

# **FREMONT ENVIRONMENTAL INC.**

December 19, 2014

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Subject:     **Excavation Report**  
              Greenhead 18-11,12  
              API # 05-123-17337, 17338  
              NESW Sec 7, T4N, R66W  
              Weld County, Colorado  
              Fremont Project No. C014-078  
              Facility #311394 (Location), Spill #400738091

Dear Mr. Evans:

Enclosed please find a copy of the above referenced Excavation Report for the Greenhead 18-11,12 release site in Weld County, Colorado. The enclosed report describes excavation actions to remove impacted soil from the site. Please contact me at (303) 956-8714 if you require any additional information.

Fremont appreciates the opportunity to provide this service.

Sincerely,  
**FREMONT ENVIRONMENTAL INC.**



Paul V. Henehan, P.E.  
Senior Consultant

Enclosure

**EXCAVATION REPORT**  
**NOBLE ENERGY INC.**  
**GREENHEAD 18-11, 12**  
**WELD COUNTY, COLORADO**  
**FREMONT PROJECT NO. C014-078**  
**FACILITY #311394 (LOCATION), SPILL#400738091**

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**1.0 INTRODUCTION**

The purpose of this document is to present information collected during the excavation of petroleum-impacted soil at the Greenhead 18-11,12 water vault release location in Weld County, Colorado. This one day excavation project was completed on November 21, 2014.

**2.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

**2.1 Site Location**

The Greenhead 18-11,12 site is located approximately two miles east of Milliken, Colorado in Weld County as shown on Figure 1. The site is located in a rural and agricultural area one mile northwest of the intersection of County Road 46 and Highway 60. The location is further described as the NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 7, Township 4N, Range 66W.

**2.2 Site History**

The site consists of the water vault for the Greenhead 18-11,12 natural gas wells. The Greenhead 18-11 well was drilled in 1993 to a depth of approximately 7,555 feet. Soil impacts were recently identified at the facility after the water vault failed an integrity test. This failure initiated this excavation effort.

### **3.0 FIELD ACTIVITIES**

Remediation efforts consisted of the excavation of petroleum-impacted soil at this site. The soil consisted of roadbase which was underlain by sand to a depth of at least six feet. Ground water was encountered during the excavation work at approximately six feet. The excavated area is shown on Figure 2.

Excavation was initiated at the former water vault location on November 21, 2014. Soil removal was limited to the area immediately below the former water vault; four sidewall samples collected after the vault was removed indicated that no impacts were present on the sidewalls. However, ground water was present at the bottom of the excavation. When tested, this ground water had benzene concentrations greater than the allowable limits set forth in the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission's (COGCC's) Table 910-1.

The sidewall samples were collected as grab samples near the lower portion of the excavation wall at depths of four feet. Since ground water was encountered, one water sample was collected.

The soil samples were analyzed by eAnalytics Laboratory, Inc. of Loveland, Colorado for benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene and xylenes (BTEX), naphthalene, Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons - Gasoline Range Organics (TPH-GRO) by EPA method 8260C, and TPH - Diesel Range Organics (TPH-DRO) by EPA method 8015. The ground water sample was analyzed for BTEX by EPA method 8260C. The laboratory reports and chain-of-custody documentation are included in Appendix A.

Summaries of the laboratory data are included in Tables 1 and 2. Table 1 presents the laboratory analyses for each soil sample. In addition, a column stating whether the laboratory analyses passed or failed the COGCC limits is provided. The laboratory

analyses indicated that all four soil samples collected from the sidewalls achieved the COGCC Table 910-1 limits. Table 2 presents the ground water analytical data; the water sample (W1) exceeded the COGCC Table 910-1 allowable limits. The benzene concentration in sample W1 was 128 ug/L.

A total of 10 cubic yards of petroleum impacted soil were removed by B&G Oilfield Services Inc. from the location over this one day project. The impacted soil was disposed of at the Waste Management Inc. Buffalo Ridge landfill in Keenesburg, Colorado as non-hazardous waste. Gypsum was placed at the water table during backfilling to promote biodegradation of any residual petroleum in the soil and ground water. Gypsum, which is also known as hydrated calcium sulfate, releases sulfate into the ground water which can enhance anaerobic biodegradation of petroleum constituents.

#### **4.0 DISCUSSION**

As demonstrated by the soil sampling, the petroleum impacted soil was removed from the site by excavation during the removal of the water vault. This was confirmed by the analyses of the soil samples collected from the excavation sidewalls which were below the COGCC Table 910-1 concentrations. Approximately 10 cubic yards of impacted soil were removed and transported to the landfill.

Ground water was encountered during the excavation and one sample (W1) was collected and analyzed for BTEX. The benzene concentration exceeded the COGCC Table 910-1 limit in this sample. The benzene concentration in sample W1 was 128 ug/L.

Since the water sample had a benzene concentration that exceeded the COGCC limit, monitoring wells will need to be installed at this site to delineate the horizontal extent

of ground water impacts. Installation and monitoring of the wells will be discussed in separate reporting.

### 5.0 REMARKS

The discussion and conclusions contained in this report represent our professional opinions. These opinions are based on currently available information and are arrived at in accordance with currently accepted hydrogeologic and engineering practices at this time and location. Other than this, no warranty is implied or intended.

This report was prepared by **FREMONT ENVIRONMENTAL INC.**

 For MWA

12/19/14

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Mark Taylor  
Construction Consultant

Reviewed by:



12/19/14

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Paul V. Henahan, P.E.  
Senior Consultant

## TABLES

**TABLE 1**  
**SUMMARY OF SOIL CHEMISTRY DATA**  
**NOBLE ENERGY INC.**  
**GREENHEAD 18-11,12**  
**FREMONT PROJECT NO. C014-078**

Sample	Depth (ft)	Date Sampled	Location	Pass or Fail	Benzene mg/kg	Toluene mg/kg	Ethyl-Benzene mg/kg	Xylenes mg/kg	Naphthalene mg/kg	TPH GRO mg/kg	TPH DRO mg/kg
N-4'	4	11/14/2014	Sidewall	Pass	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<50	<50
S-4'	4	11/14/2014	Sidewall	Pass	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<50	<50
E-4'	4	11/14/2014	Sidewall	Pass	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<50	<50
W-4'	4	11/14/2014	Sidewall	Pass	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<50	<50
COGCC Table 910-1 Limits					0.17	85	100	175	23	500	500

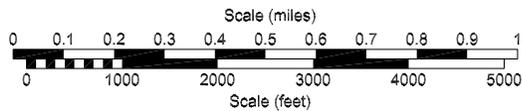
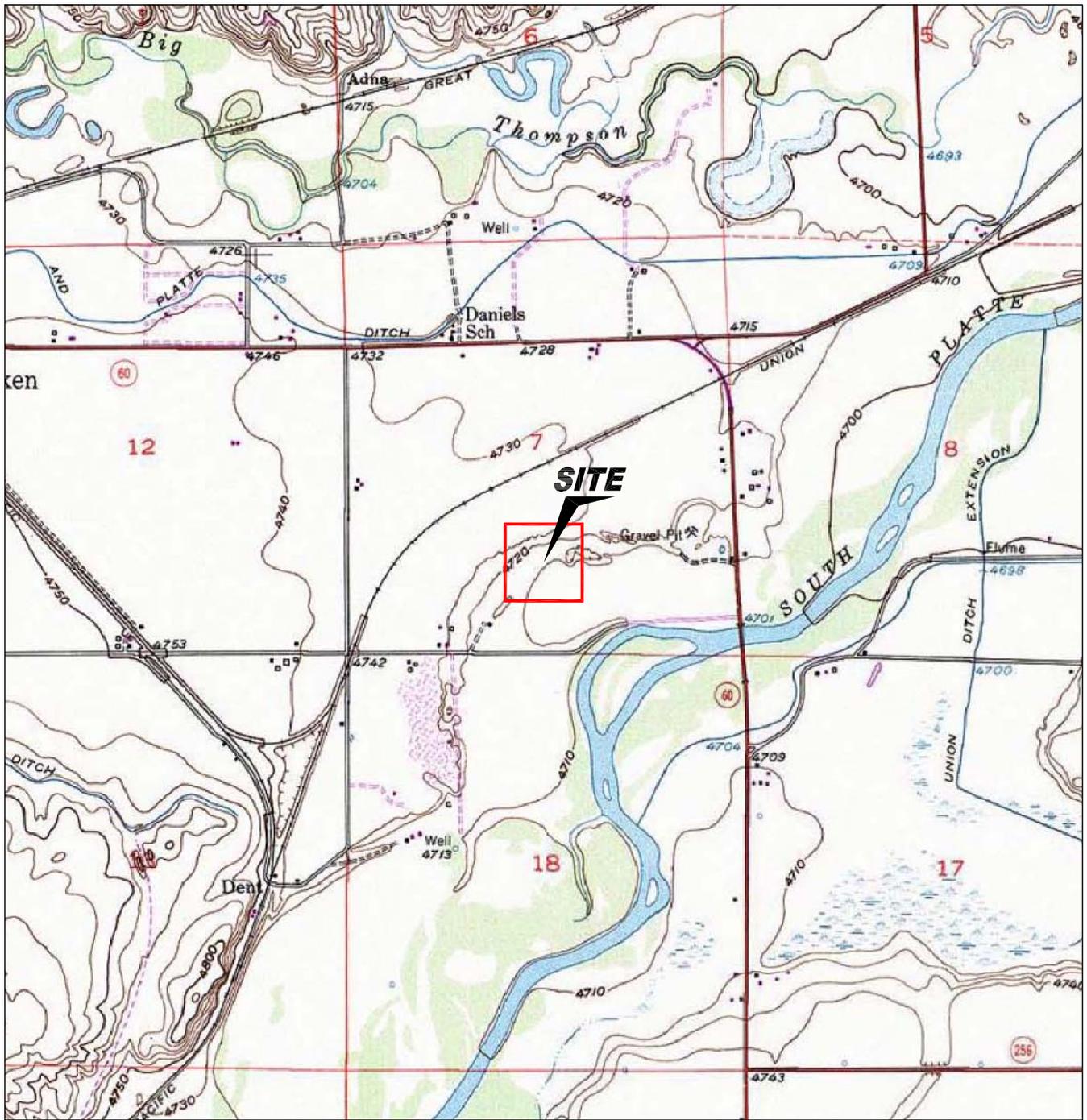
Bold faced values exceed the COGCC Table 910-1 concentrations

**TABLE 2**  
**SUMMARY OF GROUND WATER CHEMISTRY DATA**  
**NOBLE ENERGY INC.**  
**GREENHEAD 18-11,12**  
**FREMONT PROJECT NO. C014-078**

<b>SAMPLE LOCATION</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>BENZENE (µg/L)</b>	<b>TOLUENE (µg/L)</b>	<b>ETHYL BENZENE (µg/L)</b>	<b>TOTAL XYLENES (µg/L)</b>
W1	11/14/14	<b>128</b>	369	69.4	932
Table 910-1 Limits		5	560	700	1,400

Bold face values exceed the COGCC limits

## FIGURES



USGS 7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

Figure 1  
SITE LOCATION MAP

Noble Greenhead 18-11 & 18-12  
SW SE Section 7, T4N, R66W  
Weld County, Colorado

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**LEGEND**

-  CONTAINMENT BERM
-  ABOVE GROUND STORAGE TANK

**Figure 2  
SITE MAP**

**Noble Greenhead 18-11 & 18-12**  
 SW SE Section 7, T4N, R66W  
 Weld County, Colorado

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**LEGEND**

CONTAINMENT BERM  
 ABOVE GROUND STORAGE TANK



SOIL SAMPLE LOCATION



WATER SAMPLE LOCATION

11/14/14	
4	
B	<0.01
T	<0.01
E	<0.01
X	<0.01
G	<50
D	<50

DATE SAMPLED  
 SAMPLE DEPTH (ft)  
 BENZENE (mg/kg)  
 TOLUENE (mg/kg)  
 ETHYLBENZENE (mg/kg)  
 TOTAL XYLENES (mg/kg)  
 TPH-GRO (mg/kg)  
 TPH-DRO (mg/kg)

11/14/14	
B	128
T	369
E	69.4
X	932

DATE SAMPLED  
 BENZENE (ug/L)  
 TOLUENE (ug/L)  
 ETHYLBENZENE (ug/L)  
 TOTAL XYLENES (ug/L)

Figure 3  
EXCAVATION SOIL & WATER CHEMISTRY

Noble Greenhead 18-11 & 18-12  
SW SE Section 7, T4N, R66W  
Weld County, Colorado

Project No.  
**C014-078**

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**APPENDIX A**

**LABORATORY DOCUMENTATION**

# Test Report

## eANALYTICS L A B O R A T O R Y

November 14, 2014

Client: Fremont Environmental / Noble Energy  
Project: Greenhead 18-11, 12  
Lab ID: 2458  
Date Samples Received: 11/14/2014  
Number of Samples: 5  
Sample Condition: Samples arrived intact and in appropriate sample containers  
Sample Temperature: Within acceptable range of 2-6° C, or as specified in EPA Method

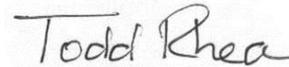
The quality control procedures associated with the requested analyses were satisfactorily passed before the samples were run.

Thank you for allowing eAnalytics Laboratory to provide laboratory services for you.

Sincerely,



Christopher Dieken  
Quality Assurance Manager



Todd Rhea  
Laboratory Manager

**eAnalytics Laboratory**

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Chain of Custody

# eANALYTICS

## LABORATORY

Chain of Custody Form

eANALYTICS LABORATORY			1767 Rocky Mountain Avenue Loveland CO 80538   Phone: (970) 667-6975   Fax: (970) 669-0941   www.eAnalyticsLab.com															
CLIENT INFORMATION <small>(*New Clients please fill out completely)</small>			ANALYSIS INFORMATION <small>(Select analysis by checking box on corresponding sample line)</small>															
Company: Fremont Environmental			Number of Containers	Matrix: (S) Soil (W) Water (V) Vapor (O) Other	BTEX (EPA 8260)	BTEX Naphthalene (EPA 8260)	TPH - GRO/DRO (EPA 8260/8015)	SAR (US Dept of Ag Method 20B)	EC (US Dept of Ag Method 3)	pH (EPA 9045D)	Other Analysis							
Project: GREENHEAD 18-11,12																		
Project Manager: Paul Henehan																		
Sampler: 11																		
Phone/Email: 303-956-8714																		
Address: P.O. Box 1289 Wellington CO 80549																		
Lab ID	Sample Name	Sampling Date/Time																
1	WI	11/14/14			✓													
2	N-4 FT	↓				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓								
3	S-4 FT					✓	✓				HOLD							
4	E-4 FT					✓	✓				HOLD							
5	W-4 FT					✓	✓				HOLD							
												BASED ON WATER RESU						
Comments:																		
<b>Turnaround Time (Business Days)</b> <small>TAT begins when sample is received by eANALYTICS</small> <input type="radio"/> Normal (5-10 Days) <input type="radio"/> 3 Day (1.25x) <input type="radio"/> 2 Day (1.5x) <input type="radio"/> 1 Day (2x) <input checked="" type="radio"/> Next Bus Morning (Noble Pricing)				<b>Record of Custody</b> Relinquished by: <i>[Signature]</i> Date: 11/14/14 Company: FREMONT ENVIRONMENTAL Time: AM/PM Received by: _____ Date: _____ Company: _____ Time: _____ Relinquished by: _____ Date: _____ Company: _____ Time: _____ Received by: <i>[Signature]</i> Date: 11-14-14 Company: eANALYTICS Time: 1030 PM														
<b>For eANALYTICS Use</b> Samples Received Intact: <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes / <input type="radio"/> No Received Within Temperature Range (2-6°C): <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes / <input type="radio"/> No Sample Preservative: <input checked="" type="radio"/> None / <input type="radio"/> Acid / <input type="radio"/> Other																		

WO # 2458

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Client: Fremont Environmental / Noble Energy      Lab ID: 2458  
 Project: Greenhead 18-11, 12  
 Analysis: Volatile Organics      Method: EPA8260  
 TPH      EPA8260/8015

Sample Name	Benzene mg/kg	Toluene mg/kg	Ethyl- benzene mg/kg	Total Xylenes mg/kg	Naph- thalene mg/kg	TPH	TPH	Date Sampled	Date Analyzed	Lab ID
						GRO C6-C10 mg/kg	DRO C10-C28 mg/kg			
N-4 FT	< 0.01	< 0.01	< 0.01	< 0.01	< 0.01	< 50	< 50	11/14/14	11/14/14	2458 2

**e**ANALYTICS  
L A B O R A T O R Y

Client: Fremont Environmental / Noble Energy Lab ID: 2458

Project: Greenhead 18-11, 12

Analysis: pH Method: EPA9045D  
EC USDA 60 (3)  
SAR USDA 60 (20B)

Sample Name	pH	EC	SAR	Date	Date	Lab ID
	su	mmhos/cm	ratio	Sampled	Analyzed	
N-4 FT	8.0	0.108	0.47	11/14/14	11/14/14	2458 2

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Client: Fremont Environmental / Noble Energy      Lab ID: 2458  
 Project: Greenhead 18-11, 12  
 Analysis: Volatile Organics      Method: EPA8260

Sample Name	Benzene ug/L	Toluene ug/L	Ethyl- benzene ug/L	Total Xylenes ug/L	Date Sampled	Date Analyzed	Lab ID
W1	128	369	69.4	932	11/14/14	11/14/14	2458 1



Client: Fremont Environmental / Noble Energy      Lab ID: 2458  
 Project: Greenhead 18-11, 12      Method: EPA8260

Sample Name	Dibromo- fluoromethane % Recovery	1,2 Dichloro- ethane-D4 % Recovery	Toluene-D8 % Recovery	Bromo- fluorobenzene % Recovery	Date Sampled	Date Analyzed	Lab ID
N-4 FT	101	93	105	107	11/14/14	11/14/14	2458 2



Client: Fremont Environmental / Noble Energy      Lab ID: 2458  
 Project: Greenhead 18-11, 12      Method: EPA8260

Sample Name	Dibromo- fluoromethane % Recovery	1,2 Dichloro- ethane-D4 % Recovery	Toluene-D8 % Recovery	Bromo- fluorobenzene % Recovery	Date Sampled	Date Analyzed	Lab ID
W1	91	88	93	86	11/14/14	11/14/14	2458 1



Client: Fremont Environmental / Noble Energy Lab ID: 2458

Project: Greenhead 18-11, 12

Analysis: Volatile Organics Method: EPA8260  
TPH EPA8260/8015

Sample Name	Benzene % Rec	Toluene % Rec	Ethyl- benzene % Rec	Total Xylenes % Rec	Naph- thalene % Rec	TPH GRO C6-C10 % Rec	TPH DRO C10-C28 % Rec	Date Analyzed	Lab ID
Laboratory Control Sample (70-130%)	94	99	90	102	103	89	99	11/14/14	LCS 2458 1
Method Blank	< 0.01 mg/kg	< 0.01 mg/kg	< 0.01 mg/kg	< 0.01 mg/kg	< 0.01 mg/kg	< 50 mg/kg	< 50 mg/kg	11/14/14	MB 2458 1

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 Analysis: Volatile Organics      Method: EPA8260

Sample Name	Benzene % Rec	Toluene % Rec	Ethyl- benzene % Rec	Total Xylenes % Rec	Date Analyzed	Lab ID
Laboratory Control Sample (70-130%)	94	98	102	90	11/14/14	LCS 2458 1
Method Blank	< 1.0	< 1.0	< 1.0	< 1.0	11/14/14	MB 2458 1
	ug/L	ug/L	ug/L	ug/L		

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Project: Greenhead 18-11,12  
Lab ID: 2458  
Date Samples Received: 11/14/2014  
Number of Samples: 5  
Sample Condition: Samples arrived intact and in appropriate sample containers  
Sample Temperature: Within acceptable range of 2-6° C, or as specified in EPA Method

The quality control procedures associated with the requested analyses were satisfactorily passed before the samples were run.

Thank you for allowing eAnalytics Laboratory to provide laboratory services for you.

Sincerely,

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Christopher Dieken  
Quality Assurance Manager

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Todd Rhea  
Laboratory Manager

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Client: Fremont Environmental / Noble Energy Lab ID: 2458

Project: Greenhead 18-11,12

Analysis: Volatile Organics Method: EPA8260  
TPH EPA8260/8015

Sample Name	Benzene mg/kg	Toluene mg/kg	Ethyl- benzene mg/kg	Total Xylenes mg/kg	Naph- thalene mg/kg	TPH	TPH	Date Sampled	Date Analyzed	Lab ID
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S-4 FT	< 0.01	< 0.01	< 0.01	< 0.01	< 0.01	< 50	< 50	11/14/14	11/14/14	2458 3
E-4 FT	< 0.01	< 0.01	< 0.01	< 0.01	< 0.01	< 50	< 50	11/14/14	11/14/14	2458 4
W-4 FT	< 0.01	< 0.01	< 0.01	< 0.01	< 0.01	< 50	< 50	11/14/14	11/14/14	2458 5



Client: Fremont Environmental / Noble Energy      Lab ID: 2458  
 Project: Greenhead 18-11,12      Method: EPA8260

Sample Name	Dibromo-fluoromethane % Recovery	1,2 Dichloro-ethane-D4 % Recovery	Toluene-D8 % Recovery	Bromo-fluorobenzene % Recovery	Date Sampled	Date Analyzed	Lab ID
S-4 FT	90	86	109	109	11/14/14	11/14/14	2458 3
E-4 FT	99	93	92	100	11/14/14	11/14/14	2458 4
W-4 FT	97	99	105	110	11/14/14	11/14/14	2458 5

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