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DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY
ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT TRACKING SYSTEM
INITIAL REPORT/FOLLOWUP

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REGION: E COUNTER: 145 UNIQUE RECORD #: R145

COORDINATOR: PETE PETERSON REPORT TYPE: INITIAL

RECEIVED TIME: 12/18/90

INFORMATION ON CALLER:

TONY EGLET OR ANONYMOUS:

PUREGRO/AG CHERM

(509)-488-5227

BEST TIME TO
RETURN CALL:

OTHELLO WA

INFORMATION RECEIVED ON INCIDENT:

WATER WAY INFORMATION:

COUNTY: ADAMS
DESCRIPTION: OTHELLO
INCIDENT: LOST APPROX 1000 GAL OF AMMONIUM POLY PHOSPHATE FERTILIZER AT
LOCATION: PLANT IN OTHELLO, VALVE PROBLEM.
WEATHER: UNKNOWN
TIDE: LUST: EXTERNAL REFERRAL:
HONPOINT:
POINT:

ALLEGED VIOLATOR:

NAME & ADDRESS:
PUREGRO

CONTACT'S NAME:

TONY EGLET

OTHELLO WA

PHONE NUMBER AND EXT:
(509)-488-5227

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ON FROZEN GROUND. THEY HAD RETRIEVED ABOUT 800
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TO RETRIEVE MOST OF THE PRODUCT. LEVEL OF DIRT TO
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RECOMMEND A PSI BE MADE TO VERIFY THE REPORT
PROVIDED THIS OFFICE AND TO DETERMINE CLEANUP PLAN

INFORMATION ON CONTAMINANT PROVIDED BY REPORTER:

MEDIUM: SOIL
MATERIAL: CHEMICALS OTHER: FERTILIZER
QUANTITY: 1000 GALLONS
SOURCE: RELEASE/ILLEGAL DISPOSING

IMPACT:

INFORMATION ON CONTAMINANT AFTER INVESTIGATION:

MEDIUM: SOIL
MATERIAL: Ammonia Poly Phosphate Fertilizer
QUANTITY: 1000 gal
SOURCE: Valve opened on above ground tank

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Dave,
Please do an
I.I. We may
already have this
in the system.

Thanks.

Sherm

More than just spill.

Also past practice →
may have had other
spills.

Original form placed in
complaint tracker in basket
on 4.16.91 DG

12/20/90
15:43:48

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IDENT#: E145

REPORT REFERRED TO EXTERNAL ENTITY:
REPORT INVESTIGATION COMPLETED: N

INTERNAL INVESTIGATION INFORMATION:

DATE REFERRED:

PROGRAM: SPILLS
SECTION HEAD: J. DILL
INVESTIGATOR: Dave George, TCP

DATE INVESTIGATED: 3.6.91

ACTION REQUIRED: REFER
CAUSE: EQUIP FAILURE
IMPACT:
NONPOINT:
POINT:

DATE COMPLETED: 3.²⁹.91
12/20/90

LUST:

ENFORCEMENT SENSITIVE: Y

ACTUAL VIOLATOR INFORMATION:

NAME: same as front
ADDRESS:

HOME:
WORK:
CONTACT:
PHONE:

CROSS-REFERENCES TO OTHER SYSTEMS: TOXICS

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION: (MAXIMUM SIZE = 400 CHARACTERS)

Site referred to Sherman Spencer, TCP
Site investigated by Dave George, TCP
Evidence that spill had occurred. PureGro
Intends to sample and cleanup in spring '91
Early Notice Letter sent to PureGro. Site
is awaiting a Site Hazard Assessment by WDOE, TCP.

REFERRAL TO OUTSIDE ENTITY:

ENTITY NAME: CONTACT:

DATE REFERRED: / / PHONE: () -

WRITE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION BELOW AND ON BACK OF FORM.

This is the second occurrence of a tank "failure" at
this site. DG



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STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY

March 29, 1991

Mr. Tony Eglet, District Manager
PureGro
W. 1529 Lee Road
Othello, WA 99344

Re: EARLY NOTICE LETTER REGARDING THE OTHELLO PUREGRO PROPERTY, LOCATED
IN ADAMS COUNTY, BEING WITHIN THE NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ OF SECTION 33, T. 16 N.,
R. 30 E.W.M.

Dear Mr. Eglet:

On December 18, 1990, the Department of Ecology was notified by PureGro that there had been a release of ammonium polyphosphate fertilizer at the above referenced property. It is our understanding that PureGro is the current owner/operator of this property/facility. Notice was also given to Ecology that PureGro intends to conduct an independent investigation/cleanup action. An initial investigation of the site was conducted by Ecology personnel on March 6, 1991.

Under the Model Toxics Control Act [Chapter 70.105D Revised Code of Washington (RCW)], Ecology maintains a database of known or suspected contaminated sites. Based on available information and results of the initial investigation, it is Ecology's decision that the above referenced property will be added to the database, and that a site hazard assessment will be required [Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 173-340-310(4)]. Please note that inclusion in the database does not mean that Ecology has determined you are a potentially liable person under the Model Toxics Control Act [administered under Chapter 173-340 (WAC)].

Regardless of your planned/present actions, Ecology may still need to conduct a more detailed inspection of this property in the future, including testing for possible contamination. At that time, we may assess the need for further action and establish a priority for this work, if needed.

Ecology has a strong commitment to working cooperatively with persons to accomplish prompt and effective cleanups. However, due to limited resources and requirements in state law, we are not always able to provide all the assistance requested. Your cooperation in planning or conducting a remedial action is not an admission of guilt or liability.

Mr. Tony Eglet, District Manager
PureGro
March 29, 1991
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In proceeding with an independent cleanup, please be aware that there are requirements in state law which must be adhered to. Some of these requirements are addressed in WAC 173-340-120(8)(b), and -300(4). Please note Ecology will use the appropriate requirements contained throughout this chapter in its evaluation of the adequacy of any independent remedial actions performed.

A copy of Chapter 70.105D RCW and the implementing regulations, Chapter 173-340 WAC, is enclosed for your review and reference. If you have any questions regarding this letter or the requirements under the Model Toxics Control Act, please contact me at (509) 456- 6164.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Dave George", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Dave George
Initial Investigator
Toxics Cleanup Section

DG:adw

cc: Don Sump, Vice President, PureGro/Pasco

Enclosures

DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY
INITIAL INVESTIGATION DATA SHEET

SHEET 1
OF 1

DATE 3.6.91 TIME ^{12:20 12:30} 13:00 / 13:45 INVESTIGATOR Dave George
ON SITE OFF SITE

SITE NAME PureGro CITY/COUNTY east of Othello / Adams

STREET ADDRESS 1529 West Lee Road ZIP 99334

SITE LOCATION: NE 1/4 NE 1/4, SEC 33, T 16 N., R 30 E.W.M.

SITE CONTACT Tony Eglet SITE PHONE (509) 488-5227

MAILING CONTACT _____ PHONE () _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____ ZIP _____

PERSONS ON SITE Mike Padilla Lynn Garner - safety coordinator

PRESENT OWNER/LESSEE PureGro DATE _____

PAST OWNER/LESSEE _____ DATE _____

DATE _____

TYPE CONTAMINATION REPORTED/SUSPECTED Ammonium Polyphosphate

Fertilizer - 1000 gallon spill

CONTAMINATION OBSERVED None apparent related to spill. Some quartz

sand spread out on ground near trees along back fence. Soil is

damp throughout area due to precipitation. Some elemental sulfur spilled
in area.

SOIL TYPE silt

SOIL REMOVED: NO ☒ YES ☐ AMNT _____ DEPTH TO G-WATER (FT) _____

SUPPLY WELLS NEARBY: NO ☐ YES ☐ water tower ~ 300 yds to E-SE.

SURFACE WATER SOURCES NEARBY: NO ☒ YES ☐ _____

MIGRATION PATHWAYS soil leaching

STRESSED VEGETATION: NO ☐ YES ☐ _____

WEATHER sunny, some clouds TEMPERATURE (F) ~50

PHOTOS TAKEN: NO ☐ YES ☒ TIP READINGS TAKEN: NO ☒ YES ☐

RECOMMENDATION FOR FURTHER ACTION: NFA ☐ INTERIM ACT ☐

EMERGENCY ACT ☐ SHA ☒ ADD DATA NEEDED ☐ _____

Site: 46° 50' 17" LAT
119° 03' 04" LONG

SITE LAYOUT SKETCH

see attached map

NOT TO SCALE

LEGEND

NOT TO SCALE

monitoring well:



railroad tracks: ++++++

supply well:



tip rdng location:



photo & orientation:



COMMENTS originally arrived at site at 12:20. No one available until 13:00

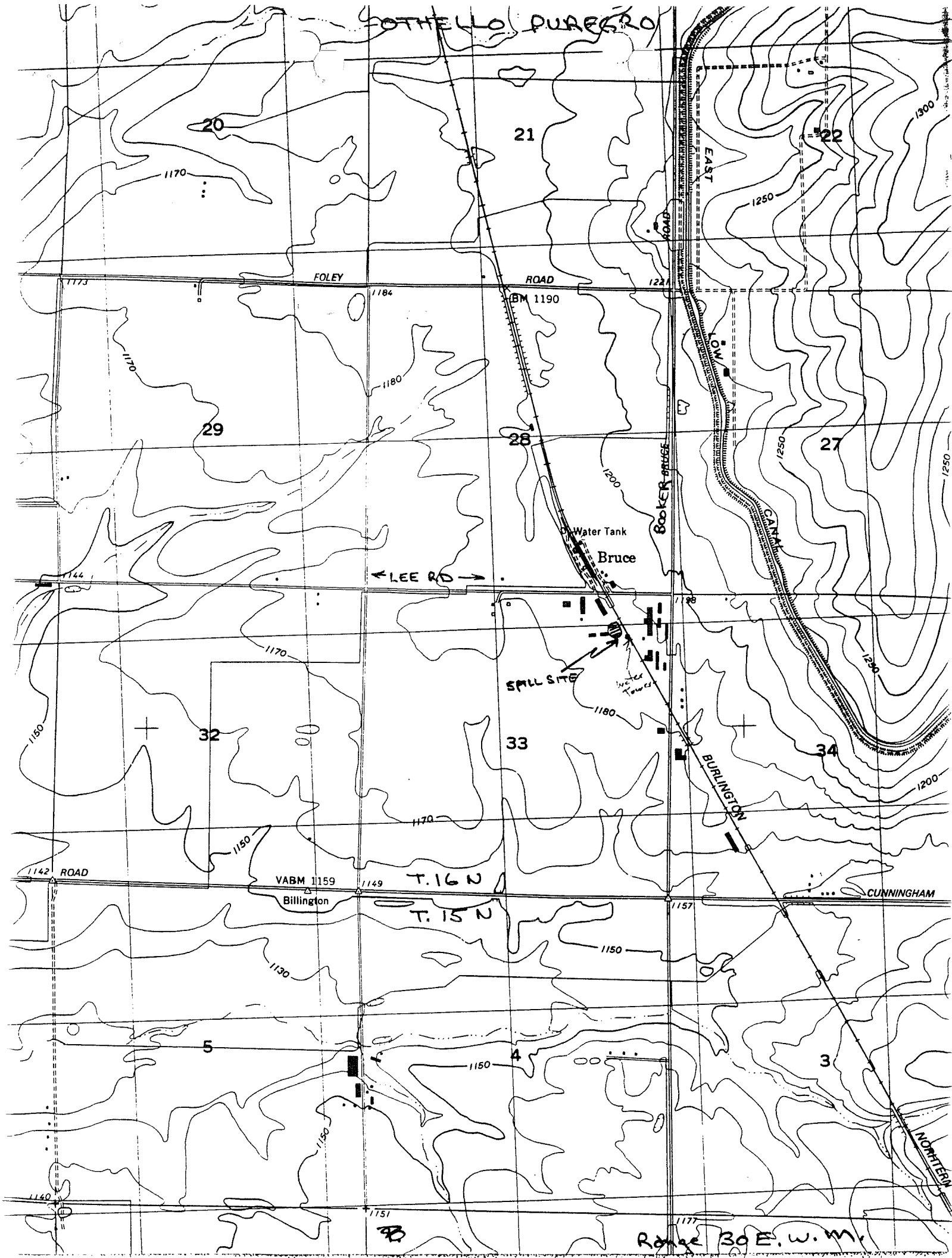
sight tube or something opened valve a crack and product flowed
sooth and west of above ground tank. Area ~ 10 yds wide x 150 yds long.

Product pumped up was put in a separate tank.

Product flowed into low, trough-like area along railroad siding - see map

Lynn Garner stated that the new tank pad would be started in
the next few days. After completion, tanks would be moved and
Pure Gro would look at any cleanup, if needed.

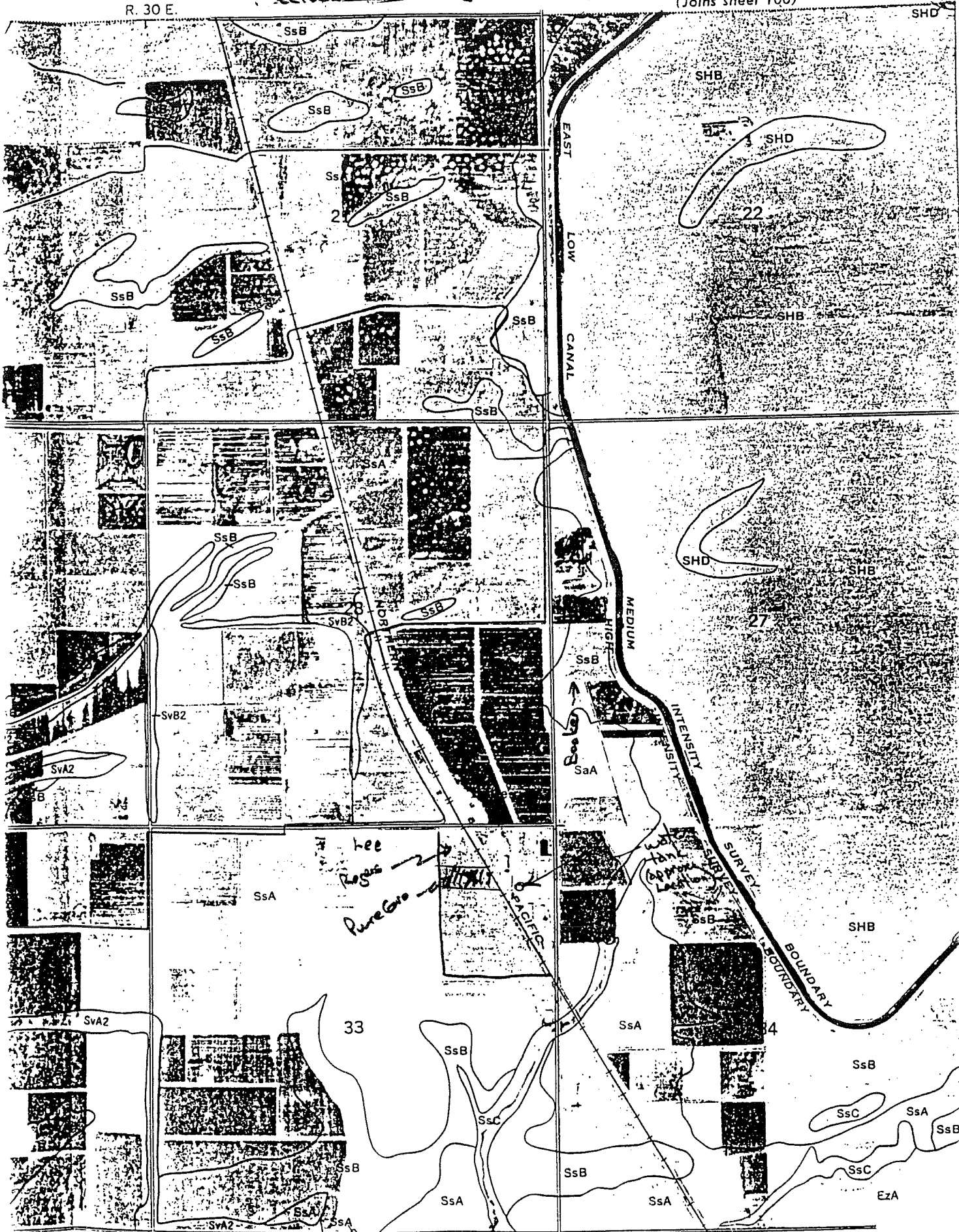
FOOT HILLS PURSRO



Range 30 E. W. M.

*Druce Mining
Pure Gro Company X
Othello WA
(Joins sheet 100)*

covered on site by DG 8/29/



(Joins sheet 133)

Copy from previous Pure Gro file

From previous PureGro File

~~Revised inside by DG~~

8/29/90

Pure Gro Co. UNIT 117

Othello, Wash. at Bruce

1529 W. Lee Road

Lee Road

Rogers Brothers
Seed Company

Liquid Fertilizer Tanks	Capacity	Product
1	12,000 gal.	12-0-0-265
2	12,000 gal.	16-2-13.7
3	30,000 gal.	32-0-0
4	10,000 gal.	8-0-0
5	10,000 gal.	-
6	30,000 gal.	32-0-0
7	30,000 gal.	10-34-0
8	12,000 gal.	20-0-0

Fire Hydrant

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Gate

Empty Storage Tanks

Gas Pumps & Underground Tanks

Shop

Dry Fertilizers

O.H. Bins

Wash Rack

Gate

tilled soil

Gate

Dead Trees

Storage Silos ~ 600 yds.

Spill area Tank # 17 was source

1 CM = 30'

18' of undisturbed

Fig. 20

TELEPHONE USE REPORT

DATE: 3.5.91

TIME: 14:40

ROUTING

FILE

SUBJECT: Property Access Request - Puregro - Othello

CALL FROM: Dave George

TITLE: II, WDOE

LOCATION AND
TELEPHONE NUMBER: ERO

CALL TO: Tony Eglet

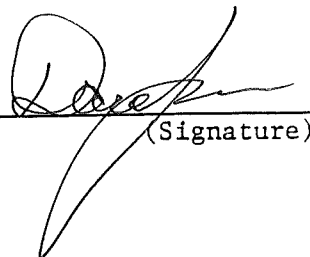
TITLE: Manager, PureGro Site

LOCATION AND
TELEPHONE NUMBER: West Lee Rd, East of Othello 509/ ^{DC} 488-5227

SUMMARY OF CALL:

I requested property access for the afternoon of 3.6.91.
Mr. Eglet granted access.

Mr. Eglet stated that fertilizer was still in the ground.
Tanks in impacted area will be moved to a new pad dred
this spring. After removal of tanks, the area will be
cleaned up.


(Signature)

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REPORTER: PETE PETERSON REPORT TYPE: INITIAL

DATE/TIME REC'D: 12/18/90

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OR ANONYMOUS:

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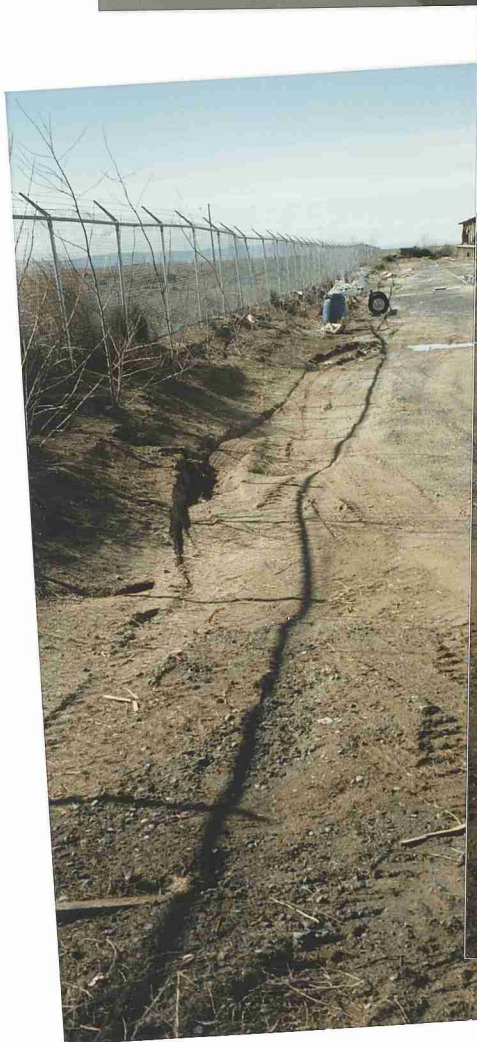
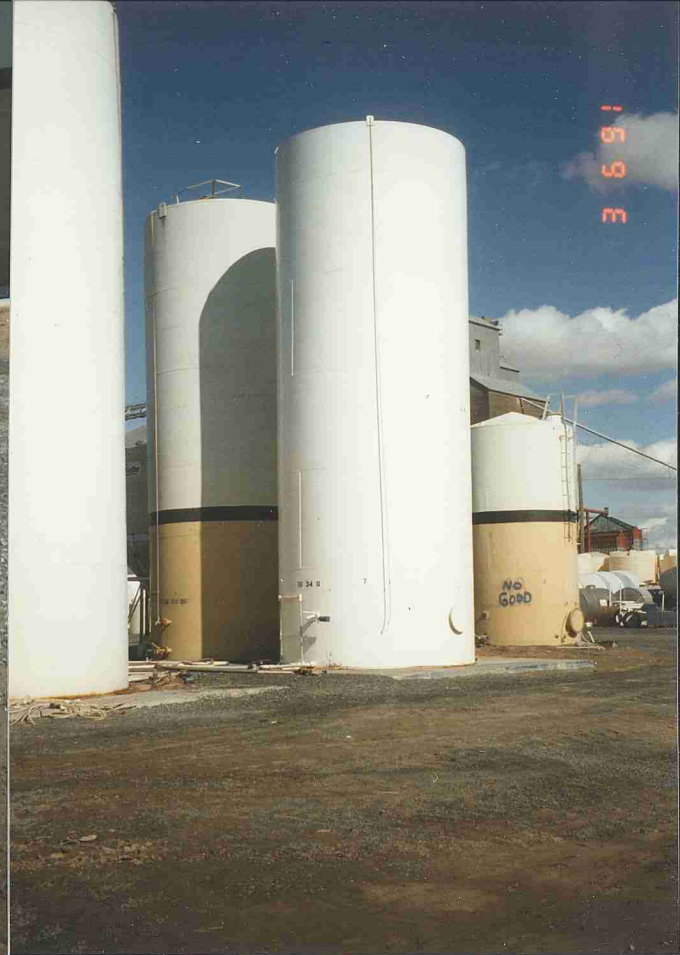
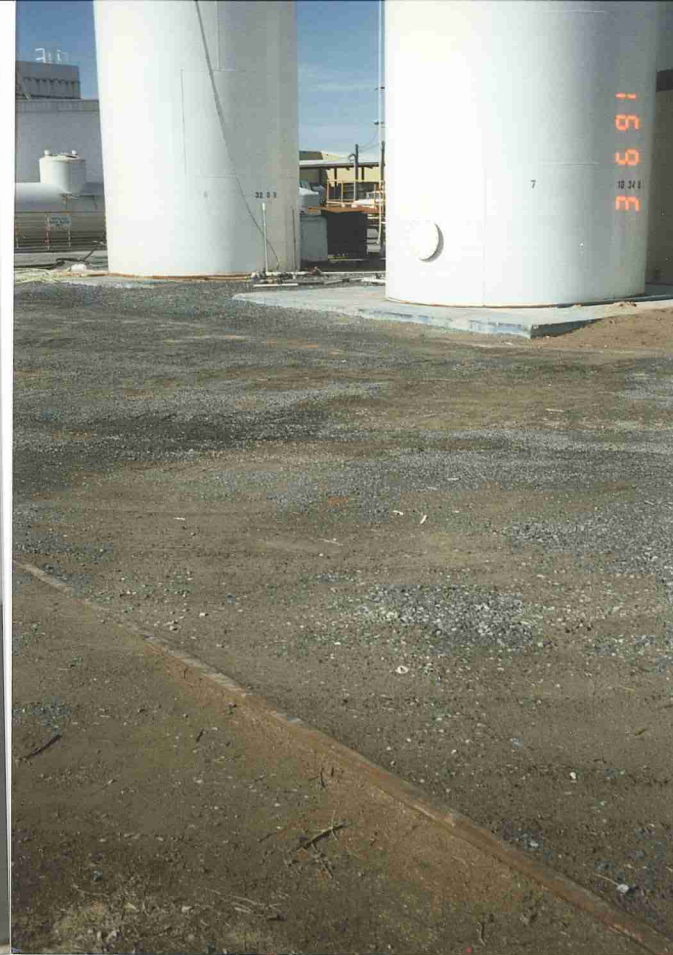
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Pure Gro, Othello
Released product pooled along
this fence.

D. George