

AP - 58

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# STAGE 1 & 2 REPORTS

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August 3, 2010

Mr. Edward Hansen  
New Mexico Energy, Minerals, & Natural Resources  
Oil Conservation Division, Environmental Bureau  
1220 S. St. Francis Drive  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504

**RE: STAGE 2 PROGRESS REPORT  
BD SANTA RITA EOL RELEASE SITE (AP-58)  
T22S, R37E, SECTION 27, UNIT LETTER A  
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO**

Mr. Hansen:

On behalf of Rice Operating Company (ROC), we would like to submit this Stage 2 Progress Report to document the corrective actions performed at the BD Santa Rita EOL Release site (AP-58). Excavation, backfilling, lining, and re-seeding of the vadose zone have been completed. Documentation of these activities is included in Attachment A. In addition, a downgradient monitoring well (MW-4) and recovery well (RW-1) were installed (Attachment B), and groundwater recovery activities were initiated at RW-1 on June 22, 2010. A chronology of these Stage 2 corrective actions follows on page 2.

ROC is the service provider (agent) for the Blinebry Drinkard (BD) Saltwater Disposal (SWD) System and has no ownership of any portion of pipeline, well, or facility. The BD SWD System is owned by a consortium of oil producers, System Parties, who provide all operating capital on a percentage ownership/usage basis.

Thank you for your consideration concerning this progress report. If you have any questions, please contact Hack Conder at (575) 393-9174.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gilbert J. Van Deventer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Gilbert" being more prominent.

Gilbert J. Van Deventer, PG, REM

cc: Hack Conder (ROC)  
Buddy Hill (NMOCD-District 1)

Enclosures: chronology of corrective actions, lab analyses, photo documentation, lithologic logs, well completion diagrams



### Chronology of Stage 2 Corrective Actions

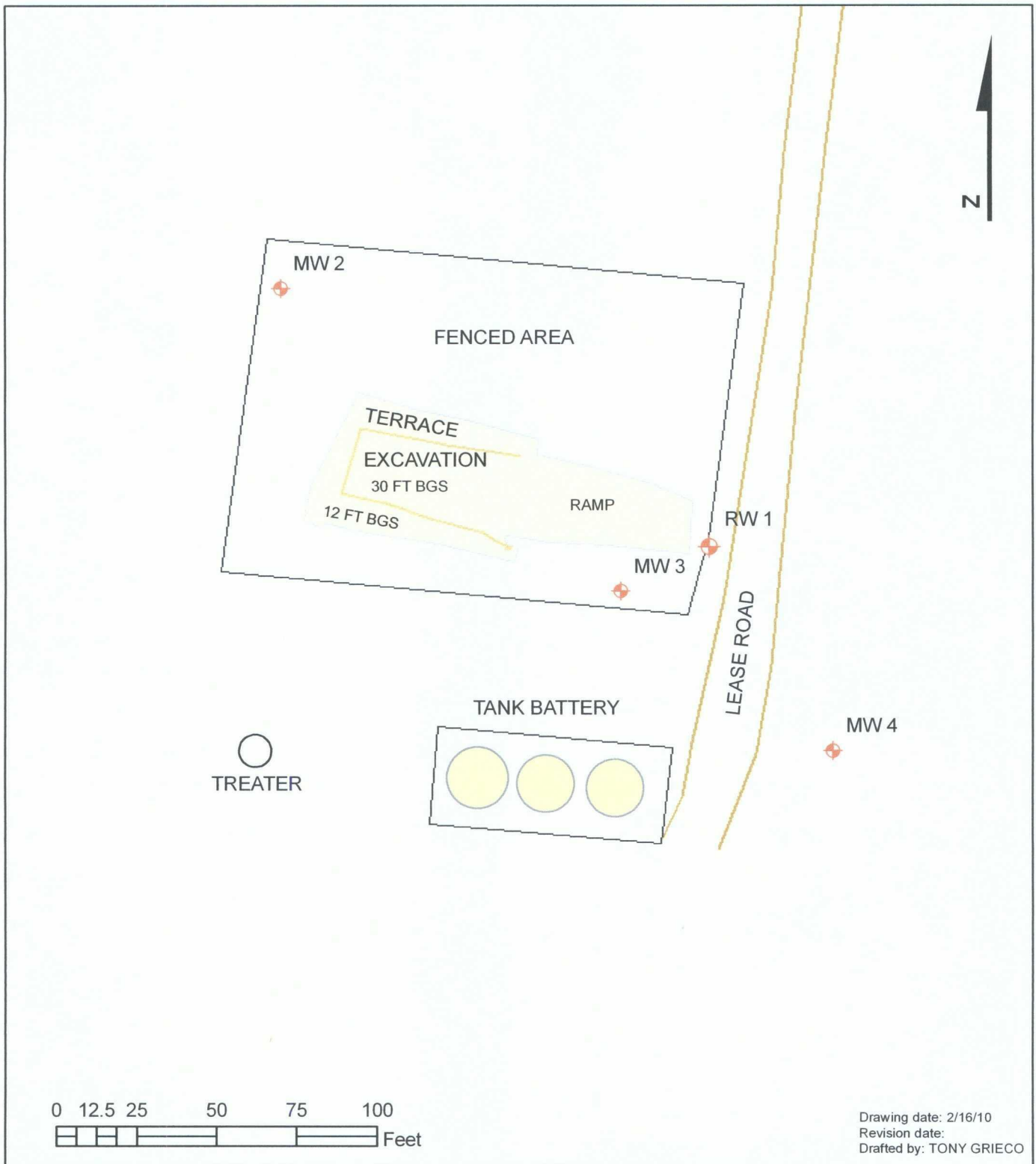
February 27, 2009	Monitoring Well MW-1 plugged to allow excavation operations.
March 24, 2009	Excavation activities initiated. A 5 point bottom composite was collected at 15 ft below ground surface (BGS) and at 20 ft BGS. 600 yd <sup>3</sup> of excavated soil hauled to Sundance Services, Inc. (NM1-3-0)
March 25, 2009	A 5 point bottom composite was collected at 25 ft BGS. 960 yd <sup>3</sup> of excavated soil hauled to Sundance Services, Inc. (NM1-3-0)
March 26, 2009	A 5 point bottom composite was collected at 30 ft BGS. 280 yd <sup>3</sup> of excavated soil hauled to Sundance Services, Inc. (NM1-3-0)
March 27, 2009	240 yd <sup>3</sup> of excavated soil hauled to Sundance Services, Inc. (NM1-3-0)
March 30, 2009	Excavation activities completed. Total of 2,080 yd <sup>3</sup> soil hauled off.
April 1, 2009	36 yd <sup>3</sup> of clay (40 ft by 20 ft) installed at bottom of excavation (30 ft bgs) Compaction test result = 96.7.
April 6, 2009	20-mil plastic liner (40 ft by 20 ft) installed on top of clay barrier (29 ft bgs) 36 yd <sup>3</sup> of sand installed on top of plastic liner (top of sand at 28 ft bgs) 696 yd <sup>3</sup> of caliche installed above sand layer (top of caliche 12 ft bgs)
April 7, 2009	96 yd <sup>3</sup> of clay installed on top of caliche and bench (top of clay at 11 ft bgs) Compaction test result = 95.6. 20-mil plastic liner (40 ft by 50 ft) installed above clay layer (11 ft bgs) 72 yd <sup>3</sup> of sand installed on top of plastic liner (top of sand at 10 ft bgs) 264 yd <sup>3</sup> of caliche to begin backfilling site.
April 8, 2009	240 yd <sup>3</sup> of caliche installed above sand layer (top of caliche 5 ft bgs)
April 13-14, 2009	792 yd <sup>3</sup> of sand installed above caliche layer (top of sand 0 ft bgs)
April 16, 2009	60 yd <sup>3</sup> of peanut hay blended with peat moss (40 bags), soil conditioner (30 bags), and topsoil. Disked onto surface (13,208 ft <sup>2</sup> )
April 17, 2009	Ditched and installed a poly line across site and recovered with backfill. Applied 30 lbs of Boyd seed mix over site (13,208 ft <sup>2</sup> ) using tractor. Installed fence and wind barrier.
June 16, 2009	Downgradient monitoring well (MW-4) installed.
June 17, 2009	Recovery well (RW-1) installed.
June 22, 2010	Groundwater recovery activities initiated at recovery well RW-1.



## ATTACHMENT A

### EXCAVATION, BACKFILLING, CLAY/PLASTIC LAYERS, SEEDING

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- Site Map
  - Cross Sections
  - Photo documentation
  - Laboratory Analytical Reports
  - Compaction and Hydraulic Conductivity Tests
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**Blinebry Drinkard (BD)**  
**SANTA RITA EOL (AP-58)**  
UL/A , SEC 27, T-22-S, R-37-E  
GW: 54 FT

**Figure 1**  
**SITE MAP**

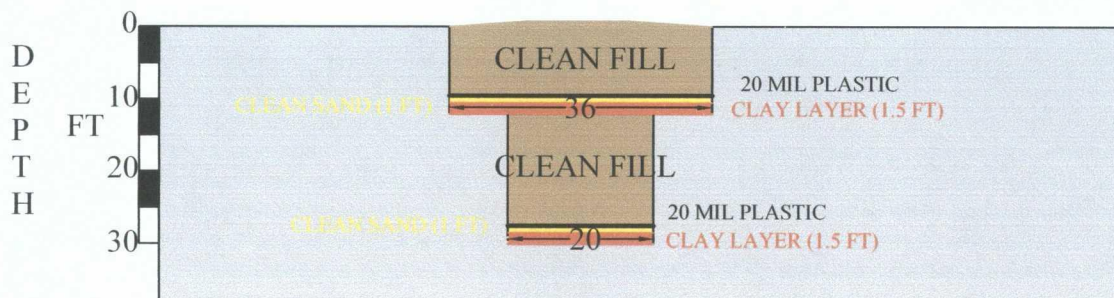
# SANTA RITA LEAK CROSS SECTIONS

UL/A SEC 27 T-22-S R-37-E

GW 54 FT

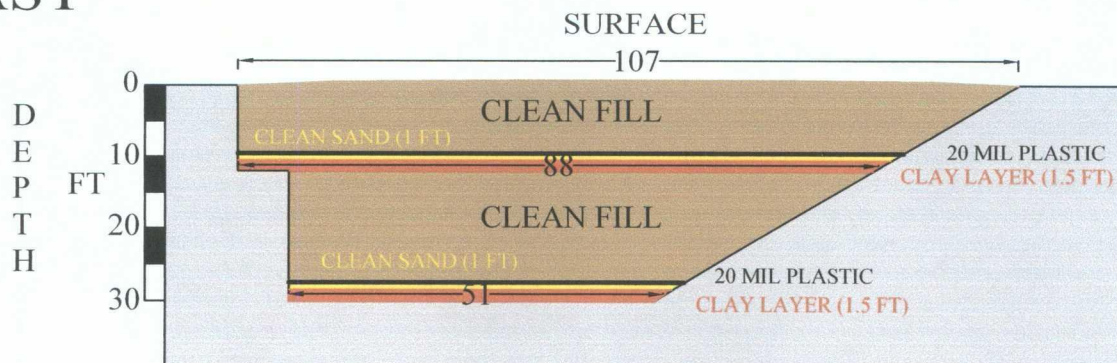
NORTH

SOUTH



EAST

WEST



Surface excavation size: 36' x 107'

Top shelf excavation size: 36' x 88' x 12'

Bottom shelf excavation size: 20' x 51' x 30'

BD Santa Rita EOL Release Site (AP-58)



Facing SE: Source area and MW-1 after plugging



Facing WNW: Source area just prior to excavation



Facing WNW: Excavation completed to 30 ft bgs (3-30-09)



First clay layer (20 ft by 40 ft) at 30 ft bgs (04-01-09)



Plastic liner above first clay layer at 29 ft bgs (04-06-09)



Sand layer above first plastic layer (04-06-09)

BD Santa Rita EOL Release Site (AP-58)



Caliche backfill up to ~12 ft bgs (04-07-09)



Second clay layer (40 ft by 50 ft) at 12 ft bgs (04-07-09)



Plastic liner above second clay layer at 11 ft bgs (04-07-09)



Sand layer above second plastic layer (04-07-09)



Caliche backfill up to ~5 ft bgs (04-08-09)



Sand layer up to surface grade (04-14-09)

BD Santa Rita EOL Release Site (AP-58)



Peanut hay, peat moss, and soil conditioner (04-16-09)



Final cover (04-16-09)



New poly line across site (04-17-09)



Disking and seeding site (04-17-09)



Healthy vegetation growth established soon after seeding  
(06/25/09)



Recent photo (07/15/10) showing healthy vegetation growth  
(foreground) and groundwater recovery system (background)



ANALYTICAL RESULTS FOR  
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FAX TO: (575) 397-1471

Receiving Date: 03/26/09  
Reporting Date: 03/26/09  
Project Number: NOT GIVEN  
Project Name: SANTA RITA  
Project Location: B.D SANTA RITA

Analysis Date: 03/26/09  
Sampling Date: 03/24/09 & 03/25/09  
Sample Type: SOIL  
Sample Condition: COOL & INTACT  
Sample Received By: CK  
Analyzed By: TR

LAB NO.	SAMPLE ID	Cl <sup>-</sup> (mg/kg)
H17135-1	15 FT. 5PT. COMPOSITE	1,700
H17135-2	20 FT. 5PT. COMPOSITE	2,600
H17135-3	25 FT. 5PT. COMPOSITE	3,000
Quality Control		500
True Value QC		500
% Recovery		100
Relative Percent Difference		2.0

METHOD: Standard Methods 4500-ClB

**Note:** Analyses performed on 1:4 w/v aqueous extracts.

Chemist

03/27/09  
Date

H17135 RICE

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Sample Type: SOIL  
Sample Condition: INTACT  
Sample Received By: ML  
Analyzed By: TR

LAB NO.	SAMPLE ID	Cl <sup>-</sup> (mg/kg)
H17139-1	30 FT. 5PT. COMPOSITE	1,140
Quality Control		500
True Value QC		500
% Recovery		100
Relative Percent Difference		2.0

**METHOD:** Standard Methods

4500-CIB

Note: Analysis performed on a 1:4 w:v aqueous extract.

  
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**PROJECT:** Rice Operating-Cooper Red Clay  
**LOCATION:** Hobbs, New Mexico  
**MATERIAL:** Native Soil  
**SAMPLE SOURCE:** Cooper Red Clay  
**SAMPLE PREP:** Remolded to 95% max dry density and optimum moisture  
**TARGET:** Max dry density D688A 100.4 pcf @ 21.8% opt. moisture

**JOB NO:** 8-119-000824  
**WORK ORDER NO:** 11  
**LAB NO:** 23  
**DATE SAMPLED:** 1/22/09

**MEASUREMENT OF HYDRAULIC CONDUCTIVITY OF SATURATED POROUS MATERIALS  
 USING A FLEXIBLE WALL PERMEAMETER (ASTM 5084-00)  
 "CV" METHOD F**

AVERAGE PERMEABILITY		2.18E-08 cm/sec
INITIAL LENGTH OF SPECIMEN		7.18 cm
INITIAL DIAMETER OF SPECIMEN		7.15 cm
INITIAL WATER CONTENT		21.3 %
INITIAL DRY UNIT WEIGHT		95.3 pcf
INITIAL VOLUME		17.59 cu.in
PERMEANT LIQUID		BOTTLED WATER
MAGNITUDE OF TOTAL BACK PRESSURE		72.2 psi
EFFECTIVE CONSOLIDATION STRESS		5 psi
RANGE OF HYDRAULIC GRADIENT USED	31.7	to 29.5
FINAL LENGTH OF SPECIMEN		7.21 cm
FINAL DIAMETER OF SPECIMEN		7.19 cm
FINAL WATER CONTENT		28.6 %
FINAL DRY UNIT WEIGHT		93.8 pcf
FINAL VOLUME		17.86 cu.in
DEGREE OF SATURATION (BEFORE AND AFTER TEST)	77%	and 103%
SPECIFIC GRAVITY USED IN CALCULATIONS OF SATURATION		2.651

TIME INTERVAL	K	K
sec	cm/sec	ft/yr.
390	2.19E-08	0.02
514	2.15E-08	0.02
890	2.15E-08	0.02
1146	2.14E-08	0.02


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LABORATORY TEST REPORT  
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To: Rice Operating Company  
Attn: Hack Conder  
122 W. Taylor  
Hobbs, NM 88240

Material: Cooper Red Clay

Project: General Information  
Project No. 2008.1069

Test Method: ASTM: D 2922

Date of Test: April 1, 2009

Depth: See Below

Depth of Probe: 12"

Test No.	Location	Dry Density % Max	% Moisture	Depth
SG 11	Building Box - 8' E. & 18' S. of NW Corner	96.7	14.4	28' Below Surface

Control Density: 100.4  
ASTM: D 698

Optimum Moisture: 21.6%

Required Compaction: 90 - 95%

Densometer ID: 5357

Lab No.: 09 1990-1991

PETTIGREW & ASSOCIATES

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BY: Erica M. Hart

BY: C. J. [Signature] P.E.



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\* Material: Cooper Red Clay

Test Method: ASTM: D 2922

Project: General Information  
Project No. 2008.1069

Date of Test: April 7, 2009

Depth: See Below

Depth of Probe: 6"

Test No.	Location	Dry Density % Max	% Moisture	Depth
SG 11a	Santa Rita BD System	95.6	17.0	FSG

\*Control Density: 100.4  
ASTM: D 698

Optimum Moisture: 21.6%

Required Compaction: 90 - 95%

Densometer ID: 5357  
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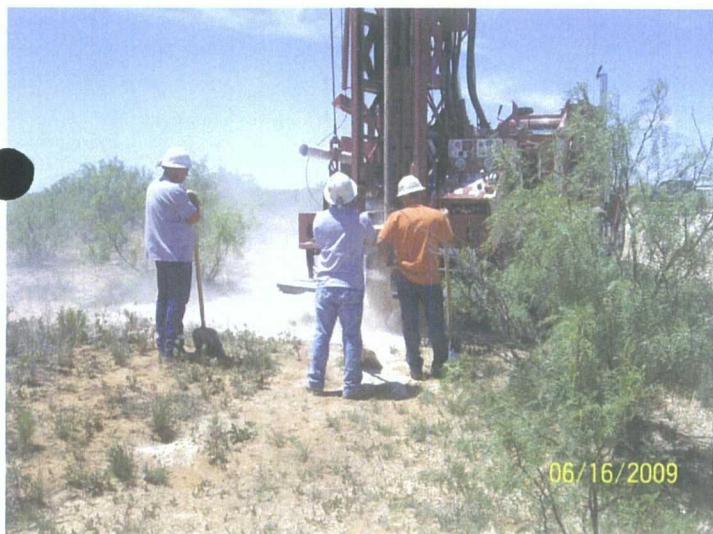
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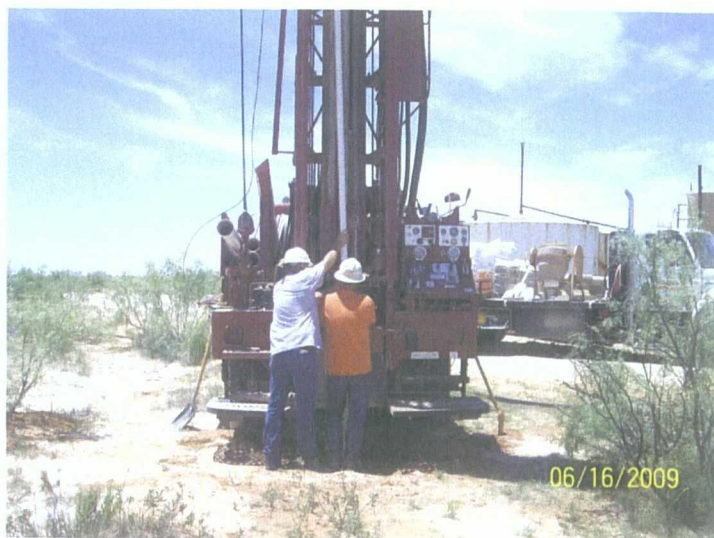
## ATTACHMENT B

### INSTALLATION OF MW-4 AND RW-1

- Photo documentation
- MW-4: Lithologic Log & Well Construction
- RW-1: Well Construction Diagram
- Groundwater Gradient Map (April 9, 2010)
- Laboratory Analytical Report (April 9, 2010)



BD Santa Rita - drilling MW-4



Setting the casing for MW-4



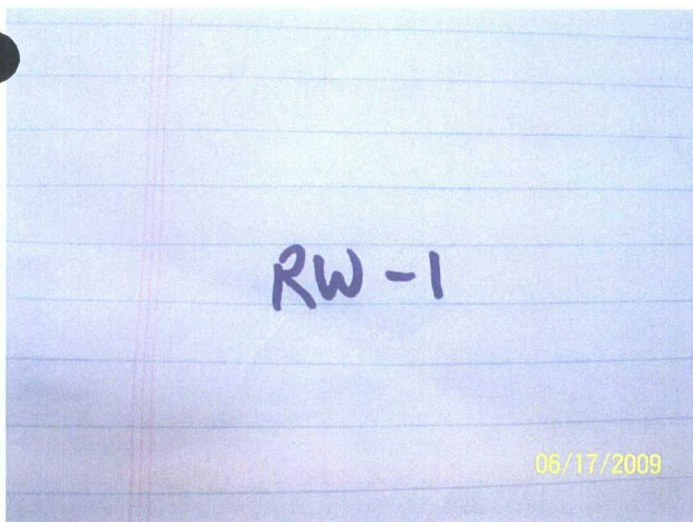
Putting in the sand filter



Concreting the well in



Completed MW-4



BD Santa Rita



Drilling RW-1



Mudding in the well



Placing the casing

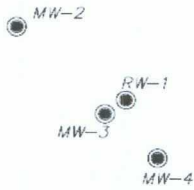


Sealing the well with bentonite



Concreting the well in

# LITHOLOGIC LOG AND MONITORING WELL CONSTRUCTION DIAGRAM



MONITORING WELL NO.: MW-4

TOTAL DEPTH: 61 Feet

SITE NAME: BD Santa Rita EOL Release Site

CLIENT: RICE Operating Company

CONTRACTOR: Harrison & Cooper, Inc.

COUNTY: Lea

DRILLING METHOD: Air Rotary

STATE: New Mexico

START DATE: 06/16/09

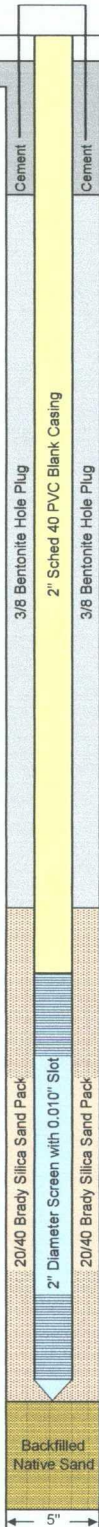
LOCATION: T22S-R37E-Sec 27 - Unit A

COMPLETION DATE: 06/16/09

FIELD REP.: G. Van Deventer

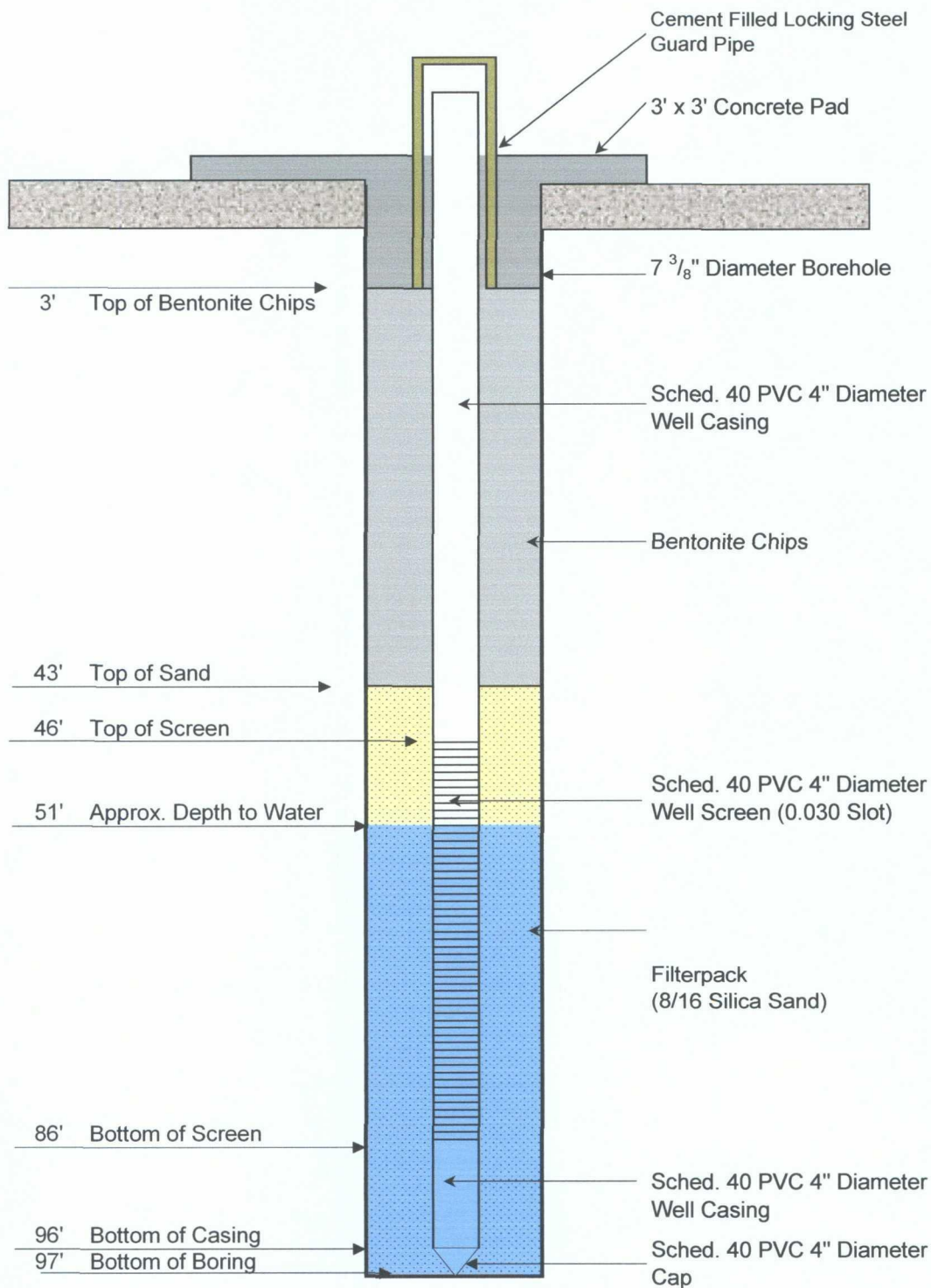
COMMENTS: Located approximately 73 feet southeast of MW-3. Hydrocarbons are not a constituent of concern therefore, cutting samples were collected and no PID readings taken.

Depth	Time	Type	Chloride (ppm)	PID (ppm)	USCS	LITHOLOGIC DESCRIPTION:
						LITHOLOGY, COLOR, GRAIN SIZE, SORTING, ROUNDING, CONSOLIDATION, DISTINGUISHING FEATURES
1145		Surface				
5	1149	Cuttings	138		SW	Fine- to medium-grained sand (loamy dune sand), light brown (5YR 5/6), well sorted, subrounded grains, dry.
10	1150	Cuttings	175			Very fine- and fine-grained sand, medium orange pink (5YR 8/4) with very pale orange (10YR 8/4) calcium carbonate content in matrix. Sand grains are subrounded and moderately sorted, loose, dry.
15	1151	Cuttings	114			Very fine- and fine-grained sand, medium orange pink (5YR 8/4) with intermittent, moderately hard streaks of caliche. Sand grains are subrounded and moderately sorted, loose, dry.
20	1152	Cuttings	117		SM/CAL	Very fine- and fine-grained sand, medium orange pink (5YR 8/4) with intermittent, moderately hard streaks of caliche. Sand grains are subrounded and moderately sorted, loose, dry.
25	1158	Cuttings	86			Very fine- and fine-grained sand, medium orange pink (5YR 8/4) with intermittent, moderately hard streaks of caliche. Sand grains are subrounded and moderately sorted, loose, dry.
30	1200	Cuttings	138			
35	1210	Cuttings	91		SW	Fine-grained sand, light brown (5YR 6/4) with intermittent sandstone streaks.
40	1214	Cuttings	118		SS	Hard sandstone and chert, pale reddish brown (10R 5/4) and grayish red (10R 4/2).
45	1220	Cuttings	90			Clayey silty fine sand; moderate reddish brown (10R 4/6)
50	1240	Cuttings	176			Clayey silty fine sand; moderate reddish brown (10R 4/6)
55	1242	Cuttings			SW/GP	Medium- and coarse-grained sand with some pea size gravel, moderate (reddish) brown (5YR 4/4), moderately well sorted, subrounded grains, moderately hard. Groundwater encountered at approximately 51 feet below ground surface.
60	1245	Cuttings				Medium- and coarse-grained sand with some pea size gravel, moderate (reddish) brown (5YR 4/4), moderately well sorted, subrounded grains, moderately hard.
65	1250	Cuttings				Medium- and coarse-grained sand with some pea size gravel, moderate (reddish) brown (5YR 4/4), moderately well sorted, subrounded grains, moderately hard.
70						Total depth of boring reached at 66 ft bgs (5 ft of native sand backfill caved in prior to setting screen and casing).



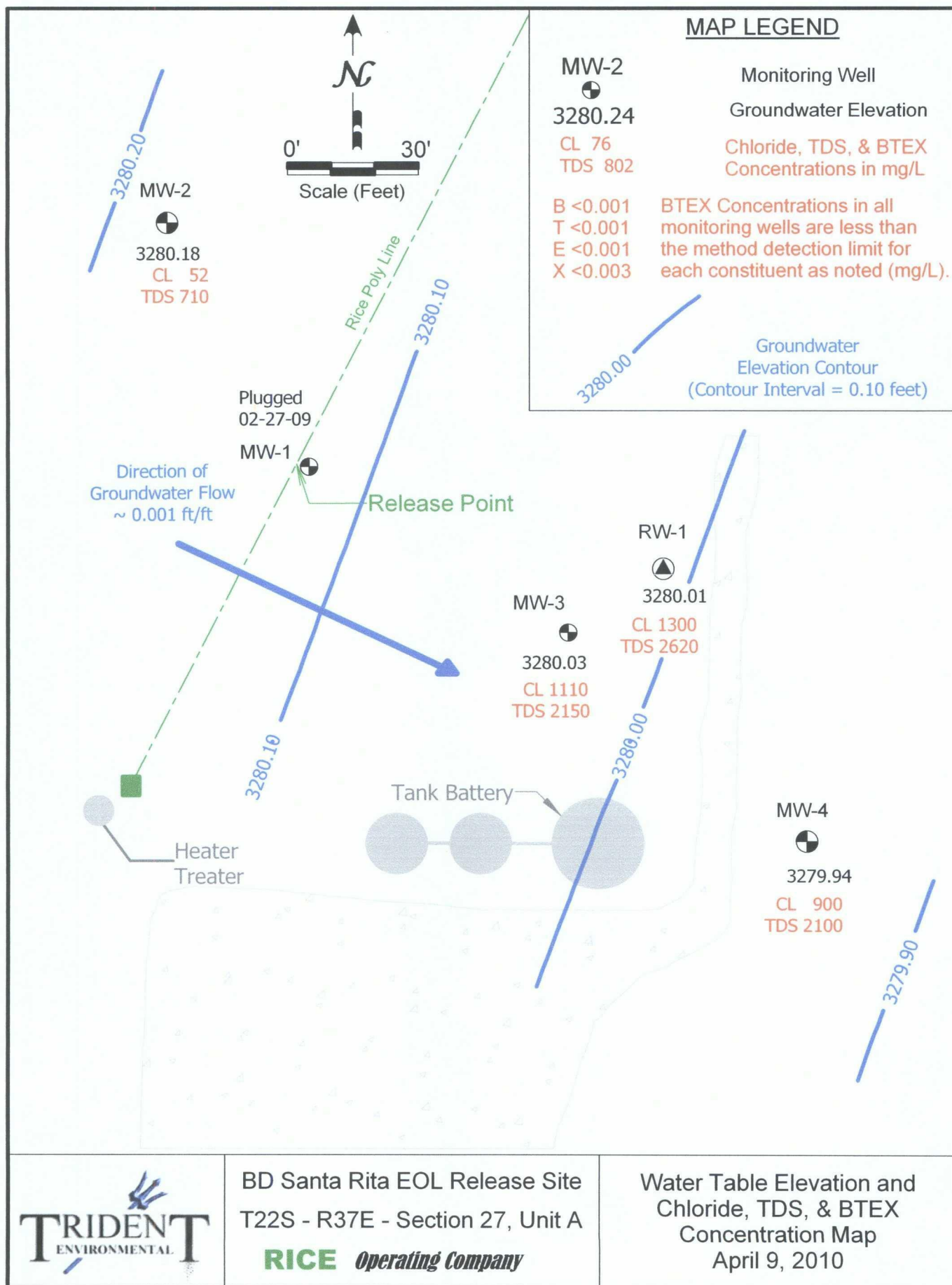
# RECOVERY WELL (RW-1) CONSTRUCTION DIAGRAM

(Not to Scale)



Client:	Rice Operating Company
Site Name:	BD Santa Rita Site (AP-58)
Completion Date:	June 17, 2009
On Site Geologist:	Gil Van Deventer

Recovery Well (RW-1)  
Construction Diagram





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Reporting Date: 04/14/10  
Project Number: NOT GIVEN  
Project Name: BD SANTA RITA LEAK  
Project Location: T22S R37E SEC27 A ~ LEA COUNTY, NM

Sampling Date: 04/09/10  
Sample Type: WATER  
Sample Condition: COOL & INTACT  
Sample Received By: JH  
Analyzed By: CK/HM

LAB NO.	SAMPLE ID	Cl <sup>-</sup> (mg/L)	SO <sub>4</sub> (mg/L)	TDS (mg/L)
Analysis Date:		04/14/10	04/14/10	04/13/10
H19647-1	MONITOR WELL #2	1,110	181	2,150
H19647-2	MONITOR WELL #3	52	250	710
H19647-3	MONITOR WELL #4	900	313	2,100
H19647-4	RECOVERY WELL #1	1,300	290	2,620
Quality Control		500	42.4	NR
True Value QC		500	40.0	NR
% Recovery		100	106	NR
Relative Percent Difference		< 0.1	9.1	2.8
METHOD: Standard Methods, EPA		4500-Cl B	375.4	160.1

Not accredited for Chloride, Sulfate and TDS.

  
Chemist

  
Date

H19647 RICE

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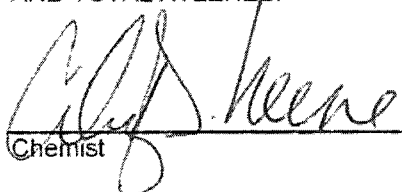
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Project Location: T22S-R37E-SEC27 A~ LEA CO., NM

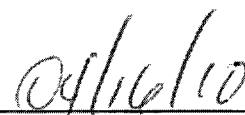
Sampling Date: 04/09/10  
Sample Type: WATER  
Sample Condition: COOL & INTACT  
Sample Received By: JH  
Analyzed By: ZL

LAB NUMBE	SAMPLE ID	BENZENE (mg/L)	TOLUENE (mg/L)	ETHYL BENZENE (mg/L)	TOTAL XYLENES (mg/L)
ANALYSIS DATE		04/14/10	04/14/10	04/14/10	04/14/10
H19647-1	MONITOR WELL # 2	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.003
H19647-2	MONITOR WELL # 3	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.003
H19647-3	MONITOR WELL # 4	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.003
H19647-4	RECOVERY WELL # 1	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.003
Quality Control		0.050	0.051	0.051	0.151
True Value QC		0.050	0.050	0.050	0.150
% Recovery		100	102	102	101
Relative Percent Difference		2.2	2.2	2.2	2.3

METHOD: EPA SW-846 8021B

TEXAS NELAP CERTIFICATION T104704398-08-TX FOR BENZENE, TOLUENE, ETHYL BENZENE,  
AND TOTAL XYLENES.

  
Chemist

  
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