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**Attachments:** Response letter to meeting discussion with OCD 3.3.09.pdf; Figure 1 Site Location Map-k27.pdf

Ed,

The following is an addendum to 1R426-02&03 BD K-27 response to your request for further information on March 3<sup>rd</sup> 2009, paragraph 3 on page two. Blue lettering is addition to that paragraph. Also attached are the original response letter to NMOCD and a site map displaying the up gradient source from K-27. If you need any other information please contact me.

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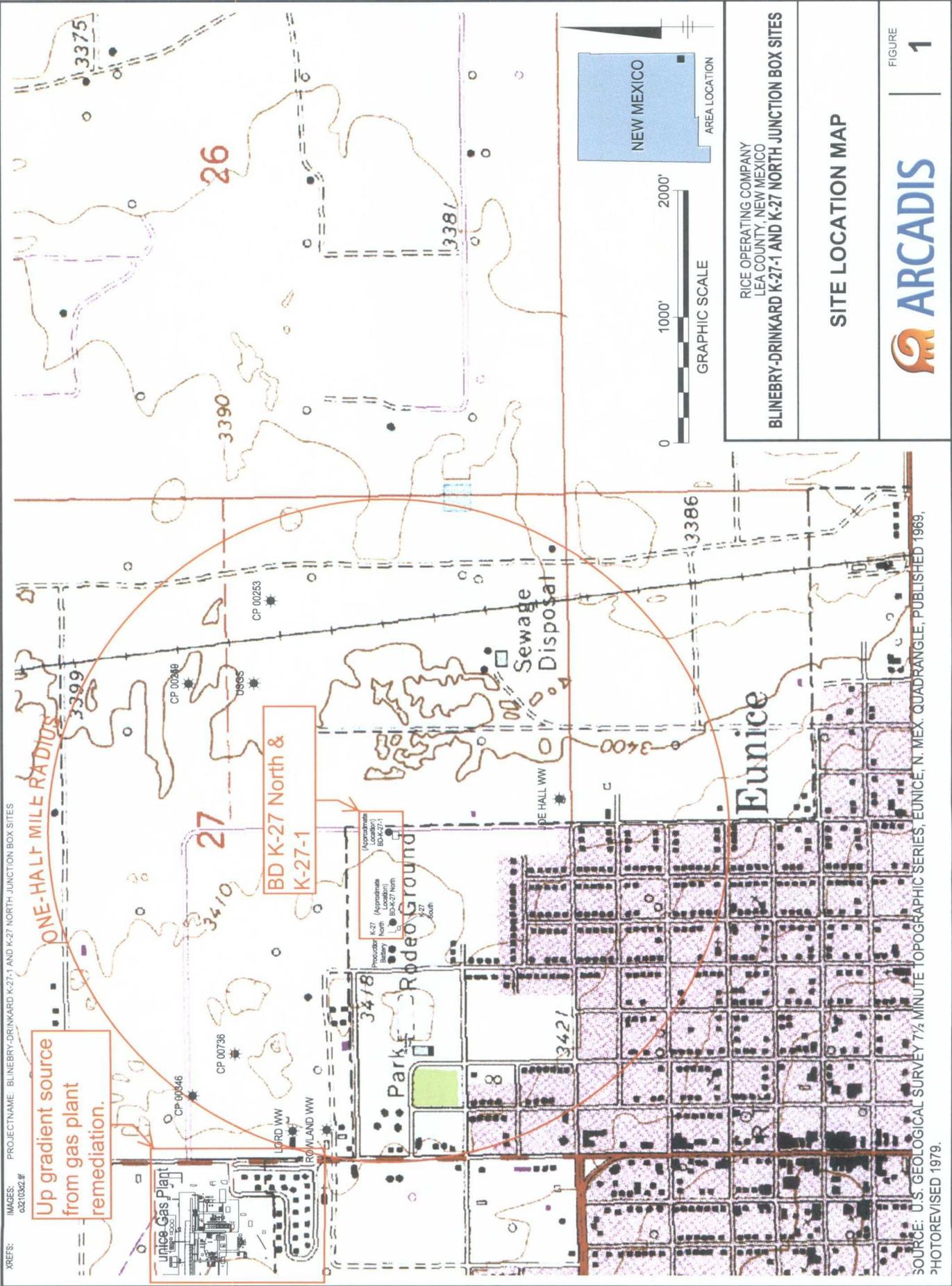
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Up gradient source  
 from gas plant  
 remediation.

BD K-27 North &  
 K-27-1

Approximate  
 Location  
 BD-K-27-1

Approximate  
 Location  
 BD-K-27 North



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**BLINEBRY-DRINKARD K-27-1 AND K-27 NORTH JUNCTION BOX SITES**

**SITE LOCATION MAP**



SOURCE: U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY 7½ MINUTE TOPOGRAPHIC SERIES, EUNICE, N. MEX. QUADRANGLE, PUBLISHED 1969,  
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**Cc:** Hansen, Keith; Hack Conder; Jones, Brad A., EMNRD  
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My apologies. I meant to send this to Ed, not Keith.  
Sharon

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**Subject:** NMOCD case #s 1R0426-02 and 03 Response

Brad,  
Respectfully submitted on behalf of ROC is this response to your meeting discussions with ROC. Please let Hack or me know if you have any questions or need additional information.  
Regards,  
Sharon

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**Response to NMOCD Request  
Jets. K-27North and K-27-1, BD SWD SYSTEM  
Unit K, SEC. 27, T21S, R37E  
NMOCD CASE #s IR0426-02 and IR0426-03**

Dear Mr. Jones:

On behalf of Rice Operating Company (ROC), ARCADIS G&M, Inc. (ARCADIS) respectfully submits this response to your request to ROC in the meeting on February 24, 2008 regarding this site. Following submittal of a Closure Report dated March 10, 2008, NMOCD's requested that ROC provide an estimation of the chloride mass that has contaminated the groundwater at the former junction box locations and a plan for the removal of that chloride mass. As described in our July 18, 2008 response our chloride mass estimation and plan for removal of that chloride mass is as follows:

Calculations used to estimate the chloride mass in groundwater that may have resulted from releases from the former junction boxes are detailed in the table below. The size of the impacted area is conservatively assumed to be the combined width and length of each of the two excavations multiplied by a factor of 10 (the estimated horizontal dispersivity factor). This total area is then multiplied by the thickness of the aquifer (15 feet) and the estimated porosity (25%) resulting in a total saturated pore space volume.

The increase in chloride concentrations in groundwater is calculated by subtracting the lowest chloride concentration at the site (MW-5, 260 milligrams per Liter {mg/L}) from the highest measured chloride concentration identified at the site (MW-2, 600 mg/L). This net difference in chloride concentrations conservatively reflects the net impact to groundwater at the site resulting from releases from the junction boxes. It does not take into account other sources or regional groundwater conditions. Impacted groundwater conditions are documented in this area since the 1950's. (Ground-Water Report 6; Geology and Ground-Water Conditions in

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Southern Lea County, New Mexico; Alexander Nicholson, Jr. and Alfred Clebsch, Jr., U.S. Geological Survey in cooperation with the State Bureau of Mines and Mineral Resources Division of the New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology and with the State engineer.)

The net difference in the concentration of chlorides is multiplied by the total saturated pore space volume resulting in the estimated chloride mass as shown in the following table.

Estimate of Chloride Mass

Parameter	Value	Description of equations used
Release Area	1650 ft <sup>2</sup>	Physical measurement of junction box excavation
Longitudinal Dispersivity	10	Professional estimate for factoring the plume length
Aquifer Thickness	15 ft	Based on regional groundwater data*
Porosity	25%	Professional estimate of pore volume
Volume of impacted groundwater below former junction boxes	61875 ft <sup>3</sup>	Multiplication of parameters listed above
Volume of impacted groundwater below former junction boxes	1,752104.9 L	Unit conversion of above value to liters
Averaged increase in on-site chloride concentrations	340 mg/L	Difference between concentrations in MW-2 and MW-5
<b>Total Chloride Mass</b>	<b>595.71 kg</b>	Multiplication of two parameters above

\* Ground-Water Report 6: Geology and Ground-Water Conditions in Southern Lea County, New Mexico: Nicholson and Clebsch

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At a pumping rate of 1 gallon per minute the groundwater recovery system could extract 0.864 kg per day. At that rate it will take approximately 684 days to remove the 591.71 kg of chloride mass.

Installation of the groundwater recovery system is contingent on approval of the New Mexico Office of the State Engineer and landowner approval in accordance with NMSA 1978 Article 72-12-3(B) (Article 11-17). The volume of recovery and duration to completion of recovery is based on the wells yield that can be sustained during pumping. If the recovery volumes are

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Mr. Brad Jones  
March 4, 2008

not sufficient to complete the chloride mass recovery in 684 days NMOCD will be notified and informed of the anticipated duration of recovery operations. Additionally, a second pump may be placed in another well.

In your discussions with ROC on February 24, 2009, NMOCD requested further information regarding the likelihood of impacts to groundwater resulting from vadose zone conditions.

Soils in the immediate area of the former junction boxes have been excavated and a poly liner installed at the former junction box locations. Backfill material (blended soils) concentrations did not exceed TPH, BTEX and benzene concentrations of 100 mg/kg, 50 mg/kg and 10 mg/kg, respectively. The site has been graded to prevent further ponding of rainwater and seeded with a blend of native vegetation. A vadose zone potential further source of groundwater impacts has been removed.

ROC is the service provider (agent) for the BD Salt Water Disposal System and has no ownership of any portion of pipeline, well or facility. The BD SWD System is owned by a consortium of oil producers, System Partners, who provide all operating capital on a percentage ownership/usage basis.

Thank you for your consideration concerning this proposed treatment and disposal of groundwater at this site and additional information regarding vadose zone conditions. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,  
ARCADIS G&M, Inc.

*Sharon E. Hall*

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