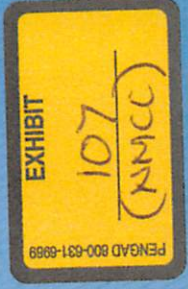




Copper Flat Mine Discharge Permit DP-1840 Application Rebuttal

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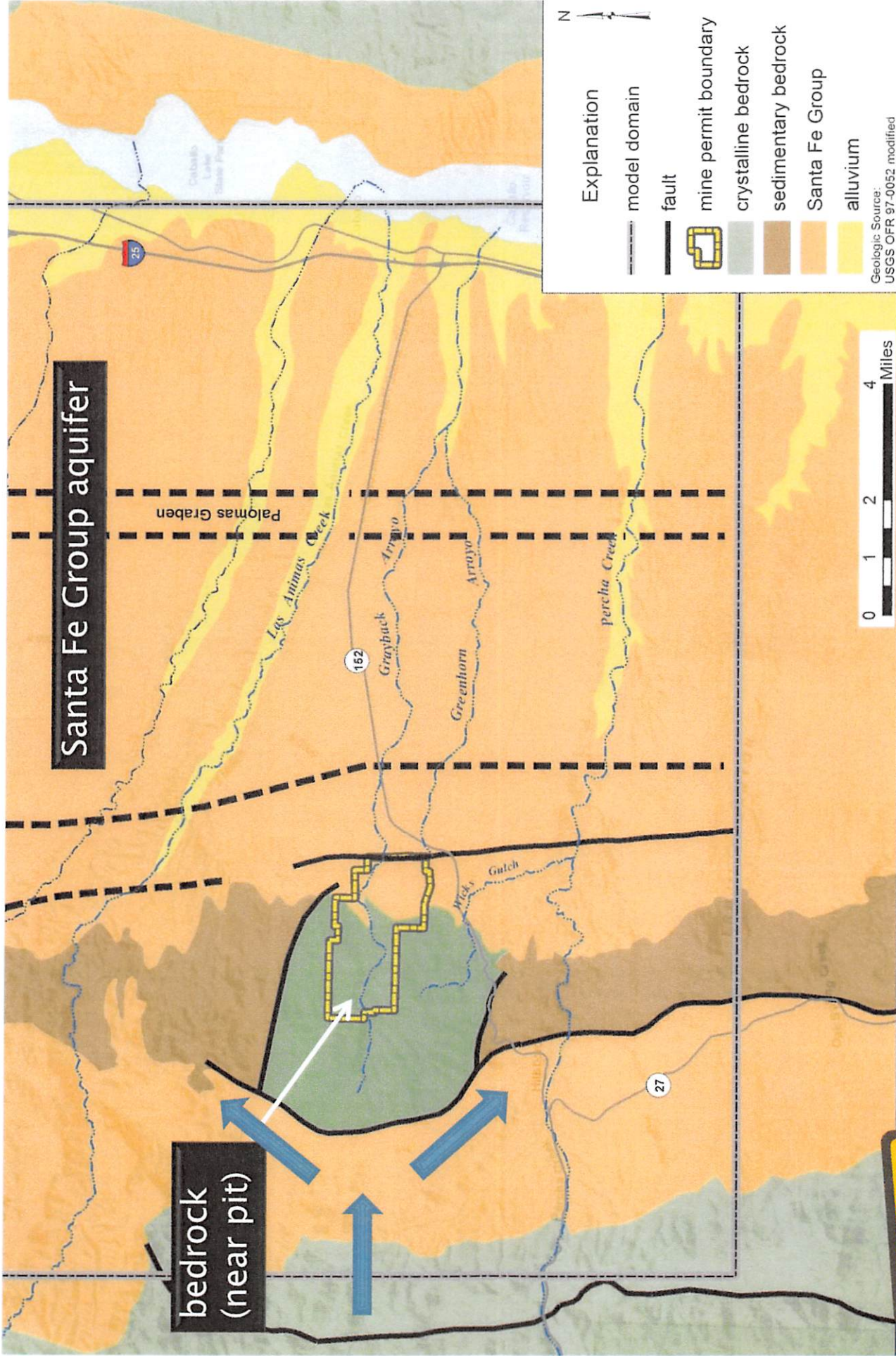
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Low Permeability of Andesite



1. Shomaker (1993)
2. Adrian Brown (1996)
3. SRK (1997)
4. JSAI (2011) Stage 1 Abatement Plan Amend
5. INTERA (2012)
6. JSAI (2014) – Stage 1 Abatement report
7. Jones et al. (2014) and NMOSE Review





Regional Groundwater flow (Shomaker, 1993)

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Table 2. Summary of wells and well data for the Stage 1 Abatement Plan area of investigation, Copper Flat Mine, Sierra County, New Mexico

| well name | well type | facility area | year drilled | casing diameter (inches) | total depth (ft bmp) | screen interval (ft bgl) | measuring-point elevation (2011 survey) (ft ansl) | geologic unit | depth to water measurement date | depth to water (ft bmp) | water-level elevation (ft ansl) |
|-------------|------------|----------------------|--------------|--------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|
| GWQ-1 | supply | background region | 1972 | 12 x 14 | 401 | na | 5,193.24 | Santa Fe Group | 6/15/1981 | 72.00 | 5,123.24 |
| GWQ-2 | supply | background region | 1932 | 8 | 500 | na | 5,227.44 | Santa Fe Group | 11/15/1982 | 60.00 | 5,167.44 |
| GWQ-3 | supply | waste rock pile | 1932 | 40 x 43 | 33 | na | 5,252.60 | alluvium/andesite | 9/29/2011 | 18.71 | 5,233.89 |
| GWQ-4 | supply | background region | 1948 | 5 | 150 | na | 5,565.85 | andesite | 11/10/1982 | 35.00 | 5,530.85 |
| GWQ-5R | monitoring | waste rock pile | 2011 | 4 | 120 | in progress | 5,410.00 | andesite | 9/29/2011 | 98.91 | 5,311.09 |
| GWQ-6(N) | supply | background region | | | 85 | | 5,395.36 | andesite | 6/9/1981 | 26.95 | 5,368.41 |
| GWQ-6(S) | supply | background region | | | | | 5,382.77 | andesite | | | |
| GWQ-7 | supply | tailings impoundment | 1932 | 8 | 500 | na | 5,181.60 | Santa Fe Group | 6/15/1981 | 77.00 | 5,104.60 |
| GWQ-8 | supply | background region | 1931 | 8 | 157 | na | 5,216.94 | Santa Fe Group | 11/15/1982 | 68.00 | 5,148.94 |
| GWQ-9 | supply | tailings impoundment | 1971 | 14 x 16 | 767 | na | 5,208.13 | Santa Fe Group | 4/15/1972 | 60.00 | 5,148.13 |
| GWQ-10 | monitoring | tailings impoundment | 1981 | 3 | 120 | na | 5,213.29 | Santa Fe Group | 9/27/2010 | 23.19 | 5,190.10 |
| GWQ-11 | monitoring | tailings impoundment | 1981 | 3 | 70 | na | 5,196.44 | alluvium/Santa Fe Group | 5/4/2011 | 20.02 | 5,176.42 |
| GWQ-12 | monitoring | tailings impoundment | 1981 | 3 | 137 | na | 5,237.28 | Santa Fe Group | 5/4/2011 | 79.71 | 5,157.57 |
| GWQ-13 | monitoring | tailings impoundment | 1994 | 5 | 106 | 74 to 104.5 | 5,200.47 | Santa Fe Group | 5/4/2011 | 13.02 | 5,187.45 |
| GWQ-14 | monitoring | tailings impoundment | 1994 | 5 | 159 | 127.5 to 157.5 | 5,192.69 | Santa Fe Group | 5/4/2011 | 6.42 | 5,186.27 |
| GWQ-15 | monitoring | tailings impoundment | 1994 | 5 | 149 | 112 to 142 | 5,183.07 | Santa Fe Group | 5/4/2011 | 4.92 | 5,178.15 |
| GWQ-16 | monitoring | tailings impoundment | 1994 | 5 | 46 | 25 to 45 | 5,197.41 | alluvium | 5/4/2011 | 21.76 | 5,175.65 |
| GWQ-17 | monitoring | tailings impoundment | 1994 | 5 | 151 | 120 to 150 | 5,198.13 | Santa Fe Group | 9/27/2010 | 10.11 | 5,188.02 |
| GWQ-18 | monitoring | tailings impoundment | 1994 | 4 | 51 | 10 to 50 | 5,194.83 | alluvium | 10/15/1994 | dry | |
| GWQ-19 | monitoring | tailings impoundment | 1994 | 4 | 53 | 10 to 50 | 5,203.36 | alluvium | 9/27/2010 | 52.22 | 5,151.14 |
| GWQ-20 | monitoring | tailings impoundment | 1994 | 4 | 338 | 288 to 338 | 5,203.49 | Santa Fe Group | 1/27/2010 | 18.05 | 5,185.44 |
| GWQ-21A | monitoring | tailings impoundment | 1996 | 2 | 263 | 213 to 263 | 5,192.71 | Santa Fe Group | 11/7/1994 | 4.58 | 5,188.13 |
| GWQ-21B | monitoring | tailings impoundment | 1996 | 2 | 315 | 285 to 315 | 5,192.22 | Santa Fe Group | 11/7/1994 | 3.95 | 5,188.27 |
| GWQ-22A | monitoring | pit/waste rock pile | 1996 | 2 | 244 | 174 to 244 | 5,596.17 | andesite | 8/28/2011 | 54.63 | 5,541.54 |
| GWQ-22B | monitoring | pit/waste rock pile | 1996 | 2 | 380 | 340 to 380 | 5,595.95 | andesite | 8/28/2011 | 54.59 | 5,541.36 |
| GWQ-23A | monitoring | pit/waste rock pile | 1996 | 2 | 101 | 50 to 100 | 5,489.84 | monzonite | 8/28/2011 | 40.71 | 5,449.13 |
| GWQ-23B | monitoring | pit/waste rock pile | 1996 | 2 | 251 | 150 to 250 | 5,489.70 | monzonite | 8/28/2011 | 40.87 | 5,448.83 |
| GWQ-24A | monitoring | pit/waste rock pile | 2011 | 2 | 90 | 60 to 90 | 5,514.80 | andesite | 8/28/2011 | 49.86 | 5,464.94 |
| GWQ-24B | monitoring | pit/waste rock pile | 2011 | 2 | 250 | 230 to 250 | 5,514.80 | andesite | 8/28/2011 | 56.69 | 5,458.11 |
| GWQ-25A | monitoring | pit/waste rock pile | 2011 | 2 | 100 | 70 to 100 | 5,532.00 | monzonite | 8/28/2011 | 50.91 | 5,481.09 |
| GWQ-25B | monitoring | pit/waste rock pile | 2011 | 2 | 242 | 222 to 242 | 5,532.00 | monzonite | 8/28/2011 | 62.90 | 5,469.10 |
| IW-1 | monitoring | tailings impoundment | 1982 | 4 | 49 | to 49 | 5,198.99 | alluvium | 6/24/2010 | dry | |
| IW-2 | monitoring | tailings impoundment | 1982 | 4 | 46 | to 45 | 5,208.01 | alluvium | 5/4/2011 | 39.01 | 5,169.00 |
| IW-3 | monitoring | tailings impoundment | 1982 | 4 | 45 | to 45 | 5,213.17 | alluvium | 6/24/2010 | dry | |
| NP-1 | monitoring | tailings impoundment | 1981 | 4 | 106 | to 106 | 5,188.75 | Santa Fe Group | 5/4/2011 | 30.8 | 5,157.95 |
| NP-2 | monitoring | tailings impoundment | 1981 | 4 | 110 | to 110 | 5,192.54 | Santa Fe Group | 5/4/2011 | 32.92 | 5,159.62 |
| NP-3 | monitoring | tailings impoundment | 1981 | 4 | 100 | to 100 | 5,199.73 | Santa Fe Group | 5/4/2011 | 12.02 | 5,187.71 |
| NP-4 | monitoring | tailings impoundment | 1981 | 4 | 117 | to 117 | 5,225.73 | Santa Fe Group | 5/4/2011 | 35.22 | 5,190.51 |
| NP-5 | monitoring | tailings impoundment | 1981 | 4 | 39 | 24 to 39 | 5,198.81 | basalt | 5/4/2011 | 22.63 | 5,176.18 |
| MW-4 | supply | background region | 1975 | 6 | 1,500 | 123 to 1,500 | 5,123.00 | Santa Fe Group | 6/9/1981 | 123.27 | 5,001.73 |
| Pague | supply | background region | | | 26 | | 5,550.81 | andesite | 5/4/2011 | 11.69 | 5,539.12 |
| Dolores | supply | background region | | | 56 | | 5,397.51 | andesite | 11/10/1982 | 29.7 | 5,367.81 |
| Paxton Well | supply | background region | 1932 | 40 x 40 | 30 | | 5,500.00 | andesite | 11/10/1982 | 7.6 | 5,492.40 |
| LRG-4156 | supply | background region | 1956 | 6 | 150 | | 5,431.06 | andesite | 1956 | 60 | 5,371.06 |
| LRG-4158 | supply | background region | 1955 | 6 | 150 | na | 5,533.03 | limestone | 11/11/2010 | 47.01 | 5,486.02 |
| McCravey-G | supply | background region | 1931 | 8 | 500 | na | 5,201.53 | Santa Fe Group | 11/15/1982 | 40 | 5,161.53 |
| LRG-4159 | supply | background region | 2002 | 6 | 200 | 5 to 200 | 5,719.70 | andesite | 11/4/2010 | 13.56 | 5,706.14 |

ft bmp - feet below measuring point
italic measuring-point elevations are estimated

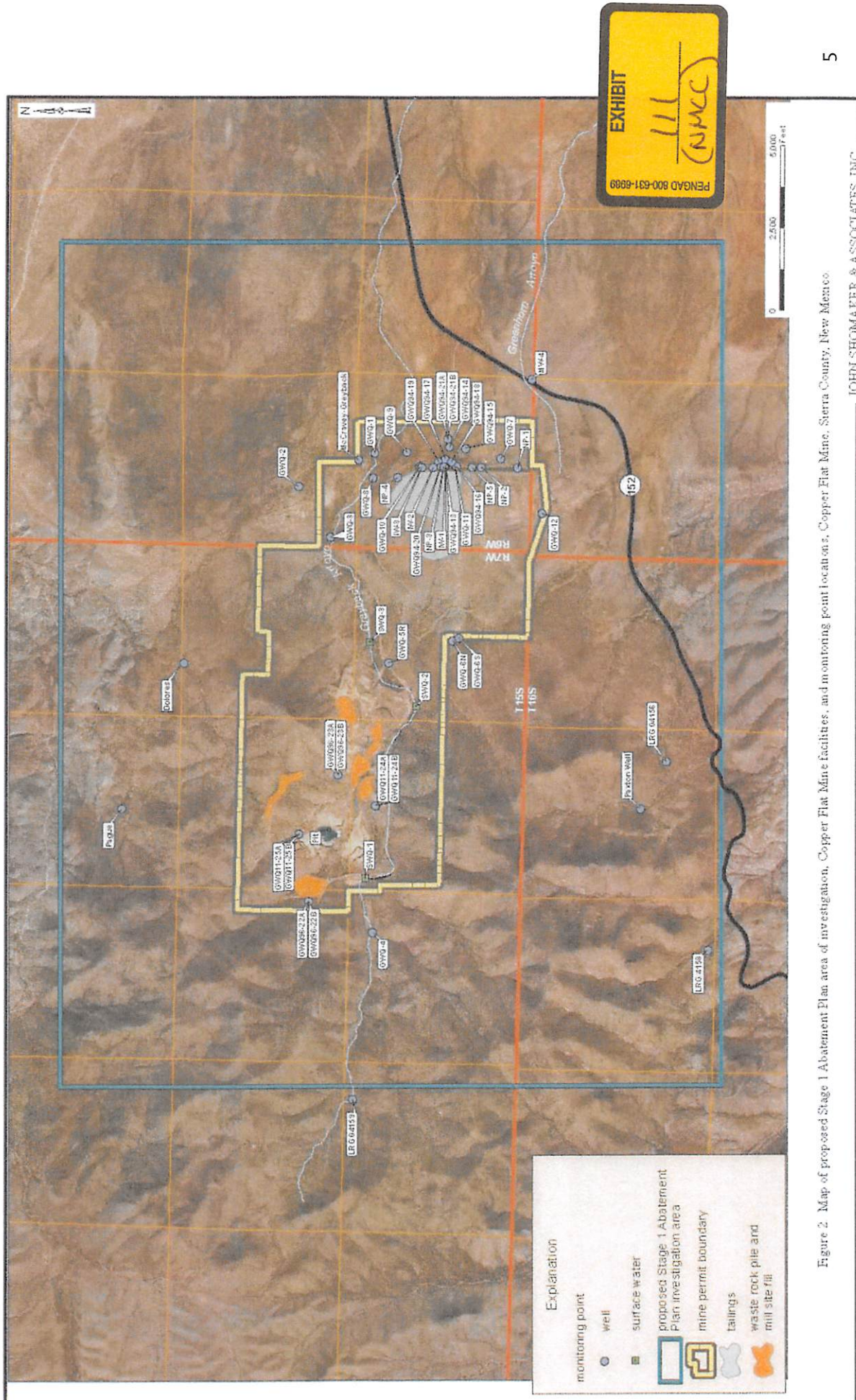
ft bgl - feet below ground level
na - not available

ft ansl - feet above mean sea level

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Explanation

- monitoring point
- well
- surface water
- proposed Stage 1 Abatement Plan investigation area
- mine permit boundary
- tailings
- waste rock pile and mill site fill

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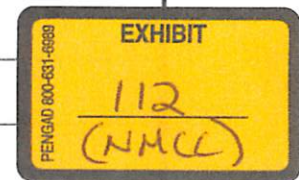
Figure 2 Map of proposed Stage 1 Abatement Plan area of investigation, Copper Flat Mine facilities, and monitoring point locations, Copper Flat Mine, Sierra County, New Mexico

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Table 3. Summary of 1st Quarter 2013 field data and sample collection methods

| monitoring point | sample list | casing diameter (in.) | date sampled | temp. (°C) | pH | conductivity (μS/cm) | depth to water (ft) | volume purged (gal) | comments |
|------------------|-------------|-----------------------|--------------|------------|------|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| pit area | | | | | | | | | |
| GWQ96-22A | A | 2 | 1/9/2013 | 15.5 | 7.41 | 679 | 54.31 | 17 | pumped off, micropurge sample in screen |
| GWQ96-22B | A | 2 | 1/9/2013 | 19.1 | 6.85 | 1,038 | 53.96 | 6 | pumped off, sampled w/ bailer after recovered |
| GWQ96-23A | A | 2 | 1/11/2013 | 17.1 | 7.46 | 878 | 41.14 | 5 | pumped off, sampled w/ bailer after recovered |
| GWQ96-23B | A | 2 | 1/11/2013 | 16.2 | 7.16 | 737 | 41.16 | 13 | pumped off, sampled w/ sample pump after recovered |
| GWQ11-24A | A | 2 | 1/8/2013 | 18.0 | 4.08 | 2,807 | 57.62 | 20 | |
| GWQ11-24B | A | 2 | 1/9/2013 | 18.0 | 6.72 | 1,904 | 61.30 | 30 | parameters stable-sampled after 1 well vol. |
| GWQ11-25A | A | 2 | 1/9/2013 | 16.5 | 3.63 | 6,410 | 70.00 | 8 | pumped off, sampled w/ bailer after recovered |
| GWQ11-25B | A | 2 | 1/9/2013 | 19.8 | 6.28 | 2,390 | 72.06 | 84 | |
| GWQ11-26 | A | 4 | 1/8/2013 | 17.4 | 6.81 | 735 | 41.30 | 8 | |
| pit water | A | - | 1/9/2013 | 4.3 | 7.32 | 10,510 | surface water | grab sample | |
| pit wall seep | A | - | 1/9/2013 | - | - | - | - | - | no seep observed |



μS/cm - microSiemens per centimeter

East Animas Fault As Barrier

- Hydraulic Response to 1982 unlined TSF Jones et al (2014)

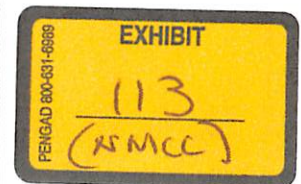
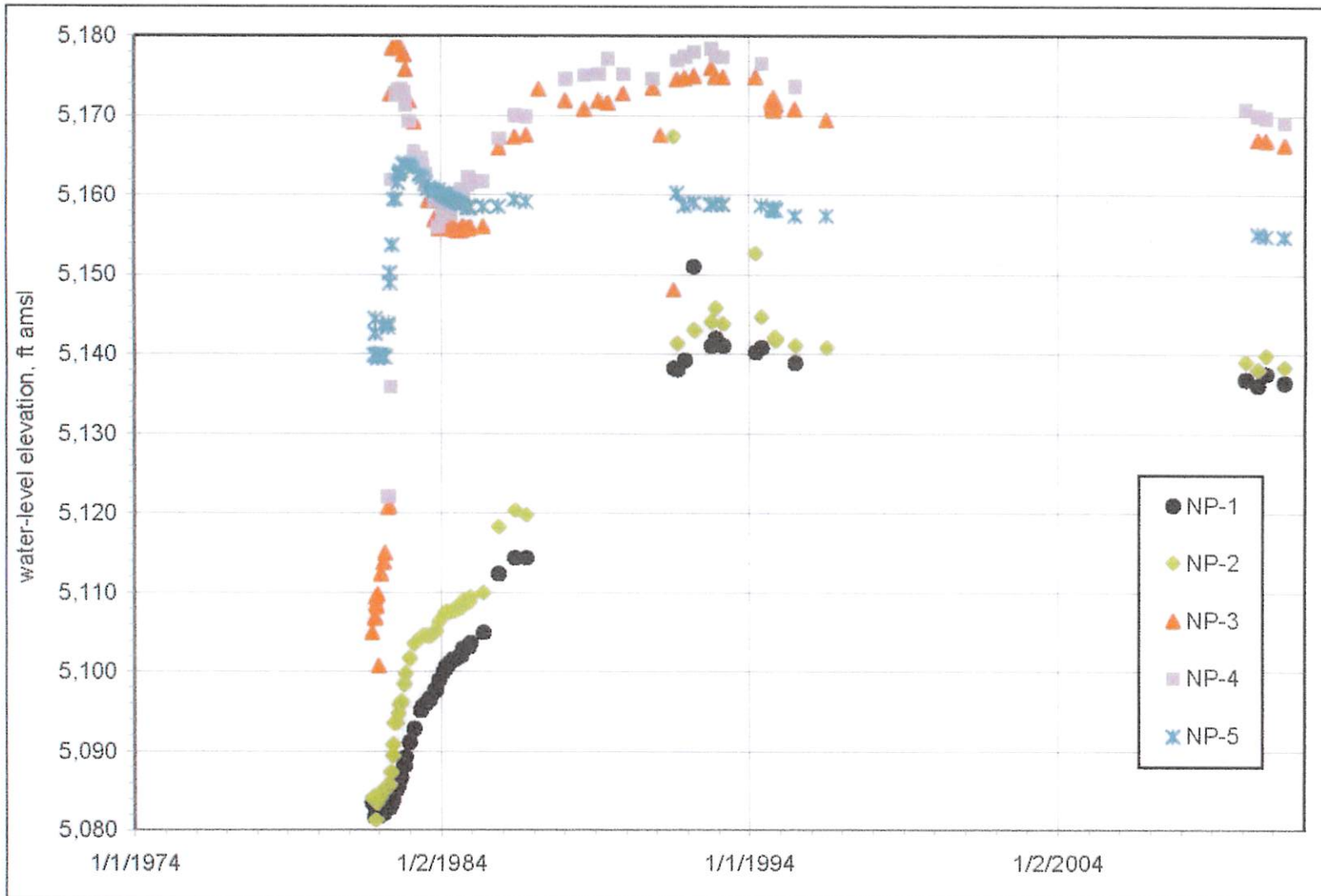


Figure 5.16. Tailings-area water levels.



TSF Hydrogeologic Cross-Section JSAI (2014) Stage 1 Abatement Report Fig 9

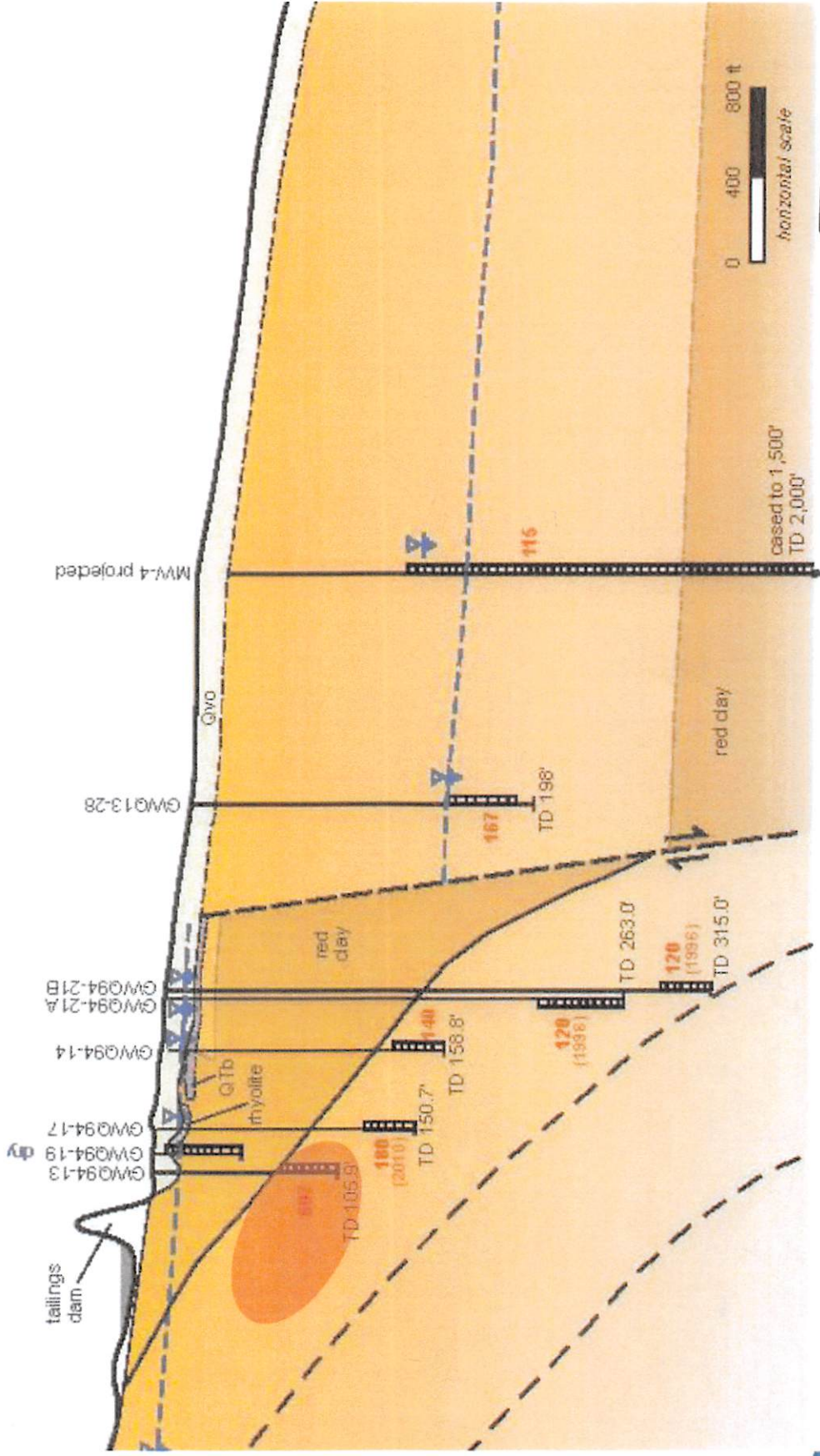


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