

County of San Luis Obispo Onsite Environmental Coordinator  
Guadalupe Update 4-5-2017

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.

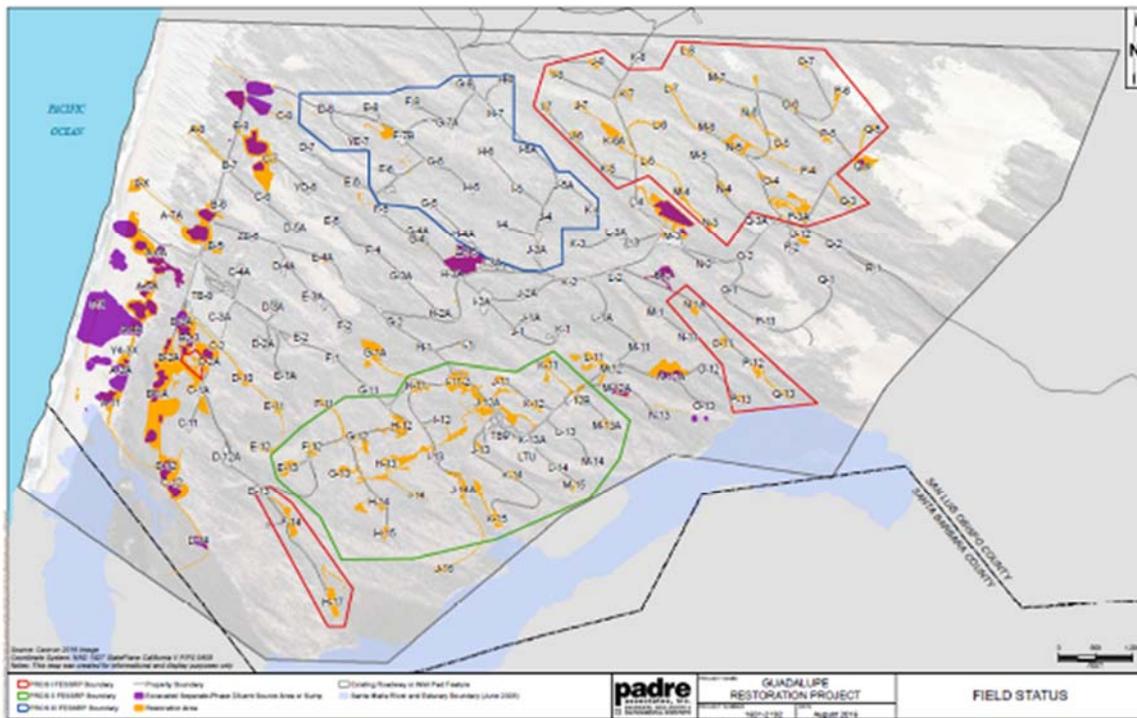
The following description of the weekly activities at the Field will give any of the interested parties an opportunity to identify additional requests in terms of special monitoring or approval requirements for any particular tasks on the Field. Significant issues and important review schedules are underlined.

Construction contractor continues to work five 8-hour days per week. The work schedule will change to 4 ten-hour days on March 13<sup>th</sup> after Daylight Savings begins. Entry into the site remains at 7 am. All construction related vehicles leave the site by 5 pm.

The following Plans are currently under agency review:

- Chevron has submitted the M1 Excavation Work Plan on March 31 for agency review. The remediation plan includes a partial excavation of diluent-affected material in the M1 valley, the use of a vinyl sheetpile wall, and is proposing to leave a portion of the vinyl sheetpile in place after excavation has been completed.

To help orientate the placement of remediation activities, Figure 1 shows the Field and the location of all active and completed project sites (including the three PROS Work Plan Phases).



**Phase I (Test Phase) Remediation Sites 2013-2015 PROS Sites (outlined in red)**  
**Phase II Remediation Sites 2015-2016 PROS Sites (outlined in green)**  
**Phase III Remediation Sites 2016-2017 PROS Sites (outlined in blue)**  
**Completed remediation sites: excavated separate phase diluent (purple)**  
**Completed PROS sites: excavated and/or treated (gold)**

Here are the current activities:

### **Remediation Activities:**

#### **Phase III PROS Pad, Road, and Oil Spray Removal/Treatment Activities**

- The Chevron team continues excavation and treatment on several Phase III sites including the G6, G7, I4, I5, J3A, and J4 sites.
- The final PROs Phase II sites not yet completed include the J12 excavation which awaits final P66 activities to be completed in the area.
- Chevron Asbestos Abatement contractors are currently collecting asbestos-related material from the I4, J3A, and J4 PROs Pad site areas.
- Excavation, treatment, backfill, final grade approval, and the installation of erosion and sediment control measures have been completed at the following Phase III sites: D8, E8, F7A, F7B, F8, G8, H7, H8, I6A, J5A, K4, and YE7.
- PROS activities include oil spray removal and treatment, pad treatment, sump removal, pipeline removal, road treatment, asbestos removal, and excavation of contaminated materials.



**G7 PROS Remediation Site: Chevron contractors continue to conduct PROS activities which include the excavation of contaminated material including sumps and diluent-affected materials extending off various Pad sites through-out the Field.**



**L11 Road Work: Chevron contractors are currently lowering and widening this portion of the L11 Road to permit haul trucks passage without further road degradation.**



**The M1 Valley: location of proposed future remediation activities (currently under agency review) including sheetpile wall, dewatering wells, and partial excavation of diluent-affected soils. The M1 wetland is located on the valley floor and far left portion of the photo. The excavation is proposed to impact approximately two-thirds of the valley floor.**

## **Hauling Activities**

- RTS has temporarily ceased all hauling activities for the next foreseeable future. All contaminated material is currently being hauled to the TB9 Stockpile site.
- Chevron continues to use the TB9 Stockpile site (also referred to as the Land Treatment Unit, or LTU) to temporarily contain all material excavated from PROs Sites, as described in the recently approved TB9 Stockpile Work Plan.
- Chevron reports that as of December 2, 2016, a total of 68,820 loads have been hauled to the Santa Maria Landfill, totaling 1,562,142 tons or 1,107,902 c.y. of contaminated material.
- The original SEIR hauling activities were completed on 9/18/2012. At that time, a total of 51,962 SEIR related loads were hauled to the Santa Maria Landfill totaling 1,186,770.77 tons or 859,978.82 cy of contaminated materials.
- The SEIR Addendum hauling activities commenced on 9/24/2012. To date, a total of 16,858 Addendum related loads have been hauled to the Santa Maria Landfill, totaling 375,372 tons or 266,221 cy of contaminated materials.
- During hauling activities, the OEC receives and reviews weekly travel records for the 4-7 haul trucks driving between the Guadalupe Site and the SMLF. All records have demonstrated that trucks leaving the site were recorded being observed traveling along the established and approved travel route.

## **Perimeter Fence**

- There were no cows observed on the Field in the last month.

## **Other Field Activities:**

- Padre staff continues to collect monitoring well samples throughout the Field according to their quarterly schedule.
- In accordance with CAO 98-38, amended November 6, 1998, active and passive free-product recovery systems continue to operate with periods of limited interruption at the Compressor Plant (CP), Diluent Tanks (DT), and Tank Battery 9 (TB9) Areas. As required, Padre staff provides notification to RWQCB staff during periods of planned shut-down for system maintenance and/or evaluation. System operation is dependent on recovery pump maintenance activities performed daily by O&M staff, which ensures the pumps are properly functioning.
- Chevron wildlife monitors conduct daily checks of the access roads prior to anyone entering the site.
- The hydrocarbon release at the 5X Beach Site continues to be monitored (visual and odor surveys 3x/week by Padre Staff) near the old 5X Excavation Site. There was no odor detected and there was no visible evidence of release. Chevron reports that beach surveys will continue three times per week as detailed in the 5X Beach Monitoring Plan.

## **Sensitive Species Issues:**

- As required in the Project's Biological Opinion, Chevron continues crayfish trapping in the Marsh Ponds.
- Feral pig depredation efforts continue onsite as directed and permitted under the CDFW depredation permit. USDA Wildlife Services continue to bait feral hog traps, as directed and allowed by the CDFW depredation permit and CEMC policies.
- Padre biologists conduct a daily morning clearance of all roads and work areas prior to all activities on the site.
- Chevron biologists continue to monitor restoration sites throughout the lease.

## LIFE AT GUADALUPE



**Dunes in bloom: giant coreopsis and Amsinckia (fiddleneck flower).**