

County of San Luis Obispo Onsite Environmental Coordinator
Guadalupe Weekly Update 04-7-2010

Major construction/remediation activities continue at the Chevron Guadalupe Oil Field Remediation Site (Field) this week. The San Luis Obispo County Onsite Environmental Coordinator (OEC) continues to be present at the Field on a daily basis.

The following description of the weekly activities at the Field will give any of the interested parties an opportunity to identify additional requests in terms of special monitoring or approval requirements for any particular tasks on the Field. Significant issues are underlined.

- Chevron has previously reported a hydrocarbon release near the old 5X Excavation Site. There has been a steady decline of TPH concentrations in all interstitial samples; all water samples have TPH levels below detection limits since March 30 (samples were collected 3/30, 3/31, 4/1 and 4/2). Chevron reports that there has been no hydrocarbon odor in the area for several days. The Incident Action Plan (IAP) which began Monday, March 29, expired, April 5 at 5 PM – no new IAP will be re-initiated. Chevron is continuing their investigation of the area over the next two weeks with visual and odor surveys conducted three times a week under the continued direction of the western snowy plover monitor.
- Chevron is in the process of transitioning both the Environmental Services and Construction Services contractors at the Guadalupe Restoration Project. Padre Associates will replace URS as Chevron's Environmental Services contractor and Entact LLC has been chosen to replace Recon Construction as Chevron's new remediation construction contractors. Chevron proposes that the transition will be completed by 4/30/2010 and proposes to hold a MACC meeting during the latter part of May to provide a full update on the transition.

To help orientate the placement of remediation activities, Figure 1 shows the Field and the location of all active project sites (marked in dark green for active excavation sites and blue for ongoing operations) where remediation activities are occurring.

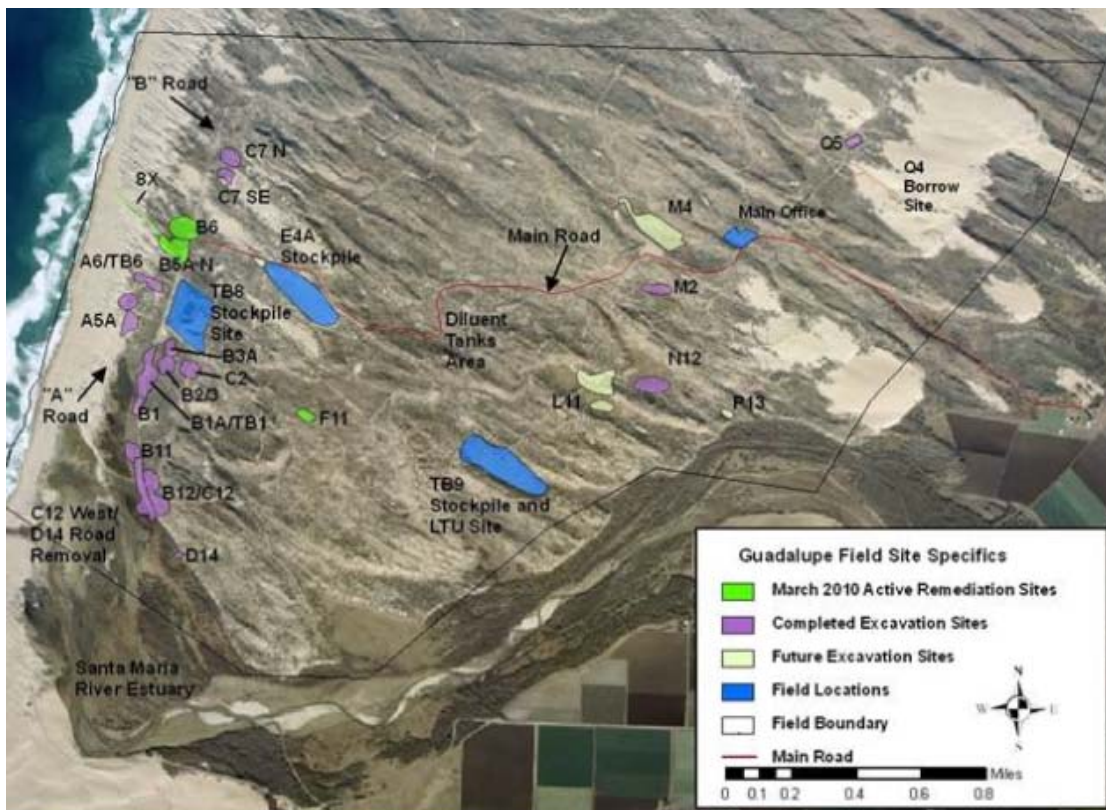


Figure 1. Active Remediation Sites

Here are the activities for the last week:

Excavation Activities:

Most remediation activities on the Field, including hauling to the landfill, have temporarily stopped during the transition phase with Chevron's new remediation and environmental contractors.

B5A Excavation Site

Remediation activities have temporarily stopped at the B5A Excavation Site.

- Chevron will be coordinating with the RWQCB to determine additional data needs and approach concerning the contamination found outside the southern sheetpile wall at this site.

G1A Pad, Oil Spray, and Access Road Removal

- Diluent was discovered during the oil spray removal at this site and much of it was removed and hauled to TB8. After coordinating with the RWQCB Chevron halted the excavation of diluent-contaminated material due to the depth of contamination and backfilled over the remaining contaminated sand.

M12 Excavation Site

- This week, Chevron completed the installation of the sheetpile wall so that the entire excavation site is contained.
- Prior to the installation of the sheetpile wall, Chevron's contractors uncovered a production well that was located on the proposed sheetpile wall location. Several hand auger samples were collected in the area of the production well. The samples closest to the well were contaminated and therefore the sheetpile wall location was pushed out several feet to fully encompass the production well and accompanying contaminated material.

Perimeter Fence Installation

- Chevron has only completed the segment of the site-wide perimeter fence from the beach to the D14 Restoration Site. Contractors are currently on-site assessing the route and construction is scheduled to resume by the end of the month.

Other Field Activities:

- Chevron consultants continue to collect monitoring well samples throughout the Field according to their quarterly schedule.
- Chevron wildlife monitors conduct daily checks of the access roads prior to anyone entering the site.

Sensitive Species Issues:

- Chevron biologists continue to conduct their weekly survey of the TB8 Retention Basins last week.
- Chevron biologists continue to monitor restoration sites throughout the lease.
- The western snowy plover monitor continues to conduct surveys of the beach three times a week. As of April 5, there were four active nests reported.
- Cows continue to access the field via the Main Road or Santa Maria River east of the property. However, cattle have not been observed in the area of the Marsh Ponds or B Road wetland restoration sites since the installation of the fence across the Santa Maria River.