



X4 Environmental Inc.

Ex-Situ Drill Cuttings Treatment Pilot Test

Prepared for: X4 Environmental Inc.

Prepared by: Benlux Tam

Date: May 28, 2019

Contents:

1. Introduction
 2. Technical Procedure
 3. Lab Analysis (Before and After)
-

1. Introduction

The pilot test was conducted at **14702 Jersey Shore Dr., Houston, TX**, at the **X4 Environmental Inc. facility**. The objective was to reduce the **Total Petroleum Hydrocarbon (TPH) level** in drill cuttings to below **2% (20,000 PPM)**. The drill cuttings sample, mixed with sludge mud, was sourced from **Midland, TX** for this study. A total of **4 gallons** of drill cuttings were used in the pilot test.

2. Technical Procedure

Equipment Used:

- Cement mixer (½ HP)
- 2 gallons of diluted X4JH2000-HEP (1:10 ratio)

Drill Cuttings Cleaning Process:

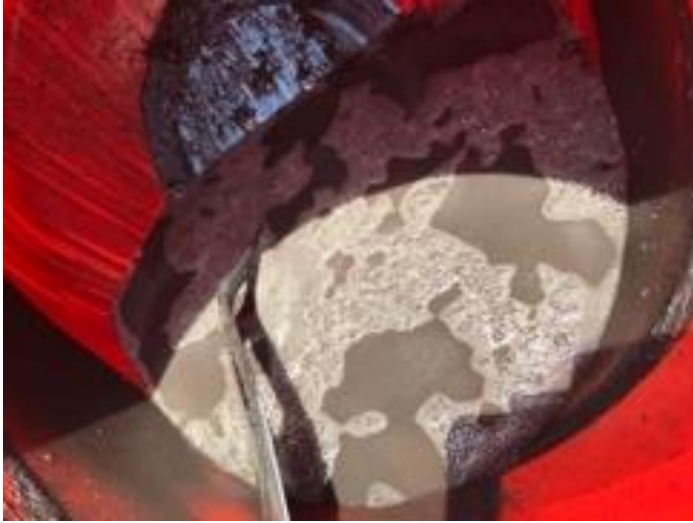
1. **Load Sample:** Place 4 gallons of drill cuttings into the cement mixer.
- **Introduce Solution:** Add 2 gallons of diluted X4JH2000-HEP (1:10 ratio) into the mixer.



2. **Mixing Process:** Activate the cement mixer and allow the solution to rotate with the drill cuttings for **1 hour**. Observe how hydrocarbons are extracted from the drill cuttings during the process.



3. **Rinse:** After mixing, transfer the cleaned drill cuttings from the mixer and rinse thoroughly with fresh water.



4. **Drying Process:** Spread the drill cuttings on the ground and let them dry completely.



5. **TPH Analysis:** Perform laboratory analysis on the dried drill cuttings.
6. Drill Cuttings when TPHPPM level is $< 2\%$ (20,000 TPH PPM)




7. **Wastewater Treatment:** Transfer the wastewater into a container and circulate it with a pump to break down residual hydrocarbons for **1 hour**. Perform a TPH analysis and discharge when the TPH level is below **2%**.



3. Laboratory Analysis & Results

Initial TPH Levels:

- The drill cuttings and sludge mud sample, taken from **Midland, TX**, initially contained **132,000 PPM TPH**.




ANALYTICAL REPORT
THE LEADER IN ENVIRONMENTAL TESTING

TestAmerica Laboratories, Inc.
TestAmerica Houston
6310 Rothway Street
Houston, TX 77040
Tel: (713)690-4444

TestAmerica Job ID: 600-172359-1
Client Project/Site: Drill Cutting 05/08/18

For:
X4 Environmental
14702 Jersey Shore
Houston, Texas 77044

Attn: Mr. BenLux Tam



Authorized for release by:
9/18/2018 12:10:46 PM
Taylor Bruzzo, Project Management Assistant I
(861)308-9273
taylor.bruzzo@testamericainc.com

Designee for:
Nicole Boyken, Project Manager I
(861)800-5200
nicole.boyken@testamericainc.com

The test results in this report meet all 2005 MDAC and 2009 TPI requirements for accredited parameters, exceptions are noted in this report. This report may not be reproduced except in full and with written approval from the laboratory. For questions please contact the Project Manager at the e-mail address or telephone number listed on this page.

This report has been electronically signed and addressed to the signatory. Electronic signature is intended to be the legally binding equivalent of a traditionally handwritten signature.

Results relate only to the items tested and the sample(s) as received by the laboratory.

Links:
Review your project results through TotalAccess
Have a Question? Ask The Expert
Visit us at: www.testamericainc.com

Client Sample Results TestAmerica Job ID: 600-172359-1

Client: X4 Environmental
Project/Site: Drill Cutting 05/08/18

Client Sample ID: Drill Cutting Water: Midland-DCW
Lab Sample ID: 600-172359-1
Date Collected: 05/08/18 00:00
Date Received: 09/11/18 15:28
Matrix: Water

Method: TX 1005 - Texas - Total Petroleum Hydrocarbon (GC) - DL

Analyte	Result	Qualifier	RL	MDL Unit	D	Prepared	Analyzed	Dil Fac
08-C12	282		100	41.5 mg/L		09/17/18 08:28	09/17/18 11:57	50
>C12-C28	2510		100	48.0 mg/L		09/17/18 08:28	09/17/18 11:57	50
>C28-C35	48.0	U	100	48.0 mg/L		09/17/18 08:28	09/17/18 11:57	50
Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons (C6-C35)	2790		100	41.5 mg/L		09/17/18 08:28	09/17/18 11:57	50

Surrogate: %Recovery Qualifier Limits Prepared Analyzed Dil Fac
o-Terphenyl 0 X 70-130 09/17/18 08:28 09/17/18 11:57 50

Client Sample ID: Drill Cutting: Midland-DC
Lab Sample ID: 600-172359-2
Date Collected: 05/08/18 00:00
Date Received: 09/11/18 15:28
Matrix: Solid
Percent Solids: 82.7

Method: TX 1005 - Texas - Total Petroleum Hydrocarbon (GC) - DL

Analyte	Result	Qualifier	RL	MDL Unit	D	Prepared	Analyzed	Dil Fac
08-C12	18800	H	4970	1800 mg/Kg		09/13/18 11:34	09/13/18 18:18	100
>C12-C28	116000	H	4970	2020 mg/Kg		09/13/18 11:34	09/13/18 18:18	100
>C28-C35	2020	U H	4970	2020 mg/Kg		09/13/18 11:34	09/13/18 18:18	100
Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons (C6-C35)	123000	H	4970	1800 mg/Kg		09/13/18 11:34	09/13/18 18:18	100

Surrogate: %Recovery Qualifier Limits Prepared Analyzed Dil Fac
o-Terphenyl 0 X 70-130 09/13/18 11:34 09/13/18 18:18 100

General Chemistry

Analyte	Result	Qualifier	RL	MDL Unit	D	Prepared	Analyzed	Dil Fac
Percent Moisture	17.3		1.0	1.0 %		09/13/18 10:32		1
Percent Solids	82.7		1.0	1.0 %		09/13/18 10:32		1



ANALYTICAL REPORT
Environment Testing TestAmerica

Eurofins TestAmerica, Houston
6310 Rothway Street
Houston, TX 77040
Tel: (713)690-4444

Laboratory Job ID: 600-186151-1
Client Project/Site: Drill Cuttings TPH Analysis

For:
X4 Environmental
14702 Jersey Shore
Houston, Texas 77044

Attn: Mr. BenLux Tam



Authorized for release by:
6/3/2019 4:39:04 PM
Nicole Brown, Project Manager I
(713)690-4444
nicole.brown@testamericainc.com

Client Sample Results Job ID: 600-186151-1

Client: X4 Environmental
Project/Site: Drill Cuttings TPH Analysis

Client Sample ID: Midland Drill Cuttings 1hr treatment
Lab Sample ID: 600-186151-1
Date Collected: 05/28/19 10:30
Date Received: 05/28/19 16:30
Matrix: Solid
Percent Solids: 98.5

Method: TX 1005 - Texas - Total Petroleum Hydrocarbon (GC) - DL

Analyte	Result	Qualifier	RL	MDL Unit	D	Prepared	Analyzed	Dil Fac
08-C12	38.5	U	101	38.5 mg/Kg		05/30/19 12:17	05/31/19 06:00	10
>C12-C28	8379		101	41.2 mg/Kg		05/30/19 12:17	05/31/19 06:00	10
>C28-C35	49.1	J	101	41.2 mg/Kg		05/30/19 12:17	05/31/19 06:00	10
Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons (C6-C35)	8420		101	38.6 mg/Kg		05/30/19 12:17	05/31/19 06:00	10

Surrogate: %Recovery Qualifier Limits Prepared Analyzed Dil Fac
o-Terphenyl 121 70-130 05/30/19 12:17 05/31/19 06:00 10

General Chemistry

Analyte	Result	Qualifier	RL	MDL Unit	D	Prepared	Analyzed	Dil Fac
Percent Moisture	1.5		1.0	1.0 %		05/31/19 10:34		1
Percent Solids	98.5		1.0	1.0 %		05/31/19 10:34		1

Post-Treatment Results:

After **1 hour** of treatment inside the cement mixer, followed by rinsing and drying, the TPH level was significantly reduced.

Sample Condition	TPH (PPM)	Reduction (%)
Background (Initial)	132,000	0%
After 1 Hour Cleaning	8,420	93.62%

4.

Conclusion

- The **X4JH2000HEP solution** effectively reduced the **TPH level from 132,000 PPM to 8,420 PPM** within **1 hour of treatment**.
- The pilot test confirmed that **X4 Environmental's ex-situ treatment process** is highly effective in breaking down hydrocarbons in drill cuttings.
- The drying process further reduces TPH concentration, ensuring compliance with disposal regulations.
- This method demonstrates a **scalable and efficient** approach for treating drill cuttings in oil and gas operations.

Best Regards,



Benlux Tam
Director of Operations
X4 Environmental Inc.
+1.832.878.5463
Benlux.tam@x4environmental.com
14702 Jersey Shore Dr., Houston, TX 77047