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September 21, 2010

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RE: **Investigation and Characterization Report**  
**BD-B29 Site: NMOCD CASE #: 1R426-169**  
**Township 21S, Range 37E, Section 29, Unit B**

Mr. Hansen:

On behalf of Rice Operating Company (ROC), R.T. Hicks Consultants, Ltd. is submitting this Investigation and Characterization Report for the BD B-29 Site file. This letter presents characterization findings and proposes further delineation in the form of an up-gradient well. Based on findings in the proposed up gradient well, we will design and propose corrective action to address chloride impact in the vadose zone that may include removing selected soils for disposal, installing a liner over certain portions of the site, and contouring to the surrounding area so as to encourage vegetation on the former release footprint.

## Background

The B-29 site is located about 1.5 miles northwest of the intersection of State Routes 8/176 and Loop 18, near Eunice, New Mexico (see Plate 1). The Amended Investigation Characterization Plan (ICP), dated October 26, 2007 gave background information and the results of borings and proposed two monitoring wells. MW-1 and MW-2 were drilled in late 2007 and have been sampled quarterly since that time. A status report dated May 22, 2008 presented ground water data for the site.

## Soil Borings

Plate 2 shows the outline of a release that occurred at the site in 2002 as well as the locations of all borings and proposed borings at the site. Plate 3 presents the chloride concentration data from the two drilling events, SB series, (September 2002) and the ESB series, (December 2006). The boring logs are included in Appendix A. The borings are presented in their relative spatial order from northwest to southeast on the release footprint as shown on Plate 2.

The principal findings of the boring characterization program are:

- ESB-1 encountered the capillary fringe at the total depth of 95 feet.
- Soil chloride concentrations exceed 1,000 mg/kg at total depth in five of the seven ESB borings (50-94 feet below land surface).
- The highest chloride loads (mass/unit area from ground surface to ground water) exist near the junction box, the origin of the 2002 release.
- The lowest chloride loads exist at the greatest distance from the junction box. ESB-5 and SB East have chloride concentrations less than 1,000 mg/kg in the upper 15 feet in contrast with all of the other borings. All other borings have chloride concentrations above 2,500 mg/kg in this depth interval.

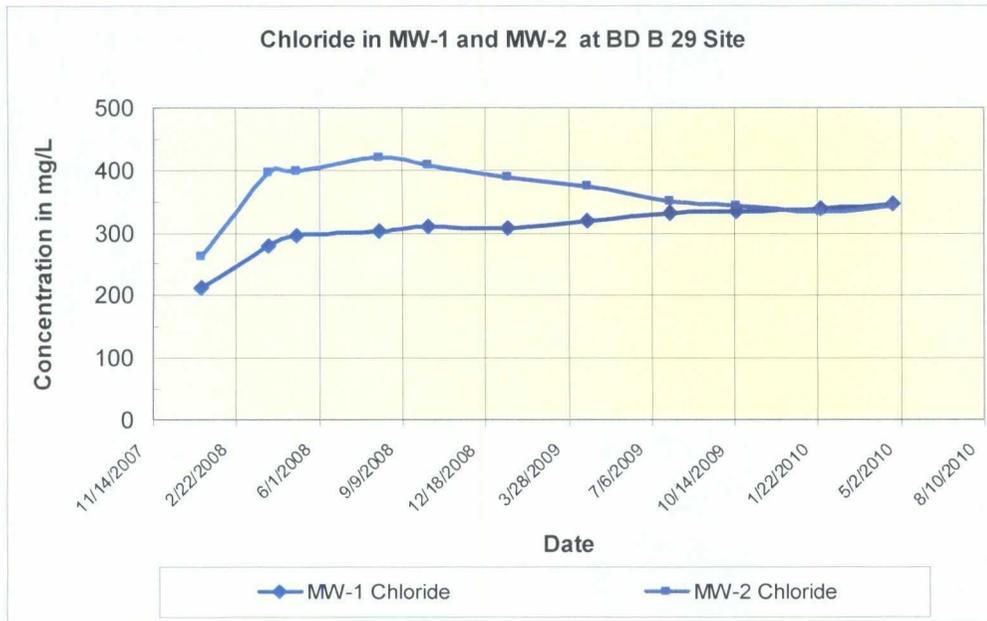
**Ground Water**

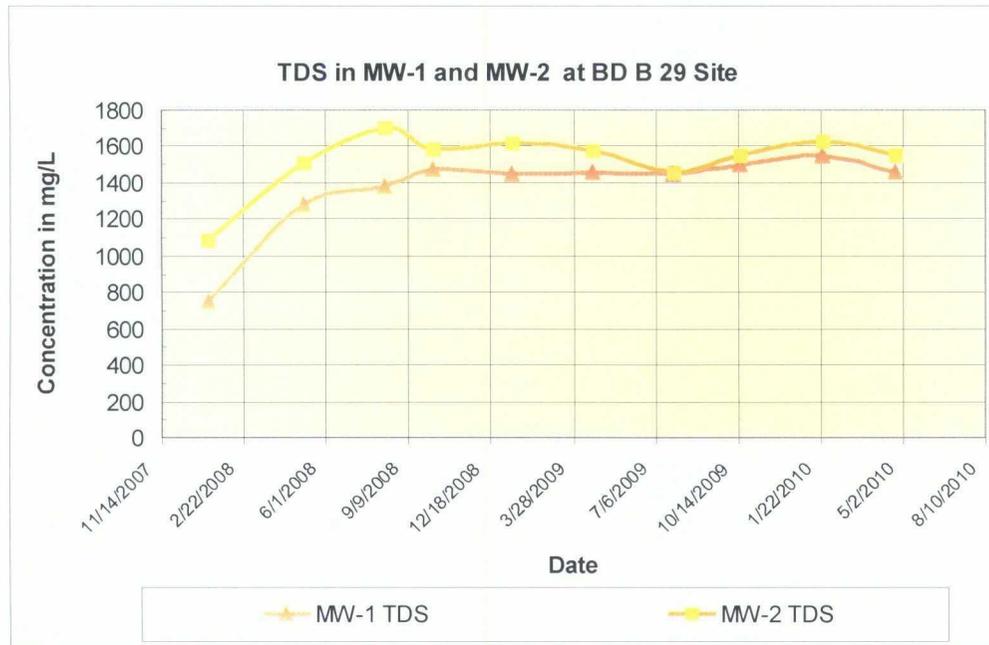
Based upon the data from these borings, Rice Operating Company installed two four-inch monitoring wells in December, 2007 (Plate 2).

- a) The first well (MW-1) is located about 100 feet southeast of the junction box in an area outside of the release footprint on a down gradient edge of the release.
- b) The second well (MW-2) is located about 5-feet west of SB-1 within the release area and down gradient from borings with highest chloride mass (see Plates 2, 3, and 4).

The wells were completed with a 20-foot screen: 5 feet of screen was placed above the water table and 15 feet below. Appendix A includes the drilling logs and completion diagrams of the wells. Both wells were developed and sampled for chloride, TDS, and BTEX. No detection of BTEX has occurred in any sample. Chloride and TDS concentrations are presented in Figures 1 and 2 below.

**Figure 1 Chloride Concentrations in Ground Water at B-29, 2007 to Present**



**Figure 2 TDS Concentrations in Ground Water at B-29, 2007 to Present****Observations**

The completion of the boreholes for both wells required the use of water and polymer. The change from increasing chloride and TDS concentrations (January to May 2008) to relatively constant chloride and TDS concentrations (May 2008 to present) suggests that the dilution of ground water by water used in drilling took about 5 months to disperse.

- Since May of 2008, all samples from both wells have exceeded the WQCC standard for chloride, 250 mg/L, and the standard for TDS, 1,000 mg/L.
- From the first sampling event (January 2008) until the third quarter of 2009, concentrations of chloride and TDS have been higher in MW-2 than in MW-1.
- Since the third quarter of 2009, chloride concentration has decreased at MW-2 and increased at MW-1. Concentration is now about the same in both wells (340 mg/L).
- TDS concentrations were about the same in both wells in July 2009 and both have increased some since then (6% to 10%) with MW-2 being higher. Differences between the wells are generally less than in the earlier period of May 2008 to July 2009.

Differences in chloride and TDS concentrations in the two wells would be expected due to site variation, natural variation in ground water and the well locations. The similarity of water chemistry in the monitoring wells suggests that the results may be primarily due to area wide ground water quality rather than effects to ground water from the site.

**Proposed Characterization and Remedy**

We propose an up gradient monitoring well to allow a determination as to if exceedance of WQCC standards in ground water at the site is due to the site or from other sources up-gradient.

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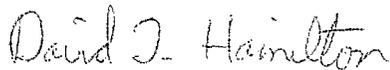
Plate 2 shows the proposed monitoring well location approximately 100 feet north of the release footprint.

Upon completion of an up gradient monitoring well and sufficient quarters of sampling to establish the up-gradient water quality, we will submit a report documenting work and presenting Corrective Actions based upon these results as necessary. Corrective action to address chloride impact in the vadose zone may include removing selected soils for disposal, installing a liner over certain portions of the site, and reshaping the area to encourage run-off of storm water away from the former release footprint.

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

Please contact Hack Conder of ROC at 575-393-9174 if you have any questions concerning this submission. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
R.T Hicks Consultants, Ltd.

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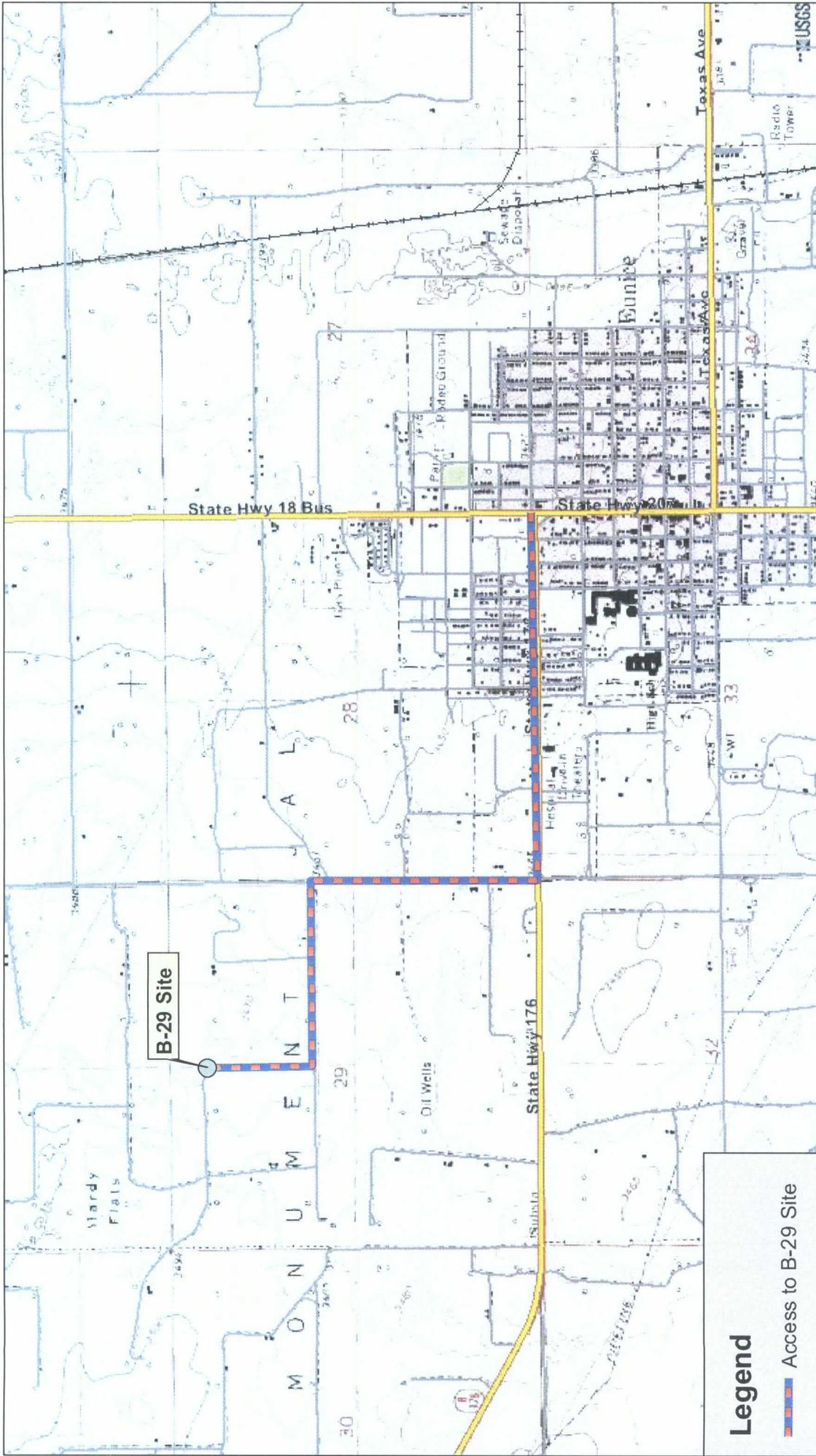
David Hamilton  
Project Hydrologist

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# ***PLATES***

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To access the site, from the intersection of State Highway 176 and 207, Eunice, New Mexico, proceed west on State Highway 176 for 1 mile. Turn north on County Rd 33. Proceed north for 0.6 miles. At 0.6 miles, turn west on an unnamed dirt road. Proceed on the dirt road for 0.2 miles. At 0.2 miles, turn north. Proceed north 0.2 miles to the site.



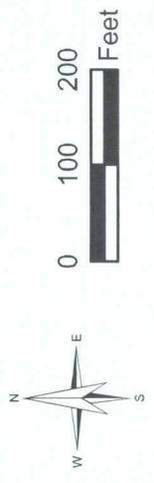
**Legend**  
 Access to B-29 Site

<p><b>R.T. Hicks Consultants, Ltd</b>          901 Rio Grande Blvd NW Suite F-142          Albuquerque, NM 87104          Ph: 505.266.5004</p>	<p>7.5 USGS Topo and access to the site           Rice Operating Company: B-29 Site (BD System)</p>	<p>Plate 1           August 2010</p>
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**Explanation**

- ⊕ Proposed Monitoring Well
- ⊕ ROC Monitoring Well
- Soil Boring
- ▨ 2002 Release Extent



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Proposed Upgradient Monitoring Well Location  
 Relative to Existing Soil Borings and Monitoring Wells

Rice Operating System: BD B-29

Plate 2

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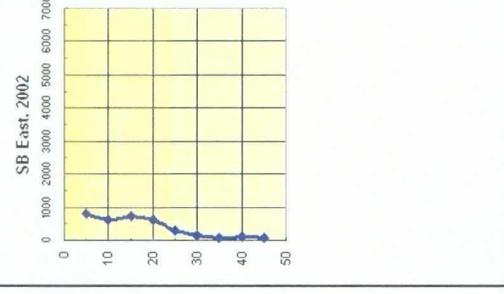
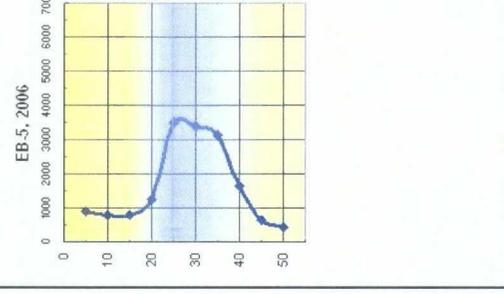
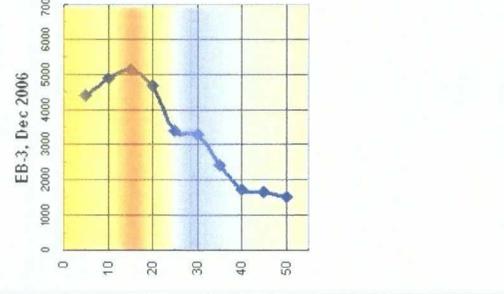
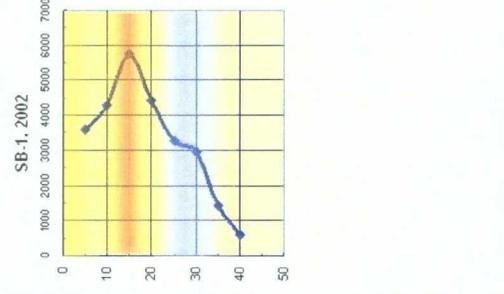
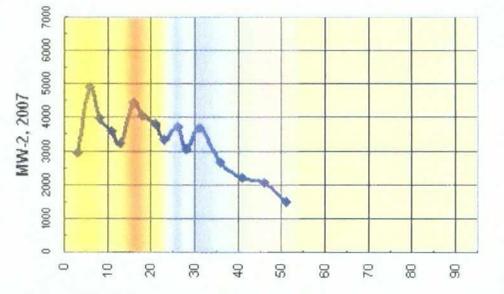
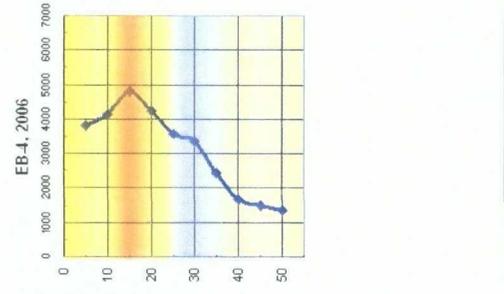
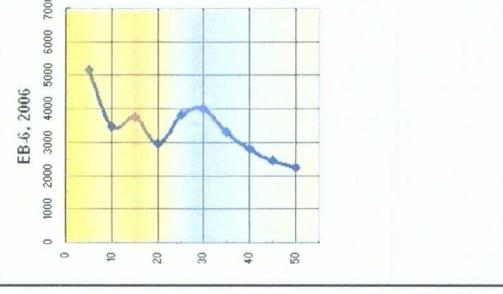
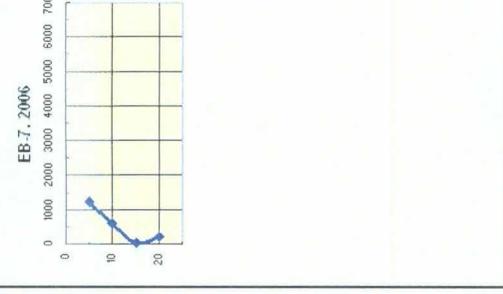
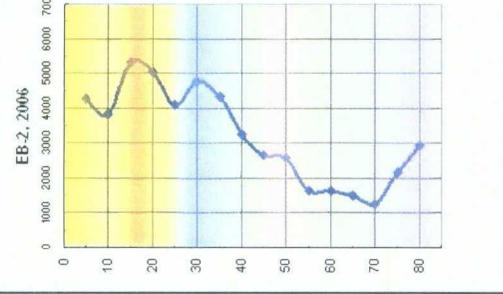
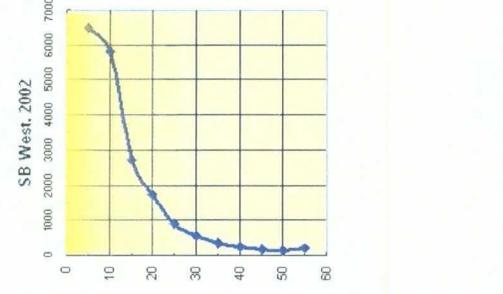
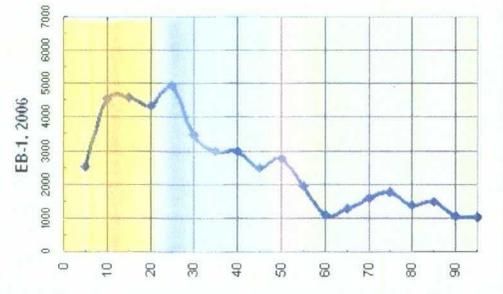
Chloride Profiles are Arranged by Relative Distance from the B-29 Junction Box. MW-1 is closest to the Junction Box. SB East is furthest from the Junction Box. MW-1 and EB-7 are not within the 2002 release footprint.

Marks chloride concentrations from 2002 release

Marks Common Depth of High Chloride Concentrations

Marks Common Depths of High Chloride Concentrations

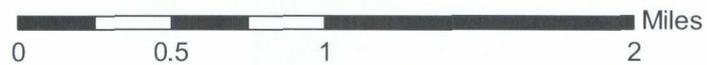
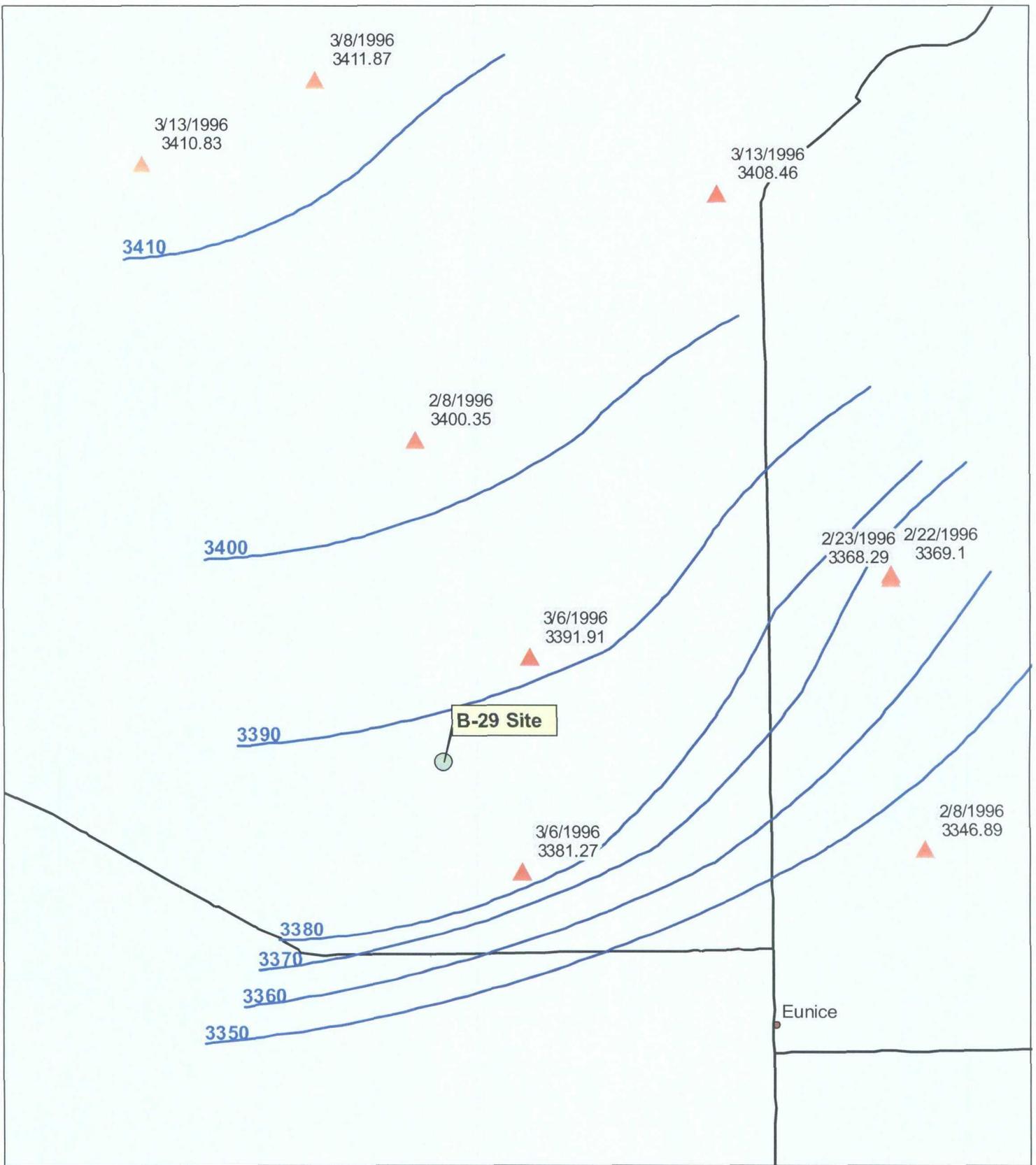
Marks Common Depth of High Chloride Concentrations



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ROC B-29 Site  
Chloride Concentration Profiles from the SB (2002) and EB (2006) Series and MW-1, MW-2 (2007)

Plate 3  
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# ***APPENDIX A***

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**LITHOLOGIC LOG (MONITORING WELL)**

MONITOR WELL NO.: MW-1	TOTAL DEPTH: 110 Ft
SITE ID: BD System B-29 Line Leak	CLIENT: Rice Operating Company
SURFACE ELEVATION: 3475 Feet (MSL)	COUNTY: Lea County
CONTRACTOR: Harrison & Cooper, Inc.	STATE: New Mexico
DRILLING METHOD: Air-Rotary	LOCATION: T-21-S, R-37-E, Sec. 29 (B)
INSTALLATION DATE: 12/17 to 12/18/07	FIELD REP.: Dale Littlejohn
WELL PLACEMENT: 68 ft South-southeast of line leak	FILE NAME: \BD System\B-29\Lithlogs 12-07
COMMENTS: Lat. 32° 27' 19.2" North, Long. 103° 11' 6.2" West	

Lithology	Depth	Samples		LITHOLOGIC DESCRIPTION: LITHOLOGY, COLOR, GRAIN SIZE, SORTING, ROUNDING, CONSOL., DIST. DEATURSES
		Type	Cl (fld)	
CEMENT				SAND AND CLAY Red to reddish brown, medium grain, well sorted, angular sand in red clay matrix.
	5	cut	3,273	CALICHE AND SILT Grayish brown, with solid caliche layer from 7 to 9 feet.
	10	spoon	1,655	CALICHE AND SILT Grayish brown, Split spoon at 10-12 feet (2,580 mg/kg Cl)
	15	cut	3,156	CALICHE Grayish white (hard drilling).
	20	cut	2,437	CALICHE AND SILT Gray to light brown with some (5%) very fine grain, sub-angular, poorly sorted sand.
	25	cut	2,049	SAND AND SILT Light grayish brown, very fine grain, well sorted, angular.
	30	cut	581	
	35	cut	350	
	40	cut	357	SAND Light brown (with very little silt) very fine grain, well sorted, sub-rounded, with some thin-bedded caliche at 42 feet.
	45	cut	377	
	50	spoon	274	Split spoon at 50 - 52 feet (6.8 mg/kg Cl).
	55			SAND Brown fine grain, well sorted, sub-rounded to rounded.

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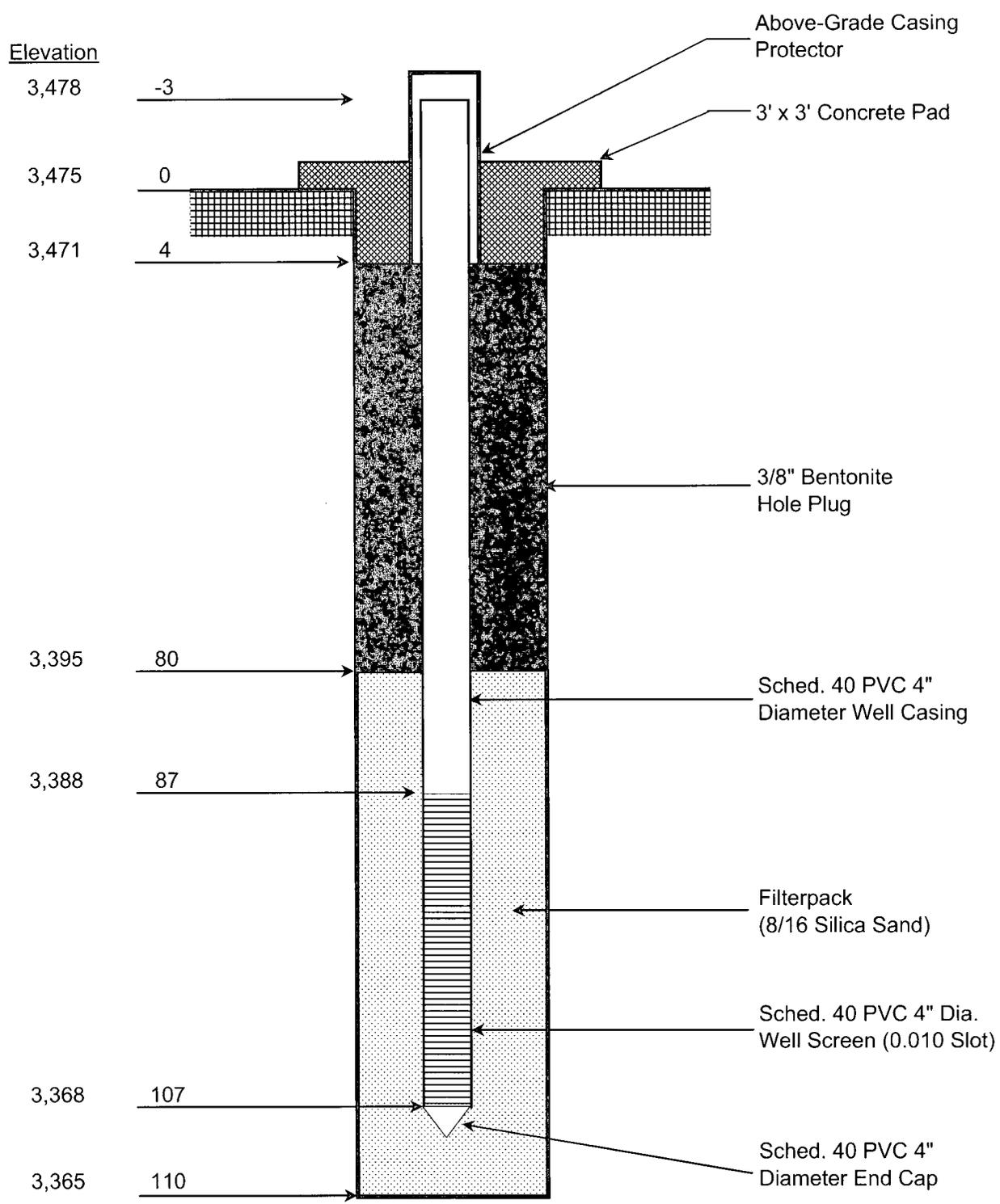
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SITE ID: BD System B-29 Line Leak  
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CONTRACTOR: Harrison & Cooper, Inc.  
DRILLING METHOD: Air-Rotary  
INSTALLATION DATE: 12/17 to 12/18/07  
WELL PLACEMENT: 68 ft South-southeast of line leak  
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TOTAL DEPTH: 110 Ft  
CLIENT: Rice Operating Company  
COUNTY: Lea County  
STATE: New Mexico  
LOCATION: T-21-S, R-37-E, Sec. 29 (B)  
FIELD REP.: Dale Littlejohn  
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<div style="display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center;"> <div style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg); font-size: small;">8/16 SAND PACK</div> <div style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg); font-size: small;">4" PVC SLOTTED SCREEN (0.010")</div> </div>	60	cut	240	SANDSTONE Brown, fine grain, well sorted, subangular, well cemented (not crystalline) and hard to drill.	
	65				
	70	cut	225	SAND Brown to reddish brown, fine grain, medium sorted, rounded, subject to caving.	
	75				
	80	cut	255	SAND Brown, fine to medium grain, medium sorted, sub-rounded, with interbedded thin sandstone and quartzite.	
	85				
	90				
	95				
	100	very few cuttings to surface			SAND (aquifer) Reddish brown, fine grain, moderately sorted, rounded quartz.  Great difficulty encountered during the completion of the well due to caving. Required approx. 15,000 gallons of water with polymer to control caving and clean out well sufficiently to install casing.
	105				
	110				

TD = 110 Feet

### MONITORING WELL CONSTRUCTION DIAGRAM



<b>R T Hicks Consultants Ltd</b>	SITE: BD System B-29 Line Leak		<b>Monitoring Well No. MW-1</b>
	DATE: #####	REV. NO.: 1	
	AUTHOR: DTL	TECH: DTL	
	DRILLER: H & C, Inc	FILE: Lithlogs	

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**LITHOLOGIC LOG (MONITORING WELL)**

MONITOR WELL NO.: MW-2  
SITE ID: BD System B-29 Line Leak  
SURFACE ELEVATION: 3474 Feet (MSL)  
CONTRACTOR: Harrison & Cooper, Inc.  
DRILLING METHOD: Air-Rotary  
INSTALLATION DATE: 12/18 to 12/19/07  
WELL PLACEMENT: 318 feet South of MW-1

TOTAL DEPTH: 101 Ft  
CLIENT: Rice Operating Company  
COUNTY: Lea County  
STATE: New Mexico  
LOCATION: T-21-S, R-37-E, Sec. 29 (B)  
FIELD REP.: Dale Littlejohn  
FILE NAME: \BD System\B-29\Lithlogs 12-07

COMMENTS: Lat. 32° 27' 16.1" North, Long. 103° 11' 6.0" West

Lithology	Depth	Samples		LITHOLOGIC DESCRIPTION: LITHOLOGY, COLOR, GRAIN SIZE, SORTING, ROUNDING, CONSOL., DIST. DEATURS
		Type	Cl (fld)	
CEMENT				SILTY CLAY Red to reddish brown.
		cut	2,941	CALICHE Gray with some silt.
	5	cut	4,886	SILT Brownish gray
		cut	3,981	SILT Pinkish brown, with some (5%) very fine grain sand and caliche (5%)>
	10	cut	3,577	
		cut	3,217	
	15	spoon	4,453	
				Split spoon 15 -17 feet (5,190 mg/kg Cl)
		cut	4,042	SAND Light brown, very fine grain, well sorted, angular.
	20	cut	3,807	CALICHE Grayish brown with some silt and very fine grain, well sorted sand
		cut	3,348	
	25	spoon	3,736	
				Split spoon 25 -27 feet (4,100 mg/kg Cl)
		cut	3,045	SAND Light brown with 30% silt) very fine grain, well sorted, rounded sand.
	30	cut	3,704	
	35	cut	2,664	
	40	cut	2,205	
	45			

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MONITOR WELL NO.: MW-2  
SITE ID: BD System B-29 Line Leak  
SURFACE ELEVATION: 3474 Feet (MSL)  
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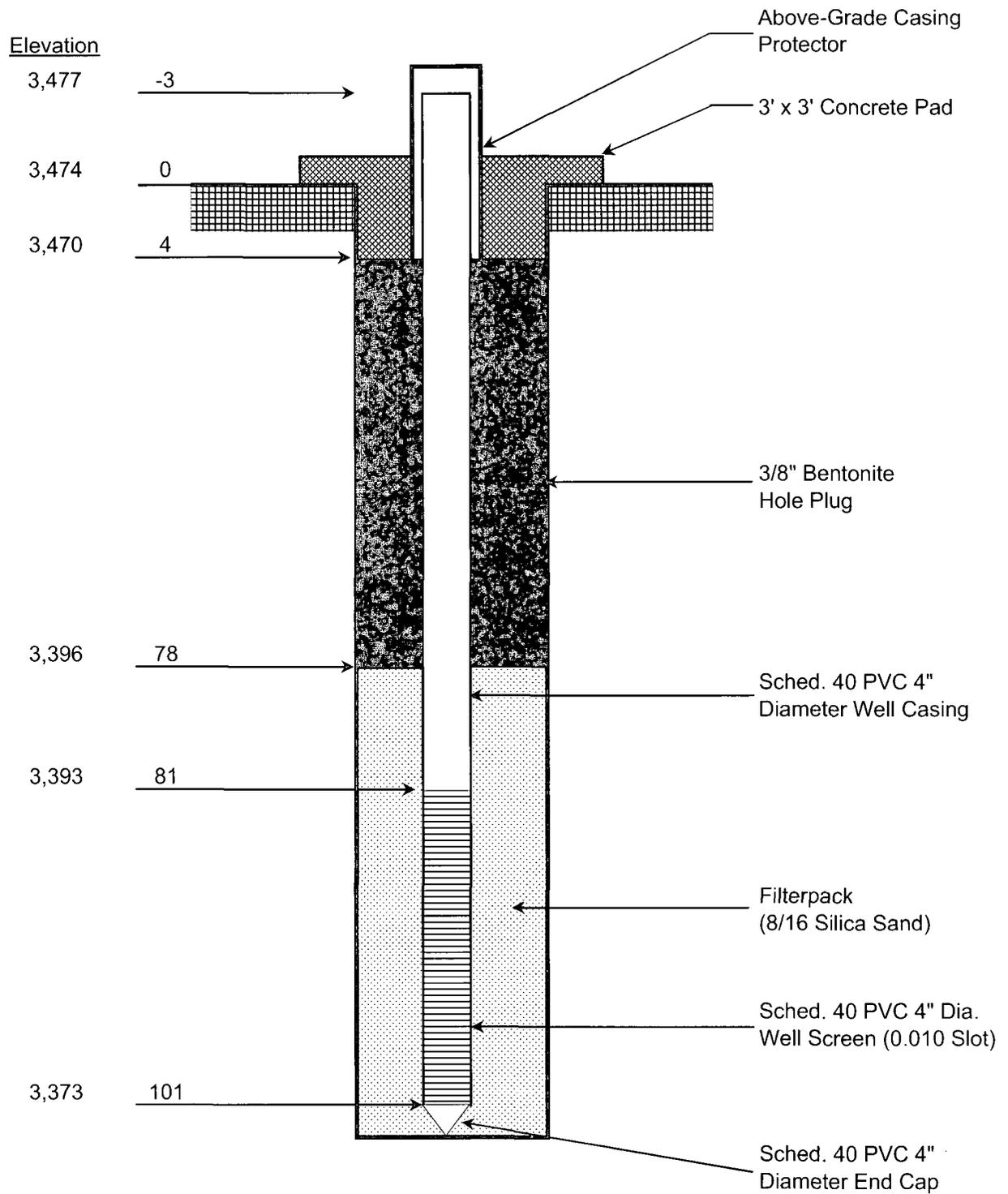
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FIELD REP.: Dale Littlejohn  
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COMMENTS: Lat. 32° 27' 16.1" North, Long. 103° 11' 6.0" West

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	---	spoon No trackable cuttings below 50 Ft Descrip. based on MW-1 and drilling rate	1,478	SAND Brown (no silt) fine to medium grain, moderately sorted, sub-rounded.	
	50			Split spoon at 50 - 52 feet (1,280 mg/kg Cl). Shut down drilling to add water and polymer (less than 2,500 gallons).	
	55				
	60				
	65				
	70				
	75				
	80				QUARTZITE, Reddish brown, fine crystalline, very hard drilling (2-ft/hour).
	85				SAND Brown, fine to medium grain, medium sorted, sub-rounded, with interbedded thin sandstone and quartzite.
90	QUARTZITE, Reddish brown, fine crystalline, very hard drilling (2-ft/hour).				
95	SAND (aquifer) Reddish brown, fine grain, moderately sorted, rounded quartz.				
100					

TD = 101 Feet

## MONITORING WELL CONSTRUCTION DIAGRAM



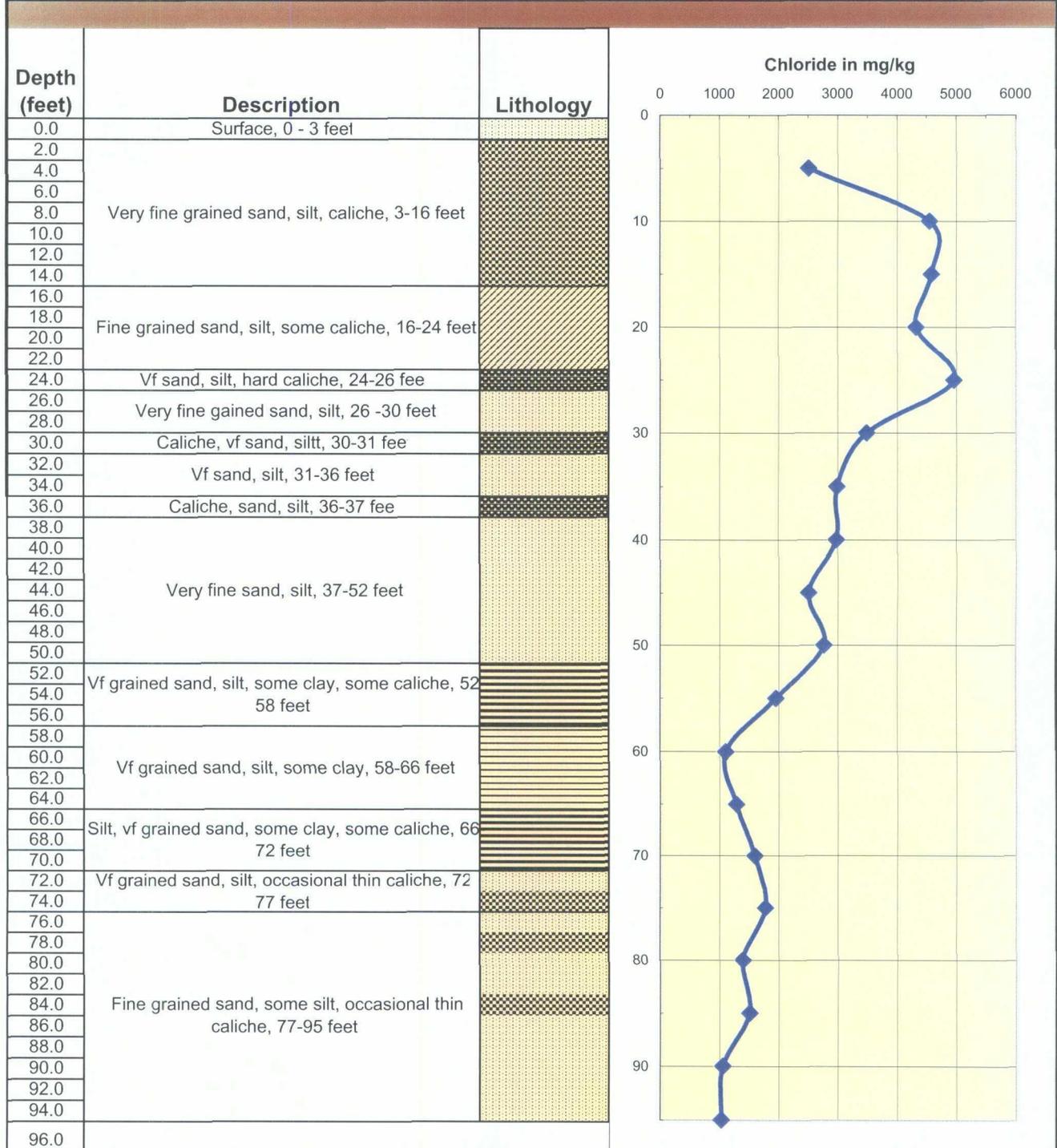
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	DATE: #####	REV. NO.: 1	
	AUTHOR: DTL	TECH: DTL	
	DRILLER: H & C, Inc	FILE: Lithlogs	

DRILLING LOG		Site Name/Location		BORING/WELL INFORMATION			Logged by: Eades		
RICE Operating Company 122 West Taylor Hobbs, New Mexico 88240 (505) 393-9174		<b>B-29</b> <b>29-T21S-R37E</b> <b>BD SWD System</b> <b>Lea County, NM</b>		Well No. SB- West	Date Drilled: 9/9/02	Driller: Eades	Completion: Plugged with bentonite & cuttings.		
				Well Depth:	Boring Depth: 60'	Well Material:			
				Casing Length	Boring Diameter: 4.75"	Casing Size:			
				Screen Length:	Drilling Method: Air Rotary	Slot Size:			
DEPTH		SUBSURFACE LITHOLOGY		SAMPLE TYPE		Test Results (ppm)		REMARKS	Boring
0	Ground surface			Titrate	EPA 418.1				
	Topsoil								
5		Grab	6483						
10	Caliche		Grab	5807					
15		Grab	2728						
20		Grab	1755						
25		Grab	899						
30		Grab	572						
35		Grab	344						
40		Grab	236						
45		Grab	160						
50		Grab	152			bentonite			
55		Grab	196						
60	Sand and Sandstone Stringers		Grab						
65									
<b>R.T. Hicks Consultants, Ltd</b> 901 Rio Grande Blvd NW Suite F-142 Albuquerque, NM 87104 505-266-5004				B-29 Site		Plate B-1			
				Soil Borings, SB-West		November, 2007			

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RICE Operating Company 122 West Taylor Hobbs, New Mexico 88240 (505) 393-9174		<b>B-29</b> <b>29-T21S-R37E</b> <b>BD SWD System</b> <b>Lea County, NM</b>	Well No. MD SB 1	Date Drilled: 06-25-02	Driller: Eades	Completion:  Plugged with bentonite & cuttings.	
			Well Depth:	Boring Depth: 40'	Well Material:		
			Casing Length	Boring Diameter: 4.75"	Casing Size:		
			Screen Length:	Drilling Method: Air Rotary	Slot Size:		
DEPTH		SUBSURFACE LITHOLOGY	SAMPLE TYPE	Test Results (ppm) Cl <sup>-</sup> TPH		REMARKS	Boring
0	Ground surface			Titrate	EPA 418.1		
1	Topsoil						
2							
3							
4						cuttings	
5			Grab	3599			
6							
7							
8	Sandy Brown Clay						
9							
10			Grab	4279			
11							
12							
13							
14	Caliche and Light Tan Sand						
15			Grab	5758			
16							
17							
18							
19							
20			Grab	4439			
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38	Caliche						
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40	Sand		Grab	592			
<b>R.T. Hicks Consultants, Ltd</b> 901 Rio Grande Blvd NW Suite F-142 Albuquerque, NM 87104 505-266-5004			<b>B-29 Site</b>		<b>Plate B-2</b>		
			<b>Soil Borings, SB-1</b>		<b>November, 2007</b>		

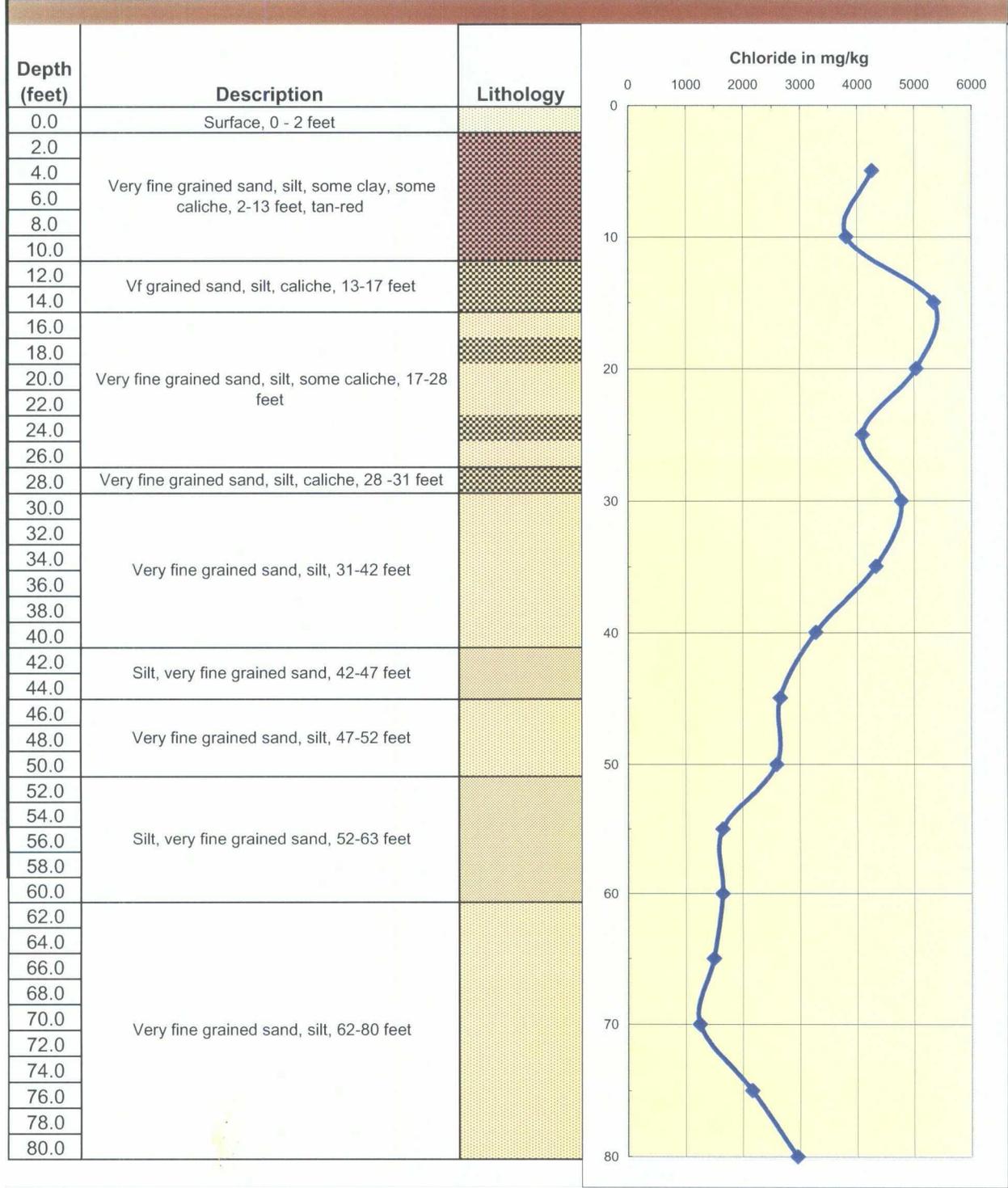
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				Well Depth:	Boring Depth: 45'	Well Material:	
				Casing Length	Boring Diameter: 4.75"	Casing Size:	
				Screen Length:	Drilling Method: Air Rotary	Slot Size:	
DEPTH		SUBSURFACE LITHOLOGY	SAMPLE TYPE	Test Results (ppm)		REMARKS	Boring
0		Ground surface		Titrate	EPA 418.1		
		Topsoil					
5			Grab	800			
10			Grab	632		cuttings →	
15		Caliche	Grab	745			
20			Grab	603			
25			Grab	274			
30			Grab	152			
35			Grab	83		bentonite	
40			Grab	108			
45		Sand and Sandstone Stringers	Grab	76			
50							
55							
60							
65							
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<b>Driller:</b>	Harrison Cooper Drilling	<b>Client:</b>	Rice Operating Company	<b>Boring ID:</b>	ESB-1
<b>Logger:</b>	David Hamilton	<b>Project Name:</b>	B-29 Site		
<b>Drilling Method:</b>	Air Rotary	<b>Location:</b>	T21S R37E		
<b>Start Date:</b>	12/14/2006		Section 29		
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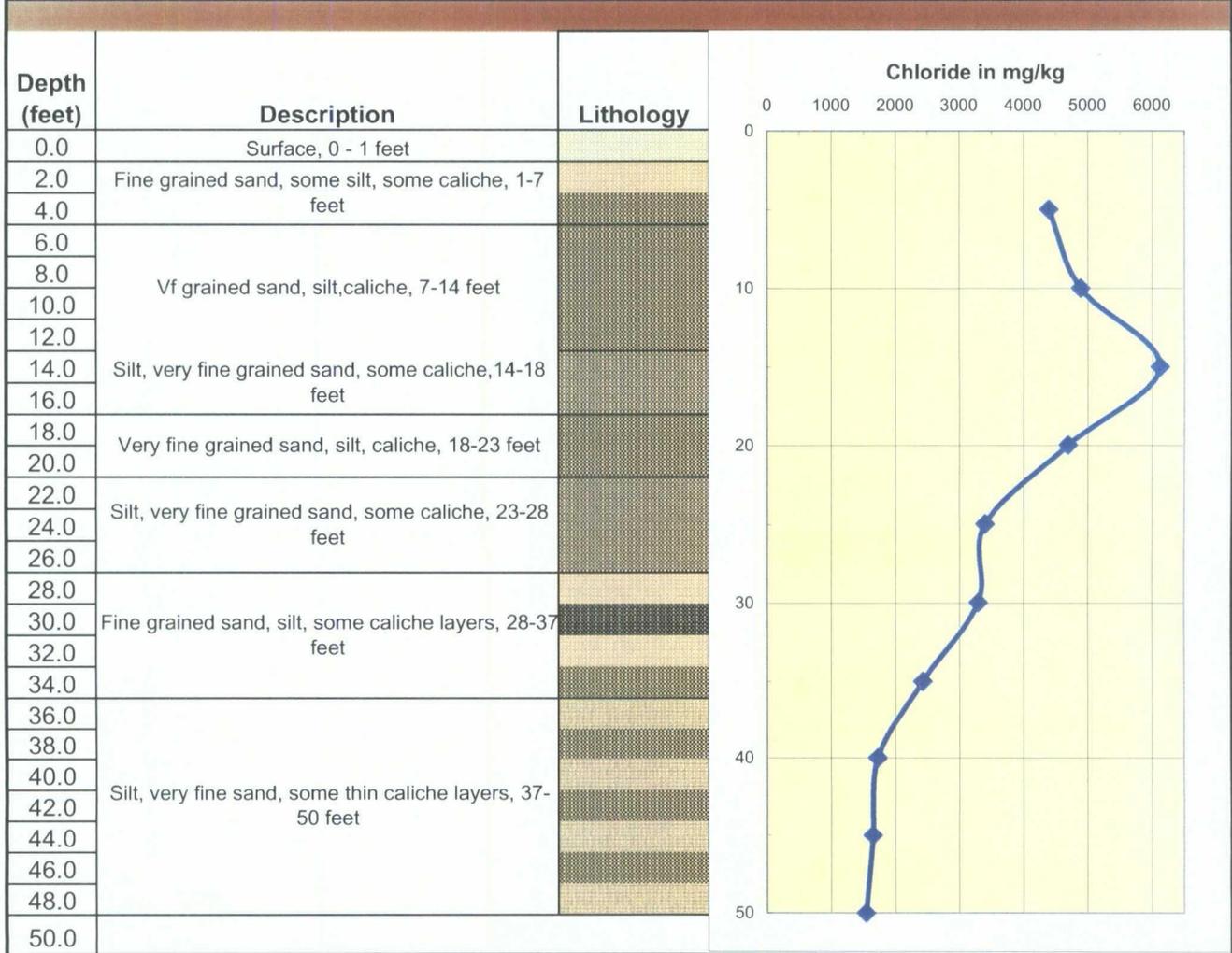
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<b>Driller:</b>	Harrison Cooper Drilling	<b>Client:</b>	Rice Operating Company	<b>Boring ID:</b>  <b>ESB-2</b>
<b>Logger:</b>	David Hamilton	<b>Project Name:</b>	B-29 Site	
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<b>End Date:</b>	12/14/2006			
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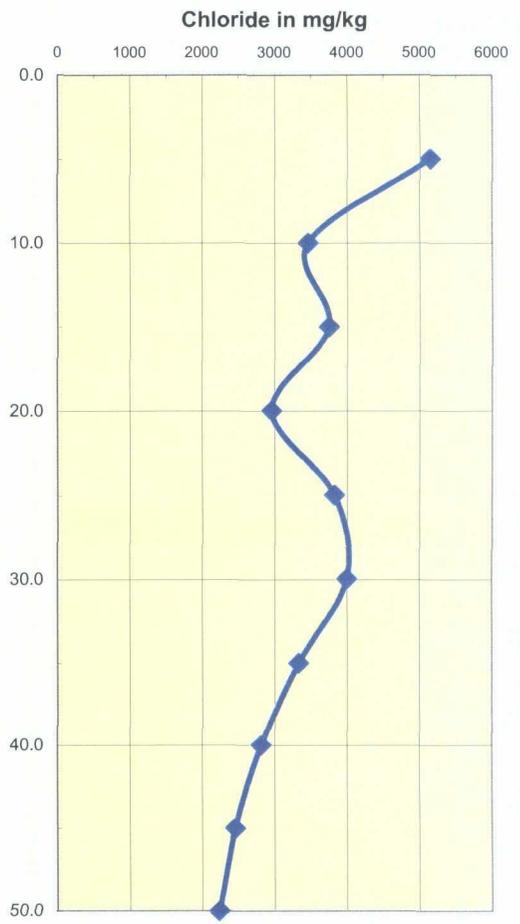
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<b>Logger:</b>	David Hamilton	<b>Project Name:</b>	B-29 Site		
<b>Drilling Method:</b>	Air Rotary	<b>Location:</b>	T21S R37E		
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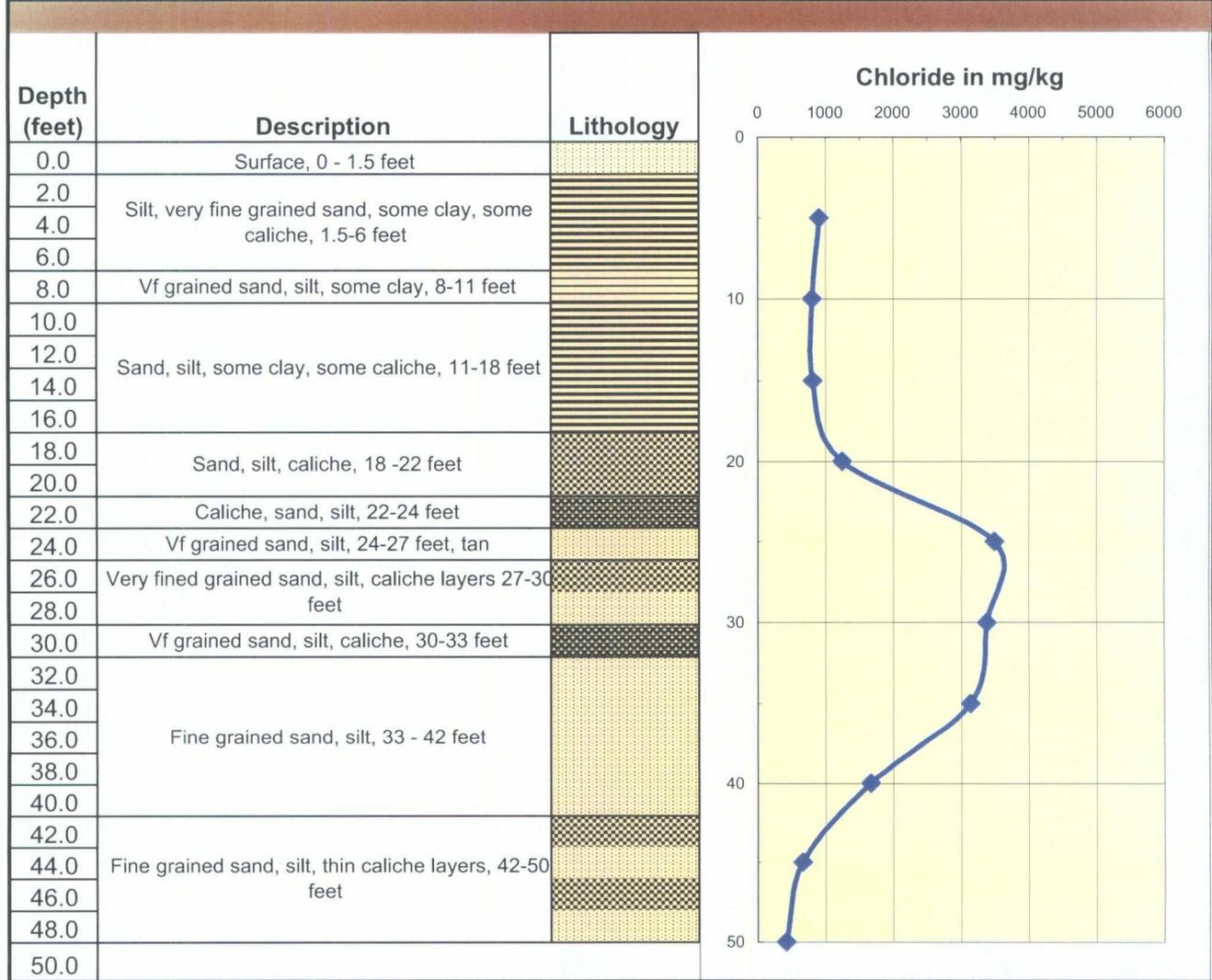
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<b>Drilling Method:</b>	Air Rotary	<b>Location:</b>	T21S R37E		
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Depth (feet)	Description	Lithology	Chloride in mg/kg
0.0	Surface, 0 - 2 feet		
2.0	Very fine grained sand, silt, 2-3.5 feet		
4.0	Vf grained sand, silt, hard caliche, 3.5-7 feet		
6.0	Very fine grained sand, silt, some caliche, 7-20 feet		
8.0			
10.0			
12.0			
14.0			
16.0			
18.0	Hard caliche, 20 -22 feet		
20.0			
22.0	Very fine grained sand, silt, some caliche layers, 22-30 feet		
24.0			
26.0			
28.0			
30.0	Silt, very fine grained sand, some caliche layers, 30-50 feet		
32.0			
34.0			
36.0			
38.0			
40.0			
42.0			
44.0			
46.0			
48.0			
50.0			



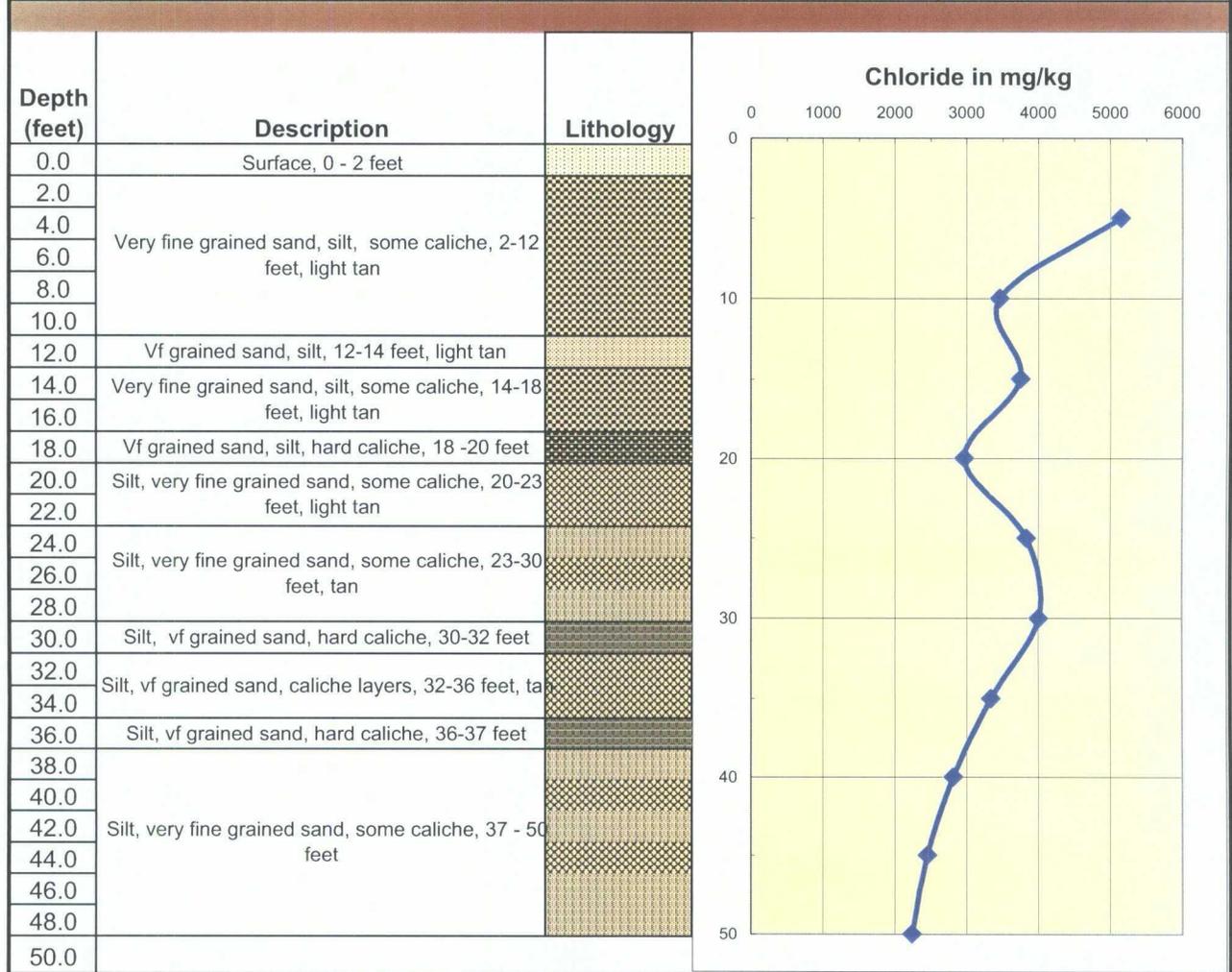
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<b>Driller:</b>	Harrison Cooper Drilling	<b>Client:</b>	Rice Operating Company	<b>Boring ID:</b>	<b>ESB-5</b>
<b>Logger:</b>	David Hamilton	<b>Project Name:</b>	B-29 Site		
<b>Drilling Method:</b>	Air Rotary	<b>Location:</b>	T21S R37E		
<b>Start Date:</b>	12/14/2006		Section 29		
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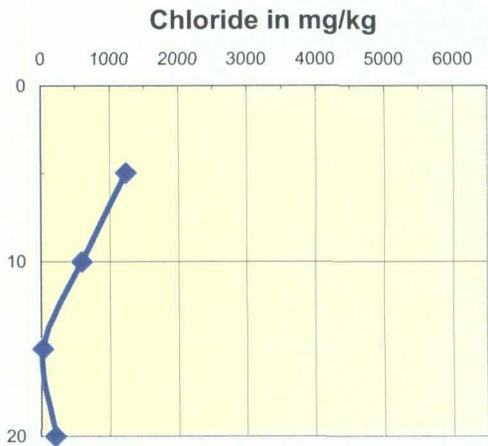
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<b>Logger:</b>	David Hamilton	<b>Project Name:</b>	B-29 Site	
<b>Drilling Method:</b>	Air Rotary	<b>Location:</b>	T21S R37E	
<b>Start Date:</b>	12/14/2006		Section 29	
<b>End Date:</b>	12/14/2006			
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<b>Driller:</b>	Harrison Cooper Drilling	<b>Client:</b>	Rice Operating Company	<b>Boring ID:</b>  <b>ESB-7</b>
<b>Logger:</b>	David Hamilton	<b>Project Name:</b>	B-29 Site	
<b>Drilling Method:</b>	Air Rotary	<b>Location:</b>	T21S R37E	
<b>Start Date:</b>	12/14/2006		Section 29	
<b>End Date:</b>	12/14/2006			
<b>Latitude:</b>	32 27.279			
<b>Longitude:</b>	103 11.090			

Depth (feet)	Description	Lithology	Chloride in mg/kg
0.0	Surface, 0 - 1.5 feet		
2.0	Very fine grained sand, silt, some caliche, 1.5-12 feet		
4.0			
6.0			
8.0			
10.0	Vf grained sand, silt, caliche, 12-20 feet		
12.0			
14.0			
16.0			
18.0			
20.0			



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	<b>Exploratory Soil Boring</b>	<b>November, 2007</b>