

**FINAL  
QUARTERLY RESPIROMETER TEST 1 OF 5**

**BUILDING 986 POL LABORATORY**

**SOIL VAPOR EXTRACTION AND BIO-VENTING  
OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE**

**FORT RICHARDSON, ALASKA  
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## **OPERATIONAL MONITORING**

AGVIQ, Inc. inspected the soil vapor extraction (VE) and bio-venting system for proper operational parameters. The system appeared to be operating normally, as designed and was tested as initially configured. No alternative data was available at the time of testing to change the configuration. Power indicators and alarms were operational. The system's air flow was free-flowing, did not have excessive vacuum, the lower explosive limits (LEL) concentrations were low and the condensate tank was empty and unobstructed.

## **RESPIROMETER TESTING**

On January 30, 2002 the initial respiration testing of this yearly sequence of O & M activities was performed for a period of eight (8) days. Prior to shutting off the blower for the respirometer test, the VE system was configured to extract air from VE wells 1 and 2, an initial effluent sample was collected, and initial soil vapor readings were collected from three (3) monitoring points. VE well 3 was left closed. Readings using a Combustible Gas Indicator (CGI) were collected from each of the monitoring points (MP-1, MP-2 and MP-3) at half hour intervals for the first four (4) hours after shut down on January 30, 2002. Readings were also collected daily over the next seven (7) days and the blower was restarted on February 6, 2002.

## **ANALYTICAL SAMPLING PROGRAM**

### **Effluent Sampling**

Effluent samples were collected from the VE system exhaust stack, prior to shutdown, to estimate hydrocarbon-mass removal rates as configured. The samples were collected from the exhaust stack using laboratory-prepared 1-liter stainless steel canisters. The samples were sent to CT&E of Anchorage, Alaska. The effluent samples were analyzed for the following parameters:

- Benzene, Toluene, Ethylbenzene and Xylenes (BTEX) by EPA 8021B
- Gasoline Range Organics (GRO) by AK 101; and
- Methane, carbon dioxide, oxygen and nitrogen by ASTM 1945M

## **FINDINGS**

### **Effluent Sampling**

At the time of sample collection, all of the GRO and BTEX constituents had undetectable levels except for P & M Xylene (Table 1). The air sample analytical results indicate that the percent levels of oxygen and nitrogen are similar to the concentrations found in the

atmosphere. All of the analytical results from the effluent air samples collected during the respirometer sampling event are presented in Appendix A.

### **Monitoring Events**

The CGI results from the monitoring events are presented in Appendix B. The readings at MP-1 suggest biological activity due to the decrease in oxygen and the increase in carbon dioxide, during the extent of the monitoring period. This trend is greater at 20 ft bgs than at 10 ft bgs. This implies that biological activity is occurring in the vicinity of MP-1 and a significantly higher amount of activity is taking place at the greater depth. MP-1 is located in the vicinity of the former dry well (Appendix C).

The readings from MP-2 also exhibited evidence of biological activity. However, there was less evidence of biological activity seen at 10 ft bgs, than was exhibited at the same depth at MP-1. Evidence of a considerably higher amount of microbial activity is seen at the 20 ft bgs depth at this location.

MP-3 is located outside of the main contaminated area at the former dry well area. Very little activity was observed at both depths in this location.

To assist in assessing the VE system performance, the air flow rates (CFM) and vacuum (inches of H<sub>2</sub>O) were measured from each vent well and concentrations of volatiles (ppm) were measured with a calibrated photo-ionization detector (PID) from each vent well at the exhaust stack. The air flow rates measured at the VE blower ranged between 13 and 39 CFM and the applied vacuum levels at the VE blower ranged between 16 and 24 inches of H<sub>2</sub>O. The concentration of volatiles ranged between 1.5 and 9.2 ppm. The air flow, vacuum and concentration of volatiles results are listed in Table 2.

### **CONCLUSION**

Review of the monitoring and analytical data indicates that the VE system is actively remediating the subsurface soils in the vicinity of the former dry well located at Building 986. The observations indicate that the remediation is progressing by two processes: bioremediation through the utilization of oxygen in the soil gas and, to a lesser degree, physical removal of hydrocarbon vapors. The physical removal is diminished due to the age of the system and remedial process.

Evidence of bioremediation and physical removal is obtained through sampling and analysis of the extracted soil gas. Analysis of the VE system effluent for petroleum hydrocarbons indicates that the VE system is successfully extracting contaminants. The presence of elevated CO<sub>2</sub> concentrations in the soil gas analyzed from the VE system exhaust stack may be an indication of hydrocarbon biodegradation in the site soils. In addition, atmospheric oxygen concentrations in the soil gas indicate that the oxygen is not currently limiting hydrocarbon biodegradation. Similarly, the data collected from the three soil gas monitoring points also indicate by the increase in CO<sub>2</sub> concentrations and significant decrease in O<sub>2</sub> concentrations that biodegradation is occurring in the soils at the site where contamination was found.

TABLE 1

# AIR SAMPLE ANALYTICAL RESULTS

----- PARAMETERS -----											
SAMPLE ID	GRO mg/Kg	BTEX mg/Kg	Benzene mg/Kg	Toluene mg/Kg	Ethylbenzene mg/Kg	P & M-Xylene mg/Kg	O-Xylene mg/Kg	Oxygen %	Nitrogen %	Methane %	Carbon Dioxide %
Exhaust 02FRA001AG	U	0.830	U	U	U	0.830	U	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Exhaust 02FRA002AG	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	17.1790	82.2050	U	0.616000

Note:

GRO = Gasoline Range Organics  
 BTEX = Benzene, Toluene, Ethylbenzene and Total Xylenes  
 U = Undetectable as listed in the analytical report  
 N/A = Not Applicable as listed in the analytical report  
 mg/Kg = milligram per kilogram  
 % = percent by volume

TABLE 2  
**SOIL VAPOR EXTRACTION & BIO-VENTING SYSTEM  
OPERATIONAL DATA**

----- PARAMETERS -----

LOCATION	AIR FLOW (CFM)	VACUUM (inches of H <sub>2</sub> O)	CONCENTRATION OF VOLATILES (ppm)	% WELLS OPEN
VE - 1	13 (max)	24	2.5	100 %
VE - 2	44	20	1.5	100 %
VE - 3	39	16	9.2	Approx. 10 %
EXHAUST STACK	27	6	4.6	N/A

Note:  
CFM = Cubic Feet per Minute  
ppm = Parts Per Million  
N/A = Not applicable

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## **Appendix A**

### **Laboratory Analytical Results**

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CT&amp;E Environmental Services Inc.

CT&E Ref.# 1020552001  
 Client Name AGVIQ Inc.  
 Project Name/# Bldg 986 FRA BVS System Ex.  
 Client Sample ID Exhaust 02FRA001AG  
 Matrix Gas & Air  
 Ordered By

Client PO#  
 Printed Date/Time 02/21/2002 8:36  
 Collected Date/Time 01/30/2002 14:00  
 Received Date/Time 01/31/2002 5:57  
 Technical Director Stephen C. Ede

Released By

Sample Remarks:

Parameter	Results	PQL	Units	Method	Allowable Limits	Prep Date	Analysis Date	Init
<b><u>Volatile Fuels Department</u></b>								
Gasoline Range Organics	20.0 U	20.0	ppm	CTE 8015M/8021B		02/04/02	02/04/02	DAR
Benzene	0.780 U	0.780	ppm	CTE 8015M/8021B		02/04/02	02/04/02	DAR
Toluene	0.660 U	0.660	ppm	CTE 8015M/8021B		02/04/02	02/04/02	DAR
Ethylbenzene	0.580 U	0.580	ppm	CTE 8015M/8021B		02/04/02	02/04/02	DAR
P & M -Xylene	0.830	0.580	ppm	CTE 8015M/8021B		02/04/02	02/04/02	DAR
o-Xylene	0.580 U	0.580	ppm	CTE 8015M/8021B		02/04/02	02/04/02	DAR
<b><u>arrogates</u></b>								
1,4-Difluorobenzene <Surr>	96.4		%	CTE 8015M/8021B	60-120	02/04/02	02/04/02	DAR
4-Bromofluorobenzene <Surr>	78.6		%	CTE 8015M/8021B	50-150	02/04/02	02/04/02	DAR

CT&E Environmental Services Inc.  
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CT&E Ref.# 1020552002  
Client Name AGVIQ Inc.  
Project Name/# Bldg 986 FRA BVS System Ex.  
Client Sample ID Exhaust 02FRA002AG  
Matrix Gas & Air  
Ordered By

Client PO#  
Printed Date/Time 02/21/2002 8:36  
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Sample Remarks:

Parameter	Results	PQL	Units	Method	Allowable Limits	Prep Date	Analysis Date	Init
Oxygen	17.1790	0.00200	%	ASTM D-1945			02/04/02	KWM
Nitrogen	82.2050	0.00200	%	ASTM D-1945			02/04/02	KWM
Methane	0.00200 U	0.00200	%	ASTM D-1945			02/04/02	KWM
Carbon Dioxide	0.616000	0.00200	%	ASTM D-1945			02/04/02	KWM

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**Appendix B**

**Combustible Gas Indicator Results  
From Quarterly Respirometer Test 1 of 5**

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DATE	MP - 1						MP - 2						MP - 3					
	10 ft bgs (Blue)			20 ft bgs (Green)			10 ft bgs (Blue)			20 ft bgs (Green)			10 ft bgs (Blue)			20 ft bgs (Green)		
	% CO <sub>2</sub>	% O <sub>2</sub>	% CO <sub>2</sub>	% CO <sub>2</sub>	% O <sub>2</sub>	% O <sub>2</sub>	% CO <sub>2</sub>	% O <sub>2</sub>	% CO <sub>2</sub>	% CO <sub>2</sub>	% O <sub>2</sub>	% O <sub>2</sub>	% CO <sub>2</sub>	% O <sub>2</sub>	% CO <sub>2</sub>	% CO <sub>2</sub>	% O <sub>2</sub>	% O <sub>2</sub>
1/30/02 @ 0 min	0.2	20.8	1.3	1.3	19.6	19.6	0.0	20.8	0.6	20.2	20.2	0.0	0.0	20.9	0.1	20.9	0.1	20.9
1/30/02 @ 30 min	0.2	20.6	1.1	1.1	19.6	19.6	0.0	20.6	0.6	20.1	20.1	0.0	0.0	20.7	0.0	20.7	0.0	20.7
1/30/02 @ 60 min	0.2	20.4	0.8	0.8	19.6	19.6	0.0	20.4	0.6	19.8	19.8	0.0	0.0	20.7	0.0	20.6	0.0	20.6
1/30/02 @ 90 min	0.2	20.5	0.8	0.8	19.8	19.8	0.0	20.5	0.8	19.7	19.7	0.0	0.0	20.8	0.2	20.7	0.2	20.7
1/30/02 @ 120 min	0.2	20.4	0.8	0.8	19.8	19.8	0.0	20.5	0.8	19.5	19.5	0.0	0.0	20.8	0.1	20.7	0.1	20.7
1/30/02 @ 150 min	0.2	20.5	0.8	0.8	20.0	20.0	0.0	20.5	0.8	19.3	19.3	0.0	0.0	20.8	0.1	20.7	0.1	20.7
1/30/02 @ 180 min	0.2	20.4	0.8	0.8	19.8	19.8	0.0	20.6	1.0	19.2	19.2	0.0	0.0	20.8	0.1	20.7	0.1	20.7
1/30/02 @ 210 min	0.2	20.5	0.8	0.8	19.8	19.8	0.0	20.2	1.2	18.9	18.9	0.0	0.0	20.9	0.2	20.6	0.2	20.6
1/30/02 @ 240 min	0.2	20.4	0.8	0.8	19.8	19.8	0.0	20.2	1.4	18.4	18.4	0.0	0.0	20.7	0.2	20.5	0.2	20.5
1/31/2002	0.6	18.6	2.6	2.6	15.3	15.3	0.2	19.7	3.0	13.5	13.5	0.2	0.2	20.9	0.2	20.9	0.2	20.9
2/1/2002	0.8	15.6	4.0	4.0	9.7	9.7	0.0	20.5	3.6	9.0	9.0	0.0	0.0	20.2	0.2	18.9	0.2	18.9
2/2/2002	1.8	15.0	5.3	5.3	6.4	6.4	0.2	18.8	3.7	7.2	7.2	0.0	0.0	19.6	0.4	19.8	0.4	19.8
2/3/2002	1.8	16.0	5.5	5.5	6.3	6.3	0.1	19.8	4.8	6.2	6.2	0.0	0.0	20.9	0.4	20.7	0.4	20.7
2/4/2002	1.8	15.6	3.6	3.6	13.1	13.1	0.1	19.5	5.0	9.0	9.0	0.2	0.2	20.3	0.5	19.7	0.5	19.7
2/5/2002	1.4	16.5	4.5	4.5	9.2	9.2	0.2	20.1	5.6	8.2	8.2	0.1	0.1	20.4	0.4	19.3	0.4	19.3
2/6/2002	1.6	15.7	5.4	5.4	5.8	5.8	0.1	20.8	6.8	5.4	5.4	0.2	0.2	20.9	0.4	20.4	0.4	20.4

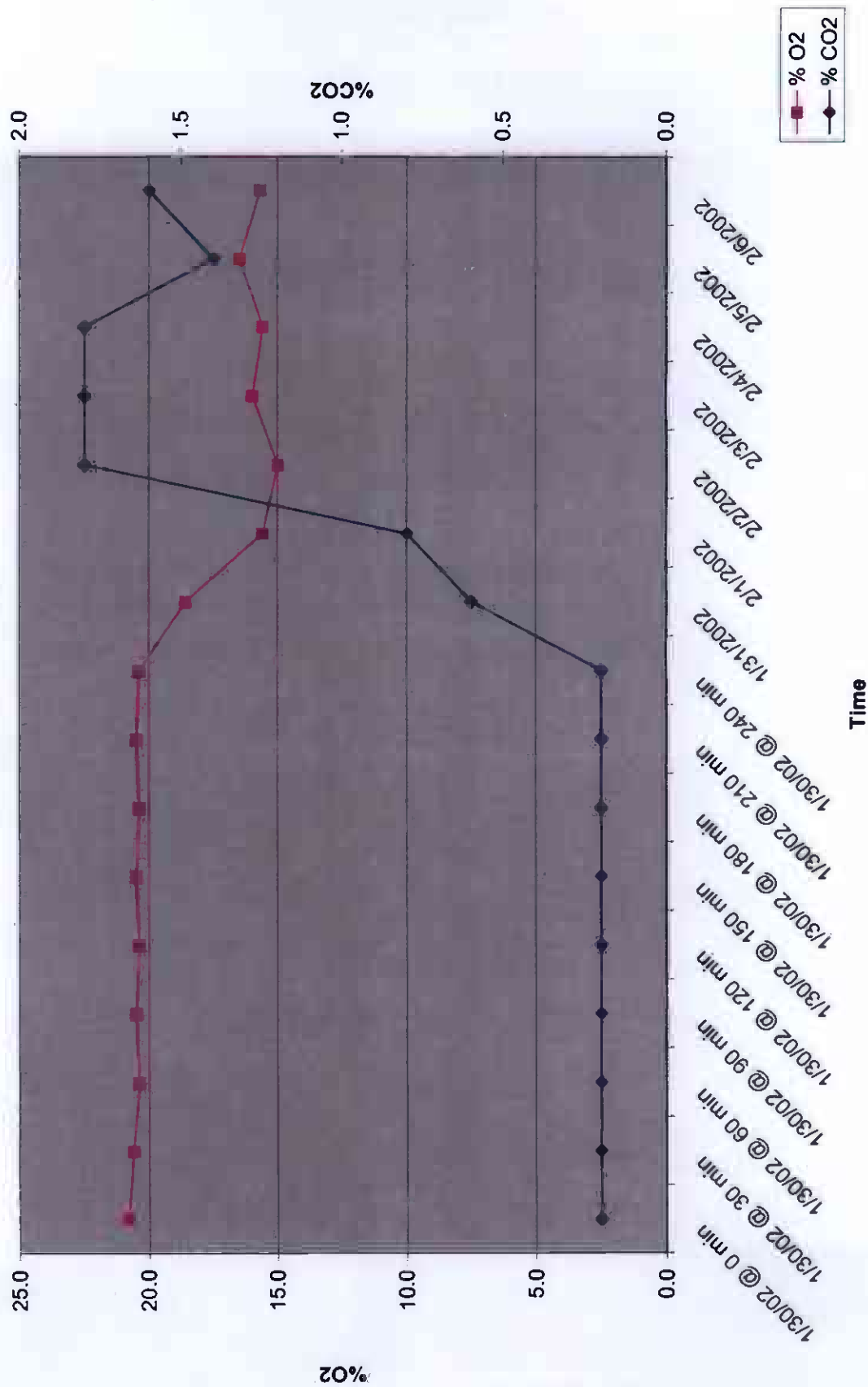
Note:

MP = monitoring point

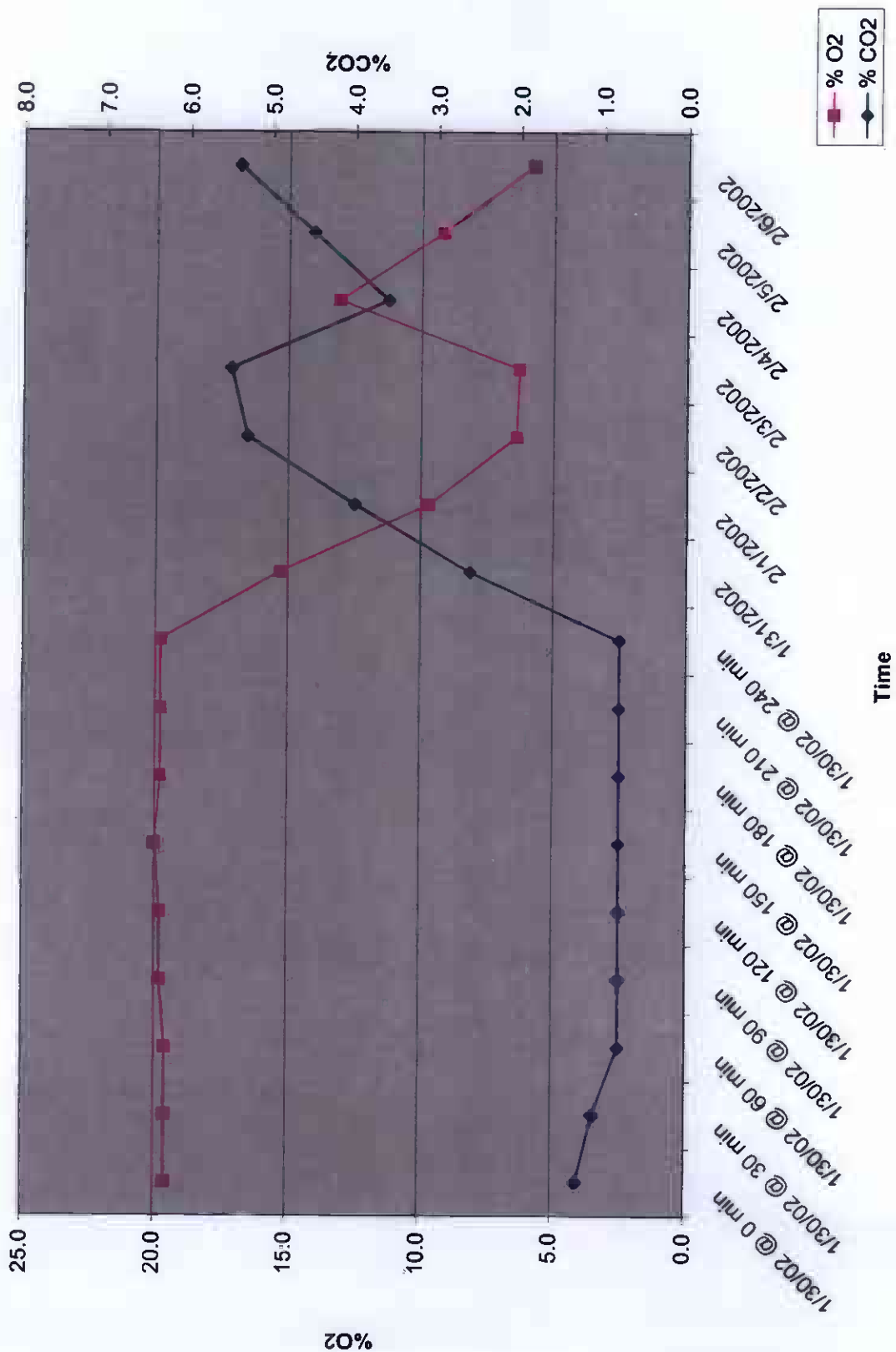
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bgs = below ground surface

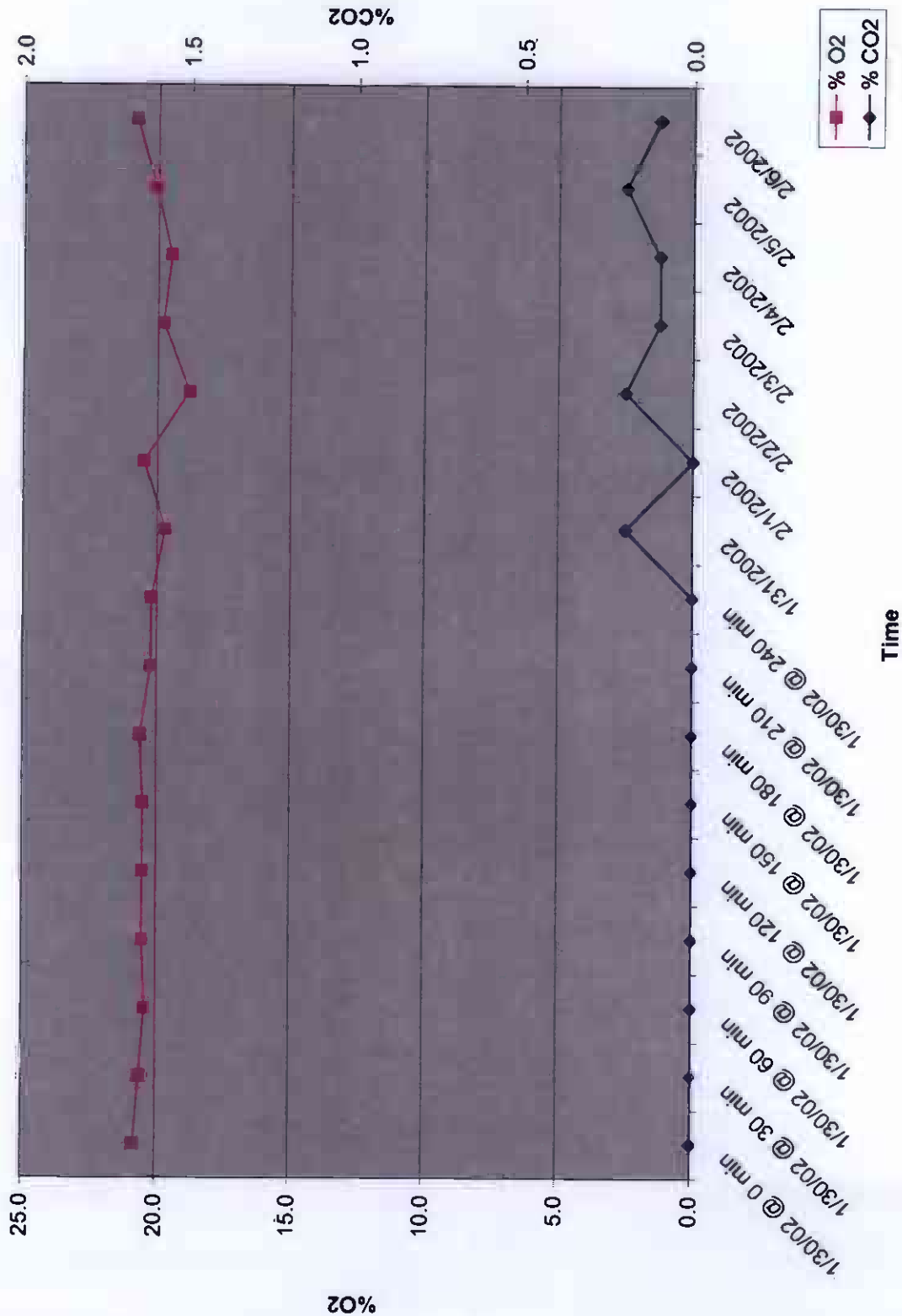
January/February 2002  
MP-1 at 10 ft bgs



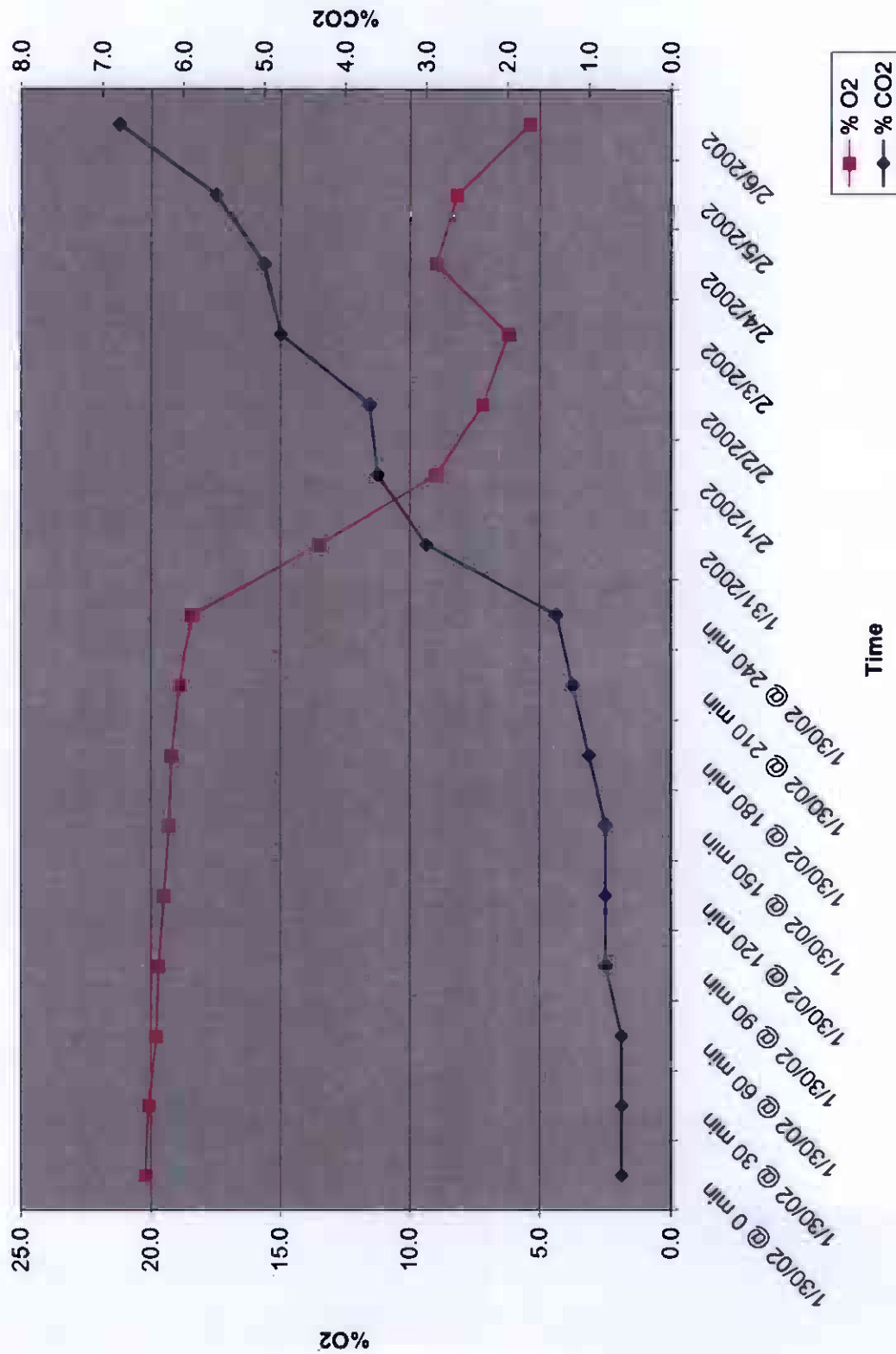
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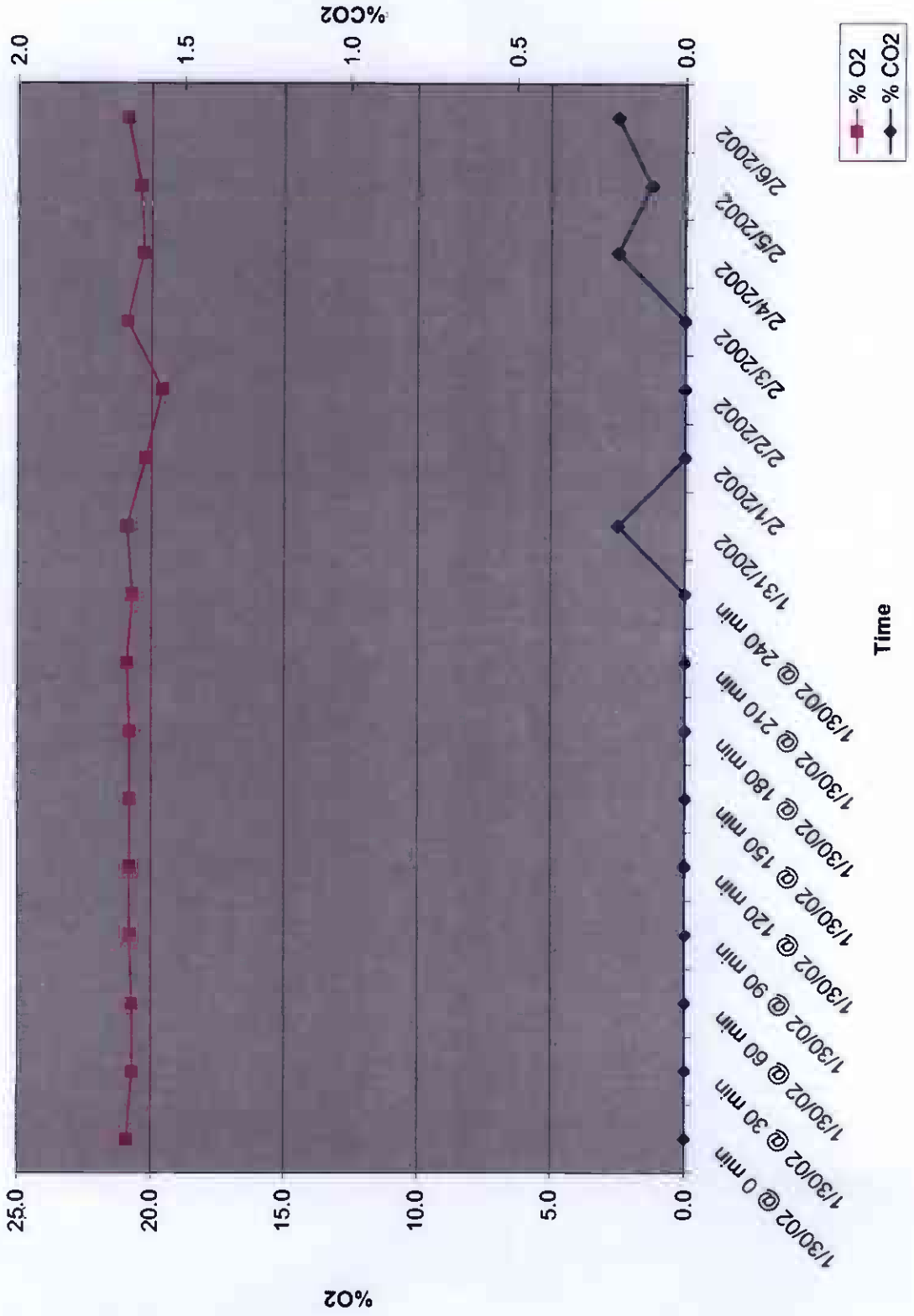
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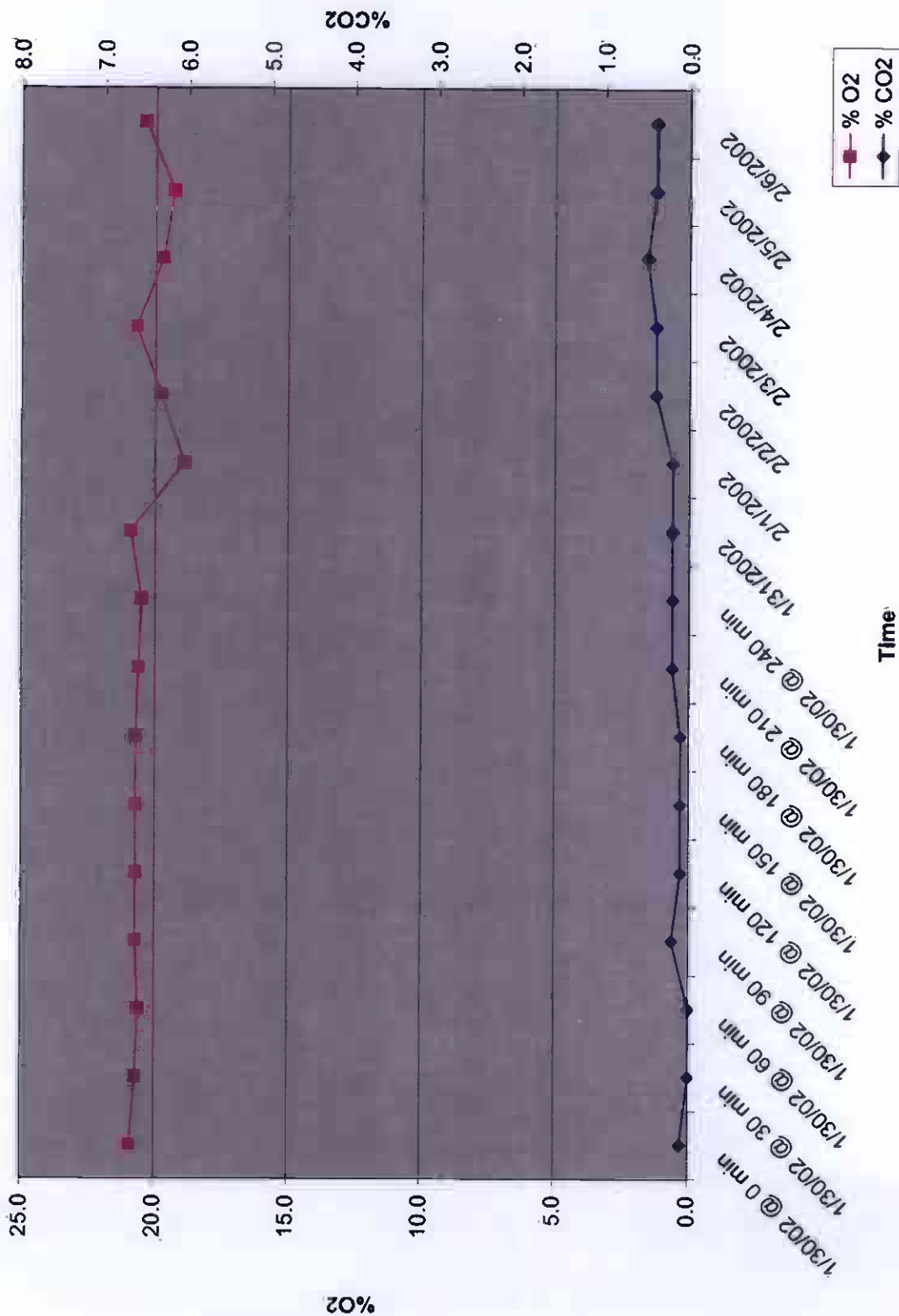
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January/February 2002  
MP-3 at 10 ft bgs.



January/February 2002  
MP-3 at 20 ft bgs

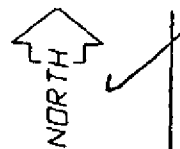


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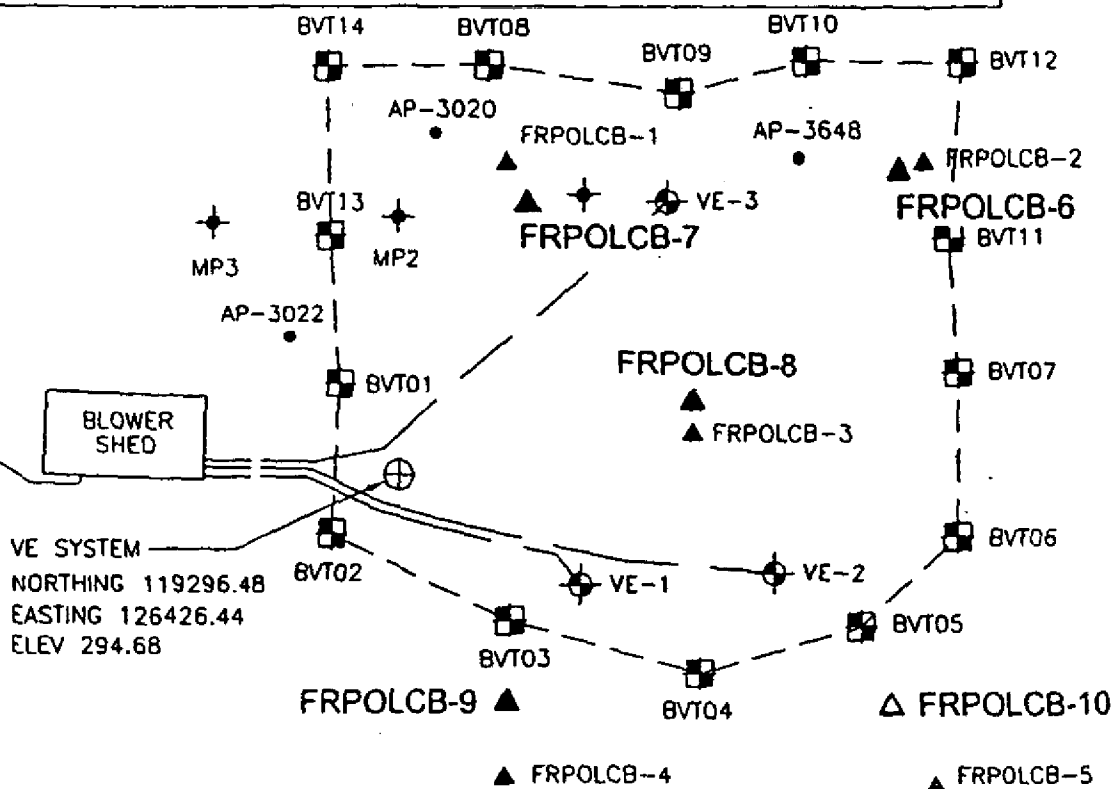
## **Appendix C**

### **Site map**

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BUILDING 986  
POL LABORATORY

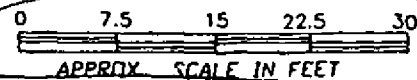


NOTE:

CONTROL IS BASED ON COORDINATES PROVIDED BY COE SURVEY SECTION IN LOCAL FORT RICHARDSON GRID SYSTEM. ELEVATIONS ARE TO MEAN SEA LEVEL DATUM. UG LINES SHOWN CONNECTING THE VE WELLS TO THE BLOWER ARE AS DESCRIBED BY EMCON STAFF AND LOCATED BY STAKES PLACED AT ANGLE POINTS ON GROUND SURFACE. MONUMENT "VE SYSTEM" IS A STANDARD COE DISK MONUMENT SET AS PER EM 1110-1-1002 WITH FINNED ROD SECTION, DRIVEN TO A 4' REFUSAL DEPTH.

LEGEND

- ✦ MP1 SOIL GAS MONITORING POINTS
- ✦ VE-1 VAPOR EXTRACTION WELL
- AP-3020 MONITORING WELL
- ▲ FRPOLCB-4 CONFIRMATION BORING LOCATION
- ☐ BVT01 BIOVENTING WELLS
- ⊕ MONUMENT
- — — SUBSURFACE PIPE



▲ FRPOLCB-6 2000 CONFIRMATION BORING LOCATION

FORT RICHARDSON  
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FIGURE

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SITE LAYOUT

DATE DEC. 1997  
DWN. 99f1r12.dwg  
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