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Madhulla,

Attached find addendum to recent Tier 2 RBCA for Former Oakland Tribune Site in Oakland, California. I will mail a hard copy to you tomorrow.

Please call if you have questions or need additional info.

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Thanks!
Jim

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UST Local Oversight Program
Alameda County Health Agency
Department of Environmental Health
1131 Harbor Bay Parkway
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Attention: Ms. Madhulla Logan

Subject: Addendum to Tier 2 RBCA Assessment
Former Oakland Tribune Site
2302 Valdez Street, Oakland, California
Alameda County LOP Site ID 3663
GA 125-01-02

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to our telephone conversation on Thursday, April 2, 1998, this letter provides revisions to the recently completed Tier 2 RBCA Assessment conducted for the subject site in Oakland, California. Your concerns, as we understand them, include: (1) The need to assess risk at the project site itself using the most current groundwater analytical data from wells located within the project site building to calculate representative groundwater concentrations; and (2) The need to address potential offsite risk to the residential apartment building located about 70 feet south from the project site. These concerns are addressed below.

Risk Assessment Within the Project Site Building

In order to provide a more representative assessment of risk, we ran the GSI RBCA computer model with the following changes:

- For representative groundwater concentrations, we used the mean BTEX concentrations from the last three sampling events for inside project site wells MW 1, MW-2, and MW-4 (the other inside project site wells, MW-3, MW-5, and MW-6, were not sampled for BTEX constituents during the last three sampling events). We used the mean, rather than the 90% UCL mean, because only nine samples were used to calculate representative COC concentrations, rather than 24 samples as was previously used.
- We used residential, rather than commercial, receptors for outdoor air and indoor air exposure pathways, thereby providing a more conservative assessment of risk at the site.
- We changed the foundation crack fraction to 0.05, rather than the default value of 0.01.

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Copies of output pages from the GSI RBCA computer model incorporating these changes are included in Attachment A. These changes result in the following risk calculations:

Exposure Pathway	Table 1 TOTAL PATHWAY RISK ESTIMATES Former Oakland Tribune Site							
	Carcinogenic Risk				Toxic Effects Risk			
	Individual COC Risk	Cumulative COC Risk	Individual COC Risk	Cumulative COC Risk				
	Maximum Value	Target Risk	Total Value	Target Risk	Hazard Quotient	Applicable Limit	Hazard Index	Applicable Limit
Outdoor air exposure pathways	7.0×10^{-7}	1×10^{-3}	7.0×10^{-7}	1×10^{-4}	9.7×10^{-3}	1	9.9×10^{-1}	1
Indoor air exposure pathways	5.5×10^{-6}	1×10^{-3}	5.5×10^{-6}	1×10^{-4}	7.5×10^{-2}	1	7.7×10^{-1}	1
Soil Exposure Pathways	NC	1×10^{-3}	NC	1×10^{-4}	NC	1	NC	1
Groundwater exposure pathways	5.2×10^{-22}	1×10^{-3}	5.2×10^{-22}	1×10^{-4}	6.0×10^{-11}	1	9.2×10^{-11}	1

Thus, while these changes have resulted in different risk calculations, the overall conclusions for project site risk have not changed. Model risk calculations indicate that remaining hydrocarbons in subsurface soils and groundwater at the site pose no significant risk to possible residential receptors at the project site. Note that there is no indication that the project site will ever be used as residential property.

Risk Assessment For Offsite Residential Receptors

The only identified potentially downgradient residential receptor is a residential apartment building located about 70 feet south from the project site, on the southeast corner of 23rd Street and Valdez Street. A revised site plan showing the location of this residential apartment building is included in Attachment B.

Based on groundwater analytical results from wells MW-2, MW-4, and MW-8, it does not appear that groundwater in the vicinity of the residential apartment building has been significantly impacted by hydrocarbon releases from the project site. Both historical and recent groundwater data from these wells shows extremely low to nondetectable levels of BTEX constituents in these wells. Because these wells are located in an approximately downgradient direction between the former USTs and this residential apartment building, these low to nondetectable BTEX results clearly indicate little or no impact to groundwater in the vicinity of this residential apartment building.

Groundwater analytical results from MW-9, located in 23rd Street southeast from the project site, indicate BTEX impacts to groundwater in this location. Although this well is not located upgradient from the residential apartment building, we ran the GSI RBCA computer model using the most recent groundwater analytical data from MW-9 as representative COC concentrations. Copies of

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Why residential?

output pages from the GSI RBCA model are included in Attachment B. Using these concentrations, the only calculated risk for onsite residential receptors which exceeds the target risk value of 1.0×10^{-5} is indoor air exposure to Benzene, for which the calculated risk is 1.5×10^{-5} . Thus, even if groundwater concentrations at this residential apartment building were at levels detected in MW-9 (which they undoubtedly are not), the health risk for residential receptors would be only slightly above the target risk value.

Conclusions

Based on results of revised risk calculations, we conclude that: (1) Remaining hydrocarbons in subsurface soils and groundwater at the site pose no significant risk to any possible commercial or residential receptors at the project site; and (2) Soil and groundwater in the vicinity of the nearby offsite residential apartment building do not appear to be significantly hydrocarbon-impacted and, hence, do not pose a significant risk to this offsite residential receptor.

Based on these conclusions, we request that Alameda County Department of Environmental Health grant regulatory closure for this site.

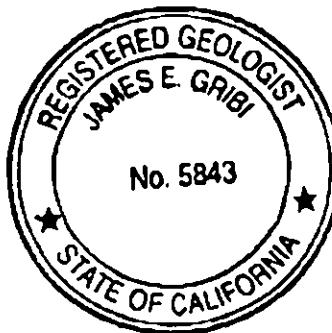
We appreciate the opportunity to present this information for your review. Please call if you have questions or require additional information.

Very truly yours,



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ATTACHMENT A

**GSI RBCA MODEL OUTPUT TABLES FOR PROJECT SITE
BUILDING USING REVISED INPUT PARAMETERS**

RBCA TIER 1/TIER 2 EVALUATION

Output Table 1

Site Name:	Farmers Gas Tri UST Site	Job Identification:	Oakland Tribune RBCA	Software:	GSI RBCA Spreadsheet
Site Location:	2302 Valdez Street, Oakland, Calif.	Completed:	3/9/98	Version:	'01
Completed By:					
Janice E. Gris					
NOTE: values which differ from Tier 1 default values are shown in bold italics and underlined					
Exposure Parameters	Definition [Units]	Residential	Commercial/Industrial	Surface Parameters	Residential
ATC	Averaging time for carcinogens (yr)	70		A	<u>Contaminated soil area (cm²)</u>
ATA	Averaging time for non-carcinogens (yr)	<u>30</u>	5	W	Length of effect soil parallel to wind (cm)
BW	Body Weight (kg)	70	<u>15</u>	V _{gw}	Length of effect soil parallel to groundwater (cm)
ED	Exposure Duration (yr)	30	5	L _{air}	Ambient air velocity in mixing zone (cm/s)
E _t	Averaging time for vapor flux (yr)	30		d _{mix}	Air mixing zone height (cm)
E _f	Exposure Frequency (days/yr)	<u>350</u>		L _{ss}	Thickness of affected surface soils (cm)
FF Derm	Exposure Frequency for dermal exposure	<u>350</u>		P _e	Particulate aerosol emission rate (g/cm ² /hr)
I _{Rw}	Ingestion Rate of Water (L/day)	2			
I _{Rs}	Ingestion Rate of Soil (mg/day)	100	200		
I _{Rd}	Adjusted soil ing. rate (mg-yr/kg-d)	<u>1.1E+02</u>	<u>9.4E+01</u>		
I _{Rin}	Inhalation rate indoor (m ³ /day)	15			
I _{Rout}	Inhalation rate outdoor (m ³ /day)	20			
SA	Skin surface area (dermal) (cm ²)	<u>5.8E+03</u>	<u>2.0E+03</u>		
SAadj	Adjusted dermal area (cm ² -yr/kg)	<u>2.1E+03</u>	<u>1.7E+03</u>		
M	Soil to Skin exchange factor	1			
AAFs	Age adjustment on soil ingestion	FALSE			
AAFd	Age adjustment on skin surface area	FALSE			
lo3	Use EPA toxic data for air (or PCP based)?	TRUE			
gwMCL?	Use MCL as exposure limit in groundwater?	FALSE			
Mixts of Exposed Persons to Complete Exposure Pathways					
Outdoor Air Pathways:					
S3.v	Volatiles and Particulates from Surface Soils	FALSE			
S.v	Volatilization from Subsurface Soils	TRUE			
GW.v	Volatilization from Groundwater	TRUE			
Indoor Air Pathways:					
S.b	Vapors from Subsurface Soils	TRUE			
GW.b	Vapors from Groundwater	TRUE			
Soil Pathways:					
S3.d	Direct Ingestion and Dermal Contact	FALSE			
Groundwater Pathways:					
GW.i	Groundwater Ingestion	TRUE			
S.i	Leaching to Groundwater from all Soils	TRUE			
Mixts of Receptor Distance and Location On- or Off-Site					
Residential					
Distance		On-Site	Commercial/Industrial		
Distance		On-Site			
GW	Groundwater receptor (cm)	<u>2.4E+04</u>	FALSE		
S	Inhalation receptor (cm)		TRUE		
Mixts of Target Risks					
Individual Cumulative					
TRub	Target Risk (class A/B carcinogens)	<u>1.0E-08</u>			
TRc	Target Risk (class C carcinogens)	<u>1.0E-05</u>			
THQ	Target Hazard Quotient	<u>1.0E+00</u>			
Opt	Calculation Option (1, 2, or 3)	3			
Tar	RBCA Tier	2			
Transport Parameters					
Groundwater					
ax	Longitudinal dispersivity (cm)			Residential	Commercial
ay	Transverse dispersivity (cm)				
az	Vertical dispersivity (cm)				
Vapor					
dry	Transverse dispersion coefficient (cm)				
dz	Vertical dispersion coefficient (cm)				

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REPRESENTATIVE COC CONCENTRATIONS IN SOURCE MEDIA

(Complete the following table)

CONSTITUENT	Representative COC Concentration					
	In Groundwater value (mg/L)	note	In Surface Soil value (mg/kg)	note	In Subsurface Soil value (mg/kg)	note
Benzene	6.5E-3	mean			9.7E-2	UCL
Ethylbenzene	7.8E-3	mean			1.1E-1	UCL
Toluene	2.2E-3	mean			1.2E-1	UCL
Xylene (mixed isomers)	6.7E-3	mean			3.5E-1	UCL

Site Name: Former Oak. Tnb UST Site

Completed By: James E. Gribi

Site Location: 2302 Valdez Street, Oakland, CA

Date Completed: 3/9/1998

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Site Name: Former Oak Trib UST Site

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Date Completed: 3/9/1998

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TIER 2 BASELINE RISK SUMMARY TABLE

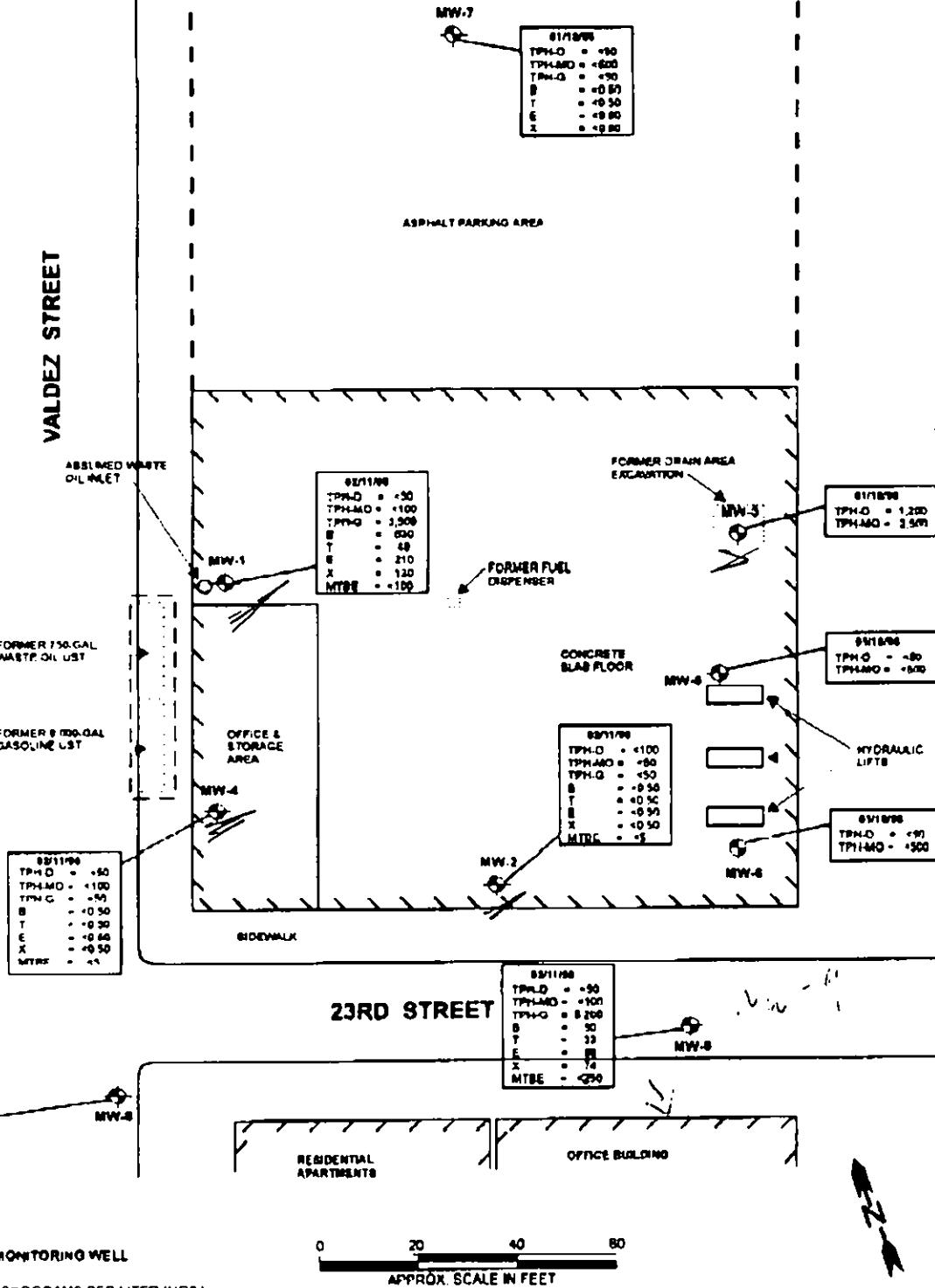
BASELINE CARCINOGENIC RISK

BASELINE TOXIC EFFECTS

EXPOSURE PATHWAY	Individual COC Risk		Cumulative COC Risk		Risk Limit(s) Exceeded?	Hazard Quotient		Hazard Index		Toxicity Limit(s) Exceeded?
	Maximum Value	Target Risk	Total Value	Target Risk		Maximum Value	Applicable Limit	Total Value	Applicable Limit	
DRINKING WATER PATHWAY										
Complete:	7.0E-9	1.0E-5	7.0E-9	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>	9.7E-5	1.0E+0	9.9E-5	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
INHALATION PATHWAY										
Complete:	5.5E-6	1.0E-5	5.5E-6	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>	7.5E-2	1.0E+0	7.7E-2	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
EXPOSURE PATHWAYS										
Complete:	NC	1.0E-5	NC	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NC	1.0E+0	NC	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
OTHER EXPOSURE PATHWAYS										
Complete:	5.2E-22	1.0E-5	5.2E-22	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>	6.0E-37	1.0E+0	9.2E-37	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
RESIDUAL RISKS										
	5.5E-6	1.0E-5	5.5E-6	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>	7.5E-2	1.0E+0	7.7E-2	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>

ATTACHMENT B

**REVISED SITE PLAN AND GSI RBCA MODEL OUTPUT FOR
OFFSITE RESIDENTIAL APARTMENT BUILDING**



DESIGNED BY:	CHECKED BY:	GROUNDWATER HYDROCARBON RESULTS, VARIOUS DATES FORMER OAKLAND TRIBUNE SHOP OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA	DATE: 02/27/98	FIGURE: 5
DRAWN BY: JG	SCALE:			
PROJECT NO: 125-01-02			GRIBI Associates	

RBCA TIER 1/TIER 2 EVALUATION

Output Table 1

Site Name:	Former Oak Trib UST Site	Job Identification:	Oakland Tribune RBCA	Software:	GSI RBCA Spreadsheet
Site Location:	2302 Valdez Street, Oakland, Calif	Completed:	3/9/98	Version:	1.0.1
Completed By:	James E. Orts				
NOTE: values which differ from Tier 1 default values are shown in bold italics and underlined					
Exposure Parameter	Definition (Units)	Residential	Commercial/Industrial	Surface Parameter	Definition (Units)
ATc	Averaging time for carcinogens (yr)	70		A	Contaminated soil area (cm ²)
ATn	Averaging time for non-carcinogens (yr)	<u>30</u>	8	W	Length of affect soil parallel to wind (cm)
BW	Body Weight (kg)	70	<u>15</u>	W gw	Length of affect soil parallel to groundwater (cm)
ED	Exposure Duration (yr)	<u>30</u>	6	Uar	Ambient air velocity in mixing zone (cm/s)
I	Averaging time for vapor flux (yr)	20		delta	Air mixing zone height (cm)
EF	Exposure Frequency (days/yr)	<u>350</u>		Lss	Thickness of affected surface soils (cm)
EF Derrn	Exposure Frequency for dermal exposure	350		Po	Particulate area emission rate (g/cm ² /s)
IRgw	Ingestion Rate of Water (L/day)	2			
IRs	Ingestion Rate of Soil (mg/day)	100	200		
IRad	Adjusted soil ing. rate (mg·yr ⁻¹ ·g ⁻¹)	<u>1.1E+02</u>			
IRain	Inhalation rate indoor (m ³ /day)	15			
IRout	Inhalation rate outdoor (m ³ /day)	<u>20</u>			
SA	Skin surface area (dermal) (cm ²)	<u>5.8E+00</u>			
SAadj	Adjusted dermal area (cm ² ·yr/kg)	<u>2.1E+00</u>			
M	Sol to Skin adherence factor	1			
AAFs	Age adjustment on soil ingestion	FALSE			
AAFd	Age adjustment on skin surface area	FALSE			
tox	Use EPA tox data for air (or PEL based)?	TRUE			
gmMCL?	Use MCL as exposure limit in groundwater?	FALSE			
Matrix of Exposed Persons to Complete Exposure Pathways					
Residential		Commercial/Industrial		Soil	Definition (Units)
		Chronic	Comestic	hc	Capillary zone thickness (cm)
SS.v	Volatiles and Particulates from Surface Soils	FALSE		hv	Vadose zone thickness (cm)
S.v	Volatilization from Subsurface Soils	TRUE		rho	Soil density (g/cm ³)
GW.v	Volatilization from Groundwater	TRUE		foc	Fraction of organic carbon in vadose zone
Indoor Air Pathways:				pH	Soil porosity in vadose zone
S.b	Vapors from Subsurface Soils	TRUE		Lgw	Depth to groundwater (cm)
GW.b	Vapors from Groundwater	TRUE		Ls	Depth to top of affected subsurface soils (cm)
Soil Pathways:				Lsubs	Thickness of affected subsurface soils (cm)
SS.d	Direct Ingestion and Dermal Contact	FALSE		pH	Soil/groundwater pH
Groundwater Pathways:				phi_w	Volumetric water content
GW.i	Groundwater ingestion	TRUE		phi_s	Volumetric air content
S.I	Leaching to Groundwater from all Soils	TRUE			
Matrix of Receptor Distance and Location On- or Off-Site					
Residential		Commercial/Industrial		Building	Definition (Units)
	Distance	On-Site		LD	Building volumetries ratio (cm)
GW	Groundwater receptor (cm)	<u>2.4E+04</u>	FALSE	ER	Building air exchange rate (s ⁻¹)
S	Inhalation receptor (cm)	TRUE		Lcr	Foundation crack thickness (cm)
				cls	Foundation crack fraction
Matrix of Target Risks					
Individual		Cumulative		Transport Parameters	Definition (Units)
TRab	Target Risk (class A&B carcinogens)	<u>1.0E-05</u>		Residential	Residential
TRc	Target Risk (class C carcinogens)	1.0E-05		Commercial	Commercial
THQ	Target Hazard Quotient	<u>1.0E+00</u>			
Opt	Calculation Option (1, 2, or 3)	3			
Tier	RBCA Tier	2			
Groundwater					
ax	Longitudinal dispersivity (cm)			dx	Longitudinal dispersivity (cm)
ay	Transverse dispersivity (cm)			dy	Transverse dispersivity (cm)
az	Vertical dispersivity (cm)			dz	Vertical dispersivity (cm)
Vapo				dcx	Transverse dispersion coefficient (cm)
				dcz	Vertical dispersion coefficient (cm)

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Toluene	3.3E-2	max			1.2E-1	UCL
Xylene (mixed isomers)	7.4E-2	max			3.5E-1	UCL

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TIER 2 BASELINE RISK SUMMARY TABLE

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	Individual COC Risk		Cumulative COC Risk		Risk Limit(s) Exceeded?	Hazard Quotient		Hazard Index		Toxicity Limit(s) Exceeded?
	Maximum Value	Target Risk	Total Value	Target Risk		Maximum Value	Applicable Limit	Total Value	Applicable Limit	
Complete:	2.0E-8	1.0E-5	2.0E-8	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>	2.8E-4	1.0E+0	2.8E-4	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Complete:	1.5E-5	1.0E-5	1.5E-5	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2.0E-1	1.0E+0	2.1E-1	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Complete:	NC	1.0E-5	NC	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NC	1.0E+0	NC	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Complete:	5.2E-22	1.0E-5	5.2E-22	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>	6.0E-37	1.0E+0	9.3E-37	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
	1.5E-5	1.0E-5	1.5E-5	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2.0E-1	1.0E+0	2.1E-1	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>

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