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Document Title/Subject EWDP Manual Water Level Measurements from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

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Data Description EWDP Manual Water Level Measurements from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. Data package includes Nye County's Regional Groundwater Elevation Database (RGED V. 6.0\_083117.accdb containing Early Warning Drilling Program (EWDP) manual water level measurements, from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016, field forms, hydrographs (available on request) and exported data from database - posted to nyecountywaterdistrict.net and nyecounty.net as rid8242.xlsx.

Data Collection Method Manual water level measurement data collected using standardized electric water level sounders in accordance with NWRPO Work Plan -10 Rev. 0 (8/23/03), Groundwater Level Monitoring and Evaluation, NCWD Work Plan-10 Rev. 0 (3/16/15), Groundwater Level Monitoring and Evaluation, NWRPO Technical Procedure 9.9 Rev. 4 (8/6/09), Measurement of Groundwater Levels Using Electric Well Sounders, and NCWD Technical Procedure 9.9 Rev. 0 (3/16/15), Measurement of Groundwater Levels Using Electric Well Sounders.

Data Collection Location 1DX Shallow, 2DB recompleted 7/08, 3D, 4PA, 4PB, 5SB, 7S, 12PA, 12PB, 12PC, 13P, 15P, 16P, 19P, 24P, 24PB, 27P, 28P, 29P, 32P Shallow, 32P Intermediate, 32P deep, 33P Shallow, 33P Intermediate, 33P Deep, Washburn Deep, 10P Deep, 10P Shallow, 18P, 22PA Deep, 22PA Shallow, 22PB Deep, 22PB Shallow, 22PC Deep, 22PC Shallow, 22S-Z2, 23PA Deep, and 23PA Shallow. Note: all EWDP well surveys were performed by the YMP Site Facilities Department /Field Engineering, Survey Section, with all elevations reported in NGVD-29. Therefore all EWDP water levels in this submittal and all previous EWDP Water Data Submittals (RID 8131, 6360, 6631, 7044, 7122, 7618, 7904, 8099, 8100, 8131 and 8168) have been reported in NGVD-29.

Data Collection Period 7/1/2015 - 6/30/2016

Data Sources Department of Energy (DOE) Management and Operating Contractor (M&O) derived latitude and longitude for well location and elevation data for well pad elevation; 2) Depth to groundwater measured with electric water level sounders as recorded either in the Scientific Notebook (SNB) dedicated to each well, EWDP Groundwater Level SNB #144, EWDP Westbay Instrumented Wells SNB #177, Site 22 Tracer Test SNBs #166 and #181, and/or on the NWRPO Water Level Measurement Field Form (Form TP-9.9-1 Rev 1 dated 7/21/09 ; 3) NWRPO approved Well Completion Diagrams for each EWDP well for casing type, diameter, and measuring point stickup (as established with engineers steel tape and recorded in Scientific Notebook). Supporting Data: NWRPO Water Level Measurement Field Forms (TP-9.9 Rev1-Rev3), field scientific notebooks, and metadata from prior submittals of manual water level measurements in EWDP wells (see Data Collection Location above).

Data Censoring No data were censored for the period of this submittal.

Data Processing Routinely, data processing consists of calculations made in the Access database (RGED V6.0 accdb) and exports made from the database to MS Excel. Additionally, data are evaluated through the use of hydrographs to determine whether anomalous data exist. Anomalous data are investigated (through scientific notebooks, earthquake records, etc.) to determine the source of the anomaly. If the anomaly cannot be explained, the data are censored.

Data Limitations The water level elevations presented must be considered approximate because of the potential error in the GPS-based elevation of the land surface at the well site which is believed to be on the order of +/- 1.75 ft. according to work performed by the Center for Nuclear Waste Regulatory Analyses. The potential

error in the GPS-based elevations does not affect the depth to water nor the absolute change in water levels over time that may be calculated using the elevation datum for land surface. The potential error may, however, result in limitations in the use of these data for the calculation of hydraulic gradients between wells with the error induced in such calculations being inversely proportional to the distance between the two wells being used to perform the calculation.

2DB recompleted 7/08 – Water level measurements may not represent water levels of the Paleozoic carbonate aquifer completion as expected. Problems encountered after the completion of the piezometer in the Paleozoic carbonate, primarily clay swelling and/or caving of the open hole completion, likely have isolated the production casing from the aquifer. See RID 7559 for more details.

32P Shallow – Water level measurements in well 32P shallow piezometer may be impacted by the presence of polymer-based drilling fluids. These drilling fluids were used in the drilling of the now abandoned USW VA-3 borehole, which was situated approximately 50 feet south of 32P. The borehole was drilled by a Department of Energy contractor, under the Probabilistic Volcanic Hazard Analysis program for the Yucca Mountain project, on magnetic anomaly “g”, with a modified conventional circulation system utilizing Baroid EZ Mud polymer.

32P Deep –Data from well 32P deep has not been censored but the water levels have noted to be increasing since the 7/8/14 measurement. The increase may indicate that the cement slurry seal between the deep and shallow string has failed allowing higher pressure shallow zone aquifer waters from 32P shallow to leak down the wellbore and raise water levels in the deep zone. However water levels in 32P deep were noted to be higher (approx 1 foot) than those in 32P intermediate during the 11/26/14 readings and increased to “stabilized” levels in July 2015 (approx 4 ft higher). The reason for the water level rise in 32P deep has not yet been determined, but may be due to either cross communication between the two zones, or may be a result of real increases in the formation pressure of the deep zone. For more information see: RID 7008 – Well Completion, 7282 – Lithologic logs , 7374 –Geotechnical Lab data, 7265.01-Alluvial logging forms, and 6901 / 6902 / 7161/7188/7194 – Geophysical data at: [http://www.nyecounty.com/ewdp\\_pages/Phase5/32p\\_main.htm](http://www.nyecounty.com/ewdp_pages/Phase5/32p_main.htm)

33P Shallow– Water level measurements in well 33P shallow piezometer may be impacted by the presence of polymer-based drilling fluids. The initial borehole for well NC-EWDP-33P was drilled by Department of Energy contractors as borehole USW VA-5, and used a modified conventional circulation system utilizing Baroid EZ Mud polymer. Details of the completion can be found in RID 7009, “NC-EWDP-33P Field ”As-Built” Well Completion and Wellhead Protection Diagrams.” Water levels have been steadily declining in this piezometer since it was developed by airlifting (7/17/07 to 9/20/07), and appear to indicate disequilibrium with the conterminous potentiometric surface.

Governing QA Docs: NWRPO WP-10 Rev. 0, NWRPO TP-9.9 Rev. 4, NCWD WP-10 Rev. 0, and NCWD TP-9.9 Rev. 0

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