

Questions & Answers
Altoona Yard Fueling Area
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Question: The frequency with which the vac truck should pump the wells is unspecified. Since this is a "specified scope of work," please specify this frequency.

Answer: The frequency of pumping events is monthly.

Question: Your spec requires the sampling of "all wells" but does not mention how many wells this is, as many other specs do. please provide this information in your responses.

Answer: There are eighteen (18) watertable observation wells at the site.

Based on correspondence with Brian Taylor from PECFA, "the former established CAP to Closure (which is currently being worked under) will be voided in September 2003 after the new scope of work is established in the upcoming request for bid". The former CAP included systems operation and monthly O & M - is it correct to assume this means that monthly O & M will cease, as well as the systems shut down? This scope was not mentioned in the bid request?

Answer: It was expected that the current skimmer pump system would be temporarily shut down, so the monitoring points could be accessed and used for the vac' truck pilot, thus no O&M would be ongoing until we've had a chance to assess the effectiveness of vac'ing the wells.

To clarify a point discussed on June 24, 2003: There is a concern about staying in compliance with reporting requirements. You stated we could hold off on submitting any reporting until after the semi-annual monitoring event we had planned for November. Since that event is not mentioned in the new request for bid requirements and specifications, will WDNR require any type of reporting up to this point? One round of groundwater monitoring and sampling has been conducted this year (May 2003). If following the new bid request, conducting 4 rounds of vacuum truck events & then conducting one round of groundwater monitoring and sampling, that puts the estimated event to occur around Spring 2004.

Answer: The bid was written to include one round of groundwater sampling once the 4 monthly vac' truck work has been completed. I recognize that we'll end up missing the November round of sampling by about 3-4 months, but I can live with that. Don't worry about keeping in compliance with current reporting requirements, as the site will be "up-in-the-air" for the next few months. Once we've completed our evaluation of the vac' truck alternative, it'll have to go back out to bid for continued remediation and long-term monitoring.