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November 5th, 2012

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

**RE: CAP Report for Groundwater
Apache Corporation
NMGSAU 1631 (1R-2627): UL/J sec. 32 T19S R37E**

Mr. Hansen:

Apache Corporation (Apache) has retained Rice Environmental Consulting and Safety (RECS) to address potential environmental concerns at the above-referenced site.

Background and Previous Work

The site is located approximately 1 mile southwest of Monument at UL/J, Sec. 32, T19S, R37E in Lea County, NM (Figure 1). A leak was discovered at the site on September 28th, 2010. An unknown amount of produced water was released from the injection line collar. According to monitor well sampling data at the site, groundwater is located at approximately 14 ft below ground surface (bgs).

Excavation of the site began on September 28th, 2010. The site was excavated to 38 ft x 96 ft x 18 ft deep to remove the saturated soils to a NMOCD approved disposal facility. The depth of saturated soils reached 14 ft 8 inches bgs at which point the capillary fringe of the aquifer was encountered. On October 7th, 2010, three (3) soil bores were drilled at the site to determine the extent of impact. RECS personnel field tested the soil for chloride and tested for hydrocarbons using a photo-ionization detector (PID). Representative samples were submitted to a commercial laboratory for chloride and TPH analyses. The site was backfilled to 4.5 ft bgs, where a 20-mil, reinforced liner was installed with 6 inches of blow sand placed below and above the liner for padding.

On October 12th, 2010, the initial C-141 was submitted to NMOCD-District 1 and was approved. Subsequently, the remaining excavation at the site was backfilled with clean, imported soil, and the site was contoured to the surrounding landscape. On October 16th, 2010, amendments were incorporated into the soil surface, and the site was seeded.

On October 25th, 2010, MW-1 was installed 45 ft southeast of the line break. On December 21st, 2010, MW-2 was installed 56 ft NNW of the line break, and on April

13th, 2011, MW-3 was installed 199 ft SE of the line break (Figure 2). The monitor wells have been sampled quarterly since their installation (Appendix A).

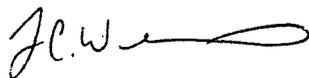
On October 11th, 2011, a Corrective Action Plan (CAP) was submitted to NMOCD. The CAP was approved by NMOCD on October 17th, 2011. RECS recommended that a three month groundwater source removal and test pumping program be conducted to determine if groundwater remediation could be achieved quickly. The pumping program would also assist in the evaluation of groundwater restoration methods. Water retrieved from the existing 4-inch monitoring well (MW-1) would be used for production operations. Based on the program results, a remedy for the site would be determined.

On August 14th, 2012, a Corrective Action Plan for Groundwater was submitted to NMOCD. The CAP was approved by NMOCD on August 15th, 2012. RECS detailed the groundwater and chloride extraction totals of the test pumping program. RECS recommended that, as a groundwater remedy, the test pumping program remain in use until groundwater reaches near-background levels of chloride.

Since the groundwater source removal and pumping program began on April 10th, 2012, a total of 2,725 barrels of groundwater have been removed from the site. Given the most recent laboratory chloride readings 970 mg/L in MW-1, the volume of groundwater removal indicates that 420 kg of chloride have been removed. In order to maintain integrity of the system and avoid possible utility and/or environmental damages, the pumping system at the site will be shut in throughout the winter months and will resume in the spring of 2013. As stated in the CAP for Groundwater, approved in August 2012, Apache will continue the pumping program until the chloride concentrations decrease to near-background levels.

RECS appreciates the opportunity to work with you on this project. Please call Hack Conder at (575) 393-9174 or Natalie Gladden (575) 394-1503 if you have any questions or wish to discuss the site.

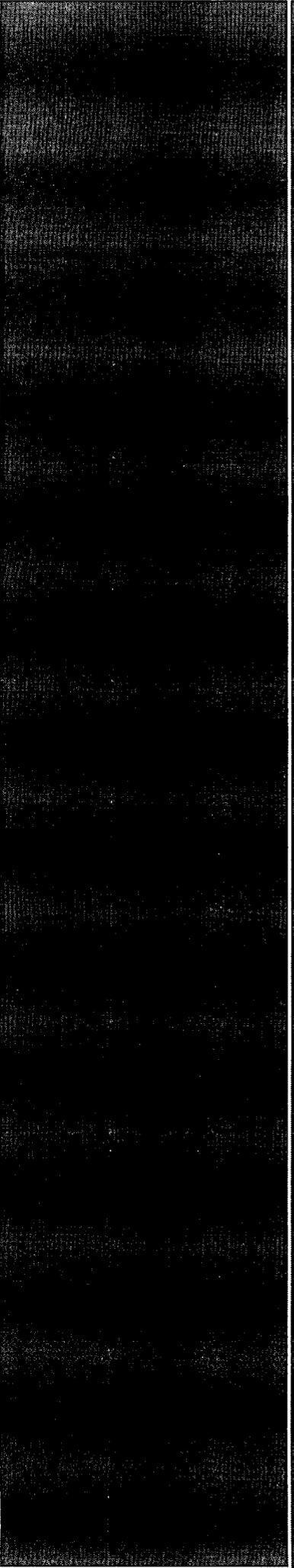
Sincerely,



Lara Weinheimer
Project Scientist
RECS
(575) 441-0431

Attachments:

- Figure 1: Site Map
- Figure 2: Site Plat with Monitor Well Sampling Data
- Appendix A: Laboratory Results



Figures

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Site Map

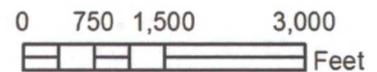


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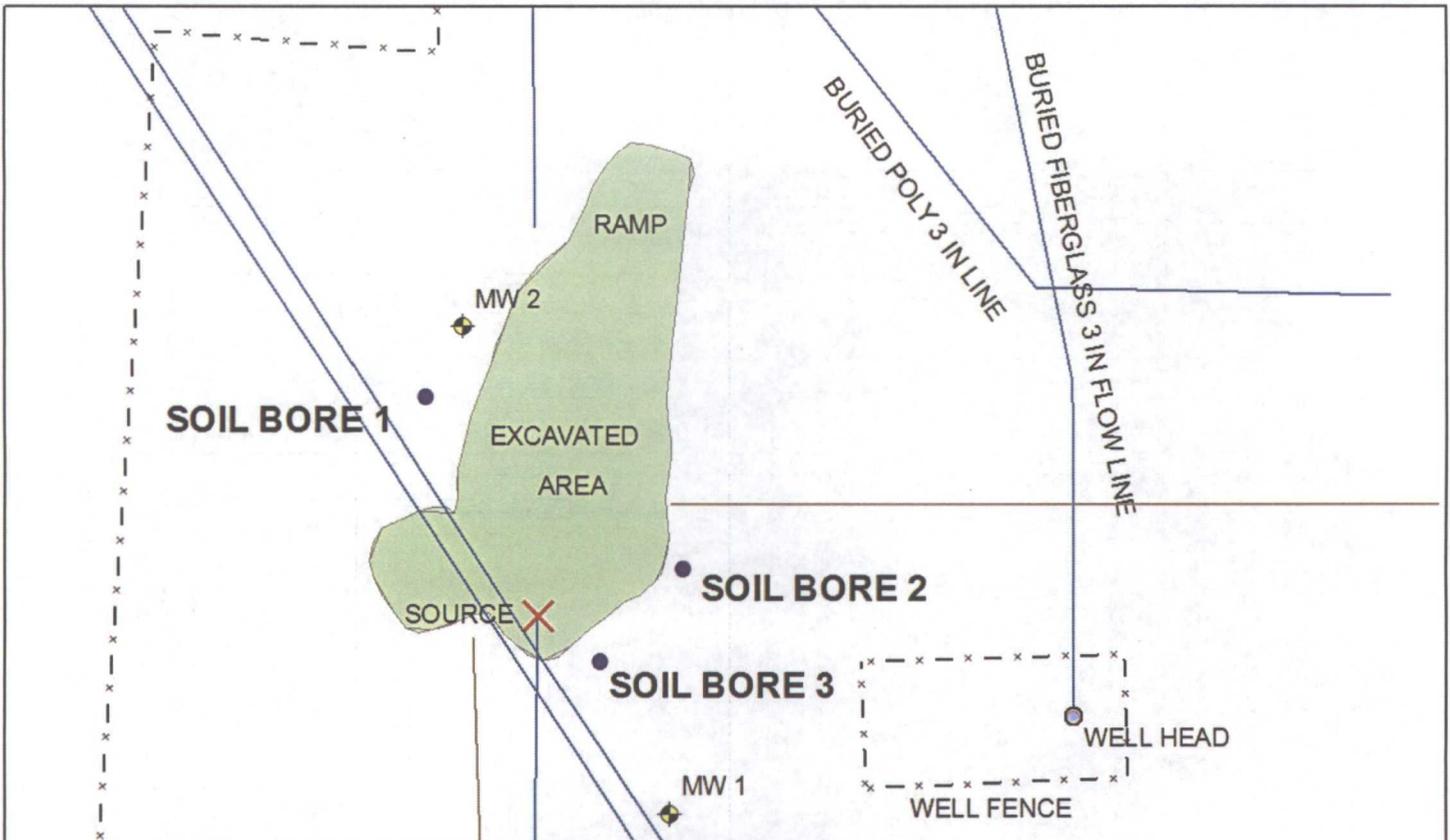
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Figure 1



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Drafted by: L. Weinheimer

Monitor Well Sampling Data



MW	Depth to Water	Total Depth	Sample Date	Cl	TDS	Benzene	Toluene	Ethyl Benzene	Total Xylenes	Sulfate
1	13.84	50.35	11/3/2010	6400	12700	0.015	0.001	0.004	0.01	1120
	13.83	50.35	1/6/2011	3250	6600	0.007	<0.001	0.002	0.006	697
	13.86	50.36	5/19/2011	2420	4770	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.003	531
	13.81	50.35	9/1/2011	860	2060	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.003	232
	13.99	50.35	11/18/2011	1480	3150	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.003	344
	13.87	50.35	3/6/2012	1280	2730	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.003	363
	XXX	50.35	6/20/2012	540	1420	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.003	116
	XXX	50.35	9/25/2012	970	2190	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.003	190

MW	Depth to Water	Total Depth	Sample Date	Cl	TDS	Benzene	Toluene	Ethyl Benzene	Total Xylenes	Sulfate
2	13.47	61.15	1/6/2011	320	878	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.003	81.1
	13.52	61.15	5/19/2011	296	907	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.003	67.1
	13.68	61.15	9/1/2011	284	785	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.003	75.7
	13.69	61.15	11/18/2011	308	860	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.003	64.1
	13.58	61.15	3/6/2012	280	907	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.003	68.8
	13.78	61.15	6/20/2012	280	920	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.003	64
	13.81	61.15	9/25/2012	268	853	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.003	63.8

MW	Depth to Water	Total Depth	Sample Date	Cl	TDS	Benzene	Toluene	Ethyl Benzene	Total Xylenes	Sulfate
3	18.69	30.05	5/19/2011	300	903	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.003	69.6
	18.7	30.05	9/1/2011	308	845	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.003	84.8
	17.93	30.05	11/18/2011	380	954	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.003	78.6
	18.06	30.05	3/6/2012	324	989	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.003	77.3
	18.43	30.05	6/20/2012	296	922	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.003	70
	18.58	30.05	9/25/2012	288	938	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.003	70.5

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MW 3



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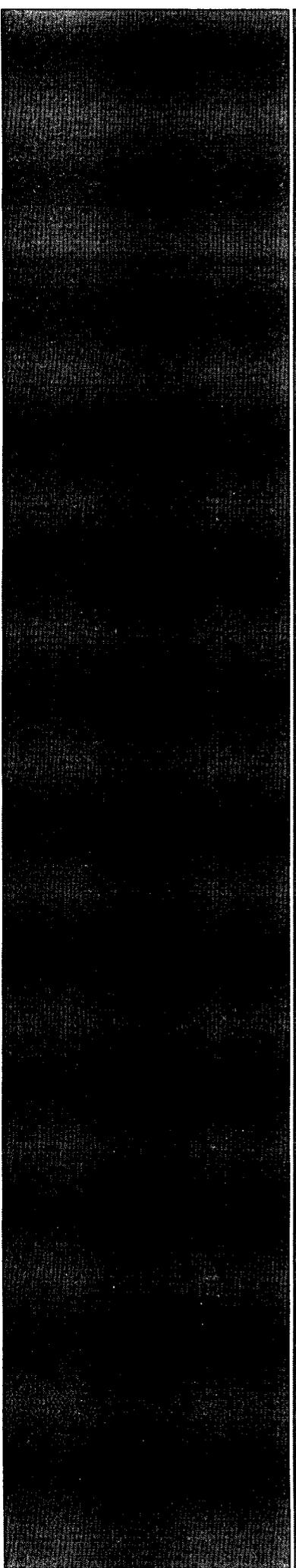
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Figure 2



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Appendix A

Laboratory Results

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October 09, 2012

NATALIE GLADDEN

APACHE - EUNICE

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RE: APACHE NMGSAU 1631-ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGE

Enclosed are the results of analyses for samples received by the laboratory on 09/28/12 15:03.

Cardinal Laboratories is accredited through Texas NELAP under certificate number T104704398-11-3. Accreditation applies to drinking water, non-potable water and solid and chemical materials. All accredited analytes are denoted by an asterisk (*). For a complete list of accredited analytes and matrices visit the TCEQ website at www.tceq.texas.gov/field/qa/lab_accred_certif.html.

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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)

Accreditation applies to public drinking water matrices.

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 "Celey D. Keene". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "C".

Celey D. Keene

Lab Director/Quality Manager

Analytical Results For:

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Received:	09/28/2012	Sampling Date:	09/25/2012
Reported:	10/09/2012	Sampling Type:	Water
Project Name:	APACHE NMGSAU 1631-ACCIDENTAL DI:	Sampling Condition:	Cool & Intact
Project Number:	NONE GIVEN	Sample Received By:	Amanda Ponce
Project Location:	T19S-R37E-SEC32 J-LEA CTY., NM		

Sample ID: MONITOR WELL #1 (H202377-01)

BTEX 8021B		mg/L		Analyzed By: AP						
Analyte	Result	Reporting Limit	Analyzed	Method Blank	BS	% Recovery	True Value QC	RPD	Qualifier	
Benzene*	<0.001	0.001	10/01/2012	ND	0.020	100	0.0200	1.08		
Toluene*	<0.001	0.001	10/01/2012	ND	0.021	107	0.0200	1.21		
Ethylbenzene*	<0.001	0.001	10/01/2012	ND	0.021	106	0.0200	1.11		
Total Xylenes*	<0.003	0.003	10/01/2012	ND	0.064	107	0.0600	1.42		

Surrogate: 4-Bromofluorobenzene (PIC) 100 % 89.5-126

Chloride, SM4500Cl-B		mg/L		Analyzed By: AP						
Analyte	Result	Reporting Limit	Analyzed	Method Blank	BS	% Recovery	True Value QC	RPD	Qualifier	
Chloride*	970	4.00	10/08/2012	ND	100	100	100	3.92		

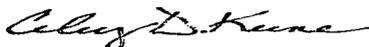
Sulfate 375.4		mg/L		Analyzed By: AP						
Analyte	Result	Reporting Limit	Analyzed	Method Blank	BS	% Recovery	True Value QC	RPD	Qualifier	
Sulfate*	190	10.0	10/05/2012	ND	20.9	105	20.0	13.1		

TDS 160.1		mg/L		Analyzed By: HM						
Analyte	Result	Reporting Limit	Analyzed	Method Blank	BS	% Recovery	True Value QC	RPD	Qualifier	
TDS*	2190	5.00	10/02/2012	ND	269	112	240	0.456		

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Project Number:	NONE GIVEN	Sample Received By:	Amanda Ponce
Project Location:	T19S-R37E-SEC32 J-LEA CTY., NM		

Sample ID: MONITOR WELL #2 (H202377-02)

BTEX 8021B		mg/L		Analyzed By: AP						
Analyte	Result	Reporting Limit	Analyzed	Method Blank	BS	% Recovery	True Value QC	RPD	Qualifier	
Benzene*	<0.001	0.001	10/01/2012	ND	0.020	100	0.0200	1.08		
Toluene*	<0.001	0.001	10/01/2012	ND	0.021	107	0.0200	1.21		
Ethylbenzene*	<0.001	0.001	10/01/2012	ND	0.021	106	0.0200	1.11		
Total Xylenes*	<0.003	0.003	10/01/2012	ND	0.064	107	0.0600	1.42		

Surrogate: 4-Bromofluorobenzene (PIC) 101 % 89.5-126

Chloride, SM4500CI-B		mg/L		Analyzed By: AP						
Analyte	Result	Reporting Limit	Analyzed	Method Blank	BS	% Recovery	True Value QC	RPD	Qualifier	
Chloride*	268	4.00	10/08/2012	ND	100	100	100	3.92		

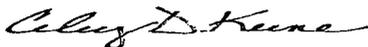
Sulfate 375.4		mg/L		Analyzed By: AP						
Analyte	Result	Reporting Limit	Analyzed	Method Blank	BS	% Recovery	True Value QC	RPD	Qualifier	
Sulfate*	63.8	10.0	10/05/2012	ND	20.9	105	20.0	13.1		

TDS 160.1		mg/L		Analyzed By: HM						
Analyte	Result	Reporting Limit	Analyzed	Method Blank	BS	% Recovery	True Value QC	RPD	Qualifier	
TDS*	853	5.00	10/02/2012	ND	269	112	240	0.456		

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Project Number:	NONE GIVEN	Sample Received By:	Amanda Ponce
Project Location:	T19S-R37E-SEC32 J-LEA CTY., NM		

Sample ID: MONITOR WELL #3 (H202377-03)

BTEX 8021B		mg/L		Analyzed By: AP						
Analyte	Result	Reporting Limit	Analyzed	Method Blank	BS	% Recovery	True Value QC	RPD	Qualifier	
Benzene*	<0.001	0.001	10/01/2012	ND	0.020	100	0.0200	1.08		
Toluene*	<0.001	0.001	10/01/2012	ND	0.021	107	0.0200	1.21		
Ethylbenzene*	<0.001	0.001	10/01/2012	ND	0.021	106	0.0200	1.11		
Total Xylenes*	<0.003	0.003	10/01/2012	ND	0.064	107	0.0600	1.42		

Surrogate: 4-Bromofluorobenzene (PIC) 101 % 89.5-126

Chloride, SM4500Cl-B		mg/L		Analyzed By: AP						
Analyte	Result	Reporting Limit	Analyzed	Method Blank	BS	% Recovery	True Value QC	RPD	Qualifier	
Chloride*	288	4.00	10/08/2012	ND	100	100	100	3.92		

Sulfate 375.4		mg/L		Analyzed By: AP						
Analyte	Result	Reporting Limit	Analyzed	Method Blank	BS	% Recovery	True Value QC	RPD	Qualifier	
Sulfate*	70.5	10.0	10/05/2012	ND	20.9	105	20.0	13.1		

TDS 160.1		mg/L		Analyzed By: HM						
Analyte	Result	Reporting Limit	Analyzed	Method Blank	BS	% Recovery	True Value QC	RPD	Qualifier	
TDS*	938	5.00	10/02/2012	ND	269	112	240	0.456		

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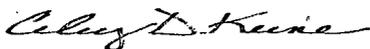
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