

September 22, 2020

Ms. Becky Roth P.O. Box 221649 Anchorage, Alaska 99522

RE: GROUNDWATER SAMPLING, 1090 WEST DIMOND BOULEVARD, ANCHORAGE, ALASKA; ADEC FILE NO. 2100.26.222

Dear Ms. Roth:

This report presents the results of Shannon & Wilson's August 2020 groundwater sampling activities conducted at 1090 West Dimond Boulevard, Anchorage, Alaska.

The groundwater sampling activities were conducted in general with our February 5, 2019 work plan, which was approved by Mr. Robert Weimer of the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) on January 6, 2020, via email.

BACKGROUND

The property is listed on the ADEC Contaminated Sites database (File Number 2100.26.222) due to a gasoline release in 1990 from a former underground storage tank (UST) and associated distribution piping and dispensers. Following cleanup and assessment activities, the site was granted Cleanup Complete with Institutional Controls (CCIC) by the ADEC on February 27, 2019. However, to potentially achieve full site closure, a decision was made to continue sampling Well MW-7A to document benzene and naphthalene concentration trends. Groundwater samples were collected quarterly from the well during 2019. Benzene was detected in each sampling event at concentrations greater than the ADEC cleanup level. However, naphthalene was not detected at concentrations above the ADEC cleanup level. The approximate location of Monitoring Well MW-7A is shown on Figure 1.

FIELD ACTIVITIES

Project activities consisted of collecting a groundwater sample from Well MW-7A. Field notes are provided in Attachment 1.

Groundwater Sampling

Monitoring Well MW-7A was purged and sampled on August 25, 2020 using low-flow techniques to reduce the effects of stagnant well casing water on chemical concentrations

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and to obtain a groundwater sample that is representative of the surrounding water-bearing formation. The well was purged and sampled with a submersible pump and disposable tubing. The pump inlet was set within the screened portion of the well. The pump level was adjusted as necessary to maintain pump rate. A pump rate ranging from 0.2 liter per minute (L/min) to 0.25 L/min was used with a goal of limiting the sustained water drawdown to a maximum of 0.1 meter (4 inches). During the sampling event, the pump level had to be adjusted to maintain the flow rate without purging dry. During the purging process, field personnel monitored water quality parameters (temperature, specific conductance, pH, dissolved oxygen, oxidation reduction potential, and turbidity), purge volume, and drawdown which were recorded at 3 to 5-minute intervals.

The groundwater sample was collected when the water quality parameters stabilized and three well volumes were removed. The well was allowed to recover to at least 80 percent of the pre-purge volume prior to sampling. Stabilization criteria composed three successive readings of: pH within 0.1-unit, temperature within 3 percent (minimum 0.2 degree Celsius), specific conductance within 3 percent, and turbidity within 10 percent or three consecutive readings of less than 10 nephelometric turbidity units (NTU). The final water quality parameters are listed on Table 1.

The analytical sample was collected by transferring water directly from the pump tubing into laboratory-supplied containers. The sample was placed into a chilled cooler for transport to the laboratory using chain-of-custody procedures. The purge water was contained in a 5-gallon bucket and stored onsite.

LABORATORY ANALYSES

The groundwater sample was submitted to SGS North America, Inc. (SGS) using chain-ofcustody procedures on a standard two-week turnaround basis and analyzed for benzene and naphthalene by Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Method 8260D. A trip blank sample accompanied the analytical sample containers from and to the laboratory and was tested for benzene and naphthalene by EPA Method 8260D. The laboratory report is provided in Attachment 2.

DISCUSSION OF RESULTS

The reported contaminant concentrations in the groundwater sample was compared to the cleanup levels listed in Table C of 18 Alaska Administrative Code (AAC) 75.345 (October 2018). The August 2020 sampling event and historical results are summarized in Table 2.

During the August 2020 sampling event, concentrations of benzene and naphthalene were not detected in the sample collected from MW-7A.

INVESTIGATION DERIVED WASTE

Investigation-derived waste (IDW) from this project consisted of one 5-gallon drum of purge water. Following receipt of the analytical results, the water was discharged to an unpaved portion of the Property.

SUMMARY

The groundwater sample collected from Monitoring Well MW-7A was used to monitor trends of dissolved phased benzene and naphthalene concentrations. Benzene and naphthalene were not detected during the August 2020 sampling event. Benzene concentrations have decreased over the last three sampling events and was not detected during the current sampling event. Naphthalene has not been detected during three of the last five sampling events.

CLOSURE/LIMITATIONS

This report was prepared for the exclusive use of our client and their representatives in the study of this site. The findings we have presented in this report are based on the limited sampling and analyses that we conducted. They should not be construed as a definite conclusion regarding the site's groundwater quality. As a result, the sampling and analyses performed is the basis for our professional judgment as to the environmental characteristics of this site, and in no way guarantees that an agency or its staff will reach the same conclusions as Shannon & Wilson, Inc. The data presented in this report should be considered representative of the time of our site assessment. Changes in site conditions can occur over time, due to natural forces or human activity. In addition, changes in government codes, regulations, or laws may occur. Because of such changes beyond our control, our observations and interpretations for this site may need to be revised.

Shannon and Wilson has prepared the information in Attachment 3, "Important Information About Your Geotechnical/Environmental Report," to assist you and others in understanding the use and limitations of our reports.

We appreciate this opportunity to be of service. Please call the undersigned at 907-561-2120 with questions or comments concerning the contents of this report.

Sincerely,

SHANNON & WILSON

Jessa Tibbetts Environmental Scientist

Enc. Tables 1 and 2; Figure 1; Attachments 1 through 3

	Monitoring Well Number	
	MW-7A	
Water Level Measurement Data		
Date Water Level Measured	8/25/2020	
Time Water Level Measured	11:00	
Measured Depth to Water (ft below TOC)	3.44	
Sampling Data		
Date Sampled	8/25/2020	
Time Sampled	12:35	
Measured Depth to Water (ft below TOC)	3.44	
Total Depth of Well (ft below TOC)	9.60	
Well Screen Interval (ft below TOC)*	7-10.3	
Water Column in Well (ft)	6.16	
Gallons per Foot	0.16	
Water Column Volume (gallons)	0.99	
Total Volume Pumped (gallons)	3.3	
Sampling Method	Submersible pump	
Diameter of Well Casing	2-inch	
Water Quality Data		
Temperature (°C)	15.17	
pH (Standard Units)	7.83	
Oxidation-Reduction Potential (mV)	202	
Specific Conductivity (µS/cm)	130	
Turbidity (NTU)	238.7	
Remarks		

TABLE 1 WELL SAMPLING LOG

Notes:

Water quality parameters were measured with a Horiba water quality instrument and MicroTPW turbidimeter

TOC = Top of Casing

ft = Feet

°C = Degrees Celsius

 $\mu S/cm = Microsiemens \ per \ Centimeter$

NTU = Nephelometric Turbidity Unit

mV = Millivolts

* = At the time of well installation

TABLE 2HISTORICAL GROUNDWATER DATA

		Parameter Tested and Cleanup Level (milligrams per liter)						
Monitoring		GRO	DRO	Benzene	Toluene	Ethylbenzene	Xylenes	Naphthalene
Well	Date	1.3	1.5	0.0046	1.1	0.015	0.19	0.0017
MW-1*	8/29/2014	< 0.0500	-	< 0.000250	< 0.000500	< 0.000500	< 0.00150	-
	6/12/2015	< 0.0500	<1.20	< 0.000250	< 0.000500	< 0.000500	< 0.00150	-
MW-2*	8/29/2014	Well not locat	ed; assumed l	ost				-
MW-3*	8/29/2014	Well decomm	issioned					-
MW-4	8/29/2014^	< 0.0500	-	< 0.000250	< 0.000500	< 0.000500	< 0.00150	-
	6/27/2015^	0.0831 E, J	0.433 E, J	0.00217 E	0.00906 E	0.00172 E	0.0124 E	-
	3/31/2016^	< 0.0500	0.959 E	0.000420 J	0.00116	< 0.000500	<0.003 B	-
	7/6/2016	< 0.0500	0.199 J	< 0.000250	< 0.000500	< 0.000500	< 0.00150	-
	9/30/2016	0.0355 J	0.211 J	< 0.000250	< 0.000500	< 0.000500	< 0.00150	-
	5/26/2017	-	-	< 0.000200	< 0.000500	< 0.000500	< 0.00150	-
MW-5	10/22/2015	<0.100 B	< 0.288	< 0.000250	< 0.000500	< 0.000500	< 0.00150	-
	3/30/2016	< 0.0500	0.306 J	< 0.000250	< 0.000500	< 0.000500	< 0.00150	-
	7/5/2016	< 0.0500	< 0.294	< 0.000250	< 0.000500	< 0.000500	< 0.00150	-
	9/30/2016	0.0330 J	< 0.288	< 0.000250	< 0.000500	< 0.000500	< 0.00150	-
	5/26/2017	-	-	< 0.000200	< 0.000500	< 0.000500	< 0.00150	-
MW-6	10/22/2015	< 0.0500	<0.588 B	< 0.000250	< 0.000500	< 0.000500	< 0.00150	-
	3/30/2016	< 0.0500	0.208 J	< 0.000250	< 0.000500	< 0.000500	< 0.00150	-
	7/5/2016	< 0.0500	< 0.285	< 0.000250	< 0.000500	< 0.000500	< 0.00150	-
	9/30/2016	< 0.0500	< 0.300	< 0.000250	< 0.000500	< 0.000500	< 0.00150	-
	5/26/2017	-	-	< 0.000200	< 0.000500	< 0.000500	< 0.00150	-
MW-7	10/22/2015	<0.100 B	<0.588 B	0.00100	0.000960 J	< 0.000500	0.000590 J	-
	3/31/2016	0.331	0.618	0.104	0.00407	0.00223	0.00520 B	-
	7/6/2016^	0.0395 J	0.297 J	0.00917 J+	< 0.000500	< 0.000500	< 0.00150	-
	9/30/2016^	0.0311 J	0.322 J	0.0036	< 0.000500	< 0.000500	0.000350 J	-
	5/26/2017	-	-	0.00196	< 0.000500	< 0.000500	0.000910 J	-
	10/13/2017	-	-	0.00154	< 0.000500	< 0.000500	< 0.00150	-
MW-7A	10/22/2015^	<0.100 B	<0.588 B	0.00247	0.00585	0.00123	0.0108	-
	3/30/2016		Not sa	impled due to	ice plug at 3.3	l feet below top o	of casing	
	7/6/2016	0.0445 J	0.0312 J	0.00906	< 0.000500	< 0.000500	< 0.00150	-
	9/30/2016	0.0388 J	0.0352 J	0.00669	< 0.000500	0.00042	< 0.00150	-
	5/26/2017^	0.0399 J	< 0.294	0.00255	0.000540 J	< 0.000500	0.000730 J	-
	10/13/2017	-	-	0.0172	< 0.000500	0.00035 J	< 0.00150	-
	6/28/2018	-	-	0.0147	0.000720 J	0.00105	0.00126 J	-
	11/7/2018	-	-	0.0366	0.000490 J	0.00187	< 0.00150	-
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	5/13/2019	-	-	0.00881	-	-	_	0.000980 J
	7/11/2019	-	-	0.0409	-	-	-	< 0.000500
	9/13/2019	-	-	0.0730	-	-	-	0.000360 J
	11/13/2019	-	-	0.0203	-	-	-	< 0.000500
	8/25/2020	-	-	< 0.000200	-	-	-	< 0.000500

Notes:

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= Analytical laboratory data for groundwater samples collected prior to 2014 is not available

- = Not applicable or sample not tested for this analyte

<0.0500 = Analyte not detected; laboratory limit of detection of 0.0500 mg/L

0.331 = Analyte detected

0.104 = Analyte concentration exceeds ADEC cleanup level

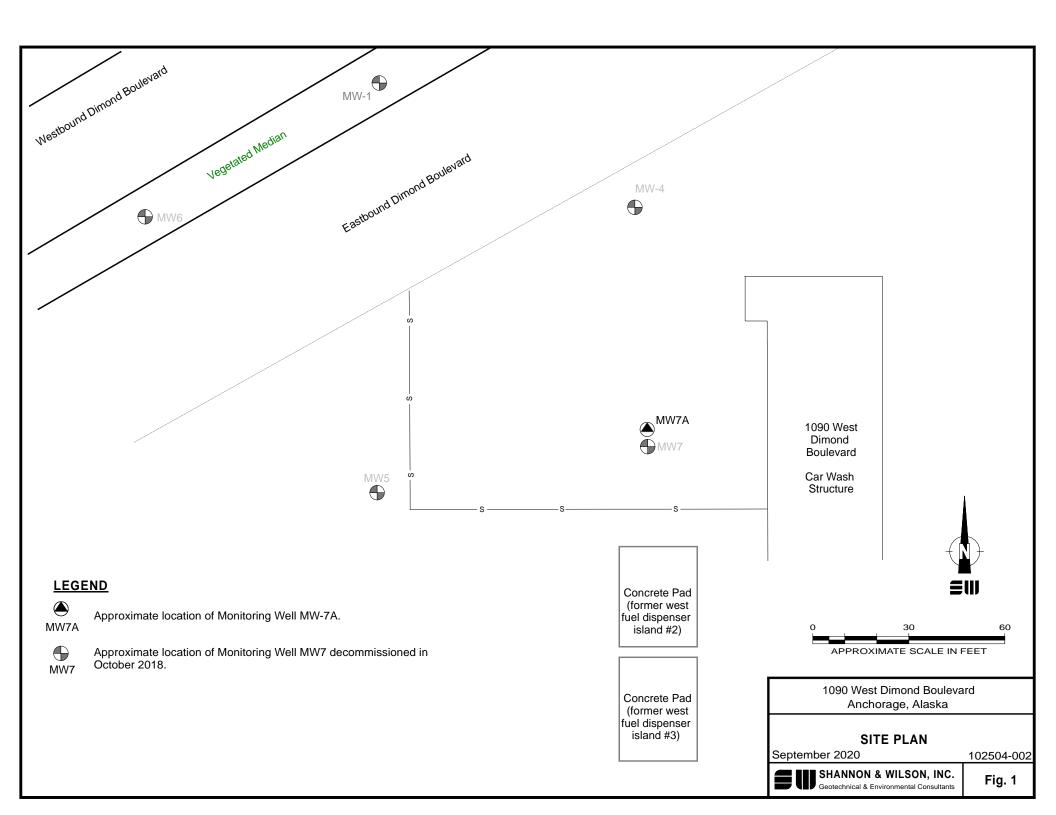
B = Reported concentration potentially affected by blank detection

E = Result is an estimate due to primary/field duplicate pair relative percent difference (RPD) failure

J = Estimated concentration less than the limit of quantitation

J+ = Estimated concentration may be biased high. See the SGS laboratory report for more details

^ = Higher analytical result of the sample and duplicate



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ATTACHMENT 1 FIELD NOTES

102504-002

LOW-FLOW WATER SAMPLING LOG

Shannon & Wilson, Inc		•					
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ATTACHMENT 2

RESULTS OF ANALYTICAL TESTING BY SGS NORTH AMERICA INC. OF ANCHORAGE, ALASKA AND ADEC LABORATORY DATA REVIEW CHECKLIST



Laboratory Report of Analysis

To: Shannon & Wilson, Inc. 5430 Fairbanks Street, Suite 3 Anchorage, AK 99518 (907)433-3223

Report Number: **1204499**

Client Project: 102504 Youngs Fire House

Dear Dan McMahon,

Enclosed are the results of the analytical services performed under the referenced project for the received samples and associated QC as applicable. The samples are certified to meet the requirements of the National Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Conference Standards. Copies of this report and supporting data will be retained in our files for a period of ten years in the event they are required for future reference. All results are intended to be used in their entirety and SGS is not responsible for use of less than the complete report. Any samples submitted to our laboratory will be retained for a maximum of fourteen (14) days from the date of this report unless other archiving requirements were included in the quote.

If there are any questions about the report or services performed during this project, please call Justin at (907) 562-2343. We will be happy to answer any questions or concerns which you may have.

Thank you for using SGS North America Inc. for your analytical services. We look forward to working with you again on any additional analytical needs.

Sincerely, SGS North America Inc.

Justin Nelson Project Manager Justin.Nelson@sgs.com Date

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Case Narrative

SGS Client: Shannon & Wilson, Inc. SGS Project: 1204499 Project Name/Site: 102504 Youngs Fire House Project Contact: Dan McMahon

Refer to sample receipt form for information on sample condition.

LCSD for HBN 1811000 [VXX/3623 (1577870) LCSD

8260D - LCSD recovery for chloroethane does not meet QC criteria. This analyte was not reported above the LOQ in the associated samples.

8260D - LCS/LCSD RPDs for chloroethane and trichlorofluoromethane do not meet QC criteria. These analytes were not reported above the LOQ in the associated samples.

*QC comments may be associated with the field samples found in this report. When applicable, comments will be applied to associated field samples.

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Laboratory Qualifiers

Enclosed are the analytical results associated with the above work order. The results apply to the samples as received. All results are intended to be used in their entirety and SGS is not responsible for use of less than the complete report. This document is issued by the Company under its General Conditions of Service accessible at <<u>http://www.sgs.com/en/Terms-and-Conditions.aspx></u>. Attention is drawn to the limitation of liability, indenmification and jurisdiction issues defined therein.

Any holder of this document is advised that information contained hereon reflects the Company's findings at the time of its intervention only and within the limits of Client's instructions, if any. The Company's sole responsibility is to its Client and this document does not exonerate parties to a transaction from exercising all their rights and obligations under the transaction documents. Any unauthorized alteration, forgery or falsification of the context or appearance of this document is unlawful and offenders may be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

SGS maintains a formal Quality Assurance/Quality Control (QA/QC) program. A copy of our Quality Assurance Plan (QAP), which outlines this program, is available at your request. The laboratory certification numbers are AK00971 (DW Chemistry & Microbiology) & 17-021 (CS) for ADEC and 2944.01 for DOD ELAP/ISO17025 (RCRA methods: 1020B, 1311, 3010A, 3050B, 3520C, 3550C, 5030B, 5035A, 6020B, 7470A, 7471B, 8015C, 8021B, 8082A, 8260D, 8270D, 8270D-SIM, 9040C, 9045D, 9056A, 9060A, AK101 and AK102/103). SGS is only certified for the analytes listed on our Drinking Water Certification (DW methods: 200.8, 2130B, 2320B, 2510B, 300.0, 4500-CN-C,E, 4500-H-B, 4500-NO3-F, 4500-P-E and 524.2) and only those analytes will be reported to the State of Alaska for compliance. Except as specifically noted, all statements and data in this report are in conformance to the provisions set forth by the SGS QAP and, when applicable, other regulatory authorities.

The following descriptors or qualifiers may be found in your report:

*	The analyte has exceeded allowable regulatory or control limits.
!	Surrogate out of control limits.
В	Indicates the analyte is found in a blank associated with the sample.
CCV/CVA/CVB	Continuing Calibration Verification
CCCV/CVC/CVCA/CVCB	Closing Continuing Calibration Verification
CL	Control Limit
DF	Analytical Dilution Factor
DL	Detection Limit (i.e., maximum method detection limit)
E	The analyte result is above the calibrated range.
GT	Greater Than
IB	Instrument Blank
ICV	Initial Calibration Verification
J	The quantitation is an estimation.
LCS(D)	Laboratory Control Spike (Duplicate)
LLQC/LLIQC	Low Level Quantitation Check
LOD	Limit of Detection (i.e., 1/2 of the LOQ)
LOQ	Limit of Quantitation (i.e., reporting or practical quantitation limit)
LT	Less Than
MB	Method Blank
MS(D)	Matrix Spike (Duplicate)
ND	Indicates the analyte is not detected.
RPD	Relative Percent Difference
TNTC	Too Numerous To Count
U	Indicates the analyte was analyzed for but not detected.
Sample summaries which i All DRO/RRO analyses are	nclude a result for "Total Solids" have already been adjusted for moisture content.

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Note:



Sample Summary

Collected

Client Sample ID 102504-MW7 102504-WTB

Lab Sample ID 1204499001 1204499002

Received 08/25/2020 08/25/2020 08/25/2020 08/25/2020 Matrix Water (Surface, Eff., Ground) Water (Surface, Eff., Ground)

Method SW8260D Method Description

Volatile Organic Compounds(W)Custom List

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Results of 102504-MW7

Client Project ID: 102504 Youngs Lab Sample ID: 1204499001 Lab Project ID: 1204499	M Se	eceived Da atrix: Wate olids (%): ocation:			und)		
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<u>Parameter</u>	Result Qual	LOQ/CL	<u>DL</u>	<u>Units</u>	DF	<u>Limits</u>	Date Analyzed
Benzene	0.200 U	0.400	0.120	ug/L	1		08/28/20 21:39
Naphthalene	0.500 U	1.00	0.310	ug/L	1		08/28/20 21:39
Surrogates							
1,2-Dichloroethane-D4 (surr)	103	81-118		%	1		08/28/20 21:39
4-Bromofluorobenzene (surr)	108	85-114		%	1		08/28/20 21:39
Toluene-d8 (surr)	106	89-112		%	1		08/28/20 21:39

Analytical Batch: VMS20255 Analytical Method: SW8260D Analyst: NRB Analytical Date/Time: 08/28/20 21:39 Container ID: 1204499001-A Prep Batch: VXX36234 Prep Method: SW5030B Prep Date/Time: 08/28/20 16:30 Prep Initial Wt./Vol.: 5 mL Prep Extract Vol: 5 mL

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J flagging is activated

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Results of 102504-WTB

Client Sample ID: 102504-WTB Client Project ID: 102504 Youngs Lab Sample ID: 1204499002 Lab Project ID: 1204499	Collection Date: 08/25/20 12:00 Received Date: 08/25/20 14:21 Matrix: Water (Surface, Eff., Ground) Solids (%): Location:						
Results by Volatile GC/MS]				
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Parameter	Result Qual	LOQ/CL	<u>DL</u>	<u>Units</u>	DE	<u>Limits</u>	Date Analyzed
Benzene	0.200 U	0.400	0.120	ug/L	1		08/28/20 20:26
Naphthalene	0.500 U	1.00	0.310	ug/L	1		08/28/20 20:26
Surrogates							
1,2-Dichloroethane-D4 (surr)	105	81-118		%	1		08/28/20 20:26
4-Bromofluorobenzene (surr)	108	85-114		%	1		08/28/20 20:26

Analytical Method: SW8260D Analyst: NRB Analytical Date/Time: 08/28/20 20:26 Container ID: 1204499002-A Prep Batch: VXX36234 Prep Method: SW5030B Prep Date/Time: 08/28/20 16:30 Prep Initial Wt./Vol.: 5 mL Prep Extract Vol: 5 mL

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Method Blank

Blank ID: MB for HBN 1811000 [VXX/36234] Blank Lab ID: 1577868

QC for Samples: 1204499001, 1204499002

Results by SW8260D

<u>Parameter</u>	<u>Results</u>	LOQ/CL	<u>DL</u>	<u>Units</u>
Benzene	0.200U	0.400	0.120	ug/L
Naphthalene	0.500U	1.00	0.310	ug/L
Surrogates				
1,2-Dichloroethane-D4 (surr)	103	81-118		%
4-Bromofluorobenzene (surr)	109	85-114		%
Toluene-d8 (surr)	104	89-112		%

Batch Information

Analytical Batch: VMS20255 Analytical Method: SW8260D Instrument: Agilent 7890-75MS Analyst: NRB Analytical Date/Time: 8/28/2020 4:57:00PM Prep Batch: VXX36234 Prep Method: SW5030B Prep Date/Time: 8/28/2020 4:30:00PM Prep Initial Wt./Vol.: 5 mL Prep Extract Vol: 5 mL

Matrix: Water (Surface, Eff., Ground)

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Leaching Blank

Blank ID: LB for HBN 1810886 [TCLP/10792 Blank Lab ID: 1577426 Matrix: Water (Surface, Eff., Ground)

QC for Samples: 1204499001, 1204499002

Results by SW8260D

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Parameter	Results	LOQ/CL	DL	<u>Units</u>
Benzene	10.0U	20.0	6.00	ug/L
Surrogates				
1,2-Dichloroethane-	D4 (surr) 102	81-118		%
4-Bromofluorobenze	ene (surr) 108	85-114		%
Toluene-d8 (surr)	105	89-112		%

Batch Information

Analytical Batch: VMS20255 Analytical Method: SW8260D Instrument: Agilent 7890-75MS Analyst: NRB Analytical Date/Time: 8/28/2020 8:55:00PM Prep Batch: VXX36234 Prep Method: SW5030B Prep Date/Time: 8/28/2020 4:30:00PM Prep Initial Wt./Vol.: 5 mL Prep Extract Vol: 5 mL

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Leaching Blank

Blank ID: LB for HBN 1810948 [TCLP/10793 Blank Lab ID: 1577660 Matrix: Water (Surface, Eff., Ground)

QC for Samples: 1204499001, 1204499002

Results by SW8260D

<u>Parameter</u>	<u>Results</u>	LOQ/CL	<u>DL</u>	<u>Units</u>
Benzene	10.0U	20.0	6.00	ug/L
Surrogates				
1,2-Dichloroethane-D4 (surr)	104	81-118		%
4-Bromofluorobenzene (surr)	108	85-114		%
Toluene-d8 (surr)	104	89-112		%

Batch Information

Analytical Batch: VMS20255 Analytical Method: SW8260D Instrument: Agilent 7890-75MS Analyst: NRB Analytical Date/Time: 8/28/2020 9:10:00PM Prep Batch: VXX36234 Prep Method: SW5030B Prep Date/Time: 8/28/2020 4:30:00PM Prep Initial Wt./Vol.: 5 mL Prep Extract Vol: 5 mL

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Blank Spike Summary

Blank Spike ID: LCS for HBN 1204499 [VXX36234] Blank Spike Lab ID: 1577869 Date Analyzed: 08/28/2020 17:15 Spike Duplicate ID: LCSD for HBN 1204499 [VXX36234] Spike Duplicate Lab ID: 1577870 Matrix: Water (Surface, Eff., Ground)

QC for Samples: 1204499001, 1204499002

Results by SW8260D Blank Spike (ug/L) Spike Duplicate (ug/L) Parameter <u>Spike</u> Result Rec (%) <u>Spike</u> Result Rec (%) <u>CL</u> <u>RPD (%)</u> RPD CL 30 32.6 Benzene 30 109 32.1 107 (79-120) (< 20) 1.60 Naphthalene 30 27.0 90 30 29.6 99 (61-128) 9.00 (< 20) Surrogates 1,2-Dichloroethane-D4 (surr) 30 99.1 99 30 98.1 98 (81-118) 1.10 4-Bromofluorobenzene (surr) 30 30 104 104 104 104 (85-114) 0.54 Toluene-d8 (surr) 30 98.3 98 30 99.1 99 (89-112) 0.80

Batch Information

Analytical Batch: VMS20255 Analytical Method: SW8260D Instrument: Agilent 7890-75MS Analyst: NRB Prep Batch: VXX36234 Prep Method: SW5030B Prep Date/Time: 08/28/2020 16:30 Spike Init Wt./Vol.: 30 ug/L Extract Vol: 5 mL Dupe Init Wt./Vol.: 30 ug/L Extract Vol: 5 mL

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e-Sample Receipt Form

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Chain of	Custody / Temperature Requi	irements	Ye		-	hand carries/delivers.		
	Were Custody Seals intact? Note # &		/A					
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Temperature blank compliant* (i.e., 0-6 °C after CF)?			Cooler ID:					
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If samples received without a temperature blank, the "cooler temperature" will be ocumented instead & "COOLER TEMP" will be noted to the right. "ambient" or "chilled" will be noted if neither is available.			Cooler ID:		@	°C Therm. ID:		
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*lf >6°0	C, were samples collected <8 hours	s ago?	/A					
	If <0°C, were sample containers ice	e free?	/A					
Note: Identify container	s received at non-compliant tempe	erature						
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Note to Clien	t: Any "No", answer above indicates no	on-complian	ce with standard	d procedures and	l may impact data	quality.		
Additional notes (if applicable):								

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Sample Containers and Preservatives

<u>Container Id</u>	<u>Preservative</u>	<u>Container</u> Condition	<u>Container Id</u>	<u>Preservative</u>	<u>Container</u> Condition
1204499001-A	HCL to $pH < 2$	ОК			
1204499001-B	HCL to $pH < 2$	OK			
1204499001-C	HCL to pH < 2	OK			
1204499002-A	HCL to $pH < 2$	ОК			
1204499002-B	HCL to $pH < 2$	ОК			
1204499002-C	HCL to $pH < 2$	ОК			

Container Condition Glossary

Containers for bacteriological, low level mercury and VOA vials are not opened prior to analysis and will be assigned condition code OK unless evidence indicates than an inappropriate container was submitted.

OK - The container was received at an acceptable pH for the analysis requested.

BU - The container was received with headspace greater than 6mm.

DM - The container was received damaged.

FR - The container was received frozen and not usable for Bacteria or BOD analyses.

IC - The container provided for microbiology analysis was not a laboratory-supplied, pre-sterilized container and therefore was not suitable for analysis.

NC- The container provided was not preserved or was under-preserved. The method does not allow for additional preservative added after collection.

PA - The container was received outside of the acceptable pH for the analysis requested. Preservative was added upon receipt and the container is now at the correct pH. See the Sample Receipt Form for details on the amount and lot # of the preservative added.

PH - The container was received outside of the acceptable pH for the analysis requested. Preservative was added upon receipt, but was insufficient to bring the container to the correct pH for the analysis

requested. See the Sample Receipt Form for details on the amount and lot # of the preservative added. QN - Insufficient sample quantity provided.

LABORATORY DATA REVIEW CHECKLIST

Completed by: Jessa Tibbetts **Title:** Environmental Scientist **Date:** September 15, 2020

Consultant Firm: Shannon & Wilson, Inc.

Laboratory Name: SGS North America Inc. Laboratory Report Number: 1204499 Laboratory Report Date: August 24, 2020

Contaminated Site Name: Youngs Firehouse **ADEC File Number:** 2100.26.222 **Hazard Identification Number:** 23861

(**NOTE**: *NA* = not applicable; Text in *italics* added by Shannon & Wilson, Inc.)

1. Laboratory

- a. Did an ADEC CS approved laboratory receive and <u>perform</u> all of the submitted sample analyses? Ves/ No / NA Comments:
- b. If the samples were transferred to another "network" laboratory or sub-contracted to an alternate laboratory, was the laboratory performing the analyses ADEC CS approved?
 Yes / No NA
 Comments: *The samples were not transferred or sub-contracted*.

2. Chain of Custody (COC)

- a. COC information completed, signed, and dated (including released/received by)?
 Yes / No / NA Comments:
- **b.** Correct analyses requested? **Yes** / **No** / **NA** Comments:

3. <u>Laboratory Sample Receipt Documentation</u>

 a. Sample/cooler temperature documented and within range at receipt (0° to 6° C)?
 Yes/ No / NA Comments: *The temperature blank was 2.8* ° *Celsius.*

- b. Sample preservation acceptable acidified waters, Methanol preserved VOC soil (GRO, BTEX, VOCs, etc.)? Yes/ No / NA Comments:
- c. Sample condition documented broken, leaking (MeOH), zero headspace (VOC vials)?
 Ves/ No / NA Comments:
- d. If there were any discrepancies, were they documented? For example, incorrect sample containers/preservation, sample temperature outside of acceptable range, insufficient or missing samples, etc.? Yes / No / NA
 Comments: No discrepancies were noted.
- e. Data quality or usability affected? Comments: *Data quality/usability unaffected*.

4. Case Narrative

- a. Present and understandable? Yes/ No / NA Comments:
- **b.** Discrepancies, errors or QC failures noted by the lab? **Yes**/ **No** / **NA** Comments:
 - 8260D LCSD recovery for chloroethane does not meet QC criteria. This analyte was not reported above the LOQ in the associated samples.
 - 8260D LCS/LCSD RPDs for chloroethane and trichlorofluoromethane do not meet QC criteria. These analytes were not reported above the LOQ in the associated samples.
- c. Were all corrective actions documented? Yes No NA Comments:
- **d.** What is the effect on data quality/usability, according to the case narrative? Comments: *The case narrative does not discuss the effects on data quality/usability.* It is noted that *chloroethane and trichlorofluoromethane were not analyzed as part of the work order.*

5. Sample Results

- a. Correct analyses performed/reported as requested on COC? **Yes**/ No / NA Comments:
- **b.** All applicable holding times met? **Yes**/ **No** / **NA** Comments:

- **c.** All soils reported on a dry weight basis? **Yes / No / NA** Comments: Soil samples were not a part of this sampling effort.
- d. Are the reported LOQs less than the Cleanup Level or the minimum required detection level for the project? Yes / No / NA Comments:
- e. Data quality or usability affected? Comments:

6. <u>QC Samples</u>

a. Method Blank

- One method blank reported per matrix, analysis, and 20 samples?
 Yes/ No / NA Comments:
- ii. All method blank results less than limit of quantitation (LOQ) or project specified objectives?
 Ves / No / NA Comments:
- **iii.** If above LOQ or project specified objectives, what samples are affected? Comments:
- iv. Do the affected sample(s) have data flags? If so, are the data flags clearly defined?
 Yes / No / NA
 Comments: See above.
- v. Data quality or usability affected? Comments:

b. Laboratory Control Sample/Duplicate (LCS/LCSD)

- Organics One LCS/LCSD reported per matrix, analysis, and 20 samples? (LCS/LCSD required per AK methods, LCS required per SW846) Yes/ No / NA Comments:
- ii. Metals/Inorganics One LCS and one sample duplicate reported per matrix, analysis and 20 samples? Yes / No / NA Comments:

- iii. Accuracy All percent recoveries (%R) reported and within method or laboratory limits and project specified objectives, if applicable. (AK petroleum methods: AK 101 60%-120%, AK 102 75%-125%, AK 103 60%-120%; all other analyses see the laboratory QC pages) Yes No NA Comments: The LCSD recovery for chloroethane did not meet QC criteria. The sample was not analyzed for chloroethane; therefore, this data was not presented in the laboratory report.
- iv. Precision All relative percent differences (RPDs) reported and less than method or laboratory limits and project specified objectives, if applicable. RPD reported from LCS/LCSD, and/or sample/sample duplicate. (AK Petroleum methods 20%; all other analyses see the laboratory QC pages) Ves/ No / NA
 Comments: The LCS/LCSD RPDs for chloroethane and trichlorofluoromethane do not meet QC criteria. The sample was not analyzed for chloroethane and trichlorofluoromethane; therefore, this data were not presented in the laboratory report.
- v. If %R or RPD is outside of acceptable limits, what samples are affected? Comments: *The project sample was not analyzed for chloroethane and trichlorofluoromethane; therefore, are not affected by the %R or RPD failures.*
- vi. Do the affected samples(s) have data flags? If so, are the data flags clearly defined?
 Yes / No (NA)
 Comments: See above
- **vii.** Data quality or usability affected? Comments: *Data quality/usability unaffected; see above.*

c. Matrix Spike/Matrix Spike Duplicate (MS/MSD) Note: Leave blank if not required for project

- Organics One MS/MSD reported per matrix, analysis, and 20 samples?
 Ves/ No / NA Comments:
- ii. Metals/Inorganics One MS and one MSD reported per matrix, analysis and 20 samples? Yes / No /NA
 Comments: *There were no metals/inorganic analysis in this work order*.
- iii. Accuracy All percent recoveries (%R) reported and within method or laboratory limits and project specified objectives, if applicable. (AK petroleum methods: AK 101 60%-120%, AK 102 75%-125%, AK 103 60%-120%; all other analyses see the laboratory QC pages) Yes No NA Comments:

- iv. Precision All relative percent differences (RPDs) reported and less than method or laboratory limits and project specified objectives, if applicable. RPD reported from MS/MSD, and/or sample/sample duplicate. (AK Petroleum methods 20%; all other analyses see the laboratory QC pages) Yes/ No / NA Comments:
- v. If %R or RPD is outside of acceptable limits, what samples are affected? Comments:
- vi. Do the affected samples(s) have data flags? If so, are the data flags clearly defined?
 Yes / No / NA Comments:
- vii. Data quality or usability affected? Comments: *No, see above.*

d. Surrogates - Organics Only or Isotope Dilution Analytes (IDA) – Isotope Dilution Methods Only

- Are surrogate/IDA recoveries reported for organic analyses field, QC, and laboratory samples? Yes/ No / NA
 Comments:
- ii. Accuracy All percent recoveries (%R) reported and within method or laboratory limits and project specified objectives, if applicable. (AK Petroleum methods 50-150 %R; all other analyses see the laboratory report pages) Yes / No / NA Comments:
- iii. Do the sample results with failed surrogate/IDA recoveries have data flags? If so, are the data flags clearly defined? Yes / No NA Comments:
- iv. Data quality or usability affected? Comments:
- e. Trip Blank Volatile analyses only (GRO, BTEX, VOCs, etc.)
 - i. One trip blank reported per matrix, analysis and for each cooler containing volatile samples? Yes/ No / NAs Comments:
 - ii. Is the cooler used to transport the trip blank and volatile samples clearly indicated on the COC? Yes /No NA
 Comments: *The sample and trip blank were transported in one cooler*.

- iii. All results less than LOQ and project specified objectives? Yes / No / NA Comments:
- **iv.** If above LOQ or project specified DQOs, what samples are affected? Comments:
- v. Data quality or usability affected? Comments:

f. Field Duplicate

- One field duplicate submitted per matrix, analysis and 10 project samples?
 Yes No/ NA
 Comments: A sample duplicate was not included in the project work plan.
- ii. Were the field duplicates submitted blind to the lab? Yes / No / NA Comments:
- iii. Precision All relative percent differences (RPDs) less than specified project objectives? (Recommended: 30% for water, 50% for soil) Yes / No (NA) Comments:
- iv. Data quality or usability affected? Comments:
- **g.** Decontamination or Equipment Blank (if not applicable, a comment stating why must be entered below).

Yes No / NA Comments:

- All results less than LOQ and project specified objectives?
 Yes / No / NA Comments:
- **ii.** If above LOQ or project specified objectives, what samples are affected? Comments:
- iii. Data quality or usability affected? Comments:

7. Other Data Flags/Qualifiers (ACOE, AFCEE, Lab Specific, etc.)

a. Defined and appropriate? **Yes** / **No** / **NA** Comments: *A key to qualifiers is provided on Page 3 of the SGS Laboratory Report and in the notes of Table 2.*

SHANNON & WILSON, INC.

ATTACHMENT 3 IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR GEOTECHNICAL/ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

CONSULTING SERVICES ARE PERFORMED FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSES AND FOR SPECIFIC CLIENTS.

Consultants prepare reports to meet the specific needs of specific individuals. A report prepared for a civil engineer may not be adequate for a construction contractor or even another civil engineer. Unless indicated otherwise, your consultant prepared your report expressly for you and expressly for the purposes you indicated. No one other than you should apply this report for its intended purpose without first conferring with the consultant. No party should apply this report for any purpose other than that originally contemplated without first conferring with the consultant.

THE CONSULTANT'S REPORT IS BASED ON PROJECT-SPECIFIC FACTORS.

A geotechnical/environmental report is based on a subsurface exploration plan designed to consider a unique set of project-specific factors. Depending on the project, these may include the general nature of the structure and property involved; its size and configuration; its historical use and practice; the location of the structure on the site and its orientation; other improvements such as access roads, parking lots, and underground utilities; and the additional risk created by scope-of-service limitations imposed by the client. To help avoid costly problems, ask the consultant to evaluate how any factors that change subsequent to the date of the report may affect the recommendations. Unless your consultant indicates otherwise, your report should not be used (1) when the nature of the proposed project is changed (for example, if an office building will be erected instead of a parking garage, or if a refrigerated warehouse will be built instead of an unrefrigerated one, or chemicals are discovered on or near the site); (2) when the size, elevation, or configuration of the proposed project is altered; (3) when the location or orientation of the proposed project is modified; (4) when there is a change of ownership; or (5) for application to an adjacent site. Consultants cannot accept responsibility for problems that may occur if they are not consulted after factors that were considered in the development of the report have changed.

SUBSURFACE CONDITIONS CAN CHANGE.

Subsurface conditions may be affected as a result of natural processes or human activity. Because a geotechnical/environmental report is based on conditions that existed at the time of subsurface exploration, construction decisions should not be based on a report whose adequacy may have been affected by time. Ask the consultant to advise if additional tests are desirable before construction starts; for example, groundwater conditions commonly vary seasonally.

Construction operations at or adjacent to the site and natural events such as floods, earthquakes, or groundwater fluctuations may also affect subsurface conditions and, thus, the continuing adequacy of a geotechnical/environmental report. The consultant should be kept apprised of any such events and should be consulted to determine if additional tests are necessary.

MOST RECOMMENDATIONS ARE PROFESSIONAL JUDGMENTS.

Site exploration and testing identifies actual surface and subsurface conditions only at those points where samples are taken. The data were extrapolated by your consultant, who then applied judgment to render an opinion about overall subsurface conditions. The actual interface between materials may be far more gradual or abrupt than your report indicates. Actual conditions in areas not sampled may differ from those predicted in your report. While nothing can be done to prevent such situations, you and your consultant can work together to help reduce their impacts. Retaining

your consultant to observe subsurface construction operations can be particularly beneficial in this respect.

A REPORT'S CONCLUSIONS ARE PRELIMINARY.

The conclusions contained in your consultant's report are preliminary, because they must be based on the assumption that conditions revealed through selective exploratory sampling are indicative of actual conditions throughout a site. Actual subsurface conditions can be discerned only during earthwork; therefore, you should retain your consultant to observe actual conditions and to provide conclusions. Only the consultant who prepared the report is fully familiar with the background information needed to determine whether or not the report's recommendations based on those conclusions are valid and whether or not the contractor is abiding by applicable recommendations. The consultant who developed your report cannot assume responsibility or liability for the adequacy of the report's recommendations if another party is retained to observe construction.

THE CONSULTANT'S REPORT IS SUBJECT TO MISINTERPRETATION.

Costly problems can occur when other design professionals develop their plans based on misinterpretation of a geotechnical/environmental report. To help avoid these problems, the consultant should be retained to work with other project design professionals to explain relevant geotechnical, geological, hydrogeological, and environmental findings, and to review the adequacy of their plans and specifications relative to these issues.

BORING LOGS AND/OR MONITORING WELL DATA SHOULD NOT BE SEPARATED FROM THE REPORT.

Final boring logs developed by the consultant are based upon interpretation of field logs (assembled by site personnel), field test results, and laboratory and/or office evaluation of field samples and data. Only final boring logs and data are customarily included in geotechnical/environmental reports. These final logs should not, under any circumstances, be redrawn for inclusion in architectural or other design drawings, because drafters may commit errors or omissions in the transfer process.

To reduce the likelihood of boring log or monitoring well misinterpretation, contractors should be given ready access to the complete geotechnical engineering/environmental report prepared or authorized for their use. If access is provided only to the report prepared for you, you should advise contractors of the report's limitations, assuming that a contractor was not one of the specific persons for whom the report was prepared, and that developing construction cost estimates was not one of the specific purposes for which it was prepared. While a contractor may gain important knowledge from a report prepared for another party, the contractor should discuss the report with your consultant and perform the additional or alternative work believed necessary to obtain the data specifically appropriate for construction cost estimating purposes. Some clients hold the mistaken impression that simply disclaiming responsibility for the accuracy of subsurface information always insulates them from attendant liability. Providing the best available information to contractors helps prevent costly construction problems and the adversarial attitudes that aggravate them to a disproportionate scale.

READ RESPONSIBILITY CLAUSES CLOSELY.

Because geotechnical/environmental engineering is based extensively on judgment and opinion, it is far less exact than other design disciplines. This situation has resulted in wholly unwarranted claims

being lodged against consultants. To help prevent this problem, consultants have developed a number of clauses for use in their contracts, reports, and other documents. These responsibility clauses are not exculpatory clauses designed to transfer the consultant's liabilities to other parties; rather, they are definitive clauses that identify where the consultant's responsibilities begin and end. Their use helps all parties involved recognize their individual responsibilities and take appropriate action. Some of these definitive clauses are likely to appear in your report, and you are encouraged to read them closely. Your consultant will be pleased to give full and frank answers to your questions.

The preceding paragraphs are based on information provided by the ASFE/Association of Engineering Firms Practicing in the Geosciences, Silver Spring, Maryland