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SUBJECT: Vapor Intrusion Risk Screening Evaluation at Building 114, Fort Monmouth,

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#### Dear Ms. Range:

The Fort Monmouth Team reviewed the recent groundwater analytical data associated with Building 114 for the potential for a vapor intrusion (VI) exposure pathway. At this time we recommend vapor intrusion monitoring not be performed at Building 114 and that groundwater monitoring as part of the remedy for FTMM-68 be performed at wells near Building 114. This recommendation is based on the Conceptual Site Model (CSM) for the FTMM-68 Site, groundwater sampling results from the Building 114 area in 2015 and 2017, and applicable VI technical guidance (NJDEP, 2016).

#### Background

Building 114 was the former fitness center located on the Fort Monmouth (FTMM) Main Post. As shown on Figure 1, Building 114 is located east and hydraulically downgradient of Installation Restoration Program (IRP) Sites FTMM-68 and FTMM-53 (Building 700 Former Dry Cleaner Underground Storage Tank [UST] and Building 699 Gasoline USTs, respectively). As shown on Figure 2, Building 114 has a slab floor basement that extends to 6 feet above mean sea level (ft amsl), which is approximately the same elevation as the water table.

Building 700 at FTMM-68 is currently vacant and was previously used for office space. Former Building 565 was located on approximately the same footprint area as Building 700 and formerly

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chlorinated solvents drv cleaning facility that used (tetrachloroethene [PCE]/trichloroethene [TCE]). A 500-gallon solvent underground storage tank (UST) adjacent to the southwest corner of Building 700 was removed in 2011 and was observed to be heavily corroded and leaking in several places. The leaking UST impacted groundwater and soil with volatile organic compounds (VOCs). From September 2015 through April 2017 Remedial Investigation (RI) field studies were conducted at FTMM-68 to characterize the chemicals released to soil and groundwater and to establish a comprehensive groundwater monitoring well network. The RI characterized and mapped a VOC plume (composed predominantly of PCE) using temporary wells, vertical membrane interface probe (MIP) profiling, and permanent multidepth monitor wells. Permanent groundwater monitor wells near Building 114 were sampled using low-flow purge and sampling techniques and selected wells were sampled from multiple discrete depths as required by the NJDEP Field Sampling Procedures Manual.

FTMM-53 includes Building 699 and was a former fueling station and repair facility for non-military vehicles. Six 10,000-gallon USTs that were used to store various grades of gasoline with two remote pumping islands were located at the site. Environmental impacts were initially reported in 1989 when approximately 11,000 gallons of gasoline were discovered to have been released into soil. From 2001 to 2013, a groundwater remediation system consisting of multiple groundwater recovery, air sparging, and soil vapor extraction wells, and a groundwater and vapor treatment system was operated to address the release of chemical constituents. In 2013 the groundwater remediation system was turned off with NJDEP approval as the treatment goals were achieved. In 2015, additional RI field work was conducted at FTMM-53.

## Physical Site Characteristics

Building 114 is underlain by the Cape May Formation Unit 2, which is characterized by fine to coarse sand and silty fine to medium sand, with minor silt and trace clays. The Hornerstown Formation, which underlies the Cape May Formation Unit 2, is locally present in 3 subgroups (Figure 2), which are distinguished by varying proportions of glauconitic clay, silty clay, and minor sand. The Tinton Formation underlies the Hornerstown Formation, and consists of dense fine sand and trace silt, glauconite, and clay.

There are two distinct aquifers in the area: a shallow aquifer which includes the Cape May Formation Unit 2 and the Hornerstown Formation, and a deep aquifer located in the Tinton Formation. Based on water level data collected March 27, 2017, the groundwater elevation in wells screened in the unconfined shallow aquifer ranged between 7 to 13 ft amsl, with an eastward groundwater flow direction (Figure 3). The groundwater elevation in wells screened in the semi-confined deep aquifer ranged from 7 to 9 ft amsl, with an eastward groundwater flow direction (Figure 4). The water table near Building 114 ranges from 4 to 8 ft below ground surface (bgs).

#### VI Screening of Chemicals near Building 114

The PCE plume emanating from the FTMM-68 UST release is characterized as shown on Figures 1 and 2, which summarizes the CSM for FTMM-68. The results indicate that the PCE plume has migrated to the east of the release from the former UST. As the plume moved east, it

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migrated downward through the surficial soils of the Cape May Formation and into the Hornerstown Formation, leaving a clean water lens without chlorinated organics above it.

The data used for the Building 114 VI screening included groundwater samples collected immediately adjacent to Building 114 (permanent wells FTMM-68-MW02, -MW03, -MW12, and -MW13, and temporary well FTMM68-GG8). VOCs detected from these select groundwater sample locations are provided in Table 1 and include PCE, TCE, 1,2-dichloroethane, acetone, methyl *tert*-butyl ether (MTBE), and *tert*-butyl alcohol (TBA). Of these compounds, only PCE and TCE have been detected in excess of NJDEP Ground Water Quality Criteria (GWQC) at the FTMM-68 source area near Building 700.

To evaluate the VI exposure pathway associated with the FTMM-68 plume near Building 114, the concentrations of VOCs detected in monitoring wells near Building 114 were compared to the NJ Generic VI Ground Water Screening Levels (GWSLs), as follows:

- PCE was detected in FTMM-68-MW12 at 25  $\mu$ g/L (from 38.3 ft ft bgs) and 24  $\mu$ g/L (43.3 ft bgs), which are both below the VI GWSL of 31  $\mu$ g/L.
- TCE was detected in FTMM-68-MW12 at 3.4  $\mu$ g/L (from 38.3 ft bgs) and 3.1  $\mu$ g/L (43.3ft bgs), which is above the VI GWSL of 2  $\mu$ g/L.
- 1,2-dichloroethane, MTBE, TBA and acetone were also detected in FTMM-68-MW12 but at concentrations below their respective VI GWSLs (except for TBA which does not have a VI GWSL).
- Well FTMM-68-MW03 was sampled from 17.5 to 22.5 ft bgs, which is above the intervals sampled in well FTMM-68-MW12 (38.3 and 43.3 ft bgs); the only VOC detected was acetone (5.2 μg/L), which was less than the VI GWSL of 6,000 μg/L.
- Samples from well FTMM-68-MW02 (another shallow well located north of the well cluster of FTMM-68-MW03, -MW12, and -MW13) had detections of the fuel additives MTBE and TBA at levels less than applicable guidance criteria, but no detections of PCE or TCE.

In addition, a low-level MIP survey was conducted as part of the RI at locations FTMM68-MIP7 and MIP8, which corresponded to monitoring wells FTMM-68-MW02 and -MW03, respectively. FTMM-68-MIP7 recorded photoionization detector (PID) readings in the upper 12 ft of the log, indicating the possible presence of hydrocarbons in shallow groundwater. Groundwater analyses from FTMM-68-MW02 encountered detections of MTBE and TBA, which are typically associated with fuel hydrocarbon sites, although neither the GWQC or VI GWSL were exceeded. At FTMM-68-MIP8 no elevated PID readings were reported in the low-level MIP log (total depth 40 ft bgs). MIP logs are provided in Attachment A.

The results indicate that the PCE and TCE plume underlying Building 114 is overlain by an approximately 15 ft thick lens of uncontaminated groundwater. In addition, there is no exceedance of the VI GWSL for PCE in groundwater underlying Building 114, and the marginal exceedance of the TCE VI GWSL is located about 32 ft below the basement slab. As stated in the NJDEP VI guidance (Section 3.2.1.1), the presence of a "clean water lens" can act as a barrier to volatilization from deeper groundwater, and prevent vapor intrusion into overlying buildings. Further, as shown on Figure 2, since the Building 114 basement slab is located at

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approximately the same elevation as the water table, there is generally no vadose zone thickness between the Building 114 basement slab and the shallow groundwater, and thus no potential for VOC mass storage in the vapor phase within the vadose zone. Therefore, based on these multiple lines of evidence there is no VI exposure pathway for PCE or TCE into Building 114.

#### Long-Term Monitoring and Remediation

Based on the above information, the vapor intrusion exposure pathway at Building 114 is incomplete and further groundwater monitoring will be performed in conjunction with our Building 700 work. Fort Monmouth is committed to long-term groundwater monitoring and implementation of remedial measures at FTMM-68, and wells FTMM-68-MW02 and MW03 will be included in the monitoring program.

The technical point of contact is Cris Grill who can be reached at 617-449-1583 or email at <a href="mailto:cris.grill@parsons.com">cris.grill@parsons.com</a>. Should you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me at (732) 380-7064 or by email at william.r.colvin18.civ@mail.mil.

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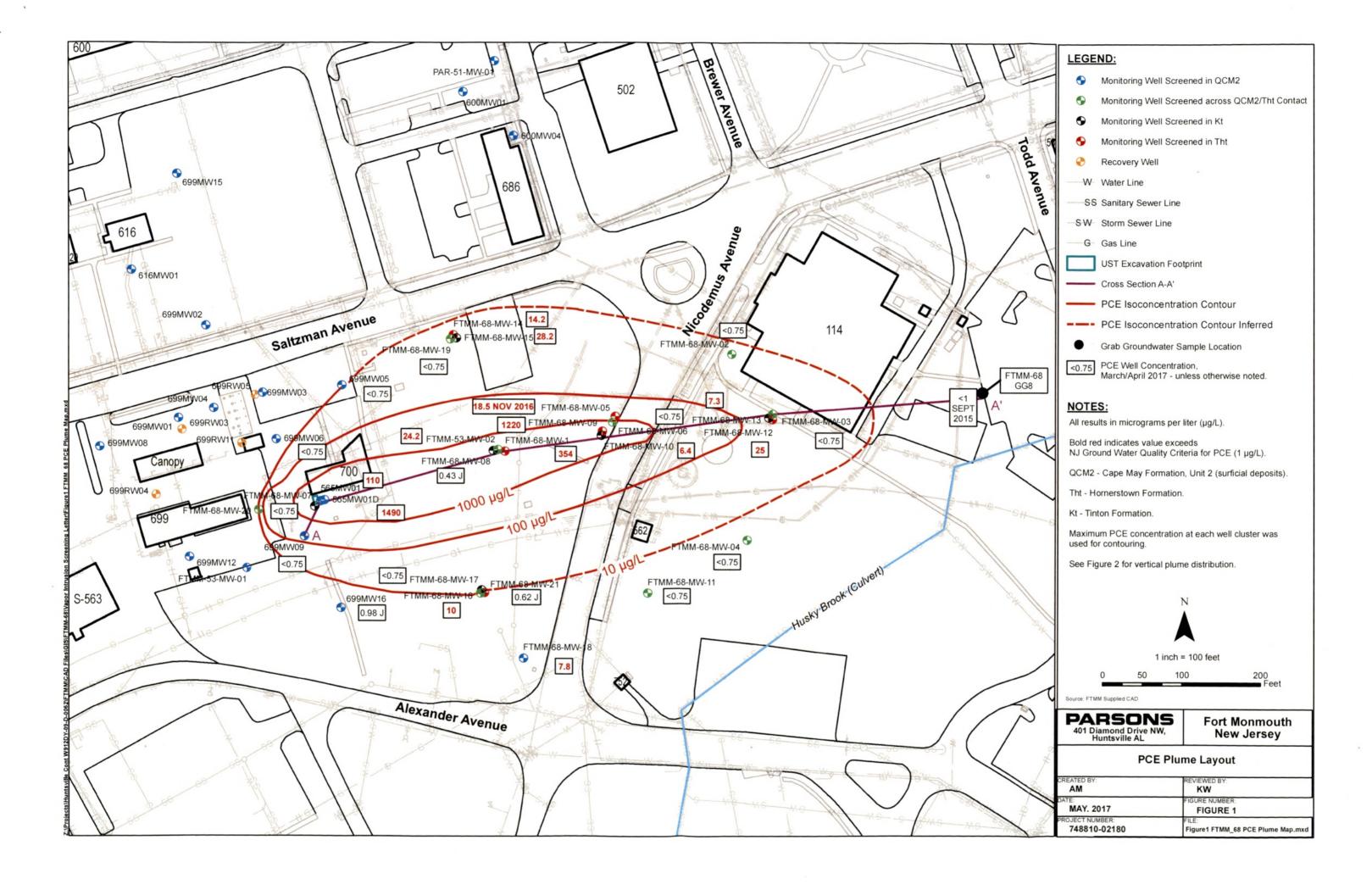
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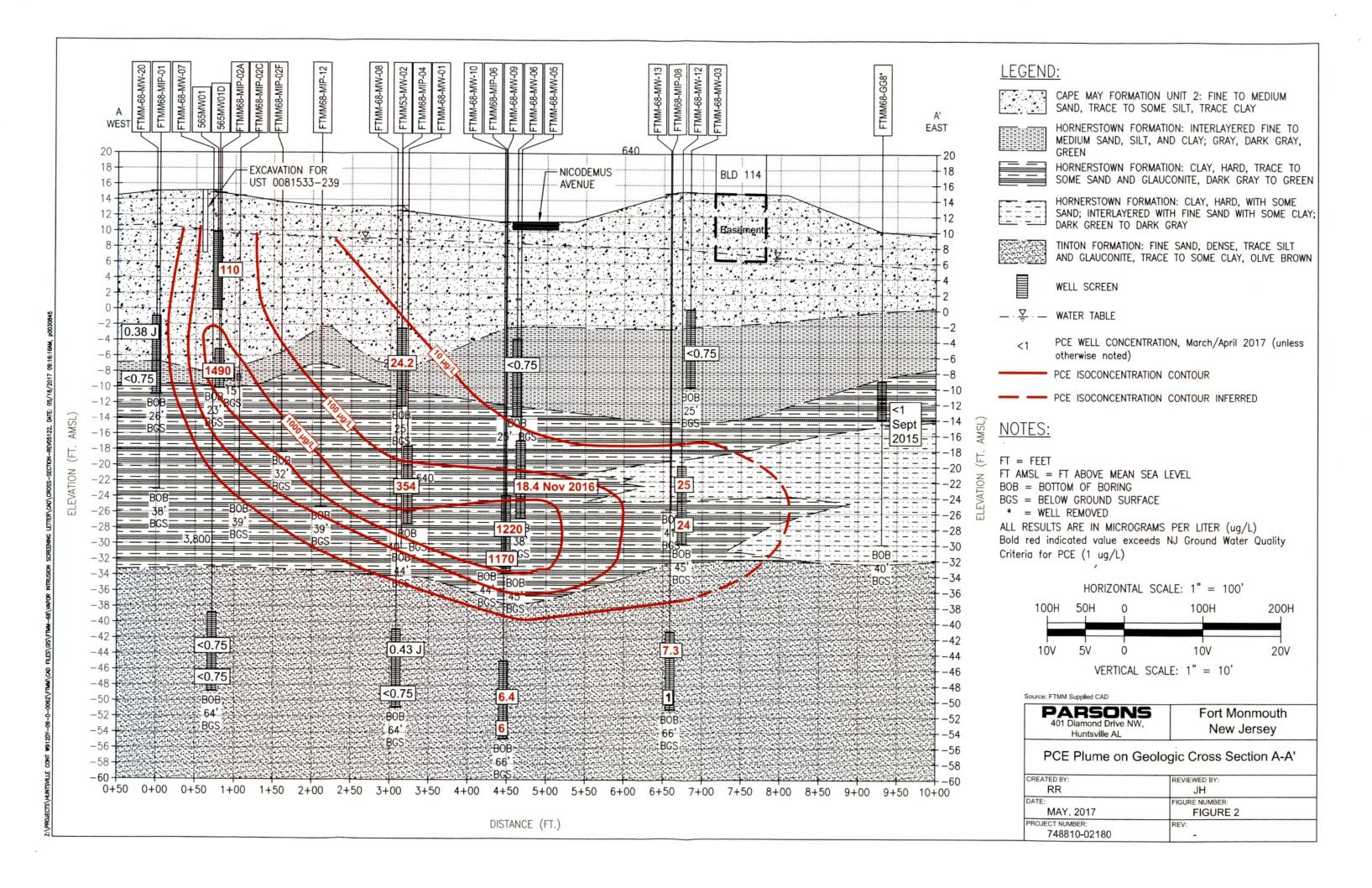
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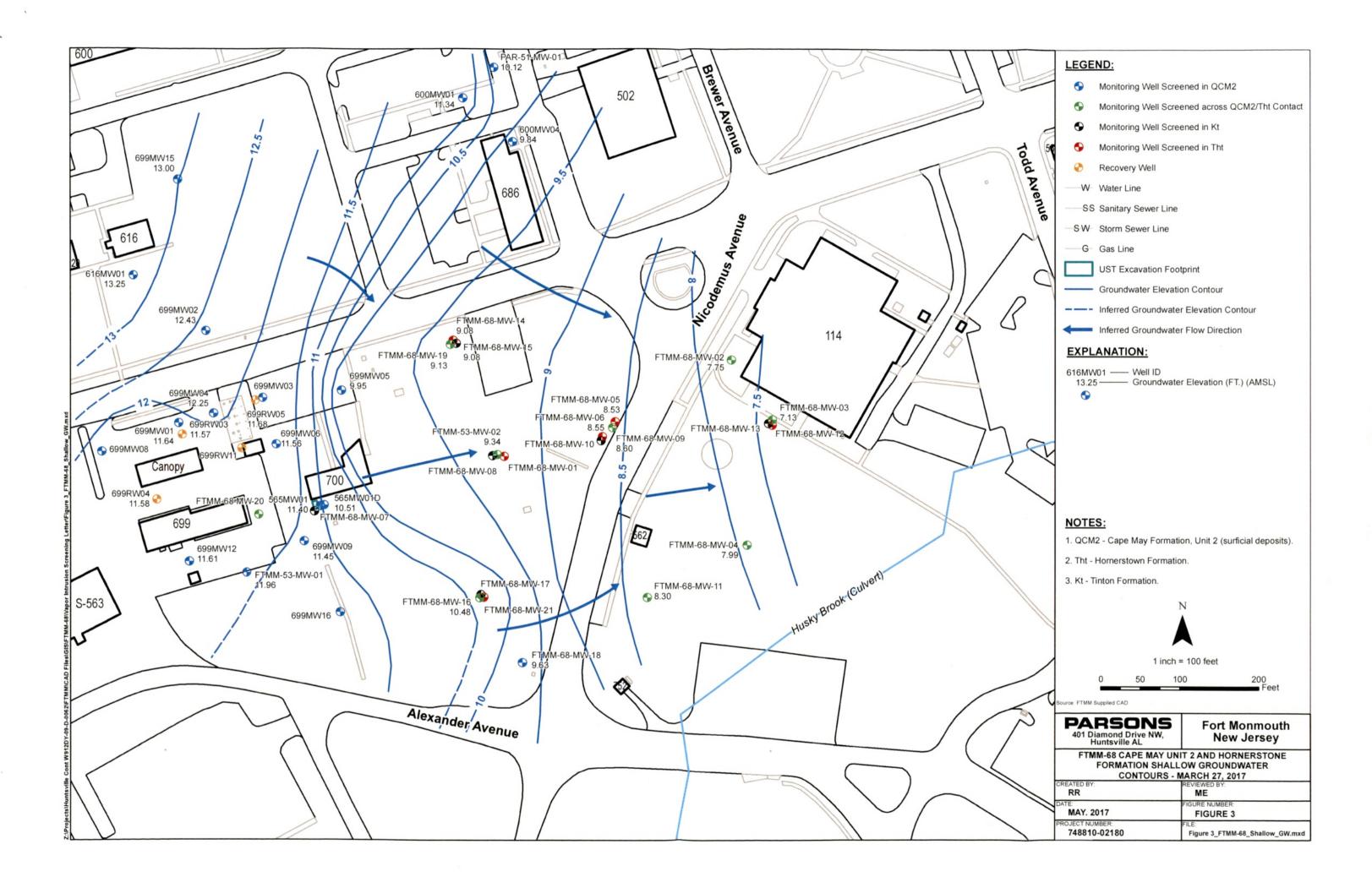
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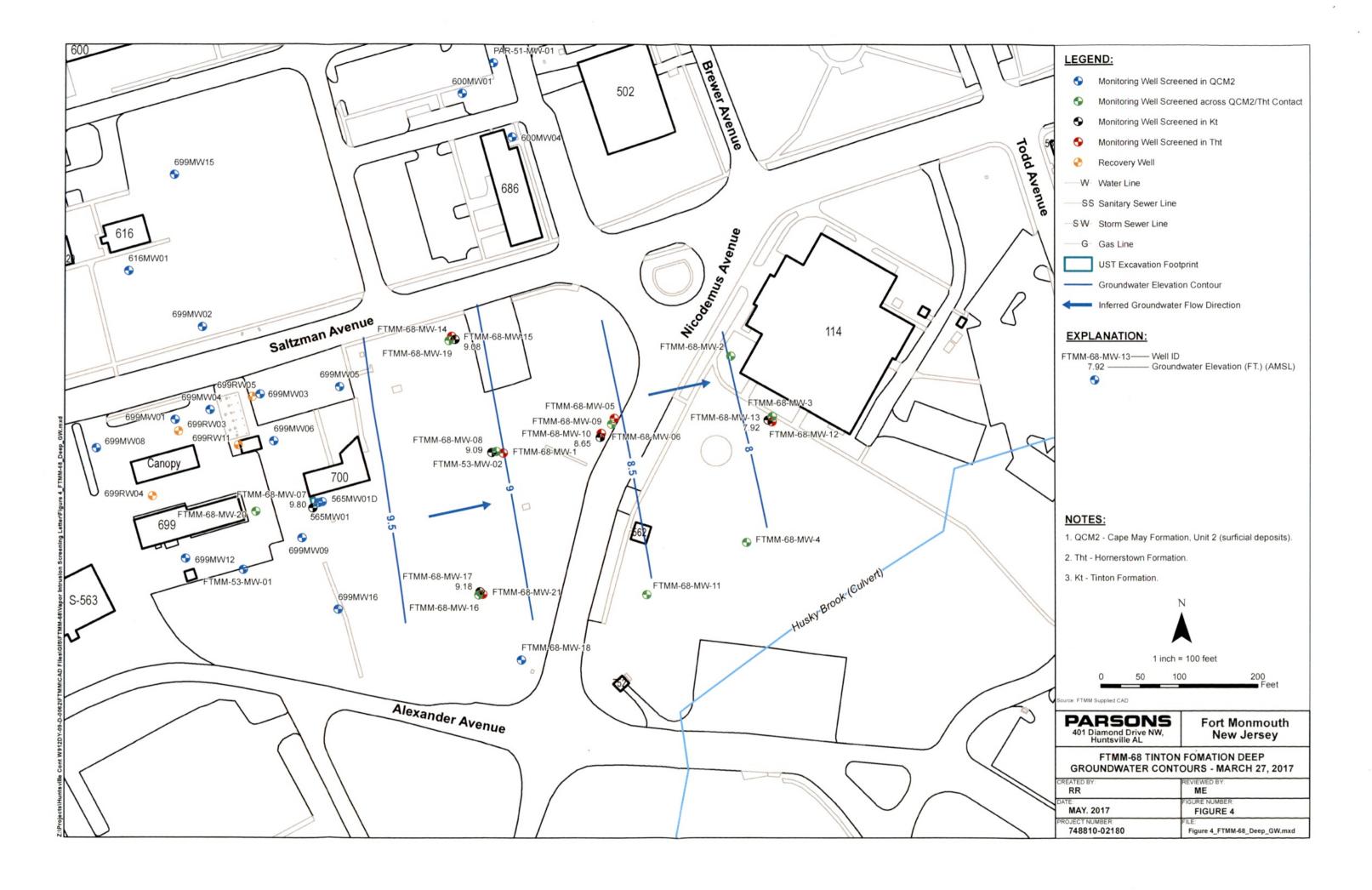
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DETECTED ANALYTES IN SELECT GROUNDWATER MONITORING WELLS, 2015 - 2017
SITE FTMM-68 Bidg. 700
FORT MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY

Location ID				FTMM68-MW02				
Sample ID	NJ Ground Water Quality	2015-06 USEPA RSL	NJ Generic Vapor Intrusion - Ground	FTMM-68-GW-MW02-17.5	FTMM-68-GW-MW02-22.5	FTMM-68-GW-MW102-17.5	FTMM-68-GW-MW02-23	
Sample Depth (feet below ground surface)	Criteria (µg/l)	Tap Water (HQ=0.1)	Water Screening Levels (µg/l)	17.5-17.5	22.5-22.5	17.5-17.5	23-23	
Sample Date				11/17/2015	11/17/2015	11/17/2015	3/28/2017	
Volatile Organic Compounds (µg/I)								
1,2-Dichloroethane	2	0.17	3	<1	< 1	<1	< 0.75	
Acetone	6,000	1,400	21,000,000	< 5	< 5	< 5	< 3.8	
Methyl Tertbutyl Ether	70	14	580	14	15	14	13.9	
Tert Butyl Alcohol	100	NLE	NLE	28 J	28 J	26 J	49.3	
Tetrachloroethene	1	4.1	31	< 1	< 1	<1	< 0.75	
Trichloroethene	1	0.28	2	< 1	< 1	< 1	< 0.75	

#### Notes:

μg/L: micrograms per liter

J: estimated value

NLE: no limit exists

Red text values represent a result above the NJ Generic Vapor Intrusion - Ground Water Screening Level

Green cell shade values represent a result that is above the NJ

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SITE FTMM-68 Bidg. 700
FORT MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY

Location ID			FTMM68-MW03			FTMM68-MW-12	
Sample ID	NJ Ground Water Quality	2015-06 USEPA RSL	FTMM-68-GW-MW03-17.5	FTMM-68-GW-MW03-22.5	FTMM-68-GW-MW03-20	FTMM-68-GW-MW12-38.33	FTMM-68-GW-MW12-43.33
Sample Depth (feet below ground surface)	Criteria (µg/l)	Tap Water (HQ=0.1)	17.5-17.5	22.5-22.5	20-20	38.33-38.33	43.33-43.33
Sample Date			11/17/2015	11/17/2015	3/28/2017	3/29/2017	3/29/2017
Volatile Organic Compounds (μg/l)							
1,2-Dichloroethane	2	0.17	< 1	< 1	< 0.75	1.3	1.7
Acetone	6,000	1,400	< 5	< 5	5.2	6	4.3 J
Methyl Tertbutyl Ether	70	14	< 1	< 1	< 0.75	7.6	7
Tert Butyl Alcohol	100	NLE	< 20	< 20	< 12.5	119	166
Tetrachloroethene	1	4.1	< 1	< 1	< 0.75	25	24
Trichloroethene	1	0.28	<1	< 1	< 0.75	3.4	3.1

#### Notes:

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FORT MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY

Location ID			FTMM68	GG-8	
Sample ID	NJ Ground Water Quality	ter Quality USEPA RSL Criteria Tap Water	FTMM-68-GW-MW13-58.5	FTMM-68-GW-MW13-63.5	FTMM-68-GG8-21.0 21-21 9/28/2015
Sample Depth (feet below ground surface)	Criteria (µg/l)		58.5-58.5	63.5-63.5	
Sample Date		[	3/30/2017	3/30/2017	
Volatile Organic Compounds (µg/	1)				
1,2-Dichloroethane	2	0.17	< 0.75	< 0.75	< 1
Acetone	6,000	1,400	3.6 J	19.1	1.5 J
Methyl Tertbutyl Ether	70	14	< 0.75	< 0.75	<1
Tert Butyl Alcohol	100	NLE	31.7	34.6	< 20
Tetrachloroethene	1	4.1	7.3	1	< 1
Trichloroethene	1	0.28	< 0.75	< 0.75	<1

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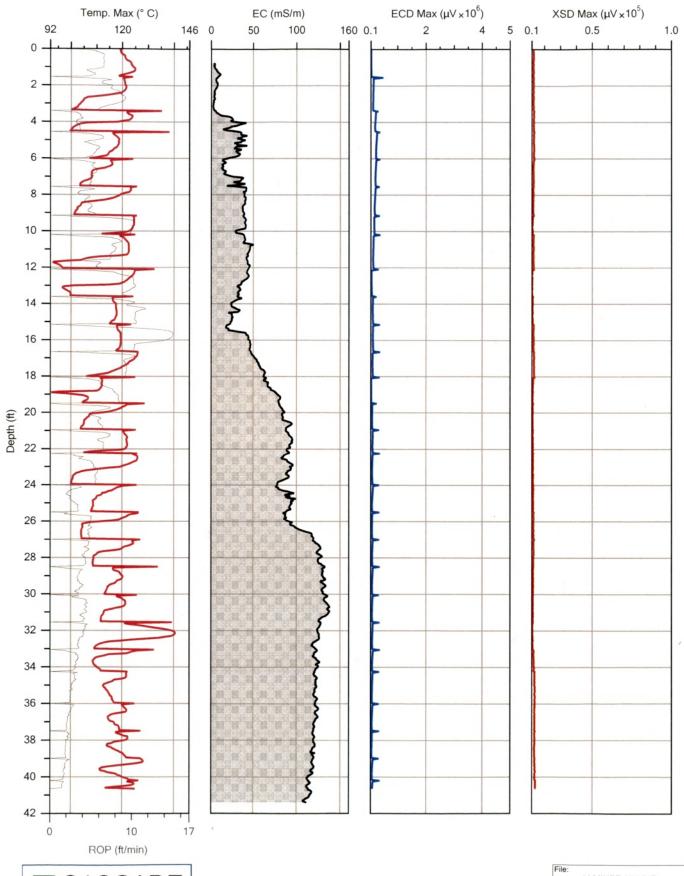
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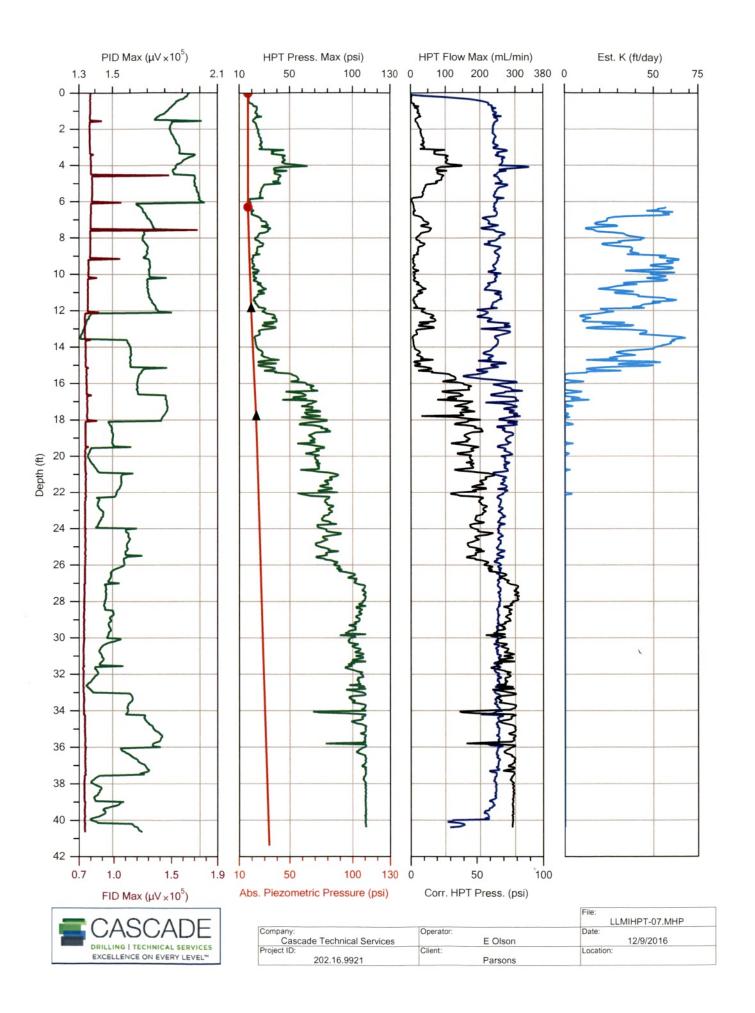
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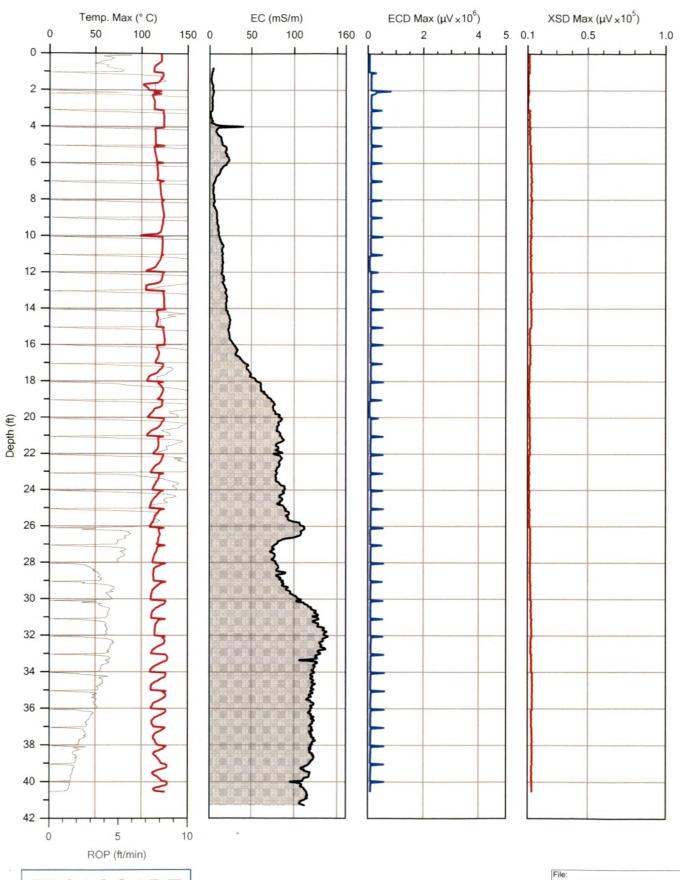
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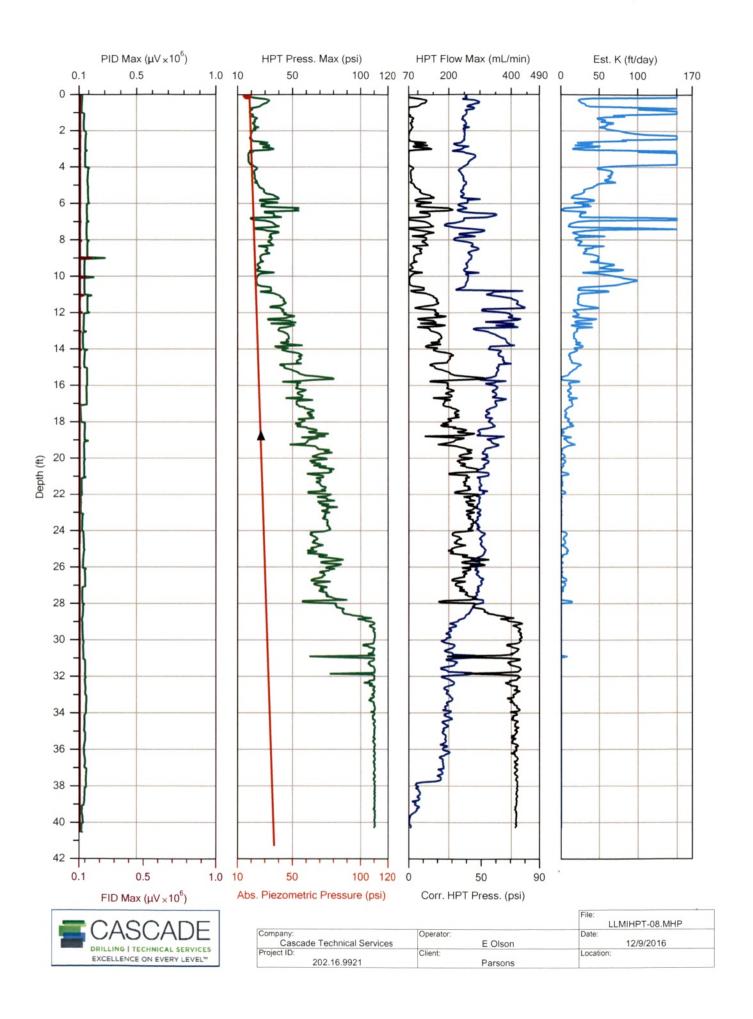
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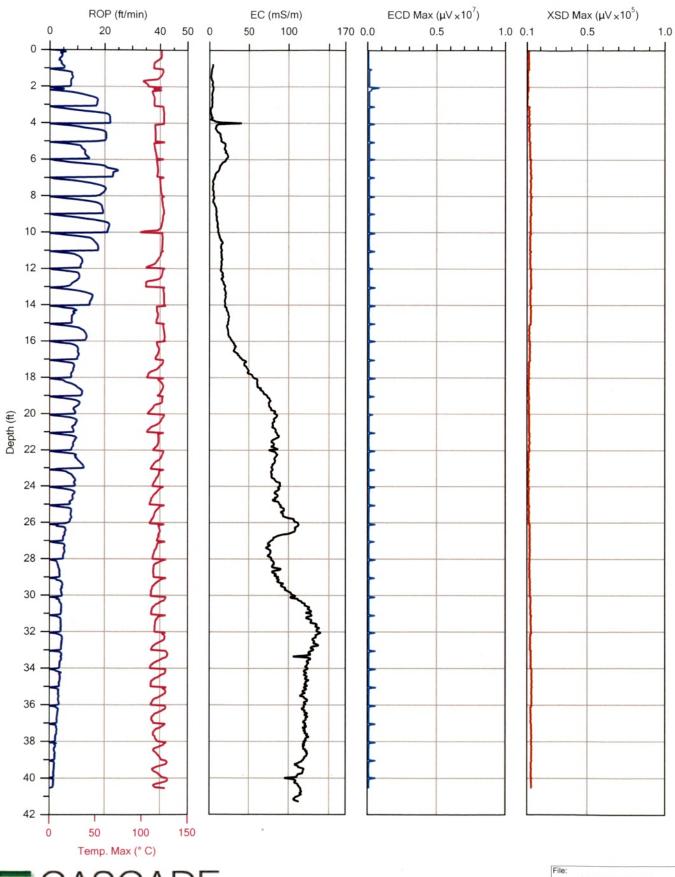






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