

BD Jct. P-14

2013

DISCLOSURE

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

BOX LOCATION

SWD SYSTEM	JUNCTION	UNIT	SECTION	TOWNSHIP	RANGE	COUNTY	BOX DIMENSIONS - FEET		
Blinebry-Drinkard (BD)	Jct. P-14	P	14	22S	37E	Lea	Length	Width	Depth
							Eliminated		

LAND TYPE: BLM _____ STATE _____ FEE LANDOWNER Irvin Boyd OTHER _____

Depth to Groundwater 94 feet NMOCD SITE ASSESSMENT RANKING SCORE: 10

Date Started 5/30/2012 Date Completed 8/21/2012 OCD Witness no

Soil Excavated 22 cubic yards Excavation Length 10 Width 5 Depth 12 feet

Soil Disposed None cubic yards Offsite Facility n/a Location n/a

FINAL ANALYTICAL RESULTS: Sample Date 5/31/2012 Sample Depth 12'

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	Chloride mg/kg
SOURCE 12' GRAB		63.5	2710	4800

General Description of Remedial Action: This junction box was eliminated during the pipeline replacement/upgrade program. After the former junction was removed, an investigation was conducted using a backhoe to collect soil samples at regular intervals, producing a 10x5x12 ft deep excavation. Chloride field tests performed on soil samples did not decrease with depth. On 6/5/2012, a 10x5 ft, 20-mil reinforced plastic liner was installed at 12 ft. bgs. The excavation was backfilled with clean imported soil to ground surface and contoured to the surrounding area. NMOCD was notified of potential groundwater impact on 3/27/2014.

CHLORIDE FIELD TESTS		
LOCATION	DEPTH	mg/kg
background	6"	173
vertical delineation trench at junction (source)	4'	3343
	5'	4896
	6'	3671
	7'	3294
	8'	3677
	9'	4499
	10'	3707
	11'	4380
	12'	3304

Additional evaluation is medium priority.

Enclosures: site location map, area map, photos, lab results, cross-section diagram, chloride curve

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

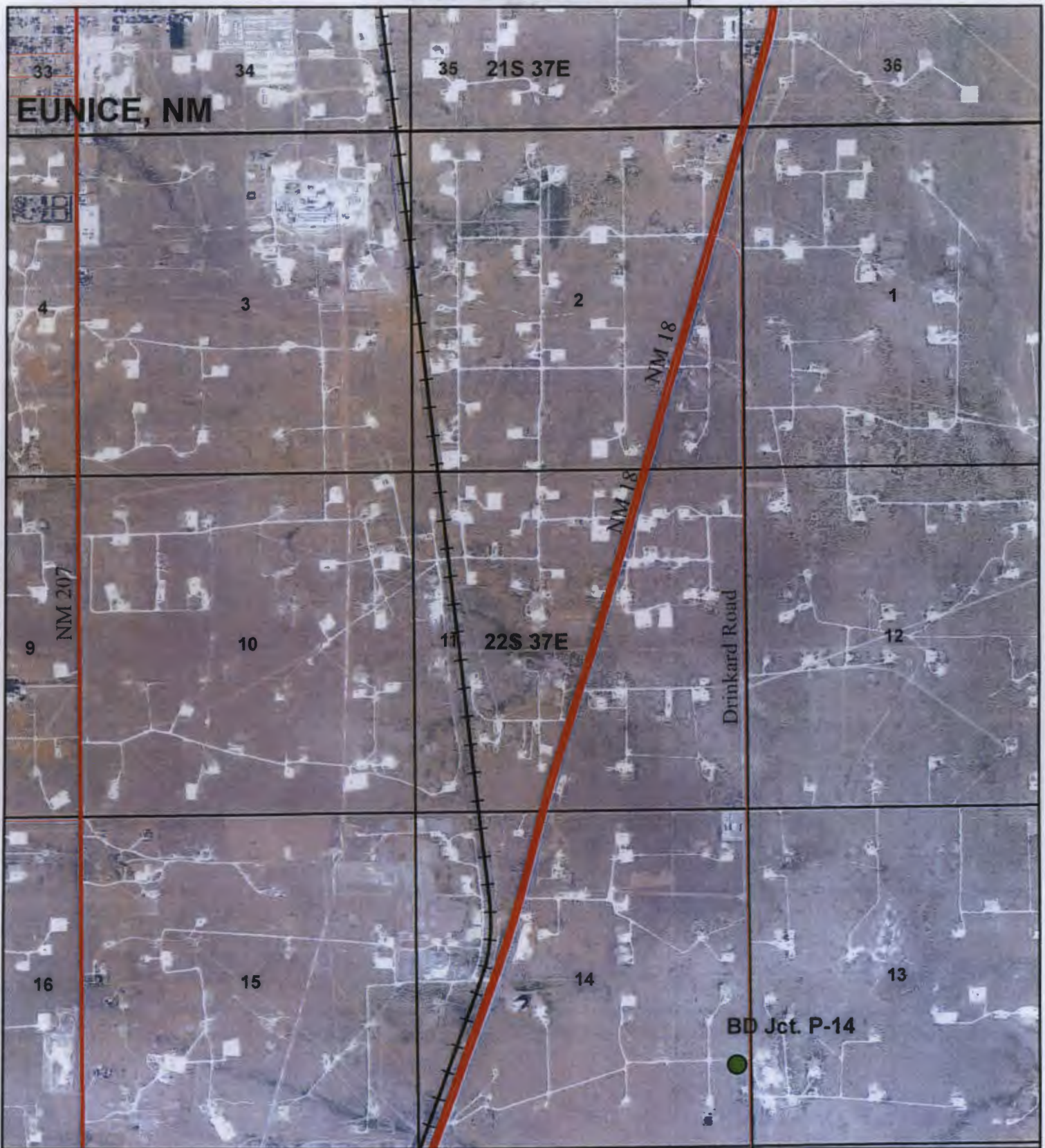
REPORT ASSEMBLED BY Laura Flores SIGNATURE Laura Flores COMPANY Rice Environmental Consulting & Safety

SITE SUPERVISOR Dustin Yarbrough SIGNATURE Not Available COMPANY Rice Environmental Consulting & Safety

PROJECT LEADER Kyle Norman SIGNATURE Kyle Norman DATE 3-27-2014

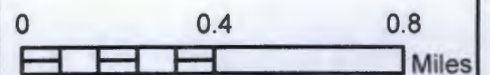
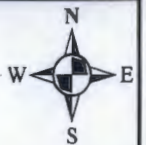
*This site is a "DISCLOSURE." It will be placed on a prioritized list of similar sites for further consideration.

Site Location Map



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UL/P SECTION 14
T-22-S R-37-E
LEA COUNTY, NM



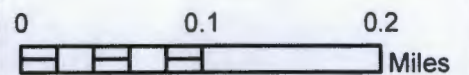
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Area Map



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UL/P SECTION 14
T-22-S R-37-E
LEA COUNTY, NM



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Unit Letter P, Section 14, T22S, R37E



Excavating site, facing south

5/31/2012



Collecting sample, facing north

6/1/2012



Installing 10'x5', 20-mil poly liner at 12' bgs, facing northeast

6/6/2012



Backfilling above the liner, facing east

8/21/2012



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June 05, 2012

ZACH CONDER

Rice Operating Company

112 W. Taylor

Hobbs, NM 88240

RE: BD P-14

Enclosed are the results of analyses for samples received by the laboratory on 06/01/12 15:35.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Hope S. Moreno". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Hope Moreno

Inorganic Technical Director

Analytical Results For:

 Rice Operating Company
 ZACH CONDER
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 Received: 06/01/2012
 Reported: 06/05/2012
 Project Name: BD P-14
 Project Number: NONE GIVEN
 Project Location: NOT GIVEN

 Sampling Date: 05/31/2012
 Sampling Type: Soil
 Sampling Condition: Cool & Intact
 Sample Received By: Jodi Henson

Sample ID: SOURCE @ 12' (H201237-01)

Chloride, SM4500Cl-B			mg/kg							Analyzed By: HM
Analyte	Result	Reporting Limit	Analyzed	Method Blank	BS	% Recovery	True Value QC	RPD	Qualifier	
Chloride	4800	16.0	06/04/2012	ND	416	104	400	0.00		
TPH 8015M			mg/kg							Analyzed By: MS
Analyte	Result	Reporting Limit	Analyzed	Method Blank	BS	% Recovery	True Value QC	RPD	Qualifier	S-04
GRO C6-C10	63.5	10.0	06/05/2012	ND	183	91.3	200	1.58		
DRO >C10-C28	2710	10.0	06/05/2012	ND	187	93.7	200	3.90		

 Surrogate: 1-Chlorooctane 96.3 % 65.2-140
 Surrogate: 1-Chlorooctadecane 170 % 63.6-154

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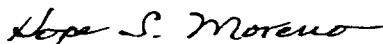
Notes and Definitions

S-04	The surrogate recovery for this sample is outside of established control limits due to a sample matrix effect.
QM-4X	The spike recovery was outside of QC acceptance limits for the MS and/or MSD due to analyte concentration at 4 times or greater the spike concentration. The QC batch was accepted based on LCS and/or LCSD recoveries within the acceptance limits.
ND	Analyte NOT DETECTED at or above the reporting limit
RPD	Relative Percent Difference
**	Samples not received at proper temperature of 6°C or below.
***	Insufficient time to reach temperature.
-	Chloride by SM4500Cl-B does not require samples be received at or below 6°C Samples reported on an as received basis (wet) unless otherwise noted on report

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CHAIN-OF-CUSTODY AND ANALYSIS REQUEST

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BILL TO				ANALYSIS REQUEST									
Company Name: RICE Operating													
Project Manager: Zach Conder													
Address: 112 W. Taylor													
City: Hobbs													
Phone #: _____													
State: NM Zip: 88240													
Fax #: _____													
Project #: _____													
Project Name: <i>WHEAT RD P. 14</i>													
Project Location: <i>Acres 70.76110001</i>													
Sampler Name: <i>Acres 70.76110001</i>													
FOR LAB USE ONLY													
Lab I.D. <i>H201237</i>													
Sample I.D. <i>Source Co TX</i>													
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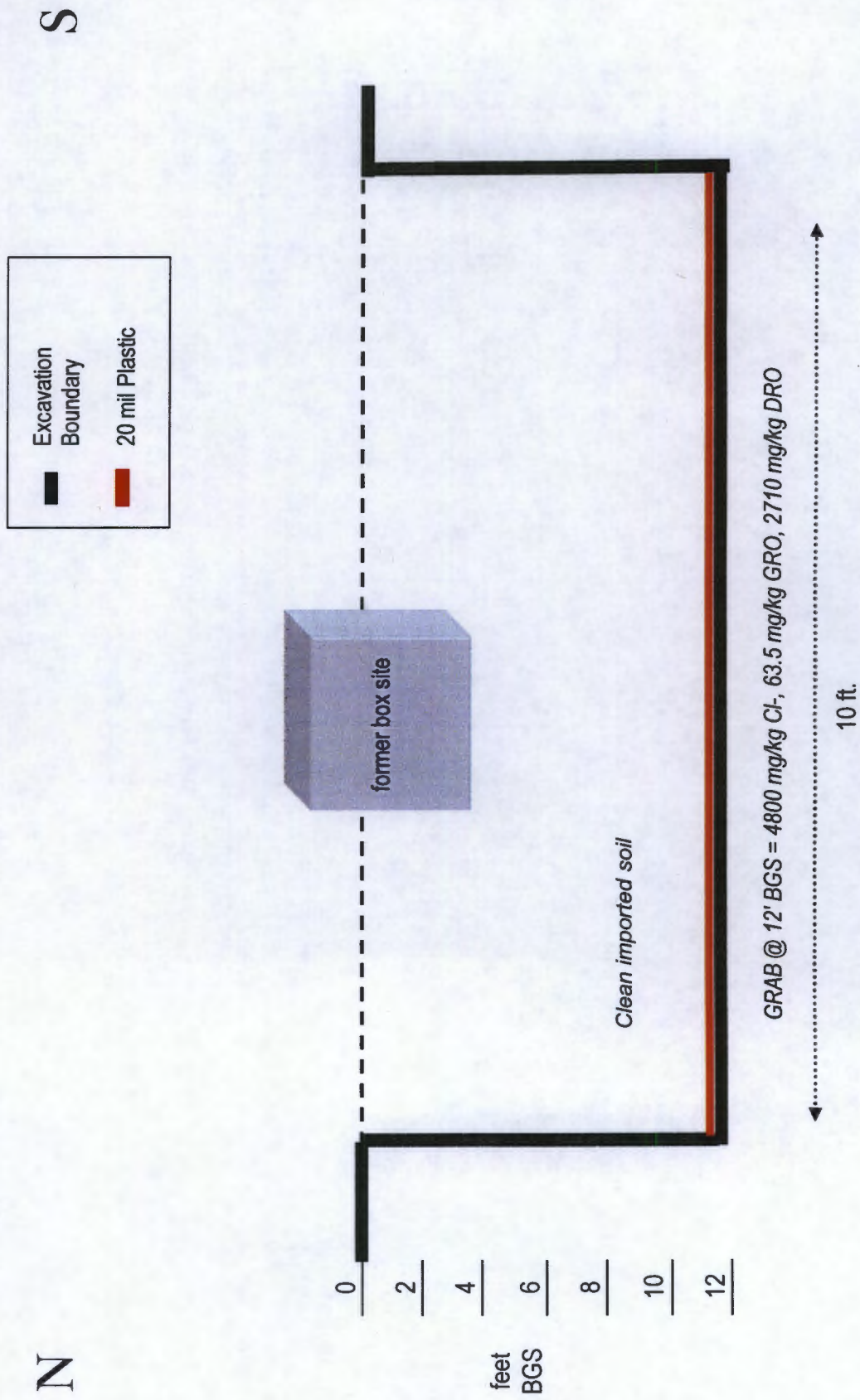
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Excavation Cross-Section

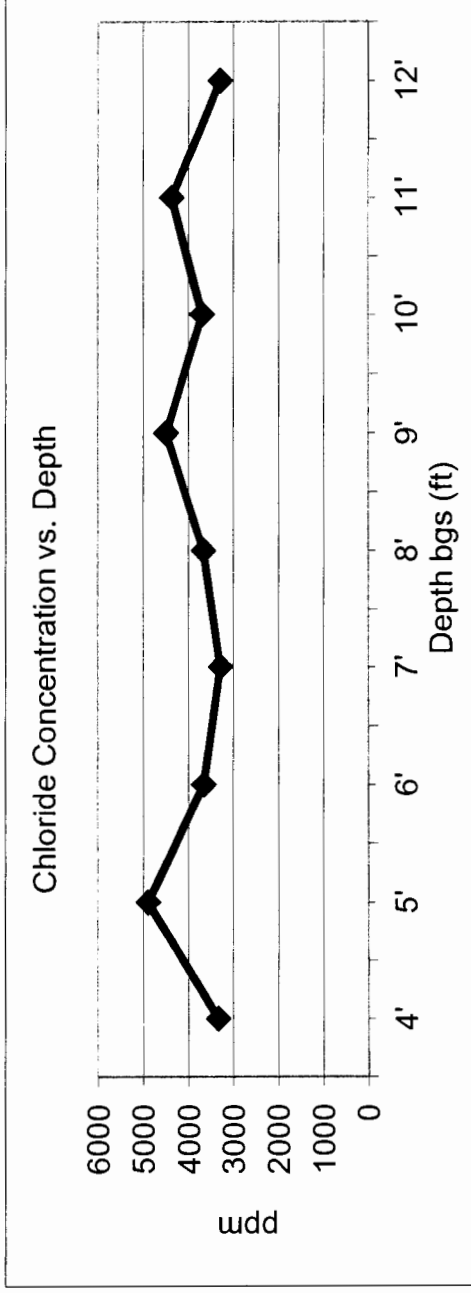


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Backhoe samples at the junction (source)

Depth bgs (ft)	[Cl ⁻] ppm
4'	3343
5'	4896
6'	3671
7'	3294
8'	3677
9'	4499
10'	3707
11'	4380
12'	3304



Groundwater = 94 ft

RICE *Operating Company*

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April 1, 2014

Mr. Leonard Lowe
New Mexico Energy, Minerals, & Natural Resources
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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

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Hack Conder
Environmental Manager

enclosures as stated

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

L. Peter Galusky, Jr. Ph.D., P.G.

Texerra

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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

Copy: Rice Operating Company,
Edward Hansen (NMOCD) sent certified mail w/ return receipt
No. 7006 0100 0001 2438 3937

Attachment: As noted, above.

Rice Operating Company

Comparison of Field Compositing versus Laboratory Compositing of Soil BTEX Samples¹

The careful mixing of multiple soil samples is critical in order to produce a representative, composite sample from a respective study area (such as an 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).

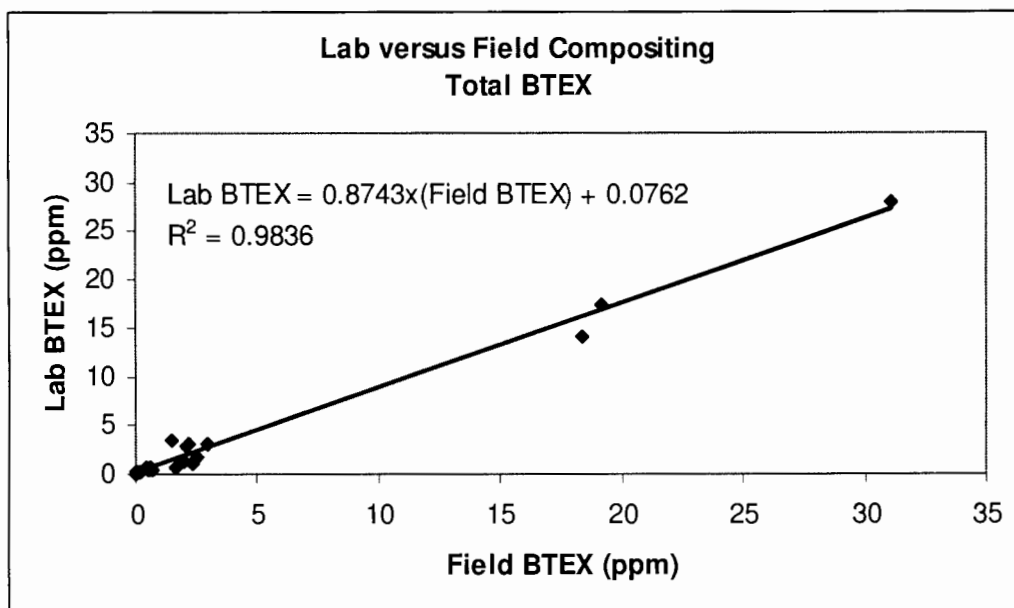


Figure 1 - Laboratory versus field-composited soil samples analyzed for BTEX.

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 reason would appear to represent the better method of procuring soil samples for subsequent analysis of BTEX.

¹ Prepared 03-12-09 by L. Peter Galusky, Jr. of Texerra.

L. Peter Galusky, Jr. Ph.D., P.G.

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March 25th, 2014

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

Sincerely,



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

Copy: Glenn VonGonten, NMOCD; Rice Operating Company
Attachment: As noted, above.

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).

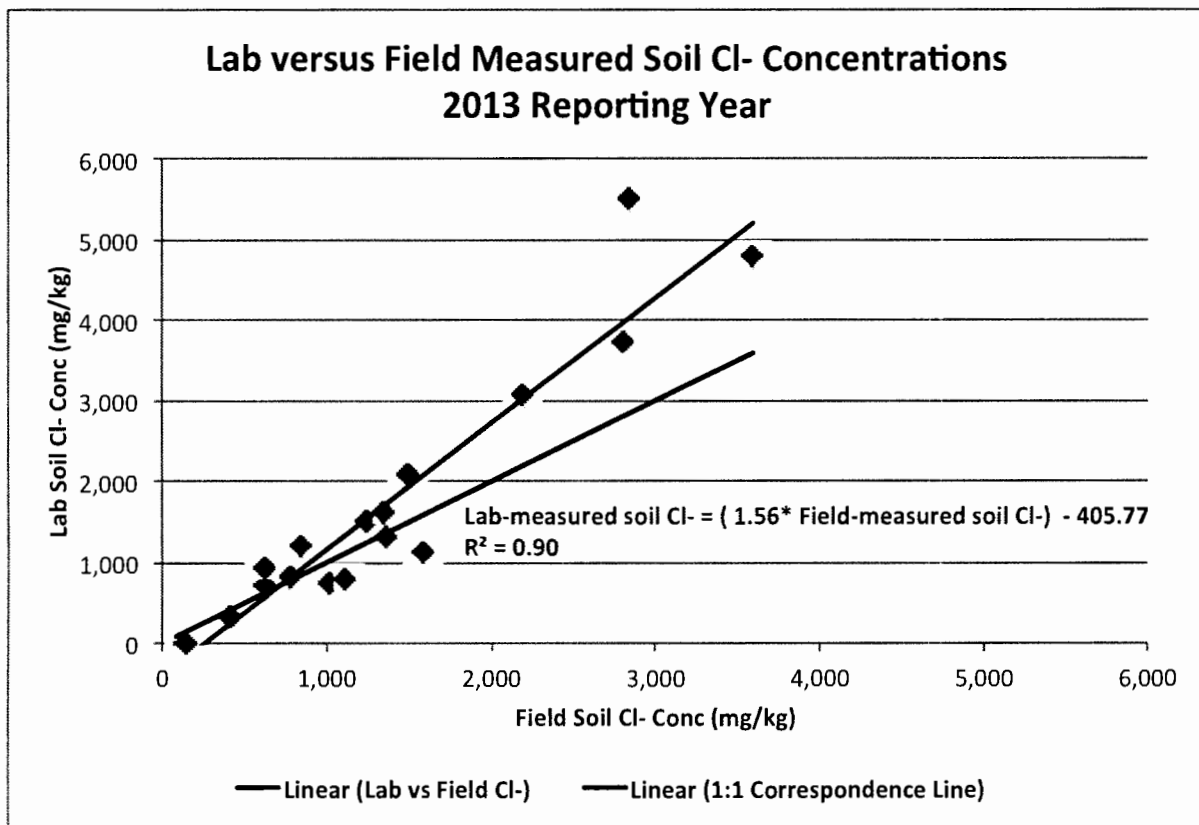


Figure 1 – Laboratory versus field measured soil chloride measurements (n = 29 paired sets).

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.