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The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD) Environmental Bureau has reviewed a Stage 1 & Stage 2 abatement plans for Chevron Environmental Management Company (CEMC). The two abatement plans have been deemed administratively complete as of 09/27/2024.

Chevron Environmental Management Company owns and was in operation of the Cooper-Jal Unit South Injection Station where an unlined earthen produced water overflow pit is located and formerly owned by Texaco Exploration and Production. Chloride and Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) are the contaminants of concern from this impact due to utilizing the pit for produced water overflow. Soil remediation for the affected area has been completed by excavation and a clay liner installed to mitigate further migration from chlorides to groundwater. The Site is located on Lea County Road J7, approximately five and a half miles northwest of Jal, New Mexico, in Section 24, Township 24 South, Range 36 East, Lea County, New Mexico. The latitude and longitude coordinates of the Site are 32° 12′ 7.13″ N and 103° 13′ 4.36″ W. This release occurred in Jal, NM and the land in the vicinity of the Site is utilized primarily for livestock ranching and oil and gas production and has areas of undeveloped rangeland, vegetated with indigenous grass. An injection well facility, operated by Resaca Resources, LLC (Resaca), is located adjacent to the Site.

Based on the administratively complete abatement plans and operator public notice, OCD has written an approval letter for Chevron Environmental Management Company to proceed with the abatement plan and to implement the items and conditions laid out in the approved plan. The OCD contact by which interested persons may obtain information and/or submit comments is Mike Buchanan, (505) 490-0798, Michael.buchanan@emnrd.nm.gov with mailing address 1220 South St. Francis Drive, Santa Fe, New Mexico, 87505. Both abatement plans can be made available upon request and can be found at: https://ocdimage.emnrd.nm.gov/Imaging/FileStore/santafe/nf/20240508/nrm2022559242 05 08 2024 04 31 18.pdf

The OCD will accept comments on the abatement plans for a period of 30-days after the date of publication of this notice.