

# Hydrogeologic Investigation Report Underground Injection Control Wells HF Sinclair Navajo Refining LLC

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## Executive Summary

On behalf of HF Sinclair Navajo Refining LLC (HFSNR), Daniel B. Stephens & Associates, Inc. (DBS&A) has prepared this report for a hydrogeologic investigation in Eddy County, New Mexico at three underground injection control (UIC) wells: WDW-2 (E-12-18S-27E), WDW-3 (N-01-18S-27E), and WDW-4 (N-01-18S-27E).

The project was performed as part of the permitting requirements at the request of the New Mexico Energy, Minerals, and Natural Resources Department (NMEMNRD) Oil Conservation Division (OCD) to determine the presence or absence of underground sources of drinking water (USDWs) at four UIC wells. The investigation was conducted by advancing borings to 150 feet below ground surface (bgs) to determine whether groundwater was encountered in significant quantities. The investigation focused on the possibility of shallow groundwater being present in a perched aquifer that was expected to be no deeper than 150 feet bgs. If significant groundwater was encountered during drilling, monitor wells would be completed and sampled.

At the time of drill rig mobilization by Cascade Environmental® (Cascade), permission for drilling and construction of a potential monitor well at WDW-1 was the subject of ongoing negotiations between HFSNR and a third party, so an investigation was not completed at this site. Activities at WDW-1 will be performed when permission to drill and construct has been granted, and a separate addendum to this report will be submitted to OCD upon completion.

Boreholes were drilled at three UIC well locations: WDW-2-BH-1, WDW-3-BH-1, and WDW-4-BH-1. Cascade used a sonic drill rig for collecting soil cores at 5-foot intervals to a total depth of 150 feet bgs for evaluation of lithology and water content by the on-site DBS&A geologist. At the request of OCD during the drilling process, boreholes WDW-2-BH-1 and WDW-3-BH-1 were deepened to 160 feet bgs.

Two borings (WDW-2 and WDW-3) were advanced into the Salado Formation and continued into the Tansill Formation. The boring at WDW-4 was advanced into the Tansill Formation. The lithology encountered was predominantly interbedded clay and anhydrite ( $\text{CaSO}_4$ ), with minor amounts of siltstone and dolomite. The lithologies observed likely to have limited permeability; therefore, movement of groundwater will be limited by the low permeability of the geologic units and the anisotropic nature of the interbedded units.

Groundwater in a perched or regional aquifer was not encountered in any of the borings, so no significant water-bearing zones were identified. Therefore, monitor wells were not installed and water quality samples were not collected.

One thin siltstone layer was observed with potential saturation in WDW-3-BH-1 at 80 feet bgs. The borehole was evaluated by allowing the borehole to remain open overnight (approximately 15 hours), and no water was detected in the borehole. This apparent saturation was not representative of a saturated water-bearing zone, and was determined to be an artifact from sonic drilling, which requires the addition of some water while advancing the core barrel and drill string.

# 1. Introduction

Daniel B. Stephens & Associates, Inc. (DBS&A) has prepared this hydrogeologic investigation report on behalf of HF Sinclair Navajo Refining LLC (HFSNR) at the request of the New Mexico Energy, Minerals, and Natural Resources Department (NMEMNRD) Oil Conservation Division (OCD). OCD required HFSNR to install groundwater monitor wells at each of HFSNR's four permitted and operational UIC wells: WDW-1, WDW-2, WDW-3, and WDW-4.

Documentation and analysis are presented in this report for borings WDW-2-BH-1, WDW-3-BH-1, and WDW-4-BH-1. Permission required for drilling and construction of a monitor well associated with is the subject of ongoing negotiations between HFSNR and a third party. The WDW-1 location will be investigated once land access has been acquired. The three accessible well locations are presented in Figure 1. Groundwater investigation borehole locations are shown on Figures 2a through 2c.

The hydrogeologic investigation evaluated the uppermost water-bearing unit downgradient of each UIC well (WDW-2, -3 and -4) for the presence of saturated conditions. Boreholes were completed as described in the work plan approved by the OCD on April 20, 2023 (Appendix A). This hydrogeologic investigation met requirements as stated in Condition 2B of the UIC discharge permits (UICI-008-2, UICI-008-3, and UICI-008-4).

## 1.1 Regulatory Framework

HFSNR is permitted for operation of UIC Class I non-hazardous waste UIC wells WDW-1, WDW-2, WDW-3, and WDW-4 under discharge permits UICI-008-1, UICI-008-2, UICI-008-3, and UICI-008-4, with approval by OCD under the rules governing underground injection (Section 20.6.2.5000 of the New Mexico Administrative Code [20.6.2.5000 NMAC]). OCD approved the current discharge permits pursuant to 20.6.2.3109A NMAC.

Information regarding the UIC WDW wells is provided in Appendix B. The wells are identified as follows:

- WDW-1 UICI-8-1 (API#: 30-015-27592) is located approximately 11 miles east-southeast of Artesia on Hwy 82 from Hwy 285, and about 1 mile south of Hilltop Road. UL: 0, Section 31 Township 17 South, Range 28 East, 660 FSL 2310 FEL Lat. 32.78517, Long. -104.21376, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico.

- WDW-2 UICI-8-2 (API#: 30-015-20894) is located approximately 10.5 miles east-southeast of Artesia on Hwy 82 from Hwy 285, and about 3.3 miles south of Hilltop Road. UL: E, Section 12 Township 18 South, Range 27 East, 1980 FNL 660 FWL Lat. 32.76366, Long. -104.23848, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico.
- WDW-3 UICI-8-3 (API#: 30-015-26575) is located approximately 10.5 miles south-southeast of the intersection of I-285 and Hwy 82, or approximately 2.75 miles south of Hwy 82 and CR 225. UL: N, Section 1 Township 18 South, Range 27 East, 790 FSL 2250 FWL Lat. 32.77121, Long. -104.23328, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico.
- WDW-4 UICI-8-4 is located approximately 8.5 miles east-southeast of Artesia on Hwy 285 and Hwy 82, on the north side of Hwy-82. UL: N, Section 23 Township 17 South, Range 27 East, 1,215 FSL 2,445 FWL, Lat. 32.81581, Long. -104.25003, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico.

## 1.2 Existing UIC Wells

### 1.2.1 Facility Description

HSFNR is a petroleum refinery located at 501 East Main Street in Artesia, New Mexico. Treated refinery effluent is conducted through an 8-inch wastewater pipeline to the permitted UIC wells as noted in Section 1.1.

The UIC wells are used to inject treated, industrial, non-hazardous fluids produced from the Artesia Refinery in Artesia, New Mexico. Treated effluent from the process units, cooling towers, boilers, streams from water purification units, desalting units, and recovered and treated groundwater are transmitted via subsurface pipeline from the refinery approximately 10 miles east-southeast before injection into each WDW well. The effluent is a high total dissolved solids (TDS) concentrate, which is injected into each WDW well.

### 1.2.2 Discharge Permits WDW-1, WDW-2, WDW-3 and WDW-4

On December 11, 2017, OCD issued "Approval of Discharge Permit Renewals for WDW-1 (UICI-8-1), WDW-2 (UICI-8-2), and WDW-3 (UICI-8-3) for Class I (Non-hazardous) Waste Injection Wells HollyFrontier Navajo Refining, LLC, Eddy County, New Mexico" (OCD, 2017a). On December 14, 2017, OCD issued "Approval of Discharge Permit Renewals for WDW-4 (UICI-8-4) for Class I (Non-hazardous) Waste Injection Wells HollyFrontier Navajo Refining, LLC, Eddy County, New Mexico" (OCD, 2017b).



## 1.3 Permit Conditions and Need for Project

### 1.3.1 Section 2.B

Groundwater monitor wells are required under Section 2B of each discharge permit (as named in Section 1.2.2). Section 2.B states the following:

**Groundwater Monitoring Wells.** At least one groundwater monitoring well shall be installed in proximity of and hydrogeologically downgradient from [WDW-1, WDW-2, WDW-3, WDW-4]. The monitoring well(s) shall be screened into the uppermost water-bearing unit using 15 feet of well screen with the top of the screened interval positioned 5 feet above the water table. The Permittee shall propose a monitoring frequency with analytic and monitoring parameters to detect potential groundwater contamination.

Per this permit requirement, drillers were mobilized for work to be completed as directed in the approved work plan (Appendix A). Any potential UIC well impacts to groundwater from a spill, leak, or accidental discharge would be expected near ground surface at a depth of 100 to 150 feet below ground surface (bgs) as stated in the approved discharge permits. All borings were drilled to at least 150 feet bgs; borings at WDW-2 and WDW-3 were drilled to 160 feet bgs.

### 1.3.2 Scope of Work Development

This report includes a detailed description of the groundwater monitor well borehole investigation as part of OCD's request and UIC discharge permits (UICI-008-1, UICI-008-2, UICI-008-3, and UICI-008-4). The work met requirements as stated in discharge permits Section 2.B, the work plan (Appendix A), and OCD e-mailed instructions (e-mail from Carl Chavez on September 13, 2022), as follows:

At least one groundwater monitoring well shall be installed in proximity of and hydrogeologically downgradient from WDW-2. The monitoring well(s) shall be screened into the uppermost water-bearing unit using 15 feet of well screen with the top of the screened interval positioned 5 feet above the water table. (Discharge permit Section 2B)

Objective: Place a groundwater monitoring well within 50 ft hydrogeologically downgradient from each WDW injection well location with a quarterly monitoring schedule consistent with related permit reporting. Monitor well construction shall be as prescribed by the current permit or as approved by the OCD based on site-specific conditions. Provide well logs with water quality (i.e., General Chemistry, TPH and BTEX) data from completed and/or constructed MWs to complete the WQCC Public Notice process.

DBS&A completed the portion of the hydrogeologic investigation relating to three boreholes and, if appreciable water had been encountered, would have completed monitor wells and collected water quality samples at each of the three accessible UIC wells: WDW-2, WDW-3, and WDW-4 (Figures 1 and 2a through 2c). This investigation was conducted to evaluate if a significant water-bearing unit could be identified downgradient of injection wells WDW-2, WDW-3, and WDW-4. For this project, OCD defined a significant water-bearing zone as a lithologic unit capable of producing a sufficient volume of water that could be sampled from a monitor well.

During the field program, all work conducted was approved and communicated with OCD.

## 2. Hydrogeologic Setting

The HFSNR UIC wells are located east of Artesia, New Mexico, which lies in the Pecos River valley. The Pecos River is a perennial stream with numerous ephemeral washes that drain the surrounding area. The region is semiarid, with a majority of rain occurring during the summer monsoon season.

The geology of this area is dominated by Paleozoic sedimentary rocks that dip east into the subsurface forming mesas. Much of the outcropping bedrock is covered with aeolian sand, soil, and alluvium. The Pecos River has created a sediment-filled valley containing alluvial and fluvial deposits.

Water resources in the area include surface water of the Pecos River and groundwater in three regional aquifer systems that may contain USDW. The major aquifer systems include the following:

- Pecos Valley Alluvium Aquifer
- Roswell Artesian Basin Aquifer
- Rustler Aquifer

In the area of southeastern New Mexico, the Capitan Limestone and the Santa Rosa Sandstone are important aquifers. However, these geologic units do not occur at or nearby the investigated UIC wells, so characteristics for these aquifers are not presented.

The following subsections provide descriptions of the physiography, geology, and hydrogeology of the region and UIC wells study area.

## 2.1 Physiography of Area

The landscape is dominated by the Pecos River near the town of Artesia, the Sacramento Mountains to the west, and mesas armored with a caliche caprock to the east. The Pecos River Valley is an area of extensive agricultural development (Welder, 1983) due to surface water supplies from the Pecos River and predominantly from groundwater from the alluvial aquifer in the Pecos Valley and the Roswell Artesian Basin.

The eastern slope of the Sacramento Mountains is known as the Pecos Slope, and it grades into the Pecos Valley (Kelley, 1971). Along the Pecos Slope, geologic units including the Yeso Formation, San Andres Limestone, and Glorieta Sandstone outcrop and dip shallowly eastward beneath the river and the UIC wells study area. East of the Pecos Valley is the Llano Estacado or staked plains with the highest elevation of about 4,290 feet above mean sea level (feet msl) at the Caprock on mesas near Maljamar, New Mexico. East of the Pecos River, Paleozoic bedrock dips shallowly toward the east creating a series of mesas. Bedrock strikes or outcrops in north-south bands in the area (Figure 3).

The Pecos River has created a wide valley of alluvium as it has moved eastward in recent geologic time due to the uplift of the Sacramento Mountains, causing a regional shift in the topography. The elevation of the Pecos River east of Artesia, New Mexico is approximately 3,330 feet msl; the highest peak of the Sacramento Mountains, Sierra Blanca, has an elevation of 11,973 feet msl. The ground surface elevation at the UIC well sites is about 3,600 feet msl.

Weather data are available from the National Weather Service ([www.weather.gov](http://www.weather.gov)) for Artesia, New Mexico. From 1905 to the present, annual precipitation amounts range from a minimum of about 4 inches to a maximum of 25 inches, with a mean value of about 11.6 inches; the majority of rainfall occurs during summer monsoon events. Mean temperatures range from a minimum mean value of 4°F to a maximum mean value of 106°F, with an overall annual mean value of 60°F. The resulting climate is considered semiarid, and is typically dry and warm.

## 2.2 Geology of Area

Surface geology of the area is dominated by Paleozoic bedrock units consisting of marine sedimentary rocks that have Holocene sediments deposited upon the older rocks (Figure 3). Rock units of interest vary in geologic age from the oldest Ordovician Ellenburger Formation to

the youngest Quaternary alluvium of the Pecos Valley (Comer, 1991) (Table 1 and Figure 3). Geologic names are discussed in this report using southeastern New Mexico stratigraphic nomenclature; equivalent units may have different names in the Sacramento Mountains and elsewhere in New Mexico.

There are very few geologic structures in the vicinity of Artesia, New Mexico. West of the site is the Vacuum-Artesia Arch, an anticlinal fold. There are no major faults near the UIC wells study area, and there is some fracturing of brittle units, usually due to the dissolution and collapse of older evaporite units.

### **2.2.1 Geologic History**

The geologic history of the area is dominated by marine depositional environments. The majority of the rocks from the Ellenburger Formation to the Santa Rosa Sandstone are from marine and near-marine environments like the San Andres Limestone with lesser amounts of subaerial, often fluvial deposits like the Abo Formation.

The Delaware Basin is an important geologic feature of the area extending from southeastern New Mexico into western Texas, and it is a part of the larger Permian Basin. During the Paleozoic Era, the area was an extensive marine environment including several depositional environments: offshore reef, deep marine, and near shore salt flats (Powers et al., 2006). The Delaware Basin covers over 17,000 square miles and contains over 24,000 vertical feet of sedimentary rocks that host natural resources such as petroleum, gas and water (Land, 2003). The Northwest Shelf extends across southeastern New Mexico and contains a thinner sequence of sedimentary rocks (Land, 2003). The Capitan Reef, or Capitan Limestone, is a massive limestone deposit that is exposed in the Guadalupe Mountains and dips into the subsurface in southern Eddy County, New Mexico and west Texas. The limestone formation is a water source for Carlsbad, New Mexico. The Capitan Limestone is not present near Artesia, New Mexico at the UIC well sites investigated for this study.

Northwest of the marine environment where the limestone was deposited, a depositional environment ranging from a saline marine lagoon to salt pan-mudflats accumulated sediments on the Northwestern Shelf or shallow margin of the Delaware Basin (Powers et al., 2006). Rocks formed on the back reef and shelf away from the Capitan Reef include formations in the Artesia Group. Younger rocks in the Salado and Rustler Formations were deposited across the entire region.

The youngest bedrock in the area is the Triassic Santa Rosa Sandstone and it outcrops to the east of the UIC wells study area. Deposition and rock formation continued through the Cretaceous Period with the Mesa Verde Formation being present in southeastern New Mexico. These rocks have been removed by weathering and erosion along the Pecos Slope to the Llano Estacado. The Paleozoic rocks have been buried to depths over 1 mile allowing for weathering and diagenesis reactions to occur including cementation, evaporite dissolution, evaporite cementation, and carbonate formation.

## 2.2.2 Stratigraphy and Lithology of Rock Units

In the UIC wells study area, the stratigraphic sequence extends from the Devonian to the Quaternary (Table 1). The conceptual hydrogeologic cross section presented in Figure 4 was drawn based on the geology encountered during the drilling of WDW-4, as well as the geologic data in Kelley (1971) and Mercer (1983). Due to the depth of the cross section and the need to display the units, the vertical exaggeration is 10 times the horizontal scale. This exaggeration also impacts how the geologic dip is displayed, and makes the dips appear steeper than observed in the field. The bedrock is dipping to the east at about 1.5° to 2° (Kelley, 1971), and is exaggerated to about 15° on the cross section. UIC wells WDW-2, WDW-3, and WDW-4 have been projected north onto the cross section, as indicated in Figure 4. By projecting wells WDW-2 and WDW-3 over 2 miles to the north, the geologic contact between the Salado and Tansill Formations is crossed, and the wells do not appear to intersect the Salado Formation on the cross section (Figure 4).

Stratigraphy and lithology are presented from the Rustler Formation to the Ellenburger Formation.

The Rustler Formation is a bedrock unit that consists of interbedded mudstone and gypsum. Halite may occur in subsurface, but may be dissolved near ground surface (Kelley, 1971). The clay and evaporites were deposited on salt mud flats (Powers et al., 2006). An influx of fresh water across the mudflat resulted in deposition of two dolomite units. These are the Magenta Dolomite and the Culebra Dolomite. The Culebra Dolomite is at the base of the formation and, due to permeability related to fracturing, is often considered an aquifer. The Rustler Formation is about 400 feet thick in the UIC wells study area.

The Salado Formation consists of interbedded mudstone and gypsum with minor amounts of dolomite (Kelley, 1971). Salt and potash minerals occur in the subsurface. The Salado Formation is about 100 feet thick in the UIC wells study area.

The Artesia Group includes several formations (in descending order): the Tansill, Yates, Seven Rivers, Queen, and Grayburg Formations. These formations were deposited on the Northwest Shelf and include clay beds and evaporite beds (Kelley, 1971). The Artesia Group is considered a confining unit for the Roswell Artesian Aquifer.

The Tansill Formation is mostly dolomite transitioning to evaporite beds of gypsum toward the north. In the UIC wells study area, the lithology is interbedded gypsum and clay, with minor thin dolomite beds with a thickness of about 250 feet.

The Yates Formation has several lithologic types, including interbedded sandstone, siltstone, dolomite, and gypsiferous siltstone. In the UIC wells study area, the formation is mostly interbedded gypsum with thin dolomite beds about 1 to 2 feet thick (Kelley, 1971). The Yates Formation is about 200 feet thick in the UIC wells study area.

The Seven Rivers Formation forms the bluffs on the east side of the Pecos River Valley, and consists of interbedded gypsum, mudstone, and thin beds of dolomite (Kelley, 1971). The formation is about 250 feet thick in the UIC wells study area.

The Grayburg and Queen Formations are not differentiated in the geologic data for WDW-4, so they are combined on the cross section. Both formations consist of interbedded sandstone and mudstone with lesser amounts of dolomite (Kelley, 1971). Some interbedded gypsum beds may be present in the UIC wells study area. The combined thickness is about 500 feet.

The San Andres Limestone and Glorieta Sandstone are often combined as an aquifer system. The San Andres outcrops along most of the Pecos Slope, and both formations dip eastward into the subsurface west of the Pecos Valley. The San Andres Limestone consists of three members in southeastern New Mexico (Kelley, 1971) including the following:

- The Fourmile Draw Member consists of thin-bedded dolomite, gypsum, mudstone, and sandstone.
- The Bonney Canyon Member consists of thin-bedded dolomite and limestone.
- The Rio Bonito Member consists of thick-bedded dolomite, limestone, and sandstone.

Depending on the area and nomenclature, the Glorieta Sandstone and Rio Bonito Member are equivalent units. Based on the geology of WDW-4, the combined thickness of the San Andres Limestone and Glorieta Sandstone is almost 2,000 feet.

The Yeso Formation consists of sandstone, siltstone, dolomite, and gypsum. When including the Tubb Formation, the combined thickness is about 750 feet.

The Abo Formation is one of the terrestrial units consisting of fluvial sandstone, siltstone, and mudstone. The Abo Formation is about 600 feet thick in the UIC wells study area.

The Wolfcamp Formation is found in the subsurface throughout the Permian (Delaware) Basin. It consists of deep marine beds of calcareous shale interbedded with siliciclastic turbidite deposits (U.S. DOE, 2022). The Wolfcamp Formation is a major host for petroleum production in west Texas. The Wolfcamp Formation is about 600 feet thick in the UIC wells study area. WDW-2 and WDW-3 are used to inject into the Lower Wolfcamp Formation.

The Cisco Group consists of interbedded limestone and shale beds with lesser amounts of sandstone (Eargle, 1960). The Cisco Group is about 500 feet thick in the UIC wells study area.

The Canyon Group consists of interbedded limestone and shale beds (Eargle, 1960). The Canyon Group is about 200 feet thick in the UIC wells study area.

The Strawn Group consists of interbedded limestone and shale beds with lesser amounts of sandstone (Eargle, 1960). The Strawn Group is about 300 feet thick in the UIC wells study area.

The Chester Formation is a series of marine shales and limestones with minor sandstones. The Chester Formation is about 100 feet thick in the UIC wells study area.

The Mississippian Group and Woodford Shale act together as the confining unit for WDW-4. The Mississippian Group is an interbedded mix of limestone and shale with numerous chert beds (Lloyd, 1949). The Woodford Shale is described as a black shale interbedded with dolomite and chert (Lloyd, 1949). The combined thickness of these units is about 500 feet in the UIC wells study area.

The Devonian Section is the injection zone for WDW-4. The rocks are mostly limestones and dolomites (Lloyd, 1949). The Devonian Section is about 300 feet thick in the UIC wells study area.

The Simpson Group consists of interbedded limestone, dolomite, and shale with some sandstones. The Simpson Group is about 100 feet thick in the UIC wells study area.

The Ellenburger Formation is an Ordovician unit of interbedded limestone and dolomite units. The unit is reported to be 445 feet thick in Lea County, New Mexico (Lloyd, 1949).

## 2.3 Hydrology of Area

The UIC program is designed to protect groundwater in USDWs near injection wells. In the UIC wells study area, groundwater may occur in regional or perched aquifers. In New Mexico, 20.6.2.7.G NMAC defines groundwater as “interstitial water which occurs in saturated earth material and which is capable of entering a well in sufficient amounts to be utilized as a water supply.” An aquifer is defined as “a saturated permeable geologic unit that can transmit significant quantities of water under ordinary hydraulic gradients (Freeze and Cherry, 1979).” Regional aquifers may occur over a large area within one or more geologic units. A regional aquifer may be confined between lower-permeability units that limit connectivity to other aquifers, or they may be unconfined occurring under water table conditions. A perched aquifer is typically of limited extent compared to regional aquifers and under water table conditions. Regional and perched aquifers may be USDWs.

The U.S. EPA (2012) defines an USDW as an aquifer that meets the following criteria:

- Supplies any public water system
- Contains a quantity of groundwater sufficient to supply a public water system, and
  - ◊ Currently supplies drinking water for human consumption or
  - ◊ Contains a TDS concentration below 10,000 milligrams per liter (mg/L) and is not an exempted aquifer

### 2.3.1 Occurrence of Groundwater

In the vicinity of Artesia, New Mexico, groundwater occurs in several regional aquifer systems including the following:

- Pecos Valley Alluvium Aquifer
- Roswell Artesian Basin Aquifer
- Rustler Aquifer

Local or perched aquifers may occur near recharge areas where permeable geologic units outcrop. Near the UIC wells study area, the Tansill Formation of the Artesia Group may receive sufficient recharge within fractured dolomite or siltstone units to form a perched aquifer. These permeable units are of limited thickness and interbedded with gypsum, so the perched aquifer may provide a limited supply of water.



Near the UIC wells, the bedrock contains many evaporite minerals, like halite (NaCl) and anhydrite (CaSO<sub>4</sub>). The halite units can account for tens to hundreds of feet of these formations, and the halite minerals are readily weathered and dissolved by infiltrating precipitation and groundwater, resulting in thinning of the total thickness of these geologic units. The dissolution may lead to collapse of the bedrock forming sinkholes. As these minerals dissolve, they create brackish groundwater. Locally, rocks may be brecciated due to localized collapse following halite dissolution, and the breccia fabric may be filled with a gypsum cement formed during diagenesis (Holt, 1997; Powers et al., 2006).

### ***2.3.1.1 Review of Available Hydrogeologic Data***

Hydrogeologic data were reviewed from available data collected while drilling the UIC wells, as well as UIC permits and available literature.

#### ***2.3.1.1.1 UIC Wells***

UIC wells WDW-2 and WDW-3 are completed at a depth of 7,450 to 9,016 feet bgs in an injection zone within the lower Wolfcamp, Canyon, and Cisco Formations that is confined by the Upper Wolfcamp, Abo, and Yeso Formations from 4,000 to 7,450 feet bgs.

WDW-4 is completed in an injection zone of Devonian bedrock at a depth of 10,220 to 10,885 feet bgs that is confined by the Woodford Formation and Mississippian rocks.

The UIC wells do not penetrate rocks that host two of the three regional aquifers identified in Section 2. The wells are about 4 miles east of the Pecos Valley Alluvium Aquifer. The Rustler Aquifer outcrops east of the wells and dips away from the wells to the east.

The UIC wells—WDW-2, WDW-3, and WDW-4—penetrate the Grayburg and Queen Formations of the Artesia Group, which are part of the regional Roswell Artesian Aquifer (Figure 4). The data from WDW-4 drilling state that “usable” water was encountered in the Grayburg Formation, but no information about quantity or quality is available.

These wells also penetrate the Tansill Formation of the Artesia Group, which may host a perched aquifer in fractured, permeable portions of the aquifer.

#### ***2.3.1.1.2 Local Wells***

Local wells that are permitted by the New Mexico Office of the State Engineer (NMOSE) were compiled by Petrotek (2022), and they are shown on the geologic map (Figure 3). Many of the

wells have limited information, so water level data are sparse. Water quality data are not available from the NMOSE records.

Several wells are located near the UIC wells and are discussed in this section. The wells are identified with a water rights number that begins with RA for Roswell-Artesia basin and a sequential number. Some of the well have additional identifiers including "POD" for point of diversion and a sequential number or "S" for a supplemental well.

One livestock well, RA-12456 POD1, near WDW-4 has a reported water level of 92 feet bgs and total depth of 220 feet bgs. Based on the well location, the well appears to be completed in the Tansill Formation of the Artesia Group.

Well RA-4554, near WDW-4, was drilled in 1962 and has a reported water level of 40 feet bgs and total depth of 220 feet bgs. Based on this well's location, it appears to be completed in the Tansill Formation of the Artesia Group. This well's NMOSE permit states that the well's purpose was for the "prospecting or development of a natural resource."

The Riverside Mutual Domestic Water Association has four NMOSE permits (RA-1716, RA-7844, RA-7844 EXPL, and RA-1716 S) for locations west of WDW-4 and east of the Pecos River (Petrotek, 2022). The permits indicate that the wells have total depths of 1,200 to 1,300 feet; therefore, they appear to be completed in the Roswell Artesian Aquifer, probably in the Grayburg Formation and/or San Andres Limestone.

### ***2.3.1.2 Regional Aquifer Systems***

The three regional aquifer systems near the site are described in this section.

The Roswell Artesian Basin Aquifer system is recharged by precipitation and snowmelt in the Sacramento Mountains to the Yeso Formation. As the groundwater travels through the Yeso Formation down the mountains and the Pecos Slope, the groundwater leaks upward in the Glorieta Sandstone and San Andres Limestone. Groundwater continues flowing toward the Pecos River Valley under confined conditions, with geologic units of the Artesia Group acting as confining units (Welder, 1983). When the groundwater was first developed, wells would flow artesian at the ground surface. Water does leak upward from the Roswell Artesian Aquifer into the Pecos Alluvium Aquifer (Welder, 1983). There is some inter-aquifer connectivity or leakage between the San Andres Limestone, the Grayburg/Queen Formations, and the alluvial aquifer. The leakage is likely facilitated by breccia formed by dissolution of evaporites and other connected fractures in the rocks (Welder, 1983). The artesian aquifer supplies water to hundreds

of wells for domestic and irrigation uses near Roswell and Artesia, New Mexico. East of the Pecos River Valley, groundwater quality becomes increasingly saline due to dissolution of evaporite minerals in the bedrock.

The Pecos Valley Alluvium Aquifer consists of gravels, sands, and silts deposited by the Pecos River. The aquifer extends from north of Roswell to south of Artesia, and is about 20 miles wide near Artesia (Welder, 1983). The river is currently located near the eastern boundary of the alluvium. The Pecos River is probably the main source of recharge to the aquifer, with a lesser amount of recharge from the leaky artesian aquifer. The main portion of the aquifer is about 250 to 300 feet thick (Welder, 1983). Water typically occurs under unconfined or water table conditions.

The Rustler Aquifer is found in permeable units such as the Culebra and Magenta Dolomite beds within the Rustler Formation. The dolomite units are no more than about 25 feet in thickness, and may include interbedded evaporite beds (Holt et al., 2006; Powers et al., 2006). Permeable zones in the Culebra (and Magenta) Dolomite are caused by dissolution of evaporite minerals in the Salado Formation due to collapse and fracturing (Mercer, 1983). Due to the interbedded units in the Rustler, hydraulic conductivity is greater in a horizontal direction parallel to bedding compared to vertical values resulting in anisotropy, so vertical groundwater movement is limited (Powers et al., 2006).

### ***2.3.1.3 Local Perched Aquifer System***

A local perched aquifer may be found in the Tansill Formation of the Artesia Group, and is likely limited in proximity to outcrop recharge areas. The Tansill Formation is an interbedded mixture of dolomite and evaporites. Groundwater would be found in fractured dolomite units that may be only 1 to 2 feet in thickness (Kelley, 1971). The perched aquifer would most likely have developed at the base of the formation, with limited downward movement into the Yates Formation due the low permeability of the gypsum beds.

## **2.3.2 Movement of Groundwater**

The discussion concerning the movement of groundwater is based on literature review and general concepts of groundwater movement. Water level data were not collected as part of this investigation.

### ***2.3.2.1 Regional Aquifer System***

Groundwater in the Roswell Artesian Aquifer moves from high elevations in the Sacramento Mountains eastward through rocks of the Pecos Slope and discharges into the Pecos Alluvium Aquifer. Wells are also a significant source of discharge for this aquifer system. Flow direction is eastward, sub-parallel to the Pecos River. Groundwater found east of the Pecos River and in the Grayburg Formation would move westward toward the Pecos River.

Groundwater movement in the Pecos Alluvium Aquifer is typically toward the Pecos River, but may be disrupted due to pumping of wells. Flow is typically to the east and sub-parallel to the Pecos River.

Near the UIC wells study area, groundwater movement in the Culebra dolomite of the Rustler Formation is away from outcrop areas where recharge occurs. Due to the heterogeneity of the interbedded units near the UIC wells study area, groundwater flow is likely to the east in the direction of the regional geologic dip. Regionally, groundwater movement in the Rustler Formation is toward the Pecos River (Mercer, 1983).

### ***2.3.2.2 Local Perched Aquifer System***

When a perched aquifer develops in the Tansill Formation, groundwater movement will likely be lateral flow away from recharge areas along outcrops, controlled by the anisotropy of the interbedded geologic units.

## **2.3.3 Chemical Quality of Groundwater**

In New Mexico, water quality standards are defined in 20.6.2 NMAC. Numerical standards are defined in 20.6.2.3103, as "standards for ground water of 10,000 milligram per liter (mg/l) total dissolved solids (TDS) concentration or less." The numerical standards include a domestic value for chloride of 250 mg/L and TDS of 1,000 mg/L.

Groundwater is most likely to have the lowest concentrations of dissolved constituents near areas of recharge, lowest residence time in the aquifer, and in units with no or limited amounts of evaporite minerals.

Water quality samples were not collected as part of this study in existing wells and saturated units were not encountered in the test borings.

### **2.3.3.1 Regional Aquifer System**

The eastern boundary of the Roswell Artesian Aquifer lies west of the UIC wells and “does contain saline water along its eastern fringe, east of the river and beyond the zone in which water circulates rapidly from the recharge area to the river discharge area” (Barroll and Shomaker, 2003). This eastern fringe is most likely the portion of the artesian aquifer in the Grayburg Formation.

Historically, chloride concentrations have ranged from 15 to 7,000 mg/L in the Roswell Artesian Aquifer and from 20 to 3,700 mg/L in the Pecos Alluvium Aquifer (Welder, 1983). The highest chloride concentrations tend to be north of the UIC wells study area close to Roswell, and would have corresponding TDS concentrations exceeding 10,000 mg/L. Water quality data for either aquifer are sparse east of Artesia.

Limited data are available for water quality in the Rustler Formation. Data from studies at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) site indicate that a brine exists in the Rustler Formation with TDS concentrations ranging from 79,800 to 480,000 mg/L. These high concentrations are related to the dissolution of evaporite minerals (Mercer, 1983). Near the UIC wells study area, groundwater close to recharge areas on the outcrop would be expected to have lower TDS concentrations.

### **2.3.3.2 Local Perched Aquifer System**

No water quality data are available for the perched aquifer in the Tansill Formation. Local wells completed in the Tansill Formation are mostly used for livestock watering.

## **2.3.4 Potential Beneficial Uses of Groundwater**

Based on permits and available well information, beneficial uses of groundwater near the UIC wells study area include domestic, oil field maintenance, livestock, monitor, non-livestock water, prospecting for development of a natural resource, exploration, commercial, irrigation, and multi-domestic house (Petrotek, 2022).

## **2.3.5 Conceptual Groundwater Model**

The groundwater conceptual model is discussed in Sections 2.3.1 and 2.3.2.

### 3. Hydrogeologic Investigation

The intent of this hydrogeologic investigation was to determine if groundwater occurred near the UIC wells to depths of 150 to 160 feet bgs. No groundwater was encountered in the boreholes drilled corresponding to WDW-2, WDW-3, and WDW-4.

#### 3.1 Procedures and Methods

The borehole at WDW-4-BH-1 was advanced to 150 feet bgs as described in detail in the approved work plan (Appendix A). At OCD's request during real-time lithologic review, boreholes WDW-2-BH-1 and WDW-3-BH-1 were extended an additional 10 feet, for a total depth of 160 feet bgs. Utility clearance, permits, and drilling and waste handling procedures are provided in the work plan.

The groundwater investigation boreholes were drilled within 75 feet of the existing UIC wells to evaluate significant water-bearing zones to a total depth of 150 feet bgs or, as requested, to total depth of 160 feet bgs.

Evaluation of saturated lithology was completed as described in the approved work plan (Appendix A). Boreholes were advanced at each location (one borehole at each of the three accessible UIC well locations) using a sonic drilling method. The on-site DBS&A geologist evaluated core samples from the core barrel prior to advancement of the sonic outer casing. If any core samples had been identified as saturated, a temporary polyvinyl chloride (PVC) casing would have been installed in the borehole, and groundwater would have been allowed to fill the borehole for a period of 2 hours.

No saturated lithology was identified by the on-site geologist at any of the boreholes. No significant water-bearing zones were identified. Significant water-bearing zones were defined by OCD as any lithologic layers with saturated material.

Borehole WDW-3-BH-1 had one thin layer that was potentially saturated, and when the drilling reached total depth, the outer sonic casing was lifted to 75 feet bgs and remained open overnight to verify that no lithologic units would produce significant water.

## 3.2 Site Evaluation

### 3.2.1 Project Planning

DBS&A completed the groundwater investigation boreholes at each of the three accessible UIC wells at HFSNR (Figures 1 and 2a through 2c). Locations were pre-approved by OCD prior to field mobilization. In compliance with OCD, each of the three groundwater investigation borehole locations was installed southwest of (which was assumed to be hydrologically downgradient) and within 75 feet from each UIC well. Locations were placed as close as possible to the UIC wells to avoid existing infrastructure and existing UIC well access points. Groundwater investigation boreholes are labeled with UIC well ID in addition to the BH-1 designation; for example, the groundwater investigation borehole at WDW-4 was designated WDW-4-BH-1.

### 3.2.2 Permitting

HFSNR received permits from the U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and NMOSE prior to the groundwater borehole investigation.

#### 3.2.2.1 *New Mexico Office of the State Engineer*

NMOSE form W-07 for potential monitor well installation was submitted, and permit approval was received prior to field mobilization.

#### 3.2.2.2 *Bureau of Land Management*

The three wells investigated are on property owned by BLM. HFSNR is approved to operate and access the UIC well locations under right-of-way (ROW) permits obtained in 1999, 2003, and 2018, respectively, for UIC wells WDW-2, WDW-3, and WDW-4. The existing ROWs were amended to include a monitor well at each site. Land access was issued for NMOSE permitting by letter and BLM-approved ROW amendments based on SF-299 and 3160-3 (Appendix C).

### 3.2.3 Utility Clearance

Each of the four well locations was cleared for underground lines or utilities through proper channels: New Mexico One Call (NMOC) and refinery historical documents and maps. Each monitor well location was clearly marked with stakes and a white paint circle per NMOC direction.

In addition to the NMOC utility clearance, each monitor well location was evaluated with a hydrovac unit. Use of the hydrovac unit followed standard clearance procedure as directed by

HFSNR, with the well location at the center of the 5-foot by 5-foot "L"-shaped excavation area and cleared to a depth of 10 feet. Hydrovac excavation results for each location were as follows:

- WDW-2-BH-1: Cleared with hydrovac and mechanical excavation to a depth of 10 feet.
- WDW-3-BH-1: Cleared with hydrovac to a depth of ~8 feet with refusal. No visible underground unknowns.
- WDW-4-BH-1: Cleared to a depth of 9 feet with refusal using mechanical excavation. No visible underground unknowns.

Approval by HFSNR and OCD was given for clearance at the above depths close to 10 feet with refusal. The excavated materials were visually inspected for evidence of environmental impacts. Impacts were not observed in any of the three hydrovac excavations. With the hydrovac excavation completed at these three locations, OCD issued approval to backfill with clean fill.

The excavated materials were contained and transported within the vac truck to the refinery for safe storage and security. Materials were properly labeled, characterized, and then appropriately managed with off-site disposal.

The NMOC and hydrovac clearance were completed prior to any excavation by the drilling contractor.

### **3.3 Data Presentation**

#### **3.3.1 Field Investigation at WDW-2, WDW-3, and WDW-4**

Boreholes were advanced to 150 feet bgs per the approved work plan (Appendix A) or as field requested by OCD to 160 feet bgs. Borehole lithology is presented in Figures 5a through 5c and Appendix D. Photographs taken during the investigation are provided in Appendix E. Field notes are provided in Appendix F. All three borehole locations demonstrate lithology of interbedded clay with anhydrite indicative of the Tansill and Salado Formations. No significant water-bearing zones were encountered in any of the three completed boreholes. During drilling, DBS&A staff maintained close communication with OCD and HFSNR project managers. OCD approved drilling completion at each borehole depth: WDW-2-BH-1 at 160 feet, WDW-3-BH-1 at 160 feet, and WDW-4-BH-1 at 150 feet. Monitor wells were not installed due to the absence of a significant water-bearing zone. Boreholes were plugged according to NMOSE permit conditions (Appendix C).



### 3.3.2 Sonic Drilling

Drilling was conducted by Cascade Environmental® (Cascade). Sonic drilling advanced each borehole to a total depth of 150 or 160 feet bgs. Cascade drilled the boreholes with a 600-T Sonic rig using 6-inch core barrels within an 8-inch-diameter borehole. Core samples were collected and evaluated by the DBS&A on-site geologist.

- WDW-2-BH-1: Advanced to 160 feet bgs with approval from OCD. Dry at 160 feet bgs. The borehole was abandoned with bentonite. WDW-2-BH-1 was drilled from October 7 to 10, 2023.
- WDW-3-BH-1: Advanced to 160 feet bgs with approval from NMOSE/BLM (not specified in field notes); borehole was dry. Left to sit overnight and did not make water. The borehole was abandoned with bentonite. There was 4 feet of slough in bottom of borehole. WDW-3-BH-1 was drilled from October 3 to 7, 2023.
- WDW-4-BH-1: Advanced to 160 feet bgs. Dry at 160 feet bgs. The borehole was abandoned with bentonite. WDW-4-BH-1 was drilled from October 11 to 12, 2023 and October 18 to 20, 2023.

### 3.3.3 Boring Depth and Drilling Conditions

Boreholes were advanced to 150 or 160 feet bgs as described in the OCD approved work plan. Upon reaching a depth of 150 feet, OCD requested an additional 10 feet of depth at WDW-2-BH-1 and WDW-3-BH-1. Drilling at WDW-2 and WDW-3 locations was similar, with nearly full sample recovery and smooth drilling. At WDW-4-BH-1, the lithology was harder, which led to a slower penetration rate. WDW-4-BH-1 reached total depth of 150 feet bgs. Each of the three borings was drilled without issue into dry formations.

No significant water-bearing zones were identified during the drilling; therefore, no monitor wells were installed. There was no visible indication of petroleum in cuttings and cores for any of the three borings.

### 3.3.4 Geology and Lithology

Geology observed in the field at each site matches the geologic map (Figure 3), and consists of recent soil and alluvial sediments that cover bedrock formations of the Salado and Tansill Formations.

The lithology corresponds to the expected geology. The surficial material consists of silt, silty sand, and silty sands with some gravel. Depths of unconsolidated material range from 6 feet bgs at WDW-4-BH-1 to 30 feet bgs at WDW-3-BH-1. A fence diagram, or site-specific cross section across the three investigation boreholes, is provided as Figure 6.

Lithology of the Salado Formation was observed as interbedded clay and anhydrite, with minor amounts of siltstone that is consistent with descriptions by Kelley (1971).

Lithology of the Tansill Formation was interbedded clay and anhydrite with minor dolomite. Dolomite was observed as 2.5-foot layers at a depth of 150 feet bgs in WDW-3-BH-1 and at a depth of 145 feet bgs in WDW-4-BH-1 (Figures 5b, 5c, and 6).

### **3.3.5 Observed Soil Moisture**

Borehole lithology was primarily dry anhydrite with interbedded layers of clay (Figures 5a through 5c and Appendix D). Clay layers were slightly moist to moist, with a few thin layers of clay observed to be very moist. The observed moisture in clay units was not classified as significant water-bearing zones. Movement of moisture into the boreholes occurred while drilling or when the boreholes were allowed to remain open while waiting on water.

Only one location was identified as potentially saturated with groundwater—a 1-inch layer of silt (ML) in WDW-3-BH-1 at a depth of 80 feet bgs. This apparent saturation was determined to be an artifact from sonic drilling, and is not representative of a saturated lithologic unit. On October 6, 2023, OCD requested evaluation of this apparently saturated area. Per OCD request, two evaluations of potential significant water-bearing formations were conducted at WDW-3-BH-1. With a borehole depth of 150 feet bgs, the sonic outer casing was lifted to a depth of 147 feet bgs to evaluate any significant water from 147 to 150 feet bgs. Water was not detected after 1 hour. OCD requested additional drilling to a total depth of 160 feet bgs. The borehole remained open from 75 to 160 feet bgs overnight to verify that no lithologic units would produce significant water. To confirm if water was present, the DBS&A on-site geologist attempted to measure the water level and attempted to collect water with a bailer sampling device. No water was detected in the borehole.

No other saturated lithology was identified by the on-site geologist, and no water-bearing zones were identified.

### 3.3.6 Borehole Plugging and Abandonment

As approved in the work plan and by OCD through e-mail, no monitor wells were installed due to dry conditions. All three boreholes (WDW-2-BH-1, WDW-3-BH-1, and WDW-4-BH-1) were abandoned and plugged with bentonite grout according to NMOSE guidelines. Well record forms have been submitted to NMOSE (Appendix G).

### 3.3.7 Waste Disposal

Drilling waste material was stored at HFSNR for characterization. Laboratory samples indicated that waste was non-hazardous. Material was disposed of as typical refinery waste and hauled by HFSNR's subcontracted waste hauler.

### 3.3.8 Well Survey

Monitor wells were not installed; therefore no well survey was completed. Borehole location coordinates and elevations are provided in Table 2.

## 3.4 Data Discussion

During the sonic drilling, data were collected in the field related to the lithology at each site. Regional or perched aquifers were not encountered during drilling activities, so no data on water levels or chemical character of groundwater could be collected. Geologic observations can be used to infer possible hydrogeologic characteristics of the rocks.

### 3.4.1 Evaluation of Lithology and Geology

Two borings at WDW-2 and WDW-3 were advanced into the Salado Formation and one boring at WDW-4 was advanced into the Tansill Formation of the Artesia Group (Figure 6). The Salado Formation was deposited after the Capitan Reef system, but in a similar depositional environment as the Tansill Formation. The formations were deposited on mud flats that were a shallow water depositional environment often inundated by fresh water or salt water. The lithology of the rocks reflects the cyclic nature of deposition and evaporation as demonstrated by the interbedded layers of clay, silt, anhydrite, and dolomite. All three borings encountered these interbedded lithologies.

In the Artesia area and north of the Capitan Reef, the Tansill Formation transitions from being dominated by dolomite to more evaporite beds with thin beds of dolomite (Kelley, 1971). These relationships were observed at WDW-4-BH-1; anhydrite and clay were the dominant lithologies,

with minor thin beds of dolomite. The Salado Formation has most likely experienced extensive dissolution of halite and other evaporite minerals and has variable thickness. According to Kelley (1971), a distinguishing characteristic of the Salado Formation is the color of the anhydrite, which is typically more of a red color compared to the gray color typical of the anhydrite in the Tansill Formation. Based on color changes in the borings at WDW-2-BH-1 and WDW-3-BH-1, the contact between the formations is about 60 feet bgs, or about 3,540 feet msl.

### **3.4.2 Evaluation of Hydrogeology**

Although groundwater was not encountered, the general hydrogeologic character of the rocks may be inferred. The interbedded clay and anhydrite are likely to have quite low permeabilities. Movement of groundwater will be limited in the vertical direction due to the anisotropic nature of the units. Horizontal groundwater movement will be limited by the low permeability of the lithologies. The siltstone and dolomite units are minor components of the observed conditions in the borings, and will have limited permeability unless they have been fractured. Fracture permeability typically is developed when dissolution of evaporites has caused the subsidence or collapse within the formations. The distribution pattern of this dissolution is not well established but is most likely heterogeneous, resulting in variable permeability within the geologic units. Groundwater movement in the fractured units will be limited in the vertical direction due to changes in lithology, with many of the beds less than 10 feet thick and often only 1 or 2 feet thick. Horizontal movement may be maintained until fracturing diminishes or the lithologic unit is truncated by a facies change.

### **3.4.3 Limitations of Data**

Available groundwater data are limited, with few existing wells in this area, which is likely a result of the poor quantity and quality of usable groundwater in the area. The geologic literature is presented in a regional context, with no studies related to the hydrogeology of the Tansill and Salado Formations in the UIC wells study area.

Groundwater in regional or perched aquifers was not encountered in any of the borings drilled for this study. Hydrogeology data deeper than about 160 feet bgs have been interpreted from regional studies and records related to the WDW wells.

## 4. Conclusions

### 4.1 Geologic Conditions in the Tansill and Salado Formations

Based on the geologic maps, regional geologic studies, and the data collected during this hydrogeologic investigation, the borings drilled are in the Salado and Tansill Formations. These units consist of interbedded clay and anhydrite and, to a lesser extent, siltstone dolomite; these dominant lithologies were observed in all three borings.

The Tansill and Salado Formations do not host regional aquifer systems, but the Tansill Formation may have a localized, perched aquifer in more permeable portions near outcrops that receive groundwater recharge.

### 4.2 Local Perched Aquifer Conditions

Borehole lithology at WDW-2-BH-1, WDW-3-BH-1, and WDW-4-BH-1 shows interbedded clay and anhydrite with dry conditions. All three borings appear to be Salado and Tansill Formations. Although perched water was not observed in the Tansill Formation, perched aquifer conditions may occur in permeable portions of the formation near outcrops that receive recharge.

Based on observations in the three borings, the UIC wells have not leaked between ground surface and 150 or 160 feet bgs.

### 4.3 Potential Occurrence of Groundwater with Total Dissolved Solids less than 10,000 mg/L near the UIC wells

Groundwater with TDS concentrations less than 10,000 mg/L may occur in the UIC wells study area. Very little groundwater well information is available. The available groundwater data indicate that regional groundwater may exist at approximately 450 feet bgs. The only known occurrence was detected during drilling of WDW-4 when "usable" water was documented in the Grayburg Formation. The Grayburg Formation is about 900 feet thick in the UIC wells study area, and occurs at an elevation of about 1,600 to 2,500 feet msl.

#### 4.3.1 Potential Perched Aquifer

The Tansill Formation may have a local perched aquifer near outcrops receiving recharge. Due to the relatively short residence time in a perched aquifer, the water is likely to have a TDS concentration less than 10,000 mg/L.

### 4.3.2 Regional Aquifer

The only regional aquifer that may be located at the UIC wells is the Roswell Artesian Aquifer if it has leaked into the Grayburg Formation. The salinity of the Roswell Artesian Aquifer typically increases at and east of the Pecos River, but water quality data are not available. Historical data for the artesian aquifer indicate chloride concentrations as great as 7,000 mg/L east of Roswell (Welder, 1983). Chloride concentrations of this magnitude or greater could be due to dissolution of evaporite minerals like halite found in younger geologic units like the Salado Formation and mixing of groundwaters. If chloride concentrations have historically been as high as 7,000 mg/L, the corresponding TDS concentrations would be expected to be greater than 10,000 mg/L to account for the corresponding cation concentrations necessary to charge balance this elevated chloride concentration. The Grayburg Formation is expected to have saline groundwater due to dissolution of minerals in the Salado and Tansill Formations near the UIC wells.

The Rustler Formation and the Culebra Dolomite occur east of the UIC wells study area, and are not likely to be impacted by any releases. Due to the relatively low-permeability geologic units like the Salado Formation and within the Rustler Formation, there is expected to be limited hydraulic connection from the UIC wells to the Rustler Formation.

The Pecos Valley Alluvium Aquifer is about 4 miles west of the closest UIC well, WDW-4. Due to the distance and vertical anisotropy of the local geologic units, there is expected to be limited hydraulic connection from the UIC wells to the Pecos Valley Alluvium Aquifer.

## 4.4 Potential Groundwater Impacts

The UIC wells are not likely to impact groundwater resources. Local hydrogeologic conditions will limit connectivity, and the potential for release will be limited by UIC well operation, maintenance, and required testing.

A perched aquifer may be developed in the Tansill Formation and, if existing, is expected to be of limited extent. If such a perched aquifer exists, it would be within 250 feet of ground surface.

The only regional aquifer near the UIC wells that could potentially be impacted is the Roswell Basin Artesian Aquifer in the Grayburg Formation. There are a limited number of wells completed in the Artesia Group near the UIC wells study area, likely related to saline water quality. The water quality is not known near the UIC wells. Data indicate that historical chloride concentrations in the aquifer near Roswell have been as high as 7,000 mg/L.

The design and operation of the UIC wells are intended to limit the potential for release of injectate into the surrounding environment. The wells have multiple casings with annular cement seals, tubing installed with a packer system to isolate the injection zones, and a vertical separation between the injection zone and shallow groundwater resources. With the limited groundwater resources in the UIC wells study area, potential releases are not likely to impact groundwater.

Routine testing including mechanical integrity testing (MIT) provides data on the competence of the annular cement seals, casings, and packer to demonstrate that the system delivers water to the deep injection zone.

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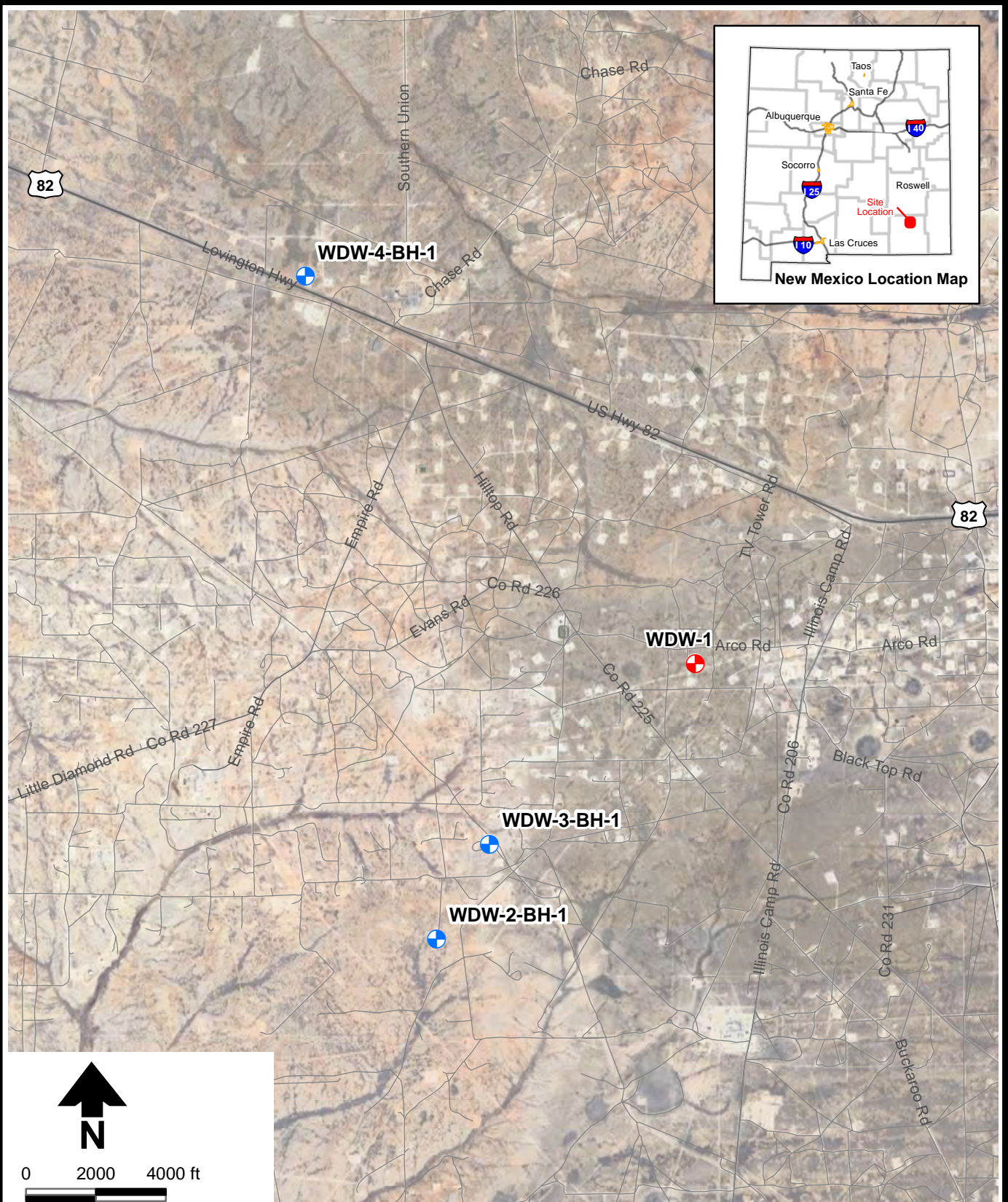


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**Explanation**

-  Monitor well investigation borehole
-  Underground injection control (UIC) well

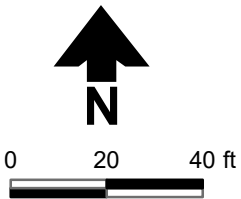
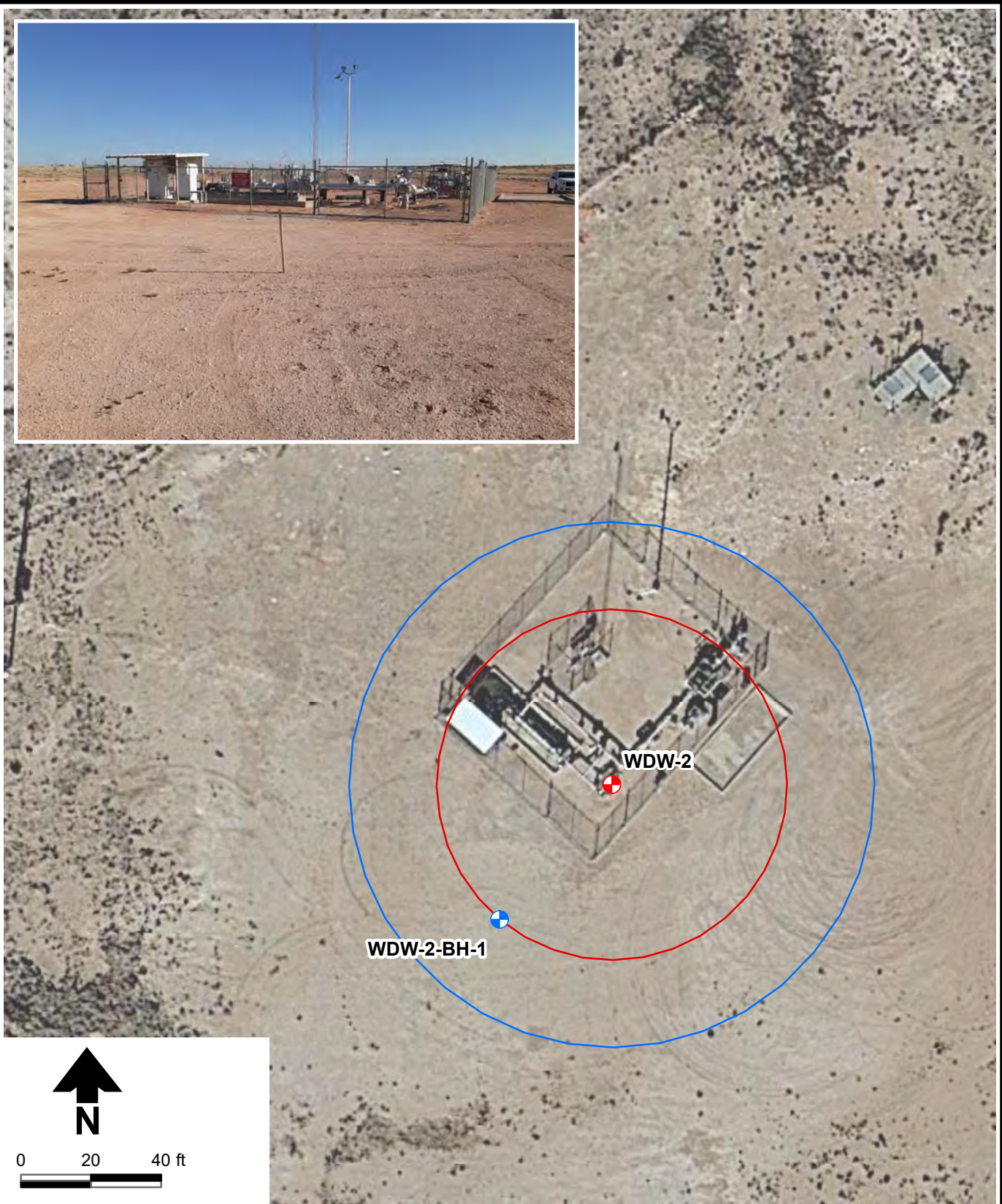


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Area Map**

Figure 1



**Explanation**

-  Monitor well investigation borehole
-  Underground Injection Control Well (UIC)
-  50 foot radius from UIC well
-  75 foot radius from UIC well

Base image source: Google Earth Pro, 12/21/2019

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**WDW-2**

**Monitor Well Investigation Borehole**



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Figure 2a

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**Explanation**

-  Monitor well investigation borehole
-  Underground Injection Control Well (UIC)
-  50 foot radius from UIC well
-  75 foot radius from UIC well

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**WDW-3**

**Monitor Well Investigation Borehole**

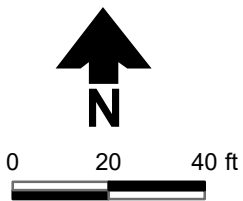
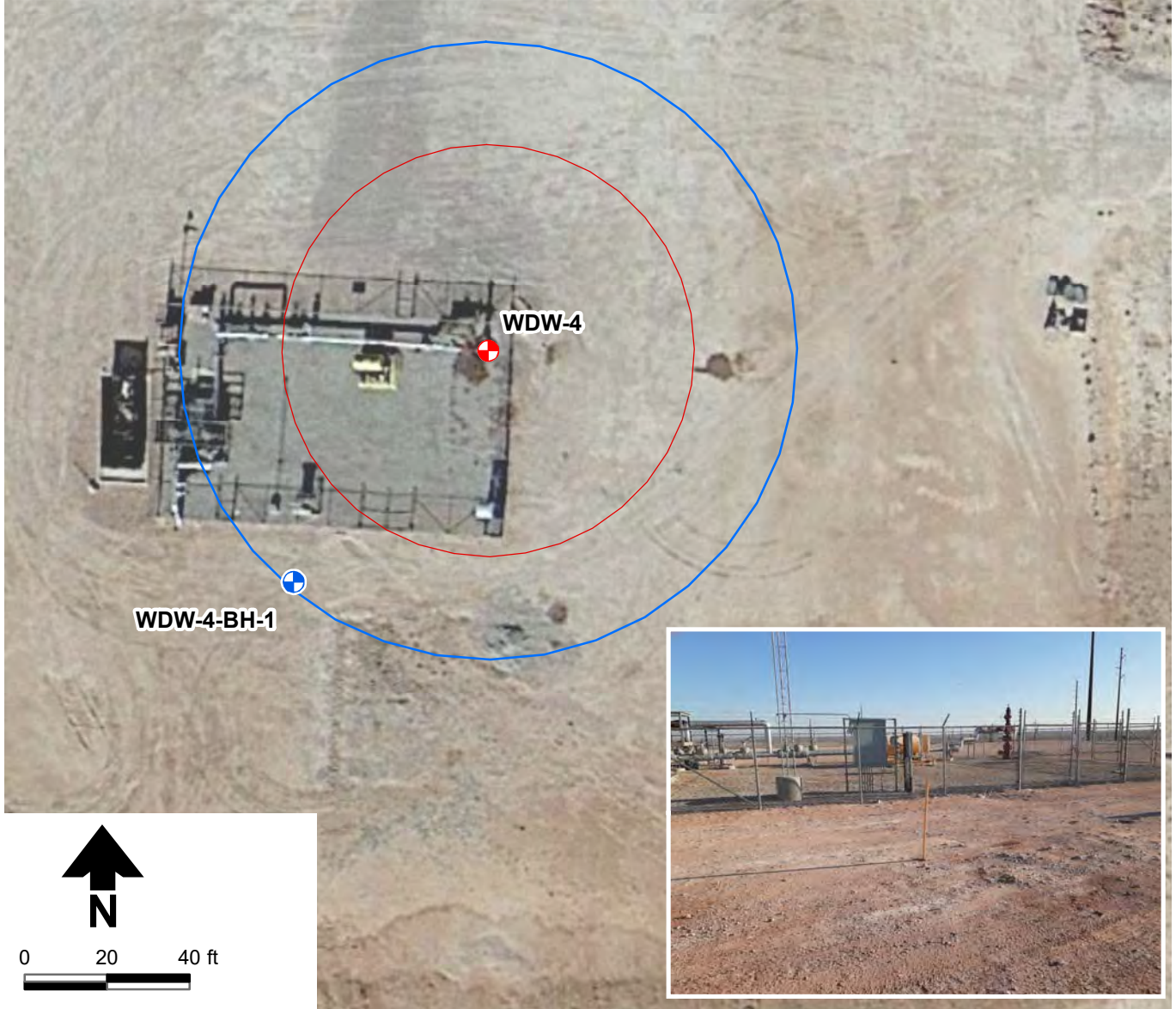


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Figure 2b

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**Explanation**

-  Monitor well investigation borehole
-  Underground Injection Control Well (UIC)
-  50 foot radius from UIC well
-  75 foot radius from UIC well

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**WDW-4**

**Monitor Well Investigation Borehole**



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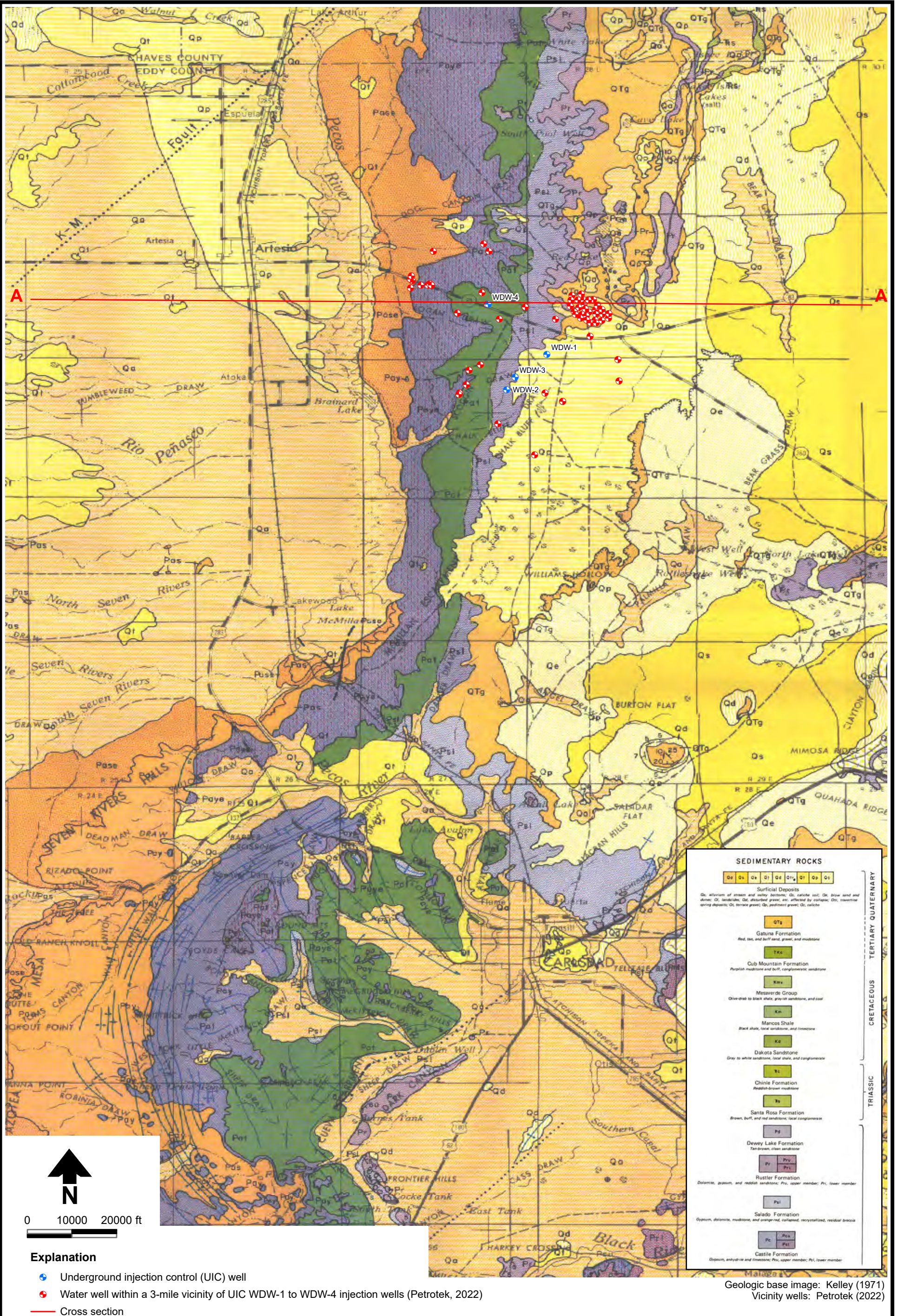


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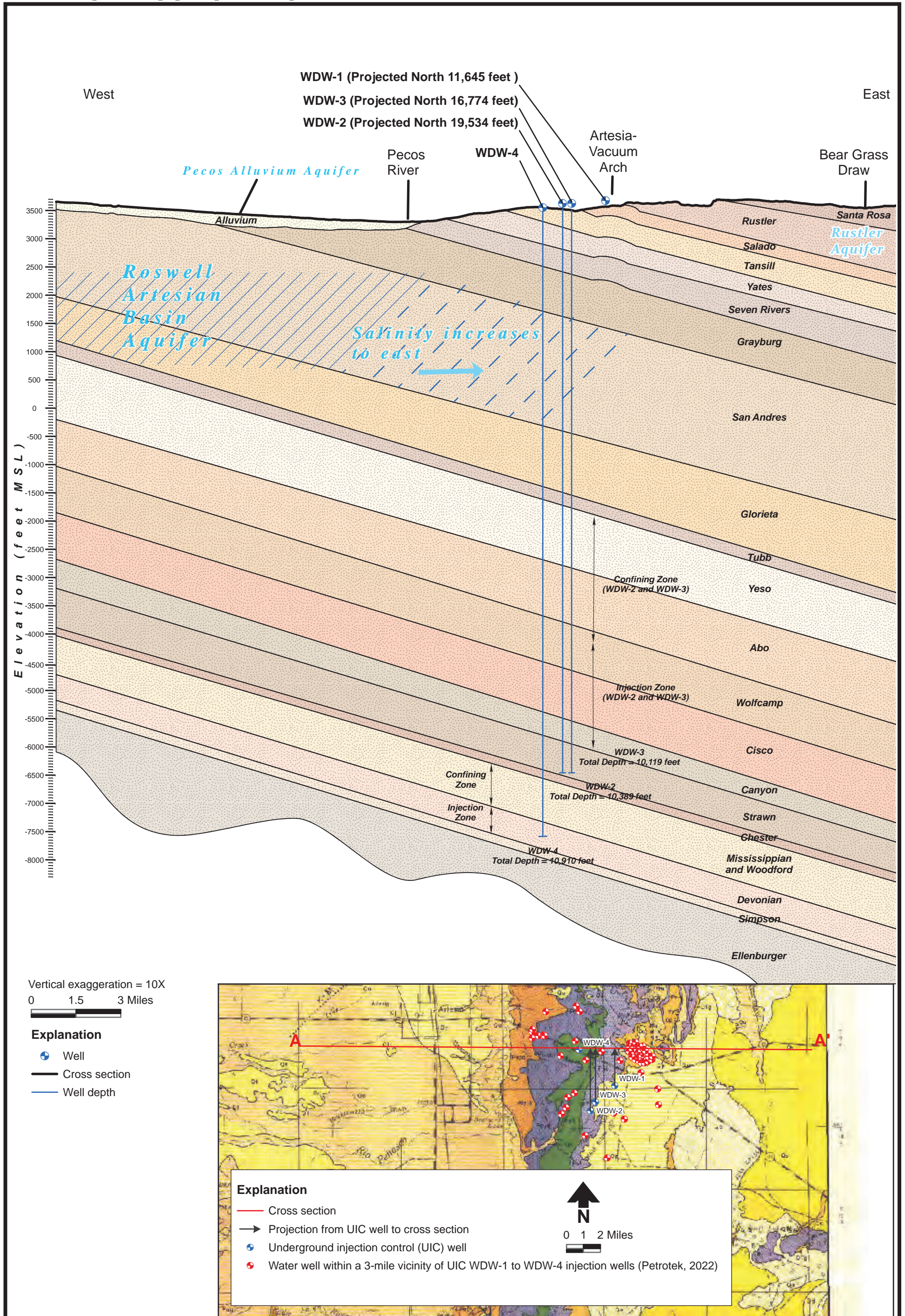
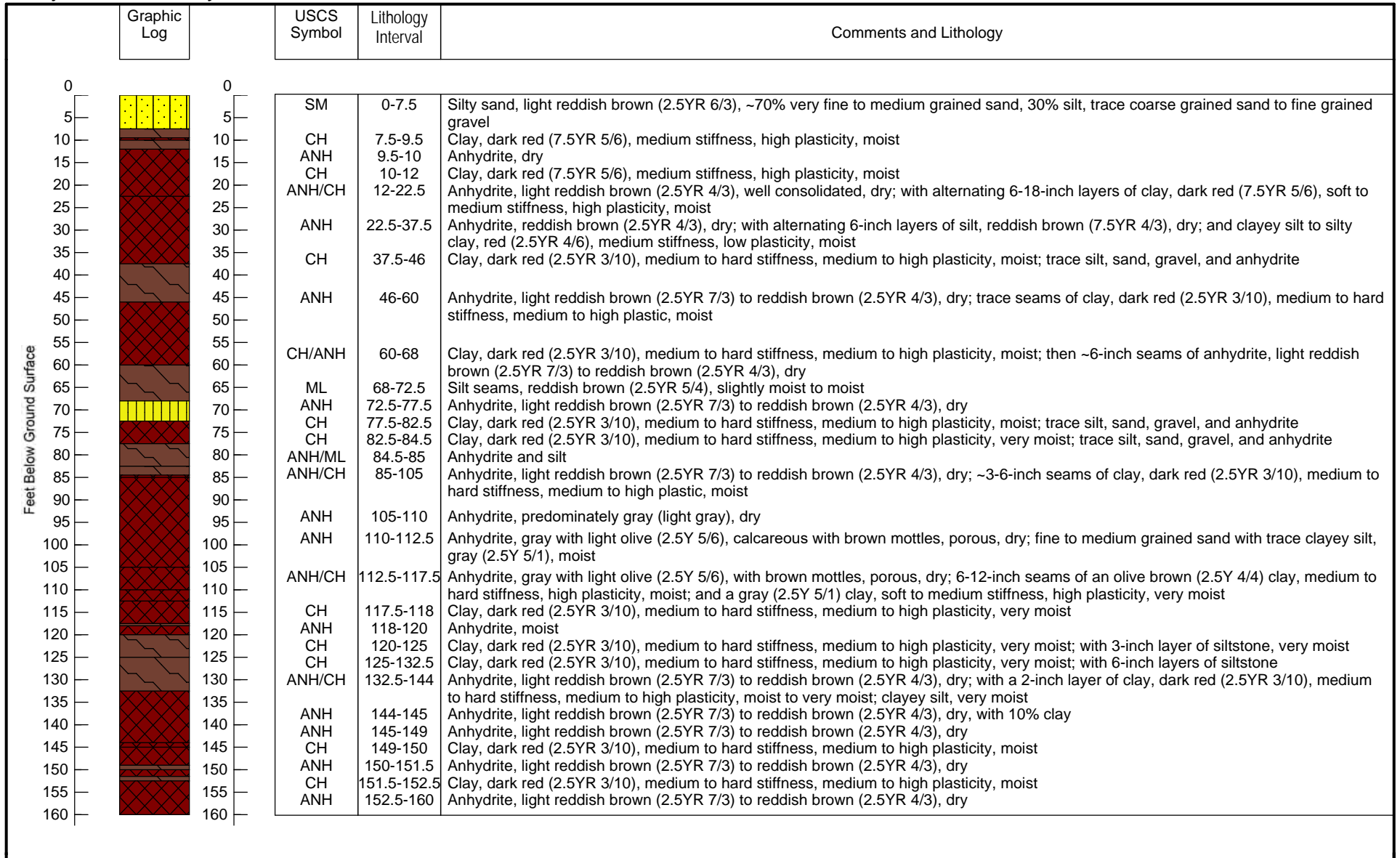


Figure 4





Geologist: M.D/D.M

Driller: Cascade Drilling

Date completed: 10-10-23

Drilling method: Sonic

Bit diameter: 8" O.D.

Sampling method: Core Barrel

USCS key:

ANH - Anhydrite

SM - Sands with fines

ML - Silts of low plasticity

CL - Clays of low plasticity

CH - Clays of high plasticity

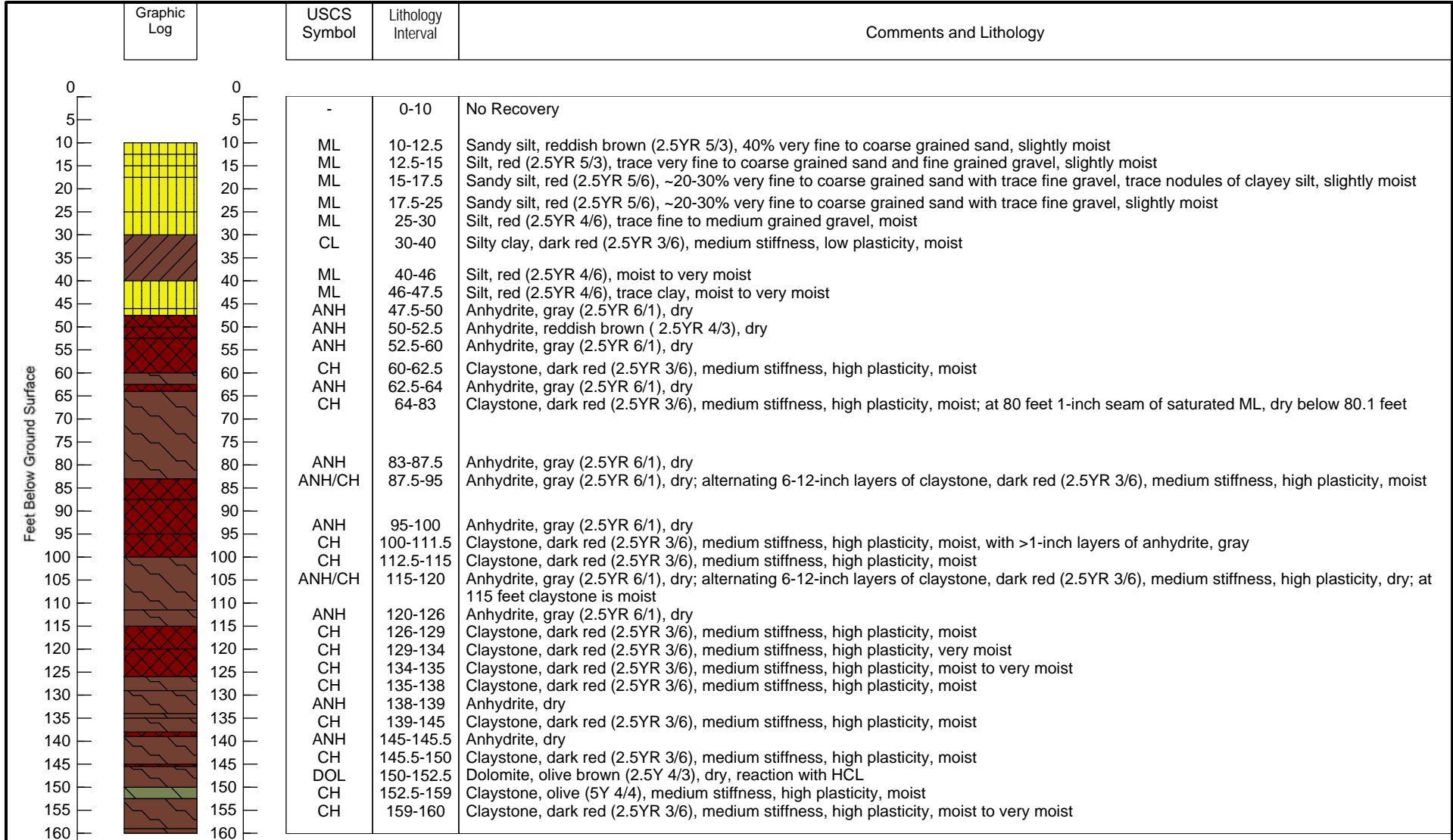
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Soil Boring Log: WDW-2-BH-1





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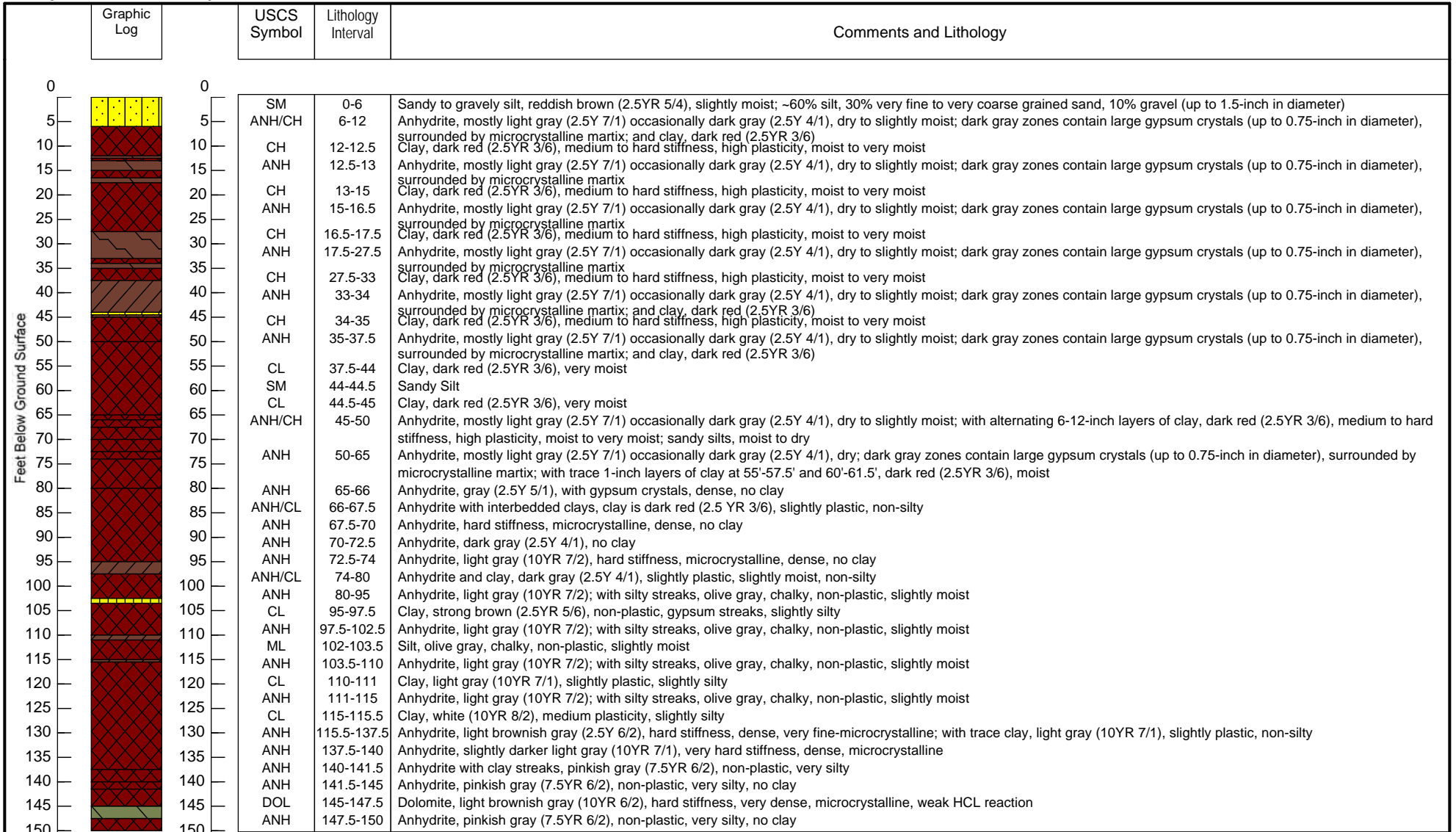
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 DOL - Dolomite  
 ML - Silts of low plasticity  
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 CH - Clays of high plasticity

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 Soil Boring Log: WDW-3-BH-1**



Figure 5b



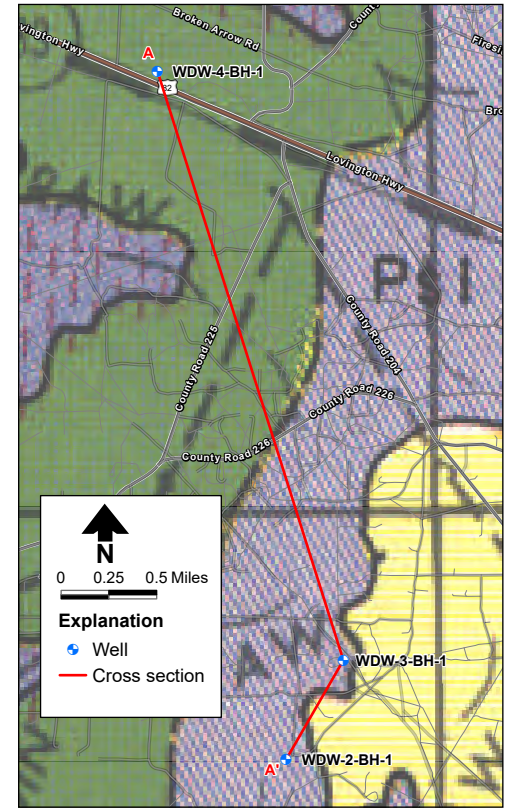
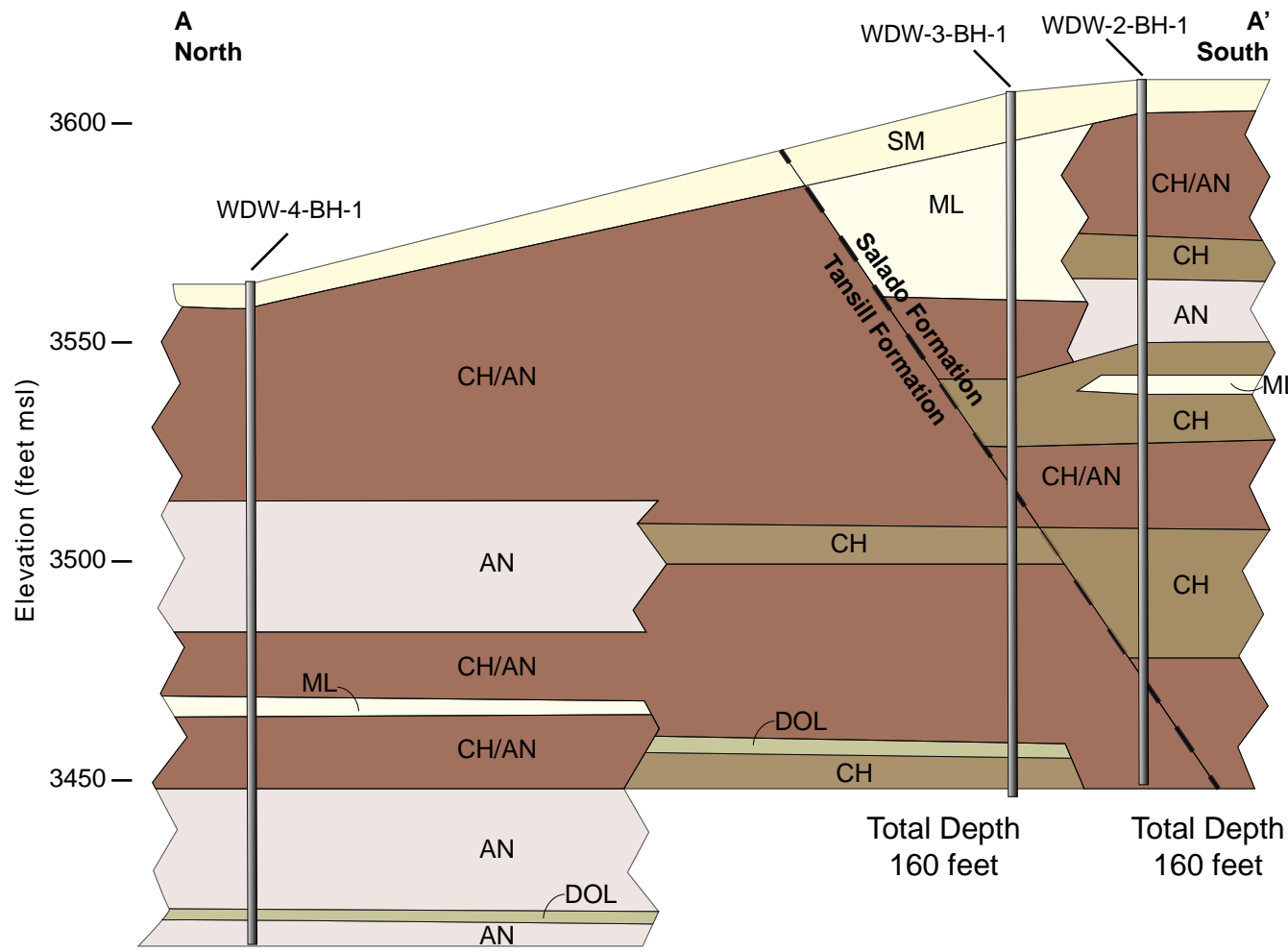
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**Soil Boring Log: WDW-4-BH-1**





**Explanation**

- Well
- Cross section

Scale  
1 inch = 5,000 feet  
Vertical exaggeration = 100x

**Explanation**

- SM Silty sand
- CH/AN Interbedded clay and anhydrite, minor silt
- CH Clay
- AN Anhydrite, minor clay
- DOL Dolomite
- ML Silt
- Salado/Tansill Formation geologic contact

**HF SINCLAIR NAVAJO REFINERY  
Fence Diagram from WDW-4-BH-1 to WDW-2-BH-1**

Figure 6

# Tables

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**Table 1. Stratigraphy Near Artesia, New Mexico**

Geologic Age	Geologic Formation	Comments
Quaternary	Alluvium of the Pecos River Valley	
Triassic	Santa Rosa Sandstone	
Permian	Rustler Formation	Units include the Magenta Dolomite and Culebra Dolomite
	Salado Formation	
	Artesia Group - Tansill Formation	
	Artesia Group - Yates Formation	
	Artesia Group - Seven Rivers Formation	
	Artesia Group - Queen Formation	Typically grouped with Grayburg Formation
	Artesia Group - Grayburg Formation	
	San Andres Limestone	
	Glorieta Sandstone	
	Tubb Formation	Typically grouped with Yeso Formation
	Yeso Formation	Confining zone for UIC wells WDW-2 and WDW-3
	Abo Formation	
	Wolfcamp	Injection zone for UIC wells WDW-2 and WDW-3
Pennsylvanian	Cisco Group	
	Canyon Group	
	Strawn Group	
	Chester	
Mississippian	Mississippian Series	Confining zone for UIC well WDW-4
	Woodford Shale	
Devonian	Devonian Series	Injection zone for UIC well WDW-4
	Montoya Dolomite	
	Simpson Group	
Ordovician	Ellenburger	

Sources: Comer, 1991; Kelley, 1971

**Table 2. UIC Well and Borehole Coordinates**

Name	Latitude	Longitude	Ground Surface Elevation (feet msl)	Depth (feet bgs)
WDW-2	32.76366	-104.23848	3,613	10,372
WDW-3	32.77121	-104.23328	3,609	10,119
WDW-4	32.81581	-104.25003	4,525	10,910
WDW-2-BH-1	32.76360	-104.23860	3,613	160
WDW-3-BH-1	32.77114	-104.23344	3,609	160
WDW-4-BH-1	32.81586	-104.25011	4,525	150

Data are from field measurements and Google Earth; no survey was conducted as part of this investigation.  
Datum is North American Datum (NAD)1983 and the geographic coordinate system is North American 1983.  
msl = Above mean sea level  
bgs = Below ground surface

# Appendix A

## Work Plan

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# Work Plan for Monitor Well Installation and Sampling

## HF Sinclair Navajo Refinery

### Artesia, New Mexico

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## 1. Introduction

Daniel B. Stephens & Associates, Inc. (DBS&A) has prepared this work plan to install four monitor wells and complete water quality sampling at each of the four underground injection control (UIC) wells at the HF Sinclair Navajo Refinery (HFSNR) in Artesia, New Mexico. This work plan has been prepared on behalf of HFSNR at the request of the New Mexico Energy, Minerals, and Natural Resources Department (NMEMNRD) Oil Conservation Division (OCD). This work plan incorporates project details for the drilling of four monitor wells as stated in Condition 2B of the UIC discharge permits (UICI-008-1, UICI-008-2, UICI-008-3, and UICI-008-4), which are up for renewal November 22, 2022. The described monitor wells are intended to evaluate the uppermost water-bearing unit downgradient of injection wells (WDW-1, -2, -3 and -4) for water level and water quality monitoring. All activities proposed in this work plan will be completed under the guidance of OCD's quality assurance project plan (QAPP) (OCD, 2014) and DBS&A standard operating procedures (SOPs).

## 2. Scope of Work

This work plan includes a detailed description of monitor well installation and groundwater quality monitoring as part of OCD's request and UIC discharge permits (UICI-008-1, UICI-008-2, UICI-008-3, and UICI-008-4). Monitor well installation will meet requirements as stated in discharge permits Section 2B, as well as OCD e-mailed instructions, as follows:

At least one groundwater monitoring well shall be installed in proximity of and hydrogeologically downgradient from WDW-2. The monitoring well(s) shall be screened into the uppermost water-bearing unit using 15 feet of well screen with the top of the screened interval positioned 5 feet above the water table. (Discharge permit Section 2B)

Objective: Place a groundwater monitoring well within 50 ft hydrogeologically downgradient from each WDW injection well location with a quarterly monitoring schedule consistent with related permit reporting. Monitor well construction shall be as prescribed by the current permit or as approved by the OCD based on site-specific conditions. Provide well logs with water quality (i.e., General Chemistry, TPH and BTEX) data from completed and/or constructed MWs to complete the WQCC Public Notice process. (OCD requirements sent via e-mail by Carl Chavez)

## 2.1 Site Evaluation and Field Preparation

### 2.1.1 Project Planning

DBS&A will ensure that all necessary monitor well permits, UIC well access, and utility clearances are obtained. A site-specific health and safety plan (HASP) will be drafted to address health and safety issues associated with the proposed project activities. The HASP will be adhered to by all DBS&A personnel and subcontractors while working on the project.

The following is the projected milestone schedule for monitor well installation. The schedule is subject to change based on driller availability. The schedule with projected dates will be drafted upon OCD acceptance of the work plan and selection of the drilling contractor.

- New Mexico Office of the State Engineer (OSE) permits and drilling contractor quotes: 60 days from OCD work plan approval.
- Contract signed and work scheduled with drilling contractor: 90 days from OCD work plan approval.
- Drillers and DBS&A mobilize to the field: 120 days from contract date with drilling contractor [subject to change depending on driller availability].
- Drilling schedule will be communicated to OCD
  - ◇ Carl Chavez: 505.660.7923, carlj.chavez@emnrd.nm.gov
  - ◇ Phil Goetz: 505.660.8274, philip.goetze@emnrd.nm.gov
- Monitor wells completed and developed: 60 days from field mobilization. Expecting each monitor well may require approximately 1.5 weeks for drilling, water-bearing zone evaluation, construction, and well development.
- Water quality sampling event: Within 60 days of completion and development of the monitor well.

- Monitor well survey: 90 days from date of completion of the monitor well [subject to change depending on contractor availability].
- Waste material characterization and disposal: 90 days from completion of the final monitor well [subject to change depending on contractor availability].
- Well completion report: 90 days after water quality results are received from the analytical laboratory.

### **2.1.2 Permitting and Well Locations**

Bureau of Land Management (BLM) permit form SF-299 will be submitted upon OCD approval of this work plan. OSE W-07 form for monitor well installation will be submitted, with approval received prior to field mobilization. The current land owner for UIC well WDW-1 has been contacted for land access permissions. Written permission of access will be included in the OSE permit applications. Appropriate permits will be obtained with recognition that OCD has environmental jurisdiction. Every effort will be made to ensure permitting does not delay the schedule.

The proposed monitor well locations are provided on Figures 1 through 2d. Monitor well locations will be pre-approved by OCD prior to submission of permit applications. In compliance with OCD, each of the four monitor wells will be installed within 75 feet southwest (hydrologically downgradient) of each UIC well. Monitor wells have been located as close as possible to the requested OCD footage allowance of 50 feet and directionally to the southwest. Monitor wells locations were placed with OCD approval to avoid existing infrastructure and existing UIC well access points. Monitor wells are labeled with UIC well ID in addition to the MW-1 designation; for example, the monitor well at WDW-4 will receive a well name of WDW-4-MW-1 (Figures 1 and 2d).

### **2.1.3 Utility Clearance**

Each of the four well locations will be cleared for underground lines or utilities through proper channels: New Mexico One Call (NMOC) and refinery historical documents and maps. The drilling contractor will be responsible for submitting the request to NMOC at least 10 days prior to project kickoff and drill rig mobilization. Each monitor well location will be clearly marked with stakes and a white paint circle per NMOC directions. In addition to the NMOC utility clearance, each monitor well location will be evaluated with a hydrovac unit. Prior to the hydrovac excavation, the hydrovac contractor will submit a NMOC within 48 hours of breaking

ground. Use of the hydrovac unit will follow standard clearance procedure as directed by HFSNR. The well location will be at the center of the 5-foot by 5-foot "L"-shaped excavation area, where the area will be cleared to a minimum depth of 10 feet. The excavated material will be visually inspected for any evidence of environmental contamination. Regardless of whether impacted or clean, the materials will be contained and transported within the vac truck to the refinery for safe storage and security. Materials will be labeled properly, characterized, and then appropriately managed with off-site disposal. The NMOC and the hydrovac clearance will be completed prior to any excavation by the drilling contractor.

#### **2.1.4 Drilling Access**

Existing dirt and gravel roads are expected to provide stable access for the drilling rig. No overhead obstacles exist.

## **2.2 Drilling and Well Installation**

### **2.2.1 Drilling and Lithology**

HF Sinclair will contract with a drilling contractor that has a current and valid New Mexico well driller license issued by the OSE per 19.27.4 NMAC. The driller will install one monitor well at each of the UIC well locations. Each monitor well will be installed within 75 feet southwest (hydrologically downgradient) of each existing UIC well. The proposed monitor well locations are provided on Figures 1 through 2d.

Because the depths of the significant water-bearing zones are unclear, a temporary well will be installed and used to evaluate observed water-bearing zones.

The drilling contractor will advance each borehole (one at each UIC well location) using a sonic drilling method. The borehole will be advanced to a depth of 70 feet, where water is expected based on other wells in the area. Starting at 70 feet, the sonic core barrel will be removed from the borehole prior to advancement of the sonic outer casing. Core samples from the core barrel will be evaluated by the on-site DBS&A geologist. If the core samples appear saturated, a temporary polyvinyl chloride (PVC) casing will be installed in the borehole, and groundwater will be allowed to fill the borehole for a period of 2 hours.

Borehole groundwater in this temporary setup will be purged with a bailer or pump for initial evaluation. Field parameters will be assessed and recorded from each water bearing zone

(i.e., temporary well). If parameters indicate a likely total dissolved solid (TDS) concentration above 10,000 mg/L, a laboratory water quality sample will be collected and analyzed for TDS.

If the borehole appears to yield significant water, an attempt will be made to determine the specific capacity of the well during bailing or pumping. Specific capacity is the flow rate divided by the change in drawdown. Evaluation of the specific capacity results, field observations, and best professional judgement will be used to determine if a significant water-bearing zone was found. In general, the objective is to locate the local or regional water table aquifer (if present), not a perched zone.

These processes will be repeated in an iterative fashion until the borehole reaches a total depth of 150 feet. The borehole will be advanced to 150 feet regardless of significant water-bearing zone evaluation results unless OCD directs otherwise during borehole installation.

If the formation collapses into the exposed borehole annular space and PVC cannot be lowered to the desired depth, a sonic hydropunch sampler will be advanced to the desired depth. The sonic water sampler is equipped with a solid retrievable point and 2-inch diameter stainless steel screen that is 2 feet in length. The water sampler screen will be exposed, and the borehole will be left for 2 hours to allow for groundwater evaluation.

Final well design will be determined using results from significant water-bearing zone evaluation and best professional judgement. We will attempt to contact OCD as needed during borehole installation and at the completion of borehole drilling for comment on the well design.

The monitor well(s) will be screened into the significant water-bearing unit using 15 feet of well screen with the top of the screened interval positioned 5 feet above the water table, as indicated in Section 2B of the UIC discharge permits (UICI-008-1, UICI-008-2, UICI-008-3, and UICI-008-4). If the well design yields a screen interval above the total borehole depth of 150 feet, a bentonite seal will be installed via tremie from borehole bottom to seal off the lower portion of the borehole. The bentonite seal will be allowed to hydrate per manufacturer guidelines, with a minimum hydration time of 1 hour.

If the borehole is advanced to 150 feet without identification of a significant water-bearing zone, no monitor well will be installed.

A photoionization detector (PID) will be available on-site and will be used to measure any core samples that appear to contain volatile organic compounds based on best professional judgement. If odor or visual staining indicates contamination in core samples, the core sample

section will be placed in zip-close bags in the sun for PID analysis (DBS&A SOP 3.8 included in Appendix A). Any cores with an indication of volatiles will be tested using the PID following the SOP in Appendix A. No soil samples will be submitted for laboratory analysis. DBS&A technical staff will maintain detailed logs of materials encountered during drilling and will supervise all field activities.

### **2.2.2 Construction Water**

The drilling contractor will obtain access to potable water needed during construction. Sonic drilling requires 500 to 1,000 gallons of water per day to wet the geologic formation and release core materials from the override casing. Potable water is expected to be available at the refinery, and the drilling contractor is expected to coordinate with refinery staff. The drilling contractor will supply a water truck. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) environmental site decontamination protocols will be followed at all times. Proper decontamination of the drill rig, tools, drill pipe, drill bits, and equipment cleaning will be completed with potable water on the well pad at each location. Any fluids generated or used in the process of decontamination will be contained and disposed of properly using containment pads or other appropriate materials.

### **2.2.3 Waste Disposal**

All solid waste will be contained on location and removed by the refinery's on-site waste disposal contractor, S Brothers Waste Services, Inc. (S Brothers). All fluid waste will be contained in totes and transported to the refinery for disposal. All waste material will be visually inspected for any evidence of environmental contamination. The materials will be contained and transported to the refinery for storage and characterization. Materials (including hydrovac soils) will be hauled off-site for proper disposal.

### **2.2.4 Well Installation**

As required by the OCD, monitor wells will be constructed in compliance with state requirements (OCD and Ground Water Quality Bureau Monitoring Well Construction and Abandonment Guidelines, Revision 1.1). Wells will be completed using single casing Schedule 40 (SCH 40) PVC materials. The wells will include 0.020-inch-slot, machine-cut, certa-lok well screen with blank casing to the surface. Well screen will be set to split the water table with the screened interval such that 5 feet of screen sits above the water table and 10 feet of screen sits below the water table. Due to a regional decline in groundwater levels, we may consider requesting a longer screen interval than the 15 feet required by OCD. A filter pack

consisting of 10/20 silica sand will be installed in the well annulus from the bottom of the soil boring to at least 2 feet above the top of the screen. A minimum 5-foot-thick, activated bentonite pellet seal will then be installed on top of the filter pack and hydrated. The remaining annulus will be filled with a cement/bentonite grout. Each well will be completed with an aluminum riser that is 2 to 3 feet above ground with a locking cap. If a well location is modified to an area with high truck traffic, a flush mount well construction will be considered. A 2-foot by 2-foot concrete pad that is 6 inches thick (minimum) will be poured around the well vault. Four bollards will be installed as a protection barrier for the well.

The drilling contractor will file all required documentation with the OSE (e.g., well records) within 30 days of monitor well installation.

### **2.2.5 Well Development**

After completion, each newly installed monitor well will be developed by bailing and pumping methods. Pursuant to DBS&A SOPs (Appendix A), the well will be purged until temperature, pH, and conductivity have stabilized and turbidity has been reduced to the extent practicable. During pumping well development, water levels will be monitored, and an attempt will be made to calculate the specific capacity (which is the flow rate divided by the change in drawdown). All development water will be contained on-site and disposed of at the refinery or hauled off-site by S Brothers.

## **2.3 Water Quality Sampling**

DBS&A field staff will measure fluid levels in each of the four newly installed monitor wells and will collect water quality samples for laboratory analysis. Water levels will be measured to the nearest hundredth of a foot (0.01 foot) using an electronic water level meter. The water level meter will be decontaminated between wells prior to gauging. The water level measurements will be used to develop a map showing the locations of all monitor wells and the direction and gradient of groundwater flow at the facility. Water quality sampling will be conducted within a few weeks (depending on pump availability) following well installation and development. Standard DBS&A procedures for low-flow well sampling will be followed (Appendix A).

Wells will be purged and sampled using permanent newly installed bladder pumps in each well. Water quality sample collection timing will be completed once QED or similar pumps are available. These bladder pumps will be installed to a depth such that the pump sits within the screened interval far enough off the bottom of the well to avoid any sediment entrainment into

the pump. Once the pumps have been installed, the QED controller will be set to a low flow rate (between 0.25 and 0.5 gallon per minute [gpm]). During purging, the DBS&A field technician will measure water quality parameters, including temperature, specific conductance, and pH, to ensure that these parameters stabilize to within 10 percent for specific conductance, 2°C for temperature, and  $\pm 0.2$  pH units prior to sampling. Field parameters and volume purged will be recorded by DBS&A.

If a low-flow sampling technique cannot be sustained due to low formation water production, a standard three casing volume purge method will be used. The water level measurement will be used to calculate purge volume, where a minimum of three casing volumes will be purged from each monitor well prior to sampling. Each monitor well will be purged to ensure that stagnant water is removed from the well and that a representative sample of groundwater is obtained. Field parameters will be collected at least every casing volume during purging.

If the well goes dry, DBS&A will collect a sample upon sufficient water recovery. Sample containers will be filled as directed by an appropriately accredited laboratory. Sample containers will be opened and filled directly; no container will be rinsed prior to sample collection. A minimum volume of 1 liter will be collected and properly field filtered, with acid preservation as directed by Hall Environmental Analysis Laboratory (HEAL).

Quality assurance samples will be collected as directed in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and OCD's QAPP. For laboratory and field quality assurance, one duplicate, one field blank, one trip blank, and one equipment blank will be collected during each quarterly monitoring event. A blind duplicate will be collected and labeled such that the analytical laboratory cannot determine which location was duplicated. A sample ID such as DUP1-YYYYMMDD will be used. The field blank will consist of deionized water treated as a sample at the well location. The field blank will be labeled FB1-YYYYMMDD.

Samples will be analyzed at HEAL, an OCD approved and appropriately credited analytical laboratory, for the list of constituents in Table 1. These analyses will require approximately of 1 liter of sample. If sufficient sample is not available, analytical priority will be given to volatile organics and majors cations/anions. HEAL will apply the OCD laboratory services methods agreement to these samples.

Monitor wells will be sampled quarterly concurrent with UIC well sampling. The initial sample collection will be analyzed for the baseline list as indicated in Table 1. Results from the initial monitor well sample will be statistically compared to the associated UIC well and evaluated for



detections. HFSNR may petition OCD for a “one time” analyte list reduction for subsequent quarterly monitoring events based on evaluation of the baseline analytical results. Any reduction in analytical analysis must be approved by OCD prior to the quarterly monitoring event. If quarterly monitoring occurs before OCD has approved a reduction in analytes, the monitor wells will be sampled for the full baseline Table 1 analyte list.

## 2.4 Well Survey

The newly installed monitor wells will be surveyed by a New Mexico Licensed Professional Land Surveyor. Harcow Surveying has completed other surveying at the refinery; they will be contracted for this project. Survey points will be measured from ground level, top of casing inside the well riser, and the top of the cement well pad to the nearest 0.01 foot. Measurements will be collected based on feet above mean sea level from the nearest geodetic marker. Survey data will be collected based on New Mexico State Plane East Zone Coordinates and either collected or converted into latitude and longitude (to the nearest 5 decimal places) in North American Datum 1983 (NAD83).

## 2.5 Reporting

DBS&A will prepare a well completion report summarizing project activities and well installation details. The report will contain all project-related information including survey-updated well location maps, copies of the OSE-approved permits, a description of drilling methods and materials, as-built monitor well diagrams, water quality results, and lithology. All obtained field data such also be included such as water quality parameters (pH, oxidation/ reduction potential [ORP], electrical conductivity [EC], temperature) and detailed field notes. Conclusion and recommendation sections will be part of the well completion report, as well an evaluation of water quality between the newly installed monitor wells and each associated UIC well.

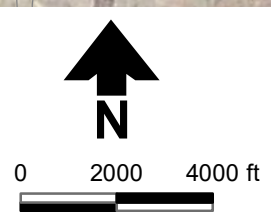
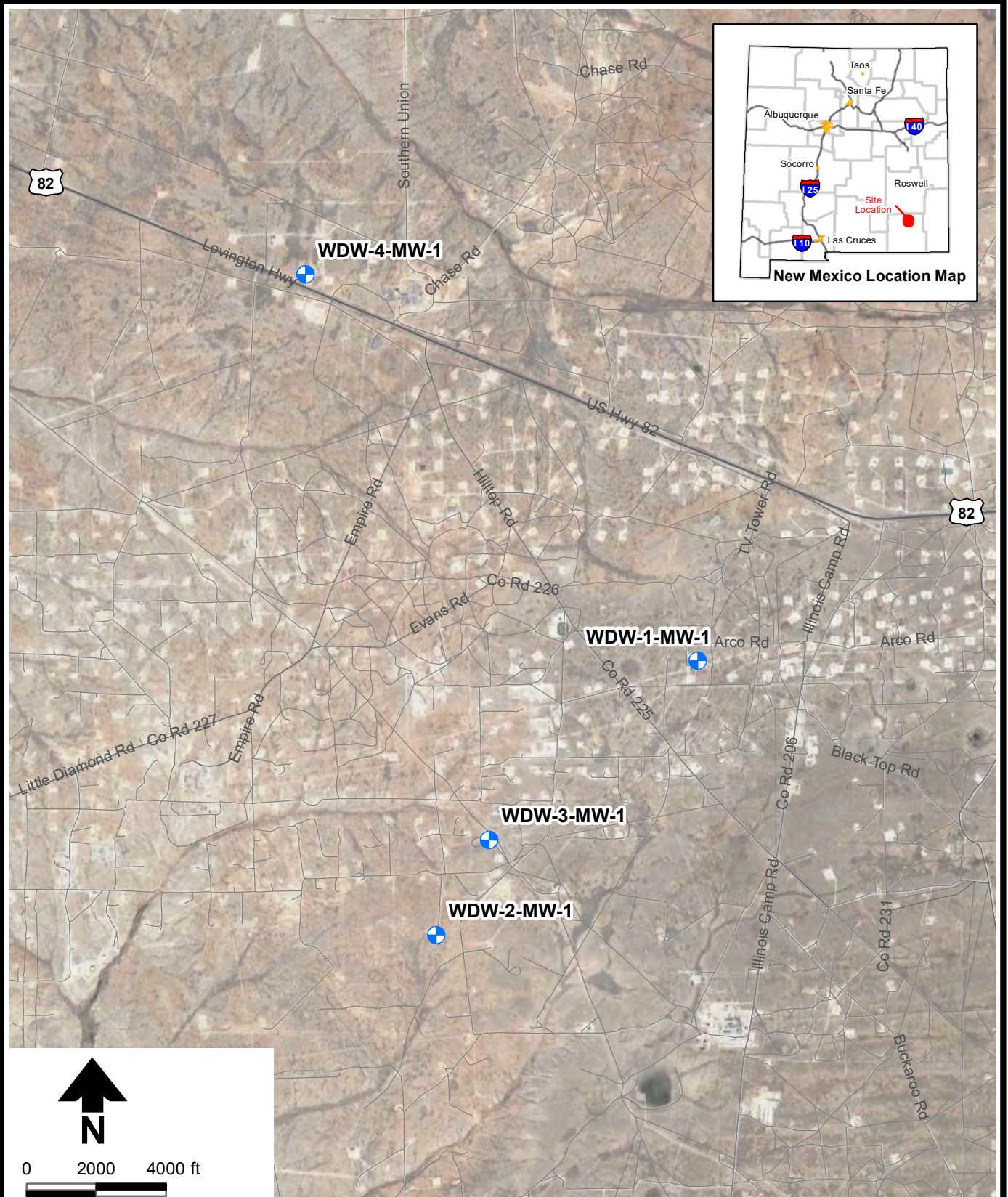
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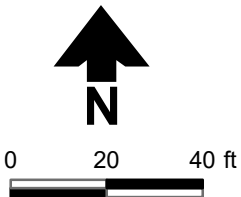
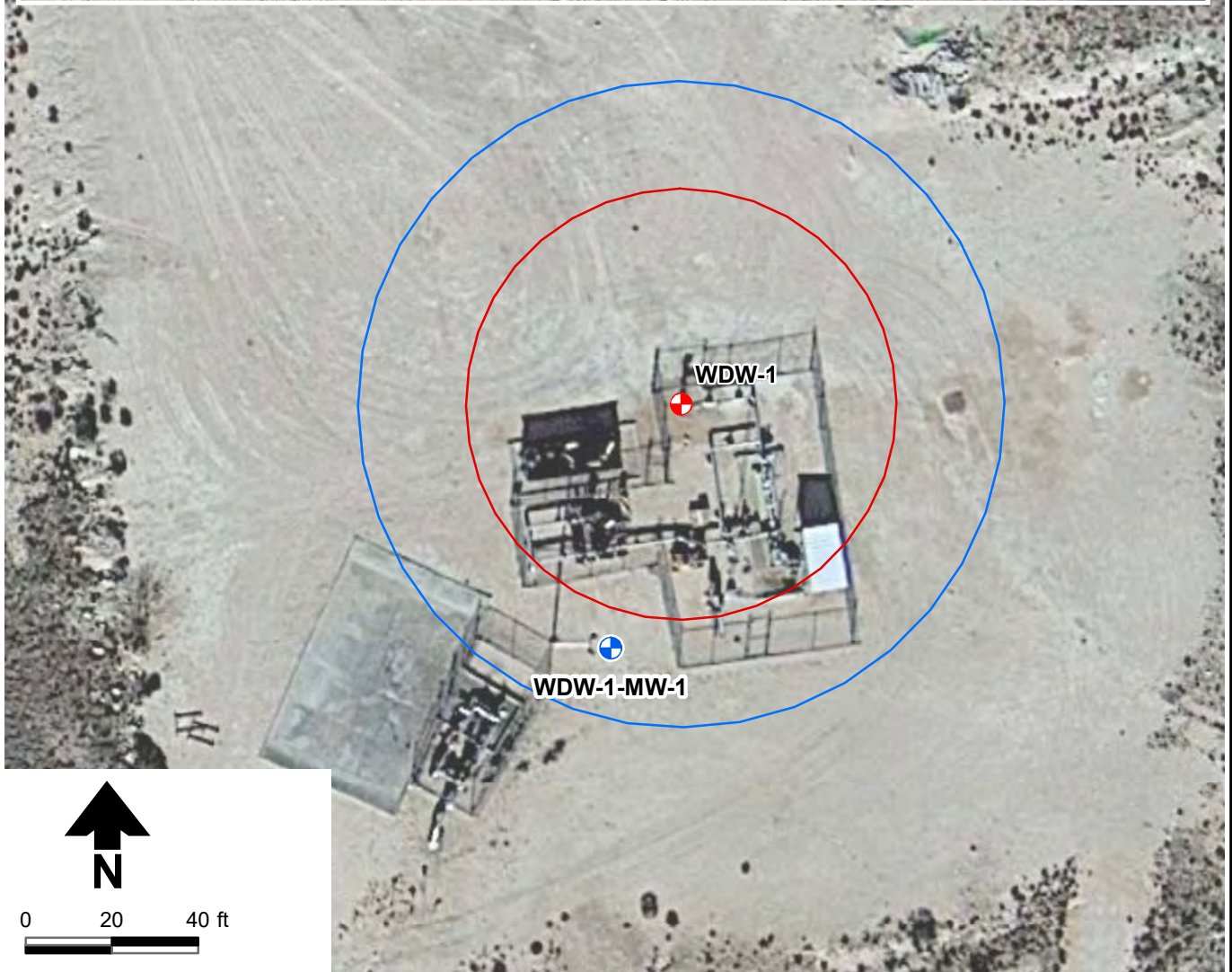
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**Explanation**

-  Proposed monitor well location



**Explanation**

- ⊕ Proposed monitor well
- ⊕ Underground Injection Control Well (UIC)
- 50 foot radius from UIC well
- 75 foot radius from UIC well

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**Proposed Monitor Well Location**

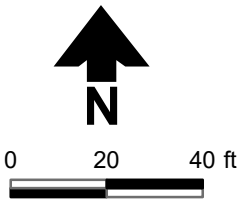
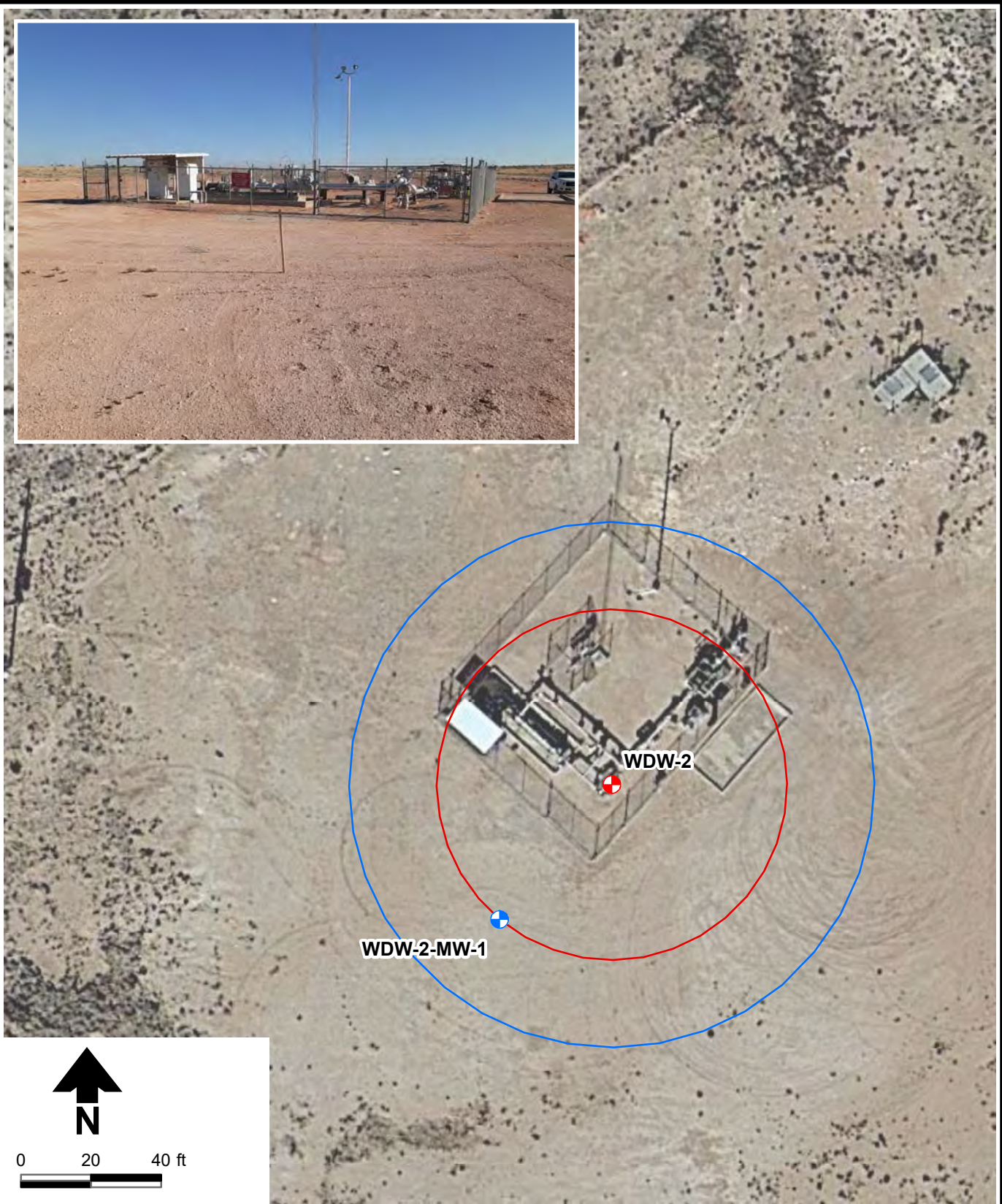


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**Explanation**

-  Proposed monitor well
-  Underground Injection Control Well (UIC)
-  50 foot radius from UIC well
-  75 foot radius from UIC well

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**WDW-2**

**Proposed Monitor Well Location**



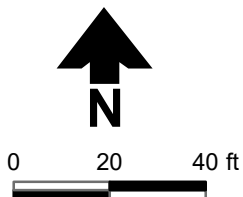
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Figure 2b

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**Explanation**

-  Proposed monitor well
-  Underground Injection Control Well (UIC)
-  50 foot radius from UIC well
-  75 foot radius from UIC well

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**Proposed Monitor Well Location**

Figure 2c



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**Explanation**

-  Proposed monitor well
-  Underground Injection Control Well (UIC)
-  50 foot radius from UIC well
-  75 foot radius from UIC well

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**WDW-4**

**Proposed Monitor Well Location**



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# Table

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**Table 1. Analytical Parameters**  
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Parameter	Laboratory Method	Concentration (mg/L <sup>a</sup> )	
		NMAC Standard	Reporting Limit
Aluminum, dissolved	200.7	5	0.02
Barium, dissolved	200.7	2	0.003
Beryllium, dissolved	200.7	0.004	0.002
Boron, dissolved	200.7	0.75	0.04
Calcium, dissolved	200.7	—	1
Cadmium, dissolved	200.7	0.005	0.002
Chromium, dissolved	200.7	0.05	0.006
Cobalt, dissolved	200.7	0.5	0.006
Iron, dissolved	200.7	1	0.02
Magnesium, dissolved	200.7	—	1
Manganese, dissolved	200.7	0.2	0.002
Molybdenum, dissolved	200.7	1	0.008
Potassium, dissolved	200.7	—	1
Sodium, dissolved	200.7	—	1
Nickel, dissolved	200.7	0.2	0.01
Zinc, dissolved	200.7	10	0.01
Antimony, dissolved	200.8	0.006	0.001
Arsenic, dissolved	200.8	0.01	0.001
Copper, dissolved	200.8	1	0.001
Lead, dissolved	200.8	0.015	0.0005
Selenium, dissolved	200.8	0.05	0.001
Silver, dissolved	200.7	0.05	0.005
Thallium, dissolved	200.8	0.002	0.00025
Uranium, dissolved	200.8	0.03	0.0005
Mercury, total	245.1	0.002	0.0002
Bromide	300	—	0.1
Chloride	300	250	0.5
Fluoride	300	1.6	0.1
Nitrate	300	10	0.1
Nitrite	300	1	0.1
Sulfate	300	600	0.5

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**Table 1. Analytical Parameters**  
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Parameter	Laboratory Method	Concentration (mg/L <sup>a</sup> )	
		NMAC Standard	Reporting Limit
Perchlorate (CAS 14797-73-0)	331.0	—	0.00005
Cyanide	335.4	0.2	0.01
1,2-Dibromoethane (ethylene dibromide, EDB) (CAS 106-93-4)	504.1	0.00005	0.00001
Perfluorohexane sulfonic acid (PHHxS) (CAS 355-46-4)	537	—	0.00001
Perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS) (CAS 1763-23-1)	537	—	0.00001
Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) (CAS 335-67-1)	537	—	0.00001
Aldrin (CAS 309-00-2)	8081	—	0.0001
DDT (CAS 50-29-3)	8081	—	0.0001
Dieldrin (CAS 60-57-1)	8081	—	0.0001
Polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) (CAS 1336-36-3)	8082	0.0005	0.00025
2,4,5-TP (Silvex)	8151	—	0.0001
2,4-D (2,4-Dichlorophenoxyacetic acid)	8151	—	0.0001
Monochlorobenzene (CAS 108-90-7)	8260	—	0.0001
Thiolane 1,1 dioxide (sulfolane) (CAS 126-33-0)	8270	—	Narrative only
2,4,6-Trinitrotoluene (TNT) (CAS 118-96-7)	8330	—	0.00338
Hexahydro-1,3,5-trinitro-1,3,5-triazine (RDX) (CAS 121-82-4)	8330	—	0.00338
Octrahydro-1,3,5,7-tetranitro-1,3,5,7-tetrazocine (HMX) (CAS 2691-41-0)	8330	—	0.00338
Alkalinity, total	2320B	—	20
Bicarbonate	2320B	—	20
Carbonate	2320B	—	2
Specific conductance (µmhos/cm)	2510B	—	10 µmhos/cm
Total dissolved solids	2540C	—	20
Cadmium, dissolved	6010B	—	0.002
Chlordane	8081A	—	0.001
Endosulfan (CAS 115-29-7)	8081A	—	0.0001
Endrin	8081A	—	0.0001
Heptachlor (and its epoxide)	8081A	—	0.0001

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		NMAC Standard	Reporting Limit
Hexachlorocyclohexane (HCH, lindane): alpha-HCH; beta-HCH; gamma-HCH; and, technical-HCH	8081A	—	0.0001
Lindane	8081A	—	0.0001
Methoxychlor	8081A	—	0.0001
Toxaphene	8081A	—	0.001
1,1,1-Trichloroethane (TCA)	8260B	0.2	0.001
1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane	8260B	0.01	0.001
1,1,2-Trichloroethane	8260B	0.005	0.001
1,1-Dichloroethane	8260B	0.025	0.001
1,1-Dichloroethene (1,1-DCE) (CAS 75-35-4)	8260B	0.007	0.001
1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene (CAS 120-82-1)	8260B	0.07	0.001
1,2,4-Trichlorophenol	8260B	—	Narrative only
1,2-Dichlorobenzene	8260B	0.6	0.001
1,2-Dichloroethane (EDC)	8260B	0.005	0.001
1,2-Dichloropropane	8260B	0.005	0.001
1,4-Dichlorobenzene	8260B	0.075	0.001
1-Methylnaphthalene (CAS 90-12-0)	8260B	—	0.004
2-Methylnaphthalene (CAS 91-57-6)	8260B	—	0.004
Acrolein (CAS 107-02-8)	8260B	—	0.01
Acrylonitrile (CAS 107-13-1)	8260B	—	0.01
Benzene	8260B	0.005	0.001
Bromodichloromethane (CAS 75-27-4)	8260B	—	0.001
Bromomethane (CAS 74-83-9)	8260B	—	0.002
Carbon tetrachloride	8260B	0.005	0.001
Chlorobenzene	8260B	—	0.001
Chloroform	8260B	0.1	0.001
Chloromethane (CAS 74-87-3)	8260B	—	0.001
Chloroethene (vinyl chloride) (CAS 75-01-4)	8260B	—	0.001
cis-1,2-dichloroethene	8260B	0.07	0.001
Dichlorodifluoromethane (fluorocarbon-12) (CAS 75-71-8)	8260B	—	0.001
Ethylbenzene	8260B	0.7	0.001

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Parameter	Laboratory Method	Concentration (mg/L <sup>a</sup> )	
		NMAC Standard	Reporting Limit
Methyl ethyl ketone	8260B	—	0.01
Methyl tertiary-butyl ether (MTBE)	8260B	—	0.001
Methylene chloride	8260B	0.005	0.001
Naphthalene (CAS 91-20-3)	8260B	—	0.002
Styrene	8260B	0.1	0.001
Tetrachloroethene (perchloroethylene, PCE) (CAS 127-18-4)	8260B	0.005	0.001
Tetrachloromethane (carbon tetrachloride) (CAS 56-23-5)	8260B	—	0.001
Toluene	8260B	1	0.001
trans-1,2-Dichloroethene	8260B	0.1	0.001
Tribromomethane (bromoform) (CAS 75-25-2)	8260B	—	0.001
Trichloroethylene (TCE)	8260B	0.005	0.001
Trichlorofluoromethane (fluorocarbon-11) (CAS 75-69-4)	8260B	—	0.001
Trichloromethane (chloroform) (CAS 67-66-3)	8260B	—	0.001
Vinyl chloride	8260B	0.002	0.001
Xylenes (total) including m-xylene, o-xylene and p-xylene	8260B	0.62	0.002
1,4-Dioxane (CAS 123-91-1)	8270C	—	0.001
2,4,5-Trichlorophenol	8270C	—	0.0005
2,4,6-Trichlorophenol	8270C	—	0.0005
2,4-Dichlorophenol (CAS 120-83-2)	8270C	—	0.0005
2,4-Dinitro-o-cresol (CAS 534-52-1)	8270C	—	0.0005
2,4-Dinitrotoluene	8270C	—	0.0005
2,6-Dinitrotoluene (2,6-DNT) (CAS 606-20-2)	8270C	—	0.0005
3,4-Benzofluoranthene (CAS 205-99-2)	8270C	—	0.0005
Anthracene (CAS 120-12-7)	8270C	—	0.0003
Atrazine	8270C	0.003	0.0015
Benzidine (CAS 92-87-5)	8270C	—	0.0005
Benzo(k)fluoranthene (CAS 207-08-9)	8270C	—	0.0003
Benzo-a-pyrene	8270C	0.0002	0.00014

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		NMAC Standard	Reporting Limit
bis (2-chloroethyl) ether (CAS 111-44-4)	8270C	—	0.0005
bis (2-chloroisopropyl) ether (CAS 108-60-1)	8270C	—	0.0005
bis (chloromethyl) ether (CAS 542-88-1)	8270C	—	0.0005
Cresol	8270C	—	0.0005
Di-2-ethylhexyl phthalate (DEHP) (CAS 117-81-7)	8270C	—	0.0005
Dibutyl phthalate (CAS 84-74-2)	8270C	—	0.0005
3,3-Dichlorobenzidine (CAS 91-94-1)	8270 C	—	0.0001
Dichloropropenes (CAS 542-75-6)	8270C	—	0.0001
Diethyl phthalate (DEP) (CAS 84-66-2)	8270C	—	0.0005
Dimethyl phthalate (DMP) (CAS 131-11-3)	8270C	—	0.0005
Dinitrophenols (CAS 51-28-5)	8270C	—	0.0001
Diphenylhydrazine (CAS 122-66-7)	8270C	—	0.0001
Fluoranthene (CAS 206-44-0)	8270C	—	0.0003
Fluorene (CAS 86-73-7)	8270C	—	0.0003
Hexachlorobenzene (CAS 118-74-1)	8270C	—	0.0005
Hexachlorobutadiene (CAS 87-68-3)	8270C	—	0.0005
Hexachlorocyclopentadiene (CAS 77-47-4)	8270C	—	0.0005
Hexachloroethane	8270C	—	0.0005
Isophorone (CAS 78-59-1)	8270C	—	0.0005
m-Cresol	8270C	—	0.0005
Nitrobenzene	8270C	—	0.0005
N-nitrosodibutylamine (CAS 924-16-3)	8270C	—	0.0005
N-nitrosodiethylamine (CAS 55-18-5)	8270C	—	0.0005
N-nitrosodimethylamine (CAS 62-75-9)	8270C	—	0.0005
N-nitrosodiphenylamine (CAS 86-30-6)	8270C	—	0.0005
N-nitrosopyrrolidine (CAS 930-55-2)	8270C	—	0.0005
o-Cresol	8270C	—	0.0005
PAHs (total naphthalene plus monomethylnaphthalenes)	8270C	0.03	0.0003
p-Cresol	8270C	—	0.0005
Pentachlorobenzene (CAS 608-93-5)	8270C	—	0.0005

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**Table 1. Analytical Parameters**  
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Parameter	Laboratory Method	Concentration (mg/L <sup>a</sup> )	
		NMAC Standard	Reporting Limit
Pentachlorophenol	8270C	0.001	0.0003
Phenanthrene (CAS 85-01-8)	8270C	—	0.0003
Phenol (CAS 108-95-2)	8270C	0.005	0.0005
Polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs)	8270C	—	0.0003
Prometon (CAS 1610-18-0)	8270C	—	0.0005
Pyrene (CAS 129-00-0)	8270C	—	0.0005
Pyridine	8270C	—	0.0005
1,2,4,5-Tetrachlorobenzene (CAS 95-94-3)	8270E	—	0.0005
Radium-226 and -228 combined (pCi/L)	903.0 and 904.0	5 pCi/L	<5
pH (s.u.)	9040C	6–9	~ 2–12
Cation/anion balance	Calculation	—	NA
Temperature (°C)	Provided with pH	—	—

Source: 20.6.2.3103 NMAC and 20.6.2.7 NMAC "Toxic Parameters"

<sup>a</sup> Unless otherwise noted

mg/L = Milligrams per liter

— = Unspecified

µmhos/cm = Micromhos per centimeter

pCi/L = Picocuries per liter

s.u. = Standard units

NA = Not applicable

Appendix A  
DBS&A SOPs

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## 1.1 Equipment

This SOP provides standard procedures for maintaining equipment and for obtaining equipment from the DBS&A warehouse for conducting technical activities in the field.

The SOPs and SOGs included in this section are applicable to all DBS&A employees for the conduct of all activities listed in this section. All SOPs and SOGs described in this section are proprietary in nature and shall not be copied or reproduced, or distributed to any person or organization not employed by DBS&A, without the expressed written approval of the President or his/her designee for quality assurance. All or parts of the SOPs and SOGs described in this section may be reproduced and used in DBS&A reports, proposals, and work plans with the verbal consent of the President, his/her quality assurance designee, or a DBS&A Division Director.

These SOPs and SOGs shall be reviewed periodically, and revisions and additions to these SOPs and SOGs shall be made as needed to assure consistency with industry standards and the collection of high quality data in the field. Requests for revisions shall be made in writing to the President or his/her quality assurance designee.

### 1.1.1 Equipment and Vehicle Planning and Ordering

All supplies and equipment required for field projects shall be requested through the Environmental Equipment Coordinator (EEC) on a Field Equipment and Materials Load-Up Sheet (DBS&A Form No. 078), Attachment 1.1-1 to this SOP. Use of vehicles and meters can be reserved using this form. The Load-Up Sheet should be submitted to the EEC with enough notice to allow coordination and, if necessary, requisition of equipment and supplies.

DBS&A or rental vehicles shall be loaded one workday prior to field activity with equipment and supplies, as requested. Vehicle fuel tanks shall be filled and fluid levels checked. It is the vehicle operator's responsibility to conduct a visual check of vehicle and safety equipment.

Rental vehicles can be obtained by filling out a Purchase Order (DBS&A Form No. 111), Attachment 1.1-2 to this SOP with the appropriate signature and Purchase Order number. The EEC will make the vehicle reservations at the rental agency and pick up the vehicle at the appropriate time.

The vehicle and all meters and equipment shall be field cleaned per Section 5.2 of the DBS&A Field Technical SOPs prior to returning to the warehouse to avoid contamination of other



equipment. Equipment and supplies shall be thoroughly cleaned once returned to the warehouse.

Any defects in equipment, meters or vehicles shall be brought to the attention of the EEC. This notice shall be in writing to ensure repair or replacement.

Upon return of a vehicle from a technical activity in the field, the EEC will thoroughly inventory all supplies, equipment and meters to ensure proper billing.

Vehicles shall depart from the main office on the first day of a field activity and be returned to the main office on the last day of the activity. Company vehicles and rental vehicles must be returned to ensure proper billing. Upon return, notify the EEC. The vehicle may need to be unloaded, cleaned, and reloaded for another field activity.

Company vehicles shall be used, if available, prior to arranging for a rental or for the use of a personal vehicle.

If supplies and equipment are needed because of unforeseen difficulties, a Field Equipment and Materials Load-Up Sheet shall be left for the EEC. This must be done to ensure that DBS&A can properly bill for supplies and equipment.

### **1.1.2 Equipment Cleaning, Maintenance, and Calibration**

The following procedures should be followed to maintain proper operation of all equipment:

- Equipment returned from a field activity shall be thoroughly inspected for wear, breakage, and proper operation by the EEC.
- Equipment shall be cleaned with a tap water and Liquinox solution and then rinsed with distilled water. If the equipment is used for soil or water sampling, it will then receive a second rinse with distilled water.
- Batteries and power supply units shall be checked for proper power and replaced or repaired as needed.
- Any worn or broken parts that were noted during the inspection shall be either repaired or replaced by the EEC in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations.
- Solinst water level meters shall be inspected by the EEC for short circuiting in the electronic board, low battery charge, and worn, torn, or damaged shrink tubing on the probe. Repair shall be completed as needed.

- Orion pH meters shall be run through the self-test by the EEC as described in the Operations Manual. The probes shall be inspected to ensure good electrical connections. Following the instructions in the operators manual supplied by the manufacturer, probes shall be refilled periodically using the recommended electrode filling solution. Calibration of the instrument is described in the operators manual. Use buffer solution close to the parameters to be found in the water to be tested, usually pH 4.0 and pH 7.0.
- YSI salinity-conductivity-temperature meters shall be inspected by the EEC for damage and water entry. The probe shall be soaked in a solution of 1 part hydrochloric acid (HCl), 10 parts distilled water, and 10 parts isopropyl alcohol for one hour. The probe shall then be washed in a Liquinox solution and rinsed in distilled water. Batteries shall be tested for proper voltage with a voltage tester and replaced as necessary. The instrument shall be calibrated in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations as supplied in the appropriate operators manual. The calibration solution shall be as close as possible to parameters expected in the field.
- The YSI Model 57 dissolved oxygen meter shall be inspected by the EEC for damage and water entry. The probe membrane shall be inspected and changed if needed in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendation in the operators manual. The batteries shall be tested and replaced if needed. The meter shall be calibrated as described in the operators manual.
- The Hydrolab water quality meter shall be inspected thoroughly by the EEC for damage and wear. A close inspection of the probes, cords, and electrical connectors is essential. The batteries shall be tested and replaced as needed. The probes shall be cleaned and calibrated as described in the operators manual supplied with the equipment.
- The combustible gas indicator (MSA #30) shall be visually inspected by the EEC for worn or damaged parts. The batteries for this unit shall be tested using a voltage tester and replaced as necessary. The instructions provided by manufacturer on the lid of the instrument shall be followed.
- The LEL/02 monitor (MX 251) and sampling pump shall be closely inspected by the EEC for damage and wear. Upper and lower explosive set points and oxygen alarm settings shall be checked. Calibration in accordance with manufacturers specifications, outlined in the users handbook, shall be performed using 100 parts per million (ppm) pentane. The batteries shall be tested and replaced as needed.

- The photoionization detector (PID) shall be thoroughly checked by the EEC prior to cleaning and maintenance. The meter shall be calibrated using 100 ppm isobutylene following procedures in the operators manual and cleaned as needed. The meter shall be fully discharged prior to recharging to avoid memory etching.

## **Attachments**

- 1.1-1 Field Equipment and Materials Load-Up Sheet (DBS&A Form No. 078)
- 1.1-2 Purchase Order (DBS&A Form No. 111)



Project & Task No. \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Project Name \_\_\_\_\_

Requested Pick-Up Date/Time \_\_\_\_\_

Requestor \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated Return Date \_\_\_\_\_

Required	Packed	Qty./Days Used	
			<b>Water Sampling</b>
			0.45µ Disposable In-Line Filter
			1000 ft. Power Sounder
			5,000 ml graduated beaker
			500 ml graduated beaker
			Bailer Twine (100', 200', 300')
			Braided Polypropylene Rope
			Calibrated Buckets
			Dipper (Swing Sampler Bottle Pole) 12'
			Dipper (Swing Sampler Bottle Pole) 6'
			Hach Analysis DO Kit
			Hach Colorimeter
			Hach Turbidimeter
			Locking Well Cap (1", 2" or 4")
			Oscar Filter + Syringe
			Poly Bailer (3") Emptying Devices
			Poly Bailers, 2"
			Poly Bailers, 3"
			Poly Bailers, Miscellaneous Sizes
			PVC Bailer, Size 2"x6'
			PVC Bundle
			Spool for Rope/Bailer String
			Sulfate Kit
			Water Level Indicator ____ Feet
			Well Kit
			YSI - 556
			YSI - Pro
			YSI Calibration Kit (3 pH, ORP, Conductivity)

Required	Packed	Qty./Days Used	
			<b>Gauges/Meters/Accessories</b>
			Air Entry Perm.
			Bennett Pump Nitric Acid
			Bennett Pump/Trailer Hitch/Gas Can
			Dewalt Generator/ pigtails/ramp/gas can
			Digital Manometer
			Flow Meter (Velocicalc)
			Gas Powered 5K Generator
			Gas Powered Compressor
			Geiger counter
			Horiba Pump
			Infiltrometer, ponded
			Infiltrometer, tension
			Metal Detector
			Neutron Probe
			Neutron Probe Extra long cable
			Peristaltic Pump
			Peristaltic Pump Medical Grade Hose ____ ft.
			PID calibration gas, Isobutylene
			PID/Micro filters and tubing
			Poly Tubing 0.25" x 0.17"
			Poly Tubing 1/2" x 5/8"
			Poly Tubing 3/8" x 1/2"
			QED Development Pump
			Qrae Multi-gas meter
			Regulator
			Sand Cone
			Sand, Calibrated
			Transducer w/logger and desiccant
			Transducer Connector Cable
			Troxler
			Vacuum Box
			Vapor Pin Kit

Required	Packed	Qty./Days Used	
			<b>Health &amp; Safety</b>
			Caution Tape
			Ear Plugs
			First Aid Kit
			Health & Safety Kits (PPE)
			Heavy Gloves
			N95 Dust Masks
			Portable Eye Wash Station
			Pull On Overboot
			Safety Goggles/Glasses
			Traffic Cones
			Tyvek w/Hood & Boots

Required	Packed	Qty./Days Used	
			<b>Other</b>

Is all equipment working?  
Comments:



## 1.3 Field Log Book

The following SOG describes the appropriate guidelines for note taking during field activities.

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The field log book is an integral part of the sampling program and forms the basis of the sampling record. A complete field log book is required on most projects. Items documented in the log book are highly relevant to interpreting the subsequent collected data. The objective of taking field notes is to make an accurate written record of the field activities. The field log book serves as a method to record additional site information and observations not easily included on field forms. Field notes often serve as the basis for writing a report after the work is complete. Field notes should be sufficiently accurate and complete that the events that took place can be recreated by someone who was not involved in the activities.

### 1.3.1 Equipment

- Field log book: water-resistant paper, permanently bound, with sequentially-numbered pages
- Waterproof pens (blue is sometimes preferred to differentiate originals from copies)

### 1.3.2 General Guidelines

- Make all entries using waterproof pen
- Write legibly. If you abbreviate, be sure to define your abbreviation somewhere in the notes.

- Be as brief as clarity will allow. However, it is better to record too much data than to try and recreate activities from memory.
- Be accurate. If you have to guess, identify your entry as a guess.
- Be detailed and quantify your data as much as possible. When in doubt, measure.
- Sketches and drawings add depth and detail to your notes.
- Do not scribble through entries you want to change. To make a correction, draw a single line through the entry and date the correction.
- Do not remove pages from the log book. Remember that the field log book can become a legal document.

### **1.3.3 Requirements**

- Each day's log should begin at the top of a page
- At the top of each page, include the following:
  - ◇ A header that identifies the project name and location
  - ◇ The date
  - ◇ The name and initials of the person taking notes
- The first entry of the day should identify the location, names of DBS&A personnel, visitors, contractors, etc., and the purpose of the activities (e.g., well installation, development, sampling, etc.).
- Each important observation should start with the time (i.e., when)
- The person taking notes should sign and date each page.
- A diagonal line should be drawn across the bottom of each day's entry, then signed and dated.
- For litigation projects, each person should have their own field log book and keep notes as necessary. If only one log book is used, try to have one person do all the note-taking. If the log book is used by more than one person, each person taking notes should sign at the end of their entry before transferring the log book to another person.
- The log book should stay in the custody of the note taker.



- Do not recopy your field notes. Field notes are notes taken in the field. Remember, a few days (or weeks) later, what you think you saw may not actually be what you did see. Field notes can become a legal document so think of them that way from the start.
- Review your notes at least daily for cryptic entries that need additional explanation.

## Examples of Noteworthy Items

- Time of arrival and departure
- Attendees at tailgate safety meetings
- Arrival and departure of visitors
- Contents and conclusions of key phone calls and meetings
- Important instructions to staff and contractors (especially if it leads to standby time charges)
- Weather and changes in weather
- Name, type, and condition of equipment being used
- Procedures and results of instrument calibrations
- Changes in activities (e.g., move to decon pad to clean drill rig)
- Down time and cause (e.g., repair drive line on rig)
- Document and explain field decisions (e.g., why you decide not to tremie grout)
- Important results
  - ◇ Field parameters collected during well development or sampling
  - ◇ Sample IDs and time of collection
  - ◇ Sample containers, volumes, and preservation
- Observations
  - ◇ General soil type
  - ◇ Hard drilling conditions
  - ◇ Soil staining or odor
  - ◇ Condition of tanks and associated piping
- Health and safety
  - ◇ Document tailgate meetings
  - ◇ Document results of utility clearances

- ◇ Site inspections (e.g., condition of excavation)
- ◇ Health and/or safety violations and warnings
- ◇ Results of air or other monitoring (e.g., PID readings)

## 1.4 Soil Boring Log

This SOP provides standard procedures for completing soil boring logs.

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During boring operations, soil descriptions and other pertinent information will be recorded on the Soil Boring Log form (Attachment 1.4-1). This form consists of a header for recording the boring specifics and a log for describing and classifying soil and tracking soil sampling.

### 1.4.1 Completing the Header

On the first page of the log, it is important to complete the entire header, most of which is self-explanatory. If subsequent form pages are necessary, fill in only the page number, the site name, the client name, the person logging the soil, the boring number, and the date on continuation page headers. On the first page, sketch a location map for the boring, referencing it to known features or landmarks. When specifying the drilling method and drill rig, note the diameter of the drill bit.

### 1.4.2 Completing the Boring Log

Fill in the columns as follows:

- *PID/FID Reading:* Record headspace measurements made with the PID/FID to correspond with the depth interval from which the reading was made.
- *Blow Counts:* If driving a split-barrel sampling device with a hammer, record the number of hammer "blows" per 6 inches of penetration. Ensure that the driller marks the 6-inch intervals on the drill stem prior to hammering the split-barrel. Record weight of hammer.

- *Sampling Device:* Specify the sampling device (i.e., split-barrel, split-barrel with brass or stainless steel rings, Shelby tube) and its inside diameter.
- *Sample Recovery:* Record, in tenths of feet, the amount of sample that is recovered over the distance sampled (e.g., 1.2/2.0).
- *Sample Interval:* Specify the sampling interval (starting and finishing) by placing an "X" across the appropriate depth interval.
- *Sample Number:* Record the designated sample number.
- *USCS Symbol:* Provide the Unified Soil Classification System (USCS) symbol(s) for the soil described; draw a contact line at the appropriate depth to identify changes in soil type. A solid horizontal line indicates an abrupt or clear contact, a slanted line indicates a gradual or diffuse contact, and a dashed line indicates an inferred contact not observed in samples.
- *Depth (feet):* Note each 5-foot interval to keep a running tally of the depth of the borehole.
- *Soil Description/Remarks:* Describe the soil in the order listed on the boring log (soil type, color, texture, grain size, sorting, roughness, plasticity, consistency, moisture content), according to the procedures summarized in SOP 3.7.

## Attachment

Attachment 1.4-1      Soil Boring Log



## 1.6 Chain of Custody

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The chain of custody form is used to document sample collection activities and provide the analytical laboratory with a request for analyses. The chain of custody form must be kept with the field personnel at all times during sampling activities and should be completed in the field at the time of sample collection.

### 1.6.1 Equipment

- Chain of custody form. This is provided by the analytical laboratory; each laboratory uses a slightly different form with the same key elements.
- Waterproof pens (blue is sometimes preferred to differentiate originals from copies).

### 1.6.2 General Guidelines

Make all entries using waterproof pen.

Write legibly. If you abbreviate, be sure to define your abbreviation somewhere in the notes.

Do not scribble through entries you want to change. To make a correction, draw a single line through the entry and date the correction.

### 1.6.3 Completing the Chain of Custody Form

- Give the site name and project name/number.

- Enter the sample identification code.
- Indicate the sampling dates for all samples.
- List the sampling times (military format) for all samples.
- Specify the sample location.
- List the analyses/container volume. Include the analytical method (e.g., 8260).
- Obtain the signature of sample team leader.
- State the carrier service, airbill number, and analytical laboratory.
- Sign, date, and time the "relinquished by" section.
- Upon completion of the form, retain the shipper copy, and affix the other copies to the inside of the sample cooler, in a zip-seal bag to protect from moisture, to be sent to the designated laboratory.

## 1.7 Decontamination of Field Equipment

The following standard operating procedure (SOP) defines activities required to decontaminate field equipment used in the sampling of soils, sludges, surface water, and groundwater in order to prevent cross-contamination of samples from different sampling locations.

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All non-disposable field equipment that may potentially come in contact with any soil, sludge, or water sample shall be decontaminated in order to minimize the potential for cross-contamination between sampling locations. Thorough decontamination of all sampling equipment shall be conducted in the warehouse before each sampling event. In addition, the field representative shall decontaminate all equipment in the field as required to prevent cross-contamination of samples collected in the field. The procedures described in this section are specifically for field decontamination of sampling equipment.

A decontamination station should be established using plastic sheeting to contain splashes. At a minimum, field sampling equipment should be decontaminated using the following procedure:

1. Wash the equipment in a solution of non-phosphate detergent (e.g., Liquinox™) and potable or distilled/deionized water. All surfaces that may come in direct contact with the samples shall be washed. Use a clean Nalgene and/or plastic tub to contain the wash solution and a scrub brush to mechanically remove loose particles. Wear clean latex or plastic gloves during all washing and rinsing operations.



*Decontamination of Field Equipment*

2. Rinse twice: once with potable water and a second time with distilled/deionized water. Use clean Nalgene and/or plastic tubs or buckets to contain the rinse solutions.
3. Dry the equipment before use, to the extent practicable, and take measures to keep the equipment clean before use.

For specific projects requiring more rigorous decontamination of field sampling equipment, the following procedures may be used:

1. Wash the equipment in a solution of non-phosphate detergent (e.g., Liquinox™) and potable or distilled/deionized water. All surfaces that may come in direct contact with the samples shall be washed. Use a clean Nalgene and/or plastic tub to contain the wash solution and a scrub brush to mechanically remove loose particles. Wear clean latex or plastic gloves during all decontamination procedures.
2. For field equipment used in the collection of samples for inorganic analyses, an acid rinse may be employed, using either a 10% reagent-grade nitric or a hydrochloric acid solution in deionized water. A 1% acid solution may be used on low-carbon steel equipment in order to avoid damaging such equipment. The project manager will determine if an acid rinse is required for specific equipment and projects.
3. Rinse equipment with potable or distilled/deionized water.
4. If field equipment is to be used in the collection of samples for organic analyses, a solvent rinse may be used. Organic solvents may include reagent grade isopropanol, acetone, or methanol. Project managers will determine if a solvent rinse is required for specific equipment used on their projects.
5. Rinse equipment with reagent grade organic-free distilled/deionized water.
6. Allow equipment to air dry before use, to the extent practicable.
7. Wrap equipment for transport with inert material (aluminum foil or plastic wrap) to prevent direct contact with potentially contaminated material.

All liquid and solid material generated from the decontamination process should be contained and disposed of in accordance with project-specific disposal guidelines.

## 3.1 Drilling Operations

This section provides standard operating guidelines (SOGs) for drilling programs.

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The scope of the guidelines described in this section includes the following:

- Drilling Methods
- Drilling Fluids
- Drilling Equipment
- Guidelines to Follow During Drilling Activities

Standards for drilling methods and fluids are described in ASTM D 5092-90 ("Standard Practice for Design and Installation of Ground Water Monitoring Wells in Aquifers"). Refer to Driscoll (1986), U.S. EPA (1986) or Aller et al. (1989) for more detailed information about the above subjects as they relate to the drilling of monitor and extraction wells and borings. Site-specific work plans or sampling plans should identify any special needs or circumstances beyond those described in this SOG.

These SOPs and SOGs shall be reviewed periodically, and revisions and additions to these SOPs and SOGs shall be made as needed to assure consistency with industry standards and the collection of high-quality data in the field. Requests for revisions shall be made in writing to the President or his/her quality assurance designee.

### 3.1.1 Drilling Methods (ASTM D 5092-90)

The drilling method required to create a stable, open, vertical borehole for drilling a borehole or installation of a monitor or extraction well shall be selected according to the site geology, the site hydrology, and the intended use of the data. Tables 3.1-1 and 3.1-2 list common drilling methods and will aid in the selection of an appropriate drilling method. Table 3.1-1 lists the

advantages and disadvantages of the different types of drilling methods. Table 3.1-2 assesses the performance of different drilling methods in various types of geologic formations.

### **3.1.2 Drilling Fluids (ASTM D 5092-90)**

Whenever feasible, drilling procedures should be used that do not require the introduction of water or drilling fluids into the borehole and that optimize cuttings control at ground surface. Where the use of drilling fluids is unavoidable, the selected fluid should have as little impact as possible on the water samples for the constituents of interest. In addition, care should be taken to remove as much drilling fluid as possible from the well and the aquifer during the well development process (Section 4.2). If an air compressor is used to inject water or blow cuttings from the borehole, it should be equipped with an oil air filter or oil trap to keep from introducing oil into the borehole. If water is added to the borehole or well during drilling and/or development, the volume added shall be recorded in the logbook. Depending on the geologic conditions, it may be appropriate or required to remove that volume of water prior to sampling.

Oil-based drilling fluids should not be used. Air- or water-based drilling fluids shall be used if drilling fluids are needed for the drilling of monitor and extraction wells and borings. Water-based drilling fluids have the least influence on the groundwater quality in the area of drilling. However, potential problems created by the use of water-based drilling fluids need to be kept in mind. These problems include (1) fluid infiltration/flushing of the intended monitoring zone, (2) well development difficulties (particularly where an artificial filter pack has been installed), (3) chemical, biological and physical reactivity of the drilling fluid with indigenous fluids in the ground, and (4) introduction of halomethanes into the groundwater.

#### **3.1.2.1 Drilling Fluid Properties**

The drilling subcontractor is responsible for checking and adjusting the properties (weight and viscosity) of the drilling fluid. The proper weight of the drilling fluid (1 liter) is needed to maintain stability of the borehole, and the proper viscosity controls the ability of the drilling fluid to remove cuttings from the borehole. However, the DBS&A project manager/site supervisor or designee should always make sure that the drilling contractor periodically checks the properties of the drilling fluid.

One simple and common way to measure the viscosity of the drilling fluid is a Marsh funnel. With the use of a Marsh funnel, a known volume of drilling fluid is allowed to drain from a special funnel into a cup; the flow time is recorded and calibrated against the time required for

an equal volume of water to drain from the funnel (approximately 26 seconds at 70°F [21.1°C]). The mud weight can be measured with a balance.

Table 3.1-3 describes typical additive concentrations, resulting viscosities, and required uphole velocities for major types of drilling fluids used in various aquifer materials. Table 3.1-4 charts drilling fluid weight adjustments with barite or water.

### ***3.1.2.2 Guidelines for Solving Specific Drilling Fluid Problems (from Driscoll, 1986, Chapter 11)***

The drilling subcontractor is responsible for any drilling fluid problems. However, the DBS&A project manager/site supervisor or designee and field personnel should be aware of and recognize the problems that may arise. Below are some guidelines for solving specific drilling fluid problems which may be helpful to the DBS&A project manager/site supervisor or designee:

*Problem:* Inadequate cuttings have been removed from the borehole.

*Recommended Action:*

1. Clays and polymeric solids in potable water
  - a. Increase uphole velocity of the drilling fluid.
  - b. Increase viscosity of the drilling fluid by adding more colloidal material.
  - c. Increase density of the drilling fluid by adding weighting material (Tables 3.1-3 and 3.1-4).
  - d. Reduce penetration rate to limit cuttings load.
2. Air
  - a. Increase uphole velocity of fluid system by adding air or water.
  - b. Add surfactant to produce foam or to increase concentration of surfactant.
  - c. Decrease air injection rate if air is breaking through the foam mix and preventing formation of stable foam.
  - d. Decrease water content of the foam system.

*Problem:* The rate at which cuttings will drop out is too low because the inadvertent addition of native clays during drilling has produced excessive viscosity in the drilling fluid.

*Recommended Action:*

1. Add potable water to dilute the drilling fluid (Table 3.1-4).
2. Add commercial thinner to reduce the attractive forces between clay colloids.
3. If using clay additives, convert to a polymeric system.
4. Separate the solids from a clay-additive system with a shale shaker or shale shakers and desanders connected in series. A shale shaker or desander may be unnecessary when a polymeric system is being used.
5. Redesign or clean the pit system to increase rate of cuttings settlement.

*Problem:* Gel strength becomes too great because of strong flocculation, high concentration of solids, or contamination from evaporite deposits or cement. (Excessive gel-strength problems do not occur with polymeric colloids.)

*Recommended Action:*

1. Add potable water to dilute the drilling fluid.
2. Add polyphosphate or commercial thinner to reduce electrical charges between clay colloids.
3. Use desander or shale shaker to remove solids from a clay-additive system.
4. Lower the pH.

*Problem:* Excessive fluid loss into the formation causes thick filter cakes that can produce tight places in the hole, development problems, formation (clay) sloughing, and misinterpretation of electric or gamma-ray logs.

*Recommended Action:*

1. Increase viscosity by adding bentonite or polymeric colloids to any water-based system.
2. Add commercial viscosifiers such as cellulose gum (CMC) or hydroxyethyl cellulose (HEC).
3. Reduce density of the drilling fluid.
4. Prevent drastic changes in downhole pressures and maintain downhole pressures at a minimum. Suggestions include (from Baroid):

- a. Raise and lower the drill string slowly.
- b. Drill through any tight section; do not spud.
- c. Begin rotation of the drill pipe, and then start the pump at a low rate and gradually increase the rate.
- d. Operate the pump at the lowest rate that will assure adequate cooling of the bit and removal of cuttings from the bit face.
- e. Prevent balling at the bit; do not drill soft formations so fast that the annulus becomes overloaded and pressure builds up.

*Problem:* Lost circulation in permeable formations, faulted and jointed rock, solution cavities in dolomite and limestone, or fractures created by excessive borehole pressures in semiconsolidated or well consolidated rock can all create problems.

*Recommended Action:*

1. Reduce the density of the drilling fluid system.
2. Switch from a clay-additive drilling fluid system to an air-foam fluid, or add surfactant to a dry-air system.
3. Gel natural polymeric fluids at the point of fluid loss.
4. Use commercial sealing materials.
5. Drill remainder of the hole with a cable tool rig.
6. Case off, then resume rotary drilling.
7. Fill the borehole with clean sand to the point above lost circulation. Let the material stand in borehole overnight. Resume drilling, using low pump pressure.

*Problem:* Confined pressures in the formation can contribute to a problem.

*Recommended Action:*

1. Increase density by adding heavy mineral additives such as barite to drilling fluid systems made with clay additives (Table 3.1-4). To suspend barite, the minimum Marsh funnel viscosity must equal four times the final (desired) drilling fluid weight (in lb/gal).
2. Increase density by adding a salt solution to polymeric drilling fluid systems.

*Problem:* Hydration (swelling and dispersion), pore pressures, and overburden pressure can cause shale sloughing.

*Recommended Action:*

1. Use polymeric additive to isolate water from shale.
2. Maintain constant fluid pressures in the borehole.
3. Minimize uphole velocities.
4. Avoid pressure surges caused by raising or lowering drill rods rapidly.
5. Add 3 to 4 percent potassium chloride (KCl) to water-based systems.
6. Raise the pH of the drilling fluid to stiffen the clay.

*Problem:* Contaminants are present. Contaminants usually consist of cement, soluble salts, and gases (hydrogen sulfide and carbon dioxide). Cement in the hole can cause polymeric drilling fluids to break down, thereby increasing fluid losses. Salts may cause drilling fluids with clay additives to separate into liquid and solid fractions. Gases in water may affect the physical condition of the drilling fluid.

*Recommended Action:*

1. For cement problems:
  - a. Maintain the pH for natural polymeric drilling fluids at 7 or lower.
  - b. Add commercial chemicals such as sodium acid pyrophosphate to drilling fluids with clay additives to restore original viscosity.
2. For salt problems:
  - a. Change the clay additive from montmorillonite to attapulgite.
  - b. Change to a natural polymeric drilling fluid additive.
3. For gas problems, add a corrosion inhibitor.

*Problem:* Drilling at air temperatures significantly below freezing, causing freeze-up of the recirculation system.

*Recommended Action:*

Add sodium chloride (NaCl) or calcium chloride (CaCl<sub>2</sub>) to a natural polymeric drilling fluid. Salt must not be added to a drilling fluid made with bentonite.

### **3.1.3 Drilling Equipment**

The DBS&A Drilling Information Checklist (Table 3.1 5) attached to this SOG should be used for the preparation of drilling programs. The checklist should be used as a communication guide between DBS&A and the drilling subcontractor. The checklist should be completed and checked prior to the field stage of the drilling program by both DBS&A and the drilling subcontractor. The Drilling Information Checklist summarizes important phone contacts, length of job, type of rig, underground utility survey, geologic material, sampling, disposal of cuttings, number of wells and soil borings, grouting, and health and safety issues. The Daily Equipment Checklist (Table 3.1 6) should be used by the DBS&A project manager/site supervisor or designee as a check of equipment needed and daily duties to be performed.

### **3.1.4 Guidelines to Follow During Drilling Activities**

1. A drilling method should be selected that will cause minimal disturbance to the subsurface materials and will not contaminate the subsurface and groundwater (40 CFR 265.91(c)).
2. The drilling contractor is responsible for decontaminating the drilling equipment before it is transported onto the project site (ASTM D 5088-90). DBS&A's project manager/site supervisor or designee will check the equipment when it arrives on-site, prior to starting each borehole, and before leaving the site.
3. A decontamination procedure should be followed before use and between borehole locations to prevent cross contamination of wells where contamination has been detected or is suspected from the site characterization work that precedes the drilling activities (ASTM D 5088-90).
4. The drilling contractor shall be responsible for securing any and all boring or well drilling permits required by state or local authorities and for complying with any and all state or local regulations with regard to the submission of well logs, samples, etc. DBS&A's project manager/site supervisor or designee should check that necessary permits have been obtained and are available.



5. The drilling contractor shall comply with any and all (to include placement) regulations with regard to drilling safety and underground utility detection. DBS&A's Project manager/site supervisor or designee shall document that necessary utility clearances have been obtained. The drilling contractor shall have a safety data sheet (SDS) for each hazardous chemical that he brings on-site or intends to use during the job. SDSs will be available for inspection by all site workers.
6. Air systems shall not be used for drilling, well installation, well development, or sampling without prior approval by the project manager. When used, air systems shall include an airline oil filter, frequently replaced, to remove essentially all oil residue from the air compressor. The use of any air system shall be fully described in the DBS&A field logbook to include equipment description, manufacturer(s), model(s), air pressures used, frequency of oil filter change and evaluation of airline filtering.
7. When air is used as the drilling fluid, shrouds, canopies, blooey lines, or directional pipes should be used to contain and direct the drill cuttings away from the drill crew.
8. Any water that is used during the drilling and installation of a well should be of a known chemical source and verified not to alter or impact the chemistry of the groundwater or the operation of the well.
9. When using commercially available mud or additives for the drilling fluid, DBS&A project manager/site supervisor or designee and field personnel should make sure that the mud or additives do not alter or affect the chemistry of the groundwater or the operation of the well.
10. During rotary drilling, the use of portable recirculation tanks is required. No sumps (lined or unlined) shall be dug without prior approval by the project manager and the client.
11. No dyes, tracers, or other substances shall be used or otherwise introduced into borings, wells, lysimeters, grout, backfill, groundwater, or surface water unless specifically approved by the technical project manager.
12. For water supply wells over 100 feet deep, plumbness and alignment should be checked at preselected intervals during the drilling of the boreholes. The readings should be taken by the driller using a single-shot or multi-shot deviation surveying device and should be verified by the DBS&A field personnel.
13. Any contaminated materials (soil and/or water) should be collected and disposed of in an approved waste disposal container or facility.

14. Soil descriptions, collection of samples, field monitoring, and other pertinent information shall be recorded on the boring log form during drilling operations. The boring log form, soil logging procedures, and instructions for completing the boring log form are included in Section 3.7.

## Attachments

- Table 3.1-1 Drilling Methods for Monitor Wells
- Table 3.1-2 Relative Performance of Different Drilling Methods in Various Types of Geologic Formations
- Table 3.1-3 Typical Additive Concentrations, Resulting Viscosities, and Required Uphole Velocities for Major Types of Drilling Fluids Used in Various Aquifer Materials
- Table 3.1-4 Drilling Fluid Weight Adjustment with Barite or Water
- Table 3.1-5 Drilling Information Checklist
- Table 3.1-6 Daily Equipment Checklist

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**Table 3.1-1. Drilling Methods for Monitor Wells**  
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Type	Advantages	Disadvantages
Hollow-stem auger	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ No drilling fluid is used, eliminating contamination by drilling fluid additives</li> <li>▪ Formation waters can be sampled during drilling by using a screened auger or advancing a well point ahead of the augers</li> <li>▪ Formation samples taken by split-spoon or core-barrel methods are highly accurate</li> <li>▪ Natural gamma-ray logging can be done inside the augers</li> <li>▪ Augers can seal slow-producing formations, making it possible to identify multiple producing zones</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Can be used only in unconsolidated materials</li> <li>▪ Limited to depths of 100 to 150 ft (30.5 to 45.7 m)</li> <li>▪ Possible problems in controlling heaving sands</li> <li>▪ May not be able to run a complete suite of geophysical logs</li> <li>▪ Delays in sample returns on the augers can affect logging accuracy and detail.</li> </ul>
Mud rotary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Can be used in both unconsolidated and consolidated formations</li> <li>▪ Capable of drilling to any depth</li> <li>▪ Core samples can be collected</li> <li>▪ A complete suite of geophysical logs can be obtained in the open hole</li> <li>▪ Casing is generally not required during drilling</li> <li>▪ Many options for well construction</li> <li>▪ Fast</li> <li>▪ Smaller rigs can reach most drilling sites</li> <li>▪ Relatively inexpensive</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Water-based drilling fluid is required and contaminants are circulated with the fluid</li> <li>▪ Drilling fluid mixes with the formation water and invades the formation and is sometimes difficult to remove</li> <li>▪ Bentonitic fluids may absorb metals and may interfere with other parameters</li> <li>▪ Organic fluids may interfere with bacterial analyses and/or organic-related parameters</li> <li>▪ During drilling, only limited information can be obtained on the location of the water table and the extent of water-producing zones; direct measurements are not possible</li> <li>▪ Cuttings samples may not be accurate</li> </ul>

**Table 3.1-1. Drilling Methods for Monitor Wells**  
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Type	Advantages	Disadvantages
Air rotary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ No water-based drilling fluid is used, eliminating contamination by additives</li> <li>▪ Can be used in both unconsolidated and consolidated formations</li> <li>▪ A limited suite of geophysical logs can be run in the open borehole</li> <li>▪ A casing hammer can be used to simultaneously drive casing</li> <li>▪ Capable of drilling to any depth</li> <li>▪ Formation sampling is excellent in hard, dry formations</li> <li>▪ Formation water blown out of the hole makes it possible to determine when the first water-bearing zone is encountered</li> <li>▪ Field analysis of water blown from the hole can provide information regarding changes for some basic water-quality parameters such as chlorides</li> <li>▪ Fast</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Casing is required to keep the hole open when drilling in soft, caving formations below the water table</li> <li>▪ When more than one water-bearing zone is encountered and hydrostatic pressures are different, flow between zones occurs during the time drilling is being completed and before the borehole can be cased and grouted properly</li> <li>▪ Relatively more expensive than other methods</li> <li>▪ May not be economical for small jobs</li> </ul>
Cable tool	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Only small amounts of drilling fluid are required (generally water with no additives)</li> <li>▪ Can be used in both unconsolidated and consolidated formations; well suited for extremely permeable formations</li> <li>▪ Can drill to depths required for most monitoring wells</li> <li>▪ Highly representative formation samples can be obtained by an experienced driller</li> <li>▪ Changes in water level can be observed</li> <li>▪ Relative permeabilities for different zones can be determined by skilled drillers</li> <li>▪ A good seal between casing and formation is virtually assured if flush-jointed casing is used</li> <li>▪ Rigs can reach most drilling sites</li> <li>▪ Relatively inexpensive</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Minimum casing size is 4 in (102 mm)</li> <li>▪ Steel casing must be used</li> <li>▪ Cannot run a complete suite of geophysical logs</li> <li>▪ Usually a screen must be set before a water sample can be taken</li> <li>▪ Slow</li> <li>▪ A skilled operator is required to maximize the information obtained from this method</li> </ul>

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Type	Advantages	Disadvantages
Dual-tube pneumatic hammer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Excellent stratigraphic control. Outer tube eliminates slough so cuttings produced are from interval penetrated; core barrel can be used to collect in-situ samples</li> <li>▪ Outer tube effectively seals borehole allowing individual water-bearing zones to be identified and preventing cross contamination</li> <li>▪ Capable of drilling to depths required for most monitor wells</li> <li>▪ Fast</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Limited use in hard, consolidated formations</li> <li>▪ Because casing is evacuated during drilling, may produce large amounts of formation water and exacerbate flowing sands</li> <li>▪ Can be very noisy in hard formations</li> <li>▪ Relatively more expensive than other methods</li> </ul>
Casing hammer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Wells can be drilled in unconsolidated geologic materials that may be difficult to drill with other methods.</li> <li>▪ The borehole is fully stabilized during the entire drilling operation.</li> <li>▪ Penetration rates are rapid, even under difficult drilling conditions.</li> <li>▪ Lost-circulation problems are eliminated.</li> <li>▪ Accurate formation and water samples can be obtained.</li> <li>▪ Can be used in all weather conditions.</li> <li>▪ No water-based drilling fluid is required in unconsolidated materials.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Method is more expensive.</li> <li>▪ Operation is noisy.</li> </ul>
Rotosonic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Collects continuous cores and generates very little waste</li> <li>▪ Very rapid penetration rates are possible (8 to 10 times faster than hollow-stem auger, but slower than mud rotary)</li> <li>▪ Dual string assembly allows advancement of outer casing with the inner casing used to collect samples</li> <li>▪ Capable of drilling to depths required for most monitor wells</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Vibrating drill bit or core barrel can raise the temperature of samples and volatilize more sensitive compounds</li> <li>▪ Driving of material into the borehole wall when using a drill bit may create problems for logging, aquifer testing, and may affect monitor well filter pack</li> <li>▪ More expensive than other methods</li> </ul>

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Type	Advantages	Disadvantages
Reverse rotary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Porosity and permeability of the formation near the borehole is relatively undisturbed compared to other methods.</li> <li>▪ Large-diameter holes can be drilled quickly and economically.</li> <li>▪ No casing is required during the drilling operation.</li> <li>▪ Well screens can be set easily as part of the casing installation.</li> <li>▪ Most geologic formations, except igneous and metamorphic rocks, can be drilled.</li> <li>▪ Washouts in the borehole less likely (due to the low velocity of the drilling fluid).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Large water supply is generally needed.</li> <li>▪ Rigs and components are usually larger and thus more expensive.</li> <li>▪ Large mud pits are required.</li> <li>▪ Some drill sites are inaccessible because of the rig size.</li> <li>▪ More personnel are generally required for efficient operation than for other drilling methods.</li> </ul>

**Table 3.1-2. Relative Performance of Different Drilling Methods in Various Types of Geologic Formations**  
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Type of Formation	Cable Tool	Direct Rotary				Reverse Rotary		Hydraulic Percussion	Jetting	Driven	Auger
		With Fluids	With Air	Down-the-Hole Air Hammer	Drill-Through Casing Hammer	With Fluids	Dual Wall				
Dune sand	2	5	NR	NR	6	5*	6	5	5	3	1
Loose sand and gravel	2	5	NR	NR	6	5*	6	5	5	3	1
Quicksand	2	5	NR	NR	6	5*	6	5	5	NR	1
Loose boulders in alluvial fans or glacial drift	3-2	2-1	NR	NR	5	2-1	4	1	1	NR	1
Clay and silt	3	5	NR	NR	5	5	5	3	3	NR	3
Firm shale	5	5	NR	NR	5	5	5	3	NR	NR	2
Sticky shale	3	5	NR	NR	5	3	5	3	NR	NR	2
Brittle shale	5	5	NR	NR	5	5	5	3	NR	NR	NA
Sandstone-poorly cemented	3	4	NR	NR	NA	4	5	4	NR	NR	NA
Sandstone-well cemented	3	3	5	NR	NA	3	5	3	NR	NR	NA
Chert nodules	5	3	3	NR	NA	3	3	5	NR	NR	NA
Limestone	5	5	5	6	NA	5	5	5	NR	NR	NA
Limestone with chert nodules	5	3	5	6	NA	3	3	5	NR	NR	NA

Notes are provided at the end of the table.

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Type of Formation	Cable Tool	Direct Rotary				Reverse Rotary		Hydraulic Percussion	Jetting	Driven	Auger
		With Fluids	With Air	Down-the-Hole Air Hammer	Drill-Through Casing Hammer	With Fluids	Dual Wall				
Limestone with small cracks or fractures	5	3	5	6	NA	2	5	5	NR	NR	NA
Limestone, cavernous	5	3-1	2	5	NA	1	5	1	NR	NR	NA
Dolomite	5	5	5	6	NA	5	5	5	NR	NR	NA
Basalts, thin layers in sedimentary rocks	5	3	5	6	NA	3	5	5	NR	NR	NA
Basalts-thick layers	3	3	4	5	NA	3	4	3	NR	NR	NA
Basalts-highly fractured (lost circulation zones)	3	1	3	3	NA	1	4	1	NR	NR	NA
Metamorphic rocks	3	3	4	5	NA	3	4	3	NR	NR	NA
Granite	3	3	5	5	NA	3	4	3	NR	NR	NA

Modified from Driscoll (1986)

\*Assuming sufficient hydrostatic pressure is available to contain active sand (under high confining pressures)

NR = Not recommended

NA = Not applicable

Rate of Penetration:

- |              |              |
|--------------|--------------|
| 1 Impossible | 4 Medium     |
| 2 Difficult  | 5 Rapid      |
| 3 Slow       | 6 Very rapid |



**Table 3.1-3. Typical Additive Concentrations, Resulting Viscosities, and  
Required Uphole Velocities for Major Types of Drilling Fluids Used  
in Various Aquifer Materials**  
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Base Fluid	Additive/Concentration	Marsh Funnel Viscosity (seconds)	Annular Uphole Velocity (ft/min)	Observations
Water	None	26–0.5	100–120	For normal drilling (sand, silt, and clay)
	Clay (High-Grade Bentonite)			Increases viscosity (lifting capacity) of water significantly
	15-25 lb/100 gal	35–55	80–120	For normal drilling conditions (sand, silt, and clay)
	25-40 lb/100 gal	55–70	80–120	For gravel and other coarse-grained, poorly consolidated formations
	35-45 lb/100 gal	65–75	80–120	For excessive fluid losses
	Polymer (Natural)			Increases viscosity (lifting capacity) of water significantly
	4.0 lb/100 gal	35–55	80–120	For normal drilling conditions (sand, silt, and clay)
	6.1 lb/100 gal	65–75	80–120	For gravel and other coarse-grained, poorly consolidated formations
	6.5 lb/100 gal	75–85	80–120	For excessive fluid losses Cuttings should be removed from the annulus before the pump is shut down, because polymeric drilling fluids have very little gel strength
Air	None	NA	3,000–5,000	Fast drilling and adequate cleaning of medium to fine cuttings, but may be dust problems at the surface
			4,500–6,000	This range of annular uphole velocities is required for the dual-wall method of drilling
	Water (Air Mist) 0.25-2 gpm	NA	3,000–5,000	Controls dust at the surface and is suitable for formations that have limited entry of water

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Base Fluid	Additive/ Concentration	Marsh Funnel Viscosity (seconds)	Annular Uphole Velocity (ft/min)	Observations
Air	Surfactant/Water (Air-Foam)	NA	50-1,000	Extends the lifting capacity of the compressor
	1-2 qt/100 gal (0.25-0.5% surfactant)			For light drilling; small water inflow; also for sticky clay, wet sand, fine gravel, hard rock; few drilling problems
	2-3 qt/100 gal (0.5-0.75% surfactant)			For average drilling conditions; larger diameter, deeper holes; large cuttings; increasing volumes of water inflow; excellent hole cleaning
	3-4 qt/100 gal (0.75-1% surfactant)			For difficult drilling; deep, large-diameter holes; large, heavy cuttings; sticky and incompetent formations; large water inflows
				Injection rates of surfactant/water mixture: Unconsolidated formations: 3-10 gpm Fractured rock: 3-7 gpm Solid rock: 3-5 gpm
	Surfactant/Colloids/Water (Stiff Foam)	NA	50-100	Greatly extends lifting capacity of the compressor
	3-5 qt/100 gal (0.75-1% surfactant) plus 3-6 lb polymer/100 gal or 30-50 lb bentonite/100 gal			For difficult drilling; deep, large-diameter holes; large, heavy cuttings; sticky and incompetent formations; large water inflows
	4-8 qt/100 gal (1-2% surfactant) plus 3-6 lb polymer/100 gal or 30-50 lb bentonite/100 gal			For extremely difficult drilling; large, deep holes; lost circulation; incompetent formations; excessive water inflows

**Table 3.1-2. Drilling Fluid Weight Adjustment with Barite or Water**

Initial Drilling Fluid Weight (lb/gal)	Desired Drilling Fluid Weight (lb/gal)											
	9.5	10.0	10.5	11.0	11.5	12.0	12.5	13.0	13.5	1.0	14.5	15.0
9.0	69	140	214	293	371	457	545	638	733	833	940	1050
9.5		69	143	219	298	381	467	557	650	750	855	964
10.0	43		71	145	221	305	390	479	569	667	769	876
10.5	85	30		74	148	229	312	398	488	583	683	788
11.0	128	60	23		74	152	233	319	407	500	598	700
11.5	171	90	46	19		76	157	240	326	417	512	614
12.0	214	120	69	37	16		79	160	245	333	426	526
12.5	256	150	92	56	32	14		81	162	250	343	438
13.0	299	180	115	75	48	27	12		81	167	257	350
13.5	342	210	138	94	63	41	24	11		83	171	264
14.0	385	240	161	112	78	54	36	21	10		86	176
14.5	427	270	185	131	95	68	48	32	19	9		88
15.0	470	300	208	150	110	82	60	43	29	18	8	

Modified from Petroleum Extension Service (1969)

1. The lower left half of this table shows the number of gallons of water which must be added to 100 gal of drilling fluid to produce desired weight reductions. To use this portion of the table, locate the initial drilling fluid weight in the vertical column at the left, then locate the desired drilling fluid weight in the upper horizontal row. The number of gal of water to be added per 100 gal of drilling fluid is read directly across from the initial weight and directly below the desired weight. For example, to reduce an 11 lb/gal drilling fluid to a 9.5 lb/gal drilling fluid, 128 gal of water must be added for every 100 gal of drilling fluid in the system.
2. The upper right half of this table shows the number of pounds of barite which must be added to 100 gal of drilling fluid to produce desired weight increases. To use this portion of the table, locate the initial drilling fluid weight in the vertical column to the left, then locate the desired drilling fluid weight in the upper horizontal row. The number of pounds of barite to be added per 100 gal of drilling fluid is read directly across from the initial weight and directly below the desired weight. For example, to raise a 9 lb/gal drilling fluid to 10 lb/gal, 140 lb of barite must be added per 100 gal of drilling fluid in the system.

**Table 3.1-5. Drilling Information Checklist**  
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Project No \_\_\_\_\_ DBS&A Project Manager \_\_\_\_\_

DBS&A field personnel \_\_\_\_\_

Drilling Company \_\_\_\_\_

Drilling Company Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Date work to begin \_\_\_\_\_ Estimated workdays to complete job \_\_\_\_\_

Written access agreements in place with property owners _____
Written access agreements in place with owners of property to be crossed to reach drilling site ____
Well permits and/or drilling permits filed with appropriate agency _____
Notify client and/or Agency in timely manner _____
Utility clearance; One-Call contacted _____
Local municipality contacted (water & sewer) _____
Underdetection service contacted (private co.) _____
Utility clearance required time allotted _____
Health and Safety Plan (site specific with emergency medical info) with daily tailgate meeting forms ____
MSDS book for field activities _____
First aid kit, eye wash bottle, and material safety data sheets requested (rental vehicle) _____
Water: Is water available on site or nearby? _____
Can the drilling subcontractor haul adequate amounts of water? ____
Is the water source and equipment used to transport water free of contaminants? ____
Decontamination equipment (steam cleaner, etc.) supplied by drilling contractor ____
Decon pad available if required ____ Containment of decon water if needed _____
Sample kit for decon water ____ Arrange for disposal of decon water _____
Drilling fluids containment ____ Sample kit for drilling fluids _____

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Arrange for disposal of drilling fluids _____
Drill cuttings containment _____ Sample kit for drill cuttings _____
Arrange for disposal of drill cuttings _____
Drilling method (selected for appropriate geologic conditions to be encountered) ____
Wooden knockout plugs (hollow stem augers in flowing sands) _____
Sampling device _____ Size of sampling device _____
Sample containers ordered to fit the sampling device _____
Sampling containers (appropriate for the chemical and/or physical parameters to be tested) ____
Sand or core catchers supplied by drillers for unconsolidated soils _____
For brass or stainless steel rings, are end caps, Teflon liners, and the appropriate sealing material available _____
What is sampling interval _____ Has an adequate number of sample containers been ordered _____
Well screen and filter pack (well screen and filter pack been sized to match completion formation) ____
Tagline (length, type, and free of contaminants) _____
Tremie pipe (if needed) supplied by drilling contractor _____
Annular seal: selected to prevent grout intrusion and blistering of casing (bentonite vs. cement) ____
Surface well completions; flush mounted well vaults or steel risers with protective posts _____

**Table 3.1-6. Daily Equipment Checklist**  
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Item	Specific Procedures and Equipment
Health and Safety _____	Conduct tailgate health and safety meeting before starting work and as activities or conditions change. Discuss appropriate safety issues. Ensure work crew is wearing the required personal protective equipment. Always adhere to the site-specific health and safety plan. Ensure that MSDS book is on-site.
Meters (at start of work day) _____	Calibrate all meters to be used and record calibration results in the field book.
	Remove all meters from their storage cases and place storage cases in a dry safe place for the day.
	Place all meter probes in the appropriate temporary storage solution (usually distilled or tap water) to prevent drying out of probe membranes (critical for DO probes).
	Use appropriate in-line dust and moisture filters (critical for photoionization detector and GA90 methane meter).
Meters (at end of work day) _____	Turn off power to all meters to conserve batteries.
	Place all probes in their respective storage solutions.
	Clean (decontaminate as necessary) and dry off all meters and return to their storage cases for transport.
	If back up batteries were used, purchase replacement batteries as necessary.
	Recharge all rechargeable batteries over night. Most nickel/cadmium batteries prefer to be fully discharged and fully recharged to prevent memory imprints (e.g., GA-90 methane meter). Read meter manual for proper recharging instructions. If freezing temperatures are possible, make sure all meters are stored in a secure heated area.
Meters (during the work day) _____	Decon all downhole meters between use to prevent cross contamination.
	If a meter reads over its operating range, recalibrate meter before using again (PID).
	Broken or malfunctioning meters should be replaced as soon as possible. Contact the DBS&A Equipment Coordinator.
Decontamination supplies _____	Purchase distilled water, paper towels, garbage bags, and plastic sheeting as necessary.
Sample containers _____	If containers are broken or become contaminated in any way or the scope of work expands, request the appropriate number and type of sample containers and preservatives immediately. Sample containers are usually provided by the laboratory performing the analysis or the DBS&A Equipment Coordinator.

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Item	Specific Procedures and Equipment
Coolers _____	Purchase adequate ice to keep samples at 4°C at all times. Ice should be placed in double zip-lock baggies and kept from coming in contact with samples. Coolers should be kept as free of melt water as possible to prevent samples from coming in contact with melt water.
Field Book _____	In field book, use indelible ink and record the start and end times of various drilling activities, particularly down-time and standby.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meter readings</li> <li>H&amp;S discussions (i.e., tailgate H&amp;S meeting, 8-8:15)</li> <li>Client contacts or visitors</li> <li>Deviations from the work plan or scope of work</li> </ul>

## 3.7 Soil Description

The following guidance provides procedures for describing soil in the field. The basis for this guidance is *Standard Practice for Description and Identification of Soils (Visual-Manual Procedure)* developed by the ASTM International (ASTM) as Standard D 2488 (ASTM, 2000). In addition, we have included other field tests d presented in the EPA document *Description and Sampling of Contaminated Soils - A Field Pocket Guide* (U.S. EPA, 1991).

### 3.7.1 Equipment

Soil sampling tool kits are available from the DBS&A warehouse. Recommended equipment for describing soil includes the following:

- Soil boring logs
- Nitrile gloves
- Grain-size chart
- Dilute hydrochloric acid
- Glass jar with lid
- No. 40 sieve
- Munsell color chart
- Hand lens
- Squirt bottle of water
- Stainless steel spatula or pocket knife
- Tape measure (graduated in 10ths)

### 3.7.2 Procedure for Describing Soil

This SOP summarizes the process for describing soil in the field. All of the information described here should be recorded on the DBS&A Soil Boring Log Form (Attachment 3.7-1). SOP 1.4 details the procedure for preparing the Soil Boring Log. Attachment 3.7-2 presents all of the information in this SOP in a 2-page summary that can be taken to the field.

#### 3.7.2.1 *Is the Material Peat?*

If the sample is composed primarily of vegetable tissue in various stages of decomposition with a fibrous to amorphous texture, usually dark brown to black, and an organic odor, it is considered a highly organic soil and identified as peat, USCS symbol "Pt." According to the



USCS procedure, highly organic soil identified as peat is not subjected to any further identification procedures.

### 3.7.2.2 *Coarse-Grained or Fine-Grained?*

This determination is the basis for subsequent tests that will be performed to characterize the soil. If more than 50 percent of the grains are visible with the unaided eye, the material is a coarse soil. If less than 50 percent of the grains are visible with the unaided eye, the material is a fine soil. The procedures for describing predominantly coarse-grained and fine-grained soil are in Section 3.4 and 3.5, respectively. The following methods can be used to determine whether the soil is predominantly coarse-grained or fine-grained.

1. Spread a sample of soil in your palm or on a flat surface, such as a clipboard, and examine the particles. Visually estimate the percentage of the sample that is visible with the unaided eye. Use a hand lens, if necessary. If some of the particles could be aggregates of fine particles, wet a small sample of the soil with water. Rub a marble-sized sample between the thumb and forefinger. Sand grains will feel rough and gritty, whereas aggregates of fine material will break down and feel silky.
2. The *jar method* is performed by placing the sample in a glass jar with water and shaking the container to disperse the sample. The rate of settling can be used to judge the predominant soil type(s), whereas the thicknesses of the various soils can be used to judge the gradation of the soil. Sands settle in 30 to 60 seconds, silts generally settle in 30 to 60 minutes, and clays may remain in suspension overnight. The interface between fine sands and silts occurs where individual grains cannot be discerned with the unaided eye. The cloudiness of the water indicates the relative clay content.
3. The *wash test* can be used to estimate the relative percentages of sand and fines. Select and moisten enough minus No. 4 sieve size material (medium sand and finer) and form a 1-inch cube. Cut the cube in half and place half in a shallow dish. Wash and decant the fines out of the material until the water in the dish is essentially clear. Compare the amount of solids left in the dish with the other half of the soil cube and estimate the percentage of sand and fines. The volume comparison provides a reasonable estimate of grain size percentages.

While it is generally preferred to state the approximate percentage of gravel, sand, and fines, those percentages may be stated in terms indicating a range of percentages, as follows:

- *Trace*: Particles present, but estimated to be less than 5 percent
- *Few*: 5 to 10 percent

- *Little:* 15 to 25 percent
- *Some:* 30 to 45 percent
- *Mostly:* 50 to 100 percent

### 3.7.2.3 Describing Coarse-Grained Soil

This section summarizes the steps for describing soil in which more than 50 percent of the grains are visible to the unaided eye. Coarse soil should be identified according to Table 3.7-1.

**Table 3.7-1. Field Description of Coarse Soil**

Soil Type	Fines	Grading	Silt or Clay	USCS Symbol	Sand or Gravel	Description
Gravel	<5%	Well-graded	—	GW	<15% sand	Well-graded gravel
					≥15% sand	Well-graded gravel with sand
		Poorly graded	—	GP	<15% sand	Poorly graded gravel
					≥15% sand	Poorly graded gravel with sand
	>15%	—	Silt	GM	<15% sand	Silty gravel
					≥15% sand	Silty gravel with sand
		—	Clay	GC	<15% sand	Clayey gravel
					≥15% sand	Clayey gravel with sand
Sand	<5%	Well-graded	—	SW	<15% gravel	Well-graded sand
					≥15% gravel	Well-graded sand with gravel
		Poorly graded	—	SP	<15% gravel	Poorly graded sand
					<15% gravel	Poorly graded sand with gravel
	>15%	—	Silt	SM	≥15% gravel	Silty sand
					<15% gravel	Silty sand with gravel
		—	Clay	SC	≥15% gravel	Clayey sand
					<15% gravel	Clayey sand with gravel

Source: WADOT, 2006

— = Not applicable

*Gravel or Sand?* Coarse soils are classified as either a gravel or a sand, depending on whether the coarse grains are mostly larger or smaller than a 0.19-inch (4.75-mm) opening. A soil is defined as gravel when the estimated percentage of the gravel-size particles is greater than the percentage of sand-size particles. A soil is defined as sand when the estimated percentage of the sand-size particles is greater than the percentage of gravel-size particles. Grain size criteria for sand and gravel-size material are summarized in Table 3.7-2.

**Table 3.7-2. Sand and Gravel Subdivisions**

Description	Sand (mm)	Gravel (inches)
Fine	0.075 to 0.425	1/5 to 3/4
Medium	0.425 to 2	—
Coarse	2 to 4	3/4 to 3

Source: ASTM D 2488 (2009)

*“Clean” or “Dirty?”* Once the material is classified as either gravel or sand, it is then identified as either clean or dirty. “Clean” means that the sample is essentially free (less than 5 percent) of fines (material that passes a 0.003-inch [0.075 mm] opening) and “dirty” means that the sample contains an appreciable (greater than 15 percent) amount of fines. The use of the terms clean and dirty are for distinction purposes only and should not be used in the description contained on the field log.

There are several ways to determine whether a sample is clean or dirty.

1. Visually estimate the percentage of the material that is individual grains visible to the unaided eye; the remaining material is considered the fines.
2. Remove material coarser than medium sand (greater than 2 mm or passing a No. 10 sieve), wet the sample, and work it with your hands. Evaluate the “staining” of the hand. A clean sand with less than 5 percent fines will not leave an appreciable stain. The dirtier the sand, the more staining will be evident.
3. If necessary, use the jar method or the wash method described in Section 3.7.2.2.

*Sorting.* If the material is clean, gradation criteria apply, and the material is classified as either a well graded sand (USCS symbol SW) or gravel (GW), or a poorly graded sand (SP) or gravel (GP) (Table 3.7 1). Well-graded (poorly sorted) soil has a wide range of particle sizes and a substantial amount of the intermediate particle sizes. Poorly graded (well sorted) soil consists

predominantly of one particle size (uniformly graded) or has a wide range of particle sizes with some sizes obviously missing (gap graded). Once the grading determination has been made, the classification can be further refined by estimating the percentage of the sand-size particles present in the sample.

*Silt or Clay?* If the material is dirty (i.e., more than 15 percent fines), it will be important to determine whether the fines are silt or clay. If the fines are determined to be silt, the material will be classified as silty sand (USCS symbol SM) or silty gravel (GM). If the fines are determined to be clay, the material will be classified as clayey sand (SC) or clayey gravel (GC) (Table 3.7-1).

*Grain-Size Distribution.* For sand- and gravel-size material, describe each component as fine, medium, or coarse according to criteria in Table 3.7-2. This is most easily done with a grain-size chart; a hand lens will aid in this evaluation. With practice, the grain-size distribution can be judged without a grain-size chart.

When describing grain size, the sizes should be mentioned in decreasing order of importance. For example, "fine to medium sand" indicates more fine than medium sand, and "coarse to fine sand" indicates more coarse than medium or fine sand.

The classification of coarse soil as outlined in Table 3.7-1 does not take into account the presence of cobbles and boulders within the soil mass. When cobbles and/or boulders are detected, either visually within a test pit or as indicated by drilling action/core recovery, they should be reported on the field log after the main soil description. One of the following descriptor should be used:

- When only cobbles (2.5 to 10 inches) are present, add with cobbles.
- When only boulders (> 10 inches) are present, add with boulders.
- When both cobbles and boulders are present, add with cobbles and boulders.

*Angularity.* The criteria in Table 3.7-3 should be used to describe particle angularity, or range of angularity.

*Density.* An important index property of cohesionless (non-plastic) soil is its relative density. The standard penetration test (ASTM 1586) is an in situ field test that is widely used to define the density of cohesionless soil. The density test criteria are summarized in Table 3.7-4.

*Cementation.* The criteria in Table 3.7-5 should be used to describe cementation.

**Table 3.7-3. Angularity Criteria for Coarse Particles**

Description	Criterion
Angular	Particles have sharp edges and relatively plane sides with unpolished surfaces.
Subangular	Particles are similar to angular description but have rounded edges.
Subrounded	Particles have nearly plane sides, but have well rounded corners and edges.
Rounded	Particles have smoothly curved sides and no edges.

Source: ASTM D 2488 (2009)

**Table 3.7-4. Density Criteria for Coarse Soil**

Description	Blow Counts	Criteria
Very loose	0–4	Easily penetrated
Loose	4–10	Easily penetrated with a 13-mm- (½-inch) diameter reinforcing rod pushed by hand.
Medium dense	10–30	Easily penetrated with a 13-mm- (½-inch) diameter reinforcing rod driven with a 2.3-kg (5-lb) hammer
Dense	30–50	Penetrated 0.3 meter (1 foot) with a 13-mm- (½-inch) diameter reinforcing rod driven with a 2.3-kg (5-lb) hammer
Very dense	>50	Penetrated only a few centimeters with a 13-mm- (½-inch) diameter reinforcing rod driven with a 2.3-kg (5-lb) hammer

Source: USACE, 2001

**Table 3.7-5. Cementation Criteria for Intact Coarse Soil**

Description	Criterion
Weak	Crumbles or breaks with handling or a little finger pressure.
Moderate	Crumbles or breaks with considerable finger pressure.
Strong	Will not crumble or break with finger pressure.

Source: ASTM D 2488 (2009)

### 3.7.2.4 Describing Fine-Grained Inorganic Soil

This section summarizes the procedures for describing soil in which less than 50 percent of the grains are visible to the unaided eye. According to ASTM D 2488, in order to perform the

following field tests for fine-grained soils, a representative sample of the soil is selected and particles larger than the No. 40 sieve (medium-grained sand and larger) are removed. This portion of the sample is then used to perform the tests for dry strength, dilatancy, toughness, and plasticity, as described below.

If the soil is estimated to have 15 to 25 percent sand or gravel, or both, the words “with sand” or “with gravel” (whichever is more predominant) shall be added to the group name, for example, “lean clay with sand, CL.” If the percentage of sand is equal to the percentage of gravel, use “with sand.”

If the soil is estimated to have 30 percent or more sand or gravel, or both, the words “sandy” or “gravelly” (whichever is more predominant) shall be added to the group name—for example, “sandy lean clay, CL.” If the percentage of sand is equal to the percentage of gravel, use the word “sandy.”

Tables 3.7 6 through 3.7 9 should be used when identifying fine-grained soil.

**Table 3.7-6. Field Descriptions of Silt (ML) Group Soil**

Fines	Coarseness	Sand or Gravel	Description
>70%	<15% plus 0.075 mm		Silt
	15-25% plus 0.075 mm	% Sand > % gravel	Silt w/sand
	15-25% plus 0.075 mm	% Sand < % gravel	Silt w/gravel
	% Sand > % gravel	<15% Gravel	Sandy silt
	% Sand > % gravel	>15% Gravel	Sandy silt w/gravel
	% Sand < % gravel	<15% Sand	Gravelly silt
	% Sand < % gravel	>15% Sand	Gravelly silt w/sand

Source: WADOT, 2006

*Plasticity.* Plasticity criteria are summarized in Table 3.7-10.

**Table 3.7-7. Field Descriptions of Elastic Silt (MH) Group Soil**

Fines	Coarseness	Sand or Gravel	Description
>70%	<15% plus 0.075 mm		Elastic silt
	15-25% plus 0.075 mm	% Sand > % gravel	Elastic silt w/sand
	15-25% plus 0.075 mm	% Sand < % gravel	Elastic silt w/gravel
	% Sand > % gravel	<15% Gravel	Sandy elastic silt
	% Sand > % gravel	>15% Gravel	Sandy elastic silt w/gravel
	% Sand < % gravel	<15% Sand	Gravelly elastic silt
	% Sand < % gravel	>15% Sand	Gravelly elastic silt w/sand

Source: WADOT, 2006

**Table 3.7-8. Field Descriptions of Lean Clay (CL) Group Soil**

Fines	Coarseness	Sand or Gravel	Description
>70%	<15% plus 0.075 mm		Lean clay
	15-25% plus 0.075 mm	% Sand > % gravel	Lean clay w/sand
	15-25% plus 0.075 mm	% Sand < % gravel	Lean clay w/gravel
	% Sand > % gravel	<15% Gravel	Sandy lean clay
	% Sand > % gravel	>15% Gravel	Sandy lean clay w/gravel
	% Sand < % gravel	<15% Sand	Gravelly lean clay
	% Sand < % gravel	>15% Sand	Gravelly lean clay w/sand

Source: WADOT, 2006

**Table 3.7-9. Field Descriptions of Fat Clay (CH) Group Soil**

Fines	Coarseness	Sand or Gravel	Description
>70%	<15% plus 0.075 mm		Fat clay
	15-25% plus 0.075 mm	% Sand > % gravel	Fat clay w/sand
	15-25% plus 0.075 mm	% Sand < % gravel	Fat clay w/gravel
	% Sand > % gravel	<15% Gravel	Sandy fat clay
	% Sand > % gravel	>15% Gravel	Sandy fat clay w/gravel
	% Sand < % gravel	<15% Sand	Gravelly fat clay
	% Sand < % gravel	>15% Sand	Gravelly fat clay w/sand

Source: WADOT, 2006

**Table 3.7-10. Criteria for Describing Plasticity**

Description	Criterion
Nonplastic	A 1/8-inch thread cannot be rolled at any water content.
Low	The thread can barely be rolled and the lump cannot be formed when drier than the plastic limit.
Medium	The thread is easy to roll and not much time is required to reach the plastic limit. The thread cannot be rerolled after reaching the plastic limit. The lump crumbles when drier than the plastic limit.
High	Considerable time spent rolling and kneading is required to reach the plastic limit. The thread can be rerolled several times after reaching the plastic limit. The lump can be formed without crumbling when drier than the plastic limit.

Source: ASTM D 2488 (2009)

*Consistency.* The consistency test is performed on intact fine-grained soil. According to ASTM D 2488, the consistency test is inappropriate for soil containing a significant amount of gravel. The consistency test criteria are summarized in Table 3.7-11.

**Table 3.7-11. Criteria for Describing Consistency**

Description	Blows per foot	Penetrometer (tons/ft <sup>2</sup> )	Criteria
Very soft	0–2	<0.25	Thumb will penetrate soil more than 1 inch.
Soft	2–4	0.25–0.5	Thumb will penetrate soil about 1 inch.
Medium stiff	4–8	0.5–1.0	Thumb will indent soil about 1/4 inch.
Stiff	8–15	1.0–2.0	
Very stiff	15–30	2.0–4.0	Thumb will not indent soil, but readily indented with thumbnail.
Hard	>30	>4.0	Thumbnail will not indent soil.

Source: ASTM D6169-98 (2005)

### 3.7.2.5 Describing Fine-Grained Organic Soil

Identify the soil as an organic soil, OL/OH, if the soil contains enough organic particles to influence the soil properties. Organic soils usually have dark brown to black color and may have an organic odor. Often organic soils will change color (e.g., from black to brown) when exposed



to the air. Organic soils will normally not have a high toughness or plasticity. The thread for the toughness test will be spongy.

### 3.7.3 Finishing the Soil Description

Once the determination has been made as to whether the soil is predominantly coarse-grained or fine-grained and the appropriate tests described in Section 3.7.2 have been conducted, additional information must be collected, as described below.

#### 3.7.3.1 Color

Soil color is described using Munsell soil color charts, which provide precise descriptors for any soil color, to the extent that soils anywhere in the world can be compared. The Munsell system has three components—hue (a specific color), value (lightness and darkness), and chroma (color intensity)—that are arranged in books of color chips.

Soil is held next to the color chips to find a visual match and is then assigned the corresponding Munsell notation. The field description of color should include color name and color notation. For example, a brown soil may be noted as “dark yellowish brown (10YR 4/6).” Soil color should be determined for moist soil. If the soil sample is dry, a note reflecting that should be made on the boring log. Mottling is usually an indication of variable saturation and should be described according to mottle abundance, size, and color(s).

#### 3.7.3.2 Moisture Condition

The moisture condition of the soil is often overlooked in soil descriptions, despite being a key indicator of hydrogeologic conditions. Soil moisture condition criteria are summarized in Table 3.7-12.

**Table 3.7-12. Moisture Condition Criteria for Soil**

Description	Criterion
Dry	Absence of moisture, dusty, dry to the touch.
Moist	Damp, but no visible water.
Wet	Visible free water, usually seen in soil below the water table.

Source: ASTM D 2488 (2009)

### 3.7.3.3 *Reaction with Dilute Hydrochloric Acid*

This test primarily evaluates the presence of calcium carbonate, a common cementing agent. To conduct the test, add dilute hydrochloric acid to sulfidic soil, thereby causing the release of hydrogen sulfide gas in cemented soils.

To prepare dilute hydrochloric acid, slowly add one part concentrated hydrochloric acid (10 N) to three parts distilled water. Do not add water to acid.

The reaction criteria are summarized in Table 3.7-13.

**Table 3.7-13. Criteria for Soil Reaction to Hydrochloric Acid**

Description	Criterion
None	No visible reaction.
Weak	Some reaction, with bubbles forming slowly.
Strong	Violent reaction, with bubbles forming immediately.

Source: ASTM D 2488 (2009)

### 3.7.3.4 *Sedimentary Structure*

Describe the structure of intact soil samples according to the criteria summarized in Table 3.7-14.

**Table 3.7-14. Criteria for Describing Structure**

Description	Criterion
Bedded	Alternating layers of varying material or color with layers at least 6 mm thick; note thicknesses.
Laminated	Alternating layers of varying material or color with layers less than 6 mm thick; note thicknesses.
Lensed	Small pockets of different materials; note thicknesses.
Massive	No apparent layering or other sedimentary structures.
Fissured	Breaks along definite planes of fracture with little resistance to fracturing.
Slickensided	Fracture planes appear polished or glossy, sometimes striated.
Blocky	Cohesive soil that can be broken down into small angular lumps that resist further breakdown
Concretions	Accumulations of carbonates or iron compounds
Root holes	Holes remaining after roots have decayed
Burrows	Borings made as animals tunnel through sediments.

Sources: ASTM D 2488 (2009); USACE, 2001

### **3.7.3.5 Odor**

Describe the odor if organic or unusual. Soils containing a significant amount of organic material usually have a distinctive odor of decaying vegetation. This is especially apparent in fresh samples. Describe unusual odors, particularly if they indicate the presence of a contaminant (e.g., petroleum product, chemical).

### **3.7.3.6 Evidence of Contamination**

In addition to any odor that indicates the presence of contamination, describe any other physical indicators of contaminants such as visible product or staining.

## **3.7.4 Dual and Borderline Symbols**

If a soil has properties that do not distinctly place it in a specific group, dual or borderline symbols may be used, as discussed below.

### **3.7.4.1 Dual Symbols**

A dual symbol—two symbols separated by a hyphen (e.g., GP-GM, SW-SC, CL-ML)—is used in laboratory classification of soils and in visual classification when soils are estimated to contain 10 percent fines. Dual symbols should be used to indicate that the soil has the properties of two different classifications.

### **3.7.4.2 Borderline Symbols**

Because the visual classification of soil is based on estimates of particle-size distribution and plasticity characteristics, it may be difficult to clearly identify the soil as belonging to one category. To indicate that the soil may fall into one of two possible basic groups, a borderline symbol—that is, two symbols separated by a slash (e.g., CL/CH, SC/CL, GM/SM, CL/ML)—may be used. A borderline classification symbol should not be used indiscriminately. Every effort should be made first to place the soil into a single group.

Cases in which a borderline symbol may be used include the following:

- When the percentage of fines is visually estimated to be between 45 and 55 percent. One symbol should be for a coarse-grained soil with fines and the other for a fine-grained soil (e.g., GM/ML, CL/SC).
- When the percentage of sand and the percentage of gravel are estimated to be about the same (e.g., GP/SP, SC/GC, GM/SM). It is practically impossible to have a soil that would have

a borderline symbol of GW/SW. However, a borderline symbol may be used when the soil could be either well graded or poorly graded (e.g., GW/GP, SW/SP).

- When the soil could be either silt or clay (e.g., CL/ML, CH/MH, SC/SM).
- When a fine-grained soil has properties at the boundary between a soil of low compressibility and a soil of high compressibility (e.g., CL/CH, MH/ML).

The order of the borderline symbol should reflect similarity to surrounding or adjacent soils. For example, in a case where soils in a borrow area have been predominantly identified as CH but one sample has the borderline symbol of CL and CH, the borderline symbol should be CH/CL to show similarity to the adjacent CH soils.

The group name for a soil with a borderline symbol should be the group name for the first symbol, except for the following:

- *CL/CH*: Lean to fat clay
- *ML/CL*: Clayey silt
- *CL/ML*: Silty clay

## Attachments

3.7-1 Soil Boring Log

3.7-2 Soil Description Reference Summary

## References

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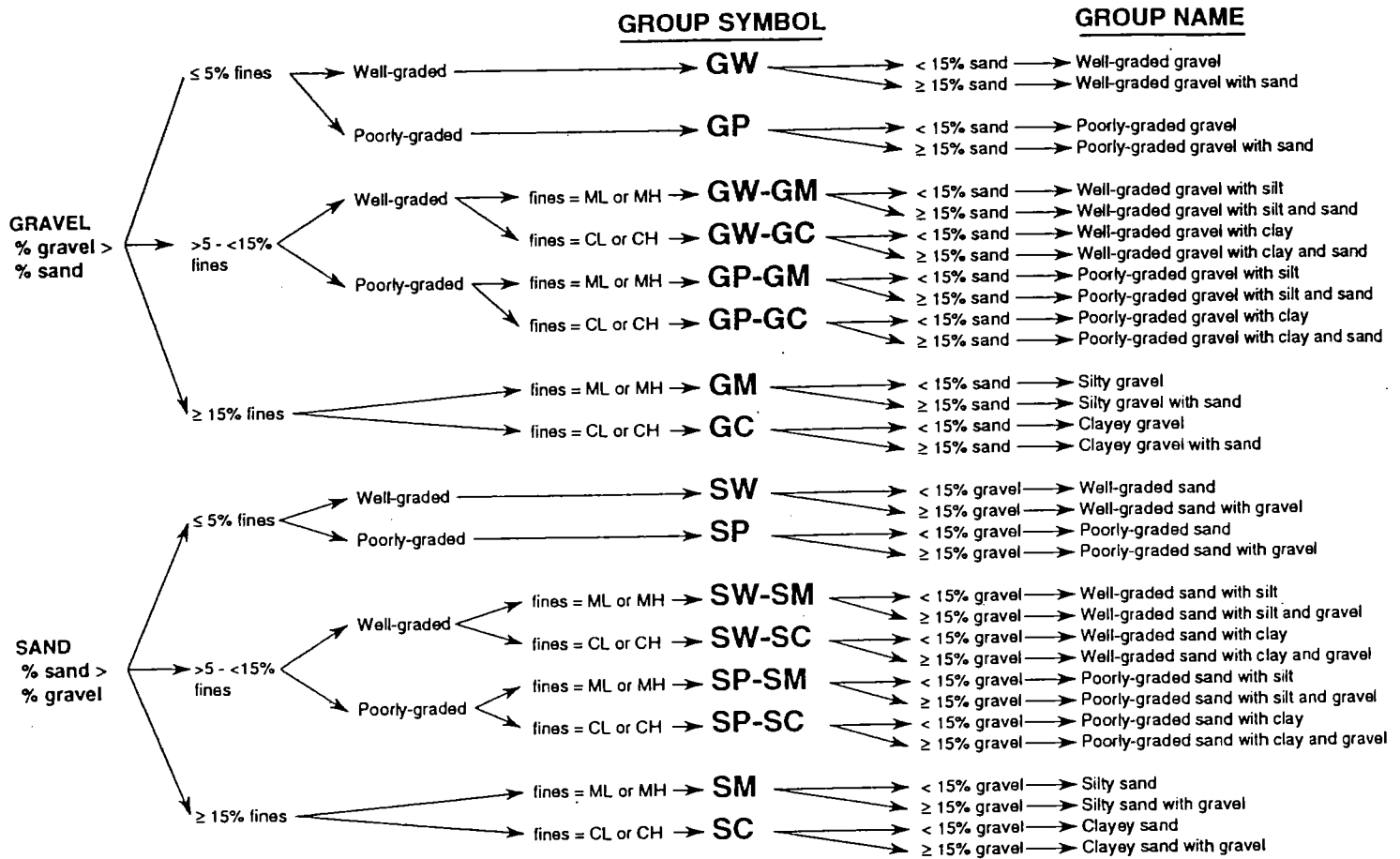
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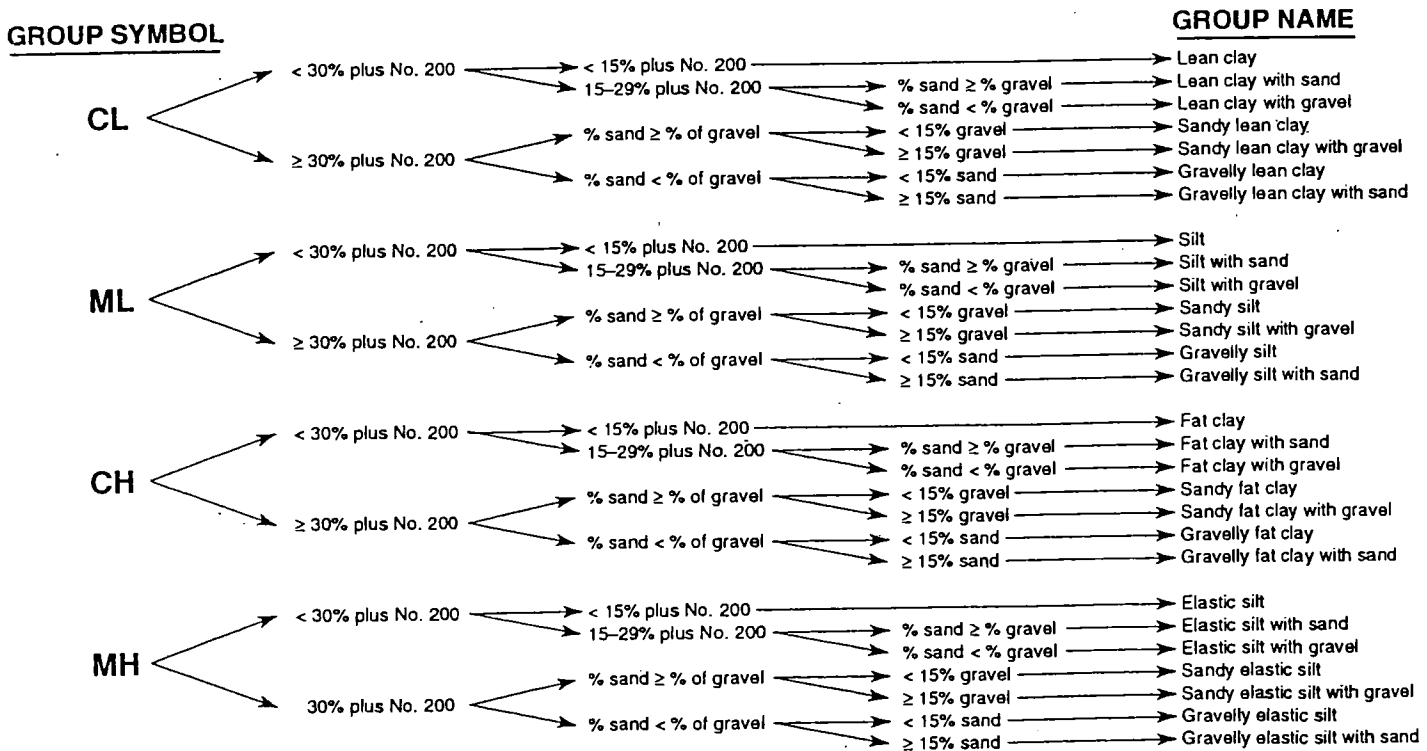
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Date Started				Date Completed				
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## Flow Chart for Identifying Coarse-Grained Soils (less than 50% fines)



## Flow Chart for Identifying Fine-Grained Soils (more than 50% fines)



NOTES— Percentages are based on estimating amounts of fines, sand and gravel to the nearest 5%.

— Material passing a No. 200 sieve is classified as fine; material retained on a No. 200 sieve is classified as sand and coarse-grained particles.

**ORDER OF DESCRIPTIONS:**

1. USCS Type 2. Group Name 3. Color 4. Density/Consistency 5. Plasticity 6. Moisture 7. Structure  
 8. Angularity/Mineralogy 9. Miscellaneous

**EXAMPLE DESCRIPTION:**

SM Silty sand, pale brown (10YR6/3), loose, nonplastic, moist, laminated (4-mm thick laminations), subrounded quartz and feldspar



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COARSE-GRAINED SOILS <50% passes #200 sieve	GRAVELS <50% coarse fraction passes #4 sieve	GRAVELS with little or no fines	GW	Well graded gravels, gravel-sand mixtures, little or no fines
		GRAVELS with ≥15% fines	GP	Poorly graded gravels, gravel-sand mixtures, little or no fines
			GM	Silty gravels, poorly graded gravel-sand-silt mixtures
		SANDS ≥50% coarse fraction passes #4 sieve	SANDS with little or no fines	GC
	SW			Well graded sands, gravelly sands, little or no fines
	SANDS with ≥15% fines		SP	Poorly graded sands, gravelly sands, little or no fines
			SM	Silty sands, sand-gravel-silt mixtures
	FINE-GRAINED SOILS ≥50% passes #200 sieve	SILTS & CLAYS Liquid Limit <50	SC	Clayey sands, sand-gravel-clay mixtures
ML			Inorganic silts and very fine sands, silty or clayey fine sands, silts with slight plasticity	
CL			Inorganic clays of low to medium plasticity, gravelly clays, sandy clays, silty clays, lean clays	
SILTS & CLAYS Liquid Limit >50		OL	Organic silts and silty clays of low plasticity	
		MH	Inorganic silts, micaceous or diatomaceous fine sand or silt	
		CH	Inorganic clays of high plasticity, fat clays	
		OH	Organic silts and clays of medium-to-high plasticity	
PT	Peat, humus, swamp soils with high organic content			

NOTE: Well graded (wide range of grain sizes) = poorly sorted; poorly graded (predominantly one grain size) = well sorted

**GRAIN SIZE**

DESCRIPTION	SIEVE SIZE	GRAIN SIZE	
		mm	in.
Boulders	>12"	>300	>12
Cobbles	12" - 3"	300 - 75	12 - 3
Gravel - Coarse	3" - 0.75"	75 - 19	3 - 0.75
		19 - 4.75	0.75 - 0.19
Sand - Coarse	#4 - #10	4.75 - 2	0.19 - 0.079
Medium	#10 - #40	2 - 0.425	0.079 - 0.017
		0.425 - 0.075	0.017 - 0.0029
Fines	Passing #200	<0.075	<0.0029

<b>COLOR</b> Assign color using Munsell Soil Color Chart (1992) if possible. Provide name and color code in parentheses.	<b>DEPTH TO WATER</b>  Depth to first water (time and date)
	 Depth to water after drilling (time and date)

**DENSITY (GRANULAR) CONSISTENCY (COHESIVE)**

GRANULAR	COHESIVE	FIELD TEST FOR COHESIVE SOIL
Very loose	Very soft	Easily penetrated several inches by thumb. Extrudes between thumb and fingers when squeezed.
Loose	Soft	Easily penetrated 1 inch by thumb. Molded by light finger pressure.
Medium dense	Medium stiff	Penetrated over 1/2 inch by thumb with moderate effort. Molded by strong finger pressure.
Dense	Stiff	Indented about 1/2 inch by thumb but penetrated only with great effort.
Very dense	Very stiff	Readily indented by thumbnail.
	Hard	Indented with difficulty by thumbnail.

<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>		
Organics, carbon, vegetation	Effervescence	Odor
Coloration (staining, mottling)	Drilling rate, rig behavior	Loss of drilling fluid

**ROCK CLASSIFICATION**

Rock Name - Color - Weathering - Fracturing - Competency - Mineralogy - Miscellaneous



## 3.8 PID Measurement and Heated Headspace Methodology

The following guidance provides procedures for measurement of ionizable volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and analysis of soil samples in the field using heated headspace methodology. The basis for this guidance is standard New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) Petroleum Storage Tank Regulations. The process entails mildly heating a sealed soil sample until it releases the VOCs, which are subsequently measured with a photoionization detector (PID). With the recent improvements and changes in PIDs, DBS&A typically rents this equipment from one of several vendors. The PID will be calibrated and operated in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

### 3.8.1 Equipment

Soil sampling equipment is available from the DBS&A warehouse. Coordinate with the DBS&A warehouse for rental of PID equipment. Recommended equipment includes the following:

- PID
- Nitrile gloves
- Glass jar with lid
- Aluminum foil

### 3.8.2 Procedure for Measurement of VOCs

VOCs are measured in the field using a PID or equivalent portable meter capable of measuring ionizable VOCs. The PID should be calibrated in the field each day prior to use in accordance with manufacturer's instructions. The unit should also be operated in accordance with manufacturer's instructions. An external filter should be used at all times to mitigate moisture, dust, or other particles from being sucked into the sensor manifold. When short sections of flexible tubing are used to connect the filter to the PID's inlet tube, replace tubing as needed to ensure accurate measurement of low concentration VOCs.

### 3.8.3 Heated Headspace Methodology

This SOP summarizes the process for analysis of soil samples in the field using heated headspace methodology.

1. Fill a 0.5-liter/16-ounce/1-pint or larger glass jar (e.g., Mason jar) half full of soil sample. Plastic bags or other non-glass containers are not acceptable.

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2. Seal top of jar with clean aluminum foil by threading the lid band onto the jar. If necessary, a rubber band can be used to secure the aluminum foil to the glass container.
3. Ensure that sample is at a temperature of 15 to 25°C or approximately 60 to 80°F. Place the sample on the dashboard of a work vehicle and expose the sample to some combination of sunlight or the front windshield defroster. A warm water bath can also be used if necessary to raise sample temperature to the acceptable range.
4. Aromatic hydrocarbon vapor concentrations must be allowed to develop in the headspace of the sample jar for a minimum of 5 to 10 minutes. Following this headspace development, the sample should be shaken vigorously for 1 minute. Take care not to damage the glass jar or the aluminum foil seal.
5. Immediately pierce the foil seal with the probe of a PID or equivalent meter, and read the highest (peak) measurement. At a minimum, the instrument must be able to accurately detect total aromatic hydrocarbons (TAH) between 0 and 1,000 parts per million (ppm). Detection of TAH contaminant levels of 100 ppm or greater indicates that the soils tested exceed soil cleanup standards of the UST Regulations (NMAC 20.5.12.17).
6. Immediately record PID values in a field book and/or on a DBS&A Soil Boring Log (Attachments 3.2-1, 3.3-1, or 3.7-1).

## References

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## 4.1 Monitor Well Design and Installation

This section provides standard operating guidelines (SOGs) for monitor well design and installation.

The SOPs and SOGs included in this section are applicable to all DBS&A employees for the conduct of all activities listed in this section. All SOPs and SOGs described in this section are proprietary in nature and shall not be copied or reproduced, or distributed to any person or organization not employed by DBS&A, without the expressed written approval of the President or his/her designee for quality assurance. All or parts of the SOPs and SOGs described in this section may be reproduced and used in DBS&A reports, proposals, and work plans with the verbal consent of the President or the DBS&A Quality Assurance Manager.

The scope of the procedures described in this section includes the following:

- Monitor Well Materials and Design
- Monitor Well Installation

Standards for monitor well design and installation are described in ASTM D 5092-04 (2010) (*Standard Practice for Design and Installation of Groundwater Monitoring Wells in Aquifers*). Requirements for the State of New Mexico (NMED, 2008) have also been codified. DBS&A technical representatives are required to follow all applicable state regulations pertaining to monitor well design and installation. Refer to Driscoll (1986), U.S. EPA (1992a and 1992b) or Aller et. al. (1989) for more detailed guidelines about the above subjects as they relate to the design and installation of monitor wells.

These SOPs and SOGs shall be reviewed periodically, and revisions and additions to these SOPs and SOGs shall be made as needed to assure consistency with industry standards and the collection of high quality data in the field. Requests for revisions shall be made in writing to the President or his/her quality assurance designee.

### 4.1.1 Monitor Well Materials and Design (ASTM D 5092-04[2010])

The following materials and design are for typical shallow zone (single-cased) and deep zone (multi-cased) wells. Figure 4.1-1 is a diagram showing a typical design for a shallow zone (single-cased) well used at DBS&A. Figure 4.1-2 is a diagram showing a typical design for a deep zone (multi-cased) well used at DBS&A.

#### **4.1.1.1 Water**

Water used in the drilling process, to prepare grout mixtures and to decontaminate the well screen, riser, and annular sealant injection equipment, should be obtained from a source of known chemistry or should be characterized. The chemical analysis should confirm that the added water does not contain constituents that could compromise the integrity of the well installation or that may be potential contaminants.

#### **4.1.1.2 Filter Pack**

- The grain-size distribution curve for the filter pack can be selected by multiplying the 70% retained size of the finest formation sample by 3 or 4. Use of 2/16 silica sand is usually appropriate for the filter pack of most monitor wells.
- Do not select too fine a filter pack because this will reduce the yield of the well, causing longer sampling times.
- To prevent downward migration of the bentonite or cement into the screen, the filter pack is extended a minimum of 2 feet above the top of the screen.
- The filter pack should not extend into an overlying water-bearing formation because this could permit downward vertical seepage in the pack and either dilute or add to the contamination of the water being monitored. This could also affect the accuracy of the water level measurements in the well.

#### **4.1.1.3 Well Screen**

- The well screen should be new, machine-slotted or continuous-wrapped wire-wound, and composed of materials that are inert to the subsurface water being tested. Table 4.1-1 lists the advantages and disadvantages of several common screen materials.
- The well screen and all casing material should be plastic-wrapped and certified by the manufacturer as clean.
- If not certified by the manufacturer as clean, well materials should be steam cleaned or high-pressure water cleaned (if appropriate for the selected well materials) with water from a source of known chemistry immediately prior to installation.
- The screen should be capped at the bottom with the same material as the well screen.
- The minimum nominal internal diameter of the well screen should be chosen based on the criteria that it will permit effective development and rapid sample recovery. In most instances, a minimal diameter of 2 inches is needed to allow for the introduction and

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withdrawal of sampling devices. However, a minimum of 4 inches may be needed if pumping tests are to be performed.

- The slot size of the well screen should retain filter pack or natural formation along with permitting efficient development of the wells.
- Without other approval, well screens in monitor wells in New Mexico cannot exceed 20 feet in length.

**4.1.1.4 Riser**

A riser is a blank casing extending from the screen interval to the ground surface. The following guidelines apply to risers:

- The minimal nominal internal diameter of the riser should be chosen based on the criteria that it will permit effective development and rapid sample recovery. In most instances, a minimum of 2 inches is needed to accommodate sampling devices. However, a minimum of 4 inches may be needed if pumping tests are anticipated.
- Threaded joints are recommended. Alternatively, O-rings composed of materials that would not affect the subsurface water being sampled may be selected for use on flush joint threads.
- The diameter of the casing for filter packed wells should be selected so that a minimum annular space of 2 inches is maintained between the inside diameter of the casing and the outside diameter of the riser.

**4.1.1.5 Casing**

- The casing material should be new and composed of materials that are inert to the subsurface water being tested. Table 4.1-1 lists the advantages and disadvantages of several common casing materials. The exterior casing (temporary or permanent multi-cased wells) is generally constructed of steel although other appropriate materials may be used.
- Where conditions warrant, the use of permanent casing installed to prevent communication between water-bearing zones is encouraged.
- The casing material should be certified by the manufacturer as clean.
- If not certified by the manufacturer as clean, the casing material should be steam cleaned or high-pressure water cleaned (if appropriate for the selected material) using water from a source of known chemistry immediately prior to installation.

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- The material type and minimum wall thickness of the casing should be adequate to withstand forces of installation (e.g., handling during installation and heat produced by curing of cement grout).
- All casing that is to remain as a permanent part of the installation (that is, multi-cased wells) should be new and cleaned of interior and exterior protective coatings.
- The diameter of the casing for filter packed wells should be selected so that a minimum annular space of 2 inches is maintained between the inside diameter of the casing and the outside diameter of the riser. In addition, the diameter of the casings in multi-cased wells should be selected so that a minimum annular space of 2 inches is maintained between the casing and the borehole (that is, a 2-inch-diameter screen will require first setting a 6-inch-diameter casing in a 10 inch-diameter boring).
- The ends of each casing section should be either flush-threaded or beveled for welding.

**4.1.1.6 Annular Sealants**

The materials used to seal the annulus may be prepared as a slurry or used unmixed in a dry pellet, granular, or chip form. Sealants should be selected to be compatible with ambient geologic, hydrogeologic, and climatic conditions and any man-induced conditions anticipated to occur during the life of the well. Table 4.1-2 lists some of the advantages and disadvantages of using bentonite or cement as grouting material for monitor wells. The following guidelines for the bentonite seal and grout backfill should be considered:

- A bentonite seal of at least 2 feet is placed above the filter pack. Bentonite should be powdered, granular, pelletized, or chipped sodium montmorillonite furnished in sacks or buckets from a commercial source and free of impurities that adversely impact the water quality in the well. The diameter of pellets or chips selected for monitoring well construction should be less than one-fifth the width of the annular space into which they are placed to reduce the potential for bridging.
- The grout backfill that is placed above the bentonite seal is ordinarily a liquid slurry consisting of either a bentonite (powder or granules, or both) base and water or a Portland cement base and water. A mixture of bentonite and Portland cement can be used for the grout backfill. Refer to ASTM D 5092-90 for standards in mixing and placing the grout backfill.

#### **4.1.1.7 Annular Seal Equipment**

Prior to use, the equipment used to inject the annular seals and filter pack should be steam cleaned or high-pressure water cleaned (if appropriate for the selected material) using water from a known chemical source. This procedure is performed to prevent the introduction of materials that may ultimately alter the water sample quality.

#### **4.1.2 Monitor Well Installation (ASTM D 5092-04[2010])**

A well completion diagram (DBS&A Form No. 048, Attachment 4.1-1) should be completed as an ongoing process during the installation of the monitor well. General steps for monitor well installation are as follows:

1. A stable borehole must be constructed prior to installing the monitor well casing, screen, and riser (refer to Section 3.1 for drilling guidelines). Working components of the drilling rig (drill pipe, subs, collars, belly, and all parts of the rig chassis near the borehole) should be cleaned as described in Step 2.
2. All plastic screens and casing should be joined by threads and couplings or flush threads. Solvent glues must not be used.
3. Prior to installation, the well material should be inspected and measured. Measuring allows more accurate placement of the screen interval.
4. The well screen and riser assembly can be lowered to the predetermined level and suspended and held in position by a ballast or by hydraulic arms on the drilling rig. The assembly must be installed straight to allow for the introduction and withdrawal of sampling devices. #35 centralizers should be used when the casing is installed in an open borehole.
5. The riser should extend above grade and be capped temporarily to deter entrance of foreign materials during completion operations.
6. The volumes of filter pack (gravel and/or silica sand), bentonite seal, and grout required to fill the annular space between the well screen and borehole should be calculated, measured during installation, and recorded on the well completion diagram during installation.
7. The filter pack is placed in the annulus from the bottom of the borehole up to a minimum of 2 feet above the well screen. Note that during the emplacement of the filter pack, air within the borehole, including organic vapors, will be forced up and out of the borehole, drill pipe, and/or casing string. These vapors can present a significant risk to worker health, and should therefore be monitored.

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8. As the filter pack is put in place, the temporary casing or hollow-stem auger (if used) is withdrawn, usually in stipulated increments. Care should be taken to minimize lifting the riser with the withdrawal of the temporary casing/augers. To limit borehole collapse, the temporary casing or hollow stem auger is usually withdrawn until the lowermost point on the temporary casing or hollow-stem auger is at least 2 feet, but no more than 5 feet, above the filter pack for unconsolidated materials or at least 5 feet, but no more than 10 feet, for consolidated materials.
9. For filter pack placements well below the water table, it is recommended that the filter pack be surged before emplacing the bentonite seal. This will ensure that the filter pack is properly settled and that no voids are present.
10. A secondary filter pack of finer sand may be emplaced above the primary filter pack to prevent the intrusion of the bentonite grout seal into the primary filter pack. As with the primary filter pack, the secondary filter pack must not extend into an overlying hydrologic unit.
11. A bentonite pellet or chip seal is placed in the annulus between the borehole and the riser pipe on top of the filter pack. To be effective, the bentonite seal should extend above the filter pack a minimum of 2 feet, depending on local conditions.
12. If the water level in the borehole is below the top of the bentonite seal, the bentonite should be hydrated by adding potable water of a known chemical quality. Sufficient time (approximately 1 hour) should be allowed for the bentonite pellet seal to hydrate prior to grouting the remaining annulus. The volume and elevation of the bentonite seal material should be measured and recorded on the well completion diagram.
13. If the water level in the borehole is well above the top of the filter pack, there may be concern about bridging of bentonite being poured through the standing water column. In that case, a thick slurry of high-solids bentonite (e.g., Baroid Quik Grout) can be mixed according to the manufacturer's recommendations and pumped through a tremie pipe to fill the space immediately above the filter pack. The slurry should initially be pumped slowly so as to not disturb the filter pack. Coated bentonite pellets may also be used to slow hydration.
14. Grout, typically cement with up to 5 percent powdered bentonite, should be mixed according to industry specifications (typically 6 to 7 gallons of water per 94-pound sack of Type I Portland cement; refer to Driscoll, 1986). The volume and location of grout used to backfill the remaining annular space is recorded on the well completion diagram.



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15. Grout will be pumped into the annulus through a tremie pipe to fill the annulus from bottom to top and should be introduced in one continuous operation until full-strength grout flows out at the ground surface without evidence of drill cuttings or fluid. Grout should be placed in more than one layer if the length of the grout column may be sufficient (greater than 150 feet) to cause collapse (melting) of the casing from the heat liberated as the hydrating grout cures.
16. The riser or casing or both should not be disturbed until the grout sets and cures for the amount of time necessary to prevent a break in the seal between the grout and riser, or grout and casing, or both. The amount of time required for the grout to set and cure will depend on the grout content and climatic conditions. Typically, 24 hours is considered sufficient.
17. Specific grouting procedures for single- and multi-cased wells are included in ASTM D 5092-04 (2010).
18. Well protection refers specifically to installations made at the ground surface to deter unauthorized entry to the monitor well and to prevent surface water from entering the annulus. Typically a concrete pad, protective shroud with a lock, and vented cap are placed on monitor wells constructed for DBS&A projects.
19. In areas where there is a high probability of damaging the well (high traffic, heavy equipment, and/or poor visibility), it may be necessary to enhance the normal protection of the monitor well through the use of posts, markers, signs, etc.
20. Once the monitor well installation is complete, the well should be developed according to standards outlined in Section 4.2.
21. The drilling subcontractor is responsible for filing any paperwork (e.g., well record) with the State Engineer or other regulating agency within the specified time period after completion of the well.

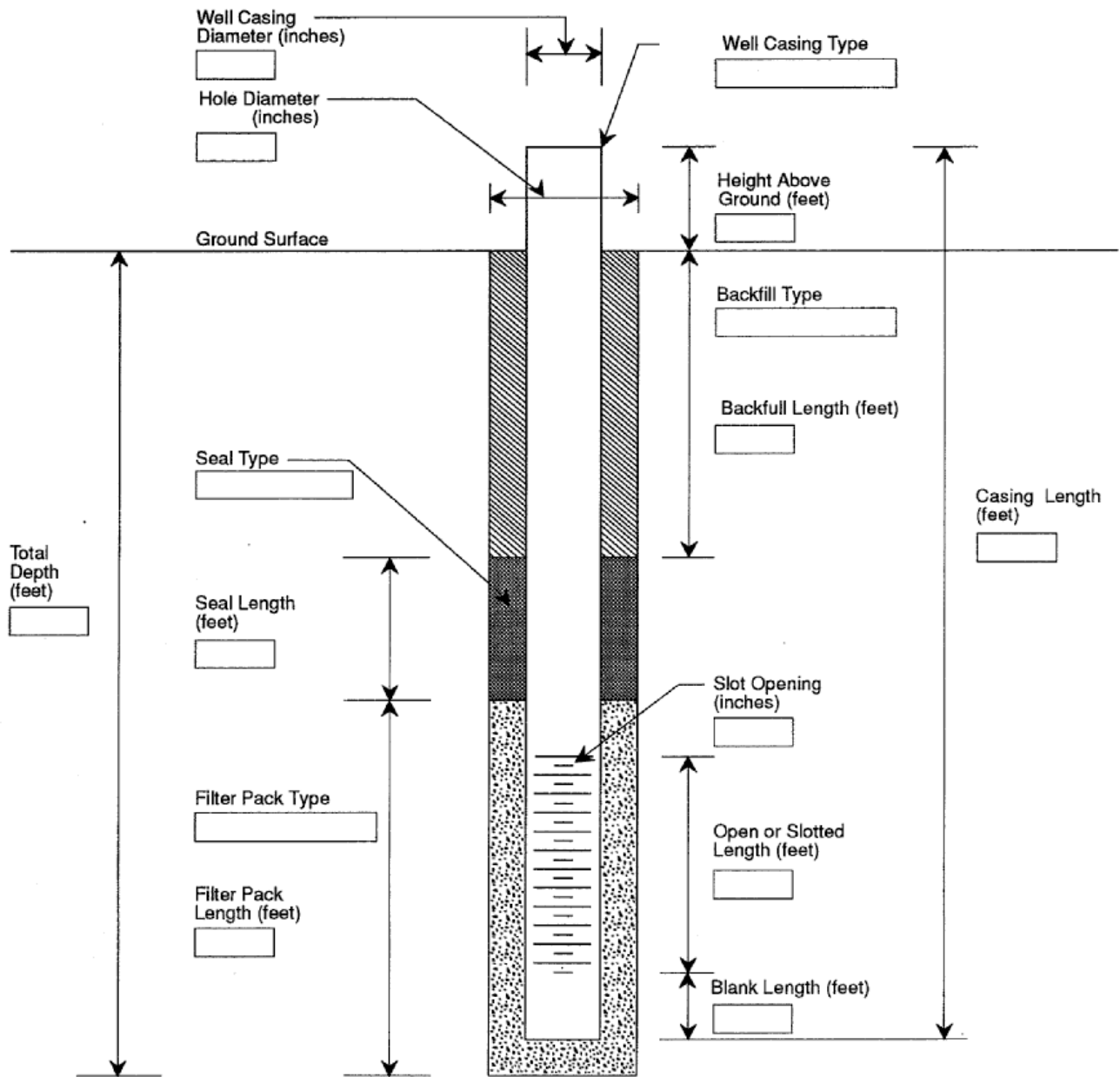
## Attachments

Attachment 4.1-1	Well Completion Record (DBS&A Form No. 048)
Figure 4.1-1	Typical Monitor Well Design, Single-Cased Well
Figure 4.1-2	Typical Monitor Well Design, Multi-Cased Well
Table 4.1-1	Well Casing, Screen, and Riser Materials

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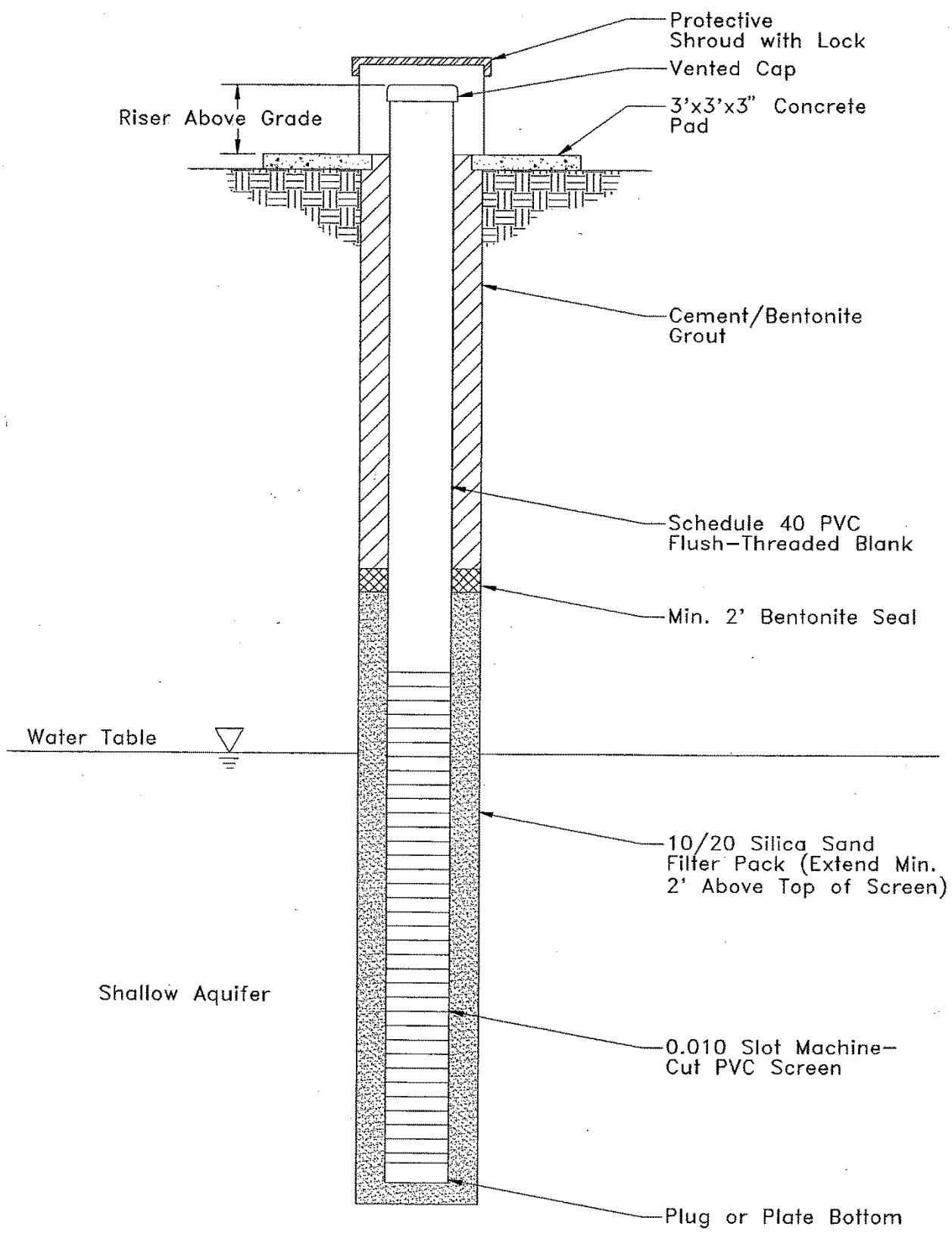
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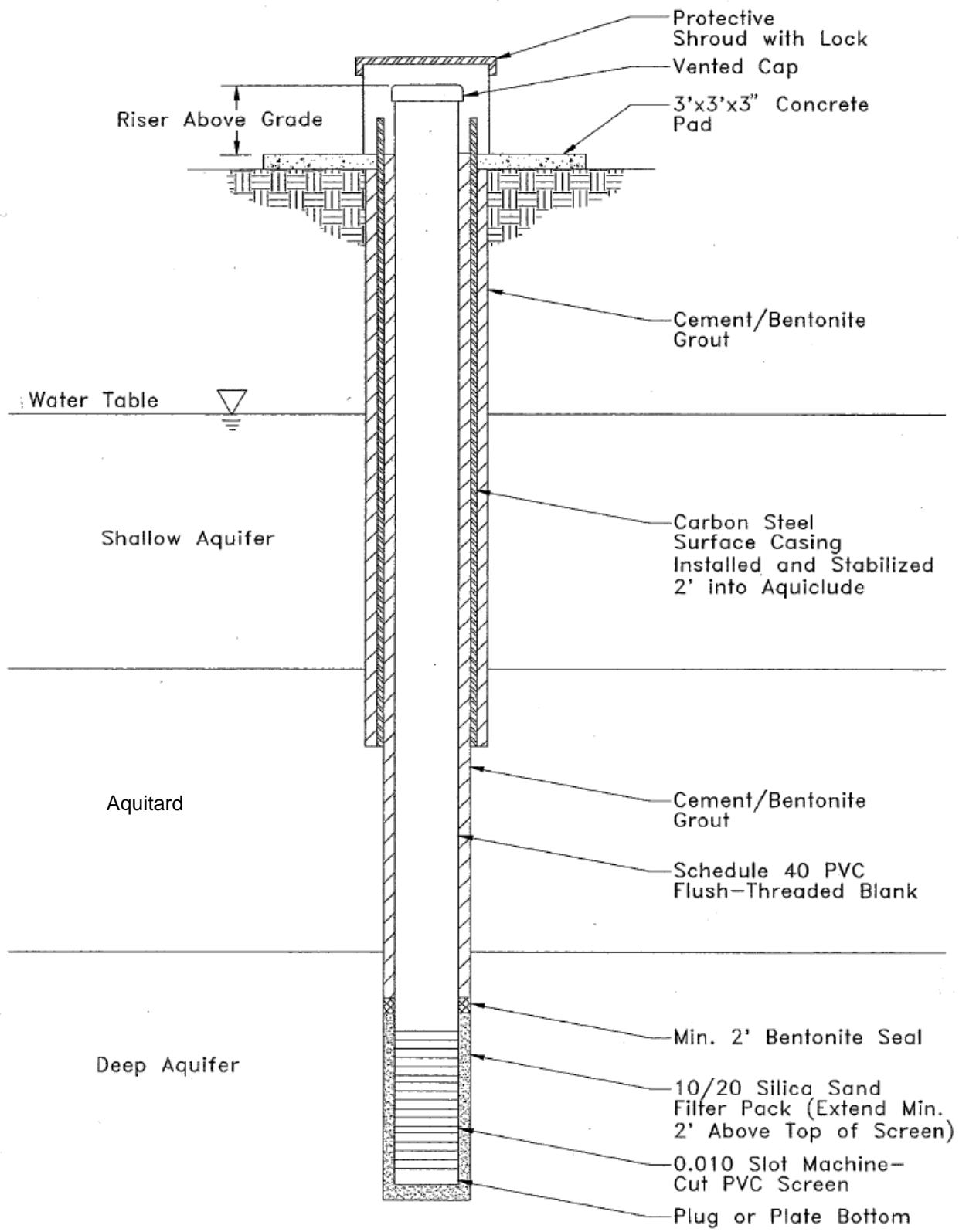
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**Typical Monitor Well Design  
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**Table 4.1-1. Well Casing, Screen, and Riser Materials**

Type	Advantages	Disadvantages
Stainless steel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Least absorption of halogenated and aromatic hydrocarbons</li> <li>▪ High strength at a great range of temperatures</li> <li>▪ Excellent resistance to corrosion and oxidation</li> <li>▪ Readily available in all diameters and slot sizes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ May corrode and leach some chromium in highly acidic waters</li> <li>▪ May act as a catalyst in some organic reactions</li> <li>▪ Expensive</li> </ul>
PVC (polyvinyl chloride)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Lightweight</li> <li>▪ Excellent chemical resistance to weak alkalis, alcohols, aliphatic hydrocarbons, and oils</li> <li>▪ Good chemical resistance to strong mineral acids, concentrated oxidizing acids, and strong alkalis</li> <li>▪ Readily available</li> <li>▪ Low priced compared to a stainless steel and Teflon</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Weaker, less rigid, and more temperature sensitive than metallic materials</li> <li>▪ May adsorb some constituents from groundwater</li> <li>▪ May react with and leach some constituents from groundwater</li> <li>▪ Poor chemical resistance to ketones, esters, and aromatic hydrocarbons</li> </ul>
Teflon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Good resistance to attack by most chemicals</li> <li>▪ Lightweight</li> <li>▪ High impact strength</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Screen slot openings may decrease in size over time</li> <li>▪ Tensile strength and wear resistance low compared to other engineering plastics</li> <li>▪ Expensive</li> </ul>
Mild steel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Strong, rigid; temperature sensitivity not a problem</li> <li>▪ Readily available</li> <li>▪ Low priced relative to stainless steel and Teflon</li> <li>▪ Can use no riser with stainless steel screen</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Heavier than plastics</li> <li>▪ May react with and leach some constituents into groundwater</li> <li>▪ Not as chemically resistant as stainless steel</li> </ul>

Source: Driscoll, 1986

## 4.2 Well Development

This section provides standard operating guidelines (SOGs) for well development.

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Standards for well development are described in ASTM D 5092-04 (2010) (*Standard Practice for Design and Installation of Groundwater Monitor wells in Aquifers*) and ASTM D 5521-05 (*Standard Guide for Development of Groundwater Monitor wells in Granular Aquifers*). Also refer to Driscoll (1986), U.S. EPA (1992), or Aller et al. (1989) for more detailed guidelines about well development.

Table 4.2-1 summarizes disadvantages and advantages for different well development methods. The scope of the procedures described in this section includes the following:

- Development process
- Development methods
- Timing and duration of well development
- Decontamination of well development equipment
- Well recovery test

Proper well development serves to (1) remove some finer grained material from the well screen and filter pack that may otherwise interfere with water quality analyses, (2) restore the groundwater properties disturbed during the drilling process, and (3) improve the hydraulic characteristics of the filter pack and hydraulic communication between the well and the hydrologic unit adjacent to the screened interval.

Well development methods vary with the physical characteristics of the geologic formation in which the monitor well is screened, the construction details of the well, the drilling method used during the construction of the borehole in which the well is installed, and the quality of the water. The development method for each individual monitor well should be selected from among the several methods described in this guide and should be employed by the well construction contractor or the person responsible for monitor well completion.

The importance of well development in monitor wells cannot be overestimated; all too often, development is not performed or is carried out inadequately. Proper and careful well development will improve the ability of most monitor wells to provide representative, unbiased chemical and hydraulic data. The additional time and money spent performing this important step in monitor well completion will minimize the potential for damaging pumping equipment and in-situ sensors, and increase the probability that groundwater samples are representative of water contained in the monitored formation.

#### **4.2.1 Well Development Process (ASTM D 5092-04 and ASTM D 5521-05)**

The well development process consists of three phases: predevelopment, preliminary development, and final development.

##### **4.2.1.1 Predevelopment**

Predevelopment refers to techniques used to mitigate formation damage during well construction. This is particularly important when using direct or reverse rotary drilling systems that depend on drilling fluid to carry cuttings to the surface and support an open borehole. Control of drilling fluid properties, during the drilling operation and immediately prior to the installation of screen, casing, and filter pack, is very important.

##### **4.2.1.2 Preliminary Development**

Preliminary development takes place after the screen, casing, and filter pack have been installed. Methods used to accomplish this task include surging, bailing, hydraulic jetting, and air lifting. The primary purpose of this operation is to (1) apply sufficient energy in the well to rectify formation damage due to drilling, (2) draw fine-grained materials from the formation, filter pack, and screen into the well where they can be removed, (3) stabilize and consolidate the filter pack, (4) retrieve drilling fluid (if used), and (5) create an effective hydraulic interface between the filter pack and the formation.



#### **4.2.1.3 Final Development**

Final development refers to procedures performed with a pump, such as pumping and surging, and backwashing. These techniques are used as the final step in achieving the objectives of well development. If preliminary development methods have been effective, the time required for final development should be relatively short. However, if the preliminary methods have not been successful, or if conditions preclude the use of the preliminary techniques listed, the final development phase should be continued until the development completion criteria (described in this SOP) are satisfied.

#### **4.2.1.4 Well Development Methods (ASTM D 5092-04 and ASTM D 5521-05)**

Of the various methods available for developing wells, the most often used and most appropriate for developing groundwater monitor wells are mechanical surging and bailing or pumping, overpumping and backwashing, and high-velocity hydraulic jetting with pumping. For any method, the development work should be started slowly and gently and be increased in vigor as the well is developed. Most methods of well development require the application of sufficient energy to disturb the filter pack, thereby freeing the fine particles and allowing them to be drawn into the well. The coarser fractions then settle around and stabilize the screen. The well development method chosen should be documented in the field notebook. This section summarizes each of the well development methods; more details for each method are located in ASTM D 5521-05 and ASTM D 5092-04.

#### **4.2.1.5 Mechanical Surging**

For mechanical surging, a close-fitting surge block is affixed to the end of a length of drill pipe, a solid rod, or a cable, and operated like a piston in the well casing or screen. The up and down plunging action alternately forces water to flow into (on the upstroke) and out of (on the downstroke) the well. The downstroke causes a backwash action to loosen bridges in the formation or filter pack and the upstroke then pulls dislodged fine-grained material into the well. This method is equally applicable to small-diameter and large-diameter wells, but is most effective for small-diameter wells.

Before surging, the well should be pumped or bailed to make sure that the well will yield water. If the screen is completely plugged and water does not enter the well upon bailing or pumping, the strong negative pressure created on the upstroke of the surge block may cause the screen to collapse. Surging should always begin above the screen and move progressively downward to prevent the surge block from becoming sand locked and prevent damage to the screen. Sediment will accumulate in the bottom of the well and should be bailed or pumped out as

often as possible. The rate and volume of sediment accumulation should be recorded to provide data on the progress of development. Surging and cleaning should be continued until little or no sediment is measured after surging. The time required to properly surge a well depends on the character of the aquifer material, and may vary widely from well to well.

#### ***4.2.1.6 Overpumping and Backwashing***

The easiest and least expensive technique of well development is some form of pumping. With overpumping, the well is pumped at a rate considerably higher than it would be during normal operation. Theoretically, increasing the drawdown to the lowest possible level will result in increased flow velocities toward the well, thus causing movement of fine-grained materials into the well. However, limitations to overpumping include the following:

- Overpumping by itself will not adequately develop a well because water flows only in one direction.
- Overpumping often requires the use of larger pumping equipment than will fit into the small-diameter casings used in many monitor wells.
- Overpumping subjects the pump used in the operation to abrasion, excessive wear, and loss of efficiency.
- Overpumping results in the production of potentially large volumes of water that may require containment or treatment.

Overpumping is not an adequate development method if used alone and is best used in combination with backwashing. Backwashing is the term applied to the method of well development in which water is added to the well to reverse the flow. A commonly used backwashing procedure is to pump water into the well in a sufficient volume to maintain a head greater than that in the formation. This requires a high-capacity and high-quality water source. The amount of water added should be recorded and recovered during the well development process.

In the case where no backflow prevention valve is installed, the pump can be alternately started and stopped. Starting and stopping the pump allows the column of water that is initially picked up by the pump to be alternately dropped and raised up in a surging action. Each time the water column falls back into the well, an outward surge of water flows into the formation. This surge tends to loosen the bridging of the fine particles into and out of the well.

#### ***4.2.1.7 High-Velocity Hydraulic Jetting***

During high-velocity hydraulic jetting, the well screen area is jetted with water to loosen fine-grained material and drilling mud residue from the formation. The loosened material moves inside the well screen and can be removed from the well by concurrent pumping or bailing. Jetting is particularly successful in developing highly stratified unconsolidated formations, consolidated bedrock wells, large-diameter wells, and naturally developed wells. A drawback of hydraulic jetting is that the water added during the development procedure will alter the natural, ambient water quality and may be difficult to remove. Therefore, the water added should be obtained from a source with known chemistry. Water from the monitor well being developed may be used if the suspended sediments are first removed.

#### ***4.2.1.8 High-Velocity Hydraulic Jetting with Simultaneous Pumping***

Although jetting is effective in dislodging material from the formation, maximum development efficiency is achieved when jetting is combined with simultaneous pumping. This combination of development techniques is particularly successful for wells in unconsolidated sands and gravels. The volume of water pumped from the well should always exceed the volume pumped into the well during jetting, by as much as 1.5 to 2 times, so that a gradient is created toward the well.

#### ***4.2.1.9 Developing With Air***

Developing solely with air is not recommended for monitor wells. Air development may force air into contact with the formation, which may alter the oxidation-reduction potential of the formation water and change the chemistry of the water in the vicinity of the well. The effects of this type of chemical disturbance may persist for several weeks or more after well development.

### **4.2.2 Timing and Duration of Well Development**

The timing and duration of well development are planned to match the type of well, formation or completion, and other conditions of the drilling process. The following subsections outline these considerations.

#### ***4.2.2.1 Timing of Well Development***

Well development should always take place prior to water sampling, but other timing factors depend on the design and construction of the well. For example, if the well is installed with the intent of using natural formation material as the filter pack (that is, a “naturally developed” well), development is generally performed after the screen and casing have been installed and the formation material has collapsed against the screen, but before the annular seal is installed.

Because well development for this well design will remove a significant fraction of the formation materials adjacent to the well screen, developing the well after installing the annular seal may result in portions of the annular seal collapsing into the vicinity of the well screen. On the other hand, properly designed and constructed filter-packed wells may be developed after the annular seal materials have been installed because the well screen is designed to retain at least 90 percent of filter pack materials, and little or no sloughing should occur.

#### ***4.2.2.2 Duration of Well Development***

The duration of well development depends on the primary purpose of the development process. For example, if the primary purpose for development is to remove drilling fluid lost to the formation during borehole installation, the time required for completion of development may be based on the time it takes to remove from the well some multiple of the estimated volume lost. If the primary purpose of development is to rectify damage done during drilling to the borehole wall and the adjacent formation, the time for development may be based on the response of the well to pumping. An improvement in the recovery rate of the well indicates that the localized reduction in hydraulic conductivity has been rectified by development. If the primary purpose of development is to remove fine-grained materials, development may continue until visibly clear water is discharged from the well, or until the turbidity of water removed from the well is at some specified level. These criteria may be difficult or impossible to satisfy in formations with a significant fraction of fine-grained material.

Another criterion used for determining when development is complete is stabilization of indicator parameters, such as pH, temperature, and specific conductivity. While this criterion may be an indicator of when native formation water is being produced, it does not necessarily indicate that well development is complete. The minimum duration of well development will vary according to the method used to develop the well. The duration of well development and the pH, temperature, and specific conductivity readings should be recorded in the field notebook.

#### **4.2.3 Decontamination of Well Development Equipment (ASTM D 5088-90)**

Any equipment or materials used to develop a monitor well should be thoroughly cleaned in accordance with the procedures outlined in SOP 1.3. Cleaning should take place before any equipment is used in any monitor well and between uses in either the same well or other wells.

## Attachments

Table 4.2-1 Advantages and Disadvantages of Well Development Methods

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**Table 4.2-1. Advantages and Disadvantages of Well Development Methods**  
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Reference	Over-pumping	Backwashing	Mechanical Surging		Well Jetting	Airlift Pumping
			Surge Block	Bailer		
Gass (1986)	Works best in clean coarse formations and some consolidated rock; problems of water disposal and bridging	Breaks up bridging, low cost and simple; preferentially develops	Can be effective; size made for $\geq 2$ " well; preferential development where screen $> 5'$ ; surge inside screen		Consolidated and unconsolidated application; opens fractures, develops discrete zones; disadvantage is external water needed	Replaces air surging; filter air
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (1986)	Effective development requires flow reversal or surges to avoid bridges	Indirectly indicates method applicable; formation water should be used	Applicable; formation water should be used; in low-yield formation, outside water source can be used if analyzed to evaluate impact	Applicable		Air should not be used
Barcelona et al.** (1983)	Productive wells; surging by alternating pumping and allowing to equilibrate; hard to create sufficient entrance velocities; often used with airlift		Productive wells; use care to avoid casing and screen damage	Productive wells; more common than surge blocks but not as effective		

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Scalf et al. (1981)		Suitable; periodic removal of lines	Suitable; common with cable-tool; not easily used on other rigs	Suitable; use sufficiently heavy bailer; advantage of removing fines; may be custom made for small diameters		Suitable
National Council of the Paper Industry for Air and Stream Improvement (1981)	Applicable; drawback of flow in one direction; smaller wells hard to pump if water level below suction		Applicable; caution against collapse of intake or plugging screen with clay		Methods introducing foreign materials should be avoided (i.e., compressed air or water jets)	
Everett (1980)	Development operation must cause flow reversal to avoid bridging; can alternate pump off and on		Suitable; periodic bailing to remove fines		High velocity jets of water generally most effective; discrete zones of development	

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Keely and Boateng (1987 a and b)	Probably most desirable when surged; second series of evacuation/recovery cycles is recommended after resting the well for 24 hours; settlement and loosening of fines occurs after the first development attempt; not as vigorous as backwashing	Vigorous surging action may not be desirable due to disturbance of gravel pack	Method quite effective in loosening fines but may be inadvisable in that filter pack and fluids may be displaced to degree that damages value as a filtering media		Popular but less desirable; method different from water wells; water displaced by short downward bursts of high pressure injection; important not to jet air or water across screen because fines driven into screen cause irreversible blockage; may substantially displace native fluids	Air can become entrained behind screen and reduce permeability

\* Schalia and Landick (1986) report on Special 2' valved block

\*\* For low hydraulic conductivity wells, flush water up annulus prior to sealing; pump afterward (compiled by Aller et al., 1989)



## 5.1 Preparation for Water Sampling

The following standard operating procedure (SOP) defines activities to be completed prior to each sampling event.

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### 5.1.1 DBS&A Warehouse

Prior to any water sampling event, the water sampler shall requisition all necessary equipment and supplies by completing a DBS&A Field Equipment and Materials Load-Up Sheet (see Section 1.1) and giving it or e-mailing it to the warehouse manager. The load-up sheet should be provided to the warehouse manager as much in advance as is possible, so that equipment and supply requisitions can be made.

All equipment to be used, with the exception of rental equipment, shall be calibrated and tested in the DBS&A warehouse by the warehouse manager prior to being sent to the field per the guidance prescribed in Section 1.1. Meter calibration shall be conducted in accordance with standard manufacturer recommended procedures using clean, fresh reagents. The warehouse manager shall ensure that all equipment is clean and in working order prior to leaving the DBS&A warehouse.

### 5.1.2 Analytical Laboratory

Prior to a water sampling event, the number and type of samples to be collected (field and quality assurance samples) shall be determined by the project manager (PM) or designated

project technical representative (TR). The PM or project TR shall order appropriate sample containers (Section 1.1) from the analytical laboratory and shall inform the analytical laboratory of the expected arrival date of the samples, the analytes to be determined for each sample, and the required turnaround time. It is the water sampler's (field representative [FR]) responsibility to confirm that all sample bottles have been received and are loaded for sampling.

### **5.1.3 Site-Specific Instructions**

Prior to each water sampling event, the PM or TR shall compile a list of samples (including quality assurance samples) to be collected. The order in which the samples should be collected shall also be listed. In general, locations with the lowest concentrations of select analytes shall be sampled before wells with higher concentrations, so the potential for cross-contamination can be minimized. The PM or TR will also list any special procedures that are unique to the site or to the sampling event.

Before each sampling round, the PM or TR shall make all access arrangements with the client and/or property owners. The FR(s) will confirm that access arrangements have been made and should determine if additional on-site access procedures are required.

Prior to leaving for the field, FR(s) shall assemble and be familiar with materials that describe the general conditions of the site, the hydrogeology, well completion information, and objectives of the sampling program. The project health and safety plan shall also be consulted before initiation of the field program.

## 5.2 Measurement of Field Parameters

This section outlines standard operating procedures (SOPs) for field measurement of electrical conductivity (EC), temperature, pH, alkalinity, oxidation/reduction potential (ORP or Eh), and dissolved oxygen (DO).

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These parameters should be measured during monitor well purging prior to sampling. Surface water samples should also be characterized when they are collected.

### 5.2.1 Electrical Conductivity and Temperature

This SOP describes the procedure for determining the EC and temperature of a water sample. Electrical conductivity is a measure of the ease of flow of electric current, and is the inverse (reciprocal) of resistivity. The term electrical conductivity, sometimes referred to simply as "conductivity," is defined as the electrical conductance that would occur through the water between the faces of a 1-cm cube of the water. EC is usually reported in units of micromhos per centimeter ( $\mu\text{mhos/cm}$ ), or microsiemens per centimeter ( $\mu\text{S/cm}$ ). By measuring the EC of a water sample in the field, one can estimate the total dissolved solids (TDS) concentration of the water using the approximate conversion  $\text{TDS} = 0.6 \times \text{EC}$ . Because the EC of a water allows rapid determination of TDS (salinity), EC is probably the single most useful water quality parameter.

The EC of water containing dissolved ions increases with increasing temperature of the water. The temperature dependence varies for different waters and is dependent on the type and concentrations of dissolved ions, but an approximate rule of thumb is that EC increases by 2%

for each 1°C temperature increase. For quantitative comparison of EC values measured on different water samples at different field temperatures, it is necessary to correct all values to the EC at 25°C. For most qualitative work, however, this is unnecessary. Whether or not temperature corrections are to be applied, the EC value as measured at field temperature should always be recorded in the field logbook, along with the temperature of the water sample at the time the measurement was made.

EC can be measured either at the wellhead using the Hydrolab or other EC meter, or by downhole profiling using the Hydrolab. General procedures for these two methods are provided in Sections 5.2.1.1 and 5.2.1.2. Specific procedures for measuring EC using the YSI Model 33 EC meter and probe and the Hydrolab Minisonde are provided in Sections 5.2.1.3 and 5.2.1.4, respectively.

Most pH and EC meters also include a water temperature sensor with a precision of  $\pm 0.1^\circ\text{C}$ . Groundwater temperature may be determined either using a downhole probe (Section 5.2.1.1), or above ground at the wellhead during purging (Sections 5.2.1.2 and 5.2.1.3) using a standard pH or EC meter equipped with a temperature sensor. Determine and record the groundwater temperature at the same time and using the same technique as for determining groundwater pH and EC, as described below.

Temperature sensors generally do not require calibration. However, to ensure that the temperature sensor is functioning properly, check it against a high-quality mercury thermometer at least once a year. If not in agreement within  $\pm 0.2^\circ\text{C}$ , have the temperature probe serviced by the manufacturer.

## 5.3a Collection of Groundwater Samples

The following standard operating procedure (SOP) defines activities to be completed for the collection of groundwater samples.

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### 5.3a.1 Wellhead Preparation

Prior to groundwater sample collection, the following wellhead protection activities shall be conducted:

1. Inspect the area around the well for wellhead integrity, cleanliness, and signs of possible tampering or contamination.
2. Spread a clean plastic sheet over the ground around the wellhead where required.
3. Remove the cap on the wellhead. Note any obvious odors within the wellbore in the field logbook.
4. If possible, measure the static water level (see Section 6.1) prior to initiation of water sampling. Clean the electrical sounder or steel tape used for water level measurement after each use, as described in Section 5.2, to avoid cross contamination.
5. If floating product (e.g., gasoline) is suspected at the site, conduct the following procedures:
  - ◇ Use a bailer to extract a sample from the surface of the water within the well, if possible.

- ◇ After an initial visual inspection, slowly pour the fluid from the bailer into a small tub or container in order to check for a sheen or any other sign of free product. Note any obvious odors in the field logbook.
- ◇ If free product is detected, use the bailer to remove as much free product as is possible from the wellbore. Lower the bailer into the water slowly in order to prevent mixing and volatilization. Contain all recovered product for proper disposal and note the quantity of product removed in the field logbook.
- ◇ If the site has not been previously sampled, a sample of the free product may be desired. Consequently, place some of the product in an unpreserved 40-mL glass VOA vial, and store it away from the other samples. Confirm sample analysis with the project manager.
- ◇ After any free product has been removed from the wellbore, spread a fresh plastic sheet around the wellhead, and clean all contaminated equipment, or segregate it from the other equipment.

### 5.3a.2 Well Purging

The purpose of purging the well prior to sampling is to remove stagnant water from the well bore so that a representative groundwater sample can be collected. The method of purging can have a pronounced effect on the quality of the groundwater sample. For example, rapid purging may increase sample turbidity and is, therefore, not recommended.

In general, positive displacement (bladder) pumps are preferred for most sampling situations. However, depending on the hydraulic conductivity of the aquifer to be sampled and the project objectives, wells may either be equipped with dedicated pumps or may need to be purged with bailers. Consequently, purging techniques may vary depending on the aquifer conditions, the presence or absence of a dedicated pump, and the proposed sample analytes.

The optimum amount of water to be purged from each well also varies between sites. According to Barcelona et al., 1985, pg. 47,

The number of well volumes to be pumped from a monitoring well prior to the collection of a water sample must be tailored to the hydraulic properties of the geologic materials being monitored, the well construction parameters, the desired pumping rate, and the sampling methodology to be employed.

Site-specific purging procedures shall be prepared for each site. The following purging procedure can be used as a general guideline:

1. Calculate the volume of water standing in the casing (cubic feet) by using the formula:

$$V = \pi r^2 L$$

where  $r$  = the radius of the casing (remember to convert inches to feet)

$L$  = the length of the water column (total depth of well minus the static water level)  
[feet]

Note: 1 cubic foot holds 7.48 gallons of water

2. Purge the well at a rate equal to or greater than the sampling rate.
3. Measure applicable field parameters (see Section 5.3) at the pump outlet at a minimum after each 0.5 casing volume is pumped. Purging is generally considered complete when the above parameters are approximately stable over at least one casing volume. Wherever possible, purge a minimum of three casing volumes from each well.
4. In low permeability formations, it may not be possible to purge three casing volumes before the well goes dry. When the formation permeability is too low to allow for continuous purging, remove all of the standing water in the well by pumping or bailing. As soon as the well has recharged sufficiently, collect a sample so as to minimize volatilization in the wellbore.
5. Contain all fluid from obviously contaminated or potentially contaminated wells for later disposal. Anomalous values for the above field parameters, odor, visible sheen, or the presence of free product may be taken as signs of contamination. Results of previous water sampling events will be consulted when available.
6. Take careful notes in order to document all purging procedures. The notes shall include date, time, name(s) of sampler(s), weather, purge rate, purge method, field parameters (at each time measured, with corresponding purge volume), visual observations, odor, and any other relevant information.

The following guidelines as outlined in pertinent references on water sampling can be used when developing site-specific purging procedures:

- The EPA RCRA Technical Enforcement Guidance Document (TEGD) states, "in low yield formations, water should be purged so that it is removed from the bottom of the well" (U.S. EPA, 1992).
- The TEGD also states "Whenever a well is purged to dryness, a sample for field parameters should be collected as soon as the well has recovered sufficiently. A second measurement of

field parameters should be made immediately after sampling. Do not pump a well to dryness if it causes formation water to cascade down the well."

- The inlet line of the sampling pump or the submersible pump should be placed near the bottom of the screen section, and pump approximately one well volume of water at the well's recovery rate, and then collect the sample from the discharge line (U.S. EPA, 1977, p. 211).
- According to Wehrmann (1984), "For high yielding monitoring wells which cannot be pumped to dryness, bailing without pre-pumping the well is not recommended; there is no absolute safeguard against contaminating the sample with stagnant water." The following procedures should be used:
  - ◇ Place the inlet line of the sampling pump just below the surface of the well water, and pump three to five volumes of water at a rate equal to the well's recovery rate. This provides reasonable assurance that all stagnant water has been evacuated and that the sample will be representative of the groundwater body at that time.
- Wehrmann (1984) further states, "The rate at which wells are purged should be kept to a minimum. Purging rates should be lower than development rates so that well damage does not occur. Pumping at very low rates in effect, isolates the column of stagnant water in the well bore and negates the need for its removal, if the pump intake is placed at the top of, or in, the well screen. This approach can be very useful when disposal of purge water is a problem."
- If a well completed in a highly permeable formation is being purged, it may be useful to periodically move the intake of the purge pump during purging so that stagnant water does not remain in the well bore while fresh water comes in at only one level (Scalf et al., 1981, pg. 44).

### **5.3a.3 Groundwater Sample Collection**

The following procedure shall be used to collect groundwater samples:

1. If the well is not equipped with a sampling pump, use only Teflon, stainless steel, or disposable polyethylene bailers for sampling.
2. Whenever possible, collect groundwater samples first from wells that have the lowest potential concentrations of analytes of interest, and last from the wells with the highest



suspected concentrations (i.e., clean □ dirty). The specific sampling order should be detailed in the site-specific sampling plan.

3. Pumps equipped with Teflon tubing or disposable Teflon or polyethylene bailers are generally recommended for collection of samples to be analyzed for volatile organics.
4. Select the appropriate sample container and preservative as described in Section 5.6.
5. After the well has been purged, collect water samples as soon as possible in order to reduce the possibility of volatilization within the wellbore. If a pump has been used for purging, lower the pump rate so that the sampling rate is lower than the purge rate. If volatile organic samples are to be collected, set the pump at the lowest possible setting. If possible, the sampling rate should be less than 100 ml per minute, or the minimum setting on the pump.
6. Collect samples in decreasing order of volatility, i.e., collect samples to be analyzed for volatile organic compounds (VOCs) first, followed by semivolatile organic compounds (SVOCs), polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) and pesticides, and inorganics. The preferred order of sampling according to the TEGD is VOCs, SVOCs, total organic carbon (TOC), extractable organics, total metals, dissolved metals, phenols, cyanide, sulfate and chloride, turbidity, nitrate and ammonia, and radionuclides.
7. Do not allow the outlet of the sampling pump discharge tubing to come into direct contact with the sample vial or the water within the vial.
8. Make sure that no air is entrapped in the sample vials to be analyzed for volatile organics. Take the sample by holding the vial at an angle so that aeration is minimized. Avoid touching the lip of the vial or the Teflon liner. If the sample cannot be transferred directly to the vial, (i.e. high production well) use a clean stainless steel cup to pour the water into the vial. Direct the water stream against the inside surface of the vial. Allow a convex meniscus to form across the mouth of the filled vial. Carefully cap the vial, then invert and tap the vial to insure that no entrapped air is present. If entrapped air is present, recollect the sample.
9. If filtering of any samples is required by the site specific sampling plan, use the filtering procedure described in Section 5.7.
10. Preserve the sample as indicated in Section 5.6. Whenever possible, use pre-preserved containers supplied by the analytical laboratory rather than adding preservatives in the field.

11. Measure field parameters as described in Section 5.3. Temperature, EC, and pH generally will be measured at all locations. Alkalinity, dissolved oxygen, and ORP will be measured only as required by the site specific sampling plan.
12. If the sample is to be collected from a domestic well or location other than a monitoring well, it may be necessary to clean the sampling port prior to sample collection (e.g., an outside hose bib or an inside water faucet). Flush the faucet/line by allowing it to run for a minimum of five minutes.
13. Collect samples from domestic wells downstream of water softeners or chlorinators or in-home filters that modify water quality. However, if the objective of the domestic sampling is to evaluate the groundwater prior to treatment, the samples may be taken upstream of such devices.
14. Record all pertinent information in the field notebook. Data to be recorded include the date and time of sample collection, climatic conditions at the time of sampling, well sampling sequence, types of sample containers used, sample identification numbers, field parameter data, name(s) of collector(s), deviations from established sampling protocol (e.g., equipment malfunctions), purpose of sampling (e.g., surveillance, compliance), and collection of quality control samples.

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## 5.3b Collection of Groundwater Samples Using Low-Flow Methodology

The following standard operating procedure (SOP) defines activities to be completed for the collection of groundwater samples while utilizing low-flow purging and sampling methodologies.

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The project manager should consult with regulatory officials to confirm that low-flow sampling methodology is acceptable practice. For example, in New Jersey, low flow purging and sampling is not an acceptable method for any wells with screened or open borehole intervals greater than 5 feet in length unless: (1) multiple locations at five-foot intervals along the screen/borehole are sampled, or (2) the data quality objectives warrant sampling a specific zone (e.g., the shallow water table to investigate the potential for vapor intrusion inside a building) or specific zones where sufficient geophysical (e.g., heat-pulse flowmeter, caliper and temperature logs, etc.) and hydrogeological information (e.g., tracer tests) or other evidence (e.g., stained soils or fractures noted on boring logs) that clearly identifies the depth(s) at which contaminants are entering the well screen or open borehole (New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, 2003).

### 5.3b.1 Wellhead Preparation

Prior to groundwater sample collection, the following wellhead protection activities shall be conducted:

1. Inspect the area around the well for wellhead integrity, cleanliness, and signs of possible tampering or contamination.
2. Spread a clean plastic sheet over the ground around the wellhead where required.
3. Remove the cap on the wellhead. Note any obvious odors within the wellbore in the field logbook.
4. If possible, measure the static water level (see Section 6.1) prior to initiation of water sampling. Clean the electrical sounder or steel tape used for water level measurement after each use, as described in Section 5.2, to avoid cross contamination.
5. If floating product (e.g., gasoline) is suspected at the site, conduct the following procedures:
  - ◇ Use a bailer to extract a sample from the surface of the water within the well, if possible.
  - ◇ After an initial visual inspection, slowly pour the fluid from the bailer into a small tub or container in order to check for a sheen or any other sign of free product. Note any obvious odors in the field logbook.
  - ◇ If free product is detected, use the bailer to remove as much free product as is possible from the wellbore. Lower the bailer into the water slowly in order to prevent mixing and volatilization. Contain all recovered product for proper disposal and note the quantity of product removed in the field logbook.
  - ◇ If the site has not been previously sampled, a sample of the free product may be desired. Consequently, place some of the product in an unpreserved 40-milliliter (mL) glass VOA vial, and store it away from the other samples. Confirm sample analysis with the project manager.
  - ◇ After any free product has been removed from the wellbore, spread a fresh plastic sheet around the wellhead, and clean all contaminated equipment, or segregate it from the other equipment.

### 5.3b.2 Well Purging

The purpose of low-flow purging is to collect a groundwater sample that is representative of aquifer conditions while minimizing waste generation (EPA 1996). To that end, the intake port

of the sampling device is placed near the mid-point of the screen interval of the well. If the well has a long screen interval (i.e. greater than 15 feet) or crosses zones of varying permeability, the pump intake should be placed nearest the zone of greatest permeability. The physical/chemical behavior of the contaminants of concern should also be considered when determining the pump intake depth. For example, gasoline-related contaminants may be present near the water table while chlorinated VOCs may be present deeper in the aquifer. By evacuating water at a low flow rate (less than 0.5 liters per minute [L/min]) while monitoring drawdown of the well, one can assume that the water being collected is entering the well via natural recharge, and is therefore representative of aquifer conditions. Representativeness is documented through the monitoring of indicator parameters including temperature, specific conductance, and pH. Additional water quality measurements including dissolved oxygen (DO), turbidity, and oxidation/reduction potential (ORP) are also useful information although their measurement may be more problematic, and consequently should not be used as indicators of stability.

Site-specific purging procedures shall be prepared for each site. The following purging procedure can be used as a general guideline:

1. Measure the depth to water within the well.
2. Lower the intake of the pump to the approximate mid-point of the well's screen interval. If the well is shallow (less than 25 feet) sampling may be performed with a peristaltic pump. In this case, lower the tubing to the desired depth.
3. Once the initial water-level measurement has been recorded and the pump installed, suspend the water-level probe in the well at the point at which drawdown is equivalent to a 0.3-foot drop. Record water levels simultaneously with water quality measurements
4. Begin purging the well at a flow rate of less than 0.5 liter per minute (L/min) (coarse grained sediments). Drawdown should be limited to about 0.3 foot. During pump start-up, drawdown may exceed the 0.3-foot target and then recover as flow-rate adjustments are made. If drawdown occurs, lower the purge rate to 0.1 L/min.
5. Measure applicable field parameters (see Section 5.3) at the pump outlet at a minimum of every two minutes. Purging is generally considered complete when the above parameters are stable ( $\pm 10$  percent for temperature and conductivity and  $\pm 0.1$  pH units) over at least three readings.
6. Contain all fluid from obviously contaminated or potentially contaminated wells for later disposal. Anomalous values for the above field parameters, odor, visible sheen, or the

presence of free product may be taken as signs of contamination. Results of previous water sampling events will be consulted when available.

7. Take careful notes in order to document all purging procedures. The notes shall include: date, time, name(s) of sampler(s), weather, purge rate, purge method, pump depth, water level drawdown, field parameters (at each time measured, with corresponding purge volume), visual observations, odor, and any other relevant information.

### **5.3b.3 Groundwater Sample Collection**

The following procedure shall be used to collect groundwater samples:

1. Whenever possible, collect groundwater samples first from wells that have the lowest potential concentrations of analytes of interest, and last from the wells with the highest suspected concentrations (i.e., clean □ dirty). The specific sampling order should be detailed in the site-specific sampling plan.
2. Select the appropriate sample container and preservative as described in Section 5.6.
3. After the well has been purged, collect water samples as soon as possible in order to reduce the possibility of volatilization within the wellbore. If a pump has been used for purging, lower the pump rate so that the sampling rate is lower than the purge rate. If volatile organic samples are to be collected, set the pump at the lowest possible setting. If possible, the sampling rate should be less than 100 ml per minute, or the minimum setting on the pump.
4. Collect samples in decreasing order of volatility, i.e., collect samples to be analyzed for volatile organic compounds (VOCs) first, followed by semivolatile organic compounds (SVOCs), polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) and pesticides, and inorganics. The preferred order of sampling according to the EPA (1992) is VOCs, SVOCs, total organic carbon (TOC), extractable organics, total metals, dissolved metals, phenols, cyanide, sulfate and chloride, turbidity, nitrate and ammonia, and radionuclides.
5. Do not allow the outlet of the sampling pump discharge tubing to come into direct contact with the sample vial or the water within the vial.
6. Make sure that no air is entrapped in the sample vials to be analyzed for volatile organics. Take the sample by holding the vial at an angle so that aeration is minimized. Avoid touching the lip of the vial or the Teflon liner. If the sample cannot be transferred directly to the vial, (i.e. high production well) use a clean stainless steel cup to pour the water into the

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7. If filtering of any samples is required by the site specific sampling plan, use the filtering procedure described in Section 5.7.
  8. Preserve the sample as indicated in Section 5.6. Whenever possible, use pre-preserved containers supplied by the analytical laboratory rather than adding preservatives in the field.
  9. Measure field parameters as described in Section 5.3. Temperature, electrical conductivity, and pH generally will be measured at all locations. Alkalinity, DO, and ORP will be measured only as required by the site specific sampling plan.
  10. Record all pertinent information in the field notebook. Data to be recorded include the date and time of sample collection, climatic conditions at the time of sampling, well sampling sequence, types of sample containers used, sample identification numbers, field parameter data, name(s) of collector(s), deviations (and rationale for deviations) from established sampling protocol (e.g., equipment malfunctions), purpose of sampling (e.g., surveillance, compliance), and collection of quality control samples.

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## 5.5 Sample Preservation

The following standard operating guideline (SOG) defines activities to be completed to properly preserve a water sample for shipment to an analytical laboratory for analysis.

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### 5.5.1 Procedures

Attachment 5.5-1 lists recommended containers, preservatives, and holding times for individual analytes or analytical methods. The suggestions for sample storage and preservation presented are intended to serve as general guidelines. The analytical laboratories shall be consulted for the proper preservation and storage procedure for the analytical methods that will be used (e.g., this guideline recommends preservation of volatile organic samples with hydrochloric acid (HCl), but some laboratories require preservation with mercuric chloride).

Samples for volatile organics analysis (e.g., EPA 602, 624, 8020, or 8260) shall be collected in pre-cooled, pre-acidified, certified-clean 40-mL borosilicate vials with Teflon septum caps supplied by the analytical laboratory. Samples to be analyzed for other constituents should be collected in appropriate containers as listed in Attachment 5.5-1.

## Attachments

Attachment 5.5-1 Inorganic Sample Containers, Preservatives, and Holding Times; information provided by Severn Trent Laboratories (STL Tables 8.5-1, 8.5-2, and 8.5-5)

**TABLE 8.5-1**  
**Inorganic Sample Containers, Preservatives, and Holding Times**

Analytical Parameters	Matrix	Minimum Sample Size <sup>(1)</sup>	NPDES <sup>(2), (3), (7)</sup>		RCRA (SW846) <sup>(3), (4)</sup>	
			Method	Requirements	Method	Requirements
Acidity	Water	100 mL	305.1	250 mL plastic or glass, Cool, 4°C, 14 days	---	Not Applicable
	Solid <sup>(5)</sup>	Not Applicable	---	Not Applicable	---	Not Applicable
	Waste	Not Applicable	---	Not Applicable	---	Not Applicable
Alkalinity	Water	100 mL	310.1 2320B	250 mL plastic or glass, Cool, 4°C, 14 days	---	Not Applicable
	Solid	Not Applicable	---	Not Applicable	---	Not Applicable
	Waste	Not Applicable	---	Not Applicable	---	Not Applicable
Ammonia	Water	400 mL	350.1	500 mL plastic or glass, Cool, 4°C H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> to pH < 2, 28 days	---	Not Applicable
	Solid	Not Applicable	---	Not Applicable	---	Not Applicable
	Waste	Not Applicable	---	Not Applicable	---	Not Applicable
Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD)	Water	200 mL	405.1	1000 mL plastic or glass, Cool, 4°C 48 hours	---	Not Applicable
	Solid	Not Applicable	---	Not Applicable	---	Not Applicable
	Waste	Not Applicable	---	Not Applicable	---	Not Applicable
Bromide	Water	100 mL	300.0 <sup>(7)</sup>	250 mL plastic or glass, No preservative required, 28 days	9056	Cool, 4°C, analyze ASAP after collection
	Solid	Not Applicable	---	Not Applicable	---	Not Applicable
	Waste	Not Applicable	---	Not Applicable	---	Not Applicable
Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD)	Water	100 mL	410.4	250 mL glass or plastic, Cool, 4°C, H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> to pH < 2, 28 days	---	Not Applicable
	Solid	Not Applicable	---	Not Applicable	---	Not Applicable
	Waste	Not Applicable	---	Not Applicable	---	Not Applicable

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 Inorganic Sample Containers, Preservatives, and Holding Times  
 (Continued)**

Analytical Parameters	Matrix	Minimum Sample Size <sup>(1)</sup>	NPDES <sup>(2), (3), (7)</sup>		RCRA (SW846) <sup>(3), (4)</sup>	
			Method	Requirements	Method	Requirements
Chloride	Water	50 mL	300.0 <sup>(7)</sup>  325.2	250 mL plastic or glass, No preservative required, 28 days	9056	Method 9056: Cool, 4°C, analyze ASAP after collection.
	Solid	Not Applicable	---	Not Applicable	---	Not Applicable
	Waste	Not Applicable	---	Not Applicable	---	Not Applicable
Chromium (Cr <sup>+6</sup> )	Water	100 mL	3500 Cr-D	Method 218.4: 200 mL plastic or glass, Cool, 4°C, 24 hours Method 3500 Cr-D: 200 mL quartz, TFE, or polypropylene HNO <sub>3</sub> to pH <2 Cool, 4°C Analyze ASAP after collection	7196A	200 mL plastic or glass, Cool, 4°C, 24 hours
	Solid	Not Applicable	---	Not Applicable	7196A	250 mL plastic or glass, 30 days to digestion, 96 hours after digestion
	Waste	Not Applicable	---	Not Applicable	---	Not Applicable

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 Inorganic Sample Containers, Preservatives, and Holding Times  
 (Continued)**

Analytical Parameters	Matrix	Minimum Sample Size <sup>(1)</sup>	NPDES <sup>(2), (3), (7)</sup>		RCRA (SW846) <sup>(3), (4)</sup>	
			Method	Requirements	Method	Requirements
Color	Water	100 mL	110.2	250 mL plastic or glass, Cool, 4°C, 48 hours	---	Not Applicable
	Solid	Not Applicable	---	Not Applicable	---	Not Applicable
	Waste	Not Applicable	---	Not Applicable	---	Not Applicable
Conductivity	Water	100 mL	120.1	200 mL glass or plastic, Cool, 4°C, 28 days	9050A	200 mL glass or plastic, Cool, 4°C, 24 hours
	Solid	Not Applicable	---	Not Applicable	---	Not Applicable
	Waste	Not Applicable	---	Not Applicable	---	Not Applicable
Cyanide (Amenable)	Water	IL	335.3	1 liter plastic or glass, NaOH to pH >12 0.6g ascorbic acid <sup>(6)</sup> Cool, 4°C, 14 days unless sulfide is present. Then maximum holding time is 24 hours	9010B/ 9012A	1 liter plastic or glass, NaOH to pH >12 0.6g ascorbic acid <sup>(6)</sup> Cool, 4°C, 14 days
	Solid	50g	---	Not Applicable	9010B/ 9012A	Not Specified
	Waste	50g	---	Not Applicable	9010B/ 9012A	Not Specified
Cyanide (Total)	Water	IL	335.3	1 liter plastic or glass, NaOH to pH >12 0.6g ascorbic acid <sup>(6)</sup> Cool, 4°C, 14 days unless sulfide is present. Then maximum holding time is 24 hours	9010B/ 9012A	1 liter plastic or glass, NaOH to pH >12 0.6g ascorbic acid <sup>(6)</sup> Cool, 4°C, 14 days
	Solid	50g	--	Not Applicable	9010B 9012A	8 or 16 oz glass Teflon-lined lids, Cool, 4°C, 14 days

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**Inorganic Sample Containers, Preservatives, and Holding Times**  
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Analytical Parameters	Matrix	Minimum Sample Size <sup>(1)</sup>	NPDES <sup>(2), (3), (7)</sup>		RCRA (SW846) <sup>(3), (4)</sup>	
			Method	Requirements	Method	Requirements
Cyanide (Total) (continued)	Waste	50g	--	Not Applicable	9010B/ 9012A	8 or 16 oz glass Teflon-lined lids, Cool, 4°C
Flashpoint (Ignitability)	Liquid	Not Applicable	---	Not Applicable	1010	No requirements, 250 mL amber glass, Cool, 4°C is recommended
	Solid	Not Applicable	--	Not Applicable	---	Not Applicable
	Waste	Not Applicable	--	Not Applicable	---	Not Applicable
Fluoride	Water	300 mL	300.0 <sup>(7)</sup> 340.2	500 mL plastic, No preservation required, 28 days	9056	Cool, 4°C, analyze ASAP after collection
	Solid	Not Applicable	---	Not Applicable	---	Not Applicable
	Waste	Not Applicable	---	Not Applicable	---	Not Applicable
Hardness (Total)	Water	50 mL	130.2 2340B	250 mL glass or plastic, HNO <sub>3</sub> to pH < 2, 6 months	---	Not Applicable
	Solid	Not Applicable	---	Not Applicable	---	Not Applicable
	Waste	Not Applicable	---	Not Applicable	---	Not Applicable
Iron (Ferrous)	Water	100 mL	3500-Fe D	1 liter glass or polyethylene container, 6 months  <b>This test should be performed in the field.</b>	-	Not Applicable
	Solid	Not Applicable	-	Not Applicable	-	Not Applicable
	Waste	Not Applicable	-	Not Applicable	-	Not Applicable

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**Inorganic Sample Containers, Preservatives, and Holding Times**  
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Analytical Parameters	Matrix	Minimum Sample Size <sup>(1)</sup>	NPDES <sup>(2), (3), (7)</sup>		RCRA (SW846) <sup>(3), (4)</sup>	
			Method	Requirements	Method	Requirements
Methylene Blue Active Substances (MBAS) (Surfactant)	Water	100 mL	425.1	250 mL plastic or glass, Cool, 4°C, 48 hours	---	Not Applicable
	Solid	Not Applicable	---	Not Applicable	---	Not Applicable
	Waste	Not Applicable	---	Not Applicable	---	Not Applicable
Nitrate	Water	100 mL	300.0 <sup>(7)</sup> 353.2	Method 300.0: 250 mL plastic or glass, Cool, 4°C, 48 hours.  Method 352.1: 250 mL plastic or glass, Cool, 4°C, 48 hours.	9056	Method 9056: Cool, 4°C, analyze ASAP after collection  Method 9210: Cool, 4°C Preserve by adding 1 mL of 1M boric acid solution per 100 mL of sample
	Solid	Not Applicable	---	Not Applicable	---	Not Applicable
	Waste	Not Applicable	---	Not Applicable	9210	Not Specified
Nitrite	Water	50 mL	300.0 <sup>(7)</sup> 353.2	250 mL plastic or glass Cool, 4°C, 48 hours	9056	Cool, 4°C, analyze ASAP after collection
	Solid	Not Applicable	---	Not Applicable	---	Not Applicable
	Waste	Not Applicable	---	Not Applicable	---	Not Applicable

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Analytical Parameters	Matrix	Minimum Sample Size <sup>(1)</sup>	NPDES <sup>(2), (3), (7)</sup>		RCRA (SW846) <sup>(3), (4)</sup>	
			Method	Requirements	Method	Requirements
Nitrate-Nitrite	Water	100 mL	353.3	250 mL plastic or glass, H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> to pH < 2, 28 days	---	Not Applicable
	Solid	Not Applicable	---	Not Applicable	---	Not Applicable
	Waste	Not Applicable	---	Not Applicable	---	Not Applicable
Ortho-phosphate	Water	50 mL	300.0 <sup>(7)</sup> 365.3	100 mL plastic or glass, Filter on site Cool, 4°C, 48 hours	9056	Cool, 4°C, analyze ASAP collection
	Solid	Not Applicable	---	Not Applicable	---	Not Applicable
	Waste	Not Applicable	---	Not Applicable	---	Not Applicable
pH	Water	50 mL	150.1 4500-H <sup>+</sup> B	100 mL plastic or glass. Analyze immediately. <b>This test should be performed in the field.</b>	9040B	100 mL plastic or glass. Analyze immediately. <b>This test should be performed in the field.</b> <sup>(8)</sup>
	Solid	Not Applicable	---	Not Applicable	9045C	4 oz glass or plastic, Cool, 4°C, Analyze as soon as possible. <sup>(8)</sup>
	Waste	Not Applicable	---	Not Applicable	9045C	4 oz glass or plastic, Cool, 4°C, Analyze as soon as possible. <sup>(8)</sup>
Phenolics	Water	100 mL	420.2	500 mL glass, Cool, 4°C, H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> to pH < 2, 28 days	9066	1 liter glass recommended, Cool, 4°C, H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> to pH < 4, 28 days
	Solid	Not Applicable	---	Not Applicable	---	Not Applicable
	Waste	Not Applicable	---	Not Applicable	9065	Not Specified
Phosphate	Water	50 mL	365.3	Not Applicable	9056	Cool, 4°C, analyze ASAP collection
	Solid	Not Applicable	---	Not Applicable	9056	Not Applicable
	Waste	Not Applicable	---	Not Applicable	9056	Not Applicable



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Analytical Parameters	Matrix	Minimum Sample Size <sup>(1)</sup>	NPDES <sup>(2), (3), (7)</sup>		RCRA (SW846) <sup>(3), (4)</sup>	
			Method	Requirements	Method	Requirements
Phosphorus (Total)	Water	50 mL	365.3	100 mL plastic or glass, H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> to pH < 2, 28 days	---	Not Applicable
	Solid	Not Applicable	---	Not Applicable	---	Not Applicable
	Waste	Not Applicable	---	Not Applicable	---	Not Applicable
Reactivity (Cyanide and Sulfide)	Liquid	10 g	---	Not Applicable	Chapter 7 Sections 7.3.3.2 and 7.3.4.2	10 oz amber glass, Cool, 4°C, no headspace, analyze as soon as possible.
	Solid	10 g	---	Not Applicable	Chapter 7 Sections 7.3.3.2 and 7.3.4.2	10 oz amber glass, Cool, 4°C, no headspace, analyze as soon as possible.
	Waste	10 g	---	Not Applicable	Chapter 7 Sections 7.3.3.2 and 7.3.4.2	10 oz amber glass, Cool, 4°C, no headspace, analyze as soon as possible.
Settleable Solids	Water	1000 mL	160.5	1000 mL plastic or glass, Cool, 4°C, 48 hours	---	Not Applicable
	Solid	Not Applicable	---	Not Applicable	---	Not Applicable
	Waste	Not Applicable	---	Not Applicable	---	Not Applicable
Specific Conductance	Water	50 mL	120.1	250 mL plastic or glass, Cool, 4°C, 24 hours	9050A	250 mL plastic or glass, Cool, 4°C, 28 days
	Solid	Not Applicable	---	Not Applicable	---	Not Applicable
	Waste	Not Applicable	---	Not Applicable	---	Not Applicable

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**Inorganic Sample Containers, Preservatives, and Holding Times**  
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Analytical Parameters	Matrix	Minimum Sample Size <sup>(1)</sup>	NPDES <sup>(2), (3), (7)</sup>		RCRA (SW846) <sup>(3), (4)</sup>	
			Method	Requirements	Method	Requirements
Sulfate (SO <sub>4</sub> )	Water	100 mL	300.0 <sup>(7)</sup> 375.2	100 mL plastic or glass, Cool, 4°C, 28 days	9056 9038	Method 9056: Cool, 4°C, analyze ASAP collection Method 9038: 200 mL plastic or glass, Cool, 4°C, 28 days
	Solid	Not Applicable	---	Not Applicable	---	Not Applicable
	Waste	100 mL	---	Not Applicable	9038	200 mL plastic or glass, Cool, 4°C, 28 days
Sulfide	Water	100 mL	376.2	500 mL plastic or glass, Cool, 4°C, Add 2 mL zinc acetate plus NaOH to pH > 9, 7 days	9030B/ 9034	500 mL plastic, no headspace, Cool, 4°C, Add 4 drops of 2N zinc acetate per 100 mL of sample, adjust the pH to > 9 with 6 N NaOH solution, 7 days
	Solid	50 g	---	Not Applicable	9030B 9034	Cool, 4°C, fill surface of solid with 2N Zinc acetate until moistened, store headspace- free
	Waste	50 g	---	Not Applicable	9030B 9034	Cool, 4°C, fill surface of solid with 2N Zinc acetate until moistened, store headspace- free

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Analytical Parameters	Matrix	Minimum Sample Size <sup>(1)</sup>	NPDES <sup>(2), (3), (7)</sup>		RCRA (SW846) <sup>(3), (4)</sup>	
			Method	Requirements	Method	Requirements
Sulfite (SO <sub>3</sub> )	Water	100 mL	377.1	100 mL plastic or glass, No preservative required, analyze immediately <b>This test should be performed in the field.</b>	---	Not Applicable
	Solid	Not Applicable	---	Not Applicable	---	Not Applicable
	Waste	Not Applicable	---	Not Applicable	---	Not Applicable
Total Dissolved Solids (Filterable)	Water	100 mL	160.1	250 mL plastic or glass, Cool, 4°C, 7 days	---	Not Applicable
	Solid	Not Applicable	---	Not Applicable	---	Not Applicable
	Waste	Not Applicable	---	Not Applicable	---	Not Applicable
Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen (TKN)	Water	500 mL	351.3	500 mL plastic or glass, Cool, 4°C, H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> to pH < 2, 28 days	---	Not Applicable
	Solid	Not Applicable	---	Not Applicable	---	Not Applicable
	Waste	Not Applicable	---	Not Applicable	---	Not Applicable
Total Organic Carbon (TOC)	Water	100 mL	415.1	100 mL plastic or glass, Cool, 4°C, H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> to pH < 2, 28 days	9060	100 mL glass or 40 mL VOA vials, Cool, 4°C, H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> or HCl to pH < 2, 28 days
	Solid	Not Applicable	---	Not Applicable	9060	Not Specified
	Waste	Not Applicable	---	Not Applicable	9060	Not Specified

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**Inorganic Sample Containers, Preservatives, and Holding Times**  
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Analytical Parameters	Matrix	Minimum Sample Size <sup>(1)</sup>	NPDES <sup>(2), (3), (7)</sup>		RCRA (SW846) <sup>(3), (4)</sup>	
			Method	Requirements	Method	Requirements
Total Organic Halides (TOX)	Water	100 mL	---	<u>Method 5320B</u> : 500 mL amber glass, Teflon®-lined lid, Cool, 4°C, HNO <sub>3</sub> to pH <2, no headspace, 14 days <u>Method 450.1</u> : 500 mL amber glass, Teflon®-lined lid, Cool, 4°C, HNO <sub>3</sub> to pH <2, no headspace, 28 days	9020B	500 mL amber glass, Teflon®-lined lid, Cool, 4°C, H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> to pH < 2, no headspace, 28 days
	Solid	Not Applicable	---	Not Applicable	---	Not Applicable
	Waste	Not Applicable	---	Not Applicable	---	Not Applicable
Total Solids	Water	100 mL	160.3	250 mL plastic or glass, Cool, 4°C, 7 days	---	Not Applicable
	Solid	Not Applicable	---	Not Applicable	---	Not Applicable
	Waste	Not Applicable	---	Not Applicable	---	Not Applicable
Total Suspended Solids (Nonfilterable)	Water	100 mL	160.2	250 mL plastic or glass, Cool, 4°C, 7 days	---	Not Applicable
	Solid	Not Applicable	---	Not Applicable	---	Not Applicable
	Waste	Not Applicable	---	Not Applicable	---	Not Applicable
Turbidity	Water	50 mL	180.1	250 mL plastic or glass, Cool, 4°C, 48 hours	---	Not Applicable
	Solid	Not Applicable	---	Not Applicable	---	Not Applicable
	Waste	Not Applicable	---	Not Applicable	---	Not Applicable
Volatile Solids	Water	100 mL	160.4	250 mL plastic or glass, Cool, 4°C, 7 days	---	Not Applicable
	Solid	Not Applicable	---	Not Applicable	---	Not Applicable
	Waste	Not Applicable	---	Not Applicable	---	Not Applicable

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Analytical Parameters	Matrix	Minimum Sample Size <sup>(1)</sup>	NPDES <sup>(2), (3), (7)</sup>		RCRA (SW846) <sup>(3), (4)</sup>	
			Method	Requirements	Method	Requirements
Water Content	Water	Not Applicable	---	Not Applicable	---	Not Applicable
	Solid	10 g	---	Refer to specific method used	---	Refer to specific method used
	Waste	10 g	---	Refer to specific method used	---	Refer to specific method used
Metals (excludes Hg)	Water	100 mL	200 series	1 liter glass or polyethylene container, HNO <sub>3</sub> to pH ≤ 2, 6 months	6010B, 6020, 7000A series	1 liter glass or polyethylene container, HNO <sub>3</sub> to pH ≤ 2, 6 months
	Solid	200 g	200 series	8 or 16 oz glass or polyethylene container storage at 4 °C	6010B, 6020, 7000A series	8 or 16 oz glass or polyethylene container, storage at 4°C, 6 months
	Waste	200 g	200 series	Not Applicable	6010B, 6020, 7000A series	8 or 16 oz glass or polyethylene container, storage at 4°C, 6 months
Mercury (CVAA)	Water	100 mL	245.1	1 liter glass or polyethylene container, HNO <sub>3</sub> to pH ≤ 2, 28 days	7470A	1 liter glass or polyethylene container, HNO <sub>3</sub> to pH ≤ 2, 28 days
	Solid	200 g	245.5	8 or 16 oz glass or polyethylene container, Cool, 4°C, 28 days	7471A	8 or 16 oz glass or polyethylene container, Cool, 4°C, 28 days (CORP-MT-0007)
	Waste	200 g	--	Not Applicable	7471A	8 or 16 oz glass or polyethylene container, Cool, 4°C, 28 days (CORP-MT-0007)

## 5.6 Sample Filtration

The following standard operating procedure (SOP) defines activities to be completed to properly filter water samples in preparation for analysis by an analytical laboratory.

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### 5.6.1 Procedures

Research indicates that if samples are obtained correctly, field filtration for metals may not be necessary (Puls and Powell, 1992). However, filtration of samples to be analyzed for dissolved metals may be required in some cases. If filtration is required, it shall be outlined in the site specific sampling plan.

If filtration is required, filter the samples in the field if possible. If field filtering is not possible, preserve the sample by chilling to 4°C (i.e., do not add acid), and immediately ship the sample via overnight delivery to the laboratory. Indicate on the chain of custody that laboratory filtration and preservation are required.

Vacuum filtration of groundwater samples is not recommended (Barcelona et al., 1985, pg. 65). Samples to be analyzed for TOC, VOCs or other organic compounds should not be filtered. Filtration may be performed on samples collected for analysis of dissolved metals, however.

The following procedure shall be followed to filter samples in the field with a peristaltic pump (e.g., GeoPump):

1. Connect the GeoPump to an automobile cigarette lighter or outlet if electricity is available.
2. Replace the tubing for the GeoPump at the beginning of each sampling round. If the samples are collected in any order other than most contaminated to least contaminated, or if very high levels of contamination are suspected or observed, then replace the tubing between each sample or as necessary.
3. If the tubing is not replaced between each sample, flush the lines with Liquinox followed by at least three flushes with distilled water.
4. Collect an unfiltered water sample as discussed in Sections 5.4 and 5.5.
5. Place the intake line in the unfiltered sample.
6. Pump at least a few hundred milliliters of the sample through the GeoPump prior to sample collection in order to flush the line. Set the GeoPump at the lowest rate possible in order to minimize aeration. Dispose of this water appropriately.
7. Place a new disposable 0.45-micron filter on the output line. Direct the output stream from the filter into the pre-acidified sample container, as outlined in Section 5.6.

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## 5.7 Quality Assurance/Quality Control (QA/QC) Samples

The following standard operating procedure (SOP) defines activities to be completed to assure quality assurance (QA) and quality control (QC) for water samples collected in the field.

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QA/QC samples include split samples, duplicates, blind duplicates, blind check standards, trip blanks, and equipment blanks. The specific QA/QC samples that will be collected during each sampling event shall be designated in the site sampling plan.

### 5.7.1 General QA/QC Guidelines

The following general guidelines shall be followed for collection of QA/QC samples:

1. A trip blank is a sample of analyte-free water that is transported with the sample containers from the laboratory to the field site and back again. A trip blank is useful in assessing contamination of volatile organics samples attributable to shipping and field handling procedures. Include a trip blank with each cooler that contains samples to be analyzed for volatile organic compounds (VOCs). Ideally, trip blanks will be prepared at the lab in advance and will be shipped with the sample bottles received from the laboratory. If trip blanks are prepared in the DBS&A warehouse or in the field, prepare them well away from any areas of known or suspected contamination. Prepare the trip blanks by filling a pre-acidified 40-mL VOA vials with organic-free water.



2. An equipment (rinsate) blank is a sample of analyte-free water which has been used to rinse any non-disposable equipment that comes in contact with the water to be sampled, such as non-dedicated pumps or bailers or field filtration devices. The rinsate blank is useful in documenting adequate decontamination of equipment. Collect the equipment blank by running or pouring deionized water through any portion of the device that normally comes in contact with the water sample or presents a potential for cross-contamination, including hoses, valves, etc. Equipment blanks generally are not required for disposable equipment which is certified clean by the manufacturer (e.g., disposable Teflon bailers). The exact number and type of equipment blanks to be collected will be determined on a site-specific basis. Describe the process used to collect the equipment blank in the field log book.
3. A duplicate consists of two separate samples from the same source which are collected as close as possible to the same point in space and time, analyzed independently. Duplicates are used to evaluate laboratory precision, heterogeneity of the material, and precision of field sampling techniques.
4. Split samples are replicate samples collected in the same manner in alternating fashion which are analyzed independently for the same parameters. Split samples are used to evaluate inter- or intra-laboratory precision.
5. In some cases, blind check standards may be submitted to the analytical laboratory. These may be obtained commercially or prepared in advance in the DBS&A laboratory. Alternatively, a duplicate sample may be spiked in the field with a known quantity of the analyte(s) of concern.

### **5.7.2 Well Security**

All monitor wells shall be securely locked following completion of sampling.

## 6.1 Groundwater Level Measurement

The purpose of this standard operating procedure (SOP) is to provide DBS&A personnel with the information necessary to collect accurate water level data from groundwater wells. Water level measurements provide the fundamental data needed to determine aquifer characteristics; therefore, it is crucial that the appropriate methods are used to meet the data requirements of an aquifer investigation.

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Several methods are available for determining the depth to water (DTW). This SOP briefly describes methods used to measure water levels manually and automatically with dataloggers equipped with pressure transducers. This information is intended to help DBS&A personnel determine the appropriate equipment to collect water levels for background trend analysis and aquifer tests.

Immediately following well construction (SOP 4.1), a measuring point (MP) shall be established and clearly labeled "MP" with a permanent marker at the top of the casing. The designated MP shall be located at a point that is unlikely to change in elevation during the life of the well. This mark will prevent repeated surveys to determine the reference elevation of the measuring point. If the MP does change, it shall be clearly re-marked and referenced to the original elevation, or a new survey will be necessary. Water levels will be measured in accordance with ASTM D 4750-87 (reapproved 1993), Standard Test Method for Determining Subsurface Liquid Levels in a Borehole or Monitoring Well (Observation Well).

The DTW shall be recorded in the project logbook as described in SOP 1.3. The following information shall be recorded on the form: the person making the measurement, the measuring device, the surveyed point from which the measurement is made, the time of day (military time), the date, the wellhead condition, and any MP changes. Groundwater level data may also be recorded in the field log and on other applicable DBS&A forms, including but not limited to those used for water sampling and drilling/soils logging.

The following subsections describe the most commonly used techniques for obtaining water level data in the field.

### **6.1.1 Electrical Sounders**

Electrical sounders are most often used to measure groundwater levels on DBS&A projects. Electrical sounders operate by completing an electrical circuit when the probe contacts the water, thus providing a measure of the depth to water. When the circuit is completed, a light, buzzer, or ammeter needle indicates that the probe is in contact with the water surface. The probe is connected to a graduated tape, usually made from plastic and fiberglass. Batteries supply the necessary current through electrical wires contained in the graduated tape. Electrical sounders measure depths to within 0.02 foot.

The major advantage of electrical sounders is that measurements can be made rapidly and accurately without removing the probe from the well. Field personnel should position themselves near the MP so the DTW can be read at eye level. A second confirmatory reading should be performed before the electrical tape is withdrawn from the well. The length of the electrical line shall be calibrated annually with an engineer's tape by the DBS&A Environmental Equipment Coordinator. Information from these calibrations shall be kept at the DBS&A equipment supply facility.

### **6.1.2 Dataloggers**

Electronic dataloggers equipped with pressure transducers are commonly used and are useful for collecting large quantities of water level data rapidly during labor-intensive aquifer tests. Measurements are accurate to approximately 0.01 foot, depending on the type of pressure transducers used. When deploying dataloggers, record the manufacturer and serial number of the logger in the field book and follow the manufacturer SOP.

### 6.1.3 Steel Tape

Graduated steel tapes provide accurate measurements to within approximately 0.01 foot for depths of 100 feet or less. The rigidity of the tape allows it to hang straight in the well. The main disadvantage of the steel tape method is that the approximate DTW must be known prior to the measurement. In addition, interferences such as cascading water, smearing, and/or evaporation may compromise the accuracy of the wetted-end measurement. Steel tapes should generally not be used when many measurements must be made in rapid succession, such as during aquifer testing. Measurement with a steel tape is relatively time consuming.

When a steel tape is used, the lower 2 to 3 feet are wiped dry and coated with carpenter's chalk or water finding paste before the tape is lowered into the well to the estimated DTW. The tape should be held on a foot marker at the wellhead MP. After the tape is removed, the wetted end is read and subtracted from the previous reading; the difference is the actual depth to water. If tape graduations are greater than 0.1 foot apart, a separate engineering tape or scale shall be used to accurately determine the wetted end measurement.

## References

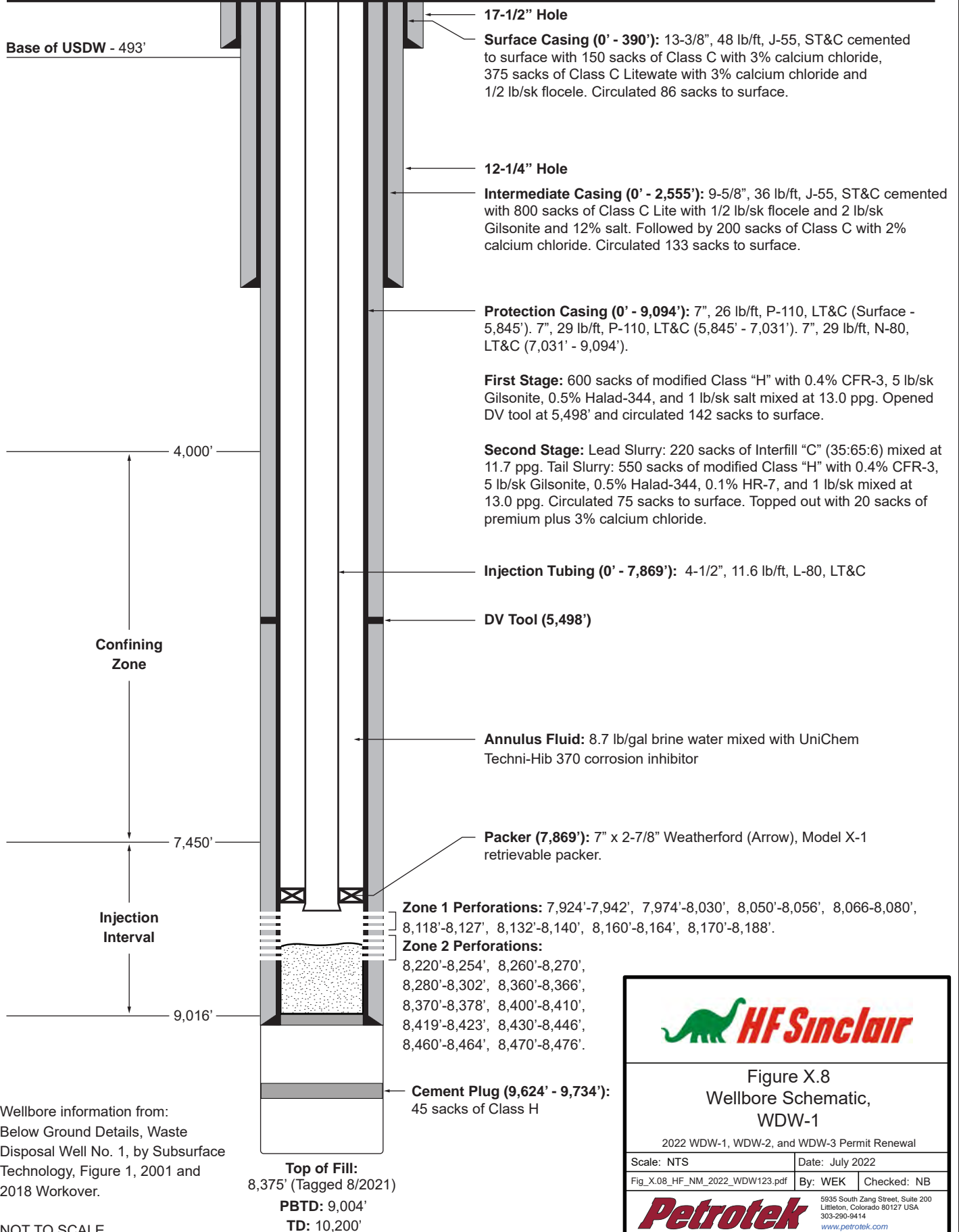

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Appendix B

WDW UIC Well Diagrams

OCD UIC Permit: UICI-008-1  
 Well API Number: 30-015-27592  
 Eddy County, New Mexico  
 Sec. 31, T17S-R28E  
 Lat. 32.78517° / Long. -104.21376° (NAD 83)

All depths referenced to Kelly Bushing (KB)  
 elevation 2.5' above ground level.  
 Ground Level Elevation: +3,678' MSL

**Figure X.8**  
 Wellbore Schematic,  
 WDW-1

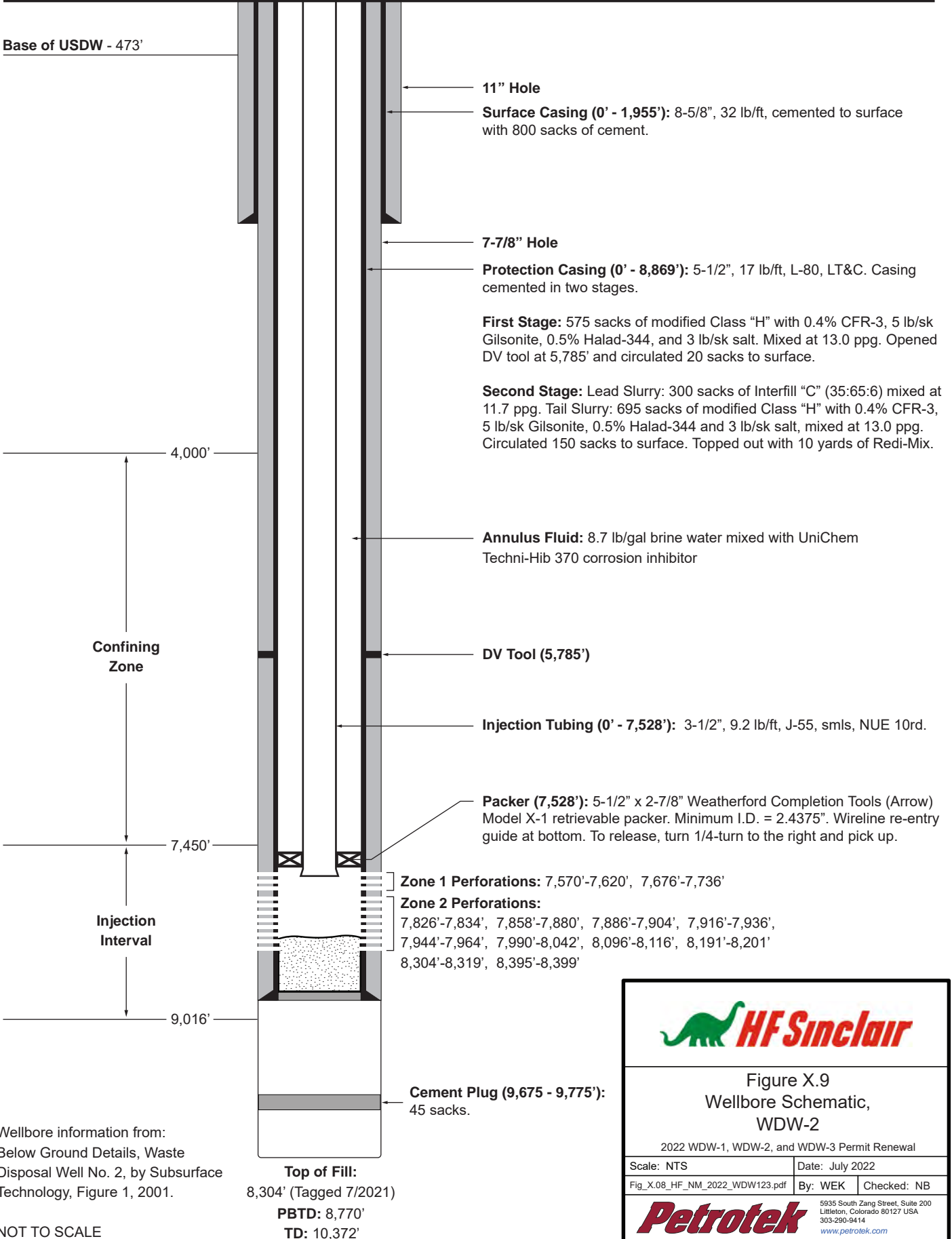

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OCD UIC Permit: UICI-008-2  
 Well API Number: 30-015-20894  
 Eddy County, New Mexico  
 Sec. 31, T17S-R27E  
 Lat. 32.763772° / Long. -104.238508° (NAD 83)

All depths referenced to Kelly Bushing (KB)  
 elevation 13' above ground level.  
 Ground Level Elevation: +3,610' MSL

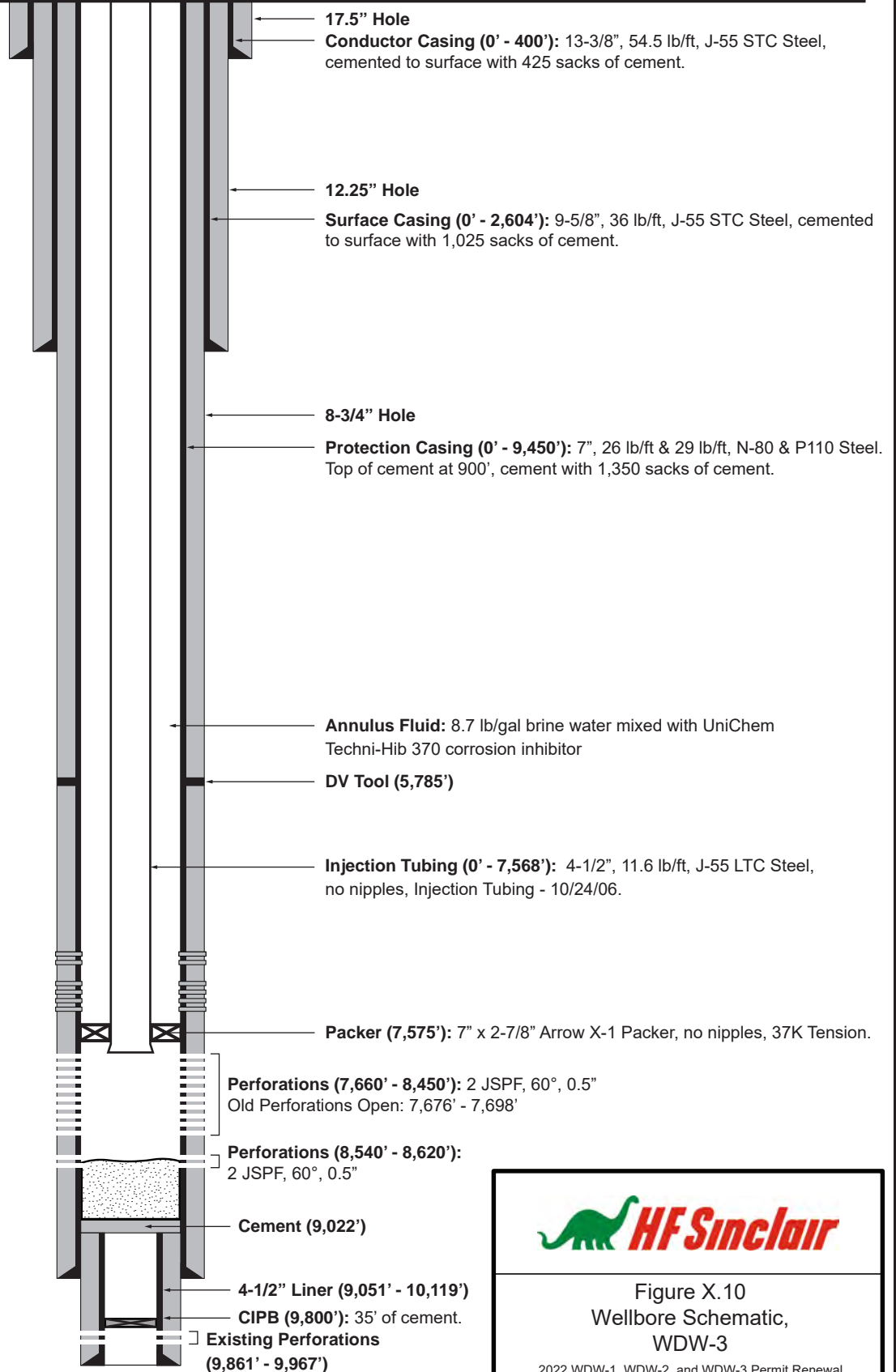
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**Wellbore Schematic,**  
**WDW-2**

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OCD UIC Permit: UICI-008-3  
 Well API Number: 30-015-26575  
 Eddy County, New Mexico  
 Sec. 31, T18S-R27E  
 Lat. 32.771186° / Long. -104.233306° (NAD 83)



Wellbore information from:  
 Gaines Well #3 Navajo  
 Refining schematic by  
 Subsurface Technology, 2009.

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**Top of Fill:**  
 8,604' (Tagged 8/2021)  
**PBTD:** 9,022'  
**TD:** 10,119'



**Figure X.10**  
 Wellbore Schematic,  
 WDW-3

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Well API Number: 30-015-44677  
Eddy County, New Mexico  
Sec. 23, T17S-R27E  
Lat. 32.815970° / Long. -104.250174° (NAD 83)

All depths referenced to Kelly Bushing (KB)  
elevation 20' above ground level.  
Ground Level Elevation: +3,563'

Base of USDW: +/- 500'

**Conductor Casing (0' - 80')**: 20", 129.33 lb/ft 0.625" wall, API 5LX-56, plain-end, beveled conductor, cemented to surface with 15 yards redi-mix in a 24" hole.

17-1/2" Hole

**Surface Casing (0' - 1,680')**: 13-3/8", 54.5 lb/ft, K-55, ST&C, cemented to surface with 3,225 sacks of cement.

12-1/4" Hole

**Protection Casing (0' - 10,327')**: 9-5/8", 47 lb/ft, N-80, LT&C, cemented to surface.

**Annulus Fluid**: Injection tubing and protection casing annulus filled with 263 bbl of brine water containing a corrosion inhibitor, a bactericide and an oxygen scavenger.

DV Tool (5,800'): 9-5/8"

**Injection Tubing (0' - 10,265')**: 7", 26 lb/ft, K-55, LT&C.

Top of Confining Zone: 9,805'

Top of Injection Zone: 10,220'

Base of Injection Zone: ~10,885'

TD: 10,700'

Packer (10,265'): 7" x 9-5/8"

Open Hole: 8-1/2" to 10,700'

Wellbore information from: Figure 8.2, HollyFrontier Navajo Refining LLC, Artesia, New Mexico, As Built Below Ground Well Schematic by WSP and information found in the 2017 WDW-4 Permit.



Figure X.6  
Wellbore Schematic,  
WDW No. 4

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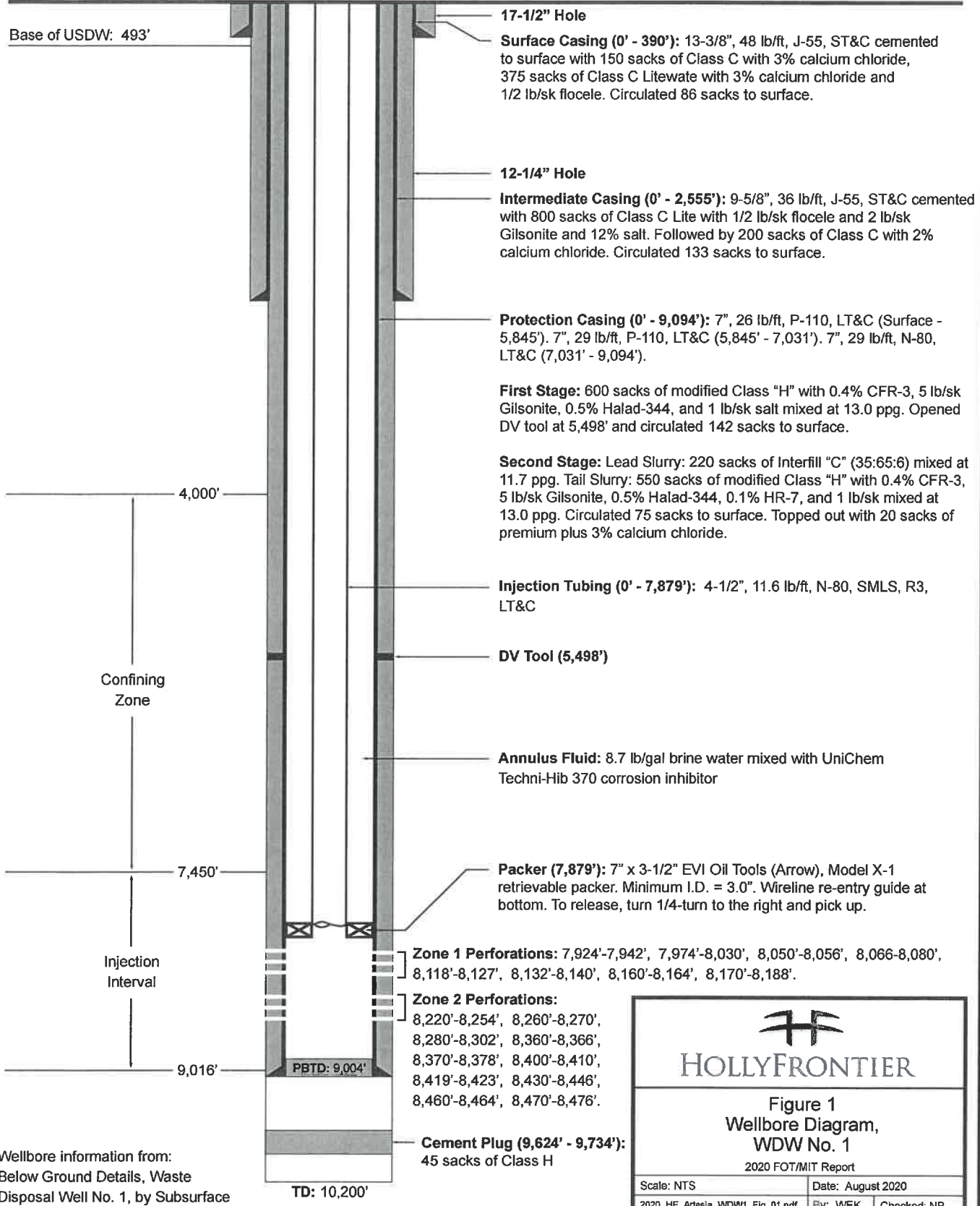


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Well API Number: 30-015-27592  
Sec. 31, T17S, R28E - Eddy County, New Mexico  
SHL: Lat. 32.78517°, Long. -104.21376°

All depths are referenced to the Kelly bushing elevation 12.5' above ground level. Ground level elevation is 3,678' above mean sea level.



Wellbore information from:  
Below Ground Details, Waste  
Disposal Well No. 1, by Subsurface  
Technology, Figure 1, 2001.

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Figure 1  
Wellbore Diagram,  
WDW No. 1  
2020 FOT/MIT Report

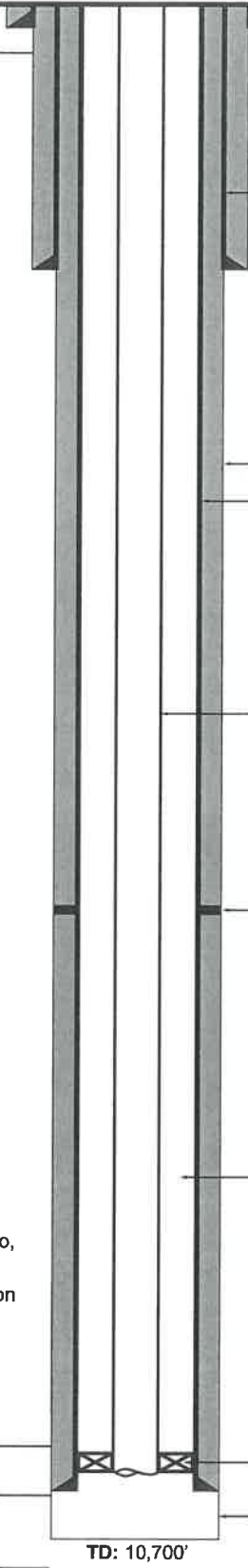
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Well API Number: 30-015-44677  
Sec. 23, T17S, R27E - Eddy County, New Mexico  
SHL: Lat. 32.81581°, Long. -104.25003°

All depths are referenced to the Kelly bushing elevation 20' above ground level. Ground level elevation is 3,563' above mean sea level.

Base of USDW: +/- 500'



**24" Hole**  
**Conductor Pipe (0' - 80')**: 20", 129.33 lb/ft 0.625" wall, API 5LX-56, plain-end, beveled conductor, cemented to surface with redi-mix.

**17-1/2" Hole**  
**Surface Casing (0' - 1,680')**: 13-3/8", 54.5 lb/ft, K-55, ST&C, cemented to surface.

**12-1/4" Hole**  
**Protection Casing (0' - 10,327')**: 9-5/8", 47 lb/ft, N-80, LT&C, cemented to surface.

**Injection Tubing (0' - 10,265')**: 7", 26 lb/ft, K-55, LT&C

**DV Tool (5,800')**: 9-5/8"

**Annulus Fluid**: Injection tubing and protection casing annulus filled with 263 bbl of brine water containing a corrosion inhibitor, a bactericide and an oxygen scavenger.

**Packer (10,265')**: 7" x 9-5/8"

**Open Hole**: 8-1/2" to 10,700'

TD: 10,700'


Wellbore information from:  
Figure 8.2, HollyFrontier Navajo Refining LLC, Artesia, New Mexico, As Built Below Ground Well Schematic by WSP and information found in the 2017 WDW-4 Permit.

Top of Confining Zone ~9,900'

Top of Injection Zone ~10,400'


Base of Injection Zone ~10,900'

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**HOLLYFRONTIER**

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**WDW No. 4**  
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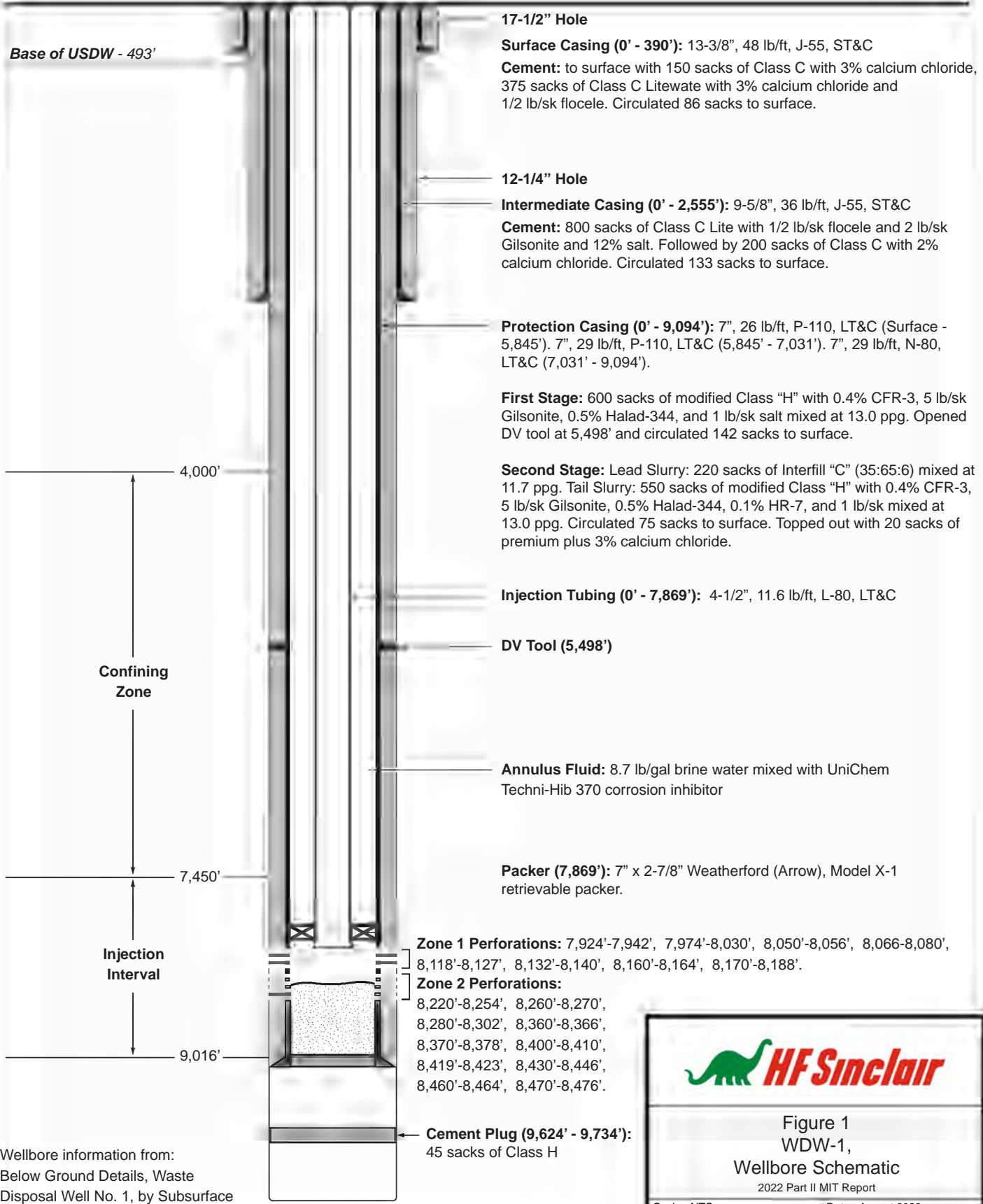
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**Note:** All depths referenced to Kelly Bushing (KB)  
 elevation 2.5' above ground level.  
 Ground Level Elevation: +3,678' MSL


Base of USDW - 493'



Wellbore information from:  
 Below Ground Details, Waste  
 Disposal Well No. 1, by Subsurface  
 Technology, Figure 1, 2001 and  
 2018 Workover.

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**Top of Fill:**  
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**PBTD:** 9,004'  
**TD:** 10,200'



**Figure 1**  
 WDW-1,  
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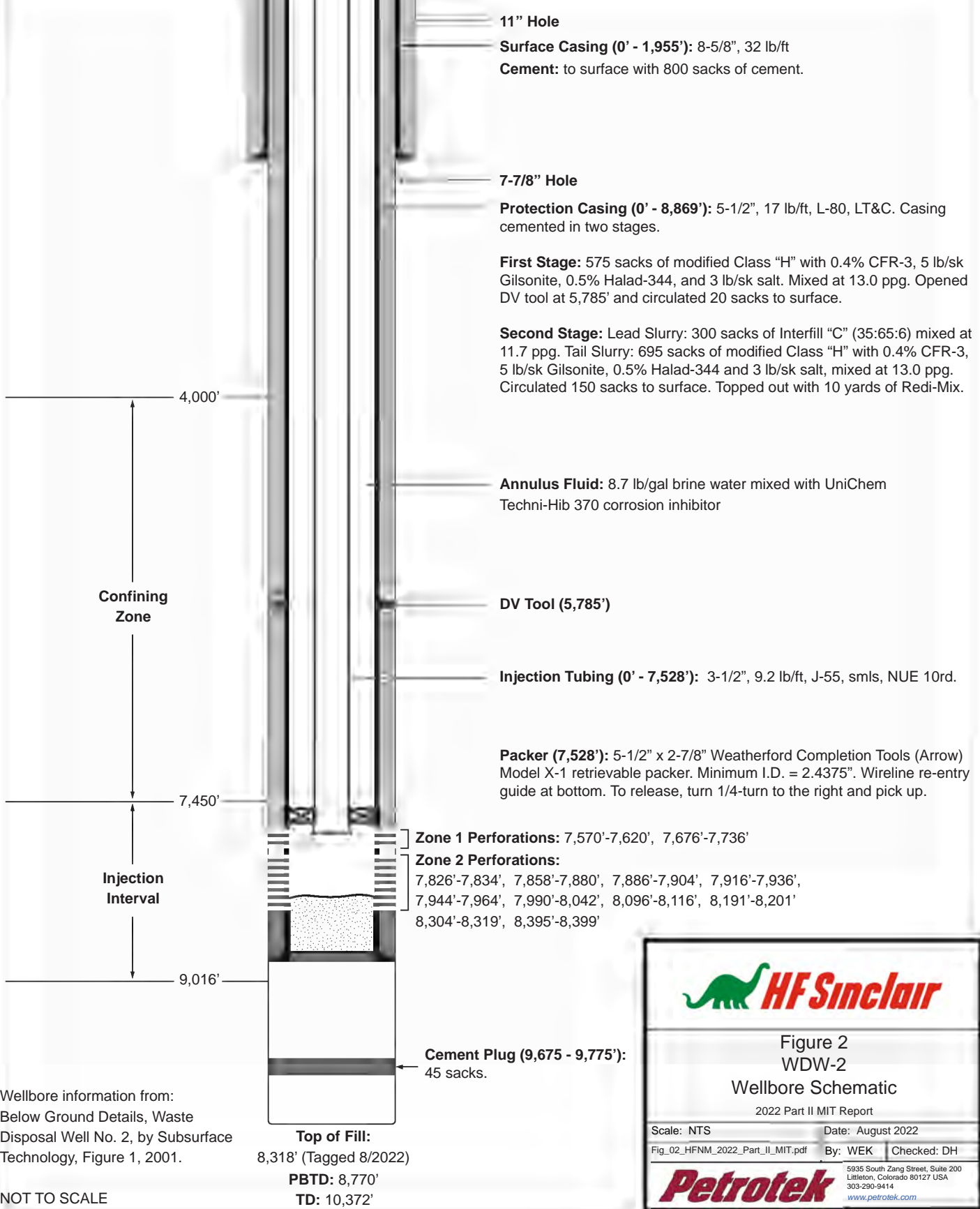
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Ground Level Elevation: +3,610' MSL

Base of USDW - 473'



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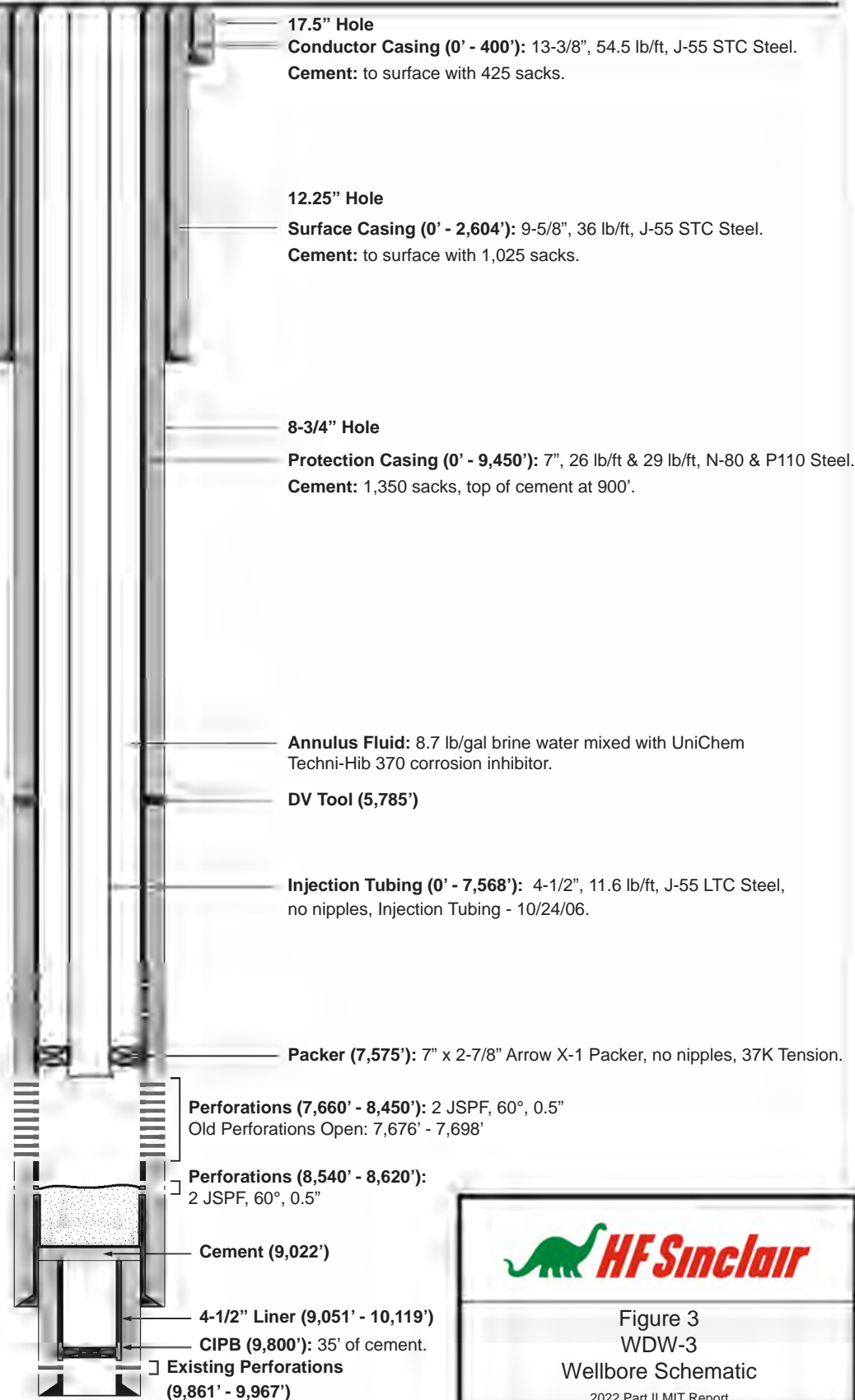
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**Figure 2**  
**WDW-2**  
**Wellbore Schematic**  
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 Well API Number: 30-015-26575  
 Eddy County, New Mexico  
 Sec. 31, T18S-R27E  
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Wellbore information from:  
 Gaines Well #3 Navajo  
 Refining schematic by  
 Subsurface Technology, 2009.

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**Top of Fill:**  
 8,615' (Tagged 8/2022)  
**PBTD:** 9,022'  
**TD:** 10,119'



**Figure 3**  
 WDW-3  
 Wellbore Schematic  
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# Appendix C

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NMNM-6852

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NM Office of the State Engineer  
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Re: WDW-2  
Section 12, T18S-R27E  
30-015-20894  
Eddy County, New Mexico

To Whom It May Concern:

The above well location and the immediate area mentioned is required to install one monitor well by NMOCD for regional groundwater quality evaluation related to the underground injection control well mentioned above. Four bollards and a 3x3 well pad will also be installed to protect the monitor well. Monitor well shall be set between 70-150 ft below ground surface using sonic drilling rig and completed with 4" PVC pipe. Monitor well shall be installed close to the UIC well (no greater than 70ft away) Approximately 2-4 weeks for construction then ongoing access for quarterly monitor well sampling. Up to 150ft PVC well casing with silica sand, bentonite grout, Portland type 2 cement, a steel well riser, concrete and bollards will be installed. The Bureau of Land Management (landowner) authorizes the access of the area to accomplish installation of the monitor well.

If you have any questions contact Crisha Morgan, at 575-234-5987.

Sincerely,

**CRISHA MORGAN**

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Section 1, T18S-R27E  
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Right-Of-Way Grant  
Serial Number: NM-102335A  
Project Name: WDW 2

1. A right-of-way is hereby granted pursuant to Title V of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of Oct. 21, 1976 (90 Sta. 2776; 43 U.S.C. 1761).

2. Nature of Interest:

a. By this instrument, the holder:

HF Sinclair Navajo Refining LLC  
501 E Main  
Artesia, NM 88210



receives a right to construct, operate, maintain, and terminate a monitor well on existing approved pad across public lands in Eddy County, New Mexico described as follows:

**T. 18 S., R. 27 E., NMPM**  
sec. 12: SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ .

b. The right-of-way or permit area granted herein is adding a monitoring well.

c. This instrument shall terminate on 12-31-2029 unless prior thereto, it is relinquished, abandoned, terminated, or modified pursuant to the terms and conditions of this instrument or of any applicable Federal law or regulation.

d. This instrument may be renewed. If renewed, the right-of-way or permit shall be subject to the regulations existing at the time of renewal and any other terms and conditions that the authorized officer deems necessary to protect the public interest.

e. Notwithstanding the expiration of this instrument or any renewal thereof, early relinquishment, abandonment, or termination, the provisions of this instrument, to the extent applicable, shall continue in effect and shall be binding on the holder, its successors, or assigns, until they have fully satisfied the obligations and/or liabilities accruing herein before or on account of the expiration, or prior termination, of the grant.

3. Rental:

For and in consideration of the rights granted, the holder agrees to pay the Bureau of Land Management fair market value rental as determined by the authorized officer unless specifically exempted from such payment by regulation. Provided, however, that the rental may be adjusted by the authorized officer, whenever necessary, to reflect changes in the fair market rental value as determined by the application of sound business management principles, and so far as practicable and feasible, in accordance with comparable commercial practices.

4. Terms and Conditions:

a. This grant or permit is issued subject to the holder's compliance with all applicable regulations contained in Title 43 Code of Federal Regulations part 2880.

b. Upon grant termination by the authorized officer, all improvements shall be removed from the public lands within 90 days, or otherwise disposed of as provided in paragraph (4)(d) or as directed by the authorized officer.

c. Each grant issued for a term of 20 years or more shall, at a minimum, be reviewed by the authorized officer at the end of the 20th year and at regular intervals thereafter, not to exceed 10 years. Provided, however, that a right-of-way or permit granted herein may be reviewed at any time deemed necessary by the authorized officer.

d. The stipulations, plans, maps, or designs set forth in Exhibit A and B (map), attached hereto, are incorporated into and made a part of this grant instrument as fully and effectively as if they were set forth herein in their entirety.

e. Failure of the holder to comply with applicable law or any provision of this right-of-way grant or permit shall constitute grounds for suspension or termination thereof.

f. The holder shall perform all operations in a good and workman like manner so as to ensure protection of the environment and the health and safety of the public.

g. In the event that the public land underlying the right-of-way (ROW) encompassed in this grant, or a portion thereof, is conveyed out of Federal ownership and administration of the ROW or the land underlying the ROW is not being reserved to the United States in the patent/deed and/or the ROW is not within a ROW corridor being reserved to the United States in the patent/deed, the United States waives any right it has to administer the right-of-way, or portion thereof, within the conveyed land under Federal laws, statutes, and regulations, including the regulations at 43 CFR Part [2800][2880], including any rights to have the holder apply to BLM for amendments, modifications, or assignments and for BLM to approve or recognize such amendments, modifications, or assignments. At the time of conveyance, the patentee/grantee, and their successors and assigns, shall succeed to the interests of the United States in all matters relating to the right-of-way, or portion thereof, within the conveyed land and shall be subject to applicable State and local government laws, statutes, and ordinances. After conveyance, any disputes concerning compliance with the use and the terms and conditions of the ROW shall be considered a civil matter between the patentee/grantee and the ROW Holder.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, The undersigned agrees to the terms and conditions of this right-of-way grant or permit.

*Trent M*

(Signature of Holder)

*VP of ops & Retiree Mgr*

(Title)

*11-16-23*

(Date)

*Carol M*

(Signature of Authorized Officer)

*Rov Field Manager*

(Title)

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IN REPLY REFER TO:  
2800 (080)  
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Navajo Refining Company  
Right-of-Way Department  
P.O. Box 159  
Artesia, NM 88211-0159

RE: Right-of-Way  
NM-102335

On April 16, 1999, you filed a right-of-way application, for a 400' x 400' well pad for re-entry operations for the Chukka Fed. Well #2. Rental for the right-of-way is \$300.00 annually. Rental for the period from May 21, 1999 to December 31, 1999 is \$174.99.

Before the grant can be issued, your authorized officer must execute page two of both copies of the grant and return each, with enclosures, to this office for signature by the BLM authorized officer.

Please return the signed copies, including rental in the amount of \$174.99 at your earliest convenience. Failure to do so could result in the denial of your right-of-way application. If you have any questions, please direct them to Hans Sallani at the above address or telephone (505) 234-5947.

Sincerely,

/s/ Angie Lara

Angie Lara  
Acting Field Manager  
Carlsbad Field Office

Enclosure

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CARLSBAD RESOURCE AREA  
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receives a right to construct, operate, maintain, and terminate a right-of-way for a 400' x 400' well pad and a new well head for re-entry operations, on Federal lands described as follows:

T. 18 S., R. 27 E., NMPM  
Sec.12, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ .


The lands described above contain a total length of NA miles.
  - b. The right-of-way or permit area granted herein is NA feet wide, NA feet long and contains NA acres of land, more or less. If a site type facility, the facility contains 3.673 acres (400' x 400').
  - c. This instrument shall terminate on May 27, 2029, 30 years from the effective date of this grant unless prior thereto, it is relinquished, abandoned, terminated, or modified pursuant to the terms and conditions of this instrument or of any applicable Federal law or regulation.
  - d. This instrument may be renewed. If renewed, the right-of-way or permit shall be subject to the regulations existing at the time of renewal and any other terms and conditions that the authorized officer deems necessary to protect the public interest.
  - e. Notwithstanding the expiration of this instrument or any renewal thereof, early relinquishment, abandonment, or termination, the provisions of this instrument, to the extent applicable, shall continue in effect and shall be binding on the holder, its successors, or assigns, until they have fully satisfied the obligations and/or liabilities accruing herein before or on account of the expiration, or prior termination, of the grant.
3. Rental:

For and in consideration of the rights granted, the holder agrees to pay the Bureau of Land Management fair market value rental as determined by the authorized officer unless specifically exempted from such payment by regulation. Provided, however, that the rental may be adjusted by the authorized officer, whenever necessary, to reflect changes in the fair market rental value as determined by the application of sound business management principles, and so far as practicable and feasible, in accordance with comparable commercial practices.
4. Terms and Conditions:
  - a. This grant or permit is issued subject to the holder's compliance with all applicable regulations contained in Title 43 Code of Federal Regulations part

2800.

- b. Upon grant termination by the authorized officer, all improvements shall be removed from the public lands within 90 days, or otherwise disposed of as provided in paragraph (4) (d) or as directed by the authorized officer.
- c. Each grant issued for a term of 20 years or more shall, at a minimum, be reviewed by the authorized officer at the end of the 20th year and at regular intervals thereafter not to exceed 10 years. Provided, however, that a right-of-way or permit granted herein may be reviewed at any time deemed necessary by the authorized officer.
- d. The stipulations, plans, maps, or designs set forth in Exhibits A, B, and C, dated April 16, 1999, attached hereto, are incorporated into and made a part of this grant instrument as fully and effectively as if they were set forth herein in their entirety.
- e. Failure of the holder to comply with applicable law or any provision of this right-of-way grant or permit shall constitute grounds for suspension or termination thereof.
- f. The holder shall perform all operations in a good and workmanlike manner so as to ensure protection of the environment and the health and safety of the public.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, The undersigned agrees to the terms and conditions of this right-of-way grant or permit.

X   
(Signature of Holder)  
X VP ENGR  
(Title)  
X 5-26-99  
(Date)


  
(Signature of Authorized Officer)  
Acting Manager, Carlsbad Field Office  
(Title)  
MAY 27 1999  
(Effective Date of Grant)



EXHIBIT A  
(April 16, 1999)

BLM Serial Number: NM-102335  
Company Reference: Chukka Fed. Well #2

STANDARD STIPULATIONS FOR OIL AND GAS RELATED SITES  
IN THE CARLSBAD FIELD OFFICE AREA, BLM

The Holder agrees to comply with the following stipulations to the satisfaction of the Authorized Officer, BLM.

1. The Holder shall indemnify the United States against any liability for damage to life or property arising from the occupancy or use of public lands under this grant and for all response costs, penalties, damages, claims, and other costs arising from the provisions of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), 42 U.S.C. Chap. 82, Section 6901 *et. seq.*, from the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA), 42 U.S.C. Chap. 109, Section 9601 *et. seq.*, and from other applicable environmental statutes.
2. The Holder shall comply with all applicable Federal laws and regulations existing or hereafter enacted or promulgated. In any event, the Holder shall comply with the Toxic Substances Control Act of 1976, as amended (15 U.S.C. 2601, *et. seq.*) with regard to any toxic substances that are used, generated by or stored on the right-of-way or on facilities authorized by this grant. (See 40 CFR, Part 702-799 and especially, provisions on polychlorinated biphenyls, 40 CFR 761.1-761.193.) Additionally, any release of toxic substances (leaks, spills, etc.) in excess of the reportable quantity established by 40 CFR, Part 117 shall be reported as required by the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act, Section 102b. A copy of any report required or requested by any Federal agency or State government as a result of a reportable release or spill of any toxic substances shall be furnished to the Authorized Officer concurrent with the filing of the reports to the involved Federal agency or State government.
3. The Holder agrees to indemnify the United States against any liability arising from the release of any hazardous substance or hazardous waste (as these terms are defined in the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, 42 U.S.C. 9601, *et. seq.* or the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, 42 U.S.C. 6901, *et. seq.*) on the right-of-way (unless the release or threatened release is wholly unrelated to the right-of-way Holder's activity on the right-of-way). This agreement applies without regard to whether a release is caused by the Holder, its agent, or unrelated third parties.
4. If, during any phase of the construction, operation, maintenance, or termination of the site or related pipeline(s), any oil or other pollutant should be discharged from site facilities, the pipeline(s) or from containers or vehicles impacting Federal lands, the control and total removal, disposal, and cleanup of such oil or other pollutant, wherever found, shall be the responsibility of the Holder, regardless of fault. Upon failure of the Holder to control, dispose of, or clean up such discharge on or affecting Federal lands, or to repair all damages to Federal lands resulting therefrom, the Authorized

Officer may take such measures as deemed necessary to control and cleanup the discharge and restore the area, including, where appropriate, the aquatic environment and fish and wildlife habitats, at the full expense of the Holder. Such action by the Authorized Officer shall not relieve the Holder of any liability or responsibility.

5. Sites shall be maintained in a neat and orderly condition at all times. Waste materials, both liquid and solid, shall be disposed of promptly at an appropriate, authorized waste disposal facility in accordance with all applicable State and Federal laws. "Waste" means all discarded matter including, but not limited to, human waste, trash, garbage, refuse, petroleum products, brines, chemicals, oil drums, ashes, and equipment.

6. The Holder shall ensure that the right-of-way, including any construction sites or zones, will be kept free of the following plant species: Malta starthistle, African rue, Scotch thistle and salt cedar.

7. In those areas where erosion control structures are required to stabilize soil conditions, the Holder shall install such structures as are suitable for the specific soil conditions being encountered and which are in accordance with sound management practices. Any earth work will require prior approval by the Authorized Officer.

8. All above-ground structures not subject to safety requirements shall be painted by the Holder to blend with the natural color of the landscape. The paint used shall be a color which simulates "Standard Environmental Colors" designated by the Rocky Mountain Five-State Interagency Committee. The color selected for this project is Carlsbad Canyon (formerly sandstone brown), Munsell Soil Color Chart Number 2.5Y 6/2.

9. The Holder shall post a sign designating the BLM serial number, NM-102335, assigned to this right-of-way grant in a permanent, conspicuous location on the site where the sign will be visible from the entry to the site. This sign will be maintained in a legible condition for the term of the right-of-way.

10. Any cultural and/or paleontological resource (historic or prehistoric site or object) discovered by the Holder, or any person working on the Holder's behalf, on public or Federal land shall be immediately reported to the Authorized Officer. The Holder shall suspend all operations in the immediate area of such discovery until written authorization to proceed is issued by the Authorized Officer. An evaluation of the discovery will be made by the Authorized Officer to determine appropriate actions to prevent the loss of significant cultural or scientific values. The Holder will be responsible for the cost of evaluation and any decision as to the proper mitigation measures will be made by the Authorized Officer after consulting with the Holder.

11. A sales contract for removal of mineral material (caliche, sand, gravel, fill dirt, etc.) from an authorized pit, site, or on location must be obtained from the BLM prior to commencing construction. Contact the BLM solid minerals staff for the various options to purchase mineral material.

12. The Holder shall ensure that the entire facility right-of-way, including any construction sites or zones, will be kept free of the following plant species: Malta starthistle, African rue, Scotch thistle and salt cedar.

13. Special Stipulations:

The applicant will be required to meet all stipulations outlined in the APD and the measures stipulated by the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division..

EXHIBIT B  
(April 16, 1999)

BLM Serial No. : NM - 102335

Company Reference: Chukka Fed. Well #2

The requirements set forth in this Exhibit B shall be applicable only in the event that Navajo Refining Company abandons the Federal lands described in Serial No. # NM 102335

Seed Mixture 1, for Loamy Sites

The holder shall seed all disturbed areas with the seed mixture listed below. The seed mixture shall be planted in the amounts specified in pounds of pure live seed (PLS)\* per acre. There shall be no primary or secondary noxious weeds in the seed mixture. Seed will be tested and the viability testing of seed will be done in accordance with State Law (s) and within nine (9) months prior to purchase. Commercial seed will be either certified or registered seed. The seed container will be tagged in accordance with State Law(s) and available for inspection by the authorized officer.

Seed will be planted using a drill equipped with a depth regulator to ensure proper depth of planting where drilling is possible. The seed mixture will be evenly and uniformly planted over the disturbed area ( smaller/heavier seeds have a tendency to drop the bottom of the drill and are planted first). The holder shall take appropriate measures to ensure this does not occur. Where drilling is not possible, seed will be broadcast and the area shall be raked or chained to cover the seed. When broadcasting the seed, the pounds per acre are to be doubled. The seeding will be repeated until a satisfactory stand is established as determined by the authorized officer. Evaluation of growth will not be made before completion of at least one growing season after seeding.

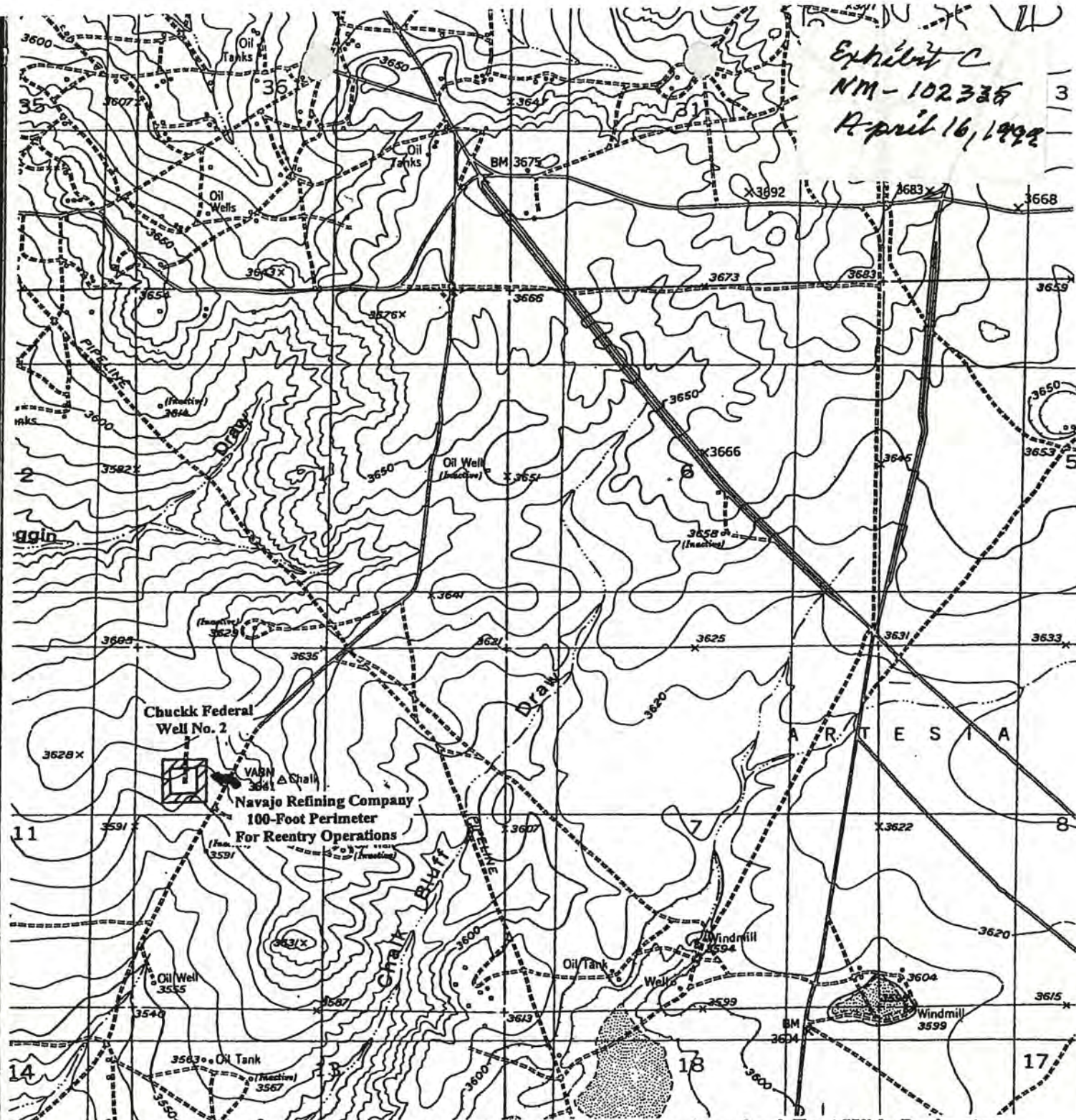
Species to be planted in pounds of pure live seed\* per acre:

<u>Species</u>	<u>1lb./acre</u>
Plains lovegrass ( <i>Eragrostis intermedia</i> )	0.5
Sand dropseed ( <i>Sporobolus cryptandrus</i> )	1.0
Sideoats grama ( <i>Bouteloua curtipendula</i> )	5.0

\*Pounds of pure live seed:

Pounds of seed x percent purity x percent germination = pounds pure live seed

Exhibit C  
 NM-102335 3  
 April 16, 1992



**Figure 1. Location of The Navajo Refining Company One Hundred-Foot Wide Perimeter Proposed For Reentry Operations Around The Existing Chuckk Federal Well No. 2 in Section 12 (980' FNL, 660' FWL) T18S, R27E, NMPM, Eddy County, NM. Map Reference: Red Lake NM, 1955 (32104-G2).**

Right-Of-Way Grant  
Serial Number: NM-110684A  
Project Name: WDW 3

1. A right-of-way is hereby granted pursuant to Title V of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of Oct. 21, 1976 (90 Sta. 2776; 43 U.S.C. 1761).

2. Nature of Interest:

a. By this instrument, the holder:

HF Sinclair Navajo Refining LLC  
501 E Main  
Artesia, NM 88210



receives a right to construct, operate, maintain, and terminate a monitor well on existing well pad across public lands in Eddy County, New Mexico described as follows:

**T. 18 S., R. 27 E., NMPM**  
sec. 01: SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ .

b. The right-of-way or permit area granted herein is a monitoring well on existing well pad.

c. This instrument shall terminate on 12-31-2033 unless prior thereto, it is relinquished, abandoned, terminated, or modified pursuant to the terms and conditions of this instrument or of any applicable Federal law or regulation.

d. This instrument may be renewed. If renewed, the right-of-way or permit shall be subject to the regulations existing at the time of renewal and any other terms and conditions that the authorized officer deems necessary to protect the public interest.

e. Notwithstanding the expiration of this instrument or any renewal thereof, early relinquishment, abandonment, or termination, the provisions of this instrument, to the extent applicable, shall continue in effect and shall be binding on the holder, its successors, or assigns, until they have fully satisfied the obligations and/or liabilities accruing herein before or on account of the expiration, or prior termination, of the grant.

3. Rental:

For and in consideration of the rights granted, the holder agrees to pay the Bureau of Land Management fair market value rental as determined by the authorized officer unless specifically exempted from such payment by regulation. Provided, however, that the rental may be adjusted by the authorized officer, whenever necessary, to reflect changes in the fair market rental value as determined by the application of sound business management principles, and so far as practicable and feasible, in accordance with comparable commercial practices.

4. Terms and Conditions:

a. This grant or permit is issued subject to the holder's compliance with all applicable regulations contained in Title 43 Code of Federal Regulations part 2880.

b. Upon grant termination by the authorized officer, all improvements shall be removed from the public lands within 90 days, or otherwise disposed of as provided in paragraph (4)(d) or as directed by the authorized officer.

c. Each grant issued for a term of 20 years or more shall, at a minimum, be reviewed by the authorized officer at the end of the 20th year and at regular intervals thereafter, not to exceed 10 years. Provided, however, that a right-of-way or permit granted herein may be reviewed at any time deemed necessary by the authorized officer.

d. The stipulations, plans, maps, or designs set forth in Exhibit A and B (map), attached hereto, are incorporated into and made a part of this grant instrument as fully and effectively as if they were set forth herein in their entirety.

e. Failure of the holder to comply with applicable law or any provision of this right-of-way grant or permit shall constitute grounds for suspension or termination thereof.

f. The holder shall perform all operations in a good and workman like manner so as to ensure protection of the environment and the health and safety of the public.

g. In the event that the public land underlying the right-of-way (ROW) encompassed in this grant, or a portion thereof, is conveyed out of Federal ownership and administration of the ROW or the land underlying the ROW is not being reserved to the United States in the patent/deed and/or the ROW is not within a ROW corridor being reserved to the United States in the patent/deed, the United States waives any right it has to administer the right-of-way, or portion thereof, within the conveyed land under Federal laws, statutes, and regulations, including the regulations at 43 CFR Part [2800][2880], including any rights to have the holder apply to BLM for amendments, modifications, or assignments and for BLM to approve or recognize such amendments, modifications, or assignments. At the time of conveyance, the patentee/grantee, and their successors and assigns, shall succeed to the interests of the United States in all matters relating to the right-of-way, or portion thereof, within the conveyed land and shall be subject to applicable State and local government laws, statutes, and ordinances. After conveyance, any disputes concerning compliance with the use and the terms and conditions of the ROW shall be considered a civil matter between the patentee/grantee and the ROW Holder.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, The undersigned agrees to the terms and conditions of this right-of-way grant or permit.



(Signature of Holder)



(Title)



(Date)



(Signature of Authorized Officer)



(Title)

NOV 27 2023

(Effective Date of Grant)

UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT  
RIGHT-OF-WAY GRANT/TEMPORARY USE PERMIT  
SERIAL NUMBER: NM-110684  
Navajo Refining Company, L.P.

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1. A right-of-way is hereby granted pursuant to Title V of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of October 21, 1976 (90 Stat. 2776; 43 U.S.C. 1761).

2. Nature of Interest:

a. By this instrument, the holder:

Navajo Refining Company, L.P.  
P.O. Box 159  
Artesia NM 88211-0159

receives a right to construct, operate, maintain, and terminate an Effluent Water Disposal Well Site (re-entry) at Chalk Bluff Fed. Com #1, located on Federal lands described as follows:

T. 18 S., R. 27 E., NMPM  
Sec. 1: SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ .

The lands described above contain a total length of 0.227 miles.

- b. The right-of-way or permit area granted herein for a Effluent Water Disposal Site 400' X 400', which contains 3.673 acres, more or less.
- c. This instrument shall terminate on October 24, 2033, 30 years from its effective date unless, prior thereto, it is relinquished, abandoned, terminated, or modified pursuant to the terms and conditions of this instrument or of any applicable Federal law or regulation.
- d. This instrument may be renewed. If renewed, the right-of-way or permit shall be subject to the regulations existing at the time of renewal and any other terms and conditions that the authorized officer deems necessary to protect the public interest.
- e. Notwithstanding the expiration of this instrument or any renewal thereof, early relinquishment, abandonment, or termination, the provisions of this instrument, to the extent applicable, shall continue in effect and shall be binding on the holder, its successors, or assigns, until they have fully satisfied the obligations and/or liabilities accruing herein before or on account of the expiration, or prior termination, of the grant.



3. Rental:

For and in consideration of the rights granted, the holder agrees to pay the Bureau of Land Management fair market value rental as determined by the authorized officer unless specifically exempted from such payment by regulation. Provided, however, that the rental may be adjusted by the authorized officer, whenever necessary, to reflect changes in the fair market rental value as determined by the application of sound business management principles, and so far as practicable and feasible, in accordance with comparable commercial practices.

4. Terms and Conditions:

- a. This grant or permit is issued subject to the holder's compliance with all applicable regulations contained in Title 43 Code of Federal Regulations part 2880
- b. Upon grant termination by the authorized officer, all improvements shall be removed from the Federal lands within 90 days, or otherwise disposed of as provided in paragraph (4)(c) or as directed by the authorized officer.
- c. Each grant issued for a term of 20 years or more shall, at a minimum, be reviewed by the authorized officer at the end of the 20th year and at regular intervals thereafter not to exceed 10 years. Provided, however, that a right-of-way or permit granted herein may be reviewed at any time deemed necessary by the authorized officer.
- d. The stipulations, plans, maps, or designs set forth in Exhibits A and B, dated August 6, 2003, attached hereto, are incorporated into and made a part of this grant instrument as fully and effectively as if they were set forth herein in their entirety.
- e. Failure of the holder to comply with applicable law or any provision of this right-of-way grant or permit shall constitute grounds for suspension or termination thereof.
- f. The holder shall perform all operations in a good and workmanlike manner so as to ensure protection of the environment and the health and safety of the public.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, The undersigned agrees to the terms and conditions of this right-of-way grant or permit.

[Handwritten Signature]  
(Signature of Holder)

REVIEWER MANAGER  
(Title)

10/1/03  
(Date)

[Handwritten Signature]  
(Signature of Authorized Officer)

Leslie A. Theiss, Field Manager  
(Title)

OCT 24 2003  
(Effective Date of Grant)

EXHIBIT A  
August 6, 2003

BLM Serial Number: NM-110684  
Company Reference: Chalk Bluff Fed.  
Com #1

STANDARD STIPULATIONS FOR FEDERAL LAND POLICY AND MANAGEMENT ACT  
SITES IN THE CARLSBAD FIELD OFFICE AREA, BLM

A copy of the grant and attachments, including stipulations and map, will be on location during construction. BLM personnel may request to view a copy of your permit during construction to ensure compliance with all stipulations.

The Holder agrees to comply with the following stipulations to the satisfaction of the Authorized Officer, BLM.

1. The Holder shall indemnify the United States against any liability for damage to life or property arising from the occupancy or use of public lands under this grant and for all response costs, penalties, damages, claims, and other costs arising from the provisions of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), 42 U.S.C. Chap. 82, Section 6901 *et seq.*, from the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA), 42 U.S.C. Chap. 109, Section 9601 *et seq.*, and from other applicable environmental statutes.
2. The Holder shall comply with all applicable Federal laws and regulations existing or hereafter enacted or promulgated. In any event, the Holder shall comply with the Toxic Substances Control Act of 1976, as amended (15 U.S.C. 2601, *et seq.*) with regard to any toxic substances that are used, generated by or stored on the right-of-way or on facilities authorized by this grant. (See 40 CFR, Part 702-799 and especially, provisions on polychlorinated biphenyls, 40 CFR 761.1-761.193.) Additionally, any release of toxic substances (leaks, spills, *etc.*) in excess of the reportable quantity established by 40 CFR, Part 117 shall be reported as required by the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act, Section 102b. A copy of any report required or requested by any Federal agency or State government as a result of a reportable release or spill of any toxic substances shall be furnished to the Authorized Officer concurrent with the filing of the reports to the involved Federal agency or State government.
3. The Holder agrees to indemnify the United States against any liability arising from the release of any hazardous substance or hazardous waste (as these terms are defined in the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, 42 U.S.C. 9601, *et seq.* or the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, 42 U.S.C. 6901, *et seq.*) on the right-of-way (unless the release or threatened release is wholly unrelated to the right-of-way Holder's activity on the right-of-way). This agreement applies without regard to whether a release is caused by the Holder, its agent, or unrelated third parties.
4. If, during any phase of the construction, operation, maintenance, or termination of the site any pollutant should be discharged from site facilities, or from containers, or vehicles impacting public lands, the control and total removal, disposal, and cleanup of such pollutant, wherever found, shall be the responsibility of the Holder, regardless of fault. Upon failure of the Holder to control, dispose of, or clean up such discharge on or affecting

public lands, or to repair all damages to public lands resulting therefrom, the Authorized Officer may take such measures as deemed necessary to control and cleanup the discharge and restore the area, including, where appropriate, the aquatic environment and fish and wildlife habitats, at the full expense of the Holder. Such action by the Authorized Officer shall not relieve the Holder of any liability or responsibility.

5. The Holder shall ensure that the entire site right-of-way, including any construction sites or zones, will be kept free of the following plant species: Malta starthistle, African rue, Scotch thistle and salt cedar.

6. Sites shall be maintained in a neat and orderly condition at all times. Waste materials, both liquid and solid, shall be disposed of promptly at an appropriate, authorized waste disposal facility in accordance with all applicable State and Federal laws. "Waste" means all discarded matter including, but not limited to, human waste, trash, garbage, and equipment.

7. All above-ground structures not subject to safety requirements shall be painted by the Holder to blend with the natural color of the landscape. The paint used shall be a color which simulates "Standard Environmental Colors" designated by the Rocky Mountain Five-State Interagency Committee. The color selected for this project is Carlsbad Canyon, Munsell Soil Color Chart Number 2.5Y 6/2.

8. The Holder shall post a sign designating the BLM serial number assigned to this right-of-way grant in a permanent, conspicuous location on the site where the sign will be visible from the entry to the site. This sign will be maintained in a legible condition for the term of the right-of-way.

9. Any cultural and/or paleontological resource (historic or prehistoric site or object) discovered by the Holder, or any person working on the Holder's behalf, on public or Federal land shall be immediately reported to the Authorized Officer. The Holder shall suspend all operations in the immediate area of such discovery until written authorization to proceed is issued by the Authorized Officer. An evaluation of the discovery will be made by the Authorized Officer to determine appropriate actions to prevent the loss of significant cultural or scientific values. The Holder will be responsible for the cost of evaluation and any decision as to the proper mitigation measures will be made by the Authorized Officer after consulting with the Holder.

10. Should the Holder require material from a federal mineral site to construct a base pad for the site, a sales contract for removal of such mineral material (caliche, sand, gravel, fill dirt, etc.) from an authorized pit, site, or on location must be obtained from the BLM prior to commencing construction. Contact the BLM solid minerals staff for the various options to purchase mineral material.

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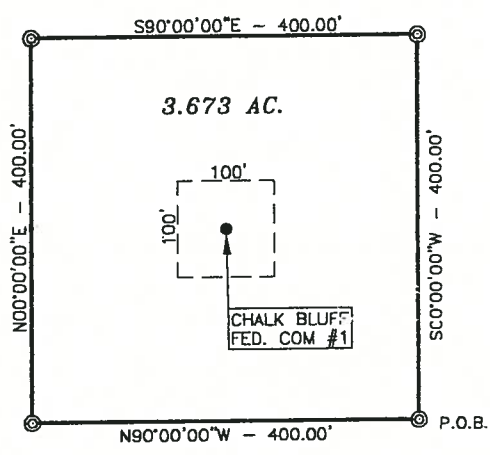
**Special Stipulations:**

Where practical sites will be located away from sinkholes and other cave or karst features. A compacted earthen fluid containment berm, at least two feet high at all points, will be constructed completely around well pads or facility sites.

SECTION 1, TOWNSHIP 18 SOUTH, RANGE 27 EAST, N.M.P.M.,  
EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

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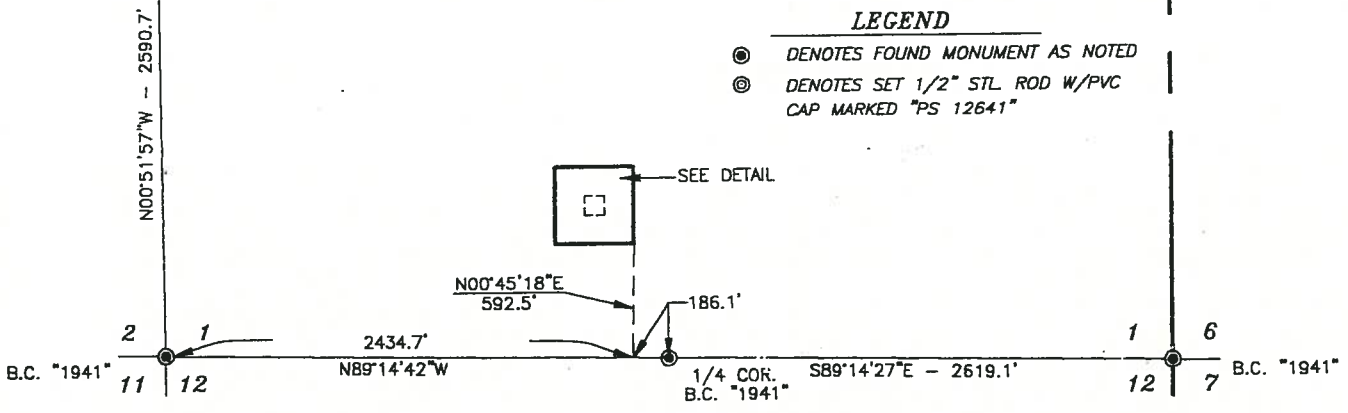
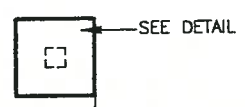
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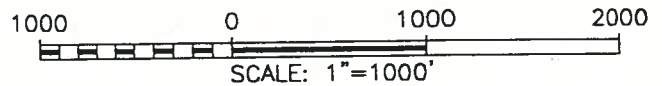
**DESCRIPTION**

A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED IN THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 1, TOWNSHIP 18 SOUTH, RANGE 27 EAST, N.M.P.M., EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT A POINT IN THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 1, WHICH LIES N89°14'42"W ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 186.3 FEET AND N00°45'18"E 592.5 FEET FROM THE SOUTH QUARTER CORNER OF SAID SECTION, THEN N90°00'00"W 400.00 FEET; THEN N00°00'00"E 400.00 FEET; THEN S90°00'00"E 400.00 FEET; THEN S00°00'00"W 400.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING AND CONTAINING 3.673 ACRES MORE OR LESS.

NOTE: BEARINGS SHOWN HEREON ARE MERCATOR GRID AND CONFORM TO THE NEW MEXICO COORDINATE SYSTEM "NEW MEXICO EAST ZONE" NORTH AMERICAN DATUM 1983, DISTANCES ARE SURFACE VALUES.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I CONDUCTED AND AM RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS SURVEY, THAT THIS SURVEY IS TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF, AND THAT THIS SURVEY AND PLAN MEET THE MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR SURVEYING IN NEW MEXICO.



**NAVAJO REFINING COMPANY**

SURVEY A TRACT OF LAND SITUATED IN SECTION 1, TOWNSHIP 18 SOUTH, RANGE 27 EAST, N.M.P.M., EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

RONARD J. EIDSON, N.M. R.P.S. No. 3239  
 GARY G. EIDSON, N.M. R.P.S. No. 12641  
 JOHN WEST SURVEYING COMPANY  
 412 N. DAL PASO, HOBBBS, NEW MEXICO - 505-393-3117

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A. Johnson 9/25/03

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Navajo Refining Company, L.P.  
Attention: John Rapp  
P.O. Box 159  
Artesia NM 88211-0159

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RE: Right-of-Way  
NM-110684  
Chalk Bluff Fed. Com #1

Dear Mr. Rapp:

On August 6, 2003, you filed a right-of-way application for an Effluent Water Disposal well site on Federal lands.

Before the grant can be issued, your authorized officer must execute page two of both copies of the grant and return each, with enclosures, to this office for signature by the BLM authorized officer. Please notify the grazing allottee, Bogle Limited Company, c/o Louis Derrick at (505) 743-5442, one week prior to start of construction.

Rental charges have been computed on your right-of-way application. The rental and other charges shown below should be remitted with the signed copies of the grant at your earliest convenience. Failure to return the documents and payment in a timely manner could result in denial of your application.

Date of Grant to December 31, 2003	\$ 75.00
Yearly Rental	\$ 300.00
Monitoring Fee	\$ 75.00
Total Amount Due	\$ 450.00

The Bureau of Land Management reserves the right to update the rental charges whenever necessary to reflect changes in the Implicit Price Deflator GNP. The new rental date is January 1, 2005.

If you have any questions, please contact Salomon Arreola at (505) 234-5903.

Sincerely,

/s/ NOE GONZALEZ

*[Handwritten signature]*  
Leslie A. Theiss  
Field Manager

United States Department of the Interior  
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

Issuing Office  
Carlsbad Field Office

Right-Of-Way Grant  
Serial Number: NM-137892A  
Project Name: WDW 4

1. A right-of-way is hereby granted pursuant to Title V of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of Oct. 21, 1976 (90 Sta. 2776; 43 U.S.C. 1761).

2. Nature of Interest:

a. By this instrument, the holder:

HF Sinclair Navajo Refining LLC  
501 East Main Street  
Artesia, NM 88210



receives a right to construct, operate, maintain, and terminate a monitor well on existing well pad across public lands in Eddy County, New Mexico described as follows:

**T. 17 S., R. 27 E., NMPM**  
sec. 23: SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ .

b. The right-of-way or permit area granted herein is a monitoring well.

c. This instrument shall terminate on 12-31-2047 unless prior thereto, it is relinquished, abandoned, terminated, or modified pursuant to the terms and conditions of this instrument or of any applicable Federal law or regulation.

d. This instrument may be renewed. If renewed, the right-of-way or permit shall be subject to the regulations existing at the time of renewal and any other terms and conditions that the authorized officer deems necessary to protect the public interest.

e. Notwithstanding the expiration of this instrument or any renewal thereof, early relinquishment, abandonment, or termination, the provisions of this instrument, to the extent applicable, shall continue in effect and shall be binding on the holder, its successors, or assigns, until they have fully satisfied the obligations and/or liabilities accruing herein before or on account of the expiration, or prior termination, of the grant.

3. Rental:

For and in consideration of the rights granted, the holder agrees to pay the Bureau of Land Management fair market value rental as determined by the authorized officer unless specifically exempted from such payment by regulation. Provided, however, that the rental may be adjusted by the authorized officer, whenever necessary, to reflect changes in the fair market rental value as determined by the application of sound business management principles, and so far as practicable and feasible, in accordance with comparable commercial practices.

4. Terms and Conditions:

a. This grant or permit is issued subject to the holder's compliance with all applicable regulations contained in Title 43 Code of Federal Regulations part 2880.

b. Upon grant termination by the authorized officer, all improvements shall be removed from the public lands within 90 days, or otherwise disposed of as provided in paragraph (4)(d) or as directed by the authorized officer.

c. Each grant issued for a term of 20 years or more shall, at a minimum, be reviewed by the authorized officer at the end of the 20th year and at regular intervals thereafter, not to exceed 10 years. Provided, however, that a right-of-way or permit granted herein may be reviewed at any time deemed necessary by the authorized officer.

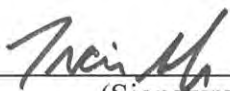
d. The stipulations, plans, maps, or designs set forth in Exhibit A and B (map), attached hereto, are incorporated into and made a part of this grant instrument as fully and effectively as if they were set forth herein in their entirety.

e. Failure of the holder to comply with applicable law or any provision of this right-of-way grant or permit shall constitute grounds for suspension or termination thereof.

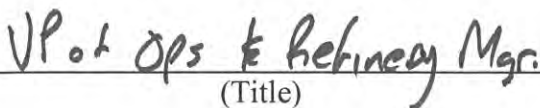
f. The holder shall perform all operations in a good and workman like manner so as to ensure protection of the environment and the health and safety of the public.

g. In the event that the public land underlying the right-of-way (ROW) encompassed in this grant, or a portion thereof, is conveyed out of Federal ownership and administration of the ROW or the land underlying the ROW is not being reserved to the United States in the patent/deed and/or the ROW is not within a ROW corridor being reserved to the United States in the patent/deed, the United States waives any right it has to administer the right-of-way, or portion thereof, within the conveyed land under Federal laws, statutes, and regulations, including the regulations at 43 CFR Part [2800][2880], including any rights to have the holder apply to BLM for amendments, modifications, or assignments and for BLM to approve or recognize such amendments, modifications, or assignments. At the time of conveyance, the patentee/grantee, and their successors and assigns, shall succeed to the interests of the United States in all matters relating to the right-of-way, or portion thereof, within the conveyed land and shall be subject to applicable State and local government laws, statutes, and ordinances. After conveyance, any disputes concerning compliance with the use and the terms and conditions of the ROW shall be considered a civil matter between the patentee/grantee and the ROW Holder.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, The undersigned agrees to the terms and conditions of this right-of-way grant or permit.



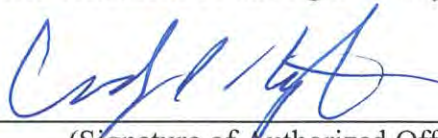
(Signature of Holder)



(Title)



(Date)



(Signature of Authorized Officer)



(Title)

NOV 27 2023

(Effective Date of Grant)



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2. Nature of Interest:

a. By this instrument, the holder:

Holly Frontier Navajo Refining, LLC  
501 E. Main  
Artesia, NM 88210

receives a right to construct, operate, maintain, and terminate a waste disposal well, access road and a 8-inch buried salt water disposal pipeline across public land in Eddy County, New Mexico described as follows:

**T. 17 S., R 27 E., NMPM**

sec. 23: N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

sec. 26: NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

sec. 27: NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ .

The lands described above contain a total length of 1.94 miles.

- b. The right-of-way or permit area granted herein is 30.00 feet wide, 10,253.60 feet long and contains 7.10 acres, more or less.
- c. This instrument shall terminate on 12-31-2047 unless prior thereto, it is relinquished, abandoned, terminated, or modified pursuant to the terms and conditions of this instrument or of any applicable Federal law or regulation.
- d. This instrument may be renewed. If renewed, the right-of-way or permit shall be subject to the regulations existing at the time of renewal and any other terms and conditions that the authorized officer deems necessary to protect the public interest.
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- d. The stipulations, plans, maps, or designs set forth in Exhibit A, A-1 and B (plats), attached hereto, are incorporated into and made a part of this grant instrument as fully and effectively as if they were set forth herein in their entirety.
- e. Failure of the holder to comply with applicable law or any provision of this right-of-way grant or permit shall constitute grounds for suspension or termination thereof.
- f. The holder shall perform all operations in a good and workman like manner so as to ensure protection of the environment and the health and safety of the public.
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IN WITNESS THEREOF, The undersigned agrees to the terms and conditions of this right-of-way grant or permit.

Robert K O'Brien  
 (Signature of Holder)

VP & REFINERY MANAGER  
 (Title)

5/18/18  
 (Date)

[Signature]  
 (Signature of Authorized Officer)

for  
 Field Manager, Carlsbad Field Office  
 (Title)

23 May 2018  
 (Effective Date of Grant)

**Exhibit A**

**BLM LEASE NUMBER:** NM-137892

**COMPANY NAME:** Navajo Refining Company

**ASSOCIATED WELL NAME:** WDW-4

**BURIED PIPELINE STIPULATIONS**

A copy of the application (Grant, APD, or Sundry Notice) and attachments, including conditions of approval, survey plat and/or map, will be on location during construction. BLM personnel may request to you a copy of your permit during construction to ensure compliance with all stipulations.

Holder agrees to comply with the following stipulations to the satisfaction of the Authorized Officer:

1. The Holder shall indemnify the United States against any liability for damage to life or property arising from the occupancy or use of public lands under this grant.
2. The Holder shall comply with all applicable Federal laws and regulations existing or hereafter enacted or promulgated. In any event, the holder shall comply with the Toxic Substances Control Act of 1976 as amended, 15 USC 2601 et seq. (1982) with regards to any toxic substances that are used, generated by or stored on the right-of-way or on facilities authorized under this right-of-way grant. (See 40 CFR Part 702-799 and especially, provisions on polychlorinated biphenyls, 40 CFR 761.1-761.193.) Additionally, any release of toxic substances (leaks, spills, etc.) in excess of the reportable quantity established by 40 CFR Part 117 shall be reported as required by the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, section 102b. A copy of any report required or requested by any Federal agency or State government as a result of a reportable release or spill of any toxic substances shall be furnished to the authorized officer concurrent with the filing of the reports to the involved Federal agency or State government.
3. The holder agrees to indemnify the United States against any liability arising from the release of any hazardous substance or hazardous waste (as these terms are defined in the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, 42 U.S.C. 9601, et seq. or the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, 42 U.S.C.6901, et seq.) on the Right-of-Way (unless the release or threatened release is wholly unrelated to the Right-of-Way holder's activity on the Right-of-Way), or resulting from the activity of the Right-of-Way holder on the Right-of-Way. This agreement applies without regard to whether a release is caused by the holder, its agent, or unrelated third parties.
4. If, during any phase of the construction, operation, maintenance, or termination of the pipeline, any oil or other pollutant should be discharged from the pipeline system, impacting Federal lands, the control and total removal, disposal, and cleaning up of such oil or other pollutant, wherever found, shall be the responsibility of holder, regardless of fault. Upon failure of holder to control, dispose of, or clean up such discharge on or affecting Federal lands, or to repair all damages resulting therefrom, on the Federal lands, the Authorized Officer may take such measures as he deems necessary to control and clean up the discharge and restore the area, including where appropriate, the aquatic environment and fish and wildlife habitats, at the full expense of the holder. Such action by the Authorized Officer shall not relieve holder of any responsibility as provided herein.

5. All construction and maintenance activity will be confined to the authorized right-of-way.
6. The pipeline will be buried with a minimum cover of 36 inches between the top of the pipe and ground level.
7. The maximum allowable disturbance for construction in this right-of-way will be 30 feet:
  - Blading of vegetation within the right-of-way will be allowed: maximum width of blading operations will not exceed 30 feet. The trench is included in this area. (*Blading is defined as the complete removal of brush and ground vegetation.*)
  - Clearing of brush species within the right-of-way will be allowed: maximum width of clearing operations will not exceed 30 feet. The trench and bladed area are included in this area. (*Clearing is defined as the removal of brush while leaving ground vegetation (grasses, weeds, etc.) intact. Clearing is best accomplished by holding the blade 4 to 6 inches above the ground surface.*)
  - The remaining area of the right-of-way (if any) shall only be disturbed by compressing the vegetation. (*Compressing can be caused by vehicle tires, placement of equipment, etc.*)
8. The holder shall stockpile an adequate amount of topsoil where blading is allowed. The topsoil to be stripped is approximately 6 inches in depth. The topsoil will be segregated from other spoil piles from trench construction. The topsoil will be evenly distributed over the bladed area for the preparation of seeding.
9. The holder shall minimize disturbance to existing fences and other improvements on public lands. The holder is required to promptly repair improvements to at least their former state. Functional use of these improvements will be maintained at all times. The holder will contact the owner of any improvements prior to disturbing them. When necessary to pass through a fence line, the fence shall be braced on both sides of the passageway prior to cutting of the fence. No permanent gates will be allowed unless approved by the Authorized Officer.
10. Vegetation, soil, and rocks left as a result of construction or maintenance activity will be randomly scattered on this right-of-way and will not be left in rows, piles, or berms, unless otherwise approved by the Authorized Officer. The entire right-of-way shall be recontoured to match the surrounding landscape. The backfilled soil shall be compacted and a 6 inch berm will be left over the ditch line to allow for settling back to grade.
11. In those areas where erosion control structures are required to stabilize soil conditions, the holder will install such structures as are suitable for the specific soil conditions being encountered and which are in accordance with sound resource management practices.
12. The holder will reseed all disturbed areas. Seeding will be done according to the attached seeding requirements, using the following seed mix.
 

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13. All above-ground structures not subject to safety requirements shall be painted by the holder to blend with the natural color of the landscape. The paint used shall be color which simulates "Standard Environmental Colors" – **Shale Green**, Munsell Soil Color No. 5Y 4/2.

14. The pipeline will be identified by signs at the point of origin and completion of the right-of-way and at all road crossings. At a minimum, signs will state the holder's name, BLM serial number, and the product being transported. All signs and information thereon will be posted in a permanent, conspicuous manner, and will be maintained in a legible condition for the life of the pipeline.

15. The holder shall not use the pipeline route as a road for purposes other than routine maintenance as determined necessary by the Authorized Officer in consultation with the holder before maintenance begins. The holder will take whatever steps are necessary to ensure that the pipeline route is not used as a roadway. As determined necessary during the life of the pipeline, the Authorized Officer may ask the holder to construct temporary deterrence structures.

16. Any cultural and/or paleontological resources (historic or prehistoric site or object) discovered by the holder, or any person working on his behalf, on public or Federal land shall be immediately reported to the Authorized Officer. Holder shall suspend all operations in the immediate area of such discovery until written authorization to proceed is issued by the Authorized Officer. An evaluation of the discovery will be made by the Authorized Officer to determine appropriate actions to prevent the loss of significant cultural or scientific values. The holder will be responsible for the cost of evaluation and any decision as to proper mitigation measures will be made by the Authorized Officer after consulting with the holder.

17. The operator shall be held responsible if noxious weeds become established within the areas of operations. Weed control shall be required on the disturbed land where noxious weeds exist, which includes associated roads, pipeline corridor and adjacent land affected by the establishment of weeds due to this action. The operator shall consult with the Authorized Officer for acceptable weed control methods, which include following EPA and BLM requirements and policies.

18. Escape Ramps - The operator will construct and maintain pipeline/utility trenches that are not otherwise fenced, screened, or netted to prevent livestock, wildlife, and humans from becoming entrapped. At a minimum, the operator will construct and maintain escape ramps, ladders, or other methods of avian and terrestrial wildlife escape in the trenches according to the following criteria:

- a. Any trench left open for eight (8) hours or less is not required to have escape ramps; however, before the trench is backfilled, the contractor/operator shall inspect the trench for wildlife, remove all trapped wildlife, and release them at least 100 yards from the trench.
- b. For trenches left open for eight (8) hours or more, earthen escape ramps (built at no more than a 30 degree slope and spaced no more than 500 feet apart) shall be placed in the trench.

### **Special Stipulations:**

#### **Cave/Karst**

To avoid or lessen the potential of subsidence or collapse of karst features, toxic or combustible gas buildup, or other possible impacts to cave and karst resources from buried pipelines or cables, alignments may be rerouted to avoid karst features. The BLM, Carlsbad Field Office, will be informed immediately if any subsurface drainage channels, passages, or voids are intersected by trenching, and no pipe will be laid in the trench at that point until clearance has been issued by the Authorized Officer. Special restoration stipulations or realignment may be required at such intersections, if any. Leak detection systems, back flow eliminators, and differential pressure shut-off valves may be required to minimize the impacts of leaking or ruptured pipelines. To eliminate these extreme possibilities, good record keeping is needed to quickly identify leaks for their immediate and proper treatment.

### **Fence Requirement**

Where entry is granted across a fence line, the fence must be braced and tied off on both sides of the passageway with H-braces prior to cutting. Once the work is completed, the fence will be restored to its prior condition, or better. The operator shall notify the private surface landowner or the grazing allotment holder prior to crossing any fence(s).

### **Cattleguards**

An appropriately sized cattleguard(s) sufficient to carry out the project shall be installed and maintained at road-fence crossing(s). Any existing cattleguard(s) on the access road shall be repaired or replaced if they are damaged or have deteriorated beyond practical use. The operator shall be responsible for the condition of the existing cattleguard(s) that are in place and are utilized during lease operations. A gate shall be constructed on one side of the cattleguard and fastened securely to H-braces.

**Seeding Stipulations have been attached**

EXHIBIT A-1

BLM Serial No.: NM-137892  
Company Reference: Holly Frontier Navajo Refining Company

Mixture 4, for Gypsum Sites

The holder shall seed all the disturbed areas with the seed mixture listed below. The seed mixture shall be planted in the amounts specified in pounds of pure live seed (PLS)\* per acre. There shall be no primary or secondary noxious weeds in the seed mixture. Seed will be tested and the viability testing of seed will be done in accordance with State law(s) and within nine (9) months prior to purchase. Commercial seed will be either certified or registered seed. The seed container will be tagged in accordance with State law(s) and available for inspection by the authorized officer.

Seed will be planted using a drill equipped with a depth regulator to ensure proper depth of planting where drilling is possible. The seed mixture will be evenly and uniformly planted over the disturbed area (smaller/heavier seeds have a tendency to drop the bottom of the drill and are planted first). The holder shall take appropriate measures to ensure this does not occur. Where drilling is not possible, seed will be broadcast and the area shall be raked or chained to cover the seed. When broadcasting the seed, the pounds per acre are to be doubled. The seeding will be repeated until a satisfactory stand is established as determined by the authorized officer. Evaluation of growth will not be made before completion of at least one full growing season after seeding.

Species to be planted in pounds of pure live seed\* per acre:

<u>Species</u>	<u>lb/acre</u>
Alkli Sacaton ( <i>Sporobolus airoides</i> )	1.5
DWS~ Four-wing saltbush ( <i>Atriplex canescens</i> )	8.0

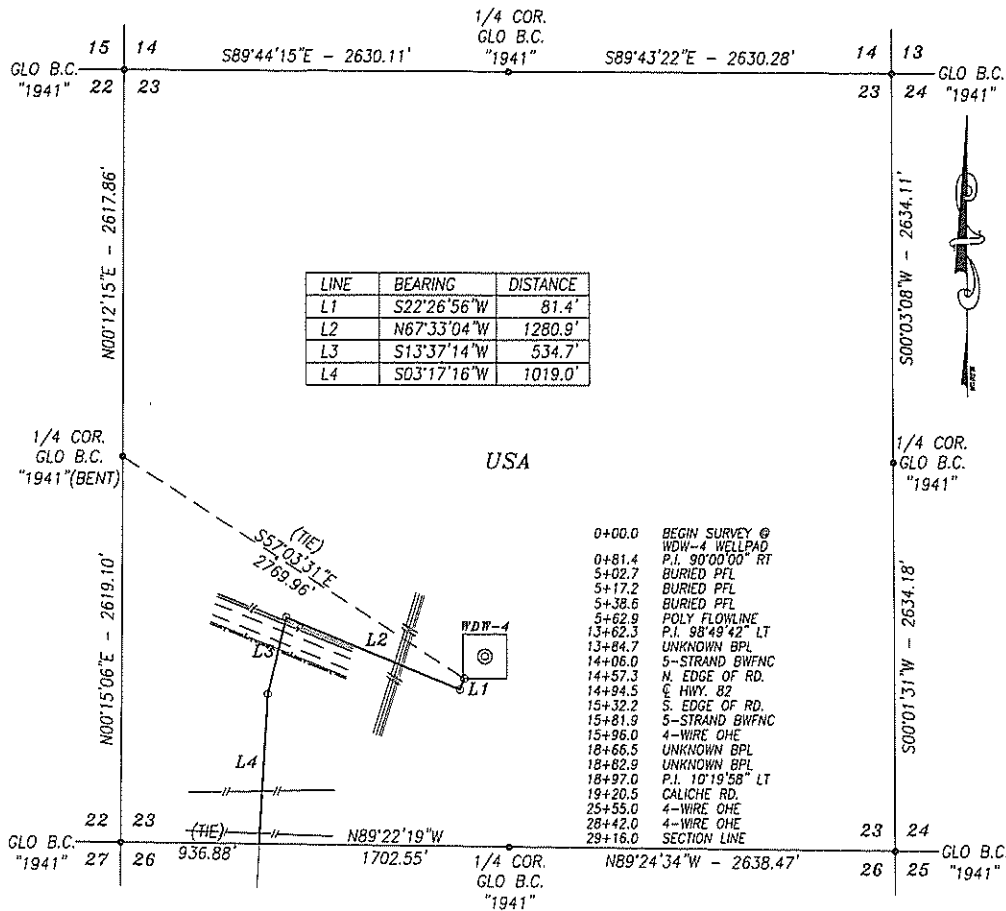
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\*Pounds of pure live seed:

Pounds of seed x percent purity x percent germination = pounds pure live seed

PIPELINE PLAT: CW22696607  
 HOLLY FRONTIER NAVAJO REFINING, LLC

A PROPOSED PIPELINE FROM THE PROPOSED "WDW-4" WELL TO  
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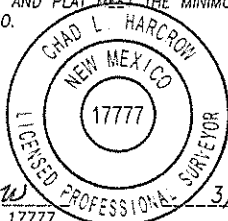


DESCRIPTION

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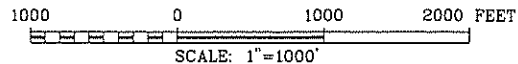
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CERTIFICATION  
 I, CHAD HARCROW, A NEW MEXICO REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL SURVEYOR CERTIFY THAT I DIRECTED AND AM RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS SURVEY, THAT THIS SURVEY IS TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF, AND THIS SURVEY AND PLAT MEET THE MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR SURVEYING IN NEW MEXICO.



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 CHAD HARCROW N.M.P.S. NO. 17777

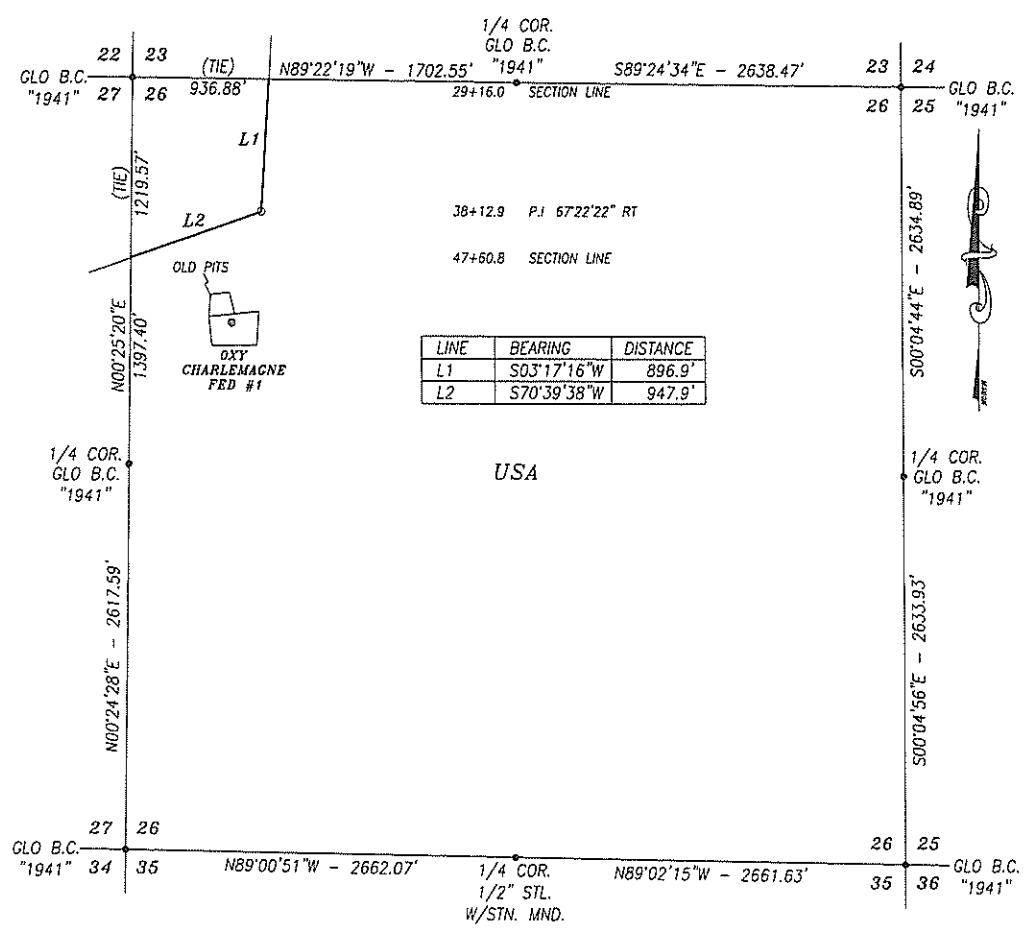
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 2314 W. MAIN ST. ARTESIA, N.M. 88210  
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 Texas Firm No. 10194089  
 c.harcrov@harcrowsurveying.com



<b>HOLLY FRONTIER NAVAJO REFINING, LLC</b>	
SURVEY OF A PROPOSED PIPELINE LOCATED IN SECTION 23, TOWNSHIP 17 SOUTH, RANGE 27 EAST, NMPM, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO	
SURVEY DATE: MARCH 13, 2018	HFC #CW22696607
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APPROVED BY: CH	DRAWN BY: JH
	FILE: 18-220



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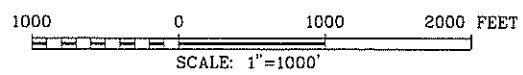
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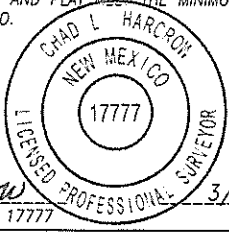
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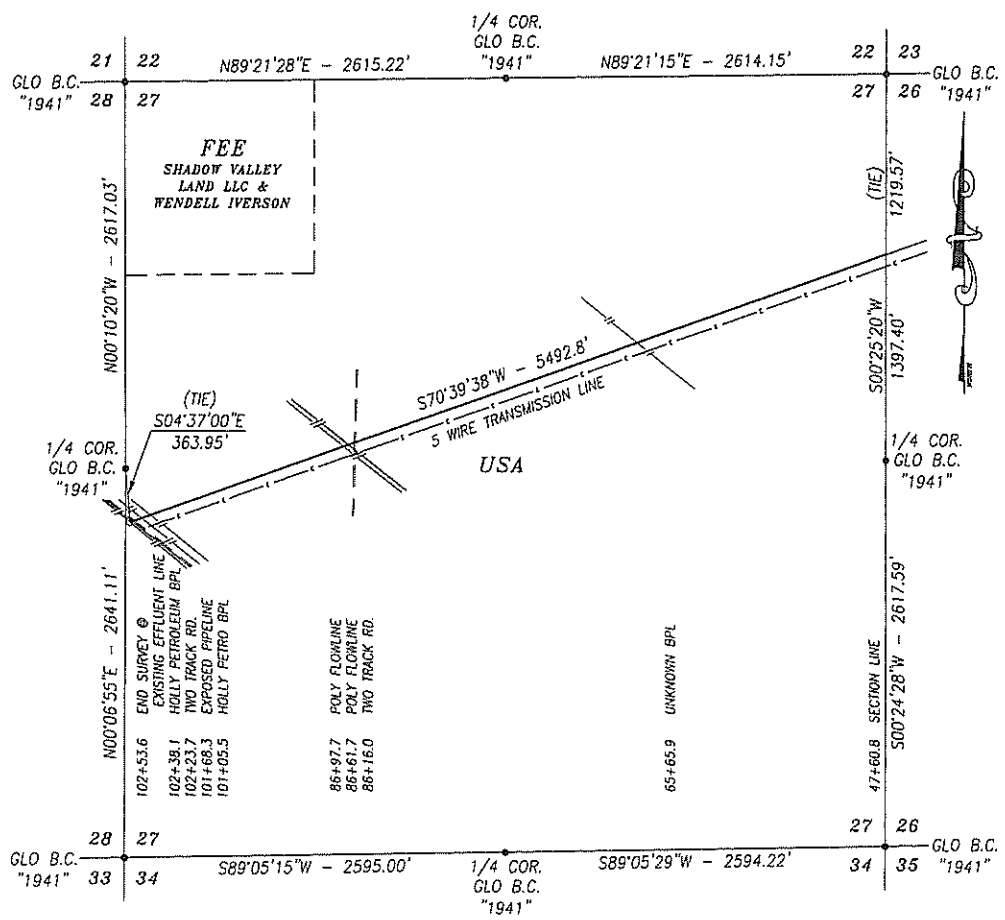
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 CHAD HARCROW N.M.P.S. NO. 17777  
 DATE 3/21/18



<b>HOLLY FRONTIER NAVAJO REFINING, LLC</b>	
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PIPELINE PLAT: CW22696607 **EXHIBIT B**  
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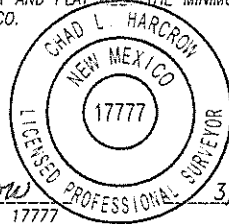
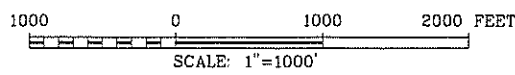
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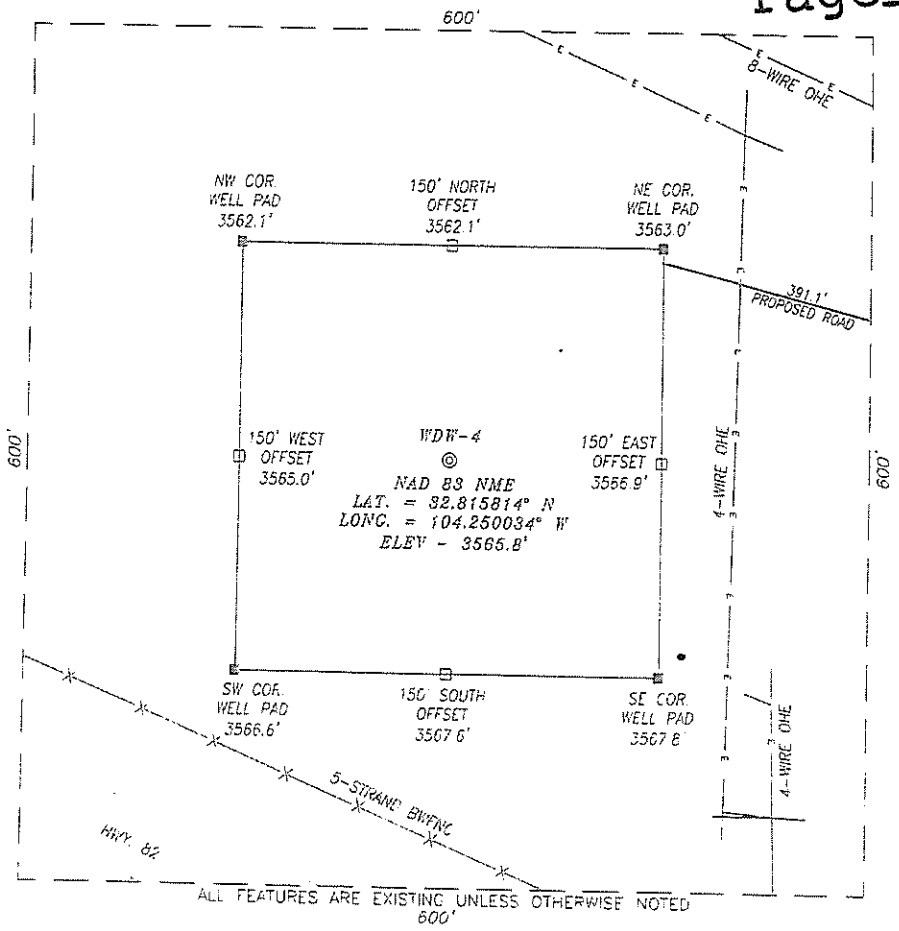


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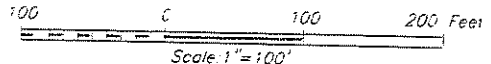
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United States Department of the Interior  
Bureau of Land Management  
RIGHT-OF-WAY GRANT  
Serial Number: NM-137892  
Project Name: WDW-4 Buried SWD Line

1. A right-of-way is hereby granted pursuant to Title V of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of Oct. 21, 1976 (90 Stat. 2776; 43 U.S.C. 1761).

2. Nature of Interest:

a. By this instrument, the holder:

Holly Frontier Navajo Refining, LLC  
501 E. Main  
Artesia, NM 88210



receives a right to construct, operate, maintain, and terminate a 8-inch buried salt water disposal pipeline across public land in Eddy County, New Mexico described as follows:

**T. 17 S., R 27 E., NMPM**

sec. 23: N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

sec. 26: NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

sec. 27: NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ .

The lands described above contain a total length of 1.94 miles.

- b. The right-of-way or permit area granted herein is 30.00 feet wide, 10,253.60 feet long and contains 7.10 acres, more or less.
- c. This instrument shall terminate on 12-31-2047 unless prior thereto, it is relinquished, abandoned, terminated, or modified pursuant to the terms and conditions of this instrument or of any applicable Federal law or regulation.
- d. This instrument may be renewed. If renewed, the right-of-way or permit shall be subject to the regulations existing at the time of renewal and any other terms and conditions that the authorized officer deems necessary to protect the public interest.
- e. Notwithstanding the expiration of this instrument or any renewal thereof, early relinquishment, abandonment, or termination, the provisions of this instrument, to the extent applicable, shall continue in effect and shall be binding on the holder, its successors, or assigns, until they have fully satisfied the obligations and/or liabilities accruing herein before or on account of the expiration, or prior termination, of the grant.

3. Rental:

For and in consideration of the rights granted, the holder agrees to pay the Bureau of Land Management fair market value rental as determined by the authorized officer unless specifically exempted from such payment by regulation. Provided, however, that the rental may be adjusted by the authorized officer, whenever necessary, to reflect changes in the fair market rental value as determined by the application of sound business management principles, and so far as practicable and feasible, in accordance with comparable commercial practices.

4. Terms and Conditions:

- a. This grant or permit is issued subject to the holder's compliance with all applicable regulations contained in Title 43 Code of Federal Regulations part 2880.

- b. Upon grant termination by the authorized officer, all improvements shall be removed from the public lands within 90 days, or otherwise disposed of as provided in paragraph (4)(d) or as directed by the authorized officer.
- c. Each grant issued for a term of 20 years or more shall, at a minimum, be reviewed by the authorized officer at the end of the 20th year and at regular intervals thereafter, not to exceed 10 years. Provided, however, that a right-of-way or permit granted herein may be reviewed at any time deemed necessary by the authorized officer.
- d. The stipulations, plans, maps, or designs set forth in Exhibit A, A-1 and B (plats), attached hereto, are incorporated into and made a part of this grant instrument as fully and effectively as if they were set forth herein in their entirety.
- e. Failure of the holder to comply with applicable law or any provision of this right-of-way grant or permit shall constitute grounds for suspension or termination thereof.
- f. The holder shall perform all operations in a good and workman like manner so as to ensure protection of the environment and the health and safety of the public.
- g. In the event that the public land underlying the right-of-way (ROW) encompassed in this grant, or a portion thereof, is conveyed out of Federal ownership and administration of the ROW or the land underlying the ROW is not being reserved to the United States in the patent/deed and/or the ROW is not within a ROW corridor being reserved to the United States in the patent/deed, the United States waives any right it has to administer the right-of-way, or portion thereof, within the conveyed land under Federal laws, statutes, and regulations, including the regulations at 43 CFR Part [2800][2880], including any rights to have the holder apply to BLM for amendments, modifications, or assignments and for BLM to approve or recognize such amendments, modifications, or assignments. At the time of conveyance, the patentee/grantee, and their successors and assigns, shall succeed to the interests of the United States in all matters relating to the right-of-way, or portion thereof, within the conveyed land and shall be subject to applicable State and local government laws, statutes, and ordinances. After conveyance, any disputes concerning compliance with the use and the terms and conditions of the ROW shall be considered a civil matter between the patentee/grantee and the ROW Holder.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, The undersigned agrees to the terms and conditions of this right-of-way grant or permit.

Robert K O'Brien  
 (Signature of Holder)

[Signature]  
 (Signature of Authorized Officer)

VP & REFINERY MANAGER  
 (Title)

for  
 Field Manager, Carlsbad Field Office  
 (Title)

5/18/18  
 (Date)

23 May 2018  
 (Effective Date of Grant)

Exhibit A

**BLM LEASE NUMBER:** NM-137892

**COMPANY NAME:** Navajo Refining Company

**ASSOCIATED WELL NAME:** WDW-4

BURIED PIPELINE STIPULATIONS

A copy of the application (Grant, APD, or Sundry Notice) and attachments, including conditions of approval, survey plat and/or map, will be on location during construction. BLM personnel may request to you a copy of your permit during construction to ensure compliance with all stipulations.

Holder agrees to comply with the following stipulations to the satisfaction of the Authorized Officer:

1. The Holder shall indemnify the United States against any liability for damage to life or property arising from the occupancy or use of public lands under this grant.
  
2. The Holder shall comply with all applicable Federal laws and regulations existing or hereafter enacted or promulgated. In any event, the holder shall comply with the Toxic Substances Control Act of 1976 as amended, 15 USC 2601 *et seq.* (1982) with regards to any toxic substances that are used, generated by or stored on the right-of-way or on facilities authorized under this right-of-way grant. (See 40 CFR Part 702-799 and especially, provisions on polychlorinated biphenyls, 40 CFR 761.1-761.193.) Additionally, any release of toxic substances (leaks, spills, etc.) in excess of the reportable quantity established by 40 CFR Part 117 shall be reported as required by the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, section 102b. A copy of any report required or requested by any Federal agency or State government as a result of a reportable release or spill of any toxic substances shall be furnished to the authorized officer concurrent with the filing of the reports to the involved Federal agency or State government.
  
3. The holder agrees to indemnify the United States against any liability arising from the release of any hazardous substance or hazardous waste (as these terms are defined in the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, 42 U.S.C. 9601, *et seq.* or the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, 42 U.S.C.6901, *et seq.*) on the Right-of-Way (unless the release or threatened release is wholly unrelated to the Right-of-Way holder's activity on the Right-of-Way), or resulting from the activity of the Right-of-Way holder on the Right-of-Way. This agreement applies without regard to whether a release is caused by the holder, its agent, or unrelated third parties.
  
4. If, during any phase of the construction, operation, maintenance, or termination of the pipeline, any oil or other pollutant should be discharged from the pipeline system, impacting Federal lands, the control and total removal, disposal, and cleaning up of such oil or other pollutant, wherever found, shall be the responsibility of holder, regardless of fault. Upon failure of holder to control, dispose of, or clean up such discharge on or affecting Federal lands, or to repair all damages resulting therefrom, on the Federal lands, the Authorized Officer may take such measures as he deems necessary to control and clean up the discharge and restore the area, including where appropriate, the aquatic environment and fish and wildlife habitats, at the full expense of the holder. Such action by the Authorized Officer shall not relieve holder of any responsibility as provided herein.

5. All construction and maintenance activity will be confined to the authorized right-of-way.
6. The pipeline will be buried with a minimum cover of   36   inches between the top of the pipe and ground level.
7. The maximum allowable disturbance for construction in this right-of-way will be 30 feet:
  - Blading of vegetation within the right-of-way will be allowed: maximum width of blading operations will not exceed 30 feet. The trench is included in this area. (*Blading is defined as the complete removal of brush and ground vegetation.*)
  - Clearing of brush species within the right-of-way will be allowed: maximum width of clearing operations will not exceed 30 feet. The trench and bladed area are included in this area. (*Clearing is defined as the removal of brush while leaving ground vegetation (grasses, weeds, etc.) intact. Clearing is best accomplished by holding the blade 4 to 6 inches above the ground surface.*)
  - The remaining area of the right-of-way (if any) shall only be disturbed by compressing the vegetation. (*Compressing can be caused by vehicle tires, placement of equipment, etc.*)
8. The holder shall stockpile an adequate amount of topsoil where blading is allowed. The topsoil to be stripped is approximately   6   inches in depth. The topsoil will be segregated from other spoil piles from trench construction. The topsoil will be evenly distributed over the bladed area for the preparation of seeding.
9. The holder shall minimize disturbance to existing fences and other improvements on public lands. The holder is required to promptly repair improvements to at least their former state. Functional use of these improvements will be maintained at all times. The holder will contact the owner of any improvements prior to disturbing them. When necessary to pass through a fence line, the fence shall be braced on both sides of the passageway prior to cutting of the fence. No permanent gates will be allowed unless approved by the Authorized Officer.
10. Vegetation, soil, and rocks left as a result of construction or maintenance activity will be randomly scattered on this right-of-way and will not be left in rows, piles, or berms, unless otherwise approved by the Authorized Officer. The entire right-of-way shall be recontoured to match the surrounding landscape. The backfilled soil shall be compacted and a 6 inch berm will be left over the ditch line to allow for settling back to grade.
11. In those areas where erosion control structures are required to stabilize soil conditions, the holder will install such structures as are suitable for the specific soil conditions being encountered and which are in accordance with sound resource management practices.
12. The holder will reseed all disturbed areas. Seeding will be done according to the attached seeding requirements, using the following seed mix.
 

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13. All above-ground structures not subject to safety requirements shall be painted by the holder to blend with the natural color of the landscape. The paint used shall be color which simulates "Standard Environmental Colors" – **Shale Green**, Munsell Soil Color No. 5Y 4/2.

14. The pipeline will be identified by signs at the point of origin and completion of the right-of-way and at all road crossings. At a minimum, signs will state the holder's name, BLM serial number, and the product being transported. All signs and information thereon will be posted in a permanent, conspicuous manner, and will be maintained in a legible condition for the life of the pipeline.

15. The holder shall not use the pipeline route as a road for purposes other than routine maintenance as determined necessary by the Authorized Officer in consultation with the holder before maintenance begins. The holder will take whatever steps are necessary to ensure that the pipeline route is not used as a roadway. As determined necessary during the life of the pipeline, the Authorized Officer may ask the holder to construct temporary deterrence structures.

16. Any cultural and/or paleontological resources (historic or prehistoric site or object) discovered by the holder, or any person working on his behalf, on public or Federal land shall be immediately reported to the Authorized Officer. Holder shall suspend all operations in the immediate area of such discovery until written authorization to proceed is issued by the Authorized Officer. An evaluation of the discovery will be made by the Authorized Officer to determine appropriate actions to prevent the loss of significant cultural or scientific values. The holder will be responsible for the cost of evaluation and any decision as to proper mitigation measures will be made by the Authorized Officer after consulting with the holder.

17. The operator shall be held responsible if noxious weeds become established within the areas of operations. Weed control shall be required on the disturbed land where noxious weeds exist, which includes associated roads, pipeline corridor and adjacent land affected by the establishment of weeds due to this action. The operator shall consult with the Authorized Officer for acceptable weed control methods, which include following EPA and BLM requirements and policies.

18. Escape Ramps - The operator will construct and maintain pipeline/utility trenches that are not otherwise fenced, screened, or netted to prevent livestock, wildlife, and humans from becoming entrapped. At a minimum, the operator will construct and maintain escape ramps, ladders, or other methods of avian and terrestrial wildlife escape in the trenches according to the following criteria:

- a. Any trench left open for eight (8) hours or less is not required to have escape ramps; however, before the trench is backfilled, the contractor/operator shall inspect the trench for wildlife, remove all trapped wildlife, and release them at least 100 yards from the trench.
- b. For trenches left open for eight (8) hours or more, earthen escape ramps (built at no more than a 30 degree slope and spaced no more than 500 feet apart) shall be placed in the trench.

### **Special Stipulations:**

#### **Cave/Karst**

To avoid or lessen the potential of subsidence or collapse of karst features, toxic or combustible gas buildup, or other possible impacts to cave and karst resources from buried pipelines or cables, alignments may be rerouted to avoid karst features. The BLM, Carlsbad Field Office, will be informed immediately if any subsurface drainage channels, passages, or voids are intersected by trenching, and no pipe will be laid in the trench at that point until clearance has been issued by the Authorized Officer. Special restoration stipulations or realignment may be required at such intersections, if any. Leak detection systems, back flow eliminators, and differential pressure shut-off valves may be required to minimize the impacts of leaking or ruptured pipelines. To eliminate these extreme possibilities, good record keeping is needed to quickly identify leaks for their immediate and proper treatment.



### **Fence Requirement**

Where entry is granted across a fence line, the fence must be braced and tied off on both sides of the passageway with H-braces prior to cutting. Once the work is completed, the fence will be restored to its prior condition, or better. The operator shall notify the private surface landowner or the grazing allotment holder prior to crossing any fence(s).

### **Cattleguards**

An appropriately sized cattleguard(s) sufficient to carry out the project shall be installed and maintained at road-fence crossing(s). Any existing cattleguard(s) on the access road shall be repaired or replaced if they are damaged or have deteriorated beyond practical use. The operator shall be responsible for the condition of the existing cattleguard(s) that are in place and are utilized during lease operations. A gate shall be constructed on one side of the cattleguard and fastened securely to H-braces.

**Seeding Stipulations have been attached**

EXHIBIT A-1

BLM Serial No.: NM-137892

Company Reference: Holly Frontier Navajo Refining Company

Mixture 4, for Gypsum Sites

The holder shall seed all the disturbed areas with the seed mixture listed below. The seed mixture shall be planted in the amounts specified in pounds of pure live seed (PLS)\* per acre. There shall be no primary or secondary noxious weeds in the seed mixture. Seed will be tested and the viability testing of seed will be done in accordance with State law(s) and within nine (9) months prior to purchase. Commercial seed will be either certified or registered seed. The seed container will be tagged in accordance with State law(s) and available for inspection by the authorized officer.

Seed will be planted using a drill equipped with a depth regulator to ensure proper depth of planting where drilling is possible. The seed mixture will be evenly and uniformly planted over the disturbed area (smaller/heavier seeds have a tendency to drop the bottom of the drill and are planted first). The holder shall take appropriate measures to ensure this does not occur. Where drilling is not possible, seed will be broadcast and the area shall be raked or chained to cover the seed. When broadcasting the seed, the pounds per acre are to be doubled. The seeding will be repeated until a satisfactory stand is established as determined by the authorized officer. Evaluation of growth will not be made before completion of at least one full growing season after seeding.

Species to be planted in pounds of pure live seed\* per acre:

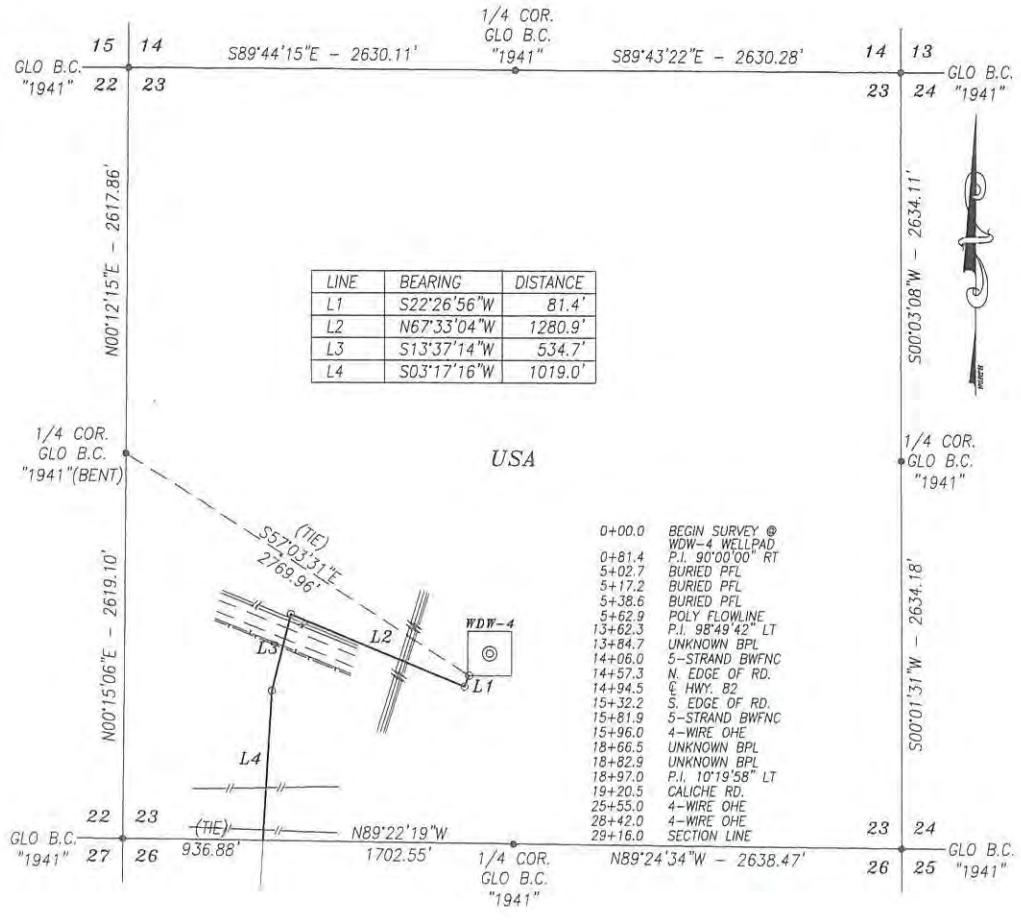
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Alkli Sacaton ( <i>Sporobolus airoides</i> )	1.5
DWS~ Four-wing saltbush ( <i>Atriplex canescens</i> )	8.0

~DWS: DeWinged Seed

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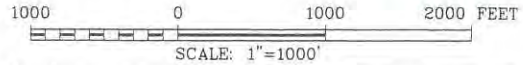
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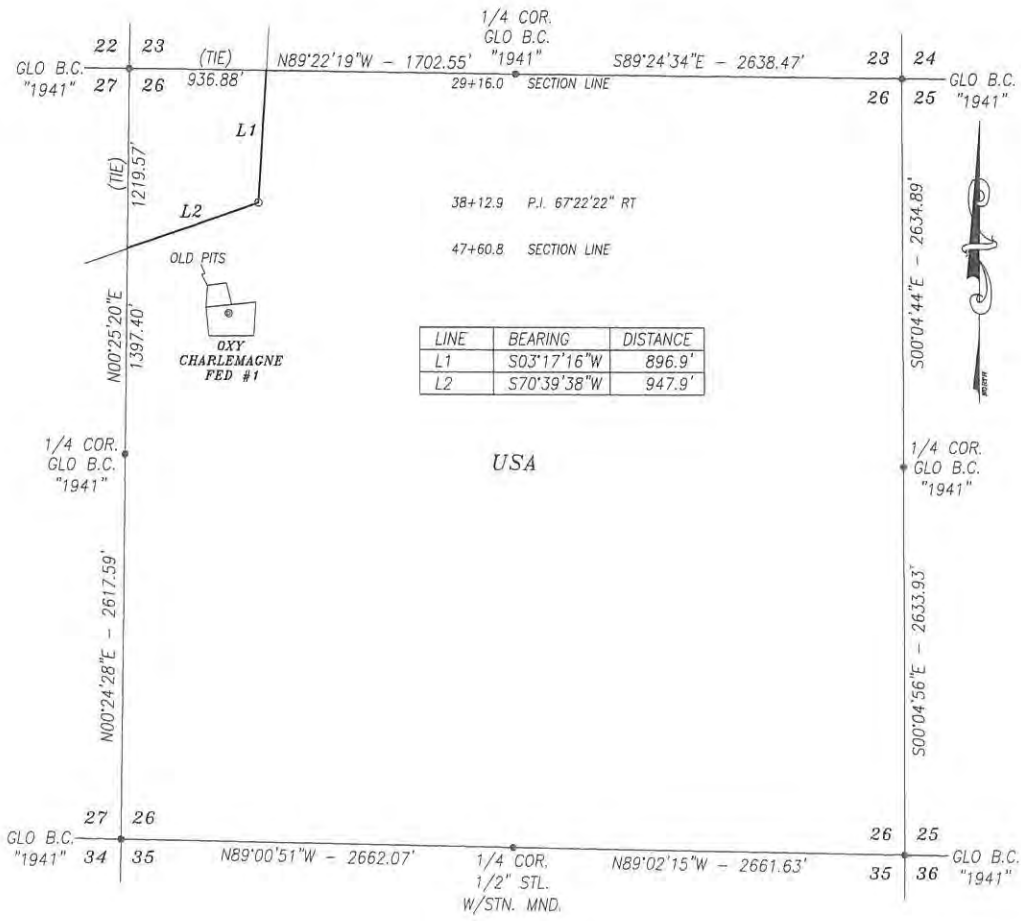


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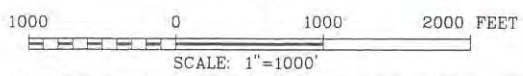
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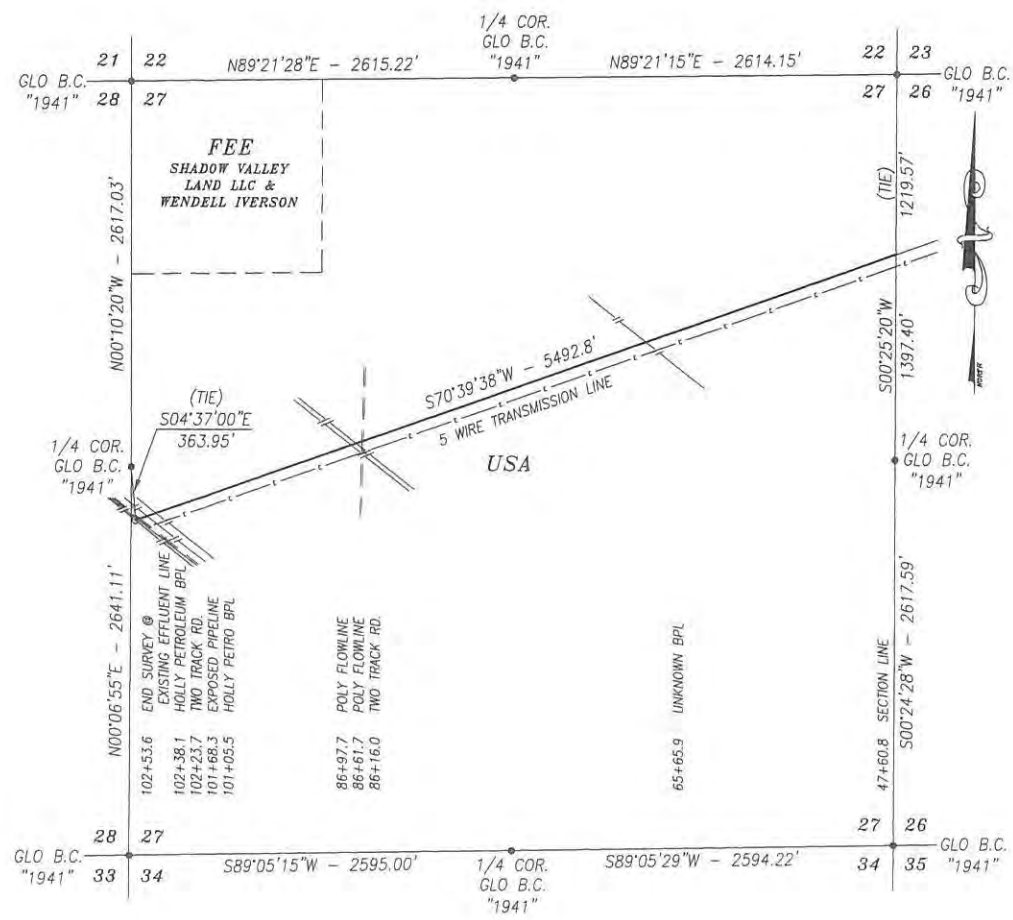


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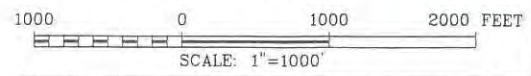
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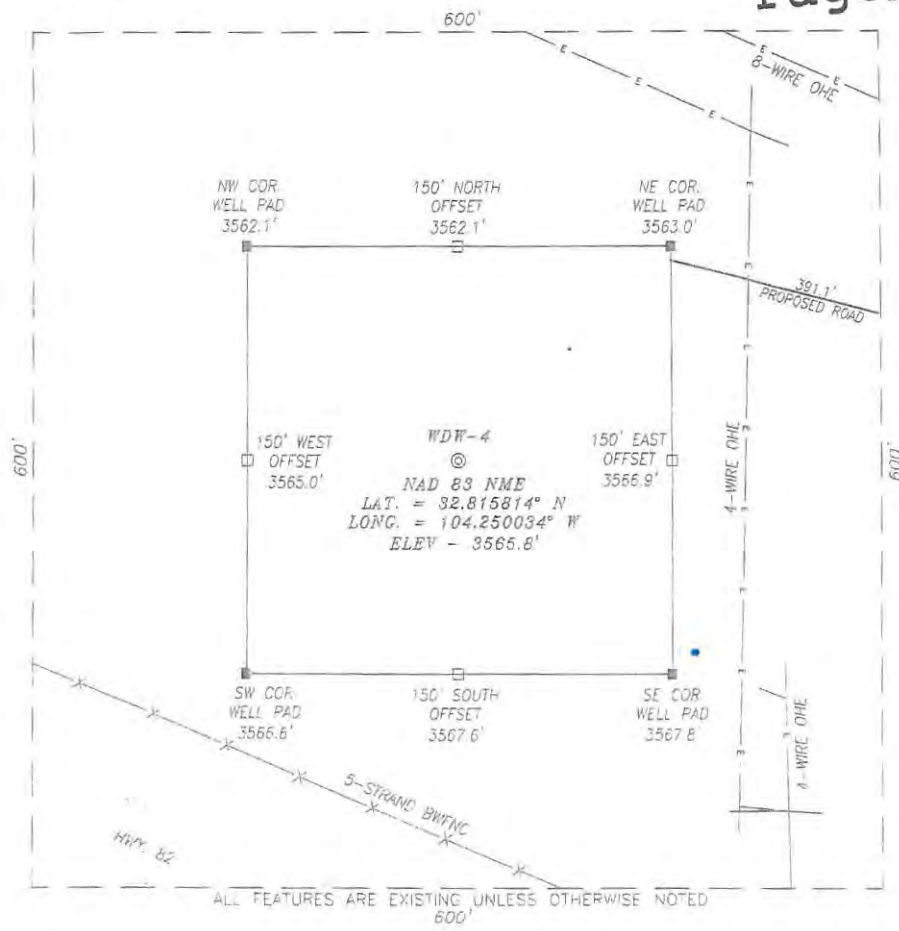
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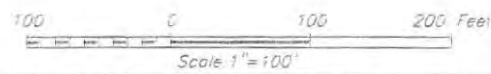
SECTION 23, TOWNSHIP 17 SOUTH, RANGE 27 EAST, N.M.P.M.,  
 EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO



ALL FEATURES ARE EXISTING UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

**DIRECTIONS TO LOCATION**

FROM THE INTERSECTION OF HWY 82, AND C.R. 202 GO NORTHEAST ON C.R. 202 APPROX. 0.6 MI., THEN TURN LEFT (NORTHWEST) AT Y; GO APPROX. 0.5 MI. THEN TURN LEFT (SOUTH) AND GO APPROX. 0.3 MI. TO A PROPOSED ROAD; PROPOSED WELL LIES APPROX. 530 FEET TO THE RIGHT (WEST)



**HARCROW SURVEYING, LLC**  
 2514 W. MAIN ST. ARTESIA, N.M. 82110  
 PH: (575) 740-2181 FAX: (575) 746-2188  
 Texas Permit No. 10194569  
 e: hrcrow@harcrow-surveying.com



<b>WSP USC, INC.</b>	
WDW-4 LOCATED 1217 FEET FROM THE SOUTH LINE AND 2448 FEET FROM THE WEST LINE OF SECTION 23, TOWNSHIP 17 SOUTH, RANGE 27 EAST, N.M.P.M., EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO	
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Mike A. Hamman, P.E.  
State Engineer

Roswell Office  
1900 WEST SECOND STREET  
ROSWELL, NM 88201

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
OFFICE OF THE STATE ENGINEER**

Trn Nbr: 747180  
File Nbr: RA 13331

May. 31, 2023

KAWIKA TUPOU  
HF SINCLAIR NAVAJO REFINING  
501 EAST MAIN STREET  
ARTESIA, NM 88210

Greetings:

Your approved copy of the above numbered permit to drill a well for non-consumptive purposes is enclosed. You must obtain an additional permit if you intend to use the water. It is your responsibility to provide the contracted well driller with a copy of the permit that must be made available during well drilling activities.

Carefully review the attached conditions of approval for all specific permit requirements.

- \* If use of this well is temporary in nature and the well will be plugged at the end of the well usage, the OSE must initially approve of the plugging. If plugging approval is not conditioned in this permit, the applicant must submit a Plugging Plan of Operations for approval prior to the well being plugged. The Plugging Record must be properly completed and submitted to the OSE within 30 days of the well plugging.
- \* If the final intended purpose and condition requires a well ID tag and meter installation, the applicant must immediately send a completed meter report form to this office.
- \* The well record and log must be submitted within 30 days of the completion of the well or if the attempt was a dry hole.
- \* This permit expires and will be cancelled if no well is drilled and/or a well log is not received by the date set forth in the conditions of approval.

Appropriate forms can be downloaded from the OSE website [www.ose.state.nm.us](http://www.ose.state.nm.us).

Sincerely,

Azucena Ramirez  
(575) 622-6521

Enclosure

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**NEW MEXICO OFFICE OF THE STATE ENGINEER**



**WR-07 APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO DRILL**

**A WELL WITH NO WATER RIGHT**

(check applicable box):

For fees, see State Engineer website: <http://www.ose.state.nm.us/>

Purpose:	<input type="checkbox"/> Pollution Control And/Or Recovery	<input type="checkbox"/> Ground Source Heat Pump
<input type="checkbox"/> Exploratory Well*(Pump test)	<input type="checkbox"/> Construction Site/Public Works Dewatering	<input type="checkbox"/> Other(Describe):
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Monitoring Well	<input type="checkbox"/> Mine Dewatering	

A separate permit will be required to apply water to beneficial use regardless if use is consumptive or nonconsumptive.  
 \*New Mexico Environment Department-Drinking Water Bureau (NMED-DWB) will be notified if a proposed exploratory well is used for public water supply.

<input type="checkbox"/> Temporary Request - Requested Start Date:	Requested End Date:
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Plugging Plan of Operations Submitted?  Yes  No

**1. APPLICANT(S)**

Name: HF Sinclair Navajo Refining LLC	Name:
Contact or Agent: Kawika Tupou check here if Agent <input type="checkbox"/>	Contact or Agent: check here if Agent <input type="checkbox"/>
Mailing Address: 501 East Main Street	Mailing Address:
City: Artesia	City:
State: NM Zip Code: 88210	State: Zip Code:
Phone: <input type="checkbox"/> Home <input type="checkbox"/> Cell Phone (Work): 575-746-5487	Phone: <input type="checkbox"/> Home <input type="checkbox"/> Cell Phone (Work):
E-mail (optional): Kawika.Tupou@HFSinclair.com	E-mail (optional):

USE BY MAY 25 2023 10:15 AM

FOR OSE INTERNAL USE Application for Permit, Form WR-07, Rev 07/12/22

File No.: RA-13331	Trn. No.: 747180	Receipt No.: 2-45805
Trans Description (optional): MOU		
Sub-Basin: RA	PCW/LOG Due Date: 5/30/24	

**2. WELL(S)** Describe the well(s) applicable to this application.

**Location Required: Coordinate location must be reported in NM State Plane (NAD 83), UTM (NAD 83), or Latitude/Longitude (Lat/Long - WGS84). District II (Roswell) and District VII (Cimarron) customers, provide a PLSS location in addition to above.**

NM State Plane (NAD83) (Feet)       UTM (NAD83) (Meters)       Lat/Long (WGS84) (to the nearest 1/10<sup>th</sup> of second)  
 NM West Zone       Zone 12N  
 NM East Zone       Zone 13N  
 NM Central Zone

Well Number (if known):	X or Easting or Longitude:	Y or Northing or Latitude:	Provide if known: -Public Land Survey System (PLSS) (Quarters or Halves, Section, Township, Range) OR - Hydrographic Survey Map & Tract; OR - Lot, Block & Subdivision; OR - Land Grant Name
RA-13331 POD1 WDW-2-MW-1	32.7636067436	-104.23861006	SW¼, SW¼, NW¼, Sec12, T18S, R27E
RA-13331 POD2 WDW-3-MW-1	32.771142984	-104.23345368	NE¼, SE¼, SW¼, Sec 1, T18S, R27E
RA-13331 POD3 WDW-4-MW-1	32.8158656898	-104.25011663	NE¼, SE¼, SW¼, Sec 23, T17S, R27E

**NOTE: If more well locations need to be described, complete form WR-08 (Attachment 1 – POD Descriptions)**  
 Additional well descriptions are attached:  Yes  No      If yes, how many 4

Other description relating well to common landmarks, streets, or other:

Well is on land owned by: BLM

**Well Information: NOTE: If more than one (1) well needs to be described, provide attachment. Attached?**  Yes  No  
 If yes, how many 4

Approximate depth of well (feet): 150	Outside diameter of well casing (inches): 4.5
Driller Name: TBD (Cascade, Talon or Yellow Jacket)	Driller License Number:

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**3. ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS OR EXPLANATIONS**

4 UIC wells are authorized to inject under Oil Conservation Division (OCD) discharge permit. OCD is requiring the installation of one monitor well within 75 ft of each UIC well. The land is owned at locations WDW-2-MW-1, WDW-3-MW-1 and WDW-4-MW-1 by the BLM. BLM letters of approved access are attached.

Each of the 3 monitor wells shall be drilled to 150 ft and installed with the well depth dependent on the location of water bearing zones. The well will be completed with 15 ft of screen (10 ft below the water table and 5 ft above), 4 inch diameter PVC schedule 40 casing per OCD request. Wells will be drilled via sonic drilling method.

Monitoring wells are required indefinitely during the operation of the injection wells which under the OCD approved discharge permit. At final completion of project monitor wells will be properly abandoned and appropriate permits for plugging shall be obtained at that time.

**4. SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS:** The applicant must include the following, as applicable to each well type. Please check the appropriate boxes, to indicate the information has been included and/or attached to this application:

<p><b>Exploratory:</b> Is proposed well a future public water supply well? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> NO If Yes, an application must be filed with NMED-DWB, concurrently. <input type="checkbox"/> Include a description of the requested pump test if applicable.</p>	<p><b>Pollution Control and/or Recovery:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Include a plan for pollution control/recovery, that includes the following: <input type="checkbox"/> A description of the need for the pollution control or recovery operation. <input type="checkbox"/> The estimated maximum period of time for completion of the operation. <input type="checkbox"/> The annual diversion amount. <input type="checkbox"/> The annual consumptive use amount. <input type="checkbox"/> The maximum amount of water to be diverted and injected for the duration of the operation. <input type="checkbox"/> The method and place of discharge. <input type="checkbox"/> The method of measurement of water produced and discharged. <input type="checkbox"/> The source of water to be injected. <input type="checkbox"/> The method of measurement of water injected. <input type="checkbox"/> The characteristics of the aquifer. <input type="checkbox"/> The method of determining the resulting annual consumptive use of water and depletion from any related stream system. <input type="checkbox"/> Proof of any permit required from the New Mexico Environment Department. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An access agreement if the applicant is not the owner of the land on which the pollution plume control or recovery well is to be located.</p>	<p><b>Construction De-Watering:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Include a description of the proposed dewatering operation, <input type="checkbox"/> The estimated duration of the operation, <input type="checkbox"/> The maximum amount of water to be diverted, <input type="checkbox"/> A description of the need for the dewatering operation, and, <input type="checkbox"/> A description of how the diverted water will be disposed of. <b>Ground Source Heat Pump:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Include a description of the geothermal heat exchange project, <input type="checkbox"/> The number of boreholes for the completed project and required depths. <input type="checkbox"/> The time frame for constructing the geothermal heat exchange project, and, <input type="checkbox"/> The duration of the project. <input type="checkbox"/> Preliminary surveys, design data, and additional information shall be included to provide all essential facts relating to the request.</p>	<p><b>Mine De-Watering:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Include a plan for pollution control/recovery, that includes the following: <input type="checkbox"/> A description of the need for mine dewatering. <input type="checkbox"/> The estimated maximum period of time for completion of the operation. <input type="checkbox"/> The source(s) of the water to be diverted. <input type="checkbox"/> The geohydrologic characteristics of the aquifer(s). <input type="checkbox"/> The maximum amount of water to be diverted per annum. <input type="checkbox"/> The maximum amount of water to be diverted for the duration of the operation. <input type="checkbox"/> The quality of the water. <input type="checkbox"/> The method of measurement of water diverted. <input type="checkbox"/> The recharge of water to the aquifer. <input type="checkbox"/> Description of the estimated area of hydrologic effect of the project. <input type="checkbox"/> The method and place of discharge. <input type="checkbox"/> An estimation of the effects on surface water rights and underground water rights from the mine dewatering project. <input type="checkbox"/> A description of the methods employed to estimate effects on surface water rights and underground water rights. <input type="checkbox"/> Information on existing wells, rivers, springs, and wetlands within the area of hydrologic effect.</p>
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**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

I, We (name of applicant(s)), Kawika Tupou

Print Name(s)

affirm that the foregoing statements are true to the best of (my, our) knowledge and belief.



Applicant Signature

Applicant Signature

**ACTION OF THE STATE ENGINEER**

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This application is:

approved  partially approved  denied

provided it is not exercised to the detriment of any others having existing rights, and is not contrary to the conservation of water in New Mexico nor detrimental to the public welfare and further subject to the attached conditions of approval.

Witness my hand and seal this 5 day of June 20 23, for the State Engineer,

Mike A. Hamman

State Engineer

By:   
Signature

Juan Hernandez  
Print

Title: District II Manager  
Print

FOR OSE INTERNAL USE

Application for Permit, Form WR-07 Version 07/12/22

File No.: RA-13331

Trn No.: 747180

**NEW MEXICO STATE ENGINEER OFFICE  
PERMIT TO EXPLORE**

**SPECIFIC CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL (Continued)**

- LOG      The Point of Diversion RA 13331 POD1 must be completed and the Well Log filed on or before 05/30/2024.
  
- LOG      The Point of Diversion RA 13331 POD2 must be completed and the Well Log filed on or before 05/30/2024.
  
- LOG      The Point of Diversion RA 13331 POD3 must be completed and the Well Log filed on or before 05/30/2024.

IT IS THE PERMITTEE'S RESPOSIBILITY TO OBTAIN ALL AUTHORIZATIONS AND PERMISSIONS TO DRILL ON PROPERTY OF OTHER OWNERSHIP BEFORE COMMENCING ACTIVITIES UNDER THIS PERMIT.

**ACTION OF STATE ENGINEER**

Notice of Intention Rcvd:	Date Rcvd. Corrected:
Formal Application Rcvd: 05/25/2023	Pub. of Notice Ordered:
Date Returned - Correction:	Affidavit of Pub. Filed:

This application is approved provided it is not exercised to the detriment of any others having existing rights, and is not contrary to the conservation of water in New Mexico nor detrimental to the public welfare of the state; and further subject to the specific conditions listed previously.

Witness my hand and seal this 5 day of June A.D., 2023

Mike A. Hamman, P.E., State Engineer

By:   
JUAN HERNANDEZ

**NEW MEXICO STATE ENGINEER OFFICE  
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**SPECIFIC CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL**

- 17-16 Construction of a water well by anyone without a valid New Mexico Well Driller License is illegal, and the landowner shall bear the cost of plugging the well by a licensed New Mexico well driller. This does not apply to driven wells, the casing of which does not exceed two and three-eighths inches outside diameter.
- 17-1A Depth of the well shall not exceed the thickness of the valley fill.
- 17-4 No water shall be appropriated and beneficially used under this permit.
- 17-6 The well authorized by this permit shall be plugged completely using the following method per Rules and Regulations Governing Well Driller Licensing, Construction, Repair and Plugging of Wells; Subsection C of 19.27.4.30 NMAC unless an alternative plugging method is proposed by the well owner and approved by the State Engineer upon completion of the permitted use. All pumping appurtenance shall be removed from the well prior to plugging. To plug a well, the entire well shall be filled from the bottom upwards to ground surface using a tremie pipe. The bottom of the tremie shall remain submerged in the sealant throughout the entire sealing process; other placement methods may be acceptable and approved by the state engineer. The well shall be plugged with an office of the state engineer approved sealant for use in the plugging of non-artesian wells. The well driller shall cut the casing off at least four (4) feet below ground surface and fill the open hole with at least two vertical feet of approved sealant. The driller must fill or cover any open annulus with sealant. Once the sealant has cured, the well driller or well owner may cover the seal with soil. A Plugging Report for said well shall be filed with the Office of the State Engineer in a District Office within 30 days of completion of the plugging.

**NEW MEXICO STATE ENGINEER OFFICE  
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**SPECIFIC CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL (Continued)**

- 17-7 The Permittee shall utilize the highest and best technology available to ensure conservation of water to the maximum extent practical.
- 17-B The well shall be drilled by a driller licensed in the State of New Mexico in accordance with 72-12-12 NMSA 1978. A licensed driller shall not be required for the construction of a well driven without the use of a drill rig, provided that the casing shall not exceed two and three-eighths (2 3/8) inches outside diameter.
- 17-C The well driller must file the well record with the State Engineer and the applicant within 30 days after the well is drilled or driven. It is the well owner's responsibility to ensure that the well driller files the well record.  
The well driller may obtain the well record form from any District Office or the Office of the State Engineer website.
- 17-P The well shall be constructed, maintained, and operated to prevent inter-aquifer exchange of water and to prevent loss of hydraulic head between hydrogeologic zones.
- 17-Q The State Engineer retains jurisdiction over this permit.
- 17-R Pursuant to section 72-8-1 NMSA 1978, the permittee shall allow the State Engineer and OSE representatives entry upon private property for the performance of their respective duties, including access to the ditch or acequia to measure flow and also to the well for meter reading and water level measurement.

# OFFICE OF THE STATE ENGINEER/INTERSTATE STREAM COMMISSION – ROSWELL OFFICE

OFFICIAL RECEIPT NUMBER: 2-45805      DATE: 5/25/23      FILE NO.: \_\_\_\_\_  
 TOTAL: 15.00      RECEIVED: Fifteen      DOLLARS      CHECK NO.: 106584      CASH: \_\_\_\_\_  
 PAYOR: Daniel B. Stephens + Associates Inc      ADDRESS: 6020 Academy Rd. NE, Suite 100      CITY: Albuquerque      STATE: NM  
 ZIP: 87109      RECEIVED BY: R.C.

INSTRUCTIONS: Indicate the number of actions to the left of the appropriate type of filing. Complete the receipt information. **Original** to payor; **pink** copy to Program Support/ASD; and **yellow** copy for Water Rights. If a mistake is made, void the original and all copies and submit to Program Support/ASD as part of your daily deposit.

### A. Ground Water Filing Fees

- 1. Change of Ownership of Water Right      \$ 2.00
- 2. Application to Appropriate or Supplement Domestic 72-12-1 Well      \$ 125.00
- 3. Application to Repair or Deepen 72-12-1 Well      \$ 75.00
- 4. Application for Replacement 72-12-1 Well      \$ 75.00
- 5. Application to Change Purpose of Use 72-12-1 Well      \$ 75.00
- 6. Application for Stock Well/Temp. Use      \$ 5.00

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- 7. Application to Appropriate Irrigation, Municipal, or Commercial Use      \$ 25.00
- 8. Declaration of Water Right      \$ 1.00
- 9. Application for Additional Point of Diversion Non 72-12-1 Per Well      \$ 25.00
- 10. Application to Change Place or Purpose of Use Non 72-12-1 Well      \$ 25.00
- 11. Application to Change Point of Diversion and Place and/or Purpose of Use from Surface Water to Ground Water      \$ 50.00
- 12. Application to Change Point of Diversion and Place and/or Purpose of Use from Ground Water to Ground Water      \$ 50.00
- 13. Application to Change Point of Diversion of Non 72-12-1 Well      \$ 25.00
- 14. Application to Repair or Deepen Non 72-12-1 Well      \$ 5.00

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- 15. Application for Test, Expl. Observ. Well      \$ 5.00
- 16. Application for Extension of Time      \$ 25.00
- 17. Proof of Application to Beneficial Use      \$ 25.00
- 18. Notice of Intent to Appropriate      \$ 25.00

### B. Surface Water Filing Fees

- 1. Change of Ownership of a Water Right      \$ 5.00
- 2. Declaration of Water Right      \$ 10.00
- 3. Amended Declaration      \$ 25.00
- 4. Application to Change Point of Diversion and Place and/or Purpose of Use from Surface Water to Surface Water      \$ 200.00
- 5. Application to Change Point of Diversion and Place and/or Purpose of Use from Ground Water to Surface Water      \$ 200.00
- 6. Application to Change Point of Diversion      \$ 100.00
- 7. Application to Change Place and/or Purpose of Use      \$ 100.00
- 8. Application to Appropriate      \$ 25.00
- 9. Notice of Intent to Appropriate      \$ 25.00
- 10. Application for Extension of Time      \$ 50.00
- 11. Supplemental Well to a Surface Right      \$ 100.00
- 12. Return Flow Credit      \$ 100.00
- 13. Proof of Completion of Works      \$ 25.00
- 14. Proof of Application of Water to Beneficial Use      \$ 25.00
- 15. Water Development Plan      \$ 100.00
- 16. Declaration of Livestock Water Impoundment      \$ 10.00
- 17. Application for Livestock Water Impoundment      \$ 10.00

### C. Well Driller Fees

- 1. Application for Well Driller's License      \$ 50.00
- 2. Application for Renewal of Well Driller's License      \$ 50.00
- 3. Application to Amend Well Driller's License      \$ 50.00

### D. Reproduction of Documents

- @ 0.25¢      \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Map(s) @ \$3.00      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### E. Certification

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

### F. Other

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### G. Comments:

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**All fees are non-refundable.**

Check Date: 5/22/2023

Invoice Number	Date	Voucher	Amount	Discounts	Previous Pay	Net Amount
Permit 05222023	5/22/2023	0227543	15.00			15.00
New Mexico Office of the State Engineer		TOTAL	15.00			15.00
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# Appendix D

## Borehole Field Logs

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Site		WDW-4-BH-1 WDW-4 MW-1		Location Map	
Logged by		M. DUNBAR/D. MANUJAN		Client/Project # HF SINCLEAR	
Boring Number				Drilling Co. CASCADE	
Drilling Method		SONIC		Drill Rig 11-04928	
Date Started		10-16-23 10/18/23		Date Completed 10-20-23	
PID/FID Reading	Blow Counts	Sampling Device	SCS Symbol	Depth (feet)	Soil Description/Remarks Soil type, color, texture, grain size, sorting, roundness, plasticity, consistency, moisture content
				0-6	SANDY + GRAVELLY SILT (ML) REDDISH BROWN (2.5YR 5/5) SLIGHTLY MOIST; ~60% S&T, 30% V&V SAND, 10% GRAVEL (1.5")
				6-27.5	ALABASTER; MOSTLY LIGHT GRAY (2.5YR 7.1) OCCASIONALLY DARK GRAY (2.5Y 6.1); DRY TO SLIGHTLY MOIST; DARK GRAY ZONES CONTAIN LARGE (~0.75") GYPSUM CRYSTALS SURROUNDED BY MICROCRYSTALLINE MATRIX; DARK RED CH (DESCRIBED BELOW) FROM 12-12.5, 13-15, 16.5-17.5, ALL MOIST
				27.5-37.5	CLAY (CH) DARK RED (2.5YR 3/6) MOIST - V. MOIST MED, STIFF-HARD; HIGH PLAST. FROM 37-34 = ALABASTER AS 6-27.5
				37.5-45	CLAY (CH) DARK RED (2.5YR 3/6) - V MOIST; 6" LAYER OF SANDY SILT (ML) FROM 44-44.5
				45-50	ALTERNATING 6"-12" LAYERS OF CH (2.5Y 3/6), ALABASTER (6'-27.5) AND SANDY SILT, MOIST-DRY
				50	ALABASTER AS 6-27.5; DRY, TRACE 1" LAYER OF CH AS 27.5-37.5 FROM 55-57.5 AND 60-61.5 ALL MOIST
				65-66	ALABASTER, GRAY (2.5YR 5/10) DENSE, W/ GYP CRYSTALS, FINE, NO CLAYS
				66-67.5	INTERBEDDED CLAY IN ALABASTER, CLAY IS DARK RED (2.5YR 3/6) SLIGHTLY PLASTIC, NON SILTY
				67.5-70	ALABASTER; HARD, DENSE, MICROCRYSTALLINE, NO CLAY
				70-72.5	ALABASTER, DARK GRAY (2.5Y 4/0) NO CLAY
				72.5-74	ALABASTER, LIGHT GRAY (10YR 7/2), AS ABOVE
				72.5-80	ALABASTER, CLAY, DARK GRAY (2.5Y 4/0) SLIGHTLY PLASTIC, NON SILTY, SLIGHTLY MOIST
				80-90	ALABASTER, LIGHT GRAY (10YR 7/2) WITH SILTY STRIATIONS, OLIVE GRAY, CHALKY, NON PLASTIC, SLIGHTLY MOIST
				90-95	ALABASTER, AS ABOVE
				95-97.5	CLAY, STRONG BROWN (2.5YR 5/6) SLIGHTLY SILTY, NON PLASTIC, GYP STREAKS
				97.5-100	ALABASTER, AS ABOVE



Site		Location Map	
Logged by <b>M. DUNBAR</b>		Client/Project # <b>HF SINCLAIR</b>	
Boring Number <b>WDW-4-BH1</b> <b>WDW-4 MWH</b>		Drilling Co. <b>CASCADE</b>	
Drilling Method <b>SONIC</b>		Drill Rig <b>11-04928</b>	
Date Started <b>10-11-23</b>		Date Completed <b>10-20-23</b>	

PID/FID Reading	Blow Counts	Sampling Device	Sample Recovery	Sample Interval	Sample Number	USCS Symbol	Depth (feet)	Soil Description/Remarks
								Soil type, color, texture, grain size, sorting, roundness, plasticity, consistency, moisture content
								100-102.5 ALABASTER, AS ABOVE
								102-103.5 SILT (ML) SAME AS 92.5-95
								103.5-110 ALABASTER, AS ABOVE
							110	110-111 CLAY (CL) LIGHT GRAY (10YR 7/1) SLIGHTLY SILTY, SLIGHTLY PLASTIC
								111-115 ALABASTER, AS ABOVE
							120	115-115.5 CLAY (CL) WHITE (10YR 8/2) MODERATELY PLASTIC, SLIGHTLY SILTY
								115.5-118 ALABASTER, LIGHT BROWNISH GRAY (2.5Y 6/2) NO CHANGE, VERY FINE-MICROCRYSTALLINE, DENSE, HARD, TRACE CLAY (CL) LIGHT GRAY (10YR 6/1) NON SILTY, SLIGHTLY PLASTIC
							130	118-137.5 ALABASTER, AS ABOVE
								137.5-140 ALABASTER, SLIGHTLY DARKER, LIGHT GRAY (10YR 7/1) MICROCRYSTALLINE, DENSE VERY HARD
							140	140-141.5 ALABASTER WITH CLAY STREAKS, PINKISH GRAY (7.5YR 6/2) VERY SILTY, NONPLASTIC
								141.5-145 ALABASTER, AS ABOVE, NO CLAY
							150	145-147.5 DOLOMITE, LIGHT BROWNISH GRAY (10YR 6/2) MICROCRYSTALLINE, WEAK HCL REACTION, VERY DENSE, HARD
								147.5-150 ALABASTER, AS ABOVE



Site		Location Map	
Logged by	WDW-2-BH-1	Client/Project #	
Boring Number	WDW-2-MW-1	Drilling Co.	
Drilling Method	SONIC	Drill Rig	
Date Started	10/7	Date Completed	

PID/FID Reading	Blow Counts	Sampling Device	Sample Recovery	Sample Interval	Sample Number	USCS Symbol	Depth (feet)	Soil Description/Remarks Soil type, color, texture, grain size, sorting, roundness, plasticity, consistency, moisture content
			N/A	N/A	N/A		0-7.5	SELTY SAND (SM); LIGHT REDDISH BROWN (2.5 YR 6/3); ≈ 70% VF-M SAND, 30% SILT; TRACE L SAND - F GRAVEL
			CONTINUOUS				10	7.5-12 CLAY (CH); DARK RED (2.5 YR 3/6); MOIST; MED. STEEF; HIGH PLAST. 6" LAYER OF ALABASTER 12-15 9.5-12 DRY
			↓				20	12-22.5 ALTERNATING 6-18" LAYERS OF CH AS 7.5-12 AND DRY ← ALABASTER, LIGHT REDDISH BROWN (2.5 YR 7/3); WELL CONSOLIDATED CH IS SOFT-MED. STEEF
			↓				30	22.5-37.5 ALTERNATING LAYERS OF 6" ALABASTER; REDDISH BROWN (2.5 YR 4/1) MOIST; SELT (ML); REDDISH BROWN (2.5 YR 4/3); DRY CLAYEY SILT TO SLICY CLAY (ML/CL); RED (2.5 YR 4/6); MOIST; MED. STEEF; LOW PLAST.
							40	37.5-46 CLAY (CH); DARK RED (2.5 YR 3/6); MOIST; HARD TO MED. STEEF; MOD. TO HIGH PLAST; TRACE SILT, SAND, GRAVEL AND ALABASTER
							50	46-60 ALABASTER; LIGHT REDDISH BRN TO REDDISH BRN (2.5 YR 7/3) DRY; TRACE SEAMS OF CH AS 37.5-46; THEN (2-6") LAYERS OF SELT (ML); REDDISH BROWN (2.5 YR 5/4); MOIST TO SLIGHTLY MOIST
							60	60-72.5 CLAY (CH) AS 37.5-46; THEN SEAMS (2-6") OF ALABASTER AS 46-60 THROUGHOUT; THEN SEAMS (2-6") OF SELT (ML); REDDISH BRN (2.5 YR 5/4); MOIST TO SLIGHT MOIST; APPEAR AT 68'
							70	72.5-77.5 ALABASTER AS 46-60 DRY
							80	77.5-85 CH AS 37.5-46; V. MOIST FROM 82.5-85 FIRST IS MOIST; THEN SEAMS (2-6") SELT + ALABASTER
					85-105		90	85- ALABASTER AS 45-60 - DRY N/ THEN SEAMS OF (2-3-6") CH AS 37.5-46; @ 97' ALABASTER OCCASIONALLY APPEARS AS LIGHT GRAY COLOR (NO MUNSSELL MATCH) CH ALL MOIST
							100	



Site							Location Map	
Logged by			Client/Project #					
Boring Number			Drilling Co.					
Drilling Method			Drill Rig					
Date Started			Date Completed					
PID/FID Reading	Blow Counts	Sampling Device	Sample Recovery	Sample Interval	Sample Number	USCS Symbol	Depth (feet)	Soil Description/Remarks Soil type, color, texture, grain size, sorting, roundness, plasticity, consistency, moisture content
							85-105	SEE PG 1
							105-110	ALABASTER AS 45-60 DRY; COLOR IS PREDOMINANTLY GRAY (LIGHT GRAY)
							110	110-112.5 CALCAREOUS ALABASTER; GRAY WITH LIGHT OLIVE (2.545/6) BROWN MOTTLES; DRY; POROUS; SANDY W/ F.M. SANDS TRACE CLAYEY SILT (ML); GRAY (7.54 5/1); MOIST
							120	112.5-117.5 ALABASTER AS 110-112.5 - DRY - NOT CALCAREOUS 6"-12" SEAMS OF CH; OLIVE BROWN (2.54 4/4); MOIST; HARD - MBD. STIFF; HIGH PLAST AND CH; GRAY (2.54 5/1); VERY MOIST; SOFT - MBD STIFF HIGH PLAST
							130	117.5-132.5 CH AS 37.5-46; V. MOIST; 2' LAYER OF ALABASTER 118-120; 3" LAYER OF SILT STONE AS (ML); V. MOIST AT 121.5'; 6" LAYERS OF SILT STONE FROM 125-132.5
							140	132.5-140 ALABASTER AS 45-60, DRY; 2' LAYER OF CH AS 37.5-46 CH IS MOIST - V. MOIST; CLAYEY SILT (ML); W/CH VERY MOIST; 80% CLAY 144-145 1' LAYER OF CH AS 37.5-46 149-150, MOIST. 1' LAYER OF CH AS 37.5-46 FROM 151.5-152.5
							150	TD 150' @ 1655'
								TD 160' @ 0945 10/10



Site <b>WDW 3 MW-1</b> <b>WDW-3-BH-1</b>							Location Map	
Logged by <b>D. MANOUKIAN</b>				Client/Project #				
Boring Number				Drilling Co.				
Drilling Method <b>SONEL</b>				Drill Rig				
Date Started <b>10/4/23</b>				Date Completed				
PID/FID Reading	Blow Counts	Sampling Device	Sample Recovery	Sample Interval	Sample Number	USCS Symbol	Depth (feet)	Soil Description/Remarks Soil type, color, texture, grain size, sorting, roundness, plasticity, consistency, moisture content
			Q	0-10	N/A		10	10-12.5 SANDY SILT (ML); REDDISH BROWN (2.5YR 5/3); SLIGHT MOIST; 40% V.F. SANDS
							20	12.5-15 SILT (ML); RED (2.5YR 5/6) SLIGHT MOIST; TRACE V.F. SAND + F GRAVEL
							30	15-25 SANDY SILT (ML); RED (2.5YR 5/6); SLIGHT MOIST; 20-30% V.F. SANDS TRACE F GRAVEL; FROM 15-17.5 TRACE NODULES OF CLAYEY SILT
							40	25-30 SILT (ML); RED (2.5YR 4/6); MOIST; TRACE F-M GRAVEL
							40	30-40 SILTY CLAY (CL) DARK RED (2.5YR 3/6) MOIST; H. LOW PLAST; MED STIFF
							50	40-47.5 SILT (ML) RED (2.5YR 4/6); MOIST - V. MOIST. TRACE CLAY 42-47.5 47.5-60 BEDROCK; <del>SESS STONE</del> AS (ML), GRAY (2.5YR 8/1); FRAGMENTS OF 2"-4" QUARTZITE THROUGHOUT; REDDISH BROWN (2.5YR 4/6) 50-52.5 <b>ALABASTER</b>
							60	60-67.5 CLAYSTONE AS (CH); DARK RED (2.5YR 3/6); MOIST; MED STIFF HIGH PLAST
							60	67.5-64 SAME A.A. 47.5-60
							70	64-83 SAME A.A. 60-67.5, 1" SEAM OF SANDY SILT @ 80' DRY BELOW
							80	83-87.5 <b>ALABASTER</b> <del>SESS STONE</del> AS 47.5-60 <b>ALABASTER</b>
							90	87.5-95 ALTERNATING LAYERS OF SILT SAND + SAND CLAYSTONE AS 47.5-60 AND 60-67.5; ± 6" ± 12" LAYERS
							90	95-100 <del>SESS STONE</del> AS 47.5-60
							100	100-107.5 CLAYSTONE AS 60-67.5
							110	107.5-117.5 <del>SESS STONE</del> AS ML; RED (2.5YR 5/6); DRY; H. MED NODULES; THIN 2" LAYERS OF GRAY <del>SESS STONE</del> <b>ALABASTER</b>
							110	112.5-115 CLAYSTONE AS 60-67.5
							120	115-120 SAME AS 87.5-95. CLAYSTONE MOIST @ 115. DRY @ 116
							130	120-126 <b>ALABASTER</b> AS 47.5-60 DRY
							130	126-130 CLAYSTONE AS 60-67.5; V. MOIST 129-134; <del>MOIST</del> MOIST - V. MOIST 134-135
							130	130 MOIST 135-136; 1 FOOT LAYER OF <b>ALABASTER</b> 138-140 (DRY)
							140	<del>DRY</del> 6" <b>ALABASTER</b> 145-145.5 (DRY); MOIST 145.5-150
							150	150-152.5 DOLOMITE; OLIVE BROWN (2.5Y 4/3); RXN W/ H CL; DRY
							150	152.5-159 CLAYSTONE AS CH; OLIVE (5Y 4/4); MOIST; MED STIFF; HIGH PLAST
							150	159-160 CLAYSTONE AS 60-67.5; MOIST - V. MOIST

Appendix E  
Field Investigation  
Photographs

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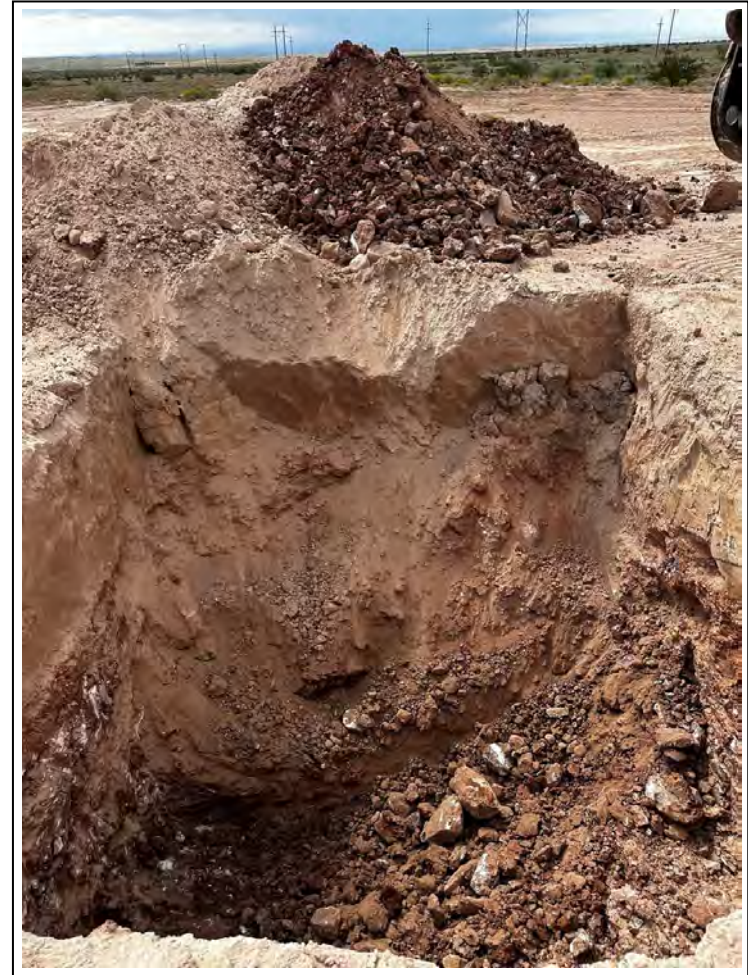
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1. Hydrovac, facing north



2. Hydrovac, facing north



3. Drilling rig



4. Water level in dry borehole measured after borehole open for one hour



5. Core samples from 10 to 20 feet bgs



6. Core samples from 82.5 to 105 feet bgs



7. Core samples from 115 to 132.5 feet bgs



8. Core samples from 132.5 to 145 feet bgs



9. Core samples from 145 to 150 feet bgs



10. Core samples from 150 to 160 feet bgs



11. Abandonment

WDW-3-BH-1

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1. Hydrovac excavation at WDW-3-BH-1



2. Sonic drilling at WDW-3-BH-1, October 5, 2023





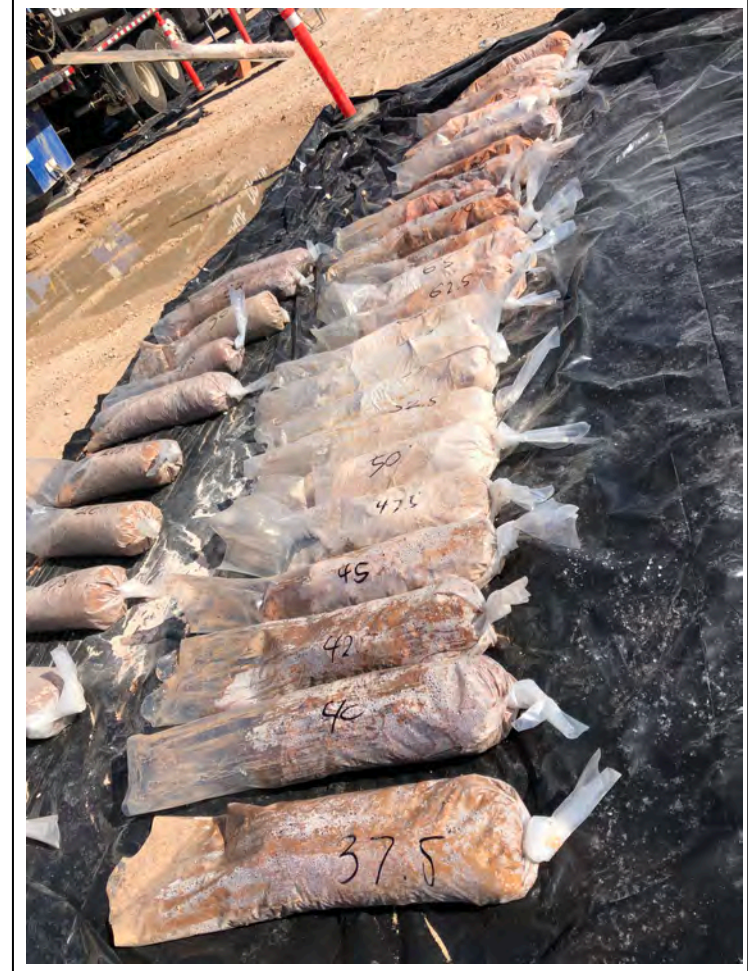
3. Bailer test for significant water after borehole open for 15 hours (overnight)



4. Rig decontamination



5. Core samples from 2.5 to 12.5 feet bgs



6. Core samples from 37.5 to 115 feet bgs



7. Core sample at 80 feet bgs



8. Closeup of core sample at 80 feet bgs



9. Core sample from 82.5 to 85 feet bgs



10. Closeup of core sample at 82.5 feet bgs



11. Core samples from 105 to 115 feet bgs



12. Anhydrite closeup at 115 feet bgs



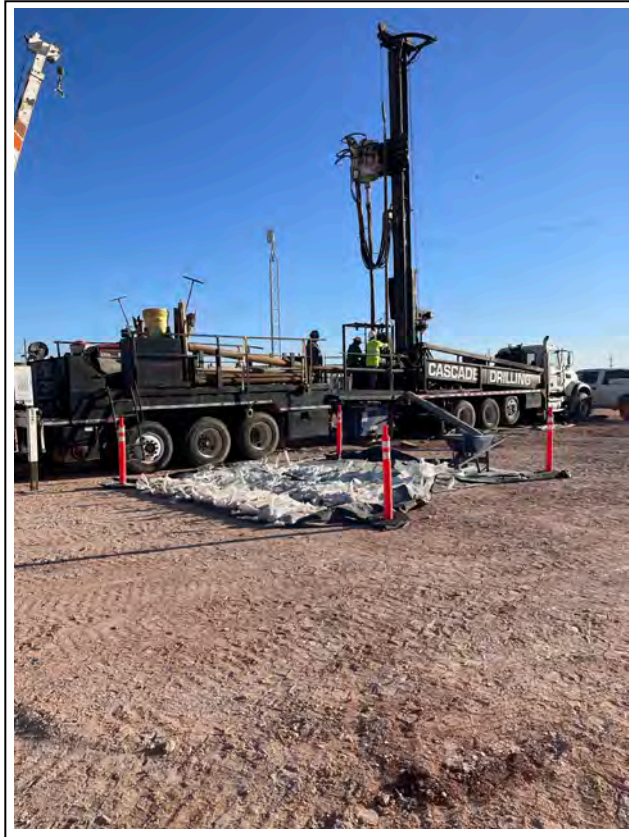
13. Core samples from 127.5 to 145 feet bgs



14. Clay at 130 feet bgs

WDW-4-BH-1

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1. Sonic drilling, WDW-4 BH-1, October 12, 2023



2. Core samples from 5 to 22.5 feet bgs





3. Core samples from 17.5 to 32.5 feet bgs



4. Core samples from 28.5 to 48 feet bgs



5. Core samples from 52.5 to 65 feet bgs



6. Core samples from 62.5 to 95 feet bgs



7. Core samples from 97.5 to 112.5 feet bgs

# Appendix F

## Field Notes

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10/3/23

ARTESEA

DM

0900 DEPART AUSTIN OFFICE, PICK UP RENTAL TRUCK

1000 DEPART AUSTIN OFFICE

1830 DM ARRIVED AT HOTEL

10/4/23

0600 DEPART HOTEL, STOP FOR WATER ON WAY TO THE SITE

0630 ARRIVE AT REENERY PARKING LOT, CALL JOSE (HESENCLAKE), WHO INFORMED ME I DO NOT NEED TO ATTEND MEETING, STAND BY

0745 MEET UP WITH CASCADE (GREG) AND HEAD TO THE FIRST LOCATION

0825 ARRIVE AT WDW-MN-1, CASCADE BEGINS TO PREP FOR DRILLING, HEALTH AND SAFETY MEETING

1100 CASCADE CONTINUES TO SET UP, JUAN ONSITE, DISCUSS PROGRESS, HAND AUGERED TO 5' BGS IN WDW-MN-1 PRIOR TO RIG PLACEMENT

1145 BEGAN DRILLING WDW-MN-1 W/ SONAR, 6" CORE BARREL W/ 8" BOREHOLE DIAMETER

1245 AFTER REACHING 25' BGS, CASCADE SHUT DOWN DRILLING TO PERFORM REPAIRS ON A BROKEN ROD BREAKER JAW. CASCADE CONTACTED JOSE WHO INFORMED THEM A HOT WORK PERMIT IS REQUIRED AS WELDING IS INVOLVED, CASCADE BEGAN ACQUIRING PERMIT

10/4/23

ARTESEA

DM

1430 CASCADE COMPLETED REQUIRED PERMITS, BEGAN REPAIRS

1515 COMPLETE REPAIRS. BEGAN SETTING BACKUP FOR DRILLING

1830, STRAPPED DRILLING FOR TODAY AT 475' BGS

1845 DM OFFSITE, WENT TO WALMART TO PICK UP PDE REQUESTED BY JUAN

1915 ARRIVE AT HOTEL

10/5/23

0600 DEPART HOTEL, STOP FOR GAS ON WAY TO SITE

0645 ARRIVE AT WDW-MN-1

0715 CASCADE ONSITE, CONTINUE DRILLING

1230 ELIZABETH + JOSE ONSITE

1830 END OF DRILLING FOR TODAY, REACHED 115' BGS NO ~~SEEN~~ SIGNS OF WATER OTHER THAN 1" SEAM OF SATURATED SILT @ 80' BGS, DM OFFSITE

1900 ARRIVE AT HOTEL

10/6

0620 DEPART HOTEL 3

0700 ARRIVE AT WDW-MN-1

OTHER CASING 147'  
OPEN HOLE 147'-150'

0715 CASCADE ONSITE, CONTINUE DRILLING

1240 REACH TD 150', NO ODDS OR STAGNANT IN CUTTINGS

1255 DTW = DRY @ 150'

- 10/6/23 ARTESIA DM
- 1310 DTW IN WDW-3-MW-1 = DRY
  - 1325 DTW = DRY
  - 1500 ELIZABETH INFORMED DM THAT BOREHOLE SHOULD BE ADVANCED TO 155' BGS AFTER DISCUSSING WITH REGULATORS, CASCADE CONTINUES DRELLING
  - 1535 REACHED TD OF 155
  - 1545 ELIZABETH INFORMED DM THAT TD IS NOW 160' BGS CASCADE CONTINUES DRELLING
  - 1630 REACH TD OF 160, ELIZABETH INFORMED DM THAT NEW PLAN IS TO PULL OUTER CASING UP TO 75' BGS AND LEAVE HOLE OPEN FROM 75' - 160' BGS
  - 1730 CASCADE PULLED OUTER CASING UP TO 75' BGS, 4' OF SWEEP FEEL INTO HOLE, TD NOW 156' BGS ELIZABETH OFFSITE
  - 1745 DTW = DRY, ALL PERSONNEL OFFSITE
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- 10/7/23
- 0630 DEPART HOTEL
  - 0700 ARRIVE AT THE SITE
  - 0750 USED BAUER TO CONFIRM HOLE IS DRY AT 156' UNABLE TO USE PROBE. DRY
  - 0810 ELIZABETH INFORMED DM WE HAVE APPROVAL TO ABANDON WDW-3-MW-1 WITH BENTONITE BACKFILL, CASCADE PREPARES TO ABANDON

- 10/7/23 ARTESIA DM
- 0830 BLM ~~MAN~~ SHOWED UP AT THE SITE AND ASKED US TO HALT OPERATION.
  - 0910 AFTER COMMUNICATION WITH BLM, ELIZABETH INFORMED DM THAT WE ARE GOOD TO CONTINUE ABANDONMENT EFFORTS ON WDW-3-MW-1, BLM OFFSITE, CASCADE CONTINUES ABANDONMENT
  - 0950 FILLED BOREHOLE WITH BENTONITE UP TO 3' BGS, 58 BAGS. 0-3' BGS FILLED WITH GROUT.
  - 1000 CASCADE DECONNED REG AND DRELL RODS AND MOVED TO WDW-2-MW-1
  - 1345 DM HAD 2 FLAT TIRES AND DROVE INTO TOWN FOR REPAIRS WHILE CASCADE SET UP FOR DRELLING
  - 1600 DM BACK ONSITE, CASCADE REACHED 27.5' BGS
  - 1830 COMPLETE DRELLING FOR TODAY, END AT 45' BGS ALL PERSONNEL OFFSITE
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- 10/8/23
- 0630 DEPART HOTEL
  - 0700 ARRIVE AT WDW-2-MW-1, CONTINUE DRELLING, TIRES BOTTOM OF BOREHOLE AND WAS DRY
  - 1845 CONTINUED DRELLING ALL DAY, NO ISSUES, REACHED BGS AND CALLED IT A DAY. ALL PERSONNEL OFFSITE

10/9/23 ARTESIA DM  
0630 DEPART HOTEL  
0700 DM ONSITE  
0745 CASCADE ONSITE, PREPARE TO CONTINUE  
DRELLING WDW-2-MW-1  
0930  
1000 JOSE ONSITE, DISCUSS PROGRESS AND STATUS  
1030 JOSE OFFSITE  
1655 REACHED TD OF 150', CALLED ELIZABETH AND  
INFORMED HER THAT NO SATURATED ZONES  
ENCOUNTERED.  
1725 ELIZABETH INFORMED ME TO CONTINUE TO  
160' AFTER DISCUSSION WITH OJD. CONTINUE  
DRELLING  
1835 STOP DRELLING FOR THE DAY, ALL PERSONNEL OFFSITE

10/10  
0630 DEPART HOTEL, STOP FOR GAS ON WAY TO SITE  
0745 DM + CASCADE ONSITE  
0735 TAPPED BOTTOM OF HOLE AT 150', DRY CASCADE  
CONTINUES DRELLING TO 160' BGS  
0935 0950 REACH TD OF 160'  
1025 ELIZABETH GAVE THE GO AHEAD TO ABANDON  
WDW-2-MW-1 W/ BENT-GROUT MIXTURE  
1300 COMPLETED BACKFILL OF WDW-2-MW-1, TOTAL OF  
12 BAGS OF 20% BENTONITE / GROUT MIX AND 7 BAGS  
OF PORTLAND CEMENT (FOR UPPER 5') USED

10/10/23 ARTESIA DM  
1500 BEGUN MOBILIZING TO # WDW-4-MW-1  
1845 REG SET UP ON LOCATION, COMPLETE WORK FOR TODAY  
ALL PERSONNEL OFFSITE  
10/11/23  
0630 DEPART HOTEL  
0700 ARRIVE AT THE SITE  
0710 CASCADE ONSITE, PREPARE FOR DRELLING  
0800 BEGUN DRELLING  
1845 COMPLETED DRELLING FOR THE DAY, ENDED  
AT 60' BGS, NO SIGN OF SATURATION, ALL PERSONNEL  
OFFSITE

10/12  
0630 DEPART HOTEL  
0700 DM + CASCADE ONSITE, BEGUN DRELLING  
0830 REG IS DOWN FOR REPAIRS, ADAPTER FLANGE  
IS CRACKED AND NEEDS TO BE REPLACED BEFORE  
DRELLING CONTINUES, STANDBY WHILE CASCADE FINDS  
REPLACEMENT  
1100 ELIZABETH INFORMED DM THAT WORK ON WDW-4-MW-1  
WILL NOT CONTINUE UNTIL 10/18, DM PREPARES  
TO MOBILIZE BACK TO AUSTIN  
1145 DM OFFSITE

10-18-23

ARTESIA

MD

0900 DEPART HOTEL (CASCADE DIDN'T GET INTO ARTESIA UNTIL LATE YESTERDAY EVENING)

0930 ON SITE. CASCADE CREW MAKING REPAIRS (REPLACED FLANGE ADAPTER)

1100 REPAIR DONE. START DRILLING AGAIN ON WDW-4 MW-1 @ 65', SONIC DRILLING, 6" CORE BARRELL AND 8" BORE HOLE DIAMETER, RUN CORE BBL AND PIPE BACK TO BOTTOM

1145 DRILLING NEW HOLE.

1330 @ 70' GREG HAD TO ADD  $\pm 5$  GALS WATER. HE COULDN'T GET CORE BARREL TO ADVANCE. GOT OK ON WATER FROM CHRIS WOLFE

1530 FINISH FOR TODAY. T.D = 85' OFF SITE

10-19-23

MD

0630 DEPART MOTEL

0700 ON SITE. RESUME DRILLING WDW-4 MW-1 @ 85.

- SMALL AMOUNT OF WATER ADDED TO HOLE WHEN CORE BARREL WAS HANGING UP.  $\pm 10$  GALS TOTAL.

1830 OFF SITE. T.D = 132'

10-20-23

ARTESIA

MD

0630 DEPART MOTEL

0700 ON SITE. RESUME DRILLING @ 132.5'

1000 CHANGE FROM MOSTLY BGL ALBASTER TO

BROWNISH GRAY MICLEN ROCK W/ WEAK

ACID REACT. I THOUGHT I SMELLED HYDROCARBON ODOUR. COLLECTED BAGGIES AND DID PID ON THEM. NOTHING DETECTED.

- FINISH DRILLING TO 150'. CASCADE DOESN'T HAVE ANOTHER ROD THAT IS NOT DAMAGED. GREG (DRILLER) SAYS IT WOULD TAKE A DAY TO GET ONE ON SITE. GOT OK FROM E. BASTIEN / C. WOLFE TO STOP @ 150'

- LAY DOWN CASING, RODS, CORE BARRELL AND PILE UP TO PILE HOLE W/ GROUT. USE 1" PVC AND HOSE FOR TRENCH PIPE.

1920 START PUMPING BENTONITE / PORTLAND CEMENT GROUT

1420 FINISH GROUTING & RIF DOWN. ALL CUTTINGS PLACED IN ROLL-OFF.

- 12 BAGGS BENTONITE GRANT W/ 24 GALS PER BAG

- 1 BAG CEMENT.

- GROUT UP TO 1' B.G.S. CEMENT ON LAS 1'

1530 FOLLOW SUPPLY TRUCK & FRONT END LOADER TO WDW-MW-1 TO DECON.

1615 ON SITE. DRILLER & CREW WENT TO



10-20-23

ARIZONA

1000

GET PRESSURE WASHER. I WAS  
GOING TO BE AT LEAST 2 HOURS  
UNTIL THEY GOT BACK. I LEFT  
SITE AND RETURNED TO WOBLOCK.  
DRIVER SENT ME A PICTURE OF  
THEM DECORING PIPE ON SUPPORT  
TRUCK

Appendix G

NMOSE Well Records

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OBS HF Sinclair 113-23-1126

WDW-2-MW-1



# PLUGGING RECORD



**NOTE: A Well Plugging Plan of Operations shall be approved by the State Engineer prior to plugging - 19.27.4 NMAC**

**I. GENERAL / WELL OWNERSHIP:**

State Engineer Well Number: WDW-2-MW-1 WDW-2-BH-1

Well owner: HF Sinclair Navajo Refining LLC Phone No.: 575-746-5487

Mailing address: 501 East Main Street

City: Artesia State: New Mexico Zip code: 88210

**II. WELL PLUGGING INFORMATION:**

- 1) Name of well drilling company that plugged well: Cascade Drilling L.P
- 2) New Mexico Well Driller License No.: 1664 Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) Well plugging activities were supervised by the following well driller(s)/rig supervisor(s): \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) Date well plugging began: 10/10/2023 Date well plugging concluded: 10/10/2023
- 5) GPS Well Location: Latitude: 32° deg, 45 min, 48.9843 sec  
Longitude: 104° deg, 14 min, 18.9962 sec, WGS 84
- 6) Depth of well confirmed at initiation of plugging as: 160' ft below ground level (bgl),  
by the following manner: Tremie from bottom up with Neat Cement
- 7) Static water level measured at initiation of plugging: 0 ft bgl
- 8) Date well plugging plan of operations was approved by the State Engineer: 6/5/2023
- 9) Were all plugging activities consistent with an approved plugging plan? Yes If not, please describe differences between the approved plugging plan and the well as it was plugged (attach additional pages as needed):

Drill to 160' and the hole was dry. Plugged the bore back from 160' to 0 using Neat Cement and Tremied from the bottom up.

- 10) Log of Plugging Activities - Label vertical scale with depths, and indicate separate plugging intervals with horizontal lines as necessary to illustrate material or methodology changes. Attach additional pages if necessary.

For each interval plugged, describe within the following columns:

<u>Depth</u> (ft bgl)	<u>Plugging Material Used</u> (include any additives used)	<u>Volume of Material Placed</u> (gallons)	<u>Theoretical Volume of Borehole/ Casing</u> (gallons)	<u>Placement Method</u> (tremie pipe, other)	<u>Comments</u> ("casing perforated first", "open annular space also plugged", etc.)
	Neat Cement	356 gallons	341 gallons	Tremie	Dry bore hole grouted from bottom up with Neat cement using Tremie pipe

MULTIPLY	BY	AND OBTAIN
cubic feet x	7.4805	= gallons
cubic yards x	201.97	= gallons

**III. SIGNATURE:**

I, Shawn Cain, say that I am familiar with the rules of the Office of the State Engineer pertaining to the plugging of wells and that each and all of the statements in this Plugging Record and attachments are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Shawn Cain  
Signature of Well Driller

10-31-23  
Date



**WELL RECORD & LOG**  
**OFFICE OF THE STATE ENGINEER**  
[www.ose.state.nm.us](http://www.ose.state.nm.us)


<b>1. GENERAL AND WELL LOCATION</b>	OSE POD NO. (WELL NO.) POD 1 (WDW-2MW-1)		WELL TAG ID NO.		OSE FILE NO(S) RA-13331			
	WELL OWNER NAME(S) HF Sinclair Navajo Refining LLC				PHONE (OPTIONAL) 575-746-5487			
	WELL OWNER MAILING ADDRESS 501 East Main Street				CITY Artesia		STATE NM	ZIP 88210
	WELL LOCATION (FROM GPS)	LATITUDE	DEGREES 32°	MINUTES 45	SECONDS 48.9843	* ACCURACY REQUIRED: ONE TENTH OF A SECOND * DATUM REQUIRED: WGS 84		
		LONGITUDE	104°	14	18.9962			
DESCRIPTION RELATING WELL LOCATION TO STREET ADDRESS AND COMMON LANDMARKS – PLSS (SECTION, TOWNSHIP, RANGE) WHERE AVAILABLE SW1/4, SW1/4, NW1/4, Sec 12, T18S, R27E								
<b>2. DRILLING &amp; CASING INFORMATION</b>	LICENSE NO. 1664		NAME OF LICENSED DRILLER Shawn Cain			NAME OF WELL DRILLING COMPANY Cascade Drilling L.P		
	DRILLING STARTED 10/8/2023		DRILLING ENDED 10/10/2023		DEPTH OF COMPLETED WELL (FT) No Well		BORE HOLE DEPTH (FT) 160'	DEPTH WATER FIRST ENCOUNTERED (FT) No Water
	COMPLETED WELL IS: <input type="checkbox"/> ARTESIAN *add Centralizer info below <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DRY HOLE <input type="checkbox"/> SHALLOW (UNCONFINED)					STATIC WATER LEVEL IN COMPLETED WELL (FT) N/A		DATE STATIC MEASURED
	DRILLING FLUID: <input type="checkbox"/> AIR <input type="checkbox"/> MUD ADDITIVES – SPECIFY:							
	DRILLING METHOD: <input type="checkbox"/> ROTARY <input type="checkbox"/> HAMMER <input type="checkbox"/> CABLE TOOL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER – SPECIFY: Sonic						CHECK HERE IF PITLESS ADAPTER IS INSTALLED <input type="checkbox"/>	
	DEPTH (feet bgl)		BORE HOLE DIAM (inches)	CASING MATERIAL AND/OR GRADE (include each casing string, and note sections of screen)	CASING CONNECTION TYPE (add coupling diameter)	CASING INSIDE DIAM. (inches)	CASING WALL THICKNESS (inches)	SLOT SIZE (inches)
	FROM	TO						
	0	160	7.232	N/A				
<b>3. ANNULAR MATERIAL</b>	DEPTH (feet bgl)		BORE HOLE DIAM. (inches)	LIST ANNULAR SEAL MATERIAL AND GRAVEL PACK SIZE-RANGE BY INTERVAL <i>*(if using Centralizers for Artesian wells- indicate the spacing below)</i>	AMOUNT (cubic feet)	METHOD OF PLACEMENT		
	FROM	TO						
	0	160	7.232	Neat Cement Grout	47.5903	Tremie		

4. HYDROGEOLOGIC LOG OF WELL	DEPTH (feet bgl)		THICKNESS (feet)	COLOR AND TYPE OF MATERIAL ENCOUNTERED - INCLUDE WATER-BEARING CAVITIES OR FRACTURE ZONES (attach supplemental sheets to fully describe all units)	WATER BEARING? (YES / NO)		ESTIMATED YIELD FOR WATER-BEARING ZONES (gpm)
	FROM	TO			Y	N	
	0	5	5	Red top soil	Y	✓ N	
	5	15	10	White Gyp	Y	✓ N	
	15	35	20	Red Clay with white Gyp	Y	✓ N	
	35	60	25	Red sandy clay	Y	✓ N	
	60	75	15	White gyp	Y	✓ N	
	75	105	30	Red sandy Clay	Y	✓ N	
	105	160	55	White red and gray gyp	Y	✓ N	
					Y	N	
					Y	N	
					Y	N	
					Y	N	
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METHOD USED TO ESTIMATE YIELD OF WATER-BEARING STRATA:					TOTAL ESTIMATED WELL YIELD (gpm):		
<input type="checkbox"/> PUMP <input type="checkbox"/> AIR LIFT <input type="checkbox"/> BAILER <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER - SPECIFY: Dry					N/A		

5. TEST; RIG SUPERVISION	WELL TEST	TEST RESULTS - ATTACH A COPY OF DATA COLLECTED DURING WELL TESTING, INCLUDING DISCHARGE METHOD, START TIME, END TIME, AND A TABLE SHOWING DISCHARGE AND DRAWDOWN OVER THE TESTING PERIOD.
	MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION: Hole didn't make water and abandoned from 160' to 0'	
PRINT NAME(S) OF DRILL RIG SUPERVISOR(S) THAT PROVIDED ONSITE SUPERVISION OF WELL CONSTRUCTION OTHER THAN LICENSEE: Brett Gresham		

6. SIGNATURE	THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY CERTIFIES THAT, TO THE BEST OF HIS OR HER KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF, THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED HOLE AND THAT HE OR SHE WILL FILE THIS WELL RECORD WITH THE STATE ENGINEER AND THE PERMIT HOLDER WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER COMPLETION OF WELL DRILLING:	
	 SIGNATURE OF DRILLER / PRINT SIGNEE NAME	10-31-23 DATE

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# PLUGGING RECORD



**NOTE: A Well Plugging Plan of Operations shall be approved by the State Engineer prior to plugging - 19.27.4 NMAC**

**I. GENERAL / WELL OWNERSHIP:**

State Engineer Well Number: WDW-3-MW-1 WDW-3-BH-1

Well owner: HF Sinclair Navajo Refining LLC Phone No.: 575-746-5487

Mailing address: 501 East Main Street

City: Artesia State: New Mexico Zip code: 88210

**II. WELL PLUGGING INFORMATION:**

- 1) Name of well drilling company that plugged well: Cascade Drilling L.P
- 2) New Mexico Well Driller License No.: 1664 Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) Well plugging activities were supervised by the following well driller(s)/rig supervisor(s): \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) Date well plugging began: 10/7/2023 Date well plugging concluded: 10/7/2023
- 5) GPS Well Location: Latitude: 32° deg, 46 min, 16.1147 sec  
Longitude: 104° deg, 14 min, 00.4332 sec, WGS 84
- 6) Depth of well confirmed at initiation of plugging as: 160' ft below ground level (bgl),  
by the following manner: Tremie from bottom up with Neat Cement
- 7) Static water level measured at initiation of plugging: 0 ft bgl
- 8) Date well plugging plan of operations was approved by the State Engineer: 6/5/2023
- 9) Were all plugging activities consistent with an approved plugging plan? Yes If not, please describe differences between the approved plugging plan and the well as it was plugged (attach additional pages as needed):

Drill to 160' and the hole was dry. Plugged the bore back from 160' to 0 using Neat Cement and Tremied from the bottom up.

- 10) Log of Plugging Activities - Label vertical scale with depths, and indicate separate plugging intervals with horizontal lines as necessary to illustrate material or methodology changes. Attach additional pages if necessary.

For each interval plugged, describe within the following columns:

<u>Depth</u> (ft bgl)	<u>Plugging Material Used</u> (include any additives used)	<u>Volume of Material Placed</u> (gallons)	<u>Theoretical Volume of Borehole/ Casing</u> (gallons)	<u>Placement Method</u> (tremie pipe, other)	<u>Comments</u> ("casing perforated first", "open annular space also plugged", etc.)
	Neat Cement	356 gallons	341 gallons	Tremie	Dry bore hole grouted from bottom up with Neat cement using Tremie pipe

MULTIPLY	BY	AND OBTAIN
cubic feet x	7.4805	= gallons
cubic yards x	201.97	= gallons

**III. SIGNATURE:**

I, Shawn Cain, say that I am familiar with the rules of the Office of the State Engineer pertaining to the plugging of wells and that each and all of the statements in this Plugging Record and attachments are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Shawn Cain

Signature of Well Driller

10-31-09

Date



OBS HF Sinclair 113-23-1126 WDW-3 MW-1



# WELL RECORD & LOG

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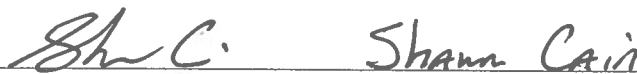
1. GENERAL AND WELL LOCATION	OSE POD NO. (WELL NO.) POD 1 (WDW-3MW-1)		WELL TAG ID NO.		OSE FILE NO(S). RA-13331			
	WELL OWNER NAME(S) HF Sinclair Navajo Refining LLC				PHONE (OPTIONAL) 575-746-5487			
	WELL OWNER MAILING ADDRESS 501 East Main Street				CITY Artesia	STATE NM	ZIP 88210	
	WELL LOCATION (FROM GPS)	DEGREES LATITUDE	MINUTES 32°	SECONDS 46	16.1147	N	* ACCURACY REQUIRED: ONE TENTH OF A SECOND * DATUM REQUIRED: WGS 84	
		LONGITUDE	104°	14	00.4332	W		
DESCRIPTION RELATING WELL LOCATION TO STREET ADDRESS AND COMMON LANDMARKS - PLSS (SECTION, TOWNSHIP, RANGE) WHERE AVAILABLE NE1/4, SE1/4, SW1/4, Sec 1, T18S, R27E								
2. DRILLING & CASING INFORMATION	LICENSE NO 1664		NAME OF LICENSED DRILLER Shawn Cain			NAME OF WELL DRILLING COMPANY Cascade Drilling L.P		
	DRILLING STARTED 10/4/2023	DRILLING ENDED 10/7/2023	DEPTH OF COMPLETED WELL (FT) No Well	BORE HOLE DEPTH (FT) 160'	DEPTH WATER FIRST ENCOUNTERED (FT) No Water			
	COMPLETED WELL IS: <input type="checkbox"/> ARTESIAN *add Centralizer info below <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DRY HOLE <input type="checkbox"/> SHALLOW (UNCONFINED)				STATIC WATER LEVEL IN COMPLETED WELL (FT) N/A	DATE STATIC MEASURED		
	DRILLING FLUID: <input type="checkbox"/> AIR <input type="checkbox"/> MUD ADDITIVES - SPECIFY:							
	DRILLING METHOD: <input type="checkbox"/> ROTARY <input type="checkbox"/> HAMMER <input type="checkbox"/> CABLE TOOL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER - SPECIFY: Sonic					CHECK HERE IF PITLESS ADAPTER IS INSTALLED <input type="checkbox"/>		
	DEPTH (feet bgl)		BORE HOLE DIAM (inches)	CASING MATERIAL AND/OR GRADE (include each casing string, and note sections of screen)	CASING CONNECTION TYPE (add coupling diameter)	CASING INSIDE DIAM. (inches)	CASING WALL THICKNESS (inches)	SLOT SIZE (inches)
	FROM	TO						
	0	160	7.232	N/A				
3. ANNULAR MATERIAL	DEPTH (feet bgl)		BORE HOLE DIAM. (inches)	LIST ANNULAR SEAL MATERIAL AND GRAVEL PACK SIZE-RANGE BY INTERVAL <i>*(if using Centralizers for Artesian wells- indicate the spacing below)</i>	AMOUNT (cubic feet)	METHOD OF PLACEMENT		
	FROM	TO						
	0	160	7.232	Neat Cement Grout	47.5903	Tremie		

4. HYDROGEOLOGIC LOG OF WELL	DEPTH (feet bgl)		THICKNESS (feet)	COLOR AND TYPE OF MATERIAL ENCOUNTERED - INCLUDE WATER-BEARING CAVITIES OR FRACTURE ZONES (attach supplemental sheets to fully describe all units)	WATER BEARING? (YES / NO)	ESTIMATED YIELD FOR WATER- BEARING ZONES (gpm)
	FROM	TO				
	0	5	5	Red top soil	Y ✓ N	
	5	15	10	White Gyp	Y ✓ N	
	15	35	20	Red Clay with white Gyp	Y ✓ N	
	35	60	25	Red sandy clay	Y ✓ N	
	60	75	15	White gyp	Y ✓ N	
	75	105	30	Red sandy Clay	Y ✓ N	
	105	160	55	White red and gray gyp	Y ✓ N	
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METHOD USED TO ESTIMATE YIELD OF WATER-BEARING STRATA: <input type="checkbox"/> PUMP <input type="checkbox"/> AIR LIFT <input type="checkbox"/> BAILER <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER - SPECIFY: Dry					TOTAL ESTIMATED WELL YIELD (gpm): N/A	

5. TEST; RIG SUPERVISION	WELL TEST	TEST RESULTS - ATTACH A COPY OF DATA COLLECTED DURING WELL TESTING, INCLUDING DISCHARGE METHOD, START TIME, END TIME, AND A TABLE SHOWING DISCHARGE AND DRAWDOWN OVER THE TESTING PERIOD.
	MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION: Hole didn't make water and abandoned from 160' to 0'	
	PRINT NAME(S) OF DRILL RIG SUPERVISOR(S) THAT PROVIDED ONSITE SUPERVISION OF WELL CONSTRUCTION OTHER THAN LICENSEE: Brett Gresham	

6. SIGNATURE	THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY CERTIFIES THAT, TO THE BEST OF HIS OR HER KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF, THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED HOLE AND THAT HE OR SHE WILL FILE THIS WELL RECORD WITH THE STATE ENGINEER AND THE PERMIT HOLDER WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER COMPLETION OF WELL DRILLING:
	 <span style="float: right; margin-right: 100px;">10-31-23</span>
	SIGNATURE OF DRILLER / PRINT SIGNEE NAME <span style="float: right;">DATE</span>



# PLUGGING RECORD



**NOTE: A Well Plugging Plan of Operations shall be approved by the State Engineer prior to plugging - 19.27.4 NMAC**

### I. GENERAL / WELL OWNERSHIP:

State Engineer Well Number: WDW-4-MW-1  
 Well owner: HF Sinclair Navajo Refining LLC Phone No.: 575-746-5487  
 Mailing address: 501 East Main Street  
 City: Artesia State: New Mexico Zip code: 88210

### II. WELL PLUGGING INFORMATION:

- 1) Name of well drilling company that plugged well: Cascade Drilling L.P
- 2) New Mexico Well Driller License No.: 1664 Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) Well plugging activities were supervised by the following well driller(s)/rig supervisor(s): \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) Date well plugging began: 10/20/2023 Date well plugging concluded: 10/20/2023
- 5) GPS Well Location: Latitude: 32° deg, 48 min, 57.1165 sec  
Longitude: 104° deg, 14 min, 00.4199 sec, WGS 84
- 6) Depth of well confirmed at initiation of plugging as: 150' ft below ground level (bgl),  
by the following manner: Tremie from bottom up with Neat Cement
- 7) Static water level measured at initiation of plugging: 0 ft bgl
- 8) Date well plugging plan of operations was approved by the State Engineer: 6/5/2023
- 9) Were all plugging activities consistent with an approved plugging plan? Yes If not, please describe differences between the approved plugging plan and the well as it was plugged (attach additional pages as needed):

Drill to ~~160'~~ and the hole was dry. Plugged the bore back from 150' to 0 using Neat Cement and Tremied from the bottom up.

150'

WDW-4-BH-1

- 10) Log of Plugging Activities - Label vertical scale with depths, and indicate separate plugging intervals with horizontal lines as necessary to illustrate material or methodology changes. Attach additional pages if necessary.

For each interval plugged, describe within the following columns:

Depth (ft bgl)	Plugging Material Used (include any additives used)	Volume of Material Placed (gallons)	Theoretical Volume of Borehole/ Casing (gallons)	Placement Method (tremie pipe, other)	Comments ("casing perforated first", "open annular space also plugged", etc.)
	Neat Cement	328 gallons	319 gallons	Tremie	Dry bore hole grouted from bottom up with Neat cement using Tremie pipe

MULTIPLY	BY	AND OBTAIN
cubic feet x	7.4805	= gallons
cubic yards x	201.97	= gallons

**III. SIGNATURE:**

I, Shawn Cain, say that I am familiar with the rules of the Office of the State Engineer pertaining to the plugging of wells and that each and all of the statements in this Plugging Record and attachments are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

*Shawn Cain*

Signature of Well Driller

10-31-23

Date

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1. GENERAL AND WELL LOCATION	OSE POD NO. (WELL NO.) POD 1 (WDW-4MW-1)		WELL TAG ID NO.		OSE FILE NO(S) RA-13331			
	WELL OWNER NAME(S) HF Sinclair Navajo Refining LLC				PHONE (OPTIONAL) 575-746-5487			
	WELL OWNER MAILING ADDRESS 501 East Main Street				CITY Artesia	STATE NM	ZIP 88210	
	WELL LOCATION (FROM GPS)	DEGREES LATITUDE 32°	MINUTES 48	SECONDS 57.1165 N	* ACCURACY REQUIRED: ONE TENTH OF A SECOND			
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2. DRILLING & CASING INFORMATION	LICENSE NO. 1664	NAME OF LICENSED DRILLER Shawn Cain			NAME OF WELL DRILLING COMPANY Cascade Drilling L.P.			
	DRILLING STARTED 10/11/2023	DRILLING ENDED 10/20/2023	DEPTH OF COMPLETED WELL (FT) No Well	BORE HOLE DEPTH (FT) 150'	DEPTH WATER FIRST ENCOUNTERED (FT) No Water			
	COMPLETED WELL IS: <input type="checkbox"/> ARTESIAN *add <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DRY HOLE <input type="checkbox"/> SHALLOW (UNCONFINED) <small>Centralizer info below</small>				STATIC WATER LEVEL IN COMPLETED WELL (FT) N/A	DATE STATIC MEASURED		
	DRILLING FLUID: <input type="checkbox"/> AIR <input type="checkbox"/> MUD ADDITIVES - SPECIFY:							
	DRILLING METHOD: <input type="checkbox"/> ROTARY <input type="checkbox"/> HAMMER <input type="checkbox"/> CABLE TOOL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER - SPECIFY: Sonic					CHECK HERE IF PITLESS ADAPTER IS INSTALLED <input type="checkbox"/>		
	DEPTH (feet bgl) FROM TO		BORE HOLE DIAM (inches)	CASING MATERIAL AND/OR GRADE (include each casing string, and note sections of screen)	CASING CONNECTION TYPE (add coupling diameter)	CASING INSIDE DIAM. (inches)	CASING WALL THICKNESS (inches)	SLOT SIZE (inches)
	0 150		7.232	N/A				
3. ANNULAR MATERIAL	DEPTH (feet bgl) FROM TO		BORE HOLE DIAM. (inches)	LIST ANNULAR SEAL MATERIAL AND GRAVEL PACK SIZE-RANGE BY INTERVAL <small>* (if using Centralizers for Artesian wells- indicate the spacing below)</small>	AMOUNT (cubic feet)	METHOD OF PLACEMENT		
	0 150		7.232	Neat Cement Grout	46.4903	Tremie		

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	FROM	TO				
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	5	15	10	White Gyp	Y ✓ N	
	15	35	20	Red Clay with white Gyp	Y ✓ N	
	35	60	25	Red sandy clay	Y ✓ N	
	60	75	15	White gyp	Y ✓ N	
	75	105	30	Red sandy Clay	Y ✓ N	
	105	150	45	White red and gray gyp	Y ✓ N	
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METHOD USED TO ESTIMATE YIELD OF WATER-BEARING STRATA: <input type="checkbox"/> PUMP <input type="checkbox"/> AIR LIFT <input type="checkbox"/> BAILER <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER - SPECIFY: Dry					TOTAL ESTIMATED WELL YIELD (gpm): N/A	
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