Application of the Geoprobe[®] HPT Logging System For Geo-Environmental Investigations

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A typical HPT log displaying absolute hydrostatic pressure (shaded) over laying the HPT pressure on center graph. Hydrostatic pressure line is based on two dissipation tests run at 92ft and 113ft below grade.

Introduction

Direct push equipment and methods for subsurface investigation have become primary tools for the geotechnical and geo-environmental site investigator. The efficiency of the direct push (DP) technique for many basic investigation activities such as soil, groundwater and soil gas sampling have made it the method of choice for many sites where work is performed in unconsolidated soils and sediments. To improve efficiency, data density and the development of more accurate conceptual site models (CSM) Geoprobe® has designed subsurface logging probes for use with DP equipment and methods. The first logging probes developed by Geoprobe® were the electrical conductivity (EC) probe and the membrane interface probe (MIP). These probes helped define subsurface lithology and volatile contaminant distribution in the subsurface, respectively. The most recent logging probe developed is the hydraulic profiling tool (HPT) that provides the field investigator with means to better understand subsurface lithology and hydrostratigraphy in a cost and time efficient manner. This document provides information about the theory of operation of the HPT probe, its use to understand relative formation permeability, and an introduction to field operation of the HPT system. Also covered is basic interpretation of the HPT log and several applications where the logs are used to better understand the subsurface and develop accurate CSMs.

What is HPT ?

The hydraulic profiling tool (HPT) is a direct push probe (Figure 1) that is advanced into unconsolidated soils and sediments to assess formation permeability and hydrostratigraphy at the centimeter-scale. The HPT probe is robust and may be advanced using hydraulic push and percussion

probing, commonly described as the direct push (DP) method (Figure 2). During advancement water is injected at a controlled rate into the formation through a screened port on the side of the HPT probe (Figure 3). A transducer in the probe measures the total pressure required to inject the water into the formation while a flow controller at the surface monitors the injection flow rate. The HPT probe also includes a Wennertype array for measurement of soil electrical conductivity as the probe is advanced to depth. The HPT log (Figure 4) provides graphs of the electrical conductance, HPT pressure and flow rate versus depth.



Figure 1: The HPT probe (K6050) showing the removable portscreen (A) that can be replaced or cleaned in the field. The EC Wenner array electrodes (B) are located below the water injection port. The water line (C) for the port and electrical connections (D) for the Wenner array allow for connection to the trunk-line and up-hole equipment. The pressure transducer (E) is installed in the connector tube above the probe for easy service access.



Figure 2: Operator setting up HPT Probe for advancement into the subsurface with a Geoprobe® 7822 machine. The HPT probe is advanced at 2cm/sec using the system hydraulics and probe hammer when required. Logs to a depth of approximately 60ft (20m) are usually completed in about one hour.

Figure 3: This illustrates injection of water from the HPT screened port (A) into a coarse granular formation. The water supply and pump are located up-hole (B) while the HPT pressure transducer (C) is located down-hole at the probe, and in-line with the fluid flow. The transducer measures the total pressure required to inject water into the formation. The pressure data from the transducer is transmitted up-hole via the trunk-line (D) to the field instrument and portable computer.





Figure 4: An HPT log as typically displayed with the electrical conductivity graph on the left followed by the HPT pressure and flow graphs. Depth is displayed along the vertical axis at left. The rate of penetration (speed) graph may also be included with the log if desired. The DI-Viewer[®] software is used to display and print the logs for review and reporting. The logs may be displayed with either English or metric units. This log was obtained in the alluvial deposits of the Smoky Hill River, Salina, KS.

Uses

The HPT logs may be used to support site investigation and remediation in a variety of ways. Some applications of the HPT logs include:

- Determine lithology/hydrostratigraphy
- Qualitatively define formation permeability
- Locate contaminant migration pathways
- Identify optimal locations for monitoring and water supply well screens
- Guide remedial injection programs
- Construct Geologic cross-sections
- Locate and define brine plumes or seawater intrusion areas (when coupled with EC)
- Estimate local formation hydraulic conductivity

HPT logs also may be combined with membrane interface probe (MIP) logs to assist in determining how hydrostratigraphy influences or controls volatile contaminant distribution and migration. Several applications will be reviewed below.

Background

Several direct push (DP) logging methods have been developed for geotechnical, geological and environmental investigations for use in unconsolidated soils and sediments. The cone penetration test (CPT) has been in use for many years to conduct geotechnical and geo-environmental investigations (Robertson et al. 1992, Lunne et al. 1997). Geoprobe Systems introduced its first DP logging tool in 1994, an electrical conductivity probe, that has been widely used to evaluate soil and sediment lithology (Christy et al. 1994, EPA 2000, Schulmeister et al. 2004, Wilson et al. 2005). This was followed by the membrane interface probe (MIP) which has been effectively applied to track and map non-aqueous phase liquids (NAPL) and plumes of fuel hydrocarbons and chlorinated volatile organic compounds (X-VOC) in unconsolidated formations (Christy 1996, Griffin and Watson 2002, ASTM D7352).

As the environmental industry matured it became evident that more detailed data about formation permeability and hydraulic conductivity (K) was necessary to accurately evaluate the potential for contaminant migration and better assess human health risks at contaminated facilities (EPA 1998, ASTM E1739, ITRC 2008). Geoprobe initially developed the pneumatic slug test system (Geoprobe 2002, 2011, ASTM D7242) and field methods (Butler et al. 2002, McCall et al. 2002) that allowed investigators to measure K over discrete intervals using temporary groundwater sampling tools, direct push installed wells or conventional wells. However, the need for higher data density and greater time efficiency eventually lead to the development of permeability logging tools such as the Cone Permeameter[™] (Geoprobe 2003, Butler et al. 2007), high resolution Piezocone (Kram et al. 2008, Elsworth and Lee 2007, Lee et al. 2008), the direct push injection logger (Dietrich et al. 2008, Liu et al. 2009), the high resolution K tool (Liu et al. 2009) and the HPT system (Geoprobe 2006a, 2007, 2010b). The HPT system provides the project manager with a log of injection pressure, water flow rate and electrical conductivity for the formation penetrated (Figure 4). These logs provide information about formation lithology and permeability at the centimeter-scale. An HPT log to a depth of about 60ft (20m) can be obtained in about one hour by an experienced two person field crew.

The HPT System and Basic Field Operation

In this section the primary components of the HPT system are introduced and described. Additional information on HPT tool configurations and system components with part numbers are provided in Appendix I. This section also outlines the basic procedures for running an HPT log and the primary quality assurance (QA) tests conducted in the field to verify that the HPT probe and system are operating properly.

HPT System Components

The primary down-hole component of the system is the HPT probe (Figure 1). Water is injected through a removable stainless steel mesh screen located on the side of the probe. The effective port diameter is approximately 0.30in. (7.6mm) and it is located above the EC Wenner array. This configuration assures that water injected from the port does not interfere with the measurement of bulk formation electrical conductivity. The pressure sensor is located in the connection tube in-line with the water supply and above the probe body for servicing access (Figure 5). The trunk-line provides for electrical connections and a water supply line to the surface components of the HPT system. The trunk-line is pre-strung through the probe rods which are set up in a rack for easy handling and transportation (Figure 6).

The up-hole components of the HPT system include the HPT pump, flow controller, FI6000 field instrument and a lap top computer (Figure 7). The HPT pump has a maximum rated flow of 1000 ml/min. However, for logging operations flows are usually maintained in the 200ml/min to 300ml/min range. The flow controller provides connections for water flow from the pump to the trunk-line and



Figure 5: Checking transducer (in hand) and Wenner array connections prior to logging. These connections are made in the connection tube above the probe body for easy access to service.

monitors flow rate. Additionally, the controller enables the field operator to stop flows when



dissipation tests are performed down-hole. The field instrument receives signal input from the string pot (depth encoder), flow controller, pressure sensor and Wenner array. That data is transferred in digital format from the field instrument to the operator's computer.

Figure 6: Probe rods are prestrung with the HPT trunkline and may be stored and transported on a Geoprobe[®] drop rack. In this setup the water tank, generator and instrumentation may be loaded on the rack for easy transportation on site.

An integral part of the HPT system is the DI acquisition software. The software is installed on the computer and permits the operator to view the log (Figure 7) as the probe is advanced into the subsurface with the Geoprobe[®] unit. The log and associated QA data are stored on the computer for later review, interpretation and reporting.

QA Tests

Prior to running an HPT log the operator performs quality assurance tests on the pressure sensor and Wenner array. The results of the QA tests are saved in an information file for later review and reporting (Appendix II). Initially, the Wenner Array electrodes are placed on a test jig and the test load (Figure 8) is used to verify the electrical continuity and isolation of the EC system. Next, a reference test is performed on the pressure sensor. This is accomplished by submerging the HPT probe a specified depth below the water level in a reference tube (Figure 9). A two step test enables





Figure 7: The HPT flow controller (center) receives water from the pump (right) and regulates flow to the probe. The FI 6000 Field Instrument (left) supplies conditioned current for the EC measurement, receives analog signal from the HPT probe and provides digital output to a lap top computer (top center).



Figure 8: As part of the field QA testing the EC probe is setup in the test jig (bottom) and the EC test load (top) is used to verify the performance of the EC array before each log is run. The QA results are saved in the information file (Appendix II).

the operator to verify that the pressure sensor is providing the correct measurement (0.216 psi/1.49kPa) for a defined length (6 inches/15.2cm) of water column. If the result is more than ±10% out of range the transducer fails the QA test. Occasionally, the HPT screen becomes clogged or damaged and must be removed and cleaned or replaced to obtain a successful QA test.

Figure 9: The HPT probe is inserted in the reference tube to verify performance of the pressure transducer as a part of the pre-log QA testing protocol. The QA test provides a pass/fail report for the transducer with a know height of water column. Reference tests are saved in the information file for each log (Appendix II).

HPT Logging

After the QA test is completed the HPT probe is placed beneath the probe hammer (Figure 2) with a slotted drive cap installed. The probe is set with the HPT port at the ground surface to start the logging process. Using the hydraulics and probe hammer the operator advances the probe at a rate of 2cm/sec (0.8in/sec) into the formation. The string pot is mounted on the probe mast and accurately tracks depth as the probe is advanced. The log is visible onscreen as the probe is advanced (figure 7).

Once the probe is below the static water level the investigator may select an appropriate interval to perform a dissipation test. Dissipation tests are best run in coarser grained materials (sand \pm gravel) to assure that the local ambient hydrostatic pressure is measured quickly and accurately. The time versus pressure log (Figure 10) of a dissipation test is later used to determine the local static water level and hydrostatic pressure profile at the logged location. Dissipation tests will be covered in more detail in following sections.

After the log is advanced to the maximum desired depth the operator uses the probe hydraulics and rod grip system to extract the probe rods and HPT probe. It is important to maintain flow through the HPT port as the probe is extracted to prevent clogging and potential damage to the HPT pressure sensor. Once the probe is extracted another QA test is performed to verify probe performance during the log and for later logging operations. The HPT log and QA tests are saved by the DI Acquisition software for later review and reporting.



Figure10 : Time log of a pressure dissipation test performed at a depth of 92.1 ft (28.1 m) below grade in Halstead, KS. The diamond label on the graph corresponds with the stabilized pressure (48.37 psi/ 333.8 kPa) for this test. This pressure is used to calculate the local water level and may be used to calculate the hydrostatic pressure profile for the tested location.

Review and Interpretation of HPT Logs

To review an HPT log after it has been completed the DI Viewer software package is used. The DI Viewer software may be downloaded at <u>www.geoprobe-di.com</u>. The DI Viewer software displays the three primary components of the HPT log in the default setting (Figure 4). The three components are (I to r) electrical conductivity, HPT pressure, and flow rate. The graph for rate of penetration may be added to the log if desired. The software also provides for viewing of dissipation tests and calculation and plotting of the hydrostatic pressure trend line, corrected HPT pressure and an estimated K log (hydraulic conductivity). In addition, the software can be used to compare 2 or more logs in overlays

and multiple pressure logs or EC logs can be plotted side-by-side to generate basic geologic crosssections. Several of the software features will be used in the following discussion of log interpretation.

The HPT probe is advanced into the subsurface using direct push (DP) methods. Thus, the probe is in intimate contact with the formation materials being penetrated. The DP logging method simplifies log interpretation in several respects as compared to traditional open borehole or down well logging. In borehole and well logging the boring diameter, borehole fluid composition, drilling fluids, gravel packs, grouts and well casing may influence the log response (Keys 1997) and so need to be considered during interpretation, none of these factors are involved in DP log interpretation.

(The following discussion of HPT log interpretation will be based on the log in Figure 4 unless otherwise noted)

Electrical Conductivity

Geoprobe has been providing Wenner and dipole electrical conductivity (EC) logging tools for sometime before the HPT probe was developed (Christy et al. 1994). Interpretation of the electrical conductivity (EC) log will be reviewed briefly here and then its use in combination with the HPT pressure log discussed in the following section. Additional information is available from several sources regarding electrical log interpretation (Christy et al. 1994, Schulmeister et al. 2003, Keys 1997, Dobrin 1976). The general rule for interpretation of EC logs in soils and sediments containing fresh water is that increasing clay content results in higher electrical conductance of the bulk formation. More detailed information on EC log interpretation follows.

The bulk electrical conductivity of unconsolidated soils and sediments is influenced by several factors. The primary factors include grain size, mineralogy, moisture content, the presence of dissolved ions in contained groundwater, and temperature (Keys 1997). In granular soils and sediments the clays usually exhibit higher electrical conductance than silts, sands, and gravels (Christy et al. 1994, Schulmeister et al. 2003, Wilson et al. 2005). The EC of clay rich sediments often ranges between 50 mS/m to 200+ mS/m, generally increasing with higher clay content (5-8ft, 12-15ft, 25-33ft). The electrical conductance of clays is related to their mineralogy and soils developed in humid regions (e.g. southeastern U.S.) often have clays with lower electrical conductance. Dry, clean sands and silts comprised primarily of quartz will have very low EC, often less than 1 to 2 mS/m. When clean sands are saturated with groundwater the bulk EC of the material will be largely due to the EC of the contained groundwater (35-50ft). As the dissolved solids and ions content of the groundwater increases the EC of the bulk formation also will increase. It is recommended that targeted soil sampling be conducted to verify log interpretation, especially at a new field site where limited or no previous soil boring data is available.

The EC of pure distilled water is very low, approaching 0.005 mS/m (USGS 1992), but a small amount of dissolved ions in the water will increase its EC notably. When electrically active salts (e.g. sodium chloride/NaCl) are dissolved in water the EC of the solution will increase significantly (Keys 1997). As a reference point, the EC of ocean water is approximately 5,000 mS/m (USGS 1992). However the EC of beach sand consisting largely of quartz and saturated with ocean water will be notably less than 5,000 mS/m due to the insulating properties of the sand matrix. Still, the presence of

sea water (or brine) in a formation will generally overshadow the EC variation due to the formation solids making it difficult if not impossible to interpret formation variability (e.g. clay – silt – sand content) based solely on the EC log. However, the HPT pressure log can provide information on formation permeability and lithology even when the contained groundwater has elevated salt content.

HPT Pressure

The HPT pressure log often reveals a wide range in observed pressure (Figure 4) depending on the characteristics of the soil or sediment penetrated. From Darcy's Law we know that flow (Q) is proportional to the change in head (pressure) across a column of sediment with a given permeability (Fetter 1994). For this same sediment, as the pressure increases the flow will increase, within reasonable limits. From this relationship it is apparent that higher pressure resulting from the injection of water into a sediment at a given flow rate indicates lower permeability and conversely, that lower pressure from injection of water at a given flow rate indicates higher permeability. It is this simple relationship that allows the investigator to evaluate changes in relative permeability of soils and sediments in an HPT log by reviewing the pressure verses depth log.

Reviewing the pressure and EC logs(Figure 4) it is apparent that higher EC in general correlates with higher pressure down the log. So as increased EC generally indicates increased clay content, increased pressure generally indicates lower permeability (e.g. 13-16ft). Conversely, lower EC suggests increased sand and gravel content and lower pressure indicates higher permeability (e.g. 35-45ft). Based on this the EC and pressure log indicates that the upper 35 feet at this location consists primarily of clay rich sediments, where zones of lower EC and lower pressure indicate increasing silt and sand content. Repeated sampling at a depth of 22 to 24 feet at this site has produced wet sandy silt with clay and is the shallowest zone where groundwater can be sampled locally. This correlates nicely with the relatively lower EC in this zone as compared to the surrounding materials.

Between approximately 35-45ft at this site, the EC and pressure are relatively low and the log suggests the formation consists largely of sand ± gravel across this interval. Groundwater sampling tools installed at several locations across the site in this interval produced abundant water. Pneumatic slug tests of screened intervals in this zone provided hydraulic conductivity values ranging from about 35ft/day to 60ft/day (1.25E-2 cm/s to 2.10E-2 cm/s), consistent with sand ± gravel aquifer materials. Additionally, soil cores collected over this interval consisted primarily of saturated sand with some fine to medium gravel and minor silt ± clay.

Between approximately 45-50ft in this log the EC is generally low with a few peaks of slightly higher EC below this interval suggesting the presence of inreased clay content (e.g. clay rich lenses). The HPT log over this same interval reveals several elevated pressure peaks, roughly corresponding to the depths of the EC peaks. It is important to note that the relatively large pressure peaks across this zone indicate some significant decreases in permeability interspersed with higher permeability layers. The decreases in permeability indicated by the large pressure peaks below 45ft are greater than may have been anticipated based solely on the small EC spikes observed. Soil sampling across this interval produced sand ± gravel interspersed with discontinuous gray colored silty-clay layers. Under some

groundwater settings cations may be leached from clays. This can result in fine grained layers with lower electrical conductivity than generally encountered, as seen here.

One important feature to recognize on this log occurs across the 45-50ft interval. Here the EC is consistently low, conversely the HPT pressure increases up to 50+psi in this interval. This relationship is just the inverse of what is normally expected. Across this interval the speed of penetration consistently decreases and the probe hammer is run at higher frequency to penetrate this denser material. Sampling has shown that calcium carbonate cementing has occurred sporadically over this depth interval. The calcium carbonate cement would decrease the permeability locally. Other conditions may also yield low EC and relatively high HPT pressures. Some of these conditions include dilatant sands, silt layers with low clay content, and the cementing discussed here.

A drop in EC across a narrow interval corresponding with a drop in HPT pressure would indicate a sandy layer bounded by finer grained materials (22-24ft, 64-66ft). Sometimes HPT pressure may drop briefly while EC remains high (e.g. 27ft). This occasionally can occur when probe advancement is stopped to add the next drive rod. Here the flow continues from the port while the probe is stationary. This can result in the applied HPT pressure exceeding the local lithostatic pressure and fracturing or channeling of the formation, resulting in anomalously low observed pressure. Fracturing of the formation could occur as the probe is being advanced when the injection pressure momentarily exceeds the local lithostatic pressure. A plot of the effective pressure verses depth over the HPT pressure log can indicate where such conditions could occur. Targeted soil sampling may be required to verify the character of formation materials over intervals where anomalous pressure and EC results occur.

HPT Log QC and Overlays

The primary method to confirm the validity of HPT logs is to collect targeted soil samples across intervals of interest. An effective way to perform the sampling would be to use DP soil sampling tools such as the MC5 system (Geoprobe 2006b, ASTM D5282). The investigator may choose intervals for sampling that are of particular importance to the purpose of the investigation. For example, is an aerially extensive layer defined by high EC and high pressure (25-30ft) actually low-permeability clay that will provide an effective barrier to downward migration of contaminants? Alternatively, is a low EC and low pressure layer across the site (35-45ft) clean sand that could behave as a preferential migration pathway for contaminants? Or a productive zone for a residential water well? An option to evaluate the sand layer would be to install a temporary DP groundwater sampling device such as the SP16 or SP22 (Geoprobe 2006c, 2010a, ASTM D6001) and perform pneumatic slug tests (Geoprobe 2011, ASTM D7242).

Another approach to perform HPT log and system QC is to run a replicate log 2 to 3 ft (0.5 to 1 m) from the original log location. The DI Viewer software is used to overlay the original and replicate logs for comparison (Figure 11). While natural heterogeneity in a formation will result in some differences between the logs, the overall trends and major features will normally correspond very well as observed here. Some differences are notable below about 50ft in these two logs. However, several samples from this depth interval found that clay layers varied locally in thickness and were discontinuous over small lateral distances.



Figure11 : One method of quality control in the field is to perform a replicate log at about 2 to 3 ft (0.5 to 1 m) from the original location. The replicate logs here show good repeatability for the large scale EC, pressure and flow features. Small scale variations are expected due to the heterogeneity that occurs in natural sediments.

Determining Local Static Water Level and Piezometric Heads

Another important feature of the HPT pressure log is the increase in hydrostatic pressure as the probe is advanced below the local water level (Figure 12). The increase in hydrostatic pressure results in a "rising baseline" on the pressure log. A simple interpretation may be used in the field to estimate the local water level by visually estimating where this "baseline" intersects atmospheric pressure, on this log at about 10ft below grade (Note: nominal atm. P =14.7psi/101.4kPa at sea level). To obtain a quantitative determination of the local static water level a pressure dissipation test must be performed during the logging operation. As discussed above it is most efficient to perform dissipation tests in coarser grained materials, as the pressure will dissipate rapidly. To perform the dissipation test the advancement of the probe is halted and the field operator then starts a time log (Figure 10). Water flow is turned off to observe and record the dissipation of the HPT pressure verses time, until pressure stabilizes. The stabilized pressure is the absolute hydrostatic pressure at the depth of the test. Knowing the depth of the test, the absolute hydrostatic pressure and the atmospheric pressure the static water level may be calculated (Table 1).

Hydrostatic pressure may not always increase linearly with depth. Multiple dissipation tests may be performed at different depths during a single log to evaluate variations in piezometric head with depth and local vertical gradients in the aquifer (Figure 13). This is especially important when aquitards hydraulically isolate permeable layers in an aquifer system. A local extraction or injection well also may influence the hydrostatic pressure profile.



Figure 12: This log was run near Halstead, KS where brine from former oil drilling and production is starting to impact the Groundwater in the Arkansas River alluvial aquifer. The HPT average pressure along with the atmospheric and hydrostatic pressure lines are plotted on the center graph. The corrected HPT pressure (P_{inj}) is plotted on the right graph. The corrected pressure is the pressure required to inject water into the formation at the given flow rate.

The HPT pressure sensor has a maximum limit of 100 psi (690 kPa) resulting in the flat topped peaks on the HPT pressure graph (center) when the injection pressure exceeds the transducer limit.

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Parameter E		English		Metric	
	Value	Units	Value	Units	
Measured Probe Depth (string pot data)	92.10	ft	28.07	m	
Stabilized Formation Total Pressure (dissipation test data)	48.37	psi	333.8	kPa	
*Transducer Meas. Atm. Press. (pre- & post-log reference tests)	12.97	psi	89.49	kPa	
Calculated Hydrostatic Press. at depth of dissipation test	35.40	psi	244.3	kPa	
Length of Water Column above HPT Port	81.76	ft	24.92	m	
Static Water Level (below grade)	10.34	ft	3.15	m	

Calculation of Water Level from HPT Dissipation Test Data

*Average of pre- & post-log reference test results. One psi = 2.31 feet of water = 6.90 kPa (kiloPascal).



HPT pressure dissipation tests are not used to estimate formation hydraulic conductivity (K) as done for CPTu (piezocone) dissipation tests. This is because the water in the HPT trunk-line above the local water level will interfere with the early time dissipation of the observed pressure down hole (late time stabilized pressure will be accurate). However, the dissipation test data may be used in conjunction with the pressure and flow logs to estimate K for the entire log after logging is completed (See below for further discussion on K-estimation).

Note: HPT dissipation tests in fine grained materials can take up to several hours to stabilize. If hydrostatic equilibrium pressure is not reached before the test is halted this can cause determination of erroneous hydrostatic pressures and inaccurate water level determinations if the test results are used in the DI Viewer calculations.



Figure 14: HPT logs were used to guide placement of DP wells at discrete intervals between clay layers (high pressure peaks) in a part of the Platte River alluvial aquifer. Uranium concentrations (μ g/I) in wells higher in the aquifer exceeded the EPA MCL (30 μ g/I). The extended filter pack of the 12-inch PWS well intersected the high uranium aquifer zone (After McCall et al. 2009).

Other Applications for HPT Logs

The above section discussed basic uses for HPT logs. The following section will introduce several additional applications for HPT logs that can be valuable in developing an accurate conceptual site model (CSM) and evaluating designs for site remediation. These applications range from simple use of the logs to guide placement of well screens to delineation of brine plumes and even estimation of hydraulic conductivity from HPT flow and pressure data.

Guide Placement of Well Screens

From the discussion of log interpretation above we see that zones of higher pressure indicate lower permeability materials in the aguifer which would provide poor yield to a well installed in such a zone (e.g. Figure 12: 40-72ft, 95-104ft, Figure 14: 57-60ft, 74-80ft). Conversely, lower pressure zones indicate the presence of coarser grained materials with higher permeability that should yield abundant water to wells (Figure 12: 10-40ft, 73-94ft, 106-125ft, Figure 14: 60-74ft, 80-90ft and 93-112ft). During an investigation in Clarks, NE several HPT logs were run to learn about the hydrostratigraphy of the local alluvial deposits of the Platte River (Figure 14). The investigation was being conducted to determine possible sources of elevated uranium impacting the local public water supply wells at this field site (McCall et al. 2009). Direct push wells with 5 foot screens were installed in the lower pressure zones observed on the HPT logs and between the high pressure zones. This method targeted materials that would provide abundant water for sampling and information on variations of water quality with

depth. During development the wells were monitored for basic water quality parameters and then later sampled for uranium and other analytes. Groundwater sample results for uranium posted on the log (Figure 14) allowed the local regulators to determine that water quality did vary significantly between the clay layers (aquitards) and two permeable zones were found to have uranium concentrations that

significantly exceed the uranium MCL of $30\mu g/I$. While the screen (80-105ft) of the nearby supply well was set below an aerially extensive aquitard (74-80ft) the gravel pack had been extended up to 60 feet below grade to enhance well yield. Unfortunately for the local town's people the gravel pack intercepted the aquifer zone with the highest uranium concentration (376 $\mu g/I$) resulting in elevated uranium in their drinking water. If the HPT logs and groundwater sampling had been performed before the costly supply wells were constructed significant remediation/treatment costs could have been avoided.

Construction & Use of Hydrostratigraphic Cross Sections

When several HPT logs are obtained across a site the DI Viewer software may be used to construct simple geologic/hydrostratigraphic cross sections. In the DI Viewer software the "Cross Section" icon is selected and then the log parameter (e.g. pressure) to be plotted is selected. The logs are added to the cross section in sequential order (Figure 15). When displayed in this fashion hydrostratigraphic features may be correlated across the logs. As an example there is a relatively low pressure (higher permeability) zone apparent from approximately 21 to 26ft deep on log BWHP01 at the left (SW) side of the cross section (Figure 15). Looking to the right (NE), across the figure, you can see that the lower pressure zone across this interval persists in each log, but it slowly decreases in extent and pressures increase across this interval toward the right. Tracing this zone to the log on the far right, one sees only 2 or 3 low pressure spikes occur in the 21-26ft interval. This clearly indicates that the sand content decreases and clay and silt content increases in this part of the formation from SW to NE along this transect. So, migration to the NW of any contaminants present in the 21-26ft zone at the log BWHP01 location would be impeded by the increasing clay content in this interval. Additionally, it is apparent that the thick, high pressure (low permeability) zone below 26ft in this formation would significantly impede the downward migration of any contaminants present in the 21-26ft permeable zone.

This same HPT pressure cross section may be used to evaluate this formation for the best location to install a local water supply well. Looking over the logs one easily notes that the interval from about 43 to 60 feet on log BWHP03 is the widest low pressure (high permeability) interval in this cross section. There are only a few spikes of increased pressure across this interval in the log, indicating this is relatively clean sand and should provide good yield to a well with minimal development.

Guide Injection of Remediation Fluids

Using the cross section we discussed above (Figure 15) we can quickly develop a qualitative assessment of where it will be easy to inject remediation fluids into the formation and where it will be more difficult. Obviously the lower pressure zones identified by the HPT log from injection of water will be sections of the formation that will generally accept injected fluids at a lower pressure (e.g. log BWHP03, 43-60ft). Conversely zones of higher HPT pressure (e.g. BWHP02, 8-18ft) will require more pressure and time to inject the same fluid and volume. The viscosity of the fluid being injected and the injection pressure will have an impact on the efficiency of the injection process. Of course if the injection pressure exceeds the local lithostatic pressure fracturing may occur. However, fracturing may occur in a random fashion and so your ability to control where injected fluids go may be poor under these conditions.



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Figure 15: These five HPT pressure logs were obtained along a SW-NE transect separated by 50 ft (15 m) spacing. The DI Viewer software was used to create this cross section that provides detailed information on formation permeability and hydrostratigraphy. Lateral correlation between the logs can be used to assess migration pathyways (low HPT pressure zones) and guide well placement.

Estimation of Hydraulic Conductivity

From Darcy's Law we know that hydraulic conductivity (K) is proportional to the flow rate (Q) divided by the pressure (P) required to induce that flow rate in the given sediment or soil. Simply stated this is: K Q/P. The raw HPT pressure provided by the HPT log is the total pressure observed at the depth where the water is injected. This total pressure includes the ambient atmospheric pressure at the time of the log, the local hydrostatic pressure and the pressure required to inject the fluid into the formation. So we have:

$$\mathbf{P}_{\text{total}} = \mathbf{P}_{\text{atm}} + \mathbf{P}_{\text{hydro}} + \mathbf{P}_{\text{inj}}$$

As discussed above the atmospheric pressure is determined from the pre and post log response tests (Appendix II) and the hydrostatic pressure is defined by one or more dissipation tests (Figure 10) obtained as the log is run. Now the actual injection pressure $[P_{inj} = P_{total} - (P_{hydro} + P_{atm})]$ that was required to inject the water into the formation is calculated for each depth increment of the log (Figure 12, right column). The actual injection pressure (P_{inj}) and the measured flow rate (Q) is then used to model an estimated K value for each depth increment of the HPT log (Geoprobe 2010b).

An empirical model to estimate K for HPT Q and P_{inj} data was developed by Geoprobe (McCall & Christy 2010). One field site was used to develop the basic empirical model utilizing several HPT logs and co-located slug tests (ASTM 2006) conducted in temporary groundwater sampling tools (ASTM 2005b) at targeted depths. The resulting model was found to generally fit paired HPT log and slug test data from several field sites in the central United States (Figure 16). This general model to estimate K from the HPT Q and P data is included in the DI Viewer software (Geoprobe 2010b). Once the corrected pressure for a log is determined using log specific dissipation test(s) and response test(s) the DI Viewer software can be used to calculate and plot the estimated K value verses depth (Figure 17). As this log indicates the estimated-K value is provided at inch-scale resolution and should prove useful for risk and transport modeling as well as remediation design. To provide greater confidence in the estimated K value a site specific model could be developed.

Under appropriate conditions applying the general model for estimation of K (Figure 16) can provide reasonable estimates of hydraulic conductivity. Slug tests conducted in temporary groundwater samplers installed at targeted depths adjacent to one log (Figure 18) reveals that the model does provide estimates close to the slug test results under appropriate conditions. The lower K boundary for the general model is at approximately 0.1ft/day (0.03m/day) and the upper boundary is near 75ft/day (25m/day).

Delineation of Brine Plumes

In the section above explaining interpretation of HPT logs the fact that EC logs are sensitive to salt or brine in groundwater was discussed. Conversely, HPT pressure and flow logs are relatively insensitive to salt or brine content of the groundwater. Because of these facts we can use HPT corrected pressure (P*) and EC logs to evaluate the potential for brine, landfill leachate or seawater impact to an aquifer (Figure 19). At the field area where this log was obtained previous oil drilling and production had lead to brine releases in the shallow alluvial aquifer up gradient from where this log was



Figure 16: The general model for estimating K from HPT Q/P_{inj} was developed from logs obtained in the Smoky Hill alluvial aquifer in Salina, KS. Multiple logs were obtained at the test site and co-located slug tests were performed at selected depths with DP piezometers. Paired data for HPT Q/P_{inj} ratios and co-located slug tests from six sites from the midcontinent U.S. also are plotted with the model curve. This demonstrates the relationship of the model to multiple site data.

obtained. A detailed review of this log (Appendix III) reveals some basic relationships between EC and P*. These are:

- When EC is relatively high and HPT pressure is low there is potential for chloride impact in the saturated aquifer
- When both EC and pressure are relatively high this generally correlates with elevated clay content and reduced permeability
- Low EC and low HPT pressure generally indicate coarse grained aquifer materials without chloride/brine impact

Targeted groundwater samples and slug tests from three zones at this location (Figure 19) confirm this general relationship. Similar results were observed at several other locations at this site and a plot of the EC/P* ratio versus chloride (Figure 20) has a strong positive correlation. This relationship will be influenced by site-specific conditions. When high chloride concentrations are present this will result in elevated EC values in the EC log (>1000mS/m), and will be readily obvious, especially when compared to low HPT pressures over the same interval (Binder 2008).



Figure 17: This log gives the average flow (Q), corrected pressure (P_{inj}) and estimated hydraulic conductivity (Est. K) for the saturated formation at a location near Halstead, KS. The Est. K is calculated based on the model in Figure 16. Note that anomalous high-K spikes occur in the estimated K where the corrected pressure approaches zero, this is an artifact of the model. The original HPT log is provided in Figure 12.



Figure 18: Log of estimated K from HPT Q/ P_{inj} along with slug test results from discrete interval slug testing at this location. Slug tests were performed in SP16 groundwater samplers with a pneumatic manifold and transducer following screen development. Note: at 45ft slug tests were conducted first over a 2ft interval (43-45ft) and then over a 3ft interval (42-45ft). Estimated K shown as dashed line above the water level (After McCall and Christy, 2010).



Figure 19: The left graph displays EC, the center graph displays corrected HPT Pressure along with data of Chloride concentration and hydraulic conductivity measured at the indicated depth intervals with temporary piezometers. At right is an overlay of EC and corrected HPT pressure (shaded) used to evaluate potential zones of chloride impact in this alluvial aquifer down gradient from former oil drilling and production operations. Zones where corrected HPT pressure is low (sand and gravel) but EC is elevated above a range of 10-20mS/m provides an indication of chloride impact at this site (Neshyba-Bird et al. 2009).



Figure 20: Data from the Halstead site was used to evaluate the relationship between chloride concentration in groundwater samples from discrete screen intervals and the ratio of the average EC to the average P_{inj} over that same depth interval. Good correlation indicates that the EC and P_{inj} data may be used to infer the presence of elevated chloride content in the groundwater at this site. Using just EC to compare to chloride will not provide a good model as EC also will be elevated where clay content of the formation is high.

Limitations of the HPT System

The HPT probe is designed for advancement into unconsolidated materials (clay, silt, sand±gravel) by direct push methods. It is not designed for penetration of consolidated sediments or rock. While the tool may be able to penetrate some light to moderately cemented soils (caliche) or lightly cemented sediments, the tough, indurated, caliche soils or similar may be impenetrable with this tool. Very dense glacial tills and sediments with cobbles and boulders will be problematic.

In its current design and method of operation described here the HPT system is able to resolve the permeability of soils with a hydraulic conductivity in the range of about 0.1ft/day (3.5E-5cm/sec) up to about 75ft/day (2.7E-2cm/sec), so approximately three orders of magnitude in range. Fortunately, this range is of particular value for geo-environmental investigations. At the lower end of the range the exact point where non-Darcian flow, channeling, fracturing, etc. (Figure 16) becomes active will vary depending on the flow rate applied, effective pressure and the specific nature (density, grain size distribution, moisture content, cementing, etc.) of the soil or sediment being penetrated. At the upper end of the range when the formation permeability becomes high enough the pressure required to inject fluid into the formation becomes relatively low. Under high K conditions the injection pressure may be equal to or less than the pressure resulting from the internal friction due to fluid flow in the HPT probe system. Under these conditions the formation K is effectively above the upper limit of what the current HPT system can discern. Simply increasing flow rate to the probe will not alleviate this problem as this also increases the internal friction/pressure due to increased flow in the system. In aquifer zones where the estimated K is near the upper limit the investigator can choose to install temporary piezometers (Geoprobe 2006c, 2010a; ASTM 2005b) across these intervals and perform slug tests (Geoprobe 2002, 2011 ; ASTM 2006) to more precisely define higher K zones.

The HPT probe is currently designed with a 100psi (~700kPa) pressure transducer. This is equivalent to approximately 230 feet (70m) of water pressure. In order to provide some room for resolution of high permeability materials from lower permeability materials this gives an effective upper operating limit in the range of 80psi (550kPa), or about 180ft (~55m) below the water table in an unconfined aquifer.

The HPT pressure and flow logs give us information on the relative permeability of the materials being penetrated. We can make inferences regarding sediment type and dominant grain size, especially when the EC log is used with the HPT pressure and flow logs. However, this is just an inference without at least some sampling of the soils and sediments being logged. A fine grained soil with abundant fractures may have permeability similar to a sandy soil. Conversely, a cemented sand and gravel sediment may have permeability similar to fine, silty clay. Log and sample wisely.

Specifications for Procuring HPT Logging Services

The experience, training and competency of the field operator for the HPT system and Geoprobe[®] unit will have an impact on the quality of HPT data you obtain for any project. Providing adequate specifications to your contractor or subcontractor can help assure the type and quality of data you obtain is what is required to meet your project data quality objectives. The attached outline

(Appendix IV) will provide guidance on setting up procurement specifications for HPT logging services and reporting. For further details on required equipment and tooling review the HPT operating procedure (Geoprobe 2007) and visit the Geoprobe® Direct Image website (Geoprobe-DI.com).

For quality assurance purposes it is recommended that both pre-log and post-log response tests be performed for each HPT log using the HPT Reference Tube (PN 29105). If the response test gives results outside of the control limit range (0.22psi $\pm 10\%$: 1.5kPa $\pm 10\%$) for the pressure sensor corrective measures should be taken. Often, simply removing, cleaning and replacing the HPT screen will correct the problem. If this is not successful the pressure sensor should be replaced before proceeding with the next log. Purge all air from the trunkline and probe prior to response testing.

In order to get full benefit of the HPT log data it is necessary to run at least one dissipation test during each log. As discussed earlier, the system operator stops probe advancement, stops flow to the probe and acquires a time data file for each dissipation test. The dissipation is allowed to run until the stable, total pressure is obtained. This will allow the investigator to calculate water levels from the HPT data as well as determine corrected pressure profiles and estimate hydraulic conductivity if desired. If the formation is stratified and sand layers are interlayered with silty-clay low permeability layers dissipation tests may be needed in each sand layer to assess changes in piezometric pressure with depth in the different sand zones. This will be valuable data to assess the existence of vertical gradients in the formation or aquifer system. Run HPT dissipation tests in sandy zones for best results and efficiency.

The procurement officer also will want to assure that adequate data and information is supplied to the project manager after the logs are obtained. All HPT data files, including information files, response test data and dissipation test data for each log should be provided to the project manager in digital format for use on Geoprobe's DI Viewer[®] software (free software download at <u>www.geoprobedi.com</u>). Filenames should be set up to meet proposal specifications. Field/onsite reporting may be desired to assist the project manager with making onsite decisions to achieve Triad/Accelerated site characterization goals. Include any onsite reporting requirements in the project specifications.

Summary and Discussion

The hydraulic profiling tool is a powerful system that can be used to understand the subsurface geology and hydrostratigraphy in unconsolidated soils and sediments. The HPT log can be used to evaluate the presence and location of preferential migration pathways and potential aquitards. The HPT provides the investigator with logs of injection pressure and flow rate versus depth, as well as electrical conductance of the bulk formation. These logs are independent of human interpretation, unlike a soil boring log, and so are not prone to human bias. Field quality assurance/quality control tests provide confirmation of system performance and reliability.

Interpretation of the HPT pressure log is relatively simple, with higher injection pressure indicating lower permeability and lower injection pressure indicating higher permeability. Additionally, the EC log provides a measure of independent confirmation for the HPT log. Furthermore, the HPT logging system is an effective tool to accomplish one of the primary goals of a geo-environmental

investigation; that is to establish an accurate site conceptual model (CSM) of the subsurface and provide data to substantiate the model.

As reviewed above the HPT logs can be applied for many site assessment needs. These applications range from simple interpretation of local lithology/hydrostratigraphy, construction of geologic cross sections and guiding well screen placement to more complicated applications such as guiding remedial fluids injection, delineation of brine plumes/sea water intrusion and estimation of hydraulic conductivity with inch-scale resolution. The HPT system is a useful tool for the site investigator that can save time and cost to obtain an accurate CSM and help achieve remediation objectives.

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Appendix I

HPT Tool Configurations and System Components



HPT Probe, Connection Tube and Trunkline Assembly for 1.5-inch Rod System

HPT Tool Configurations and System Components

(continued)

1.5-inch Drive Rods and Accessories for HPT Logging



Appendix II

The HPT Information File

Pre-Log EC Load Tests Test Target (mS/m) Actual (mS/m) % Diff P/F
 Test 1
 195.0
 197.4
 1.2
 PASS

 Test 2
 97.0
 98.2
 1.3
 PASS

 Test 3
 24.0
 24.6
 2.5
 PASS
 HPT 2-27-10 1.zip SITE INFORMATION -- DIRECT IMAGE HPT PROBE Geoprobe DI Acquisition Software for Windows Version: 1.1 Build: 10120 COMPANY: Geoprobe OPERATOR: KARBAJ PROJECT ID: Intern UNITS: ENGLISH PROBE AND ARRAY: HPT Probe with Wenner Array 80 INCH STRING POT USED ROD LENGTH: 4 feet 2.2696e1,-2.2356 HPT IDEAL COEFFS: HPT SENSOR CAL NUMBERS: (ideal) PRE-LOG RESPONSE VALUES PRE TEST TIME: Thu May 27 2010 13:36:37 HPT PRESSURE (psi) FLOW (mL/min) HPT PRESSURE (kPa) TEST TOP with FLOW=0 16.513 0.0 113.856 17.264 16.308 17.031 TOP with FLOW>0 119.029 289.1 112.441 117.428 BOTTOM with FLOW=0 0.0 BOTTOM with FLOW>0 318.6 EXPECTED FLOW=0 HPT DIFF.: 0.22 psi (1.5 kPa) +/- 10% ACTUAL FLOW=0 HPT DIFF.: 0.21 psi (1.4 kPa) TRANSDUCER TEST PASSED LOG START TIME: Thu May 27 2010 13:53:21 LOG END DEPTH: 64.65 ft LATITUDE: 0.000000000 LONGITUDE: 0.00000000 ELEVATION: 0.00 METERS 0.00 FEET LOG END TIME: Thu May 27 2010 15:32:30

The HPT Information File

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TOP with FLOW>0	17.030	285.5	117.415	
BOTTOM with FLOW=0	16.267	0.0	112.159	
BOTTOM with FLOW>0	16.847	289.0	116.159	
EXPECTED FLOW=0 HPT D	IFF.: 0.22 psi (1.5 kPa	i) +/- 10%		
ACTUAL FLOW=0 HPT D	IFF.: 0.20 psi (1.4 kPa	1)		
TRANSDUCER TEST PASSE	D			
Post-Log EC Load Test:	3			
Test Target (mS/m)	Actual (mS/m) % Di	.ff P/F		
Test 1 195.0	197.9 1	.5 PASS		
Test 2 97.0	98.8 1	.9 PASS		
Test 3 24.0	25.1 4	.8 PASS		

Appendix III

Detailed Log Review Regarding the Assessment of Brine or Seawater Impact

(Notes for the HPT Log in Figures 8 and 15)

Some details to note about this log:

- 8-10 ft: low EC, correlates with dry sand above water level (see fig. 8 also)
- 10-20ft: EC slowly rises while pressure slowly drops. Suggests increasing EC not due to fines .
- 20-40ft: EC goes up and stays around 40mS/m while pressure stays low.
 Suggests elevated chloride content in this zone.
 Groundwater sample at 30-32 ft = 226ppm chloride.
 - 40-70ft: Spikes/peaks in EC correlate with increased pressure over this zone.
 - Indicates elevated EC and pressure due to lower permeability and increased clay content across this interval

Groundwater sample at 52-54 ft = <31ppm chloride.

- 70-94ft: Slowly rising EC and some variability in low pressure across this interval. Intervals of slightly higher pressure suggest some clay may be present in those intervals.
 - Slowly increasing EC indicates chloride content may slowly increase. Groundwater sample at 90-92ft = 488ppm chloride.
- 94-104: Higher EC and increased pressure. Indicates lower permeability and increased clay content.
- 104-125: EC at about 40mS/m and low pressure except at about 120ft.
 Again indicates some chloride in sandy saturated formation.
 Increase EC and P around 120ft indicates increased clay (clay lens).
 - No water samples collected in this zone.

To summarize, the basic relationships between EC and P* are:

- When EC is relatively high and HPT pressure is low there is potential for chloride impact in the saturated aquifer
- When both EC and pressure are relatively high this generally correlates with elevated clay content and reduced permeability
- Low EC and low HPT pressure generally indicate coarse grained aquifer materials without chloride/brine impact

Targeted groundwater samples and slug tests from three zones at this location (Figure 15) confirm this general relationship.

Appendix IV

Specifications for Procuring HPT Logging Services

The experience, training and competency of the field operator for the HPT system and Geoprobe[®] unit will have a significant impact on the quality of HPT data you obtain for any project. Providing adequate specifications to your contractor or subcontractor can help assure the type and quality of data you obtain is what is required for your project data quality objectives . The following outline will provide guidance on setting up procurement specifications for HPT logging services and reporting. For further details on required equipment and tooling review the HPT operating procedure (Geoprobe Technical Bulletin # MK3137).

HPT System Specifications

٠	Data Acquisition rate	5Hz
٠	Recommended Probe Advancement Rate	2cm/sec
٠	Electrical Conductivity Array	Wenner Array, 4-pole electrode
	 Optional dipole electrode array 	
٠	Working Depth Maximum (100 psi)	180ft (55m) below water table
٠	Depth Tracking : String Pot	SC160 or SC160-100
	(depending on probe unit model)	
٠	Flow controller/pump (PN K6000)	0-1000 ml/min: 500psig max
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HPT Probe & Trunkline Specifications

•	HPT Probe : 1.5-inch rod system	PN K6050
•	HPT Probe : 2.25-inch rod system	PN K8050
•	HPT Screen, stainless steel, replaceable	PN 28895
•	Pressure Sensor, 0-100 psia (0-690kPa)	PN 28262
	(± 2.5% full scale: max over pressure 400psia/2	500kPa)
•	Trunkline, 150ft length/120ft depth	PN K6415

Computer Software & Hardware Specifications

(Either the Geoprobe field computer FC5000 or the field instrument FI6000 and a portable computer will be required.)

•	FI6000 Field Instrument	PN FI6000	and
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- Portable Computer with Windows XP Service Pack 3, Vista, or Windows 7 OS
 - Minimum PC requirements: 1.5 GHZ processor, 1GB RAM, 500MB free hard drive space, CD/DVD drive, USB 2.0 socket, minimum screen resolution of 1024 x 768.

Or

•	FC5000 Field Computer	PN FC5000
-		111103000

- DI Acquisition Software
 PN K6020
- DI Viewer Software Version 1.3 (or most recent release)

HPT System Power Requirements

• The HPT system, including all electronics, computer, and pump, may be operated from a single 15amp, 120V circuit. This is easily supplied by a portable generator.

Geoprobe Unit specifications

- To advance 1.5-inch rod system HPT 5400, 6600 and 7000 Series Machines (e.g. 54DT, 6620DT, 6625CPT, 7720DT, 7822DT etc.)
- To advance 2.25-inch rod system HPT 7000 & 8000 Series Machines (e.g. 8040DT, 8140DT, 7822DT, 7730DT, etc.)

Data & Reporting Specifications (in field/final)

- In Field: print of log and/or digital copy with ID and location information
- Final reporting:
 - Digital files complete with all field QA test results.
 - Summary table of log filenames, total depths, locations and description of any deviations from protocol or work plan.

Field Quality Assurance/Quality Control Specifications

HPT Reference Tube	PN 29105
EC Test Load	PN 37785
EC Test Jig	PN SC463
Pre-log pressure transducer response test and EC	Array test load results.
Post log pressure transducer response test and EG	C Array test load results
Dissipation tests (minimum 1 per log)	

Tool String Specifications for 1.5-inch Rod System

(See Appendix I or <u>www.geoprobe-di.com</u>)

Tool String Specifications for 2.25" Rod System

(See Appendix I or <u>www.geoprobe-di.com</u>)

Equipment and tool specifications, including weights, dimensions, materials, and operating specifications included in this document are subject to change without notice. Where specifications are critical to your application, please contact Geoprobe[®] Systems.

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