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**August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

**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: Corrective Action Plan (CAP) for Groundwater  
Apache Corporation  
NMGSAU 1631 (1R-2627): UL/J sec. 32 T19S R37E**

Mr. Hansen:

Apache Corporation (Apache) has retained Rice Environmental Consulting and Safety (RECS) to address potential environmental concerns at the above-referenced site.

## **Background and Previous Work**

The site is located approximately 1 mile southwest of Monument, New Mexico at UL/J, Sec. 32, T19S, R37E as shown on the Site Location Map (Figure 1). A leak was discovered at the site on September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Produced water was released from the collar of the injection line and an unknown amount of water was released. Based on monitor well sampling at the site, depth to groundwater is determined to be +/- 14 ft bgs.

Beginning on September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2010, the site was excavated to 38 ft x 96 ft x 18 ft deep to remove the saturated soils and the soils were taken to Sundance Services for disposal. The saturated soils extended to a depth of 14 ft 8 inches where the capillary fringe of the aquifer was encountered. On October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2010, three soil bores were drilled to determine the extent of the contamination at the site. RECS personnel field tested the soil for chlorides and field screened each sample for hydrocarbons using a photo-ionization detector (PID). All samples from the bores were taken to a commercial laboratory for confirmation of chloride and hydrocarbon field numbers. In all three soil bores, the laboratory chloride readings were very low throughout the bores until 12 ft bgs, where the chloride numbers became elevated above 1000 mg/kg. Gasoline Range Organics (GRO) and Diesel Range Organics (DRO) were non-detect in all three bores at all depths. The site was backfilled to 4.5 ft bgs where a 20-mil, reinforced liner was installed throughout the excavation. A 6 inch pad of blow sand was placed below and above the liner for liner protection.

On October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010, Apache submitted the initial C-141 to NMOCD-District 1, which was approved by Larry Johnson the same day. The site was then backfilled on October

15<sup>th</sup>, 2010 with clean, imported soil. Soil amendments were added to the site and the site was seeded with native vegetation on October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

On October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2010, MW-1 was installed 45 ft southeast of the line break. MW-2 was installed on December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2010, 56 ft NNW of the line break, and MW-3 was installed on April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2011, 199 ft SE of the line break. The monitor wells have been sampled quarterly since their installation (Figure 2). Sampling events on MW-1 showed initial chloride and TDS readings well above WQCC standards; however, the constituents are decreasing over time. In addition, initial well sampling showed slight levels of BTEX in the water that have now dissipated.

During the most recent monitor well sampling event on June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2012, MW-2, the up gradient well, and MW-3, the down gradient well, showed chloride readings slightly above WQCC standards with a chloride reading of 280 mg/L in MW-2 and 296 mg/L in MW-3 (Appendix A). The two chloride readings are indicative of background concentrations in the area and suggest that there is an up gradient chloride source in this area.

On October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011, a Corrective Action Plan (CAP) was sent to NMOCD and was approved on October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011. In the CAP, RECS recommended that Apache conduct a three month groundwater source removal and test pumping program. The purpose of the pumping program was to determine if groundwater could be restored within a short period of time and assist in the evaluation of groundwater restoration methods. Water removed from the existing 4-inch monitoring well (MW-1) would be used for production operations (e.g. pipeline and well maintenance). Based on the groundwater source removal and pumping program, Apache would analyze the data to determine a groundwater remedy for the site. An Extension Request to conduct this groundwater source removal and test pumping program was submitted to NMOCD on February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2012 and was approved on February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2012. NMOCD approved the request for extension of the submittal until August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

The groundwater source removal and test pumping program began at the site on April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012. During the testing process, a total of 1,551 barrels of groundwater have been removed from the site. Given the average laboratory chloride readings of MW-1, 1,551 barrels of groundwater equates to 130 kg of chloride.

### **Corrective Action Plan for Groundwater**

Since the groundwater source removal and test pumping program began at the site, the chloride readings in MW-1 from the quarterly monitor well sampling data have dropped 58%. To facilitate the chlorides continued reduction, RECS recommends that Apache maintain the source removal and pumping program until such a time that chlorides have decreased to near background levels.

Upon the completion of the groundwater remedy, Apache will submit a written report that will include a request for 'remediation termination' of the regulatory file.

RECS appreciates the opportunity to work with you on this project. Please call Hack Conder (RECS) at (575) 393-9174 or Natalie Gladden (Apache) at (575) 390-4186 if you have any questions or wish to discuss the site.

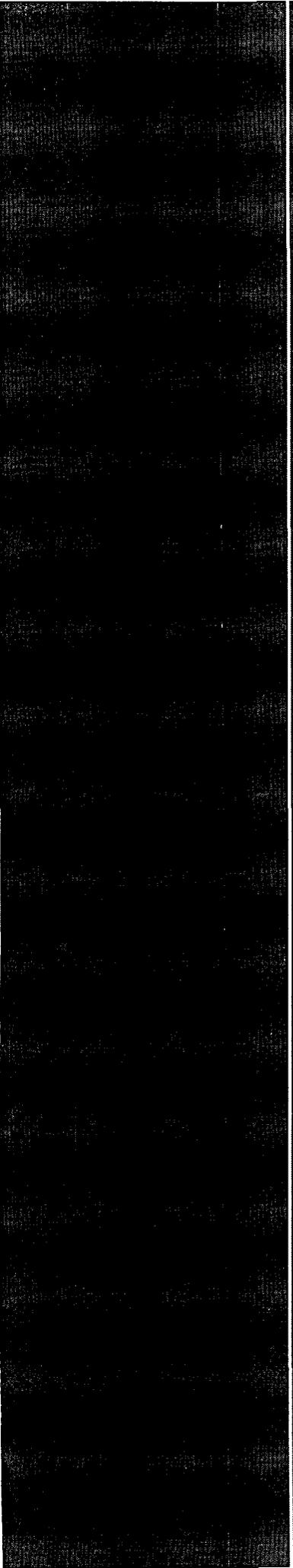
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L.W.', followed by a long, horizontal, wavy flourish.

Lara Weinheimer  
Project Scientist  
RECS  
(575) 441-0431

Attachments:

- Figure 1 – Site Location Map
- Figure 2 – MW Sampling Data Map
- Appendix A – MW Sampling Data Lab



# Figures

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# Site Map



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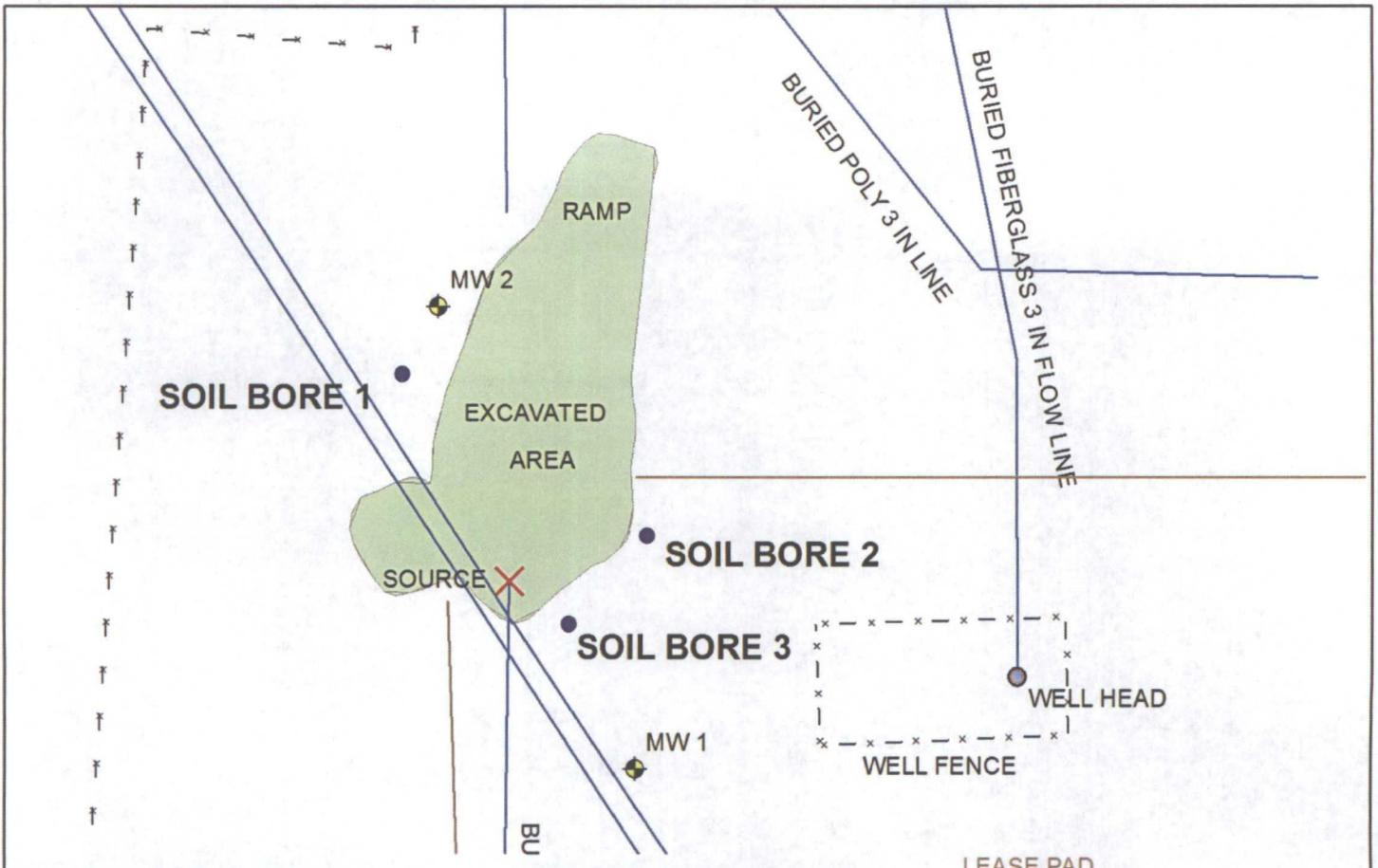
### Figure 1



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# Monitor Well Sampling Data



MW	Depth to Water	Total Depth	Sample Date	Cl	TDS	Benzene	Toluene	Ethyl Benzene	Total Xylenes	Sulfate
MW-1	13.84	50.35	11/3/2010	6400	12700	0.015	0.001	0.004	0.01	1120
	13.83	50.35	1/6/2011	3250	6600	0.007	<0.001	0.002	0.006	697
	13.86	50.36	5/19/2011	2420	4770	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.003	531
	13.81	50.35	9/1/2011	860	2060	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.003	232
	13.99	50.35	11/18/2011	1480	3150	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.003	344
	13.87	50.35	3/6/2012	1280	2730	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.003	363
	XXX	50.35	6/20/2012	540	1420	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.003	116

MW	Depth to Water	Total Depth	Sample Date	Cl	TDS	Benzene	Toluene	Ethyl Benzene	Total Xylenes	Sulfate
MW-2	13.47	61.15	1/6/2011	320	878	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.003	81.1
	13.52	61.15	5/19/2011	296	907	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.003	67.1
	13.68	61.15	9/1/2011	284	785	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.003	75.7
	13.69	61.15	11/18/2011	308	860	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.003	64.1
	13.58	61.15	3/6/2012	280	907	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.003	68.8
	13.78	61.15	6/20/2012	280	920	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.003	64

MW	Depth to Water	Total Depth	Sample Date	Cl	TDS	Benzene	Toluene	Ethyl Benzene	Total Xylenes	Sulfate
MW-3	18.69	30.05	5/19/2011	300	903	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.003	69.6
	18.7	30.05	9/1/2011	308	845	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.003	84.8
	17.93	30.05	11/18/2011	380	954	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.003	78.6
	18.06	30.05	3/6/2012	324	989	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.003	77.3
	18.43	30.05	6/20/2012	296	922	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.003	70

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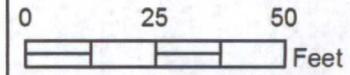


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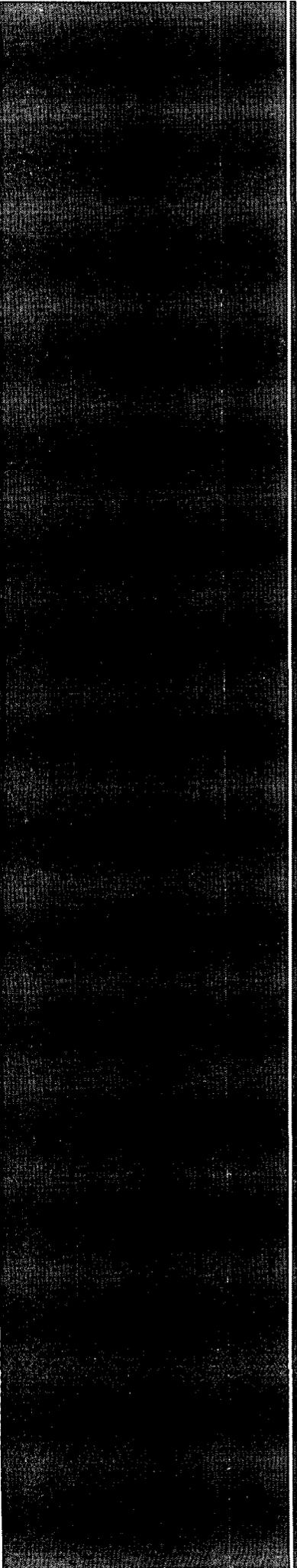
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Figure 2



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# Appendix A

MW Sampling Data Lab

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June 28, 2012

NATALIE GLADDEN

APACHE - EUNICE

P. O. BOX 1849

EUNICE, NM 88231

RE: APACHE NMGSAU 1631-ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGE

Enclosed are the results of analyses for samples received by the laboratory on 06/26/12 8:58.

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Method EPA 524.2	Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)
Method EPA 524.4	Regulated VOCs (V1, V2, V3)

Accreditation applies to public drinking water matrices.

This report meets NELAP requirements and is made up of a cover page, analytical results, and a copy of the original chain-of-custody. If you have any questions concerning this report, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



Celey D. Keene

Lab Director/Quality Manager

**Analytical Results For:**

 APACHE - EUNICE  
 NATALIE GLADDEN  
 P. O. BOX 1849  
 EUNICE NM, 88231  
 Fax To: 394-2425

Received:	06/26/2012	Sampling Date:	06/20/2012
Reported:	06/28/2012	Sampling Type:	Water
Project Name:	APACHE NMGSAU 1631-ACCIDENTAL DI:	Sampling Condition:	Cool & Intact
Project Number:	NOT GIVEN	Sample Received By:	Jodi Henson
Project Location:	T19S-R37E-SEC32 J-LEA CTY., NM		

**Sample ID: MONITOR WELL #1 (H201440-01)**

BTEX 8021B		mg/L		Analyzed By: ZZZ						
Analyte	Result	Reporting Limit	Analyzed	Method Blank	BS	% Recovery	True Value QC	RPD	Qualifier	
Benzene*	<0.001	0.001	06/26/2012	ND	0.047	93.2	0.0500	0.501		
Toluene*	<0.001	0.001	06/26/2012	ND	0.046	91.4	0.0500	1.35		
Ethylbenzene*	<0.001	0.001	06/26/2012	ND	0.047	94.5	0.0500	2.28		
Total Xylenes*	<0.003	0.003	06/26/2012	ND	0.140	93.3	0.150	3.05		

Surrogate: 4-Bromofluorobenzene (PIE) 107 % 89.5-126

Chloride, SM4500Cl-B		mg/L		Analyzed By: AP						
Analyte	Result	Reporting Limit	Analyzed	Method Blank	BS	% Recovery	True Value QC	RPD	Qualifier	
Chloride*	540	4.00	06/27/2012	ND	100	100	100	3.92		

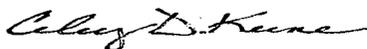
Sulfate 375.4		mg/L		Analyzed By: AP						
Analyte	Result	Reporting Limit	Analyzed	Method Blank	BS	% Recovery	True Value QC	RPD	Qualifier	
Sulfate*	116	10.0	06/28/2012	ND	21.4	107	20.0	0.844		

TDS 160.1		mg/L		Analyzed By: AP						
Analyte	Result	Reporting Limit	Analyzed	Method Blank	BS	% Recovery	True Value QC	RPD	Qualifier	
TDS*	1420	5.00	06/26/2012	ND	272	113	240	1.83		

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Project Number:	NOT GIVEN	Sample Received By:	Jodi Henson
Project Location:	T19S-R37E-SEC32 J-LEA CTY., NM		

**Sample ID: MONITOR WELL #2 (H201440-02)**

BTEX 8021B		mg/L		Analyzed By: ZZZ						
Analyte	Result	Reporting Limit	Analyzed	Method Blank	BS	% Recovery	True Value QC	RPD	Qualifier	
Benzene*	<0.001	0.001	06/26/2012	ND	0.047	93.2	0.0500	0.501		
Toluene*	<0.001	0.001	06/26/2012	ND	0.046	91.4	0.0500	1.35		
Ethylbenzene*	<0.001	0.001	06/26/2012	ND	0.047	94.5	0.0500	2.28		
Total Xylenes*	<0.003	0.003	06/26/2012	ND	0.140	93.3	0.150	3.05		

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Chloride, SM4500Cl-B		mg/L		Analyzed By: AP						
Analyte	Result	Reporting Limit	Analyzed	Method Blank	BS	% Recovery	True Value QC	RPD	Qualifier	
Chloride*	280	4.00	06/27/2012	ND	100	100	100	3.92		

Sulfate 375.4		mg/L		Analyzed By: AP						
Analyte	Result	Reporting Limit	Analyzed	Method Blank	BS	% Recovery	True Value QC	RPD	Qualifier	
Sulfate*	64.0	10.0	06/28/2012	ND	21.4	107	20.0	0.844		

TDS 160.1		mg/L		Analyzed By: AP						
Analyte	Result	Reporting Limit	Analyzed	Method Blank	BS	% Recovery	True Value QC	RPD	Qualifier	
TDS*	920	5.00	06/26/2012	ND	272	113	240	1.83		

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Project Location:	T19S-R37E-SEC32 J-LEA CTY., NM		

**Sample ID: MONITOR WELL #3 (H201440-03)**

BTEX 8021B		mg/L		Analyzed By: ZZZ						
Analyte	Result	Reporting Limit	Analyzed	Method Blank	BS	% Recovery	True Value QC	RPD	Qualifier	
Benzene*	<0.001	0.001	06/26/2012	ND	0.047	93.2	0.0500	0.501		
Toluene*	<0.001	0.001	06/26/2012	ND	0.046	91.4	0.0500	1.35		
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Chloride*	296	4.00	06/27/2012	ND	100	100	100	3.92		

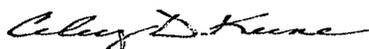
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Analyte	Result	Reporting Limit	Analyzed	Method Blank	BS	% Recovery	True Value QC	RPD	Qualifier	
Sulfate*	70.0	10.0	06/28/2012	ND	21.4	107	20.0	0.844		

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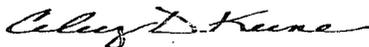
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