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## **ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS**

bgs	Below Ground Surface
BWD	Bethpage Water District
CLEAN	Comprehensive Long-term Environmental Action Navy
CTO	Contract Task Order
DoD	Department of Defense
DOT	Department of Transportation
DL	Detection Limit
DVM	Data Validation Manager
ELAP	Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency, United States
FM	Field Manager
ft	Feet
HSM	Health and Safety Manager
HASP	Health and Safety Plan
IDW	Investigation Derived Waste
LOD	Limit of Detection
LOQ	Limit of Quantitation
µg/L	Microgram per Liter
MCL	Maximum Contaminant Level
MS/MSD	Matrix Spike/Matrix Spike Duplicate
NAPL	Non Aqueous Phase Liquid
NAVD	North American Vertical Datum
NAVFAC	Naval Facilities Engineering Command
NG	Northrop Grumman
NTU	Nephelometric Turbidity Unit
NYCRR	New York Code of Rules and Regulations
NYSDEC	New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
NYSDOH	New York State Department of Health
NWIRP	Naval Weapons Industrial Reserve Plant
ONCT	Onsite Containment System
OU	Operable Unit
PAL	Project Action Limit
PCB	Polychlorinated Biphenyl
POTW	Publicly Owned Treatment Works
PM	Project Manager
QA	Quality Assurance
QAM	Quality Assurance Manager
QC	Quality Control
QSM	Quality Systems Manual
RPM	Remedial Project Manager
SAP	Sampling and Analysis Plan
SOP	Standard Operating Procedure
SVOC	Semivolatile Organic Compounds

## **LIST OF ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS (CONTINUED)**

SSO	Site Safety Officer
TCE	Trichloroethene
TCL	Target Compound List
TCLP	Toxicity Characteristic Leaching Procedure
TVOC	Total Volatile Organic Compounds
UFP	Uniform Federal Policy
VOC	Volatile Organic Compounds

## **1. Introduction**

This work plan has been prepared for the Mid-Atlantic Division of the Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) pursuant to Contract Task Order (CTO) WE15, issued under Comprehensive Long-term Environmental Action Navy (CLEAN) contract number N62470-11-D-8013. This work plan addresses activities to be conducted at the Naval Weapons Industrial Reserve Plant (NWIRP) located in Bethpage, New York (Figure 1). As part of the Record of Decision for Operable Unit (OU) 2, outpost monitoring wells have been installed in accordance with the Public Water Supply Contingency Plan. Outpost monitoring wells associated with OU2 offsite groundwater may undergo periodic well integrity testing in accordance with UFP SAP Addendum – Well Integrity Investigation and Testing Protocol (Resolution Consultants, 2013). If it is determined that the well casing and/or riser has been compromised, the well will be rehabilitated by means of installing a smaller diameter well within the casing of the damaged well (re-sleeving). This SAP Addendum provides the general procedure for re-sleeving wells requiring rehabilitation. Well installation and development procedures are provided in greater detail in the Unified Federal Policy Sampling and Analysis Plan (UFP-SAP; Resolution Consultants, 2013a) submitted under separate cover.

### **1.1 Scope and Objectives**

The objective of this work plan is to rehabilitate outpost monitoring wells which have failed the well integrity test or have otherwise been shown to be damaged and unusable. If a well is determined to be in need of rehabilitation, a separate abbreviated work plan will be prepared that identifies the location and construction criteria for the monitoring well.

### **1.2 Plan Organization**

This work plan provides general information about program implementation and the approach to be used in conducting the field activities, collecting samples and evaluating the data collected.

- Section 1 – Description of the general scope and objectives of the program
- Section 2 – Summary of the facility background and the environmental setting
- Section 3 – Details on the field activities to be conducted
- Section 4 – Description of the data evaluation methodology
- Section 5 – Description of reporting requirements
- Section 6 – References

## 2. Site Background

This report provides a brief overview of the site background with an emphasis on information relevant to the scope of work. Comprehensive background information for the site can be found in the UFP-SAP.

NWIRP Bethpage was established in the early 1940's. The plant's primary mission was the research prototyping, testing, design engineering, fabrication, and primary assembly of military aircraft. The facilities at NWIRP Bethpage included four plants used for assembly and prototype testing; a group of quality control laboratories, two warehouse complexes, a salvage storage area, storm and non-contact cooling water recharge basins, the Industrial Wastewater Treatment Plant, and several smaller support buildings.

NWIRP Bethpage is located in east-central Nassau County, Long Island, New York, approximately 30 miles east of New York City. The Navy's property totaled approximately 109 acres and was formerly a government-owned contractor-operated facility that was operated by the Northrup Grumman (NG) until September 1998. In 2002, approximately four acres was transferred to Nassau County and in April 2008, approximately 96-acres of property were transferred to Nassau County. NWIRP Bethpage is bordered on the north, west, and south by property owned or formerly owned by NG that covered approximately 500 acres, and on the east by a residential neighborhood (See Figure 1).

### 2.1 Hydrogeological Setting

The Upper Glacial Formation and the Magothy Formation comprise the aquifer of concern at the NWIRP. Regionally, these formations are generally considered to form a common, interconnected aquifer as the coarse nature of each unit near their contact and the lack of any regionally confining clay unit allows for the unrestricted flow of groundwater between the formations. The bottom of the Magothy Formation is the Raritan Clay Unit at a depth of approximately 700 to 900 (feet) ft below ground surface (bgs). The Raritan formation consists of two units: the Lloyd Sand Unit and the overlying Raritan Clay unit. The Lloyd sand member is of continental origin, having been deposited in a large fresh water lacustrine environment. The material consists of fine to coarse-grained sands, gravel, and inter-bedded clay and silty sand. The Raritan Clay Unit is also of continental origin and consists of clay, silty clay, clayey silt and fine silty, sand. This member acts as a confining layer over the Lloyd Sand Unit. Historically, because of pumping and recharge at the facility, top of groundwater depths have been measured to range from 40 to 60 ft below ground surface.

The Magothy aquifer is the major source of public water in Nassau County. The most productive water bearing zones are the discontinuous lenses of sand and gravel that occur within the siltier

matrix. The major water-bearing zone is a basal gravel located at or very near the contact with the Raritan. The Magothy aquifer is commonly regarded to function overall as an unconfined aquifer at shallow depths and a confined aquifer at deeper depths. The drilling program on the NWIRP has revealed that clay zones beneath the facility are common but laterally discontinuous. No confining clay units of facility-wide extent have been encountered.

The regional groundwater flow within the Magothy is to the south southeast. Natural groundwater recharge occurs as vertical infiltration of precipitation over impervious areas and beneath recharge basins. In addition, because of the influence of deep groundwater extraction wells (production or water supply), vertical infiltration can be enhanced by the influence of the pumping on vertical gradients. Prior to 1998, the groundwater flow dynamics beneath NWIRP Bethpage and NG parcels were complex because of the active high-capacity production wells onsite. A total of 16 deep production wells (seven on the NWIRP and nine on NG property) were located on the facility. The extracted water was mostly used for non-contact single pass cooling and then discharged into three sets of recharge basins located on NWIRP Bethpage and NG property. Since 1998, all of the production wells on the Navy's property have been abandoned.

## 2.2 Operable Unit 2

OU 2 is the off-site groundwater Volatile Organic Compound (VOC) plume (Figure 2). The VOC-contaminated groundwater is an extensive (3,000 acres plus) area that extends south of Hempstead Turnpike and extends to a depth of approximately 750 ft bgs. Other sources of the groundwater contamination are present, including NG and the Hooker Ruco Superfund Sites.

Three of the Bethpage Water Districts (BWD) well fields have been impacted by the plume, and VOC treatment has been in place for over ten years. The New York American Water ([NYAW] formerly AQUA) well field has recently been impacted and VOC (trichloroethene [TCE]) concentrations are increasing. A temporary GAC system is treating the groundwater until the permanent system is constructed. The Navy is currently negotiating with South Farmingdale Water District (SFWD) for treatment on one of its well fields.

In 2009, six VPBs were installed to establish depth specific contamination. The borings were drilled to a depth of 750 to 841 ft bgs, and showed contamination to 750 ft. To address a contaminant hotspot identified by previous drilling (TCE greater than 1000 micrograms per liter ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{L}$ )), in October 2009 the GM-38 Area Groundwater Treatment Plant (GWTP) started partial operation with a high capacity recovery well (RW)-1, and full operation in March 2010 with the addition of RW-3. From 2010 to 2011, an additional three VPBs and five outpost monitoring wells were installed to further delineate TCE contamination. Since 2012, three VPBs have been installed near the BWD Plant 6. An interim emergency treatment system was installed on the New York American Water

(NYAW) supply wells located at the Seaman's Neck Road Facility and will be operated until the full-scale final well head treatment system is constructed. Construction completion of the full-scale system is tentatively planned for FY 2014. Additionally, as part of OU 2, NG installed and operates the on-site containment (ONCT) system. The system is located on the southern side of the NG complex. NG installed the groundwater extraction and treatment system to help control off-site migration of contaminated groundwater that is within site boundaries. The ONCT system consists of five groundwater extraction wells and treatment. The system went online in 1998.

### **2.3 Off-Site Groundwater Contamination Extent**

The off-site groundwater contamination consists of three general plumes: shallow plume, deep eastern plume, and deep western plume.

The shallow plume is generally located from the water table (30 to 50 feet below ground surface) to a depth of approximately 300 feet below ground surface. Groundwater in this portion of the aquifer contains a mixture of contaminants including TCE, PCE, DCE, TCA, and DCA with individual VOC concentrations less than 10 µg/L. Groundwater flows to the south southeast and generally flows downward because of precipitation, infiltration and groundwater extraction at depth. The presence of confining units can locally inhibit or prevent vertical migration of the VOCs.

The deep western plume is located within the Magothy Aquifer to the top of the Raritan Confining unit at a depth of approximately 850 feet bgs (and potentially 1000 feet bgs). This plume is predominately TCE, with only trace concentrations of other VOCs. TCE has been detected at concentrations ranging between 500 to 1,000 µg/L near monitoring wells GM-34 and GM-75 clusters, at a concentration of approximately 360 µg/L near Hempstead Turnpike. Groundwater flow is generally to the south southeast, but can vary significantly in the areas of water supply wells, especially where clay units confine portions of the aquifer and the water supply wells operate at a high rate relative to the natural groundwater flow through the area. Trend analysis of these VOC concentrations indicates that a portion of the deep western plume exists beyond the capture zone of the ONCT system and is moving to the south.

The eastern plume is located southeast of NWIRP Bethpage. This plume starts in the area of NWIRP Bethpage Site 1 and the Bethpage Community Park, continues south through the GM-38 Area, impacts the eastern-most BWD well field (Plant No. 4), and then flows in the general direction of South Farmingdale Well Field No. 1, located 5,200 ft south of GM-38 Area. The eastern plume is being addressed by the OU3 ROD.

## **2.4 Onsite Containment System (ONCT)**

Northrop Grumman designed, constructed, and operates the ONCT system that consists of 5 deep remedial wells (Wells 1, 3, 17, 18, and 19) that pump continuously at a rate of 3,800 gallons per minute (gpm; 5.5 million gallons per day [MGD]). Water from the wells is treated by two air strippers and then discharged primarily to the Northrop Grumman south basins with anywhere from 100 to 400 gpm going to the adjacent Calpine Energy generating facility for energy generation and up to 700 gpm going to the Northrop Grumman west basins. Since completion of the ONCT system in 1998, NG has collected data from on-site and off-site wells and determined that the ONCT system is meeting its objective of preventing off-site movement of VOC-impacted groundwater.

### 3. Field Activities

The following sections provide technical details on the planned field activities.

#### 3.1 Outpost Monitoring Well Locations

In the event a well is determined to need repair, the abbreviated work plan will specify the location of the outpost monitoring well(s) that will be rehabilitated.

#### 3.2 Project Team Roles and Responsibilities

Key project roles involved in implementation of this investigation include:

- **Navy Remedial Project Manager (RPM)** – The Navy point of contact for all activities at NWIRP Bethpage. While performing field activities described in this work plan, Resolution Consultants will be in contact with the Navy RPM, and will not perform any activities without the knowledge and approval of the Navy RPM.
- **NYSDEC RPM** – Responsible for regulatory oversight of the project. The Navy and Resolution Consultants will not conduct any field operations without prior notice to and approval from the NYSDEC RPM.
- **Resolution Consultants Project Manager (PM)** – The Resolution Consultants point of contact for all project-related activities. The Resolution Consultants PM has overall responsibility for the coordination of all work and on-site personnel, and provides support to field personnel implementing this work plan.
- **Field Manager (FM)** – The FM is responsible for day-to-day coordination of the investigation, and reports directly to the Resolution Consultants PM. The FM is responsible for managing all field personnel and subcontractors on-site. Administrative responsibilities include assuring that all field personnel are familiar with this SAP Addendum and are qualified to perform their assigned tasks, maintains site logbooks, field logs and other documentation, submits Field Task Modification Requests as necessary based on in-field conditions, and ensures that all field activities (including mobilization/demobilization, sampling and management of investigation-derived waste) are completed properly.
- **Site Safety Officer (SSO)** – The SSO is responsible for implementing the project Health and Safety Plan (HASP), and ensuring that all field personnel are properly trained for their assigned tasks. The SSO monitors field conditions to ensure that it is safe to conduct sampling operations, ensures that field personnel comply with work procedures established in the HASP, and coordinates with the Resolution Consultants PM and FM to institute and document changes to the HASP, if required. The SSO can rely on the Resolution

Consultants Health and Safety Manager (HSM), who manages health and safety on a program-wide basis, for technical support as needed.

- **Project Chemist** – The project chemist is responsible for coordination with the laboratory regarding receipt, handling and analysis of samples, and is responsible for reporting any deficiencies identified by the laboratory to the PM for resolution. The Project Chemist reports to the Resolution Consultants PM.
- **Data Validation Manager (DVM)** – The DVM is responsible for reviewing results provided by the laboratory to ensure analyses have been conducted properly and that project data is valid and supports project objectives. The DVM reports to the Resolution Consultants PM.
- **Subcontractor PMs** – Subcontractor PMs are responsible for ensuring work performed by their respective organizations is done in accordance with their assigned scope, and in accordance with this SAP Addendum. The laboratory PM coordinates directly with the Resolution Consultants Project Chemist; all other subcontractor PMs coordinate with the Resolution Consultants PM for administrative and scheduling matters, and with the FM during field operations.

The personnel assigned to these key project roles are summarized below. In some cases, one person has been designated for more than one position.

Name	Organization/Title/Role	Telephone Number
<b>Navy and Regulator Team Personnel</b>		
Lora Fly	Navy RPM / Manages Project Activities for the Navy	(757) 341-2012
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Steve Scharf	NYSDEC RPM / Regulatory Oversight	(518) 402-9620
<b>Resolution Consultants Project Team Personnel</b>		
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Valerie Thayer	Resolution Consultants SSO /Field Geologist; Manages Field Operations	(212) 607-4192
Christopher Barr	Resolution Consultants QAM / Manages Program QA	(858) 300-2700
Mike Grasso	Resolution Consultants HSM / Manages Program Health and Safety Program	(607) 720-6737
Richard Purdy	Resolution Consultants Project Chemist & DVM / Technical Coordination with Laboratory and Data Validation	(781) 224-6634

Name	Organization/Title/Role	Telephone Number
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Chris Okon	Delta/Well Installation	(631) 981-2255
IDW Subcontractor (AWT)	IDW Subcontractor/Provides IDW Services	(800) 732-7701

### 3.3 Task Plan

This section describes the general approach to be used for work in the field, including a summary of the various tasks to be performed, and references to standard operating procedures (SOPs) included in Appendix A that are to be followed when conducting field activities.

#### 3.3.1 Well Rehabilitation and Reconstruction

Rehabilitation of an outpost monitoring well failing the well integrity test will consist of installation of a two-inch well inside of the existing four-inch outpost monitoring well casing. The construction of the two-inch well will mirror the original construction of the damaged well. Well construction will be performed in accordance with Resolution Consultants SOP 3-12 (Appendix A).

If present, the pump and packer assembly in the outpost monitoring well will be removed for alternative use, as the assembly will not fit inside of the outpost well once it has been rehabilitated. Any foreign material from previous repairs, sand or debris will be removed via air lifted prior to installation of the new well. A 2-inch Schedule 80 PVC screen and riser will be placed inside the existing 4-inch well, using identical slot size and matching the screen length of the original well. After setting the well screen and casing, the sand pack gravel pack (FilterPro No. 1 quartz sand) will be placed within the boring annulus via a tremie pipe. A fine sand layer (FilterPro No.0 quartz sand) will be placed in the annulus on top of the gravel pack using a tremie pipe in the same manner as the gravel pack. The gravel pack and fine sand thickness may change based on subsurface conditions. A 2- to 4- foot thick bentonite seal will be installed above the fine sand layer. A bentonite/cement grout will be installed via a tremie pipe within the annular space above the bentonite seal. The well will then be grouted to surface. Wells are to be completed at the surface with a 12-inch diameter steel curb box, set in a 2-ft by 2-ft by 0.5-ft thick concrete pad. A layer of fine sand will be installed above the grout slurry and inside the curb box to allow for drainage of water from the curb box. The tops of well risers will be set approximately 8 inches below grade. Lockable J plugs are to be installed on well riser tops and the well will be labeled. (UFP-SAP, Resolution Consultants, 2012).

### **3.3.2 Monitoring Well Development**

Following installation, all monitoring wells will be developed to evacuate silts and other fine-grained sediments which may have accumulated within the well during its installation and to promote a hydraulic connection between the well and the surrounding aquifer. Well development will not commence until at least 24 hours after well installation. Field parameters, including pH, temperature, specific conductivity, and turbidity will be monitored and recorded throughout well development. A number of techniques may be used, including surging using bailing, or pumping until the turbidity has stabilized (less than 50 nephelometric turbidity units [NTUs] if possible). Due to the depth of the wells, it is anticipated that the wells will primarily be developed using air lift methods and mechanical surging. Special care will be taken to develop the wells properly in order to ensure adequate hydraulic connection between the monitoring well and the aquifer.

Monitoring wells screened in deep zones (greater than 150 feet bgs) will be developed using a combination of air lifting, mechanical surging, and pumping with a submersible pump. For mechanical surging, a threaded, 1 or 1.5-inch diameter steel eductor pipe with a dual surge block assembly (i.e., two rubber swabs set approximately 3 ft apart along a length of perforated steel pipe) will be inserted in the wells with the surge block set at the base of the well screen.

The mechanical surging will generally be coupled with air lifting, although an alternate and equally effective method or variation may be used to develop the wells. A ¾-inch diameter polyethylene airline will be inserted in the eductor pipe to a depth above the top of the well screen. The well will then be developed at 2- to 5-ft intervals in the screened interval using a combination of mechanical surging (vertical movement of the surge block by a truck-mounted mechanical device) and air lifting. Once the screened interval is completely developed using this technique, the eductor pipe will be removed from the well and development continued using a submersible pump. The submersible pump will be placed approximately 50 ft below the static water level in order to remove the stagnant water in the well casing from above the well screen. When the water becomes clear, the inside of the well casing above the water table will be rinsed with water from the pump discharge, and the pump will be slowly raised through the water column (with the pump running) from the total depth of the well and up until it is at or near the static water level. Pumping ceases and development is considered complete when the water level stabilizes, all traces of drilling mud are removed, and the well produces clear, sediment-free water. The well cap is then cleaned and rinsed with deionized water and placed back onto the well riser.

In compliance with NYSDEC (New York State Department of Environmental Conservation) policy, all efforts will be made to develop the wells until turbidity is less than 50 NTUs. However, in some instances, the 50 NTU standard may not be attainable. If after a "best well development effort",

the 50 NTU standard cannot be attained and turbidity stabilizes (above the 50 NTU standard), the well will be considered acceptable.

### **3.3.3 Monitoring Well Groundwater Sample Collection**

After the wells have been installed, one round of groundwater sampling will be conducted on the newly installed wells. Well sampling will be performed in accordance with Resolution Consultants SOPs 3-14 (Appendix A) and with the UFP SAP Addendum – Groundwater Sampling Using Low Stress (Low Flow) Purging and Sampling Protocol (Resolution Consultants, 2013b). The sampling will be conducted no sooner than two weeks or more following development.

Prior to sampling, the depth to water and total well depth, will be measured and recorded. Wells will be sampled with a submersible pump using low-flow sampling methods with the tubing or pump placed at the approximate midpoint of the screened interval. At the ground surface, the water will pass through a sealed chamber containing probes that will measure the parameters to determine water quality. These include water temperature, pH, conductivity, and oxidation-reduction potential. Samples of water discharging from the chamber will be collected at regular intervals and analyzed for turbidity using a hand-held field meter. After passing through this chamber, the water will be discharged to a calibrated 5-gallon bucket where the pumping rate will be calculated. When this bucket is full, the water will be transferred into a container where it will be stored for future disposal. Pumping rates will be set below the maximum sustainable flow rate so as not to significantly lower the water level in the well. Groundwater analytical samples will be collected when water quality parameters have stabilized. Samples will be analyzed for VOCs via method 8260C by a Department of Defense (DoD) and New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program (ELAP)-accredited laboratory. Quality Assurance/Quality Control (QA/QC) samples to be collected include matrix spike/matrix spike duplicates (MS/MSD), field duplicates, and trip blanks.

### **3.3.4 Land Surveying**

A land survey of the well locations will be conducted at the end of the fieldwork by a New York State-licensed surveyor under the direct supervision of Resolution Consultants. The locations will be tied into the existing base map developed for the site. After the monitoring wells are installed, a notch or mark will be made at the top of each inner casing. The vertical location of this point will be surveyed to a reference point determined in the field with accuracy of 0.01 foot. All elevations will be referenced to the North American Vertical Datum (NAVD) 1988. The horizontal locations of each point have already been established at the time of installation by the prior consultant. Horizontal location will be verified by at least two points with an accuracy of 0.1 foot.

### **3.3.5 Investigation-Derived Waste Management**

Investigation derived waste (IDW) will be collected, containerized, and stored at NWIRP Bethpage for off-site disposal. Both water and debris (any damaged casing material or soil) may be transported from point of generation to the designated storage area in Department of Transportation (DOT) approved 55 gallon drums or similarly appropriate containers. To the extent feasible, soil and water shall not be mixed. IDW management will be performed in accordance with Resolution Consultants SOP 3-05 (Appendix A).

#### **Solid IDW**

Solid IDW (consisting of entrained debris, personal protective equipment, and solid waste) generated during the well installation will be collected in properly labeled roll-off containers, DOT approved 55 gallon drums or similarly appropriate containers and stored at NWIRP Bethpage for subsequent disposal. Afterwards, the containers will be characterized with laboratory analyses and properly disposed at a Navy-approved disposal facility.

A representative sample will be collected from the solid IDW for each monitoring well and submitted to a DoD and NYSDOH ELAP-accredited laboratory for analysis of:

- Target Compound List (TCL) VOCs
- TCL Semivolatile Organic Compounds (SVOCs)
- Toxicity Characteristic leaching Procedure (TCLP) Metals
- Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs)
- Total petroleum hydrocarbons
- Corrosivity
- Ignitability
- Reactive Cyanide
- Reactive Sulfide
- Paint Filter

#### **Groundwater IDW and Decontamination Fluids**

Purge water from sampling and well development, and all decontamination fluids will be containerized in frac tanks and stored at NWIRP Bethpage for characterization and ultimate disposal to the Publicly Owned Treatment Works (POTW) in accordance with the facilities existing discharge permit. Decontamination fluids will be collected in 5 gallon pails, 55 gallon drums or tankers and transported to the frac tank. A representative water sample will be collected from each frac tank and submitted to a DoD and NYSDOH ELAP accredited laboratory for analysis of VOC via method SW 624, PCBs via method 8082, total metals via method SW 6010 and pH via method SW 9040B.

### **3.3.6 Equipment Decontamination**

To the maximum extent possible, Resolution Consultants will utilize dedicated and disposable sampling equipment to avoid the potential for cross contamination of samples due to inadequate decontamination processes. The sampling equipment will include disposable Teflon or polyethylene tubing, disposable gloves, and laboratory supplied sample bottles.

A centrally located decontamination pad located at NWIRP Bethpage will be used for the collection of all decontamination-generated fluids. All decontamination fluids will be collected and staged for characterization and subsequent disposal. Hand held equipment will be decontaminated using an alconox and water wash, a potable water rinse followed by a distilled water rinse. Equipment decontamination will be performed in accordance with Resolution Consultants SOP 3-06 (Appendix A).

### **3.3.7 Field Documentation**

Field documentation will be performed in accordance with Resolution Consultants SOPs 3-02 and 3-03 (Appendix A). A summary of all field activities will be properly recorded in a bound logbook with consecutively numbered pages that cannot be removed. Logbooks will be assigned to field personnel and will be stored in a secured area when not in use.

All entries will be written in ink and no erasures will be made. If an incorrect entry is made, striking a single line through the incorrect information will make the correction; the person making the correction will initial and date the change.

### **3.3.8 Sample Custody, Shipment and Data Quality Tasks**

Sample handling, storage, shipping and tracking tasks are described in Resolution Consultants SOP 3-04 (Appendix A). Field and laboratory quality control procedures are presented in greater detail in the UFP-SAP submitted under separate cover.

## **3.4 Field Changes and Corrective Actions**

If changes to the work plan become necessary due to field conditions (e.g., weather, obstructions, etc.) or other unanticipated events, the Resolution Consultants FM will notify the PM as soon as possible after the need for a field change is identified. The PM will contact the Navy RPM to describe the proposed change. The Navy RPM will then contact the NYSDEC RPM, if appropriate. Upon agreement on the proper corrective action, the changes will be documented by a Field Task Modification Requests, which will be placed in the project file and documented where appropriate in project reporting.

Quality Assurance/Quality Control (QA/QC) samples to be collected include matrix spike/matrix spike duplicates (MS/MSD), field duplicates, and trip blanks.

### **3.5 Analytical Methods**

Analytical methods to be used are listed below:

- Groundwater samples (from outpost monitoring wells): VOCs by SW846/8260C
- Groundwater samples (Monitoring well split samples requested by a water district): VOCs by EPA method 524.2
- Solid Waste Classification:
  - TCL VOCs by Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) SW 846/1311/8260B
  - TCL SVOCs by EPA SW 846/1311/8270D
  - TCLP Metals by SW 846/various1311/6010C/6020A/7470A
  - PCBs by EPA SW 846 /8082A
  - Total petroleum hydrocarbons by SW 8015M
  - Corrosivity by EPA 9040B
  - Ignitability by EPA 1010A/1030
  - Reactive Cyanide by SW 7.3.4
  - Reactive Sulfide by SW 7.3.4
  - Paint Filter by SW 9095A
- Fluids Waste Classification:
  - VOCs by method SW 624
  - PCBs by method 8082
  - Total metals by method SW 6010
  - pH by method SW 9040B.

See the UFP-SAP for the TCL parameter lists. Samples will be analyzed by a laboratory certified under both the DoD and NYSDOH ELAP.

## 4. Data Evaluation

This section describes the standards, guidance and criteria that will be used to evaluate and apply the analytical data collected during the field investigation.

### 4.1 Data Evaluation

Analytical data will be evaluated against criteria appropriate for groundwater, referred to as Project Action Limits (PALs), and are used to measure compliance with state regulations established to protect human health and the environment. Groundwater concentrations will be compared to the PALs which represent the lowest appropriate screening levels that are applicable. The criteria that are to be used to evaluate VOC analytical results are:

- Groundwater:
  - NYSDOH Maximum Containment Levels (MCLs): 10 New York Code of Rules and Regulations (NYCRR) Part 5, Subpart 5-1 Public Water Systems (March 2010), Table 3 – Organic Chemicals, MCL Determination.

The PALs, laboratory limits of detection (LODs), limits of quantitation (LOQs), and detection limits (DLs) presented in Table 1 are specific to individual laboratories, although they are generally comparable across laboratories for the same analytical methods. The values in these tables are specific to the laboratory selected for analysis of samples collected under this work plan. Should an alternative laboratory with different limits be utilized at any stage of the investigation, the revised limits will be provided in an addendum to this work plan, if necessary.

### 4.2 Data Verification and Validation

Data validation will be conducted for the groundwater VOC samples. Data will be reviewed and qualified in accordance with the requirements of the EPA National Functional Guidelines, modified as appropriate for the DoD Quality Systems Manual (QSM) version 4.2 and method-specific requirements. Limited validation will be performed on the analytical data for the groundwater samples collected for VOC analysis from the outpost monitoring wells. Validation will consist of review of the associated QA/QC samples and measurement performance indicators as presented on the summary forms provided in the laboratory deliverable, and will not include confirmation of calculations or review of raw data. The results of the data validation will be documented in reports which will detail any issues impacting the data quality along with qualifications affecting data bias and usability.

## **5. Site Investigation Reporting**

This section describes the reporting requirements for the field activities presented in this work plan. Following rehabilitation, a short memorandum report will be generated that documents the well integrity testing and rehabilitation activities.

### **5.1 Report**

Documentation required to support this project will consist of the following items:

- Field notebook
- Groundwater sample log sheets
- Well completion form for each well
- Well development record.

## **6. References**

Resolution Consultants, 2013a. Sampling and Analysis Plan, Naval Weapons Industrial Reserve Plant (NWIRP) Bethpage, New York. Site 1 OU-2 Offsite TCE Groundwater Plume Investigation. April.

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## **Tables**

**Table 1**

**Reference Limits and Evaluation Tables  
 Outpost Monitoring Well Sample Analysis  
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Matrix:	Groundwater						
Analytical Group:	Volatile Organic Analysis 8260C						
Analyte	CAS No.	Project Action Limit (PAL) (µg/L)	Project Action Limit Reference <sup>1,6</sup>	Project Quantitation Limit (PQL) (µg/L)	Laboratory Specific Limits <sup>2, 3, 5</sup> (µg/L)		
					Limit of Quantitation (LOQ)	Limit of Detection (LOD)	Detection Limit (DL)
1,1-Dichloroethene	75-35-4	5	NYSDOH MCL	0.5	1	0.5	0.35
1,1,2-Trichloro-1,2,2-trifluoroethane	76-13-1	NA	NA	0.5	1	0.5	0.31
trans-1,2-Dichloroethene	156-60-5	5	NYSDOH MCL	0.5	1	0.5	0.25
1,1-Dichloroethane	75-34-3	NA	NA	0.5	1	0.5	0.21
cis-1,2-Dichloroethene	156-59-2	5	NYSDOH MCL	0.5	1	0.5	0.21
Chloroform	67-66-3	NA	NA	0.5	1	0.5	0.32
1,1,1-Trichloroethane	71-55-6	5	NYSDOH MCL	0.5	1	0.5	0.20
Carbon tetrachloride	56-23-5	5	NYSDOH MCL	0.5	1	0.5	0.22
1,2-Dichloroethane	107-06-2	NA	NA	0.5	1	0.5	0.20
Trichloroethene	79-01-6	5	NYSDOH MCL	0.5	1	0.5	0.28
1,1,2-Trichloroethane	79-00-5	5	NYSDOH MCL	0.5	1	0.5	0.33
Tetrachloroethene	127-18-4	5	NYSDOH MCL	0.5	1	0.5	0.40
Chlorobenzene	108-90-7	5	NYSNYSDEC DOH MCL	0.5	1	0.5	0.22
1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane	79-34-5	NA	NA	0.5	1	0.5	0.38

**Table 1**

**Reference Limits and Evaluation Tables  
 Outpost Monitoring Well Sample Analysis  
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Matrix:		Groundwater					
Analytical Group:		Volatile Organic Analysis method 524.2					
Analyte	CAS No.	Project Action Limit (PAL) (µg/L)	Project Action Limit Reference <sup>1,6</sup>	Project Quantitation Limit (PQL) (µg/L)	Laboratory Specific Limits <sup>2, 3, 4</sup> (µg/L)		
					Limit of Quantitation (LOQ)	Limit of Detection (LOD)	Detection Limit (DL)
1,1-Dichloroethene	75-35-4	5	NYDOH MCL	0.5	0.5	0.25	0.18
1,1,1,2-Tetrachloroethane	630-20-6				0.5	0.25	0.063
trans-1,2-Dichloroethene	156-60-5	5	NYDOH MCL	0.5	0.5	0.50	0.13
1,1-Dichloroethane	75-34-3	NA	NA		0.5	0.25	0.079
cis-1,2-Dichloroethene	156-59-2	5	NYDOH MCL	0.5	0.5	0.25	0.13
Chloroform	67-66-3	NA	NA		0.5	0.25	0.093
1,1,1-Trichloroethane	71-55-6	5	NYDOH MCL	0.5	0.5	0.25	0.11
Carbon tetrachloride	56-23-5	5	NYDOH MCL	0.5	0.5	0.25	0.12
1,2-Dichloroethane	107-06-2	NA	NA		0.5	0.25	0.095
Trichloroethene	79-01-6	5	NYDOH MCL	0.5	0.5	0.25	0.13
1,1,2-Trichloroethane	79-00-5	5	NYDOH MCL		0.5	0.25	0.13
Tetrachloroethene	127-18-4	5	NYDOH MCL		0.5	0.25	0.11
Chlorobenzene	108-90-7	5	NYDOH MCL	0.5	0.5	0.25	0.072
1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane	79-34-5	NA	NA		0.5	0.25	0.11
1,1,Dichloropropene	563-58-6				0.5	0.25	0.094
1,2,3-Trichlorobenzene	87-61-6				0.5	0.25	0.11
1,2,3-Trichloropropane	96-18-4				0.5	0.25	0.10
1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene	120-82-1				0.5	0.25	0.087

**Table 1**

**Reference Limits and Evaluation Tables  
 Outpost Monitoring Well Sample Analysis  
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Matrix:	Groundwater						
Analytical Group:	Volatile Organic Analysis method 524.2					Laboratory Specific Limits <sup>2, 3, 4</sup> (µg/L)	
Analyte	CAS No.	Project Action Limit (PAL) (µg/L)	Project Action Limit Reference <sup>1,6</sup>	Project Quantitation Limit (PQL) (µg/L)	Limit of Quantitation (LOQ)	Limit of Detection (LOD)	Detection Limit (DL)
1,2,4-Trimethyl benzene	95-63-6				0.5	0.25	0.083
1,2-Dibromo-3-Chloropropane	96-12-8				0.5	0.5	0.39
1,2-Dibromomethane	106-93-4				0.5	0.25	0.13
1,2-Dichlorobenzene	95-50-1				0.5	0.25	0.12
1,2-Dichloropropane	78-87-5				0.5	0.25	0.11
1,3,5-Trimethylbenzene	108-67-8				0.5	0.25	0.087
Chloroethane	75-00-3				0.5	0.50	0.25
Chloromethane	74-87-3				0.5	0.50	0.22
cis-1,2-Dichloropropene	10061-01-5				0.5	0.25	0.095
Dibromochloromethane	124-48-1				0.5	0.25	0.11
Dibromomethane	74-95-3				0.5	0.25	0.067
Dichlorodifluoromethane	75-71-8				0.5	0.50	0.45
1,4-Dioxane	123-91-1				25	25	12
Ethylbenzene	100-41-4				0.5	0.25	0.063
Hexachlorobutadiene	87-68-3				0.5	0.25	0.087
Isopropylbenzene	98-82-8				0.5	0.25	0.078
M- and P-Xylene	108-38-3/ 106-42				0.5	0.50	0.13

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**Reference Limits and Evaluation Tables**  
**Outpost Monitoring Well Sample Analysis**  
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Matrix:		Groundwater					
Analytical Group:		Volatile Organic Analysis method 524.2					
Analyte	CAS No.	Project Action Limit (PAL) (µg/L)	Project Action Limit Reference <sup>1,6</sup>	Project Quantitation Limit (PQL) (µg/L)	Laboratory Specific Limits <sup>2, 3, 4</sup> (µg/L)		
					Limit of Quantitation (LOQ)	Limit of Detection (LOD)	Detection Limit (DL)
Methyl Tertiary Butyl Ether	1634-04-4				0.5	0.25	0.077
N-Butylbenzene	104-51-8				0.5	0.25	0.081
Naphthalene	91-20-3				0.5	0.25	0.063
O-Xylene	95-47-6				0.5	0.25	0.10
Propylbenzene	103-65-1				0.5	0.25	0.097
Sec-Butylbenzene	135-98-8				0.5	0.25	0.099
Styrene	100-42-5				0.5	0.25	0.066
Tert-Butylbenzene	98-06-6				0.5	0.25	0.078
4-Methyl-2-Pentanone	108-10-1				0.5	0.50	0.32
Toluene	108-88-3				0.5	0.25	0.096
Acetone	67-64-1				5	0.5	0.43
Trans-1,3-Dichloropropene	10061-02-6				0.5	0.25	0.077
Trichlorofluoromethane	75-69-4				0.5	0.25	0.14
Vinyl Chloride	75-01-4				0.5	0.25	0.15
Xylenes Total	1330-20-7				0.5	0.25	0.10
Carbon Disulfide	75-15-0				0.5	0.25	0.079

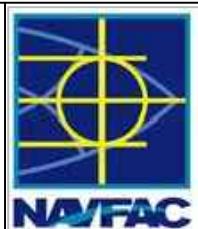
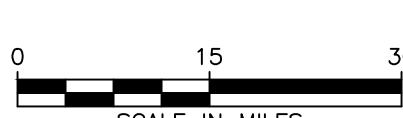
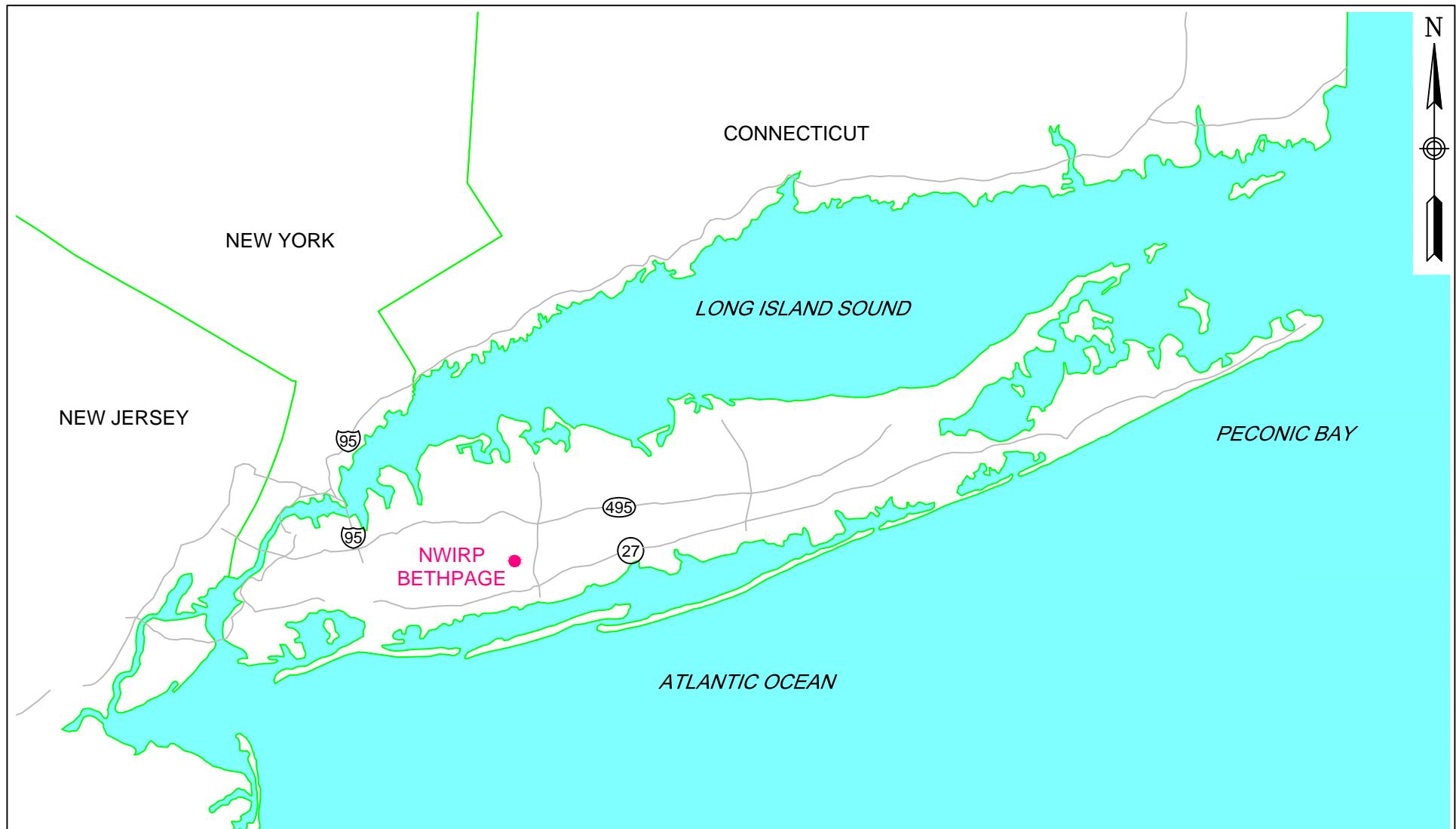
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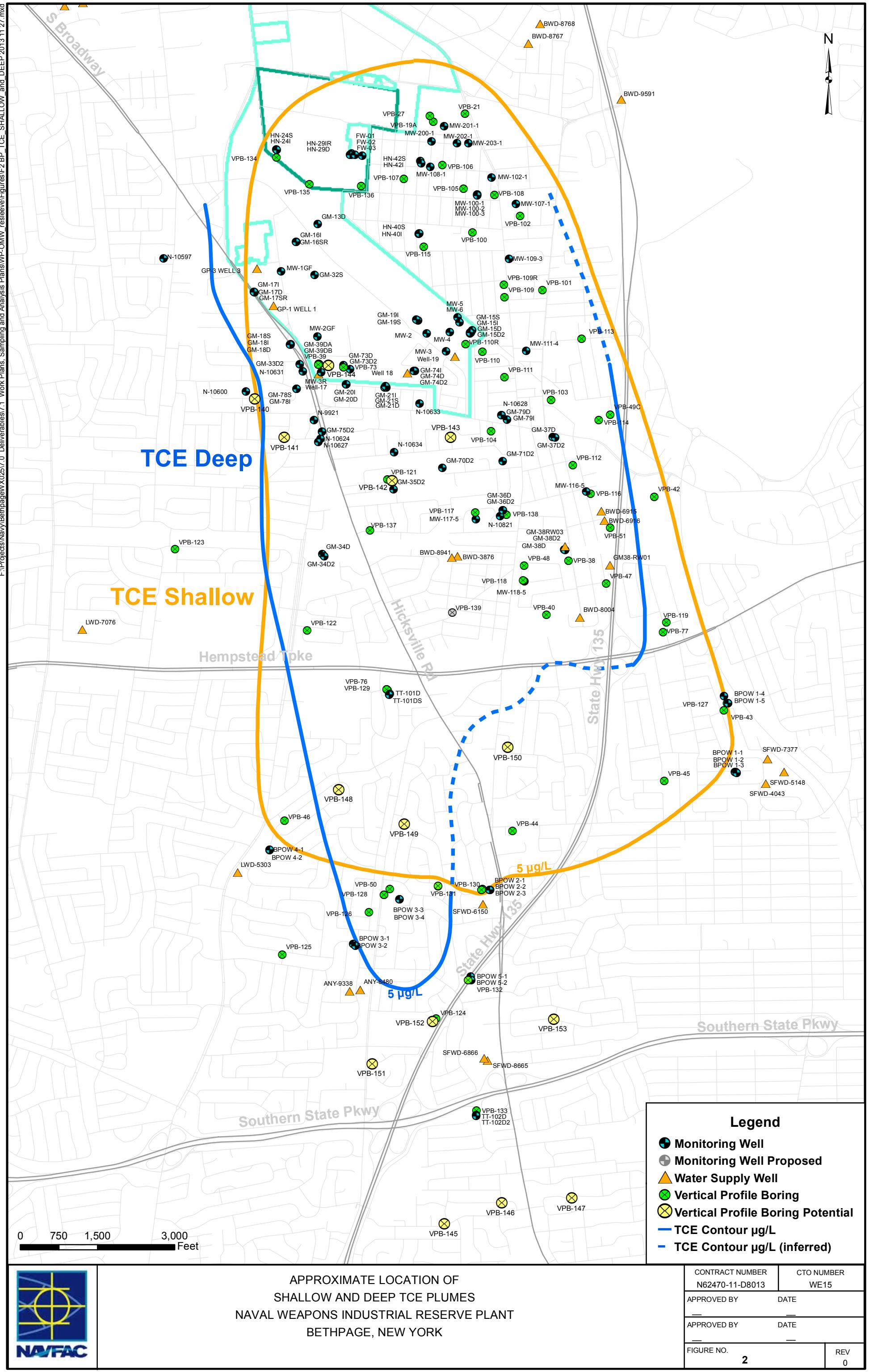
- 1 List the type and source of the PAL used for each matrix specific analyte (e.g. Background, HH-MCL, HH-region III RBC, eco-WQC, eco-Region III BTAG, etc.)
- 2 Laboratory-specific DLs, LODs, and LOQs are limits that an individual laboratory can achieve when performing a specific analytical method.
- 3 If Laboratory-specific limits are not-known at time of Draft SAP, place to-be-determined, "TBD", as a placeholder in the columns. However, these fields MUST be populated and approved in the Final SAP prior to the sampling event.
- 4 Laboratory specific limits may be presented in a different manner if necessary to comply with project or regulatory requirements.
- 5 New York Public Water Systems MCLs (NYSDOH Part 5; Subpart 5-1 Public Water Systems MCLs (updated May 2009)
- 6 ND – the analyte is not detected at a nominal method detection limit of 0.25 µg/m<sup>3</sup>
- 7 NA – not applicable

## **Figures**



GENERAL LOCATION MAP  
NWIRP BETHPAGE  
BETHPAGE, NEW YORK

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## **Appendix A Standard Operating Procedures**

# Utility Clearance

## Procedure 3-01

### 1.0 Purpose and Scope

- 1.1 This standard operating procedure (SOP) describes the process for determining the presence of subsurface utilities and other cultural features at locations where planned site activities involve the physical disturbance of subsurface materials.
- 1.2 This procedure is the Program-approved professional guidance for work performed by Resolution Consultants under the Comprehensive Long-Term Environmental Action Navy (CLEAN) contract (Contract Number N62470-11-D-8013).
- 1.3 The procedure applies to the following activities: soil gas surveying, excavating, trenching, drilling of borings and installation of monitoring and extraction wells, use of soil recovery or slide-hammer hand augers, and all other intrusive sampling activities.
- 1.4 The primary purpose of the procedure is to minimize the potential for damage to underground utilities and other subsurface features, which could result in physical injury, disruption of utility service, or disturbance of other subsurface cultural features.
- 1.5 If there are procedures, whether it be from Resolution Consultants, state, and/or federal, that are not addressed in this SOP and are applicable to utility clearance, those procedures should be added as an appendix to the project specific SAP.
- 1.6 As guidance for specific activities, this procedure does not obviate the need for professional judgment. Deviations from this procedure while planning or executing planned activities must be approved in accordance with Program requirements for technical planning and review.

### 2.0 Safety

- 2.1 Field and subcontractor personnel shall adhere to a site-specific health and safety plan (HASP).

### 3.0 Terms and Definitions

#### 3.1 Utility

For the purposes of this SOP, a utility is defined as a manmade underground line or conduit, cable, pipe, pipe, vault or tank that is, or was, used for the transmission of material or energy (e.g., gas, electrical, telephone, steam, water or sewage, product transfer lines, or underground storage tanks).

#### 3.2 As-Built Plans

As-built plans are plans or blueprints depicting the locations of structures and associated utilities on a property.

#### 3.3 One-Call

The Utility Notification Center is the one-call agency for nationwide call before you dig. The Utility Notification Center is open 24 hours a day, and accepts calls from anyone planning to dig. The phone number 811 is the designated call before you dig phone number that directly connects you to your local one-call center. Additional information can be found at [www.call811.com](http://www.call811.com).

Calling before you dig ensures that any publicly owned underground lines will be marked so that you can dig around them safely. Having the utility lines marked not only prevents accidental damage to the lines, but prevents property damage and personal injuries that could result in breaking a line.

The following information will need to be provided when a call is placed to One-Call:

- Your name, phone number, company name (if applicable), and mailing address.
- What type or work is being done.
- Who the work is being done for.
- The county and city the work is taking place in.
- The address or the street where the work is taking place.
- Marking instructions, (specific instructions as to where the work is taking place).

Under normal circumstances it takes between 2 to 5 days from the time you call (not counting weekends or holidays) to have the underground lines marked. Because these laws vary from state to state, exactly how long it will take depends on where your worksite is located. You will be given an exact start time and date when your locate request is completed, which will comply with the laws in your area.

In the event of an emergency (any situation causing damage to life or property, or a service outage), lines can be marked sooner than the original given time if requested.

### 3.4

#### **Toning**

Toning is the process of surveying an area utilizing one or more surface geophysical methods to determine the presence or absence of underground utilities. Typically, toning is conducted after identifying the general location of utilities and carefully examining all available site utility plans. Each location is marked according to the type of utility being identified. In addition, areas cleared by toning are flagged or staked to indicate that all identified utilities in a given area have been toned.

## 4.0

### **Training and Qualifications**

#### 4.1

The **Contract Task Order (CTO) Manager** is responsible for verifying that these utility locating procedures are performed prior to the initiation of active subsurface exploration.

#### 4.2

The **Program Quality Manager** is responsible for ensuring overall compliance with this procedure.

#### 4.3

The **Field Manager** is responsible for ensuring that all utility locating activities are performed in accordance with this procedure.

#### 4.4

All **Field Personnel** are responsible for the implementation of this procedure.

## 5.0

### **Equipment and Supplies**

#### 5.1

Equipment and supplies necessary for locating subsurface utilities will be provided by the subcontractor; however, the project **Field Manager/Field Personnel** will provide any additional equipment and supplies as needed as well as maintain information regarding the utility clearance activities in the field logbook.

## 6.0

### **Procedure**

Proceed with the following steps where subsurface exploration will include excavations, drilling, or any other subsurface investigative method that could damage utilities at a site. In addition to the steps outlined below, always exercise caution while conducting subsurface exploratory work.

- 6.1 **Prepare Preliminary Site Plan**
  - Prepare a preliminary, scaled site plan depicting the proposed exploratory locations as part of the project specific Sampling and Analysis Plan (SAP) or Work Plan. Include as many of the cultural and natural features as practical in this plan.
- 6.2 **Review Background Information**
  - Search existing plan files to review the as-built plans to identify the known location of utilities at the site. Plot the locations of utilities identified onto a preliminary, scaled site plan. Inform the CTO Manager if utilities lie within close proximity to a proposed exploration or excavation location. The CTO Manager will determine if it is necessary to relocate proposed sampling or excavation locations.
  - Include the utility location information gathered during previous investigations (e.g., remedial investigation or remedial site evaluation) in the project design documents for removal or remedial actions. In this manner, information regarding utility locations collected during implementation of a CTO can be shared with the subcontractor during implementation of a particular task order. In many instances, this will help to reduce the amount of additional geophysical surveying work the subcontractor may have to perform.
  - Conduct interviews with onsite and facility personnel familiar with the site to obtain additional information regarding the known and suspected locations of underground utilities. In addition, if appropriate, contact shall be made with local utility companies to request their help in locating underground lines. Pencil in the dimensions, orientation, and depth of utilities, other than those identified on the as-built plans, at their approximate locations on the preliminary plans. Enter the type of utility, the personnel who provided the information, and the date the information was provided into the field log.
  - During the pre-field work interviewing process, the interviewer will determine which site personnel should be notified in the event of an incident involving damage to existing utilities. Record this information in the field logbook with the corresponding telephone numbers and addresses.
- 6.3 **Site Visit/Locate Utilities/Toning**
  - Prior to the initiation of field activities, the Field Task Manager or similarly qualified field personnel shall visit the site and note existing structures and evidence of associated utilities, such as fire hydrants, irrigation systems, manhole and vault box covers, standpipes, telephone switch boxes, free-standing light poles, gas or electric meters, pavement cuts, and linear depression. Compare notes of the actual site configuration to the preliminary site plan. Note deviations in the field logbook and on the preliminary site plan. Accurately locate or survey and clearly mark with stakes, pins, flags, paint, or other suitable devices all areas where subsurface exploration is proposed. These areas shall correspond with the locations drawn on the preliminary site plan.
  - Following the initial site visit by the Field Task Manager, a trained utility locating subcontractor will locate, identify, and tone all utilities depicted on the preliminary site plan. The Field Task Manager or similarly qualified field personnel shall visit the site and identify the areas of subsurface disturbance with white spray paint, chalk, white pin flags or some other easily identifiable marking. The utility locator should utilize appropriate sensing equipment to attempt to locate utilities that might not have appeared on the as-built plans. At a minimum, the utility subcontractor should utilize a metal detector and/or magnetometer; however, it is important to consider the possibility that non-metallic utilities or tanks might be present at the site. Use other appropriate surface geophysical methods such as Ground Penetrating Radar, Radiodetection, etc. as appropriate. Clear proposed exploration areas of all utilities in the immediate area where subsurface exploration is proposed. Clearly tone all anomalous areas. Clearly identify all toned areas on the preliminary site plan. All utilities near the area of subsurface disturbance should also be marked out by the utility subcontractor using the universal colors for subsurface utilities (i.e., red – electric; blue – water; green – sewer; yellow – gas; etc.). After toning the site and plotting all known or suspected buried utilities on the preliminary site plan, the utility locator shall provide the Field Task Manager with a copy of the completed preliminary

site plan. Alternatively, the Field Task Manager or designee shall document the results of the survey on the preliminary site plan.

- Report to the Field Task Manager anomalous areas detected and toned that are in close proximity to the exploration or excavation areas. The Field Task Manager shall determine the safe distance to maintain from the known or suspected utility. It may be necessary to relocate the proposed exploration or excavation areas. If this is required, the Field Task Manager or designee shall relocate them and clearly mark them using the methods described above. Completely remove the markings at the prior location. Plot the new locations on the site plan and delete the prior locations from the plan. In some instances, such as in areas extremely congested with subsurface utilities, it may be necessary to dig by hand or use techniques such as air knife to determine the location of the utilities.

#### 6.4 Prepare Site Plan

- Prior to the initiation of field activities, draft a final site plan that indicates the location of subsurface exploration areas and all known or suspected utilities present at the site. Provide copies of this site plan to the Navy Technical Representative (NTR), the CTO Manager, and the subcontractor who is to conduct the subsurface exploration/excavation work. Review the site plan with the NTR to verify its accuracy prior to initiating subsurface sampling activities.

### 7.0 Quality Control and Assurance

7.1 Utility locating must incorporate quality control measures to ensure conformance to these and the project requirements.

### 8.0 Records, Data Analysis, Calculations

- 8.1 A bound field logbook will be kept detailing all activities conducted during the utility locating procedure.
- 8.2 The logbook will describe any changes and modifications made to the original exploration plan. The trained utility locator shall prepare a report and keep it in the project file. Also, a copy of the final site plan will be kept in the project file.

### 9.0 Attachments or References

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# Logbooks

## Procedure 3-02

### 1.0 Purpose and Scope

- 1.1 This standard operating procedure (SOP) describes the activities and responsibilities pertaining to the identification, use, and control of logbooks and associated field data records.
- 1.2 As guidance for specific activities, this procedure does not obviate the need for professional judgment. Deviations from this procedure while planning or executing planned activities must be approved in accordance with Program requirements for technical planning and review.

### 2.0 Safety

- 2.1 In order to keep the logbook clean, store it in a clean location and use it only when outer gloves used for PPE have been removed.

### 3.0 Terms and Definitions

#### 3.1 Logbook

A logbook is a bound field notebook with consecutively numbered, water-repellent pages that is clearly identified with the name of the relevant activity, the person assigned responsibility for maintenance of the logbook, and the beginning and ending dates of the entries.

#### 3.2 Data Form

A data form is a predetermined format utilized for recording field data that may become, by reference, a part of the logbook (e.g., soil boring logs, trenching logs, surface soil sampling logs, groundwater sample logs, and well construction logs are data forms).

### 4.0 Training and Qualifications

- 4.1 The **Contract Task Order (CTO) Manager** or **designee** is responsible for determining which team members shall record information in field logbooks and for obtaining and maintaining control of the required logbooks. The **CTO Manager** shall review the field logbook on at least a monthly basis. The **CTO Manager** or **designee** is responsible for reviewing logbook entries to determine compliance with this procedure and to ensure that the entries meet the project requirements.
- 4.2 A knowledgeable individual such as the **Field Manager**, **CTO Manager**, or **Program Quality Manager** shall perform a technical review of each logbook at a frequency commensurate with the level of activity (weekly is suggested, or, at a minimum, monthly). Document these reviews by the dated signature of the reviewer on the last page or page immediately following the material reviewed.
- 4.3 The **Program Quality Manager** is responsible for ensuring overall compliance with this procedure.
- 4.4 The **Field Manager** is responsible for ensuring that all **field personnel** follow these procedures and that the logbook is completed properly and daily. The **Field Manager** is also responsible for submitting copies to the **CTO Manager**, who is responsible for filing them and submitting a copy (if required by the CTO Statement of Work).
- 4.5 The **logbook user** is responsible for recording pertinent data into the logbook to satisfy project requirements and for attesting to the accuracy of the entries by dated signature. The **logbook user** is also responsible for safeguarding the logbook while having custody of it.

4.6 All **field personnel** are responsible for the implementation of this procedure.

## **5.0 Equipment and Supplies**

5.1 Field logbooks shall be bound field notebooks with water-repellent pages.

5.2 Pens shall have indelible black ink.

## **6.0 Procedure**

6.1 The field logbook serves as the primary record of field activities. Make entries chronologically and in sufficient detail to allow the writer or a knowledgeable reviewer to reconstruct the applicable events. Store the logbook in a clean location and use it only when outer gloves used for personal protective equipment (PPE) have been removed.

6.2 Individual data forms may be generated to provide systematic data collection documentation. Entries on these forms shall meet the same requirements as entries in the logbook and shall be referenced in the applicable logbook entry. Individual data forms shall reference the applicable logbook and page number. At a minimum, include names of all samples collected in the logbook even if they are recorded elsewhere.

6.3 Enter field descriptions and observations into the logbook, as described in Attachment 1, using indelible black ink.

6.4 Typical information to be entered includes the following:

- Dates (month/day/year) and times (military) of all on-site activities and entries made in logbooks/forms;
- Site name and description;
- Site location by longitude and latitude, if known;
- Weather conditions, including temperature and relative humidity;
- Fieldwork documentation, including site entry and exit times;
- Descriptions of, and rationale for, approved deviations from the work plan (WP) or field sampling plan;
- Field instrumentation readings;
- Names, job functions, and organizational affiliations of on-site personnel;
- Photograph references;
- Site sketches and diagrams made on site;
- Identification and description of sample morphology, collection locations, and sample numbers;
- Sample collection information, including dates (month/day/year) and times (military) of sample collections, sample collection methods and devices, station location numbers, sample collection depths/heights, sample preservation information, sample pH (if applicable), analysis requested (analytical groups), etc., as well as chain-of-custody (COC) information such as sample identification numbers cross-referenced to COC sample numbers;
- Sample naming convention;
- Field quality control (QC) sample information;
- Site observations, field descriptions, equipment used, and field activities accomplished to reconstruct field operations;

- Meeting information;
  - Important times and dates of telephone conversations, correspondence, or deliverables;
  - Field calculations;
  - PPE level;
  - Calibration records;
  - Contractor and subcontractor information (address, names of personnel, job functions, organizational affiliations, contract number, contract name, and work assignment number);
  - Equipment decontamination procedures and effectiveness;
  - Laboratories receiving samples and shipping information, such as carrier, shipment time, number of sample containers shipped, and analyses requested; and
  - User signatures.
- 6.5 The logbook shall reference data maintained in other logs, forms, etc. Correct entry errors by drawing a single line through the incorrect entry, then initialing and dating this change. Enter an explanation for the correction if the correction is more than for a mistake.
- 6.6 At least at the end of each day, the person making the entry shall sign or initial each entry or group of entries.
- 6.7 Enter logbook page numbers on each page to facilitate identification of photocopies.
- 6.8 If a person's initials are used for identification, or if uncommon acronyms are used, identify these on a page at the beginning of the logbook.
- 6.9 At least weekly and preferably daily, the **preparer** shall photocopy and retain the pages completed during that session for backup. This will prevent loss of a large amount of information if the logbook is lost.

## **7.0 Quality Control and Assurance**

- 7.1 Review per Section 4.2 shall be recorded.

## **8.0 Records, Data Analysis, Calculations**

- 8.1 Retain the field logbook as a permanent project record. If a particular CTO requires submittal of photocopies of logbooks, perform this as required.
- 8.2 Deviations from this procedure shall be documented in field records. Significant changes shall be approved by the **Program Quality Manager**.

## **9.0 Attachments or References**

- 9.1 Attachment 1 – Description of Logbook Entries
- 9.2 Department of Defense, United States (DoD). 2005. *Uniform Federal Policy for Quality Assurance Project Plans, Part 1: UFP-QAPP Manual*. Final Version 1. DoD: DTIC ADA 427785, EPA-505-B-04-900A. In conjunction with the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Energy. Washington: Intergovernmental Data Quality Task Force. March. On-line updates available at:  
[http://www.epa.gov/fedfac/pdf/ufp\\_qapp\\_v1\\_0305.pdf](http://www.epa.gov/fedfac/pdf/ufp_qapp_v1_0305.pdf).



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## Attachment 1

### Description of Logbook Entries

Logbook entries shall be consistent with Section A.1.4 *Field Documentation SOPs* of the UFP-QAPP Manual (DoD 2005) and contain the following information, as applicable, for each activity recorded. Some of these details may be entered on data forms, as described previously.

<b>Name of Activity</b>	<b>For example, Asbestos Bulk Sampling, Charcoal Canister Sampling, Aquifer Testing.</b>
Task Team Members and Equipment	Name all members on the field team involved in the specified activity. List equipment used by serial number or other unique identification, including calibration information.
Activity Location	Indicate location of sampling area as indicated in the field sampling plan.
Weather	Indicate general weather and precipitation conditions.
Level of PPE	Record the level of PPE (e.g., Level D).
Methods	Indicate method or procedure number employed for the activity.
Sample Numbers	Indicate the unique numbers associated with the physical samples. Identify QC samples.
Sample Type and Volume	Indicate the medium, container type, preservative, and the volume for each sample.
Time and Date	Record the time and date when the activity was performed (e.g., 0830/08/OCT/89). Use the 24-hour clock for recording the time and two digits for recording the day of the month and the year.
Analyses	Indicate the appropriate code for analyses to be performed on each sample, as specified in the WP.
Field Measurements	Indicate measurements and field instrument readings taken during the activity.
Chain of Custody and Distribution	Indicate chain-of-custody for each sample collected and indicate to whom the samples are transferred and the destination.
References	If appropriate, indicate references to other logs or forms, drawings, or photographs employed in the activity.
Narrative (including time and location)	Create a factual, chronological record of the team's activities throughout the day including the time and location of each activity. Include descriptions of general problems encountered and their resolution. Provide the names and affiliations of non-field team personnel who visit the site, request changes in activity, impact the work schedule, request information, or observe team activities. Record any visual or other observations relevant to the activity, the contamination source, or the sample itself.  It should be emphasized that logbook entries are for recording data and chronologies of events. The logbook author must include observations and descriptive notations, taking care to be objective and recording no opinions or subjective comments unless appropriate.
Recorded by	Include the signature of the individual responsible for the entries contained in the logbook and referenced forms.
Checked by	Include the signature of the individual who performs the review of the completed entries.

# Recordkeeping, Sample Labeling, and Chain-of-Custody

## Procedure 3-03

### 1.0 Purpose and Scope

- 1.1 The purpose of this standard operating procedure is to establish standard protocols for all field personnel for use in maintaining field and sampling activity records, writing sample logs, labeling samples, ensuring that proper sample custody procedures are utilized, and completing chain-of-custody/analytical request forms.
- 1.2 As guidance for specific activities, this procedure does not obviate the need for professional judgment. Deviations from this procedure while planning or executing planned activities must be approved in accordance with Program requirements for technical planning and review.

### 2.0 Safety

Not applicable.

### 3.0 Terms and Definitions

#### 3.1 Logbook

A logbook is a bound field notebook with consecutively numbered, water-repellent pages that is clearly identified with the name of the relevant activity, the person responsible for maintenance of the logbook, and the beginning and ending dates of the entries.

#### 3.2 Chain-of-Custody

Chain-of-custody (COC) is documentation of the process of custody control. Custody control includes possession of a sample from the time of its collection in the field to its receipt by the analytical laboratory, and through analysis and storage prior to disposal.

### 4.0 Training and Qualifications

- 4.1 The **CTO Manager** is responsible for determining which team members shall record information in the field logbook and for checking sample logbooks and COC forms to ensure compliance with these procedures. The **CTO Manager** shall review COC forms on a monthly basis at a minimum.
- 4.2 The **CTO Manager** and **Program Quality Manager** are responsible for evaluating project compliance with the Project Procedures Manual.
- 4.3 The **Program Quality Manager** is responsible for ensuring overall compliance with this procedure.
- 4.4 The **Laboratory Project Manager** or **Sample Control Department Manager** is responsible for reporting any sample documentation or COC problems to the **CTO Manager** or **CTO Laboratory Coordinator** within 24 hours of sample receipt.
- 4.5 The **Field Manager** is responsible for ensuring that all **field personnel** follow these procedures. The **CTO Laboratory Coordinator** is responsible for verifying that the COC/analytical request forms have been completed properly and match the sampling and analysis plan. The **CTO Manager** or **CTO Laboratory Coordinator** is responsible for notifying the **laboratory**, **data managers**, and **data validators** in writing if analytical request changes are required as a corrective action. These small changes are different from change orders, which involve changes to the scope of the subcontract with

the laboratory and must be made in accordance with a respective contract (e.g., CLEAN remedial action contract).

- 4.6   **All field personnel** are responsible for following these procedures while conducting sampling activities. **Field personnel** are responsible for recording pertinent data into the logbook to satisfy project requirements and for attesting to the accuracy of the entries by dated signature.

## **5.0    Procedure**

This procedure provides standards for documenting field activities, labeling the samples, documenting sample custody, and completing COC/analytical request forms. The standards presented in this section shall be followed to ensure that samples collected are maintained for their intended purpose and that the conditions encountered during field activities are documented.

### **5.1    Recordkeeping**

The field logbook serves as the primary record of field activities. Make entries chronologically and in sufficient detail to allow the writer or a knowledgeable reviewer to reconstruct each day's events. Field logs such as soil boring logs and ground-water sampling logs will also be used. These procedures are described in Procedure 3-02, *Logbooks*.

### **5.2    Sample Labeling**

Affix a sample label with adhesive backing to each individual sample container. Place clear tape over each label (preferably prior to sampling) to prevent the labels from tearing off, falling off, being smeared, and to prevent loss of information on the label. Record the following information with a waterproof marker on each label:

- Project name or number (optional);
- COC sample number;
- Date and time of collection;
- Sampler's initials;
- Matrix (optional);
- Sample preservatives (if applicable); and
- Analysis to be performed on sample (this shall be identified by the method number or name identified in the subcontract with the laboratory).

These labels may be obtained from the analytical laboratory or printed from a computer file onto adhesive labels.

### **5.3    Custody Procedures**

For samples intended for chemical analysis, sample custody procedures shall be followed through collection, transfer, analysis, and disposal to ensure that the integrity of the samples is maintained. Maintain custody of samples in accordance with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) COC guidelines prescribed in EPA *NEIC Policies and Procedures*, National Enforcement Investigations Center, Denver, Colorado, revised May 1986; EPA *RCRA Ground Water Monitoring Technical Enforcement Guidance Document (TEGD)*; *Guidance for Conducting Remedial Investigations and Feasibility Studies Under CERCLA* (EPA OSWER Directive 9355 3-01); Appendix 2 of the *Technical Guidance Manual for Solid Waste Water Quality Assessment Test (SWAT) Proposals and Reports*; and *Test Methods for Evaluating Solid Waste* (EPA SW-846).

A description of sample custody procedures is provided below.

### 5.3.1

#### **Sample Collection Custody Procedures**

According to the U.S. EPA guidelines, a sample is considered to be in custody if one of the following conditions is met:

- It is in one's actual physical possession or view;
- It is in one's physical possession and has not been tampered with (i.e., it is under lock or official seal);
- It is retained in a secured area with restricted access; and
- It is placed in a container and secured with an official seal such that the sample cannot be reached without breaking the seal.

Place custody seals on sample containers immediately after sample collection and on shipping coolers if the cooler is to be removed from the sampler's custody. Place custody seals in such a manner that they must be broken to open the containers or coolers. Label the custody seals with the following information:

- Sampler's name or initials; and
- Date and time that the sample/cooler was sealed.

These seals are designed to enable detection of sample tampering. An example of a custody seal is shown in Attachment 1.

**Field personnel** shall also log individual samples onto COC forms (carbon copy or computer generated) when a sample is collected. These forms may also serve as the request for analyses. Procedures for completing these forms are discussed in Section 7.4, indicating sample identification number, matrix, date and time of collection, number of containers, analytical methods to be performed on the sample, and preservatives added (if any). The **samplers** will also sign the COC form signifying that they were the personnel who collected the samples. The COC form shall accompany the samples from the field to the laboratory. When a cooler is ready for shipment to the analytical laboratory, the **person delivering the samples for transport** will sign and indicate the date and time on the accompanying COC form. One copy of the COC form will be retained by the **sampler** and the remaining copies of the COC form shall be placed inside a self-sealing bag and taped to the inside of the cooler. Each cooler must be associated with a unique COC form. Whenever a transfer of custody takes place, **both parties** shall sign and date the accompanying carbon copy COC forms, and the **individual relinquishing the samples** shall retain a copy of each form. One exception is when the samples are shipped; the **delivery service personnel** will not sign or receive a copy because they do not open the coolers. The **laboratory** shall attach copies of the completed COC forms to the reports containing the results of the analytical tests. An example COC form is provided in Attachment 2.

### 5.3.2

#### **Laboratory Custody Procedures**

The following custody procedures are to be followed by an **independent laboratory** receiving samples for chemical analysis; the procedures in their Naval Facilities Engineering Service Center-evaluated Laboratory Quality Assurance Plan must follow these same procedures. A **designated sample custodian** shall take custody of all samples upon their arrival at the analytical laboratory. The **custodian** shall inspect all sample labels and COC forms to ensure that the information is consistent, and that each is properly completed. The **custodian** will also measure the temperature of the temperature blank in the coolers upon arrival using either a National Institute for Standards and Technology calibrated thermometer or an infra-red temperature gun. The **custodian** shall note the condition of the samples including:

- If the samples show signs of damage or tampering;
- If the containers are broken or leaking;
- If headspace is present in sample vials;
- If proper preservation of samples has occurred (made by pH measurement, except volatile organic compounds [VOCs] and purgeable total petroleum hydrocarbons [TPH] and temperature). The pH of VOC and purgeable TPH samples will be checked by the **laboratory analyst** after the sample aliquot has been removed from the vial for analysis; and
- If any sample holding times have been exceeded.

All of the above information shall be documented on a sample receipt sheet by the **custodian**.

Discrepancies or improper preservation shall be noted by the **laboratory** as an out-of-control event and shall be documented on an out-of-control form with corrective action taken. The out-of-control form shall be signed and dated by the **sample control custodian** and **any other persons** responsible for corrective action. An example of an out-of-control form is included as Attachment 4.

The **custodian** shall then assign a unique laboratory number to each sample and distribute the samples to secured storage areas maintained at 4 degrees Celsius (soil samples for VOC analysis are to be stored in a frozen state until analysis). The unique laboratory number for each sample, COC sample number, client name, date and time received, analysis due date, and storage shall also be manually logged onto a sample receipt record and later entered into the laboratory's computerized data management system. The **custodian** shall sign the shipping bill and maintain a copy.

**Laboratory personnel** shall be responsible for the care and custody of samples from the time of their receipt at the laboratory through their exhaustion or disposal. Samples should be logged in and out on internal laboratory COC forms each time they are removed from storage for extraction or analysis.

#### 5.4

#### **Completing COC/Analytical Request Forms**

COC form/analytical request form completion procedures are crucial in properly transferring the custody and responsibility of samples from field personnel to the laboratory. This form is important for accurately and concisely requesting analyses for each sample; it is essentially a release order from the analysis subcontract.

Attachment 2 is an example of a generic COC/analytical request form that may be used by **field personnel**. Multiple copies may be tailored to each project so that much of the information described below need not be handwritten each time. Attachment 3 is an example of a completed site-specific COC/analytical request form, with box numbers identified and discussed in text below.

COC forms tailored to each CTO can be drafted and printed onto multi-ply forms. This eliminates the need to rewrite the analytical methods column headers each time. It also eliminates the need to write the project manager, name, and number; QC Level; TAT; and the same general comments each time.

Complete one COC form per cooler. Whenever possible, place all VOC analyte vials into one cooler in order to reduce the number of trip blanks. Complete all sections and be sure to sign and date the COC form. One copy of the COC form must remain with the field personnel.

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- Box 2    **Bill To:** List the name and address of the person/company to bill only if it is not in the subcontract with the laboratory.
- Box 3    **Sample Disposal Instructions:** These instructions will be stated in the Master Service Agreement or each CTO statement of work with each laboratory.  
**Shipment Method:** State the method of shipment (e.g., hand carry or air courier via FedEx or DHL).
- Comments:** This area shall be used by the field team to communicate observations, potential hazards, or limitations that may have occurred in the field or additional information regarding analysis (e.g., a specific metals list, samples expected to contain high analyte concentrations).
- Box 4    **Cooler No.:** This will be written on the inside or outside of the cooler and shall be included on the COC. Some laboratories attach this number to the trip blank identification, which helps track samples for VOC analysis. If a number is not on the cooler, field personnel shall assign a number, write it on the cooler, and write it on the COC.  
**QC Level:** Enter the reporting quality control (QC) requirements (e.g., Full Data Package, Summary Data Package).  
**Turnaround time (TAT):** TAT will be determined by a sample delivery group (SDG), which may be formed over a 14-day period, not to exceed 20 samples. Once the SDG has been completed, standard TAT is 21 calendar days from receipt of the last sample in the SDG. Entering NORMAL or STANDARD in this field will be acceptable. If quicker TAT is required, it shall be in the subcontract with the laboratory and reiterated on each COC to remind the laboratory.
- Box 5    **Type of Containers:** Write the type of container used (e.g., 1-liter glass amber, for a given parameter in that column).  
**Preservatives:** Field personnel must indicate on the COC the correct preservative used for the analysis requested. Indicate the pH of the sample (if tested) in case there are buffering conditions found in the sample matrix.
- Box 6    **Sample Identification (ID) Number:** This is typically a five-character alphanumeric identifier used by the contractor to identify samples. The use of this identifier is important since the laboratories are restricted to the number of characters they are able to use. Sample numbering shall be in accordance with the project-specific sampling and analysis plan.  
**Description (Sample ID):** This name will be determined by the location and description of the sample, as described in the project-specific sampling and analysis plan. This sample identification should not be submitted to the laboratory, but should be left blank. If a computer COC version is used, the sample identification can be input, but printed with this block black. A cross-referenced list of the COC Sample Number and sample identification must be maintained separately.  
**Date Collected:** Record the collection date in order to track the holding time of the sample. Note: For trip blanks, record the date it was placed in company with samples.  
**Time Collected:** When collecting samples, record the time the sample is first collected. Use of the 24-hour military clock will avoid a.m. or p.m. designations (e.g., 1815 instead of 6:15 p.m.). Record local time; the laboratory is responsible for calculating holding times to local time.  
**Lab ID:** This is for laboratory use only.
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- Box 7 **Matrix/QC:** Identify the matrix (e.g., water, soil, air, tissue, fresh water sediment, marine sediment, or product). If a sample is expected to contain high analyte concentrations (e.g., a tank bottom sludge or distinct product layer), notify the laboratory in the comment section. Mark an "X" for the sample(s) that have extra volume for laboratory QC matrix spike/matrix spike duplicate (MS/MSD) purposes. The sample provided for MS/MSD purposes is usually a field duplicate.
- Box 8 **Analytical Parameters:** Enter the parameter by descriptor and the method number desired (e.g., BTEX 8260B, PAHs 8270C, etc.). Whenever practicable, list the parameters as they appear in the laboratory subcontract to maintain consistency and avoid confusion.  
  
If the COC does not have a specific box for number of sample containers, use the boxes below the analytical parameter, to indicate the number of containers collected for each parameter.
- Box 9 **Sampler's Signature:** The person who collected samples must sign here.  
  
**Relinquished By:** The person who turned over the custody of the samples to a second party other than an express mail carrier, such as FedEx or DHL, must sign and date here.  
  
**Received By:** Typically, a representative of the receiving laboratory signs and dates here. Or, a field crew member who delivered the samples in person from the field to the laboratory might sign here. A courier, such as FedEx or DHL, does not sign here because they do not open the coolers. It must also be used by the prime contracting laboratory when samples are to be sent to a subcontractor.  
  
**Relinquished By:** In the case of subcontracting, the primary laboratory will sign and date the Relinquished By space and fill out an additional COC to accompany the samples being subcontracted.  
  
**Received By (Laboratory):** This space is for the final destination (e.g., at a subcontracted laboratory). A representative of the final destination (e.g., subcontracted laboratory) must sign and date here.
- Box 10 **Lab No. and Questions:** This box is to be filled in by the laboratory only.
- Box 11 **Control Number:** This number is the "COC" followed by the first contractor identification number in that cooler, or contained on that COC. This control number must be unique (i.e., never used twice). Record the date the COC is completed. It should be the same date the samples are collected.
- Box 12 **Total # of Containers:** Sum the number of containers in that row.
- Box 13 **Totals:** Sum the number of containers in each column. Because COC forms contain different formats depending on who produced the form, not all of the information listed in items 1 to 13 may be recorded; however, as much of this information as possible shall be included.
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## 6.0 Quality Control and Assurance

- 6.1 Recordkeeping, sample labeling, and chain-of-custody activities must incorporate quality control measures to ensure accuracy and completeness.
- 6.2 Deviations from this procedure or the project-specific CTO work plan shall be documented in field records. Significant changes shall be approved by the **Program Quality Manager**.

## 7.0 Records, Data Analysis, Calculations

- 7.1 The COC/analytical request form shall be faxed approximately daily to the **CTO Laboratory Coordinator** for verification of accuracy. Following the completion of sampling activities, the sample



logbook and COC forms will be transmitted to the **CTO Manager** for storage in project files. The **data validators** shall receive a copy also. The original COC/analytical request form shall be submitted by the **laboratory** along with the data delivered. Any changes to the analytical requests that are required shall be made in writing to the laboratory. A copy of this written change shall be sent to the data validators and placed in the project files. The reason for the change shall be included in the project files so that recurring problems can be easily identified.

- 7.2 Deviations from this procedure or the project-specific sampling and analysis plan shall be documented in the records. Significant changes shall be approved by the **Program Quality Manager**.

## 8.0 Attachments or References

- 8.1 Attachment 1 – Chain-of-Custody Seal
- 8.2 Attachment 2 – Generic Chain-of-Custody/Analytical Request Form
- 8.3 Attachment 3 – Sample Completed Chain-of-Custody
- 8.4 Attachment 4 – Sample Out-of-Control Form
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## Attachment 1

### Chain-of-Custody Seal

#### CHAIN-OF-CUSTODY SEAL

[LABORATORY]	SAMPLE NO.	DATE	SEAL BROKEN BY
	SIGNATURE		DATE
	PRINT NAME AND TITLE ( <i>Inspector, Analyst or Technician</i> )		

## Attachment 2

### Generic Chain-of-Custody/Analytical Request Form

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CHAIN OF CUSTODY RECORD									Analysis Requested		Page _____ of _____	
Client/Project Name:			Project Location:									
Project Number:			Field Logbook No.:									
Sampler: (Print Name) /Affiliation:			Chain of Custody Tape No.:									
Signature:			Send Results/Report to:									
Field Sample No./Identification	Date	Time	Grab	Comp	Sample Container (Size/Mat'l)	Sample Type (Liquid, Sludge, Etc.)	Preservative	Field Filtered			Lab I.D.	Remarks
Relinquished by: (Print Name)			Date:		Received by: (Print Name)			Date:		Analytical Laboratory (Destination):		
Signature:			Time:		Signature:			Time:				
Relinquished by: (Print Name)			Date:		Received by: (Print Name)			Date:				
Signature:			Time:		Signature:			Time:				
Relinquished by: (Print Name)			Date:		Received by: (Print Name)			Date:				
Signature:			Time:		Signature:			Time:				
												Serial No.:



# **Attachment 3**

## **Sample Completed Chain-of-Custody**

Chain-of-Custody									
<b>①</b> Control Number: <b>96H0HC205</b> <b>②</b> Date: <b>9 / 3 / 90</b> Page: <b>1</b> of <b>1</b> <b>③</b> Sample Disposal: <b>by lab</b> <b>④</b> Shipment Method: <b>Express Courier</b> <b>⑤</b> Comments: <b>PACD/C Level D, Measure Code, Temperature at Lab</b>									
<b>⑥</b> CTO/DO Manager: <b>Joe Smith</b> <b>⑦</b> CTO/DO Name: <b>Former Navy Landfill</b> <b>⑧</b> CTO/DO Number: <b>C10-0250</b> <i>Deliver results to the address above or as stated in contract</i>		<b>⑨</b> Total # of Containers: <b>2</b> <b>⑩</b> Total Lead by EPA 6010: <b></b> <b>⑪</b> EPA 8270: <b></b> <b>⑫</b> EPA 8240: <b></b> <b>⑬</b> EPA 8080 (PCBs only): <b></b> <b>⑭</b> CLP Metals: <b></b> <b>⑮</b> CLP Pesticides: <b></b> <b>⑯</b> CLP SVOCs: <b></b> <b>⑰</b> CLP VOCs: <b></b> <b>⑱</b> TPH 8015B: <b></b> <b>⑲</b> Other (drum, sludge, etc.): <b></b> <b>⑳</b> Field Duplicate (MS/MSD): <b></b> <b>㉑</b> Matrix/QC: <b>HCL</b> <b>㉒</b> Preservatives: <b>HCL</b> <b>㉓</b> HCl: <b>HNO2</b> <b>㉔</b> MS/MSD: <b></b> <b>㉕</b> Extras Volume: <b></b> <b>㉖</b> HOLD: <b></b>							
QC Level:	PACD/C Level D	TAT:	Normal - per contract	Sample Date	Matrix	Preservative:	HCl	HCl	HNO2
(5) container # (water):	1	2	2	1	2	1	2	1	2
<b>㉗</b> Lab No.: <b></b> <i>Date CCC match sample: Y or N</i> <i>Batch number: Y or N</i> <i>Received with holding time: Y or N</i> <i>COG and intact: Y or N</i> <i>Any other problem: Y or N</i> <i>If problem, Client contacted: Y or N</i> <i>Date detected: / /</i>  <i>Original (white), Lab Copy (yellow), Field Copy (pink)</i>									
<b>㉘</b> Samples Signature: <b></b> <b>㉙</b> Relinquished By: <b></b> <b>㉚</b> Received By: <b></b> <b>㉛</b> Relinquished By: <b></b> <b>㉜</b> Received By (LAB): <b></b>  <b>㉝</b> Date: <b></b> Time: <b></b> For Lab Use: <b></b> <b>㉞</b> Date: <b></b> Time: <b></b> <b>㉟</b> Date: <b></b> Time: <b></b> <b>㉟</b> Date: <b></b> Time: <b></b> <b>㉟</b> Date: <b></b> Time: <b></b>									

## Attachment 4

### Sample Out-of-Control Form

	Status	Date	Initial
Noted OOC			
Submit for CA*			
Resubmit for CA*			
Completed			

Date Recognized:	By:	Samples Affected (List by Accession AND Sample No.)
Dated Occurred:	Matrix	
Parameter (Test Code):	Method:	
Analyst:	Supervisor:	
1. Type of Event (Check all that apply)		
2. Corrective Action (CA)* (Check all that apply)		
Calibration Corr. Coefficient <0.995	Repeat calibration	
%RSD>20%	Made new standards	
Blank >MDL	Reran analysis	
Does not meet criteria:	Sample(s) redigested and rerun	
Spike	Sample(s) reextracted and rerun	
Duplicate	Recalculated	
LCS	Cleaned system	
Calibration Verification	Ran standard additions	
Standard Additions	Notified	
MS/MSD	Other (please explain)	
BS/BSD		
Surrogate Recovery		
Calculations Error		
Holding Times Missed		
Other (Please explain)	Comments:	

3. Results of Corrective Action	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Return to Control (indicated with _____)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Corrective Actions Not Successful - DATA IS TO BE FLAGGED with _____.

Analyst:	Date:
Supervisor:	Date:
QA Department:	Date:

# Sample Handling, Storage, and Shipping

## Procedure 3-04

### 1.0 Purpose and Scope

- 1.1 This standard operating procedure describes the actions to be used by personnel engaged in handling, storing, and transporting samples. The objective is to obtain samples of actual conditions with as little alteration as possible.
- 1.2 As guidance for specific activities, this procedure does not obviate the need for professional judgment. Deviations from this procedure while planning or executing planned activities must be approved in accordance with Program requirements for technical planning and review.

### 2.0 Safety

- 2.1 Avoid lifting heavy coolers with back muscles; instead, use leg muscles or dollies.
- 2.2 Wear proper gloves, such as blue nitrile and latex, as defined in the project-specific health and safety plan, when handling sample containers to avoid contacting any materials that may have spilled out of the sample containers.

### 3.0 Terms and Definitions

None.

### 4.0 Training and Qualifications

- 4.1 The **Contract Task Order (CTO) Manager** and the **Laboratory Project Manager** are responsible for identifying instances of non-compliance with this procedure and ensuring that future sample transport activities comply with this procedure.
- 4.2 The **Field Manager** is responsible for ensuring that all samples are shipped according to this procedure.
- 4.3 **Field personnel** are responsible for the implementation of this procedure.
- 4.4 The **Program Quality Manager** is responsible for ensuring that sample handling, storage, and transport activities conducted during all CTOs comply with this procedure.
- 4.5 All **field personnel** are responsible for the implementation of this procedure.

### 5.0 Procedure

#### 5.1 Handling and Storage

Immediately following collection, label all samples according to Procedure 3-03, *Recordkeeping, Sample Labeling, and Chain-of-Custody*. The lids of the containers shall not be sealed with duct tape, but may be covered with custody seals or placed directly into self-sealing bags. Place the sample containers in an insulated cooler with frozen gel packs (e.g., "blue ice") or ice in double, sealed self-sealing bags. Samples should occupy the lower portion of the cooler, while the ice should occupy the upper portion. Place an absorbent material (e.g., proper absorbent cloth material) on the bottom of the cooler to contain liquids in case of spillage. Fill all empty space between sample containers with Styrofoam® "peanuts" or other appropriate material. Prior to shipping, wrap glass sample containers on the sides, tops, and bottoms with bubble wrap or other appropriate padding and/or surround them in Styrofoam to

prevent breakage during transport. Pack all glass containers for water samples in an upright position, never stacked or on their sides. Prior to shipment, replace the ice or cold packs in the coolers so that samples will be maintained as close to 4 degrees Celsius (°C) as possible from the time of collection through transport to the analytical laboratory. Ship samples within 24 hours or on a schedule allowing the laboratory to meet holding times for analyses. The procedures for maintaining sample temperatures at 4°C pertain to all field samples.

## 5.2 **Shipping**

Follow all appropriate U.S. Department of Transportation regulations (e.g., 49 Code of Federal Regulations [CFR], Parts 171-179) for shipment of air, soil, water, and other samples. Elements of these procedures are summarized below.

### 5.2.1 **Hazardous Materials Shipment**

**Field personnel** must state whether any sample is suspected to be a hazardous material. A sample should be assumed hazardous unless enough evidence exists to indicate it is non-hazardous. If not suspected to be hazardous, shipments may be made as described in the Section 7.2.2 for non-hazardous materials. If hazardous, follow the procedures summarized below.

Any substance or material that is capable of posing an unreasonable risk to life, health, or property when transported is classified as hazardous. Perform hazardous materials identification by checking the list of dangerous goods for that particular mode of transportation. If not on that list, materials can be classified by checking the Hazardous Materials Table (49 CFR 172.102 including Appendix A) or by determining if the material meets the definition of any hazard class or division (49 CFR Part 173), as listed in Attachment 2.

All persons **shipping hazardous materials** must be properly trained in the appropriate regulations, as required by HM-126F, Training for Safe Transportation of Hazardous Materials (49 CFR HM-126F Subpart H). The training covers loading, unloading, handling, storing, and transporting of hazardous materials, as well as emergency preparedness in the case of accidents. **Carriers**, such as commercial couriers, must also be trained. Modes of shipment include air, highway, rail, and water.

When shipping hazardous materials, including bulk chemicals or samples suspected of being hazardous, the proper shipping papers (49 CFR 172 Subpart C), package marking (49 CFR 172 Subpart D), labeling (49 CFR 172 Subpart E), placarding (49 CFR 172 Subpart F, generally for carriers), and packaging must be used. Attachment 1 shows an example of proper package markings. Refer to a copy of 49 CFR each time hazardous materials/potentially hazardous samples are shipped.

According to Section 2.7 of the International Air Transport Association Dangerous Goods Regulations publication, very small quantities of certain dangerous goods may be transported without certain marking and documentation requirements as described in 49 CFR Part 172; however, other labeling and packing requirements must still be followed. Attachment 2 shows the volume or weight for different classes of substances. A "Dangerous Goods in Excepted Quantities" label must be completed and attached to the associated shipping cooler (Attachment 3). Certain dangerous goods are not allowed on certain airlines in any quantity.

As stated in item 4 of Attachment 4, the Hazardous Materials Regulations do not apply to hydrochloric acid (HCl), nitric acid (HNO<sub>3</sub>), sulfuric acid (H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), and sodium hydroxide (NaOH) added to water samples if their pH or percentage by weight criteria is met. These samples may be shipped as non-hazardous materials as discussed below.

### 5.2.2 **Non-Hazardous Materials Shipment**

If the samples are suspected to be non-hazardous based on previous site sample results, field screening results, or visual observations, if applicable, then samples may be shipped as non-hazardous.

When a cooler is ready for shipment to the laboratory, place two copies of the chain-of-custody form inside a self-sealing bag and tape it to the inside of the insulated cooler. Then, seal the cooler with waterproof tape and label it with "Fragile," "This-End-Up" (or directional arrows pointing up), or other appropriate notices. Place chain-of-custody seals on the coolers as discussed in Procedure 3-03, *Recordkeeping, Sample Labeling, and Chain-of-Custody*.

#### 5.2.3 **Shipments from Outside the Continental United States**

Shipment of sample coolers to the United States from locations outside the continental United States is controlled by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and is subject to their inspection and regulation. A "USDA Soil Import Permit" is required to prove that the receiving analytical laboratory is certified by the USDA to receive and properly dispose of soil. In addition, all sample coolers must be inspected by a **USDA representative**, affixed with a label indicating that the coolers contain environmental samples, and accompanied by shipping forms stamped by the **USDA inspector** prior to shipment.

In addition, the U.S. Customs Service must clear samples shipped from U.S. territorial possessions or foreign countries upon entry into the United States. As long as the commercial invoice is properly completed (see below), shipments typically pass through U.S. Customs Service without the need to open coolers for inspection.

Completion and use of proper paperwork will, in most cases, minimize or eliminate the need for the USDA and U.S. Customs Service to inspect the contents. Attachment 5 shows an example of how paperwork may be placed on the outside of coolers for non-hazardous materials. For hazardous materials, refer to Section 7.2.1.

In summary, tape the paperwork listed below to the outside of the coolers to accompany sample shipments. If a shipment is made up of multiple pieces (e.g., more than one cooler), the paperwork need only be attached to one cooler, provided that the **courier** agrees. All other coolers in the shipment need only to be taped and have the address and chain-of-custody seals affixed.

1. **Courier Shipping Form & Commercial Invoice:** See Attachment 6 and Attachment 7 for examples of the information to be included on the commercial invoices for soil and water, respectively. Place the courier shipping form and commercial invoice inside a clear, plastic, adhesive-backed pouch that adheres to the package (typically supplied by the courier) and place it on the cooler lid as shown in Attachment 5.
2. **Soil Import Permit (soil only):** See Attachment 8 and Attachment 9 for examples of the soil import permit and soil samples restricted entry labels, respectively. The **laboratory** shall supply these documents prior to mobilization. The USDA often stops shipments of soil without these documents. Staple together the 2-inch × 2-inch USDA label (described below) and soil import permit, and place them inside a clear plastic pouch. The **courier** typically supplies the clear, plastic, adhesive-backed pouches that adhere to the package.

Placing one restricted entry label as shown in Attachment 5 (covered with clear packing tape) and one stapled to the actual permit is suggested.

The USDA does not control water samples, so the requirements for soil listed above do not apply.

3. **Chain-of-Custody Seals:** The **laboratory** should supply the seals. **CTO personnel** must sign and date these. At least two seals should be placed in such a manner that they stick to both the cooler lid and body. Placing the seals over the tape (as shown in Attachment 5), then covering it with clear packing tape is suggested. This prevents the seal from coming loose and enables detection of tampering.
4. **Address Label:** Affix a label stating the destination (laboratory address) to each cooler.
5. **Special Requirements for Hazardous Materials:** See Section 7.2.1.

Upon receipt of sample coolers at the laboratory, the **sample custodian** shall inspect the sample containers as discussed in Procedure 3-03, *Recordkeeping, Sample Labeling, and Chain-of-Custody*. The samples shall then be immediately extracted and/or analyzed, or stored in a refrigerated storage area until they are removed for extraction and/or analysis. Whenever the samples are not being extracted or analyzed, they shall be returned to refrigerated storage.

## **6.0 Quality Control and Assurance**

- 6.1 Sample handling, storage, and shipping must incorporate quality control measures to ensure conformance to these and the project requirements.

## **7.0 Records, Data Analysis, Calculations**

- 7.1 Maintain records as required by implementing these procedures.
- 7.2 Deviations from this procedure or the project-specific sampling and analysis plan shall be documented in field records. Significant changes shall be approved by the **Program Quality Manager**.

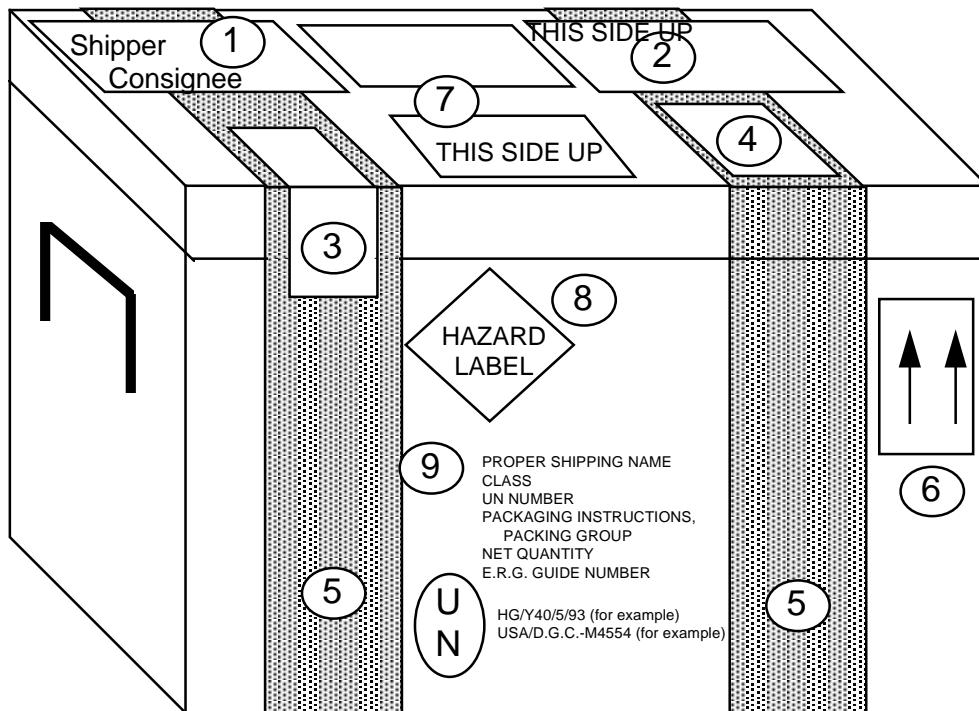
## **8.0 Attachments or Reference**

- 8.1 Attachment 1 – Example Hazardous Material Package Marking
- 8.2 Attachment 2 – Packing Groups
- 8.3 Attachment 3 – Label for Dangerous Goods in Excepted Quantities
- 8.4 Attachment 4 – SW-846 Preservative Exception
- 8.5 Attachment 5 – Non-Hazardous Material Cooler Marking Figure for Shipment from Outside the Continental United States
- 8.6 Attachment 6 – Commercial Invoice – Soil
- 8.7 Attachment 7 – Commercial Invoice – Water
- 8.8 Attachment 8 – Soil Import Permit
- 8.9 Attachment 9 – Soil Samples Restricted Entry Labels
- 8.10 NAVSEA T0300-AZ-PRO-010. *Navy Environmental Compliance Sampling and Field Testing Procedures Manual*. August 2009.
- 8.11 Procedure 3-03, *Recordkeeping, Sample Labeling, and Chain-of-Custody*.

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## Attachment 1

### Example Hazardous Material Package Marking



- |   |  |
|---|--|
| (1) AIR BILL/COMMERCIAL INVOICE                     | (6) DIRECTION ARROWS STICKER -<br>TWO REQUIRED |
| (2) USDA PERMIT (Letter to<br>Laboratory from USDA) | (7) THIS SIDE UP STICKERS                      |
| (3) CUSTODY SEAL                                    | (8) HAZARD LABEL                               |
| (4) USDA 2" X 2" SOIL IMPORT PERMIT                 | (9) HAZARDOUS MATERIAL INFORMATION             |
| (5) WATERPROOF STRAPPING TAPE                       | (10) PACKAGE SPECIFICATIONS                    |



## Attachment 2

### Packing Groups

PACKING GROUP OF THE SUBSTANCE	PACKING GROUP I		PACKING GROUP II		PACKING GROUP III	
CLASS or DIVISION of PRIMARY or SUBSIDIARY RISK	Packagings		Packagings		Packagings	
	Inner	Outer	Inner	Outer	Inner	Outer
1: Explosives			----- Forbidden <sup>(Note A)</sup> -----			
2.1: Flammable Gas	----- Forbidden <sup>(Note B)</sup> -----					
2.2: Non-Flammable, non-toxic gas	----- See Notes A and B -----					
2.3: Toxic gas	----- Forbidden <sup>(Note A)</sup> -----					
3. Flammable liquid	30 mL	300 mL	30 mL	500 mL	30 mL	1 L
4.1 Self-reactive substances	Forbidden		Forbidden		Forbidden	
4.1: Other flammable solids	Forbidden		30 g	500 g	30 g	1 kg
4.2: Pyrophoric substances	Forbidden		Not Applicable		Not Applicable	
4.2 Spontaneously combustible substances	Not Applicable		30 g	500 g	30 g	1 kg
4.3: Water reactive substances	Forbidden		30 g or 30 mL	500 g or 500 mL	30 g or 30 mL	1 kg or 1 L
5.1: Oxidizers	Forbidden		30 g or 30 mL	500 g or 500 mL	30 g or 30 mL	1 kg or 1 L
5.2: Organic peroxides <sup>(Note C)</sup>	See Note A		30 g or 30 mL	500 g or 250 mL	Not Applicable	
6.1: Poisons - Inhalation toxicity	Forbidden		1 g or 1 mL	500 g or 500 mL	30 g or 30 mL	1 kg or 1 L
6.1: Poisons - oral toxicity	1 g or 1 mL	300 g or 300 mL	1 g or 1 mL	500 g or 500 mL	30 g or 30 mL	1 kg or 1 L
6.1: Poisons - dermal toxicity	1 g or 1 mL	300 g or 300 mL	1 g or 1 mL	500 g or 500 mL	30 g or 30 mL	1 kg or 1 L
6.2: Infectious substances	----- Forbidden <sup>(Note A)</sup> -----					
7: Radioactive material <sup>(Note D)</sup>	----- Forbidden <sup>(Note A)</sup> -----					
8: Corrosive materials	Forbidden		30 g or 30 mL	500 g or 500 mL	30 g or 30 mL	1 kg or 1 L
9: Magnetized materials	----- Forbidden <sup>(Note A)</sup> -----					
9: Other miscellaneous materials <sup>(Note E)</sup>	Forbidden		30 g or 30 mL	500 g or 500 mL	30 g or 30 mL	1 kg or 1 L

**Note A:** Packing groups are not used for this class or division.

**Note B:** For inner packagings, the quantity contained in receptacle with a water capacity of 30 mL. For outer packagings, the sum of the water capacities of all the inner packagings contained must not exceed 1 L.

**Note C:** Applies only to Organic Peroxides when contained in a chemical kit, first aid kit or polyester resin kit.

**Note D:** See 6.1.4.1, 6.1.4.2, and 6.2.1.1 through 6.2.1.7, radioactive material in excepted packages.

**Note E:** For substances in Class 9 for which no packing group is indicated in the List of Dangerous Goods, Packing Group II quantities must be used.

## Attachment 3

### Dangerous Goods in Excepted Quantities

#### DANGEROUS GOODS IN EXCEPTED QUANTITIES

This package contains dangerous goods in excepted small quantities and is in all respects in compliance with the applicable international and national government regulations and the IATA Dangerous Goods Regulations.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Shipper

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name and address of Shipper

This package contains substance(s) in Class(es)  
(check applicable box(es))

Class:	2	3	4	5	6	8	9
	<input type="checkbox"/>						

and the applicable UN Numbers are:  
\_\_\_\_\_

## Attachment 4

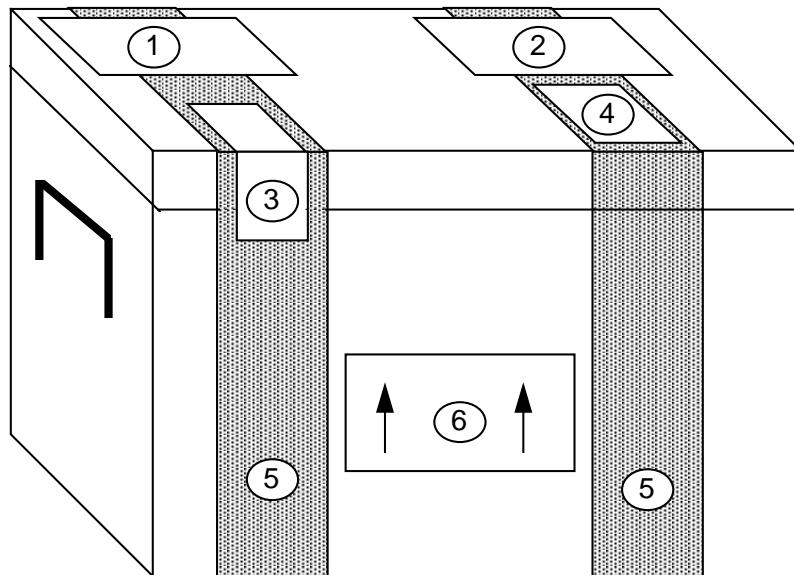
### SW-846 Preservative Exception

Measurement	Vol. Req. (mL)	Container <sup>2</sup>	Preservative <sup>3,4</sup>	Holding Time <sup>5</sup>
MBAS	250	P, G	Cool, 4°C	48 Hours
NTA	50	P, G	Cool, 4°C	24 Hours

1. More specific instructions for preservation and sampling are found with each procedure as detailed in this manual. A general discussion on sampling water and industrial wastewater may be found in ASTM, Part 31, p. 72-82 (1976) Method D-3370.
2. Plastic (P) or Glass (G). For metals, polyethylene with a polypropylene cap (no liner) is preferred.
3. Sample preservation should be performed immediately upon sample collection. For composite samples each aliquot should be preserved at the time of collection. When use of an automated sampler makes it impossible to preserve each aliquot, then samples may be preserved by maintaining at 4°C until compositing and sample splitting is completed.
4. When any sample is to be shipped by common carrier or sent through the United States Mail, it must comply with the Department of Transportation Hazardous Materials Regulations (49 CFR Part 172). The person offering such material for transportation is responsible for ensuring such compliance. For the preservation requirements of Table 1, the Office of Hazardous Materials, Materials Transportation Bureau, Department of Transportation has determined that the Hazardous Materials regulations do not apply to the following materials: Hydrochloric acid (HCl) in water solutions at concentration of 0.04% by weight or less (pH about 1.96 or greater); Nitric acid (HNO<sub>3</sub>) in water solutions at concentrations of 0.15% by weight or less (pH about 1.62 or greater); Sulfuric acid (H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) in water solutions at concentrations of 0.35% by weight or less (pH about 1.15 or greater); Sodium hydroxide (NaOH) in water solutions at concentrations of 0.080% by weight or less (pH about 12.30 or less).
5. Samples should be analyzed as soon as possible after collection. The times listed are the maximum times that samples may be held before analysis and still considered valid. Samples may be held for longer periods only if the permittee, or monitoring laboratory, has data on file to show that the specific types of sample under study are stable for the longer time, and has received a variance from the Regional Administrator. Some samples may not be stable for the maximum time period given in the table. A permittee, or monitoring laboratory, is obligated to hold the sample for a shorter time if knowledge exists to show this is necessary to maintain sample stability.
6. Should only be used in the presence of residual chlorine.

## Attachment 5

### Non-Hazardous Material Cooler Marking Figure for Shipment from Outside the Continental United States



- ① AIR BILL/COMMERCIAL INVOICE
- ② USDA PERMIT (Letter to Laboratory from USDA)
- ③ CUSTODY SEAL
- ④ USDA 2" X 2" SOIL IMPORT PERMIT
- ⑤ WATERPROOF STRAPPING TAPE
- ⑥ DIRECTION ARROWS STICKER - TWO REQUIRED



## Attachment 6

### Commercial Invoice – Soil

DATE OF EXPORTATION 1/1/94				EXPORT REFERENCES (i.e., order no., invoice no., etc.) <CTO #>				
SHIPPER/EXPORTER (complete name and address) Joe Smith Ogden c/o <hotel name> <hotel address>				CONSIGNEE Sample Receipt <Lab Name> <Lab Address>				
COUNTRY OF EXPORT Guam, USA				IMPORTER - IF OTHER THAN CONSIGNEE				
COUNTRY OF ORIGIN OF GOODS Guam, USA								
COUNTRY OF ULTIMATE DESTINATION USA								
INTERNATIONAL AIR WAYBILL NO.				(NOTE: All shipments must be accompanied by a Federal Express International Air Waybill)				
MARKS/NOS	NO. OF PKGS	TYPE OF PACKAGING	FULL DESCRIPTION OF GOODS	QT Y	UNIT OF MEASURE	WEIGHT	UNIT VALUE	TOTAL VALUE
	3	cooler	Soil samples for laboratory analysis				\$1.00	\$3.00
TOTAL NO. OF PKGS. 3						TOTAL WEIGHT		TOTAL INVOICE VALUE \$3.00
								Check one <input type="checkbox"/> F.O.B. <input type="checkbox"/> C&F <input type="checkbox"/> C.I.F.

THESE COMMODITIES ARE LICENSED FOR THE ULTIMATE DESTINATION SHOWN.

DIVERSION CONTRARY TO UNITED STATES LAW IS PROHIBITED.

I DECLARE ALL THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS INVOICE TO BE TRUE AND CORRECT

SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER/EXPORTER (Type name and title and sign)

Joe Smith, Ogden

**Joe Smith**

**1/1/94**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name/Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



## Attachment 7

### Commercial Invoice – Water

DATE OF EXPORTATION 1/1/94		EXPORT REFERENCES (i.e., order no., invoice no., etc.) <CTO #>						
SHIPPER/EXPORTER (complete name and address) Joe Smith Ogden c/o <hotel name> <hotel address>		CONSIGNEE Sample Receipt <Lab Name> <Lab Address>						
COUNTRY OF EXPORT Guam, USA		IMPORTER - IF OTHER THAN CONSIGNEE						
COUNTRY OF ORIGIN OF GOODS Guam, USA								
COUNTRY OF ULTIMATE DESTINATION USA								
INTERNATIONAL AIR WAYBILL NO.					(NOTE: All shipments must be accompanied by a Federal Express International Air Waybill)			
MARKS/NOS	NO. OF PKGS	TYPE OF PACKAGING	FULL DESCRIPTION OF GOODS	QT Y	UNIT OF MEASURE	WEIGHT	UNIT VALUE	TOTAL VALUE
	3	coolers	Water samples for labo analysis only				\$1.00	\$3.00
	TOTAL NO. OF PKGS.				TOTAL WEIGHT			TOTAL INVOICE VALUE
	3							\$3.00
							Check one <input type="checkbox"/> F.O.B. <input type="checkbox"/> C&F <input type="checkbox"/> C.I.F.	

THESE COMMODITIES ARE LICENSED FOR THE ULTIMATE DESTINATION SHOWN.

DIVERSION CONTRARY TO UNITED STATES LAW IS PROHIBITED.

I DECLARE ALL THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS INVOICE TO BE TRUE AND CORRECT

SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER/EXPORTER (Type name and title and sign)

Joe Smith, Ogden

**Joe Smith**

**1/1/94**

## Attachment 8

### Soil Import Permit

 <p>UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE</p> <p>Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service</p>	<p><b>Soil Permit</b></p>	<p>Permit Number:</p> <p>S-52299</p>	<p>TELEPHONE: (360) 577-7222</p>	<p>Under the authority of the Federal Plant Pest Act of May 23, 1957, permission is hereby granted to the facility/individual named above subject to the following conditions:</p>	<p>Plant Protection and Quarantine</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Valid for shipments of soil not heat treated at the port of entry, only if a compliance agreement (PPQ Form 519) has been completed and signed. Compliance Agreements and Soil permits are non-transferable. If you hold a Soil Permit and you leave your present employer or company, you must notify your local USDA office promptly.</li> <li>2. To be shipped in sturdy, leakproof, containers.</li> <li>3. To be released without treatment at the port of entry.</li> <li>4. To be used only in the facility of the permittee at Columbia Analytical Services, located in Kelso, Washington.</li> <li>5. No use of soil for growing purposes is authorized, including the isolation or culture of organisms imported in soil.</li> <li>6. All unconsumed soil, containers, and effluent is to be autoclaved, incinerated, or heat treated by the permittee at the conclusion of the project as approved and prescribed by Plant Protection and Quarantine.</li> <li>7. This permit authorizes shipments from all foreign sources, including Guam, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands through any U.S. port of entry.</li> </ol>	<p>JUNE 30, 2006</p> <p>Expiration Date</p>	<p><i>Deborah M. Knott</i> Approving Official DEBORAH M. KNOTT</p>	
								<p><b>WARNING:</b> Any alteration, forgery, or unauthorized use of this Federal form is subject to civil penalties of up to \$250,000 (7 U.S.C. § 773d(b)) or punishable by a fine of not more than \$10,000, or imprisonment of not more than 5 years, or both (18 U.S.C. § 1001).</p>
<p>PPQ FORM 525B (8/94)</p>								

## **Attachment 9**

### **Soil Samples Restricted Entry Labels**

<p>U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE PLANT PROTECTION AND QUARANTINE HYATTSVILLE, MARYLAND 20782</p> <p><b>SOIL SAMPLES</b> <b>RESTRICTED ENTRY</b></p> <p>The material contained in this package is imported under authority of the Federal Plant Pest Act of May 23, 1957.</p> <p>For release without treatment if addressee is currently listed as approved by Plant Protection and Quarantine.</p> <p>PPQ FORM 550      <i>Edition of 12/77 may be used</i> (JAN 83)</p>
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# Investigation Derived Waste Management

## Procedure 3-05

### 1.0 Purpose and Scope

This standard operating procedure (SOP) describes activities and responsibilities of the United States (U.S.) Navy Environmental Restoration (ER) Program, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Atlantic (NAVFAC Atlantic) with regard to management of investigation-derived waste (IDW). The purpose of this procedure is to provide guidance for the minimization, handling, labelling, temporary storage, inventory, classification, and disposal of IDW generated under the ER Program. This procedure will also apply to personal protective equipment (PPE), sampling equipment, decontamination fluids, non-IDW trash, non-indigenous IDW, and hazardous waste generated during implementation of removal or remedial actions. The information presented will be used to prepare and implement work plans (WPs) for IDW-related field activities. The results from implementation of WPs will then be used to develop and implement final IDW disposal plans.

If there are procedures whether it be from Resolution Consultants, state and/or federal that are not addressed in this SOP and are applicable to IDW then those procedures may be added as an appendix to the project specific SAP.

This procedure applies to all Navy ER projects performed in the NAVFAC Atlantic Area of Responsibility.

This procedure shall serve as management-approved professional guidance for the ER Program and is consistent with protocol in the Uniform Federal Policy-Quality Assurance Project Plan (DoD 2005). As professional guidance for specific activities, this procedure is not intended to obviate the need for professional judgment during unforeseen circumstances. Deviations from this procedure while planning or executing planned activities must be approved by both the Contract Task Order (CTO) Manager and the Quality Assurance (QA) Manager or Technical Director, and documented.

This procedure was developed to serve as management-approved professional guidance for the management of IDW generated under the ER Program. It focuses on the requirements for minimizing, segregating, handling, labeling, storing, and inventorying IDW in the field. Certain drum inventory requirements related to the screening, sampling, classification, and disposal of IDW are also noted in this procedure.

### 2.0 Safety

The health and safety considerations for the work associated with this SOP, including both potential physical and chemical hazards, will be addressed in the project Health and Safety Plan (HASP). In the absence of a HASP, work will be conducted according to the CTO WP and/or direction from the **Site Safety Officer (SSO)**.

All **Field Personnel** responsible for IDW management must adhere to the HASP and must wear the PPE specified in the site-specific HASP. Generally, this includes, at a minimum, steel-toed boots or steel-toed rubber boots, safety glasses, American National Standards Institute-standard hard hats, and hearing protection (if heavy equipment is in operation). If safe alternatives are not achievable, discontinue site activities immediately.

### 3.0 Terms and Definitions

None.

## 4.0 Training and Qualifications

- 4.1 The **CTO Manager** is responsible for ensuring that IDW management activities comply with this procedure. The **CTO Manager** is responsible for ensuring that all personnel involved in IDW management shall have the appropriate education, experience, and training to perform their assigned tasks.
- 4.2 The **Program Quality Manager** is responsible for ensuring overall compliance with this procedure.
- 4.3 The **Field Manager** is responsible for ensuring that all IDW is managed according to this procedure.
- 4.4 All **Field Personnel** are responsible for the implementation of this procedure.

## 5.0 Equipment and Supplies

The equipment and supplies required for implementation of this SOP include the following:

- Containers for waste (e.g., [U.S. Department of Transportation] DOT approved 55-gallon open and closed top drums) and material to cover waste to protect from weather (e.g., plastic covering);
- Hazardous /non-hazardous waste drum labels (weatherproof);
- Permanent marking pens;
- Inventory forms for project file;
- Plastic garbage bags, zip lock storage bags, roll of plastic sheeting; and
- Steel-toed boots, chemical resistant gloves, coveralls, safety glasses, and any other PPE required in the HASP.

## 6.0 Procedure

The following procedures are used to handle the IDW.

### 6.1 Drum Handling

- 6.1.1 IDW shall be containerized using DOT approved drums. The drums shall be made of steel or plastic, have a 55-gallon capacity, be completely painted or opaque, and have removable lids (i.e., United Nations Code 1A2 or 1H2). Typically 55-gallon drums are used, however small drums may be used depending on the amount of waste generated. New steel drums are preferred over recycled drums.
- 6.1.2 Recycled drums should not be used for hazardous waste, PCBs or other regulated shipments. For short-term storage of liquid IDW prior to discharge, double-walled bulk steel or plastic storage tanks may be used. For this scenario, consider the scheduling and cost-effectiveness of this type of bulk storage, treatment, and discharge system versus longer-term drum storage.
- 6.1.3 For long-term IDW storage at other project locations, the DOT approved drums with removable lids are recommended. Verify the integrity of the foam or rubber sealing ring located on the underside of some drum lids prior to sealing drums containing IDW liquids.
- 6.1.4 If the ring is only partially attached to the drum lid, or if a portion of the ring is missing, select another drum lid with a sealing ring that is in sound condition.
- 6.1.5 To prepare IDW drums for labeling, wipe clean the outer wall surfaces and drum lids of all material that might prevent legible and permanent labeling. If potentially contaminated material adheres to the outer surface of a drum, wipe that material from the drum, and segregate the paper towel or rag used to remove the material with visibly soiled PPE and

disposable sampling equipment. Label all IDW drums and place them on pallets prior to storage.

## 6.2 Labelling

- 6.2.1 Containers used to store IDW must be properly labelled. Two general conditions exist: 1) from previous studies or on-site data, waste characteristics are known to be either hazardous or nonhazardous; or 2) waste characteristics are unknown until additional data are obtained.
- 6.2.2 For situations where the waste characteristics are known, the waste containers should be packaged and labelled in accordance with state regulations and any federal regulations that may govern the labelling of waste.
- 6.2.3 The following information shall be placed on all non-hazardous waste labels:
- Description of waste (i.e., purge water, soil cuttings);
  - Contact information (i.e., contact name and telephone number);
  - Date when the waste was first accumulated.
- 6.2.4 The following information shall be placed on all hazardous waste labels:
- Description of waste (i.e., purge water, soil cuttings);
  - Generator information (i.e., name, address, contact telephone number);
  - EPA identification number (supplied by on-site client representative);
  - Date when the waste was first accumulated.
- 6.2.5 When the final characterization of a waste is unknown, a notification label should be placed on the drum with the words "waste characterization pending analysis" and the following information included on the label:
- Description of waste (i.e., purge water, soil cuttings);
  - Contact information (i.e., contact name and telephone number);
  - Date when the waste was first accumulated.
- 6.2.6 Once the waste has been characterized, the label should be changed as appropriate for a nonhazardous or hazardous waste.
- 6.2.7 Waste labels should be constructed of a weatherproof material and filled out with a permanent marker to prevent being washed off or becoming faded by sunlight. It is recommended that waste labels be placed on the side of the container, since the top is more subject to weathering. However, when multiple containers are accumulated together, it also may be helpful to include labels on the top of the containers to facilitate organization and disposal.
- 6.2.8 Each container of waste generated shall be recorded in the field notebook used by the person responsible for labelling the waste. After the waste is disposed of, either by transportation off-site or disposal on-site in an approved disposal area, an appropriate record shall be made in the same field notebook to document proper disposition of IDW.

## 6.3

### Types of Site Investigation Waste

Several types of waste are generated during site investigations that may require special handling. These include solid, liquid, and used PPE, as discussed further below.

#### Solid Waste

Soil cuttings from boreholes will typically be placed in containers unless site specific requirements allow for soil cuttings to be placed back into the borehole after drilling is complete. Drilling mud generated during investigation activities shall be collected in containers. Covers should be included on the containers and must be secured at all times and only open during filling activities. The containers shall be labelled in accordance with this SOP. An inventory containing the source, volume, and description of material put in the containers shall be logged on prescribed forms and kept in the project file.

Non-hazardous solid waste can be disposed on-site in the designated site landfill or in a designated evaporation pond if it is liquefied. Hazardous wastes must be disposed off-site at an approved hazardous waste landfill.

#### Liquid Waste

Groundwater generated during monitoring well development, purging, and sampling can be collected in truck-mounted containers and/or other transportable containers (i.e., 55-gallon drums). Lids or bungs on drums must be secured at all times and only open during filling or pumping activities. The containers shall be labelled in accordance with this SOP. Non-hazardous liquid waste can be disposed of in one of the designated lined evaporation ponds on-site. Hazardous wastes must be handled separately and disposed off-site at an approved hazardous waste facility.

#### Personal Protective Equipment

PPE that is generated throughout investigation activities shall be placed in plastic garbage bags. If the solid or liquid waste that was being handled is characterized as hazardous waste, then the corresponding PPE should also be disposed as hazardous waste. If not, all PPE should be disposed as non-hazardous waste in the designated on-site landfill. Trash that is generated as part of field activities may be disposed of in the landfill as long as the trash was not exposed to hazardous media.

## 6.4

### Waste Accumulation On-Site

6.4.1 Solid, liquid, or PPE waste generated during investigation activities that are classified as nonhazardous or "characterization pending analysis" should be disposed of as soon as possible. Until disposal, such containers should be inventoried, stored as securely as possible, and inspected regularly, as a general good practice.

6.4.2 Solid, liquid, or PPE waste generated during investigation activities that are classified as hazardous shall not be accumulated on-site longer than 90 days. All hazardous waste containers shall be stored in a secured storage area. The following requirements for the hazardous waste storage area must be implemented:

- Proper hazardous waste signs shall be posted as required by any state or federal statutes that may govern the labelling of waste;
- Secondary containment to contain spills;
- Spill containment equipment must be available;
- Fire extinguisher;
- Adequate aisle space for unobstructed movement of personnel.



- 6.4.3 Weekly storage area inspections shall be performed and documented to ensure compliance with these requirements. Throughout the project, an inventory shall be maintained to itemize the type and quantity of the waste generated.

#### 6.5 **Waste Disposal**

- 6.5.1 Solid, liquid, and PPE waste will be characterized for disposal through the use of client knowledge, laboratory analytical data created from soil or groundwater samples gathered during the field activities, and/or composite samples from individual containers.
- 6.5.2 All waste generated during field activities will be stored, transported, and disposed of according to applicable state, federal, and local regulations. All wastes classified as hazardous will be disposed of at a licensed treatment storage and disposal facility or managed in other approved manners.
- 6.5.3 In general, waste disposal should be carefully coordinated with the facility receiving the waste. Facilities receiving waste have specific requirements that vary even for non-hazardous waste, so characterization should be conducted to support both applicable regulations and facility requirements.

#### 6.6 **Regulatory Requirements**

The following federal and state regulations shall be used as resources for determining waste characteristics and requirements for waste storage, transportation, and disposal:

- Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Title 40, Part 261;
- CFR, Title 49, Parts 172, 173, 178, and 179.

#### 6.7 **Waste Transport**

A state-certified hazardous waste hauler shall transport all wastes classified as hazardous. Typically, the facility receiving any waste can coordinate a hauler to transport the waste. Shipped hazardous waste shall be disposed of in accordance with all RCRA/USEPA requirements. All waste manifests or bills of lading will be signed either by the client or the client's designee.

### **7.0 Quality Control and Assurance**

- 7.1 Management of IDW must incorporate quality control measures to ensure conformance to these and the project requirements.

### **8.0 Records, Data Analysis, Calculations**

- 8.1 Maintain records as required by implanting the procedures in this SOP.
- 8.2 Deviations from this procedure or the sampling and analysis plan shall be documented in field records. Significant changes shall be approved by the **Program Quality Manager**.

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# Equipment Decontamination

## Procedure 3-06

### 1.0 Purpose and Scope

- 1.1 This standard operating procedure (SOP) describes methods of equipment decontamination, to be used for activities where samples for chemical analysis are collected or where equipment will need to be cleaned before leaving the site or before use in subsequent activities.
- 1.2 As guidance for specific activities, this procedure does not obviate the need for professional judgment. Deviations from this procedure while planning or executing planned activities must be approved in accordance with Program requirements for technical planning and review.

### 2.0 Safety

It is the responsibility of the **Site Safety Officer (SSO)** to set up the site zones (i.e., exclusion, transition, and clean) and decontamination areas. Generally the decontamination area is located within the transition zone, upwind of intrusive activities, and serves as the washing area for both personnel and equipment to minimize the spread of contamination into the clean zone. Typically, for equipment, a series of buckets are set up on a visqueen-lined bermed area. Separate spray bottles containing cleaning solvents as described in this procedure or the Contract Task Order (CTO) Work Plan (WP) and distilled water are used for final rinsing of equipment. Depending on the nature of the hazards and the site location, decontamination of heavy equipment, such as augers, pump drop pipe, and vehicles, may be accomplished using a variety of techniques.

All **Field Personnel** responsible for equipment decontamination must adhere to the site-specific health and safety plan (HSP) and must wear the personal protective equipment (PPE) specified in the site-specific HSP. Generally this includes, at a minimum, Tyvek® coveralls, steel-toed boots with boot covers or steel-toed rubber boots, safety glasses, American National Standards Institute-standard hard hats, and hearing protection (if heavy equipment is in operation). Air monitoring by the **SSO** may result in an upgrade to the use of respirators and cartridges in the decontamination area; therefore, this equipment must be available on site. If safe alternatives are not achievable, discontinue site activities immediately.

In addition to the aforementioned precautions, the following sections describe safe work practices that will be employed.

#### 2.1 Chemical Hazards associated with Equipment Decontamination

- Avoid skin contact with and/or incidental ingestion of decontamination solutions and water.
- Utilize PPE as specified in the site-specific HSP to maximize splash protection.
- Refer to material safety data sheets, safety personnel, and/or consult sampling personnel regarding appropriate safety measures (i.e., handling, PPE including skin and respiratory).
- Take the necessary precautions when handling detergents and reagents.

#### 2.2 Physical Hazards associated with Equipment Decontamination

- To avoid possible back strain, it is recommended to raise the decontamination area 1 to 2 feet above ground level.
- To avoid heat stress, over exertion, and exhaustion, it is recommended to rotate equipment decontamination among all site personnel.

- Take necessary precautions when handling field sampling equipment.

## **3.0 Terms and Definitions**

None.

## **4.0 Training and Qualifications**

- 4.1 The **CTO Manager** is responsible for ensuring that decontamination activities comply with this procedure. The **CTO Manager** is responsible for ensuring that all personnel involved in equipment decontamination shall have the appropriate education, experience, and training to perform their assigned tasks.
- 4.2 The **Program Quality Manager** is responsible for ensuring overall compliance with this procedure.
- 4.3 The **Field Manager** is responsible for ensuring that all field equipment is decontaminated according to this procedure.
- 4.4 All **Field Personnel** are responsible for the implementation of this procedure.

## **5.0 Procedure**

Decontamination of equipment used in soil/sediment sampling, groundwater monitoring, well drilling and well development, as well as equipment used to sample groundwater, surface water, sediment, waste, wipe, asbestos, and unsaturated zone, is necessary to prevent cross-contamination and to maintain the highest integrity possible in collected samples. Planning a decontamination program requires consideration of the following factors:

- Location where the decontamination procedures will be conducted
- Types of equipment requiring decontamination
- Frequency of equipment decontamination
- Cleaning technique and types of cleaning solutions appropriate to the contaminants of concern
- Method for containing the residual contaminants and wash water from the decontamination process
- Use of a quality control measure to determine the effectiveness of the decontamination procedure

The following subsections describe standards for decontamination, including the frequency of decontamination, cleaning solutions and techniques, containment of residual contaminants and cleaning solutions, and effectiveness.

### **5.1 Decontamination Area**

Select an appropriate location for the decontamination area at a site based on the ability to control access to the area, the ability to control residual material removed from equipment, the need to store clean equipment, and the ability to restrict access to the area being investigated. Locate the decontamination area an adequate distance away and upwind from potential contaminant sources to avoid contamination of clean equipment.

### **5.2 Types of Equipment**

Drilling equipment that must be decontaminated includes drill bits, auger sections, drill-string tools, drill rods, split barrel samplers, tremie pipes, clamps, hand tools, and steel cable. Decontamination of monitoring well development and groundwater sampling equipment includes submersible pumps, bailers, interface probes, water level meters, bladder pumps, airlift pumps, peristaltic pumps, and lysimeters. Other sampling equipment that requires decontamination includes, but is not limited to, hand trowels,

hand augers, slide hammer samplers, shovels, stainless-steel spoons and bowls, soil sample liners and caps, wipe sampling templates, composite liquid waste samplers, and dippers. Equipment with a porous surface, such as rope, cloth hoses, and wooden blocks, cannot be thoroughly decontaminated and shall be properly disposed of after one use.

### 5.3 Frequency of Equipment Decontamination

Decontaminate down-hole drilling equipment and equipment used in monitoring well development and purging prior to initial use and between each borehole or well. Down-hole drilling equipment, however, may require more frequent cleaning to prevent cross-contamination between vertical zones within a single borehole. When drilling through a shallow contaminated zone and installing a surface casing to seal off the contaminated zone, decontaminate the drilling tools prior to drilling deeper. Initiate groundwater sampling by sampling groundwater from the monitoring well where the least contamination is suspected. Decontaminate groundwater, surface water, and soil sampling devices prior to initial use and between collection of each sample to prevent the possible introduction of contaminants into successive samples.

### 5.4 Cleaning Solutions and Techniques

Decontamination can be accomplished using a variety of techniques and fluids. The preferred method of decontaminating major equipment, such as drill bits, augers, drill string, and pump drop-pipe, is steam cleaning. To steam clean, use a portable, high-pressure steam cleaner equipped with a pressure hose and fittings. For this method, thoroughly steam wash equipment and rinse it with potable tap water to remove particulates and contaminants.

A rinse decontamination procedure is acceptable for equipment such as bailers, water level meters, new and re-used soil sample liners, and hand tools. The decontamination procedure shall consist of the following: (1) wash with a non-phosphate detergent (Alconox®, Liquinox®, or other suitable detergent) and potable water solution; (2) rinse with potable water; (3) spray with laboratory-grade isopropyl alcohol; (4) rinse with deionized or distilled water; and (5) spray with deionized or distilled water. If possible, disassemble equipment prior to cleaning. Add a second wash at the beginning of the process if equipment is very soiled.

Decontaminating submersible pumps requires additional effort because internal surfaces become contaminated during usage. Decontaminate these pumps by washing and rinsing the outside surfaces using the procedure described for small equipment or by steam cleaning. Decontaminate the internal surfaces by recirculating fluids through the pump while it is operating. This recirculation may be done using a relatively long (typically 4 feet) large-diameter pipe (4-inch or greater) equipped with a bottom cap. Fill the pipe with the decontamination fluids, place the pump within the capped pipe, and operate the pump while recirculating the fluids back into the pipe. The decontamination sequence shall include: (1) detergent and potable water; (2) potable water rinse; (3) potable water rinse; and (4) deionized water rinse. Change the decontamination fluids after each decontamination cycle.

Solvents other than isopropyl alcohol may be used, depending upon the contaminants involved. For example, if polychlorinated biphenyls or chlorinated pesticides are contaminants of concern, hexane may be used as the decontamination solvent; however, if samples are also to be analyzed for volatile organics, hexane shall not be used. In addition, some decontamination solvents have health effects that must be considered. Decontamination water shall consist of distilled or deionized water. Steam-distilled water shall not be used in the decontamination process as this type of water usually contains elevated concentrations of metals. Decontamination solvents to be used during field activities will be specified in the CTO WP.

Rinse equipment used for measuring field parameters, such as pH (indicates the hydrogen ion concentration – acidity or basicity), temperature, specific conductivity, and turbidity with deionized or distilled water after each measurement. Also wash new, unused soil sample liners and caps with a fresh



detergent solution and rinse them with potable water followed by distilled or deionized water to remove any dirt or cutting oils that might be on them prior to use.

5.5

#### **Containment of Residual Contaminants and Cleaning Solutions**

A decontamination program for equipment exposed to potentially hazardous materials requires a provision for catchment and disposal of the contaminated material, cleaning solution, and wash water.

When contaminated material and cleaning fluids must be contained from heavy equipment, such as drill rigs and support vehicles, the area must be properly floored, preferably with a concrete pad that slopes toward a sump pit. If a concrete pad is impractical, planking can be used to construct solid flooring that is then covered by a nonporous surface and sloped toward a collection sump. If the decontamination area lacks a collection sump, use plastic sheeting and blocks or other objects to create a bermed area for collection of equipment decontamination water. Situate items, such as auger flights, which can be placed on metal stands or other similar equipment, on this equipment during decontamination to prevent contact with fluids generated by previous equipment decontamination. Store clean equipment in a separate location to prevent recontamination. Collect decontamination fluids contained within the bermed area and store them in secured containers as described below.

Use wash buckets or tubs to catch fluids from the decontamination of lighter-weight drilling equipment and hand-held sampling devices. Collect the decontamination fluids and store them on site in secured containers, such as U.S. Department of Transportation-approved drums, until their disposition is determined by laboratory analytical results. Label containers in accordance with Procedure 3-05, *IDW Management*.

6.0

### **Quality Control and Assurance**

A decontamination program must incorporate quality control measures to determine the effectiveness of cleaning methods. Quality control measures typically include collection of equipment blank samples or wipe testing. Equipment blanks consist of analyte-free water that has been poured over or through the sample collection equipment after its final decontamination rinse. Wipe testing is performed by wiping a cloth over the surface of the equipment after cleaning. These quality control measures provide "after-the-fact" information that may be useful in determining whether or not cleaning methods were effective in removing the contaminants of concern.

7.0

### **Records, Data Analysis, Calculations**

Any project where sampling and analysis is performed shall be executed in accordance with an approved sampling and analysis plan. This procedure may be incorporated by reference or may be incorporated with modifications described in the plan.

Deviations from this procedure or the sampling and analysis plan shall be documented in field records. Significant changes shall be approved by the **Program Quality Manager**.

8.0

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# Monitoring Well Installation

## Procedure 3-12

### 1.0 Purpose and Scope

- 1.1 This standard operating procedure (SOP) describes the methods to be used during the installation of groundwater monitoring wells. It describes the components of monitoring well design and installation and sets forth the rationale for use of various well installation techniques in specific situations.
- 1.2 As guidance for specific activities, this procedure does not obviate the need for professional judgment. Deviations from this procedure while planning or executing planned activities must be approved in accordance with Program requirements for technical planning and review.

### 2.0 Safety

- 2.1 The health and safety considerations for the work associated with this SOP, including both potential physical and chemical hazards, will be addressed in the project Health and Safety Plan (HASP). In the absence of a HASP, work will be conducted according to the Contract Task Order (CTO) Work Plan (WP) and/or direction from the **Site Safety Officer (SSO)**.
- 2.2 Before well installation commences, appropriate entities (e.g. DigSafe, local public works departments, company facilities) must be contacted to assure the anticipated well locations are marked for utilities, including electrical, telecommunications, water, sewer, and gas.
- 2.3 Physical Hazards Associated with Well Installation
  - Stay clear of all moving equipment and avoid wearing loose fitting clothing.
  - When using an approved retractable-blade knife, always cut away from one self and make sure there are no other people in the cutting path or the retractable-blade knife.
  - To avoid slip/trip/fall conditions during drilling activities, keep the area clear of excess soil cuttings and groundwater. Use textured boots/boot cover bottoms in muddy areas.
  - To avoid heat/cold stress as a result of exposure to extreme temperatures and personal protective equipment (PPE), drink electrolyte replacement fluids (1 to 2 cups per hour is recommended) and, in cases of extreme cold, wear fitted insulating clothing.
  - To avoid hazards associated with subsurface utilities, ensure all sampling locations have been properly surveyed as described in SOP 3-01, Utility Clearance.
  - Be aware of restricted mobility caused by PPE.

### **3.0 Terms and Definitions**

- 3.1 **Annulus:** The annulus is the down-hole space between the borehole wall and the well casing and screen.
- 3.2 **Bridge:** A bridge is an obstruction in the drill hole or annulus. A bridge is usually formed by caving of the wall of the well bore, by the intrusion of a large boulder, or by the placement of filter pack materials during well completion. Bridging can also occur in the formation during well development.
- 3.3 **Filter Pack:** Filter pack is sand or gravel that is smooth, uniform, clean, well-rounded, and siliceous. It is placed in the annulus of the well between the borehole wall and the well screen to prevent formation materials from entering the well and to stabilize the adjacent formation.
- 3.4 **Grout:** Grout is a fluid mixture of cement and water that can be forced through a tremie pipe and emplaced in the annular space between the borehole and casing to form an impermeable seal. Various additives, such as sand, bentonite, and polymers, may be included in the mixture to meet certain requirements.
- 3.5 **Heaving (Running) Sands:** Loose sands in a confined water-bearing zone or aquifer which tend to rise up into the drill stem when the confining unit is breached by the drill bit. Heaving sands occur when the water in the aquifer has a pressure head great enough to cause upward flow into the drill stem with enough velocity to overcome the weight of the sand.
- 3.6 **Sieve Analysis:** Sieve analysis is the evaluation of the particle-size distribution of a soil, sediment, or rock by measuring the percentage of the particles that will pass through standard sieves of various sizes.

### **4.0 Interferences**

- 4.1 Heaving sands may be problematic in unconsolidated sands encountered below the water table.
- 4.2 Rotary drilling methods requiring bentonite-based drilling fluids should be used with caution to drill boreholes that will be used for monitoring well installation. The bentonite mud builds up on the borehole walls as a filter cake and permeates the adjacent formation, potentially reducing the permeability of the material adjacent to the well screen.
- 4.3 If water or other drilling fluids have been introduced into the boring during drilling or well installation, samples of these fluids should be obtained and analyzed for chemical constituents that may be of interest at the site. In addition, an attempt should be made to recover the quantity of fluid or water that was introduced, either by flushing the borehole prior to well installation and/or by overpumping the well during development.
- 4.4 Track-mounted drill rigs are suitable for travelling on many types of landscapes that truck-mounted units cannot access, but may have limitations on extremely uneven or soft terrain.
- 4.5 Care should be taken to prevent cross-contamination between well locations. All drilling equipment coming in contact with potentially contaminated soil and/or groundwater will be decontaminated by the drilling subcontractor prior to initial drilling activities and between drilling locations in accordance with SOP 3-06, Equipment Decontamination.

### **5.0 Training and Qualifications**

#### **5.1 Qualifications and Training**

The individual executing these procedures must have read, and be familiar with, the requirements of this SOP.

## 5.2

### Responsibilities

- 5.2.1      **Contract Task Order (CTO) Managers** are responsible for issuing sampling and analysis plans (SAPs) that reflect the procedures and specifications presented in this procedure. Individual municipalities, county agencies, and possibly state regulatory agencies enforce regulations that may include well construction and installation requirements. The **CTO Manager** shall be familiar with current local and state regulations, and ensure that these regulations are followed. The **CTO Manager** is responsible for ensuring that all personnel involved in monitoring well installation shall have the appropriate education, experience, and training to perform their assigned tasks.
- 5.2.2      The **Program Quality Manager** is responsible for ensuring overall compliance with this procedure.
- 5.2.3      The **Field Manager** is responsible for direct supervision of the installation of monitoring wells and ensuring that procedures and specifications are implemented in the field in accordance with the approved SAP and well installation permits. The qualifications for the **Field Manager** must be in accordance with local jurisdictions with authority over the operations conducted.
- 5.2.4      All field personnel are responsible for the implementation of this procedure.
- 5.2.5      The on-site hydrogeologist/engineer is expected to obtain a description of the lithologic samples obtained during the excavation and construction of a monitoring well. These data are often required to provide guidance regarding the installation of specific components of the monitoring well. Guidance for lithologic sample collection and sample description is contained within SOP 3-16, Soil and Rock Classification.

## 6.0

### Equipment and Supplies

#### 6.1

Materials provided by the drilling contractor may include:

- Drill rig, drill rods, hollow stem augers, etc.
- Decontamination equipment (e.g., steam cleaner, high-pressure washer, brushes, etc.)
- Decontamination pad materials
- Well screen/riser pipe with flush-threaded couplings including riser and bottom caps
- Clean, filter sand
- Bentonite chips or pellets
- Cement grout and tremie pipe
- Portland cement for well pad completion
- Steel protective riser covers and locking caps
- Weighted calibrated tape
- Split-spoon samplers
- 55-gallon drums or containers for drill cuttings, decontamination fluids, etc.

#### 6.2

In addition to those materials provided by the drilling contractor, equipment and materials required by the project geologist/engineer may include, but is not limited to, the following:

- Photoionization Detector (PID)
- Spill kit, including at a minimum sorbent pads and shovel (if not provided by subcontractor)

- Plastic sheeting
- Teaspoon or spatula
- Resealable plastic bags
- Boring Log Records
- Decontamination materials (per SOP No. 3-06 - Equipment Decontamination)
- Weighted measuring tape for depth measurement
- Soil logging materials (e.g. USCS classification field card, millimeter rule, hand lens, etc.)
- Survey lathes or pin flags
- Digital camera
- PPE as required by the HASP
- Planning documents including the site-specific HASP and SAP
- Large indelible ink or paint pen
- Field logbook/field forms/site maps (water proof)

## 7.0 Procedure

### 7.1 General Procedures

- Specific drilling, sampling, and installation equipment and methodology will be dictated by the type of well to be installed (e.g., single case (Type II), double case (Type III), bedrock, etc.), geologic characteristics of the site, the type of contaminants being monitored, and local and state regulations.
- For access to locations when travelling over difficult terrain, an appropriate line should be chosen before mobilizing the drill rig or other support vehicles. If clearing of trees or ground cover is required, perform these activities in advance to avoid down time. Avoid wet or soft areas where possible or use ground mats and/or timbers to aid in supporting the rig as it travels. If drilling on soft material, place geomatting and ground mats under the rig tracks or stabilizers prior to drilling.
- A utility locate must be conducted to identify all underground utilities at the site prior to drilling (refer to SOP 3-01, Utility Clearance). Proper clearance procedures for aboveground/overhead utilities must also be followed as specified in the HASP.
- Although new well materials (well screen and riser pipe) generally arrive at the site boxed and sealed within plastic bags, it is sometimes necessary to decontaminate the materials prior to their use. Well materials should be inspected by the project geologist/engineer upon delivery to check for cleanliness. If the well materials appear dirty, or if local or regional regulatory guidance requires decontamination, then well material decontamination should be performed by the drilling subcontractor in accordance with SOP 3-06, Equipment Decontamination.
- The diameter of the borehole must be a minimum of 2 inches greater than the outside diameter of the well screen or riser pipe used to construct the well. This is necessary so that sufficient annular space is available to install filter packs, bentonite seals, and grout seals, and allow the passage of tremie pipe where grouting at depth is required. Bedrock wells may require reaming after coring in order to provide a large enough borehole diameter for well installation.
- When soil sampling is required (refer to the SAP), soil samples will be collected for visual logging by advancing split-spoon samplers through the augers. The soil will be visually logged by a field geologist and include lithologic characteristics (i.e., soil type, color, density, moisture content, etc.) using the the

methods described in SOP 3-16, Soil and Rock Classification. This information will be recorded on a boring/well log form, along with well construction details.

## 7.2 Drilling Techniques

Drilling of monitoring well boreholes may be accomplished by a variety of methods as described below. Preferred methods include those that temporarily case the borehole during drilling (i.e., hollow stem auger and sonic methods) using an override system. Other methods can be used where specific subsurface conditions or well design criteria dictate.

- Hollow stem auger (HSA) – Borings are advanced by rotating steel hollow stem augers with an attached cutting head. Soil cuttings are displaced by the cutting head and transported to the surface via continuous spiral flights attached to each auger stem. This method is widely used for unconsolidated soils that have a tendency to collapse within the boring. A bottom plug can be placed in the bottom auger to prevent soils from entering and clogging the auger, especially in the case of heaving sands. However, a bottom plug cannot be used when soil samples are to be collected through the augers. Soil plugs that accumulate in the bottom of the auger must be removed or knocked out prior to sampling or well installation.
- Solid stem auger – This type of drilling method is similar to HSA drilling using a solid stem or sealed hollow stem auger flights to advance the boring. Solid stem, continuous flight auger use is limited to semi-consolidated sediments or to cohesive or semi-cohesive unconsolidated sediments that don't have a tendency to collapse when disturbed.
- Sonic methods – Sonic drilling consists of advancing concentric hollow drill casings (inner and outer) using rotation in conjunction with axial vibration of the drill casing. Once the casings are advanced to the appropriate depth, the inner string is removed with a core of drill cuttings while the outer casing remains in place to keep the borehole open. Cuttings are removed from the inner casing relatively intact for logging or sampling purposes. This drilling method is used for a variety of soil types, from heaving sands to consolidated or indurated formations. Smearing of the formation along the borehole walls is minimal since moderate vibration and rotation techniques are used to advance the casings. Since the total borehole diameter in sonic drilling is only incrementally larger than the inner casing diameter, care should be taken during installation of the monitoring well to ensure the well is centered and adequate space is available for annular materials.
- Rotary methods (water or mud) – Rotary drilling methods consist of drill rods coupled to a drill bit that rotates and cuts through the soils to advance the borehole. Water or drilling fluid ("mud") is forced through the hollow drill rods and drill bit as the rods are rotated. The soil cuttings are forced up the borehole with the drilling fluids to the surface and the fluids recirculated. The drilling fluid provides a hydrostatic pressure that reduces or prevents the borehole from collapsing. Clean, potable water must be used for water-rotary drilling to prevent introducing trace contaminants. A sample of the potable water should be collected during the course of well installation for analysis of the same parameters defined for the groundwater samples. If mud-rotary is used to advance boreholes, potable water and bentonite drilling mud should only be used. No chemical additives shall be mixed in the drilling fluid to alter viscosity or lubricating properties. Adequate well development is essential for removal of drilling mud and fluids from the formation materials and ensure collection of representative groundwater samples.
- Rotary methods (Air) – Air rotary methods are similar to water rotary but use high air velocities in place of drilling fluids to rotate the drill bit and carry the soil cuttings up the borehole to the surface. Care must be taken to ensure that contaminants are not introduced into the air stream from compressor oils, etc. Most compressor systems are compatible with a coalescing filter system. Cuttings exiting the borehole under pressure must be controlled, especially when drilling in a zone of potential contamination. This can be accomplished by using an air diverter with hose or pipe to carry the cuttings to a waste container. Letting the cuttings blow uncontrolled from the borehole is not acceptable.

### 7.3 Well Construction and Installation

- If rotary drilling techniques are used, the borehole should be flushed or blown free of material prior to well installation. If hollow stem augers are used, the soil or bottom plug should be removed and the augers raised approximately six inches above the bottom of the borehole, while slowly rotating the augers to remove cuttings from the bottom of the boring. The depth of the borehole should be confirmed with a weighted, calibrated tape.
- The riser pipe and screen should be connected with flush-threaded joints and assembled wearing clean, disposable gloves. No solvent or anti-seize compound should be used on the connections. The full length of the slotted portion of the well screen and unslotted riser pipe should be measured and these measurements recorded on a well construction form (Attachment 1).
- If placed in an open borehole, the assembled well should be carefully lowered and centered in the borehole so that the well is true, straight, and vertical throughout. Centering can also be accomplished with the use of centralizers, if necessary. However, centralizers should be placed so that they do not inhibit the installation of filter sand, bentonite seal, and annular grout. Wells less than 50 deep generally do not require centralizers.
- If hollow stem augers are used, the well should be lowered through the augers and each auger flight removed incrementally as the filter sand, bentonite seal, and grout are tremmied or poured into the annular space of the well. The well should be temporarily capped before filter sand and other annular materials are installed.
- Clean, silica sand should be placed around the well screen to at least 1 foot above the top of the screen. The filter sand should be appropriately graded and compatible with the selected screen size and surrounding formation materials. In general, the filter pack should not extend more than 3 feet above the top of the screen to limit the thickness of the monitoring zone. As the filter pack is placed, a weighted tape should be lowered in the annular space to verify the depth to the top of the layer. This measurement will be recorded on the well construction form (Attachment 1). If necessary, to eliminate possible bridging or creation of voids, placement of the sand pack may require the use of a tremie pipe. Tremie pipe sandpack installations are generally suggested for deeper wells and for wells which are screened some distance beneath the water table.
- A minimum 2-foot thick layer of bentonite pellets or slurry seal will be installed immediately above the filter sand to prevent vertical flow within the boring from affecting the screened interval. Bentonite chips/pellets must be hydrated if placed above the water table prior to grouting. If bridging is of concern as in the case of deep wells, powdered bentonite may be mixed with water into a very thick slurry and a tremie pipe used to place the seal to the desired depth. Placement of the bentonite seal in the borehole will be recorded on the well construction form (Attachment 1).
- The remaining annular space around the well will be grouted from the top of the bentonite seal to the surface with a grout composed of neat cement, a bentonite cement mixture, or high solids sodium bentonite grout.
- Each well riser will be secured with an expandable, locking cap (vented if possible). Optionally, a hole can be drilled in the upper portion of the riser to allow venting of the well.
- The well will be completed within a concrete well pad consisting of a Portland cement/sand mixture. Well pads are generally 3 feet by 3 feet square but may be larger or smaller depending on site conditions and state-specific well construction standards. Round concrete well pads are also acceptable. A minimum of 1 inch of the finished pad should be below grade to prevent washing and undermining by soil erosion.
- If completed as a flush-mount well, the well riser will be cut off approximately 4 to 6 inches below ground surface and an expandable, locking cap placed on the well riser. The area around the riser is dug out and a steel well vault or manhole cover placed over the riser and set almost flush to the ground

to protect the well. The manhole cover should be water-tight and secured with bolts to prevent casual access. The well pad will then be constructed around the well vault and slightly mounded at the center and sloping away to prevent surface water from accumulating in the well vault.

- If completed as a stick-up well, the well riser is cut approximately 2.5 to 3 feet above the ground surface and an expandable, locking cap placed on the well riser. A steel guard pipe with hinged, locking cap is placed over the well riser as a protective casing. The bottom of the guard pipe will be set approximately 2 feet below ground surface and sealed by pouring concrete from the top of the annular grout around the pipe to grade. The concrete well pad should be completed at the same time. Weep holes will be drilled in the base of the guard pipe to facilitate draining of rainwater or purge water from inside the guard pipe.
- Bumper posts or bollards may be necessary for additional well protection, especially in high traffic areas. The bumper posts should be placed around the well pad in a configuration that provides maximum protection to the well and extend a minimum of 3 feet above the ground.

#### 7.4 Double Cased Wells

Under certain site conditions, the use of a double-cased or telescoping (Type III) well may be necessary. Installation of double-cased wells may be required to prevent the interconnection of two separate aquifers, seal off a perched aquifer without creating a vertical hydraulic conduit, prevent cross-contamination during construction of wells in deeper aquifers hydro-stratigraphically below impacted aquifers, or case off highly impacted soils present above the aquifer to prevent potential "dragging down" of contaminants.

Similar to conventional wells, construction of double-cased wells can be accomplished using a variety of drilling methods. Well construction is initiated by "keying" a large diameter, outer casing into a stratigraphic zone of low permeability (clay layer or bedrock). The size of the outer casing should be a minimum of 2 inches greater than the outside diameter of the inner casing to allow installation of annular seal materials during well completion. A pilot borehole should be drilled through the overburden soil and/or contaminated zone into a clay confining layer or bedrock. The borehole for the outer casing should be of sufficient size to contain the outer casing with a minimum of 2 inches around the outside diameter to allow sufficient annular space for tremie or pressure grouting. The boring should extend a minimum of 2 feet into a clay layer and a minimum of 1 foot into bedrock, if possible, to ensure an adequate seal. The boring should never breach a confining layer or keyed zone under any circumstances.

Once the boring is completed, the outer casing can be set in the borehole and sealed with grout. The outer casing can be set two ways, with or without a bottom cap. If no bottom cap is applied, the casing is usually driven approximately 6 inches into the clay confining unit. A grout plug is generally placed in the bottom of the casing and once set, standing water in the casing is evacuated prior to drilling below the casing. As an alternative, a cap can be placed on the bottom of the casing and if set below the water table, the casing can be filled with clean, potable water to hold down the casing in the boring. Grouting should be conducted using tremie-grouting or pressure-grouting methods by pumping grout into the annular space between the outer casing and the borehole wall from the bottom of the casing to the ground surface. Grout around the casing should be allowed to cure at least 24 hours before attempting to drill through the bottom.

Once the grout is cured, a smaller diameter drill pipe/bit is used to bore through the grout plug or bottom cap to the desired well depth. The well is then constructed as described in Section 7.3 above.

#### 7.5 Post Installation Procedures

- Wells should be permanently labelled or marked for identification. Well tags can be used to record the site name, well number, total depth, installation date, etc. At a minimum, the well number will be written in indelible marker or paint on both the outside of the protective casing and inside beneath the casing lid, as well as on the riser pipe.

- A measuring point will be marked on the top of the riser pipe for taking water level measurements. The measuring point can be notched using a knife or saw or can be marked with a waterproof marker or paint. The measuring point will also be the point which will be surveyed for vertical elevation data.
- Upon completion, the following measurements will be taken by the field geologist/engineer and recorded on the well construction diagram.
  - Depth to static water level
  - Depth of non-aqueous phase liquid (NAPL), if present
  - Total depth of well measured from top of casing (TOC)
  - Height of well casing above ground surface
  - Height of protective casing above ground surface
- All monitoring wells will be surveyed for horizontal and vertical control by a licensed surveyor.
- Investigation-derived waste (IDW) including drill cuttings, spent materials (e.g., PPE), and decontamination water should be properly managed in accordance with SOP 3-05, IDW Management.

## **8.0 Quality Control and Assurance**

- 8.1 Field personnel will follow specific quality assurance (QA) guidelines as outlined in the SAP. Certain quality control (QC) measures should be taken to ensure proper well installation and construction in accordance with this SOP, project specific SAP, and applicable well standards.
- 8.2 The borehole will be checked for total open depth, and extended by further drilling or shortened by backfilling, as required before installation of the well materials.
- 8.3 Water level and NAPL presence will be checked during well installation to ensure that the positions of well screen, filter sand, and seals relative to water level conform to project requirements
- 8.4 The depth to top of each layer of annular materials (i.e., filter sand, bentonite, grout) will be verified and adjusted as necessary for proper placement.

## **9.0 Records, Data Analysis, Calculations**

All field information will be recorded in the field logbook and/or standardized field forms by field personnel. Field data recorded will include drilling contractor information, drilling methods, well material and construction information provided on the boring logs and well construction forms, observations or problems encountered during drilling, fluid level data, and any deviations from the procedures in this SOP and other project plans. Well Construction Forms (Attachment 1) will provide visual and descriptive information the monitoring well and are often the most critical form of documentation generated during the installation of a monitoring well. The field logbook is kept as a general log of activities and should not be used in place of the boring log.

## **10.0 Attachments or References**

- 10.1 Attachment 1 – Monitoring Well Construction Form



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# Attachment 1

## Monitoring Well Construction Form

	<i>Client:</i>	<i>WELL ID:</i>
	<i>Project Number:</i>	
	<i>Site Location:</i>	<i>Date installed:</i>
	<i>Well Location:</i>	<i>Coords:</i>
	<i>Method:</i>	<i>Inspector:</i>
<b>MONITORING WELL CONSTRUCTION DETAIL</b>		
	Depth from G.S. (feet)	Elevation(feet) Datum _____
Measuring Point for Surveying & Water Levels		
Top of Steel Guard Pipe		
Top of Riser Pipe		
Ground Surface (G.S.)	0.0	
Cement, Bentonite, Bentonite Slurry Grout, or Native Materials		
Riser Pipe:		
Length		
Inside Diameter (ID)		
Type of Material		
% Cement		
% Bentonite		
% Native Materials		
Bottom of Steel Guard Pipe		
Top of Bentonite		
Bentonite Seal Thickness		
Top of Sand		
Top of Screen		
▼ Stabilized Water Level		
Screen:		
Length		
Inside Diameter (ID)		
Slot Size		
Type of Material		
Type/Size of sand		
Sand Pack Thickness		
Bottom of Screen		
Bottom of Tail Pipe:		
Length		
Bottom of Borehole		
Borehole Diameter		
Approved:		
Describe Measuring Point:		
	<i>Signature</i>	<i>Date</i>

# Monitoring Well Sampling

## Procedure 3-14

### 1.0 Purpose and Scope

- 1.1 This standard operating procedure (SOP) describes the actions to be used during monitoring well sampling activities and establishes the method for sampling groundwater monitoring wells for water-borne contaminants and general groundwater chemistry. The objective is to obtain groundwater samples that are representative of aquifer conditions with as little alteration to water chemistry as possible.
- 1.2 This procedure is the Program-approved professional guidance for work performed by Resolution Consultants under the Comprehensive Long-Term Environmental Action Navy (CLEAN) contract (Contract Number N62470-11-D-8013).
- 1.3 As guidance for specific activities, this procedure does not obviate the need for professional judgment. Deviations from this procedure while planning or executing planned activities must be approved in accordance with Program requirements for technical planning and review.

### 2.0 Safety

- 2.1 Depending upon the site-specific contaminants, various protective programs must be implemented prior to sampling the first well. All field sampling personnel responsible for sampling activities must review the project-specific health and safety plan (HASP) paying particular attention to the control measures planned for the well sampling tasks. Conduct preliminary area monitoring of sampling wells to determine the potential hazard to field sampling personnel. If significant contamination is observed, minimize contact with potential contaminants in both the vapor phase and liquid matrix through the use of appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE).
- 2.2 Observe standard health and safety practices according to the project-specific HASP. Suggested minimum protection during well sampling activities includes inner disposable vinyl gloves, outer chemical-protective nitrile gloves and rubberized steel-toed boots. Half-face respirators and cartridges and Tyvek® suits may be necessary depending on the contaminant concentrations. Refer to the project-specific HASP for the required PPE.
- 2.3 Physical Hazards associated with Well Sampling
  - To avoid lifting injuries associated with pump and bailers retrieval, use the large muscles of the legs, not the back.
  - Stay clear of all moving equipment, and avoid wearing loose fitting clothing.
  - When using tools for cutting purposes, cut away from yourself. The use of appropriate, task specific cutting tools is recommended.
  - To avoid slip/trip/fall conditions as a result of pump discharge, use textured boots/boot cover bottoms.
  - To avoid heat/cold stress as a result of exposure to extreme temperatures and PPE, drink electrolyte replacement fluids (1 to 2 cups per hour is recommended) and, in cases of extreme cold, wear fitted insulating clothing.
  - Be aware of restricted mobility due to PPE.

## **3.0 Terms and Definitions**

None.

## **4.0 Interferences**

- 4.1 Potential interferences could result from cross-contamination between samples or sample locations. Minimization of the cross-contamination will occur through the following:
- The use of clean sampling tools at each location as necessary.
  - Avoidance of material that is not representative of the media to be sampled.

## **5.0 Training and Qualifications**

### **5.1 Qualifications and Training**

The individual executing these procedures must have read, and be familiar with, the requirements of this SOP.

### **5.2 Responsibilities**

- 5.2.1 The **Contract Task Order (CTO) Manager** is responsible for ensuring that monitoring well sampling activities comply with this procedure. The **CTO Manager** is responsible for ensuring that all field sampling personnel involved in monitoring well sampling shall have the appropriate education, experience, and training to perform their assigned tasks.
- 5.2.2 The **Program Quality Manager** is responsible for ensuring overall compliance with this procedure.
- 5.2.3 The **Field Manager** is responsible for ensuring that all field sampling personnel follow these procedures.
- 5.2.4 **Field sampling personnel** are responsible for the implementation of this procedure.
- 5.2.5 The field sampler and/or task manager is responsible for directly supervising the groundwater sampling procedures to ensure that they are conducted according to this procedure and for recording all pertinent data collected during sampling.

## **6.0 Equipment and Supplies**

### **6.1 Purging and Sampling Equipment**

- Pump (Peristaltic, Portable Bladder, Submersible)
- Polyethylene or Teflon bladders (for portable bladder pumps)
- Bladder pump controller (for portable bladder pumps)
- Air compressor (for portable bladder pumps)
- Nitrogen cylinders (for portable bladder pumps)
- 12-volt power source
- Polyethylene inlet and discharge tubing (except for VOC analysis which requires Teflon tubing)
- Silicone tubing appropriate for peristaltic pump head
- Teflon bailer appropriately sized for well

- Disposable bailer string (polypropylene)
- Individual or multi-parameter water quality meter(s) with flow-through cell to measure temperature, pH, specific conductance, dissolved oxygen (DO), oxidation reduction potential (ORP), and/or turbidity
- Turbidity meter
- Water level meter
- Oil/water interface probe

#### 6.2 General Equipment

- Sample kit (i.e., bottles, labels, preservatives, custody records and tape, cooler, ice)
- Sample Chain-of-Custody (COC) forms
- Sample Collection Records
- Sample packaging and shipping supplies
- Waterproof marker or paint
- Distilled/deionized water supply
- Water dispenser bottles
- Flow measurement cup or bucket
- 5-gallon buckets
- Instrument calibration solutions
- Stopwatch or watch
- Disposable Nitrile gloves
- Paper towels
- Trash bags
- Zipper-lock bags
- Equipment decontamination supplies
- Health and safety supplies (as required by the HASP)
- Approved plans such as: project-specific HASP and Sampling and Analysis Plan (SAP)
- Well keys or combinations
- Monitoring well location map(s)
- Field project logbook/pen

## 7.0 Calibration or Standardization

- 7.1 Field instruments will be calibrated daily according to the requirements of the SAP and manufacturer's specifications for each piece of equipment. Equipment will be checked daily with the calibration solutions at the end of use of the equipment. Calibration records shall be recorded in the field logbook or appropriate field form.
- 7.2 If readings are suspected to be inaccurate, the equipment shall be checked with the calibration solutions and/or re-calibrated.

## **8.0 Procedure**

### **8.1 Preparation**

#### **8.1.1 Site Background Information**

Establish a thorough understanding of the purposes of the sampling event prior to field activities. Conduct a review of all available data obtained from the site and pertinent to the water sampling. Review well history data including, but not limited to, well locations, sampling history, purging rates, turbidity problems, previously used purging methods, well installation methods, well completion records, well development methods, previous analytical results, presence of an immiscible phase, historical water levels, and general hydrogeologic conditions.

Previous groundwater development and sampling logs give a good indication of well purging rates and the types of problems that might be encountered during sampling, such as excessive turbidity and low well yield. They may also indicate where dedicated pumps are placed in the water column. To help minimize the potential for cross-contamination, well purging and sampling and water level measurement collection shall proceed from the least contaminated to the most contaminated well as indicated by previous analytical results. This order may be changed in the field if conditions warrant it, particularly if dedicated sampling equipment is used. A review of prior sampling procedures and results may also identify which purging and sampling techniques are appropriate for the parameters to be tested under a given set of field conditions.

#### **8.1.2 Groundwater Analysis Selection**

Establish the requisite field and laboratory analyses prior to water sampling. Decide on the types and numbers of quality assurance/quality control (QA/QC) samples to be collected (refer to the project-specific SAP), as well as the type and volume of sample preservatives, the type and number of sample containers, the number of coolers required, and the quantity of ice or other chilling materials. The field sampling personnel shall ensure that the appropriate number and size sample containers are brought to the site, including extras in case of breakage or unexpected field conditions. Refer to the project-specific SAP for the project analytical requirements.

### **8.2 Groundwater Sampling Procedures**

Groundwater sampling procedures at a site shall include:

- 1) An evaluation of the well security and condition prior to sampling;
- 2) Decontamination of equipment;
- 3) Measurement of well depth to groundwater;
- 4) Assessment of the presence or absence of an immiscible phase;
- 5) Assessment of purge parameter stabilization;
- 6) Purgings of static water within the well and well bore; and
- 7) Obtaining a groundwater sample.

Each step is discussed in sequence below. Depending upon specific field conditions, additional steps may be necessary. As a rule, at least 24 hours should separate well development and well sampling events. In all cases, consult the State and local regulations for the site, which may require more stringent time separation between well development and sampling.

### 8.2.1 Well Security and Condition

At each monitoring well location, observe the conditions of the well and surrounding area. The following information may be noted on a Groundwater Sample Collection Record (Attachment 1) or in the field logbook:

- Condition of the well's identification marker.
- Condition of the well lock and associated locking cap.
- Integrity of the well – well pad condition, protective outer casing, obstructions or kinks in the well casing, presence of water in the annular space, and the top of the interior casing.
- Condition of the general area surrounding the well.

### 8.2.2 Decontamination of Equipment

Where possible, dedicated supplies should be used at each well location to minimize the potential for cross-contamination and minimize the amount of investigation derived waste (IDW) fluids resulting from the decontamination process. If decontamination is necessary, establish a decontamination station before beginning sampling. The station shall consist of an area of at least 4 feet by 2 feet covered with plastic sheeting and be located upwind of the well being sampled. The station shall be large enough to fit the appropriate number of wash and rinse buckets, and have sufficient room to place equipment after decontamination. One central cleaning area may be used throughout the entire sampling event. The area around the well being sampled shall also be covered with plastic sheeting to prevent spillage. Further details are presented in SOP 3-06, Equipment Decontamination.

Decontaminate each piece of equipment prior to entering the well. Also, conduct decontamination prior to sampling at a site, even if the equipment has been decontaminated subsequent to its last usage. Additionally, decontaminate each piece of equipment used at the site prior to leaving the site. It is only necessary to decontaminate dedicated sampling equipment prior to installation within the well. Do not place clean sampling equipment directly on the ground or other contaminated surfaces prior to insertion into the well. Dedicated sampling equipment that has been certified by the manufacturer as being decontaminated can be placed in the well without on-site decontamination.

### 8.2.3 Measurement of Static Water Level Elevation

Before purging the well, measure water levels in all of the wells within the zone of influence of the well being purged. The best practice, if possible, is to measure all site wells (or wells within the monitoring well network) prior to sampling. If the well cap is not vented, remove the cap several minutes before measurement to allow water levels to equilibrate to atmospheric pressure.

Measure the depth to standing water and the total depth of the well to the nearest 0.01 foot to provide baseline hydrologic data, to calculate the volume of water in the well, and to provide information on the integrity of the well (e.g., identification of siltation problems). If not already present, mark an easily identified reference point for water level measurements which will become the measuring point for all water level measurements. This location and elevation must be surveyed.

The device used to measure the water level surface and depth of the well shall be sufficiently sensitive and accurate in order to obtain a measurement to the nearest 0.01 foot reliably. An electronic water level meter will usually be appropriate for this measurement; however, when the groundwater within a particular well is highly contaminated, an inexpensive weighted tape measure can be used to determine well depth to prevent adsorption of contaminants onto the meter tape. The presence of light, non-aqueous phase liquids (LNAPLs) and/or dense, non-aqueous phase liquids (DNAPLs) in a well requires measurement of the elevation of the top and the bottom of the product, generally using an interface probe. Water levels in such wells must then be corrected for density effects to accurately determine the elevation of the water table.

At each location, measure water levels several times in quick succession to ensure that the well has equilibrated to atmospheric conditions prior to recording the measurement. As stated above, measure all site wells (or wells within the monitoring well network) prior to sampling whenever possible. This will provide a water level database that describes water levels across the site at one time (a synoptic sampling). Prior to sampling, measure the water level in each well immediately prior to purging the well to ascertain that static conditions have been achieved prior to sampling.

#### 8.2.4 Detection of Immiscible Phase Layers

Complete the following steps for detecting the presence of LNAPL and DNAPL before the well is purged for conventional sampling. These procedures may not be required for all wells. Consult the project-specific SAP to determine if assessing the presence of LNAPL and/or DNAPL is necessary.

- 1) Sample the headspace in the wellhead immediately after the well is opened for organic vapors using either a PID or an organic vapor analyzer, and record the measurements.
- 2) Lower an interface probe into the well to determine the existence of any immiscible layer(s), LNAPL and/or DNAPL, and record the measurements.
- 3) Confirm the presence or absence of an immiscible phase by slowly lowering a clear bailer to the appropriate depth, then visually observing the results after sample recovery.
- 4) In rare instances, such as when very viscous product is present, it may be necessary to utilize hydrocarbon- and water-sensitive pastes for measurement of LNAPL thickness. This is accomplished by smearing adjacent, thin layers of both hydrocarbon- and water-sensitive pastes along a steel measuring tape and inserting the tape into the well. An engineering tape showing tenths and hundredths of feet is required. Record depth to water, as shown by the mark on the water-sensitive paste, and depth to product, as shown by the mark on the product-sensitive paste. In wells where the approximate depth to water and product thickness are not known, it is best to apply both pastes to the tape over a fairly long interval (5 feet or more). Under these conditions, measurements are obtained by trial and error and may require several insertions and retrievals of the tape before the paste-covered interval of the tape encounters product and water. In wells where approximate depths of air-product and product-water interfaces are known, pastes may be applied over shorter intervals. Water depth measurements should not be used in preparation of water table contour maps until they are corrected for depression by the product.
- 5) If the well contains an immiscible phase, it may be desirable to sample this phase separately. Section 8.2.6 presents immiscible phase sampling procedures. It may not be meaningful to conduct water sample analysis of water obtained from a well containing LNAPLs or DNAPLs. Consult the **CTO Manager** and **Program Quality Manager** if this situation is encountered.

#### 8.2.5 Purgung Equipment and Use

##### **General Requirements**

The water present in a well prior to sampling may not be representative of in situ groundwater quality and shall be removed prior to sampling. Handle all groundwater removed from potentially contaminated wells in accordance with the IDW handling procedures in SOP 3-05, IDW Management. Purging shall be accomplished by methods as indicated in the project-specific SAP or by those required by State requirements. For the purposes of this SOP, purging methods will be described by removing groundwater from the well using low-flow techniques.

According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) (EPA, 1996), the rate at which groundwater is removed from the well during purging ideally should be less than 0.2 to 0.3 liters/minute. EPA further states that wells should be purged at rates below those used to develop the well to prevent further development of the well, to prevent damage to the well, and to avoid disturbing accumulated

corrosion or reaction products in the well. EPA also indicates that wells should be purged at or below their recovery rate so that migration of water in the formation above the well screen does not occur.

Realistically, the purge rate should be low enough that substantial drawdown in the well does not occur during purging. In addition, a low purge rate will reduce the possibility of stripping volatile organic compounds (VOCs) from the water, and will reduce the likelihood of increasing the turbidity of the sample due to mobilizing colloids in the subsurface that are immobile under natural flow conditions.

The field sampler shall ensure that purging does not cause formation water to cascade down the sides of the well screen. Wells should not be purged to dryness if recharge causes the formation water to cascade down the sides of the screen, as this will cause an accelerated loss of volatiles. This problem should be anticipated based on the results of either the well development task or historical sampling events. In general, place the intake of the purge pump in the middle of the saturated screened interval within the well to allow purging and at the same time minimize disturbance/overdevelopment of the screened interval in the well. Water shall be purged from the well at a rate that does not cause recharge water to be excessively agitated unless an extremely slow recharging well is encountered where complete evacuation is unavoidable. During the well purging procedure, collect water level and/or product level measurements to assess the hydraulic effects of purging. Sample the well when it recovers sufficiently to provide enough water for the analytical parameters specified. If the well is purged dry, allow the well to recover sufficiently to provide enough water for the specified analytical parameters, and then sample it.

Evaluate water samples on a regular basis during well purging and analyze them in the field preferably using in-line devices (i.e., flow through cell) for temperature, pH, specific conductivity, dissolved oxygen (DO), and oxidation-reduction (redox) potential. Turbidity should be measured separately (outside of the flow-through cell) with a nephelometer or similar device.

Readings should be taken every 2 to 5 minutes during the purging process. These parameters are measured to demonstrate that the natural character of the formation waters has been restored.

Purging shall be considered complete per the requirements set forth in the project-specific SAP, State requirements, or when three consecutive field parameter measurements of temperature, pH, specific conductivity, DO and ORP stabilize within approximately 10 percent and the turbidity is at or below 10 nephelometric turbidity units (NTU) or within  $\pm 10\%$  if above 10 NTU. This criterion may not be applicable to temperature if a submersible pump is used during purging due to the heating of the water by the pump motor. Enter all information obtained during the purging and sampling process into a groundwater sampling log. Attachment 1 shows an example of a groundwater sampling log and the information typically included in the form. Whatever form is used, all blanks need to be completed on the field log during field sampling.

Groundwater removed during purging shall be stored according to the project-specific SAP or per SOP 3-05, IDW Management.

### **Purging Equipment and Methods**

#### ***Submersible Pump***

A stainless steel submersible pump may be utilized for purging both shallow and deep wells prior to sampling the groundwater for semivolatile and non-volatile constituents, but are generally not preferred for VOCs unless there are no other options (e.g., well over 200 feet deep). For wells over 200 feet deep, the submersible pump is one of the few technologies available to feasibly accomplish purging under any yield conditions. For shallow wells with low yields, submersible pumps are generally inappropriate due to overpumpage of the wells (<1 gallon per minute), which causes increased aeration of the water within the well.

Steam clean or otherwise decontaminate the pump and discharge tubing prior to placing the pump in the well. The submersible pump shall be equipped with an anti-backflow check valve to limit the amount of

water that will flow back down the drop pipe into the well. Place the pump in the middle of the saturated screened interval within the well and maintain it in that position during purging.

#### ***Bladder Pump***

A stainless steel bladder pump can be utilized for purging and sampling wells up to 200 feet in depth for volatile, semivolatile, and non-volatile constituents. Use of the bladder pump is most effective in low to moderate yield wells and are often the preferred method for low-flow sampling. When sampling for VOCs and/or SVOCs, Teflon bladders should be used. Polyethylene bladders may be used when sampling for inorganics.

Either compressed dry nitrogen or compressed dry air, depending upon availability, can operate the bladder pump. The driving gas utilized must be dry to avoid damage to the bladder pump control box. Decontaminate the bladder pump prior to use.

#### ***Centrifugal, Peristaltic, or Diaphragm Pump***

A centrifugal, peristaltic, or diaphragm pump may be utilized to purge a well if the water level is within 20 feet of ground surface. New or dedicated tubing is inserted into the midpoint of the saturated screened interval of the well. Water should be purged at a rate that satisfies low-flow requirements (i.e., does not cause drawdown). Centrifugal, peristaltic, or diaphragm pump are generally discouraged for VOCs sampling; however, follow methods allowed per the project-specific SAP or State requirements.

#### ***Air Lift Pump***

Airlift pumps are not appropriate for purging or sampling.

#### ***Bailer***

Avoid using a bailer to purge a well because it can result in overdevelopment of the well and create excessive purge rates. If a bailer must be used, the bailer should either be dedicated or disposable. Teflon-coated cable mounted on a reel is recommended for lowering the bailer in and out of the well.

Lower the bailer below the water level of the well with as little disturbance of the water as possible to minimize aeration of the water in the well. One way to gauge the depth of water on the reel is to mark the depth to water on the bailer wire with a stainless steel clip. In this manner, less time is spent trying to identify the water level in the well.

#### **8.2.6 Monitoring Well Sampling Methodologies**

##### **Sampling Light, Non-Aqueous Phase Liquids (LNAPL)**

Collect LNAPL, if present, prior to any purging activities. The sampling device shall generally consist of a dedicated or disposable bailer equipped with a bottom-discharging device. Lower the bailer slowly until contact is made with the surface of the LNAPL, and to a depth less than that of the immiscible fluid/water interface depth as determined by measurement with the interface probe. Allow the bailer to fill with LNAPL and retrieve it.

When sampling LNAPLs, never drop bailers into a well and always remove them from the well in a manner that causes as little agitation of the sample as possible. For example, the bailer should not be removed in a jerky fashion or be allowed to continually bang against the well casing as it is raised. Teflon bailers should always be used when sampling LNAPL. The cable used to raise and lower the bailer shall be composed of an inert material (e.g., stainless steel) or coated with an inert material (e.g., Teflon).

##### **Sampling Dense, Non-Aqueous Phase Liquids (DNAPL)**

Collect DNAPL prior to any purging activities. The best method for collecting DNAPL is to use a double-check valve, stainless steel bailer, or a Kemmerer (discrete interval) sampler. The sample shall be collected by slow, controlled lowering of the bailer to the bottom of the well, activation of the closing device, and retrieval.

### **Groundwater Sampling Methodology**

The well shall be sampled when groundwater within it is representative of aquifer conditions per the methods described in Section 8.2.5. Prior to sampling the flow-through cell shall be removed and the samples collected directly from the purge tubing. Flow rates shall not be adjusted once aquifer conditions are met. Additionally, a period of no more than 2 hours shall elapse between purging and sampling to prevent groundwater interaction with the casing and atmosphere. This may not be possible with a slowly recharging well. Measure and record the water level prior to sampling in order to monitor drawdown when using low-flow techniques and gauge well volumes removed and recharged when using non-low-flow techniques.

Sampling equipment (e.g., especially bailers) shall never be dropped into the well, as this could cause aeration of the water upon impact. Additionally, the sampling methodology utilized shall allow for the collection of a groundwater sample in as undisturbed a condition as possible, minimizing the potential for volatilization or aeration. This includes minimizing agitation and aeration during transfer to sample containers, minimizing exposure to sunlight, and immediately placing the sample on ice once collected.

Sampling equipment shall be constructed of inert material. Equipment with neoprene fittings, polyvinyl chloride (PVC) bailers, Tygon® tubing, silicon rubber bladders, neoprene impellers, polyethylene, and Viton® are not acceptable when sampling for organics. If bailers are used, an inert cable/chain (e.g., fluorocarbon resin-coated wire or stainless steel wire or cable) shall be used to raise and lower the bailer. Dedicated equipment is highly recommended for all sampling programs.

#### ***Submersible Pumps***

The submersible pump must be specifically designed for groundwater sampling (i.e., pump composed of stainless steel and Teflon, sample discharge lines composed of Teflon) and must have a controller mechanism allowing the required low-flow rate. Adjust the pump rate so that flow is continuous and does not pulsate to avoid aeration and agitation within the sample discharge lines. Run the pump for several minutes at the low-flow rate used for sampling to ensure that the groundwater in the lines was obtained at the low-flow rate.

#### ***Bladder Pumps***

A gas-operated stainless steel bladder pump with adjustable flow control and equipped with a Teflon bladder and Teflon-lined tubing can be effectively utilized to collect a groundwater sample and is considered to be the best overall device for sampling inorganic and organic constituents. If only inorganics are being sampled, polyvinyl bladders and tubing may be used. Operate positive gas displacement bladder pumps in a continuous manner so that they minimize discharge pulsation that can aerate samples in the return tube or upon discharge.

When using a compressor, take several precautions. If the compressor is being powered by a gasoline generator, position the generator downwind of the well. Ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs) should always be used when using electric powered equipment. Do not connect the compression hose from the compressor to the pump controller until after the engine has been started.

When all precautions are completed and the compressor has been started, connect the compression hose to the pump controller. Slowly adjust the control knobs to discharge water in the shortest amount of time while maintaining a near constant flow. This does not mean that the compressor must be set to discharge the water as hard as possible. The optimal setting is one that produces the largest volume of purge water per minute (not per purge cycle) while maintaining a near constant flow rate.

Prior to sampling, adjust the flow rate (purge rate) to yield 100 to 300 mL/minute. Avoid settings that produce pulsating streams of water instead of a steady stream if possible. Operate the pump at this low flow rate for several minutes to ensure that drawdown is not occurring. At no time shall the sample flow rate exceed the flow rate used while purging.

For those samples requiring filtration, it is recommended to use an in-line high capacity filter after all non-filtered samples have been collected.

**Peristaltic Pumps:**

A peristaltic pump is a type of positive displacement pump that moves water via the process of peristalsis. The pump uses a flexible hose fitted inside a circular pump casing. A rotor with cams compresses the flexible tube as the rotor turns, which forces the water to be pumped to move through the tube. In peristaltic pumps, no moving parts of the pump are in contact with the water being pumped. Displacement is determined by tube size, so delivery rate can only be changed during operation by varying pump speed. Peristaltic pumps are simple and quite inexpensive for the flow rates they provide.

There are several methods available for transferring the sample into the laboratory containers. The selected method may vary based on State requirements and should be documented in the project-specific SAP. Samples typically can be collected directly from the discharge end of the Teflon tubing, after it has been disconnected from the flow through cell. For volatile analyses, the sampler should make sure that the pump is set such that a smooth laminar flow is achieved. In all cases, the project team should consult their local regulatory requirements and document the selected sample collection procedure in the project-specific SAP.

**Bailers**

A single- or double-check valve Teflon or stainless steel bailer equipped with a bottom discharging device can be utilized to collect groundwater samples. Bailers have a number of disadvantages, however, including a tendency to alter the chemistry of groundwater samples due to degassing, volatilization, and aeration; the possibility of creating high groundwater entrance velocities; differences in operator techniques resulting in variable samples; and difficulty in determining where in the water column the sample was collected. Therefore, use bailers for groundwater sampling only when other types of sampling devices cannot be utilized for technical, regulatory, or logistical reasons.

Dedicated or disposable bailers should always be used in order to eliminate the need for decontamination and to limit the potential of cross-contamination. Each time the bailer is lowered to the water table, lower it in such a way as to minimize disturbance and aeration of the water column within the well.

#### 8.2.7 Sample Handling and Preservation

Many of the chemical constituents and physiochemical parameters to be measured or evaluated during groundwater monitoring programs are chemically unstable and require preservation. The U.S. EPA document entitled, *Test Methods for Evaluating Solid Waste – Physical/Chemical Methods (SW-846)* (EPA 1997), includes a discussion of appropriate sample preservation procedures. In addition, SW-846 provides guidance on the types of sample containers to use for each constituent or common set of parameters. In general, check with specific laboratory or State requirements prior to obtaining field samples. In many cases, the laboratory will supply the necessary sample bottles and required preservatives. In some cases, the field sampling personnel may add preservatives in the field.

Improper sample handling may alter the analytical results of the sample. Therefore, transfer samples in the field from the sampling equipment directly into the container that has been prepared specifically for that analysis or set of compatible parameters as described in the project-specific SAP. It is not an acceptable practice for samples to be composited in a common container in the field and then split in the laboratory, or poured first into a wide mouth container and then transferred into smaller containers.

Collect groundwater samples and place them in their proper containers in the order of decreasing volatility and increasing stability. A preferred collection order for some common groundwater parameters is:

1. VOCs and total organic halogens (TOX)

2. Dissolved gases, total organic carbon (TOC), total fuel hydrocarbons
3. Semivolatile organics, pesticides
4. Total metals, general minerals (unfiltered)
5. Dissolved metals, general minerals (filtered)
6. Phenols
7. Cyanide
8. Sulfate and chloride
9. Nitrate and ammonia
10. Radionuclides

When sampling for VOCs, collect water samples in vials or containers specifically designed to prevent loss of VOCs from the sample. The analytical laboratory performing the analysis shall provide these vials. Collect groundwater from the sampling device in vials by allowing the groundwater to slowly flow along the sides of the vial. Sampling equipment shall not touch the interior of the vial. Fill the vial above the top of the vial to form a positive meniscus with no overflow. No headspace shall be present in the sample container once the container has been capped. This can be checked by inverting the bottle once the sample is collected and tapping the side of the vial to dislodge air bubbles. Sometimes it is not possible to collect a sample without air bubbles, particularly water that has high concentrations of dissolved gasses. In these cases, the field sampling personnel shall document the occurrence in the field logbook and/or sampling worksheet at the time the sample was collected. Likewise, the analytical laboratory shall note in the laboratory analysis reports any headspace in the sample container(s) at the time of receipt by the laboratory.

### **Special Handling Considerations**

In general, samples for organic analyses should not be filtered. However, high turbidity samples for PCB analysis may require filtering. Consult the project-specific SAP for details on filtering requirements. Samples shall not be transferred from one container to another because this could cause aeration or a loss of organic material onto the walls of the container. TOX and TOC samples should be handled in the same manner as VOC samples.

When collecting total and dissolved metals samples, the samples should be collected sequentially. The total metals sample is collected from the pump unfiltered. The dissolved metals sample is collected after filtering with a 0.45-micron membrane in-line filter. Allow at least 500 mL of effluent to flow through the filter prior to sampling to ensure that the filter is thoroughly wetted and seated in the filter capsule. If required by the project-specific SAP, include a filter blank for each lot of filters used and always record the lot number of the filters.

### **Field Sampling Preservation**

Preserve samples immediately upon collection. Ideally, sampling containers will be pre-preserved with a known concentration and volume of preservative. Certain matrices that have alkaline pH (greater than 7) may require more preservative than is typically required. An early assessment of preservation techniques, such as the use of pH strips after initial preservation, may therefore be appropriate. Guidance for the preservation of environmental samples can be found in the U.S. EPA *Handbook for Sampling and Sample Preservation of Water and Wastewater* (EPA 1982). Additional guidance can be found in other U.S. EPA documents (EPA 1992, 1996).

### **Field Sampling Log**

A groundwater sampling log provided as Attachment 1 shall document the following:

- Identification of well

- Well depth
- Static water level depth and measurement technique
- Presence of immiscible layers and detection method
- Well yield
- Purge volume and pumping rate
- Time that the well was purged
- Sample identification numbers
- Well evacuation procedure/equipment
- Sample withdrawal procedure/equipment
- Date and time of collection
- Types of sample containers used
- Preservative(s) used
- Parameters requested for analysis
- Field analysis data
- Field observations on sampling event
- Name of sampler
- Weather conditions

## **9.0 Quality Control and Assurance**

- 9.1 Field personnel will follow specific quality assurance (QA) guidelines as outlined in the project-specific SAP. The goal of the QA program should be to ensure precision, accuracy, representativeness, completeness, and comparability in the project sampling program.
- 9.2 Quality control (QC) requirements for sample collection are dependent on project-specific sampling objectives. The project-specific SAP will provide requirements for sample preservation and holding times, container types, sample packaging and shipment, as well as requirements for the collection of various QC samples such as trip blanks, field blanks, equipment rinse blanks, and field duplicate samples.

## **10.0 Data and records management**

- 10.1 Records will be maintained in accordance with SOP 3-03, Recordkeeping, Sample Labelling, and Chain-of-Custody. Various forms are required to ensure that adequate documentation is made of the sample collection activities. These forms may include:
- Sample Collection Records;
  - Field logbook;
  - Chain-of-custody forms; and
  - Shipping labels.



- 10.2 Sample collection records (Attachment 1) will provide descriptive information for the purging process and the samples collected at each monitoring well.
- 10.3 The field logbook is kept as a general log of activities and should not be used in place of the sample collection record.
- 10.4 Chain-of-custody forms are transmitted with the samples to the laboratory for sample tracking purposes.
- 10.5 Shipping labels are required if sample coolers are to be transported to a laboratory by a third party (courier service).

## 11.0 Attachments or References

Attachment 1 – Groundwater Sampling Collection Record

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## **Attachment 1**

### **Groundwater Sample Collection Record**



Well ID:

## **Groundwater Sample Collection Record**

Client: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: Start \_\_\_\_\_ am/pm  
Project No: \_\_\_\_\_ Finish \_\_\_\_\_ am/pm  
Site Location: \_\_\_\_\_  
Weather Conds: \_\_\_\_\_ Collector(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**1. WATER LEVEL DATA: (measured from Top of Casing)**

- a. Total Well Length \_\_\_\_\_ c. Length of Water Column \_\_\_\_\_ (a-b) Casing Diameter/Material \_\_\_\_\_  
b. Water Table Depth \_\_\_\_\_ d. Calculated Well Volume (see back) \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. WELL PURGEABLE DATA

- #### a. Purge Method:

- b. Acceptance Criteria defined (see SAP or Work Plan)

  - Minimum Required Purge Volume (@ \_\_\_\_\_ well volumes) \_\_\_\_\_
  - Maximum Allowable Turbidity \_\_\_\_\_ NTUs
  - Stabilization of parameters \_\_\_\_\_ %

c. Field Testing Equipment used:                  Make                  Model                  Serial Number

d. Acceptance criteria pass/fail

Yes      No      N/A

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Has required volume been removed

Has required turbidity been reached

Have parameters stabilized

If no or N/A - Explain below.

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**3. SAMPLE COLLECTION:** Method:

Sample ID	Container Type	No. of Containers	Preservation	Analysis Req.	Time
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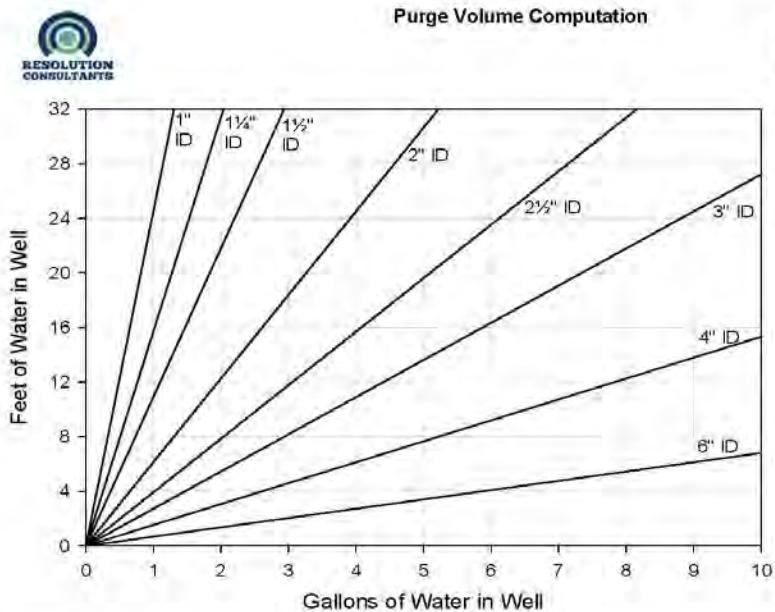
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## Purge Volume Computation

Well ID:



Volume / Linear Ft. of Pipe		
ID (in)	Gallon	Liter
1/4	0.0025	0.0097
3/8	0.0057	0.0217
1/2	0.0102	0.0386
5/8	0.0229	0.0869
1	0.0408	0.1544
1 1/4	0.0637	0.2413
1 1/2	0.0918	0.3475
2	0.1632	0.6178
2 1/2	0.2550	0.9653
3	0.3672	1.3900
4	0.6528	2.4711
6	1.4688	5.5600

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Volume

Signature

Date \_\_\_\_\_