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# WORKPLANS

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**August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2011**

**Mr. Edward Hansen**

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

**RE: INVESTIGATION & CHARACTERIZATION PLAN  
Rice Operating Company – EME SWD System  
EME D-2 boot (1R427-14): UL/D sec. 2 T20S R36E**

Mr. Hansen:

RICE Operating Company (ROC) has retained Rice Environmental Consulting and Safety (RECS) to address potential environmental concerns at the above-referenced site in the EME Salt Water Disposal (SWD) system. The site was previously referred to as the EME M-35-2 boot at T19S R36E. However, GIS mapping shows the site to be located within unit letter D, section 2, township 20S, and range 36E (Figure 1). To reflect the geographical location of the site, the name has been changed to the EME D-2 boot at T20S R36E. All future correspondence will reference EME D-2 boot.

ROC is the service provider (agent) for the EME 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/usage basis. Environmental projects of this nature require System Party AFE approval prior to work commencing at the site. In general, project funding is not forthcoming until NMOCD approves the work plan. Therefore, your timely review of this submission is greatly appreciated.

For all such environmental projects, ROC will choose the path forward that:

- Protects public health,
- Provides the greatest net environmental benefit,
- Complies with NMOCD Rules, and
- Is supported by good science.

Each site shall generally have three submissions:

1. This Investigation and Characterization Plan (ICP) is proposed for gathering data and site characterization and assessment.

2. Upon evaluating the data and results from the ICP, a recommended remedy will be submitted in a Corrective Action Plan (CAP) if warranted.
3. Finally, after implementing the remedy, a Termination Request with final documentation will be submitted.

## **Background and Previous Work**

The site is located approximately 4 miles south-west of Monument, New Mexico at UL/D sec. 2 T20S R36E as shown on the Site Location Map (Figure 1). NM OSE records indicate that groundwater will likely be encountered at a depth of approximately 35 +/- feet.

In 2003, ROC initiated work on the former EME D-2 boot junction box. The site was delineated using a backhoe to form a trench and soil samples were screened at regular intervals for both hydrocarbons and chlorides. From the excavation, the bottom grab sample was taken to a commercial laboratory for analysis. Laboratory tests of the 12 ft bottom grab sample showed a chloride laboratory reading of 2,690 mg/kg and negligible GRO (gasoline range organics), DRO (diesel range organics), and BTEX readings. The trench was backfilled with the excavated soils and capped with approximately 3 feet of topsoil.

The area was contoured to the surrounding landscape and an identification plate was placed on the surface of the site to mark its location for future environmental considerations. NMOCD was notified of potential groundwater impact on July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2003 and a junction box disclosure report (Appendix A) was submitted to NMOCD with all the 2003 junction box closures and disclosures.

ROC proposes additional investigative work at the site to determine if there is potential for groundwater degradation from residual chlorides and hydrocarbons at the site.

## **Proposed Work Elements**

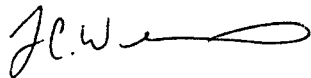
1. Conduct vertical and lateral delineation of residual soil hydrocarbons and chlorides (see Appendix B for Quality Procedures).
  - a. Vertical sampling will be conducted until either one of the following criteria is met in the field.
    - i. Three samples in which the chloride concentration decreases and the third sample has a chloride concentration of  $\leq 250$  ppm; and,
    - ii. Three samples in which PID readings decrease and the third sample has a PID reading of  $\leq 100$  ppm; or,
    - iii. The sampling reaches the capillary fringe.
  - b. Lateral sampling will be conducted until either one of the following criteria is met in the field.
    - i. A decrease is observed in chloride concentrations between lateral bores at similar depths; and,

- ii. A chloride concentration of  $\leq 250$  ppm is observed in a lateral surface sample; or,
  - iii. Safety concerns impede further lateral delineation.
2. If warranted, install a monitor well to provide direct measurement of the potential groundwater impact at the site. (All monitor wells will be installed by EPA, NMOCD, and industry standards.)
3. Evaluate the risk of groundwater impact based on the information obtained.

If the evaluation of the site shows no threat to groundwater from residual chlorides, then only a vadose zone remedy will be undertaken. However, if groundwater shows impact from residual chlorides, a CAP will be developed to address these concerns.

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

Sincerely,



Lara Weinheimer  
Project Scientist  
RECS  
(575) 441-0431

Attachments:

- Figures – Geographical location map
- Appendix A – Junction Box Disclosure Report
- Appendix B – Quality Procedures

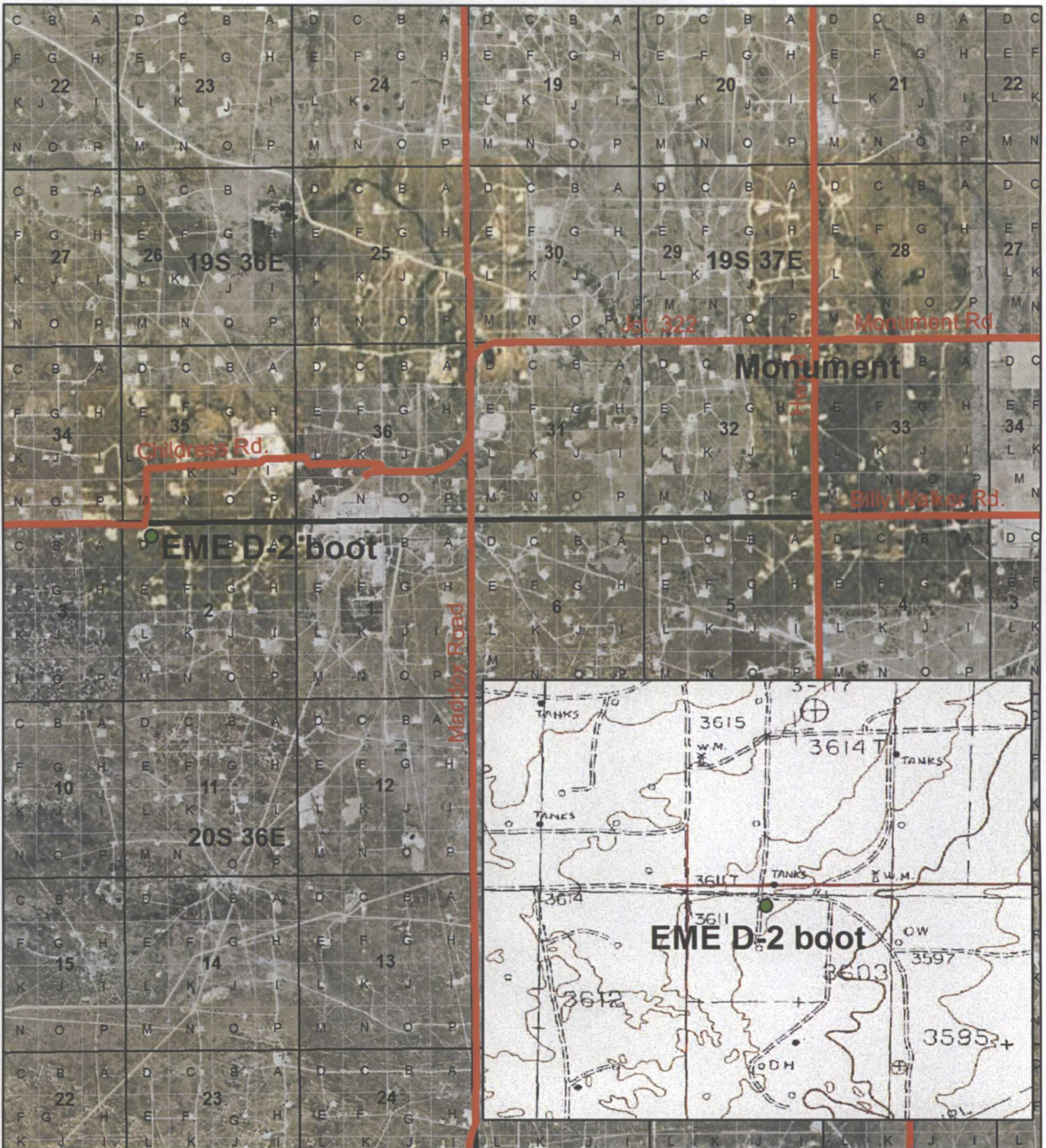


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# Geographical Location Map



**EME D-2 boot**

LEGALS: UL/D sec. 2  
T20S R36E

Case#: 1R427-14

**Figure 1**



0 1,625 3,250 6,500  
Feet

Drawing date: 8-3-11  
Drafted by: L. Weinheimer



# Appendix A

## Junction Box Disclosure Report

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**RICE OPERATING COMPANY  
JUNCTION BOX DISCLOSURE\* REPORT**

**BOX LOCATION**

SWD SYSTEM	JUNCTION	UNIT	SECTION	TOWNSHIP	RANGE	COUNTY	BOX DIMENSIONS - FEET		
EME	M-35-2 boot (west)	M	35	19S	36E	Lea	Length	Width	Depth
							Moved 135 ft southeast		

LAND TYPE: BLM STATE            FEE LANDOWNER DLD Corporation OTHER           

Depth to Groundwater 35 feet NMOCD SITE ASSESSMENT RANKING SCORE: 20

Date Started 7/31/2003 Date Completed 8/1/2003 OCD Witness No

Soil Excavated 20 cubic yards Excavation Length 15 Width 3 Depth 12 feet

Soil Disposed 36 cubic yards Offsite Facility South Monument Location Monument, NM

**FINAL ANALYTICAL RESULTS:** Sample Date 7/31/2003 Sample Depth 12 ft bgs

Procure 5-point composite sample of bottom and 4-point composite sample of sidewalls. TPH, BTEX and Chloride laboratory test results completed by using an approved lab and testing procedures pursuant to NMOCD guidelines.

Sample Location	Benzene mg/kg	Toluene mg/kg	Ethyl Benzene mg/kg	Total Xylenes mg/kg	GRO mg/kg	DRO mg/kg	Chlorides mg/kg
BOTTOM GRAB	<0.025	<0.025	<0.025	<0.025	<10.0	<10.0	2690

General Description of Remedial Action: This junction box contained a boot.

**CHLORIDE FIELD TESTS**

A vertical trench was initiated to determine the vertical extent of chloride impact. According to field tests, chloride concentrations did not exhibit a conclusive trend of declination (see graph). TPH and BTEX concentrations were well below NMOCD guidelines. The trench was backfilled with excavated soils and capped with approximately 3 ft of topsoil.

LOCATION	DEPTH (m)	ppm
Vertical	5	1200
	6	1800
	7	1900
	8	1900
	9	2950
	10	2900
	11	2200
	12	2450

**ADDITIONAL EVALUATION IS MEDIUM PRIORITY.**

cc: chloride graph, lab results, photos, disposal manifests

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION ABOVE IS TRUE AND COMPLETE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

DATE 3/3/2004 PRINTED NAME Kristin Farris

SIGNATURE *Kristin Farris* TITLE Project Scientist

\* This site is a "DISCLOSURE." It will be placed on a prioritized list of similar sites for further consideration.



# EME M-35-2 boot



Box site prior to excavation; lumber removed

7/29/2003



Close-up of box in foreground



Vertical Excavation trench

7/31/2003



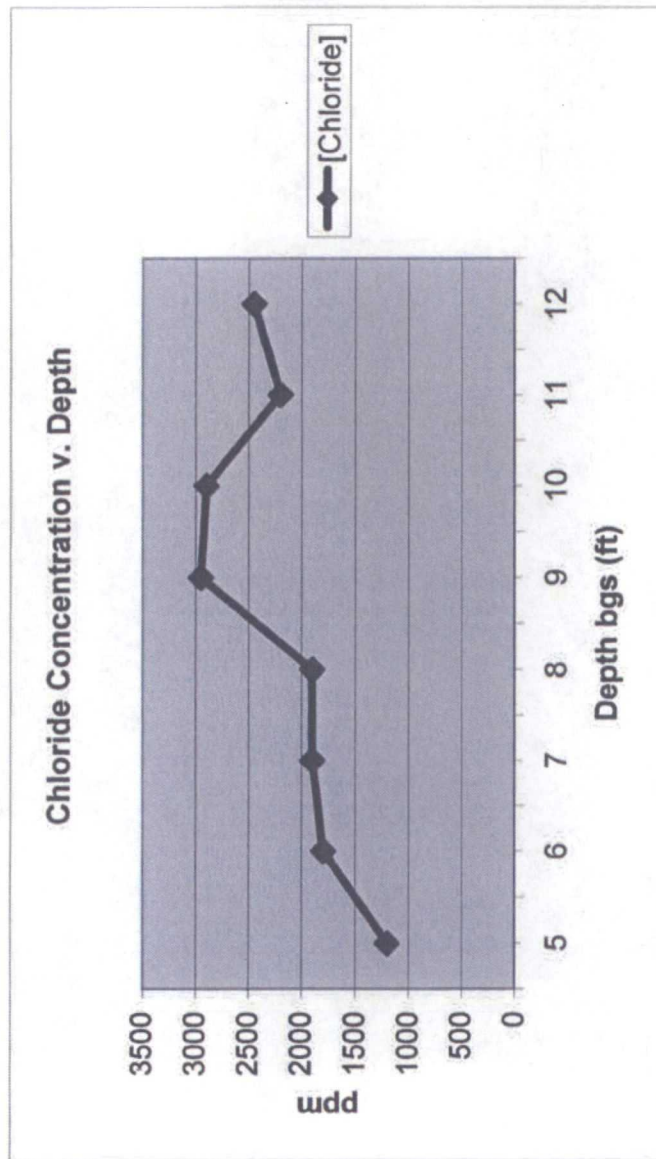
Identification plates marking locations of the boxes

# EME M-35-2 Boot (west)

T19S, R36E

Depth bgs (ft)	[Cl-] ppm
5	1200
6	1800
7	1900
8	1900
9	2950
10	2900
11	2200
12	2450

Groundwater = 35 ft



# ANALYTICAL REPORT

## Prepared for:

Kristin Farris  
Rice Operating  
122 W. Taylor  
Hobbs, NM 88240

Project: M-35-2 (west)

PO#: boot

Order#: G0307124

Report Date: 08/04/2003

## Certificates

US EPA Laboratory Code TX00158

# ENVIRONMENTAL LAB OF TEXAS

## SAMPLE WORK LIST

Rice Operating  
122 W. Taylor  
Hobbs, NM 88240  
505-397-1471

Order#: G0307124  
Project:  
Project Name: M-35  
Location: EME

The samples listed below were submitted to Environmental Lab of Texas and were received under chain of custody. Environmental Lab of Texas makes no representation or certification as to the method of sample collection, sample identification, or transportation/handling procedures used prior to the receipt of samples by Environmental Lab of Texas, unless otherwise noted.

<u>Lab ID:</u>	<u>Sample :</u>	<u>Matrix:</u>	<u>Date / Time</u> <u>Collected</u>	<u>Date / Time</u> <u>Received</u>	<u>Container</u>	<u>Preservative</u>
0307124-01	Vertical 1 @ 12" Bottom	SOIL,	7/31/03	8/1/03	4 oz glass	ice
			11:00	8:00		
			Temp: 3.0 C			
			Rejected: No			
<u>Lab Testing:</u>						
8015M						
8021B/5030 BTEX						
Chloride						
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0307124-02	Vertical 2 @ 12" Bottom	SOIL,	7/31/03	8/1/03	4 oz glass	ice
			13:00	8:00		
			Temp: 3.0 C			
			Rejected: No			
<u>Lab Testing:</u>						
8015M						
8021B/5030 BTEX						
Chloride						

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## ANALYTICAL REPORT

Kristin Farris  
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Hobbs, NM 88240

Order#: G0307124  
Project:  
Project Name: M-35  
Location: EME

Lab ID: 0307124-01  
Sample ID: Vertical 1 @12' Bottom

8015M

Method	Date	Date	Sample	Dilution	Analyst	Method
Blank	Prepared	Analyzed	Amount	Factor		
		8/1/03	1	1	CK	8015M

Parameter	Result mg/kg	RL
GRO, C6-C12	<10.0	10.0
DRO, >C12-C35	25.2	10.0
TOTAL, C6-C35	25.2	10.0

Surrogates	% Recovered	QC Limits (%)
1-Chlorooctane	115%	70 130
1-Chlorooctadecane	97%	70 130

8021B/5030 BTEX

Method	Date	Date	Sample	Dilution	Analyst	Method
Blank	Prepared	Analyzed	Amount	Factor		
0006402-02		8/2/03	1	25	CK	8021B
		13:37				

Parameter	Result mg/kg	RL
Benzene	<0.025	0.025
Toluene	<0.025	0.025
Ethylbenzene	<0.025	0.025
p/m-Xylene	<0.025	0.025
o-Xylene	<0.025	0.025

Surrogates	% Recovered	QC Limits (%)
aaa-Toluene	90%	80 120
Bromofluorobenzene	89%	80 120

DL = Diluted out N/A = Not Applicable RL = Reporting Limit

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Order#: G0307124  
Project:  
Project Name: M-35  
Location: EME

Lab ID: 0307124-02  
Sample ID: Vertical 2 @ 12' Bottom

**8015M**

Method	Date	Date	Sample	Dilution	Analyst	Method
Blank	Prepared	Analyzed	Amount	Factor		
		8/1/03	1	1	CK	8015M

Parameter	Result mg/kg	RL
GRO, C6-C12	<10.0	10.0
DRO, >C12-C35	<10.0	10.0
TOTAL, C6-C35	<10.0	10.0

Surrogates	% Recovered	QC Limits (%)	
1-Chlorooctane	107%	70	130
1-Chlorooctadecane	89%	70	130

**8021B/5030 BTEX**

Method	Date	Date	Sample	Dilution	Analyst	Method
Blank	Prepared	Analyzed	Amount	Factor		
0006402-02		8/2/03 19:07	1	25	CK	8021B

Parameter	Result mg/kg	RL
Benzene	<0.025	0.025
Toluene	<0.025	0.025
Ethylbenzene	<0.025	0.025
p/m-Xylene	<0.025	0.025
o-Xylene	<0.025	0.025

Surrogates	% Recovered	QC Limits (%)	
aaa-Toluene	80%	80	120
Bromofluorobenzene	85%	80	120

Approval:

*Celestine Keene* 08/04/03  
Raland K. Tuttle, Lab Director, QA Officer  
Celestine D. Keene, Org. Tech. Director  
Jeanne McMurrey, Inorg. Tech. Director  
Sandra Biezugbe, Lab Tech.  
Sara Molina, Lab Tech.

Date

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Hobbs, NM 88240

Order#: G0307124  
Project:  
Project Name: M-35  
Location: EME

Lab ID: 0307124-01  
Sample ID: Vertical 1 @ 12' Bottom

### Test Parameters

Parameter	Result	Units	Dilution Factor	RL	Method	Date Analyzed	Analyst
Chloride	1930	mg/kg	1	20	9253	8/4/03	CK

Lab ID: 0307124-02  
Sample ID: Vertical 2 @ 12' Bottom

### Test Parameters

Parameter	Result	Units	Dilution Factor	RL	Method	Date Analyzed	Analyst
Chloride	2690	mg/kg	1	20	9253	8/4/03	CK

Approval:

*Coley D. Keene* 8/6/03  
Randal K. Tuttle, Lab Director, QA Officer  
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## QUALITY CONTROL REPORT

8015M

Order#: G0307124

<b>BLANK</b>	SOIL	LAB-ID #	Sample Concentr.	Spike Concentr.	QC Test Result	Pct (%) Recovery	RPD
TOTAL, C6-C35-mg/kg		0006407-02			<10.0		
<b>CONTROL</b>	SOIL	LAB-ID #	Sample Concentr.	Spike Concentr.	QC Test Result	Pct (%) Recovery	RPD
TOTAL, C6-C35-mg/kg		0006407-03		952	.853	89.6%	
<b>MS</b>	SOIL	LAB-ID #	Sample Concentr.	Spike Concentr.	QC Test Result	Pct (%) Recovery	RPD
TOTAL, C6-C35-mg/kg		0307124-02	0	952	1171	123%	
<b>MSD</b>	SOIL	LAB-ID #	Sample Concentr.	Spike Concentr.	QC Test Result	Pct (%) Recovery	RPD
TOTAL, C6-C35-mg/kg		0307124-02	0	952	1186	124.6%	1.3%
<b>SRM</b>	SOIL	LAB-ID #	Sample Concentr.	Spike Concentr.	QC Test Result	Pct (%) Recovery	RPD
TOTAL, C6-C35-mg/kg		0006407-05		1000	1003	100.3%	

# ENVIRONMENTAL LAB OF TEXAS

## QUALITY CONTROL REPORT

8021B/5030 BTEX

Order#: G0307124

<b>BLANK</b>	SOIL	LAB-ID #	Sample Concentr.	Spike Concentr.	QC Test Result	Pct (%) Recovery	RPD
Benzene-mg/kg		0006402-02			<0.025		
Toluene-mg/kg		0006402-02			<0.025		
Ethylbenzene-mg/kg		0006402-02			<0.025		
p/m-Xylene-mg/kg		0006402-02			<0.025		
o-Xylene-mg/kg		0006402-02			<0.025		
<b>MS</b>	SOIL	LAB-ID #	Sample Concentr.	Spike Concentr.	QC Test Result	Pct (%) Recovery	RPD
Benzene-mg/kg		0307124-02	0	0.1	0.084	84%	
Toluene-mg/kg		0307124-02	0	0.1	0.084	84%	
Ethylbenzene-mg/kg		0307124-02	0	0.1	0.086	86%	
p/m-Xylene-mg/kg		0307124-02	0	0.2	0.174	87%	
o-Xylene-mg/kg		0307124-02	0	0.1	0.087	87%	
<b>MSD</b>	SOIL	LAB-ID #	Sample Concentr.	Spike Concentr.	QC Test Result	Pct (%) Recovery	RPD
Benzene-mg/kg		0307124-02	0	0.1	0.089	89%	5.8%
Toluene-mg/kg		0307124-02	0	0.1	0.089	89%	5.8%
Ethylbenzene-mg/kg		0307124-02	0	0.1	0.090	90%	4.5%
p/m-Xylene-mg/kg		0307124-02	0	0.2	0.201	100.5%	14.4%
o-Xylene-mg/kg		0307124-02	0	0.1	0.100	100%	13.9%
<b>SRM</b>	SOIL	LAB-ID #	Sample Concentr.	Spike Concentr.	QC Test Result	Pct (%) Recovery	RPD
Benzene-mg/kg		0006402-05		0.1	0.091	91%	
Toluene-mg/kg		0006402-05		0.1	0.091	91%	
Ethylbenzene-mg/kg		0006402-05		0.1	0.092	92%	
p/m-Xylene-mg/kg		0006402-05		0.2	0.186	93%	
o-Xylene-mg/kg		0006402-05		0.1	0.090	90%	



1 - Clean @ 12 yds out

SOUTH MONUMENT SURFACE WASTE FACILITY

TICKET NO # 9222

LEASE OPERATOR

Rice Operating Corporation

ORIGINATING LOCATION: ~~BRISTOL~~

Sec T R

EME M 35-3519S 37E

TRANSPORTER NAME & ADDRESS

Dirt Works / Banera

Attn: KENA KAY COOPER

DESCRIPTION OF WASTE

Non-Hazardous Hydrocarbons

QUANTITY

15

FACILITY CONTACT:

*[Signature]*  
SIGNATURE OF CONTACT

8/12/03

DATE

CELL NUMBER MATERIAL WAS PLACED IN LANDFARM: 3-1

NAME OF TRANSPORTER (DRIVER):

*[Signature]*  
SIGNATURE OF DRIVER

8-12-03  
DATE

DISPOSAL SITE

South Monument Surface Waste Facility  
P. O. Box 418  
Hobbs, NM 88241-0418  
Sec 25 T20S R36E N/2NE/4

"As a condition of acceptance for disposal, I hereby certify that this waste is an exempt waste as defined by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The waste are generated from oil and gas exploration and production operations; exempt from Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Subtitle C regulations; and not mixed with non-exempt waste."

*[Signature]*  
FACILITY REPRESENTATIVE

8/12/03  
DATE

1 - Clean @ 12 yds out

SOUTH MONUMENT SURFACE WASTE FACILITY

TICKET NO. # 9223

LEASE OPERATOR

Rice Operating Corporation

ORIGINATING LOCATION: ~~SE-25~~

Sec T R

EME-M-35 Sec 35 19S 36E

TRANSPORTER NAME & ADDRESS

Dirt Works / BANDERA

Attn: KENA KAY COOPER

DESCRIPTION OF WASTE

Non-Hazardous Hydrocarbons

QUANTITY

12

FACILITY CONTACT:

*[Signature]*

SIGNATURE OF CONTACT

8-12-03

DATE

CELL NUMBER MATERIAL WAS PLACED IN LANDFARM: B-1

NAME OF TRANSPORTER (DRIVER):

*Michael Begue*

SIGNATURE OF DRIVER

8-12-03

DATE

DISPOSAL SITE

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*[Signature]*

FACILITY REPRESENTATIVE

8-12-03

DATE



1-Clean @ 12 yds out

SOUTH MONUMENT SURFACE WASTE FACILITY

TICKET NO #

9224

LEASE OPERATOR

Rice Operating Corporation

ORIGINATING LOCATION: ~~BRISTOL~~

EME m35

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36E

TRANSPORTER NAME & ADDRESS

DIRT WORKS / Banded

Attn: KENA KAY COOPER

DESCRIPTION OF WASTE

Non-Hazardous Hydrocarbons

QUANTITY

12 yds

FACILITY CONTACT:

SIGNATURE OF CONTACT

8-12-03

DATE

CELL NUMBER MATERIAL WAS PLACED IN LANDFARM: B-1

NAME OF TRANSPORTER (DRIVER):

SIGNATURE OF DRIVER

DATE

DISPOSAL SITE

South Monument Surface Waste Facility  
P. O. Box 418  
Hobbs, NM 88241-0418  
Sec 25 T20S R36E N/2NE/4

"As a condition of acceptance for disposal, I hereby certify that this waste is an exempt waste as defined by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The waste are: generated from oil and gas exploration and production operations; exempt from Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Subtitle C regulations; and not mixed with non-exempt waste."

FACILITY REPRESENTATIVE

DATE

8/12/03



# Appendix B

Quality Procedures

**RICE Environmental Consulting and Safety (RECS)**  
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# Rice Environmental Consulting and Safety

## Quality Procedures

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## **Rice Environmental Consulting and Safety**

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### **Quality Procedure Soil Samples for Transportation to a Laboratory**

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#### **1.0 Purpose**

This procedure outlines the methods to be employed when obtaining soil samples to be taken to a laboratory for analysis.

#### **2.0 Scope**

This procedure is to be used when collecting soil samples intended for ultimate transfer to a testing laboratory.

#### **3.0 Preliminary**

3.1 Obtain sterile sampling containers from the testing laboratory designated to conduct analyses of the soil.

3.2 If collecting TPH, BTEX, RCRA 8 metals, cation /anions or O&G, the sample jar may be a clear 4 oz. container with Teflon lid. If collecting PAH's, use an amber 4 oz. container.

#### **4.0 Chain of Custody**

4.1 Prepare a Sample Plan. The plan will list the number, location and designation of each planned sample and the individual tests to be performed on the sample. The sampler will check the list against the available inventory of appropriate sample collection bottles to insure against shortage.

4.2 Transfer the data to the Laboratory Chain of Custody Form. Complete all sections of the form except those that relate to the time of delivery of the samples to the laboratory.

4.3 Pre-label the sample collection jars. Include all requested information except time of collection. (Use a fine point Sharpie to insure that the ink remains on the label.) Affix the labels to the jars.

#### **5.0 Sampling Procedure**

5.1 Do not touch the soil with your bare hands. Use new nitrile gloves to help minimize any contamination.

5.2 Go to the sampling point with the sample container. If not analyzing for ions or metals, use a trowel to obtain the soil.

5.3 Pack the soil tightly into the container leaving the top slightly domed. Screw the lid down tightly. Enter the time of collection onto the sample collection jar label.

5.4 Place the sample directly on ice for transport to the laboratory if required.

5.5 Complete the Chain of Custody form to include the collection times for each sample. Deliver all samples to the laboratory.

#### **6.0 Documentation**

6.1 The testing laboratory shall provide the following minimum information:

- a. Project and sample name.
- b. Signed copy of the original Chain of Custody Form including the time the sample was received by the lab.
- c. Results of the requested analyses
- d. Test Methods employed
- e. Quality Control methods and results

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## **Rice Environmental Consulting and Safety**

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### **QUALITY PROCEDURE Chloride Titration Using 0.282 Normal Silver Nitrate Solution**

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#### **1.0 Purpose**

This procedure is to be used to determine the concentration of chloride in soil.

#### **2.0 Scope**

This procedure is to be used as the standard field measurement for soil chloride concentrations.

#### **3.0 Sample Collection and Preparation**

- 3.1 Collect at least 80 grams of soil from the sample collection point. Take care to insure that the sample is representative of the general background to include visible concentrations of hydrocarbons and soil types. If necessary, prepare a composite sample for soils obtained at several points in the sample area. Take care to insure that no loose vegetation, rocks or liquids are included in the sample(s).
- 3.2 The soil sample(s) shall be immediately inserted into a one-quart or larger polyethylene freezer bag. Care should be taken to insure that no cross-contamination occurs between the soil sample and the collection tools or sample processing equipment.
- 3.3 The sealed sample bag should be massaged to break up any clods.

#### **4.0 Sample Preparation**

- 4.1 Tare a clean glass vial having a minimum 40 ml capacity. Add at least 10 grams of the soil sample and record the weight.
- 4.2 Add at least 20 grams of reverse osmosis water to the soil sample and shake well.
- 4.3 Allow the sample to set for a period of 5 minutes or until the separation of soil and water.

#### **5.0 Titration Procedure**

- 5.1 Using a graduated pipette, remove 10 ml extract and dispense into a clean plastic cup.
- 5.2 Add 2-3 drops potassium chromate ( $K_2CrO_4$ ) to mixture if necessary.



5.3 Using a 1 ml pipette, carefully add .282 normal silver nitrate (one drop at a time) to the sample while constantly agitating it. Stop adding silver nitrate when the solution begins to change from yellow to red. Be consistent with endpoint recognition.

5.4 Record the ml of silver nitrate used.

#### 6.0 Calculation

To obtain the chloride concentration, insert measured data into the following formula:

$$\frac{.282 \times 35,450 \times \text{ml AgNO}_3}{\text{ml water extract}} \times \frac{\text{grams of water in mixture}}{\text{grams of soil in mixture}}$$

Using Step 5.0, determine the chloride concentration of the RO water used to mix with the soil sample. Record this concentration and subtract it from the formula results to find the net chloride in the soil sample.

Record all results on the delineation form.

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### **Quality Procedure Development of Cased Water-Monitoring Wells**

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#### **1.0 Purpose**

This procedure outlines the methods to be employed to develop cased monitoring wells.

#### **2.0 Scope**

This procedure shall be used for developed, cased water monitoring wells. It is not to be used for standing water samples such as ponds or streams.

#### **3.0 Sample Collection and Preparation**

- 3.1 Prior to development, the static water level and height of the water column within the well casing will be measured with the use of an electric D.C. probe.
- 3.2 All measurements will be recorded within a field log notebook.
- 3.3 All equipment used to measure the static water level will be decontaminated after each use by means of Liquinox, a phosphate free laboratory detergent, and water to reduce the possibility of cross-contamination. The volume of water in each well casing will be calculated.

#### **4.0 Purging**

- 4.1 Wells will be purged by using a 2" decontaminated submersible pump or dedicated one liter Teflon bailer. Wells should be purged until the pH and conductivity are stabilized and the turbidity has been reduced to the greatest extent possible.
- 4.2 If a submersible is used the pump will be decontaminated prior to use by scrubbing the outside surface of tubing and wiring with a Liquinox water mixture, pumping a Liquinox-water mixture through the pump, and a final flush with fresh water.

#### **5.0 Water Disposal**

- 5.1 All purge and decontamination water will be temporarily stored within a portable tank to be later disposed of in an appropriate manner.

#### **6.0 Records**

- 6.1 Rice Environmental Consulting and Safety will record the amount of water removed from the well during development procedures. The purge volume will be reported to the appropriate regulatory authority when filing the closure report.

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### Quality Procedure Sampling of Cased Water-Monitoring Well

#### 1.0 Purpose

This procedure outlines the methods to be employed in obtaining water samples from cased monitoring wells.

#### 2.0 Scope

This procedure shall be used for developed, cased water monitoring wells. It is not to be used for standing water samples such as ponds or streams.

#### 3.0 Preliminary

3.1 Obtain sterile sampling containers from the testing laboratory designated to conduct analyses of the water.

3.2 The following table shall be used to select the appropriate sampling container, preservative method and holding times for the various elements and compounds to be analyzed.

Compound to be Analyzed	Sample Container Size	Sample Container Description	Cap Requirements	Preservative	Maximum Hold Time
BTEX	40 ml	VOA Container	Teflon Lined	HCL	14 days
TPH (8015 Extended)	40 ounces	(2) 40ml VOA vials	Teflon Lined	HCL and Ice	14 days
PAH	1 liter	amber glass	Teflon Lined	Ice	7 days
Cation/Anion	1 liter	HD polyethylene	Any Plastic	None	48 Hrs
Metals	1 liter	HD polyethylene	Any Plastic	Ice/HNO <sub>3</sub>	28 Days
TDS	300 ml	clear glass or 250 ml HD polyethylene	Any Plastic	Ice	7 Days
Cl-	500 ml	HD polyethylene	Any Plastic	None	28 Days

#### **4.0 Chain of Custody**

- 4.1 Prepare a Sample Plan. The plan will list the well identification and the individual tests to be performed at that location. The sampler will check the list against the available inventory of appropriate sample collection bottles to insure against shortage.
- 4.2 Transfer the data to the Laboratory Chain of Custody Form. Complete all sections of the form except those that relate to the time of delivery of the samples to the laboratory.
- 4.3 Pre-label the sample collection jars. Include all requested information except time of collection. (Use a fine point Sharpie to insure that the ink remains on the label). Affix the labels to the jars.

#### **5.0 Bailing Procedure**

- 5.1 Identify the well from the sites schematics. Place pre-labeled jar(s) next to the well. Remove the plastic cap from the well bore by first lifting the metal lever and then unscrewing the entire assembly.
- 5.2 Using a dedicated one liter Teflon bailer or submersible pump, purge a minimum of three well volumes. Place the water in storage container for transport to a ROC disposal facility.
- 5.3 If using a bailer, take care to insure that the bailing device and string does not become cross-contaminated. A clean pair of nitrile gloves should be used when handling either the retrieval string or bailer. The retrieval string should not be allowed to come into contact with the ground.

#### **6.0 Sampling Procedure**

- 6.1 Once the well has been bailed in accordance with 5.2 of this procedure, a sample may be decanted into the appropriate sample collection jar directly from the bailer or submersible pump.
- 6.2 Note the time of collection on the sample jar with a fine Sharpie.
- 6.3 Place the sample directly on ice for transport to the laboratory. The preceding table shows the maximum hold times between collection and testing for the various analyses.

6.4 Complete the Chain of Custody form to include the collection times for each sample. Deliver all samples to the laboratory.

## 7.0 Documentation

7.1 The testing laboratory shall provide the following minimum information:

- A. Project and sample name.
- B. Signed copy of the original Chain of Custody Form including the time the sample was received by the lab.
- C. Results of the requested analyses
- D. Test Methods employed
- E. Quality Control methods and results

### Calculation for Determining the Minimum Bailing Volume for Monitor Wells

$$\text{Formula } V = (\pi r^2 h)$$

2" well  $[V/2.31 = \text{gal}] \times 3 = \text{Purge Volume}$

V=Volume

$\pi = \text{pi}$

r=inside radius of the well bore

h=maximum height of well bore in water table

Example:

$\pi$	$r^2$	h(in)	V(cu.in)	V(gal)	X 3 Volumes	Actual
3.1416	1	180	565.488	2.448	7.34 gal	>10 gal

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### Quality Procedure Composite Sampling of Excavation Sidewalls and Bottoms For TPH and Chloride Analysis

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#### 1.0 Purpose

This procedure outlines the methods to be employed when obtaining final composite soil samples for TPH and Chloride analysis.

#### 2.0 Scope

This procedure is to be used in conjunction with *Quality Procedure – 02: Soil Samples for Transportation to a Laboratory* and will be inserted at subparagraph 5.2 of Section 5.0: Sampling Procedure.

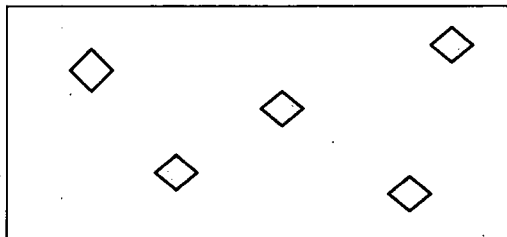
#### 3.0 Sampling Procedure

Follow *Quality Procedure – 02: Soil Samples for Transportation to a Laboratory* for all Sections and subparagraphs until subparagraph 5.2 of Section 5.0: Sampling Procedure. Instead of 5.2 instructions, perform the composite sample collection procedure as follows:

3.1 Go to the excavation with a new plastic baggie. If not analyzing for ions or metals, use a trowel to obtain the soil. If the excavation is deeper than 6' BGS, do not enter the pit, but use a backhoe to assist in procurement of the sample. (If a backhoe is used, the backhoe will obtain an amount of soil from each composite point; bring the purchase to the surface staging area where a sample-portion of soil will be extracted from the backhoe purchase. The remainder of the backhoe purchase will be staged on the surface with other staged soils.)

#### 3.2 Sidewall samples

3.2.1 On each sidewall, procure a 5oz sample from each of five distinct points on the sidewall with distinct points resembling the "W" pattern:





- 3.2.2 Thoroughly blend these five samples in a labeled baggie.
  - 3.2.3 Repeat steps 3.2.1 through 3.2.4 for each remaining sidewall.
  - 3.2.4 From each labeled baggie, procure a 5 oz portion and pour into a baggie labeled "Sidewall Composite". Blend this soil mixture completely.
  - 3.2.5 Obtain proper laboratory sample container for "Sidewall Composite" and continue with subparagraph 5.3 of QP – 01.
- 3.3 Bottom Sample
- 3.3.1 From bottom of excavation, procure a 5oz sample from each of five distinct points with distinct points resembling the "W" pattern as illustrated above.
  - 3.3.2 Thoroughly blend these five samples in a clean baggie.
  - 3.3.3 Obtain proper laboratory sample container for "Bottom Composite" and continue with subparagraph 5.3 of QP – 01.

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### **QUALITY PROCEDURE**

#### **Sampling and Testing Protocol for VOC in Soil**

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#### **1.0 Purpose**

This procedure is to be used to determine the concentrations of Volatile Organic Compounds in soils.

#### **2.0 Scope**

This procedure is to be used as the standard field measurement for soil VOC concentrations. It is not to be used as a substitute for full spectrographic speciation of organic compounds.

#### **3.0 Procedure**

##### **3.1 Sample Collection and Preparation**

- 3.1.1 Collect at least 500 g. of soil from the sample collection point. Take care to insure that the sample is representative of the general background to include visible concentrations of hydrocarbons and soil types. If necessary, prepare a composite sample of soils obtained at several points in the sample area. Take care to insure that no loose vegetation, rocks or liquids are included in the sample(s).
- 3.1.2 The soil sample(s) shall be immediately inserted into a one-quart or larger polyethylene freezer bag and sealed. When sealed, the bag should contain a nearly equal space between the soil sample and trapped air. Record the sample name and the time that the sample was collected on the Field Analytical Report Form.
- 3.1.3 The sealed samples shall be allowed to set for a minimum of five minutes at a temperature of between 10-15 Celsius, (59-77<sup>0</sup>F). The sample temperatures may be adjusted by cooling the sample in ice, or by heating the sample within a generally controlled environment such as the inside of a vehicle. The samples should not be placed directly on heated surfaces or placed in direct heat sources such as lamps or heater vents.
- 3.1.4 The sealed sample bag should be massaged to break up any clods, and to provide the soil sample with as much exposed surface area as practically possible.

### 3.2 Sampling Procedure

3.2.1 The instrument to be used in conducting VOC concentration testing shall be a RAE Systems Photoionization device. (Device will be identified on VOC Field Test Report Form.) Prior to use, the instrument shall be zeroed-out in accordance with the appropriate maintenance and calibration procedure outlined in the instrument operation manual. The PID device will be calibrated each day it's used.

3.2.2 Carefully open one end of the collection bag and insert the probe tip into the bag taking care that the probe tip not touch the soil sample or the sidewalls of the bag.

3.2.3 Set the instrument to retain the highest result reading value. Record the reading onto the Field Test Report Form.

3.2.4 **If the instrument provides a reading exceeding 100 ppm, proceed to QP-7. If the reading is 100 ppm or less, NMOCD BTEX guideline has been met and no further testing for BTEX is necessary. File the Field Test Report Form in the project file.**

### 4.0 Clean-up

After testing, the soil samples shall be returned to the sampling location, and the bags collected for off-site disposal. **IN NO CASE SHALL THE SAME BAG BE USED TWICE. EACH SAMPLE CONTAINER MUST BE DISCARDED AFTER EACH USE.**

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### **Quality Procedure Composite Sampling of Excavation Sidewalls and Bottoms For BTEX**

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#### **1.0 Purpose**

This procedure outlines the methods to be employed when obtaining final composite soil samples for BTEX analysis.

#### **2.0 Scope**

This procedure is to be used when collecting soil samples intended for ultimate transfer to a testing laboratory for BTEX analysis. This procedure is to be used only when the PID field-test results for OVM exceeds 100 ppm.

#### **3.0 Preliminary**

- 3.1 Obtain sterile, clear, 2 oz. glass containers with Teflon lid from a laboratory supply company or the testing laboratory designated to conduct analyses of the soil.

#### **4.0 Chain of Custody**

- 4.1 Prepare a Sample Plan. The plan will list the number, location and designation of each planned sample and the individual tests to be performed on the sample. The sampler will check the list against the available inventory of appropriate sample collection bottles to insure against shortage.
- 4.2 Transfer the data to the Laboratory Chain of Custody Form. Complete all sections of the form except those that relate to the time of delivery of the samples to the laboratory.
- 4.3 Pre-label the sample collection jars. Include all requested information except time of collection. (Use a fine point Sharpie to insure that the ink remains on the label.) Affix the labels to the jars.

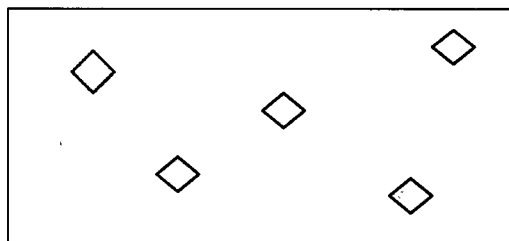
#### **5.0 Sampling Procedure**

- 5.1. Do not touch the soil with your bare hands. Use new nitrile gloves to help minimize any cross-contamination.
- 5.2. If safe and within OSHA regulations, go to the sampling point with the sample container. If not analyzing for ions or metals, use a trowel to

obtain the soil. If the excavation is deeper than 6' BGS, do not enter the pit, but use a backhoe to assist in procurement of the sample. (If a backhoe is used, the backhoe will obtain an amount of soil from each composite point; bring the purchase to the surface staging area where a sample-portion of soil will be extracted from the backhoe purchase. The remainder of the backhoe purchase will be staged on the surface with other staged soils.)

### 5.3.Sidewall Samples

5.3.1.On each sidewall, procure a 2oz sample from each of five distinct points on the sidewall with distinct points resembling the "W" pattern:



5.4.Pack the soil tightly into the container leaving the top slightly domed. Screw the lid down tightly. Enter the time of collection onto the sample collection jar label. Repeat for each sampling point.

5.5.Place the samples directly on ice for transport to the laboratory if required.

5.6.Complete the Chain of Custody form to include the collection times for each sample. Deliver all samples to the laboratory.

## 6.0 Documentation

6.1 The testing laboratory shall provide the following minimum information:

- a. Project and sample name.
- b. Signed copy of the original Chain of Custody Form including the time the sample was received by the lab.
- c. Results of the requested analyses
- d. Test Methods employed
- e. Quality Control methods and results

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### **Procedure for Plugging & Abandonment of Cased Water Monitoring Wells**

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#### **1.0 Purpose**

This procedure outlines the methods to be employed to plug and abandon cased monitoring wells.

#### **2.0 Scope**

This procedure shall be used for developed, cased water monitoring wells located in the State of New Mexico

#### **3.0 Preliminary**

**3.1** No well may be drilled, modified or plugged without NMOCD approval. Additional approvals may be required if the well is situated in a sensitive area, within municipal jurisdictions or on federal or tribal lands.

#### **4.0 Plugging**

**4.1** Each bore will be filled with a 1% - 3% bentonite/concrete slurry to three feet bgs. The remaining three feet will be capped with concrete only.

**4.2** All wellheads will be removed to below ground surface.

#### **5.0 Records**

**5.1** The company plugging the well shall prepare a report on their company letter head listing the site name and describing general well construction including total depth of the well, the diameter of casing, material used to plug the well (e.g. bentonite/cement slurry), and date of the plugging operation.

**5.2** It is recommended but not required that photographs of the final surface restoration be taken and included within the records.

**5.3** Copies of the plugging report shall be submitted to all appropriate agencies and retained by the well operator for a minimum period of ten years.