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# WORKPLANS

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May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011

**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: INVESTIGATION & CHARACTERIZATION PLAN  
Rice Operating Company – BD SWD System  
BD jct. G-23 (1R426-286): UL/G sec. 23 T22S 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/usage basis. Environmental projects of this nature require System Party AFE approval prior to work commencing at the site. In general, project funding is not forthcoming until NMOCD approves the work plan. Therefore, your timely review of this submission is greatly appreciated.

For all such environmental projects, ROC will choose the path forward that:

- Protects public health,
- Provides the greatest net environmental benefit,
- Complies with NMOCD Rules, and
- Is supported by good science.

Each site shall generally have three submissions:

1. This Investigation and Characterization Plan (ICP) is proposed for gathering data and site characterization and assessment.
2. Upon evaluating the data and results from the ICP, a recommended remedy will be submitted in a Corrective Action Plan (CAP) if warranted.
3. Finally, after implementing the remedy, a Termination Request with final documentation will be submitted.

## **Background and Previous Work**

The site is located approximately 4 miles south-east of Eunice, New Mexico at UL/G sec. 23 T22S R37E as shown on the Site Location Map (Figure 1). NM OSE records indicate that groundwater will likely be encountered at a depth of approximately 59 +/- feet.

In 2010 ROC initiated work on the former BD G-23 junction box. The site was delineated using a backhoe to form a 30 ft x 30 ft x 12 ft deep excavation and soil samples were screened at regular intervals for both hydrocarbons and chlorides. From the excavation, the four-wall composite and the bottom composite were taken to a commercial laboratory for analysis. Laboratory tests of the four-wall composite showed a chloride reading of 432 mg/kg and negligible gasoline range organics (GRO) reading and diesel range organics (DRO) reading. The bottom composite showed a chloride laboratory reading of 1,790 mg/kg and negligible GRO and DRO readings. The excavated soil was blended on site and a sample was taken to a commercial laboratory for analysis. The soil showed a chloride reading of 672 mg/kg and negligible GRO and DRO readings. The blended backfill was returned to the excavation to 6 ft below ground surface (bgs). At 6-5 ft bgs, a 1 ft clay layer was installed to inhibit downward migration of chlorides. A clay compaction test was conducted on March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010. 156 yards of the remaining backfill was transported to a NMOCD approved facility for disposal. Clean soil was imported into the site and blended with the remaining backfill from the excavation. Laboratory analysis of the blended backfill with imported clean soil showed a chloride reading of 480 mg/kg. The excavation was backfilled with the blended backfill and imported clean soil to ground surface.

The area was contoured to the surrounding landscape, seeded, and an identification plate was placed on the surface of the site to mark its location for future environmental considerations. NMOCD was notified of potential groundwater impact on February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2011 and a junction box disclosure report (Appendix A) was submitted to NMOCD with all the 2010 junction box closures and disclosures.

ROC proposes additional investigative work at the site to determine if there is potential for groundwater degradation from residual chlorides at the site.

## **Proposed Work Elements**

1. Conduct vertical and lateral delineation of residual soil hydrocarbons and chlorides from samples taken using a drill rig, hand auger, and/or backhoe (see Appendix B for Quality Procedures).
  - a. Vertical sampling will be conducted until the following criteria are met in the field.
    - i. Three samples in which the chloride concentration decreases and the third sample has a chloride concentration of  $\leq 250$  ppm; and,
    - ii. Three samples in which PID readings decrease and the third sample has a PID reading of  $\leq 100$  ppm; or,
    - iii. The sampling reaches the capillary fringe.

- b. Lateral sampling will be conducted until the following criteria are met in the field.
  - i. A decrease is observed in chloride concentrations between lateral bores at similar depths; and,
  - ii. A chloride concentration of  $\leq 250$  ppm is observed in a lateral surface sample; or,
  - iii. Safety concerns impede further lateral delineation.
2. If warranted, install a monitor well to provide direct measurement of the potential groundwater impact at the site. (All monitor wells will be installed by EPA, NMOCD, and industry standards.)
3. Evaluate the risk of groundwater impact based on the information obtained.

If the evaluation of the site shows no threat to groundwater from residual chlorides, then only a vadose zone remedy will be undertaken. However, if groundwater shows impact from residual chlorides, a CAP will be developed to address these concerns.

ROC 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.

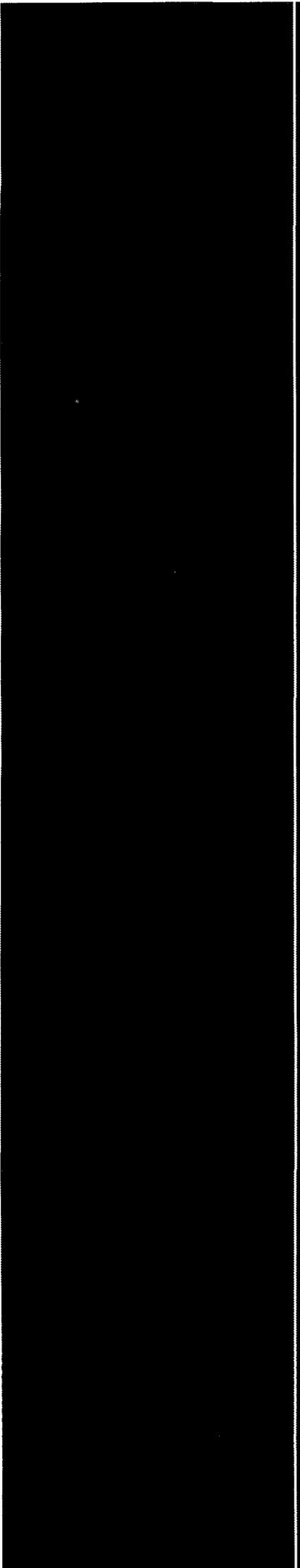
Sincerely,



Lara Weinheimer  
Project Scientist  
RECS  
(575) 441-0431

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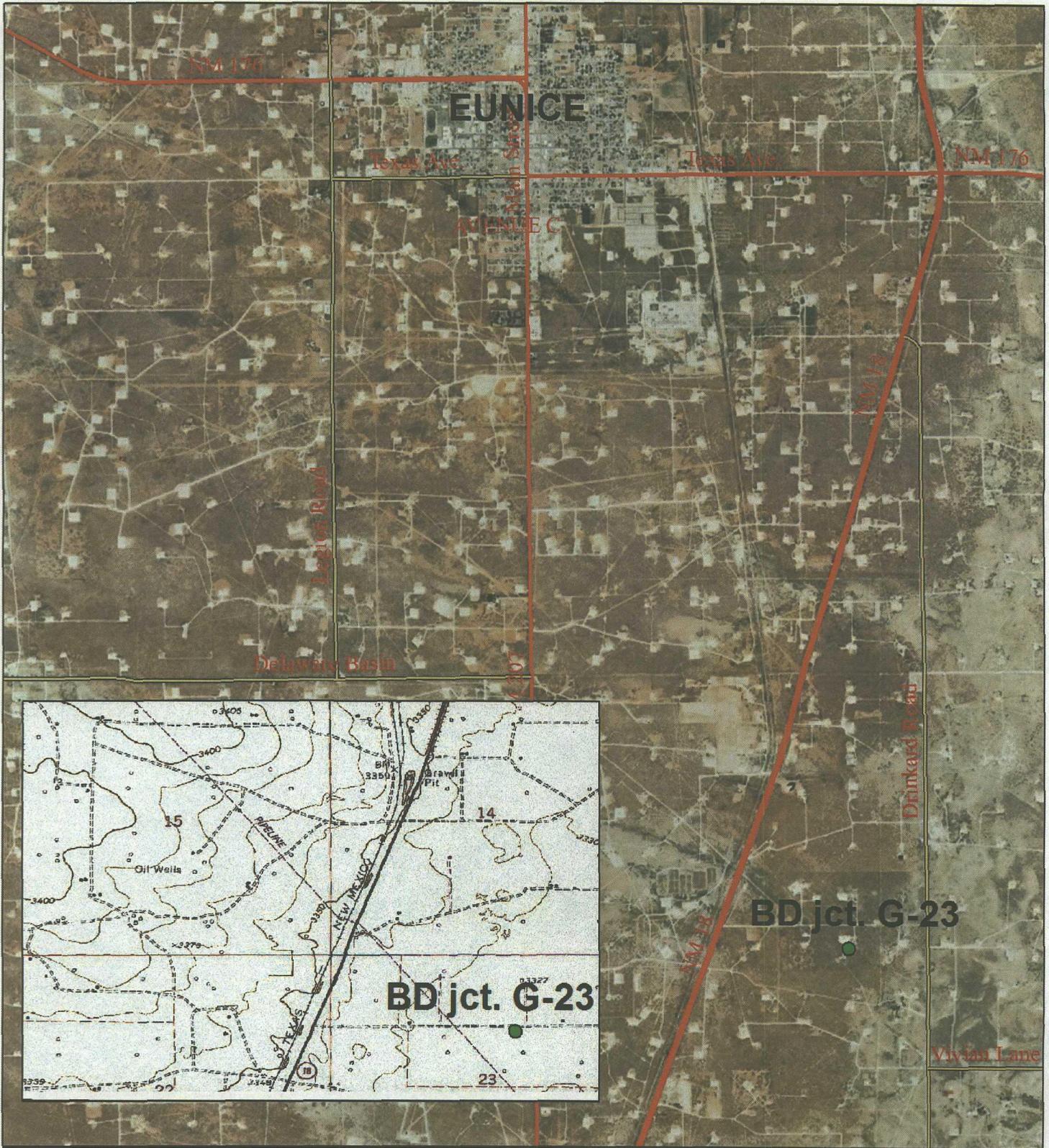
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# Site Map

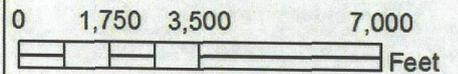


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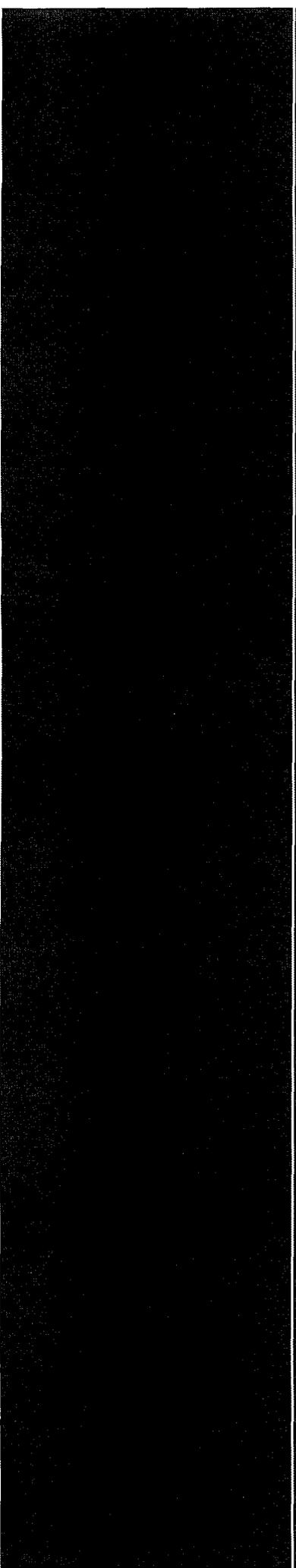
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T22S R37E**

**NMOCD Case #: 1R426-286**

Figure 1



Drawing date: 5-3-11  
Drafted by: L. Weinheimer



# Appendix A

## Junction Box Disclosure Report

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**RICE OPERATING COMPANY  
JUNCTION BOX DISCLOSURE REPORT**

**BOX LOCATION**

SWD SYSTEM	JUNCTION	UNIT	SECTION	TOWNSHIP	RANGE	COUNTY	BOX DIMENSIONS - FEET		
							Length 5'	Width 5'	Depth 4'
Blinebry-Drinkard (BD)	Jct. G-23	G	23	22S	37E	Lea	eliminated		

LAND TYPE: BLM \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ FEE LANDOWNER Walco Ranch, LLC OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

Depth to Groundwater 59 feet NMOC SITE ASSESSMENT RANKING SCORE: 20

Date Started 1/29/2010 Date Completed 3/12/2010 OCD Witness no

Soil Excavated 400.0 cubic yards Excavation Length 30 Width 30 Depth 12 feet

Soil Disposed 156 cubic yards Offsite Facility Sundance Location Eunice, NM

**FINAL ANALYTICAL RESULTS:** Sample Date 2/17/2010, 3/01/2010 Sample Depth 12 ft.

Procure 5-point composite sample of bottom and 4-point composite sample of sidewalls. TPH and Chloride laboratory test results completed by using an approved lab and testing procedures pursuant to NMOC guidelines.

Sample Location	PID (field) ppm	GRO mg/kg	DRO mg/kg	Chlorides mg/kg
4-WALL COMP.	3.1	<10.0	<10.0	432
BOTTOM COMP.	4.7	<10.0	<10.0	1,790
BACKFILL COMP.	1.8	<10.0	<10.0	672
BLENDED BACKFILL WITH IMPORTED SOIL	N/A	N/A	N/A	480

**CHLORIDE FIELD TESTS**

LOCATION	DEPTH	mg/kg
4-wall comp.	n/a	750
bottom comp.	12'	1,661
backfill comp.	n/a	752
background	6"	88
	2'	294
	4'	688
	6'	1,254
	8'	984
	10'	1,089
vertical delineation 15 ft. east of junction (source)	12'	1,575

**General Description of Remedial Action:** This junction and line were eliminated during the pipeline replacement/upgrade program. After the former box was removed, an investigation was conducted using a backhoe to collect soil samples at regular intervals producing a 30x30x12-ft deep excavation. Chloride field tests were performed on each sample which did not relent with depth. Organic vapors were measured using a PID, which yielded low concentrations. The excavated soil was blended on site and representative composite samples were collected from the blended backfill, the bottom of the excavation, and the excavation walls. The representative samples were sent to a commercial laboratory for analysis of chloride and TPH. The blended backfill was returned to the excavation to 6 ft below ground surface (bgs). At 6-5 ft. BGS, a 1-ft. thick clay layer was installed and compaction test performed on 3/1/2010. 156 yards of the blended backfill was hauled to a NMOC approved facility and the remaining blended backfill was blended with clean imported soil. A representative sample was collect and sent to a commercial laboratory for analysis of chloride. The remaining excavation was backfilled with the blended backfill with imported soil to ground surface and contoured to the surrounding area. An identification marker was placed on the surface at the former junction box to mark the presence of clay below. On 3/25/2010, the site was seeded with a blend of native vegetation and is expected to return to a productive capacity at a normal rate. NMOC was notified of potential groundwater impact on 2/21/2011

**ADDITIONAL EVALUATION IS HIGH PRIORITY**

enclosures: photos, lab reports, PID (field) screenings, cross-section, compaction test, hydraulic conductivity, proctor, chloride curve

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION ABOVE IS TRUE AND COMPLETE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

SITE SUPERVISOR Robert Eagans SIGNATURE *Robert Eagans* COMPANY RICE OPERATING COMPANY

REPORT ASSEMBLED BY Larry Bruce Baker Jr. INITIAL LB

PROJECT LEADER Larry Bruce Baker Jr. SIGNATURE *Larry Bruce Baker* DATE 3-18-11

\*This site is a "DISCLOSURE." it will be placed on a prioritized list of similar sites for further consideration.

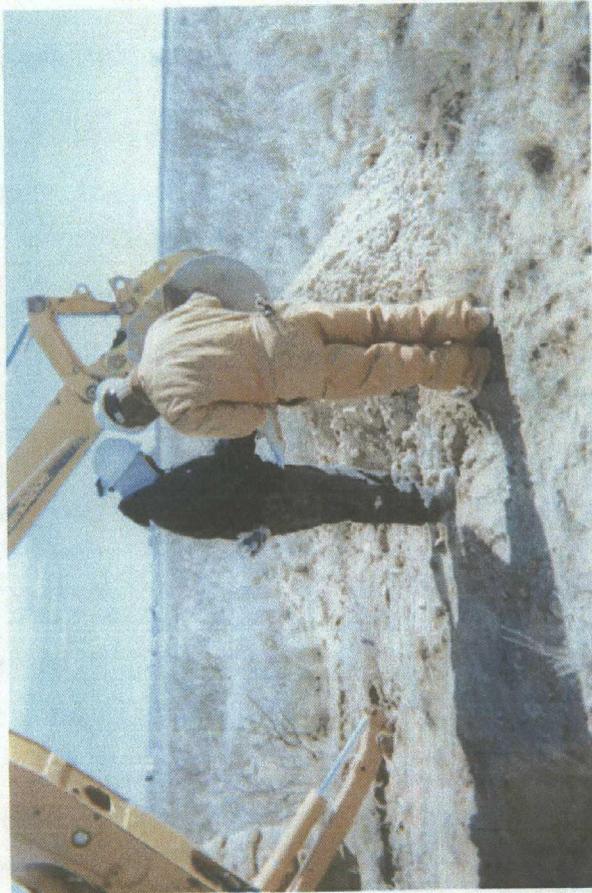
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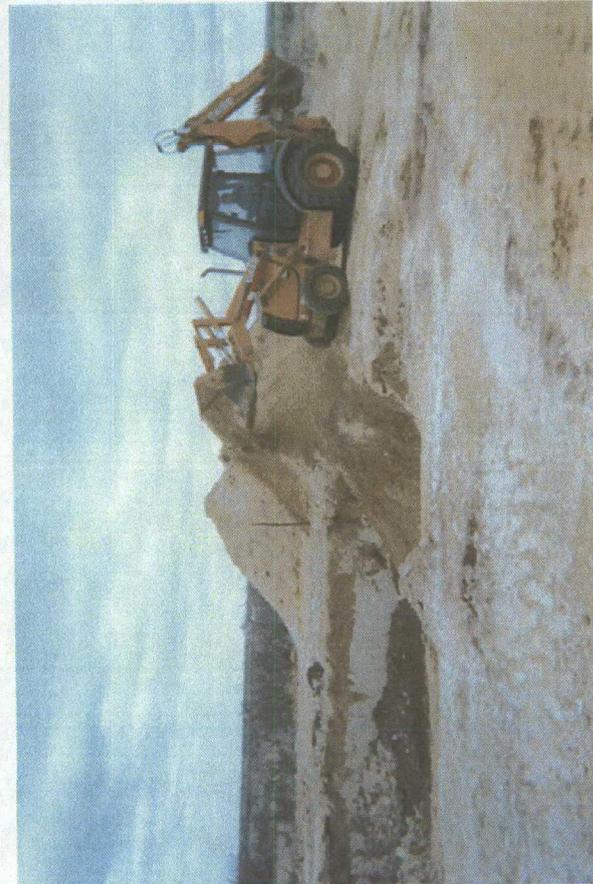
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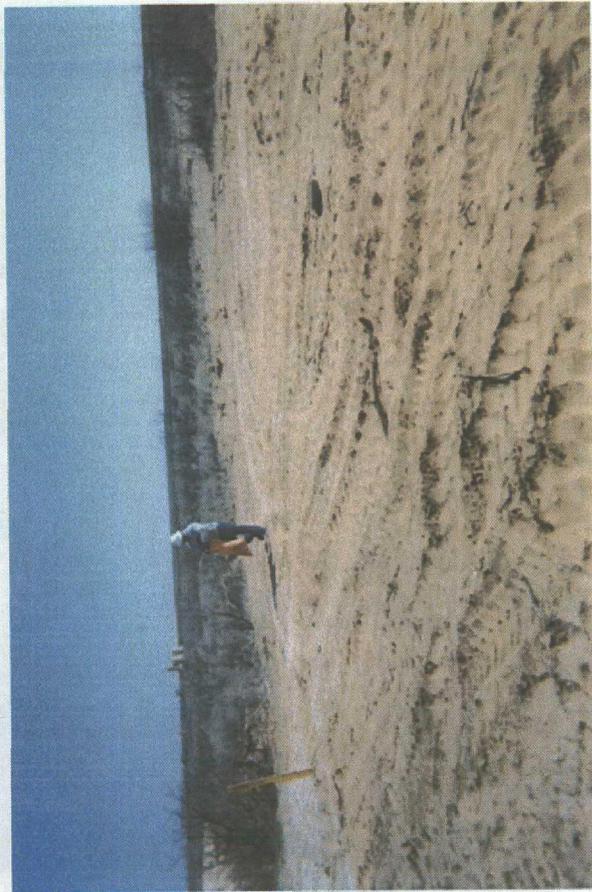
Collecting sample

1/29/2010



Backfilling excavation

3/11/2010



Seeding excavation

3/25/2010



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ANALYTICAL RESULTS FOR  
RICE OPERATING COMPANY  
ATTN: BRUCE BAKER  
122 W. TAYLOR  
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Receiving Date: 02/17/10  
Reporting Date: 03/01/10\*\*  
Project Number: NOT GIVEN  
Project Name: BD JCT. G-23  
Project Location: NOT GIVEN

Sampling Date: 02/17/10  
Sample Type: SOIL  
Sample Condition: COOL & INTACT  
Sample Received By: JH  
Analyzed By: AB/HM

LAB NUMBER	SAMPLE ID	GRO	DRO	Cl*
		(C <sub>5</sub> -C <sub>10</sub> ) (mg/kg)	(>C <sub>10</sub> -C <sub>28</sub> ) (mg/kg)	
ANALYSIS DATE		02/19/10	02/19/10	02/18/10
H19292-1**	5PT BOTTOM COMP @ 12'	<10.0	<10.0	1,790
H19292-2	4-WALL COMP	<10.0	<10.0	432
H19292-3	BLENDED BACKFILL	<10.0	<10.0	672
Quality Control		553	536	500
True Value QC		500	500	500
% Recovery		111	107	100
Relative Percent Difference		8.4	12.1	<0.1

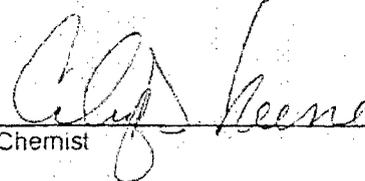
METHODS: TPH GRO & DRO: EPA SW-846 8015 M; Cl: Std. Methods 4500-ClB

\*Analyses performed on 1:4 w:v aqueous extracts.

Reported on wet weight.

\*\*REVISED REPORT.

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Chemist

03/01/10  
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Date

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**Project Manager:** Bruce Baker  
**Address:** 122 W. Taylor  
**City:** Hobbs State: NM Zip: 88240  
**Phone #:** 575-393-9174 Fax #: 575-397-1471  
**Project #:** Project Owner:  
**Project Name:** BD Det. G. - 23  
**Project Location:**  
**Sampler Name:** Robert Egans  
 FOR LAB USE ONLY

Lab I.D.	Sample I.D.	MATRIX			PRESERV.		SAMPLING		DATE	TIME
		GROUNDWATER	WASTEWATER	SLUDGE	OTHER:	ICE/COOL	OTHER:			
H19292									2-17-10	1:27pm
-1	Spot Bottom Compe 12'								2-17-10	1:58pm
-2	4-Well Comp								2-17-10	2:09pm
-3	Blended backfill									

TPH 6015M  
 CR

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**Relinquished By:** Robert Egans  
**Relinquished By:**  
**Delivered By:** (Circle One)  
**Sampler - UPS - Bus - Other:**

**Received By:** Jodi Jensen  
**Received By:**  
**Checked By:** (Initials)  
 Sample Condition: Cool - Intact Yes  No   
 Yes  No

**Relinquished By:** Date: 2-17-10 Time: 4:10  
**Received By:** Date: 2-17-10 Time: 4:10

**Phone Results:** Yes  No   
**Fax Results:** Yes  No   
**Remarks:** F-Mail Results To: J Purvis@RiceSWD.com  
 Baker " " " " " "  
 R Egans " " " " " "

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# RICE OPERATING COMPANY

122 West Taylor Hobbs, NM 88240  
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 PID METER CALIBRATION & FIELD REPORT FORM

Check Model Number:

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Model: PGM 7300    Serial No: 590-000183  
 Model: PGM 7300    Serial No: 590-000508  
 Model: PGM 7300    Serial No: 590-000504


Model: PGM 7600    Serial No: 110-023920  
 Model: PGM 7600    Serial No: 110-015744  
 Model: PGM 7600    Serial No: 110-013676

GAS COMPOSITION: ISOBUTYLENE 100PPM / AIR: BALANCE

LOT NO: <u>925621</u>	EXPIRATION DATE: <u>9-27-2012</u>
FILL DATE: <u>9-28-09</u>	METER READING ACCURACY: <u>100 ppm</u>

ACCURACY: +/- 2%

SYSTEM	JUNCTION	UNIT	SECTION	TOWN SHIP	RANGE
<u>BD</u>	<u>G-23</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>37</u>

SAMPLE ID	PID	SAMPLE ID	PID
<u>4Wall Composite</u>	<u>3.1</u>		
<u>Bottom 5pt Composite</u>	<u>4.7</u>		
<u>Blended Backfill</u>	<u>1.8</u>		

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I verify that I have calibrated the above instrument in accordance to the manufacture operation manual.

SIGNATURE: Robert Jones

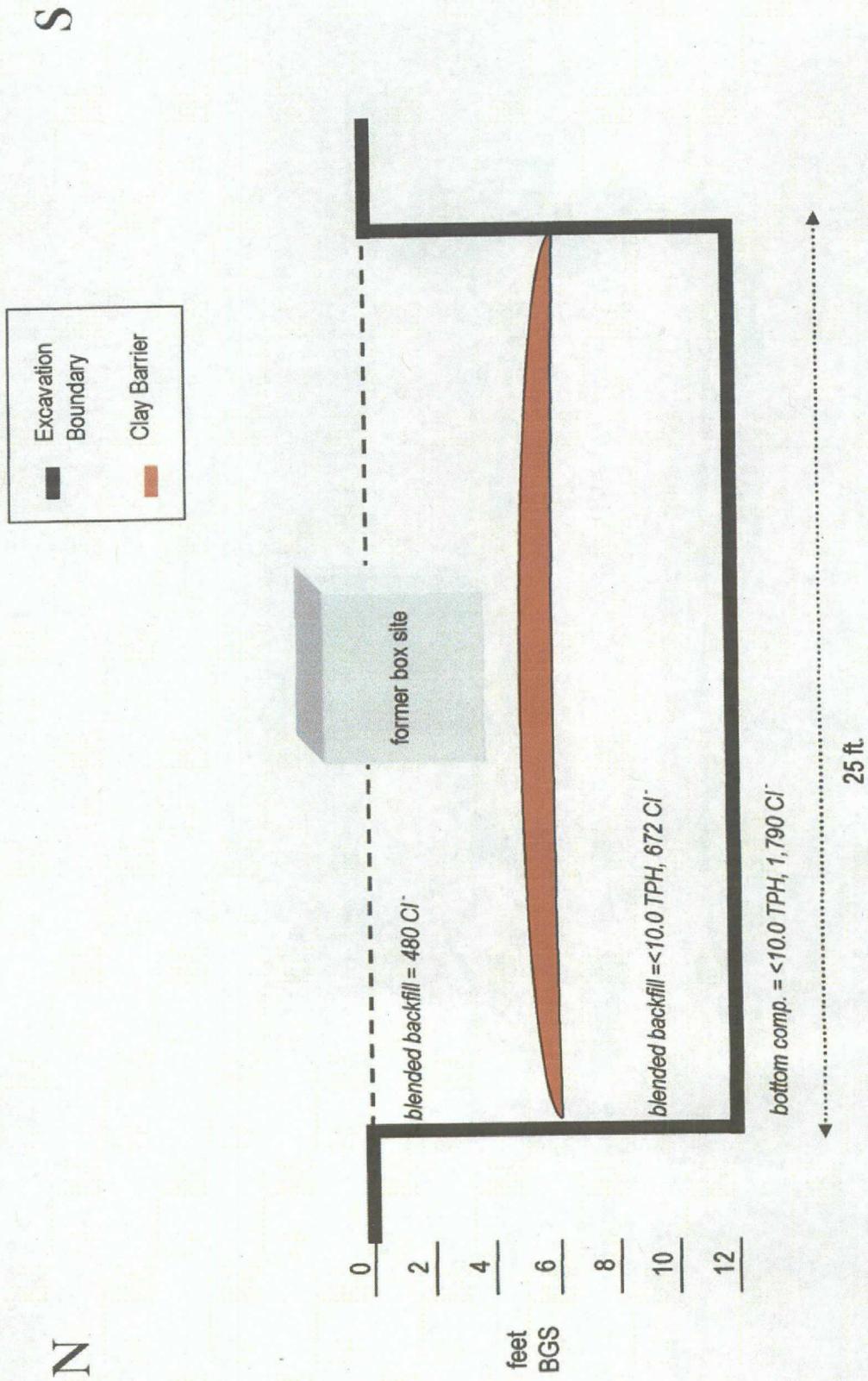
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BD Jct. G-23  
Unit 'G', Sec. 23, T22S, R37E

### Excavation Cross-Section





LABORATORY TEST REPORT  
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WILLIAM M. HICKS, III, P.E./P.S.

To: Rice Operating Company  
122 W. Taylor  
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Material: Wallach Red Clay

Project: <sup>Job 238</sup>  
BD G-23 EOL 22/37  
Project No. 2010.1062

Test Method: ASTM: D 2922

Date of Test: March 1, 2010

Depth: See Below

Depth of Probe: 12"

Test No.	Location	*Dry Density % Max	% Moisture	Depth
SG 1	Pit - 15' E. & 10' N. of SW Corner	94.8	16.6	FSG

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Control Density: 102.3  
ASTM: D 698

Optimum Moisture: 20.3%

Required Compaction: 90-95%

Densometer ID: 815  
PETTIGREW & ASSOCIATES

Lab No.: 10 2231-2232

Copies To: Rice Operating

BY: Erica M. Hart

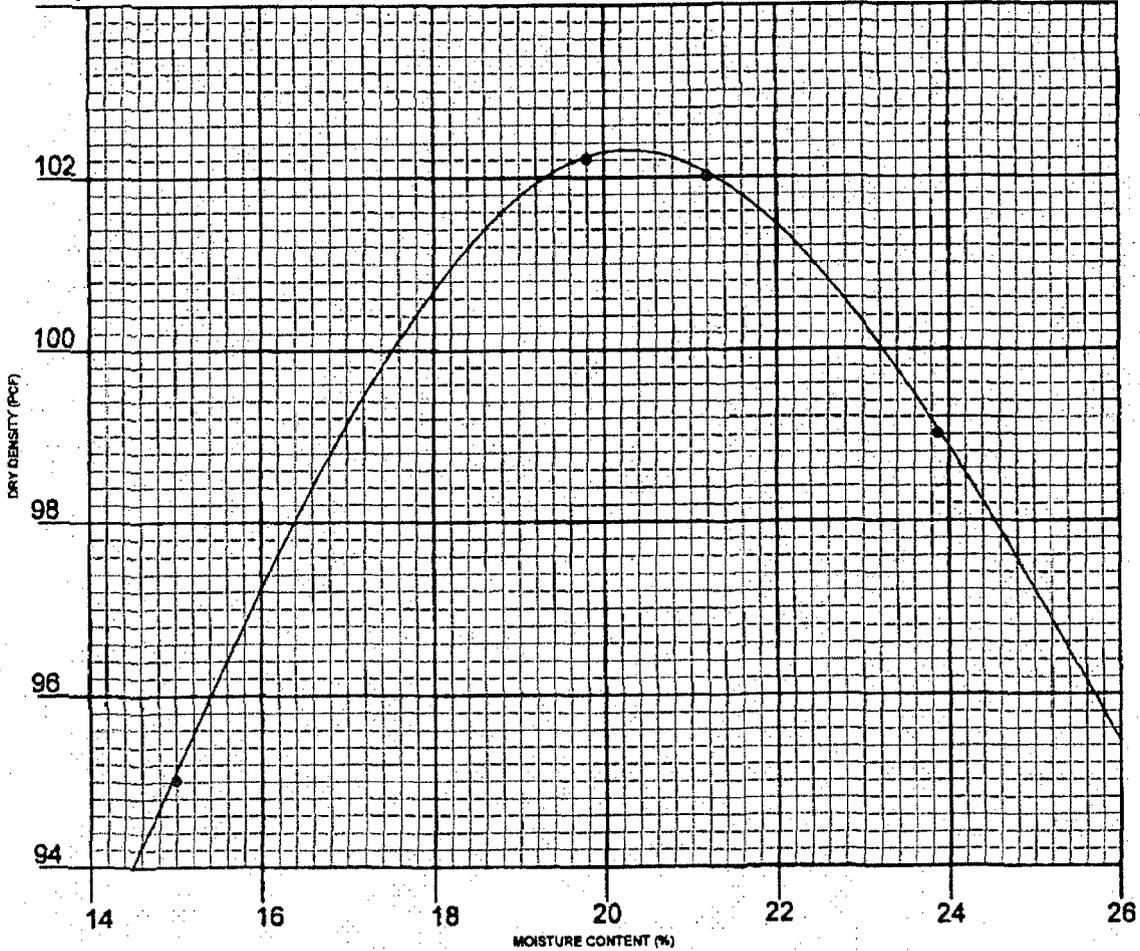
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General Information

CLIENT: Rice Operating PROJECT: Project No. 2010.1026

SAMPLE LOCATION: Eunice Wallach Plant

SOIL DESCRIPTION: Wallach Red Clay

SOIL CLASSIFICATION: \_\_\_\_\_ TEST METHOD: ASTM: D 698

ATTERBERG: LL \_\_\_\_\_ PI \_\_\_\_\_ Sampled & Delivered 2/8/10

DATE: 2/12/10 LAB NO. 10 1422-1424

DRY WEIGHT LB/CU. FT. 102.3 MOISTURE CONTENT % 20.3

SIEVE ANALYSIS - % PASSING							

PETTIGREW & ASSOCIATES

BY: Erica Mart

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BY: C. J. [Signature] P.E.



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## HYDRAULIC CONDUCTIVITY DETERMINATION FLEXIBLE WALL PERMEAMETER - CONSTANT VOLUME (Mercury Permometer Test)

Project: Pattigrew & Associates, P.A., Hobbs, NM - Project #2010.1028 Report No: 1-1201-000003  
 Date: 2/5/2010 Panel Number: P 3 ; ASTM D 6084  
 Project No.: C 4835-101 Permeometer Data

Boring No.:	sp = 0.031418 cm <sup>2</sup>	Set Mercury to Steel No. 4	Equilibrium	1.8 cm <sup>3</sup>
Sample: 6640	sa = 0.787120 cm <sup>2</sup>		Pipet Rp	6.7 cm <sup>3</sup>
Depth (ft):	M1 = 0.030180	C = 0.000434704	Annulus Ra	1.5 cm <sup>3</sup>
Other Location: <u>Wallach Plant Eunice</u>	M2 = 1.040853	T = 0.203780628		

Material Description: Red Clay (You: Sample No 10 1422-1424) Compacted D 698 at 95% of your W/D curve (wet side)

### SAMPLE DATA

Wet Wt. sample + ring or tare:	581.37 g		
Tare or ring Wt.:	0.0 g		
Wet Wt. of Sample:	581.37 g		
Diameter:	2.77 in	7.06 cm <sup>2</sup>	
Length:	2.79 in	7.08 cm	
Area:	6.04 in <sup>2</sup>	38.99 cm <sup>2</sup>	
Volume:	16.84 in <sup>3</sup>	275.92 cm <sup>3</sup>	
Unit Wt. (wet):	126.85 pcf	2.03 g/cm <sup>3</sup>	
Unit Wt. (dry):	104.85 pcf	1.88 g/cm <sup>3</sup>	

Before Test		After Test	
Tare No.:	T 6	Tare No.:	T 3
Wet Wt. +tare:	731.90	Wet Wt. +tare:	800.61
Dry Wt. +tare:	841.75	Dry Wt. +tare:	680.36
Tare Wt.:	218.78	Tare Wt.:	220.69
Dry Wt.:	422.97	Dry Wt.:	468.66
Water Wt.:	90.15	Water Wt.:	110.18
% moist.:	21.3	% moist.:	23.5

Specific Gravity: 2.77 Max Dry Density (pcf) = 104.8948 OMC = 21.3135683  
 % of max = 100.0 +/- OMC = 0.00  
 Calculated % saturation: 99.58 Void ratio (e) = 0.85 Porosity (n) = 0.39

### TEST READINGS

Z1 (Mercury Height Difference @ t1): 5.1 cm Hydraulic Gradient = 0.10

Date	elapsed t (seconds)	Z (pipet @ t)	ΔZ <sub>x</sub> (cm)	temp (deg C)	α (temp corr)	k (cm/sec)	k (ft/day)	Reset = *
2/5/2010	4740	6	0.686997	26	0.889	1.17E-08	3.32E-06	
2/5/2010	6940	5.9	0.756997	26	0.889	1.09E-08	3.09E-06	
2/5/2010	6900	5.8	0.856997	26	0.889	1.08E-08	3.05E-06	
2/5/2010	7800	5.7	0.866997	26	0.889	1.08E-08	3.05E-06	

### SUMMARY

ka =	1.10E-08 cm/sec	Acceptance criteria =	25 %
kl		Vm	
k1 =	1.17E-08 cm/sec	6.3 %	Vm = $\frac{k_a - k_l}{k_a} \times 100$
k2 =	1.09E-08 cm/sec	1.2 %	
k3 =	1.08E-08 cm/sec	2.6 %	
k4 =	1.08E-08 cm/sec	2.6 %	

Hydraulic conductivity	k =	1.10E-08 cm/sec	3.13E-06 ft/day
Void Ratio	e =	0.85	
Porosity	n =	0.39	
Bulk Density	γ =	2.03 g/cm <sup>3</sup>	127.0 pcf
Water Content	W =	0.36 cm <sup>3</sup> /cm <sup>3</sup>	( at 20 deg C)
Intrinsic Permeability	k <sub>int</sub> =	1.13E-13 cm <sup>2</sup>	( at 20 deg C)

Liquid Limit LL	
Plastic Limit PL	
Plasticity Index PI	
- 200 Sieve	%
+ No 40 Sieve	%
+ No 4 Sieve	%

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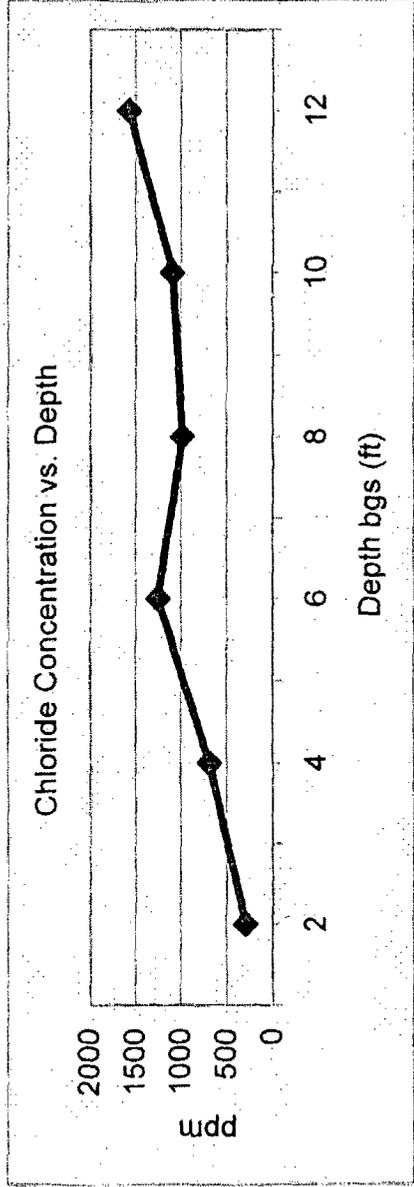
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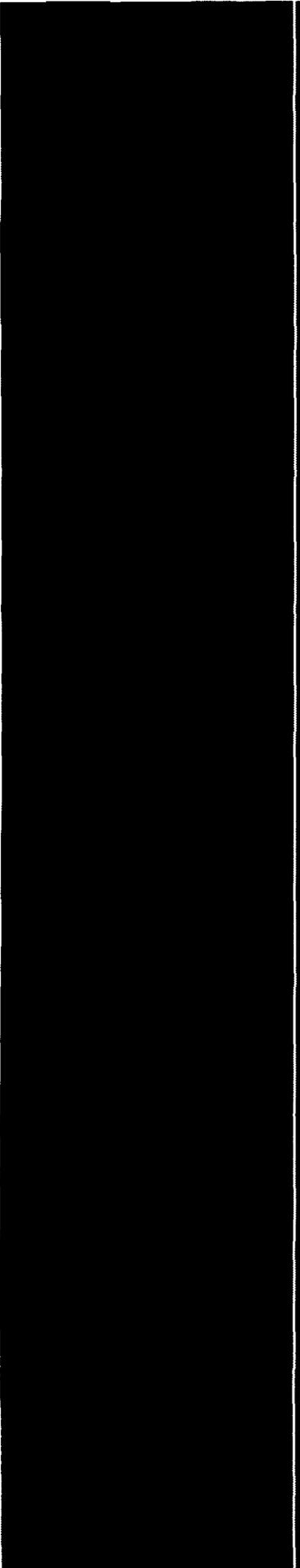
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Depth bgs. (ft)	[Cl] ppm
2	294
4	688
6	1254
8	984
10	1089
12	1575



Groundwater = 59 ft



# Appendix B

## Quality Procedures

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## Quality Procedures

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## **Rice Environmental Consulting and Safety**

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### **Quality Procedure Soil Samples for Transportation to a Laboratory**

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#### **1.0 Purpose**

This procedure outlines the methods to be employed when obtaining soil samples to be taken to a laboratory for analysis.

#### **2.0 Scope**

This procedure is to be used when collecting soil samples intended for ultimate transfer to a testing laboratory.

#### **3.0 Preliminary**

3.1 Obtain sterile sampling containers from the testing laboratory designated to conduct analyses of the soil.

3.2 If collecting TPH, BTEX, RCRA 8 metals, cation /anions or O&G, the sample jar may be a clear 4 oz. container with Teflon lid. If collecting PAH's, use an amber 4 oz. container.

#### **4.0 Chain of Custody**

4.1 Prepare a Sample Plan. The plan will list the number, location and designation of each planned sample and the individual tests to be performed on the sample. The sampler will check the list against the available inventory of appropriate sample collection bottles to insure against shortage.

4.2 Transfer the data to the Laboratory Chain of Custody Form. Complete all sections of the form except those that relate to the time of delivery of the samples to the laboratory.

4.3 Pre-label the sample collection jars. Include all requested information except time of collection. (Use a fine point Sharpie to insure that the ink remains on the label.) Affix the labels to the jars.

#### **5.0 Sampling Procedure**

5.1 Do not touch the soil with your bare hands. Use new nitrile gloves to help minimize any contamination.

5.2 Go to the sampling point with the sample container. If not analyzing for ions or metals, use a trowel to obtain the soil.

5.3 Pack the soil tightly into the container leaving the top slightly domed. Screw the lid down tightly. Enter the time of collection onto the sample collection jar label.

5.4 Place the sample directly on ice for transport to the laboratory if required.

5.5 Complete the Chain of Custody form to include the collection times for each sample. Deliver all samples to the laboratory.

## **6.0 Documentation**

6.1 The testing laboratory shall provide the following minimum information:

- a. Project and sample name.
- b. Signed copy of the original Chain of Custody Form including the time the sample was received by the lab.
- c. Results of the requested analyses
- d. Test Methods employed
- e. Quality Control methods and results

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### **QUALITY PROCEDURE Chloride Titration Using 0.282 Normal Silver Nitrate Solution**

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#### **1.0 Purpose**

This procedure is to be used to determine the concentration of chloride in soil.

#### **2.0 Scope**

This procedure is to be used as the standard field measurement for soil chloride concentrations.

#### **3.0 Sample Collection and Preparation**

- 3.1 Collect at least 80 grams of soil from the sample collection point. Take care to insure that the sample is representative of the general background to include visible concentrations of hydrocarbons and soil types. If necessary, prepare a composite sample for soils obtained at several points in the sample area. Take care to insure that no loose vegetation, rocks or liquids are included in the sample(s).
- 3.2 The soil sample(s) shall be immediately inserted into a one-quart or larger polyethylene freezer bag. Care should be taken to insure that no cross-contamination occurs between the soil sample and the collection tools or sample processing equipment.
- 3.3 The sealed sample bag should be massaged to break up any clods.

#### **4.0 Sample Preparation**

- 4.1 Tare a clean glass vial having a minimum 40 ml capacity. Add at least 10 grams of the soil sample and record the weight.
- 4.2 Add at least 20 grams of reverse osmosis water to the soil sample and shake well.
- 4.3 Allow the sample to set for a period of 5 minutes or until the separation of soil and water.

#### **5.0 Titration Procedure**

- 5.1 Using a graduated pipette, remove 10 ml extract and dispense into a clean plastic cup.
- 5.2 Add 2-3 drops potassium chromate ( $K_2CrO_4$ ) to mixture if necessary.

5.3 Using a 1 ml pipette, carefully add .282 normal silver nitrate (one drop at a time) to the sample while constantly agitating it. Stop adding silver nitrate when the solution begins to change from yellow to red. Be consistent with endpoint recognition.

5.4 Record the ml of silver nitrate used.

#### 6.0 Calculation

To obtain the chloride concentration, insert measured data into the following formula:

$$\frac{.282 \times 35,450 \times \text{ml AgNO}_3}{\text{ml water extract}} \times \frac{\text{grams of water in mixture}}{\text{grams of soil in mixture}}$$

Using Step 5.0, determine the chloride concentration of the RO water used to mix with the soil sample. Record this concentration and subtract it from the formula results to find the net chloride in the soil sample.

Record all results on the delineation form.

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**Quality Procedure**  
**Development of Cased Water-Monitoring Wells**

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**1.0 Purpose**

This procedure outlines the methods to be employed to develop cased monitoring wells.

**2.0 Scope**

This procedure shall be used for developed, cased water monitoring wells. It is not to be used for standing water samples such as ponds or streams.

**3.0 Sample Collection and Preparation**

- 3.1 Prior to development, the static water level and height of the water column within the well casing will be measured with the use of an electric D.C. probe.
- 3.2 All measurements will be recorded within a field log notebook.
- 3.3 All equipment used to measure the static water level will be decontaminated after each use by means of Liquinox, a phosphate free laboratory detergent, and water to reduce the possibility of cross-contamination. The volume of water in each well casing will be calculated.

**4.0 Purging**

- 4.1 Wells will be purged by using a 2" decontaminated submersible pump or dedicated one liter Teflon bailer. Wells should be purged until the pH and conductivity are stabilized and the turbidity has been reduced to the greatest extent possible.
- 4.2 If a submersible is used the pump will be decontaminated prior to use by scrubbing the outside surface of tubing and wiring with a Liquinox water mixture, pumping a Liquinox-water mixture through the pump, and a final flush with fresh water.

**5.0 Water Disposal**

- 5.1 All purge and decontamination water will be temporarily stored within a portable tank to be later disposed of in an appropriate manner.

**6.0 Records**

- 6.1 Rice Environmental Consulting and Safety will record the amount of water removed from the well during development procedures. The purge volume will be reported to the appropriate regulatory authority when filing the closure report.

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### Quality Procedure Sampling of Cased Water-Monitoring Well

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#### 1.0 Purpose

This procedure outlines the methods to be employed in obtaining water samples from cased monitoring wells.

#### 2.0 Scope

This procedure shall be used for developed, cased water monitoring wells. It is not to be used for standing water samples such as ponds or streams.

#### 3.0 Preliminary

3.1 Obtain sterile sampling containers from the testing laboratory designated to conduct analyses of the water.

3.2 The following table shall be used to select the appropriate sampling container, preservative method and holding times for the various elements and compounds to be analyzed.

Compound to be Analyzed	Sample Container Size	Sample Container Description	Cap Requirements	Preservative	Maximum Hold Time
BTEX	40 ml	VOA Container	Teflon Lined	HCL	14 days
TPH (8015 Extended)	40 ounces	(2) 40ml VOA vials	Teflon Lined	HCL and Ice	14 days
PAH	1 liter	amber glass	Teflon Lined	Ice	7 days
Cation/Anion	1 liter	HD polyethylene	Any Plastic	None	48 Hrs
Metals	1 liter	HD polyethylene	Any Plastic	Ice/HNO <sub>3</sub>	28 Days
TDS	300 ml	clear glass or 250 ml HD polyethylene	Any Plastic	Ice	7 Days
Cl-	500 ml	HD polyethylene	Any Plastic	None	28 Days

#### **4.0 Chain of Custody**

- 4.1 Prepare a Sample Plan. The plan will list the well identification and the individual tests to be performed at that location. The sampler will check the list against the available inventory of appropriate sample collection bottles to insure against shortage.
- 4.2 Transfer the data to the Laboratory Chain of Custody Form. Complete all sections of the form except those that relate to the time of delivery of the samples to the laboratory.
- 4.3 Pre-label the sample collection jars. Include all requested information except time of collection. (Use a fine point Sharpie to insure that the ink remains on the label). Affix the labels to the jars.

#### **5.0 Bailing Procedure**

- 5.1 Identify the well from the sites schematics. Place pre-labeled jar(s) next to the well. Remove the plastic cap from the well bore by first lifting the metal lever and then unscrewing the entire assembly.
- 5.2 Using a dedicated one liter Teflon bailer or submersible pump, purge a minimum of three well volumes. Place the water in storage container for transport to a ROC disposal facility.
- 5.3 If using a bailer, take care to insure that the bailing device and string does not become cross-contaminated. A clean pair of nitrile gloves should be used when handling either the retrieval string or bailer. The retrieval string should not be allowed to come into contact with the ground.

#### **6.0 Sampling Procedure**

- 6.1 Once the well has been bailed in accordance with 5.2 of this procedure, a sample may be decanted into the appropriate sample collection jar directly from the bailer or submersible pump.
- 6.2 Note the time of collection on the sample jar with a fine Sharpie.
- 6.3 Place the sample directly on ice for transport to the laboratory. The preceding table shows the maximum hold times between collection and testing for the various analyses.

6.4 Complete the Chain of Custody form to include the collection times for each sample. Deliver all samples to the laboratory.

## 7.0 Documentation

7.1 The testing laboratory shall provide the following minimum information:

- A. Project and sample name.
- B. Signed copy of the original Chain of Custody Form including the time the sample was received by the lab.
- C. Results of the requested analyses
- D. Test Methods employed
- E. Quality Control methods and results

### Calculation for Determining the Minimum Bailing Volume for Monitor Wells

$$\text{Formula } V = (\pi r^2 h)$$

2" well  $[V/231 = \text{gal}] \times 3 = \text{Purge Volume}$

V=Volume

$\pi = \text{pi}$

r=inside radius of the well bore

h=maximum height of well bore in water table

Example:

$\pi$	$r^2$	h(in)	V(cu.in)	V(gal)	X 3 Volumes	Actual
3.1416	1	180	565.488	2.448	7.34 gal	>10 gal

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### Quality Procedure Composite Sampling of Excavation Sidewalls and Bottoms For TPH and Chloride Analysis

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#### 1.0 Purpose

This procedure outlines the methods to be employed when obtaining final composite soil samples for TPH and Chloride analysis.

#### 2.0 Scope

This procedure is to be used in conjunction with *Quality Procedure – 02: Soil Samples for Transportation to a Laboratory* and will be inserted at subparagraph 5.2 of Section 5.0: Sampling Procedure.

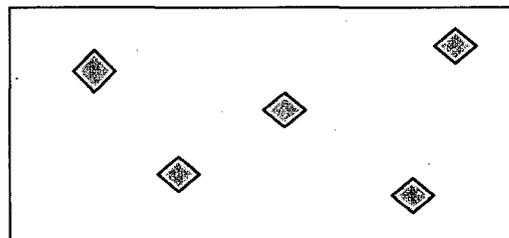
#### 3.0 Sampling Procedure

Follow *Quality Procedure – 02: Soil Samples for Transportation to a Laboratory* for all Sections and subparagraphs until subparagraph 5.2 of Section 5.0: Sampling Procedure. Instead of 5.2 instructions, perform the composite sample collection procedure as follows:

3.1 Go to the excavation with a new plastic baggie. If not analyzing for ions or metals, use a trowel to obtain the soil. If the excavation is deeper than 6' BGS, do not enter the pit, but use a backhoe to assist in procurement of the sample. (If a backhoe is used, the backhoe will obtain an amount of soil from each composite point; bring the purchase to the surface staging area where a sample-portion of soil will be extracted from the backhoe purchase. The remainder of the backhoe purchase will be staged on the surface with other staged soils.)

#### 3.2 Sidewall samples

3.2.1 On each sidewall, procure a 5oz sample from each of five distinct points on the sidewall with distinct points resembling the "W" pattern:



- 3.2.2 Thoroughly blend these five samples in a labeled baggie.
- 3.2.3 Repeat steps 3.2.1 through 3.2.4 for each remaining sidewall.
- 3.2.4 From each labeled baggie, procure a 5 oz portion and pour into a baggie labeled "Sidewall Composite". Blend this soil mixture completely.
- 3.2.5 Obtain proper laboratory sample container for "Sidewall Composite" and continue with subparagraph 5.3 of QP – 01.

### 3.3 Bottom Sample

- 3.3.1 From bottom of excavation, procure a 5oz sample from each of five distinct points with distinct points resembling the "W" pattern as illustrated above.
- 3.3.2 Thoroughly blend these five samples in a clean baggie.
- 3.3.3 Obtain proper laboratory sample container for "Bottom Composite" and continue with subparagraph 5.3 of QP – 01.

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### QUALITY PROCEDURE

#### Sampling and Testing Protocol for VOC in Soil

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#### 1.0 Purpose

This procedure is to be used to determine the concentrations of Volatile Organic Compounds in soils.

#### 2.0 Scope

This procedure is to be used as the standard field measurement for soil VOC concentrations. It is not to be used as a substitute for full spectrographic speciation of organic compounds.

#### 3.0 Procedure

##### 3.1 Sample Collection and Preparation

3.1.1 Collect at least 500 g. of soil from the sample collection point. Take care to insure that the sample is representative of the general background to include visible concentrations of hydrocarbons and soil types. If necessary, prepare a composite sample of soils obtained at several points in the sample area. Take care to insure that no loose vegetation, rocks or liquids are included in the sample(s).

3.1.2 The soil sample(s) shall be immediately inserted into a one-quart or larger polyethylene freezer bag and sealed. When sealed, the bag should contain a nearly equal space between the soil sample and trapped air. Record the sample name and the time that the sample was collected on the Field Analytical Report Form.

3.1.3 The sealed samples shall be allowed to set for a minimum of five minutes at a temperature of between 10-15 Celsius, (59-77<sup>0</sup> F). The sample temperatures may be adjusted by cooling the sample in ice, or by heating the sample within a generally controlled environment such as the inside of a vehicle. The samples should not be placed directly on heated surfaces or placed in direct heat sources such as lamps or heater vents.

3.1.4 The sealed sample bag should be massaged to break up any clods, and to provide the soil sample with as much exposed surface area as practically possible.

### 3.2 Sampling Procedure

- 3.2.1 The instrument to be used in conducting VOC concentration testing shall be a RAE Systems Photoionization device. (Device will be identified on VOC Field Test Report Form.) Prior to use, the instrument shall be zeroed-out in accordance with the appropriate maintenance and calibration procedure outlined in the instrument operation manual. The PID device will be calibrated each day it's used.
- 3.2.2 Carefully open one end of the collection bag and insert the probe tip into the bag taking care that the probe tip not touch the soil sample or the sidewalls of the bag.
- 3.2.3 Set the instrument to retain the highest result reading value. Record the reading onto the Field Test Report Form.
- 3.2.4 **If the instrument provides a reading exceeding 100 ppm, proceed to QP-7. If the reading is 100 ppm or less, NMOCD BTEX guideline has been met and no further testing for BTEX is necessary. File the Field Test Report Form in the project file.**

### 4.0 Clean-up

After testing, the soil samples shall be returned to the sampling location, and the bags collected for off-site disposal. **IN NO CASE SHALL THE SAME BAG BE USED TWICE. EACH SAMPLE CONTAINER MUST BE DISCARDED AFTER EACH USE.**

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### **Quality Procedure Composite Sampling of Excavation Sidewalls and Bottoms For BTEX**

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#### **1.0 Purpose**

This procedure outlines the methods to be employed when obtaining final composite soil samples for BTEX analysis.

#### **2.0 Scope**

This procedure is to be used when collecting soil samples intended for ultimate transfer to a testing laboratory for BTEX analysis. This procedure is to be used only when the PID field-test results for OVM exceeds 100 ppm.

#### **3.0 Preliminary**

3.1 Obtain sterile, clear, 2 oz. glass containers with Teflon lid from a laboratory supply company or the testing laboratory designated to conduct analyses of the soil.

#### **4.0 Chain of Custody**

4.1 Prepare a Sample Plan. The plan will list the number, location and designation of each planned sample and the individual tests to be performed on the sample. The sampler will check the list against the available inventory of appropriate sample collection bottles to insure against shortage.

4.2 Transfer the data to the Laboratory Chain of Custody Form. Complete all sections of the form except those that relate to the time of delivery of the samples to the laboratory.

4.3 Pre-label the sample collection jars. Include all requested information except time of collection. (Use a fine point Sharpie to insure that the ink remains on the label.) Affix the labels to the jars.

#### **5.0 Sampling Procedure**

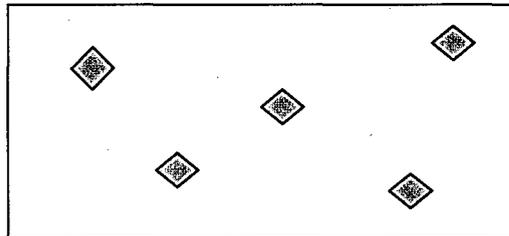
5.1. Do not touch the soil with your bare hands. Use new nitrile gloves to help minimize any cross-contamination.

5.2. If safe and within OSHA regulations, go to the sampling point with the sample container. If not analyzing for ions or metals, use a trowel to

obtain the soil. If the excavation is deeper than 6' BGS, do not enter the pit, but use a backhoe to assist in procurement of the sample. (If a backhoe is used, the backhoe will obtain an amount of soil from each composite point; bring the purchase to the surface staging area where a sample-portion of soil will be extracted from the backhoe purchase. The remainder of the backhoe purchase will be staged on the surface with other staged soils.)

### 5.3. Sidewall Samples

5.3.1. On each sidewall, procure a 2oz sample from each of five distinct points on the sidewall with distinct points resembling the "W" pattern:



5.4. Pack the soil tightly into the container leaving the top slightly domed. Screw the lid down tightly. Enter the time of collection onto the sample collection jar label. Repeat for each sampling point.

5.5. Place the samples directly on ice for transport to the laboratory if required.

5.6. Complete the Chain of Custody form to include the collection times for each sample. Deliver all samples to the laboratory.

## 6.0 Documentation

6.1 The testing laboratory shall provide the following minimum information:

- a. Project and sample name.
- b. Signed copy of the original Chain of Custody Form including the time the sample was received by the lab.
- c. Results of the requested analyses
- d. Test Methods employed
- e. Quality Control methods and results

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### **Procedure for Plugging & Abandonment of Cased Water Monitoring Wells**

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#### **1.0 Purpose**

This procedure outlines the methods to be employed to plug and abandon cased monitoring wells.

#### **2.0 Scope**

This procedure shall be used for developed, cased water monitoring wells located in the State of New Mexico

#### **3.0 Preliminary**

**3.1** No well may be drilled, modified or plugged without NMOCD approval. Additional approvals may be required if the well is situated in a sensitive area, within municipal jurisdictions or on federal or tribal lands.

#### **4.0 Plugging**

**4.1** Each bore will be filled with a 1% - 3% bentonite/concrete slurry to three feet bgs. The remaining three feet will be capped with concrete only.

**4.2** All wellheads will be removed to below ground surface.

#### **5.0 Records**

**5.1** The company plugging the well shall prepare a report on their company letter head listing the site name and describing general well construction including total depth of the well, the diameter of casing, material used to plug the well (e.g. bentonite/cement slurry), and date of the plugging operation.

**5.2** It is recommended but not required that photographs of the final surface restoration be taken and included within the records.

**5.3** Copies of the plugging report shall be submitted to all appropriate agencies and retained by the well operator for a minimum period of ten years.