policy and Mandate
40 CFR 1501	MR	NEPA and Agency Planning
40 CFR 1502	MR	Environmental Impact Statement
40 CFR 1503	MR	Commenting
40 CFR 1504	MR	Predecision Referrals to the Council of Proposed Federal Actions Determined to be Environmentally Unsatisfactory
40 CFR 1505	MR	NEPA and Agency Decision Making
40 CFR 1506	MR	Other Requirements of NEPA
40 CFR 1507	MR	Agency Compliance
40 CFR 1508	MR	Terminology and Index
40 CFR 1515	MR	Freedom of Information Act Procedures
40 CFR 1516	MR	Privacy Act Implementation

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STANDARD	AREA	DESCRIPTION
49 CFR 130	CS	Oil Spill Prevention and Response Plans
49 CFR 171	TS	General Information, Regulations, and Definitions
49 CFR 172	TS	Hazardous Materials Tables and Hazardous Materials Communications Regulations
49 CFR 173	TS	Shippers - General Requirements for Shipments and Packaging
49 CFR 177	TS	Carriage by Public Highway
49 CFR 194	TS	DOT Response Plans for Onshore Pipelines
49 CFR 195	TS	Transportation of Hazardous Liquids by Pipeline
49 CFR 199	TS	Drug Testing
50 CFR 10	MR	General Provisions
50 CFR 17	MR	Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants
EO 11988	CW	Floodplain Management
EO 11990	CW	Protection of Wetlands
EO 11991	MR	Protection and Enhancement of Environmental Quality
EO 12856	PP	Federal Compliance with Right-to-Know Laws and Pollution Prevention Requirements
EO 12898	MR	Federal Action to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations
EO 13101	PP	Greening the Government Through Waste Prevention, Recycling, and Federal Acquisition
33:LAC I.3	MR	Departmental Administrative Procedures
33:LAC I.13	MR	Risk Evaluation/Corrective Action Program
33:LAC I.14	MR	Groundwater Fees
33:LAC I.15	MR	Permit Review
33:LAC I.39	MR	Notification Regulations and Procedures for Unauthorized Discharge
33:LAC I.45	MR	Policy and Intent
33:LAC I.47	MR	Program Requirements
33:LAC I.49	MR	Organization and Personnel Requirements
33:LAC I.51	MR	On-site Inspection/Evaluation
33:LAC I.53	MR	Quality System Requirements
33:LAC I.55	MR	Sample Protocol/Sample Integrity
33:LAC I.57	MR	Maintenance of Accreditation
33:LAC III.1	CA	General Provisions
33:LAC III.2	CA	Rules and Regulations for the Fee System of the Air Quality Control Programs
33:LAC III.5	CA	Permit Procedures
33:LAC III.7	CA	Ambient Air Quality
33:LAC III.9	CA	General Regulations on Control of Emissions and Emission Standards
33:LAC III.11	CA	Control of Emissions of Smoke
33:LAC III.13	CA	Emission Standards for Particulate Matter (including standards for some specific facilities)
33:LAC III.14	CA	Conformity
33:LAC III.15	CA	Emission Standards for Sulphur Dioxide

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STANDARD	AREA	DESCRIPTION
33:LAC III.17	CA	Control of Emission of Carbon Monoxide (new sources)
33:LAC III.21	CA	Control of Emission of Organic Compounds
33:LAC III.25	CA	Miscellaneous Incineration Rules
33:LAC III.29	CA	Odor Regulations
33:LAC III.30	CA	Standards of Performance for New Stationary Sources
33:LAC III.51	CA	Comprehensive Toxic Air Pollutant Emission Control Program
33:LAC III.53	CA	Minor Sources of Toxic Air Pollutants
33:LAC III.56	CA	Prevention of Air Pollution Emergency Episodes
33:LAC III.59	CA	Chemical Accident Prevention and Minimization of Consequences
33:LAC III.60	CA	Division's Source Test Manual
33:LAC V.1	HW	General Provisions and Definitions
33:LAC V.9	HW	Manifest System for TSD Facilities
33:LAC V.11	HW	Generators
33:LAC V.13	HW	Transporters
33:LAC V.15	HW	Treatment, Storage and Disposal Facilities
33:LAC V.18	HW	Containment Buildings
33:LAC V.19	HW	Tanks
33:LAC V.21	HW	Containers
33:LAC V.22	HW	Prohibitions on Land Disposal
33:LAC V.26	HW	Corrective Action Management Units and Temporary Units
33:LAC V.37	HW	Financial Requirements
33:LAC V.38	HW	Universal Wastes
33:LAC V.39	HW	Small Quantity Generators
33:LAC V.40	PP	Used Oil
33:LAC V.41	PP	Recyclable Materials
33:LAC V.49	HW	Lists of Hazardous Wastes
33:LAC V.51	HW	Fee Schedules
33:LAC VII.1	HW	General Provisions and Definitions (solid waste regulations)
33:LAC VII.3	HW	Scope and Mandatory Provisions of the Program
33:LAC VII.5	HW	Solid Waste Management System
33:LAC VII.7	HW	Solid Waste Standards
33:LAC VII.9	HW	Enforcement
33:LAC VII.103	PP	Recycling and Waste Reduction Rules
33:LAC VII.105	PP	Waste Tires
33:LAC IX.1	CW	General Provisions
33:LAC IX.3	CW	Permits
33:LAC IX.5	CW	Enforcement
33:LAC IX.7	CW	Effluent Standards
33:LAC IX.9	CW	Spill Prevention and Control
33:LAC IX.11	CW	Surface Water Quality Standards
33:LAC IX.13	CW	Louisiana Water Pollution Control Fee System Regulation

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STANDARD	AREA	DESCRIPTION
33:LAC IX.15	CW	Water Quality Certification Procedures
33:LAC IX.17	CW	Rules Governing Disposal of Waste Oil, Oil Field Brine, and All Other Materials Resulting From the Drilling for, Production of, or Transportation of Oil, Gas or Sulphur (as amended January 27, 1953)
33:LAC IX.19	CW	State of Louisiana Control Commission
33:LAC IX.23	CW	The LPDES Program Definitions and General Program Requirements
33:LAC XI.1	HW	Program Applicability and Definitions
33:LAC XI.3	HW	Registration Requirements, Standards and Fee Schedule
33:LAC XI.5	HW	Spill and Overfill Control
33:LAC XI.7	HW	Methods Release Detection and Release Reporting, Investigation, Confirmation and Response
33:LAC XI.9	HW	Out of Service UST Systems and Closure
33:LAC XI.15	HW	Enforcement
43:LAC I.1	CW	General Rules and Regulations
43:LAC I.5	CW	State Lands
43:LAC I.7	CW	Coastal Management
43:LAC XI.3	TS	Underwater Obstructions
43:LAC XI.5	TS	Pipeline Safety
43:LAC XVII.1	CW	Class I, III, IV, and V Injection Wells (Statewide Order 29-N-1)
43:LAC XVII.3	CW	Hydrocarbon Storage Wells in Salt Dome Cavities (Statewide Order 29-M)
43:LAC XIX.1	CW	General Provisions (Statewide Order 29-B)
43:LAC XIX.2	CW	Fees
48:LAC V.75	CW	Sewerage Program
48:LAC V.77	CW	Drinking Water Program
70:LAC XIII.1	CW	Water Wells
70:LAC XIII.3	CW	Water Well Construction
70:LAC XIII.5	CW	Plugging and Sealing Abandoned Water Wells and Holes
70:LAC XIII.7	CW	Reporting Abandoned Wells and Holes
LAC:XV chpt 1	RP	Radiation Protection - General Provisions
LAC:XV chpt 2	RP	Registration of Radiation Machines and Facilities
LAC:XV chpt 3	RP	Licensing of Radioactive Material
LAC:XV chpt 4	RP	Standards for Protection Against Radiation
LAC:XV chpt 5	RP	Radiation Safety Requirements for Industrial Radiographic Operations
16:TAC I.3	CW	Oil and Gas Division
25:TAC I.301	CW	Wastewater Surveillance and Technology
25:TAC I.325	HW	Solid Waste Management
25:TAC I.337	CW	Water Hygiene
30:TAC I.101	CA	General Provisions
30:TAC I.106	CA	Exemption from Permitting
30:TAC I.111	CA	Control of Air Pollution from Visible Emissions and Particulate Matter
30:TAC I.112	CA	Control of Air Pollution from Sulfur Compounds

STRATEGIC PETROLEUM RESERVE ES&H STANDARDS

STANDARD	AREA	DESCRIPTION
30:TAC I.113	CA	Control of Air Pollution from Toxic Materials
30:TAC I.114	CA	Control of Air Pollution from Motor Vehicles
30:TAC I.115	CA	Control of Air Pollution from Volatile Organic Compounds
30:TAC I.116	CA	Control of Air Pollution by Permits for New Construction or Modification
30:TAC I.117	CA	Control of Air Pollution from Nitrogen Compounds
30:TAC I.118	CA	Control of Air Pollution by Episode
30:TAC I.119	CA	Control of Air Pollution from Carbon Monoxide
30:TAC I.122	CA	Federal Operating Permits
30:TAC I.279	CW	Water Quality Certification
30:TAC I.281	CW	Applications Processing
30:TAC I.285	CW	On-site Sewage Facilities
30:TAC I.290	CW	Water Hygiene
30:TAC I.295	CW	Water Rights, Procedural
30:TAC I.297	CW	Water Rights, Substantive
30:TAC I.307	CW	Surface Water Quality Standards
30:TAC I.312	HW	Sludge Use, Disposal, and Transportation
30:TAC I.324	CW	Used Oil
30:TAC I.325	CW	Certificates of Competency
30:TAC I.327	CW	Spill Prevention and Control
30:TAC I.330	PP	Municipal Solid Waste
30:TAC I.334	HW	Underground and Aboveground Storage Tanks
30:TAC I.335	HW	Industrial Solid Waste and Municipal Hazardous Waste
30:TAC I.343	CW	Oil and Hazardous Substances General Provisions
31:TAC I.15	CW	Planning Division
31:TAC I.19	CW	Oil Spill Prevention and Response
31:TAC I.20	CW	Natural Resource Damage Assessment
31:TAC I.21	CW	Oil Spill Prevention and Response Hearings Procedures
31:TAC II.57	MR	Fisheries
31:TAC II.65	MR	Wildlife
31:TAC II.69	MR	Resource Protection
31:TAC XVI.503	CW	Coastal Management Program
37:TAC XIII.501	FP	Texas Commission on Fire Protection, Flammable Liquids
No number	CA	Technical Guidance Package for Chemical Sources, Storage Tanks, TNRCC, Feb 1995
No number	CA	Technical Guidance Package for Chemical Sources, Equipment Leak Fugitives, TNRCC, Mar 1995
R.S. 30:2361-2379 SARA Title III	CS	Hazardous Materials Information Development, Preparedness and Response Act
TCRA, 505-507 SARA Title III	CS	Texas Tier Two Reporting Forms and Instructions
TRCR part 11	RP	Texas Regulations for Control of Radiation - General provisions

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STANDARD	AREA	DESCRIPTION
TRCR part 12	RP	Texas Regulations for Control of Radiation - Fees
TRCR part 13	RP	Texas Regulations for Control of Radiation - Hearing and Enforcement Procedures
TRCR part 21	RP	Standards for Protection Against Radiation - Permissible Doses, Precautionary Procedures, Waste Disposal
TRCR part 22	RP	Notices, Instructions and Reports to Workers; Inspections
TRCR part 31	RP	Radiation Safety Requirements and Licensing and Registration Procedures for Industrial Radiography
TRCR part 41	RP	Licensing of Radioactive Material -Exemptions, Licenses, General Licenses, Specific Licenses, Reciprocity, Transport
ANSI Standards	IS	OSHA Referenced Standards
ASME Standards	IS	OSHA Referenced Standards
EPA 100-K-93-001	PP	Pollution Prevention and Right-to-Know in the Government, Executive Order 12856
EPA 453/R-93-026	CA	Protocol for Equipment Leak Emission Estimates, Jun 1993
EPA 530/R-93-001	CW	RCRA Groundwater Monitoring; Draft Technical Guidance
EPA 600/2-85/105	CW	Practical Guide for Groundwater Sampling
EPA 600/4-78-012	CW	Methods for Measuring the Acute Toxicity of Effluents to Aquatic Organisms
EPA 600/4-79-019	CW	Handbook for Analytical Quality Control in Water and Wastewater Laboratories
EPA 600/4-79-020	CW	Methods for Chemical Analysis of Water and Wastes
EPA 600/4-82-029	CW	Handbook for Sampling and Sample Preservation of Water and Wastewater
EPA/600/4-83-039	CW	Addendum to Handbook for Sampling and Sample Preservation, EPA 600/4-82-029
EPA/600/8-78-017	CW	Microbiological Methods for Monitoring the Environment, Water and Wastes
EPA/600/R-92/088	PP	Facility Pollution Prevention Guide
EPA 833-R-92-002	PP	Storm Water Management for Industrial Activities
EPA, ISBN:0-86587-279-1	CW	EPA Groundwater Handbook
EPA, ISBN:0-86587-752-1	PP	EPA Waste Minimization Opportunity Assessment Manual
EPA Region IV	MR	Engineering Support Branch Standard Operating Procedures and Quality Assurance Manual, 4/1/86
FAA AC 150/5345-27	IS	Specification for 8' and 12' Unlighted and Externally Lighted Wind Cone Assembly
FAA AC 150/5390-2	IS	Heliport Design, January 4, 1988
FAA AC 70/7460-1G	IS	Obstruction Marking and Lighting, October 1985
NFPA	FP	Fire Protection Handbook
NFPA 1	FP	Fire Prevention Code
NFPA 10	FP	Portable Fire Extinguishers
NFPA 11	FP	Low Expansion Foam
NFPA 12	FP	Carbon Dioxide Extinguishing Systems
NFPA 12A	FP	Halon 1301 Fire Extinguishing Systems
NFPA 13	FP	Installation of Sprinkler Systems
NFPA 14	FP	Installation of Standpipe and Hose Systems
NFPA 15	FP	Water Spray Fixed Systems
NFPA 16	FP	Deluge Foam-Water Sprinkler Systems and Foam-Water Spray Systems

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STANDARD	AREA	DESCRIPTION
NFPA 20	FP	Installation of Centrifugal Fire Pumps
NFPA 24	FP	Installation of Private Fire Service Mains and Their Appurtenances
NFPA 25	FP	Water-Based Fire Protection Systems
NFPA 30	FP	Flammable and Combustible Liquids Code
NFPA 37	FP	Stationary Combustion Engines and Gas Turbines
NFPA 43D	FP	Storage of Pesticides
NFPA 45	FP	Fire Protection for Laboratories Using Chemicals
NFPA 49	FP	Hazardous Chemical Data
NFPA 51B	FP	Cutting and Welding Processes
NFPA 54	FP	National Fuel Gas Code
NFPA 55	FP	Compressed and Liquefied Gases in Portable Cylinders
NFPA 70	FP, IS	National Electric Code
NFPA 70B	FP	Electrical Equipment Maintenance
NFPA 70E	FP	Electrical Safety Requirements for Employee Workplaces
NFPA 72	FP	National Fire Alarm Code
NFPA 75	FP	Protection of Electronic Computer/Data Processing Equipment
NFPA 77	FP	Static Electricity
NFPA 80	FP	Fire Doors and Fire Windows
NFPA 80A	FP	Exterior Fire Exposures
NFPA 90A	FP	Installation of Air Conditioning and Ventilating Systems
NFPA 92A	FP	Smoke Control Systems
NFPA 101	FP, IS	Safety to Life from Fire in Buildings and Structures
NFPA 101A	FP	Alternative Approaches to Life Safety
NFPA 110	FP	Emergency and Standby Power Systems
NFPA 122	FP	Fire Prevention and Control in Underground Metal and Nonmetal Mines
NFPA 170	FP	Fire Safety Symbols
NFPA 204	FP	Roof Coverings and Roof Deck Constructions
NFPA 220	FP	Types of Building Construction
NFPA 221	FP	Fire Walls and Fire Barrier Walls
NFPA 231	FP	General Storage
NFPA 231C	FP	Rack Storage of Materials
NFPA 232	FP	Protection of Records
NFPA 241	FP	Construction, Alteration, and Demolition Operations
NFPA 253	FP	Test for Critical Radiant Flux of Floor Covering Systems Using a Radiant Heat Energy Source
NFPA 255	FP	Test of Surface Burning Characteristics of Building Materials
NFPA 291	FP	Fire Flow Testing and Marking of Hydrants
NFPA 295	FP	Wildfire Control
NFPA 297	FP	Principles and Practices for Communication Systems
NFPA 302	FP	Pleasure and Commercial Motor Craft
NFPA 306	FP	Control of Gas Hazards on Vessels

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STANDARD	AREA	DESCRIPTION
NFPA 307	FP	Marine Terminals, Piers, and Wharves
NFPA 321	FP	Basic Classification of Flammable and Combustible Liquids
NFPA 325	FP	Fire Hazard Properties of Flammable Liquids, Gases, and Volatile Solids
NFPA 326	FP	Safe Entry of Underground Storage Tanks
NFPA 327	FP	Cleaning of Safeguarding Small Tanks and Containers Without Entry
NFPA 328	FP	Control of Flammable and Combustible Liquids and Gases in Manholes, Sewers, and Similar Underground Structures
NFPA 329	FP	Handling Underground Releases of Flammable and Combustible Liquids
NFPA 385	FP	Tank Vehicles for Flammable and Combustible Liquids
NFPA 402M	FP	Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting Operations
NFPA 418	FP	Heliports
NFPA 430	FP	Liquid and Solid Oxidizers
NFPA 471	FP	Responding to Hazardous Materials Incidents
NFPA 472	FP	Professional Competence of Responders to Hazardous Materials Incidents
NFPA 491M	FP	Hazardous Chemical Reactions
NFPA 497A	FP	Classification of Class I Hazardous Locations for Electrical Installations in Chemical Process Areas
NFPA 505	FP	Powered Industrial Trucks Including Type Designations, Areas of Use, Maintenance and Operations
NFPA 512	FP	Truck Fire Protection
NFPA 550	FP	Fire Safety Concepts Tree
NFPA 600	FP	Industrial Fire Brigades
NFPA 601	FP	Guard Service in Fire Prevention
NFPA 703	FP	Fire Retardant Impregnated Wood and Fire Retardant Coatings for Building Materials
NFPA 704	FP	Identification of the Fire Hazards of Materials
NFPA 780	FP	Installation of Lightning Protection Systems
NFPA 901	FP	Standard Classifications for Incident Reporting and Fire Protection Data
NFPA 902M	FP	Fire Reporting Field Incident Manual
NFPA 903	FP	Fire Reporting Property Survey Guide
NFPA 904	FP	Incident Follow-Up Report Guide
NFPA 906	FP	Fire Incident Field Notes
NFPA 921	FP	Fire and Explosion Investigations, Guide for
NFPA 1000	FP	Fire Service Professional Qualifications Accreditation and Certifications System
NFPA 1021	FP	Fire Officer Professional Qualifications
NFPA 1031	FP	Professional Qualification of Fire Inspector
NFPA 1033	FP	Fire Investigator Professional Qualifications
NFPA 1401	FP	Fire Protection Training Reports and Records
NFPA 1404	FP	Fire Department Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus Program
NFPA 1406	FP	Outside Live Fire Training Evolutions
NFPA 1410	FP	Training for Initial Fire Attack

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STANDARD	AREA	DESCRIPTION
NFPA 1420	FP	Pre-Incident Planning for Warehouse Occupancies
NFPA 1500	FP	Fire Department Occupational Safety and Health Program
NFPA 1561	FP	Fire Department Incident Management System
NFPA 1582	FP	Medical Requirements for Fire Fighters
NFPA 1901	FP	Pumper Fire Apparatus
NFPA 1902	FP	Initial Attack Fire Apparatus
NFPA 1903	FP	Mobile Water Supply Fire Apparatus
NFPA 1911	FP	Service Tests of Pumps on Fire Department Apparatus
NFPA 1921	FP	Fire Department Portable Pumping Units
NFPA 1922	FP	Fire Service Self-Contained Pumping Units
NFPA 1932	FP	Use, Maintenance and Service Testing of Fire Department Ground Ladders
NFPA 1961	FP	Fire Hose
NFPA 1962	FP	Care, Use, and Service Testing of Fire Hose Including Connections and Nozzles
NFPA 1963	FP	Fire Hose Connections
NFPA 1964	FP	Spray Nozzles (Shutoff and Tip)
NFPA 1971	FP	Protective Clothing for Structural Fire Fighting
NFPA 1972	FP	Helmets for Structural Fire Fighting
NFPA 1973	FP	Gloves for Structural Fire Fighting
NFPA 1974	FP	Protective Footwear for Structural Fire Fighting
NFPA 1976	FP	Protective Clothing for Proximity Fire Fighting
NFPA 1981	FP	Open-Circuit Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus for Fire Fighters
NFPA 1983	FP	Fire Service Life Safety Rope and Systems Components
NFPA 1991	FP	Vapor-Protective Suits for Hazardous Chemical Emergencies
NFPA 1992	FP	Liquid Splash-Protective Suits for Hazardous Chemical Emergencies
NFPA 1993	FP	Support Function Protective Garments for Hazardous Chemical Operations
NFPA 1999	FP	Protective Clothing for Medical Emergency Operations
DOE/EH-0350	CA	Management of Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs)
DOE/EH-0358	MR	Performance Objectives and Criteria for Conducting DOE Environmental Audits
DOE/EM-0276	PP	Annual report on Waste Generation and Waste Minimization Progress 1991 - 1992
DOE/EM-0276	PP	Annual report on Waste Generation and Waste Minimization Progress 1993
DOE/EP-0108	FP	Standard for Fire Protection of DOE Electronic Computer/Data Processing Systems
DOE/FM-0145	PP	Waste Minimization/Pollution Prevention Crosscut Plan 1994
DOE Guideline	PP	DOE Waste Minimization reporting Requirements, Nov. 1994
DOE Handbook	PP	Guidance for the Preparation of the Waste Minimization and Pollution Prevention Awareness Plan, Dec 1993
DOE Handbook	PP	Pollution Prevention Handbook
DOE Handbook	PP	Waste Minimization Reporting System (Wmin) User's Guide
DOE HDBK, 1090-9	IS	Hoisting And Rigging Handbook
DOE Memorandum	PP	EPA's Interim Final Guidance to Hazardous Waste Generators on the Elements of a Waste Minimization Program

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STANDARD	AREA	DESCRIPTION
DOE Order 4330.4B	MO,MR	Maintenance Management Program
DOE Order 5400.1	MR	General Environmental Protection Program
DOE Order 5480.4	MO	Environmental Protection, Safety, and Health Protection Standards
DOE Order 5480.19	MO	Conduct of Operations Requirements for Doe Facilities
DOE Order 5480.22	MO	Technical Safety Requirements
DOE Order 5484.1	MO,MR	Environmental Protection, Safety, and Health Protection Information Reporting Requirements
DOE Order 6430.1A	MO,MR	General Design Criteria
DOE Order 151.1	MR	Comprehensive Emergency Management System
DOE Order 210.1	MO,MR	Performance Indicators and Analysis of Operations Information
DOE Order 225.1A	MO	Accident Investigations
DOE Order 231.1	MO,MR	Environment, Safety and Health Reporting
DOE Order 232.1	MO,MR	Occurrence Reporting and Processing of Operations Information
DOE Order 360.1	MO	Training - Safety Course Development, Requirements and Teaching
DOE Order 414.1	MO,MR	Quality Assurance
DOE Order 420.1	FP,IS	Facility Safety
DOE Order 423.1	IS	Technical Safety Requirements DENSITOMETERS?
DOE Order 430.1A	MR	Life-Cycle Asset Management
DOE Order 430.2	MR	In-House Energy Management
DOE Order 440.1A	FP,IH,IS	Worker Protection Management for DOE Federal and Contractor Employees
DOE Order 440.2	IS	Aviation
DOE Policy 441.1	RP	DOE Radiation Health and Safety Policy
DOE Order 451.1A	MR	National Environmental Policy Act Compliance Program
SPRPMO O 451.1A	MR	National Environmental Policy Act Implementation Plan
DOE Order 460.1A	FP,TS	Packaging and Transportation Safety
DOE Order 460.2	TS	Departmental Materials Transportation and Packaging Management
DOE Order 473.2	IS	Protective Force Program - Safety Oversight - Firing Range Selection and Training Exercises
DOE Order 1700.1	MO,MR	Freedom of Information Act
DOE Policy 450.1	MO,MR	Environment, Safety and Health Policy for the DOE Complex
DOE Policy 450.2A	MO,MR	Identification, Implementation, and Compliance with Environment, Safety and Health Requirements
DOE Policy 450.3	MO,MR	Authorizing Use of the Necessary and Sufficient Process for Standards based ES&H
DOE Policy 450.4	MO,MR	Safety Management System Policy
DOE Policy 450.5	MO,MR	Line Environmental, Safety, and Health Oversight
DOE Policy 450.6	MO,MR	Secretarial, Policy Statement: Environmental, Safety, and Health
DOE S-0118	PP	Pollution Prevention Program Plan
DOE-STD-1088-95	FP	Fire Protection for Relocatable Structures
DOE Standard Spec. 17900	PP	Paint Repair of Exterior Metal Surfaces

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STANDARD	AREA	DESCRIPTION
No number	MO,MR	Environmental, Safety, and Health Management Plan (FY 1998 - FY 2002)
SEN-15-90	MR	National Environmental Policy Act
SEN-22-90	HW	DOE Policy on Signatures of RCRA Permit Applications
SEN-37-92	PP	Waste Minimization Crosscut Plan Implementation
AL 5500.11	MO,MR	Drill and Exercise Program Plan
ASE 5400.48	MR	Annual Site Environmental Report
ASI 3400.1	MO, MR	Conduct of Training for the SPR M&O Contractor
ASI 4000.10	FP	Integrated Logistics Support Procedures
ASI 4330.16	FP,IS	Work Order System Procedures
ASI 4400.4	PP	Supply Services Manual
ASI 5400.15	MR	Environmental Instructions Manual
ASI 5480.19	MO,MR	Conduct of Operations at the SPR
ASI 5480.26	IS,FP,CW, H	ES&H Training Requirements
ASI 5480.22	IS	Accident Prevention Manual
ASI 5600.1	FP	Security Operations Manual
ASI 5700.11	IS	Root Cause Analysis Instruction
ASI 5700.15	MR	Quality Assurance Manual
ASI 6410.2	FP	Construction Management Procedures Manual
ASI 6430.15	MO,MR	Design Review Procedure
ASL 1000.15	MR	Self-Assessment Program Implementation Plan
ASL 4700.1	MO,MR	Configuration Management Plan and Procedures
ASL 5480.18	FP	Fire Protection Manual
ASL 5480.44	IS	Electrical Safety Program Plan
ASL 5499.30	CW	Cavern Inventory & Integrity Control Plan
ASL 5500.1	MO,MR	Emergency Management Plan
ASL 5500.10	MO,MR	Emergency Readiness Assurance Plan
ASL 5500.25	MO,MR	Emergency Response Team Organization and Training Plan
ASL 6400.18	MO,MR	Drawdown Management Plan
ASL 6400.31	MO,MR	Drawdown Readiness Program Plan
ASP 4000.11	FP	Integrated Logistics Support Master Plan
ASP 5000.8	MO,MR	Master Action Tracking Management and Control System
ASP 5400.2	MR	Environmental
ASR 4330.5	FP	Interim Repair/Mitigation Authorization
ASR 5480.49	MO,MR	Environmental, Safety and Health (ES&H) Orientation Video Program
ASR 5700.3	MO,MR	Independent Quality Assurance Assessments
ASR 5700.4	FP	Deviation and Waiver Requests
ASR 7000.1	MO,MR	Readiness Review Board
ASR 7000.2	MO,MR	SPR Crosstalk Information Exchange Program
BCL 5400.16	CW	Bayou Choctaw Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasures Plan
BCI 5500.3	EM, FP	Bayou Choctaw Emergency Response Procedures
BHL 5400.21	CW	Big Hill Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasures Plan

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STANDARD	AREA	DESCRIPTION
BHI 5500.4	EM, FP	Big Hill Emergency Response Procedures
BMI 6420.27	FP	Bryan Mound Foam Deluge System Interim Operations Manual
BML 5400.17	CW	Bryan Mound Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasures Plan
BMI 5500.5	EM, FP	Bryan Mound Emergency Response Procedures
D506-01162-02	FP	Bryan Mound: Preventive Maintenance Procedures Manual
D506-01163-03	FP	West Hackberry: Preventive Maintenance Procedures Manual
D506-01164-04	FP	Bayou Choctaw: Preventive Maintenance Procedures Manual
D506-01165-05	FP	Weeks Island: Preventive Maintenance Procedures Manual
D506-01167-07	FP	St. James: Preventive Maintenance Procedures Manual
D506-01168-08	FP	Big Hill: Preventive Maintenance Procedures Manual
D506-02569-09	TSM, CS	Hazardous Materials Packaging & Transportation Plan
D506-03287-09	HW,PP,CW	Pollution Prevention Plan
MSL 7000.133	CW, HW	Laboratory Programs & Procedures
NOL 5400.44	CW	New Orleans Warehouse Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasures Plan
NOL 5500.6	EM, FP	New Orleans Emergency Response Procedures
No number	CW,PP,CA,H W,CS	Environmental Exhibit 6.6
No number	CW	SPR Groundwater Protection Management Program
No number	PP,HW	SPR Qualified Products List
No number	MO, MR	SPRPMO Environmental, Safety and Health Manual
No number	MO, MR	SPRPMO Level III Design Criteria
WHL 5400.20	CW	West Hackberry Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasures Plan
WHI 5500.9	EM,FP	West Hackberry Emergency Response Procedures
WIL 5400.19	CW	Weeks Island Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasures Plan
WII 5500.8	EM,FP	Weeks Island Emergency Response Procedures
120 IAC	IS	Boiler And Pressure Vessels - Degas Project Only
055-001-01049-4	CW	Quality Criteria for Water
ACGIH TLV	IH	Threshold Limit Values For Chemical Substances - Current Year & Applicable Substances
ACP USCG	CW	Area Contingency Plan for New Orleans
ACP USCG	CW	Area Contingency Plan for Morgan City
ACP USCG	CW	Area Contingency Plan for Lake Charles
ACP USCG	CW	Area Contingency Plan for Port Arthur
ACP USCG	CW	Area Contingency Plan for Galveston
ACP-EPA	CW	Area Contingency Plan for EPA Region 6
AIHMM	PP	Hazardous Materials Management Education Program Observations and Recommendations: Environmental Mgmt, Hazardous Waste Minimization, and Pollution Prevention for the SPR Operations
American Public Health Assoc.	CW	Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater
AP-42	CA	Compilation of Air Pollutant Emission Factors, Mobile Sources

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STANDARD	AREA	DESCRIPTION
API	MR	Amer. Petroleum Institute - Recommended Practices and Guides
API - Standard	CA	API Standard 653 for Tank Inspection, Repair, Alteration, and Reconstruction
CERI-89-224	CW	Seminar on Site Characterization for Subsurface Remediations
FM	FP	Factory Mutual - Approval Guide and Loss Prevention Data Sheets
ICIMF	IS	Oil Cos. International. Marine Forum - International Oil Tanker and Terminal Safety Guide
IEEE Standards	IS	OSHA Referenced Standards
LP 92-03	PP	Pollution Prevention Assessment Manual for Texas Businesses
MIL-HDBK-1008	FP	Fire Protection for Facilities - Engineering, Design and Construction
MP 94W0000131	CA	SPR Gas and Geothermal Heat Effects on Crude Oil Vapor Pressure, Dec. 1994
NACE	FP, IS	National Association of Corrosion Engineers
NEC	FP, IS	National Electric Safety Code
No number	CW	Construction of Geotechnical Boreholes and Groundwater Monitoring Systems Handbook (LDOTD and LDEQ)
No number	CW	Earth Manual, 2nd Ed.
No number	CW	Engineering Geology Field Manual
No number	CW, CA	Environmental Monitoring Plan
No number	CW	Groundwater Manual
No number	CW	Groundwater Program
No number	CA	Louisiana Air Permit Procedures Manual, Jun 1995
No number	CW	Louisiana's Suggested Chemical Weed Control Guide for 1994 (LA Cooperative Extension Services)
No number	CA	Nonattainment New Source Review Guidance Manual, Oct 1993
No number	CW	The Sterling Brine Handbook (Int'l Salt Co.)
No number	CW	Water Measurement Manual
OSWER-9950.1 (1986)	CW	RCRA Groundwater Technical Enforcement Guidance Document (TEGD)
RBCA (OS21)	CW	Proposed Approach for Implementing a Louisiana Dept. of Env. Quality Risk-Based Corrective Action Program
RG-133	PP	Pollution Prevention Assessment Manual
UFC/UBC	FP	International Conference of Building Officials - Uniform Building Code and Uniform Fire Code
UL	FP	Underwriter's Laboratory - Building Materials, Fire Resistance, Fire Prot. Equip., & Haz. Location Equip. Directories
Water Supply Paper 1473	CW	Study and Interpretation of the Chemical Characteristics of Natural Water (HEM)
Y-87-1	CW	Corps. of Engineers Wetlands Delineation Manual

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KEY TO ACRONYMS

AIHMM	American Institute of Hazardous Materials Mgmt.	MO	Management and Oversight
API	American Petroleum Institute	MR	Management, Oversight, and Reporting
CA	Protection of Air Quality	MS	Medical Services
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations	NEC	National Electric Code
CS	Control of Toxic Substances	NFPA	National Fire Protection Association
CW	Protection of Water Quality	O	Order (DOE)
EO	Executive Order	P	Policy (DOE)
ESH	Environmental, Safety, and Health Directorate	PP	Pollution Prevention and Waste Minimization
FM	Factory Mutual	RCRA	Resource Conservation and Recovery Act
FP	Fire Protection	RP	Radiation Protection
HW	Solid and Hazardous Waste Generation and Control	SEN	Secretary of Energy Notice
IH	Industrial Hygiene	TAC	Texas Administrative Code
IS	Industrial Safety	TRCR	Texas Regulations for the Control of Radiation
LAC	Louisiana Administrative Code	TS	Transportation Safety
M	Manual (DOE)	UBC	Uniform Building Code
		UFC	Uniform Fire Code
		UL	Underwriter's Laboratory

Appendix B
SPR Environmental Policy Statements

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**ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY, AND HEALTH POLICY STATEMENT
FOR THE STRATEGIC PETROLEUM RESERVE
PROJECT MANAGEMENT OFFICE**

It is the policy and practice of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve Project Management Office (SPRPMO), as an operating unit of the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), to conduct its operations in a safe and environmentally sound manner. Protection of the environment, workers, and the public are responsibilities of paramount importance to our facilities.

The SPRPMO is firmly committed to ensuring incorporation of all Departmental and national environmental, safety, and health (ES&H) goals in the daily conduct of our business. All employees have an equal commitment to advance the goals of enhancing environmental quality and ensuring public health and safety. It is the SPRPMO's policy and practice to conduct our operations in compliance with applicable Federal, state, and local ES&H statutes, regulations, and standards. In addition, the SPRPMO is committed to good ES&H management of all our programs at our facilities. Our Integrated ES&H Management Systems shall pursue continual improvement in performance by establishing and maintaining documented ES&H objectives and targets that correspond to the mission, vision, and core values subscribed to at the SPRPMO.

Management and Operations contractors also share our responsibilities for good ES&H management. We expect our management and operating contractors to conduct facility operations in a sound manner that limits the risks to the environment and protects the public health. Our contractors must recognize and accept that the Department's criteria for awarding their fees reflects DOE's emphasis of ES&H. In addition, it is the SPRPMO's policy to undertake appropriate measures to prevent the generation of contaminants, wastes, and other residual materials requiring disposal or release to the environment through source reduction and recycling. Where the generation of such wastes cannot be avoided, the SPRPMO will take actions to reduce their volume and toxicity and ensure proper disposal.

It is the SPRPMO's goal to create a pollution prevention ethic within the work place. Pursuant to DOE policy, a program to develop employee pollution prevention awareness through specific training, special campaigns, and incentive programs will be implemented at each site. As part of this program, employee initiative in the establishment of sound pollution prevention and waste minimization practices will be encouraged by all levels of facility management.

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We will work cooperatively and openly with the appropriate Federal, state, and local agencies, public stakeholders, and site employees to prevent pollution, achieve environmental compliance, enhance environmental quality, and ensure protection of workers and the public health.

It is our desire to design, develop, construct, operate, and maintain facilities and operations in a manner that shall be resource-efficient and will protect the quality of the environment and ensure protection of workers and the public health consistent with our mission.

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POLICY

DynMcDermott Petroleum Operations Company

RESPONSIBLE ORGANIZATION: ENVIRONMENTAL, SAFETY AND HEALTH	SUPERSEDES: ASP5400.2B0, "ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY"	POLICY NO: ASP5400.2C0 REVISION: C0 EFFECTIVE DATE: 7/27/98 PAGE 3 of 7
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Applicability: All DynMcDermott (DM) Organizations

- References:**
- a) Environmental Standard Set, available through the SPR Environmental Management Information System (SEMIS)
 - b) DM instruction ASI5400.15, Environmental Instructions Manual
 - c) DM instruction ASI5400.41, Pollution Prevention Plan
 - d) International Organization for Standardization, (ISO) 14001, Environmental Management Systems
 - e) SPRPMO U.S.DOE Environmental Work Authorization Directive to DM M&O Contractor for the U.S. DOE SPR Contract No. DE-AC96-93PO18000
 - f) U.S DOE P450.4, "Safety Management Systems Policy"

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1. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

DynMcDermott Petroleum Operations Company (DM) follows regulations, orders, and policies that make up the Department of Energy (DOE)-mandated "environmental standard set," under which the Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR) operates. This policy establishes the requirements and responsibilities for DM as a good steward of the environment and a progressive corporate citizen.

2. DEFINITIONS

- A. Environmental Instructions Manual - The document that instructs employees on how to comply with environmental requirements in their normal work routine. Along with reference c), it implements the environmental policy statement.

- B. Environmental Management Systems – As used in this document, all systems and subsystems thereof used for management of the environmental program, including elements of Integrated Safety Management Systems (ISMS), international environmental management systems, and environmental management principles, as applicable.
- C. Environmental Standard Set - The list of regulations, industrial codes, and internal and external supporting documents that define the environmental program and provide the basis on which the SPR operates. The list is located in the SPR Environmental Management Information System (SEMIS).

3. POLICY

3.1 OVERALL ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAM

DM is committed to continued excellence, leadership, and stewardship in protecting the environment. DM will manage, operate, and maintain the SPR sites with the highest regard for the protection of human health and the environment. Environmental protection is a primary management responsibility, as well as the responsibility of every employee. In keeping with this policy and the nature and scale of SPR activities, DM's objective as a company is to reduce waste and achieve minimal adverse impact on air, water, and land through excellence in environmental management.

3.2 ENVIRONMENTAL GUIDELINES

DM environmental guidelines are as follows:

- A. **Employee Responsibility.** Environmental protection is a line responsibility and an important measure of employee performance. In addition, every employee is responsible for environmental protection.
- B. **Waste Reduction or Elimination.** Reducing or eliminating the generation of waste has been and continues to be a prime consideration in research, process design, and operations and is viewed by management the same as safety and loss prevention.
- C. **Reuse and Recycling.** Source reduction/waste minimization (reuse and recycling) of materials has been and will continue to be given first consideration prior to classification and disposal of waste.
- D. **Compliance.** DM will fully comply with federal, state, and local environmental laws, regulations, statutes, and permits, and with other applicable DOE, industry, and internal environmental standards.
- E. **Continual Improvement Through Decision-Making and Implementation.** DM will consider pollution prevention, waste minimization, and affirmative procurement in all levels of decision-making and ensure that the environmental management system is implemented.

- F. Meeting Objectives and Targets.** DM will endeavor to meet the objectives and targets described in the Environmental Work Authorization Directive (WAD), which is part of the DOE/DM contract (see reference e)).

4. RESPONSIBILITIES

A. Project Manager

- [1]** Approve and ensure dissemination of DM's Environmental Policy annually.
- [2]** Review and approve an environmental management system to support the SPR's mission.

B. ES&H Director

- [1]** Have the authority and responsibility for developing, implementing, and refining the environmental management system.
 - a. Provide clear and explicit delegation of authority and responsibility for implementation of all elements of the environmental management system.
 - b. Ensure, during the budget process, adequate consideration of the referenced environmental protection criteria.
 - c. Approve annual environmental protection objectives and targets.

C. Environmental Manager

- [1]** Perform "ownership" functions relating to this policy (pursuant to the authority of the director of the responsible organization):
 - a. Ensure accuracy of content.
 - b. Interpret and administer provisions.
 - c. Obtain concurrence on precedent-setting cases.
 - d. To the extent an exception is allowed, approve or deny requests for the exception.
 - e. Initiate revisions when required.
 - f. Ensure that the environmental policy is appropriate to the nature, scale, and environmental impacts of SPR mission activities.
 - g. Establish a list of environmental aspects and impacts from which SPR objectives and targets may be developed.
- [2]** Establish criteria for ensuring environmental protection.

- [3] Recommend methods of operation that will reduce adverse environmental impacts.
- [4] Support the Operations and Maintenance (O&M) and Engineering and Construction (E&C) directorates in obtaining all necessary environmental permits and authorizations.
- [5] Provide support to other directorates as necessary based on environmental laws and regulations, and other regulations.
- [6] Provide oversight of environmental activities.
- [7] Support O&M in achieving their environmental objectives and targets.
- [8] Provide guidance to assist line personnel in carrying out their environmental responsibilities.

D. Procurement

- [1] Ensure that all scopes of work are reviewed by Environmental, Safety and Health (ES&H) personnel for environmental program provisions.
- [2] Provide support to ES&H and other directorates in conveying the needs of the environmental program to subcontractors and ensure that subcontractors are aware of their contractual responsibilities to comply with environmental laws and regulations.

E. Engineering and Construction

- [1] Ensure that the required elements of the environmental management system are included in developing plans and objectives.
- [2] Ensure that engineering design principles and decisions eliminate or minimize adverse environmental impacts in all work packages.
- [3] Include necessary environmental requirements in all scopes of work and work specifications used in subcontracts.
- [4] Ensure that all site construction is covered by applicable environmental permits and assessments.
- [5] Transmit all design packages and scopes of work/design specifications to ES&H for review for environmental adequacy prior to their approval.
- [6] Ensure that environmental concerns are included in all risk assessments.

F. Operations and Maintenance

- [1] Implement the environmental management system in accordance with references b), c), and d).
- [2] Ensure that the SPR sites are operated and maintained in compliance with the environmental management system to minimize actual and potential environmental impacts.
- [3] Monitor activities to ensure compliance with applicable permits, authorizations, regulations, and laws.
- [4] Include necessary environmental requirements in all scopes of work/work specifications used in subcontracts.
- [5] Ensure that all site personnel and subcontractor personnel are adequately trained in environmental protection procedures.
- [6] Operate and maintain each site in compliance with applicable laws and regulations as well as existing permit provisions and other authorizations.
- [7] Ensure that all required reports are prepared and that reporting requirements are implemented as necessary.
- [8] Cease site operations or other activities during environmental emergencies or when conditions exist that could imminently cause damage.
- [9] Establish site objectives and targets to implement the environmental management system.
- [10] Minimize generation of wastes through pollution prevention, especially source reduction.

G. Finance

- [1] Provide for environmental management system needs during budget review.

H. Office of General Counsel

- [1] Support ES&H in determining the statutory and regulatory requirements of the environmental management system.
- [2] Ensure that subcontract provisions require subcontractor compliance with environmental laws and regulations, and appropriate elements of the environmental management system.

I. Quality Assurance

- [1] Facilitate independent assessment and self-assessment programs for the Environmental department.

J. Subcontract Manager's Technical Representatives

- [1] Ensure that subcontractors comply with the environmental management system provisions of their subcontracts.
- [2] Ensure that subcontractors comply with the terms and conditions of all permits and authorizations.

K. Human Resources and Development

- [1] Introduce the DM environmental policy to new hires.
- [2] Provide a method for evaluating employees' environmental performance.

L. Information Systems

- [1] Provide a method for communicating the SPR's environmental policy to the public by means of the DOE Internet home page.

M. DM Managers

- [1] Ensure that employees at each level are aware of the potential environmental impacts of their work activities and the potential consequences of departure from specific operating procedures.
- [2] Ensure that personnel performing tasks that may cause significant environmental impacts are competent based on appropriate education, training, and/or experience.

N. DM Employees

- [1] To the extent of their job scope:
 - a. Be aware of their responsibilities for conformance with this policy and DM procedures that deal with environmental compliance, including emergency preparedness and response.
 - b. Be aware of the potential consequences of departure from specific operating procedures.
 - c. Be qualified to perform the environmental-related activities of their jobs.

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