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Subject: Remediation Plan (1R427-145) Termination - ROC EME O-24-1 Site

**RE: Termination Request
for the Rice Operating Company's
EME O-24-1 Site
Unit Letter O, Section 24, T20S, R36E, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico
Remediation Plan (1R427-145) Termination**

Dear Mr. Conder:

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has received Rice Operating Company's report and request to close the above-referenced site, dated August 9, 2013 (received August 14, 2013). The report is acceptable to the OCD.

The above-referenced report, submitted in accordance with 19.15.29 NMAC (Rule 29; formally, Rule 116), indicates that Rice Operating Company has met the requirements of 19.15.29 NMAC; therefore, the OCD approves the report and hereby notifies you that the remediation plan (1R427-145) is terminated in accordance with 19.15.29 NMAC.

Please be advised that OCD approval of this report does not relieve the owner/operator of responsibility should operations pose a threat to ground water, surface water, human health or the environment. In addition, OCD approval does not relieve the owner/operator of responsibility for compliance with any OCD, federal, state, or local laws and/or regulations.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at 505-476-3489.

Edward J. Hansen
Hydrologist
Environmental Bureau

RICE *Operating Company*

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RETURN RECEIPT NO. 7007 2560 0000 4569 9361

August 9, 2013

Mr. Edward Hansen

New Mexico Energy, Minerals, & Natural Resources

Oil Conservation Division, Environmental Bureau

1220 S. St. Francis Drive

Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

RE: Termination Request

EME Jct. O-24-1 (1R427-145): UL/O, Sec. 24, T20S, R36E

RICE Operating Company – Eunice Monument Eumont SWD System

Mr. Hansen:

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

Background and Previous Work

In 2004, ROC initiated work on the former O-24-1 junction box. The site is located in UL O, Sec. 24, T20S, R36E. An updated groundwater survey of NM OSE records, completed in 2013, indicates that groundwater would likely be encountered at a depth of approximately 72 +/- feet. The site was delineated using a backhoe to form a 10x10x12 ft deep excavation and soil samples were screened at regular intervals for both hydrocarbons and chlorides. Each sample was field titrated for chlorides and screened for TPH, resulting in low concentrations for chlorides and TPH. The bottom grab sample was sent to a commercial laboratory for analysis, resulting in a chloride concentration of 42.5 mg/kg and concentration of gasoline range organics (GRO) and a diesel range organics (DRO) below detectable limits. The excavated soils were blended and a sample was sent to a commercial laboratory for analysis, resulting in a chloride concentration of 48 mg/kg and GRO and DRO concentrations below detectable limits. The excavation was backfilled with the blended backfill to ground surface and contoured to the surrounding area. On 8/4/2004, the site was seeded with a blend of native vegetation. Vegetation has rebounded at this site; vegetation will act as an evapo-transpiration barrier that will also inhibit the downward migration of chlorides and hydrocarbons. Plants capture water through their roots and so reduce the amount of water infiltrating below the root zone. A junction box is no longer needed at this

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site.

The junction box site location map, area map, final report, photodocumentation, chloride graph, laboratory analysis, PID sheet, groundwater directional map and current photodocumentation are attached.

Recommendations

Site investigation demonstrates that residual chloride and hydrocarbons in the vadose zone will not with reasonable probability contaminate groundwater in excess of NMOCD standards. This site meets the requirements of the NMOCD-approved Revised Junction Box Upgrade Work Plan (July 16, 2003). As such, ROC request termination of the regulatory file, or similar closure status.

Please contact me at (575)393-2967 if you have any questions or wish to discuss this site. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
RICE Operating Company

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H. Conder', with a stylized, flowing script.

Hack Conder
Environmental Manager

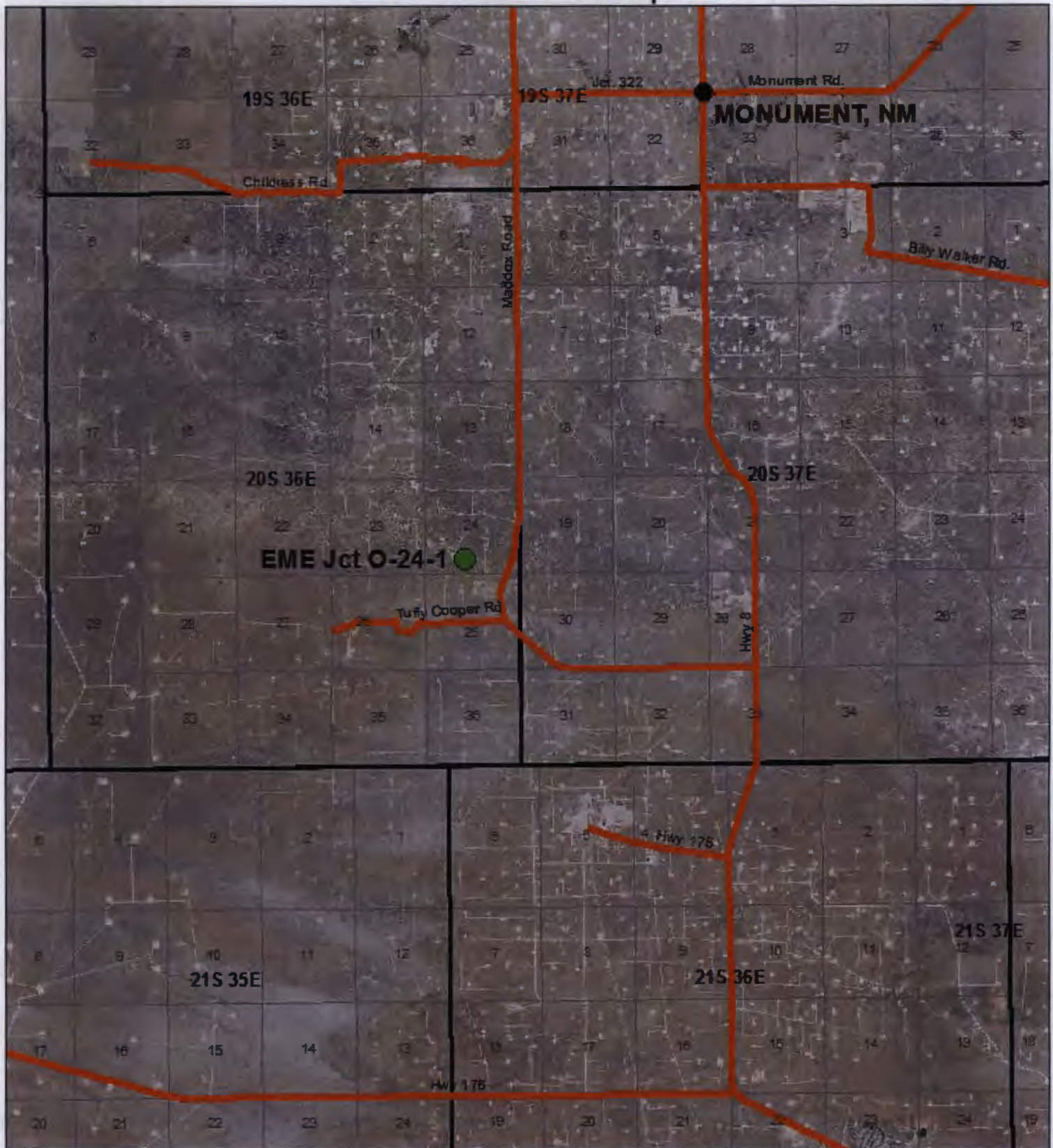
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Site Maps

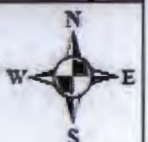
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Site Location Map



**EME Jct O-24-1
(1R427-145)**

UL/O SECTION 24
T20S, R36E
LEA COUNTY, NM



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Miles

Drawing date: 5/06/13LES

Area Map



EME Jct O-24-1
(1R427-145)

UL/O SECTION 24
T20S, R36E
LEA COUNTY, NM



0 500 1,000 Feet

Drawing date: 5/16/13 LS



Junction Box Report

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**RICE OPERATING COMPANY
JUNCTION BOX FINAL REPORT**

BOX LOCATION

SWD SYSTEM	JUNCTION	UNIT	SECTION	TOWNSHIP	RANGE	COUNTY	BOX DIMENSIONS - FEET		
EME	O-24-1	O	24	20S	36E	Lea	Length	Width	Depth
							eliminated--no box		

LAND TYPE: BLM _____ STATE _____ FEE LANDOWNER Dale Cooper Family Trust OTHER _____

Depth to Groundwater 36-117? feet NMOCD SITE ASSESSMENT RANKING SCORE: ? *

Date Started 5/19/2004 Date Completed 6/16/2004 OCD Witness No

Soil Excavated 44 cubic yards Excavation Length 10 Width 10 Depth 12 feet

Soil Disposed 0 cubic yards Offsite Facility n/a Location n/a

FINAL ANALYTICAL RESULTS: Sample Date 5/21/2004 Sample Depth 12 ft

Procure 5-point composite sample of bottom. TPH and Chloride laboratory test results completed by using an approved lab and testing procedures pursuant to NMOCD guidelines.

CHLORIDE FIELD TESTS

Sample Location	PID ppm	GRO mg/kg	DRO mg/kg	Chloride mg/kg
BOTTOM	0.0 (grab)	<10.0	<10.0	42.5
BACKFILL	0.0	<10.0	<10.0	48

LOCATION	DEPTH (ft)	ppm
Vertical	6	449
at source	7	359
	8	689
	9	929
	10	539
	11	629
	12	299
5 ft West	6	149
	8	179
	10	179
	12	149
5 ft East	6	119
	8	209
	10	179
	12	89

General Description of Remedial Action: Delineation and excavation were performed at this junction box site with a backhoe as chloride field tests and PID field screenings were conducted at regular intervals. Vertical delineation at the box yielded an overall trend of chloride decline and low concentrations. A spike was observed at around 9 ft indicating a mass of historical chloride that has been flushed through the loose sand by recent rains (see graph). The graph indicates non-saturated vadose conditions that are not threatening to groundwater. All PID readings were 0.0 ppm and laboratory results confirmed TPH concentrations well below NMOCD guidelines. Soils from the 10 x 10 x 12-ft deep excavation were blended before they were backfilled into the hole. The surface has been contoured and will be seeded with a blend of native vegetation. This junction has been eliminated with a new pipeline re-plumbed straight through.

enclosures: groundwater map, chloride graph, photos, lab results, PID field screenings

* Depth to groundwater here is ambiguous. USGS maps indicate that the site is located on a hydrogeologic boundary or fault north of which groundwater is around 36 ft but is 117 ft to the south.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION ABOVE IS TRUE AND COMPLETE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

SITE SUPERVISOR Rob Elam SIGNATURE *Rob Elam* COMPANY Curt's Environmental--Odessa, TX

REPORT ASSEMBLED BY Kristin Farris Pope SIGNATURE *Kristin Farris Pope*

DATE 8/5/2004 TITLE Project Scientist

EME jct. O-24-1

unit 'O', Sec. 24, T20S, R36E



Undisturbed junction box

5/7/2004



backhoe delineation

5/19/2004



seeding disturbed surface

8/4/2004

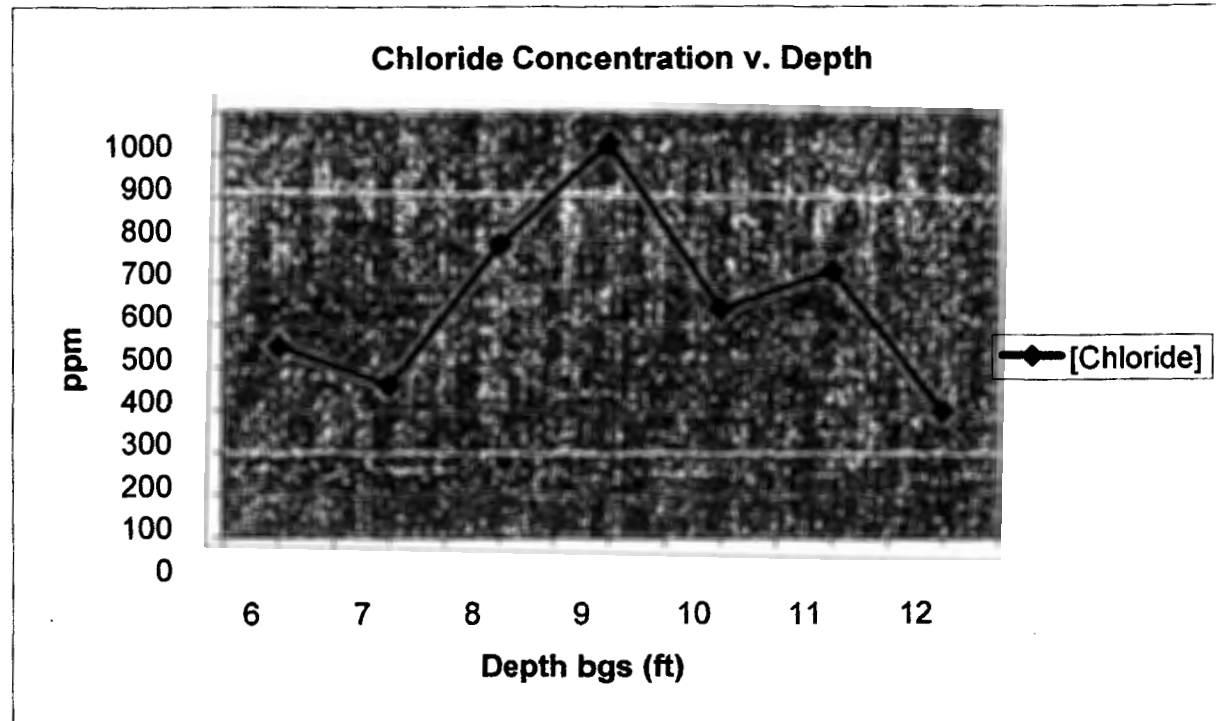
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Vertical Delineation at Source

Depth bgs (ft)	Cl (ppm)
6	449
7	359
8	689
9	929
10	539
11	629
12	299

Groundwater = 36-117 ft





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ATTN: ROY RASCON
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FAX TO: (505) 397-1471

Sampling Date: 07/30/04
Sample Type: SOIL
Sample Condition: COOL & INTACT
Sample Received By: HM
Analyzed By: BC/AH

METHODS: TPH GRO & DRO: EPA SW-846 8015 M; Cl⁻: Std. Methods 4500-Cl⁻B
*Analyses performed on 1:4 w:v aqueous extracts.

8/2/04
Date

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Relinquish or accessories arising out of or related to the performance of services rendered by Coastal, regardless of whether such claims is based upon any of the above stated matters or otherwise.		Phone Result: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Fax Result: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No REMARKS:	
Sampler Relinquished: 	Date: 7-30-04 Time: 10:20	Received By:	
Relinquished By:	Date: 7-30-04 Time: 10:20	Received By: (Lab Staff) 	
Delivered By: (Circle One) Sampler - UPS - Bus - Other:	Sample Condition Temp. °C Integrit Yes No	Checked By: (Initials)	

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Analytical Report

Prepared for:

Kristin Farris
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Hobbs, NM 88240

Project: Jct. O-24-1
Project Number: None Given
Location: EME

Lab Order Number: 4E25002

Report Date: 05/28/04

Rice Operating Co.
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Project Manager: Kristin Farris

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ANALYTICAL REPORT FOR SAMPLES

Sample ID	Laboratory ID	Matrix	Date Sampled	Date Received
12' Bottom	4E25002-01	Soil	05/21/04 16:30	05/25/04 08:05

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Organics by GC
Environmental Lab of Texas

Analyte	Result	Reporting Limit	Units	Dilution	Batch	Prepared	Analyzed	Method	Notes
12' Bottom (4E25002-01) Soil									
Gasoline Range Organics C6-C12	ND	10.0	mg/kg dry	1	EE42503	05/25/04	05/26/04	EPA 8015M	
Diesel Range Organics >C12-C35	ND	10.0	"	"	"	"	"	"	
Total Hydrocarbon C6-C35	ND	10.0	"	"	"	"	"	"	
Surrogate: 1-Chlorooctane		95.6 %	70-130		"	"	"	"	
Surrogate: 1-Chlorooctadecane		98.8 %	70-130		"	"	"	"	

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General Chemistry Parameters by EPA / Standard Methods
Environmental Lab of Texas

Analyte	Result	Reporting Limit	Units	Dilution	Batch	Prepared	Analyzed	Method	Notes
12' Bottom (4E25002-01) Soil									
Chloride	42.5	20.0	mg/kg Wet	2	EE42609	05/26/04	05/26/04	SW 846 9253	
% Solids	86.0		%	1	EE42605	05/25/04	05/25/04	% calculation	

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Organics by GC - Quality Control
Environmental Lab of Texas

Analyte	Result	Reporting Limit	Units	Spike Level	Source Result	%REC	%REC Limits	RPD	RPD Limit	Notes
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Batch EE42503 - Solvent Extraction (GC)

Blank (EE42503-BLK1)

Prepared & Analyzed: 05/25/04

Gasoline Range Organics C6-C12	ND	10.0	mg/kg wet							
Diesel Range Organics >C12-C35	ND	10.0	"							
Total Hydrocarbon C6-C35	ND	10.0	"							
Surrogate: 1-Chlorooctane	43.3		mg/kg	50.0		86.6	70-130			
Surrogate: 1-Chlorooctadecane	43.4		"	50.0		86.8	70-130			

LCS (EE42503-BS1)

Prepared & Analyzed: 05/25/04

Gasoline Range Organics C6-C12	417		mg/kg	500		83.4	75-125			
Diesel Range Organics >C12-C35	448		"	500		89.6	75-125			
Total Hydrocarbon C6-C35	865		"	1000		86.5	75-125			
Surrogate: 1-Chlorooctane	47.5		"	50.0		95.0	70-130			
Surrogate: 1-Chlorooctadecane	35.9		"	50.0		71.8	70-130			

Calibration Check (EE42503-CCV1)

Prepared: 05/25/04 Analyzed: 05/27/04

Gasoline Range Organics C6-C12	403		mg/kg	500		80.6	80-120			
Diesel Range Organics >C12-C35	479		"	500		95.8	80-120			
Total Hydrocarbon C6-C35	882		"	1000		88.2	80-120			
Surrogate: 1-Chlorooctane	53.9		"	50.0		112	70-130			
Surrogate: 1-Chlorooctadecane	43.7		"	50.0		87.4	70-130			

Matrix Spike (EE42503-MS1)

Source: 4E25003-02

Prepared: 05/25/04 Analyzed: 05/26/04

Gasoline Range Organics C6-C12	469	10.0	mg/kg dry	556	ND	84.4	75-125			
Diesel Range Organics >C12-C35	522	10.0	"	556	ND	93.9	75-125			
Total Hydrocarbon C6-C35	991	10.0	"	1110	ND	89.3	75-125			
Surrogate: 1-Chlorooctane	57.1		mg/kg	50.0		114	70-130			
Surrogate: 1-Chlorooctadecane	40.8		"	50.0		81.6	70-130			

Matrix Spike Dup (EE42503-MSD1)

Source: 4E25003-02

Prepared: 05/25/04 Analyzed: 05/26/04

Gasoline Range Organics C6-C12	512	10.0	mg/kg dry	556	ND	92.1	75-125	8.77	20	
Diesel Range Organics >C12-C35	539	10.0	"	556	ND	96.9	75-125	3.20	20	
Total Hydrocarbon C6-C35	1050	10.0	"	1110	ND	94.6	75-125	5.78	20	
Surrogate: 1-Chlorooctane	59.9		mg/kg	50.0		120	70-130			
Surrogate: 1-Chlorooctadecane	43.1		"	50.0		86.2	70-130			

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General Chemistry Parameters by EPA / Standard Methods - Quality Control

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Analyte	Result	Reporting Limit	Units	Spike Level	Source Result	%REC	%REC Limits	RPD	RPD Limit	Notes
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Batch EE42605 - General Preparation (Prep)

Blank (EE42605-BLK1)

Prepared & Analyzed: 05/25/04

% Solids 100 %

Duplicate (EE42605-DUP1)

Source: 4E24004-01

Prepared & Analyzed: 05/25/04

% Solids 70.0 % 71.0 1.42 20

Batch EE42609 - Water Extraction

Blank (EE42609-BLK1)

Prepared & Analyzed: 05/26/04

Chloride ND 20.0 mg/kg Wet

Matrix Spike (EE42609-MS1)

Source: 4E25002-01

Prepared & Analyzed: 05/26/04

Chloride 510 20.0 mg/kg Wet 500 42.5 93.5 80-120

Matrix Spike Dup (EE42609-MSD1)

Source: 4E25002-01

Prepared & Analyzed: 05/26/04

Chloride 521 20.0 mg/kg Wet 500 42.5 95.7 80-120 2.13 20

Reference (EE42609-SRM1)

Prepared & Analyzed: 05/26/04

Chloride 5000 mg/kg 5000 100 80-120

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Notes and Definitions

DET Analyte DETECTED
ND Analyte NOT DETECTED at or above the reporting limit
NR Not Reported
dry Sample results reported on a dry weight basis
RPD Relative Percent Difference

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VOC FIELD TEST REPORT FORM
MINI RAE PLUS CLASSIC PHOTOIONIZATION GAS DETECTOR

MODEL NO: PGM 761S
CALIBRATION GAS
GAS COMPOSITION: ISOBUTYLENE
AIR
LOT NO: C3-2475
EXP. DATE: 10-19-04
METER READING
ACCURACY: 100.1

SERIAL NO: 104412

100 PPM
BALANCE
FILL DATE: 4-19-04
ACCURACY: ± 2%

SYSTEM	JUNCTION	UNIT	SECTION	TOWNSHIP	RANGE
EME	0-24-1	0	24	20-5	36E

Source

5' West

SAMPLE	PID RESULT	SAMPLE	PID RESULT
6'	Q	6'	Q
7'	Q	7'	Q
8'	Q	8'	Q
9'	Q	9'	Q
10'	Q	10'	Q
11'	Q	11'	Q
12	Q	12'	Q

I certify that I have calibrated the above instrument in accordance to the manufacture operation manual.

Rob Elam
Signature

5-19-04
Date

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FILL DATE: 4-19-04

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ACCURACY: ± 2%

METER READING

ACCURACY: 100.1

SYSTEM	JUNCTION	UNIT	SECTION	TOWNSHIP	RANGE
EME	0-24-1	0	24	20-5	36E

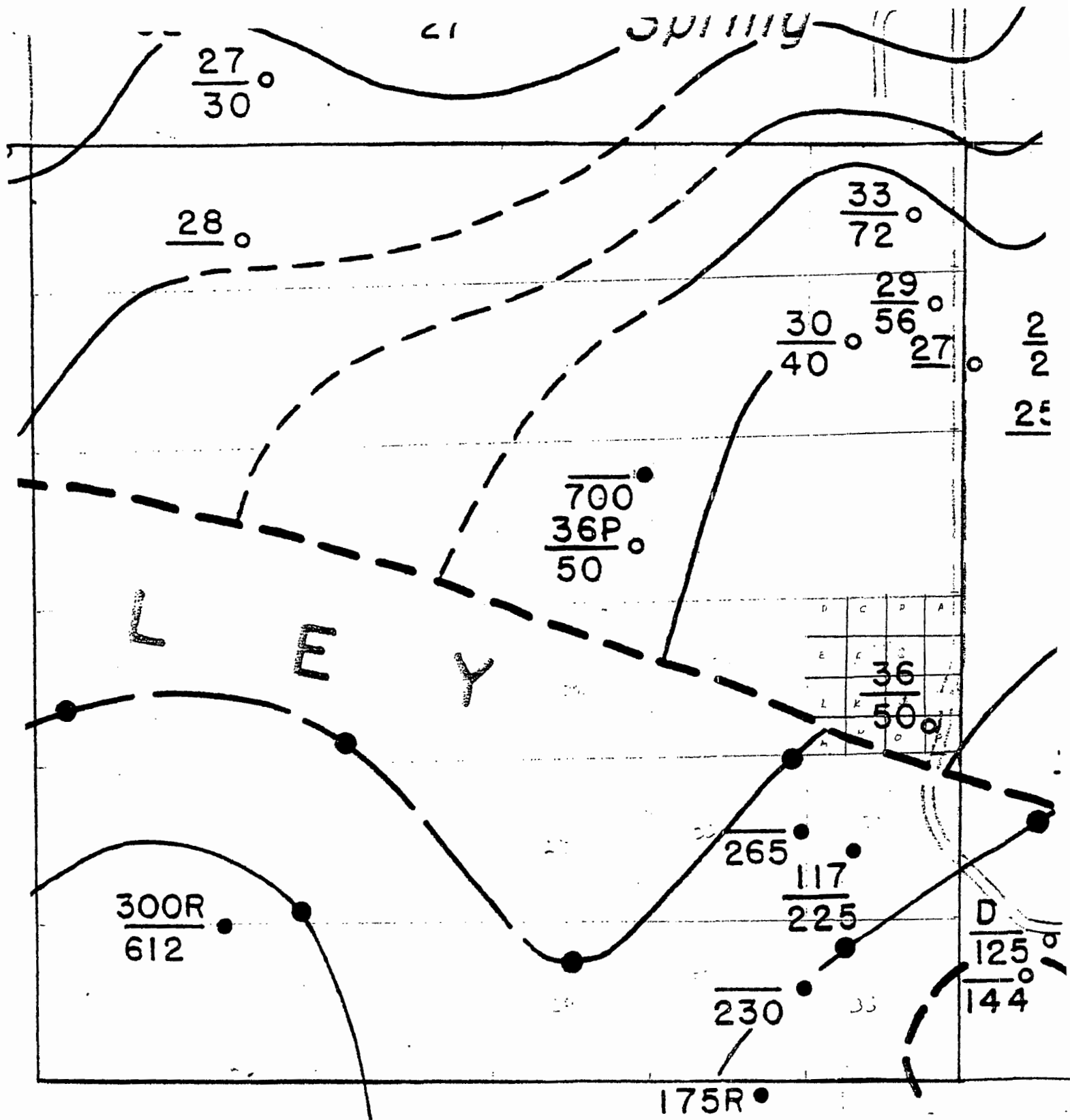
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SAMPLE	PID RESULT	SAMPLE	PID RESULT
6'	0		
7'	0		
8'	0		
9'	0		
10'	0		
11'	0		
12'	0		

I certify that I have calibrated the above instrument in accordance to the manufacture operation manual.


Signature

5-19-04
Date



blown-up from Plate 2 Groundwater Map of Southern
Map Lea County, New Mexico

from USGS book "Geology & Groundwater Conditions in
 Southern Lea County, New Mexico.

by Nicholson & Clebsch 1961



Current Photodocumentation

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Facing north

4/23/2013



Facing east

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