

October 31, 2000

Mr. Gerald Rider, Jr.  
Chief of Operations and Maintenance  
New York State Department of  
Environmental Conservation  
50 Wolf Road  
Albany, NY 12233

Re: Annual Report on Roxy Cleaners Treatment System Operation,  
Maintenance and Monitoring

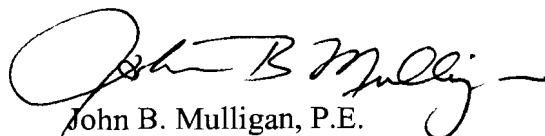
Dear Mr. Rider:

Transmitted, herewith, are three copies of the third and final annual report on the treatment system operation, maintenance and monitoring work at the Roxy Cleaners Site as required under Malcolm Pirnie's Work Assignment #D002852-26. Our Work Assignment ends as of the date of this letter, and we understand that your office is taking over the operation and maintenance of this system.

Please advise us if you have any questions concerning this report.

Very truly yours,

MALCOLM PIRNIE, INC.



John B. Mulligan, P.E.  
Associate

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# **ANNUAL REPORT ON TREATMENT SYSTEM OPERATION, MAINTENANCE AND MONITORING**

**September 28, 1999 – October 17, 2000  
Roxy Cleaners Site # 4-42-024  
New York State Superfund Standby Contract  
Work Assignment #D002852-26**

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Guardian Variable Speed Controller
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Water Filters	17
GAC Drums	3
Canisters Calibration Gas	1
2oz., Pipe Thread Compound	1
32 oz., Mineral Spirits	1
Replacement O-Rings for Drum Caps	4
Coarse Grit Sandpaper Sheets	3
Replacement Stripper Gaskets (9ft) and Adhesive	1
Partially Filled 500ml Bottles of pH Buffer (7.0, 4.0, and 10.01)	3
Tyvek Suits	2
Box of Large Rubber Gloves (100 Gloves/Box)	1
Pairs Large Rubber Boot Covers	3
Water Filter O-Rings	2
Pitless Adapter O-Ring	1
WD-40 Lubricant	1
Electrical Tape	1
Power Cable and Pump Motor Fitting	1
Wire Connectors	1 Box

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Metal Scrapers	2
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Sponges	6
Gallon Bottles of Muriatic Acid	2
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Large Bag of Rags	1

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### **Contaminant Recovery and Concentration Summary**



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**CONTAMINANT RECOVERY SUMMARY**

September 30, 1997 - October 17, 2000  
 (Three years of recovery)

	1997-1998 CONTAMINANT RECOVERY (kg)	1998-1999 CONTAMINANT RECOVERY (kg)	1999-2000 CONTAMINANT RECOVERY (kg)	TOTAL RECOVER 1997-2000	% OF TOTAL RECOVERY RECOVERY
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APPROXIMATE RW2 RECOVERY	5.49	2.72	3.41	11.72	28.01
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APPROXIMATE TOTAL DCE RECOVERY	0.75	0.68	0.61	2.06	4.91
APPROXIMATE TOTAL TCE RECOVERY	0.13	0.16	0.17	0.46	1.11
APPROXIMATE TOTAL PCE RECOVERY	17.34	10.57	11.04	39.32	93.98
<b>TOTAL RECOVERY</b>	<b>18.22</b>	<b>11.41</b>	<b>11.82</b>	<b>41.84</b>	

**AVERAGE CONTAMINANT CONCENTRATION**

September 28, 1999 - October 17, 2000

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**Monitoring Well Contaminant Study**

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MONITORING WELLS	07/17/1997			11/04/1997			07/14/1998			11/04/1998			07/14/1999			12/08/1999		
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MW-103A	18	24	3200	0	7	560	12	8	1200	0	2.6	160	6.1	6	690	2	10	250
MW-107A	19.5	11	360	30	12	440	24	11	500	18	11	340	14	6.7	230	14	6.7	230
MW-2	5.6	0.5	160	9	0	140	9	0	170	2.1	0	57	0	0	32	4	0	66
MW-107	20.9	20	150	30	12	440	15	20	88	14	17	120	6	19	44	7	20	42
MW-111	0.5	0.7	8.9	8	4	58	1	2	19	5.3	5.2	57	0	0	22	4	4	40
MW-2B	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
MW-108	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	5	0	0	2	0	0	2.2	0	0	3
MW-108A	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MW-106	0	0	0	*	*	*	0	0	0	*	*	*	0	0	0	*	*	*
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MW-105A	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*	*	*
MW-104	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*	*	*
MW-3	0	0	0	*	*	*	0	0	0	*	*	*	0	0	0	*	*	*
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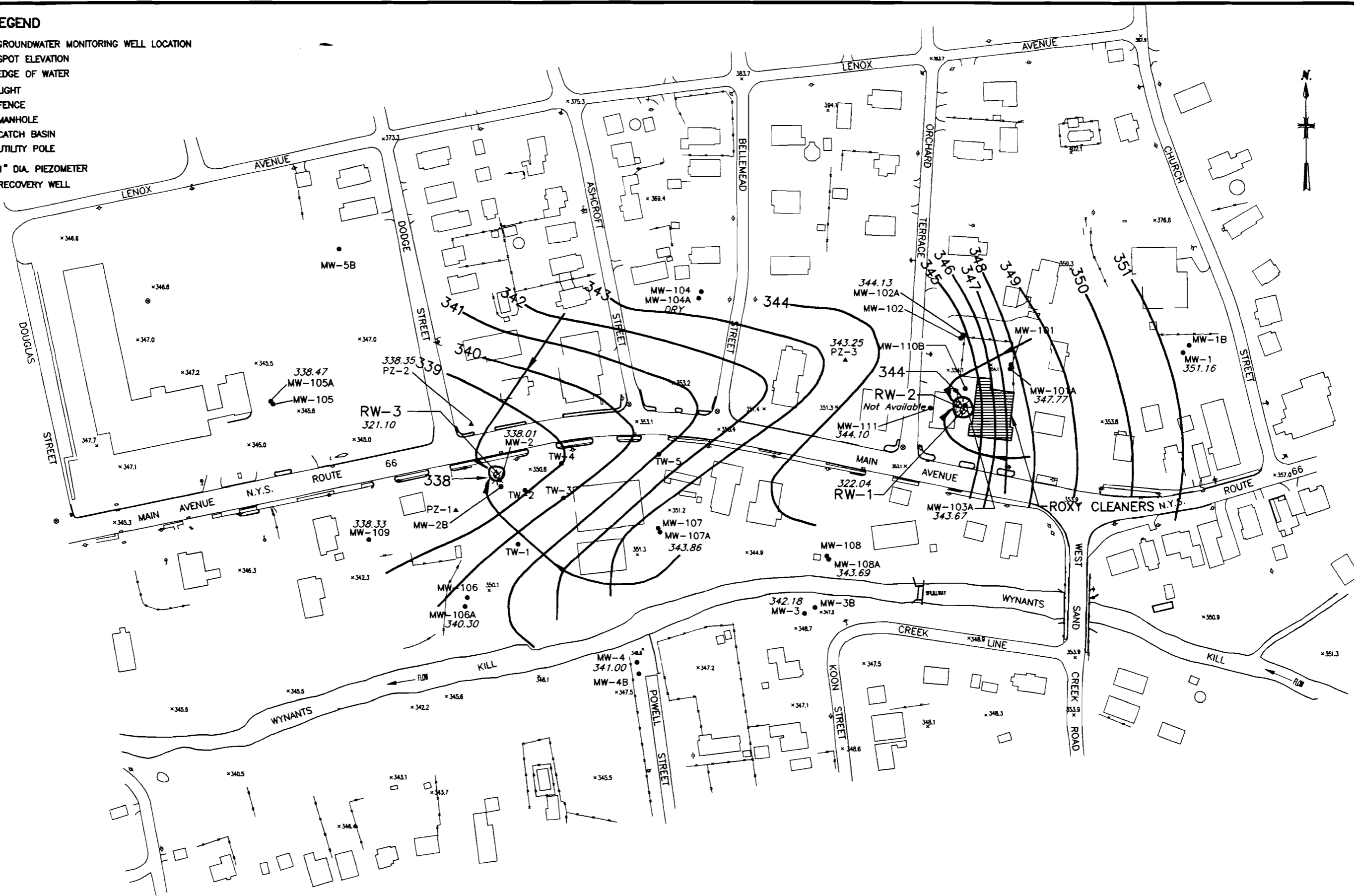
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### **Potentiometric Contour Maps**

**LEGEND**

- MW ○ GROUNDWATER MONITORING WELL LOCATION
- x 347.5 SPOT ELEVATION
- EDGE OF WATER
- δ LIGHT
- FENCE
- ⊙ MANHOLE
- CATCH BASIN
- ⊕ UTILITY POLE
- ▲ 1" DIA. PIEZOMETER
- ⊗ RECOVERY WELL



BASE MAP SOURCE: METCALF & EDDY OF NEW YORK, INC. (1992)

SCALE: 1"=150'

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**UNCONSOLIDATED AQUIFER POTENTIOMETRIC CONTOUR MAP (SEPTEMBER 29, 2000)**



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	MG/L	MG/L	MG/L	MG/L	MG/L	MG/L	MG/L	MG/L	MG/L	MG/L	MG/L	MG/L	MG/L	MG/L	MG/L	MG/L	MG/L	MG/L
MW-103A	18	24	3200	0	7	560	12	8	1200	0	2.6	160	6.1	6	690	2	10	250
MW-107A	19.5	11	360	30	12	440	24	11	500	18	11	340	14	6.7	230	14	6.7	230
MW-2	5.6	0.5	160	9	0	140	9	0	170	2.1	0	57	0	0	32	4	0	66
MW-107	20.9	20	150	30	12	440	15	20	88	14	17	120	6	19	44	7	20	42
MW-111	0.5	0.7	8.9	8	4	58	1	2	19	5.3	5.2	57	0	0	22	4	4	40
MW-2B	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
MW-108	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	5	0	0	2	0	0	2.2	0	0	3
MW-108A	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MW-106	0	0	0	*	*	*	0	0	0	*	*	*	0	0	0	*	*	*
MW-106A	0	0	0	*	*	*	0	0	0	*	*	*	0	0	0	*	*	*
MW-109	0	0	0	*	*	*	0	0	0	*	*	*	0	0	0	*	*	*
MW-105	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*	*	*
MW-105A	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*	*	*
MW-104	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*	*	*
MW-3	0	0	0	*	*	*	0	0	0	*	*	*	0	0	0	*	*	*
MW-3B	0	0	0	*	*	*	0	0	0.6	*	*	*	0	0	0	*	*	*

Notes:

- 1) 1,2 DCE = Cis/Trans 1,2 Dichloroethene
- TCE = Trichloroethene
- PCE = Tetrachloroethene
- \* The following wells were not sampled during this event

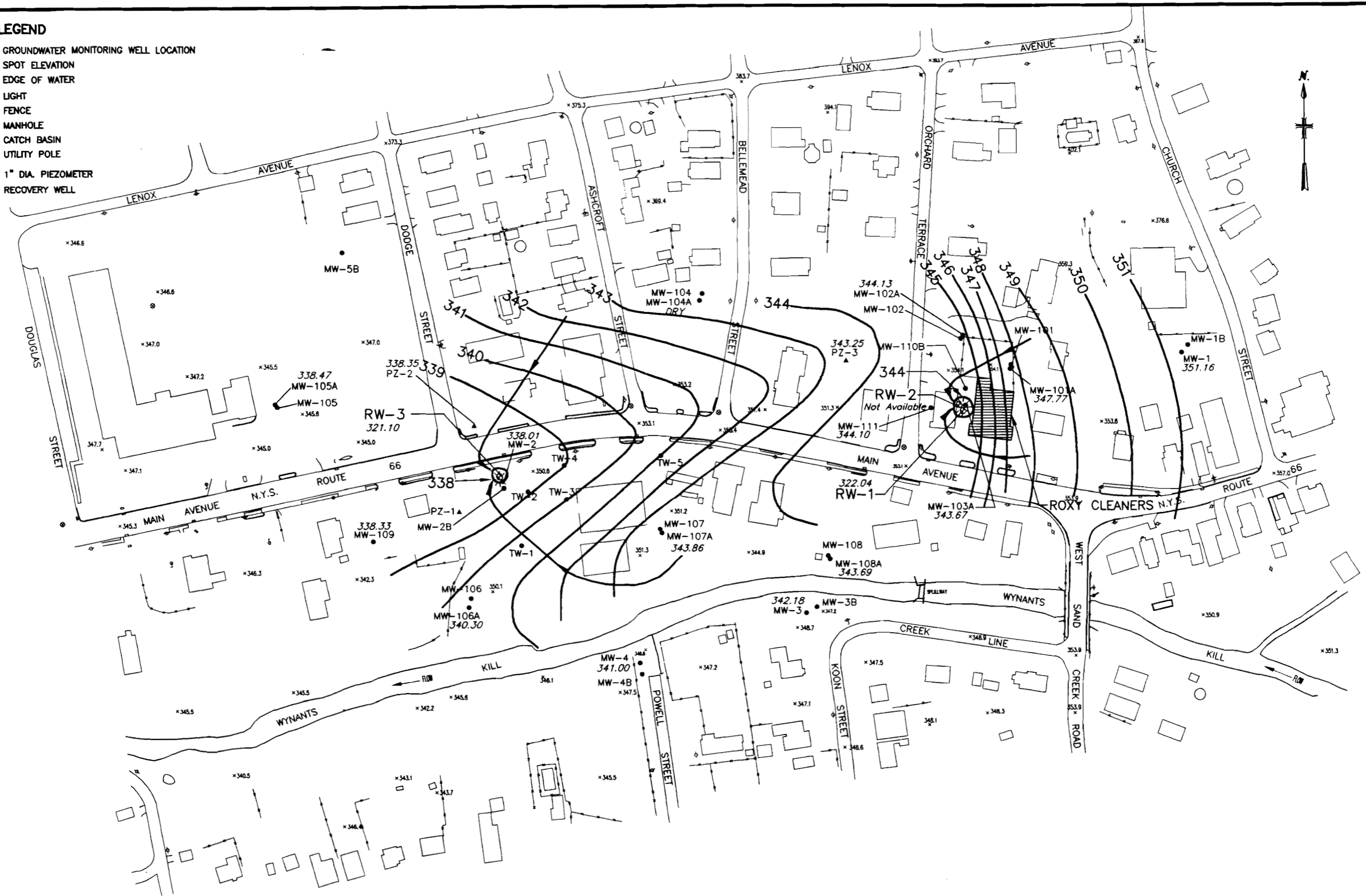
## **APPENDIX D**

### **Potentiometric Contour Maps**



**LEGEND**

- MW ○ GROUNDWATER MONITORING WELL LOCATION
- x347.5 SPOT ELEVATION
- EDGE OF WATER
- ⊕ LIGHT
- FENCE
- ⊙ MANHOLE
- CATCH BASIN
- ⊕ UTILITY POLE
- ▲ 1" DIA. PIEZOMETER
- ⊙ RECOVERY WELL



BASE MAP SOURCE: METCALF & EDDY OF NEW YORK, INC. (1992)

SCALE: 1"=150'

ROXY CLEANERS SITE (NYSDEC #442024)  
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