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Dear Mr. Robinson:

On behalf of Flint Hills Resources Corpus Christi, LLC (FHR), I am submitting the enclosed draft final Cultural Resources Assessment (CRA) Report in support of the greenhouse gas PSD permit application (dated December 14, 2012; received by USEPA Region 6 on December 18, 2012) to authorize the Domestic Crude Project at FHR's West Refinery. The Domestic Crude Project will allow the West Refinery to process a larger percentage of domestic crude oil, and will also modestly increase the refinery's total crude processing capacity.

This draft final CRA Report serves to fulfill the requirements of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (implementing regulations at 36 CFR Part 800). This version of the CRA report responds to comments received from USEPA Region 6 staff during a December 13, 2013, telephone conference, addresses communications with the Texas State Historical Preservation Office (SHPO), and also provides updated information based on continued refinement of the scope of the Project. Enclosed with the report is a CD containing the electronic red-line strikeout version of the CRA Report and the electronic copies of the references cited in the report.

One of the elements of our original draft CRA—continued in this revised draft—is the assessment of potential impacts from non-GHG air pollution deposition. With respect to those potential effects, FHR would offer the observation that because the proposed USEPA action is the issuance of a GHG permit, the indirect effects of air pollution should be limited under Section 106 to the indirect effects of GHG emissions authorized by the proposed USEPA action. Because the Department of the Interior has determined that impacts from GHG emissions need not be considered under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, neither should indirect effects from non-GHG emissions be relevant to the Section 106 process. Nevertheless, FHR has included in the revised draft CRA an analysis of the potential indirect effects of non-GHG air pollutants, including criteria pollutants, VOCs, HAP, and nitrogen/sulfur dioxide impacts on soils and vegetation. FHR would offer the further observation that because the net emissions increase of all non-GHG air pollutants (except ammonia) is zero (or less), the Project will result in no non-GHG, non-ammonia air emission-related potential indirect effects. Nevertheless, FHR has included in the revise of any air pollutant for which there is an increase in allowable emissions from the Project.



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The technical analyses conducted for this CRA Report are consistent with the general guidance from the USEPA and SHPO for preparing a CRA Report, as well as discussions with SHPO regarding the Domestic Crude Project. FHR's findings indicate that while there are mapped archaeological sites within the FHR property, the Project is not reasonably expected to affect these sites. Therefore, with submittal of the draft final report to USEPA, we look forward to completion of the CRA review process.

Please call Daren Knowles at (361) 242-8301 if you have any questions or need additional information regarding the support documents.

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#### Abbreviations and Acronyms

| ACHP            | Advisory Council on Historic Preservation   |
|-----------------|---|
| APE             | Area of Potential Effect  |
| B.P.            | Before Present  |
| СО              | carbon monoxide   |
| $CO_2e$         | carbon dioxide equivalents  |
| CFR             | Code of Federal Regulation  |
| CRA             | Cultural Resource Assessment  |
| ESL             | Effects Screening Levels  |
| FHR             | Flint Hills Resources Corpus Christi, LLC   |
| GHG             | greenhouse gases  |
| HAP             | hazardous air pollutant   |
| $H_2S$          | hydrogen sulfide  |
| LPG             | liquefied petroleum gas   |
| NHPA            | National Historic Properties Act  |
| NO <sub>X</sub> | Nitrogen oxides   |
| NRHP            | National Register of Historic Properties  |
| NSR             | New Source Review   |
| NWI             | National Wetland Inventory  |
| PI              | Principle Investigator  |
| PSD             | Prevention of Significant Deterioration   |
| Region 6        | USEPA; encompasses Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas and 66 Tribes |
| Sat Gas         | Saturates Gas   |
| SER             | Significant Emission Rate   |
| SHPO            | State Historic Preservation Office  |
| SIL             | Significant Impact Level for PSD Class II areas                                   |
| SIP             | State Implementation Plan   |
| $SO_2$          | sulfur dioxide  |
| TAS             | Texas Archeological Sites   |
| TCEQ            | Texas Commission on Environmental Quality   |
| ТНС             | Texas Historic Commission   |
| THS             | Texas Historical Sites  |
| USDA            | U.S. Department of Agriculture  |
| USEPA           | U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  |
| VOC             | volatile organic compound   |

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# **Executive Summary**

Flint Hills Resources Corpus Christi, LLC (FHR) is proposing modifications to its West Refinery (the Project) in Corpus Christi, Nueces County, Texas (Figure 1). The proposed modifications require a permit under the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) Program pursuant to the federal Clean Air Act. Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (NHPA), requires USEPA to consult, as appropriate, with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) to ensure that USEPA's issuance of the GHG PSD permit is not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of any historic property protected by Section 106 of the NHPA. This Cultural Resource Assessment (CRA) provides the information necessary to support USEPA's obligations under Section 106 of the NHPA.

# **Existing Site and Project Description**

In 1981, the West Refinery was purchased from Sun Oil Company, and since 2002 it has operated under the name of Flint Hills Resources. Today, the West Refinery has a capacity of about 230,000 barrels per day of crude oil and supplies fuels for major Texas markets such as San Antonio, Austin, and the Dallas-Fort Worth area. In addition, the refinery produces various commodity chemicals that are important building blocks for a myriad of household products (FHR 2013).

The West Refinery is located approximately 13 kilometers (km) (8 miles [mi]) northwest of downtown Corpus Christi and is situated among developed industrial land uses associated with the Port of Corpus Christi Inner Harbor. The Inner Harbor includes many large industrial developments, dredge disposal areas, a railway system, and an industrial ship channel. The Interstate 37 highway corridor is located 300 meters (m) (984 feet [ft]) south of the West Refinery with multiple residential clusters located farther south of the highway corridor. Immediately to the north of the West Refinery is the Viola Turning Basin, which is the westernmost end of the Inner Harbor. Just to the north of the Viola Turning Basin are Nueces River and Nueces Bay, which serve as the border between Nueces County, in which the Project is located, and San Patricio County. The Nueces Delta, immediately north of the Nueces River in San Patricio County, is sparsely populated and undeveloped (Figure 1).

FHR proposes the Project to meet the objective of increasing the refinery's domestic crude oil processing capabilities. The Project would also modestly increase the total crude processing capacity at the West Refinery. There are no external linear facilities associated with the Project (*e.g.*, no external pipelines or power lines). With the exception of a parking area to be constructed south of the

main refinery operations (Figure 2), the proposed modifications associated with the Project will occur within the existing equipment, operations, and maintenance areas of the existing facility (Figure 3). Extensive construction has previously taken place within the refinery, including the construction of buildings and various facilities, and a network of underground utilities. The estimated depth of previous soil disturbance within the refinery is 1 to 6 m (3 to 20 ft) below the ground surface.

The Project—including construction of the new emission units, changes to existing emission units, and emissions from upstream and downstream affected units—will not trigger federal PSD for any non-GHG new source review-regulated pollutants. When considering just the Project emissions, carbon monoxide (CO), particulate matter (PM), sulfur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>), and hydrogen sulfide (H<sub>2</sub>S) emissions increases are below the PSD significance thresholds (*i.e.*, the Project will not result in a significant emissions increase for these pollutants). When considering contemporaneous increases and decreases under the second step of the PSD applicability analysis, the Project will cause a *net* emissions *decrease* for oxides of nitrogen (NO<sub>X</sub>), PM smaller than 10 microns (PM<sub>10</sub>), PM smaller than 2.5 microns (PM<sub>2.5</sub>), and volatile organic compounds (VOC) emissions. In fact, the overall Project will result in decreased emissions of non-GHG pollutants, with the exception of ammonia. Therefore, non-GHG pollutants associated with construction of new emission units and changes to existing emission units are subject only to Texas minor new source review (NSR) requirements.

Increases in GHG emissions are estimated at approximately 360,000 tons per year (tpy) of carbon dioxide equivalents (CO<sub>2</sub>e) compared to the PSD significance threshold of 75,000 tpy. This increase occurs as a result of construction of new sources and changes to or increased utilization of various existing emission sources. For more information, refer to Appendix A for Affected Emission Unit Descriptions.

#### Identification of the Area of Potential Effect

Per Texas Historical Commission (THC) Section 106 compliance guidance, the Area of Potential Effect (APE) is defined as "all areas of construction, demolition, and ground disturbance (direct effects), and the broader surrounding area that might experience visual or other effects from the Project (indirect effects)."

FHR identified the APE for the Project using the following step-wise approach.

First, FHR identified a Preliminary APE based on the potential direct effects of the Project. The potential direct effects from the Project, for purposes of the historic properties/cultural resource

review, are limited to ground disturbance, which will occur within the area encompassing the existing equipment, operations and maintenance activities footprint of the existing refinery and the area associated with the new parking lot.

Second, FHR assessed the potential indirect effects from the Project. No indirect effects (*i.e.*, air quality, visual impacts, water intake or discharge, or noise) were identified relevant to the cultural resources review. Specifically, the refinery is not within the viewshed (including within 3 kilometer [1.9 mile] of the APE) of any above-surface historic properties/cultural resources. In addition, because the Project structures and equipment are similar to existing structures and equipment, there are no changes in views towards the refinery or from the refinery to other locations.

Third and finally, FHR determined the Final APE. FHR determined, in the absence of any potential indirect effects outside the Preliminary APE, that the APE should not be expanded beyond the Preliminary APE. The Final APE is therefore defined as follows: the area encompassing the existing equipment, operations, and maintenance activities footprint of the existing refinery and the area associated with the new parking lot (Figure 3).

#### Approach to the Cultural Resources Survey

Cultural resource reviews, completed to fulfill the requirements of Section 106 of the NHPA, require federal agencies to identify historic properties/cultural resources within the APE that may be affected by their undertaking (Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) general guidance; ACHP, 2009). These reviews typically include 1) the delineation of the APE to define the area in which to look for historic properties/cultural resources; 2) a review of existing information on known and potential historic properties/cultural resources within the APE; and 3) seeking information from local agencies such as the SHPO/Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO). Pursuant to 36 CFR § 800.4(b)(1), federal agencies must take into account past planning, research and studies, and the likely nature and location of historic properties/cultural resources within the APE. The federal agencies must also consider local standards and guidelines for identifying historic properties/cultural resources. The regulations note that a reasonable and good faith effort may consist of or include background research, consultation, oral history, interviews, sample field investigation, and field survey (ACHP 2007).

General guidance from the ACHP and the expectations and general guidance of the Texas SHPO (THC) for investigating an existing industrial site are to rely on previous investigations in the area and to account for the extent of underground utilities (e.g., pipelines, electrical lines). There are no

expectations or requirements by the ACHP or the Texas SHPO that cultural resources assessments include ground verification of the entire APE. Professional judgments can be made with regard to the extent of past disturbance, the expected future disturbance of the Project-related construction, and the likelihood of finding cultural resources in the APE.

There has been extensive surface and below-ground disturbance in the refinery operations area of the West Plant, Mid Plant and Main Plant (eastern part) areas of the FHR property (to install process equipment and structures, concrete pads and pilings, roads, equipment laydown areas and utilities (pipelines, electrical)) except for an area between the Mid Plant and the West Plant. This undisturbed area was investigated in the early 1990s (Ricklis et al. 1995). Results from extensive trenching, shovel tests, and soil borings indicate that archaeological deposits are present within a small portion of this undisturbed area, just to the west of the Mid Plant area (Ricklis et al., 1995). One of the four archaeological sites investigated by Ricklis et al. (1995) is included within the APE (Site 41NU276) and is identified in the Texas Archaeological Sites (TAS) Atlas review as eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). The TAS Atlas also identifies Sites NU60 and NU232 as being present in the APE. However, as discussed in more detail in Section 7.2.1.1, the proposed Project will avoid these known areas of eligible or potentially eligible cultural resources within the APE (Figure 5).

Based on the previous archaeological assessment (Ricklis et al. 1995), the past disturbance within the refinery operations area, and other available information from the Texas SHPO for lands surrounding the West Refinery, the collective professional judgment of the Principal Investigators (PIs) and the Texas SHPO is that there is a low probability that there are additional NRHP-eligible resources present within the refinery operations area (Mr. Daren Knowles communications with Texas SHPO 2012, 2013). Because of this low probability, it was determined that soil borings and/or shovel tests were not feasible nor warranted for completion of the cultural resource assessment with respect to the refinery operations area. A reconnaissance survey was determined to be adequate for this area in order to confirm the presence of existing refinery structures and previous disturbances and comply with the Texas SHPO requirements for a Section 106 review of lands within an active industrial operation.

For the proposed parking area, the extent of previous below-ground disturbance (to a depth of about 3 feet) was uncertain. Therefore, the assessment for this proposed parking area included a reconnaissance survey and shovel tests, in addition to the standard review of background information

for the general area and the review of available information from the Texas SHPO. Additional details of the parking area investigation are provided in Section 7.2.2.

Overall, the cultural resources assessment conducted for the APE (including both the main refinery operations area and the proposed parking area) is consistent with the practices and guidance of the Texas SHPO and the ACHP (ACHP general guidance; ACHP, 2009) with regard to a good faith effort to identify cultural resources. Additionally, FHR has conservatively included an "Unanticipated Discovery Plan" in Section 7.3 of this report in order to account for any potential post-review discoveries.

#### **Historic Properties**

FHR used the services of the cultural resource management firm (CRM) of TRC Environmental Corporation, LLC (TRC), to conduct the work required under Section 106 of the NHPA. The TRC PIs, Robert A. Ricklis, Ph.D. and J. Michael Quigg, are qualified individuals who meet the Secretary of the Interior's qualification standards (Secretary of the Interior's general guidance; USDOI 1983) and have demonstrated familiarity with the range of potentially historic properties/cultural resources that may be encountered, and their characteristics.

TRC's methodology is consistent with the approach outlined in the prior section including the standards set out by the ACHP and the Texas SHPO.

Recognizing that the APE includes the refinery and a separate nearby parking area, TRC completed archival research for the Project. In December 2012, TRC completed a reconnaissance survey for the refinery operations area. Additionally, for the parking lot area, shovel tests were completed in August 2013.

The cultural resources review concluded the following:

- Existing equipment, operations, and maintenance areas
  - No standing historic structures within the APE (or within 3 km [1.9 mi] of the APE)
  - o No listed NRHP resources (historic properties/cultural resources) within the APE
  - o Reconnaissance survey confirms the Project is within disturbed industrial area
  - Three archaeological sites within the refinery operations area have been identified as "eligible" or "potentially eligible" for the NRHP (Sites NU60, NU232, NU276). However, all construction, operations, and maintenance activities associated with the

Project are located at such a distance from these sites so as to avoid any potential direct or indirect effects on them.

- Any unidentified NRHP-eligible resources (historic properties/cultural resources) that may occur in the APE would be expected to retain minimal integrity due to prior industrial development
- Parking lot area (located south of the main refinery operations)
  - No standing historic structures within the parking lot area (or within 3 km [1.9 mi] of the APE)
  - No listed, eligible, or potentially eligible NRHP resources (historic properties/cultural resources) within the parking lot area
  - Shovel tests confirmed parking lot area previously disturbed by past agricultural, residential, institutional, and utility land uses
  - As a result of this previous disturbance, any potential unidentified cultural resources (historic properties/cultural resources) that may occur in the parking lot portion of the APE are likely to be so degraded in quality that they would not be eligible for listing in the NRHP

# Potential for Effects to National Register Properties/Eligible Properties

It was confirmed that there are no listed NRHP sites or Districts, cemeteries, State Historical Markers, shipwrecks, historic buildings, or structures within the APE. The assessment of potential effects involved the consideration of potential direct or indirect effects relative to archaeological deposits or subsurface archaeology (*e.g.*, the three "eligible" or "potentially eligible" sites). Review of the potential effects determined that the potential for effect is limited to the direct effects of the Project (*i.e.*, ground disturbance).

In general, it is recognized by the Texas SHPO that archaeological deposits in this area are limited to the soil horizons of the Holocene Period which are located within the top 1 to 2 m (3 to 6 ft) of soil. The West Refinery has already experienced extensive disturbance associated with the equipment, operation, and maintenance of this industrial land as a refinery. Extensive construction has taken place within the refinery, including the construction of buildings and various facilities, and a network of underground utilities. For the parking lot area, the TRC PIs completed shovel tests to determine the depth of soil disturbance. No archaeological materials were discovered during the investigations

of the parking lot area and the soil horizons were found to have been heavily disturbed by past agricultural, residential, institutional and utility land uses. If archaeological deposits are present within this area, the potential for the deposits to retain integrity necessary for listing on the NRHP is low.

FHR coordinated with Texas SHPO on December 10, 2012, and May 7, 2013 (D. Knowles, personal communications). FHR explained the Project, the historic properties/cultural resources records review that had been completed to that point in time, and that the Project would avoid disturbance to any known archaeological areas. Texas SHPO staff concluded the APE was an existing industrial area and did not identify the need to schedule a meeting for further review of the Project or further review of the potential for the Project to affect historic properties/cultural resources. On May 7, 2013, FHR contacted the Texas SHPO to identify the supplementary steps that had been taken to support the conclusion of no effect to historic properties/cultural resources, specifically the site visit and determination by Robert A. Ricklis, Ph.D., TRC PI, on December 12, 2012. At the conclusion of both communications, Texas SHPO stated that the forthcoming CRA would meet their needs and they would continue to be involved in the process, as needed. However, no additional information or action (*e.g.*, shovel tests) was required for their purposes.

The Project need for the parking lot had not been identified by FHR prior to the coordination with the Texas SHPO. However, once identified, the need for shovel tests was determined by the TRC PIs and directed for completion by FHR.

In the event that archaeological materials are encountered during the execution of the project, an Unanticipated Discoveries Plan has been developed for this project (Section 7.3).

#### Conclusions

The APE associated with the Project is limited to: (1) the area of direct effects within the facility property boundary in which construction, operation, and maintenance will take place; and (2) the area of direct effects within the parking lot area needed to support construction. There is no potential for indirect effects requiring expansion of the APE.

USEPA's action in issuing a GHG PSD permit to FHR for the Corpus Christi West Refinery Domestic Crude Project in Nueces County, Texas will not affect any historic properties/cultural resources for purposes of Section 106 of the NHPA. No listed NRHP sites or Districts, cemeteries, State Historical Markers, shipwrecks, historic buildings, or structures occur within the APE. Three NRHP-eligible or potentially eligible sites occur within the APE; however due to their distance from the construction, operations, and maintenance activities associated with the Project, the sites will not be affected by the proposed Project (Figure 6).

No shovel testing was conducted within the existing equipment, operations, and maintenance areas of the refinery. This area has been heavily disturbed by the construction of buildings, facilities, and underground utilities to an estimated depth of 1 to 6 m (3 to 20 ft) below the surface. Shovel testing within the parking lot area confirmed that the parking lot property was heavily disturbed by past agricultural, residential, institutional, and utility land uses and no archaeological materials were discovered. As a result of the previous disturbance in the APE, any potential unidentified cultural resources that may occur within the APE are likely to be so degraded in quality that they would not be eligible for listing in the NRHP. However, in the unlikely event that archaeological materials are encountered during the execution of the project, FHR has prepared an "Unanticipated Discoveries Plan" for this project (Section 7.3).

# 1.0 Introduction

Flint Hills Resources Corpus Christi, LLC (FHR) is proposing modifications to its West Refinery (the Project) in Corpus Christi, Nueces County, Texas. The West Refinery is located approximately 13 kilometers (km) (8 miles [mi]) northwest of downtown Corpus Christi at the far west end of the Port of Corpus Christi Inner Harbor, an area primarily developed with industrial land uses associated with the Inner Harbor (Figure 1).

Pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Properties Act (NHPA), this Cultural Resources Assessment (CRA) has been prepared to determine whether the issuance of a greenhouse gas (GHG) Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) permit for the Project by U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) Region 6 may affect historic properties/cultural resources, and to provide the information necessary to support USEPA's obligations under Section 106 of the NHPA.

This CRA is based on the best available data and archaeological reports and the professional judgment of the Principal Investigators (PIs), Robert A. Ricklis, Ph.D. and J. Michael Quigg, TRC Environmental Corporation LLC (TRC), Austin, Texas (resumes in Appendix D). The methodology for the background review and archaeological investigations was based on the archaeological survey standards for Texas developed by the Texas Historical Commission (THC) and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) guidelines for meeting the reasonable and good faith identification standards under Section 106 review.

Additional information about the Project is provided in the FHR West Refinery Endangered Species Act – Biological Evaluation, and FHR West Refinery Essential Fish Habitat Assessment reports (Barr 2014a; 2014b).

# 2.0 Statutory and Regulatory Overview

USEPA has approved the State of Texas' State Implementation Plan (SIP) with respect to the issuance of New Source Review (NSR)/PSD air permits for non-GHG emissions. However, Texas' SIP does not include provisions for issuing GHG PSD permits, and USEPA has not delegated the authority to Texas to issue such permits under 40 C.F.R. § 52.21. Consequently, USEPA is the permitting authority in Texas for the issuance of GHG PSD permits.

FHR has applied for a GHG PSD permit from USEPA under 40 C.F.R. § 52.21. This federal air quality permit would authorize GHG emissions associated with the construction and operation of the Project. The Project will not trigger federal PSD for any non-GHG NSR-regulated pollutants.

## 2.1 National Historic Preservation Act

NHPA Section 106 and its revised regulations, 36 C.F.R. Part 800, require USEPA to take into account the effects of its actions (*e.g.*, any action authorized, funded, or carried out by USEPA) on historic properties, and to provide the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation a reasonable opportunity to comment on those undertakings. Historic properties are defined in federal law as those properties that are listed in, or meet the criteria for listing in, the National Register of Historic Properties (NRHP). Compliance with Section 106 is typically carried out through consultation with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), and in the case of projects involving tribal lands, with the tribal representative. In Texas, the SHPO is the THC. Although NHPA Section 106 does not require that all historic properties/cultural resources be identified, the responsible federal agency must make a reasonable and good faith effort to identify properties that may be considered eligible for the NRHP.

This CRA has been prepared to determine whether the issuance of a GHG PSD permit for the Project by USEPA Region 6 may affect historic properties/cultural resources and to provide the information necessary to support USEPA's obligations under NHPA Section 106.

## 2.2 Initial Agency Contacts

FHR discussed the Project with the Texas SHPO on December 10, 2012, and most recently on May 7, 2013 (D. Knowles personal communication 2012, 2013). The Project need for the parking lot had not been identified by FHR prior to this coordination with the Texas SHPO. During the December 2012 exchange, FHR explained the Project, the historic properties/cultural resources records review that had been completed to that point in time, and that the Project would avoid disturbance to any

known archaeological areas. Texas SHPO staff concluded the Area of Potential Effect (APE) was an existing industrial area and did not identify the need to schedule a meeting for further review of the Project or further review of the potential for the Project to impact historic properties/cultural resources. Texas SHPO did request that the past archaeological site evaluation (Ricklis et al. 1995) be provided with the CRA. Texas SHPO staff indicated they will participate in the CRA process as needed, including processing any additional information requests for the CRA.

An additional contact was made by FHR with the Texas SHPO on May 7, 2013. During this communication, FHR identified the supplementary steps that had been taken to support the conclusion of no effect to historic properties/cultural resources, specifically the site visit and determination by Robert A. Ricklis, Ph.D., TRC PI, on December 12, 2012. Texas SHPO staff indicated that the forthcoming CRA should meet their requirements and they would contact FHR directly if supplemental information was needed.

The Project need for the parking lot to the south of the main refinery operations had not been identified by FHR prior to this coordination with the Texas SHPO (Figure 2). However, once identified, the need for shovel tests was determined by the TRC PIs and directed for completion by FHR. No archaeological materials were discovered in this investigation.

# 3.1 Project Purpose and Process

FHR proposes to expand the West Refinery's domestic crude oil processing capabilities and modestly increase the total crude processing capacity by modifying existing equipment and adding new equipment. Table 1 and Table 2 provide information about the Project. Appendix A presents the Project details specific to the PSD permit. Project information from the GHG PSD Permit Application and the non-GHG Permit Application is summarized as follows.

FHR is proposing to construct the following new emission units within the existing equipment, operations and maintenance areas of the existing refinery.

- a new process unit called the Saturates Gas Plant No. 3, including equipment piping fugitive components and a new hot oil heater that will be equipped with selective catalytic reduction to reduce NO<sub>x</sub> emissions, and a catalyst bed to reduce carbon monoxide (CO) and volatile organic compound (VOC) emissions
- a new cooling tower in the Mid-Plant area
- new equipment piping fugitive components in several existing process units
- two new internal floating roof tanks

FHR is proposing changes to existing emission units:

- changes to continuous catalytic reformers, hot oil heater, and the naphtha hydrotreater charge heater
- changes to the Marine Terminal/marine vapor combustor
- changes to other existing emission units (see Appendix A)

Potential Project emissions are estimated by summing the emissions associated with the new units and the changes to existing units. Potential PSD air pollutant emissions associated with the Project are provided in Table 1.

# Table 1Estimated Emissions of Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) Air<br/>Pollutants for the Flint Hills Resources West Refinery Project

| Pollutant                                 | Estimated<br>Project<br>Emissions<br>Increase<br>(tpy) <sup>[1]</sup> | PSD<br>Significant<br>Emission<br>Rate (SER)<br>/Threshold<br>(tpy) | Estimated<br>Project<br>Emissions ><br>Major<br>Source<br>Threshold | Project<br>Contemporaneous<br>Emission Changes<br>after Netting<br>Analysis <sup>[2]</sup><br>(tpy) | "Net"<br>Emissions<br>Exceed PSD<br>Threshold? |
|---|---|---|---|---|--|
| NO <sub>x</sub>                           | 61.83   | 40  | YES   | - 228.33 <sup>[2]</sup>   | NO   |
| CO  | 65.37   | 100   | NO  | -801.45 <sup>[3]</sup>  | n/a  |
| SO <sub>2</sub>                           | 15.34   | 40  | NO  | -156.36 <sup>[3]</sup>  | n/a  |
| PM  | 23.79   | 25  | NO  | -15.42 <sup>[4]</sup>   | n/a  |
| PM <sub>10</sub>                          | 23.01   | 15  | YES   | - 2.13 <sup>[2]</sup>   | NO   |
| PM <sub>2.5</sub>                         | 22.41   | 10  | YES   | - 4.28 <sup>[2]</sup>   | NO   |
| VOC                                       | 67.48   | 40  | YES   | - 39.14 <sup>[2]</sup>  | NO   |
| H <sub>2</sub> S                          | 0.76  | 10  | NO  | -1.44 <sup>[3]</sup>  | n/a  |
| GHGs<br>(as CO <sub>2</sub> -equivalents) | ~360,000  | 75,000  | YES   | n/a   | YES  |

n/a = not applicable PSD = Prevention of Significant Deterioration

 Bolded values indicate the Project-only estimated emissions increases exceed the PSD significant emission rate/threshold. Emissions as estimated by WAID Environmental for the PSD permitting. Project emissions information obtained from Texas Environmental Quality (TCEQ) Form 2-F.

[2] WAID Environmental calculated contemporaneous emission increases/decreases for the PSD netting analysis for any PSD regulated pollutant showing an estimated significant increase. Netting analysis results are from Table 3-F in the TCEQ permit application for each pollutant.

[3] A PSD netting analysis was not required by the TCEQ for CO, SO<sub>2</sub>, or H<sub>2</sub>S because Project emissions increases of these pollutants were below the PSD significant emission rates. Therefore, for these pollutants the change in permit allowable emissions is provided.

[4] Although a PSD netting analysis was not required by the TCEQ for PM because the Project emissions increase for this pollutant is below the PSD significant emission rate, FHR has calculated the net change in PM emissions as a result of the Project along with contemporaneous emission increases/decreases.

# 3.2 Construction Information

The West Refinery was purchased from Sun Oil Company in 1981; however, the refinery has been in operation since the early 1950s. The West Refinery industrialized area is disturbed from past and current construction activity that included the construction of buildings, facilities, and underground utilities present within the industrial area. Similarly, the proposed parking lot area has been disturbed by past agricultural, residential, institutional, and subsurface utility uses. Shovel tests excavated at this site confirmed the disturbance.

Within the APE, the following activities will occur:

- construction of facilities within the existing refinery footprint
- modifications to equipment with no ground disturbance
- minimal land-shaping for the parking area surface

Photographs of the locations within the existing refinery area that will be affected by construction and/or modifications are identified in Appendix B. The locations are provided in Figure 3.

Construction details for each Project element are provided in Table 2 below.

#### Table 2 Project Description Summary

| Project Area<br>(FHR Name)                                      | FHR Description of Previous Construction  | FHR Description of Proposed Construction   | Reference to<br>Photograph         | Conclusions   |  |  |  |  |
|---|---|--|------------------------------------|---|--|--|--|--|
| Potential Construction  | Potential Construction/New Sources  |  |                                    |   |  |  |  |  |
| NHT Expansion   | Existing process area, which is still in operation,<br>which had subsurface soil disturbances. Currently the<br>construction area is concrete and/or paved with<br>roadbase and contains infrastructure and equipment.<br>Minimum of $1 - 3 \text{ m} (3 - 9 \text{ ft})$ of disturbance.   | Installation of miscellaneous piping components and equipment; excavation to a depth of 1 - 3 m (3 - 9 ft). Construction will occur within the previously disturbed existing process area.   | Appendix B:<br>TRC<br>Photograph 1 |   |  |  |  |  |
| Saturates Gas<br>Plant No. 3 & New<br>Power and RIE<br>Building | Saturates Gas Plant No. 3 area was backfilled during<br>the construction of the Mid Crude Unit. Previous<br>depth of excavation unknown. Depth of backfill<br>unknown. RIE Building area was backfilled and<br>elevated 1.8 m (6 ft) above grade. In general, the<br>area consists of roadbase and equipment.   | Saturates Gas Plant No. 3: Construction of a new process area; Depth of pile installation average of 6 m (20 ft), with remaining excavation to depth of $1 - 3$ m ( $3 - 9$ ft). RIE Building: Construct a new building and foundation. The depth of excavation for the new building is approximately $1 - 3$ m ( $3 - 9$ ft). | Appendix B:<br>TRC<br>Photograph 2 | The referenced project location(s) occur within the existing equipment,   |  |  |  |  |
| New Cooling<br>Tower Cells/CW<br>Pumps                          | Area currently has below ground utility piping within<br>the plot and on the perimeter of the area on the east<br>and north portions. Additionally, there is an existing<br>piping support rack with piles on the east portion of<br>the area. In general, the area has historically been<br>disturbed by industrial activity and consists of<br>roadbase. Minimum of $1 - 3 \text{ m} (3 - 9 \text{ ft})$ of<br>disturbance. | Construction of Cooling Tower Cells, pumps and process heater; depth 1 – 3 m (3 - 9 ft).   | Appendix B:<br>TRC<br>Photograph 3 | operations, and maintenance area of<br>the West Refinery, which constitutes<br>and is recognized by the Texas SHPO<br>as an industrial facility. The Project<br>locations have experienced intensive<br>subsurface disturbance associated<br>with the industrial surface and<br>subsurface development of the site. |  |  |  |  |
| NHT Storage<br>Pumps  | Existing process area, which is still in operation,<br>which had previously had subsurface soil<br>disturbances. Currently the construction area is<br>concrete and/or paved with roadbase and contains<br>infrastructure and equipment. Minimum of $1 - 3 \text{ m} (3 - 9 \text{ ft})$ of disturbance.  | Installation of new pumps. Installation of the new<br>equipment will occur adjacent to existing pumps.<br>Depth of excavation to depth of 1 - 3m (3 - 9 ft).<br>Construction will occur within the previously disturbed<br>existing process area.  | Appendix B:<br>TRC<br>Photograph 4 | Archaeological deposits in this area<br>are limited to the soil horizons located<br>within the top 1 to 2 m (3 to 6 ft) of<br>soil. The archival research and<br>reconnaissance survey were<br>completed by qualified PIs.  |  |  |  |  |
| Mid Crude Unit  | Existing process area, which is still in operation,<br>which had previously had subsurface soil<br>disturbances. Currently the construction area is<br>concrete and/or paved, with infrastructure. Minimum<br>of $1 - 3 m (3 - 9 ft)$ of disturbance.   | Installation of new equipment and piping; excavation<br>to depth of 1 - 3 m (3 - 9 ft). Construction will occur<br>within the previously disturbed existing process area.  | Appendix B:<br>TRC<br>Photograph 5 | It is concluded that no NRHP-eligible resources remain that could be affected by the Project.   |  |  |  |  |
| New LPG<br>Spheres  | Truck loading facilities were previously located in the construction area but have since been demolished. Underground piping currently exists in the proposed construction area. In general, the area has been historically disturbed by industrial activity and consists of roadbase and equipment. Minimum of $1 - 3 \text{ m} (3 - 9 \text{ ft})$ of disturbance.  | Construction of new LPG Spheres. The new<br>equipment will be built over the previously<br>demolished truck loading facilities area. Average<br>depth of pile installation 6 m (20 ft) for these areas.  | Appendix B:<br>TRC<br>Photograph 6 |   |  |  |  |  |

| Project Area<br>(FHR Name)    | FHR Description of Previous Construction   | FHR Description of Proposed Construction   | Reference to<br>Photograph          | Conclusions   |
|-------------------------------|--|--|-------------------------------------|---|
| New Heavy<br>Raffinate Tank   | The area has been historically disturbed by industrial activity. Existing diked process area that has previously been disturbed. Previous excavations to construct past equipment in this area estimated to be approximately 1.2 - 1.5 m (4-5 ft) below original grade (based on visual observations). The equipment has since been demolished. In general, the area consists of roadbase.   | Installation of a new tank and associated piping and<br>equipment; excavation to an average depth of 1 - 3 m<br>(3 - 9 ft). Construction will occur within the previously<br>disturbed existing diked process area.                                      | Appendix B:<br>TRC<br>Photograph 8  | The referenced project location(s)<br>occur within the existing equipment,  |
| New C6 Sat Tank               | The area has been historically disturbed by industrial activity. Existing diked process area that has previously been disturbed. Previous excavations to construct past equipment in this area estimated to be approximately 1.2 - 1.5 m (4 - 5 ft) below original grade (based on visual observations). The equipment has since been demolished. In general, the area consists of roadbase. | Installation of a new tank and associated piping and<br>equipment; average depth of 1 - 3 m (3 - 9 ft).<br>Construction will occur within the previously disturbed<br>existing process area.   | Appendix B:<br>TRC<br>Photograph 9  | <ul> <li>occur within the existing equipment, operations and maintenance area of the West Refinery, which constitutes and is recognized by the Texas SHPO as an industrial facility. The Project locations have experienced extensive subsurface disturbance associated with the industrial surface and subsurface development of the site. Archaeological deposits in this area are limited to the soil horizons located within the top 1 to 2 m (3 to 6 ft) of soil. The archival research and reconnaissance survey were completed by qualified Principal Investigators.</li> <li>It is concluded that no NRHP-eligible resources remain that could be affected by the Project.</li> </ul> |
| Motor Control<br>Center (MCC) | Area has been historically disturbed by industrial<br>activity including the existing process area. Currently<br>in the construction area there is an existing truck<br>loading facility, combustor, and a below ground sump<br>that will be demolished. In general, the area consists<br>of roadbase and infrastructure. Minimum of 1 - 3 m (3<br>- 9 ft) of disturbance.                   | Installation of a new MCC and the associated<br>electrical infrastructure; excavation to an average<br>depth of 1 - 3 m (3 - 9 ft). Construction will occur<br>within the previously disturbed existing process area.                                    | Appendix B:<br>TRC<br>Photograph 10 |   |
| New Gasoline<br>Booster Pump  | The area has been historically disturbed by industrial activity. Currently the construction area is concrete and/or paved. In general, the area consists of roadbase and infrastructure. Minimum of 1 - 3 m (3 - 9 ft) of disturbance.   | Installation of new pump and piping components.<br>Installation will occur adjacent to existing equipment.<br>Excavation to an average depth of 1 - 3 m (3 - 9 ft).<br>Construction will occur within the previously disturbed<br>existing process area. | Appendix B:<br>TRC<br>Photograph 11 |   |
| New Butane<br>Blending Pump   | Existing process area that has previously been<br>disturbed. Currently the construction area is concrete<br>and/or paved. In general, the area consists of<br>roadbase and infrastructure. Minimum of 1 - 3 m (3 -<br>9 ft) of disturbance.  | Installation of new pump and piping components.<br>Installation will occur adjacent to existing pumps;<br>excavation to an average depth of 1 - 3 m (3 - 9 ft).  | Appendix B:<br>TRC<br>Photograph 12 |   |

| Project Area<br>(FHR Name)           | FHR Description of Previous Construction  | FHR Description of Proposed Construction  | Reference to<br>Photograph                    | Conclusions  |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|---|--|
| NHT Laydown<br>Area                  | This is an existing laydown area (i.e., staging area for equipment and materials) consisting of roadbase.<br>Minimum of 1 - 3 m (3 - 9 ft) of disturbance.  | The Project will use this existing laydown area but will<br>not change it; there is no ground disturbance or<br>excavation associated with the Project in this area.  | Appendix B:<br>(Whitenton [1]<br>Photographs) | The referenced project location occurs<br>within the existing equipment,<br>operations and maintenance area of   |
| West Crude Unit                      | Existing process area, which is still in operation,<br>which had previous subsurface soil disturbances.<br>Currently the construction area is concrete and/or<br>paved with roadbase and contains infrastructure and<br>equipment. Minimum of 1 - 3 m (3 - 9 ft) of<br>disturbance.   | Installation miscellaneous piping components and<br>equipment. Excavation to an average depth of 1 - 3m<br>(3 - 9 ft). Construction will occur within existing<br>process area.   | Appendix B:<br>(Whitenton [1]<br>Photographs) | the West Refinery, which constitutes<br>and is recognized by the Texas SHPO<br>as an industrial facility. The Project<br>locations have experienced extensive<br>subsurface disturbance associated<br>with the industrial surface and  |
| New Gasoline<br>Blending Pumps       | The area has been historically disturbed by industrial activity. The area includes existing tanks, diked process areas, pumps, pipe racks and other equipment that has resulted in previous disturbance. Previous excavations to construct past equipment in this area estimated to be approximately 1.2 - 1.5 m (4 - 5 ft) below original grade (based on visual observations). In general, the area consists of roadbase. | Installation of new pumps. Installation will occur<br>adjacent to existing equipment. Excavation to an<br>average depth of 1 - 3 m (3 - 9 ft). Construction will<br>occur within the previously disturbed existing process<br>area.                               | No Photographs                                | subsurface development of the site.<br>Archaeological deposits in this area<br>are limited to the soil horizons located<br>within the top 1 to 2 m (3 to 6 ft) of<br>soil.<br>It is concluded that no NRHP-eligible<br>resources remain that could be<br>affected by the Project.  |
| Mid Crude<br>Laydown Area<br>(North) | Area has been historically disturbed. Area currently<br>used for parking and currently consists of roadbase.<br>Minimum of 1 - 3 m (3 - 9 ft) of disturbance.   | A gravel pad will be installed; adding berming. Area<br>will provide Waste Management Unit to replace<br>existing Waste Management Unit south of the Mid<br>Crude Cooling Tower. No ground disturbance or<br>excavation associated with the Project in this area. | Appendix B:<br>(Whitenton [1]<br>Photographs) | The proposed Mid Crude Laydown<br>Area is near the area studied by<br>Ricklis (1995). These past studies at<br>the refinery and other sites in the<br>Nueces Bay area (Carson et al. 1983;<br>Ricklis 1988; Ricklis 1993, Ricklis<br>1995) make it clear that most, if not all,<br>archaeological deposits would be<br>found on the tops and slopes of<br>topographic high points. As such,<br>studies in the refinery deliberately<br>excluded the area of the proposed Mid<br>Crude Laydown Area because the<br>topography associated with the<br>archaeological deposits is limited to<br>the area several hundred feet<br>northwest of the Mid Crude Laydown<br>Area. Consistent with the onsite and<br>other reviews in the Nueces Bay area,<br>it is concluded that no NRHP-eligible<br>resources exist, or remain, in the area<br>of the proposed Mid Crude Laydown<br>Area that could be affected by the<br>Project. |

| Project Area<br>(FHR Name)   | FHR Description of Previous Construction   | FHR Description of Proposed Construction   | Reference to<br>Photograph                    | Conclusions   |
|--|--|--|---|---|
| Y Grade Booster<br>Pumps<br>(associated with<br>LPG Spheres and<br>Processing) | Existing process area that has been historically<br>disturbed and consists of roadbase and equipment.<br>Minimum of 1 - 3 m (3 - 9 ft) of disturbance.   | Installation of new equipment and piping.<br>Construction will occur within the previously disturbed<br>existing process area. Depth of pile installation<br>average of 6 m (20 ft), with remaining excavation to<br>depth of 1 - 3 m (3 - 9 ft).                            | Appendix B:<br>(Whitenton [1]<br>Photographs) |   |
| Pentane Storage<br>Spheres   | Previous excavations to construct past equipment in<br>this area estimated to be approximately 1. 2 - 1.5 m<br>(4 - 5 ft) below original grade (based on visual<br>observations). The equipment has since been<br>demolished. The area has been historically disturbed<br>and consists of roadbase and infrastructure. | Construction will occur within the previously disturbed<br>existing diked process area Depth of pile installation<br>average of 6 m (20 ft), with remaining excavation to<br>depth of 1 - 3 m (3 - 9 ft).  | Appendix B:<br>(Whitenton [1]<br>Photographs) | The referenced project location occurs within the existing equipment, operations and maintenance area of  |
| UDEX   | Area has experienced previous subsurface soil disturbances. Currently the construction area is concrete and/or paved with infrastructure. Minimum of 1 - 3 m (3 - 9 ft) of disturbance.  | Installation of new equipment and piping.<br>Construction will occur within the previously disturbed<br>existing process area, which is still in operation.<br>Excavation to an average depth of 1 - 3m (3 - 9 ft).<br>Construction will occur within existing process area. | Appendix B:<br>(Whitenton [1]<br>Photographs) | the West Refinery, which constitutes<br>and is recognized by the Texas SHPO<br>as an industrial facility. The Project<br>locations have experienced extensive<br>subsurface disturbance associated<br>with the industrial surface and<br>subsurface development of the site.<br>It is concluded that no NRHP-eligible<br>resources remain that could be<br>affected by the Project. |
| Mid Crude<br>Laydown Area<br>(South)   | Area has been historically disturbed. In general, area currently consists of roadbase and equipment.   | The Project will use the area as a laydown area but<br>will not change it; there is no ground disturbance or<br>excavation associated with the Project in this area.   | Appendix B:<br>(Whitenton [1]<br>Photographs) |   |
| Y Grade Pipeline<br>Pumps (new<br>location)                                    | Existing process area that has previously been<br>disturbed. The area was backfilled and elevated<br>approximately 9.1 m (30 ft) above the original grade.<br>The area currently consists of infrastructure and<br>equipment.  | Installation of new equipment and piping.<br>Construction will occur in existing process area. The<br>excavations for the proposed construction will be<br>approximately 1 - 3 m (3 - 9 ft) in depth below the<br>current grade.   | Appendix B:<br>(Whitenton [1]<br>Photographs) |   |
| Interconnecting<br>Pipe Racks<br>(connect Mid<br>Plant to West<br>Plant)       | Existing location of pipe rack. Disturbed by construction of existing pipe rack. In general, consists of roadbase and infrastructure. Minimum of 1 - 6 m (3 - 20 ft) of disturbance.   | Installation of additional supports at or near the location of the current supports. Excavation to an average depth of 1 - 3 m (3 - 9 ft). Construction will occur within existing process area.   | Appendix B:<br>(Whitenton [1]<br>Photographs) |   |
| Parking Area<br>(within main<br>refinery<br>operations areas)                  | Area currently used for parking and currently consists of roadbase.  | Parking to support construction activity will occur at this location. No ground disturbance or excavation.   | Appendix B:<br>(Whitenton [1]<br>Photographs) | Area has and will continue to be used<br>for parking for the Project. No effect to<br>historic properties/cultural resources.   |

| Project Area<br>(FHR Name)   | FHR Description of Previous Construction  | FHR Description of Proposed Construction   | Reference to<br>Photograph                    | Conclusions   |
|--|---|--|---|---|
| Construction<br>Management Area                                    | Area currently used as the Waste Management Unit,<br>an area used for the deposal of demolition materials<br>(e.g., concrete). The area consists of roadbase.<br>Minimum of 1 - 3 m (3 - 9 ft) of disturbance.  | Waste Management Unit area will be closed and<br>covered in a manner to support use of the site for<br>construction complex/trailers associated with the<br>construction phase of the Project. | Appendix B:<br>(Whitenton [1]<br>Photographs) | This referenced project location has<br>been historically used as a disposal<br>area for demolition materials. Area will<br>be closed or covered prior to Project.<br>The area is near the area studied by<br>Warren 1992 and Ricklis 1995. These<br>past studies at the refinery and other<br>sites in the Nueces Bay area (Carson<br>et al. 1983; Ricklis 1988; Ricklis 1993,<br>Ricklis 1995) make it clear that most, if<br>not all, archaeological deposits would<br>be found on the tops and slopes of<br>topographic high points. As such,<br>studies in the refinery deliberately<br>excluded the area of the proposed<br>Construction Management Area<br>because the topography associated<br>with the archaeological deposits is<br>limited to the area several hundred<br>feet (equivalent of couple hundred<br>meters) north of the Construction<br>Management Area. Consistent with<br>the onsite and other reviews in the<br>Nueces Bay area, it is concluded that<br>no NRHP-eligible resources exist, or<br>remain, in the area of the proposed<br>Construction Management Area that<br>could be affected by the Project. |
| Parking Area<br>(south of the main<br>refinery<br>operations area) | The aerial photo history of the site indicates possible<br>past use as agricultural row crops, residential<br>structures and most recently a school with parking<br>areas, gymnasium and a running track. Surface soils<br>consist of Victoria clay ("blackland soil") to a depth of<br>about 0.9 m (3 ft). Currently, the site has patchy grass<br>cover with some trees with remnant asphalt from the<br>school parking area. | Parking to support construction activity will occur at<br>this location. Minimal land-shaping will occur to<br>provide parking surface.  | Appendix B:<br>(TRC<br>Photographs)           | Parking lot has experienced extensive<br>subsurface disturbance associated<br>with past agricultural, residential,<br>institutional and subsurface utility use.<br>The archival research, reconnaissance<br>survey, and intensive investigation<br>were completed by qualified PIs. It is<br>concluded that no NRHP-eligible<br>resources remain that could be<br>affected by the Project.  |

[1] "Whitenton" refers to The Whitenton Group from San Marcos, Texas. The company name is abbreviated for use in this table.

Per Section 106 compliance guidance from the THC, the APE is defined as "all areas of construction, demolition, and ground disturbance (direct effects), and the broader surrounding area that might experience visual or other effects from the Project (indirect effects)." FHR identified the APE for the Project using the following step-wise approach.

# 4.1 Step One: Identify a Preliminary Area of Potential Effect Based on Potential Direct Effects

First, FHR established a Preliminary APE based on the potential direct effects of the Project. The potential direct effects from the Project include the immediate potential effects of construction and operation of the Project.

## 4.1.1 Ground Disturbance

The locations of the majority of Project-related ground disturbance and construction activities are within the existing equipment, operations, and maintenance footprint of the West Refinery (Figure 3). There will also be some ground disturbance and construction activities associated with the development of the proposed parking area (Figure 2) which is south of the main West Refinery property. These areas of ground disturbance and construction activities are therefore included in the Preliminary APE based on potential direct effects.

# 4.2 Step Two: Determine if Preliminary Area of Potential Effect Should be Expanded by Potential Indirect Effects

FHR assessed whether any potential indirect effects of the Project should cause the Preliminary APE to be expanded. The area considered extends out to 3 km (1.9 mi) from the Preliminary APE. This is a reasonable distance in which to assess potential indirect effects associated with the project because maximum modeled impacts typically occur at the property boundary, and decrease relatively quickly with distance from the property boundary. Additionally, for the current proposed Project, PSD modeling results demonstrate compliance with the significant impact levels (SILs) at the property boundary. No unusual circumstances are present that would suggest the boundary of the APE be extended further. As set forth in more detail below, this boundary is more than adequate to capture discernible potential indirect effects to cultural resources.

#### 4.2.1 Air Quality

The Project, together with other contemporaneous emissions changes at the site, will result in decreases in emissions for all non-GHG PSD regulated pollutants (Table 1). Further, the Project will not result in an increase of any non-PSD pollutant regulated by Texas, with the exception of ammonia.<sup>1</sup> Because the Project results in either decreases or insignificant increases for these pollutants, the Project will not cause any potential indirect effects from ammonia or other non-GHG pollutants.

Nevertheless, FHR prepared an air quality impacts assessment of the potential indirect effects of any air pollutant for which the Project will result in an increase in *allowable* emissions at any unit. FHR conducted this modeling in accordance with TCEQ minor NSR air quality modeling protocols. The results of this air quality impacts assessment show that: (1) no Significant Impact Levels (SILs) for PSD Class II areas were exceeded at any model receptors outside the Preliminary APE boundary; and (2) there were no impacts to model receptors above Effects Screening Levels (ESLs) outside the Preliminary APE boundary (Appendix C).

In addition, FHR conducted two qualitative air quality analyses with respect to hazardous air pollutant (HAP) air emissions and the potential for nitrogen/sulfur deposition. These additional analyses support the "no impact" conclusion as follows: (1) emissions from the Project are below USEPA HAP screening levels; and (2) because there is an overall reduction in emissions of NO<sub>2</sub> and SO<sub>2</sub> associated with the Project (Table 1), as well as an overall reduction in nitrogen emissions, there are no effects on historic resources from nitrogen or sulfur emissions (Appendix C). Consequently, based on the SIL and ESL modeling—as further supported by the qualitative HAP and nitrogen and sulfur emissions/deposition analyses—the Preliminary APE was not expanded to account for air quality-related indirect effects.

#### 4.2.2 Water Quality

No water quality impacts relevant to cultural resources are anticipated to result from the Project and therefore, the Preliminary APE was not expanded to account for water quality-related indirect effects.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Ammonia, while not a criteria pollutant or HAP as defined in the Clean Air Act, is a pollutant of interest with regard to potential nitrogen deposition. A potential emissions increase in ammonia of 11.54 tons per year (tpy) was estimated for the Project (see Appendix C for more detail). However, even with this potential increase, overall decreases in  $NO_X$  emissions will result in an overall net reduction in nitrogen emissions from the facility.

#### 4.2.3 Noise

Noise associated with Project construction activities will be temporary and facility process and operation noise levels resulting from the Project will be unlikely to change the overall decibel level associated with existing refinery operations. Noise will not present an indirect effect and therefore, need not be considered in identifying the APE.

#### 4.2.4 Lighting

Lighting associated with the Project will be similar to other lighting at the existing refinery and is not expected to be discernible from the baseline. Lighting will not present an indirect effect and therefore, need not be considered in identifying the APE.

#### 4.2.5 Intrusion into Air Space (Height of Structures)

No historic standing structures were identified within 3 km (1.9 mi) from the APE as part of the historic properties/cultural resources identification archival research. As a result, the construction equipment and new structures associated with the Project will not present any indirect effects to cultural resources, and therefore need not be considered in identifying the APE.

#### 4.2.6 Visual Effects

The West Refinery will remain an industrial area with new Project-related structures constructed within and amidst the existing equipment, operations, and maintenance footprint of the West Refinery. Within the footprint of the West Refinery there are a variety of structure heights, with numerous tall structures, and Project-related structures will be similar to heights of existing structures and consistent with the overall character of the refinery.

There are no historic properties (includes architectural structures) within 3 km (1.9 mi) of the Project. Therefore, no visual effects to historic properties are associated with the Project.

From a general viewing perspective, because the Project is located within the larger industrialized West Refinery area, the views towards the West Refinery will not change because of the Project. Because of the relatively flat terrain, the views from the Project will also continue to be limited to the surrounding industrial areas within the West Refinery. Archaeological sites that are eligible or potentially eligible for the NRHP are viewable from limited areas within the West Refinery, however the views towards these sites will not change. In addition, since the views from the eligible or potentially eligible sites are towards industrial areas within the West Refinery and the Project related structures will be consistent with the overall character of the refinery, these views will not change due to this Project.

In summary, the Project will not result in any visual effects to cultural resources, and therefore do not need to be considered in identifying the APE.

# 4.3 Step Three: Define the Final APE

Based on the foregoing steps, FHR defines the Final APE as: (1) the area within the FHR property boundary that is encompassed by the areas previously disturbed by the existing equipment, operations, and maintenance areas of the refinery, and (2) the parking lot required to support Project-related construction (Figure 4). The Final APE has been delineated based on areas where the Project is estimated to have potential direct effects based on ground disturbance activities and general construction. No indirect effects were identified to warrant extension of the APE.

# 5.0 Approach to the Cultural Resources Survey

Cultural resource reviews, completed to fulfill the requirements of NHPA Section 106, require federal agencies to identify historic properties/cultural resources within the APE that may be affected by their undertaking (ACHP general guidance; ACHP, 2009). These reviews typically include (1) the delineation of the APE to define the area in which to look for historic properties/cultural resources; (2) a review of existing information on known and potential historic properties/cultural resources within the APE; and (3) seeking information from local agencies such as the Texas SHPO/Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO). Pursuant to 36 CFR § 800.4(b)(1), federal agencies must take into account past planning, research and studies, and the likely nature and location of historic properties/cultural resources within the APE. The federal agency must also consider local standards and guidelines for identifying historic properties/cultural resources. The regulations note that a reasonable and good faith effort may consist of or include background research, consultation, oral history, interviews, sample field investigation, and field survey (ACHP 2007).

General guidance from the ACHP and the expectations and general guidance of the Texas SHPO for investigating an existing industrial site are to rely on previous investigations in the area and to account for the extent of underground utilities (e.g., pipelines, electrical lines). There are no expectations or requirements by the ACHP or the Texas SHPO that cultural resources assessments include ground verification of the entire APE. Professional judgments can be made with regard to the extent of past disturbance, the expected future disturbance of the Project-related construction and the likelihood of finding cultural resources in the APE.

There has been extensive surface and below-ground disturbance in the refinery operations area of the West Plant, Mid Plant and Main Plant (eastern part) areas of the FHR property (to install process equipment and structures, concrete pads and pilings, roads, equipment laydown areas and utilities (pipelines, electrical)) except for an area between the Mid Plant and the West Plant. This undisturbed area was investigated in the early 1990s (Ricklis et al. 1995). Results from extensive trenching, shovel tests, and soil borings indicate that NRHP-eligible resources are present within a small portion of this undisturbed area, just to the west of the Mid Plant area (Ricklis et al., 1995). One of the four archaeological sites investigated by Ricklis et al. (1995) was included within the APE (Site 41NU276) and is identified in the TAS Atlas review as eligible for listing in the NRHP. The TAS Atlas also identifies Sites NU60 and NU232 as being present in the APE. However, as discussed in

more detail in Section 7.2.1.1, the proposed Project will avoid these known areas of eligible or potentially eligible cultural resources within the APE (Figure 6).

Based on the previous archaeological assessment (Ricklis et al. 1995), the past disturbance within the refinery operations area, and other available information from the Texas SHPO for lands surrounding the West Refinery, the collective professional judgment of the TRC PIs and the Texas SHPO is that there is a low probability that undiscovered, NRHP-eligible or potentially eligible resources are present within the operations area of the West Refinery (Mr. Daren Knowles communications with Texas SHPO 2012, 2013). Because of this low probability, it was determined that soil borings and/or shovel tests inside the operations area of the West Refinery were neither feasible nor warranted for completion of the cultural resource assessment. A reconnaissance survey was determined to be adequate for this area in order to confirm the presence of existing refinery structures and previous disturbances and comply with the Texas SHPO requirements for a Section 106 review of lands within an active industrial operation.

For the proposed parking area, the extent of previous below-ground disturbance (to a depth of about 3 feet) was uncertain. Therefore, the assessment for this proposed parking area included a reconnaissance survey and shovel tests, in addition to the standard review of background information for the general area and the review of available information from the Texas SHPO. Additional details of the parking area investigation are provided in Section 7.2.2.

Overall, the cultural resources assessment, conducted for the APE (including both the main refinery operations area and the proposed parking area) is consistent with the practices and guidance of the Texas SHPO and the ACHP (ACHP general guidance; ACHP 2009) with regard to a good faith effort to identify cultural resources. Additionally, FHR has conservatively included an "Unanticipated Discoveries Plan" in Section 7.3 of this report in order to account for any potential post-review cultural resource discoveries.

The following report sections provide the details of the cultural resources review for the Project.

The following provides a summary of the information gathered and reviewed by the TRC PIs as part of the Cultural Resource Assessment.

# 6.1 History of the West Refinery Site

Koch Industries, Inc. purchased the West Refinery from Sun Oil Company in 1981, and the plant has been owned and operated by Koch affiliates since that time. The plant has operated under the name of Flint Hills Resources since 2002. Since 1952, there have been several major construction and facility expansion projects at the refinery. Information about previous construction in and around the proposed Project components is provided in Table 2 (see "Construction Area Description").

# 6.2 Regional Environmental Background

The Project is located within the Western Gulf Coast Plains ecoregion, which has a mild and humid climate, with hot summers and mild winters. This ecoregion is characterized by flat coastal plains, barrier islands, dunes, beaches, bays, estuaries, and tidal marshes (USEPA 2012; Griffith et al. 2007). The land around the West Refinery is generally level terrain that is approximately 15 m (50 ft) above mean sea level (USGS 2010). The APE has been previously altered by construction of the West Refinery and past activities associated with the Port of Corpus Christi Inner Harbor (area west of Corpus Christi Bay including the Inner Harbor Channel and the Viola Turning Basin). Activities in the Inner Harbor have included the placement of dredged material.

The Viola Turning Basin, located immediately north (within about 100 m [330 ft]) of the APE, is the western-most end of the Port of Corpus Christi Inner Harbor. The Inner Harbor is a man-made feature constructed by the US Army Corp of Engineers. Construction began in 1925, and the Inner Harbor opened to shipping in 1926. Over time, the Inner Harbor has been widened and deepened: it is now dredged to a depth of about 14 m (45 ft). The Port of Corpus Christi is the fifth busiest port in the United States, by tonnage, serving over 6,000 vessels in 2012 (Port of Corpus Christi 2013).

To the north, a thin strip of land separates the Inner Harbor from the Nueces River, which flows from the northwest into Nueces Bay. The nearest reach of the Nueces River is approximately 300 m (1000 ft) to the north of the FHR property boundary. The nearest portion of Nueces Bay is approximately 1.4 km (0.9 mi) to the northeast of the APE. Nueces Bay then connects to Corpus Christi Bay, a bay just east of the Gulf of Mexico.
The National Wetlands Inventory (NWI) mapping identified tidally–influenced, estuarine, emergent wetlands located along the west side of Nueces Bay and the Nueces River Tidal Segment (TPWD 2000), which includes the reach of the Nueces River immediately north of the West Refinery.

The NWI mapping also identified palustrine, emergent wetlands associated with the Nueces River delta. These brackish marshes are located 300 to 400 m (1,000 to 1,300 ft) north of the FHR property boundary, on the north side of the Nueces River, and at Tule Lake which is approximately 1.4 km (0.9 mi) to the east of the APE.

### 6.3 Geological Background

The APE is situated along the margins of level upland terrain that overlooks the valley of the lower Nueces River near its point of discharge into Nueces Bay. Geologically, these uplands are comprised of clay, silty clay, and fine-sandy clay of the Beaumont Formation, a thick and massive fluvialdeltaic deposit of Pleistocene age laid down when the sea level was at a higher elevation than current conditions (Brown et al. 1976).

Immediately north of the APE is the Nueces River, which flows eastward across a floodplain comprised largely of fluvial muds deposited during the Holocene geologic epoch of the last 10,000 to 12,000 years. Nueces and Corpus Christi Bays were formed during the early Holocene as rapid sea level rise caused marine transgression that flooded the Nueces river valley, which had been downcut during the late Pleistocene.

By 7,500 years before present (B.P.), sediment deposition in the more inland portions of Nueces Bay had created extensive estuarine shallows where high rates of photosynthesis were conducive to the emergence of a rich aquatic food chain that attracted prehistoric human occupation of the shoreline for the purpose of exploiting estuarine mollusks, primarily oysters. Thin shell-midden strata comprised of densely packed oyster shells have been found around the headward shorelines of Nueces Bay at the base of middle-to-late Holocene cumulic soils that formed over the Beaumont Formation clays (Ricklis 1993; Ricklis et al. 1995; Ricklis and Blum 1997).

Archaeological deposits in this area are limited to the soil horizons of the Holocene Period (11,700 BP to present). In the project area, these soils are located within the top 1 m (3 ft) of soil and overlay Pleistocene deposits that predate human occupation of the area (Ricklis et al. 1995).

### 6.4 Soils

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Natural Resources Conservation Service, the APE falls within several different soil series. Soil information for the APE was obtained from the USDA (2009) and is summarized in Table 3.

| Series   | Acres    | Percent of Total |
|--|----------|------------------|
| Aransas clay, saline                           | 1424.21  | 10.58            |
| Barrada-Tatton association                     | 1743.22  | 12.95            |
| Clareville loam, 0 to 1 percent slopes         | 174.66   | 1.30             |
| Comitas fine sand                              | 747.39   | 5.55             |
| Edroy clay                                     | 22.69    | 0.17             |
| Edroy clay, 0 to 1 percent slopes, ponded      | 10.62    | 0.08             |
| Galveston and Mustang fine sands               | 338.59   | 2.51             |
| ljam clay loam                                 | 32.54    | 0.24             |
| Miguel fine sandy loam, 0 to 1 percent slopes  | 169.04   | 1.26             |
| Miguel fine sandy loam, 1 to 3 percent slopes  | 161.23   | 1.20             |
| Miguel fine sandy loam, 3 to 5 percent slopes  | 267.40   | 1.99             |
| Monteola clay, eroded                          | 344.78   | 2.56             |
| Oil-waste land                                 | 392.25   | 2.91             |
| Orelia fine sandy loam                         | 740.93   | 5.50             |
| Pits   | 24.54    | 0.18             |
| Point Isabel clay                              | 63.00    | 0.47             |
| Raymondville complex, 0 to 1 percent slopes    | 215.00   | 1.60             |
| Raymondville complex, 1 to 3 percent slopes    | 222.96   | 1.66             |
| Raymondville complex, 3 to 5 percent slopes    | 9.63     | 0.07             |
| Tidal flats                                    | 810.99   | 6.02             |
| Victoria clay, 0 to 1 percent slopes           | 3706.90  | 27.53            |
| Victoria clay, 1 to 3 percent slopes           | 115.05   | 0.85             |
| Victoria clay, low                             | 75.44    | 0.56             |
| Water  | 1567.62  | 11.64            |
| Willacy fine sandy loam, 1 to 4 percent slopes | 83.74    | 0.62             |
| Totals   | 13464.39 | 100.00           |

### Table 3 Summary of Soils within 3 Kilometers of the APE

### 6.5 Native American Tribes

The APE lies within the central coast region of Texas, an area that was the homeland of the Karankawa tribe during the early historic Colonial era (*e.g.*, Newcomb 1983; Ricklis 1996). Although other tribes, such as the Tonkawa, Lipan Apache, and Comanche, are known to have operated on or near the Texas coastal plains in early historic times, these tribes were all late arrivals into the Texas

region, having moved southward from the Great Plains as horse-mounted hunter gatherers during the 17th and 18th centuries (Newcomb 1961; Campbell 1988). The Karankawa, who were the sole known indigenous Native group that occupied the coastal shoreline zone between the Galveston Bay area and Baffin Bay, lived within a narrow strip of territory that extended from the Gulf of Mexico shoreline to approximately 40 km (25 mi) inland. This area included the prairie margins next to the coastline. Thus, the Karankawa are the only Native American tribal group that can be inferred to be represented by prehistoric archaeological materials within the central Texas coast region.

The Karankawa were an ethnically and linguistically distinct, non-agricultural, hunter-gatherer-fisher people who subsisted through a combination of intensive fishing in the coastal bays and lagoons and hunting of game, most importantly white-tailed deer and bison, that inhabited the terrestrial environment of the coastal prairies. The Karankawa also gathered a wide range of plant foods that were available along the shorelines, the moist floodplains of streams, as well as on the level prairies between stream valleys.

The Late Prehistoric Rockport phase, dated to 1300 to 1700 A.D., and identifiable on the basis of an artifact assemblage consisting of diagnostic lithic and ceramic artifact types, is recognized as the archaeological expression of the indigenous Karankawa culture (see Ricklis 1996). Rockport phase sites are abundantly documented in the Corpus Christi area, and published examples are reported from around 4 km (2.5 mi) northwest of the FHR property (*e.g.*, the McKinzie site, 41NU221 [Ricklis 1988] and the Allison site, 41NU185 [Carlson et al. 1982]). These findings show that the FHR property is within the traditional homeland of the Karankawa.

During the Colonial period of the 18th Century and the first two decades of the 19th Century, the Karankawa had an alternating peaceful and confrontational relationship with the Spanish missions established on the coastal prairies of Texas (Ricklis 1996). The Karankawa were initially interested in entering the mission of Espíritu Santo, established in 1722 on Garcitas Creek in Victoria County, but relations between the Spanish personnel and the Karankawa took an abrupt turn for the worse in 1726, and the Karankawa abandoned the mission. A new mission for the Karankawa, Nuestra Señora del Rosario, was established at Goliad in 1756 (Bolton 1915), which the tribe frequented and occupied until its closing in 1806. The mission of Nuestra Señora del Refugio was also set up for the Karankawa in 1795, and many of the Karakawas lived and worked there until its eventual closing in 1830. During the first three decades of the 19th Century, the Karankawa underwent a significant degree of acculturation to Spanish Colonial lifeways, learning to herd cattle and weave cotton blankets. Additionally, many of the Karankawa converted to Christianity (Ricklis 1996). However,

with the independence of Mexico and the demise of the Spanish empire in the New World after 1820, the Karankawa homeland was thrown open to aggressive Mexican and Anglo-American settlement. During the decades between 1820 and 1850, and especially after 1836 when Texas became independent of Mexico, the incursion of American settlers and ranchers onto the Texas coastal prairies resulted in the extirpation of the Karankawa. They were either driven south of the Rio Grande into Mexico or were absorbed into the emerging ranching economy. By the 1850s, the Karankawa tribe ceased to exist as a recognizable cultural and ethnic entity (Himmel 1999; Ricklis 1996).

A long sequence of pre-Karankawa human occupation has been documented for the central Texas coastal region. Scattered surface finds of diagnostic stone dart points indicate the presence of early peoples during Paleo-Indian times, 11,000 to 7,000 B.C. Following the Paleo-Indian period, a long continuum of Archaic occupation has been documented and radiocarbon dated for the area of the lower Nueces River valley and estuary of Nueces and Corpus Christi Bays (Ricklis 2004). Early Archaic occupation, dated to 5500 to 4800 B.C. is marked by oyster-shell middens at sites in the area, including Site 41NU266 on the presently undeveloped northwestern portion of the FHR property (Ricklis et al. 1995). Middle Archaic sites are scattered along the lower Nueces River and the northern shoreline of Nueces Bay. These sites, which are dated to 4000 to 2500 B.C. consist of shell middens dominated by valves of the brackish-water clam (*Rangia flexuosa*), containing chipped-stone dart points of the Bell, Tortugas, and Early Triangular types (see Turner et al. 2011 for type definitions), scraping and cutting tools, perforated oyster shells (probable net weights), and otoliths of marine fishes such as black drum (*Pogonias cromis*), redfish (*Sciaenops ocellata*), speckled sea trout (*Cynoscion nebulosis*), and Atlantic croaker (*Micropogon undulatus*).

The Late Archaic period, 1000 BC–1000 A.D. saw the deposition of much larger and thicker shell middens than during earlier millennia (Ricklis 2004). Along with a marked increase in the numbers and varieties of artifacts found in archaeological contexts of this period, this change suggests a growing coastal population. A dramatic increase in the densities of fish bones and otoliths on Late Archaic sites indicates an intensification of fishing as an economic mainstay during this period, a trend which was to continue into the Late Prehistoric Rockport phase that began 1250 to 1300 A.D. Commonalities in artifact forms (esp. certain shell tool types and the use of natural asphaltum beach tar for lining basketry and, later, ceramic containers) and settlement patterns (preferred campsite locations plus patterns of seasonal occupation; see Ricklis 1992, 1996) between the Rockport phase and the Late Archaic period strongly suggest that the Rockport phase (and by extension, Karankawa culture) developed largely in situ from the regional Late Archaic culture.

With the dissolution of the Karankawa tribe by the 1850s, the long continuum of Native American occupation of the Texas coastal zone came to an end. As this Native American group is extinct, consultation with this tribe is not possible or warranted. There are no other known Native American tribes that inhabited the APE, which is within the limits of what was the coastal-zone territory of the Karankawa (see Ricklis 1996).

### 7.0 Resource Inventory for the APE

This section summarizes the review completed under Section 106. FHR used the services of the cultural resource management firm (CRM) of TRC, to conduct the work required under NHPA Section 106. The TRC PIs, Robert A. Ricklis, Ph.D. and J. Michael Quigg, are qualified individuals who meet the Secretary of the Interior's qualification standards (Secretary of the Interior's general guidance; USDOI, 1983) and have demonstrated familiarity with the range of potentially historic properties/cultural resources that may be encountered, and their characteristics.

The three primary goals of the review were:

- 1. To locate and record historic properties occurring within the designated project area.
- 2. To provide a preliminary assessment regarding the potential of these properties for inclusion in the NRHP.
- 3. To make recommendations for the treatment of these resources based on their NRHP assessments.

For the entire APE, goal number 1 was accomplished by means of a review of documentation on file at the THC online Texas Historical Sites Atlas (THS Atlas), Texas Archaeological Sites Atlas (TAS Atlas) and reconnaissance survey. For the portion of the APE within the existing equipment, operations, and maintenance areas, no additional survey (steps associated with goals 2 and 3) was required. For the parking lot area, goal 2 was accomplished through intensive survey (shovel tests). The shovel tests did not result in the identification of any cultural resources. Additionally, the shovel tests revealed such extensive previous disturbance in the area that any cultural resources that may have once been present in the area are unlikely to be eligible for listing on the NRHP. Based on these findings, steps associated with goal 3 were not necessary for the parking lot area. The review process and these conclusions are described in more detail below.

### 7.1 Overarching Standards

As set out in Section 5.0 of this report, the cultural resources review was completed to fulfill the requirements of NHPA Section 106. The appropriate standard of review, as required by both federal and state regulation, is described below.

### 7.1.1 Federal Regulation

ACHP regulations require that, in carrying out a cultural resources review, a reasonable and good faith effort is made to identify cultural resources. ACHP's guidance for meeting the reasonable and good faith effort standard begins with the following (36 CFR Section 800.4):

- Determine and document the APE in order to define the area to review for historic properties (cultural resources)
- Review existing information on known and potential historic properties (cultural resources) within the APE
- Seek information from appropriate parties regarding the historic properties (cultural resources) in the area

The ACHP considers the following factors in evaluating the adequacy of the historic properties identification (cultural resources review) effort:

### Identification effort was reasonable

Involves confirming the assessment was designed to identify eligible properties that may be affected by the undertaking, without being excessive or inadequate. While, for some circumstances it may be appropriate to identify all historic properties (cultural resources) in the APE, the regulations do not require the identification of all properties. A reasonable identification plan includes:

- Documentation of the horizontal and vertical extent of the APE that accounts for direct and indirect effects
- Explanation of factors that inform the content and intensity of the plan (e.g., past disturbance in area, magnitude and anticipated effects on historic properties (cultural resources) that might exist in APE, etc.)
- Review of existing information on historic properties (cultural resources) in the APE, including information about possible historic properties (cultural resources) not yet identified
- Cognizance of applicable professional, state, tribal, and local laws, standards, and guidelines
- Familiarity with the methodologies used in other historic property (cultural resource) surveys for industrial and non-industrial sites in the area that have been effective in terms of time and cost

• A clear description of the steps that will be taken during field investigations, analysis of results, and in subsequent reporting and consultation, to determine the presence of historic properties (cultural resources) within the APE

### • Identification effort was carried out in good faith

The assessment is deemed to be carried out in good faith when it meets the following criteria:

- Consultation was conducted with the appropriate entities (e.g., SHPO, THPO and Indian Tribe or similar) with religious and culturally important historic properties (cultural resources) within the APE
- Initiated in a timely manner allowing for the appropriate analysis and reporting, with adequate time for review by the consulting parties
- Completed by a qualified individual or individuals who meet the Secretary of the Interior's qualification standards and have demonstrated familiarity with the range of potentially historic properties (cultural resources) that may be encountered, and their characteristics
- Acknowledges the special expertise possessed by Indian tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations in assessing the eligibility of historic properties (cultural resources) that may possess religions and cultural significance to them
- Is fully supported by adequate funding and other necessary resources
- Is not compromised by lack of integrity or omission, such as manipulating or ignoring the evidence

Additionally, ACHP's guidance for meeting the reasonable and good faith effort standard for the identification of properties outlines what is not required to the meet the standard:

- SHPO/THPO approval is not required. SHPO/THPO is an adviser in the identification process but they do not provide approval
- The identification of every historic property is not required
- Investigations outside of, or below, a properly documented APE are not required
- Ground verification of the entire APE is not required

### 7.1.2 State Regulation

THC requirements incorporate NHPA Section 106. The State of Texas has additional archaeological survey requirements. The details of the state requirements are identified in the following sections, where applicable (e.g., methodologies for the intensive investigation for parking lot).

### 7.2 Methodology for the Project

The limits of the ground disturbance associated with the Project are confined to the proposed Project areas within the FHR property that includes the existing equipment, operations and maintenance areas of the West Refinery and the parking lot area (Figure 3). These areas represent the APE (approximately 920 acres) (Figure 4). There are no external facilities planned as part of the Project (e.g., transmission lines, access roads, and pipelines).

The following sections outline the methodology TRC implemented for the cultural resources review. For discussion purposes, the APE is addressed in two separate sections: the area contained within the existing equipment, operations and maintenance areas of the West Refinery (the industrial portion), and the parking lot area.

### 7.2.1 Methodology for Industrial Portion of the Project

The following information describes the cultural resources review methodology applied to the industrial portion of the APE (*i.e.*, the area of the APE within the existing equipment, operations and maintenance areas of the West Refinery). This review consisted of archival research and a reconnaissance survey.

For the industrial portion of the Project within the main refinery operations area, FHR determined that subsurface investigations were not necessary. The West Refinery is an existing industrial use area that has previously experienced extensive disturbance, including development of the existing refinery structures/infrastructure as well as placement of caliche, gravel, and asphalt roadbase. The extent of disturbance is estimated to be within the range of disturbance that the Texas SHPO associates with industrial sites [typically subsurface disturbance within the range of 1 to 6 meters (3 to 20 ft)]. Past investigations within and near the APE, reviewed by the Texas SHPO, demonstrate that the Texas SHPO limits the archaeological deposits in this area to the soil horizons of the Holocene Period (11,700 BP to present). In the project area, these soils are located within the top 1 m (3 ft) of soil and overlay Pleistocene deposits that predate human occupation of the area (Ricklis et al. 1995). Acknowledging that the Texas SHPO recognizes that subsurface investigations are not practical or necessary (previous industrial disturbance coincides with the soil horizons known to potentially contain archaeological deposits), no subsurface investigations were carried out by TRC. Additionally, in light of the extensive subsurface infrastructure associated with industrial sites such as refineries, the Texas SHPO recognizes the significant safety risk that would be associated with subsurface investigations.

### 7.2.1.1 Archival Research

The methodology for the archival research was based on the archaeological survey standards for Texas developed by THC (Texas Administrative Code, Rules of Practice and Procedure, Title 13, Part 2, Chapter 26 Subpart B and Subpart C), the Council of Texas Archaeologists (CTA) Guidelines for Cultural Resources Management Reports, and the ACHP guidelines for meeting the reasonable and good faith identification standards for Section 106 review. Archival research included review of the THS Atlas, TAS Atlas and published reports, as described below.

### 7.2.1.1.1 Texas Archaeological Sites (TAS) Atlas File Search

On behalf of FHR, TRC PIs completed a review of the TAS Atlas for the Project's entire APE. In fact, TRC reviewed an area broader than the APE, extending to a radius of 3 km (1.9 mi) from the APE.

Within 3 km (1.9 mi) of the APE, 23 sites were identified using the TAS Atlas (THC 2012). These sites are summarized in Table 4 with their locations provided on Figure 5. Sites are identified by a trinomial record number which includes the numerical prefix "41," which stands for the State of Texas, the county abbreviation "NU" (for Nueces County), and the number assigned to each site. The location of the historic nineteenth-century community of Nuecestown is also shown near the western limits of Figure 5.

| Site Number<br>(Trinomial<br>Record No.) | Year Recorded | Prehistoric/Historic | Recorder                                    | NRHP<br>Eligibility |
|--|---------------|----------------------|---|---------------------|
| 41NU60<br>(Burial)                       | 1974          | Prehistoric          | Archaeology<br>Consultants, Inc.            | Unknown             |
| 41NU61                                   | 1981          | Prehistoric          | Archaeology<br>Consultants, Inc.            | Unknown             |
| 41NU157                                  | 1977          | Prehistoric          | UTSA CAR <sup>1</sup>                       | Unknown             |
| 41NU158                                  | 1977          | Prehistoric          | UTSA CAR <sup>1</sup>                       | Unknown             |
| 41NU185                                  | 1981          | Prehistoric          | W. Whitsett and<br>C. Jurgens               | Unknown             |
| 41NU186                                  | 1981          | Prehistoric          |   | Unknown             |
| 41NU183                                  | Unknown       | Prehistoric          | George McClure                              | No                  |
| 41NU211                                  | 1984          | Prehistoric          | UTSA CAR <sup>1</sup>                       | Unknown             |
| 41NU221                                  | 1984          | Prehistoric          | R. Ricklis                                  | Yes                 |
| 41NU231                                  | 1985          | Prehistoric          | D. Kindler                                  | Unknown             |
| 41NU232                                  | 1985          | Prehistoric          | J. Stokes                                   | Yes                 |
| 41NU239                                  | 1986          | Prehistoric          | R. Ricklis                                  | No                  |
| 41NU255                                  | 1988          | Prehistoric          | R. Ricklis                                  | No                  |
| 41NU266                                  | 1992          | Prehistoric          | J. Warren                                   | No                  |
| 41NU267                                  | 1992          | Prehistoric          | J. Warren                                   | No                  |
| 41NU268                                  | 1992          | Prehistoric          | J. Warren                                   | Yes                 |
| 41NU269                                  | 1992          | Prehistoric          | J. Warren                                   | Unknown             |
| 41NU276<br>(Burial)                      | 1993          | Prehistoric          | Archaeology<br>Consultants, Inc.            | Yes                 |
| 41NU281                                  | 1994          | Prehistoric          | Coastal<br>Archaeological<br>Research, Inc. | No                  |
| 41NU283                                  | Unknown       | Unknown              | Unknown                                     | Unknown             |
| 41NU293                                  | 2003          | Prehistoric          | TAS Inc. <sup>1</sup>                       | No                  |
| 41NU297                                  | 2005          | Prehistoric          | TxDOT <sup>2</sup>                          | Unknown             |
| 41NU306                                  | 2007          | Prehistoric          | Archaeology<br>Consultants, Inc.            | Unknown             |

### Table 4 Summary of Texas Archaeological Sites Atlas File Search Results

1 Recorder acronyms as listed in the Texas Archeological Sites (TAS) Atlas

2 TxDOT = Texas Department of Transportation

Within the Project's APE, five sites were identified using the TAS Atlas. These sites are listed below with reference to their eligibility for the NRHP per the TAS Atlas (Table 4). Note: No historic standing structures were identified within the APE (or within 3 km [1.9 mi] of the APE).

- 41NU60 (eligibility unknown)
- 41NU183 (not eligible for the NRHP and thus not within the purview of Section 106 of the NHPA)

- 41NU232 (eligible)
- 41NU 239 (not eligible for the NRHP and thus not within the purview of Section 106 of the NHPA)
- 41NU276 (eligible)

Of these five sites, two sites were identified as not eligible for the NRHP. The following paragraphs describe the potential for effects to the remaining three sites based on the TAS Atlas (THC 2012). The locations of the three sites that are eligible or potentially eligible for the NRHP within the APE are shown on Figure 6.

• 41NU60 (eligibility unknown)

Site 41NU60 has been identified within the APE as a site for which NRHP eligibility has not been determined (i.e., for which additional information would be needed to determine eligibility). Data on file with the TAS Atlas indicates that this site is now buried under modern fill and covered by a roadway within the West Refinery property. The nearest elements of the Project relative to site 41NU60 are at least 365 to 457 m (1,200 to 1,500 ft) from the archaeological site. Due to the distance from the proposed activities, no effect is anticipated to result from the Project.

• 41NU232 (eligible)

Site 41NU232 has been identified within the APE as a site eligible for the NRHP. The nearest elements of the Project relative to site 41NU232 are greater than 457 m (1,500 ft) from the archaeological site. Due to the distance from the proposed activities, no effect is anticipated to result from the Project.

• 41NU276 (eligible)

Site 41NU276 has been identified within the APE as a site eligible for the NRHP. Site 41NU276 is located at the margin of the built-up area of the West Refinery (Figure 5), which has been disturbed by machinery activity. The nearest elements of the Project relative to site 41NU276 are 152 to 305 m (500 to 1,000 ft) from the archaeological site. Due to the distance from the proposed activities, no effect to site 41NU276 is anticipated to result from the Project.

While these three sites were identified in the TAS Atlas review as eligible or potentially eligible for listing in the NRHP, the proposed Project will have no effect on these sites due to their distance from the proposed Project activities.

### 7.2.1.1.2 Published Reports

The following information was obtained from published reports on cultural resources, archaeological surveys, and investigations at relevant sites conducted by professional archaeologists. The information was considered as part of the analyses of the data retrieved from the TAS Atlas.

The APE is situated along an upland margin that is identified by an east-west trending series of low hills and swales created by erosion of the valley wall along the southern edge of the Nueces River floodplain. Numerous prehistoric archaeological sites have been recorded on the tops and upper slopes of these hills (Figure 5). Subsurface archaeological excavations and reports have been completed for six sites (41NU185, 41NU221, 41NU266, 41NU267, 41NU268, and 41NU276) (*e.g.*, Carlson et al. 1982; Ricklis 1988; Ricklis et al. 1995).

Aboriginal occupation sites in the area are recognizable as dense accumulations of shells of various estuarine bivalve species, most commonly oyster (*Crassostrea virginica*) and brackish-water clams (*Rangia flexuosa* and *Rangia cuneata*). Testing at numerous sites in this area, as well as along the northern shoreline of Nueces Bay (Ricklis 1993; Ricklis et al. 1995), has shown that Early Archaic period (7500 to 6800 B.P.) strata and components are dominated by oyster, whereas Middle Archaic (6000 to 4500 B.P.) components yield predominantly *Rangia flexuosa*, and deposits pertaining to the Late Archaic (3000 to 1000 B.P.) and Late Prehistoric (after 1000 B.P.) are characterized predominantly by *Rangia cuneata*. Artifacts are scarce in the Early Archaic components, consisting for the most part only of scattered pieces of chert debitage (Ricklis 1993; Ricklis et al. 1995). Components of this period consist of thin oyster-shell strata consistently resting at/near the bases of the Holocene soil profiles (*e.g.*, at sites 41SP136 and 41SP153 on the north shore of Nueces Bay and sites 41NU281 and 41NU266 on FHR property just west of the APE; see Figure 5).

Middle Archaic components have yielded a more diverse artifact assemblage that includes chippedstone dart points of types known to pertain to this time interval, chert-end scrapers, and a limited range of shell tools (*e.g.*, Ricklis 1988; Ricklis and Gunter 1986). The increased quantity and diversity of tools left by Middle Archaic people suggests an increased intensity of shoreline occupation during this period. This trend was maintained during the Late Archaic, though by Late Prehistoric times the largest and most artifact-prolific sites representing the base camps of relatively large aggregate groups were situated in more seaward shoreline settings (Ricklis 1996).

The sedimentological context of culturally relevant deposits is similar in all of these sites. Generally, cultural components, which, as noted, are discrete strata of densely packed shells, have been found to rest within slowly aggraded Holocene cumulic soils that have developed through eolian deposition of clay, silt, and fine sand upon the substrate of the Pleistocene Beaumont clays. Commonly, Early Archaic shell deposits rest at the base of these soils, directly upon the Beaumont surface, while Middle Archaic and later deposits are found higher in the soil profiles. Typically, the profiles are 1 m (3 ft) or less in thickness, so that the entire culture sequence is represented by materials found within 1 m (3 ft) or less of the modern ground surface.

In addition to the camp sites of the Archaic and Late Prehistoric periods, three prehistoric Native American mortuary/cemetery sites are also known and recorded in the area. These include site 41NU178, a Late Prehistoric cemetery site located 5 to 6 km (3.1 to 3.7 mi) west-northwest of the West Refinery area, and sites 41NU60 and 41NU276, located on FHR property. Site 41NU60 is currently buried under fill and a road, while site 41NU276 has been heavily disturbed by machinery activity and is at the margin of the built-up area of the West Refinery (Ricklis et al. 1995). Neither of these sites coincides with the area of direct construction, operations, and maintenance of the Project.

### 7.2.1.2 Survey Methods

On December 21, 2012 TRC completed a reconnaissance survey of the industrial portion of the APE, specifically the locations identified in Appendix B (corresponding with photographed locations). Reconnaissance survey refers to a pedestrian or visual survey of a project area that does not include a systematic methodology such as consistently spaced transects. The reconnaissance survey was conducted to assess the potential for the industrial portion of the APE to include intact archaeological deposits. The following conclusions were made based on the reconnaissance survey.

- Other than the sites identified in the archival research, it is unlikely that there are any other cultural resources in the industrial portion of the APE eligible or potentially eligible for listing on the NRHP. This area has been extensively developed and disturbed in the past. As a result, any potential cultural resources once present in the area are unlikely to be of sufficient quantity to quality as an "eligible" or "potentially eligible" cultural resource.
- Shovel tests were not deemed necessary for the industrial portion of the APE due to the extensive previous disturbance associated with the West Refinery. This decision was based

on the presence of existing buildings, facilities, and underground utilities present within the industrial site and the estimated soil disturbance depth of 1 to 6 m (3 to 20 ft) below the soil surface. It is known that potential archaeological deposits in the area are limited to the Holocene Period soil horizons, which are located within the top 1 m (3 ft) of soil (Ricklis et al. 1995).

• THC has recognized the safety concern and risk associated with subsurface investigations on industrial sites as a result of subsurface infrastructure associated with the industrial use.

ACHP guidelines for meeting the reasonable and good faith standards for identifying cultural resources note that the regulations do not require the identification of all cultural resources. Based on this information, the methods used during the review and investigation by TRC meet the standards put forth by ACHP and THC. These methods ensure that a reasonable and good faith effort was made to identify historic properties/cultural resources, including archaeological deposits, to the greatest extent practicable.

### 7.2.2 Methodology for Parking Lot Area

The following information outlines the methodology applied to the parking lot area of the APE, which encompasses approximately 33 acres. The review was completed consistent with the overarching regulatory standards summarized in Section 5.0.

### 7.2.2.1 Archival Research

The archival research referenced in Section 7.2.1.1 included the parking lot area.

### 7.2.2.2 Survey Methods

Since the parking lot is not contiguous with the previously disturbed West Refinery property (*i.e.*, the industrial portion of the APE) TRC's survey approach to the parking lot area of the APE was completed as follows.

### 7.2.2.2.1 Pedestrian Survey

TRC completed a pedestrian survey during the week of August 12 to 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013. TRC documented that all surfaces of the parking lot area portion of the APE appeared to have been previously extensively disturbed and altered in recent history, with low grass and mixed disturbed forbs covering the site.

### 7.2.2.2.2 Shovel Tests

TRC recommended conducting shovel tests for the parking lot area of the APE because no prior investigations had occurred.

The results of the shovel tests confirmed that the parking lot area was heavily disturbed by past agricultural, residential, institutional and utility land uses. The shovel tests were completed at 1.06 shovel tests/acre. THC and the CTA standards and guidelines recommend a minimum of one shovel test for every 2 acres (0.5 shovel tests/acres) for project areas ranging in size from 11 to 100 acres (THC 2013). Based on these standards and guidelines, TRC exceeded the minimum shovel test density requirement as put forth by THC and CTA.

In general, shovel tests were roughly 35 cm in diameter, and excavated to a depth of between 16 and 98 cm below ground surface (cmbs). All shovel tests were excavated to near 100 cmbs or until pre-Holocene deposits or an impenetrable layer was encountered. In some locations, there was noted disturbance such as disturbance from past agricultural activities or installation of buried utilities. In these locations, shovel tests were excavated to just below the depth at which adjacent shovel tests had encountered pre-Holocene deposits to ensure no intact deposits were left beneath the disturbed area.

The maximum depth of the proposed impacts in the parking lot area is expected to be less than 100 cmbs. Soils differed throughout the parking lot area, but the majority of the soils consisted of hard to extremely hard clay which was difficult to screen. In these cases, the hard, compacted clay was crushed through the screens, and then picked through to inspect for cultural materials. A small percentage of the parking lot area consisted of sandy or loamy soils which were screened more easily. Shovel test data, including the size and depth of the hole, soil conditions, if soils were screened, and any materials observed, was recorded on TRC shovel test forms.

No archaeological materials were discovered. As with the industrial area, it is possible that archaeological deposits are present in areas not surveyed; however, the level of disturbance indicates that the resources would not retain the necessary integrity for eligibility to the NRHP.

ACHP guidelines for meeting the reasonable and good faith standards for identifying historic properties/cultural resources note that the regulations do not require the identification of all historic properties/cultural resources. The methods used during this review and investigation meet the standards put forth by ACHP and THC. These methods ensure that a reasonable and good faith effort was made to identify historic properties/cultural resources to the greatest extent practicable.

### 7.3 Unanticipated Discoveries Plan

Pursuant to the regulatory requirement of Section 106 of the NHPA, and its implementing regulation 36 CFR Part 800 (as amended), the following Unanticipated Discoveries Plan has been developed identifying the procedures to follow in case of a post-Section 106 review cultural resource discovery. The plan is in accordance with 36 CFR Part 800.13.

The purpose of this plan is to provide guidance to employees and contractors of FHR in the event that cultural or archaeological materials are encountered during modifications to the West Refinery. The plan has been developed so that FHR can:

- Ensure compliance with the applicable state and federal laws and regulations, including 36 CFR Part 800 (as amended) under Section 106 of the NHPA
- Convey to regulatory and review agencies the procedures that will be followed in the event of an unanticipated discovery
- Provide project personnel with the procedures to be followed if an unanticipated discovery occurs

Discovered cultural or archaeological materials could include human remains, prehistoric artifacts (projectile points, stone tools, stone flakes, pottery, animal bones etc.), or historic artifacts (materials suspected to be more than 50 years old). Archaeological materials could also include stained areas of soil, charcoal, charred materials, and burned stone or bones. All discoveries of cultural or archaeological materials are to be considered confidential in order to protect the integrity of the materials. The media will not be contacted under any circumstances.

If human remains are discovered during project work, the following procedures will be followed:

- If any FHR employee, contractor, or subcontractor suspects that they have encountered any human remains, all work adjacent to the discovery should cease. The FHR employee in charge of the work is responsible for notifying the FHR Environmental Manager.
- The FHR Environmental Manager will determine the extent of the discovery and secure the area to prohibit access. Access will be restricted to law enforcement personnel, THC staff, and the FHR cultural resource consultant(s).
- The FHR Environmental Manager will immediately contact the Nueces County Sheriff's Department, the THC, and the FHR cultural resource consultant(s). Access will be restricted to law enforcement personnel, THC staff, and the FHR cultural resource consultant(s).

• Nueces County Sheriff's Department, the THC, and the FHR cultural resource consultant(s) will work together to determine the ethnic origin or ancestry of the remains. If the remains are determined to be of Native American ancestry, the THC will be consulted to determine the appropriate Native American tribal contact(s).

If cultural or archaeological materials are discovered during project work, the following procedures will be followed:

- If any FHR employee, contractor, or subcontractor suspects that they have encountered any cultural or archaeological materials, all work adjacent to the discovery should cease. The FHR employee in charge of the work is responsible for notifying the FHR Environmental Manager.
- The FHR Environmental Manager will determine the extent of the discovery and secure the area to prohibit access.
- The FHR Environmental Manager will arrange for a qualified archaeologist or cultural resource specialist to evaluate the discovery. If the discovery is determined to be a potentially NRHP-eligible resource, the THC will be consulted to assist in determination of the NRHP eligibility of the discovery and procedures to avoid, minimize, or mitigate impacts.

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### 8.0 Effects of Action

Based on archival research, including data retrieved from the THS Atlas, TAS Atlas and review of the information available in published reports on cultural resources, archaeological surveys, and site investigations (*e.g.*, pedestrian survey of the parking area), the TRC PIs' (R. Ricklis and M. Quigg) have provided a concise characterization of the cultural and geoarchaeological nature of archaeological sites that are situated within and around the APE.

As addressed in this CRA, there is no evidence of historic properties or structures that might pertain to Colonial or post-Colonial era occupations. Included in this review was an inventory of any listed NRHP or Districts, cemeteries, State Historical Markers, shipwrecks, historic buildings, or structures within the APE. In summary, no historic properties or architectural resources (historic structures) were identified within the APE or within 3 km (1.9 mi) of the APE.

Archival research identified three archaeological sites within the APE that are considered eligible or potentially eligible for the NRHP. It is the TRC PIs' professional conclusion that, due to their distance from the construction, operations, and maintenance activities associated with the Project, none of these sites will be directly affected by the Project. Additionally, as a result of extensive previous ground disturbance throughout the APE, any potential unidentified archaeological deposits are unlikely to be of sufficient quality to be eligible or potentially eligible for the NRHP and thus, would not be within the purview of Section 106 of the NHPA.

Project-related operations and structures are similar to existing operations and structures and are consistent with the overall character of the refinery. Local and regional traffic, noise, and viewshed qualities will not change as a result of the Project. In addition, no indirect effects from air emissions or wastewater discharges are expected to be associated with the Project. Therefore, no indirect effects are expected to be associated with the Project.

In accordance with 36 C.F.R. § 800.4, FHR has made a reasonable and good faith effort to identify historic properties/cultural resources within the APE and to assess if these properties will be affected by the Project. FHR has determined that no historic properties or archaeological sites will be directly or indirectly affected by the Project.

USEPA's issuance of a GHG PSD permit for the West Refinery Domestic Crude Project will result in no direct or indirect effects to any historic properties or archaeological sites for purposes of Section 106 of the NHPA.

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Figure 1 Project Location

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Figure 2 General Property Boundaries and Location of Proposed Parking Area







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Figure 4 Area of Potential Effect



Figure 5 Archaeological Sites in the Texas Archaeological Sites Atlas



Figure 6 NRHP Eligible and Potentially Eligible Sites within the APE

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Appendices

## Appendix A

**Project Description** 

### Acronyms and Abbreviations

| API  | America Petroleum Institute  |  |  |
|--|--|--|--|
| CCR  | continuous catalytic reformers   |  |  |
| СО   | carbon monoxide  |  |  |
| CO <sub>2</sub> e  | carbon dioxide equivalent  |  |  |
| DDS  | distillate desulfurizer  |  |  |
| DHT  | distillate hydrotreating unit  |  |  |
| FCCU   | Fluid Catalytic Cracking Unit  |  |  |
| FHR  | Flint Hills Resources Corpus Christi, LLC  |  |  |
| GHG  | Greenhouse gases   |  |  |
| GWP  | Global Warming Potential   |  |  |
| GOHT   | Gas Oil Hydrotreating Unit   |  |  |
| HHV  | High heating value   |  |  |
| $H_2S$   | Hydrogen sulfide   |  |  |
| IFR  | Internal Floating Roof   |  |  |
| LDAR   | Leak Detection and Repair  |  |  |
| LPG  | Liquefied Petroleum Gas  |  |  |
| MSS  | Maintenance Startup and Shutdown   |  |  |
| NHT  | Naptha Hydrotreater  |  |  |
| NOx  | Nitrogen oxides  |  |  |
| NSR  | New Source Review  |  |  |
| PM/PM <sub>10</sub> /PM <sub>2.5</sub> Particulate Matter / PM less than 10 microns in size / PM less than 2.5 microns in size |  |  |  |
| PSD  | Prevention of Significant Deterioration  |  |  |
| Region 6   | USEPA; encompasses Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas and 66<br>Tribes |  |  |
| Sat Gas  | Saturates Gas  |  |  |
| SCR  | Selective catalytic reduction  |  |  |
| $SO_2$   | Sulfur dioxide   |  |  |
| SRU  | Sulfur Recovery Unit   |  |  |
| TCEQ   | Texas Commission on Environmental Quality  |  |  |
| UDEX   | Universal Dow Extraction   |  |  |
| USEPA  | U.S. Environmental Protection Agency   |  |  |
| VOC  | Volatile organic compound  |  |  |

| Units       |                               |
|-------------|-------------------------------|
| bbl         | barrels                       |
| dscf        | Dry standard cubic feet       |
| ft          | feet                          |
| gr          | grain                         |
| hr          | hour                          |
| km          | kilometer                     |
| m           | meter                         |
| mi          | mile                          |
| MMBtu       | Million British Thermal Units |
| ppmv        | parts per million by volume   |
| tpy         | tons per year                 |
| $\mu g/m^3$ | microgram per cubic meter     |
| yr          | year                          |

FHR proposes to expand the West Refinery's domestic crude oil processing capabilities and modestly increase the total crude processing capacity with modifications to existing equipment and the addition of new equipment. Information from the GHG PSD Permit Application and the Non-GHG Permit Application is summarized as follows.

FHR is proposing to construct the following new emission units:

- A new process unit called the Saturates Gas (Sat Gas) Plant No. 3, including a new hot oil heater and equipment piping fugitive components. The new hot oil heater will be equipped with selective catalytic reduction (SCR) to reduce NO<sub>X</sub> emissions and a catalyst bed to reduce CO and VOC emissions.
- A new cooling tower in the Mid-Plant area.
- New equipment piping fugitive components in several existing process units.
- Two new internal floating roof tanks.

FHR is proposing changes to existing emission units:

### Changes to CCR Hot Oil Heater and NHT Charge Heater

- Increase in permitted firing duty of the CCR (Continuous Catalytic Reformers) Hot Oil Heater.
- Installation of SCR on the CCR Hot Oil Heater and Naphta Hydrotreater (NHT) Charge Heater to reduce NO<sub>X</sub> emissions from the heaters.
- A decrease in the maximum hourly SO<sub>2</sub> allowable emission rate for the CCR Hot Oil Heater and the NHT Charge Heater as a result of decreasing the maximum sulfur content in the fuel gas from 10 grams (gr)/100 dry standard cubic feet (dscf) to 7.2 gr/100 scf based on fuel gas sampling.
- A decrease in the CO allowable emission rates for the CCR Hot Oil Heater and the NHT Charge Heater as a result of the new CO concentration limit of 50 parts per million by volume (ppmv) (at 3% O2) in the exhaust.
### **Changes to Marine Terminal/Marine Vapor Combustor**

- Increase in permitted annual loading rate of naphtha and gasoline into ships and barges at the marine terminal.
- Incorporation of PBR Registration Nos. 103051 and 103706, which were associated with the Marine Vapor Combustor (EPN VCS-1).
- Decrease in the annual benzene loading rate from 18,250,000 barrels (bbl)/year (yr) to 4,000,000 bbl/yr.
- A decrease in the permitted hourly loading rate of several of the materials loaded at the marine terminal where emissions are controlled by the Marine Vapor Combustor.
- Removal of "Penexate" as an authorized material loaded at the marine terminal since this material is no longer produced at the refinery.
- Revising the method for calculating the NO<sub>x</sub> and CO allowable emission limits for the Marine Vapor Combustor to be based on the firing capacity of the Marine Vapor Combustor rather than the heat content of the vapors routed to the combustor.
- Revising the method for calculating the hourly VOC emission rate from the Marine Vapor Combustor based on the maximum emission rate from any one material rather than the summation of multiple materials.
- A decrease in the fuel sulfur content of the natural gas combusted in the Marine Vapor Combustor to more accurately reflect supplier specifications and sampling. The hourly sulfur content is being decreased from 6 gr/100 scf to 5 gr/100 dscf based on supplier specifications, and the annual sulfur content is being decreased from 10 gr/100 dscf to 0.5 gr/100 dscf based on sampling.
- Revising the method for calculating crude oil emissions from the marine vapor combustor to be based on AP-42, Equation 5.2-1 rather than AP-42, Equations 5.2-2 and 5.2-3.
- An increase in the control efficiency and a decrease in the NO<sub>X</sub> and CO emission factors at the Marine Vapor Combustor based on recent stack test data.

• Inclusion, for the first time, of PM, PM<sub>10</sub>, PM<sub>2.5</sub>, and H<sub>2</sub>S emission rate limits applicable to the Marine Vapor Combustor.

### **Changes to Other Existing Emission Units**

- Implementation of annual flange/connector monitoring in some of the process units to reduce VOC emissions.
- An increase in permitted throughputs for storage tanks and increase in true vapor pressures of materials stored in some tanks.
- Inclusion, for the first time, of H<sub>2</sub>S emission rate limits applicable to crude oil storage tanks.
- Revising the calculation method for all pollutants for the API Separator Flare (EPN V-8) based on the measured flow rate and composition of the vent gas stream routed to the flare rather than the calculated (using AP-42 emission factors) stream flow rate and composition.
- Conversion of the current Gas Oil Hydrotreating Unit (GOHT) to a Distillate Hydrotreating Unit (DHT).
- An increase in annual MSS (Maintenance, Startup, and Shutdown) emissions as a result of new equipment being installed.
- Physical changes to the Sulfur Recovery Complex to reduce its processing rate. As part of this, FHR is proposing to shutdown Sulfur Recovery Unit (SRU) No. 1.
- Operation of the Fluid Catalytic Cracking Unit (FCCU) Catalyst Regenerator in full burn to reduce CO emissions.
- Treatment of the Mid-Plant fuel gas system to reduce the amount of sulfur in the fuel gas prior to combustion in the heaters utilizing this fuel gas system, which would reduce SO<sub>2</sub> emissions from heaters.

In addition, there will be increases in actual emissions for some emission units as a result of increased utilization or debottlenecking.

There are no external linear facilities (*e.g.*, pipelines, power lines, or rail lines) related to the Project. Some new piping will be installed in an existing pipe rack that connects the West Crude Area with the Mid-Plant Area. Raw materials will be delivered to the West Refinery, and products will be distributed, using existing infrastructure. The Project is independent of any other projects that may be under consideration along the Inner Harbor.

The following provides more detailed information about the Project and associated emission units and process-related changes.

### **CCR/NHT Units**

The Continuous Catalytic Regeneration (CCR) and Naphtha Hydrotreater (NHT) Units are existing process units at the West Refinery currently authorized by Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) Permit No. 8803A. FHR is proposing process changes in the CCR and NHT Units that require an increase in the firing duty of the CCR Hot Oil Heater (39BA3901) from 90 Million British Thermal Units (MMBtu)/hour (hr) (High Heating Value [HHV]) to 123.6 MMBtu/hr (HHV) and the installation of new equipment piping components in the CCR and NHT Units. FHR is installing a SCR system to reduce NO<sub>X</sub> emissions from the NHT Charge Heater (39BA3900) and the CCR Hot Oil Heater. These two heaters share a common stack (EPN JJ-4), and the SCR system will be installed after the emissions from the two heaters are combined.

FHR is reducing the CO allowable emission limit of the CCR Hot Oil Heater and NHT Charge Heater based on 50 ppmv (at 3% O2) in the exhaust. FHR is reducing the hourly SO<sub>2</sub> allowable emission limit for both heaters as a result of decreasing the maximum sulfur content in the fuel gas from 10 gr/100 dscf to 7.2 gr/100 scf based on fuel gas sampling. FHR is proposing a Leak Detection and Repair (LDAR) program to reduce fugitive emissions of VOC from new equipment piping components at these units. Last, FHR is proposing annual instrument monitoring for all new and existing gas/vapor and light liquid flanges/connectors at these units.

General Process Description. The purpose of the NHT Unit is to remove sulfur, nitrogen and saturate olefins catalytically from the naphtha feed to the CCR unit. Hydrotreating removes impurities from a petroleum fraction by contacting the stream with hydrogen in the presence of a catalyst at high temperatures and pressures. The CCR Unit converts naphtha to aromatics consisting primarily of benzene, toluene, and xylene. Aromatics are produced by the dehydrogenation of naphthenes and cyclization of paraffins. The dehydrogenation process also produces a hydrogen by-product. The aromatic compounds are then separated and further processed in other units. Hydrogen is consumed as fuel gas or used as feed to other units.

### **DHT Unit (Previously GOHT Unit)**

The GOHT Unit is an existing unit at the West Refinery currently authorized by TCEQ Permit No. 8803A. FHR is converting the existing GOHT Unit to the DHT Unit. The Project will require installation of new equipment piping components in the DHT Unit. There are no proposed physical changes or changes in method of operation for the DHT Stripper Reboiler (37BA2). However, as a result of this project, the reboiler could potentially run at a higher duty and experience an increase in actual emissions of all pollutants except SO<sub>2</sub> above past actual emissions. The increased actual emissions will be below the currently authorized allowable emission rates. Therefore, FHR is not proposing any increases in the current allowable emission rates.

FHR is proposing an LDAR program to reduce fugitive emissions of VOC from new equipment piping components at the DHT Unit. FHR is proposing annual instrument monitoring for all new and existing gas/vapor and light liquid flanges/connectors at the DHT Unit. FHR is also proposing an emission reduction project that will reduce the sulfur content of the fuel gas prior to combustion in the DHT Charge Heater (37BA1) and the DHT Stripper Reboiler (37BA2). Therefore, these two heaters will see a reduction in actual SO<sub>2</sub> emissions from past actual emission levels. FHR is proposing to decrease the SO<sub>2</sub> allowable emission limit for these two heaters to reflect the emission reduction project.

General Process Description. The DHT Unit removes sulfur from a mixed distillate feed consisting of naphtha, gas oil, light cycle oil, and diesel to produce a diesel fuel product meeting the EPA requirements for sulfur content.

### Mid Crude Unit

The Mid Crude Unit is an existing unit at the West Refinery currently authorized by TCEQ Permit No. 8803A. The project will require the installation of new equipment piping components in the Mid Crude Unit. FHR is not proposing any physical changes or changes in the method of operation for the Mid Crude Charge Heater or the Mid Crude Vacuum Heater and, based on a process engineering analysis, these emission units are not considered downstream or upstream sources affected by the project.

FHR is proposing an LDAR program to reduce fugitive emissions of VOC from new equipment piping components. FHR is proposing annual instrument monitoring for all new and existing gas/vapor and light liquid flanges/connectors. FHR is also proposing an emission reduction project which will reduce the sulfur content of the fuel gas prior to combustion in the Mid Crude Charge Heater (42BA1) and the Mid Crude Vacuum Heater (42BA3). Therefore, these two emission units will see a reduction in actual  $SO_2$  emissions from past actual emission levels. FHR is proposing to decrease the  $SO_2$  allowable emission limit for these two emission units to reflect the emission reduction project.

General Process Description. The Mid Crude separates crude oil into fractions by distillation and steam stripping using the differences in boiling ranges to effect the separation. Distillate fractions produced by the crude unit include light ends, naphtha, jet fuel, diesel fuel or No. 2 fuel oil, gas oil, and residual oil. Pressures range from atmospheric to near full vacuum.

### Saturates Gas Plant No. 3

FHR is proposing to construct a new Sat Gas Plant No. 3 Unit. The new unit will include the Sat Gas Plant No. 3 Hot Oil Heater and new equipment piping components. FHR will install an SCR system on the Sat Gas Plant No. 3 Hot Oil Heater to reduce  $NO_x$  emissions and a catalyst bed to reduce CO and VOC emissions. The hot oil heater will have a maximum fired duty of 450 MMBtu/hr (HHV). FHR is proposing an LDAR program to reduce fugitive emissions of VOC from new equipment piping components, including annual instrument monitoring for all new gas/vapor and light liquid flanges/connectors.

General Process Description. The Sat Gas Plant No. 3 will operate to recover propane and heavier hydrocarbons from a number of refinery streams and to fractionate the recovered hydrocarbons into various product streams. Hydrocarbon recovery will be via absorption by a combination of internally produced "lean oil" for propane recovery and by externally fed sponge oil(s) for heavy-ends recovery.

The unit will produce a fuel gas that is lean in C3+ hydrocarbons, a propane liquid product, a isobutene product, a normal butane product, a C5+ liquid product, a rich sponge oil return liquid and a sour water waste stream. Each of these streams will be sent out of the unit for further treating, sales or as feedstocks.

### **UDEX** Unit

The Universal Dow Extraction (UDEX) Unit is an existing unit at the West Refinery currently authorized by TCEQ Permit No. 8803A. The Project will require installation of new equipment piping components in the UDEX Unit. FHR is proposing an LDAR program to reduce fugitive

emissions of VOC from new equipment piping components, including annual instrument monitoring for all new gas/vapor and light liquid flanges/connectors.

General Process Description. The UDEX Unit removes aromatics from a feed stream composed of toluene, mixed xylenes, benzene and heavy aromatics. The aromatics are removed from the feed stream through using glycol and liquid-liquid extraction and exit the unit as extract product that is further separated in downstream fractionation columns. The non-aromatics along with some aromatics end up in the raffinate product stream.

### West Crude

The West Crude Unit is an existing unit at the West Refinery currently authorized by TCEQ Permit No. 8803A. The Project will require installation of new equipment piping components in the West Crude Unit. FHR is proposing an LDAR program to reduce fugitive emissions of VOC from new equipment piping components. FHR is also proposing annual instrument monitoring for all new and existing gas/vapor and light liquid flanges/connectors.

General Process Description. The West Crude separates crude oil into fractions by distillation and steam stripping using the differences in boiling ranges to affect the separation. Distillate fractions produced by the crude unit include light ends, naphtha, jet fuel, diesel fuel or No. 2 fuel oil, gas oil, and residual oil. Pressures range from atmospheric to near full vacuum.

### Utilities

The utilities area at the West Refinery consists of four existing boilers. There are no proposed physical changes or changes in method of operation to any of these boilers. However, as a result of this project, there will be an increase in steam demand so the boilers could potentially run at a higher duty and experience an increase in actual emissions above past actual emissions as a result of increased utilization. The increased actual emissions will be below the currently authorized allowable emission rates. Therefore, FHR is not proposing any increases in any of the boilers' current permit allowable emission rates or authorized maximum duty rates.

FHR is also proposing an emission reduction project that will reduce the sulfur content of the fuel gas prior to combustion in the Mid Crude Boiler. Therefore, the Mid Crude Boiler will see a reduction in actual  $SO_2$  emissions from past actual emission levels. FHR is proposing to decrease the  $SO_2$  allowable emission limit for the boiler to reflect the emission reduction project. Lastly, FHR is

decreasing the CO allowable emission rate limit for the Mid Crude Boiler by updating the emission factor to more accurately reflect emissions measured by the continuous emissions monitor.

General Process Description. The Boilers provide steam for use throughout several process units.

### **Marine Loading**

As a part of the project, FHR is proposing to increase the permitted annual loading rate of naphtha and gasoline into ships and barges at the marine terminal. Emissions resulting from these loading operations are controlled by the Marine Vapor Combustor, which is authorized under TCEQ Permit No. 6819A. FHR is not proposing any increases to the annual loading rates of other products loaded at the marine terminal and controlled by the Marine Vapor Combustor. However, FHR is proposing to decrease the hourly loading rates of several of the materials loaded at the marine terminal and controlled by the Marine Vapor Combustor.

The Marine Vapor Combustor is considered a modified source for minor New Source Review (NSR) purposes because of the proposed increase in the permitted annual naphtha and gasoline loading rates. FHR is also:

- Increasing the control efficiency and decreasing the NO<sub>X</sub> and CO emission factors at the Marine Vapor Combustor based on recent stack test data.
- Adding Light Straight Run, or Mixed Pentanes, as an authorized material as a result of incorporating PBR Registration No. 103051.
- Incorporating PBR Registration No. 103706, which authorized an increase in the annual gasoline loading rate from 1,900,000 bbl/yr to 4,000,000 bbl/yr (Note: this amendment proposes to increase the gasoline loading rate to 6,935,000 bbl/yr).
- Decreasing the permitted annual benzene loading rate from 18,250,000 bbl/yr to 4,000,000 bbl/yr.
- Decreasing the permitted hourly loading rate of many of the materials controlled by the Marine Vapor Combustor.
- Revising the method for calculating the NO<sub>X</sub> and CO allowable emission limits for the Marine Vapor Combustor to be based on the firing capacity of the Marine Vapor Combustor rather than the heat content of the vapors routed to the combustor.

- Revising the method for calculating the hourly VOC emission rate from the Marine Vapor Combustor based on the maximum emission rate from any one material rather than the summation of multiple materials.
- Decreasing the fuel sulfur content of the natural gas combusted in the Marine Vapor Combustor to more accurately reflect supplier specifications and sampling. The hourly sulfur content is being decreased from 6 gr/100 scf to 5 gr/100 dscf based on supplier specifications, and the annual sulfur content is being decreased from 10 gr/100 dscf to 0.5 gr/100 dscf based on sampling.
- Revising the method for calculating crude oil emissions from the marine vapor combustor to be based on AP-42, Equation 5.2-1 rather than AP-42, Equations 5.2-2 and 5.2-3.
- Removing penexate as a material loaded at the marine terminal since the product is no longer produced at the refinery.

The result of all of the above changes is an overall decrease in the annual  $NO_X$ , CO, and VOC allowable emissions.

FHR is also proposing for the first time PM,  $PM_{10}$ ,  $PM_{2.5}$ , and  $H_2S$  emission limits for the Marine Vapor Combustor. The particulate matter and  $H_2S$  emissions are not new emissions resulting from a physical change or change in the method of operation, but are being estimated now consistent with current TCEQ practices.

General Process Description. FHR's West Refinery uses three docks (No. 8, 9, and 10) for marine loading of both ships and barges. When loading toluene, benzene, xylene (all isomers), gasolines and blend stocks, naphthas, cumene, pseudocumene, light straight run (mixed pentanes), and crude oil, emissions are captured by a vacuum-assisted loading operation and routed to the Marine Vapor Combustor (VCS-1) for control. The Marine Vapor Combustor is an enclosed flare with a minimum VOC destruction efficiency of 99.5% based on stack testing. The Marine Vapor Combustor converts H<sub>2</sub>S to SO<sub>2</sub> at a minimum efficiency of 98%. The Marine Vapor Combustor uses natural gas as the fuel to the burners of the combustor.

### **Tank Farm**

FHR is proposing to construct two new internal floating roof (IFR) tanks and increase the throughput for and/or change the vapor pressure of the materials stored in other existing tanks. FHR is also

proposing to establish grouped annual emission rate limits for some of the tanks while maintaining an hourly emission rate limit for each individual tank in the group.

The two new IFR tanks will have capacities of 100,000 bbl and 75,000 bbl, respectively, and will have internal floating roofs. The new IFR tanks will be equipped with a suspended floating roof to minimize emissions from fittings and a primary and secondary seal to minimize emissions from rim seals. These tanks will store materials with a true vapor pressure less than 10.9 psia.

Tanks 08FB108R1, 08FB109R, 40FB4012, and 40FB4013 are existing internal floating roof tanks authorized to store materials with a true vapor pressure less than 10.9 psia. Tank 15FB507 is an existing external floating roof tank authorized to store materials with a true vapor pressure less than 10.9 psia. Tank 40FB3041 is an existing fixed-roof tank authorized to store materials with an annual true vapor pressure less than 0.02 psia and a maximum true vapor pressure less than 0.07 psia. There are no physical changes or changes in method of operation proposed for storage tanks 08FB108R1, 08FB109R, 15FB507, 40FB3041, 40FB4012, and 40FB4013. However, as a result of this project, the tanks will experience an increase in emissions of VOCs above past actual emissions. The increased actual emissions will be below the currently authorized allowable emission rates. Therefore, for these tanks, FHR is not proposing any increases in the current permit allowable emission rates.

Tanks 08FB137 and 08FB147 are existing internal floating roof tanks and Tank 08FB142 is an existing external floating roof tank. All three tanks are authorized to store materials with a true vapor pressure less than 10.9 psia. There are no physical changes or changes in the method of operation proposed for storage tanks 08FB137, 08FB142, and 08FB147. However, as a result of this project, the tanks will experience an increase in emissions of VOCs above past actual emissions. The increased actual emissions will be below the currently authorized allowable emission rates. Therefore, FHR is not proposing any increases in the current permit allowable VOC emission rates. FHR is also proposing for the first time H<sub>2</sub>S emission limits for storage tanks 08FB137, 08FB142, and 08FB147. The H<sub>2</sub>S emissions are not new emissions resulting from a physical change or change in the method of operation, but are now being estimated consistent with TCEQ practices.

Tanks 11FB402 and 11FB403 are existing internal floating roof tanks and are authorized to store materials with a true vapor pressure less than 10.9 psia. There are no physical changes or changes in the method of operation proposed for storage tanks 11FB402 and 11FB403. However, as a result of this project, the tanks will experience an increase in actual emissions of VOCs above past actual emissions.

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Tanks 11FB408, 11FB409, and 11FB410 are existing external floating roof tanks. FHR is proposing to increase the currently permitted annual throughput for Tanks 11FB408, 11FB409, and 11FB410 and to decrease the currently permitted true vapor pressure of the materials stored in the tanks to 0.5 psia, which result in an overall decrease in allowable emission rates. FHR is also proposing an annual grouped emission limit for these three tanks and an individual hourly emission limit for each of the tanks. The tanks' future potential emissions are based on the proposed allowable throughput and

Tank 15FB508 is an existing external floating roof tank, and Tank 15FB510 is an existing fixed-roof tank. There are no physical changes or changes in the method of operation proposed for existing storage tank 15FB508. FHR is proposing to decrease the true vapor pressure of the materials stored in Tank 15FB508 to 0.5 psia. FHR is proposing to increase the currently permitted annual throughput for Tank 15FB510 and increase the true vapor pressure of the materials stored in the tank to 0.5 psia, which is higher than prior permit representations. Therefore, Tank 15FB510 is considered a modified source for minor NSR purposes. FHR will be installing an internal floating roof in Tank 15FB510 as part of a pollution control project separate from the project proposed in this application. FHR is also proposing an annual grouped emission limit for these two tanks and an individual hourly emission limit for each of the tanks. There is an overall decrease in emissions as a result of the pollution control project and proposed changes for these tanks. Although there are no physical changes or changes in the method of operation proposed for Tank 15FB508, the tank is considered modified for minor NSR purposes because it is being included in a group with Tank 15FB510, which is considered modified because of the increase in permitted throughput and vapor pressure. The tanks' future potential emissions are based on the proposed allowable throughput and vapor pressure.

Tanks 40FB3043 and 40FB3044 are existing fixed-roof tanks. FHR is proposing to increase the currently permitted annual throughput for Tanks 40FB3043 and 40FB3044 and increase the true vapor pressure of the materials stored in the tanks to 0.5 psia, which is higher than prior permit representations. Because the annual throughput and true vapor pressure of the tanks will be increasing above permitted rates as a result of this project, the tanks are considered modified sources for minor NSR purposes. FHR will be installing an internal floating roof in both tanks as part of a pollution control project separate from the project proposed as part of this application. FHR is also proposing an annual grouped emission limit for these two tanks and an individual hourly emission limit for each of the tanks. There is an overall decrease in emissions as a result of the pollution control project and proposed changes for these tanks. The tanks' future potential emissions are based on the proposed allowable throughput and vapor pressure.

Tanks 40FB4010 and 40FB4011 are existing external floating roof tanks. FHR is proposing to increase the currently authorized annual throughput for Tanks 40FB4010 and 40FB4011 and limit the annual and hourly true vapor pressure of the materials stored in the tanks to 9 psia and 10.9 psia, respectively. Because the permitted annual throughputs are increasing as a result of this project, these tanks are considered modified sources for minor NSR purposes. FHR is also proposing an annual grouped VOC emission limit for these tanks and an individual hourly VOC emission limit for each of the tanks. There is an overall decrease in VOC emissions as a result of the proposed changes for these tanks. The tanks' future potential emissions are based on the proposed allowable throughput and vapor pressure. FHR is also proposing for the first time H<sub>2</sub>S emission limits for storage tanks 40FB4010 and 40FB4011. The H<sub>2</sub>S emissions are not new emissions resulting from a physical change or change in the method of operation, but are now being estimated consistent with TCEQ practices. FHR is proposing an annual grouped H<sub>2</sub>S emission limit for these tanks.

Tanks 40FB4014 and 40FB4015 are existing fixed-roof tanks. FHR is proposing to increase the true vapor pressure of the materials stored in Tanks 40FB4014 and 40FB4015 to 0.5 psia, which is higher than prior permit representations. Therefore, these tanks are considered modified sources for minor NSR purposes. FHR will be installing an internal floating roof in the tanks as part of a pollution control project separate from the project proposed in this application. There is an overall decrease in emissions as a result of the pollution control project and proposed changes for these tanks. The tanks' future potential emissions are based on the proposed allowable vapor pressure.

Tanks 40FB4016 and 15FB509 are existing fixed-roof tanks. FHR is proposing to increase the true vapor pressure of the materials stored in Tanks 40FB4016 and 15FB509 to 0.5 psia, which is higher than prior permit representations. Therefore, these tanks are considered modified sources for minor NSR purposes. FHR will be installing an internal floating roof in the tanks as part of a pollution control project separate from the project proposed in this application. FHR also is proposing an annual grouped emission limit for these tanks and an individual hourly emission limit for each of the tanks. There is an overall decrease in emissions as a result of the pollution control projects and proposed changes for these tanks. The tanks' future potential emissions are based on the proposed allowable vapor pressure.

FHR is proposing the installation of new equipment piping components (EPN F-TK-VOC) as part of constructing two new storage tanks. FHR also is proposing the installation of new equipment piping components (EPN F-GB) to upgrade the gasoline blending system. FHR is proposing an LDAR

program to reduce fugitive emissions of VOC from new equipment piping components. FHR also is proposing annual instrument monitoring for all new and existing gas/vapor and light liquid flanges/connectors associated with the gasoline blender system.

### **Cooling Towers**

FHR is proposing to construct a new Mid Plant Cooling Tower No. 2 (44EF2) in the Mid Plant area. The new Mid Plant Cooling Tower No. 2 will be equipped with a high efficiency drift eliminator that will achieve a drift loss of 0.0005% or less. FHR is including proposed PM,  $PM_{10}$ , and  $PM_{2.5}$  emission limits for the new Mid Plant Cooling Tower.

FHR will be installing a high efficiency drift eliminator on the existing Mid Plant Cooling Tower to reduce particulate matter emissions as part of a pollution control project separate from the project proposed as part of this application. The drift eliminator will achieve a drift loss of 0.0005% or less.

General Process Description. The West Refinery is provided cooling water from a number of cooling towers throughout the refinery. The cooling towers are equipped with a TCEQ approved air-stripping system as described in Appendix P of TCEQ's Sampling and Procedure Manual. The cooling towers are monitored monthly for VOC emissions.

### Wastewater Treatment

There are no proposed physical changes or changes in the method of operation for the API Separator Flare (EPN V-8). However, as a result of this project, the flare could potentially be used to control more emissions from increased flow through the Monroe API Separator. Through this increased utilization, the flare could see an increase in actual emissions above past actual emissions. The increased actual emissions will be below the currently authorized allowable emission rates.

FHR is revising the calculation method for the potential to emit of all pollutants based on the flow rate and composition of the vent gas stream.

General Process Description. The wastewater streams affected by this project enter the Monroe API Separator where slop oil and sludge are removed and sent to storage. Emissions from the Monroe API Separator are controlled by the API Separator Flare (EPN V-8). FHR operates a caustic scrubber on the Monroe API Separator to reduce sulfur in the waste gas stream routed to the API Separator Flare. The API Separator Flare meets the requirements of 40 C.F.R. 60.18 based on historical

performance tests and provides a minimum VOC destruction efficiency of 98% based on TCEQ guidance.

### **Other Sources**

FHR is not proposing any physical changes or changes in the method of operation for the FCCU CO Boiler/Scrubber, LSG Hot Oil Heater (47BA1), the Metaxylene Hot Oil Heater (54BA1), the distillate desulfurizer (DDS Charge Heater (56BA1), the DDS Fractionator Reboiler (56BA2), equipment piping components in the FCCU Unit, or equipment piping components in the Hydrocracker Unit that will increase emissions. There will, however, be emissions reductions at these units. FHR will operate the FCCU catalyst regenerator at full burn which will reduce the annual average CO concentration in the exhaust from the scrubber. FHR is reducing the annual CO concentration limit in the exhaust gas from 250 ppmv, dry to 50 ppmv, dry. FHR is proposing an emission reduction project that will reduce the sulfur content of the fuel gas prior to combustion in the heaters. Therefore, the SO<sub>2</sub> allowable emission limits are being reduced as a result of the emission reduction project. FHR is proposing an emission reduction project for the existing equipment piping components in the FCCU and Hydrocracker Units. Specifically, FHR will reduce VOC emissions by committing to annual flange monitoring in these unit. There are no new equipment piping components proposed for the FCCU and Hydrocracker Units.

As part of installing the SCR controls on some of the heaters, there will be new equipment piping components in ammonia service. FHR is proposing an Audio, Visual, and Olfactory LDAR monitoring program to reduce fugitive emissions of ammonia from these new equipment piping components.

#### Planned Maintenance, Start-up, and Shutdown Emissions

FHR is proposing to authorize planned maintenance, start up, and shutdown (MSS) activities as described below as a result of constructing the new Sat Gas Plant No. 3 Unit and new storage tanks.

General Process Description. Various maintenance activities have fugitive emissions associated with them.

• *Vessel and Equipment Openings after Decommissioning*. Once equipment has been cleaned, blinds for maintenance are installed. This requires opening the equipment to atmosphere releasing any residual VOC to the atmosphere.

- *Tank Landings and Degassing*. MSS activities associated with tanks are landing the floating roofs, degassing and cleaning for the purposes of product service changes, off-spec product removal, and other tank maintenance. When a tank is cleaned, material in the tank is removed. Diesel is introduced into the tank several times to absorb any remaining VOCs in the tank. For tanks storing material with a TVP > 0.5 psia, the tank is degassed to a control device while the diesel is being flushed into the tank. The diesel and any residual liquid are then removed from the tank. Degassing continues until the VOC concentration in the tank is below 10,000 ppmv. At that time, the tank is opened to vent any remaining VOCs.
- *Frac Tanks*. Frac tanks are utilized as temporary storage containers for refinery process and chemical cleaning materials. Emissions are generated from filling and breathing loss. The frac tanks are controlled by carbon canisters.
- *PAN Emissions*. Emissions are generated from residual hydrocarbons that remain in the process equipment after decommissioning. Emissions are also generated from leaks that occur during repair/replacement of components such as pumps, filters, valves, etc.
- *Vacuum Truck Loading*. Vacuum trucks are used to transfer materials from one container to another and empty tanks and other vessels during maintenance activities. Vacuum trucks are also used for blinding activities, pump maintenance, and dewatering crude tanks etc. Vacuum truck emissions will be controlled by a carbon canister system, an engine, or a thermal oxidizer. Consistent with prior TCEQ permitting actions, a VOC control efficiency of 98% is used in the calculations.

Appendix B

**Photographs of Modification Locations** 

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### Photograph Key

(Source: TRC Environmental,



### NHT Laydown Area (Source: Whitenton Group, Inc.)



West Crude Unit (Source: Whitenton Group, Inc.)



Mid Crude Laydown Area (north location) (Source: Whitenton Group, Inc.)



New LPG Spheres and Y Grade Booster Pumps (associated with LPG Spheres and Processing) (Source: Whitenton Group, Inc.)



Pentane Storage Spheres (Source: Whitenton Group, Inc.)



UDEX (Source: Whitenton Group, Inc.)



### Mid Crude Laydown Area (south location) (Source: Whitenton Group, Inc.)



Y Grade Pipeline Pumps and Associated Equipment (new location) (Source: Whitenton Group, Inc.)



Interconnecting Pipe Racks (connect Mid Plant to West Plant) (Source: Whitenton Group, Inc.)



Interconnecting Pipe Racks (connect Mid Plant to West Plant), continued (Source: Whitenton Group, Inc.)





Parking Area (within main refinery operations areas) (Source: Whitenton Group, Inc.)

Construction Management Area (Source: Whitenton Group, Inc.)



Parking Area (south of the main refinery operations area (Source: TRC Environmental, LLC)





# Appendix C

Air Quality Analysis

### **Air Quality Analysis**

FHR has prepared an air quality impacts assessment of the potential indirect effects of any air pollutant for which the Project will result in an increase in *allowable* emissions at any unit. FHR conducted this modeling in accordance with Texas Commission on Environmental Quality minor NSR air quality modeling protocols. The results of this air quality impacts assessment show that: (1) no SILs were exceeded at any model receptors outside the Preliminary Area of Potential Effect (APE) boundary; and (2) there were no impacts to model receptors above ESLs outside the Preliminary APE boundary.

In addition, FHR conducted two qualitative air quality analyses with respect to HAP air emissions and the potential for nitrogen/sulfur deposition. These additional analyses support the "no impact" conclusion as follows: (1) emissions from the Project are below USEPA HAP screening levels; and (2) because there is an overall reduction in emissions of NO<sub>2</sub> and SO<sub>2</sub> associated with the Project there are no effects on historic properties from nitrogen or sulfur emissions. Consequently, based on the SIL and ESL modeling—as further supported by the qualitative HAP analysis and nitrogen and sulfur emissions/deposition analyses—the Preliminary APE was not expanded to account for air quality-related indirect effects. Our detailed findings are set forth in the following subsections.

### Air Dispersion Modeling for Non-GHG NSR-regulated Air Pollutants

When considering only the Project emissions, emissions expected from the Project are below the significance thresholds for CO, PM, SO<sub>2</sub>, and H<sub>2</sub>S emissions (*i.e.*, the Project will not result in a significant emissions increase for these pollutants) (Table 1). When considering contemporaneous increases and decreases under the second step of the PSD applicability analysis, the Project will cause a *net* emissions *decrease* for NO<sub>X</sub>, PM<sub>10</sub>, PM<sub>2.5</sub>, and VOC emissions. The Project will also cause a *net* emissions *decrease* for PM. A comparison of permit allowable emissions (current to future) identified a net reduction in allowable emissions for CO, SO<sub>2</sub>, and H<sub>2</sub>S. In fact, the overall Project will result in decreased emissions of non-GHG pollutants, with the exception of ammonia. Therefore, non-GHG pollutants associated with construction of new emission units and changes to existing emission units are subject only to Texas minor NSR requirements.

FHR has prepared an air quality impacts assessment of the potential indirect effects of any air pollutant for which the Project will result in an increase in allowable emissions at any unit. FHR conducted this modeling in accordance with Texas Commission on Environmental Quality minor NSR air quality modeling protocols. The air modeling included receptors out to a distance of 3 km

(1.9 mi) beyond the furthest extent of the facility property boundary (Figure C-1). A 25-m (82 ft) receptor spacing was used out to a distance of at least 300 m (984 ft) from each emission source at the facility. This was done to help ensure that each pollutant's area of maximum impact (AOI) would be captured by the dense receptor grid. Beyond this dense nearfield grid, receptor spacing was increased to 100 m (328 ft) out to 1 km (0.6 mi), and to 500 m (1,604 ft) from 1 km (0.6 mi) out to 3 km (1.9 mi). Because the receptor spacing is based on the furthest extent of the West Refinery property boundary (e.g., very western, southern and eastern extent of the boundary), some portions of the grid extend out to about 6 km (3.7 mi) from the central part of the refinery where the Project emission units will be constructed or modified (Figure C-1 and Figure C-2). Modeling results for NO<sub>2</sub>, CO, SO<sub>2</sub>, PM<sub>10</sub>, and PM<sub>2.5</sub> indicate that all modeled air concentrations are below the respective SILs at and beyond the Preliminary APE boundary (Table C-1). USEPA uses SILs to determine whether emission increases from a proposed project will have any more than *de minimis* impacts on the consumption of PSD increments or attainment and maintenance with a NAAQS.<sup>2</sup> Modeled emissions impacts below the respective SIL are interpreted to mean that Project emissions will also have insignificant effect per the USEPA definition and use of a SIL. These modeling results indicate that estimated emissions from the Project have insignificant impacts according to USEPA policies regarding SILs, outside the Preliminary APE. Modeled air concentrations declined with distance from the Preliminary APE, meaning that air concentrations were well below the respective SIL at the more distant locations on the receptor grid.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> FHR followed the guidance in USEPA's (2013) March 4, 2013, "Draft Guidance for PM<sub>2.5</sub> Permit Modeling."

| Pollutant         | Averaging<br>Time | SIL <sup>[1]</sup><br>(μg/m3) | Primary<br>NAAQS<br>(µg/m3) | Secondary<br>NAAQS<br>(µg/m3) | Maximum<br>Modeled<br>Impact<br>(µg/m3) | Percentage<br>of the SIL<br>(%) |
|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|
| NO <sub>2</sub>   | 1-hr              | 7.5                           | 188                         | None                          | 0.9                                     | 12.1                            |
| NO <sub>2</sub>   | Annual            | 1                             | 100                         | 100                           | 0.14                                    | 14.4                            |
| СО                | 1-hr              | 2000                          | 40000                       | None                          | 5.22                                    | 0.26                            |
| СО                | 8-hr              | 500                           | 10000                       | None                          | 3.07                                    | 0.61                            |
| SO <sub>2</sub>   | 1-hr              | 7.8                           | 196                         | None                          | 0.12                                    | 1.6                             |
| SO <sub>2</sub>   | 3-hr              | 25                            | None                        | 1300                          | 0.10                                    | 0.42                            |
| PM <sub>10</sub>  | 24-hr             | 5                             | 150                         | 150                           | 1.12                                    | 22.4                            |
| PM <sub>2.5</sub> | 24-hr             | 1.2                           | 15                          | 15                            | 1.12                                    | 93.4                            |
| PM <sub>2.5</sub> | Annual            | 0.3                           | 35                          | 35                            | 0.10                                    | 33.3                            |

### Table C-1 Air Dispersion Modeling Results for Non-GHG Criteria Pollutants Beyond the Preliminary Area of Potential Effect

NAAQS = National Ambient Air Quality Standard SIL = Significant Impact Level

[1] Significant Impact Levels (SILs) per 40 C.F.R. §51.165(b)(2)

In addition to air dispersion modeling for criteria pollutants, FHR also conducted modeling for speciated VOC emissions, particulate metal emissions, ammonia, and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon (PAH) emissions associated with the Project. FHR compared those modeling results to TCEQ's acute and chronic ESLs. Results for the acute and chronic modeling are reported in Table C-2 and Table C-3, respectively. ESLs are screening levels used in TCEQ's air permitting process to evaluate air dispersion modeling's predicted impacts. They are used to evaluate the potential for effects to occur as a result of exposure to concentrations of constituents in the air. ESLs are based on data concerning health effects, the potential for odors to be a nuisance, and effects on vegetation. They are not ambient air standards. If predicted airborne levels of a constituent do not exceed the screening level, adverse health or welfare effects are not expected. If predicted ambient levels of constituents in air exceed the screening levels, it does not necessarily indicate a problem but rather triggers a review in more depth.

None of the maximum modeled acute (1-hour) (Table C-2) or chronic (Table C-3) air concentrations exceed the respective ESLs at or beyond the boundary of the Preliminary APE. This provides additional support that the Project will have no reasonably foreseeable potential effect beyond the Preliminary APE.

Table C-2Estimated Potential One-hour Emissions of Speciated VOCs, Particulate Metals,<br/>Ammonia and Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAHs) for the West Refinery<br/>Project and Comparison of Maximum Modeled One-hour Air Concentration to<br/>Effects Screening Levels Beyond the Preliminary Area of Potential Effect

|                                | Total<br>Project<br>Emission<br>Rate | Estimated<br>Max Impact                           | Short<br>Term<br>ESL <sup>[3]</sup> | Ratio<br>(Project Impact | Percent of |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|------------|
| Contaminant                    | (lb/hr) <sup>[1]</sup>               | Max Impact<br>(µg/m <sup>3</sup> ) <sup>[2]</sup> | (µg/m³)                             | / ESL)                   | ESL (%)    |
| 1,2,4 Trimethylbenzene         | 1.70E-02                             | 1.54E+01  | 700                                 | 0.02                     | 2.2%       |
| 1,3 Butadiene                  | 5.88E-04                             | 3.27E-01  | 510                                 | 0.0006                   | 0.06%      |
| 2-Methylnaphthalene            | 1.40E-05                             | 1.08E-05  | 30                                  | 0.0000004                | 0.00004%   |
| 3-Methylchloranthrene          | 1.03E-06                             | 7.91E-07  | 0.02                                | 0.00004                  | 0.004%     |
| 7,12-Dimethylbenz(a)anthracene | 9.20E-06                             | 7.14E-06  | 0.5                                 | 0.00001                  | 0.001%     |
| Acenaphthene                   | 1.03E-06                             | 7.91E-07  | 1                                   | 0.000008                 | 0.00008%   |
| Acenaphthylene                 | 1.03E-06                             | 7.91E-07  | 1                                   | 0.000008                 | 0.00008%   |
| Ammonia                        | 3.63E+00                             | 1.64E+00  | 170                                 | 0.010                    | 1.0%       |
| Anthracene                     | 1.40E-06                             | 1.08E-06  | 0.5                                 | 0.000002                 | 0.0002%    |
| Arsenic                        | 1.15E-04                             | 8.92E-05  | 3                                   | 0.00003                  | 0.003%     |
| Benz(a)anthracene              | 1.03E-06                             | 7.91E-07  | 0.5                                 | 0.000002                 | 0.0002%    |
| Benzene                        | 4.75E-01                             | 1.30E+02  | 170                                 | 0.8                      | 76.4%      |
| Benzo(a)pyrene                 | 6.90E-07                             | 5.35E-07  | 0.03                                | 0.00002                  | 0.002%     |
| Benzo(b)fluoranthene           | 1.03E-06                             | 7.91E-07  | 0.5                                 | 0.000002                 | 0.0002%    |
| Benzo(g,h,i)perylene           | 6.90E-07                             | 5.35E-07  | 0.5                                 | 0.000001                 | 0.0001%    |
| Benzo(k)fluoranthene           | 1.03E-06                             | 7.91E-07  | 0.5                                 | 0.000002                 | 0.0002%    |
| Beryllium                      | 6.90E-06                             | 5.35E-06  | 0.02                                | 0.0003                   | 0.03%      |
| Biphenyl                       | 6.01E-04                             | 5.46E-01  | 2.3                                 | 0.2                      | 23.7%      |
| Butane                         | 6.80E-01                             | 2.37E+02  | 66000                               | 0.004                    | 0.4%       |
| Butenes                        | 8.28E-03                             | 2.60E-02  | 820                                 | 0.00003                  | 0.003%     |
| Cadmium                        | 6.40E-04                             | 4.98E-04  | 0.1                                 | 0.005                    | 0.5%       |
| Chromium                       | 8.00E-04                             | 6.12E-04  | 3.6                                 | 0.0002                   | 0.02%      |
| Chrysene                       | 1.03E-06                             | 7.91E-07  | 0.5                                 | 0.000002                 | 0.0002%    |
| Cobalt                         | 4.70E-05                             | 3.60E-05  | 0.2                                 | 0.0002                   | 0.02%      |
| Cresols                        | 2.00E-04                             | 1.82E-01  | 5                                   | 0.04                     | 3.6%       |
| Crude Oil                      | 1.09E+00                             | 1,9E+01   | 3500                                | 0.005                    | 0.5%       |
| Cumene                         | 8.92E-04                             | 7.92E-01  | 230                                 | 0.003                    | 0.3%       |
| Dibenzo(a,h)anthracene         | 6.90E-07                             | 5.35E-07  | 0.5                                 | 0.000001                 | 0.0001%    |
| Dichlorobenzene                | 6.90E-04                             | 5.35E-04  | 600                                 | 0.000009                 | 0.00009%   |
| Ethylbenzene                   | 6.27E-02                             | 1.48E+01  | 740                                 | 0.02                     | 2.0%       |
| Ethylene                       | 6.50E-03                             | 8.34E-01  | 1400                                | 0.0006                   | 0.06%      |
| Fluoranthene                   | 1.66E-06                             | 1.29E-06  | 0.5                                 | 0.000003                 | 0.0003%    |
| Fluorene                       | 1.53E-06                             | 1.18E-06  | 10                                  | 0.0000001                | 0.00001%   |
| Formaldehyde                   | 4.21E-02                             | 3.26E-02  | 15                                  | 0.002                    | 0.2%       |
| Gasoline                       | 1.02E+00                             | 3.75E+00  | 3500                                | 0.001                    | 0.1%       |

| Contaminant            | Total<br>Project<br>Emission<br>Rate<br>(Ib/hr) <sup>[1]</sup> | Estimated<br>Max Impact<br>(µg/m³) <sup>[2]</sup> | Short<br>Term<br>ESL <sup>[3]</sup><br>(µg/m <sup>3</sup> ) | Ratio<br>(Project Impact<br>/ ESL) | Percent of<br>ESL (%) |
|------------------------|--|---|---|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Hexane                 | 2.15E+00   | 1.56E+02  | 5300  | 0.03                               | 2.9%                  |
| Indeno(1,2,3-cd)pyrene | 1.03E-06   | 7.91E-07  | 0.5   | 0.000002                           | 0.0002%               |
| Isobutane              | 1.92E-01   | 6.04E-01  | 23000   | 0.00003                            | 0.003%                |
| Isopentane             | 6.69E-02   | 2.10E-01  | 3800  | 0.00006                            | 0.006%                |
| Manganese              | 2.16E-04   | 1.66E-04  | 2   | 0.00008                            | 0.008%                |
| Mercury                | 1.41E-04   | 1.10E-04  | 0.25  | 0.0004                             | 0.04%                 |
| Naphtha                | 0.00E+00   | 0.00E+00  | 3500  | 0.0                                | 0.0%                  |
| Naphthalene            | 3.95E-03   | 3.28E+00  | 200   | 0.016                              | 1.6%                  |
| Nickel                 | 1.21E-03   | 9.32E-04  | 0.33  | 0.003                              | 0.3%                  |
| Pentane                | 4.11E-02   | 1.29E-01  | 4100  | 0.00003                            | 0.003%                |
| Petroleum Distillates  | 3.96E+00   | 1.40E+03  | 3500  | 0.4                                | 40.1%                 |
| Phenanathrene          | 9.80E-06   | 7.54E-06  | 0.5   | 0.00002                            | 0.002%                |
| Phenol                 | 0.00E+00   | 0.00E+00  | 44  | 0.0                                | 0.0%                  |
| Propane                | 4.53E-01   | 4.70E+01  | No ESL  | -                                  | -                     |
| Propylene              | 1.15E-01   | 7.37E+01  | No ESL  | -                                  | -                     |
| Pyrene                 | 2.81E-06   | 2.18E-06  | 0.5   | 0.000004                           | 0.0004%               |
| Selenium               | 1.40E-05   | 1.08E-05  | 2   | 0.000005                           | 0.0005%               |
| Styrene                | 4.21E-03   | 3.82E+00  | 110   | 0.03                               | 3.5%                  |
| Toluene                | 1.59E-01   | 6.56E+01  | 3470  | 0.02                               | 1.9%                  |
| Xylene                 | 1.60E-01   | 3.13E+01  | 350   | 0.09                               | 8.9%                  |

[1] All emissions data is from the ESL modeling spreadsheet file provided by Waid Environmental to Barr Engineering on October 30, 2013 and updates provided by Waid Environmental on January 28, 2014. Project emission rates (lb/hr) were calculated as the sum of each respective pollutant from each emission unit included in the air dispersion modeling (*i.e.*, Project increases were modeled and did not account for offsets or overall reductions in VOC or particulate emissions).

[2] The "Estimated Max Impact" for each contaminant was obtained from Waid Environmental (calculation spreadsheet). Each "Estimated Max Impact" was determined as follows:

- Each Project emission unit was modeled at a unit emission rate of 1 lb/hr.
- The "Estimated Max Impact" air concentration at or beyond the boundary of preliminary action for each modeled emission unit was identified in the air modeling output file and inserted into the calculation spreadsheet (this is a "unitized air concentration"; µg/m3 per lb/hr)
- Then, for each contaminant associated with an emission unit, the unitized air concentration is multiplied by the specific air contaminant emission rate (lb/hr) to derive an estimated air concentration for that contaminant from that emission unit.
- For each contaminant, the estimated air concentration from each emission unit are summed up to derive an overall estimated air

This approach assumes that each individual air concentration is occurring at the same location, when in actuality, the impacts (air concentrations) determined at a unit 1 lb/hr emission rate occurred at different locations because the emission units themselves are located at various places around the refinery. Therefore, this is a conservative approach to estimating contaminant air concentrations to compare to available ESLs.

[3] Effects Screening Levels from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality as of February 2013. http://www.tceq.texas.gov/toxicology/esl/list\_main.html

# Table C-3Estimated Potential Annual Emissions of Speciated VOCs, Particulate Metals,<br/>Ammonia, and Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAHs) for the West Refinery<br/>Project and Comparison of Maximum Modeled Annual Air Concentration to<br/>Effects Screening Levels Beyond the Preliminary Area of Potential Effect

| Contaminant                    | Project<br>Emission<br>Rate (tpy) <sup>[1]</sup> | Estimated<br>Max Impact<br>(µg/m <sup>3</sup> ) <sup>[2]</sup> | Long Term<br>ESL <sup>[3]</sup><br>(µg/m <sup>3</sup> ) | Ratio<br>(Project<br>Impact /<br>ESL) | Percent of<br>ESL (%) |
|--------------------------------|--|--|---|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1,2,4 Trimethylbenzene         | 7.43E-02   | 3.57E-02   | 125   | 0.0003                                | 0.03%                 |
| 1,3 Butadiene                  | 2.65E-03   | 2.56E-03   | 9.9   | 0.0003                                | 0.03%                 |
| 2-Methylnaphthalene            | 6.00E-05   | 4.55E-07   | 3   | 0.0000002                             | 0.00002%              |
| 3-Methylchloranthrene          | 4.47E-06   | 3.39E-08   | 0.002   | 0.00002                               | 0.002%                |
| 7,12-Dimethylbenz(a)anthracene | 4.07E-05   | 3.07E-07   | 0.05  | 0.00001                               | 0.0006%               |
| Acenaphthene                   | 4.47E-06   | 3.39E-08   | 0.1   | 0.0000003                             | 0.00003%              |
| Acenaphthylene                 | 4.47E-06   | 3.39E-08   | 0.1   | 0.000003                              | 0.00003%              |
| Ammonia                        | 1.15E+01   | 5.00E-02   | 17  | 0.003                                 | 0.3%                  |
| Anthracene                     | 6.00E-06   | 4.55E-08   | 0.05  | 0.000009                              | 0.00009%              |
| Arsenic                        | 5.00E-04   | 3.81E-06   | 0.067   | 0.0001                                | 0.01%                 |
| Benz(a)anthracene              | 4.47E-06   | 3.39E-08   | 0.05  | 0.000007                              | 0.00007%              |
| Benzene                        | 1.57E+00   | 7.69E-01   | 4.5   | 0.2                                   | 17.1%                 |
| Benzo(a)pyrene                 | 3.05E-06   | 2.30E-08   | 0.003   | 0.00001                               | 0.0008%               |
| Benzo(b)fluoranthene           | 4.47E-06   | 3.39E-08   | 0.05  | 0.0000007                             | 0.00007%              |
| Benzo(g,h,i)perylene           | 3.05E-06   | 2.30E-08   | 0.05  | 0.0000005                             | 0.00005%              |
| Benzo(k)fluoranthene           | 4.47E-06   | 3.39E-08   | 0.05  | 0.0000007                             | 0.00007%              |
| Beryllium                      | 3.05E-05   | 2.30E-07   | 0.002   | 0.0001                                | 0.01%                 |
| Biphenyl                       | 2.63E-03   | 1.26E-03   | 1   | 0.001                                 | 0.1%                  |
| Butane                         | 3.03E+00   | 1.88E+00   | 7200  | 0.0003                                | 0.03%                 |
| Butenes                        | 3.63E-02   | 3.33E-03   | No ESL  | -                                     | -                     |
| Cadmium                        | 2.80E-03   | 2.12E-05   | 0.01  | 0.002                                 | 0.2%                  |
| Chromium                       | 3.56E-03   | 2.69E-05   | 0.041   | 0.0007                                | 0.07%                 |
| Chrysene                       | 4.47E-06   | 3.39E-08   | 0.05  | 0.000007                              | 0.00007%              |
| Cobalt                         | 2.04E-04   | 1.55E-06   | 0.02  | 0.00008                               | 0.008%                |
| Cresols                        | 8.78E-04   | 4.21E-04   | 10  | 0.00004                               | 0.004%                |
| Crude Oil                      | 4.78E+00   | 4.47E-01   | 350   | 0.001                                 | 0.1%                  |
| Cumene                         | 3.86E-03   | 1.84E-03   | 250   | 0.00001                               | 0.0007%               |
| Dibenzo(a,h)anthracene         | 3.05E-06   | 2.30E-08   | 0.05  | 0.0000005                             | 0.00005%              |
| Dichlorobenzene                | 3.05E-03   | 2.30E-05   | 60  | 0.0000004                             | 0.00004%              |
| Ethylbenzene                   | 7.48E-02   | 5.44E-02   | 570   | 0.0001                                | 0.01%                 |
| Ethylene                       | 2.86E-02   | 8.43E-03   | 34  | 0.0002                                | 0.02%                 |
| Fluoranthene                   | 7.30E-06   | 5.56E-08   | 0.05  | 0.000001                              | 0.0001%               |
| Fluorene                       | 6.80E-06   | 5.19E-08   | 1   | 0.0000001                             | 0.00001%              |
| Formaldehyde                   | 1.90E-01   | 1.43E-03   | 3.3   | 0.0004                                | 0.04%                 |
| Gasoline                       | 5.03E+00   | 1.18E+00   | 350   | 0.003                                 | 0.3%                  |
| Hexane                         | 9.90E+00   | 1.27E+00   | 200   | 0.006                                 | 0.6%                  |
| Indeno(1,2,3-cd)pyrene         | 4.47E-06   | 3.39E-08   | 0.05  | 0.000007                              | 0.00007%              |

| Contaminant           | Project<br>Emission<br>Rate (tpy) <sup>[1]</sup> | Estimated<br>Max Impact<br>(µg/m <sup>3</sup> ) <sup>[2]</sup> | Long Term<br>ESL <sup>[3]</sup><br>(µg/m <sup>3</sup> ) | Ratio<br>(Project<br>Impact /<br>ESL) | Percent of<br>ESL (%) |
|-----------------------|--|--|---|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Isobutane             | 8.42E-01   | 7.75E-02   | 7200  | 0.00001                               | 0.001%                |
| Isopentane            | 2.93E-01   | 2.70E-02   | 7100  | 0.000004                              | 0.0004%               |
| Manganese             | 9.30E-04   | 7.04E-06   | 0.2   | 0.00004                               | 0.004%                |
| Mercury               | 6.30E-04   | 4.82E-06   | 0.025   | 0.0002                                | 0.02%                 |
| Naphtha               | 0.00E+00   | 0.00E+00   | 350   | 0.0                                   | 0.0%                  |
| Naphthalene           | 1.73E-02   | 7.60E-03   | 50  | 0.0002                                | 0.02%                 |
| Nickel                | 5.20E-03   | 3.91E-05   | 0.059   | 0.0007                                | 0.07%                 |
| Pentane               | 1.80E-01   | 1.65E-02   | 7100  | 0.000002                              | 0.0002%               |
| Petroleum Distillates | 1.34E+01   | 8.22E+00   | 350   | 0.02                                  | 2.3%                  |
| Phenanathrene         | 4.32E-05   | 3.26E-07   | 0.05  | 0.00001                               | 0.0007%               |
| Phenol                | 0.00E+00   | 0.00E+00   | 19  | 0.0                                   | 0.0%                  |
| Propane               | 4.47E+00   | 2.76E+00   | No ESL  | -                                     | -                     |
| Propylene             | 2.92E-01   | 2.26E-01   | No ESL  | -                                     | -                     |
| Pyrene                | 1.24E-05   | 9.42E-08   | 0.05  | 0.000002                              | 0.0002%               |
| Selenium              | 6.00E-05   | 4.55E-07   | 0.2   | 0.000002                              | 0.0002%               |
| Styrene               | 1.84E-02   | 8.85E-03   | 140   | 0.00006                               | 0.01%                 |
| Toluene               | 5.55E-01   | 3.40E-01   | 1200  | 0.0003                                | 0.03%                 |
| Xylene                | 2.62E-01   | 2.40E-01   | 180   | 0.001                                 | 0.1%                  |

[1] All emissions data is from the ESL modeling spreadsheet file provided by Waid Environmental to Barr Engineering on October 30, 2013 and updates provided by Waid Environmental on January 28, 2014. Project emission rates (tpy) were calculated as the sum of each respective pollutant from each emission unit included in the air dispersion modeling (*i.e.*, Project increases were modeled and did not account for offsets or overall reductions in VOC or particulate emissions)

 [2] The "Estimated Max Impact" for each contaminant was obtained from Waid Environmental (calculation spreadsheet). Each 'Estimated Max Impact" was determined as follows:

Each Project emission unit was modeled emitting at a unit emission rate of 4.38 tpy.

 The "Estimated Max Impact" air concentration at or beyond the boundary of the preliminary area of potential effect for each modeled emission unit was identified in the air modeling output file and inserted into the calculation spreadsheet (this is a "unitized air concentration"; μg/m<sup>3</sup> per tpy).

• Then, for each contaminant associated with an emission unit, the unitized air concentration is multiplied by the specific air contaminant emission rate (tpy) to derive an estimated air concentration for that contaminant from that emission unit.

• For each contaminant, the estimated air concentration from each emission unit are summed up to derive an overall estimated air concentration (*i.e.* "Estimated Max Impact") and reported in the above table.

This approach assumes that each individual air concentration is occurring at the same location, when in actuality, the impacts (air concentrations) determined at a unit 4.38 tpy emission rate occurred at different locations because the emission units themselves are located at various places around the refinery. Therefore, this is considered a conservative approach for estimating air concentrations to compare to available ESLs.

[3] Effects Screening Levels from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality as of February 2013. http://www.tceq.texas.gov/toxicology/esl/list\_main.html

### Supporting Qualitative Assessment of Hazardous Air Pollutants

HAPs include speciated VOCs (e.g., benzene, toluene), polycyclic organic matter (POM; speciated as

individual polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, PAHs) and particulate metals (e.g., cadmium,

chromium). In addition to performing air dispersion modeling for criteria pollutants (and in the case

of ozone, its VOC precursors), FHR also evaluated potential impacts from HAP emissions and other

pollutants for which ESLs have been established.

# Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) and Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAHs)

Total VOC emissions associated with the Project are estimated to decrease by about 39 tpy (Cultural Resources Assessment Table 1). Because VOCs tend to remain in air and generally do not deposit to any great extent, and because of the overall net reduction in VOC emissions (Cultural Resources Assessment Table 1), it is concluded that the Preliminary APE should not be expanded based on potential indirect effects from these pollutants.

Additionally, Table C-2 (1-hour) and Table C-3 (annual) provide modeling results for speciated VOC emissions, and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon (PAH) emissions associated with the Project compared to the ESLs. The modeling included receptor locations at the Preliminary APE boundary and out to 3 km (1.9 mi) from the property boundary. None of the modeled air concentrations exceed the respective ESLs (Table C-2 and Table C-3). As identified by the TCEQ, a modeled air concentration below a respective ESL indicates that no adverse impacts to health or welfare would be expected. The ESL modeling results provide additional support for the conclusion that the Preliminary APE should not be expanded based on potential indirect effects from these pollutants.

### Particulate Matter (PM) and Particulate Metals

Particulate emissions associated with the Project are primarily related to combustion sources. All modeled particulate emission concentrations were below the SILs at and beyond the Preliminary APE boundary (Table C-1). This SIL analysis not only demonstrates an overall *de minimis* impact to PM air concentrations beyond the Preliminary APE, but by extension the SIL analysis also demonstrates insignificant impact to soils and vegetation (USEPA, 1990. Section D.II.C.). PM metals for which there are ESLs were also evaluated, and the summary information in Table C-2 (1-hour) and Table C-3 (annual) indicate that modeled air concentrations are below the ESLs for these substances at and beyond the Preliminary APE boundary.

In addition to these quantitative conclusions regarding the insignificant potential indirect effects from particulate metals, FHR compared calculated annual particulate metal project emissions increases to screening emission rates available from USEPA (1980). These USEPA screening rates were developed to assist in the evaluation of whether annual emissions would be expected to cause significant air quality impacts to soils, vegetation, and in some cases, fauna. The summary information from Table C-4 indicates that Project emissions are below the lowest screening emissions rates for those metals being compared.

| Pollutant | Emission Estimate<br>Project Sources <sup>1</sup><br>(tons/year) | Screening Emission Rate<br>(SER) <sup>2</sup><br>(tons/year) | Ratio<br>(Project Emissions /<br>screening emission<br>rate) |
|-----------|--|--|--|
| Arsenic   | 5.00E-04   | 2.4E-01  | 0.002  |
| Beryllium | 3.05E-05   | 5.7E-02 <sup>3</sup>   | 0.0005   |
| Cadmium   | 2.80E-03   | 3.7E-02  | 0.08   |
| Chromium  | 3.56E-03   | 1.1E+00  | 0.003  |
| Cobalt    | 2.04E-04   | 1.2E+00  | 0.0002   |
| Manganese | 9.30E-04   | 3.3E-01  | 0.003  |
| Nickel    | 5.2E-03  | 6.7E+01  | 0.00008  |
| Selenium  | 6.0E-05  | 1.7E+00  | 0.00004  |

## Table C-4 Comparison of Annual Particulate Metal Emissions Estimated for the West Refinery Project to Available Screening Emission Rates

<sup>1</sup> Emission estimates provided by WAID Environmental, October 30, 2011.

<sup>2</sup> Lowest screening emission rate from Table 5.7 in USEPA 1980, unless otherwise noted.

<sup>3</sup> Screening emission rate for beryllium is from Table 5.6 in USEPA 1980.

Taken together, these analyses support the conclusion that the Preliminary APE should not be expanded based on potential indirect effects from these pollutants.

# Potential Emissions of Nitrogen and Sulfur and the Potential Effects to Historic Properties/Cultural Resources

The Project will result in net reductions of 228 tpy  $NO_X$  and 156 tpy  $SO_2$  (Table 1). This means that neither  $NO_X$  nor  $SO_2$  emissions will increase as a result of the Project, and will therefore not increase local deposition of nitrogen or sulfur.

Ammonia is not a criteria pollutant or HAP as defined in the Clean Air Act but is a pollutant of interest with regard to potential nitrogen deposition. A potential emissions increase in ammonia of 11.54 tpy was estimated for the Project. As shown below in Table C-5, even with a potential increase of Project-related ammonia emissions, overall decreases in NO<sub>x</sub> result in an overall net reduction in nitrogen emissions from the facility.

Emissions of both  $SO_2$  and  $H_2S$  are estimated to decrease with the Project (Table 1). The overall decreases in  $SO_2$  and  $H_2S$  emissions results in an overall net reduction in sulfur emissions.

Because sulfur and nitrogen have estimated reductions in emissions associated with the Project, the overall effect of the Project is not to increase deposition. Therefore, the Project is not expected to have a reasonably foreseeable impact from either pollutant.
|   | Emission<br>Estimate |   |
|---|----------------------|---|
| Pollutant / Speciation  | (tpy)                | Comments  |
| NO <sub>X</sub>   | -228                 | Emission reduction estimate of 228 tpy from Table 1   |
| N<br>(portion of N emissions<br>from NO and NO <sub>2</sub><br>emissions) | - 97.5               | Assume NO <sub>x</sub> emissions are 75% NO and 25% NO <sub>2</sub> .<br>Molecular weight of N = 14<br>Molecular weight of O = 16<br>Ratio of N for NO: $14/(14+16) = 0.47$<br>Multiply -228 tpy x 0.75 x 0.47 = -80.4 tpy of N<br>Ratio of N for NO <sub>2</sub> : $14 / (14+16+16) = 0.30$<br>Multiply -228 tpy x 0.25 x 0.30 = -17.1 tpy of N<br>Reduction in tpy of N = -80.4 + -17.1 = -97.5 |
| NH <sub>3</sub>   | 11.54                | Emission increase estimated for the Project.<br>Emissions information provided by WAID Environmental.   |
| N<br>(portion of N emissions<br>from NH <sub>3</sub> emissions)           | 9.5                  | Molecular weight of N = 14<br>Molecular weight of H = 1 (account for 3 Hydrogen)<br>Ratio: $14/(14+3) = 0.82$<br>Multiply 11.54 tpy x 0.82 = 9.5 tpy of N   |
| "Net" N Emissions   | - 88.0               | "Net Emissions" = - 97.5 + 9.5 = - 88   |

#### Table C-5 Estimated Reduction in Overall Nitrogen Emissions Associated with the West Refinery Project



Figure C-1 Air Dispersion Modeling Grid Out to 3 Kilometers



Figure C-2 Air Dispersion Modeling Grid Showing Near Field Receptors

- USEPA (U.S. Environmental Protection Agency). 1980. A screening procedure for the impacts of air pollution sources on plants, soils, and animals. Prepared by A.E. Smith and J.B. Levenson, Argonne National Laboratory, Argonne, IL 60439; contract No. EPA-IGA-79-D-X0764. Prepared for: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina. December 12, 1980. EPA 450/2-81-078.
  - —. 1990. New Source Review Workshop Manual. Prevention of Significant Deterioration and Nonattainment Area Permitting. Draft. October 1990. 322 pp.
  - 2013a. Draft Guidance for PM2.5 Modeling. March 4, 2013. Available at http://www.epa.gov/ttn/scram/guidance/guide/Draft\_ Guidance\_for\_PM25\_Permit\_Modeling.pdf

Appendix D

Principal Investigators' Resumes



# 11.1.1.1.1.1.1.1 Robert A. Ricklis, Ph.D.

# Senior Archaeologist and Project Manager

Dr. Ricklis has over 25 years of experience and progressive responsibility in environmental and cultural resources consulting. His qualifications include extensive hands-on planning, field investigation, permitting, cost estimating, and project management. Dr. Ricklis' background includes extensive service to public and private-sector clientele including USACE, University of Texas, TxDOT, and Baker-Hughes/Western Geophysical. He currently serves in the capacity of a Senior Archaeologist for the nine-person Cultural and Natural Resources Division with responsibility as a principal investigator in the role of project management.

## EDUCATION

Ph.D., Department of Geography, The University of Texas at Austin, 1990 (emphasis in historical cultural ecology/human-ecological archaeology)

M. A., Department of Anthropology (Archaeology), The University of Texas at Austin, 1986 B. A., Anthropology (emphasis in Archaeology), The University of Wisconsin, Madison, 1970

# **AREAS OF EXPERTISE**

Dr. Robert Ricklis, Ph.D. has program management and technical experience in the following areas:

- All aspects of archaeological projects mandated by the National Historic Preservation Act, including archaeological field work, laboratory analyses and report writing, on numerous projects ranging in scales from survey through site testing and evaluation, to major data recovery excavations.
- Lithic Analysis
- Texas Coastal Plains Archaeology
- Coastal and Interior (alluvial, eolian, colluvial) Geoarchaeology
- Human Ecological Method and Theory
- Ceramic analyses
- Spanish Colonial archival research
- Burial excavation, analysis, including responding to issues of Native American consultation (related to NAGPRA and Section 106 consultation issues)

# **POSITIONS/EMPLOYMENT HISTORY**

2007-present Senior Archaeologist, TRC Environmental Corp. 505 East Huntland Drive, Suite 250, Austin, Texas, 78752. Phone 512-329-6080; Fax 512-329-8750. E-Mail rricklis@trcsolutions.com

2000-2007 Senior Archaeologist and Branch Director, Coastal Environments, Inc. (Corpus Christi Office), 525 S. Carancahua Street, Corpus Christi, Texas 78411. Phone: 361-584-4885; Fax 361-884-1844.

1992-2000 President and Cultural Resources Director, Coastal Archaeological Research, Inc. Corpus Christi, Texas 78404. Phone: 361-883-1377; Fax: 361-882-3814.

1994-present: Research Fellow, Texas Archeological Research Laboratory, The University of Texas at Austin.



1989-present: President, Coastal Archaeological Studies, Inc. (a non-profit research and educational 501c corporation), Corpus Christi, Texas 78404

1988-1992 Research Associate, Texas Archeological Research Laboratory, The University of Texas at Austin.

#### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

- Society for American Archaeology
- Association of American Geographers
- Council of Texas Archeologists
- Texas Archeological Society (Donors Fund Chairman 1997-1998)
- Southern Texas Archaeological Association
- New York State Archeological Association (Fellow)

#### **REPRESENTATIVE PROJECTS**

# 1988-1990: Principal Investigator, archaeological testing of a historic site for the City of Corpus Christi, Texas.

Project Sponsor: The City of Corpus Christi Project Budget: \$10,000.00

Project Description: The accidental discovery of historic artifacts at a location near downtown Corpus Christi necessitated testing to evaluate and assess possible historical significance. Hand excavations and mechanical testing were conducted, resulting in the identification and documentation of the remains of early commercial activities dating to the early Twentieth Century. A report was submitted to the City and the Texas Historical Commission.

Ricklis, Robert A.

1989 Archaeological Testing at Site 41NU260, Corpus Christi, Texas. Mongraph report submitted to the City of Corpus Christi and the Texas Antiquities Committee. On file, Texas Antiquities Committee, Texas Historical Commission, Austin.

# 1992-1994: Principal Investigator, data recovery excavations at the Mitchell Ridge Site, 41GV66, Galveston, Texas.

Project sponsor: The Woodlands Corporation, The Woodlands, Texas. Project budget: \$250,000.00

Project description: For compliance under a permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Woodlands Corporation was required to locate, excavate and analyze Native American burials located within their Pirates' Cove development on Galveston Island. Our survey and testing revealed the presence of two Native American cemeteries, which we excavated in their entirety. The remains of 52 individuals were documented and subjected to detailed osteological analyses in the laboratory. On the basis of radiocarbon dating and the kinds of offerings placed in graves, it was determined that the burials had been interred between ca. A.D. 1300 and 1800. Burials dating to the eighteenth century were found to contain trade goods, probably obtained from the French traders who were operating in the Galveston Bay area between ca. 1720 and 1754, when they were pushed out by Spanish-Colonial forces from the south in New Spain (now Mexico). Thousands of glass beads, a mirror fragment, a brass bell and



tools of iron, combined with shell ornaments of Native manufacture, attested to the changes in material cultural experienced Galveston-area Native groups during the 1700s. The bioarchaeological analyses indicated a significant degree of genetic intermixing of Euroamerican Caucasian and Native American populations during this period.

#### Report:

Ricklis, Robert A. (main author, editor and compiler)

1994 Aboriginal Life and Culture on the Upper Texas Coast: Archaeology of the Mitchell Ridge Site (41GV66), Galveston Island. Coastal Archaeological Research, Inc., Corpus Christi.

### **1999:** Principal Investigator, Archeological Testing at Site 41GD112, Goliad, Texas. Project Sponsor: Texas Department of Transportation Project Budget: \$35,000.00

Project Description: As a result of new bridge construction along State Highway 183, TxDOT required archeological testing within the ROW where highway crosses the San Antonio River near Goliad, Texas. The archeological testing revealed the presence of intact features associated with the early (Spanish Colonila and early Texan) occupations of the community If La Bahia. This work resulted in the recovery of Colonial and early post-Colonial artifacts and the remains of a jacal structure. The mapping and documentation of these features allowed TxDOT to define and protect an area of considerable historical/archeological significance.

Ricklis, Robert A.

1999 Archeological Testing at 41GD112, La Villa de la Bahía, an Early Historic Site in Goliad County, Texas. Texas Archeological Research Laboratory, The University of Texas at Austin. Under contract with the Texas Department of Transportation

# 2000-2010 Principal Investigator, Data Recovery excavations at the Buckeye Knoll Site (41VT98), Victoria County, Texas.

Project sponsor: U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, Galveston District

Project Budget: \$2,000,000.00

Project description: Excavation (2000-01) of approximately 200 m<sup>3</sup> of stratified Holocene sediments on a site located along the upland margin overlooking the lower Guadalupe River floodplain. Recovered significant data on regional culture chronology from Paleo-Indian times (ca. 8,000 B.C.) to the Late Prehistoric era (after ca. A.D. 800). Analysis of faunal-bone and shell, macrobotanical samples from flotation, and pollen analysis on radiocarbon dated floodplains sediment cores, provided new insights into long-term environmental and human-ecological changes. One part of the site contained a uniquely early prehistoric Native American cemetery that was extensively radiocarbon dated to the Texas Early Archaic period, ca. 7,000 years ago. Laboratory analysis showed that the peoples buried there were a healthy population, and had a diet based on a mix of inland and coastal-marine food resources. A total of 75 graves were identified here, containing the skeletal remains of at least 116 individuals. Artifacts buried with the



deceased indicate strong cultural ties to Archaic cultures of the central Mississippi valley and the greater Southeastern U.S.

#### Reports:

Ricklis, Robert A. (lead author and compiler)

2012 Archaeology and Bioarchaeology of the Buckeye Knoll Site (41VT98), Victoria County, Texas. Three-volume final report submitted to the Galveston District, U. S. Army Corps of Engineers. Coastal Environments, Inc., Baton Rouge and Corpus Christi.

## Ricklis, Robert A.

2012 The Buckeye Knoll Archeological Site, Victoria County, Texas: New Evidence for Understanding Ancient Lifeways on the Texas Coastal Plain. A public-outreach report prepared for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Galveston District. Coastal Environments, Inc., Corpus Christi, Texas.

#### Ricklis, Robert A.

2011 New Perspectives on the Archaic of the Texas Coastal Plain: The Buckeye Knoll Site on the Lower Guadalupe River near Victoria, Texas. *Bulletin of the Texas Archeological Society* 82:31-76.

# 1998-2000 Principal Investigator, Archaeological Investigations at Two Spanish Colonial Mission Sites near Goliad, Texas.

Project Sponsor: Coastal Archaeological Studies, Inc. Project Budget: \$120,000.00

Project Description: Excavations at the Spanish Colonial missions of Espíritu Santo and Nuestra Señora del Rosario resulted in the recovery of large samples of Eighteenth Century Indian artifacts (ceramics, lithics) as well as numerous ceramic, metal and glass artifacts imported by mission personnel from production centers in New Spain. Additionally, large samples of faunal bone, dominated by the remains of the missions' domesticated cattle, were recovered and analyzed. At Rosario, the foundations/floors of previously unknown buildings were exposed, photographed and documented. Analysis of the artifacts and faunal bones provided new insights into economic activities at the missions as well as stylistic differences in the native ceramics that can be correlated with the distinct ethnic identities of the Indian groups who resided at each of these missions.

## Reports:

Ricklis, Robert A., Susan de France and Bruce M. Albert

2000 Archaeological Investigations at the Spanish Colonial Missions of Espíritu Santo and Nuestra Señora del Rosario, Goliad Texas. Coastal Archaeological "Studies, Inc. Corpus Christi, Texas.

# 2008-2010 Principal Investigator, Data Recovery excavations at the McGloin Bluff Site (41SP11), San Patricio County, Texas.



Project Sponsor: Port of Corpus Christi Authority.

Project Budget: \$386,000.00

Project Description: Excavation of approximately 200 m<sup>3</sup> of coastal eolian sediments on a Late Prehistoric Karankawa fishing campsite, resulting in recovery of large samples of aboriginal artifacts of pottery, lithics and shell, plus thousands of faunal bones dominated by the remains of fish species such as black drum, redfish, and speckled sea trout. Comparative analyses of these materials and those previously recovered from other sites of this period (ca. A.D. 1300-1700) in the Coastal Bend region revealed a pattern of internal complexity within the prehistoric Karankawa fishing economy.

Report:

Ricklis, Robert A.

2010 Identifying Complexity in the Late Prehistoric Fishing Economy along the Middle Texas Coast: Data Recovery Excavations at the McGloin Bluff Site, 41SP11, San Patricio County, Texas. Report No. 163067, TRC Environmental Corporation. Austin.



# 11.1.1.1.1.1.2 J. Michael Quigg, M.A

# EDUCATION

M.A. Archaeology, The University of Calgary: 1973.

B.A. Anthropology, University of Northern Colorado, 1971.

# PROFESSONAL REGISTRATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

- Permitted to perform cultural resource investigations by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in Texas, Oklahoma, Wyoming, Montana, and New Mexico.
- Member of Council of Texas Archeologists (CTA).
- Texas Department of Transportation pre-certification (No. 4265) for service 2.10.1, 2.11.1,
   2.8.1 (archeological survey, historical and archival research, and mitigation).

# **EMPLOYMENT HISTORY**

- Cultural Resource Project Manager/Principal Investigator, TRC Environmental Corporation, 1990 to present.
- Staff Archaeologist, Texas Archaeological Research Laboratory, Austin, 1989-1990.
- Senior Staff Archaeologist, Co-Principal Investigator, Prewitt and Associates, Inc., Austin, 1987-1989.
- Staff Archaeologist, U.S. Forest Service, Clearwater National Forest, Idaho, 1987.
- Supervisory Archaeologist, Co-Principal Investigator, Historical Research Associates, Missoula, Montana, 1985-1986.
- Vice-President, Secretary, Project Manager/Senior Archaeologist, Ethos Consultants, Ltd., Medicine Hat, Alberta, 1980-1985.
- Plains/Prairie Archaeologist, Archaeological Survey of Alberta, Alberta, 1975-1980.
- Seasonal Instructor and Private Consultant, Alberta, 1974-1975.
- Curator of Osteology Collection and Manager, University of Calgary, Alberta, 1973-1974.
- Contractor, Project Director, National Museum of Canada, Alberta, 1972, 1973.
- Field Director, World Heritage Site, Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump, Alberta, 1971.
- Field Director, Waterton National Park Archaeological Project, Alberta, 1971.
- Teaching Assistant, University of Calgary Field School, Indian Springs, 1970.
- Crew Chief, Waterton National Park Archaeological Project, Alberta, 1970.



#### **EXPERIENCE**

Mr. Quigg has 40 years of archeological experience involved in all aspects of cultural resource management (CRM) including private consulting, managing a cultural resource firm, directing CRM programs, and government regulation. Mr. Quigg has managed and conducted over 60 individual cultural resource projects for Government agencies, oil and gas firms, mining, highways, transmission lines, water pipelines, and reservoir construction projects in Alberta, Montana, Colorado, Texas, and New Mexico. As a project manager he completely understands the nature of the complex cultural resource, problem areas, and works directly with clients to meet their specific project needs in obtaining governmental approval to proceed. He understands research issues and provides management plans to gather necessary data, structures data analyses, and writes reports to explain and interpret the resource, to obtain necessary regulatory approval of the documentation in timely and cost efficient manner. He provides direction and innovative ideas to mitigate and manage cultural resources to the clients benefit while meeting government regulations.

Cultural resource investigation are carried out under a variety of Federal and state laws, regulations, and guidelines, such as the National Historic preservation Act (NHPA), the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), Native American Free Exercise of Religion Act (NAFERA), Traditional Cultural Properties (TCP), Army Regulation 200-4 Cultural Resource Management, Army Regulation 420-40 Historic Preservation, Department of Defense Protection of Archeological Resources (32 CFR 229),. Mr. Quigg has worked directly with these legal requirements and native Americans on particular sensitive projects. He has routinely completed archeological projects ranging from small surveys to large multidisciplinary field investigations, including development of management plans, popular brochures, and consultation.

#### TRC Environmental Corp. - 1990 to present

Principal/Co-Principal Investigator and project manager for the; BLM data recovery at Landis Property in Potter County in 2008; data recovery at Long View site in Roberts County for TxDOT in 2006; TxDOT 2007 data recovery at Gages Creek in Young County, BLM remedial testing in 2007 at four sites in West Amarillo Creek in Potter County, TxDOT 2006 data recovery project in Austin at 41TV2161; 2006 site assessments at Gages Creek in Young County; the 2005 assessment of 41RB112 in Roberts County; 1999-2000 Otero Mesa data recovery for Fort Bliss; the 1990 and 1996 Palo Duro Reservoir data recovery project (Sanders Site); Sulphur Springs



Draw and Red Lake Reservoir survey and assessment projects; Mitchell Reservoir data recovery, Leon River Medicine Wheel ethnographic and archeological investigations; TxDOT data recovery at the Lino site (41WB437) in 1998, the 2000-2001 TxDOT data recovery at the Boiler site (41WB557); the 2002-2003 TxDOT Varga site (41ED28) mitigation; and data recovery at 41ZP364; and the Rush Site data recovery programs. He served as Project manager for large area survey of Area F at Jewett Mine, 3 <u>reservoir surveys</u>, many small linear surveys, and principal author for the reporting of the early Archaic site excavations (41TG307 & 309) on the Concho River and the Late Archaic hearths at 41MI96 in Mills County. Duties included the development and implementation of research designs, development of cost proposals, managing project budgets, hiring and directing field crews and on site investigations, analyses of faunal remains from 41HF128, 41TG346, and Palo Duro and Stacy Reservoir sites, ceramic and lithic data sets, integrating and interacting with sub-consultants on their technical assistance to various programs, report writing and compilation of all aspects of programs, and overall project management from beginning to end including client liaison, accounting oversight, curation of documents and artifacts.

Implemented interdisciplinary data analyses by technical experts including: geomorphology, stable carbon and nitrogen isotope analyses of bison bones, burned rocks, and ceramic sherds, macrobotanical analyses, phytolith studies, radiocarbon dating of burned rocks and ceramic sherds, starch grain analysis on burned rocks, pottery, and stone tools, lipid residue analyses on burned rocks and ceramic sherds, demagnetization analysis of burned rocks, diatom analysis, use wear studies on stone tools, *Rabdotus* shell A/I ratios and dating to assess site and feature context issues.

## Archeological Data Recovery Projects

Mr. Quigg has managed and directed numerous data recovery/mitigation projects stemming from the Section 106 of the NHPA, Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, and Section 110 and the Antiquity Code of Texas (ACT). Mitigation projects have included a variety of site types such as stone circles, deep stratified campsites, single component camps, bison kills and processing centers, burned rock middens, and small burned rock features. Examples of major data recovery project are as follows:

 Data Recovery at 41RB112, 2006, for Texas Department of Transportation, Texas Panhandle. Mr. Quigg served as Principle Investigator, Project Manager, and part time Field Director, on this 103-m<sup>3</sup>-multiple block excavation of .50+ cm deep deposit with two well-defined Plains Village period components (with pithouses) in the right-of-way of SH 70



for TxDOT. He directed this multidisciplinary data analyses and reporting phase. He also served as the principal author on the 2013, 2 volume technical report (1200 pages).

- Analysis and reporting of a 1999 TxDOT data recovery at 41Ml96 in Mills County, TX. The 2012 TRC analysis included detailed lithic debitage, high-powered use-wear of lithic tools, a focus on the burned rocks from five intact burned rock features through radiocarbon dating, lipid residues and starch grain techniques. Maize starch grains were on four burned rocks and two edge-modified flakes. The burned rocks that yielded maize starch were radiocarbon dated to 980 B.P., currently the oldest maize in central Texas. Mr. Quigg served as the project manager and principal author of the 2013 technical report.
- Data Recovery at Three Prehistoric Sites at the Landis Property, Texas Panhandle, 2007 2010, for the Bureau of Land Management. Mr. Quigg served as Project Manager, Principal Investigator, Field Director for this intensive (451 m<sup>2</sup>) testing, excavation, analysis and reporting. The three open sites were of different ages, with different stratigraphy, and provided diverse cultural assemblages for hunter-gatherers. Multiple outreach programs were conducted on-site for local individuals and groups as well as development of the Texas Beyond History webpage for the site. The 2010 technical report was two volumes (ca. 1200 pages) that integrated interdisciplinary approaches that included 16 technical analyses. Mr. Quigg is an author or co-author on 3 peer-reviewed journal articles that have been published from the data gathered from the project.
- Data Recovery of Clear Creek Golf Course Site (41CV413) for US Army Fort Hood, Texas. Mr. Quigg completed the technical report in 2011 from the mitigation of a block of 20 m<sup>2</sup> in a burned rock midden with central oven. The analysis included a large suite of stone tools, burned rocks, vertebrate remains in conjunction with radiocarbon dates, lipid residue, micro-wear, and macrobotanical analyses.
- Data Recovery at 41YN452 in 2007 for Texas Department of Transportation, in North Central Texas. Mr. Quigg served as Principle Investigator, Project Manager, and part time Field Director, on this 50.3-m<sup>3</sup>-multiple block excavation in 60 to 110 cm deep deposits that targeted a Late Archaic component in the right-of-way of FM 3109 for TxDOT. Mr. Quigg served as principal author on the 2012 two volume technical report (740 pages) integrated multiple technical analyses that provided great insight to human behaviors.
- Data Recovery at 41TV2161, 2006, for Texas Department of Transportation, Central Texas. Mr. Quigg served as Principle Investigator, Project Manager, and part time Field Director, on this 40-m<sup>3</sup>-block excavation of 2.0+ m deep cultural deposits in the right-ofway of SH 130 for TxDOT. The project is ongoing with data analysis and reporting to continue.
- Data Recovery at the Varga Site (41ED28), 2002-2003, for Texas Department of Transportation, Southwest Texas. Mr. Quigg served as Principle Investigator, Project Manager, and report author on this 104-m<sup>3</sup>-block excavation of a 1.2 m deep four-



component campsite in the right-of-way development. He oversaw a field crew of nine archeologists in the hand-excavations of two major blocks, and directed this multidisciplinary data analyses and reporting phase. He managed the contract and budget, and coordinated with the client and other technical scientists. Included the text development for an outreach exhibit for Texas Beyond History web page, and brochure on site investigations.

- Data Recovery at the Boiler Site (41WB557), 2000, for Texas Department of Transportation, South Texas. Mr. Quigg served as Principle Investigator, Project Manager, Field Director, and primary report author on this 142-m<sup>3</sup>-block excavation of 1.5 m deep cultural deposits in the right-of-way for the planned Texas Department of Transportation improvement. He directed a field crew of 12 archeologists in the handexcavations of two major blocks, directed the multidisciplinary data analyses, wrote a 550 page technical report, managed the contract and budget, and coordinated with the client.
- Data Recovery at 41ZP364, 2000, for the Bureau of Land Management and International Boundary and Water Commission in South Texas. Mr. Quigg served as the Principal Investigator, Project Manager, and Field Director on this geoarcheological and archaeological investigation. The investigations included 21 backhoe trenches that guided the hand excavations of 48 m<sup>2</sup> and two small block areas of 20 and 16 m<sup>2</sup>. He directed the subsequent laboratory work, analysis, and wrote most of the 350 page technical report that included multidisciplinary investigations.
- Prehistoric Site Testing and Data Recovery in the New Target Complex, Otero Mesa, in West Texas 1999, for U.S. Army, Fort Bliss. Mr. Quigg served as Principle Investigator and primary author for the testing of four sites potentially eligible for the NRHP and the data recovery for seven sites to mitigate the direct impact the proposed U.S. Air Force development as required under Section 106. This project included detailed excavation and field-documentation on some 63 burned rock features, coupled with an interdisciplinary laboratory approach that brought new insights to the understanding of small burned rock features. He was the primary author for the 650 page technical report for the Directorate of Environment, Conservation Division at Fort Bliss, Texas.
- Data Recovery at the Lino Site (41WB437): A Stratified Late Archaic Campsite in South Texas, 1998, for Texas Department of Transportation. Mr. Quigg served as the Project Manager, Field Director, and primary author on this 235-m<sup>2</sup> mitigation required under Section 106. He directed the laboratory processing, supervised the data analysis, facilitated the interdisciplinary technical analyses, wrote most of the 450 page technical report, directed the report production, managed and controlled the project budget, and coordinated with regulators and the client.
- Data Recovery at the Sanders Site (41HF128): A Single Event Late Archaic Camp/Bison Processing Site, Palo Duro River Authority, 1997, Northwest Texas. Mr. Quigg served as the Project Manager and Field Director of the 115-m<sup>2</sup> data recovery program under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act and NEPA. He coordinated all



laboratory analyses and interacted with professional from multiple disciplines to support the cultural interpretations. Mr. Quigg also conducted the detailed analyses of the faunal and tool analyses. He wrote the 220 page technical report incorporating all recovered data and addressed six major research issues.

- Data Recovery at the Rush Site, Colorado River Municipal Water District, 1993, Western Texas. Mr. Quigg was the Project Manager and Field Director for the emergency mitigation of 45 m<sup>2</sup> necessary to comply with Section 404 of the Clear Waters Act for the client. He coordinated with the client, managed the budget, and conducted the stone tool, faunal and ceramic analyses, and interacted with numerous specialists to facilitate the integration of a multidisciplinary approach to the analysis and interpretations. He wrote the majority of the 200 page technical report and completed the project on time and in budget.
- Data Recovery and Geomorphologic Investigations, Palo Duro Reservoir, Palo Duro River Authority, 1991, Northwestern Texas. Mr. Quigg directed and field supervised the data recovery from two prehistoric campsites, a rock shelter, and a historic dugout during a three-month span with three separate crews that involved 20 personnel. He was responsible for client and government resource manager communications during the field and subsequent data analysis. He directed data analysis, conducted the faunal, ceramic, and stone tool analyses, coordinated with six technical subconsultants, integrated data sets, and wrote most of the 600 page technical report.
- Mitigation Excavation at Two Prehistoric Sites, Texas Department of Transportation, 1990, Central Texas. Mr. Quigg served as the Field Supervisor at Barton (41HY202) and Mustang Branch Sites (41HY209) under a Section 106 investigation clearing the right-ofway for new construction. He directly supervised 20 archeologists for six months in the excavation of two stratified camps, a lithic workshop, and a burned rock midden. The intensive excavations encompassed 330 m<sup>2</sup> and involved a vast array of cultural materials. He oversaw and guided the faunal analysis.
- Mitigation of Large Multicomponent Tipi Ring Site (24TT83) and Buried Campsite (24CA194), U.S. Department of Energy, Western Area Power Administration, 1986, North-central Montana. Mr. Quigg served as co-Principal Investigator and Field Director for the intense data recovery program along a transmission corridor. He directed an archeological crew of 12 people over a two-month period that involved 380-m<sup>2</sup> of excavation. Subsequently he coordinated the technical analyses, analyzed the lithic debitage, burned rocks, stone tools, faunal remains, and ceramic materials from the various components, and wrote the final comprehensive technical report.
- Crown Site (FhNa-86) Mitigation, Ethos Consultants Ltd., 1984, Saskatchewan Research Council, Central Saskatchewan. Mr. Quigg was the Field Director for this Middle Archaic to Late Prehistoric stratified site with nine separate components in three cultural units. He directly supervised the analyses of the various data sets including the



stone and bone tool assemblages, the lithic debitage, and ceramic analyses, and wrote the technical report that was submitted to the client.

- Lloyd Site (FhNa-35) Mitigation, Ethos Consultants Ltd., 1982, Saskatchewan Research Council, Central Saskatchewan. Mr. Quigg was the Field Director for this site excavation of a Late Prehistoric, single component, buried campsite. He directed the laboratory processing of various data sets that included 18,000 artifacts and conducted the faunal identification, supervised the stone tool analysis, and the lithic identification, and wrote the technical report for the client.
- Mitigation of EcPp-24 and EfPg-5, Ethos Consultants Ltd. 1982, Southwestern Alberta. Mr. Quigg served as Principal Investigator, Project Manager, and Field Supervisor for these two buried campsites in planned highway construction zones. He oversaw the laboratory processing, coordinated and communicated with the client, conducted the lithic and stone tool analysis and authored the final technical report.
- Mitigation of Ross Glen Stone Circle Site, Ethos Consultants Ltd., 1981, Southeastern Alberta. Mr. Quigg was the Principal Investigator, Project Manager, and Field Director of a large scale, 508 m<sup>2</sup>, and hand-excavation of a stone circle site. He directed the laboratory processing and stone tool and lithic debitage analysis, burned rock and feature analysis, and wrote the 200-page technical report with conclusions, interpretations, and management recommendations.
- Highway Salvage in the Crowsnest Pass, Lifeways of Canada Ltd., 1975, Southwestern Alberta. Mr. Quigg served as Field Director for this multiple site data recovery program along the planned expansion of highways in Crowsnest Pass. He directed a crew of 10 archaeologists, conducted the stone tool and lithic debitage analysis, completed the feature descriptions, and was primary author in the final technical report.

# Archeological Site Assessment Projects

Mr. Quigg has managed and conducted numerous site testing and evaluation projects in Texas, Alberta, and Montana. These projects ranged from evaluating single surface sites, deeply buried campsites, bison kill sites, burned rock middens, medicine wheels, stone cairns, to multiple component buried campsites. Information recovered was analyzed, interpreted, and used in the development of site-specific and project related recommendations and determination of sites eligibility for inclusion to the National Register of Historic Places under the Section 106. This included the development of data recovery plans, project specific budgets, hiring staff, and scheduling. A sample of projects Mr. Quigg has managed is listed below.

• West Amarillo Creek Remedial Testing at 41PT185, 41PT186, and 41PT245 for the BLM in Northwestern Texas in 2007. As Project Manager and Principal Investigator Mr. Quigg directed the basin wide geomorphic investigations (48 trenches), followed by the hand excavation of 48.0 m<sup>3</sup> at selected locations at these



prehistoric sites. A status report, draft and final interim reports were authored by Mr. Quigg with subsequent analysis and reporting.

- Gages Creek Eligibility Assessment of 41YN450 and 41YN452, Texas Department of Transportation, 2006, North-central Texas. As Project Manager and Principle Investigator Mr. Quigg directed the National Register field assessment of these two prehistoric sites buried in the TxDOT right-of-way in Young County. Field assessment included hand excavations (6.5 m<sup>3</sup>) and mechanical trenching (n=7) in terrace deposits that documented buried cultural remains. He directed the preliminary data analysis and coauthored the interim report submitted to TxDOT. Site results and recommendations were presented to the client and government review agencies, who concurred with the recommendations.
- Survey and Eligibility Assessment of Two Prehistoric Sites at Boot Ranch, 2005, Central Texas. Mr. Quigg served as Principle Investigator and project manager. He oversaw the survey of 377 ac including 67 shovel tests, documentation of nine sites, the assessment of two sites including 15 units, 53 m in eight trenches, mapping of sites, and profiling. He coauthored the report that presented the data findings, recommendations. The report and recommendations were accepted by the Army Corps of Engineers.
- Eligibility Assessment of 41RB112, Texas Department of Transportation, 2005, Texas Panhandle. Mr. Quigg served as Principle Investigator and field director. He directed a 10 person crew in the hand excavations and profiling of this two part site. He authored the interim report that presented the data findings, recommendations, and a data recovery plan that included research questions and field approach to follow. The report and recommendations were accepted by the Texas Historical Commission.
- Eligibility Assessment of 41BL278, Texas Department of Transportation, 2004, Central Texas. Mr. Quigg served as Principle Investigator, project manager, and field director. He directed the hand-excavations on 10 units (4.1-m<sup>3</sup>), backhoe trenching, site mapping, exposure profiling, and oversaw the geoarcheological investigations. He coauthored the interim report that presented the data findings, recommendations. The report and recommendations were accepted by the Texas Historical Commission.
- Eligibility Assessment of 41MS69, Texas Department of Transportation, 2004, Central Texas. Mr. Quigg served as Principle Investigator, project manager, and field director. He directed the hand-excavations (8.9-m<sup>3</sup>), site mapping, and exposure profiling. He coauthored the interim report that presented the data findings, recommendations. The report and recommendations were accepted by the Texas Historical Commission.



- Eligibility Assessment of Three Prehistoric Sites (41LM49, 50 and 51) along FM 580W Over Lynch Creek, Texas Department of Transportation, 2004, Central Texas. Mr. Quigg served as Principle Investigator and field director. He directed the hand-excavations of 21 units (17.4-m<sup>3</sup>), trenching of deposits (n=5), mapping of sites, profiling, and oversaw the geoarcheological assessment. He coauthored the interim report that presented the data findings, recommendations, and a data recovery plan that included research questions and field approach to follow. The report and recommendations were accepted by the Texas Historical Commission.
- Eligibility Assessment of 41EP4439, Texas Department of Transportation, 2002, West Texas. Mr. Quigg served as Principle Investigator and oversaw the project that included 20 backhoe trenches, 20 manual units, and geoarcheological investigations. The final report that presented the data findings, recommendations. The report and recommendations were accepted by the Texas Historical Commission.
- Noodle Creek Eligibility Assessment, Texas Department of Transportation, 2002, North Texas. Mr. Quigg was Project Manager and directed the National Register field assessment of site 41JS102 in the highway right-of-way next to the Noodle Creek Bridge crossing in Jones County. Field assessment included hand excavations and mechanical trenching in terrace deposits that documented buried cultural remains. Subsequently, he directed the data analysis and report writing. Site results and recommendations were presented to the client and government review agencies, who concurred with the recommendations.
- USA #3 Assessment, TransTexas Oil And Gas Corp, 1997, South Texas. Mr. Quigg was Project Manager and Field Director of the assessment of two prehistoric sites (41ZP39 and 41ZP176) in a well pad and pipeline ROW development zone at Falcon Reservoir. The site file search was followed by shovel testing and unit excavations that documented the buried nature of two sites. Site results and recommendations were presented to the client and government review agencies. The investigations resulted from the Archeological Resource Protection Act.
- Pershing Field Assessment, Fort Sam Houston, 1997, Southern Texas. Mr. Quigg served as Project Manager and Filed Director of the archeological and geomorphologic assessment of 50 acres of undeveloped land on Fort Sam Houston. The natural terrace deposits were assessed through the excavation of 19 backhoe trenches to evaluate the potential for intact buried archeological remains. One prehistoric surface site was evaluated with shovel tests. The recovered data was assessed and recommendations were presented in a report coauthored by Mr. Quigg. The investigations were part of an Environmental Assessment document.
- Assessment of Leon River Medicine Wheel, U.S. Army at Fort Hood, 1993-1994, Central Texas. Mr. Quigg served as project manager and field director of seven archeologists in assessing the NRHP eligibility of this native religious site. He integrated geomorphology, geoarcheology, two geotechnical studies, and oral



interviews of native religious leaders with hand excavation data and detailed feature recording techniques to thoroughly document the size, extent, age, and nature of the stone features and associated artifacts within shallow sediments. Mr. Quigg conducted a literature search into the history and background of northern plains medicine wheel investigations and ethno-history, preformed specific data analyses, incorporated interdisciplinary technical analyses and results, and interpretations, and made recommendations for site protection and significance. He interacted with native religious leaders, archeologists, and government personnel in overall coordination of investigations and subsequent medicine wheel renewal ceremonies. Mr. Quigg also participated directly in the sacred reconstruction ceremonies and yearly renewals.

- Burned Rock Mound Chronometric Assessment, U.S. Army, Fort Hood, 1993, Central Texas. Mr. Quigg served as Field Director for the field evaluation of nine burned rock mounds (domed and annular middens) to assess their archeological potential and establish an absolute chronometric framework for this site type. After reviewing some 100 prehistoric sites with burned rock features, Mr. Quigg selected nine promising sites and led the recovery of datable materials through backhoe trenching and limited hand excavations, which subsequently yielded 53 radiocarbon assays. This allowed for the creation of a chronological framework of burned rock mounds at Fort Hood and helped evaluate Fort Hood mound features with respect to their NRHP eligibility.
- Mitchell Reservoir Testing, Colorado River Municipal Water District, 1992, Northern Texas. Mr. Quigg served as Principal Investigator and directed the day-today operation of the 32-m<sup>2</sup> block excavations at 41MH49. He directed the laboratory operations and data analysis that included the integration of a number of technical analyses to support the interpretation. He wrote most of the final report and prepared the recommendations.
- Site Assessment at ANR Pipeline Crossing of Palo Duro Creek, 1992, North Texas. Mr. Quigg served as Project Manager and Field Director of an archeological and geomorphologic assessment of a river crossing in north Texas. Following a site file search, a foot traverse of the ROW was completed, and then six backhoe trenches were excavated and documented. The crossing was assessed, results evaluated, interpretations presented, and recommendations were made to the client.
- Site Evaluation, U.S. Army, Fort Hood, 1991-1992, Central Texas. Mr. Quigg served as Field Director and implemented the field evaluation program to assess individual prehistoric sites across the base. In conjunction with a project Geomorphologist, he evaluated over 500 prehistoric sites using numerous criteria, completed detailed evaluation forms, and made site specific recommendations.
- Evaluation of Stone Circle Site EaPg-3, Archeological Survey of Alberta, 1984, Southern Alberta. Mr. Quigg served as Principal Investigator and Field Supervisor



of the site assessment through detailed documentation of eight stone circles. The investigations included feature mapping, the weighing and recording the depths of rocks, excavation of 81 augur tests and screened matrix, the hand excavation of 10 test pits. Data was subsequently analyzed and a comprehensive technical 35-page report was completed. Recommendations for future investigations were presented to the government.

- Buried Prehistoric Campsite Evaluation, Alberta Transportation, 1981-1982, Alberta Foothills. Mr. Quigg formulated field strategies and analysis goals to evaluate two buried prehistoric campsites through the excavation of 120 m2. He integrated metric and descriptive analyses of over 1500 lithic artifacts, interpreted knapping technologies through refits studies, analyzed burned rocks, features, and conducted detailed faunal analysis, to place these events in time and space. He evaluated internal horizontal and vertical patterning to interpret human use of space, assess site integrity, and made recommendations for further work. He compiled and wrote the final 150 page technical report.
- Excavation and Analysis Strategies to Evaluate Buried Prehistoric Sites, Alberta Transportation, 1980-1981, Southern Alberta. Mr. Quigg devised excavation and analysis strategies to assess six shallowly buried prehistoric sites along multiple highway corridors. He served as Principal investigator and field director investigations that involved hand excavations by a six-person crew, managed the logistics and deployment of the crew, conducted data analysis, interpreted results, and reported the findings in a 200-page technical document. Mr. Quigg managed the overall project, and formulated the recommendations.
- Archeological, Ethnographic, and Historical Literature Review of Site Specific Data, State Historical Society of North Dakota, 1983-984, Montana, North Dakota, and Wyoming, United States and Alberta and Saskatchewan, Canada. Mr. Quigg served as Co-Principal Investigator and coordinator of a site-specific data review of stone circle site excavations from across the Northwestern Plains. This program included a review and synthesis of excavation methods, recording procedures, data analyses, data results, site and feature documentation strategies on stone circles and provided a detailed management plan and future direction concerning this specific site type.

## Archeological Inventory/Survey Projects

Mr. Quigg has completed roughly 60 cultural resource inventories throughout the Plains states. These inventories ranged from small well pad and gravel pits to very large block areas of 6,000 acres to 100 mile long linear ROWs requiring multiple crews. Inventories were completed for government agencies, private industry, and individuals. Projects involved foot surveys of development areas, shovel testing, inventories of historic and prehistoric sites, completion of site forms, site and building sketch maps, analyzing cultural



materials, writing reports, and making site and project eligibility recommendations and providing direction for future investigations. Listed below are a number of representative inventory projects.

- **NET Mexico Pipeline Project, Starr County, Texas, 2013.** Mr. Quigg served as Principal Investigator, field director, and report author for this border crossing facility and drill pad. Supervised the excavation of two long backhoe trenches, documented the profiles, and excavated seven shovel tests.
- Intensive archeological survey of 7.8 ac of levee development by TxDOT in TPWD management area in Calhoun County, Texas, 2013. Managed client coordination, budget, fieldwork and authored the technical report for this wetland mitigation project.
- Indian Creek Bridge replacement along FM 981 in Collin County, Texas, 2013. Conducted intensive survey that included seven backhoe trenches and six shovel tests, documented trench profiles, and wrote interim report for TxDOT.
- Brushy Creek Reservoir Survey, City of Marlin, 2005, Texas. Mr. Quigg served as Principal Investigator and director a crew of six in surveying 1140 ac with 523 shovel tests for the City of Marlins proposed reservoir. Fifteen new sites and He co-authored the technical report, managed the budget, and coordinated with the client.
- Right-of-way Survey in four counties in central Texas, Texas Department of Transportation, 2006, North Central Texas. Mr. Quigg served as field director on two of the surveys. He co-authored the technical report, managed the budget, and coordinated with the client.
- Archeological Surveys in Central Texas, Texas Department of Transportation, 2006. Mr. Quigg served as Principal Investigator and field director on two surveys. He conducted the foot traverses, shovel tests, and monitored the backhoe trenching, co-authored the technical report, managed the budget, and coordinated with the client.
- Reconnaissance for FPL Energy's Horse Hollow Wind Power Project, 2006. Mr. Quigg served as Principal Investigator and field director on this reconnaissance and chert sourcing project. He conducted the road and tower inspections, assessed impacts to area, collected natural chert samples for instrumental neutron activation analyses, authored the technical report, managed the budget, and coordinated with the client.
- Backhoe trenching to discovery buried cultural resources along FM 2214 for Texas Department of Transportation, 2005, North Central Texas. Mr. Quigg served as Principal Investigator and field director to investigate the alluvial deposits



for cultural remains through 11 backhoe trenches (76 m) and profiling. He authored the technical report that included the findings and recommendations. He managed the budget, and coordinated with the client. The Texas Historical Commission and the Army Corps of Engineers accepted the report.

- Sand Hill Energy Center, Travis County, Central Texas, 2002. Mr. Quigg served as Principal Investigator and Field Director on two projects related to the expansion of facilities at the City of Austin power plant. He also co-authored the technical reports and managed the budget, and coordinated with the client.
- Red Lake, Martin County, Southern Llano Estacado, 1993. Mr. Quigg served as Principal Investigator and Field Director during the inventory and site assessment for proposed 47 ha. Reservoir for the Colorado River Municipal Water District. He also co-authored the technical report and managed the budget, and coordinated with the client.
- Sulphur Springs Draw Reservoir: Geoarchaeological and Archaeological Investigations, Southern Llano Estacado, 1994. Mr. Quigg served as Principal Investigator and Field Director during the inventory and site assessment for proposed 435 ha. Sulphur Draw Reservoir for the Colorado River Municipal Water District. He also co-authored the technical report and managed the budget, and coordinated with the client.
- Texcor Property Assessment, Prewitt and Associates, Inc., 1988, West Texas. Mr. Quigg served as Field Archeologist for the reconnaissance of a proposed hazard waste site in Kinney County. He authored a letter report (No. 356) with recommendations to the client.
- Brooke Army Medical Center Assessment, Prewitt and Associates, Inc., 1988, South Texas. Mr. Quigg served as the Field Archeologist for the reconnaissance of development impact along Salado Creek in Fort San Houston. He wrote the report with the recommendations to the client.
- City of Robinson Water Plant, Prewitt and Associates, Inc., 1988, Central Texas. Mr. Quigg served as the Archeologist for the reconnaissance of a 153 m long pipeline corridor and 7.4 acres parcel around the intake structure. He authored an appendix that included methods, results, and provided recommendations to the client.
- Hidalgo County Drainage Ditch Realignments, Prewitt and Associates, Inc., 1988, South Texas. Mr. Quigg served as the Field Archeologist for the reconnaissance of proposed development of water drainage ditches. He coauthored the final report.
- Cultural Resource Inventory, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Northern Cheyenne Indian Reservation, 1986, Eastern Montana. Mr. Quigg Field Directed the inventory of 6,300 non-continuous acres, 200 miles of road corridors, and 85 springs.



He helped document 139 sites, created site typologies, analyzed site distribution by environmental attributes, projected settlement pattern distributions, and wrote the final report for the BIA.

- Class II Cultural Resource Inventory, Bureau of Land Management, Milk River Region, 1985, Northern Montana. Mr. Quigg field directed the inventory of 6,720 acres in the valley breaks of the Milk River Valley. He helped record over 200 sites encompassing 1,100 features including rock cairns, stone circles, lithic scatters, bison kills, and historic sites. He completed the data and site distribution analyses, coauthored the written documentation of the findings and interpretations for the BLM.
- An Historical Impact Assessment, Deadfish Water Diversion, Ethos Consultants Ltd. 1984, Southern Alberta. Mr. Quigg served as Project Manager and field director for the inventory and assessment of a 14.5 km ROW, documented in detail 12 prehistoric and one historic site through hand excavation of 102 m<sup>2</sup> individual features, site mapping, and recorded weight and depth of feature rocks. He also wrote and produced a 167 page technical report with site specific and general project recommendations to the government regulators.

# Preparation of Cultural Resource Operational Management Plan and Management Plans

- Palo Duro Reservoir, Operational Management Plan, Palo Duro River Authority, 1994, Hansford County, Texas. Mr. Quigg helped develop the first OMP to be accepted for a reservoir in Texas. He was the primary author and compiled necessary data to write the contents of a plan that allows for the management of the cultural resources in the vicinity of the reservoir under the Texas Antiquities Code.
- Archeological, Ethnographic, and Historical Literature Review of Site Specific Data, State Historical Society of North Dakota, 1983-984, Montana, North Dakota, and Wyoming, United States and Alberta and Saskatchewan, Canada. Mr. Quigg served as Co-Principal Investigator and coordinator of a site-specific data review of stone circle site excavations from across the Northwestern Plains. This program included a review and synthesis of excavation methods, recording procedures, data analyses, data results, site and feature documentation strategies on stone circles and provided a detailed management plan and future direction concerning this specific site type.

# Preparation of Testing, Data Recovery Plans, and Research Designs

• Treatment Plan for Three Archeological Sites on the Landis Property near Amarillo, Texas. Mr. Quigg developed an in-depth plan for the Bureau of Land Management. The plan presented a research design including research issues and questions, detailed field work plan for three sites, presented various technical analyses, and reporting to address six stated research issues. The client and regulators approved the plan.



- Research Design for Sites 41WB556 and 41WB557, Texas Department of Transportation, 2000, South Texas. Mr. Quigg developed and wrote a data recovery plan for two buried, prehistoric sites to be impacted by highway development. The plan covered the field investigations, data analysis, reporting to address six stated research issues. The client and regulators approved the plan.
- Data Recovery Plan for 41ZP364, TransTexas Gas Corporation, 1997, South Texas. Mr. Quigg developed the data recovery plan was used to guide the field and laboratory investigations. It was prepared to comply with the 1997 MOA for Well Pad #1 signed by the Council, BLM, SHPO, and the client. The client and regulators approved the plan.
- Testing Plan for 41ZP39 and 41ZP176, TransTexas Gas Corporation, 1997, South Texas. Mr. Quigg developed the testing plan used to assess these sites in the direct impact areas for inclusion into the NRHP. It was intended that the results was have a finding of no effect for the limited impacts by the pipeline route. The client and regulators approved the plan.
- Testing of 41MT14 Sulphur Draw Reservoir, 1992, Colorado River Municipal Water District, Northwest Texas. Mr. Quigg developed the testing plan for a buried campsite in the dam axis of the proposed reservoir. The regulators approved the plan.
- Testing of 41MT21 Sulphur Draw Reservoir, 1992, Colorado River Municipal Water District, Northwest Texas. Mr. Quigg developed the testing plan for a buried campsite in the dam axis of the proposed reservoir. The regulators approved the plan.

# **Historical Investigations**

Mr. Quigg has managed, directed, and participated in historic site inventories, archival documentation, and record searches for various projects across the Plains, often as components of larger projects. These investigations have centered on documenting standing structures and mine sites. He has directed the hand excavation of a historic dugout and house foundation in Palo Duro Reservoir. He has documented various mining structures in the Clearwater National Forest in Idaho and at Rock Lake Marias Pass, Cabinet Mountain Wilderness, and Helmville East in Montana, and directed the records search for the Mitchell Reservoir Project and Area F at Jewett Mine.

• Palo Duro Reservoir Historic Sites, Palo Duro River Authority, 1991, Northwestern Texas. Mr. Quigg directed and field supervised the data recovery from a historic dugout (41HF113) and historic rock foundation (41HF8). He directed data analysis and communicated with historic archeologist for a chapter of the final report.



- Zan's Cabin, U.S. Forest Service, 1987, Northern Idaho. Mr. Quigg served as Archeologist and conducted the reconnaissance and documentation of the historic structure and pioneer mine prior to structure removal.
- Footrot Cabin Assessment, U.S. Forest Service, 1987, Northern Idaho. Mr. Quigg served as Archeologist and conducted the reconnaissance, documentation, and assessment of the historic structure.

### **Native American Consultation**

Mr. Quigg has participated in a number of consultation processes with Native American groups in Texas and Canada. He has served as Project Archeologist and interacted with a number of Plains Tribes.

- The Leon Medicine Wheel, U.S. Army Fort Hood, 1996, Fort Hood, Texas. Mr. Quigg conducted interviews with the elders Mr. William Tallbull, Haman Wise, Floyd Youngman and Lee Lonebear of the Medicine Wheel Alliance, coordinated activities with the American Indian Resource, and Education Coalition of Texas, participated in spiritual cleansing ceremonies, was a participant in the actual reconstruction and rededication ceremony for the sacred wheel. Was Project Manager and primary author in the archeological and documentation of the medicine wheel and associated ceremonial events.
- Northern Cheyenne Reservation, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 1986, Eastern Montana. As Field Director of a large inventory across native lands and sites he interviewed a number of tribal members and leaders, in the location, markings, and dealings with sacred sites and how to protect these religious and sensitive sites. He was coauthor in the final report.

## **Technical Data Analyses**

Mr. Quigg has personally conducted numerous site specific and in-depth analyses on various cultural materials and data sets including lithic debitage, ceramics, stone tools, bone tools, burned rocks, and faunal assemblages. He has developed expertise in these data sets and has formulated specific analysis to address specific research questions or issues relating to specific topics. The structured analyses have permitted concentration of often-limited resources on the most important data sets to address important questions.

• **Ceramic Analyses**: Mr. Quigg has performed metric and non-metric descriptions, analyzed data, and presented results in chapters of reports. He has formulated research designs and incorporated instrumental neutron activation, organic residue, stable carbon isotope, and petrographic analysis with the more descriptive analyses. Examples of ceramic analysis from excavated sites include the Long View



(41RB112), Rush site (41TG346) in western Texas, the Manyfingers site (DhPj-31) in southern Alberta, the Cory Ranch site in (24TT83) in central Montana, and the Otero Mesa sites in Fort Bliss in southern New Mexico and western Texas. He has conducted chemical analyses such as stable carbon and nitrogen isotope and lipid residue analysis on sherds to explore for foods being cooked in vessels. He has used sherds to obtain direct radiocarbon AMS dates.

- Faunal Analyses: Mr. Quigg has conducted element and animal identifications, isolated animal ages through tooth eruption and fusion rates, identified sex based on bone metric data, and conducted in-depth butchering analyses on assemblages from bison kills, processing centers, and campsites sites and bison processing areas in western and northern Texas, and southern Alberta and central Saskatchewan. Examples of faunal analyses include Long View (41RB112), Rush site (41TG346) in western Texas, three sites (41RN169, 41CC131, 41CN95) in O.H. Ivie Reservoir in central Texas, Clear creek Golf Course 41CV413 in central Texas, the Sanders site (41HF128) and other Palo Duro Reservoir sites in northwestern Texas, the Lloyd site (FhNa-35) and Crown site (FhNA-86) in central Saskatchewan, the Manyfingers site in southern Alberta, and S.S. Burmis in southwestern Alberta. These assemblages included hundreds of elements and generally a variety of species. Other smaller assemblages have been analyzed and reported upon such as those from Justiceburg Mr. Quigg maintains his own faunal comparative collected. Reservoir. He has conducted chemical analysis on animal bones such as stable carbon and nitrogen isotope to investigate the types of foods specific animals were eating and what changes in the diet have occurred over time.
- Lithic Analyses: Mr. Quigg has conducted raw material identifications and metric and non-metric descriptive analyses on lithic artifacts and debitage. These and other analyses have been conducted on specific sites from across broad regions of hunter and gathers including the Schmidt Quarry (24BW559) and the Lost Terrace Site (24CH68) in Montana, lithic tool and debitage analysis of sites in the Palo Duro Reservoir and Fort Hood, the stone tool and debitage analyses for three sites near Falcon Reservoir in southern Texas and the Lloyd (FhNa-35) and Crown site (FhNA-86) in central Saskatchewan, the stone tool analysis from the Rush site (41TG346), the Sanders site stone tool assemblages (41HF128) both in Texas, and many other lithic assemblages from across southern Alberta. Mr. Quigg maintains his own lithic reference collection from across two Canadian provinces, and four Plains states.
- Burned Rock Analyses: Mr. Quigg has been conducting burned rock analysis for many years at a variety of sites and has instigated a multiple disciplinary approach to help understand these poorly known waste products. He has employed the use of stable carbon and nitrogen isotope data, lipid residues, and starch grain analysis to help address the types of food resources that have been processed by the rocks. He has integrated rock size, weight data, and diatom data with specific context of features to address feature functions. He has also employed AMS radiocarbon dating of organic residues from burned rocks to determine the age of features.



Examples of these analyses include the Varga (41ED28), Lino site (41WB437), the Boiler site (41WB557) and 41ZP364 in southern Texas, and the Otero Mesa burned rock features in Fort Bliss.

# **Collection Management**

Mr. Quigg has managed, organized and sorted archeological collections, documents, and photographs from Baniff, Japer, and Waterton National Parks in Canada stored at the University of Calgary. He collected, processed and curated new faunal specimens for the osteological comparative laboratory at the Department of Archaeological, University of Calgary. Mr. Quigg also maintained, organized, and labeled a large collection of animal, fish, and bird skeletons for continuous use by staff and students and for instructional purposes. He performed osteological identifications for numerous individuals and groups while at the University of Calgary. Mr. maintains his own personal non-human osteological and lithic source comparative collections form the plains region.

# SPECIALIZED TRAINING AND WORKSHOPS

- National Historic Preservation Act Section 106 Workshops
- Identification and Management of Traditional Cultural Places by T. F. King
- Managing Multiple Projects, Objectives, and Deadlines
- Time Management Training
- American Red Cross first aid and CPR Training
- U.S. Department of Labor and Mine Safety and Health Administration Training

# **Teaching History**

- Instructor, Continuing Education, University of Calgary, 1974, 1974-1975 Calgary, Alberta. Mr. Quigg planned the curriculum and taught two night undergraduate courses in southern Alberta/Plains archaeology.
- Instructor, Department of Archaeology, University of Calgary, 1974, Crowsnest Pass, Southwestern Alberta. Mr. Quigg planned the curriculum, directed field and laboratory efforts, and taught three undergraduate archaeological field courses to 20 students.
- Teaching Assistant/Field Director, Department of Archeological, University of Calgary, 1970, Waterton National Park, Southwestern Alberta. Mr. Quigg directed 27 students in field excavation techniques and taught techniques and data recovery methods at a complex stratified campsite during a 6-week archaeological field school at Indian Springs under the direction of Dr. Leslie B. Davis.
- Student Leader, Department of Anthropology, University of Northern Colorado, 1970, Sanora Mexico. Mr. Quigg assisted eight students in a 2-week long archaeological



reconnaissance and site documentation in northern Sanora under the direction of Dr. George Fay. He recorded open-air camps, shell middens, and rock art sites.

## **Organizations and Memberships**

Council of Texas Archeologist Texas Archeological Society Plains Anthropological Society Travis County Archeological Society

#### **Elected or Appointed Positions, and Honors**

- Received Award for Excellence in Archaeology by the Texas Historical Commission, 2001.
- Chair, Governmental Affairs Committee, Council of Texas Archeologists, 1994-1995.
- Member of the Board of Directors, Montana Archaeological Society, 1986.
- Member of the Board of Directors of the Association of Consulting Archaeologists, Alberta, 1981, 1982, and 1985.
- Present, Association of Consulting Archaeologists, Alberta, 1983.
- Member of the Board of Directors of Southeastern Alberta Archaeological Society, Alberta, 1981-1984.
- Vice President/Secretary, Ethos Consultants Ltd. 1981-1985.
- Board of Directors, Big Brothers, Medicine Hat, Alberta. 1981-1985.
- Honorary Research Associate, Department of Archaeology, University of Calgary, Nov. 1973- Mar. 1975.

## **Publications and Presentations**

Available upon request