

OJAI OIL COMPANY

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Mr. Samuel Unger, Executive Officer
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Attn: Josh Cwikla

Re: TECHNICAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13267
OF THE CALIFORNIA WATER CODE

I, Douglas Off, certify under penalty of law that I have personally examined and am familiar with the information submitted in this document and all attachments and that, based on my inquiry of the those individuals immediately responsible for obtaining the information, I believe that the information is true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment.

Introduction:

Ojai Oil Company was incorporated on June 4, 1900. It has been managed by a Board of Directors of seven to eight individuals for the past 115 years, with decisions regarding oil well drilling, sump locations if any, and waste water disposal made by the Board. I have managed and acted as president of Ojai Oil for 13 years, and have inspected monthly the two oil production property's surface and have read files pertaining to the original development .

Our Upper Ojai property of approximately 60 acres was purchased in 1908. We drilled 11 wells which are still producing, the last one being drilled in 1981. There was one sump found and removed on the property.

In 1983 we purchased a well on South Mountain called the Yale Richardson Well #1. There appears to have been no sump, with mud and drilling fluids and waste water being stored in tanks on this leased land. There are no fresh water wells within a radius of ½ mile from this well pad as shown on the attached maps.

Our superintendent for operations is Bob Dent who has been with us since 2004. Other than the drilling of one fresh-water well at Upper Ojai, there has been no oil well development on the properties since 1981. Routine well workovers did not involve a sump.

The following information is supplied for this report for items 1-9:

1. Location and information of main sump under our operation from 1911 to 1997: I personally

was responsible for the abandonment and removal of this sump as overseen by Fleet Rust, Project Manager for GeoScience Analytical Inc. located in Simi Valley, CA. As mentioned in his report as attached (Removal of Sump Material – Upper Ojai), this sump was found to be lined by concrete which had cracked in numerous locations. Viscous tar/oil had migrated from below the concrete into the lined sump. The sump measured approximately 25'x120'x3' deep per Mr. Rust's report. I believe there was an additional 1 to 2 feet of dirt removed before clean fill was added.

Prior to excavation in December of 1995, an analysis of sump material was made as attached in the GSA report.

2. The procedure used to abandon the sump is explained in the attached GSA report.
3. There is no estimation of fluid drained into this sump other than the sump volume being approximately 3,300 bbls. Other than rain water, it is assumed that no fluid had entered this sump from lease operations since 1912.
4. The physical and chemical composition of fluids discharged into the sump is as per the attached to the GSA report.
5. At this time, all waste water is trucked from our waste water holding tank to the Green Compass Inc. disposal facility in Anaheim, CA. An analysis of this waste water is attached.
6. The location of two fresh water wells is shown on the attached Ventura County CUP Boundary 293 map. Two additional water wells are within ½ mile of the Main Sump and are not on Ojai Oil Company property.
7. Historic water quality data is not available for wells within a ½ mile radius of the Main sump.
8. Sampling has been conducted for the four fresh water wells within a half mile radius of the Main Upper Ojai sump as attached.
9. There are no monitoring wells in the vicinity of the Main sump.

If you have additional questions or request an inspection of the properties, please let me know.

Sincerely,

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