

July 2, 2014

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Attn: Ms. Susan von Gonten, CPG  
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Re: Report of Geophysical Survey  
Fairview Station  
1626 North Riverside Drive  
Española, New Mexico  
Facility # 28779 / Release ID # 4657 / WPID #: 17158  
Terracon Project No. 66127029.5

Dear Ms. von Gonten:

Terracon Consultants, Inc. (Terracon) appreciates the opportunity to submit the attached geophysical survey of the Dairy Queen property adjoining the above-referenced site to the north. Based on the results of the geophysical survey, anomalies consistent with relic underground storage tanks (USTs) or excavations of historical USTs were not identified.

Relic piping was identified in the southwest portion of the property. Based on the locations of the piping relative to historical dispensers and a suspected aboveground storage tank (AST), the relic piping extending north from the southern property boundary and turning to the west, may have been associated with the on-site petroleum storage tank system. Based on the planned locations of proposed soil borings in the locations of the historical dispensers and ASTs, adjustment of the boring locations based on the results of the geophysical survey does not appear warranted. Historical aerial photographs depicting the location of the historical dispensers and AST is included as Exhibits 1 and 2.



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**Report of Geophysical Survey**

Former Fairview Station ■ Espanola, New Mexico

July 2, 2014 ■ Terracon Project No. 66127029.5



If you should have any questions or comments regarding the attached Work Plan, please contact Mark Hillier at (505) 797-4287.

Sincerely,

**Terracon**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Mark R. Hillier".

Mark R. Hillier, P.G.

Department Manager

Attachments – Exhibits 1 and 2  
Geophysical Survey



Aerial photo source: NMDOT

Project Mngr:	MRH
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# 1969 AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH

FAIRVIEW STATION  
1626 NORTH RIVERSIDE DRIVE  
Española, New Mexico

Exhibit

1



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#### 1993 AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH

FAIRVIEW STATION  
 1626 NORTH RIVERSIDE DRIVE  
 Espanola, New Mexico

Exhibit

2

**Geophysical Investigation for Abandoned USTs  
1702 North Riverside Drive  
Española, New Mexico**

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## **Introduction**

A geophysical investigation has been conducted over most of the property identified as 1702 N. Riverside Drive Espanola, New Mexico. The objective of the investigation was to determine if abandoned underground storage tanks (USTs) remained from previous land use.

The investigation consisted of a high-resolution metal detection survey and a ground penetrating radar (GPR) survey. The field work for the geophysical investigations was conducted on 18 June 2014. Labor, instrumentation, and technical expertise for the surveys were provided by Sunbelt Geophysics of Socorro, New Mexico. Guidance and coordination were provided by Terracon Consultants Inc. of Albuquerque, New Mexico.

## **Methods**

Geophysical surveying was conducted over a spatial control and data acquisition grid which was placed using a transit and tape. The grid established parallel north – south acquisition lines separated by 4 feet which were marked with small dots of spray paint. The grid was oriented with respect to N. Riverside Drive and the current building. The grid covered the west, south and east sides of the building.

An initial survey was conducted using a Geonics EM-61 metal detector with the 1-m antenna set. The EM-61 is a time domain electromagnetic instrument capable of detecting concentrations of buried metal, such as a UST, to a depth of approximately 10 ft with this antenna. The EM-61 data were acquired every 0.65 feet along the parallel traverses.

A second survey was performed over portions of the property using a Sensors & Software 250 MHz ground penetrating radar (GPR) system. GPR traces were acquired every 0.16 ft along the parallel lines.

Qualitative screening was performed with a Schonstedt magnetic locator over those areas not covered by the survey grid.

Data from the EM-61 and GPR were transferred to a computer for analysis and mapping. The DAT61 program (Geonics Ltd.) and Ekko\_View Deluxe and Ekko\_Interp programs (Sensors & Software Inc.) were used for data processing and the Oasis montaj mapping package (Geosoft Ltd.) was used for image preparation.

## **Results**

Qualitative screening with the Schonstedt magnetic locator revealed no significant features in the drive-through lane to the north of the building or the area immediately to the east of the building.

An image of the EM-61 data acquired along the north – south lines is given on Figure 1. The EM-61 provides a response in milliVolts (mV) that is proportional to the mass and distance to both buried metal and metal at the surface. Small metallic objects generate a low response;

larger objects generate stronger response depending on the size and depth of burial. An abandoned UST would be expected to generate a strong (red to pink) response on this color scale. There is a strong response from the water meter cover and the sign near the western edge of the survey and the drive-up sign to the east of the building. No subsurface features consistent with a UST are observed.

Subsurface buried metal is observed in the southwest corner of the survey. A relatively long and uniform feature is observed entering the property from the south, taking a 90 degree turn, and then running for approximately 50 ft. to the west. This feature is interpreted to be a relic pipe at a depth of approximately 2 ft. and is presumably from an earlier generation of building on this site.

A series of somewhat disjoint and non-uniform features run from the water meter cover toward the current building. These subsurface objects are approximately 1.5 ft. deep and may be remnant pieces of pipe from an earlier water line repair. A few occurrences of subsurface debris are seen near the eastern edge of the survey.

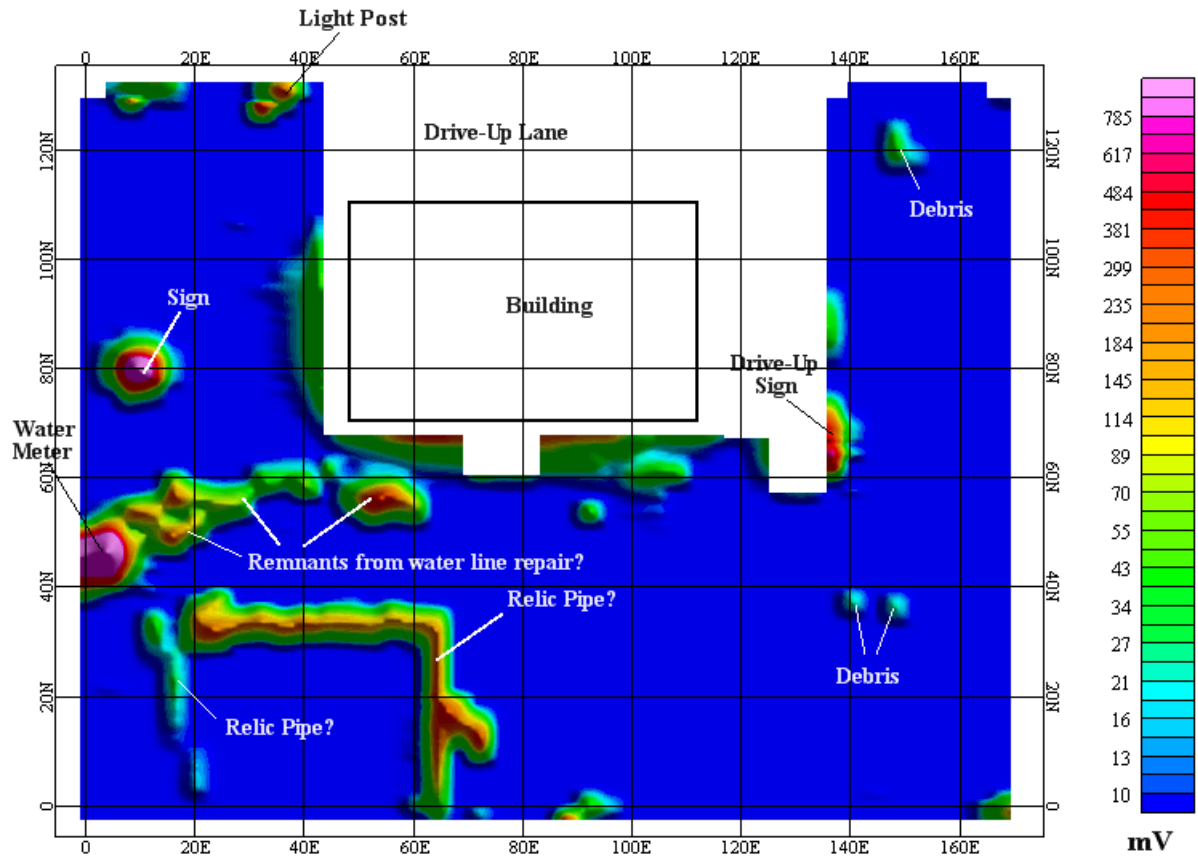
The GPR survey detected no additional subsurface features and detected no obvious disturbed ground suggestive of an excavation of former USTs.

### **Conclusions**

The geophysical investigation at the property identified as 1702 North Riverside Drive found no subsurface features consistent with a UST.

A buried pipe was found in the southwest corner of the property that has no apparent connection to the current building. This pipe is assumed to be from an earlier generation of build at this site.

Unconnected buried metallic object are found between the water meter and the current building. These may be remnant pieces of pipe from a water line repair.



**Figure 1. 1702 North Riverside Drive, Espanola, NM**  
EM-61 Response

