

# USEcology

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Steering Committee Members

FROM: Ronald K. Gaynor *RKG*

DATE: July 7, 1982

SUBJECT: Tritium Migration Investigation

Attached is a summary of the technical update meeting held on June 10 to evaluate Phase 1 of the tritium investigation. Also included is the most recent sampling and analysis data which has been received, and a map showing the proposed location for the wells to be drilled under Phase 2 of the investigation. Bid documents have been mailed to the potential drilling contractors and it is currently anticipated that a drilling crew should be mobilized during the first week in August. Obviously, this represents a delay in the proposed schedule of about three weeks.

Additionally, a lease was signed for the property east of the road on June 16 and will remain in effect until June 15, 1983.

If there are any corrections or additions to the meeting summary, please notify me and they will be included in the next monthly report.

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### Attachments

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David L. Siefken  
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SUMMARY

Results of Technical Update Meeting on Tritium Migration  
Investigation at the Sheffield LLWD Site

June 10, 1982

The meeting convened at 10:00 a.m., June 10, 1982, in the USGS office in Champaign-Urbana, Illinois. The following were in attendance:

| <u>Name</u>   | <u>Representing</u> | <u>Steering Committee</u> |
|---------------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| Jim Grant     | Law Eng.            |                           |
| Dave Ed       | IDNS                | x                         |
| Tom Borecki   | AG                  |                           |
| Dave Siefken  | NRC                 | x                         |
| Tim Larson    | IGS                 |                           |
| Tom Johnson   | IGS                 | x                         |
| Buck Foster   | USGS                | x                         |
| Richard Healy | USGS                |                           |
| Ron Gaynor    | US Ecology          | x                         |
| Walt Hipsher  | US Ecology          |                           |

The meeting was opened with a synopsis of the Phase 1 investigation presented by Buck Foster. The first eight (8) wells were constructed and located as originally planned and the pebbly sand zone was found to be thickest in the area of wells 580, 563, 583 and 575 (see attached exhibits). Tritium has been found in new wells 580 (on US Ecology property) and 583 (property east of the road), and all available data seemed to indicate a relatively narrow path of migration. The levels of tritium found were 35 and 6 nanocuries/liter, respectively.

Following is a listing of information provided at the meeting:

1. Laboratory analyses of soil samples from wells 560-574
2. Tritium analyses from samples taken May 10, 1982
3. Tritium analyses from samples taken May 20, 1982
4. Water level elevations on May 20, 1982
5. Preliminary resistivity survey contours
6. Preliminary equal potential map based on recent groundwater levels
7. Contours of the top of the Pennsylvanian shale
8. Contours of the top of the pebbly sand
9. Mapped locations for all new wells
10. Preliminary boring logs for wells 579-584
11. Tabulated thickness of the pebbly sand

All members of the committee agreed that enough information had been gathered to proceed with a Phase 2 investigation. The following items were identified for this phase:

1. Investigate the details of the site water supply well.
  - a. Attempt to locate boring log
  - b. Determine water level and depth of well
  - c. Add well to sampling and analysis program
  - d. USGS to perform gamma ray log
2. Add eight (8) new monitoring wells, four (4) on US Ecology property, one (1) on site south of Trench 23 and three (3) east of well 581.

US Ecology reported on the progress of lease agreements which are expected to be completed within the next 2-3 weeks.

Due to group concerns regarding well development, it was decided that the drilling method should be modified. Buck Foster will be providing US Ecology with drilling and construction specification details for subsequent contracting with an independent driller.

The committee agreed to a tentative schedule for the Phase 2 investigation as follows:

1. Mobilize drill crew and equipment - July 12
2. Complete drilling and well installation - July 26
3. Complete well development and initial sampling - July 30
4. Complete temperature and resistivity survey and reports (IGS) - August 1
5. Complete initial sampling analysis - August 9
6. Complete laboratory soil inspections and initial analysis - August 16
7. Complete investigation on site water well and all gamma ray logging - July 30
8. Review meeting on results of Phase 2. USGS in Urbana at 10:00 a.m. - August 26

Sampling and Analysis Data

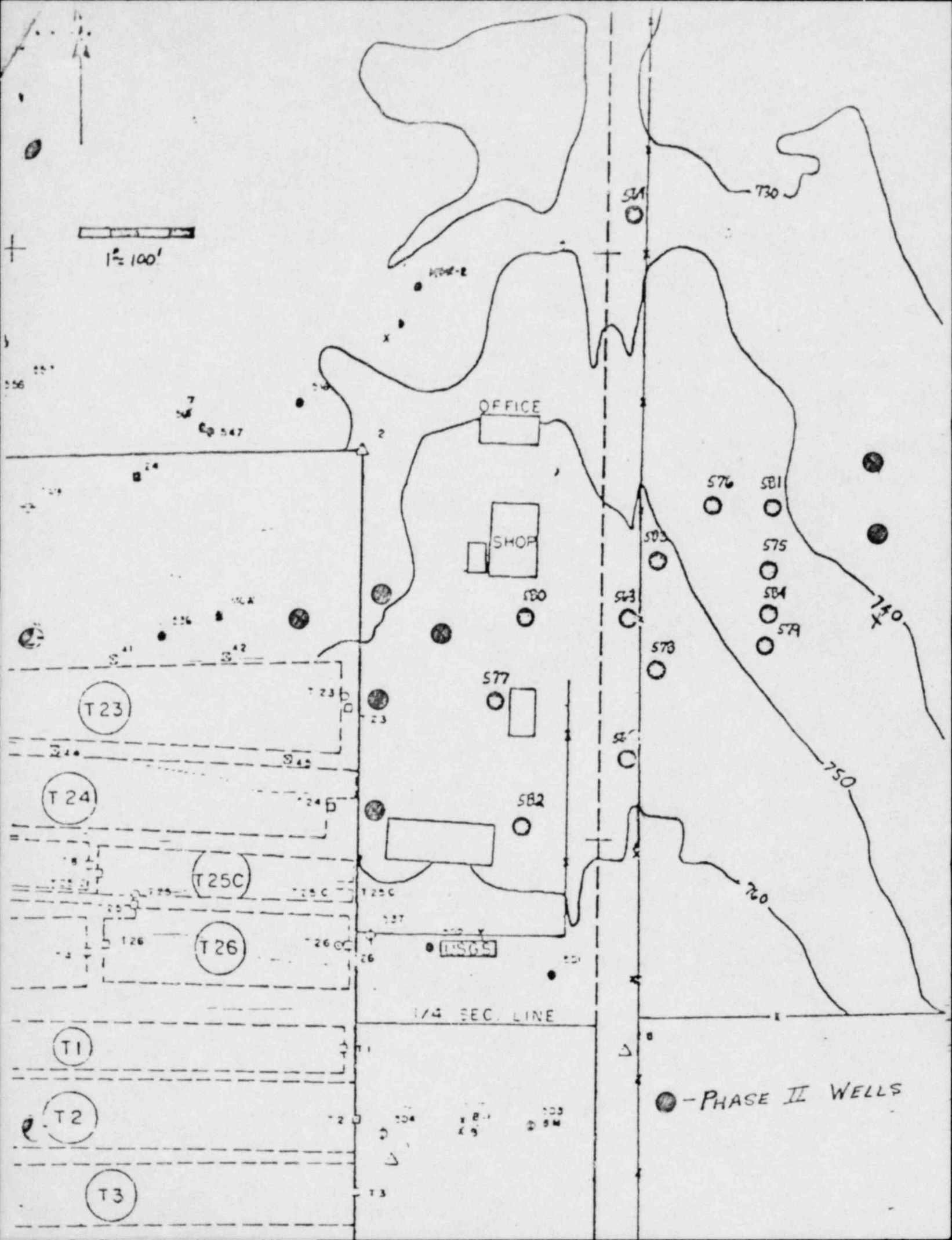
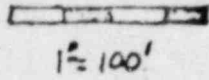
| <u>Well</u> | <u>Date</u>        | <u>Sampled By</u>           | <u>Split With</u> | <u>Results/Comments</u> | <u>(Picocuries/liter)</u> |
|-------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| USGS 563    | 3/19/81            | USGS<br>Not analyzed 5/4/82 | US Ecology        | 88300 ± 8800            | US Ecology Results        |
| USGS 575    | 3/19/82            | USGS<br>Not analyzed 5/4/82 | US Ecology        | 66500 ± 6700            | US Ecology Results        |
| USGS 560    | Week of<br>3/22/82 | IDNS<br>Not analyzed 5/4/82 | US Ecology        | 1300 ± 400              | US Ecology Results        |
| USGS 561    | Week of<br>3/22/82 | IDNS<br>Not analyzed 5/4/82 | US Ecology        | 800 ± 300               | US Ecology Results        |
| USGS 562    | Week of<br>3/22/82 | IDNS<br>Not analyzed 5/4/82 | US Ecology        | < 500                   | US Ecology Results        |
| USGS 563    | Week of<br>3/22/82 | IDNS<br>Not analyzed 5/4/82 | US Ecology        | 89000 ± 9000            | US Ecology Results        |
| USGS 564    | Week of<br>3/22/82 | IDNS<br>Not analyzed 5/4/82 | US Ecology        | 500 ± 400               | US Ecology Results        |
| USGS 565    | Week of<br>3/22/82 | IDNS<br>Not analyzed 5/4/82 | US Ecology        | < 500                   | US Ecology Results        |
| USGS 566    | Week of<br>3/22/82 | IDNS<br>Not analyzed 5/4/82 | US Ecology        | < 500                   | US Ecology Results        |
| USGS 567    | Week of<br>3/22/82 | IDNS<br>Not analyzed 5/4/82 | US Ecology        | < 500                   | US Ecology Results        |
| USGS 568    | Week of<br>3/22/82 | IDNS<br>Not analyzed 5/4/82 | US Ecology        | None Received           | US Ecology Results        |
| USGS 569    | Week of<br>3/22/82 | IDNS<br>Not analyzed 5/4/82 | US Ecology        | < 500                   | US Ecology Results        |
| USGS 570    | Week of<br>3/22/82 | IDNS<br>Not analyzed 5/4/82 | US Ecology        | < 500                   | US Ecology Results        |
| USGS 571    | Week of<br>3/22/82 | IDNS<br>Not analyzed 5/4/82 | US Ecology        | None Received           | US Ecology Results        |

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| USGS 572    | Week of<br>3/22/82 | IDNS<br>Not analyzed 5/4/82 | US Ecology        | < 500                   | US Ecology Results        |
| USGS 573    | Week of<br>5/22/82 | IDNS<br>Not analyzed 5/4/82 | US Ecology        | 1400 ± 400              | US Ecology Results        |
| USGS 574    | Week of<br>3/22/82 | IDNS<br>Not analyzed 5/4/82 | US Ecology        | < 500                   | US Ecology Results        |
| USGS 575    | Week of<br>3/22/82 | IDNS<br>Not analyzed 5/4/82 | US Ecology        | 68400 ± 7000            | US Ecology Results        |
| USGS 576    | Week of<br>3/22/82 | IDNS<br>Not analyzed 5/4/82 | US Ecology        | 900 ± 400               | US Ecology Results        |
| USGS 560    | 4/26/82            | IDNS                        | US Ecology        | < 2000                  | US Ecology Results        |
| USGS 563    | 4/26/82            | IDNS                        | US Ecology        | 86000 ± 8600            | US Ecology Results        |
| USGS 564    | 4/26/82            | IDNS                        | US Ecology        | < 2000                  | US Ecology Results        |
| USGS 565    | 4/26/82            | IDNS                        | US Ecology        | < 2000                  | US Ecology Results        |
| USGS 575    | 4/26/82            | IDNS                        | US Ecology        | 34000 ± 3400            | US Ecology Results        |
| USGS 576    | 4/26/82            | IDNS                        | US Ecology        | < 2000                  | US Ecology Results        |
| USGS 563    | 5/10/82            | USGS                        | US Ecology        | 81300 ± 8100            | US Ecology Results        |
| USGS 575    | 5/10/82            | USGS                        | US Ecology        | 43000 ± 4300            | US Ecology Results        |
| USGS 577    | 5/10/82            | USGS                        | US Ecology        | 100 ± 60                | US Ecology Results        |
| USGS 578    | 5/10/82            | USGS                        | US Ecology        | < 100                   | US Ecology Results        |
| USGS 579    | 5/10/82            | USGS                        | US Ecology        | < 100                   | US Ecology Results        |
| USGS 580    | 5/10/82            | USGS                        | US Ecology        | 29900 ± 3000            | US Ecology Results        |
| USGS 582    | 5/10/82            | USGS                        | US Ecology        | < 100                   | US Ecology Results        |



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| USGS 583    | 5/10/82     | USGS              | US Ecology        | 3680 ± 370                               | US Ecology Results        |
| USGS 584    | 5/10/82     | USGS              | US Ecology        | < 100                                    | US Ecology Results        |
| USGS 577    | 5/21/82     | USGS              | IDNS/US Ecology   | < 400                                    | US Ecology Results        |
| USGS 578    | 5/21/82     | USGS              | IDNS/US Ecology   | 700 ± 400                                | US Ecology Results        |
| USGS 579    | 5/21/82     | USGS              | IDNS/US Ecology   | 500 ± 400                                | US Ecology Results        |
| USGS 580    | 5/21/82     | USGS              | IDNS/US Ecology   | 35000 ± 400                              | US Ecology Results        |
| USGS 581    | 5/21/82     | USGS              | IDNS/US Ecology   | USGS<br>400 ± 400<br>US Ecology<br>< 120 | US Ecology Results        |
| USGS 582    | 5/21/82     | USGS              | IDNS/US Ecology   | < 400                                    | US Ecology Results        |
| USGS 583    | 5/21/82     | USGS              | IDNS/US Ecology   | 6200 ± 400                               | US Ecology Results        |
| USGS 584    | 5/21/82     | USGS              | IDNS/US Ecology   | 700 ± 400                                | US Ecology Results        |
| USGS 577    | 5/27/82     | USGS              | IDNS/US Ecology   | 600 ± 400                                | US Ecology Results        |
| USGS 578    | 5/27/82     | USGS              | IDNS/US Ecology   | 500 ± 400                                | US Ecology Results        |
| USGS 579    | 5/27/82     | USGS              | IDNS/US Ecology   | < 400                                    | US Ecology Results        |
| USGS 580    | 5/27/82     | USGS              | IDNS/US Ecology   | 39000 ± 400                              | US Ecology Results        |
| USGS 581    | 5/27/82     | USGS              | IDNS/US Ecology   | 700 ± 400                                | US Ecology Results        |
| USGS 582    | 5/27/82     | USGS              | IDNS/US Ecology   | 500 ± 400                                | US Ecology Results        |
| USGS 583    | 5/27/82     | USGS              | IDNS/US Ecology   | 9000 ± 400                               | US Ecology Results        |
| USGS 584    | 5/27/82     | USGS              | IDNS/US Ecology   | < 400                                    | US Ecology Results        |
| USGS 563    | 6/20/82     | IDNS              | US Ecology        | none received                            | US Ecology Results        |

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| USGS 576    | 6/20/82     | IDNS              | US Ecology        | none received           | US Ecology Results        |
| USGS 577    | 6/20/82     | IDNS              | US Ecology        | none received           | US Ecology Results        |
| USGS 578    | 6/20/82     | IDNS              | US Ecology        | none received           | US Ecology Results        |
| USGS 579    | 6/20/82     | IDNS              | US Ecology        | none received           | US Ecology Results        |
| USGS 580    | 6/20/82     | IDNS              | US Ecology        | none received           | US Ecology Results        |
| USGS 581    | 6/20/82     | IDNS              | US Ecology        | none received           | US Ecology Results        |
| USGS 582    | 6/20/82     | IDNS              | US Ecology        | none received           | US Ecology Results        |
| USGS 583    | 6/20/82     | IDNS              | US Ecology        | none received           | US Ecology Results        |
| USGS 584    | 6/20/82     | IDNS              | US Ecology        | none received           | US Ecology Results        |



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