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## **Visual Ordnance Sweep Report**

## Little Neck

## 6 November 2008

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Mr. Biolsi:

The attached report was completed following the Visual Sweep of the Little Neck area of the Cape Pogue Wild Life refuge. This sweep was conducted in accordance/ compliance with Task Two of the SARSS\_VRHabilis contract agreement.

The enclosed report is certified accurate. If you have any questions please feel free to call (508) 410-1306 or email me at <u>rancich@vrhabilis.com</u>.

We thank you for your business.

Sincerely,

Tom Rancich CEO VRHabilis LLC *Veteran Run Work!!* 



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### **Summary:**

A Visual Ordnance Sweep was conducted on 6 November 2008 by VRHabilis (VRH) and The Trustees of the Reservation (TTOR) personnel. Three VRH and two TTOR personnel participated in the sweep. The sweep was conducted on the interior beach beginning in Drunkards Cove (~41° 24' 23.37"N/070° 26' 58.27"W), around Little Neck to Shear Pen pond and then around Shear Pen Pond ending at the beginning of privately owned property (~41° 24' 52.04"N/070° 27' 50.12"W). Though not required a Schonstadt metal detection device was utilized to augment the search, clear flooded blast holes and to help qualify some unknown items. The visual sweep resulted in the location, removal and storage of fifteen pieces MK 23 fragmentation or pieces which were safe to move and required no further demilitarization. Also found were nine pieces of ferrous metal conclusively not of military origin, which were also removed and placed in storage (multiple pieces of thin aluminum, lobster pot pieces, aluminum tubing, etc, were found, removed and disposed of at MVRDS). The total length of the visual sweep was ~15300 feet, the average width of the beach was ~31'.

VRHabilis personnel conducted Schonstadt assisted quality assurance sweep on 8 November 2008 finding no additional items<sup>1</sup>.

### **Purpose:**

The purpose of the visual sweep was:

- Identify any immediate public safety hazards
- Identify and remove any non-hazardous ordnance items or related items (Fragmentation, hollow MK 23 bodies, fin assemblies etc) and place those items in secure storage.
- Identify and remove any non-ordnance items which, due to the history of the site, be construed as an ordnance item resulting in a response by TTOR, VRH or law enforcement personnel.

### Weather:

Temperature:45°FCeiling:1000'Wind:20-30Knts SWPrecipitation:DrizzleTide:Low

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> A USACE sponsored site visit was conducted on 2 December 2008. Approximately eleven people including at least three EOD Techs walked the entirety of the visually swept area and found no additional items; MK 23s, frag, or ferrous metal.



### Schedule:

#### **5 November:**

- Notify local officials (police, fire, EMT, Municipal Officials, TTOR)
- Coordinate with TTOR for access and participation

#### 6 November:

- 0900 Meet TTOR personnel at Mytoi
- 0910 Conduct safety briefs to include ordnance safeties, medical procedure, evacuation routes, etc
- 0930 -Transit to Little Neck
- 0940 -Commence visual sweep of Little Neck/Southern Shear Pen
- 1435 -Conclude visual sweep of Little Neck/Southern Shear Pen
- 1440 -Shift to Shear Pen Pond<sup>2</sup>
- 1455 -Commence visual sweep of Northern Shear Pen
- 1605 -Conclude visual sweep of Northern Shear Pen
- 1610 -Transit to Mytoi
- 1615 De-brief, inventory gear, clean gear
- 1645 Place item in segregated bins in secure storage container
- 1650 -Conclude

### Narrative:

A five person visual sweep team comprised of three VRHabilis and two TTOR personnel met at Mytoi gardens to conduct safety and operational briefs. The safety brief included both ordnance safety and medical safety, to include working in the existing weather conditions which were wet, windy and cold.

The sweep team transited to the sweep site at Little Neck. The established plan was to conduct two visual sweeps on each of the two accessible beaches (Little Neck to South Shear Pen Pond, North Shear Pen Pond), one from South to North and one from North to South. The sweeps would start and extend beyond the current closed signs to consider maximum coverage of the suspected target area (See Map 1).

Starting from the South (~41° 24' 23.37"N/ 070°26'58.27"W) the sweep team moved north then east to begin the sweep of Little Neck and South Shear Pen Pond. As anticipated through previous knowledge, no ordnance items or related items were found for several hundred yards. The first item that was located was just west of the EOD blast holes located at 41°24'26.70"N/ 070°27'16.84"W and was obviously a



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> An non-traversable stream prevents operating from a single location



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The sweep continued to the west. Several pieces of fragmentation, likely from the demo pits, were found to just to the West of those pits. As the sweep team began to turn north again, another cluster of shattered MK23 pieces were found, to include a fin assembly and a quarter of the body of a practice bomb (~41°24'27.80"N/ 070°27'21.60"W to ~ 41°24'29.30"N/ 70°27'22.80"W).

The sweep team continued to the north on a narrowing beach for about 130yds before finding another cluster of MK 23 fragmentation (centered on ~  $41^{\circ}24'33.09''N/~0$  70°27'20.42''W). There was an identifiable nose piece of a

MK 23 and other fragmentation. This cluster was notable for the proximity (close) to the eroding dune.

The sweep team continued north to the northern most point of Little Neck then turned south and east around the northern shore of Little Neck bordered by Shear Pen Pond to the North. The team moved ~300yds without locating any ordnance. At ~41°24'37.20"N/ 070°27'8.90"W a piece of frag/ milled steel was located. It was absolutely free of hazard but could not be identified as anything other than a piece of fabricated metal. As such, it was collected as potential ordnance fragmentation. The team continued east to the stream and then south for approximately another 200 yards until the terrain became impassable and TTOR personnel indicated that at this time they did not want to damage the habitat unnecessarily. The sweep team reversed direction and conducted a sweep in the opposite direction with negative results (no additional ordnance found). Various aluminum and other pieces of non-ferrous scrap were removed from the beach (on the



return sweep) as a matter of course.

The sweep team relocated to the eastern side of Shear Pen Pond at the closure fence  $(41^{\circ}24'41.20"N/70^{\circ}27'1.10"W)$  and swept south to the stream  $(41^{\circ}24'36.08"N/70^{\circ}27'6.27"W)$  then north the terminus of TTOR property  $(41^{\circ}24'52.04"N/70^{\circ}27'5.12"W)$ . No ordnance or ordnance related items were located.

The sweep team returned to Mytoi Gardens de-briefed, cleaned gear and secured. VRHabilis EOD technicians

transported the MK 23 frag and ferrous metal to the Edgartown Police Department and secured same in the security container.



## QA:

On 8 November 2008, a VRHabilis EOD Technician conducted a QA check consisting of gridding and electronically sweeping three 400sqft squares corresponding to the locations that had concentrations of MK 23 frag. No ferrous metal or ordnance frag was located.



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## **MAP ONE** Visual Sweep of Little Neck Northern Visual Sweep Limit **Closed** Limit MK 23 Frag MK 23 Frag MK 23 Frag **Closed** Limit MK 23 Frag MK23 Frag Multiple Frag Around Blast Sites Closed Limit Southern Visual Sweep Limit 8 Europa Technologies COOSIE © 2008 Tele Atlas @ 2008 TerraM elev 0 m 41°24'35.48" N 70°27'06.03" W Eye alt 1.42 km

Positions are approximations based on positions established with a Garmin GPS 12





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Disposition of item:

Removed to Secure Storage

# **UXO Incident Report**

□VRHabilis identification of item: ■MK 23 practice bomb VRHabilis assessment of item: Expended MK 23 with no explosive hazard Location Name/Property Owner: Little Neck GPS Location (if available): 41° 24' 25.81"N 070° 27' 4.18"W How was item found: TTOR Ranger Paul Schoultz found the item while on routine patrol Date/time found: 20 April 2010/ 1000 Date/time removed: 21 April 2010/1030 Chronology of events: 20 April 2010 1030 call received from Trustees □1045 call received from Edgartown PD □1130 VRH coordination with local authorities complete/VRH response team alerted 21 April 2010 □0500 VRH response team departs home station □0800 VRH arrives on Martha's Vineyard O930 VRH On-scene confirms item a MK 23 and that it is expended □1030 Item secured in container Narrative Description: VRH received a call from TTOR that a suspect MK 23 had been found under the caution sign at Little Neck. TTOR's assessment was that it had been placed there. VRH coordinated a response with local authorities to include Edgartown Police and TTOR personnel. VRH mobilized to Martha's Vineyard and confirmed that the item was a MK 23, that it was free of explosive hazard and was acceptable to move. The MK 23 was secured in the container at Edgartown

Police Headquarters.



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## MK 23 Practice Bomb



## MK 23 found at foot of sign



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## Location





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# **UXO Incident Report**

Disposition of item:

Removed to Secure Storage

URHabilis Identification of items:

MK 23 practice bomb (pieces of)

□VRHabilis assessment of items:

Fragmentation with no explosive hazard
 Location Name/Property Owner: Little Neck
 GPS Location (if available):

A. 41° 24.435'N 070° 27.270'W B. 41° 24.486'N 070° 27.375'W

C. 41° 24.487'N 070° 27.374'W

□ How was item found: TTOR Ranger Chris Kennedy found the items B & C while on routine patrol. Item A was found by VRH employee Tom Rancich while re-locating Items B & C.

Date/time found: B&C - 25 April 2010/ 1700, A - 26 April 2010/1030

Date/time removed: 26 April 2010/1130

Chronology of events:

25 April 2010

□ 1700 call received from Trustees

26 April 2010

□0930 VRH response team departs home station

□1030 VRH response team finds item A

□1100 VRH On-scene confirms items MK 23 parts free of explosive hazard

□1230 Items secured in container

□Narrative Description: VRH received a call from TTOR that two suspect MK 23 pieces had been on the western most edge of Little Neck. Due to time, tide and remote location it was determined unsafe and unnecessary to respond immediately. VRH mobilized first thing the following morning. During ingress item A was located and removed. Items B & C were located, determined free of explosive hazard and removed. All items were secured in the container at Edgartown Police Headquarters.

## Item A MK 23 Frag



## Item B MK 23 Body



## Item C MK 23 Body



## Location(s)





Subject: 25 June 2011 Emergency Response

Location: Little Neck, Chappaquiddick Island, Edgartown, Massachusetts

Time: 0955

Narrative: VRHabilis received a call at 0955 from Ranger Paul Schoultz of the Trustees of the Reservation that a local resident had found a piece of ordnance while walking on Little Neck. The resident retreated from the item and reported it to the Trustees. The Trustees responded and could not determine that the item was not ordnance. A watch was set and VRHabilis was called.

VRH arrived on the scene at 1155. The item was photographed and the image sent via email to the virtual response team. The item was determined to not be an ordnance item.

The item was removed and disposed of. Response secured at 1430.





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## Final Report on Airborne Geophysical Survey at

## Martha's Vineyard, MA

### February, 2011

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### **Executive Summary**

Between February 6<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> 2011, a low-altitude airborne vertical magnetic gradient geophysical survey was conducted over 1301 acres distributed into three separate areas on Martha's Vineyard Island, Massachusetts. The objective of the survey was to collect high-resolution airborne magnetometer data to detect groupings and clusters of MEC and MD items. The project involved the application of Battelle's VG-22 airborne vertical gradient system,

This system consists of 11 vertical magnetic gradiometers, each consisting of a pair of cesium magnetometers, vertically offset by 0.5 meters. Lateral separation is 1m between seven gradiometers that compose the forward array and 1.7m between gradiometers in the side arrays.

A geophysical prove-out (GPO) line of ten representative target items was established at Martha's Vineyard airport and used to verify positioning and system operation. The target items were laid on the surface and the line was flown at 1-2m altitude during each day of project operations. Data were also acquired at a suite of altitudes ranging from 1-5 meters for sensitivity assessment.

The survey was comprised of 590 acres of Tisbury Great Pond, 364 acres of South Beach, and 347 acres of Cape Poge. Mean sensor altitude for the three sites ranged from 2.0 to 2.5m. The magnetic data were processed and picked for target locations using a dipole inversion method. The RMS noise value for the survey was 0.1nT. The picking threshold was then set at 0.5nT, 5 times the RMS value. A complete listing of the analytic signal anomalies equal to or above the threshold of 0.5nT is presented for each area. Cape Poge contains 2,447 anomalies above the threshold, Tisbury Great Pond contains 3,608 anomalies, and South Beach contains 4,349 anomalies.

Several QC parameters, including survey speed, GPS quality, data noise, data drops, and flight altitudes were monitored throughout the survey and are summarized in Appendix A. Final data deliverables include geophysical maps and databases. Final deliverables will also include anomaly pick lists for each of the three areas.

Area	Total Area Surveyed	Total Potential MEC	Group 1 Priority	Group 2 Priority	Group 3 Priority
Tisbury					
Great Pond	590 acres	3608	1386	722	1500
Cape Poge	347 acres	2447	782	550	1115
South Beach	364 acres	4349	2254	776	1319

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AGL	Above Ground Level
ASCII	American Standard Code for Information Interchange
DGM	Digital Geophysical Mapping
EM	Electromagnetic
GIS	Geographic Information System
GPO	Geophysical prove-out
GPS, DGPS	(Differential) Global Positioning System
HAE	Height above ellipsoid
HDOP	Horizontal Dilution of Precision
IMU	Inertial Measurement Unit
MD	Munitions Debris
MEC	Munitions and Explosives of Concern
MRP	Munitions Response Program
NAD83	North American Datum 1983
OE	Ordnance and ExplosivesQA/QC Quality Assurance/Quality Control
SI	Site Investigation
TEM	Transient Electromagnetic
TIF, GeoTIF	(Geographically referenced) Tagged Information FileUTM Universal
	Transverse Mercator
UXO	Unexploded Ordnance
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### 1. Introduction

#### 1.1 Background

This report describes the methodology and results of a low-altitude vertical magnetic gradient helicopter geophysical survey carried out by Battelle for the purpose of detecting and mapping surface and buried munitions and explosives of concern (MEC) and munitions debris (MD) located over 1301 acres on Martha's Vineyard Island, MA. The survey used the state-of-the-art Battelle airborne high-resolution vertical magnetic gradient system (VG-22). This airborne system has previously been deployed at several sites in the U.S., including Twentynine Palms in California, Former Kirtland Precision Bombing Range in New Mexico, El Centro Naval air Facility in California, and Fort Wingate Army Depot in New Mexico. The Martha's Vineyard data will be used to guide ordnance remediation decisions for the site.

The objective of the airborne geophysical survey was to acquire vertical magnetic gradient data to provide an indication of the level of UXO contamination and to localize potential sources with sufficient positional accuracy (a few 10s of cm) to permit ground-based reacquisition of targets. It is important for potential users of these data to recognize that the airborne data should not be used to declare an area free of ordnance contamination. A lack of anomalies may indicate ordnance that is too small or deep to be detected or data that are insensitive to larger ordnance due to high survey altitudes.

#### **1.2 Project Site Description**

The survey site was composed of three areas: 1) Tisbury Great Pond, a 590-acre area where 100lb M-38 ordnance occur at depths of 0-12 ft; 2) Poge Sound, a 347-acre area where 3-lb are found at up to 20 ft depth, and 3) a 364-acre portion of the South Beach and surf zone with mixed ordnance types. The locations of survey areas are shown in Figure 1.



Figure 1-1: Map of Martha's Vineyard

#### 1.3 Site Geology

Martha's Vineyard Island's geologic origin dates back to the last ice age. This island is composed of deposited materials that were carried by the glaciers. Martha's shares its history with Cape Cod, Nantucket, Long Island, and Staten Island. They are all part of a large terminal moraine, unconsolidated material, which formed around 10,000 years ago at the end of the last ice age. As the glaciers melted at the end of the ice age the sea levels rose and only the areas of thickest sediments were left. The sea continues to erode and rework these islands giving them their distinct shapes.

### 1.4 Weather, Topography and Vegetation

The climate of Martha's Vineyard features generally milder winters and cooler weather in the summer compared to mainland cities such as New Bedford, Duxbury, and Boston. Average temperatures in the summer are in the 70s with the hottest month being July. Average temperatures in the winter are in the 40s, January being the coolest month of the year. The airborne survey took place during February when the temperature was relatively cold. The temperature fluctuated from the 20s and low 30s at night to the high 40s and 50s during the day.

The terrain of Martha's Vineyard is relatively flat. Each of the three survey areas, particularly Tisbury Great Pond and Cape Poge, had portions which were over water. As a safety measure, a rescue boat was mobilized and ready at these sites whenever data were being acquired. However, no incidents occurred which required activation of the boat.

#### 1.5 Airborne Vertical Magnetic Gradient System

The airborne magnetic data at Martha's Vineyard were acquired with the VG-22 system, developed and operated by Battelle. This system, shown in Figure 1.2, consists of 11 vertical magnetic gradiometers, each consisting of a pair of cesium magnetometers, vertically offset by 0.5 meters. This arrangement provides a substantial increase in detection capability compared to total field airborne systems because the gradient arrangement serves to reject much of the magnetic noise caused by large or deep geologic features and the moving magnetized components of the helicopter. In addition, the sensors mounted in the forward boom of the VG-22 are more closely spaced (laterally) than in the Battelle VG-16 system, (1.0 m vs. 1.7 m horizontal separation), thus providing greater sensitivity to smaller ordnance and greater positional accuracy for detected items.



Figure 1-2: Battelle VG-22 vertical magnetic gradiometer system.

Fourteen magnetometers are located in the seven gradiometer pods with 1.0 meter lateral spacing on the forward boom (Figure 1-2) and four magnetometers are located in each of the lateral booms (two gradient pods on either side) at 1.7m lateral spacing. The VG-22 system is mounted on a Bell 206 Long Ranger helicopter and flown as low to the earth's surface as safety permits, typically 1-2 meters above ground level, in pre-programmed traverses over the survey areas. Survey speeds averaged 13m/s. Data are processed at 120 Hz sample rate.

Flight lines were spaced 10m apart in all three areas. The flight line spacing is greater than the width of the front array, and smaller than the width of the full (forward plus lateral) array, leading to a cost-effective hybrid approach. This approach was designed to provide high density data over about 70% of each swath (1.0m line spacing) to improve sensitivity to small ordnance

items. The remaining 30% of each swath was covered by the lateral magnetometers at slightly greater altitude and less regular spacing. In this outer portion of each swath, outboard magnetometers from adjacent swaths overlap to provide line density of less than 1.7m, but varying along the flight path; depending on how precisely the pilot was able to fly the pre-programmed course. Airborne magnetic data are acquired during daylight hours only.

The data positioning and system orientation (pitch, roll, and yaw) is based on an integrated Global Positioning System (GPS) / Inertial Measurement Unit (IMU), The GPS antenna is mounted in the center of the forward array, and the IMU is mounted inside the aircraft near the center of gravity. A laser altimeter is mounted beneath the helicopter to monitor sensor height above the ground. Data are recorded digitally on a console inside the helicopter in a binary format. The magnetometers are sampled at a 1200 Hz sample rate and desampled to 120Hz before processing.



Figure 1-3: Rack-mount components inside the helicopter for the VG-22 system. These include the recording console, an extendable flat screen monitor, extendable keyboard and mouse shelf for navigation system, and the navigation system with CRT display and the GPS positioning console.

### 2. Survey Parameters and Procedures

#### **2.1 Survey Parameters and Procedures**

The airborne survey was completed during the 13 day period (on-site) between February 6, 2011 and February 18, 2011 with flight activity from February 8-17. A comprehensive Operational Emergency Response Plan was developed and issued previously to address issues related to flight operations, safety, and emergency response. This plan was incorporated into an overall Mission Plan that was developed and used to manage field survey operations.

The geophysical survey crew included William Doll (Project Manager), Jeffrey Gamey (Project Geophysicist) and Jeannie Norton (Project Geophysicist) from Battelle. The flight crew consisted of Doug Christie (pilot), Marcus Watson (system operator), and Darcy McPhee (engineer) from National Helicopters.

Operations were based out of Martha's Vineyard Airport. Equipment was installed there and the aircraft was parked there overnight. A local GPS base station was established at a known monument, MVY B, at the airport (NAD83 70° 36' 19.45872" West, 41° 23' 49.23710" North, NAVD 88 17.24m above ellipsoid) and was used throughout the survey. All computer operations and data processing were conducted at the hotel.

#### 2.2 Magnetic Data Acquisition

Upon arrival in Martha's Vineyard, Battelle personnel set up a geophysical prove-out (GPO) line at the airport for quality control and calibration. The GPO line contained a 105 mm mortar round, an M38 practice bomb, two 81 mortars, a rocket venturi, two 3lb practice bombs, a 2.25 rocket, two 3-inch" rockets, a 2.75-inch rocket, and a 105 projectile (**Error! Reference source not found.**). These targets were considered representative of the types of MEC expected on site. Prior to placement of the calibration targets, the area was swept with a man-portable magnetometer to determine the presence of pre-existing subsurface anomalies. A post-seed ground-based magnetometer survey was conducted for comparison to the airborne data.

The helicopter arrived on-site on February 6<sup>th</sup> and equipment installation was conducted on February 7<sup>th</sup>. The GPO preseed survey, seed emplacement, and postseed survey were performed on February 8<sup>th</sup>, with airborne data acquisition starting on February 9<sup>th</sup>. The VG-22 data were desampled from 1200Hz to a 120 Hz recording rate. All other raw data were interpolated to a 120 Hz rate. This results in a down-line sample density of approximately 10cm at average survey speeds. Data were converted to an ASCII format and imported into a Geosoft format database for processing. With the exception of the differential GPS post-processing and the calculation of compensation coefficients, all data processing was conducted using the Geosoft Oasis Montaj software suite.

A variety of Quality Control checks were performed throughout the survey. The test line was flown at the beginning or end of each survey day. A "bed of nails" test was also run periodically,

where a plywood sheet with a grid of roofing nails was pulled underneath each magnetometer to check noise levels, anomaly response, etc.

#### 2.3 Positioning

The pilot was guided during flight by an onboard navigation system. This provided sufficient accuracy for data collection (approximately 1m), but was inadequate for final data positioning. To increase the accuracy of the final data positioning, a GPS base station was established at a monument, MVY B, located at the airport (NAD83 70° 36' 19.45872" West, 41° 23' 49.23710" North, NAVD 88 17.24m above ellipsoid). Raw GPS data were collected in the aircraft and on the ground for differential corrections. These were applied in post-processing to provide better accuracy in the antenna positioning. The final latitude/longitude data were projected onto an orthogonal grid using the North American Datum 1983, UTM Zone 19N, meters.

The locations of each magnetometer sensor and the GPS antenna have been precisely measured relative to the helicopter tow hook by a civil surveyor. In-flight locations are determined by using the GPS antenna location and the aircraft orientation, as measured by an inertial navigation unit that samples at a 100Hz rate. This system outputs pitch, roll and azimuth. These data are combined with the physical geometry of the array to calculate the position and relative height of each magnetometer sensor.

Height above ground was monitored by a laser altimeter with an accuracy of about 2cm.

### 3. Magnetic Data Processing

The magnetic data were processed in several stages. This included correction for time lags, removal of sensor spikes and dropouts, compensation for dynamic helicopter effects, correction for sensor heading error, array balancing, and removal of helicopter rotor noise. The vertical magnetic gradient was calculated by subtracting readings from pairs of total field magnetometers. The magnetic analytic signal (total gradient) was derived from the vertical gradient through an FFT integral algorithm.

### **3.1 Quality Control**

The data were examined in the field to ensure sufficient data quality for final processing, as discussed in Appendix A. Each of the processing steps listed above were evaluated and tested. The adequacy of the compensation data, heading corrections, time lags, orientation calibration, overall performance and noise levels, and data format compatibility were all confirmed during data processing. During survey operations, flight line locations were plotted to verify full coverage of the area. Missing lines or areas where data were not captured were rejected and reacquired. Data were also examined for high noise levels and data drop-outs. Lines deemed to be unacceptable were re-flown. Occasional lines deviated from a straight flight path due to local vegetation, infrastructure, or topography. In instances where the pilot intentionally slid sideways down the hill in order to maintain uniform sensor clearance, the sensor altitude was given priority over uniform coverage.

#### **3.2 Time Lag Correction**

There is a lag between the time the sensor makes a measurement and when it is time-stamped and recorded. This applies to both the magnetometer and the GPS data. Accurate positioning requires a correction for this lag. Time lags between the magnetometers, fluxgate and GPS signals were measured by a proprietary utility. This utility sends a single EM pulse that is visible in the data streams of all three instruments. In order to save space in the database, the lag correction is applied to the timestamp data rather than all of the geophysical responses. All positioning data are referenced to this timestamp when they are imported into the database. No additional lag correction is required.

#### **3.3 Sensor Drop-outs**

Cesium vapor magnetometers have a preferred orientation to the Earth's magnetic field. As a result of the motion of the aircraft, the sensor dead zones will occasionally align with the Earth's field. In this event, the readings drop out, usually from a local average of over 50,000 nT to 0 nT. This usually occurs only during turns between lines, and rarely during on-line surveying (<1sec of data loss per day). All dropouts were removed manually during processing.

#### 3.4 Aircraft Compensation

The close proximity of the helicopter to the sensors causes considerable deviation in the readings, which requires compensation. The orientation of the aircraft with respect to the sensors and the motion of the aircraft through the earth's magnetic field are contributing factors. A calibration flight is flown to record the information necessary to remove these effects. The maneuver consists of flying a square-shaped flight path at high altitude to gain information in each of the cardinal directions. During this procedure, the pitch, roll and yaw of the aircraft are varied. This provides a complete picture of the effects of the aircraft at all headings in all orientations. The entire maneuver was conducted twice for comparison. The information was used to calculate coefficients for a 19-term polynomial for each sensor. The fluxgate data were used as the baseline reference channel for orientation. The polynomial is applied post flight to the raw data, and the results are referred to as the compensated data.

#### 3.5 Rotor Noise

The aircraft rotor spins at a constant rate of about 400rpm. This introduces noise to the magnetic readings at a frequency of approximately 6.6 Hz. Harmonics at multiples of this base are also observable, but have much smaller amplitudes. This frequency is usually higher than the spatial frequency created by near-surface metallic objects and is removed with a frequency filter.

#### **3.6 Heading Corrections**

Cesium vapor magnetometers are susceptible to heading errors. The result is that one sensor will give different readings when rotated about a stationary point. This error is usually less than 0.2 nT. Heading corrections are applied to adjust readings for this effect.
## 3.7 Vertical Magnetic Gradient

The vertical magnetic gradient is measured as the difference between measured values in each gradiometer pod (bottom magnetometer minus top). This is a distinction from total magnetic field surveys in which vertical magnetic gradient is calculated, rather than measured. In addition to reducing the effects of aircraft and rotor noise, this technique removes the necessity of monitoring and subtracting diurnal variations in the Earth's field. These data were gridded using a 0.5m interval.

## 3.8 Analytic Signal

The analytic signal is calculated from the gridded vertical magnetic gradient data as the square root of the sum of the squares of three orthogonal magnetic gradients. It represents the maximum rate of change of the magnetic field in three-dimensional space – a measure of how much the magnetic field would change by moving a small amount in the direction of maximum change.

There are several advantages to using the analytic signal. It is generally easier to interpret than total field or vertical gradient data for small object detection because it has a simple positive response above a zero background. The amplitude of the analytic signal response depends on the strength of the magnetic anomaly. In contrast, total field and vertical gradient maps typically display a dipolar response to small, compact sources (having both a positive and negative deviation from the background). The actual source location is at a point between the two peaks that is dependent upon the magnetic latitude of the site and the properties of the source itself. Analytic signal is essentially symmetric about the target, is always a positive value and is less dependent on magnetic latitude. More generally, the analytic signal highlights the corners of source objects, but for small targets at the latitude of this survey, these corners converge into a single peak almost directly over the target.

The dominant noise source in analytic signal is residual line-to-line inconsistencies in the gridded data which impact the horizontal gradients. These may be caused by residual heading error, altitude variation or uncompensated aircraft effects. The minimum anomaly threshold was set above the analytic signal noise floor at 0.2nT/m for single peaks. This represents the 10:1 signal-noise ratio based on a measured noise floor of 0.02nT/m.

### 3.9 Inversion

An automated dipole inversion routine was applied to the data to calculate the location, moment, dipole inclination/declination and RMS fit error. The angle between the Earth's field and the dipole vector was also calculated, as was the final forward model and residual after removal of the forward model. The inversion results of the GPO were sorted by each of the inversion parameters, but no single parameter showed a positive correlation with the ground truth at the GPO as well as the analytic signal. Where the inversion failed to resolve a target, the original analytic signal peak location was used. Anomalies were then examined manually to adjust their priority based on the appearance of the gridded data. The peakedness picking of the GPO

resulted in a mean locational accuracy of 0.74m and a standard deviation of 0.38m. Locational accuracy, based on dipole inversion of anomalies for the VG-22 system at 1.5m altitude, had a mean of 0.3m and a standard deviation of 0.2m, proving that the inversion greatly improved the accuracy of the target locations.

## 3.10 Altitude Effect on Sensitivity

As mentioned previously, magnetometer system sensitivity is strongly limited by survey altitude and burial depth. The magnetic response amplitude from a single UXO target drops with  $1/r^3$ , where r is the distance between the sensor and target. This is illustrated in Figure 3-1 which shows the size of target (moment) required to generate a minimum magnetic response (1.5nT) at a range of altitudes.



Figure 3-1: Magnetic moment required to generate a 1.5nT response at a range of altitudes. Moments shown here represent an average for each ordnance type and will vary with orientation. 40mm projectiles represent the smallest targets that have been detected by airborne systems. However, combinations of items in close proximity can create a cumulative anomaly, so that concentrations of small ordnance can be detected at greater altitudes than individual anomalies.

# 4. Calibration and Verification

#### 4.1 Geophysical Prove Out Line

A calibration site was used to support QC of field operations and to verify target response against the local geologic background. The site consisted of 12 ordnance items in a line running approximately N-S. A pre-seed ground survey was conducted at the test line site to check for any preexisting anomalies. Several anomalies were present on the test line as seen in the vertical gradient map, Figure 4-1. The items (**Error! Reference source not found.**) were placed in areas where pre-existing anomalies were not present, approximately 10m apart on the surface as shown in **Error! Reference source not found.**. Figure 4-2 shows the vertical gradient data from the February 11<sup>th</sup> flight over the test line once the items were in place; this flight was flown at 1m altitude. Figure 4-3 shows the analytic signal of this same flight. This map shows the target positions collected from five different flights with flight altitudes of 1-2m. QC flights were flown over the calibration line throughout the survey, see Appendix A.

The percent of detection measured from the GPO low altitude test data are shown in **Error! Reference source not found.** Lower detection rates are expected in the data from survey sites where flight heights were usually greater, and ordnance were buried at a range of depths, and are deformed and/or fragmented. Initial anomaly picks were based on the Geosoft peakedness utility, and final picks were based on dipole inversion. The peakedness picking resulted in a mean location accuracy of 0.74m and a standard deviation of 0.38m. Locational accuracy, based on dipole inversion of anomalies for the VG-22 system at 1.5m altitude, had a mean of 0.3m and a standard deviation of 0.2m.

Table 4-1: Geophysical Prove-Out Line detection probabilities for each emplaced target. A targ	get
was detected based up a 1m radial offset.	

Description of item (North to	Detection probability from
South)	low altitude test
	data
5" projectile	100%
105 projectile	100%
3lb practice bomb	62.5%
3" rocket	87.5%
2.75" rocket	75%
81 mortar	100%
3" rocket	100%
2.25" rocket	75%
3lb practice bomb	87.5%
81 mortar	87.5%
VENT	87.5%
M38	75%

	2/8/2011 Radial offset in	2/9/2011 Radial offset in	2/10/2011 Radial offset in	2/11/2011 Radial offset in	2/12/2011 Radial offset in	2/13/2011 Radial offset	2/14/2011 Radial offset	2/17/2011 Radial offset in
Target	meters	meters	meters	meters	meters	in meters	in meters	meters
5" projectile	0.237	0.112	0.134	0.166	0.274	0.104	0.834	0.137
105 projectile	0.213	0.787	0.787	0.301	0.703	0.06	0.707	0.787
3lb practice bomb	0.708	1.054	0.708	0.708	x	1.49	1.435	0.652
3" rocket	0.143	0.116	x	0.196	0.572	0.168	0.158	0.519
2.75" rocket	0.122	0.424	0.066	0.037	1.397	0.038	0.618	1.011
81 mortar	0.442	0.086	0.236	0.201	0.831	0.204	0.319	0.747
3" rocket	0.081	0.081	0.139	0.049	1.336	0.182	0.518	0.962
2.25" rocket	0.255	0.315	0.066	0.093	1.096	0.303	0.523	1.189
3lb practice bomb	0.646	0.311	0.418	0.384	0.646	0.485	0.646	1.006
81 mortar	0.246	0.231	0.154	0.332	0.405	0.105	0.125	1.347
Venturi	0.177	0.177	0.177	0.177	0.177	0.177	0.177	1.114
M38	0.359	1.333	0.199	0.33	0.429	0.2	0.429	1.059

Table 4-2: Geophysical Prove-Out Line Table of radial offsets for each target for each survey day. Radial offsets are based upon inversion results and are reported in meters.

Target	2/8/2011 Analytic Signal (nT/m)	2/9/2011 Analytic Signal (nT/m)	2/10/2011 Analytic Signal (nT/m)	2/11/2011 Analytic Signal (nT/m)	2/12/2011 Analytic Signal (nT/m)	2/13/2011 Analytic Signal (nT/m)	2/14/2011 Analytic Signal (nT/m)	2/14/2011 Analytic Signal (nT/m)
5" projectile	40.1	49.84	191.78	62.38	36.26	102.77	82.37	146.89
105 projectile	962.92	2964.92	4544.32	2191.14	1658.16	1133.12	993.77	2262.55
3lb practice bomb	1.81	0.56	0.29	0.66	x	1.03	1.18	0.55
3" rocket	11.1	21.26	x	13.31	31.01	37.46	41.93	30.91
2.75" rocket	166.02	162.39	63.79	160.2	447.07	154.62	301.25	292.06
81 mortar	6.41	31.99	27.68	24.29	12.25	35.04	10.34	18.77
3" rocket	58.36	44.15	118.88	151.01	230.9	233.55	83.4	81.48
2.25" rocket	43.65	26.94	60.23	84.39	90.34	142.97	58.39	43.77
3lb practice bomb	0.68	2.88	2.45	2.95	4.26	2.67	2.34	4.06
81 mortar	94.78	22.72	15.41	76.47	51.92	77.67	72.13	12.56
Venturi	0.56	0.72	1.52	0.74	1.35	1.35	0.55	0.92
M38	282.32	52.19	2.86	135.94	107.81	137.02	258.97	35.48

Table 4-3: Geophysical Prove-Out Line Table of the analytic signal for each target for each survey day.

The Geophysical Prove Out line was flown on February 11<sup>th</sup> at 5 different altitudes; 1m, 2m, 3m, 5m, and 7m heights (Figure 4-4, Figure 4-5, and Figure 4-6). Using a picking threshold of 0.5nT, Table 4-2 shows the analytic signal for each target that was detected at each of the heights. A picking radius of 1.5m was used for the target detections for the 5 separate flight altitudes.



Figure 4-1: Vertical Gradient of the Geophysical Prove Out area before any items were emplaced. The scale used is -20 to 20 nanoTesla/meter. A large anomaly is present about halfway down the line.



Figure 4-2: Vertical Gradient of Ground Prove Out line with target labels and locations. The scale of the vertical gradient is -5 to 5 nanoTesla/meter.



Figure 4-3: Analytic signal of Geophysical Prove Out line for 1m flight height. The scale of the analytical signal map is 0.5 to 5 nanoTesla/meter.



Figure 4-4: Vertical Gradient of Geophysical Prove Out line for 1m and 2m flight height. The scale of the vertical gradient maps is -5 to 5 nanoTesla/meter.



Figure 4-5: Vertical Gradient of Geophysical Prove Out line for 3m and 4m flight height. The scale of the vertical gradient maps is -5 to 5 nanoTesla/meter.



Figure 4-6: Vertical Gradient of Geophysical Prove Out line for 7m flight height. The scale of the vertical gradient map is -5 to 5 nanoTesla/meter.

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	1m height (analytic signal)	2m height (analytic signal)	3m height (analytic signal)	5m height (analytic signal)	7m height (analytic signal)
5" projectile	40.1	33.14	7.28	1.04	x
105 projectile	962.89	589.34	129.19	23.99	7.27
3lb practice bomb	2.59	x	x	х	x
3" rocket	11.1	x	x	х	x
2.75" rocket	166.01	74.92	14.31	2.44	0.64
81 mortar	6.41	5.84	1.14	х	x
3" rocket	62.55	33.51	10.18	1.45	x
2.25" rocket	43.65	15.32	5.54	0.88	x
3lb practice bomb	0.68	1.25	x	х	x
81 mortar	94.78	29.35	4.13	х	x
Venturi	0.56	x	x	x	x
M38	282.31	54.97	8.02	x	x

Table 4-4: Geophysical Test Line results for five separate flight altitudes; 1m, 2m, 3m, 4m, and 5m. Table documents the amplitude of the analytic signal for each of the twelve targets.

# 5. Data Interpretation

#### 5.1 Great Tisbury Pond Vertical Gradient, Analytic Signal, and Altitude Maps

**Error! Reference source not found.** shows a map of the vertical magnetic gradient anomalies at Tisbury Great Pond. **Error! Reference source not found.** shows a map of the analytical signal computed from the vertical magnetic gradient data. An altitude map is shown in **Error! Reference source not found.** The average laser altimeter altitude over the area was 1.96 m. A vertical gradient map with the anomaly picks is shown in Figure 5.1-4. This map shows the location of the 3,608 picks for Tisbury Great Pond. The data for this area were collected over February 9, 10, and 14 with reflights on February 17<sup>th</sup>. Geologic features appear to be scattered throughout this area, with some long linear geologic anomalies in the central region of the map. Other linear features on the beach (southeastern are of the map) indicate possible manmade structures. A few anomalies that may be related to crab traps also appear to be present in the survey area. These anomalies appear similar to plus signs or like the 5 dots on one side of dice and are approximately 35m x 35m.

A total of 3,608 anomalies were selected and divided into three priority groups as shown in Table 5-1. Priority 1 group included 1386 anomalies. These had analytic signal amplitudes greater or equal to 2 nT. The Priority 2 group included 722 anomalies. These had analytic signal amplitudes less than 2 nT and greater than 1 nT. The Priority 3 group included 1500 anomalies. These anomalies had analytic signal amplitudes less than or equal to 1 nT and greater than or equal to 0.5 nT. The prioritization scheme was chosen based upon the GPO results.

Table 5-1: Geophysical Test Line results for five separate flight altitudes; 1m, 2m, 3m, 4m, and 5m.

Great Tisbury Pond - 3608 total anomalies						
Priority 1 group	Priority 1 group Priority 2 group Priority 3 group					
1386	722	1500				



Figure 5-1: Vertical gradient map of the Tisbury Great Pond. The scale of the vertical gradient is -5 to 5 nanoTesla/meter.



Figure 5-2: Analytic Signal map of the Tisbury Great Pond. The scale of the analytic signal is 0.5 to 10 nanoTesla/meter.



Figure 5-3: Altitude map for the Tisbury Great Pond.



Figure 5-4: Anomaly map for the Tisbury Great Pond



Figure 5-5: Manmade structures on the beach found in the southern portion of the Tisbury Great Pond survey area.



Figure 5-6: Interesting anomalies of possible crab traps.

### 5.2 Cape Poge Vertical Gradient, Analytic Signal, and Altitude Maps

**Error! Reference source not found.** shows a map of the vertical magnetic gradient anomalies at the Cape Poge survey area. **Error! Reference source not found.** shows a map of the analytical signal computed from the vertical magnetic gradient data. **Error! Reference source not found.** shows an altitude map of the Cape Poge survey area. The average laser altimeter altitude over the area was 2.5 m. A vertical gradient map with the anomaly picks is shown in Figure 5.1-10. This anomaly maps shows the location of the 2,447 picks for Cape Poge. Data for Cape Poge were collected on February 11<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, and 17<sup>th</sup>. Three lines for Cape Poge were flown on the 11<sup>th</sup>. The Cape Poge site was completely reflown on February 17<sup>th</sup>. There were no required reflights for the area Figure 5.1-11 shows an example of the geology present at the Cape Poge site.

A total of 2,447 anomalies were selected and divided into three priority groups as shown in Table 5-2. Priority 1 group included 782 anomalies. These had analytic signal amplitudes greater or equal to 2 nT. The Priority 2 group included 550 anomalies. These had analytic signal

amplitudes less than 2 nT and greater than 1 nT. The Priority 3 group included 1115 anomalies. These anomalies had analytic signal amplitudes less than or equal to 1 nT and greater than or equal to 0.5 nT. The prioritization scheme was chosen based upon the GPO results.

Table 5-2: Geophysical Test Line results for five separate flight altitudes; 1m, 2m, 3m, 4m, and 5m.

Cape Poge -2447 total anomalies					
Priority 1 group Priority 2 group Priority 3 group					
782	550	1115			



Figure 5-7: Vertical gradient map of Cape Poge. The scale of the vertical gradient is -5 to 5 nanoTesla/meter.



Figure 5-8: Analytic Signal map of the Cape Poge. The scale of the analytic signal is 0.5 to 10 nanoTesla/meter.



Figure 5-9: Altitude map for the Cape Poge.



Figure 5-10: Anomaly map for the Cape Poge.



Figure 5-11: Example of geologic anomalies intermingled with others that are presumably associated with man-made items in Cape Poge vertical gradient map.

#### 5.3 South Beach Vertical Gradient, Analytic Signal, and Altitude Maps

**Error! Reference source not found.** shows a map of the vertical magnetic gradient anomalies at the South Beach site. **Error! Reference source not found.** shows a map of the analytical signal computed from the vertical magnetic gradient data. An altitude map is shown in **Error! Reference source not found.**; the average laser altimeter altitude over the area was 2.34 m. A vertical gradient map with the anomaly picks is shown in Figure 5.1-14. This anomaly maps

shows the location of the 4,349 picks for South Beach. Data for the South Beach survey were collected over February 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> with the a few reflights due to data gaps on February17<sup>th</sup>.

A total of 4,349 anomalies were selected and divided into three priority groups as shown in Table 5-3. Priority 1 group included 2254 anomalies. These had analytic signal amplitudes greater or equal to 2 nT. The Priority 2 group included 776 anomalies. These had analytic signal amplitudes less than 2 nT and greater than 1 nT. The Priority 3 group included 1319 anomalies. These anomalies had analytic signal amplitudes less than or equal to 1 nT and greater than or equal to 0.5 nT. The prioritization scheme was chosen based upon the GPO results.

Table 5-3: Geophysical Test Line results for five separate flight altitudes; 1m, 2m, 3m, 4m, and 5m.

South Beach - 4349 total anomalies					
Priority 1 group Priority 2 group Priority 3 group					
2254	4349				



Figure 5-12: Vertical magnetic gradient map of South Beach. The scale of the vertical gradient is -3 to 3 nanoTesla/meter.



Figure 5-13: Analytic Signal map of South Beach. The scale of the analytic signal is 0.5 to 5 nanoTesla/meter.



Figure 5-14: Altitude map of South Beach.



Figure 5-15: Anomaly map for the eastern portion of South Beach.



Figure 5-16: Anomaly map for the western portion of South Beach.

#### **5.5 Anomaly Lists**

Anomalies are picked from the peaks in the analytic signal map. An inversion was then run on the pick lists for each of the areas. The actual target location is usually within 75cm, of this peak/inversion location. The inversion results of the GPO test line were analyzed and sorted using different inversion results; amplitude, orientation, RMS fit, etc. Sorting with the analytic signal provided the most effective prioritization. The targets were then broken up into three separate groupings; Priority 1, Priority 2, and Priority 3. The thresholds used to select the thresholds between the different groups were based up the GPO results. Priority 1 group had analytic signal amplitudes greater or equal to 2 nT. The Priority 2 group included anomalies with analytic signal amplitudes less than 2 nT and greater than 1 nT. The Priority 3 group anomalies had analytic signal amplitudes less than or equal to 1 nT and greater than or equal to 0.5 nT. The prioritization scheme was chosen based upon the GPO results. For the Priority 1 Group the threshold of 2 nT encompassed the analytic signal results for the majority of the target items on the test grid. The 3lb practice bomb and the Venturi had analytic signals below the 2nT threshold of Group 1, however both of these two targets gave responses higher than 1nT for most of the GPO flights. Geology was present at all three of the Martha's Vineyard sites and the associated anomalies generally fell into the Priority 3 Group.

Area	Total Area Surveyed	Total Potential MEC	Group 1 Priority	Group 2 Priority	Group 3 Priority
Tisbury					
Great Pond	590 acres	3608	1386	722	1500
Cape Poge	347 acres	2447	782	550	1115
South					
Beach	364 acres	4349	2254	776	1319

Table 5-4: Summary table for the anomaly picks for all three areas.

## 6. Data and Image Archive

Geosoft gridded data files were provided to UXB International upon completion of the field component of the project. Although these were preliminary files, they were considered to be sufficiently similar to the anticipated final products that UXB and USAESCH would be able to use them for preliminary assessment of ordnance density in the three areas so that follow-on activities could be planned.

Several files in final form accompany this report. Original Geosoft format files are provided as the principal digital format. This includes database files with georeferenced point data (GDB), and interpolated grid files (GRD). A free data viewer is included with the digital data or is available online at <u>www.geosoft.com</u> (Oasis Montaj Viewer). Map data are provided as image files in GeoTiff format in addition to the smaller reproductions included in this report. These maps are provided with a digital resolution of 300 dpi. GeoTiff format files of the geophysical

data alone are provided for quick inclusion into other GIS platforms, but the resolution is not as high as the original Geosoft GRD files. Image files are named as follows;

MV_area vg.tif	Vertical gradient map
MV _area vg.grd	Vertical gradient grid (Geosoft format)
MV _area vg only.tif	Vertical gradient map with data only (for GIS import)
MV _ <i>area</i> as.tif	Analytic signal map
MV _area as.grd	Analytic signal grid (Geosoft format)
MV _area as only.tif	Analytic signal map with data only (for GIS import)
MV _area alt.grd	Flight altitude grid (Geosoft format)
MV _area alt.tif	Flight altitude map
MV_IVS as.tif	Calibration line analytic signal with item locations
MV_IVSvg.tif	Calibration line vertical gradient with item locations

The Geosoft databases (GDB) are the primary data source. They represent the highest data resolution, but have no visual component. Lines in the vertical gradient survey database represent the trace of a single sensor as it travels down the line. Lines are numbered "L####.S", where ##### is the survey line number and S is the sensor number (1-7 from left to right across the VG-22 front array). Data columns or channels in the vertical gradient databases are bulleted below.

- Xm Easting coordinate in UTM Zone 19N meters.
- Ym Northing coordinate in UTM Zone 19N meters.
- HAE Height above ellipsoid.
- alt Sensor altitude above ground level in meters.
- vg Total field magnetic values in nanoTesla per meter.
- line Flight line number

The final data type provided is the anomaly list file (also known as a dig list or pick file) in XYZ format. This file is named picks "MV\_*area* picklist.XYZ" and contains the following four columns:

- ID number of the specific analytic signal anomaly
- x x coordinate in meters (UTM zone 19N)
- y y coordinate in meters (UTM zone 19N)
- AS magnitude of analytic signal anomaly

## 7. Conclusions

#### 7.1 Summary

Airborne vertical magnetic data were acquired over 1301 acres at Martha's Vineyard Island. The sizes of the areas flown are as follows; 590 acres of Tisbury Great Pond, 364 acres of South Beach, and 347 acres of Cape Poge. The purpose of the survey was to use geophysical information derived from a low-flying helicopter system to precisely locate metallic items and

ordnance. To this end, the VG-22 high-resolution vertical magnetic gradient system developed by Battelle was used. Table 7-1 summarizes the results of the survey.

Site	Size	Mean altitude	Total number of anomalies	Number of anomalies picked	Collection Dates	Number of reflights lines
Tisbury Great Pond	590 acres	2.03m	3608	Priority 1 = 1386 Priority 2 = 722 Priority 3 = 1500	2/9/11, 2/10/11, 2/14/11, 2/17/11	3 reflight lines
Cape Poge	347 acres	2.49m	2447	Priority 1 = 782 Priority 2 = 550 Priority 3 = 1115	2/11/11, 2/16/11, 2/17/11	0 reflight lines
South Beach	364 acres	2.42m	4349	Priority 1 = 2254 Priority 2 = 776 Priority 3 = 1319	2/10/11, 2/11/11	6 reflight lines

Table 7-1: Summary Table

## 7.2 Performance Evaluation

The results from the Geophysical Prove-Out (GPO) line demonstrate that the system performed well. These targets were considered representative of the range of the UXO expected on site. Prior to placement of the calibration targets, the area was swept with a man-portable magnetometer to determine the presence of pre-existing subsurface anomalies. The 5" projectile, 105 projectile, one of 81 mortars, and one of the 3" rockets were detected 100% of the time on the GPO line. The second 81 mortar the 3" rocket, the 31b practice bomb, and the venturi were detected 87.5% of the time. The 2.75" rocket, 2.25" rocket, and the M38 were all detected 75% of the time while the second 31b practice bomb was detected 62.5% of the flights over the GPO line (refer to Table 4.1). This gives an overall target detection of 86%. The location accuracy was calculated from the difference between item locations as recorded by post-processed GPS readings and airborne locations based on the analytic signal maps and inversion results, as determined by automated picking algorithms. Figure A-8 shows the distribution of airborne anomalies against the ground anomalies. The standard deviation of the radial offset is 38cm showing the consistency of the airborne data.

# Appendix A Battelle Quality Control Report

## A-1 Introduction

These tables, together with daily maps of various Quality Control (QC) parameters, constitute the final QC Report for the Martha's Vineyard Airborne Geophysical Survey Project. Each level of QC test corresponds to a different frequency of trigger event. Some tests are conducted only once per survey (Level A), while others are conducted on a point-by-point basis throughout the entire dataset (Level D). A description of the various parameters is provided in the QC Work Plan (see Appendix). Individual specifications may be modified by the Mission Plan or by special exception with the concurrence of the client.

Text notes and graphic examples are included for many of the QC items. Parameters which fail the QC test are flagged in red within the table. A note explaining either the exceptional circumstances or the resolution methods taken accompany each QC failure.

# A-2 Level A (Installation)

These tests are conducted only once at the start of each survey, usually immediately after equipment installation on the helicopter. Some tests were repeated if the magnetometer sensors were altered or replaced during the course of the survey. All results for the following six Level A tests are recorded in Table A-3.

#### a) Rotor susceptibility

- Trigger: Prior to mob or on new equipment installation.
- Description: The rotor head is the source of 6.5Hz magnetic noise in the data. Its parts should be measured with a Gaussmeter prior to mobilization if possible. This allows the helicopter company to de-Gauss the head if necessary. If the aircraft has not been tested within the last 6 months this test must be done prior to mobilization. If the aircraft has been in continuous use, or if it has been tested within the last six months then it will be tested prior to each installation. If the specs approach failure limits at any time, then plans should be made to de-Gauss at a convenient maintenance break.
- Pass criteria: <20 if in the field, <10 if in the hangar prior to mob (if >6mo since last test).
- Failure resolution: Remove rotor mast and send for de-Gaussing until it passes.

#### b) GPS base station

- Trigger: New GPS base station setup.
- Description: The GPS base station should be located at a known survey benchmark (minimum 3<sup>rd</sup> order to meet DID, preferably 1<sup>st</sup> order or better). These coordinates are available on-line at <a href="http://www.ngs.noaa.gov/cgi-bin/ds\_radius.prl">http://www.ngs.noaa.gov/cgi-bin/ds\_radius.prl</a>. Errors in identifying the monument or typing in the coordinates to the post-processing software will result in an offset to the survey data. The location of a second monument should be measured with a hand-held GPS and differentially corrected. The location error between the measured and published monument positions should be minimal.

- Pass criteria: Maximum location error 20cm.
- Failure resolution: Determine source of error (identification, typo etc) and resolve. This may involved acquiring data from third party GPS stations and recalculating the base station location. Any data collected during this period should be reprocessed after the correct location is determined. Failure of this criteria is not necessarily sufficient reason to fail survey data QC since it can be recovered with additional post-processing.

#### c) Impulse test for lag

- Trigger: On installation or change of system configuration file in firmware.
- Description: The Battelle airborne system incorporates a small EM coil between the cesium magnetometer and the fluxgate magnetometer. It is triggered manually by the operator and synchronized to the next GPS pulse-per-second. The response from this coil can be seen in the magnetometers and is used to determine the electronic latency or lag between the GPS time and the magnetometers. This number is used in subsequent processing routines. It has no pass/fail criteria but is critical to data positioning.
- Pass criteria: N/A
- Failure resolution: N/A

#### d) Static noise with heli off

- Trigger: On installation or change of magnetometer.
- Description: A brief data file is collected with the helicopter turned off. The 4<sup>th</sup> difference noise parameter is automatically output, and the standard deviation is calculated. This test may require relocating the helicopter to a lower noise environment away from the concrete runway.
- Pass criteria: Standard deviation of 4<sup>th</sup> difference channel over 1s <0.2 nT/m/(sample)<sup>4</sup>.
- Failure resolution: Replace sensor and retest until pass.



Figure A-1: Diagram showing the locations of each of the 11 gradients. Gradients 1-7 are located in the front array, while gradients 11-14 are located in the back lateral array.

Table A-1: Table of gradient calculations. Gradients equal the lower magnetometer minus the upper magnetometer divided by the magnetometer's separation distance (0.5 meters). Lm stands for Lateral magnetometers (see Figure A-1).

Gradient Gradient Calculation		
grad1	(mag1 -mag2) / 0.5m	
grad2	(mag3 -mag4) / 0.5m	
grad3	(mag5 -mag6) / 0.5m	
grad4	(mag7 -mag8) / 0.5m	
grad5	(mag9 -mag10) / 0.5m	
grad6	(mag11 -mag12) / 0.5m	
grad7	(mag13 -mag14) / 0.5m	
grad11	(Lm1 -Lm2) / 0.5m	
grad12	(Lm3 -Lm4) / 0.5m	
grad13	(Lm5 -Lm6) / 0.5m	
grad14	(Lm7 -Lm8) / 0.5m	

# Magnetometer Static Noise



Figure A-2: Profiles show the front 14 magnetometers (for gradients 1-7) static noise levels while the helicopter is shut off.


# Magnetometer Static Noise

Figure A-3: Profiles show the lateral 8 magnetometers (for gradients 11-14) static noise levels while the helicopter is shut off.



Pre and Post Compensation for Gradients 1, 2, 3, and 4

Figure A-4: Profiles show gradiometers 1-4 static noise levels while the helicopter is shut off. The pre comp values represent the static noise levels before compensation was applied, post comp values represent the static noise levels once compensation has been applied.



Figure A-5: Profiles show gradiometers 5-7 static noise levels while the helicopter is shut off. The pre comp values represent the static noise levels before compensation was applied, post comp values represent the static noise levels once compensation has been applied.





Figure A-6: Profiles show gradiometers 1-4 static noise levels while the helicopter is shut off. The pre comp values represent the static noise levels before compensation was applied, post comp values represent the static noise levels once compensation has been applied.

## e) Standard target response

- Trigger: Equipment installation or mag sensor replacement
- Description: A single target will be dragged on the ground beneath the sensor pods without the helicopter running, and the response amplitude will be compared for consistency across the array.
- Pass criteria: Maximum +/-20% of average gradient amplitude.
- Failure resolution: Replace faulty sensor and repeat until pass. Faulty sensors will be returned to the manufacturer for servicing.

Table A-2 shows the target responses for each of the survey days. The responses on February 14<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> were lost due to a noise source which masked the data. The helicopter was more than likely parked over or near a significant noise for these two days. Gradient 13 and Gradient 14 were inconsistent and this may also be due to where the helicopter was parked during the testing. If the helicopter was not positioned in the exact same position as the day before, where the previous test was performed, then the responses will vary.

	Gradient 1	Gradient 2	Gradient 3	Gradient 4	Gradient 5	Gradient 6	Gradient 7	Gradient 11	Gradient 12	Gradient 13	Gradient 14
Vertical Gradient on 2/9/2011	*	64.4	64.1	65.3	67.8	71.5	73.0	33.7	36.6	26.2	36.3
Vertical Gradient on 2/11/2011	66.3	64.3	64.7	61.5	62.7	64.6	66.8	40.9	34.0	28.1	33.7
Vertical Gradient on 2/12/2011	56.9	61.4	66.6	65.3	73.8	82.8	92.0	35.1	27.8	69.9	81.7
Vertical Gradient on 2/13/2011	54.7	59.0	60.4	59.3	69.6	79.2	90.0	32.9	30.0	59.8	76.8

Table A-2: Standard target response table showing the vertical gradient responses for each gradient.

### f) Aeromagnetic compensation FOM/IR

- Trigger: Equipment installation or mag sensor replacement.
- Description: The Figure of Merit (FOM) and Improvement Ratio (IR) is a measure of the absolute and relative effectiveness of the compensation coefficients. The FOM is measured as the sum of the average peak-peak deflection which remains in the calibration flight data after compensation. The calibration flight consists of twelve distinct movements in a continuous data stream. These movements include pitch, roll and yaw in each of the four cardinal directions (N,S,E,W). After application of the compensation correction, the average peak-peak residual is measured for each movement and the sum is the FOM. With perfect compensation, the FOM will equal 12x the noise floor. The IR is defined as the ratio of the standard deviation of the calibration flight data before and after compensation correction.
- Pass criteria: FOM 10nT/m, IR 10:1
- Failure resolution: Recalculate the coefficients based on a different subset of the original data, or refly the calibration flight until it passes.

Test	Pass/Fail	Measurement	made by
rotor susceptibility	Max 1 nT	Max 0.25 nT	J. Gamey
GPS base accuracy	Max 20cm	11cm	J. Norton
response latency	N/A	33pts	J.Norton
sensor noise	$Max 0.5nT/m/s^4$	Average	J.Norton
(heli off)		0.01 nT/m/s <sup>4</sup>	
target response -1	Max ±20%	8 %	J. Norton
(gradient 1)			
target response -2	Max ±20%	3 %	J. Norton
(gradient 2)			
target response -3	Max ±20%	3 %	J. Norton
(gradient 3)			
target response -4	Max ±20%	4 %	J. Norton
(gradient 4)			
target response -5	Max ±20%	5 %	J. Norton
(gradient 5)			
target response -6	Max ±20%	9 %	J. Norton
(gradient 6)			
target response -7	Max ±20%	1 %	J. Norton
(gradient 7)			
target response -8	Max ±20%	7 %	J. Norton
(gradient 11)			
target response -9	Max ±20%	10 %	J. Norton
(gradient 12)			
target response -10	Max ±20%	25.9 %	J. Norton
(gradient 13)			
target response -11	Max ±20%	21.5 %	J. Norton
(gradient 14)			
compensation FOM	Max 10nT	1.46 nT	J. Norton
compensation IR	Min 10x	10.35x	J. Norton

### g) Summary of Level A Tests

Table A-3: Level A Test Results (Installation)

# A-3 Level B (GPO)

Depending on the project and local availability, the Geophysical Prove-out (GPO) grid may be an extant site, a custom airborne site, or a few target items laid out on the surface. For the GPO at the Martha's Vineyard Airport, 12 items of interest were laid out near one of the airport runways. This GPO was flown at the beginning and end of each day and also in each direction, north and south. The GPO was also flown at five different flight altitudes; 1m, 2m, 3m 5m, and 7m. See Table A-4 for the Level B test results. Figure A-7 is a vertical gradient map of a low altitude flight over the GPO. Items are labeled and the x's indicate the items position of the daily low altitude flights (1-2m). This figure visually shows the picked target locations and offsets.

## a) In-flight lag

- Trigger: Over GPO grid
- Description: The GPO will be flown twice in opposite directions. Each direction will be gridded separately. Peak target locations from opposite directions will be used to verify that the latency calculated in the impulse test is accurate.
- Pass criteria: Average location differences not to exceed 50cm.
- Failure resolution: Adjust lag setting until pass. If no single lag is sufficient, double check positioning system accuracy. Repeat until pass.

## b) Target detection

- Trigger: Over GPO grid
- Description: Targets of interest and the probability of detection will vary between sites and will be specified in the Work Plan. Anomalies will be selected by an automated picking procedure. Processing and picking parameters will be adjusted until the required detection probabilities are met. The corresponding false positive ratio will then be determined and reported. It is assumed that the false positive ratio is not part of the pass criteria, but is a qualifying parameter.
- Pass criteria: Detection of targets of interest will exceed specifications.
- Failure resolution: Repeat or reprocess until pass.

## c) Target location

- Trigger: Over GPO grid
- Description: Having detected a target, this tests how accurately its position is known and represented in the gridded data.
- Pass criteria: Average location differences not to exceed 1m.
- Failure resolution:

### d) Summary of Level B Tests

Table A- 4: Level B Test Results (GPO)

Test	Pass/Fail	Measurement	made by
positional lag	max50cm	33cm	J.Norton
target detection	80%	86%	J.Norton

probability			
target position error	max50cm	38cm radius	J.Norton



Figure A-7: Vertical Gradient map for GPO test line. Items are labeled and the x's indicate the items position of the daily low altitude flights (1-2m).

• Detection probability was measured from the GPO low altitude test data. All targets were considered detected when seen with automated anomaly picking procedures, see Table A-5. Detection Accuracy was calculated from the difference between item locations as recorded by post-processed GPS readings and airborne locations based on the analytic signal maps as determined by automated picking algorithms. Figure A-8 shows the distribution of airborne

anomalies against the ground anomalies. The standard deviation of the radial offset is 38cm showing the consistency of the airborne data.

Description of	Detection
item (North to	probability from
South)	low altitude test
	data
5" projectile	100%
105 projectile	100%
3lb practice bomb	62.5%
3" rocket	87.5%
2.75" rocket	75%
81 mortar	100%
3" rocket	100%
2.25" rocket	75%
3lb practice bomb	87.5%
81 mortar	87.5%
VENT	87.5%
M38	75%

Table A-5: GPO items detection rates.

Table A-6: Mean offsets for the GPO test line.

	Mean Offsets	
x_off mean		0.15
y_off mean		-0.07
rad_off mean		0.38

Table A-7: Standard deviation of the radial offset for the GPO test line target locations.

	Standard Deviation Offsets
x_off stdev	0.34
y_off stdev	0.30
rad_off stdev	0.33





## A-4 QC plots

The results of each day's data collection were subjected to a series of QC tests. These were conducted at the end of each day and problems were reported to the crew by the following morning. Most of these procedures monitored the raw data quality of on-line data for elevated noise levels. A map of each parameter is included in Figures A-9 through A-24. The figures below contain the QC plots for the airborne survey of Martha's Vineyard for Tisbury Great Pond, Cape Poge, and South Beach. These figures include QC plots for altitude, data drops, GPS, noise, and speed. Figures A-9 through A-14 show QC plots for the Tisbury Pond site. The Cape Poge site QC plots are represented in Figures A-15 through A-19. The South Beach QC plots are represented in Figures A-20.



re A-9: QC Altitude Map for Tisbury Great Pond. The areas in pink are where the flight altitude reached 5m or more. The high alt sections are due to higher vegetation.



e A-10: QC Data Drops Map for Tisbury Great Pond. The pink areas are where there were data drops of more than 2 seconds. A single failing sensor caused the dropouts of some of the data in the southern region. Data were reviewed and it was determined that it was not a critical problem because the sensor was on the front, dense array where sensors have 1m lateral spacing. Therefore, no separation occurred on these data lines that were greater than 2m and hence no data gaps exceeded the threshold.



e A-11: QC Data Drops Map for Tisbury Great Pond once the failing sensor data were removed.



e A-12: QC GPS Map for Tisbury Great Pond. The blue areas show where the HDOP of the GPS is greater than 3.5.



e A-13: QC Noise Map for Tisbury Great Pond. The blue represents where the noise was less than 0.5nT/m/s<sup>4</sup>.



ure A-14: QC Speed Map for Tisbury Great Pond. The blue represents where the speed of the aircraft is less than 60mph.



Figure A-15: QC Altitude Map for Cape Poge. The areas in pink are where the flight altitude reached 5m or more. The high alt sections are due to higher vegetation, birds, or manmade obstacles.



Figure A-16: QC Data Drops Map for Cape Poge. The pink areas represent where there are data drops of more than 2 seconds; however these 2 second drops only occurred over one sensor therefore not created any data gaps (5m x 5m) which would require reflights.



Figure A-17: QC GPS Map for Cape Poge. The blue areas show where the HDOP of the GPS is greater than 3.5.



Figure A-18: QC GPS Map for Cape Poge. The blue represents where the noise was less than  $0.5nT/m/s^4$ .



Figure A-19: QC Speed Map for Cape Poge. The blue represents where the speed of the aircraft is less than 60mph.



Figure A-20: QC Altitude Map for South Beach. The areas in pink are where the flight altitude reached 5m or more. The high altitude sections are due to higher vegetation or manmade obstacles.



Figure A-21: QC Data Drops Map for South Beach. The pink areas represent where there are data drops of more than 2 seconds. A failing sensor caused the dropouts of the data in the southern region, as previously shown for Tisbury Great Pond, the data were reviewed and it was determined that it was not a critical problem because the sensor was on the front, dense array and hence does not leave data gaps.



Figure A-22: QC GPS Map for South Beach. The blue areas show where the HDOP of the GPS is greater than 3.5.



Figure A-23: QC GPS Map for South Beach. The blue represents where the noise was less than 0.5nT/m/s<sup>4</sup>.



Figure A-24: QC Speed Map for South Beach. The blue represents where the speed of the aircraft is less than 60mph.

# A-5 Reflight Tables

Table A-25: Lines for Tisbury Great Pond that required reflights. This table includes the coordinates of the data gaps that were greater than 2 seconds.

				0.00
	Eastern		Western	
Line	Х	Y	Х	Y
127	362778.58	4578724.21	362809.54	4578722.93
73	362502.76	4579269.25	362509.01	4579268.87
23	361738.29	4579782.53	361743.69	4579780.78

TISBURY GREAT POND - coordinates of data gaps

Table A-26: Lines for South Beach that required reflights. This table includes the coordinates of the data gaps that were greater than 2 seconds.

	Eastern		Western	
Line	Х	Y	Х	Y
59	373969.28	4578580.09	373986.26	4578579.19
	374178.62	4578576.71	374193.25	4578576.64
	374223.43	4578576.50	374236.52	4578576.46
	374290.88	4578576.09	374307.17	4578576.13
	374647.16	4578579.30	374662.16	4578578.82
	374453.93	4578580.50	374472.67	4578580.37
	375068.89	4578571.85	375082.56	4578571.66
56	375130.22	4578603.48	375143.97	4578602.90
	377754.68	4578558.37	377766.34	4578558.03
45	376838.77	4578675.07	376845.99	4578675.00
40	378187.02	4578709.76	378666.92	4578701.39
39	378224.77	4578714.25	378669.16	4578709.19
36	378633.68	4578731.33	378686.64	4578730.69

**SOUTH BEACH - coordinates of data gaps** 

## A-6 Daily Activity Logs

This log summarizes project activities. Its primary purpose is to record survey progress and to flag events that may impact progress. Detailed notes of specific meetings or decisions are maintained elsewhere. Notes that have an impact on the billing or deliverables are indicated in red.

Down-days for weather or standby are defined as "one (1) hour or less of flight time during a standard survey project day". Survey days do not include days for mobilization, installation, calibration or reflights. This provides sufficient time for one reconnaissance flight in marginal weather conditions to make an attempt at data collection, but is less than half a single production flight. Provision was also made in the contract for half days, which were defined as "more than one (1) but less than three (3) hours of flight time".

Down-days may be the result of unsafe weather conditions (including rain, fog, high winds or glassy water conditions), maintenance (equipment failure or regularly scheduled helicopter maintenance) or client activities (limited or no site access due to client activities). The onus for each down-day has been attributed to either Battelle or UXB, depending on the circumstances. These are all included in the summary below.

Crew rotations have also been noted in the logs Details of daily activities:

Date	03-Feb-2011	
Primary Activity	Mobilization	0.0 flt hrs
Survey Block	n/a	
Notes	Battelle field crew depart from Oa	ık Ridge (William Doll, Jeff
	Gamey), arrive Pittsburgh, PA	-
Flags	-	

Date	04-Feb-2011	
Primary Activity	Mobilization	0.0 flt hrs
Survey Block	n/a	
Notes	Battelle en route, arrive Hyannis.	
Flags	-	

Date	05-Feb-2011		
Primary Activity	Mobilization	2.8 flt hrs	
Survey Block	n/a		
Notes	Battelle en route, arrive Martha's Vineyard. Mag-flag survey of potential GPO site. National Helicopters crew (Doug Christie, Marcus Watson, Darcy McPhee) mobilize from Toronto, held up in New York due to weather.		
Flags	Half day during mob – Battelle		

Date	06-Feb-2011	
Primary Activity	Installation	2.5 flt hrs

Survey Block	n/a	
Notes	G858 pre-seed survey of GPO area. National Helicopter crew	
	arrives MVY. Begin VG22 system	n installation on aircraft.
Flags	Half day during mob – Battelle	

Date	07-Feb-2011	
Primary Activity	Installation	0.0 flt hrs
Survey Block	n/a	
Notes	Complete VG22 system installation on aircraft.	
Flags	-	

Date	08-Feb-2011	
Primary Activity	Survey	0.6 flt hrs
Survey Block	n/a	
Notes	Kick-off safety briefing. Airborne survey of GPO at multiple	
	heights. No survey work due to weather (rain, ceiling, winds),	
	ground support not yet set up.	
Flags	Full day standby – UXB	

Date	09-Feb-2011	
Primary Activity	Survey	2.7 flt hrs
Survey Block	Tisbury	
Notes	Airborne survey of TGP. Operation	ons ceased due to high winds.
Flags	Half day standby – UXB	

Date	10-Feb-2011	
Primary Activity	Survey	5.6 flt hrs
Survey Block	South Beach	
Notes	Airborne survey of South Beach.	
Flags	-	

Date	11-Feb-2011	
Primary Activity	Survey	3.8 flt hrs
Survey Block	South Beach/Poge	
Notes	Airborne survey of South Beach complete. Attempted Poge but	
	aborted for cross-winds. Reflew compensation flight and GPO.	
Flags	-	

Date	12-Feb-2011	
Primary Activity	Survey	5.6 flt hrs

Survey Block	Tisbury	
Notes	Continued survey of Tisbury.	
Flags	-	

Date	13-Feb-2011	
Primary Activity	Survey	3.6 flt hrs
Survey Block	Tisbury	
Notes	Continued airborne survey of Tisbury. Battelle crew rotation, Jeannie Norton mob to Martha's Vineyard while Jeff Gamey mob back to Oak Ridge, TN.	
Flags	-	

Date	14-Feb-2011	
Primary Activity	Survey	1.0 flt hrs
Survey Block	Tisbury	
Notes	Completed airborne survey of Tisbury Great Pond. Only able to get	
	in one flight before the wind picked up and was too strong to fly.	
Flags	Half day standby – UXB	

Date	15-Feb-2011	
Primary Activity	Survey	0 flt hrs
Survey Block	N/A	
Notes	Down for wind.	
Flags	Full day standby – UXB	

Date	16-Feb-2011	
Primary Activity	Survey	6.0 flt hrs
Survey Block	Cape Poge	
Notes	2 morning flights of Cape Poge floremaining. Base GPS station failu unrecoverable.	own leaving only 23 lines re, the Cape Poge data was
Flags		

Date	17-Feb-2011	
Primary Activity	Survey	5.3 flt hrs
Survey Block	Cape Poge	
Notes	Flew all of Cape Poge and was able to finish reflights for both	
	South Beach and Tisbury Great Pond	
Flags	-	

Date	18-Feb-2011	
Primary Activity	N/A	0.0 flt hrs
Survey Block	Deinstall /Mob	
Notes	Complete VG22 system deinstalla .Battelle field crew depart from M Jeannie Norton). National Helicop Watson, Darcy McPhee) demobili	tion on aircraft in the morning. Tartha's Vineyard (William Doll, oters crew (Doug Christie, Marcus ze from Martha's Vineyard.
Flags	-	

# Summary of down-time attributable to Battelle

Date	Event	Flt hrs	Standby
02-05-11	Weather during mob	2.8 flt hrs	Half day
	(heli crew only)		
02-06-11	Weather during mob	2.5 flt hrs	Half-day
	(heli crew only)		

## Summary of down-time attributable to UXB

Date	Event	Flt hrs	Standby
02-08-11	Weather	0.6	Full day
02-09-11	Weather	2.7	Half day
02-14-11	Weather	0.0	Half day
02-15-11	Weather	0.0	Full day

Standby 1: 2 full days Standby 2: 2 half days

# A-7 Daily Data Tracking Logs

#### Feb 08-2011

Item	Survey Project Team Input	
Date of data collection	2/08/11	
Sortie ID	1115-1116	
Site ID	GPO	
Survey Line File (Track File)		
Survey Lines Flown	GPO preseed/postseed	
Pilot's Name	Doug Christie	
System Operator's name	Marcus Watson	
Ground Support Technician Name	Darcy	
Data Processor's name	Jeff Gamey	
Project Geophysicist's name	William Doll	
Field notes (comments)		
All Filtering Information (e.g. Demedian,	Std (see report)	
Lpass, etc.)		
Oasis Site Database	MVY020811.gdb	
Grid name	Vg020811.grd, as020811.grd	
Archive name	MVY_GPO	

### Feb 09-2011

Item	Survey Project Team Input
Date of data collection	2/09/11
Sortie ID	1117-1128
Site ID	Tisbury Great Pond
Survey Line File (Track File)	
Survey Lines Flown	122-148
Pilot's Name	Doug Christie
System Operator's name	Marcus Watson
Ground Support Technician Name	Darcy
Data Processor's name	Jeff Gamey
Project Geophysicist's name	William Doll
Field notes (comments)	
All Filtering Information (e.g. Demedian,	Std (see report)
Lpass, etc.)	
Oasis Site Database	MVY020911.gdb
Grid name	Vg020911.grd, as020911.grd
Archive name	MVY_Tisbury

### Feb 10-2011

Item	Survey Project Team Input
Date of data collection	2/10/11
Sortie ID	1129-1145
Site ID	South Beach
Survey Line File (Track File)	
Survey Lines Flown	W44-69, E40-58, W2-5
Pilot's Name	Doug Christie
System Operator's name	Marcus Watson
Ground Support Technician Name	Darcy
Data Processor's name	Jeff Gamey
Project Geophysicist's name	William Doll
Field notes (comments)	
All Filtering Information (e.g. Demedian,	Std (see report)
Lpass, etc.)	
Oasis Site Database	MVY021011.gdb
Grid name	Vg021011.grd, as021011.grd
Archive name	MVY_South

### Feb 11-2011

Item	Survey Project Team Input
Date of data collection	2/11/11
Sortie ID	1147-1159
Site ID	South Beach/Poge/GPO
Survey Line File (Track File)	
Survey Lines Flown	SB E6-39, C59-66
	Poge 103-105
Pilot's Name	Doug Christie
System Operator's name	Marcus Watson
Ground Support Technician Name	Darcy
Data Processor's name	Jeff Gamey
Project Geophysicist's name	William Doll
Field notes (comments)	
All Filtering Information (e.g. Demedian,	Std (see report)
Lpass, etc.)	
Oasis Site Database	MVY021111.gdb
Grid name	Vg021111.grd, as021111.grd
Archive name	MVY_South
	MVY_Poge
	MVY_GPO

### Feb 12-2011

Item	Survey Project Team Input
Date of data collection	2/12/11
Sortie ID	1160-1180
Site ID	Tisbury Great Pond
Survey Line File (Track File)	
Survey Lines Flown	TGP 35-121
Pilot's Name	Doug Christie
System Operator's name	Marcus Watson
Ground Support Technician Name	Darcy
Data Processor's name	Jeff Gamey
Project Geophysicist's name	William Doll
Field notes (comments)	
All Filtering Information (e.g. Demedian,	Std (see report)
Lpass, etc.)	
Oasis Site Database	MVY021211.gdb
Grid name	Vg021211.grd, as021211.grd
Archive name	MVY_Tisbury

### Feb 13-2011

Item	Survey Project Team Input
Date of data collection	2/13/11
Sortie ID	1147-1159
Site ID	Tisbury Great Pond
Survey Line File (Track File)	
Survey Lines Flown	TGP 21-74
Pilot's Name	Doug Christie
System Operator's name	Marcus Watson
Ground Support Technician Name	Darcy
Data Processor's name	Jeannie Norton
Project Geophysicist's name	William Doll
Field notes (comments)	
All Filtering Information (e.g. Demedian,	Std (see report)
Lpass, etc.)	
Oasis Site Database	MVY021311.gdb
Grid name	Vg021311.grd, as021311.grd
Archive name	MVY_Tisbury

### Feb 14-2011

Item	Survey Project Team Input
Date of data collection	2/14/11
Sortie ID	1196-1201
Site ID	Tisbury Great Pond
Survey Line File (Track File)	
Survey Lines Flown	TGP 2-20
Pilot's Name	Doug Christie
System Operator's name	Marcus Watson
Ground Support Technician Name	Darcy
Data Processor's name	Jeannie Norton
Project Geophysicist's name	William Doll
Field notes (comments)	
All Filtering Information (e.g. Demedian,	Std (see report)
Lpass, etc.)	
Oasis Site Database	MVY021411.gdb
Grid name	Vg021411.grd, as021411.grd
Archive name	MVY_Tisbury

### Feb 16-2011

Item	Survey Project Team Input
Date of data collection	2/16/11
Sortie ID	1202-1222
Site ID	Cape Poge
Survey Line File (Track File)	
Survey Lines Flown	Poge 2-102
Pilot's Name	Doug Christie
System Operator's name	Marcus Watson
Ground Support Technician Name	Darcy
Data Processor's name	Jeannie Norton
Project Geophysicist's name	William Doll
Field notes (comments)	GPS failure, resulting in unusable data
All Filtering Information (e.g. Demedian,	Std (see report)
Lpass, etc.)	
Oasis Site Database	
Grid name	
Archive name	

### Feb 17-2011

Item	Survey Project Team Input
Date of data collection	2/17/11
Sortie ID	1147-1159
Site ID	Cape Poge / South Beach / Tisbury
Survey Line File (Track File)	
Survey Lines Flown	Poge 2-102
	SB 59, 56, 45, 40, 39, 37, 36
	TGP 127
Pilot's Name	Doug Christie
System Operator's name	Marcus Watson
Ground Support Technician Name	Darcy
Data Processor's name	Jeannie Norton
Project Geophysicist's name	William Doll
Field notes (comments)	
All Filtering Information (e.g. Demedian,	Std (see report)
Lpass, etc.)	_
Oasis Site Database	MVY021711.gdb
Grid name	Vg021711.grd, as021711.grd
Archive name	MVY_Tisbury
	MVY_Poge
	MBY_South
The data analysis will also be tracked on a site basis. The tracking sheet will document the various analysis steps as follows (at a minimum). Data analysis is not conducted until data collection is complete. This tracking report will be included in the Final Report and will cover the entire project.

Item	Survey Project Team Input
Site name	Tisbury Great Pond
Grid name	Tisbury_vg.grd, Tisbury_as.grd
Archive name	Vgcomb_Tisbury.gdb
Anomaly Selection method	AS peak detection
(manual/wavelet/AS peak detection)	
Anomaly selection analyst name	Jeannie Norton
Anomaly list file name	Tisbury_picklist.xyz
Anomaly QC analyst name	
Final QC-processed anomaly list name	
Dipole fit/classification analyst name	Jeannie Norton
Dipole fit analysis output file name	Tisbury_inversion.xyz
Anomaly classification output file name	
Dipole fit/Classification QC name	
GIS analyst name	
GIS density map output filename	
Density map QC name	

Item	Survey Project Team Input
Site name	South Beach
Grid name	South_vg.grd, South_as.grd
Archive name	Vgcomb_south.gdb
Anomaly Selection method	AS peak detection
(manual/wavelet/AS peak detection)	
Anomaly selection analyst name	Jeannie Norton
Anomaly list file name	South_picklist.xyz
Anomaly QC analyst name	
Final QC-processed anomaly list name	
Dipole fit/classification analyst name	Jeannie Norton
Dipole fit analysis output file name	South_inversion.xyz
Anomaly classification output file name	
Dipole fit/Classification QC name	
GIS analyst name	
GIS density map output filename	
Density map QC name	

Item	Survey Project Team Input
Site name	Cape Poge
Grid name	Poge_vg.grd, Poge_as.grd
Archive name	Vgcomb_poge.gdb
Anomaly Selection method	AS peak detection
(manual/wavelet/AS peak detection)	_
Anomaly selection analyst name	Jeannie Norton
Anomaly list file name	Poge_picklist.xyz
Anomaly QC analyst name	
Final QC-processed anomaly list name	
Dipole fit/classification analyst name	Jeannie Norton
Dipole fit analysis output file name	Poge_inversion.xyz
Anomaly classification output file name	
Dipole fit/Classification QC name	
GIS analyst name	
GIS density map output filename	
Density map QC name	