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1.0 INTRODUCTION

A slurry trench cutoff wall was constructed for Maverik Country Stores, Inc. (Maverik) at the former Caribou refinery near Farmington, New Mexico. The slurry wall design and the bid and specification package for the project was prepared by Dames & Moore, Inc. of Salt Lake City. Field oversight on behalf of Maverik was also provided by Dames & Moore.

This report summarizes the project and the work performed to install the slurry wall in accordance with the construction documents. This report includes operational summaries of the work, quality control test data summaries, and as-built information, and is summarized within the following sections.

2.0 PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The purpose of the project was to install a slurry trench cutoff wall around the perimeter of an area within the Caribou refinery. This area represents a potential source of contaminants that may be subject to migration within the ground water. The use of the slurry wall will provide containment of the ground water, minimize future potential migration, and facilitate future remedial actions. This section briefly outlines the site characteristics, chemical contaminants, and the concept behind the approach.

2.1 <u>Site Characteristics</u>

The former Caribou refinery is located just west of Farmington, New Mexico as shown on Figure 1. The refinery is currently inactive and was used previously for refining crude oil into various gasoline formulations. The layout of the refinery facilities is also shown on Figure 1.

The area of the refinery where the slurry wall was installed is within the above-ground tank storage area. This area is located on a sidehill that slopes from north to south with an average slope of approximately 4 percent.

The near-surface soils at the site include sands at the surface which extend to depths ranging from approximately 8 to 23 feet. Beneath the sand is a layer of silty clay that varies in thickness beneath the site from approximately a trace to 12 feet. Underlying the silty clay layer is a layer of gravel of unknown thickness.

Ground water beneath the site flows from north to south. The ground water within the vicinity of the slurry wall is deepest at the north side and becomes shallower (approximately 4 feet) along the south end of the slurry wall alignment.

2.2 Chemical Contamination

The chemical contamination at the refinery is presumably a result of leaks from the tanks and piping within the refinery. The materials leaked have been intermixed with the subsoils and ground water. The predominant contaminants are petroleum hydrocarbons and the associated additives used for gasoline formulation. These contaminants include tetraethyl lead, benzene, xylene, toluene, and ethylbenzene, in addition to the base petroleum hydrocarbons.

The concentration of contaminants across the site varies widely as evidenced by the subsurface soils encountered during excavation for the slurry wall. The odors which emanated from the soils varied widely with some soils having no distinct evidence of any contamination.

2.3 <u>Slurry Wall Construction</u>

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The contamination at the facility and the potential for contaminant migration within the ground water makes it appropriate to consider facilitywide source control measures that will contain and prevent future migration. The slurry wall, as designed, accomplishes containment by creating a relatively impermeable barrier to ground water flow either into or away from the area contained.

The slurry wall constructed was formed by excavating a vertical trench from the ground surface down into the underlying silty clay or gravel layer, as required by the Resident Project Representative for Dames and Moore. The trench stability during excavation was maintained by flooding with a water-bentonite slurry mixture. The excavated soils were then mixed with slurry and dry bentonite at a 3 percent by weight mixture. The mixing process was monitored to assure complete mixing, although mixing was hampered somewhat by the dry sand prevalent across the surface of the site. The soils, once properly moisture conditioned and mixed, were then placed back in the trench. The placement operations were performed progressively from a single point to allow backfill to horizontally displace previously deposited materials, rather than freefall through the slurry.

Once the slurry wall was backfilled, the upper 1 foot of material was removed to facilitate placement of a vapor barrier and structural backfill. The structural backfill was placed over the vapor barrier and then compacted using a vibratory plate compactor.

3.0 DESCRIPTION OF WORK

The work performed for the construction of the slurry wall involved a number of activities. The following sections outline the predominant field construction activities.

3.1 Site Preparation

The site required a number of operations to prepare for slurry wall installation. These operations primarily involved site grading operations to allow access by equipment and sufficient clearance for slurry wall installation. The site grading work performed is summarized on Figure 2.

3.2 Work Zones

The presence of hazardous materials at the site required that measures be taken, in accordance with the Corporate Health and Safety Plan, to separate work zones. The separation of work zones was performed to limit the potential exposure of workers to chemicals and prevent migration of chemicals present to adjacent areas as a result of the planned construction activities.

The facility was divided into three work zones, including the following:

<u>Exclusion Zone</u> - The area contained within the perimeter of the slurry wall. For practical purposes, the exclusion zone boundary was a temporary fence which extended around the top of the dike used to control access. The temporary fence was determined to be sufficient since Envirocon or security personnel were present on a 24-hour-a-day basis;

- <u>Contaminant Reduction Zone</u> An area adjacent to the exclusion zone which allowed access by personnel to a personal decontamination station equipped with a water bath, portable eye wash, and personal protective equipment supplies; and
- <u>Support Zone</u> An area external to the exclusion zone where equipment was staged, office facilities and water supply were present, and an emergency shower was available.

These work zones are shown on Figure 3. The ongoing function of these zones and enforcement of the Corporate and Site-Specific Health and Safety Plan during site operations was maintained by the Site Safety Representative.

During the project, the zones, as arranged, worked well in providing protection to health and safety by preventing the spread of contamination and by facilitating worker relief because of the 100°F temperatures.

3.3 Slurry Mixing

Slurry mixing was accomplished by constructing a pond within the central portion of the site as shown on Figure 2. The pond was approximately 75 feet square with an effective depth of approximately 6 feet. The construction of the pond was performed by excavating soils within the area with the bulldozer and placement of the soils to form a perimeter berm. The excavation of the soils within the bottom of the pond was limited by the prevalence of contamination within the subsoils at a depth of approximately 2.5 to 3 feet. The resulting pond configuration was determined to be adequate for mixing a sufficient volume of slurry for the project. The pond was not lined because of the sealing action inherent with the bentonite slurry that was to be contained within the pond.

The bentonite mixed into slurry for use in the trench was delivered to the project site in pneumatic trucks. The bentonite slurry was then formed by mixing water with the bentonite. The mixing process utilized water from a hydrant located in the support zone. The water was routed through a high-shear mixing valve which mixed the water with the bentonite under pressure from the pneumatic trucks. The high-shear action of the mixing valve wetted the bentonite and facilitated more rapid and complete hydration of the bentonite than by using typical contact mixing methods.

Bentonite that was mixed into the slurry and placed within the pond was delivered on a one truck per day basis. This allowed mixing of measured amounts of slurry in a way to monitor hydration and slurry viscosity. This monitoring was appropriate to determine the potential magnitude of impacts on slurry characteristics created by the degree of hardness within the water. A summary of the bentonite usage in the ponds per truck is presented on Table 1.

An approximate total of 107,000 pounds of bentonite was mixed with water and placed within the mixing pond. For the purposes of hydration and to facilitate later adjustments in the slurry viscosity, the slurry was mixed at a relatively high solids content of approximately 12 percent. This resulted in approximately 110,000 gallons of hydrated slurry within the pond prior to introduction into the trench.

During the course of the project, the tests performed on the slurry included the following:

- Marsh funnel viscosity;
- Gradation;

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SUMMARY OF BENTONITE USAGE IN THE SLURRY MIXING POND

DATE DELIVERED	WEIGHT	TYPE OF TRUCK	INVOICE NO.
June 14, 1990	51,900 lb	Pneumatic	001152
June 15, 1990	48,800 lb	Pneumatic	001155
June 17, 1990	6,000 lb	Pneumatic	001156
	106,700 lb		

Bentonite was mixed with approximately 110,000 gallons of water to yield a slurry containing approximately 12 percent by weight.

- Density; and
- pH.

Initial tests performed to determine the Marsh funnel slurry viscosity indicated values of 62 seconds on June 15, 1990 and 67 seconds on June 16, 1990. These tests were performed to evaluate the baseline slurry viscosities and to also identify the impacts of evaporation resulting from the extremely high temperatures (in excess of 100 degrees daily). Water was added periodically to the slurry to maintain values of less than 70 seconds. Throughout the mixing, hydration, and water addition activities, the slurry was mixed daily using 3- and 4-inch diameter trash pumps to recirculate the slurry in the pond. This mixing, coupled with the periodic addition of water, resulted in typical slurry viscosities ranging between 40 and 50 seconds up until the slurry was actually introduced into the trench. A summary of the slurry characteristics as determined over the course of the project is presented on Table 2.

The bentonite used to make the slurry was tested to determine the gradation for evaluation of adherence to the API 13A specification for bentonite oil well drilling fluid materials. The results of these evaluations are summarized on Table 3. As shown on Table 3, the sieve analyses were performed on a dry basis in the field and yielded an average of 93 percent passing a No. 200 sieve. The requirement under API 13A is 96 percent on a wet-sieve basis. The equipment appropriate for such analyses was not available in the field; however, subsequent wet-sieve analysis on a jumbo bag sample indicated that 96.5 percent of the bentonite passed through the No. 200 sieve. Therefore, the bentonite used for the slurry met the API 13A specification.

The filtrate loss of the bentonite was tested during the project. Initial tests were not performed until CO_2 could be obtained for the filtrate test

POND SLURRY TEST RESULTS

DATE	TIME	VISCOSITY	DENSITY	рН
June 15, 1990	10:00 am	62 seconds	N/A	N/A
June 16, 1990	1:30 pm	67 seconds	N/A	N/A
June 17, 1990	10:45 am	65 seconds	66 pcf	8.9
	11:05 am	48 seconds	65 pcf	8.8
	11:20 am	46 seconds	65 pcf	9.0
June 18, 1990	9:30 am	45 seconds	N/A	N/A
	2:40 pm	62 seconds	N/A	N/A
June 19, 1990	10:55 am	120 seconds*	68 pcf	8.6
	4:30 pm	78 seconds*	N/A	N/A
June 20, 1990	8:50 am	42 seconds	65 pcf	7.8
	11:00 am	55 seconds	N/A	N/A
	11:05 am	42 seconds	N/A	N/A
	3:00 pm	63 seconds	N/A	N/A
June 21, 1990	10:20 am	48 seconds	N/A	N/A
	1:30 pm	49 seconds	67 pcf	8.6
	3:10 pm	47 seconds	66 pcf	8.4
June 22, 1990	9:30 am	44 seconds	66 pcf	N/A
	11:20 am	46 seconds	66 pcf	8.5
	4:10 pm	46 seconds	66 pcf	8.5
June 23, 1990	8:40 am	44 seconds	66 pcf	N/A
	10:10 am	45 seconds	66 pcf	8.4
	3:05 pm	47 seconds	66 pcf	8.3
June 24, 1990	8:00 am	52 seconds	66 pcf	8.4
	2:20 pm	57 seconds	66 pcf	8.4
	4:15 pm	54 seconds	66 pcf	N/A
June 25, 1990	8:45 am	42 seconds	65 pcf	8.5
	N/A	44 seconds	65 pcf	8.6

*Water added to lower viscosity.

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SUMMARY OF BENTONITE DRY SIEVE RESULTS

SOURCE	PERCENT PASSING #40*	PERCENT PASSING #200
Pneumatic truck	100	93%
100 lb bags	100	92%
Jumbo bags*	100	93%

*Wet sieve result was 96.5% passing the #200 sieve.

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Note: Unit weight of the bentonite typically ranged from 58 to 60 pcf.

apparatus. The results of the tests eventually performed are summarized on Table 4. As indicated by these test results, the bentonite slurry within the pond met the baseline requirements of the API 13A specification for less than 15 ml of loss over a period of 30 minutes, with the exception of one test. This sample was obtained from an area of the mixing pond which had not been recirculated with the pumps which explains the greater degree of filtrate loss.

As tests were obtained to determine Marsh funnel viscosities, slurry densities were also determined using a mud balance. A summary of the densities obtained within the slurry is presented on Table 2. As shown, the density of the slurry in the pond typically ranged from 65 to 67 pounds per cubic foot (pcf).

The pH of the slurry was determined on a regular basis with the results of the testing being summarized on Table 5. As indicated, the pH values typically ranged from 7.8 to 9.0.

3.4 <u>Trench Excavation</u>

The trench excavation required equipment with the ability to reach to a depth of approximately 25 feet, given the characteristic depths of the underlying silty clay layer into which the slurry wall was typically socketed. The available excavation equipment within the area was limited to equipment with the ability to excavate to depths of 22' 8". Therefore, to assure the necessary excavation depth could be reached, the working surface was lowered by as much as 3 feet below the original ground surface. This excavation was required only within an area directly adjacent to the crude oil storage tank and allowed a more level working area than if the natural surface contours were followed.

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SUMMARY OF FILTRATE ANALYSES

SLURRY ORIGIN	DATE	UNIT WEIGHT	FILTRATE LOSS	FILTER CAKE THICKNESS
Mixing pond	June 21, 1990	67 pcf	13.0 ml	1/8 in
Mixing pond	June 22, 1990	66 pcf	13.0 ml	N/A
Trench slurry	June 22, 1990	89 pcf	24.4 ml	3/16 in
Mixing pond	June 23, 1990	66 pcf	15.5 ml	N/A
Trench slurry	June 24, 1990	70 pcf	12.8 ml	1/8 in
Trench slurry	June 25, 1990	67 pcf	11.6 ml	N/A

TABLE 5SUMMARY OF pH READINGS

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DATE	TIME	рН
June 15, 1990	10:00 am	N/A
June 16, 1990	1:30 pm	N/A
June 17, 1990	10:45 am	8.9
	11:05 am	8.8
	11:20 am	9.0
June 18, 1990	9:30 am	N/A
	2:40 pm	N/A
June 19, 1990	10:55 am	8.6
	4:30 pm	N/A
June 20, 1990	8:50 am	7.8
	11:00 am	N/A
	11:05 am	N/A
	3:00 pm	N/A
June 21, 1990	10:20 am	N/A
	1:30 pm	8.6
	3:10 pm	8.4
June 22, 1990	9:30 am	N/A
	11:20 am	8.5
	4:10 pm	8.5
June 23, 1990	8:40 am	N/A
	10:10 am	8.4
	3:05 pm	8.3
June 24, 1990	8:00 am	8.4
	2:20 pm	8.4
	4:15 pm	N/A
June 25, 1990	8:45 am	8.5
	N/A	8.6

The excavation of the trench was performed using both Komatsu PC-200 and PC-220 excavators. The PC-220 was used predominantly because of its ability to excavate more deeply than the PC-200. The PC-200 was used primarily for mixing the backfill with bentonite to the consistency required for use as backfill.

The excavation of the trench began on Sunday, June 17, 1990 and was completed on June 25, 1990. The depth of the trench varied as anticipated by the construction drawings with the deepest reaches of the trench being located within the northernmost area of the site. A summary of the depth of excavation is presented on Figure 4, while a revised, asbuilt alignment station map is shown on Figure 5.

During the excavation, two alterations in the alignment were required. The first was a slight curve adjacent to a tank near Station 1+50 to accommodate the swing of the excavator. The second deviation was at the northwest corner of the slurry wall at Station 0+00. This modification was made to better facilitate the turn of the slurry wall alignment. The turn was made in two increments to lessen the angle turned and the potential stability problems that could occur because of such an angle, as shown on Figure 5.

During the excavation operations, three obstacles were encountered. The first was located at approximately Station 1+90, and was discovered to be a subsurface electrical conduit encased in concrete. The concrete and conduit were removed with minimal disruption of the surface area adjacent to the trench.

The second subsurface obstacle was located at approximately Station 8+75, in line with the alignment of a drainage ditch located in an adjacent field. The location of this obstacle is shown on Figure 5, while the drainage ditch alignment is shown as being east and west on Figure 5. The identification of the obstacle in line with the ditch indicated that it could be a buried culvert pipe. This observation was supported by the equipment operator on the excavator that thought that it felt like a corrugated metal pipe.

Potential alternatives for dealing with the suspected pipe were discussed with the Resident Project Representative. These alternatives included a recommendation for the excavation of the pipe outside of the slurry wall alignment and sealing to prevent loss of slurry from within the trench. The reason for this recommendation was because of the penetration that would be present if the obstacle were a pipe and it was left in place. Such a pipe could form a conduit for migration of ground water contained within the slurry wall containment system.

The Resident Project Representative contacted supervisory personnel and discussed the situation. The resultant decision was to excavate the trench as planned, around the obstacle in a manner that would leave nothing in the trench but the obstacle. The intent behind this approach was to allow future evaluation of the potential presence of a pipe and the means to provide proper removal or sealing.

The third obstacle was a located at approximately Station 5+15 and was suspected to be an electrical conduit. This conduit was crossed in the same fashion as the suspected pipe at Station 8+75.

3.5 Backfill Mixing Sequence

As the slurry wall excavation progressed, materials removed were sidecast by the excavator adjacent to the trench alignment. The materials excavated were mixed with bentonite to meet the specified requirement for addition of 3 percent by weight, prior to placement as backfill within the trench.

The mixing sequence for the backfill typically began with moisture conditioning using bentonite slurry from either the trench or the pond. The backfill was then amended with bentonite from one of three sources, including:

- Dumpsters (as deposited by pneumatic trucks);
- 100 lb. bags; and
- Jumbo bags.

The proportioning of the bentonite added to the excavated soils was performed by ongoing evaluation of the panel lengths and depths. A material balance for the bentonite used during the project is presented on Table 6, while a summary of the bentonite characteristics and delivery tickets are presented in Appendix A. As indicated, the average dry, by-weight bentonite addition was in excess of 3 percent. Coupled with the estimated average of 10 to 12 percent bentonite in the slurry used for moisture conditioning, the total resultant bentonite content within the backfill is estimated to be approximately 4 percent based upon slurry usage.

The backfill mixing was accompanied by periodic monitoring using a variety of quality control tests, including:

- Unit weight;
- Slump; and
- Gradation.

A summary of the results of these tests is provided on Table 7, while the results of the gradation tests are summarized in Appendix B.

SUMMARY OF BENTONITE USAGE*

DATE OF DELIVERY	NET WEIGHT	TYPE OF TRUCK	FORM	STORAGE	INVOICE NO.
June 14, 1990	51,900 lbs	Pneumatic	Bulk	Slurry pond	001152
June 15, 1990	48,800 lbs	Pneumatic	Bulk	Slurry pond	001155
June 17, 18, 1990	51,900 lbs	Pneumatic	Bulk	6,900 lb slurry pond 45,000 lb Dumpster 1	001156
June 18, 1990	49,800 lbs	Pneumatic	Bulk	Dumpster 2	000745
June 20, 1990	54,000 lbs	Flat Bed	100 lb bags	Pallets	001159
June 21, 1990	55,400 lbs	Flat Bed	Jumbo bags	Jumbo bags	001160
	311,800 lbs or 156 tons	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			

Summary of Allocation:

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Backfill Unused**

Mixing Pond Slurry - 107,600 lbs or 53.8 tons - 191,000 lbs or 95.5 tons - 13,400 lbs or 6.7 tons

*See Appendix B for delivery tickets.

**Equivalent to 4 pallets and 8 bags, plus 1, 400 lbs remaining in Dumpster 2.

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SUMMARY OF BENTONITE USAGE IN BACKFILL

Interval		<u>Bentonite Usa</u>	ge
Station 3+50 to 12+42	2	Dumpster 1 1 pallet Dumpster 2	- 45,000 lbs - 2,800 lbs - <u>16,200 lbs</u> 64,000 lbs or 32 tons
Bentonite Required: Net:	(2.5)(350)(20)(110)(.03 11% extra	3) = 57,750 lbs o	or 28.88 tons
Station 12+42 to 10+6	00	Dumpster 2 4 pallets	- 28,350 lbs - <u>11,200 lbs</u> 39,550 lbs or 19.78 tons
Bentonite Required: Net:	(2.5)(242)(18)(110)(.03 10% extra	3) = 35,937 lbs or	r 17.97 tons
Station 10+00 to 7+2	5	Dumpster 2 10 pallets	- 4,050 lbs - <u>28,000 lbs</u> 32,050 lbs or 16 tons
Bentonite Required: Net:	(2.5)(275)(14)(110)(.03 1% extra	3) = 31,762.5 lbs	or 15.88 tons
Station 7+25 to 3+10		Jumbo bags	- <u>55,400 lbs</u> 55,400 lbs or 27.7 tons
Bentonite Required: Net:	(2.5)(415)(15)(110)(.03 8% extra	3) = 51,356 lbs or	r 25.60 tons
Total Bentonite Re	quired in Backfill:	88.4 tons	
Total Bentonite Us	ed in Backfill:	95.5 tons	
Net:		8% extra	

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SUMMARY OF TESTS ON BACKFILL

DATE	STATION	SLUMP	DENSITY
June 17, 1990	3+13 to 3+48	4.0 in	108 pcf
	3+50	4.5 in	N/A
June 19, 1990	3+13 to 1+75	5.0 in	115 pcf
		3.5 in	118 pcf
		4.0 in	117 pcf
		4.5 in	119 pcf
June 20, 1990	1+75 to 1+50	2.5* in	119 pcf
		3.5* in	120 pcf
		4.75 in	N/A
	1+00	5.0 in	N/A
	1+00	4.5 in	N/A
June 21, 1990	1+50	2.75* in	119 pcf
	0+50	3.0* in	121 pcf
	12+00	5.0 in	N/A pcf
June 22, 1990	11+00	2.0* in	120 pcf
	11+00	3.5* in	120 pcf
	10+50	5.0 in	120 pcf
June 23, 1990	9+75	2.0* in	119 pcf
	9+25	4.0 in	119 pcf
	8+75	4.5 in	120 pcf
June 24, 1990	7+50	4.0 in	122 pcf
_	5+75	4.5 in	121 pcf
June 25, 1990	4+20	5.0 in	N/A
	3+75	5.25 in	121 pcf

*Slurry added to provide moisture conditioning.

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As shown, the backfill typically ranged in density from 108 to 121 pcf. The densities measured did not vary significantly because of the uniform gradation and composition of the soils excavated.

The measured slumps of the backfill varied from approximately 2 to 6 inches. The specification requirement for slumps to range from 4 to 6 inches resulted in work being performed to increase the slump whenever slumps were below the 4-inch requirement. This often necessitated the use of slurry to provide moisture conditioning, especially because of the extremely hot weather.

The gradation of the backfill was evaluated on an occasional basis to determine the percentage of fines. The uniformity of the soil gradations and the high degree of fines found even within the sandy site soils resulted in a fines contents typically greater than the required 25 percent. Further, the soft nature of the silty clays excavated and the mixing performed with both the bulldozer and the excavator resulted in the clayey fragments being reduced to a size that met the specification requirement for 95 percent passing the No. 40 sieve.

The mixing of the backfill material involved meeting a variety of specified requirements with the most important being the quantity of bentonite added and the mixing effort required to provide a homogeneous backfill with the proper slump. The mixing efforts were enhanced by using both a bulldozer and an excavator. The excavator would amend the excavated soil with bentonite, provide moisture conditioning using slurry from the trench, and provide final mixing and placement in the trench. The bulldozer would move through the excavated materials to aid mixing and would move materials to the excavator for placement in the trench. This sequence resulted in a well-mixed homogeneous backfill.

3.6 Backfill Placement

As outlined in the previous section, both the bulldozer and excavator were used for mixing of the backfill. Once mixed, all backfill placement was performed with the excavator. Using the excavator allowed placement to proceed in a manner that allowed gradual advancement of the backfill face. This placement method also kept equipment away from the edge of the trench, as the surficial soils had no cohesion and were subject to potential wedge failures in areas adjacent to the trench.

The backfill placement was accompanied by ongoing evaluation of slurry densities within the bottom of the trench. In accordance with the specifications, the slurry density in the trench was maintained at least 15 pcf less than the density of the backfill. The critical consideration was the tendency, at times, for the slurry at the bottom of the trench to exceed the specified 90 pcf maximum value that could prevent proper displacement by the backfill. The density of the slurry was subject to increasing beyond this maximum allowed density because of the very sandy nature of the site soils.

In instances where slurry densities became excessive, the excavator was used to bucket the dense slurry from the bottom of the trench. The slurry recovered was then sidecast into the backfill to facilitate moisture conditioning. An attempt was made to use a desanding cyclone; however, a broken mount on the pump precluded building sufficient pressure to operate the cyclone.

The slurry densities were checked on a routine basis to assure proper displacement by the backfill. A summary of the measured densities is presented on Table 8. In instances where the 90 pcf specification was exceeded, trench desanding operations were performed with the excavator until the slurry density was found to be at an acceptable level.

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SUMMARY OF TRENCH BACKFILL DENSITIES

DATE	STATION	DEPTH	DENSITY	VISCOSITY	pН
June 17, 1990	3+20	5 ft	66 pcf	118 sec	8.7
June 19, 1990	3+25	Тор	68 pcf	100 sec	N/A
	2+80	Mid	78 pcf	120 sec	8.0
June 20, 1990	1+75	21 ft	89 pcf	90 sec	7.7
	0+75	11 ft	85 pcf	65 sec	7.7
	0+25	21 ft	91 pcf	70 sec	7.5
	12+00	21 ft	94* pcf	85 sec	7.4
	11+85	Тор	68 pcf	75 sec	8.2
June 21, 1990	11+75	Тор	69 pcf	90 sec	8.0
	11+00	18.3 ft	97* pcf	120 sec	7.2
	10+50	16 ft	95* pcf	95 sec	7.2
	10+00	Bottom	96* pcf	120 sec	7.2
June 22, 1990	10+00	Bottom	95* pcf	120 sec	7.3
	9+50	Bottom	94 pcf	120 sec	7.3
June 23, 1990	7+50	Bottom	104* pcf	120 sec	7.5
	7+40	Bottom	75 pcf	47 sec	N/A
June 24, 1990	6+85	Bottom	100* pcf	125 sec	7.5
	6+50	Bottom	99* pcf	110 sec	7.5
	5+75	Тор	76 pcf	70 sec	7.9
	5+75	Bottom	88 pcf	76 sec	7.6
	5+00	Bottom	99* pcf	120 sec	7.2
	4+75	Тор	67 pcf	71 sec	7.6
June 25, 1990	3+75	Bottom	85 pcf	50 sec	7.7

*Slurry at bottom of trench removed and used for moisture conditioning.

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The backfill placement along the entire length of the slurry wall followed the protocol for progressive placement from a single point to allow horizontal displacement, with one exception. In the area adjacent to the crude oil storage tank (approximately Station 0+25 to 1+00) a large tension crack began to develop at the end of the working day (Wednesday, June 20, 1990). The backfill at the time had been placed at the surface up to approximately Station 1+75. Because of the suspected deep-seated instability of the tension crack, bentonite amendment, mixing and backfill operations were performed at approximately Station 0+50 until the backfill was within approximately 3 feet of the trench surface. The placement of the backfill was successful in preventing a major trench collapse. The following morning, the remaining material required to finish backfilling to the ground surface between Stations 0+50 and 1+75 was mixed and placed.

Evaluation of backfill soundings between Stations 0+50 and 1+75 indicated that the placement of backfill from two points created overlapping mounds of backfill which should have no impact upon the integrity of the slurry wall. Backfill placement within this area would have likely been constrained to the method used to some extent because of the tank adjacent to the slurry wall.

During the course of the project, soundings were made daily of the backfill placed in various portions of the trench. A summary of these soundings is presented on Table 9.

3.7 <u>Structural Backfill Placement</u>

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Once the trench was backfilled, the upper 12 inches of material was removed and a minimum three-foot width vapor barrier was placed. The vapor barrier used was a 20-mil very low density polyethylene (VLDPE). Data on this material is provided in Appendix A. The vapor barrier was then covered with a minimum of 12 inches of structural backfill.

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SUMMARY OF BACKFILL SOUNDINGS

DATE	STATION	DEPTH
June 19, 1990	2+37	9.5 ft
	2+50	13.5 ft
	2+75	10.0 ft
	3+00	8.25 ft
	3+25	4.8 ft
	3+50	1.0 ft
June 20, 1990	2+00	10.0 ft
	2+37	5.5 ft
	3+00	1.5 ft
	3+00	0 ft
	2+75	2.4 ft
	2+50	9.5 ft
	2+25	13.2 ft
	2+00	14.25 ft
	1+75	19.6 ft
	2+75	0 ft
	2+50	3.0 ft
	2+25	11.0 ft
	2+00	16.3 ft
	1+75	18.3 ft
	1+50	20.3 ft
	1+25	20.7 ft
	2+25	0 ft
	2+00	8.0 ft
	1+75	10.2 ft
	1+50	17.2 ft
	1+25	18.5 ft
	0+25	18.5 ft
	12+50	19.5 ft

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SUMMARY OF BACKFILL SOUNDINGS

DATE	STATION	DEPTH
	12+25	19.8 ft
	12+00	21.0 ft
June 21, 1990	1+75	0 ft
	1+25	10.0 ft
	1+50	4.6 ft
	0+50	10.8 ft
	0+50	0 ft
	0+25	8.1 ft
	12+75	11.25 ft
	12+50	18.3 ft
	12+25	18.7 ft
	12+00	19.0 ft
	11+75	19.0 ft
	11+50	18.3 ft
	11+25	19.0 ft
	0+50	0 ft
	0+25	3.1 ft
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	12+25	15.8 ft
	12+00	20.25 ft
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	11+25	18.7 ft
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	12+00	8.6 ft
n ^{an} - Milita - an ann an an Anna an Anna - an	11+75	11.3 ft
	11+50	13.75 ft
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SUMMARY OF BACKFILL SOUNDINGS

DATE	STATION	DEPTH
-	11+00	17.25 ft
	10+75	16.8 ft
June 22, 1990	10+25	0 ft
	10+00	7.6 ft
	9+75	13.8 ft
	9+50	14.0 ft
	9+25	14.0 ft
	9+00	12.0 ft
June 23, 1990	9+25	0 ft
	9+00	2 ft
	8+75	11.5 ft
	8+50	12.6 ft
	8+25	12.25 ft
June 24, 1990	7+90	0 ft
	7+75	5.2 ft
	7+50	11.25 ft
	7+25	12.3 ft
	7+00	12.6 ft
	7+25	0 ft
	7+00	3.0 ft
	6+75	9.4 ft
	6+50	12.2 ft
June 25, 1990	4+75	0 ft
	4+50	5.75 ft
	4+25	11.2 ft
	4+00	13.9 ft
	3+75	15.25 ft

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The structural backfill used was obtained locally and was evaluated for accordance with the specifications. A summary of the sieve analyses performed is provided on Table 10, while copies of the test results are presented in Appendix A.

Once placed, the structural backfill was compacted with a vibratory plate compactor after attempts at compaction using heavy equipment on site were unsuccessful. The compaction of the structural backfill resulted in a stable cap for the slurry wall.

3.8 <u>Site Restoration</u>

Upon completion of compaction operations for the structural backfill, the site was cleaned of construction debris, grading was performed to facilitate future site operations, and contaminated materials excavated adjacent to the slurry wall were graded to within the perimeter of the slurry wall.

3.9 Equipment Decontamination

Upon completion of work with the various pieces of equipment, decontamination operations were performed. Decontamination of heavy equipment was performed by Brian's Power Wash because of a local water district request that no water be used from the fire hydrants at the facility. The protocol used for decontamination provided for gross material removal and decontamination by Envirocon personnel within the exclusion zone established by the perimeter of the slurry wall. This decontamination included that for pumps, hoses, and other small pieces of equipment used during the project. Following decontamination, the two excavators were removed from the exclusion zone for final steam cleaning. Remaining

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STRUCTURAL BACKFILL SIEVE ANALYSIS

SIEVE NO.	SPECIFICATION PERCENT PASSING	ACTUAL PERCENT PASSING
3 inch	100%	100%
1.5 inch	85-95%	85%
3/4 inch	75-95%	74%
No. 4	55-75%	51%
No. 40	20-45%	22%
No. 200	<25%	6%

equipment was decontaminated and cleaned, all within the exclusion zone once the site restoration activities were completed.

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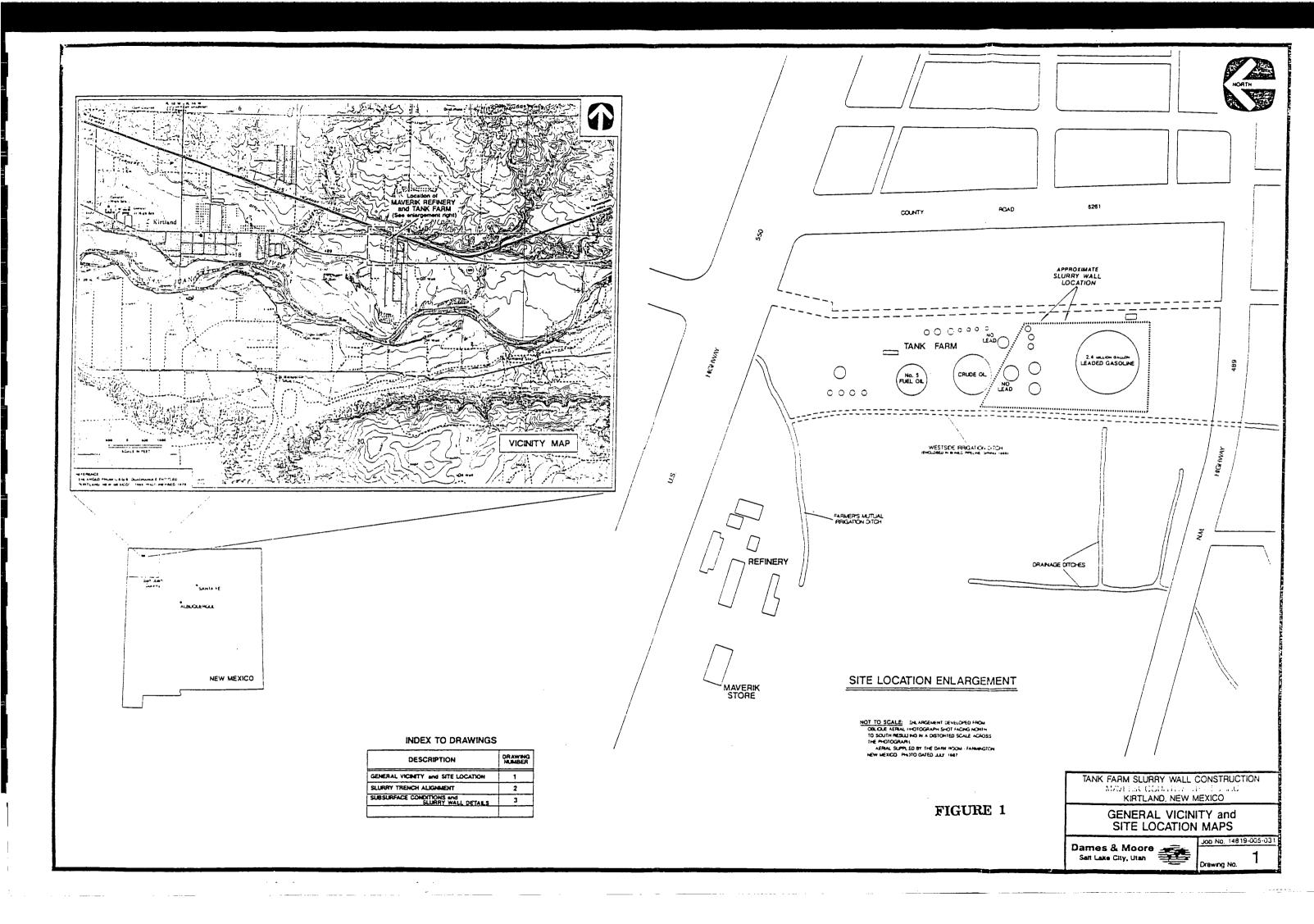
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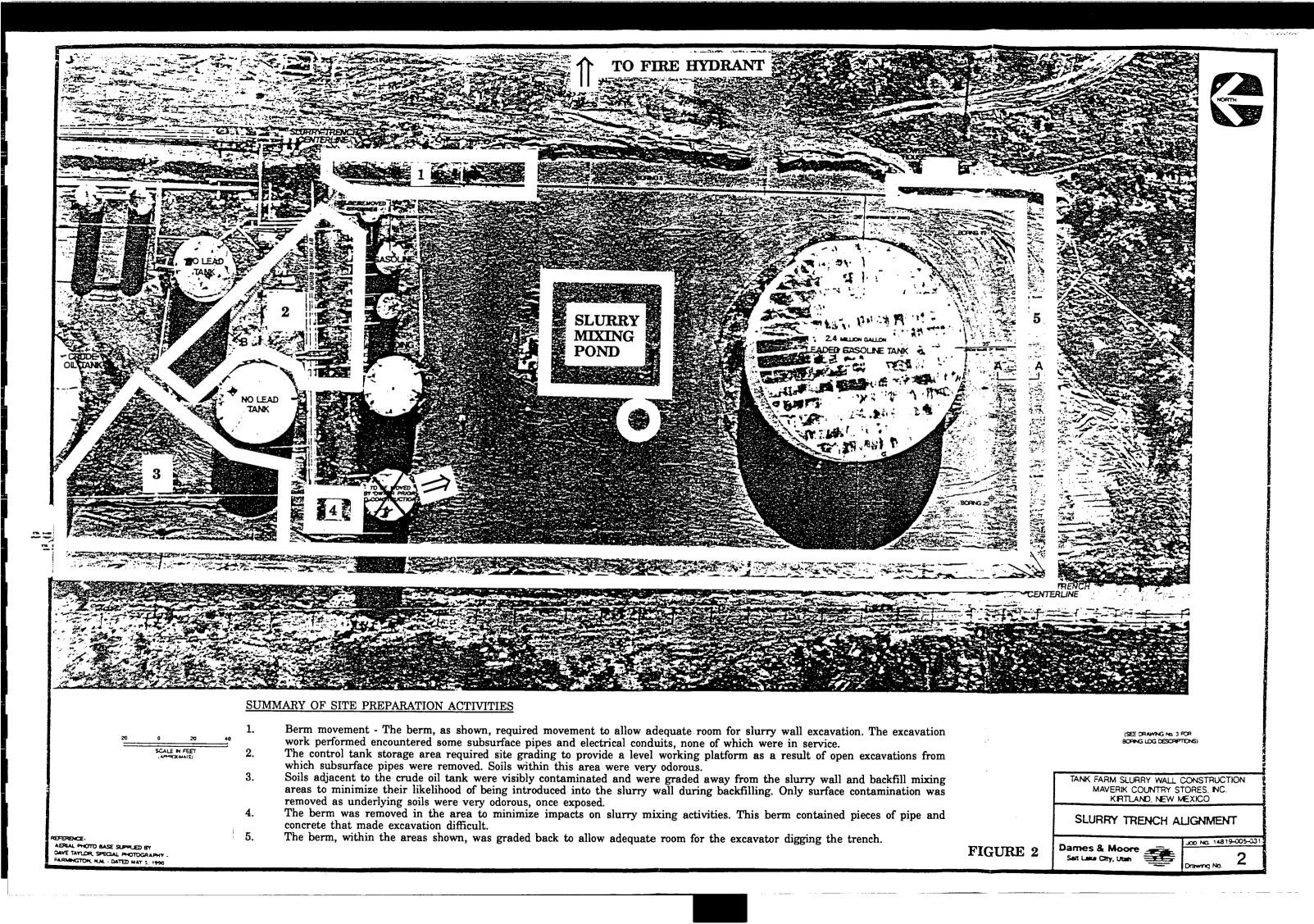
4.0 HEALTH AND SAFETY OPERATIONS SUMMARY

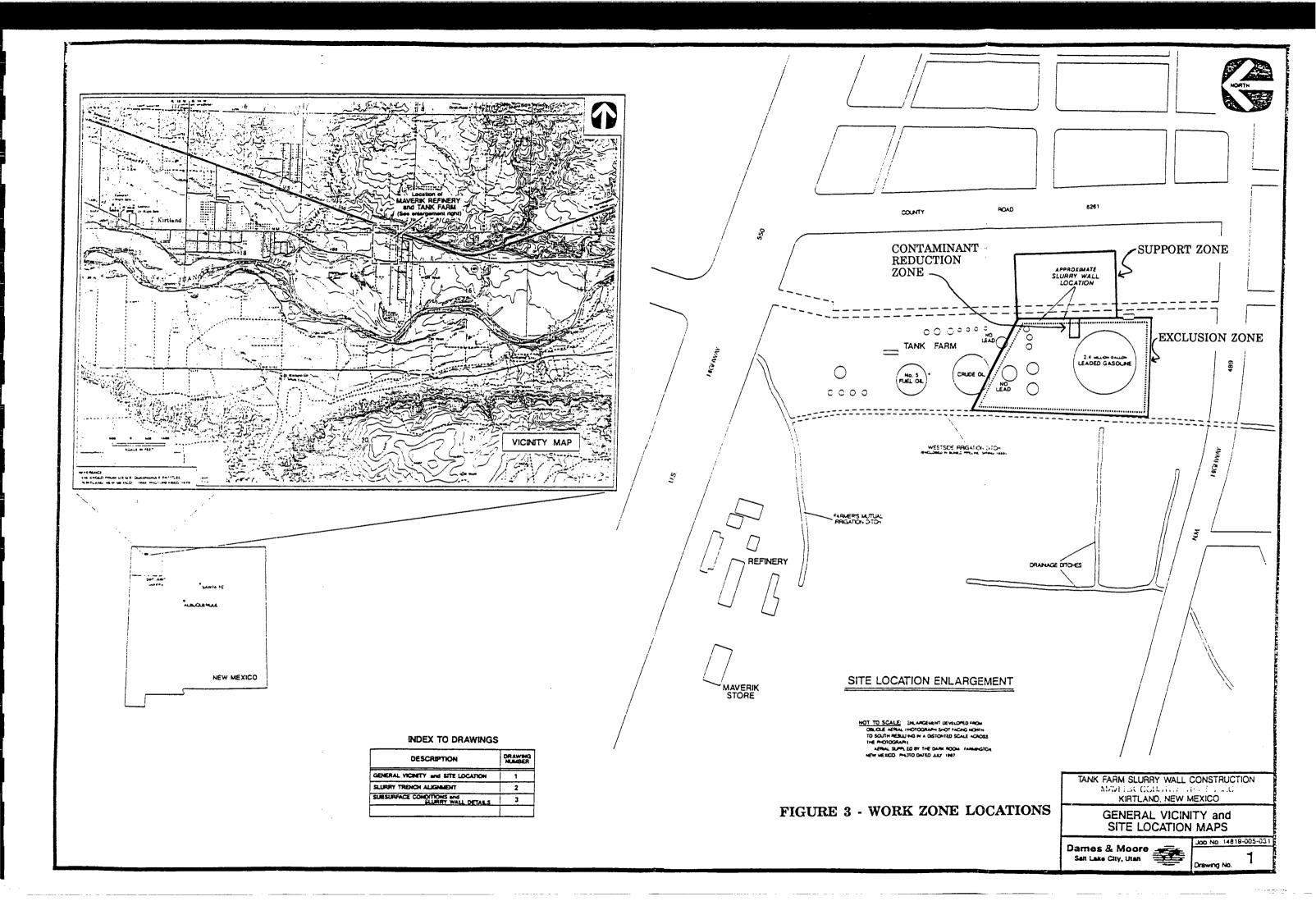
The slurry wall construction operations were performed following a strict protocol for site-specific health and safety as required by the Envirocon Corporate Health and Safety Plan. This section outlines the sitespecific health and safety considerations for the project and a brief summary of the training activities.

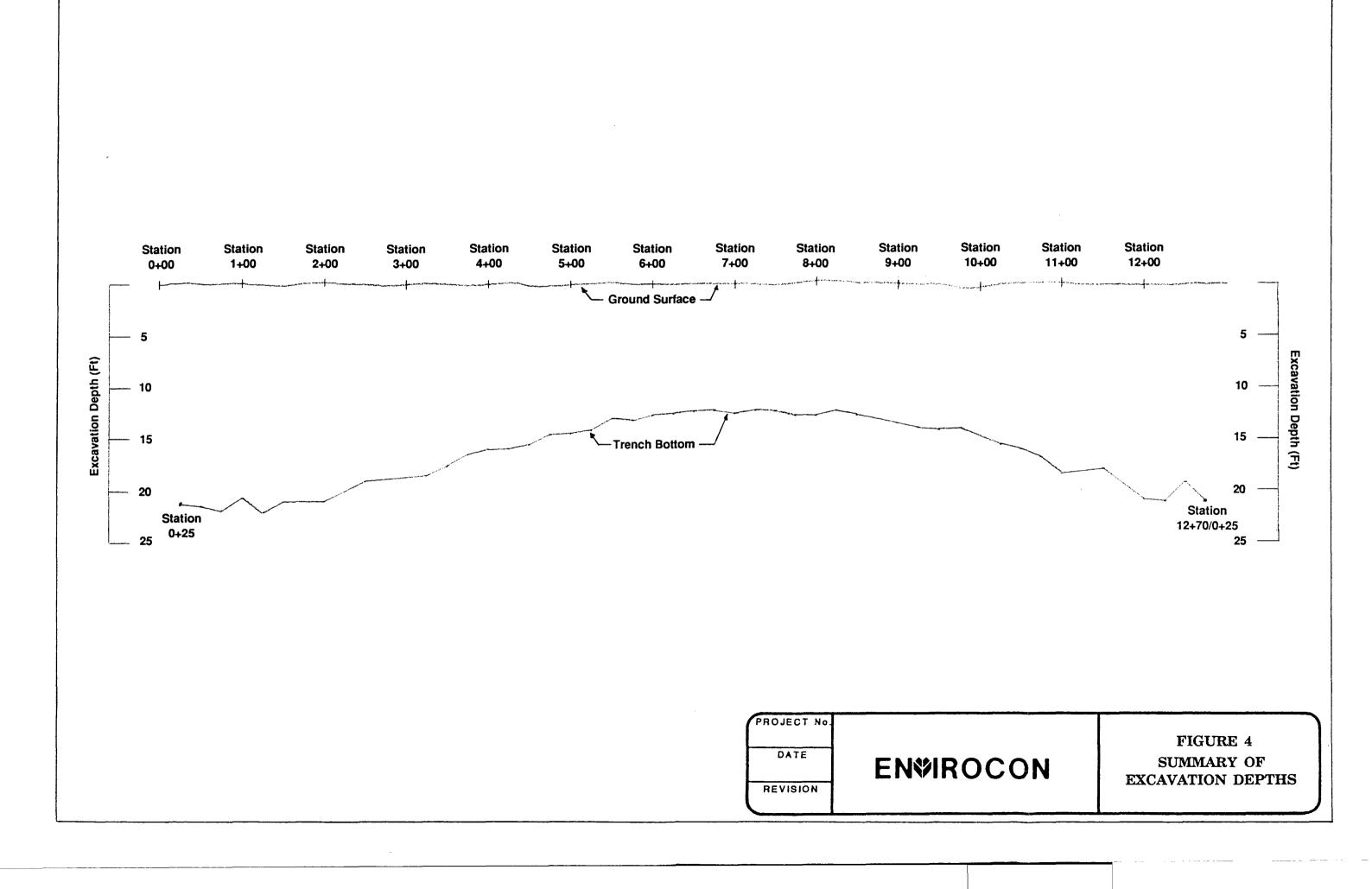
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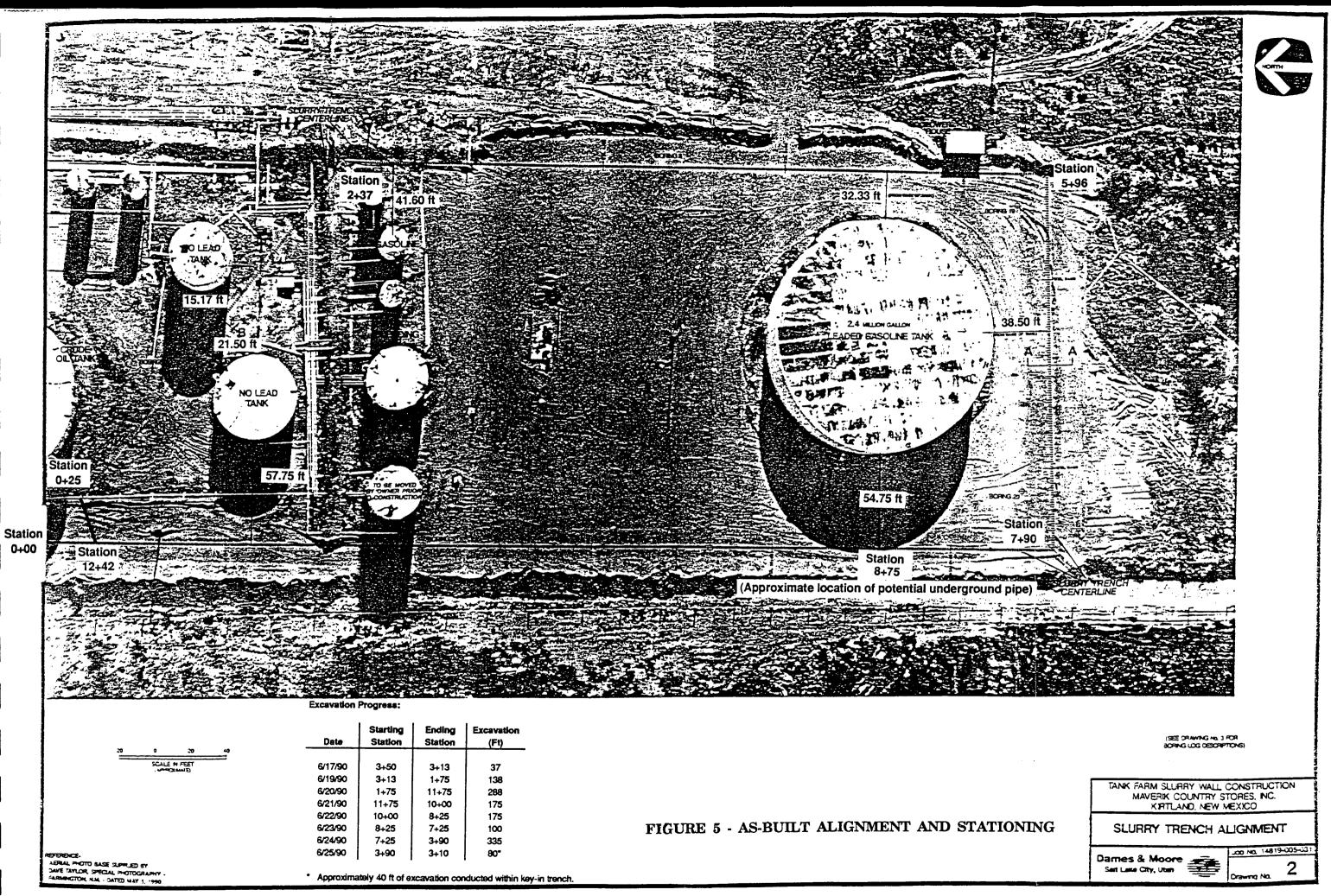
The site-specific health and safety program, as shown in Appendix C, was implemented by commencement of activities after performance of a sitespecific health and safety orientation. The site-specific orientation was supported by daily health and safety tailgate meetings. The focus of the meetings was on the levels of protection anticipated, proper respiratory protection, and heat stress prevention and monitoring.











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					6/22/90	10+00	8+25	175
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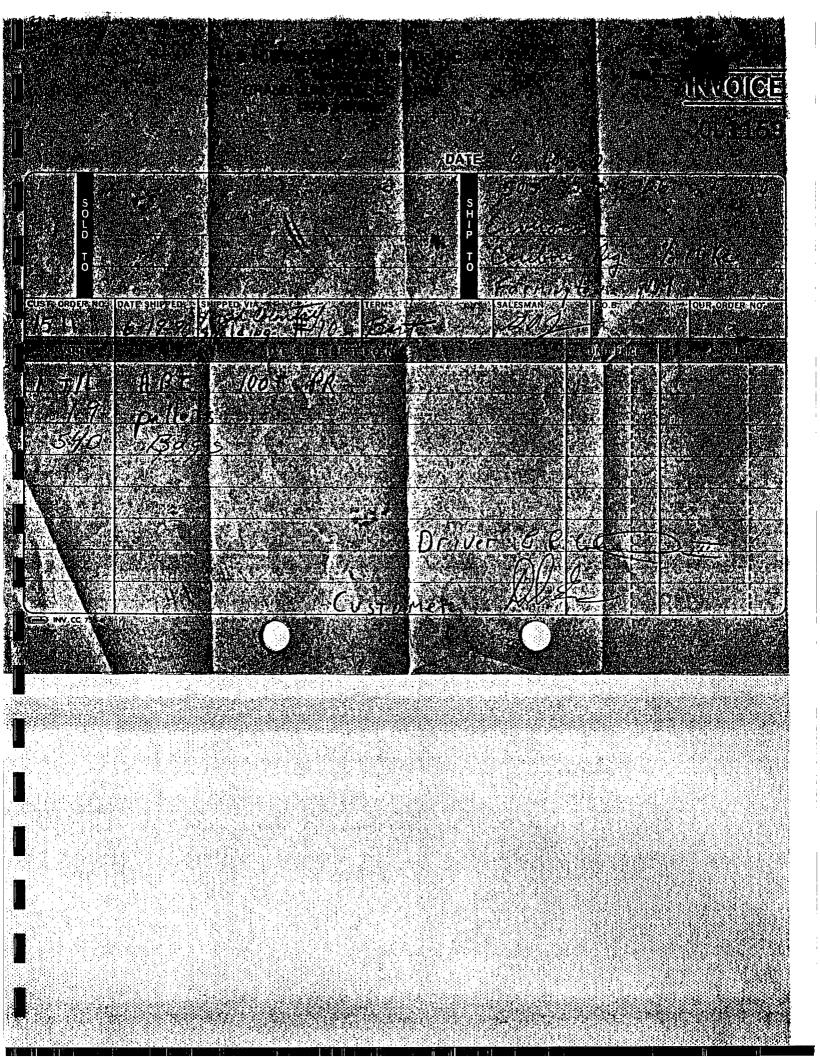
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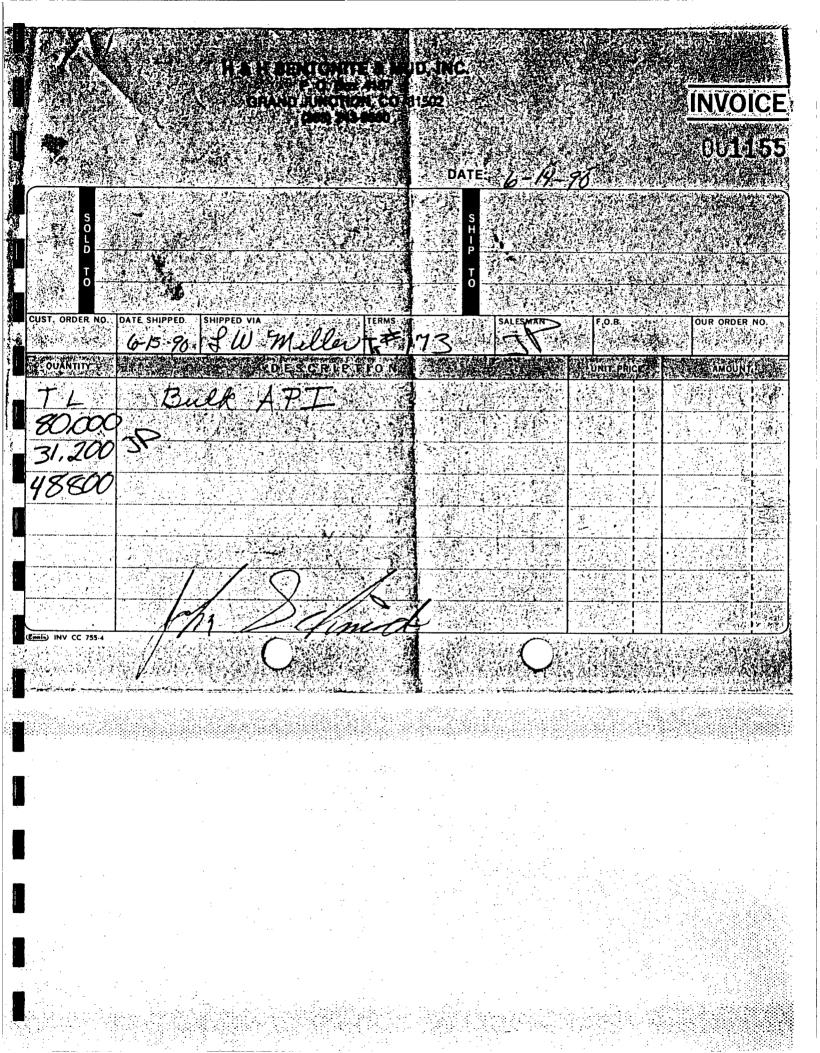
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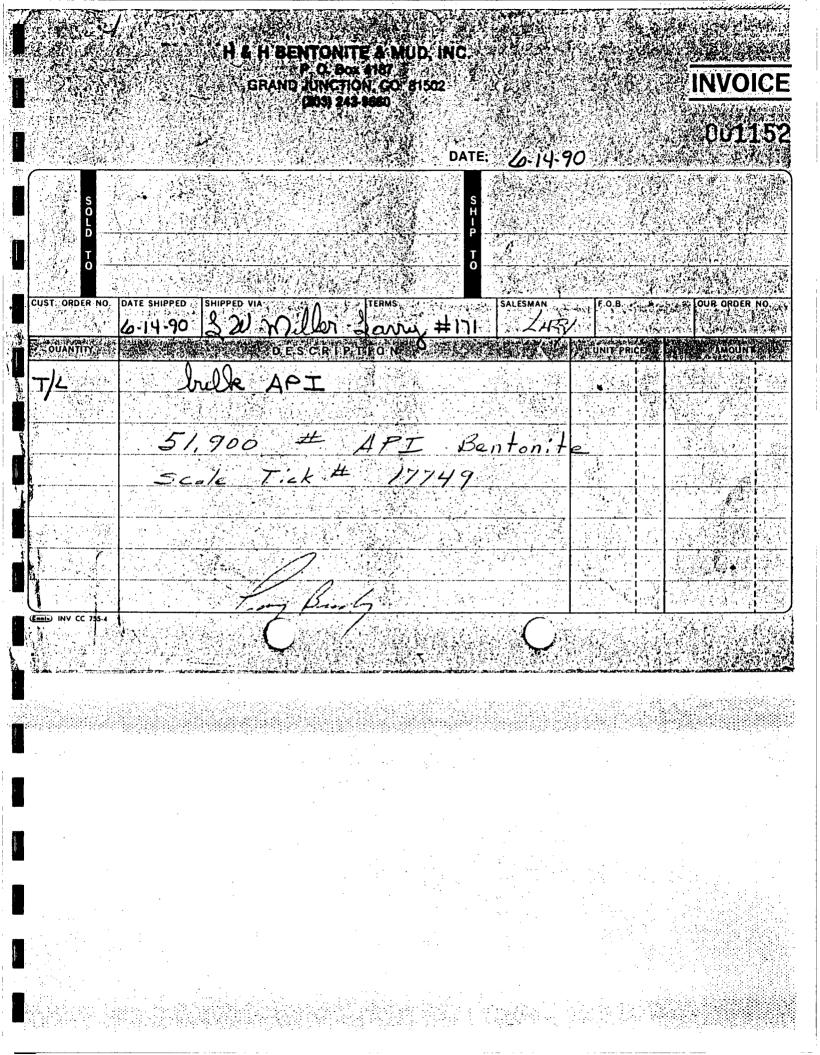
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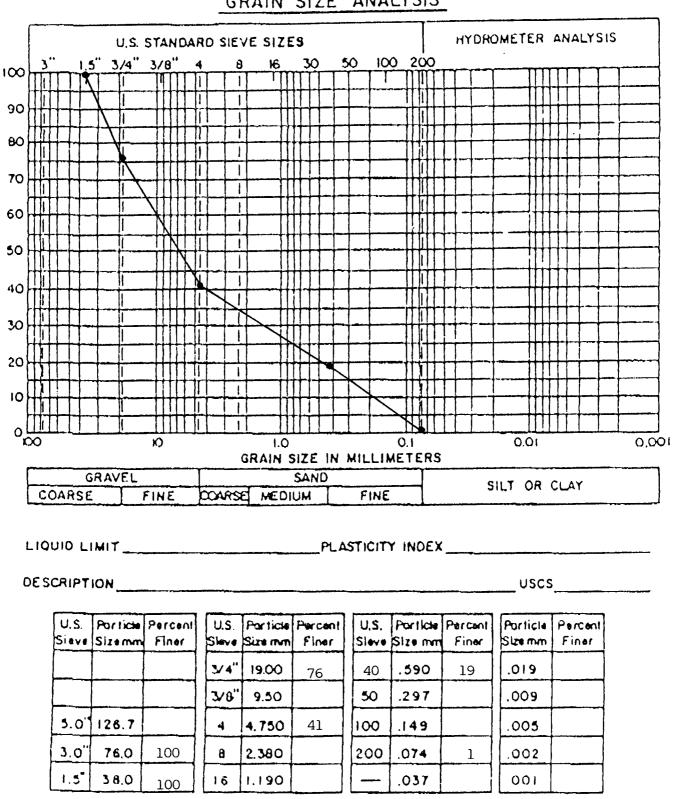
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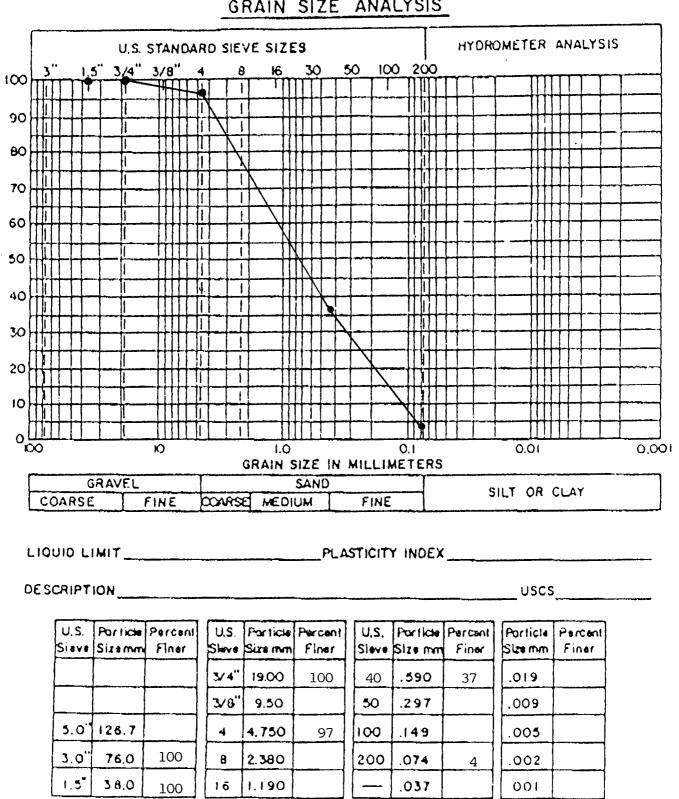
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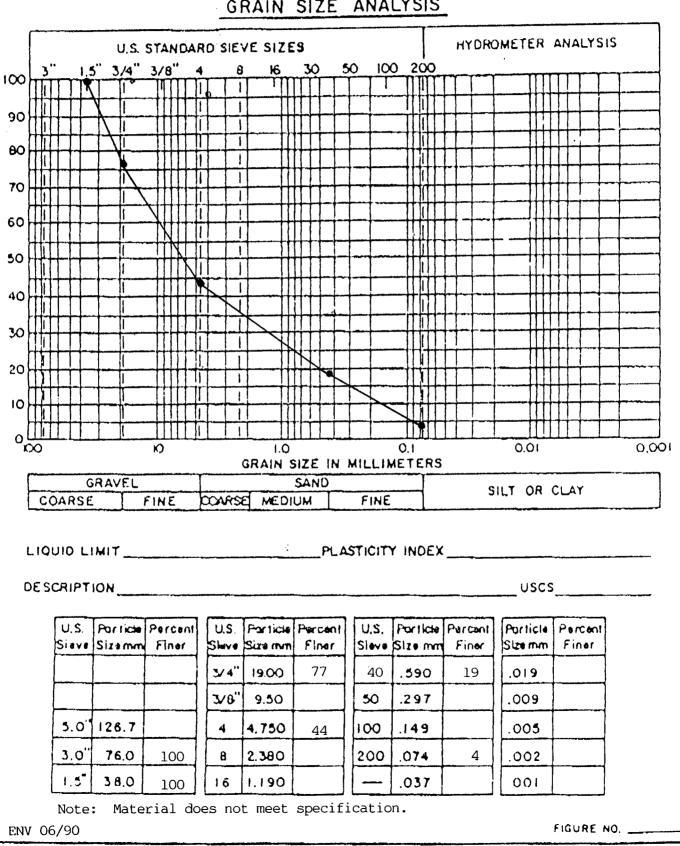


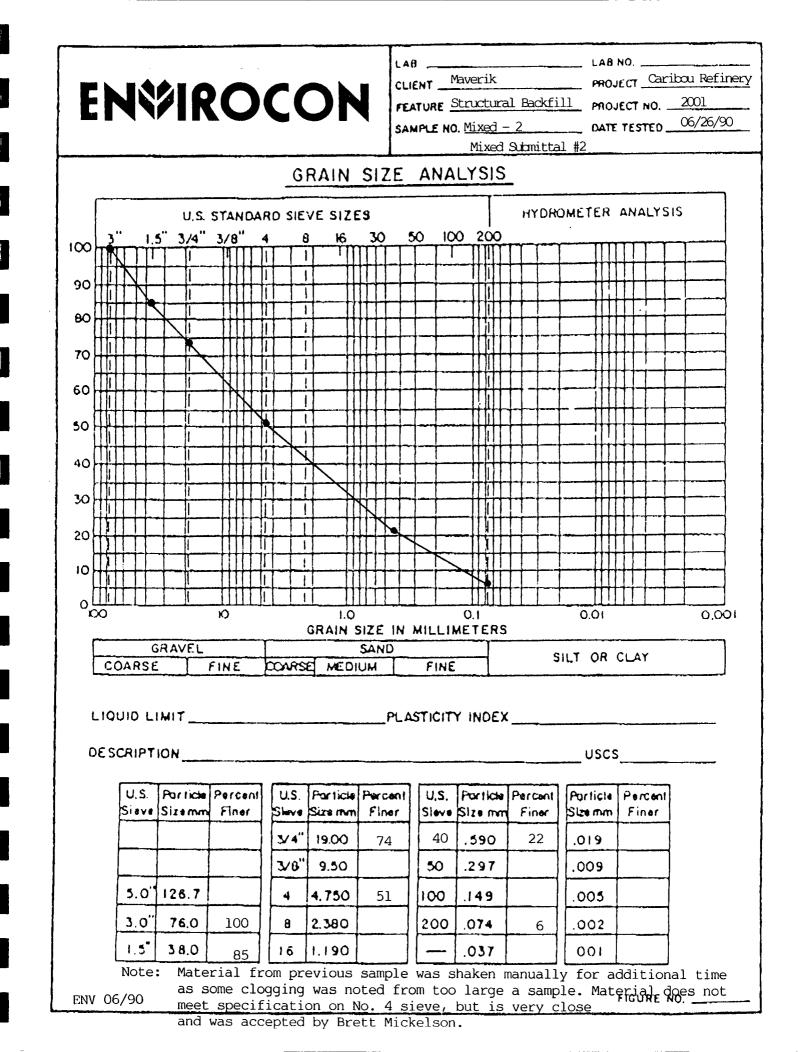
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As manufactured by: Poly-America, Inc. Grand Prairie, Texas

AN INNOVATION IN VALUE ENGINEERING FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONTAINMENT INDUSTRY

Dura-Flex[®] is a specially compounded Very Low Density Polyethylene designed to meet the needs of the waste containment and water conservation industries.

The special properties exhibited by this product are:

• Superior toughness

- Improved frictional characteristics over HDPE
- Inertness no migrating plasticizer
- Weatherability Dura-Flex[®] is resistant to ultra-violet light and heat aging in exposed applications

- Superior elastic and ultimate elongation properties
- Lower permeability than PVC
- Better dimensional stability than PVC
- Excellent cold weather resistance
- Excellent environmental stress crack resistance

Typical Properties of Dura-Flex Geomembranes

			Dura-Flex Ty	pical Values*	
Property	Test Method	20 mil (0.5 mm)	30 mil (0.75 mm)	40 mil (1.0 mm)	60 mil (1.5 mm)
Thickness, mils, minimum	ASTM D 1593	18	27	36	54
Density (g/cc), maximum	ASTM D 1505	0.935	0.935	0.935	0.935
Melt Index (g/10 minutes), max.	ASTM D 1238	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6
Carbon Black content (percent)	ASTM D 1603	2 - 3	2 - 3	2 - 3	2 - 3
Carbon Black Dispersion	ASTM D 3015	A-2	A-2	A-2	A-2
Tensile Properties	ASTM D 638			······	
1. Ultimate Tensile Strength (pounds / inch width)	Type IV specimen at 20 inches/minute	75	110	140	210
2. Ultimate Elongation (percent)		1000	1000	1000	1000
 Modulus of Elasticity (secant modulus; pounds / square inch) 		15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
Tear Strength (lbs)	ASTM D 1004 Die C	9	14	17	28
Puncture Resistance (Ibs)	FTMS 101C 2065	30	45	55	80
Low Temperature Brittleness	ASTM D 746	<-70° C (-94° F)	<-70° C (-94° F)	<-70° C (-94° F)	<-70° C (-94° F)
Dimensional Stability (% change max.)	ASTM D 1204 212° F, 15 min.	±3	± 3	± 3	±3
Resistance to Soil Burial (% change max. in orig. value) A. Ultimate Tensile Strength B. Ultimate Elongation	ASTM D 3083 type IV specimen at 20 inches/minute.	10 10 >2000	10 10	10 10	10 10
Environmental Stress Crack (hours)	Condition C (modified NSF 54)	>2000	>2000	>2000	>2000
Field Seam properties					
 Shear Strength (Ib/in), min. 	ASTM D 3083 (modified NSF 54)	25 (or 20″ elong.)	35 (or 20″ elong.)	45 (or 20″ elong.)	80 (or 20 ^{°°} elong.)
2. Peel Strength	ASTM D 413 (modified NSF 54)	FTB†	FTB	FTB	FTB
Roll Dimensions			<u></u>		
1. Width — feet		22.5	22.5	22.5	22.5
— (meters)		(6.9)	(6.9)	(6.9)	(6.9)
2. Length — feet		1000	800	600	400
— (meters)		(304.8)	(243.8)	(182.9)	(121.9)
3. Area — square feet		22,500	18,000	13,500	9000
(square meters)		(2090)	(1672)	(1254)	(836)
4. Weight — Ibs., approx.		2250	2700	2700	2700
- (kg), approx.		(1021)	(1225)	(1225)	(1225)

Dura-Flex liners are also available in 18 foot (5.5 m) widths.

*All values, except when specified as minimum or maximum, represent average lot property values.

TFTB (Film Tear Bond) is defined as the failure of one sheet by tearing, instead of by separating, from the other sheet at the weld interface area (sheet fails before weld).

INERTNESS

The Dura-Flex additive system utilizes carbon black for ultra-violet protection, anti-oxidants to prevent heat degradation and seaming enhancers for improved seamability. Dura-Flex has no migrating plasticizers and is inert to most chemicals. Such inertness also prevents deterioration by soil microorganisms.

WEATHERABILITY

Dura-Flex withstands the harmful effects of sunlight and ozone as well as competitive HDPE and Hypalon products. A twenty year limited warranty is available on Dura-Flex.

ENVIRONMENTAL STRESS CRACK RESISTANCE

Dura-Flex material has been tested in excess of 2000 hours for environmental stress cracking with zero failures under test method ASTM D 1693 Condition C at 100° C and 100% IGEPAL.

MOISTURE VAPOR TRANSMISSION RATE

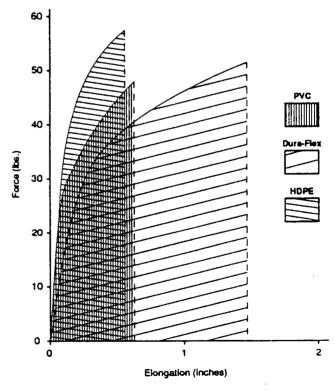
Table 1 documents the superiority of Dura-Flex over PVC in MVTR. Dura-Flex is also slightly less permeable than HDPE. Absorption by membranes indicates possible transmission of gases to the atmosphere and, conversely, leakage through the membrane in containment applications under load.

PUNCTURE RESISTANCE

Puncture resistance is evaluated under Federal Test Method Standards, where the resistance is measured by the force required to puncture a restrained liner by a standard probe. The results of these tests (Figure 2) indicate that Dura-Flex elongates twice as much as HDPE or PVC before it punctures. This is a good indication of Dura-Flex's ability to maintain flexibility and absorb greater punishment before failure. A large scale hydrostatic pressure vessel was developed to evaluate the puncture resistance of these liners under simulated field conditions. In the author's opinion, this test evaluates this parameter more accurately than the standard laboratory probe puncture test, and it can be used as a guide for the selection of a membrane under various subgrade conditions.

The intent behind the development of the hydrostatic tester (Figure 3) was to evaluate the performance of geomembranes when they are placed on various subgrades under overburden waste loads replicating field conditions. In this way, a reliable recommendation could be made regarding the selection of a liner.





(Test Method: FTMS 101 C 2065)

Figure 2

Property	Test Method	HDPE	Dura-Flex	PVC
Gauge, mils	ASTM D 1593	30	30	30
Density (gm/cc)	ASTM D 1505	0.950	0.925	1.2 - 1.4
Tensile Strength @ Yield (lb/in)	ASTM D 638	75	•	•
Elongation @ Yield (%)	ASTM D 638	10	•	•
Tensile Strength @ Break (Ib/in)	ASTM D 638	125	110	90
Elongation @ Break (%)	ASTM D 638	800	1000	300
Secant Modulus 1% Elong. (psi)	ASTM D 638	90,000	15,000	5 - 10,000
Tear Strength (Ib)	ASTM 1004	22	14	8
Puncture Resistance (Ib)	FTMS 101 C 2065	50	45	42
Dimensional Stability, %	ASTM D 1204 212* F, 15 min	± 1	± 3	± 10
Moisture Vapor Transmission Rate g/m².day	ASTM E 96 100° F @ 100% relative humidity	0.43	0.77	7.30
Cold Temperature Brittleness	ASTM D 746	<-94° F	<-94° F	-20° F

Table 1. Physical property comparison: 30 mil HDPE, Dura-Flex, and PVC

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*Dura-Flex and PVC do not exhibit true yield points. Refer to figure 1.

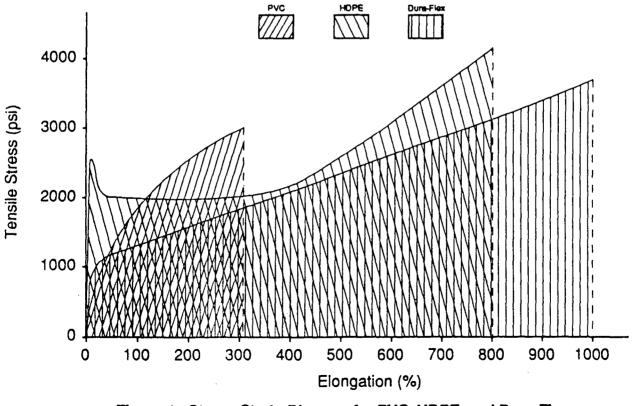
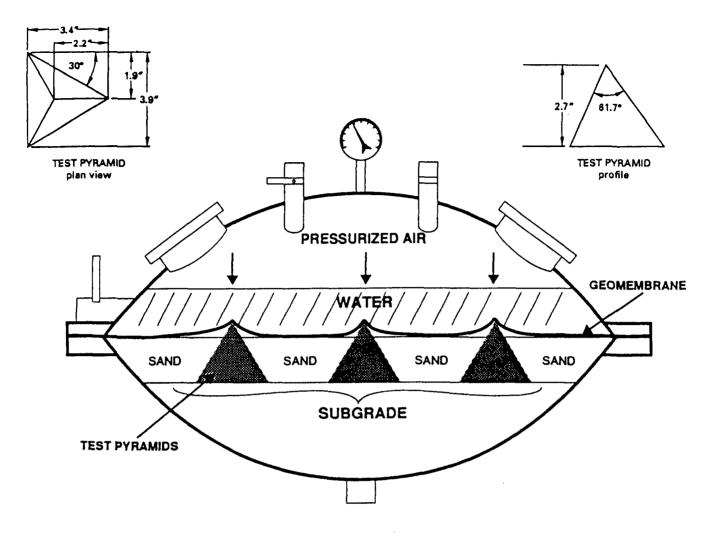


Figure 1. Stress-Strain Diagram for PVC, HDPE, and Dura-Flex



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Figure 3. Hydrostatic Pressure Test Vessel

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Artificial Protrusions in the Subgrade				
Liner	Test Result			
30 mil Dura-Flex	passed @ 100 psi			
30 mil PVC	passed @ 100 psi			
30 mil HDPE	failed @ < 10 psi			
60 mil HDPE	failed @ < 10 psi			

Pyramidal blocks projected 1 inch above the subgrade level. Pressure was applied hydrostatically at a rate of 5 psi per hour. The final pressure was 100 psi, maintained for four days. The lower chamber of the hydrostatic tester is designed to hold the subgrade materials. The test area allows for 280 in² of subgrade to be exposed to the liner. The liner is clamped between the upper and lower chambers of the hydrostatic tester and a tight seal is created. The liner cannot slip during the test.

Water is introduced into the upper chamber through a port. A line is added to the upper chamber, through which compressed air passes to increase pressure to 100 psi. Because the lower chamber is vented to the atmosphere, any rupture to the liner will allow water to escape through the vent.

The hydrostatic tester has been used to study the following interactions of liners and subgrades:

- Liners over artificial subgrade protrusions
- Liners against a specific subgrade
- Liners spanning subgrade voids

Artificial Protrusions in the Subgrade Subgrades are prepared to be free of sharp and potentially damaging objects, however, any rock or sharp object that makes incidental contact with a liner may cause it to puncture or tear.

Three pyramidal (Rigo) blocks were placed in a sand subgrade at the bottom of the hydrostatic tester (Figure 3). The blocks were set around the center of the test area, equidistant from each other, and at about the same distance from its perimeter. A single liner was laid across the blocks and firmly clamped between the tester's upper and lower chambers. The sharp tips of the pyramids projected 1" above the subgrade. Pressure was increased at a rate of 5 psi per hour.

30 mil PVC and Dura-Flex were tested against these subgrade protrusions at pressures up to 100 psi. Both 30 and 60 mil HDPE failed this test at less than 10 psi. The 30 mil Dura-Flex and PVC did not fail.

It may be concluded that while HDPE is strong, it is not as tough as Dura-Flex or PVC. Dura-Flex and PVC were elastic enough to accommodate the sharp tips of the pyramidal blocks without failing. Dura-Flex and PVC are better suited to accept irregular subgrade surface conditions. Aside from evaluating the adaptability of different varieties of geomembrane, this test asserts the preeminence of the hydrostatic tester over standard laboratory puncture test devices.

Liners on Soils The criterion governing the selection of a liner by an engineer is whether it will "hold up" under actual field conditions. Many standard index tests, such as puncture resistance, tear strength, and tensile strength, were developed in the laboratory to determine this. However, results from these tests can be mislead-ing. Results should index similarities between materials in the same lineage of liners (i.e., varieties of polyethyl-ene).

Three subgrade types have been evaluated: sand, a sand and gravel mixture (with subangular particle size ranging up to 2"), and gravel (angular particles ranging up to 1"). The liners tested were HDPE, Dura-Flex, and PVC. Table 2 records the test results.

As will be noted, all materials performed well against sand. However, subgrades containing gravel (such as is typical around mining operations) require a more durable liner, such as Dura-Flex. It is noteworthy that Dura-Flex outperformed HDPE at half its thickness. The following test results should not establish a precedent for selection of subgrade materials interfacing with specified liners. Subgrades shall be unyielding and prepared to a finished, smooth surface free of protrusions and sharp changes in grade. Hydrostatic pressure tests shall be performed to evaluate each subgrade soil condition with regard to the proposed lining material.

Liner	Sand	Sand & Gravel	Gravel	
30 mil PVC	passed @ 100 psi	failed @ 90 psi		
60 mil HDPE	passed @ 100 psi	passed @ 100 psi*	failed @ 80 psi	
30 mil Dura-Flex	passed @ 100 psi	passed @ 100 psi	passed @ 100 psi	

Table 3. Hydrostatic test for liner performance on subgrades

*Severe thinning occurred in several locations where the liner had to conform to the shape of gravel.

Pressure was applied hydrostatically at a rate of 5 psi (34.5 kpa) per hour. The final pressure was 100 psi (690 kpa), maintained for 4 days.

Voids in Subgrade Although subgrades are intended to be smooth and unyielding, this condition is not always achieved. It is possible that voids will form underneath the liner at some point during the life of the system. In areas where the subgrade does not support the liner, the liner will have to support the load itself by flexurally conforming to the spatial contours of the void area.

This test evaluated the performance of the liner over two rectangular void areas. One void measured $5.5^{"} \times 9.5^{"} \times 2.5^{"}$, the other, square shaped, measured $7.75^{"} \times 7.75^{"} \times 2^{"}$. In each case, a single liner was placed in the hydrostatic tester across the void. Pressure was increased at the rate of 5 psi/hour until failure or 100 psi was reached.

The 30 mil Dura-Flex easily conformed to the void contour without rupturing, although some localized permanent deformations occurred. These deformations were isolated to areas directly over the void, and did not extend into areas with subgrade support.

30 and 60 mil HDPE were also tested over the rectangular pans. These liners did not stretch as dramatically as Dura-Flex into the comer contours of the square pan. Instead, a gradual, rounded contour was formed, which was maintained throughout the gradual increase to 100 psi. 30 mil HDPE ruptured over the rectangular pan, but 60 mil HDPE did not, though excessive thinning in one area suggested that failure would have occurred had the test pressure or duration been increased.

Although this information is not quantitative as such, it does determine that voids in the subgrade can contribute to the failure of a liner under stress.

The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation used Dura-Flex in a canal test program approximately two years ago. Coupons taken from above and below the normal water level after one year revealed no significant change in physical properties.

In short, Dura-Flex is a natural choice where optimum puncture resistance and flexibility are required.

SEAMABILITY

Dura-Flex may be seamed like HDPE utilizing the Poly-Flex single and double wedge method (see page 17). Seams exhibiting consistent film tear bonds are attained.

The Poly-Flex double wedge, which provides a superior seam bond, easily tested by pressurizing the continuous channel that runs within the bonded overlap of sheets to 25-30 psi. A manometer inserted into the channel records the pressure and any pressure loss indicative of a leak.

Dura-Flex combines the desirable properties of polyethylene with the flexibility and toughness of elastomeric materials such as PVC and Hypalon. Testing and development continues, to ensure a superior product for specific applications.

FRICTION TESTING

Independent studies conducted by Dr. Robert Koerner of the Geosynthetic Research Institute indicate that in 4" x 4" direct shear box tests, a Dura-Flex/sand interface yields a friction angle of 31°, while an HDPE/sand interface yields a friction angle of 22.5°. Dura-Flex is 50% more efficient than HDPE in this case (Figure 4).

In many applications, a geotextile or geonet is used for filtration and drainage purposes. A high coefficient of friction between surfaces ensures that the geotextile or geonet will not pull out of anchor trench or undergo excessive stress as the overburden loads are applied. Dr. Koerner went on to evaluate the friction characteristics of Dura-Flex combined with dry and saturated sands, polyethylene geonet, and composite drainage net (geonet with a geotextile bonded to one or both sides), using an 18" x 18" shear box friction apparatus.

TEST MATERIALS

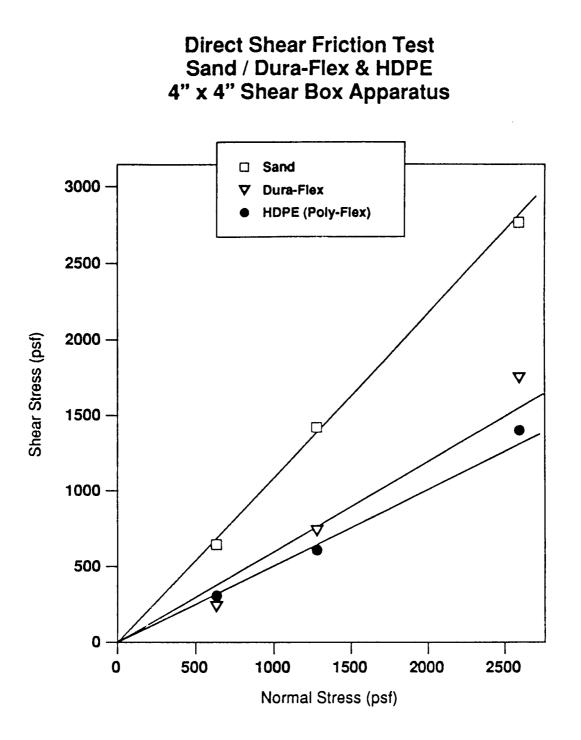
All geosynthetics were obtained from Poly-America, while soil was obtained by GRI. The materials used were as follows:

Geomembrane (GM): Poly-America 30 mil Dura-Flex Geomembrane Geonet (GN): Tensar DN 4 Geonet with and without Typar 3401 Geotextile Ottawa Sand: Standard #40 Sieve Test Sand (Particulately spherical) Concrete Sand: Approximately #40 Sieve (Particulately angular)

TEST CROSS-SECTIONS

The tests were performed on the profile which is shown in Figure 5. In all cases the shear plane was between the geomembrane and the other interface material. The tests were performed on six different combinations, as follows:

Profile A: 30 mil Dura-Flex GM - Tensar DN 4 GN Profile B: 30 mil Dura-Flex GM - Typar GT bonded to Tensar DN 4 GN Profile C: 30 mil Dura-Flex GM - Dry Ottawa Sand Profile D: 30 mil Dura-Flex GM - Saturated Ottawa Sand Profile E: 30 mil Dura-Flex GM - Dry Concrete Sand Profile F: 30 mil Dura-Flex GM - Saturated Concrete Sand



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Condition	Friction Angle (¢)	Coefficient of Friction	Friction Angle (δ)	Cohesion (Adhesion)	Efficiency Eo %
Sand	48.5	1.13		0	100
Dura-Flex / Sand	_	0.60	31.0	0	53
HDPE / Sand		0.41	22.5	0	37

$$E_{\phi} = \text{Efficiency} = \left(\begin{array}{c} \tan \delta \\ \tan \phi \end{array} \right) 100$$

TEST EQUIPMENT

The apparatus is shown in Figure 6. The size of the shear box in 18" x 18" x 5". It is composed of two parts, an upper and a lower part. The upper half of the system is stationary. It contains the geomembrane fastened to a wood backup plate. The lower half (containing the opposing material) displaces laterally, creating shear stresses at the interface. The distance between upper and lower parts of the box can be adjusted by means of 4 large set screws at each corner of the upper box. Normal stress is applied via two 1/2 inch thick cascaded steel plates by a heavy duty jack system, controlled by a calibrated proving ring. The horizontal displacement is controlled by an electric motor with an adjustable drive mechanism. Lateral displacements are measured by two dial gauges from which an average value is obtained.

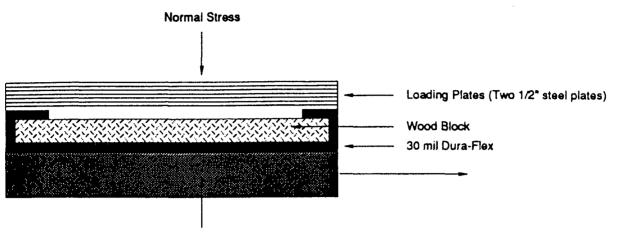
TEST PROCEDURE

For profiles A and B - GM to Geonet or Geotextile on Geonet

- Bond the geonet or geotextile to a wooden backup plate
- Place this system in the bottom half of the shear box with the test side facing up.
- Place the geomembrane on its wooden backup plate
- Place this system in the upper half of the shear box with the test side facing down.
- Adjust the upper box with the four set screws to assure that the shear plane is at the desired interface.
- Load the test system to the desired normal stress levels, which in these tests were alternately 5,
 10.1, and 15.3 psi.
- Set the strain rate at ≈ 0.075 in./min. and begin the test.
- Take continuous readings of the horizontal displacement and the mobilized shear force.
- Continue until a minimum shear stress is mobilized.
- Calculate the average displacement and shear stress and plot the results.
- Take the peak value of shear stress, i.e. the shear strength, and plot against the normal stress.
- Combine the resulting points to measure the resulting friction angle.

For Profiles C, D, E and F - Geomembrane to soil

- Compact the soil in the bottom box so that the level is exactly even with the top of the bottom portion of the device.
- For saturated testing, saturate the soil with tap water.
- Place the geomembrane on its wooden backup plate.
- Place this system in the upper half of the shear box with the test side facing down against the soil.
- Load the test system to the desired normal stress levels, which in these tests were alternately 5, 10.1, and 15.3 psi.
- Set the strain rate at \approx 0.075 in./min. and begin the test.
- Take continuous readings of the horizontal displacement and the mobilized shear force.
- Calculate the average displacement and shear stress and plot the results.
- Take the peak value of shear stress, i.e. the shear strength and plot against the normal stress.
- Combine the resulting points to measure the resulting friction angle.



Tensar DN 4 geonet (with and without) Typar geotextile or compacted sand (dry or saturated)

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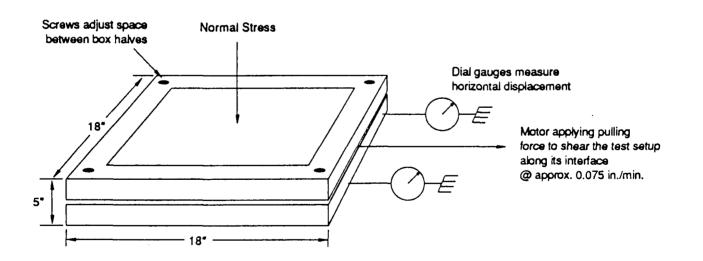


Figure 6. Test setup of GRI's 18" x 18" direct shear box

TEST RESULTS

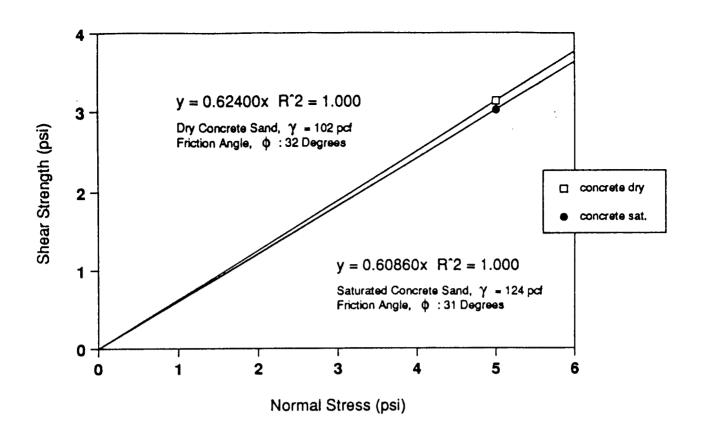
Figures 7 — 14 are plots of normal stress versus shear strength for the specified profiles. The slopes of these data sets are the corresponding friction angles.

The resulting friction angles of each series of tests are as follows:

- 30 mil Dura-Flex vs Tensar DN 4 geonet: 15 degrees
- 30 mil Dura-Flex vs Typar geotextile on a geonet: 19 degrees
- 30 mil Dura-Flex vs dry Ottawa sand: 19 degrees
- 30 mil Dura-Flex vs saturated Ottawa sand: 17 degrees
- 30 mil Dura-Flex vs dry concrete sand: 21 degrees
- 30 mil Dura-Flex vs saturated concrete sand: 21 degrees

Test Condition	Friction Angle, ø	Interface Friction Angle, δ	Coefficient of Friction	Efficiency E, = (tanð/tanφ)100
Dry Ottawa Sand	26°		0.49	100%
Saturated Ottawa Sand	28°		0.53	100%
Dry Concrete Sand	32°		0.62	100%
Saturated Concrete Sand	31°		0.60	100%
30 mil Dura-Flex vs Tensar DN 4 geonet	—	15°	0.27	
30 mil Dura-Flex vs Typar geotextile on a geonet	—	19°	0.34	
30 mil Dura-Flex vs dry Ottawa sand		19°	0.34	71%
30 mil Dura-Flex vs saturated Ottawa sand		17°	0.31	57%
30 mil Dura-Flex vs dry concrete sand	—	21°	0.38	61%
30 mil Dura-Flex vs saturated concrete sand	_	21°	0.38	64%

Table 4. Friction Test Results



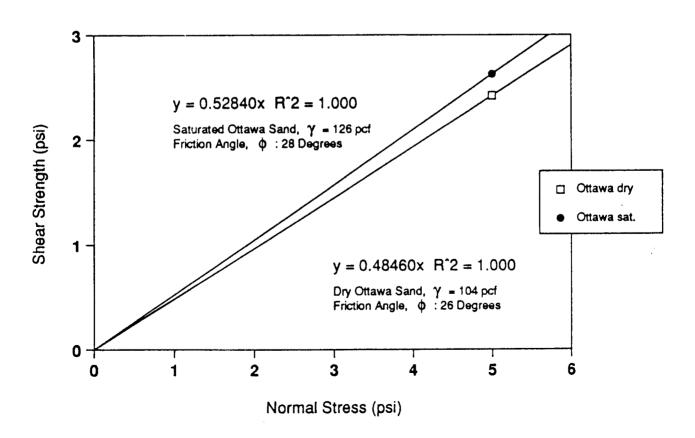
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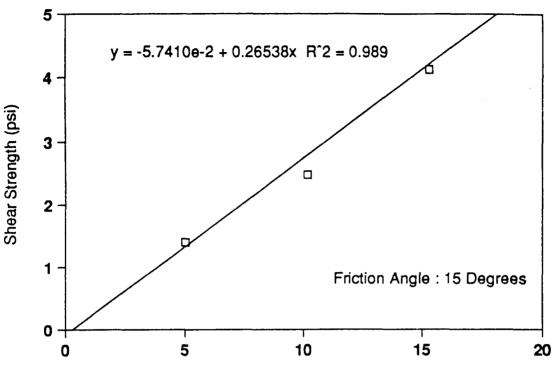
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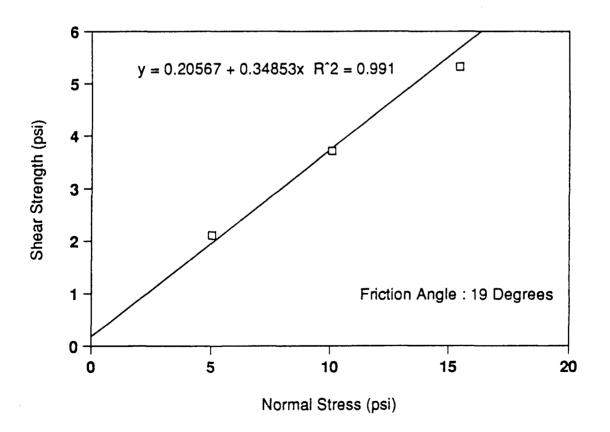
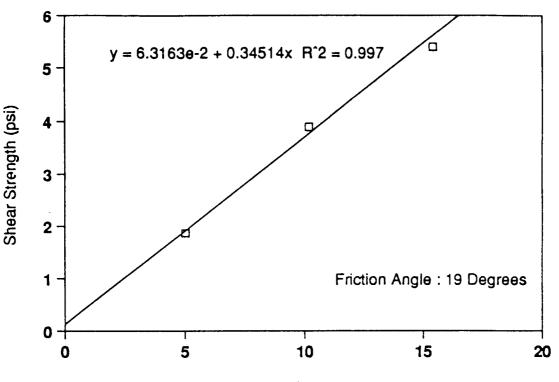


Fig. 10 - Curves for Obtaining Friction Angles Between 30 mil Dura-Flex and Typar 3401 Geotextile on Tensar DN 4 Geonet

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Normal Stress (psi)

Fig. 11 - Curves for Obtaining Friction Angles Between 30 mil Dura-Flex and Dry Ottawa Sand

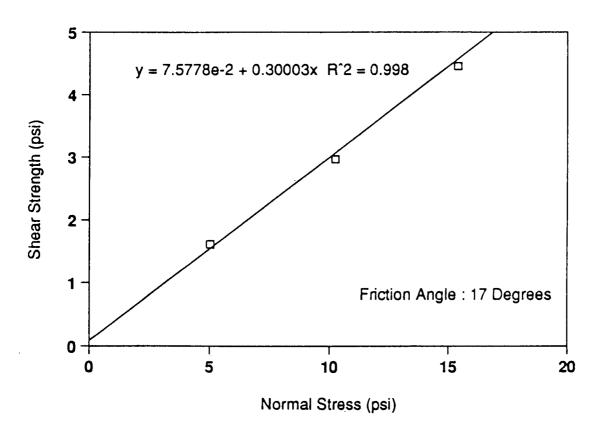


Fig. 12 - Curves for Obtaining Friction Angles Between 30 mil Dura-Flex and Saturated Ottawa Sand

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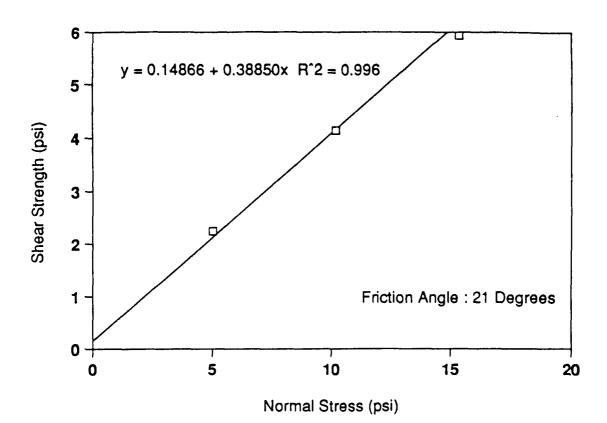


Fig. 13 - Curves for Obtaining Friction Angles Between 30 mil Dura-Flex and Dry Concrete Sand

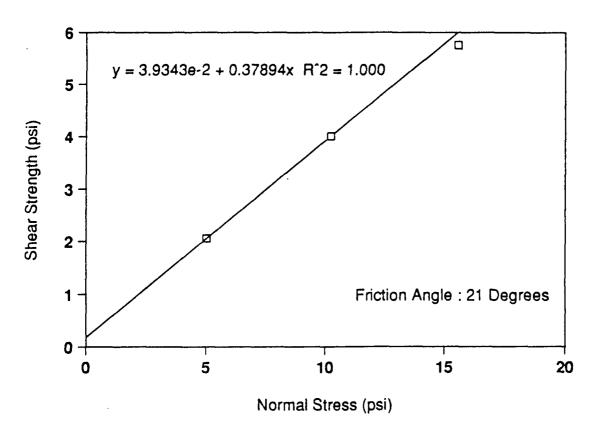
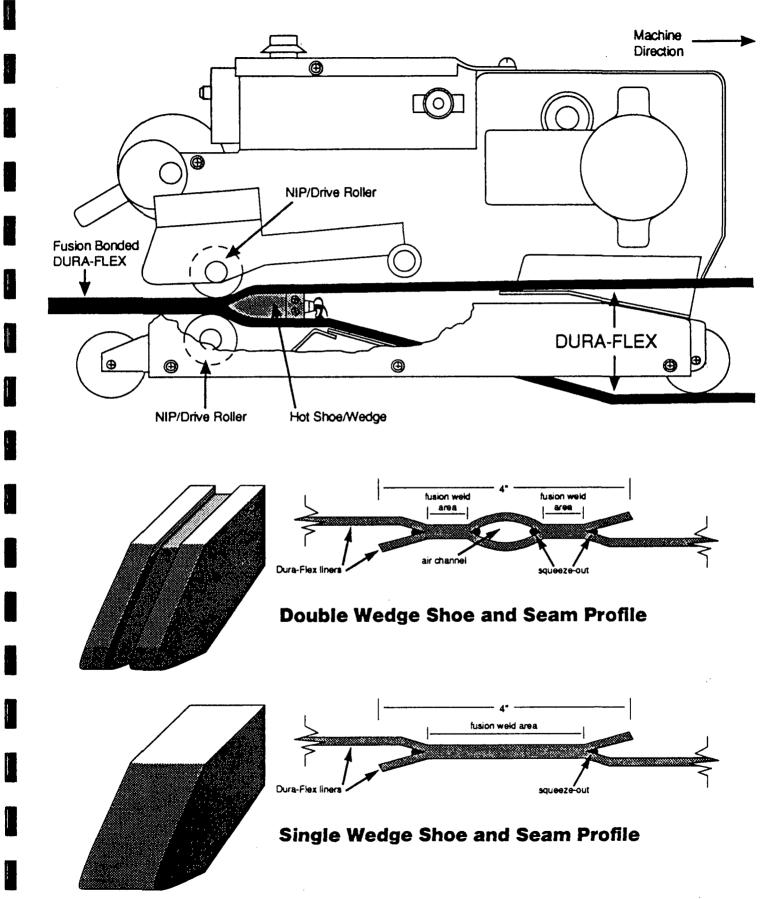


Fig. 14 - Curves for Obtaining Friction Angles Between 30 mil Dura-Flex and Saturated Concrete Sand

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Poly-Flex Hot Shoe Welding System



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CHEMICAL RESISTANCE

Dura-Flex polyethylene is primarily inert, stable, and contains no plasticizers. Since chemical resistance data for Dura-Flex is limited, the following chart (compiled by Nalgene), which documents such data for Low Density Polyethylene (LDPE) and High Density Polyethylene (HDPE), is included. The chemical resistance qualities for LDPE can be used only as a guideline for Dura-Flex material. It is important to note that chemical mixtures do not necessarily affect plastics in the same way that the component chemicals of the same mixture will individually. Chemical attack is influenced by temperature, length of contact with material, chemical concentration, and chemical composition. It is therefore recommended that immersion tests be conducted during the design stage of a project, to confirm the stability of the selected membrane type.

- E -- 30 days of constant exposure cause no damage. Plastic may even tolerate for years.
- G --- Little or no damage after 30 days of constant exposure to the reagent.
- F Some effect after 7 days of constant exposure to the reagent. Depending on the plastic, the effect may be crazing, cracking, loss of strength, or discoloration. Solvents may cause softening, swelling and permeation losses with LDPE and HDPE. The solvent effects on these resins are normally reversible; the part will ususally return to its normal condition after evaporation.
- N Not recommended for continuous use. Immediate damage may occur. Depending on the plastic, the effect will be a more severe crazing, cracking, loss of strength, discoloration, deformation, dissolution or permeation loss.

First letter of each pair applies to conditions at 20° C (68° F); the second to those at 50° C (122° F).

CHEMICAL	LDPE	HDPE	CHEMICAL	LDPE	HDPE
Acetaldehyde	GN	GF	Calcium Hypochlorite, Sat.	EE	EE
Acetamide, Sat.	EE	EE	Carbazole	EE	EE
Acetic Acid, 5%	EĒ	EE	Carbon Disulfide	NN	NN
Acetic Acid, 50%	EE	EE	Carbon Tetrachloride	FN	GF
Acetic Anhydride	NN	FF	Cedarwood Oil	NN	FN
Acetone	EE	EE	Cellosolve Acetate	EG	EE
Acetonitrile	EE	EE	Chlorobenzene	NN	FN
Acrylonitrile	85	EE	Chlorine, 10% in Air	GN	EF
Adipic Acid	EG	EE	Chlorine, 10% (Moist)	GN	GF
Alanine	EE	EE	Chloroacetic Acid	EE	EE
Ally Alcohol	EE	EE	p-Chloroacetophenone	EE	EE
Aluminum Hydroxide	EG	EE	Chloroform	FN	GF
Aluminum Salts	EE	EE	Chromic Acid, 10%	EE	EE
Amino Acids	EE	EE	Chromic Acid, 50%	EE	EE
Ammonia	EE	EE	Cinnamon Oil	NN	FN
Ammonium Acetate, Sat.	EE	EE	Citric Acid, 10%	EE	EE
Ammonium Glycolate	EG	EE	Cresol	NN	FN
Ammonium Hydroxide, 5%	EE	EE	Cyclohexane	FN	FN
Ammonium Hydroxide, 3096	EG	EE	Cyclohexanone	NN	FN
Ammonium Oxalate	EG	EE	Cyclopentane	NN	FN
Ammonium Salts	EE	EE	DeCalin	GF	EG
n-Amyl Acetate	GF	EG	n-Decane	FN	FN
Amyl Chloride	NN	FN	Diacetone Alcohol	FN	EE
Aniline	EG	EG	o-Dichlorobenzene	FN	FF
Aqua Regia	NN	NN	p-Dichlorobenzene	FN	GF
Benzaldehyde	EG	EE	1,2-Dichloroethane	NN	NN
Benzene	FN	GG	2,4-Dichlorophenol	NN	NN
Benzoic Acid, Sat.	EE	EE	Diethyl Benzene	NN	FN
Benzyl Acetate	EG	EE	Diethyl Ether	NN	FN
Benzyl Alcohol	NN	FN	Diethyl Ketone	GF	GG
Bromine	NN	FN	Diethyl Malonate	EE	EE
Bromobenzene	NN	FN	Diethylamine	NN	FN
Bromoform	NN	NN	Diethylene Glycol	EE	EE
Butadiene	NN	FN	Diethylene Glycol Ethyl Ether	EE	EE
Butyl Chloride	NN	NN	Dimethyl Acetamide	FN	EE
n-Butyl Acetate	GF	EG	Dimethyl Formamide	EE	EE
n-Butyl Alcohol	EE	EE	Dimethylsulfoxide	EE	EE
scc-Butyl Alcohol	EG	EE	1,4-Dioxane	GF	GG
tert-Butyl Alcohol	EG	EE	Dipropylene Glycol	EE	EE
Butyric Acid	NN	FN	Ether	NN	FN
Calcium Hydroxide, Conc.	EE	EE	Ethyl Acetate	EE	EE

CHEMICAL	LDPE	HDPE	CHEMICAL	LDPE	HDP
Ethyl Alcohol (Absolute)	EG	EE	Nitric Acid, 70%	FN	GN
Ethyl Alcohol, 40%	EG	EE	Nitrobenzene	NN	FN
Ethyl Benzene	FN	GF	Nitromethane	NN	FN
Ethyl Benzoate	FF	22	n-Octane	EE	EE
Ethyl Butyrate	GN	GF	Orange Oil	FN	GF
Ethyl Chloride, Liquid	FN	FF	Ozone	EG	EE
Ethyl Cyanoacetate	EE	EE	Perchloric Acid	GN	GN
	EE	EE	Perchloroethylene	NN	NI
Ethyl Lactate	GN	GF	Phenol, Crystals	GN	G
Ethylene Chloride	EE	EE	Phenol, Liquid	NN	NI NI
Ethylene Glycol		EE		EE	EE
Ethylene Glycol Methyl Ether	EE		Phosphoric Acid, 1-5%	EE	EE
Ethylene Oxide	FF	CF	Phosphoric Acid, 85%		
Fatty Acids	EG	EE	Picric Acid	NN	NI
Fluorides	EE	EE	Pine Oil	GN	EC
Fluorine	FN	GN	Potassium Hydroxide, 1%	EE	EE
Formaldehyde, 10%	EE	EE	Potassium Hydroxide, Conc.	EE	EE
Formaldehyde, 40%	EG	EE	Propane Gas	NN	FN
Formic Acid, 396	EG	EE	Propionic Acid	FN	EF
Formic Acid, 50%	EG	EE	Propylene Glycol	EE	EE
Formic Acid, 98-100%	EG	٤E	Propylene Oxide	EG	EE
Freon TF	EG	EG	Resorcinol, Sat.	EE	EE
Fuel Oil	FN	GF	Resorcinol, 5%	EE	EE
Gasoline	FN	22	Salicylaldehyde	EG	٤E
Glacial Acetic Acid	EG	EE	Salicylic Acid, Powder	EE	EE
Glutaraldehyde (Disinfectant)	EG	EE	Salicylic Acid, Sat.	EE	EE
Glycerine	EE	EE	Salt Solutions, Metallic	EE	EE
n-Heptane	FN	GF	Silicone Oil	EG	EE
Hexane	NN	GF	Silver Acetate	EE	EE
Hydrazine	NN	NN	Silver Nitrate	EG	EE
Hydrochloric Acid, 1-5%	EE	EE	Skydrol LD4	GF	EC
Hydrochloric Acid, 20%	EE	EE	Sodium Acetate, Sat.	EE	EE
Hydrochloric Acid, 35%	EE	EE	Sodium Hydroxide, 1%	EE	EE
Hydrofluoric Acid, 4%	EG	EE	Sodium Hydroxide, 50% to Sat.	GG	EE
Hydrofluoric Acid, 48%	EE	EE	Sodium Hypochlorite, 15%	EE	EE
Hydrogen Peroxide, 3%	EE	EE	Stearic Acid, Crystals	EE	EE
Hydrogen Peroxide, 30%	EG	EE	Sulfuric Acid, 1-6%	EE	EE
Hydrogen Peroxide, 90%	EG	EE	Sulfuric Acid, 20%	EE	EE
lodine Crystals	NN	NN	Sulfuric Acid, 60%	EG	8E
Isobutyl Alcohol	EE	EE	Sulfuric Acid, 98%	22	G
Isopropyi Acetate	GF	EG	Sulfur Dioxide, Liq., 46 psig	NN	FN
Isopropyi Alcohol	EE	EE	Sulfur Dioxide, Wet of Dry	EE	EE
Isopropyl Benzene	FN	GF	Sulfur Saits	FN	GI
Isopropyi Ether	NN	NN	Tartaric Acid	EE	EE
jet Fuel	FN	FN	Tetrahydrofuran	FN	G
Kerosene	FN	GG	Thionyl Chloride	NN	N
Lacquer Thinner	NN	FN	Toluene	FN	G
Lactic Acid, 3%	EG	EE	Tributyl Citrate	GF	EC
Lactic Acid, 85%	EE	EE	Trichloroacetic Acid	FN	FF
	EE	EE	1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene	NN	N
Mercury 2-Methoxyethanol	EG	EE	Trichloroethane	NN	FN
*	EG	EE	Trichloroethylene	NN	FN
Methoxyethyl Oleate				EE	EE
Methyl Acetate	FN	FF	Triethylene Glycol		FN
Methyl Alcohol	EE	EE	2,2,4-Trimethylpentane	FN	
Methyl Ethyl Ketone	EG	EE	Tripropylene Glycol	EE	EE
Methyl Isobutyl Ketone	GF	EG	Tris Buffer, Solution	EG	EC
Methyl Propyl Ketone	GF	EG	Turpentine	FN	G
Methyl-t-butyl Ether	NN	FN	Undecyl Alcohol	EF	EC
Methylene Chloride	FN	GF	Urea	EE	EE
Mineral Oil	GN	EE	Vinylidene Chloride	NN	FN
Mineral Spirits	FN	FN	Xylene	GN	GF
Nitric Acid, 1-10%	EE	EE	Zinc Stearate	EE	EE
Nitric Acid, 50%	GG	GN	- F		

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ENGINEER: PROJECT: LOCATION: LINER THICKNESS: QUANTITY: INSTALLER:	8.5 million square feet, 1988
ENGINEER: PROJECT:	Davy McKee, Steffen Robertsen & Kirsten Cove Project Phase II, Echo Bay Management Corp.Tailing Impoundment for gold mine
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ENGINEER: PROJECT:	
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ENGINEER: PROJECT:	
LOCATION: LINER THICKNESS: QUANTITY: INSTALLER:	Andover, Mass. 30 mil 40,000 square feet, 1988
ENGINEER: PROJECT:	James C. Hanson Consulting Engineers Royal Mountain King Project, Meridian Minerals, Inc.Leach concentrates residues management facilities
LOCATION: LINER THICKNESS: QUANTITY: INSTALLER:	Copperopolis, California 40 mil 600,000 square feet, 1988 Gagle Co.
ENGINEER: PROJECT:	Bill Morrison, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, U.S. Dept. of the Interior Belle Fourche Project Canal prototype
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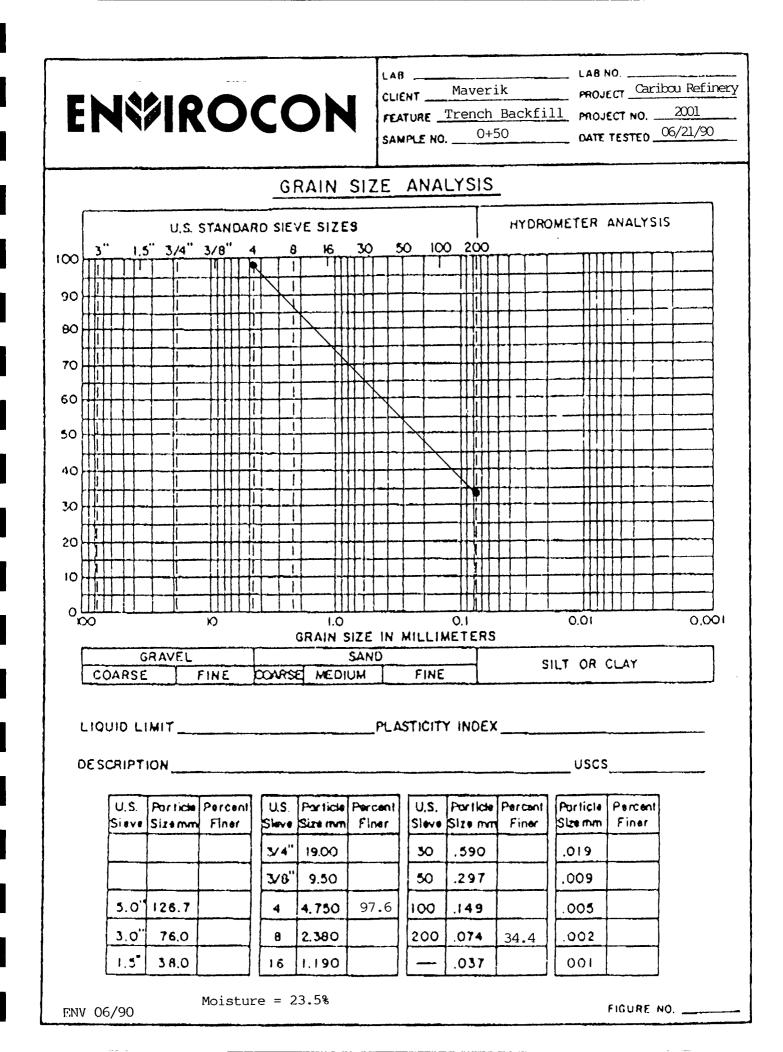
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APPENDIX B

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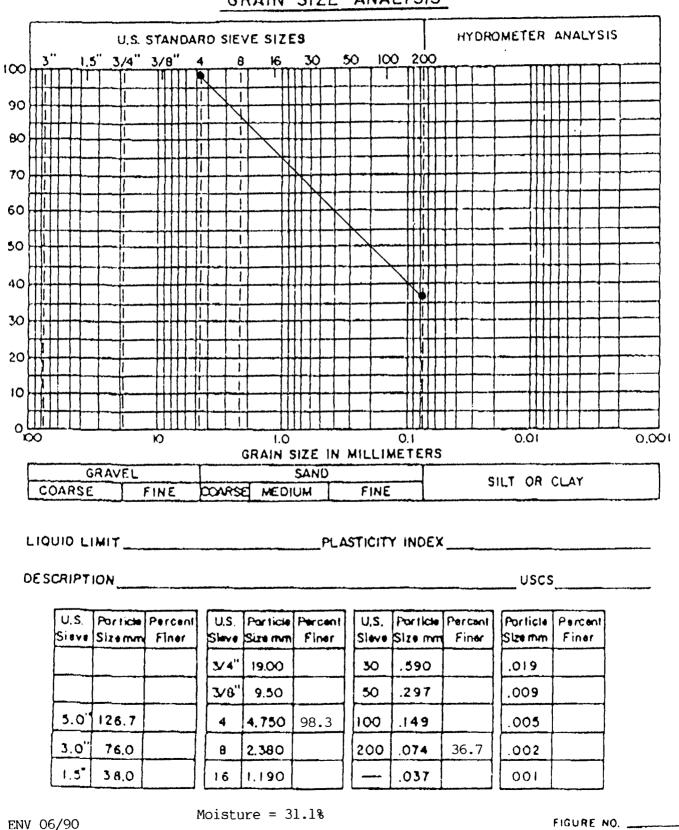


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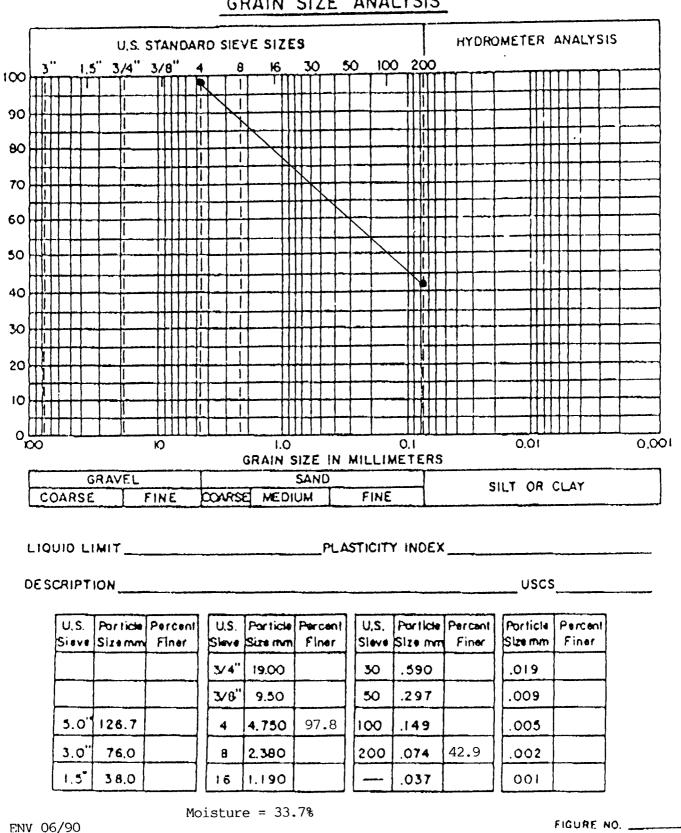
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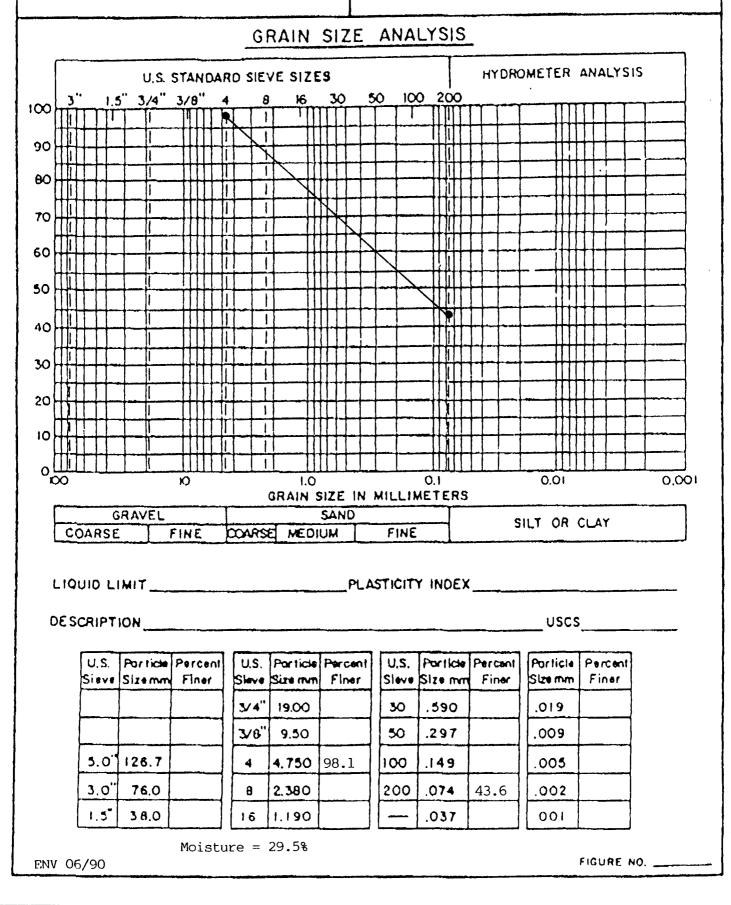
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APPENDIX C SITE-SPECIFIC HEALTH AND SAFETY PLAN

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MAVERICK COUNTRY STORES SLURRY-WALL CONSTRUCTION HEALTH AND SAFETY PLAN

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HEALTH AND SAFETY PLAN

OVERVIEW

Envirocon has established this Health and Safety Plan (HASP) for all employees engaged in site remediation activities at the Maverick Country Stores Slurry-wall Construction Site, Kirtland, New Mexico (hereafter referred to as Kirtland Site). Prior to any work on site, a copy of this HASP will be distributed to all employees and subcontractors by the Site Safety Officer. All site work will be conducted in a safe manner and comply with EPA, OSHA, state, and local regulations.

Emergency Telephone Numbers

Emergency telephone, numbers will be posted on site and made immediately available at all times. These numbers will include the following. A telephone is located at the Maverick Country Store on the highway north of the refinery property.

Emergency

FIRE(505)	325-3501
AMBULANCE	325-3501
POLICE	327-0222
HOSPITAL(505)	325-3501

Non Emergency

Envirocon, Inc
County Sanitation
Power Company
Phone Company
Dames and Moore
Occupational Health Service
St. Patrick Hospital
(Dana Headapohl, MD)

The Occupational Health Service may be contacted for information on toxic exposures and other health and safety issues.

HEALTH AND SAFETY PLAN ADMINISTRATION

Purpose and Objectives

Envirocon will strive to provide a safe workplace and use all reasonable means to protect its employees in the ordinary course of employment from harmful exposures to known toxic substances and physical agents.

Envirocon will use all reasonable means to comply with applicable occupational and environmental health and safety laws and regulations.

The purpose of this site-specific HASP is to provide guidelines and procedures to ensure the health and physical safety of those persons working at the Kirtland Site. While it is impossible to eliminate all risks associated with site work, the goal is to provide precautionary and responsive measures for the protection of on-site personnel, the general public, and the environment.

Responsibilities

<u>Site Safety Officer (SSO):</u> The SSO is responsible for directing and implementing the HASP and ensuring that all Envirocon and subcontractor personnel have been trained in HASP procedures. The SSO will coordinate safety activities with subcontractors and the Medical Director of Occupational Health Service, St. Patrick Hospital, and will serve as liaison with public officials who might monitor health and safety activities on site. The SSO will also assure that proper protective equipment is available and used in the correct manner, that decontamination activities are carried out correctly, that specific site hazards are noted and accounted for in the Work Plan, and that employees have knowledge of the local emergency medical system.

The SSD will coordinate the following:

- 1. Identification of occupational hazards.
- Notification of the corporate and operating departments of known health hazards.
- 3. Provision of technical assistance, including education and training, to minimize or control health risks.
- Evaluation of workplace exposures for potentially adverse effects on workers.
- Recommendations of procedures or methods for prevention of significant exposures, including protection devices, alternative work practices and engineering controls.

6. Evaluation of HASP on a regular basis.

<u>Project Manager: Dale Evans</u>. The Project Manager is responsible for directing all on-site hazardous waste operations, including the overall implementation of the Health and Safety Plan. He will select subcontractors that meet Envirocon Corporation Health and Safety training and experience guidelines. In addition, the Project Manager is responsible for ensuring that adequate resources and personnel protective equipment are allocated for the health and safety of site personnel. The Project Manager is also responsible for ensuring that the SSO is given free access to all relevant site information that could impact health and safety. He will correct conditions or work practices that could lead to employee exposure to hazardous materials.

SITE DESCRIPTION

Envirocon, Inc. will be excavating and installing a slurry-wall trench approximately twenty (20) feet deep into contaminated soils beneath the tank farm area of the former Caribou Refinery, now owned by Maverick Country Stores. The facility is located near Kirtland, New Mexico (see attached drawing).

Suspected Site Contamination

Previous sampling results or the review of site records indicate the following chemicals and/or metals may be encountered during this work effort:

Gasoline 1,2-Dichloroethane Benzene Xylene Toluene Ethyl Benzene Tetraethyl Lead

PATHWAYS FOR HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE DISPERSION

This section assesses the pathways along which chemicals could escape site boundaries during field operations in the solid or liquid phase. In this case, particles would be distributed in an area downwind from the site. Measures will be taken to assure that dust levels are kept to a minimum on site. Decontamination procedures will be implemented to prevent chemicals from being carried off site by either personnel or equipment.

Air monitoring will be utilized during field operations to determine if chemicals are being carried off site. In addition, an action level will be established and used to determine when site activities should cease. Specific air monitoring procedures and action levels are outlined in a later section.

HAZARD ASSESSMENT

Based on the available information concerning chemical hazards known or suspected to be present at the Kirtland Site, a hazard assessment has been made. Investigation and remediation may identify hazards which require special attention and updating of the HASP.

Chemical Exposure

Site workers may be exposed to petroleum hydrocarbons during field investigation and remediation. The major contaminant is gasoline. The primary routes for exposure to petroleum hydrocarbons include ingestion, inhalation, skin absorption, and eye or skin contact. Personnel protective equipment will be required to minimize personnel exposure when appropriate levels of contaminants are present or have the potential to be present.

Envirocon will inform employees about the potential effects of chemicals involved in the remediation, consistent with OSHA's Federal Hazard Communication Standard and Right to Know regulations.

Toxic exposure incidents will be reported to the SSO and Occupational Health Service, St. Patrick Hospital for review by the Medical Director, as appropriate. Reported information for each incident will include:

- 1. Name of workers exposed.
- 2. Nature and type of exposure.
- 3. Circumstances surrounding exposure.
- 4. Use of respirators or personal protective equipment.
- 5. Worker symptoms.
- 6. First aid or medical treatment and recommendations.

Fire and Explosion

The risk of fire or explosion during site activities is high for tank removal operations and work within confined areas. The lower explosive limits and flashpoints (TLV included) for selected contaminants are outlined below.

	LEL%	FLASHPOINT	TLV
Gasoline	1.4	-50 F	300
1,2-Dichloroethane	6.2	55 F	50
Benzene	1.3	12 F	10
Xylene	1.1	85 F	100
Toluene	1.2	40 F	100
Ethylbenzene	1	71 F	100

A combustible gas monitor will be utilized to determine the percent LEL during product recovery operations and work in confined areas. Personnel will be moved upwind if 10 percent LEL is reached. All work will be stopped if 50 percent LEL is reached. To limit the risk of fire or explosions, smoking will not be allowed within cleanup areas at any time.

Equipment used within areas potentially prone to fire and explosion hazards will be explosion-proof.

A 20-1b. ABC dry chemical fire extinguisher will be placed at the compressor station.

Oxygen Deficiency

The atmosphere will be monitored with an oxygen meter before entering confined spaces. Appropriate response to oxygen contents of < 19.5 percent is outlined in a later section.

HEALTH AND SAFETY TRAINING

This section describes the health and safety training requirements for participating in field operations at the Kirtland Site.

General Training Requirements

All technical personnel who may be exposed to occupational health hazards during field or laboratory work will receive training which complies with that required by DSHA in 29 CFR 1910.120. This training will include the 40-hour basic course, 8-hour supervisory course, and 8hour annual update course. In addition, project-specific training shall be conducted to familiarize employees and subcontractors with the hazards which are likely to be encountered during work activities at a particular job site.

The 40-hour course will include at least the following topics:

first aid and CPR; toxicology; chemical hazards; physical hazards; air monitoring; protective clothing; respiratory protection; EPA protection levels; site control; site health and safety plans; confined spaces; sampling and shipping of samples; emergency procedures; decontamination; ionizing radiation; heat stress; hypothetical waste site and practical exercises; medical monitoring; general work rules and conditions of employment; corporate health and safety policy; preparation for fieldwork; 29 CFR 1910.120; OSHA regulations.

Kirtland Site Health and Safety Information and Procedures

Envirocon employees and subcontractors will familiarize themselves with the following information and procedures prior to starting work on the Kirtland Site.

<u>Communication</u>

The following standard hand signals will be used while workers are in Level C or B: Hand gripping throatBut of air, Can't breathe. Grip partners wrist or both hands around waistLeave area immediately

Hands on top of headNeed assistance.

Thumbs up I understand

The telephone number for the Command Post is _____

General Safety Procedures

- Emergency plans will be up-dated and documented as needed.
- All personnel will attend each-day tailgate safety meetings.
- All personnel working on site will attend first-day health & safety meeting.
- There will be at least one person on site with supervisor training.

Emergency Medical Care

The local medical facility is:_____

The hospital and clinic will be briefed on the work planned at the Kirtland Site, including the potential hazards and the substances involved.

Local ambulance service is available in ______. The estimated response time is _____minutes to the site and another _____minutes to the ______

First-aid equipment, eye-wash bottles, and fire extinguishers are available on site and will be located adjacent to the Work Zone. At least one person on site will be certified in First Aid and CPR.

Emergency Medical Information for Substances Present

GASOLINE

PEL/TLV-TWA = 300 ppm

PEL/TLV-STEL = 500ppm

Gasoline is an eye and throat irritant at levels around the PEL, and causes narcotic effects (with symptoms including headache, nausea, dizziness, and blurred vision) at higher levels. Long-term exposure can effect liver and kidney function. Some studies indicate a potential for gasoline to be an animal carcinogen, but this has not been fully established. Because gasoline is a mixture of varying proportions of dozens of hydrocarbons, a mean odor threshold has not been determined.

1,2-DICHLOROETHANE (1,2-DCA)

PEL-TWA = 1 ppm PEL-STEL = 2 ppm TLV-TWA = 10 ppm

1,2-DCA is a central nervous system depressant. Exposure to 10 to 37 pm may produce nausea, vomiting, and dizziness. At higher levels, 1,2-DCA produces narcosis.

Chronic effects include liver and kidney damage and blood changes; 1,2-DCA is considered to be a probable human carcinogen.

Excessive skin contact may produce defatting of the skin and subsequent dermatitis. The mean odor threshold is 88 ppm, which is n o t adequate to prevent exposure above the PEL. Therefore, air monitoring will be used to prevent overexposure. The 1,2-DCA ionization potential is 11.12 eV.

BENZENE

PEL-TWA = 1 ppm, TLV = 10 ppm PEL-STEL = 5 ppm

Benzene is a central nervous system depressant. Symptoms include headache, nausea, tremors, and fatigue, but these typically do not occur until exposure concentrations are in excess of 150 ppm. There is significant evidence that chronic exposures are carcinogenic, causing a progressively malignant disease of the blood-forming organs (leukemia). Benzene is poorly absorbed through intact skin, but contact with liquid benzene may cause blistering and dermatitis. Benzene vapors can cause transient eye irritation. The mean air odor threshold for benzene is 12 ppm, which yields unsatisfactory warning properties. Benzene's ionization potential is 9.25 eV.

XYLENE PEL/TLV-TWA = 100 ppm, PEL = 150 ppm

Xylene is an eye, nose, and throat irritant at concentrations nearing 200 ppm. At higher concentrations, it is a central nervous system depressant, with symptoms including nausea, fatigue, and headaches. Liquid xylene acts on the skin as an irritant and can cause dermatitis. Exposure to vapor can cause eye irritation. Xylene is not considered carcinogenic. Xylene's mean odor threshold is 1 ppm, which gives it excellent warning properties. The ionization potential for the Xylene isomers are 8.56, and 8.44, respectively.

TOLUENE

PEL/TLV-TWA = 100 ppm, PEL/TLV-STEL = 150 ppm

Toluene is a central nervous system depressant. Symptoms include headache, nausea, dizziness and fatigue, but such symptoms typically do not occur at exposures below 200 ppm. Repeated and prolonged contact with liquid toluene may cause drying of the skin and dermatitis. Mild, transitory eye irritation may be experienced with exposure to vapors above 200 ppm. Toluene is not considered carcinogenic. Toluene's mean odor threshold is 3 ppm, which gives it excellent warning properties. Toluene's ionization potential is 8.82 eV.

ETHYL BENZENE

PEL/TLV-TWA = 100 ppm

PEL/TLV-STEL = 125 ppm

Ethyl benzene is an eye and mucous membrane irritant at levels well above the TLV. Liquid ethyl benzene is a significant skin irritant, and can cause defatting and blistering with repeated exposures. Vapors can cause transitory eye irritation at concentrations above 200 ppm. Ethyl benzene is not considered carcinogenic. The mean odor threshold is 2 ppm, which gives it excellent warning properties. Ethyl benzene's ionization potential is 8.76 eV.

TETRAETHYL LEAD

PEL-TWA = 0.075 mg/m-skin

TLV-TWA = 0.1 mg/m

Absorption of tetraethyl lead may cause intoxication. Milder toxic effects are sleeplessness, tiredness, wild dreams, anxiety, trembling, spasms, slow heart beat,low body temperature, paleness, nausea, and loss of appetite. More severe intoxification can cause disorientation, hallucinations, grimacing, violent activity, leading to convulsive seizures, unconsciousness, and death. May cause eye irritation. Can cause damage to developing fetus. Onset of symptoms may be delayed.

A manual will be prepared describing both acute and chronic health problems which could result from exposures to these substances. Information on immediate first aid, emergency department, and recommended medical follow-up will be included. This manual will be made available to local treating physicians.

Emergency Procedures

The following standard emergency procedures will be used by on-site personnel. The Site Safety Officer or Project Manager will be notified of any on-site emergencies and will be responsible for ensuring that the appropriate procedures are followed.

<u>Personal injury in the Work Zone</u>: Upon notification of an injury in the Work Zone, the designated emergency signal of an automobile horn will be sounded. All site personnel will assemble and the rescue team allowed to enter the Work Zone (if required) to remove the injured person. The Site Safety Officer and Project Manager should evaluate the nature of the injury, and the affected person decontaminated to the extent possible prior to movement. On-site first aid will be provided until medical help is obtained. Contact will be made for an ambulance and with the designated medical facility (if required). No persons will re-enter the Work Zone until the cause of the injury or symptoms are determined and the area stabilized. <u>Fire/Explosion</u>: Upon notification of a fire or explosion on site, the designated emergency signal of an automobile horn will be sounded and all site personnel will assemble for decontamination, if feasible, and work operations discontinued. The fire department will be alerted and all personnel moved to a safe distance from the involved area.

<u>Personal Protective Equipment Failure</u>: If any site worker experiences a failure or alteration of protective equipment that affects the protection factor, that person and his/her work companion will immediately leave the Work Zone. Re-entry will not be permitted until the equipment has been repaired or replaced.

Other Equipment Failure: If any other equipment on site fails to operate properly, the Project Manager and Site Safety Officer will be notified and then determine the effect of this failure on continuing operations on site. If the failure affects the safety of personnel or prevents completion of the Work Plan tasks, all personnel will leave the Work Zone until the situation is evaluated and appropriate actions taken. In all situations when an on-site emergency results in evacuation of the Work Zone, personnel will not return on site until:

> The conditions resulting in the emergency have been corrected; The hazards have been reassessed; The Site Health and Safety Plan has been reviewed; and, Site personnel have been briefed on any changes in the Site Safety Plan.

PERSONNEL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

This section details the level of personnel protection to be used during field operations at the Kirtland Site. Appropriate levels of protection will be determined for specific areas of the site based on established information and air monitoring consistent with 29 CFR Section 1910.120 (c).

General

During field operations, personnel will wear hard hats, safety glasses, and steel-toe safety boots, as appropriate. All persons will wear either poly-coated Tyvek or rain suits when working around liquid bentonite for Level D work or greater. Rubber boots, nuke boots, nitrile outer gloves, latex inner gloves, and 3M half-face respirators will be standard issue.

Modified Level D Operations

Modified Level D operations will include personnel working around heavy equipment and potentially hazardous environments: Level D Protection will include hard hat, safety glasses, steel- toed boots, and full body clothing.

Level C Operations

Level C protection will be used in areas where the action level is reached, Level C protective clothing will consist of modified Level D equipment plus air purifying respirators with organic vapor cartridges. All respiratory protective equipment shall be NIDSH-approved equipment. It is expected that all personnel will use half mask of full-face masks, depending upon the action level reached.

Level B Operations

Level B protection will be used in areas where air monitoring results indicate levels above the protection factor given for air purifying respirators. Level B will consist of all personnel protective equipment described above in Level C Operations with the substitution of a pressure demand SCBA or supplied air system with full-face piece.

The above levels of protection will be utilized during initial field operations. Upon receiving data from air, soil, and water sampling, these levels of protection will be re-evaluated to provide sufficient employee protection while maximizing productivity.

MEDICAL MONITORING PROGRAM

A medical monitoring program has been instituted by Envirocon for all employees with potential exposure to hazardous substances. The purpose of the medical monitoring program is to evaluate health status of workers occupationally exposed or potentially exposed to hazardous and to meet OSHA and other requirements for employee health monitoring.

An initial medical examination is given upon initiation of employment, annually thereafter, and upon termination. Medical examinations will verify that the employee is physically able to use protective equipment (including respirators), work in hot or cold environments, and have no predispositions to occupationally-induced disease.

FREQUENCY:

- 1. Prior to assignment.
- 2. Annually.
- At termination or reassignment from area of potential or actual exposure to hazardous substances.
- As soon as possible after an exposure above recommended standards or if patient exhibiting signs or symptoms of possible exposure.

EXAM CONTENT :

- 1. Review of systems.
- 2. Medical history.
- 3. Occupational and hobby exposure history
- 4. Physical examination.
- 5. Chest X-ray (every 3-5 years).
- 6. Pulmonary function test (FVC and FEV-1).
- 7. Urinalysis.
- 8. CBC with differential and platelet count.

- Blood chemistry panel including liver and kidney screen.
- 10. Medical certification for respirator use.
- 11. Other chemistry Parameters may be added as needed based on exposure history, exam findings, and assigned jobs (e.g. carboxy hemoglobin, blood or urine metals, blood cholinesterase, serum PCB, etc.)
- EKG/stress test (optional but usually recommended for respirator test).
- 13. Audiogram.
- 14. Physician's written opinion.

AIR MONITORING

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Air monitoring will be performed to document exposure levels and to assure that all necessary precautions are taken to protect on-site personnel and the general public. Real-time air monitoring will be conducted during all site activities that have a potential for chemical exposure. Excavation activities will be monitored most stringently. In general, the following action levels will be utilized, and will be subject to modification based on site experience or weather conditions.

> <u>Total Volatile Organics</u> (TVD) Vapors using a Photoionization Detector (PID)

Reading sustained for > 5 min breathing zone

0 to 9 ppm

10 to 24ppm

25 to 50

Level of protection and appropriate response.

- Level D -
- Level C half mask with organic vapor cartridges.
- Level C Full-face mask with organic vaporcartridge

Level B - or move personnel upwind and contact the Project Manager

>250

>50 ppm

Stop work and modify work to reduce contaminant levels.

Combustible gas Monitoring
(% of LEL)

0 to 10%

10 to 50%

> 50%

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on PID and colorimetric tube readings.

Personnel protection based

Move personnel upwind. Shut down engines, power tools, and suspend all spark-producingctivities and contact the Project Manager.

Oxygen Meter Readings

>19.5% oxygen

< 19.5% oxygen

No action necessary.

NIOSH-approved supplied air respirator or departure of personnel from work area and contact Project Manager.

Heat Stress Monitoring

Heat stress monitoring will be conducted for individuals engaged in heavy manual labor in Level C/B protection if outside temperatures exceed 70°F. Heat stress monitoring may include pulse rate monitoring to determine the frequency of rest breaks. Symptoms of heat stress include light headedness, loss of coordination, headache, nausea, fatigue, flushed skin color, and unconsciousness. All workers will be encouraged to remain aware of their physical condition, and to watch for symptoms in fellow workers. Workers will be encouraged to take breaks, as necessary. Additional mandatory breaks will be implemented at the discretion of the HSO. All workers will be trained on the symptoms and recognition of heat exhaustion.

SITE CONTROL

Site Security

No one will be allowed to enter the site Exclusion Zones (see below) unless they have been given permission to do so by the Project Manager and SSD and follow applicable portions of this HASP.

An armed security guard has been hired to police the area when Envirocon personnel are not present on the work site between the periods of 7 p.m. and 6 a.m.

Site Work Zones

Work zones will be established within principal remediation areas at the Kirtland Site. Each work zone will be clearly delineated and posted and will include the following:

Exclusion Zone: Includes area(s) which contain, or are suspected of containing, hazardous materials. The exclusion zones will be clearly marked with red flagging and barricades, as appropriate. Only personnel authorized by this HASP may enter the exclusion zone. The exclusion zone will be a minimum of 25 feet around the trench area during removal of natural soil, based upon micro-tip readings.

<u>Contamination Reduction Zone (CRZ)</u>: This zone will be established to act as a transition zone for decontamination of equipment and personnel just outside the exclusion zone or other areas of suspected contamination and will be located at a point of ingress and egress through the berm surrounding the work zone.

<u>Support Zone</u>: This zone includes all site areas which are not contaminated. This area will be used to stage clean equipment and other support facilities.

Decontamination Procedures

To assure that contamination is controlled and not spread from the site, decontamination procedures will be employed for both equipment and personnel. All decontamination activity will be monitored to assure compliance with the procedures described below.

<u>Personnel</u>: All personnel known to be, or suspected of being, contaminated with hazardous material will decontaminate fully before reentry into the Support Zone. Decontamination will consist of the following steps:

- Placement of equipment on a plastic sheet or in an approved receptacle at the exit of exclusion zone;
 Washing and rinsing of outer boot and gloves with cleaning solution and brush;
 Removal of outer gloves and boots and deposit in marked containers with plastic liners;
 Removal of protective suits and disposal into marked containers with plastic liners;
 Removal of respirator and disposal (if worn) into container with plastic liner;
 Removal of inner gloves and disposal into container with plastic liner;
 Washing of hands and face; and,
- Showering immediately after work shift as possible.

Containers of contaminated protective clothing will be packaged in seated 55-gallon drums for eventual off-site disposal.

Equipment: All equipment must be decontaminated before leaving the Contamination Reduction Zone. Heavy equipment ,shovels, PPE, and other contaminated material will be washed with a 2" fire hose within the perimeter of the trench. If necessary, accessible parts will be washed with a concentrated detergent/water solution under pressure. Particular care will be given to tires, buckets, tracks, and other components in possible direct contact with contaminated materials.

Sampling instruments and other nondisposable equipment should be kept clean in disposable protective covers. Equipment used for liquid and solid sampling should be placed in plastic bags or metal drums for disposal or later decontamination.

<u>Disposal of Waste</u>: All contaminated articles will stay within the perimeter at all times during work activities. Disposable contaminated supplies and unused samples will be securely drummed on site, for disposal according to applicable regulations.

Trenching Procedures

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In the construction of this slurry trench, there will be a need for the constant surveillance of surface sloughing down into the pit. This will be a closed-trench evacuation. As trenching progresses, the trench will be filled with back-fill material as natural soil is removed.

All personnel will stay back a minimum of 4 feet from the edge of the trench. If stress cracking occurs, this distance will be increased. No person will be allowed to enter the slurry pond unless they are wearing one piece, waterproof clothing and then only when the SSO is observing. When the final cap is to be placed, personnel will remain 4 feet from the sides of the slurry trench.

Dust Control

The control of dusts generated by the excavation operations will be the biggest concern to off-site risk/impact. If a cloud of dust is visible, a water mist will be applied. If the mist is not effective in reducing dust generation, personnel will don respirators (half-face).

Record Keeping

To assure HASP implementation, many site activities will be documented. These will include maintenance of HAST at the site; employee HASP sign-off; safety briefings; site sign-in log; emergency medical data sheets; health and safety log notes (which include instrument calibration records, sampling data, monitoring results, and incident reports) chemical safety data sheets; and other records identified in the HASP.

All medical and exposure records will be maintained in Occupational Health Service, St. Patrick Hospital. No medical information will be kept at the work site.

Access to Medical Records will be provided consistent with state and federal regulations.

All occupational injuries and illnesses will be recorded and reported in compliance with state and federal regulations. Copies of the OSHA 101 and 200 forms will be kept on the work site.

Emergency Evacuation Procedures

In the event of a site emergency, all workers at the site will be notified by the SSD to stop work immediately and offer assistance. Those not needed for immediate assistance will decontaminate per normal procedures and leave the site to an up-wind area.