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**TECHNICAL REPORT
CALIFORNIA WATER CODE DIRECTIVE PURSUANT TO SECTION 13267
REGARDING PRODUCED WATER DISCHARGE
PYRAMID OIL COMPANY
THETA 30 LEASE
CARNEROS CREEK FIELD - SECTION 30, R28S, R20E, MD B&M
December 7, 2015**

Pyramid Oil Company (Pyramid) is submitting this Technical Report pursuant to Central Valley Regional Water Quality Board's (Board) Order dated April 1, 2015. Pyramid is the operator of oil wells located on the Theta 30 Lease in Section 30, R28S, R20E, Carneros Creek Field, Kern County. The Theta 30 lease has 3 ponds used in the process of petroleum production wastewater disposal. There are no other ponds or discharges of produced waters to land.

WATER SAMPLES: A representative water sample of the wastewater was collected from the discharge point to the ponds. The required water quality analyses is presented in the attached Zalco Laboratories report, as well as on the enclosed CD excel file.

On July 9, 2015, water samples were collected at the point of discharge to ponds. The samples were collected by Thomas W. Ladd and Sean Spanier using appropriate water sampling protocol. Water sampling containers were provided by Zalco Laboratories. The wastewater samples were collected in the containers, labeled, placed in iced chests and transported to Zalco Laboratories, Inc. under chain of custody for analyses as directed in the Order.

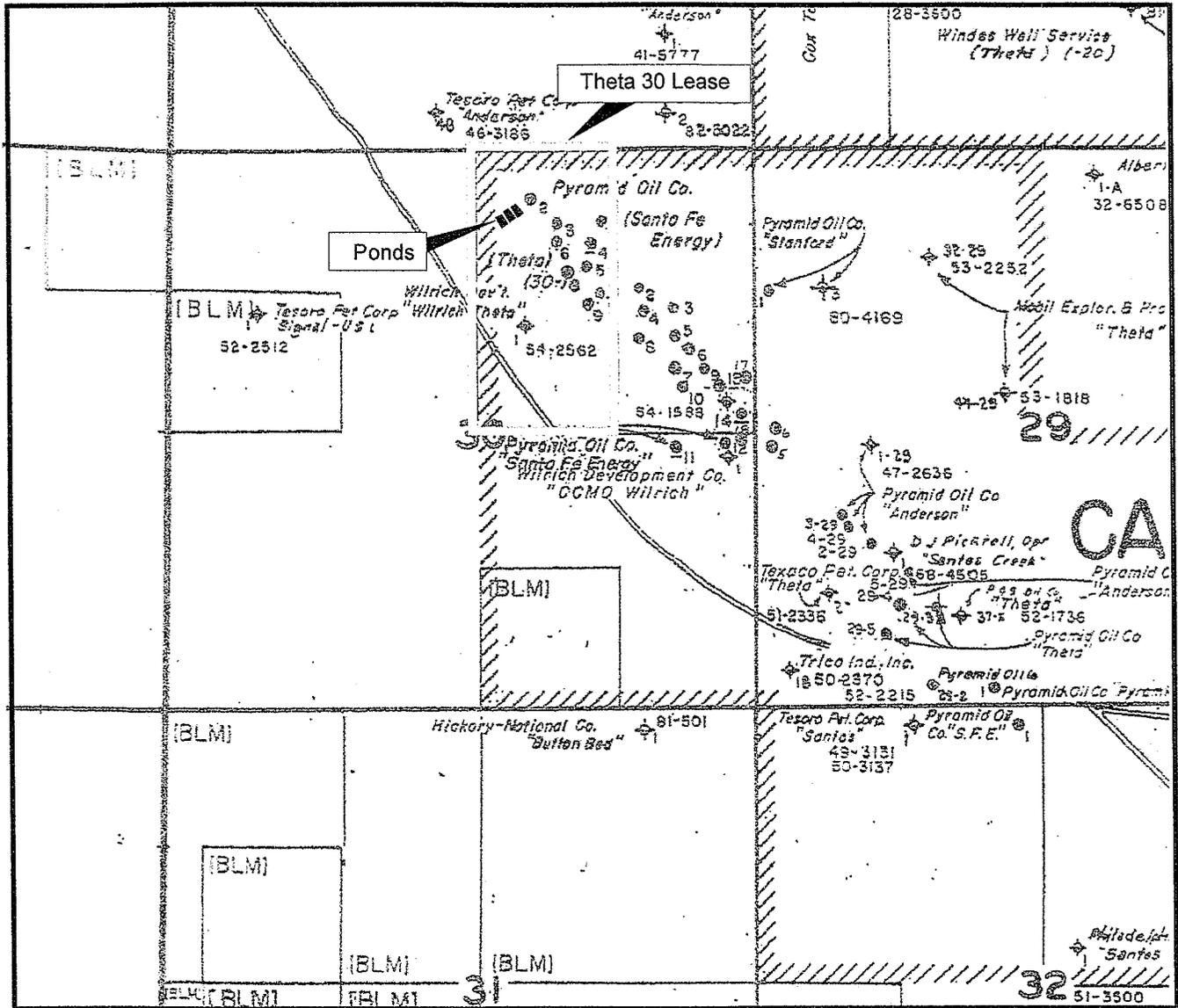
SURFACE IMPOUNDMENTS DETAILS: The Pyramid produced water is a result of pumping oil and water from the subsurface Point of Rocks oil sand at a depth of 3,500 feet. The oil and water are separated and contained at the surface tank facility. Water production is about 65 barrels per day. The wastewater is water-legged to the pond. As a result of retention time during tank oil/water separation, there was no visible crude oil discharged to the pond. This wastewater discharge operates 24 hours per day, 7 days a week, 12-months per year.

The locations and dimensions of each pond is presented in the following table.

TABLE
POND DETAILS

	Pond 1	Pond 2	Pond 3
APN 085-170-48-00-9			
Latitude	35.468452	35.468516	35.468623
Longitude	-119.858515	-119.858391	-119.858193
Length - feet	70	70	70
Width - feet	50	30	30
Depth - feet	12	12	12
Discharge/year (Barrels)	23,725	from pond 1	from pond 2

LOCATION MAPS: The following figures depict the Pyramid Theta 30 lease and facility schematic of the ponds.



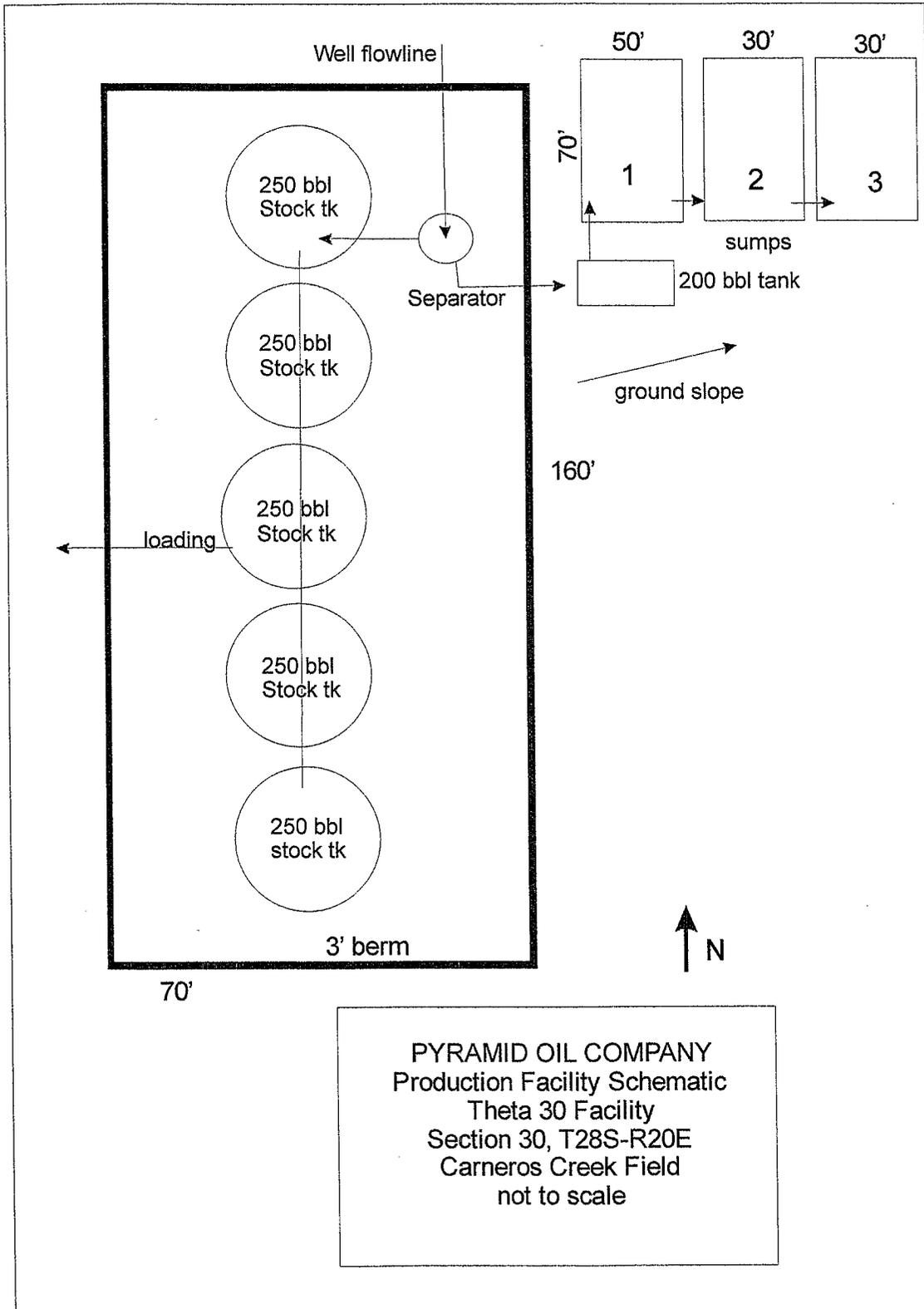


Figure 2 Facility Schematic
 Theta 30 Lease

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT OF AREA OF INFLUENCE: The risk of adverse environmental impact to the area within the a ¼ mile radius area of influence by the discharge of oilfield produced wastewater into the Theta 30 ponds is remote. First, the volume of water that is discharged is a moderate average 65 barrel of water per day to the ponds. Second, there is no known source of drinking water, i.e., fresh groundwater is absent in the area. And third, the wastewater is non-hazardous.

As a result of this information and review it is concluded that the discharge of wastewater to ponds is a favorable means of wastewater disposal of non-hazardous water from the Pyramid's oil field operations. The risk of adverse environmental impact to the area of influence by the discharge of wastewater into the Pyramid ponds is remote.

Pursuant to this Technical Report, Pyramid plans to prepare an Application/Report of Waste Discharge, Form 200 in order to obtain a WDR for the ponds.

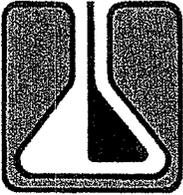
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Attachment: Zalco Laboratories Report of Analyses



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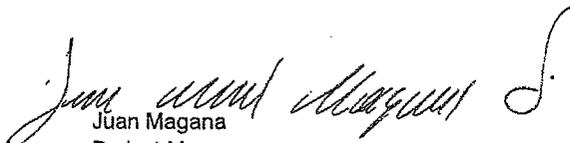
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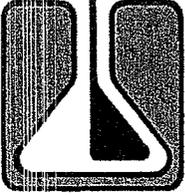
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Sincerely,


Juan Magana
Project Manager
CC:

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Dear Sean Spanier:

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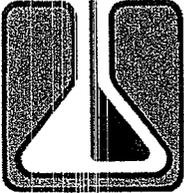
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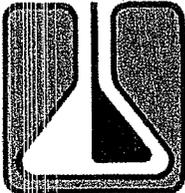
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Lab Sample ID: 1507101-01	Collected By: Tom Ladd
Client Sample ID: Theta 30 Lease Produced Water Board Directive Section 13267	Date Collected: 7/8/2015 12:00:00AM

Analyte	Results	PQL	Units	Flag	Method	Date Prepared	Date Analyzed	Init.
Alkalinity								
Total Alkalinity	2600	10	mg/L		SM 2320B	7/9/15	7/9/15	SAM
Bicarbonate (HCO3)	2600	10	mg/L		SM 2320B	7/9/15	7/9/15	SAM
Carbonate (CO3)	<10	10	mg/L		SM 2320B	7/9/15	7/9/15	SAM
Hydroxide (OH)	<10	10	mg/L		SM 2320B	7/9/15	7/9/15	SAM
CAM, Toxicity (17 Metals)								
			<i>TTLC Limits</i>					
Antimony	<0.20	0.20	500	mg/L	SW846 6010B	7/10/15	7/13/15	SS
Arsenic	<0.020	0.020	500	mg/L	SW846 6010B	7/10/15	7/13/15	SS
Barium	0.68	0.10	10000	mg/L	SW846 6010B	7/10/15	7/13/15	SS
Beryllium	<0.010	0.010	75	mg/L	SW846 6010B	7/10/15	7/13/15	SS
Cadmium	<0.010	0.010	100	mg/L	SW846 6010B	7/10/15	7/13/15	SS
Chromium	<0.050	0.050	2500	mg/L	SW846 6010B	7/10/15	7/13/15	SS
Cobalt	<0.10	0.10	5000	mg/L	SW846 6010B	7/10/15	7/13/15	SS
Copper	<0.050	0.050	2500	mg/L	SW846 6010B	7/10/15	7/13/15	SS
Lead	<0.050	0.050	1000	mg/L	SW846 6010B	7/10/15	7/13/15	SS
Mercury	<0.0020	0.0020	20	mg/L	SW846 7470A	8/4/15	8/4/15	SS
Molybdenum	<0.10	0.10	3500	mg/L	SW846 6010B	7/10/15	7/13/15	SS
Nickel	<0.050	0.050	2000	mg/L	SW846 6010B	7/10/15	7/13/15	SS
Selenium	<0.05	0.05	100	mg/L	SW846 6010B	7/10/15	7/13/15	SS
Silver	<0.020	0.020	500	mg/L	SW846 6010B	7/10/15	7/13/15	SS
Thallium	<0.50	0.50	700	mg/L	SW846 6010B	7/10/15	7/13/15	SS
Vanadium	<0.10	0.10	2400	mg/L	SW846 6010B	7/10/15	7/13/15	SS
Zinc	0.10	0.050	5000	mg/L	SW846 6010B	7/10/15	7/13/15	SS
General Chemistry								
			<i>MCL Limits</i>					
Fluoride	<5.0	5.0	2	mg/L	EPA 300.0	7/10/15	7/10/15	MSS
Nitrate as NO3	<2.00	2.00	45	mg/L	EPA 300.0	7/10/15	7/10/15	MSS
Electrical Conductivity	4.9	0.010		mmhos/cm	SM 2510B	7/9/15	7/9/15	SAM
Resistivity	<0.01000	0.01000		Ohm-Meters	SM 2510 B	8/6/15	8/6/15	MSS
Bromide	1.8	0.10		mg/L	EPA 300.0	7/10/15	7/10/15	MSS
Chloride	150	100		mg/L	EPA 300.0	7/10/15	7/10/15	MSS
pH	8.24			pH Units	EPA 150.1	7/9/15	7/9/15	SAM
Sulfate as SO4	78	25		mg/L	EPA 300.0	7/10/15	7/10/15	MSS
Total Dissolved Solids	3300	10		mg/L	SM 2540C	7/9/15	7/9/15	MSS

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Client Sample ID: Theta 30 Lease Produced Water Board Directive Section 13267	Date Collected: 7/8/2015 12:00:00AM

Analyte	Results	PQL	Units	Flag	Method	Date Prepared	Date Analyzed	Init.
Hardness								
Hardness (as CaCO3)	53	2.0	mg/L		SM 2340B	7/13/15	7/13/15	SS
Metals - As Received								
Lithium	<0.10	0.10	mg/L		EPA 200.7	7/13/15	7/14/15	SS
Magnesium	7.2	0.050	mg/L		EPA 200.7	7/13/15	7/13/15	SS
Potassium	7.2	0.50	mg/L		EPA 200.7	7/13/15	7/13/15	SS
Sodium	1300	70	mg/L		EPA 200.7	7/13/15	7/13/15	SS
Calcium	9.3	0.050	mg/L		EPA 200.7	7/13/15	7/13/15	SS
Iron	<0.10	0.10	mg/L		EPA 200.7	7/13/15	7/13/15	SS
Boron	2.4	0.10	mg/L		EPA 200.7	7/13/15	7/13/15	SS
Barium	0.52	0.10	mg/L		EPA 200.7	7/13/15	7/13/15	SS
Copper	<0.050	0.050	mg/L		EPA 200.7	7/13/15	7/13/15	SS
Silica (SiO2)	20	4.0	mg/L		EPA 200.7	7/13/15	7/13/15	SS
Strontium	1.0	0.10	mg/L		EPA 200.7	7/13/15	7/13/15	SS
Manganese	<0.030	0.030	mg/L		EPA 200.7	7/13/15	7/13/15	SS
Petroleum Hydrocarbons								
Diesel Range Hydrocarbons	20.0	0.50	mg/L		SW846 8015B	7/17/15	7/23/15	BIG
Gasoline Range Hydrocarbons	3.27	0.250	mg/L		SW846 8015B	7/20/15	7/20/15	HLP
Motor Oil Range Hydrocarbons	21.9	1.50	mg/L		SW846 8015B	7/17/15	7/21/15	BIG

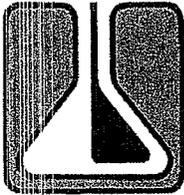
Surrogates	% Recovery	Recovery Limits	Flag
a,a,a-Trifluorotoluene	106	69-125	

Polynuclear Aromatic Hydrocarbons								
Indeno(1,2,3-cd)pyrene	<10.0	10.0	ug/L		SW846 8270C	7/15/15	7/21/15	JMM
Naphthalene	23.0	10.0	ug/L		SW846 8270C	7/15/15	7/21/15	JMM
Acenaphthylene	<10.0	10.0	ug/L		SW846 8270C	7/15/15	7/21/15	JMM
Acenaphthene	<10.0	10.0	ug/L		SW846 8270C	7/15/15	7/21/15	JMM
Fluorane	<10.0	10.0	ug/L		SW846 8270C	7/15/15	7/21/15	JMM
Phenanthrene	<10.0	10.0	ug/L		SW846 8270C	7/15/15	7/21/15	JMM
Anthracene	<10.0	10.0	ug/L		SW846 8270C	7/15/15	7/21/15	JMM
Fluoranthene	<10.0	10.0	ug/L		SW846 8270C	7/15/15	7/21/15	JMM
Pyrene	<10.0	10.0	ug/L		SW846 8270C	7/15/15	7/21/15	JMM

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Polynuclear Aromatic Hydrocarbons								
Benzo (a) anthracene	<10.0	10.0	ug/L		SW846 8270C	7/15/15	7/21/15	JMM
Chrysene	<10.0	10.0	ug/L		SW846 8270C	7/15/15	7/21/15	JMM
Benzo (b) fluoranthene	<10.0	10.0	ug/L		SW846 8270C	7/15/15	7/21/15	JMM
Benzo (k) fluoranthene	<10.0	10.0	ug/L		SW846 8270C	7/15/15	7/21/15	JMM
Benzo (a) pyrene	<10.0	10.0	ug/L		SW846 8270C	7/15/15	7/21/15	JMM
Dibenz (a,h) anthracene	<10.0	10.0	ug/L		SW846 8270C	7/15/15	7/21/15	JMM
Benzo (g,h,i) perylene	<10.0	10.0	ug/L		SW846 8270C	7/15/15	7/21/15	JMM
2-Methylnaphthalene	16.3	10.0	ug/L		SW846 8270C	7/15/15	7/21/15	JMM
1-Methylnaphthalene	12.4	10.0	ug/L		SW846 8270C	7/15/15	7/21/15	JMM

Surrogates	% Recovery	Recovery Limits	Flag
Nitrobenzene-d5	48.0	0-95	7/21/15 11:06
2-Fluorobiphenyl	46.3	0-92	7/21/15 11:06
Terphenyl-d14	67.7	0-100	7/21/15 11:06

Subcontracted Analyses

Analyte	Results	PQL	Units	Flag	Method	Date Prepared	Date Analyzed	Int.
Gross Alpha	<15.0	15.0	pCi/L		SM 7110C	7/29/15	7/30/15	MCS
Radium-226	4.09	3.00	pCi/L		E903.1	7/24/15	7/30/15	MCS
Radium-228	<2.00	2.00	pCi/L		EPA Ra-05	7/24/15	7/29/15	MCS
Uranium (ug/L)	<20.0	20.0	pCi/L		E908	8/12/15	8/12/15	MCS

Volatile Organic Compounds

Analyte	Results	PQL	Units	Flag	Method	Date Prepared	Date Analyzed	Int.
m,p-Xylene	223	5.00	ug/L		SW846 8260B	7/20/15	7/20/15	HLP
Benzene	323	25.0	ug/L		SW846 8260B	7/20/15	7/20/15	HLP
Xylenes, total	344		ug/L		SW846 8260B	7/20/15	7/20/15	HLP
Methyl tert-Butyl Ether	<5.00	5.00	ug/L		SW846 8260B	7/20/15	7/20/15	HLP
Ethylbenzene	90.8	5.00	ug/L		SW846 8260B	7/20/15	7/20/15	HLP
Toluene	348	25.0	ug/L		SW846 8260B	7/20/15	7/20/15	HLP
o-Xylene	121	5.00	ug/L		SW846 8260B	7/20/15	7/20/15	HLP

Surrogates	% Recovery	Recovery Limits	Flag
1,2-Dichloroethane-d4	101	89-165	7/20/15 14:12
Toluene-d8	86.2	65-124	7/20/15 14:12
4-Bromofluorobenzene	117*	94-114	S-GC 7/20/15 14:12

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ATTACHMENT B**Water Quality Analysis**

Wastewater samples collected from the ponds shall be analyzed by a laboratory certified by the Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program using currently applicable United States Environmental Protection Agency-approved analytical methods for water for the following:

- A. Total dissolved solids;
- B. Metals listed in California Code of Regulations, title 22, section 66261.24. subdivision (a)(2)(A);
- C. Benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, and xylenes;
- D. Total petroleum hydrocarbons as crude oil;
- E. Polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons (including acenaphthene, acenaphthylene, anthracene, benzo[a]anthracene, benzo[b]fluoranthene, benzo[a]pyrene, benzo[g,h,i]perylene, chrysene, dibenzo[a,h]anthracene, fluoranthene, fluorine, indeno[1,2,3-cd]pyrene, naphthalene, phenanthrene, and pyrene);
- F. Radionuclides listed under California Code of Regulations, title 22, Table 64442;
- G. Major and minor cations (including sodium, potassium, magnesium, and calcium);
- H. Major and minor anions (including nitrate, chloride, sulfate, carbonate, bicarbonate, and bromide);
- I. Trace elements (including lithium, strontium, boron, iron, and manganese).

Reporting Requirements

Water Quality information shall be submitted in a technical report that includes at a minimum:

- A. Site plan(s) with the location(s) of where the samples were collected;
- B. A description of how the samples, representative of the pond contents, were collected;

Table(s) of analytical results organized by pond number with the data also submitted electronically as an Excel spreadsheet.