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Parcel 86, Harold T and Linda A Call
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Proposed widening of NC 115 from US 421 to 2nd Street in Wilkesboro and
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Kleinfelder Project No. 20221238.001A**

Dear Mr. Pilipchuk,

Kleinfelder is pleased to provide its report detailing the activities conducted as part of the preliminary site assessment for the subject project.

Kleinfelder appreciates the opportunity to be of service to you. Should you have questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

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1681 STATESVILLE ROAD
NORTH WILKESBORO, WILKES COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA**

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STATE PROJECT R-5759
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STREET IN WILKESBORO AND NORTH WILKESBORO**

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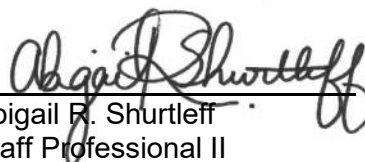
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Site Name and Location: Parcel 86
1681 Statesville Road
North Wilkesboro, Wilkes County, North Carolina

Latitude and Longitude: 36.153391°N, -81.113088°W

County Parcel Number 2206906

Facility ID Number: N/A

Leaking UST Incident: N/A

State Project No.: R-5759

NCDOT Project No.: NCDOT WBS Element 44691.1.1

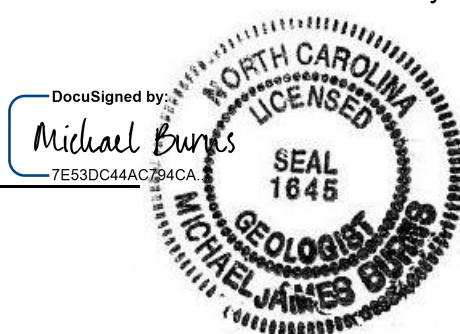
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1 INTRODUCTION

Kleinfelder, Inc. (Kleinfelder) has prepared this Preliminary Site Assessment (PSA) report to document assessment activities performed on Parcel 86 (the assessment area is hereafter referred to as the "Project Study Area"). The Project Study Area consists of the western and southern portions of a parcel that are within the right-of-way and/or easement on Wilkes County Tax Assessor's Office Parcel Number 2206906. Parcel 86 is currently occupied by an inactive gas station. Parcel 86 is located along the eastern side of NC 115 (US 421 BUS AKA Statesville Road), west of Eagle Lane, in North Wilkesboro, Wilkes County, North Carolina (Figure 1).

Based on the information provided in the Pre-Scoping Comments letter, dated September 20, 2018, prepared by the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT), the parcel (listed as Site # 12 in the letter) was reported as an apparently inactive gas station with a building remaining on site that has two bay doors and that may have in-ground hydraulic lifts. A fuel canopy and former fuel pump were also reported to remain on site. As such, the purpose of the PSA was to evaluate whether contaminated soil is present in the Project Study Area that may result in increased project costs and future liability if acquired by the NCDOT.

1.1 SITE DESCRIPTION

Parcel 86 has listed owners of Harold T and Linda A Call. The parcel's street address is 1681 Statesville Road. The parcel consists of an inactive retail gasoline filling station, including a former fuel island underneath a fuel canopy in the western portion of the parcel, a storefront or office building in the central portion of the parcel, a former automotive business (Jon's Racing & Fabrication) with two bay doors in the northern portion of the parcel, a residential home beyond the Project Study Area in the eastern portion of the parcel, and maintained grass areas in the northeastern portion of the parcel.

The parcel is bounded by vacant, vegetated land and wooded land to the north, beyond which are residential homes; by NC 115 to the west, beyond which is the Broadway Volunteer Fire Department building and its associated asphalt parking area, and an electrical substation, residential homes, and maintained grass and wooded land areas; and by residential homes to the east and to the southeast, beyond which is Eagle Lane, residential homes, and maintained grass areas.

Photographs of the Project Study Area are provided in Appendix A.

1.2 SCOPE OF WORK

Kleinfelder conducted this PSA in accordance with the NCDOT's June 1, 2021, Request for Technical and Cost Proposal (RFP) and Kleinfelder's June 16, 2021, Technical and Cost Proposal. The NCDOT granted a formal Notice to Proceed on June 21, 2021.

2 HISTORY

2.1 PARCEL USAGE

The parcel consists of an inactive retail gasoline filling station and former convenience store and maintenance garage.

The September 20, 2018 Pre-Scoping Comments letter did not list a Facility ID Number associated with the property, but did identify a building with two bay doors that may contain hydraulic lifts, a fuel canopy, and a former fuel island. The proposed NCDOT easement passes through the fuel canopy and the likely location of an existing or former underground storage tank (UST) bed.

Kleinfelder conducted historical research to determine whether additional environmental listings were identified for Parcel 86. The following are the results of the additional research:

- Based on a review of historical aerial photographs using Google Earth Pro and the NCDOT Historical Aerial Imagery Index, the site appeared to have similar development since at least 1980. Historical imagery was not available prior to this year.
- Kleinfelder searched the registered underground storage tank (UST) database, maintained by the NCDEQ. The site was not listed with a Facility ID Number.
- No other listings for Parcel 86 were identified on any of the available NCDEQ pollution incident databases.

2.2 FACILITY ID NUMBERS

Kleinfelder reviewed the NCDEQ UST database for Parcel 86. The site was not listed with a Facility ID Number.

2.3 GROUNDWATER INCIDENT NUMBERS

No active groundwater incidents are known to be associated with Parcel 86 at this time.

3 OBSERVATIONS

3.1 GROUNDWATER MONITORING WELLS

No active groundwater monitoring wells were observed on Parcel 86 at the time of site exploration, Tuesday, August 3, 2021.

3.2 ACTIVE USTS

Based on review of the NCDEQ UST database, site visits and previous reports, there are no active USTs located on site. An inactive UST fuel port was observed north of the fuel canopy along the eastern boundary of the Project Study Area. A photograph of the fuel port is provided in Appendix A.

3.3 FEATURES APPARENT BEYOND THE PROJECT STUDY AREA

The Project Study Area consisted of the western and southern portions of the parcel within the NCDOT right-of-way or easement. Outside of the Project Study Area, in the eastern portion of the property, a residential home was observed. There were no other features of concern observed in other portions of the parcel beyond the Project Study Area.

3.4 INTERIOR OF THE AUTOMOTIVE GARAGE

Kleinfelder was not able to inspect the interior of the automotive garage on Parcel 86 to evaluate for the presence of in-ground hydraulic lifts, as Kleinfelder had not received entry authorization from the NCDOT Right of Way Agent by the time of site exploration, Tuesday August 3, 2021.

4 METHODS

4.1 PROPERTY OWNER CONTACTS

As part of Kleinfelder's scope of work, the listed property owner was contacted about the work schedule for the field work and the type of work being performed. The owner did not express any concern or special conditions associated with the work being performed.

4.2 HEALTH AND SAFETY

Prior to commencing the field work, Kleinfelder personnel developed a Site-Specific Health and Safety Plan (HASP) covering activities to be performed. The site-specific HASP was discussed with all Kleinfelder personnel involved with the project and at a daily on-site "tail gate" safety meetings with subcontractors and sub consultants. In addition to the HASP, Kleinfelder utilized its comprehensive Corporate Health and Safety Program, targeted to address those specific and critical tasks that involve Kleinfelder personnel and subcontractors. The Loss Prevention System (LPS™), a behavior-based program, is Kleinfelder's company-wide safety system implemented and embraced by all levels of the company.

4.3 GEOPHYSICAL INVESTIGATION

Pyramid Environmental & Engineering, P.C (Pyramid) conducted a geophysical investigation in the Project Study Area between July 14 and 16, 2021. Pyramid utilized electromagnetic (EM) induction technology and ground penetrating radar (GPR) to locate potential geophysical anomalies and potential USTs within the Project Study Area.

A total of six (6) EM anomalies were identified, which were all directly attributed to visible cultural features at the ground surface, including guy wires, buildings, an air conditioner, a fence, and a former fuel island.

A copy of the Pyramid Geophysical Investigation Report, detailing the field methodology, is included in Appendix B.

4.4 SOIL ASSESSMENT

The scope of work for the soil assessment was to evaluate the presence of soil contamination along the existing right-of-way and/or easement to evaluate whether known impact is present in this area and maybe migrating off-site. The soil borings were planned to be advanced to maximum depths of 12-feet below the ground surface (ft bgs) since the depth of the UST basin may be up to 10-ft bgs. Field screening using a photoionization detector (PID) was conducted at 1-foot

intervals beginning from the ground surface to total boring depth. The soil sample with the highest PID reading above background or the sample from the maximum drilled depth was selected for on-site laboratory analyses.

Prior to the drilling activities, public utilities were marked by NC One Call and private utilities were marked by Pyramid.

Kleinfelder subcontracted South Atlantic Environmental Drilling and Construction Company (SAEDACCO) to perform the drilling on-site on August 3, 2021. SAEDACCO advanced four (4) soil borings (P86-B1 through P86-B4) by direct-push technology at locations specified by Kleinfelder. The soil boring locations were identified in the field using a GPS. The borings were located within the right-of-way southeast of the former storefront or office building, along NC 115 adjacent to the fuel island, and in the vicinity of the building with two bay doors. The soil boring locations are shown on Figure 2.

Soil samples were collected by driving Macro Core™ samplers in 5-foot intervals to boring termination where direct-push technology was applied. Each soil core was cut open, the soil samples were classified, and the soil divided into 1-foot sections. Each 1-foot section, collected via either method, was screened in the field using a PID. The PID readings are summarized in Table 1.

Soils were determined to be primarily a reddish-brown and yellowish-brown silt, except for soil boring P86-B1 which primarily consisted of reddish-brown sandy silt with lenses of white and brown or gray sand. Soil boring P86-B1 had limited recovery of soil from 1 to 5-ft bgs. Groundwater was not encountered in any of the borings at the termination depths of 12-ft bgs. Copies of the boring logs are included in Appendix C.

4.5 SOIL ANALYSIS

The PID readings from soil borings advanced were noted to be low, with a maximum of concentration of 6.7 parts per million (ppm) from soil boring P86-B4 at 9-ft bgs. Based on the PID data and visual observations, one (1) or two (2) of the samples from each boring was selected for on-site laboratory analysis.

Selected samples were analyzed by RED Lab, LLC utilizing ultraviolet fluorescence (UVF) methodology to provide real-time analytical results of Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons (TPH), Gasoline Range Organics (GRO), Diesel Range Organics (DRO), and benzene, toluene,

ethylbenzene, and total xylenes (BTEX). The UVF method was selected because of the known historical use of petroleum products on Parcel 86. The UVF analysis also provided data regarding Environmental Protection Agency 16 total Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAHs), and Benzo(a)pyrene (BaP).

5 RESULTS

5.1 GEOPHYSICAL INVESTIGATION

The EM and GPR surveys did not identify USTs or unknown geophysical anomalies within the Project Study Area.

5.2 SOIL SAMPLING DATA

The UVF analysis of soil samples did not indicate the presence of petroleum impact in any of the soil samples analyzed. As such, shallow soil impact does not appear to be present within the existing right-of-way above NCDEQ Action Levels. A summary of soil sample PID readings are presented in Table 1, and laboratory analytical results are presented in Table 2. The laboratory results associated with each boring are presented on Figure 2. The laboratory report and graphs are included in Appendix D.

5.3 SAMPLE OBSERVATIONS

Soils were observed for any obvious evidence of contamination. No visual or olfactory evidence of contamination was noted in any of the soil samples from the borings.

5.4 QUANTITY CALCULATIONS

Kleinfelder did not identify soil impact in the current right-of-way.

6 CONCLUSIONS

Based on results of the EM/GPR survey, soil assessment and field observations, Kleinfelder has reached the following conclusions:

- The GPR and EM investigation did not identify USTs or unknown features.
- The site is not listed in the NCDEQ UST Database with a Facility ID Number. No indication of the presence or likely presence of inactive USTs was observed on Parcel 84 at the time of site exploration, August 3, 2021.
- No soil impact was detected in borings advanced within the current right-of-way above the NCDEQ Action Levels for TPH GRO and DRO.
- Groundwater was not encountered in the soil borings at a depth of 12-ft bgs.
- Kleinfelder was not provided access by the NCDOT Right of Way Agent to the interior of the automotive garage building to evaluate for the presence of in-ground hydraulic lifts by the time of site exploration, August 3, 2021.

7 RECOMMENDATIONS

Based on results of this Preliminary Site Assessment, Kleinfelder recommends no additional sampling or special handling of soils be performed within the Project Study Area on Parcel 86 in North Wilkesboro, Wilkes County, North Carolina.

8 LIMITATIONS

Kleinfelder's work will be performed in a manner consistent with that level of care and skill ordinarily exercised by other members of its profession practicing in the same locality, under similar conditions and at the date the services are provided. Kleinfelder's conclusions, opinions and recommendations will be based on a limited number of observations and data. It is possible that conditions could vary between or beyond the data evaluated. Kleinfelder makes no guarantee or warranty, express or implied, regarding the services, communication (oral or written), report, opinion, or instrument of service provided.

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During the course of the performance of Kleinfelder's services, hazardous materials may have been discovered. Kleinfelder assumes no responsibility or liability whatsoever for any claim, loss of property value, damage, or injury that results from pre-existing hazardous materials being encountered or present on the project site, or from the discovery of such hazardous materials. Nothing contained in this report should be construed or interpreted as requiring Kleinfelder to assume the status of an owner, operator, or generator, or person who arranges for disposal, transport, storage or treatment of hazardous materials within the meaning of any governmental statute, regulation or order. NCDOT is solely responsible for directing notification of all governmental agencies, and the public at large, of the existence, release, treatment or disposal of any hazardous materials observed at the project site, either before or during performance of

Kleinfelder's services. NCDOT is responsible for directing all arrangements to lawfully store, treat, recycle, dispose, or otherwise handle hazardous materials, including cuttings and samples resulting from Kleinfelder's services.

TABLES

Table 1: Soil Sample Screening Results

Date	Sample ID	Depth (ft)	PID Reading	Notes
8/3/2021	R-5759-P86-B1	1	2.0	Limited Recovery
		2	NA	Limited Recovery
		3	3.2	Limited Recovery
		4	0.0	Limited Recovery
		5	0.3	Limited Recovery
		6	0.2	
		7	0.3	
		8	1.3	
		9	1.5	
		10	3.6	UVF Analysis
		11	2.8	
		12	1.9	
8/3/2021	R-5759-P86-B2	1	1.0	
		2	0.1	
		3	5.3	UVF Analysis
		4	0.0	
		5	3.9	
		6	2.6	
		7	1.3	
		8	4.4	
		9	2.6	
		10	3.9	
		11	3.2	
		12	4.0	UVF Analysis
8/3/2021	R-5759-P86-B3	1	1.7	
		2	1.0	
		3	3.9	
		4	3.0	
		5	4.2	
		6	5.7	
		7	4.1	
		8	6.0	
		9	6.7	UVF Analysis
		10	1.3	
		11	5.1	
		12	1.9	
8/3/2021	R-5759-P86-B4	1	3.5	
		2	1.3	
		3	4.9	
		4	2.1	
		5	1.6	
		6	1.1	
		7	5.0	
		8	0.5	
		9	6.9	UVF Analysis
		10	3.2	
		11	6.8	
		12	4.6	

Notes:

- 1) PID = Photoionization Detector
- 2) PID readings in parts per million (ppm)
- 3) NA = Not Analyzed
- 4) UVF = Ultraviolet Fluorescence

TABLE 2: Soil Sample Analytical Summary

Parameter	Analytical Results					Comparison Criteria		
	Soil Sample Results							
Sample ID	P86-B1-10	P86-B2-3	P86-B2-12	P86-B3-9	P86-B4-9	State Action Level	Protection of Groundwater	Residential Health
PID Reading (ppm)	3.6	5.3	4.0	6.7	6.9			
Collection Depth (ft bgs)	10	3	12	9	9			
Collection Date	8/3/21	8/3/21	8/3/21	8/3/21	8/3/21			
UVF Method								
Diesel Range Organics	1.3	2.4	0.5	0.4	<0.24	100	--	--
Gasoline Range Organics	<0.50	<0.50	<0.50	<0.50	<0.60	50	--	--

Notes:

Results displayed in milligrams per kilogram (mg/kg)

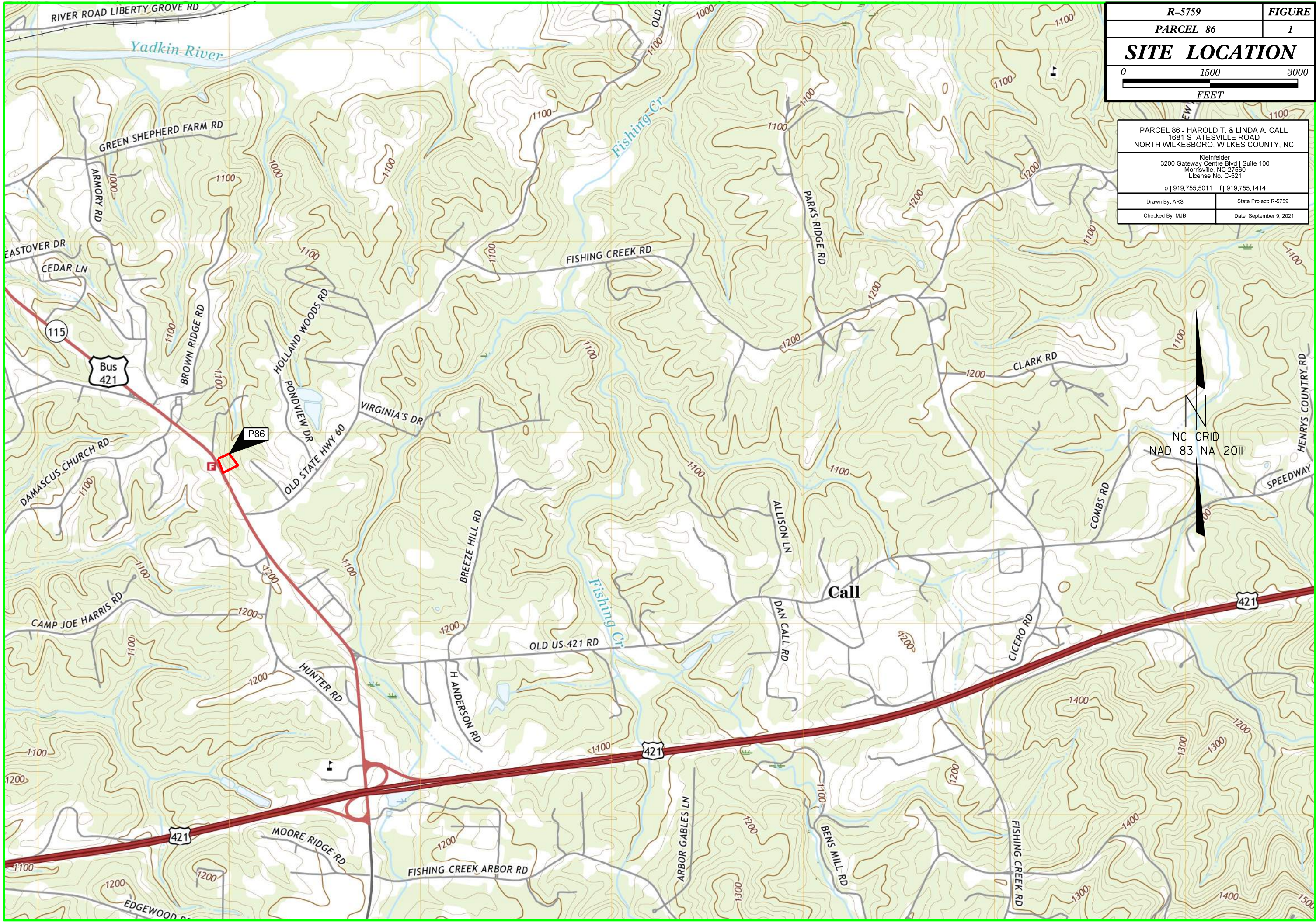
ft bgs = Feet below ground surface

Bold = Above Laboratory Detection Level

Highlighted concentrations exceed the NCDEQ action level

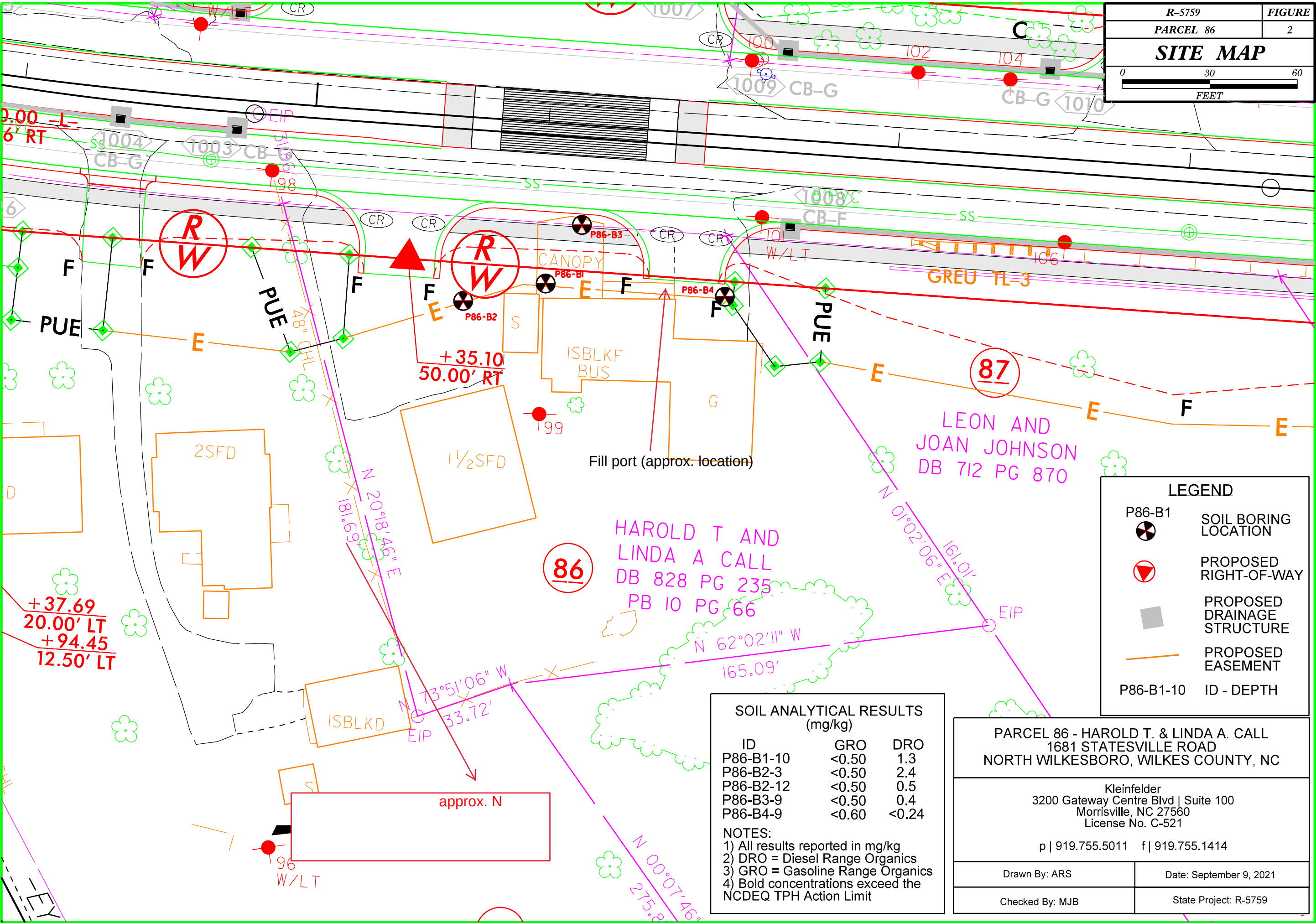
UVF = Ultraviolet Fluorescence

FIGURES



R-5759	FIGURE
PARCEL 86	1
SITE LOCATION	
0 1500 3000 FEET	

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R-5759	FIGURE
PARCEL 86	2
SITE MAP	
0 30 60 FEET	

LEGEND	
P86-B1	SOIL BORING LOCATION
	PROPOSED RIGHT-OF-WAY
	PROPOSED DRAINAGE STRUCTURE
	PROPOSED EASEMENT
P86-B1-10	ID - DEPTH

SOIL ANALYTICAL RESULTS (mg/kg)		
ID	GRO	DRO
P86-B1-10	<0.50	1.3
P86-B2-3	<0.50	2.4
P86-B2-12	<0.50	0.5
P86-B3-9	<0.50	0.4
P86-B4-9	<0.60	<0.24
NOTES:		
1) All results reported in mg/kg		
2) DRO = Diesel Range Organics		
3) GRO = Gasoline Range Organics		
4) Bold concentrations exceed the NCDEQ TPH Action Limit		

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APPENDIX A

SITE PHOTOGRAPHS



View facing northwest from the southwestern corner of the Project Study Area. The depicted buildings are beyond the Project Study Area.



View facing northwest from the eastern portion of the Project Study Area, depicting the area underneath the fuel canopy along NC 115.

Original in Color



Former fuel island located in the western portion of the Project Study Area beneath a fuel canopy.



Inactive UST fuel port north of the fuel canopy along the eastern boundary of the Project Study Area.

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View facing southeast from the northeastern portion of the Project Study Area along NC 115.



Building with two bay doors that may contain in-ground hydraulic lifts located in the northeastern portion of the Project Study Area.

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View facing into the basement entryway along the northern side of the building with two bay doors, located in the northeastern corner of the Project Study Area.

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APPENDIX B
GEOPHYSICAL SURVEY REPORT



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GEOPHYSICAL SURVEY

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LIST OF ACRONYMS

CADD	Computer Assisted Drafting and Design
DF	Dual Frequency
EM.....	Electromagnetic
GPR.....	Ground Penetrating Radar
GPS	Global Positioning System
NCDOT.....	North Carolina Department of Transportation
ROW	Right-of-Way
UST	Underground Storage Tank

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Project Description: Pyramid Environmental (Pyramid) conducted a geophysical investigation for Kleinfelder, Inc. at Parcel 86, located at 1681 Statesville Road, in North Wilkesboro, NC. The survey was part of a North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) Right-of-Way (ROW) investigation (NCDOT Project U-5759). The survey was designed to extend from the existing edge of pavement into the proposed ROW and/or easements, whichever distance was greater. Conducted on July 14-16, 2021, the geophysical investigation was performed to determine if unknown, metallic underground storage tanks (USTs) were present beneath the survey area.

Geophysical Results: The geophysical investigation consisted of electromagnetic (EM) induction-metal detection and ground penetrating radar (GPR) surveys. A total of six EM anomalies were identified. All of the EM anomalies were directly attributed to visible cultural features at the ground surface. GPR was performed around all sources of significant metallic interference to confirm that the interference did not obscure any significant structures such as USTs. The geophysical survey identified evidence of utilities and/or buried debris. Collectively, the geophysical data recorded no evidence of metallic USTs at Parcel 86.

INTRODUCTION

Pyramid Environmental conducted a geophysical investigation for Kleinfelder, Inc. at Parcel 86, located at 1681 Statesville Road, in North Wilkesboro, NC. The survey was part of a North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) Right-of-Way (ROW) investigation (NCDOT Project U-5759). The survey was designed to extend from the existing edge of pavement into the proposed ROW and/or easements, whichever distance was greater. Conducted on July 14-16, 2021, the geophysical investigation was performed to determine if unknown, metallic underground storage tanks (USTs) were present beneath the survey area.

The site consisted of an apparent former gas station surrounded by asphalt, concrete, and grass surfaces. An aerial photograph showing the survey area boundaries and ground-level photographs are shown in **Figure 1**.

FIELD METHODOLOGY

The geophysical investigation consisted of electromagnetic (EM) induction-metal detection and ground penetrating radar (GPR) surveys. Pyramid collected the EM data using a Geonics EM61-MK2 (EM61) metal detector integrated with a Geode External GPS/GLONASS receiver. The integrated GPS system allows the location of the instrument to be recorded in real-time during data collection, resulting in an EM data set that is geo-referenced and can be overlain on aerial photographs and CADD drawings. A boundary grid was established around the perimeter of the site with marks every 10 feet to maintain orientation of the instrument throughout the survey and assure complete coverage of the area.

According to the instrument specifications, the EM61 can detect a metal drum down to a maximum depth of approximately 8 feet. Smaller objects (1-foot or less in size) can be detected to a maximum depth of 4 to 5 feet. The EM61 data were digitally collected at approximately 0.8-foot intervals along north-south trending or east-west trending,

generally parallel survey lines, spaced five feet apart. The data were downloaded to a computer and reviewed in the field and office using the Geonics NAV61 and Surfer for Windows Version 15.0 software programs.

GPR data were acquired across select EM anomalies on July 16, 2021, using a Geophysical Survey Systems, Inc. (GSSI) UtilityScan DF unit equipped with a dual frequency 300/800 MHz antenna. Data were collected both in reconnaissance fashion as well as along formal transect lines across EM features. The GPR data were viewed in real-time using a vertical scan of 512 samples, at a rate of 48 scans per second. GPR data were viewed down to a maximum depth of approximately 6 feet, based on dielectric constants calculated by the SIR 4000 unit in the field during the reconnaissance scans. GPR transects across specific anomalies were saved to the hard drive of the DF unit for post-processing and figure generation.

Pyramid's classifications of USTs for the purposes of this report are based directly on the geophysical UST ratings provided by the NCDOT. These ratings are as follows:

Geophysical Surveys for Underground Storage Tanks on NCDOT Projects			
High Confidence	Intermediate Confidence	Low Confidence	No Confidence
Known UST Active tank - spatial location, orientation, and approximate depth determined by geophysics.	Probable UST Sufficient geophysical data from both magnetic and radar surveys that is characteristic of a tank. Interpretation may be supported by physical evidence such as fill/vent pipe, metal cover plate, asphalt/concrete patch, etc.	Possible UST Sufficient geophysical data from either magnetic or radar surveys that is characteristic of a tank. Additional data is not sufficient enough to confirm or deny the presence of a UST.	Anomaly noted but not characteristic of a UST. Should be noted in the text and may be called out in the figures at the geophysicist's discretion.

DISCUSSION OF RESULTS

Discussion of EM Results

A contour plot of the EM61 results obtained across the survey area at the property is presented in **Figure 2**. Each EM anomaly is numbered for reference in the figure. The

following table presents the list of EM anomalies and the cause of the metallic response, if known:

LIST OF METALLIC ANOMALIES IDENTIFIED BY EM SURVEY

Metallic Anomaly #	Cause of Anomaly	Investigated with GPR
1	Guy Wires	
2	Building	✓
3	Air Conditioner	
4	Building	✓
5	Fence	
6	Former Pump Island	✓

All of the EM anomalies were directly attributed to visible cultural features at the ground surface, including guy wires, buildings, an air conditioner, a fence, and a former pump island. GPR was performed around the buildings and the former pump island to confirm that the metallic interference did not obscure any significant structures such as USTs.

Discussion of GPR Results

Figure 3 presents the locations of the formal GPR transects performed at the property as well as the transect images. A total of five formal GPR transects were performed at the site.

GPR Transects 1-5 were performed across the areas of significant metallic interference. These transects showed evidence of buried utilities and/or debris, but no evidence of more significant structures such as USTs was observed.

Collectively, the geophysical data recorded no evidence of metallic USTs at Parcel 86. **Figure 4** provides an overlay of the metal detection results on the NCDOT engineering plans for reference.

SUMMARY & CONCLUSIONS

Pyramid's evaluation of the EM61 and GPR data collected at Parcel 86 in North Wilkesboro, North Carolina, provides the following summary and conclusions:

- The EM61 and GPR surveys provided reliable results for the detection of metallic

USTs within the accessible portions of the geophysical survey area.

- All of the EM anomalies were directly attributed to visible cultural features at the ground surface.
- GPR was performed around all sources of significant metallic interference to confirm that the interference did not obscure any significant structures such as USTs.
- The geophysical survey identified evidence of utilities and/or buried debris.
- Collectively, the geophysical data recorded no evidence of metallic USTs at Parcel 86.

LIMITATIONS

Geophysical surveys have been performed and this report was prepared for Kleinfelder, Inc. in accordance with generally accepted guidelines for EM61 and GPR surveys. It is generally recognized that the results of the EM61 and GPR surveys are non-unique and may not represent actual subsurface conditions. The EM61 and GPR results obtained for this project have not conclusively determined the definitive presence or absence of metallic USTs, but the evidence collected is sufficient to result in the conclusions made in this report. Additionally, it should be understood that areas containing extensive vegetation, reinforced concrete, or other restrictions to the accessibility of the geophysical instruments could not be fully investigated.

APPROXIMATE BOUNDARIES OF GEOPHYSICAL SURVEY AREA



View of Survey Area (Facing Approximately Northwest)



View of Survey Area (Facing Approximately East)



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FIGURE 1

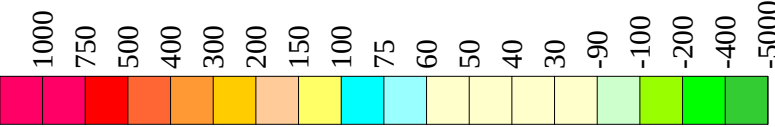
EM61 METAL DETECTION RESULTS



NO EVIDENCE OF METALLIC
USTs WAS OBSERVED.

The contour plot shows the differential results of the EM61 instrument in millivolts (mV). The differential results focus on larger metallic objects such as USTs and drums. The EM data were collected on July 14, 2021, using a Geonics EM61-MK2 instrument. Verification GPR data were collected using a GSSI SIR 4000 instrument with a 350 MHz HS antenna on July 16, 2021.

EM61 Metal Detection Response
(millivolts)



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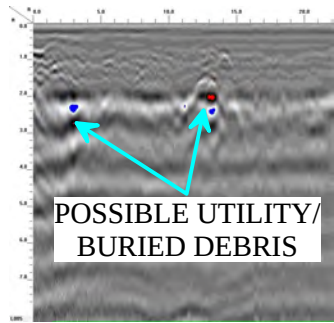
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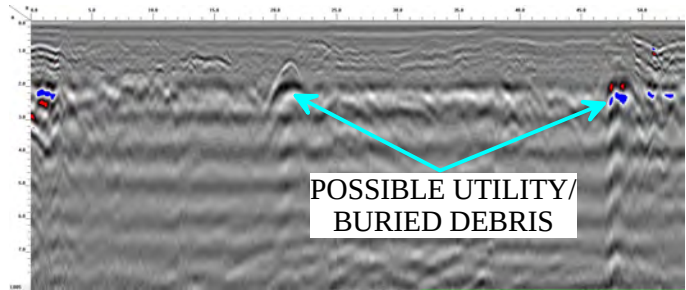
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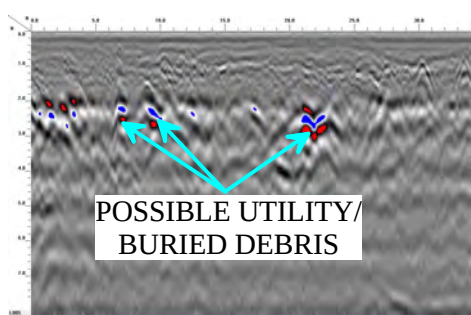
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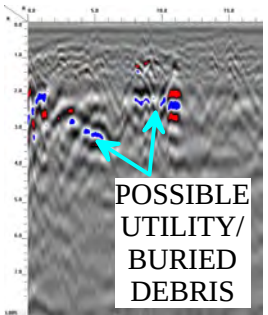
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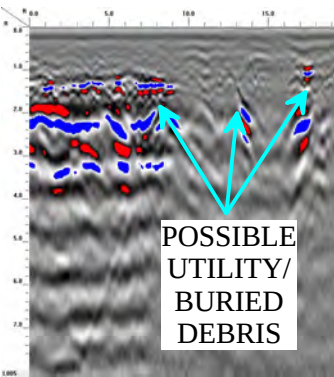
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GPR TRANSECT 4 (T4)



GPR TRANSECT 5 (T5)



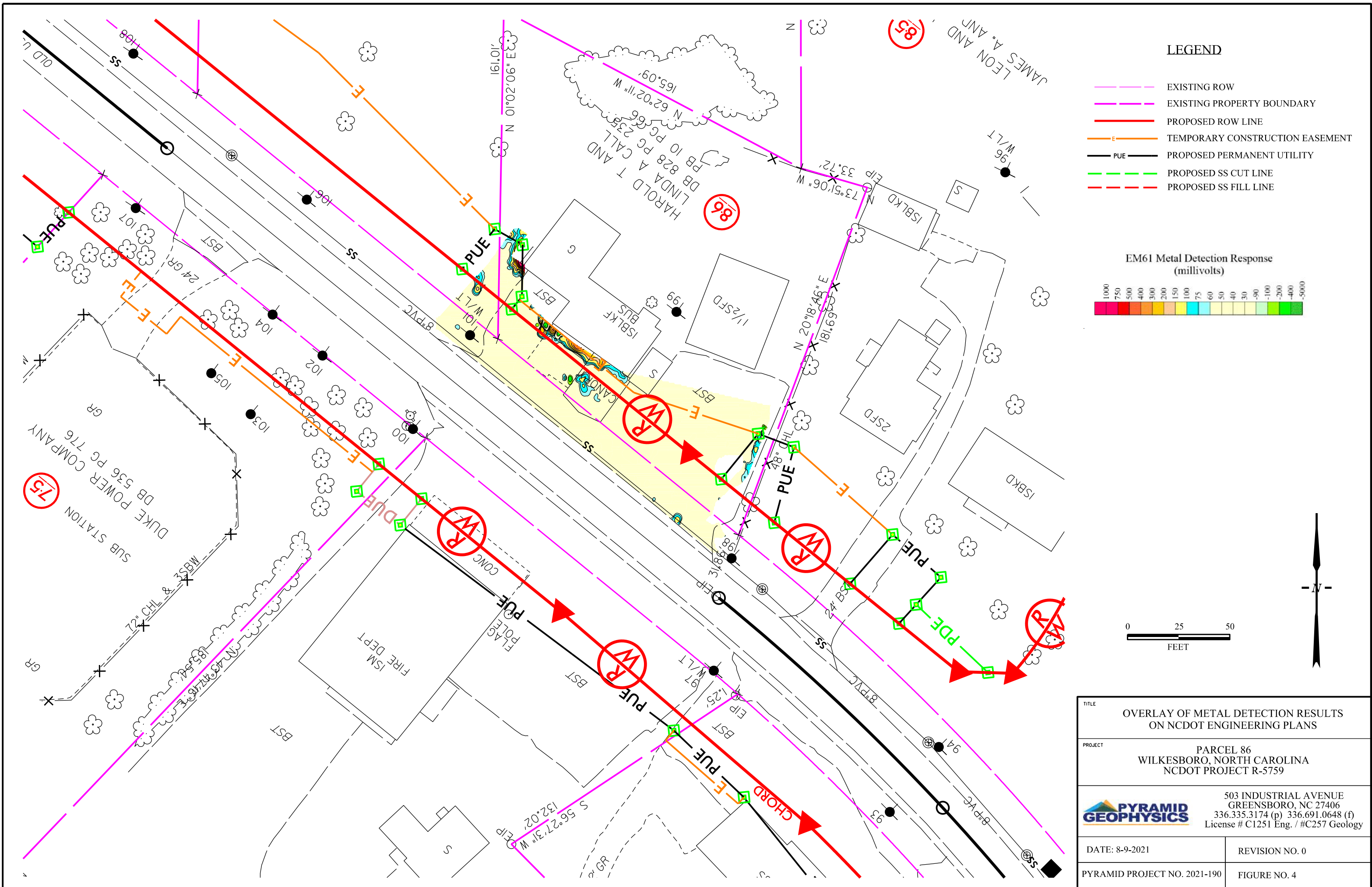
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FIGURE 3



TITLE OVERLAY OF METAL DETECTION RESULTS ON NCDOT ENGINEERING PLANS	
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APPENDIX C

BORING LOGS

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Date Begin - End: 8/03/2021		Drilling Company: SAEDACCO		ENVIRONMENTAL BORING LOG P86-B2				
Logged By: E. AMBER		Drill Crew: S. HUNT						
Hor.-Vert. Datum: Not Available		Drilling Equipment: 6620DT GeoProbe						
Plunge: -90 degrees		Drilling Method: See Drilling Method Column						
Weather: RAIN		Bore Diameter:						
FIELD EXPLORATION								
Depth (feet)	Drilling Method	Sample Type	Sample Number	Recovery (NR=No Recovery)	PID / FID (ppmv)	Graphical Log	Surface Condition: Asphalt	
							Lithologic Description	
5 10	Geoprobe				1.0 0.1 5.3 0.0 3.9 2.6 1.3 4.4 2.6 3.9 3.2 4.0		ASPHALT: black	
							SILT: reddish brown	
The borehole was terminated at approximately 12 ft. below ground surface.							<u>GROUNDWATER LEVEL INFORMATION:</u> Groundwater was not observed during drilling or after completion. <u>GENERAL NOTES:</u> The environmental boring was backfilled with bentonite.	
		PROJECT NO.: 20221238.001A		ENVIRONMENTAL BORING LOG P86-B2				
		DRAWN BY: EA CHECKED BY: MJB DATE: 8/12/2021						
				NCDOT R-5759 PSAs North Wilkesboro, NC				

Date Begin - End: 8/03/2021		Drilling Company: SAEDACCO		ENVIRONMENTAL BORING LOG P86-B3									
Logged By: E. AMBER		Drill Crew: S. HUNT											
Hor.-Vert. Datum: Not Available		Drilling Equipment: 6620DT GeoProbe											
Plunge: -90 degrees		Drilling Method: See Drilling Method Column											
Weather: RAIN		Bore Diameter:											
FIELD EXPLORATION													
Depth (feet)	Drilling Method	Sample Type	Sample Number	Recovery (NR=No Recovery)	PID / FID (ppmv)	Graphical Log	Surface Condition: Asphalt						
							Lithologic Description						
5 10	Geoprobe				1.7 1.0 3.9 3.0 4.2 5.7 4.1 6.0 6.7 1.3 5.1 1.9		ASPHALT: black						
							SILT: reddish brown and yellowish brown						
							The borehole was terminated at approximately 12 ft. below ground surface.						
							GROUNDWATER LEVEL INFORMATION: Groundwater was not observed during drilling or after completion. GENERAL NOTES: The environmental boring was backfilled with bentonite.						
									PROJECT NO.: 20221238.001A		ENVIRONMENTAL BORING LOG P86-B3		
									DRAWN BY: EA CHECKED BY: MJB DATE: 8/12/2021		NCDOT R-5759 PSAs North Wilkesboro, NC		

Date Begin - End: 8/03/2021		Drilling Company: SAEDACCO		ENVIRONMENTAL BORING LOG P86-B4			
Logged By: E. AMBER		Drill Crew: S. HUNT					
Hor.-Vert. Datum: Not Available		Drilling Equipment: 6620DT GeoProbe					
Plunge: -90 degrees		Drilling Method: See Drilling Method Column					
Weather: RAIN		Bore Diameter:					
FIELD EXPLORATION							
Depth (feet)	Drilling Method	Sample Type	Sample Number	Recovery (NR=No Recovery)	PID / FID (ppmv)	Graphical Log	Surface Condition: Asphalt
							Lithologic Description
5 10	Geoprobe						ASPHALT: black
							SAND: brown
							Clayey SILT: reddish brown
The borehole was terminated at approximately 12 ft. below ground surface.							<u>GROUNDWATER LEVEL INFORMATION:</u> Groundwater was not observed during drilling or after completion. <u>GENERAL NOTES:</u> The environmental boring was backfilled with bentonite.
		PROJECT NO.: 20221238.001A		ENVIRONMENTAL BORING LOG P86-B4			
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APPENDIX D

ANALYTICAL REPORT AND GRAPHS

Hydrocarbon Analysis Results



Client: KLEINFELDER

Address:



Samples taken

Samples extracted

Samples analysed



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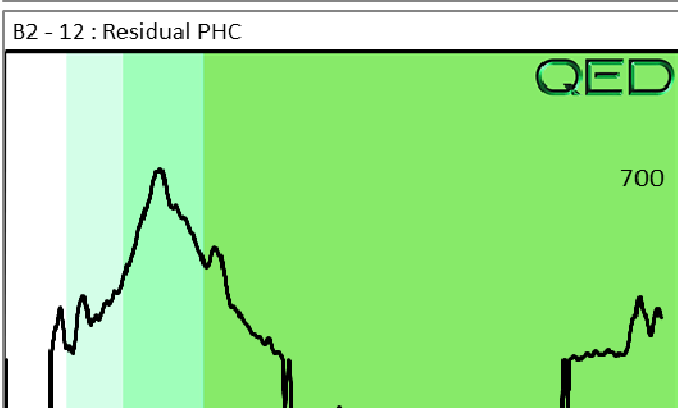
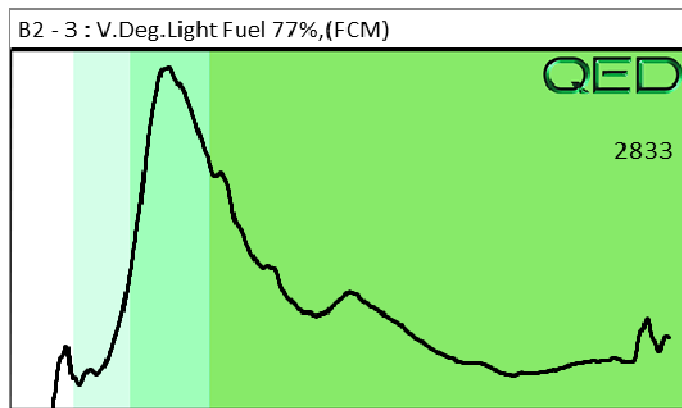
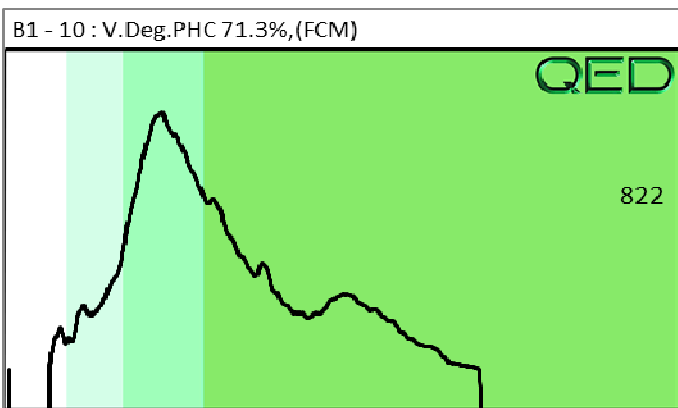
Matrix	Sample ID	Dilution used	BTEX	GRO	DRO	TPH	Total Aromatics	16 EPA PAHs	BaP	% Ratios			HC Fingerprint Match
			C6-C9	C5-C10	C10-C35	C5-C35	C10-C35			C5:10	C10:C18	C18+	
Soil	B1 - 10	20.0	<0.5	<0.5	1.3	1.3	0.5	0.025	<0.001	0	93.5	6.5	V.Deg.PHC 71.3%,(FCM)
Soil	B2 - 3	21.0	<0.5	<0.5	2.4	2.4	1.1	0.06	0.003	0	85.2	14.8	V.Deg.Light Fuel 77%,(FCM)
Soil	B2 - 12	20.0	<0.5	<0.5	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.05	0.006	0	97.8	2.2	Residual PHC
Initial Calibrator QC check			OK		Final FCM QC Check					OK		96.5%	

Concentration values in mg/kg for soil samples and mg/L for water samples. Soil values uncorrected for moisture or stone content. Fingerprints provide a tentative hydrocarbon identification.

Abbreviations :- FCM = Results calculated using Fundamental Calibration Mode : % = confidence of hydrocarbon identification : (PFM) = Poor Fingerprint Match : (T) = Turbid : (P) = Particulate detected

B = Blank Drift : (SBS)/(LBS) = Site Specific or Library Background Subtraction applied to result : (BO) = Background Organics detected : (OCR) = Outside cal range : (M) = Modified Result.

% Ratios estimated aromatic carbon number proportions : HC = Hydrocarbon : PHC = Petroleum HC : FP = Fingerprint only. **Data generated by HC-1 Analyser**



Hydrocarbon Analysis Results



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Samples taken

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			C6-C9	C5-C10	C10-C35	C5-C35	C10-C35			C5:10	C10:C18	C18+	
Soil	B3 - 9	22.0	<0.5	<0.5	0.4	0.4	0.29	0.03	<0.007	0	95.1	4.9	PHC ND,(FCM)
Soil	B4 - 9	24.0	<0.6	<0.6	<0.24	<0.6	<0.012	<0.012	<0.007	0	0	0	PHC ND,(FCM)
Initial Calibrator QC check			OK		Final FCM QC Check					OK		104.9%	

Concentration values in mg/kg for soil samples and mg/L for water samples. Soil values uncorrected for moisture or stone content. Fingerprints provide a tentative hydrocarbon identification.

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