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November 22, 2006

Mr. Wayne Price  
New Mexico Energy, Minerals, & Natural Resources  
Oil Conservation Division, Environmental Bureau  
1220 S. St. Francis Drive  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504

RE: **INVESTIGATION & CHARACTERIZATION PLAN**  
**EME L-6 Boot Junction Box Site**  
**T20S-R37E-Section 6, Unit Letter L**  
**NMOCD Case No.: 1R-0427-09**

Mr. Price:

RICE Operating Company (ROC) has retained Trident Environmental to address potential environmental concerns at the above-referenced site. ROC is the service provider (agent) for the Eunice -Monument- Eumont (EME) 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 Partners, who provide all operating capital on a percentage ownership/usage basis. Environmental projects of this magnitude require System Partner AFE approval and work begins as funds are received. In general, project funding is not forthcoming until NMOCD approves the work plan. Therefore, your timely review of this submission is requested.

For all environmental projects, ROC will choose a 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 have three submissions or a combination of:

1. This Investigation and Characterization Plan (ICP) is a proposal for data gathering and site characterization and assessment.
2. Upon evaluating the data and results from this ICP, a recommended remedy will be submitted in a Corrective Action Plan (CAP).
3. Finally, after implementing the remedy, a closure report with final documentation will be submitted.

## BACKGROUND

The L-6 Boot site is located at township 20 south, range 37 east, section 6, unit letter L approximately 2.5 miles southwest of Monument, NM as shown on the attached Site Location Map (Figure 1). According to the Lea County Tax Assessor's Office, the fee land is under ownership by G. P. Sims. Land in the site area is primarily utilized for crude oil production and cattle ranching. Based on NMOCD records area crude oil production is primarily operated by Amerada Hess Corp., Chevron USA Inc., Doyle Hartman, Gruy Petroleum Management Corp., and Momentum Operating Co., Inc.

## PREVIOUS WORK

In February 2003, ROC initiated replacement activities of the L-6 Boot junction box as part of the approved Junction Box Upgrade Program. The L-6 junction box was rebuilt at a location approximately 30 feet to the west.

Soil sampling activities were conducted on July 15, 2003 and included the excavation of a twelve-foot deep trench. Samples recovered from 8- and 12-foot depths below ground surface (bgs) were field tested for chlorides that measured 800 parts per million (ppm) and 1,900 ppm, respectively. Laboratory analysis of the floor of the trench at 12-ft bgs indicated a chloride concentration of 2,240 mg/kg. This sample also indicated no detectable benzene or toluene was present, but measurable ethylbenzene (0.313 mg/kg), xylenes (1.19 mg/kg), GRO (1,380 mg/kg) and DRO (3,040 mg/kg) are present.

A Junction Box Disclosure Report was submitted to the OCD in early 2004 with all 2003 junction box reports to disclose the site as having potential for impact to groundwater. The site was placed on a prioritized list of similar sites for further consideration.

Groundwater in the site area occurs within the High Plains aquifer under water table (unconfined) conditions (Hart & McAda, 1985). The saturated portion of the High Plains aquifer is estimated to be approximately 30 ft thick in the site area (Nicholson and Clebsch, 1961). Depth to groundwater in the site area is estimated at approximately 30 feet below ground surface (bgs) based on nearby monitoring well data in adjacent sections.

## RECOMMENDATION FOR FURTHER ACTIONS

As discussed above, existing site data suggest a potential for impairment of groundwater quality. The replacement of the junction box has minimized the threat of additional impact from the vadose zone, however further investigation and characterization of the site is necessary to delineate the vadose zone and evaluate the potential for groundwater impact to the junction box. The work elements described below are designed to assist ROC in selecting the appropriate vadose zone remedy, and, if necessary, a groundwater remedy.

### *Task 1 Evaluate Concentrations of Constituents of Concern in the Vadose Zone*

Subsurface soil samples for characterization of the lateral and vertical extent of hydrocarbon- and chloride-impacted soil will be collected in accordance with the procedures explained in QP-02, QP-03, and QP-07 (attached). Soil lithology and the presence of any observed staining or odor will be recorded.

Soil samples will be collected at one to five-foot sampling intervals and field-tested for chloride content using the titration method. Soil samples will also be collected for headspace analysis using a PID, which will be calibrated to assume a benzene response factor. Samples with headspace readings above 100 ppm shall be analyzed for gas and diesel range organics (GRO and DRO) using EPA Method 8015 and for benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, and xylenes (BTEX) using EPA Method 8021B. The number and placement of borings is dependent on the findings of the above-described delineation criteria, however at least one soil boring will be placed immediately adjacent to the former junction box location.

As part of this ICP, the residual impact to vadose zone soils will be evaluated to determine what, if any remediation/isolation techniques will be required at the site.

*Task 2 Evaluate Concentrations of Constituents of Concern in the Groundwater*

If chloride concentrations do not decrease sufficiently with depth the soil boring closest to the former junction box will be converted into a monitoring well to determine if groundwater has indeed been impacted. If groundwater impact is confirmed, one additional monitoring well may be installed upgradient and downgradient to determine the local groundwater gradient direction, the lateral extent of groundwater impact, and the potential for off site sources of impact. If any groundwater monitoring wells are installed they will be constructed in accordance with EPA and industry standards and developed either by bailing with a rig or hand bailer, or pumping with an electric submersible pump to remove fine-grained sediment disturbed during drilling and to ensure collection of representative water samples. Groundwater samples will be collected in accordance with procedures explained in QP-04 and QP-05 (attached), and analyzed for BTEX, major ions, and total dissolved solids (TDS). Water removed from any monitoring well will be disposed of in the EME SWD System.

The information gathered from tasks 1 and 2 will be evaluated and utilized to design a soil and/or ground water remedy if needed. The remedy that offers the greatest environmental benefit while causing the least environmental impairment will be selected. Such recommendations and findings will be presented to NMOCD in a subsequent Corrective Action Plan (CAP). When evaluating any proposed remedy or investigative work, ROC will confirm that there is a reasonable relationship between the benefits created by the proposed remedy or assessment and the economic and social costs.

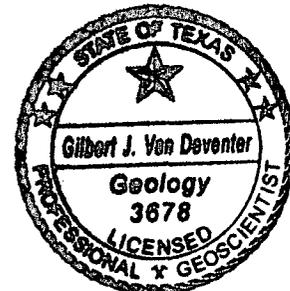
Your approval to move forward with this work plan will facilitate approval of expenditures by the System Partners. We appreciate the opportunity to work with you on this project. Please feel free to call me at 432-638-8740 or Kristin Farris Pope at 505-393-9174, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Gilbert J. Van Deventer, REM, PG  
Trident Environmental - Project Manager

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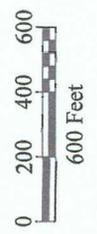


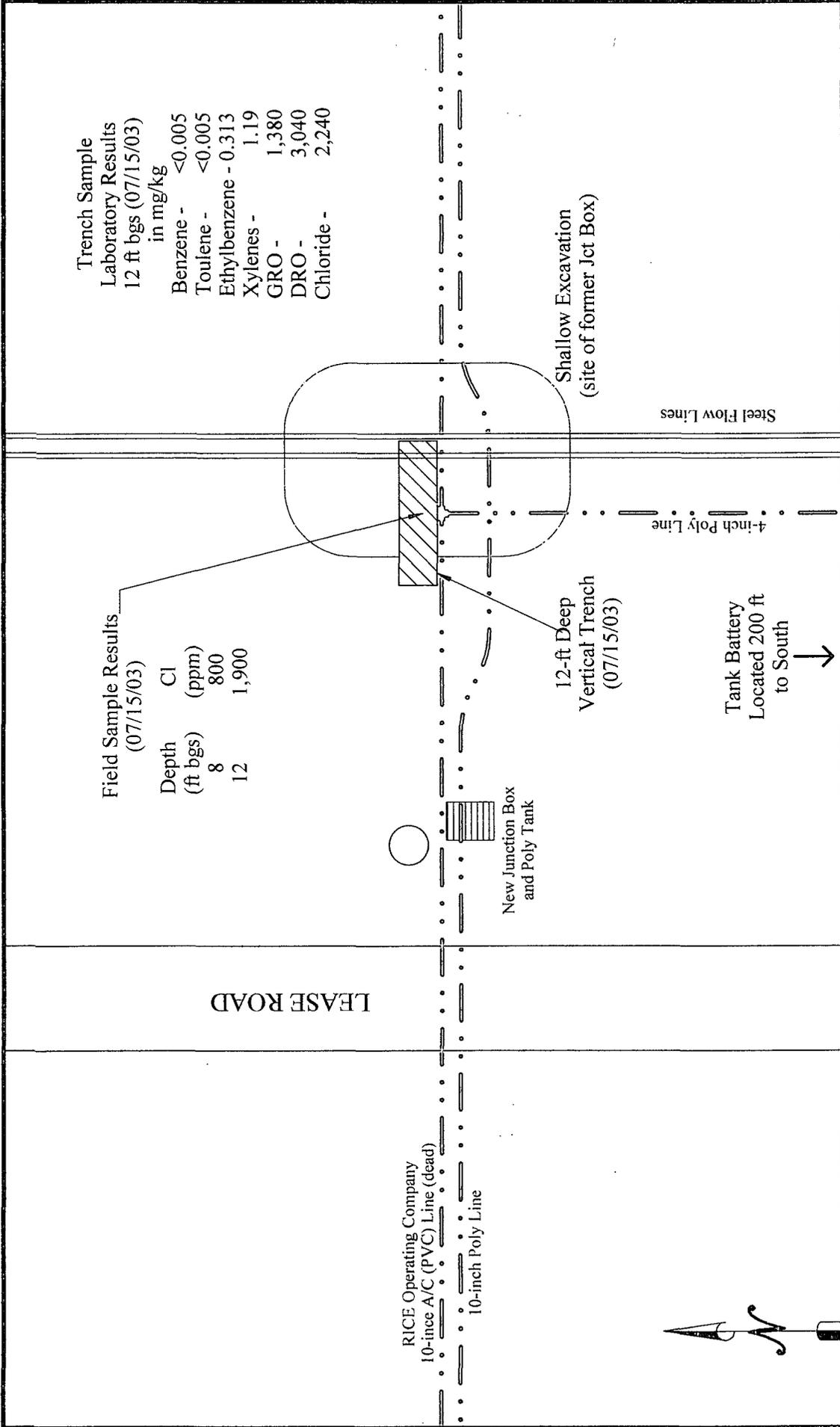
*enclosures: maps, photos, sampling procedures, and Junction Box Disclosure Report*



**FIGURE 1**  
**EME L-6 BOOT SITE**  
**LOCATION MAP**

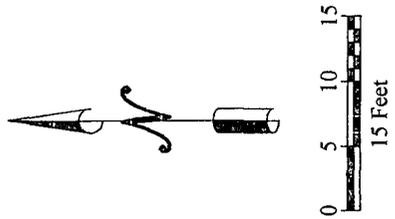
SITE NAME: EME L-6 BOOT LEAK
CLIENT: RICE OPERATING COMPANY
DATE: JULY 20, 2005
APPROXIMATE SCALE: 1 INCH = 600 FT





**FIGURE 2**  
**EME L-6 SITE MAP**  
**SAMPLE RESULTS**

SITE NAME: EME L-6 BOOT LEAK
CLIENT: RICE OPERATING COMPANY
DATE: JULY 15, 2003
APPROXIMATE SCALE: 1 INCH = 15 FT





View facing west showing former EME L-6 Boot Junction Box (02-28-2003).



View facing west showing former L-6 Boot Junction Box (center)  
and replacement (left-center) junction box (04-04-2003).



View facing south showing former L-6 Boot Junction Box prior to trench sampling (07-15-2003).



View of 12-ft deep trench during preliminary soil sampling activities (07-15-2003).

**RICE OPERATING COMPANY  
JUNCTION BOX DISCLOSURE\* REPORT**

**BOX LOCATION**

SWD SYSTEM	JUNCTION	UNIT	SECTION	TOWNSHIP	RANGE	COUNTY	BOX DIMENSIONS - FEET		
							Length	Width	Depth
EME	L-6 boot	L	6	20S	37E	Lea	Moved 30 ft west		

LAND TYPE: BLM \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ FEE LANDOWNER Chevron Texaco OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

Depth to Groundwater 35 feet NMOCD SITE ASSESSMENT RANKING SCORE: 20

Date Started 7/15/2003 Date Completed 7/28/2003 OCD Witness No

Soil Excavated 26 cubic yards Excavation Length 15 Width 4 Depth 12 feet

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

**FINAL ANALYTICAL RESULTS:** Sample Date 7/15/2003 Sample Depth 12 ft bgs

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

Sample Location	Benzene mg/kg	Toluene mg/kg	Ethyl Benzene mg/kg	Total Xylenes mg/kg	GRO mg/kg	DRO mg/kg	Chloride mg/kg
vertical @12 ft bgs	<0.005	<0.005	0.313	1.19	1380	3040	2240

General Description of Remedial Action: This was the site of a junction box that contained a boot. The new watertight box has been moved 30 ft west. Vertical delineation of the old location yielded consistent chloride and TPH concentrations to a depth of 12 ft. NMOCD TPH guidelines were not met. The hole has been backfilled and the location identified for further consideration at a later date.

**CHLORIDE FIELD TESTS**

LOCATION	DEPTH (ft)	ppm
Vertical	8	800
	12	1900

**ADDITIONAL EVALUATION IS HIGH PRIORITY.**

cc: lab results, photos

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

DATE 7/29/2003 PRINTED NAME Kristin Farris  
SIGNATURE *Kristin Farris* TITLE Project Scientist

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

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**Quality Procedure**

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**Procedure for Obtaining  
Soil Samples for Transportation to a Laboratory**

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**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. The shipment should include a Certificate of Compliance from the manufacturer of the collection bottle or vial and a Serial Number for the lot of containers. Retain this Certificate for future documentation purposes.
- 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.

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### 5.0 Sampling Procedure

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

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QUALITY PROCEDURE

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Sampling and Testing Protocol  
Chloride Titration Using .282 Normal  
Silver Nitrate Solution

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**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 10 grams of reverse osmosis water to the soil sample and shake for 20 seconds.
- 4.3 Allow the sample to set for a period of 5 minutes or until the separation of soil and water.
- 4.4 Carefully pour the free liquid extract from the sample through a paper filter into a clean plastic cup if necessary.

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**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.
- 5.3 If the sample contains any sulfides (hydrogen or iron sulfides are common to oilfield soil samples) add 2-3 drops of hydrogen peroxide ( $H_2O_2$ ) to mixture.
- 5.4 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.
- 5.5 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.

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### Quality Procedure Development of Cased Water-Monitoring Wells

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#### 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 or a steel engineer's tape and water sensitive paste.
- 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 Operating Company 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.

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### Quality Procedure

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#### Procedure for Obtaining Water Samples (Cased Wells) Using One Liter Bailer

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#### 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. The shipment should include a Certificate of Compliance from the manufacturer of the collection bottle or vial and a Serial Number for the lot of containers. Retain this Certificate for future documentation purposes.

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	7 days
TPH	1 liter	clear glass	Teflon Lined	HCl	28 days
PAH	1 liter	amber glass	Teflon Lined	Ice	7 days
Cation/Anion	1 liter	clear glass	Teflon Lined	None	48 Hrs
Metals	1 liter	HD polyethylene	Any Plastic	Ice/HNO <sub>3</sub>	28 Days
TDS	300 ml	clear glass	Any Plastic	Ice	7 Days

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#### **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, purge a minimum of three well volumes. Place the water in storage container for transport to a ROC disposal facility.
- 5.3 Take care to insure that the bailing device and string do not become cross-contaminated. A clean pair of rubber 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. The collection jar should be filled to the brim. Once the jar is sealed, turn the jar over to detect any bubbles that may be present. Add additional water to remove all bubbles from the sample container.
- 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  $[V/231 = \text{gal}] \times 3 = \text{Purge Volume}$**

V=Volume

$\pi = \text{pi}$

r=inside radius of the well bore

h=maximum height of well bore in water table

Example:

$\pi$	$r^2$	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

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#### 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.

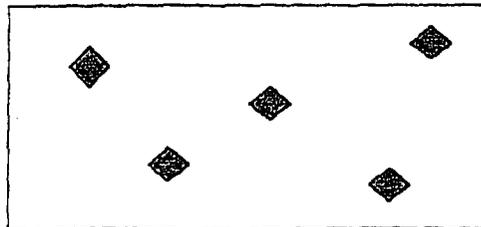
#### 3.0 Sampling Procedure

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 clean large blending bowl or 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 the blending bowl.
- 3.2.3 Pour blended sample into sifter and sift into labeled baggie.
- 3.2.4 Repeat steps 3.2.1 through 3.2.4 for each remaining sidewall, using a clean blending bowl for each sidewall.
- 3.2.5 From each labeled baggie, procure a 5 oz portion and pour into a baggie labeled "Sidewall Composite". Blend this soil mixture completely.
- 3.2.6 Obtain proper laboratory sample container for "Sidewall Composite" and continue with subparagraph 5.3 of QP - 02.

### 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 blending bowl.
- 3.2.3 Pour blended sample into sifter and sift into baggie labeled "Bottom Composite".
- 3.2.6 Obtain proper laboratory sample container for "Bottom Composite" and continue with subparagraph 5.3 of QP - 02.

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### QUALITY PROCEDURE Sampling and Testing Protocol for VOC in Soil

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#### 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<sup>o</sup>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 an Environmental Instruments 13471 OVM / Datalogger or a similar PID-type instrument. (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 conduct BTEX Speciation in accordance with QP-02 and QP-06. **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.**