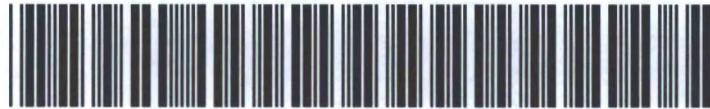




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**July 21<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

**Mr. Geoffrey Leking**

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Oil Conservation Division, Environmental Bureau

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**RE: Update Report**

**Apache Corporation, Inc.**

**Walter Lynch Tank Battery: UL/F sec. 1 T22S R37E**

Mr. Leking:

Apache Corporation, Inc. (Apache) has retained Rice Environmental Consulting and Safety (RECS) to address potential environmental concerns at the above-referenced site.

## **Background and Previous Work**

This site is located approximately 2.5 miles south-east of Eunice, New Mexico at UL/F sec. 1 T22S R37E as shown on the Site Location Map (Figure 1 and 2). Monitor wells at the site indicate groundwater will be encountered at 56 +/- feet. On August 26, 2009 four soil bores were advanced at the site and the samples were taken to a commercial laboratory for field test confirmation. Soil bore #1 was drilled to a depth of 65 ft bgs and had laboratory chloride readings ranging from a high of 1,424 mg/kg at 35 ft bgs to a low of 96 mg/kg at 30 ft bgs. Soil bore #2 was drilled to 65 ft bgs and had laboratory chloride readings ranging from a high of 1,860 mg/kg at 40 ft bgs to a low of 96 mg/kg at 55 ft bgs. Soil bore #3 was drilled to a depth of 56 ft bgs and had laboratory chloride readings ranging from a high of 1,230 mg/kg at 25 ft bgs to a low of non-detect at 5 ft bgs. Finally, soil bore #4 was drilled to 56 ft bgs and had laboratory chloride readings ranging from a high of 672 mg/kg at 55 ft bgs to a low of 16 mg/kg at 5 ft bgs. BTEX, GRO, and DRO were all non-detect throughout all the bores and at all depths. All four soil bores were plugged and abandoned (P&A) on August 27, 2009 in conformance with NMOCD Rules and Regulations.

On December 8-9<sup>th</sup>, 2009, three monitor wells were installed at the site. Two soil samples from each monitor well installation were sent to a commercial laboratory for verification of field numbers. From monitor well #1, samples from 10 ft bgs and 60 ft bgs were taken. The laboratory chloride reading from the 10 ft bgs sample was non-detect and from 60 ft bgs sample was 64 mg/kg. From monitor well #2, the 10 ft bgs and 60 ft bgs samples were taken for laboratory analysis. The chloride reading for 10 ft bgs sample was non-detect and the reading from 60 ft bgs sample was 96 mg/kg. From monitor well #3, the 10 ft bgs and 57 ft bgs samples were taken for laboratory analysis. The chloride reading for the 10 ft bgs sample was 16 mg/kg

and the chloride reading for 57 ft bgs sample was 96 mg/kg. BTEX, GRO, and DRO were non-detect in the soils for all the wells.

On December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2009, the three monitor wells were sampled for BTEX, sulfates, chloride, TDS and metals in the water. Monitor well #1 had laboratory readings of non-detect for BTEX and metals. TDS laboratory reading was 1,720 mg/L, a sulfate reading of 283 mg/L and a chloride reading of 680 mg/L. Monitor well #2 had laboratory readings of non-detect for BTEX and all metals except mercury which had a reading of 0.002 mg/L. The TDS reading for monitor well #2 was 3,680 mg/L, a sulfate reading of 310 mg/L, and a chloride reading of 1,980 mg/L. Finally monitor well #3 also showed BTEX readings of non-detect. The well showed non-detect for all metals except for mercury which showed a reading of 0.003 mg/L. The well showed a TDS reading for the monitor well at 1,400 mg/L, a sulfate reading of 190 mg/L, and a chloride reading of 610 mg/L.

On January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010, Apache submitted a Notice of Groundwater Impact to the NMOCD District 1 office.

On February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010, Apache submitted a Remediation Proposal to the NMOCD District 1 office. In that report, Apache agreed that it would excavate the entire area to 4 ft bgs. The sidewalls would be excavated to whatever distance necessary to achieve chloride numbers at or below 250 mg/kg. Once the site was excavated, a 20 mil-polyethylene liner would be installed along the bottom and up the sidewalls to inhibit chloride migration through the vadose zone to groundwater. The site would then be backfilled to bring the excavation to surface level and seeded. The remediation proposal was approved by NMOCD and the soil work was subsequently completed.

On April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011, RECS sampled the three monitor wells at the site and sent the samples to a commercial laboratory for analysis of chloride and TDS. Monitor well #1 had a laboratory chloride reading of 630 mg/L and a TDS reading of 1,700 mg/L. Monitor well #2 had a laboratory chloride reading of 1,540 mg/L and a TDS reading of 3,000 mg/L. Finally, Monitor well #3 had a laboratory chloride reading of 640 mg/L and a TDS reading of 1,530 mg/L.

### **Recommendations**

Once this Update Report is approved, Apache proposes to develop a Corrective Action Plan (CAP) to estimate the chloride mass that may have contributed to groundwater impacts at the site. The up gradient monitor well (MW-1) shows chloride impacted water (630 mg/L) coming onto the site. However, it is apparent that although the up gradient groundwater is impaired before it moves across the site, it has also been affected by the downward migration of residual soil chlorides from the vadose zone. The down gradient well (MW-2), shows evidence of this contamination from the vadose zone beneath the site with a laboratory chloride reading of 1,540 mg/L. The chloride mass removal will take into account the chlorides present in the groundwater beneath the site.

Once the CAP is approved and the chloride mass removal is completed, Apache will submit a 'Termination Request' status for the site and ask for the closure of the regulatory file.

RECS appreciates the opportunity to work with you on this project. Please call me at (575) 393-9174 or Ms. Natalie Gladden of Apache Corporation at (575) 394-1503 if you have any questions or wish to discuss the site.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "H. Conder".

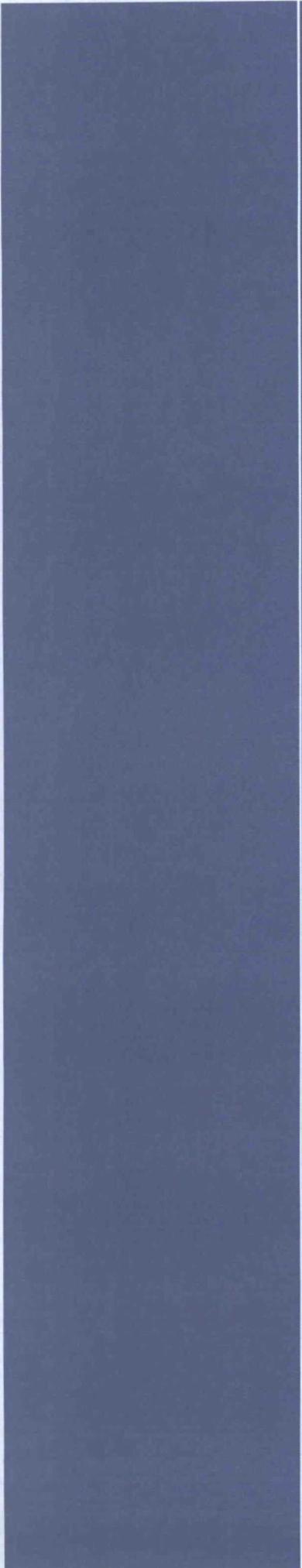
Hack Conder  
Environmental Manager  
RECS

Attachments:

Figure 1 – Site Location Map

Figure 2 – Site Map

Appendix A – Monitor well sampling analysis April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011



# Figures

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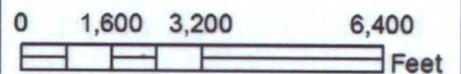
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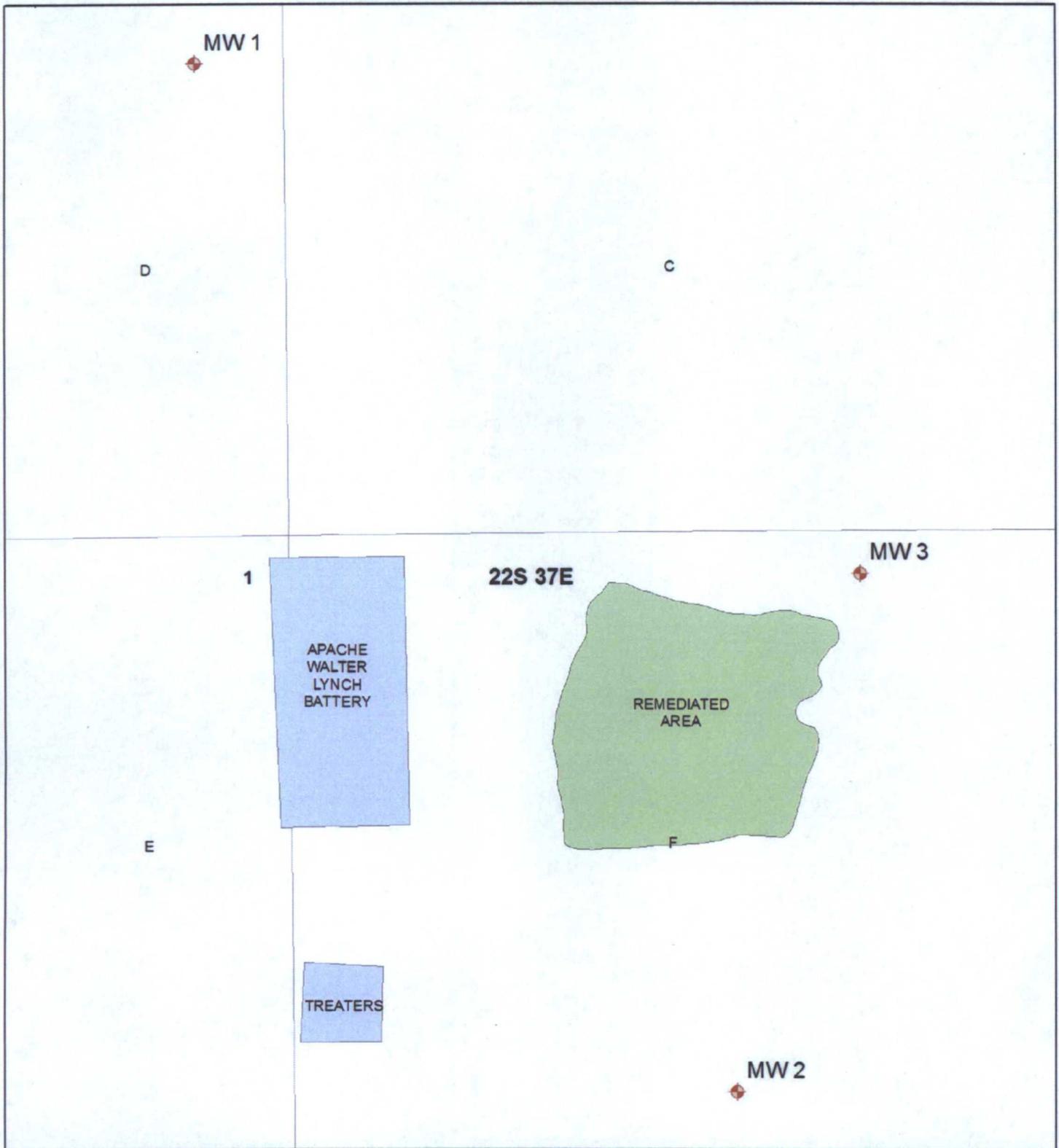
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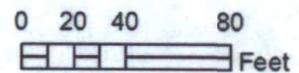
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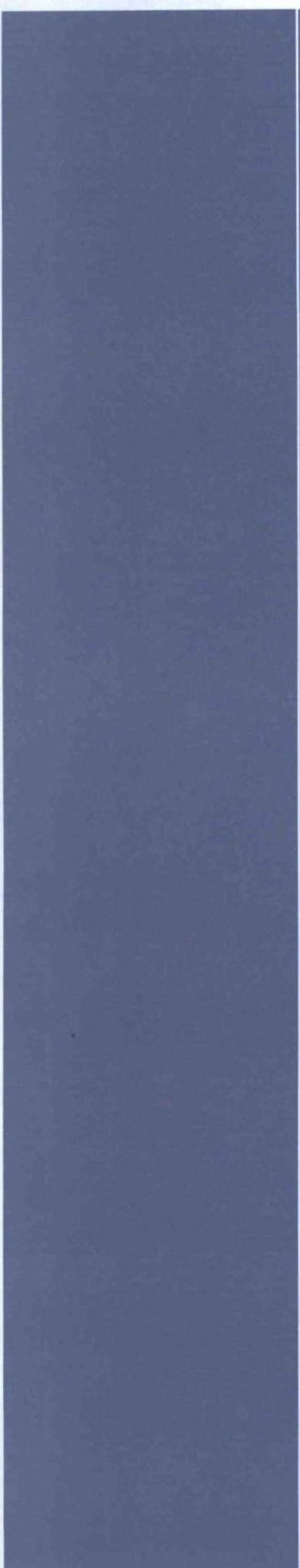
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WALTER LYNCH  
TANK BATTERY AREA**

**UL's C,D,E,F SECTION 1  
T-22-S R-37-E**

**Figure 2**



Field Data: 4/25-26/11  
 Drawing date: 4/27/11  
 Drafted by: TONY GRIECO



# Appendix A

Monitor well sampling analysis May 25th, 2011

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April 29, 2011

NATALIE GLADDEN  
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RE: APACHE WALTER LYNCH TANK BATTERY

Enclosed are the results of analyses for samples received by the laboratory on 04/27/11 8:05.

Cardinal Laboratories is accredited through Texas NELAP for:

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Method SW-846 8260	Benzene, Toluene, Ethyl Benzene, and Total Xylenes
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Method EPA 524.2	Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)
Method EPA 524.4	Regulated VOCs (V2, V3)

Accreditation applies to public drinking water matrices.

This report meets NELAP requirements and is made up of a cover page, analytical results, and a copy of the original chain-of-custody. If you have any questions concerning this report, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



Celey D. Keene  
Lab Director/Quality Manager

**Analytical Results For:**

 APACHE - EUNICE  
 NATALIE GLADDEN  
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 Received: 04/27/2011  
 Reported: 04/29/2011  
 Project Name: APACHE WALTER LYNCH TANK BATTERY  
 Project Number: NONE GIVEN  
 Project Location: NOT GIVEN

 Sampling Date: 04/25/2011  
 Sampling Type: Water  
 Sampling Condition: Cool & Intact  
 Sample Received By: Jodi Henson

**Sample ID: MW - 1 (H100865-01)**

Chloride, SM4500CI-B		mg/L		Analyzed By: HM						
Analyte	Result	Reporting Limit	Analyzed	Method Blank	BS	% Recovery	True Value QC	RPD	Qualifier	
Chloride	630	4.00	04/27/2011	ND	112	112	100	3.64		
TDS 160.1		mg/L		Analyzed By: HM						
Analyte	Result	Reporting Limit	Analyzed	Method Blank	BS	% Recovery	True Value QC	RPD	Qualifier	
TDS	1700	5.00	04/27/2011	ND				1.28		

**Sample ID: MW - 2 (H100865-02)**

Chloride, SM4500CI-B		mg/L		Analyzed By: HM						
Analyte	Result	Reporting Limit	Analyzed	Method Blank	BS	% Recovery	True Value QC	RPD	Qualifier	
Chloride	1540	4.00	04/27/2011	ND	112	112	100	3.64		
TDS 160.1		mg/L		Analyzed By: HM						
Analyte	Result	Reporting Limit	Analyzed	Method Blank	BS	% Recovery	True Value QC	RPD	Qualifier	
TDS	3000	5.00	04/27/2011	ND				1.28		

**Sample ID: MW - 3 (H100865-03)**

Chloride, SM4500CI-B		mg/L		Analyzed By: HM						
Analyte	Result	Reporting Limit	Analyzed	Method Blank	BS	% Recovery	True Value QC	RPD	Qualifier	
Chloride	640	4.00	04/27/2011	ND	112	112	100	3.64		
TDS 160.1		mg/L		Analyzed By: HM						
Analyte	Result	Reporting Limit	Analyzed	Method Blank	BS	% Recovery	True Value QC	RPD	Qualifier	
TDS	1530	5.00	04/27/2011	ND				1.28		

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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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