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**RE: Soil Excavation Town Pump Travel Plaza Store, 602 8th Ave. North, Columbus, Stillwater County, Montana. West Diesel Canopy/Islands
DEQ Facility ID 48-08691, Release #6765, Work Plan 35203.**

Dear Mr. Love,

This release was called in on June 10, 2026 at approximately 11:00 AM by Energy Systems based on high hydrocarbon impacts reported by the lab.

The Truck island area west of the facility building contains a significant amount of impacted soils across the entire island area. Potholes were dug along this island area to approximately 11 feet below ground surface (bgs). Impacted soils were observed from grade to 10 feet below ground surface (bgs) Based on our calculations we estimate that approximately 1200 yards of soil are impacted at this location.

Since the land is currently vacant and all the excavation equipment is on site, we recommend that the soils be excavated and taken to the Logan Landfill as is happening with the soils being excavated from the main tank basin south of the previous building release 4028.

Specific tasks contained in this work plan include:

- Task 1. Work plan preparation;
- Task 2. Soil Excavation, hauling to land fill and backfill with compaction rates to meet the 98% requirement, and additional soil sample collection
- Task 3. Reporting, Soil Excavation and Disposal Report, Release Closure Plan (RCP) and associated Data Validation Summary Forms (DVSF).

TASK 1 – Work Plan

This work plan is being prepared at the request of the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to remove impacted soils associated with a new release a found at the truck diesel islands west of previous facility building. Initial estimates indicate approximately 1200 cubic yards of soil to be affected.

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TASK 2 – Soil Excavation

Soils beneath the canopy that was removed have a minor cap of clean native soil, but within 9 inches from surface, dark grey hydrocarbon stained soils are present.

It appears that the entire area, not just the islands is affected. Six potholes were dug along this area to 11 feet bgs. All soils found to a depth of 10 feet are impacted. PID readings range from 200 ppm (diesel) near grade to about 10 ppm at 11 feet bgs canopy. Soils are impacted with diesel.

Since the excavation equipment is already on site for work plan 34982, it is recommended that these soils beneath the diesel canopy also be removed. The soils are a lean clay with some loam. We are estimating that approximately 1200 cubic yards of soil will need to be removed. We are also estimating based on loads already taken off site at release 4028, that one-yard of soil will weigh 1.4 tons. The area is the full length of the island area with a width of 20 feet. The average depth of impacts appears to be 10 to 12 feet (see Figure in Attachment A)

Soil samples will be collected along the bottom and side walls of the excavation. Up to 10 sidewall samples and 5 bottom samples to characterize if any impacts are left in place. A soil sample will also be collected of stockpiled material from this location.

All soil samples will be immediately stored on ice and transported to Energy Laboratories for EPH and VPH analysis. EPH fractionation will occur if the total EPH screen exceed 200mg/kg.

Contractor will provide appropriate traffic controls to prevent site access while excavation construction is being performed and fencing will remain in place until backfill to surface is complete.

TASK 4 – Reporting

The following reports will be completed and submitted to the Montana DEQ:

- Cleanup Report to include the excavation and disposal of Abbreviated Excavation and Disposal of Soils Report after the completion of the UST system removal. This report will also include one DVSF for the confirmation sampling under the impacted soils under the dispenser island and in the UST basin.
- Release Closure Plan will be submitted with the Clean Up Report after all data is collected under this work plan.

All work discussed under this work plan will conclude by March 1, 2027.

BUDGET

AJM has provided a complete cost estimate outlining each task for this project Attachment B.

Work at this facility will proceed based on conversations with DEQ as all equipment is in place to complete the work in a timely cost-effective manner. Please contact AJM staff regarding questions or clarification.

Sincerely,

Dennis Franks

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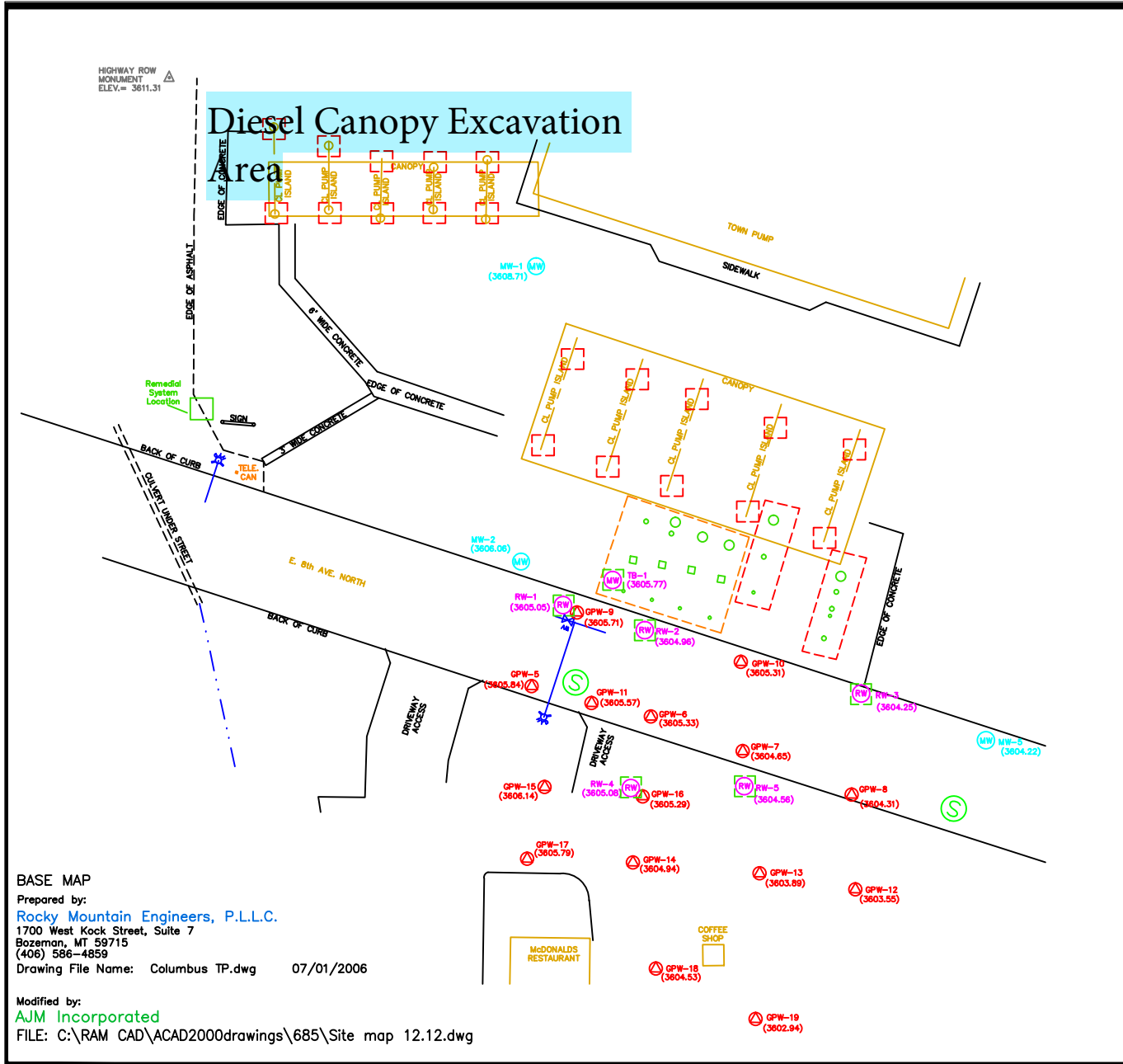
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Attachement A

Site Figure

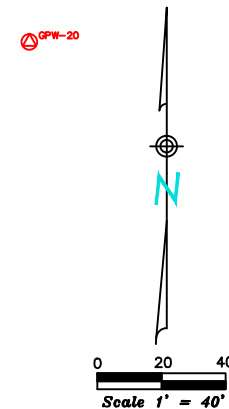


LEGEND

- (RW) PRODUCT RECOVERY WELL
- (MW) EXISTING MONITORING WELL
- △ 1" MONITORING WELL (GPW Indicates a small diameter monitoring wells installed by a Geoprobe)
- Ⓢ SEWER
- ✳ WATER VALVE
- (3605.29) Casing Elevation
- Approximate Excavation Areas
- Remedial System Removal Areas
- UST Removal Area (Possible Impacts)

BASE MAP
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SITE MAP
Site Figure – Excavation
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