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Sent: Monday, January 23, 2012 10:40 AM
To: Hansen, Edward J., EMNRD
Cc: Hack Conder; L Peter Galusky; Laura Pena
Subject: BD N-18 BGT (1R-500) CAP Addendum
Attachments: BD N-18 BGT - spoil pile lab.pdf; BD N-18 BGT excavating to 30 ft, facing NW 1.17.12.JPG

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If you have any questions or require any additional information, please contact myself at (575)393-9174 or Hack Conder at (575)631-6432.

Thank you.

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January 14, 2012

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RE: BD N-18 BGT

Enclosed are the results of analyses for samples received by the laboratory on 01/12/12 16:37.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Hope S. Moreno". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Hope Moreno

Inorganic Technical Director

Analytical Results For:

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Received:	01/12/2012	Sampling Date:	01/12/2012
Reported:	01/14/2012	Sampling Type:	Soil
Project Name:	BD N-18 BGT	Sampling Condition:	Cool & Intact
Project Number:	22/37	Sample Received By:	Celey D. Keene
Project Location:	NOT GIVEN		

Sample ID: 10 PT COMP STOCKPILE A (H200070-01)

Chloride, SM4500Cl-B		mg/kg		Analyzed By: AP						
Analyte	Result	Reporting Limit	Analyzed	Method Blank	BS	% Recovery	True Value QC	RPD	Qualifier	
Chloride	304	16.0	01/13/2012	ND	416	104	400	0.00		

Sample ID: 8 PT COMP STOCKPILE B (H200070-02)

Chloride, SM4500Cl-B		mg/kg		Analyzed By: AP						
Analyte	Result	Reporting Limit	Analyzed	Method Blank	BS	% Recovery	True Value QC	RPD	Qualifier	
Chloride	608	16.0	01/13/2012	ND	416	104	400	0.00		

Sample ID: 8 PT COMP STOCKPILE C (H200070-03)

Chloride, SM4500Cl-B		mg/kg		Analyzed By: AP						
Analyte	Result	Reporting Limit	Analyzed	Method Blank	BS	% Recovery	True Value QC	RPD	Qualifier	
Chloride	352	16.0	01/13/2012	ND	416	104	400	0.00		

Sample ID: 8 PT COMP SPOIL PILE (H200070-04)

Chloride, SM4500Cl-B		mg/kg		Analyzed By: AP						
Analyte	Result	Reporting Limit	Analyzed	Method Blank	BS	% Recovery	True Value QC	RPD	Qualifier	
Chloride	464	16.0	01/13/2012	ND	416	104	400	0.00		

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- RPD Relative Percent Difference
- ** Samples not received at proper temperature of 6°C or below.
- *** Insufficient time to reach temperature.
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July 1st, 2011

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Re: Rice Operating Company
Site Summary and Corrective Action Plan
BD N-18 Below Grade Tanks
UL-N, Sec 18, T22S, R37E
NMOCD Case No. 1R-500

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Mr. Hansen,

This report is to serve as a summary of the history and investigative activities associated with Rice Operating Company's BD N-18 Below Grade Tank (BGT) site and to present a Corrective Action Plan (CAP) to remediate and protect groundwater quality at this location. The site is located approximately 4 miles southwest of Eunice, New Mexico (Figures 1 & 2). The depth to groundwater is approximately 100 ft below ground surface (bgs).

History of Site Characterization Activities

In follow-up to a June 8th, 2009 meeting with Brad Jones and Edward Hansen of NMOCD, Rice Operating Company (ROC) completed an integrity test of the two below-grade tanks at the BD N-18 SWD system and completed a preliminary soils investigation on October 12th, 2009. The purpose of this work was to determine if the past or continued operation of these below grade tanks pose a threat to groundwater quality. Palmer of Texas conducted a tank integrity test of the BD N-18 tanks in July of 2009 and found the tanks have integrity. The natural background soil chloride concentration, as measured from a sample taken in a grassy area adjacent to the facility was 194 ppm. The composite/average chloride concentration taken from multiple, representative points from the excavated soil material was 432 ppm. The composite/average soil chloride concentration taken from the east tank was 720 ppm and that from the west tank was 1,580 ppm. Soil hydrocarbon concentrations for gasoline range organics (GRO) and diesel range organics (DRO) were below laboratory detection limits (< 10 ppm) for both tank composite samples. Diesel range organics (DRO) measured 310 ppm in the excavated soil pile. The fact that the tanks have integrity and that hydrocarbons were only found in the excavated soil indicates that the source of all contaminants was from surface overflow rather than tank leakage.

Subsequent to this initial investigation, ROC conducted further soil sampling and analyses, installed monitor wells and sampled groundwater. This work, which is briefly summarized below, was

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presented in Texerra's site characterization report of April 29th, 2011 and subsequently approved by OCD on May 4th, 2011.

ROC analyzed soils for chlorides and petroleum hydrocarbons at varying depths from near the surface (5 ft bgs) to the groundwater capillary fringe (approximately 100 ft bgs) beneath the former tanks (these having been removed and replaced in 2010 with new above-ground tanks located to the southwest on the lease pad) and in areas exhibiting apparent surface evidence of historical impacts (Figure 3). ROC also installed groundwater monitor wells at BD N-18 BGT and at up-gradient and down-gradient locations, and sampled groundwater for chlorides and BTEX (Figure 4).

It is clear from the high groundwater chloride concentration in the up-gradient monitor well (MW-2: 1,220 ppm) that the on-coming regional, base-line groundwater is not pristine but has been degraded by historical impacts from up-gradient sources and not caused by activities at the BD N-18 BGT location (see Figure 2). Nevertheless, historical activities at the subject site do appear to have caused a moderate increase in down-gradient groundwater chlorides, as evidenced by the elevated groundwater chloride concentration beneath the site (MW-1: 2,400 ppm) and a down-gradient concentration that is moderately elevated above that of the on-coming (up- gradient) groundwater (MW-3: 1,720 ppm). This is supported by the generally elevated levels of soil chlorides measured at and across the affected area. It should be pointed out that no petroleum hydrocarbons (either as BTEX in groundwater or PID in soils) were found in this investigation.

Further Site Analysis and Modeling

The estimated extent (in plan view) of the affected area that has contributed chlorides to groundwater is given in Figure 3. The estimated, calculated mass of groundwater chloride contributed from historical operations of these former below grade tanks is approximately 1,927 kg (Table 1).

The model Multi-Med was run to anticipate the potential movement of residual, contributed soil chlorides into groundwater. Using an infiltration rate of 1.5 inches/yr (and other parameter values as summarized in Table 2) the maximum projected increase in groundwater chloride was projected to be less than 200 mg/kg (Figure 5).

These estimates and projections support the Corrective Action Plan proposed below.

Proposed Corrective Action Plan

Saturated Zone (groundwater) Remedy

We propose to remedy the contributed mass of groundwater chlorides (1,927 kg) by pumping water from the near-source well (MW-1) to remove an equivalent mass of chlorides. Our calculations indicate that this will be accomplished through the removal of approximately 4,400 bbls of groundwater from MW-1 (Table 1) and that this will over the course of approximately 64 days (depending upon the actual well yield and the actual, measured concentration of the pumped groundwater).

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Upon the removal of the equivalent, contributed chloride mass and the installation of the double liner system, we will submit a report to OCD documenting this work and request remediation termination or similar closure status.

ROC is the service provider (agent) for the BD SWD System and has no ownership of any portion of the pipeline, well, or facility. The System is owned by a consortium of oil producers, System Parties, who provide all operating capital on a percentage ownership/usage basis. Environmental projects of this magnitude require System Party 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 would be greatly appreciated.

Please do not hesitate to contact either myself or Katie Jones at Rice Operating Company if you have any questions or need additional information.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



L. Peter Galusky, Jr. Ph.D.
Principal

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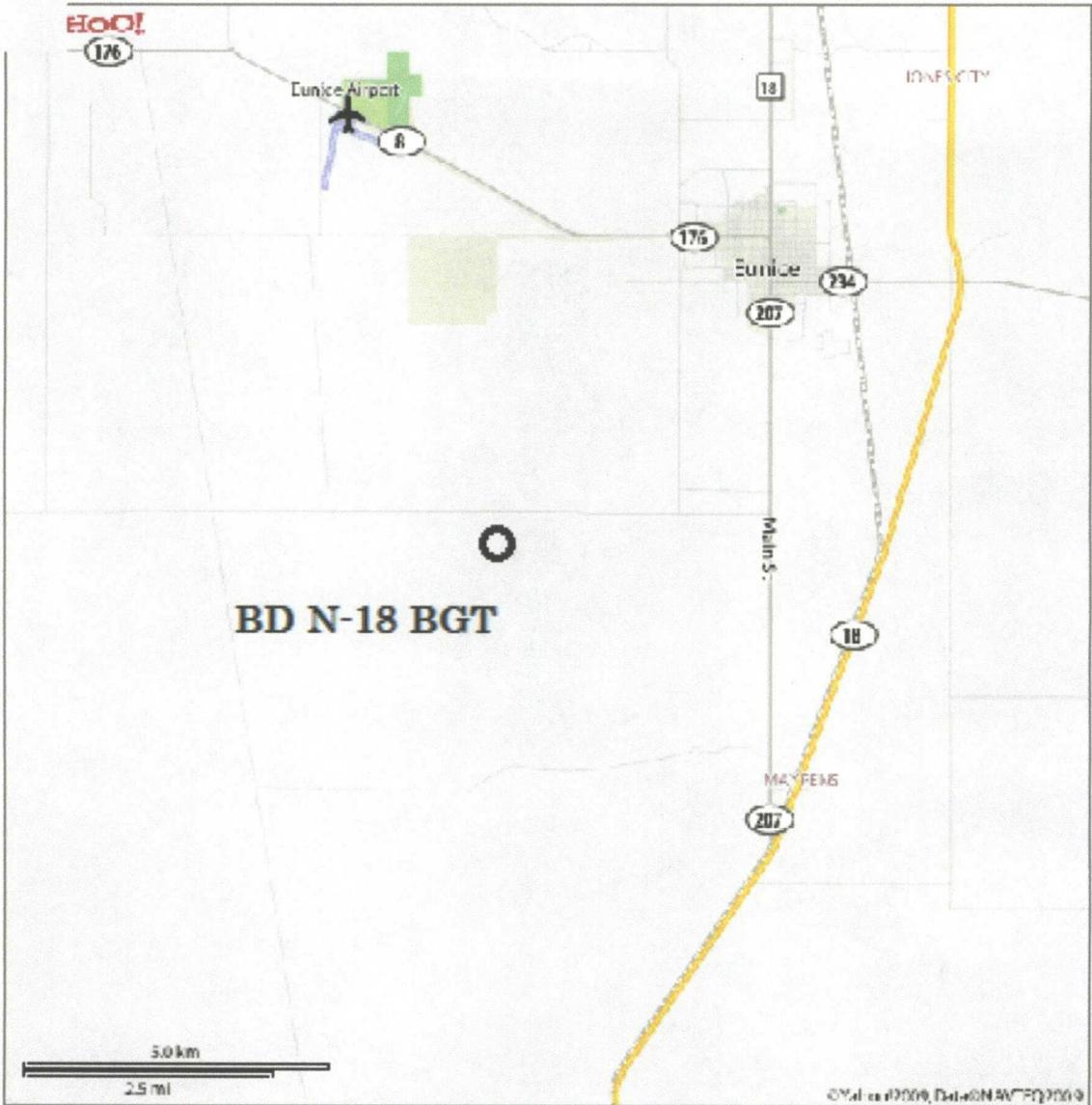


Figure 1 – BD N-18 BGT site location.

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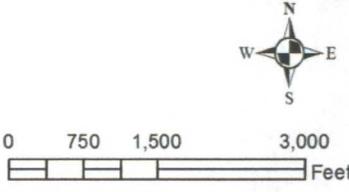
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Figure 2 – BD N-18 BGT location relative to nearby and up-gradient oil-field operations.

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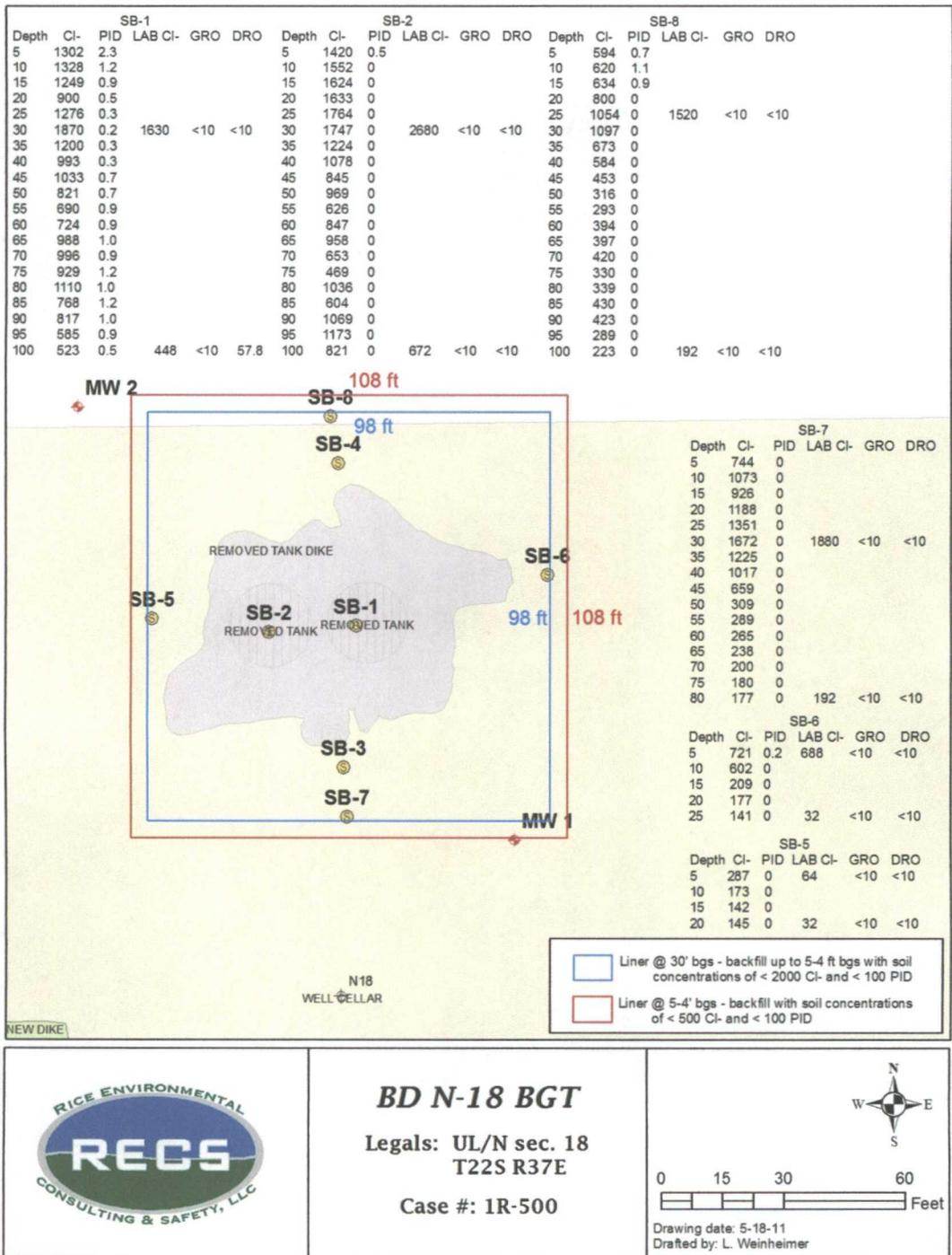


Figure 3 – BD N-18 BGT proposed liners in relation to monitor wells and soil borings.

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Figure 4 – BD N-18 BGT groundwater sampling data.

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Table 1 – BD N-18 BGT estimated mass of chlorides in groundwater contributed by past operation of the former below grade tanks.

Soil & Groundwater Chloride Calculator	
Estimated Mass of Contributed, Residual Chloride from Saturated Zone Groundwater	
Site:	BD N-18 BGT
This estimate prepared by:	L. Peter Galusky, Jr.
Date:	6/29/2011
<u>Model Inputs</u>	
	<u>Notes</u>
length of affected area (ft)	98 estimated
width of affected area (ft)	98 estimated
depth to water table (ft)	100 measured
sat zone affected thickness (ft)	20 prescribed by NMOCD
sat zone porosity	25% estimated
Cl- conc of affected groundwater (ppm)	2,750 avg of two measurements
Cl- conc of up-gradient groundwater (ppm)	1,335 avg of two measurement
sat zone mass density (lbs/cu yd)	3,000 estimated
Cl- conc of recovery well (ppm)	2,750 MW-1 on location
avg daily pumping rate of recover well (gpm)	2.0 anticipated
<u>Intermediate (calculated) Parameters</u>	
affected area (sq ft)	9,604 calculated
volume of affected groundwater (cu ft)	48,020 calculated
mass of affected groundwater (lbs)	2,995,641 calculated
mass of contributed Cl- in affected groundwater (lbs)	4,239 calculated
avg daily pumping rate of recovery well (bbbls/day)	68.6 calculated
Cl- conc of recovery well (lbs/bbl)	1.0 calculated
Cl- conc of recovery well (kg/bbl)	0.4 calculated
<u>Estimated Contributed Cl- Mass and Equivalent Pumping Volume & Time</u>	
mass of contributed Cl- in affected groundwater (kg)	1,927 calculated
approx volume of groundwater to be removed (bbbls)	4,400 calculated ... see note, below
# acre feet ...	0.57 calculated
approx # of days pumping required to remove contributed	64 anticipated
<u>Notes</u>	
The actual volume of groundwater to be removed will depend upon the measured chloride concentration of the groundwater as it is removed during the course of pumping.	

Table 2 – Multi-Med model key input parameter estimates

MultiMed Input Parameter Estimates			Notes
Key Parameters			
Source area length	98 ft	29.8704 m	
Source area width	98 ft	29.8704 m	
Infiltration rate	1.5 in/yr	0.0381 m/yr	
wtable depth	100 ft	30.48 m	
bottom depth of liner	30 ft bgs	9.144 m	
dist from liner to water table	85 ft	25.908 m	
aquifer thickness	20 ft	6.096 m	assumed

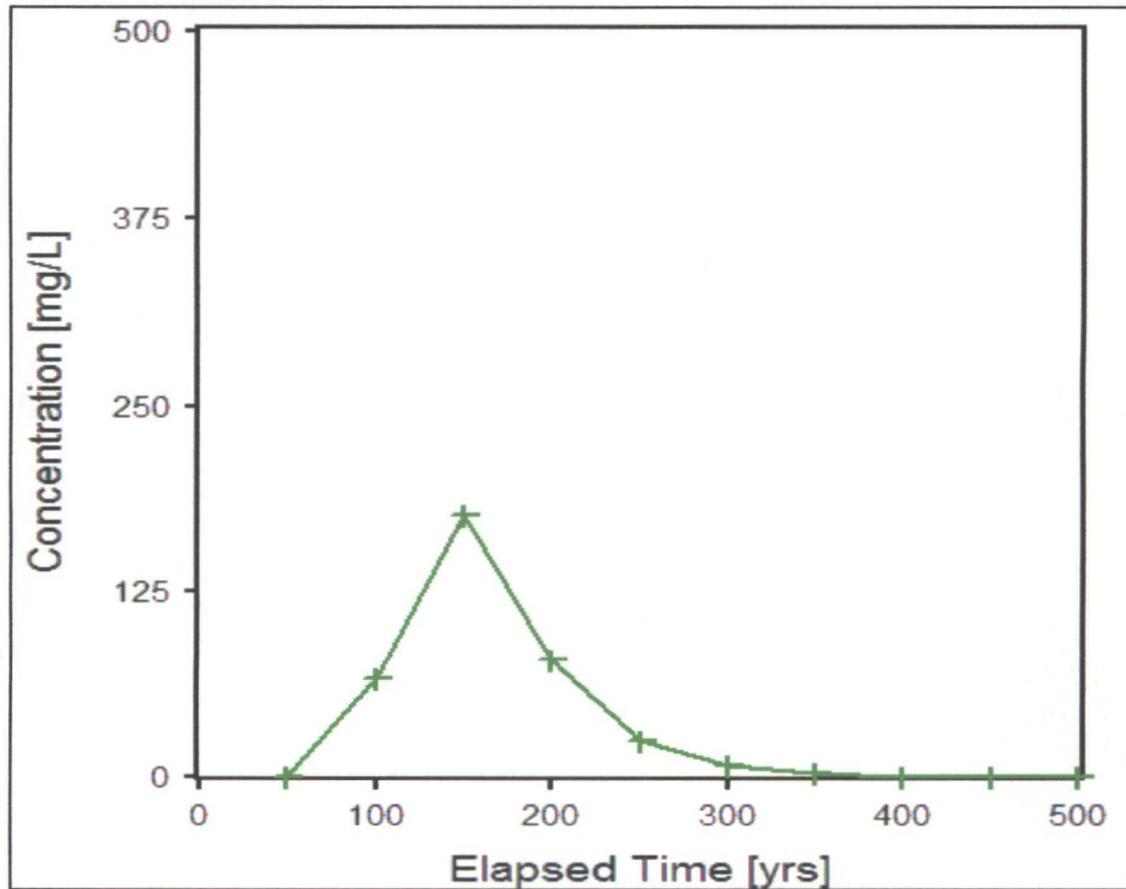


Figure 5 – Projected elevation in groundwater chloride concentration using Multi-Med model.