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This letter transmits the *Work Plan for Assessing Background Metals Concentrations in Groundwater* near Pacific Gas and Electric Company's (PG&E's) Topock Compressor Station. This work plan was originally submitted to the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) on April 9, 2004. DTSC and Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) comments on the work plan were forwarded on June 7, 2004. The enclosed work plan reflects changes made in response to DTSC and ADEQ comments as discussed in a conference call on June 9, 2004.

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# **Acronyms and Abbreviations**

Cr(T)	total chromium
Cr(VI)	hexavalent chromium
GMP	groundwater monitoring program
mg/L	milligrams per liter
PG&E	Pacific Gas and Electric Company
PPE	personal protective equipment
QA/QC	quality assurance/quality control
RCRA	Resource Conservation and Recovery Act
RFI	RCRA Facilities Investigation
USEPA	United States Environmental Protection Agency
UTL	Upper Tolerance Limit

# 1.0 Introduction

This work plan presents the approach, proposed activities, and procedures to assess the range of background concentrations of hexavalent chromium (Cr[VI]),total chromium (Cr[T]), and other metals in groundwater near the Pacific Gas and Electric Company's (PG&E's) Topock Compressor Station, near Needles, California (Topock site) and in the surrounding region.

The background study will measure concentrations of Cr(VI), Cr(T), and other metals in wells outside of the existing groundwater plume, currently defined by the California State drinking water standard maximum contaminant level of 0.05 milligrams per liter (mg/L). Wells selected for the study will be located in areas away from past chromium-containing waste discharge activity or other activities that may have impacted concentrations of chromium and other metals in groundwater. Concentrations of chromium and other metals in samples from these background wells will be used to develop a geochemically- and statistically-based estimate of the background metals concentrations in groundwater at the Topock site.

#### 1.1 Objective

The objective of the background study is to define an upper threshold concentration for total chromium, Cr(VI), and other metals in groundwater at the Topock Site. The upper threshold concentration represents the upper concentration of the constituent not impacted by contamination and is referred to as a background concentration. The background study will be used to:

- Complement the RCRA Facility Investigation (RFI) activities at the Topock site, by allowing appropriate constituents of concern to be selected and evaluated.
- Assist with the Corrective Measures Study (CMS) activities at the Topock site during the development of clean-up concentrations for the Topock site.

#### 1.2 Background

PG&E has operated a natural gas compressor station at the Topock site since 1951. Chromium compounds were used as scale and corrosion inhibitors in cooling towers at the facility. Periodically, the cooling towers were drained, and the spent cooling water was discharged to a percolation bed in Bat Cave Wash (Figure 1). The unlined percolation bed was used for disposal of chromium-containing blowdown water from the cooling towers between 1951 and the mid 1960s. Following this period, the cooling tower blowdown water was treated to remove chromium to less than 1 mg/L. Between the early 1970s and 1985, discharge was redirected to four lined evaporation ponds located to the southwest of the former percolation bed (Figure 1). During the early 1970s, some of the treated wastewater was injected into Well PGE-08. In 1985, PG&E replaced the chromium-based corrosion inhibitor with a phosphate-based corrosion inhibitor in the cooling towers. The lined evaporation ponds (henceforth "former evaporation ponds") were closed in 1989, and new Class II double-lined evaporation ponds (henceforth "active evaporation ponds"), located to the northwest, have been in use since that time (Figure 1). As a result of past disposal practices, elevated concentrations of chromium are found in groundwater near the Topock site.

#### 1.3 Work Plan Structure

This work plan is organized into the following sections:

- Section 1.0 presents the objective of the work plan and site background information;
- Section 2.0 presents an overview of the hydrogeological setting of the site;
- Section 3.0 presents a description of the overall approach to the background study;
- Section 4.0 describes the proposed background monitoring network;
- Section 5.0 presents the sampling and analysis methodology;
- Sections 6.0, 7.0, and 8.0, and detail quality assurance and quality control (QA/QC), health and safety, data analysis and reporting, respectively;
- Section 9.0 presents the schedule for the study, and
- Section 10.0 presents a list of the works cited during the preparation of this document.

#### 2.1 Site Conceptual Model

Groundwater beneath the Topock site occurs primarily in unconsolidated alluvial deposits derived from the local mountains. The deposits consist mainly of fine-to-coarse sand, with gravel commonly present. Silt and clay beds have been documented on some boring logs, though they are not believed to form continuous confining layers. In the vicinity of the Colorado River, the alluvial deposits grade into river-derived deposits with similar hydraulic properties. Total saturated thickness of unconsolidated deposits is typically in the 80- to -120-foot range. The Red Fanglomerate, a reddish-brown consolidated rock unit, underlies the unconsolidated deposits and yields limited groundwater via secondary fractures. Metamorphic rocks of the nearby Chemhuevi Mountains form the basement unit beneath the Red Fanglomerate.

The Topock Site is situated at the southern end of the Mohave Groundwater Basin, as described in previous reports (Anderson et al. 1992; Anderson and Freethey 1996). The Colorado River runs north to south through this basin, which is a typical basin-and-range alluvial basin surrounded by mountains of older rock. The Colorado River has cut a bedrock canyon (Topock Canyon) to exit the basin to the south. The site represents the southern extent of unconsolidated alluvial aquifer material in the Mohave Basin. Although the river is the major source of groundwater recharge in many areas of the basin, the Topock area is a net groundwater discharge area due to the pinching out of alluvial material. Groundwater flows upward into the river from the east and west in this area, and the river carries this water through Topock Canyon and into the next alluvial basin to the south.

The Colorado River levels are controlled by releases from Davis Dam on Lake Mohave, upstream from the Topock Site. River levels fluctuate by 2 to 3 feet per day from these releases, producing a sinusoidal hydrograph each day. Releases are greatest in the late winter and spring, producing higher river levels during this time (February through May). Groundwater is recharged by the river during this time of year. Beginning in June, releases decrease, producing lower river levels and reversing the groundwater gradient back towards the river. The lowest river levels typically are from October to January.

The small amount of local groundwater flow at the Topock site is partly derived from periodic rainfall in the surrounding hills. Water from these higher elevations recharges the local groundwater by a combination of overland flow and subsurface fracture flow. The remainder of groundwater recharge comes from groundwater flow from the west and northwest along with seasonal recharge from the Colorado River in the floodplain area. Groundwater discharges primarily to the Colorado River during the summer, fall, and winter. Groundwater is also removed via evapotranspiration by plants in the floodplain. As is typical of Lower Colorado River basin discharge areas, average groundwater movement is upward and toward the river. Similarly, groundwater on the Arizona side generally follows the Sacramento (AZ) River drainage westward toward the Colorado River. Due to the dry conditions of this desert environment, groundwater gradients are very small, on the

order of 10<sup>-4</sup> to 10<sup>-3</sup>. Hydraulic conductivity of the unconsolidated deposits averages around 20 feet/day, and corresponding groundwater velocity is in the range of 1 to 20 feet/year.

#### 2.2 Site-specific Data

The site subsurface consists of unconsolidated alluvial material underlain by the Red Fanglomerate layer, which is underlain by metamorphic bedrock. Because the fanglomerate and bedrock have very low permeability, groundwater movement occurs primarily in the unconsolidated alluvium. Most monitoring wells in the unconsolidated alluvium are screened in the shallow part of the saturated section of this unit. Well clusters, such as those at MW-24, MW-20, and MW-34, also contain wells screened at medium and deep levels of the unconsolidated alluvium. In the floodplain of the Colorado River, the shallow alluvial material interfingers with recent fluvial deposits and dredge spoils. The total saturated thickness of unconsolidated materials around the site area is about 100 feet. A more detailed description of the geology and hydrostratigraphy is provided in the RCRA RFI report for the Topock site (E&E 2004).

Lateral groundwater gradients in the unconsolidated alluvium are relatively flat, on the order of 10<sup>-4</sup> to 10<sup>-3</sup> feet per foot. Consequently, average groundwater velocity at the site can be very low, on the order of 1 to 3 feet per year (E&E 2004), but generally range around 20 feet per year in the floodplain area. Gradient directions vary between seasons and years but generally run from the former discharge area to the northeast. An upward vertical gradient has been observed in unconsolidated alluvium well clusters, as well as between bedrock and the unconsolidated alluvium.

Monitoring wells have been installed near and along Bat Cave Wash and to the east of the wash to characterize the Cr(VI) distribution in groundwater. Wells MW-16, MW-17, and MW-18 were designed as background wells in areas not associated with past site chromium use/disposal (E&E 2004). Monitoring wells associated with the current active evaporation ponds (MW-1 and MW-3 through MW-8) were installed as part of the monitoring and reporting program for permitted discharge to the ponds. Discharges to these lined ponds have occurred since 1989, after PG&E ceased the use of chromate as a corrosion inhibitor in the cooling towers. These wells may also be viewed as background wells with respect to the Bat Cave Wash Study.

Figure 2 illustrates the Cr(VI) distribution with data from the December 2003 sampling round. The chromium plume is approximated by the dashed contour representing 0.05 mg/L Cr(VI).

#### 2.3 Geochemistry of Hexavalent Chromium

The alluvial material in the Topock-Needles area is primarily derived from the metadiorite and gneissic rocks comprising the mountains to the south and west. In addition, there are also fluvial deposits from the ancient Colorado River evident in some areas above the current floodplain. These fluvial materials were derived from a large number of sources in the Colorado River basin and were transported to this area in the recent geologic past. Although chromium is most abundant in ultramafic and mafic rocks such as peridotites, serpentinites, and gabbro (Hem 1985), some occurrence of the element would be expected from pyroxenes and micas contained in the local rocks around the Topock Site. These sources were among those cited in a similar geologic environment in central Arizona (Robertson 1975). That study illustrated that, although ultramafic rocks yielded significantly greater concentrations of Cr(VI) to the local groundwater, these more granitic rocks still contributed Cr(VI). The local environment near the site would be expected to yield modest concentrations of chromium (less than 0.05 mg/L) to groundwater. A regional study has reported background Cr(VI) concentrations between 0.010 and 0.050 mg/L in Sacramento Valley (Arizona) – the groundwater basin immediately to the east of Mohave Valley – in which the Topock site is located (Robertson 1991).

# 2.4 Definition of the Area to be Monitored for the Background Study

The objective of the background study is to define background concentrations for use at the Topock Site. Ideally, this would involve only sampling wells at the Topock site; however, because of the potential influence of chromium containing wastewater disposal and other site activities on groundwater concentrations at the Topock Site, the background monitoring network will need to include wells outside of the site.

The selection of the extent of the area outside of the Topock site that will be considered for evaluating the background concentrations at the Topock site is based on the conceptual site model and hydrogeological and geochemical conditions outlined above and considered representative of site conditions.

The vertical and lateral extent of the area to be monitored is defined, for the purposes of this background study, as the unconsolidated alluvial aquifer of the Mojave Groundwater Basin stretching from the Topock site in the south to Needles in the north (approximately 15 miles north of the Topock Site) and from the edge of the alluvial aquifer in the west to several miles east of the site in Arizona.

# 3.0 Approach to Background Study

This section presents the overall approach that will be used to conduct the background study. The approach will consist of the following four steps:

- 1. Selecting potential background wells
- 2. Selecting final background wells
- 3. Calculating background concentrations
- 4. Reviewing background concentrations

The activities to be performed for each of these steps are discussed in the subsequent sections.

#### 3.1 Selecting Potential Background Wells

The potential list of wells will be generated based on a well search of the site and surrounding region. The first step of screening potential background wells does not involve sample collection, but involves collection and evaluation of location, accessibility, and construction information for potential wells to determine the suitability for inclusion in the background study. During this step, information will be compiled on each of the wells and evaluated to assess the applicability of the well being carried forward into the potential list of wells.

The potential list of wells will be identified based on the following criteria:

- Wells must be hydraulically up or cross-gradient from the chromium groundwater plume at the Topock site. This will be determined by plotting wells on a figure with the chromium plume (Figure 2).
- The wells must be within the Background Zone defined in Section 2.4.
- Chromium and metals concentrations in the groundwater monitored by the wells must not be impacted from anthropogenic activities. This will be evaluated by reviewing past records, reports, aerial photographs, discussions with site personnel, and making site inspections. This task will be completed in conjunction with the Topock Site RFI Report.
- The wells must be accessible for sampling. This will be determined during discussions with the well owner and during site inspections.
- The wells must be screened over similar hydrogeologic conditions as the Topock site (unconsolidated alluvium). This will be evaluated based on geologic and well construction logs for the wells. If geologic and/or well construction logs are not available, the well may still be carried forward into the list of potential wells if other information (e.g., well depth or location) suggest that it could potentially be monitoring

similar geologic conditions. During Step 2, the groundwater geochemistry will be evaluated to check if the well monitors the same groundwater type.

The initial stages of this step have been completed and are discussed in Section 4.0.

#### 3.2 Selecting Final Background Wells

The potential list of wells that meet the criteria outlined for step 1 above will be included in the first rounds of groundwater sample collection in the background study. The first rounds of groundwater sampling will be used to further evaluate the list of wells to determine whether the identified wells meet the criteria of having similar groundwater geochemistry conditions as the Topock site.

In this step, available historic data will be supplemented with additional data collected during two bi-monthly rounds of the background sampling program to determine whether the groundwater is of the same water type. The historic data and first two rounds of sampling data will be evaluated based on techniques such as: (1) Stiff and Piper diagram analysis for detecting groundwater chemistry groupings; (2) map view plots of key field parameters (oxidation-reduction potential, pH, temperature, specific conductance) along with Cr(VI) and Cr(T) concentrations to further aid in geochemical grouping and potential outlier identification; (3) geologic and boring log evaluation that considers natural geochemical variation; (4) scatterplots (i.e., concentrations of individual constituents or ratios plotted against one another); (5) evaluation of isotope data; and (6) potential flowpath reactions and mixing may be simulated using the geochemical code PHREEQC. This tool enables the exploration of groundwater chemistry evolution along local or regional flowpaths using a thermodynamic database and mass balance techniques.

#### 3.3 Calculating Background Concentrations

The list of wells that meet the criteria outlined for steps 1 and 2 above will be used to calculate background concentrations. The background data set will initially be collected over a 1-year period by sampling the selected background wells at bi-monthly intervals (total of six sampling rounds). Details of the sampling, analysis methods and QA/QC procedures are provided in Section 6.0 of this work plan.

After 1 year of analytical data have been collected, statistical tests will be used to calculate a background concentration for the following parameters:

- Antimony
- Arsenic
- Barium
- Beryllium
- Cadmium
- Total chromium
- Hexavalent chromium
- Cobalt
- Copper
- Lead

- Mercury
- Molybdenum
- Nickel
- Selenium
- Silver
- Thallium
- Vanadium
- Zinc

Only the data collected during the background study will be used to calculate the background concentrations. Although historic data will be used for identification of background wells, these data will not be used in the calculation of the background concentrations because different analytical methods and detection limits were used during historic sampling events.

The statistical goal of this study is to develop a background threshold value for each constituent that is representative of upper concentrations not impacted by source contamination. This threshold value will be used in comparison with potentially-contaminated samples to determine whether these samples should be considered unusual relative to the background data set. The following sections discuss the statistical issues and protocols involved in calculating these background statistics.

#### 3.3.1 Non-detects

Throughout the analysis of data, the frequency of detects will be considered as decisions are made. A low frequency of detects raises uncertainty differently for different statistical tests, but there are not mathematical techniques that can erase the increased uncertainty. For this study, non-detects should not be a huge issue, since the final goals relate more to the upper end of the concentration distribution. Nevertheless, the presence of non-detects requires attention to possible impacts on conclusions.

In most, or all cases, non-detects will simply be replaced with a proxy value which is half of the detection limit. On plots, the non-detects will be labeled differently (such as an open symbol for non-detects versus a filled-in symbol for detects). In some specific applications, such as the determination of statistical distribution, particularly in outlier analysis, proxy values assigned as random numbers between zero and the detection limit may be assigned, but this will depend on the situation. When a large number of equivalent non-detect proxies are included in a data set, tests of normality usually fail. Any deviations from a simple proxy of half of the detection limit will be discussed in the report.

#### 3.3.2 Outlier Analysis

An outlier analysis will be performed on the data to help determine if individual results appear unusual and should be excluded from the background data set. In addition, if this analysis demonstrates a pattern for specific samples, one or more sample may be excluded altogether from the data. The mathematical outlier test will not be the only criteria in whether or not a result is excluded, but any results identified as mathematical outliers will undergo additional scrutiny and any decision to retain them in the data set will be discussed in the text.

Per United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) guidance (USEPA 2000), the mathematical outlier tests will be chosen depending on the available sample size. For sample sizes of 25 or more, Rosner's test will be applied. If smaller sample sizes are available, Dixon's Extreme Value test will be used. Both tests will be applied to the highest five concentrations for each parameter. While Rosner's handles potential multiple outliers directly, the Extreme Value does not, but it will nevertheless be applied sequentially for each elevated value. (Multiple outliers imply the potential for two or more true outliers to mask their identity as outliers since they are close to one another in concentration.) These outlier tests will be performed with a significance level of 0.05.

Both of these outlier tests are based on an assumption that the remaining concentrations represent a normal distribution (after the potential outlier is excluded). This assumption is often not true in application, based on the Shapiro-Wilk test using a significance level of 0.05. When the tests of normality for the non-outlier concentrations do not support assumptions of normality, the data will be transformed (USEPA 2000) using a variety of transformations. These can include the square root transformation, the cubic root transformation, and the natural logarithmic transformation. The logarithmic transformation is a standard transformation in environmental applications, while the square root and cubic root offer options appropriate for intermediate levels of skewness in the data.

Each transformation will be evaluated for each potential outlier. The transformation offering the greatest p-value for normality will be chosen for each individual case. (Different transformations may be determined for the five highest concentrations tested as potential outliers.) The reported mathematical status as an outlier will be reported based on the transformation of choice.

In addition to the statistical tests, the data will be plotted either as scatter plots or probability plots (or both). Probability plots graph the measured concentrations against those expected if the data (or the transformed data) are normally distributed. As such, the data points tend to form straight lines when the data resembles a normal distribution. Hence, these probability plots can be helpful in understanding whether the data should be evaluated as untransformed or transformed during the statistical evaluations.

#### 3.3.3 Summary Statistics and Background Threshold Calculations

After the outlier analysis is complete and the background data set is established, summary statistics for these data, by constituent, will be calculated. These summary statistics will include the mean, median, standard deviation, frequency of detection, and probabilities for normality and lognormality (via the Shapiro-Wilk test for normality). Also, the primary goal of this study, the background threshold statistic, will be calculated and presented.

The background statistic will be calculated as 95 percent/95 percent background Upper Tolerance Limit (UTL), that is, an upper bound (with 95 percent confidence) of the background 95th percentile. The calculation of the UTLs depends on the distributional assumption. When appropriate, the normal UTL will be calculated using the following equation:

$$UTL = \overline{x} + (K \times s), \tag{1}$$

where:

 $\overline{x}$  is the sample mean. K is the tolerance factor. s is the sample standard deviation.

For data sets that appear to be lognormally distributed, a lognormal UTL will be calculated using the following equation:

$$UTL = e^{\overline{y} + (K \times s_x)}, \tag{2}$$

where:

*y* is the sample mean of the log-transformed sample data.

K is the tolerance factor.

 $s_x$  is the sample standard deviation of the log-transformed sample data.

For data sets that do not appear to be normally or lognormally distributed, nonparametric UTLs will be calculated. A nonparametric UTL is computed by first ranking the concentrations and then choosing the lowest-ranked detected concentration that provides a coverage of 95 percent with 95 percent confidence. For data sets with less than 59 concentrations, 95 percent coverage is not possible with 95 percent confidence, even when the maximum concentration is assigned as the UTL. In this study, the estimated percentile (95th or lower) associated with the highest concentration will be reported. This percentile is calculated using the following equation:

$$p = B_{0.95,n,1} \tag{3}$$

where B is a beta distribution defined by n (the number of sample results) and 1 (since the highest ranked concentration is being used).

#### 3.4 Reviewing Background Concentrations

Following the completion of the background concentration calculation, a review of the background concentrations will be performed to:

1) Check for sample independence and data trends through time. Variation in concentrations is expected to exist in concentrations measured from the designated background wells over time. This will either be due to random variation in the data or due to actual shifts in the concentrations over time. The goals of this study rest on the assumption of acquiring independent results. One example of violating this assumption would be to obtain repeat groundwater samples from a given well so frequently that they are essentially field duplicates (since the media being sampled has essentially not changed since the previous sampling event). Thus, it is appropriate to leave sufficient time between sampling events to allow the media to change sufficiently to offer a new independent sample.

If the groundwater is shifting in concentration over time, it might be expected that differences in measured concentrations between events would be greater than typically

observed between field duplicates from the same event. If, however, the groundwater concentrations are not shifting in time, or that shift is small relative to the variation in field duplicate analysis, a variation in concentrations between events greater than typically seen in field duplicates would not be expected. Thus, an analysis of statistical independence is not straightforward, and this issue requires support from knowledge of hydrogeological conditions in the designated groundwater field. Therefore, this evaluation will also consider groundwater gradients and groundwater flow velocities (where the information is available to allow this evaluation).

A parallel concern when studying potential shifts in concentrations with time is whether the background data are appropriate for comparisons into the future. If background data are not collected simultaneously with investigative data, the project must rely on snapshot of background conditions as a comparative statistic. The question arises, how long is that snapshot appropriate?

Data between years, or over a series of sampling events, can be compared via two-sample comparative techniques (such as the nonparametric Wilcoxon Rank Sum test) and trend analysis techniques such as the Mann-Kendall test. Any such analyses of groundwater data should be expected to indicate some significant differences (considering all the constituents being studied), but extensive differences are a signal that limits of the applicability of the background snapshot are evident. This requires some professional interpretation, since the issues of sample independence and significant shifts over time sometimes become difficult to differentiate. These issues, supported by statistical analysis, will be discussed after data for this study become available.

- 2) Based on the results of the evaluation outlined in #1 above, assess whether additional data needs to be collected and whether background concentrations need to be updated during subsequent years.
- 3) Compare the background concentrations with findings of other studies carried out in the region (e.g., Robinson, 1975; Robinson, 1991) to establish concentrations of naturally-occurring Cr(VI), Cr(T), and other metals. Caution should be exercised during this comparison by evaluating comparability of methods of sampling, analysis, and general methodology before drawing conclusions.

## 4.0 Identification of Potential Background Monitoring Network

This section summarizes the initial activities undertaken to identify and select potential background monitoring wells. As outlined in Section 3.1, the potential list of wells generated from a well search will initially be screened using location, accessibility and construction information to evaluate the suitability for inclusion in the first rounds of groundwater sample collection in the background study.

#### 4.1 Well Search

A well search was performed by querying the United States Geological Society well database for the area surrounding the Topock site. From this well search, an initial set of 28 potential background wells have been selected for evaluation. Table 1 lists these wells and summarizes the information gathered for these wells. Further work is required to obtain location, accessibility, and construction information (e.g., well logs, well depth, etc.) on some of these wells.

Additional candidate background wells have been identified during the well search and are being evaluated to determine the well owners and whether these wells are appropriate to include in the list of potential background wells.

#### 4.2 Location Compared to Topock Site Chromium Plume

Each of the wells identified during the well search was evaluated against the extent of the chromium plume at the Topock Compressor Station site. Figure 2 shows the location of the potential background wells located near the site compared to the chromium plume.

To reduce ambiguity in the data obtained, wells immediately adjacent to the plume have been excluded from the background study. Also, monitoring wells MW-14 and MW-15 have been excluded. Though water chemistry data in these wells suggest background conditions, their locations close to Bat Cave Wash (MW-14) and immediately downgradient of the former evaporation pond site (MW-15) potentially link these wells to past site activities that involved chromium.

Topock site monitoring wells MW-16, MW-17, and MW-18 were installed as background monitoring wells for the Topock RFI (E&E 2004). Though not part of the current groundwater monitoring program (GMP) (PG&E 2003), well MWP-12 is located south of the former evaporation ponds and was also designed as a background monitoring well. Under a separate monitoring program, seven monitoring wells surround the active evaporation ponds to the west of the site. The wells (MW-1, MW-3 through MW-8) are used to monitor integrity of the active evaporation ponds. The location of the active evaporation ponds is about 3,000 feet west of Bat Cave Wash, a distance considered sufficient for use in the background study, and in a cross- to upgradient direction from the former discharge area (see Figure 1). The nearest water supply well to the site is the Park Moabi well, located over a mile northwest of the Topock facility in an upgradient/cross-gradient direction. These wells previously have been referred to as background wells and will be compared with other site wells below.

Available data on chromium for these wells show a range in concentration over time (Table 2). There have been no significant long-term or seasonal time trends in these concentrations (see Appendix A). The range in Cr(VI) concentration appears to be from below detection limit to 0.05 mg/L, in general agreement with regional data (Robertson 1991). Based upon available chemistry data from site monitoring wells, the wells appearing to be background candidates have variable chemical composition and Cr(VI) concentrations between non-detect and 0.05 mg/L. As with any natural system, significant variation in chemistry and trace metals is to be expected. The background study will consist of careful monitoring of chemical characteristics of these and other wells over a 1-year period to determine a representative range in natural Cr(VI).

Other wells outside the Topock site area will provide additional information on the range of natural Cr(VI) concentration in the region, as well as general chemistry. Candidates include City of Needles wells to the north and wells to the east of the river in the vicinity of Topock, Arizona. In 1997, PG&E drilled two wells in the floodplain on the opposite side of the river, with the intention of producing a new water supply for the facility. The wells were never used due to high total dissolved solids. Sampling these wells will help to establish background Cr(VI) in the floodplain area. Other Arizona wells include the two wells PG&E currently uses for its facility supply, potentially an additional private supply well at Topock, Arizona, and four wells operated by El Paso Natural Gas Company, located in Arizona several miles to the east.

#### 4.3 Location within Background Monitoring Zone

All of the wells listed in Table 1 fall within the lateral area to be monitored for the background study, as defined in Section 2.4. However, further work is required to locate all geologic and well construction logs to determine if wells are screened within the unconsolidated alluvium and therefore fall within the vertical zone to be monitored for the background study.

# 4.4 Location Compared to Anthropogenic Impacts on Groundwater

In addition for the need for the background monitoring network to be outside the influence of the chromium plume at the Topock Compressor Station site, the background monitoring network must also be outside the influence of other anthropogenic impacts on groundwater. None of the 28 identified potential background monitoring wells are known to have been impacted from anthropogenic activities. However, additional evaluation is required to identify sources of groundwater contamination in the area and potential impacts on the background monitoring network.

#### 4.5 Well Accessibility

As the background monitroing well network is located outside of PG&E property, access to the wells for sampling must be obtained. PG&E has existing access agreements for wells associated with the active evaporation ponds and/or are part of the ongoing groundwater monitoirng program. However, access will need to be obtained for other wells. PG&E has an outreach program that will be implemented for selected wells prior to sample collection to solicit well owner access.

# 4.6 Wells Screened Over Same Hydrogeologic Unit as Topock Site

Evaluation of the geologic and well construction logs indicates that many of the proposed background sampling locations are believed to be within unconsolidated alluvium of the Mojave Valley region (eastern California and western Arizona) so that the geological and hydrogeological conditions of the background locations are representative of the Topock site. Available geologic and well construction logs are contained in Appendix B.

If a geologic or well construction log has not yet been located or is known to be unavailable, the well will not be eliminated from the potential background well network at this time, unless other information suggests that the well was not screened over the unconsolidated alluvium. Analytical results from the first two rounds of background sample collection will be used to evaluate the groundwater geochemistry to check whether the well monitors the same groundwater type as the Topock site.

#### 4.7 Proposed Background Wells

Of the 28 wells identified for evaluation after the well search, a total of 26 wells are proposed as potential background wells based on comparison to the selection criteria. Table 3 summarizes the evaluation of the wells against the selection criteria. Monitoring wells MW-14 and MW-15 have been excluded from the potnetial background well list due to their locations close to Bat Cave Wash (MW-14) and immediately downgradient of the former evaporation pond site (MW-15). The potential background well locations are shown on Figure 3, with off-site wells in approximate locations. Eleven site groundwater monitoring wells and one water supply well, located upgradient and cross-gradient of the 0.05 mg/L Cr(VI) plume, are included in this network of wells:

MW-01	MW-05	MW-08	MW-18
MW-03	MW-06	MW-16	MWP-12
MW-04	MW-07	MW-17	Park Moabi Well

The site wells, along with the off-site Park Moabi well, have been monitored for chromium as part of former and ongoing Topock site GMP. Table 2 presents the available historical chromium data from these 12 wells. The remaining 14 wells proposed for the background study include:

• Two domestic water supply wells, one each owned by Mr. Smith and Mr. Sanders.

- Four City of Needles municipal supply wells, located in and around Needles, California, about 11 miles north of the site.
- Two inactive PG&E supply wells, located immediately across the Colorado River from the I-3 monitoring station.
- Two City of Needles production wells supplying water for Topock, Arizona and the PG&E facility, located approximately 1.5 miles east of the compressor station.
- Four water wells operated by El Paso Natural Gas Company and located between 2.5 and 3.5 miles east of the site in Arizona.

PG&E has requested access to the City of Needles and other private wells listed above. Access to these wells for this study is subject to owner permission and final access agreements.

Additional candidate background wells have been identified during the well search and are being evaluated to determine if they are appropriate to be added to this list of potential background wells.

Each of the selected wells will be sampled six times on approximately 2-month intervals. This will provide monitoring data over the course of an entire year. Though historical data are available for some of the wells (as shown in Table 2), the chromium detection limits for many past sampling events are considered elevated. Beginning in June 2002, analysis for Cr(T) was performed using USEPA Method 6020A, with a reporting limit of 0.0056 mg/L. However, instability of this method necessitated a change to USEPA Method 6010B in September 2003, with a detection limit of 0.001 mg/L. Beginning in September 2003, the water supply and background monitoring wells in the GMP have been sampled for Cr(VI) using USEPA Method 7199, providing a detection limit of 0.0002 mg/L.

To correlate the data collected during the background study with the data collected during the ongoing quarterly GMP of other Topock site wells, groundwater samples collected from the GMP wells and river sampling stations will be analyzed for the constituents outlined in Tables 4 and 5 during one sampling event in 2004. This sampling will be in addition to the routine data collection performed as part of the GMP for the Topock site.

#### 4.6 Selection of Final Background Well Network

Table 3 also lists the criteria that will be used to select the final background well network and, where available, information has been entered into this table. Further work is required to collect sufficient data to complete this table and allow the final well network to be selected, as described in Section 3.1.

# 5.0 Sampling and Analysis Methods

Groundwater sampling for the proposed background study will follow the general methods and procedures used for the current Topock GMP, as described in PG&E's *Draft Sampling and Analysis Plan for Groundwater and Surface Water Monitoring* (Draft SAP) (PG&E 2004a). The subsequent sections also provide general description of the procedures.

This study will be performed under the direction of a California Registered Geologist, Certified Engineering Geologist, or Professional Engineer (herein referred to as Licensed Professional). A qualified technician will collect groundwater samples and coordinate delivery of the samples to a State of California-certified analytical laboratory. The Licensed Professional will oversee the site investigations during all phases of work, including sampling and data analysis and will review the report. Permitting, sampling protocol, chain of custody, health and safety procedures will follow local, county, and state guidelines.

#### 5.1 Analytical Parameters and Methods

The groundwater samples will be analyzed for the metal constituents of concern identified in the Corrective Action Consent Agreement, namely Cr(VI), Cr(T), copper, nickel, and zinc. Additionally, to serve as a comprehensive water quality assessment, other trace metals on the priority pollutant metal list (i.e., CAM 17 list) will be analyzed along with the site constituents of concern to assess background concentrations for the Topock site. In addition, the groundwater samples will be analyzed for the hydrogen and oxygen isotopes, tritium, and <sup>18</sup>O. The analytical methods and reporting limits to be used for chromium and metals analyses are listed in Table 4 and described in detail in SW-846 (USEPA 2002).

In addition, a subset of the samples (eight to ten samples) will be analyzed for additional parameters in order to assess potential analytical interferences and verify general water chemistry. These parameters will be analyzed in accordance with the guidelines of SW-846 (Miscellaneous Test Methods), USEPA's Drinking Water Methods for Chemical Parameters (USEPA/600/R-93/100 for chlorides, sulfates), and/or Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater (APHA-AWWA 1992, 1995). The analytical methods for the additional parameters are presented in Table 5. Actual reporting limits will be reported by the laboratory.

All groundwater samples will be tested for the following field parameters: temperature, pH, electrical conductivity, dissolved oxygen, oxidation-reduction potential, and turbidity.

#### 5.2 Groundwater Sample Collection

Groundwater samples will be collected from the 26 identified wells using the protocols outlined in the Draft SAP (PG&E 2004a).

The sampling container, preservation, and holding time requirements for the various parameters proposed to be monitored are listed in Table 6 and based on the requirements in

40 CFR 136.3 and SW-846. Precleaned containers, laboratory-prepared with preservative, will be procured from the analytical laboratory.

#### 5.3 Sample Filtration

Samples requiring analysis of dissolved target analytes will be collected and analyzed following the procedures outlined in the Draft SAP (PG&E 2004a). The laboratory will ensure that the filters are free of target analytes of concern by preparing a laboratory blank using the same filters.

#### 5.4 Sample Documentation and Shipment

The sample documentation and shipment procedures outlined in the Draft SAP (PG&E 2004a) will be followed during the background study.

#### 5.5 Decontamination Procedures

Decontamination procedures outlined in the Draft SAP (PG&E 2004a) will be followed during the background study.

#### 5.6 Management of Investigation Derived Waste

Investigation-derived waste associated with this study will consist primarily of wastewater produced from the purging of monitoring wells, used personal protective equipment (PPE), and disposable sampling equipment. Investigation-derived waste will be managed as outlined in the Draft SAP (PG&E 2004a).

# 6.0 Quality Assurance and Quality Control

Groundwater samples will be submitted to a State of California-certified analytical laboratory for chemical analyses. QA/QC during sampling and analysis will be ensured by following the QA/QC procedures outlined in the Draft SAP (PG&E 2004a) and the *Draft Quality Assurance Project Plan for Groundwater and Surface Water Sampling at the Topock Compressor Station* (PG&E 2004b).

Health and safety plans will be required and followed for all personnel working on the Topock site. CH2M HILL has developed site-specific health and safety plans for the Topock site. A copy of the health and safety plans will always be available at the site and are available for review upon request. The necessary PPE and environmental monitoring equipment will be used, as specified in the health and safety plans.

# 8.0 Data Evaluation and Reporting

CH2M HILL will review and validate bimonthly monitoring data for QA/QC and will maintain the data in the project database.

After two rounds of data have been collected, the data will be geochemically evaluated to check that the groundwater being sampled is geochemically of a similar type to the groundwater at the Topock site using the methods outlined in Section 3.2. A preliminary report will be prepared to summarize the data evaluation and provide the rationale for selection of the background well network. Calculation of the background concentration will not be made based on the two rounds of data and, therefore, will not be included in this report.

After collection of 1 year of background groundwater data (six rounds of data collection), the statistical methods outlined in Section 3.3 will be used to calculate the background concentration for each constituent. The background data set and concentrations will then be reviewed as outlined in Section 3.4. A background study report will be prepared to document the final background monitoring well network, background data, background concentration calculations, and background concentration review.

## 9.0 Schedule

It is anticipated that the background study sampling will commence in August 2004. Bimonthly sampling will continue through July 2005. The draft background study report for the Topock site is scheduled for release in October 2005. APHA-AWWA. 1992. Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater.

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### Tables

Wells Evaluated as Potential Background Wells for Chromium and Metals Groundwater Background Study Work Plan for Assessing Background Metals Concentrations in Groundwater, PG&E Compressor Station and Vicinity, Needles, California

Well ID	Well Location & Approx. Distance to Bat Cave Wash Discharge Area	Well Owner	Well Use / Remarks	Sampling System / Method	Well Depth	Well Screen Length	Geologic Log	Well Construction Log	Date Installed	Hydrogeologic Unit Monitored	General Chemistry Data Available	Metal Chemistry Data Available	C a Che
MW-01	New Ponds site - 3,300' west	PG&E	New Ponds detection monitoring	ded. sampling pump	211	10	Yes	Yes	Aug-86	Unconsolidated Alluvium	Yes	Yes	Yes
MW-03	New Ponds site - 2,900' west	PG&E	New Ponds detection monitoring	ded. sampling pump	207	18	Yes	Yes	Aug-86	Unconsolidated Alluvium	Yes	Yes	Yes
MW-04	New Ponds site - 2,700' west	PG&E	New Ponds detection monitoring	ded. sampling pump	175	10	Yes	Yes	Aug-86	Unconsolidated Alluvium	Yes	Yes	Yes
MW-05	New Ponds site - 2,800' west	PG&E	New Ponds detection monitoring	ded. sampling pump	185	9	Yes	Yes	Jun-89	Unconsolidated Alluvium	Yes	Yes	Yes
MW-06	New Ponds site - 3,200' west	PG&E	New Ponds detection monitoring	ded. sampling pump	194	9	Yes	Yes	Jun-89	Unconsolidated Alluvium	Yes	Yes	Yes
MW-07	New Ponds site - 3,000' west	PG&E	New Ponds detection monitoring	ded. sampling pump	182	9	Yes	Yes	Jun-89	Unconsolidated Alluvium	Yes	Yes	Yes
MW-08	New Ponds site - 2,700' west	PG&E	New Ponds detection monitoring	ded. sampling pump	178	9	Yes	Yes	Jun-89	Unconsolidated Alluvium	Yes	Yes	Yes
MWP- 12	Old Ponds site - 2,100' south	PG&E	Old Ponds site background monitoring	Temporary sampling pump	136	40	No	No	1986	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknov
MW-14	1,500' northwest	PG&E	RFI background monitoring	Unknown	131	20	Yes	Yes	Jul-97	Unconsolidated Alluvium	Yes	Yes	Yes
MW-15	1,900' west	PG&E	RFI background monitoring	Unknown	201	20	Yes	Yes	Jul-97	Unconsolidated Alluvium	Yes	Yes	Yes
MW-16	New Ponds area - 4,200' west	PG&E	RFI background monitoring	ded. sampling pump	218	20	Yes	Yes	Apr-98	Unconsolidated Alluvium	Yes	Yes	Yes
MW-17	1.0 mile northwest	PG&E	RFI background monitoring	ded. sampling pump	150	20	Yes	Yes	May-98	Unconsolidated Alluvium	Yes	Yes	Yes
MW-18	3,000' northwest	PG&E	RFI background monitoring	ded. sampling pump	105	20	Yes	Yes	Apr-98	Unconsolidated Alluvium	Yes	Yes	Yes
Park	1.6 miles	San	Park Moabi	prod. pump	200	120	Unknown	Unknown	1966	Unknown	Yes	Yes	Yes

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Well ID	Well Location & Approx. Distance to Bat Cave Wash Discharge Area	Well Owner	Well Use / Remarks	Sampling System / Method	Well Depth	Well Screen Length	Geologic Log	Well Construction Log	Date Installed	Hydrogeologic Unit Monitored	General Chemistry Data Available	Metal Chemistry Data Available	C Che /
Moabi	northwest	Bernardin o County	facility, active supply well	wellhead port									
Sanders -1	X' east	Resident	Domestic well	Unknown		Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Yes
Smith-1	3,000' east	Resident	Domestic well	Unknown	68	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Feb-98	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknov
Topock- 2	Topock, AZ - 1.2 miles east		active municipal well	prod. pump wellhead port	135	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknov
(aka GSWC# 2)													
Topock- 3	Topock, AZ - 1.2 miles east		active municipal well	prod. pump wellhead port	150	65	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknov
(aka GSWC# 3)													
PGE- 09-N	river floodplain, AZ - 3,000' east	PG&E	inactive, planned Station supply	ded. prod. pump?	95	69	Yes	Yes	Apr-97	Unconsolidated Alluvium	Unknown	Unknown	Unknov
PGE- 09-S	river floodplain, AZ - 3,000' east	PG&E	inactive, planned Station supply	ded. prod. pump?	100	70	Yes	Yes	Apr-97	Unconsolidated Alluvium	Unknown	Unknown	Unknov
Needles -1	Needles, CA area - 15 miles northwest	City Needles	active municipal well	TBD	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknov
-2	Needles, CA area - 15 miles northwest	City Needles	active municipal well	TBD	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknov
Needles -3	Needles, CA area - 15 miles northwest	City Needles	active municipal well	TBD	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown.	Unknown	Unknov
Needles -4	Needles, CA area - 15 miles	City Needles	active municipal well	TBD	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknov

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Wells Evaluated as Potential Background Wells for Chromium and Metals Groundwater Background Study Work Plan for Assessing Background Metals Concentrations in Groundwater, PG&E Compressor Station and Vicinity, Needles, California

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Well ID	Well Location & Approx. Distance to Bat Cave Wash Discharge Area	Well Owner	Well Use / Remarks	Sampling System / Method	Well Depth	Well Screen Length	Geologic Log	Well Construction Log	Date Installed	Hydrogeologic Unit Monitored	General Chemistry Data Available	Metal Chemistry Data Available	C Che /
	northwest												
El Paso- 1	Mohave Co., AZ - 3 miles east	El Paso Natural Gas	active supply well	TBD	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown.	Unknown	Unknov
El Paso- 2	Mohave Co., AZ - 3 miles east	El Paso Natural Gas	active supply well	TBD	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknov
El Paso- 3	Mohave Co., AZ - 3 miles east	El Paso Natural Gas	active supply well	TBD	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknov
El Paso- 4	Mohave Co., AZ - 3 miles east	El Paso Natural Gas	active supply well	TBD	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknow

Notes: TBD = to be determined

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Chromium Concentrations In Potential Background Wells Work Plan for Assessing Background Metals Concentrations in Groundwater, PG&E Compressor Station and Vicinity, Needles, California

			Concentratio	on range (mg/ L)		
Well ID	Well Use/ Location	No. of Sampling Events	Cr(T)	Cr(VI)	Percent Detections	
MW-01	New Ponds	31 Cr(T); 5 Cr(VI)	<0.02 - 0.23	<0.01 - 0.0046	65% Cr(T); 20% Cr(VI)	
MW-03	New Ponds	29 Cr(T); 5 Cr(VI)	<0.05 - 2.3	<0.01 - 0.0117	93% Cr(T); 80% Cr(VI)	
MW-04	New Ponds	30 Cr(T); 5 Cr(VI)	<0.05 - 0.41	0.020 - 0.022	90% Cr(T); 100% Cr(VI)	
MW-05	New Ponds	32 Cr(T); 5 Cr(VI)	<0.05 - 0.27	0.010 - 0.020	88% Cr(T); 100% Cr(VI)	
MW-06	New Ponds	32 Cr(T); 5 Cr(VI)	<0.01 - 0.09	0.009 - 0.010	50% Cr(T); 100% Cr(VI)	
MW-07	New Ponds	32 Cr(T); 5 Cr(VI)	<0.05 - 0.40	0.010 - 0.020	91% Cr(T); 100% Cr(VI)	
MW-08	New Ponds	31 Cr(T); 5 Cr(VI)	<0.06 - 0.26	0.020 - 0.0509	97% Cr(T); 100% Cr(VI)	
MWP-12	Old Ponds	TBD				
MW-14	Bat Cave Wash	No Data Avail.				
MW-15	Old Ponds	19 Cr(T); 20 Cr(VI)	<0.01 - 0.023	<0.01 - 0.05	79% Cr(T); 55% Cr(VI)	
MW-16	Background Monitoring well	17 Cr(T); 18 Cr(VI)	<0.02 - 0.0248	< 0.01 - 0.03	76% Cr(T); 61% Cr(VI)	
MW-17	Background Monitoring well	15 Cr(T); 15 Cr(VI)	<0.02 - 0.0051	< 0.01 - 0.0055	20% Cr(T); 13% Cr(VI)	
MW-18	Background Monitoring well	18 Cr(T); 19 Cr(VI)	0.022 - 0.0432	< 0.01 - 0.0461	100% Cr(T); 95% Cr(VI)	
Park Moabi Well	Park Supply well	18 Cr(T); 19 Cr(VI)	< 0.01 – 0.018J	< 0.01 - 0.01	67% Cr(T); 11% Cr(VI)	
Sanders-1	Domestic well , Topock, AZ	1 Cr(T); 1 Cr(VI)	<0.001	0.00019	0% Cr(T); 100% Cr(VI)	
Smith-1	55-565878	TBD				
Topock-2	Topock, AZ Muni well	TBD				
Topock-3	Topock, AZ Muni well	TBD				

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			Concentration	range (mg/ L)	
Well ID	Well Use/ Location	No. of Sampling Events	Cr(T)	Cr(VI)	Percent Detections
PGE-9N	15N/21W3A	TBD			
PGE-9S	15N/21W3B	TBD			
Needles-1	City of Needles Muni well	TBD			
Needles-2	City of Needles Muni well	TBD			
Needles-3	City of Needles Muni well	TBD			
Needles-4	City of Needles Muni well	TBD			
El Paso-1	Supply well	TBD			
El Paso-2	Supply well	TBD			
El Paso-3	Supply well	TBD			
El Paso-4	Supply well	TBD			

Note: <sup>J</sup>Estimated concentration between laboratory method detection limit and reporting limit.

TBD = to be determined

# TABLE 3Rationale for Selection of Potential Background WellsWork Plan for Assessing Background Metals Concentrations in Groundwater,PG&E Compressor Station and Vicinity, Needles, California

				Selection of Potenti	al Background V	Vells			Selection of Fir	nal Backgi letwork
Well ID	Wells Hydraulically Up or Cross Gradient of Chromium Plume	Sufficient Well Information Available	Within Background Zone	Is the Well Monitoring the Unconsolidated Alluvium	Anthropogenic Impact on Groundwater	: Well Accessible for Sampling	Selected as Potential Background Well	Comments	Geochemistry Similar to Topock Site	Selec Backg N
MW-01	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	TBD	Yes	Yes		Yes	TBD
MW-03	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	TBD	Yes	Yes		Yes	TBD
MW-04	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	TBD	Yes	Yes		Yes	TBD
MW-05	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	TBD	Yes	Yes		Yes	TBD
MW-06	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	TBD	Yes	Yes		Yes	TBD
MW-07	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	TBD	Yes	Yes		Yes	TBD
MW-08	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	TBD	Yes	Yes		Yes	TBD
MWP-12	Yes	Unknown	Yes	Unknown	TBD	Yes	Yes		Unknown	TBD
MW-14	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	potentially	Yes	No	Well is located too close to the chromium plume	Yes	TBD
MW-15	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	potentially	Yes	No	Well is located too close to the chromium plume	Yes	TBD
MW-16	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	TBD	Yes	Yes		Yes	TBD
MW-17	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	TBD	Yes	Yes		Yes	TBD
MW-18	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	TBD	Yes	Yes		Yes	TBD
Park Moabi	Yes	Yes	Yes	Unknown	TBD	Yes	Yes		Unknown	TBD
Sanders-1		Yes	Yes	Unknown	TBD	Unknown	Yes		Unknown	TBD
Smith-1	Yes	Unknown	Yes	Unknown	TBD	Unknown	Yes		Unknown	TBD
Topock-2	Yes	Unknown	Yes	Unknown	TBD	Unknown	Yes		Unknown	TBD
(aka GSWC#2)										
Topock-3	Yes	Unknown	Yes	Unknown	TBD	Unknown	Yes		Unknown	TBD
(aka GSWC#3)										
PGE-09-N	Yes	Unknown	Yes	Yes	TBD	Unknown	Yes		Yes	TBD
PGE-09-S	Yes	Unknown	Yes	Yes	TBD	Unknown	Yes		Yes	TBD
Needles-1	Yes	Unknown	Yes	Unknown	TBD	Unknown	Yes		Unknown	TBD

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## TABLE 3 Rationale for Selection of Potential Background Wells Work Plan for Assessing Background Metals Concentrations in Groundwater, PG&E Compressor Station and Vicinity, Needles, California

	Selection of Potential Background Wells								
Needles-2	Yes	Unknown	Yes	Unknown	TBD	Unknown	Yes	Unknown	TBD
Needles-3	Yes	Unknown	Yes	Unknown	TBD	Unknown	Yes	Unknown	TBD
Needles-4	Yes	Unknown	Yes	Unknown	TBD	Unknown	Yes	Unknown	TBD
El Paso-1	Yes	Unknown	Yes	Unknown	TBD	Unknown	Yes	Unknown	TBD
El Paso-2	Yes	Unknown	Yes	Unknown	TBD	Unknown	Yes	Unknown	TBD
El Paso-3	Yes	Unknown	Yes	Unknown	TBD	Unknown	Yes	Unknown	TBD
El Paso-4	Yes	Unknown	Yes	Unknown	TBD	Unknown	Yes	Unknown	TBD

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Analytical Methods to be Used for Chromium and Metals Work Plan for Assessing Background Metals Concentrations in Groundwater, PG&E Compressor Station and Vicinity, Needles, California

Parameter	Analytical Method	Maximum Reporting Limit (mg/L)
Aluminum	SW6010B/SW6020/EPA200.7/E PA200.8	0.05
Antimony	SW6010B/SW6020/SW7000*/EP A200.7/EPA200.8*	0.003
Arsenic	SW6010B/SW6020/SW7000*/EP A200.7/EPA200.8	0.005
Barium	SW6010B/SW6020/EPA200.7/E PA200.8	0.5
Beryllium	SW6010B/SW6020/EPA200.7/E PA200.8	0.001
Boron	SW6010B/EPA200.7	0.2
Calcium	SW6010B/EPA200.7	1
Cadmium	SW6010B/SW6020/SW7000*/EP A200.7/EPA200.8	0.002
Chromium, Hexavalent	SW7199	0.0002
Chromium, Total	SW6010B/SW6020/SW7000*/EP A200.7/EPA200.8	0.001
Cobalt	SW6010B/SW6020/EPA200.7/E PA200.8	0.005
Copper	SW6010B/SW6020/EPA200.7/E PA200.8	0.01
Iron	SW6010B/EPA200.7	0.5
Lead	SW6010B/SW6020/SW7000*/EP A200.7/EPA200.8	0.005

Analytical Methods to be Used for Chromium and Metals Work Plan for Assessing Background Metals Concentrations in Groundwater, PG&E Compressor Station and Vicinity, Needles, California

Parameter	Analytical Method	Maximum Reporting Limit (mg/L)
Magnesium	SW6010B/EPA200.7	1
Manganese	SW6010B/SW6020/EPA200.7/E PA200.8	0.5
Mercury	SW7470A/EPA245.1	0.0002
Molybdenum	SW6010B/SW6020/SW7000*/EP A200.7/EPA200.8*	0.005
Nickel	SW6010B/SW6020/SW7000*/EP A200.7/EPA200.8	0.02
Potassium	SW6010B/EPA200.7	1
Selenium	SW6010B/SW6020/SW7000*/EP A200.7/EPA200.8	0.005
Silver	SW6010B/SW6020/SW7000*/EP A200.7/EPA200.8	0.005
Sodium	SW6010B/EPA200.7	1
Thallium	SW6010B/SW6020/SW7000*/EP A200.7/EPA200.8	0.001
Vanadium	SW6010B/SW6020/SW7000*/EP A200.7/EPA200.8	0.005
Zinc	SW6010B/SW6020/EPA200.7/E PA200.8	0.02

Notes:

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<sup>1</sup> Actual laboratory reporting limits may be equal to or less than those identified in the maximum laboratory reporting limit column above.

Analytical Methods to be Used for Additional Parameters Work Plan for Assessing Background Metals Concentrations in Groundwater, PG&E Compressor Station and Vicinity, Needles, California

Analyte	Method	Reporting Limits Water (mg/L)
Chloride	EPA 300.0/SW9056	0.5
Fluoride	EPA 300.0/SW9056	0.5
Sulfate	EPA 300.0/SW9056	0.5
Bromide	EPA 300.0/SW9056	0.5
Nitrate	EPA 300.0/SW9056	0.5
Total Alkalinity	EPA310.1	5
Bicarbonate Alkalinity	EPA310.1	5
Specific Conductance	EPA120.1/SW9050	2 μmhos/cm
рН	EPA150.1/SW9040	0.1 pH units
Total Dissolved Solids (TDS)	EPA160.1	10
Total Suspended Solids (TSS)	EPA160.2	10
Turbidity	EPA180.1	0.1 NTU
Carbonate Alkalinity	EPA310.1	5
Hydroxide Alkalinity	EPA310.1	5
Perchlorate	EPA314.0	0.004
Ammonia	EPA350.2	0.5
ortho- Phosphate	EPA365.1	0.02
Sulfide	EPA376.1/2	2
Ferrous Iron (Fe <sup>+2</sup> )	SM3500D	0.2
Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen (TKN)	EPA351.4	0.5
Dissolved Silica	EPA370.1	0.04
Total Organic Carbon	EPA415.2	0.5
Dissolved Organic Carbon	EPA415.2	0.5
Chromium (hexavalent)	SW7199/EPA218.6	0.0002
Chromium (hexavalent)	SW7196A	0.01
lodide	EPA 300.0MOD	0.2
<sup>18</sup> O	Laboratory SOP (CF-IRMS)	NA
Deuterium	Laboratory SOP (CF-IRMS)	NA
Tritium	Univ of Miami RSMAS Method	NA

Notes:

SM - Standard Methods SW - SW846 Update III EPA – EPA 600 Series for Chemical Analysis of Water and Wastes.

1 For greater accuracy in determination of ferrous iron, recommendations from the following research publication will be referred: Fredlee, G., and Stumm, W. Journal of the AWWA, Dec. 1966. p 1567-1574.

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### TABLE 6

Sample Containers, Preservation and Holding Time for Analytes Work Plan for Assessing Background Chromium and Metals Concentrations in Groundwater, PG&E Compressor Station and Vicinity, Needles, California

		Container and Minimum Quantity		
Analyte	Method	Water	Preservation	Holding Time
Dissolved Metals*	SW6010B/SW6020 /EPA200.7/EPA20 0.8/SW7000 series methods	1-L/P, G	Laboratory or field filtration. Add nitric acid to pH<2; chill to 4°C.	180 days
Hexavalent Chromium	SW7199/EPA218.6	500-mL/P, G	Laboratory or field filtration. Chill to 4°C. after adding $(NH_4)_2SO_4/NH_4OH$ buffer solution to pH 9-9.5	24 hours
Hexavalent Chromium	SW7196A	500-mL/P, G	Cool to 4°C	24 hours
Ammonia	E350.2	1-L P/G	Add H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> to pH<2; chill to 4°C	28 days
Alkalinity (Total, Bicarbonate, Carbonate, Hydroxide)	EPA 310.1	500-mL/P, G	Cool to 4°C	14 days
TDS	EPA 160.1	500-mL/P, G	Cool to 4°C	7 days
TSS	EPA 160.2	500-mL/P, G	Cool to 4°C	7 days
Turbidity	EPA 180.1	500-mL/P, G	Cool to 4°C	48 hrs
Specific Conductance	EPA 120.1/SW9050	500-mL/P, G	Cool to 4°C	28 days
рН	EPA 150.1/SW9040	500-mL/P, G	Cool to 4°C	ASAP
DOC	EPA 415.2	500-mL/P, G or 40ml VOA	Laboratory or field filtration. Add H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> to pH<2; chill to 4°C	28 days
TOC	EPA 415.2	500-mL/P, G or 40ml VOA	Add H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> to pH<2; chill to 4°C	28 days
Perchlorate	EPA 314.0	500-mL/P, G	Cool to 4°C	28 days
Sulfide	EPA 376.2	500-mL/P, G	Add zinc acetate and NaOH to pH>9, Cool to 4°C.	7 days
Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen (TKN)	EPA 351.4	500-mL/P, G	Add $H_2SO_4$ to pH<2; chill to 4°C	28 days
Ferrous Iron (Fe	SM3500D	500-mL/P, G	Cool to 4°C	24 hours
Dissolved Silica	EPA 370.1/2	500-mL/P only	Cool to 4°C	28 days

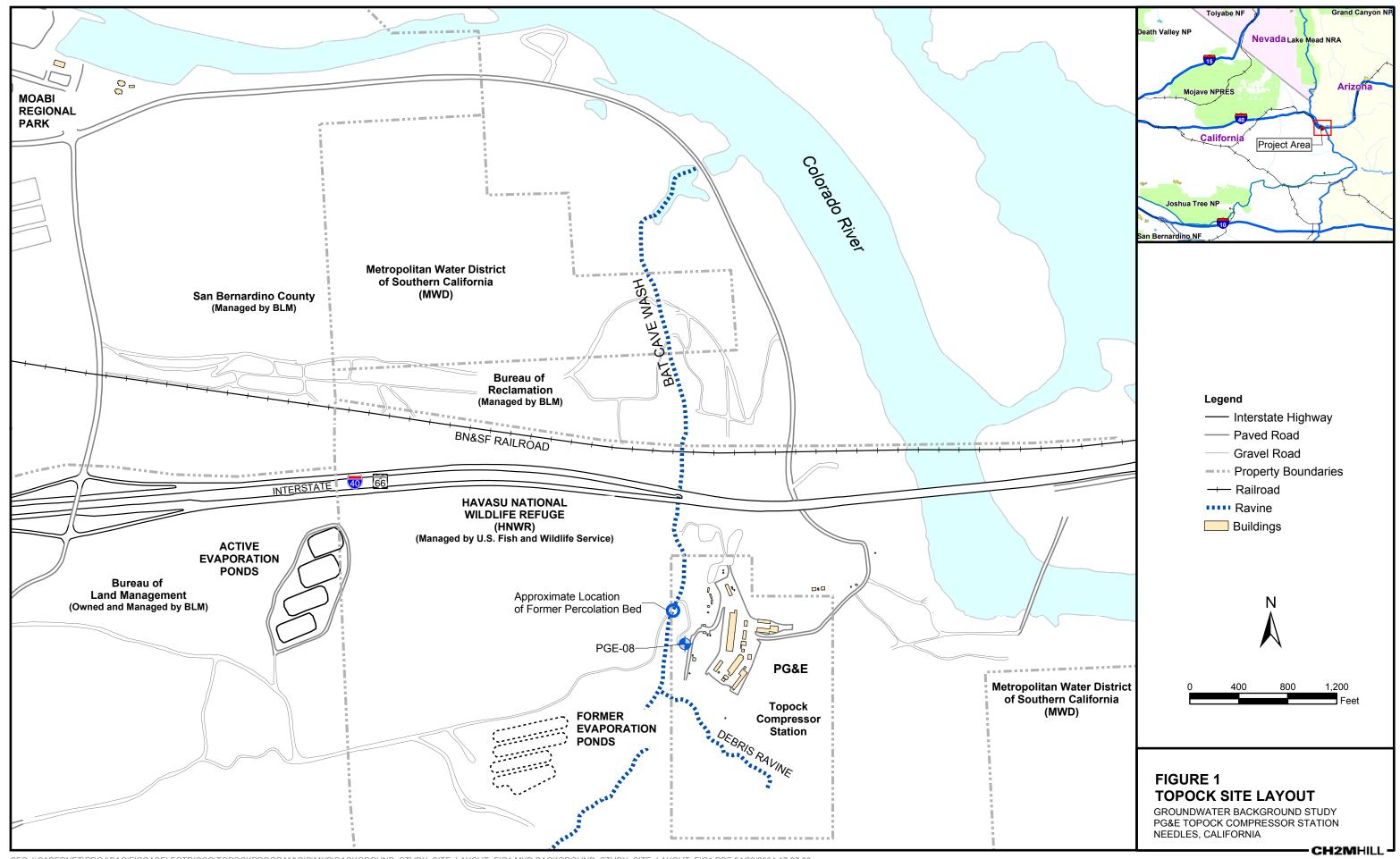
Sample Containers, Preservation and Holding Time for Analytes Work Plan for Assessing Background Chromium and Metals Concentrations in Groundwater, PG&E Compressor Station and Vicinity, Needles, California

		Container and Minimum Quantity		
Analyte	Method	Water	Preservation	Holding Time
<sup>18</sup> O and deuterium	Laboratory SOP(Continuous Flow Mass Spectrometer-CF- IRMS)	100-mL/P or 40ml VOA	Cool to 4°C	None
Anions	SW9056/ EPA300.0/EPA365 .2	125 ml P/G	4°C	Bromide, Chloride, Fluoride, Sulfate, Iodide in 28 days
				Nitrate and ortho- Phosphate in water 48 hours

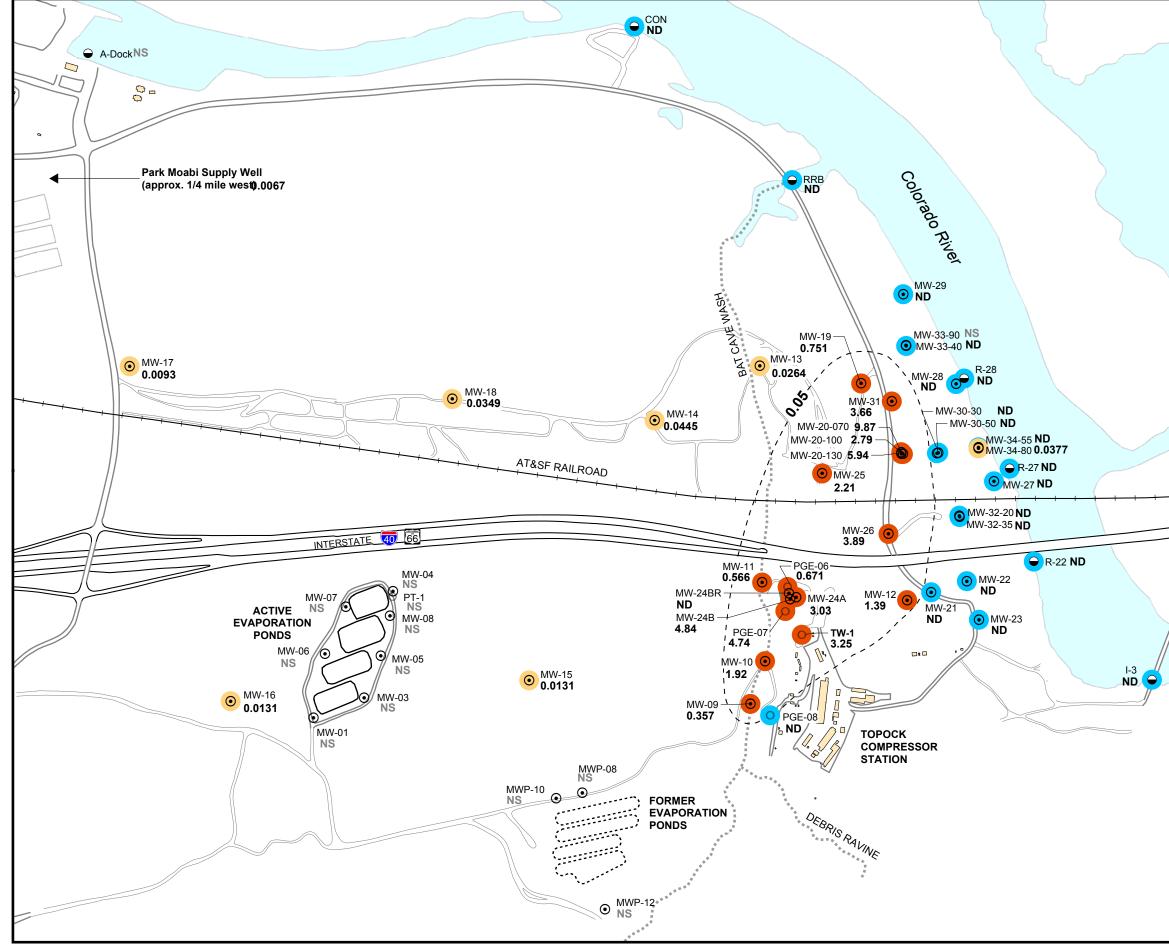
Polyethylene (P); glass (G).

If Boron is a target analyte, a polyethylene bottle must be used for sample collection.

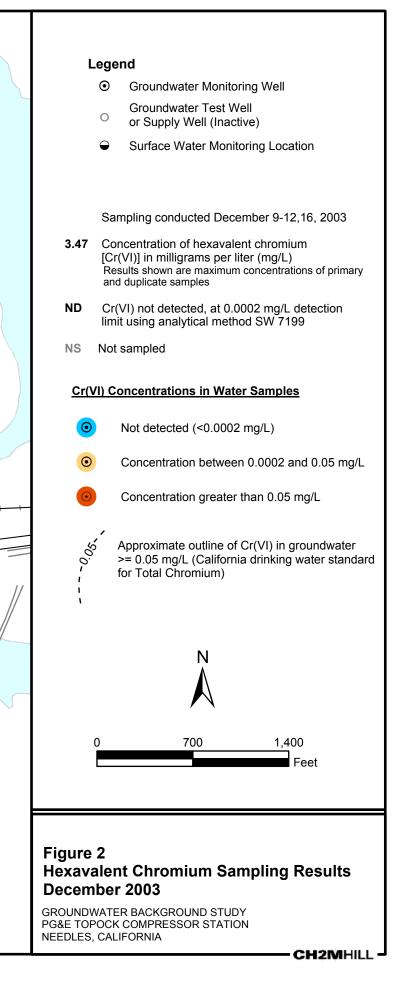
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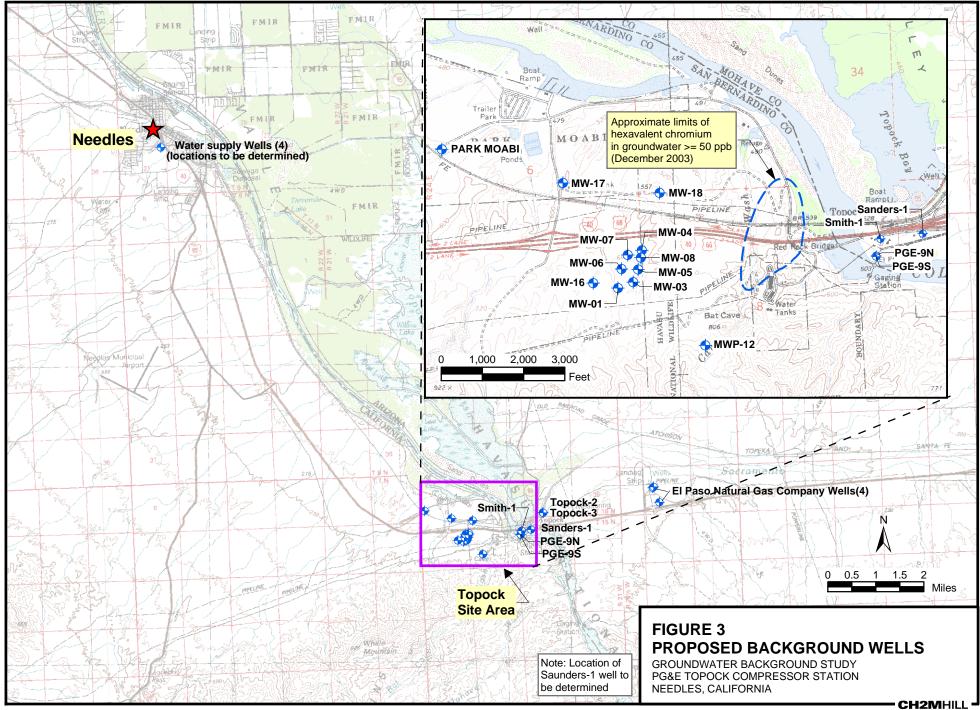


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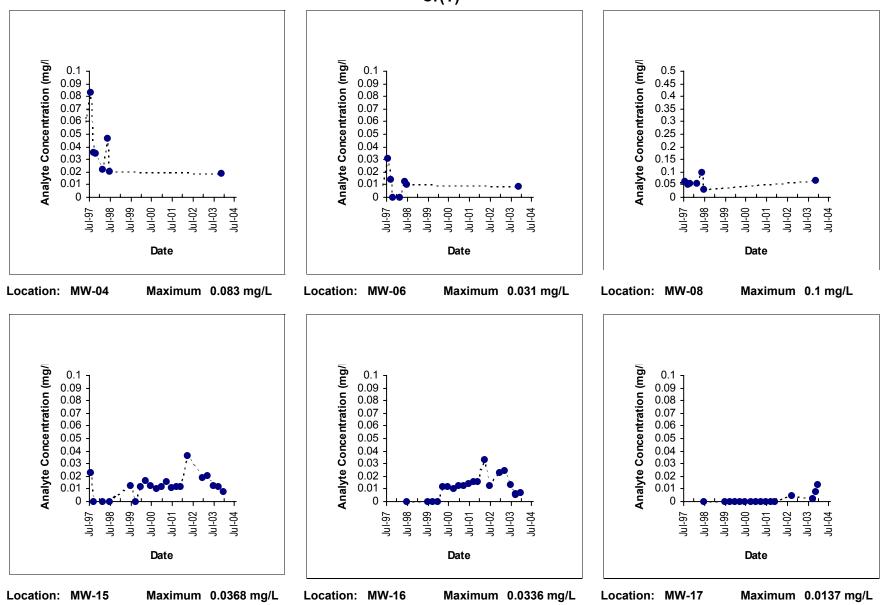
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Appendix A

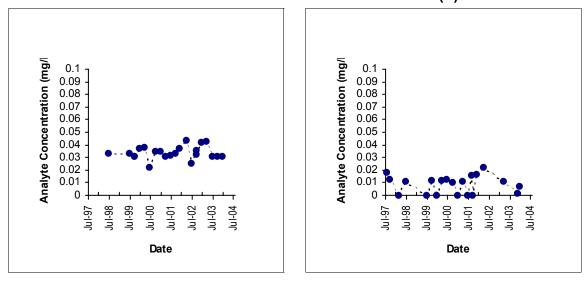
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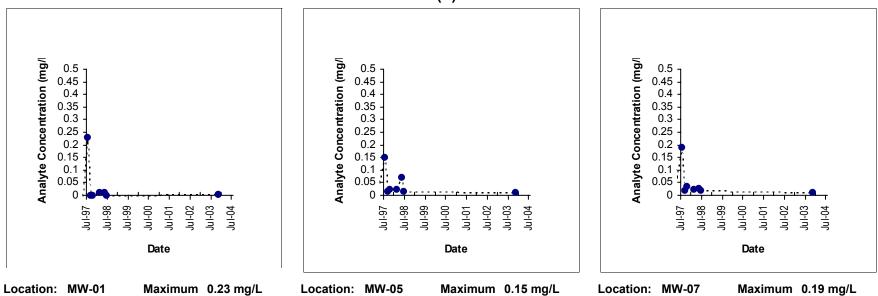
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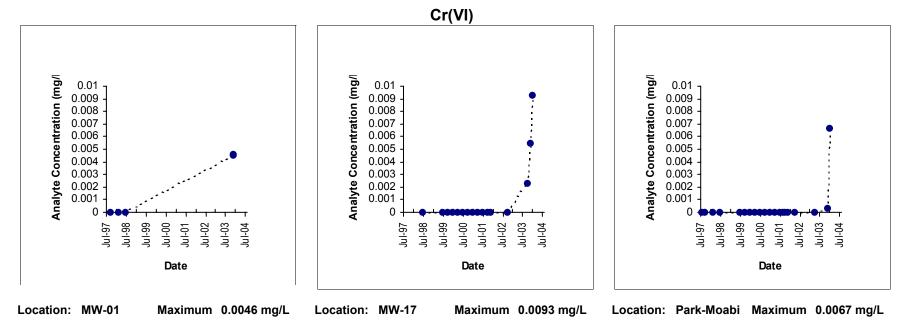


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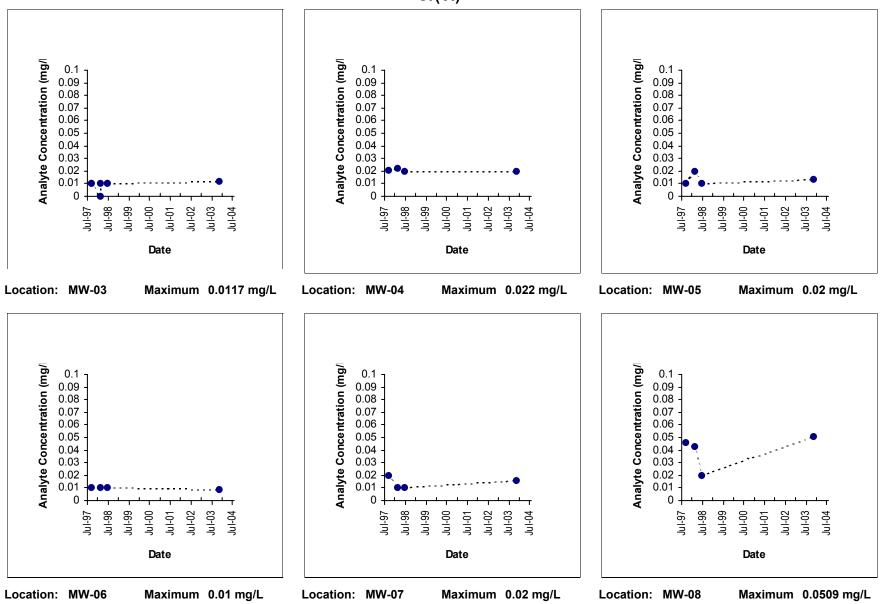
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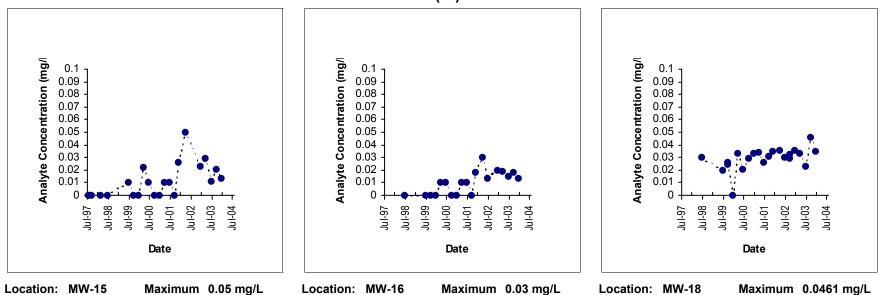


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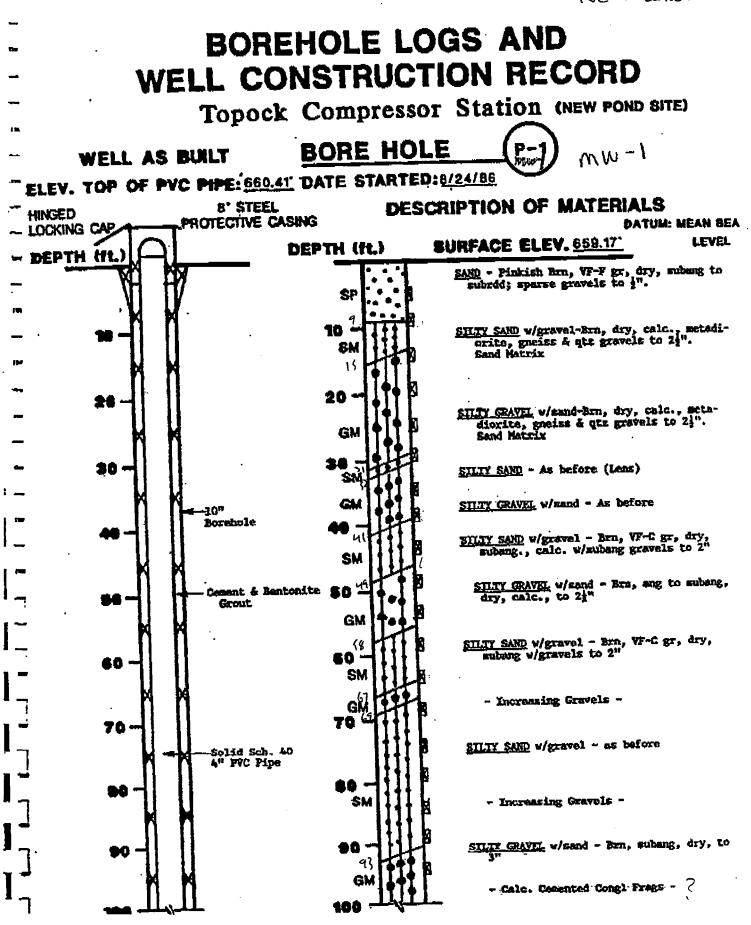
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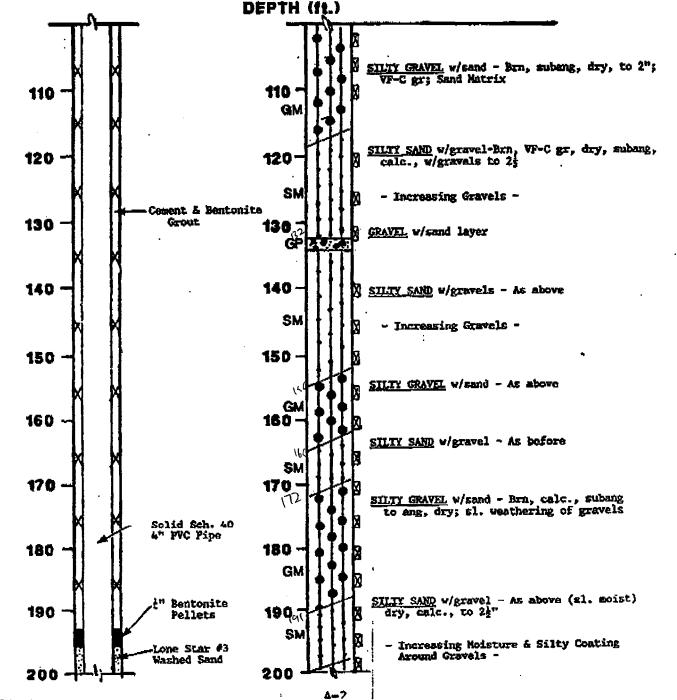
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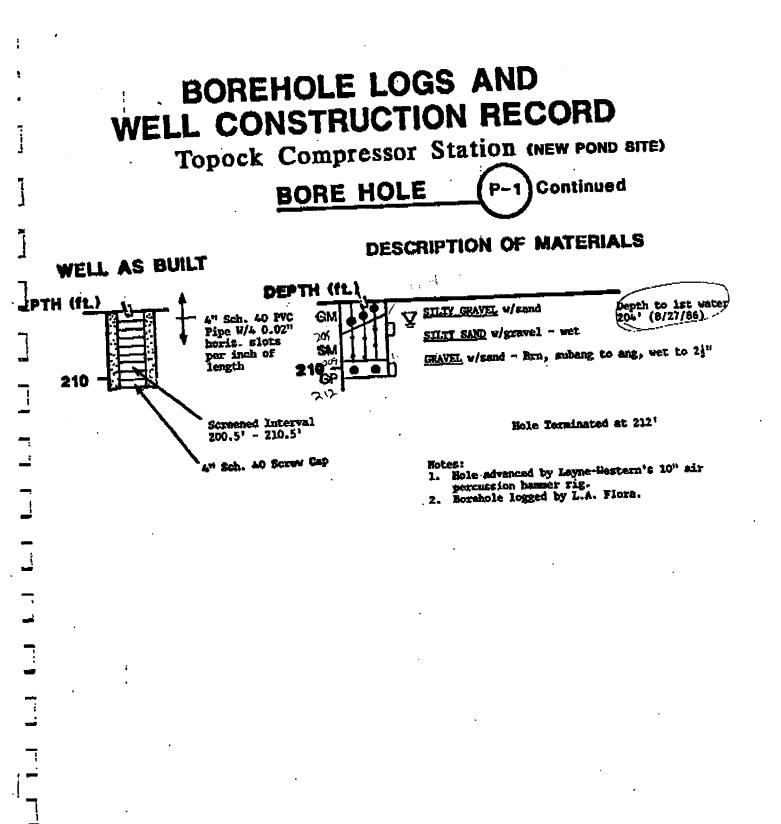
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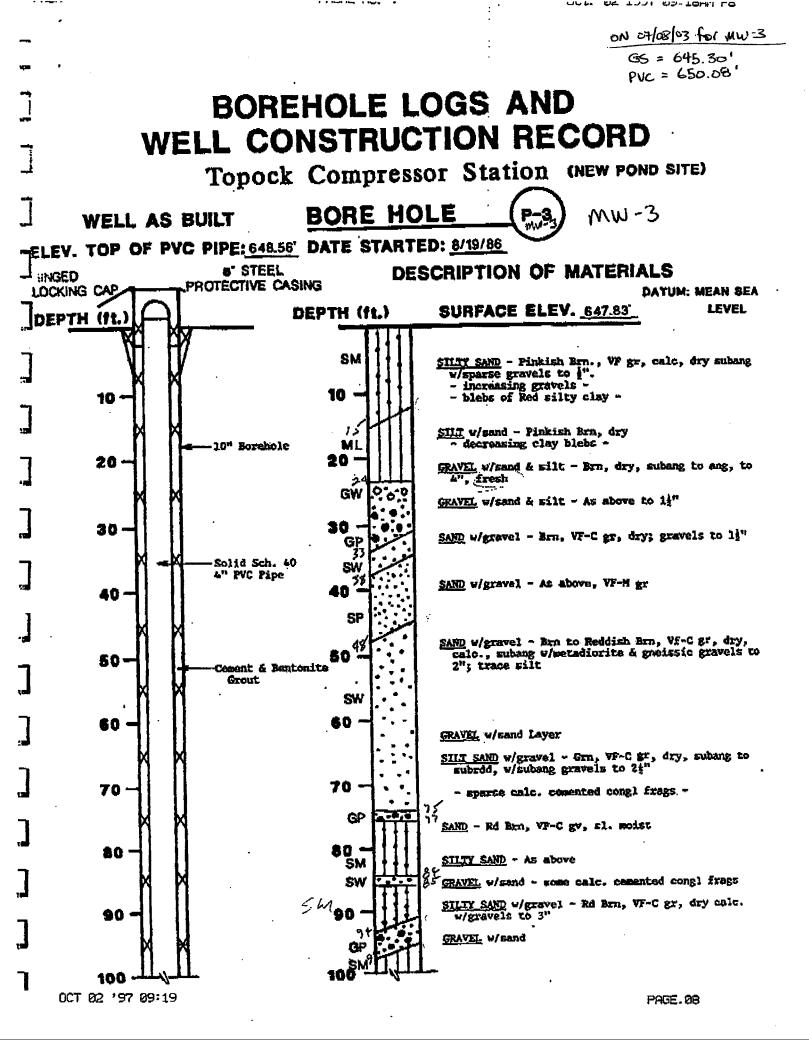


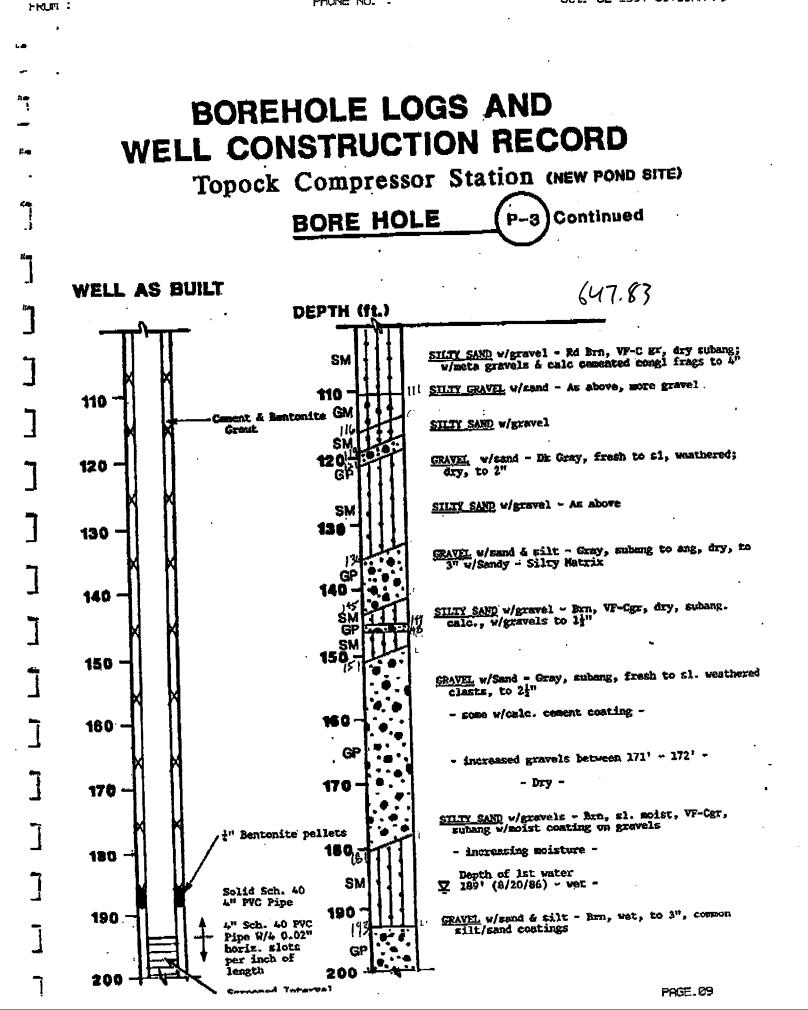
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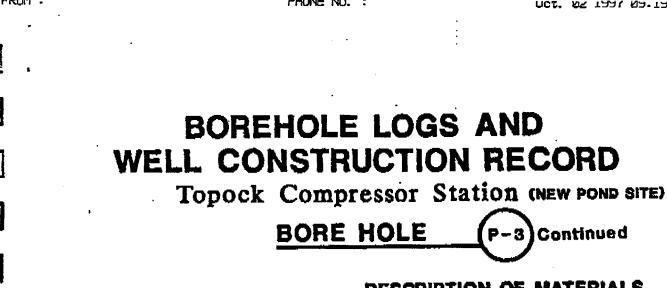


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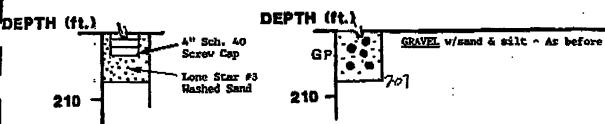






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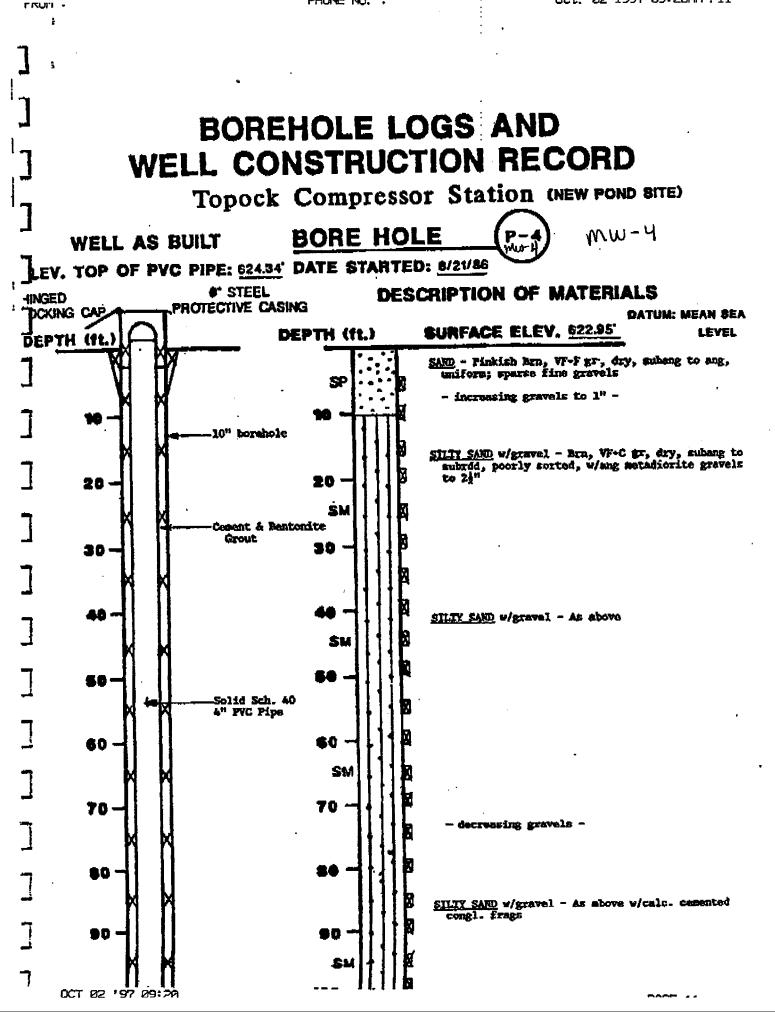


Hole Terminated at 207'

Notes:

Hole advanced by Layne-Western's 10" air percussion hammer rig. Borehole logged by L.A. Flora.

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# BOREHOLE LOGS AND WELL CONSTRUCTION RECORD

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BORE HOLE

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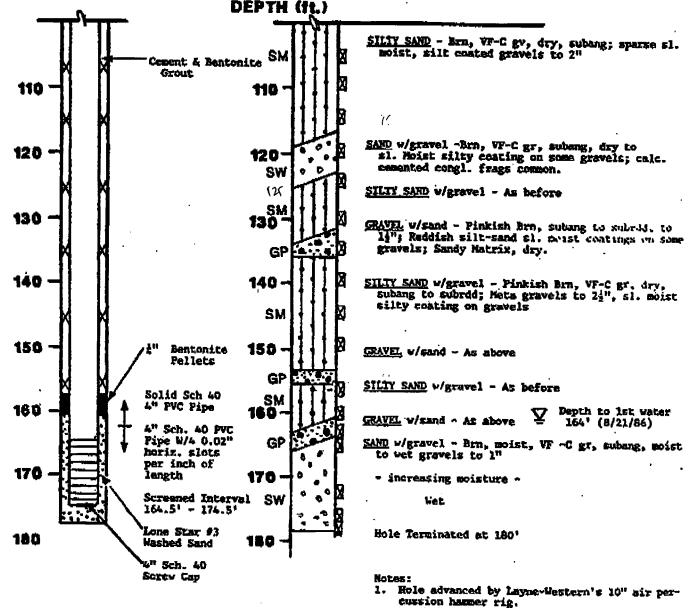
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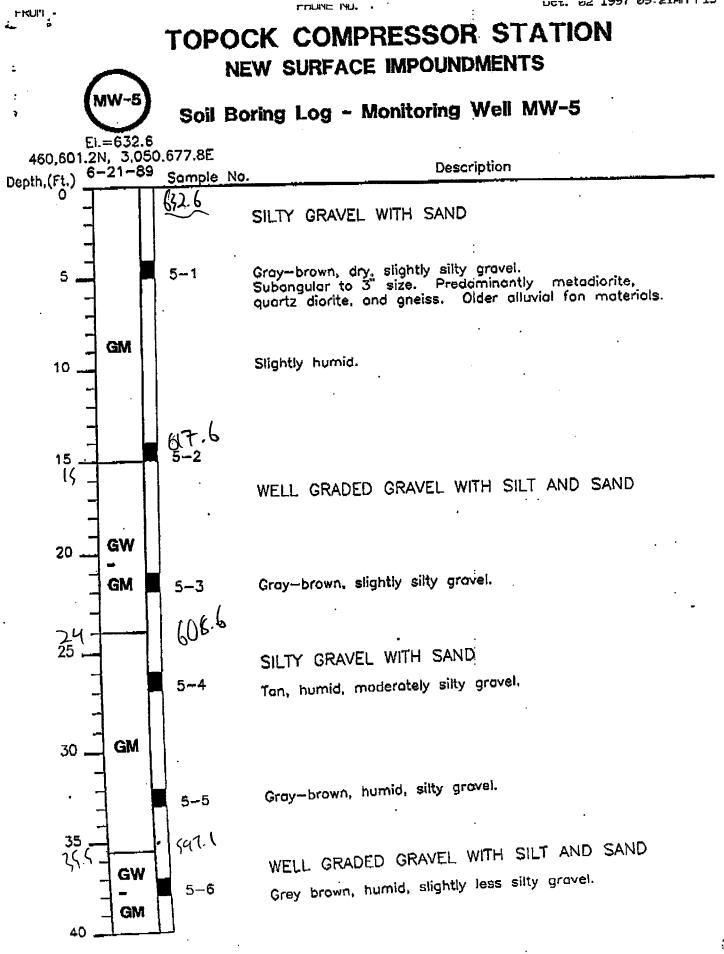
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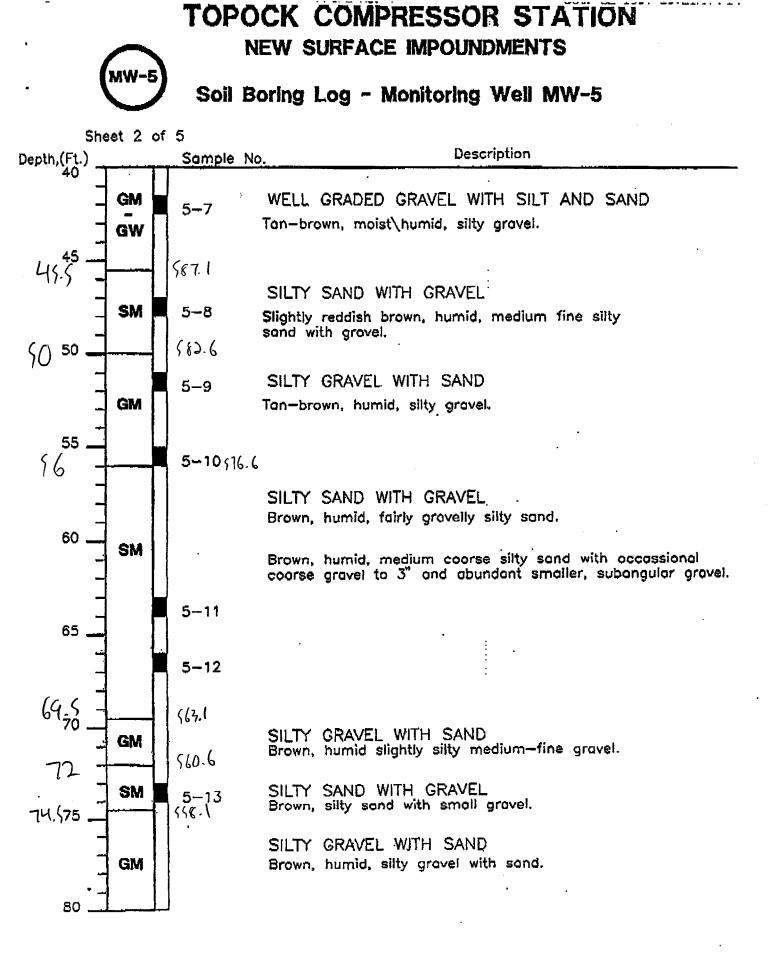


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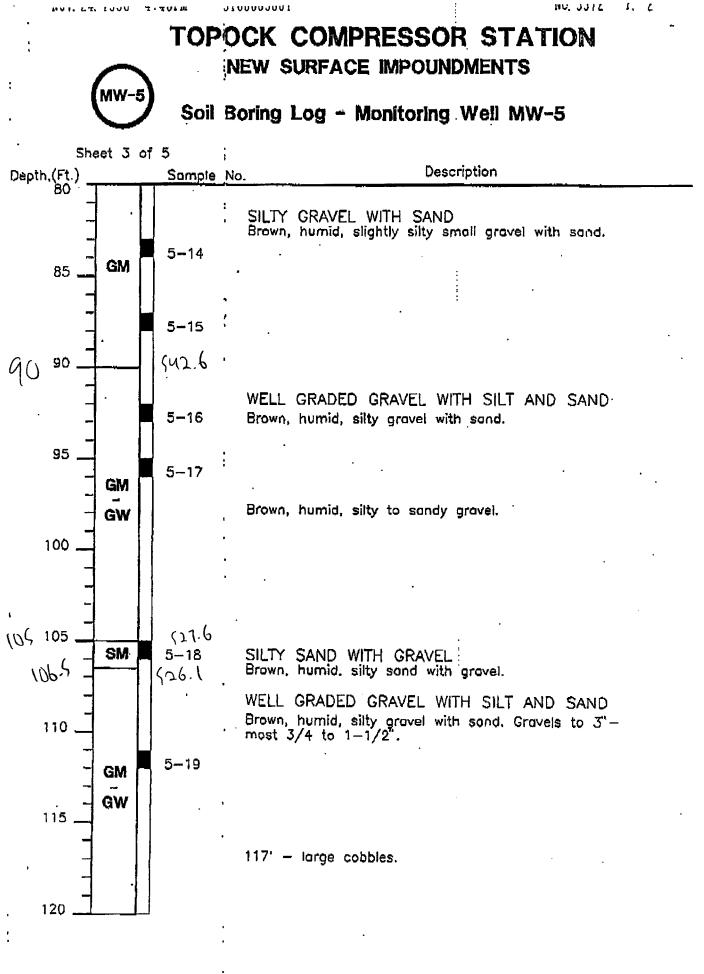


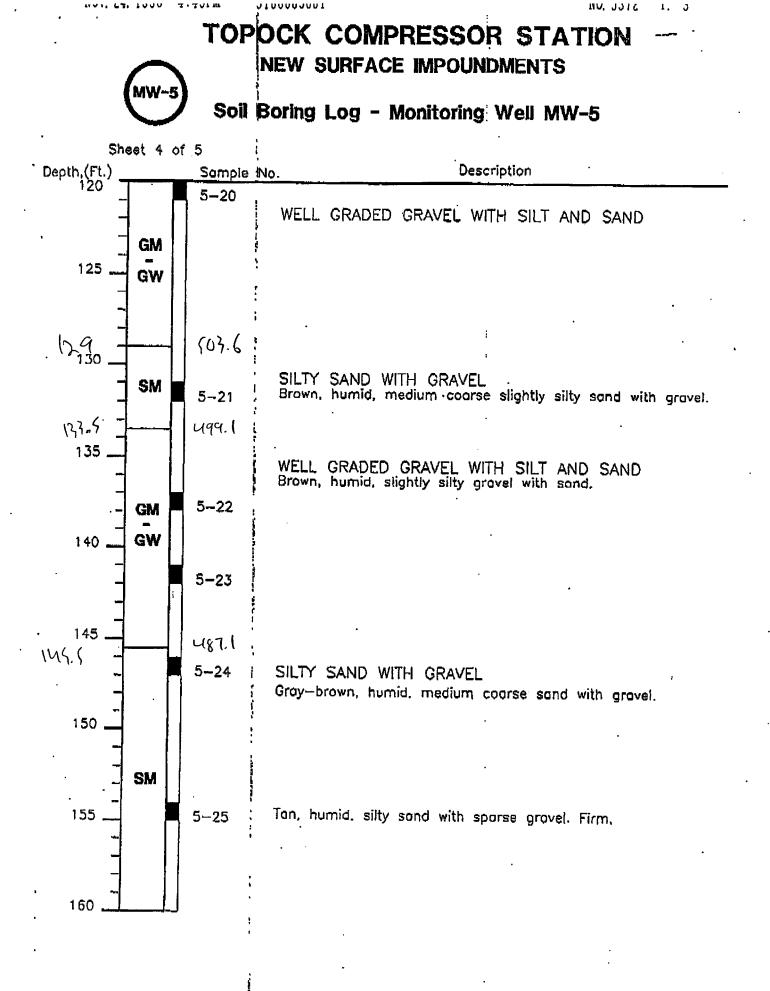
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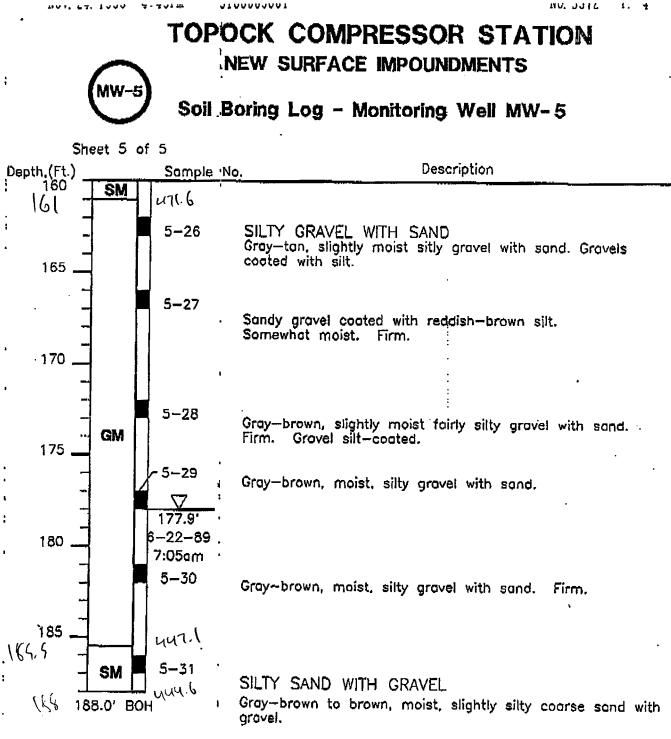
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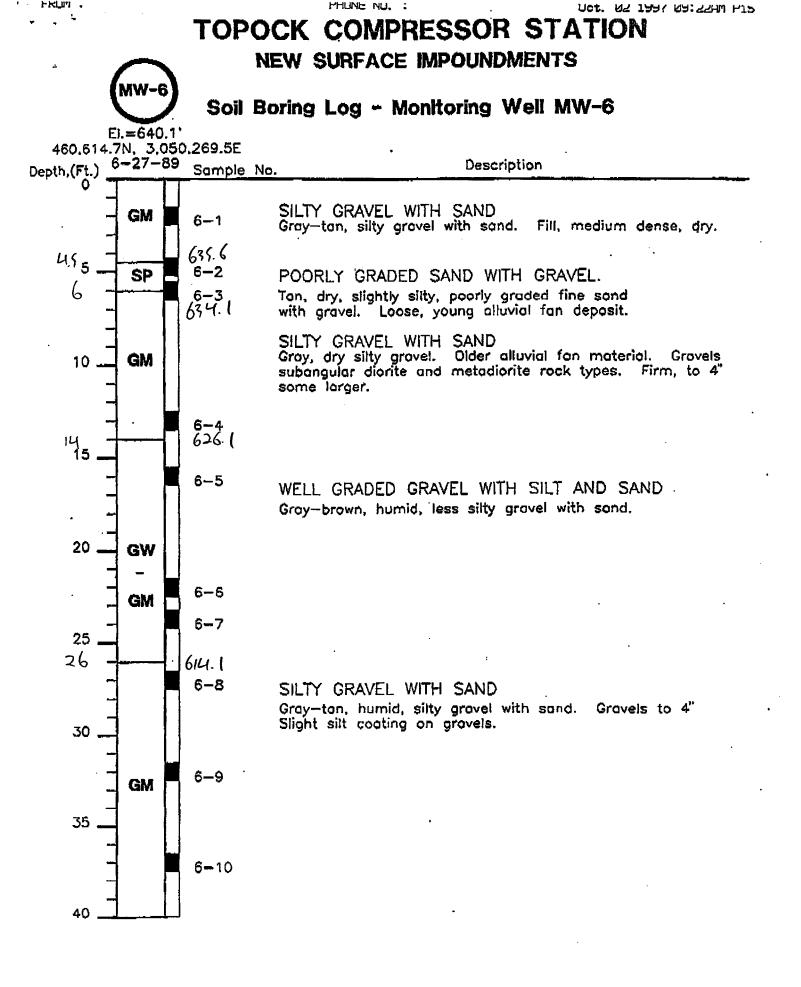
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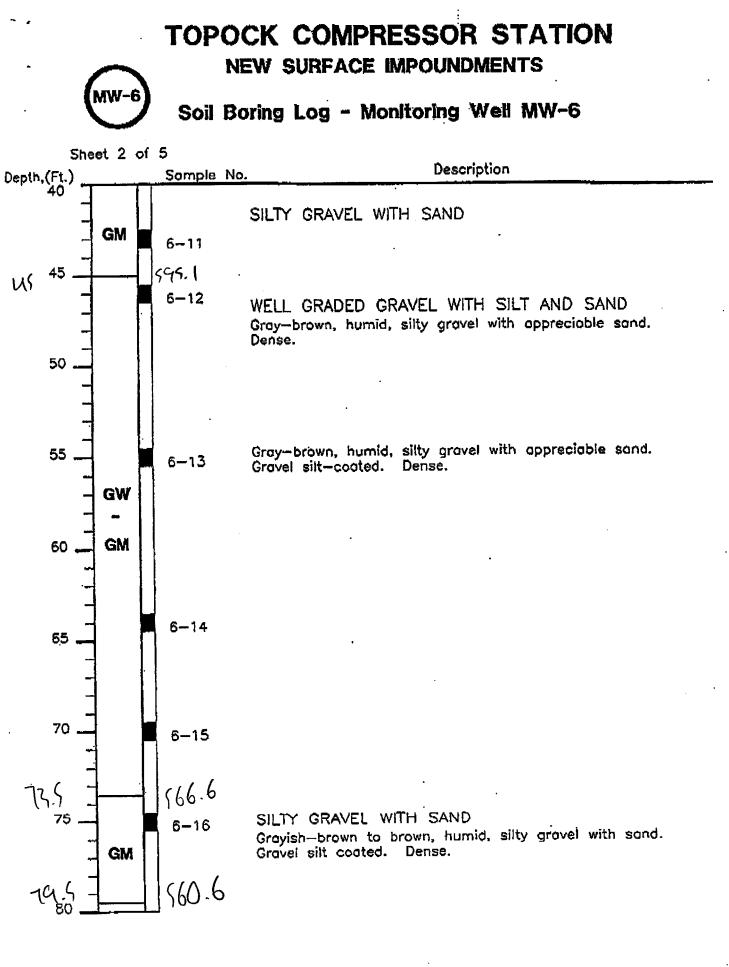
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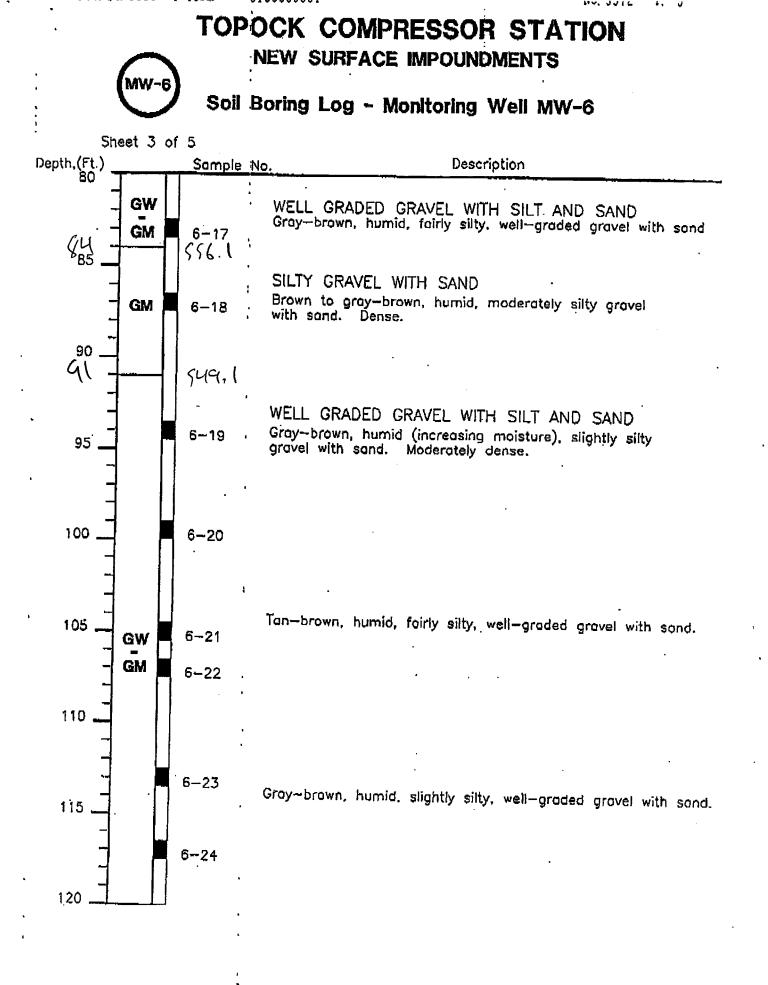
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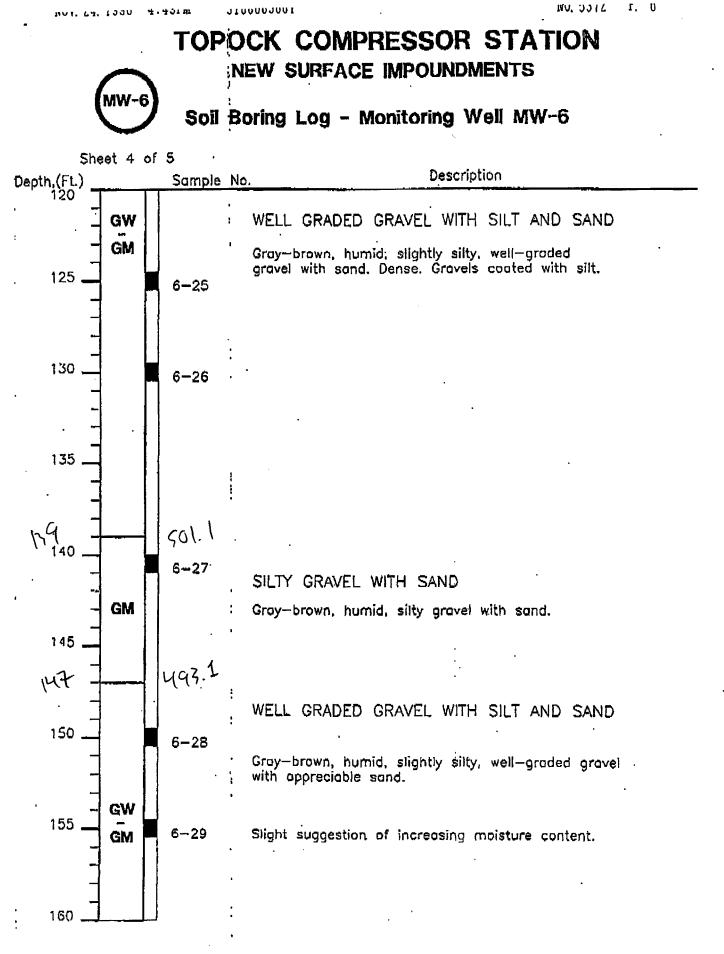
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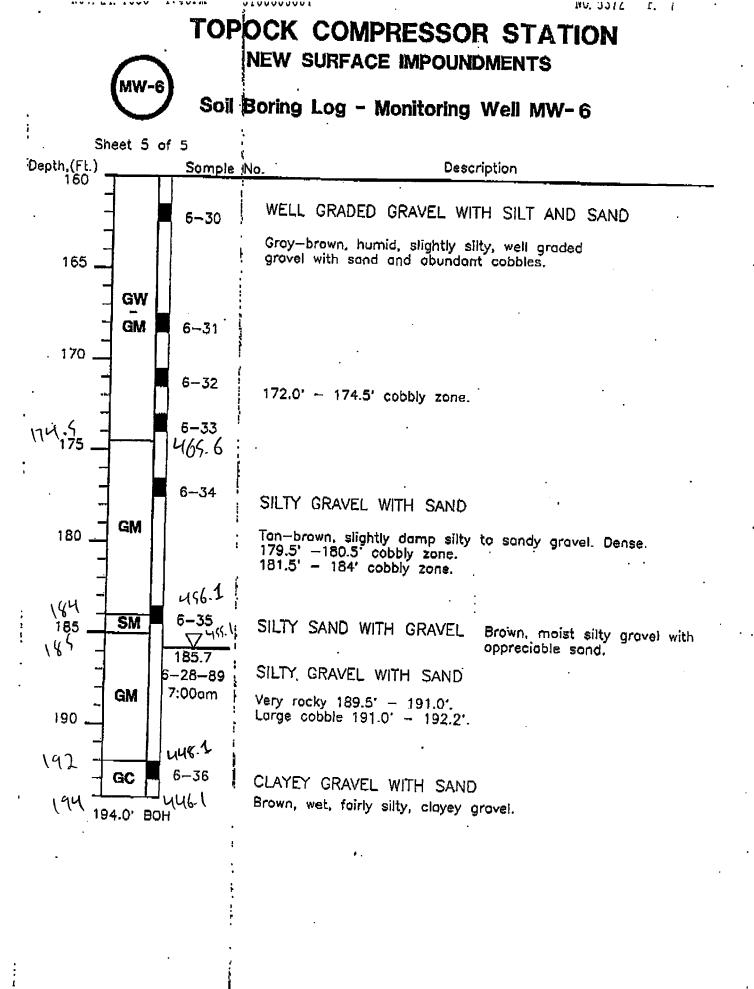
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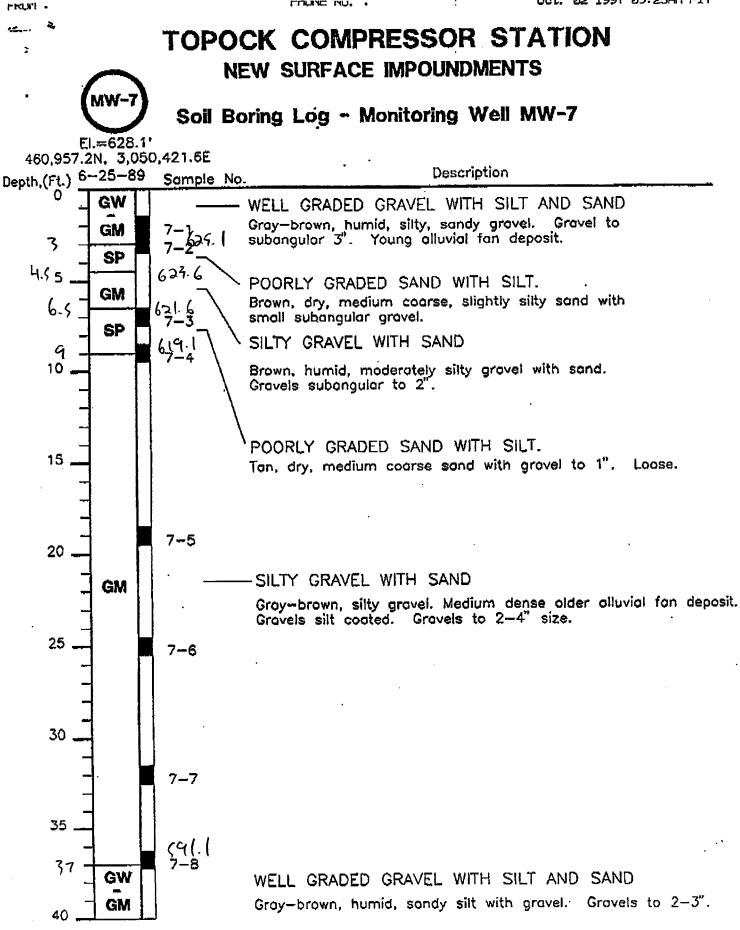
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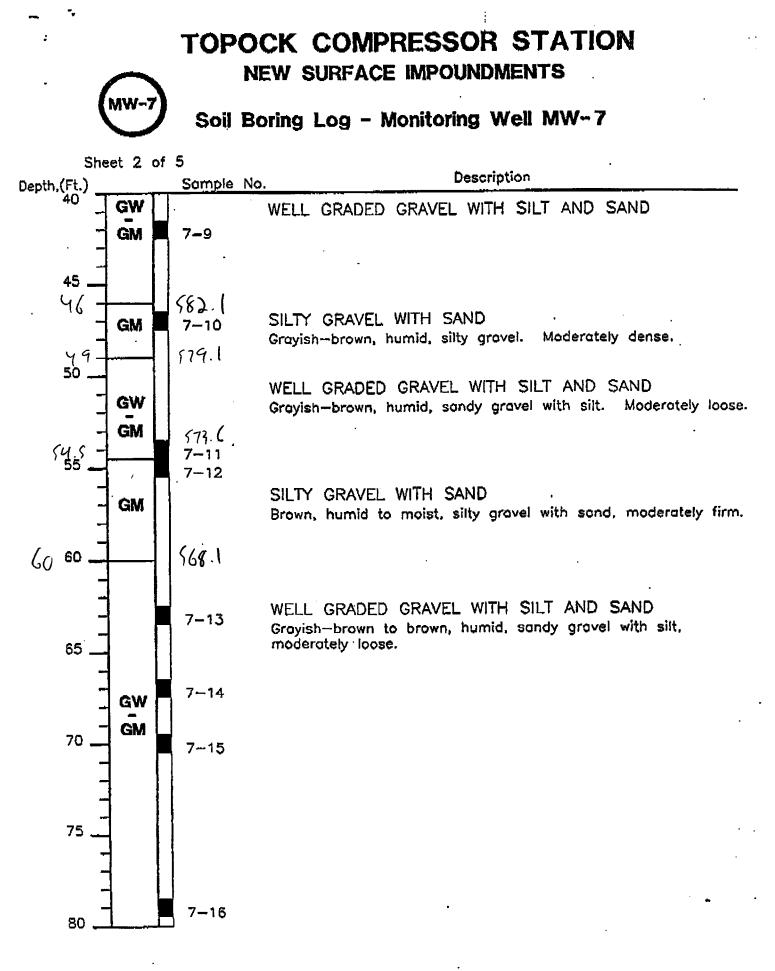


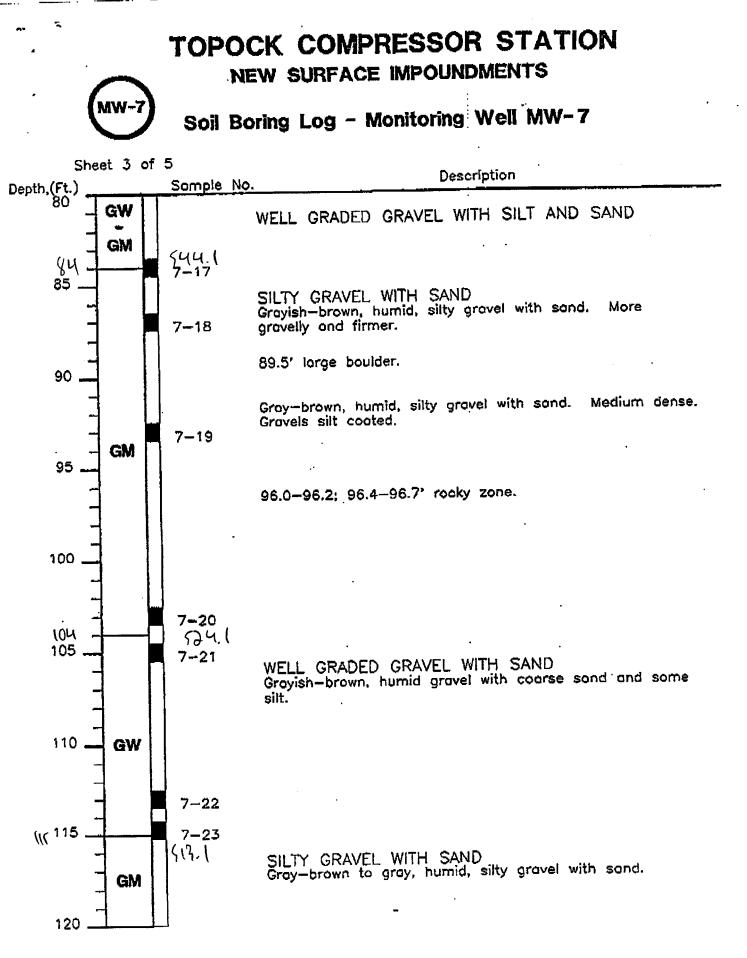
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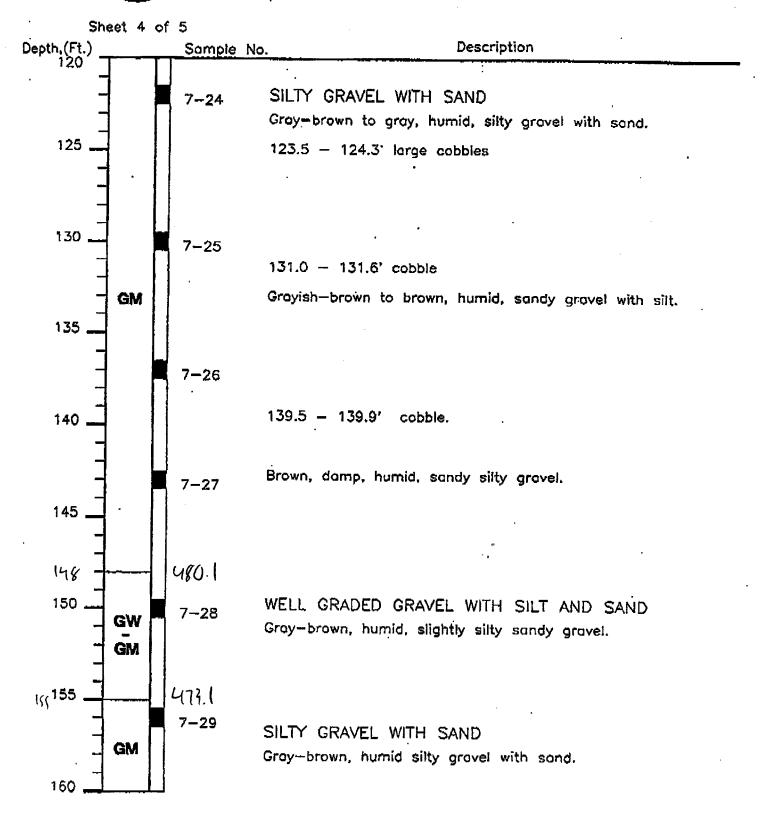


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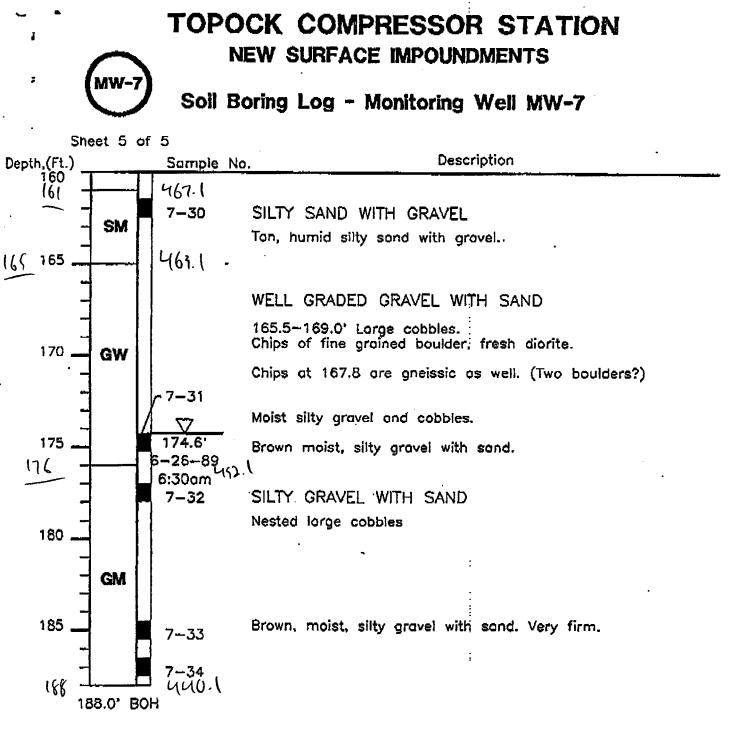
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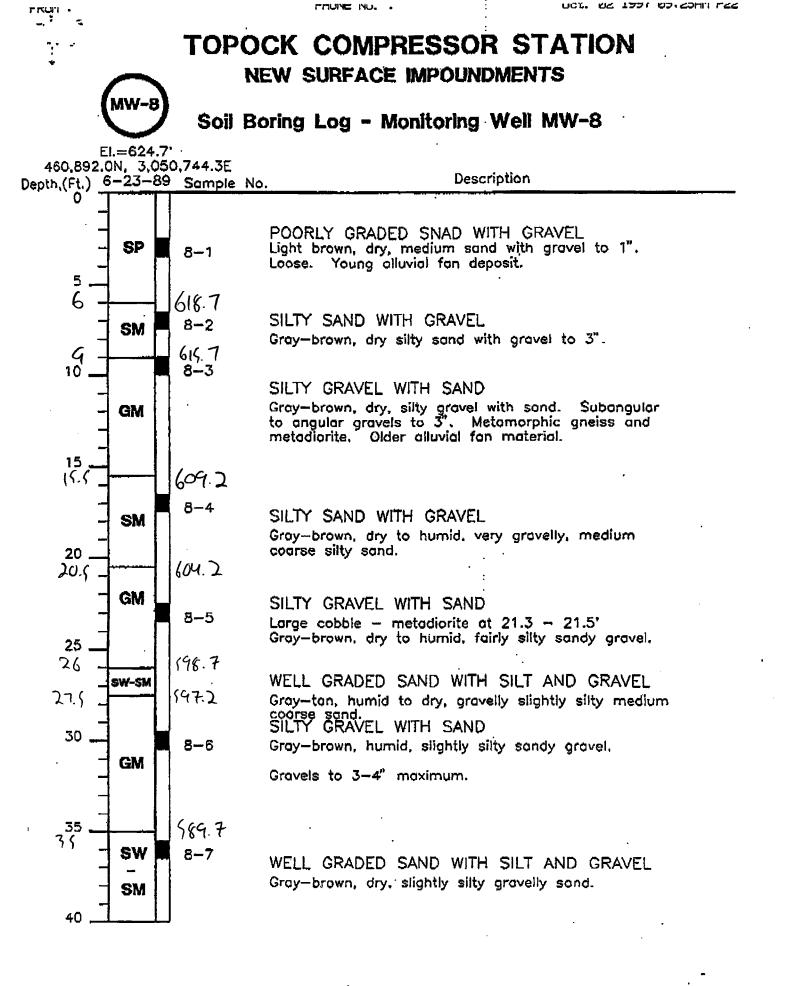
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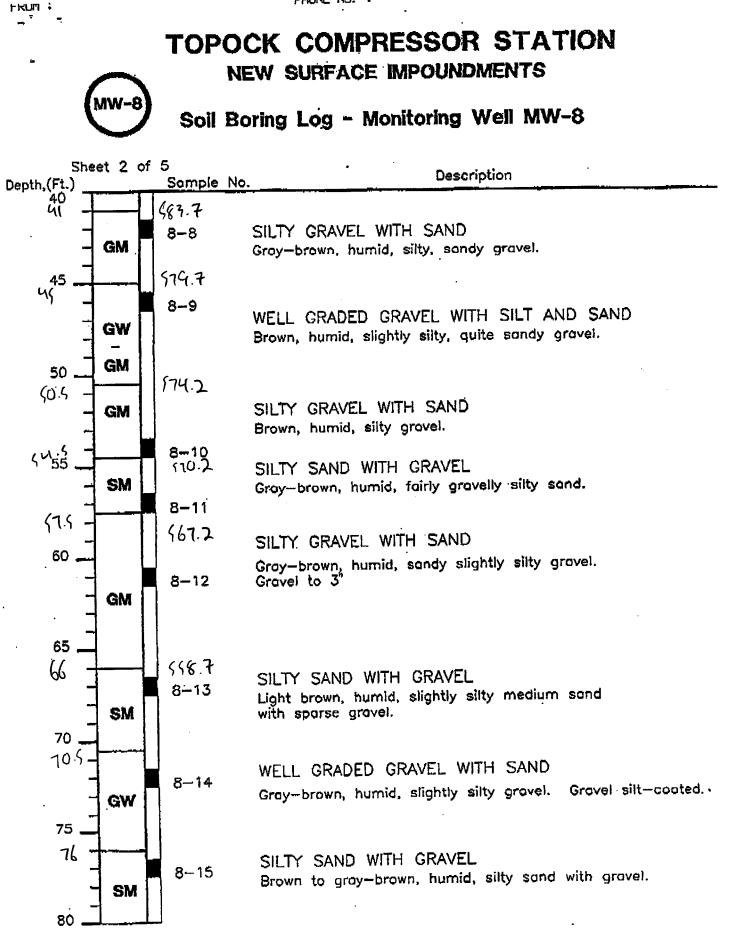
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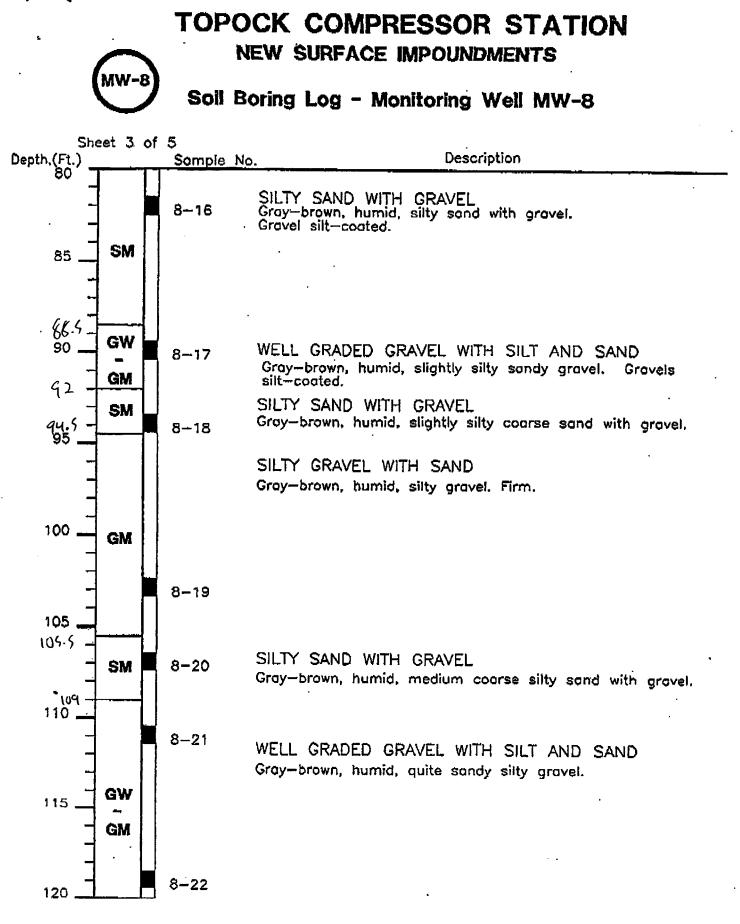


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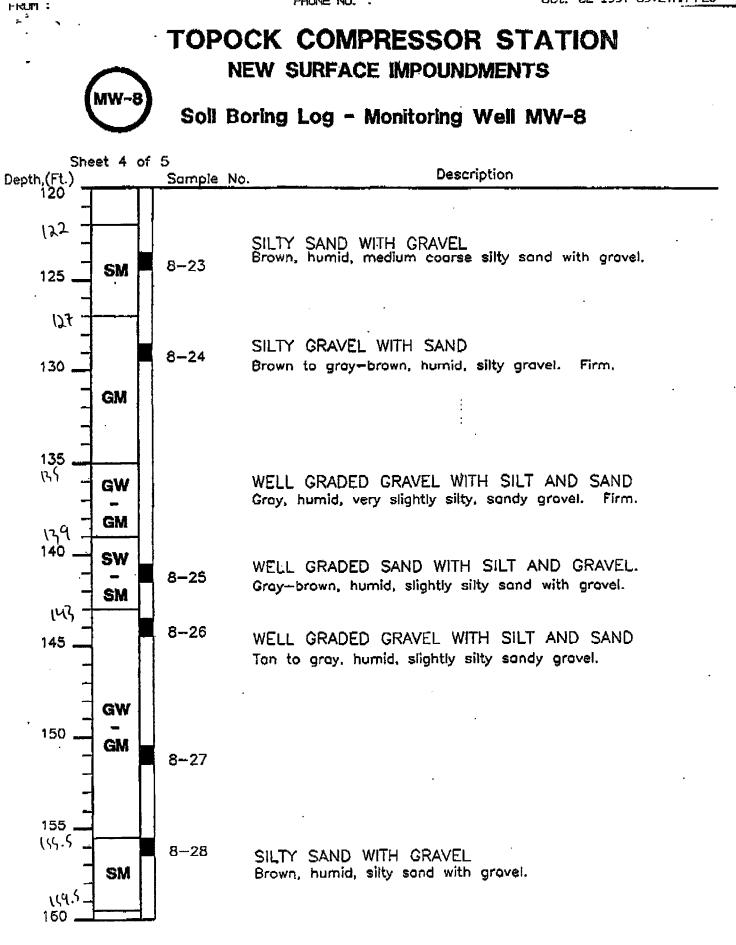


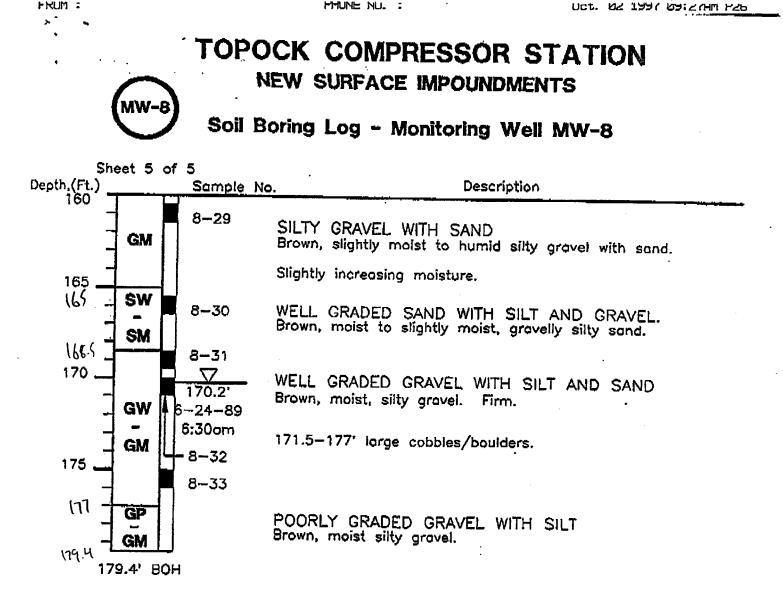


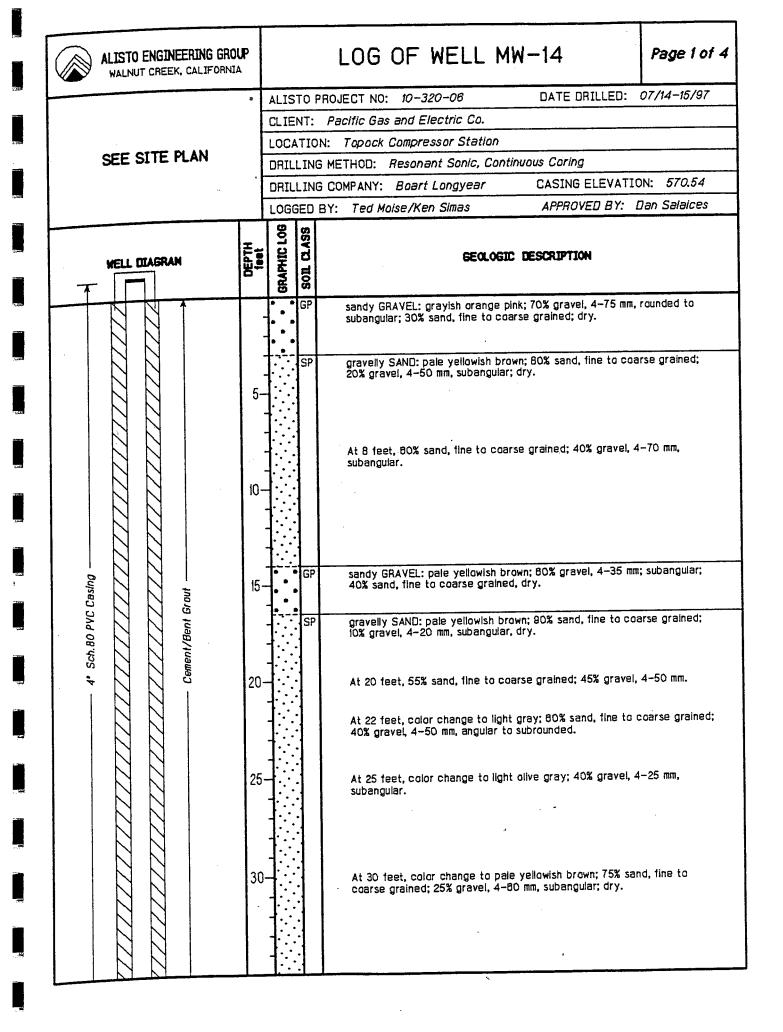
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		LOG		BY: Ted Moise/Ken Simas APPROVED BY:	Dan Salaices
WELL DIAGRAN	DEPTH teet	GRAPHIC LOG	SOL CLASS	GEOLOGIC DESCRIPTION	
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PVC Casing -	50-			At 50 feet, 60% sand, fine to coarse grained; 40% gravel, subrounded to subangular; dry.	4-85 mm,
- 4° Sch.B0 PVC	55-		•	At 54 feet; color change to light gray, 55% sand, fine to 0 40% gravel, 4-35 mm, subangular to subrounded; 5% fines;	coarse grained; ; dry.
			•	At 57 feet, 65% sand, fine to coarse grained; 30% gravel, subrounded, 4–75 mm; 5% fines.	subangular to
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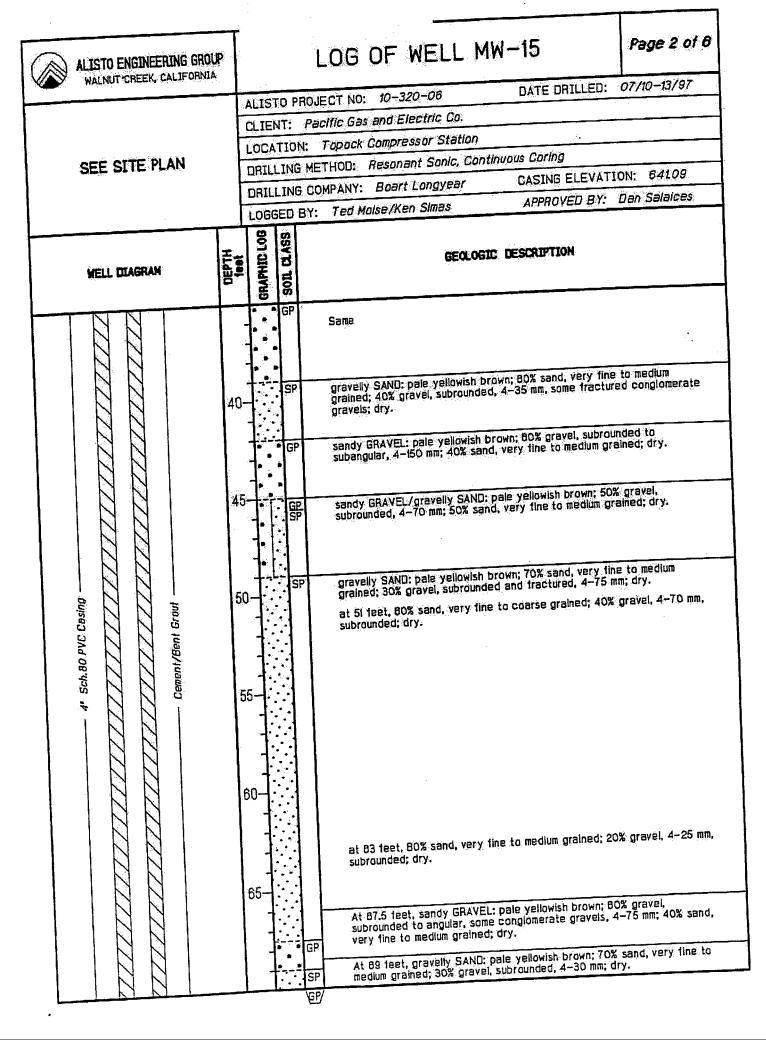
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	+			GP	sandy GRAVEL: light gray; 75% gravel, 4 subrounded; 25% sand, fine to coarse g	1-50 mm, subangular to rained, dry.					

gravelly slity SAND: pale yellowish brown; 80% sand, fine to coarse grained; 20% gravel, subangular, 4–30 mm; 20% tines; wet. gravelly SAND: light olive gray; 85% sand, fine to coarse grained; 30% gravel, subangular, 4–25 mm; 5% fines; wet.	d5 ₩S		El	
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sandy silty GRAVEL: pale yellowish brown; 55% gravel, subangular, 4–50 mm, occasional cobble to 80 mm; 35% sand, fine to coarse grained; 10% fines; wet.	ew €5		971	4 PV0
			150	4" PVC Screen 0.020-Inch slat
At 117.5 teet, 140 mm cobble, light gray rock flour. gravelly SAVD: pale yellowish brown; 85% sand, fine to coarse grained, 30% gravel, subangular, 4-75 mm; 5% lines; wet.	d5			ch slat
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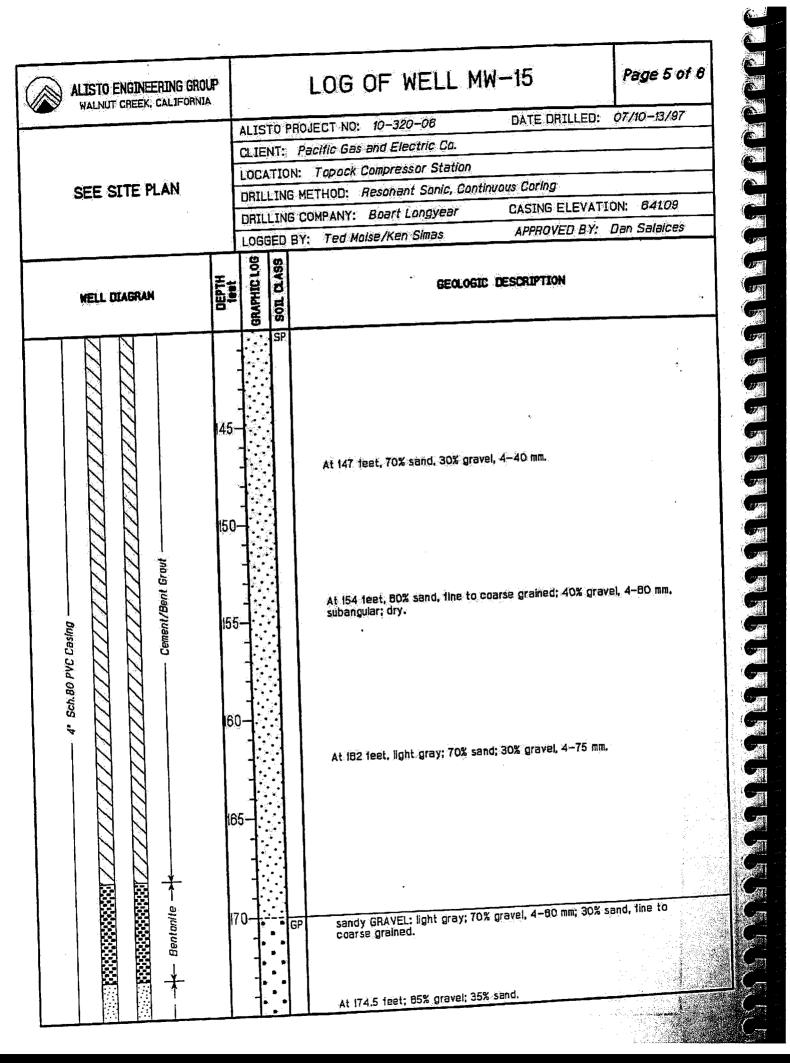
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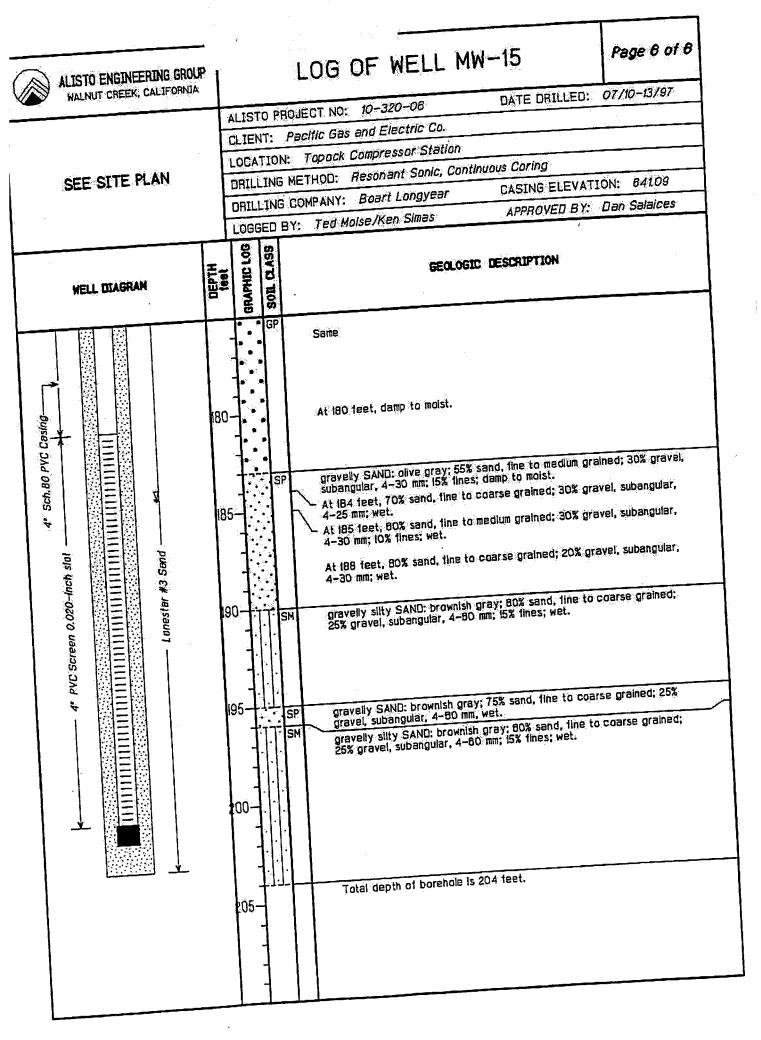


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	SP gravelly SAND: pale yellowish brown; 80% sand, very fine to medium grained; 40% gravel, subrounded, 4-20 mm; dry.
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	SP gravely SAND: pale yellowish brown; BDX sand, very fine to incution grained; 40% gravel, 4-40 mm, subrounded and fractured gravel; dry.
	COBBLES with sand: 30% sand, very line to line grained; 70% cobbles, tractured and subrounded, to 150 mm.
	SP gravelly SAND: pale yellowish brown; 80% sand, very fine to medium grained; 40% gravel, 4-40 mm, subrounded and fractured gravel; dry.
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Sch.80 PVC Casing	o o fractured and subrounded, to iso have
Sich. BO. PVC. Cl	grained; 40% gravel, 4-40 mm, sub-ounded, and a select 70% cobbles
- 4° Sc - 10	90- sandy GRAVEL/gravely SAND: pale yellowish brown; 50% sand, very into to medium grained; 50% gravel, subrounded, 4-70 mm.
	SP gravelly SAND: pale yellowish brown; 70% sand, very tine to medium grained; 30% gravel, 4-30 mm, subrounded; dry.
	95- GP sandy GRAVEL: pale yellowish brown; 80% gravel, 4-75 mm, subrounded and fractured gravels; 40% sand, fine to medium grained; dry.
	SP gravelly SAND: pale yellowish brown; 85% sand, very line to medium grained; 35% gravel, 4-30 mm, subrounded; dry.
	At 101 feet, 80% sand; 40% gravel.

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	ŀ			Pacific Gas and Electric Co.
	ľ	LOC/	TIC	N: Topock Compressor Station
SEE SITE PLAN	Ī	DRIL	LIN	G METHOD: Resonant Sonic, Continuous Coring
	١	DRIL	LIN	G COMPANY: Boart Longyear CASING ELEVATION: 64109
		LOG	GED	BY: Ted Moise/Ken Simas APPROVED BY: Dan Salaices
WELL DIAGRAM	DEPTH	GRAPHIC LOG	SOL CLASS	GEOLOGIC DESCRIPTION
			SP	Same
	780		GP	sandy GRAVELS: 80% gravel, 4-75 mm, fractured gravels; 40% sand, very line to line sand; dry.
	110		SP	gravelly SAND; pale yellowish brown; 80% sand, line to coarse grained; 20% gravel, 4–40 mm, subrounded; dry.
	115-			Bock tragments with very line to line sand.
			SP	gravelly SAND: pale yellowish brown; 85% sand, fine to coarse grained; 35% gravel, 4–30 mm, subrounded; dry.
PVC Casing	120-			At 120 feet, 75% sand; 25% gravel, 4–20 mm. At 121 and 123.5 feet, 100 mm cobbles.
4° Sch.80 PVC Ca.	125-		•	
	130		GF	40% sand, very fine to medium grained; dry.
			SF	gravelly SAND: pale yellowish brown: 80% sand, very fine to medium grained: 20% gravel, 4-30 mm, subrounded; dry. At 133 feet, 85% sand, 35% gravel. At 134 feet, 75% sand, 25% gravel.
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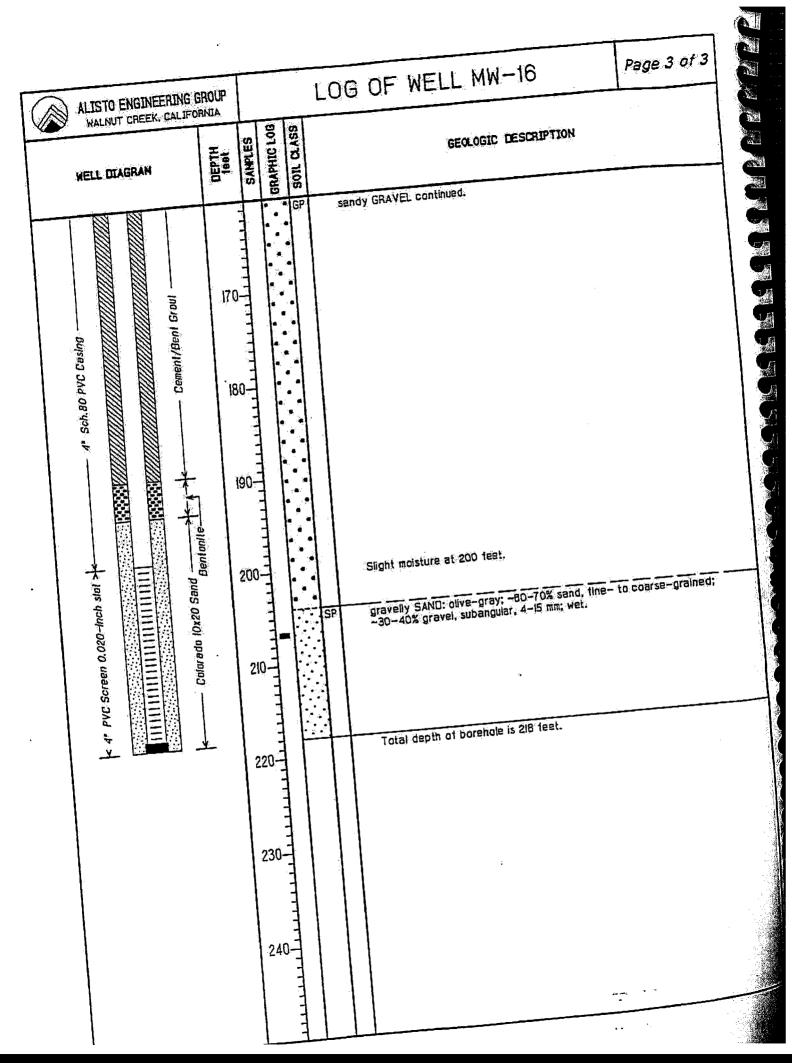
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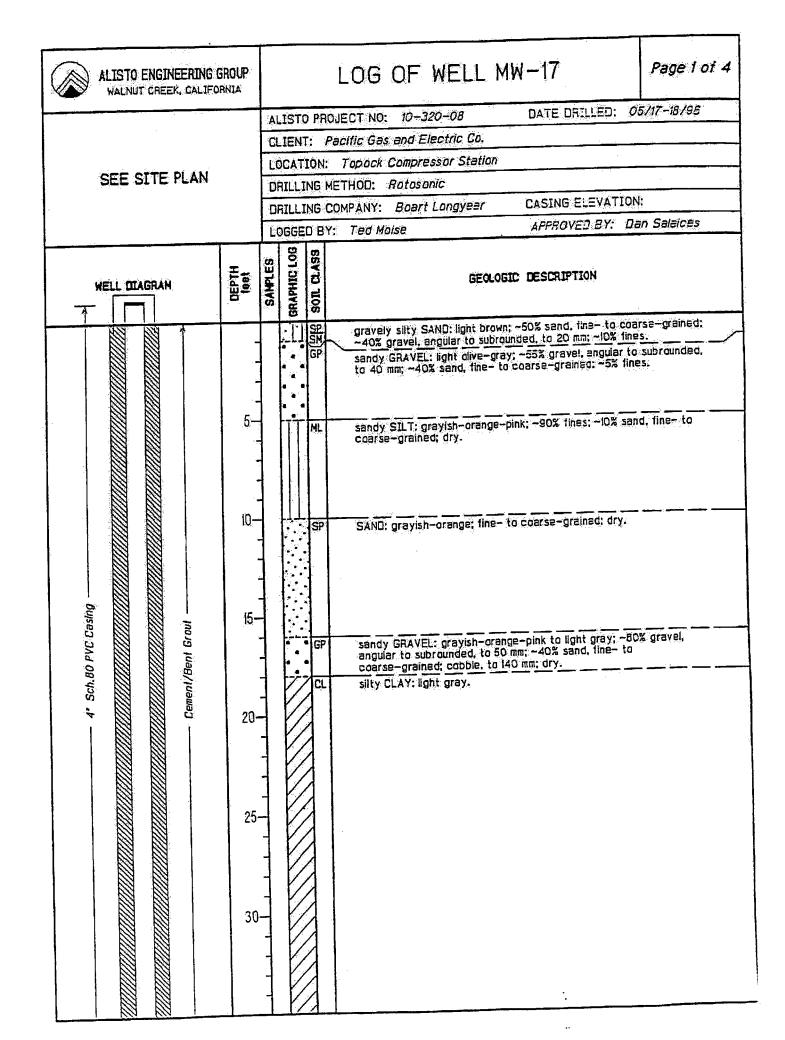


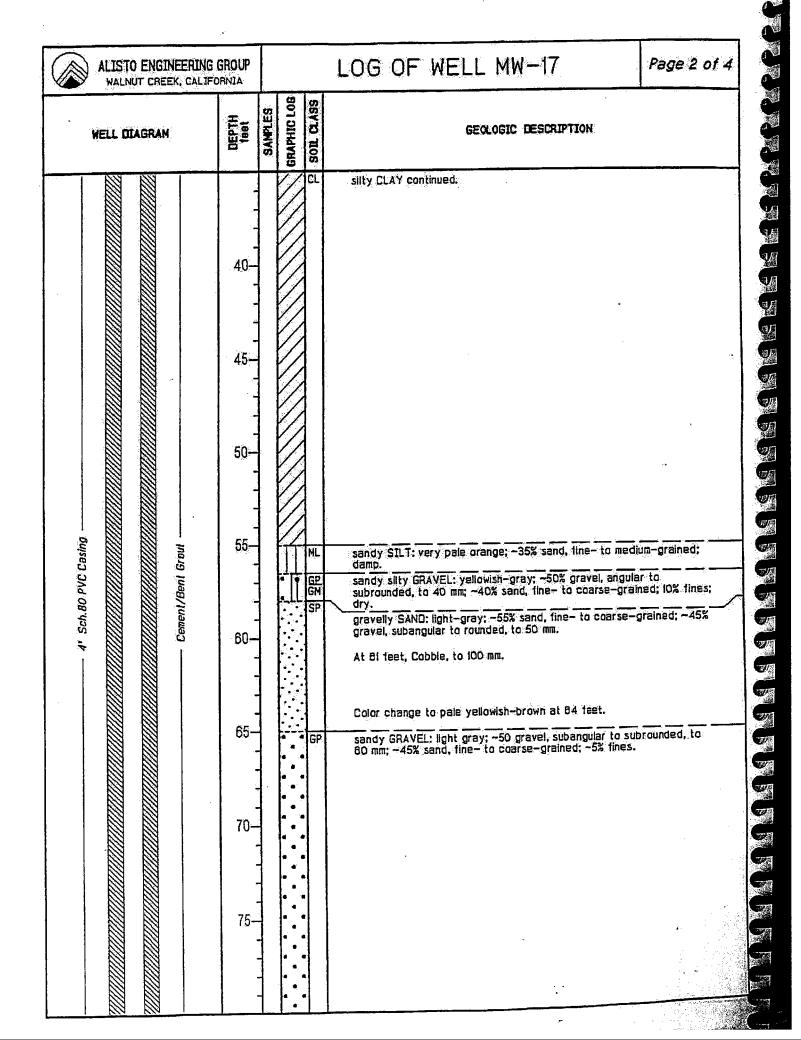


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WELL DIAGRAM	DEPTH	SAMPLES	GRAPHIC LOG	SOR CLASS	GEOLOGIC DESCRIPTION
4' Sch. 80 PVC Casing       4' Sch. 80 PVC Casing         1       1	10- 20- 30- 40 50 60			SP GR	gravely. SAND: light gray: -80% sand, fine- to coarse-grained; -40% gravel, subangular, 4-50 mm; dry.

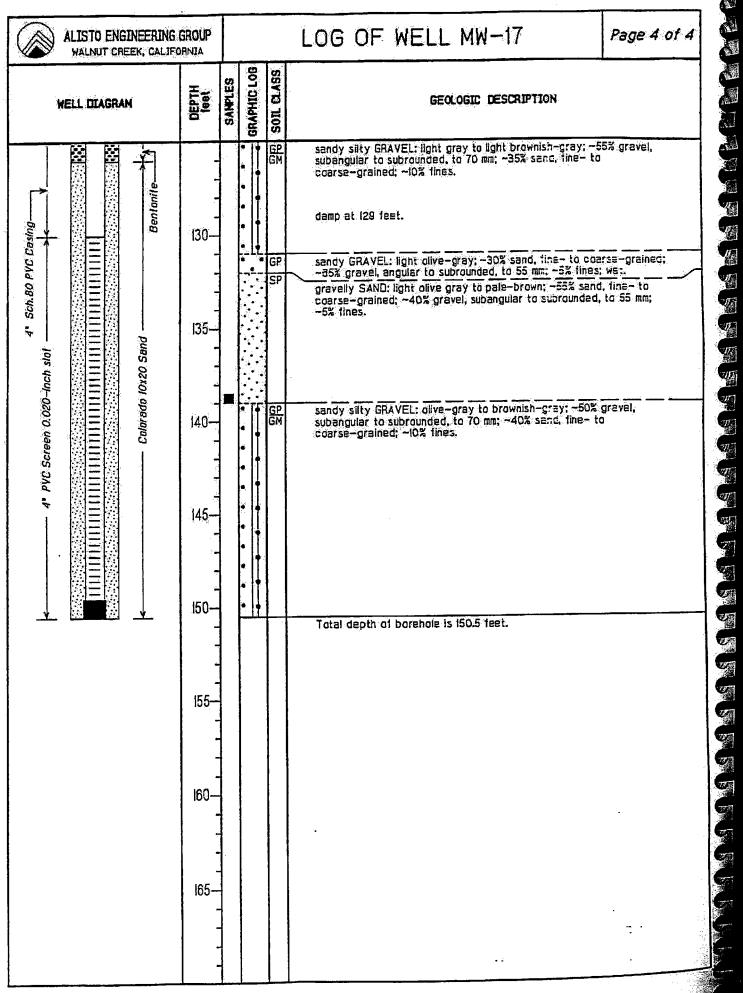
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WELL DIAGRAM	DEPTH	SANPLES	GRAPHIC LOG	SOIL CLASS	GEOLOGIC DESCRIPTION	
1. Sch.80 PVC.Casing	80 90 100 100 100 100 100 100 100			ρ	sandy GRAVEL continued. gravely SAND: light brownish-gray: -80-80% sand, very fine-grained: gravel, light dive-gray; subangular to angul dry. sandy GRAVEL: light dive-gray: -70-80% gravel, subang angular (crushed); -20-30% sand, very fine- to coarse-	







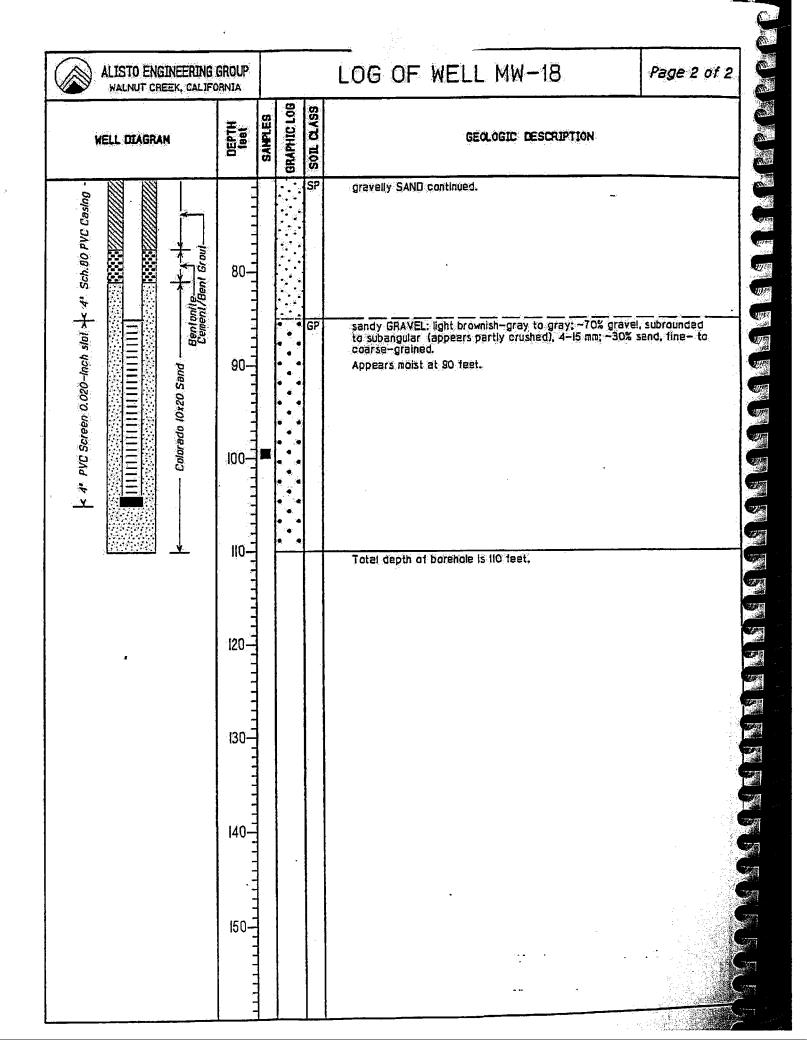
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WELL DIAGRAM	DEPTH teet sawries	BRAPHIC LOG	SON CLASS	GEOLOGIC DESCRIPTION
			GP	sandy GRAVEL: light gray; -85 gravel, subengular to subrounded, to 70 mm; -30% sand, line- to coarse-grained; -5% fines,
	- - - 90 - -		SP	gravelly silty SAND: light gray to pale yellowisn-brown; ~55% sand, fine- to coarse-grained; ~35% gravel, subangular to subrounded, to 80 mm; ~10% fines.
C Casing	95			
	- 105- -		S	gravelly SAND: light gray to pale yellowish-brown; ~85% sand, tine- to coarse-grained, ~30% gravel, subangular to subrounded, to 50 mm; ~5% tines. gravelly SAND: light gray to pale yellowish-brown; ~55% sand, tine- to coarse-grained, ~40% gravel, subangular to subrounded, to 80 mm; ~5% tines.
	115			P sandy GRAVEL: light gray to pale yellowish-brown; -50% gravel, subangular to subrounded, to 80 mm; -45% sand, fine- to coarse-grained; -5% fines.
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		ALI	STO P	OJECT NO: 10-320-08	DATE DRILLED:	04/08/98
		CLI	ENT:	Pacific Gas and Electric C		
SEE SITE PLAN		LOC	ATIO	Topock Compressor Sta	ation	
and an		DRI	LING	ETHOD: Ingersol Rand .	STRATEX/Air rotary	
		DRI	LING	COMPANY: THE Drilling	CASING ELEVAT	ION:
		LOG	GED E	: Dan Salaices	APPROVED BY:	Dan Salaices
MELL DIAGRAN	DEPTH	SAMPLES GRAPHIC LOD	SOIL CLASS	G	EOLOGIC DESCRIPTION	
4' Sch. B0 PVC Casing         4' Sch. B0 PVC Casing         1000000000000000000000000000000000000	20 30 40		GP GP	gravelly SAND: light green coarse-grained; gravel, s sandy GRAVEL: light green angular and tractured; dra	anish-gray to gray; -80% gra robably contains 50-150 mm p; dry. hish-gray to gray; -80% sand ubrounded, 4-8 mm; dry. nish-gray to gray; -80% gra /.	d, fine- to
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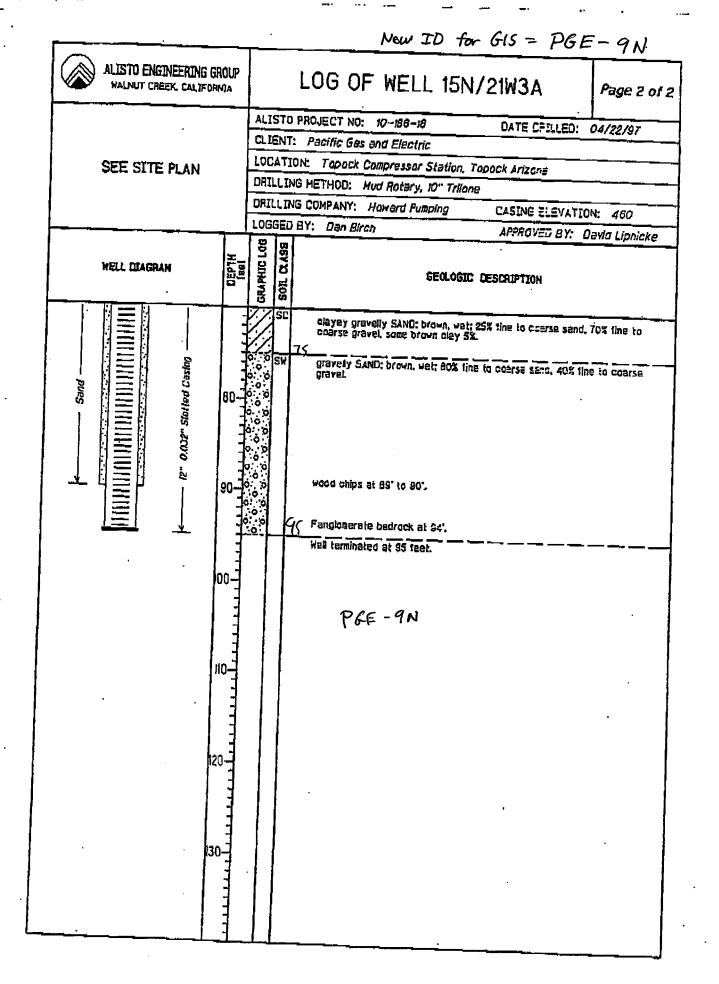
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ALISTO ENGINEERING GROUP HALNUT CREEK, CALIFORNIA	LOG OF WELL 15N/21W3A Page 1 of 2
	ALISTO PROJECT NO: 10-185-18 DATE DAILLED: 04/22/97
	CLIENT: Pacific Gas and Electric
SEE SITE PLAN	LOCATION: Topock Compressor Station, Topock Arizona
	ORILLING METHOD: Mud Rotary. 10" Trilone
	DRILLING COMPANY: Howard Pumping CASING ELEVATION: 460
24 1/2" Steel Canductor Casing	GW sandy GRAVEL: brown, wet; fine to coarse grave), fine sand.
- Neat Centent - Neat Centent 	SC clayey SAND: light blue clay: line send.
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	SP gravely SAND: brown, wet: 75% fine to coerse sens. 20% fine to medium gravel some clay 5%.
base	GW SENdy GRAVEL: brown, wei; 80% fine to medium gravel, 40% fine to coarse sand.
- 12" 0.032" Statlad Casting	No.       B+       Image: Second Secon
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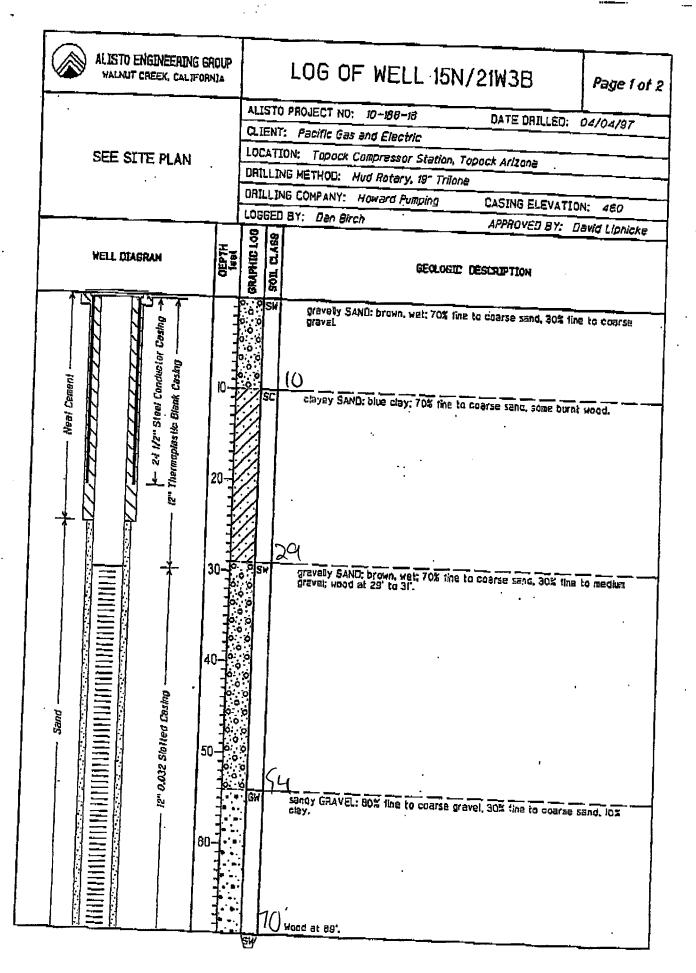


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		ALI	STO	PROJECT NO: 10-188-15 DATE DETLED: 04/04/07						
•		-	ALISTO PROJECT NO: 10-188-15 DATE DRILLED: 04/04/97 CLIENT: Pacific Gas and Electric							
SEE SITE PLAN			LOCATION: Topack Compressor Station, Topack Arizona							
		ORI		IG METHOD: Mud Rotery, 19" Tritone						
		ORI		G COMPANY: Howard Pumping CASING ELEVATION: 480						
······				BY: Dan Birch APPROVED BY: David Lipnicke						
WELL MAGRAN	OEPTH (ael	R	SOL CLASE	GEOLOGIC DESCRIPTION						
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