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**May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

**Mr. Edward Hansen**

New Mexico Energy, Minerals, & Natural Resources

Oil Conservation Division, Environmental Bureau

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Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

**RE: INVESTIGATION & CHARACTERIZATION PLAN - REVISED**

**Rice Operating Company – EME SWD System**

**EME jct. K-8-1 (1R427-316): UL/K sec. 8 T20S R37E**

**(formerly EME jct. N-8-1)**

Mr. Hansen:

RICE Operating Company (ROC) has retained Rice Environmental Consulting and Safety (RECS) to address potential environmental concerns at the above-referenced site in the EME Salt Water Disposal (SWD) system. The site was previously referred to as the EME jct. N-8-1. However, the site name has changed to the EME jct. K-8-1 to match its geographical location. All future correspondence will reference EME jct. K-8-2.

ROC is the service provider (agent) for the 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 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 3 miles south of Monument, New Mexico at UL/K sec. 8 T20S R37E as shown on the Site Location Map (Figure 1). NM OSE records indicate that groundwater will likely be encountered at a depth of approximately 30 +/- feet.

In 2009 ROC initiated work on the former EME K-8-1 junction. The site was delineated using a backhoe to form a 30 ft x 20 ft x 12 ft deep excavation and soil samples were screened at regular intervals for both hydrocarbons and chlorides. From the excavation, the four-wall composite, the bottom composite and the backfill were taken to a commercial laboratory for analysis. Laboratory tests of the four-wall composite showed a chloride reading of 256 mg/kg, negligible gasoline range organics (GRO) readings and a diesel range organics (DRO) reading of 489 mg/kg. The bottom composite showed a chloride laboratory reading of 208 mg/kg, negligible GRO and a DRO reading of 349 mg/kg. Clean soil was imported to the site, blended with soil from the excavation and backfilled into the excavation. Laboratory analysis of the blended backfill showed a chloride reading of 144 mg/kg, negligible GRO and a DRO reading of 232 mg/kg. To further investigate the site, a soil bore was advanced on November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009, twenty five feet south of the source. The boring was advanced to 24 ft bgs and samples were taken every two feet. The samples were field tested for both chlorides and hydrocarbons. The 18 ft and 24 ft samples were taken to a commercial laboratory to be analyzed. Both samples showed negligible chloride readings. However, GRO and DRO were slightly elevated in both samples and while benzene was non-detect in both samples, toluene, ethyl-benzene, and total xylenes were detected (concentrations are included in Appendix A). The bore hole was plugged with bentonite to the ground surface.

The area was contoured to the surrounding landscape, seeded, and an identification plate was placed on the surface of the site to mark its location for future environmental considerations. NMOCD was notified of potential groundwater impact on December 18, 2009 and a junction box disclosure report (Appendix A) was submitted to NMOCD with all the 2009 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. Soil bores will be installed at the site at approximately 10 ft north, 10 ft west, 20 ft east, and 30 ft south of the former junction box site. The soils will be field screened for both chlorides and hydrocarbons. The field numbers will be evaluated to determine whether the bores show a vertical and lateral decrease in contaminate concentrations relative to the previous bores (see Proposed Work Elements below). If the PID and/or chloride concentrations do not decrease laterally and vertically, additional soil bores will be

installed 5 feet further out in each direction. Representative soil samples will be taken to a commercial laboratory for field number confirmation.

### **Proposed Work Elements**

1. Conduct vertical and lateral delineation of residual soil hydrocarbons and chlorides 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  $\leq 250$  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. (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 Hack Conder at (575) 393-9174 or me if you have any questions or wish to discuss the site.

Sincerely,



Lara Weinheimer  
Project Scientist  
RECS  
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**Attachments:**

Figures - Figure 1 – Site location map

Figure 2 – Soil bore installation map

Figure 3 – Site aerial map

Appendix A – Junction Box Disclosure Report

Appendix B - Quality Procedures

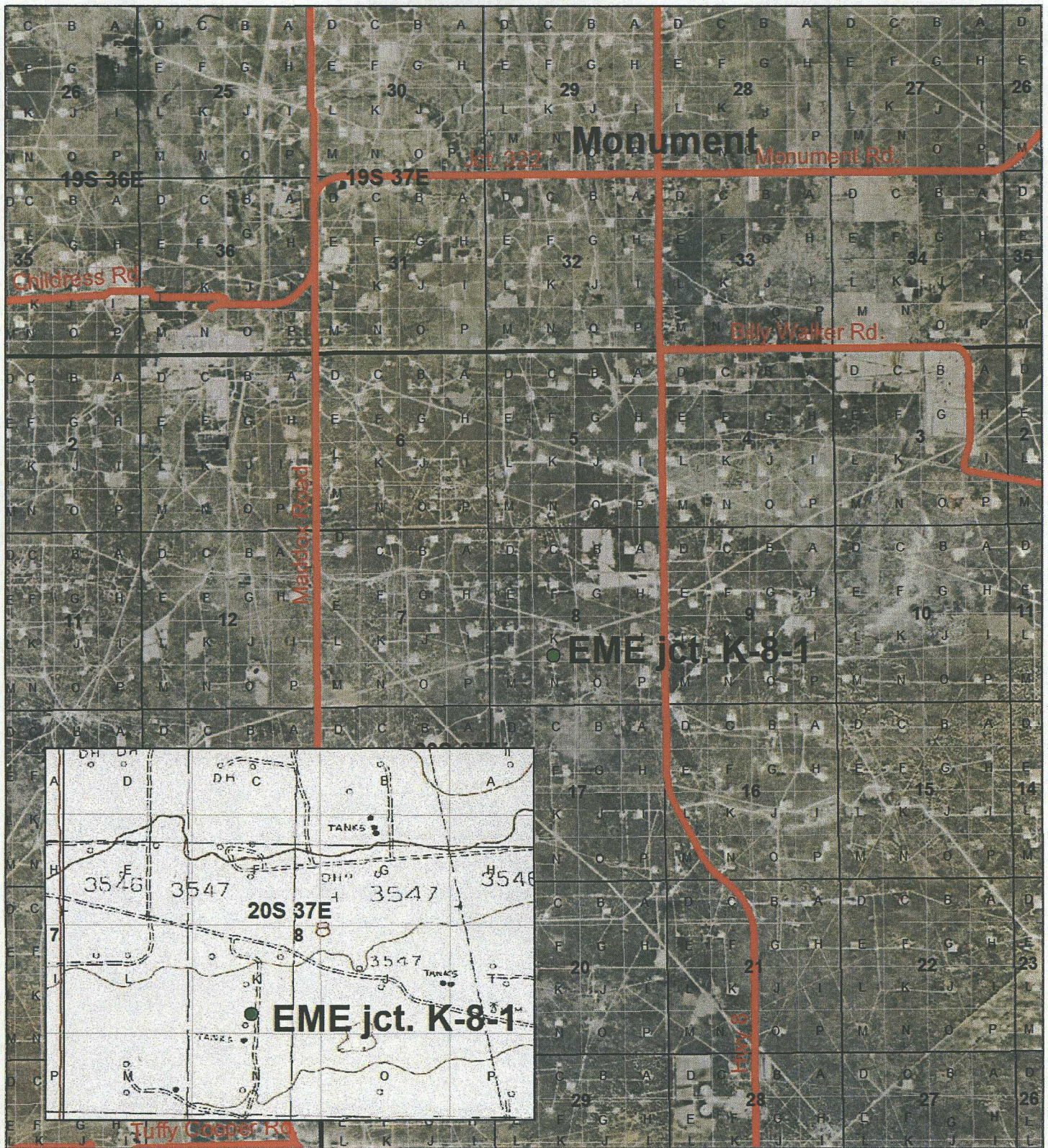


# Figures

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# Site Location



**EME jct. K-8-1**

**Legals: UL/K sec. 8  
T20S R37E**

**Case #: 1R427-316**

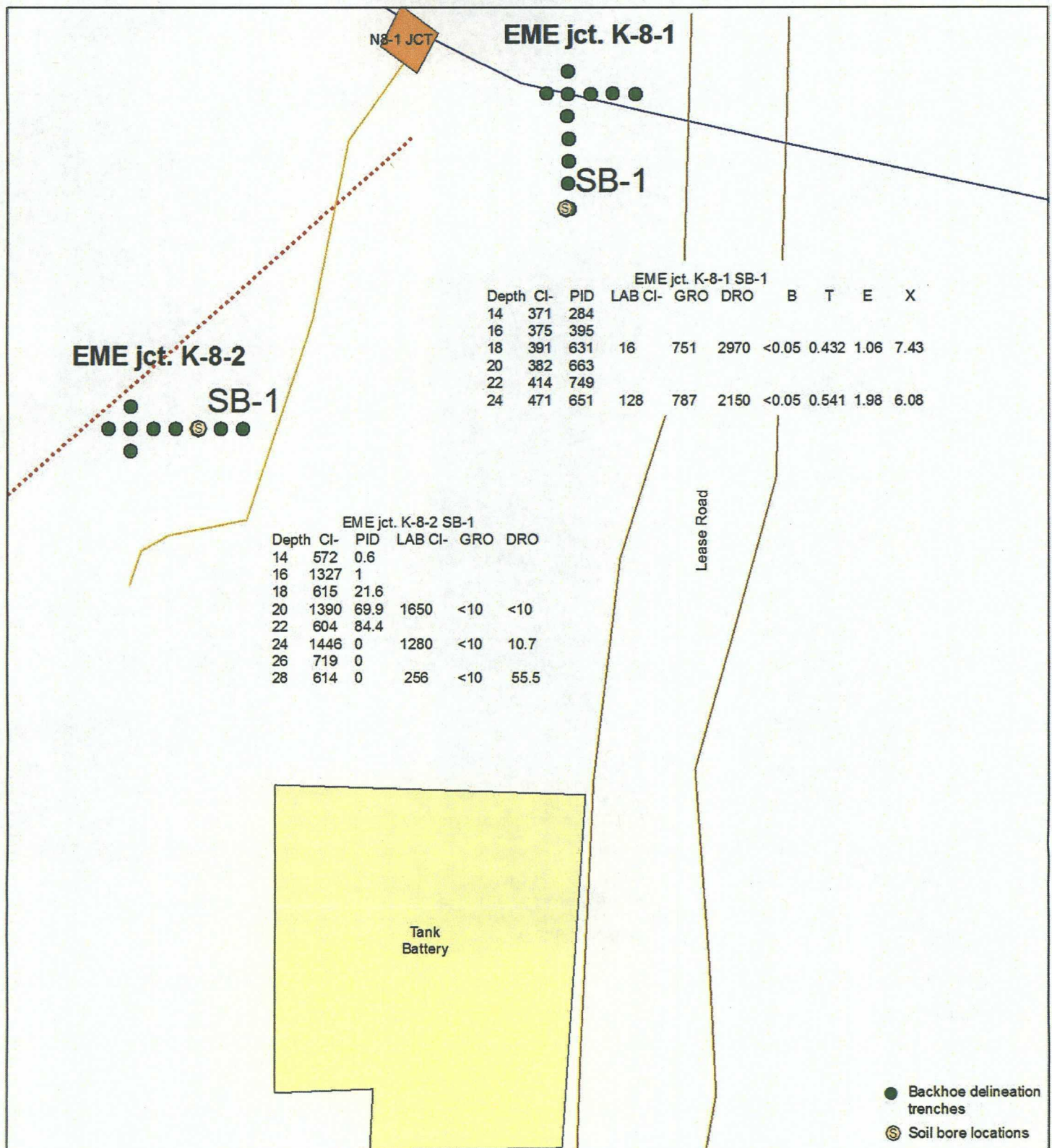
**Figure 1**



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Drafted by: L. Weinheimer



# Soil bore installation



**EME jct. K-8-1**  
**EME jct. K-8-2**

LEGALS: UL/K sec. 8  
 T20S R37E

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**Figure 2**



0 10 20 40  
 Feet

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***EME jct. K-8-1***  
***EME jct. K-8-2***

LEGALS: UL/K sec. 8  
T20S R37E  
NMOCD Case#: 1R427-316  
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**Figure 3**



0 50 100 200  
Feet

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# 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		
Eunice Monument Eunort (EME)	Jct. N-8-1	N	8	20S	37E	Lea	Length	Width	Depth
							moved 30 ft. west		

LAND TYPE: BLM STATE:        FEE LANDOWNER: Jimmie T. Cooper et ux Betty B. OTHER:       

Depth to Groundwater: 30 feet NMOCD SITE ASSESSMENT RANKING SCORE: 20

Date Started: 9/2/2009 Date Completed: 11/12/2009 OCD Witness: no

Soil Excavated: 266.7 cubic yards. Excavation Length: 30 Width: 20 Depth: 12 feet

Soil Disposed: 144 cubic yards. Offsite Facility: C and C Landfarm Location: Monument, NM

**FINAL ANALYTICAL RESULTS:** Sample Date: 10/06/09, 11/05/09, 11/12/09 Sample Depth: 12 ft., 18 ft., 24 ft.

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
4-WALL COMP.	PID = 72 (field)				<10.0	489	256
BOTTOM COMP.	PID = 56 (field)				<10.0	349	208
BLENDED BACKFILL COMP.	<0.050	<0.050	0.095	<0.300	<10	1300	176
BLENDED BACKFILL COMP.	PID = N/A				<10	232	144
SOIL BORE #1 @ 18'	<0.050	0.432	1.06	7.43	751	2970	16
SOIL BORE #1 @ 24'	<0.050	0.541	1.98	6.08	787	2150	128

**General Description of Remedial Action:** This junction box was addressed as part

of the pipeline replacement/upgrade program. After the former junction box was moved

an investigation was conducted using a backhoe to excavate the site to dimensions of

30x20x12-ft deep. Representative composite samples were collected and sent to a

commercial laboratory for analysis of chloride, TPH, and BTEX. The laboratory confirmed

low concentrations of chloride but slightly elevated concentrations of TPH. The excavated

soil was blended on site with clean, imported soil. The blended backfill was then returned

to the excavation to ground surface and contoured to the surrounding area. To further

investigate depth of TPH presence, a soil boring was initiated on 11/12/09 at the former

junction box location (25 feet south of source). The boring was advanced to a depth of 24 ft

BGS, while soil samples were collected every 2 ft and field tested for chlorides and organic

vapors. The 18 ft. and 24 ft. samples were analyzed by a commercial laboratory which confirmed low chloride and slightly elevated level of

organics. On 12/18/2009, the site was seeded with a blend of native vegetation and is expected to return to a productive capacity at a normal rate.

On 2/25/2010 NMOCD was notified of potential groundwater impact.

**CHLORIDE FIELD TESTS**

LOCATION	DEPTH	mg/kg
4-wall comp.	n/a	336
bottom comp.	12	56
SOIL BORING at the former junction (11/12/09)	14'	371
	16'	375
	18'	391
	20'	382
	22'	414
	24'	471

**Additional Evaluation High Priority**

enclosures: photos, lab results, PID (field) screenings, boring log, chloride curve

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

SITE SUPERVISOR: Jordan Woodfin SIGNATURE: [Signature] COMPANY: RICE OPERATING COMPANY

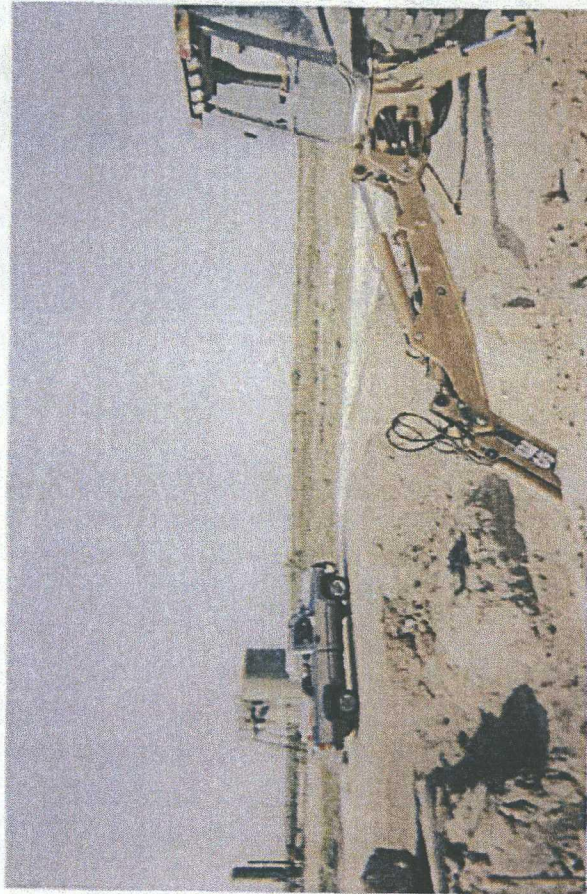
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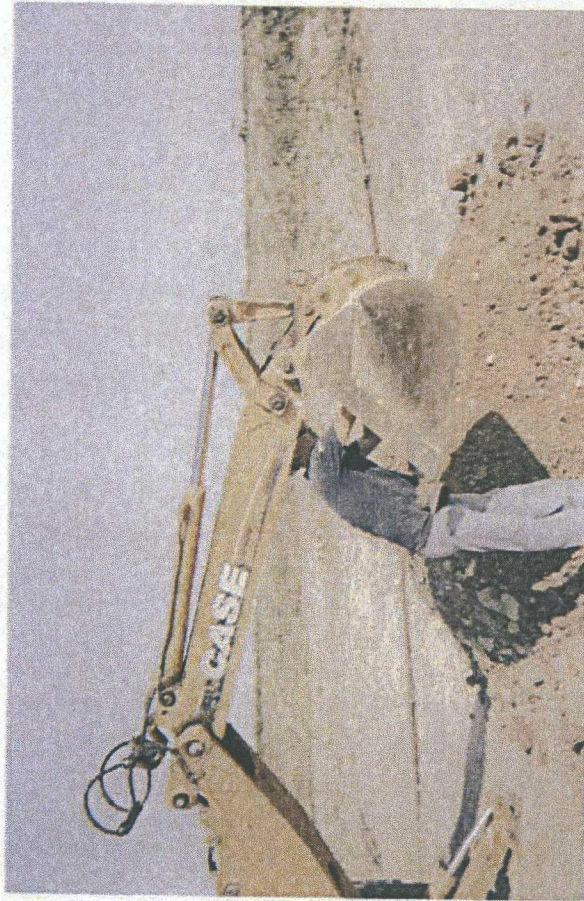
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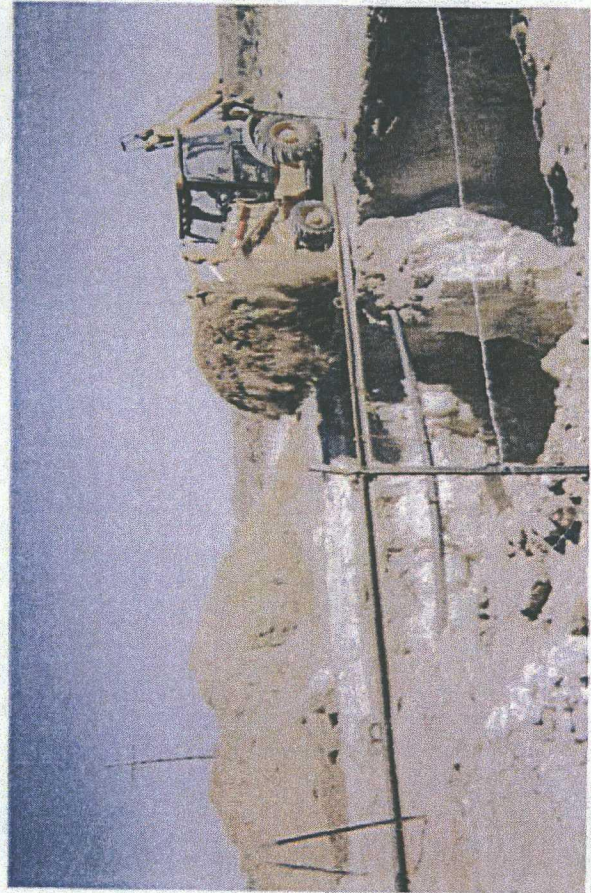
Delineation trench at former junction site

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Sampling site

9/02/2009



Backfilling site

11/06/2009



Soil bore # 1

11/12/2009



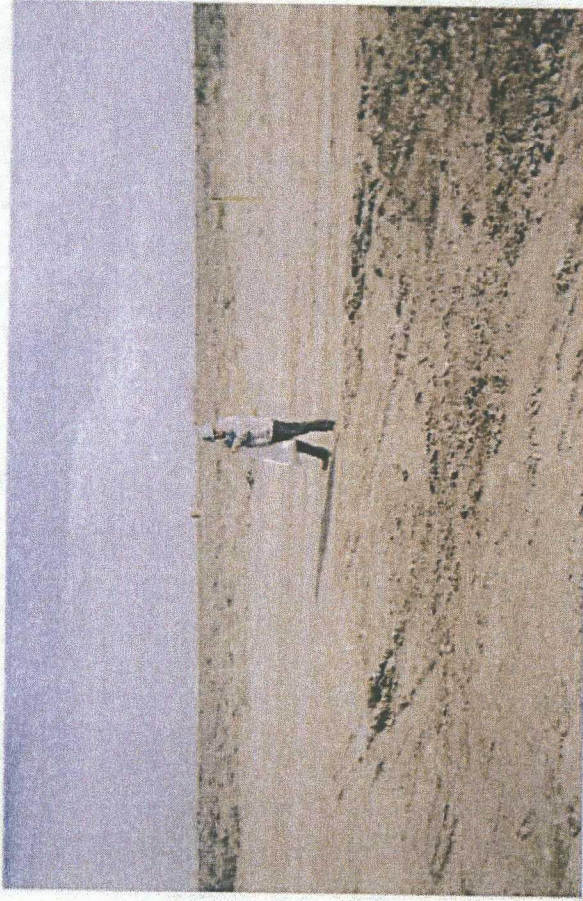
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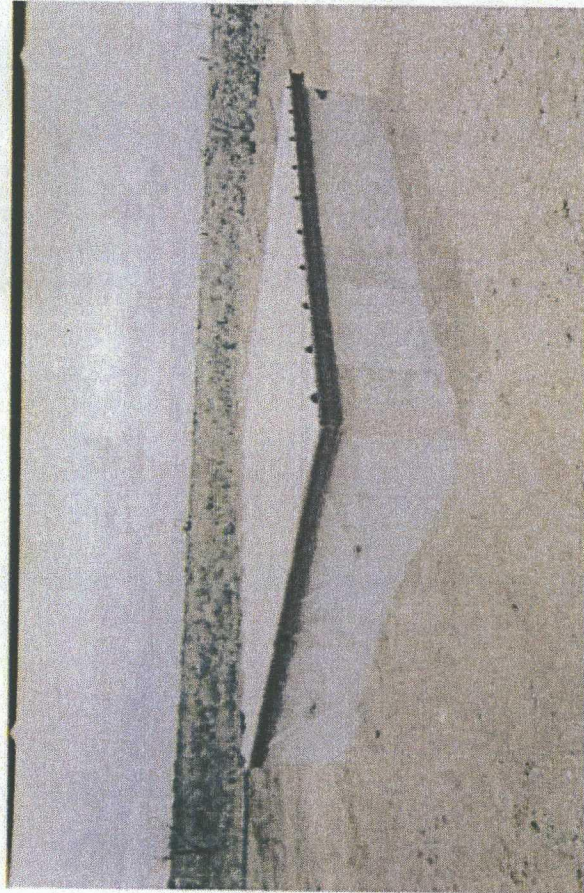
Plugging entire soil bore with bentonite

11/12/2009



Seeding site

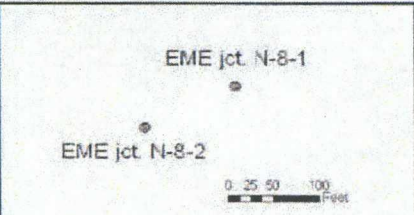

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New watertight junction box

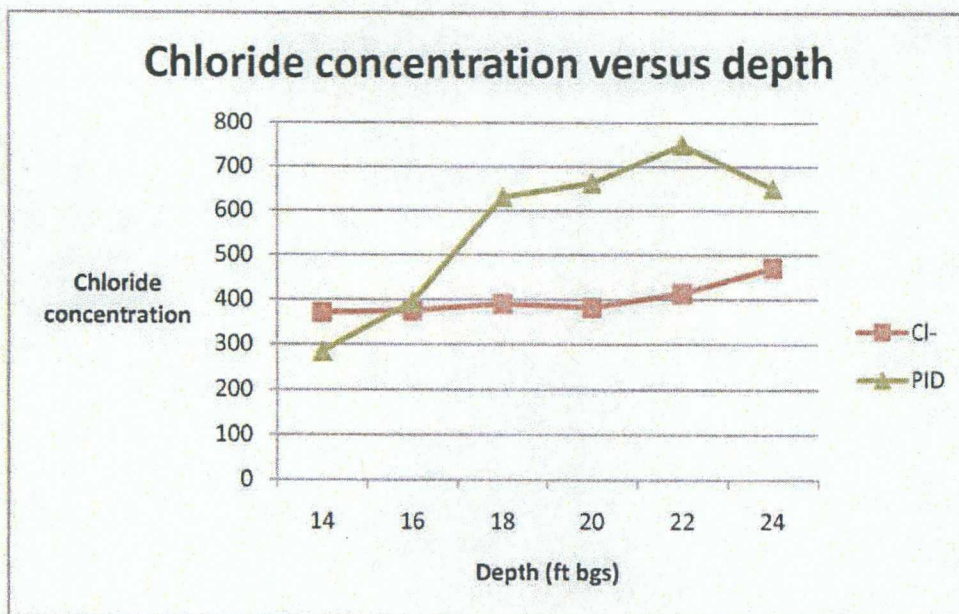
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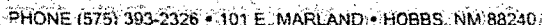
<b>Logger:</b>	Lara Weinheimer					
<b>Driller:</b>	Harrison & Cooper, Inc. Drilling					
<b>Consultant:</b>	N/A - ROC junction box upgrade plan					
<b>Drilling Method:</b>	Geo-probe					
<b>Start Date:</b>	11/12/2009					
<b>End Date:</b>	11/12/2009	<b>Project Name:</b> EME jct. N-8-1			<b>Well ID:</b> SB #1	
<b>Comments:</b> All samples from split spoon sampling. Located 25 feet south of the former junction box site.		<b>Location:</b> UL/N sec. 8 T20S R37E <b>Lat:</b> 32°35'4.103"N <b>Long:</b> 103°16'33.095" W			<b>County:</b> Lea <b>State:</b> NM	
Drafted by: Lara Weinheimer TD = 24 ft      Estimated depth to GW = 30 ft						
Depth (feet)	chloride field tests	LAB	PID	Description	Lithology	Well Construction
14	371		284			
16	375		395			
18	391	Cl- 16	631	12 - 24 ft VERY FINE TO FINE SAND WITH CALICHE		
	B <0.05 T 0.432	GRO 751		slight greenish light brown, dry, moderate hydrocarbon odor		
	E 1.06 X 7.43	DRO 2970				
20	382		663			
22	414		749			
24	471	Cl- 128	651			
	B <0.05 T 0.541	GRO 787				
	E 1.98 X 8.08	DRO 2150				

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Sampling Date: 11/12/09  
Sample Type: SOIL  
Sample Condition: COOL & INTACT  
Sample Received By: ML  
Analyzed By: CK/ZL/HM

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PID METER CALIBRATION & FIELD REPORT FORM

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SERIAL NO: 590-000183

MODEL: PGM 7300

SERIAL NO: 590-000504

MODEL: PGM 7600

SERIAL NO: 110-12383

MODEL: PGM 7600

SERIAL NO: 110-02920

GAS COMPOSITION: ISOBUTYLENE 100PPM / AIR: BALANCE

LOT NO: 924908	EXPIRATION DATE: 7-29-2012
FILL DATE: 7-30-09	METER READING ACCURACY: 100.0
ACCURACY: +/- 2%	

SYSTEM	SITE	UNIT	SECTION	TOWNSHIP	RANGE
EME	jet N-8-1	N	8	T20S	R37E

SAMPLE ID: soil bore #1

DEPTH	PID
14'	284
16'	395
18'	631
20'	663
22'	749

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24'	651

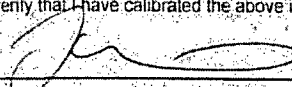
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SITE MAP

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ANALYTICAL RESULTS FOR  
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Sampling Date: 10/06/09  
Sample Type: SOIL  
Sample Condition: COOL & INTACT  
Sample Received By: ML  
Analyzed By: AB/HM

LAB NUMBER SAMPLE ID	GRO	DRO	Cl*
	(C <sub>6</sub> -C <sub>10</sub> )	(C <sub>10</sub> -C <sub>28</sub> )	
	(mg/kg)	(mg/kg)	(mg/kg)
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ANALYSIS DATE	10/12/09	10/12/09	10/07/09
H18422-1 BLENDED BACKFILL	<10.0	1,300	176
H18422-2 5PT BTM COMP	<10.0	349	208
H18422-3 4 WALL COMP	<10.0	489	256
Quality Control	506	543	490
True Value QC	500	500	500
% Recovery	101	109	98.0
Relative Percent Difference	8.7	1.9	2.0

\*Analyses performed on 1:4 w:v aqueous extracts. Reported on wet weight.

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Receiving Date: 10/06/09  
Reporting Date: 10/09/09  
Project Number: NOT GIVEN  
Project Name: EME JCT N-8-1  
Project Location: EME JCT N-8-1

Sampling Date: 10/06/09  
Sample Type: SOIL  
Sample Condition: COOL & INTACT  
Sample Received By: ML  
Analyzed By: ZL

LAB NUMBER	SAMPLE ID	BENZENE (mg/kg)	TOLUENE (mg/kg)	ETHYL BENZENE (mg/kg)	TOTAL XYLENES (mg/kg)
ANALYSIS DATE		10/08/09	10/08/09	10/08/09	10/08/09
H18422-1	BLENDED BACKFILL	<0.050	<0.050	0.095	<0.300
Quality Control		0.052	0.049	0.048	0.157
True Value QC		0.050	0.050	0.050	0.150
% Recovery		104	98.0	96.0	105
Relative Percent Difference		3.8	4.3	6.6	6.6

METHOD: EPA SW-846 8021B

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TEXAS NELAP CERTIFICATION T104704398-08-TX FOR BENZENE, TOLUENE, ETHYL BENZENE,  
AND TOTAL XYLENES. Reported on wet weight.

  
Chemist

  
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Model: PGM 7600 Serial No: 110-023920  
 Model: PGM 7600 Serial No: 110-013744  
 Model: PGM 7600 Serial No: 110-013676

GAS COMPOSITION: ISOBUTYLENE 100PPM / AIR BALANCE

LOT NO: 924503	EXPIRATION DATE: 7-5-12
FILL DATE: 7-1-09	METER READING ACCURACY: 100

ACCURACY: +/- 2%

SYSTEM	JUNCTION	UNIT	SECTION	TOWN SHIP	RANGE
EME	N-8-1	N	8	20S	37E

SAMPLE ID	PID	SAMPLE ID	PID
4. Well Comp	72		
5. Point Blue Comp	50		
Blended Backfill	142		

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DATE: 10-10-09



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Receiving Date: 11/05/09  
Reporting Date: 11/05/09  
Project Number: NOT GIVEN  
Project Name: EME JCT. N-8-1 (20-37)  
Project Location: EME JCT. N-8-1 (20-37)

Sampling Date: 11/05/09  
Sample Type: SOIL  
Sample Condition: INTACT  
Sample Received By: ML  
Analyzed By: AB

LAB NUMBER	SAMPLE ID	GRO (C <sub>6</sub> -C <sub>10</sub> ) (mg/kg)	DRO (>C <sub>10</sub> -C <sub>28</sub> ) (mg/kg)	CI* (mg/kg)
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ANALYSIS DATE	11/06/09	11/06/09	11/06/09
H18667-1 BLENDED BACKFILL	<10.0	232	144
Quality Control	558	607	500
True Value QC	500	500	500
% Recovery	112	121	100
Relative Percent Difference	11.3	15.0	<0.1

METHODS: TPH GRO & DRO: EPA SW-846 8015 M; CI: Std. Methods 4500-CIB

\*Analysis performed on a 1:4 w/v aqueous extract.

Reported on wet weight.

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## ANALYSIS REQUEST

### BILL TO

Company Name: Rice Operating Co.  
Project Manager: Bruce Baker  
Address: 122 W. Taylor State: NM Zip: 88240  
City: Hobbs Phone #: 575 393 9174 Fax #: 575 393 1471  
Project #: \_\_\_\_\_ Project Owner: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Name: EMF Test N-8-1 20-37

Project Location: Block Corner

Sample Name: Block Corner

USE ONLY

Lab I.D. H18067-1

Blended backfill

### PRESERV

### MATRIX

### DATE TIME

### SAMPLING

### OTHER

### ACID/BASE

### ICE/COOL

### OTHER

GROUNDWATER ☒ WASTEWATER ☒ SOIL ☒ SLUDGE ☒ OTHER ☒  
# CONTAINERS 1 (G) RAB OR (C) OMP 2  
DATE 11-5-09 TIME 1:21pm  
SAMPLING CR  
OTHER TPH 8615 m

Handwritten notes and signatures

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### REMARKS:

Email Baker & Supervisor @ Rice 500

Sampler Relinquished: 11/5/09 Date: 11/5/09 Time: 1:59p

Received By: Handwritten Signature

Relinquished By: Handwritten Signature

Date: 11/5/09 Time: 1:59p

Temp: \_\_\_\_\_

Sample Condition: Handwritten Initials

Delivered By: (Circle One) Handwritten Initials

Sampler - UPS - Bus - Other: Handwritten Initials

\* sample on ice cooling processed begun

# CHLORIDE CONCENTRATION CURVE

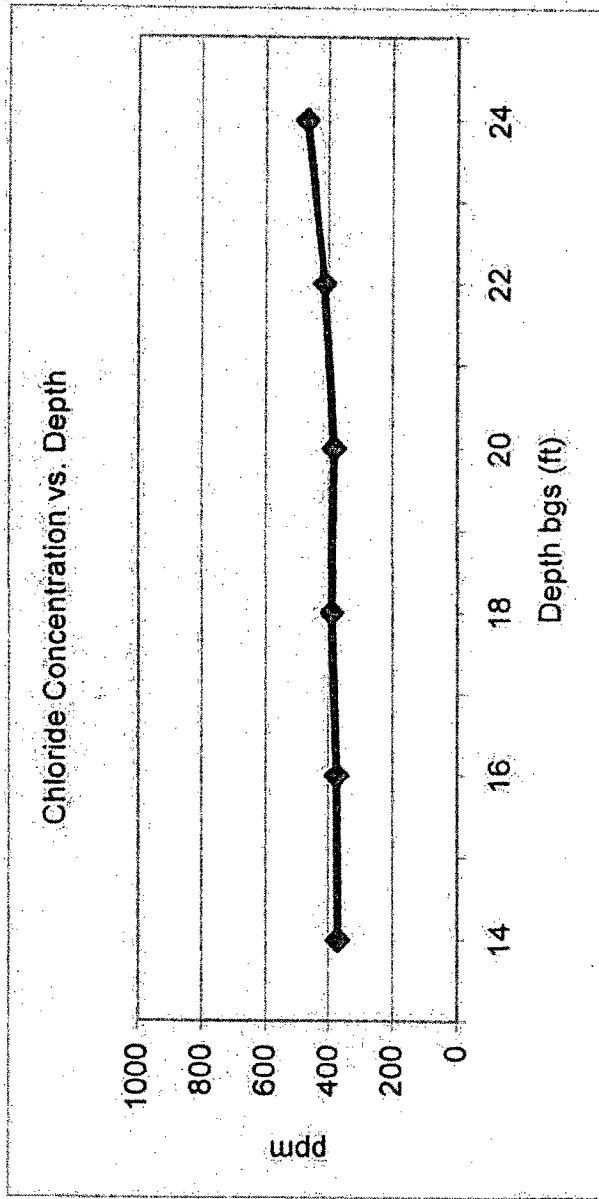
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## EME Junction N-8-1

Unit 'N', Sec. 8, T20S, R37E

SOIL BORING samples 25' south of the junction

Depth bgs (ft)	[Cl] ppm
14	371
16	375
18	391
20	382
22	414
24	471



Groundwater = 30 ft.



# Appendix B

## Quality Procedures

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# Rice Environmental Consulting and Safety

## Quality Procedures

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### **Quality Procedure 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.
- 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

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### **QUALITY PROCEDURE Chloride Titration Using 0.282 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 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.

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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.
- 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.

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### Quality Procedure Sampling of Cased Water-Monitoring Well

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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.

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 <sub>3</sub>	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

$$\text{Formula } V = (\pi r^2 h)$$

2" well [V/231=gal] X 3 = Purge Volume

V=Volume

$\pi$ =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.

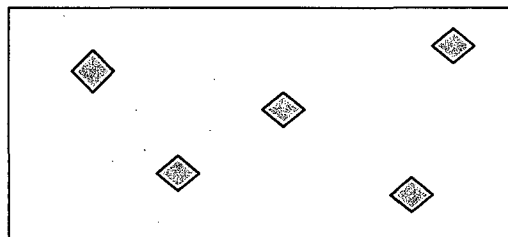
#### **3.0 Sampling Procedure**

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 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.
  - 3.2.3 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**

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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>0</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 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, NMOCDBTEX 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**

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#### **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.

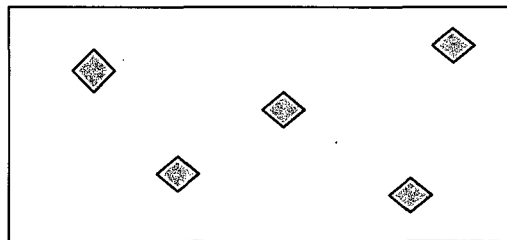
#### **5.0 Sampling Procedure**

- 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**

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#### **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.

#### **6.0 Records**

**6.1** 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.

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

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