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Moore Ranch Hydrologic Test Report

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Moore Ranch Pumping Test Plan was submitted by Energy Metals Corporation (EMC) to the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality/Land Quality Division (WDEQ/LQD) in January 2007. In accordance with the Plan, **EMC** installed the necessary wells and performed a pumping test to evaluate hydrogeologic conditions in the vicinity of the Moore Ranch Project Area (MRPA). The pump test was designed to assess:

- **"** The degree of hydrologic communication between the 70 Sand Production Zone pumping wells and the surrounding Production Zone monitor wells;
- **"** The presence or absence of hydrologic boundaries within the Production Zone aquifer over the MRPA;
- **"** The hydrologic characteristics of the Production Zone aquifer within the MRPA; and,
- **"** The degree of confinement between the Production Zone and the overlying and underlying aquifers.

The Production Zone at the MRPA is the 70 Sand. The overlying aquifer and underlying aquifer are designated as the 72 Sand and 68 Sand, respectively. Water occurs in much of the Production Zone and all of the overlying aquifer under unconfined conditions. In the underlying aquifer, water occurs under confined conditions.

Because of limited available drawdown and high hydraulic conductivity, the hydrologic investigation included three pump tests, rather than only one that was proposed. The additional tests were necessary to assess the aquifer characteristics throughout the MRPA.

Unusually high responses to changes in barometric pressure fluctuations were observed throughout the testing operations. Water level data were evaluated and corrected for barometric pressure. It is likely that the magnitude of barometric responses observed is due to a complex geologic system, both confined and unconfined conditions, and recharge to the Production Zone sand immediately south of the MRPA.

In summary, the pump test was performed in accordance with the Hydrologic Test Plan submitted by EMC to Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality/Land Quality Division (WDEQ/LQD). The testing objectives were met. The test results demonstrate that:

- c The 70 Sand monitor wells located in the near proximity to the pumping well are in communication, indicating that the 70 Sand Production Zone has hydraulic continuity. While communication was not demonstrated over the entire area, geologic information clearly demonstrates that the 70 Sand is a contiguous sand body across the MRPA. Additional (mine unit) scale testing required by NRC and WDEQ will demonstrate communication throughout each mine unit between the pumping well(s) and the monitor well ring;
- **u** On a regional scale, the 70 Sand has been adequately characterized with respect to hydrogeologic conditions;
- L Adequate confinement exists between the 70 Sand Production Zone and the overlying 72 Sand throughout MRPA;

- **a** Adequate confinement exists between the 70 Sand Production Zone and the underlying 68 Sand at the PW-1 and MW-3 testing locations. However, the 68 and 70 Sands coalesce in the eastern/northeastern part of Wellfield #2 near the MW-2 location. Mining operations will be designed to account for this variation in geology and mine-unit scale testing will demonstrate the validity of the recommended approach(s) for mining and monitoring; and,
- □ Regardless of the complications related to barometric efficiency, three successful tests were performed that provide sufficient data to proceed with NRC and WDEQ permits.

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. **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

1.1 BACKGROUND

The MRPA is located in the central Powder River Basin of Wyoming, within Campbell County. Energy Metals Corporation US (EMC) plans to develop and extract uranium from in situ recovery (ISR) wellfields within the 70 Sand of the Wasatch Formation. This report provides a summary of the regional hydrogeologic testing conducted during the months of February and March of 2007 at MRPA to support State and Federal permit applications necessary for the project.

The MRPA is located in all or parts of Sections 25 through 28, and 33 through 36 of T42N, R75W, Sections 1 through 4, 9, and 10 of T41N, R75W, Sections 30 and 31 of T42N, 74W. Figure 1-1 shows Moore Ranch Project Area (MRPA) and its relationship to the Powder River Basin. Figure 1-2 presents a proposed permit area outline, general ore trends, and the locations of the pumping wells for the hydrologic testing, which was conducted in three parts.

There are no operational ISR operations within ten miles of the MRPA. COGEMA's Christensen Ranch is located approximately fifteen miles to the northwest and PRI's Smith-Highland Ranch uranium project is located over thirty miles to the southeast. The primary Production Zone at Moore Ranch is the 70 Sand that occurs between depths of 100 and 300 feet, although typically the ore bearing sand is found in the lower portion of that stratigraphic unit at depths of 150 to 300 feet.

Local water use is largely composed of (1) limited livestock and domestic use from the shallow Wasatch/Fort Union wells, and (2) water produced by coal bed methane producers (primarily the Anderson/Big George coal at an approximate depth of 1,000 to 1,200 feet).

Moore Ranch initially was identified as a significant uranium prospect in the 1970's by Continental Oil Company Minerals Department (Conoco). Conoco conducted extensive exploratory drilling and prepared a Mine Permit Application for the Moore Ranch (Conoco, 1979). Data from Conoco Mine Permit Application for the Moore Ranch (Appendices D-5- Geology and D-6-Hydrology) were utilized to develop the general hydrogeologic conceptual model for the Pump Test Plan. Additional (new) data from **EMC** and analysis by **EMC** and their subcontractors has been used to refine the work conducted by Conoco.

1.2 REGULATORY **REQUIREMENTS**

The objectives of the regional pumping test, as stated in the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality/Land Quality Division (WDEQ/LQD) Chapter 11 (and associated guidelines) and Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) NUREG 1569 (Section 2.7; Hydrology), are to:

- 1. Determine the hydrologic characteristics of the Production Zone Aquifer;
- 2. Demonstrate hydrologic communication between the Production Zone pumping well and the surrounding Production Zone monitor wells;
- 3. Assess the presence of hydrologic boundaries, if any, within the Production Zone Aquifer over the area evaluated by the Pump Test; and,

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4. Evaluate the degree of hydrologic communication, if any, between the Production Zone and the overlying and underlying aquifers in the vicinity of the pumping well.

The testing procedures and results are presented and discussed in this report. Baseline water quality data, and subsequent discussion, will be submitted under a separate cover.

It is noted that the regional pump test is not intended to replace wellfield-scale testing that is routinely conducted under Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality/Land Quality Division (WDEQ/LQD). Rather, this is a specific test to obtain the requisite data required for characterization of the regional hydrology at the MRPA in support of submitting an NRC Source Materials License application and a WDEQ/LQD Permit to Mine application.

1.3 PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

The purpose of this report is to demonstrate that the majority of the proposed Moore Ranch permit area has been sufficiently evaluated with respect to hydrogeologic conditions and is suitable for ISR mining.

The objective of this report is to present the information required by WDEQ/LQD and NRC NUREG 1569 (Section 2.7; Hydrology) for a Hydrologic Test Report. In accordance with these regulations the following information is included:

- A description and maps of the proposed permit area;
- Geological cross-sections, including data from monitor wells and test holes;
- **"** Isopach maps of the Production Zone, Overlying confining unit and overlying sands, and Underlying confining unit and underlying sands;
- **"** A description of hydrologic testing, including well completion reports;
- Discussion of the hydrologic test results including raw pump test data, type curve matches, potentiometric surface maps, water level graphs, drawdown maps, and other hydrologic data with interpretation and conclusions, as appropriate; and,
- **"** Verification, based on the test data, that: (1) the monitor wells are in communication with the Production Zone; and (2) there is adequate confinement between the 70 Sand Production Zone and the overlying and underlying sands, 72 Sand and 68 Sand respectively.

1.4 REPORT **ORGANIZATION**

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This report includes eight sections, the first being this introduction. The site-specific hydrogeologic conditions are discussed in Section 2. Information related to the monitor well locations and completions is included in Section 3. Section 4 presents the hydrologic (pump) test design and procedures; the analytical methods and test results for the 70 Sand Production Zone are discussed in Section 5. Results from monitor wells completed in the overlying aquifers are presented in Section 6. Conclusions from the testing and analysis and references are included in Sections 7 and 8, respectively.

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Field activities for the Moore Ranch Pump Test were jointly performed by **EMC** and Petrotek personnel. Geologic interpretations were performed by EMC geologists. Aquifer test analyses were performed and this report written by Petrotek.

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S 2.0 **SITE** CHARACTERIZATION

2.1 STRATIGRAPHY

The Wasatch Formation occurs at the surface at MRPA and unconformably overlies the Fort Union Formation, which contains several coal sequences. Historic exploration companies assigned a numerical sand sequence to identify the sands in the Wasatch with increasing numbers from the bottom up. A generalized stratigraphic section of the MRPA is depicted in Figure 2-1. The geologic features associated with the MRPA are depicted in Figures 2-2 through 2-10.

Primary uranium reserves identified by historical exploration at Moore Ranch are located in the 70 Sand that occurs between 100 and 330 feet below ground surface. Typical the $70[′]$ Sand that occurs between 100 and 330 feet below ground surface. thickness of the 70 Sand ranges from 50 to 120 feet, with 5 to 25 feet of mineralized zone. The mineralized zone occurs within the lower portion of the 70 Sand. Historic drilling within Sections 34 and 35 of T42N and R75W identified two primary areas of mineralization (ore bodies). The ore body in Section 35 was historically divided into two units, 35S and 35N. Based on the recent additional exploratory drilling, EMC has further refined the delineation of mineralization within the ore bodies mentioned above as planned Wellfields 1, 2, and 3 (Figure 1-2).

Figures 2-2 through 2-6 depict the thicknesses of the overlying (72 Sand), production zone (70 Sand), and underlying (68 Sand) aquifers as well as the confining units between them. The elevation of the top of the 70 Sand is shown on Figure 2-7. Within the area of mineralization, the top of the 70 Sand dips generally to the northwest at approximately 40 to 50 feet per mile. The recharge area for the 70 Sand and the "E" Coal outcrops approximately 1 to 2 miles southeast of the permit area.

Figure 2-8 shows the orientation of geologic cross-sections through each of the wellfields. Stratigraphic cross-sections A-A', B-B', C-C', D-D' and E-E' are shown on Figures 2-9 through 2-13. The underlying shale beneath the 70 Sand is absent in the center portion of Section 35 as shown on Figures 2-5 and 2-9. The 70 and 68 Sands coalesce in this area. An isopach of the 70 Sand (Figure 2-4) shows that the 70 Sand is generally between 60 and 100 feet thick and thins slightly to the west.

Above the 70 Sand consists of a 50 to 250-foot thick sequence of clays, silts, discontinuous sandstones and alluvial sediments. The overlying 72 Sand is contained within this geologic sequence: alluvial sediments are confined to the low-lying areas of surface drainages. A lignite marker bed, designated the "E" coal, is present across the site above the 70 Sand. The **"E"** Coal is separated from the 70 Sand by 5 to 10 feet of clay.

Except for in areas where the 70 Sand and the 68 Sand coalesce, the 70 Sand is underlain by a confining shale. Beneath this confining shale is the 68 Sand. The lateral extent of the 68 Sand has been refined with new data collected during the drilling of over 150 test holes in the summer of 2006. Four monitoring wells were completed in the 68 Sand.

Within and surrounding the permit area, there is active coal bed methane production from the Powder River Basin Coal Bed Field. The producing interval is the Anderson/Big George coal at depths of between 1,000 and 1,200 feet below ground surface. The Anderson/Big George Coal is within the Fort Union Formation and is separated from the 70 Sand by over 700 feet of interbedded clays, siltstone, and discontinuous sands. As a result, no hydrologic impacts from coalbed methane production are expected on sandstone and clay

S aquitards relevant to in situ mining at Moore Ranch.

Oil and gas production occurs within the area. The Pine Tree Field is located within **1** mile to the west of the Moore Ranch Permit Area. Production in that field is primarily from the Shannon Formation at depths of 10,000 to 11,000 feet. Due to great depth, this production is not relevant to the shallow ISR operations.

2.2 OVERLYING **UNITS:** OVERLYING **SHALE AND 72 SAND**

The shallowest overlying aquifer is the 72 Sand. The **72** Sand is not continuous throughout the MRPA (Figure 2-2). The 72 Sand aquifer occurs under unconfined conditions in the MRPA. An isopach of the shale that separates the 72 and 70 Sands is shown in Figure 2- **3.**

2.3 PRODUCTION ZONE: 70 SAND

The Production Zone aquifer at MRPA is the 70 Sand. The 70 Sand is continuous across the planned wellfields. The sand thickness is variable and ranges in thickness from 50 to 120 feet with an average thickness of about 60 to 80 feet (Figure 2-4). The Production Zone aquifer occurs mostly under unconfined conditions in the MRPA. The 70 Sand aquifer in Wellfields #1 and #3 occurs mostly under unconfined conditions and has adequate
hydrostratigraphic confinement between the production sand and/or the hydrostratigraphic overlying/underlying sands. In Wellfield #2, the 70 Sand aquifer occurs under unconfined conditions and for the most part has adequate hydrostratigraphic confinement between the 70 Sand and overlying/underlying sands. However, lack of hydrostratigraphic confinement between the 70 Sand and the underlying 68 Sand occurs in the eastern/northeastern part of Wellfield #2. Additional mine-unit scale testing will provide additional data to validate the approach for mining and monitoring this section of Wellfield #2.

2.4 **UNDERLYING UNITS: UNDERLYING SHALE AND 68 SAND**

The underlying aquifer is designated as the 68 Sand. Between the 68 and 70 Sand is the underlying shale (Figure 2-5), which serves as the confining zone throughout the majority of the MRPA. As noted above, the underlying shale is absent in the central portion of Section 35, which lends to the coalescing of the 70 and 68 Sands in this area (Figure 2-5). The 68 Sand aquifer is approximately 50 to 80 feet thick (Figure 2-6) and occurs under confined conditions in the MRPA.

2.5 HYDROGEOLOGIC CONDITIONS

As discussed, the 70 Sand outcrops south of the MRPA. Confining conditions in the 70 Sand (as defined by a water level equal to or above the top of sand) vary across the site. The 70 Sand is confined in the northern portion of the MRPA, semi-confined in the western portion, and unconfined in the southern portion. The overlying 72 Sand is unconfined throughout the MRPA and the 68 Sand is fully confined. A list of locations (wells) and confined/unconfined conditions is summarized on Table 3-1.

2.6 SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS TESTING RESULTS

A series of aquifer tests were conducted on the Moore Ranch project from 1977 through . 1980 to assess hydraulic characteristics of the Production Zone as well as overlying and underlying hydrostratigraphic units. Initial testing was performed by Wyoming Water

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Resources Research Institute (WWRI). Conoco's assessment of the initial testing was that the results were unsatisfactory because of improperly developed wells, inadequate water level measurements, and inappropriate analysis methods (Conoco, 1979). Conoco redeveloped the wells using airlift pumping. Data collected during development of the wells were analyzed by Conoco to determine aquifer characteristics and additional pumping tests were conducted and analyzed by Conoco. A summary of the Conoco tests that were conducted to assess conditions within the ore bodies at Moore Ranch is presented below. Locations of the historic Conoco wells are shown on Figure 2-11; completion information for those wells is presented in Table 2-1.

- **>** A pump test was conducted on 8/17/77 at well 885 with wells 886, 887, and 888 as observation wells. These wells are located within the 34 ore body (corresponds with EMC Wellfield #1). Well 885 was pumped for 1 day (1440 minutes) at a rate of 3.4 gallons per minute (gpm). Observation wells 886, 887, and 888 were located 64, 115, and 50 feet, respectively, from the pumping well. Drawdown in the observation wells at end of test for 886, 887, and 888 were 0.74, 0.76, and 1.94 feet, respectively. All wells are completed within the 70 Sand except for well 887, which is completed in the 68 Sand. The response of well 887 during the pumping test indicates the possibility that there is hydraulic communication between the 70 and 68 Sands in the vicinity of the 34 ore body. The Conoco Mine Permit Application states that the seal between the sands in well 887 was questionable.
- **>** The previously described wells were redeveloped using airlift methods. Recovery following redevelopment was recorded at wells 886 and 887. The effective pumping rate was 2 gpm for 886 and 0.1 gpm for 887 with 0.7 and 12 feet of drawdown, respectively.
- **>** A pump test was conducted within the 35N (corresponds with EMC Wellfield #2) ore body on 6/25/78. Well 1 was pumped at 3.5 gpm for 140 minutes. Observation wells 1805 and 1806, located 36 and 73 feet, respectively, from the pumping well, had measured drawdown of 0.71 and 0.54 feet at the end of the test. The pumping well and the observation wells are all completed within the 70 Sand.
- **>** A second pump test was conducted at Well 1 on 6/25/78 to evaluate hydraulic communication with the 68 Sand within the 35N ore body. Well **I** was pumped at 2.5 gpm for 170 minutes. Observation well 1807 is located 111 feet from pumping well and completed within the 68 Sand. Drawdown of 0.37 feet was measured at well 1807 at the conclusion of the pumping test. The test results indicate that there may be hydraulic communication between the 70 and 68 Sand within the 35N ore body. However, the Conoco Mine Permit Application indicated the results are inconclusive based on concerns regarding the integrity of the well completion in 1807.
- **>** Well 1814, located within the 35S (corresponds with EMC Wellfield #3) ore body, was pumped at 19 gpm for 1140 minutes beginning on 12/1/78. A maximum drawdown of 1.87 feet was measured at well 1816, located 55 feet from pumping well. Both the pumping and observation wells are completed within the 70 Sand.
- Well 1823 was pumped for 70 minutes at 1.7 gpm on 5/22/80. Well 1823 is located within \blacktriangleright the 35S ore body and is completed in the 68 Sand. Over 6 feet of drawdown was measured in that well during the test. Water levels were also measured in observation well 1816 during the test. Well 1816 is located 70 feet from 1823 and completed in the 70 Sand. Water levels

in well 1816 showed a slight increase during the pumping test, indicating a possible lack of hydraulic communication in that area between the 68 and 70 Sands.

 \triangleright Well 1814, located in the 35S ore body, was pumped at an average rate of 16.8 gpm over 3,100 minutes, beginning on 8/13/80. Maximum drawdown at the pumping well was 32 feet. The maximum drawdown in the well occurred approximately 1,170 minutes into test. The pumping rate gradually decreased after that time (from 17.1 gpm to 15.8 gpm) and the water levels showed slight recovery during the latter portion of the test. Water levels were recorded during the test at observation wells 1816, 1815, 1817, and 1823, located 34.5, 89, 228 and 75 feet from the pumping well, respectively. All of the wells are completed in the 70 Sand except for 1823, which is completed in the 68 Sand. Maximum drawdown measured in the 70 Sand observation wells was 2.87 feet (1816), 1.3 feet (1815), and 0.2 ft (1817). Water levels in Well 1823 did not show any drawdown, again indicating hydraulic separation between the 68 and 70 Sand in the vicinity of 35S ore body.

Results of the tests were variable with the highest transmissivity and hydraulic conductivity values determined for the 35S ore body. A summary of results from the Conoco aquifer tests and a comparison to recent results is presented in Table 2-2.

Additional testing was performed by Conoco in an area to the southeast that was selected as a potential site for evaporation ponds. The purpose of that testing was primarily to assess hydraulic characteristics of the near-surface soils with respect to suitability for pond placement.

3.0 MONITOR WELL **LOCATIONS, INSTALLATION, AND COMPLETION**

3.1 WELL **LOCATIONS**

The majority of the MRPA monitor wells are located within the planned wellfields of the proposed permit area. In this regard, **EMC** anticipates that initial mining activities will be conducted in parts of Section 34 and 35 (Figure 1-2).

3.2 WELL **INSTALLATION AND COMPLETION**

Prior to the 2007 testing operations, EMC installed 20 new wells (Figure 1-2), including 11 Production Zone (70 Sand) monitor wells, 4 Overlying (72 Sand) monitor wells, 4 Underlying (68 Sand) monitor wells, and PW-1 (completed in the 70 Sand). PW-1 was centrally located between the planned wellfields and was installed specifically for use as a pumping well.

All of the wells used for the 2007 pump test are located in Sections 27, 34, and 35, Township 42 North, Range 75 West (Figure 1-2), and were constructed with 4.5-inch nominal diameter casing. The wells were developed using standard water well construction techniques, such as air lifting, pumping, and/or surging. Completion reports for each well are provided in Appendix A. Specific data related to well location, construction, completion interval, and initial water levels are provided in Table 3-1.

4.0 **PUMP TEST DESIGN AND** PROCEDURES

4.1 **TEST DESIGN**

The limited historic data (Conoco) suggested it might be possible to test the entire MRPA in one test (e.g., by pumping from only one well). For this reason, PW-1 was centrally located between Wellfields 1, 2 and 3 and installed specifically for use as a pumping well. However, based on the results from the first test (PW-1) that indicated greater than anticipated transmissivity and hydraulic conductivity, combined with a highly efficient barometric system, EMC elected to conduct two additional tests during field activities to better characterize the hydrologic regime. Hence, three separate tests were performed using PW-1, MW-2 and MW-3 as pumping wells. Details of each test are discussed below. The 2007 Moore Ranch Pump Tests in the 70 Sand were designed to:

- 1. Demonstrate hydraulic communication between the Production Zone (70 Sand) pumping well and the surrounding monitor wells;
- 2. Assess the hydrologic characteristics of the Production Zone aquifer within the test area;
- 3. Evaluate the presence or absence of hydrologic boundaries in the Production Zone within the MRPA; and,
- 4. Demonstrate sufficient confinement between the Production Zone and the Overlying and Underlying Sands for the purposes of ISR mining.

The general testing procedures were as follows:

- o Install vented data logging transducers in wells to record changes in water levels during tests. Verify setting depths and head readings with manual water level measurements.
- o Measure and record background water levels at least every 12 hours for a minimum of 48 to 96 hours prior to the test.
- o Run the pumping well at a constant rate (or as close as practical). Record water levels and barometric pressure throughout the background, pumping, and recovery periods.

4.2 **PUMP TEST EQUIPMENT**

The tests were performed using a 1.5 Hp electrical submersible pump powered by a portable generator. Because of limited available drawdown, the pump was set approximately 10 feet off the bottom of the screen. Flow from the pump was controlled with a manual gate valve. Surface flow monitoring equipment included two Great Plains Industries, Inc. Model TM Series totalizer meters. In accordance with a temporary discharge permit from **LQD** (Permit No. WYG720126), discharge water was land applied approximately 750 feet downgradient and to the southeast of the pumping well via a 2-inch diameter plastic line.

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Water levels in each well were measured and recorded with vented In-Situ® Level TROLL® transducer/dataloggers. The pressure rating for the transducers ranged from 30 to 100 psi. The transducers were programmed to record depth to water measurements prior to the start of the test at 15 minute intervals (during background monitoring, and the pumping and recovery periods). A summary of the monitoring equipment used for each test is presented in Table 4-1.

Petrotek personnel installed the monitoring equipment prior to testing and EMC assisted with day-to-day data downloads. Petrotek personnel verified the datalogger programming and equipment layout, subsequently started the test, and supervised testing for the duration of pumping. Thereafter, EMC collected recovery data daily and transferred the data to Petrotek for review. Table 4-2 contains the times and responses observed for each test.

4.3 POTENTIOMETRIC **SURFACES**

Figure 4-1 is a potentiometric surface map of the 70 Sand Production Zone within the MRPA area from water level measurements on February 14, 2007. Based on those data, the direction of groundwater flow within the 70 Sand is predominantly to the north with the ground water gradient at approximately 0.0040 ft/ft (21.1 ft/mile). Water level data used for preparation of this map are presented in Table 3-1. The potentiometric surface of the 70 Sand, dependent upon location, is about 30 to 50 feet lower than the potentiometric surface of the overlying 72 Sand.

Figure 4-2 is a potentiometric surface map of the overlying 72 Sand within the MRPA area from water level measurements on February 14, 2007. Based on those data, the direction of groundwater flow within the 72 Sand is predominantly to the north with the ground water gradient at approximately 0.0039 ft/ft (20.4 ft/mile). Water level data used for preparation of this map are presented in Table 3-1.

Figure 4-3 is a potentiometric surface map of the underlying 68 Sand within the MRPA area from on water level measurements on February 14, 2007. Based on those data, the direction of groundwater flow within the 68 Sand is predominantly to the north with the ground water gradient at approximately 0.0005 ft/ft (2.6 ft/mile). Water level data used for preparation of this map are presented in Table 3-1.

The potentiometric surface of the 70 Sand, dependent upon location, is about 30 to 50 feet lower than the potentiometric surface of the overlying 72 Sand and suggests that the 72 Sand is not in communication with the 70 sand, but has the potential to drain to it if an artificial pathway was created (improperly constructed well or improperly abandoned borehole).

The potentiometric surface of the 70 Sand is approximately 7.6 feet lower than the potentiometric surface of the underlying 68 Sand at the MW-3/UMW-3 location and 2.2 feet lower at the MW-1 location. Conversely, the potentiometric surface of the 70 Sand is 9.2 feet higher than in the 68 Sand at MW-4/UMW-4. At the MW-2/UMW-2 location, the potentiometric surface of the 70 Sand is 0.5 feet higher than the underlying 68 Sand where coalescing of the 68 and 70 Sands occurs (Figures 2-5 and 2-9).

4.4 **BACKGROUND MONITORING, TEST** PROCEDURES **AND DATA COLLECTION**

The majority of the testing equipment (e.g., pump, flow meters, LeveITROLLs) was installed and checked by Petrotek on February 09, 2007. A step-rate test was conducted on February 10, 2007. However, the utility of the results from this test were limited due to a plug in the discharge line that limited the maximum achievable pumping rate during the step-rate test.

The background monitoring period for the 2007 Moore Ranch Pump Test began on February 9, 2007. Water levels were recorded every 15 minutes for 5.8 days. In this regard, the background monitoring duration and frequency significantly exceeded the minimum requirements specified in the Hydrologic Test Plan. As discussed, because of high hydraulic conductivity, limited available drawdown, and high barometric efficiency, three separate tests were performed using PW-1, MW-2, and MW-3 as pumping wells (see summary table below). The rate during the PW-1 test was increased twice due to the less than expected drawdown (Table 4-3). Additionally, generator problems (gelling of fuel) attributed to varying pumping rates observed twice during the last step.

All of the 70 Sand monitor wells, in addition to the underlying and overlying wells, were monitored during the PW-1 test. Only select wells (wells in close proximity to the pumping well) were monitored during the MW-2 and MW-3 tests.

In-Situ® LevelTROLLS[®] were programmed to record 70 Sand water levels every 15 minutes during the pumping and recovery periods. Pumping rate data for the pump tests are shown on Tables 4-3 through 4-5. A CD containing the water level data is included in Appendix D.

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5.0 BAROMETRIC PRESSURE CORRELATIONS **AND** CORRECTIONS

5.1 Observed Responses

High variations in water levels corresponding to changes in barometric pressure (e.g., on the order of 0.4 to 0.9 feet) were observed in most of the monitor wells at Moore Ranch (Figure 5-1; Appendix B). As discussed in Section 4, vented In-Situ LeveITROLL transducer/dataloggers were used in all the monitor and pumping wells. In-Situ has stated that if vented transducers are used, the vent eliminates the impact of barometric pressure on the sensor, which is correct. However, the change in water levels due to barometric changes will occur whether a vented sensor is used or not. Hence, use of vented equipment eliminates the barometric impact on the sensor, but does not automatically correct the water level measurements. In this regard, the TROLLs are barometrically *compensated,* but not *corrected.* Hence, the data require correction for fluctuations in water levels associated with changes in barometric pressure.

5.2 Barometric Corrections

To account for the water level/barometric changes, three different corrections were evaluated. The first correction was simply evaluating the data based on total head (i.e., the elevation of water in the well plus barometric pressure as feet of water), and normalizing the values to the initial barometric pressure at the start of each pump test. This correction is referred to as Manual correction. Example input parameters and calculations follow:

Input Parameters:

Initial water elevation (feet) Initial barometric pressure (equivalent feet of water) Barometric pressure at time X (feet of water) Water elevation at time X

Manual Barometric Correction:

(Raw elevation + barometric pressure [ft H₂O]) - Initial Barometric Pressure [ft H₂O]

The second method employed to assess barometric impacts is referred to as BETCO (Sandia Corporation, 2005), which is a program that was developed to analyze barometric and tidal effects for the Waste Isolation Pilot Project (WIPP) in New Mexico. BETCO was written to remove water level fluctuations due to barometric pressure and earth tides through the application of a multiple regression analysis. The BETCO software is publicly available at http://www.sandia.gov/betco as freeware. To correct the data, water level, time, and barometric pressure are entered into the program. BETCO then calculates corrected water level values. Examples of the manual, BETCO, and Aquifer Test Examples of the manual, BETCO, and Aquifer Test corrections for MW-10 and MW-1 are presented in Figures 5-2 and 5-3.

The third correction was performed using the Aquifer Test 4.0 software. In Aquifer Test, water levels, barometric pressure, and time data are entered. Aquifer Test then calculates a barometric efficiency and corrects the raw data accordingly (Figures 5-2 and 5-3).

In summary, all three correction methods were applied and the data analyzed. The results from analysis of the corrected and uncorrected data as shown on Figure 5-4 varied by approximately 19 percent (the corrected data yielded lower T values). For the data analysis discussed in Section 6, the manually corrected data were used. In some cases, all three correction methods correlated well; in other cases they were less consistent. It is possible that these inconsistencies are due to variable barometric responses (e.g., MW-1 1 showed little response), along with the change in the 70 Sand from unconfined conditions (southern portion of Moore Ranch) to semi-confined conditions (western portion) to confined conditions (northern portion).

5.3 Barometric Efficiency and System Conceptualization

Physical System

Most discussion of barometric efficiency in published literature focuses on the observed responses, To fully responses rather than the physical phenomena behind the responses. conceptualize the system, both approaches are needed and discussed below. Domenico & Schwartz (1990) suggest that the physical system must be considered in terms of effective stress and pore pressure, where a portion of the system stress is carried by the pore fluid (represented as barometric efficiency [BE]), and a portion of the stress is carried by the aquifer matrix (represented as Tidal Efficiency [TE]). Hence, the total stress of the system is represented by $BE + TE = 1.0$.

Commonly barometric efficiency ranges from 0.20 (younger sediments that are highly compressible) to 0.75 (competent rock with low matrix compressibility). Tidal efficiency may vary over a similar range, but inversely to barometric efficiency.

Barometric Efficiency

From Domenico & Schwartz (1990) and Bear (1988);

 $BE = (N\beta)/(\alpha + N\beta)$

Where:

 $N =$ effective porosity (percent), α = matrix compressibility (ft²/lb); and, β = compressibility of water (ft²/lb)

As no core data for the 70 Sand at Moore Ranch are available, the value for matrix compressibility is not known and another calculation method is required. Matrix compressibility can be calculated from Storativity as follows:

 $S = pgh(\alpha + N\beta)$ (Freeze & Cherry, 1979; Domenico & Schwartz (1990)

Where:

S = Storativity (dimensionless) pg = specific weight of water b = aquifer thickness α = matrix compressibility (ft²/lb); and, β = compressibility of water (ft²/lb)

Rearranging, the equation can be solved for matrix compressibility as follows:

 α = (S/pgb) - N_B

Assuming that $S = 4 \times 10^{-3}$; $N = 25\%$; $b = 80$ feet; and $B = 2.36 \times 10^{-8}$ ft²/lb

 $\alpha = [(4 \times 10^{-3})/(62.4\frac{\text{H}}{\text{H}^3})(80 \text{ ft})] - (0.25)(2.36 \times 10^{-8} \text{ft}^2/\text{lb})$

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\alpha = (8.0 \times 10^{-7} \text{ ft}^2/\text{lb} - 5.9 \times 10^{-9} \text{ ft}^2/\text{lb}) = 7.95 \times 10^{-7} \text{ ft}^2/\text{lb}
$$

Inserting the value for α into the equation: $BE = (NB)/(\alpha + NB)$

BE = [(0.25)(2.36 x 10⁸ ft2/lb)]/(7.95 x **10-7** ft2/Ilb) - ((0.25)(2.36 x 10-⁸ ft2/lb)) BE = (5.9 x **10-9** ft2/Ib)/[(7.95 x **10-7** ft2/Ib) + (5.9 x **10-9** ft2/Ib)] BE = 0.0074 = 0.74%

Tidal Efficiency

Domenico & Schwartz (1990) define Tidal Efficiency as follows:

TE = $\alpha/(\alpha + N\beta)$

From previous calculations,

$$
\alpha = 7.95 \times 10^{-7} \text{ ft}^2/\text{lb}
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\beta = 2.36 \times 10^{-8} \text{ ft}^2/\text{lb}
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TE = (7.95 \times 10^{-7} \text{ ft}^2/\text{lb})/[7.95 \times 10^{-7} \text{ ft}^2/\text{lb} + (0.25)(2.36 \times 10^{-8} \text{ ft}^2/\text{lb})]
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TE = 0.99 = 99\%
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In this example, $BE + TE = 99.7\%$

Observed Responses

As discussed previously, both an analysis of observed responses and an understanding of the physical stresses of the system are required. BE and TE, from a total system stress standpoint, have been evaluated in the previous section. This section discussed the physical responses that were observed.

Spane (1999), Kruseman & de Ridder (1991) and Domenico & Schwartz (1990) state that BE can be defined as a change in the water level in the well versus a change in atmospheric pressure as follows:

$$
\mathsf{BE} = \gamma_{\mathsf{fc}} \left(\Delta \mathsf{h}_{\mathsf{w}} / \Delta \mathsf{P}_{\mathsf{a}} \right)
$$

Where:

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- γ_{fc} = average specific weight of the fluid column in the well, (F/L³)
 Δh_w = change in elevation of the well fluid column associated with atmospheric pressure change (L)
- ΔP_a = change in atmospheric pressure (F/L²)

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For water, $y_{\text{fc}} = 62.4$ #/ft³

An example to convert ΔP_a (0.586 inches Hg) to psi follows:

 ΔP_a (psi) = (0.586 in Hg) x (0.33337 atm/in Hg) x (14.682 psi/ATM)

 ΔP_a (psi) = 0.2779 psi

If we assume $\gamma_{\text{fc}} = 62.4$ #/ft^{3;} $\Delta h_w = 0.66$ feet; and $\Delta P_a = 0.586$ in Hg

Then:

BE = [(62.4 #/ft³) x (0.66 ft)]/[(0.2779 psi) x (144 in²/ft²)] $BE = (41.18 \frac{\text{H}}{\text{H}^2})/(40.01 \frac{\text{H}}{\text{H}^2}) = 1.09$

Examples of BE calculations for MW-10 follow (Figure 5-1):

Discussion and Summary

Normally, because of a highly compressible matrix, the BE in a shallow tertiary system is expected to be low, as would the water level responses associated with barometric fluctuations. The opposite is observed at MRPA. However, the BE calculated based on formation properties is low and the TE is high.

Conceptually, it is possible to explain the observed responses as follows:

- \Box Low compressibility of the aquifer matrix (as would be expected in a shallow sand/shale);
- u Differential loading (e.g., barometric pressure) on the 70 Sand recharge area to the south of MRPA that is similar conceptually to tidal loading;
- **"** Effective transfer of the changes in barometric pressure as a stress load to the 70 Sand caused by the coal that overlies the 70 Sand; and/or,
- o a combination of all three.

Regardless, the data from the pump test can be corrected and the analyses used in a manner such that they are representative of the formation properties. These data can be used in the NRC and **LQD** applications.

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6.0 ANALYTICAL METHODS AND TEST RESULTS - **PRODUCTION ZONE**

6.1 ANALYTICAL METHODS

Drawdown data collected from the monitor wells were graphically analyzed to determine Transmissivity and Storativity. The primary analysis method used was Theis (1935) based on a confined aquifer thickness of 77 feet (PW-1), 97 feet (MW-2), and 72 feet (MW-3) (Figure 2-4). The use of the Cooper & Jacob time-drawdown (1946) method was justified for the PW-1 test (observation well MW-1) 109 feet distant. Theis Recovery (1935) analyses were performed for the pumping wells. No responses of significance that are considered valid were measured in observation wells other than MW-I. Water elevation plots for all the wells are presented in Appendix B.

The test data were analyzed using the Theis method because this method is mathematically valid for all distances and times. The significant assumptions inherent in this method include:

- \triangleright The aquifer is confined and has apparent infinite extent;
- **>** The aquifer is homogeneous and isotropic, and of uniform effective thickness over the area influenced by pumping;
- **>** The piezometric surface is horizontal prior to pumping;
- **>** The well is pumped at a constant rate;
- \triangleright The pumping well is fully penetrating; and,
- **>** Well diameter is small, so well storage is negligible.

These assumptions are reasonably satisfied, with the exception of the uniform thickness of the aquifer (Figure 2-4). Locally, the 70 Sand at MRPA is not homogeneous and isotropic; however, over the scale of the pump test, it can be treated in this manner.

Geologic information shows that the 70 Sand is unconfined to the south of MRPA, and evidence of unconfined conditions is demonstrated by water levels below the top of the 70 Sand (see Table 3-1 and Figures 2-9 and 2-10). Because the Theis solution assumes confined conditions, a correction of using the Theis solution for unconfined conditions is required. This correction was applied to those data where the 70 Sand is unconfined. However, because of limited drawdown respective to sand thickness, the corrections have no impact on the results. Hence, uncorrected Theis analyses are included in this report.

Leaky aquifer solutions such as presented by Hantush (1955; referred to in Aquifer Test as Walton) were not applicable to the data from the 70 Sand. A leaky solution developed by Walton was applied to the Well 1807 (68 Sand) data from the MW-2 test, but this method does not fit the data well. The method of Neuman (1975) was applied to those data and appears to be more applicable. However, it should be noted that this method is primarily for unconfined conditions (e.g., gravity drainage) rather than a leaky aquifer.

Because none of the monitor wells were completed within the confining units, a Neuman-Witherspoon (1972) analysis was not performed. The software used to graphically analyze the data was AquiferTest Pro ver 3.5 (Waterloo Hydrogeologic, Inc., 2002).

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Water level stability data collected during the pre-test and post-test periods along with barometric pressure were used to assess the background trends. No significant recharge or trend corrections were warranted for any of the wells.

6.2 BACKGROUND TRENDS

With the exception of the MW-2 test, water level stability data were collected prior to the start of the pump test. Plots of the background, pumping, and recovery data for select wells completed in the 70 Sand are shown in Figures 6-1 through 6-3. Plots for the MW-2 test are included as Figures 6-4 and 6-5; Figure 6-6 shows the MW-3. Water level data for the overlying (72 Sand) and underlying (68 Sand) wells are presented in Figures 6-7 through 6-12. Water level plots for all wells monitored during each test are presented in Appendix B.

6.3 TEST **RESULTS**

6.3.1 Drawdown

As discussed, the 70 Sand at Moore Ranch has limited available drawdown (e.g., water in the screen interval below the top of the sand). Further, the high hydraulic conductivity of the 70 Sand resulted in minimal drawdown at distance from the pumping wells. Hence, maps of drawdown over time during the pump tests are not included. The potentiometric surfaces before pumping for the 72, 70, and 68 Sands are presented in Figures 4-1 through 4-3.

To further assess the lack of confinement near the MW-2 location, two additional historic Conoco wells (1805 and 1807) were used during the MW-2 test. Well 1805 is a Production Zone 70 Sand completion and 1807 is an underlying 68 Sand completion.

6.3.2 Analytical Results

Transmissivity (T) results from the Theis analysis for the 70 Sand range from 321 to 711 ft²/d, with an average T value of 586 ft²/d. Based on an average thickness of 80 feet, the average hydraulic conductivity (K) is 7.4 ft/d (Tables 5-1 and 5-2). Assuming a water viscosity of 1.35 cp (50 degrees F) and a density of 1.0, this equates to a permeability of approximately 2,000 millidarcies (md). The only Storativity **(S)** value that was obtained (MW-1) was 4.4 x **10-3.** Drawdown due to pumping was observed in Well 1805 (MW-2 test); however, analyses of those data are considered to be less valid than those from MW-1 (PW-1 Test).

Type curve matches for all of the 70 Sand monitor wells included in the pump test are provided in Appendix C. Water level data for all monitor wells from background through pumping and recovery are included in Appendix D on a CD ROM.

6.4 **DIRECTIONAL** PERMEABILITY

The transmissivity results at MRPA correlate reasonably well with the thickness of the 70 Sand. In general, higher T values are reported in the areas of thicker and/or cleaner sand. On a regional scale, the observed variation in T is not expected to significantly impact ISR mining and has no apparent regulatory implications. The test data to date are limited and the issue of directional transmissivity will be further investigated during mine unit-scale testing required by NRC and WDEQ/LQD.

6.5 RADIUS OF **INFLUENCE**

The test results suggest a radius of influence (ROI) for the PW-1 test of only less than 1,000 feet (this is supported by the lack of measurable response in MW-10, located 1,420 feet from PW-1. The ROI for the MW-2 and MW-3 tests is on the order of 400 feet (based on the response in Well 1805) and 250 feet (estimated), respectively. As noted previously, additional mine unit scale testing will be required prior to initiation of operations at Moore Ranch. That testing will demonstrate communication between the pumping and monitor wells over the entire proposed mine unit.

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7.0 TEST RESULTS - **CONFINING UNITS**

Few data (e.g., laboratory analyses or detailed pump test data) regarding the vertical hydraulic conductivity of the confining units are available for the MRPA. However, the data from other ISR operations in the Powder River Basin (COGEMA and PRI) appear to be reasonably analogous to Moore Ranch. In this regard, the COGEMA and PRI data In this regard, the COGEMA and PRI data indicate the vertical hydraulic conductivity of clays/shales in the Wasatch are on the order of **10-7** to 10-11 cm/sec (10-4 to **10-7** ft/d).

Plots of water levels in the overlying (72 Sand) completions and the underlying (68 Sand) wells for the background monitoring, pumping, and recovery periods are presented in Figures 6-1 through 6-12. The water levels are compared to barometric pressure for the entire period. For each test, the overlying and underlying wells were within 10 feet of the pumping wells.

No significant change in water levels was observed in the overlying OMW-1 or underlying UMW-1 completions as a result of pumping the PW-1 well completed in the 70 Sand (Figures 6-7 and 6-8). Review of these data indicated that, while minor background trends are present, the nature of those trends continues independently of the pump test. The UMW-1/OMW-1 wells are located approximately 109 feet from PW-1.

No significant change in water levels was observed in the overlying OMW-2 during the MW-2 pump test (Figure 6-9). OMW-2 declined slightly during the pumping period; however, the decline continued during recovery. Wells UMW-2 and 1807 that are completed in the 68 Sand (located 10 and 252 feet distant, respectively) directly responded to pumping, which is expected as the 70 and 68 Sands coalesce in that area.

No significant change in water level was observed in OMW-3 (overlying completion) during the MW-3 pump test (Figure 6-11). The underlying well (UMW-3) declined steadily during the background monitoring, pumping, and recovery periods (Figure 6-12). The declining trend in UMW-3 continued through July 25, 2007. This trend has since reversed and water levels have recovered in this well approximately 13 feet in the beginning of September. The cause of the decline or most recently observed recovery is not known; however, longterm monitoring data clearly indicate that the decline was not a result of the MW-3 pump test.

As discussed in Section 4.3, the potentiometric surface of the overlying 72 Sand is approximately 30-50 feet higher than the 70 Sand. This difference in potentiometric surfaces supports the testing data that demonstrate isolation between the 72 and 70 Sands.

The potentiometric surface of the 70 Sand is approximately 7.6 feet lower than the potentiometric surface of the underlying 68 Sand at the MW-3/UMW-3 location and 2.2 feet lower at the MW-1 location. Conversely, the potentiometric surface of the 70 Sand is 9.2 feet higher than in the 68 Sand at MW-4/UMW-4. At the MW-2/UMW-2 location, the potentiometric surface of the 70 Sand is 0.5 feet higher than the 68 Sand where coalescing of the 68 and 70 Sands occurs (Figures 2-5 and 2-9).

In summary, the potentiometric levels in the 70 and 68 Sands support the geologic information that indicate hydraulic isolation in the central and northern portions of Moore Ranch and communication where the two sands join in the center of Section 35.

8.0 SUMMARY **AND CONCLUSIONS**

In accordance with the Moore Ranch Hydrologic Test Plan, EMC installed the necessary wells and performed a pump test to evaluate hydrogeologic conditions in the vicinity of Moore Ranch.

The pump test was performed in Moore Ranch during February and March 2007. Because of high hydraulic conductivity, the MRPA could not be evaluated with one pump test as originally planned. Hence, three tests were conducted using PW-1, MW-2, and MW-3 as pumping wells. The closest 70 Sand observation well was monitored for each test, as well and the closest overlying (72 Sand) and underlying (68 Sand) wells.

Testing at multiple locations resulted in sufficient stress in the 70 Sand Production Zone and the confining layers for the purposes of the test and EMC's anticipated ISR permit requirements. For the PW-1 test, the nearby 70 Sand monitor well (MW-1; 109 feet distant) showed adequate drawdown (e.g., greater than 1.0 foot).

Analysis of the test data for the Production Zone wells resulted in an average transmissivity of 586 ft²/day, an average hydraulic conductivity of 7.4 ft/day, and an average permeability (assuming a water viscosity of 1.35 cp and specific gravity of 1.0) of 2,000 millidarcies (md). Storativity determined from one well (MW-1) was 4.4 x **10-3.** The data analysis did not indicate the presence of significant geologic boundaries within the Production Zone aquifer over the area evaluated by the testing.

No water level changes of concern were observed in any of the overlying wells during the testing.

Two underlying monitor wells (UMW-2 and 1807) did respond to pumping MW-2. This response is expected as the 68 and 70 Sands coalesce in that area.

The testing results indicate that the transmissivity of the 70 Sand Sandstone in the MRPA is relatively consistent, but the thickness and hydraulic conductivity vary with direction and location. Based on the data evaluated to date, this variance may impact mining operations (e.g., well spacing, completion interval, and injection/production rates), but is not anticipated to impact regulatory issues.

In summary, the pump tests were performed in accordance with the Hydrologic Test Plan submitted by **EMC** to WDEQ. The testing objectives were met. The test results demonstrate that:

- \div Fluctuations in barometric pressure impact water levels at MRPA such that pump test data require correction. These corrections have been applied to the Moore Ranch Pump Test data.
- \div The magnitude of water level changes due to barometric pressure complicate data analysis; however, those changes are not expected to impact mining operations at MRPA. Namely, it is anticipated that the mining wells will be operated under injection and pumping heads that will greatly exceed the changed induced by barometric pressure.
- \div The 70 Sand monitor wells located in the near proximity to the pumping well are in communication, demonstrating that the 70 Sand Production Zone has hydraulic

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continuity. While communication was not demonstrated over the entire area, geologic information clearly demonstrates that the 70 Sand is a contiguous sand body across MRPA. Additional (mine unit) scale testing will required by NRC and WDEQ will demonstrate communication throughout each mine unit between the pumping well(s) and the monitor well ring;

- \div To adequately stress the 70 Sand, future pump tests may need to incorporate larger-diameter (e.g., 6- or 8-inch) completions to accommodate a 6-inch pump.
- \div On a regional scale, the 70 Sand has been adequately characterized with respect to hydrogeologic conditions within the test area at MRPA;
- \div Adequate confinement exists between the 70 Sand Production Zone and the overlying 72 Sand throughout MRPA;
- Adequate hydrostratigraphic confinement exists between the 70 Sand Production Zone and the underlying 68 Sand throughout Wellfields #1 and #3. The 68 and 70 Sands coalesce in the eastern/northeastern part of Wellfield #2; mining operations will be designed to account for this variation in geology and mine-unit scale testing will demonstrate the validity of the recommended approach(s) for mining and monitoring; and,
- \div Sufficient testing has been conducted to date at Moore Ranch to proceed with a Class Ill permit application and a NRC license application.

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Table 4-1 Energy Metals Corporation Moore Ranch Regional Aquifer Tests Monitoring Equipment List

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Figure 2-9

Moore Ranch Regional Aquifer Test

Stratigraphic Cross Section A-A'

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Figure 2-12

Moore Ranch Regional Aquifer Test

Stratigraphic Cross Section D-D'

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Figure 5-4 Comparison of Raw Data versus Manually Corrected Data: Theis Recovery Analyses MW-3

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