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1.0 INTRODUCTION

At the request of the NCDOT, Schnabel Engineering South conducted geophysical surveys on March 28 through April 2 to determine UST locations and provide archaeological and environmental information for the proposed archaeological trench lines at the Multi Modal Station - Charlotte in Mecklenburg County, NC. The work consisted of conducting Electromagnetic (EM) and Ground-Penetrating Radar (GPR) surveys. The proposed archaeological line locations are shown on Figure 1. The results of the EM and GPR surveys are shown in Figures 2 through 51.

2.0 METHODOLOGY

2.1 Location Control

Locations of geophysical data points were obtained using a sub-meter Trimble Pro-XRS DGPS system. An X-Y survey grid was set up on the three parcels to aid in the data collection. The start and end points of the proposed archaeological trenches were located using the DGPS system, and a fiberglass tape was stretched between the points for location control. References to direction and location in this report are based on the US State Plane 1983 System, North Carolina 3200 Zone, using the NAD 83 datum. The locations of existing site features (building, curbs, signs, etc.) were recorded for later correlation with the geophysical data and for location references to the NCDOT drawings.

2.2 Data Collection and Processing

For parcels 3a, 9, and 14, EM data were collected along parallel survey lines spaced approximately 2.5 feet apart using a Geophex GEM-2 instrument. The GEM-2 and DGPS data were recorded digitally using a field computer and later transferred to a desktop computer for data processing. The GPR data were collected along survey lines spaced two feet apart in orthogonal directions over anomalous EM readings not attributed to cultural features, using a Geophysical Survey Systems SIR-2000 system equipped with a 400 MHz antenna. The GPR data were reviewed in the field to

evaluate the possible presence of UST's. The GPR data also were recorded digitally and later transferred to a desktop computer for further review.

For the proposed archaeological trench lines, GEM-2 and GPR data were recorded along the proposed trench centerlines and along a parallel line offset about 10 feet to either side of the trench alignment, for a total of 3 survey lines along each alignment.

For parcels 3a, 9, and 14, GEM-2 data were processed using the following programs: WinGEM version 1.50, WinGEM version 3.0.0.8, Microsoft Excel 2000, GPS Pathfinder Office version 2.90, and Surfer version 8.01. Processing steps included converting raw data to comma-delimited format, editing the data, converting GPS positions to US State Plane system, applying GPS positioning to the GEM-2 data, making blanking files and base maps, and gridding and contouring the data.

For the proposed archaeological trench lines, GEM-2 data were processed using the following programs: WinGEM version 1.50, WinGEM version 3.0.0.8, Microsoft Excel 2000, and Surfer version 8.01. Processing steps included converting raw data to comma-delimited format, editing the data, and gridding and contouring the data.

GPR data were analyzed using Radan version 5.0, written by Geophysical Survey Systems. Analysis steps included filtering, distance normalization, and gaining, all on an "as needed" basis.

Preliminary figures were posted on Schnabel Engineering's file transfer protocol (ftp) site on May 3, 2005.

3.0 <u>DISCUSSION OF RESULTS</u>

The contoured GEM-2 data are shown on Figures 2 through 32. Parcel 3a is shown on Figures 2 through 5, Parcel 9 is shown on Figures 6 through 9, Parcel 14 is shown on Figures 10 through 13, and the proposed archaeological trench lines are shown on Figures 14 through 32. The in-phase data, which shows anomalies associated with metal objects, are plotted on Figures 2, 3, 6, 7, 10, 11, and 14 through 32. The quadrature data, which shows anomalies related to non-metallic debris or

changes in soil properties (when not associated with an in-phase anomaly), are shown on Figures 4, 5, 8, 9, 12, 13, and 14 through 32. As the frequency of the transmitted electromagnetic energy decreases, the depth of penetration increases. Two frequencies, 1170 Hz and 47010 Hz, are shown for each dataset, and the 1170 Hz data give a greater depth of penetration than the 47010 Hz data. The GPR data from the proposed archaeological trench lines are shown on Figures 33 through 51. The GEM-2 data for Parcels 3a, 9, and 14 are also shown at a scale of 1 inch = 50 feet on Figures 52 through 57.

3.1 Parcel 3a

Parcel 3a is located southwest of the intersection of West 4th Street and the Southern Railway Railroad Tracks in Charlotte, NC. The site contains a gravel parking lot. The GEM-2 results for Parcel 3a are shown on Figures 2 and 3 (in-phase) and Figures 4 and 5 (quadrature). The 47010 Hz and the 1170 Hz in-phase results indicate several high amplitude anomalies along the southeastern edge of the parcel, as well as a high amplitude anomaly in the northeastern portion of the parcel (Figures 2 and 3). The anomalies along the southeastern edge of the parcel are probably caused by metallic debris and reinforced concrete on the adjacent property to the southeast. The 47010 Hz quadrature results indicate several linear anomalies, most of which can be attributed to known cultural features or data collection artifacts (Figure 4). A linear anomaly in the western portion of the parcel is probably caused by a buried utility. Most of the observed anomalies are not present in the deeper (1170 Hz) quadrature results (Figure 5). GPR surveys were conducted over the anomaly in the northeastern portion of the parcel. The GPR data did not indicate the presence of UST's in the area surveyed.

3.2 Parcel 9

Parcel 9 is located at the northeast corner of the intersection of West 4th Street and Graham Street in Charlotte, NC. The site contains an asphalt parking lot with one small building. The GEM-2 results for Parcel 3a are shown on Figures 6 and 7 (in-phase) and Figures 8 and 9 (quadrature). The 47010 Hz and the 1170 Hz in-phase results indicate several high amplitude anomalies to the south of the building, as well as the southwest portion of the parcel (Figures 6 and 7). The 47010 Hz and 1170 Hz quadrature results indicate several high amplitude anomalies in the same areas as the in-phase

results (Figures 8 and 9). GPR surveys were conducted over the two anomalous areas. The GPR data did not indicate the presence of UST's in the area surveyed. The high amplitude anomalies are probably caused by metallic debris in the fill in these areas.

3.3 Parcel 14

Parcel 14 is located at the northeast corner of the intersection of West Trade Street and Wilkes Place in Charlotte, NC. The site contains a gravel parking lot. Areas occupied by bushes and trees could not be surveyed. The GEM-2 results for Parcel 14 are shown on Figures 10 and 11 (in-phase) and Figures 12 and 13 (quadrature). The 47010 Hz and the 1170 Hz in-phase results indicate several high amplitude anomalies; all but one, in the center of the parcel, can be attributed to known cultural features (Figures 10 and 11). The 47010 Hz quadrature results indicate several linear anomalies probably caused by buried utilities (Figure 12). The observed linear anomalies are not present in the deeper (1170 Hz) quadrature results (Figure 13), although several anomalies similar to the in-phase anomalies are observed. GPR surveys were conducted over the anomaly in the center of the parcel. The GPR data did not indicate the presence of UST's in the area surveyed. However, a UST was discovered by others upon excavation at the location of the high amplitude GEM-2 anomaly in the center of the parcel.

3.4 Proposed Archaeological Lines

The proposed archaeological line locations are shown on Figure 1. The GEM-2 data from the proposed archaeological lines are shown on Figures 14 through 32. The GPR data from the proposed archaeological trench lines are shown on Figures 33 through 51. Interpretations of GEM-2 anomalies attributed to known cultural features can be found on the figures. Upon excavation by others of an archaeological trench in the vicinity of Archaeological Line 17 on Parcel 3b, two UST's were uncovered. These two UST's were not discovered during the geophysical investigation because they were not located on the lines where we collected geophysical data.

*Parcel is more likely to be at Parcel 3C per H&H UST removal document figure H&H 20050815 August 8, 2005 report

4.0 CONCLUSIONS

Our evaluation of the GEM-2 and GPR data collected for the Multi Modal Station project provides the following observation:

- The GEM-2 data indicated the presence of a UST on Parcel 14.
- The geophysical data did not indicate the presence of UST's in the areas surveyed on Parcels 3a, or 9.

5.0 <u>LIMITATIONS</u>

These services have been performed and this report prepared for the North Carolina Department of Transportation in accordance with generally accepted guidelines for conducting geophysical surveys. It is generally recognized that the results of geophysical surveys are non-unique and may not represent actual subsurface conditions.

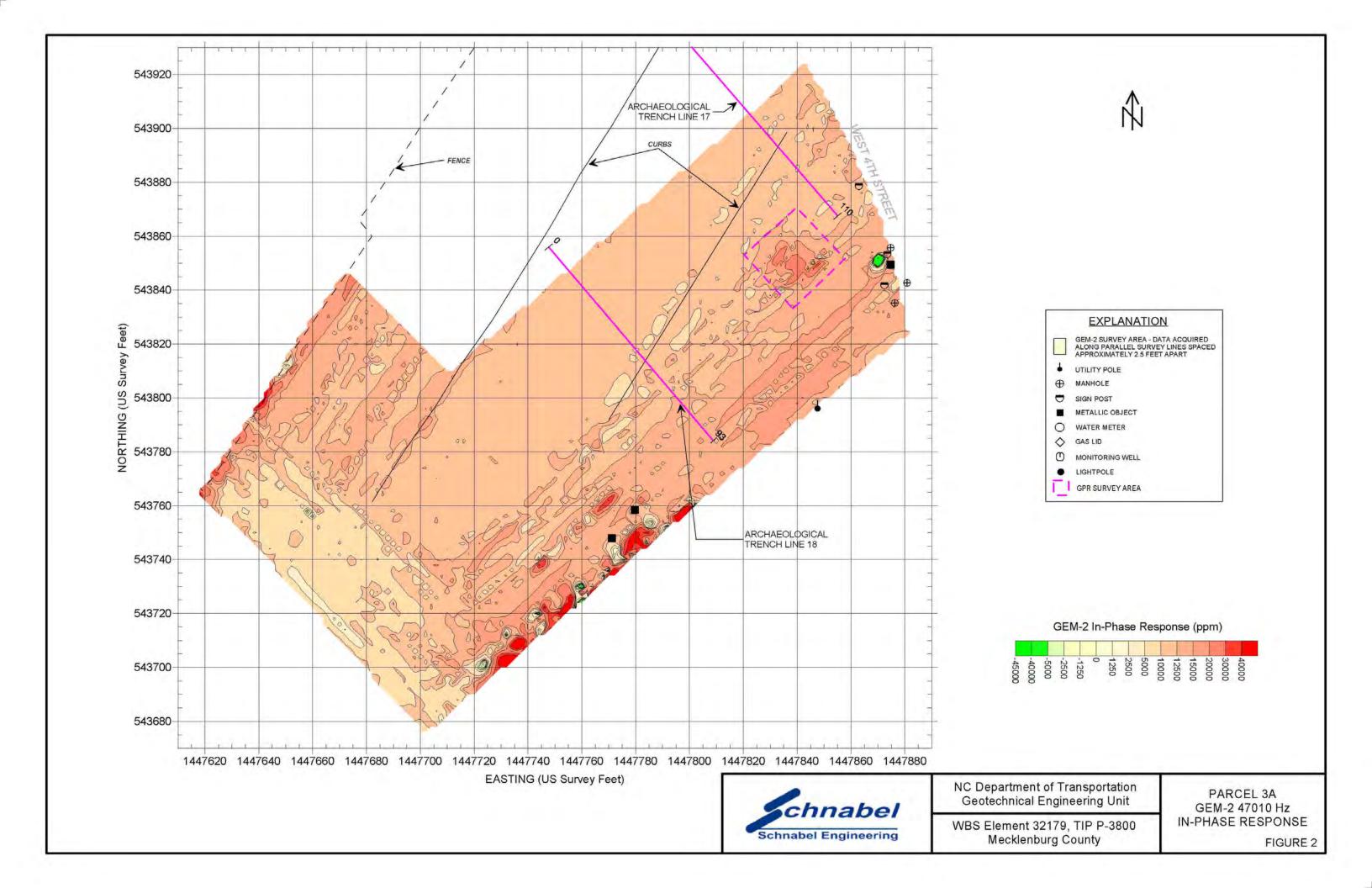


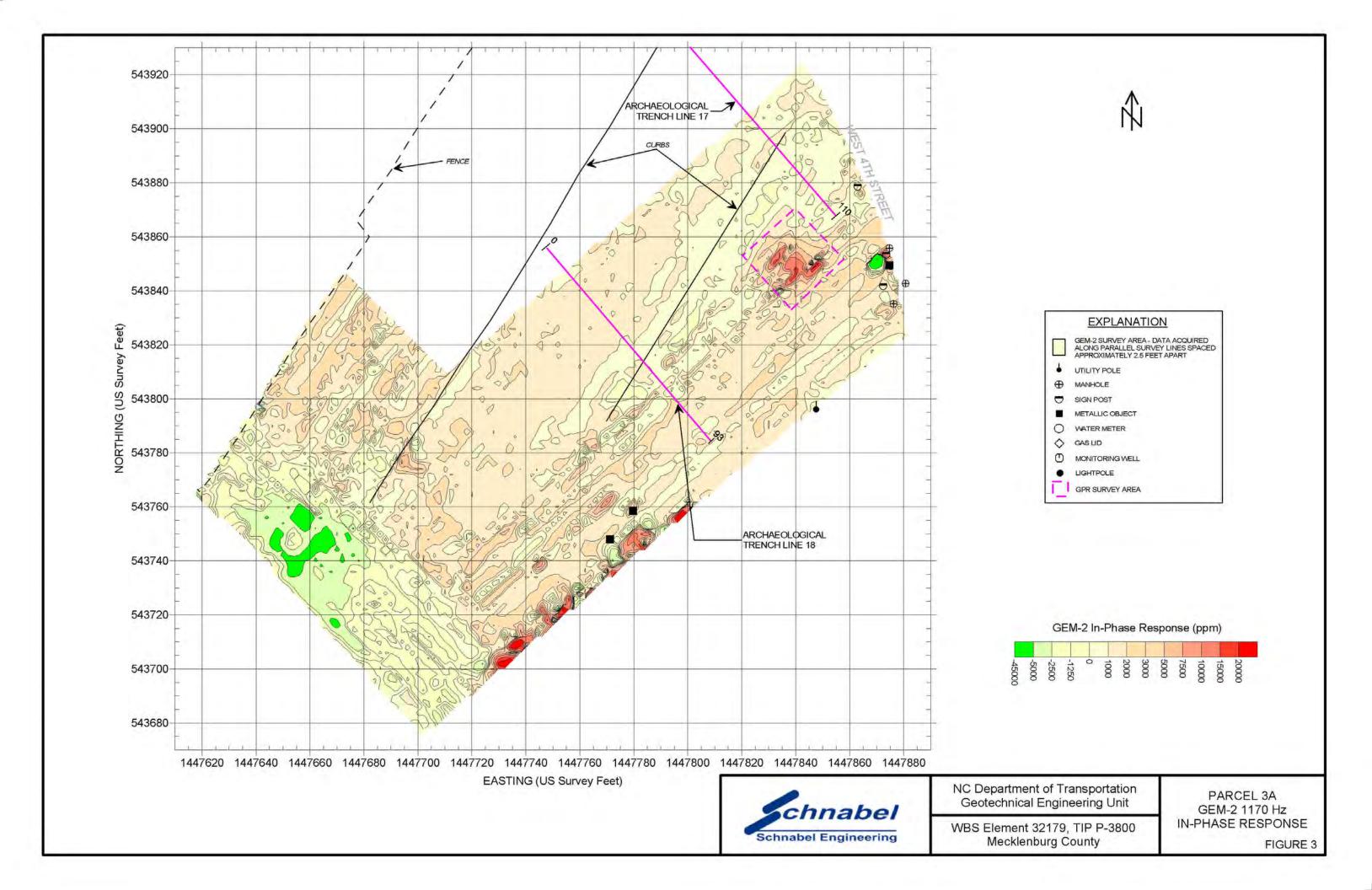


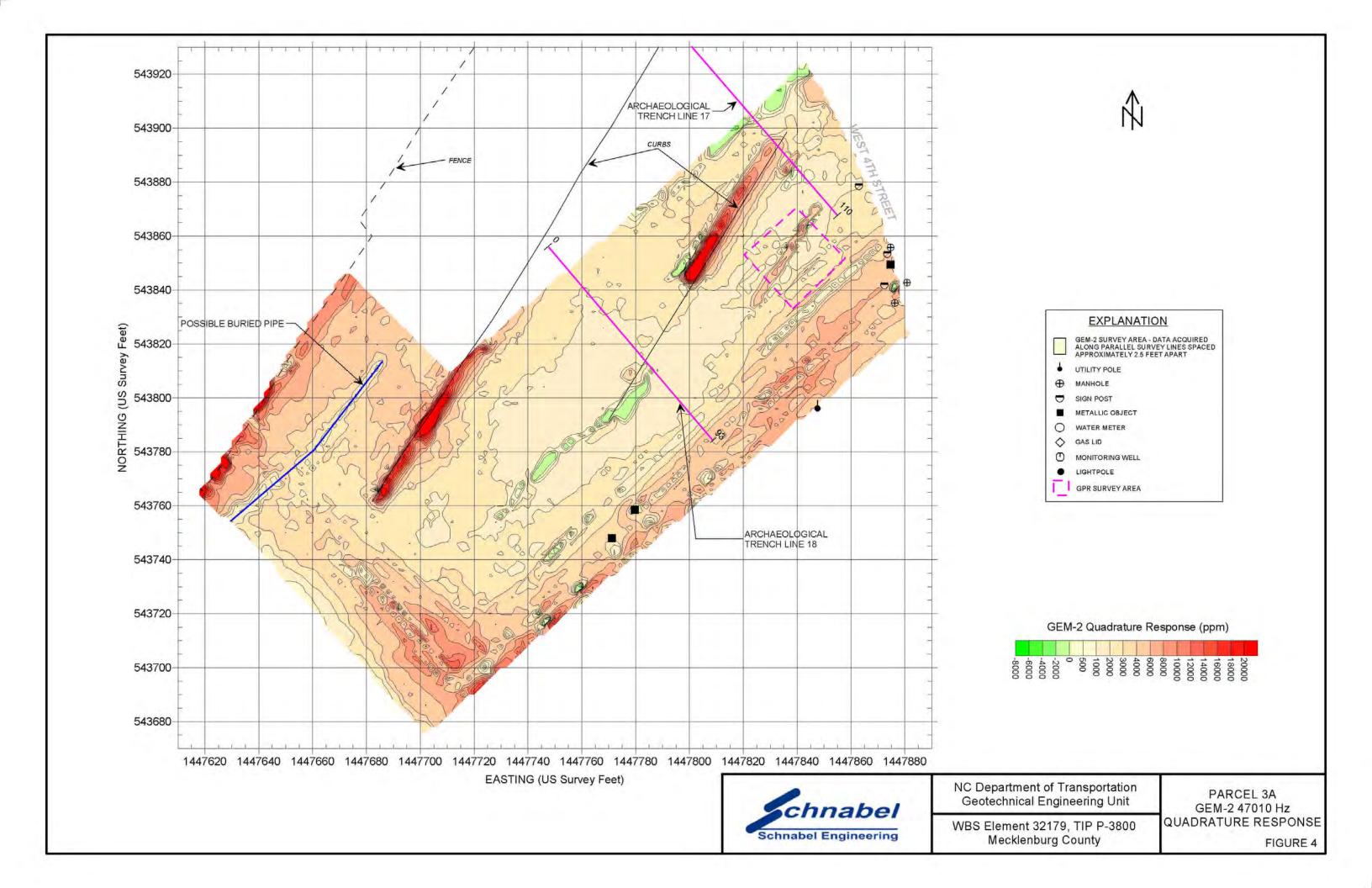


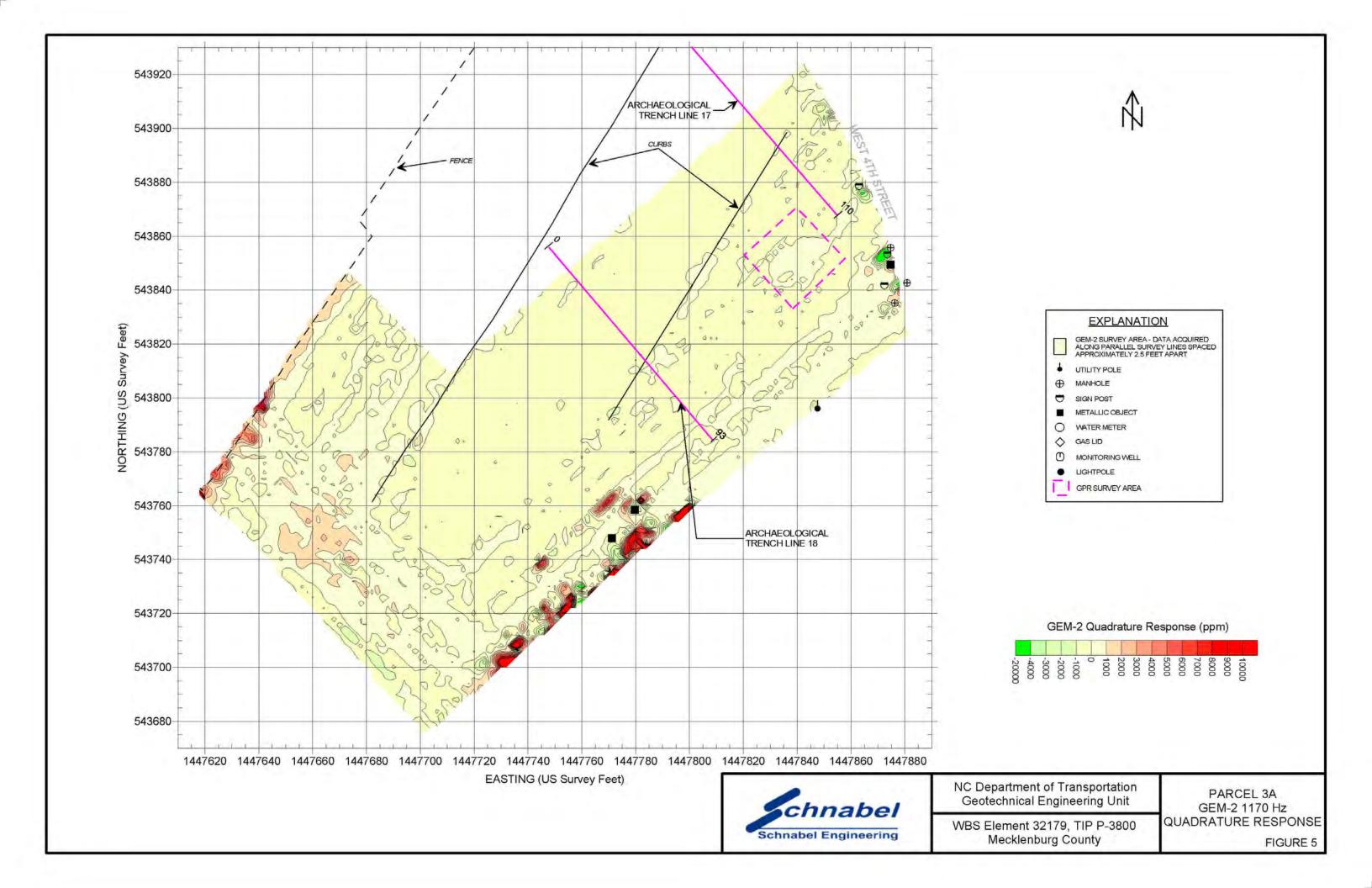
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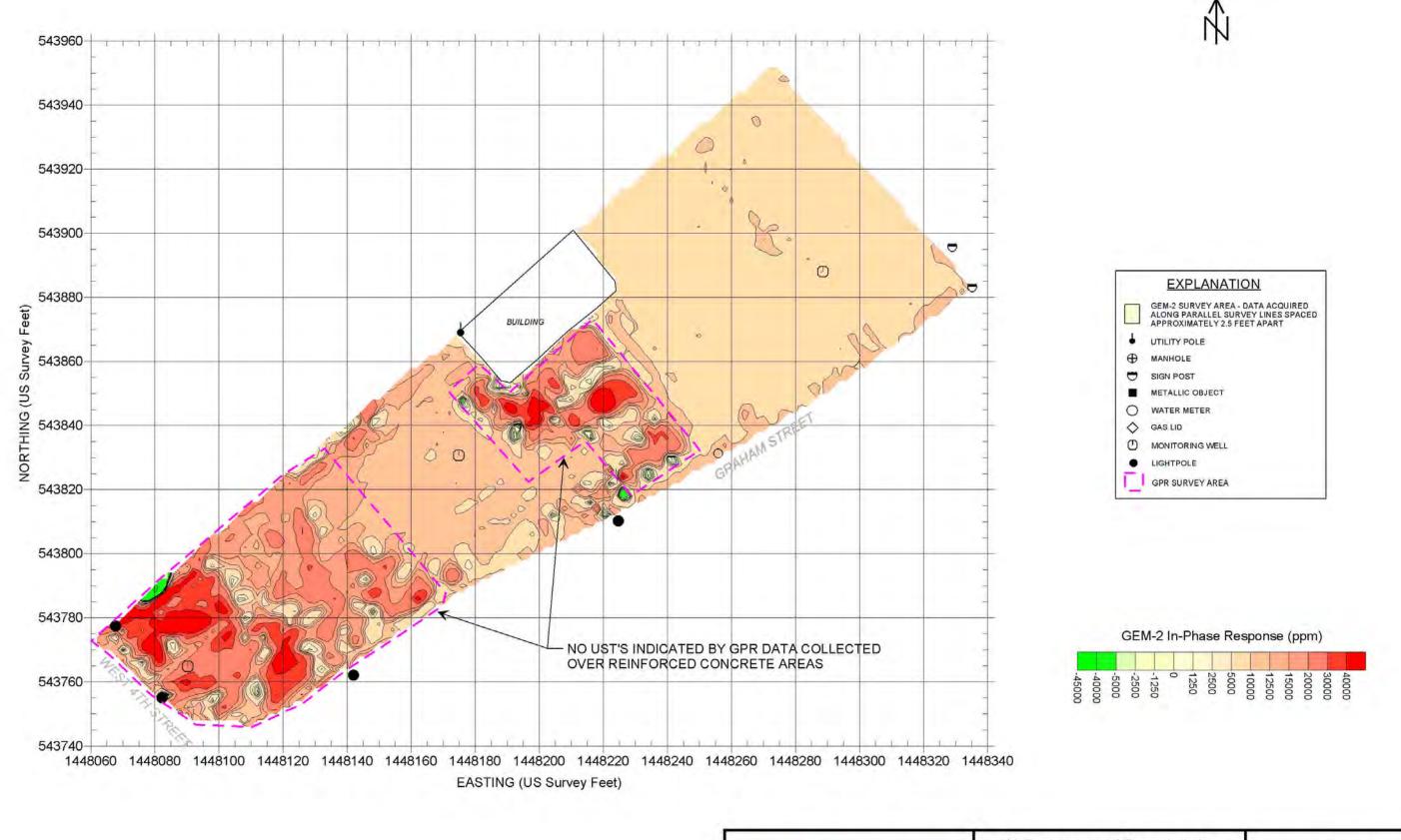
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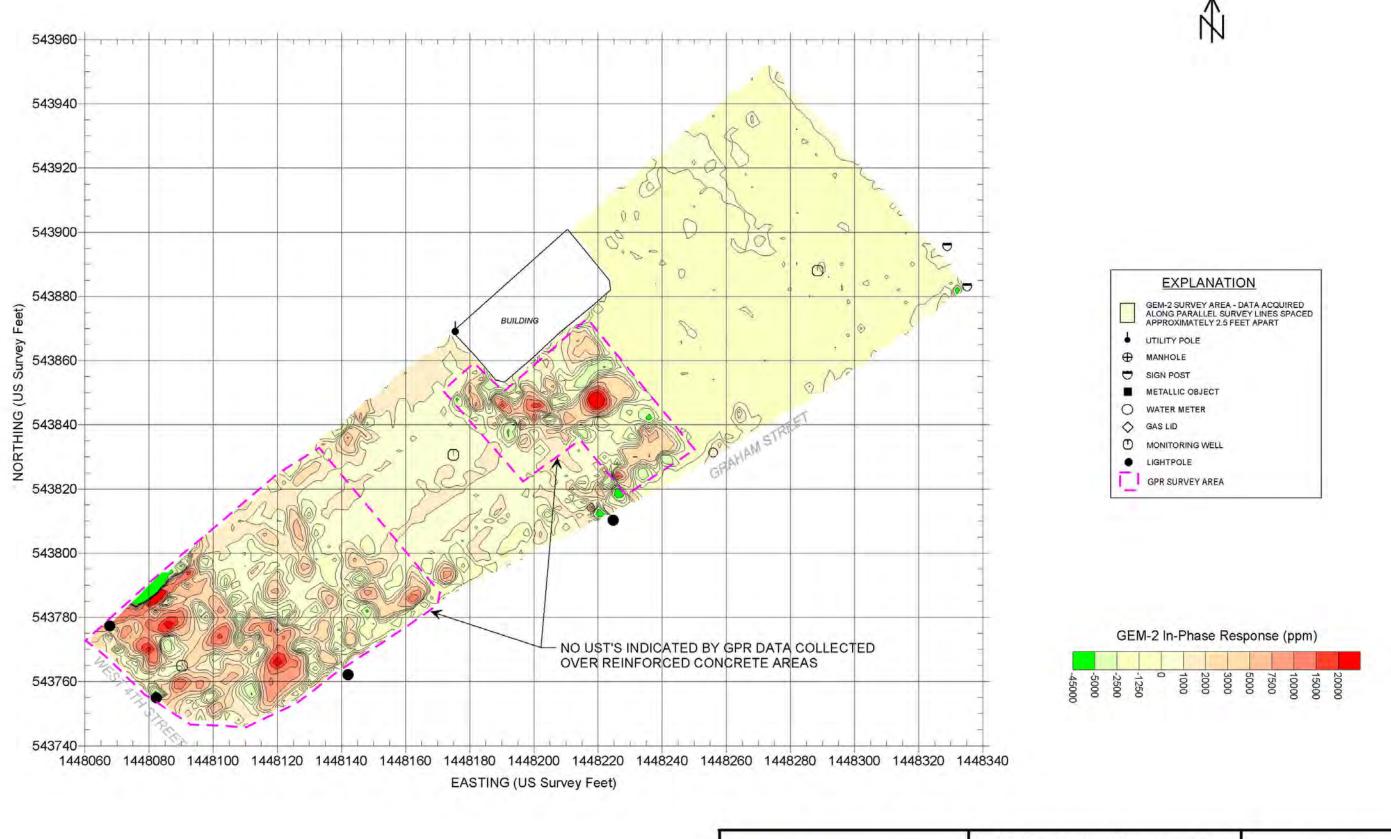






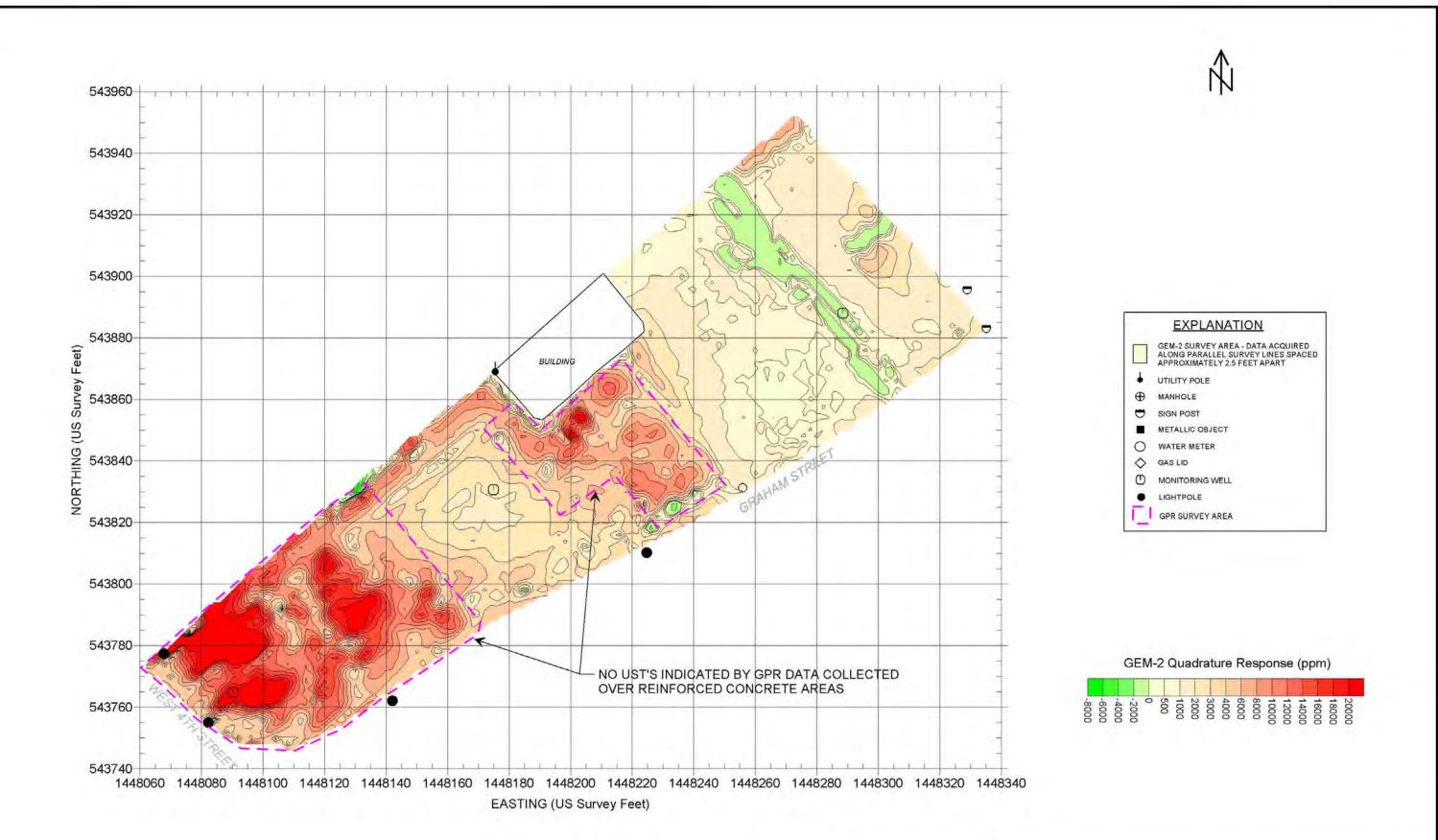


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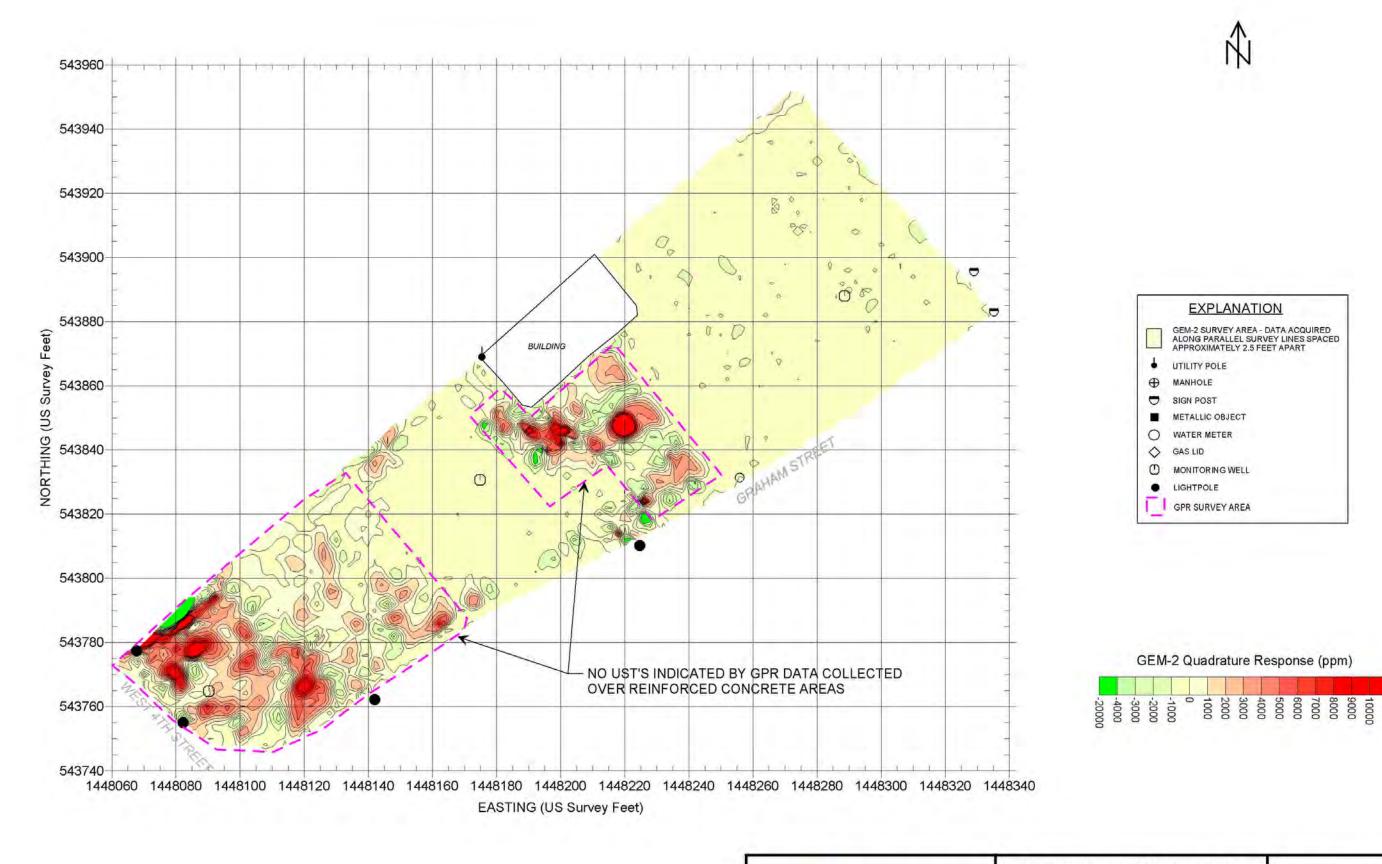


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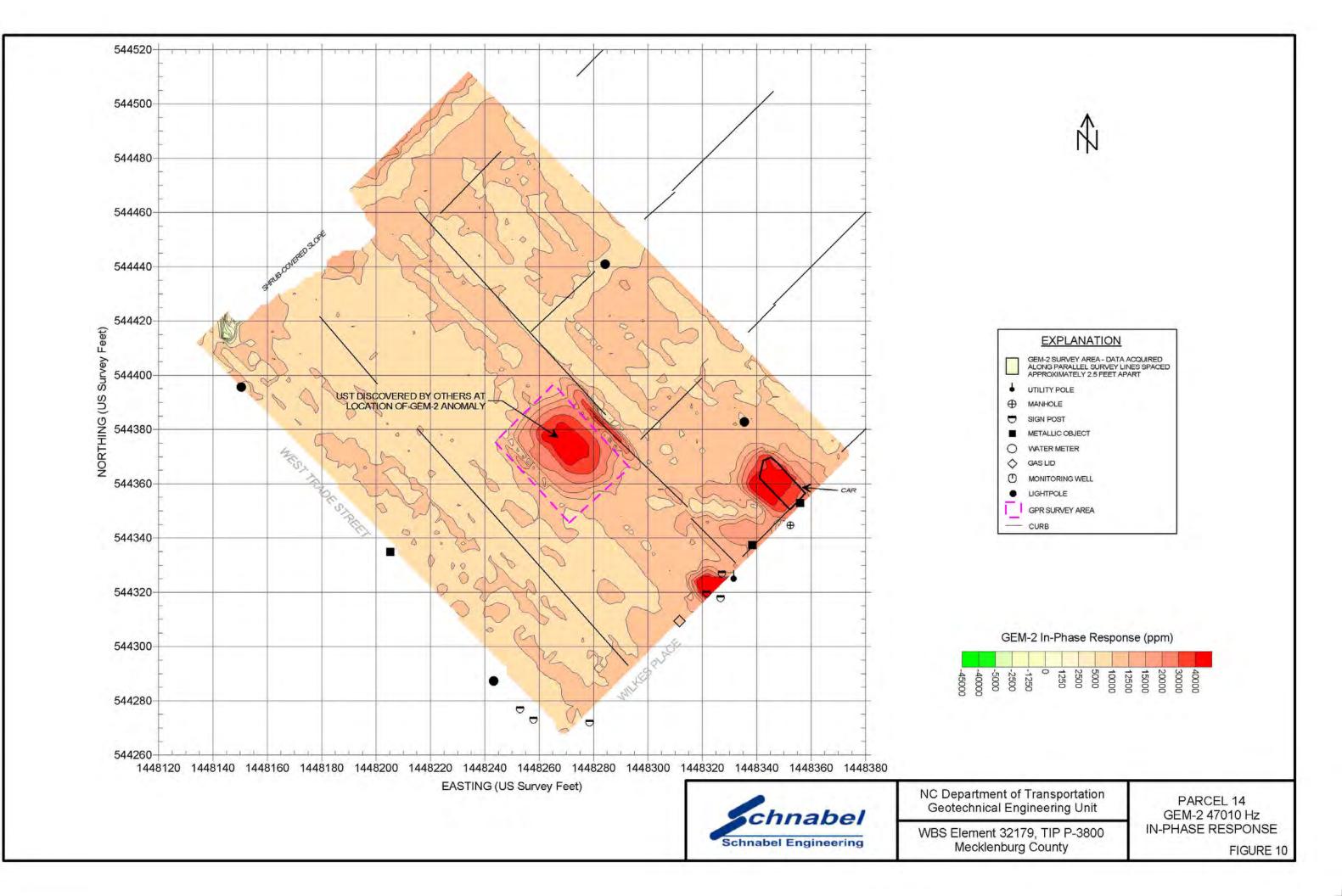


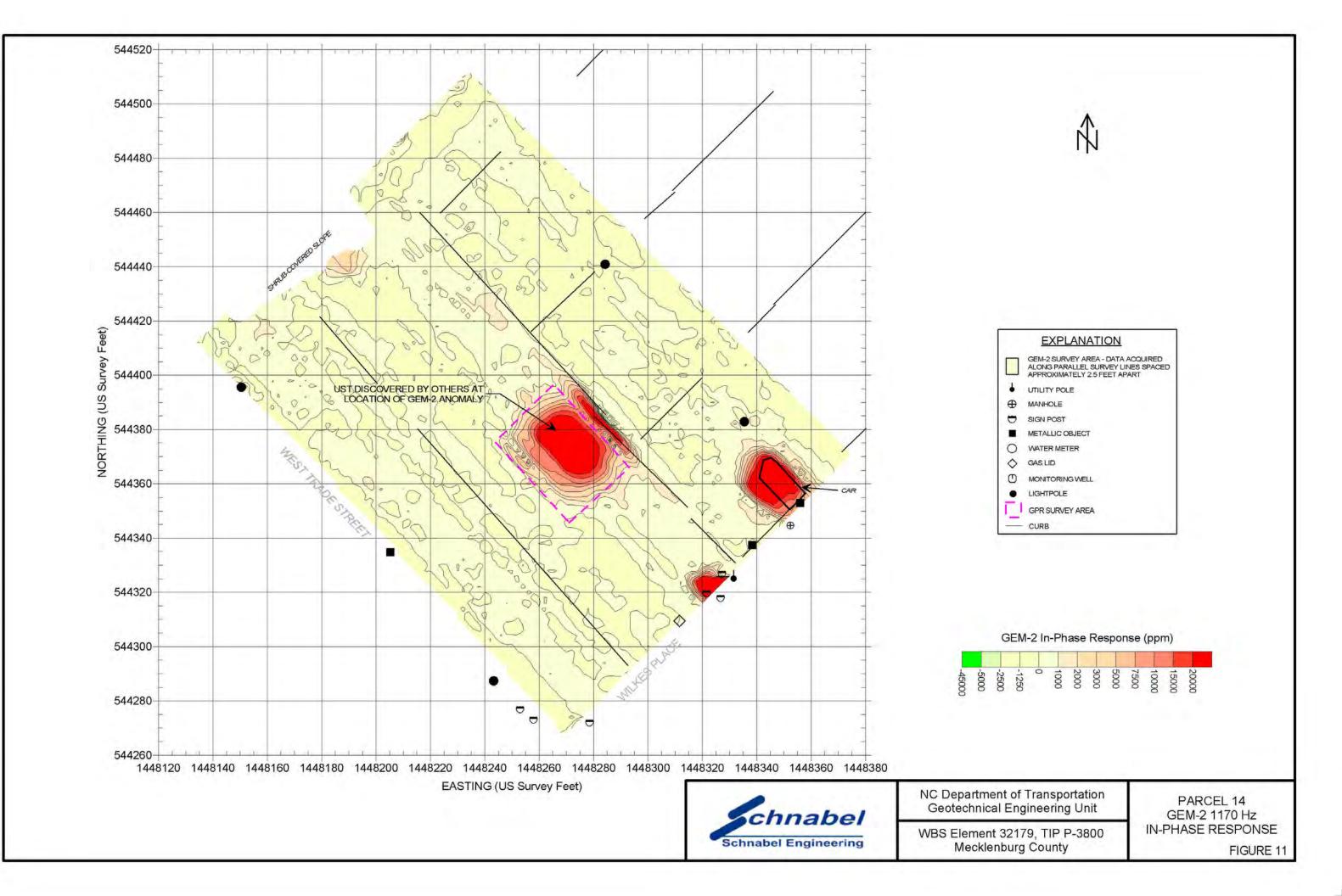
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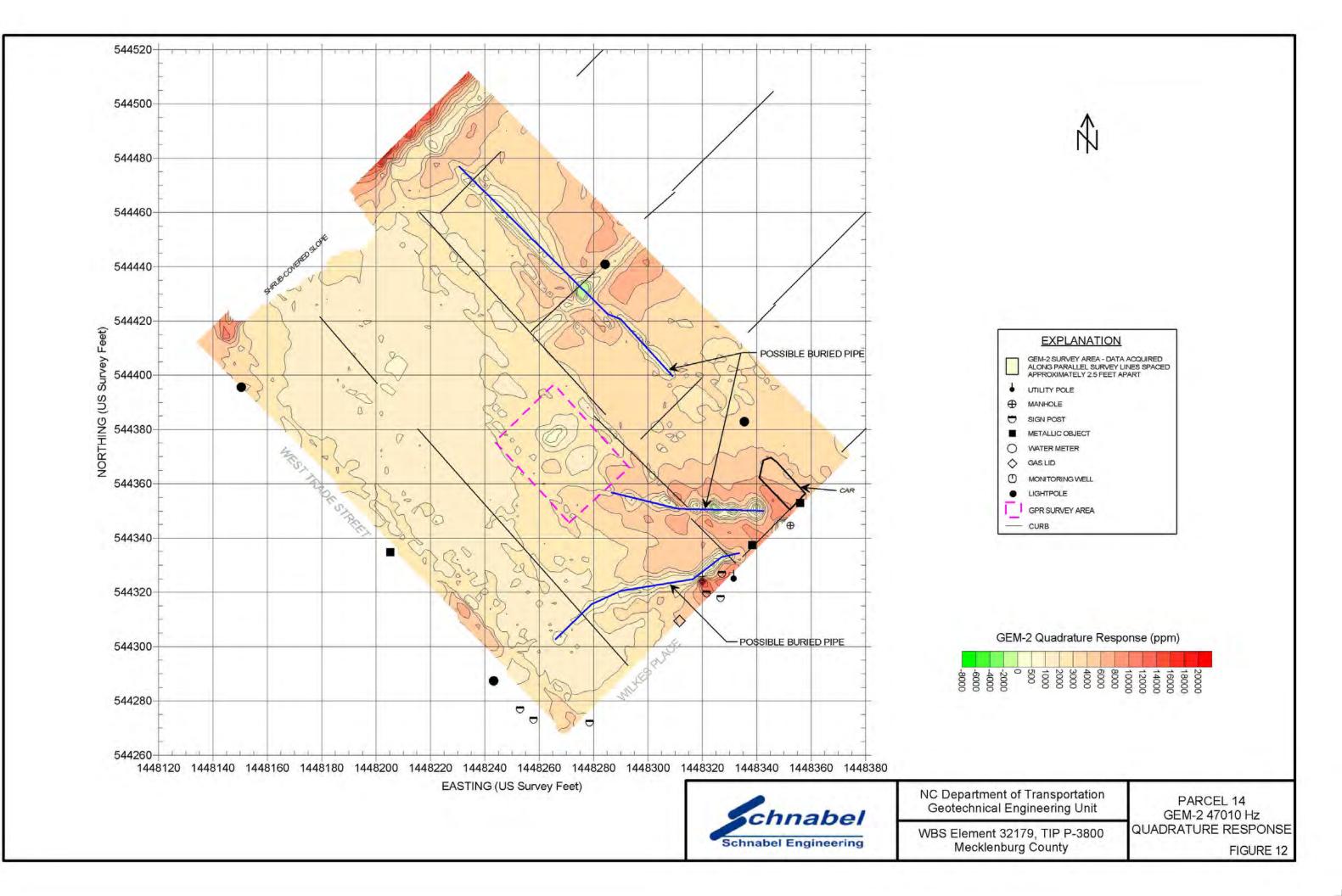


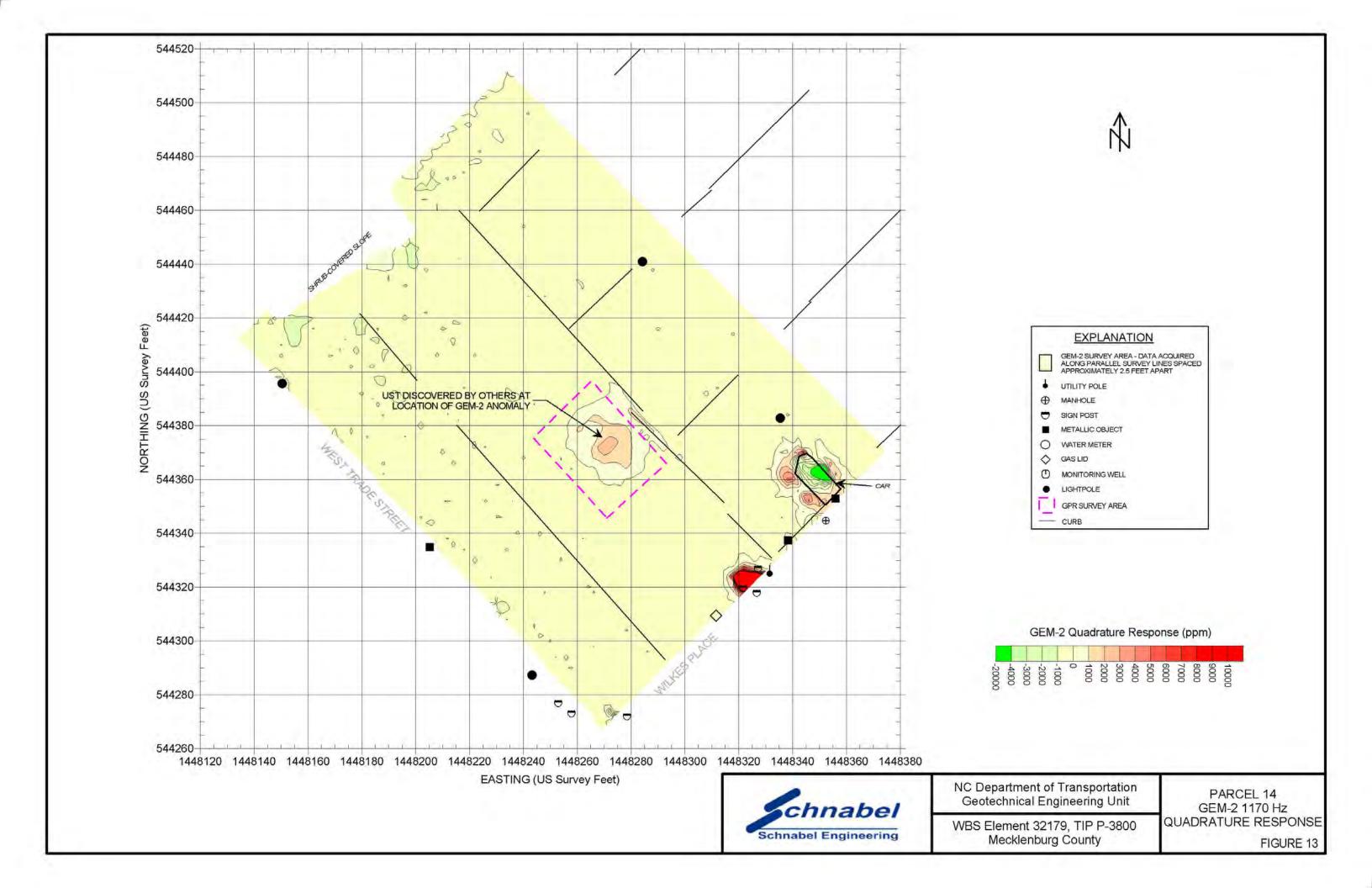


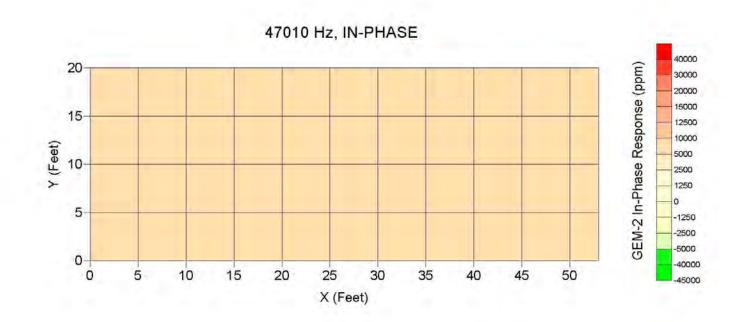
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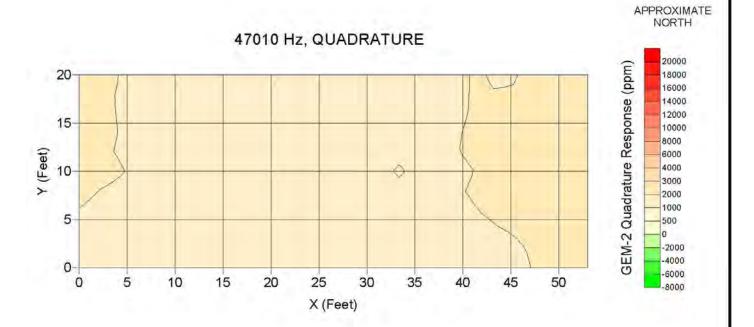


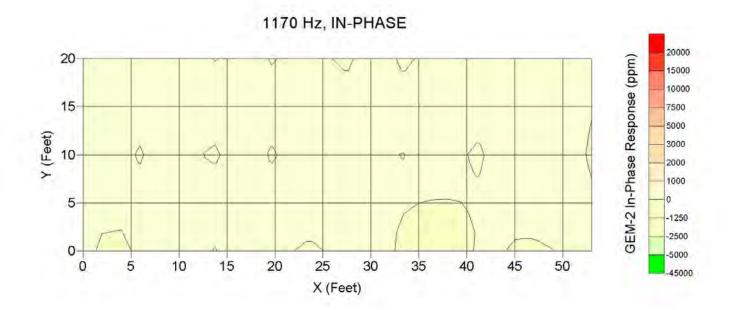


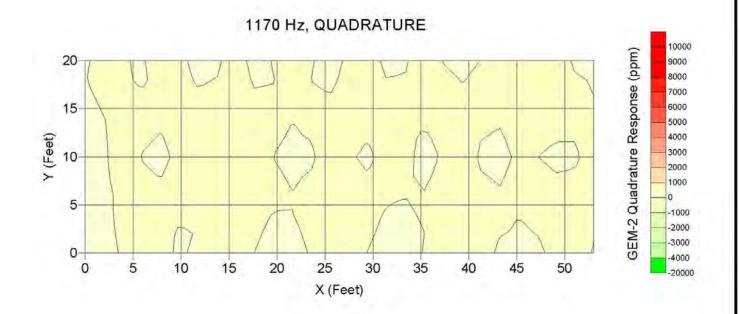








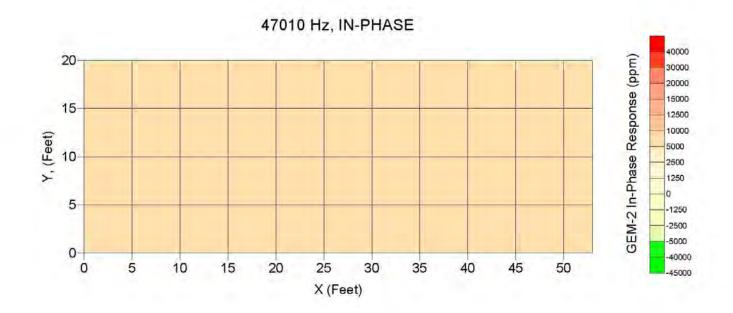


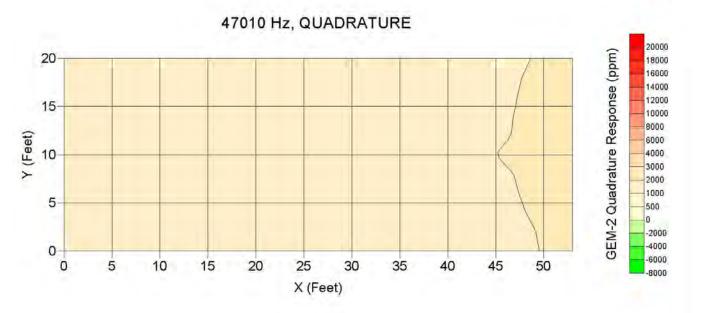


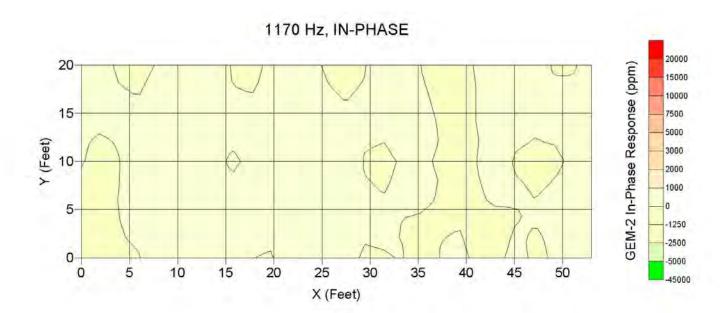


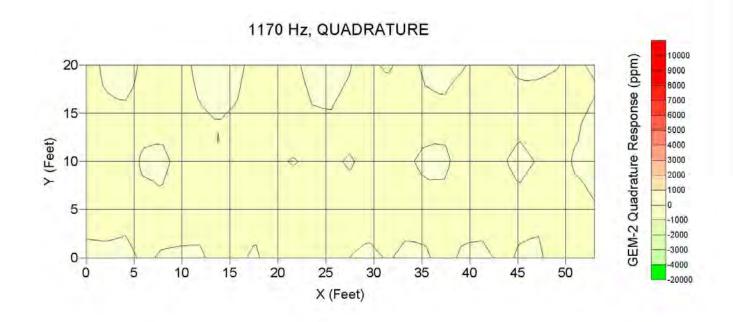
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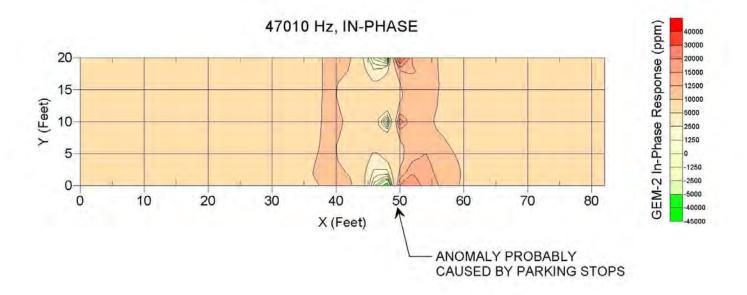


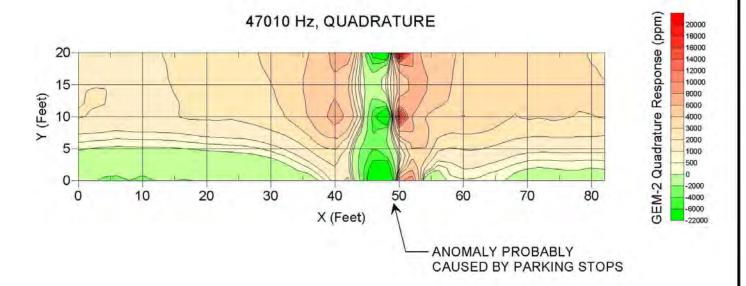


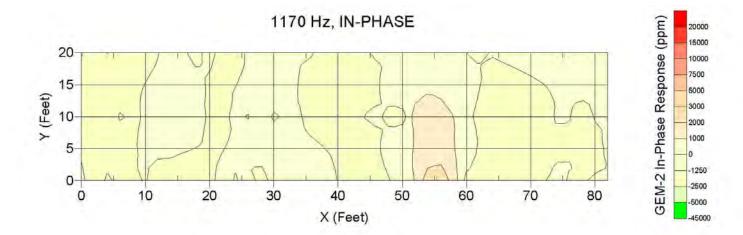


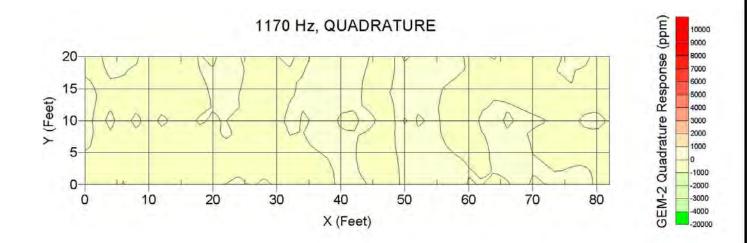
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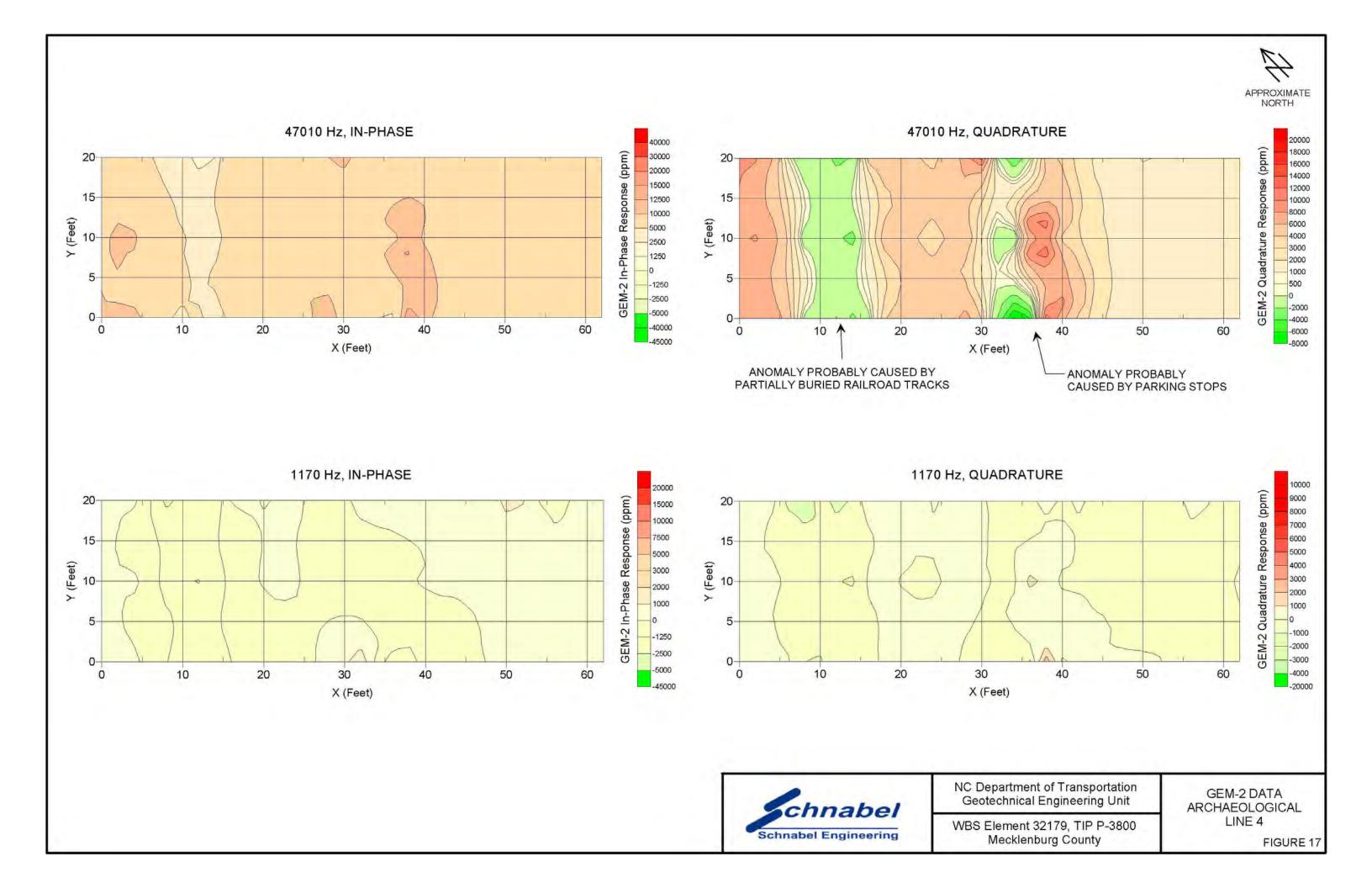


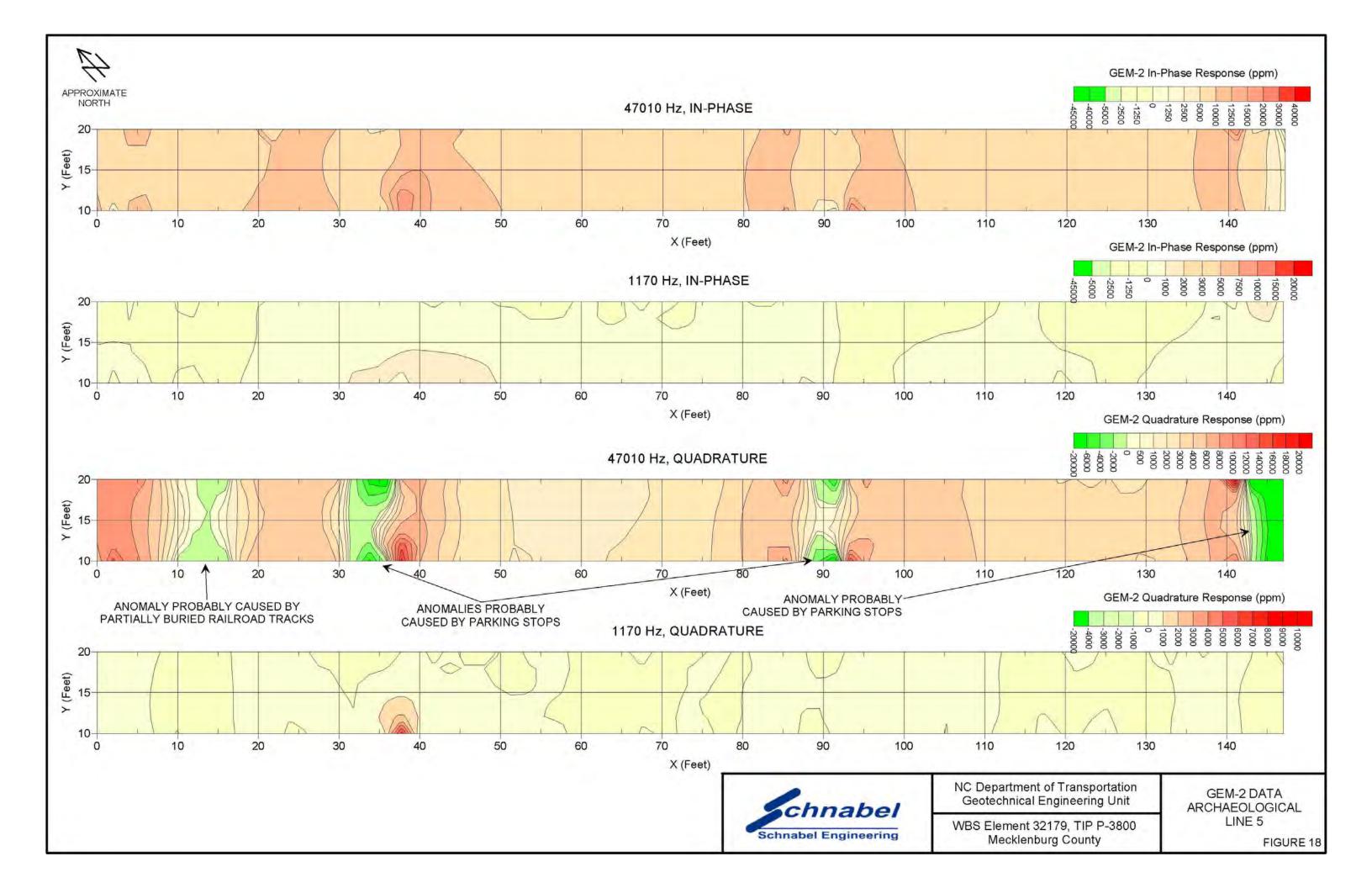


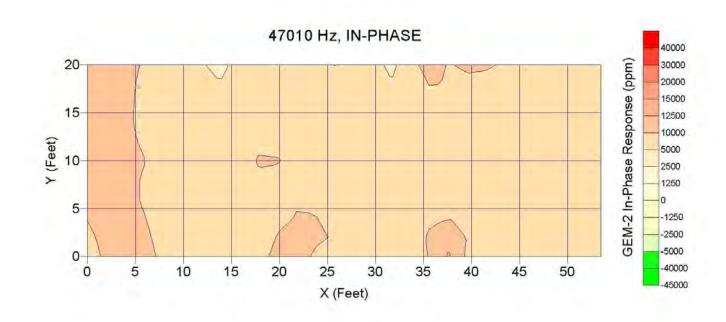


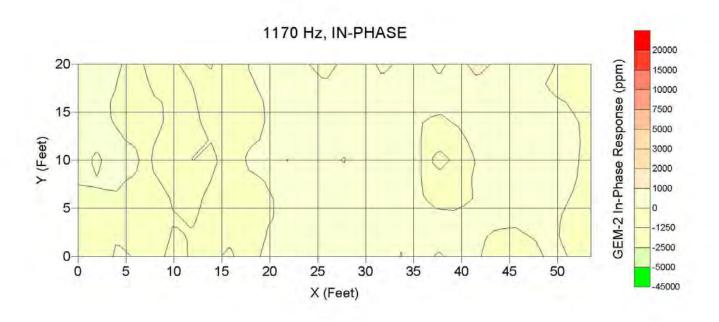
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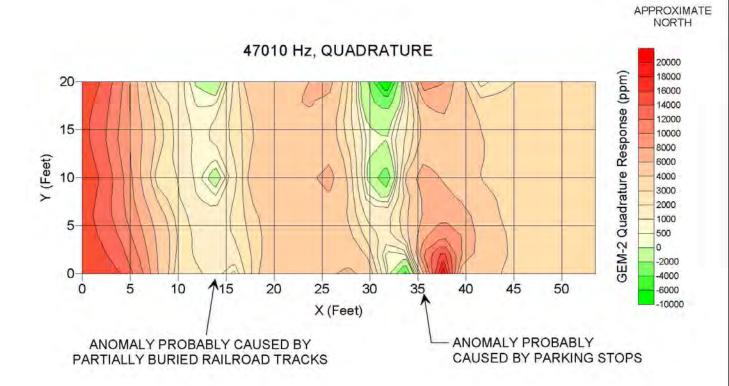
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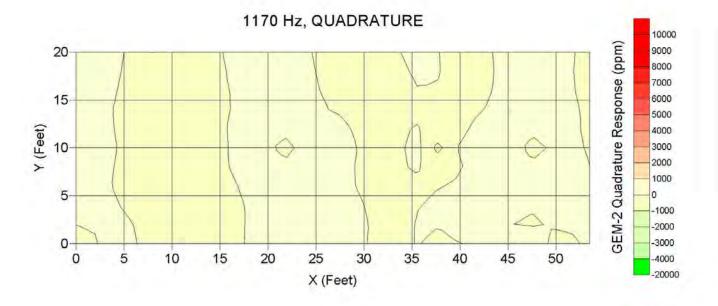








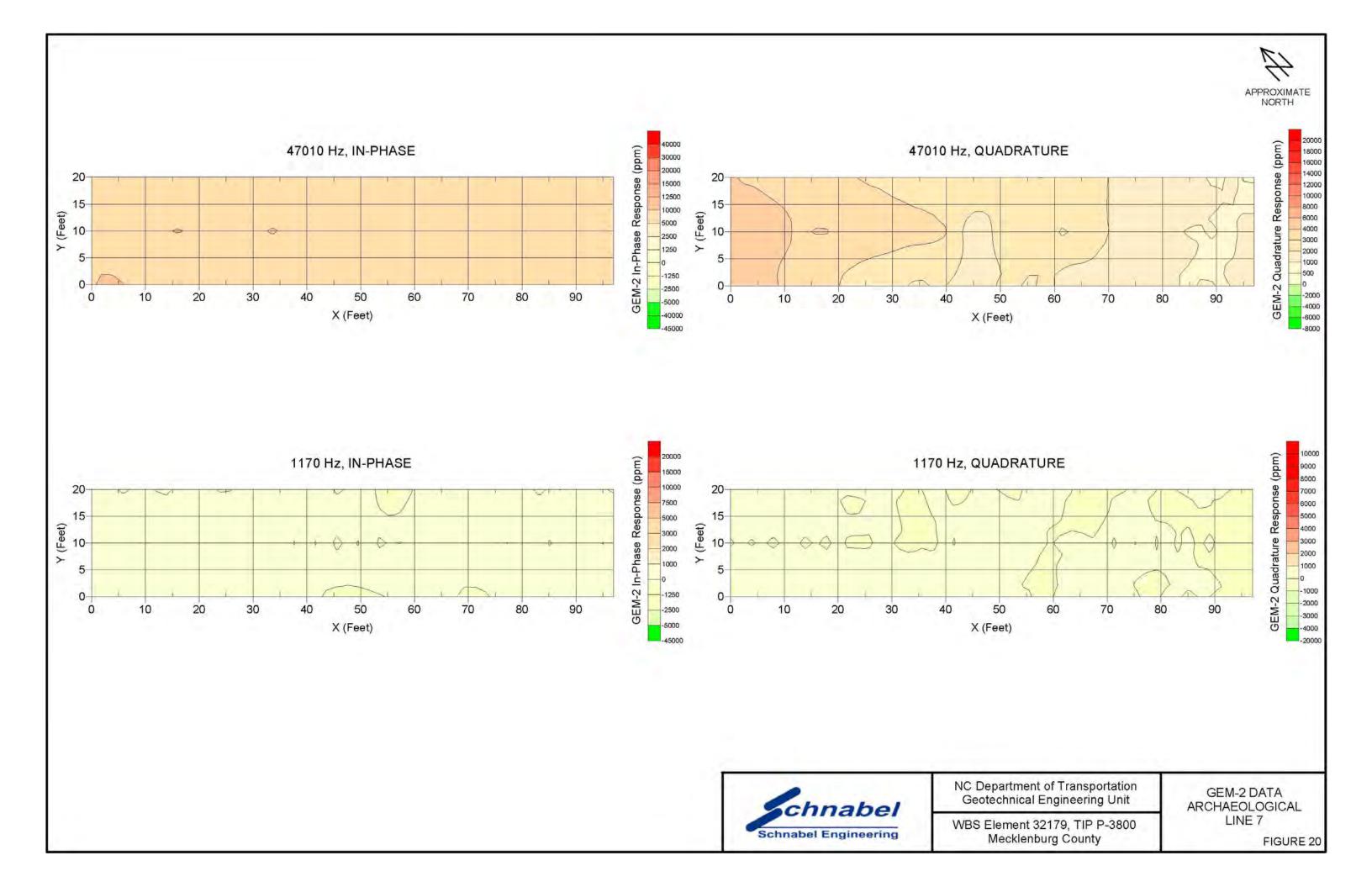




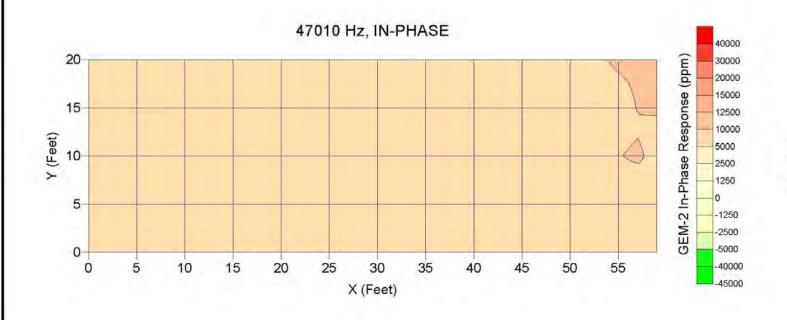


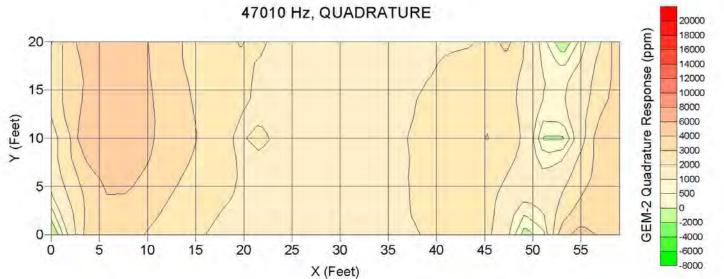
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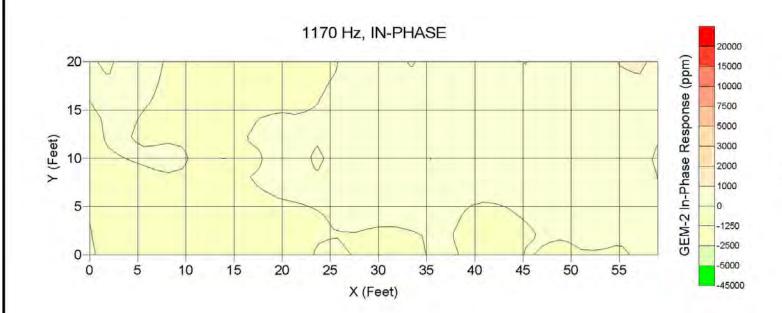
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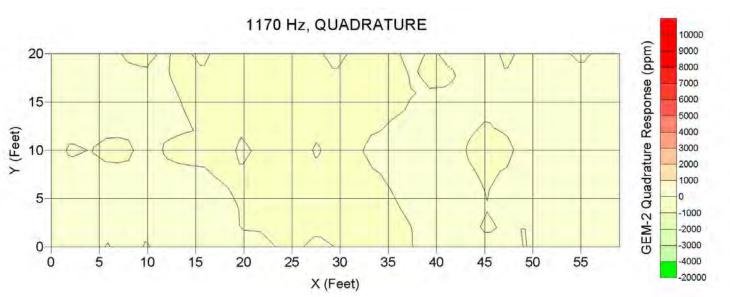






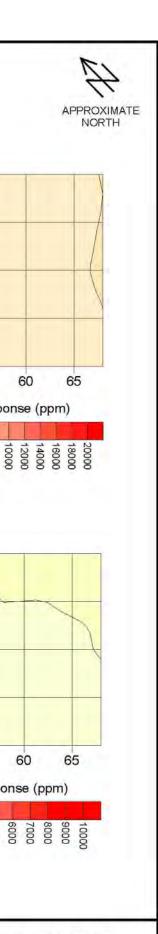


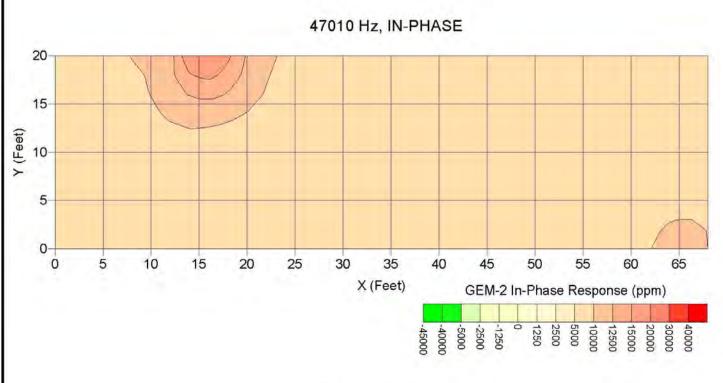


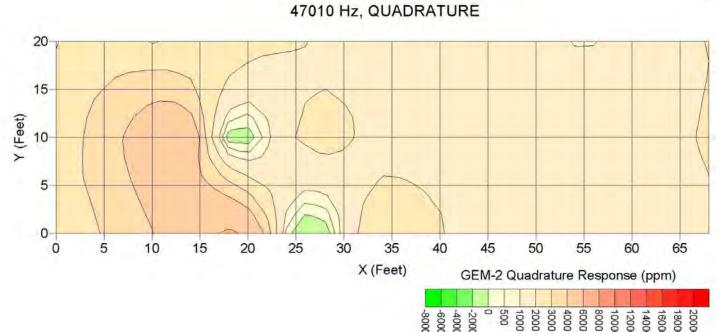


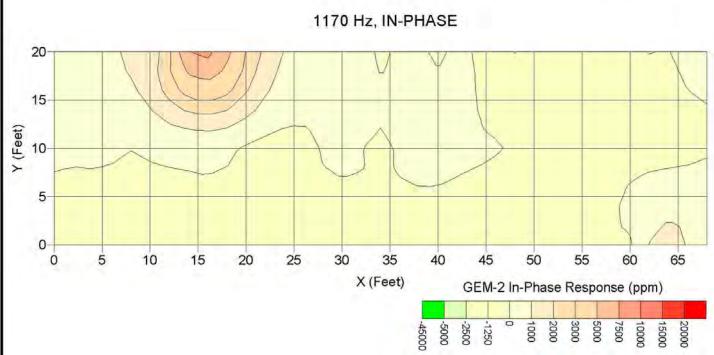


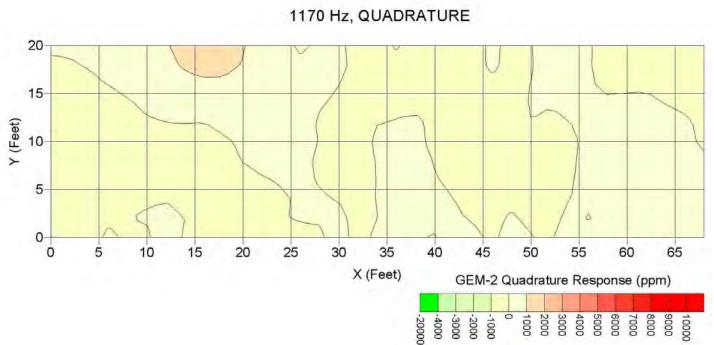
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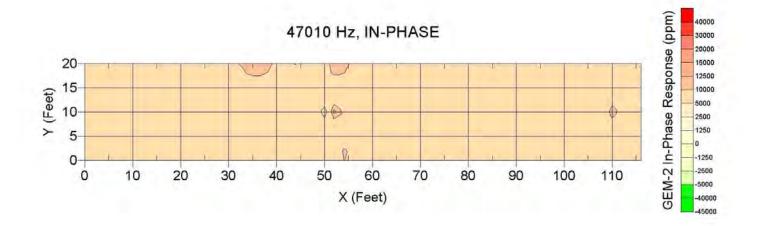


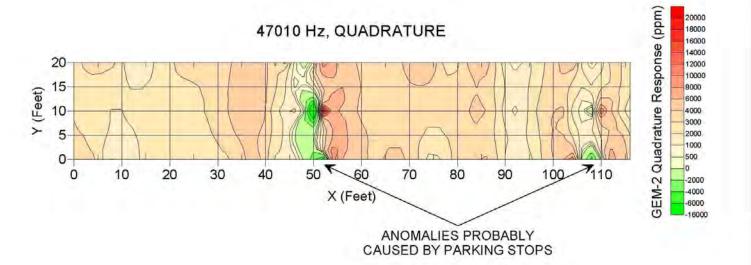


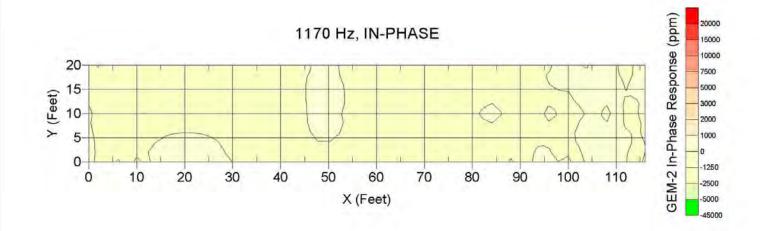


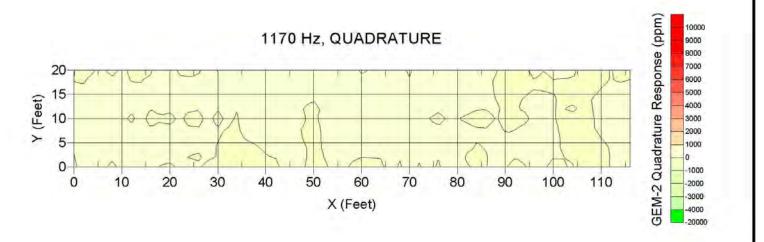
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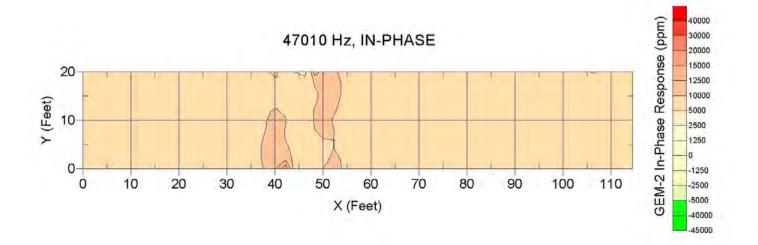


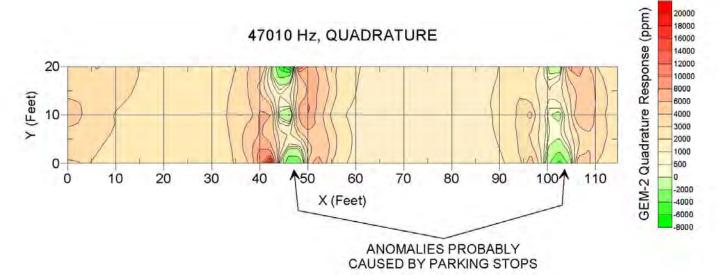


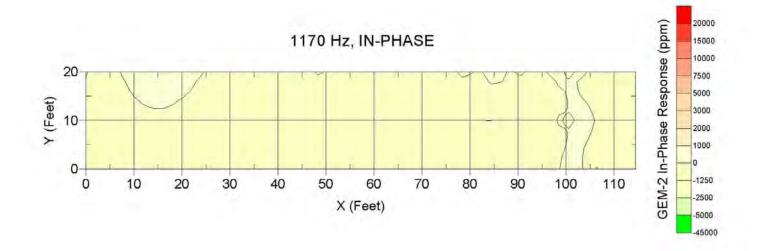


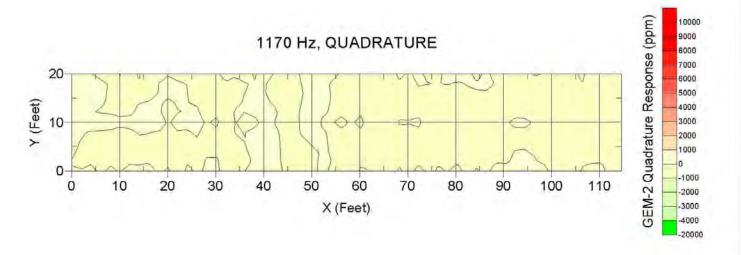
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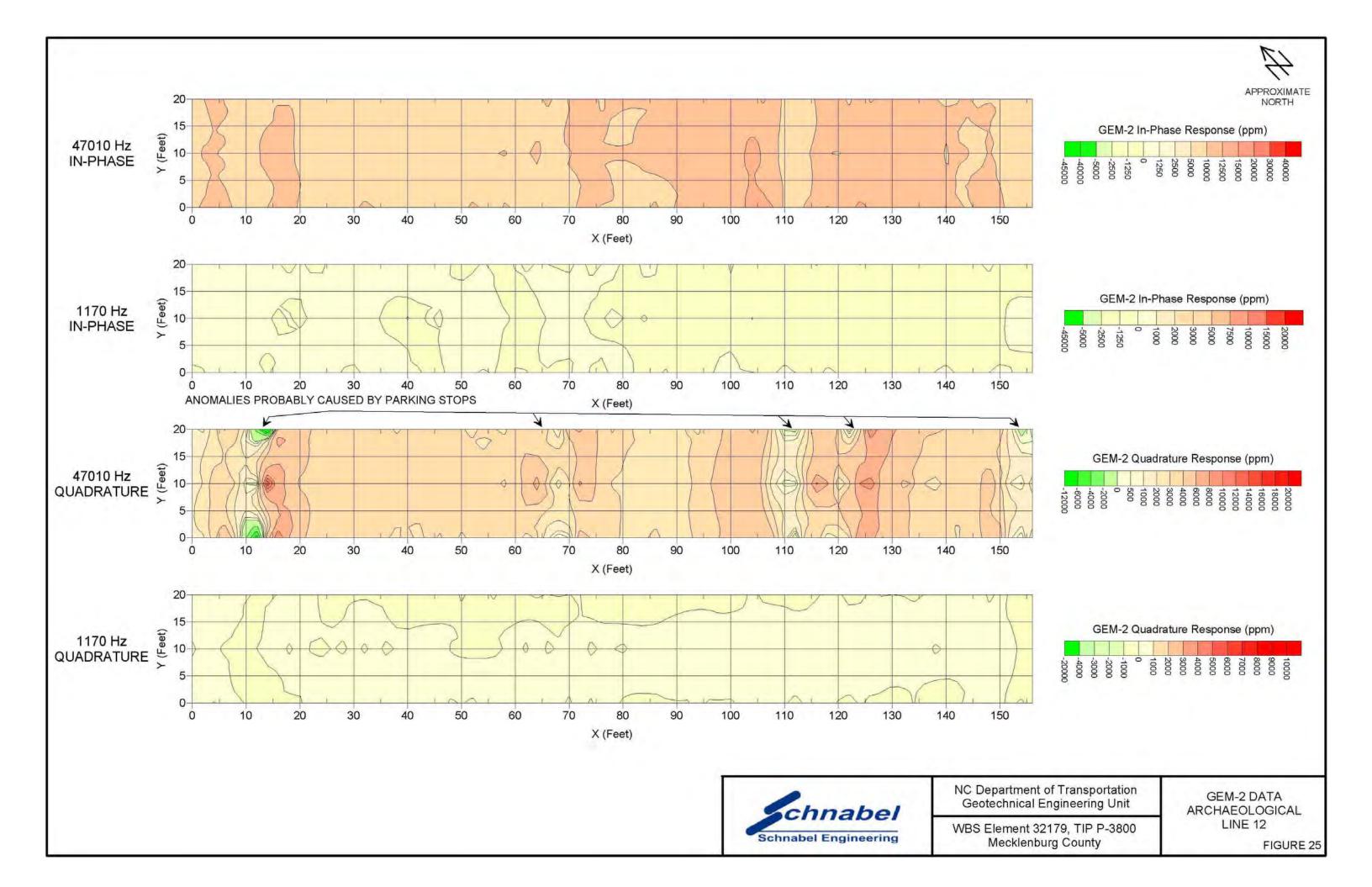


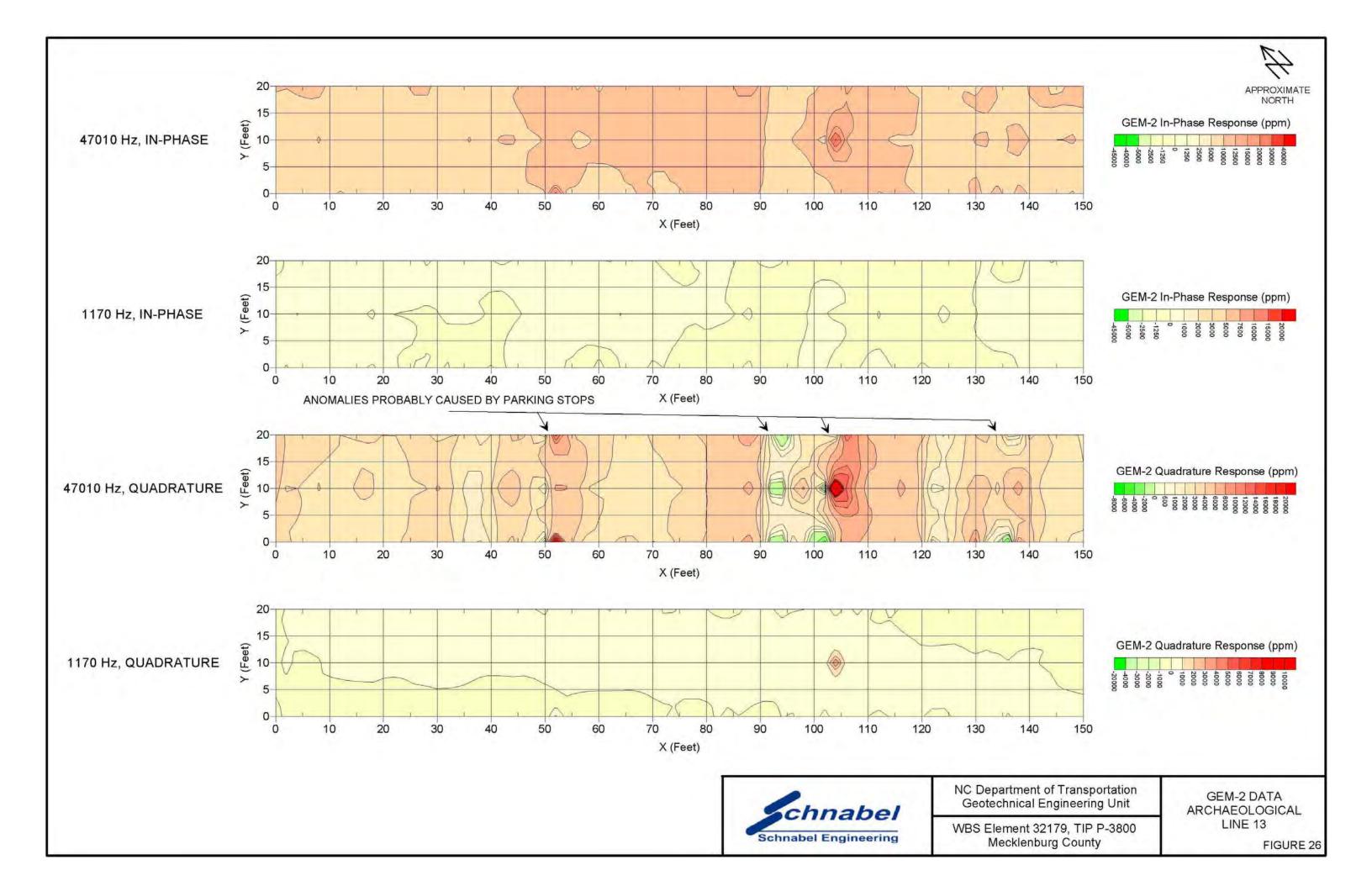


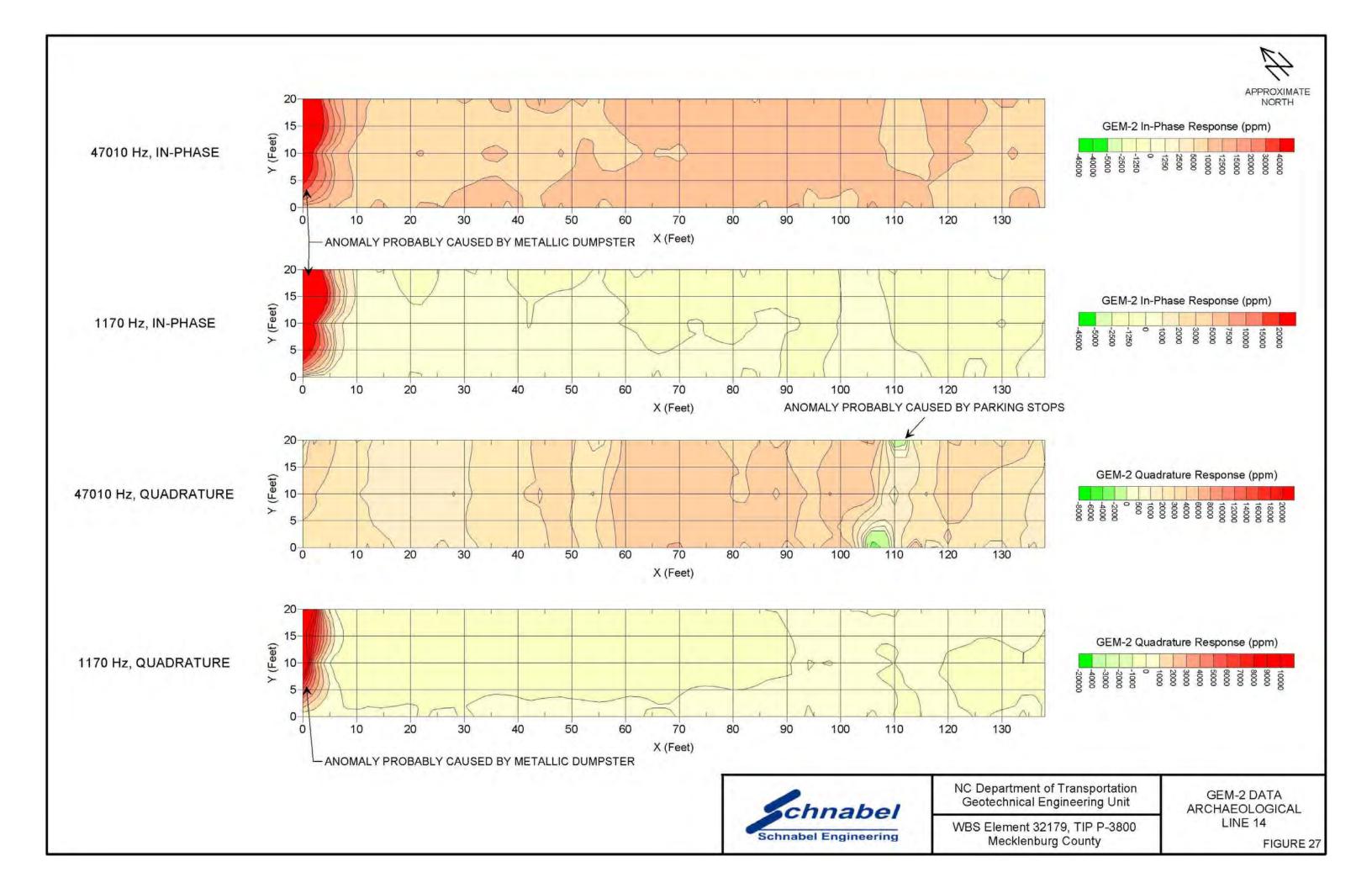




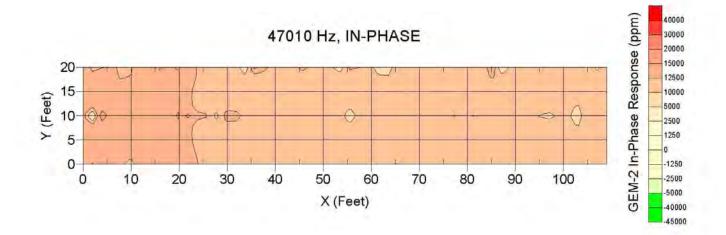
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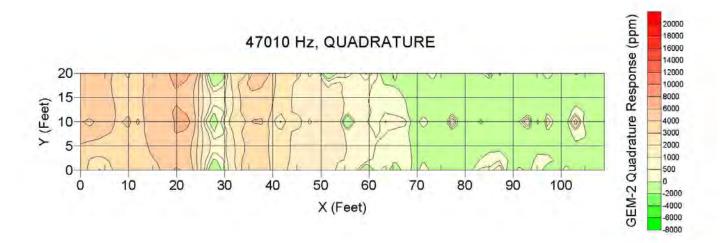


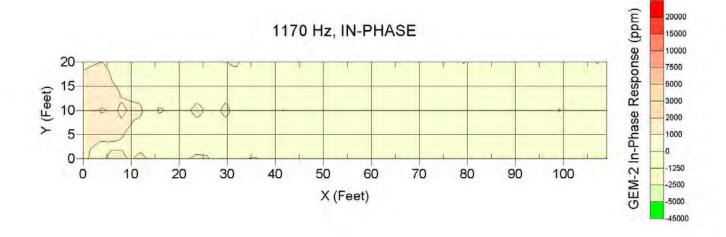


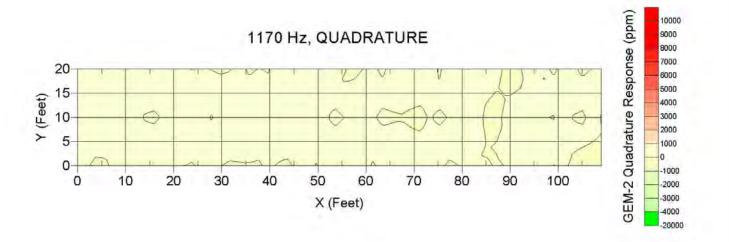








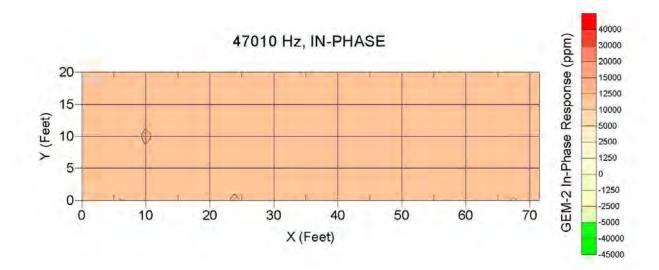


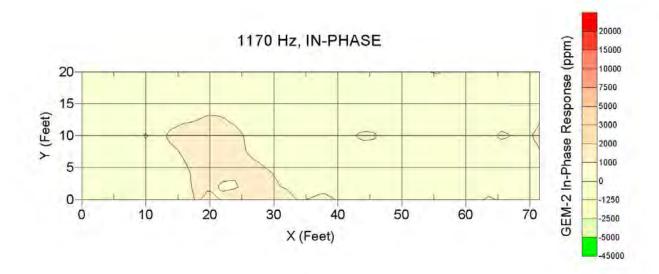


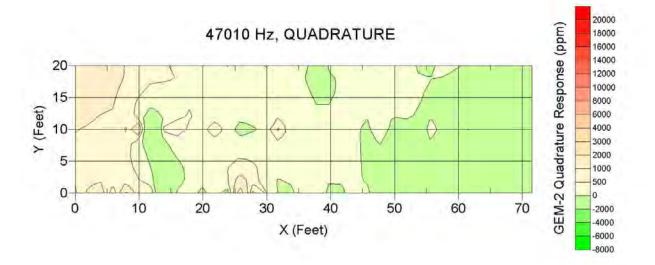


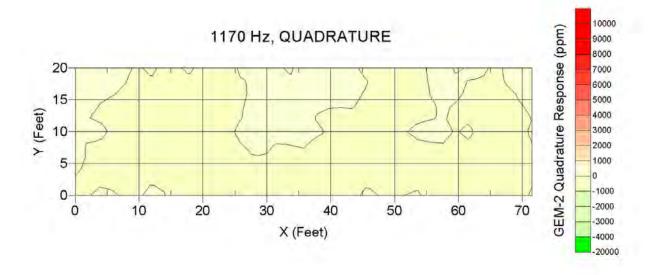
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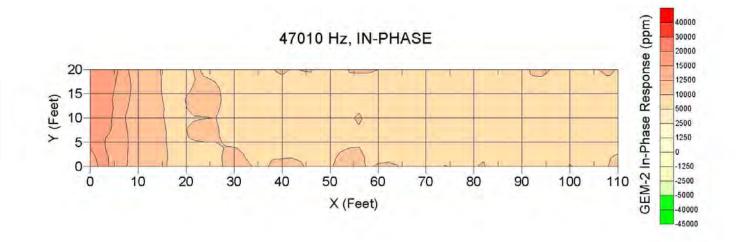


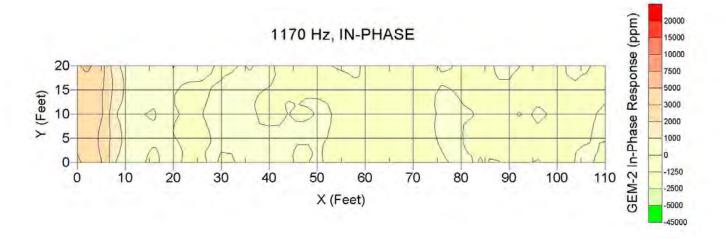


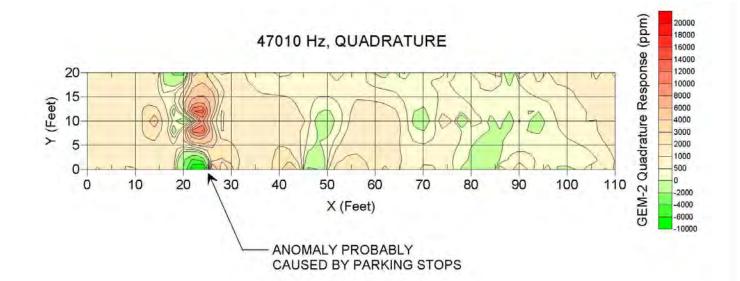
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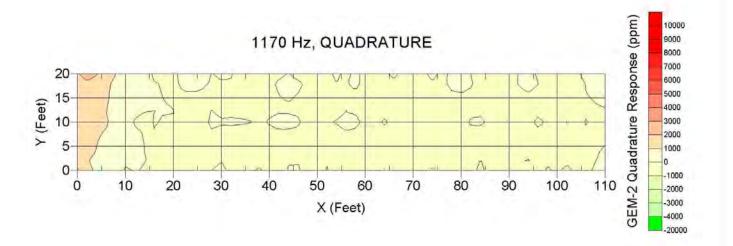
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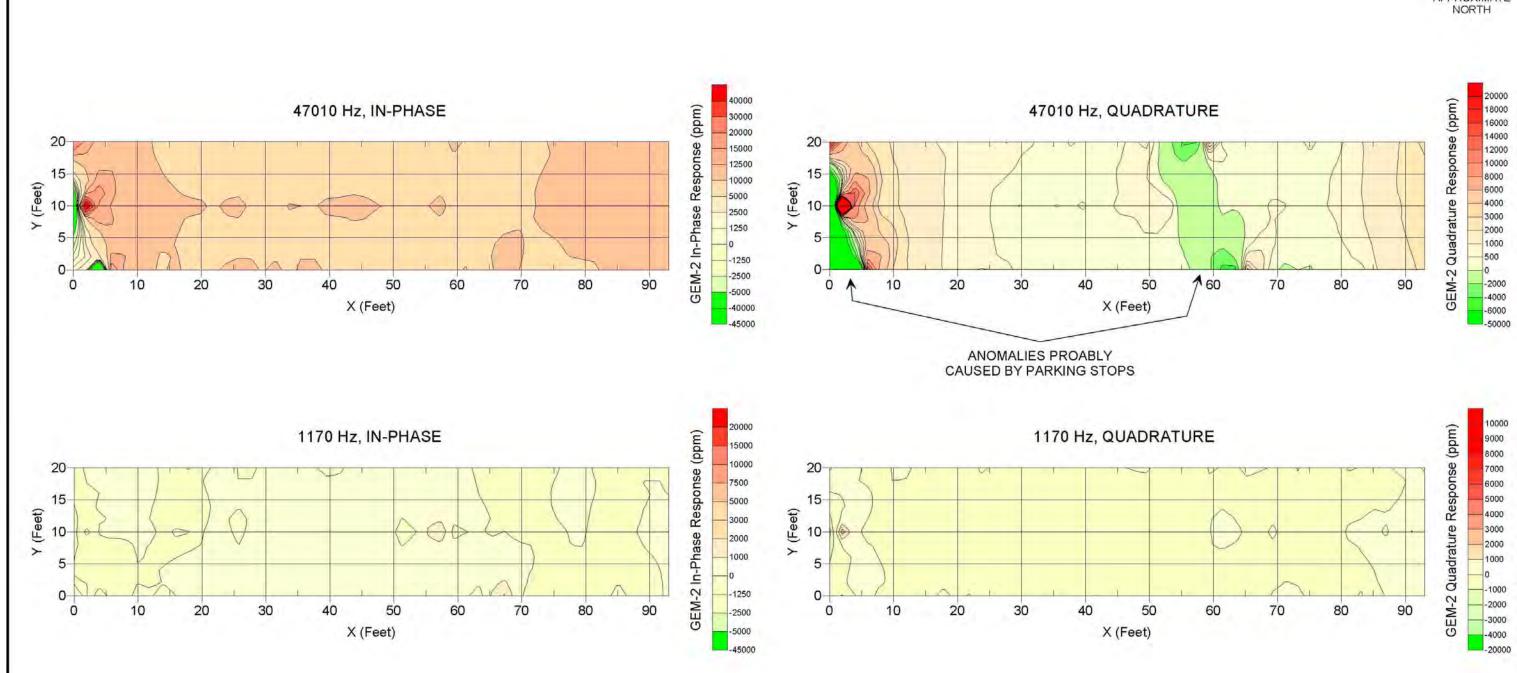




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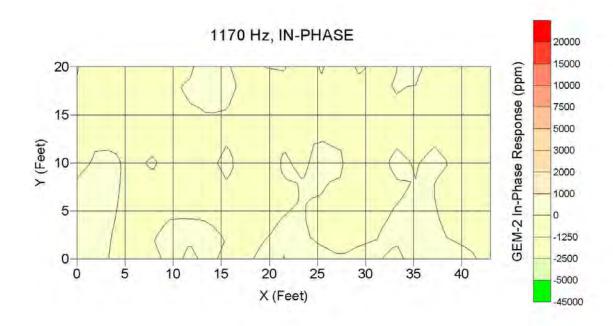
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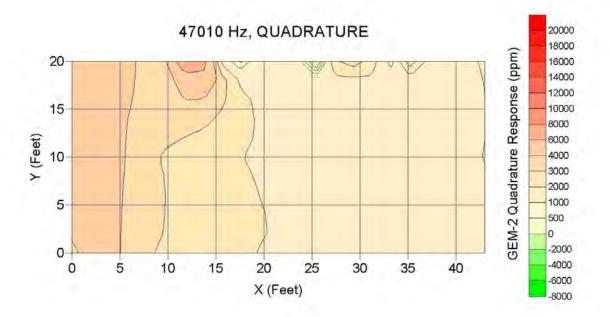
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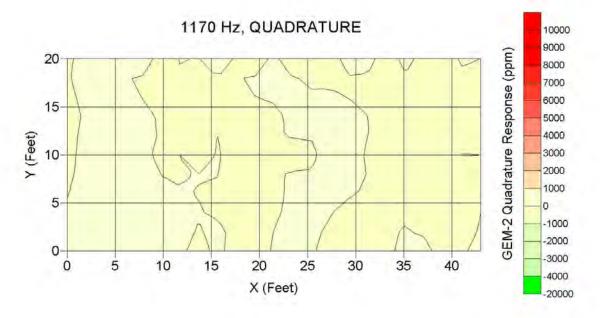
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