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*Just analyze for MTBE using  
8240 in MW1 and 2 now  
if <sup>little</sup> no MTBE - then review  
for closure*

Re: **Sampling Frequency Reduction Request**  
Shell Service Station  
1601 Webster Street  
Alameda, California 94501  
WIC #204-0072-0403  
Cambria Project #240-314-198

Dear Ms. Chu:

On behalf of Shell Oil Products Company, Cambria Environmental Technology, Inc. (Cambria) is submitting this request for a reduction in the sampling frequency at the site referenced above.

Based on current site conditions and eight years of ground water monitoring data, we believe reductions in the monitoring well sampling frequencies are warranted. The proposed sampling frequency reductions (SFRs) are presented in the attached table. Analytical results for ground water and a monitoring well location map from the *Fourth Quarter 1997 Monitoring Report* are included as Attachment A. We will implement these SFRs beginning in the fourth quarter of 1998 unless otherwise directed by your office.

We appreciate the opportunity to work with you on this project. Please call if you have any questions.

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Attachments: A - Analytical Results for Ground Water and Ground Water Elevation Contours  
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<b>PROPOSED WELL SAMPLING FREQUENCIES</b> <b>Shell Service Station, WIC #204-0072-0403</b> <b>1601 Webster Street, Alameda, California</b>			
Monitoring Well ID	Current Sampling Frequency and Analytes	Proposed Sampling Frequency and Analytes	Justification
MW-1	Annually (2 <sup>nd</sup> qtr)	Annually (2 <sup>nd</sup> qtr)	VOCs near or below detection limits for eight years.
	TPHg, BTEX, MTBE, VOCs, DO	TPHg, BTEX, MTBE, DO	
MW-2	Bi-annually (2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> qtrs)	Annually (2 <sup>nd</sup> qtr)	Stable hydrocarbon and MTBE concentrations, VOCs near or below detection limits for eight years.
	TPHg, BTEX, MTBE, VOCs, DO	TPHg, BTEX, MTBE, DO	
MW-3	Bi-annually (2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> qtrs)	Annually (2 <sup>nd</sup> qtr)	No detectable hydrocarbons and low asymptotic MTBE concentrations, VOCs near or below detection limits for five years.
	TPHg, BTEX, MTBE, VOCs, DO	TPHg, BTEX, MTBE, DO	
S-1	Annually (2 <sup>nd</sup> qtr)	Annually (2 <sup>nd</sup> qtr)	No change.
	TPHg, BTEX, MTBE, DO	TPHg, BTEX, MTBE, DO	

**Abbreviations:**

TPHg = Total petroleum hydrocarbons as gasoline by modified EPA Method 8015

BTEX = Benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, and xylenes by EPA Method 8020

MTBE = Methyl tert-butyl ether by EPA Method 8020 and/or 8260

VOCs = Volatile organic compounds by EPA Method 8010

DO = Dissolved oxygen, measured in field

**Attachment A**

Analytical Results for Ground Water and  
Ground Water Elevation Contours

**Table 1. Analytical Results for Ground Water - Shell Service Station, WIC #204-0072-0403, 1601 Webster Street, Alameda, California**

Well ID and Sample Frequency	Date Sampled	Depth to Water (ft)	TPH-G	TPH-D	B	T	E	X	c-1,2-DCE	1,2-DCA	TOG	MTBE	DO (mg/L)
MW-1 (Annually, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Qtr.)	04/11/90	8.22	<50	<50	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<10,000	---	---
	07/18/90	9.14	<50	---	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	3	<0.5	<5,000	---	---
	10/18/90	10.37	<50	---	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	7.9	<0.5	<5,000	---	---
	01/25/91	10.41	<50	---	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	5.6	<0.5	---	---	---
	04/11/91	7.37	<50	---	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	0.9	<0.5	---	---	---
	07/18/91	8.86	<50	---	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	4.4	<0.5	---	---	---
	10/17/91	10.47	<50	---	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	7.2	<0.5	---	---	---
	01/24/92	9.18	<50	---	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	1.4	<0.5	---	---	---
	04/23/92	6.95	<50	---	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	---	---	---
	07/02/92	8.01	<50	---	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	---	---	---
	10/02/92	9.81	<50	---	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	2	<0.5	---	---	---
	01/05/93	7.26	<50	---	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	2	<0.5	---	---	---
	04/08/93 <sup>a</sup>	5.85	<50	---	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	---	---	---
	07/20/93 <sup>b</sup>	6.83	<50	---	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	0.76	<0.5	---	---	---
	10/15/93	8.07	<50	---	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	0.71	<0.5	---	---	---
	01/07/94	7.82	<50	---	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	3.1	0.85	---	---	5.5
	04/13/94	6.91	<50	---	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	3.6	0.95	---	---	---
	07/26/94	7.51	<50	---	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.4	<0.4	---	---	2.8
	10/06/94 <sup>c</sup>	8.71	<50	---	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.4	<0.4	---	---	4.0
	04/20/95	5.50	<50	---	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.4	<0.4	---	---	---
04/10/96	5.78	<50	---	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	---	---	---	<2.5	---	
07/12/96	6.65	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	
10/17/96	7.48	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	
04/08/97	6.16	<1,000	---	<10	<10	<10	<10	<1.2	<1.2	---	3,000	2.6	
MW-2 (Biannually, 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Qtr.)	04/11/90	7.69	580	430	20	4.9	1.2	73	<0.5	1.1	<10,000	---	---
	07/18/90	8.56	1,400	---	110	310	71	310	<0.5	0.7	<5,000	---	---
	10/18/90	9.76	1,900	1,300 <sup>d</sup>	110	470	89	400	<0.5	0.9	<5,000	---	---
	01/25/91	9.78	8,100	---	430	1,200	480	2,600	<0.5	0.8	---	---	---
	04/11/91	6.87	2,600	---	130	150	250	330	<0.5	<0.5	---	---	---
	07/15/91	8.27	1,300	---	100	59	84	120	<0.5	0.8	---	---	---
	10/17/91	9.89	2,100	---	180	260	150	520	<0.5	0.6	---	---	---
	01/24/92	8.60	7,100	---	450	450	960	1,600	110	<0.5	---	---	---
04/23/92	6.48	16,000	---	320	740	650	2,600	<2.5	<2.5	---	---	---	

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	07/02/92	7.37	33,000	---	2,500	3,700	2,000	9,600	<50	<50	---	---	---
	10/02/92	9.20	7,000	---	960	650	570	1,200	<50	<50	---	---	---
	01/05/93	6.80	8,900	---	550	500	600	1,900	<2	<2	---	---	---
	04/08/93	5.40	13,000	---	670	580	900	2,900	0.68	<0.5	---	---	---
	04/08/93 <sup>dup</sup>	5.40	13,000	---	830	740	1,100	3,700	0.64	<0.5	---	---	---
	07/20/93	6.05	10,000	---	1,200	630	1,100	4,000	0.87	<0.5	---	---	---
	07/20/93 <sup>dup</sup>	6.05	12,000	---	1,200	600	1,100	3,800	0.80	<0.5	---	---	---
	10/15/93	7.04	24,000	---	1,400	3,400	1,200	5,200	<0.5	<0.5	---	---	---
	10/15/93 <sup>dup</sup>	7.04	19,000	---	1,200	2,800	1,000	4,400	<0.5	<0.5	---	---	---
	01/07/94	6.99	27,000	---	1,300	2,700	1,900	7,900	<10	<10	---	---	3.6
	01/07/94 <sup>dup</sup>	6.99	33,000	---	1,100	2,300	1,700	6,900	<10	<10	---	---	3.6
	04/13/94	6.20	16,000	---	460	93	820	2,700	<25	<25	---	---	---
	04/13/94 <sup>dup</sup>	6.20	18,000	---	500	100	880	3,000	<25	<25	---	---	---
	07/26/94	6.63	25,000	---	1,600	1,500	1,500	6,800	<0.4	<0.4	---	---	3.2
	07/26/94 <sup>dup</sup>	6.63	28,000	---	1,700	1,600	1,600	7,300	<0.4	<0.4	---	---	3.2
	10/06/94	7.75	15,000	---	850	650	1,000	4,000	<0.4	<0.4	---	---	2.4
	10/06/94 <sup>dup</sup>	7.75	17,000	---	1000	630	1,200	4,500	<0.4	<0.4	---	---	2.4
	01/26/95	4.49	3,200	---	63	14	300	1,000	<0.4	<0.4	---	---	1.6
	01/26/95 <sup>dup</sup>	4.49	3,100	---	31	13	140	820	<0.4	<0.4	---	---	1.6
	04/20/95	5.28	<50	---	4.4	<0.5	1.3	3.3	<0.4	<0.4	---	---	---
	04/20/95 <sup>dup</sup>	5.28	<50	---	0.5	<0.5	0.6	3.3	<0.4	<0.4	---	---	---
	07/12/95	5.84	<50	---	1.1	1.1	<0.5	<0.5	---	---	---	---	10.4
	07/12/95 <sup>dup</sup>	5.84	<50	---	0.9	0.8	<0.5	<0.5	---	---	---	---	10.4
	10/12/95	6.68	370	---	20	3.0	8.2	92	<0.5	<0.4	---	---	6.4
	01/11/96	6.29	90	---	3.8	<0.5	3.5	3.0	0.6	<0.4	---	---	5.8
	04/10/96	5.48	61	---	9.9	<0.5	3.6	1.8	---	---	---	<2.5	---
	04/10/96 <sup>dup</sup>	5.48	54	---	10	<0.5	4.0	1.7	---	---	---	<2.5	---
	07/12/96	6.02	510	---	25	1.9	39	61	<1.0	<1.0	---	3.3	2.3
	07/12/96 <sup>dup</sup>	6.02	510	---	24	2.0	38	59	<1.0	<1.0	---	5.5	2.3
	10/17/96	6.95	4,100	---	130	13	280	590	0.52	<0.5	---	26	2.2
	10/17/96 <sup>dup</sup>	6.95	3,500	---	120	12	230	510	0.58	<0.5	---	(<20)	2.2
	04/08/97	5.83	1,500	---	77	19	120	32	0.59	<0.50	---	5.7	2.6

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									DCE	DCA			
←————— parts per billion (µg/L) —————→													
	10/16/97	7.98	4,000	---	160	<5.0	250	140	<2.5	<2.5	---	44	2.4
	10/16/97 <sup>dup</sup>	7.98	4,000	---	170	<5.0	270	98	<1.0	<1.0	---	<2.5	2.4
MW-3 (Biannually, 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Qtr.)	02/25/93	5.37	58	140	<0.5	<0.5	2.5	6.4	<0.5	1.5	<5,000	---	---
	04/08/93	5.48	<50	---	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	---	---	---
	07/20/93 <sup>e</sup>	6.38	<50	---	1.2	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	2.8	---	---	---
	10/15/93 <sup>f</sup>	7.53	60	---	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	0.55	---	---	---
	01/07/94	7.38	74	---	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	0.76	<0.5	0.91	---	---	4.6
	04/13/94	6.50	<50	---	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<1.3	<1.3	---	---	---
	07/26/94	7.00	750 <sup>g</sup>	---	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.4	<0.4	---	---	1.7
	10/06/94	8.10	1,900 <sup>g</sup>	---	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.4	<0.4	---	---	3.0
	01/26/95	5.00	580 <sup>g</sup>	---	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	1.3	<0.4	<0.4	---	---	1.3
	04/20/95	5.24	<50	---	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.4	<0.4	---	---	---
	07/12/95	6.10	50	---	4.2	2.9	<0.5	0.9	---	---	---	---	7.2
	10/12/95	6.98	<50	---	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.4	---	---	7.1
	10/12/95 <sup>dup</sup>	6.98	<50	---	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.4	---	---	7.1
	01/11/96	6.48	50	---	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.4	---	---	6.4
	01/11/96 <sup>dup</sup>	6.48	50	---	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.4	---	---	---
	04/10/96	5.57	200	---	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	---	---	---	670	---
	07/12/96	6.23	<50	---	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	---	230	3.5
	10/17/96	7.18	<50	---	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	---	<2.5	3.0
	04/08/97	5.75	<50	---	<0.50	<0.50	<0.50	<0.50	<0.50	<0.50	---	240	3.0
	10/16/97	7.76	<50	---	<0.50	<0.50	<0.50	<0.50	<1.0	<1.0	---	100	2.2
S-1 (Annually, 2nd Qtr.)	09/04/87 <sup>h</sup>		---	---	<5	<5	<5	<5	<0.5	<0.5	---	---	---
	09/11/89 <sup>i</sup>	9.82	<50	<100	<0.5	<1	<1	<3	<0.5	<0.5	<1,000	---	---
	04/11/90	8.41	<50	<50	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<10,000	---	---
	07/18/90	9.31	<50	---	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<5,000	---	---
	10/18/90	10.43	<50	---	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<5,000	---	---
	01/25/91	10.49	<50	---	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	---	---	---	---	---
	04/11/91	7.68	<50	---	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	---	---	---	---	---
	07/18/91	8.95	<50	---	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	---	---	---	---	---
	10/17/91	10.62	<50	---	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<5	---	---	---	---	---
01/24/92	9.32	<50	---	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	---	---	---	---	---	

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			←—————parts per billion (µg/L)—————→										
	04/23/92	7.27	<50	---	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	---	---	---	---	---
	07/02/92	8.19	<50	---	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	---	---	---	---	---
	10/02/92	9.95	<50	---	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	---	---	---	---	---
	01/05/93	7.64	<50	---	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	---	---	---	---	---
	04/08/93	6.10	<50	---	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	---	---	---	---	---
	07/20/93	7.18	<50	---	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	---	---	---	---	---
	10/15/93	8.39	<50	---	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	---	---	---
	01/07/94	8.19	<50	---	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	---	---	---	---	6.8
	04/13/94	7.22	<50	---	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	---	---	---	---	---
	07/26/94	7.82	<50	---	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	---	---	---	---	2.6
	10/06/94	9.01	<50	---	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.4	<0.4	---	---	6.0
	04/20/95	6.82	<50	---	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	---	---	---	---	---
	04/10/96	5.80	<50	---	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	---	---	---	<2.5	---
	07/12/96	6.60	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	10/17/96	7.63	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	04/08/97	6.00	<50	---	0.73	<0.50	<0.50	1.7	---	---	---	3.8	2.8
	04/08/97 <sup>dup</sup>	6.00	<50	---	1.0	0.64	0.65	2.4	---	---	---	<2.5	2.8
Trip	07/18/90		<50	---	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	---	---	---	---	---
Blank	10/18/90		<50	---	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	---	---	---	---	---
	01/25/91		<50	---	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	0.8	---	---	---	---	---
	04/11/91		<50	---	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	---	---	---	---	---
	07/18/91		<50	---	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	---	---	---	---	---
	10/17/91		<50	---	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	---	---	---	---	---
	01/24/92		<50	---	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	---	---	---	---	---
	04/23/92		<50	---	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	---	---	---	---	---
	07/02/92		<50	---	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	---	---	---	---	---
	10/02/92		<50	---	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	---	---	---	---	---
	01/05/93		<50	---	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	---	---	---	---	---
	04/08/93		<50	---	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	---	---	---	---	---
	07/20/93		<50	---	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	---	---	---	---	---
	10/15/93		<50	---	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	---	---	---	---	---
	01/07/94		<50	---	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	---	---	---	---	---
	04/13/94		<50	---	<0.5	<0.5 <sup>j</sup>	<0.5	<0.5	---	---	---	---	---

**Table 1. Analytical Results for Ground Water - Shell Service Station, WIC #204-0072-0403, 1601 Webster Street, Alameda, California (continued)**

Well ID and Sample Frequency	Date Sampled	Depth to Water (ft)	TPH-G	TPH-D	B	T	E	X	c-1,2-DCE	1,2-DCA	TOG	MTBE	DO (mg/L)
			←—————parts per billion (µg/L)—————→										
	07/26/94		<50	---	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	---	---	---	---	---
	10/06/94		<50	---	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	---	---	---	---	---
	01/26/95		<50	---	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	---	---	---	---	---
	04/20/95		<50	---	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	---	---	---	---	---
	07/12/95		<50	---	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	---	---	---	---	---
	10/12/95		<50	---	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	---	---	---	---	---	---
	07/12/96		<50	---	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	---	<2.5	---
	10/17/96		<50	---	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	---	<2.5	---
MCLs			NE	NE	1	150	700	1,750	6.0	0.5	NE	NE	---

**Abbreviations:**

TPH-G = Total petroleum hydrocarbons as gasoline by modified EPA Method 8015  
 TPH-D = Total petroleum hydrocarbons as diesel by modified EPA Method 8015  
 B = Benzene by EPA Method 602, 624, or 8020  
 T = Toluene by EPA Method 602, 624, or 8020  
 E = Ethylbenzene by EPA Method 602, 624, or 8020  
 X = Xylenes by EPA Method 602, 624, or 8020  
 c-1,2-DCE = cis-1,2-dichloroethene by EPA Method 601, 624, or 8010  
 1,2-DCA = 1,2-dichloroethane by EPA Method 601, 624, or 8010  
 TOG = Total non-polar oil and grease by American Public Health Association Standard Method 503E  
 DO = Dissolved oxygen  
 <n = Not detected at detection limit of n µg/L  
 --- = Not analyzed/measured  
 dup = Duplicate sample  
 ft = Feet  
 µg/L = Micrograms per liter  
 mg/L = Milligrams per liter  
 MCLs = California Primary maximum contaminant level for drinking water (22 CCR 64444)  
 NE = Not established

**Notes:**

a = Chloroform detected at 0.71 µg/L by EPA Method 8010  
 b = Chloroform detected at 1.1 µg/L by EPA Method 8010  
 c = Trichloroethylene detected at 1.7 µg/L  
 d = Compounds detected and calculated as diesel appear to be the less volatile constituents of gasoline  
 e = Chloroform detected at 1.5 µg/L by EPA Method 8010  
 f = Chloroform detected at 3.6 µg/L by EPA Method 8010  
 g = The result for gasoline is an unknown hydrocarbon which consists of a single peak  
 h = 0.12 mg/L acetone detected by EPA Method 624; no other volatile organic compounds detected  
 i = Metals detected by EPA Method 6010; 0.020 mg/L chromium, 0.060 mg/L lead and 0.030 mg/L zinc; no cadmium detected above detection limit of 0.010 mg/L; no PCBs or semi-volatile compounds detected by EPA Method 625  
 j = 0.54 µg/L toluene detected in equipment blank



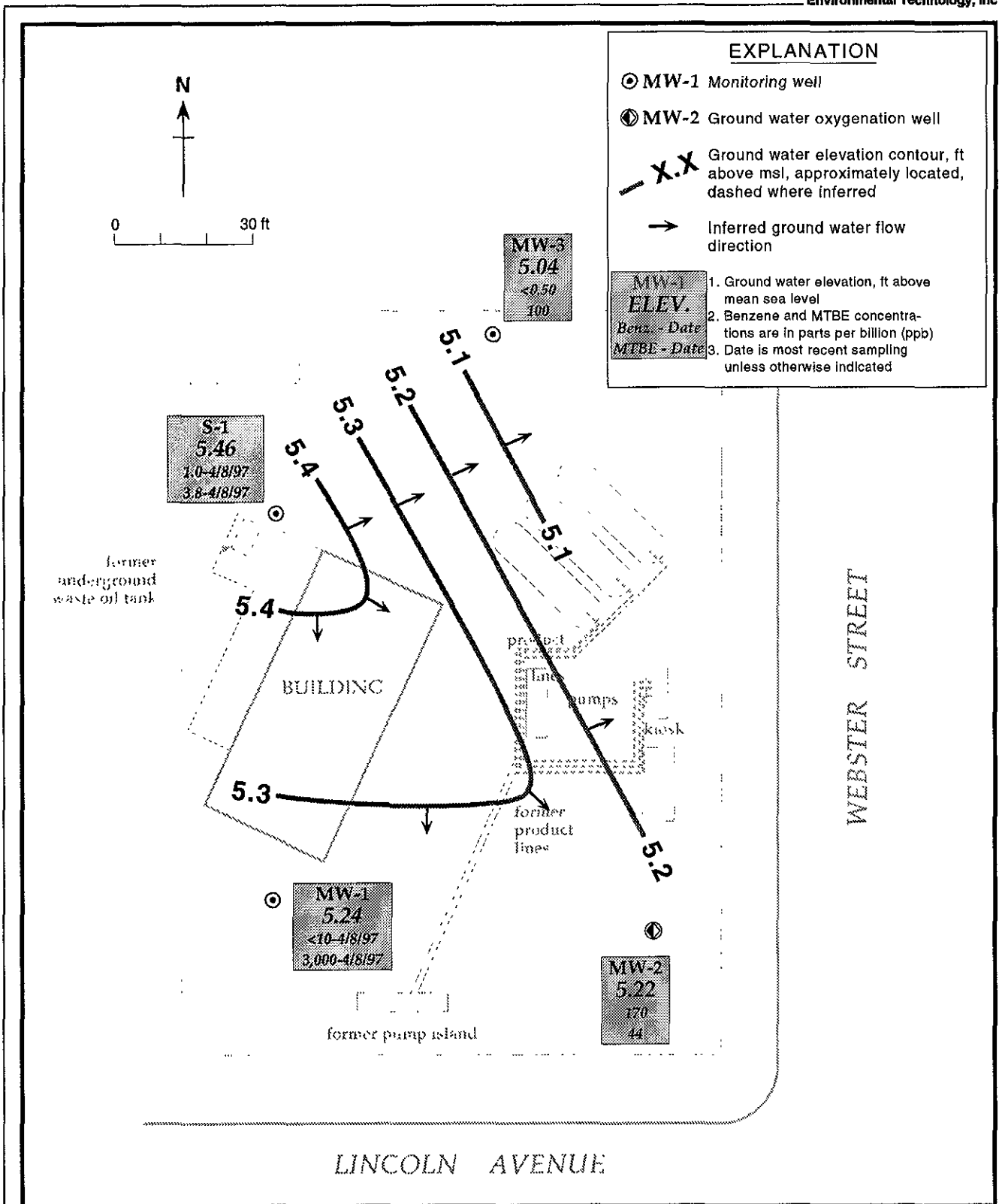


Figure 1. Ground Water Elevation Contours - October 16, 1997 - Shell Service Station WIC #204-0072-0403, 1601 Webster Street, Alameda, California