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# **RICE** *Operating Company*

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**January 23, 2020**

**Bradford Billings**

New Mexico Energy, Minerals, & Natural Resources

Oil Conservation Division, Environmental Bureau

1220 S. St. Francis Drive

Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

**RE: Termination Request**

**Rice Operating Company – Vacuum SWD System**

**Vacuum Jct. C-31 (1R425-84): UL/C, Sec. 31, T17S, R35E**

Mr. Billings:

RICE Operating Company (ROC) submits the following to address potential environmental concerns at the above-referenced site in the Vacuum Salt Water Disposal (SWD) system. ROC is the service provider (agent) for the Vacuum SWD System and has no ownership of any portion of the pipeline, well, or facility. The system is owned by a consortium of oil producers, System Parties, who provide all operating capital on a percentage ownership/usage basis.

**Background and Previous Work**

The site is located approximately 0.5 miles southwest of Buckeye, New Mexico at UL/C, Sec. 31, T17S, R35E as shown on the Geographical Location Map. Groundwater beneath the site is located at a depth of 117 ft below ground surface (bgs) as shown in MW-1 and MW-2.

In 2009, ROC initiated work on the former Vacuum Jct. C-31 junction box. A site investigation resulted in a 30 x 20 x 12 ft deep excavation. The excavation was backfilled with blended soils to 5 feet bgs, and a geo-synthetic clay liner and plastic liner were installed and properly seated into the excavation. The excavation was then backfilled to ground surface with blended backfill, and the site was re-seeded with native vegetation.

In 2013, ROC initiated additional investigation approved by OCD on March 4, 2013. A total of 11 borings were installed to fully delineate the site. A Corrective Action Plan (CAP) was submitted to OCD on November 8, 2013, requesting to install a modified 84 x 132 ft 20-mil reinforced liner at 3 feet bgs. The CAP also included the installation of two groundwater monitoring wells (near-source and up-gradient). The CAP was approved by OCD on November 21, 2013.

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In 2014, ROC installed the modified 84x132 ft liner at a depth of 3 ft bgs, overlaying the 30x20-ft liner previously installed at 5 ft bgs. The excavation was backfilled to ground surface with imported and blended excavated soil. The disturbed area tilled with soil amendments and seeded with a blend of native vegetation. On August 15, 2014, a CAP Report and Soil Closure Request were submitted to OCD, which was approved by NMOCD on September 18, 2014. The CAP Report and OCD approval are attached.

According to the NMOCD approval CAP, the proposed groundwater monitoring wells were installed March 13, 2015. The groundwater has been monitored for chloride, TDS, benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, total xylenes, and sulfates on a quarterly basis. Quarterly sampling indicated the highest concentration of chloride in MW-1 being 470 mg/L on June 2, 2017, which decreased to 232 mg/L on December 6, 2017. Chloride concentrations have since remained below WQCC standards. Chloride concentrations in MW-2 have remained below WQCC standards since installation. The monitoring results for all the BTEX constituents have been non-detect in both MW-1 and MW-2, and all constituents have remained below WQCC standards for nine consecutive quarters.

### **Recommendations**

Based on the liner installation, NMOCD approval of soil closure, and the nine consecutive quarters of monitoring data below WQCC standards, ROC respectfully request termination of this regulatory file. ROC acknowledges they have met the requirements of 19.15.29 NMAC and a final C-141 is attached. Upon NMOCD approval of this Termination Request, MW-1 and MW-2 will be plugged using a cement grout with 1 to 3% bentonite and a 3-ft cap of cement at the surface.

ROC appreciates the opportunity to work with you on this project. Please call me at (575) 393-9174 or Edward Hansen at (505) 920-4965 if you have any questions or wish to discuss the site.

Sincerely,



Katie Davis  
Environmental Manager  
RICE Operating Company

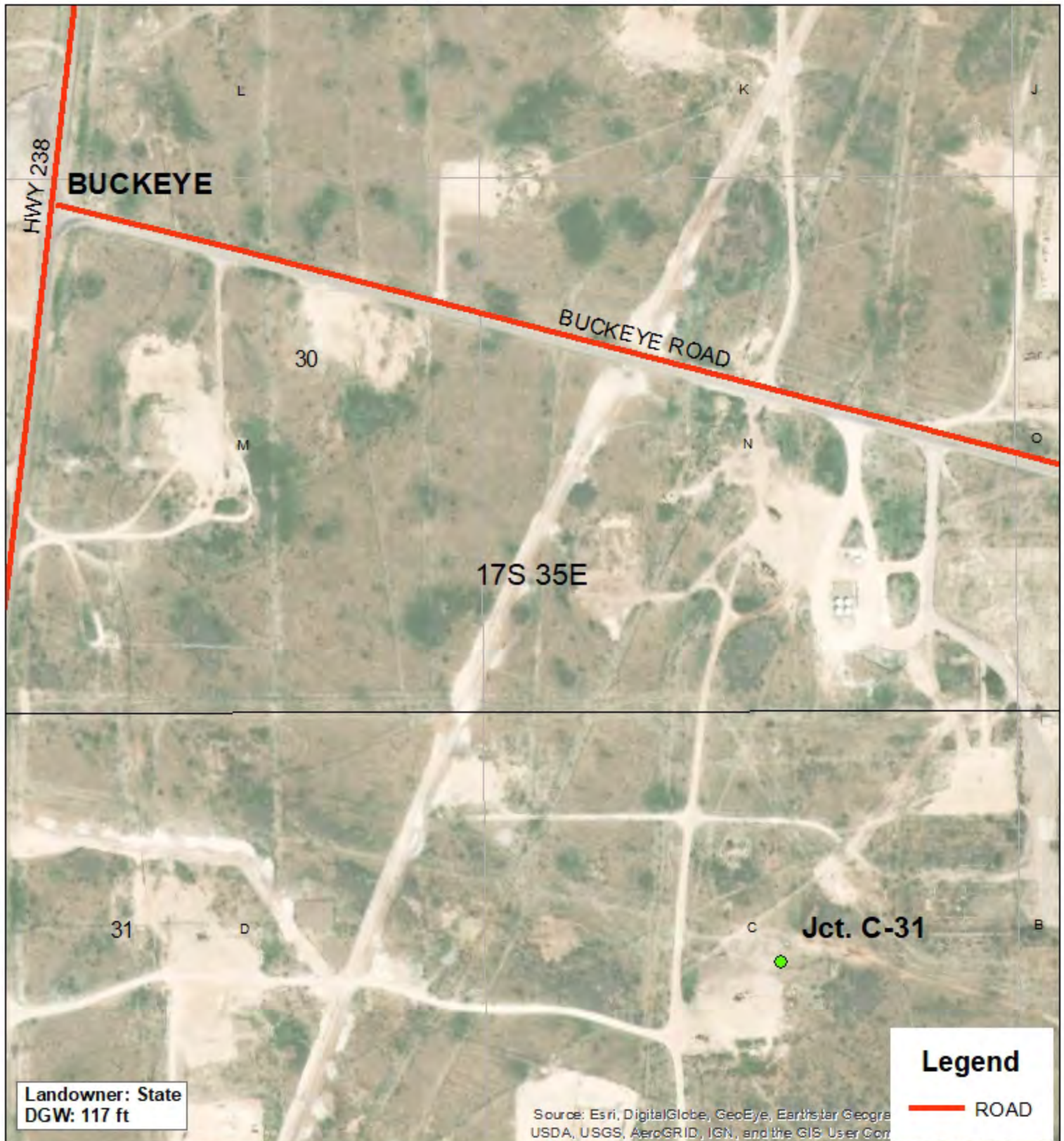
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# Figures

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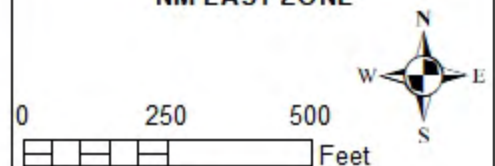
## Geographic Location

**VACUUM  
C-31 JCT**

1R425-84

UL C SECTION 31  
T17S R35E  
LEA COUNTY, NM

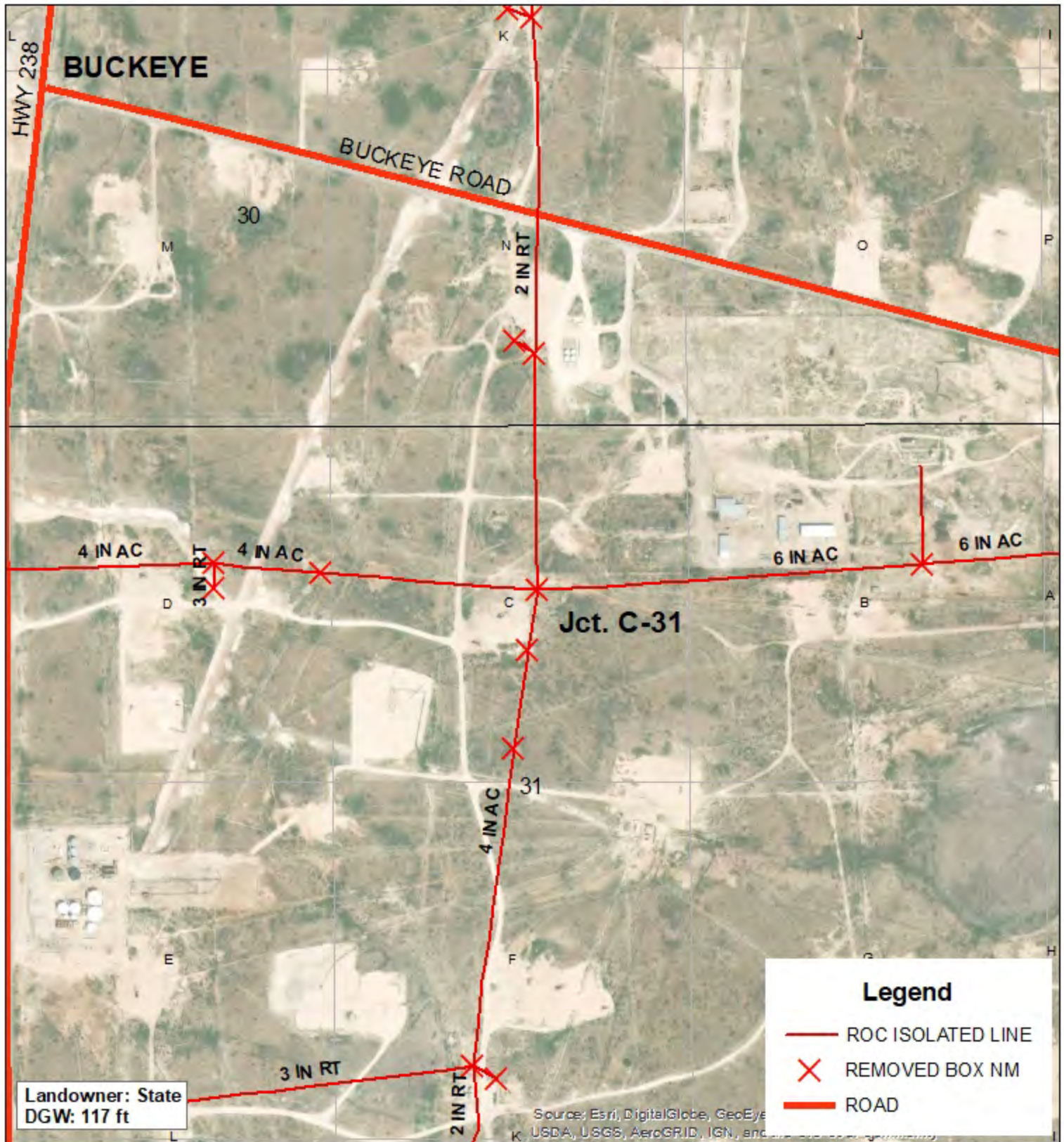
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NM EAST ZONE



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## Area Map



## Legend

- ROC ISOLATED LINE
- × REMOVED BOX NM
- ROAD



# VACUUM C-31 JCT

1R425-84

UL C SECTION 31  
T17S R35E  
LEA COUNTY, NM

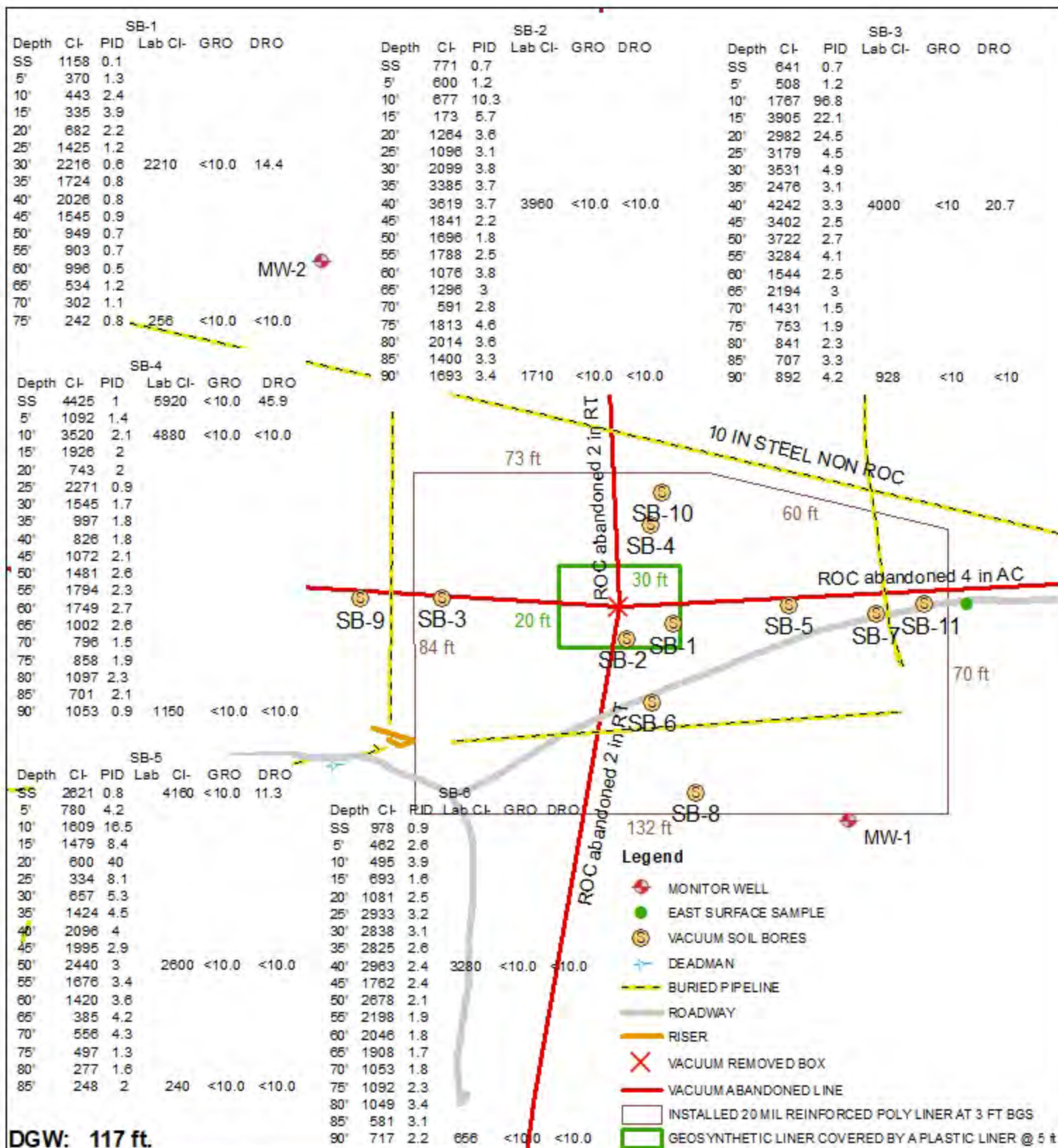
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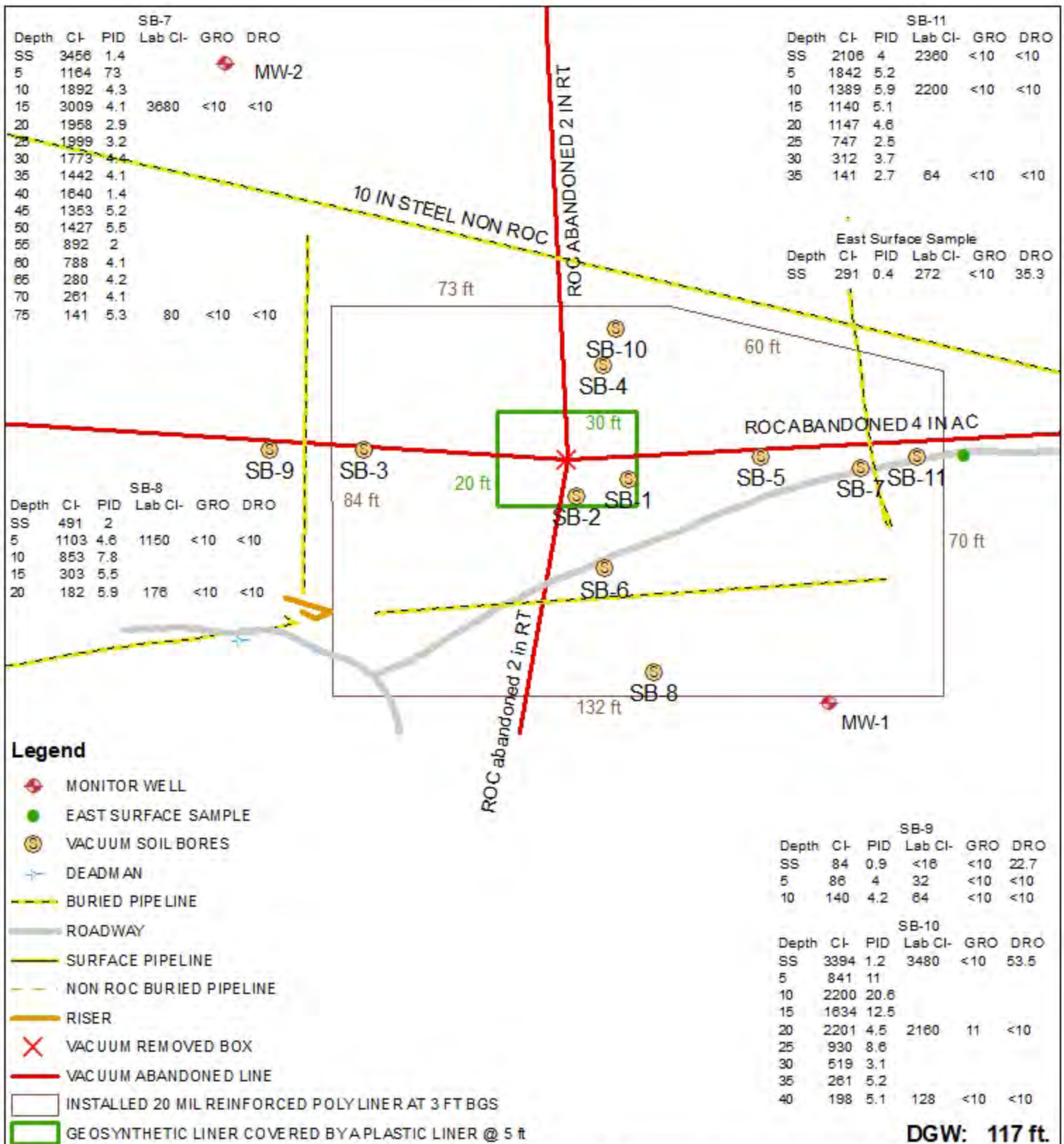
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C-31 JCT  
1R425-84**

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T17S, R35E  
LEA COUNTY, NM**

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Drafted by: L. Weinheimer, T. Grieco





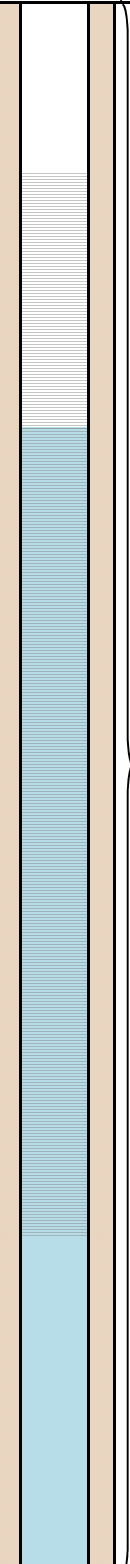
# Monitoring Well Installation

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<b>Logger:</b>	Kyle Schnaidt					
<b>Driller:</b>	Harrison & Cooper, Inc.					
<b>Drilling Method:</b>	Air rotary					
<b>Start Date:</b>	3/13/2015					
<b>End Date:</b>	3/13/2015					
<b>Project Name:</b> Vacuum Jct. C-31 <b>Well ID:</b> MW-1		<b>Project Consultant:</b> Basin Env.				
<b>Comments:</b> MW-1 is located 78 ft southeast of the source. No samples were taken as the well was installed. <b>DRAFTED BY:</b> B. Cooper TD = 157 ft      GW = 115 ft		<b>Location:</b> UL/C sec. 31 T-17-S R-35-E <b>Lat:</b> 32°47'49.519"N <b>County:</b> Lea <b>Long:</b> 103°29'55.322"W <b>State:</b> NM				
Depth (feet)	Chloride field tests	LAB	PID	Description	Lithology	Well Construction
SS				Tan Sand with Caliche and Sandstone Lenses		4 in PVC Bentonite Seal
5 ft						
10 ft						
15 ft						
20 ft						
25 ft						
30 ft						
35 ft						
40 ft						



Depth (feet)	Chloride field tests	LAB	PID	Description		Lithology		Well Construction		
45 ft				Tan Sand with Caliche and Sandstone Lenses				4 in PVC		Bentonite Seal
50 ft										
55 ft										
60 ft										
65 ft										
70 ft										
75 ft										
80 ft										
85 ft										
90 ft										
95 ft				Brown Coarse Sand						

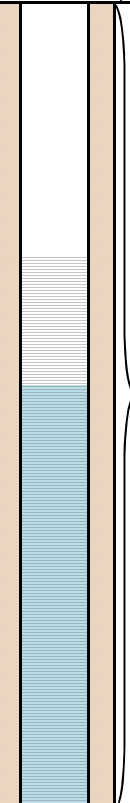
Depth (feet)	Chloride field tests	LAB	PID	Description		Lithology		Well Construction
100 ft				Brown Coarse Sand				
105 ft								
110 ft								
115 ft								
120 ft								
125 ft								
130 ft								
135 ft								
140 ft								
145 ft								
150 ft								
155 ft								
157 ft								



<b>Logger:</b>	Kyle Schnaidt					
<b>Driller:</b>	Harrison & Cooper, Inc.					
<b>Drilling Method:</b>	Air rotary		<b>Project Name:</b>	<b>Well ID:</b>		
<b>Start Date:</b>	3/13/2015		Vacuum Jct. C-31	MW-2		
<b>End Date:</b>	3/13/2015		<b>Project Consultant:</b> Basin Env.			
<b>Comments:</b> MW-2 is located 112 ft northwest of the source. No samples were taken as the well was installed. <b>DRAFTED BY:</b> B. Cooper TD = 130 ft      GW = 115 ft		<b>Location:</b> UL/C sec. 31 T-17-S R-35-E <b>Lat:</b> 32°47'50.892"N <b>County:</b> Lea <b>Long:</b> 103°29'56.827"W <b>State:</b> NM				
Depth (feet)	Chloride field tests	LAB	PID	Description	Lithology	Well Construction
SS				Tan Sand with Caliche and Sandstone Lenses		2 in PVC Bentonite Seal
5 ft						
10 ft						
15 ft						
20 ft						
25 ft						
30 ft						
35 ft						
40 ft						

Depth (feet)	Chloride field tests	LAB	PID	Description		Lithology		Well Construction		
45 ft				Tan Sand with Caliche and Sandstone Lenses				2 in PVC		Bentonite Seal
50 ft										
55 ft										
60 ft										
65 ft										
70 ft										
75 ft										
80 ft										
85 ft										
90 ft										
95 ft				Brown Coarse Sand						



Depth (feet)	Chloride field tests	LAB	PID	Description		Lithology		Well Construction
100 ft				Brown Coarse Sand				 <p>Sand Pack</p>
105 ft								
110 ft								
115 ft								
120 ft								
125 ft								
130 ft								

**Vacuum Jct. C-31**  
**NMOCD Case #: 1R425-84**  
**Unit C, Section 31, T-17-S, R-35-E**



Drilling MW-1, facing southeast 3/13/15



Installing casing in MW-1, facing east 3/13/15



Adding the sand pack, MW-1 3/13/15



Placing the bentonite seal, MW-1 3/13/15



Concreting in well, facing east 3/13/15



Completed MW-1, facing northwest 3/13/15





Drilling MW-2, facing north 3/13/15



Installing casing in MW-2, facing north 3/13/15



Adding the sand pack, MW-2 3/13/15



Placing the bentonite seal, MW-2 3/13/15



Concreting in well, facing northeast 3/13/15



Completed MW-2, facing northeast 3/13/15

# Monitoring Well Sampling

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**ROC - Vacuum Jct. C-31 (1R425-84)**  
**Unit Letter C, Section 31, T17S, R35E**

MW	Depth to Water	Total Depth	Well Volume	Volume Purged	Sample Date	Cl	TDS	Benzene	Toluene	Ethyl Benzene	Total Xylenes	Sulfate	Comments
1	116.78	164.71	31.2	100	6/5/2015	100	454	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.003	49.5	Clear No odor
1	116.83	164.71	31.1	100	8/24/2015	152	588	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.003	48.3	Clear No odor
1	117.08	164.71	30.96	100	11/16/2015	32	312	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.003	<10.0	Clear No odor
1	117.1	164.71	30.9	100	3/15/2016	128	698	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.003	48.8	Clear No odor
1	117.26	164.71	30.8	100	6/31/2016	276	852	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.003	50.7	Clear No odor
1	117.37	164.71	30	100	9/15/2016	256	730	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.003	32	Clear No odor
1	117.41	164.71	30	100	11/18/2016	264	820	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.003	72	Clear No odor
1	117.39	164.71	30	100	3/3/2017	240	910	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.003	50	Clear No odor
1	117.48	164.71	30	100	6/2/2017	470	1,170	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.003	71	Clear No odor
1	117.56	164.71	30	100	9/14/2017	400	1,090	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.003	59	Clear No odor
1	117.31	164.71	30	100	12/6/2017	232	852	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.003	124	Clear No odor
1	117.3	164.71	30.8	100	3/12/2018	152	498	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.003	30.8	Clear No odor
1	117.4	164.71	30.8	100	6/5/2018	124	508	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.003	111	Clear No odor
1	117.53	164.71	30.7	100	9/21/2018	28	264	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.003	43.3	Clear No odor
1	117.65	164.71	30.6	100	11/19/2018	120	472	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.003	43.8	Clear No odor
1	117.47	164.71	30.7	100	3/14/2019	32	295	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.003	43.8	Clear No odor
1	117.78	164.71	30.5	100	6/10/2019	28	218	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.003	48.3	Clear No odor
1	118.11	164.71	30.3	100	9/5/2019	28	256	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.003	48.4	Clear No odor
1	118.13	164.71	30.3	100	11/22/2019	28	302	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.003	47.4	Clear No odor

MW	Depth to Water	Total Depth	Well Volume	Volume Purged	Sample Date	Cl	TDS	Benzene	Toluene	Ethyl Benzene	Total Xylenes	Sulfate	Comments
2	116.74	132.48	2.5	15	6/5/2015	60	398	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.003	30.8	Clear No odor
2	116.79	132.48	2.5	15	8/24/2015	88	512	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.003	61.2	Clear No odor
2	117.04	132.48	2.47	15	11/16/2015	40	440	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.003	56.6	Clear No odor
2	117.09	132.48	2.5	15	3/15/2016	56	328	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.003	44.6	Clear No odor
2	117.28	132.48	2.4	15	5/31/2016	72	548	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.003	46.1	Clear No odor

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**Unit Letter C, Section 31, T17S, R35E**

MW	Depth to Water	Total Depth	Well Volume	Volume Purged	Sample Date	Cl	TDS	Benzene	Toluene	Ethyl Benzene	Total Xylenes	Sulfate	Comments
2	117.38	132.48	2.4	15	9/15/2016	60	352	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.003	45	Clear No odor
2	117.43	132.48	2.4	15	11/18/2016	56	254	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.003	50	Clear No odor
2	117.41	132.48	2.4	15	3/3/2017	52	326	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.003	55	Clear No odor
2	117.51	132.48	2.4	15	6/2/2017	80	486	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.003	57	Clear No odor
2	117.6	132.48	2.4	15	9/14/2017	60	336	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.003	46	Clear No odor
2	117.36	132.48	2.4	15	12/6/2017	48	334	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.003	44	Clear No odor
2	117.34	132.48	2.4	15	3/12/2018	52	280	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.003	45.6	Clear No odor
2	117.44	132.48	2.4	15	6/5/2018	48	362	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.003	45.9	Clear No odor
2	117.57	132.48	2.4	10	9/21/2018	40	376	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.003	42.2	Clear No odor
2	117.72	132.48	2.4	10	11/19/2018	52	350	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.003	45.6	Clear No odor
2	117.51	132.48	2.4	10	3/14/2019	52	110	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.003	51.2	Clear No odor
2	117.83	132.48	2.3	15	6/10/2019	40	338	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.003	49.7	Clear No odor
2	118.17	132.48	2.3	10	9/5/2019	48	372	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.003	45.1	Clear No odor
2	118.19	132.48	2.3	10	11/22/2019	44	135	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.003	43.3	Clear No odor



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December 06, 2019

KATIE JONES

Rice Operating Company

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RE: VACUUM JUNCTION C-31

Enclosed are the results of analyses for samples received by the laboratory on 11/25/19 16:31.

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This report meets NELAP requirements and is made up of a cover page, analytical results, and a copy of the original chain-of-custody. If you have any questions concerning this report, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Celey D. Keene". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'C' and 'K'.

Celey D. Keene

Lab Director/Quality Manager



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**Analytical Results For:**

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Received:	11/25/2019	Sampling Date:	11/22/2019
Reported:	12/06/2019	Sampling Type:	Water
Project Name:	VACUUM JUNCTION C-31	Sampling Condition:	Cool & Intact
Project Number:	NONE GIVEN	Sample Received By:	Jodi Henson
Project Location:	T17S-R35E-SEC31C - LEA CTY., NM		

**Sample ID: MONITOR WELL #1 (H904001-01)**

BTEX 8021B		mg/L		Analyzed By: MS						
Analyte	Result	Reporting Limit	Analyzed	Method Blank	BS	% Recovery	True Value QC	RPD	Qualifier	
Benzene*	<0.001	0.001	11/27/2019	ND	0.021	105	0.0200	0.744		
Toluene*	<0.001	0.001	11/27/2019	ND	0.020	101	0.0200	0.637		
Ethylbenzene*	<0.001	0.001	11/27/2019	ND	0.021	104	0.0200	1.69		
Total Xylenes*	<0.003	0.003	11/27/2019	ND	0.064	106	0.0600	2.54		
Total BTEX	<0.006	0.006	11/27/2019	ND						

Surrogate: 4-Bromofluorobenzene (PID) 98.7 % 58.2-133

Chloride, SM4500Cl-B		mg/L		Analyzed By: AC						
Analyte	Result	Reporting Limit	Analyzed	Method Blank	BS	% Recovery	True Value QC	RPD	Qualifier	
Chloride*	28.0	4.00	11/26/2019	ND	104	104	100	0.00		

Sulfate 375.4		mg/L		Analyzed By: AC						
Analyte	Result	Reporting Limit	Analyzed	Method Blank	BS	% Recovery	True Value QC	RPD	Qualifier	
Sulfate*	47.4	10.0	11/27/2019	ND	18.3	91.6	20.0	18.5		

TDS 160.1		mg/L		Analyzed By: AC						
Analyte	Result	Reporting Limit	Analyzed	Method Blank	BS	% Recovery	True Value QC	RPD	Qualifier	
TDS*	302	5.00	12/03/2019	ND	515	97.7	527	15.3		

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Project Number:	NONE GIVEN	Sample Received By:	Jodi Henson
Project Location:	T17S-R35E-SEC31C - LEA CTY., NM		

**Sample ID: MONITOR WELL #2 (H904001-02)**

BTEX 8021B		mg/L		Analyzed By: MS					
Analyte	Result	Reporting Limit	Analyzed	Method Blank	BS	% Recovery	True Value QC	RPD	Qualifier
Benzene*	<0.001	0.001	11/27/2019	ND	0.021	105	0.0200	0.744	
Toluene*	<0.001	0.001	11/27/2019	ND	0.020	101	0.0200	0.637	
Ethylbenzene*	<0.001	0.001	11/27/2019	ND	0.021	104	0.0200	1.69	
Total Xylenes*	<0.003	0.003	11/27/2019	ND	0.064	106	0.0600	2.54	
Total BTEX	<0.006	0.006	11/27/2019	ND					

Surrogate: 4-Bromofluorobenzene (PID) 99.0 % 58.2-133

Chloride, SM4500CI-B		mg/L		Analyzed By: AC					
Analyte	Result	Reporting Limit	Analyzed	Method Blank	BS	% Recovery	True Value QC	RPD	Qualifier
Chloride*	44.0	4.00	11/26/2019	ND	104	104	100	0.00	

Sulfate 375.4		mg/L		Analyzed By: AC						
Analyte	Result	Reporting Limit	Analyzed	Method Blank	BS	% Recovery	True Value QC	RPD	Qualifier	
Sulfate*	43.3	10.0	11/27/2019	ND	18.3	91.6	20.0	18.5		

TDS 160.1		mg/L		Analyzed By: AC						
Analyte	Result	Reporting Limit	Analyzed	Method Blank	BS	% Recovery	True Value QC	RPD	Qualifier	
TDS*	135	5.00	12/03/2019	ND	515	97.7	527	15.3		

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Company Name: <b>RICE Operating Company</b>		BILL TO Company: <b>RICE Operating Company</b>		PO#
Project Manager: <b>Katie Jones</b>		Address: (Street, City, Zip) <b>122 W Taylor Street ~ Hobbs, New Mexico 88240</b>		
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Project #:		Project Name: <b>Vacuum Junction C-31</b>		
Project Location: <b>T17S-R35E-Sec31 C ~ Lea County New Mexico</b>		Sampler Signature:  <b>Rozanne Johnson (575)631-9310</b>		

### ANALYSIS REQUEST

(Circle or Specify Method No.)

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# Soil Closure Request and NMOCD Approval

**RICE Operating Company**  
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**August 15, 2014****Mr. Leonard Lowe**

New Mexico Energy, Minerals, & Natural Resources  
Oil Conservation Division, Environmental Bureau  
1220 S. St. Francis Drive  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

**RE: Initial CAP Report & Soil Closure Request  
Rice Operating Company – Vacuum SWD System  
Vacuum Jct. C-31 (1R425-84): UL/C sec. 31 T17S R35E**

Mr. Lowe:

RICE Operating Company (ROC) has retained Rice Environmental Consulting and Safety (RECS) to address potential environmental concerns at the above-referenced sites in the Vacuum Salt Water Disposal (SWD) system. ROC is the service provider (agent) for the Vacuum SWD System and has no ownership of any portion of the pipeline, well, or facility. The system is owned by a consortium of oil producers, System Parties, who provide all operating capital on a percentage ownership/usage basis.

**Background and Previous Work**

The site is located .5 miles southeast of Buckeye, New Mexico at UL/C sec. 31 T17S R35E as shown on the Geographical Location Map (Figure 1). Soil bore installation at the site show groundwater to be located at 100 +/- feet.

**Vacuum Jct. C-31 Backhoe Delineation**

In 2009, ROC initiated work on the former Vacuum Jct. C-31 junction boxes. The site was delineated using a backhoe to collect soil samples at regular intervals, creating a 30 x 20 x 12-ft deep excavation. Soil samples were field tested for chlorides and hydrocarbons and resulted in elevated chloride concentrations. Representative samples were taken to a commercial laboratory for analysis. Laboratory analysis of the four-wall composite resulted in a chloride concentration of 2,400 mg/kg, a gasoline range organics (GRO) concentration of 69.1 mg/kg and a diesel range organics (DRO) concentration of 1,110 mg/kg. BTEX analysis of the four-wall composite resulted in benzene and toluene concentrations of non-detect, an ethyl benzene concentration of 0.363 mg/kg and a total xylenes concentration of 1.48 mg/kg. Laboratory analysis of the bottom composite resulted in a chloride concentration of 944 mg/kg, a GRO concentration of 158 mg/kg and a DRO concentration of 1,590 mg/kg. BTEX analysis of the bottom composite resulted in benzene, toluene, and ethyl benzene concentrations of non-detect and a total xylenes concentration of 2.77 mg/kg.

The excavated soil was blended on site and a representative composite sample was sent to a commercial laboratory for analysis of chlorides and TPH. The laboratory analysis resulted in a chloride concentration of 1,200 mg/kg, a GRO concentration of 10.4 mg/kg and a DRO concentration of 1,130 mg/kg. The blended backfill was returned to the excavation to 5 ft below ground surface (bgs) and a geo-synthetic and plastic liner were installed and properly seated into the excavation. The remaining backfill was blended with clean, imported soil and analyzed by a commercial laboratory for chlorides and TPH. Laboratory analysis of the blended backfill II resulted in a chloride concentration of 400 mg/kg, a GRO concentration

of non-detect and a DRO concentration of 312 mg/kg. The blended backfill II returned the excavation to ground surface and was used to contour the site to the surrounding area. On June 8th, 2009, the site was seeded with a blend of native vegetation.

NMOCD was notified of potential groundwater impact on March 12th, 2010, and a junction box disclosure report was submitted to NMOCD with all the 2009 junction box closures and disclosures.

#### Investigation and Characterization Plan (ICP)

On February 8th, 2013, ROC submitted an Investigation and Characterization Plan (ICP) to NMOCD, which was approved on March 4th, 2013. As part of the ICP, RECS personnel were on site April 11th and 12th, 2013 to install soil bores. A total of six soil bores were drilled at the site and as they were advanced, soil samples were taken at regular intervals. The samples were field tested for chlorides and hydrocarbons and representative samples were taken to a commercial laboratory for analysis. Laboratory analysis showed evidence that as the bores were advanced, the chloride levels declined with depth in all six bores. DRO levels were non-detect in SB-2 and SB-6 at all depths and declined with depth to non-detect in the remainder of the bores. GRO levels returned results of non-detect in all bores at all depths.

On May 31st 2013, ROC submitted an Investigation and Characterization Plan (ICP) Report and Request for Further Delineation to NMOCD, which was approved on August 28th, 2013. The report recommended that ROC continue to investigate the site to determine the lateral extent of the chloride contamination. ROC would also review historical photos and, if warranted, install monitor wells. All monitor wells would be installed and sampled according to NMOCD and industry standards.

Additional soil bores were installed on September 24th, 2013 to further delineate the site. A total of five soil bores were drilled and as they were advanced, soil samples were taken at regular intervals. The samples were field tested for chloride and hydrocarbon and representative samples were taken to a commercial laboratory for analysis. A surface sample was also collected 10 ft east of SB-11 and was analyzed by a commercial labor for chloride and TPH. The northern edge of the site was defined with SB-10, the west was defined with SB-9, the south was defined with SB-8, and the east was defined with SB-11 and the surface sample 10 ft east of SB-11.

Historical aerial photos were assessed to determine areas of concern adjacent to the site. In the 1955 aerial photo, a facility is evident north of the site and a stain is evident south of the site. In the 2013 aerial photo, a facility is evident directly east of the site. Based on the results of the soil bore installation, a Corrective Action Plan (CAP) was submitted to the NMOCD on November 8th, 2013. In order to prohibit the downward migration of residual chloride, the CAP proposed the installation of a modified 84x132-ft, 20-mil reinforced liner at 3 ft bgs, backfill with soil containing a chloride concentration below 500 mg/kg and a field PID reading below 100 ppm, and seeding of the backfilled site. The CAP also proposed installation of a near-source and an up-gradient monitoring well to determine groundwater quality. NMOCD approved the CAP on November 21st, 2013.

#### CAP Report for Soils

On June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014, RECS personnel were on site to begin liner installation according to the NMOCD approved CAP. The site was excavated to dimensions of 84x132 ft x 3.5 ft deep (Figure 2). The northeast corner remained a safe distance from a 10 inch, non-ROC steel line. The excavation was padded with 6 inches of imported soil and an 84x132 ft, 20-mil liner was installed at 3 ft bgs, overlaying the previously installed 30 ft x 20 ft geosynthetic liner at 5 ft bgs. The top of the liner was padded with an additional 6 inches of imported soil. A composite sample of the imported soil was analyzed by a commercial laboratory for chloride, resulting in a concentration of 16 mg/kg. The sample was also field tested for hydrocarbon using a PID, resulting in a reading of 2.3 ppm. Approximately 1,144 cubic yards of

excavated soil were properly disposed of at an NMOCD approved facility. The remaining excavated soil was blended on site and a sample of the west 8 pt comp blended backfill was field tested for hydrocarbons using a PID and returned a result of 13.3 ppm. The sample was taken to a commercial laboratory for analysis and returned a laboratory chloride reading of 464 mg/kg. The blended backfilled was returned to the excavated and imported soil was used to contour the site to the surrounding area. The site was tilled with soil amendments and seeded with a blend of native vegetation. Documentation of the CAP activities can be found in Appendix A.

#### Groundwater Remedy

According to the NMOCD approved CAP, ROC will install a near-source monitor well (MW-1) and an up-gradient well (MW-2) to determine groundwater quality. Once groundwater quality has been determined, ROC will submit a report to NMOCD with recommendations.

ROC acknowledges they have met the soil requirements as approved by NMOCD in the Corrective Action Plan (CAP), and the newly installed 20-mil reinforced liner will prohibit the migration of any residual chlorides. Vegetation above the liner will also provide a natural infiltration barrier for the site since plants capture water through their roots thereby reducing the volume of water moving through the vadose zone to groundwater. As such, ROC requests 'Soil Closure' for this site.

RECS appreciates the opportunity to work with you on this project. Please call Hack Conder at (575) 393-2967 if you have any questions or wish to discuss the site.

Sincerely,



Laura Flores  
Rice Environmental Consulting & Safety (RECS)  
Project Manager

#### Attachments:

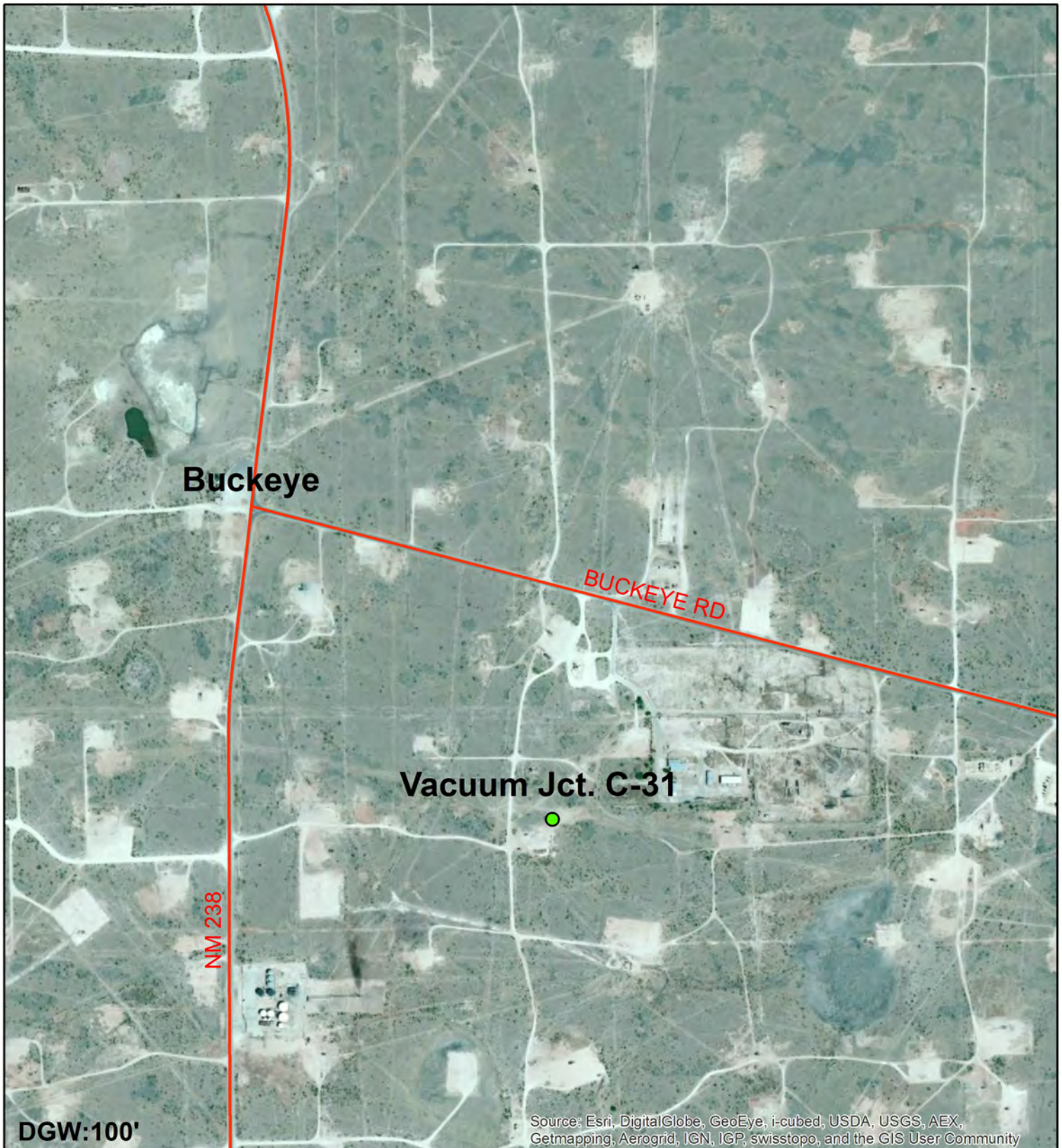
- Figure 1 – Geographical Location Map
- Figure 2 – Installed NMOCD Approved Liner
- Appendix A – Liner Installation Documentation

# Figures

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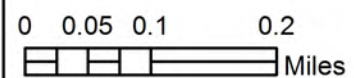


# Geographical Locaton Map



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Lea County, NM  
NMOCD Case #: 1R425-84

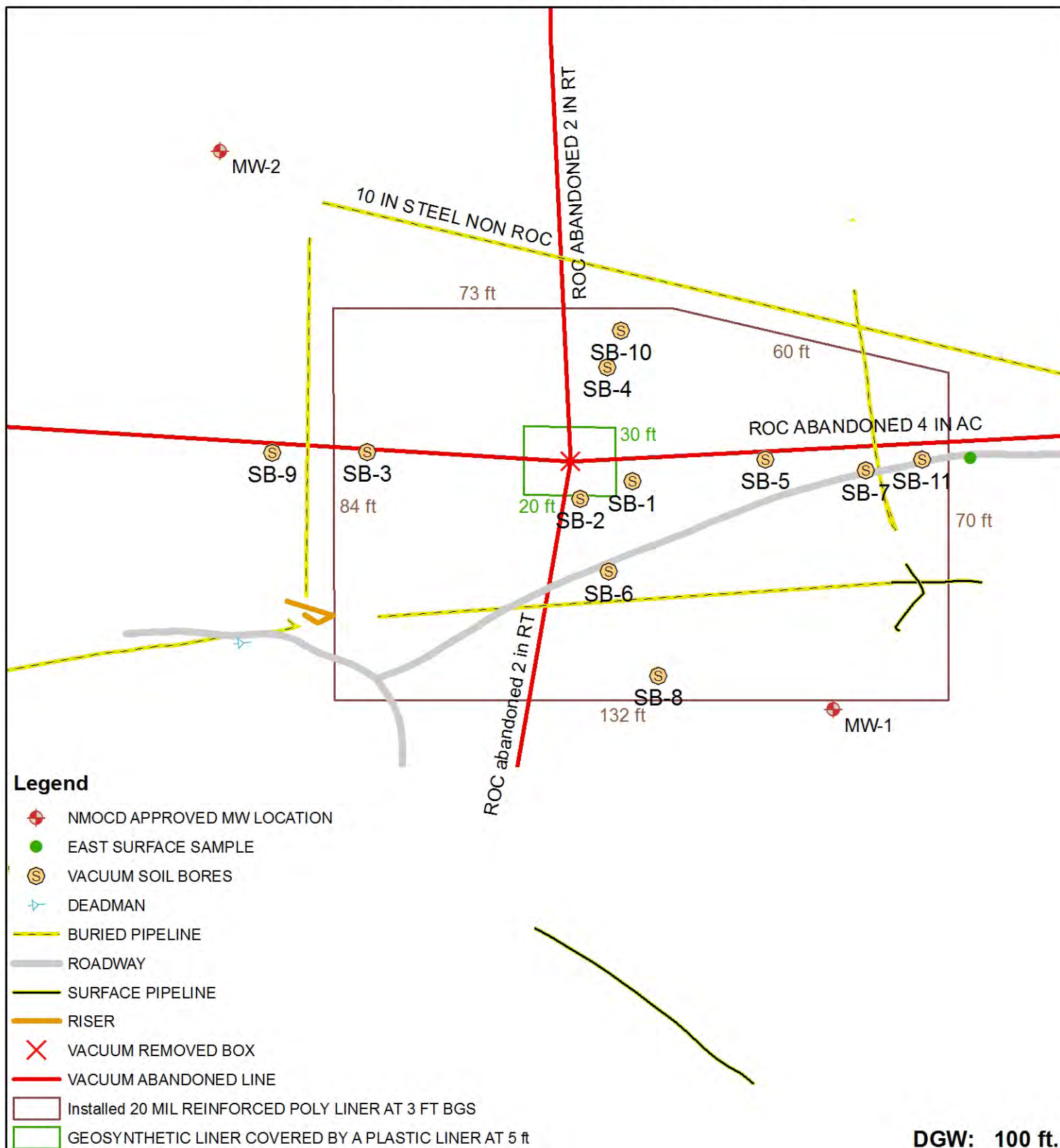
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## Installed NMOCD Approved Liner

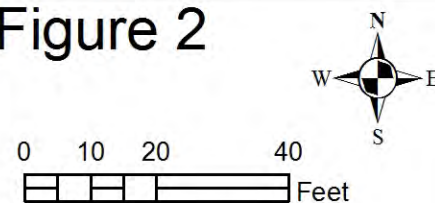


## Vacuum Jct. C-31

UL/ C, Section 31,  
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NMOCD Case #: 1R425-84

## Figure 2



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# Appendix A

## Liner Installation Documentation

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June 30, 2014

KATIE JONES

Rice Operating Company

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RE: VACUUM JCT C-31 17S-35E

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**Analytical Results For:**

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Received:	06/27/2014	Sampling Date:	06/27/2014
Reported:	06/30/2014	Sampling Type:	Soil
Project Name:	VACUUM JCT C-31 17S-35E	Sampling Condition:	Cool & Intact
Project Number:	NONE GIVEN	Sample Received By:	Jodi Henson
Project Location:	NOT GIVEN		

**Sample ID: 8 PT. BLENDED BACKFILL (H401954-01)**

Chloride, SM4500Cl-B		mg/kg		Analyzed By: AP					
Analyte	Result	Reporting Limit	Analyzed	Method Blank	BS	% Recovery	True Value QC	RPD	Qualifier
Chloride	464	16.0	06/30/2014	ND	400	100	400	0.00	

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LOT NO: HAL-248-100-1	7/1/2015
METER READING ACCURACY: 100PPM	

ACCURACY : +/- 2%

COMPANY
ROC

SITE	UNIT	SECTION	TOWN SHIP	RANGE
Vacuum Jct. C-31	C	31	17-S	35-E

SAMPLE ID	PID	SAMPLE ID	PID
8pt Blended Backfill Comp	13.3		

I verify that I have calibrated the above instrument in accordance to the manufacture operation manual.

SIGNATURE:



DATE: 6/27/2014



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July 07, 2014

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Reported:	07/07/2014	Sampling Type:	Soil
Project Name:	VACUUM JCT C-31 17S-35E	Sampling Condition:	Cool & Intact
Project Number:	NONE GIVEN	Sample Received By:	Kathy Perez
Project Location:	NOT GIVEN		

**Sample ID: IMPORTED SOIL SAMPLE (H401982-01)**

Chloride, SM4500Cl-B		mg/kg		Analyzed By: AP						
Analyte	Result	Reporting Limit	Analyzed	Method Blank	BS	% Recovery	True Value QC	RPD	Qualifier	
Chloride	16.0	16.0	07/03/2014	ND	416	104	400	0.00		

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Sampler Name: Abe Anderson				Fax #:																
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U/L C	Section 31	Township 17S	Range 35E	County LEA	Latitude	Longitude
Contact Name: Hack Conder						
Email: <a href="mailto:hconder@rice-ecs.com">hconder@rice-ecs.com</a>						
Site size: 185'X94' square feet: 18,000						

### 2. Soils

*\*Do not rip caliche subsoils; caliche rocks brought to the surface by ripping shall be removed.*

Salvaged from site	<input type="checkbox"/> Bioremediated	<input type="checkbox"/> Imported	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Blended	Depth (in)	
Texture:	Sandy		Describe soil & subsoil:	Top Soil on Top and Caliche Below	
Soil prep methods:	<input type="checkbox"/> Rip	Depth (in)	<input type="checkbox"/> Disc	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Depth (in)	3" Rollerpack
Date completed:	8/6/2014				

### 3. Bioremediation

Fertilizer	<input type="checkbox"/> Hay	Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Type:	Describe: 12 Bags of Sphagnum Peat Moss, Lawn		
Lbs/acre:	Soil, Premium Top Soil, Composted Mulch & Steer Manure		

### 4. Seeding

*\*Attach seed bag tags to this form. Seed bag tags shall contain the site name and S-T-R.*

Custom Seed Mix	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Prescribed Mix	<input type="checkbox"/>	Seed Mix Name:	18 lbs. of Lea Co. Mix, Side Oats & Sudan	Date:	8/6/2014
Broadcast	Push Broadcasting Seeder			Method:	With Broadcast Seeder		
Soil conditions during seed:	Dry	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Damp	<input type="checkbox"/> Wet				
Observations:	The seed and amendments were raked into the soil.						

### 5. Certification

I hereby certify that the information in this form and attachments is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Name:	Chris Flores	Title:	Environmental Tech	Date:	8/6/2014
Signature:					

**Vacuum Jct. C-31 (1R425-84)**  
**Unit Letter C, Section 31, T17S, R35E**



Site prior to excavation,  
facing west

10/24/2013



Excavating the site,  
Facing east

6/17/2014



Exporting the spoil pile,  
Facing west

6/18/2014



Modified 84x132 ft final excavation,  
facing southeast

6/27/2014



Importing soil,  
facing north

6/30/2014



Padding 6' of soil,  
facing east

6/30/2014





20-mil poly liner installed at 3 ft bgs,  
facing southeast 7/7/2014



Padding above the liner,  
facing northeast 7/8/2014



Backfilling the excavation,  
facing north 7/8/2014



Seeding location,  
facing southeast 8/6/2014



Laying amendments,  
facing south 8/6/2014



Site complete,  
facing southwest 8/6/2014

## NMOCD Response/Results from Meeting

## OCD/RECS Meeting

September 18, 2014

Santa Fe, NM

AGENDA/NOTES

9:30 AM

## ROC

## A. Termination Requests

1. EME H-24 EOL (1R427-361): CAP Report and Termination Request submitted 4/7/2014.  
OCD approves the closure request for EME H-24 EOL, 1R427-361  

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2. Vacuum State H-35 EOL (1R425-46): CAP Report and Termination Request submitted 5/21/2014.  
OCD approves the Termination request for Vacuum State H - 35 EOL, 1R425-46  

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3. Vacuum G-28 vent (1R425-65): CAP Report and Termination Request submitted 7/22/2014.  
OCD approves the Termination request for Vacuum G - 28 Vent, 1R425-65  

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4. BD N-32 vent (1R426-153): Termination Request submitted 8/20/2014.  
OCD approves the closure request for BD N - 32, 1R426-153  

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## B. Soil Closure

1. BD F-29 (1R426-16) & F-29-1 (1R426-15) : Initial CAP Report and Soil Closure Request submitted 7/23/2014.  
OCD approves SOIL CLOSURE request for BD - F - 29 (1R426 - 16)  
OCD approves SOIL CLOSURE request for BD F - 29 - 1 (1R426 - 15)  

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2. BD Jct. N-20 (1R426-215) : Initial CAP Report and Soil Closure Request submitted 8/1/2014.  
OCD approves SOIL CLOSURE for BD Jct. N - 20 (1R426 - 215)  

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3. Vacuum N-6-1 (1R0479) : Vadose zone CAP Report and Soil Closure Request submitted 8/12/2014.

OCD approves SOIL CLOSURE for Vacuum N - 6 -1 (1R426 - 479)

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4. Vacuum Jct. C-31 (1R425-84) : Initial CAP Report and Soil Closure Request submitted 8/15/2014.

OCD approves SOIL CLOSURE for Vacuum Jct. C - 31 (1R425 - 84)

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#### C. CAP

1. EME Jct. F-32 (1R427-407): ICP Report & CAP submitted 6/26/2014.  
OCD approved, at time of meeting, CAP for EME Jct. F - 32 (1R427 - 407)
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2. EME N-28 EOL (1R427-410): Approval to commence soil excavation received 8/28/14. Official OCD approval not on OCD website.  
OCD approved CAP EME N - 28 (1R - 427 - 410). Previously approval given verbally.
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3. EME C-33 EOL (1R427-405): Approval to commence soil excavation received 8/28/2014. Official OCD approval not on OCD website.  
OCD approves CAP for EME C - 33 EOL (1R427 - 405)
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4. EME Jct. E-2 (1R427-165): Proposed CAP plat.  
OCD approved CAP for EME Jct. E - 2 (1R427 - 165), verbal approval give at time of Meeting.
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5. EME O-3 EOL (1R427-289): Proposed CAP plat.  
OCD approved CAP for EME O - 3 EOL (1R427 - 289), verbal approval give  
at time of Meeting.
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RECS

A. Termination Requests

1. Apache Walter Lynch tank battery (1R-2498): Termination Request  
submitted 9/4/2014.  
Signed at time of Meeting. OCD requested a copy of signed C - 141.
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Notes

# Final C-141 and Current Photos

**RICE Operating Company**  
112 West Taylor, Hobbs, NM 88240  
Phone 575.393.9174



Incident ID	
District RP	1R425-84
Facility ID	
Application ID	pEJH1015950954

## Closure

The responsible party must attach information demonstrating they have complied with all applicable closure requirements and any conditions or directives of the OCD. This demonstration should be in the form of a comprehensive report (electronic submittals in .pdf format are preferred) including a scaled site map, sampling diagrams, relevant field notes, photographs of any excavation prior to backfilling, laboratory data including chain of custody documents of final sampling, and a narrative of the remedial activities. Refer to 19.15.29.12 NMAC.

**Closure Report Attachment Checklist:** *Each of the following items must be included in the closure report.*

- ☒ A scaled site and sampling diagram as described in 19.15.29.11 NMAC
- ☒ Photographs of the remediated site prior to backfill or photos of the liner integrity if applicable (Note: appropriate OCD District office must be notified 2 days prior to liner inspection)
- ☒ Laboratory analyses of final sampling (Note: appropriate ODC District office must be notified 2 days prior to final sampling)
- ☒ Description of remediation activities

I hereby certify that the information given above is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and understand that pursuant to OCD rules and regulations all operators are required to report and/or file certain release notifications and perform corrective actions for releases which may endanger public health or the environment. The acceptance of a C-141 report by the OCD does not relieve the operator of liability should their operations have failed to adequately investigate and remediate contamination that pose a threat to groundwater, surface water, human health or the environment. In addition, OCD acceptance of a C-141 report does not relieve the operator of responsibility for compliance with any other federal, state, or local laws and/or regulations. The responsible party acknowledges they must substantially restore, reclaim, and re-vegetate the impacted surface area to the conditions that existed prior to the release or their final land use in accordance with 19.15.29.13 NMAC including notification to the OCD when reclamation and re-vegetation are complete.

Printed Name: Katie Jones Davis Title: Environmental Manager  
Signature: Katie Jones Davis Date: 1/20/2020  
email: kjones@riceswd.com Telephone: 575-393-9174

**OCD Only**

Received by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Closure approval by the OCD does not relieve the responsible party of liability should their operations have failed to adequately investigate and remediate contamination that poses a threat to groundwater, surface water, human health, or the environment nor does not relieve the responsible party of compliance with any other federal, state, or local laws and/or regulations.

Closure Approved by: Jennifer Nobui Date: 05/03/2022  
Printed Name: Jennifer Nobui Title: Environmental Specialist A

**Vacuum Jct. C-31 (1R425-84)**  
**Unit C, Section 31, T17S, R35E**



Facing east

6/11/2019



Facing south

6/11/2019

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CONDITIONS  
  
Action 72800

CONDITIONS

Operator: RICE OPERATING COMPANY 122 W Taylor Hobbs, NM 88240	OGRID: 19174
	Action Number: 72800
	Action Type: [C-141] Release Corrective Action (C-141)

CONDITIONS

Created By	Condition	Condition Date
jnobui	Termination Request Approved 1/31/2022. Incident #nAPP2110348221 Closed.	5/3/2022