



# OIL & GAS REMEDIATION SITE STATUS

ANNUAL REPORT | 2021



Serving the people of Kansas  
by regulating the State's  
energy infrastructure,  
oil and gas production and  
commercial trucking  
to ensure public safety.





# About the Commission



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*Commissioner*



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*Commissioner*

The Commission consists of three members appointed by the Governor to overlapping four-year terms. No more than two members may be of the same political party. The authority of the Kansas Corporation Commission is derived from K.S.A. 74-601 to 74-631.

The Commission regulates investor-owned utilities operating in the state, the Kansas oil and gas industry and motor carrier safety. The KCC does not regulate most electric cooperatives, water cooperatives, municipalities, wireless telephone, long distance service, cable companies, or internet services.

To carry out its multi-faceted mission, the Commission is financed from assessments, registration fees, operating charges, federal funds, and other fee funding sources. The KCC does not receive funding from the state general fund.

## FY2020

BUSINESS MEETINGS **88**

EVIDENTIARY HEARINGS **5**

PUBLIC HEARINGS **2**

**1,120** TOTAL ORDERS ISSUED  
BY THE COMMISSION  
IN FY2020



The Commission meets bi-weekly at 10 a.m. on Tuesday and Thursday. The meeting is broadcast live on the KCC's YouTube channel. To preview the agenda in advance, sign up for meeting notifications at:

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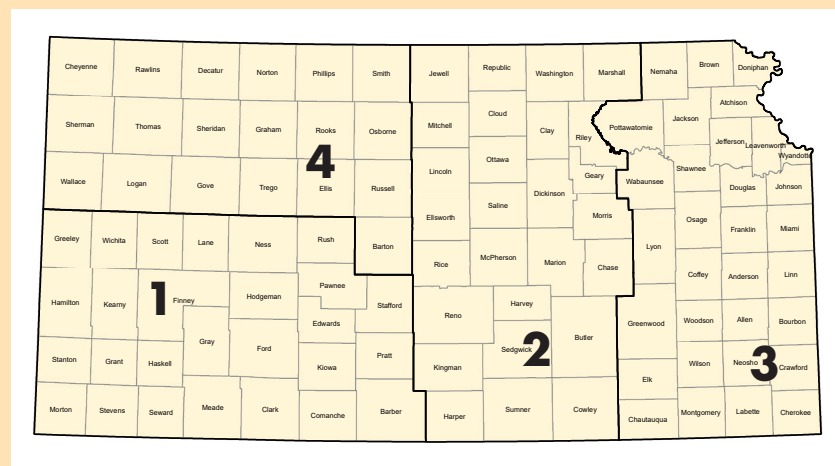


# KCC Conservation Division

## Quick Reference

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#### District Office No. 2

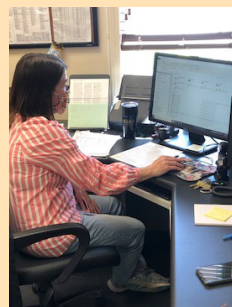
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# CONSERVATION



- Regulate oil and natural gas exploration and production.
- Inspect, license and monitor drilling and production operations.
- Oversight of abandoned well plugging and site remediation.



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## Conservation Penalty Orders

with **\$228,200**  
in assessed fines.\*

\*Fines are payable to state general fund.  
The KCC receives no funding from the state general fund.



## Oil & Gas

The KCC Conservation Division regulates, enforces laws, and supervises activities associated with the exploration and production of oil and natural gas. Conservation staff works to prevent degradation of land and water resources, prevent waste in the production of crude oil and natural gas resources, and protect correlative rights of mineral owners and royalty interest holders. The Conservation Division's main office is located in Wichita, with District Offices in Chanute, Dodge City, Hays and Wichita.

## Plugging abandoned wells is a priority

There are currently 5,632 abandoned wells in Kansas requiring action. When an abandoned well is discovered, KCC staff investigates each site to determine if it poses a threat to public safety or the environment. The wells are monitored and plugged, in order of priority, using fee funds assessed upon the oil and gas industry. No taxpayer dollars fund these operations.



The Conservation Division is working to accelerate plugging efforts by recruiting more contractors and consolidating two existing well plugging funds to make additional dollars available to pay for the projects. Consolidating funds requires legislation, which the KCC is pursuing in the 2021 session (see page 11). Below is a summary of abandoned wells and their locations throughout the state.

### ABANDONED WELLS IN KANSAS

DISTRICT 1	
Priority One	60
Priority Two	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>64</b>

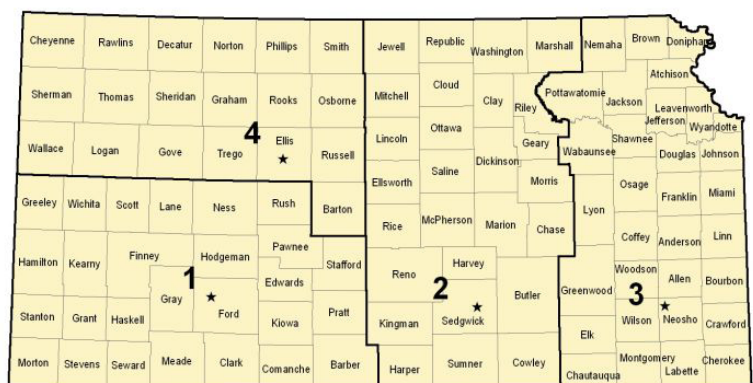
DISTRICT 2	
Priority One	197
Priority Two	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>202</b>

DISTRICT 3	
Priority One	4,810
Priority Two	404
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,214</b>

DISTRICT 4	
Priority One	150
Priority Two	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>152</b>

	2020	2021	CHANGE
<b>Total Wells Requiring Action*</b>	5,653	5,632	-21
<b>Total Wells Plugged with State Funds*</b>	10,369	10,718	349

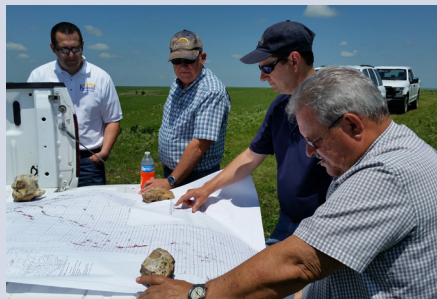
\*Since creation of the Abandoned Well Plugging funds in 1996.





# Remediation sites are evaluated to assess risk then prioritized based on impacts

The KCC Conservation Division manages an inventory of contamination sites that have varying degrees of impact to groundwater, surface water, soil or wells. These sites have no responsible parties related to oil and gas exploration and production activities. The current evaluation period, January 1, 2020, through December 31, 2020, ended with resolving two sites and no sites added, resulting in a total of 47 active sites.



*The Conservation Division is committed providing a scientifically sound and technically based remediation program.*

The 2021 Remediation Status Report to the Legislature contains a description and evaluation of each site, the immediacy of the threat to public health and environment, the level of remediation sought, and an estimate of the remediation cost or an estimate of the cost to conduct an investigation sufficient to determine the cost of remediation. The Site Remediation cash expenditures for FY2021 are projected to be approximately \$150,000.

The charts below provide an overview of specific site impacts and remediation priority levels based on threat to public health and the environment.

IMPACTED RESOURCES	NO. OF REMEDIATION SITES
Groundwater, Surface Water, Soil & Well Problems (Cavity, Abandoned)	66
Public Water Supply	8
Domestic Supply	20
Stock Supply	13
Irrigation Supply	10

*Note: Some sites have impacts to multiple resources.*

IMMEDIACY LEVEL	NUMBER OF SITES
Low & Low to Moderate	21
Moderate	9
Moderate to High & High	12
Other (Under Remediation)	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>47</b>



*KCC staff members Jonathan Hill, David Bollenback and Jake Eastes prepare geophones for use at the Knackstedt remediation site in McPherson County. Geophones are placed on the ground and used to detect seismic waves. The Knackstedt Site involves an unplugged saltwater disposal well with severe casing failure, causing dissolution in the Hutchinson Salt section, leaving an air filled void around the well. The seismic survey will help define the extents of the void, and depths where dissolution has taken place.*

## Sink holes caused by abandoned wells present challenges

Some remediation sites contain unique characteristics, such as sink holes (an area of gradual caving in or sinking of the land). A sink hole at the Macksville site (above left), located in Pawnee County, developed around an abandoned well in 1988. Several acres of ground usage was lost due to the development of the sink and it is still growing. Not far away in Stafford County, another sink hole exists at the French site (above right). It is also the result of an unplugged disposal well. The sink hole now covers a 600 x 1000 feet area in that location. The immediacy levels of both sites are classified as Moderate-High. The projects are outlined in the Remediation Site Status Report available on the Commission's website.



## Legislation proposed to expedite plugging



During the 2020 Legislative Session, the KCC introduced legislation that would implement sweeping changes with regard to plugging abandoned wells.

- Clarify abandoned well plugging responsibility.
- Combine the two well plugging funds (Legacy and Assurance Funds) to make more monies available for plugging abandoned wells.
- Provide the authority to establish a regulatory framework to reimburse operators for plugging abandoned wells.

The KCC's efforts were impacted by the pandemic-shortened legislative session, but the agency intends to pursue the measures again in 2021.



*For detailed information on abandoned wells in the state, access the Abandoned Oil and Gas Well Status Report at:*

<https://kcc.ks.gov/commission-activity/reports-to-the-legislature/2021>



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**Abandoned Oil and Gas Well / Remediation Site Fund  
Remediation Sites  
Status Report**

**Introduction**

Enacted in 1996, K.S.A 55-192 and K.S.A. 55-193 create an Abandoned Oil and Gas Well / Remediation Fund for the Kansas Corporation Commission to plug abandoned wells and remediate contamination sites (sites and wells having no responsible parties related to oil and gas exploration and production activities). K.S.A 55-194 requires the Corporation Commission to prepare an annual Remediation Site Status Report for the office of the Governor and certain legislative committees. This report for the period January 1, 2020, through December 31, 2020, contains information for each of the sites with regard to the following: (1) A description and evaluation of the site; (2) the immediacy of the threat to public health and environment; (3) the level of remediation sought; (4) any unusual problems associated with the investigation or remediation; (5) any remedial efforts completed during the review period; (6) current contaminate level; (7) status of the site; (8) direct and indirect costs associated with remedial efforts; and (9) an estimate of the cost to achieve the recommended level of remediation or an estimate of the cost to conduct an investigation sufficient to determine the cost of remediation. The Site Remediation cash expenditures for FY2021 are projected to be approximately \$150,000.

**Site Inventory**

This Remediation Site Status Report consists of 47 sites. This report includes sites that were transferred to the control of the Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC) from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) by legislative action in 1995 and in-house sites already under KCC jurisdiction. Of the original 109 sites, four were combined with other sites. During previous evaluation periods, 79 sites have been resolved and 23 sites have been added. The current evaluation period, January 1, 2020, through December 31, 2020, ended with resolving 2 sites and no sites added, resulting in a total of 47 active sites. Summary tables for site impacts and immediacy levels as well as estimated costs are found at the beginning of the report. The tables below provide an overview of distribution of sites with respect to both resources impacted and the range of immediacy levels for required remediation.

**Distribution of Active Sites with Respect to Impacted Resources**

<b>Impacted Resources</b>	<b>Number of Sites</b>
Groundwater, Surface Water, Soil and Well Problems (Cavity, Abandoned)	66
Public Water Supply	8
Domestic Supply	20
Stock Supply	13
Irrigation Supply	10

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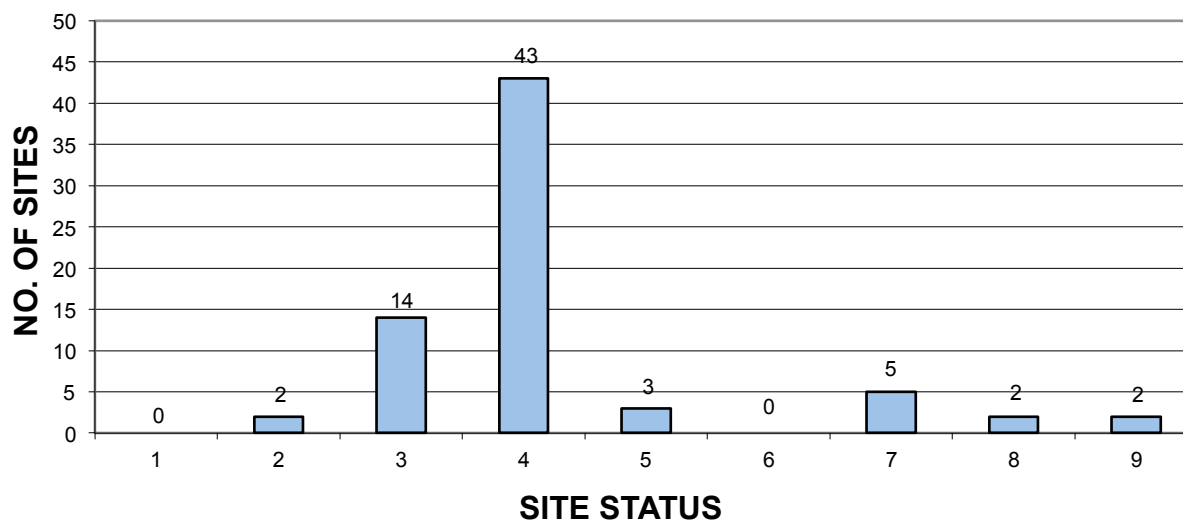
### Distribution of Active Sites with Respect to Immediacy Levels

Range of Immediacy Level	No. of Sites
Low & Low to Moderate	21
Moderate	9
Moderate to High & High	12
Other (Under Remediation)	5
Total	47

### Site Status

In general each contamination site has a definable life cycle. This cycle begins with, then follows a sequence of investigatory and possible remedial activities which move the site towards ultimate resolution. The first phase of the cycle is the site assessment. This phase defines general site parameters and conditions forming the basis for additional efforts at the site. Once the assessment is complete, the site moves on to a new phase. This next phase may be short term or long term monitoring followed by resolution of the site. Another scenario might include an extensive investigation phase followed by the installation of a monitoring system whose sample results may indicate the necessity for certain remedial activities and additional post remediation monitoring prior to resolution of the site. The following graphs depict the current status of the 47 listed sites on a statewide and KCC District basis.

### STATEWIDE DISTRIBUTION OF SITES BY STATUS

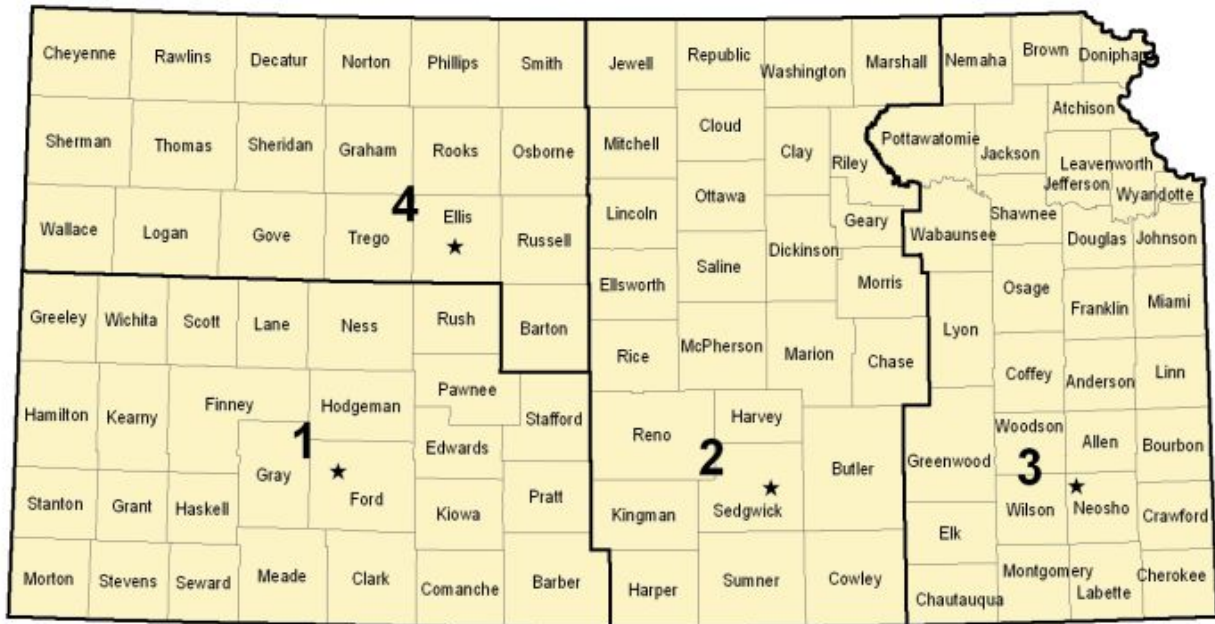


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|-------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|
| 1. SITE ASSESSMENT      | 2. SHORT TERM MONITORING       | 3. INVESTIGATION |
| 4. LONG TERM MONITORING | 5. REMEDIATION PLAN            | 6. INSTALLATION  |
| 7. REMEDIATION          | 8. POST REMEDIATION MONITORING | 9. RESOLVED      |

*Note: Sites may have more than one status.*

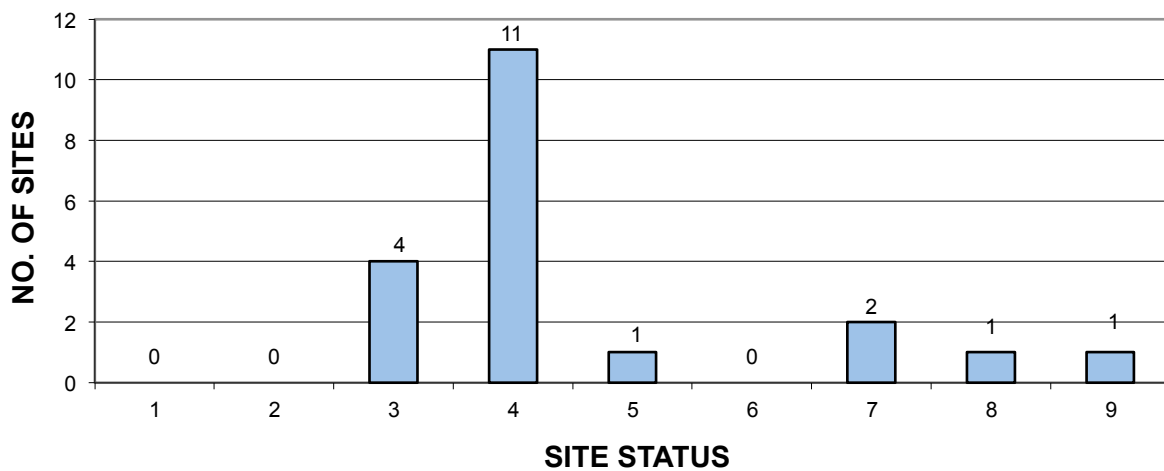


## DISTRIBUTION OF SITES IN EACH DISTRICT BY STATUS



KCC District Map

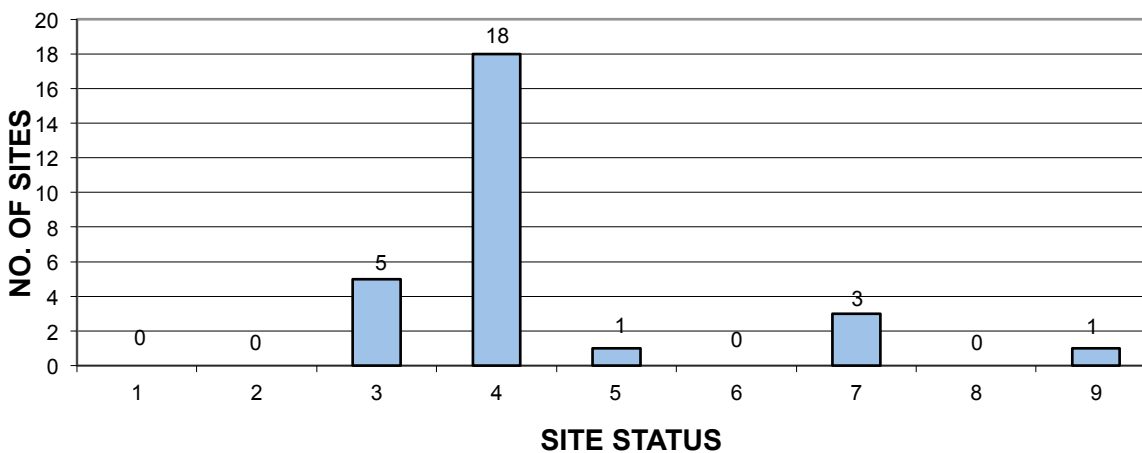
### DISTRICT 1



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|-------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|
| 1. SITE ASSESSMENT      | 2. SHORT TERM MONITORING       | 3. INVESTIGATION |
| 4. LONG TERM MONITORING | 5. REMEDIATION PLAN            | 6. INSTALLATION  |
| 7. REMEDIATION          | 8. POST REMEDIATION MONITORING | 9. RESOLVED      |

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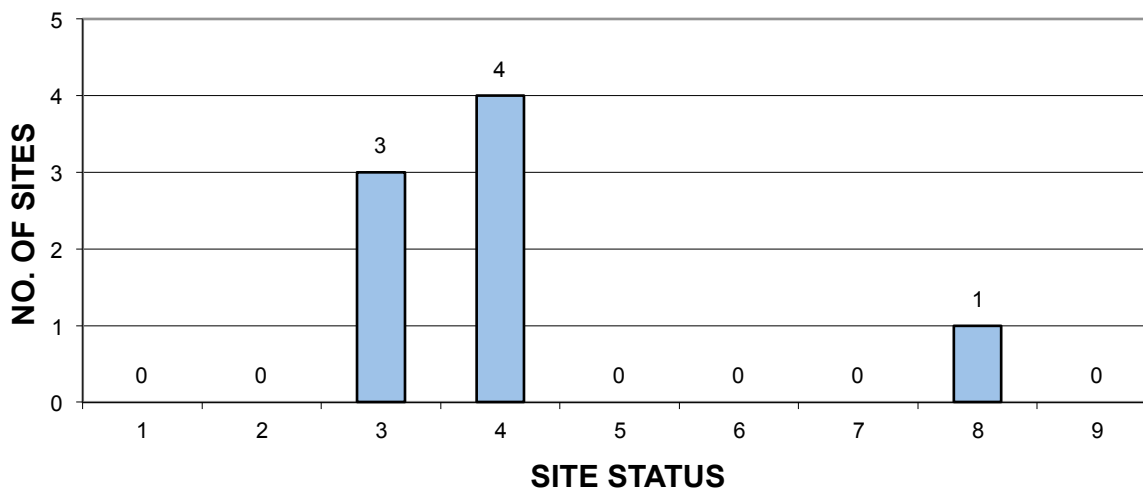
## DISTRICT 2



1. SITE ASSESSMENT	2. SHORT TERM MONITORING	3. INVESTIGATION
4. LONG TERM MONITORING	5. REMEDIATION PLAN	6. INSTALLATION
7. REMEDIATION	8. POST REMEDIATION MONITORING	9. RESOLVED

*Note: Sites may have more than one status.*

## DISTRICT 3

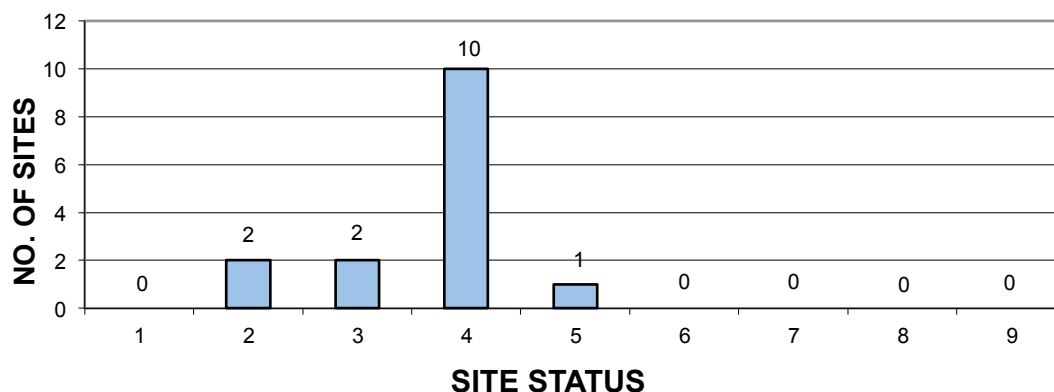


1. SITE ASSESSMENT	2. SHORT TERM MONITORING	3. INVESTIGATION
4. LONG TERM MONITORING	5. REMEDIATION PLAN	6. INSTALLATION
7. REMEDIATION	8. POST REMEDIATION MONITORING	9. RESOLVED

*Note: Sites may have more than one status.*



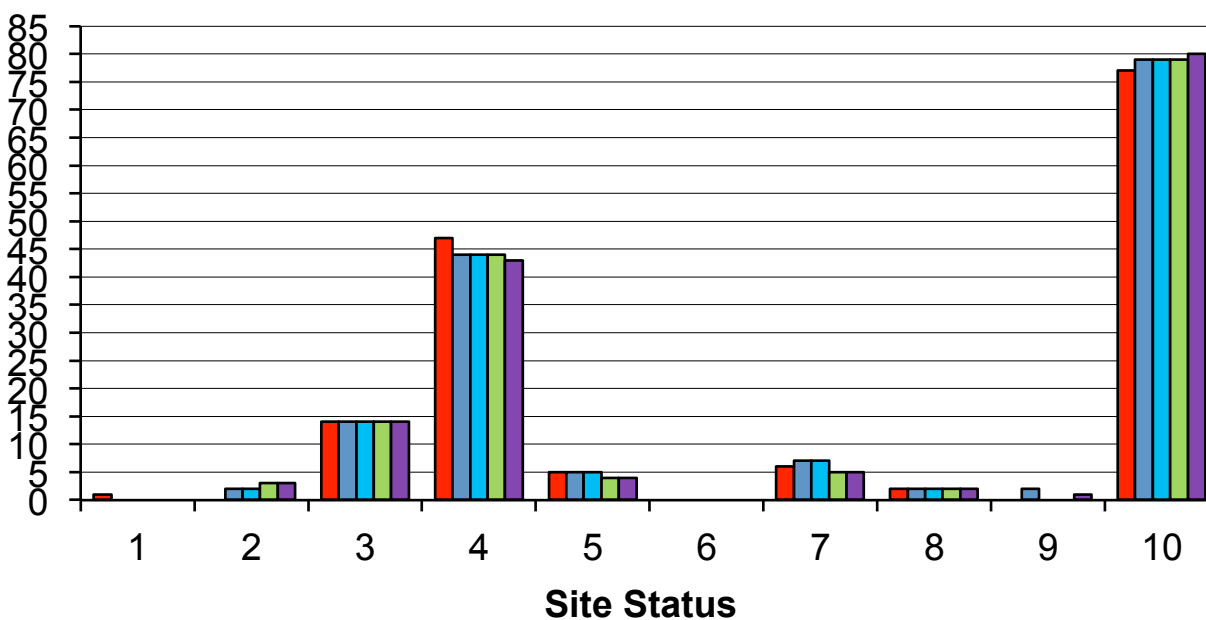
## DISTRICT 4



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|-------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|
| 1. SITE ASSESSMENT      | 2. SHORT TERM MONITORING       | 3. INVESTIGATION |
| 4. LONG TERM MONITORING | 5. REMEDIATION PLAN            | 6. INSTALLATION  |
| 7. REMEDIATION          | 8. POST REMEDIATION MONITORING | 9. RESOLVED      |

*Note: Sites may have more than one status.*

## Distribution of Sites by Status for Reporting Periods 2017 - 2021



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|------|------|------|------|------|
| 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 |
|------|------|------|------|------|

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|---------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|
| 1. SITE ASSESSMENT        | 2. SHORT TERM MONITORING       | 3. INVESTIGATION |
| 4. LONG TERM MONITORING   | 5. REMEDIATION PLAN            | 6. INSTALLATION  |
| 7. REMEDIATION            | 8. POST REMEDIATION MONITORING | 9. RESOLVED      |
| 10. RESOLVED - CUMULATIVE |                                |                  |

*Note: Sites may have more than one status.*

## **Conclusions**

This report provides information concerning the location, resource impact, immediacy level, and site description and status for 47 listed contamination / remediation sites related to exploration and production activities in the state. In addition, data is presented with regard to staff expenditures for site management, administration, and inspections, as well as authorization and/or expenditures against the Abandoned Well / Remediation fund for investigatory and remedial activities at the sites.

The Conservation Division of the Corporation Commission is committed to work with the oil and gas industry of the state, other state agencies and the public to provide a scientifically sound and technically based remediation program.



**Impacts, Immediacy and Target Remediation Levels For  
Kansas Corporation Commission Contamination Sites by County**

<b>County</b>	<b>Site Name</b>	<b>KCC District</b>	<b>Impact</b>	<b>Immediacy</b>	<b>Target Level Of Remediation</b>	<b>Unusual Problems</b>	<b>Estimated Total Cost</b>
Barber	Harbaugh	1	GW / Domestic / Stock Well	UR	1000 ppm	Yes	\$ 450,000*+
Barber	Hrencher	1	GW/ STK / Soil / SW	Mod-High	1000 ppm	No	\$ 150,000
Barber	Packard	1	GW / Water Well / STK	Moderate	1000 ppm	Yes	\$ 10,000
Barber	Wildboy's	1	GW / SW / PWSW	Mod-High	500 ppm	No	\$ **
Decatur	Jennings	4	Groundwater / PWSW	Low-Mod	500 ppm	No	\$ 2,000
Ellis	Dinkel	4	GW / Domestic (SS)	Low	500 ppm	No	\$ 30,000
Ellis	Ruder	4	Groundwater / SW	Moderate	500 ppm	Yes	\$ 29,000
Graham	Balthazor	4	GW / Domestic(Sole Source)	Low	250 ppm	No	\$ 10,000
Graham	Fink, Leon	4	Groundwater / Stock Well	Low	500 ppm	Yes	\$ 2,000
Harvey	Hollow-Nikkel	2	GW / Domestic / Irrigation	Moderate	500 ppm	Yes	\$ 75,000
Harvey/Reno	Burrton	2	GW / Domestic / Irrigation	High	Variable	Yes	\$3,000,000+
Harvey/Reno	EB-3C	2	Groundwater	Resolved	Reached	Yes	\$ 5,313
Haskell	Clawson (Mesa)	1	Groundwater / Irrigation	Mod-High	500 ppm	Yes	\$ 450(yr) <sup>‡</sup>
Hodgeman	Korf	1	GW / SW/ Soil / STK	Resolved	Reached	Yes	\$ 1,490*

<b>County</b>	<b>Site Name</b>	<b>KCC District</b>	<b>Impact</b>	<b>Immediacy</b>	<b>Target Level Of Remediation</b>	<b>Unusual Problems</b>	<b>Estimated Total Cost</b>
Hodgeman	Schraeder	1	Groundwater / Stock Well	Low	350 ppm	No	\$ 30,000
Kingman	South Spivey	2	GW / DM / SW	Low	750 ppm	Yes	\$ 5,000*
Kingman	Trostle	2	GW / Domestic / STK / Soil	Low	500 ppm	No	\$ 2,500*
Kingman	Yoeman	2	GW / DM / Stock Well	Mod-High	NA	Yes	\$ 56,000+
Linn	McDonald - East	3	Surface Water	Low	500 ppm	No	\$ 1,500(yr)
McPherson	Galva City	2	Groundwater	UR	500 ppm	Yes	\$ 500,000
McPherson	Knackstedt	2	WP (Cavity)	Moderate	NA	Yes	\$ 5,000
McPherson	McPherson LandFill	2	GW / DM / SD / INDWSW	UR	500 ppm	No	\$ 26,500*
McPherson	Nikkel-Epps	2	GW / DMSS / STK / IR	Mod-High	500 ppm	Yes	\$ 20,000
McPherson	Running Turkey Ck	2	DM/PWS/SW/SD/STK/IR	Mod-High	500 ppm	Yes	\$ 125,000
McPherson	Selzer	2	Groundwater / SW	Moderate	500-750 ppm	Yes	\$ 20,000
McPherson	Voshell	2	GW / SW / DM / IR / STK	Moderate	500 ppm	Yes	\$ 20,000+
Montgomery	Fowler	3	Soil	Low	300 ppm	Yes	\$ 4,500
Montgomery	Mantooth	3	GW / Domestic (SS) / SW	Moderate	500 ppm	Yes	\$ 10,000+
Morton	Smith-Finn	1	Groundwater / Domestic	UR	500 ppm	Yes	\$ 200,000*
Neosho	Brazil	3	SW / GW / PWS / Soil	Low-Mod	500 ppm	No	\$ 63,000



<b>County</b>	<b>Site Name</b>	<b>KCC District</b>	<b>Impact</b>	<b>Immediacy</b>	<b>Target Level Of Remediation</b>	<b>Unusual Problems</b>	<b>Estimated Total Cost</b>
Pawnee	Enoch-Thompson	1	Groundwater / Stock Well	Low-Mod	1000 ppm	No	\$ 500(yr)*
Pawnee	Macksville	1	Groundwater / IR / SW	Mod-High	300 ppm	Yes	\$ 20,000(yr)*
Reno	Arlington	2	GW / Soil / DM / IR / WSW	Moderate	250 ppm	Yes	\$ 7,500*
Rice	Brothers	2	Groundwater	Low	500 ppm	Yes	\$ 4,000
Rice	Little River	2	Groundwater / PWS	High	300 ppm	Yes	\$ 46,500
Rice	Stowe-Zaid	2	Groundwater / Soil	Low	350 ppm	Yes	\$ 12,000
Rooks	Elm Creek	4	GW / Domestic / Stock Well	Mod-High	500 ppm	Yes	\$ 300,000
Rooks	Irey - Hrabe	4	Groundwater	Moderate	500 ppm	No	\$ 15,000
Rooks	Schruben-Rogers	4	Groundwater	Low	250 ppm	No	\$ 2,000
Russell	Maupin	4	Groundwater / Stock Well	Low	500 ppm	No	\$ 2,000
Russell	Russell City	4	GW / Domestic / Irrigation	Low	1000 ppm	Yes	\$ 400,000
Russell	Russell RWD #1	4	Groundwater / PWSW	Low-Mod	250 ppm	Yes	\$ 33,000
Russell	Sander	4	GW / Domestic / Stock Well	Low	1000 ppm	No	\$ 300
Sedgwick	Sample	2	Groundwater	Low	500 ppm	Yes	\$ 2,000
Sedgwick	Schulte Field	2	GW / Domestic / PWSW	UR	500 ppm	Yes	\$ 300,000
Stafford	Curtis	1	Groundwater / Irrigation	Low-Mod	500-1000 ppm	Yes	\$ 27,000

<b>County</b>	<b>Site Name</b>	<b>KCC District</b>	<b>Impact</b>	<b>Immediacy</b>	<b>Target Level Of Remediation</b>	<b>Unusual Problems</b>	<b>Estimated Total Cost</b>
Stafford	French Sink	1	WP (Cavity)	Mod-High	NA	Yes	\$ 3,000
Stafford	Leesburg Sink	1	WP (Cavity)	Mod-High	NA	Yes	\$ 62,000*
Wilson	Wingate	3	Groundwater / Soil	Low	500 ppm	Yes	\$ 15,000
Total Estimated Cost							\$6,106,053

ABDW=Abandoned Well    DM=Domestic    GW=Groundwater    INDWSW=Industrial Water Supply Well    IR=Irrigation Well  
 Mod=Moderate    PWSW=Public Water Supply Well    SD=Surface Damage    STK=Stock Well    SW=Surface Water  
 SS=Sole Source    UR=Under Remediation    WSW=Water Supply Well    WP=Well Problem

\*PRP – Potential Responsible Party involvement    \*\*See Harbaugh Site for costs    +Actual costs have exceeded original estimate



# CONTAMINATION SITE EXPENDITURES

SITE NAME	CONTROL NO.	STAFF HOURS	EXPENDITURE FOR STAFF HOURS	REMEDATION FUND AUTHORIZATION / EXPENDITURE	
				FY 2020/21	TOTAL
ARLINGTON	20030016-001	24	\$777.64		
BALTHAZOR	970023-00	7	\$201.54		
BRAZIL	990040-001	41.5	\$1,185.94		\$10,791.18
BROTHERS	970029-00	17	\$492.10		\$4.26
BURRTON	970003-00	129	\$3,678.49	\$4,186.63	\$345,430.69
CLAWSON	970005-00	8.5	\$251.38		
CURTIS	970034-00	8.5	\$242.18		\$4,199.17
DINKEL	970035-00	5	\$152.26		
EB-3C	970042-00	6	\$169.54		\$2,350.00
ELM CREEK	970043-00	21	\$590.66		\$29,212.25
ENOCH THOMPSON	970044-00	9.5	\$264.98		
FINK	970007-00	39	\$1,104.10		
FOWLER	970046-00	25.5	\$732.82		
FRENCH	990002-001	16	\$441.70		\$346.50
GALVA CITY AREA	980033-001	159	\$4,562.04	\$6,225.15	\$310,214.50
HARBAUGH	970049-00	26.5	\$819.34	\$4,961.17	\$698,895.79
HOLLOW NIKKEL	970009-00	19	\$548.74	\$2,460.01	\$49,528.97
HRENCER	970051-00	8.5	\$251.38		\$189.94
IREY-HRABE	970053-00	14	\$396.10		
JENNINGS	970054-00	14	\$388.74		
KNACKSTEDT	970060-00	26	\$795.48	\$14,803.00	\$29,759.39
KORF	20140017-001	12	\$324.74		
LEESBURG SINK	20040003-001	3	\$95.62		\$6,266.00
LITTLE RIVER	20000057-001	15	\$493.66		\$3,112.20
MACKSVILLE	970066-00	11.5	\$359.25	\$1,714.13	\$88,090.65
MANTOOTH	980058-001	26	\$746.98		\$17,349.00

SITE NAME	CONTROL NO.	STAFF HOURS	EXPENDITURE FOR STAFF HOURS	REMEDATION FUND AUTHORIZATION / EXPENDITURE	
				FY 2020/21	TOTAL
MAUPIN	970068-00	6	\$180.58		
MC DONALD-EAST	970070-00	43.5	\$1,242.58		
MCPHERSON LANDFILL	980034-001	13	\$485.52	\$604.24	\$23,569.48
NIKKLE-EPPS	20100082-001	13.5	\$426.93		\$8,318.75
PACKARD	970075-00	10	\$293.86		\$310.09
RUDER	970082-00	15	\$420.74		\$12,960.00
RUNNING TURKEY CREEK	20010033-001	108	\$3,374.77		\$61,603.07
RUSSELL CITY	970083-00	12	\$335.78		\$1,192.60
RUSSELL RWD #1	970084-00	10	\$282.82		
SAMPLE	970088-00	4.5	\$162.35		
SANDER	970089-00	5	\$148.58		
SCHRAEDER	970013-00	6.5	\$183.70		\$1,590.90
SCHRUBEN-ROGERS	970014-00	4	\$123.94		
SCHULTE	970015-00	88.5	\$2,570.33	\$550.39	\$180,070.33
SELZER	970093-00	11.5	\$336.34		\$12,133.50
SMITH-FINN	970095-00	7	\$208.90		
SOUTH SPIVEY	970096-00	12	\$389.30		
STOWE-ZAID	20000035-001	7	\$208.90		\$4,057.85
TROSTLE	980038-001	16	\$463.78		
VOSHELL	20030059-001	21	\$605.38	\$302.12	\$21,087.31
WILDBOY'S	970017-00	6	\$180.58		
WINGATE	970107-00	35	\$1,001.86		\$8,296.00
YEOMAN	20060021-001	50.5	\$1,571.77		\$102,690.76
<b>Totals:</b>		1197.5	\$35,266.69	\$35,806.84	\$2,033,621.13

**REMEDIATION**

**SITES**

**REPORT**

**2021**



**Project: *Albert Harbaugh Contamination Site, Barber County, District 1***

**Site Location:** Legal location is the SE/4 Section 20 & NE/4 Section 29, Township 33 South, Range 11 West, Barber County.

**Impact/Immediacy:** The groundwater for domestic and stock wells has been contaminated from several sources on this project. This site is rated as high immediacy and remediation of the groundwater began on November 1, 1999.

**Site Description:** The site is located in the alluvial valley on the flood plain of the Medicine River, in the Rhodes Pool, approximately nine miles south of Medicine Lodge. This site covers an area of approximately 1000 feet wide and 3500 feet long. This location and others sites in the area are continually increasing the chlorides in the groundwater aquifer of the Medicine River valley.

**Unusual Problems:** It is probable that all source areas of natural halite pollution into the aquifer have not been identified. Areas of suspected sources have not continued to contribute to the contamination since the remediation of the ground water has been implemented. These areas are suspected to have achieved a natural closure at this time. Unless all the source areas are located and plugged, the contamination will continue until there is natural closure.

**Status of Project:** The recovery system was started up again on May 1, 2020. Only one monitoring well can be operational at a time as that is all the disposal well will tolerate. We have focused on the high chloride area in the northwest part of the plume and alternated RWs 1, 3, & 5. Staff sampled all 13 recovery wells along with all 15 monitoring wells. According to the data the plume has migrated to the southeast and centered near RW-7 at the time of sampling. An unidentified flowing core hole near these wells is the probable source of these chlorides with other sources contributing additional contamination across the rest of the remediation site. Differences in chloride values of wells in close proximity to each other are attributed to different screening depths.

**Level of Remediation Sought:**

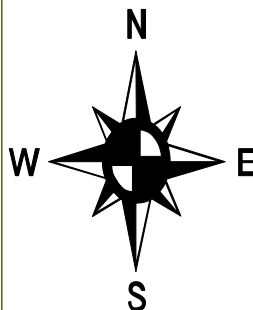
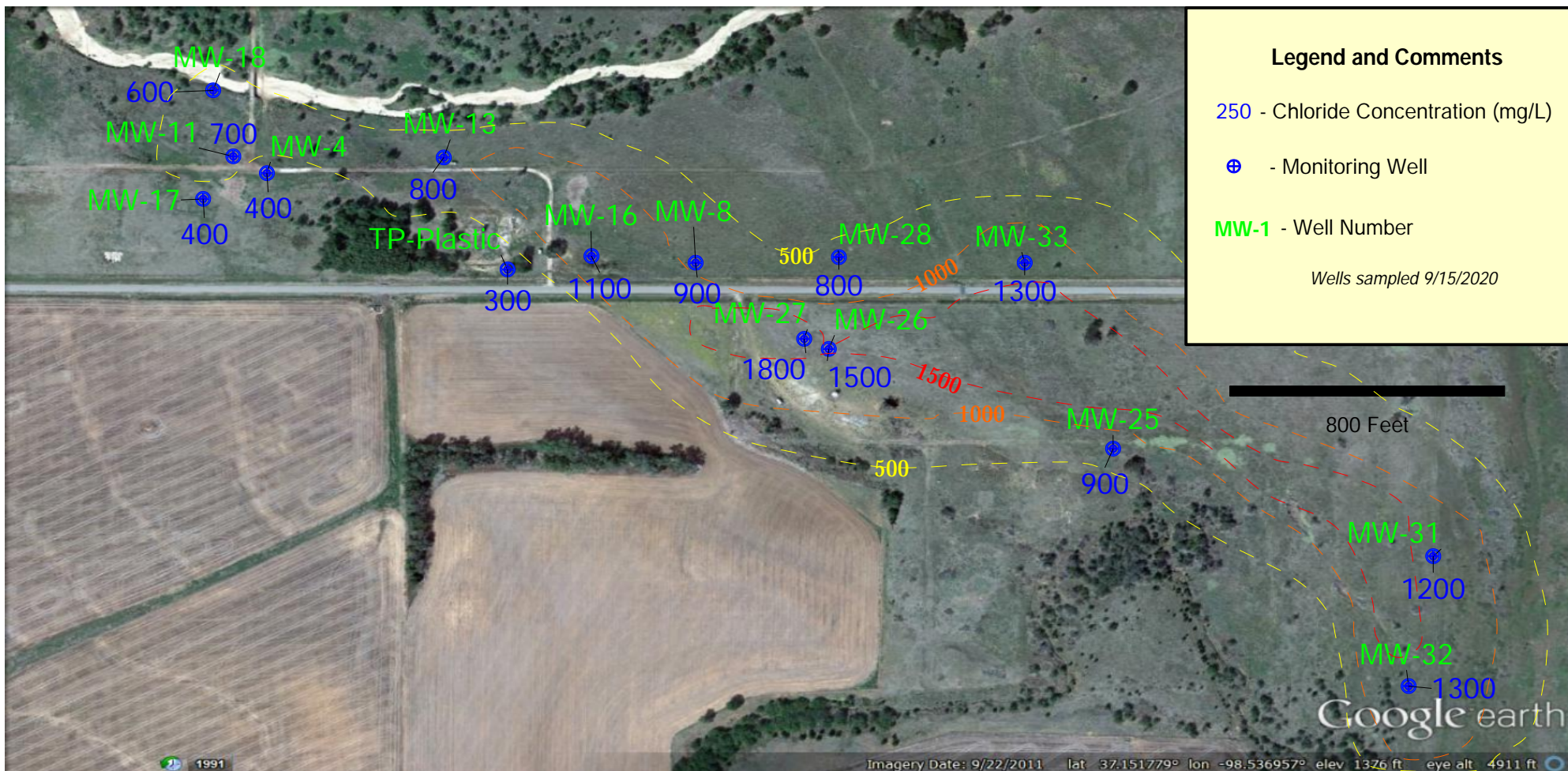
**Ideal:** 250 ppm Chloride

**Target:** 1000 ppm Chloride

**Recommendation for Future Work:** Monitor the recovery well system for effectiveness of chloride plume containment. Continue annual sampling of monitor wells and bimonthly sampling of the recovery wells when they are in use. The plugging of more monitoring wells that are outside of the plume as well as recovery wells that unusable will look to be plugged in 2021.

**Estimated Total Cost:** Total costs have exceeded the original estimate of \$450,000. There will be additional costs for a pumper and maintenance.

Control No.	Staff Hours/Expenditures	Fund Expenditures	
		FY 2020/21	Total
970049-00	26.5 Hrs. / \$819.34	\$4,961.17	\$698,895.79
Current Contaminate Level: 300 ppm Cl- to 3,300 ppm Cl-			
Status:			
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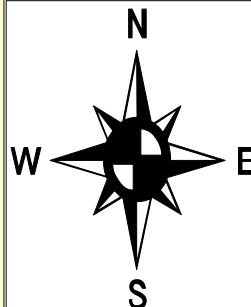
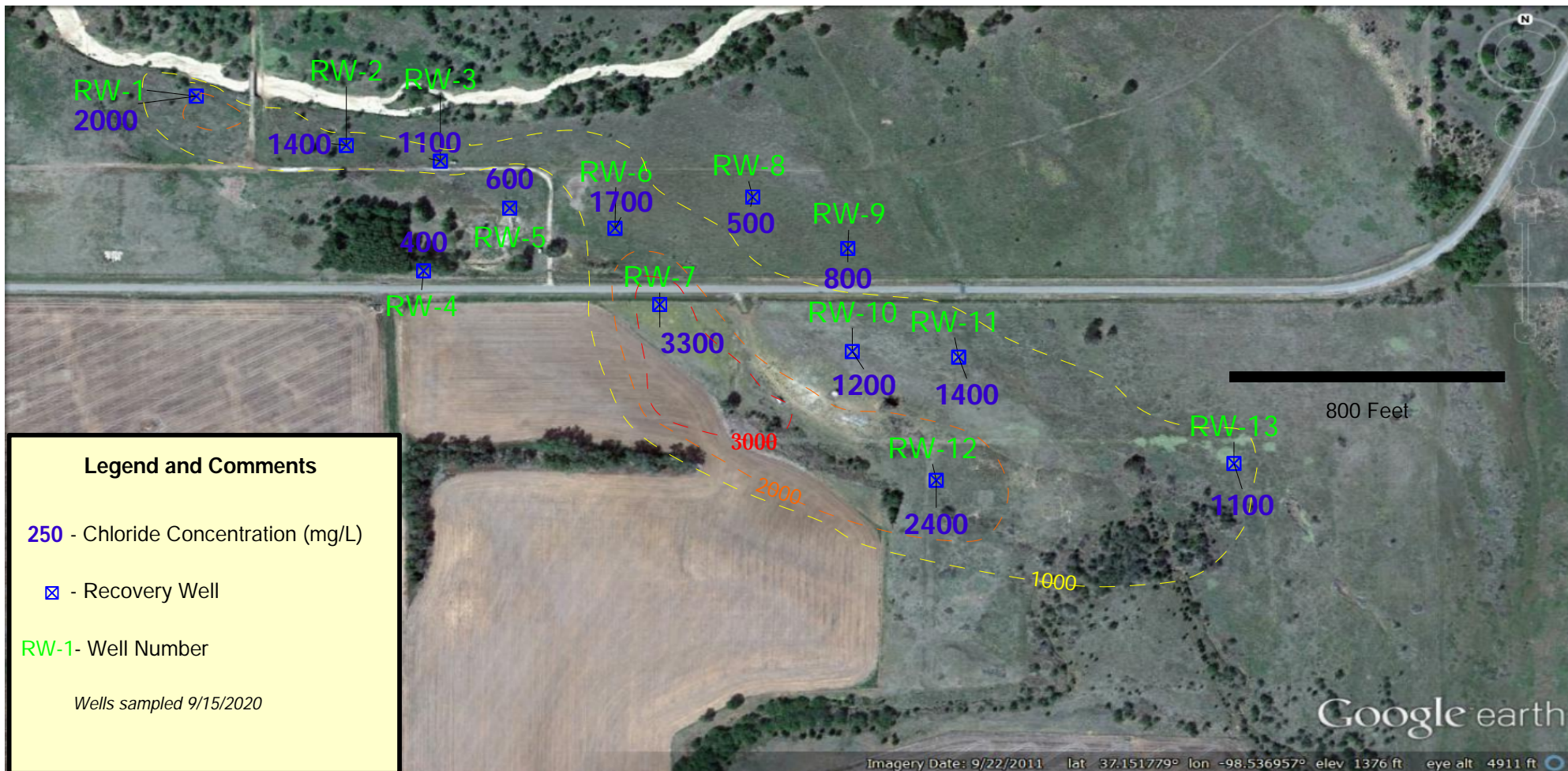
**Harbaugh Site**

Sections 20/29-T-33S-R11W  
Barber County, Kansas

**2020 Area Map with Monitoring Well Chlorides**

KCC Control # 970049-00 District 1  
K. Sullivan 10/24/2020





## Harbaugh Site

Sections 20/29-T-33S-R11W

Barber County, Kansas

### 2020 Area Recovery Well Map with Chlorides

KCC Control # 970049-00 District #1

K. Sullivan 9/21/2020



**Project: Hrencher Contamination Site, Barber County, District 1**

**Site Location:** Legal location is W/2 Section 36, Township 32 South, Range 12 West, Barber County.

**Impact/Immediacy:** The salt-water intrusion in the area affected the groundwater, small pond, stock wells and there is a salt scar near the pond. This site is classified as moderate to high for remediation.

**Site Description:** The surface area is predominately “red beds” of lower Permian age. The area is dissected by small drainage patterns and the alluvial channels filled with local parent material shale and gypsum. The area of high chlorides (1000 ppm +) is a narrow channel 300 feet wide and approximately 8000 feet long near the present stream. This small stream flows into the Medicine Lodge River within a half-mile.

**Unusual Problems:** None.

**Status of Project:** Staff collected five groundwater samples on September 16, 2020. Chloride levels overall in the project area have remained consistent with previous years. Since 2003 when the last full sampling event has taken place, MW-5, MW-7, and MW-11 have been destroyed. MW-5 was originally drilled to provide a profile of the chlorides in the main channel, whereas MW-7 was drilled to eliminate additional sources of contamination and has historically been fresh. MW-11 was drilled in order to evaluate the down gradient concentration of chlorides, but since it has been destroyed, the leading edge of the plume is left undefined.

**Level of Remediation Sought:**

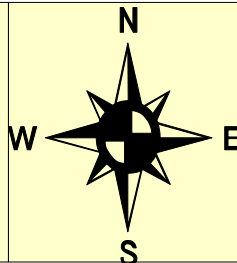
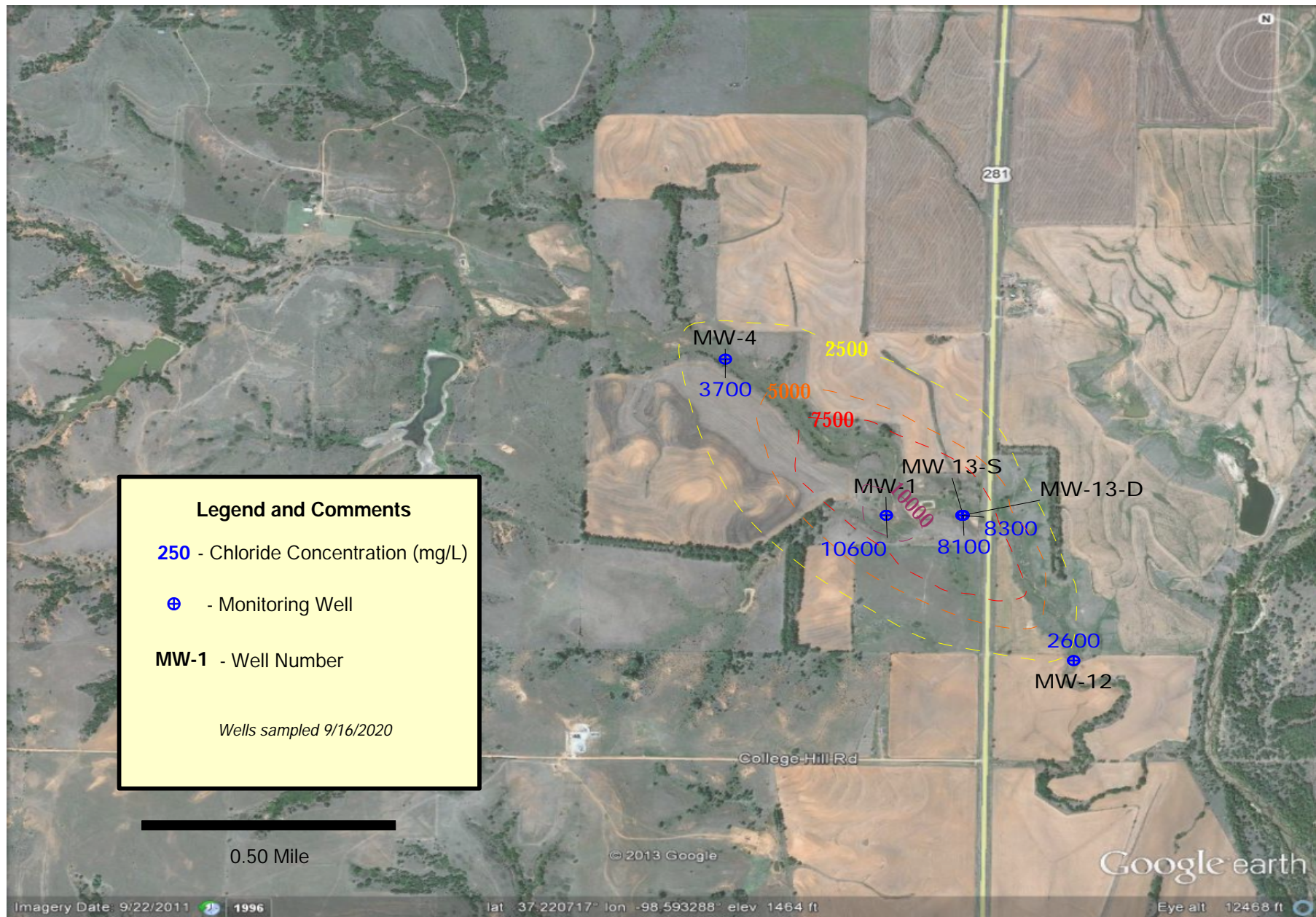
**Ideal:** 250 ppm Chloride

**Target:** 1000 ppm Chloride

**Recommendation for Future Work:** Continue sampling on an annual basis. As chloride levels have continued to increase down gradient, it may be necessary to design and install a remedial system for this site. Additional monitoring wells need to be drilled to define the toe of the plume. Further investigation and sampling will continue to determine if a remedial system is appropriate for this site.

**Estimated Total Cost:** \$150,000 if necessary to install a remediation system.

Control No.	Staff Hours/Expenditures	Fund Expenditures FY 2020/21	Total
970051-00	8.5 Hrs. / \$251.38		\$189.94
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**Hrencher Site**  
 Sections 26/35/36-T-32S-R12W  
 Barber County, Kansas  
**2020 Area Map with Chlorides**  
 KCC Control # 970051-00 District 1  
 K. Sullivan 9/21/2020

**Project: Packard Contamination Site, Barber County, District 1**

**Site Location:** Legal location is Section 15, 22, 23 Township 31 South, Range 13 West, in Barber County. 7 miles west of Medicine Lodge on river road.

**Impact/Immediacy:** The ground water has been contaminated, and a very good water well has been contaminated with chlorides. Immediacy level is rated as moderate.

**Site Description:** The salt-water plume is moving to the south away from the Packard #1 oil well. It has contaminated the water supply well and could possibly damage the domestic well at the abandoned house, the supply well in the SE/4 of section 23, and the spring to the southwest.

**Unusual Problems:** The contamination could be from multiple sources.

**Status of Project:** A total of five groundwater samples were collected on September 16, 2020. Four monitoring wells samples were taken in addition to a house well. Chloride data shows the plume remains confined. Chlorides historically have decreased, but over the past several years have remained consistent.

**Level of Remediation Sought:**

**Ideal:** 250 ppm Chloride

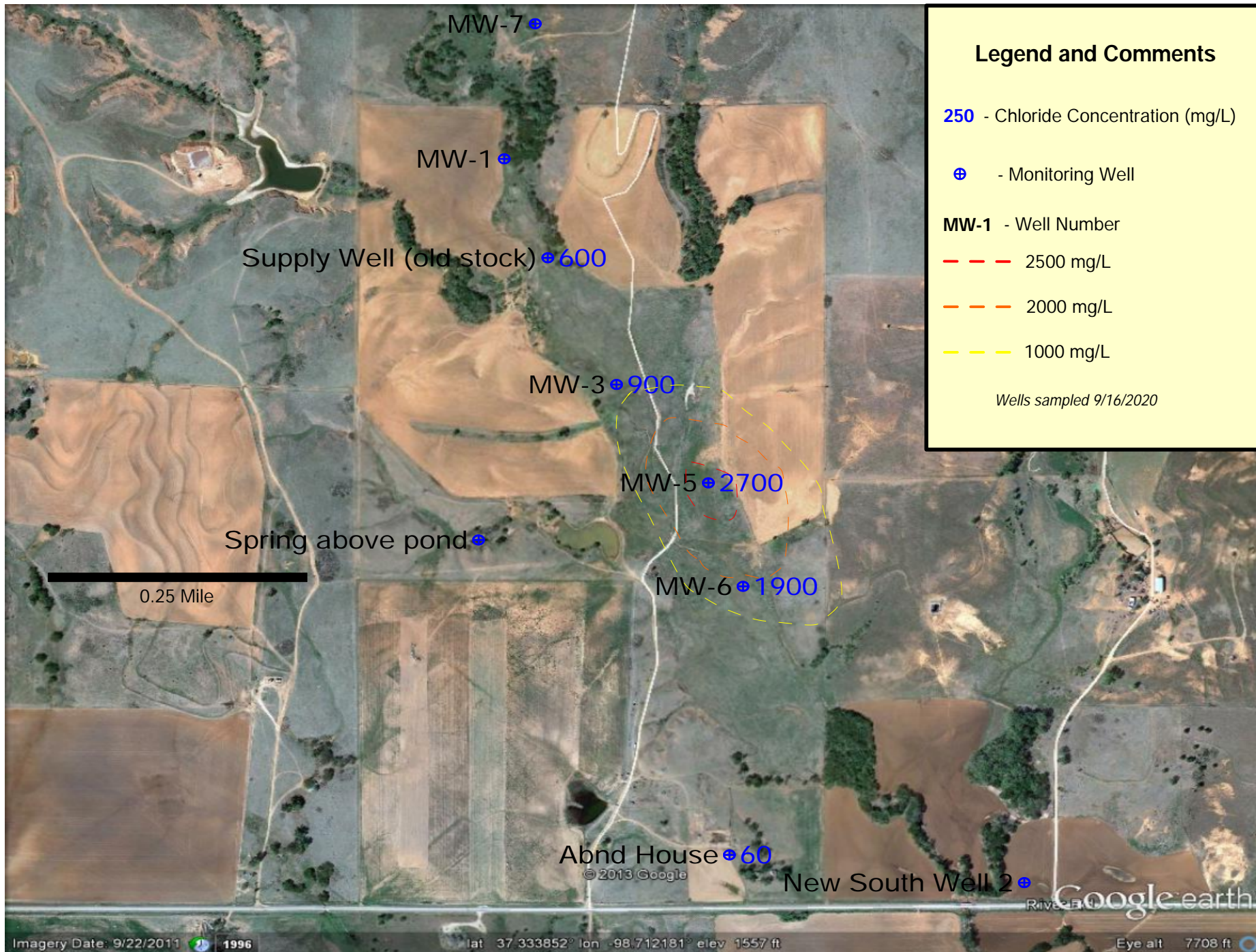
**Target:** 1000 ppm Chloride

**Recommendation for Future Work:** Monitoring will continue on an annual basis as the area continues to be remediated by natural attenuation. As the groundwater in this area is relatively shallow, several holes may be augured in order to gather more comprehensive data on the size and whereabouts of the chlorides. Depending on the information gathered, additional permanent monitoring wells may need to be installed. Analytical may need to be run on the new south supply well in order to determine if the chlorides are of a natural source, or from oilfield activities.

**Estimated Total Costs:** \$10,000

Control No.	Staff Hours/Expenditures	Fund Expenditures	
		FY 2020/21	Total
970075-00	10 Hrs. / \$293.86		\$310.09
<b>Current Contaminate Level: 60ppm Cl- 2700 ppm Cl-</b>			
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**Project:** *Wildboy's Land & Cattle Contamination Site, Barber County, District 1*

**Site Location:** Legal location is NE/4 of Section 28, Township 33 South, Range 11 West, Barber County, 9 miles S of Medicine Lodge on Hwy 281, 1E, 1S, 1E into farmstead.

**Impact/Immediacy:** The impact is to the groundwater and surface water of the area. Immediacy level is rated at moderate to high.

**Site Description:** The site is located within the Medicine Lodge River Valley.

**Unusual Problems:** None.

**Status of Project:** On September 15, 2020, samples were collected from three monitoring wells and a stock well. The east stock well that is usually sampled has been put of service by the landowner. The well site monitoring well was not accessible due the landowner locking out access. In general, the chlorides at this site have been quite variable, but has been trending downward the last five sampling events.

**Level of Chloride Sought:**

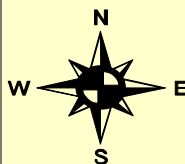
**Ideal:** 250 ppm Chloride

**Target:** 500 ppm Chloride

**Recommendations for Future Work:** Continue annual sampling of the site.

**Estimated Total Cost:** If necessary installation of recovery system and disposal facility with long term monitoring. Costs associated with the installation of the disposal well are attached to the Harbaugh site.

Control No.	Staff Hours/Expenditures	Fund Expenditures FY 2020/21	Total
970017-00	6 Hrs. / \$180.58		
Current Contaminate Level: 250ppm Cl- 3,100ppm Cl-			
Status:			
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**Wildboys Site**  
**2020 Area Map with Chlorides**  
 Sections 28/33-T-33S-R11W  
 Barber County, Kansas  
 KCC Control # 970017-00 District 1  
 K. Sullivan 9/21/2020

**Project: Jennings Contamination Site, Decatur County, District 4**

**Site Location:** NW/4 of Section 25, Township 4 South, Range 27 West, Decatur County

**Impact/Immediacy:** Groundwater contaminated by poor oil field practices including discharges at the injection pump site and brine line leaks since the 1950's. Two public water supply wells inside the city limits have experienced elevated chloride levels of varying intensity. Immediacy level is rated as low to moderate.

**Site Description:** The current city water supply well is located west and upstream of the tank battery and injection plant area, and has not been impacted by oil field pollution. The contaminated wells within the city limits are used for purposes other than human consumption, such as lawn and garden, and bulk water load-out. The site is situated within the stream valley of Prairie Dog Creek. The monitoring well has been drilled into this alluvium, and the soils are Munjor sandy loam. This allows rapid infiltration of spilled fluids into the groundwater, and spikes in the chloride level seem to correlate to reported spills at the tank battery area.

**Unusual Problems:** None.

**Status of Project:** Sampling in early 2017 yielded water with 1,400 ppm chloride concentration. The site was sampled again in October 2017, and the contaminant level had decreased to 100 ppm. In 2018, the contamination level remained stable, at 125 ppm, but fell in 2019 to 60 ppm, and remained stable into 2020.

**Level of Remediation Sought:**

**Ideal:** 250 ppm Chloride

**Target:** 500 ppm Chloride

**Recommendations for Future Work:** Monitor on an annual basis. Additional data needs to be acquired through the sampling of additional wells down gradient of the existing monitoring well. District staff will work to establish a cooperative relationship with the operator regarding lease practices, and the implementation of safeguards to prevent pollution of the aquifer.

**Estimated Total Costs:** \$2,000

Control No.	Staff Hours/Expenditures	Fund Expenditures	
		FY 2020/21	Total
970054-00	14 Hrs. / \$388.74		
<b>Current Contaminate Level: 60 ppm Cl<sup>-</sup></b>			
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## Jennings Groundwater Monitoring Site

Section 25 of Township 4 South, Range 27 West, Decatur County, Kansas

2020 Groundwater Chloride Levels

District #4 - Sampled 7/24/2020 - Map Drawn on 08/27/2020 by C. Neeley





**Project: Dinkel Contamination Site, Ellis County, District 4**

**Site Location:** SE/4 of Section 32, Township 13 South, Range 17 West, Ellis County

**Impact/Immediacy:** Brine from oil field operations has impacted a shallow aquifer within the Big Creek drainage. The affected water was originally the sole source of domestic water for the farmstead, which is now on rural water. The immediacy level for this site is rated as low.

**Site Description:** This site is bounded on the north by I-70, positioned within the Younger oil field, and has active oil wells, enhanced recovery wells, and disposal wells in the vicinity. Possible contaminant sources include an evaporation pit (permit revoked July 1, 1958), a shallow injection well (injection authorization revoked September 3, 1969), or drilling pits associated with a nearby well.

**Unusual Problems:** None.

**Status of Project:** A total of 16 holes were drilled on the site in August and September of 2000, and three were completed as monitor wells. The household is on rural water, and the well water is now utilized for cattle. Pumping to waste may be utilized to remove contaminated water; however, the aquifer may not have the capacity to allow for appreciable gains when compared to the amount of water pumped. Because the house has a source of drinking water, and the chloride concentrations in the aquifer are not unsuitable for beef cattle, remediation is not warranted at this time. In 2019, the casing on MW 9 was broken off at ground level, which allowed the casing to become plugged. An attempt to reopen the well was unsuccessful, and the well was plugged according to KDHE regulations.

Well ID	2016 Chlorides	2017 Chlorides	2018 Chlorides	2019 Chlorides	2020 Chlorides
5	1,400 ppm	900 ppm	1,250 ppm	1,300 ppm	1,150 ppm
7	750 ppm	875 ppm	1,000 ppm	1,050 ppm	1,000 ppm
9	1,050 ppm	800 ppm	800 ppm	Plugged	

**Level of Remediation Sought:**

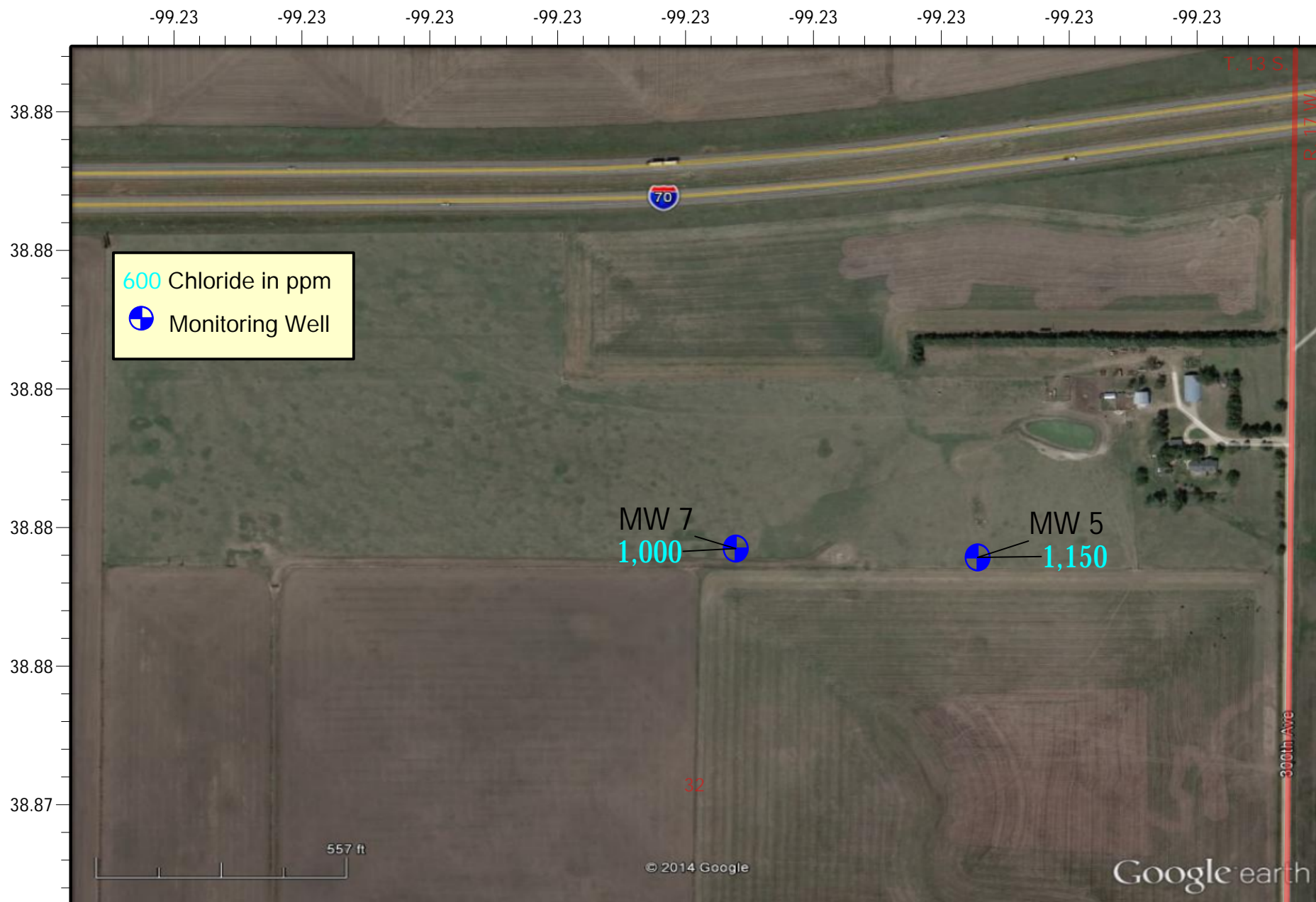
**Ideal:** 100 ppm Chloride

**Target:** 500 ppm Chloride

**Recommendations for Future Work:** Annual sampling will continue at this site.

**Estimated Total Costs:** \$28,000 to \$30,000

Control No.	Staff Hours/Expenditures	Fund Expenditures	
		FY 2020/21	Total
970035-00	5 Hrs. / \$152.26		
<b>Current Contaminate Level: 1,000 ppm to 1,150 ppm Cl<sup>-</sup></b>			
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## Dinkel Groundwater Monitoring Site

Section 32 of Township 13 South, Range 17 West, Ellis County, Kansas  
 2020 Groundwater Chloride Levels  
 District #4 - Sampled 5/7/2020 - Map Drawn on 9/1/2020 by C. Neeley



**Project: Ruder Contamination Site, Ellis County, District 4**

**Site Location:** Sections 17, 20, and 28 of Township 15 South, Range 18 West, Ellis County

**Impact/Immediacy:** The Ruder Creek Alluvial Aquifer has been impacted by brine intrusion due to surface ponds, shallow disposal wells in the Cheyenne Sandstone, and numerous leaks. The Immediacy level for this site is rated as moderate.

**Site Description:** Ruder Creek runs south west of US 183 from near Hays to the Smoky Hill River near Schoenchen. North of the site, Ruder Creek is divided into east and west branches, which come together into the main trunk in the northern section of the site. The area is almost exclusively range land with a subtle relief from the uplands to the bed of the stream. Documented oil field pollution has existed in the drainage since the 1930's, and correspondence made during 1954 states that the west branch was fresh while the east branch and the main trunk of the stream were heavily impacted by brine. Historical aerial photographs show many pits and tank battery locations directly adjacent to the stream. The sources of pollution in this area have been numerous, and geographically as well as temporally wide spread, complicating the investigation and remediation of the overall issue.

**Unusual Problems:** Proximity to the City of Hays' public water supply well field.

**Status of Project:** Presently, the chloride concentrations in the monitoring wells range from 2,150 ppm in MW1 at the northern end of the site, to 320 ppm in the southern monitoring well near the Smoky Hill River. This north-south chloride gradient has persisted for many years. Appreciable decreases in chloride contamination have not been observed throughout the duration of sampling, and it is unknown if the input of additional contaminants has been halted by the closure of surface pits, plugging of flowing wells, and general improvement of lease practices. A test hole augured in 2018 approximately 100' north east of the northern monitoring well (MW1) produced water with a concentration of only 600 ppm. It is not yet known if this is representative of the groundwater north of this well, and further work will be conducted to determine if MW1, which was not completed in alluvium, is anomalous.

**Level of Remediation Sought:**

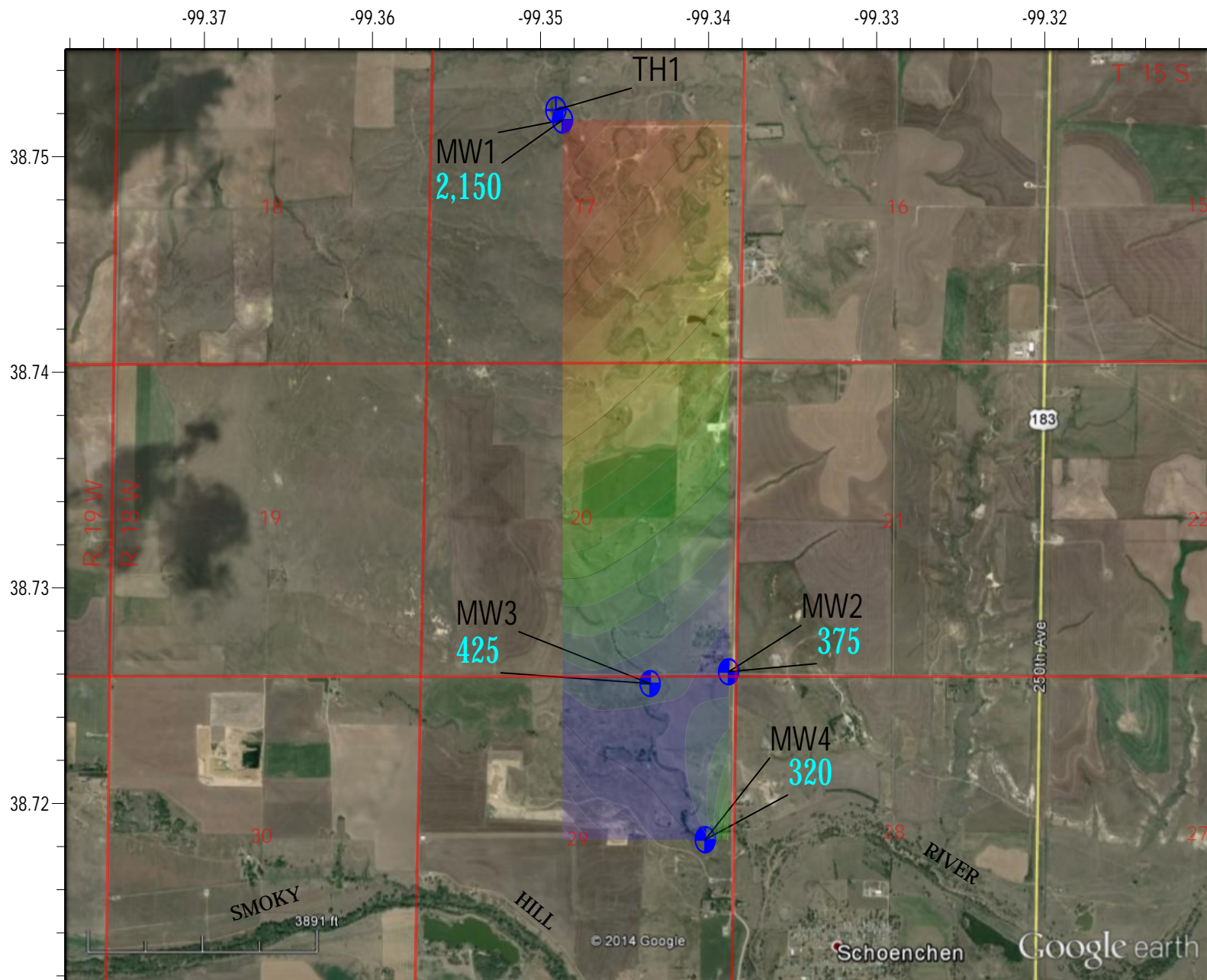
**Ideal:** 250 ppm Chloride

**Target:** 500 ppm Chloride

**Recommendations for Future Work:** Conspicuous potential sources of pollution have been identified on a historical aerial photograph, and a conductivity survey will be carried out and combined with additional groundwater sampling. This site will continue to be monitored on an annual basis, and resources will be compiled to identify other possible sources of pollution.

**Estimated Total Costs:** \$29,000

Control No.	Staff Hours/Expenditures	Fund Expenditures FY 2020/21	Total
970082-00	15 Hrs. / \$420.74		\$12,960
<b>Current Contaminate Level: 320 ppm to 2,150 ppm Cl<sup>-</sup></b>			
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600 Chloride in ppm

Monitoring Well

Test Hole

Chloride Concentration  
Contour interval = 50 ppm



## Ruder Creek Groundwater Monitoring Site

Sections 17, 20, and 29 of Township 15 South, Range 18 West, Ellis County, Kansas  
2020 Groundwater Chloride Levels

District #4 - Sampled 3/5/2020 - Map Drawn on 8/27/2020 by C. Neeley



**Project: Balthazor Contamination Site, Graham County, District 4**

**Site Location:** Section 23 of Township 9 South, Range 21 West, Graham County

**Impact/Immediacy:** Pollution from past oil field activity has impacted an aquifer which supplies domestic water to a homestead. The immediacy level is rated as low.

**Site Description:** At the time that the site was listed, a well in section 14 was the sole source of water for the residence. Though the chloride concentration was at 600 ppm when it was last tested in 2002, this well is no longer utilized by the landowner. The sole source of domestic water for the residence is a water well to the south in section 23. The quarter that the water well is located in has three oil wells that are dry and abandoned, four that are plugged and abandoned, and four producers. The majority of these wells were originally drilled in the 1940's

**Unusual Problems:** None.

**Status of Project:** When the new domestic well was drilled in 2011 the chloride level was 2,300 ppm. After an initial decline to 600 ppm, the concentration increased slightly in 2015 to 750 ppm. In 2020 the concentration was determined to be 225 ppm. The three monitoring wells on the location have remained relatively stable with a subtle overall decrease in contamination. The contamination levels in 2018 were 1,300 ppm in MW #1, 1,400 ppm in MW #2, and 30 ppm in MW #3. In 2019, the wells were tested and found to be 1,700 ppm in MW #1, 1,400 in MW #2, and 20 ppm in MW #3. In 2020, the chloride levels were found to be 1,500 ppm in MW #1, 1,300 ppm in MW #2, and 10 ppm in MW #3.

**Level of Remediation Sought:**

**Ideal:** 250 ppm Chloride

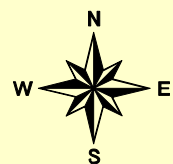
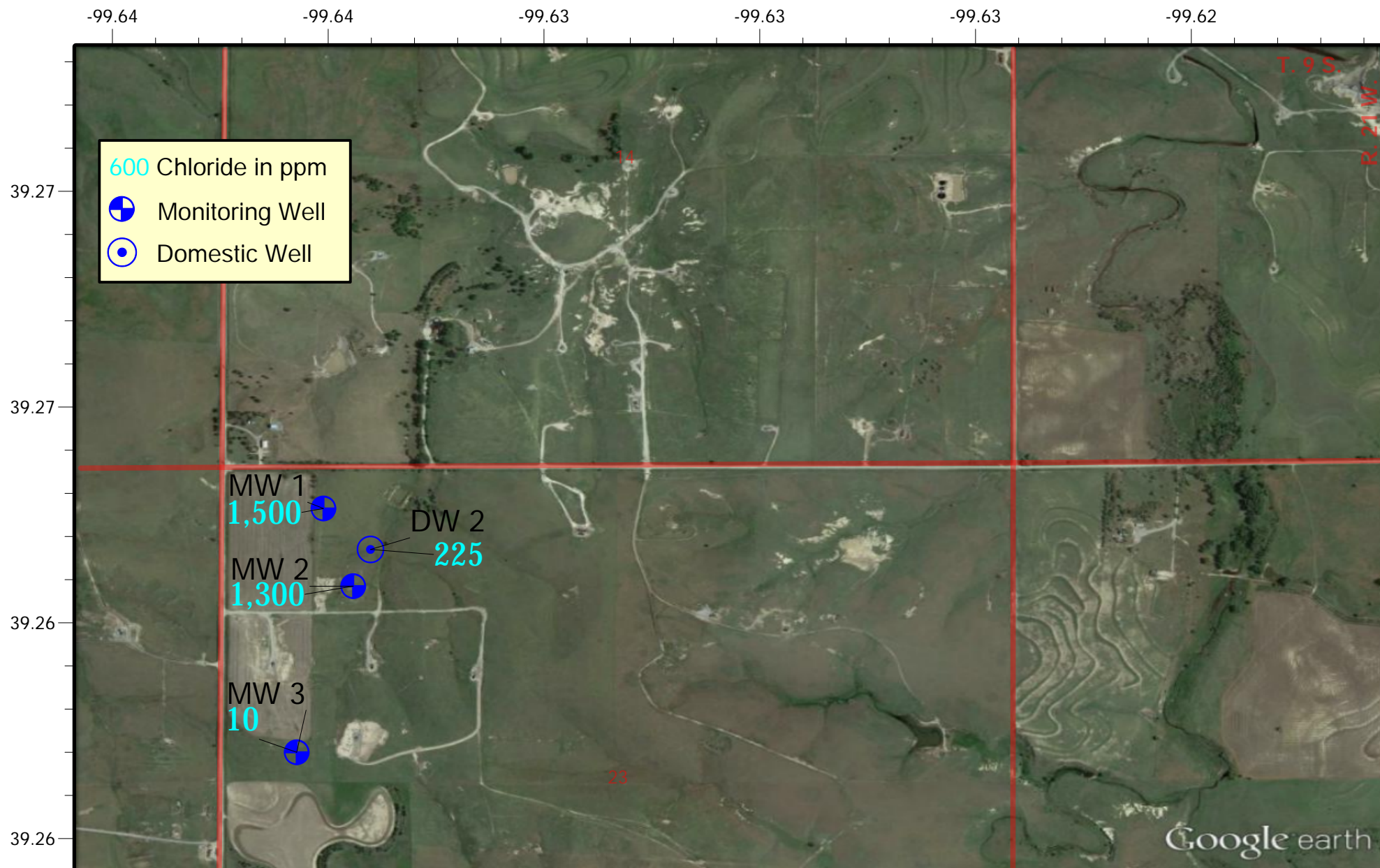
**Target:** 250 ppm Chloride

**Recommendations for Future Work:** The source of the contamination is likely an old brine pit in the NW/4 of Section 23, T.9S. R.21W., and the feasibility of decreasing the contamination level through remediation will be considered, but needs to be weighed against the site parameters. The contamination level will continue to be monitored.

**Estimated Total Costs:** \$10,000.00

Control No.	Staff Hours/Expenditures	Fund Expenditures FY 2020/21	Total
970023-00	7 Hrs. / \$201.54		
Current Contaminate Level: 10 ppm to 1,500 ppm Cl <sup>-</sup>			
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## Balthazor Groundwater Monitoring Site

Section 23 of Township 9 South, Range 21 West, Graham County, Kansas  
2020 Groundwater Chloride Levels

District #4 - Sampled 3/5/2020 - Map Drawn on 8/27/2020 by C. Neeley



**Project: Leon Fink Contamination Site, Graham County, District 4**

**Site Location:** SE/4 of Section 22, and NE/4 of Section 27, Township 8 South, Range 22 West, Graham County.

**Impact/Immediacy:** Stock well in the Codell Formation testing high in chlorides. Immediacy level is rated as low.

**Site Description:** The site encompasses a stock well and a now abandoned domestic well. Both were drilled into the Codell sandstone, which is a marginal aquifer in Graham County. The chloride in the stock well was initially very low, but rose sharply during the 1970's. Surface sources were considered, but due to the nature of the bedrock and the depth to the Codell aquifer, it is more likely that the pollution originated from a source below ground. The Fink #2 saltwater disposal well (SWD) was originally completed as an oil well in 1954, and converted to an enhanced oil recovery well before ultimately being converted back to a SWD. This well was long the subject of interest, but before the implementation of the Federal Underground Injection Control, there was little statutory authority to rigorously check the integrity of the well bore. For this reason, it was never proved or disproved that the well was the source. The construction of this well is highly suspect, and may or may not continue to be a conduit for saline water from brackish zones to enter the Codell despite the fact that the well was plugged in 1984.

**Unusual Problems:** The depth to the contaminated zone is approximately 250 to 300 feet, making investigation and remediation difficult.

**Status of Project:** The domestic well has been abandoned due to a water level that is inadequate for use by the owner, and the house has been demolished. The last sample taken from this source in 2004 contained a chloride concentration of 200 ppm. Samples from the stock well continue to be tested, and the well is presently being utilized for livestock, which will contribute to a reduction in chloride concentrations if the source has been eliminated. An overall downward trend has been observed over the history of the site, and the current contamination concentration is at 500 ppm.

**Level of Remediation Sought:**

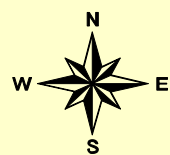
**Ideal:** 250 ppm Chloride

**Target:** 500 ppm Chloride

**Recommendations for Future Work:** This site should be monitored short-term to ascertain if the lowered chloride concentration will be maintained.

**Estimated Total Costs:** \$2,000

Control No.	Staff Hours/Expenditures	Fund Expenditures FY 2020/21	Total
970007-00	39 Hrs. / \$1,104.10		
<b>Current Contaminate Level: 500 ppm Cl<sup>-</sup></b>			
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## Leon Fink Groundwater Monitoring Site

Section 27 of Township 8 South, Range 22 West, Graham County, Kansas  
 2020 Groundwater Chloride Levels  
 District #4 - Sampled 8/26/2020 - Map Drawn on 9/1/2020 by C. Neeley



**Project: Hollow-Nikkel Contamination Site, Harvey County, District 2**

**Site Location:** This site is located in northwestern Harvey County, approximately eighteen miles northwest of Newton. The site includes sections 7, 8, 17, 18, 19, 20, 29, and 30 in Township 22 South and Range 3 West. This site is within the Equus Beds Aquifer boundaries.

**Impact/Immediacy:** Potential impact is on irrigation and rural residential wells. Directly downgradient of the site, there are nine domestic wells and an irrigation well. The KCC rates this site at a moderate immediacy level. Over the last few years the city of McPherson has investigated the possibility of the area as a public water supply.

**Site Description:** The project area covers approximately 15 square miles. The contaminate plume is aligned in a north to south configuration and is approximately 0.5 miles wide and 2 miles in length. Plume morphology appears to be controlled by the bedrock channel. This channel has an alignment similar to that of the plume. Contamination mapped to date is primarily confined to the lower zone of the Equus Beds aquifer, which consists of McPherson Formation Pleistocene unconsolidated sand and gravel deposits at a depth of 200 to 250 feet on top of the Permian aged Wellington Formation shales. The location near EB-34 shows contamination throughout all three zones of the aquifer.

**Unusual Problems:** To remediate this site, the planning, land access acquisition, and development of a suitable water disposal method would be very time and financially intensive. Changes within the aquifer appear to be the result of brine water moving horizontally along the gradient and down vertically into areas that lack a clay aquitard.

**Status of the Project:** The Ground Water Management District #2 performs annual water sampling with funding from the KCC to analyze the water samples. The City of McPherson, GMD#2, and the Kansas Water Office have been investigating utilizing the area for public water supply for the city of McPherson. A zone chloride levels increased within the historical plume since 2019, with the largest being 130 mg/L in EB34A, which lies in the center of the southern plume. Most wells outside the plumes decreased in chlorides over 2020. B Zone monitoring wells showed little change in the northern part of the plume, with only EB36B having an increase of 30 mg/L during 2020. In the southern portion of the plume, EB34B showed a significant increase of 300 mg/L. This increase is 50 mg/L more than the decrease seen last year. C Zone wells had large increases in chlorides from 2019, mainly in the center of the site. The most considerable change was at EB34C, which increased by 1100 mg/L. EB-37C on the north edge of the site also increased by 190 mg/L. EB37C has increased three years in a row. EB27C, a recent focal point of an investigation by the KCC, was up by 130 mg/L. Overall the Hollow-Nikkel Site saw significant increases over 2020, mainly within the historical plumes, but within all three zones.

**Level of Remediation Sought:**

**Ideal:** 250 mg/l

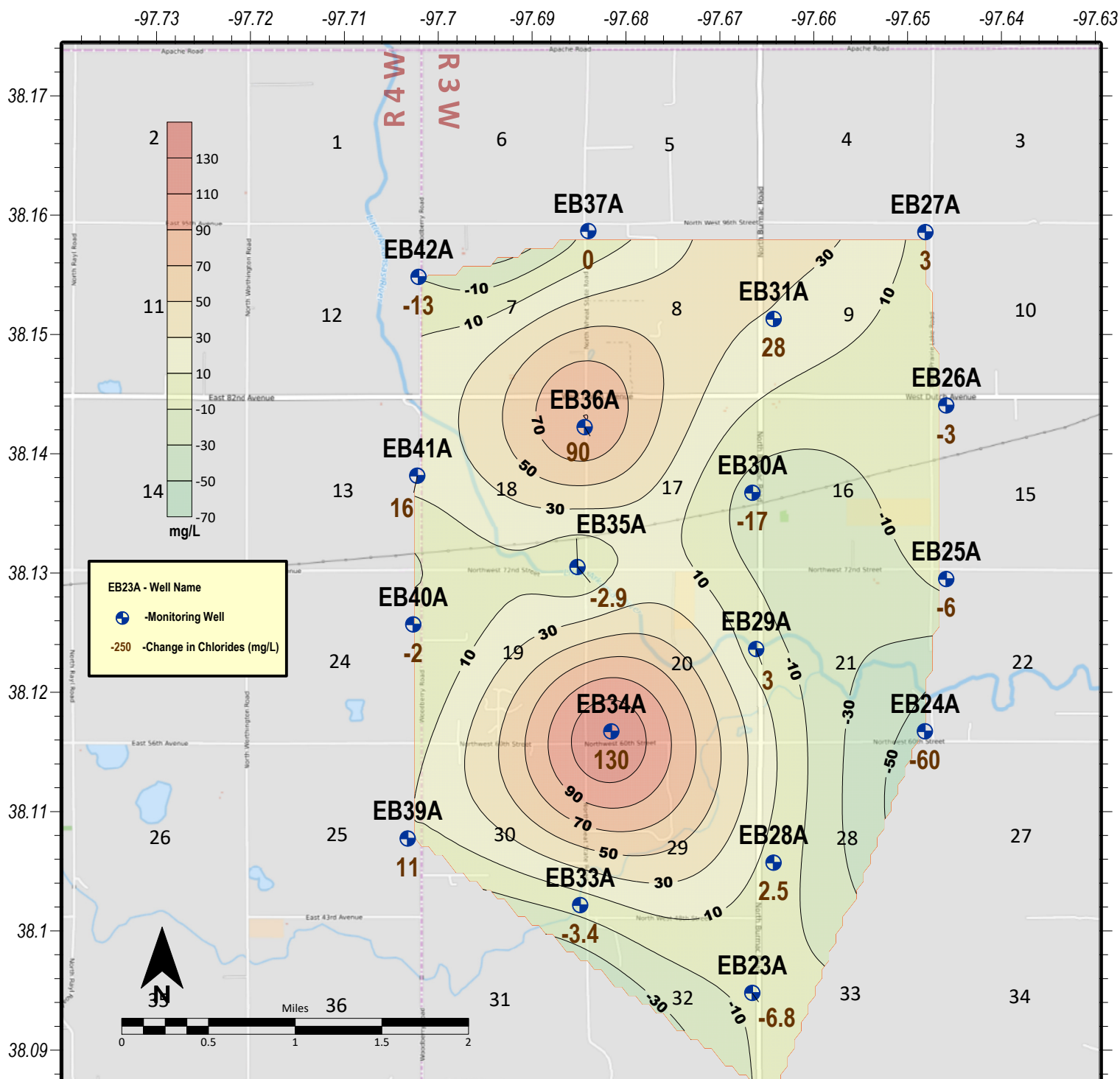
**Target:** 500 mg/l

**Recommendations for Future Work:** KCC should continue to collect data from GMD #2 on an annual basis for monitoring purposes. KCC should continue to research into the northern area of this site, specifically around EB27C and EB37C, where there is the concern of possible chlorides moving in from the north. The highest chlorides appear centered on EB-34 within all of the vertical zones. All zones in EB34 increased significantly in 2020. A remedial system at that location may be able to remediate the brine contamination, but that would be very costly. The addition of new monitoring wells near EB34 could help define the highest chlorides for successful remedial action. Monitoring wells added north of the current site could investigate the source of higher chlorides seen over the northern wells recently.

**Estimated Total Costs:** Costs would include time spent for district personnel to put together and analyze groundwater data obtained from GMD #2, plus research possible remediation avenues. The cost of staff time could increase substantially if the City of McPherson resumes their interest in obtaining a new source of water in the area.

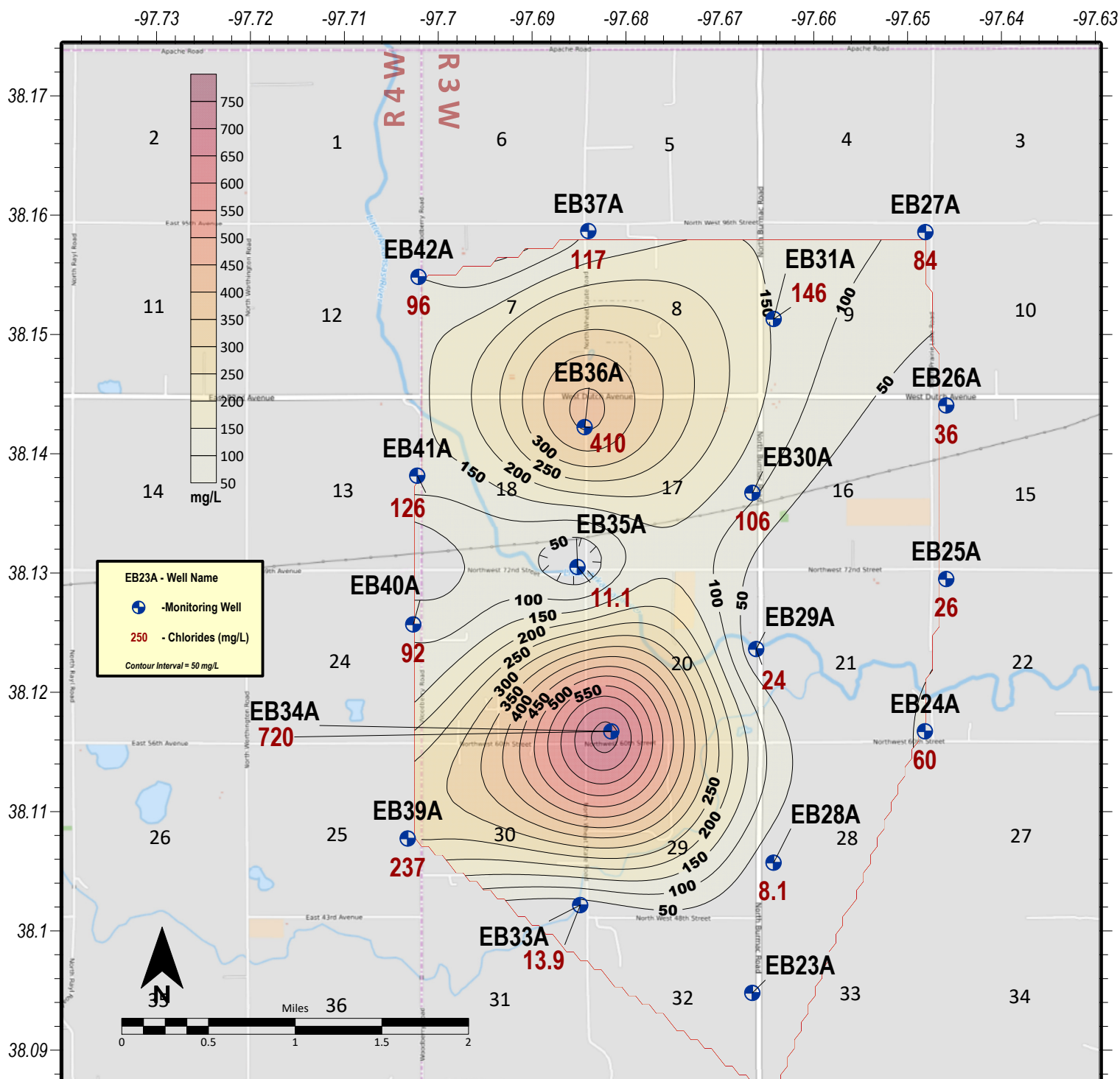
Control No.	Staff Hours/Expenditures	Fund Expenditures	
		FY 2020/21	Total
970009-00	19 Hrs. / \$548.74	\$2,460.01	\$49,528.97
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## Hollow-Nikkel Brine Contamination Site KCC Control #970009-00

Multiple sections of Townships 22 South and Range 3 & 4 West, Harvey County, Kansas  
**2020 Change in Chloride Levels from 2019 in the Equus Beds A Zone**  
 KCC District #2 Field Office - Wells sampled Summer of 2020 by GMD #2 - Map Drawn on 9/16/2020 by D. Bollenback

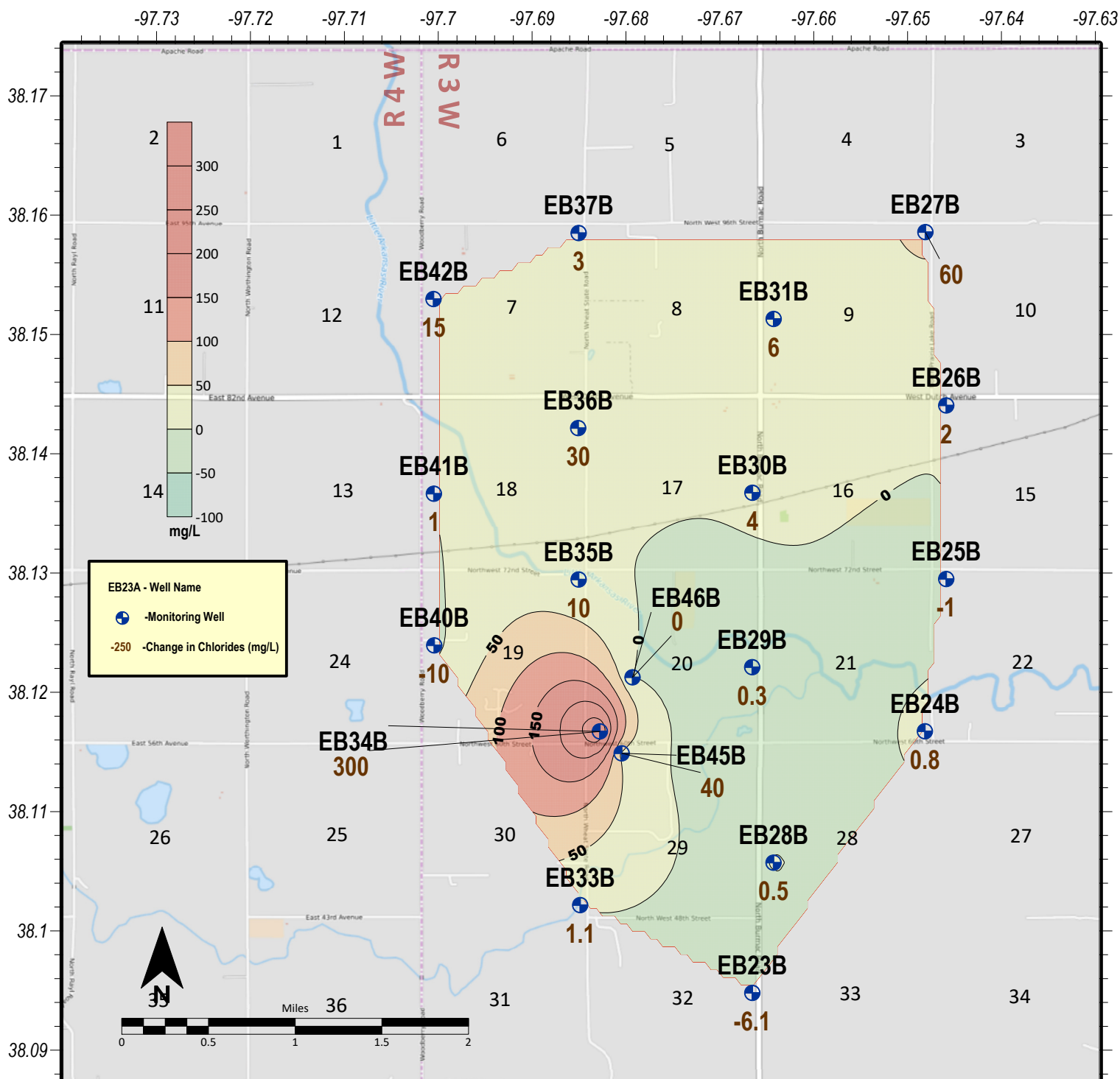


## Hollow-Nikkel Brine Contamination Site KCC Control #970009-00

Multiple sections of Townships 22 & 23 South and Range 3 West, Harvey County, Kansas

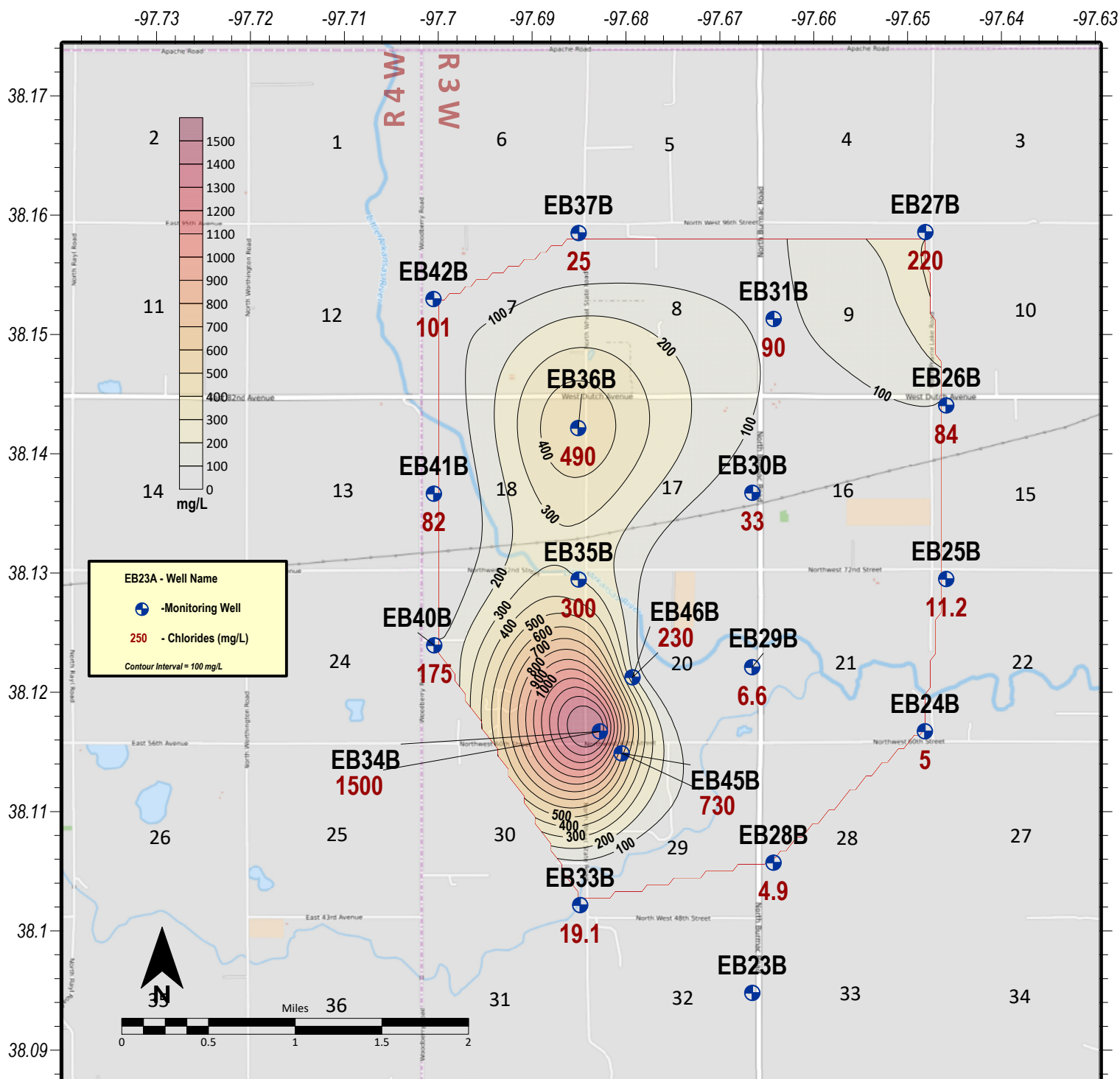
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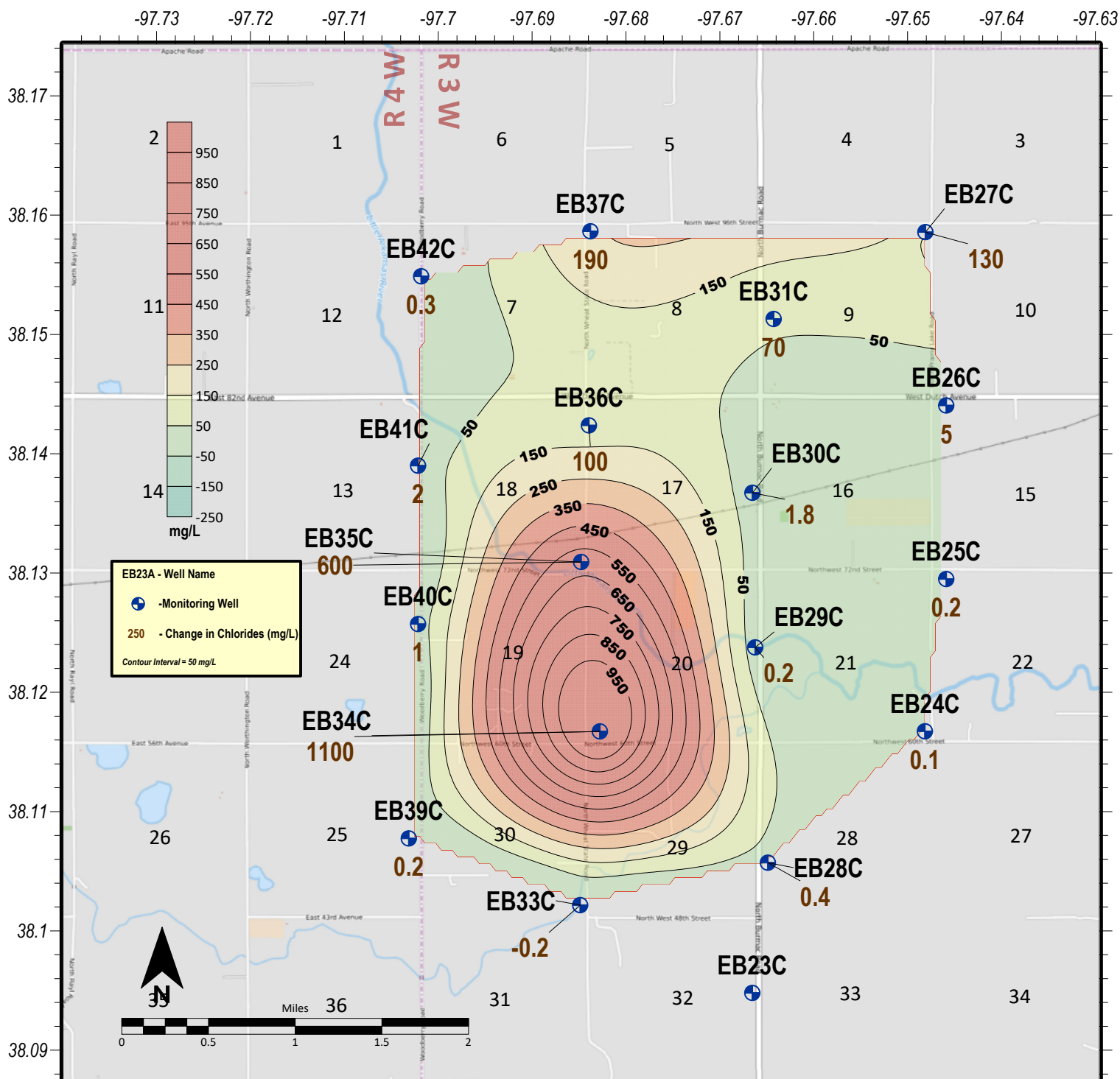
Multiple sections of Townships 22 South and Range 3 & 4 West, Harvey County, Kansas  
**2020 Change in Chloride Levels from 2019 in the Equus Beds B Zone**  
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## Hollow-Nikkel Brine Contamination Site KCC Control #970009-00

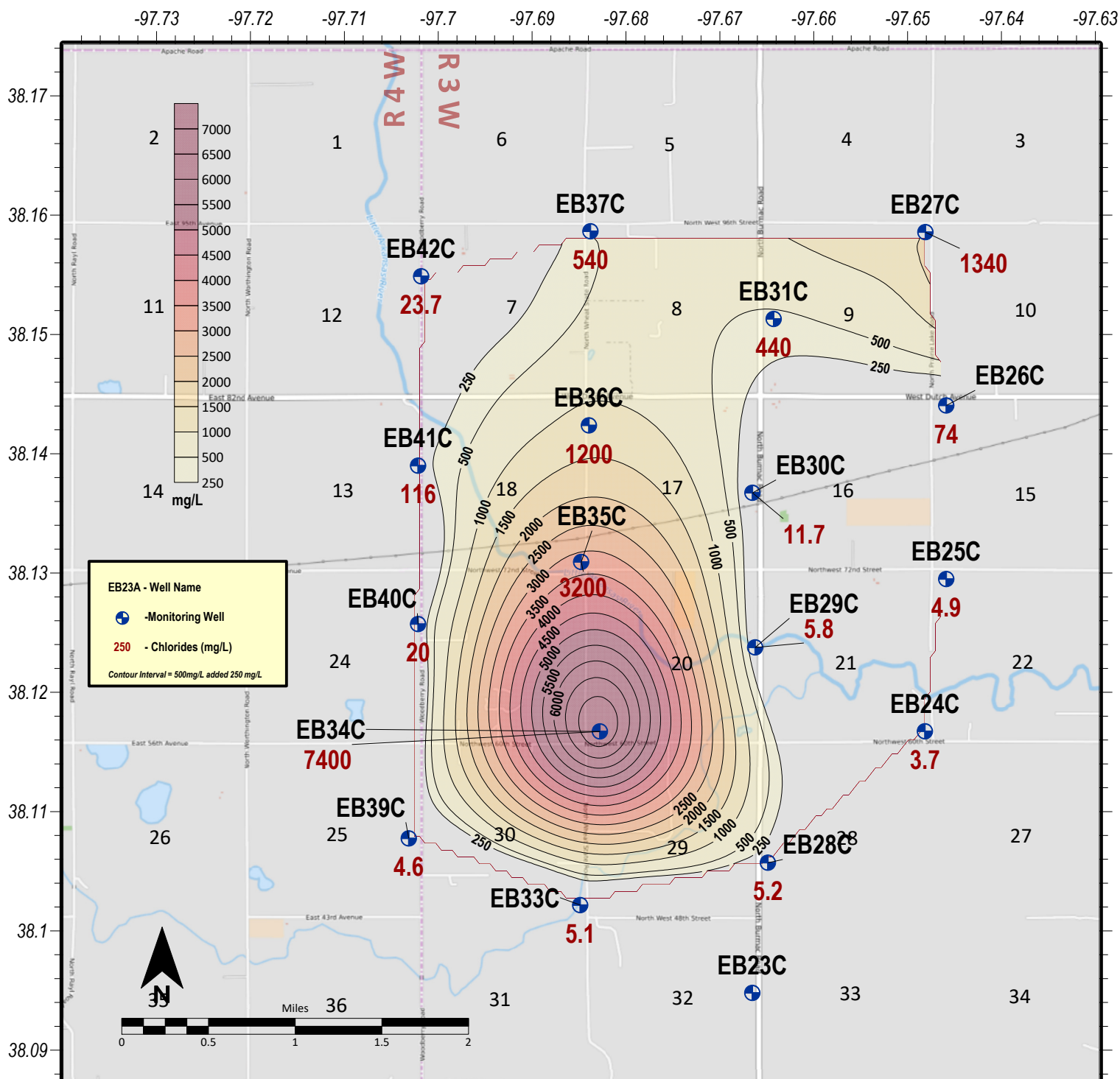
Multiple sections of Townships 22 South and Range 3 & 4 West, Harvey County, Kansas  
**2020 Chloride Levels in the Equus Beds B Zone**  
 KCC District #2 Field Office - Wells sampled Summer of 2020 by GMD #2 - Map Drawn on 9/16/2020 by D. Bollenback





## Hollow-Nikkel Brine Contamination Site KCC Control #970009-00

Multiple sections of Townships 22 South and Range 3 & 4 West, Harvey County, Kansas  
**2020 Change in Chloride Levels from 2019 in the Equus Beds C Zone**  
 KCC District #2 Field Office - Wells sampled Summer of 2020 by GMD #2 - Map Drawn on 9/16/2020 by D. Bollenback



## Hollow-Nikkel Brine Contamination Site KCC Control #970009-00

Multiple sections of Townships 22 South and Range 3 & 4 West, Harvey County, Kansas  
**2020 Chloride Levels in the Equus Beds C Zone**  
 KCC District #2 Field Office - Wells sampled Summer of 2020 by GMD #2 - Map Drawn on 9/16/2020 by D. Bollenback

## **Project: Burrton Contamination Site, Harvey & Reno County, District 2**

**Site Location:** The Burrton site is in western Harvey County and eastern Reno County, approximately 18 miles west of Newton and 12 miles east of the city of Hutchinson. The site includes acreage in Townships 23 and 24 South, Ranges 3 and 4 West.

**Impact/Immediacy:** Presently, the contamination site is affecting local domestic and irrigation wells. Hydrogeological computer modeling from 2007, paid for by the KCC, shows portions of the plume could intercept parts of the Wichita Well Field within 50 years. The Equus Beds aquifer is a significant source of public water supply for much of the population of Sedgwick County. This case is ranked at a very high level of immediacy based on the resource impacted and the site's geographical size.

**Site Description:** Total maximum area affected by the contamination covers approximately 25 to 30 square miles. In general, the contaminate plume aligns in a northeast to southwest configuration parallel with the associated producing areas. A water quality-sampling network maintained by the local groundwater management district indicates oil field brine contamination of all three significant zones within the Equus Beds Aquifer. Depth to groundwater ranges from 10 to 35 feet with saturated thickness in the order of 150 to 250 feet. The City of Wichita's ASR project, a multi-million dollar investment, is directly attempting to slow the Burrton brine plume. District #2 investigates private groundwater wells and water quality in the area, including a geoprobe investigation to the northwest of Burrton in 2015.

**Unusual Problems:** The need for suitable disposal facilities and the large area extent of the plume make the clean up of this site very costly. The physical day-to-day maintenance and monitoring of a withdrawal and disposal system of this size would require a large commitment of labor and resources. Also, over-pumping the aquifer as part of a remediation plan for oilfield brine could cause natural chlorides to migrate from the Arkansas River into the Equus Beds, thus impacting parts of the aquifer that are not contaminated. Considering the variable conditions within the aquifer, different areas within the contaminate plume would need to be evaluated separately during cleanup to ensure that fresh and usable water is not disposed of needlessly.

**Status of the Project:** GMD #2 sampled the monitoring wells in the late summer of 2020. This site is currently listed as in monitoring status with the KCC, but other entities, including the city of Wichita, are actively attempting to remediate the contamination problem. The KWO has paid for a new summary report on the possible remedial project within the Burrton Intensive Groundwater Use Area (IGUCA). There is considerable research within multiple consultants and agencies towards finding ways to remediate the plumes actively.

In 2020, the A zone showed increases in chlorides along the eastern side of the IGUCA in EB7B, EB8A, EB9A, and EB10A. EB-15A and EB20A near the Wichita Wellfield showed 30 and 80 mg/L increases respectively. A zone increases are due to precipitation events leaching salts in the soil zone above the water table. Most other areas showed decreases in the A zone, possibly due to heavy annual precipitation and the possibility of vertical movement of chlorides to the B zone. The B Zone had a mix of higher and lower chloride values in 2020. There was an increase of 230mg/L chlorides at EB9B and 200mg/L in EB4B, which had dropped the prior year by 270 mg/L. In total, 9 monitoring wells showed increases in the B zone over 2020. The lower C zone had modest increases in the southwestern and east edge of the IGUCA, with most other wells remaining relatively stable.

### **Level of Remediation Sought:**

**Ideal:** 250 mg/L Chloride

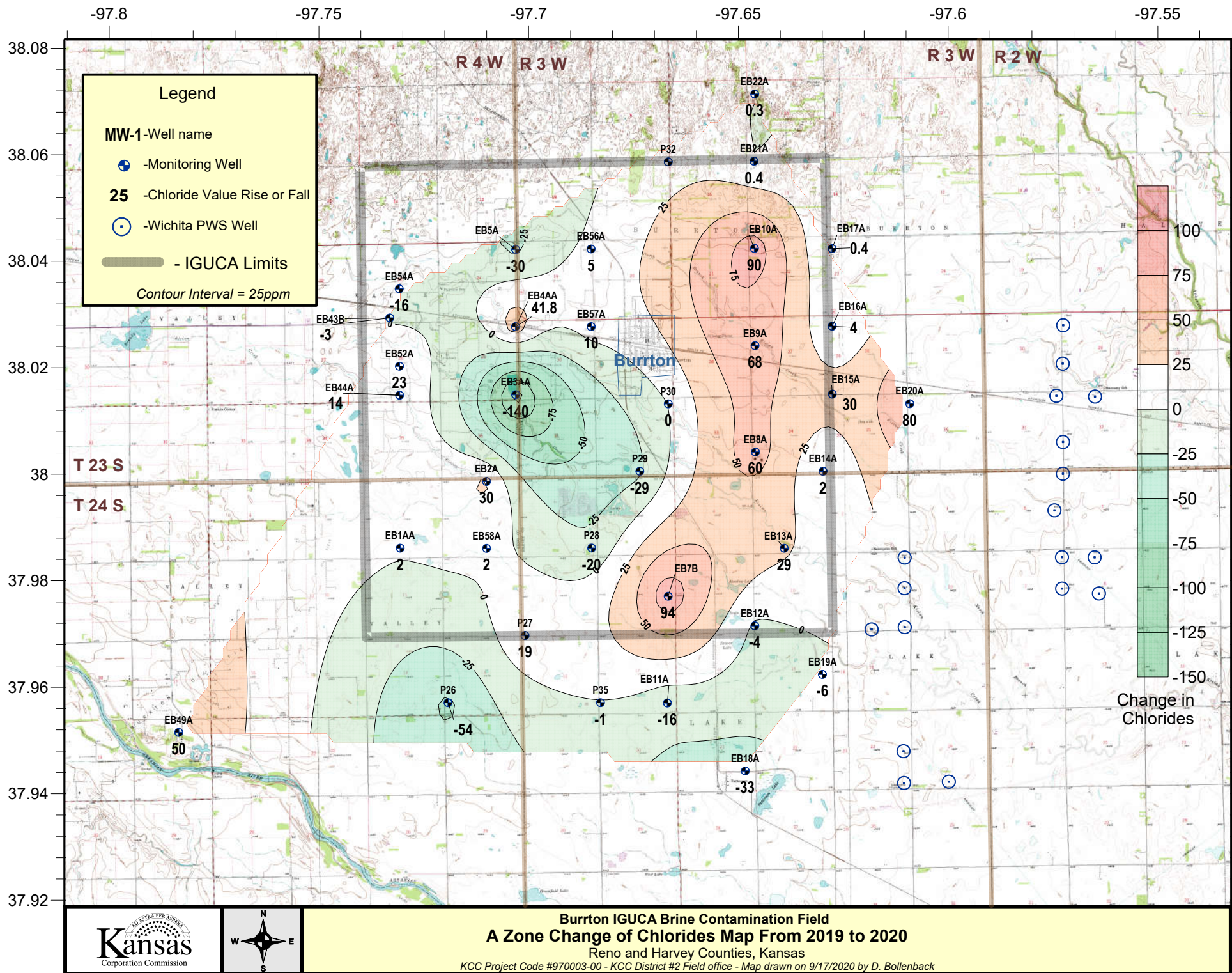
**Target:** 300 mg/L

**Recommendations for Future Work:** Continue working with Groundwater District #2, including the funding of annual water well sampling and analysis of this high priority data. KCC has plans to put together a drilling package to replace GMD#2 wells that are deemed uncertain due to age and small casing size. Many of these wells are essential concerning the investigation of the internal brine plume movement. KCC also plans to drill new wells in areas lacking delineation of known plumes such as the plume near well EB8C. New data in these areas can help formulate future planning and investigations into the brine contamination of the Burrton IGUCA. KCC Staff attends many meetings and conferences regarding the work being done regarding Burrton and continues to do so.

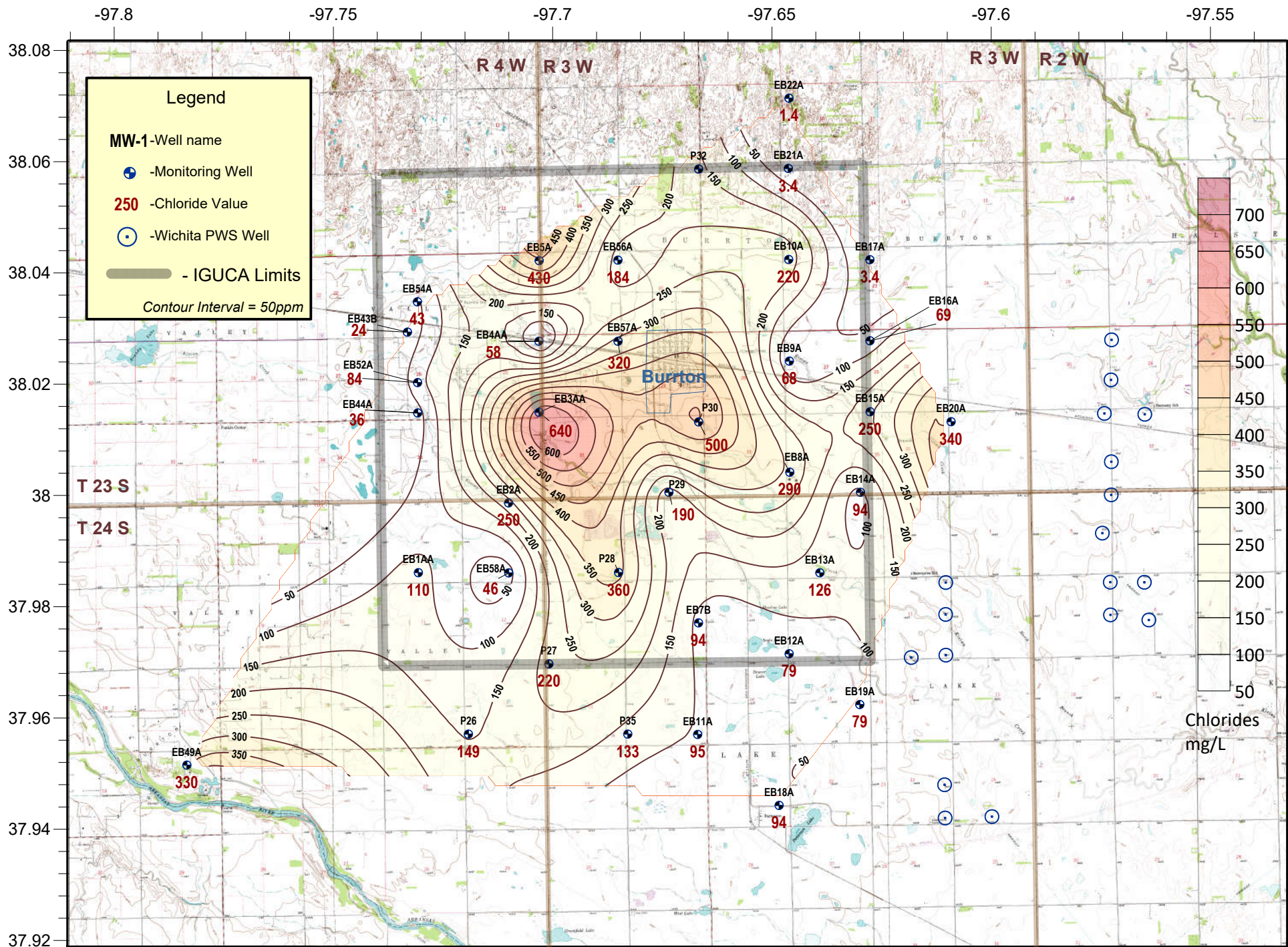
**Estimated Total Cost:**Funding by the KCC for lab analysis performed by Servi-Tech Laboratoies in 2020 totalled \$7,639.32.Installation of new wells to delineate individual plumes would be advantageous if any future remedial efforts are to be successful. One or more phased drilling packages could be in the range of \$60,000 to \$100,000 depending on the well count and depths of wells drilled.

Control No.	Staff Hours/Expenditures	Fund Expenditures	
		FY 2020-21	Total
970003-00	129 Hrs. / \$3678.49	\$4,186.63	\$345,430.69
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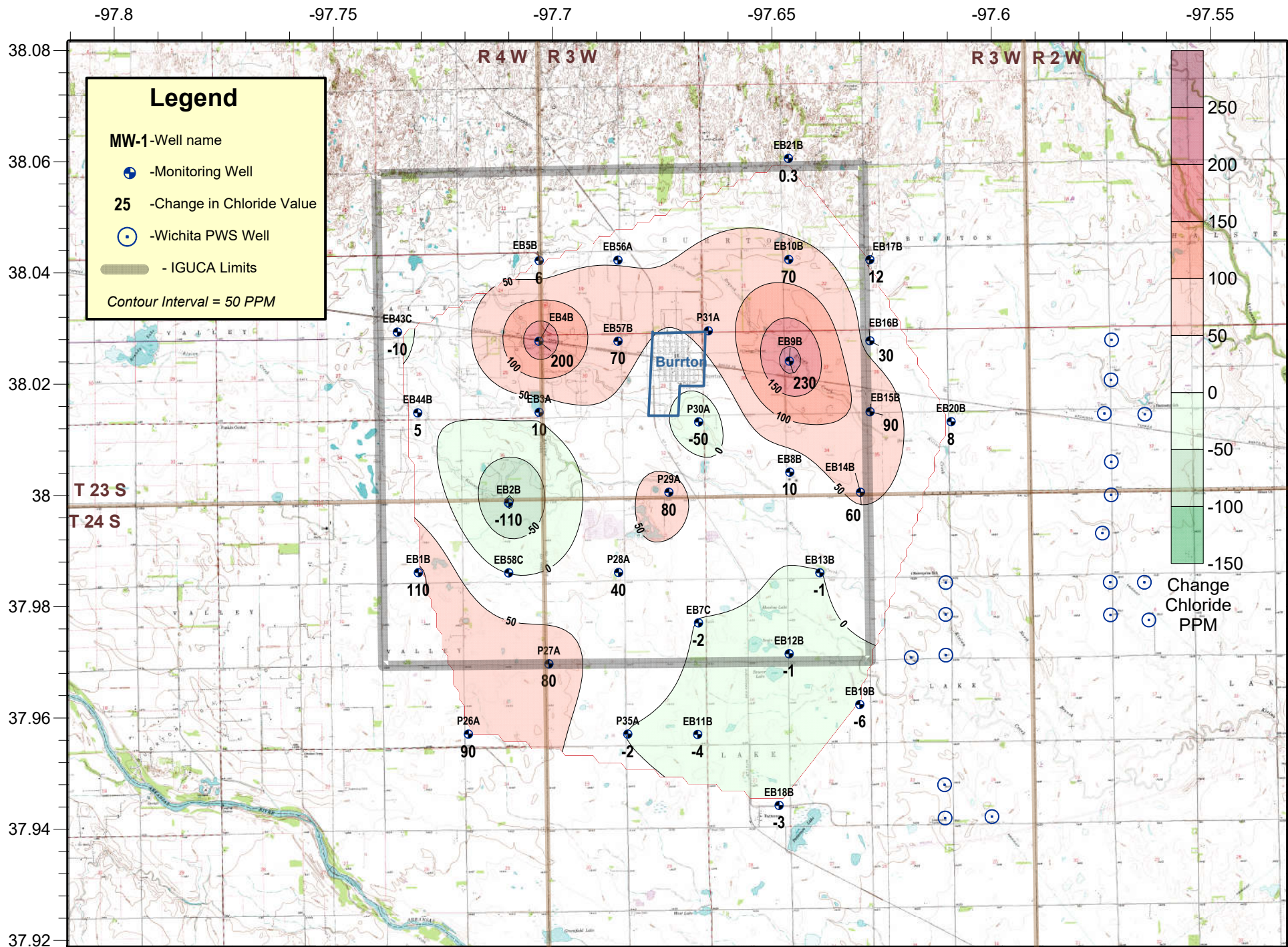




**Burrton IGUCA Brine Contamination Field**  
**A Zone Chloride Map Showing GMD#2 Groundwater Well Data from 2020**  
 Reno and Harvey Counties, Kansas

KCC Project Code #970003-00 - KCC District #2 Field office - Map drawn on 9/16/2020 by D. Bollenbach

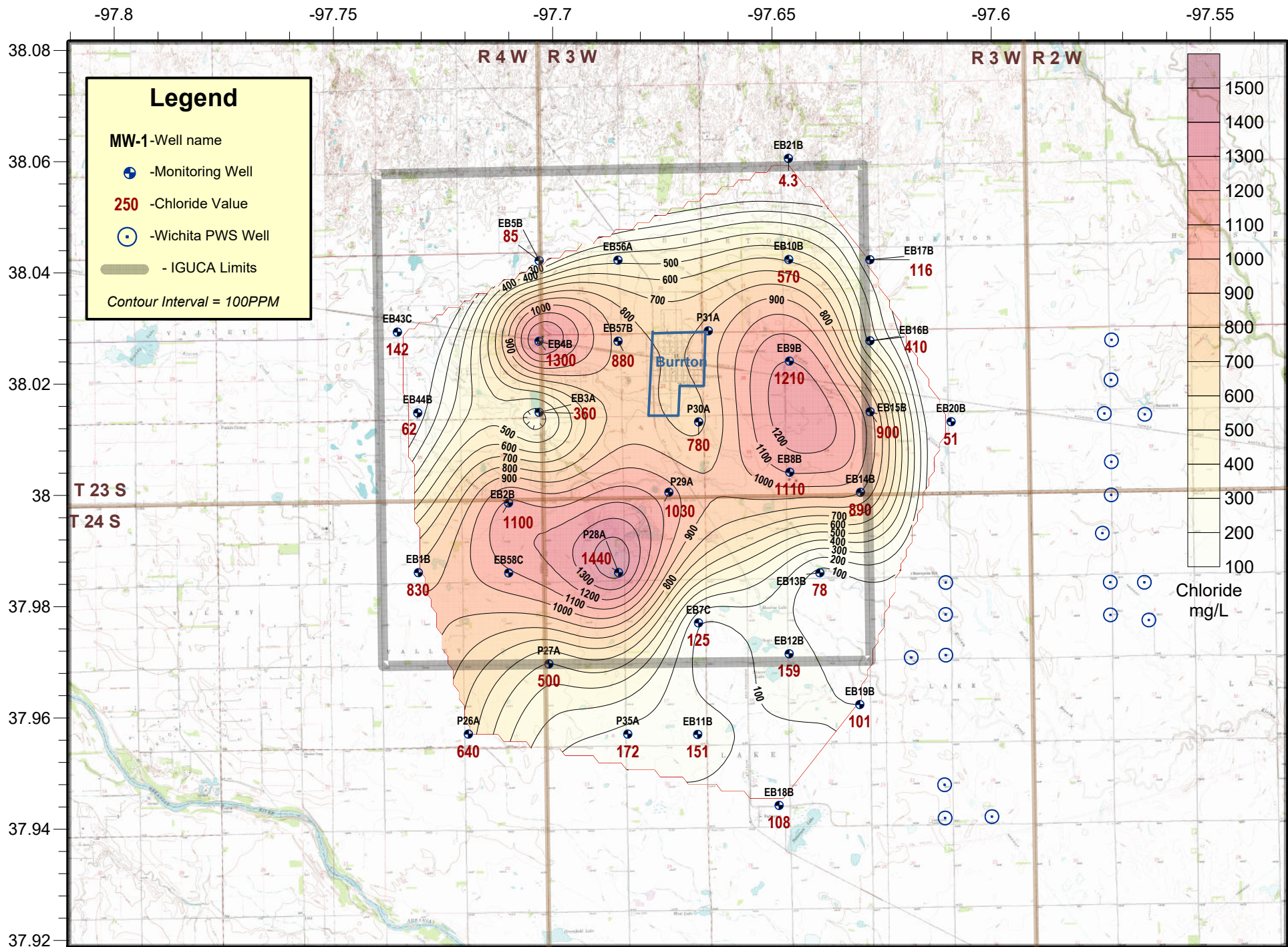




**Burrton IGUCA Brine Contamination Field**  
**B Zone Chloride Map Showing GMD#2 Groundwater Well Data Change from 2019 to 2020**  
 Reno and Harvey Counties, Kansas

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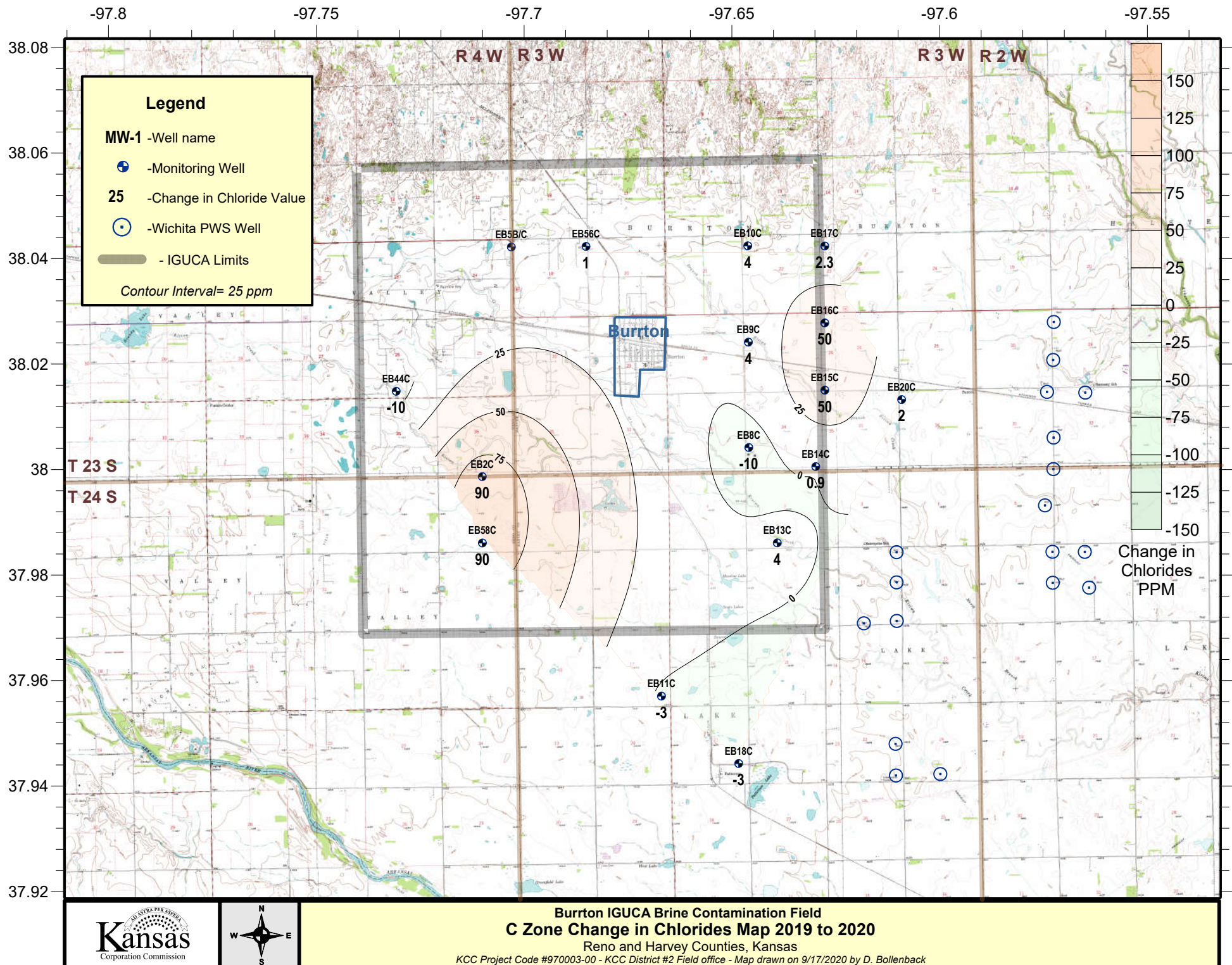




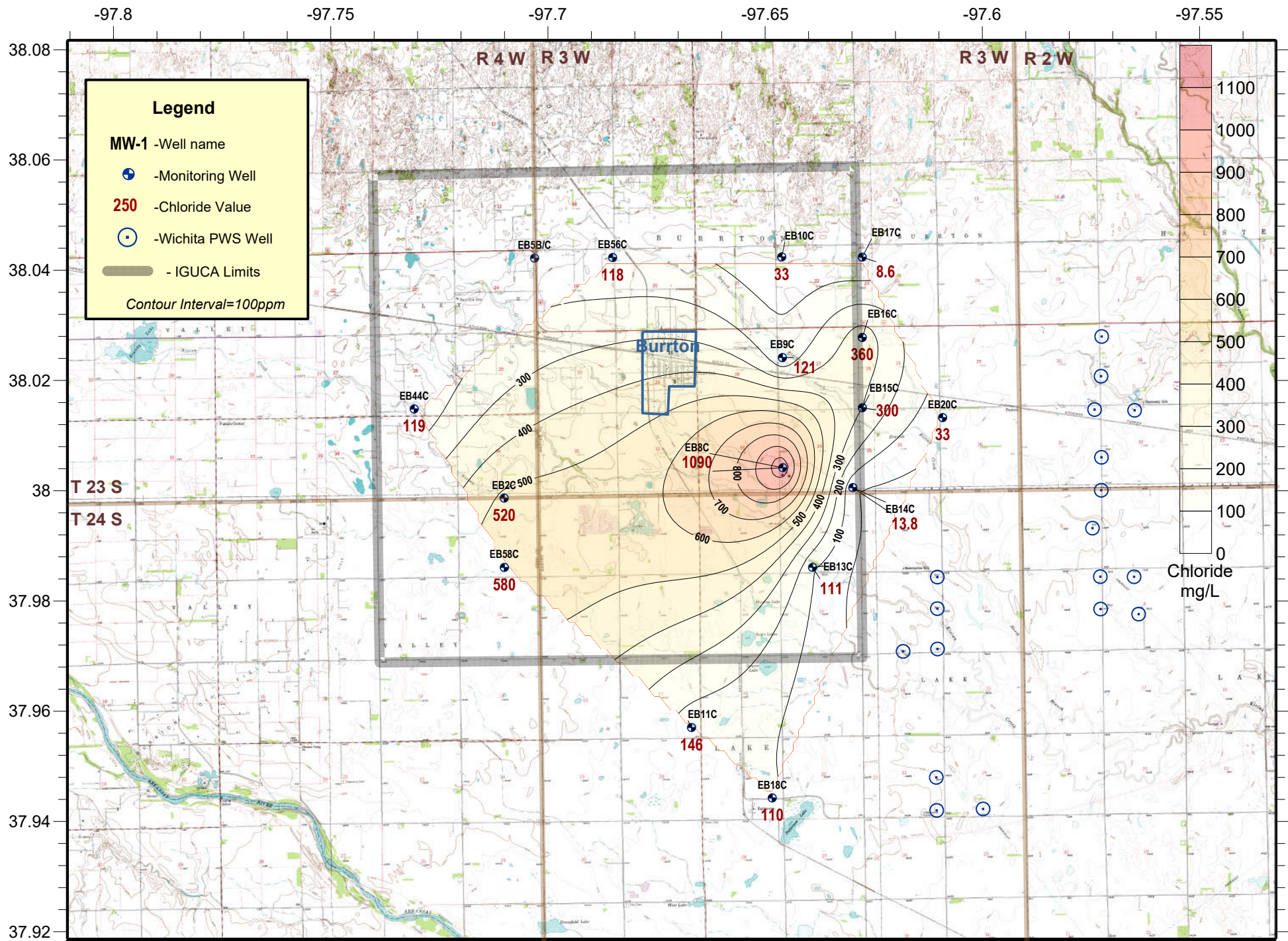
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B Zone Chloride Map Showing GMD#2 Groundwater Well Data from 2020**

Reno and Harvey Counties, Kansas  
KCC Project Code #970003-00 - KCC District #2 Field office - Map drawn on 9/16/2020 by D. Bollenbach









**Burrton IGUCA Brine Contamination Field**  
**C Zone Chloride Map Showing GMD#2 Groundwater Well Data from 2020**  
 Reno and Harvey Counties, Kansas

KCC Project Code #970003-00 - KCC District #2 Field office - Map drawn on 9/16/2020 by D. Bollenback

**Project: Burrton Crude Oil EB-3C Harvey & Reno County, District 2**

**Site Location:** The location of the EB-3C contamination site at a crossroads located at the convergence of Sections 25 and 36, Township 23 South, Range 4 West, and Sections 30 and 31 of Township 23 South and Range 3 West, Harvey and Reno County. The site is one mile west and one mile south of Burrton, Kansas.

**Impact/Immediacy:** Low immediacy level. The spill affects a shallow groundwater aquifer with no residences within a half-mile. The area extent of contamination has shown to be less than one acre. No domestic water wells or irrigation wells are immediately downgradient of the site.

**Site Description:** The site is in rural Harvey and Reno County. The land use is agricultural. The depth to groundwater is less than ten feet. The affected groundwater is the Equus Beds. The A layer of the Equus Beds is very permeable, is very productive, and contains good water quality but is severely brine impacted locally.

**Unusual Problems:** This site is an impacted hydrocarbon site with problems different than brine impaction. The clay above the Equus Sands deepens down gradient and is acting as a trap for the crude oil. Historically, static water levels have intersected this clay layer to the south and east, trapping any floating free-phase hydrocarbon under the impervious clays. KCC is not confident that this crude oil is from oil and gas production directly. Historical research has indicated a closed crude oil pumping station just west of the site. There is a possibility that this historical crude oil contamination could be the result of a past pipeline spill in association with this facility.

**Status of Project:** KCC has evaluated multiple remedial techniques from natural attenuation, new well installation and hydrocarbon absorbing aqua-socks, and oxygenating chemical injection into the aquifer. KCC District #2 feels that due to the minimal amount of hydrocarbon left and the lack of nearby water wells that this site may now be considered closed. The last geoprobe event in 2011 showed almost no free hydrocarbons. With natural attenuation occurring, and no way to continue to monitor the status, KCC feels that this site is resolved. There is brine contamination on-site, but it is not associated with the crude oil spill and falls under the KCC's Burrton (970003-00) Site.

**Level of Remediation Sought:**

**Ideal:** Non –detect of TPH (Aqueous-Phase)

**Target:** No Free Liquid-Phase Hydrocarbon

**Recommendations for Future Work:** KCC Recommends that this site is closed.

**Estimated Total Costs:** No resources are needed as the site is closed.

Control No.	Staff Hours/Expenditures	Fund Expenditures FY 2020/21	Total
970042-00	6 Hrs. / \$169.54		\$2,350.00
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**Project: Clawson Contamination Site, Haskell County, District 1**

**Site Location:** Legal location is East half of Section 33 and all of Section 34, Township 29 South, Range 34 West, Haskell County.

**Impact/Immediacy:** Irrigation well is contaminated and a pollution threat to other irrigation wells if contaminate is not contained to site. Site immediacy is rated at moderate to high and is under long term monitoring at the present time by the PRP.

**Site Description:** The site consists of a plume of brine-contaminated groundwater moving in an easterly direction. Area is blanketed by 500 feet of Ogallala sand and gravel. Bedrock underlying the Ogallala is the Dakota/Cheyenne formation. There is a total of 600 feet of freshwater bearing strata. Pollution occurs along a clay layer 360 feet below the surface (in the upper part of the freshwater aquifer). No domestic wells in the affected area. One irrigation well is currently polluted to the extent it cannot be used for irrigation purposes. Depth to groundwater is 300 feet. Depth to Cretaceous bedrock is 510 feet in the center of the SW/4 of Section 34. The Red Beds underlie the three aquifers at a depth of 635 feet.

**Unusual Problems:** High yield rates of the Ogallala formation and ongoing severe drought

**Status of Project:** On June 24, 2020 the site consultants Daniel B. Stephens & Associates, Inc. sampled six monitoring wells on the Clawson site. Samples ranged from 745mg/L chloride in 01-02 to 1940mg/L chloride in well 02-04. Overall the historic chloride levels have have dropped throughout this site, and that trend continued during this sampling event. A new PRP took over the site on November 1, 2019. A phone conference was conducted in March 2020 with the new PRP and the consultants to discuss modeling and sampling. Samples were conducted in the second quarter this year as opposed to the fourth quarter. No decision was made on modeling.

**Level of Remediation Sought:**

**Ideal:** 250 ppm Chloride

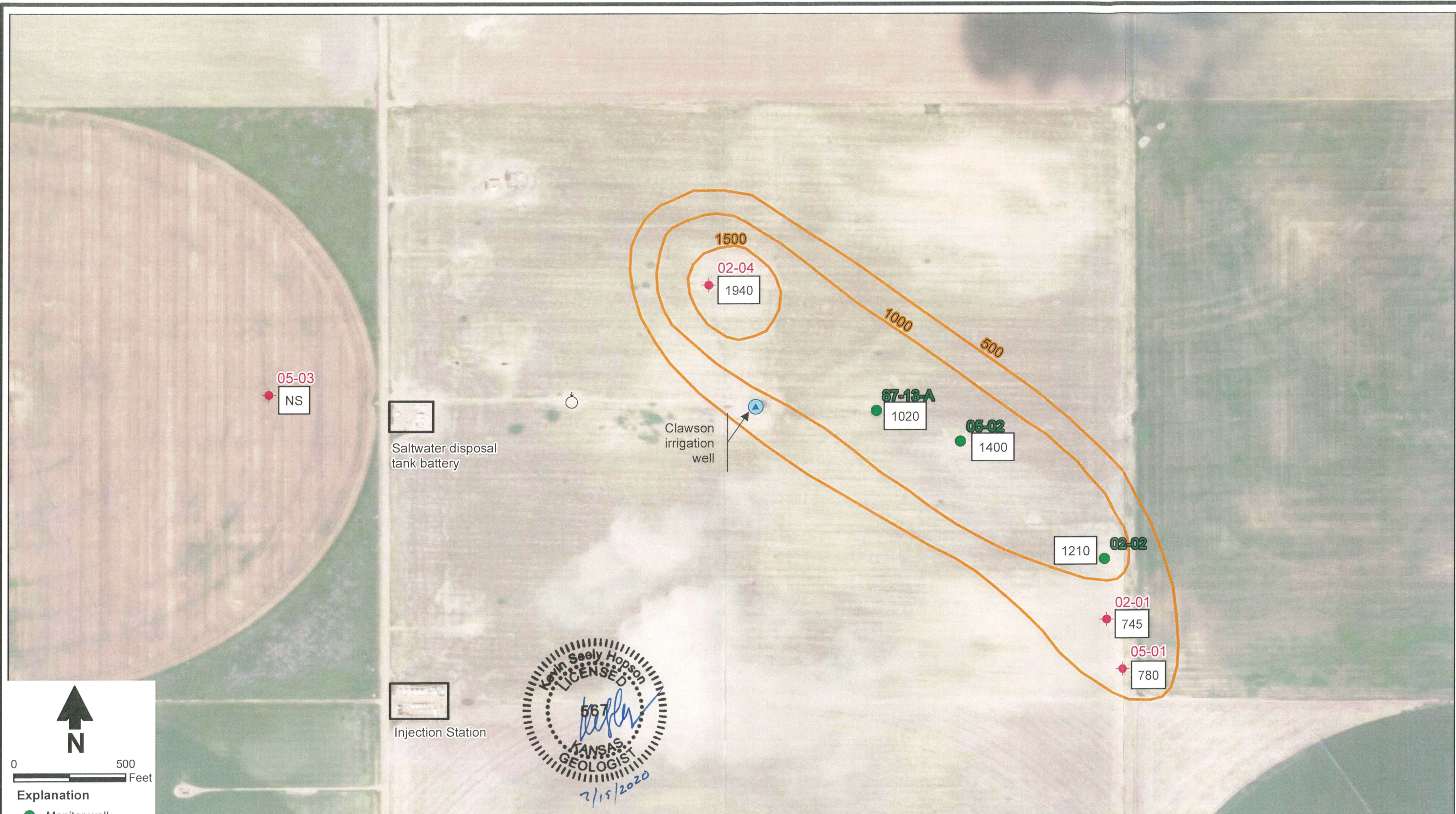
**Target:** 500 ppm Chloride

**Recommendations for Future Work:** There have been ongoing discussions of groundwater modeling to see how starting up the irrigation well for agriculture use would affect the plume.. The 7 wells continue to be monitored until target concentrations are met. All of these expenses will be covered by the PRP and will only happen with the consent of the KCC.

**Estimated Total Costs:** KCC - \$450 a year. PRP – in excess of \$2 million.

Control No.	Staff Hours/Expenditures	Fund Expenditures FY 2020/21
970005-00	8.5 Hrs. / \$251.38	
Current Contaminate Level: 745 ppm Cl- to 1,940 ppm Cl-		
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Source: Esri, et al., 2011

HASKELL COUNTY BRINE CLEANUP  
HASKELL COUNTY, KANSAS  
**Chloride Concentrations, June 24, 2020**

Figure 4

**Explanation**

- Monitor well
- Recovery well
- Injection well
- ⊕ Irrigation well

1020 Chloride concentration (mg/L)  
NS = not sampled  
— Chloride concentration contour (mg/L)



**Project: Korf Contamination Site, Hodgeman County, District 1**

**Site Location:** Legal location is the SE/4 of the SE/4 of the NE/4, Section 7, Township 23 South, Range 22 West, Hodgeman County.

**Impact/Immediacy:** There is a very slight chance of the plume impacting the area to the northeast. The site has a low rating.

**Site Description:** There are currently six monitoring wells on the site which are sampled on an annual basis. Land use is agricultural with oil activities to the south. The site is located at the bottom of a small valley carved by an intermittent stream. The colluvium aquifer is a mixture of weathered shale, clay, and some clayey sand sitting on top of the Cretaceous Dakota shale.

**Unusual Problems:** The aquifer is composed of weathered shale, shale, with some clayey sand. Due to this, water does not flow quickly through the area. This makes normal methods of treating the aquifer difficult to accomplish.

**Status of Project:** The site was sampled in June 2020, and the PRP requested closure. The request was approved and the site has been closed and removed from the legislative site list. As stated above the plume was confined to perched sheet water in colluvium deposits. The deeper aquifer shouldn't be impacted due to the low hydraulic conductivity and there being no natural conduit to the alluvial deposits.

**Level of Remedation Sought:**

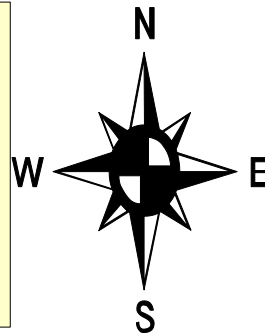
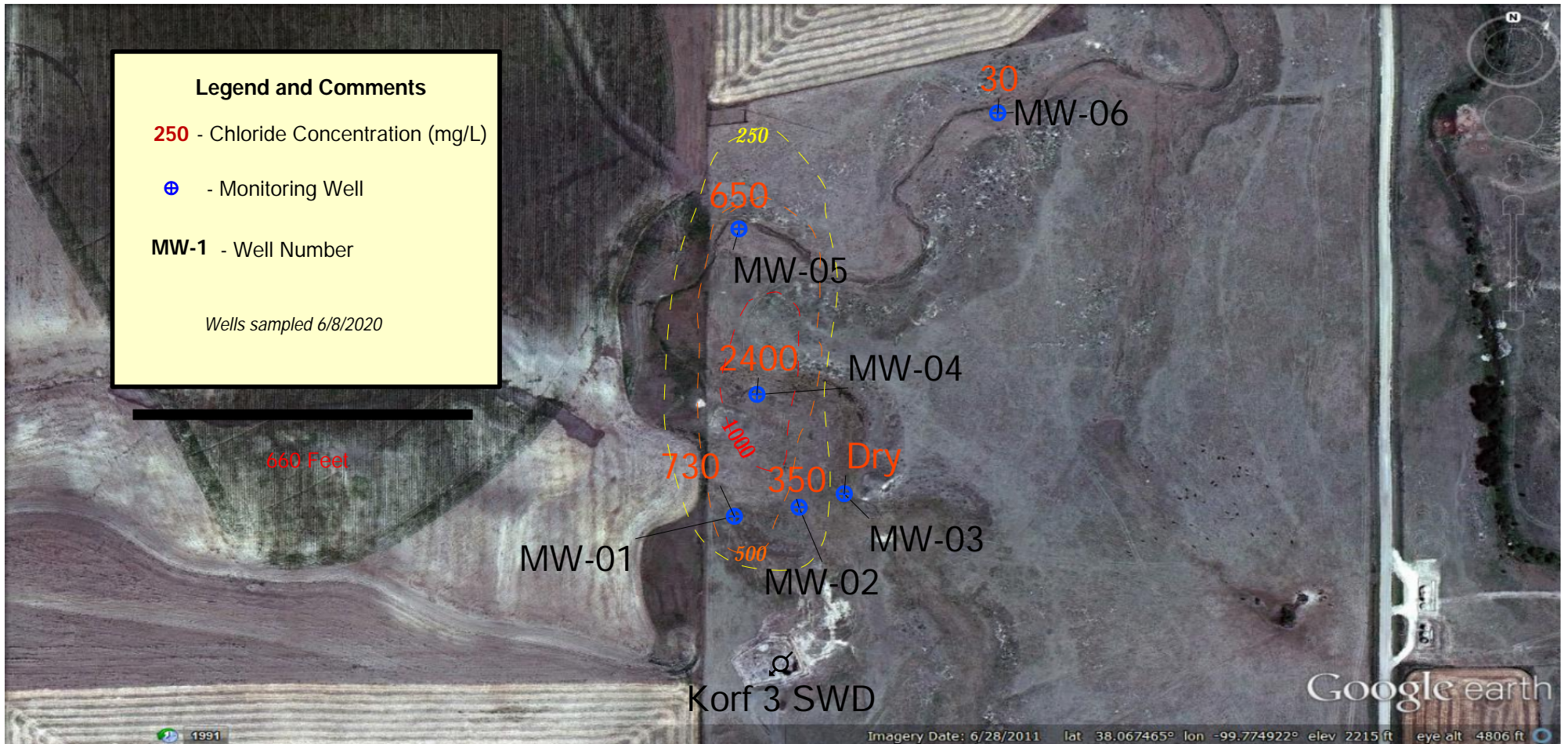
**Ideal:** 250 ppm

**Target:** 1000 ppm

**Recommendations for Future Work:** PRP will have a licensed water well driller plug the monitoring wells by March 15, 2021.

**Total Costs:** \$1,489.87

Control No.	Staff Hours/Expenditures	Fund Expenditures FY 2020/21	Total
20140017-001	12 Hrs. / \$324.74		
Current Contaminate Level: 30 ppm Cl- to 2400 ppm Cl-			
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**Korf Site**  
 Section 7-T23S-R22W  
 Hodgeman County, Kansas  
**2020 Area Map with Chlorides**  
 KCC Control # 20140017 District 1  
 K. Sullivan 9/3/2020

**Project: *Schraeder Contamination Site, Hodgeman County, District 1***

**Site Location:** Legal location is E/2 of Section 3 and W/2 of Section 2, Township 24 South, Range 24 West, Hodgeman County.

**Impact/Immediacy:** Contamination to groundwater, stock wells and possibly an irrigation well in the future. Immediacy level is rated as low.

**Site Description:** The chloride concentration of the Ogallala formation water supplying a stock well has been high in chlorides.

**Unusual Problems:** None.

**Status of Project:** Six groundwater samples were taken in 2020. The landowner made repairs to Well G, and a sample was collected. Chlorides in these samples ranged from 90ppm chlorides at Well K, to 990ppm chlorides in Well L. These values overall have remained consistent from the previous sample years, however Well C saw a significant decrease this event. There has been a slow decline in the chlorides at this site due to natural attenuation; this trend is expected to continue in the future. Irrigation well B and Irrigation well J were unable to be sampled due to the electricity not being hooked up. Windmill F is damaged and not capable of pumping so no sample was taken. Windmill D, at the landowner's residence, was running and was sampled this year.

**Level of Remediation Sought:**

**Ideal:** 250 ppm Chloride

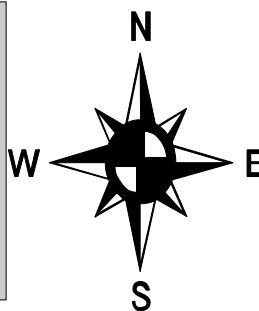
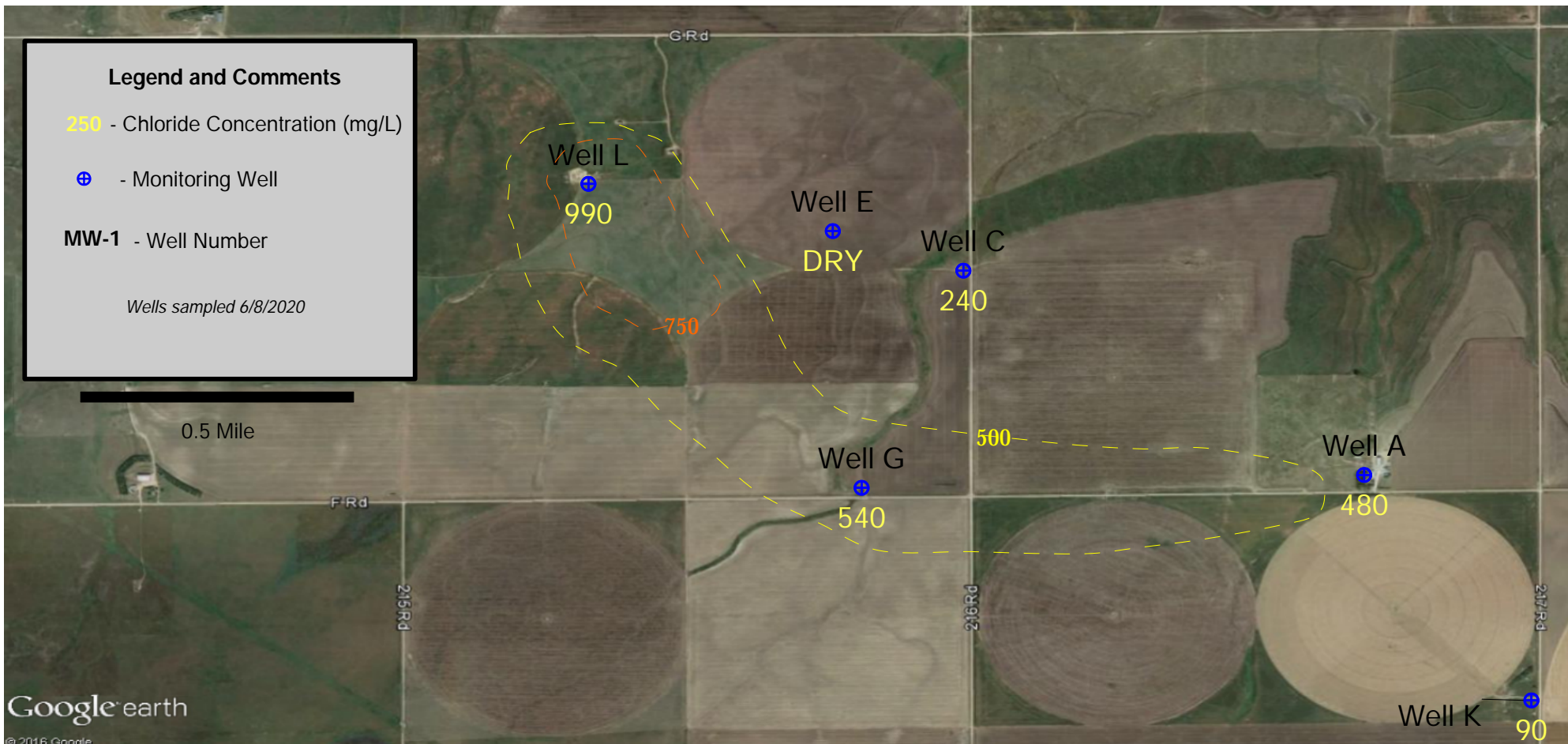
**Target:** 350 ppm Chloride

**Recommendations for Future Work:** Continue annual monitoring of the site.

**Estimated Total Costs:** \$30,000.00.

Control No.	Staff Hours/Expenditures	Fund Expenditures	
		FY 2020/21	Total
970013-00	6.5 Hrs. / \$183.70		\$1,590.90
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**Schraeder Site**  
 Sections 2/3/11-T-24S-R24W  
 Hodgeman County, Kansas  
**2020 Area Map with Chlorides**  
 KCC Control # 970013-00 District 1  
 K. Sullivan 9/3/2020

**Project: South Spivey Contamination Site, Kingman County, District 2**

**Site Location:** The site area is located 3.5 miles south of Spivey, near an unnamed tributary of the Chikaskia River. The legal location is in Sections 27 and 34 of Township 30 South, Range 8 West, in Kingman County.

**Impact/Immediacy:** The impacts are on groundwater resources associated with local agricultural wells. KCC has rated this site as a low immediacy level.

**Site Description:** The project area lies within an intermittently flowing creek bed within the large Spivey-Grabs oil and gas field. The area is remote, and the surface use is primarily the grazing of cattle, oil and gas production, and wind turbines. The geology in the area is unconsolidated Tertiary and Quaternary deposits overlying the Permian, Nippewalla Group Shale. This Shale is found exposed along valleys of the Chikaskia River system and its tributaries. The unconsolidated sediments usually consist of poorly sorted sands, silts, and gravels and can be up to 60 feet thick. The Permian erosional surface dips to the north towards the Chikaskia River. Most locations that are overlain with unconsolidated sediments show good infiltration from precipitation but can vary in horizontal permeability due to lack of sediment sorting or due to less permeable silt development. Groundwater tends to follow the slope of the Permian erosional surface. This site has been remediated by a PRP starting in 1993 when an oil and gas lead line broke and flowed for some time, contaminating the alluvium. Once Chloride levels dropped, the remedial system was dismantled. It was unknown at the time how much brine water infiltrated the local alluvium.

South Spivey Site in an annual sampling program. Natural attenuation of the site occurs, but chloride readings have varied somewhat over the years with the annual precipitation amounts. The contaminated aquifer is so shallow that chloride levels seem to be in direct correlation with precipitation. The southern wells have decreased in chlorides steadily over the last few sampling events.

**Unusual problems:** Withdrawal rate can be low due to the low permeability of the aquifer if it lies outside the well-sorted paleochannels, especially in the south end of the site. Some monitoring wells have an excellent capacity for pumping groundwater, while others can pump dry. The permeability differences within the alluvium channels allow brine plumes to move in unpredictable ways.

**Status of Project:** The southernmost B wells have dropped in chlorides over the last few years. Continuous chloride decrease is expected as the chloride plume follows the hydraulic gradient to the north. There were heavy rains in early 2019 and some in 2020, which may have pushed these chlorides north. The southern end of the site continued to be stable with lower chlorides.

**Level of Remediation Sought:**

**Ideal:** 250 mg/l Chloride

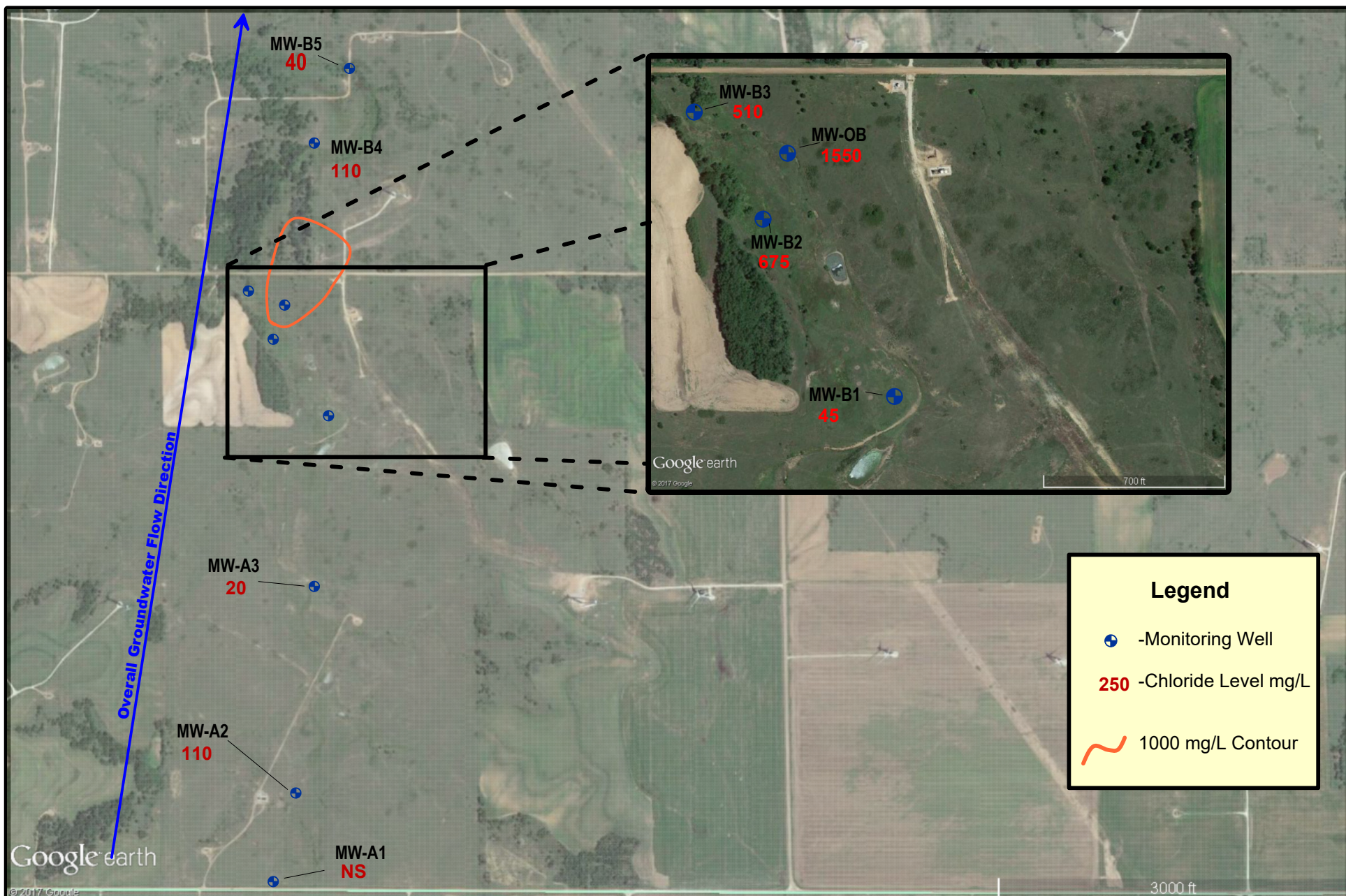
**Target:** 750 mg/l Chloride

**Recommendations for Future Work:** Continue sampling the B monitoring wells and surface waters on an annual basis. One well, (OB), remains over the target level of 750 mg/L Chlorides. KCC recommends plugging out all of the southern A wells that are within the ideal target level. No other action is needed at this time, as this site has a low immediacy rating.

**Estimated Total Costs:** \$1,000 per year for sampling, testing, and research.

Control No.	Staff Hours/Expenditures	Fund Expenditures	
		FY 2020/21	Total
970096-00	12 Hrs. / \$389.30		
Current Contaminate Level: 20 mg/L to 1,550 mg/L Cl <sup>-</sup>			
Status:			
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**South Spivey Brine Monitoring Site - #970096-00**  
 Sections 27 & 34 of Township 30 South and Range 8 West, Kingman County, Kansas  
**Site Chloride Levels 2020**

KCC District #2 Field Office - Site wells sampled on 6/10 & 9/3/2020 - Map Drawn on 9/16/2020 by D.Bollenback - Air Photo: Google Earth 7/6/2016



**Project: Trostle Contamination Site, Kingman County, District 2**

**Site Location:** The site area is 2.3 miles west and 2.75 miles south of Murdock, Kansas. The legal description is the northeastern quarter of section 33, Township 28 South, and Range 6 West of Kingman County, Kansas. The site is in the drainage systems of Sand Creek, which is located 1 mile north of the site. Sand Creek is a tributary of the South Fork Ninnescah River.

**Impact/Immediacy:** The high chlorides could impact the groundwater affecting stock wells in the immediate area and low lying draws, which are usually dry but contain water after significant rainfall. The aquifer is very low yielding. There are erosion effects on the terrain where there is no vegetation. KCC has classified this site as low immediacy.

**Site Description:** The area most affected historically is around the Trostle salt-water disposal well battery. There are seven monitoring wells below the Trostle salt-water disposal well that historically also have elevated chlorides. The most likely cause was something related to the salt-water tank, such as discharges or line leaks. A PRP historically remediated the plume via an interceptor trench. Still, the system had to be abandoned after the holding tanks failed, and the site moved into the monitoring phase of the investigation. There has only been one reported spill at the SWDW since 2005. Local hydrology is a perched aquifer system. Precipitation that infiltrated the Pleistocene Alluvium moves downward until it contacts the impermeable red Ninnescah shale. Groundwater then flows down gradient on top of the shale. The general movement of fluids in the perched water table flows to the northwest-west.

**Unusual Problems:** None.

**Status of Project:** On June 10th, 2020, KCC Staff sampled eleven groundwater monitoring wells. Staff utilized a bailer to purge a minimum of three well volumes of groundwater from each well before sampling. Most monitoring wells bailed dry and were allowed to recharge before sampling. Purge water was tested for conductivity and contained in a 250-gallon poly-tank if conductivity tested high. KCC disposed of all higher chloride fluids into KCC authorized disposal well. Groundwater samples from each monitoring well were collected in one 250 (ml) polyurethane container for analysis at the KCC District #2 Laboratory.

Laboratory results show a mix of chloride changes from 2019 and a reversal of last year's values. There was a decrease in chlorides in the plume's downgradient northern toe, including a 1,800 mg/L decrease on the west side of the tank battery at MW-3. Due to the limited perched hydrology, chlorides can move with changes in precipitation amounts. MW-1 did increase by 600 mg/L. Chloride values remained relatively stable in the other wells in the northeastern part of the site. Average static water levels dropped 1.42' since 2019 when precipitation was significantly higher than usual.

**Level of Remediation Sought:**

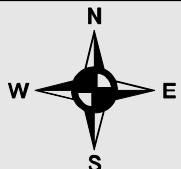
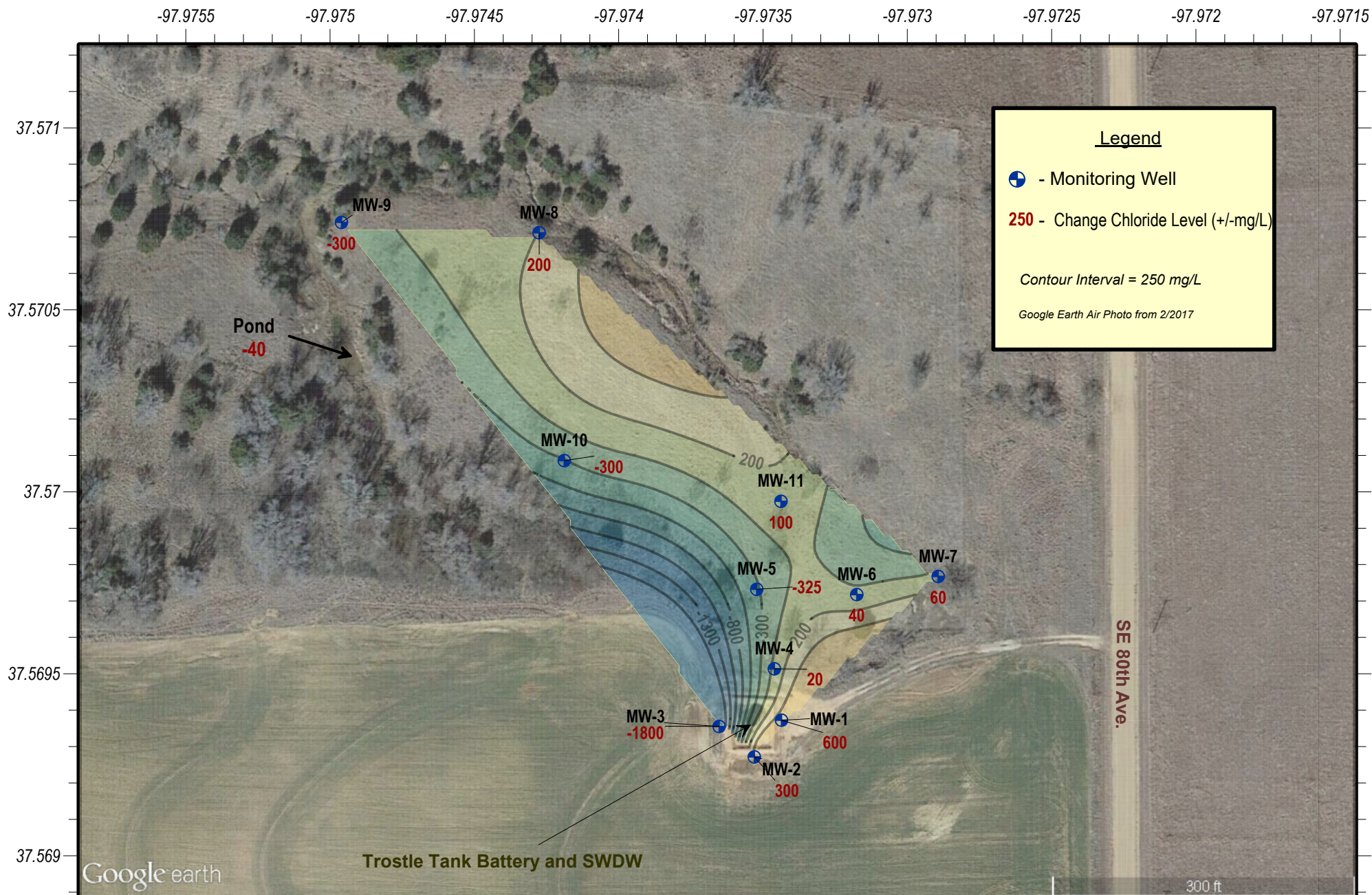
Ideal: 250 mg/l Chloride

Target: 500 mg/l Chloride

**Recommendations for Future Work:** Due to the limited amount of water resources affected and the recent data, KCC recommends continuing sampling the Trostle annually. Due to the drop in chlorides on the western side of the site, KCC does not recommend expanding the monitoring well matrix at this time. High chlorides in MW-1 show that local geology has trapped the contamination along the tank battery's edge. If needed, a small low volume recovery system is an option, but KCC is uncertain about how beneficial a system would be due to the aquifer's low deliverability.

**Estimated Long Term Cost:** The estimated cost to the KCC could be \$800 per year for inspection of the site, running an analysis of the water, and data and report preparation.

Control No.	Staff Hours/Expenditures	Fund Expenditures	
		FY 2019/20	Total
980038-001	16 Hrs. / \$463.78		
Current Contaminate Level: 70 mg/L in MW-6 to 6,200 mg/L chlorides in MW-1			
Status:			
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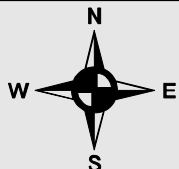
## Trostle Brine Contamination Monitoring Site

Section 33 of Township 28 South and Range 6 West, Kingman County, Kansas

### 2020 Change of Chloride Levels from 2019

KCC District #2 Field Office - Control #980038-001 - Wells Sampled on 6/10/2020 - Map Drawn on 9/10/2020 by D. Bollenback





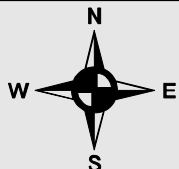
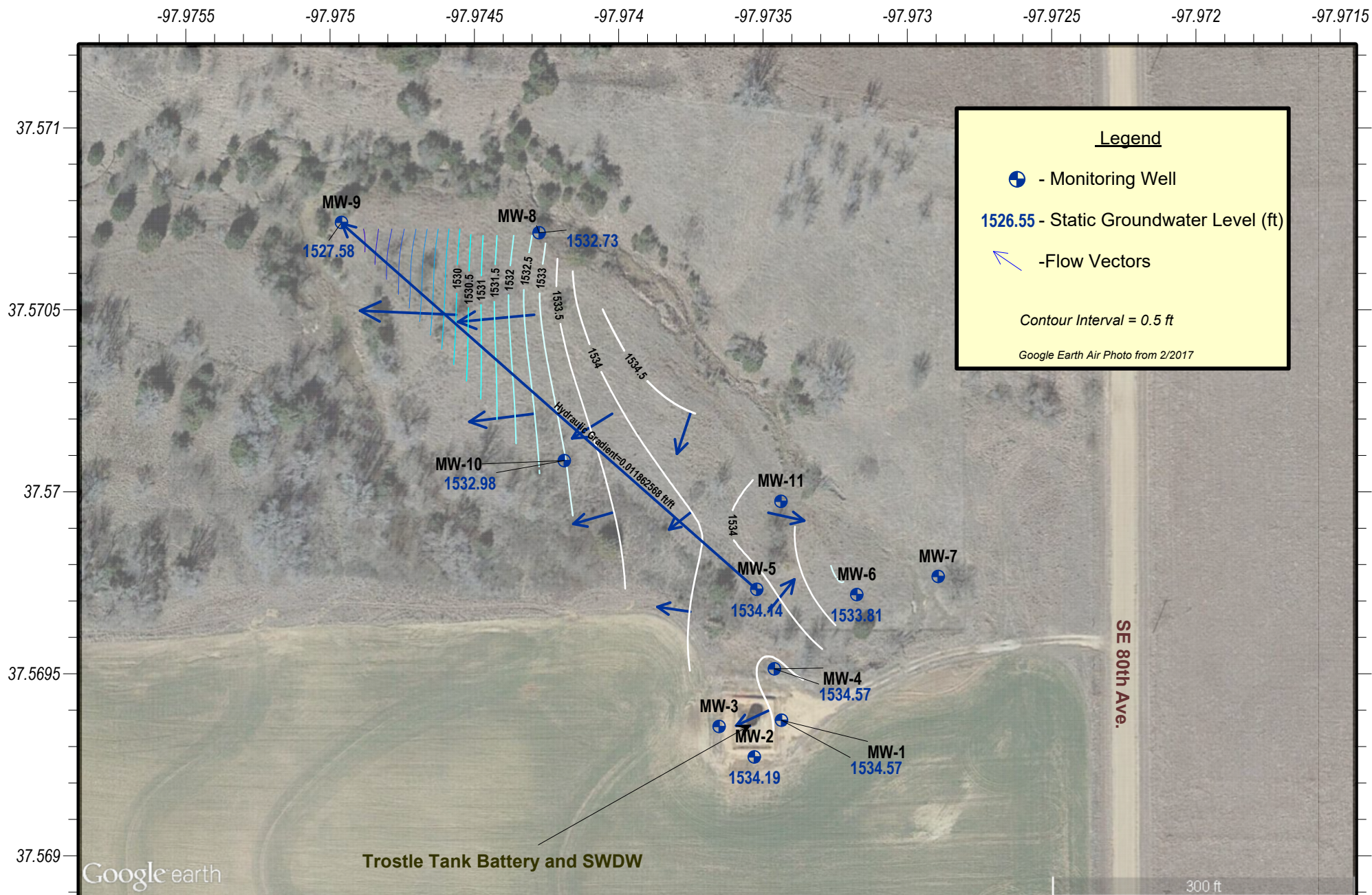
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### 2020 Chloride Levels

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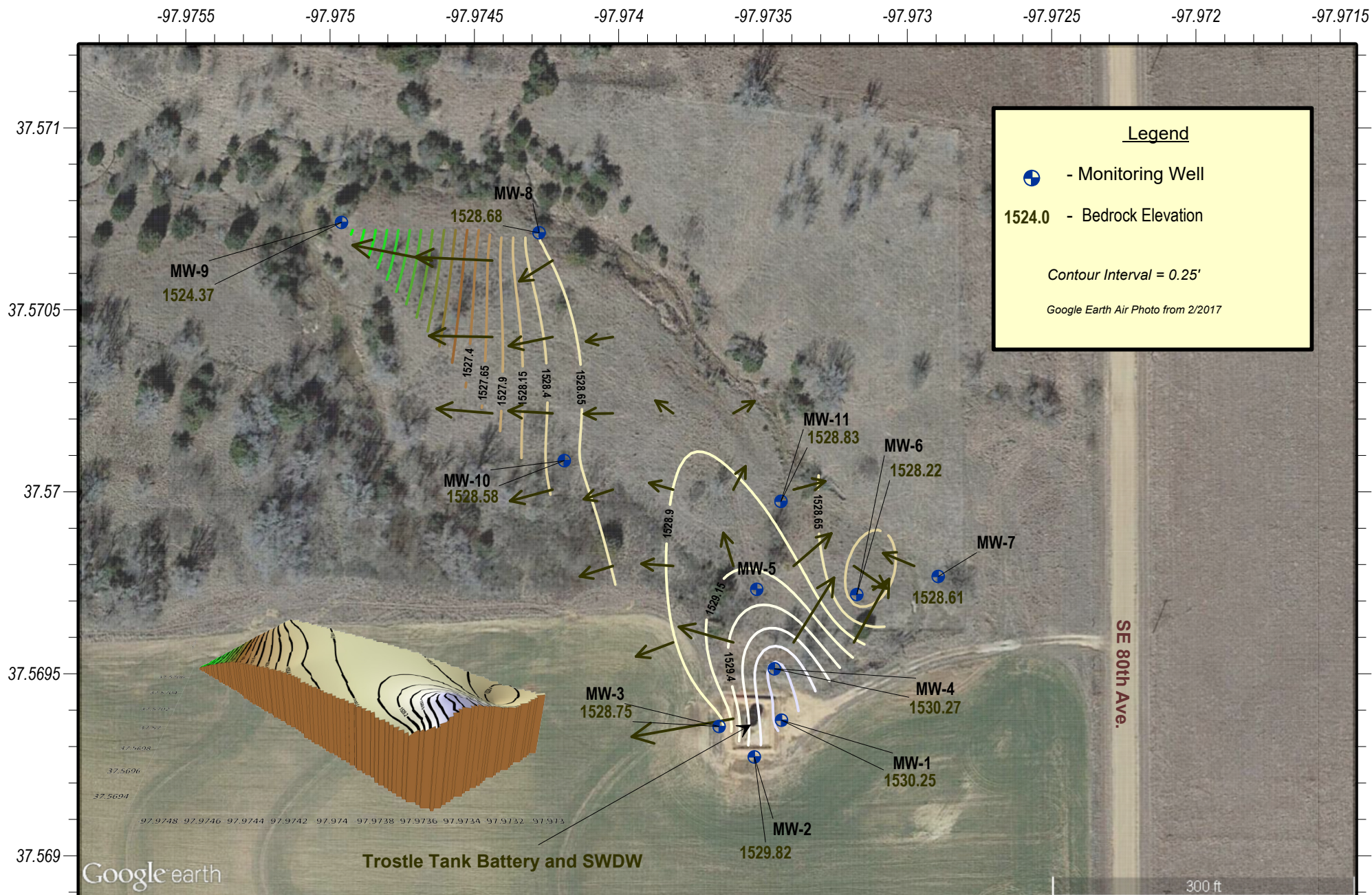
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Section 33 of Township 28 South and Range 6 West, Kingman County, Kansas

### 2020 Groundwater Elevation Map

KCC District #2 Field Office - Control #980038-001 - Wells Gauged on 6/10/2020 - Map Drawn on 9/10/2020 by D. Bollenback





## **Project: Yeoman Site, Kingman County, District 2**

**Site Location:** The Yeoman site is located in the center of the Southeast quarter of section 35 T 28S R7W. This area is five miles South and three miles East of the city of Kingman in Kingman County.

**Impact/Immediacy:** The abandoned Yeoman #1 located in the center of the SE/4 may have contributed to the charged up shallow zones in the Permian Red Beds with gas, but was found as an abandoned unplugged well with gas coming to surface. The site classification is med /high due to the remaining gas in place even after producing the gas from 5 monitoring/recovery wells for 13 years.

**Site Description:** The Yeoman #1 is located in a pasture used for grazing cattle. The Permian Red Beds are encountered at a depth of 50' consisting of very soft, sandy weathered red shale. The unconsolidated alluvium above the Red Beds consists of a fine to medium grain sand that is the primary shallow aquifer for this area. There are five monitoring /recovery wells offsetting the abandoned Yeoman #1 that were drilled in December 2005 to a total depth of 150 feet with gas encountered as shallow as 110 feet. Each monitoring/recovery well has approximately 90 feet of 7 inch surface casing set.

In April 2010, the KCC District 2 office drilled an additional 6 monitoring wells around the perimeter of section 36 in the section east of the Yeoman site. This was done in an attempt to delineate the escaped gas and follow the upward trend of the Permian red beds to the northeast. Gas was found at all 6 locations with small initial shut-in pressures from 15 to 37 psi at the wellhead.

**Unusual Problems:** In early 2009, KCC staff became aware of gas coming up an abandoned water well in the SW corner of Sec. 30-28-6W over a mile away from the Yeoman #1. The property owner is Harold Reida, and the water well is referred to as the Reida water well. Currently, there is no gas pressure at the well, and a handheld gas detector is used to confirm the presence of any gas. KCC has installed a valve on the well to keep it shut-in.

**Status of the Project:** The five monitoring/recovery wells directly offsetting the Yeoman #1 had been produced by Don Graber (Gra Ex LLC, KCC Lic. #33921) under an agreement with the KCC. Mr. Graber had been producing the recovery wells since November 2009 and recovered a total of 194,377 Mcf as of June 2019. For the first 6 months of 2019, the five monitoring/recovery wells averaged 3.74 Mcf per day into the sales line, which dropped from an average of 8.8 Mcf per day for the first 6 months of 2018. A total cumulative amount of 260,027 Mcf of gas has been recovered from these 5 recovery wells beginning in April 2006. (From KGS Production Data)

On June 27, 2019, Don Graber notified the KCC that he would no longer be able to run the system due to the economics, and of course, the KCC did not want Mr. Graber to continue losing money, so he turned the wells back to KCC control per the agreement. Mr. Graber has discontinued electric service, the meter connection and has removed all equipment belonging to Gra Ex LLC.

On September 3, 2020, District Geologist David Bollenback and District Supervisor Jeff Klock flow tested the North Recovery Well, East Recovery Well, and Recovery Well #5 to evaluate the current shut-in pressures and compare flow rates to those taken on April 22, 2019. The shut-in pressures at all three wells were lower than last year, and gas flow tests showed a drop off in rates compared to 2019 data, demonstrating that none on the recovery wells are capable of sustained gas flow for any length of time. For example, the North Recovery Well had an initial shut-in pressure of 37 psi but was at 0 psi, and 0 mcf after 30 seconds of flow through a 0.5" choke plate.

RW 5 had the best flow test starting out on a 0.5" choke plate that took 12 minutes before the well could be fully opened to the flow meter. After fully open, the well fell to 0 Mcf within minutes. A 0.25" choke plate was then installed that flowed 12.6 Mcf down to 7.51 Mcf in 45 minutes, and was still dropping at the end of the 45-minute test. (In 2019, RW 5 was able to flow gas through the 0.5" choke plate for over an hour when fully opened to the flow meter. 12.6 to 8.87 Mcf) The 2020 flow tests would indicate that there is not an active source still feeding gas into the shallow Red Beds, and that this is residual stray gas left in place.

A visual inspection of the Yeoman #1 well showed gas still bubbling around the casing. This was expected when Gra Ex LLC was no longer able to produce the shallow gas into a sales line. In the past, there was little to no gas coming up around the Yeoman #1 when the compressor and system were running.

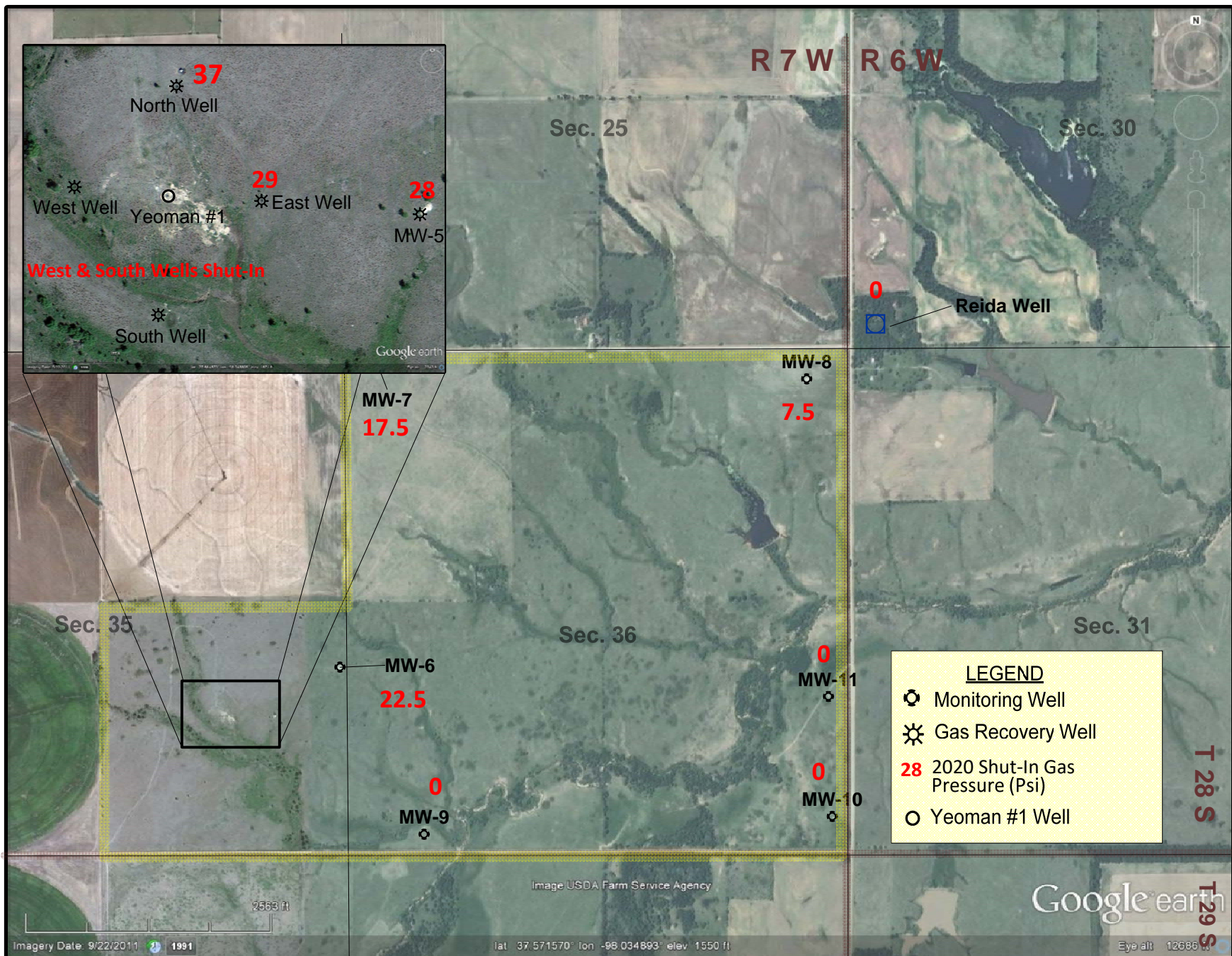


**Level of Remediation Sought:****Ideal:** N/A**Target:** N/A Complete the plugging of the Yeoman #1 once escaped gas has been depleted from the Red Beds.

**Recommendation for Future Work:** District Staff will continue to flow test the Recovery Wells on a bi-annual basis to ensure that flow rates and pressures continue to drop, or remain consistent. Staff have discussed options such as venting or flaring the remaining gas in place but may not be necessary if the pressure continues to drop, and flow rates confirm the depletion of gas in place.

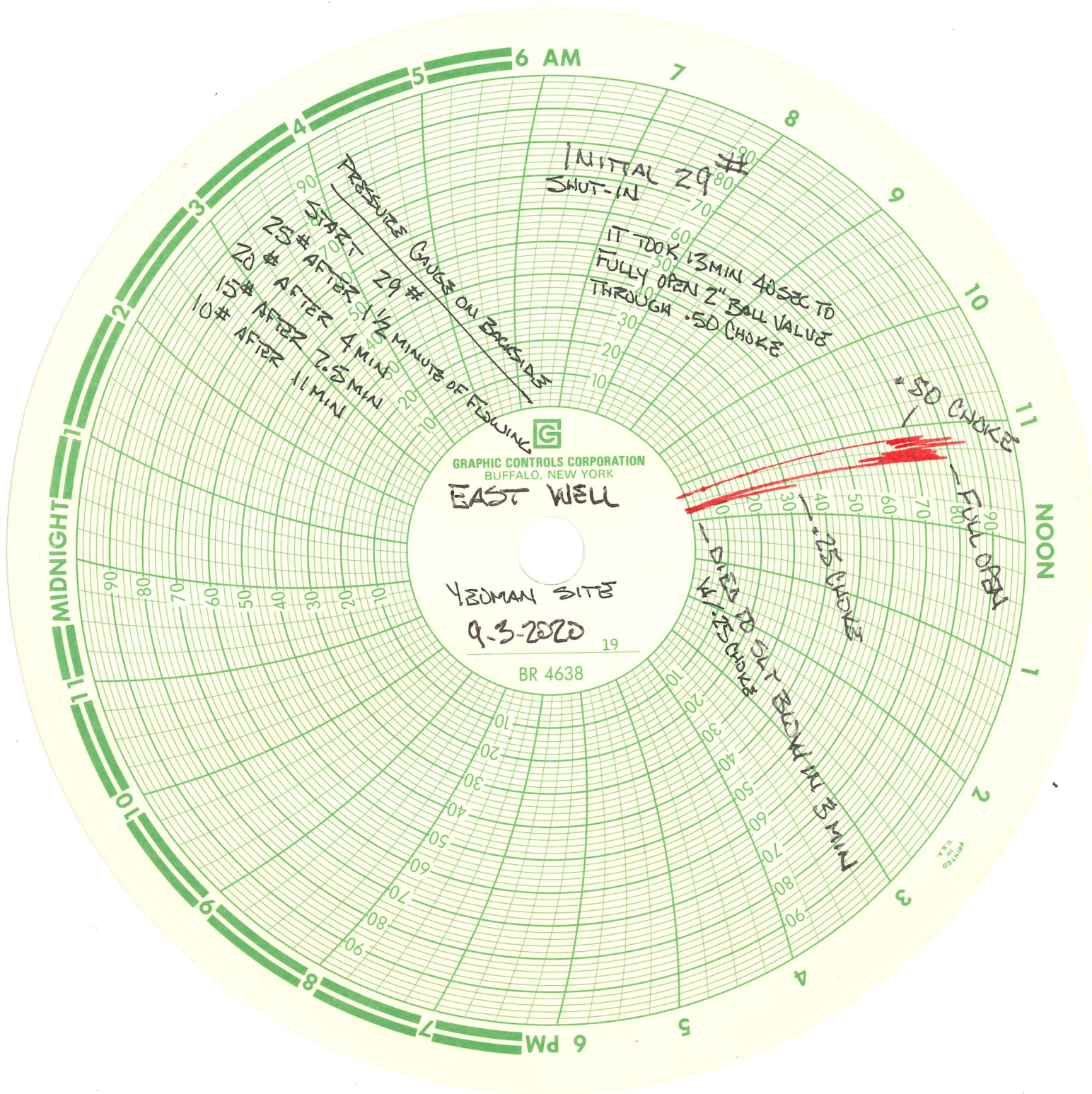
**Estimated Total Costs:** Plugging of the Yeoman #1 will be less than \$50,000 and can be done through KCC fee fund.

Control No.	Staff Hours/Expenditures	Fund Expenditures	
		FY 2020/21	Total
20060021-001	50.5 Hrs. / \$1,571.77		\$102,690.76
<b>Current Contaminate Level: Shallow Aquifer &lt;70 ppm Cl-</b>			
<b>Water from Permian Red Beds tested 625 ppm Cl- in well #5 at 150' TD</b>			
<b>Total Gas Produced to date: 260,027 Mcf (KGS Production Data)</b>			
<b>Status:</b>			
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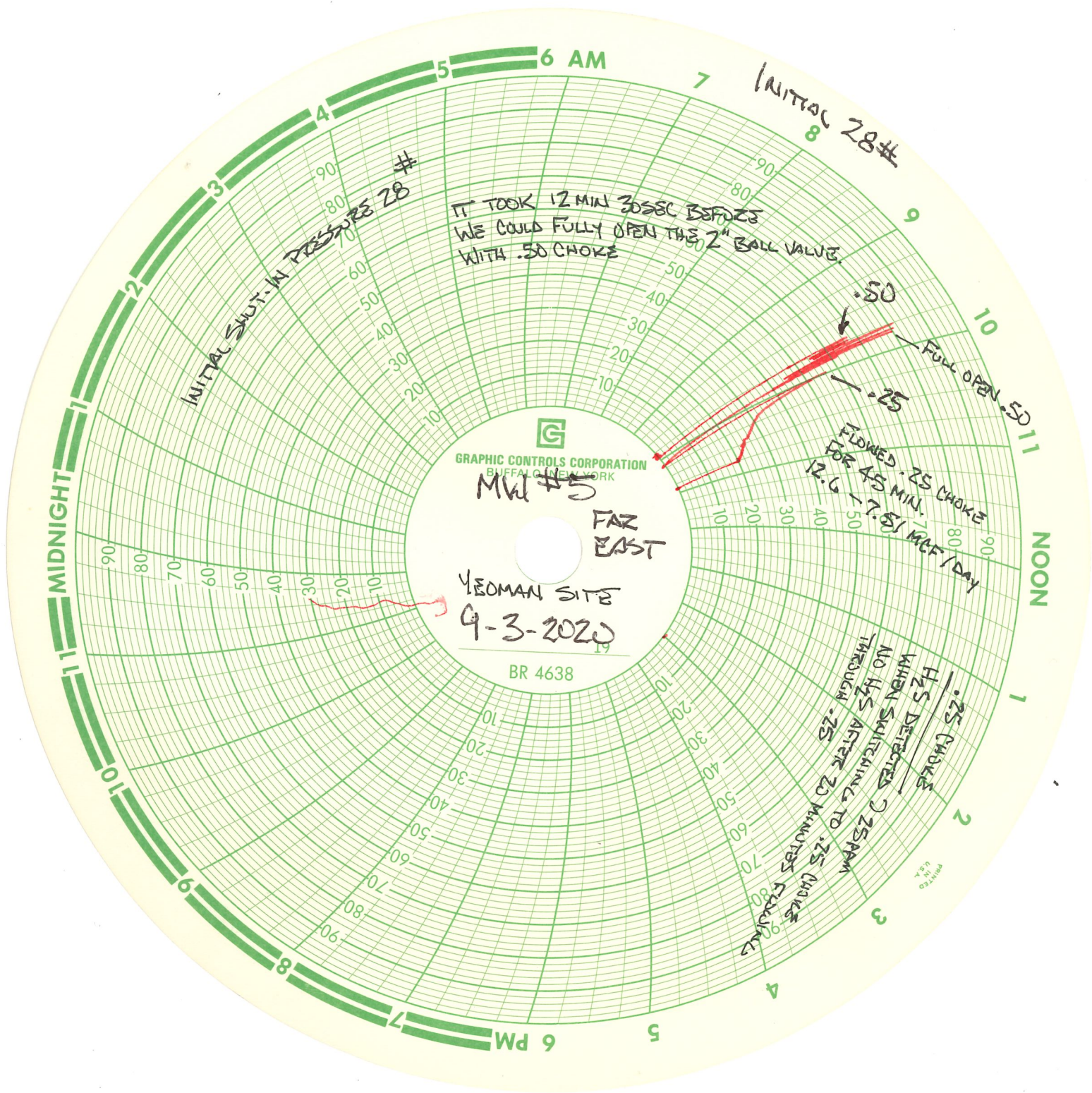


**Yeoman Escaped Shallow Gas Site**  
**SE/4 of Section 35 and All of Section 36-T28S-R7W, Kingman Co., KS**  
**Site Map for 2020-21 Legislative Report**  
**District #2 Control No. 20060021-001 9-8-2020 J. Klock**

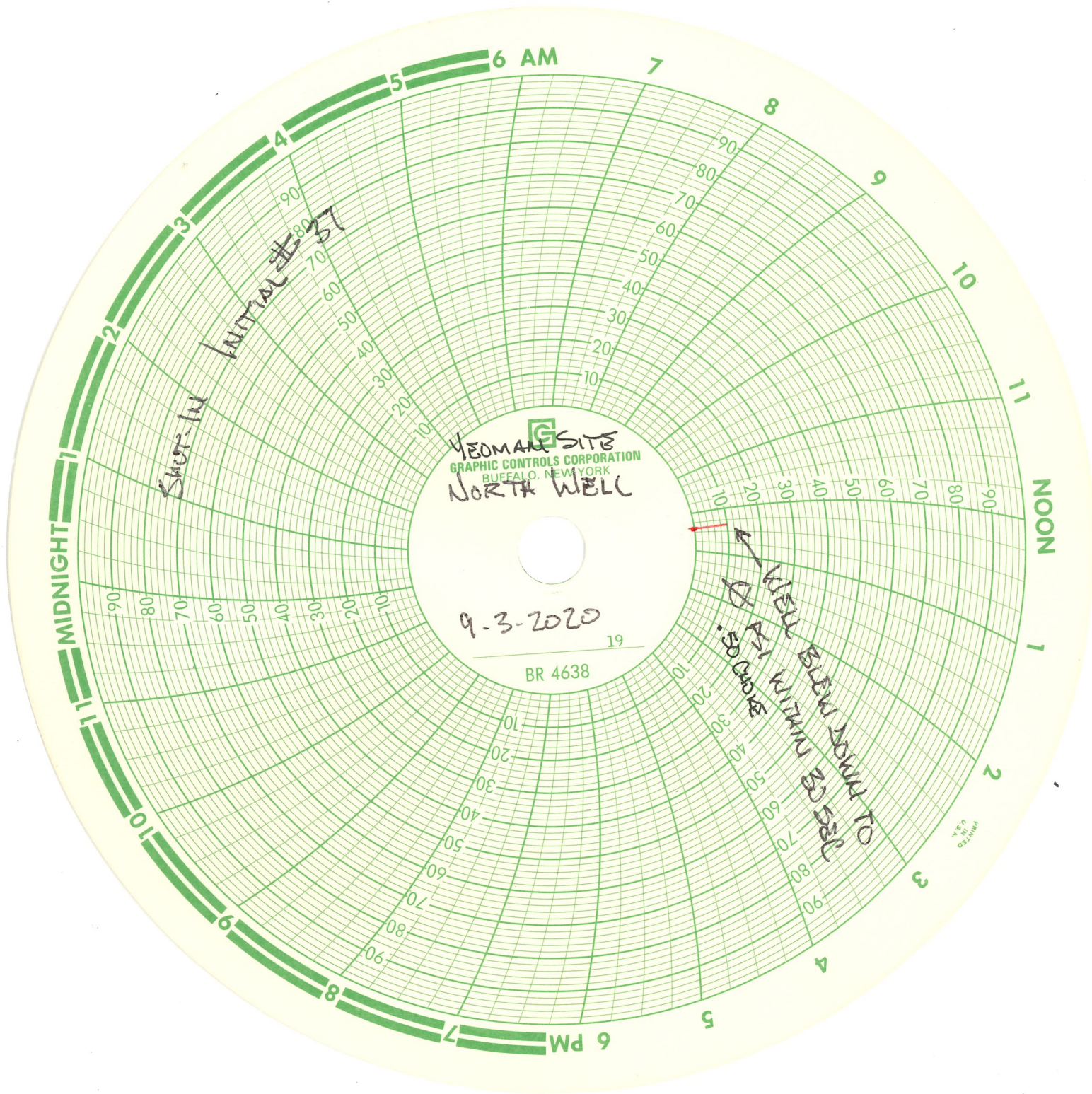












**Project: McDonald-East Contamination Site, Linn County, District 3**

**Site Location:** NW/4 of Section 27, Township 19 South, Range 22 East, Linn County

**Impact/Immediacy:** Impact is to the surface water. Immediacy level is rated as low.

**Site Description:** This site is located at the bottom of a small, fairly steep drainage in the Cherryvale Shale. A seep originating from this drainage tested 3,300 ppm chloride in 1991, 6,500 ppm chloride in 1992, 750 ppm chloride on September 26, 1995 and 380 ppm chloride on January 26, 1998. Seepage within the drainage is intermittent based on precipitation in the area.

**Unusual Problems:** None.

**Status of Project:** The State has made an agreement with a local operator to put this lease back into production and plug several of the injection wells and older oil wells. There are six monitoring wells located on the McDonald East Site in the NW ¼ of section 27–T19S–R22E. The following Cl- concentrations were obtained from the samples collected on **08/26/2020**:

**Monitoring well#2 (MCDE02):** 400 ppm Cl-

**Monitoring well#4 (MCDE04):** 700 ppm Cl-

**Monitoring well#6 (MCDE06):** 500 ppm Cl-

**Monitoring well#3 (MCDE03):** 500 ppm Cl-

**Monitoring well#5 (MCDE05):** 700 ppm Cl-

Cl- levels spiked during 2010 and since then have been trending down. Further monitoring on an annual basis is recommended for this site. The lease operator continues to produce this lease and future monitoring will determine if production activity has any impact on site.

**Level of Remediation Sought:**

**Ideal:** 200 ppm Chloride

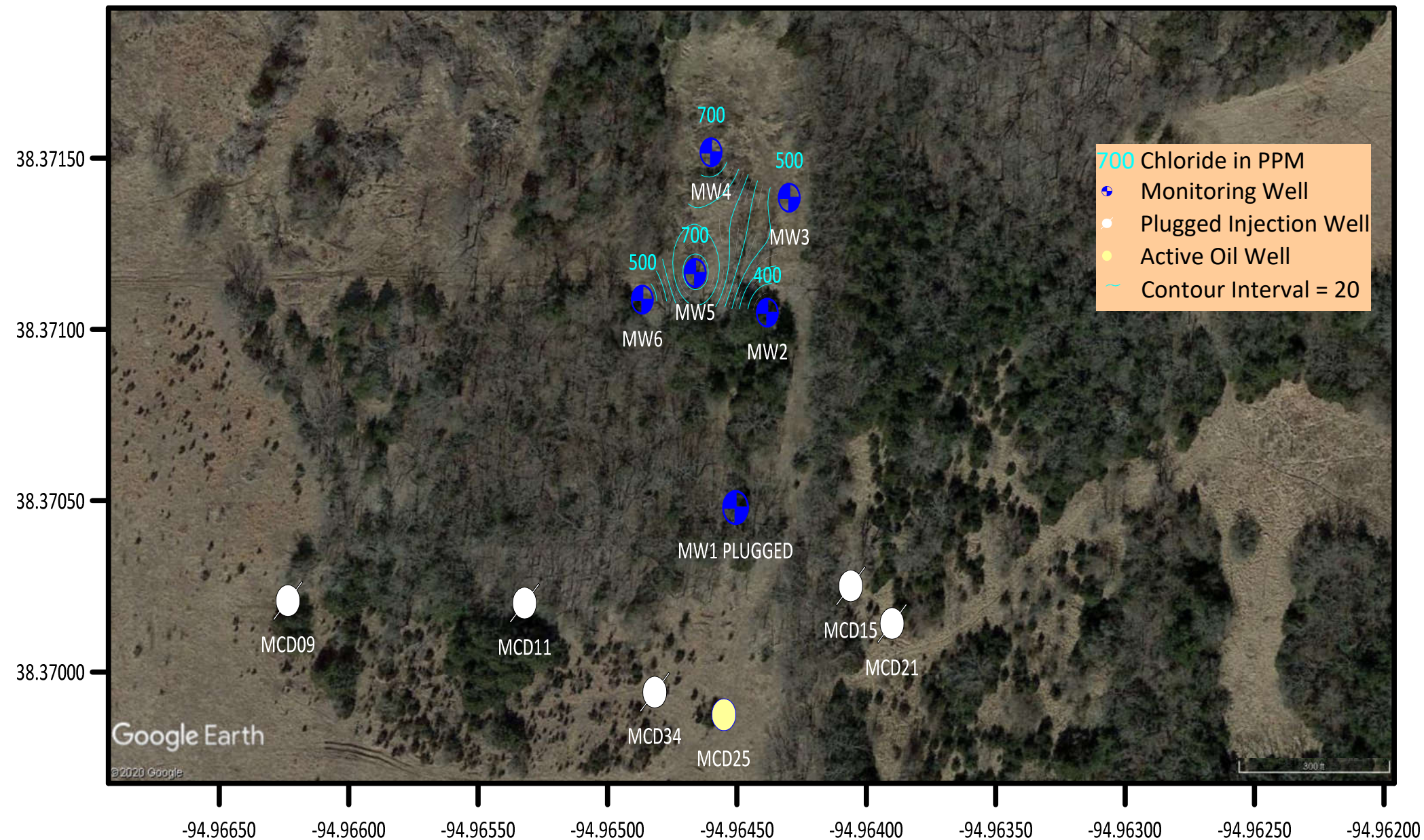
**Target:** 500 ppm Chloride

**Recommendation for Future Work:** Continue sampling annually and monitoring injection activity on this lease. The new ability to download and overlay historic aerial imagery will be utilized to help identify undocumented well locations within and near the site boundary.

**Estimated Total Costs:** \$1,500.00 yearly.

Control No.	Staff Hours/Expenditures	Fund Expenditures	
		FY 2020/21	Total
970070-00	43.5 Hrs. / \$1,242.58		
Current Contaminate Level: 400 ppm Cl- to 700 ppm Cl-			
Status: Active			
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McDonald East Remediation Site  
 NW27-T19S-R22E Linn County, Kansas  
 2020 Groundwater Chloride Levels - District #3 Sampled 8/26/2020  
 Map Drawn on 9/11/2020 by T. Herman  
 Project 970070-00



**Project: Galva City Area Contamination Site, McPherson County, District 2**

**Site Location:** This contamination site is located in Section 15 and 22 of Township 19 South, Range 2 West, half-mile North, and quarter-mile east of Galva City in McPherson County.

**Impact/Immediacy:** This site is at a very high level of immediacy. Groundwater has been impacted, and the potential for contamination to domestic and the public water supply at Galva City is very high.

**Site Description:** The site is located in a rural area with the topography of gently sloping fields with a small drainage streams located east and west of the site with the overall flow to the southwest. This site is in the Ritz-Canton oil field, which utilized brine pits in the past for brine disposal from oil production. The depth to the groundwater is 17 <sup>+/-</sup> feet. There are buried paleo-channels where the bedrock is encountered at approximately 60-100 feet. These channels usually hold the highest chloride levels near to the top of the Wellington Shale. KCC has operated a recovery system at this site since 2005. In August 2014, KCC completed the Phase III package, which included installing five monitoring wells and one recovery well. Data obtained from these additional wells shows a strong chloride source to the east/northeast of the remedial site in section 14. There are multiple suspected pits in that section, including the distillation refinery's last location and associated pits operational in the forties. It appears that chlorides are following along the paleo-valley slope (top of the Wellington Formation) located northeast of Galva and pooling. There is a paleo high directly below the City and its PWS wells. This high suggests being the only reason why the public water supply is still viable. Due to brine water settling in the aquifer's lower zones. Evidence has shown a strong possibility that the refinery and its associated pits are large sources of the brine contamination encroaching on the City of Galva. Bedrock orientation, as well as chloride levels in MW-114, support this idea.

**Unusual Problems:** The disposal well will not take the amount of necessary fluid to run all four recovery wells simultaneously. For the site to run multiple wells simultaneously, the well pumps would have to be rated similarly. High Chloride water deteriorates metal pumps, fittings, etc. Recovery pumps have short life spans, and the local groundwater has high iron levels that clog up lines and equipment. The site's age requires constant vigilance into inspection and proactive and reactive repairs/modifications to keep it online.

**Status of Project:** The average water level increased by 0.45' from 2019. The extremely high chlorides across the site showed substantial decreases in the eastern part of the site and near Recovery Well RW-1. MW-314 towards the north-central part of the area had a 4000 mg/L increase to 27,000 mg/L, which is a significant annual increase. All the monitoring wells surrounding the recovery well system showed lower chlorides this year. RW-1 is in need a new pump, and RW-2 is in need to be pulled as it has a newer pump but is tripping electrical breakers. The largest decreases were within the remedial system's influence, especially near RW-1, which dropped by 4,000 mg/L. RW-3 has still been the central recovery well ran throughout 2020, as it is located within the site's highest chloride levels. As of August 2020, RW-2 had chloride levels of 9,000 mg/L, and RW-3 was 15,500 mg/L. RW-1 was not tested as the pump is down. Due to RW-3's long-term use, it would be possible that the aquifers coning is the reason behind the lower values than past years.

As of August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020, the operator of the Koehn #2 SWD that KCC utilizes for disposal of recovery fluid was suspended by the Commission. After the shut-in order was enforced due to non-compliance related to other oil and gas well violations, the Galva remedial system had to be shut down and is currently offline. Meter readings show that the Galva remedial system had recovered 21,841,600 gallons (520,038 bbls) of brine-impacted water before shut-in.

**Level of Remediation Sought:**

**Ideal:** 250 mg/l chlorides

**Target** 500 mg/l chlorides

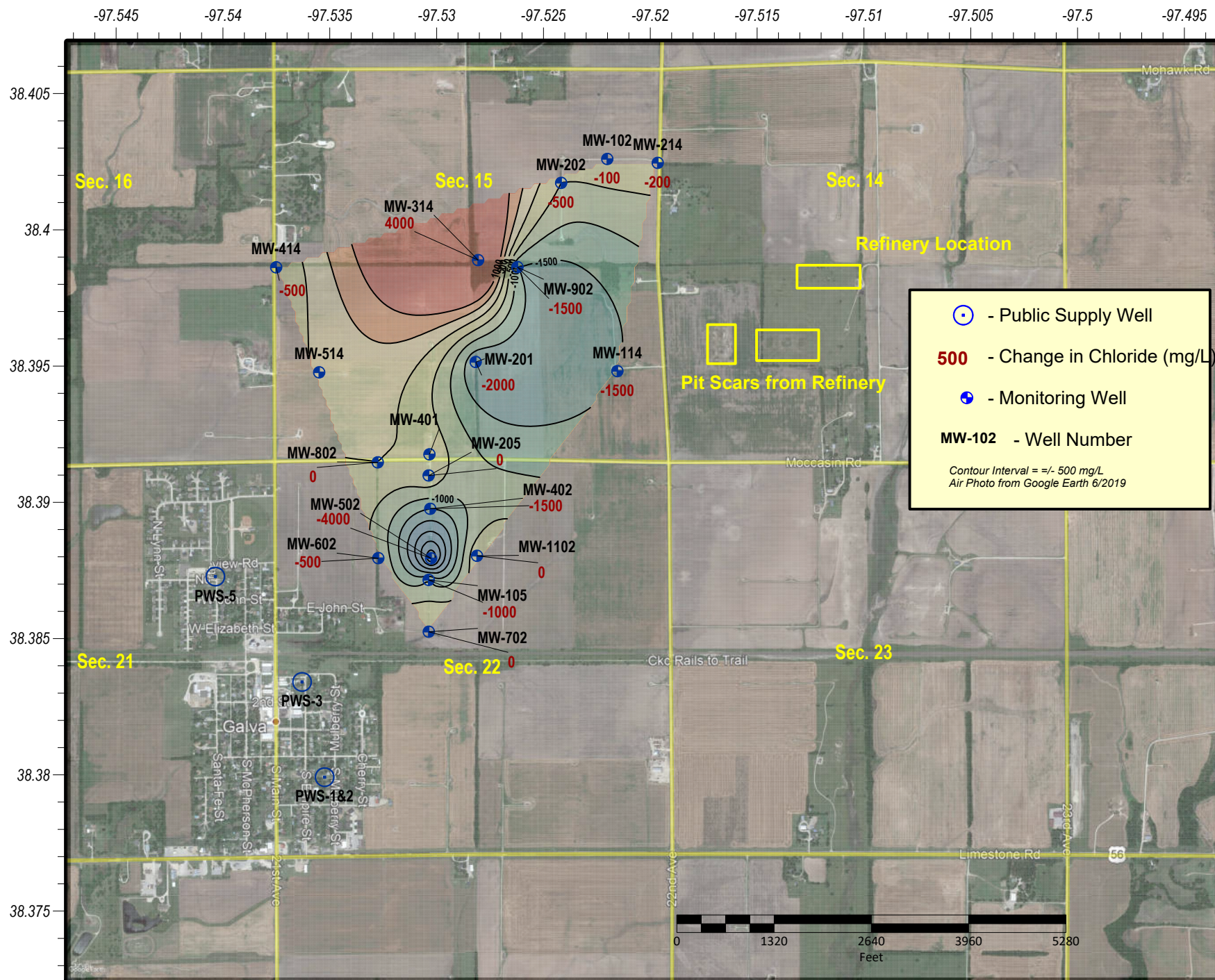
**Recommendations for Future Work:** KCC has plans to research the possibility of obtaining another disposal well to be utilized by the KCC remedial system alone. With high chloride fluids still coming in from the northeast of the site, KCC hopes to obtain one in that section. New recovery wells will also be researched to the North and East of the current recovery well bank. Immediate work that will need to be done at the Galva remedial site includes installing a new pump and line at RW-5, replacing the pump in RW-1, and pulling and investigating the cause for the issues at RW-2. With the current iron scaling issues, all the recovery wells should be swabbed and mechanically cleaned before new equipment is installed. KCC is currently working with consultants on addressing the scaling issue with a proactive chemical program and will continue along that avenue.

**Estimated Total Costs:** Regular annual costs are approximately \$4,000-6,000. Prices include the fieldwork addressing.



continued Phase III work would cost in the \$20,000-30,000 range for monitoring well installation only. The immediate projects on RW-5, installing a new pump, and trenching in a new saltwater line would be in the \$3000-4000 range. Pulling and installing new pumps in RW-1 and 2 would be around \$5000.00. The drilling of a new disposal well would cost upwards of \$250,000.

Control No.	Staff Hours/Expenditures	Fund Expenditures	
		FY 2020/21	Total
980033-001	159 Hrs. / \$4,562.04	\$6,225.15	\$310,214.50
Current Contaminate Level: 32,000 mg/L (MW 401) to 20 mg/L (MW 702) chlorides for 2020			
Status:			
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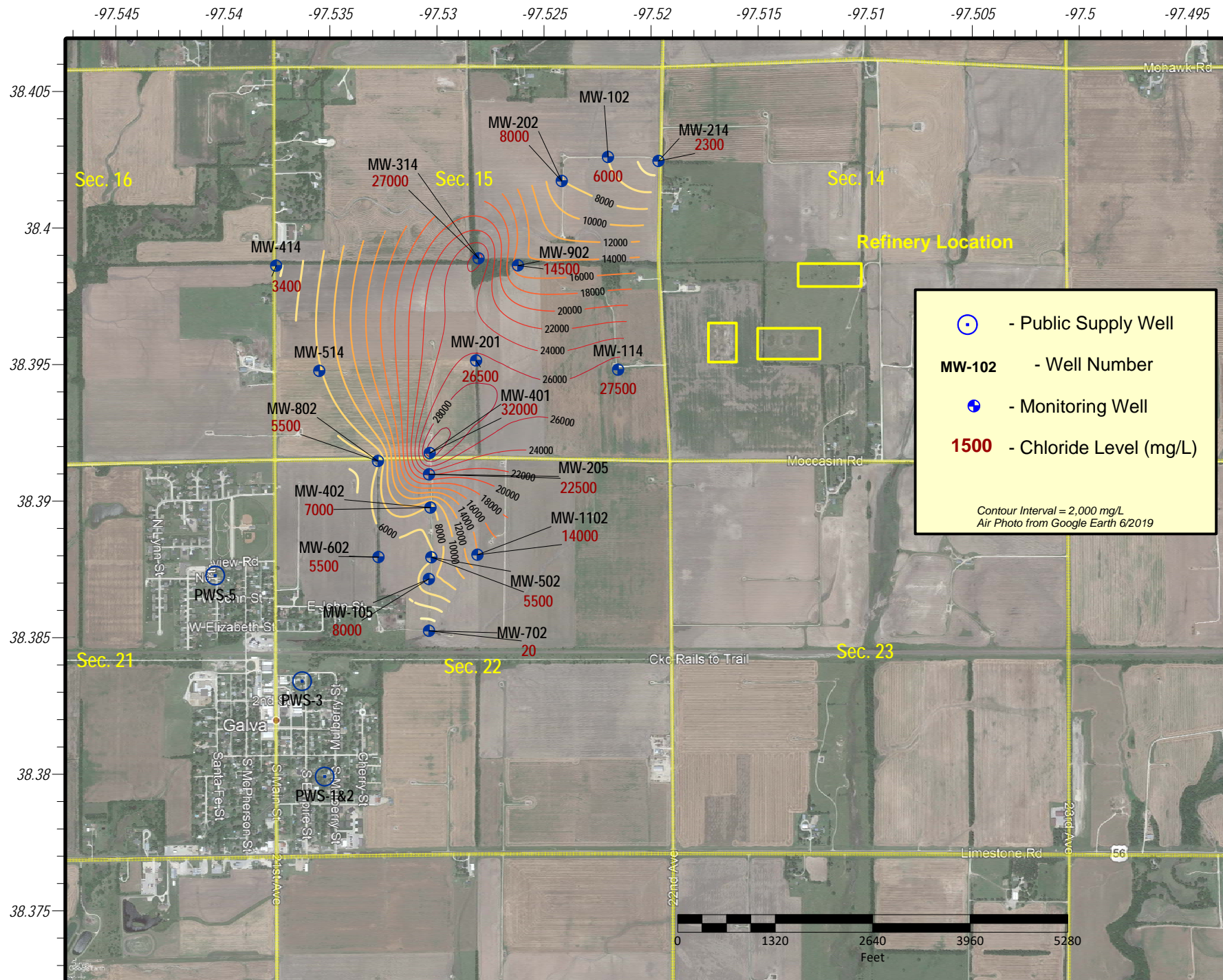


Sections 15, 16, 21, and 22 of Township 19 South and Range 2 West, McPherson County, Kansas

### Chloride Level Change from 2019 to 2020

KCC Control #980033-01 - KCC District #2 Field Office - Wells Sampled August 27th & September 1st, 2020 - Map Drawn on 9/16/2020 by D. Bollenback





### Galva City Brine Remediation Site

Sections 15, 16, 21, and 22 of Township 19 South and Range 2 West, McPherson County, Kansas

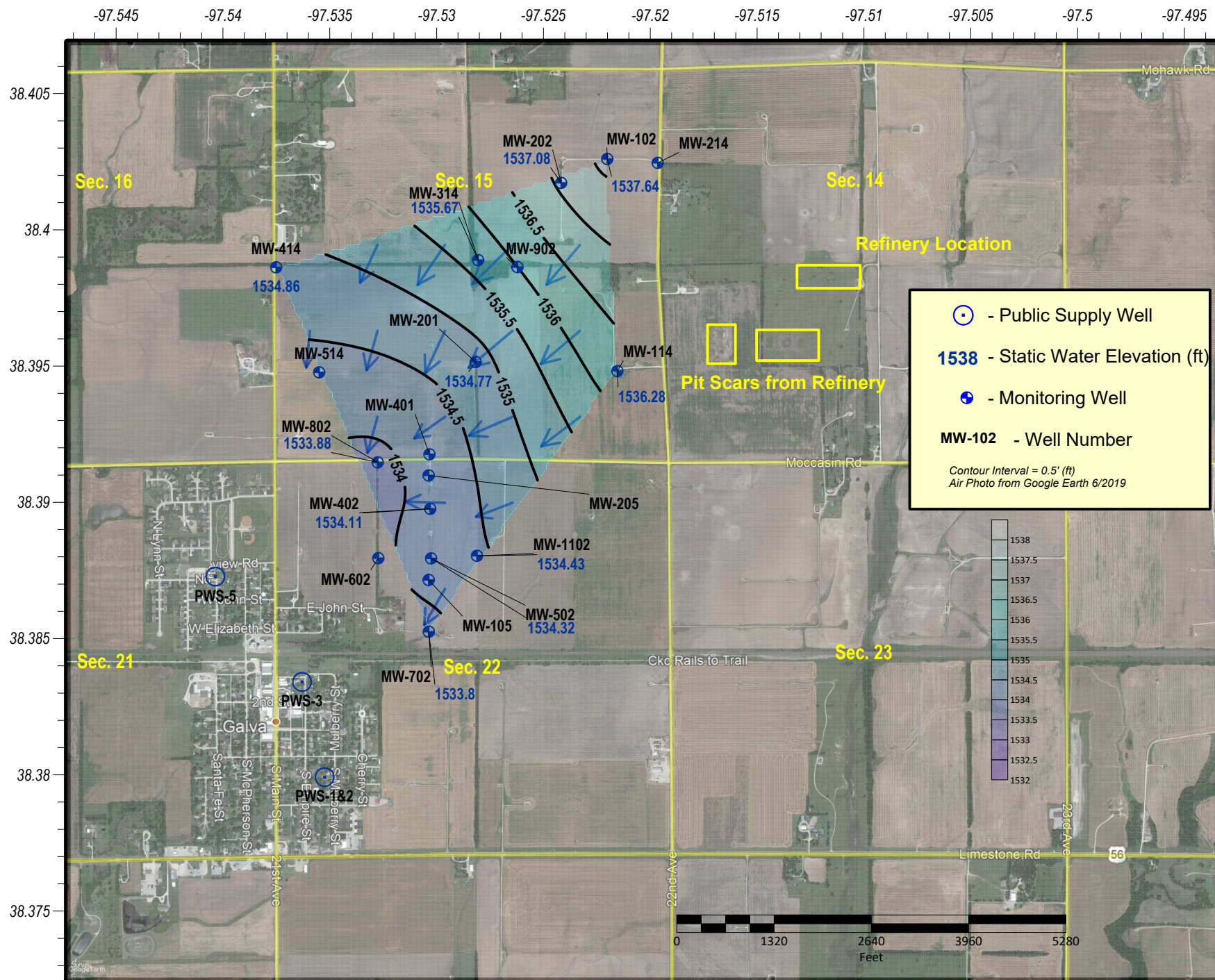
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**Galva City Brine Remediation Site**  
Sections 15, 16, 21, and 22 of Township 19 South and Range 2 West, McPherson County, Kansas

**2020 Static Water Levels**

KCC Control #980033-01 - KCC District #2 Field Office - Wells gauged August 27th & September 1st, 2020 - Map Drawn on 9/16/2020 by D. Bollenback

**Project: Knackstedt Site, McPherson County, District 2**

**Site Location:** The site is located eight miles west and four miles north of Inman. The legal location is N/2 N/2 NW NW of Section 30, Township 20 South, and Range 5 West, in McPherson County.

**Impact/Immediacy:** Potential exists for impacts on both rural domestic and stock water resources. Public safety issues have been mitigated with the re-routing of the local roadway affected by this site, the site is still ranked as moderate immediacy level due to the unknown extent of the dissolution.

**Site Description:** The site involves the unplugged Knackstedt #5 SWD that was being operated by Fell Oil & Gas Company. The well failed an MIT on 12/3/1983, and upon investigating the loss of the static water level with a wireline video, it was discovered there was an absence of any casing as well as any borehole walls between 318 and 478 feet in depth. Casing failure lead to the dissolution of the Hutchinson Salt Section, and development of an air-filled void around the well. The site is located immediately southeast of the intersection of Plum Street and Saxman Road. Land use is agricultural with oil and gas activities in the area.

**Unusual Problems:** The air filled nature of the cavity makes the design of an acceptable plugging project more difficult. The air filled nature of the cavity also restricts the nature and kind of investigatory methods applicable to this site. There is a house near the site that could be affected if subduction rate accelerates from current levels, but past surveys indicate that it has been stable. In 1993 the KCC drilled an exploratory hole approximately 100 feet east of the Knackstedt SWD, and did not encounter a large void, but various zones or fingers of dissolution in the salt section. The top of the Hutchinson Salt was encountered at 427' from surface, and was drilled to a depth of 500 feet before being plugged. A previous survey was completed by the KGS in 1988 that provided a rough estimate of the void.

**Status of the Project:** To re-establish good elevation control points on the site, and to get a current profile of the void, the KCC worked with the Kansas Geological Survey (KGS) to perform a new Time-Lapse, High Resolution Seismic Reflection Image of the void. On September 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> of 2019, the KGS shot an initial 2-D east / west line approximately 3,650 feet long across the site. The length of this line was long to gather native subsurface conditions away from the void, and to provide control for future north / south seismic lines.

Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic in the spring of 2020, the seismic work for the north / south lines has been delayed until the fall of 2020, so the status of the project has been on hold. Initial interpretation work from KGS on the east / west line was also delayed, but Rick Miller with the KGS did indicate the data looked good, but did not have a traditional seismic image at this time. Currently there are soy beans offsetting the site where seismic lines will need to be laid out, and KCC / KGS will coordinate the work after the beans have been cut. The attached map shows the geophone placement for the east / west line that was shot last September.

**Level of Remediation Sought:**

**Ideal:** Stabilize cavity and plug well bore in accordance with KCC rules and regulations.

**Target:** Study results indicate a reduced need for further or complete cavity stabilization beyond the original well bore and an acceptable plugging procedure can be developed which adequately addresses both fresh water resources and public safety issues.

**Recommendations for Future Work:** Work with the Kansas Geological Survey once the initial data is processed and move forward on shooting north/south lines to delineate the void. Re-establish good control points and have them initially surveyed by a licensed surveyor and perform a quarterly survey of the site using the KCC hi-accuracy GPS survey system.

**Estimated Total Costs:** The KCC paid the KGS a fixed rate of \$14,803.00 for acquiring the new Time-Lapse, High Resolution Seismic Reflection Image of the void. Once new benchmarks are installed, it is estimated that it would cost \$500-750 to have the benchmark/points surveyed by a licensed surveyor. Staff time would involve helping KGS with geophone placement, and installation of the new benchmarks and future surveying.

Control No.	Staff Hours/Expenditures	Fund Expenditures	
		FY 2020/21	Total
970060-00	26 Hrs. / \$795.48	\$14,803.00	\$29,759.39
<b>Current Contaminate Level: Unstable well cavity</b>			
<b>Status:</b>			
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<input type="checkbox"/> 7. Remediation	<input type="checkbox"/> 8. Post Rem. Monitoring	<input type="checkbox"/> 9. Resolved	



-97.93

-97.928

-97.926

-97.924

-97.922

-97.92

-97.918

-97.916

38.294

38.292

38.29

38.288

38.286

### Legend

◆ Geophone Assembly

Air Photo: Google Earth dated 6/19/2019

Section 24

Section 19

Section 25

Section 30

Rice County

McPherson County

Plum Ave.

Comanche

R 9 W

R 5 W

FEET

0 400 800 1200 1600

Survey  
Google Earth



## Knackstedt Site

NW of Section 30 of Township 20 South and Range 5 West, McPherson County, Kansas

### 2019 Siesmic Geophone Locations

KCC Project Code #970060-00 - KCC District #2 Field Office - Map Drawn on 9/16/2020 by D.Bollenback

**Project: McPherson Landfill-Johnson Oil Field Contamination Site, McPherson County, District 2**

**Site Location:** The McPherson Landfill itself is located in Section 34, Township 19 South, Range 3 West, in McPherson County, approximately .75 miles southeast of the city of McPherson. The affected areas include Sections 33 & 34, Township 19 South, Range 3 West, and Sections 3,4 & 5, Township 20 South, Range 3 West.

**Impact/Immediacy:** The contamination has impacted industrial water supply wells for the CHS Refinery formerly the National Cooperative Refinery Association (NCRA), as well as domestic rural water wells. This site has a moderate immediacy level.

**Site Description:** The site is located in rural McPherson County near the old landfill and the CHS refinery. The area of contamination lies on the west side of the Johnson Oil Field, which is the probable source of the high salinity in the ground water.

**Unusual Problems:** None.

**Status of Project:** Since 2003 CHS has annually provided a report on their East Refinery Groundwater Quality Improvement Project, and the Groundwater Monitoring Plan. A full report from the consulting company, Trihydro Corporation is on file with the KCC. The goals for this project include mitigating chloride impacted oil field brine water migrating from the Johnson Oil field east of the refinery, and preventing lateral movement of the identified hydrocarbon plume beneath the refinery toward the chloride remediation system. The remediation system consists of 12 recovery wells, RW-7 through RW-18, which are all screened in the lower portion of the Equus Beds aquifer. From Jan-Dec 2019 a total of 693.44 acre-feet of chloride impacted water was recovered from 7 of the recovery wells (RW). The RW wells utilized (RW7, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14 & 17) ranged from an average of 383 to 1660 mg/l in 2019. Not all RW have been tested in 2020, but chloride levels for RW 11, 12 & 13 have decreased slightly in the June 2020 data from CHS. According to the annual report, recovered water is treated on-site using a reverse osmosis system and used as refinery process water. The processed water not meeting standards is injected into a Class I non-hazardous disposal well.

Overall, the June 2020 sampling of 14 deep screened CHS monitoring wells showed very little change in chloride values. (88 – 2,280mg/L) The two areas that continue to exhibit very elevated chlorides are around EB 402C (4,830 mg/L), and MW 114D (2,280 mg/l). MW 114D is adjacent to the refinery and most likely affected by the recovery wells pulling in higher chloride waters. The highest impact to groundwater is still around EB 402C that sits off in Section 3, southeast of the refinery, and appears to be trapped chlorides along the bedrock, as those values have always fluctuated between 4,000 to 5,000 mg/L since 2005.

**Level of Remediation Sought:**

**Ideal:** 250 ppm chlorides

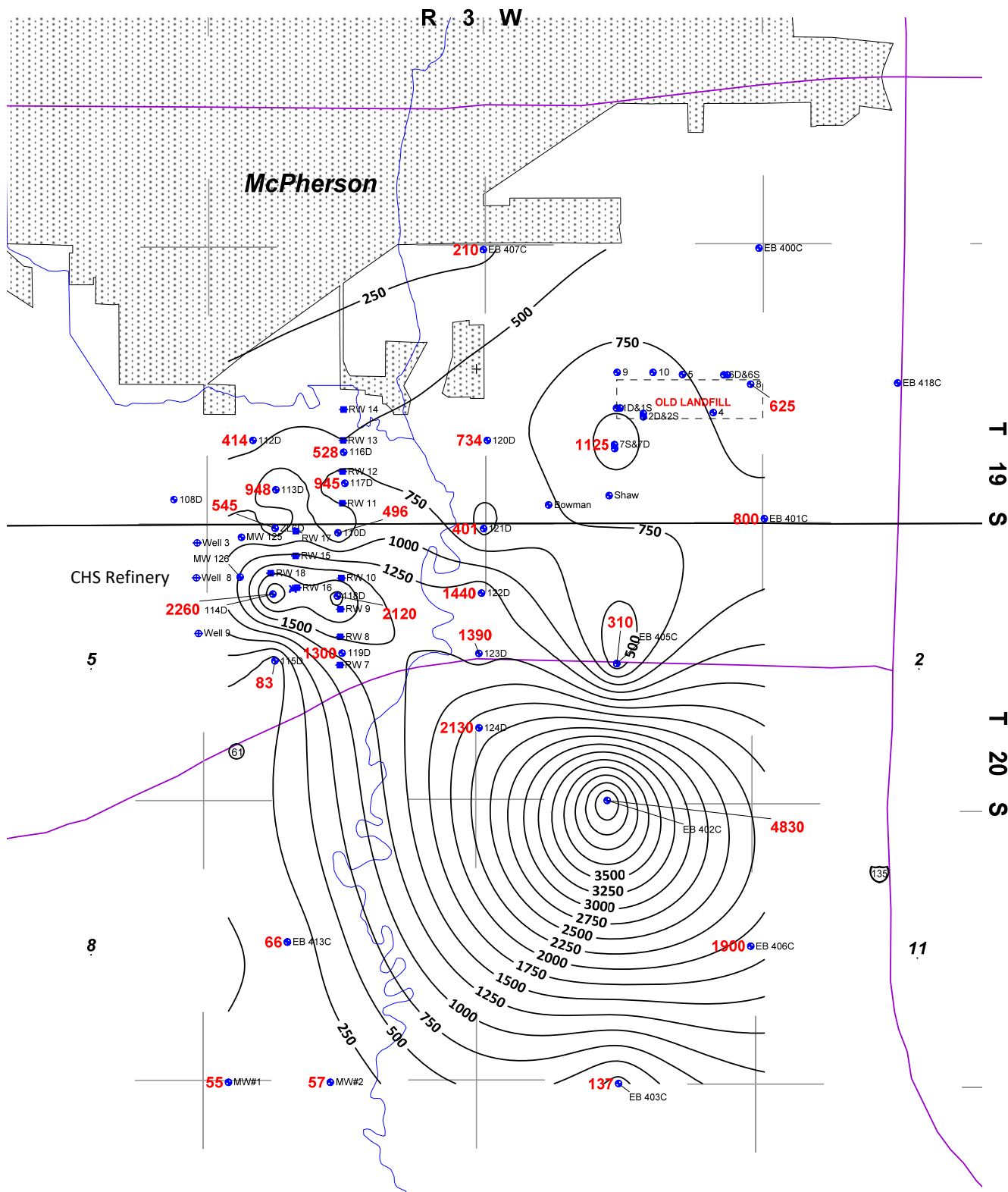
**Target:** 500 ppm chlorides.

**Recommendations for Future Work:** Collect data on an annual basis from CHS, GMD2 and the old landfill.

**Estimated Total Costs:** KCC provides funding to GMD2 for sampling surrounding EB monitoring wells.

Control No.	Staff Hours/Expenditures	Fund Expenditures	
		FY 2020/21	Total
980034-001	13 Hrs. / \$485.52	\$604.24	\$23,569.48
<b>Current Contaminate Level: 55 mg/l (MW-1) to 4,830 mg/l (EB 402C) 2020</b>			
<b>Recovery wells averaged 383 to 1660 mg/l chlorides in 2019</b>			
<b>Status:</b>			
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 7. Remediation (CHS)	<input type="checkbox"/> 8. Post Rem. Monitoring	<input type="checkbox"/> 9. Resolved	





# **LEGEND**

- Monitoring Well
- NCRA Recovery Well
- ⊕ NCRA Water Supply Well

1880 ● 118D Numbers in RED are Chloride Values  
Numbers in BLACK are Monitoring Well Numbers

Contour Interval = 250 mg/l

**KANSAS CORPORATION COMMISSION**  
McPherson Landfill-Johnson Oil Field  
**2020 DEEP CHLORIDE MAP**  
T19S & T20S-R3W, McPherson County, KS

Dist. 2 Control No. 980034-01 9-14-2020 J. Klock



**SCALE**  
0 0.25 0.5 0.75 1  
**MILES**

**Project: Nikkel-Epps, McPherson County, District 2**

**Site Location:** The Nikkel-Epps contamination site is located in the NE/4 of Section 18, Township 20 South, Range 1 West, in McPherson County.

**Impact/Immediacy:** Medium-high immediacy level. Chlorides here affect a shallow groundwater aquifer with multiple residences within a half mile some of which use the aquifer as the sole source of water. There is crop irrigation in the area side and down gradient as well.

**Site Description:** The Nikkel-Epps site has historically known brine water contamination since at least the late 1960's when a local homestead complained that the domestic well had turned unusable due to saltwater intrusion. KCC first investigated the issue in 2007 when an irrigation well battery was drilled in the northeast corner of section 18 and killed the soybean crop planted that year. The irrigation and local domestic well were sampled and showed varying degrees of brine contamination. In 2011-12 KCC drilled and installed 7 monitoring wells surrounding the investigated wells in the northwest corner of section 18. In 2013, the tenant farmer struck and destroyed all of the northern monitoring wells while discing the agricultural field. The wells were either broken and buried or snapped to far below ground surface to be repaired. KCC has been sampling the southern wells and the domestic well near MW-2 to date.

The aquifer resides in the McPherson Formation which consists of two to three sand units separated by clay layers. At the base of the aquifer lies the Wellington Shale. The aquifer appears to contain several possible aquitards, which are impermeable clays separating the sands. It is unknown if these clays are continuous throughout the area. Due to the depth that the saltwater has been found it is assumed that potential pathway/s down to the Wellington Formation exist. The land surface is flat irrigated farmland. Chlorides seem to be settling along the Wellington Shale contact. The top of the Wellington is an erosional disconformity which can allow for high relief channels and bumps with in the shallow aquifer. Evidence suggests that the main brine plume has a source(s) in section 7 up gradient to the site.

**Unusual Problems:** Like many other chlorides problems in the area, the chlorides can be hit and miss and contained in 'hot spots' down-gradient of old evaporation pits and settling in deeper pockets within the aquifer. Farming practices have destroyed half of the monitoring wells installed by the KCC.

**Status of Project:** On September 10th, 2019, MW-2, MW-3, MW-3S, and MW-5 groundwater monitoring wells, were gauged and sampled for chloride levels. Chloride levels have dropped at MW-5 (-40mg/L) and in MW-3 (-240mg/L) from the 2018 sampling event. The eastern well, MW-2 (1800mg/L), lab results were 250 mg/L higher than 2018. KCC during the 2019 year continued to research and developed a Phase II investigation including the drilling and installation of more monitoring wells, performing soil borings, and a comprehensive surrounding water well sampling program.

**Level of Remediation Sought:**

**Ideal:** <250 ppm

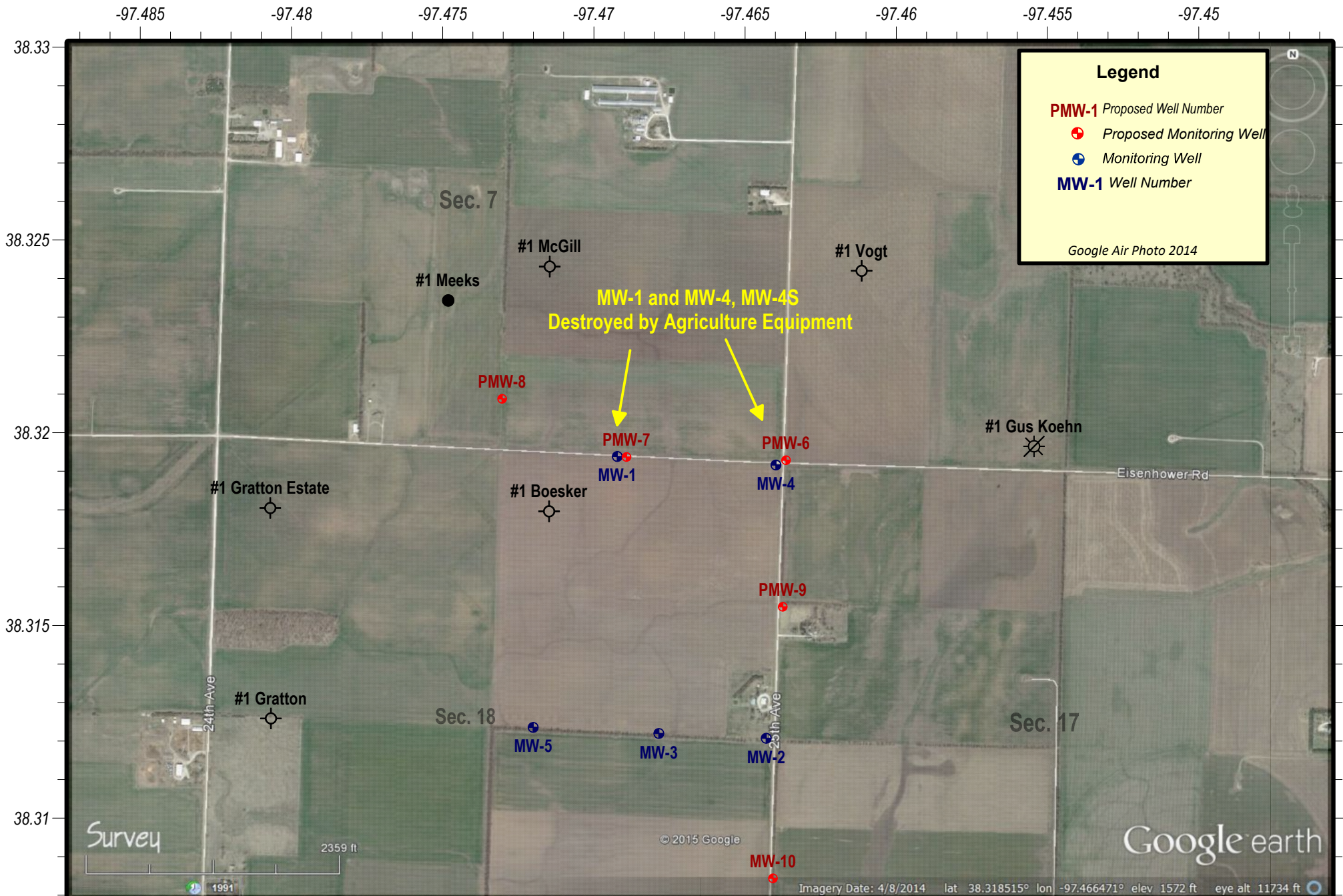
**Target:** 500 ppm

**Recommendations for Future Work:** KCC has not replaced or added new wells to the Nikkel-Epps investigation, but hopes to put out for bid and drilling package near the end of 2020. Without the northern monitoring wells, the site is currently hard to interpret in regards to chloride migration. The Ratslaff domestic well has tested over 1,000 ppm the last few years. (Not used for drinking purposes.) For these reasons, the Nikkel-Epps Site is now higher on the priority list. Currently there is no delineation to the north or down gradient south of the site. At the minimum, five wells are recommended to be installed as a Phase II study, which will enable the KCC to devise a suitable remediation plan if feasible and assist the Ratslaff homestead in finding a new water source. There are other domestic and irrigation wells in the next section south of the site which could be affected in the future.

**Estimated Total Costs:** \$10,000 to \$30,000 to drill the new wells and repair broken wells during a Phase II investigation. The KCC District #2 will also need funding for sampling, research, and report preparation.

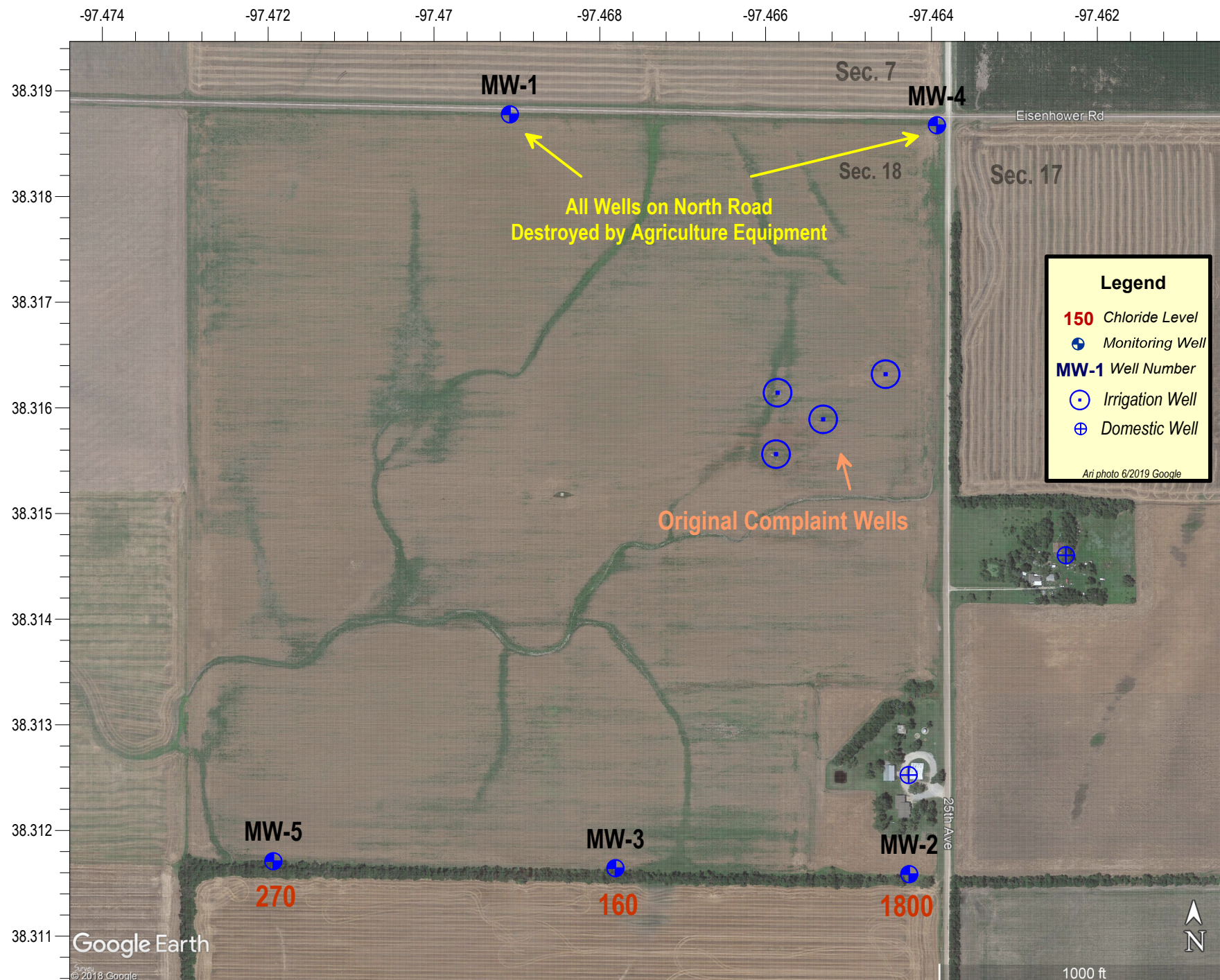
Control No.	Staff Hours/Expenditures	Fund Expenditures FY 2020/21	Total
20100082-001	13.5 Hrs. / \$426.93		\$8,318.75
<b>Current Contaminate Level: MW-3 160 ppm to MW-2 1,800 ppm.</b>			
<b>Status:</b>			
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**Nikkel- Epps Contamination Site**  
 NE Section 18 of T20S & R1W, McPherson County, Kansas  
**2019 Proposed Monitoring Wells**  
 District #2 - Control # 20100082-001 - Drawn on: 10/12/2018 by D.Bollenback





**Nikkel- Epps Contamination Site**  
 NE Section 18 of T20S & R1W, McPherson County, Kansas  
**2019 Deep Monitoring Well Chlorides**  
*District #2 - Control # 20100082-001 - Drawn on: 10/03/2019 by D.Bollenback*



**Project: Running Turkey Creek, McPherson County, District 2**

**Site Location:** This Site is located in McPherson County, Kansas, between Galva and Canton Kansas in multiple sections in Township 19 South and Range 2 West. The Site is contaminated groundwater within the Running Turkey Creek drainage. It is currently estimated to be approximately 8 square miles, extending from Mohawk Road south to Iron Horse Road in a 2 mile by 4-mile wide strip. This Site is within the boundaries of the Ritz-Canton Oilfield.

**Impact/Immediacy:** There are no public water supplies within the Site, but there are many domestic and irrigation wells. Historically, wells are found in areas yet affected by the plume or are completed higher in the aquifer to avoid most chlorides residing along the bedrock. The immediacy rating is moderate to high.

**Site Description:** The topography of the area is flat to gently rolling hills. Most of the land is under cultivation. The groundwater also flows generally in a south to southwest direction with minor hydrologic anomalies. The groundwater contamination is highest near the bedrock contact. Local geology consists of fine-textured soils that exhibit strong clay-pan development. These soils are underlain by loess deposits of Quaternary Age, which lay on McPherson Formation sands and gravels. Depth to sands in the area ranges from as little as 5 feet to 60 feet. The Wellington Shale forms the bedrock in the area. The Wellington had been eroded before the McPherson deposition and is an erosional contact with various paleo-valley and related structures.

**Unusual Problems:** To delineate this Site, a monitoring well matrix may have to spread for a considerable distance. Ritz-Canton Oil Field brine contamination can have multiple sources, which will complicate delineation. It is unclear if the direct connection of the north and far south (South of highway 56) wells is occurring or if they are separate plumes.

**Status of the Project:** This Site is in a monitoring phase currently, as a remedial option is very economically intensive. The monitoring wells are sampled using submersible pumps or air-lift technology depending on the depth of the well. Overall the plume within this Site has remained stable, except for the wells along the northwestern and southern site limits which did increase since last year. All wells were sampled on August 27, 2020. This area is now within the GMD#2 boundaries, but there are no water quality wells drilled by GMD #2 as of yet. There is no delineation to the north, south, and east of the known plume. KCC put together a monitoring well installation package in early 2020 comprised of 10 new monitoring wells, and this project was put out for bid, but only three of the ten landowners would grant permission to install a monitoring well on their property. The monitoring well expansion project has been put on hold at this time.

**Level of Remediation Sought:**

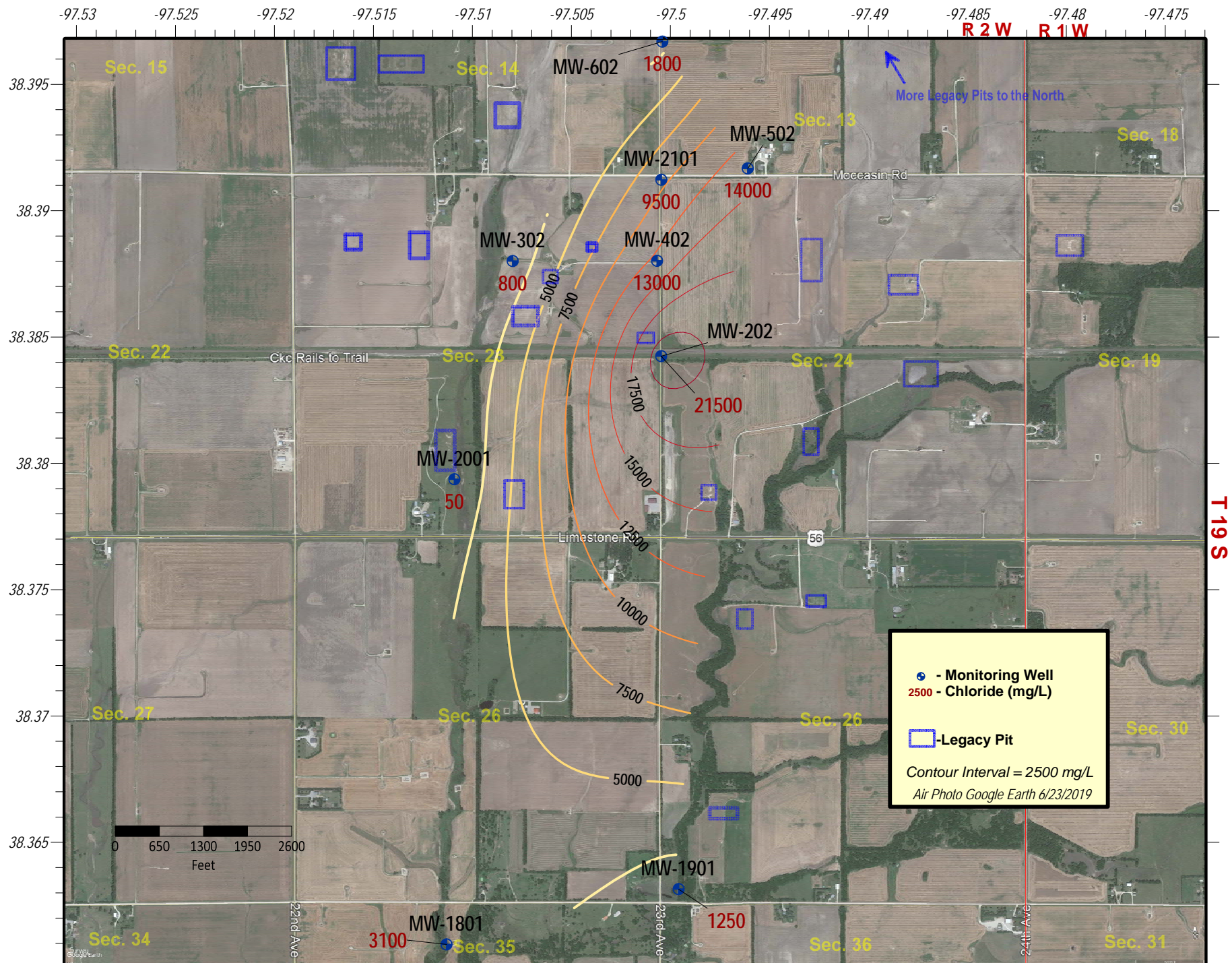
**Ideal:** 250 mg/l mg/l

**Target:** 500 mg/l

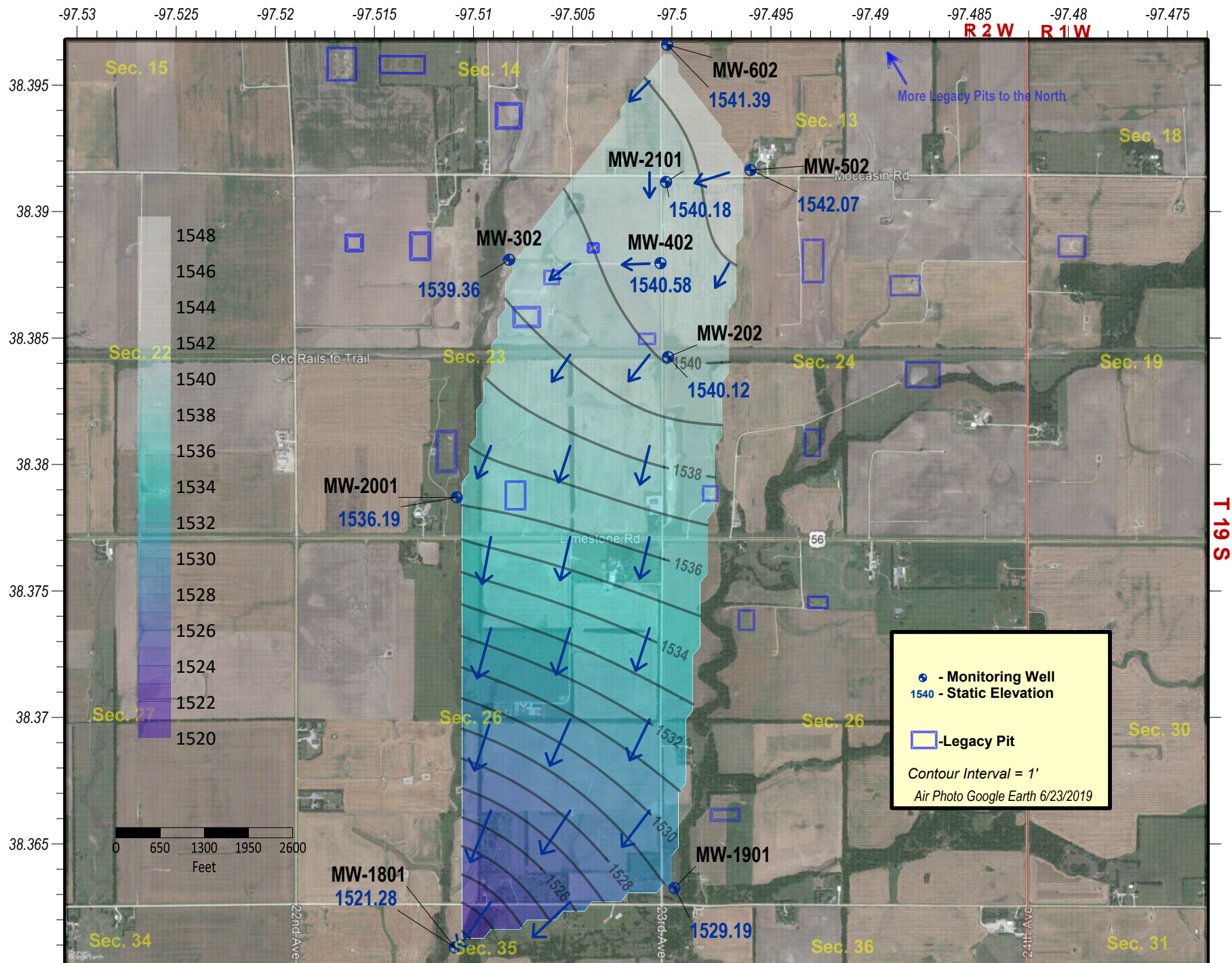
**Recommendation for Future Works:** KCC recommends the continued annual monitoring of the Site as the highest chlorides are still over 20,000 mg/L chlorides. With this high of chloride values, this site is the right candidate for a remedial withdraw system. Unfortunately, it would be a substantial economic expense upfront and for future operation and management. KCC will re-evaluate the monitoring well installation project and look for alternative locations that benefit the chloride investigation. It is unclear if the downgradient plume is related or if more sources are south of the main plume.

**Estimated Total Cost:** Annual sampling and research approximately \$1000. The installation of more monitoring wells would range from \$20,000 to \$30,000. The planning and building of a remedial recovery system could cost over \$250,000, depending on whether a new disposal would have to be drilled, or a good workover candidate could be identified.

Control No.	Staff Hours/Expenditures	Fund Expenditures	
		FY 2020/21	Total
20010033-001	108 Hrs. / \$3,374.77		\$61,303.07
Current Contaminate Level: 50 mg/l Cl <sup>-</sup> MW-2001 to 21,500 mg/l Cl <sup>-</sup> MW-202 (Aquifer)			
Status:			
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4. Long Term Monitoring	<input type="checkbox"/> 5. Remediation Plan	<input type="checkbox"/> 6. Installation	
<input type="checkbox"/> 7. Remediation	<input type="checkbox"/> 8. Post Rem. Monitoring	<input type="checkbox"/> 9. Resolved	







# **Northern Running Turkey Creek Contamination and Monitoring Site - KCC Control #20010033-001**

Multiple sections in Township 19 & 20 South and Range 2 West, McPherson County, Kansas

## **2020 Static Groundwater Levels**

District #2 - Gauged 8/27/2020 - Map Drawn on 9/23/2020 by D. Bollenback

**Project: Selzer -Bitikofer Contamination Site, McPherson County, District 2**

**Site Location:** The Selzer-Bitikofer Site is two miles east and 2 miles south of Canton, McPherson County, Kansas, centered approximately at the corner of Iron Horse Road and 29nd Avenue, in Sections 35 and 36, Township 19 South, Range 1 West, and sections 1 and 2, Township 20 South, Range 1 West. The Selzer-Bitikofer resides in agricultural fields, pastures, and residences.

**Impact/Immediacy:** The site affects West Emma Creek and local groundwater. KCC set the immediacy level of the site as moderate.

**Site Description:** Geologically, the site is located in the far eastern edge of the Lower Arkansas River basin and is characterized by fine-textured soil with a silty clay loam surface and a healthy clay pan development. Sediments at the site consist mainly of unconsolidated Pleistocene deposits of the McPherson Formation (KGS bulletin 79). The immediate area is topographically flat, with slopes ranging from 0-3 percent. Based on the site evaluation to date, the underlying material to a depth of approximately 35 feet was found to consist primarily of stiff clay or sandy clay, overlying fine to coarse sands of varying thickness. The sand member is underlain by an impermeable dense clay layer that is consistent throughout the site. Bedrock in the area consists of the Kiowa Shale Formation and lies approximately 50-70' below the ground surface (KGS Bulletin 79). There are no documented encounters of Bedrock during site activities for verification.

Based on groundwater data from the present site investigation, shallow groundwater is found at depths ranging from approximately 5 to 13 feet below ground surface at the site, and groundwater flow within the surface aquifer is to the south and southwest and nearly west approaching West Emma Creek. The principal water-bearing formation in the subject site area is thin varying thickness unconsolidated sand that lies between clay layers. This sand varies from fine to coarse-grained and pinches off in some locations. Based on information obtained from the Kansas Rural Water Association, the subject site area has access to the Marion Rural Water District (RWD) #4, but not all farms are connected to this service, including the Bitikofer Farm. Based on information obtained from the KGS WWC5 Database, there no public water supply (PWS) wells located within 1-mile from the subject site. There are three domestic wells (Bitikofer, Selzer, and Huebert) located within a ¼-mile from the subject site, but there could be unregistered and other water wells in the area.

**Unusual Problems:** An aggressive withdrawal system could render the local water wells and West Emma Creek dry. There are currently no monitoring wells capable of delineating the multiple plumes.

**Status of Project:** On June 16, 2020, five groundwater monitoring wells (MW-1, MW-5, MW-6, MW-7, and Klaassen East) were gauged and sampled by the KCC field staff. The Klaassen East Well remains damaged by agricultural equipment, MW-3 and MW-4 are broken below ground surface and are no longer viable monitoring wells. All of the Selzer Site monitoring wells were analyzed to be above 500 mg/L chlorides, ranging from 950 to 3,800 mg/L. Chlorides appear to have moved along the gradient in the aquifer. Eastern monitoring wells seemed to have dropped over the last year. MW-7, which is across the creek from the other monitoring wells and the main plume, went up. MW-7 was much higher than last year at 1,500 mg/L chlorides. This value is similar to the actual creek values found. The northern stream sample was 1,750 mg/L, which is the same as in 2019. The southern creek tested 1,750 mg/L, which shows the creek was uniform at the time of sampling. KCC believes the high chlorides in MW-7 are due to the stream being in a losing hydrology stage, unlike the 2019 sampling period, where it was higher and in a gaining stage, and influencing the well.

The Bitikofer House well tested at 200 mg/L chlorides, which is lower than any past sampling. As this household is in the known plume, KCC hopes that this is a new trend. Lower result in the house well could be the continuing results of the periodic heavy rain in the area for 2020, and local geohydrology pushing the plume to the North and West. KCC has put together an initial work plan for additional monitoring wells at the Selzer-Bitikofer site if needed for future work.

**Level of Remediation Sought:**

**Ideal:** 250 mg/l Chloride

**Target:** 500 to 750 mg/l Chloride

**Recommendations for Future Work:** Four monitoring wells are no longer usable at the Selzer site. KCC has started a written scope of work with the installation of multiple monitoring wells and investigatory borings. With drops in chlorides in the eastern wells, including the Bitikofer house well, KCC recommends waiting until the 2021/22 year before finishing the plan and moving forward. If the lowering trend continues, KCC may modify plans for the site. If this trend ends and eastern chloride migration continues, KCC recommends the installation of new monitoring wells to the north and east of the current well matrix. Replacement of internal plume delineation wells would also be warranted. These new wells would be necessary to delineate and predict the future for the chloride migration at the Selzer Site. A deep soil boring down to the Kiowa Shale



would be beneficial to increase our knowledge of the local geology. There are some historical oil and gas wells in section 36, north of the site, which could be uncovered and investigated for plug integrity.

**Estimated Total Cost:** If additional monitoring wells are installed, the cost could be as high as \$20,000 to \$40,000 depending on the number of new wells. Continued monitoring would cost from \$1,000-1,200. Plugging old monitoring wells would cost \$1500-2000.

Control No.	Staff Hours/Expenditures	Fund Expenditures	
		FY 2020/21	Total
970093-00	11.5 Hrs. / \$336.34		\$12,133.50
<b>Current Contaminate Level: 200mg/l (MW-7) to 3800 mg/l Cl (Klaassen East)</b>			
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-97.405

-97.4

-97.395

-97.39

-97.385

-97.38

### Legend

MW-1 -Well Name

● -Monitoring Well

250 -Chloride Level (mg/L)

■ -Surface Water Sample

Contour Interval = 500 mg/L

38.345

38.34

38.335

38.33

North Creek  
1700 mg/L

2

1

Klassen West

Klassen East

MW-6  
1200

MW-5  
950

MW-4

MW-3

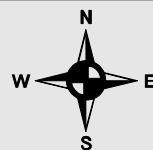
MW-1  
1700

House Well  
200

Bitikoff Farm

Selzer Dairy

South Creek  
1600 mg/L



### Seltzer-Bitikoff Brine Contamination Site

Sections 1 and 2 of Township 20 South and Range 1 West, McPherson County, Kansas

### 2020 Chloride Levels

KCC Project Code #970093-00 - KCC District #2 Field Office - Wells Sampled on 6/18/2020 - Map Drawn on 9/10/2020 by D.Bollenback



-97.405

-97.4

-97.395

-97.39

-97.385

-97.38

### Legend

MW-1 -Well Name

● -Monitoring Well

● -Proposed Monitoring Well

38.345

38.34

38.335

38.33

MW-7

PMW-7

2

PMW-6

MW-3

Broken

PMW-4

MW-4

MW-1

Broken

PMW-3

MW-5

MW-6

Klassen West  
Broken

Bitikoffer Farm

House Well

PMW-8

Wagner #1

Wenger #1

Wenger #1

Bitikofer #1

Bitikofer #1

Bitikofer #2

Klassen East

PMW-5

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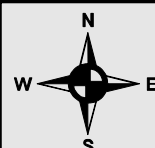
Voth #3

PMW-2

PMW-1

Bitikofer #1

Selzer Dairy



### Seltzer-Bitikoffer Brine Contamination Site

Sections 1 and 2 of Township 20 South and Range 1 West, McPherson County, Kansas

### 2020 Proposed New Monitoring Wells

KCC Project Code #970093-00 - KCC District #2 Field Office - Map Drawn on 9/10/2020 by D.Bollenback

## **Project: Voshell Site, McPherson County, District 2**

**Site Location:** The Voshell site includes a portion of the Voshell Oil Field and a large area between Elyria and Moundridge, Kansas. Parts of Townships 20 and 21 South and Ranges 2 and 3 West are within the Site boundaries.

**Impact/Immediacy:** Impact is on the shallow Equus Beds underlying the Voshell Oil Field, which has been affected by elevated chloride levels. Resources impacted include domestic and irrigation wells. The site is classified as a moderate immediacy level.

**Site Description:** The land surface is flat irrigated farmland, which is dissected by Dry Turkey Creek and Running Turkey Creek. The aquifer ranges in thickness from eighty feet in the east of the site area to approximately two hundred feet in the west. The relatively thick McPherson channel axis can be mapped from the center of Section 31, T21S, R3W to the NW corner of Section 19 to the center of Section 5, and then northward from that point. The aquifer appears to contain several aquitards, which may or may not be continuous throughout the area. In May of 2004, a cooperative agreement between the Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC) and the Equus Beds Groundwater Management District No. 2 (GMD 2) was entered into for the drilling of 10 groundwater monitoring wells in the Voshell oil field. The GMD 2 is responsible for water sampling and providing water quality data to the KCC regarding those wells. The initial seven wells were drilled north to south through the project area and were drilled down to the Wellington shale bedrock. Approximately 21 wells associated with the Running Turkey Creek site monitored by the KCC have been moved under the Voshell site's control number since 2012.

**Unusual Problems:** Movement of the chloride plume toward irrigation wells can be somewhat accelerated by the effect of extensive irrigation well pumping. The plumes will continue to migrate toward the McPherson channel located to the west of the Voshell Oil Field. New irrigations wells are drilled every year in the immediate area and can cause the plumes' erratic hydraulic movements.

### **Status of the Project:**

The Voshell wells were sampled by KCC staff on August 27<sup>th</sup> and September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020. The known plumes appear historically to be slowly moving to the southwest. The KCC has been performing water record research into the area west of the site since 2014. New irrigation wells are being drilled nearly every year. The western monitoring wells, EB-307, EB-308, and EB-310, have risen in chloride levels since 2019. EB-310 was tested at 600 mg/L more than last year. The northern area of the site has been stable over the past year. The northeastern wells are shallower than the southwestern region of the site and are most likely affected by precipitation quicker with the influx of freshwater potentially moving chloride impacted water down gradient. One of these wells in the northeastern region of the site, MW-901, increased by 450 mg/L to 850 mg/L in 2020. Historically MW-901 has ranged between 400 to 450 mg/L. There was a continued drop in chlorides at the highest chloride well (MW-1502). MW-1502 has dropped by -1500 mg/L over the last two years and is located in the southern region of the site.

Hydrological data shows the overall groundwater movement to the west-southwest. KCC does not have any data west of the western line of MW wells to evaluate plume migration past the EB wells. KCC noted during sampling of MW-301 that the irrigation well across the road was actively pumping. Static in the monitoring well shows multiple feet of drawdown when the KCC began annual hydrologic mapping. The nearby well's noted influence confirms the idea that irrigation wells could potentially pull chlorides in wells as deep as 150' below ground surface.

### **Level of Remediation Sought:**

**Ideal:** 250 ppm Chloride

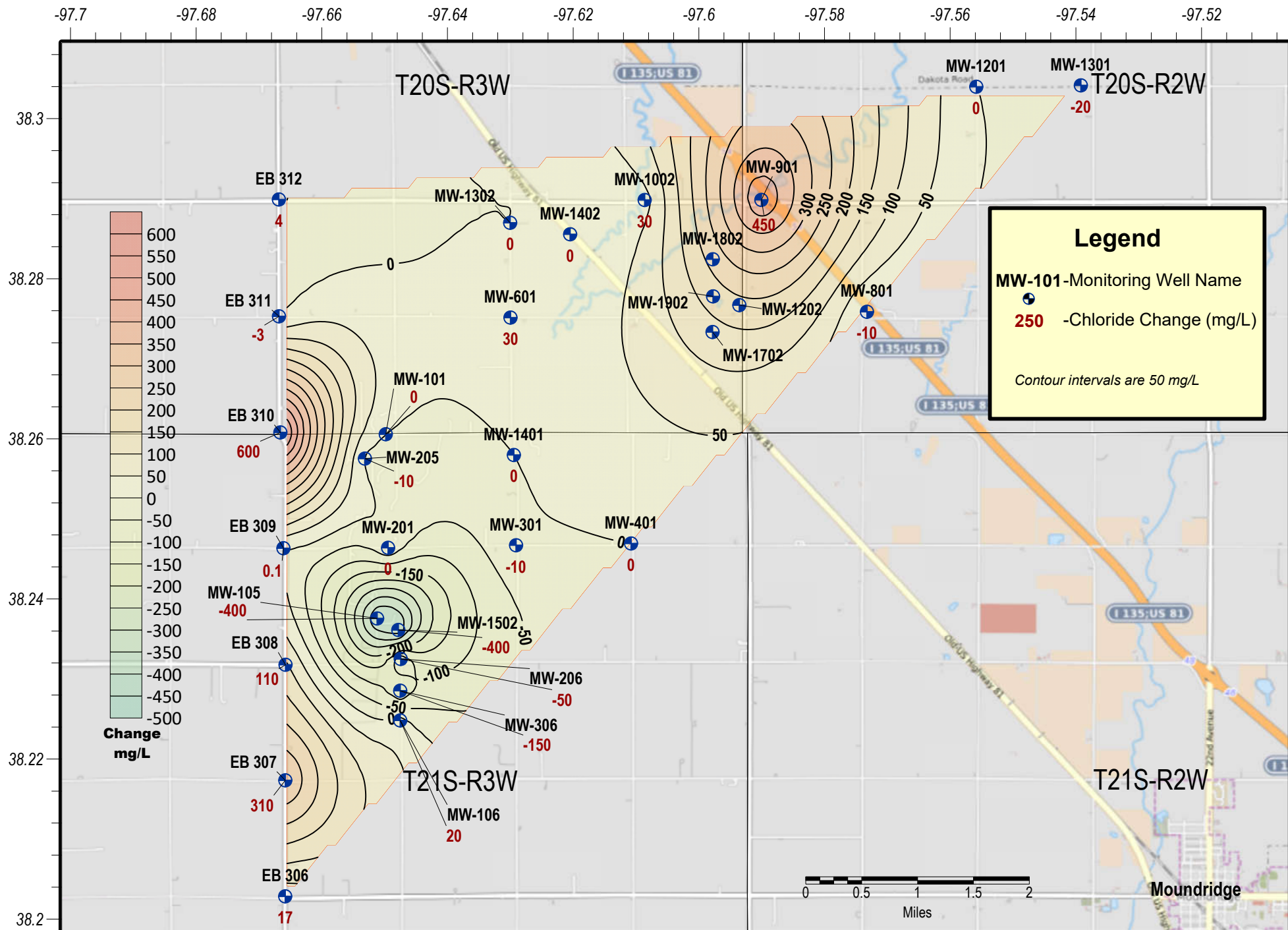
**Target:** 500 ppm Chloride

**Recommendation for Future Work:** KCC has discussed with GMD #2 about adding additional monitoring wells on the west edge of the site. With increasing chlorides in some of the EB wells, adding additional monitoring wells is becoming increasingly critical. Some plume delineating within the site boundaries is also recommended, especially around known high chloride plumes. KCC plans to investigate further the EB well increases and MW-901 in 2021. KCC will continue to sample the Voshell monitoring wells and fund the sampling of the GMD2 EB monitoring wells. KCC could put together a multiple well installation scope of work to help in identifying and/or delineating the western increased chloride trend. A remedial system maybe an option in the southern plume, but installation costs would be very high. Due to the large presence of irrigation wells west and downgradient of the known plumes, KCC recommends increasing the immediacy level of this site to high

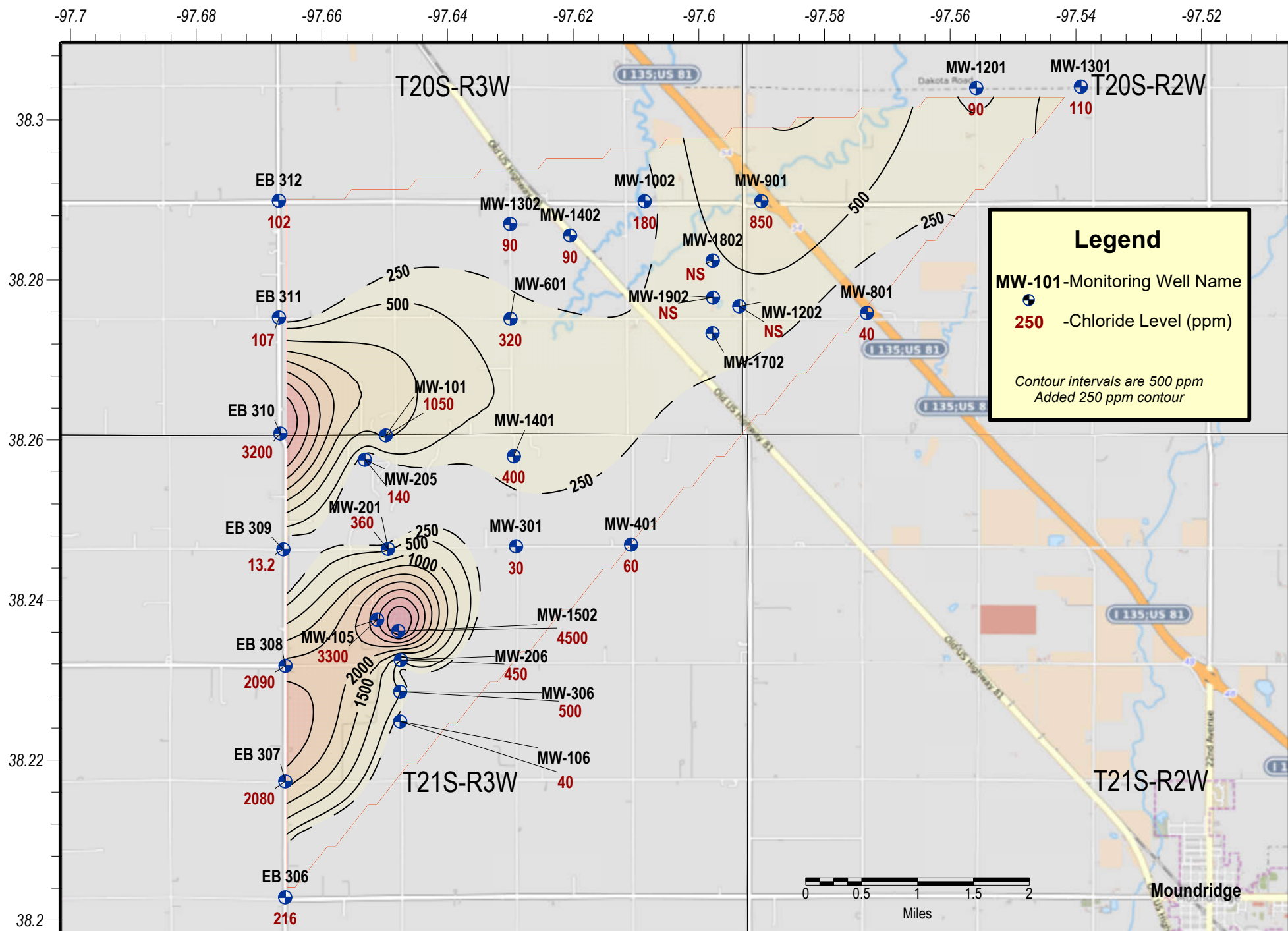


**Estimated Total Costs:** The cost of funding fieldwork on sampling should be approximately \$700-1000. Office research into the expansion of the monitoring well network will cost in staff time only. KCC believes a cost estimate of 20,000-50,000 dollars will be needed to install new monitoring wells to delineate the site depending on the number of wells to be installed. Remedial system installation could cost over \$350,000 for a disposal well and system install.

Control No.	Staff Hours/Expenditures	Fund Expenditures	
		FY 2020/21	Total
20030059-001	21 Hrs. / \$605.38	\$302.12	\$21,087.31
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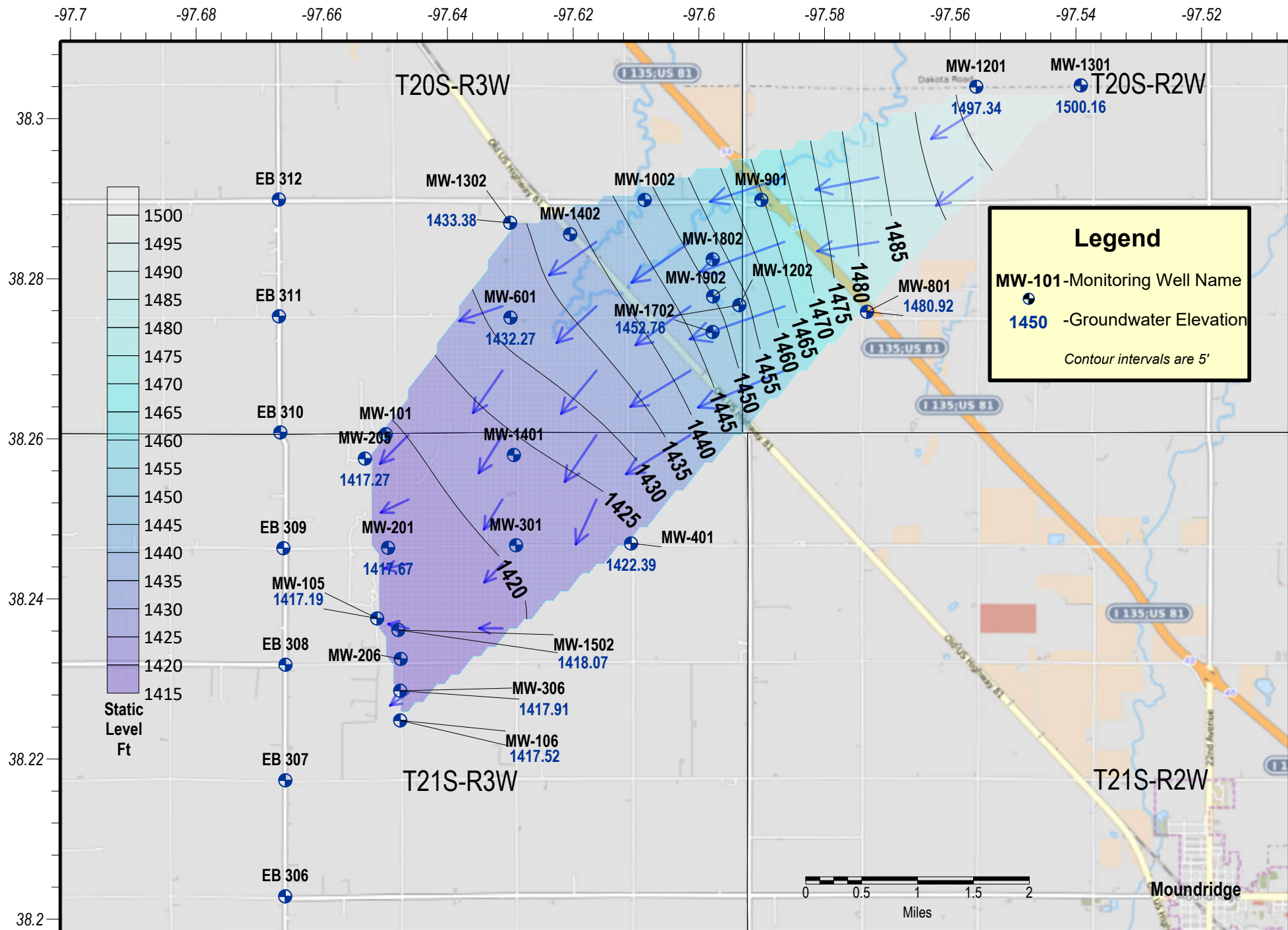


### Voshell Contamination Site

Multiple Section of Townships 20 & 21 South and Range 2 & 3 West, McPherson County, Kansas

### 2020 Groundwater Chloride Level Map

District #2 - Control Number #20030059-001 - Sampled on 8/26/20 & 9/1/2020 - Drawn on 9/17/20 by D.Bollenback



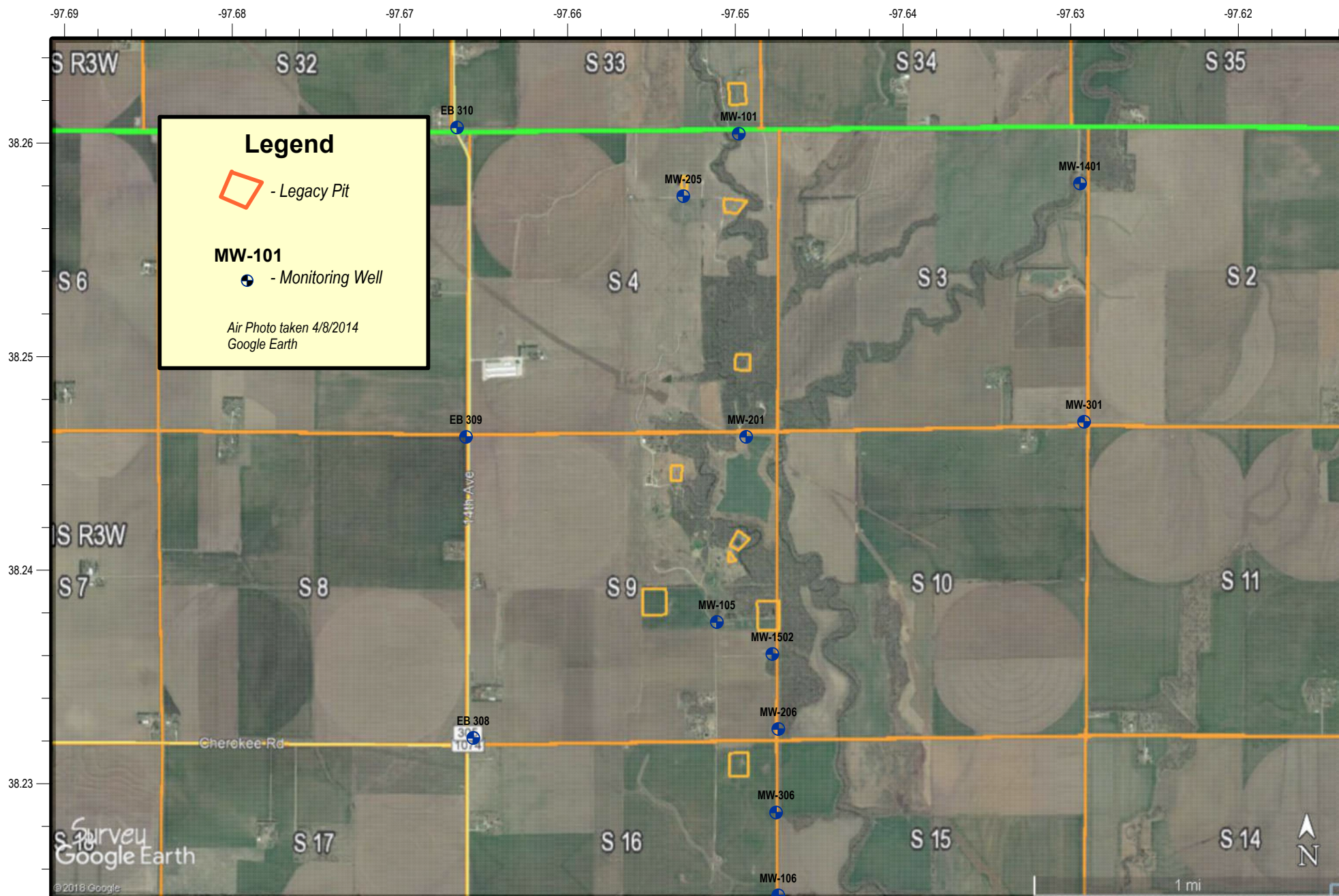
### Voshell Contamination Site

Multiple Section of Townships 20 & 21 South and Range 2 & 3 West, McPherson County, Kansas


### 2020 Groundwater Elevation Map

District #2 - Control Number #20030059-001 - Gauged on 8/26/2020 & 9/1/2020 - Drawn on 9/17/2020 by D.Bollenback






**Legend**

 - Legacy Pit

**MW-101**

 - Monitoring Well

*Air Photo taken 4/8/2014  
Google Earth*



**Voshell Contamination Site**

Multiple Section of Townships 20 & 21 South and Range 3 West, McPherson County, Kansas

**Legacy Pits Location Map spotted using Historical Air Photos**

*District #2 - Control Number #20030059-001 - Drawn on 10/22/18 by D.Bollenback*

**Project:** *Fowler Contamination Site, Montgomery County, District 3*

**Site Location:** NE/4 of Section 19, Township 32 South, Range 14 East, Montgomery County

**Impact/Immediacy:** Impact is to the soil. The immediacy is rated as low.

**Site Description:** Site is located below an old three-cell storage/settling pond.

**Unusual Problems:** Access to dependable sample locations and lack of monitoring wells.

**Status of Project:** Monitoring of small creek running through project area. The Fowler lease was approved for a Fee Fund Project in the fall of 2000. Approximately 112 wells were plugged in 2001. Surface water samples were collected in 2020 on 9/2/2020 and 9/11/2020. The surface sample from Location 1 tested 400 ppm Cl- and the sample from Location 2 tested 50 ppm Cl-. Brine impacted areas continue to show significant improvement of vegetative growth as shown on 2019 aerial imagery (Most current available).

**Level of Remediation Sought:**

**Ideal:** 200 ppm Chloride

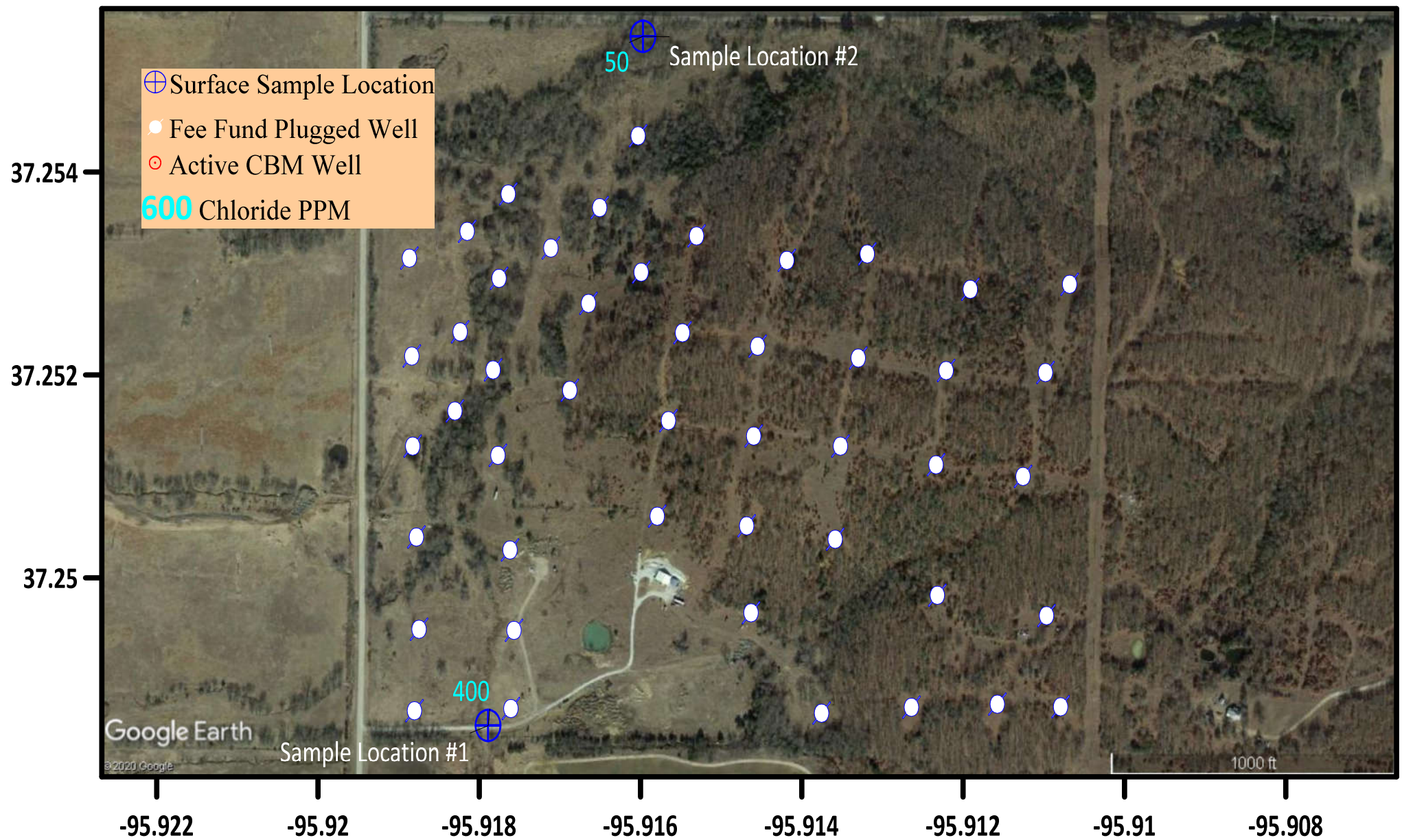
**Target:** 300 ppm Chloride

**Recommendation for Future Work:** Future work on this site will consist of post remediation monitoring. Brine impacted area below old 3 cell storage pit has successfully been remediated and landowner has filled the eastern third with construction debris consisting of soil, rock, and asphalt.

**Estimated Total Costs:** Monitoring cost approximately \$1,500.00 per year.

Control No.	Staff Hours/Expenditures	Fund Expenditures FY 2020/21	Total
970046-00	25.5 Hrs. / \$732.82		
Current Contaminate Level: 50 ppm Cl- to 400 ppm Cl- (2016)			
Status: Active			
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## Fowler Remediation Site

NE 19-T32S-R14E Montgomery County, Kansas

2020 Surface Water Chloride Levels - District #3 Sampled 9/2/2020 & 9/11/2020

Map Drawn on 9/17/2020 by T. Herman

Project 970046-00



**Project: Mantooth Contamination Site, Montgomery County, District 3**

**Site Location:** Section 20 & 29, Township 33 South, Range 14 East, Montgomery County.

**Impact/Immediacy:** Impact is to surface water and groundwater. The immediacy level is rated as moderate.

**Site Description:** The initial investigation began in May of 1996 by personnel from the Chanute Office, in response to a complaint of brine in Deer Creek. At that time the site consisted of an abandoned oil lease with as many as 41 abandoned well locations, some of which were leaking brine at or near the surface and effecting both surface water and groundwater resources. The site is situated immediately north of Deer Creek, a tributary of the Caney River in the Verdigris River Basin. In the spring of 1999 funds were approved for the excavation of abandoned well sites on this property. During that investigation 25 abandoned wells were confirmed and referenced by GPS.

**Unusual Problems:** Lack of detailed lease data concerning the number and location of wells drilled in the area is a significant problem in properly and completely assessing potential contaminate source areas for this site. However, to date there have been 25 wells plugged in 1999 and an additional 10 wells in 2013. There are also several potential sources being investigated outside the physical lease boundaries of this site.

**Status of Project:** The Primary Fee Fund Project for this site was completed in the summer of 2000. Twenty-five abandoned wells were plugged. In 2012 the area of interest was expanded resulting in the discovery and plugging of an additional 10 wells in 2013. Data gathered from the well plugging operations and monitoring well sampling indicates that the source of the salt water plume is most likely located in the south half of the project. Leases immediately bordering this site are being inventoried and referenced by GPS to identify further environmental threats outside the original area of concern. The overall Cl<sup>-</sup> concentrations are still trending down, but MWE 04 continues to show noticeable fluctuations in Cl<sup>-</sup> concentration ranges. Six additional monitoring wells were completed in early 2012 to further evaluate the extent and to help determine the possible brine source. The following are the Cl<sup>-</sup> concentrations of this year's sampling taken on: **9/3/2020**

**MWE 01:** 4,200 ppm Cl<sup>-</sup>

**MWE 02:** 1,700 ppm Cl<sup>-</sup>

**MWE 03:** 3,300 ppm Cl<sup>-</sup>

**MWE 04:** 7,900 ppm Cl<sup>-</sup>

**MWE 05:** 500 ppm Cl<sup>-</sup>

**MWE 06:** 500 ppm Cl<sup>-</sup>

**MWE07:** 600 ppm Cl<sup>-</sup>

**Level of Remediation Sought:**

**Ideal:** Less than 250 ppm Chloride

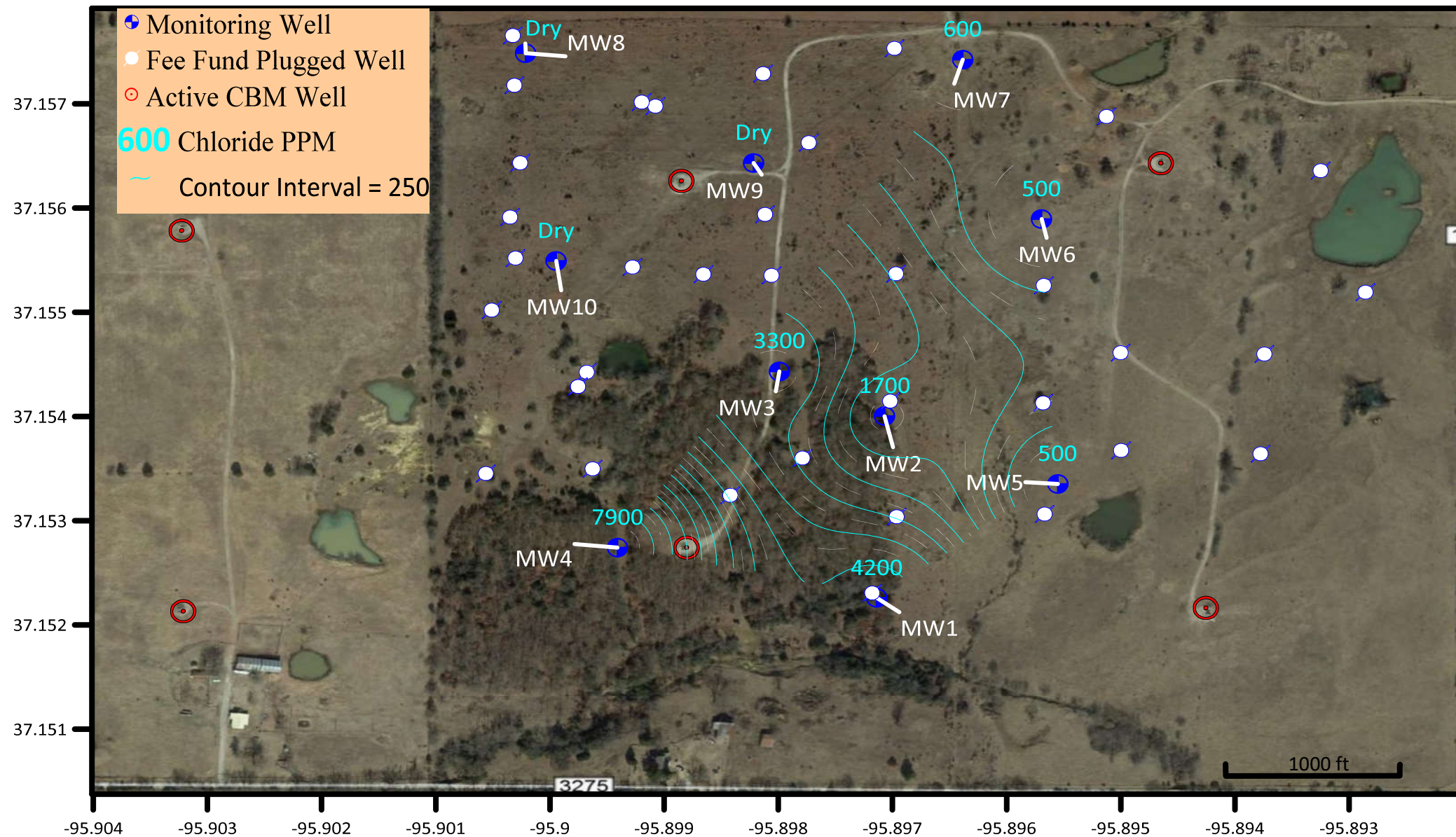
**Target:** 500 ppm Chloride

**Recommendation for Future Work:** Continue monitoring in order to verify whether plugging of the existing abandoned wells eliminates the current source of saltwater contamination within the ground and surface water in the project area. Future work will be based upon the results of the sample analysis of the monitoring wells and Deer Creek. There have been 20 new CBM wells and associated SWD wells drilled in the last few years in sections 20 & 29. The new ability to download and overlay historic aerial imagery will be utilized to help identify undocumented well locations within and near the site boundary. Numerous possible well locations that are referenced on a recently discovered historical lease map of the site area will be investigated in the following year.

**Estimated Total Costs:** Fee Fund Plugging of 10 abandoned wells cost \$77,926.

Control No.	Staff Hours/Expenditures	Fund Expenditures FY 2020/21	Total
980058-001	26 Hrs. / \$746.98		\$17,349.00
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## Mantooth Remediation Site

Sec 20 & 29-T33S-R14E Montgomery County, Kansas

2020 Groundwater Chloride Levels - District #3 Sampled 9/2/2020

Map Drawn on 9/3/2020 by T. Herman

Project 980058-001



**Project: *Smith Finn Contamination Site, Morton County, District 1***

**Site Location:** Legal location is SE/4 of Section 8 Township 34 South, Range 43 West, in Morton County.

**Impact/Immediacy:** The impact is to a house domestic well, which has exhibited high chloride levels. The original PRP (Anadarko) drilled a new domestic well in January of 1989. This site has a moderate immediacy level.

**Site Description:** The project consists of a localized pollution of the groundwater in the Ogallala Formation. The area is on the south edge of the high plains as the terrain begins to break downward to the Cimarron River valley, which is located one and one-half miles to the south.

**Unusual Problems:** The threat of contaminated groundwater moving from the Smith-Finn property to land owned by the BLM. Multiple sand layers with different levels of contamination.

**Status of Project:** On June 25, 2019 the Smith disposal well failed MIT and was plugged. PRP hired a new consulting company. The new consultants have maintained quarterly sampling and the site did not rebound effectively after pumping was shut down. Ground water modeling was done to support the thought that pumping of the site is the most effective way to remediate the site.

**Level of Remediation Sought:**

**Ideal:** 250 ppm Chloride

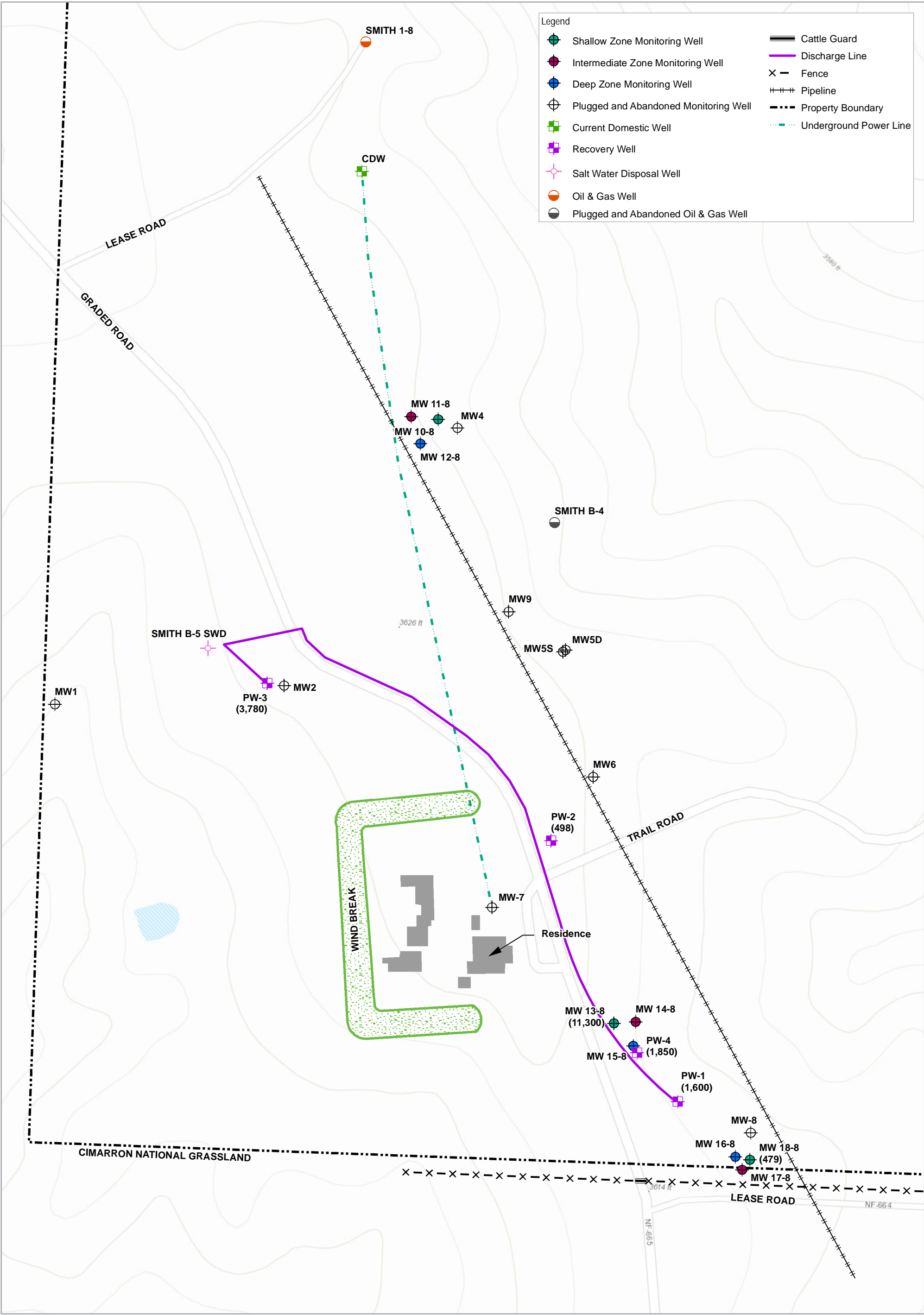
**Target:** 500 ppm Chloride

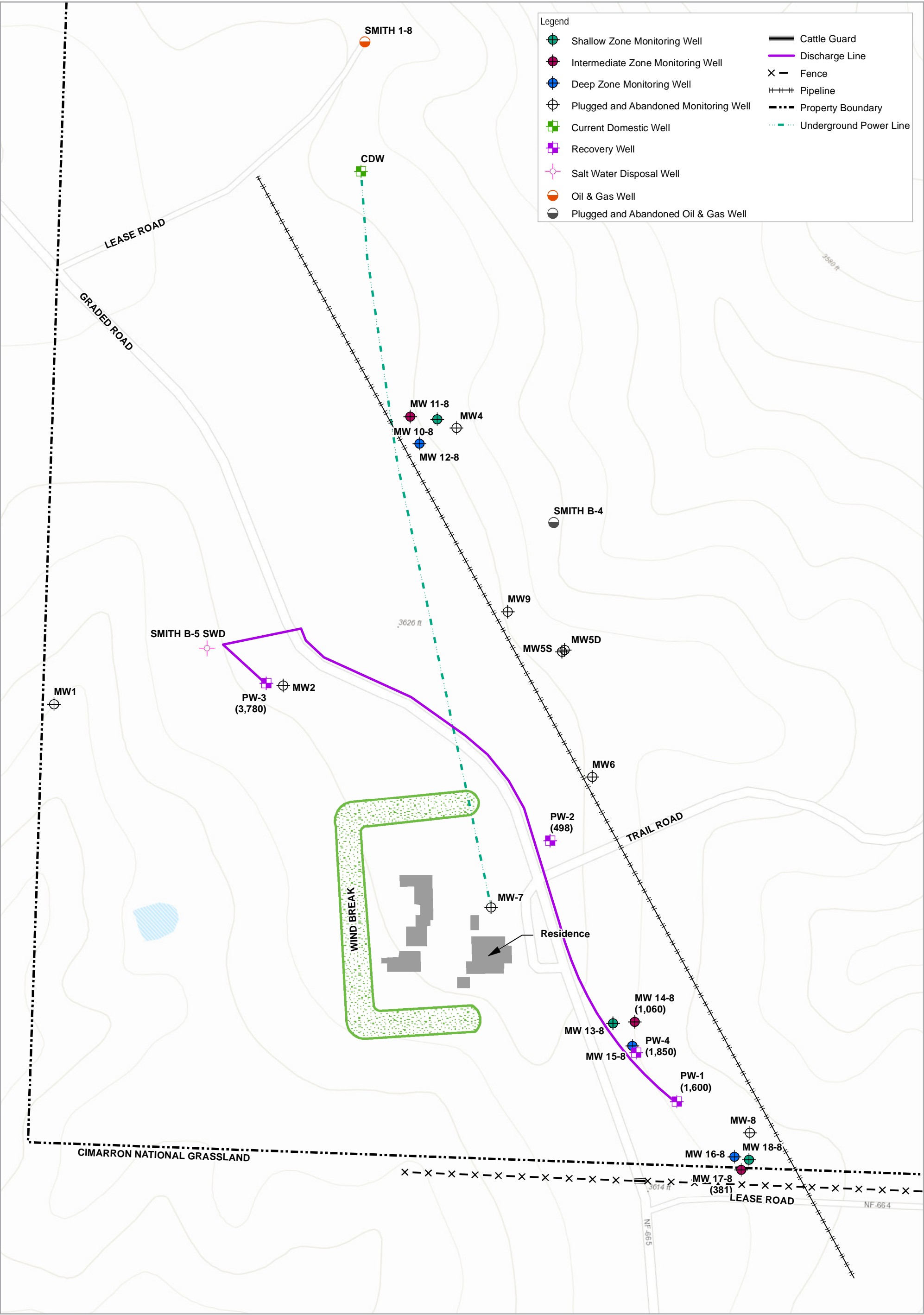
**Recommendation for Future Work:** PRP will wash down a plugged gas well to recomplete as a new disposal well and pumping will be started again. Continue to analyze sampling data to maximize remediation efforts.

**Estimated Total Costs:** \$200,000 for RP.

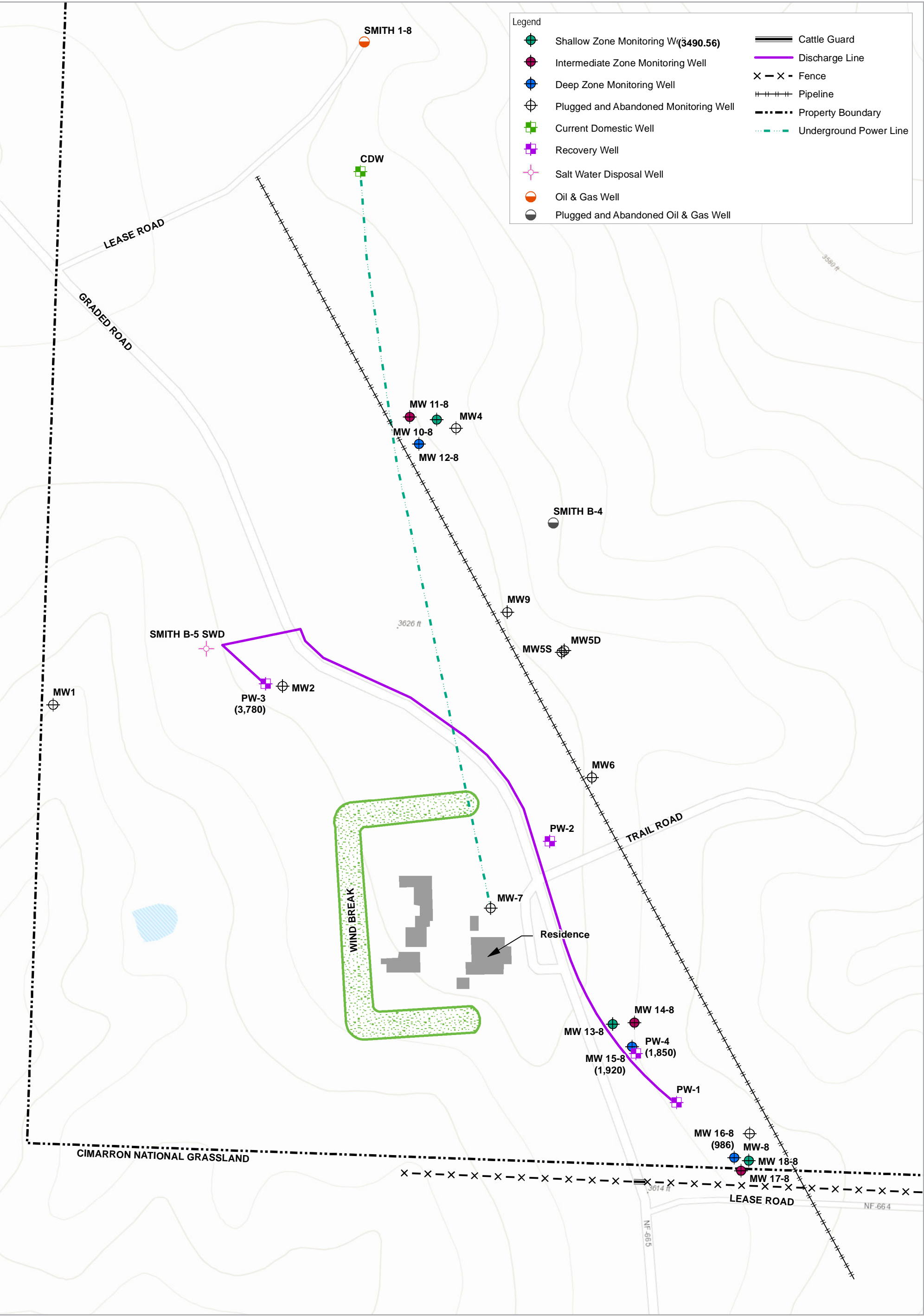
Control No.	Staff Hours/Expenditures	Fund Expenditures FY 2020/21	Total
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**Project: Brazil Contamination Site, Neosho County, District 3**

**Site Location:** Section 27, Township 28 South, Range 18 East, Neosho County.

**Impact/Immediacy:** Chloride contamination at this site has verified impacts to both surface water and soil resources with a strong potential for ongoing impact to groundwater resources. The immediacy level is rated as low to moderate for water resources and low to moderate for soil resources.

**Site Description:** The site consisted of an abandoned oil lease with 30 abandoned wells. Surface runoff over areas of past brine spillage and near surface leakage from abandoned wells is affecting both surface water and soil resources. The surface drainage through this lease is a minor tributary to the Neosho River, which is a public water supply source.

**Unusual Problems:** None.

**Status of Project:** The Fee Fund Plugging Project for this lease was completed in early spring of 1999. Twenty-three wells were plugged while seven of the wells were determined to already have been plugged. River Rock Operating is the current Operator of the CBM wells. Post Rock (previous Operator) plugged an additional break out well in 2006. Four new monitoring wells were constructed in early 2012. These wells were specifically located to further determine the extent and possible source area of the chlorides impacting the area groundwater and surface soils. This property was leased by Post Rock and seven new gas wells have been drilled in this section since 2006. Two additional surface casing only wells cut off below surface were discovered in 2016. The following sample results were obtained this year on: 9/8/2020: Well BRA1; 800 ppm Cl-; Well BRA2; 1,100 ppm Cl-; Well BRA3; 400 ppm Cl-; Well BRA4; 1,700 ppm Cl-;

Overall CL- concentrations continue to fluctuate within a  $\pm 900$  ppm Cl- range.

**Level of Remediation Sought:**

**Ideal:** 250 ppm Chloride

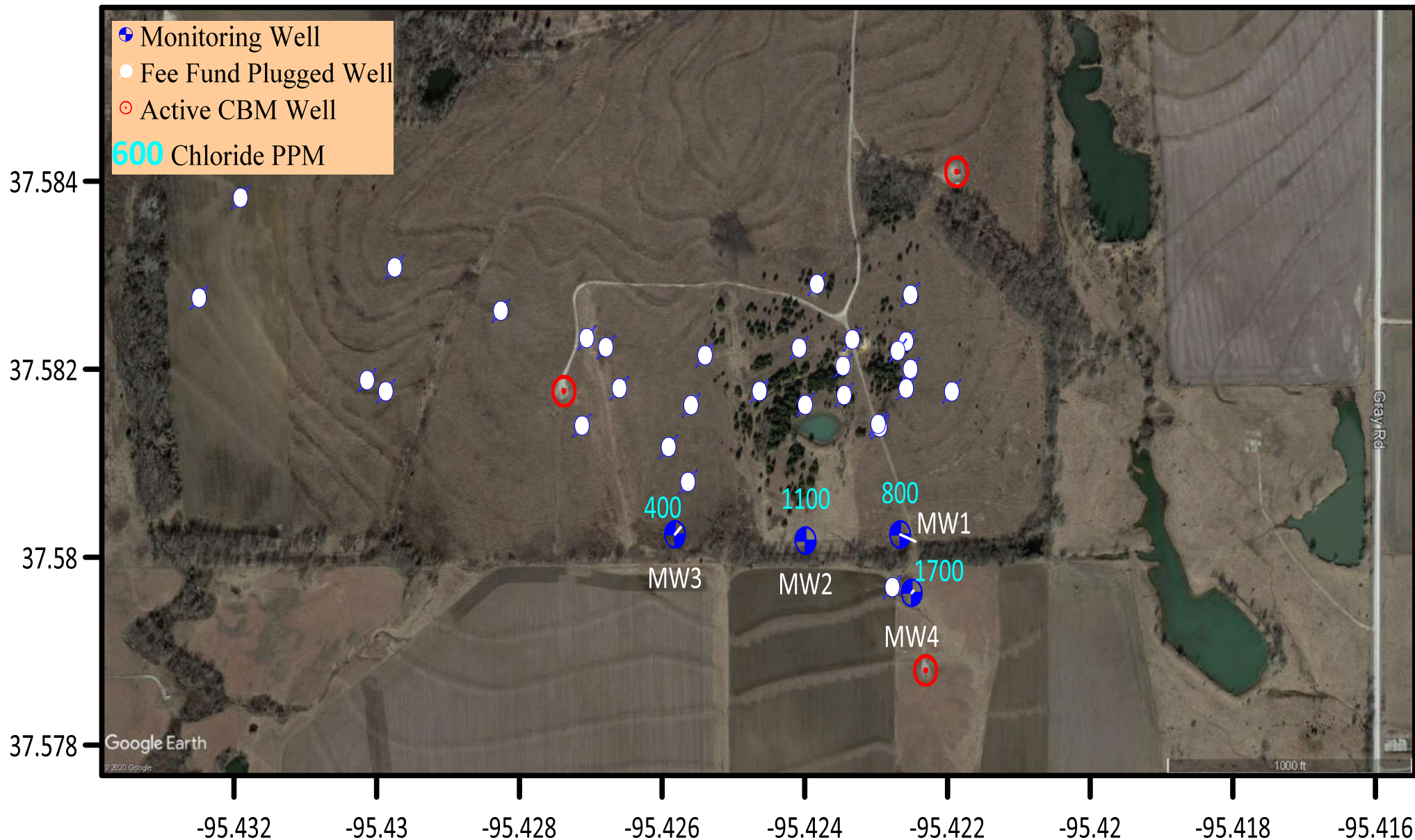
**Target:** 500 ppm Chloride

**Recommendation for Future Work:** Future work at the site will include correlation of KGS well information with data collected from monitoring wells, google earth imagery, historical documents and focused metal detector surveys. The sampling of constructed monitoring wells will continue and possible construction of additional monitoring wells may be necessary. Additional field work will be performed to locate possible unplugged abandoned wells or old wells in which the initial plugs have failed along with utilizing the new ability to download and overlay historic aerial imagery. This information will assist in determining the location and extent of the brine impact.

**Estimated Total Cost:** Plugging cost for this site totaled \$57697.10. Monitoring Well Construction completed in early 2012 totaled \$8,196.00.

Control No.	Staff Hours/Expenditures	Fund Expenditures FY 2020/21	Total
990040-001	41.5 Hrs. / \$1,185.94		\$10,791.18
<b>Current Contaminate Level: 400 ppm to 1,700 ppm Cl-</b>			
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## Brazil Remediation Site

E1/2 27-T28S-R18E Neosho County, Kansas

2020 Groundwater Chloride Levels - District #3 Sampled 9/8/2020

Map Drawn on 9/11/2020 by T. Herman

Project 990040-001



**Project:** *Enoch Thompson Contamination Site, Pawnee County, District 1*

**Site Location:** Legal location is NW/4 Section 17, Township 21 South, Range 20 West, Pawnee County.

**Impact/Immediacy:** Stock well was damaged by chlorides from a line leak found near the SWDW. An irrigation well is located to the southwest of the site in the direction of the plume flow. Potential responsible parties drilled one recovery well and a replacement stock well in October 1988, thereafter the chlorides of which dropped through the years. The site is rated moderate to low in immediacy.

**Site Description:** The contamination is confined to a narrow alluvial scour channel filled with sandy gravel and silty clay. The high concentrate of brine water moved from the source area in the north to the south and contaminated Mr. Thompson's stock well.

**Unusual Problems:** None.

**Status of Project:** Four groundwater samples were collected in 2020. Chloride levels across the board have seen a decrease. The recovery system has been down since 2003 following P&A of the disposal well due to wellbore problems. KDHE-1, which has historically been the highest in terms of chlorides, was destroyed December 2003. The chloride plume continues to be localized in a relatively small area of alluvial scour between the recovery well and the plugged disposal well. It is unlikely that without the recovery well operational, the site will see any significant change in chlorides.

**Level of Remediation Sought:**

**Ideal:** 250 ppm Chloride

**Target:** 1000 ppm Chloride

**Recommendation for Future Work:** Continue groundwater sampling on an annual basis to monitor movement of chloride plume through the area. Should a disposal well be drilled nearby, the feasibility of restarting the recovery well should be evaluated.

**Estimated Total Cost:** \$500 for yearly sampling.

Control No.	Staff Hours/Expenditures	Fund Expenditures
970044-00		FY 2020/21    Total
	9.5 Hrs. / \$264.98	
Current Contaminate Level: 90 ppm Cl- to 2500 ppm Cl-		
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### Legend and Comments

**250** - Chloride Concentration (mg/L)

⊕ - Monitoring Well

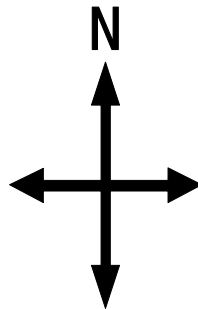
**MW-1** - Well Number

*Wells sampled 6/8/2020*

180 feet

Google earth

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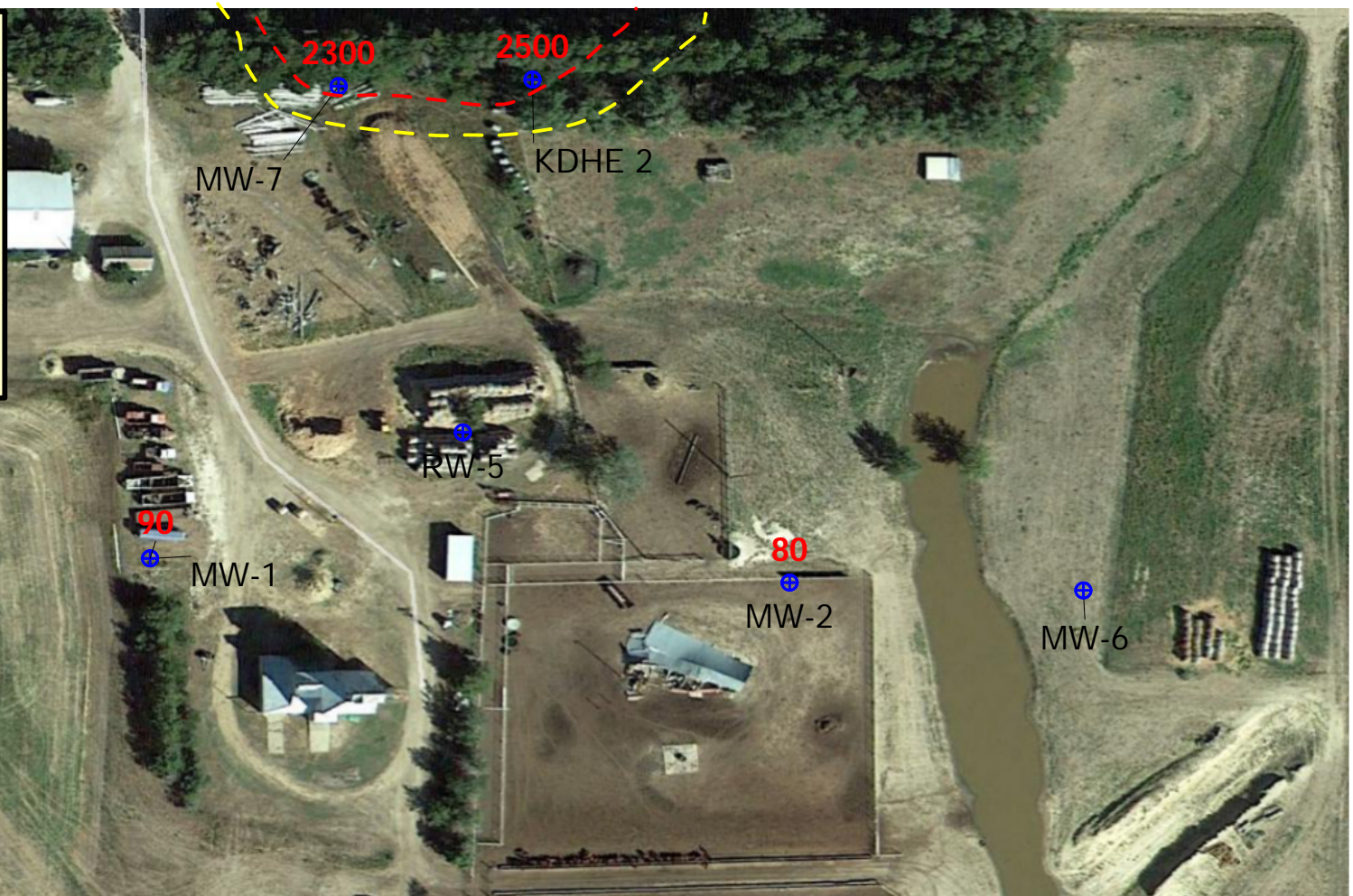


## Enoch Thompson Site

Section 17-T21S-R20W  
Pawnee County, Kansas

### 2020 Area Map with Chlorides

KCC Control # 970044-00 District 1  
K. Sullivan 9/3/2020



**Project: Macksville Contamination Site, Pawnee County, District 1**

**Site Location:** Legal location of the site is in the S/2 SW Section 30, Township 23 South, Range 15 West, in Pawnee County.

**Impact/Immediacy:** An irrigation well is located in the NE/4 of this section which is in direct line with the natural flow of the groundwater. A new irrigation well was drilled and is being used to irrigate corn. Sampling shows that while the water in the well has been impacted, the water is below drinking water standards. The sinkhole itself seems to be growing to the north. Immediacy level is rated at Moderate-High due to the growing sinkhole.

**Site Description:** A sinkhole developed around an abandoned salt-water disposal well on July 21, 1988. Brine from the old well and possibly other sources entered the fresh water aquifer. The aquifer consists of sand and gravel overlying the Wellington Formation of Permian age. The salt-water plume is being monitored by six wells. The plume is moving to the northeast from the sinkhole area towards an irrigation well.

**Unusual Problems:** Ground usage is lost over several acres due to the development of the sink. The depression is still increasing in size.

**Status of Project:** Samples were collected from six monitoring wells and the pond in 2020. Chlorides overall remained consistent with the 2019 event. Chlorides at this site are below ideal water level standards in all wells except four. Overall, the chlorides at this site have been steadily declining due to natural attenuation, but will likely remain elevated over background chlorides due to the higher chlorides that still reside in the pond formed by the sink, which are at 1,200ppm a slight decrease from last year. The only recovery well that is operational on this site is #1, and it is outside of the fugitive plume that is found in MW-16d.

**Level of Remediation Sought:**

**Ideal:** 250 ppm Chloride

**Target:** 300 ppm Chloride

**Recommendations for Future Work:** Chlorides, overall, have been stable for several years with a couple exceptions. Since only one well currently remain above the usable water standards it is recommended to begin plugging a majority of the wells at the site, starting with well in the Southwest quarter, and working back towards the fleeting plume. The feasibility of purchasing a new pump to drain the pond will be considered. The site should also continue to be surveyed on an annual basis to track the current rate of subsidence.

**Estimated Total Cost:** Costs to plug the wells have not yet been explored.

Control No.	Staff Hours/Expenditures	Fund Expenditures	
		FY 2020/21	Total
970066-00	11.5 Hrs. / \$359.25	\$1,714.13	\$88,090.65
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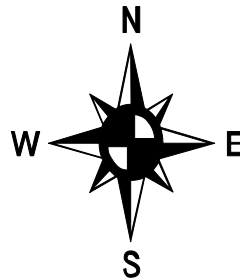
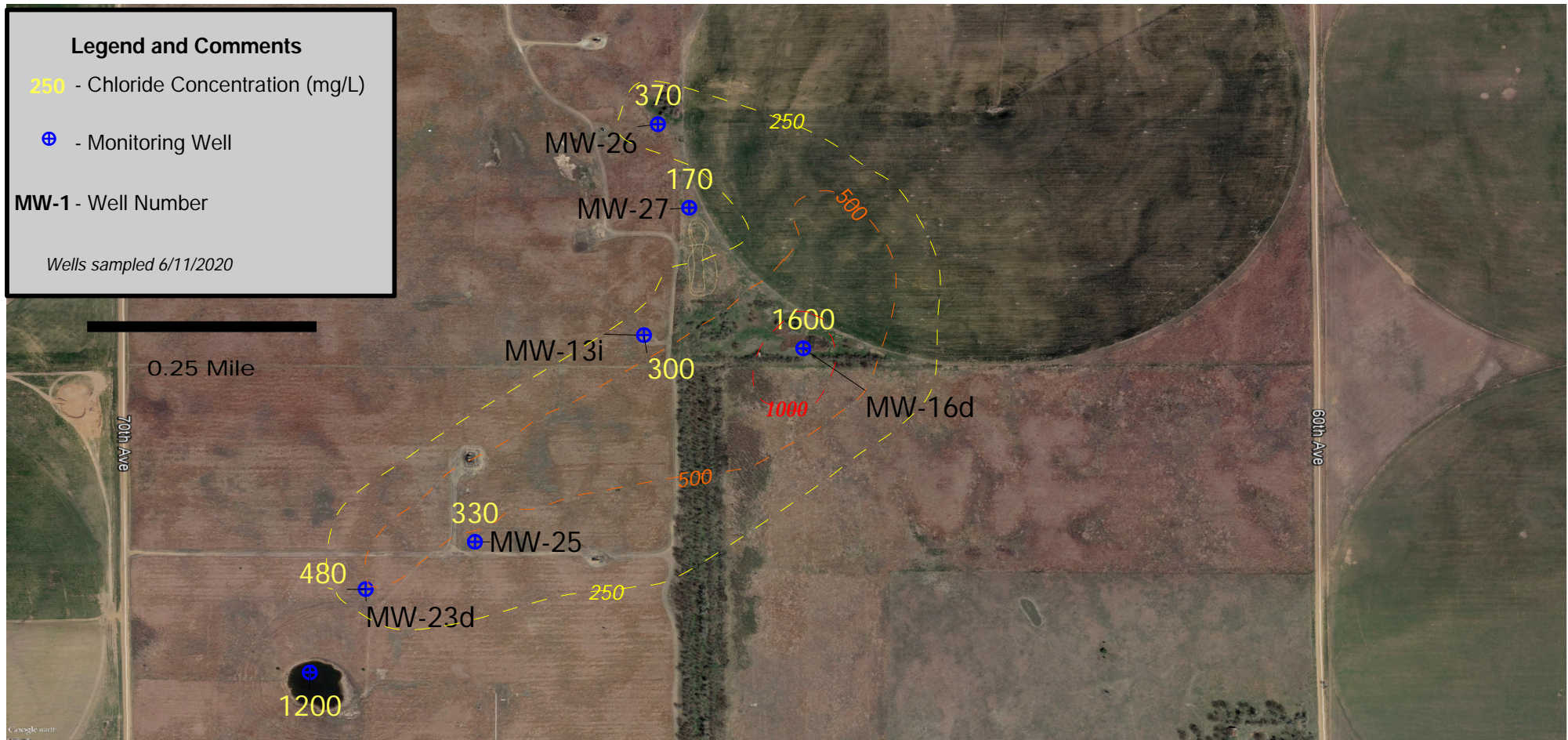
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250 - Chloride Concentration (mg/L)

⊕ - Monitoring Well

MW-1 - Well Number

Wells sampled 6/11/2020



**Macksville Site**  
Section 30-T-23S-R15W  
Pawnee County, Kansas  
**2020 Area Map with Chlorides**  
KCC Control # 970066-00 District 1  
K. Sullivan 9/3/2020

**Project: Arlington Site, Reno County, District 2**

**Site Location:** The site is located approximately 5 miles west and 1 mile south of Arlington, Kansas. The brine spill, which was the source of the contamination at this site, took place on the Henson lease located in the NE/4 of Section 14, Township 25 South, Range 9 West, of Reno County. Rama Operating Company is the Primary Responsible Party and past operator of the Henson lease. The Henson lease was plugged and abandoned in 2009.

**Impact/Immediacy:** There are impacts on both soil and groundwater locally as a result of a massive saltwater line leak that occurred in August of 2000. Initially, the spill impacted irrigation wells in the SE/4 of Section 11 and a domestic well on the lease in late 2001. The original domestic well was plugged, and a new one drilled at a different location. The irrigation well in section 11 was taken out of use for several seasons, allowing the saltwater plume to migrate back to the Southeast and where there had been a remediation system installed in the NE/4 of Section 14. This site has a moderate immediacy level.

**Site Description:** The south half of section 11 and northwestern section 13 is cultivated farmland with various crops grown. There is circle irrigation in both the SW/4 of section 11 and the northwest of section 13. The Irrigation system in the SE of Section 11 has been removed. The north half of section 14 is in CRP, and the topography is relatively flat, with only eleven feet of total relief across the area. The subsurface strata consist of 3 to 4 feet of topsoil and brown clay grading into sands ranging in size from very fine to coarse mixed with clay layers down to the Harper Siltstone, which is the local bedrock. Bedrock depths range from 47 to 56 feet. The highest chlorides have been found on the bedrock indicating the clay layers across the area are not contiguous, forming aquitards. The visible remnant of the line leak at the surface is a soil scar approximately 30 feet by 10 feet that are located near the center of the NE/4. Since 2001 Rama Operating Company has installed 16 monitoring wells and 8 recovery wells within the area of the Arlington contamination Site. The PRP (Rama) had installed a pump and lines to RW-8 and ran that recovery well during the summers of 2014-2018 after chloride levels were found to remain high. In the last 5 years, Rama disposed of recovery water into their Banium 1-12 disposal well. A routine Mechanical Integrity Test on the Banium 1-12 failed in early 2019. The well was plugged on 4/8/2019. This left the Arlington site with no way of disposing of recovery water, which shut down remedial efforts.

**Unusual Problems:** Water quality can fluctuate during the summer growing season because of offsetting irrigation wells to the east. This location is highly susceptible to plume movement due to irrigation in a limited aquifer. Due to the age of the site, it is difficult to determine the top of the surveyed casing. There is no longer available a disposal well near the location to run a remediation system.

**Status of the Project:** The Arlington site is now in a long term monitoring status. Annual sampling by KCC has shown that the chloride plume has stayed mainly contained in the NE/4 of Section 14, with the highest levels of chlorides found in MW #6 (9,000 mg/L). Bedrock mapping of the Harper Siltstone indicates a slight depression along the bedrock at MW #6; this also contains the highest concentration of saltwater at the site. MW-4 and MW-9 were much higher than in 2019. The increase in MW-4 and MW-9 is believed due to the remedial system being shut down since 2019, which has let some higher chlorides migrate inside the plume. MW-8 in the Southeast of the plume showed an increase of 500 mg/L. MW-8 has always been a delineating well with low chlorides. The higher levels here are concerning as the well has been historically stable in water quality. The overall water level decreased an average of 5.69 feet since 2019, which could become a contributor to the higher chlorides in individual wells seen in the samples taken this year. With a lowering water table, the plume may move back into the center of the site around MW-6. Hydrological gauging was erratic in some wells due to the fact that casing repairs have been made that threw off the original surveyed elevations. The difference in casing elevations has thrown off groundwater elevations, but KCC plans on re-surveying the wells prior to the next annual sampling. All delineating wells to the north of the site have been destroyed or plugged over the years.

On August 11, 2020, KCC was onsite to sample the monitoring wells via air-lift technology. Prior to sampling, groundwater levels were measured in each monitoring well using a Huron electronic water level indicator. Air-lift technology was utilized to purge groundwater from each well. Groundwater samples from each monitoring well were collected in one 250 (ml) polyurethane container for analysis at the KCC District #2 Laboratory. Each sample for this monitoring event was analyzed for the presence of Chloride by the United States Environmental Protection Agency USEPA Silver Nitrate Buret Titration Method - Method 8225.

**Level of Remediation Sought:**

**Ideal:** 30 to 80 ppm (background)

**Target:** 250 ppm

**Recommendation for Future Work:** This site has moved into long term monitoring status, as there is no local disposal for



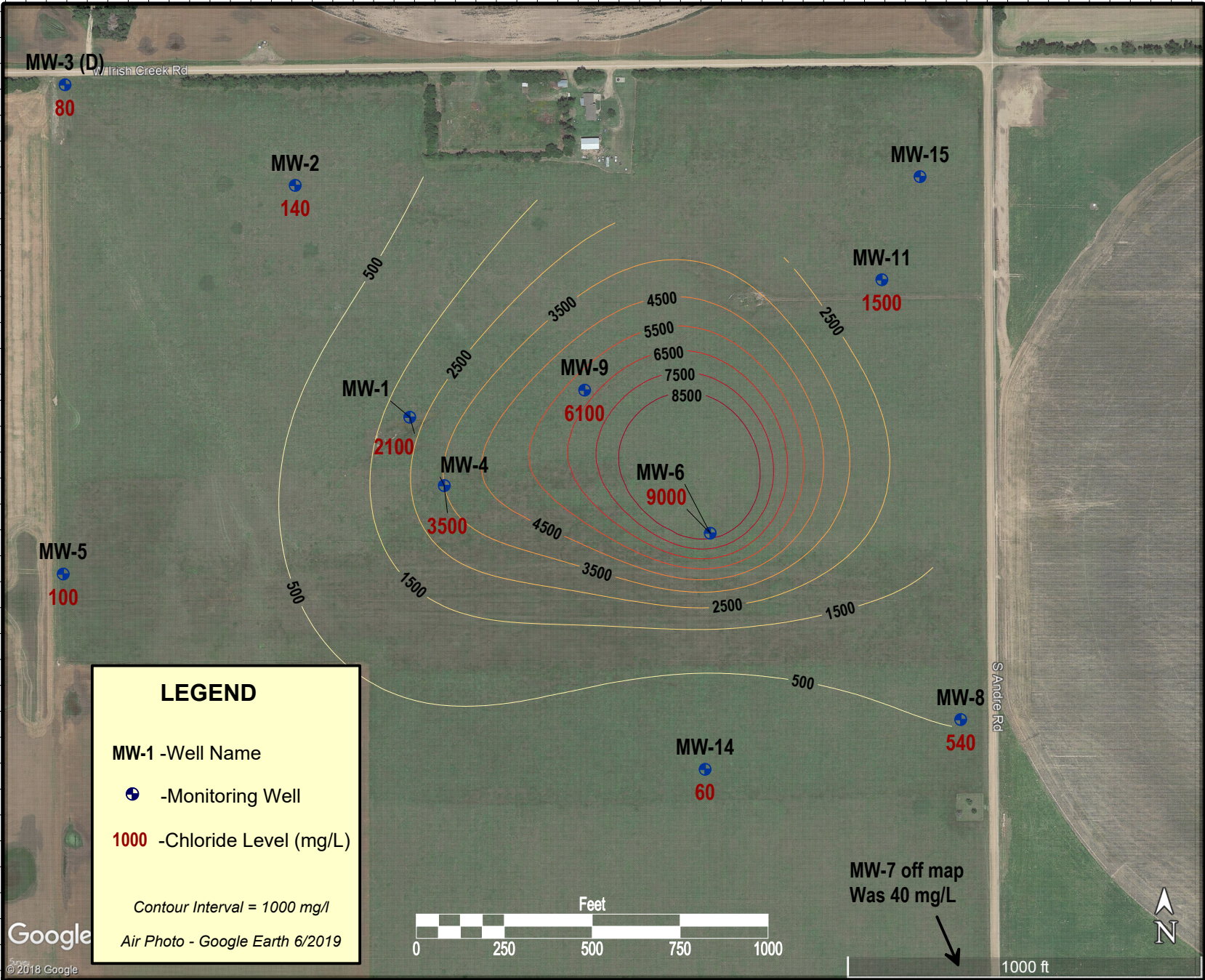
couplers have failed and pulled apart, which may have been the issue with this year's erratic static water levels. Once this is done, resurveying the site and permanently marking the wells for measuring locations on each of the casing will keep this from occurring in the future. This could be done utilizing the KCC's new survey-grade equipment or a licensed survey company. As remedial efforts have stopped, some older recovery wells could be plugged by the PRP or kept as monitoring wells. KCC recommends continued sampling of monitoring wells by the District #2 Office in 2021.

**Estimated Total Cost:** \$2,500 for Annual Groundwater sampling, \$1,200 for a licensed surveyor to resurvey the repaired wells.

<b>Control No.</b>	<b>Staff Hours/Expenditures</b>	<b>Fund Expenditures</b>	
		<b>FY 2020/21</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>20030016-001</b>	<b>24 Hrs. / \$777.64</b>		
<b>Current Contaminate Level: 9,000 mg/l in MW-6</b>			
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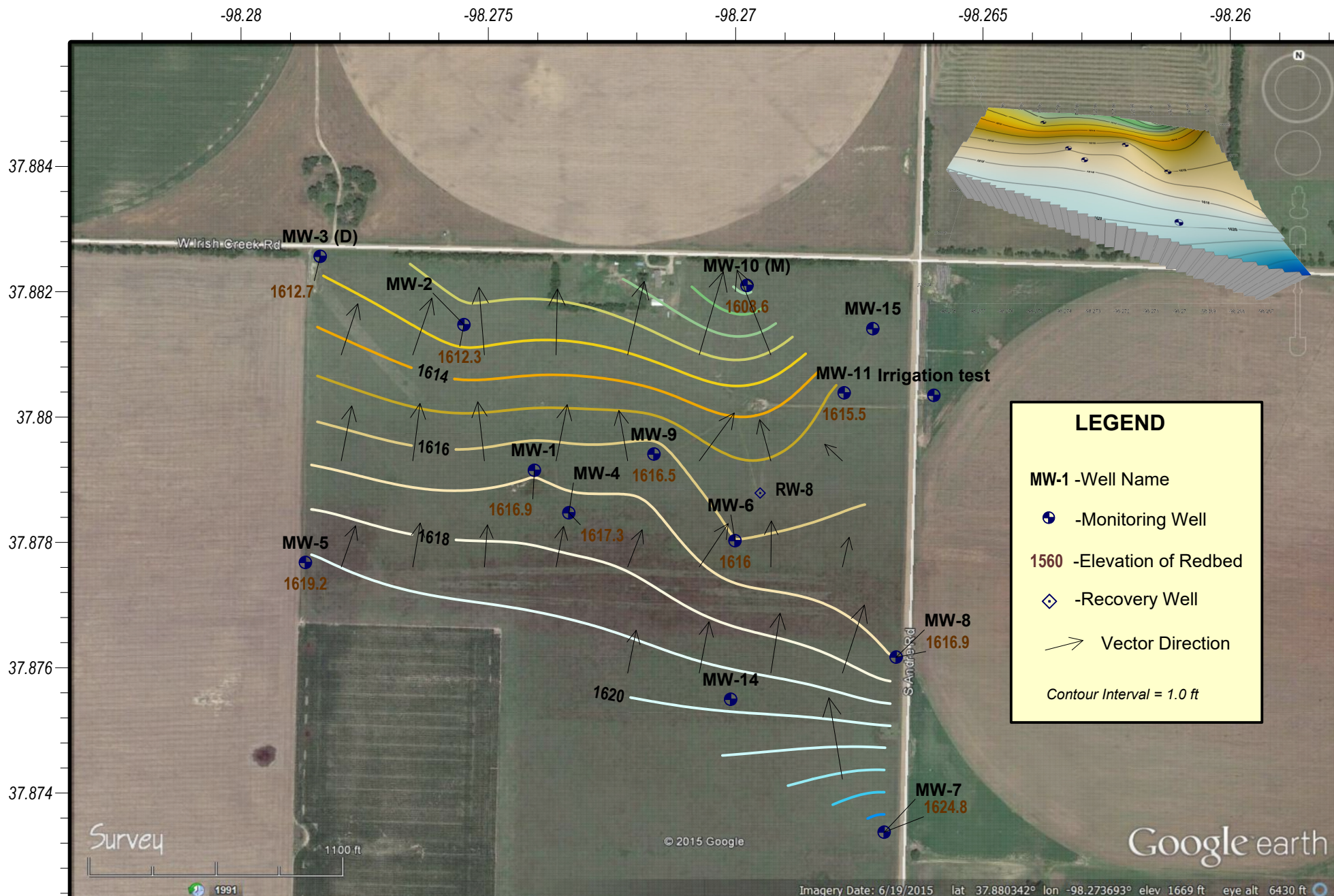
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**Arlington Contamination Site**  
Section 14 - Township 25 South - Range 9 West, Reno County, Kansas  
**2020 Chloride Levels**  
KCC Project code #20030016-001 - KCC District #2 Field Office  
Well Sampled on 8/11/2020 - Map Drawn on 9/23/2020 by D. Bollenback





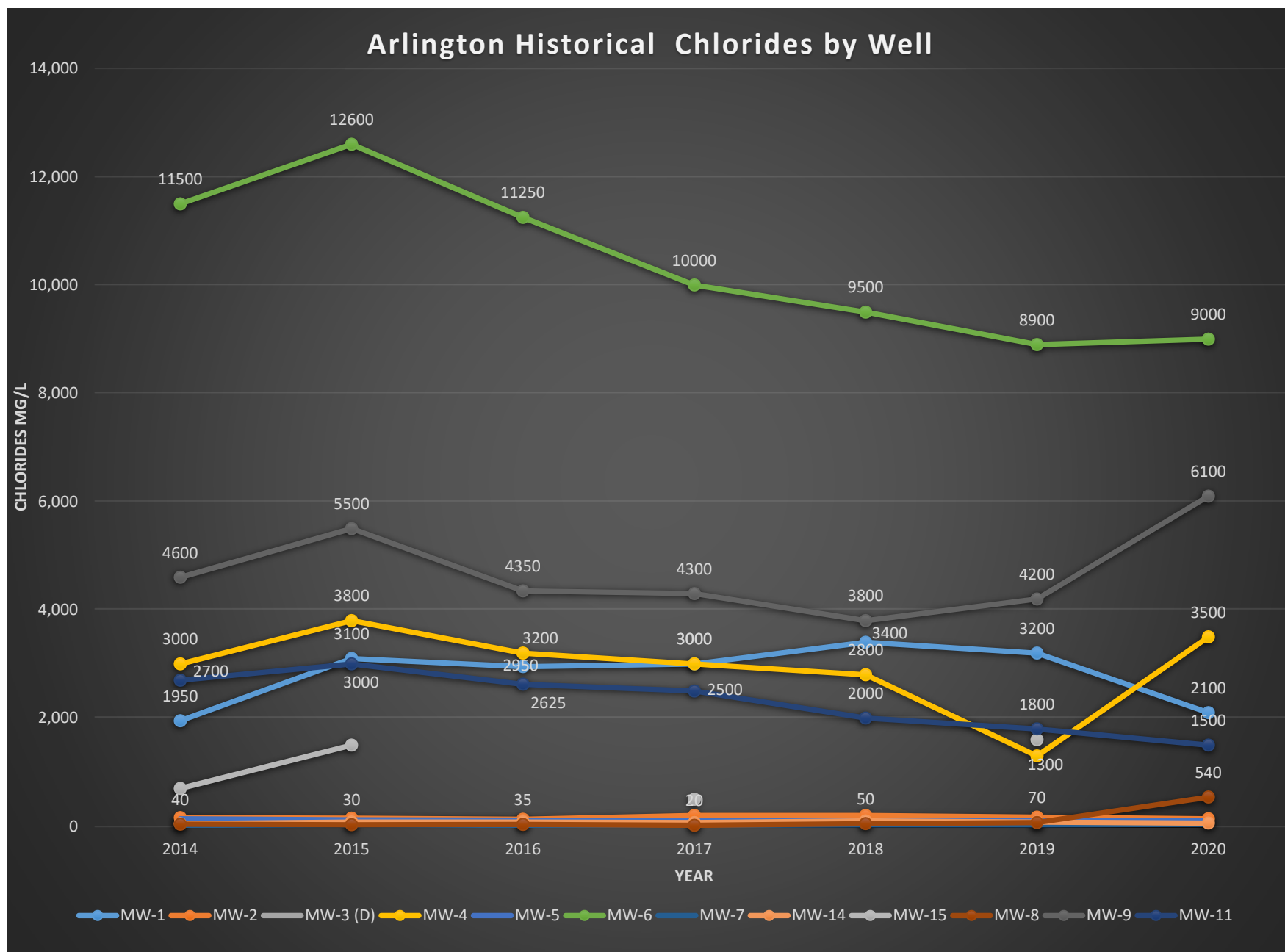
## Arlington Contamination Site

Section 14 - Township 25 South - Range 9 West, Reno County, Kansas

### Top of Permian Redbeds

KCC Project code #20030016-001 - KCC District #2 Field Office

Data from Drill logs- Map Drawn on 10/10/2017 by D. Bollenback





**Project: Brothers Contamination Site, Rice County, District 2**

**Site Location:** The Brothers contamination site is nine miles east, two and one-half miles north of Sterling. The legal location is S/2 NE of Section 12, Township 21 South, and Range 7 West, of Rice County, Kansas.

**Impact/Immediacy:** Low immediacy. The only water wells within one mile are to the southwest and were drilled in the 1980s as oil field supply wells and are believed to be plugged. There are residential wells over a mile to the southeast, which is side gradient to groundwater flow.

**Site Description:** The site is located in the Sand Hills of Rice County. The contaminated groundwater aquifer is a shallow permeable zone of Pleistocene Dune Sand, consisting of poorly sorted medium to fine sands with silt lenses. Below the upper sands, the Sandborn formation containing dark brown silty clay interbedded with coarser materials, which occurs as an aquitard at the site. The Sandborn changes into the Meade Formation, which is good water bearing coarse gravel and sand aquifer. The Meade Formation appears to not be contaminated at the Brothers site. The groundwater flow is to the south-southwest.

**Unusual Problem:** Monitoring wells in the Pleistocene Dune Sand onsite have shown that the aquifer has low deliverability in the upper aquifer and is limited, especially during periods of drought. Hydrology in the upper perched aquifer is in direct connection with precipitation and has a varying aquitard elevation stopping penetration. This varying elevation can create issues with entrapment of chlorides and movement of water not in line with the actual downward gradient.

**Status of Project:** KCC visited the site and collected water samples on April 15, 2020. This site now only has two monitoring wells along with the pond, which is sampled annually. KCC laboratory results of the two monitoring wells and pond water show that chloride levels have increased slightly since 2019. The pond water increased from 110 mg/L to 200 mg/L chlorides. MW-2 is screened in the Meade Formation, and lab results showed 40 ppm chlorides, which is slightly higher than last year's results. Stable chlorides over the years at MW-2 indicates that the lower aquifer is still somewhat protected at the Brother site. There was either current or past visual evidence of frogs, deer, turkey, turtles, and other biotas in or around the pond. KCC did research the surrounding oil and gas wells and found a possible unplugged well. This well was called the Brothers David #1 or, also, David #1 on some forms and showed production until the nighties. KCC was onsite and found what appears to be the well location buried in the fine sand. The well appeared to be plugged but could not be uncovered with hand tools alone. There is no plugging report on file. It is located approximately 1,200 feet North-Northwest of the Site.

**Level of Remediation Sought:**

**Ideal:** 250 mg/l Chloride

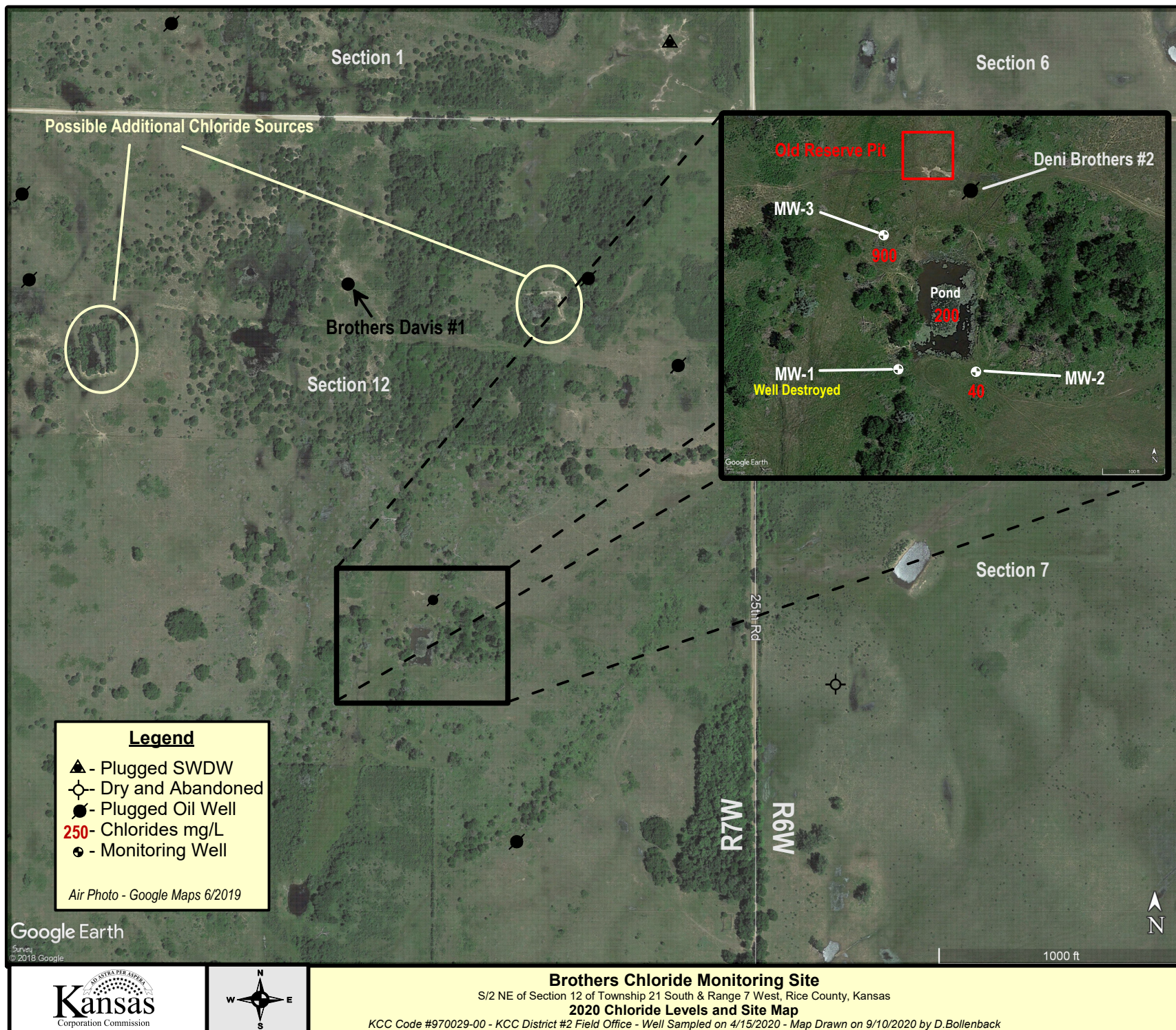
**Target:** 500 mg/l Chloride

**Recommendations for Future Work:** KCC recommends that the site remains in the monitoring phase due to the lack of priority of the site. There is now only one monitoring well in the upper aquifer, which severely limits hydrological studies of the site. The Brothers Davis #1 drilled in 1983, should be inspected via back-hoe or other equipment for a surface plug. A Geoprobe® rig could be used to probe the area surrounding the site to indicate whether or not chloride levels may still be elevated in the old drilling pit area associated with the Deni Brothers #2 drilled in 1984. This well was the closest well to the monitoring wells and pond. Geoprobng the old historical saltwater pits to the north would also help explain the extent of the brine contamination. A Geoprobe® rig can also drill and install shallow monitoring wells or very inexpensive 1' piezometers if deemed necessary. Data found from a probing event could be used to help plan on a time table for site closure.

**Estimated Total Costs:** \$750 for monitoring, research, and report writing. Geoprobe work would cost around \$4000. Finding and digging up the Brothers David #1 around \$500.00, while plugging would possibly be over \$25,000 dollars depending on any issues with the well.

Control No.	Staff Hours/Expenditures	Fund Expenditures FY 2020/21	Total
970029-00	17 Hrs / \$492.10		\$4.26
Current Contaminate Level: 40 mg/l to 900 mg/l Chloride			4/15/2020
Status:			
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**Project: Little River Site, Rice County, District 2**

**Site Location:** The Little River site is located 4 miles north and one east of the southwest edge of the city of Little River. The area of contamination is in the SE/4 of section 29 and NE/4 of section 32 T 18S R6W, Rice County.

**Impact/ Immediacy:** The impact is on the groundwater supply for the city of Little River from unknown oil field sources. The KCC has rated the immediacy as high because of its potential impact on the existing public water supply wells.

**Site Description:** The Little River water well field is located in a part of the Odessa Oil Field. The groundwater table in this area is at a depth of thirty feet in the upper Kiowa Sandstone with an aquitard of a blue Kiowa Shale at a depth of fifty to sixty feet. Groundwater moves slowly toward the south-southeast. The source for the contamination may be from old core soundings, spills, pits, or leaking lines.

**Unusual Problems:** There appear to be multiple sources for the contamination from past oil and gas production.

**Status of Project:** KCC sampled the Public Water Supply Wells (PWS) and Monitoring Wells (MW) on September 21, 2020. PMW-7, which has overtime tested in the 1200-2500 mg/L chloride range, was unavailable for sampling this year. All other PWS wells fluctuated slightly up or down from 2019 levels. PWS#13 did increase 30 mg/L to 430 mg/L. Chlorides in PWS#13 are higher than the KDHE drinking water standard of 250 mg/L. KCC understands that this well is used in a limited capacity and mixed with lower chloride well water in time of need. The KCC chloride levels in MW1 and MW2 increased from 2019. MW-1 increased by 275 mg/L to 1,175 mg/L. Historically MW-1 has been as high as 1500 mg/L chlorides. KCC airlifted both wells instead of using the downhole electric pump, and cleared sediment from years of use, and this may have resulted in the increase in chloride levels.

**Level of remediation Sought:**

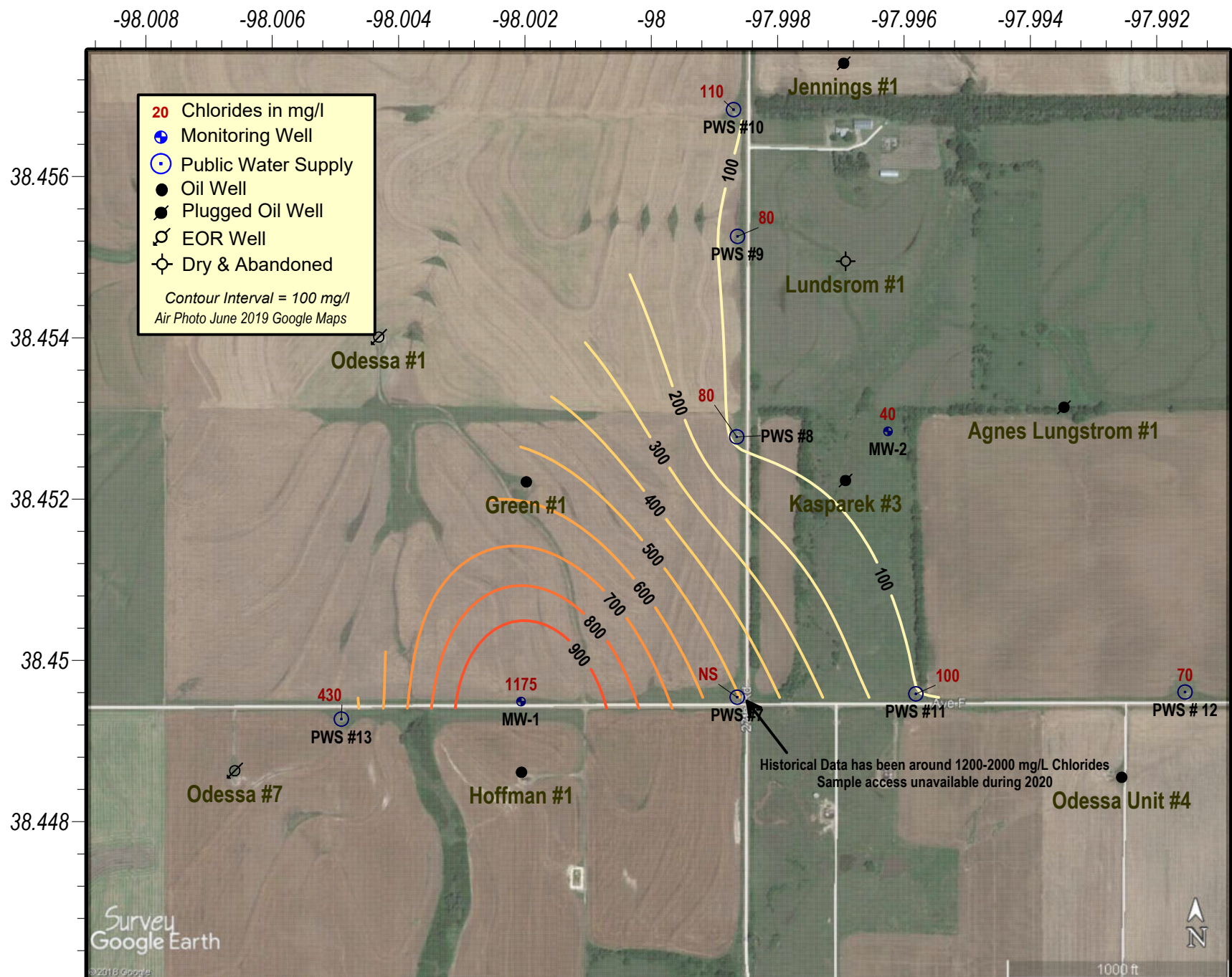
**Ideal:** 60 mg/L

**Target:** 300 mg/L

**Recommendation for Future Work:** Due to the threat to public water supply, KCC recommends continued annual sampling of the public water supply and monitoring wells for 2021. Remedial work is not economical as chlorides are too low for proper removal techniques, and the aquifer has a too low capacity for recovery wells.

**Estimated Total Costs:** Time for staff to mobilize to site and sample the wells once over the next year, perform the laboratory work, data entry, mapping, and report creation.

Control No.	Staff Hours/Expenditures	Fund Expenditures FY 2020/21	Total
2000057-001	15 Hrs. / \$493.66		\$3,112.20
Current Contaminate Level: 40 mg/L Cl- in MW #2 to 1175 mg/L Cl- in MW #1			
Status:			
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## Little River Groundwater Monitoring Site - #2000057-001

Section 29 of Township 18 South & Range 6 West, Rice County, Kansas

### 2020 Chloride Levels

District #2 - Sampled on 9/21/2020 - Map Drawn on 9/23/2020 by D.Bollenback



**Project: Stowe- Zaid Contamination Site, Rice County, District 2**

**Site Location:** The site is five miles south of the intersection of US 56 and Plume Street on the east side of Rice County. This site is in the northwest part of the Welch-Bornholdt oil field, and the lease no longer has the production of Oil and Gas. The location is the SE/4 NE/4 Section 24, Township 20 South, and Range 6 West, of Rice County.

**Impact/Immediacy:** Brine contamination impacts are on the local soil and groundwater. KCC has classified this site as low immediacy. KCC monitors this site due to the possibility of this chloride plume affecting domestic and stock wells and the aquifer of the Little Arkansas River. There is a rural water line in the area, which can provide service to the homes.

**Site Description:** There is a Permian contact with the Quaternary sediments that transects this site from northwest to southeast. The Ninnescah Shale has been eroded by the Little Arkansas River, which has filled the floodplain with alluvium. There are approximately 40-50 feet of elevation change in the direction of the northeast corner of the section. There has been a historical scar in the alluvium just south and west of this contact. A 1954 air photo shows that when there were oil and gas wells in the northeast of section 24, a tank battery was located on the west side of Plum Road and northeast of the scar. The battery was positioned within the Ninnescah Shale beds and at a higher elevation to the scar. This suggests that possible spills and leaks from the tank battery may have entered the subsurface and flowed down gradient on top of the shale or through fractures and bedding planes until entering the Floodplain Alluvium at the location of the scar. There are large remnants of evaporation pits in the section north and the section east of the site.

**Unusual Problems:** The groundwater table is very shallow due to the proximity to the Arkansas River.

**Status of the Project:** KCC performed groundwater sampling on August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020. The lower aquifer(MW-1D) was tested at the KCC lab at 220 mg/l chlorides, which is just 10 mg/L lower than last year. This well has risen in chlorides over several years until this year. MW-2 at the toe of the scar showed higher chlorides from 2019 at 1,800 mg/l. The area has had higher than average precipitation for the last two years and could be pushing chlorides down the toe of the shallow plume.

**Recommendation for Future Work:** KCC recommends the continued sampling of the monitoring wells. The site has only two monitoring wells, one in the shallow toe, and the other in the deep aquifer. If the immediacy of this site increases due to increased chloride levels, the first step would be to drill and install more monitoring wells to delineate the plume. Long term monitoring is suggested for the site unless the lower aquifer continues to increase in chlorides, which would warrant further investigation into the source.

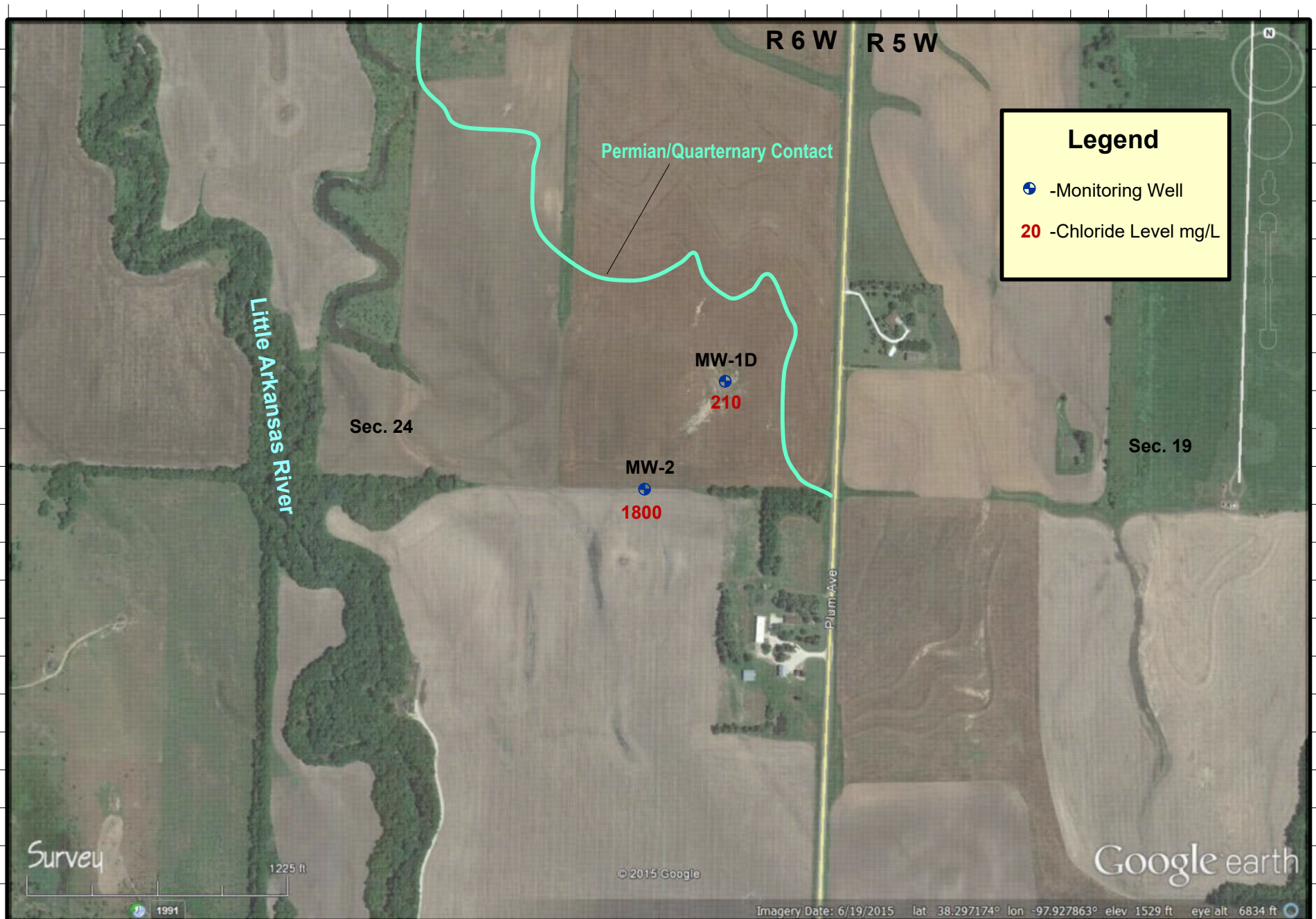
**Level of Remediation Sought:**

**Ideal:** 50 mg/l

**Target:** 350 mg/l

**Estimated Total Costs:** This site should cost \$800 annually for field inspection and monitoring. More resources could be used to research ideas/alternatives to remediating the site or at least expediting the attenuation.

Control No.	Staff Hours/Expenditures	Fund Expenditures	
		FY 2020/21	Total
20000035-001	7 Hrs. / \$208.90		\$4,057.85
<b>Current Contaminate Level: 1,800 mg/l, MW #2, 8/25/2020</b>			
<b>220 mg/l Cl- MW-1 Deep Aquifer 8/25/2020</b>			
<b>Status:</b>			
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**Project: Elm Creek Contamination Site, Rooks County, District 4**

**Site Location:** Sections 19, 20, 29, 30, 31, and 32 of Township 7 South, Range 17 West  
Sections 5, 6, 7, 8, 17, 18, 19, 20, 29, 30, 31, and 32 of Township 8 South, Range 17 West  
Sections 5 and 6 of Township 9 South, Range 17 West, Rooks County

**Impact/Immediacy:** The Elm Creek alluvial aquifer has been contaminated by past oil field activity. Both domestic and stock wells are affected. The area is serviced by Rooks County Rural Water District #3, and the immediacy level for this site should be rated as moderate to high.

**Site Description:** Elm Creek is a tributary to the South Fork Solomon River, which it enters just downstream of Stockton, Kansas. Numerous complaints beginning in the mid 1900's led to wide-spread sampling, and the designation of approximately 20 square miles as the site. A series of monitoring wells were completed in the alluvial deposits of the drainage near the confluences of other streams with Elm Creek in an attempt to constrict the size of the contamination site by identifying the direction from which pollution originated. The installation of the monitor well net was completed in May of 1998, and sampled for 5 years by a third party. Following the sunset of the sampling contract, the well net was sampled quarterly for three years, and biannually for two years. Sampling is now performed annually by KCC staff.

**Unusual Problems:** The history of contamination in the Elm Creek area is extensive, and many of the possible sources of pollution were insufficiently documented. Additionally, the large areal extent of the site poses challenges for investigation and remediation.

**Status of Project:** Long-term monitoring has revealed that the chloride concentrations in the monitoring wells have remained the highest near the south end of the site. Presently, the chloride level in even the most severely impacted areas of the site do not preclude use of the water for stock use, irrigation of certain plants, or general non-potable use. Two monitoring wells contain chloride ions in concentrations which are above what is considered to be fresh water (500 ppm), four wells are below the freshwater threshold, but above drinking water standards (250 ppm), and eight wells are at or below the chloride concentration threshold for water suitable for human consumption.

**Level of Remediation Sought:**

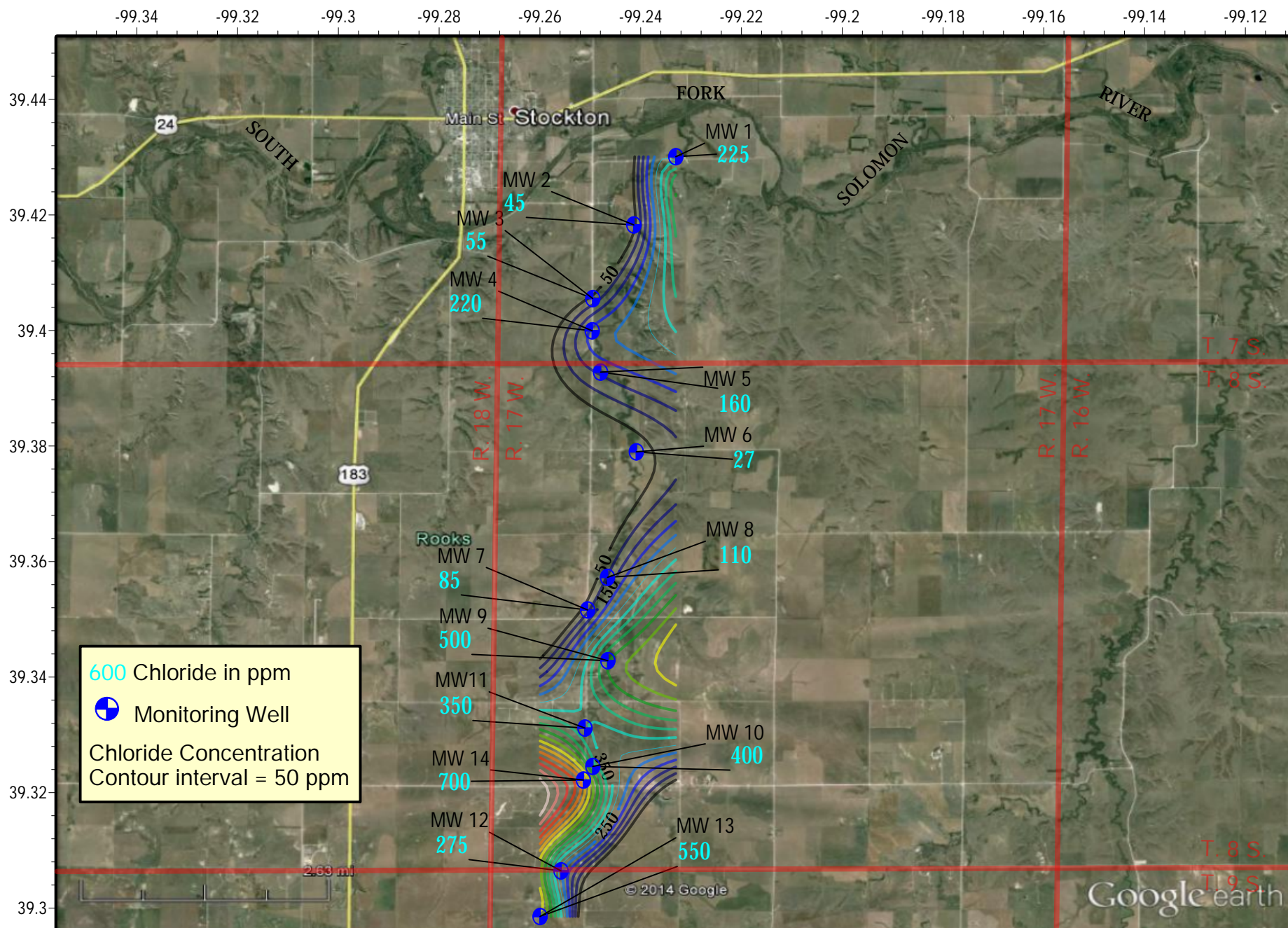
**Ideal:** 250 ppm Chloride

**Target:** 500 ppm Chloride

**Recommendations for Future Work:** While the trend in contamination distribution has remained relatively stable, long-term monitoring should continue until the target level is reached, or the site parameters change in such a way as to warrant further investigation and remedial efforts.

**Estimated Total Cost:** If warranted, remediation costs could reach a total of \$250,000.

Control No.	Staff Hours/Expenditures	Fund Expenditures	
		FY 2020/21	Total
970043-00	21 Hrs. / \$590.66		\$29,212.25
Current Contaminate Level: 27 ppm to 700 ppm Cl <sup>-</sup>			
Status:			
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## Elm Creek Groundwater Monitoring Site

Multiple Sections of Townships 7, 8, and 9 South, Range 17 West, Rooks County, Kansas

2020 Groundwater Chloride Levels

District #4 - Sampled 8/25/2020 and 8/31/2020 - Map Drawn on 9/1/2020 by C. Neeley





**Project: Irej-Hrabe Contamination Site, Rooks County, District 4**

**Site Location:** Section 1 and Section 12 of Township 9 South, Range 17 West, Rooks County

**Impact/Immediacy:** The groundwater near a former homestead has been impacted by repeated releases of brine on the surface and in the subsurface. The immediacy for this site is rated as moderate.

**Site Description:** A subtle drainage runs through the site from south to north, and an abandoned farmstead is situated near this draw. Six water wells were dug on the property, and the historical information indicates that these may be producing water from the Codell Sandstone, and also near surface deposits. However, this has not been confirmed. Contamination at the site can be attributed to an injection well which had pressurized a number of near-surface formations through failed casing, over pressurization, the numerous spills that have occurred over a period of 50 years, as well as multiple surface pits.

**Unusual Problems:** None.

**Status of Project:** The site assessment has been completed, and an investigatory phase began in earnest in 2015. The open wells were sampled early in 2017, and the concentrations of chlorides had dramatically increased to 44,000 ppm in one, and 7,500 ppm in another. The well closest to the abandoned farmstead was 1,150 ppm. The open wells with the highest chlorides were pumped out, and the water was taken to a SWD well. The groundwater coming into the south well was sampled and determined to be approximately 3,500 ppm. Test holes were hand augured to a depth of 6' to 10' in 2018, and the concentrations ranged from 1,100 ppm to 17,000 ppm. These tests conform to the known site history, and will be used to plan future exploratory and remedial work. In 2020, the three hand dug windmills were 12,000 ppm, 9,500 ppm, and 1,400 ppm.

**Level of Remediation Sought:**

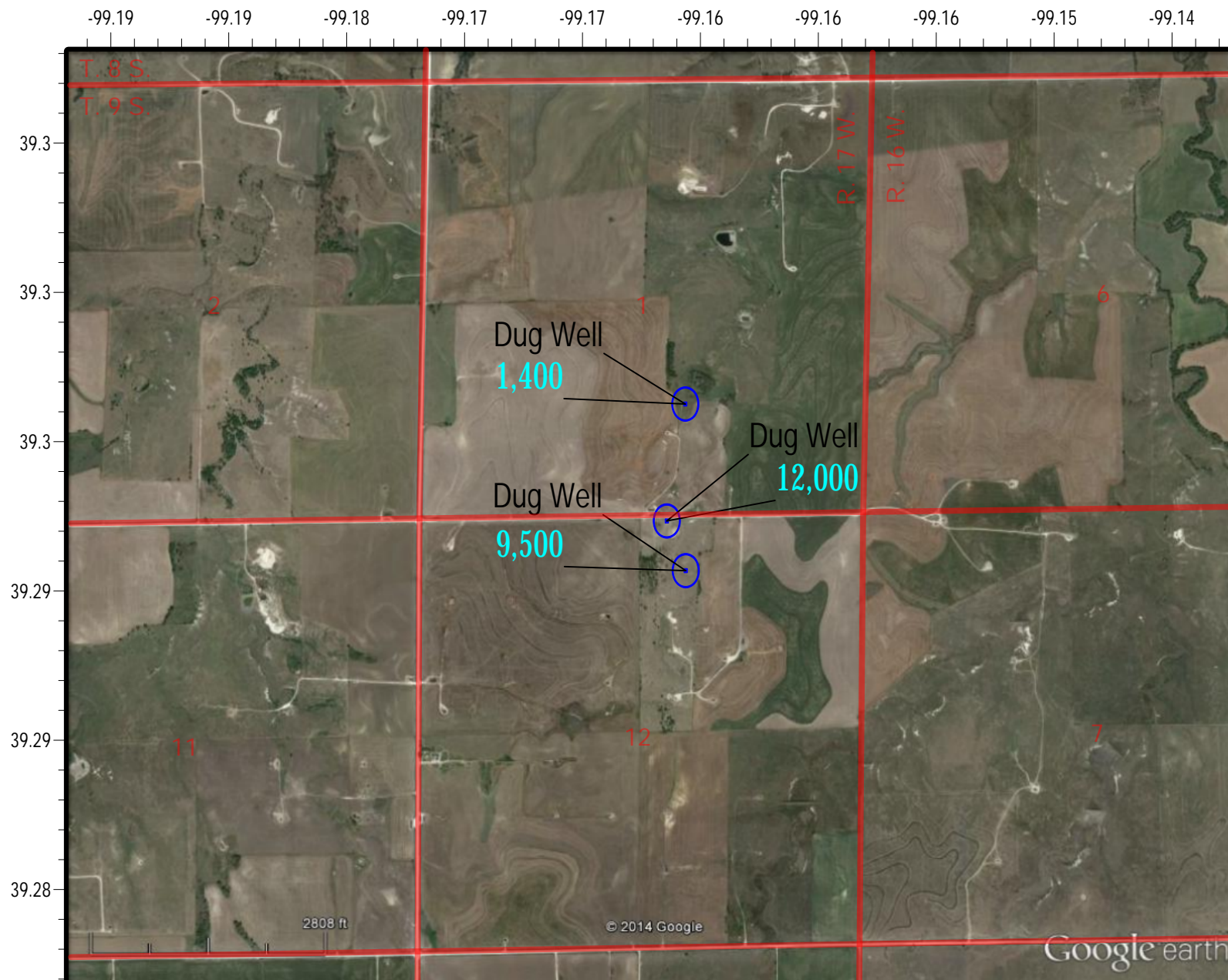
**Ideal:** 250 ppm Chloride

**Target:** 500 ppm Chloride

**Recommendations for Future Work:** While samples have been collected through existing wells, these do not meet quality control standards for groundwater sampling. A network of monitoring wells and exploratory test holes should be drilled at this site to delineate the extent of the pollution. The open wells will be pumped out on a periodic basis.

**Estimated Total Costs:** \$15,000.00

Control No.	Staff Hours/Expenditures	Fund Expenditures FY 2020/21	Total
970053-00	14 Hrs. / \$396.10		
Current Contaminate Level: 1,400 to 12,000 ppm			
Status:			
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Irey-Hrabe Groundwater Monitoring Site  
 Sections 1 and 12, Township 9 South, Range 17 West, Rooks County, Kansas  
 2020 Groundwater Chloride Levels  
 District #4 - Sampled on 8/24/2020 Map Drawn on 8/27/2020 by C. Neeley





**Project:** *Schruben-Rogers Contamination Site, Rooks County, District 4*

**Site Location:** SE/4 of Section 18, Township 7 South, Range. 17 West, Rooks County

**Impact/Immediacy:** Groundwater contained in an alluvial aquifer has been impacted by oil field brine. The Immediacy for this site is rated as low.

**Site Description:** This site is located on the eastern edge of the City of Stockton, approximately one third of a mile from the South Fork Solomon River. The water wells in the area are used primarily for lawn and garden and stock purposes, and draw water from an alluvial terrace. The soil in the area of the impacted wells is rapidly permeated by contaminants, making the water quality sensitive to lease practices. Extensive past studies failed to identify a primary source for the brine, but a number of potential causes of the pollution were noted. These potential sources are generalized as oil field practices rather than delineated definitively, and contribute to an accumulative effect. Remediation was not initiated because a significant reduction of the chloride in the area wells was observed, and the availability of other methods for obtaining water, i.e. municipal sources and reverse osmosis treatments.

**Unusual Problems:** None.

**Status of Project:** Several potential sources of pollution in the area have been removed over the last several years. The chloride concentration in the well on the Rogers' property has fallen appreciably since 1986, when the chloride concentration was 8,450 ppm. Since 2008, the chloride levels have remained relatively stable in the range of 500 ppm to 750 ppm. In 2015, the chloride concentration was determined to be 550 ppm, 525 ppm in 2016, 500 ppm in 2017, 400 ppm in 2018, and 325 ppm in 2019. In 2020 the concentration was 375 ppm.

**Level of Remediation Sought:**

**Ideal:** 100 ppm Chloride

**Target:** 250 ppm Chloride

**Recommendations for Future Work:** This site will be monitored annually to determine if the removal of potential sources has contributed to the reduction in contaminant levels. If additional work is warranted due to a rise in contaminant levels, additional geophysical and field research may be conducted in an effort to better delineate a source.

**Estimated Total Costs:** \$2,000.

Control No.	Staff Hours/Expenditures	Fund Expenditures FY 2020/21	Total
970014-00	4 Hrs. / \$123.94		
Current Contaminate Level: 375 ppm Cl <sup>-</sup>			
Status:			
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**Project:** *Maupin Contamination Site, Russell County, District 4*

**Site Location:** SE/4 of Section 9, Township 11 South, Range 15 West, Russell County

**Impact/Immediacy:** Brine contamination of a shallow aquifer and a spring, which is utilized for cattle. Immediacy level is rated as low.

**Site Description:** The site is rangeland at the head of a drainage within the Saline River Basin. Originally, the primary source of water for cattle in the pasture was a spring, which had been developed by diverting its water to an open stock tank. Nearby water wells and ponds were experiencing increases in chloride concentration by 1956, and a complaint regarding high chlorides in this spring was made in 1991. Following an investigation, five monitoring wells were drilled on the location, and the waters of this basin ranged in chlorides, including the spring, from 200 ppm to 3,400 ppm throughout the history of sampling. While the pollution has never caused the water to become unusable, the concentration of chloride in the spring is near the upper limit for stock use if it is the sole source of water for the cattle. The pasture is now served by Ellsworth Rural Water District #1, and an additional stock tank filled by this source is available for the cattle to consume.

**Unusual Problems:** None.

**Status of Project:** The chloride concentrations in the monitoring wells are 675 ppm at monitoring well 3, and 575 ppm at monitoring well 5. The concentration of the spring-fed stock tank is 700 ppm. At this time, these levels do not warrant additional action.

**Level of Remediation Sought:**

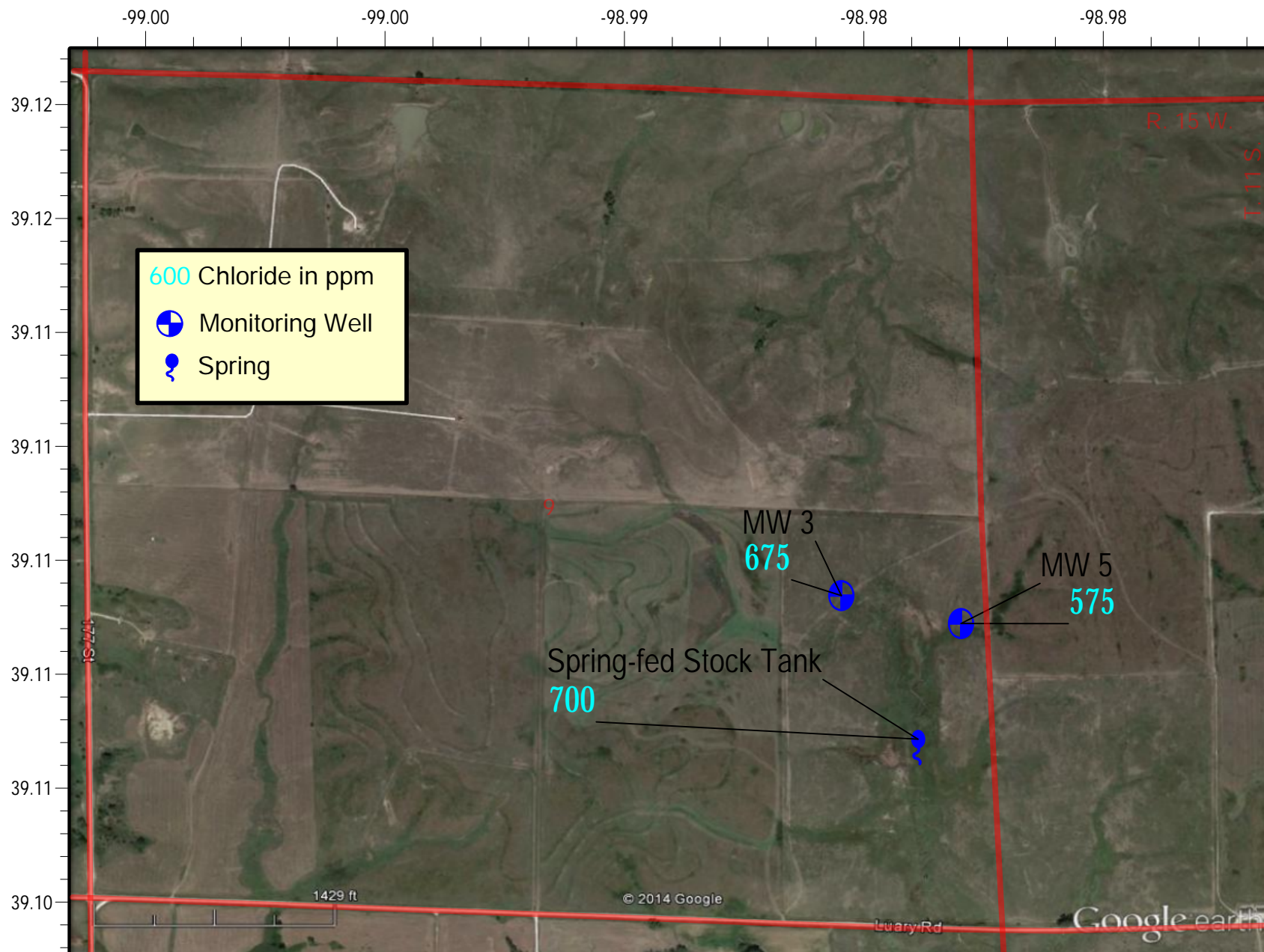
**Ideal:** 250 ppm Chloride

**Target:** 500 ppm Chloride

**Recommendations for Future Work:** This site will continue to be monitored on an annual basis until closure.

**Estimated Total Costs:** \$2,000.00

Control No.	Staff Hours/Expenditures	Fund Expenditures	
		FY 2020/21	Total
970068-00	6 Hrs. / \$180.58		
<b>Current Contaminate Level: 575 ppm to 700 ppm Cl<sup>-</sup></b>			
<b>Status:</b>			
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Maupin Groundwater Monitoring Site  
 Section 9, Township 11 South, Range 15 West, Russell County, Kansas  
 2020 Groundwater Chloride Levels  
 District #4 - Sampled on 4/21/2020 Map Drawn on 8/27/2020 by C. Neeley





**Project:** *City of Russell Contamination Site, Russell County, District 4*

**Site Location:** Within and around the City of Russell, in Parts of Township 13 South, Range 14 West and Township 14 S, Range 14 W, Russell County

**Impact/Immediacy:** Brine contamination of a shallow aquifer utilized primarily for lawn and garden purposes such as irrigation of lawns. Immediacy level is rated as low.

**Site Description:** Potential sources include the approximately 334 wells drilled either in the city limits or in close proximity to the city limits, and the associated drill pits, lead lines, tank battery sites, brine tanks, brine lines, and emergency pits. In addition, there are 36 oil wells and UIC wells within this site that are either abandoned or have little or no documentation to confirm that they have been plugged. Test holes were drilled in the area during the summer of 2001 in an effort to delineate the source of the contamination. Data collected through the test holes, and other research indicated that the major contributor of chloride ions may be a former brine pit located to the northwest of the city. However, there has been extensive oil and gas development in the same vicinity, and the contribution from old drill pits and old line leaks has not been determined.

**Unusual Problems:** The investigation of all potential contamination sources would be costly and not without challenges. If remediation is initiated, the Disposal of contaminated water would incur severe costs and logistical problems. Access is an issue for this site as the monitoring well was drilled in the backyard of a residence, and it is serviced by privately owned equipment.

**Status of Project:** In 2004, the subject well tested 2,200 ppm chloride. No samples were taken between 2004 and 2014, due to the well being inaccessible. In 2014, the well was accessed, and the chloride concentration was 1,250 ppm, and 1,500 in 2015. The well has been inaccessible since 2016; however, a nearby lawn and garden well was sampled in the summer of 2019, following the filing of a complaint by the property owner. The chloride concentration of this well was 700 ppm. A third well was sampled in 2020, and has a concentration of 670 ppm. The three wells form an east-west line of evenly spaced wells approximately 350' in length at the north end of the neighborhood.

**Level of Remediation Sought:**

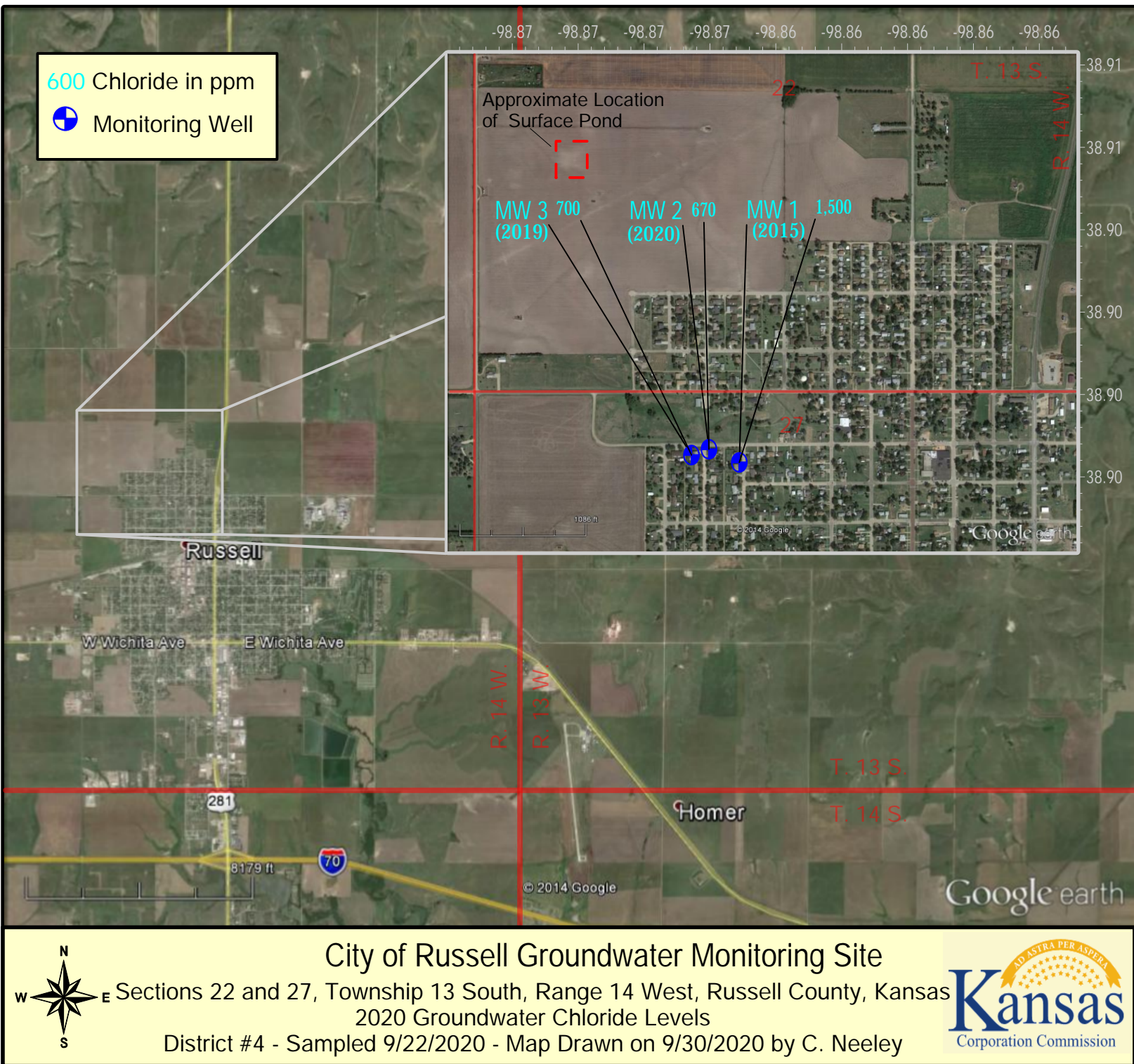
**Ideal:** 500 ppm Chloride

**Target:** 1000 ppm Chloride

**Recommendations for Future Work:** Further research may be needed to determine whether remediation is justifiable, and what action should be taken. Additional samples may be collected in the future to determine the configuration of the brine plume, and if the chloride concentration in our monitoring well is characteristic for the entire area.

**Estimated Total Costs:** \$400,000.

Control No.	Staff Hours/Expenditures	Fund Expenditures	
		FY 2020/21	Total
970083-00	12 Hrs. / \$335.78		\$1,192.60
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**Project: Russell Rural Water District #1, Russell County, District 4**

**Site Location:** Section 34 and 35, Township 14 South, Range 14 West, Russell County

**Impact/Immediacy:** A public water supply well is producing water with elevated chloride content. The immediacy level is rated as low to moderate.

**Site Description:** The hydrology of the area is complicated through the interaction of a shallow drainage mantled with alluvium, the Smoky Hill aquifer, and the Dakota Sandstone aquifer. The public water supply well was drilled to the north of the river, in hope of utilizing the alluvium. However, the well is sufficiently deep to be drawing water directly from either the Smoky Hill aquifer, or the Dakota. Additionally, the geology of the area may not provide a seal between the otherwise fresh shallow aquifers and the Dakota aquifer. Although the area has undergone significant oil and gas development, no active sources for pollution have been identified. Furthermore, the Dakota Sandstone was an early disposal formation in the area.

**Unusual Problems:** Research conducted by the Kansas Geological Survey in 1991 and 1992 showed that the chloride content of the Smoky Hill River in the vicinity of this site ranged from 843 ppm to 1,879 ppm, with oil field brines contributing 11% to 29% of the total concentration. The major natural chloride source is the dissolution of natural salt deposits in Permian strata, which migrates into and through the Dakota Sandstone into the alluvium and river itself. Because of the difficulty in locating the source of the oil field brines, and the natural input of saline water, remediation of this site would not be feasible; however, each household served by the RWD is utilizing a reverse osmosis filtration system, mitigating the problem to some degree.

**Status of Project:** Over the previous 5 years, the chloride concentrations of the monitoring wells have remained steadily between 500 ppm and 900 ppm. Presently, the wells contain chloride concentrations of 300 ppm in MW 1, and 600 ppm in MW 3, and 600 in MW 5.

**Level of Remediation Sought:**

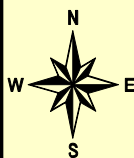
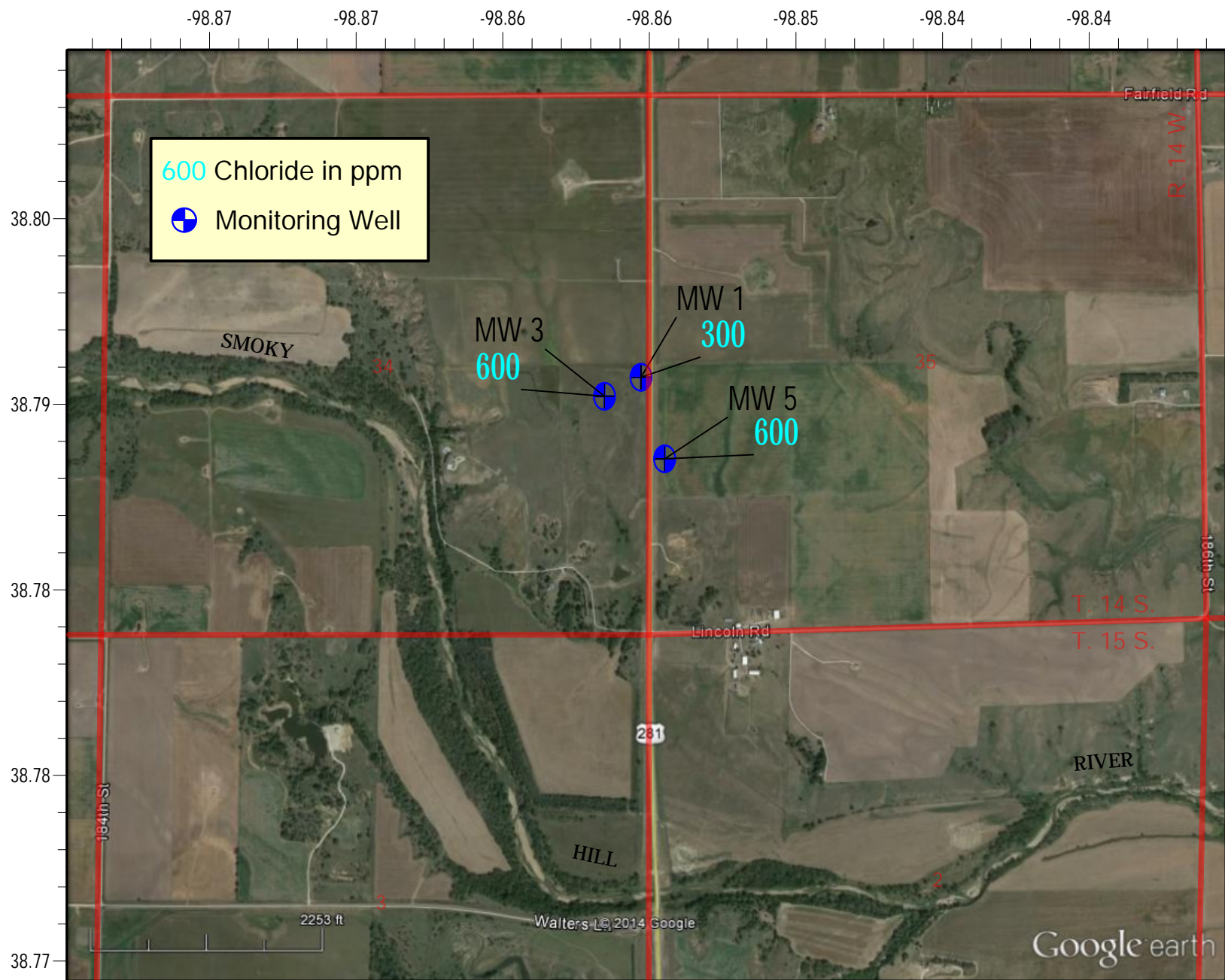
**Ideal:** 100 ppm Chloride

**Target:** 250 ppm Chloride

**Recommendations for Future Work:** This site should be monitored on an annual basis.

**Estimated Total Costs:** The estimated costs to KCC and KDHE for extensive studies in the past have been \$30,000 or greater. Continued monitoring costs will be \$3,000.00.

Control No.	Staff Hours/Expenditures	Fund Expenditures FY 2020/21	Total
970084-00	10 Hrs. / \$282.82		
<b>Current Contaminate Level: 300 ppm to 600 ppm Cl<sup>-</sup></b>			
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## Russell Rural Water District #1 Groundwater Monitoring Site

Sections 34 and 35, Township 14 South, Range 14 West, Russell County, Kansas  
2020 Groundwater Chloride Levels

District #4 - Sampled 8/3/2020 - Map Drawn on 8/27/2020 by C. Neeley





**Project: Sander Contamination Site, Russell County, District 4**

**Site Location:** Section 03, Township 14 South, Range 15 West, Russell County

**Impact/Immediacy:** A shallow aquifer and small drainage have been impacted by poor oil field practices. A stock well serves as the monitoring well. The immediacy level for this site is rated as low.

**Site Description:** The site is situated near the head of a small, intermittent tributary to Big Creek. The soils are Harney and Roxbury silt loam, and the area is divided equally between pasture along the creek, and cultivation in the higher portions of the location. Near-surface geological information is limited to data obtained through a few water well records covering many square miles; however, a reasonable hypothesis would be to expect topsoil to a depth of approximately six feet, atop a sand about ten feet thick. Shale bed rock is likely to be encountered at a depth of 15 to 20 feet below the surface, and a common depth for the area water wells is roughly 30 feet. The site is located within the Gorham oil field, which was discovered in 1926, and multiple water flood projects have been implemented within the field.

**Unusual Problems:** None.

**Status of Project:** Chloride levels were at 1,650 ppm in the stock well when it was tested in October 2005. Chloride concentrations dropped to 1,500 ppm in 2007 and to 1,250 ppm in 2008. Samples were not collected between 2008 and 2014, due to the pump on the well being in disrepair, and incapable of lifting a sample. The sample gathered in 2014 was obtained from a domestic water well to the north in Sec. 34, T. 13 S., R. 15 W. The sample from this well was tested and contained 300 ppm chloride. Neither well was available to district staff in 2015. The well is now equipped with an electric pump and float switch which will enable sampling to be carried out. A sample collected from a stock tank set at the pump was 675 ppm in 2016 and 975 ppm in 2017. In 2018, the sample was collected directly from the well, and was 900 ppm. In 2019, the concentration was determined to be 1,700, and in 2020 the level was 1,000 ppm. The site will continue to be sampled.

**Level of Remediation Sought:**

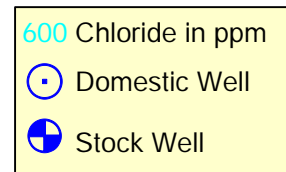
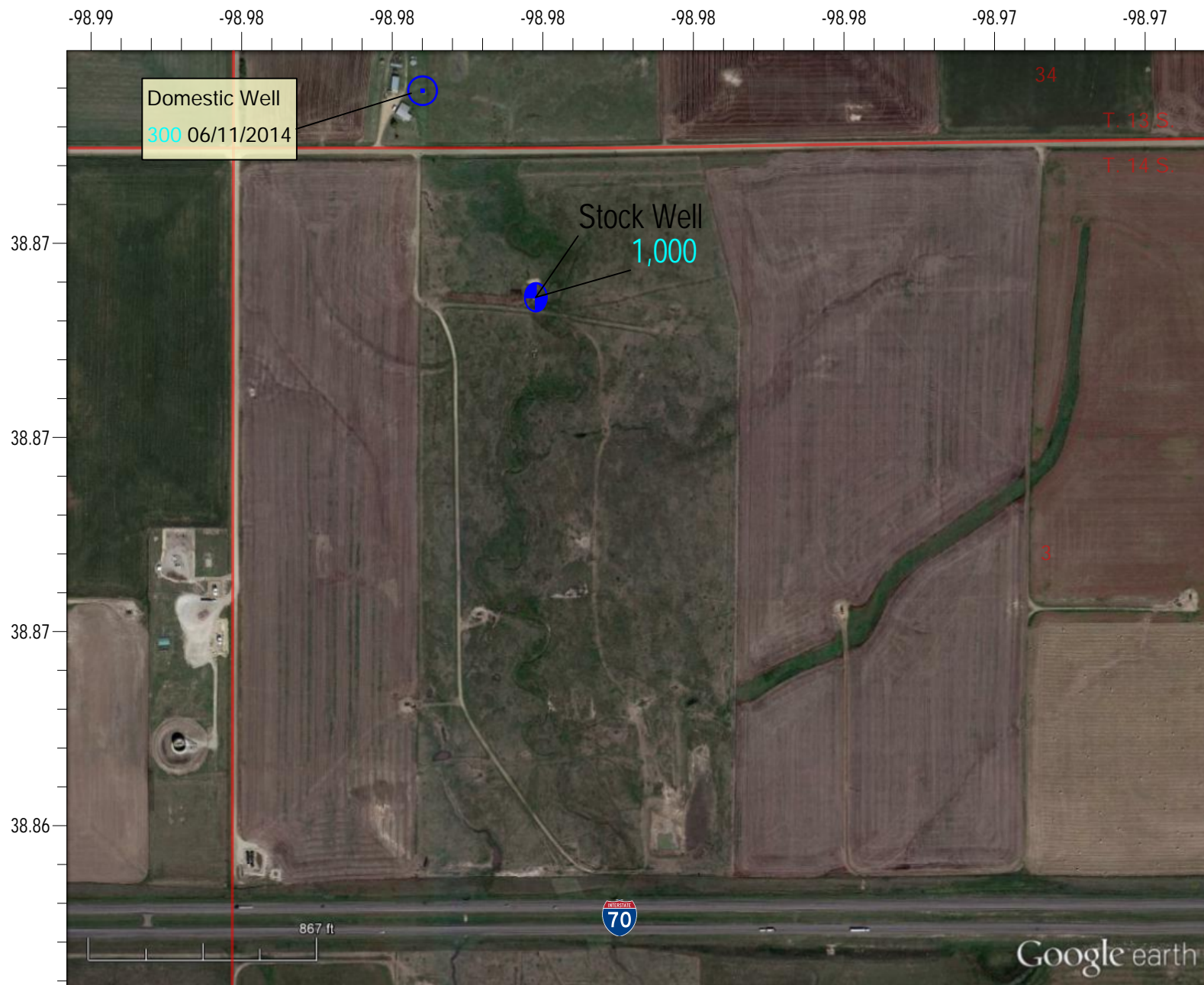
**Ideal:** 500 ppm Chloride

**Target:** 1000 ppm Chloride

**Recommendations for Future Work:** Continue to monitor in the short term.

**Estimated Total Costs:** \$300.00

Control No.	Staff Hours/Expenditures	Fund Expenditures FY 2020/21	Total
970089-00	5 Hrs. / \$148.58		
Current Contaminate Level: 1,000 ppm			
Status:			
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**Sander Groundwater Monitoring Site**  
 Section 3, Township 14 South, Range 15 West, Russell County, Kansas  
 2020 Groundwater Chloride Levels  
 District #4  
 Sampled on 8/26/2020 - Map Drawn on 9/1/2020 by C. Neeley



**Project: Sample Contamination Site, Sedgwick County, District 2**

**Site Location:** The contamination area is located at the intersection of 45<sup>th</sup> Street North and Rock Road in Wichita. The legal location is the NW of the NW of Section 29 Township 26 South Range 2 East, Sedgwick County.

**Impact/Immediacy:** This site is very low immediacy. The chloride intrusion affects a groundwater aquifer that is very low volume. Housing development in the area could see rise in water well installation for domestic and heating/cooling systems.

**Site Description:** The site is located on the outskirts of a metropolitan housing development, but is being encroached on from all sides. The topsoil is hard clay (Wellington formation). The underlying aquifer is a thin low volume zone that is directly affected by precipitation. Total depth of the monitor well is nineteen feet.

**Unusual problems:** A portion of the chlorides is natural and could not readily be remediated. The aquifer is low volume and difficult to clean up. The urban setting logistically makes remediation difficult. Continued residential development could see increased attempts of use of the groundwater in the area.

**Status of Project:** The water sample collected in 2020 tested 3,500 mg/L chlorides, which is a substantial drop from the 5,016 mg/L water sample in 2018. The change in chlorides could be from multiple factors including precipitation in 2020 and high water levels.

**Level of Remediation Sought:**

**Ideal:** 250 mg/L Chloride

**Target:** 500 mg/L Chloride

**Recommendations for Future Work:** KCC recommends continuation of monitoring the site for chlorides. Raising the Target Level to 750 mg/L could be warranted as this well is completed in the Wellington Formation. Site is located only one mile north of the District #2 Field Office so limited resources are needed to continue monitoring this site. Poor recovery and permeability in the local aquifer would hamper remedial efforts. Research, map, and investigate any new domestic wells in the area for contamination and begin sampling domestic wells in the area for annual report if contamination is found in the future.

**Estimated Total Costs:** \$300 per year for site inspection, sample collection, and research.

Control No.	Staff Hours/Expenditures	Fund Expenditures FY 2020/21	Total
970088-00	4.5 Hrs. / \$162.35		
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**Project:** *Schulte Brine Remediation Site, Sedgwick County, District 2*

**Site Location:** The legal description is the eastern half of sections 7 & 18, and all Sections 8 and 17, Township 28 South, and Range 1 West of Sedgwick County, Kansas. To the northeast lies the Wichita Mid-Continent Airport. The site is in the drainage systems of the Cowskin Creek and Dry Creek. Dry Creek is a tributary of Cowskin Creek and flows in an easterly direction across the site's southern part. The confluence of the two creeks is approximately three miles to the southeast of Schulte.

**Impact/Immediacy:** The effect is on groundwater resources, including public supply wells and domestic water wells. The immediacy level is rated as moderate.

**Site Description:** Regionally, the site is located in the Arkansas River valley. This valley is filled with unconsolidated alluvial deposits ranging in age from late Pleistocene to Holocene. The Permian aged Wellington Shale underlies these deposits and is reportedly at a depth of approximately 120 feet. The apparent source for the contamination is saltwater disposal ponds that were associated with activities in the Schulte oil field in sections 6 and 7. The site is situated between Wichita Mid-Continent Airport to the northeast and the unincorporated town of Schulte to the west. Land use is a combination of light industrial, agricultural, and residential. The aquifer consists of Pleistocene unconsolidated sand, clay, and gravel deposits. New construction of commercial/industrial complexes has occurred directly east of the recovery wells at the site and a new industrial building between the two recovery wells in section 7. Local geology consists of topsoil underlain by a brown to reddish clay to silty clay intermixed with sand lenses. Upper clay thickness ranges from 8.5 feet to 33 feet from east to west. Below the top clay, there are poorly sorted sand and gravel beds intermixed with thin clay and silt lenses. This sand unit thins to the west, unlike the clays above. Under that top sand unit is a brown to red clay silty-clay aquitard that can be up to 60 feet in thickness near the west end of the site. Below the middle clay aquitard is another sand unit. This sand unit is poorly sorted fine to coarse-grained with gravel and inter-bedded clay and silt layers. A bottom clay layer separates the sand from the blue Wellington Formation bedrock.

Local hydrology is based within the two sand units that reside above the Permian Wellington Formation bedrock but in between substantial clay layers. The middle clay aquitard separates the two aquifers, and historical investigations suggest that the brine plume has, in the past, migrated along the top of this aquitard.

Groundwater below the aquitard in the plume area has been tested and appears to be historically uncontaminated. The groundwater movement is to the east-southeast, with the almost easterly direction along the site's eastern edge. Remediation by the KCC began at this site on November 1st, 2001. The site currently consists of 2 recovery wells, 11 monitoring wells, and one saltwater disposal well that is used to dispose of brine impacted water. The system controls have been upgraded to shut down on weekends and restart on Monday morning.

**Unusual Problems:** The construction of new structures over the possible plume down-gradient of the recovery system limits future recovery in that direction. Much of the area is for sale for future industrial expansion and could complicate the continuance of the site's remediation.

**Status of Project:** During 2020, ten groundwater monitoring wells (MW-1, MW-6, MW-7, MW-8, MW-9, MW-15, MW-101, MW-201, MW-301, MW-401) were gauged and sampled. MW-4 was not tested due to tree roots and poison ivy that have worked their way into the well blocking the casing and approach. It is doubtful that this well will be repaired and could be plugged at this time.

Both recovery wells were running during the beginning of the 2020 year. The system is set up to alternately run the North well for twelve hours, then switch over and run the East recovery well for twelve hours. The system is programmed to shut down on weekends automatically. During early year system startup, chlorides were tested to be in the 1500 to 2000 mg/L range, but trail off with time as the wells began to form a cone of depression, allowing less impacted water located higher in the water table to enter the pump. The North recovery well showed chlorides of 1300-1400 mg/L during consistent use, while the East well tested between 1200-1300 mg/L. The Lamp #1 SWDW operated by the KCC for disposal of recovery fluid had an issue of air locking over some weekends when the pumps were not running, therefore the system was shut down for the year as of mid-June 2020, as chlorides are the lowest they have been in the history of the site. The system removed 2,726,700 gallons of fluid during 2020.

Groundwater levels ranged from 11 to 28 feet in the sampled wells during gauging by the Wichita State Hydrology Students on 9/18/2020. The KCC Professional Geologist oversaw this gauging event for accuracy. Static water levels have

east along the southern site border towards the center of the site before turning to the Cowskin Creek's easterly direction. The western hydraulic gradient was found to be 0.001462868 ft/ft between MW-1 and MW-101, and the eastern gradient was 0.003631579 ft/ft from MW-401 to MW-301. These gradients indicate a slower water movement from the west side before the angle increases to the east as it approaches the Cowskin Creek. There is a higher static water level bulge near MW-9. The 2020 groundwater sampling event data shows chloride levels to be stable with minor changes up and down significantly in the monitoring wells located in and downgradient of the center of the plume. MW-15 did increase by 100 mg/L. KCC will monitor this increase in the next sampling event to see if this is a new trend.

**Level of Remediation Sought:**

**Ideal:** 250 mg/l Chloride

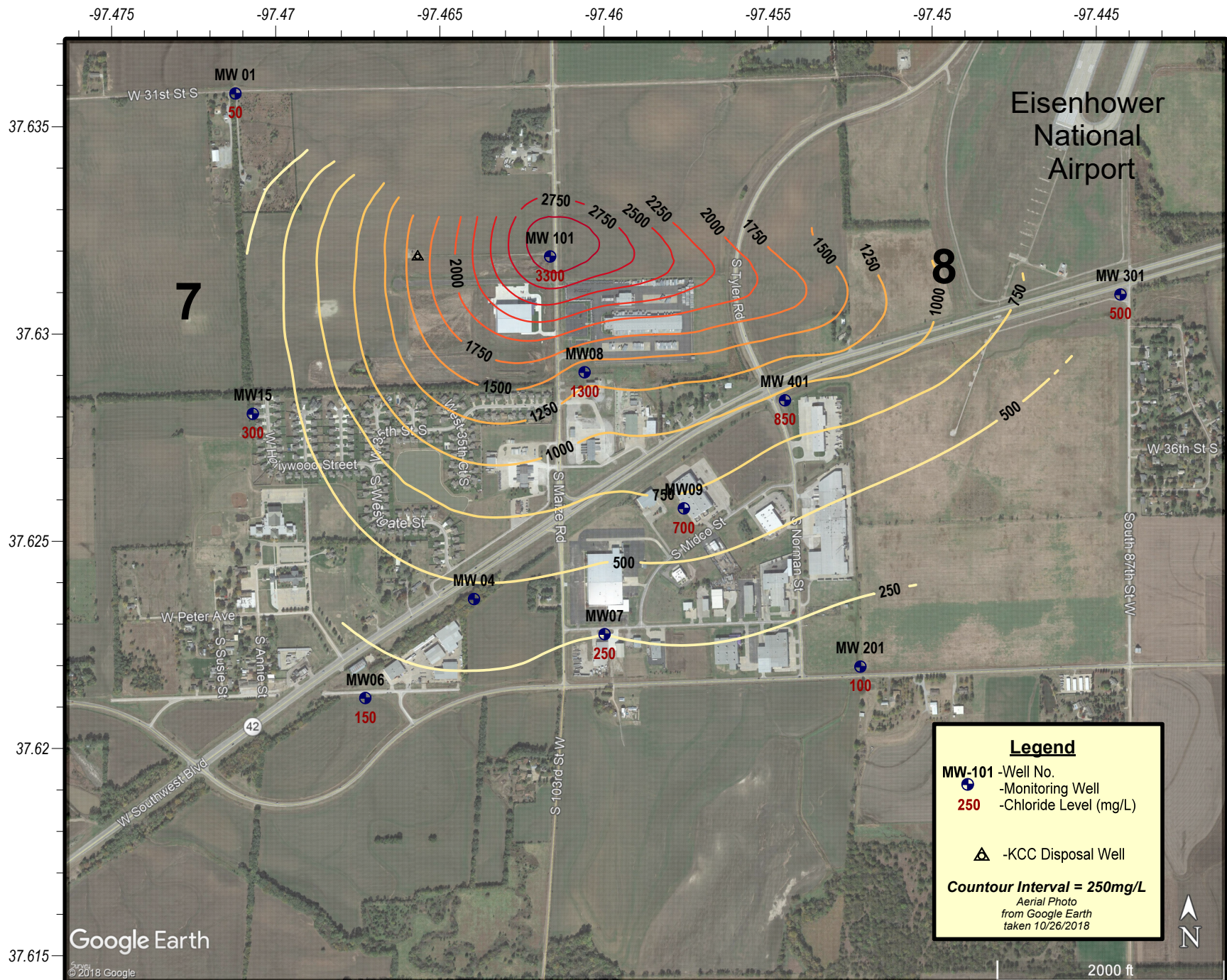
**Target:** 500 mg/l Chloride

**Recommendations for Future Work:** KCC recommends that 4-5 new monitoring wells be installed to replace MW-4 and delineate the plume's northern side when resources are available. KCC will continue to sample and monitor the chlorides at the site. KCC will test the recovery wells in the spring of 2021 and evaluate the need for system restart or possible remedial system closure. If further remedial work is deemed unnecessary, the Schulte site's monitoring phase will continue, and plume delineation will be vital to tracking potential brine impaction down gradient. The KCC will investigate the water level bulge near MW-9 in 2021.

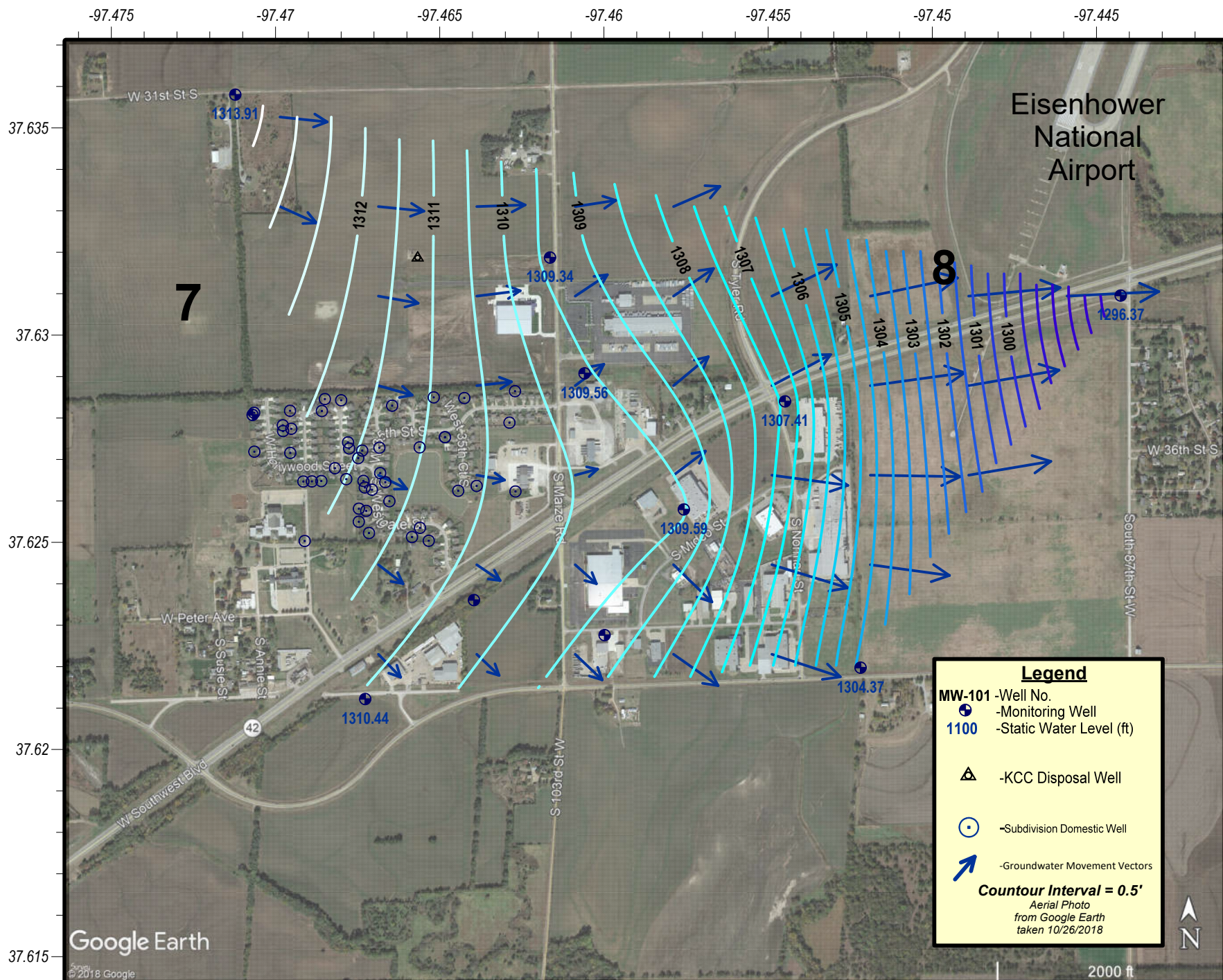
**Estimated Total Costs:** \$2,000 to upkeep the remediation system, perform annual groundwater sampling, and continue investigating new domestic water wells currently being installed inside the known plume. \$10,000-20,000 to drill and install 4-5 new monitoring wells.

Control No.	Staff Hours/Expenditures	Fund Expenditures	
		FY 2020/21	Total
970015-00	88.5 Hrs. / \$2,570.33	\$ 550.39	\$180,070.33
<b>Current Contaminate Level: 50 mg/L in MW #1 to 3,300 mg/L in MW# 101</b>			
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### Schulte Remediation Site

Sections 7 & 8 of Township 28 South and Range 1 West, Sedgwick County, Kansas

### 2020 Groundwater Surface Map

KCC Control # 970015-00 - KCC District #2 Field Office - Wells gauged 9/18/2020 - Map drawn on 9/23/20 by D. Bollenback, P.G.



**Project: Curtis Contamination Site, Stafford County, District 1**

**Site Location:** The legal location is Sections 23, 24, 25 & 26 of Township 24 South, Range 14 West, Stafford County

**Impact/Immediacy:** The impact is to groundwater resources that have been contaminated by the flow of salt water from an old core drill hole. The core hole thought to be the source of contamination was plugged in 1988. This site has a low to moderate immediacy rating.

**Site Description:** This site was investigated after the Curtis irrigation well was reported salty. The aquifer in this area consists of unconsolidated material consisting mostly of sand and gravel, and is in general ninety feet thick. Several thin aquitards were encountered in the unconsolidated material. Bedrock consists of clay shale of various colors and was encountered at approximately 90 to 100 feet. The Curtis irrigation well tested salty upon completion and it was reportedly never used. It was also reported that no preliminary test boreholes were made before drilling the irrigation well. The irrigation well was probably drilled into the top of the bedrock and may have pumped chloride contaminated water from this zone.

**Unusual Problems:** The old core hole may have allowed cross flow of brine into the groundwater aquifer of the Rattlesnake Creek for more than forty years. The plume from this massive intrusion of brine extends to the northeast approximately two miles from the original source area.

**Status of Project:** Samples were collected from four monitoring wells in 2020. The chlorides have remained steady in the area. The plume remains confined around MW-1. Only two of the wells remain above the ideal level of 250ppm chloride.

**Level of Remediation Sought:**

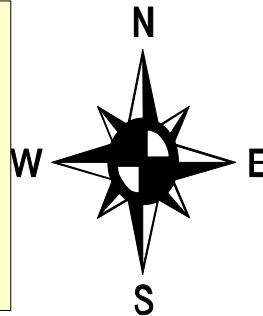
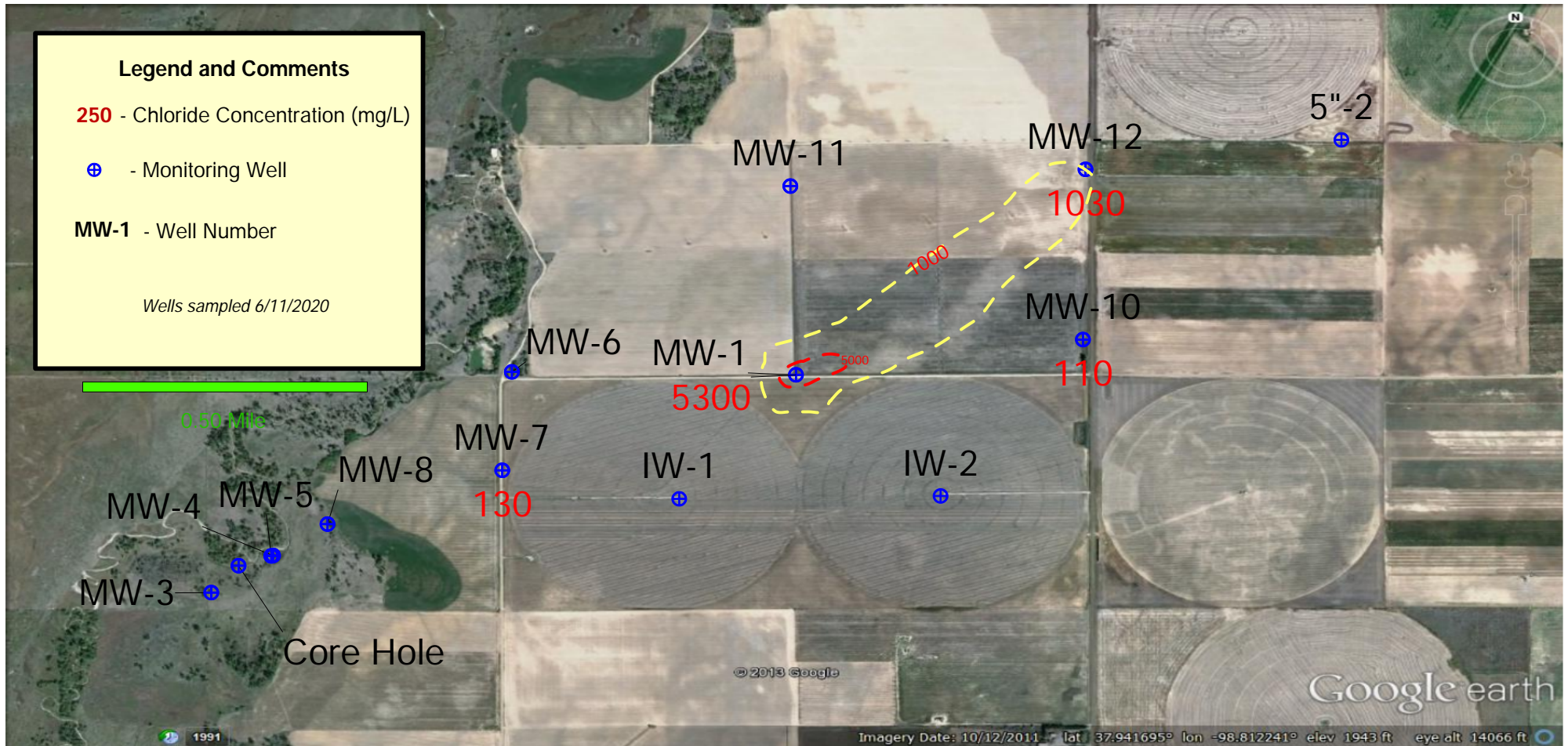
**Ideal:** 250 ppm

**Target:** 500-1000 ppm

**Recommendation for Future Work:** Continued monitoring of the site is recommended. The plume has migrated to the Northeast away from the original location near the old core hole. Monitoring wells 3-10 should be plugged as they have remained fresh for several sampling cycles. The possibility of repairing MW-11 or drilling a replacement well will be explored.

**Estimated Total Costs:** \$27,000

Control No.	Staff Hours/Expenditures	Fund Expenditures FY 2020/21	Total
970034-00	8.5 Hrs. / \$242.18		\$4,199.17
<b>Current Contaminate Level: 110 ppm Cl- to 5300 ppm Cl-</b>			
<b>Status:</b>			
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## Curtis Site

Sections 19/23/24/25/26-T24S-R14W  
Stafford County, Kansas

### 2020 Area Map with Chlorides

KCC Control # 970034-00 District 1  
K. Sullivan 9/3/2020



**Project: French Contamination Site, Stafford County, District 1**

**Site Location:** The site is located in Section 17, Township 23 South, Range 13 West, Stafford County.

**Impact/Immediacy:** Potential exists for impacts on stock and irrigation resources. Subsidence around the French “A” 1 has developed into a sinkhole. Worst-case scenario would be a catastrophic collapse taking part of an east-west county road and several acres of farm ground. Probable action is a gentle downward movement of the area until stable. The site has a moderate to high rating.

**Site Description:** The site consists of an unplugged saltwater disposal well whose operation led to the development of a solution cavity. The site is located in a rural setting 330’ north of a county road. Land use is agricultural with oil activities in the area. The subsidence at the site now covers an area of approximately 600 x 1000’ in size.

**Unusual Problems:** A solution cavity was determined to exist under the existing location by a seismic survey conducted by the KGS. The seismic survey indicates the cavity is approximately 60’ thick.

**Status of the Project:** Elevations were shot on September 18, 2020. Once again abundant rainfall has occurred in 2020 in the area where the sinkhole is, therefore, most of it was underwater and some points couldn’t be located. The majority of the drop is in the eastern part of the sinkhole, with the most dramatic drop to the northeast. The eastern part of the sinkhole is dropping quicker than in the recent past. The seismic that was shot over it would indicate that the sinkhole will continue to subside to the east. Survey point ‘Old BM’ was destroyed after a high line pole was replaced in late 2015 or early 2016.

**Level of Remediation Sought:**

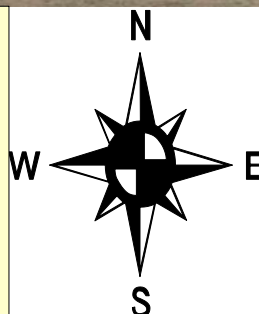
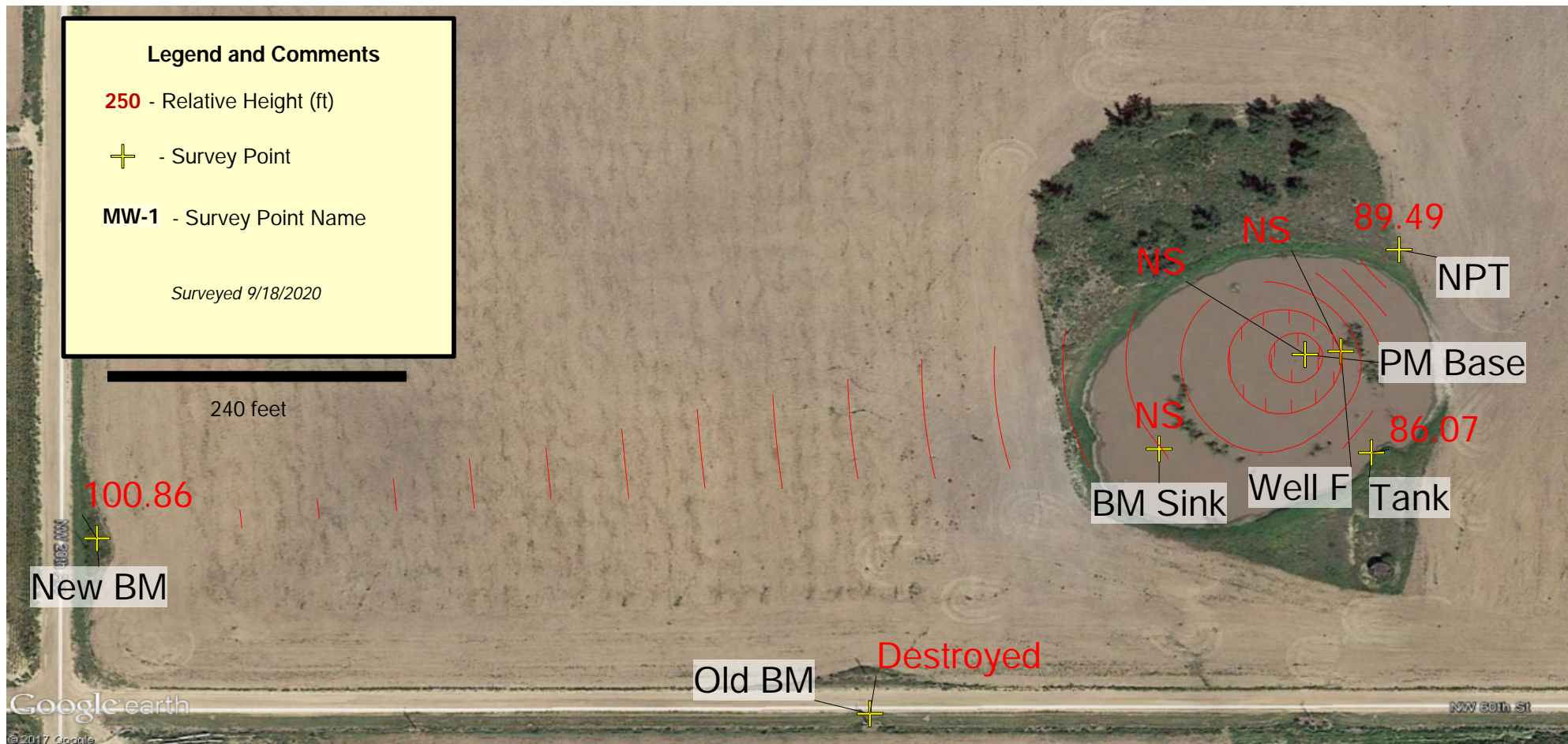
**Ideal:** Stabilize cavity and plug well bore in accordance with KCC rules and regulations.

**Target:** Safely monitor site. Determine an acceptable plugging procedure, which will adequately address groundwater resources.

**Recommendations for Future Work:** Set a new benchmark located closer to the sinkhole for more accurate surveys. Look at adding a few more survey points.. Resume the annual survey of the site to establish a current rate of subsidence.

**Estimated Total Costs:** \$3,000.00

Control No.	Staff Hours/Expenditures	Fund Expenditures	
		FY 2020/21	Total
990002-001	16 Hrs. / \$441.70		\$346.50
<b>Current Contaminate Level: Unknown.</b>			
<b>Status:</b>			
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**French Sinkhole**  
 SW 1/4 Section 17-T23S-R13W  
**Change in Elevation Map**  
 KCC Control #970002-001 District #1  
 K. Sullivan 9/21/2020



**Project: Leesburg Sink Hole Site, Stafford County, District 1**

**Site Location:** The site is located in Section 12, Township 25 South, Range 13 West, Stafford County.

**Impact / Immediacy:** Potential exists for impacts on stock and irrigation resources. Subsidence around the Leesburg #302 and Leesburg #303 may develop into a sinkhole. Worst-case scenario would be a catastrophic collapse taking several acres of farm ground. Probable action is a gentle downward movement of the area until stable. The site has a moderate to high rating.

**Site Description:** The site consists of a plugged saltwater disposal well whose operation led to the probable development of a solution cavity. The site is located in a rural setting approximately 990' FEL and 2310' FSL of section 12. Land use is agricultural with oil activities in the area. The subsidence at the site now covers an area of approximately 350'x400' in size.

**Unusual Problems:** A solution cavity is thought to exist under the existing location.

**Status of the Project:** Elevation was shot on September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020 by Advantage Elevations. The point actually saw an increase this year from the last survey in 2019. This could be a result of the soil shrinking and swelling from year to year depending on the annual rainfall. The average rate of subsidence is 0.33' per year. Other points were under water and unable to be surveyed.

**Recommendations for Future Work:** It is recommended the site continued to be surveyed annually. The ground level at the stake on the east side should be surveyed in addition to the Leesburg 302 if it is accessible (low/no water). Additional points on the north and south edges of the sink, as well as a point in the center of the sink should be added in order to more thoroughly describe the movement.

**Level of Remediation Sought:**

**Ideal:** Stabilize cavity.

**Target:** Safely monitor site.

**Estimated Total Costs:** RP -\$62,000, plugging costs, seismic and installation of monitor wells.

Control No.	Staff Hours/Expenditures	Fund Expenditures	
		FY 2020/21	Total
20040003-001	3 Hrs. / \$95.62		\$6,266.00
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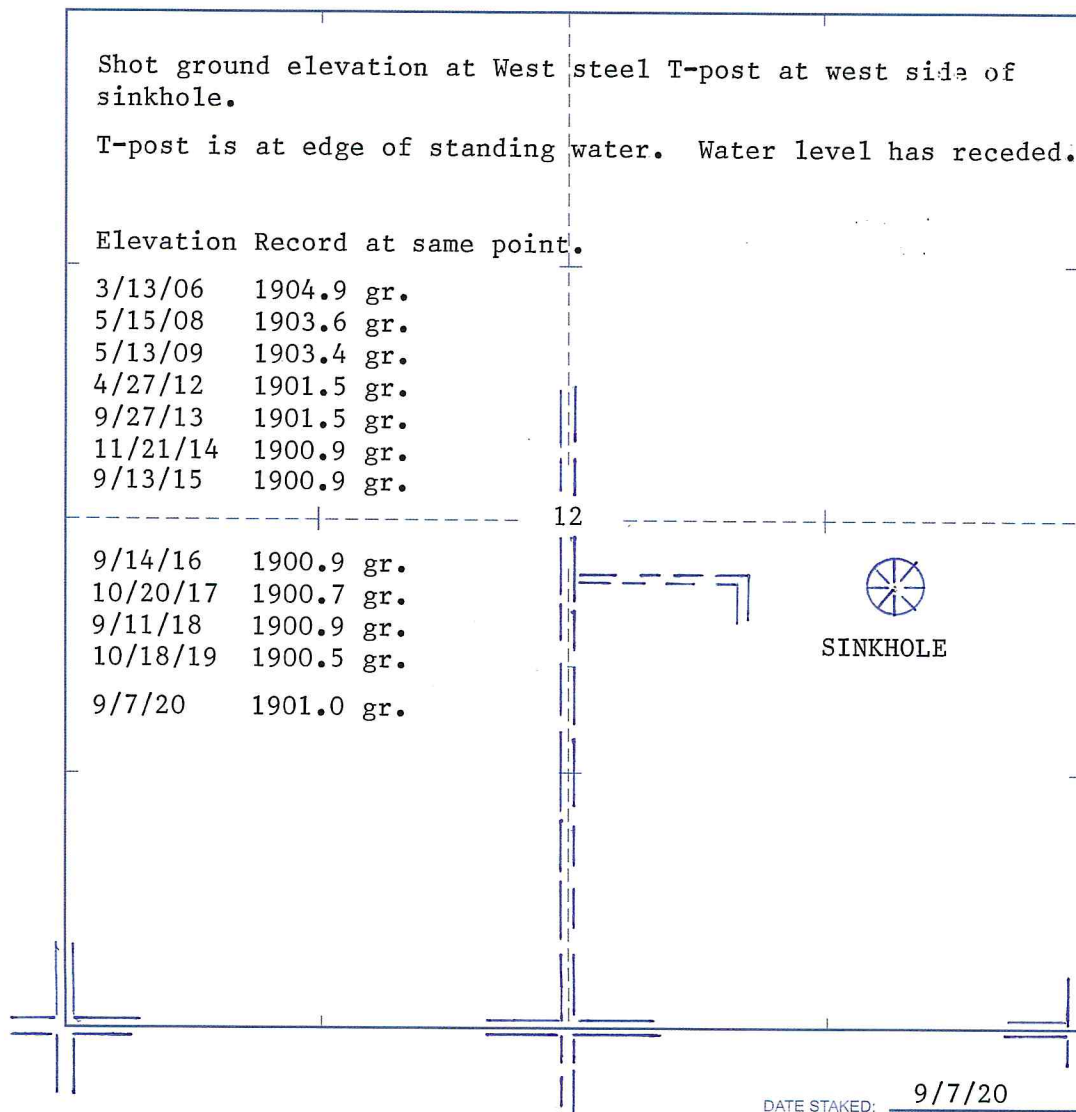
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**Project: Wingate Contamination Site, Wilson County, District 3**

**Site Location:** NE/4 of Section 17, Township 29 South, Range 17 East, Wilson County

**Impact/Immediacy:** Impact is to the groundwater and soil. Immediacy level is rated as low.

**Site Description:** This site is located on gently sloping land used for agriculture. Much of the scar is located in a low-lying drainage area next to or within a waterway. Brine seepage originates from the Thayer coal bed or Cottage Grove Sandstone Member, which overlies the Chanute Shale in the higher areas.

**Unusual Problems:** This property is leased by River Rock. The Mary Douglas property located in the next ¼ section East contained 22 abandoned wells, many of which had high fluid levels and were old style completions. These abandoned wells are contributing to the source of the brine commingling with the shallow aquifer impacting the Wingate property. These wells were plugged by the State and the project was completed in February of 2009.

**Status of Project:** Four new monitoring wells were constructed on this project in early 2012. These wells were sampled on 9/8/2020. Statistical analysis of samples collected from these four new monitoring wells indicates Cl- concentrations are directly impacted to precipitation events and oil & gas producing activities within the immediate vicinity. The sample results for 2020 are as follows:

WIN1: 5,600 ppm Cl-

WIN2: 1,200 ppm Cl-

WIN3: 1,400 ppm Cl-

WIN4: 1,800 ppm Cl-

**Level of Remediation Sought:**

**Ideal:** 250 ppm Chloride

**Target:** 500 ppm Chloride

**Recommendation for Future Work:** Sample site annually. This site should possibly be expanded to include the Mary Douglas property located in NW 16-T29S-R17E WL Co. and the SE 17-T29S-R17E. Sampling in 2020 indicates that the primary source of brine is coming from the SSE of this project. Available records show an old plugged well is located to the SW of the monitoring wells. This location will be investigated in the following year to determine if the plug has failed. Graphical analysis of the Cl- concentrations in these four wells indicates that chlorides are at the lowest level since the project was initiated. Factors such as an increase in flood and or disposal fluids from active operations completed within the same zone or CBM wells that have been shut in or pumping at reduced rates can temporarily increase formation pressures allowing greater communication with possible undiscovered open bore holes and an increase in chloride levels. Further monitoring of existing wells and possible additional monitoring wells will help to delineate the extent and condition of this aquifer. Further review of KGS well data and GIS information along with the new ability to download and overlay historic aerial imagery may provide information on additional possible locations of abandoned wells for further field investigation.

**Estimated Total Costs:** Four new monitoring wells were completed at a cost of \$8,196 in 2012.

Control No.	Staff Hours/Expenditures	Fund Expenditures	
		FY 2020/21	Total
970107-00	35 Hrs. / \$1,001.86		\$8,296.00
<b>Current Contaminate Level: 1,200 ppm Cl- to 5,600 ppm Cl-</b>			
<b>Status:Active</b>			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1. Site Assessment	<input type="checkbox"/> 2. Short Term Monitoring	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3. Investigation	
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