New Mexico State Land Office



Accountability & Enforcement

Purpose: to ensure responsible stewardship of state trust lands for the long-term benefit of the trust

Focus:

Abandoned wells
Soil and groundwater contamination
Debris removal and surface reclamation

Defining the Problem

employs experienced field personnel that are present at each well site on a daily basis, and each well site is inspected on a daily basis. These field personnel have confirmed that there are no spills or unresolved environmental compliance issues at any of the above well locations. These findings are consistent with the Oil Conservation Division's records, which also do not reflect any spills or unresolved environmental incidents at these well sites.







Creating a Culture of Compliance

- Outreach and Education
- Communication
- Settlement
- Litigation





Case Study: Hospah Oil Field

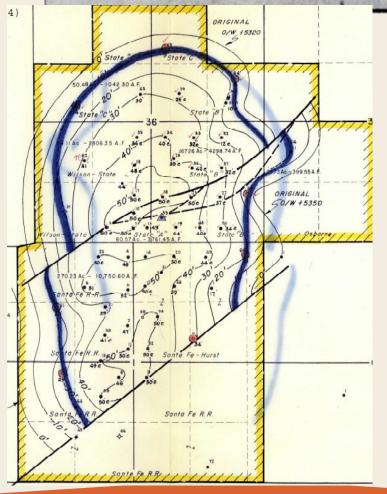
PEOPLE

Coming and going in Santa Fe

Theodore N. Espe, county commissioner, has returned from the east where he had a conference with oil officials. Mr. Espe is interested in lands in the Hospah oil region, McKinley county.

WILLIAMS RIG NOW DRILLING ON THE HOSPAH STRUCTURE

"NEW MEXICO WILL SOON TAKE ITS PLACE AMONG HEAVY OIL PRODUCING STATES"—OIL AGE



FLY!

WITH SAFETY

Swastika-Eaglerock Airways Co

Passenger Flights. Aerial Instruction. Mapping.
Aerial Photography.

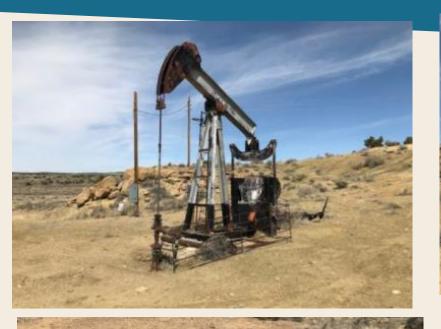
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ONE MILE EAST OF UNIVERSITY ON CENTRAL AVENUE.

Special Rates for Passengers to New Hospah Oil Field

Free Exhibition Flights Sunday

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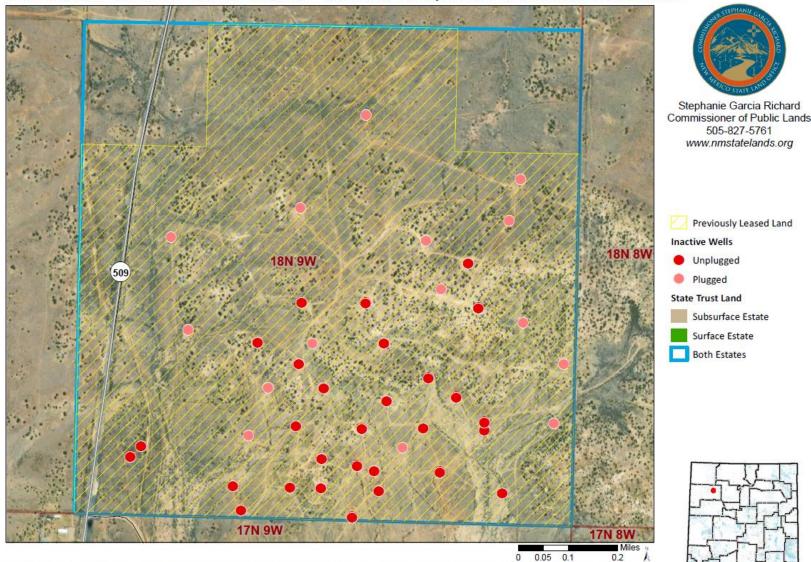






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Garcia Richard v. BC&D and Dominion - Location of Expired Leases and Inactive Wells







SOUTHWEST RESEARCH AND INFORMATION CENTER P.O. Box 4524 Albuquerque, NM 87106

September 22, 1992

Mr. Don Elsworth U.S. Bureau of Land Management 1235 La Plata Highway Farmington, NM 87401

Dear Mr. Elsworth:

Rob Bornstein of the U.S. EPA office in Window Rock asked that I send you a copy of SRIC's July 29, 1992, letter titled "Field Reconnaissance of Produced Water Discharges at Hospah Oil Field, McKinley County, New Mexico." This letter, a copy of which is



WINDOW ROCK, ARIZONA 86515

MARSHALL PLUMMER

PETERSON ZAH PRESIDENT

VICE PRESIDENT

September 10, 1992 President American Exploration Company P.O. Box 10509 Midland, TX 79702

OIL CON. DIV. DIST. 3

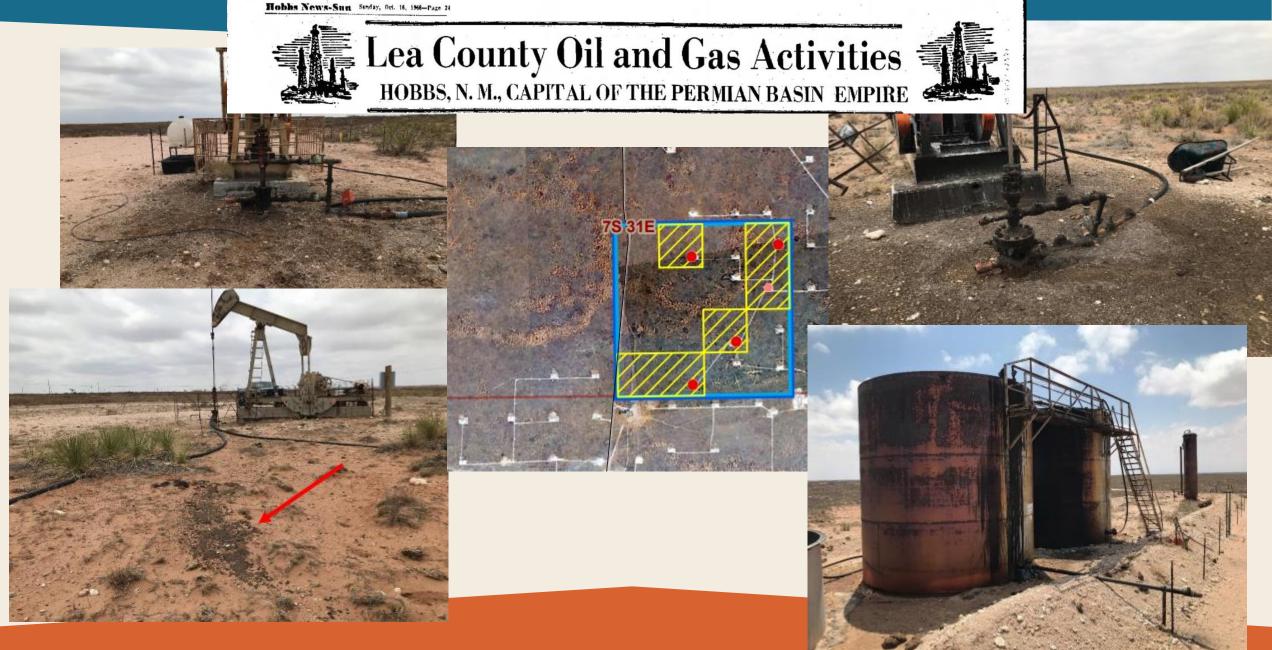
RE: Discharge of Produced Water and Oil at the Hospah Oil Field.

Dear Sir:

The Navajo Nation Environmental Protection Administration ("Navajo EPA") conducted a site inspection on August 28, 1992 at your Hospah Oil Field located within Section 6 and Section 7 of Township 17N, Range 8 West and Section 11 of Township 17N, Range 9 West of the Hospah USGS Quadrangle, McKinley County, New Mexico (the "Site").

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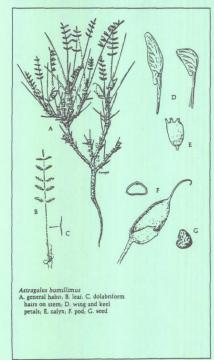
Case Study: Cato San Andres Unit



Case Study: Hogback ACEC



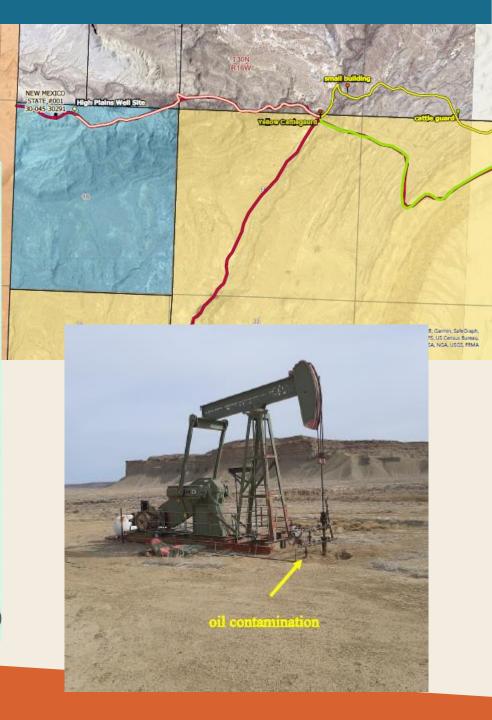
MANCOS MILKVETCH (Astragalus humillimus) RECOVERY PLAN



U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Albuquerque, New Mexico

1989



Successes and Ongoing Challenges

Results:

*289 inactive wells plugged *14 lease sites fully reclaimed *Over \$20 million in cost savings



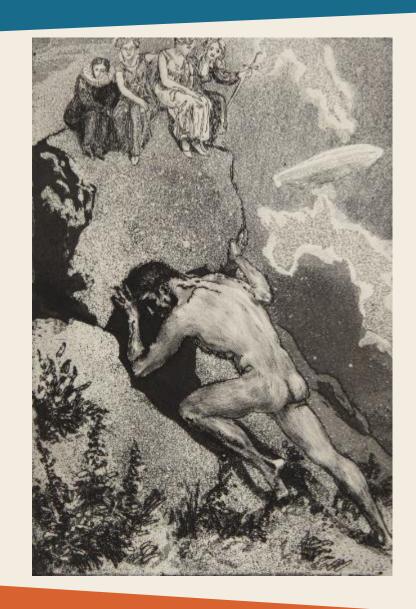




Next Steps

Anchoring Progress and Avoiding Vicious Cycles

- Bond review and reform
- Watch lists/debarment
- Early warning detection
- Third-party collaboration
- Expectation-setting
- Life after oil



Accountability & Enforcement: An Organizational Perspective

- Institutional capacity
 - Leadership support
 - FTE, budget, organizational structure
 - Cross-divisional coordination
- Clear expectations
 - Industry trainings
 - Consistent application of the rules
 - Consequences for non-compliance
- Leveraging every tool in the tool box
 - Technology (satellite, change detection)
 - Pause new business, increase bonding, cancel leases, go to court



Pre-Spill



Post-Spill



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Lea County

Spill



Post-Remediation



Lea County

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Jan. 2019 Jan. 2020





Roswell Flooding Levy Breach

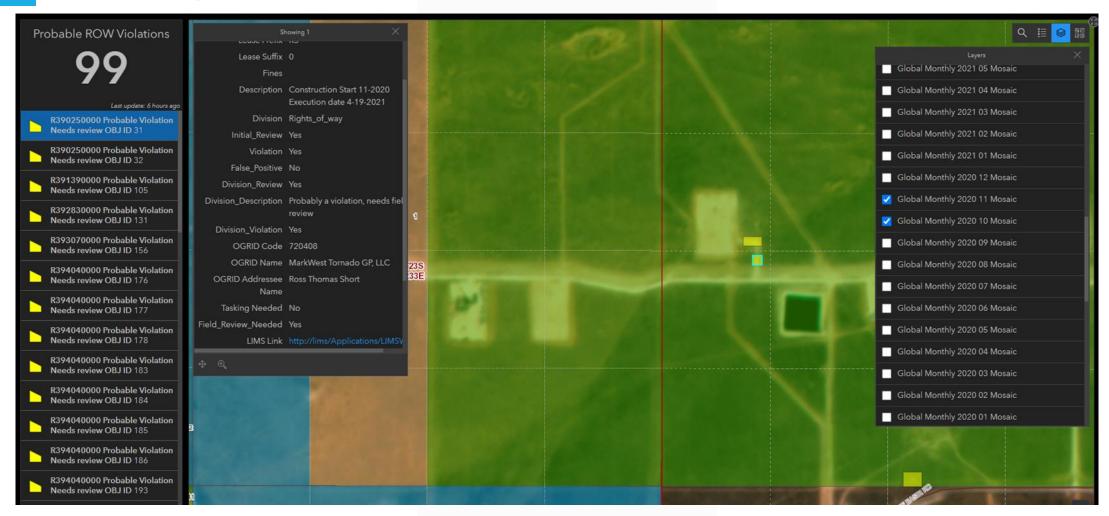


- Main Breech
- Breech Under Berm
- Potential Breech Under Berm
- Breech Outside Trust Land
- Culvert

State Trust Land

- Subsurface Estate
- Surface Estate
- Both Estates
- * Imagery from 6/6/2021 Planet Labs

Change Detection Dashboard



Change Detection Overlay

