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Price, Wayne

From: Price, Wayne
Sent: Friday, December 03, 2004 11:57 AM
To: 'Mike Griffin'; Price, Wayne; Carolyn Doran Haynes (E-mail); Kristin Farris Pope (E-mail)
Cc: enviro@leaco.net
Subject: RE: Abo F-31 Monitor Well Closure and Pit closure.

The Plugging procedure is hereby approved and OCD hereby approves of the Pit closure of the Abo F-31 site and requires no further action at this time.
In the future, please let OCD know when plugging procedures will be different than the QP-30.

Please be advised that NMOCD approval of this plan does not relieve (Rice Operating Company) of liability should their operations fail to adequately investigate and remediate contamination that pose a threat to ground water, surface water, human health or the environment. In addition, NMOCD approval does not relieve (Rice Operating Company) of responsibility for compliance with any other federal, state, or local laws and/or regulations.

-----Original Message-----
From: Mike Griffin [mailto:whearth@msn.com]
Sent: Friday, December 03, 2004 9:18 AM
To: wprice@state.nm.us
Cc: enviro@leaco.net
Subject: Abo F-31 Monitor Well Closure

Good Morning, Wayne:

Sorry for the delay in formalizing the plugging of the Abo monitor well.

The well was plugged by Eades Drilling on November 9, 2004 in accordance with the plugging procedure QP-30 (attached).

The measured depth to groundwater was 91.0' and total open bore depth was 93.6'. A dense silt extends below the open bore to a total well depth of 98'.

Five and one half gallons of cement slurry was poured into the casing from a depth of 93.6' below ground surface (bgs) to 67'bgs. Bentonite clay filled the remaining annulus to a depth of 3' bgs. A cement cap was poured the remaining 3' and was used to fill in the surface casinghead.

Photos of the plugging operation are available at the Rice Hobbs office.

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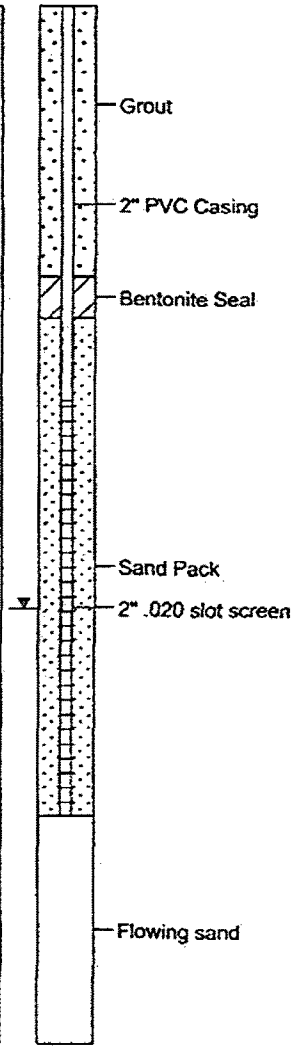
Atkins Engineering Associates, Inc. 2904 W. 2nd St., Roswell, NM 88202-3156	LOG OF BORING Rice ABO-MW (Page 2 of 2)
Whole Earth 19606 San Gabriel Houston, TX 77084 Contact: Mike Griffin Job#: WHOLETH.AIR.01	Date : 09-20-01 Drill Start/End : 1200/1700 Boring Location : S Lovington 4 mi & : ¼ mi E (SE of pit) Site Location : Near Lovington, NM Auger Type : Hollow Stem Logged By : Mort Bates

Depth in Feet	GRAPHIC	USCS	Samples	DESCRIPTION	Lab
60		SP			
65				Sand w/sandstone, tan, firm, dry	
70					
75		SP			
80					
85					
90					
95		SP		Sand, tan, loose, damp	
100				Sand, tan, soft, wet	
105		SP			
110					
115					
120					

Well: ABO



Total depth 110'
Note: Sand is flowing and was only able to land the casing to 99'

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WHOLE EARTH ENVIRONMENTAL
QUALITY PROCEDURE

Procedure for Plugging & Abandonment of Cased Water Monitoring Wells

Completed By: Approved By: Effective Date: / /

1.0 Purpose

This procedure outlines the methods to be employed to plug and abandon cased and grouted monitoring wells.

2.0 Scope

This procedure shall be used for developed, cased and grouted water monitoring wells located in the State of New Mexico

3.0 Preliminary

3.1 No well may be drilled, modified or plugged without NMOCD approval. Additional approvals may be required if the well is situated in a sensitive area, within municipal jurisdictions or on federal or tribal lands.

3.2 Prior to development, the static water level and height of the water column within the well casing will be measured with the use of an electric D.C. probe or a steel engineer's tape and water sensitive paste.

3.3 All measurements will be recorded within a field log notebook and subsequently reported within the driller's plugging report. The volume of the area contained within the casing shall be calculated by multiplying pi (3.1416) times the casing radius squared times the height of the casing. Such field measurements should be compared to the original drillers log to insure that the bottom of the casing has not "silted in" to any appreciable degree (less than one inch). If the well contains more than one inch of silt or sediment, it should be bailed and re-measured until the minimum bore volumes are obtained.

3.4 All equipment used to measure the static water level will be decontaminated after each use by means of Alconox, a phosphate free laboratory detergent, and water to reduce the possibility of cross-contamination. The volume of water in each well casing will be calculated.

4.0 Plugging

4.1 Each bore will be filled with a fifteen pound per gallon cement slurry of sufficient volume to completely fill the casing and flow through the screen into the lower cone of influence.

4.2 All wellheads will be removed to below ground surface.

4.3 Cement grout will be applied to each wellhead to fill to ground surface.

5.0 Water Disposal

5.1 All purge and decontamination water will be temporarily stored within a portable tank and then pumped into a storage tank for subsequent disposal within an approved system.

6.0 Records

6.1 The company plugging the well shall prepare a schematic showing the general well construction including total depth and diameter of casing and screen, bore volume, volume and weight of cement used in the plugging, date of the plugging operation, and a description of the surface restoration. The report shall additionally contain a legal description of the location of the well, the project for which the well was originally drilled, the name of the company plugging the well, the plugging company's New Mexico License No. and the names of the personnel involved.

6.2 It is recommended but not required that photographs of the final surface restoration be taken and included within the records.

6.3 Copies of the plugging report shall be submitted to all appropriate agencies and retained by the well operator for a minimum period of ten years.