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Attention: Mr. W.J. Holtz, P.Eng.

Dear Sir:

Re: Red River Esso

(60256A)

Selkirk, Manitoba

Under your authorization, subsurface investigations have been carried out at the above captioned site on 88/11/11 and 88/12/06. This supplementary work was designed to better delineate the subsurface contamination which was identified in the tank backfill piezometers and to provide information for the design of appropriate remedial measures. A site plan showing the locations of the boreholes, catch basins and manholes is included for your reference as Drawing No. 1.1.

SITE FEATURES AND GEOLOGY

The Esso service station, is located on the northwest side of Main Street (Highway 9) between Pacific Avenue and Rosser Avenue in Selkirk, Manitoba (Drawing No. 1.2). Residential properties are located directly northwest of the service station, southwest across Pacific Avenue and southeast across Main Street. Commercial buildings exist north of the site across Rosser Avenue and south of the site across Main Street. The site is situated approximately 600 m west of the Red River.

The town's water is supplied from a water well which is located approximately 600 m northeast of the site adjacent to the water filtration plant shown on Drawing No. 1.2. According to Public Works personnel the well intake is located 49 m below grade. The water from this well is supplemented with water from the Red River during dry months in the

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According to preliminary mapping of the area by the Manitoba government, the surficial geology beneath the site is a glaciolacustrine deposit of silt rich and/or pebble rich clay (1977-WPG-13).

SITE INVESTIGATION

The subsurface investigation was carried out in 2 phases; 5 boreholes were drilled on 88/11/11 and an additional 6 boreholes were drilled on 88/12/06. Stratigraphic information and soil vapour concentrations were recorded at the time of drilling and are presented on the logs in Appendix A. Monitoring piezometers were installed in each borehole to facilitate future measurement of groundwater levels, product thicknesses and subsurface vapour concentrations. The locations of the piezometers were surveyed relative to a temporary bench mark. The catch basins, manholes and piezometers, including the 4 located in the tank backfill, were monitored on 88/11/28, 88/12/09 and 88/12/20. The VES extraction rate was also measured on 88/11/03, 88/11/21, 88/11/28, 88/12/09 and on 88/12/20.

SUBSURFACE CONDITIONS

Stratigraphy

The natural soil profile encountered in the boreholes consisted of silt topsoil overlying silty clay which extended below the 6.1 m depth of investigation. The clay unit was fractured, laminated and contained silt and sand lenses. Surficial asphalt and sand and gravel fill were noted in BH5, BH6, BH7, BH9, BH10 and BH11. A cross-section illustrating the stratigraphy is presented on Drawing No. 1.3.

Groundwater

Piezometric surface elevations measured in the boreholes on 88/12/20 suggest that the water table is in the clay unit 2.4 m to 4.0 m below the ground surface (Drawing No. 1.3). The groundwater in the tank backfill area appeared to be mounded and was 1.5 m to 2.2 m below grade. Based on preliminary monitoring, the principal direction of groundwater flow appears to be south and southeast toward the Red River (Drawing No. 1.4). The fluid levels in BH6 to BH11 may not have reached equilibrium with the groundwater regime as of 88/12/20.

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Subsurface Vapours

Subsurface vapour concentrations measured in soil samples obtained during drilling are plotted on the borehole logs in Appendix A. Slightly elevated vapour concentrations (>200 ppm) were only detected in BH3, BH4, BH7 and BH10.

The areal distribution of subsurface vapour concentrations measured in the piezometers on 88/12/20 is presented on Drawing No. 1.5. Vapour concentrations exceeding 100% LEL were detected in all 4 tank backfill piezometers (the VES fan was not operational on 88/12/20), in BH1 and in BH11. Elevated vapour concentrations were also noted in BH4, BH7 and BH10.

Vapour concentrations measured in the sewer manholes and catch basins on and adjacent to the site did not exceed 100 ppm on 88/12/20.

Phase-Separated Hydrocarbons

The phase-separated product thicknesses measured at the water table on 88/12/20 are presented on Drawing No. 1.6 and a summary of product thicknesses recorded to date is presented in Table 1.1. Liquid petroleum product was detected in piezometers E2 and E4, and in BH1 and BH10 on 88/12/20. The apparent product thickness has increased in E2 from 120 mm, on 88/10/10 to 355 mm on 88/12/20. The product bailed from E4 was dark amber in colour but the product in the other 3 piezometers was light amber in colour.

REMEDIAL MEASURES

The discharge parameters measured for the tank backfill fan and for the fan connected to the catch basin are summarized in Tables 1.2 and 1.3, respectively. The 2 fan units extracted a combined total of 590 L of product between 88/10/11 and 88/12/20. Since the installation of the fan units, a total of 2340 L have been removed from the subsurface by vapour extraction.

CONCLUSIONS

Based on the results of the subsurface investigation, O'Connor Associates Environmental Inc. concludes that:

1. The natural soils beneath the service station property consist of silt topsoil overlying silty clay.



- 2. The groundwater table was located 2.4 m to 4.0 m below grade in the native soils and 1.5 m to 2.2 m below grade in the tank backfill on 88/12/20. Preliminary results indicate that the principal direction of groundwater flow is south to southeast. Subsequent monitoring will be required to confirm the flow direction.
- 3. Phase-separated product previously detected in the tank backfill appears to have migrated southeast to BH1 and BH10 (beneath Main Street). The extent of the product plume has not been defined southeast of the Esso property. Additional boreholes will therefore be required on public property.

The increasing product thickness in E2 and the colour of the product in E2, BH1 and BH10 suggest that ongoing product losses could be occurring.

- 4. Explosive vapour concentrations were present in the area of the tank backfill, in BH1 and in BH11. The extent of the vapour plume has not been defined south of the Esso property.
- 5. Elevated vapour concentrations have only been detected in the catch basin near the tank backfill (CB1) and a VES fan unit was installed to control vapour concentrations at CB1. Additional remedial measures will be required to reduce the risk of subsurface petroleum contamination impacting the other underground utilities on public property.
- 6. The tank backfill fan unit appears effective in extracting petroleum vapours and should therefore continue to operate for the present. Although extraction rates from the fan unit connected to the catch basin are less than 1 L/day, the unit should continue to operate to control petroleum vapour concentrations in the storm sewer line.

CLOSURE

This report has been prepared in accordance with generally accepted hydrogeological and environmental engineering practices for the exclusive use of Esso Petroleum Canada. Information presented herein was obtained while conducting authorized investigations and monitoring at Esso's Red River service station in Selkirk, Manitoba. Although the data were collected only at site-specific locations, the reported information is believed to provide a reasonable representation of the general environmental conditions at the site.

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Recommendations and estimated costs for further remedial work will be provided under separate cover. Should any questions arise regarding the information presented herein, please contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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TABLE 1.1

APPARENT PRODUCT THICKNESSES (mm)

DATE		2	E	3	1	E4	BH1	BH10
88/07/12	140	(4)	60	(0)	168	(794)		
88/08/10	80	(90)	5	(0)	90	(2)		
88/09/08	195	(4)	1	(0)	220	(0)		
88/09/12	10	(3)	0		1	(0)		
88/10/11	120	(0)	0		50	(0)		
88/11/28	240		0		0		220	
88/12/09	293		0		0		62	
88/12/20	355		0		256		100	170



TABLE 1.2

VAPOUR EXTRACTION PARAMETERS

VES 101

(connected to the tank backfill piezometers)

DATE	TIMER READING (hrs)	VAPOUR CONCENTRATION (% LEL)	FLOW RATE (ft/min)	ESTIMATED EXTRACTION RATE (L/day)
88/07/12	5 193	NR .	NR	NR
88/08/10	5 589	20	>3 000	30
88/09/08	6 038	15	>3 000	22.5
88/09/12	6 127	11	>3 000	16.5
88/10/11	6 780	12	>3 000	18
88/11/03	7 277	10	>3 000	15
88/11/12	7 490.6	10	3 150	16
88/11/28	7 491	>100	>3 000	150
88/12/09	7 751.9	3	2 560	4
88/12/20	7 753	45ª	2 800	63

a - one hour after activationNR - no reading

Note: The electrical power was initially connected between 88/07/12 and 88/07/26 by a local electrician.



TABLE 1.3

VAPOUR EXTRACTION PARAMETERS

VES 182

(located on CB1)

DATE	TIME READING (hrs)	VAPOUR CONCENTRATIONS (% LEL)	FLOW RATE (ft/min)	ESTIMATED EXTRACTION RATE (L/day)
88/09/12 ^a	NR	13	>3000	19.5
88/09/12 ^b	NR	2.2	>3000	3.3
88/10/11 ^C				
88/11/03	2586	3	>3000	4.5
88/11/12	2799.6	1.6	>6000	10
88/11/28	2800	22	>3000	33
88/12/09	3061	ND	2100	ND
88/12/20	3303	0.04	2200	0.04

a - activation

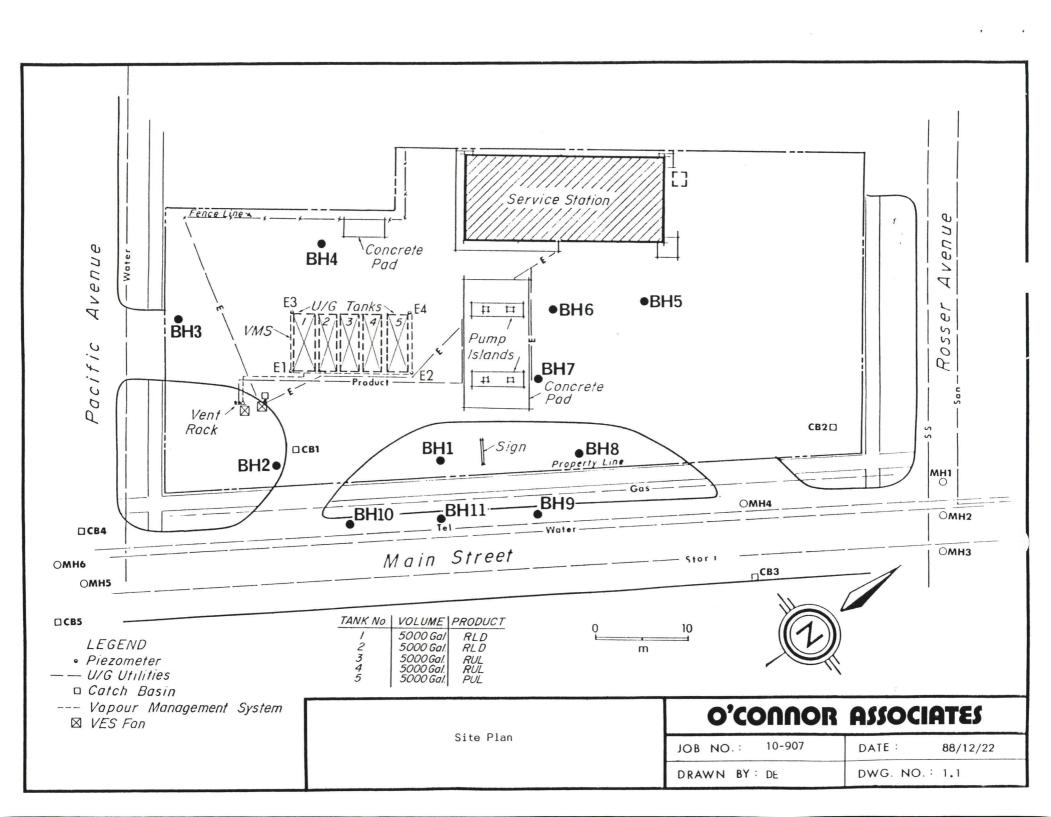
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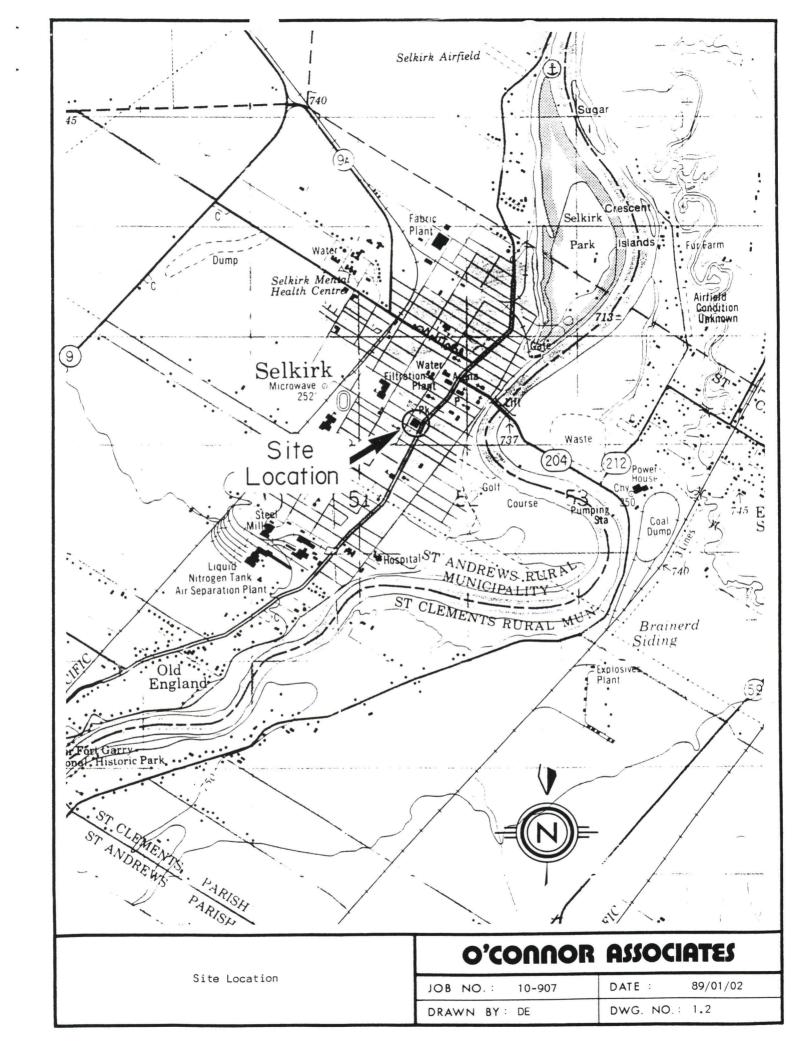
c - electrical not been installed

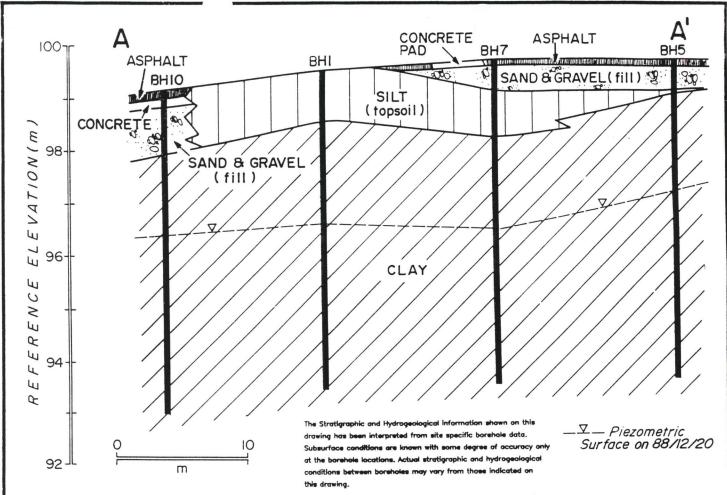
NR - no reading

ND - not detected

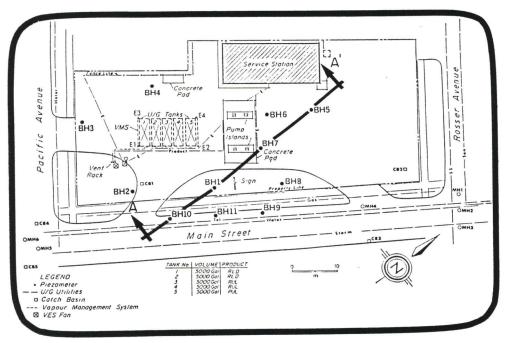








Cross Section A-A'

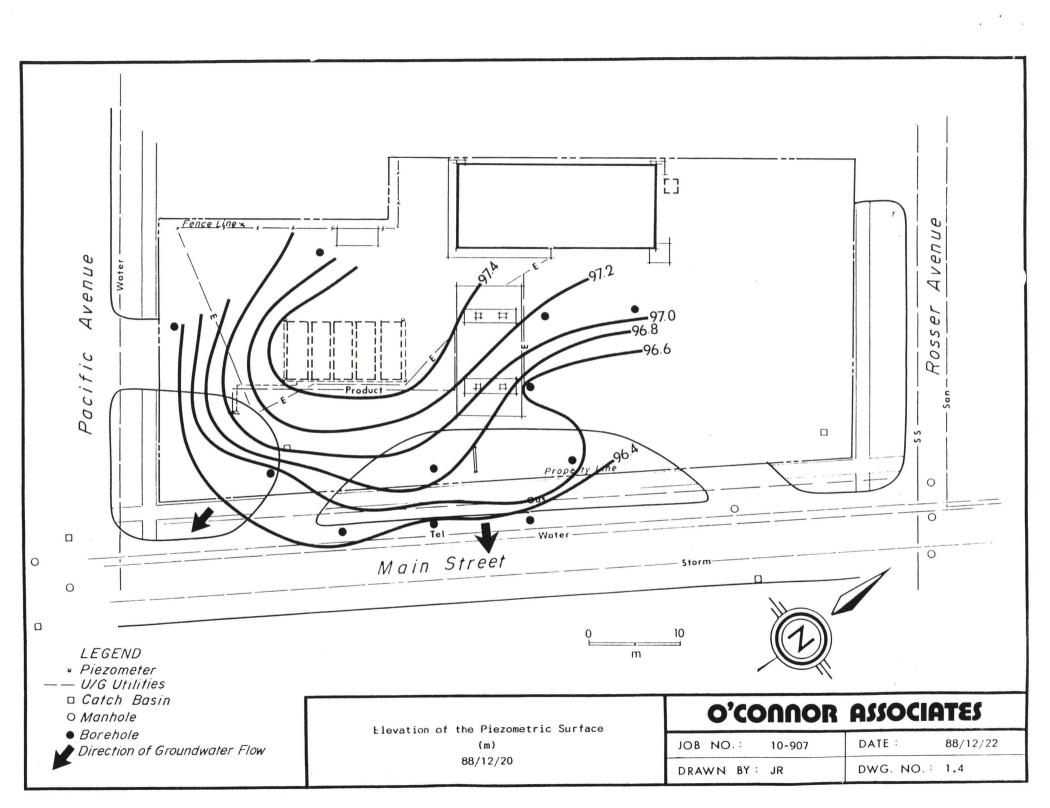


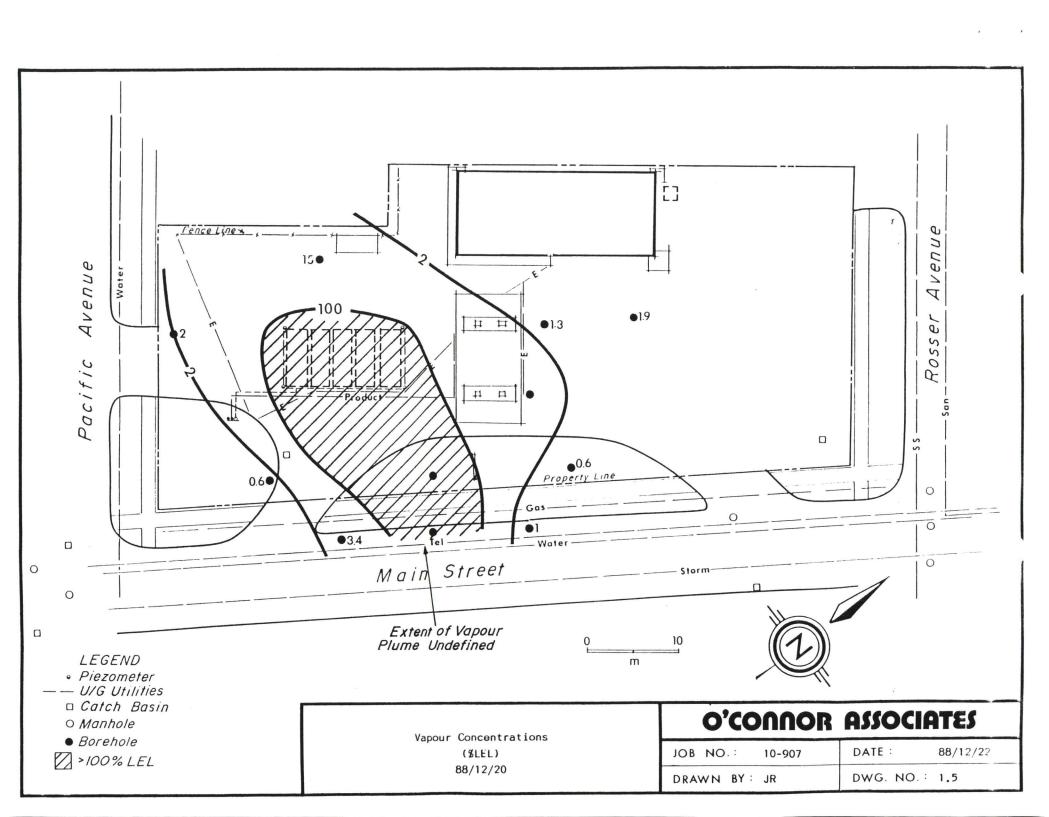
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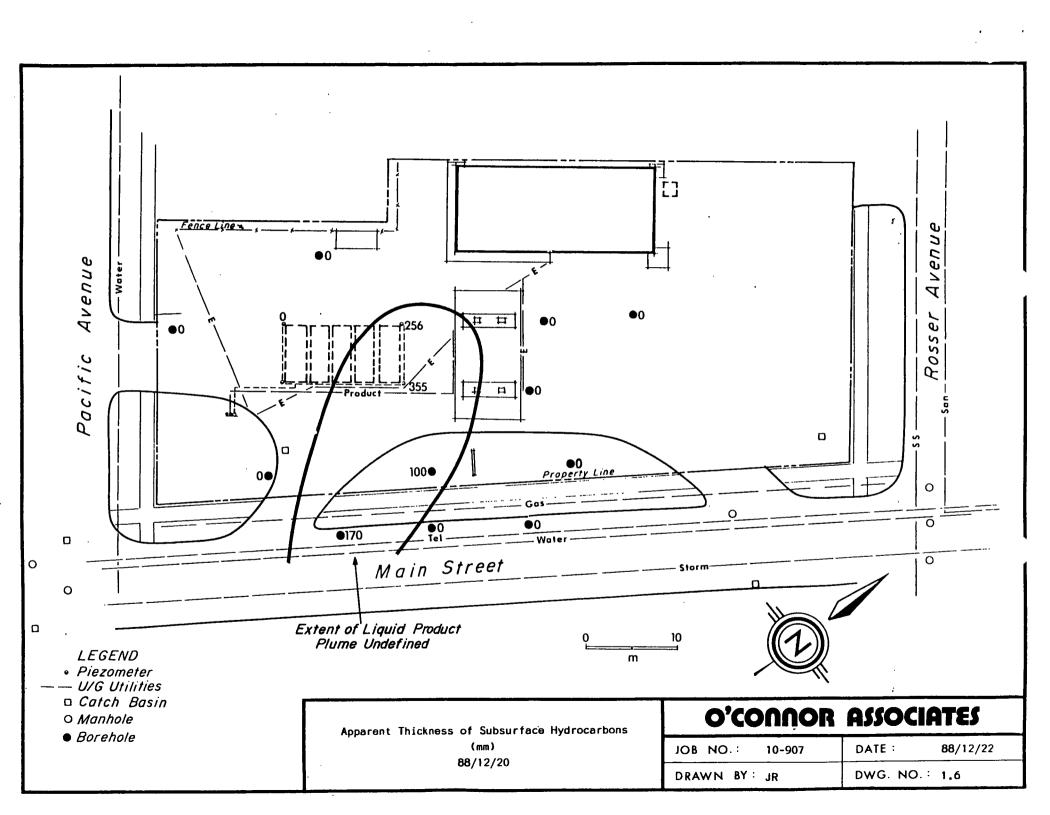
Stratigraphic Cross Section A - A'

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JOB NO.: 10-907	DATE : 88/12/22
DRAWN BY: JR	DWG. NO.: 1,3



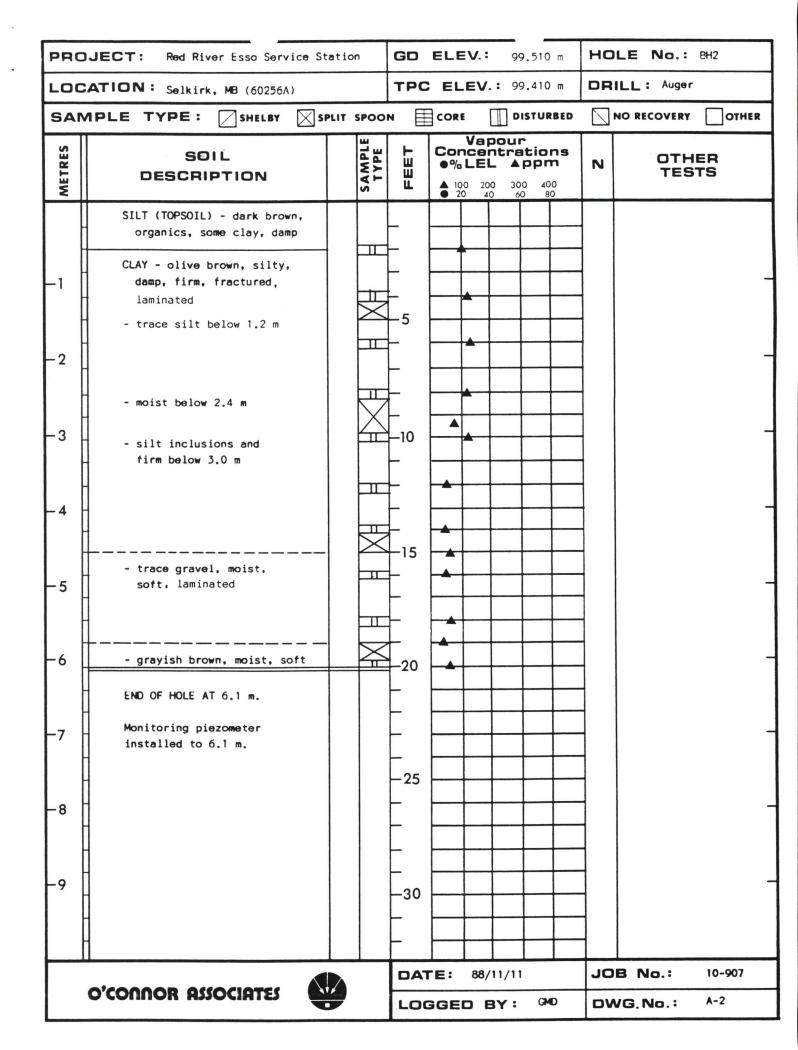




APPENDIX A

BOREHOLE LOGS

PRO	JECT: Red River Esso Service St.		GD	GD ELEV.: 99.665 m HOLE No.: B							BH1	
LOC	ATION: Selkirk, MB (#60256A)			TPC	EL	EV.	: 99	.539	m	DRILL: Auger		
SAN	1PLE TYPE: SHELBY SP	LIT SP	000	CORE DISTURBED					BED		NO RECOVERY	OTHER
METRES	SOIL DESCRIPTION	SAMDIE	TYPE	FEET	Con	Cer	300	tion ppn	ם ס	2	OTH	
	SILT (TOPSOIL) - dark brown, some clay, organics, damp	-		-	•							
- 1	CLAY - light grayish brown, silty, damp, firm - light olive brown, trace		X	- -5	•							_
-2	silt, silt inclusions, dry to damp, firm, laminated - stiff below 1.7 m, fractured - moist below 2.6 m			_	_							-
-3	- olive brown, trace sand, occasional gravel, moist, soft, medium plasticity,			- -10 -	A .							-
-4	laminated - grayish brown, silty,		<u></u>	- - -15	•							-
-5	gravelly, oxidized, laminated		H X	- -	A							-
- 6	END OF HOLE AT 6.1 m.		11	-20 - -	^							
-7	Monitoring piezometer installed to 6.1 m.			_ _ _25								
-8				- - -								
-9				_ _30 _								
\vdash				DATE: 88/11/11						JOB No.: 10-907		
O'CONNOR ASSOCIATES				LOG		-			1	DWG.No.: A-1		



PRO	JECT: Red River Esso Service St	ation	GD	ELEV	.: 99	.392 m	но	DLE No.: BH3	
LOC	ATION: Selkirk, MB (#60256A)		TPC	ELE	V.: 99	9.274 m	DRILL: Auger		
SAN	APLE TYPE: SHELBY SI	PLIT SPOO	N 🎚	N CORE DISTURBED				NO RECOVERY OTHER	
METRES	SOIL	SAMPLE	FEET	Conc	EL A	tions ppm	2	OTHER TESTS	
	SILT (TOPSOIL) - dark brown and black, organics, some clay, damp			A					
-1	CLAY - olive brown, trace silt, trace gravel, stiff, fractured, laminated		5 5	<u> </u>			-	_	
-2	- moist and firm below 2.1 m		 - - -	•			-		
-3	- some silt and damp below 3.0 m		-10 -	4		-	-	_	
-4			- - -15	4			+		
-5			1- - - -	A				-	
-6	- gray, silty END OF HOLE AT 6.1 m.	X	20					-	
-7	Monitoring piezometer installed to 6.1 m.		- - - -25						
-8			- - -				-		
-9			30						
			DAT	re:	88/1	1/11	JC	DB No.: 10-907	
	O'CONNOR ASSOCIATES		LO	GGED	BY:	GMD	ים	WG.No.: A-3	

PRO	JJECT: Red River Esso Service St	tation	GD	ELE		99	- 9.611	m	но	LE No.:	BH4
<u> </u>	ATION: Selkirk, MB (#60256A)		TPC	EL	EV			-	DRILL: Auger		
-		PLIT SPOO							NO RECOVERY OTHER		
METRES	SOIL	SAMPLE	FEET	Cor	Val Ce LE	pour ntre	r ntion ppn	ns n	N	OTH	IER
	SILT (TOPSOIL) - dark brown, organics, some clay, damp		_								
-1	CLAY - olive brown, silty, damp, stiff, laminated		_ _ _5	_	<u> </u>						
-2	- fractured below 1.5 m				A						
	- moist and firm below 2.1 m		-		A			A			
-3	- noticeable petroleum odour at 3.0 m		10 			A					
-4	grayish brown, some		-				•				
-5	gravel, damp, firm - stiff below 4.6 m		-15 -	A							
-6	- trace gravel, trace silt inclusions		1	A							
0	SILT - grayish brown, gravelly		-20			-,					
-7	END OF HOLE AT 6.2 m. Monitoring piezometer		_								
	installed to 6.1 m.		_ _25								
-8											,
-9			_ _30								
	-		-								
			DAT	re:	1	88/11	/11		JO	B No.:	10-907
	O'CONNOR ASSOCIATES					3Y :	G	40	DW	/G.No.:	A-4

PRC	PROJECT: Red River Esso Service Station					€ V .:		-		HOLE No.: 845		
LOC	CATION: Selkirk, MB (#60256A)	v	\neg	TPC ELEV.:						DRILL: Auger		
SAN	APLE TYPE: SHELBY S	PLIT SP	200	y	CORE DISTURBED					NO RECOVERY OTHER		
METRES	SOIL DESCRIPTION	CAMBIE	TYPE	FEET	● º/o	LEI 0 20		ppn 0 40	n 0	2		HER STS
-1 -2	SAND AND GRAVEL (FILL) - light brown, some silt, some clay, damp, soft CLAY - dark brown and black, silty, organics, damp - olive brown, trace silt, damp, stiff, fractured, laminated			_ _ _ _ _5								-
-3 -4	- very stiff below 1.8 m - stiff below 2.4 m - firm below 3.0 m - olive brown, silt inclusions, moist, fractured				A	A						-
-5 -6	- grayish brown, laminated, silt lenses, some gravel, damp, stiff - olive brown, trace gravel, silt inclusions, moist, firm		MH HX	-15 - - -								-
-7	END OF HOLE AT 6.1 m. Monitoring piezometer installed to 6.1 m.			-20 - - - - - -25								
-8 -9				_ _ _30 _								
			DATE: 88/11/11						JOB No.: 10-907			
O'CONNOR ASSOCIATES					GE	D E	BY:	GMD	DWG.No.: A-5			

PRC)JECT: Red River Esso Service St	GD	ELE	v. :	99.	762 m	но	LE No.: 8H6			
LOC	CATION: Selkirk, MB (#60256A)		TPC	TPC ELEV.: 99,698 m					DRILL: Auger		
SAN	APLE TYPE: SHELBY SI	PLIT SPOC	N I	CORE DISTURBED			TURBED	NO RECOVERY OTHER			
METRES	SOIL DESCRIPTION	SAMPLE	FEET	Con	Vap Let 200 40	trat Ap		2	OTHER TESTS		
-1 -2 -3	ASPHALT (25 mm) CONCRETE (75 mm) GRAVEL (FILL) - light reddish brown, oxidized, sandy, some silt, damp, dense, frozen to 0.3 m SILT - dark olive brown with black mottling, some clay, moist, firm, laminated CLAY - dark olive brown, oxidized, moist, very stiff, medium plasticity, laminated - becoming moister with depth - wet below 2.1 m, fractured - trace sand and silt lenses below 3.3 m - water seepage at 4.6 m		10								
-6 -7	- dark gray END OF HOLE AT 6.2 m. Monitoring piezometer installed to 6.1 m.		-20 - - - - - -25								
-9	O'COORDE ASSOCIATES		- - -30 -	TE:	88/	/12/06	5	Jo	B No.: 10-907		
O'CONNOR ASSOCIATES				3GEI	D B	Y :	GJB	DWG.No.: A-6			

