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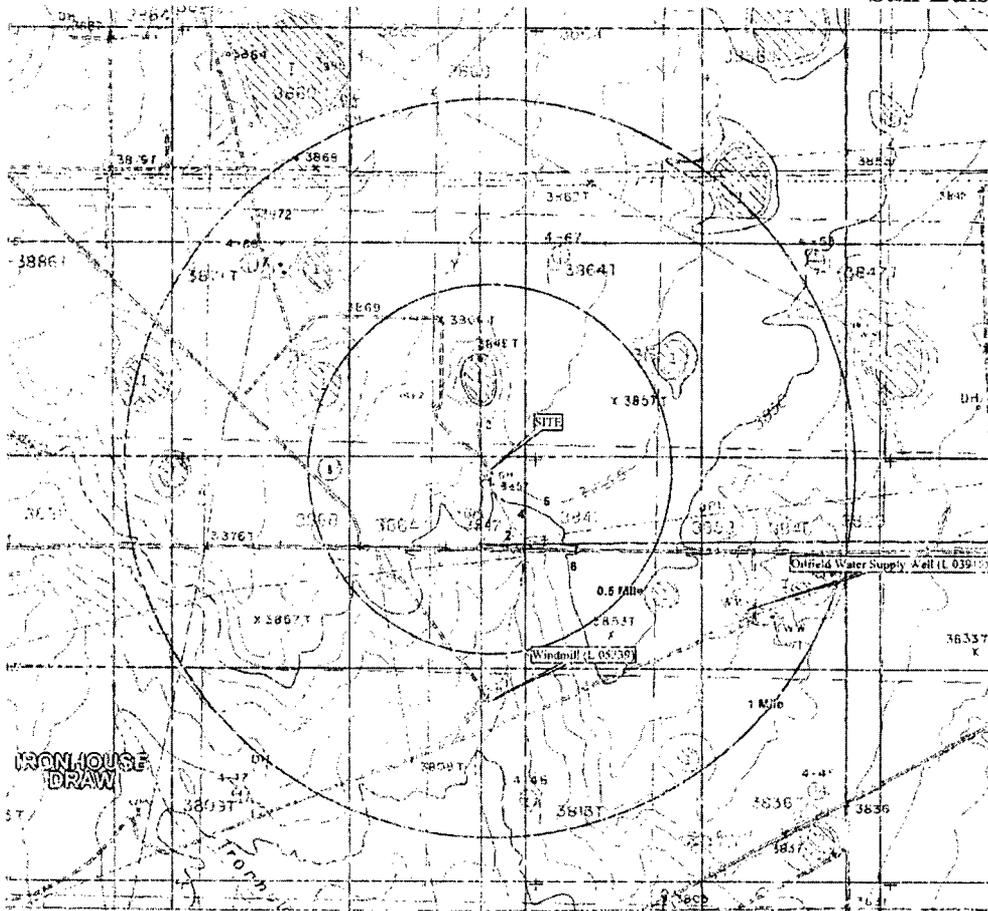
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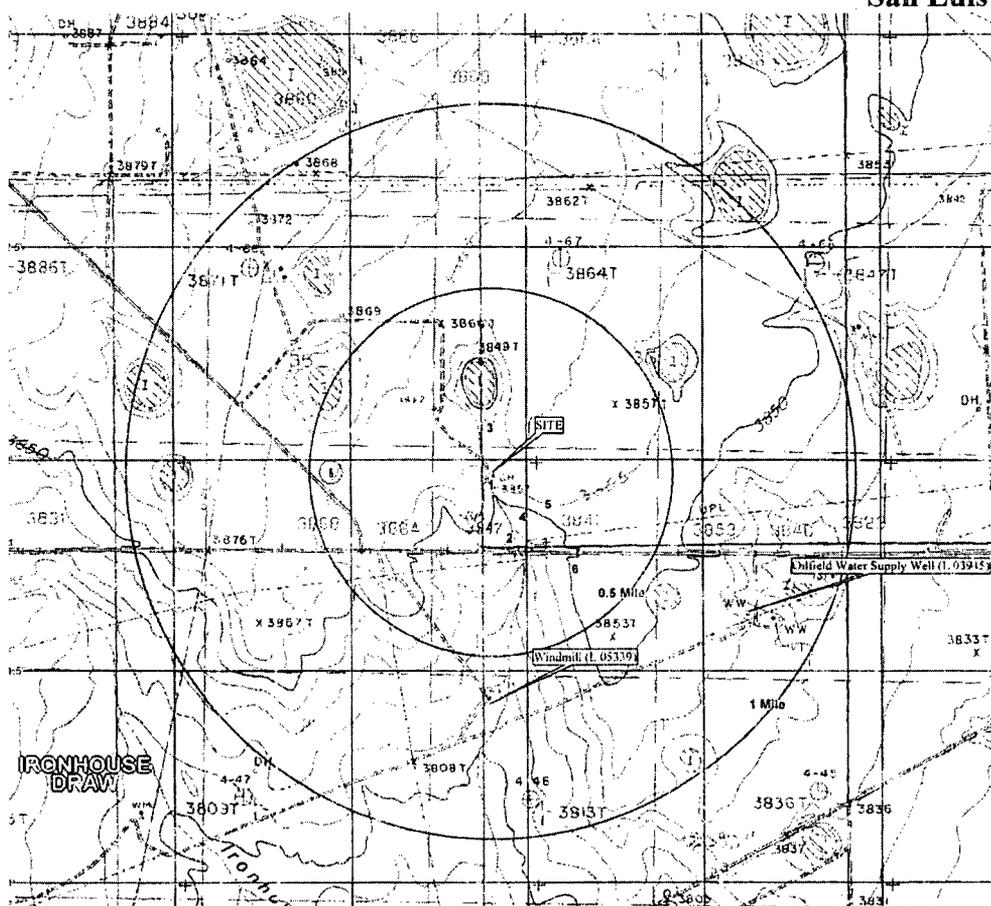


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Dear Mr. Olson:

Enclosed is the 2004 Annual Groundwater Monitoring Report for the Former Unocal South Vacuum Unit site located in Lea County, New Mexico.

Please contact me at (432) 682-0808 or Achebe Hope of Unocal (Real Estate and Remediation Services Group) at (805) 547-5448 with any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

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Gilbert J. Van Deventer, REM, PG, NMCS
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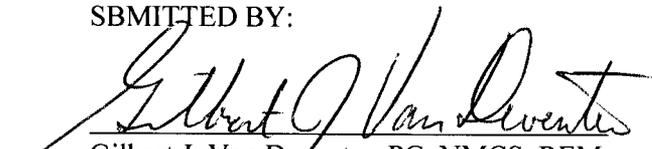
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1.0 Executive Summary

Trident Environmental (Trident) was retained by ENSR Corporation (ENSR), on behalf of Unocal Real Estate and Remediation Services (Unocal), to perform the 2004 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 2004 annual sampling event performed by Trident at the site on August 12, 2004. 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 3,460 feet southeast of the source in approximately 160 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 2,100 feet in approximately 90 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 have been steadily decreasing at a rate of approximately 0.3 feet per year since the initial sampling event of monitoring well MW-1 in January 1995.

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 2005 annual groundwater monitoring report to OCD in January 2006 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 50.10 to 71.62 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 (628 mg/L), MW-2 (451 mg/L), and MW-4 (1,130 mg/L). The WQCC standard of 1,000 mg/L for TDS was exceeded in MW-1 (2,050 mg/L) and MW-4 (2,480 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 isopleths 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 isopleths 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 an increase in TDS concentrations during the 2003 sampling event. TDS concentrations in MW-1 have resumed a decreasing trend during the last year of monitoring. 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 monitoring well MW-3 have slightly increased since 2000, whereas 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 750 feet from the former SWD pit and approximately 300 feet upgradient from well MW-4.

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 2164) and 9B (year 2094), respectively. The center of the chloride plume is approximately 3,460 ft away from the pit and well source in the year 2164. The center of the TDS plume is approximately 2,100 ft away from the pit and well source in the year 2094.

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 two 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

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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	1174	2250	59.57	3858.37	3798.80
	05/18/95	983	2251	61.30	3858.37	3797.07
	08/28/96	1420	2730	61.57	3858.37	3796.80
	08/13/97	1400	2800	61.75	3858.37	3796.62
	09/30/99	1094	2318	62.51	3858.37	3795.86
	06/14/00	927	2040	62.85	3858.37	3795.52
	06/18/01	813	1790	63.07	3858.37	3795.30
	07/11/02	784	1680	63.28	3858.37	3795.09
	07/02/03	715	2090	63.66	3858.37	3794.71
	08/12/04	628	2050	63.83	3858.37	3794.54
MW-2	09/30/99	298	922	49.51	3841.64	3792.13
	06/14/00	317	852	49.81	3841.64	3791.83
	06/18/01	288	878	50.06	3841.64	3791.58
	07/11/02	284	808	50.29	3841.64	3791.35
	07/02/03	268	859	50.63	3841.64	3791.01
	08/12/04	451	931	50.81	3841.64	3790.83
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
MW-4	09/30/99	1576	2981	60.18	3852.51	3792.33
	06/14/00	1500	2910	60.55	3852.51	3791.96
	06/18/01	1530	3180	60.78	3852.51	3791.73
	07/11/02	1290	2660	60.98	3852.51	3791.53
	07/02/03	1250	2610	61.34	3852.51	3791.17
	08/12/04	1130	2480	61.50	3852.51	3791.01
MW-5	06/14/00	13.7	274	68.57	3859.84	3791.27
	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
MW-6	06/14/00	48	382	70.79	3858.78	3787.99
	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
WQCC Standards		250	1000			

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.

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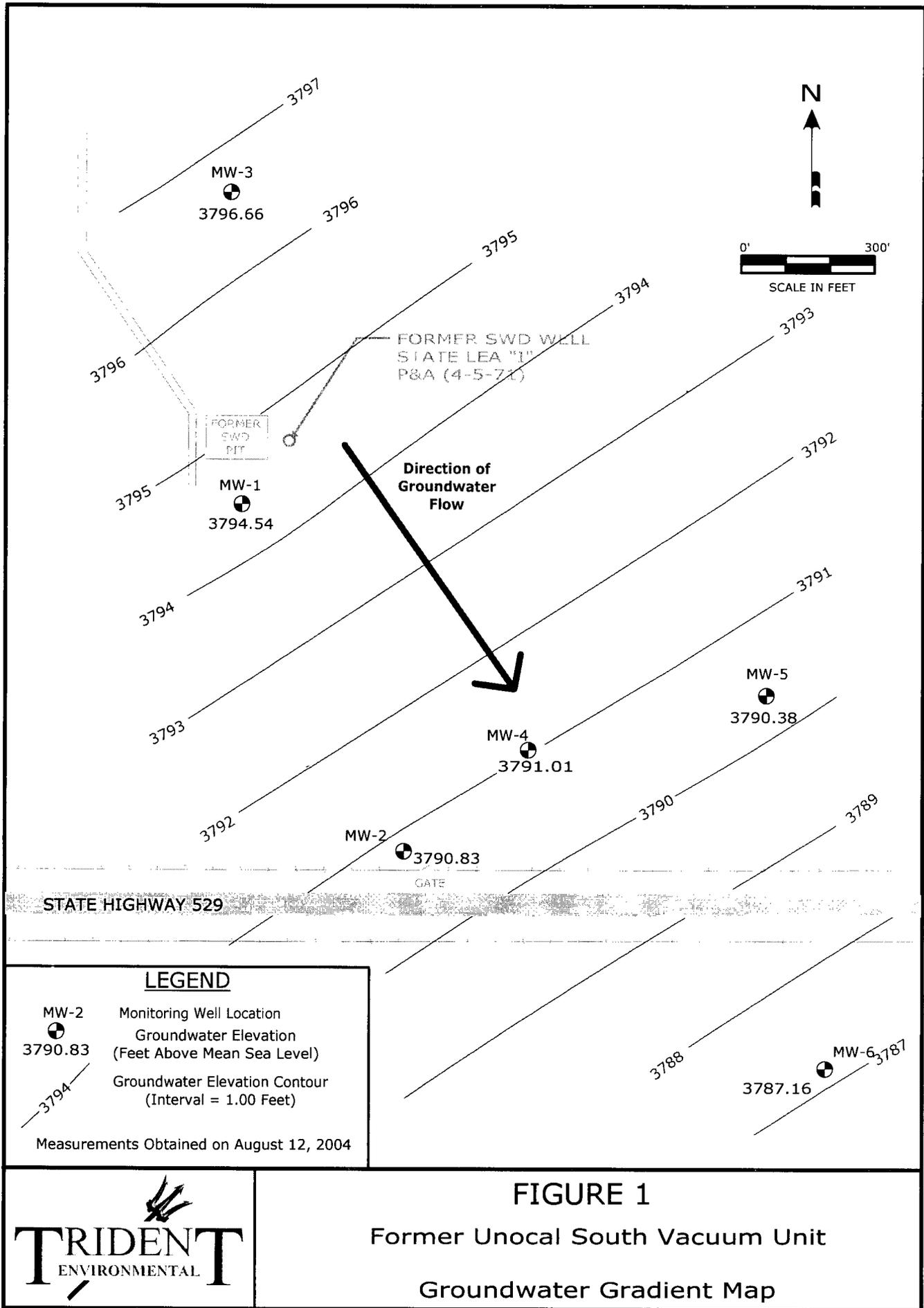
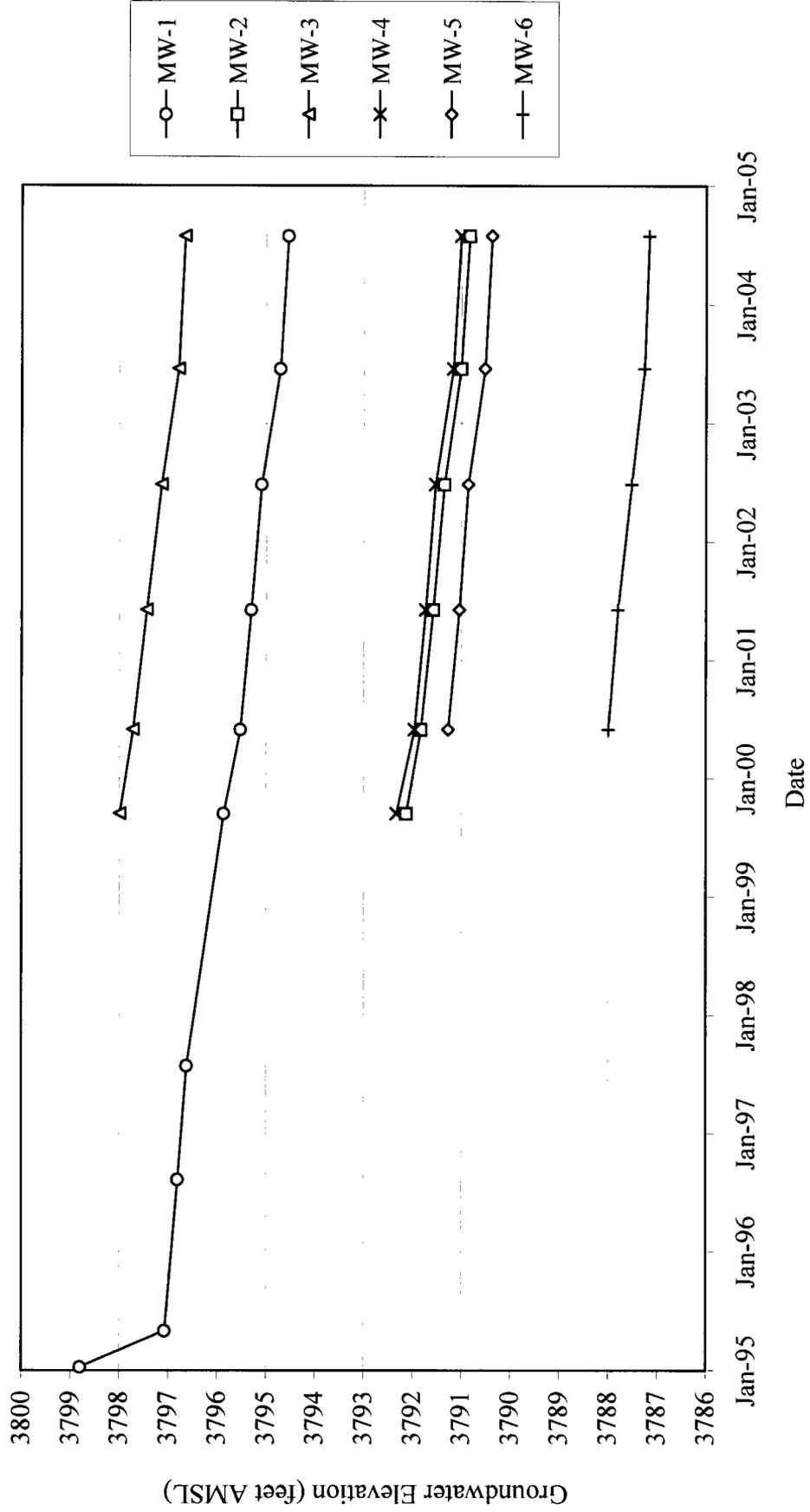


Figure 2
Historical Groundwater Elevations



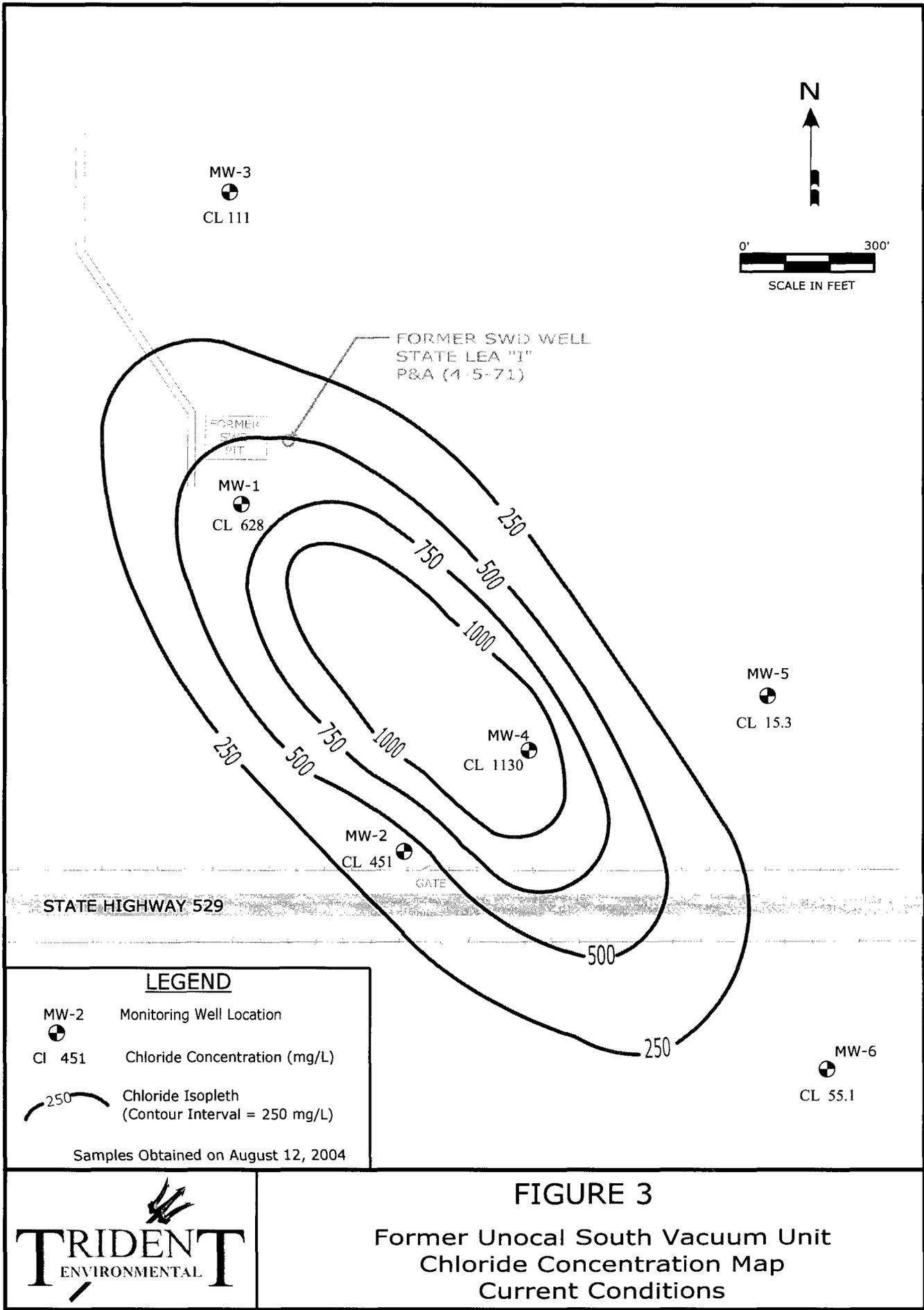


FIGURE 3

Former Unocal South Vacuum Unit
 Chloride Concentration Map
 Current Conditions



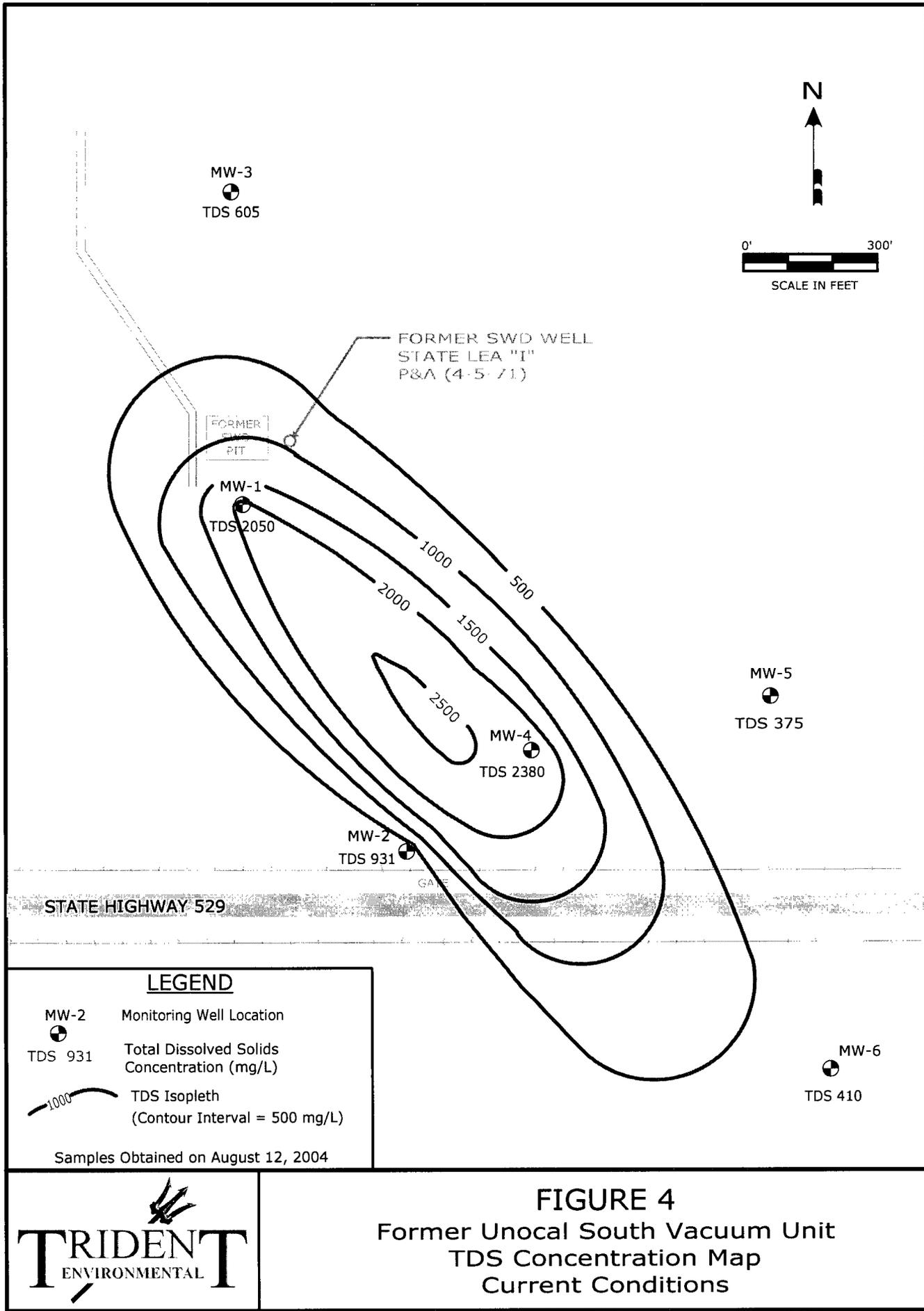


FIGURE 4
Former Unocal South Vacuum Unit
TDS Concentration Map
Current Conditions

Figure 5
Chloride Concentrations Versus Time Graph

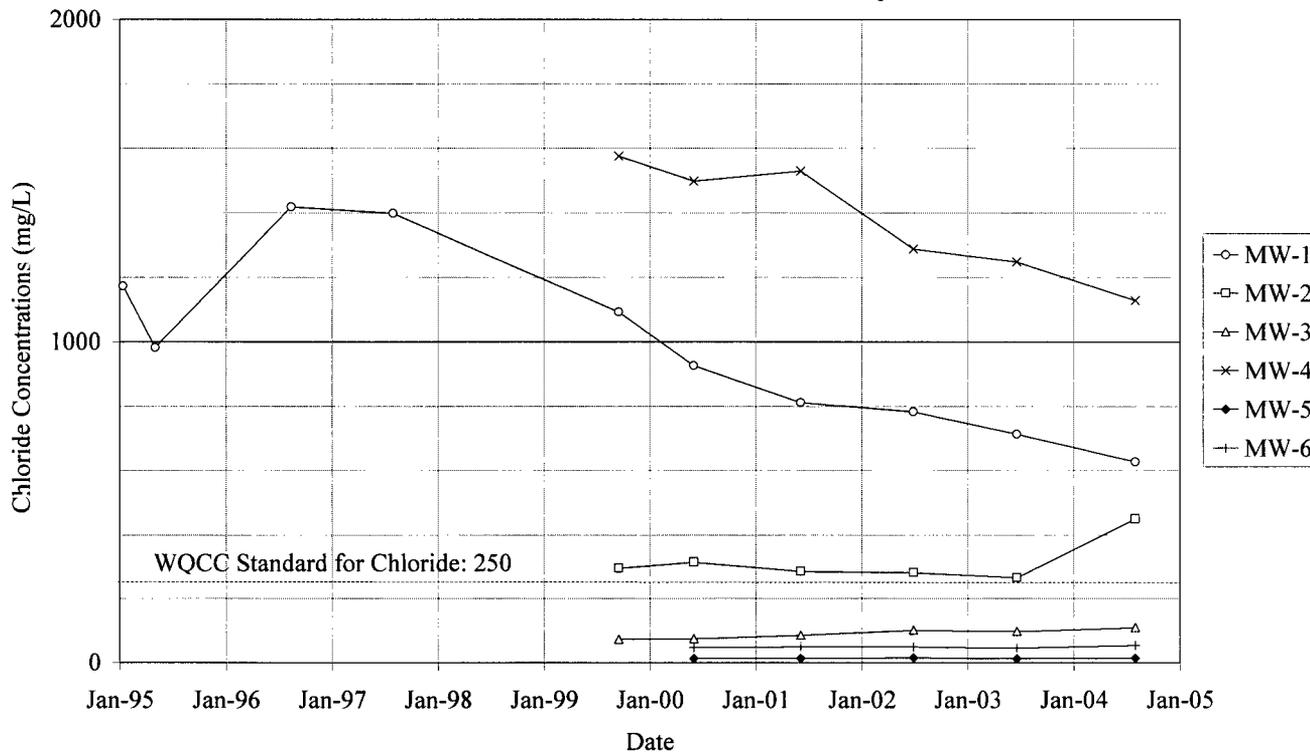
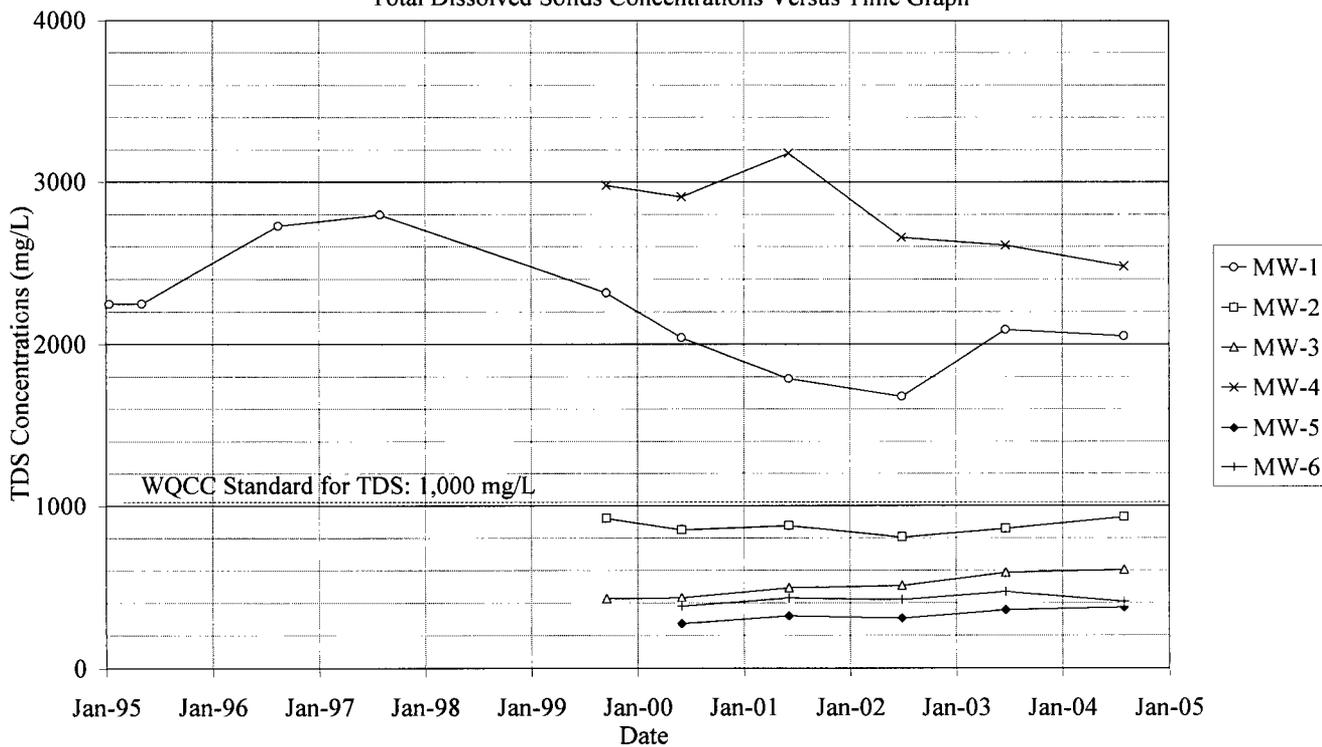
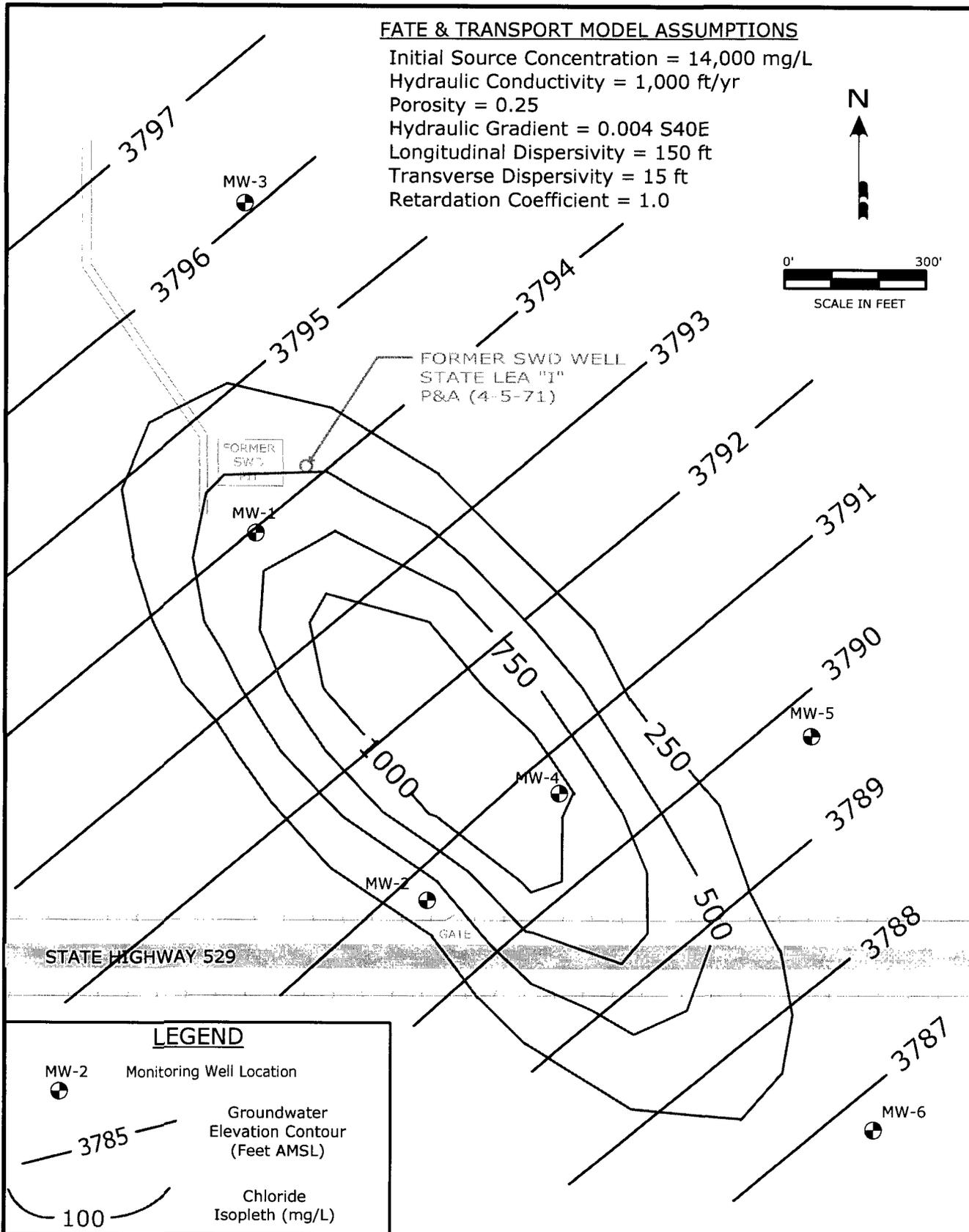


Figure 6
Total Dissolved Solids Concentrations Versus Time Graph



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)
- Chloride Isopleth (mg/L)

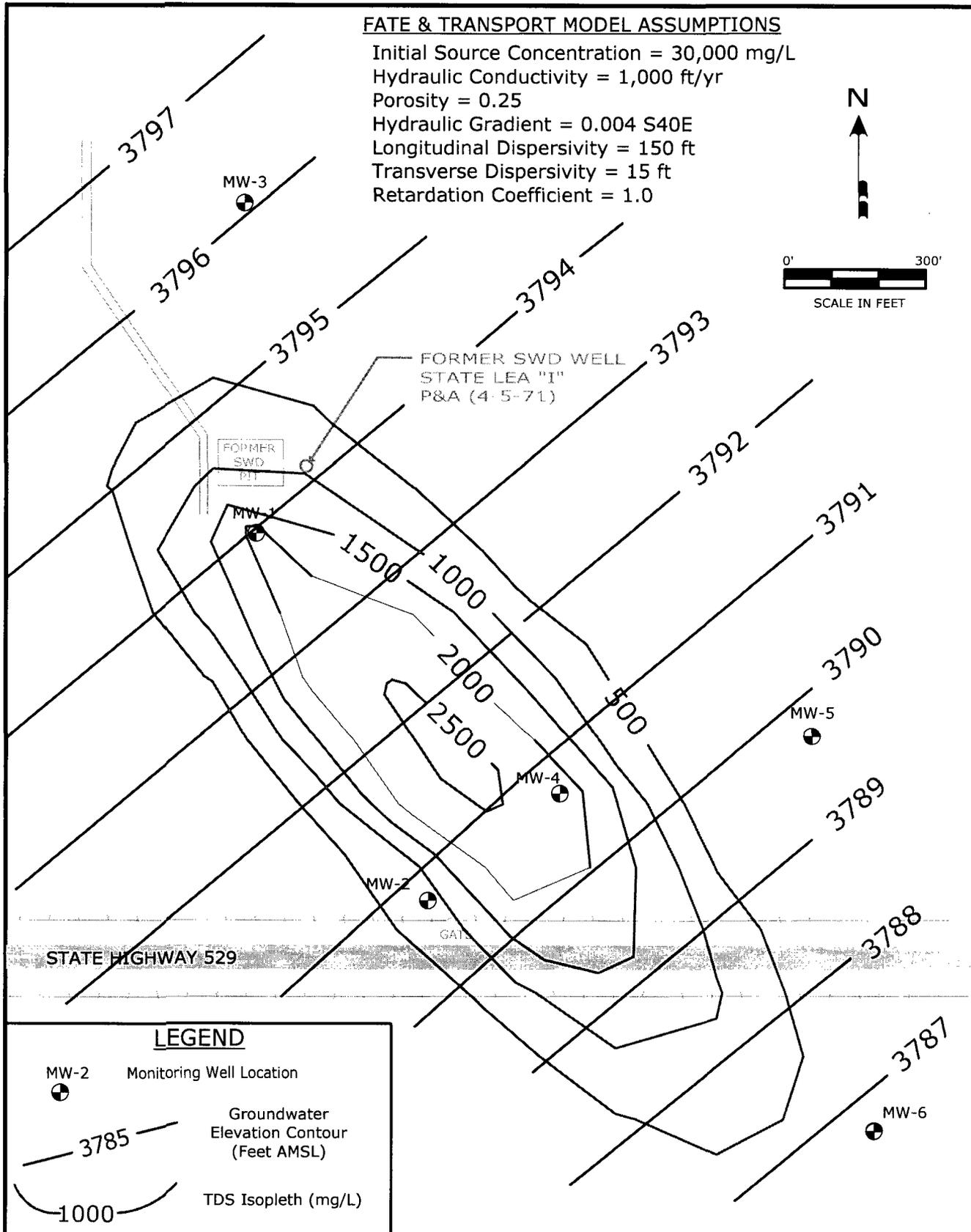


FIGURE 7A

Former Unocal South Vacuum Unit
33-Year Chloride Plume Simulation (1971-2004)
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)

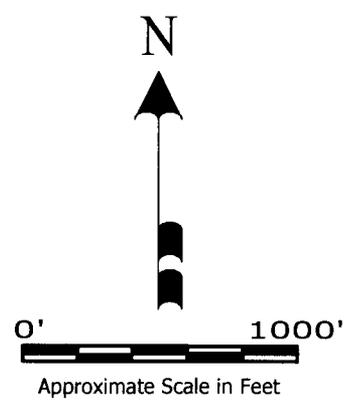
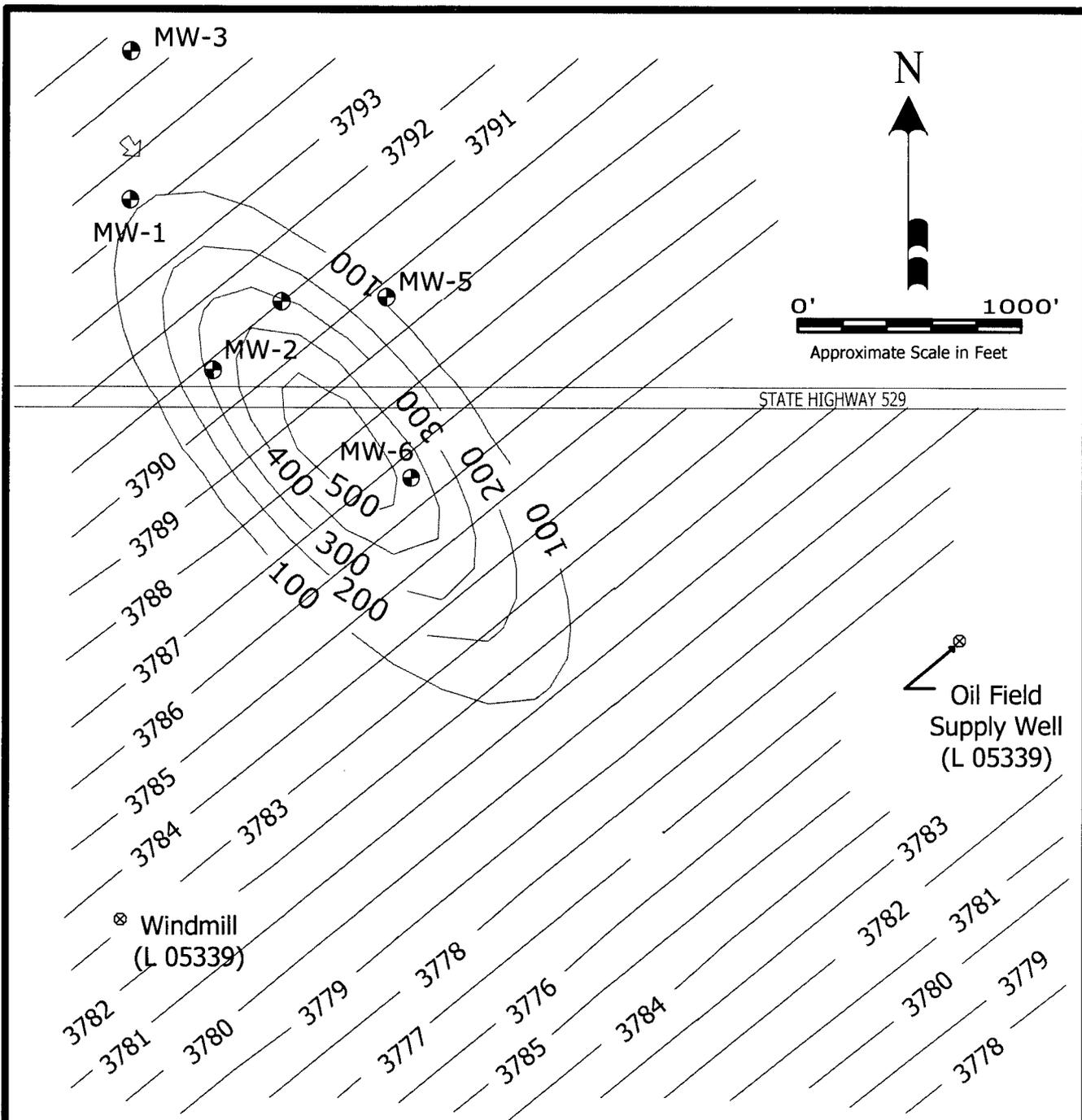
TDS Isopleth (mg/L)

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FIGURE 7B

Former Unocal South Vacuum Unit
 33-Year TDS Plume Simulation (1971-2004)
 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
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- Retardation Coefficient = 1.0

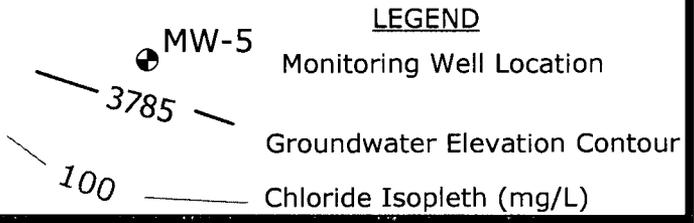
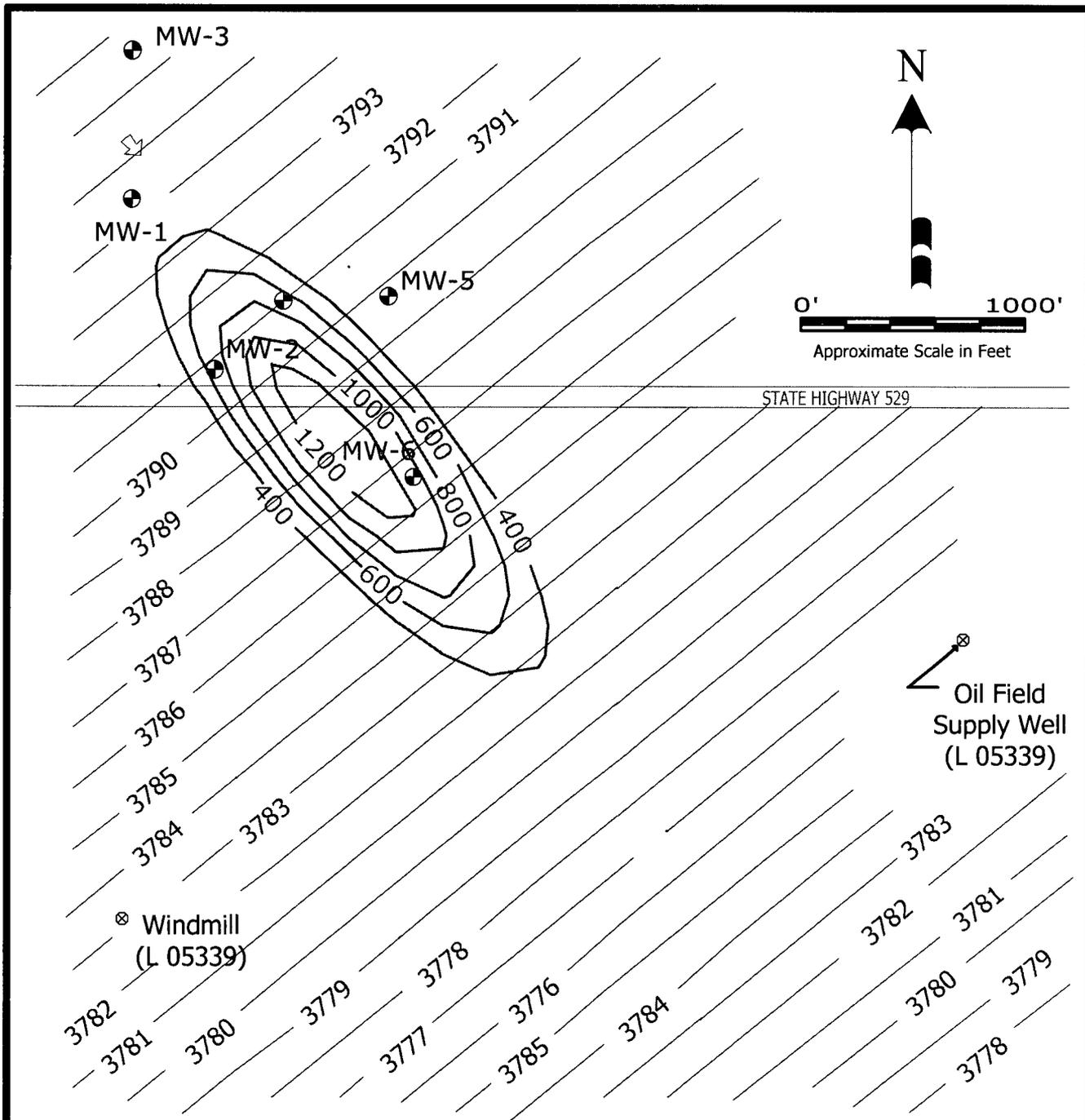


FIGURE 8A
 Former Unocal South Vacuum Unit
 50-Year Chloride Plume Simulation (2004-2054)
 Based on WinTran Modeling Results



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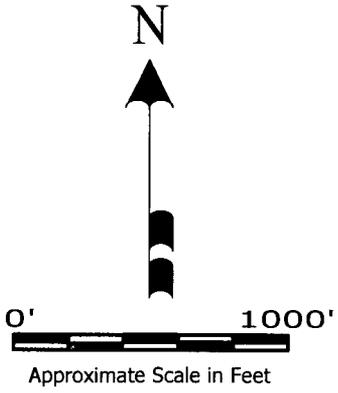
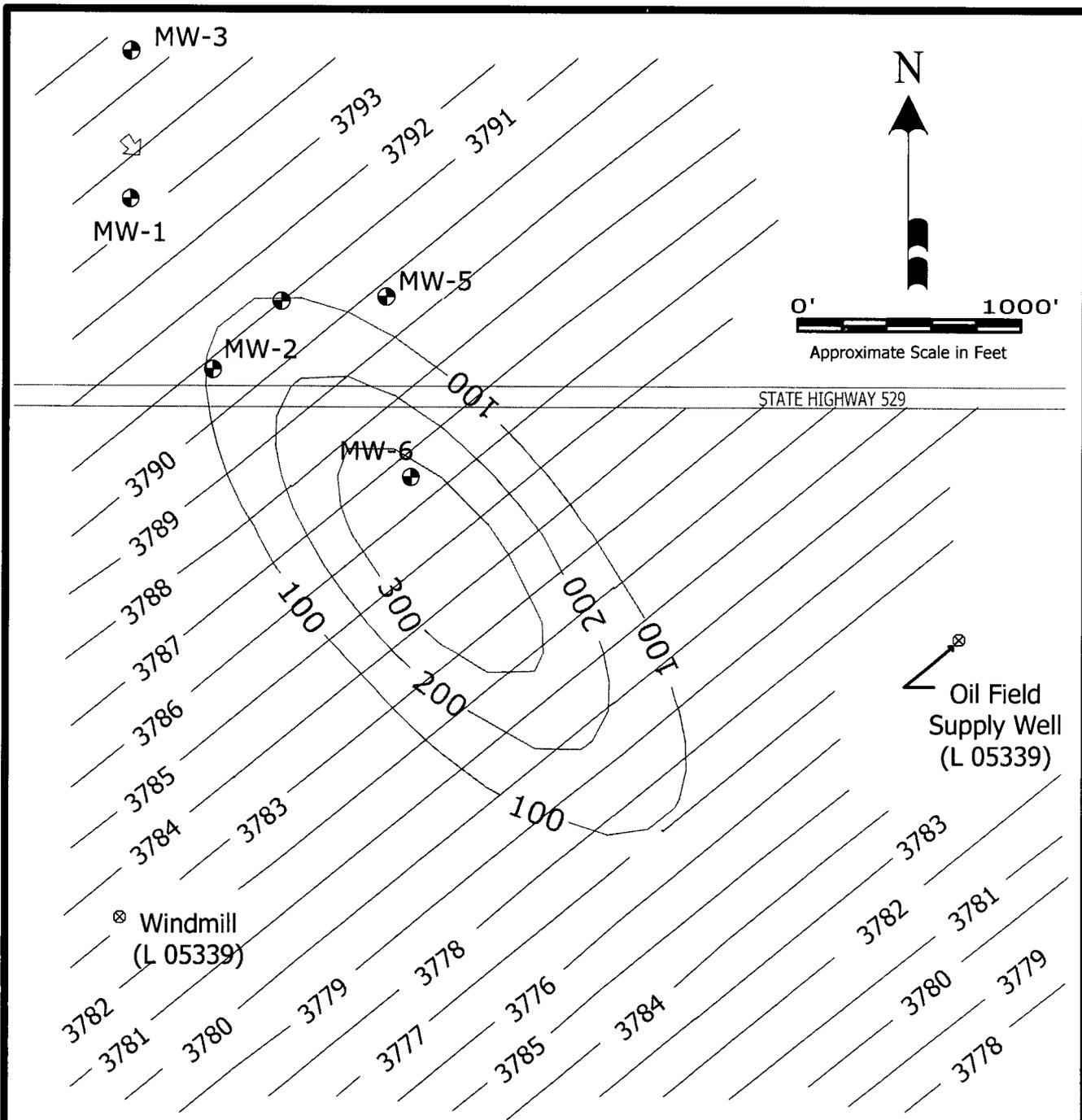
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 Hydraulic Conductivity = 1000 ft/yr
 Porosity = 0.25
 Hydraulic Gradient = 0.004 S40E
 Longitudinal Dispersivity = 150 ft
 Transverse Dispersivity = 15 ft
 Retardation Coefficient = 1.0

LEGEND

- MW-5 Monitoring Well Location
- 3778 Groundwater Elevation Contour
- 100 TDS Isopleth (mg/L)



FIGURE 8B
 Former Unocal South Vacuum Unit
 50-Year TDS Plume Simulation (2004-2054)
 Based on WinTran Modeling Results

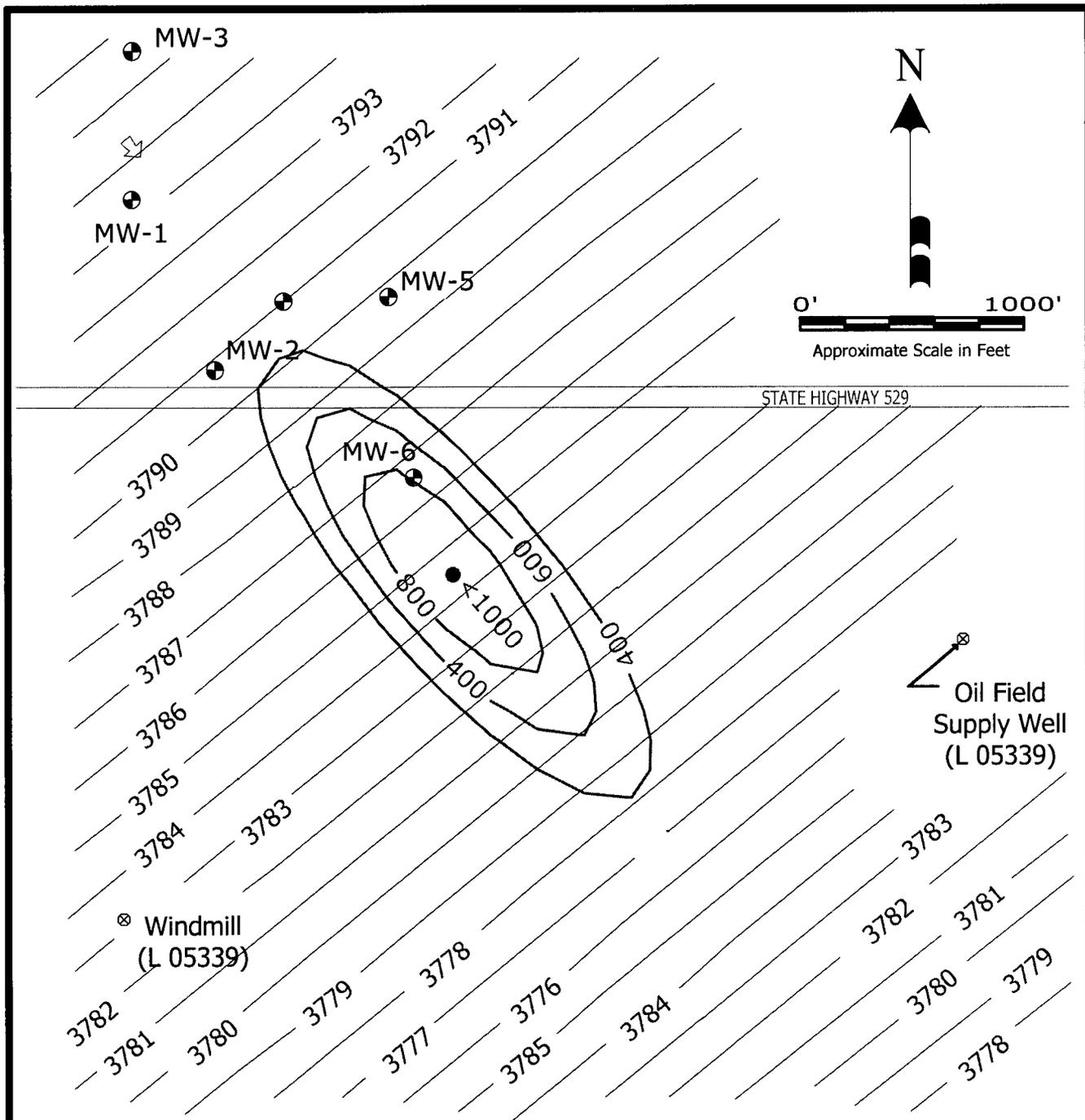


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 Initial Source Concentration = 14,000 mg/L
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 Longitudinal Dispersivity = 150 ft
 Transverse Dispersivity = 15 ft
 Retardation Coefficient = 1.0

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 ● MW-5 Monitoring Well Location
 — 3785 — Groundwater Elevation Contour
 — 100 — Chloride Isopleth (mg/L)



FIGURE 9A
 Former Unocal South Vacuum Unit
 90 Year Chloride Plume Simulation (2004-2094)
 Based on WinTran Modeling Results



FATE & TRANSPORT MODEL ASSUMPTIONS

Initial Source Concentration = 30000 mg/L
 Hydraulic Conductivity = 1000 ft/yr
 Porosity = 0.25
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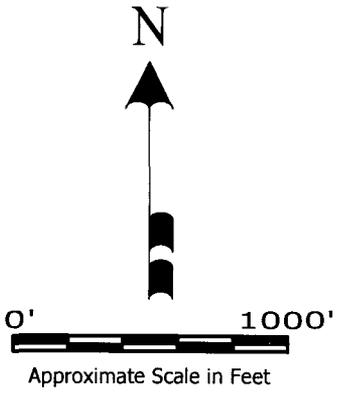
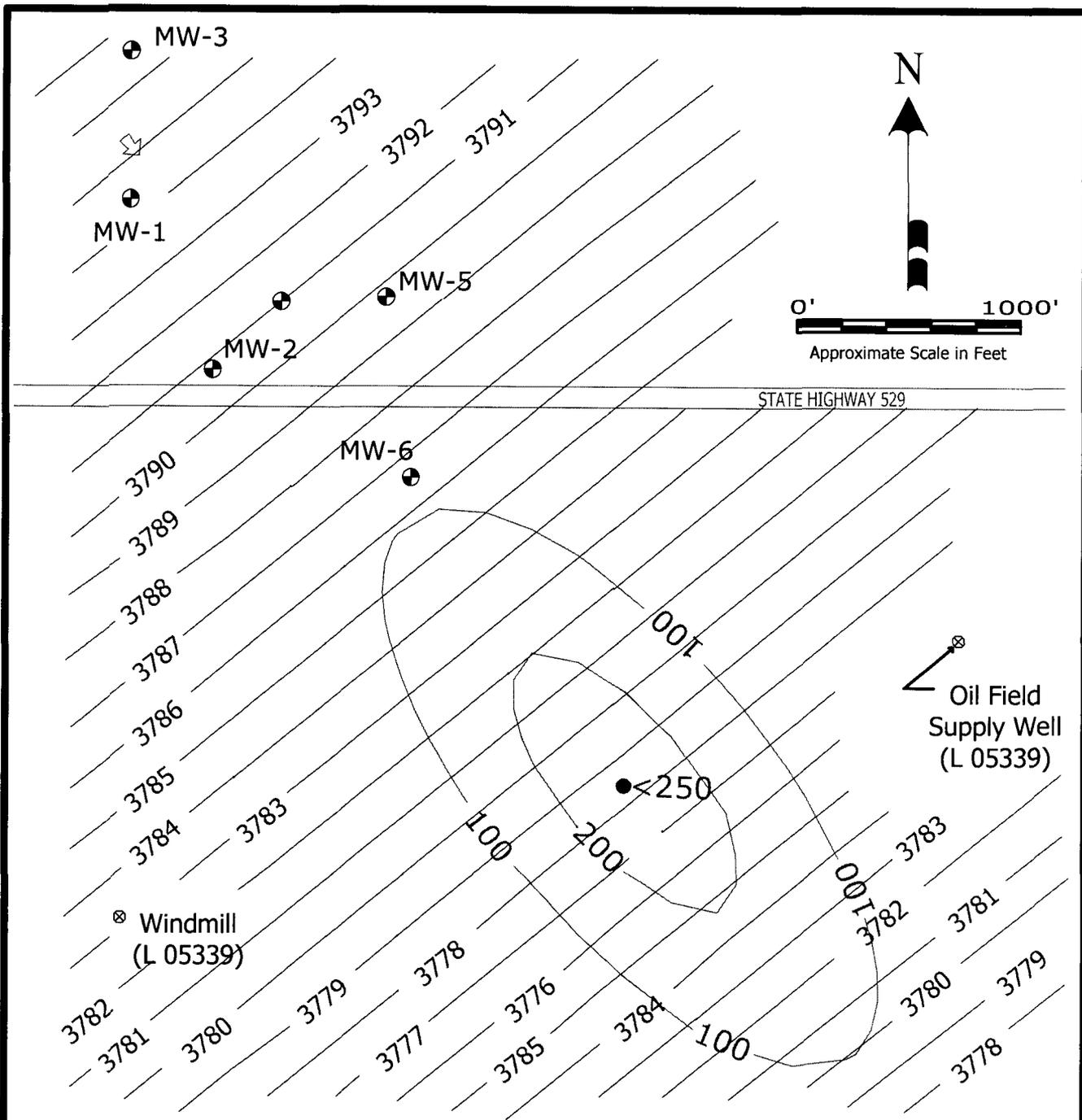
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- MW-5 Monitoring Well Location
- Groundwater Elevation Contour
- TDS Isopleth (mg/L)



FIGURE 9B

Former Unocal South Vacuum Unit
 90-Year TDS Plume Simulation (2004-2094)
 Based on WinTran Modeling Results



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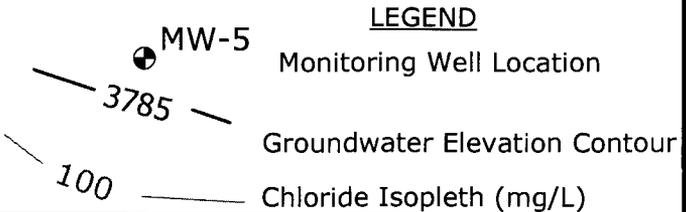


FIGURE 10
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Client Sample ID	Lab Sample ID	Matrix	Date Collected	Date Received	COC ID	HOLD
W-1	04080539-01	Water	8/12/2004	8/14/2004 10:00:00 AM	11146	<input type="checkbox"/>
W-2	04080539-02	Water	8/12/2004	8/14/2004 10:00:00 AM	11146	<input type="checkbox"/>
MW-3	04080539-03	Water	8/12/2004	8/14/2004 10:00:00 AM	11146	<input type="checkbox"/>
W-4	04080539-04	Water	8/12/2004	8/14/2004 10:00:00 AM	11146	<input type="checkbox"/>
W-5	04080539-05	Water	8/12/2004	8/14/2004 10:00:00 AM	11146	<input type="checkbox"/>
MW-6	04080539-06	Water	8/12/2004	8/14/2004 10:00:00 AM	11146	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Melissa Sommers
 Senior Project Manager

Date

Joel Grice
 Laboratory Director
 Ted Yen
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Client Sample ID MW-1 Collected: 08/12/2004 0:00 SPL Sample ID: 04080539-01

Site: Former Unocal S. Vacuum Unit

Analyses/Method	Result	Rep.Limit	Dil. Factor	QUAL	Date Analyzed	Analyst	Seq. #
CHLORIDE, TOTAL				MCL	E325.2	Units: mg/L	
Chloride	628	10	10		08/21/04 14:17	DP	2377658
TOTAL DISSOLVED SOLIDS				MCL	E160.1	Units: mg/L	
Total Dissolved Solids (Residue, Filterable)	2050	20	2		08/18/04 18:00	RA	2372257

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: 08/12/2004 0:00 SPL Sample ID: 04080539-02

Site: Former Unocal S. Vacuum Unit

Analyses/Method	Result	Rep.Limit	Dil. Factor	QUAL	Date Analyzed	Analyst	Seq. #
CHLORIDE, TOTAL				MCL	E325.2	Units: mg/L	
Chloride	451	5	5		08/21/04 14:17	DP	2377648
TOTAL DISSOLVED SOLIDS				MCL	E160.1	Units: mg/L	
Total Dissolved Solids (Residue, Filterable)	931	10	1		08/18/04 18:00	RA	2372260

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: 08/12/2004 0:00 SPL Sample ID: 04080539-03

Site: Former Unocal S. Vacuum Unit

Analyses/Method	Result	Rep.Limit	Dil. Factor	QUAL	Date Analyzed	Analyst	Seq. #
CHLORIDE, TOTAL				MCL	E325.2	Units: mg/L	
Chloride	111	2	2		08/21/04 14:17	DP	2377659
TOTAL DISSOLVED SOLIDS				MCL	E160.1	Units: mg/L	
Total Dissolved Solids (Residue, Filterable)	605	10	1		08/18/04 18:00	RA	2372261

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
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Client Sample ID MW-4 Collected: 08/12/2004 0:00 SPL Sample ID: 04080539-04

Site: Former Unocal S. Vacuum Unit

Analyses/Method	Result	Rep.Limit	Dil. Factor	QUAL	Date Analyzed	Analyst	Seq. #
CHLORIDE, TOTAL							
Chloride	1130	50	50	E325.2	08/21/04 14:17	DP	2377657
TOTAL DISSOLVED SOLIDS							
Total Dissolved Solids (Residue, Filterable)	2480	20	2	E160.1	08/18/04 18:00	RA	2372262

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
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Client Sample ID MW-5 Collected: 08/12/2004 0:00 SPL Sample ID: 04080539-05

Site: Former Unocal S. Vacuum Unit

Analyses/Method	Result	Rep.Limit	Dil. Factor	QUAL	Date Analyzed	Analyst	Seq. #
CHLORIDE, TOTAL				MCL	E325.2	Units: mg/L	
Chloride	15.3	1	1		08/21/04 14:17	DP	2377650
TOTAL DISSOLVED SOLIDS				MCL	E160.1	Units: mg/L	
Total Dissolved Solids (Residue, Filterable)	375	10	1		08/18/04 18:00	RA	2372263

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-6 Collected: 08/12/2004 0:00 SPL Sample ID: 04080539-06

Site: Former Unocal S. Vacuum Unit

Analyses/Method	Result	Rep.Limit	Dil. Factor	QUAL	Date Analyzed	Analyst	Seq. #
CHLORIDE, TOTAL				MCL	E325.2	Units: mg/L	
Chloride	55.1	1	1		08/21/04 14:17	DP	2377653
TOTAL DISSOLVED SOLIDS				MCL	E160.1	Units: mg/L	
Total Dissolved Solids (Residue, Filterable)	410	10	1		08/18/04 18:00	RA	2372264

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

Quality Control Documentation



Quality Control Report

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Analysis: Total Dissolved Solids
Method: E160.1

WorkOrder: 04080539
Lab Batch ID: R119147

Method Blank

Samples in Analytical Batch:

RunID: WET_040818Q-2372243 Units: mg/L
Analysis Date: 08/18/2004 18:00 Analyst: RA

Lab Sample ID Client Sample ID
04080539-02A MW-2
04080539-03A MW-3
04080539-04A MW-4
04080539-05A MW-5
04080539-06A MW-6

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

Laboratory Control Sample (LCS)

RunID: WET_040818Q-2372245 Units: mg/L
Analysis Date: 08/18/2004 18:00 Analyst: RA

Table with 6 columns: Analyte, Spike Added, Result, Percent Recovery, Lower Limit, Upper Limit. Row: Total Dissolved Solids (Residue, Filterable) 200 195.0 97.50 95 107

Sample Duplicate

Original Sample: 04080539-06
RunID: WET_040818Q-2372264 Units: mg/L
Analysis Date: 08/18/2004 18:00 Analyst: RA

Table with 5 columns: Analyte, Sample Result, DUP Result, RPD, RPD Limit. Row: Total Dissolved Solids (Residue, Filterable) 410 410 0 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: 04080539
Lab Batch ID: R119147A

Method Blank

Samples in Analytical Batch:

RunID: WET_040818Q-2372243 Units: mg/L
Analysis Date: 08/18/2004 18:00 Analyst: RA

Lab Sample ID Client Sample ID
04080539-01A MW-1

Analyte	Result	Rep Limit
Total Dissolved Solids (Residue,Filterable)	ND	10

Laboratory Control Sample (LCS)

RunID: WET_040818Q-2372245 Units: mg/L
Analysis Date: 08/18/2004 18:00 Analyst: RA

Analyte	Spike Added	Result	Percent Recovery	Lower Limit	Upper Limit
Total Dissolved Solids (Residue,Filtera	200	195.0	97.50	95	107

Sample Duplicate

Original Sample: 04080609-01
RunID: WET_040818Q-2372251 Units: mg/L
Analysis Date: 08/18/2004 18:00 Analyst: RA

Analyte	Sample Result	DUP Result	RPD	RPD Limit
Total Dissolved Solids (Residue,Filtera	40	40	0	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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Analysis: Chloride, Total
Method: E325.2

WorkOrder: 04080539
Lab Batch ID: R119438

Method Blank

Samples in Analytical Batch:

RunID: KONELAB_040821A-23776 Units: mg/L
Analysis Date: 08/21/2004 14:17 Analyst: DP

Table with 2 columns: Lab Sample ID, Client Sample ID. Rows include 04080539-01A to 04080539-06A.

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_040821A-23776 Units: mg/L
Analysis Date: 08/21/2004 14:17 Analyst: DP

Table with 6 columns: Analyte, Spike Added, Result, Percent Recovery, Lower Limit, Upper Limit. Row for Chloride with values 168, 180.2, 107.3, 80, 120.

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

Sample Spiked: 04080539-05
RunID: KONELAB_040821A-23776 Units: mg/L
Analysis Date: 08/21/2004 14:17 Analyst: DP

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 15.27, 50, 65.77, 101.0, 50, 64.85, 99.15, 1.412, 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
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*Sample Receipt Checklist
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Chain of Custody*



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Sample Receipt Checklist

Workorder:	04080539	Received By:	RE
Date and Time Received:	8/14/2004 10:00:00 AM	Carrier name:	Fedex-Priority
Temperature:	4.0°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 Not Applicable
13. Water - pH acceptable upon receipt? Yes No Not Applicable

SPL Representative:

Contact Date & Time:

Client Name Contacted:

Non Conformance Issues:

Client Instructions:



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SPL Laboratories, Inc.

04080539

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 Project Name: Former Unocal S. Vacuum Unit

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 UNOCAL Project Manager: Achebe Hope

City: Midland State: TX Zip Code: 79708
 A/E Invoice to: ENSR Corp. Attn: Chris Koche

Telephone: 432-682-0808 FAX: 432-682-0727
 Site #: 27755 Del Rio, Ste 100, Warrenville IL 60555

Report To: G.I. Van Derventer Sampler: G.I. Van Derventer
 OC Data: Level D (Standard) Level C Level B Level A

Turnaround: 10 Days (Standard) 5 Days 3 Days
 Analyses Requested: ENSR Proj. # 06940543

Time: (Calendar Days) 2 Days 1 Day
 Drinking Water Waste Water Other

CODE: Misc. Detect. Eval. Remed. Demol. Closure
 Client Sample I.D. Matrix Desc. # of Cont. Cont. Type Laboratory Sample #

Client Sample I.D.	Date/Time Sampled	Matrix Desc.	# of Cont.	Cont. Type	Laboratory Sample #	Comments
MW-1	8-12-04	Water	1	P/16		✓
MW-2	8-12-04	Water	1	P/16		✓
MW-3	8-12-04	Water	1	P/16		✓
MW-4	8-12-04	Water	1	P/16		✓
MW-5	8-12-04	Water	1	P/16		✓
MW-6	8-12-04	Water	1	P/16		✓
						Shipped Fed Ex
						08/13/04 1330
						TK# 8446-4897-7350

Relinquished By: *[Signature]* Date: 8/13/04 Time: 1330
 Received By: *[Signature]* Date: 8/14/04 Time: 1000

Relinquished By: *[Signature]* Date: _____ Time: _____
 Received By: _____ Date: _____ Time: _____

Relinquished By: _____ Date: _____ Time: _____
 Received By: _____ Date: _____ Time: _____

Were Samples Received in Good Condition? Yes No
 Samples on Ice? Yes No
 Method of Shipment: *[Signature]*
 Page _____ of _____

WHITE - Laboratory YELLOW - Laboratory PINK - Client

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-4
 DATE: 8/12/2004
 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 Drums Disposal Facility

TOTAL DEPTH OF WELL: 71.00 Feet

DEPTH TO WATER: 61.50 Feet

HEIGHT OF WATER COLUMN: 9.50 Feet

WELL DIAMETER: 2.0 Inch

4.7 Minimum Gallons to purge 3 well volumes

TIME	VOLUME PURGED	TEMP. °C	COND. mS/cm	pH	DO mg/L	Turb	PHYSICAL APPEARANCE AND REMARKS
11:24	0						
11:28	2	20	4.17	7.58			
11:33	4	20.2	4.19	7.60			
11:37	6	20.3	4.23	7.64			
						11:38	Sample collected
0:13	:Total Time (hr:min)		6	:Total Vol (gal)		0.46	: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 12, 2004 site measurements reported by Trident.
- Direction of flow – measured direction of approximately S 40° E from August 12, 2004 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 2004 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 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 12, 2004 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. The model was again run for 4 years (1999 to 2003) at one-year increments after entering in the known concentrations at each monitoring well. 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.

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 43 (2003) 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 750 feet from the former source area (SWD pit) and approximately 300 feet upgradient from well MW-4.

Running the model for 160 years in the future (Year 2160) produces a chloride plume center concentration of 248 mg/L (below the WQCC standard of 250 mg/L) as shown in Figure 9A. The center of the chloride plume is approximately 3,460 ft away from the former pit and well source at that time.

Running the model for 93 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 2,100 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) 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.

