

**FINAL
QUARTERLY RESPIROMETER TEST 2 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 (BV) system for proper operational parameters. The system appeared to be operating normally, as designed and was tested as initially configured. Power indicators and alarms were operational. The system's airflow was free flowing, did not have excessive vacuum, the lower explosive limit (LEL) concentrations were low and the condensate tank was empty and unobstructed.

RESPIROMETER TESTING

Since the VE/BV system re-start on February 6, 2002, AGVIQ has performed three operational monitoring events at the Building 986 POL Lab. During each of these events, initial soil vapor readings were collected from three (3) monitoring points (MP-1, MP-2 and MP-3). Readings using a Combustible Gas Indicator (CGI) were collected from each of the monitoring points. The first two events took place on February 28 and March 28, 2002. The third monitoring event occurred on April 15, 2002 in conjunction with the quarterly respirometer testing. These monthly monitoring events consisted of soil vapor readings and airflow rates (CFM) and vacuum (inches of H₂O) were measured from each vent well. The concentrations of volatiles (ppm) were measured with a calibrated photo-ionization detector (PID) from each vent well at the VE manifold. On April 15, 2002 the second 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 nearly closed (approx. 5% open). Soil vapor readings were also collected daily over the next seven (7) days and the blower was restarted on April 22, 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 D-1945

FINDINGS

Effluent Sampling

The reported analytical results for GRO and BTEX constituents in the exhaust air sample were undetectable (Table 1) at levels stated in the report. The air sample analytical results indicate that the percent levels of oxygen and nitrogen are similar to the concentrations found in the atmosphere. The methane and carbon dioxide results were similar to the previous respirometer test (Table 1). The concentrations of volatiles in the exhaust air at the time of sample collection were low (Table 2). 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 may be occurring in the vicinity of MP-1 and a significantly higher amount of activity may be 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/BV system performance, the airflow rates (CFM) and vacuum (inches of H₂O) were measured from each vent well and concentrations of volatiles (ppm) were measured from each vent well at the exhaust manifold. The airflow rates measured at the VE blower during the second respirometer test ranged between 2 and 51 CFM and the applied vacuum levels at the VE blower ranged between 11 and 21 inches of H₂O. The concentration of volatiles ranged between 0.6 and 7.1 ppm. The airflow, vacuum and concentration of volatiles results for all three monitoring events are listed in Tables 2-4.

CONCLUSION

Review of the monitoring and analytical data indicates that the VE/BV 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 CO₂ 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, 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 CO₂ concentrations and significant decrease in O₂ concentrations that biodegradation is occurring in the soils at the site where contamination was found.

Based on the monthly monitoring, respirometer, and analytical test data, the system operational configuration was not changed. The system was configured Table 4 - Soil Vapor Extraction & Bio-Venting System Operational Data – April 2002

TABLE 1
 AIR SAMPLE ANALYTICAL RESULTS

----- PARAMETERS -----											
SAMPLE ID	GRO ppm	BTEX ppm	Benzene ppm	Toluene ppm	Ethylbenzene ppm	P & M-Xylene ppm	O-Xylene ppm	Oxygen %	Nitrogen %	Methane %	Carbon Dioxide %
Exhaust 02FRA003AG	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Exhaust 02FRA004AG	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	17	82	U	0.50

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
 ppm = parts per million by volume
 % = percent by volume

TABLE 2

**SOIL VAPOR EXTRACTION & BIO-VENTING SYSTEM
OPERATIONAL DATA – FEBRUARY 2002**

PARAMETERS

LOCATION	AIR FLOW (CFM)	VACUUM (inches of H ₂ O)	CONCENTRATION OF VOLATILES (ppm)	% WELLS OPEN
VE - 1	9	29	1.7	100 %
VE - 2	53	29	1.3	100 %
VE - 3	39	16	7.3	< 25 %
EXHAUST STACK	33	11	3.1	N/A

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

TABLE 3
 SOIL VAPOR EXTRACTION & BIO-VENTING SYSTEM
 OPERATIONAL DATA – MARCH 2002

----- PARAMETERS -----

LOCATION	AIR FLOW (CFM)	VACUUM (inches of H ₂ O)	CONCENTRATION OF VOLATILES (ppm)	% WELLS OPEN
VE - 1	6	18	0.6	100 %
VE - 2	28	16	1.1	100 %
VE - 3	49	11	7.1	< 5 %
EXHAUST STACK	25	4	2.5	N/A

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

TABLE 4
SOIL VAPOR EXTRACTION & BIO-VENTING SYSTEM
OPERATIONAL DATA – APRIL 2002

----- PARAMETERS -----

LOCATION	AIR FLOW (CFM)	VACUUM (inches of H ₂ O)	CONCENTRATION OF VOLATILES (ppm)	% WELLS OPEN
VE - 1	2	20	1.3	100 %
VE - 2	44	21	1.4	100 %
VE - 3	51	12	6.5	< 5 %
EXHAUST STACK	26	11	4.2	N/A

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

Appendix A

Laboratory Analytical Results



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Work Order:	1021920 Bld 986 200110 DACA-85-0170080
Client:	AGVIQ Inc.
Report Date:	May 14, 2002

Enclosed are the analytical results associated with the above workorder.

As required by the state of Alaska and the USEPA, a formal Quality Assurance/Quality Control Program is maintained by
E. A copy of our Quality Control Manual that outlines this program is available at your request.

Except as specifically noted, all statements and data in this report are in conformance to the provisions set forth in our Quality Assurance Program Plan.

If you have any questions regarding this report or if we can be of any other assistance, please call your CT&E Project Manager at (907) 562-2343.

The following descriptors may be found on your report which will serve to further qualify the data.

U	Indicates the analyte was analyzed for but not detected.
F	Indicates an estimated value that falls below PQL, but is greater than the MDL.
B	Indicates the analyte is found in the blank associated with the sample.
*	The analyte has exceeded allowable limits.
GT	Greater Than
D	Secondary Dilution
LT	Less Than
!	Surrogate out of range





CT&E Environmental Services Inc.

CT&E Ref.# 1021920001
Client Name AGVIQ Inc.
Project Name/# Bid 986 200110 DACA-85-0170080
Client Sample ID 02FRA003AG
Matrix Gas & Air
Ordered By

All Dates/Times are Alaska Standard Time

Printed Date/Time 05/14/2002 12:01
Collected Date/Time 04/15/2002 12:00
Received Date/Time 04/16/2002 11:35
Technical Director Stephen C. Ede

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Sample Remarks:

Corrected Report, PQL.

Parameter	Results	PQL	Units	Method	Allowable Limits	Prep Date	Analysis Date	Init
Volatile Fuels Department								
Gasoline Range Organics	20.0 U	20.0	ppm	CTE 8015M/8021B		04/22/02	04/22/02	PFL
Benzene	0.780 U	0.780	ppm	CTE 8015M/8021B		04/22/02	04/22/02	PFL
Toluene	0.660 U	0.660	ppm	CTE 8015M/8021B		04/22/02	04/22/02	PFL
Ethylbenzene	0.580 U	0.580	ppm	CTE 8015M/8021B		04/22/02	04/22/02	PFL
P & M -Xylene	0.580 U	0.580	ppm	CTE 8015M/8021B		04/22/02	04/22/02	PFL
o-Xylene	0.580 U	0.580	ppm	CTE 8015M/8021B		04/22/02	04/22/02	PFL
Surrogates								
1,4-Difluorobenzene <Surr>	96.1		%	CTE 8015M/8021B	60-120	04/22/02	04/22/02	PFL
4-Bromofluorobenzene <Surr>	96.4		%	CTE 8015M/8021B	50-150	04/22/02	04/22/02	PFL

AIR TOXICS LTD.

SAMPLE NAME: Lab Blank

ID#: 0204497-02A

NATURAL GAS ANALYSIS BY ASTM D-1945 GC/TCD/FID

File Name:	3042606	Date of Collection: NA
Dil. Factor:	1:00	Date of Analysis: 4/26/02

Compound	Rpt. Limit (%)	Amount (%)
Oxygen	0.10	Not Detected
Nitrogen	0.10	Not Detected
Methane	0.00010	Not Detected
Carbon Dioxide	0.0010	Not Detected

Container Type: NA - Not Applicable

AIR TOXICS LTD.

SAMPLE NAME: LCS

ID#: 0204497-03A

NATURAL GAS ANALYSIS BY ASTM D-1945 GC/TCD/FID

File Name:	3042604	Date of Collection: NA
Dil. Factor:	1.00	Date of Analysis: 4/26/02

Compound	Rpt. Limit (%)	%Recovery
Oxygen	0.10	105
Nitrogen	0.10	103
Methane	0.00010	106
Carbon Dioxide	0.0010	106

Container Type: NA - Not Applicable



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INVOICE TO: <i>AEVIG Inc.</i>		P.O. NUMBER:					
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Appendix B

**Combustible Gas Indicator Results
From Quarterly Respirometer Test 2 of 5**

Quarterly Respirometer Test 2 of 5

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 ₂	% O ₂	% CO ₂	% O ₂	% CO ₂	% O ₂	% CO ₂	% O ₂	% CO ₂	% O ₂	% CO ₂	% O ₂
2/28/2002	0.2	20.8	1.6	18.9	0.0	20.9	0.4	20.7	0.0	20.9	0.0	20.9
3/28/2002	0.4	20.7	1.1	18.4	0.0	20.9	0.4	20.4	0.0	20.9	0.1	20.9
4/15/02 @ 0 min	0.2	20.9	1.7	18.4	0.0	20.9	0.4	20.4	0.0	20.9	0.0	20.9
4/15/02 @ 30 min	0.1	20.9	1.5	18.9	0.0	20.9	0.4	20.3	0.0	20.9	0.0	20.9
4/15/02 @ 60 min	0.1	20.8	1.1	19.5	0.0	20.9	0.6	20.3	0.0	20.9	0.0	20.9
4/15/02 @ 90 min	0.2	20.9	0.7	20.3	0.0	20.8	0.6	20.1	0.0	20.8	0.1	20.9
4/15/02 @ 120 min	0.2	20.8	0.8	20.5	0.0	20.9	0.6	19.8	0.0	20.8	0.2	20.9
4/15/02 @ 150 min	0.3	20.8	0.6	20.6	0.0	20.7	0.7	19.6	0.0	20.8	0.1	20.8
4/15/02 @ 180 min	0.2	20.6	0.7	20.3	0.0	20.7	0.8	19.5	0.0	20.7	0.2	20.6
4/15/02 @ 210 min	0.3	20.6	0.8	20.0	0.0	20.3	1.0	19.3	0.0	20.8	0.2	20.7
4/15/02 @ 240 min	0.3	20.5	0.7	19.9	0.0	20.4	1.2	19.0	0.0	20.8	0.2	20.6
4/16/2002	0.7	18.8	2.9	15.6	0.0	20.2	2.7	13.0	0.0	20.8	0.3	20.0
4/17/2002	1.4	16.4	4.4	10.0	0.2	19.8	3.4	9.6	0.0	20.7	0.3	19.7
4/18/2002	1.4	16.0	4.6	9.6	0.1	19.9	4.2	8.5	0.0	20.8	0.4	19.6
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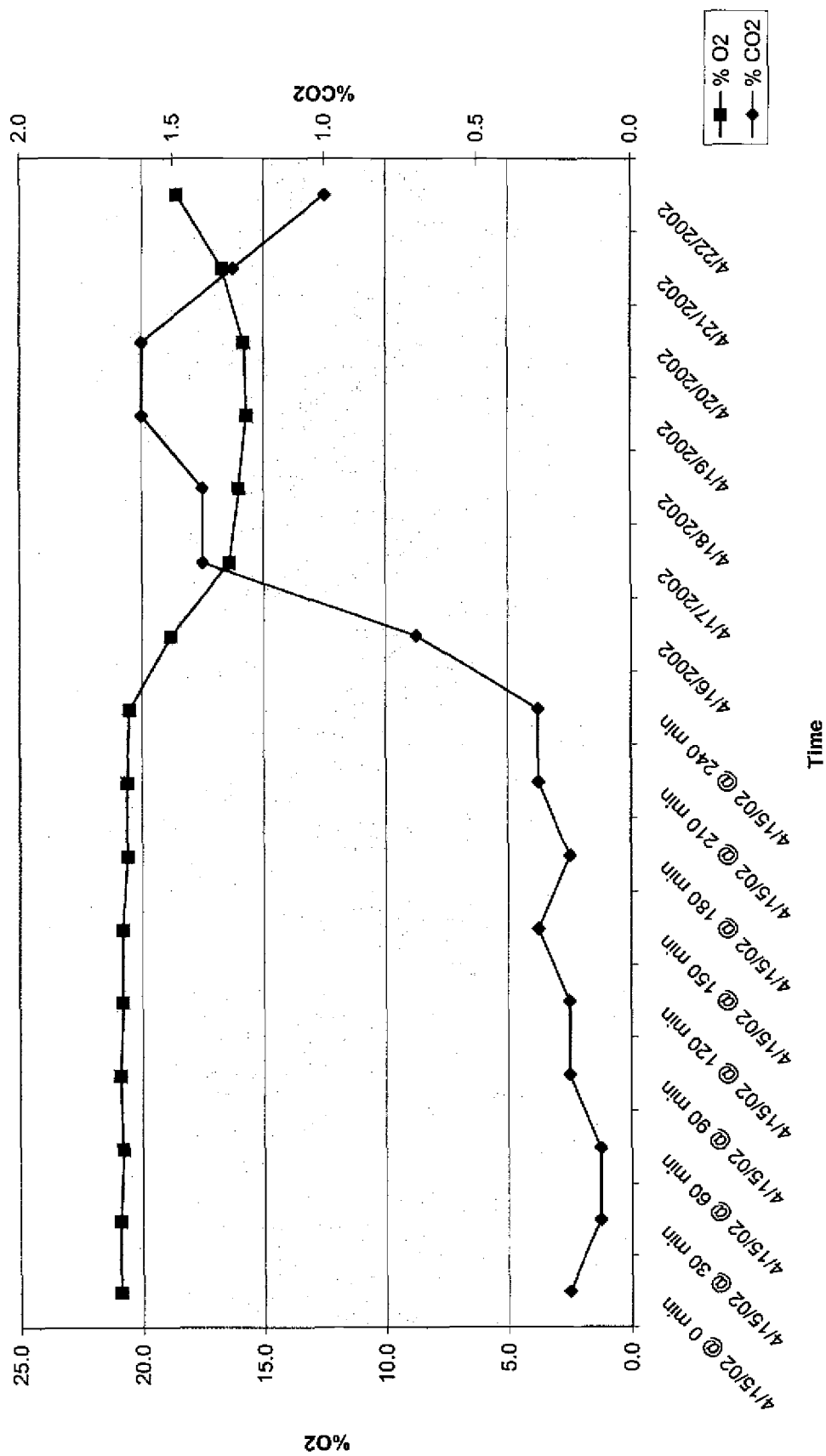
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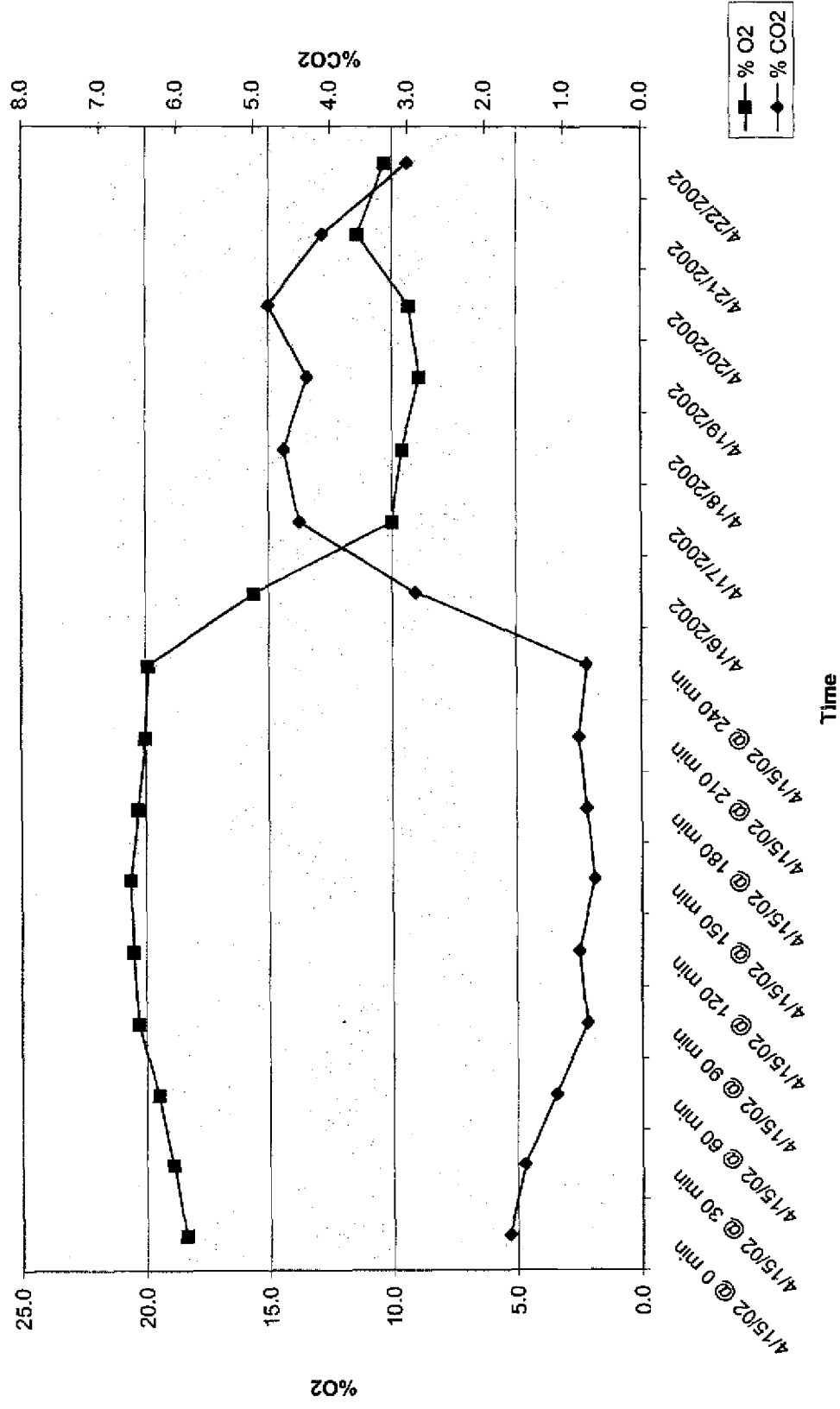
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bgs = below ground surface

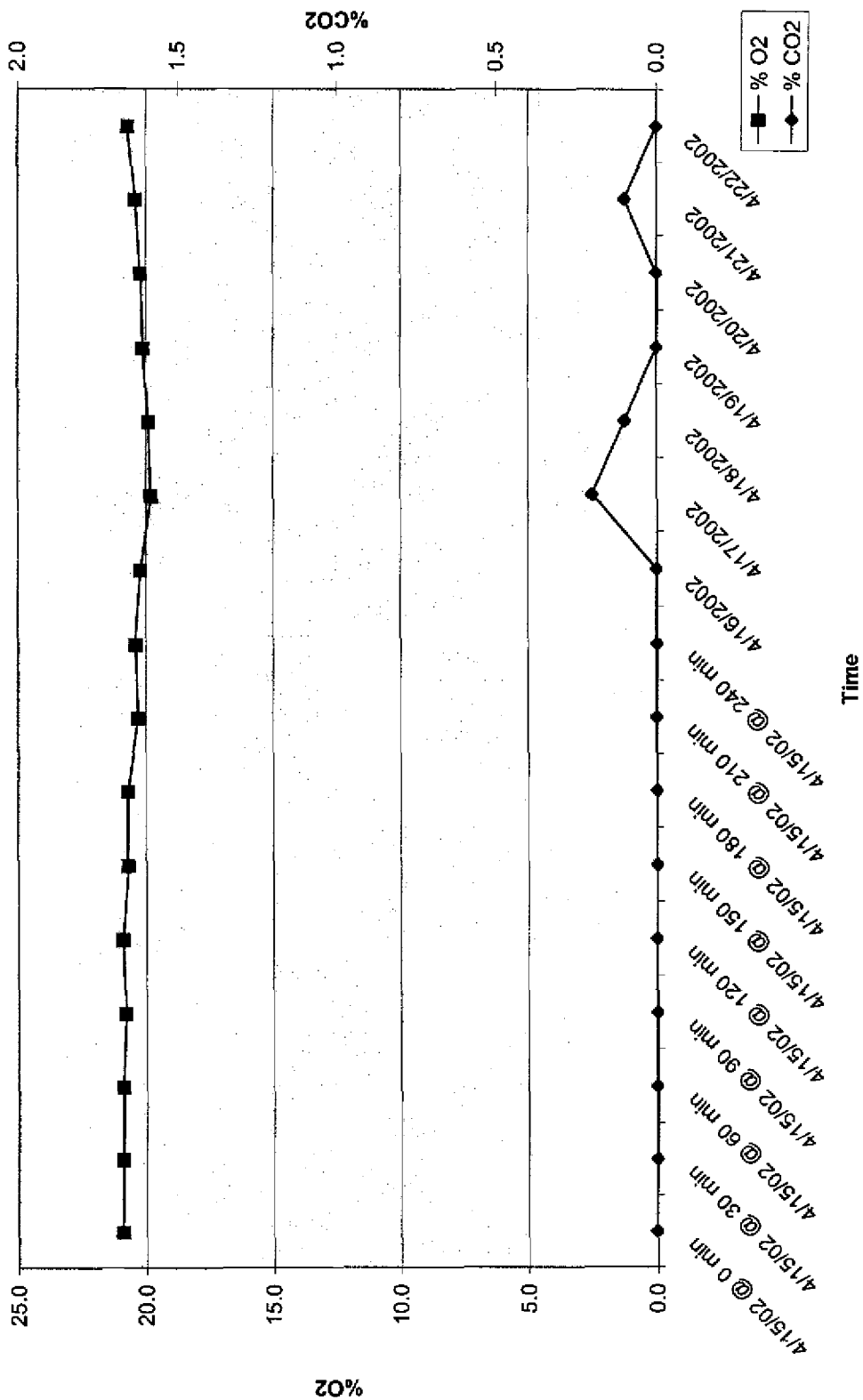
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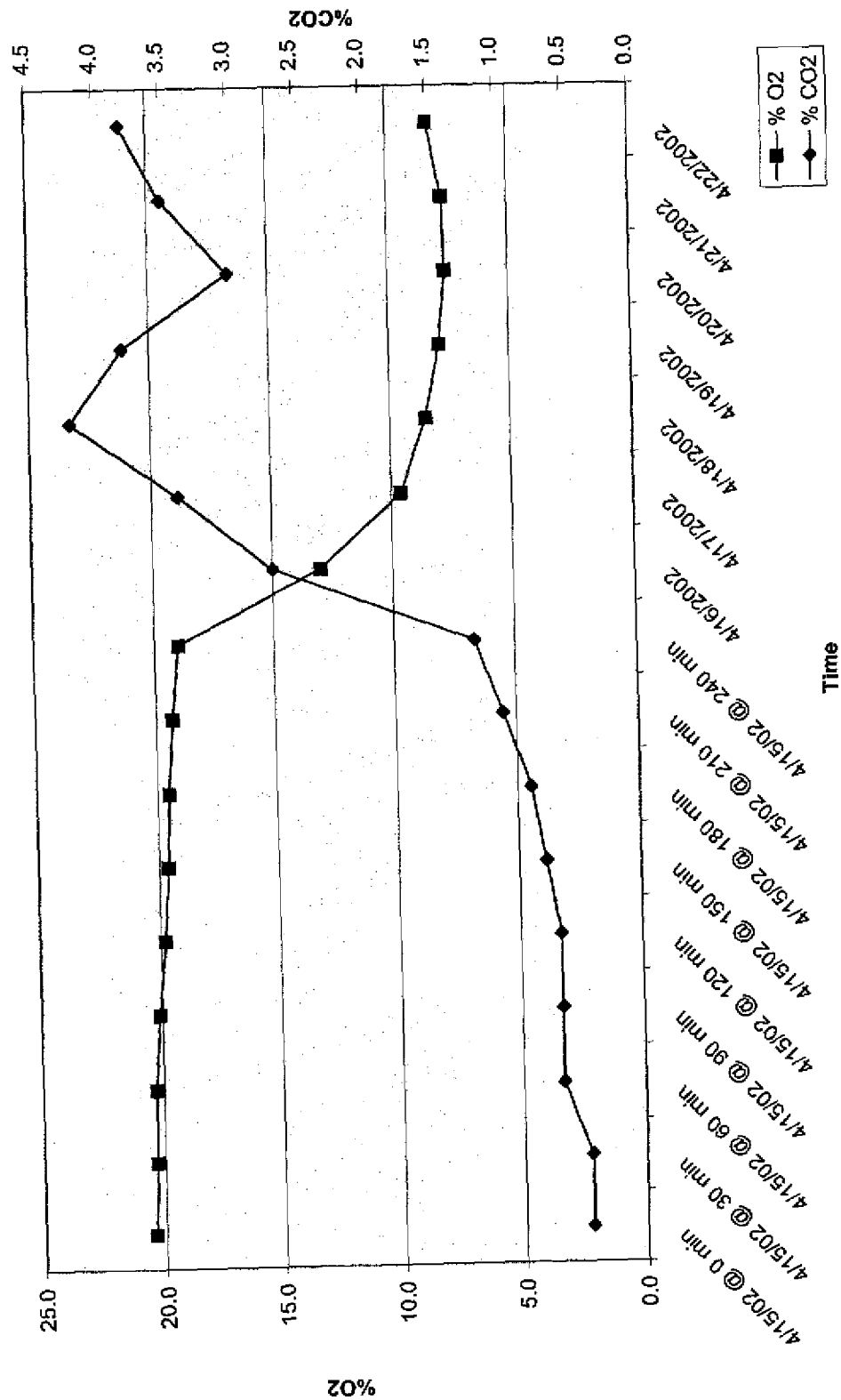
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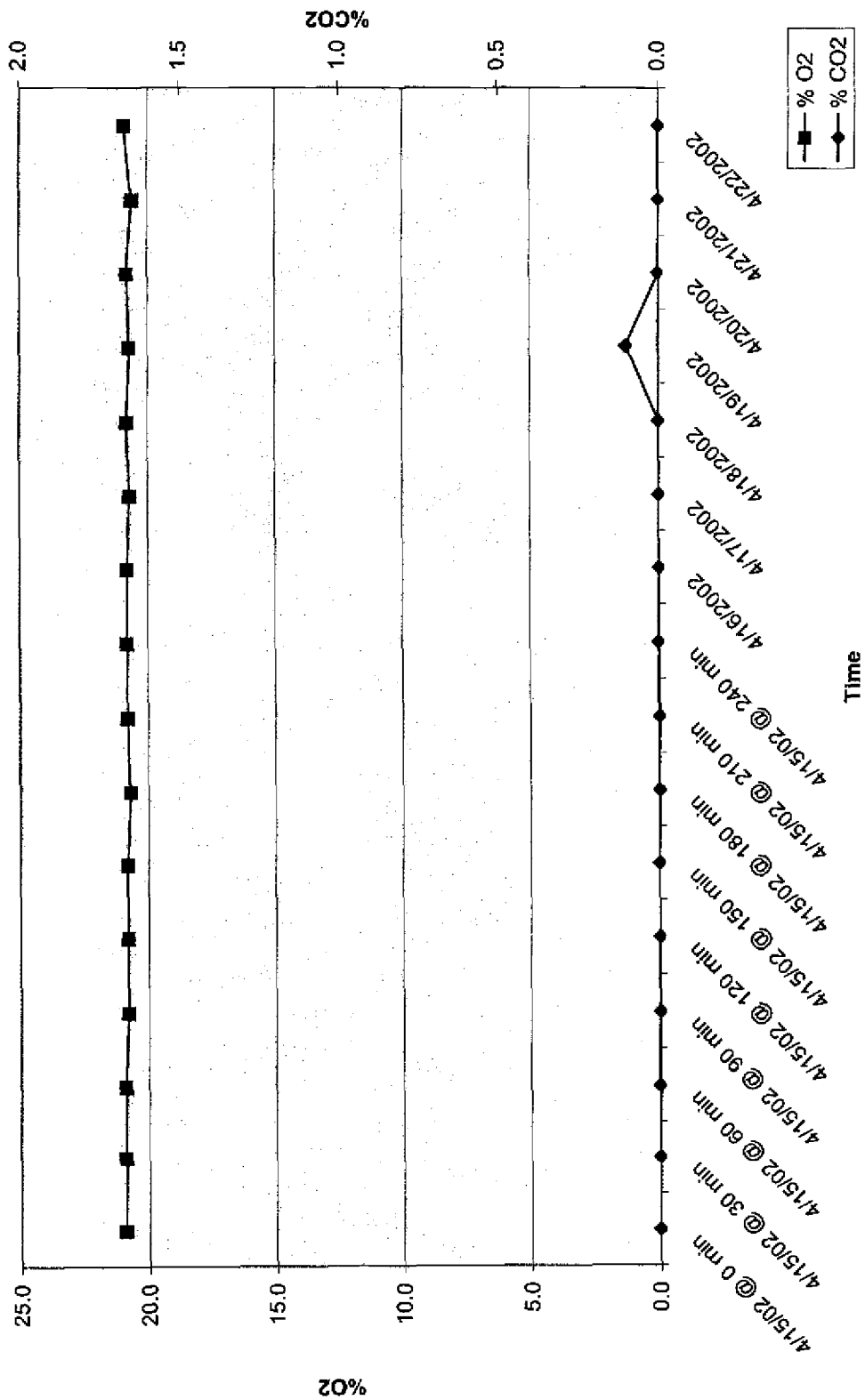
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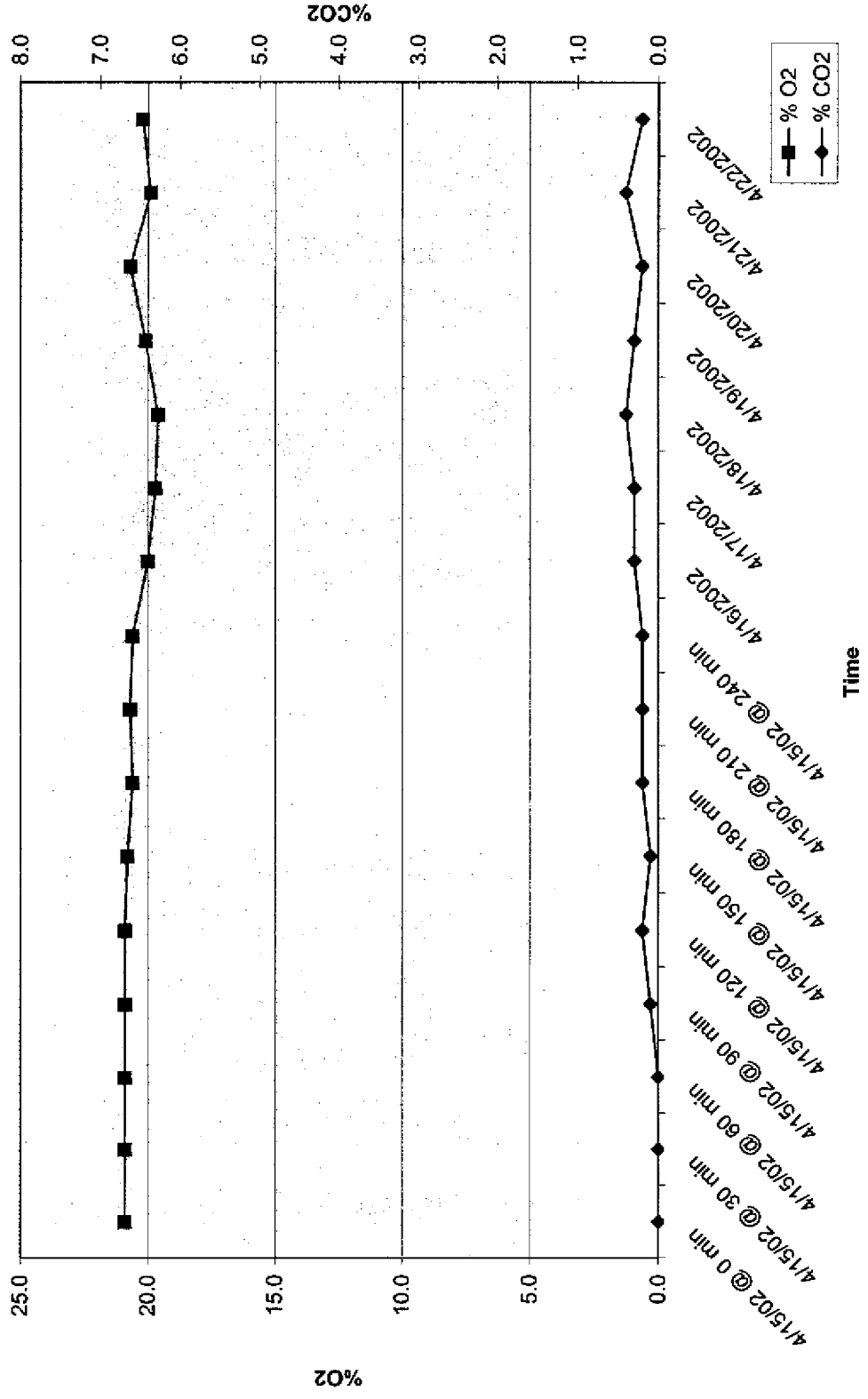
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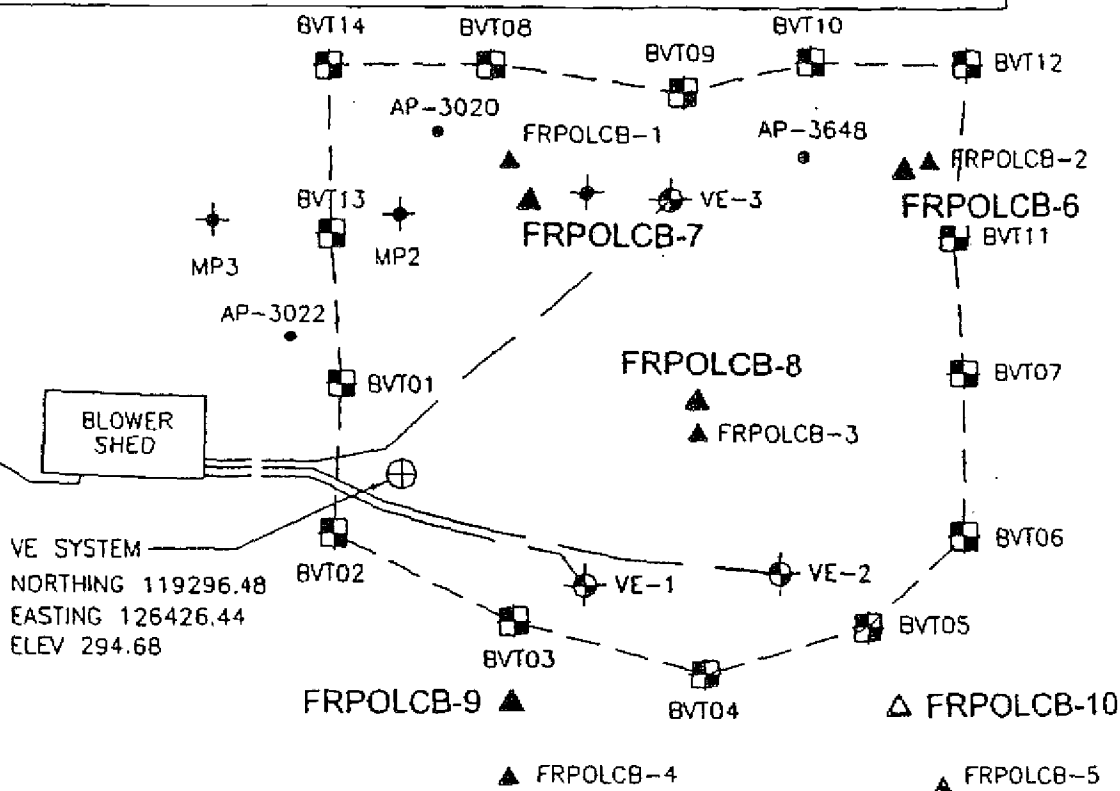


Appendix C

Site map



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

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FIGURE

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