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SUBJECT: TRANSMITTAL LETTER  
2005 ANNUAL GROUNDWATER MONITORING REPORT  
FORMER UNOCAL SOUTH VACUUM UNIT  
SEC 35, T18S, R35E  
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO  
CASE #1R0277

Dear Mr. Sanchez:

Enclosed is the 2005 Annual Groundwater Monitoring Report for the Former Unocal South Vacuum Unit site located in Lea County, New Mexico.

Please contact me at (432) 638-8740 or Achebe Hope of Unocal Corporation at (805) 547-5448 with any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

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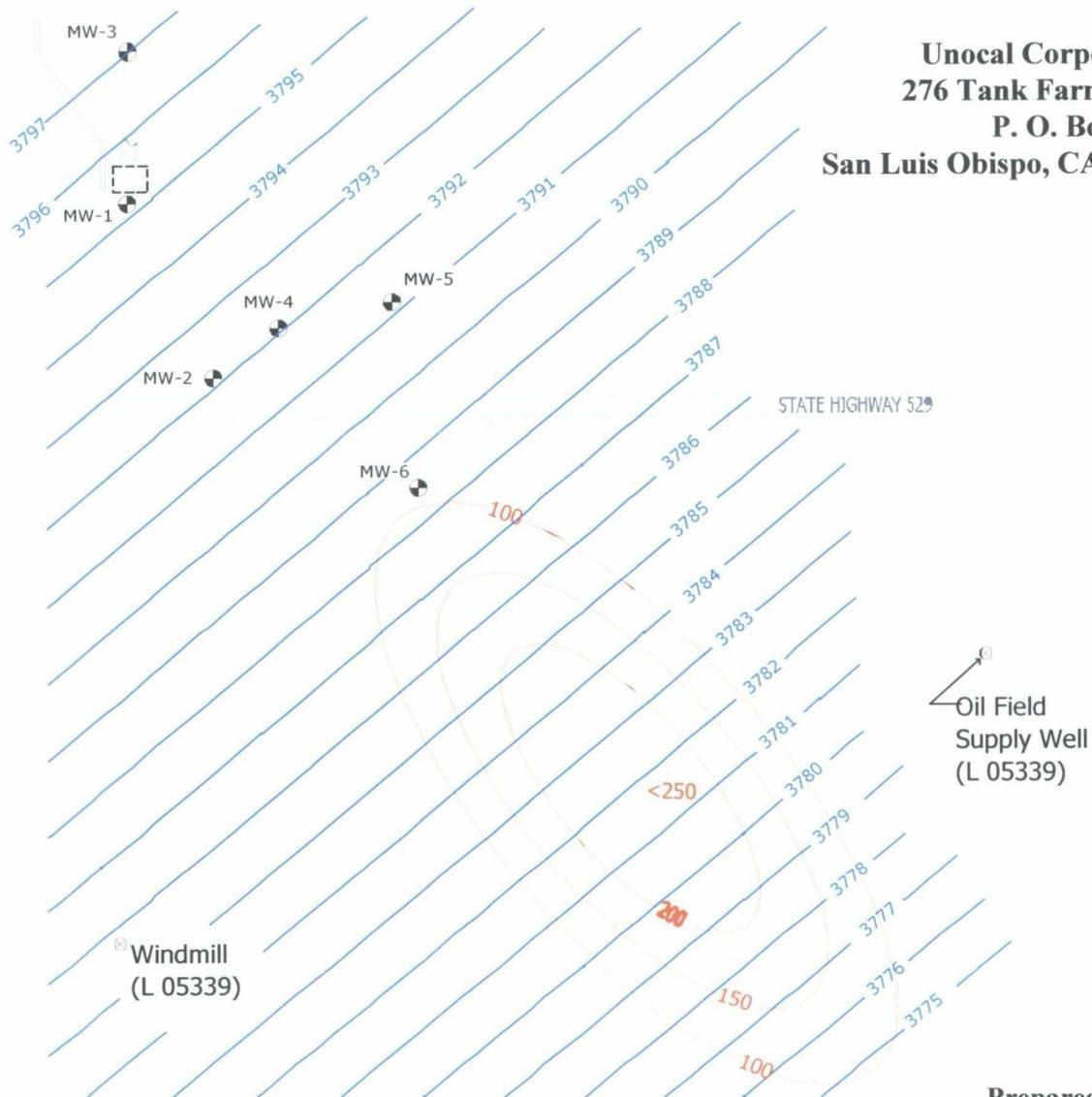
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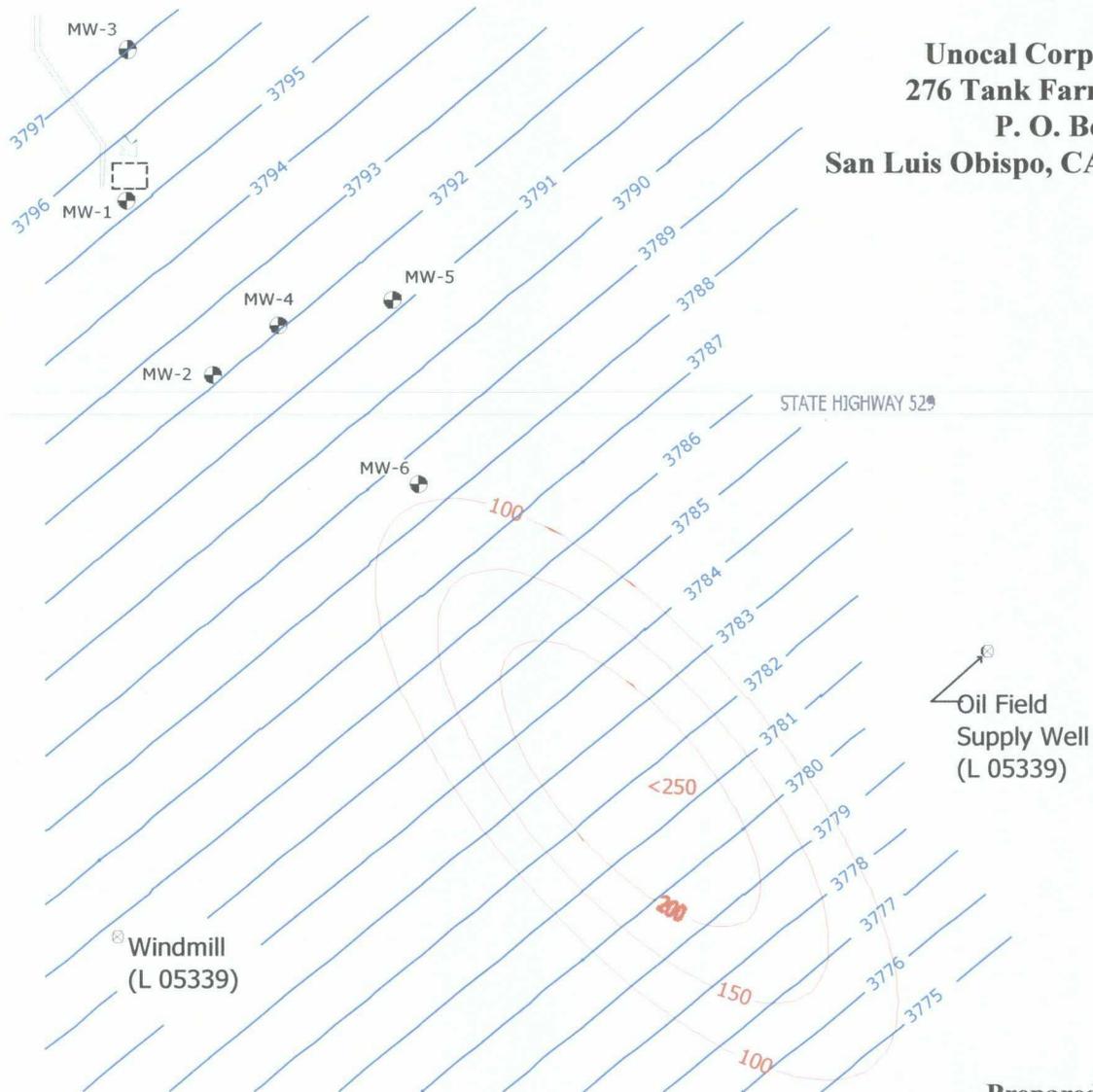
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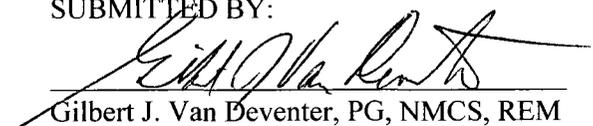
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**Unocal Corporation**  
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**Former Unocal South Vacuum Unit**  
**Lea County, New Mexico**

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## 1.0 Executive Summary

Trident Environmental (Trident) was retained by ENSR Corporation (ENSR), on behalf of Unocal Corporation (Unocal), to perform the 2005 annual groundwater sampling and monitoring operations at the Former Unocal South Vacuum Unit, which is located at township 18 south, range 35 east, section 35 in Lea County, New Mexico. This report documents the 2005 annual sampling event performed by Trident at the site on August 10, 2005. This report contains the historical groundwater elevation and analytical data from monitoring wells MW-1 through MW-6. The sampling event was conducted in accordance with the November 2, 2000 Groundwater Remediation Plan submitted by Unocal and the requirements specified in the New Mexico Oil and Conservation Division (OCD) letter dated February 8, 2001.

Based on the sampling and monitoring data to date, the following conclusions relevant to groundwater conditions at the Former Unocal South Vacuum Unit are evident:

- Chloride and total dissolved solids (TDS) concentrations in MW-1, near the source area, have generally decreased since 1996. Similarly, chloride and TDS levels have decreased in the closest downgradient well, MW-4, since 1999 when that well was installed. Chloride and TDS concentrations in the remaining wells (MW-2, MW-3, MW-5, and MW-6) have remained relatively consistent with previous levels.
- The fate and transport modeling results continue to support the contention that the chloride and TDS plume is not likely to impact existing sources of water supply, the closest of which, a livestock well (Windmill L 05339) lies approximately 3,200 feet south of the source.
- According to conservative model simulations, the chloride plume will travel a maximum of 3,400 feet southeast of the source in approximately 153 years before concentrations return to levels below the New Mexico Water Quality Control Commission (WQCC) standard of 250 mg/L. The same analysis indicates that the TDS plume will travel only 2,200 feet in approximately 88 years before concentrations return to levels below the WQCC standard of 1,000 mg/L.

- Based on the modeling results and predicted natural attenuation processes (advection and dispersion), there will be no adverse impact to human health and the environment nor will the livestock well exceed WQCC standards for chlorides or TDS due to the plume originating and traveling southeast, versus south, from the former emergency overflow pit.
- Groundwater elevations had steadily decreased at a rate of approximately 0.3 feet per year since the initial sampling event of monitoring well MW-1 in January 1995; however during 2005 the groundwater table has increased to an elevation similar to the 1999 level. The recent rise may be attributed to higher than normal rainfall during 2004 and 2005.

Unocal has performed exemplary remedial actions to the source area, including plugging of the SWD well in 1971 and encapsulating the former surface impoundment area with solidification material in 1995, thus eliminating the threat of any continued release from the source. Based on the identified potential receptor and fate and transport modeling results, the chloride/TDS plume at the site presents low risk to human health and the environment; therefore Trident recommends the following actions for site closure:

- Continue the natural attenuation annual monitoring program with groundwater sampling and analysis of chloride and TDS concentrations for each of the six monitoring wells.
- Update flow and transport model to confirm the plume is naturally attenuating as described.
- Submit the 2006 annual groundwater monitoring report to OCD in January 2007 to document natural attenuation conditions.

## 2.0 Groundwater Sampling Procedures

Each of the six monitoring wells, MW-1 through MW-6, was gauged for depth to groundwater using a Solinst Model 101 electronic water indicator immediately prior to purging operations. A total of 36 gallons of groundwater was purged from each site monitoring well (5 to 10 gallons per well) using a decontaminated 2-inch diameter PVC bailer. After purging, groundwater samples were collected and parameters were measured using a Hanna Model 98130 pH-Conductivity-Temperature meter. Water samples for each monitoring well were transferred into 500 milliliter (ml) plastic containers for laboratory analysis of total dissolved solids (TDS) (EPA Method 160.1) and chloride (EPA Method 325.3). For each set of samples, chain of custody forms documenting sample identification numbers, collection times, and delivery times to the laboratory were completed. All water samples were placed in an ice-filled cooler immediately after collection and transported to SPL, Inc. in Houston, Texas for analysis.

## 3.0 Groundwater Elevations, Hydraulic Gradient and Flow Direction

Depth to groundwater varies from approximately 49.58 to 70.33 feet below top of well casing at the site. Groundwater elevations are summarized in Table 1. A groundwater gradient map indicating the direction of groundwater flow is illustrated in Figure 1. A historical groundwater elevation graph is shown in Figure 2. The groundwater gradient direction is to the southeast with a hydraulic gradient of approximately 0.004 ft/ft. According to published reports (*Ground-Water Conditions in Northern Lea County, New Mexico*, Ash, 1963 and *Geology and Ground-Water Conditions in Southern Lea County, New Mexico*, Nicholson and Clebsch, 1961) the groundwater encountered at the site is that of the Tertiary Ogallala Formation. The Ogallala Formation unconformably overlies the impermeable red-beds of the Triassic Chinle Formation at an elevation of approximately 3700 feet above mean sea level (AMSL). Based on the current groundwater elevations measured on site and published data referenced, the saturated thickness of the Ogallala Formation at the site ranges from approximately 87 to 97 feet.

#### 4.0 Groundwater Quality Conditions

Groundwater sample analytical results are presented in Table 1. The WQCC standards are presented for comparison. Those constituents that recorded concentrations above the WQCC standards are highlighted in boldface type. The WQCC standard of 250 mg/L for chloride was exceeded in MW-1 (774 mg/L), MW-2 (355 mg/L), and MW-4 (1,050 mg/L). The WQCC standard of 1,000 mg/L for TDS was exceeded in MW-1 (1,830 mg/L) and MW-4 (2,230 mg/L). The groundwater samples obtained from upgradient monitoring well MW-3 and downgradient wells MW-5 and MW-6 had chloride and TDS concentrations below WQCC standards.

The chloride and TDS concentrations are depicted graphically in Figure 3 and 4, respectively. The concentration isocons were drawn utilizing the Surfer® (version 6.0) contour modeling program (Kriging method). Since this contouring program does not take into account the known groundwater gradient, some of the isocons were manually converged into a more southeasterly orientation. Graphs depicting historical TDS and chloride concentrations in monitoring wells MW-1 through MW-6 are shown in Figures 5 and 6.

Chloride and TDS concentrations in MW-1, near the source area, have consistently decreased since 1996, with the exception of slight fluctuations since the 2003 sampling event. Similarly, chloride and TDS levels have decreased in the closest downgradient well, MW-4, since 1999 when that well was installed. Chloride concentrations in monitoring well MW-3 have slightly increased since 2000, however TDS concentrations have continued to decline. Chloride and TDS levels in MW-2, MW-5, and MW-6 have remained relatively consistent with previous years.

## 5.0 Fate and Transport Modeling Results

Fate and transport modeling was performed by Trident to simulate the movement of the chloride and TDS groundwater plume over time. Simulations were conducted using the two-dimensional groundwater flow and contaminant transport model WinTran, version 1.03 (1995) designed and distributed by Environmental Simulations, Inc. (ESI) of Herndon, Virginia. WinTran is built around a steady-state analytical element flow model, linked to a finite element contaminant transport model. A more detailed discussion of the flow and transport parameters used, assumptions, model calibrations, and simulation results are described in Appendix C.

Figures 7A and 7B show the close match achieved by the chloride and TDS modeling simulations as compared to the current observed plume (Figures 3 and 4). Hydrodynamic dispersion serves to broaden the dimensions of the plume while reducing the concentrations in the middle of the plume, as depicted in Figures 8A and 8B (50 years from now). Advective flow moves the center of plume mass downgradient by a distance of approximately 1,500 feet from the former source area (SWD pit) and approximately 300 feet upgradient from well MW-6.

Continued attenuation by dilution and dispersion of the plume, after the maximum chloride and TDS concentrations decrease to levels below WQCC standards, is shown in Figures 9A (year 2158) and 9B (year 2093), respectively. The center of the chloride plume is approximately 3,400 ft away from the pit and well source in the year 2158. The center of the TDS plume is approximately 2,200 ft away from the pit and well source in the year 2093.

The portions of the chloride and TDS plumes that are above WQCC standards do not reach any of the identified potential receptors at any time during their attenuation. The updated fate and transport model is consistent with that determined in the previous annual reports, however the plumes attenuate sooner and at a reduced terminal distance as a result of inputting the most recent chloride and TDS concentrations.

## 6.0 Conclusions

Conclusions relevant to groundwater conditions and the remediation performance at the Former Unocal South Vacuum Unit are presented below.

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## 7.0 Recommendations

Unocal has performed exemplary remedial actions to the source area, including plugging of the SWD well in 1971 and encapsulating the former surface impoundment area with solidification material in 1995, thus eliminating the threat of any continued release from the source. Based on the identified potential receptor and fate and transport modeling results, the chloride/TDS plume at the site presents low risk to human health and the environment; therefore Trident recommends the following actions for site closure:

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**Summary of Groundwater Sampling Results**  
**Former Unocal South Vacuum Unit**

Monitoring Well	Sampling Date	Chloride (mg/L)	TDS (mg/L)	Depth to Groundwater (feet BTOC)	Top of Casing Elevation (feet AMSL)	Groundwater Elevation (feet AMSL)
MW-1	01/27/95	<b>1174</b>	<b>2250</b>	59.57	3858.37	3798.80
	05/18/95	<b>983</b>	<b>2251</b>	61.30	3858.37	3797.07
	08/28/96	<b>1420</b>	<b>2730</b>	61.57	3858.37	3796.80
	08/13/97	<b>1400</b>	<b>2800</b>	61.75	3858.37	3796.62
	09/30/99	<b>1094</b>	<b>2318</b>	62.51	3858.37	3795.86
	06/14/00	<b>927</b>	<b>2040</b>	62.85	3858.37	3795.52
	06/18/01	<b>813</b>	<b>1790</b>	63.07	3858.37	3795.30
	07/11/02	<b>784</b>	<b>1680</b>	63.28	3858.37	3795.09
	07/02/03	<b>715</b>	<b>2090</b>	63.66	3858.37	3794.71
	08/12/04	<b>628</b>	<b>2050</b>	63.83	3858.37	3794.54
08/10/05	<b>774</b>	<b>1830</b>	62.62	3858.37	3795.75	
MW-2	09/30/99	<b>298</b>	922	49.51	3841.64	3792.13
	06/14/00	<b>317</b>	852	49.81	3841.64	3791.83
	06/18/01	<b>288</b>	878	50.06	3841.64	3791.58
	07/11/02	<b>284</b>	808	50.29	3841.64	3791.35
	07/02/03	<b>268</b>	859	50.63	3841.64	3791.01
	08/12/04	<b>451</b>	931	50.81	3841.64	3790.83
	08/10/05	<b>355</b>	844	49.58	3841.64	3792.06
MW-3	09/30/99	73.6	427	66.74	3864.73	3797.99
	06/14/00	75.5	433	67.01	3864.73	3797.72
	06/18/01	86.4	495	67.29	3864.73	3797.44
	07/11/02	103	509	67.59	3864.73	3797.14
	07/02/03	98.3	588	67.94	3864.73	3796.79
	08/12/04	111	605	68.07	3864.73	3796.66
	08/10/05	122	533	66.81	3864.73	3797.92
MW-4	09/30/99	<b>1576</b>	<b>2981</b>	60.18	3852.51	3792.33
	06/14/00	<b>1500</b>	<b>2910</b>	60.55	3852.51	3791.96
	06/18/01	<b>1530</b>	<b>3180</b>	60.78	3852.51	3791.73
	07/11/02	<b>1290</b>	<b>2660</b>	60.98	3852.51	3791.53
	07/02/03	<b>1250</b>	<b>2610</b>	61.34	3852.51	3791.17
	08/12/04	<b>1130</b>	<b>2480</b>	61.50	3852.51	3791.01
	08/10/05	<b>1050</b>	<b>2230</b>	60.25	3852.51	3792.26
	MW-5	06/14/00	13.7	274	68.57	3859.84
06/18/01		13.6	322	68.80	3859.84	3791.04
07/11/02		15.5	308	68.98	3859.84	3790.86
07/02/03		12.5	359	69.32	3859.84	3790.52
08/12/04		15.3	375	69.46	3859.84	3790.38
08/10/05		14.9	309	68.15	3859.84	3791.69
MW-6		06/14/00	48	382	70.79	3858.78
	06/18/01	50.8	431	70.98	3858.78	3787.80
	07/11/02	50	422	71.26	3858.78	3787.52
	07/02/03	46.5	471	71.52	3858.78	3787.26
	08/12/04	55.1	410	71.62	3858.78	3787.16
	08/10/05	55	391	70.33	3858.78	3788.45
<b>WQCC Standards</b>		<b>250</b>	<b>1000</b>			

Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) and chloride concentrations listed in milligrams per liter (mg/L)

Analyses performed by Trace Analysis Inc., Lubbock, TX (1995-1998) and SPL, Inc., Houston, TX (1999-2000).

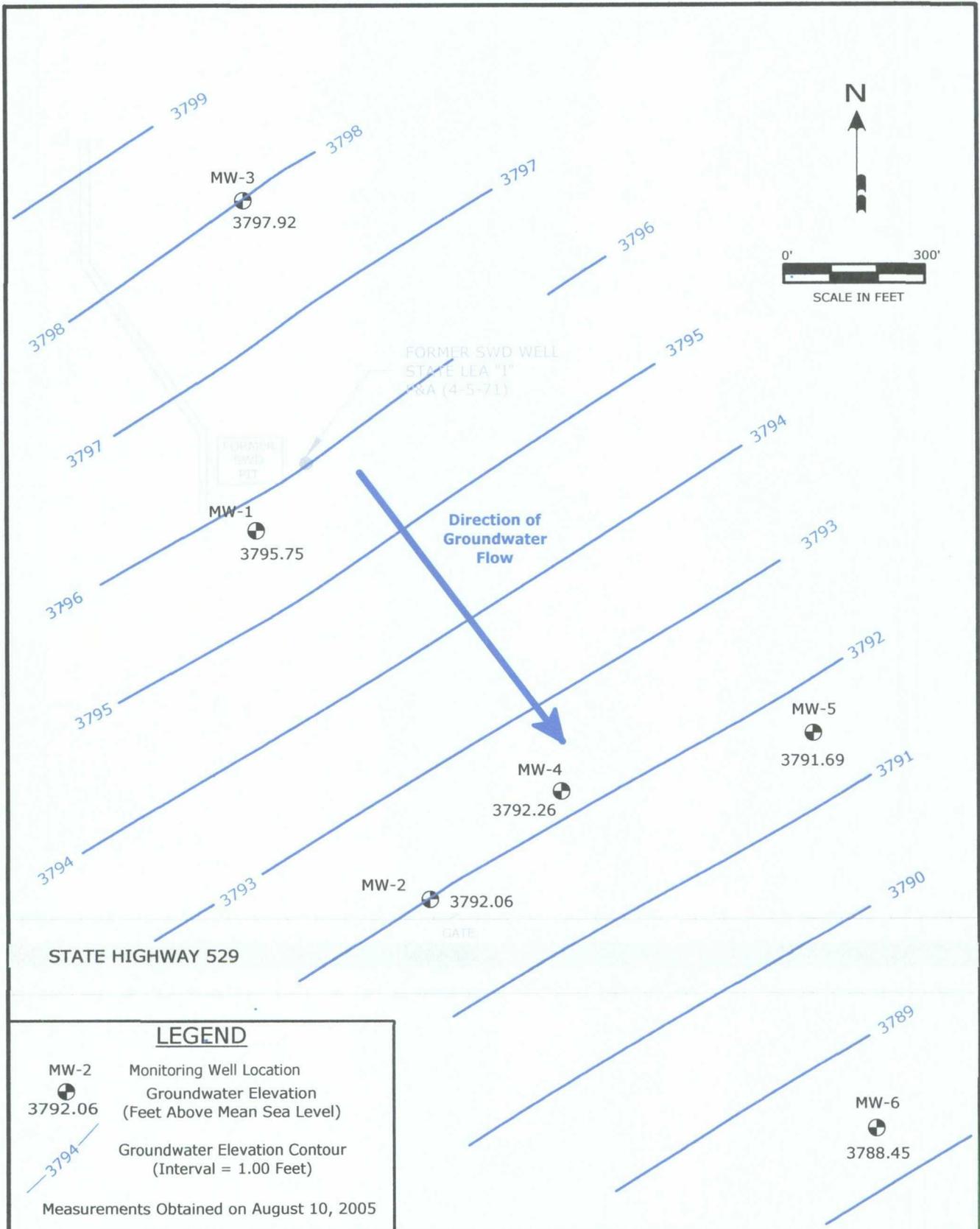
Values in boldface type indicate concentrations exceed New Mexico Water Quality Commission (WQCC) standards.

AMSL - Above Mean Sea Level; BTOC - Below Top of Casing

Groundwater flow direction is to the southeast with a gradient of approx. 0.004 ft/ft.

Elevations and state plane coordinates surveyed by Basin Surveys, Hobbs, NM.

FIGURES



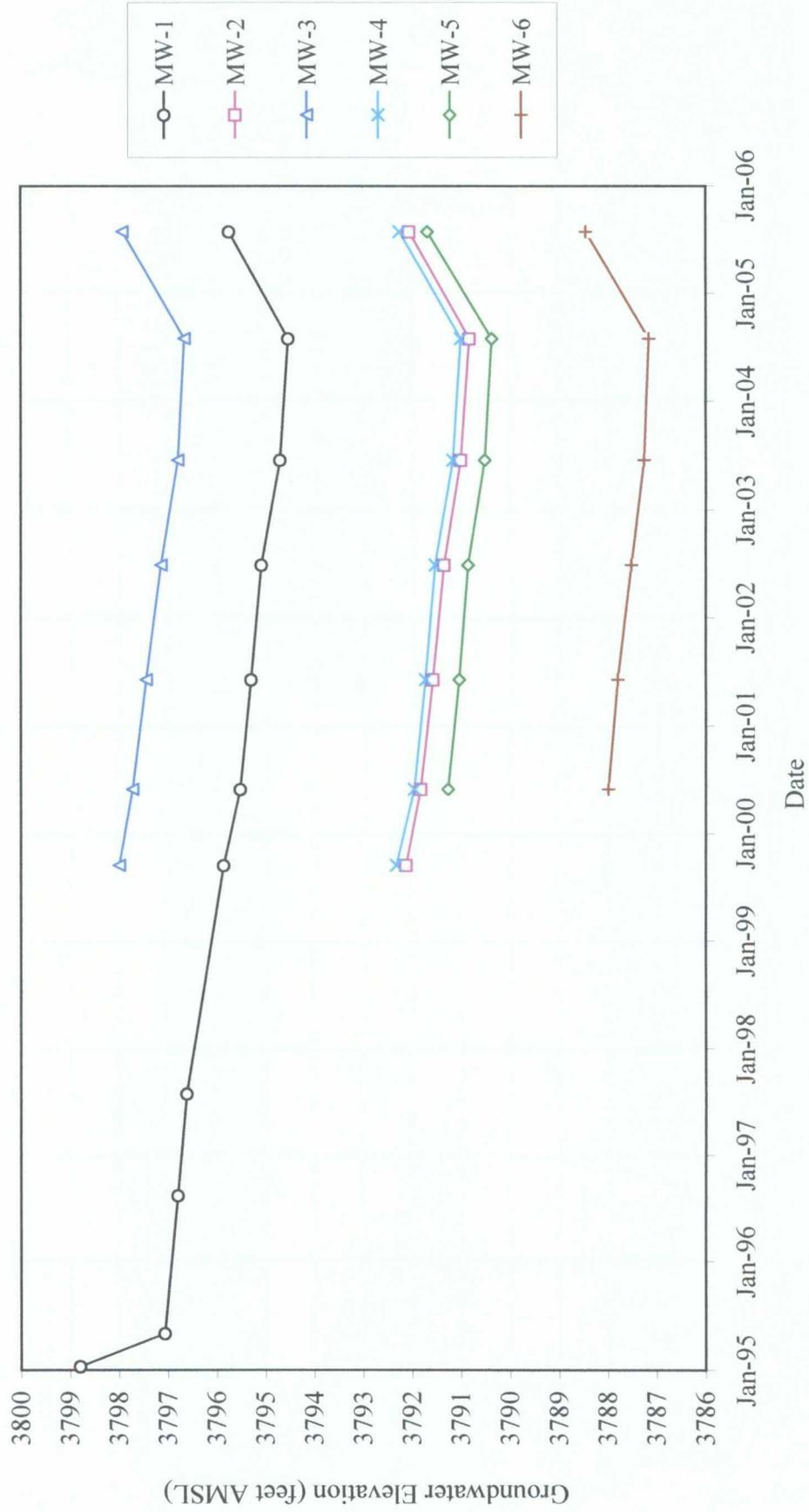
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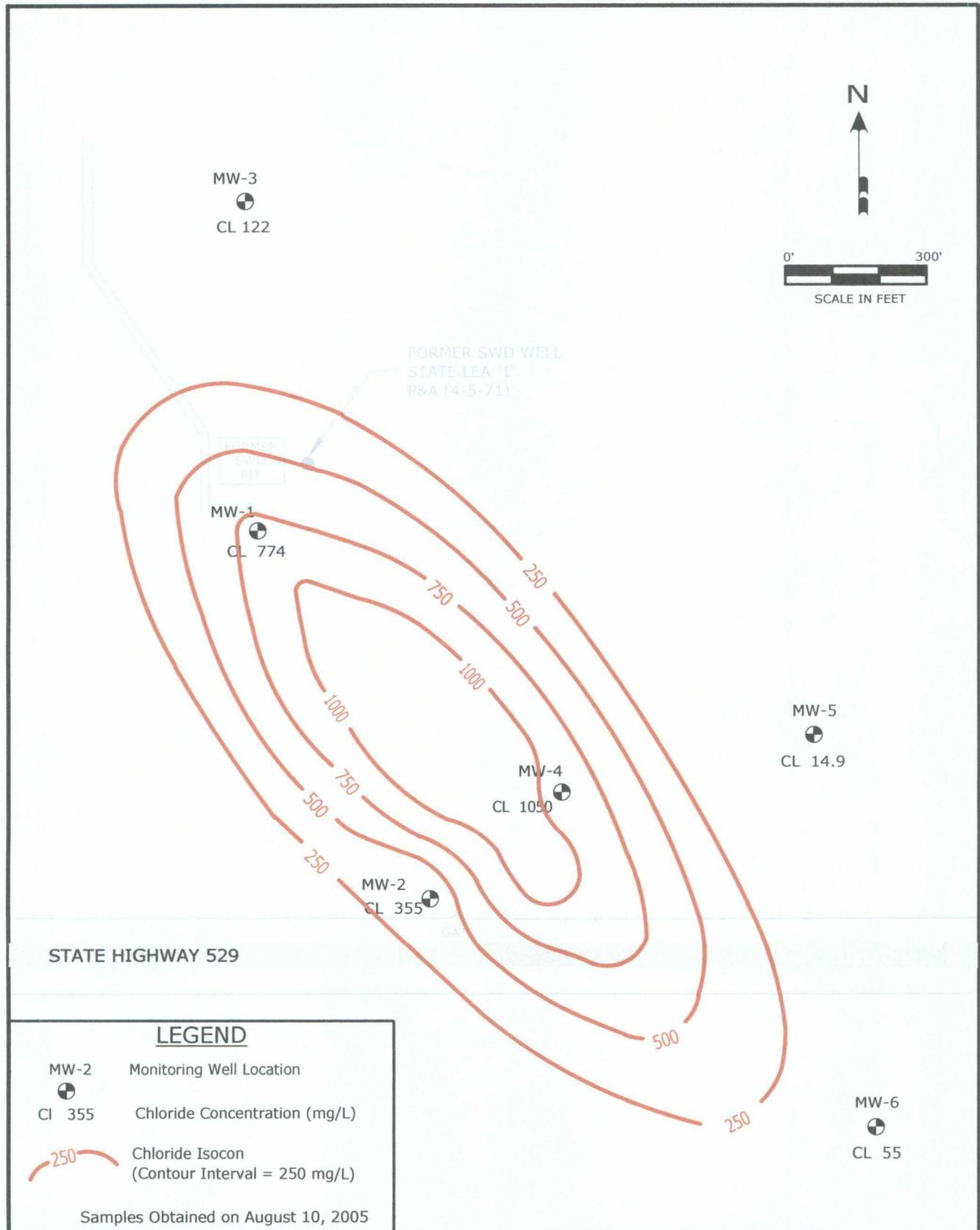
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Groundwater Gradient Map



Figure 2  
Historical Groundwater Elevations

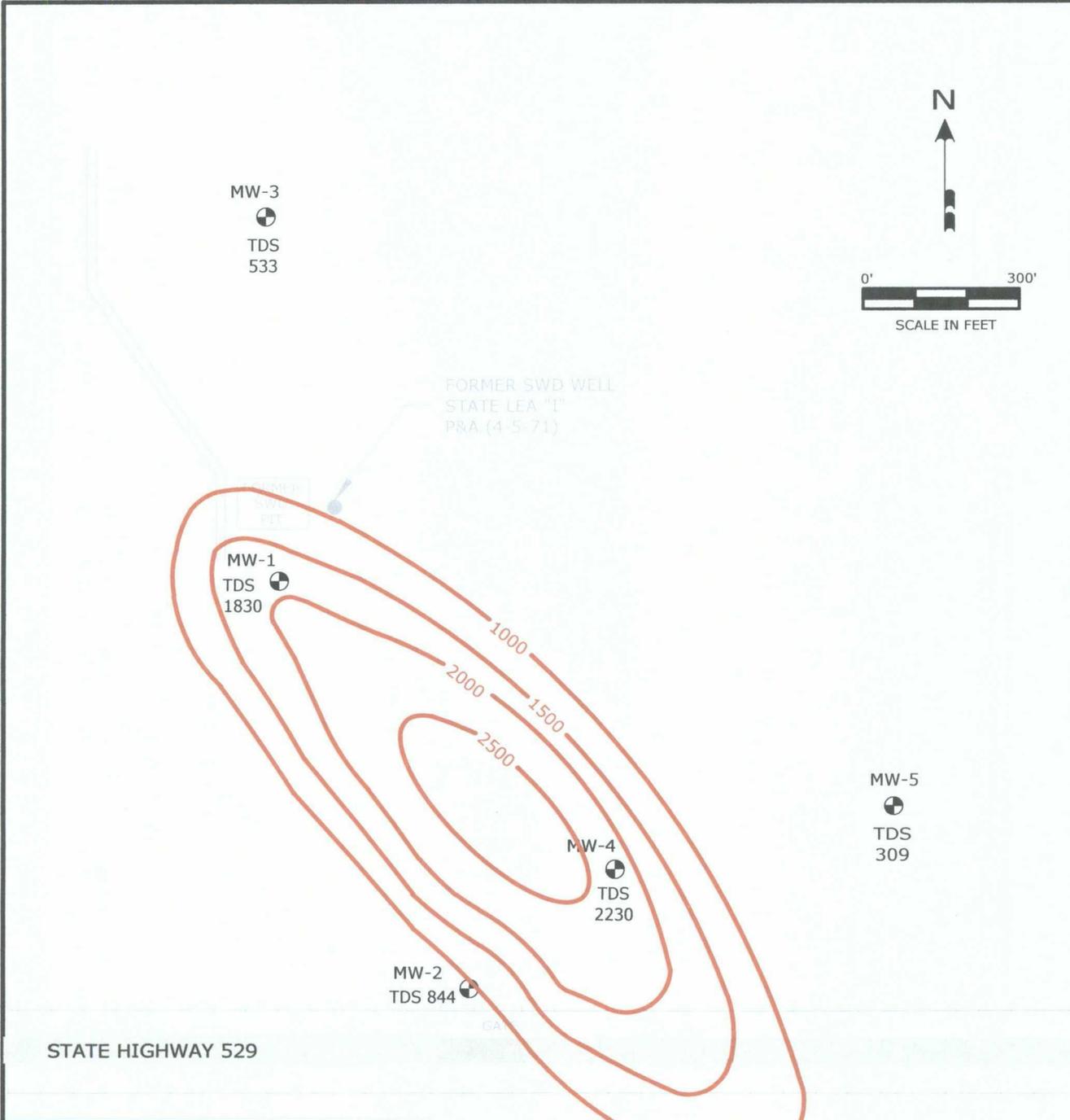




**FIGURE 3**

Former Unocal South Vacuum Unit  
 Chloride Concentration Map  
 Current Conditions





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MW-2 Monitoring Well Location

TDS 931 Total Dissolved Solids Concentration (mg/L)

1000 TDS Isocon (Contour Interval = 500 mg/L)

Samples Obtained on August 12, 2004



**FIGURE 4**  
Former Unocal South Vacuum Unit  
TDS Concentration Map  
Current Conditions

Figure 5  
Chloride Concentrations Versus Time Graph

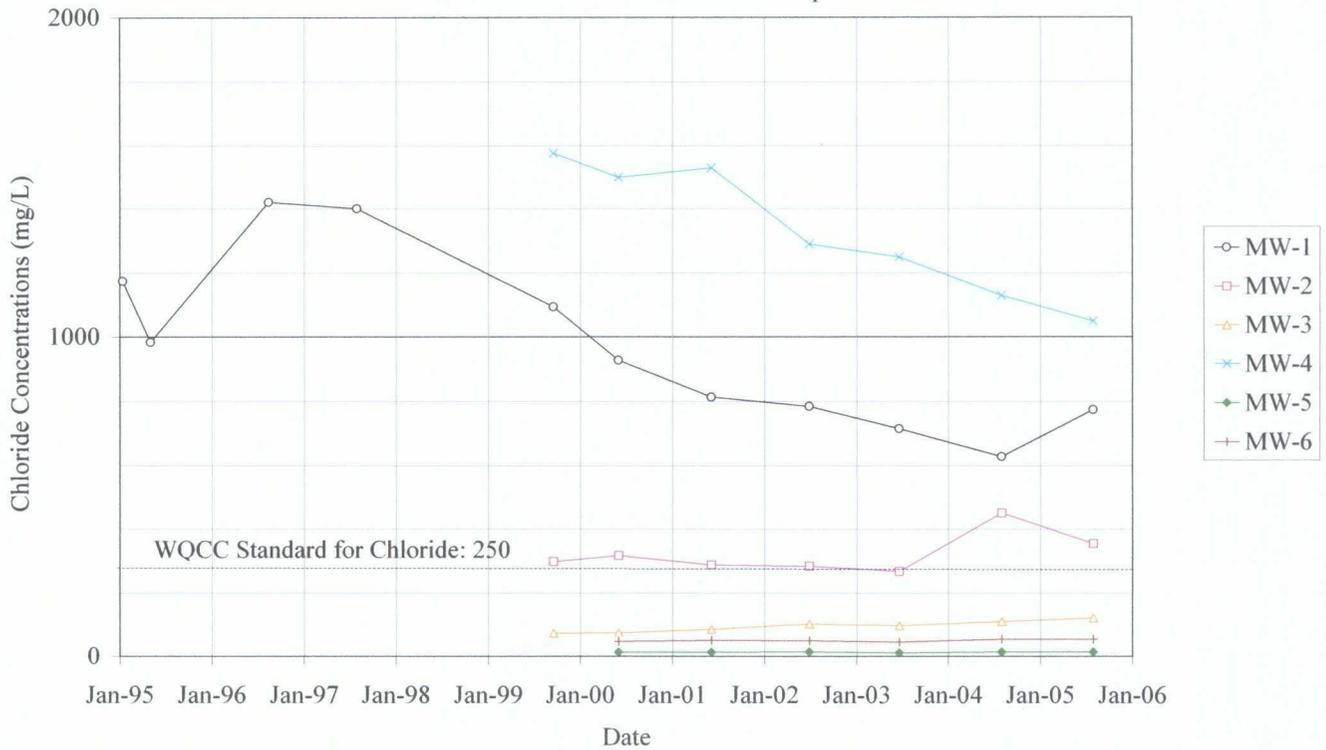
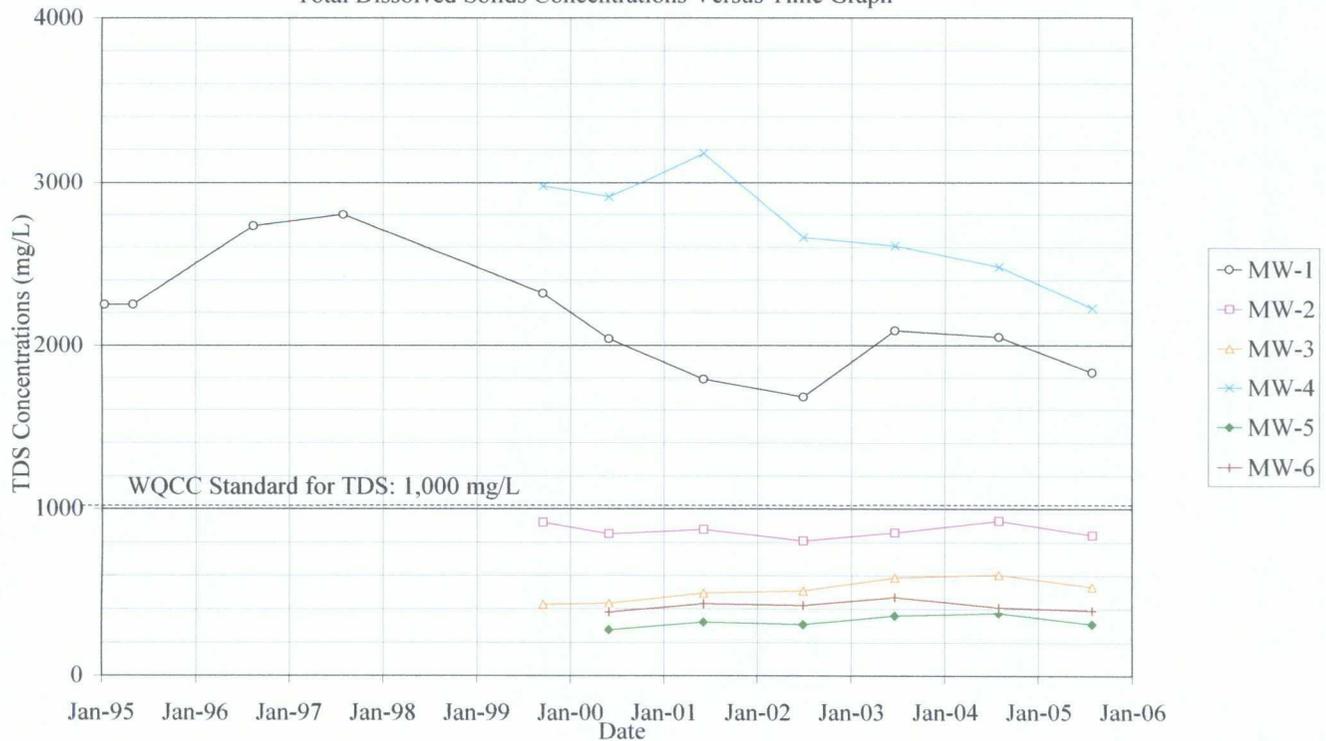
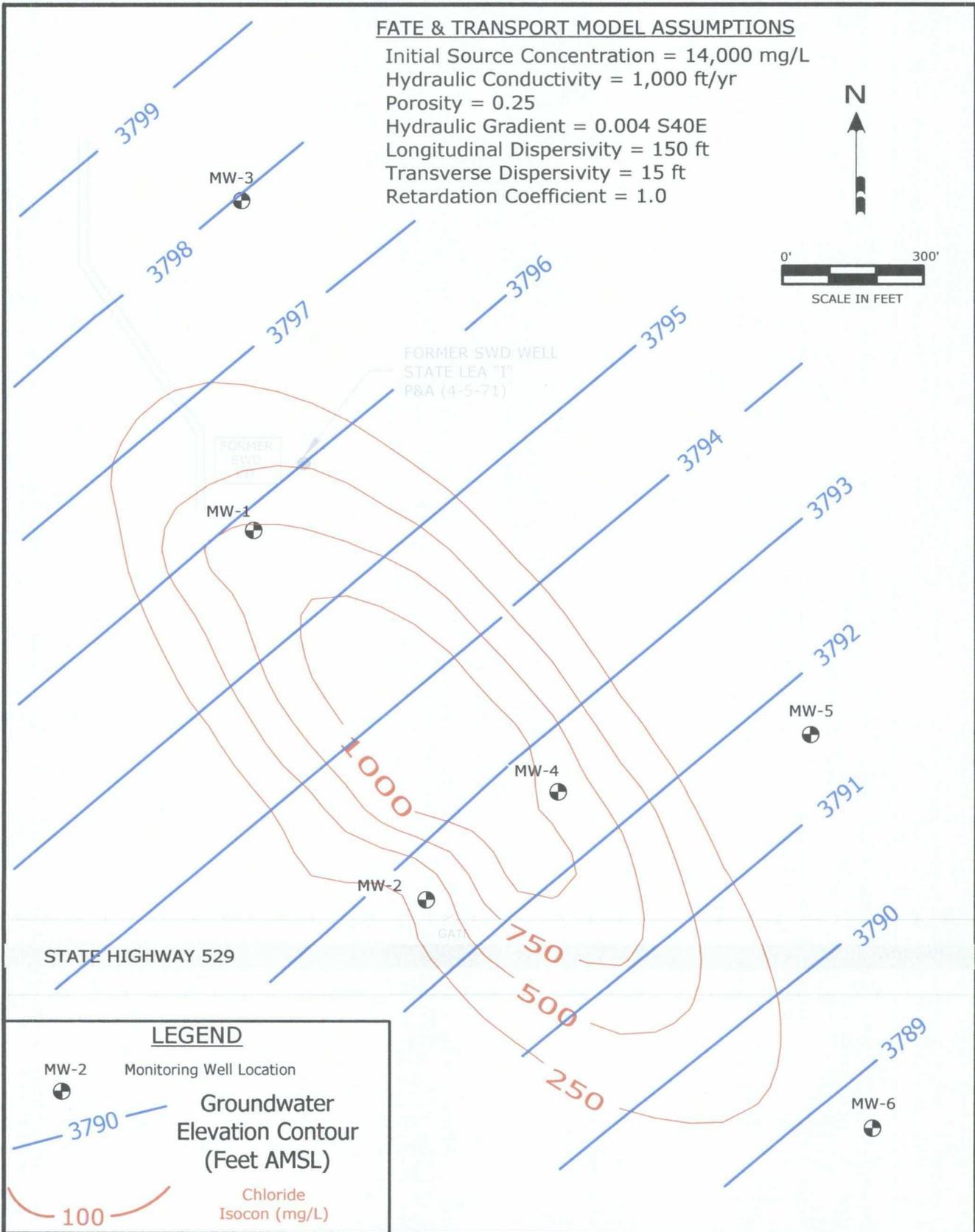


Figure 6  
Total Dissolved Solids Concentrations Versus Time Graph



**FATE & TRANSPORT MODEL ASSUMPTIONS**

Initial Source Concentration = 14,000 mg/L  
 Hydraulic Conductivity = 1,000 ft/yr  
 Porosity = 0.25  
 Hydraulic Gradient = 0.004 S40E  
 Longitudinal Dispersivity = 150 ft  
 Transverse Dispersivity = 15 ft  
 Retardation Coefficient = 1.0



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MW-2 Monitoring Well Location



Groundwater Elevation Contour (Feet AMSL)

3790

Chloride Isocon (mg/L)

100

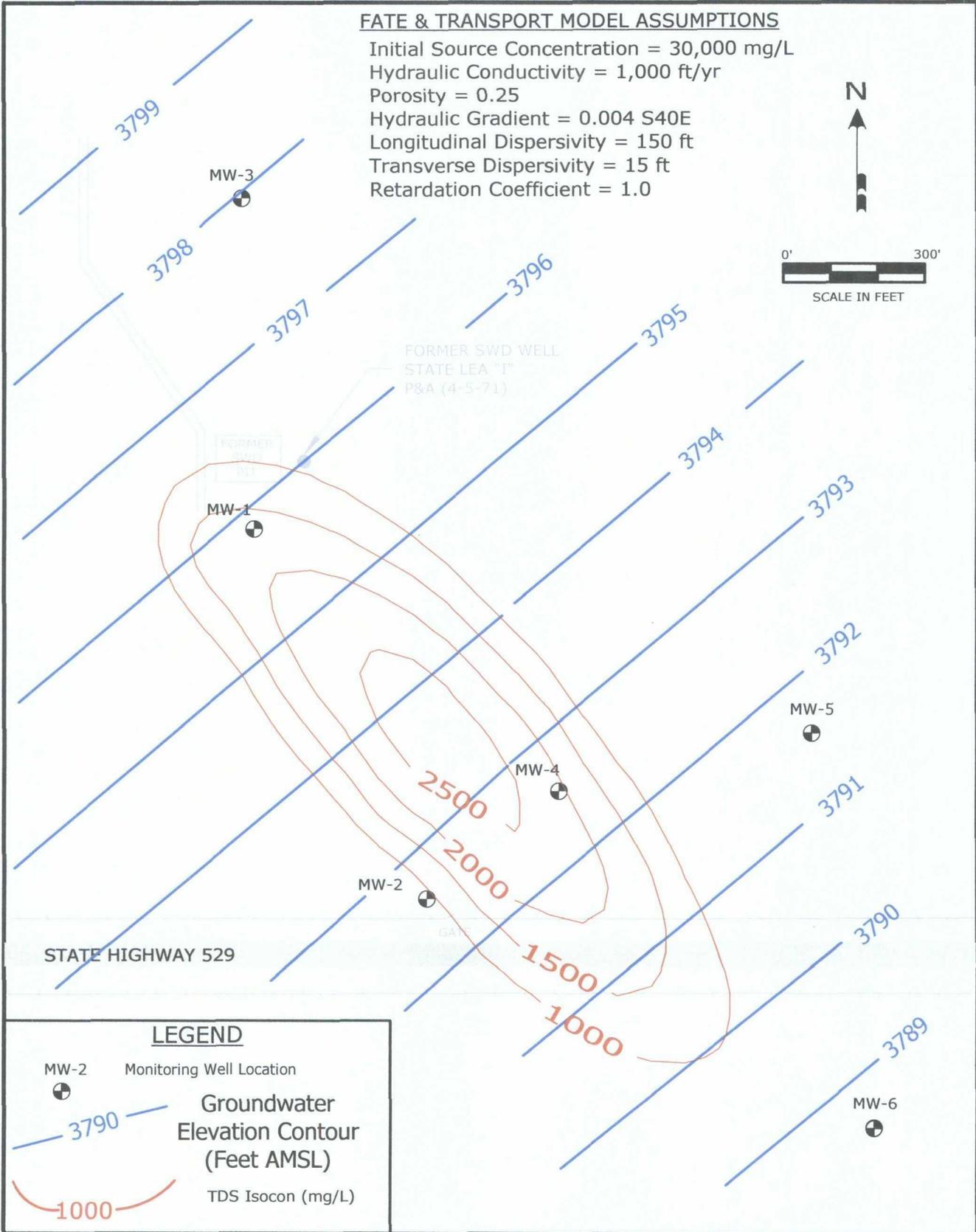


**FIGURE 7A**

Former Unocal South Vacuum Unit  
 34-Year Chloride Plume Simulation (1971-2005)  
 Based on WinTran Modeling Results

**FATE & TRANSPORT MODEL ASSUMPTIONS**

Initial Source Concentration = 30,000 mg/L  
Hydraulic Conductivity = 1,000 ft/yr  
Porosity = 0.25  
Hydraulic Gradient = 0.004 S40E  
Longitudinal Dispersivity = 150 ft  
Transverse Dispersivity = 15 ft  
Retardation Coefficient = 1.0



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MW-2 Monitoring Well Location



Groundwater Elevation Contour (Feet AMSL)

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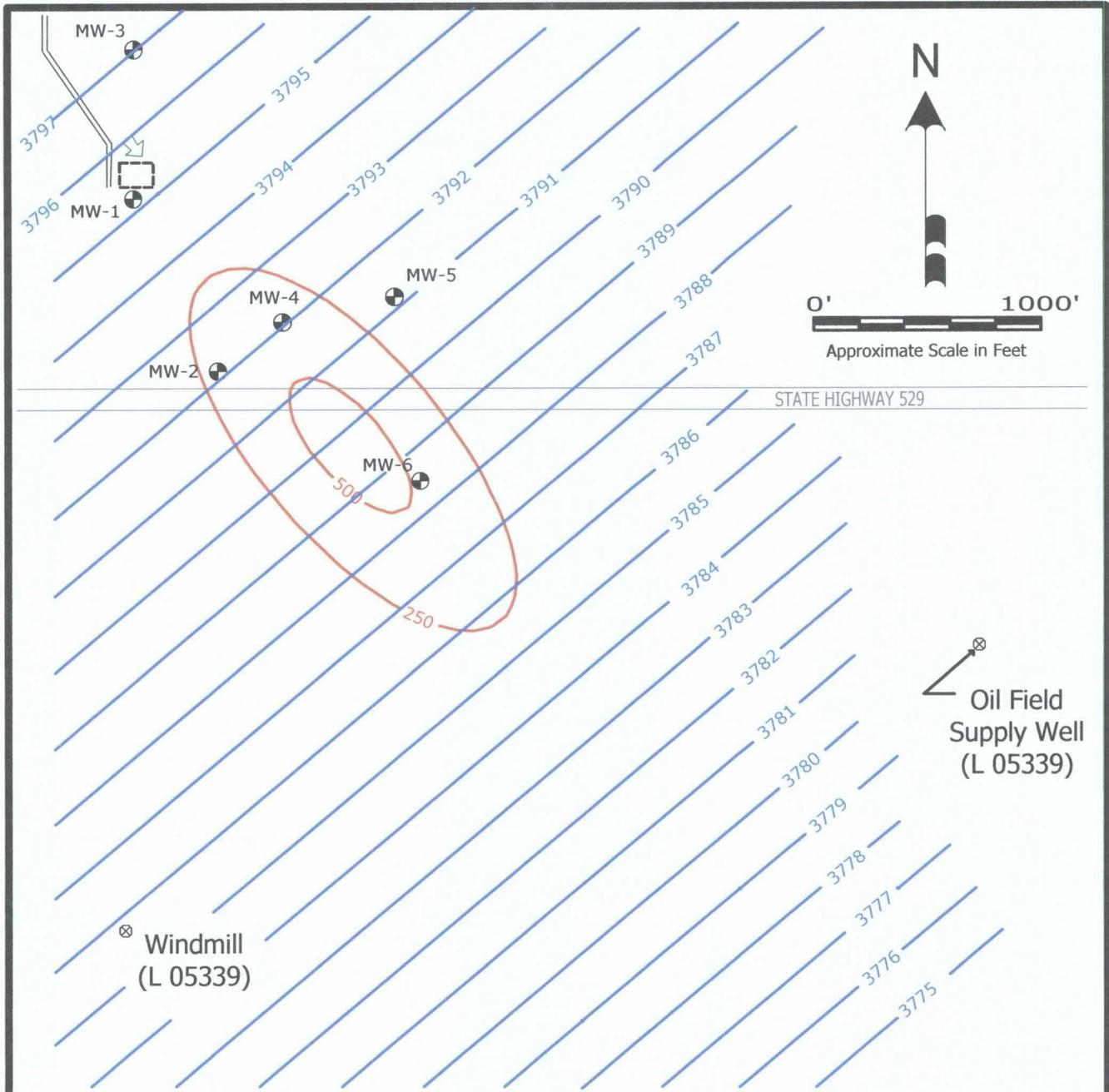
TDS Isocon (mg/L)

1000

**FIGURE 7B**

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34-Year TDS Plume Simulation (1971-2005)  
Based on WinTran Modeling Results





**FATE & TRANSPORT MODEL ASSUMPTIONS**

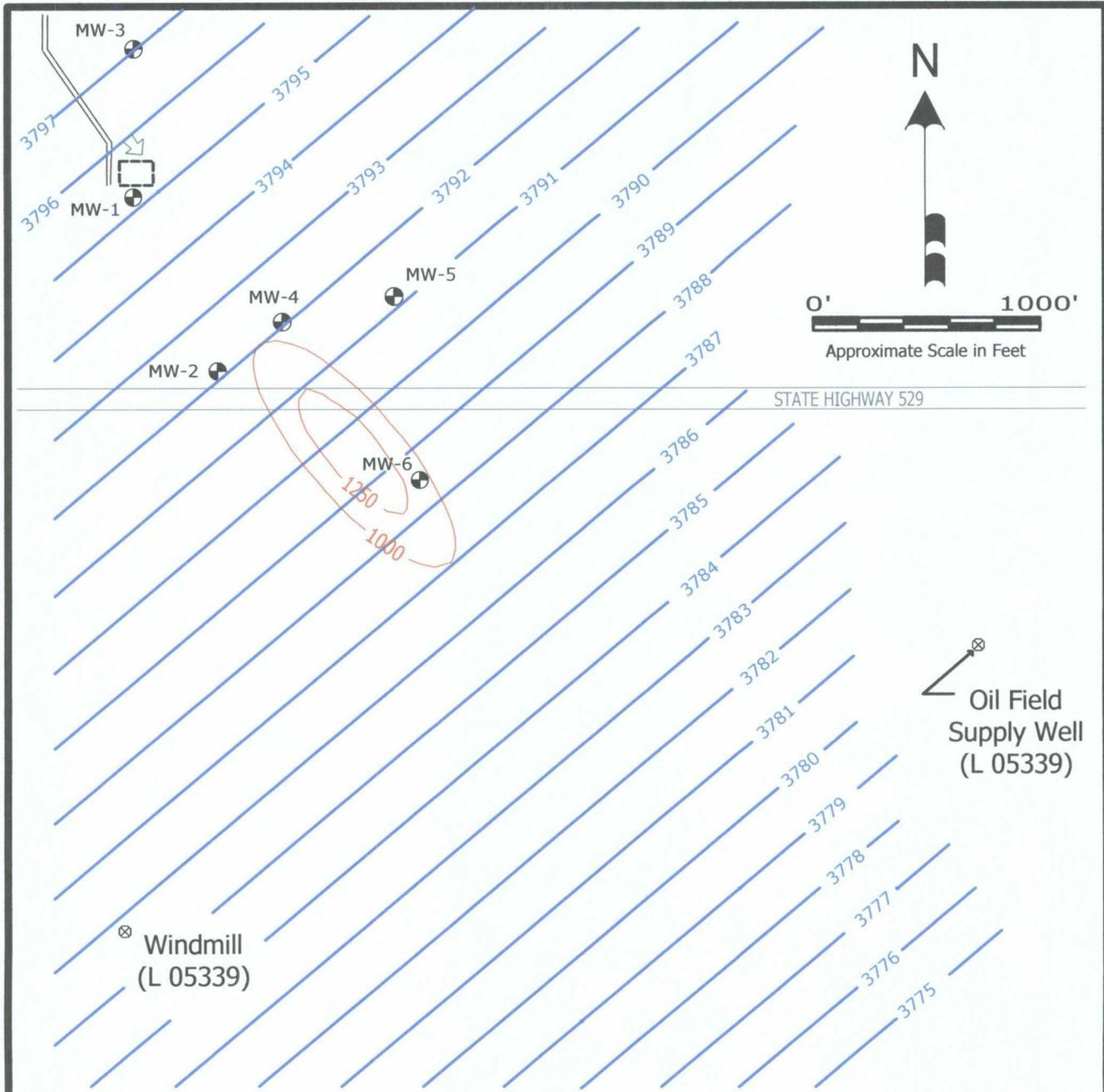
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 Hydraulic Gradient = 0.004 S40E  
 Longitudinal Dispersivity = 150 ft  
 Transverse Dispersivity = 15 ft  
 Retardation Coefficient = 1.0

**LEGEND**

- MW-5 Monitoring Well Location
- 3790 Groundwater Elevation Contour
- 100 Chloride Isocon (mg/L)



**FIGURE 8A**  
 Former Unocal South Vacuum Unit  
 50-Year Chloride Plume Simulation (2005-2055)  
 Based on WinTran Modeling Results



**FATE & TRANSPORT MODEL ASSUMPTIONS**

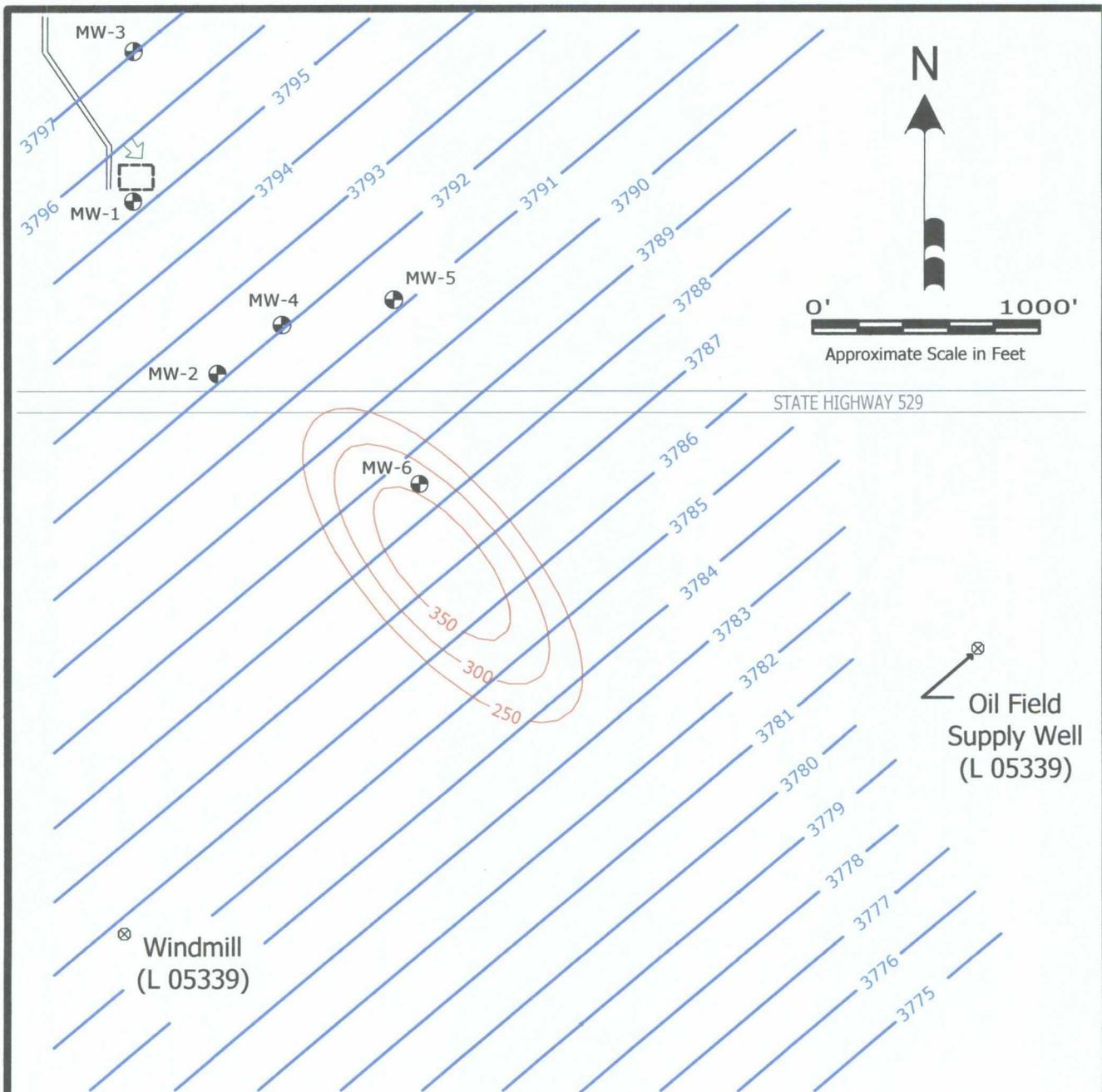
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 MW-5      Monitoring Well Location  
 3790      Groundwater Elevation Contour  
 100      TDS Isocon (mg/L)



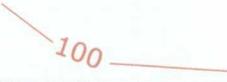
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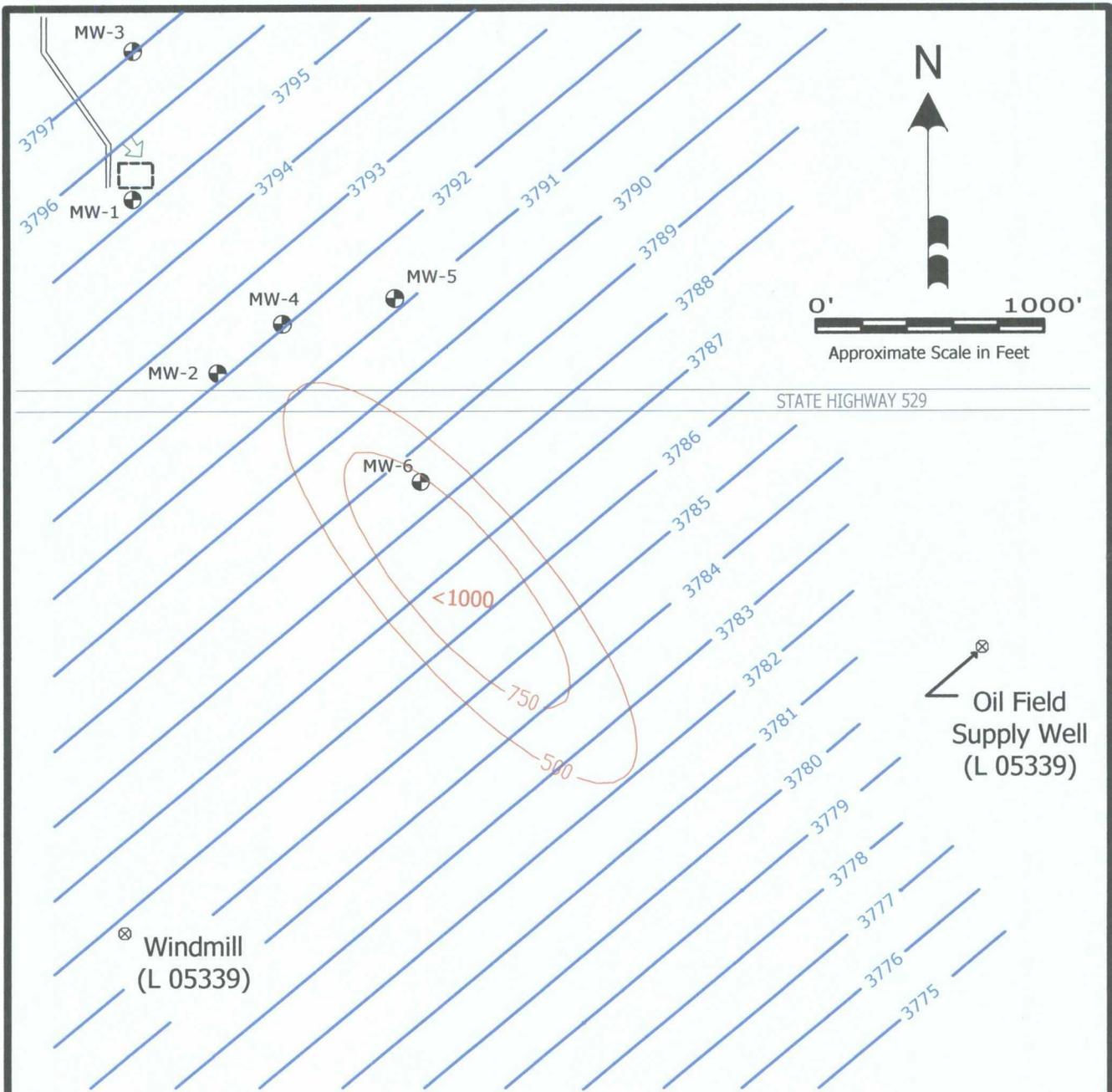
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**FIGURE 9A**

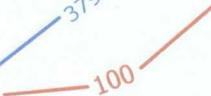
Former Unocal South Vacuum Unit  
 88 Year Chloride Plume Simulation (2005-2093)  
 Based on WinTran Modeling Results



**FATE & TRANSPORT MODEL ASSUMPTIONS**

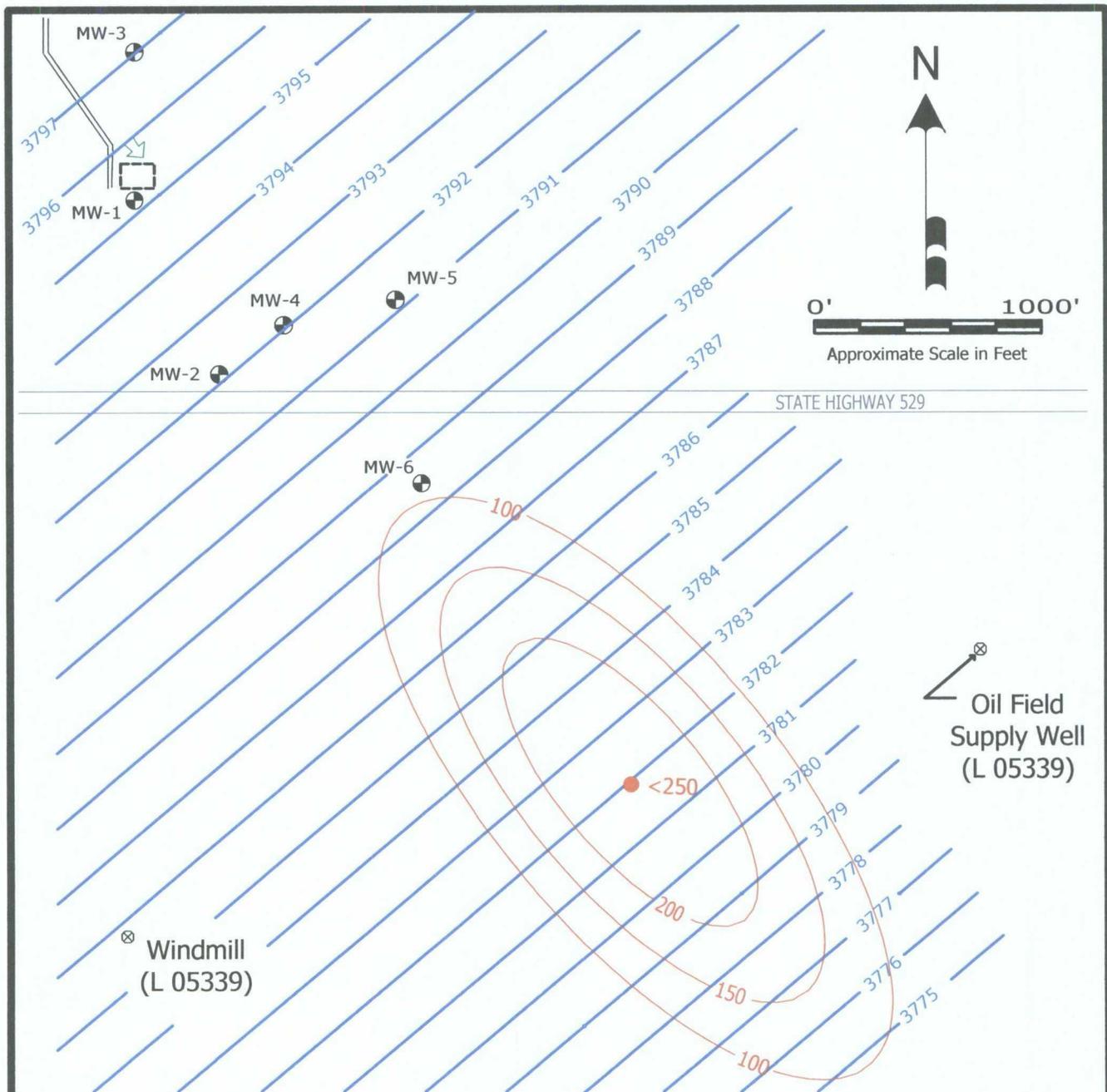
Initial Source Concentration = 30000 mg/L  
 Hydraulic Conductivity = 1000 ft/yr  
 Porosity = 0.25  
 Hydraulic Gradient = 0.004 S40E  
 Longitudinal Dispersivity = 150 ft  
 Transverse Dispersivity = 15 ft  
 Retardation Coefficient = 1.0

**LEGEND**

 MW-5      Monitoring Well Location  
 3790      Groundwater Elevation Contour  
 100      TDS Isocon (mg/L)



**FIGURE 9B**  
 Former Unocal South Vacuum Unit  
 88-Year TDS Plume Simulation (2005-2093)  
 Based on WinTran Modeling Results



**FATE & TRANSPORT MODEL ASSUMPTIONS**

Initial Source Concentration = 14,000 mg/L  
 Hydraulic Conductivity = 1,000 ft/yr  
 Porosity = 0.25  
 Hydraulic Gradient = 0.004 S40E  
 Longitudinal Dispersivity = 150 ft  
 Transverse Dispersivity = 15 ft  
 Retardation Coefficient = 1.0

**LEGEND**

- MW-5 Monitoring Well Location
- Groundwater Elevation Contour
- Chloride Isocon (mg/L)



**FIGURE 10**  
 Former Unocal South Vacuum Unit  
 153 Year Chloride Plume Simulation (2005-2158)  
 Based on WinTran Modeling Results

APPENDIX A

Laboratory Analytical Reports  
And  
Chain-of-Custody Documentation



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**Unocal Corporation**

Certificate of Analysis Number:

**05080760**

<b>Report To:</b>  ENSR International Chris Kocka 27755 Diehl Road, Suite 100  Warrenville IL 60555-3998 ph: (630) 836-1700      fax:	<b>Project Name:</b> Former Unocal South Vacuum Unit <b>Site:</b> Sec 35-T185-R35E Lea County, NM <b>Site Address:</b>  <b>PO Number:</b> 7963 <b>State:</b> New Mexico <b>State Cert. No.:</b> <b>Date Reported:</b> 8/31/2005
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And

Any Attachments

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The samples in this report were received on the last day of holding time for the Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) analysis. The samples were analyzed for TDS on the day of sample receipt. Sample MW-5 (SPL ID: 05080760-05) had to be re-analyzed for TDS and the result reported is past the holding time.

Results are reported on a wet weight basis unless dry-weight correction is denoted in the units field on the analytical report (" mg/kg-dry " or " ug/kg-dry " ).

Matrix spike (MS) and matrix spike duplicate (MSD) samples are chosen and tested at random from an analytical batch of "like" matrix to check for possible matrix effect. The MS and MSD will provide site specific matrix data only for those samples which are spiked by the laboratory. Since the MS and MSD are chosen at random from an analytical batch, the sample chosen for spike purposes may or may not have been a sample submitted in this sample delivery group. The validity of the analytical procedures for which data is reported in this analytical report is determined by the Laboratory Control Sample (LCS) and the Method Blank (MB). The Laboratory Control Sample (LCS) and the Method Blank (MB) are processed with the samples and the MS/MSD to ensure method criteria are achieved throughout the entire analytical process.

Any other exceptions associated with this report will be footnoted in the analytical result page(s) or the quality control summary page(s).

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or comments pertaining to this data report. Please reference the above Certificate of Analysis Number.

This report shall not be reproduced except in full, without the written approval of the laboratory. The reported results are only representative of the samples submitted for testing.

SPL, Inc. is pleased to be of service to you. We anticipate working with you in fulfilling all your current and future analytical needs.

Elessa Sommers  
 Senior Project Manager

Test results meet all requirements of NELAC, unless specified in the narrative.

8/31/2005

Date



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**Certificate of Analysis Number:**  
**05080760**

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**Fax To:**

**Project Name:** Former Unocal South Vacuum Unit

**Site:** Sec 35-T185-R35E Lea County, NM

**Site Address:**

**PO Number:** 7963

**State:** New Mexico

**State Cert. No.:**

**Date Reported:** 8/31/2005

Client Sample ID	Lab Sample ID	Matrix	Date Collected	Date Received	COC ID	HOLD
MW-1	05080760-01	Water	8/10/2005 11:50:00 AM	8/17/2005 9:30:00 AM	227437	<input type="checkbox"/>
MW-2	05080760-02	Water	8/10/2005 10:50:00 AM	8/17/2005 9:30:00 AM	227437	<input type="checkbox"/>
MW-3	05080760-03	Water	8/10/2005 12:35:00 PM	8/17/2005 9:30:00 AM	227437	<input type="checkbox"/>
MW-4	05080760-04	Water	8/10/2005 11:21:00 AM	8/17/2005 9:30:00 AM	227437	<input type="checkbox"/>
MW-5	05080760-05	Water	8/10/2005 1:06:00 PM	8/17/2005 9:30:00 AM	227437	<input type="checkbox"/>
MW-6	05080760-06	Water	8/10/2005 1:42:00 PM	8/17/2005 9:30:00 AM	227437	<input type="checkbox"/>

8/31/2005

Elessa Sommers  
 Senior Project Manager

Date

Joel Grice  
 Laboratory Director

Ted Yen  
 Quality Assurance Officer



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Client Sample ID: MW-1

Collected: 08/10/2005 11:50 SPL Sample ID: 05080760-01

Site: Sec 35-T185-R35E Lea County, NM

Analyses/Method	Result	QUAL	Rep.Limit	Dil. Factor	Date Analyzed	Analyst	Seq. #
<b>CHLORIDE, TOTAL</b>				<b>MCL</b>	<b>E325.2</b>	<b>Units: mg/L</b>	
Chloride	774		10	10	08/18/05 12:26	T_H	2904971
<b>TOTAL DISSOLVED SOLIDS</b>				<b>MCL</b>	<b>E160.1</b>	<b>Units: mg/L</b>	
Total Dissolved Solids (Residue, Filterable)	1830		10	1	08/17/05 16:00	A_E	2905335

**Qualifiers:** ND/U - Not Detected at the Reporting Limit >MCL - Result Over Maximum Contamination Limit(MCL)  
B - Analyte detected in the associated Method Blank D - Surrogate Recovery Unreportable due to Dilution  
\* - Surrogate Recovery Outside Advisable QC Limits MI - Matrix Interference  
J - Estimated Value between MDL and PQL



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Client Sample ID: MW-2      Collected: 08/10/2005 10:50      SPL Sample ID: 05080760-02

Site: Sec 35-T185-R35E Lea County, NM

Analyses/Method	Result	QUAL	Rep.Limit	Dil. Factor	Date Analyzed	Analyst	Seq. #
<b>CHLORIDE, TOTAL</b>				<b>MCL</b>	<b>E325.2</b>	<b>Units: mg/L</b>	
Chloride	355		10	10	08/18/05 12:26	T_H	2904972
<b>TOTAL DISSOLVED SOLIDS</b>				<b>MCL</b>	<b>E160.1</b>	<b>Units: mg/L</b>	
Total Dissolved Solids (Residue, Filterable)	844		10	1	08/17/05 16:00	A_E	2905336

**Qualifiers:**      ND/U - Not Detected at the Reporting Limit      >MCL - Result Over Maximum Contamination Limit(MCL)  
                          B - Analyte detected in the associated Method Blank      D - Surrogate Recovery Unreportable due to Dilution  
                          \* - Surrogate Recovery Outside Advisable QC Limits      MI - Matrix Interference  
                          J - Estimated Value between MDL and PQL



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Client Sample ID: MW-3 Collected: 08/10/2005 12:35 SPL Sample ID: 05080760-03

Site: Sec 35-T185-R35E Lea County, NM

Analyses/Method	Result	QUAL	Rep.Limit	Dil. Factor	Date Analyzed	Analyst	Seq. #
<b>CHLORIDE, TOTAL</b>				<b>MCL</b>	<b>E325.2</b>	<b>Units: mg/L</b>	
Chloride	122		2	2	08/18/05 12:26	T_H	2904973
<b>TOTAL DISSOLVED SOLIDS</b>				<b>MCL</b>	<b>E160.1</b>	<b>Units: mg/L</b>	
Total Dissolved Solids (Residue, Filterable)	533		10	1	08/17/05 16:00	A_E	2905337

**Qualifiers:** ND/U - Not Detected at the Reporting Limit >MCL - Result Over Maximum Contamination Limit(MCL)  
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Client Sample ID: MW-4      Collected: 08/10/2005 11:21      SPL Sample ID: 05080760-04

Site: Sec 35-T185-R35E Lea County, NM

Analyses/Method	Result	QUAL	Rep.Limit	Dil. Factor	Date Analyzed	Analyst	Seq. #
<b>CHLORIDE, TOTAL</b>				<b>MCL</b>	<b>E325.2</b>	<b>Units: mg/L</b>	
Chloride	1050		20	20	08/18/05 12:40	T_H	2904975
<b>TOTAL DISSOLVED SOLIDS</b>				<b>MCL</b>	<b>E160.1</b>	<b>Units: mg/L</b>	
Total Dissolved Solids (Residue, Filterable)	2230		20	2	08/17/05 16:00	A_E	2905338

**Qualifiers:**      ND/U - Not Detected at the Reporting Limit      >MCL - Result Over Maximum Contamination Limit(MCL)  
                         B - Analyte detected in the associated Method Blank      D - Surrogate Recovery Unreportable due to Dilution  
                         \* - Surrogate Recovery Outside Advisable QC Limits      MI - Matrix Interference  
                         J - Estimated Value between MDL and PQL



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Client Sample ID: MW-5

Collected: 08/10/2005 13:06 SPL Sample ID: 05080760-05

Site: Sec 35-T185-R35E Lea County, NM

Analyses/Method	Result	QUAL	Rep.Limit	Dil. Factor	Date Analyzed	Analyst	Seq. #
<b>CHLORIDE, TOTAL</b>				<b>MCL</b>	<b>E325.2</b>	<b>Units: mg/L</b>	
Chloride	14.9		1	1	08/18/05 12:04	T_H	2904968
<b>TOTAL DISSOLVED SOLIDS</b>				<b>MCL</b>	<b>E160.1</b>	<b>Units: mg/L</b>	
Total Dissolved Solids (Residue, Filterable)	309		10	1	08/29/05 17:30	A_E	2922005

**Qualifiers:**  
ND/U - Not Detected at the Reporting Limit  
B - Analyte detected in the associated Method Blank  
\* - Surrogate Recovery Outside Advisable QC Limits  
J - Estimated Value between MDL and PQL

>MCL - Result Over Maximum Contamination Limit(MCL)  
D - Surrogate Recovery Unreportable due to Dilution  
MI - Matrix Interference



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Client Sample ID: MW-6

Collected: 08/10/2005 13:42 SPL Sample ID: 05080760-06

Site: Sec 35-T185-R35E Lea County, NM

Analyses/Method	Result	QUAL	Rep.Limit	Dil. Factor	Date Analyzed	Analyst	Seq. #
<b>CHLORIDE, TOTAL</b>				<b>MCL</b>	<b>E325.2</b>	<b>Units: mg/L</b>	
Chloride	55		1	1	08/18/05 12:04	T_H	2904969
<b>TOTAL DISSOLVED SOLIDS</b>				<b>MCL</b>	<b>E160.1</b>	<b>Units: mg/L</b>	
Total Dissolved Solids (Residue, Filterable)	391		10	1	08/17/05 16:00	A_E	2905340

**Qualifiers:**

ND/U - Not Detected at the Reporting Limit  
 B - Analyte detected in the associated Method Blank  
 \* - Surrogate Recovery Outside Advisable QC Limits  
 J - Estimated Value between MDL and PQL

>MCL - Result Over Maximum Contamination Limit(MCL)  
 D - Surrogate Recovery Unreportable due to Dilution  
 MI - Matrix Interference

*Quality Control Documentation*



Quality Control Report

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Analysis: Chloride, Total
Method: E325.2

WorkOrder: 05080760
Lab Batch ID: R148341A

Method Blank

RunID: KONELAB\_050818A-29049 Units: mg/L
Analysis Date: 08/18/2005 11:04 Analyst: T\_H

Samples in Analytical Batch:

Table with 2 columns: Lab Sample ID, Client Sample ID. Rows include 05080760-01A through 05080760-06A.

Table with 3 columns: Analyte, Result, Rep Limit. Row for Chloride with Result ND and Rep Limit 1.0.

Laboratory Control Sample (LCS)

RunID: KONELAB\_050818A-29049 Units: mg/L
Analysis Date: 08/18/2005 11:04 Analyst: T\_H

Table with 6 columns: Analyte, Spike Added, Result, Percent Recovery, Lower Limit, Upper Limit. Row for Chloride with values 50.00, 51.33, 102.7, 80, 120.

Matrix Spike (MS) / Matrix Spike Duplicate (MSD)

Sample Spiked: 05080689-09
RunID: KONELAB\_050818A-29049 Units: mg/L
Analysis Date: 08/18/2005 12:51 Analyst: T\_H

Table with 12 columns: Analyte, Sample Result, MS Spike Added, MS Result, MS % Recovery, MSD Spike Added, MSD Result, MSD % Recovery, RPD, RPD Limit, Low Limit, High Limit. Row for Chloride with values 27.98, 50, 75.69, 95.43, 50, 76.99, 98.02, 1.700, 20, 76, 131.

Qualifiers: ND/U - Not Detected at the Reporting Limit MI - Matrix Interference
B - Analyte detected in the associated Method Blank D - Recovery Unreportable due to Dilution
J - Estimated value between MDL and PQL \* - Recovery Outside Advisable QC Limits
N/C - Not Calculated - Sample concentration is greater than 4 times the amount of spike added. Control limits do not apply.

The percent recoveries for QC samples are correct as reported. Due to significant figures and rounding, the reported RPD may differ from the displayed RPD values but is correct as reported.



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Analysis: Total Dissolved Solids
Method: E160.1

WorkOrder: 05080760
Lab Batch ID: R148359

Method Blank

Samples in Analytical Batch:

RunID: WET\_050817P-2905332 Units: mg/L
Analysis Date: 08/17/2005 16:00 Analyst: A\_E

Lab Sample ID Client Sample ID
05080760-01A MW-1
05080760-02A MW-2
05080760-03A MW-3
05080760-04A MW-4
05080760-06A MW-6

Table with 3 columns: Analyte, Result, Rep Limit. Row: Total Dissolved Solids (Residue,Filterabl) ND 10

Laboratory Control Sample (LCS)

RunID: WET\_050817P-2905334 Units: mg/L
Analysis Date: 08/17/2005 16:00 Analyst: A\_E

Table with 6 columns: Analyte, Spike Added, Result, Percent Recovery, Lower Limit, Upper Limit. Row: Total Dissolved Solids (Residue,Filterabl) 200.0 199.0 99.50 95 107

Sample Duplicate

Original Sample: 05080762-01
RunID: WET\_050817P-2905341 Units: mg/L
Analysis Date: 08/17/2005 16:00 Analyst: A\_E

Table with 5 columns: Analyte, Sample Result, DUP Result, RPD, RPD Limit. Row: Total Dissolved Solids (Residue,Filterabl) 700 701 0.143 20

Qualifiers: ND/U - Not Detected at the Reporting Limit MI - Matrix Interference
B - Analyte detected in the associated Method Blank D - Recovery Unreportable due to Dilution
J - Estimated value between MDL and PQL \* - Recovery Outside Advisable QC Limits
N/C - Not Calculated - Sample concentration is greater than 4 times the amount of spike added. Control limits do not apply.

The percent recoveries for QC samples are correct as reported. Due to significant figures and rounding, the reported RPD may differ from the displayed RPD values but is correct as reported.



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Analysis: Total Dissolved Solids
Method: E160.1

WorkOrder: 05080760
Lab Batch ID: R149434

Method Blank

Samples in Analytical Batch:

RunID: WET\_050829S-2921999 Units: mg/L
Analysis Date: 08/29/2005 17:30 Analyst: A\_E

Lab Sample ID: 05080760-05A
Client Sample ID: MW-5

Table with 3 columns: Analyte, Result, Rep Limit. Row: Total Dissolved Solids (Residue, Filterable), ND, 10

Laboratory Control Sample (LCS)

RunID: WET\_050829S-2922001 Units: mg/L
Analysis Date: 08/29/2005 17:30 Analyst: A\_E

Table with 6 columns: Analyte, Spike Added, Result, Percent Recovery, Lower Limit, Upper Limit. Row: Total Dissolved Solids (Residue, Filterabl), 200.0, 203.0, 101.5, 95, 107

Sample Duplicate

Original Sample: 05081166-01
RunID: WET\_050829S-2922002 Units: mg/L
Analysis Date: 08/29/2005 17:30 Analyst: A\_E

Table with 5 columns: Analyte, Sample Result, DUP Result, RPD, RPD Limit. Row: Total Dissolved Solids (Residue, Filterabl), 1010, 1007, 0.199, 20

Qualifiers: ND/U - Not Detected at the Reporting Limit MI - Matrix Interference
B - Analyte detected in the associated Method Blank D - Recovery Unreportable due to Dilution
J - Estimated value between MDL and PQL \* - Recovery Outside Advisable QC Limits
N/C - Not Calculated - Sample concentration is greater than 4 times the amount of spike added. Control limits do not apply.

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*Sample Receipt Checklist  
And  
Chain of Custody*



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**Sample Receipt Checklist**

Workorder:	05080760	Received By:	NB
Date and Time Received:	8/17/2005 9:30:00 AM	Carrier name:	Fedex-Priority
Temperature:	3.0°C	Chilled by:	Water Ice

- 1. Shipping container/cooler in good condition? Yes  No  Not Present
- 2. Custody seals intact on shipping container/cooler? Yes  No  Not Present
- 3. Custody seals intact on sample bottles? Yes  No  Not Present
- 4. Chain of custody present? Yes  No
- 5. Chain of custody signed when relinquished and received? Yes  No
- 6. Chain of custody agrees with sample labels? Yes  No
- 7. Samples in proper container/bottle? Yes  No
- 8. Sample containers intact? Yes  No
- 9. Sufficient sample volume for indicated test? Yes  No
- 10. All samples received within holding time? Yes  No
- 11. Container/Temp Blank temperature in compliance? Yes  No
- 12. Water - VOA vials have zero headspace? Yes  No  VOA Vials Not Present
- 13. Water - Preservation checked upon receipt (except VOA\*)? Yes  No  Not Applicable

\*VOA Preservation Checked After Sample Analysis

SPL Representative:

Contact Date & Time:

Client Name Contacted:

Non Conformance Issues:

Client Instructions:



# SPL, Inc.

## Analysis Request & Chain of Custody Record

SPL Workorder No. **05080760**

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Client Name: **Trident Environmental**  
 Address: **P O Box 7624 Midland TX 79708**  
 Phone/Fax: **432-638-8740 / 413-403-9968**  
 Client Contact: **Gil VanDevanter** email: **gil@trident-environmental.com**  
 Project Name/No.: **# 9924770 & ckoeka@ensr.com**  
 Site Name: **Former Unocal South Vacuum Unit**  
 Site Location: **Sec 35-T195-R35E Lea County NM**  
 Invoice To: **Unocal - Achebe Hope** Ph: \_\_\_\_\_

SAMPLE ID	DATE	TIME	comp	grab	matrix			bottle size	pres.	Number of Containers	Requested Analysis	
					W=water	S=soil	O=oil					
MW-1	8-10-05	1150	✓		W			P	16	1ce	✓	Chloride
MW-2	8-10-05	1050	✓		W			P	16	1ce	✓	Chloride
MW-3	8-10-05	1235	✓		W			P	16	1ce	✓	Chloride
MW-4	8-10-05	1121	✓		W			P	16	1ce	✓	Chloride
MW-5	8-10-05	1306	✓		W			P	16	1ce	✓	Chloride
MW-6	8-10-05	1342	✓		W			P	16	1ce	✓	Chloride

Client/Consultant Remarks: **email results to ckoeka@ensr.com**

Laboratory remarks:

Intact? **YY**  
 Ice? **YY**  
 Temp: **30.0**

PM review (initial): **SS**

Special Reporting Requirements Results:  Fax  Email  PDF  TX TRRP  LA RECAP

Standard QC  Level 3 QC  Level 4 QC

1. Relinquished by Sampler: **[Signature]** date **8/16/05**  
 2. Received by: time **3:00pm**  
 3. Relinquished by: **[Signature]** date  
 4. Received by: time  
 5. Relinquished by: date **8/17/05**  
 6. Received by: **[Signature]** date

Requested TAT  72hr  Standard

Contract  24hr  48hr  Other

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 Scott, LA 70583 (337) 237-4775

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APPENDIX B

Monitoring Well Sampling Data Forms





## WELL SAMPLING DATA FORM

CLIENT: Unocal Corporation  
 SITE NAME: Former Unocal S. Vacuum Unit  
 PROJECT NO. V-107

WELL ID: MW-3  
 DATE: 8/10/2005  
 SAMPLER: Van Deventer

PURGING METHOD:  Hand Bailed  Pump If Pump, Type: \_\_\_\_\_

SAMPLING METHOD:  Disposable Bailer  Direct from Discharge Hose Other  \_\_\_\_\_

DESCRIBE EQUIPMENT DECONTAMINATION METHOD BEFORE SAMPLING THE WELL:

Gloves  Alconox  Still Water Rinse Other  \_\_\_\_\_

DISPOSAL METHOD OF PURGE WATER:  Surface Discharge  Ponds  Disposal Facility

TOTAL DEPTH OF WELL: 77.00 Feet

DEPTH TO WATER: 66.81 Feet

HEIGHT OF WATER COLUMN: 10.19 Feet

WELL DIAMETER: 2.0 Inch

5.0 Minimum Gallons to purge 3 well volumes

TIME	VOLUME PURGED	TEMP. °F	COND. mS/cm	pH	DO mg/L	Turb	PHYSICAL APPEARANCE AND REMARKS
12:15	0						
12:18	1	71.9	0.69	7.22			
12:21	2	68.9	0.74	7.19			
12:23	3	68.3	0.74	7.03			
12:30	4	67.7	0.74	7.09			
12:34	5	67.5	0.75	7.03			
						12:35	Collected sample
0:19	:Total Time (hr:min)		5	:Total Vol (gal)		0.26	:Average Flow Rate (gal/min)

COMMENTS: Parameters obtained using a calibrated Hanna Model 98130 pH-Temperature-Conductivity meter.

Sample placed into 500 ml plastic container, and put on ice in cooler.

Delivered sample to SPL (Houston TX) for Chloride and TDS analyses.

### WELL SAMPLING DATA FORM

CLIENT: Unocal Corporation  
 SITE NAME: Former Unocal S. Vacuum Unit  
 PROJECT NO.: V-107

WELL ID: MW-4  
 DATE: 8/10/2005  
 SAMPLER: Van Deventer

PURGING METHOD:  Hand Bailed  Pump If Pump, Type: \_\_\_\_\_

SAMPLING METHOD:  Disposable Bailer  Direct from Discharge Hose  Other \_\_\_\_\_

DESCRIBE EQUIPMENT DECONTAMINATION METHOD BEFORE SAMPLING THE WELL:

Gloves  Alconox  Distilled Water Rinse  Other \_\_\_\_\_

DISPOSAL METHOD OF PURGE WATER:  Surface Discharge  Slums  Disposal Facility

TOTAL DEPTH OF WELL: 71.00 Feet

DEPTH TO WATER: 60.25 Feet

HEIGHT OF WATER COLUMN: 10.75 Feet

WELL DIAMETER: 2.0 Inch

5.3 Minimum Gallons to purge 3 well volumes

TIME	VOLUME PURGED	TEMP. °F	COND. mS/cm	pH	DO mg/L	Turb	PHYSICAL APPEARANCE AND REMARKS
11:00	0						
11:07	2	71.2	4.37	7.49			
11:18	4	69.0	4.19	7.56			
11:37	6	69.1	4.03	7.28			
						11:21	Sample collected
0:37	:Total Time (hr:min)		6	:Total Vol (gal)		0.16	:Average Flow Rate (gal/min)

COMMENTS: Parameters obtained using a calibrated Hanna Model 98130 pH-Temperature-Conductivity meter.  
Sample placed into 500 ml plastic container, and put on ice in cooler.  
Delivered sample to SPL (Houston TX) for Chloride and TDS analyses.

## WELL SAMPLING DATA FORM

CLIENT: Unocal Corporation  
 SITE NAME: Former Unocal S. Vacuum Unit  
 PROJECT NO. V-107

WELL ID: MW-5  
 DATE: 8/10/2005  
 SAMPLER: Van Deventer

PURGING METHOD:  Hand Bailed  Pump If Pump, Type: \_\_\_\_\_

SAMPLING METHOD:  Disposable Bailer  Direct from Discharge Hose  Other \_\_\_\_\_

DESCRIBE EQUIPMENT DECONTAMINATION METHOD BEFORE SAMPLING THE WELL:

Gloves  Alconox  Still Water Rinse  Other \_\_\_\_\_

DISPOSAL METHOD OF PURGE WATER:  Surface Discharge  Ponds  Disposal Facility

TOTAL DEPTH OF WELL: 75.00 Feet

DEPTH TO WATER: 68.15 Feet

HEIGHT OF WATER COLUMN: 6.85 Feet

3.4 Minimum Gallons to purge 3 well volumes

WELL DIAMETER: 2.0 Inch

TIME	VOLUME PURGED	TEMP. °F	COND. mS/cm	pH	DO mg/L	Turb	PHYSICAL APPEARANCE AND REMARKS
12:52	0						
12:54	1	70.7	0.45	7.35			
12:56	2	68.8	0.44	7.26			
12:59	3	68.3	0.44	7.26			
13:01	4	68.3	0.45	7.25			
13:04	5	68.5	0.43	7.29			
						13:07	Sample collected
0:12	:Total Time (hr:min)		5	:Total Vol (gal)		0.42	:Average Flow Rate (gal/min)

COMMENTS: Parameters obtained using a calibrated Hanna Model 98130 pH-Temperature-Conductivity meter.

Sample placed into 500 ml plastic container, and put on ice in cooler.

Delivered sample to SPL (Houston TX) for Chloride and TDS analyses.



APPENDIX C

Description of Fate and Transport Modeling

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### *Conceptual Model*

Produced water containing high concentrations of chloride, and resultant high levels of total dissolved solids (TDS), was reportedly discharged into a surface pit and adjoining injection well for a period of about 10 years, until the well was plugged and abandoned in 1971. The chloride and TDS plume continued to migrate southeastwards for the next approximately 30 years after the source input was stopped, producing the configuration and constituent concentration distribution observed currently. Extrapolating from current conditions for decades into the future, taking account of both advective flow and attenuation by hydrodynamic dispersion, enables prediction of the probable distance that the residual plume will travel as well as the gradually declining concentrations in the plume.

### *Basic Site Data*

Information about site conditions was obtained from data in a TRW Inc. "Report of Additional Groundwater Investigation, Former Unocal South Vacuum Unit, Lea County, New Mexico" (July 18, 2000). This included lithologic records from well installations, water level data, and water quality analytical results.

### *Simulation Model*

Simulations were conducted with the two-dimensional groundwater flow and contaminant transport model WinTran, version 1.03 (1995) designed and distributed by Environmental Simulations, Inc. (ESI) of Herndon, Virginia. WinTran is built around a steady-state analytical element flow model, linked to a finite element contaminant transport model. The Windows interface allows for rapid data input, processing, parameter manipulation and optimization, and output in multiple formats. The fundamental mathematics of the model solutions, model verification (benchmarked against MODFLOW), and use of WinTran is documented in the "Guide to Using WinTran" published by ESI.

### *Base Map*

A simplified site base map, edited with TurboCAD (Version 7), was exported to a universal drawing exchange file (DXF) file format. The DXF base map was imported into WinTran, which preserves the original units of measurement.

### *Flow Parameters*

Input requirements for the steady-state groundwater flow simulation include: hydraulic gradient and direction of flow, hydraulic conductivity, aquifer top and bottom elevations, and reference head. The values used were based on the following sources:

- Hydraulic gradient – measured gradient of 0.004 feet/foot from August 10, 2005 site measurements reported by Trident.
- Direction of flow – measured direction of approximately S 40° E from August 10, 2005 site measurements reported by Trident.
- Hydraulic conductivity – no site measurements were available; therefore, a literature value based on the saturated zone lithology was selected. Typical lithology is described as silty sand and very fine sand. Fetter (1988, Table 4.5, p. 80) cites an average range of  $10^{-5}$  to  $10^{-3}$  cm/sec for hydraulic conductivity of silty sands and fine sands. A conservative upper limit was selected, and converted from S.I. unit to 2.8 ft/day, or approximately 1000 ft/yr.
- Aquifer top and bottom elevations – bottom elevation of Ogallala Formation at 3700 feet reported by Trident. The top elevation for an unconfined aquifer must be greater than the reference head. An elevation of 4000 feet was assumed.
- Reference head – measured unconfined head of 3795.5 feet adjacent to the former pit and upgradient well MW-1 from August 2005 measurements reported by Trident.

#### *Transport Parameters*

Input requirements for the contaminant transport numerical simulation include: longitudinal and transverse dispersivity, porosity, diffusion coefficient, contaminant half-life, and retardation coefficient. The values used were based on the following sources:

- Longitudinal and transverse dispersivity – no site measurements were available; therefore, a literature value based on the plume length was selected. Fetter (1993, Section 2.11, pp. 71-77) notes the apparent scale-dependency of longitudinal dispersivity, which typically may be about 0.1 times the flow length. For the current site scale and plume length of approximately 1500 feet, a value of 150 feet was selected for longitudinal dispersivity. According to the WinTran user's guide (ESI, 1995, p.11), longitudinal dispersivity is usually 5 to 10 times higher than transverse dispersivity; therefore, a value of 30 feet (i.e., one-fifth of the longitudinal value) was selected for transverse dispersivity.
- Porosity – no site measurements were available; therefore a literature value based on saturated zone lithology was selected. Typical lithology is described as silty sand and very fine sand. A range of 0.25 to 0.50 is typically given for unconsolidated "sand" (e.g., Freeze & Cherry, 1979, Table 2.4, p. 37); however, the Ogallala Formation is predominantly very fine grained, compacted and partly cemented, and may also fit within the range of 0.05 to 0.30 for sandstone. Fetter (1988, Table 4.3 and Figure 4.10, pp. 74-75) cites an average value of 0.20 for the specific yield of very fine sands. Specific retention of silty fine sand is approximately 0.05, for a total porosity of 0.25, which is the value selected for the transport modeling. WinTran uses the porosity term to estimate groundwater velocity, and actually requires an effective porosity value. Fetter (1988, Section 4.4, pp. 84-85) notes that pores of most sediments down to clay size are interconnected and that the effective porosity is virtually equal to the total porosity.
- Diffusion coefficient – this parameter is normally only relevant for very slow fluid movement, and is commonly assumed to be zero for advective-dominated transport, as in the present case.

- Contaminant half-life – this parameter accounts for chemical decay (e.g., radioisotopes, biological transformation of organic molecules); however, the species of interest in the present case are inorganic ions and are not expected to decay to any appreciable extent. A conservative value of 1000 years was used, which produces a negligible decay coefficient of less than  $0.001 \text{ yr}^{-1}$ .
- Retardation coefficient – this parameter accounts for sorption processes that slow the movement of contaminants relative to the groundwater velocity. Inorganic ions such as chloride are commonly taken as conservative tracers in groundwater and are not considered to be retarded; therefore, a value of 1.0 was selected for the retardation coefficient.

### *Flow Model Calibration*

The vicinity of the site where water level measurements were recorded in August 10, 2005 is simulated closely by the flow model. It is known that groundwater levels in the Ogallala Formation are decreasing slowly (less than 0.5 ft/yr), but this effect cannot be reproduced in the steady-state flow model. Water levels were probably somewhat higher than the present day during the period of brine disposal and initial transport. Even if the declining trend continues into the future, it does not affect the transport model solution for long extrapolation times, since sufficient saturated thickness remains (i.e., above the assumed aquifer base elevation of 3700 feet) for a valid flow and transport solution.

The average groundwater velocity may be estimated using the darcy expression:  $v = (k \cdot i) / n$  where  $k$  is the hydraulic conductivity (ft/yr),  $i$  is the hydraulic gradient (ft/foot), and  $n$  is the effective porosity (unitless). The resultant average velocity is 16 ft/yr.

### *Transport Model Calibration*

The objective of the transport modeling was to first obtain a plume configuration with concentration values that closely match current observed values. This was done by simulating an initial contaminant release to groundwater for a period of 11 years (c. 1960 to 1971) with a constant source concentration located at the pit and injection well, then simulating a 28-year transport period (c. 1971 to 1999) with no further contaminant input but restarting the model from the end of Year 11 by retaining the mass of contaminant from the initial plume. An iterative approach was needed to optimize the initial source concentration so that the plume at Year 39 resembled the actual plume conditions in 1999. An initial value of 14,000 mg/L for chloride and 30,000 mg/L for TDS were found to produce the best match. The initial chloride value was also chosen because it is typical of chloride concentrations within the producing formation (Devonian) in the South Vacuum Oil Field according to chemists at Martin Water Laboratories (verbal communication, 12-05-01). Actual disposal concentrations during the 1960s are unknown, and may have been higher than these values, but it is presumed that some attenuation and dilution may have occurred in the vadose zone, which is currently 48 to 68 feet thick. WinTran does not account for vadose zone transport, and the source input is treated as an injection well with instantaneous transfer of contaminant mass to groundwater.

After calibrating the model such it corresponded to actual 1999 conditions, the model was again run for 6 years (1999 to 2005) at one-year increments after entering in the known concentrations at each monitoring well. Figures 7A and 7B show the close match achieved by the chloride and TDS simulations compared to the current observed plume.

### *Simulation of Fate and Transport*

Estimation of chloride and TDS fate and transport was achieved by restarting the transport model from the end of Year 45 (2005) by retaining the distribution of contaminant mass and projecting for a further 50 years into the future. As depicted in Figures 8A and 8B, dispersion serves to broaden the dimensions of the plume while reducing the concentrations in the middle of the plume. Advective flow moves the center of plume mass downgradient by a distance of approximately 1,500 feet from the former source area (SWD pit) and approximately 300 feet upgradient from well MW-6.

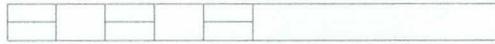
Running the model for 153 years in the future (Year 2158) produces a chloride plume center concentration of 249 mg/L (below the WQCC standard of 250 mg/L) as shown in Figure 9A. The center of the chloride plume is approximately 3,400 ft away from the former pit and well source at that time.

Running the model for 88 years in the future (Year 2093) produces a TDS plume center concentration of 995 mg/L (below the WQCC standard of 1,000 mg/L) as shown in Figure 9B. The center of the TDS plume is approximately 2,200 ft away from the pit and well source at that time.

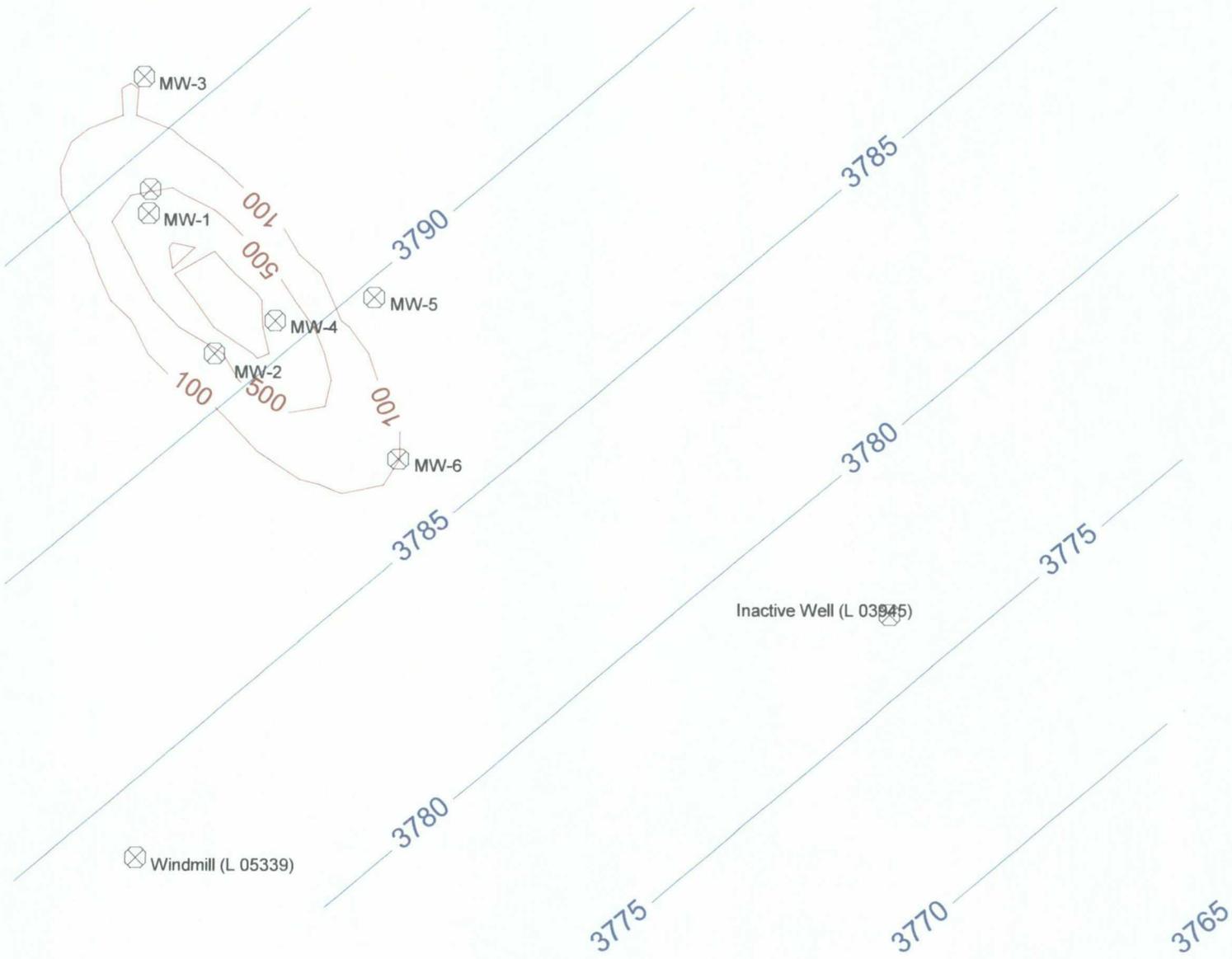
These results support the contention that the chloride and TDS plume is not likely to impact any existing sources of water supply, the closest of which is a windmill (NM File No. L05339) located approximately 3,000 feet south of the source.

The trend of decreasing concentration is not linear (exponential  $e^{-kt}$  function). Interestingly, the center of the plume moves at a greater rate (22 feet/year) over successive time intervals than would be assumed from the groundwater velocity alone (16 feet/year), due to the added effect of dispersion.

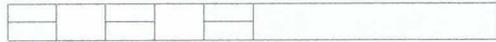
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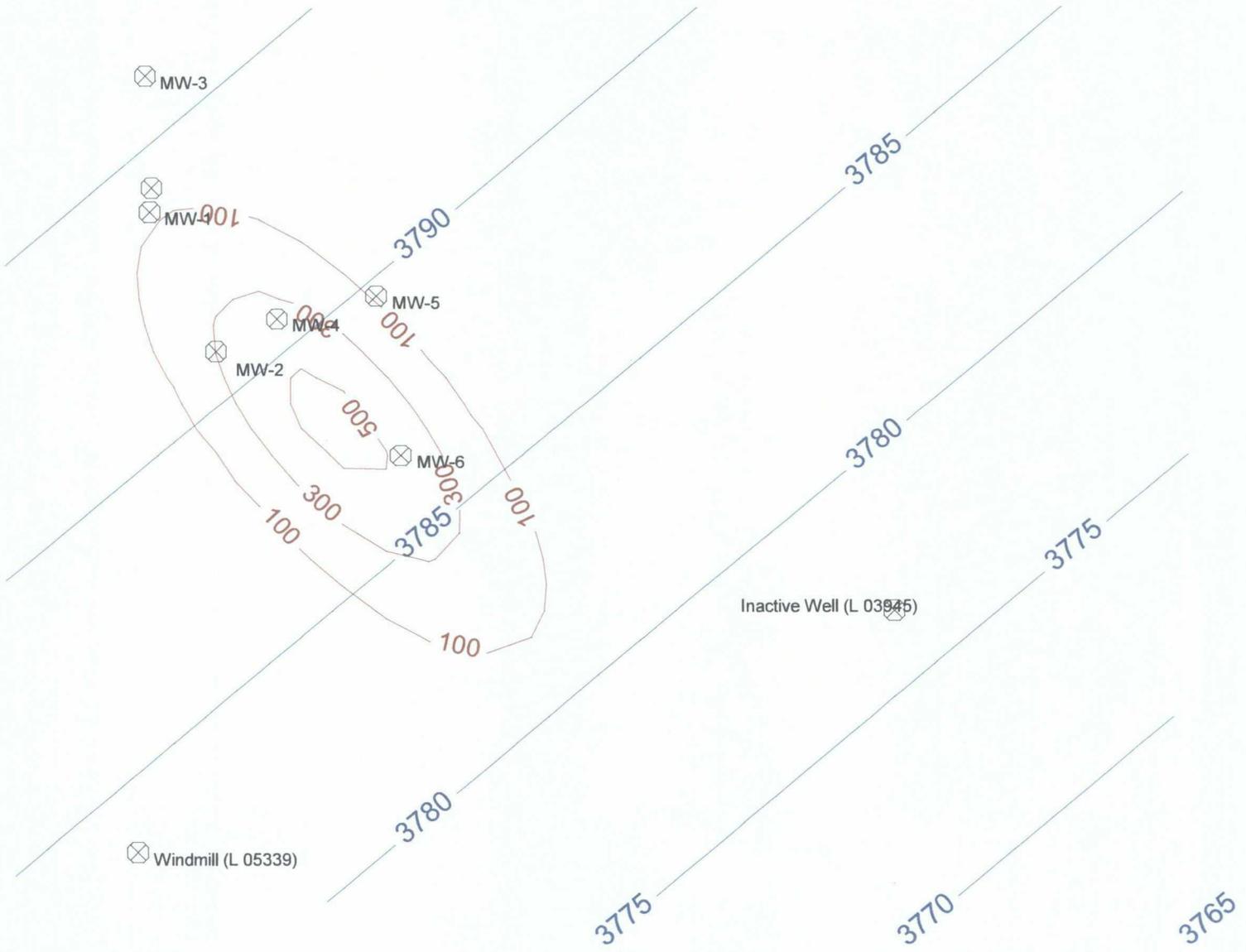
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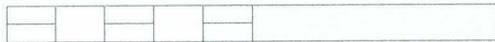
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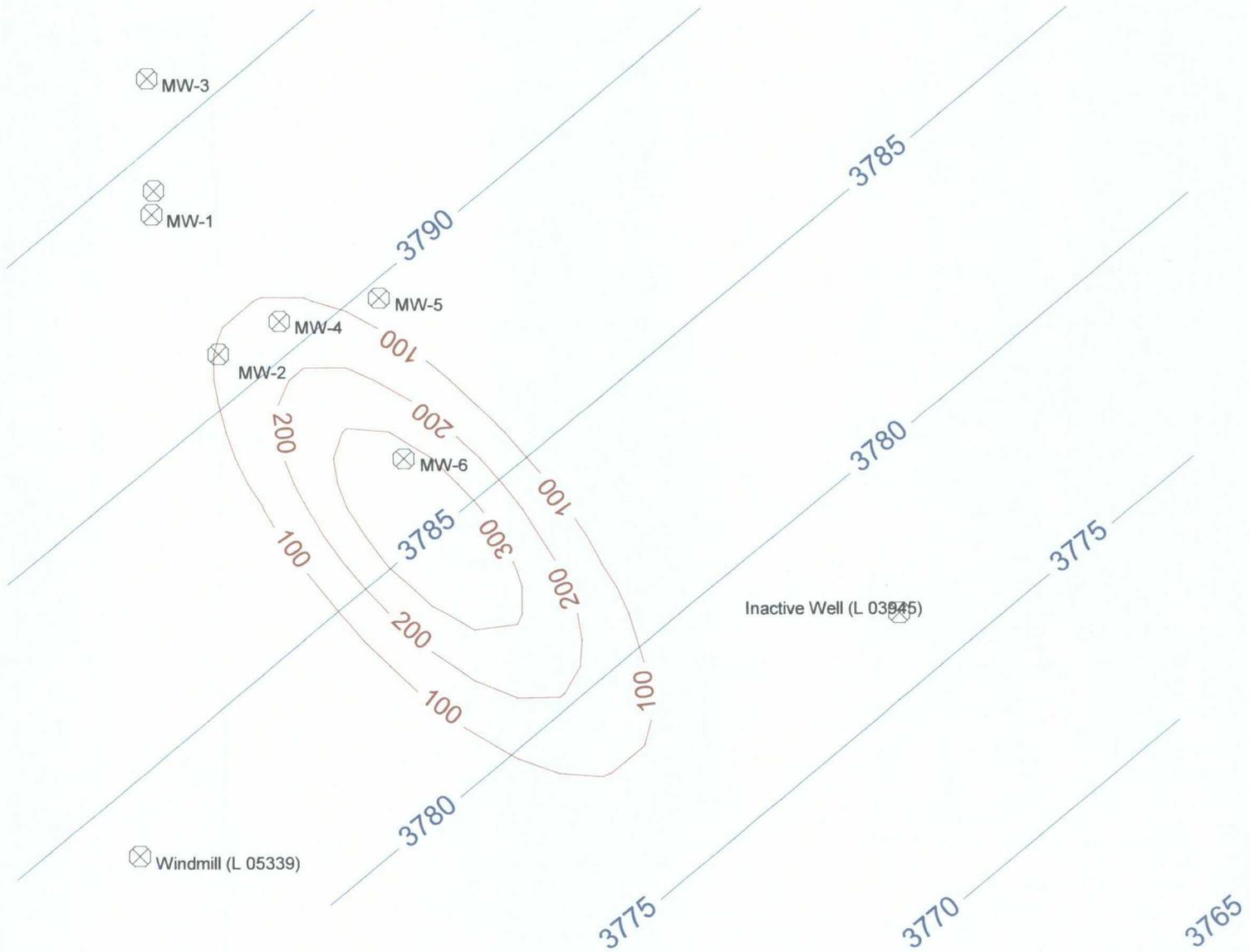
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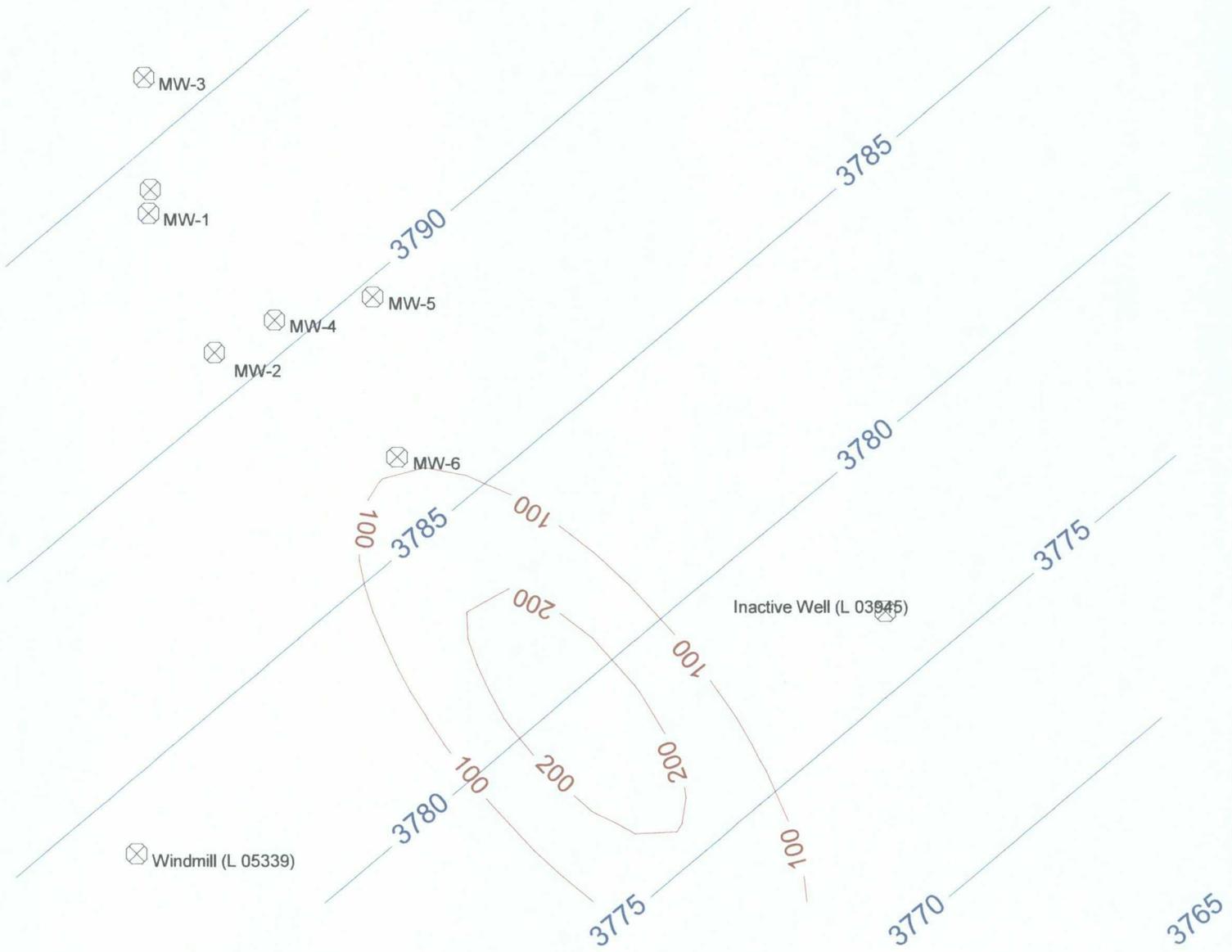
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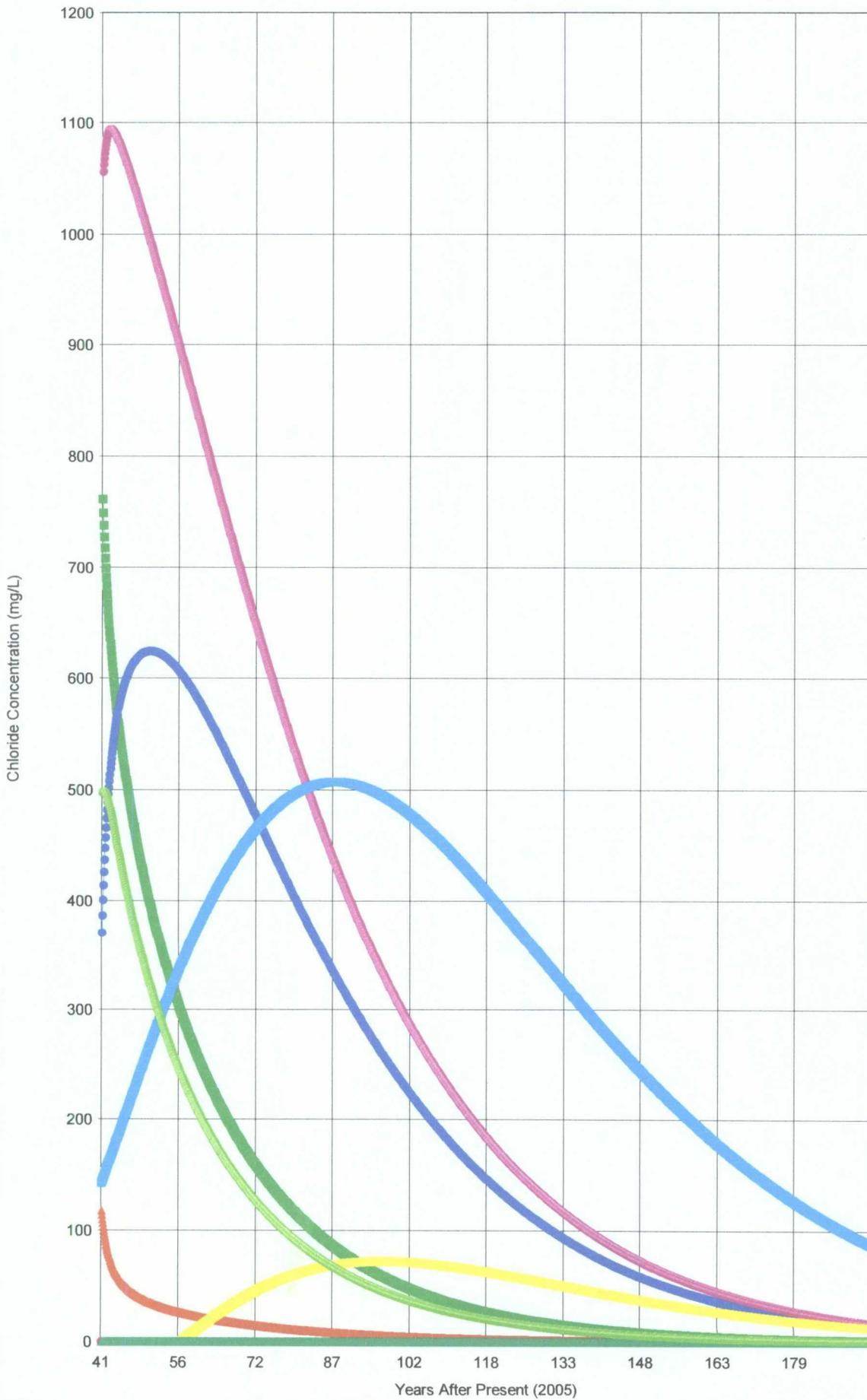
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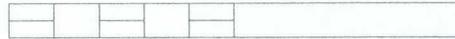


Chloride Concentration vs. Time



- MW-1
- MW-2
- MW-3
- MW-4
- MW-5
- MW-6
- Windmill (L 05339)
- Inactive Well (L 03945)
- Source

# TDS Plume Simulation (Year 2005)



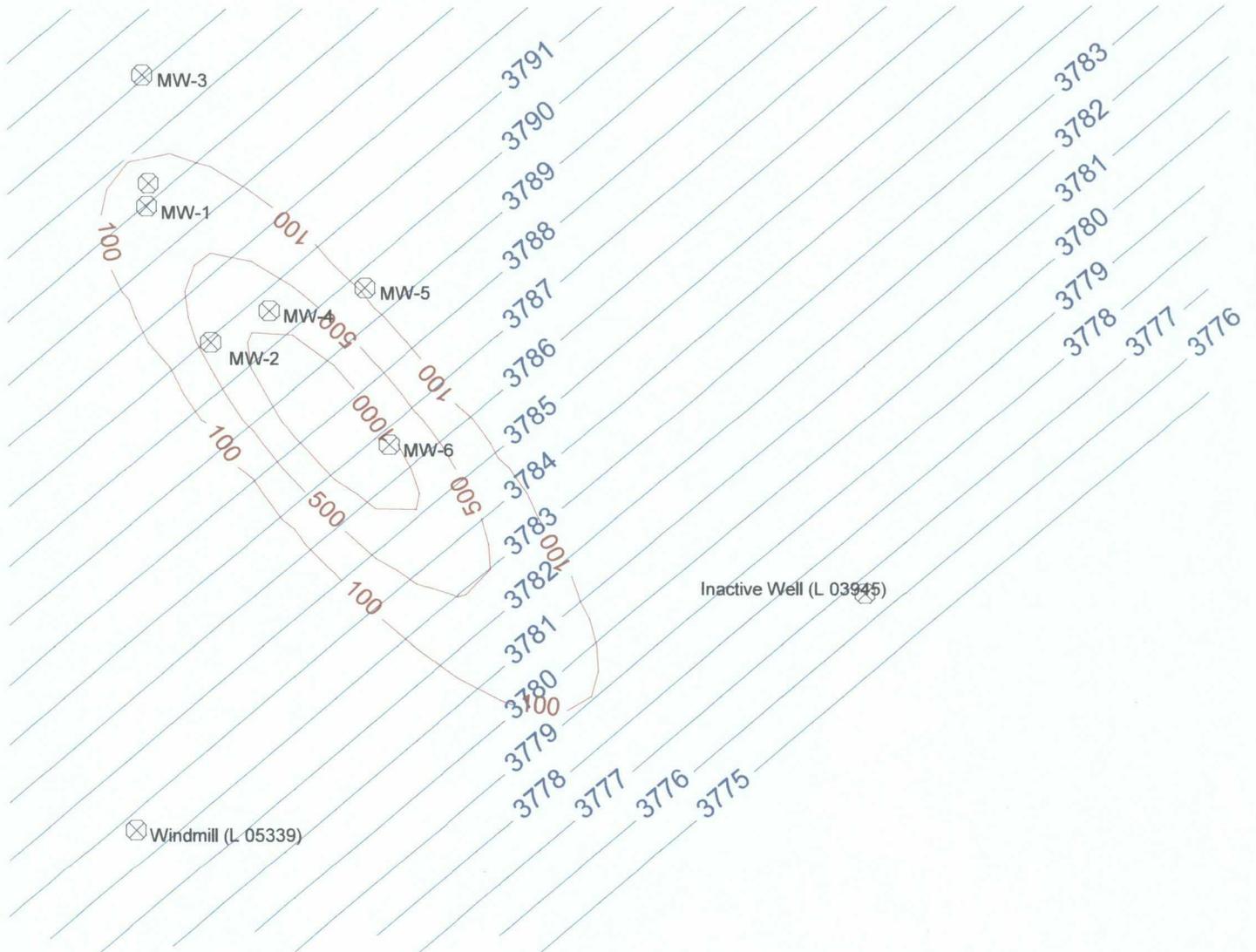
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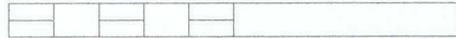
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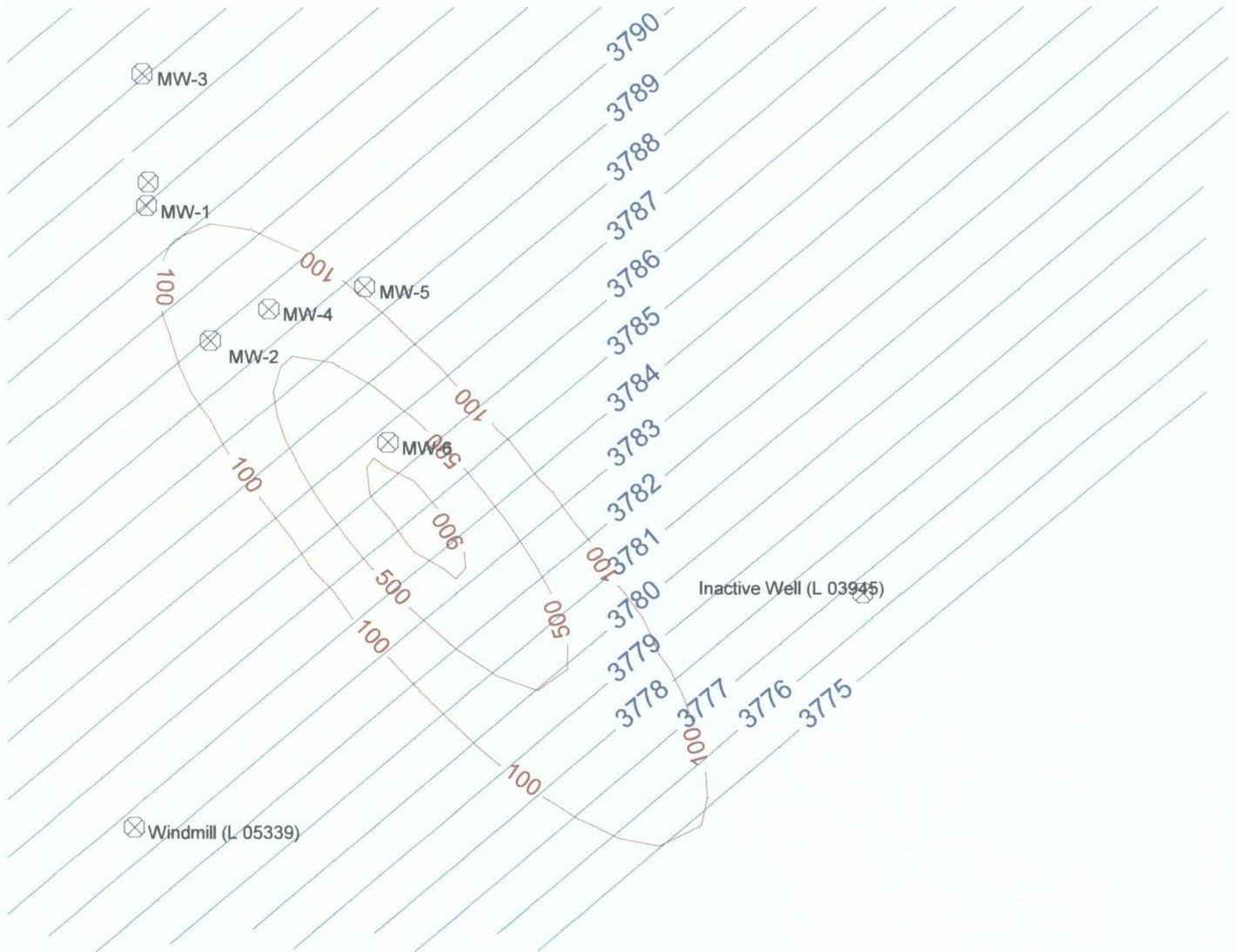
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# TDS Plume Simulation (Year 2093)



2000 feet



TDS Concentration vs. Time

