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July 12th, 2012

Mr. Edward Hansen

New Mexico Energy, Minerals, & Natural Resources
Oil Conservation Division, Environmental Bureau
1220 S. St. Francis Drive
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

**RE: CAP Report and Termination Request
Rice Operating Company – BD SWD System
BD B-29 (1R426-169): UL/B&C sec. 29 T21S R37E**

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 BD Salt Water Disposal (SWD) system. 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.

Background and Previous Work

The site is located approximately 1.5 miles northwest of Eunice, New Mexico at UL/B&C sec. 29 T21S R37E as shown on the Site Location Map (Figure 1). Monitor well sampling at the site indicates that groundwater is located at 90 ft bgs.

The Amended Investigation and Characterization Plan (ICP) dated October 26th, 2007, gave background information and the results of borings conducted in September 2002 and December 2006 and monitor well installations conducted in late 2007 (MW-1 and MW-2). An ICP Report was submitted September 22nd, 2010 and approved by NMOCD on October 18th, 2010 in which ROC recommended installing an up-gradient monitor well at the site to further delineate groundwater. The up-gradient monitor well (MW-3) was installed on November 18th, 2010.

A Corrective Action Plan (CAP) was submitted to NMOCD on April 13th, 2011 and approved on June 9th, 2011. In the CAP, ROC proposed to excavate three areas to a depth of 4 – 5 feet and install and properly seat a 20-mil reinforced poly liner. The three excavated areas comprised 56% of the release area or about 57,000 sq ft. After the liner installation, the site would be seeded with a native vegetative mix. Re-vegetation of the site will also limit the downward migration of constituents to groundwater. Plants

capture water through their roots, thereby reducing the volume of water infiltrating below the root zone to groundwater.

On May 9th, 2011, ROC amended the CAP by adding an additional area to be excavated for liner installation. The fourth liner was located in the southeast corner of the release area. NMOCD approved the Amended CAP on June 9th, 2011.

A final addendum was submitted to NMOCD on March 19th, 2012. In the addendum, ROC noted a non-ROC fiberglass line running east to west through the center excavation. ROC proposed to remain 4 ft north and 4 ft south off this line for safety reasons. The approved liner would then be installed in two segments, split around the line (Figure 2). This addendum was approved by NMOCD of March 29th, 2012.

CAP Activities

Excavation for liner installation began on March 13th, 2012. The dimensions of each excavation are presented in Figure 2. The southeast excavation was excavated to 5 ft bgs and clean sand and caliche were imported to the site to serve as a padding for the liner and as backfill material. A sample of the caliche and sand was field tested for hydrocarbons and returned results of 4.1 ppm for the caliche and 8.6 ppm for the sand. The samples were then taken to a commercial laboratory for analysis of chlorides. The caliche returned a chloride result of 160 mg/kg and the sand returned a chloride result of 80 mg/kg. A six inch sand pad was installed at the base of the excavation to protect the liner from punctures. A 20-mil reinforced poly liner was properly seated at the base of the excavation and another six inch sand pad was installed over the liner. The excavation was then backfilled with two feet of caliche and compacted with a roller. The remaining two feet of the excavation was backfilled with sand to ground surface and contoured to the surrounding landscape.

The center excavation was completed in two sections, one north of the non-ROC fiberglass line and one south of the non-ROC fiberglass line. Both excavations were excavated to 5 ft bgs. A six inch sand pad was installed at the base of each excavation and a 20-mil reinforced poly liner was properly seated over the pad. A six inch sand pad was installed over the south liner and the excavation was backfilled with imported caliche to 2 ft bgs. The remaining two feet of the south excavation was backfilled with imported sand and contoured to the surrounding landscape. The excavation north of the fiberglass line was backfilled with imported sand to ground surface.

The two north liner installations were excavated as one. Imported sand was used as padding both below and above the liner to six inches. The imported sand was field tested for hydrocarbons and returned a result of 0.8 ppm. The sample was then taken to a commercial laboratory for chloride analysis which returned a result of non-detect. A 20-mil reinforced, L-shaped poly liner was properly seated into the excavation. The imported sand was then used to backfill the excavation to ground surface and to contour the excavation to the surrounding landscape. A total of 9,690 yards of excavated soil from all the excavations was disposed of at a NMOCD approved facility and a total of

8,470 yards of sand and caliche was imported to the site to pad the liners and serve a backfill material.

Soil amendments were added to the site and the site was seeded with a blend of native vegetation. Silt net fencing was placed around the excavations to maintain seed integrity.

Documentation of the CAP Activities can be found in Appendix A.

Groundwater

The monitor wells have been sampled quarterly since their installation (Figure 3). During the most recent sampling event on June 7th, 2012, MW-1 had a chloride reading of 352 mg/kg, MW-2 had a chloride reading of 368 mg/kg and MW-3 had a chloride reading of 260 mg/kg (Appendix B).

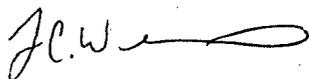
On October 11th, 2010, ROC submitted a Background Characterization Report for the BD Jct. P-30 (1R426-124) which was approved by NMOCD on October 21st, 2010 (Appendix C). The report detailed the analysis of chlorides and TDS in groundwater within a 5 mile radius of the Jct. P-30. Based on the regional characterization of background concentration for chlorides and TDS, it was determined that the Jct. P-30 average chloride reading of 346 mg/L and average TDS reading of 1,022 mg/L was indicative of background concentrations. Given that the B-29 site is less than a mile from the Jct. P-30 site, the regional background concentrations of chlorides and TDS apply to B-29 as well. Therefore, the chlorides in the B-29 wells are of background concentrations and show that the chlorides in the vadose zone have not affected groundwater.

ROC has completed the vadose zone remediation approved by NMOCD in the CAP. The NMOCD approved 20-mil reinforced liners will inhibit the further migration of chlorides through the vadose zone to groundwater. In addition, given the background concentrations of chlorides near 350 mg/L, the chloride values in the monitor wells indicate that the chlorides in the vadose zone have not affected groundwater. Therefore, ROC requests 'remediation termination' status of the regulatory file.

Upon NMOCD's approval of this report, the monitor wells (MW-1, MW-2, and MW-3) will be plugged and abandoned with a 1-3 % bentonite/concrete slurry with a three foot concrete cap.

RECS 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.

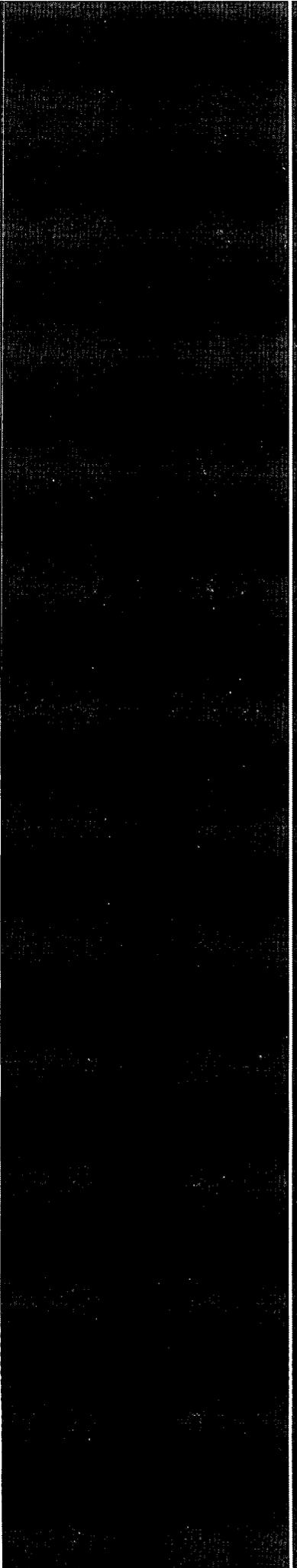
Sincerely,



Lara Weinheimer
Project Scientist
RECS
(575) 441-0431

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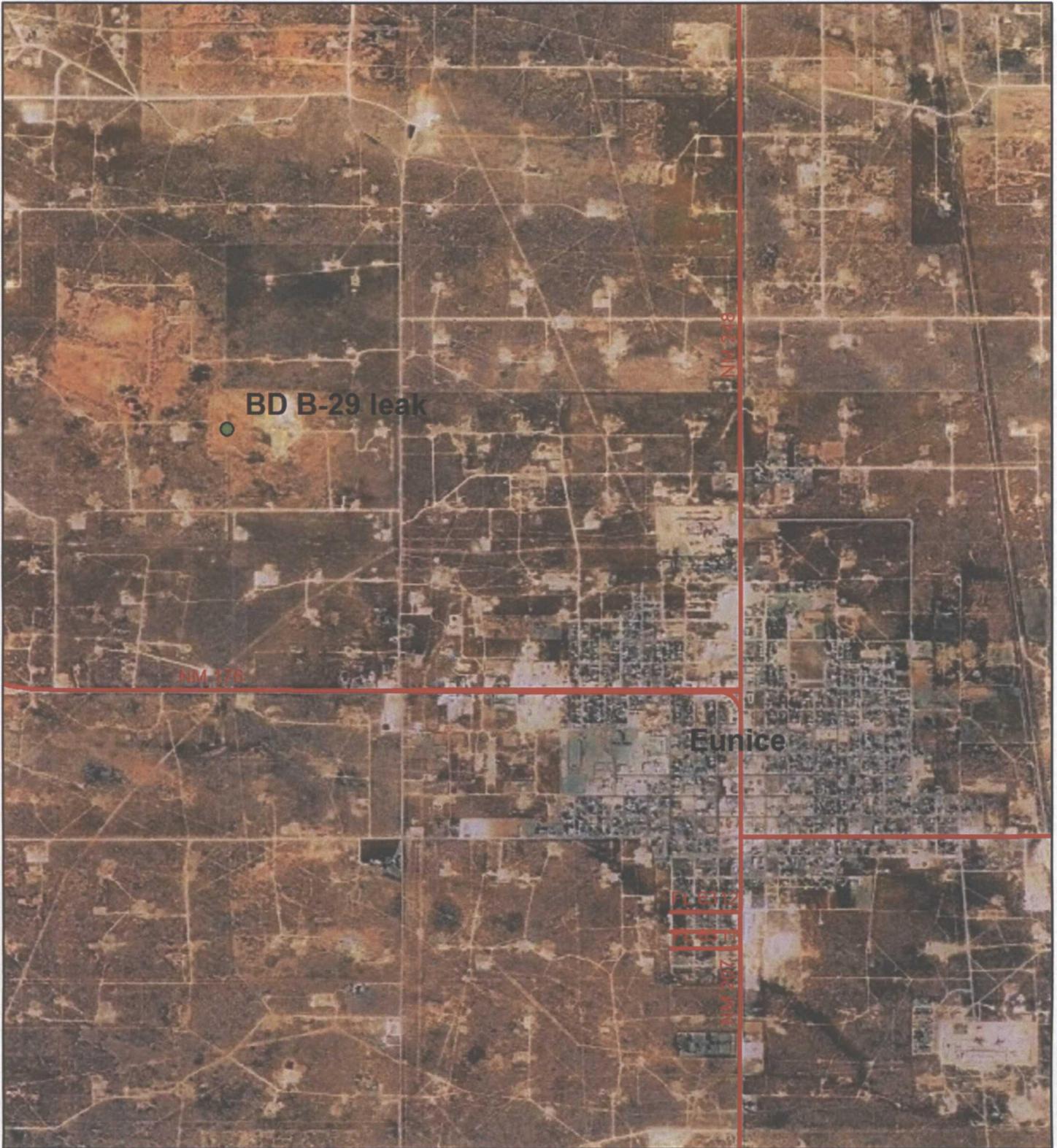
- Figure 1 – Site Location Map
- Figure 2 – NMOCD Approved Liner
- Figure 3 – Monitor Well Sampling Data
- Appendix A – CAP Activities Documentation
- Appendix B – Monitor Well Sampling Lab
- Appendix C – BD Jct. P-30 Background Characterization Report



Figures

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Site Location

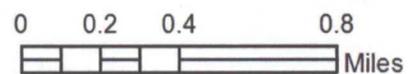


BD B-29

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T-21-S R-37-E

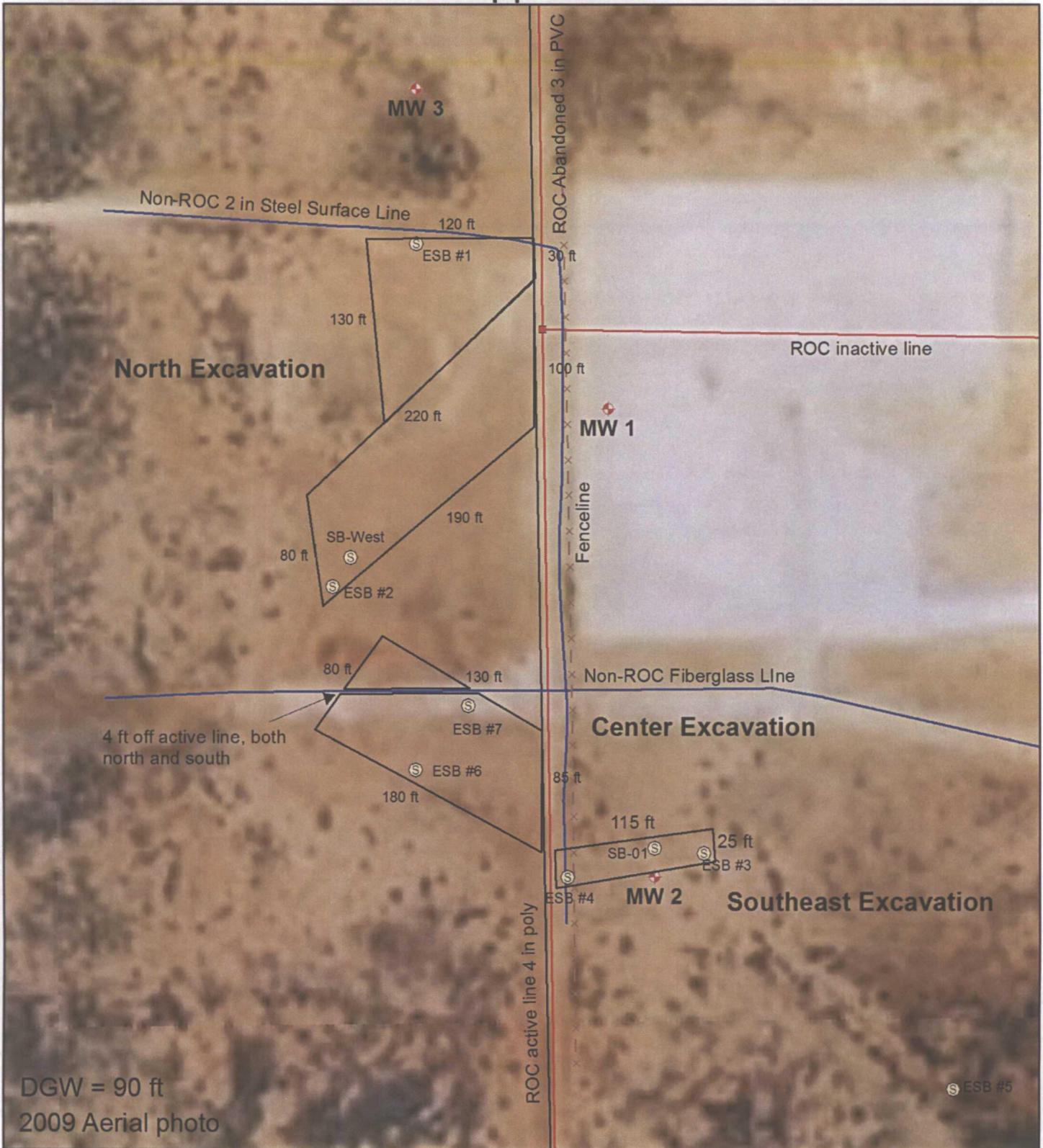
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Figure 1



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NMOCD Approved Liners

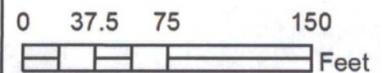


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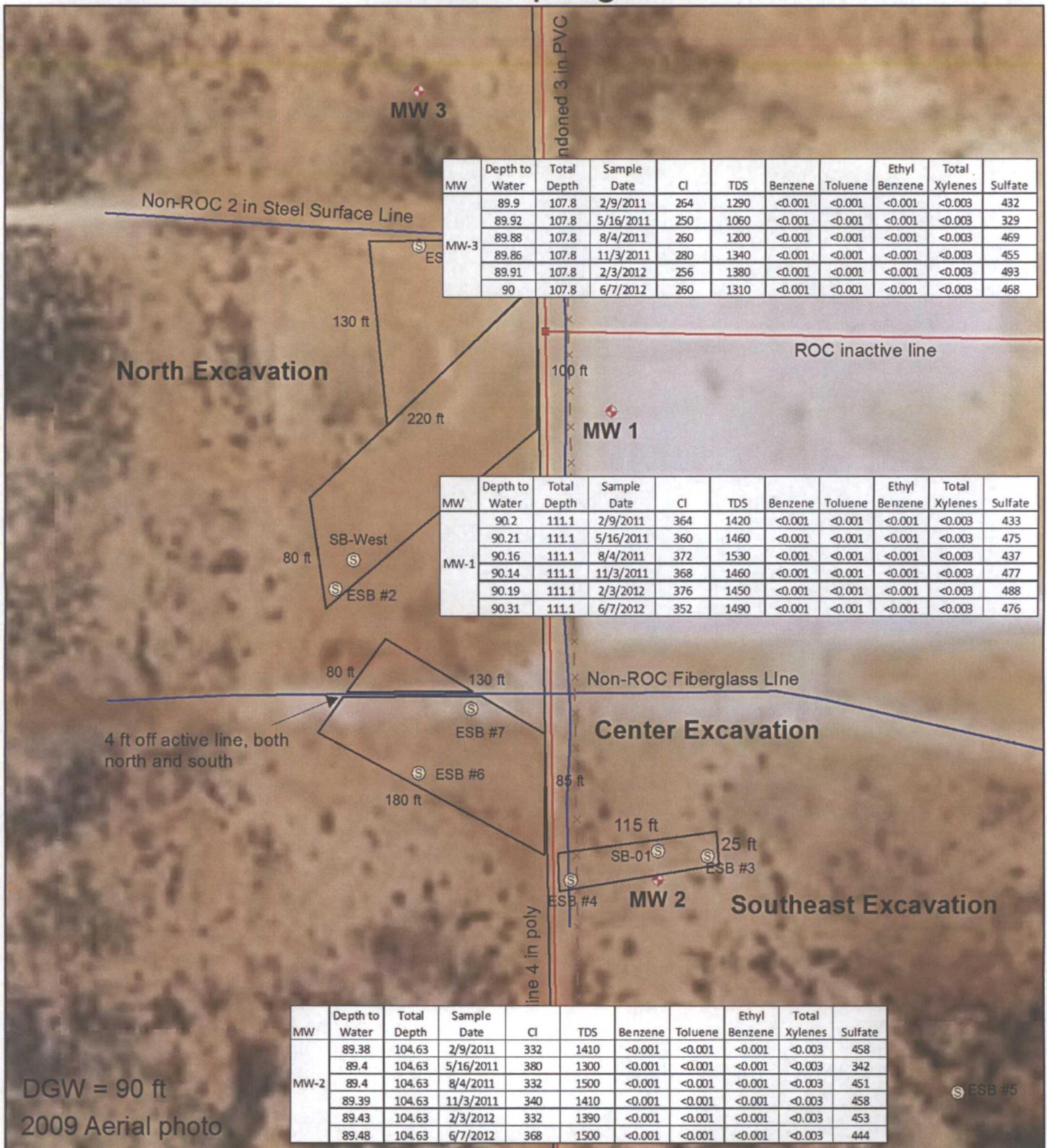
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Figure 2



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MW Sampling Data



DGW = 90 ft
2009 Aerial photo

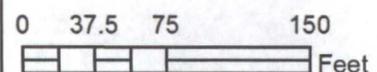


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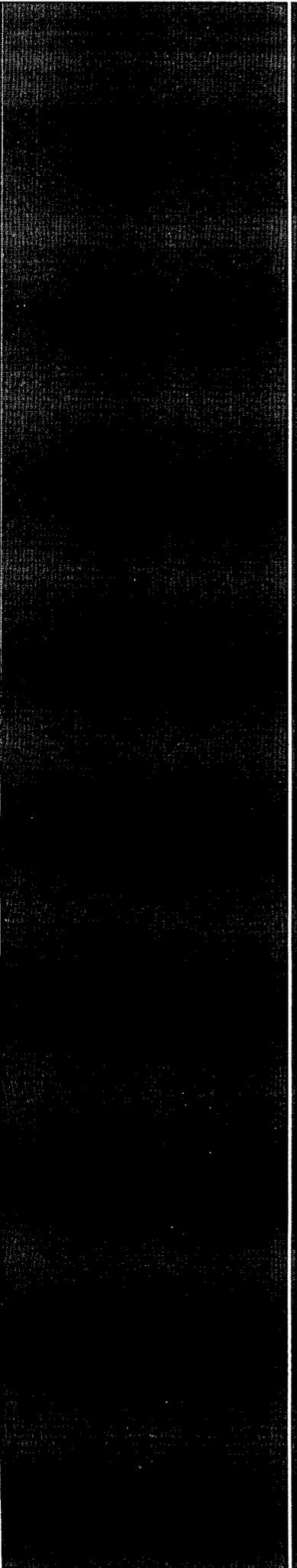
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Figure 3



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Appendix A

CAP Activities Documentation

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March 19, 2012

ZACH CONDER

Rice Operating Company

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Hobbs, NM 88240

RE: BD B-29 LEAK

Enclosed are the results of analyses for samples received by the laboratory on 03/19/12 8:50.

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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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Celey D. Keene". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial 'C'.

Celey D. Keene

Lab Director/Quality Manager

Analytical Results For:

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

Received:	03/19/2012	Sampling Date:	03/16/2012
Reported:	03/19/2012	Sampling Type:	Soil
Project Name:	BD B-29 LEAK	Sampling Condition:	** (See Notes)
Project Number:	NONE GIVEN	Sample Received By:	Jodi Henson
Project Location:	T21S R37E SEC29 B - LEA CTY., NM		

Sample ID: IMPORTED BLOWSAND 8 PT COMP (H200670-01)

Chloride, SM4500CI-B	mg/kg	Analyzed By: AP							
Analyte	Result	Reporting Limit	Analyzed	Method Blank	BS	% Recovery	True Value QC	RPD	Qualifier
Chloride	80.0	16.0	03/19/2012	ND	400	100	400	7.69	

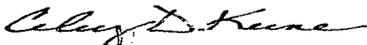
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Analyte	Result	Reporting Limit	Analyzed	Method Blank	BS	% Recovery	True Value QC	RPD	Qualifier
Chloride	160	16.0	03/19/2012	ND	400	100	400	7.69	

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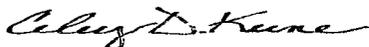
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ND	Analyte NOT DETECTED at or above the reporting limit
RPD	Relative Percent Difference
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April 17, 2012

KATIE JONES

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Hobbs, NM 88240

RE: BD B-29 LEAK

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Analytical Results For:

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Received:	04/12/2012	Sampling Date:	04/11/2012
Reported:	04/17/2012	Sampling Type:	Soil
Project Name:	BD B-29 LEAK	Sampling Condition:	Cool & Intact
Project Number:	NONE GIVEN	Sample Received By:	Jodi Henson
Project Location:	T21S R37E SEC29 B - LEA CTY., NM		

Sample ID: IMPORTED SAND FROM WALLACH (H200840-01)

Chloride, SM4500Cl-B	mg/kg	Analyzed By: AP							
Analyte	Result	Reporting Limit	Analyzed	Method Blank	BS	% Recovery	True Value QC	RPD	Qualifier
Chloride	<16.0	16.0	04/16/2012	ND	400	100	400	11.3	

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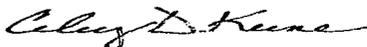
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Project Location: <i>BD B-29 Leak</i>		Phone #:																						
Sampler Name: <i>J. Kamps</i>		Fax #:																						
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REVEGETATION FORM

1. General Information

Site name		BD B-29 Leak				
U/L	Section	Township	Range	County	Latitude	Longitude
B	29	21S	37E	Lea	32.455501°	103.185189°
Contact Name:		Bruce Baker				
Email:		bbaker@rice-ecs.com				
Site size:		55,800 square feet		Map detail of site attached <input type="checkbox"/>		
Additional information:						

2. Soils

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

Salvaged from site <input type="checkbox"/>	Bioremediated <input type="checkbox"/>	Imported <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Blended <input type="checkbox"/>	Depth (in):	
Texture: Sandy		Describe soil & subsoil: Sandy soils with caliche subsoil			
Soil prep methods: Rip <input type="checkbox"/>	Depth(in):	Disc <input type="checkbox"/>	Depth (in):	Rollerpack <input type="checkbox"/>	
Date completed: 4/24/2012					

3. Bioremediation

Fertilizer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Hay <input type="checkbox"/>	Other <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Type: Manure		Describe: 750 lbs. Peat Moss, 300 lbs. Topsoil, 150 lbs. Restore Nhanca
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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Prescribed mix <input type="checkbox"/>	Seed mix name: 45 lbs. Lea County Mix, 33 lbs. Race Horse Oats	Seeding date: 6/15/2012
Broadcast <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Method: Mechanical spreader/tiller			
Soil conditions during seeding: Dry <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Damp <input type="checkbox"/> Wet <input type="checkbox"/>			
Photos attached <input type="checkbox"/>	Observations: Seed was tilled in to a depth of approximately 2 inches		
Number of photos:			

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: Eduardo Garcia	Title: Environmental Tech	Date: 6/15/2012
Signature: <i>Eduardo Garcia</i>		

BD B-29 leak (1R426-259)
Unit B, Section 29, T22S, R37E



Southeast excavation prior to excavation,
facing east 3/12/12



Exporting soil, facing west 3/14/12



Southeast excavation completed, facing east
3/15/12



Installed bottom 6" sand pad, facing east
3/15/12



Installed 115' x 25', 20-mil reinforced
plastic liner, facing east 3/15/12



Installing 6" sand pad above liner, facing
east 3/15/12



Roller packing caliche in backfilled excavation, facing east 3/16/12



Backfilling 2' deep excavation with sand to ground surface, facing southeast 3/16/12



Excavation completed, facing east 3/19/12



Center excavation site (south of line) prior to excavation, facing south 3/19/12



Center excavation, facing northeast 3/23/12



Installed bottom 6'' sand pad, facing east 3/26/12



Installed south portion of 85' x 180', 20-mil reinforced plastic liner, facing east 3/26/12



Installing 6" sand pad above liner, facing west 3/26/12



Backfilling site with caliche, facing west 3/27/12



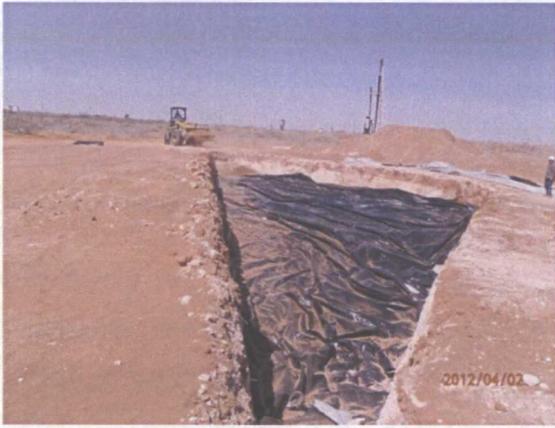
Center excavation (north of line) prior to excavation, facing east 3/29/12



Excavating site, facing west 3/30/12



Installed bottom 6" sand pad, facing east 3/30/12



Installed north portion of 20-mil reinforced plastic liner, facing east 4/2/12



Backfilling excavation with imported sand, facing west 4/2/12



Excavation completed, facing northeast 4/3/12



North excavation prior to excavating, facing southwest 4/3/12



Excavating site, facing east 4/16/12



Installed bottom 6" sand pad, facing southwest 4/17/12



Installed 190' x 130', 20-mil reinforced L-shaped plastic liner, facing northeast 4/17/12



Installed 6" sand pad above liner, facing north 4/19/12



Backfilled north excavation, facing southeast 4/23/12



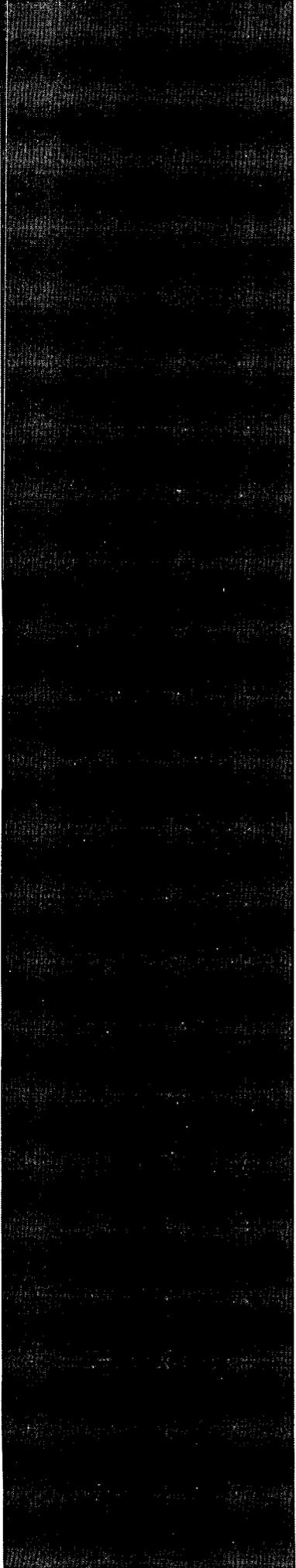
Sites completed, facing southeast 5/9/12



Spreading amendments, facing north 6/14/12



Seeding sites, facing east 6/15/12



Appendix B

Monitor Well Sampling Lab

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June 18, 2012

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Sincerely,



Celey D. Keene
Lab Director/Quality Manager

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Received:	06/11/2012	Sampling Date:	06/07/2012
Reported:	06/18/2012	Sampling Type:	Water
Project Name:	BD B-29 LEAK	Sampling Condition:	Cool & Intact
Project Number:	NONE GIVEN	Sample Received By:	Jodi Henson
Project Location:	T21S R37E SEC29 B - LEA CTY., NM		

Sample ID: MONITOR WELL #1 (H201303-01)

BTEX 8260B		mg/L		Analyzed By: CMS						
Analyte	Result	Reporting Limit	Analyzed	Method Blank	BS	% Recovery	True Value QC	RPD	Qualifier	
Benzene*	<0.001	0.001	06/13/2012	ND	0.018	87.8	0.0200	7.09		
Toluene*	<0.001	0.001	06/13/2012	ND	0.019	94.6	0.0200	5.60		
Ethylbenzene*	<0.001	0.001	06/13/2012	ND	0.019	96.0	0.0200	7.67		
Total Xylenes*	<0.003	0.003	06/13/2012	ND	0.060	100	0.0600	7.05		

Surrogate: Dibromofluoromethane 102 % 59.8-161

Surrogate: Toluene-d8 107 % 75.2-115

Surrogate: 4-Bromofluorobenzene 98.0 % 53.7-120

Chloride, SM4500Cl-B		mg/L		Analyzed By: HM						
Analyte	Result	Reporting Limit	Analyzed	Method Blank	BS	% Recovery	True Value QC	RPD	Qualifier	
Chloride*	352	4.00	06/14/2012	ND	100	100	100	0.00		

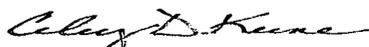
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Analyte	Result	Reporting Limit	Analyzed	Method Blank	BS	% Recovery	True Value QC	RPD	Qualifier	
Sulfate*	476	10.0	06/14/2012	ND	21.5	108	20.0	14.7		

TDS 160.1		mg/L		Analyzed By: HM						
Analyte	Result	Reporting Limit	Analyzed	Method Blank	BS	% Recovery	True Value QC	RPD	Qualifier	
TDS*	1490	5.00	06/12/2012	ND	220	91.7	240	1.74		

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Project Number:	NONE GIVEN	Sample Received By:	Jodi Henson
Project Location:	T21S R37E SEC29 B - LEA CTY., NM		

Sample ID: MONITOR WELL #2 (H201303-02)

BTEX 8260B		mg/L		Analyzed By: CMS						
Analyte	Result	Reporting Limit	Analyzed	Method Blank	BS	% Recovery	True Value QC	RPD	Qualifier	
Benzene*	<0.001	0.001	06/13/2012	ND	0.018	87.8	0.0200	7.09		
Toluene*	<0.001	0.001	06/13/2012	ND	0.019	94.6	0.0200	5.60		
Ethylbenzene*	<0.001	0.001	06/13/2012	ND	0.019	96.0	0.0200	7.67		
Total Xylenes*	<0.003	0.003	06/13/2012	ND	0.060	100	0.0600	7.05		

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Chloride, SM4500Cl-B		mg/L		Analyzed By: HM						
Analyte	Result	Reporting Limit	Analyzed	Method Blank	BS	% Recovery	True Value QC	RPD	Qualifier	
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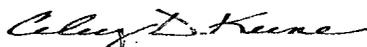
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Analyte	Result	Reporting Limit	Analyzed	Method Blank	BS	% Recovery	True Value QC	RPD	Qualifier	
Sulfate*	444	10.0	06/14/2012	ND	21.5	108	20.0	14.7		

TDS 160.1		mg/L		Analyzed By: HM						
Analyte	Result	Reporting Limit	Analyzed	Method Blank	BS	% Recovery	True Value QC	RPD	Qualifier	
TDS*	1500	5.00	06/12/2012	ND	220	91.7	240	1.74		

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Project Location:	T21S R37E SEC29 B - LEA CTY., NM		

Sample ID: MONITOR WELL #3 (H201303-03)

BTEX 8260B		mg/L		Analyzed By: CMS						
Analyte	Result	Reporting Limit	Analyzed	Method Blank	BS	% Recovery	True Value QC	RPD	Qualifier	
Benzene*	<0.001	0.001	06/13/2012	ND	0.018	87.8	0.0200	7.09		
Toluene*	<0.001	0.001	06/13/2012	ND	0.019	94.6	0.0200	5.60		
Ethylbenzene*	<0.001	0.001	06/13/2012	ND	0.019	96.0	0.0200	7.67		
Total Xylenes*	<0.003	0.003	06/13/2012	ND	0.060	100	0.0600	7.05		

Surrogate: Dibromofluoromethane 103 % 59.8-161

Surrogate: Toluene-d8 107 % 75.2-115

Surrogate: 4-Bromofluorobenzene 91.6 % 53.7-120

Chloride, SM4500Cl-B		mg/L		Analyzed By: HM						
Analyte	Result	Reporting Limit	Analyzed	Method Blank	BS	% Recovery	True Value QC	RPD	Qualifier	
Chloride*	260	4.00	06/14/2012	ND	100	100	100	0.00		

Sulfate 375.4		mg/L		Analyzed By: AP						
Analyte	Result	Reporting Limit	Analyzed	Method Blank	BS	% Recovery	True Value QC	RPD	Qualifier	
Sulfate*	468	10.0	06/14/2012	ND	21.5	108	20.0	14.7		

TDS 160.1		mg/L		Analyzed By: HM						
Analyte	Result	Reporting Limit	Analyzed	Method Blank	BS	% Recovery	True Value QC	RPD	Qualifier	
TDS*	1310	5.00	06/12/2012	ND	220	91.7	240	1.74		

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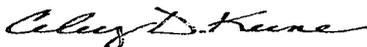
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- ND Analyte NOT DETECTED at or above the reporting limit
- RPD Relative Percent Difference
- ** Samples not received at proper temperature of 6°C or below.
- *** Insufficient time to reach temperature.
- Chloride by SM4500Cl-B does not require samples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

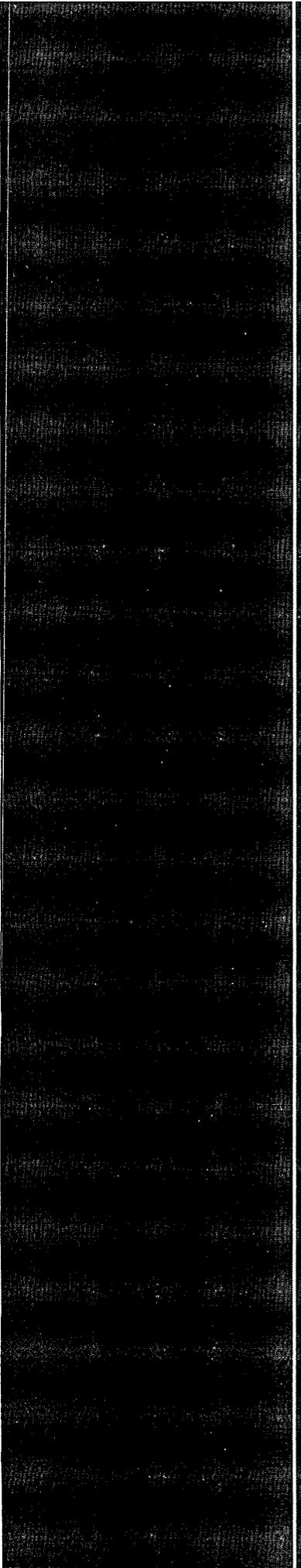
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Appendix C

BD Jct. P-30 Background Characterization Report

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October 11, 2010

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RE: **Background Characterization Report**
BD Jct. P-30 (1R0426-124)
T21S-R37E-Section 30, Unit Letter P, Lea County, New Mexico

Mr. Hansen:

As agent for Rice Operating Company (ROC), and in response to your email request on August 18, 2010, Trident Environmental is submitting this *Background Characterization Report* for the above-referenced site. Based on the characterization of background concentrations for chlorides and total dissolved solids (TDS), as described in more detail below, we have determined that groundwater at the site is representative of background conditions and therefore has not been impacted by the former junction box. However, ROC will develop a *Corrective Action Plan* to address the vadose zone and mitigate the potential for migration of chlorides and TDS from the vadose zone to groundwater. The CAP will include plans to excavate the affected area, install a liner, and re-establish vegetation.

Chloride and TDS Background Characterization

The most recent data (1990 – 1995) from the New Mexico Water and Infrastructure Data System (NMWAIDS) were used to determine the range of chloride concentrations within an approximate 5 mile radius of the site. Only chloride data is available; therefore, TDS concentrations were directly correlated to chloride levels using a conservative factor of 3. This data set resulted in 29 wells within all of T21S-R36E, T21S-R37E, T22S-R36E, and T22S-R37E. The mean (μ) and standard deviation (σ) were calculated from the data set from which an upper limit for background chloride concentration was conservatively estimated by adding two standard deviations to the mean ($\mu + 2\sigma$). Table 1 below summarizes the available data set and calculation results.

Table 1
Summary of Background Chloride Concentrations

Data obtained from NMWAIDS (Years: 1990-1995; Chlorides: 0 mg/L – 1,000 mg/L)

S	T	R	Formation	Date	Chlorides (mg/L)	Location (qtr/qtr)
23	21S	36E	OGALLALA	10/05/95	63	21S.36E.23.232311
1	21S	37E	OAL	10/04/95	174	21S.37E.01.242422
3	21S	37E	OAL	11/15/95	22	21S.37E.03.31221
4	21S	37E	OAL	10/03/95	174	21S.37E.04.412442
12	21S	37E	OAL	10/04/95	484	21S.37E.12.34341
13	21S	37E	OAL	06/21/90	75	21S.37E.13.13434
14	21S	37E	OAL	10/04/95	396	21S.37E.14.12410
26	21S	37E	OAL	11/15/95	128	21S.37E.26.32322
31	21S	37E	OAL	10/05/95	73	21S.37E.31.13311
36	21S	37E	OAL	10/04/95	288	21S.37E.36.34432
2	22S	36E	OGALLALA	10/06/95	476	22S.36E.02.442441
9	22S	36E	OGALLALA	10/17/95	268	22S.36E.09.341221
25	22S	36E	OGALLALA	10/11/95	44	22S.36E.25.43433A
35	22S	36E	OGALLALA	10/06/95	25	22S.36E.35.313224
5	22S	37E	OAL	10/05/95	54	22S.37E.05.21213
5	22S	37E	OGALLALA	10/04/95	128	22S.37E.05.341434
9	22S	37E	OGALLALA	10/05/95	456	22S.37E.09.313331
11	22S	37E	OAL	10/03/95	500	22S.37E.11.322414
13	22S	37E	null	10/03/95	376	22S.37E.13.22111
15	22S	37E	OGALLALA	10/05/95	262	22S.37E.15.333343
21	22S	37E	OAL	10/11/95	348	22S.37E.21.44223
25	22S	37E	OAL	10/04/95	180	22S.37E.25.123332
26	22S	37E	OAL	10/03/95	362	22S.37E.26.21231
28	22S	37E	OAL	10/04/95	120	22S.37E.28.31243
34	22S	37E	OAL	10/04/95	490	22S.37E.34.121344
36	22S	37E	null	10/04/95	314	22S.37E.36.14311

Mean (μ) = 249.6 mg/L
 Standard Deviation (σ) = 160.3 mg/L
 Mean + 2 SD = $\mu + 2\sigma$ = 570.2 mg/L

The chloride concentrations in Table 1 are also depicted in Figure 2. Based on the regional chloride concentration data in Table 1 above, a conservative upper limit for background chloride concentration is 570 mg/L. Since TDS data is not available an upper limit for background TDS was conservatively estimated at three times the chloride level (3 x 570.2 = 1,711 mg/L).

Figure 2

Regional Distribution of Chloride Concentrations

Data obtained from NMWAIDS (Years: 1990-1995; Chlorides: 0 mg/L – 1,000 mg/L)

		R36E					R37E					
T21S									174	22		174
												484
											396	75
				63								185
								400				
							P-30				128	
T22S							73					288
								54				
					476			128				
			268						456		500	
										262		376
										348		
											362	180
					44				120			
				25						490		314

Values in red type indicate chloride concentrations in (mg/L)

As shown in Table 2 below, five quarters of groundwater data at the site monitoring well (MW-1) indicate chloride and TDS levels well below the upper limit of background concentrations for the regional area. In addition, the average chloride and TDS concentrations in MW-1 are only marginally above the WQCC standard of 250 mg/L and 1,000 mg/L, respectively. Therefore, it has been concluded that chloride and TDS concentrations at the site are representative of background conditions, and the site has not been impacted by the former junction box.

Table 2
Summary of Site Chloride and TDS Concentrations

Monitoring Well	Sample Date	Depth to Groundwater (feet BTOC)	Chloride (mg/L)	TDS (mg/L)
MW-1	07/27/09	97.89	392	1,180
	10/16/09	97.86	364	1,130
	01/25/10	97.82	324	957
	04/22/10	97.77	280	811
	07/22/10	97.76	370	1,030
Mean (μ) =			346	1,022

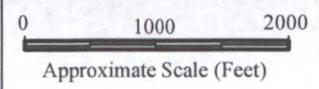
Chloride and TDS Background Characterization

The United States Geological Survey National Water Information System (USGS NWIS), New Mexico Water Rights Reporting System (NM WRRS), and NM WAIDS, databases were reviewed to identify water wells within a mile of the site with historical chloride concentration data as summarized in Table 3 below. A site location map with these wells identified is shown in Figure 1.

Table 3
Summary of Chloride Concentrations within One-Mile Radius

Water Well or Sample ID	Distance from BD Jct P-30	S	T	R	Sample Date	TD (ft bgs)	Chloride (mg/L)
MW-1	0 ft	30	21S	37E	07/22/10	113	370
10155	2,500 ft NW	30	21S	37E	10/18/84	125	106
8849	3,800 ft SSW	31	21S	37E	07/09/90	115	95
9387	4,200 ft NE	29	21S	37E	07/09/90	130	400
12349	5,000 ft SE	32	21S	37E	10/26/65	115	140

Chloride concentrations in each well identified in Table 3 above and in Figure 1 are representative of background conditions. The nearest water well is located approximately 2,500 ft northwest of the site and is not a concern due to its upgradient location. The closest downgradient well from the site is located almost a mile (5,000 ft) southeast and is not a concern due to its long distance from the site. The remaining wells can not be affected by any activity at the site due to their distant cross-gradient locations and the prevailing southeast trending groundwater gradient direction.



BD Jct. P-30 Site
 T21S - R37E - Section 30, Unit P
RICE *Operating Company*

FIGURE 1
 SITE LOCATION MAP

Conclusions and Recommendations

Based on the regional characterization of background concentrations for chlorides and TDS, we have determined that groundwater at the site is representative of background conditions and therefore has not been impacted by the former junction box. However, ROC will develop a *Corrective Action Plan* to address the vadose zone and mitigate the potential for migration of chlorides from the vadose zone to groundwater. The CAP will include plans to excavate the affected area, install a liner, and re-establish vegetation.

ROC is the service provider (agent) for the Blinbry Drinkard (BD) Salt Water Disposal System and has no ownership of any portion of the pipelines, wells, or facilities. The BD System is owned by a consortium of oil producers, System Parties, who provide all operating capital on a percentage ownership/usage basis. Environmental remediation projects of this magnitude require System Parties AFE approval and work begins as funds are received.

If you have any questions please call Hack Conder at 575-393-9174.

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