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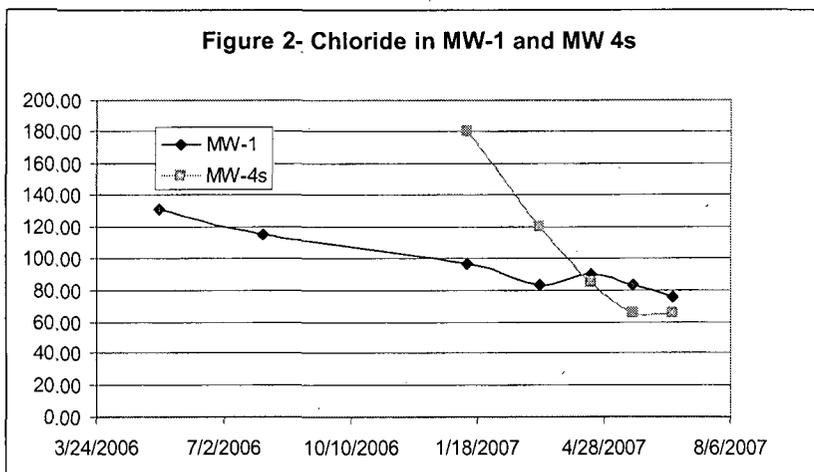
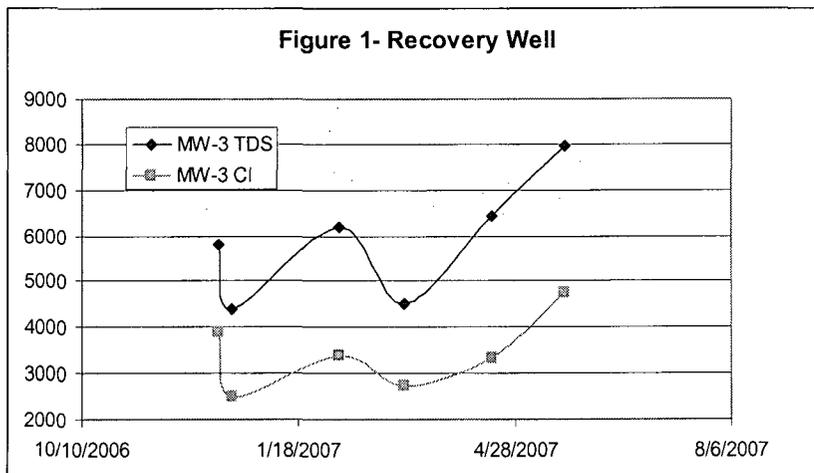
August 16, 2007

Mr. Glenn von Gonten
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1220 South St. Francis Drive
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RE: Samson BD-04, T12S-R33E-Section 2, Unit Letter H, 1R0474

Dear Mr. von Gonten:

Chloride and TDS concentrations from the source removal well, MW-3s, have not declined over the past few months despite continual pumping (see Figure 1). Figure 2 shows that the chloride concentrations in MW-1 and MW-4s remain well below WQCC Standards.



Within this source area (the former reserve pit), salinity will vary because the aquifer below liner tears or below zones of highly fractured caliche will exhibit higher salt fluxes (from the

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pit to ground water) than areas where caliche is less fractured or where the liner remained intact. Therefore, variations of salinity in the pumping well must be expected. We had hypothesized that the salt load would be sufficiently low that 3-6 months of pumping would remove the majority of the salt in the aquifer beneath the pit. The data do not appear to support this hypothesis.

Although pumping at MW-3 has not caused a material decline in the salinity of the aquifer beneath the former pit, pumping has caused a significant decline in chloride at MW-4s (see Figure 2). However, the observed rate of decline in salinity at MW-4s now appears to be similar to the rate of decline at MW-1 prior to pumping, which is the rate of decline caused by natural restoration of the aquifer (dilution and dispersion).

If the pump-and-dispose source removal strategy is not superior to natural restoration, then we must strongly consider moving to the pump-and-use strategy proposed in our earlier communications with NMOCD despite the fact that the TDS of MW-3s is higher than 3,000 mg/L. Continuing the pump-and-dispose source removal strategy may simply be wasting the resource.

To compare the efficacy of the pump-and-dispose source removal program to a natural restoration strategy (which preserves the ground water resource), we ceased source removal pumping in late June. We propose to sample all wells in August and September, evaluate the results and determine if we should re-start the source removal pumping or convert the site to a pump-and-use ground water restoration strategy. We respectfully request a postponement of our scheduled August report to late September.

Sincerely,

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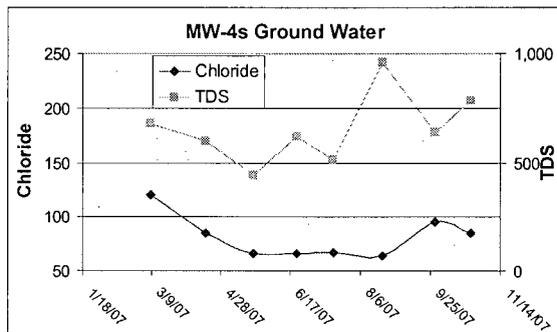
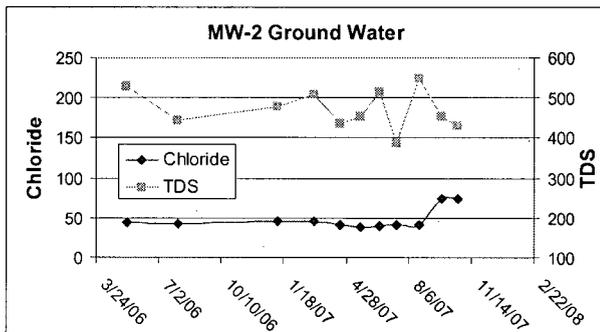
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Dear Mr. von Gonten:

Below are two plots of water quality in MW-4s and MW-2 showing all data up to October 24, the most recent sampling event. MW-1 and MW-4d follow a similar pattern showing a slight



increase in chloride concentrations after cessation of source removal pumping. Table 1 presents all the ground water data. All samples from monitored wells remain below WQCC standards for chloride and TDS. With the October sampling event we are ceasing monthly sampling. The next sampling events will be January, April, July and October 2008. We will submit an annual monitoring report in December of 2008.

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Table 1
Laboratory Results Summary - Groundwater Samples

Monitor Well TOC Elev.	Sample Date	Water Depth	Water Elevation	pH (unitless)	Cond. (uS/cm)	Chloride (mg/L)	TDS (mg/L)	% Cl of TDS
MW-1 4,233.23	5/11/2006	41.18	4,192.05	7.41	1.17	--	--	
	5/12/2006	41.24	4,191.99	7.15	0.88	131	838	16%
	8/2/2006	41.22	4,192.01	7.07	0.99	115	648	18%
	10/17/2006	41.14	4,192.09					
	12/12/2006	41.09	4,192.14					
	1/9/2007	41.07	4,192.16			97		
	2/6/2007	41.32	4,191.91					
	2/6/2007	41.25	4,191.98					
	2/16/2007	41.37	4,191.86		0.985			
	3/8/2007	41.39	4,191.84			83	620	13%
	3/13/2007	41.36	4,191.87		1.025			
	4/17/2007	41.13	4,192.10	7.41	0.82	89.6	674	13%
	5/21/2007	40.99	4,192.24	7.96	0.79	83.8	630	13%
	6/21/2007	41.02	4,192.21	7.52	0.74	76.5	632	12%
	7/18/2007	41.05	4,192.18	7.50	0.80	102	650	16%
	8/22/2007	40.96	4,192.27	7.26	0.86	88.0	672	13%
9/28/2007	40.94	4,192.29	7.62	0.94	122	606	20%	
10/24/2007	41	4,192.23	7.75	0.93	117	710	16%	
MW-2 4,233.87	5/11/2006	41.85	4,192.02	7.80	0.81			
	5/12/2006	41.88	4,191.99	7.50	0.60	44.5	530	8%
	8/2/2006	41.88	4,191.99	7.38	0.67	42.2	444	10%
	10/17/2006	41.82	4,192.05					
	12/12/2006	41.77	4,192.10					
	1/9/2007	41.75	4,192.12			46.0		
	2/6/2007	41.93	4,191.94					
	2/6/2007	41.88	4,191.99					
	2/16/2007	41.97	4,191.90		0.924			
	3/8/2007	42.03	4,191.84			45	510	9%
	3/13/2007	41.99	4,191.88		0.663			
	4/17/2007	41.81	4,192.06	7.93	0.65	41.5	436	10%
	5/21/2007	41.73	4,192.14	8.31	0.63	38.6	452	9%
	6/21/2007	41.73	4,192.14	7.72	0.57	39.7	516	8%
7/18/2007	41.72	4,192.15	8.16	0.56	41.7	388	11%	
8/22/2007	41.66	4,192.21	7.60	0.68	40.9	550	7%	
9/28/2007	41.65	4,192.22	7.82	0.66	74.4	452	16%	
10/24/2007	41.67	4,192.20	7.64	0.73	74.4	430	17%	
MW-3 (Deep) 4,224.52	12/18/2006	--	--		0.87	2,000	3,700	54%
	3/8/2007	--	--		10.28	3,500	6,200	56%
	3/13/2007	42.41	4,182.11		10.06			
MW-3 (RW) 4,224.52	12/12/2006	32.81	4,191.71					
	12/18/2006	32.82	4,191.70			3,900	5,800	67%
	1/9/2007	32.27	4,192.25					
	2/6/2007	32.7	4,191.82					
	2/6/2007	44.47	4,180.05			2,500	4,400	57%
	2/16/2007	44.45	4,180.07		8.71			
	3/8/2007	40.12	4,184.40		10.31	3,400	6,200	55%
	3/13/2007	42.41	4,182.11		10.27			
	4/17/2007	42	4,182.52	8.08	7.45	2,730	4,520	60%
	5/21/2007	41	4,183.52	8.20	8.67	3,340	6,430	52%
	6/21/2007	42	4,182.52	7.78	10.24	4,750	7,960	60%
	7/18/2007	32.48	4,192.04	7.45	10.24	5,730	8,730	66%
8/22/2007	32.22	4,192.30	--	--	--	--	--	
9/28/2007	32.24	4,192.28	--	--	--	--	--	
10/24/2007	32.35	4,192.17	--	--	--	--	--	
MW-4(D) 4,233.38	1/9/2007	--	--			100		
	2/6/2007	41.61	4,191.77					
	2/6/2007	41.53	4,191.85					
	2/16/2007	41.64	4,191.74		0.95			
	3/8/2007	41.65	4,191.73			52.0	550	9%
	3/13/2007	41.63	4,191.75		0.78			
	4/17/2007	41.42	4,191.96	7.87	0.70	45.7	562	8%
	5/21/2007	41.32	4,192.06	8.33	0.69	44.8	458	10%
	6/21/2007	41.33	4,192.05	7.72	0.61	42.4	610	7%
	7/18/2007	41.34	4,192.04	7.93	0.62	48.2	508	9%
	8/22/2007	41.26	4,192.12	7.53	0.74	50.4	494	10%
9/28/2007	41.24	4,192.14	7.79	0.75	79.8	474	17%	
10/24/2007	41.29	4,192.09	7.94	0.87	95.7	690	14%	
MW-4(S) 4,233.52	1/9/2007	--	--			180		
	2/6/2007	41.73	4,191.79					
	2/6/2007	41.80	4,191.72					
	2/16/2007	41.84	4,191.68		0.98			
	3/8/2007	41.85	4,191.67			120	680	18%
	3/13/2007	41.82	4,191.70		0.988			
	4/17/2007	41.61	4,191.91	7.78	0.79	84.8	598	14%
	5/21/2007	41.50	4,192.02	8.16	0.73	65.7	442	15%
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	7/18/2007	41.54	4,191.98	7.81	0.68	67.5	514	13%
	8/22/2007	41.44	4,192.08	7.46	0.78	64.0	960	7%
9/28/2007	41.43	4,192.09	7.89	0.77	95.7	640	15%	
10/24/2007	41.48	4,192.04	7.97	0.84	85.1	786	11%	

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April 2, 2007

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RE: Samson BD-04, T12S-R33E-Section 2, Unit Letter H, 1R0474

Dear Mr. von Gonten:

On behalf of Samson Resources, R.T. Hicks Consultants is pleased to submit this progress report for the above-referenced site. The report and accompanying CD will be mailed to your office this week. Currently the report is available on our ftp site. To access our FTP, please see the setup instructions at the end of this letter.

In response to recent NMOCD comments regarding the level of detail contained in our reports, we have modified our format and approach in this submission. We appreciate not only your evaluation of the data, conclusions and path forward, but also your comments on the readability and level of detail contained in the report.

Sincerely,
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Glenn

Attached is the Transmittal Letter for the above referenced site. We will mail you a hard copy this week. The report is available for download from our FTP site. Instructions to access our ftp (includes initial setup details) are described in the transmittal letter and repeated below.

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Source removal pumping at a rate of about 5 gpm began in early February and continues at this time of writing. We have been in contact with the State Land Office and the Office of the State Engineer regarding other required permits.

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As stated in the letter, the freeze is delaying our proposed pumping. We hope to begin next week and we will keep you posted.

This letter asks that NMOCD forego any formal review of the actions at this site until we submit a report on our findings in March. We would like to pump for 30-days, see how the aquifer responds, then evaluate the data and submit the report.

Original letter via snail mail - sent today.

Randy

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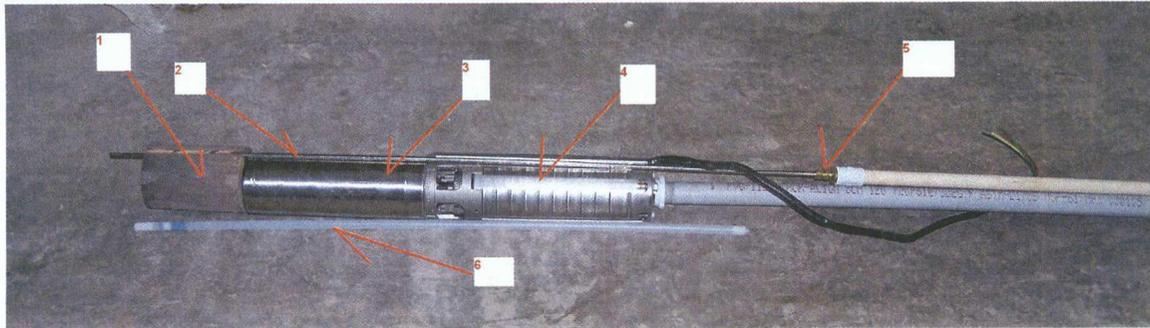
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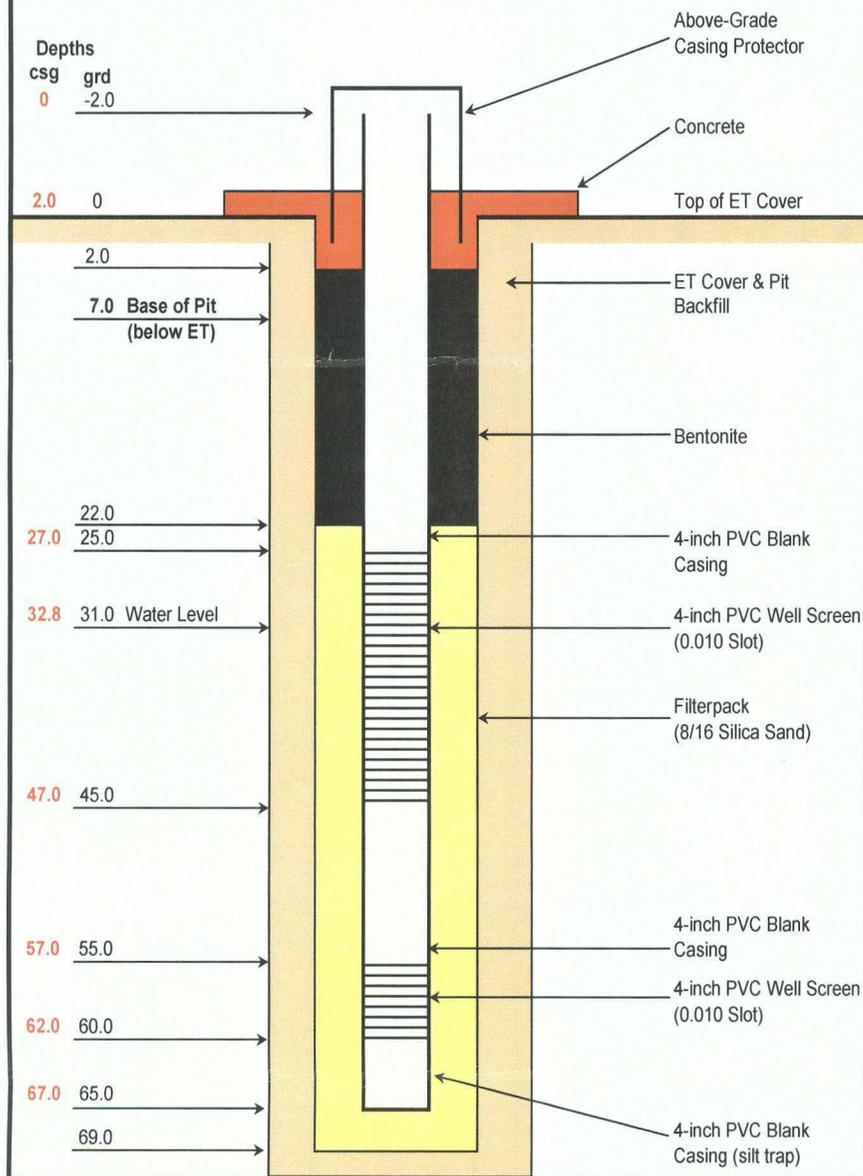
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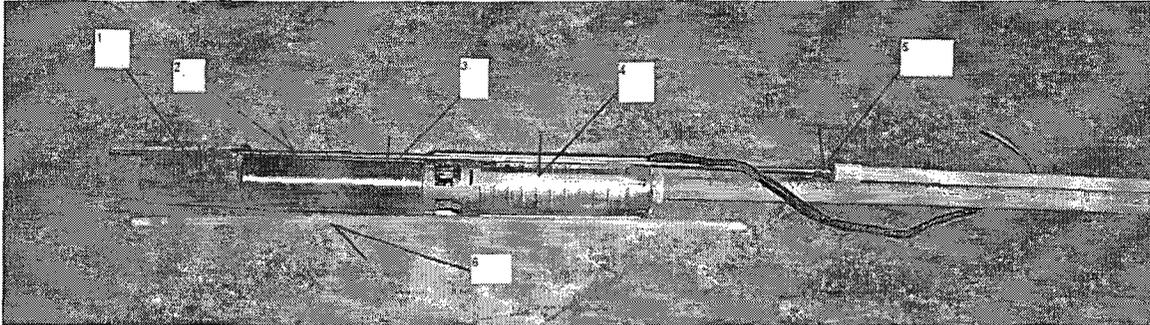
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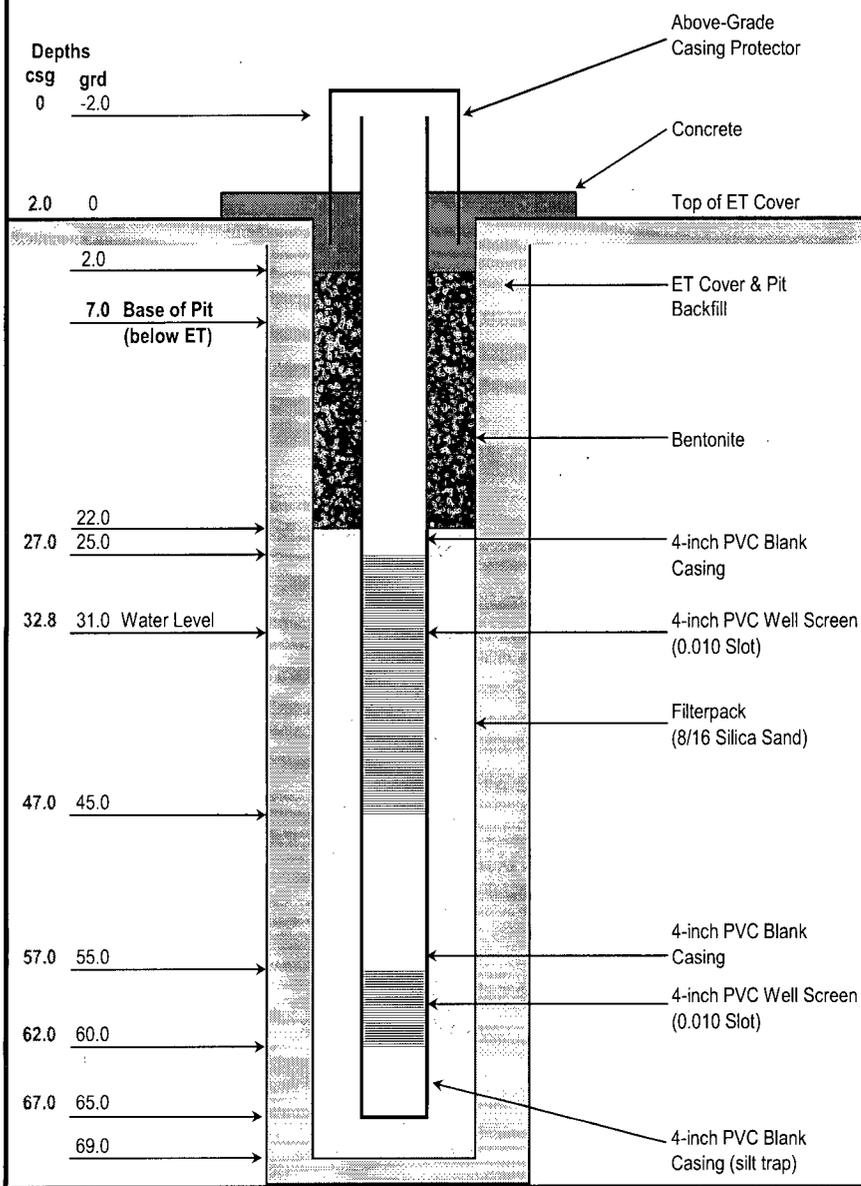
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From: Randall Hicks [R@rthicksconsult.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 03, 2007 3:35 PM
To: Dale Littlejohn
Cc: VonGonten, Glenn, EMNRD; 'Scott Rose'; Mark Sikelianos
Subject: BD-04 site

Attachments: BD-04Investigation Plan2.pdf



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on Plan2.pdf (...)

Glenn

On Monday January 8 (about 10 am), we will begin drilling the proposed boring/well cluster at the eastern edge of the former pit. We hope to finish this well on Monday and complete the two proposed soil borings on Tuesday. If you find time on your way to Artesia for the Pit Meeting please stop in. I will be there from about 10 am to noon leaving Mark Sikelianos in charge of the project for the afternoon.

The ground water sampling results show impairment above WQCC Standards. As the attached letter states, we plan to focus our efforts over the next few months on source removal and data collection.

As I am in Artesia overnight, I may drop into the pit public meeting.

Happy New Year.

Randy Hicks

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January 3, 2007

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RE: Samson BD-04, T12S-R33E-Section 2, Unit Letter H
1R0474

Dear Mr. von Gonten:

Enclosed are the results of the December 2006 field program at the BD-04 site. The most important result of the investigation is the determination of the salt concentration in water below the pit.

		TDS mg/L	Cl mg/L
MW-3 Upper	12/18/2006	5800	3900
MW-3 Lower	12/18/2006	2000	3700

As shown in the attached lithologic log and completion diagrams, the upper screen obtains a sample from the uppermost 15 feet of the saturated zone (30-feet to 45-feet below ground surface) and the lower screen samples the screened interval from 55-60 feet below ground surface (about 63-68 feet below the natural ground surface).

As expected, these findings have caused some minor changes to the characterization plan submitted to NMOCD in December. These changes are:

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2. Sloughing sand in the uppermost aquifer will prevent effective sampling below the water table, which we planned to use to guide the placement of the lower well screen. The uppermost well in the cluster proposed for east of the former pit will be completed with about 10-feet of screen in the uppermost saturated zone and 5-feet of screen above the water table. The deeper well in the cluster will be placed 10-feet below the screened interval of MW-3, which we believe will be from 75-80 feet below ground surface at the proposed location.
3. Because chloride and TDS concentrations are above WQCC Standards in MW-3, we plan to implement a pump-and-use ground water remedy in January. In order to monitor the efficacy of this pump-and-use program,

the well cluster described above may become a permanent well location and we will construct it as such.

4. In January, we will install a pump and packer at MW-3 that will cause withdrawal of ground water from primarily the uppermost screen. We hope to use recovered water for drilling fluids at nearby oil and gas exploration or production wells. Initially, recovered water will be discharged to a nearby Class II injection well. NMOCD can expect correspondence from us during the month of January regarding the implementation of this proposed remedy.
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NMOCD can expect a progress report on or before January 30th that summarizes the results of the work planned for early January. NMOCD can expect monthly reports on the progress of the pump-and-use or pump-and-dispose remedy. As stated in our December investigation plan, characterization of ground water is an iterative process. Each step in the process is based upon the data collected during the previous step. Samson is committed to:

- complying with NMOCD Rules,
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LITHOLOGIC LOG (MONITORING WELL)

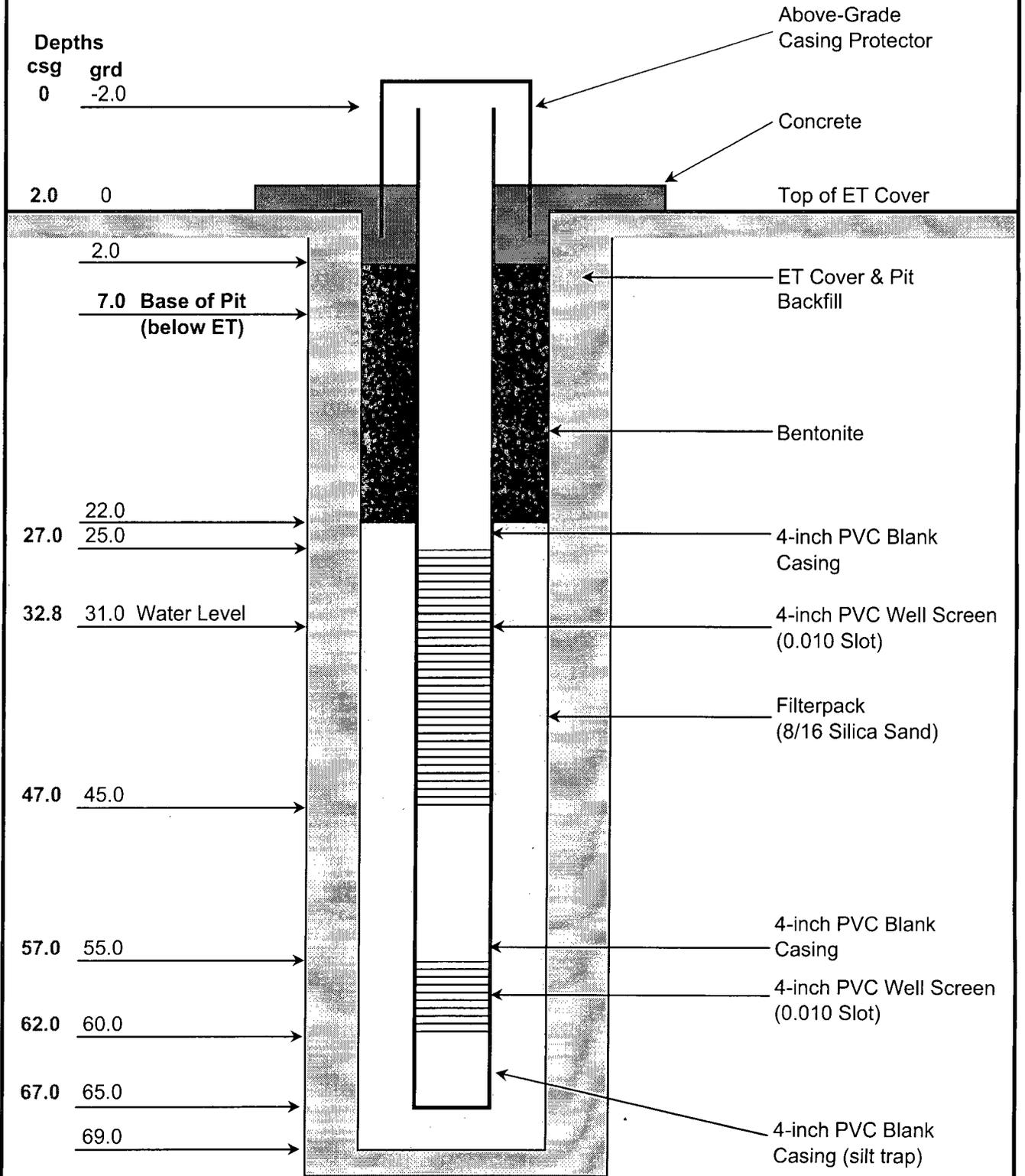
MONITOR WELL NO.: MW-3
SITE ID: Samson State BD No. 4
SURFACE ELEVATION: Csg = 4,224.48
CONTRACTOR: Atkins Engineering
DRILLING METHOD: Hollow-Stem
INSTALLATION DATE: 12/11/06
WELL PLACEMENT: Center of Former Res. Pit
COMMENTS: Lat. 32° 18' 35.0" North, Long. 103° 34' 39.2" West

TOTAL DEPTH: 69.0 Ft
CLIENT: Samson Investment Co.
COUNTY: Lea County
STATE: New Mexico
LOCATION: T-12-S, R-33-E, Sec. 2 (H)
FIELD REP.: Dale Littlejohn
FILE NAME: \BD-4\Lithlogs (12-06)

Lithology	SAMPLE DATA					DEPTH	LITHOLOGIC DESCRIPTION: LITHOLOGY, COLOR, GRAIN SIZE, SORTING, ROUNDING, CONSOL., DIST. DEATURES
	PHOTO	DEPTH	% REC	PID	Cl (Lab)		
CMH							SILTY CLAY dark brown (top soil) with some caliche.
BENTONITE						5	CALICHE light grayish brown with some fine grain sand (10% gradient to 25% with depth). Very difficult to determine the base of former excavation.
4" PVC BLANK CASING						10	Possible base of original excavation
4" PVC BLANK CASING		14-16	20%	<1 ppm	5,740 mg/kg	15	
4" PVC SLOTTED SCREEN (0.010")		19-21	20%	<1 ppm	5,320 mg/kg	20	SAND light brown, fine grain, sub-rounded, poorly sorted, with some caliche.
4" PVC SLOTTED SCREEN (0.010")		24-26	30%	<1 ppm	5,740 mg/kg	25	
4" PVC SLOTTED SCREEN (0.010")		29-31	20%	<1 ppm	936 mg/kg	30	SAND light to medium brown, medium grain size, sub-rounded, poorly sorted with some clay. Moist Formation at 30 - 31 feet
4" PVC BLANK CASING		34-36	10%	<1 ppm	wet, no sample	35	SAND AND CLAY light reddish brown, very fine grain sand with 50 to 60% clay. Saturated formation (no returns) below 39 feet.
8/16 SAND FILTERPACK						40	
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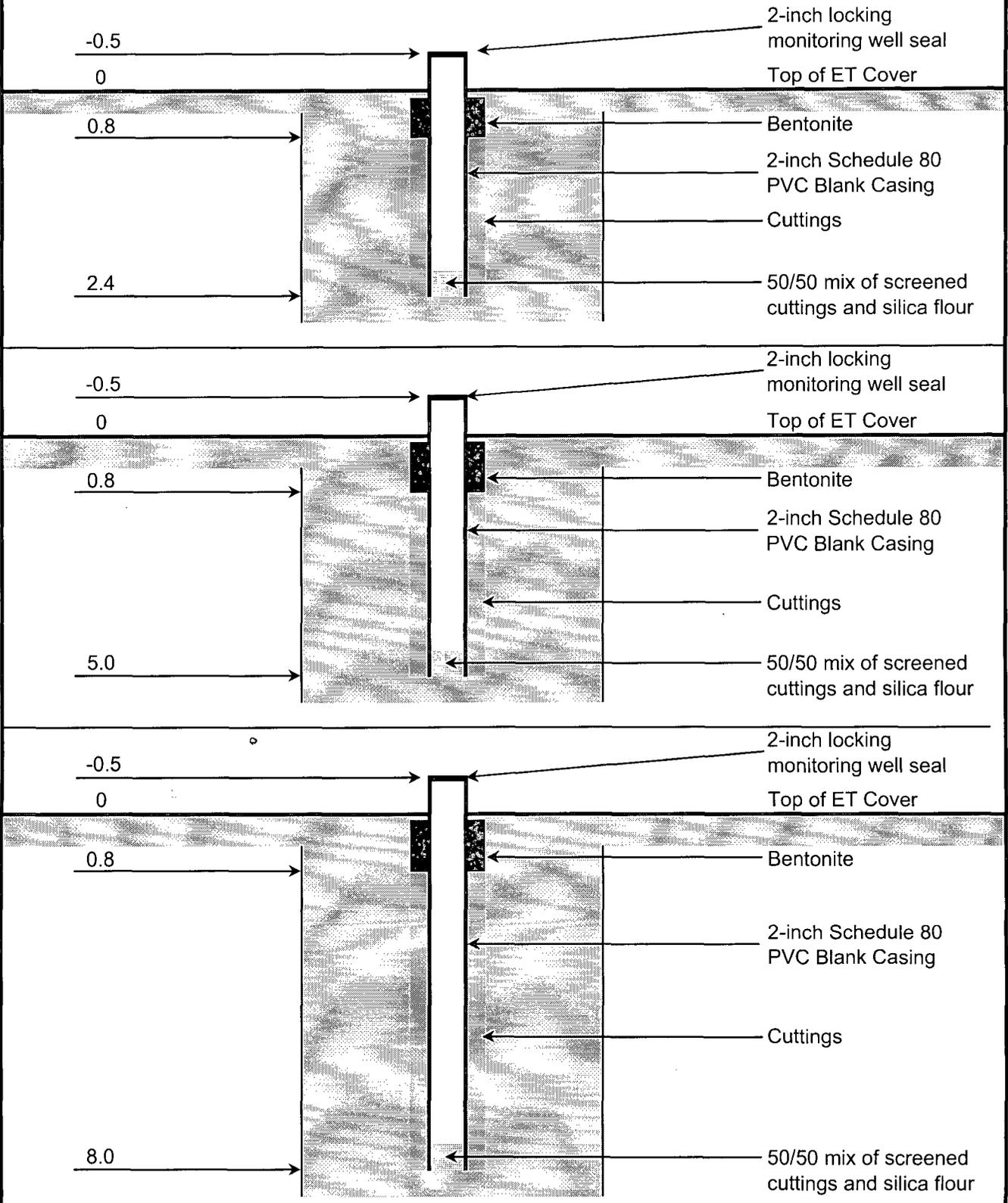
TD = 69 Feet

E.T. PIT COVER MONITORING WELL CONSTRUCTION DIAGRAM



R T Hicks Consultants Ltd	SITE: Samson BD-4 Site Site		E.T. Pit Cover Monitoring Well No. 3
	DATE: 12/28/06	REV. NO.: 1	
	AUTHOR: DTL	TECH: DTL	
	DRILLER: Proposed	FILE: \Lith (12-06)	

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COVER LETTER

Thursday, December 21, 2006

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2904 West Second Street
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TEL: (505) 624-2420
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RE: Samson State BD-04 Samples

Order No.: 0612227

Dear Randall Hicks:

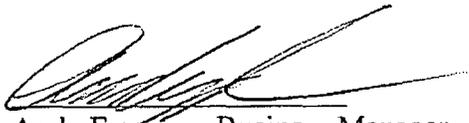
Hall Environmental Analysis Laboratory, Inc. received 2 sample(s) on 12/20/2006 for the analyses presented in the following report.

These were analyzed according to EPA procedures or equivalent.

Reporting limits are determined by EPA methodology. No determination of compounds below these (denoted by the ND or < sign) has been made.

Please don't hesitate to contact HEAL for any additional information or clarifications.

Sincerely,


Andy Freeman, Business Manager
Nancy McDuffie, Laboratory Manager

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Hall Environmental Analysis Laboratory, Inc.

Date: 21-Dec-06

CLIENT: Atkins Engineering Associates
Lab Order: 0612227
Project: Samson State BD-04 Samples
Lab ID: 0612227-01

Client Sample ID: 4" Monitor Well Lower
Collection Date: 12/18/2006 12:00:00 PM
Date Received: 12/20/2006
Matrix: AQUEOUS

Analyses	Result	PQL	Qual	Units	DF	Date Analyzed
EPA METHOD 300.0: ANIONS						Analyst: TES
Chloride	2000	10		mg/L	100	12/21/2006
EPA METHOD 160.1: TDS						Analyst: KS
Total Dissolved Solids	3700	20		mg/L	1	12/20/2006

Qualifiers:

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Lab Order: 0612227
Project: Samson State BD-04 Samples
Lab ID: 0612227-02

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Collection Date: 12/18/2006 12:15:00 PM
Date Received: 12/20/2006
Matrix: AQUEOUS

Analyses	Result	PQL	Qual	Units	DF	Date Analyzed
EPA METHOD 300.0: ANIONS						Analyst: TES
Chloride	3900	10		mg/L	100	12/20/2006 3:09:42 PM
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Analyte	Result	Units	PQL	%Rec	LowLimit	HighLimit	%RPD	RPDLimit	Qual
Method: E300									
Sample ID: MBLK		MBLK				Batch ID: R21895		Analysis Date: 12/20/2006 12:33:03 PM	
Chloride	ND	mg/L	0.10						
Sample ID: MBLK		MBLK				Batch ID: R21901		Analysis Date: 12/21/2006 8:18:18 AM	
Chloride	ND	mg/L	0.10						
Sample ID: LCS ST300-06026		LCS				Batch ID: R21895		Analysis Date: 12/20/2006 12:50:27 PM	
Chloride	4.780	mg/L	0.10	95.6	90	110			

Method: E160.1									
Sample ID: MB-12010		MBLK				Batch ID: 12010		Analysis Date: 12/20/2006	
Total Dissolved Solids	ND	mg/L	20						
Sample ID: LCS-12010		LCS				Batch ID: 12010		Analysis Date: 12/20/2006	
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Sample Receipt Checklist

Client Name ATK

Date and Time Received:

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Received by AT

Checklist completed by

[Handwritten Signature]
Signature

12/20/06
Date

Matrix Carrier name Greyhound

- Shipping container/cooler in good condition? Yes No Not Present
- Custody seals intact on shipping container/cooler? Yes No Not Present Not Shipped
- Custody seals intact on sample bottles? Yes No N/A
- Chain of custody present? Yes No
- Chain of custody signed when relinquished and received? Yes No
- Chain of custody agrees with sample labels? Yes No
- Samples in proper container/bottle? Yes No
- Sample containers intact? Yes No
- Sufficient sample volume for indicated test? Yes No
- All samples received within holding time? Yes No
- Water - VOA vials have zero headspace? No VOA vials submitted Yes No
- Water - pH acceptable upon receipt? Yes No N/A
- Container/Temp Blank temperature? 1° 4° C ± 2 Acceptable
If given sufficient time to cool.

COMMENTS:

Client contacted _____ Date contacted: _____ Person contacted _____

Contacted by: _____ Regarding _____

Comments: _____

Corrective Action _____
