

## **Environmental Bio-Systems, Inc.**

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Karl Royer East Bay Dischargers Authority 2651 Grant Avenue San Lorenzo, CA 94580-1841

RE: Subsurface Exploration II Letter Report

Dear Mr. Royer:

Environmental Bio-Systems, Inc. (EBS) presents this letter report as documentation of the recent subsurface exploration conducted at you facility, located at 2651 Grant Avenue in San Lorenzo, California. This letter report was prepared pursuant to a signed contract between East Bay Dischargers Authority (the Client) and EBS (Contract #P00001B-R1).

The scope of ground water sampling described below was requested by the Alameda County Health Care Services Agency (ACHCSA) following their review of our letter report dated 15 October 1999. That report described initial soil and ground water sampling performed following the reported release of 555 gallons of diesel fuel at the Site in February 1999. The ACHCSA approved EBS Work Plan #157-544B in their correspondence dated 2 February 2000 to perform the work documented in this letter report. A Site Location Map and Site Map are included as Figures 1 and 2, respectively in Attachment A.

#### FIELD WORK

2/15/00

EBS directed the collection of two soil cores at the site by Fast-Tek Engineering Support Services (Fast-Tek) of San Rafael, California on 9 September 1999. Fast-Tek is a California licensed drilling contractor (C-57 #589008). The cores were designated as SC4 and SC5. Locations of all sample locations advanced to date by EBS are shown on Figure 2 in Attachment A.

Continuous soil cores were collected at each of the two locations using a Geoprobe direct push technology (DPT) rig (Model 5400). All field activities were carried out under the direct supervision of an EBS California Registered Geologist. First ground water was encountered at approximately 13 feet below ground surface (bgs). Soil cores SC4 and SC5 were completed to a total depth of 20 feet bgs.

Continuous soil cores were collected at each sampling location using a 2-inch barrel sampler driven by the Geoprobe. Core samples were collected in 4-foot intervals inside clear acetate sleeves held within the barrel sampler. Core intervals selected for laboratory analysis were marked immediately upon removal from the sampler to designate the depths from which they were collected.

Soil samples from approximate 4-foot intervals were screened in the field using a portable organic vapor meter (OVM). The Thermo Environmental Instruments. Co. Model 580D OVM used for this purpose was calibrated at the beginning of the project to a 100 part per million (ppm) isobutylene standard. Approximately 50 to 100 grams of soil were removed from the cores at approximate 4 foot intervals and subjected to OVM screening. Additional subsamples were also screened from significant changes in hithology and or where obvious stanning or odor was encountered. Sub-samples were immediately sealed.

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within plastic bags, labeled with a unique designation to the project and allowed to remain undisturbed for approximately 20 minutes. The OVM was then used to measure the resulting accumulation of vapor in the headspace within the bag. The maximum value attained for each such sample was recorded in the field. None of the soil samples screened during this project were found to contain measurable concentrations of ionizable compounds (expressed as isobutylene equivalents).

Distinguishing features of the soil samples and field screening results were recorded on borehole logs according to the Unified Soil Classification System. Petroleum hydrocarbon odor and soil discolorations were not observed in any of the soil cores. Logs of soil borings SC4 and SC5 are included in Attachment B.

New, factory slotted and threaded (0.020 inch slot size) one-inch nominal diameter schedule 40 polyvinyl chloride (PVC) pipe was placed within each of the completed cores. The depth to water was then measured from the top of each core using an electronic water level indicator. A clean Teflon™ bailer was subsequently lowered through the slotted casing and used to collect samples of water contained within the temporary wells. Water collected from the wells in this manner was decanted into factory pre-cleaned amber 1 liter bottles and 40 milliliter volatile organic analysis (VOA) vials containing hydrochloric acid as a preservative.

Unique labels were affixed to each sample tube and bottle identifying Site and sample designations. All samples selected for laboratory analysis were then placed into a cooler on top of crushed ice and transported to Analytical Sciences of Petaluma, California. Chain of custody documentation was initiated in the field and accompanied all samples to the laboratory.

#### LABORATORY ANALYSES AND RESULTS

All submitted ground water samples were analyzed for total petroleum hydrocarbons calculated as diesel (TPHd) using the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Methods 3550 and 8015 (modified) for benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene and total xylenes (BTEX) and methyl t-butyl ether (MTBE) using the EPA Methods 5030 and 8020. All of the ground water samples were subjected to a silica gel cleanup prior to analyses.

Ground water sample SC4- $H_20$  was found to contain 330 micrograms per Liter ( $\mu g/L$ ) TPHd and 8.1  $\mu g/L$  total xylenes. A footnote on the laboratory report states that "the hydrocarbons present in the chromatogram are primarily in the chromatographic region where weathered diesel would be observed..." A copy of this chromatogram is included in Attachment C. This sample was not found to contain reportable concentrations of any of the other chosen analytes.

Ground water sample SC5-H<sub>2</sub>0 was not found to contain reportable concentrations of any of the chosen analytes. A copy of the laboratory report is included as Attachment C.

#### **DISCUSSION**

Based on the accumulated data. EBS believes that the diesel spill reported at the Site in February 1990 has locally impacted ground water near the locations of soil cores SC1 SC2 and SC3. The residual diesel fuel found in ground water samples collected from SC1, SC2 and SC3 is likely to be naturally degraded prior to its impration to sensitive receptors due to the low hydraulic conductivity of the soil (Bay Mud), the lack of observed preferential pathways, and the distance to San Francisco Bay (approximately 500 feet to the west).

Ground water gradient has been determined to flow to the west southwest at an adjacent site. Downgradient water sample SC5-H<sub>2</sub>0 (as determined using the adjacent site data) was not found to contain

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reportable concentrations of any of the chosen analytes. Cross to down-gradient water sample SC4-H<sub>2</sub>0 was found to contain reportable concentrations in the TPHd range, however, the laboratory states this result is due to an aged petroleum hydrocarbon. Whereas the petroleum release which occurred in February of 1999 could not be expected to have aged to the extent found in this sample, the source of this positive result is not known.

EBS recommends that the Client request case closure from the ACHCSA. We base this recommendation upon the expected natural attenuation of residual diesel fuel impact to ground water near the February spill area; and the lack of evidence that the Client's handling of petroleum fuel at the Site is related to the aged TPHd found in a ground water sample collected down-gradient from the February 1999 release location.

#### LIMITATIONS

This report was developed in accordance with generally accepted standards of current environmental practice in California. This report is time-dependent and should not be considered valid after a 1-year period from the issue of this report. After 1 year from the issue of this report, site conditions and recommendations contained within this report should be reviewed.

This study was performed solely for the purpose of evaluating environmental conditions of the site subsurface relative to hydrocarbon impact at the subject Site. No engineering or geotechnical references are implied or should be inferred.

Evaluation of the condition of the Site, for the purpose of this study, was made from a limited number of observation points. Subsurface conditions may deviate away from these points. Additional work, including further study of the subsurface, can reduce the inherent uncertainties associated with this type of work.

The project was performed, and the report was prepared for the sole use of our client, East Bay Dischargers Authority. The report and the findings contained herein shall not be disclosed to nor used by any other party, other than East Bay Dischargers Authority without the prior written consent of Environmental Bio-Systems, Inc. It is also the responsibility of the Client to convey all data, conclusions and recommendations to regulatory agencies and other parties, as appropriate.

The recommendations herein are professional opinions that our firm has endeavored to provide with competence and reasonable care. We are not able to eliminate the risks associated with environmental work. No guarantees or warrants, express or implied, are provided regarding our recommendations. It is the responsibility of the client to convey any and all recommendations to governmental agencies and other parties, as appropriate.

EBS appreciates this opportunity to provide you with our services. Should you have any questions, please

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contact the undersigned at (408) 979-8600.

Dave A Sadoff

Project Geologist, R.G. C.P.G. R.E.A.

Attach Attachment A Figures (Site Figures 1 and

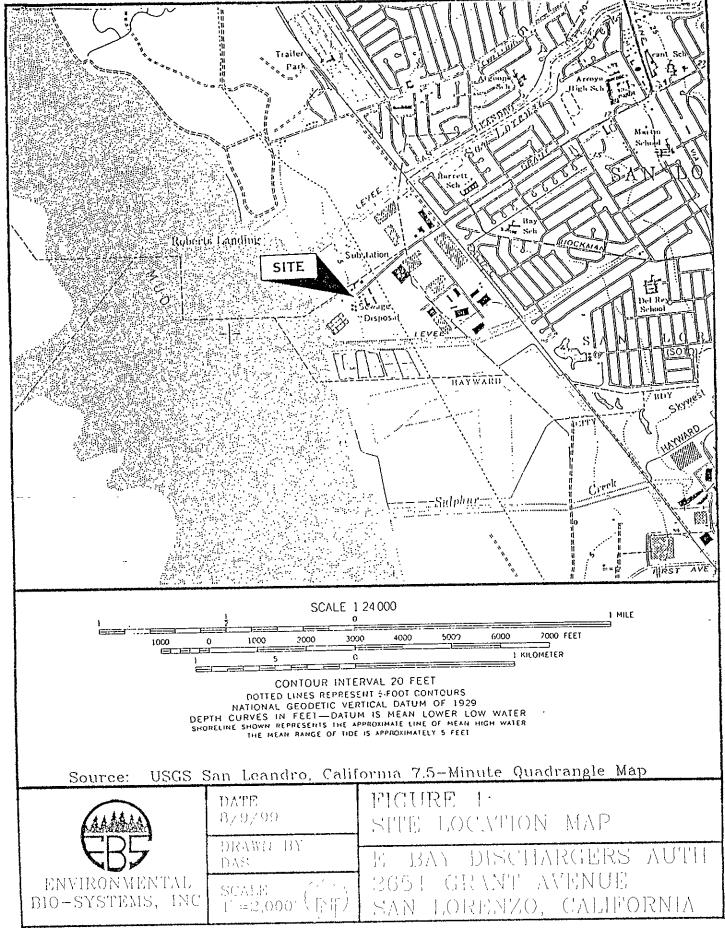
Attachment B Soil Core Lithologic Logs (Cores SC4 and SC5)

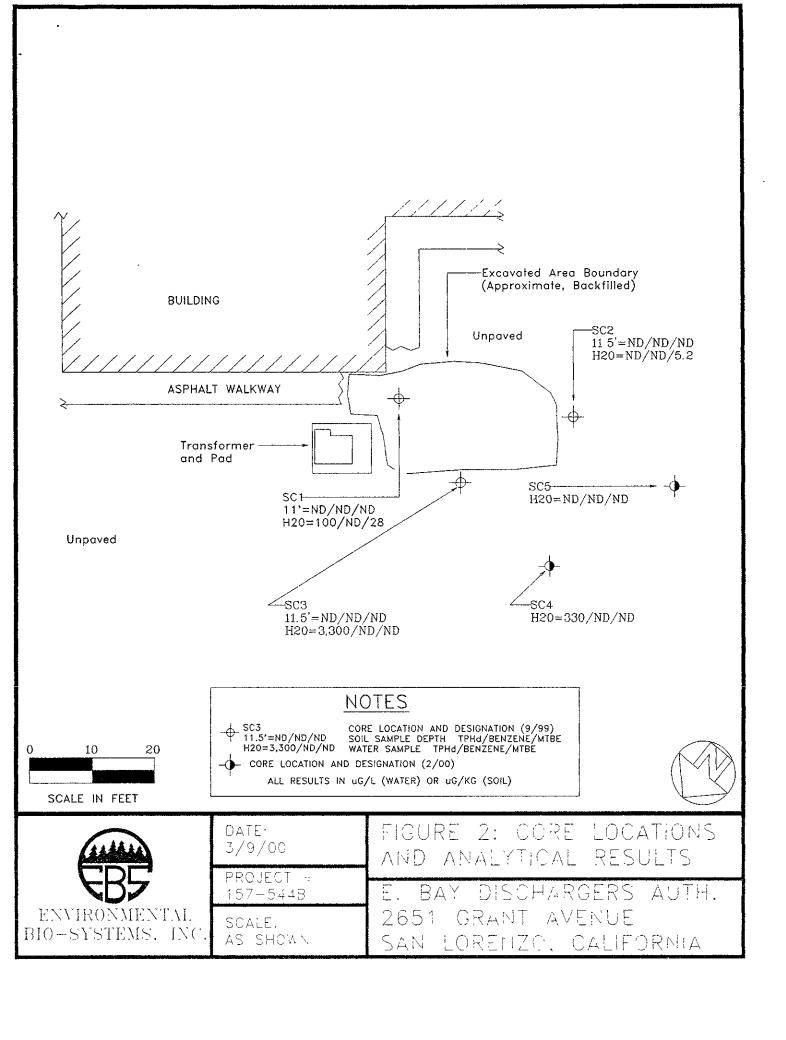
Attachment C. Laboratory Reports & Chain of Custody

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### **ATTACHMENT A**

#### **FIGURES**

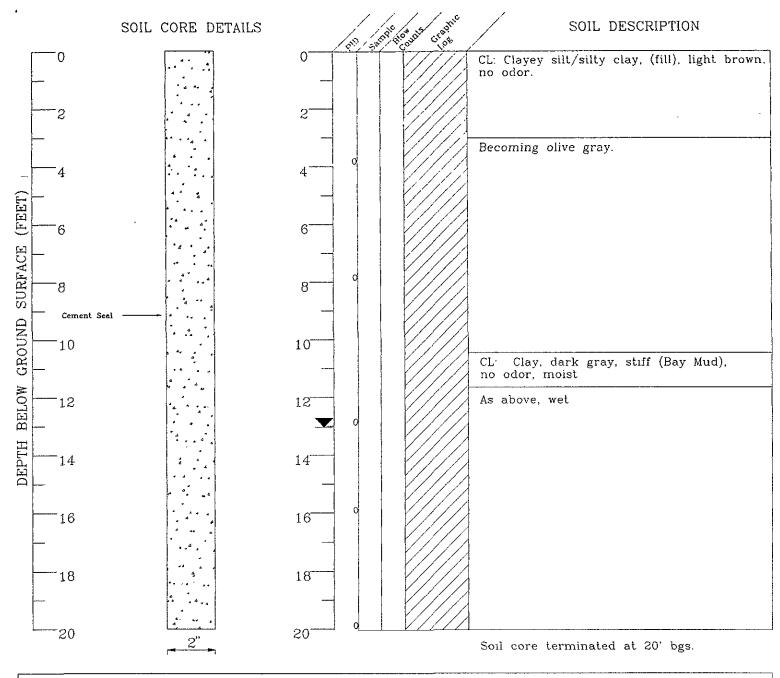




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#### ATTACHMENT B

#### SOIL CORE LITHOLOGIC LOGS



Logged by: DAS Inspector: N/A Date: 2/15/00

Drilling Contractor: Fast-Tek

Drilling Method. DPT

Driller: Eric

Sanitary Seal/Backfill: Cement Sampler Type: Acetate Sleave Total Boring Depth: 20 feet



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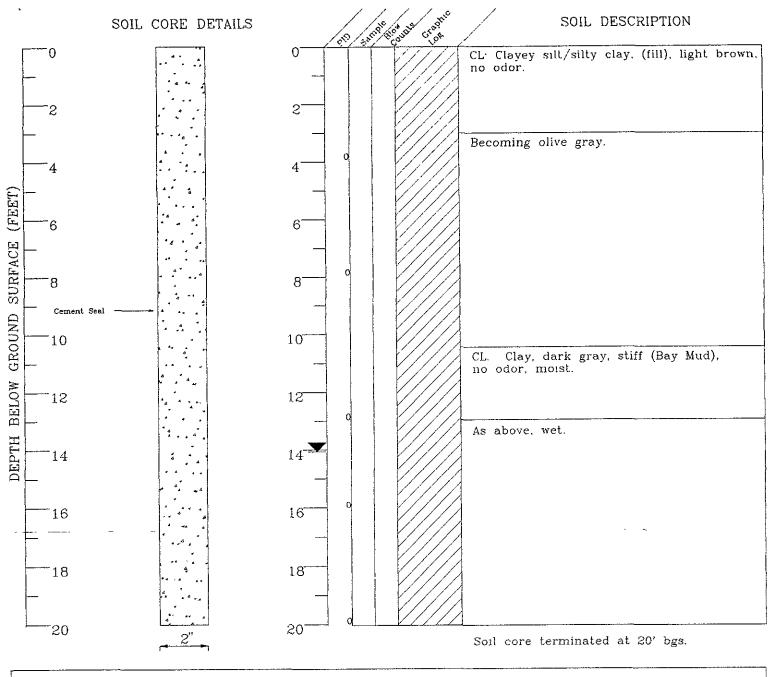
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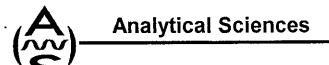
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#### **ATTACHMENT C**

LABORATORY ANALYTICAL REPORTS, CHAIN OF CUSTODY DOCUMENTATION AND SC4-H<sub>2</sub>0 CHROMATOGRAM



March 7, 2000

Dave Sadoff Environmental Bio-Systems, Inc. P.O. Box 7171 San Jose, CA 95150-7171

Dear Dave,

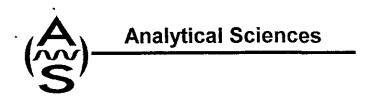
Enclosed you will find Analytical Sciences' final report 0021602 for your East Bay Dischargers project site. An invoice for this work has been sent to Tim Babcock.

Should you or your client have any questions regarding this report please contact me at your convenience. We appreciate you selecting Analytical Sciences for this work and look forward to serving your analytical chemistry needs on projects in the future.

Sincerely,

**Analytical Sciences** 

Mark A. Valentini



Report Date: March 7, 2000

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San Jose, CA 95150-7171
ATTN: Dave Sadoff

# LABORATORY REPORT

Project Name:

East Bay Dischargers

157-544B

Lab Project Number:

0021602

This 5 page report of analytical data has been reviewed and approved for release.

Mark A. Valentini, Ph.D.

Labbratory Director



**TPH Diesel in Water** 

Result (ug/L) RDL (ug/L) Lab# Sample ID **Analysis** TPH/Diesel 330 ① 5681 SC4-H<sub>2</sub>O 1099 02/15/00 Date Extracted: 02/23/00 QC Batch #: Date Sampled: Method: EPA 3510/8015M Date Received: 0216/00 Date Analyzed: 02/23/0 Holding Time Met: Yes

RDL (ug/L) Result (ug/L) Sample ID **Analysis** Lab# 5682 TPH/Diesel ND ① SC5-H<sub>2</sub>O 1099 Date Sampled: 02/15/00 Date Extracted: 02/23/00 QC Batch #: Date Analyzed: 02/23/0 EPA 3510/8015M Date Received: 0216/00 Method: Holding Time Met: Yes No

① The extract was treated with silica gel prior to analysis to remove non-petroleum based polar hydrocarbons. The hydrocarbons present in the chromatogram are primarily in the chromatographic region where weathered diesel would be observed (see enclosed chromatograms A, B & C). There also appears to be some hydrocarbons present with a slightly higher boiling point than diesel. It should be considered that Silica Gel may not completely remove all naturally occurring hydrocarbons in a complex water collected very near the edge of the San Francisco Bay.



### **TPH Gasoline in Water**

Lab#	Sample ID	Analysis	Result (ug/L)	RDL (ug/L)
5681	SC4-H <sub>2</sub> O	MTBE	ND	2.5
	_	Benzene	ND	0.5
		Toluene	8.1	0.5
		Ethyl Benzene	ND	0.5
		Xylenes	ND	1.5

Date Sampled: 02/15/00	Date Analyzed:	02/17/00	QC Batch #:	1080
Date Received: 02/16/00	Method:	EPA 5030/8015M/8020		
Holding Time Met: Yes	No			

Lab #	Sample ID	Analysis	Result (ug/L)	RDL (ug/L)
5682	SC5-H₂O	MTBE	ND	2.5
	-	Benzene	ND	0.5
		Toluene	ND	0.5
		Ethyl Benzene	ND	0.5
		Xylenes	ND	1.5

Date Sampled: 02/15/00	Date Analyzed:	02/17/00	QC Batch #:	1080
Date Received: 02/16/00	Method:	EPA 5030/8015M/8020		
Holding Time Met: Yes	No			



# LABORATORY QUALITY ASSURANCE REPORT

QC Batch #: 1080

Lab Project #: 0021602

Sample ID	Compound	Result (ug/L)
MB	TPH/Gas	ND
MB	MTBE	ND
MB	Benzene	ND
MB	Toluene	ND
MB	Ethyl Benzene	ND
MB	Xylenes	ND

	Sample		Result	Spike	%
Sample #	ID	Compound	(ug/L)	Level	Recv.
5663	CMS	TPH/Gas		NS	
	CMS	Benzene	9.17	8.00	115
	CMS	Toluene	8.67	8.00	108
	CMS	Ethyl Benzene	8.29	8.00	104
	CMS	Xylenes	25.4	24.0	106

Sample #	Sample ID	Compound	Result (ug/L)	Spike Level	% Recv	RPD
5663	CMSD	TPH/Gas		NS		
	CMSD	Benzene	9.37	8.00	117	2.2
	CMSD	Toluene	8.82	8.00	110	1.7
	CMSD	Ethyl Benzene	8.34	8.00	104	0.60
	CMSD	Xylenes	25.7	24.0	107	1.2

MB = Method Blank; LCS = Laboratory Control Sample; CMS = Client Matrix Spike; CMSD = Client Matrix Spike Duplicate NS = Not Spiked; OR = Over Calibration Range



QC Batch #: 1099 Lab Project #: 0021602

 Sample
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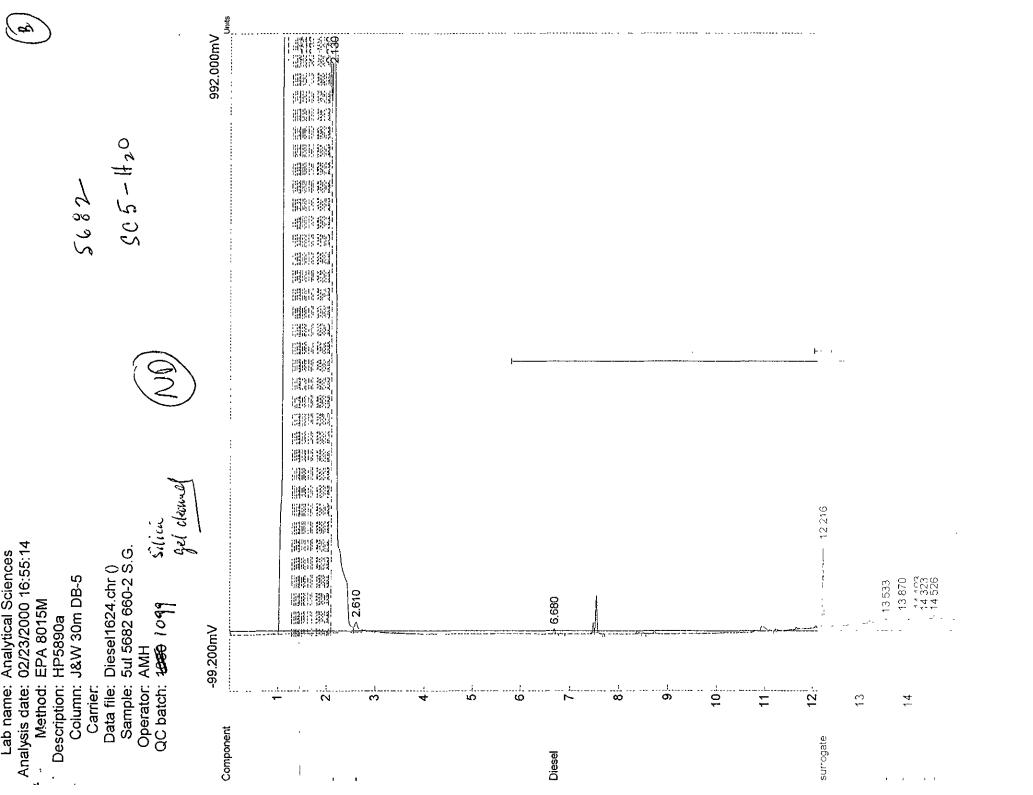
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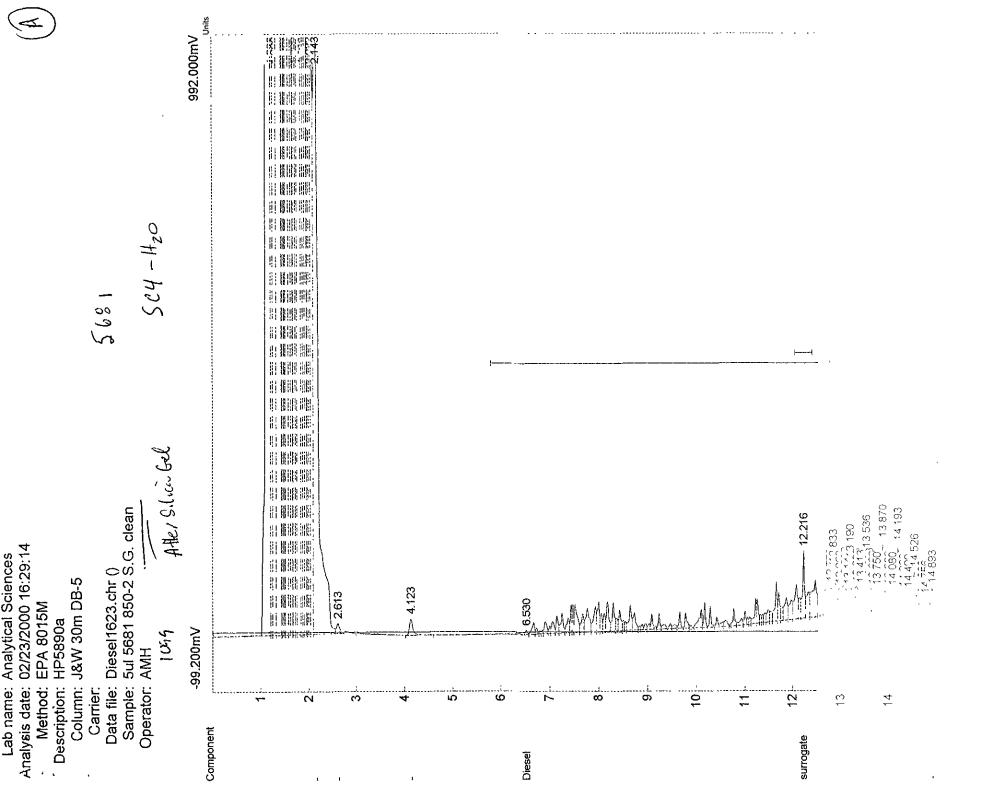
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