BD Jct. N-29

2013

DISCLOSURE

RICE OPERATING COMPANY
JUNCTION BOX DISCLOSURE* REPORT

BOX LOCATION

SWD SYSTEM	JUNCTION	UNIT	SECTION	TOWNSHIP	RANGE	COUNTY	BOX DIMENSIONS - FEET		
							Length	Width	Depth
Blinebry-Drinkard (BD)	Jct. N-29	N	29	22S	38E	Lea	4	4	2
							Eliminated		

LAND TYPE: BLM ___ STATE ___ FEE LANDOWNER D. K. Boyd OTHER ___

Depth to Groundwater 124' feet NMOCD SITE ASSESSMENT RANKING SCORE: 0

Date Started 6/19/2013 Date Completed 9/11/2013 OCD Witness no

Soil Excavated 400 cubic yards Excavation Length 30 Width 30 Depth 12 feet

Soil Disposed 312 cubic yards Offsite Facility Sundance Services Location Eunice, NM

FIELD SOURCE RESULTS:

Sample Date 6/19/2013 **Sample Depth** 12 ft.

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

Sample Location	PID (field) ppm	GRO mg/kg	DRO mg/kg	Chlorides mg/kg
4-WALL COMP.	9.2	<10	<10	1,330
BOTTOM COMP.	7.3	<10	<10	2,080
BLENDED BACKFILL	0.0			768
TOP SOIL				<16

CHLORIDE FIELD TESTS

LOCATION	DEPTH	mg/kg
4 wall comp.	n/a	1,366
bottom comp.	12'	1,498
background	6"	170
vertical delineation trench at junction (source)	3'	464
	4'	685
	5'	411
	6'	453
	7'	545
	8'	954
	9'	1,117
	10'	2,097
	11'	1,799
	12'	1,241

General Description of Remedial Action: This junction box was addressed during the pipeline replacement/upgrade program. After the former junction box was removed, an investigation was conducted using a backhoe to collect soil samples at regular intervals producing a 30x30x12 ft deep excavation. Chloride field tests performed on soil samples did not decrease with depth. Organic vapors were measured using a PID which yielded low concentrations. The excavated soil was blended on site, and representative composite samples of the excavation bottom, the excavation walls, and the blended backfill were sent to a commercial laboratory for analysis of chloride and TPH. A total of 312 yards of excavated soil was transported to a NMOCD approved disposal facility. The bottom of the excavation was padded with 6 inches of imported top soil and a 20-mil reinforced liner was installed at 11.5 ft below ground surface (BGS). The top of the liner was padded with an additional 6 inches of blow sand. The excavation was benched on the south, east and west sides and the excavation was backfilled to 5 ft BGS with blended backfill. At 5' BGS, the bottom of the excavation was padded with 6 inches of imported top soil and a second 20-mil reinforced liner was installed at 4.5 ft BGS. The top of the liner was padded with an additional 6 inches of blow sand and the remainder of the excavation was backfilled with clean, imported soil to ground surface and contoured to the surrounding area. On 9/16/13, the site was seeded with a blend of native vegetation and is expected to return to a productive capacity at a normal rate.

Additional evaluation is **LOW** priority.

Enclosures: site and area maps, photos, lab results, PID (field) screenings, chloride curve, excavation diagram, and revegetation form

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

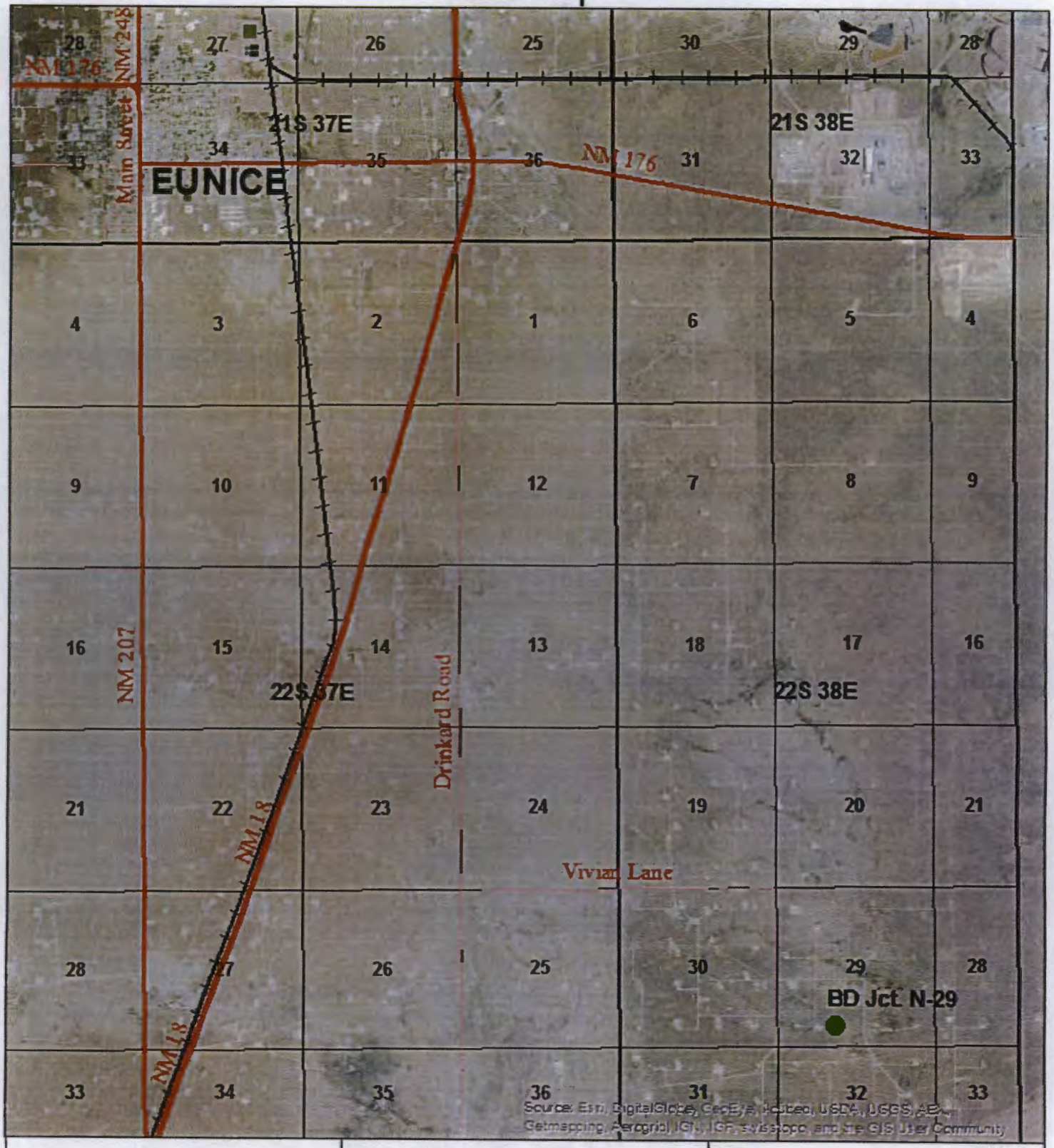
REPORT ASSEMBLED BY Laura Flores SIGNATURE Laura Flores COMPANY Rice Environmental Consulting & Safety

SITE SUPERVISOR Dyllan Yarbrough SIGNATURE Not available COMPANY Rice Environmental Consulting & Safety

PROJECT LEADER Kyle Norman SIGNATURE Kyle Norman DATE 3-3-14

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

Site Map



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BD Jct. N-29

UL/N Section 29
T-22-S R-38-E

N W E S

0 3,000 6,000 Feet

Drawing date: January 15, 2014
Drafted by: C. Ursanic

Area Map

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RECS

BD Jct. N-29

UL/N Section 29
T-22-S R-38-E

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0 500 1,000
Feet

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BD Jct. N-29

Unit N, Section 29, T22S, R38E

Site prior to excavation, facing south 6.19.13

Excavating source, facing north 6.19.13

Collecting sample, facing east 6.19.13

Hauling of spoil pile, facing west 8.29.13

Installed 30'x 30', 20-mil reinforced liner, facing northwest 9.5.13

Benching excavation, facing southwest 9.5.13

Backfilling excavation to 5' BGS, facing northwest 9.9.13

Installed 40'x 35', 20'mil reinforced liner, facing northeast 9. 10.13

Backfilling excavation, facing northwest 9.11.13

Spreading amendments, facing west 9.16.13

Tilling site, facing northwest 9.16.13

Site complete, facing southwest 9.16.13

CARDINAL Laboratories

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September 06, 2013

KYLE NORMAN

Rice Operating Company

112 W. Taylor

Hobbs, NM 88240

RE: BD JUNCTION N-29

Enclosed are the results of analyses for samples received by the laboratory on 09/03/13 16:10.

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Method EPA 552.2	Haloacetic Acids (HAA-5)
Method EPA 524.2	Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)
Method EPA 524.4	Regulated VOCs (V1, V2, V3)

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

Sincerely,

Celey D. Keene

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Lab Director/Quality Manager

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Analytical Results For:

Rice Operating Company
KYLE NORMAN
112 W. Taylor
Hobbs NM, 88240
Fax To: (575) 397-1471

Received:	09/03/2013	Sampling Date:	09/03/2013
Reported:	09/06/2013	Sampling Type:	Soil
Project Name:	BD JUNCTION N-29	Sampling Condition:	Cool & Intact
Project Number:	NONE GIVEN	Sample Received By:	Jodi Henson
Project Location:	NOT GIVEN		

Sample ID: 5 PT. BOTTOM COMP (H302122-01)

Chloride, SM4500Cl-B mg/kg **Analyzed By: AP**

Analyte	Result	Reporting Limit	Analyzed	Method Blank	BS	% Recovery	True Value QC	RPD	Qualifier
Chloride	**2080**	16.0	09/05/2013	ND	416	104	400	0.00	

TPH 8015M mg/kg **Analyzed By: DW/**

Analyte	Result	Reporting Limit	Analyzed	Method Blank	BS	% Recovery	True Value QC	RPD	Qualifier
GRO C6-C10	<10.0	10.0	09/05/2013	ND	202	101	200	2.21	
DRO >C10-C28	<10.0	10.0	09/05/2013	ND	194	97.2	200	2.41	

Surrogate: 1-Chlorooctane	*77.0 %*	*65.2-140*
Surrogate: 1-Chlorooctadecane	*82.9 %*	*63.6-154*

Sample ID: 4 WALL COMPOSITE (H302122-02)

Chloride, SM4500Cl-B mg/kg **Analyzed By: AP**

Analyte	Result	Reporting Limit	Analyzed	Method Blank	BS	% Recovery	True Value QC	RPD	Qualifier
Chloride	**1330**	16.0	09/05/2013	ND	416	104	400	0.00	

TPH 8015M mg/kg **Analyzed By: DW/**

Analyte	Result	Reporting Limit	Analyzed	Method Blank	BS	% Recovery	True Value QC	RPD	Qualifier
GRO C6-C10	<10.0	10.0	09/05/2013	ND	202	101	200	2.21	
DRO >C10-C28	<10.0	10.0	09/05/2013	ND	194	97.2	200	2.41	

Surrogate: 1-Chlorooctane	*77.2 %*	*65.2-140*
Surrogate: 1-Chlorooctadecane	*80.1 %*	*63.6-154*

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-	Chloride by SM4500Cl-B does not require samples be received at or below 6°C
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Company Name:	RICE Operating	**BILL TO**	
Project Manager:	Kyle Norman	**P.O. #:**	
Address:	112 W. Taylor	**Company:**	
City:	Hobbs **State:** NM **Zip:** 88240	**Attn:**	
Phone #:	**Fax #:**	**Address:**	
Project #:	**Project Owner:**	**City:**	
Project Name:		**State:** **Zip:**	
Project Location:	BD JCT N-29	**Phone #:**	
Sampler Name:	Dyllan Yarbrough	**Fax #:**	

FOR LAB USE ONLY				MATRIX						PRESERV.			SAMPLING		ANALYSIS REQUEST										
Lab I.D.	**Sample I.D.**	(G)RAB OR (C)OMP.	# CONTAINERS	GROUNDWATER	WASTEWATER	SOIL	OIL	SLUDGE	OTHER :	ACID/BASE:	ICE / COOL	OTHER :	DATE	TIME	Chlorides	TPH 8015 M	BTEX	Texas TPH	Complete Cations/Anions	TDS						
H307122																									
1	Spt. Bottom Comp	C	1			1					1		9/3/13	3:20	✓	✓									
2	4 wall Composite	C	1			1					1		9/3/13	3:15	✓	✓									

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	Time: 4:10		
Relinquished By:	**Date:**	**Received By:**	
	Time:		

Phone Result:	☐ Yes ☑ No	**Add'l Phone #:**
Fax Result:	☐ Yes ☑ No	**Add'l Fax #:**

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email results
knorman@rice-ecs.com;hconder@rice-ecs.com;
Lweinheimer@rice-ecs.com; kjones@riceswd.com;
Lpena@riceswd.com;dyarbrough@rice-ecs.com

Delivered By: (Circle One)
Sampler - UPS - Bus - Other:

Sample Condition
Cool: ☑ Yes ☐ No
Intact: ☑ Yes ☐ No

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PID METER CALIBRATION & FIELD REPORT FORM

CK.		MODEL: PGM 7300	SERIAL NO: 590-000508
MODEL		MODEL: PGM 7300	SERIAL NO: 590-000504
NO.	X	MODEL: PGM 7320	SERIAL NO: 592-903318
		MODEL: PGM 7300	SERIAL NO: 590-000183

GAS COMPOSITION: ISOBUTYLENE 100PPM / AIR: BALANCE

LOT NO: HAL-248-100-I	EXPIRATION DATE: 7/1/2015
METER READING ACCURACY: 100	

ACCURACY : +/- 2%

COMPANY
RICE OPERATING

SYSTEM	JUNCTION	UNIT	SECTION	TOWN SHIP	RANGE
BD	Jct. N-29	N	29	22S	38E

SAMPLE ID	PID	SAMPLE ID	PID
4-WALL COMPOSITE	9.2		
BOTTOM COMPOSITE	7.3		

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

SIGNATURE: Not available DATE: 9/3/2013

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Project Name:	BD JUNCTION N-29	Sampling Condition:	** (See Notes)
Project Number:	NONE GIVEN	Sample Received By:	Jodi Henson
Project Location:	NOT GIVEN		

Sample ID: BLENDED BACKFILL (H302155-01)

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Phone #: **Fax #:**	**Address:**
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Sampler Name: Dylan Yarbrough	**Fax #:**

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	Time: 9:20		**Fax Result:** ☐ Yes ☑ No **Add'l Fax #:**
Relinquished By:	**Date:**	**Received By:**	**REMARKS:** Rush !! email results knorman@rice-ecs.com;hconder@rice-ecs.com; Lweinheimer@rice-ecs.com; kjones@riceswd.com; Lpena@riceswd.com;dyarbrough@rice-ecs.com
	Time:		

Delivered By: (Circle One) Sampler - UPS - Bus - Other:

Sample Condition Cool: ☐ Yes ☑ No Intact: ☑ Yes ☐ No

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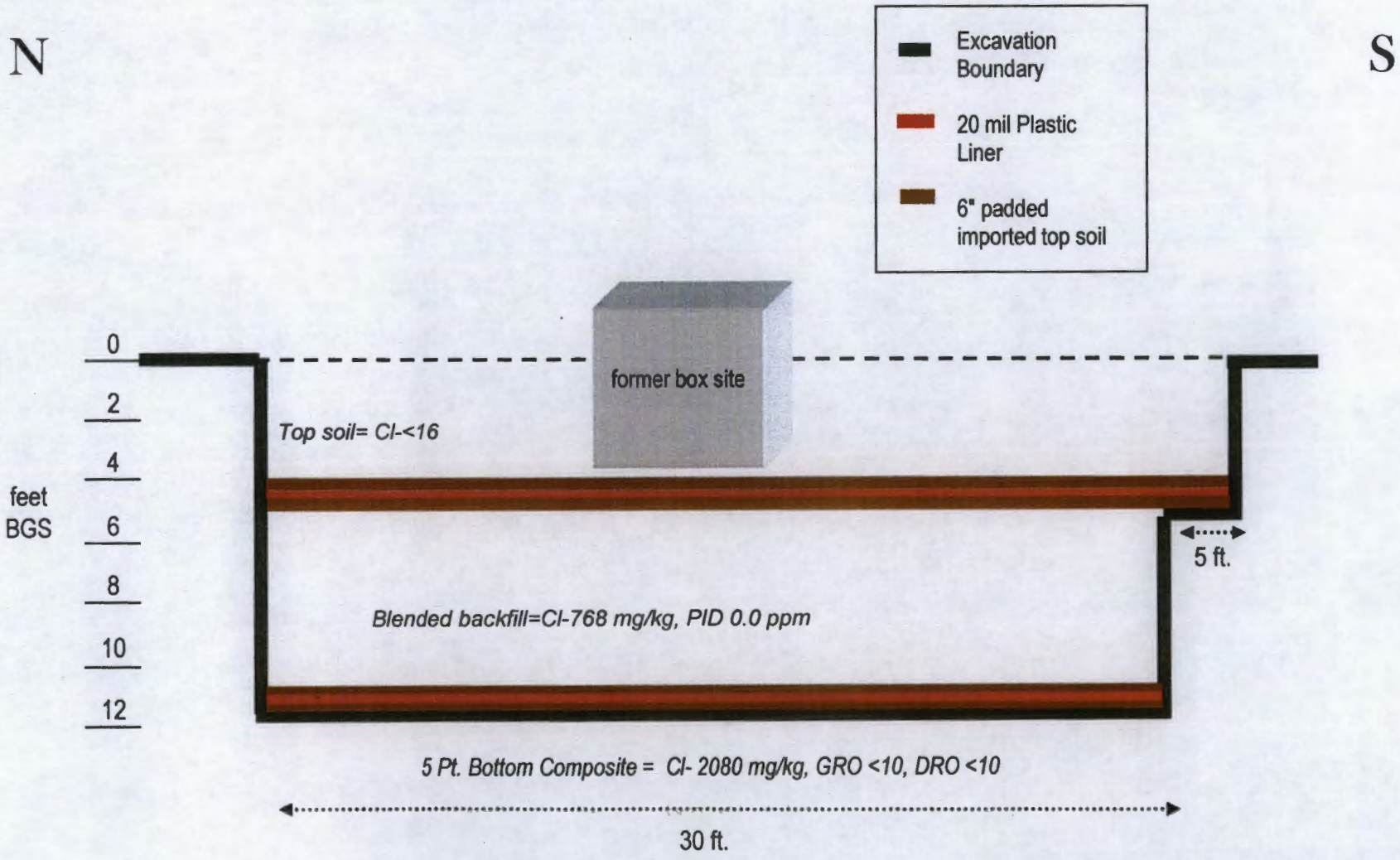
BD Jct. N-29
Unit 'N', Sec. 29, T22S, R38E

Excavation Cross-Section



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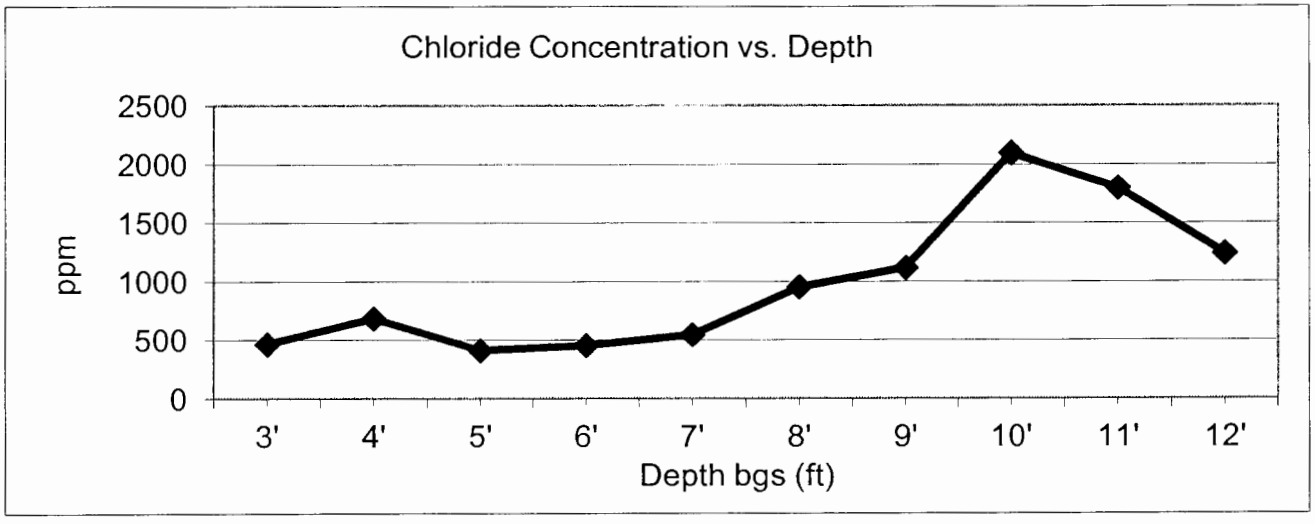

Groundwater = 124 ft

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VEGETATION FORM

1. General Information

Site name: BD Jct. N-29						
U/L	Section	Township	Range	County	Latitude	Longitude
N	29	22S	38E	Lea	32° 21' 33.411" N	103° 5' 9.525"
Contact Name: Hack Conder						
Email: hconder@rice-ees.com						
Site size: 161'x78'			12,558 sqft			

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

Salvaged from site		Bioremediated	X	Imported		Blended		Depth (in)			
Texture:	TOP SOIL			Describe soil & subsoil:				LIGHT BROWN FINE SAND			
Soil prep methods:	Rip		Depth (in)		Disc	X	Depth (in)		Rollerpack		
Date completed:	9/11/2013										

3. Bioremediation

Fertilizer		Hay		Other	X
Type:				Describe:	21 bgs-restornhance, 12 bgs-potting mix
Lbs/acre:				1 bg- manure	

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

Custom Seed Mix	X	Prescribed Mix		Seed Mix Name:	12 lbs Blue Grama, 12 lbs Side oats, 12 lbs Summer grass	Date:	9/16/2013
Broadcast	MECHANICAL SEEDER				Method:	PULL SEEDER	
Soil conditions during seed:	Dry	X	Damp		Wet		
Observations:	Thoroughly tilled and seeded site						

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

Name: Dyllan Yarbrough	Title:	Environmental Tech	Date:	9/16/2013
Signature:	Not available			

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April 1, 2014

Mr. Leonard Lowe
New Mexico Energy, Minerals, & Natural Resources
Oil Conservation Division, Environmental Bureau
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RE: JUNCTION BOX UPGRADE REPORT for 2013
BD SWD SYSTEM
Lea County, New Mexico

Mr. Lowe:

Rice Operating Company (ROC) takes this opportunity to submit the Junction Box Upgrade results for the year 2013. Enclosed is a list of the completed junction boxes and their respective closure/disclosure dates. These boxes are located in the Blinebry-Drinkard (BD) Salt Water Disposal (SWD) System located in the vicinity of Eunice, New Mexico.

ROC completed 12 junction boxes in 2013. Junction box upgrades in 2014 will be conducted in conjunction with scheduled pipeline replacements.

Enclosed are the 2008 results (17 sites evaluated with 22 sampling locations) from the PID/BTEX study described in the NMOCD-approved Revised Junction Box Upgrade Work Plan (July 16, 2003). A third-party analysis, conducted by Peter Galusky, Jr. Ph.D. of Texerra, concluded from the data collected thus far that field-composited values tend to produce slightly higher BTEX numbers above the point at which BTEX concentrations become significant. This is likely due to the fact that BTEX is volatile and quickly biodegradable. This analysis was submitted to NMOCD on March 12, 2009. An appropriate number of sample sites could not be obtained to conduct a 2013 BTEX comparison analysis. Peter Galusky, Jr. Ph.D. of Texerra also compared ROC's 2013 chloride field tests to chloride laboratory analyses; the analysis is also enclosed. The study of this data continues to validate the accuracy of the chloride field tests employed by ROC.

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

Replacement/closure projects of this magnitude require System Party AFE approval and work begins as funds are received.

Thank you for your consideration of this Junction Box Upgrade Report for 2013.

RICE OPERATING COMPANY

Hack Conder
Environmental Manager

enclosures as stated

cc: SC, file, Mr. Geoffrey Leking
NMOCD, District I Office
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Hobbs, NM 88240

Rice Operating Company
BD SWD System Junction Box Upgrade Project
2013 Completed Boxes

		Legal Description							
	Jct Box Name	Unit	Sec	T	R	Completion Date	OCD Assessment Score	Report Status	Case Number
1	G-29 EOL	G	29	22S	38E	1/7/2014	0	Disclosure	
2	Jct. G-31	G	31	22S	38E	1/7/2014	20	Disclosure	
3	JCT. M-29	M	29	22S	38E	11/1/2013	0	Disclosure	
4	JCT. N-29	N	29	22S	38E	9/11/2013	0	Disclosure	
5	JCT. N-30	N	30	22S	38E	8/19/2013	10	Disclosure	
6	O-29-1 VENT	O	29	22S	38E	7/26/2013	0	Disclosure	
7	O-30 VENT	O	30	22S	38E	11/6/2013	10	Disclosure	
8	Jct. P-14	P	14	22S	37E	8/21/2012	10	Disclosure	
9	J-29 Vent	J	29	22S	38E	n/a	0	Closure	
10	J-30 EOL	J	30	22S	38E	10/22/2013	10	Closure	
11	JCT. J-29	J	29	22S	38E	n/a	0	Closure	
12	M-28 EOL	M	28	22S	38E	11/5/2013	0	Closure	

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March 10th, 2009

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Re: Comparison of Field versus Lab Compositing of BTEX soil samples
Rice Operating Company, Junction Box Upgrade Work Plan

Sent via Certified Mail w/ Return Receipt No. 7006 0100 0001 2438 3944

Dear Mr. Jones:

On behalf of Rice Operating Company (ROC) I am submitting the attached comparison and analysis of field versus laboratory soil compositing for soil BTEX samples. This is to address the question of whether it is better to mix multiple samples in the field or to do so in the laboratory in order to produce a composite, representative sample for analysis. This work was undertaken in support of ROC's Junction Box Upgrade Work Plan to ensure the quality of their field analysis program.

In brief, this work indicates that field compositing of soil samples generally gives rise to *slightly* higher BTEX values than does laboratory compositing of multiple samples. This is presumably due to the likelihood that field compositing and packaging of soil samples better preserves sample integrity. It would therefore appear that field compositing would represent the better method of procuring soil samples for subsequent analysis of BTEX.

Please call me if you have any questions or wish to discuss any of the details of this study.

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Sincerely,

L. Peter Galusky, Jr. Ph.D.
Principal

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Edward Hansen (NMOCD) sent certified mail w/ return receipt
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Attachment: As noted, above.

Rice Operating Company
Comparison of Field Compositing versus Laboratory Compositing of Soil BTEX Samples[1]

The careful mixing of multiple soil samples is critical in order to produce a representative, composite sample from a respective study area (such as a excavation face or bottom). Field technicians typically take four or five "grab" samples from excavation walls and/or bottom and send each of these to a laboratory for analysis of the composite, or mixed, sample. It would be far simpler, however, to composite such samples in the field. This study was undertaken to determine if field compositing produced results substantially different than laboratory compositing for the analysis of BTEX. Data were provided by Rice Operating Company encompassing 22 sampling locations over the period of 2004 through 2008.

A comparison of lab-composited soil samples versus field-composited soil samples revealed a close correspondence for total BTEX between the two methods (Figure 1).

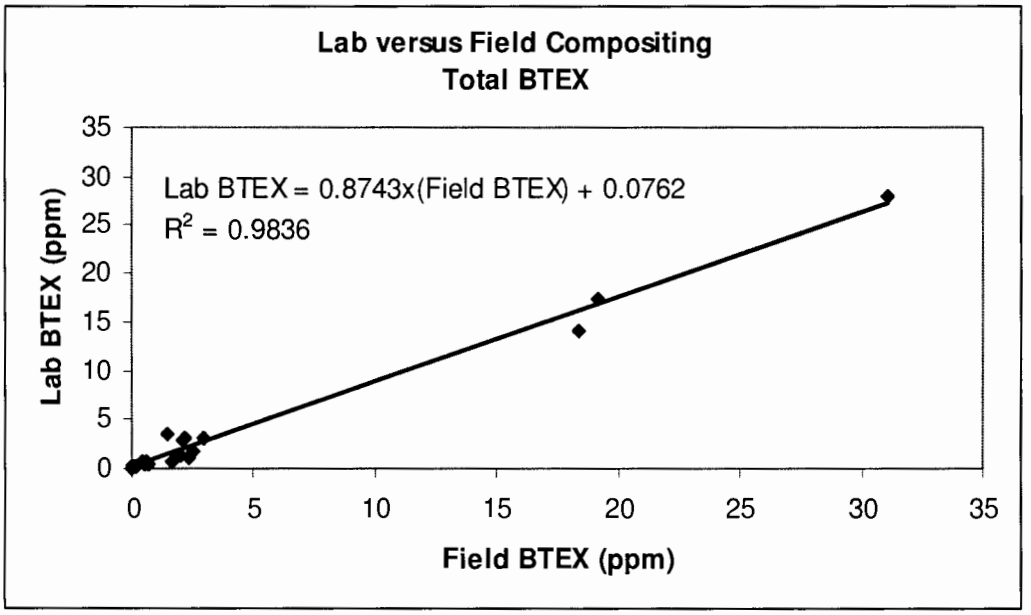

Figure 1 - Laboratory versus field-composited soil samples analyzed for BTEX.

The high R^2 value (0.9836) of the best-fit statistical regression line indicates a high degree of reliability in using the field-compositing method over the range of values observed. Below a "field-composited BTEX" value of 0.61 ppm the "lab-composited BTEX" values are slightly lower. However, above a field-composited BTEX value of 0.61 the lab-composited values run slightly lower. In other words, the field-composited values tended to produce slightly higher BTEX numbers above the point at which BTEX concentrations become significant.

There is a reason for this. BTEX is volatile and quickly biodegradable. The compositing and "packaging" of soil samples in the field minimize the handling and aeration that occur in the laboratory. Thus, field-composited soil samples lose less BTEX to evaporation and/or biodegradation prior to laboratory analysis. In other words, the field compositing and packaging of soil samples better preserves sample integrity, and for this reasons would appear to represent the better method of procuring soil samples for subsequent analysis of BTEX.

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Re: Comparison of 2013 Laboratory versus Field Measured Soil Chloride Values
Rice Operating Company, Junction Box Upgrade Work Plan

Mr. Lowe:

The attached comparison and analysis of 2013 laboratory versus field measured soil chloride values is submitted in support of Rice Operating Company's (ROC's) Junction Box Upgrade Work Plan to ensure the quality of their field analysis program.

In brief, this work indicates that Rice's 2013 field chloride measurement efforts provided a reasonable qualitative approximation of the laboratory-measured (and presumed true) values.

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Sincerely,

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Rice Operating Company
Comparison of Laboratory to Field Measured Soil Chloride Concentrations
Based upon 2013 Field Data

A representative sample of 29 pairs of laboratory versus field measured soil chloride values was compared to determine how well field measurements matched laboratory measurements. It is assumed that laboratory measurements better represent the "true" values due to the controlled environment that a laboratory provides. A simple plot of the laboratory versus field measured soil chloride values is given below (Figure 1).

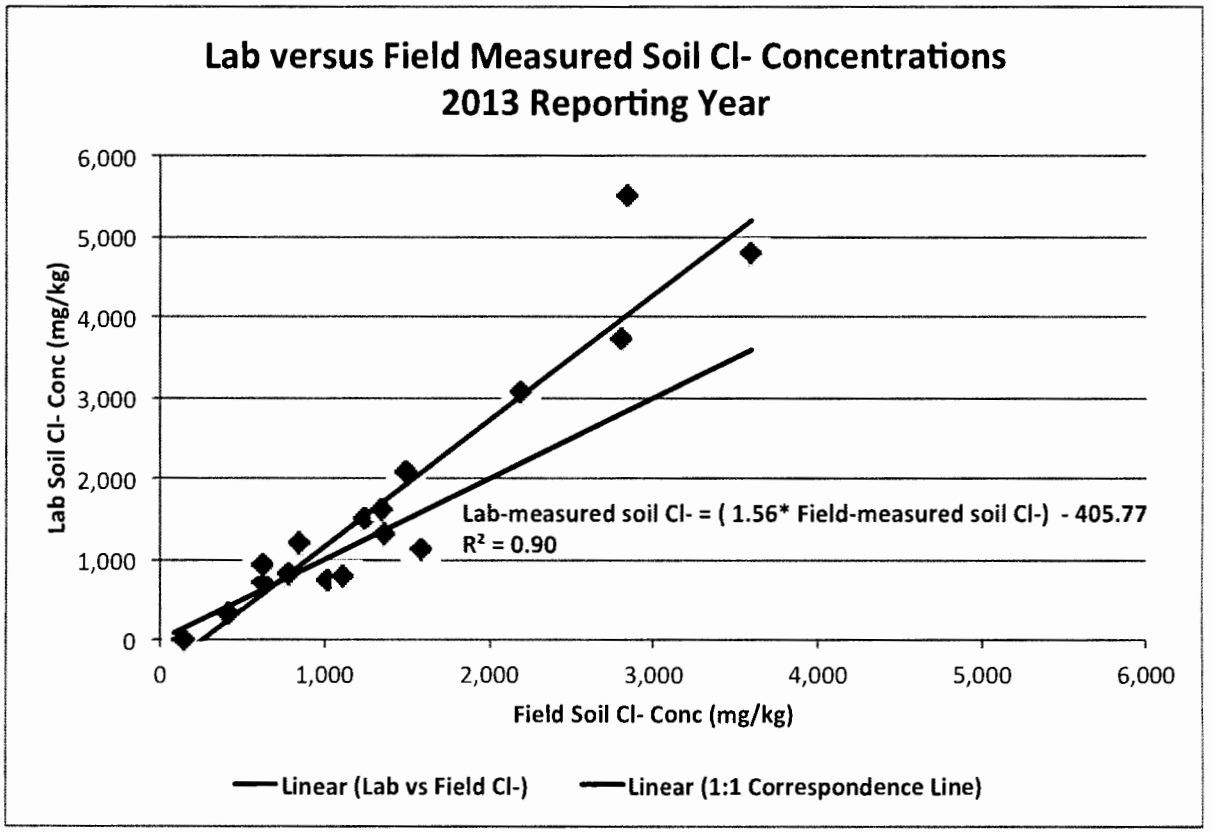

Figure 1 – Laboratory versus field measured soil chloride measurements (n = 29 paired sets).

A straight line fit to the data confirms a general linear trend over a wide range of soil chloride concentrations, and the R^2 value (0.90) indicates that field measurements provide a reliable approximation of laboratory-measured values. Based on the best-fit line of lab vs field measured values, field measured values overestimate lab measure values below a field measured value of 723 mg/kg and above this underestimate the lab-measured values. This is indicated in the graph where the (blue) best-fit line of lab vs field measured chlorides crosses the (black) line which would indicate a 1:1 correspondence.