1R-425-103

WORKPLANS

Date:
8-20-13

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February 20, 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: **Investigation and Characterization Plan (ICP)**
Rice Operating Company – Vacuum SWD System
Vacuum C-36 EOL (1R425-103): Unit C, Sec. 36, T17S, R34E

Mr. Hansen:

ROC is the service provider (agent) for the Vacuum 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/usage basis. Environmental projects of this nature require System Party AFE approval prior to work commencing at the site. In general, project funding is not forthcoming until NMOCD approves the work plan. Therefore, your timely review of this submission is greatly appreciated.

For all such environmental projects, ROC will choose the path forward that:

- Protects public health,
- Provides the greatest net environmental benefit,
- Complies with NMOCD Rules, and
- Is supported by good science.

Each site shall generally have three submissions:

1. This Investigation and Characterization Plan (ICP) is proposed for gathering data and site characterization and assessment.

2. Upon evaluating the data and results from the ICP, a recommended remedy will be submitted in a Corrective Action Plan (CAP), if warranted.

3. Finally, after implementing the remedy, a Termination Request with final documentation will be submitted.

Background and Previous Work

The site is located approximately 0.8 miles southwest of Buckeye, New Mexico in Unit C, Section 36, T17S, R34E as shown on the Site Location Map (Figure 1). NM OSE records indicate that groundwater will likely be encountered at a depth of approximately 107 +/- feet.

In 2010, ROC initiated work on the former Vacuum C-36 EOL junction box. A backhoe was used to collect soil samples at regular intervals, creating a 5x3x4-ft deep excavation. The backhoe was unable to excavate the site deeper than 4 ft below ground surface (bgs) due to extremely compacted subsoil material. The excavated soil was properly disposed of at a NMOCD approved facility, and imported soil was used to backfill the excavation to ground surface. On October 11, 2010, the site was seeded with a blend of native vegetation. To further investigate depth of chloride presence, a soil bore was initiated on July 25, 2011, at the source of the former junction box. Soil samples were field tested for chloride and organic vapors were measured using a PID to a depth of 12 ft bgs. Laboratory analysis of the 12 ft sample resulted in a chloride concentration of 1,880 mg/kg and a gasoline range organics (GRO) and diesel range organics (DRO) concentration below detectable limits. The bore hole was plugged with bentonite to the ground surface.

NMOCD was notified of potential groundwater impact on April 10, 2012, and a junction box disclosure report (Appendix A) was submitted to NMOCD with all the 2011 junction box closures and disclosures.

ROC proposes additional investigative work at the site to determine if there is potential for groundwater degradation from residual chlorides and hydrocarbons at the site.

Proposed Work Elements

1. Conduct vertical and lateral delineation of residual soil chlorides and hydrocarbons from samples taken using a drill rig, hand auger, and/or backhoe (see Appendix B for Quality Procedures).
    a. Vertical sampling will be conducted until the following criteria are met in the field.
        i. Three samples in which the chloride concentration decreases and the third sample has a chloride concentration of $\leq$ 250 ppm; and,
        ii. Three samples in which PID readings decrease and the third sample has a PID reading of $\leq$ 100 ppm; or,
        iii. The sampling reaches the capillary fringe.
    b. Lateral sampling will be conducted until the following criteria are met in the field.

i. A decrease is observed in chloride concentrations between lateral bores at similar depths; and,
ii. A chloride concentration of ≤ 250 ppm is observed in a lateral surface sample; or,
iii. Safety concerns impede further lateral delineation.

2. If warranted, install a monitor well to provide direct measurement of the potential groundwater impact at the site. Additional monitoring wells may be required to fully delineate groundwater quality. (All monitor wells will be installed by EPA, NMOCD, and industry standards.)
3. Evaluate the risk of groundwater impact based on the information obtained.

If the evaluation of the site shows no threat to groundwater from residual chlorides, then only a vadose zone remedy will be undertaken. However, if groundwater shows impact from residual chlorides, a CAP will be developed to address these concerns.

ROC appreciates the opportunity to work with you on this project. Please call me at (575) 393-9174 if you have any questions or wish to discuss the site.

Sincerely,
Rice Operating Company

Hack Conder
Environmental Manager

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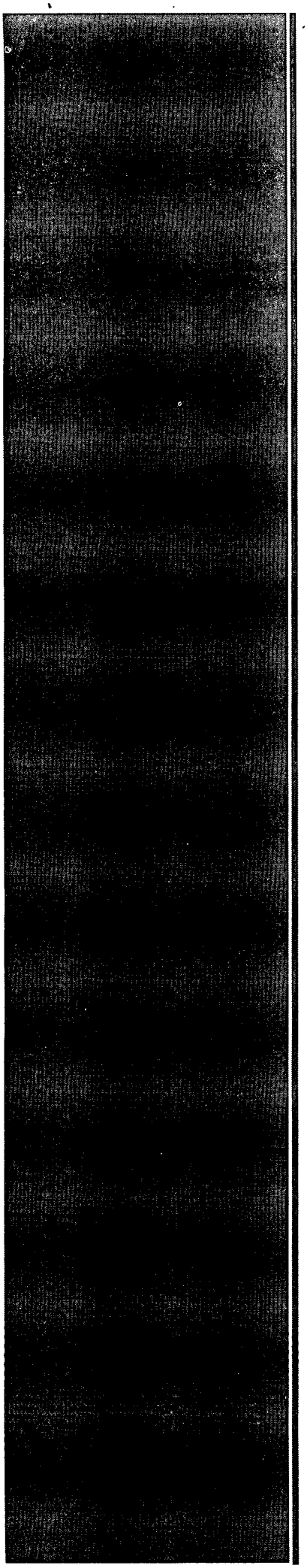

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RECS

Vacuum C-36 EOL

Unit C, Section 36, T17S, R34E

NMOCD Case #: 1R425-103

Figure 1

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W E
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0 300 600 1,200
Feet

Drawing date: 2-8-13

Appendix A

Junction Box Disclosure Report

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RICE OPERATING COMPANY
JUNCTION BOX DISCLOSURE* REPORT

BOX LOCATION

SWD SYSTEM	JUNCTION	UNIT	SECTION	TOWNSHIP	RANGE	COUNTY	BOX DIMENSIONS - FEET		
							Length	Width	Depth
Vacuum	C-36 EOL	C	36	17S	34E	Lea	Eliminated		

LAND TYPE: BLM ___ STATE X FEE LANDOWNER _____ OTHER _____

Depth to Groundwater 107 feet NMOCD SITE ASSESSMENT RANKING SCORE: 10

Date Started 10/7/2010 Date Completed 7/25/2011 OCD Witness No

Soil Excavated 2.2 cubic yards Excavation Length 5 Width 3 Depth 4 feet

Soil Disposed 5 cubic yards Offsite Facility Sundance Services, Inc. Location Eunice, NM

FINAL ANALYTICAL RESULTS: **Sample Date** 7/25/2011 **Sample Depth** 12'

Procure 5-point composite sample of bottom and 4-point composite sample of sidewalls. TPH and Chloride laboratory test results completed by using an approved lab and testing procedures pursuant to NMOCD guidelines.

Sample Location	PID (field) ppm	GRO mg/kg	DRO mg/kg	Chloride mg/kg
Source @ 12'	0.9	<10.0	<10.0	1,880

CHLORIDE FIELD TESTS

LOCATION	DEPTH	mg/kg
background	6"	59
SB-1 at source	1'	121
	2'	266
	3'	296
	4'	1,282
	5'	1,181
	6'	1,244
	7'	677
	8'	1,795
	9'	1,253
	10'	947
	11'	1,016
	12'	1,651

General Description of Remedial Action: This junction was eliminated during the Vacuum SWD system abandonment program. An investigation was conducted at the former junction box site using a backhoe to collect soil samples at regular intervals producing a 5x3x4-ft deep excavation. The site could not be excavated any deeper due to extremely compacted subsoil materials. Chloride field tests performed on each sample yielded elevated concentrations that did not relent with depth. Organic vapors were measured using a PID which yielded relatively low concentrations. A total of 5 yards of soil was hauled to a NMOCD approved disposal facility. The excavation was backfilled with imported soil to ground surface. On 10/11/2010, the site was seeded with a blend of native vegetation and is expected to return to a productive capacity at a normal rate. To further investigate the depth of chloride, a soil bore was initiated on 7/25/2011. The boring was advanced to a total depth of 12-ft. below ground surface with soil samples collected at regular intervals. Chloride field tests were performed on each sample and organic vapors were measured using a PID. The 12-ft. sample was taken to a commercial laboratory for analysis of chloride and TPH, which yielded low TPH and chloride concentration that did not decrease with depth. The bore was plugged with bentonite to ground surface. NMOCD was notified of potential groundwater impact on 4/10/2012.

ADDITIONAL EVALUATION IS MEDIUM PRIORITY

enclosures: photos, soil bore log, lab results, PID (field) screenings, chloride curve, revegetation form

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

SITE SUPERVISOR Kyle Norman SIGNATURE _____

REPORT ASSEMBLED BY Amy C. Ruth SIGNATURE _____ COMPANY RICE OPERATING COMPANY

PROJECT LEADER Zach Conder SIGNATURE _____ DATE 4-17-12

*This site is a "DISCLOSURE." It will be placed on a prioritized list of similar sites for further consideration.

Vacuum C-36 EOL

Unit C, Section 36, T17S, R34E

Excavating/sampling source, facing west 10.7.10

Spreading imported soil, facing south 10.11.10

Seeding site, facing west 10.11.10

Raking seed, facing west 10.11.10

Sampling drill cuttings, facing south 7.25.11

Plugging the soil bore in total with bentonite, facing south 7.25.11

Logger:	Kyle Norman		RICE ENVIRONMENTAL RECS CONSULTING & SAFETY, LLC
Driller:	Harrison & Cooper, Inc.		
Drilling Method:	Air rotary		**Project Name:** Vacuum C-36 EOL **Well ID:** SB-1
Start Date:	7/25/2011		
End Date:	7/25/2011		**Project Consultant:** Junction box plan
Comments: Located at the source of the former junction box site. All samples were from cuttings. **DRAFTED BY: L. Weinheimer** TD = 12 ft GW = 107 ft			**Location:** UL/C sec. 36 T17S R34E **Lat:** 32°47'47.352"N **Long:** 103°31'0.226"W **County:** Lea **State:** NM

Depth (feet)	Chloride field tests	LAB	PID	Description	Lithology	Well Construction
1 ft	121		1.2	Regolith		
2 ft	266		1.7			
3 ft	296		3.8	Light Brown Fine Sand with some Caliche		
4 ft	1282		10			
5 ft	1181		5.9			
6 ft	1244		5.4	Light Tan Fine Sand with some Caliche		bentonite seal
7 ft	677		2.7			
8 ft	1795		1.8			

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					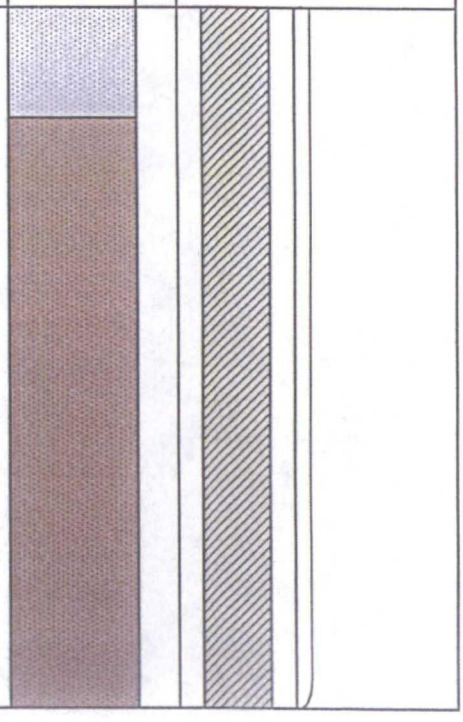	
9 ft	1253		3.8			
				Light Brown Fine Sand with some Caliche		
10 ft	947		2.8			
11 ft	1016		1.8			
12 ft	1651	Cl- 1880	0.9			
		GRO <10				
		DRO <10				

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PHONE (575) 393-2326 ° 101 E. MARLAND ° HOBBS, NM 88240

July 28, 2011

Hack Conder

Rice Operating Company

112 W. Taylor

Hobbs, NM 88240

RE: VACUUM C-36 EOL (17/34)

Enclosed are the results of analyses for samples received by the laboratory on 07/25/11 15:50.

Cardinal Laboratories is accredited through Texas NELAP for:

Method SW-846 8021	Benzene, Toluene, Ethyl Benzene, and Total Xylenes
Method SW-846 8260	Benzene, Toluene, Ethyl Benzene, and Total Xylenes
Method TX 1005	Total Petroleum Hydorcarbons

Certificate number T104704398-08-TX. Accreditation applies to solid and chemical materials and non-potable water matrices.

Cardinal Laboratories is accreditated through the State of Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment for:

Method EPA 552.2	Haloacetic Acids (HAA-5)
Method EPA 524.2	Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)
Method EPA 524.4	Regulated VOCs (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

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Lab Director/Quality Manager

CARDINAL Laboratories

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Analytical Results For:

Rice Operating Company
Hack Conder
112 W. Taylor
Hobbs NM, 88240
Fax To: (575) 397-1471

Received:	07/25/2011	Sampling Date:	07/25/2011
Reported:	07/28/2011	Sampling Type:	Soil
Project Name:	VACUUM C-36 EOL (17/34)	Sampling Condition:	Cool & Intact
Project Number:	NONE GIVEN	Sample Received By:	Jodi Henson
Project Location:	NOT GIVEN		

Sample ID: INITIAL @ 12' (H101544-01)

Chloride, SM4500Cl-B mg/kg **Analyzed By: HM**

Analyte	Result	Reporting Limit	Analyzed	Method Blank	BS	% Recovery	True Value QC	RPD	Qualifier
Chloride	**1880**	16.0	07/26/2011	ND	400	100	400	3.92	

TPH 8015M mg/kg **Analyzed By: ab**

Analyte	Result	Reporting Limit	Analyzed	Method Blank	BS	% Recovery	True Value QC	RPD	Qualifier
GRO C6-C10	<10.0	10.0	07/26/2011	ND	184	91.8	200	3.23	
DRO >C10-C28	<10.0	10.0	07/26/2011	ND	167	83.4	200	3.62	

Surrogate: 1-Chlorooctane	*115 %*	*70-130*
Surrogate: 1-Chlorooctadecane	*118 %*	*70-130*

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Notes and Definitions

ND	Analyte NOT DETECTED at or above the reporting limit
RPD	Relative Percent Difference
**	Samples not received at proper temperature of 6°C or below.
***	Insufficient time to reach temperature.
-	Chloride by SM4500Cl-B does not require samples be received at or below 6°C
	Samples reported on an as received basis (wet) unless otherwise noted on report

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Celey D. Keene, Lab Director/Quality Manager

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CHAIN-OF-CUSTODY AND ANALYSIS REQUEST

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Company Name:	Rice	BILL TO	
Project Manager:	Hack Conder	P.O. #:	
Address:		Company:	
City:	State: NM Zip:	Attn:	
Phone #:	Fax #:	Address:	
Project #:	Project Owner:	City:	
Project Name:		State: Zip:	
Project Location:	Vacuum C-36 EOL	Phone #:	
Sampler Name:	Kyle Norman	Fax #:	

FOR LAB USE ONLY				MATRIX						PRESERV		SAMPLING		ANALYSIS REQUEST										
Lab I.D.	Sample I.D.	(G)RAB OR (C)OMP.	# CONTAINERS	GROUNDWATER	WASTEWATER	SOIL	OIL	SLUDGE	OTHER :	ACID/BASE:	ICE / COOL	OTHER :	DATE	TIME	Chlorides	TPH 8015 M	BTEX	Texas TPH	Complete Cations/Anions	TDS					
H1D1544 -1	Initial @ 12'	G	1			✓					✓		7-25-11	10:15	✓	✓									

Relinquished By:	Date: 7-25-11	Received By:	Phone Result: ☐ Yes ☑ No Add'l Phone #:
	Time: 2:50		Fax Result: ☐ Yes ☑ No Add'l Fax #:
Relinquished By:	Date:	Received By:	REMARKS: email results kjones@riceswd.com Zconder@rice-ecs.com; Bbaker@rice-ecs.com; hconder@rice-ecs.com; Lweinheimer@rice-ecs.com
	Time:		

Delivered By: (Circle One)
Sampler - UPS - Bus - Other:

Sample Condition: Cool ☑ Yes ☐ No; Intact ☑ Yes ☐ No

CHECKED BY: (Initials)

† Cardinal cannot accept verbal changes. Please fax written changes to 505-393-2476

RICE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTING & SAFETY

122 West Taylor Hobbs, NM 88240
PHONE: (505) 393-9174 FAX: (505) 397-1471
PID METER CALIBRATION & FIELD REPORT FORM

CK. MODEL NO.			
		MODEL: PGM 7300	SERIAL NO: 590-000508
	x	MODEL: PGM 7300	SERIAL NO: 590-000504
		MODEL: PGM 7320	SERIAL NO: 592-903318
		MODEL: PGM 7300	SERIAL NO: 590-000183

GAS COMPOSITION: ISOBUTYLENE 100PPM / AIR: BALANCE

LOT NO : 930360	EXPIRATION DATE: 5/24/2013
METER READING ACCURACY: 99.9 PPM	

ACCURACY : +/- 2%

COMPANY
Rice

SITE	UNIT	SECTION	TOWN SHIP	RANGE
Vacuum C-36 EOL	C	36	17	34

SAMPLE ID	PID	SAMPLE ID	PID
Soil Bore @ 1'	1.2		
2'	1.7		
3'	3.8		
4'	10		
5'	5.9		
6'	5.4		
7'	2.7		
8'	1.8		
9'	3.8		
10'	2.8		
11'	1.8		
12'	0.9		

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

SIGNATURE: Kristi N

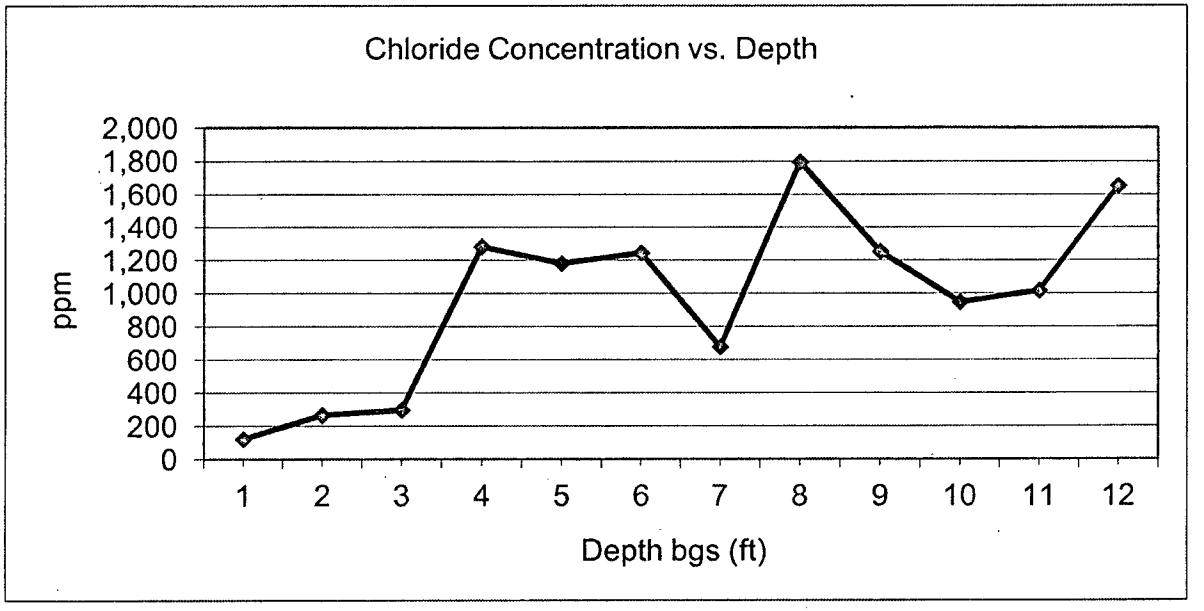
DATE: 7/25/2011

Vacuum C-36 EOL

Unit 'C', Sec. 36, T17S, R34E

Soil bore samples at the source

Depth bgs (ft)	[Cl-] ppm
1	121
2	266
3	296
4	1,282
5	1,181
6	1,244
7	677
8	1,795
9	1,253
10	947
11	1,016
12	1651



Groundwater = 107 ft

RICE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTING & SAFETY, LLC

PO Box 5630
Hobbs, NM 88241
Phone: (575) 393-4411
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REVEGETATION FORM

1. General Information

Site name	Vacuum C-36 EOL 17.34					
U/L C	Section 36	Township 17S	Range 34E	County Lea	Latitude 32° 47.791'	Longitude 103° 31.003'
Contact Name:	Bruce Baker					
Email:	bbaker@rice-ecs.com					
Site size:	1,539	square feet		Map detail of site attached ☐		
Additional information:						

2. Soils **Do not rip caliche subsoils; caliche rocks brought to the surface by ripping shall be removed.*

Salvaged from site ☐	Bioremediated ☐	Imported ☒	Blended ☐	Depth (in):
Texture:	Describe soil & subsoil:	Topsoil Sand with subsoil caliche		
Soil prep methods:	Rip ☐ Depth(in):	Disc ☐ Depth (in):	Rollerpack ☐	
Date completed: 10/11/2010				

3. Bioremediation

Fertilizer ☐	Hay ☐	Other ☐
Type:		Describe:
Lbs/acre:		

4. Seeding **Attach seed bag tags to this form. Seed bag tags shall contain the site name and S-T-R.*

Custom seed mix ☒	Prescribed mix ☐	Seed mix name: 1.5 lbs. blue grama	Seeding date: 10/11/2010
Broadcast ☒ Method: Hand broadcast			
Soil conditions during seeding:	Dry ☒	Damp ☐	Wet ☐
Photos attached ☐ Number of photos:	Observations:		

5. Certification I hereby certify that the information in this form and attachments is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Name: Robert Egans	Title: Environmental Tech	Date: 10/11/2010
Signature: Robert Egans		

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Appendix B

Quality Procedures

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Quality Procedures

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Quality Procedure
Soil Samples for Transportation to a Laboratory

1.0 Purpose

This procedure outlines the methods to be employed when obtaining soil samples to be taken to a laboratory for analysis.

2.0 Scope

This procedure is to be used when collecting soil samples intended for ultimate transfer to a testing laboratory.

3.0 Preliminary

3.1 Obtain sterile sampling containers from the testing laboratory designated to conduct analyses of the soil.

3.2 If collecting TPH, BTEX, RCRA 8 metals, cation /anions or O&G, the sample jar may be a clear 4 oz. container with Teflon lid. If collecting PAH's, use an amber 4 oz. container.

4.0 Chain of Custody

4.1 Prepare a Sample Plan. The plan will list the number, location and designation of each planned sample and the individual tests to be performed on the sample. The sampler will check the list against the available inventory of appropriate sample collection bottles to insure against shortage.

4.2 Transfer the data to the Laboratory Chain of Custody Form. Complete all sections of the form except those that relate to the time of delivery of the samples to the laboratory.

4.3 Pre-label the sample collection jars. Include all requested information except time of collection. (Use a fine point Sharpie to insure that the ink remains on the label.) Affix the labels to the jars.

5.0 Sampling Procedure

5.1 Do not touch the soil with your bare hands. Use new nitrile gloves to help minimize any contamination.

5.2 Go to the sampling point with the sample container. If not analyzing for ions or metals, use a trowel to obtain the soil.

5.3 Pack the soil tightly into the container leaving the top slightly domed. Screw the lid down tightly. Enter the time of collection onto the sample collection jar label.

5.4 Place the sample directly on ice for transport to the laboratory if required.

5.5 Complete the Chain of Custody form to include the collection times for each sample. Deliver all samples to the laboratory.

6.0 Documentation

6.1 The testing laboratory shall provide the following minimum information:

a. Project and sample name.
b. Signed copy of the original Chain of Custody Form including the time the sample was received by the lab.
c. Results of the requested analyses
d. Test Methods employed
e. Quality Control methods and results

Rice Operating Company

QUALITY PROCEDURE
Chloride Titration Using
0.282 Normal Silver Nitrate Solution

1.0 Purpose

This procedure is to be used to determine the concentration of chloride in soil.

2.0 Scope

This procedure is to be used as the standard field measurement for soil chloride concentrations.

3.0 Sample Collection and Preparation

3.1 Collect at least 80 grams of soil from the sample collection point. Take care to insure that the sample is representative of the general background to include visible concentrations of hydrocarbons and soil types. If necessary, prepare a composite sample for soils obtained at several points in the sample area. Take care to insure that no loose vegetation, rocks or liquids are included in the sample(s).

3.2 The soil sample(s) shall be immediately inserted into a one-quart or larger polyethylene freezer bag. Care should be taken to insure that no cross-contamination occurs between the soil sample and the collection tools or sample processing equipment.

3.3 The sealed sample bag should be massaged to break up any clods.

4.0 Sample Preparation

4.1 Tare a clean glass vial having a minimum 40 ml capacity. Add at least 10 grams of the soil sample and record the weight.

4.2 Add at least 20 grams of reverse osmosis water to the soil sample and shake well.

4.3 Allow the sample to set for a period of 5 minutes or until the separation of soil and water.

5.0 Titration Procedure

5.1 Using a graduated pipette, remove 10 ml extract and dispense into a clean plastic cup.

5.2 Add 2-3 drops potassium chromate (K_2CrO_4) to mixture if necessary.

5.3 Using a 1 ml pipette, carefully add .282 normal silver nitrate (one drop at a time) to the sample while constantly agitating it. Stop adding silver nitrate when the solution begins to change from yellow to red. Be consistent with endpoint recognition.

5.4 Record the ml of silver nitrate used.

6.0 Calculation

To obtain the chloride concentration, insert measured data into the following formula:

$$\frac{.282 \times 35{,}450 \times \text{ml } AgNO_3}{\text{ml water extract}} \times \frac{\text{grams of water in mixture}}{\text{grams of soil in mixture}}$$

Using Step 5.0, determine the chloride concentration of the RO water used to mix with the soil sample. Record this concentration and subtract it from the formula results to find the net chloride in the soil sample.

Record all results on the delineation form.

Rice Operating Company

Quality Procedure
Development of Cased Water-Monitoring Wells

1.0 Purpose

This procedure outlines the methods to be employed to develop cased monitoring wells.

2.0 Scope

This procedure shall be used for developed, cased water monitoring wells. It is not to be used for standing water samples such as ponds or streams.

3.0 Sample Collection and Preparation

3.1 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.

3.2 All measurements will be recorded within a field log notebook.

3.3 All equipment used to measure the static water level will be decontaminated after each use by means of Liquinox, 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 Purging

4.1 Wells will be purged by using a 2" decontaminated submersible pump or dedicated one liter Teflon bailer. Wells should be purged until the pH and conductivity are stabilized and the turbidity has been reduced to the greatest extent possible.

4.2 If a submersible is used the pump will be decontaminated prior to use by scrubbing the outside surface of tubing and wiring with a Liquinox water mixture, pumping a Liquinox-water mixture through the pump, and a final flush with fresh water.

5.0 Water Disposal

5.1 All purge and decontamination water will be temporarily stored within a portable tank to be later disposed of in an appropriate manner.

6.0 Records

6.1 Rice Environmental Consulting and Safety will record the amount of water removed from the well during development procedures. The purge volume will be reported to the appropriate regulatory authority when filing the closure report.

Rice Operating Company

Quality Procedure
Sampling of Cased Water-Monitoring Well

1.0 Purpose

This procedure outlines the methods to be employed in obtaining water samples from cased monitoring wells.

2.0 Scope

This procedure shall be used for developed, cased water monitoring wells. It is not to be used for standing water samples such as ponds or streams.

3.0 Preliminary

3.1 Obtain sterile sampling containers from the testing laboratory designated to conduct analyses of the water.

3.2 The following table shall be used to select the appropriate sampling container, preservative method and holding times for the various elements and compounds to be analyzed.

Compound to be Analyzed	Sample Container Size	Sample Container Description	Cap Requirements	Preservative	Maximum Hold Time
BTEX	40 ml	VOA Container	Teflon Lined	HCL	14 days
TPH (8015 Extended)	40 ounces	(2) 40ml VOA vials	Teflon Lined	HCL and Ice	14 days
PAH	1 liter	amber glass	Teflon Lined	Ice	7 days
Cation/Anion	1 liter	HD polyethylene	Any Plastic	None	48 Hrs
Metals	1 liter	HD polyethylene	Any Plastic	Ice/HNO_3	28 Days
TDS	300 ml	clear glass or 250 ml HD polyethylene	Any Plastic	Ice	7 Days
Cl-	500 ml	HD polyethylene	Any Plastic	None	28 Days

4.0 Chain of Custody

4.1 Prepare a Sample Plan. The plan will list the well identification and the individual tests to be performed at that location. The sampler will check the list against the available inventory of appropriate sample collection bottles to insure against shortage.

4.2 Transfer the data to the Laboratory Chain of Custody Form. Complete all sections of the form except those that relate to the time of delivery of the samples to the laboratory.

4.3 Pre-label the sample collection jars. Include all requested information except time of collection. (Use a fine point Sharpie to insure that the ink remains on the label). Affix the labels to the jars.

5.0 Bailing Procedure

5.1 Identify the well from the sites schematics. Place pre-labeled jar(s) next to the well. Remove the plastic cap from the well bore by first lifting the metal lever and then unscrewing the entire assembly.

5.2 Using a dedicated one liter Teflon bailer or submersible pump, purge a minimum of three well volumes. Place the water in storage container for transport to a ROC disposal facility.

5.3 If using a bailer, take care to insure that the bailing device and string does not become cross-contaminated. A clean pair of nitrile gloves should be used when handling either the retrieval string or bailer. The retrieval string should not be allowed to come into contact with the ground.

6.0 Sampling Procedure

6.1 Once the well has been bailed in accordance with 5.2 of this procedure, a sample may be decanted into the appropriate sample collection jar directly from the bailer or submersible pump.

6.2 Note the time of collection on the sample jar with a fine Sharpie.

6.3 Place the sample directly on ice for transport to the laboratory. The preceding table shows the maximum hold times between collection and testing for the various analyses.

6.4 Complete the Chain of Custody form to include the collection times for each sample. Deliver all samples to the laboratory.

7.0 Documentation

7.1 The testing laboratory shall provide the following minimum information:

A. Project and sample name.
B. Signed copy of the original Chain of Custody Form including the time the sample was received by the lab.
C. Results of the requested analyses
D. Test Methods employed
E. Quality Control methods and results

Calculation for Determining the Minimum Bailing Volume for Monitor Wells
Formula $V = (\pi r^2 h)$
2" well [V/231=gal] X 3 = Purge Volume

V=Volume
π=pi
r=inside radius of the well bore
h=maximum height of well bore in water table

Example:

π	r^2	h(in)	V(cu.in)	V(gal)	X 3 Volumes	Actual
3.1416	1	180	565.488	2.448	7.34 gal	>10 gal

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Quality Procedure
Composite Sampling of Excavation Sidewalls and Bottoms For TPH and Chloride Analysis

1.0 Purpose

This procedure outlines the methods to be employed when obtaining final composite soil samples for TPH and Chloride analysis.

2.0 Scope

This procedure is to be used in conjunction with ***Quality Procedure – 02: Soil Samples for Transportation to a Laboratory*** and will be inserted at subparagraph 5.2 of Section 5.0: Sampling Procedure.

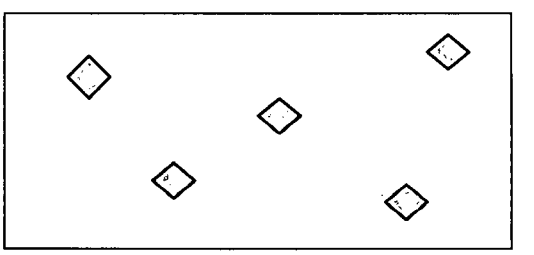
3.0 Sampling Procedure

Follow ***Quality Procedure – 02: Soil Samples for Transportation to a Laboratory*** for all Sections and subparagraphs until subparagraph 5.2 of Section 5.0: Sampling Procedure. Instead of 5.2 instructions, perform the composite sample collection procedure as follows:

3.1 Go to the excavation with a new plastic baggie. If not analyzing for ions or metals, use a trowel to obtain the soil. If the excavation is deeper than 6' BGS, do not enter the pit, but use a backhoe to assist in procurement of the sample. (If a backhoe is used, the backhoe will obtain an amount of soil from each composite point; bring the purchase to the surface staging area where a sample-portion of soil will be extracted from the backhoe purchase. The remainder of the backhoe purchase will be staged on the surface with other staged soils.)

3.2 Sidewall samples

3.2.1 On each sidewall, procure a 5oz sample from each of five distinct points on the sidewall with distinct points resembling the "W" pattern:



3.2.2 Thoroughly blend these five samples in a labeled baggie.
3.2.3 Repeat steps 3.2.1 through 3.2.4 for each remaining sidewall.
3.2.4 From each labeled baggie, procure a 5 oz portion and pour into a baggie labeled "Sidewall Composite". Blend this soil mixture completely.
3.2.5 Obtain proper laboratory sample container for "Sidewall Composite" and continue with subparagraph 5.3 of QP – 01.

3.3 Bottom Sample
3.3.1 From bottom of excavation, procure a 5oz sample from each of five distinct points with distinct points resembling the "W" pattern as illustrated above.
3.3.2 Thoroughly blend these five samples in a clean baggie.
3.3.3 Obtain proper laboratory sample container for "Bottom Composite" and continue with subparagraph 5.3 of QP – 01.

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QUALITY PROCEDURE
Sampling and Testing Protocol for VOC in Soil

1.0 Purpose

This procedure is to be used to determine the concentrations of Volatile Organic Compounds in soils.

2.0 Scope

This procedure is to be used as the standard field measurement for soil VOC concentrations. It is not to be used as a substitute for full spectrographic speciation of organic compounds.

3.0 Procedure

3.1 Sample Collection and Preparation

3.1.1 Collect at least 500 g. of soil from the sample collection point. Take care to insure that the sample is representative of the general background to include visible concentrations of hydrocarbons and soil types. If necessary, prepare a composite sample of soils obtained at several points in the sample area. Take care to insure that no loose vegetation, rocks or liquids are included in the sample(s).

3.1.2 The soil sample(s) shall be immediately inserted into a one-quart or larger polyethylene freezer bag and sealed. When sealed, the bag should contain a nearly equal space between the soil sample and trapped air. Record the sample name and the time that the sample was collected on the Field Analytical Report Form.

3.1.3 The sealed samples shall be allowed to set for a minimum of five minutes at a temperature of between 10-15 Celsius, (59-77 ^{0}F). The sample temperatures may be adjusted by cooling the sample in ice, or by heating the sample within a generally controlled environment such as the inside of a vehicle. The samples should not be placed directly on heated surfaces or placed in direct heat sources such as lamps or heater vents.

3.1.4 The sealed sample bag should be massaged to break up any clods, and to provide the soil sample with as much exposed surface area as practically possible.

3.2 Sampling Procedure

3.2.1 The instrument to be used in conducting VOC concentration testing shall be a RAE Systems Photoionization device. (Device will be identified on VOC Field Test Report Form.) Prior to use, the instrument shall be zeroed-out in accordance with the appropriate maintenance and calibration procedure outlined in the instrument operation manual. The PID device will be calibrated each day it's used.

3.2.2 Carefully open one end of the collection bag and insert the probe tip into the bag taking care that the probe tip not touch the soil sample or the sidewalls of the bag.

3.2.3 Set the instrument to retain the highest result reading value. Record the reading onto the Field Test Report Form.

3.2.4 **If the instrument provides a reading exceeding 100 ppm, proceed to QP-7. If the reading is 100 ppm or less, NMOCD BTEX guideline has been met and no further testing for BTEX is necessary. File the Field Test Report Form in the project file.**

4.0 Clean-up

After testing, the soil samples shall be returned to the sampling location, and the bags collected for off-site disposal. **IN NO CASE SHALL THE SAME BAG BE USED TWICE. EACH SAMPLE CONTAINER MUST BE DISCARDED AFTER EACH USE.**

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Quality Procedure
Composite Sampling of Excavation Sidewalls and Bottoms For BTEX

1.0 Purpose

This procedure outlines the methods to be employed when obtaining final composite soil samples for BTEX analysis.

2.0 Scope

This procedure is to be used when collecting soil samples intended for ultimate transfer to a testing laboratory for BTEX analysis. This procedure is to be used only when the PID field-test results for OVM exceeds 100 ppm.

3.0 Preliminary

3.1 Obtain sterile, clear, 2 oz. glass containers with Teflon lid from a laboratory supply company or the testing laboratory designated to conduct analyses of the soil.

4.0 Chain of Custody

4.1 Prepare a Sample Plan. The plan will list the number, location and designation of each planned sample and the individual tests to be performed on the sample. The sampler will check the list against the available inventory of appropriate sample collection bottles to insure against shortage.

4.2 Transfer the data to the Laboratory Chain of Custody Form. Complete all sections of the form except those that relate to the time of delivery of the samples to the laboratory.

4.3 Pre-label the sample collection jars. Include all requested information except time of collection. (Use a fine point Sharpie to insure that the ink remains on the label.) Affix the labels to the jars.

5.0 Sampling Procedure

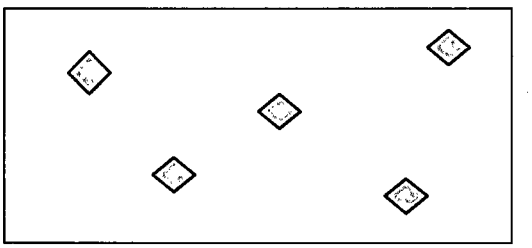
5.1. Do not touch the soil with your bare hands. Use new nitrile gloves to help minimize any cross-contamination.

5.2. If safe and within OSHA regulations, go to the sampling point with the sample container. If not analyzing for ions or metals, use a trowel to

obtain the soil. If the excavation is deeper than 6' BGS, do not enter the pit, but use a backhoe to assist in procurement of the sample. (If a backhoe is used, the backhoe will obtain an amount of soil from each composite point; bring the purchase to the surface staging area where a sample-portion of soil will be extracted from the backhoe purchase. The remainder of the backhoe purchase will be staged on the surface with other staged soils.)

5.3. Sidewall Samples

5.3.1 On each sidewall, procure a 2oz sample from each of five distinct points on the sidewall with distinct points resembling the "W" pattern:



5.4. Pack the soil tightly into the container leaving the top slightly domed. Screw the lid down tightly. Enter the time of collection onto the sample collection jar label. Repeat for each sampling point.

5.5. Place the samples directly on ice for transport to the laboratory if required.

5.6. Complete the Chain of Custody form to include the collection times for each sample. Deliver all samples to the laboratory.

6.0 Documentation

6.1 The testing laboratory shall provide the following minimum information:

a. Project and sample name.
b. Signed copy of the original Chain of Custody Form including the time the sample was received by the lab.
c. Results of the requested analyses
d. Test Methods employed
e. Quality Control methods and results

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Procedure for Plugging & Abandonment of Cased Water Monitoring Wells

1.0 Purpose

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

2.0 Scope

This procedure shall be used for developed, cased 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.

4.0 Plugging

4.1 Each bore will be filled with a 1% - 3% bentonite/concrete slurry to three feet bgs. The remaining three feet will be capped with concrete only.

4.2 All wellheads will be removed to below ground surface.

5.0 Records

5.1 The company plugging the well shall prepare a report on their company letter head listing the site name and describing general well construction including total depth of the well, the diameter of casing, material used to plug the well (e.g. bentonite/cement slurry), and date of the plugging operation.

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

5.3 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.