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A seismic reflection survey was undertaken to detect geologic faults near the Custer Hill landfill at Fort Riley, Kansas. The survey was terminated after initial testing revealed that shallow seismic reflection was not an appropriate technique for the site.

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ATTENTION OF Ms. Janet Wade:

This is a final technical report for our contract #DAMD17-99-2-9053 with your office. As per my discussions with Mr. Mike Green of your office last autumn and also a couple of weeks ago, our seismic reflection efforts at Custer Hill landfill failed. We tried all of the filter capabilities in our arsenal of processing software, including frequency-wavenumber filtering and frequency-amplitude filtering.

Attached are some representative seismograms from the testing that was done. We used a sledgehammer, a 30.06 rifle, and an 8-gauge Betsy Seisgun as seismic sources. We performed experiments at Well CH91-10 and Well CH99-11, but results were negative at both locations even though we used all of the experimental parameters that we could think of to try.

The final invoice has been sent, and the total cost was something less than \$4,000, a small fraction of the \$18,542 that was authorized.

I am sorry that this project did not provide the answers that you need to help solve the problems at the Custer Hill landfill. If you have questions, let me know.

Sincerely,

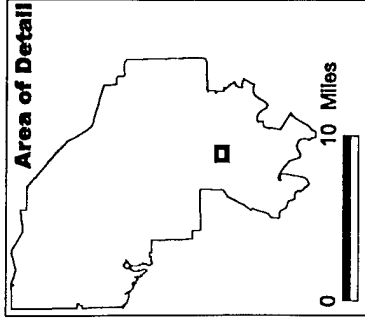


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Custer Hill Landfill

Well Locations



Legend
▲ Wells

Scale

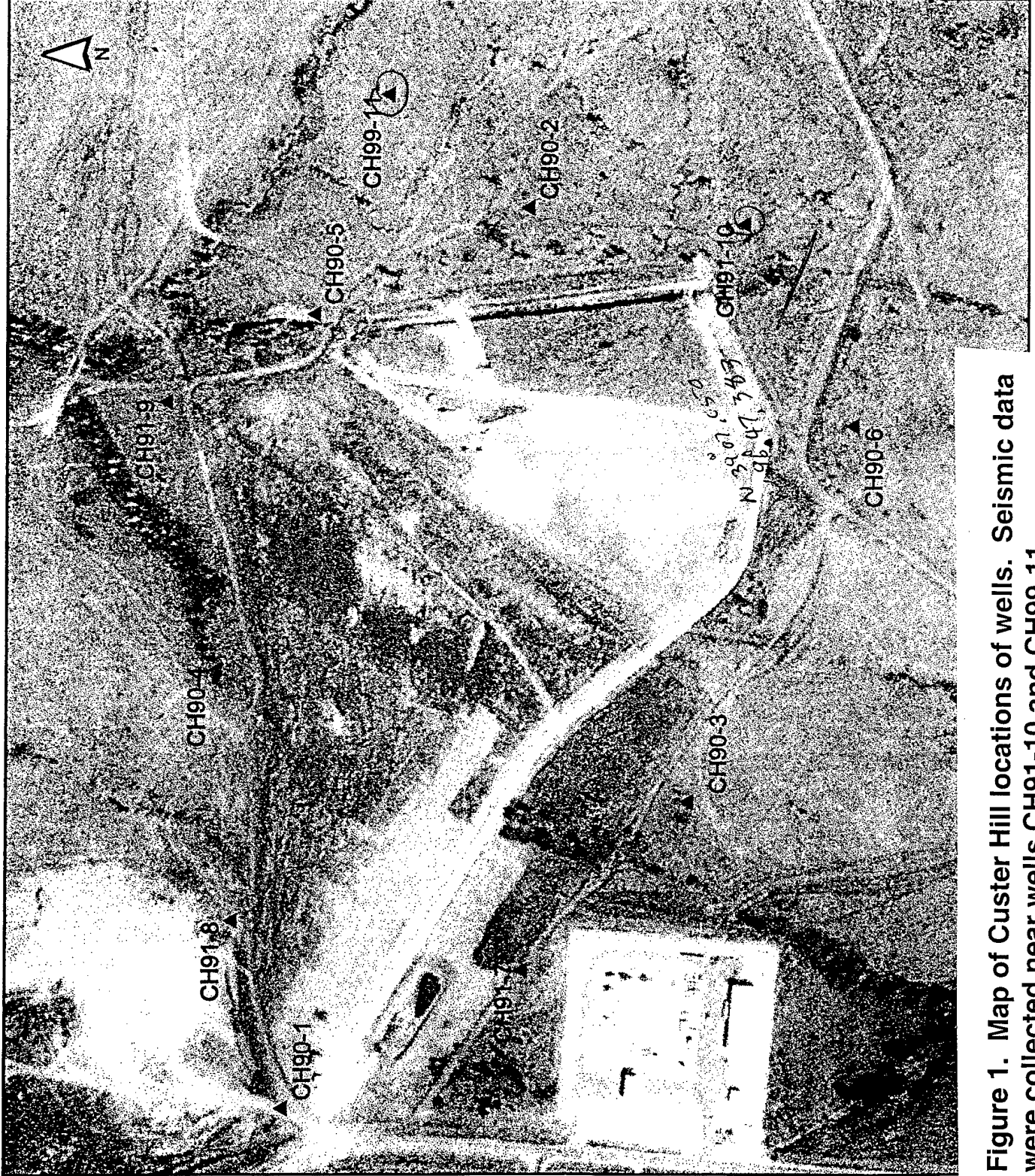
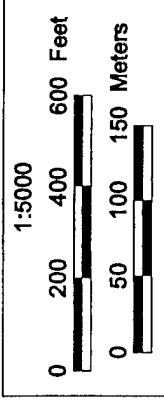


Figure 1. Map of Custer Hill locations of wells. Seismic data were collected near wells CH91-10 and CH99-11.

Background is 1992 Digital Orthophotography.



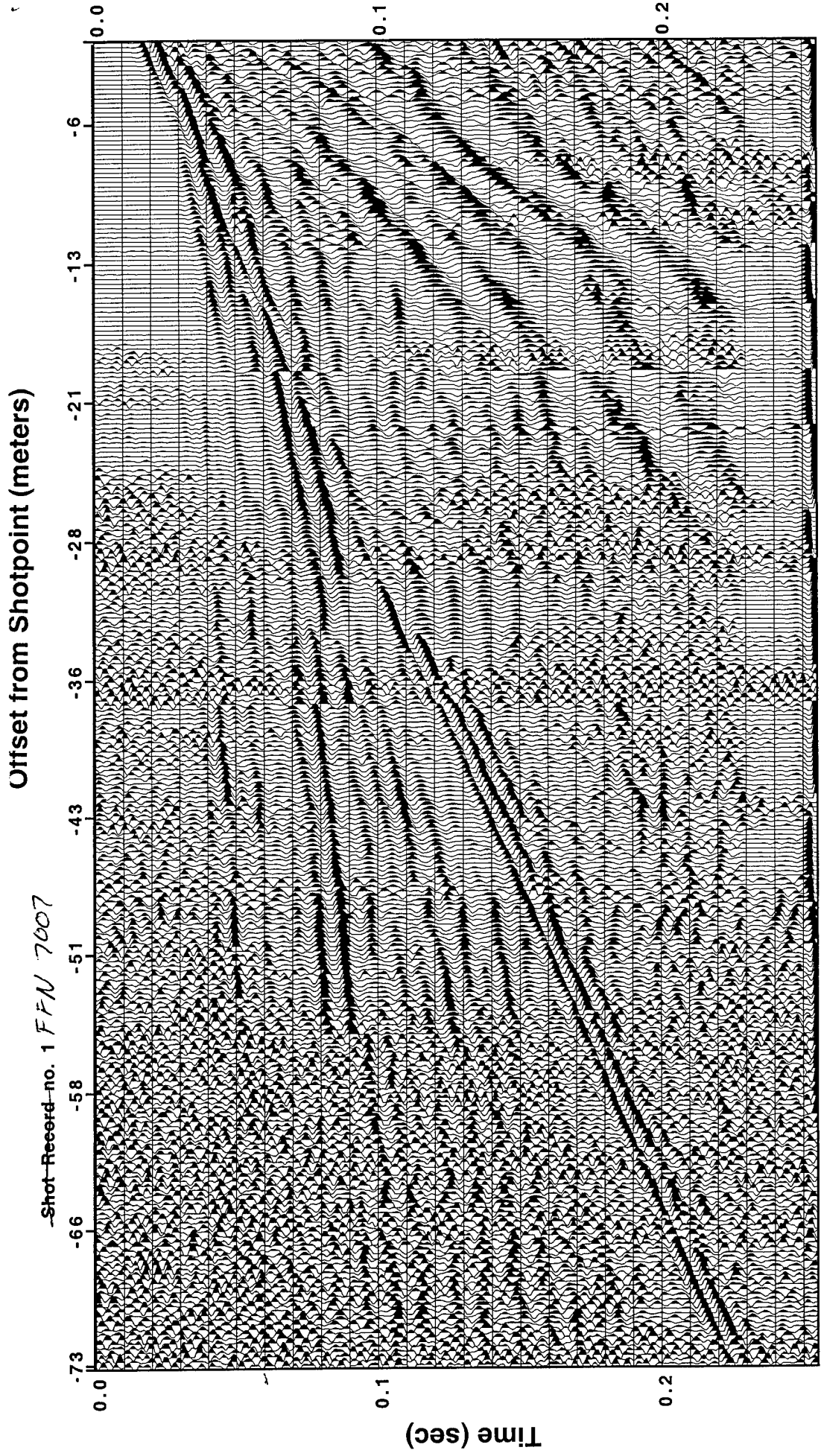


Figure 2. Seismic field records from well CH91-10. Source was a 30.06 rifle. Shots were progressively moved away from the geophones to provide a view of the total wavefield to a distance of 73 meters from the shotpoint. Geophone interval was 0.25 meter and digital sampling interval was 0.25 msec.

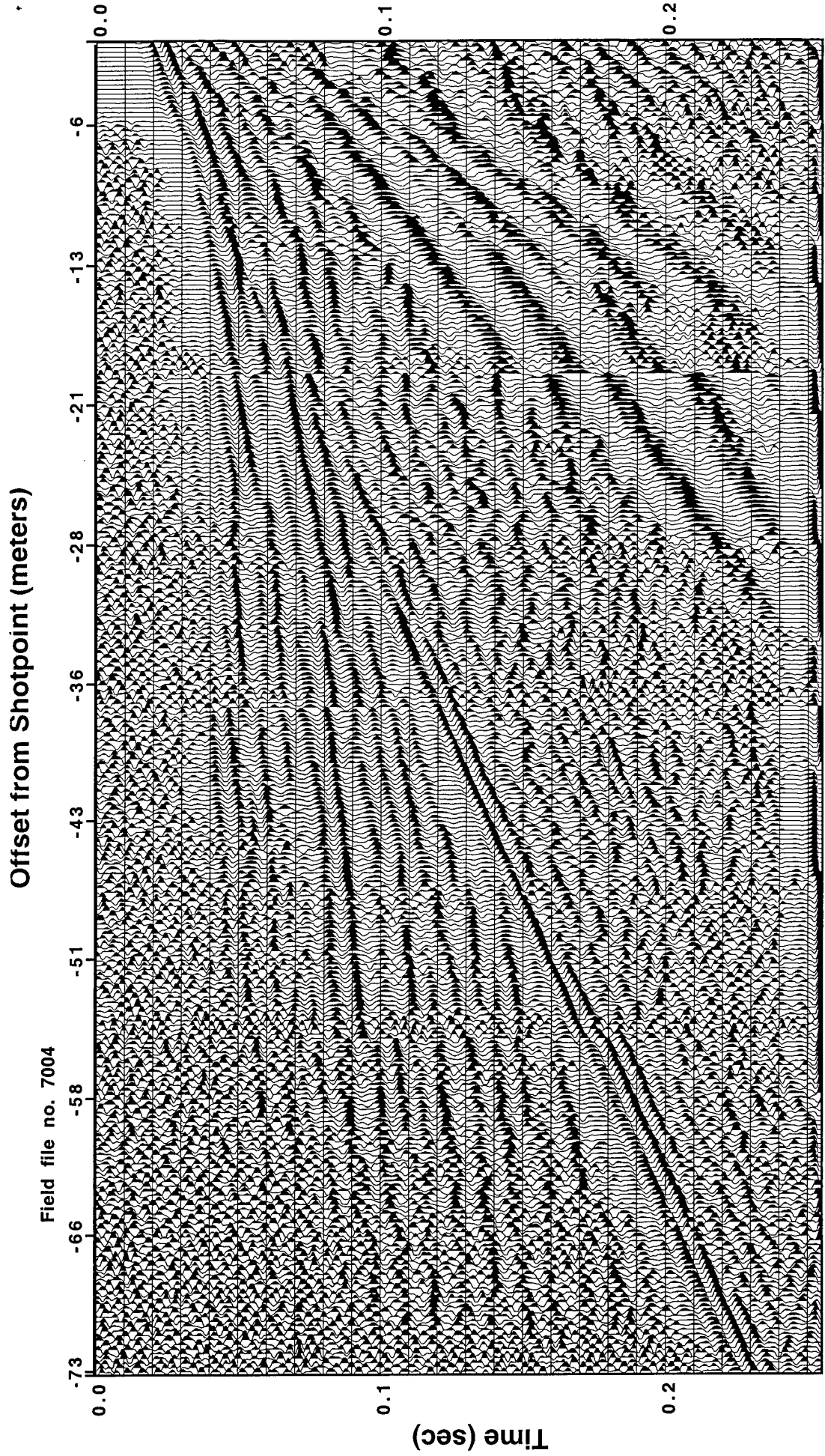


Figure 3. Seismic field records from well CH91-10. Source was a commercially available 8-gauge Betsy Seisgun. Shots were progressively moved away from the geophones to provide a view of the total wavefield to a distance of 73 meters from the shotpoint. Geophone interval was 0.25 meter and digital sampling interval was 0.25 msec.

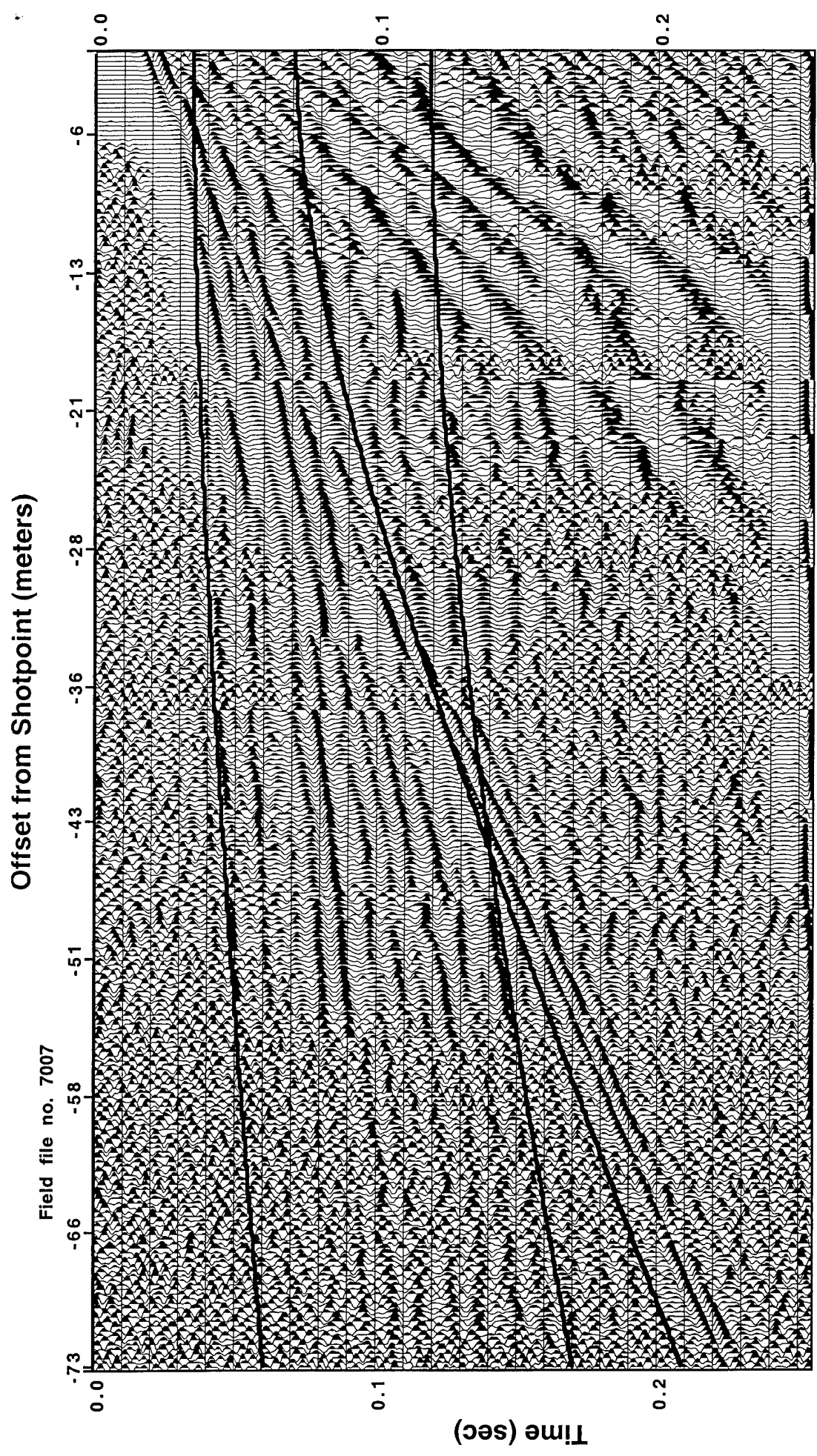


Figure 4. Expected seismic reflection times based on drill evidence are plotted on the data from Figure 2. No strong hints of reflections exist.

Shot Record No. 1 at Well No. CH99-11

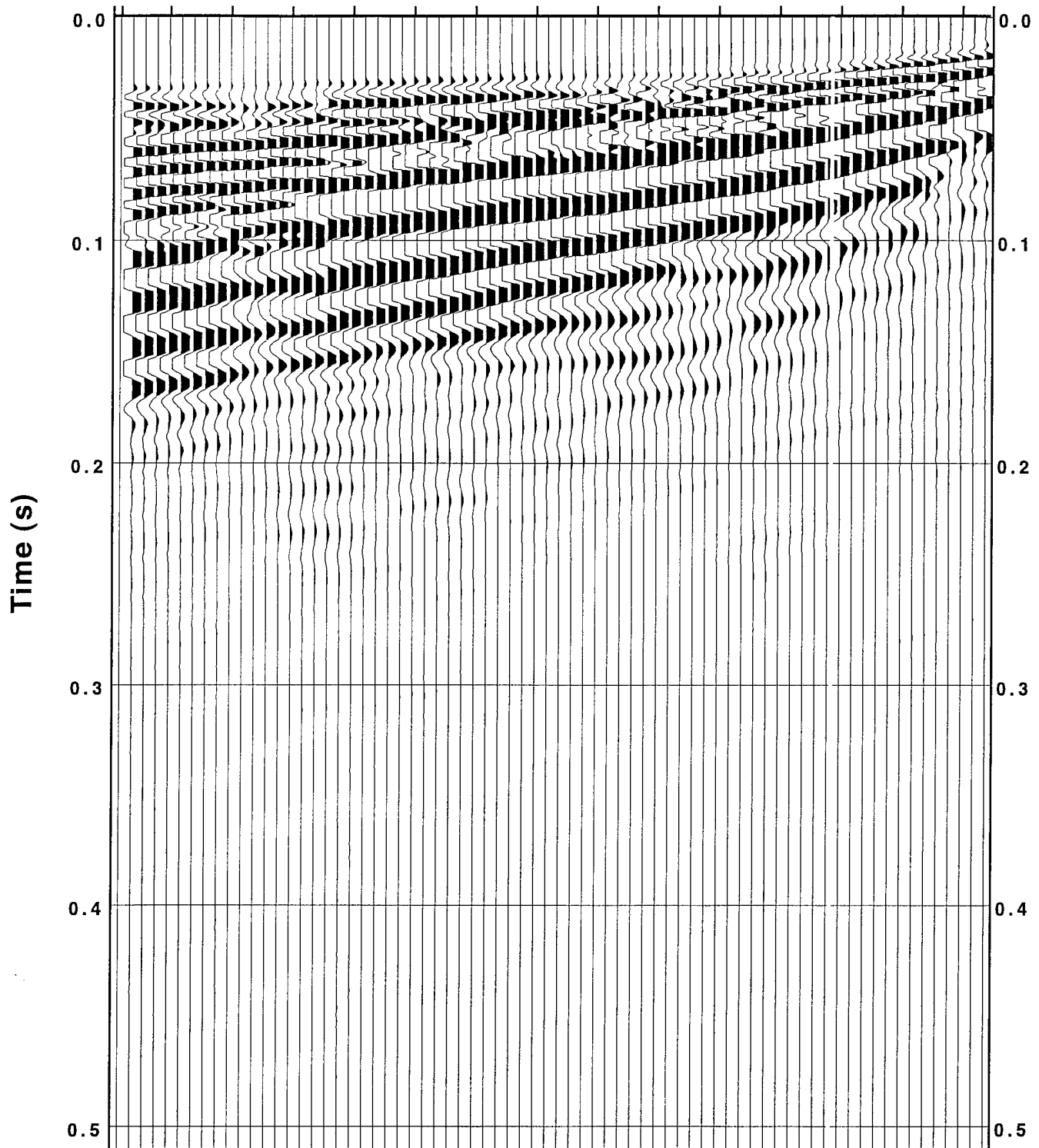


Figure 5. Field file from well CH99-11. Source distance to nearest geophone is 4 meters distance from farthest geophone is 21 meters. Source was a 30.06 rifle fired in a 0.3 meter deep hole.

Shot Record No. 2 at Well No. CH99-11

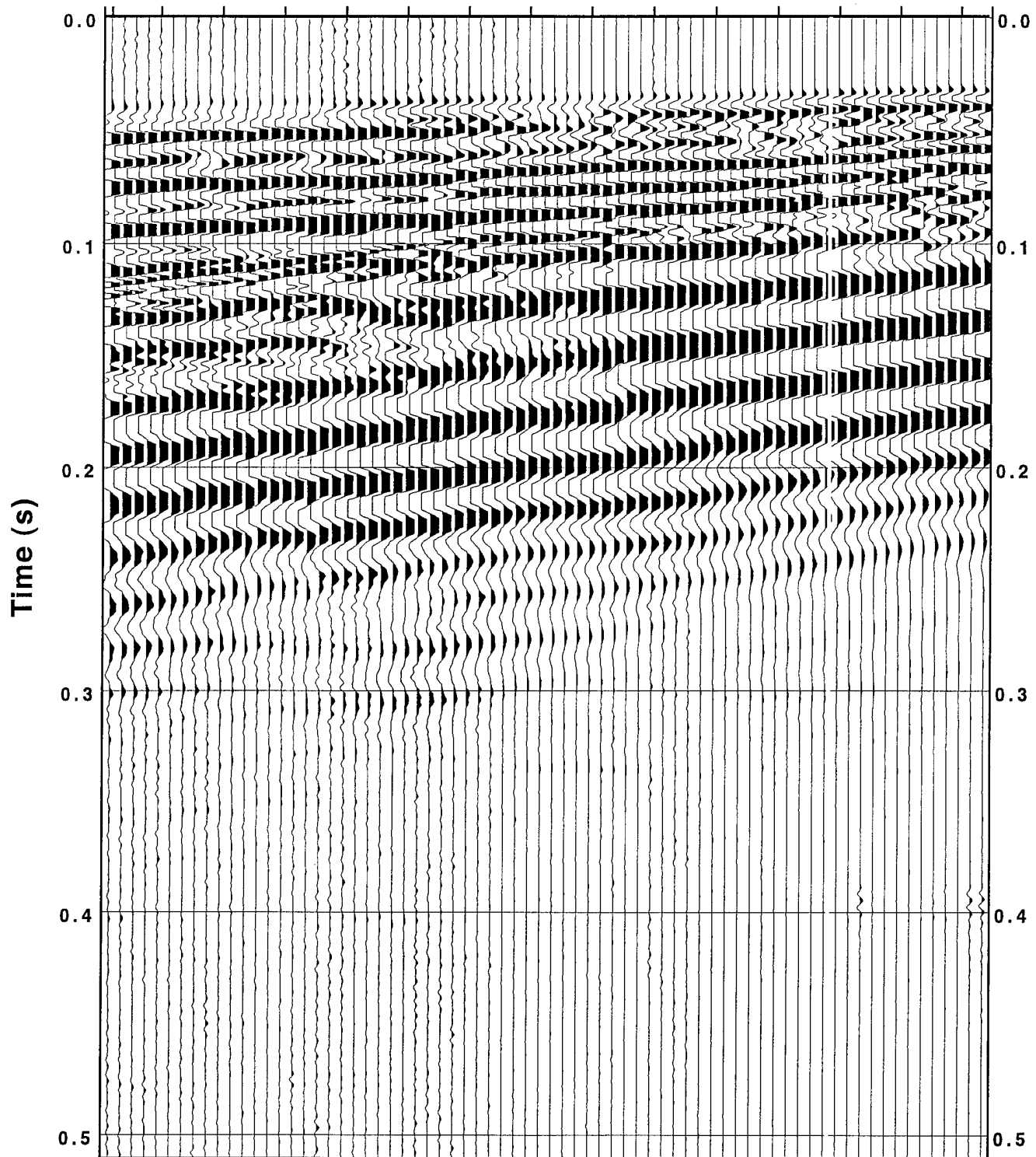


Figure 6. Field file from well CH99-11. Source distance to nearest geophone is 21.25 meters and distance from farthest geophone is 38 meters. Source was a 30.06 rifle fired in a 0.3 meter deep hole.

Shot Record No. 3 at Well No. CH99-11

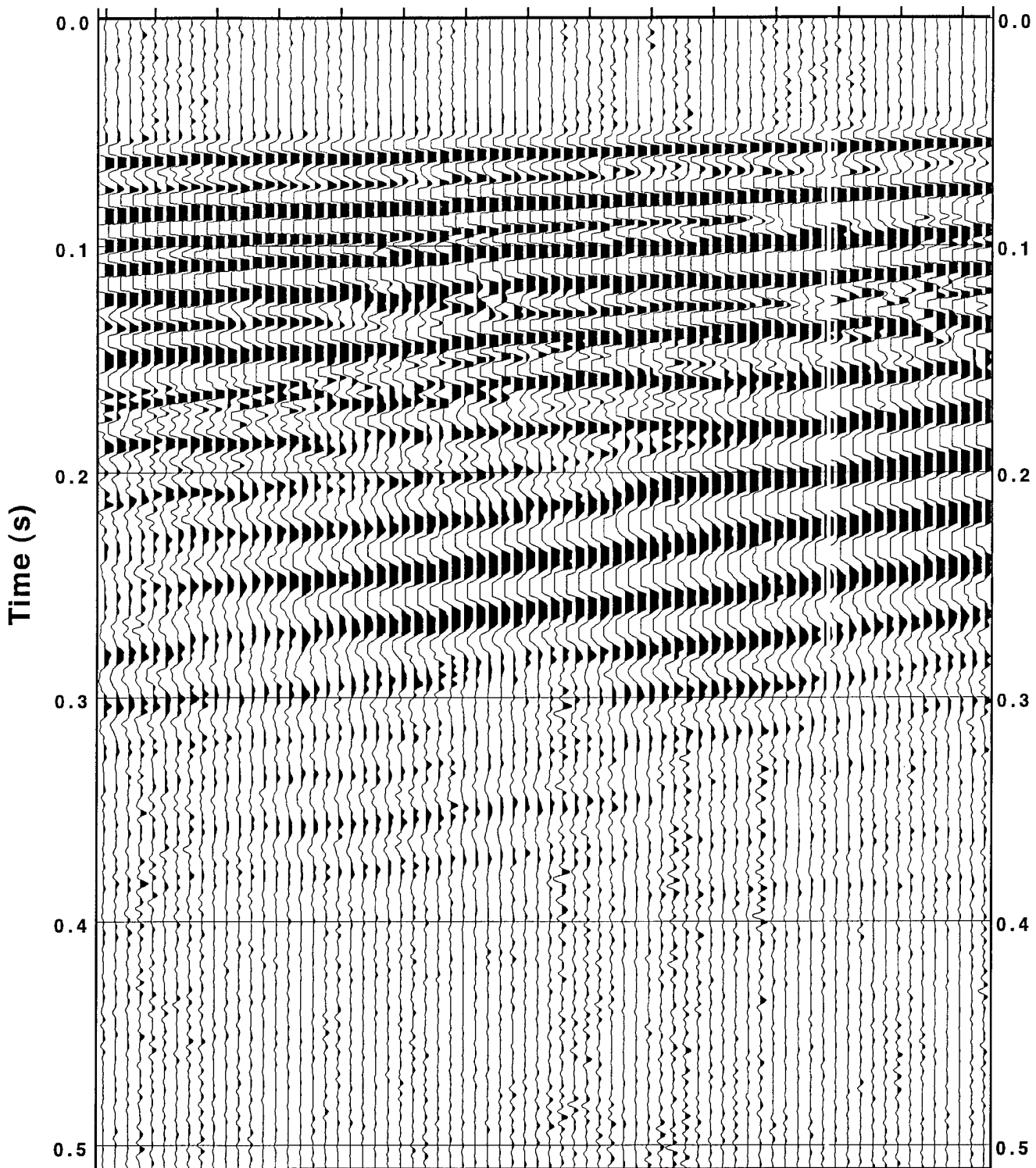


Figure 7. Field file from well CH99-11. Source distance to nearest geophone is 38.25 meters and distance from farthest geophone is 55 meters. Source was a 30.06 rifle fired in a 0.3 meter deep hole.

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DATE: Sept 26-27, 99	FILE #	Source Loc	1ST Rec Loc	LAST Rec Loc	COMMENTS
OBSERVER <i>Schweissner</i>	7000	19m	0m	17.75m	Betsy 256ms
PROJECT DOE Walkaways	7001	19m			<i>changed 512ms, etc</i>
DOE grant, now site tests	7002	37m			
LOCATION Great Bend, Ks.	7003	55m			
FT. Riley	7004	73m			
Well CH91-10	7005	90m	<i>merged from 41 because of ditch</i>		
SOURCE: 22 rifle shorts	7006	90m			30.06
Interval: 0.1 meter	7007	73m			30.06
stack: no 18 m walkaway	7008	55m			
	7009	37m			
SEISMOGRAPH Geometrics	7010	19m			
Active channels 48 72					
Filters out					
Sample interval 0.25 msec					
Other 256 ms					
GEOPHONES: Mark Prod					
Model L-40A freq 100 Hz					
Interval 0.10 meter					
Spikes 5.5 in					
Other					
WEATHER CONDITIONS					
<i>windy ~15 mph</i>					
SOIL CONDITIONS					
<i>dry</i>					
DATA DESCRIPTION					
<i>Fair - post</i>					

Map/ Geometry Diagram

