



Camp Stanley Storage Activity Groundwater Contamination – December 2003 Sampling FACT SHEET

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The purpose of this fact sheet is to provide an overview of the quarterly groundwater sampling conducted in December 2003. Future fact sheets will be issued to provide additional information regarding on-going sampling, investigation, and cleanup activities. The results for all groundwater sampling are available in the CSSA Environmental Encyclopedia located at the downtown San Antonio Public Library, 600 Soledad Street, behind the Reference Desk in the Government Documentation Section on the 2nd floor, or on the internet at www.stanley.army.mil.

On-post Groundwater Monitoring

On-post groundwater monitoring has been conducted since 1991 as part of the Camp Stanley Storage Activity (CSSA) environmental program. The wells sampled include drinking water, monitoring, and agricultural/livestock wells. The laboratory results obtained from the December 2003 sampling indicated minor changes to volatile organic compound levels on-post as compared to findings reported in previous fact sheets.

All on-post drinking water wells are analyzed quarterly for the metals arsenic, cadmium, lead, barium, chromium, copper, nickel, zinc, and mercury. All CSSA monitoring and agricultural/livestock wells are analyzed for those nine metals annually. The annual on-post metals sampling was last conducted in June 2003, and the on-post drinking water wells were sampled for metals in December 2003. None of the sampled on-post monitoring or on-post drinking water wells had metals results above the appropriate EPA maximum contaminant level (MCL), action level (AL), or secondary standard.

CSSA Off-post Groundwater Monitoring Plan

CSSA describes its off-post groundwater monitoring plan in its *Off-Post Monitoring Program and Response Plan*, July 2001 (Plan). The goals of this Plan are to confirm that drinking water meets EPA and Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) safe drinking water standards, to determine where VOC contamination has migrated, monitor off-post water wells near known CSSA VOC source areas, and to respond according to the Plan if contaminant levels in those wells exceed standards. As part of the Plan, 29 off-post wells were sampled in December 2003.

Off-post water wells were selected for testing based on continued protection of drinking water and to provide detailed information for the environmental program. Factors such as well location, proximity to other detections, screened interval, sampling access, and previous sampling results were all considered.

CSSA takes action if VOC contamination is detected in off-post wells at concentrations greater than 90 percent of the MCL or above 4.5 parts per billion (ppb) for tetrachloroethene (PCE) and trichloroethene (TCE). This action includes supplying bottled water to the affected residents within 24 hours of the detection and resampling the well for confirmation. If additional sampling

confirms previous test results, CSSA will either install and maintain a granular activated carbon (GAC) filter which will remove contaminants from the water, or connect the well owner to an alternate water supply for as long as contaminant levels exceed standards. Seven GAC filtration systems have been installed for off-post water wells: LS-7 (August 2001), LS-6 (August 2001), RFR-10 (two units, October 2001), RFR-11 (October 2001), LS-2/LS-3 (April 2002), and OFR-3 (April 2002).

December 2003 Groundwater Sampling Results

The locations of all off-post wells sampled in December 2003 are shown on Figure 1. According to the EPA drinking water standards, concentrations below 5.0 ppb for PCE and TCE are considered safe. Table 1 (see back) presents groundwater analytical data for PCE and TCE from December 2003.

Of the twenty-nine wells sampled in December 2003, twenty had VOC detections. PCE and TCE detected in wells LS-2, LS-6, the LS-6 Field Duplicate (FD), and LS-7 were below the MCL. RFR-10, RFR-10 FD and OFR-3 exceeded the MCL for both PCE and TCE in December 2003. All other VOC detections were below the applicable MCLs in drinking water and do not prevent usability of these wells.

CSSA will continue to sample both on- and off-post groundwater on a quarterly basis for the foreseeable future. CSSA will continue to coordinate this groundwater monitoring program with the regulatory agencies and other potentially affected parties, including the EPA, TCEQ, Fort Sam Houston, City of Fair Oaks, Fair Oaks Water Utilities, Bexar Metropolitan Water District, Bexar County Commissioners' office, State Representatives' offices, local, state, and federal elected officials, and others.

Source Area Cleanup

Groundwater contamination at CSSA is associated with three VOC source areas that have been identified to date. Two source areas, Solid Waste Management Unit (SWMU) B-3 and SWMU O-1, are in the central portion of CSSA and affect the area designated as Plume 1. Cleanup activities at SWMU B-3 involved past soil vapor extraction (SVE) and removal of over 700 cubic yards of VOC-contaminated soils. Another SVE system has recently been installed. A third source area, Area of Concern (AOC)-65, was identified in the southwest corner of CSSA and affects the area designated as Plume 2. Cleanup activities include installation and testing of an SVE system, removal of over 600 cubic yards of contaminated soils, and rework of a surface drainage ditch to route rain water run-off away from the site. Testing of the AOC-65 SVE system is being conducted to evaluate its effectiveness and to optimize performance. A significant reduction in soil gas concentrations beneath AOC-65 and/or Building 90 was observed during the initial operation of the SVE system. Testing of the SVE system west of Building 90 is ongoing. TCEQ concurred with the

clean-up approach at AOC-65 on January 28, 2004. Testing of the SWMU B-3 and AOC-65 SVE systems are being conducted to evaluate their effectiveness and to optimize their performance.

Public Comment

CSSA will continue to inform the public about different aspects of its environmental program. The public is welcome to comment on this fact sheet and the environmental activities at CSSA by writing to:

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You may also comment by calling:

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- EPA Regional Program Manager, Mr. Greg Lyssy, at (214) 665-8317; or
- Fort Sam Houston, Public Affairs Office, Mr. Phillip Reidinger, at (210) 221-1151 or (210) 336-0449 (mobile)

**Table 1 - Groundwater Sampling Results
Off-post wells near Plume 1**

Well Number	PCE (ppb)	TCE (ppb)
FO-J1	0.30F	ND
FO-22	ND	ND
JW-7	0.65F	ND
JW-8	0.29F	ND
JW-9	ND	ND
JW-14	ND	ND
JW-26	0.12F	ND
JW-28	ND	ND
JW-29	ND	ND
JW-30	0.16F	ND
RFR-3	0.12F	ND
RFR-6	ND	ND
RFR-7	ND	ND

The MCL for PCE and TCE is 5.0 ppb
 ND = The VOC was not detected above the method detection limit.
 F = The VOC was not detected above the RL.
 Bold = Concentration > MCL
 FD = Field Duplicate sample

**Table 1, cont'd
Off-post wells near Plume 2**

Well Number	PCE (ppb)	TCE (ppb)
HS-2	0.12F	ND
I10-2	ND	ND
I10-5	ND	ND
LS-1	0.31F	ND
LS-2	1.58	0.44F
LS-3	1.02F	0.11F
LS-4	0.12F	ND
LS-4-FD	0.12F	ND
LS-5	ND	0.16F
LS-6	4.08	0.50F
LS-6-FD	4.04	0.47F
LS-7	3.32	0.34F
OFR-1	0.44F	ND
OFR-2	0.27F	ND
OFR-3	12.55	7.88
RFR-10	26.44	8.25
RFR-10-FD	30.09	9.29
RFR-11	0.89F	1.73
RFR-12	0.23F	0.18F

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