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## Acronyms and Abbreviations

| Name     | Description  |
|----------|--|
| AEMR     | Annual Environmental Monitoring Report                     |
| AHD      | Australian Height Datum                                    |
| ANZECC   | Australia and New Zealand Environment Conservation Council |
| ANZG     | Australia and New Zealand Governments                      |
| BCA      | Brine conditioned ash                                      |
| CCC      | Community Consultation Committee                           |
| DPIE     | NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment       |
| EC       | Electrical conductivity                                    |
| EIS      | Environmental Impact Statement                             |
| EPA      | Environmental Protection Authority                         |
| EP&A Act | Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979             |
| EPL      | Environmental Protection Licence                           |
| ERM      | Environmental Resources Management                         |
| ESD      | Eastern Stormwater Drain                                   |
| FHP      | Final Holding Pond   |
| GWSDAT   | Groundwater Spatiotemporal Data Analysis Tool              |
| ha       | Hectares   |
| LCC      | Lithgow City Council                                       |
| LLI      | Lendlease Infrastructure                                   |
| LNAR     | Lamberts North Ash Repository                              |
| MF       | Microfiltration  |
| ML       | Mega litre   |
| MPAR     | Mt Piper Ash Repository                                    |
| MPPS     | Mt Piper Power Station                                     |
| NSW      | New South Wales  |
| OEMP     | Operation Environmental Management Plan                    |
| POEO Act | Protection of the Environment Operations Act (NSW) 1997    |
| QAQC     | Quality Assurance Quality Control                          |
| RL       | Relative Level   |
| RO       | Reverse Osmosis  |
| SWL      | Standing Water Level                                       |
| SWTP     | Springvale Water Treatment Plant                           |
| TARPs    | Trigger Actions Response Plans                             |
| TCR      | Thompsons Creek Reservoir                                  |
| TDS      | Total dissolved solids                                     |
| TSS      | Total suspended solids                                     |
| WAL      | Water Access Licence                                       |
| WCA      | Water conditioned ash                                      |
| WMP      | Water Management Plan                                      |

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Environmental Resources Management Australia Pty Ltd (ERM) was engaged by EnergyAustralia NSW Pty Limited (EnergyAustralia) to prepare an Annual Environmental Monitoring Report (AEMR) for the Mt Piper Brine Conditioned Fly Ash Co-Placement Project (the Project). The Project is located at the Mount Piper Power Station (MPPS), 350 Boulder Road, Portland, New South Wales (NSW) (the site). Refer to Figure 1 showing the location of the site.

The Project is operated under the conditions of development consent DA80/10060 (Mt Piper Consent). The Mt Piper Consent was originally granted under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (NSW)* (EP&A Act) on 1 April 1982 and has since been modified on eight occasions. The Mt Piper Consent, as currently modified, authorises the MPPS and ancillary activities, including the Mt Piper Ash Repository (MPAR).

This report should be read in conjunction with the Statement of Limitations presented in Section 10.

### 1.1 Project Background

The MPPS is located in the western coalfields of NSW about 18 kilometres northwest of Lithgow. The MPPS is owned and operated by EnergyAustralia. The MPPS is regulated by a number of separate development consents and planning approvals under the EP&A Act, including the Mt Piper Consent. The MPPS is also regulated under the conditions of Environment Protection Licence 13007 (EPL) granted under the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997 (NSW)* (the POEO Act). Table 1 lists the approvals which apply to the Project and form the subject of this AEMR. Appendix A presents a summary of the relevant aspects of this AEMR as required under the Mt Piper Consent and the Water Management and Monitoring Plan approved for the Project dated 28 February 2020 (WMP).

**Table 1 Summary of Approvals**

| Approval/ Licence | Details/Comments   |
|-------------------|--|
| Mt Piper Consent  | Granted by Minister for Planning under the EP&A Act as currently modified<br>The WMP was approved under the conditions of the Mt Piper Consent |
| EPL No. 13007     | EPL held by EnergyAustralia for the Mt Piper Power Station, including the Project.   |

The Project incorporates brine management and storage facilities on the footprint of the MPPS and the ash emplacement area within the former Western Main Open Cut void adjacent to the operational power generation area. The ash placement area is comprised of the MPAR, which is authorised under the Mt Piper Consent, and the separately approved Lamberts North Ash Repository (LNAR). The MPAR and the LNAR are together referred to as the Ash Repositories. However, this AMER is limited to the MPAR which was approved under the Mt Piper Consent.

The separately approved Springvale Water Treatment Project (SWTP) is also located on the MPPS footprint and, in addition to the power station, contributes brine to the MPAR. Key features of the Project area are presented in Figure 2.

The Mt Piper Consent was modified on 3 April 2000 to authorise the co-placement of brine conditioned ash (BCA) in the existing MPAR placement area. This Stage 1 BCA co-placement activity was approved as Modification 4 to the Mt Piper Consent. As required by the conditions imposed as part of Modification 4, an early Water Management Plan was developed and implemented. Due to space limitations in the Stage 1 approval area and to provide for increased brine production due to the upgrade of generating capacity (authorised as Modification 6 to the Mt Piper Consent), a Stage 2 extension to the BCA co-placement area at the MPAR was approved on 23 March 2008 (authorised as Modification 7 to the Mt Piper Consent). A Water Management Plan (*Mt Piper Power Station Brine*



*Conditioned Flyash Co-Placement Extension Water Management and Monitoring Plan* prepared by Connell Wagner and dated 26 September 2008) was prepared and implemented under the conditions of the Mt Piper Consent for the MPAR. This is referred to in this report as the “Prior WMP.”

Following the approval of Modification 8 to the Mt Piper Consent (Condition 43A), the Prior WMP was updated to account for construction and operation of a new 60 ML pond (Settling Pond D) at the MPPS. The current WMP was approved this year and has subsequently been implemented at the site. The WMP includes groundwater and surface water monitoring programs and associated trigger action response plans (TARPs) and contingency measures, together with annual reporting and brine reduction strategies so that effects of the placement of brine conditioned ash on local natural surface waters and groundwater are minimised.

This AEMR has been developed to report on the water monitoring carried out for the Project from July 2019 to June 2020 (the reporting period) in accordance with the conditions of the Mt Piper Consent. Due to the implementation of the WMP part way through the current reporting period, the data for this AEMR has been compiled and reviewed based on the current WMP. However, data obtained and reviewed during the reporting period and any actions taken were considered relative to the WMP that applied at that time.

It is noted that a separate and broader investigation of surface and groundwater conditions in the vicinity of the Ash Repositories, including the Mt Piper Brine in Ash Co-Placement area is currently being completed in line with the contingency measures identified in the WMP (the independent assessment). Once the independent assessment is completed, the WMP will be further updated to reflect the key findings and provide further detail on the contingency measures proposed.

### 1.1.1 Relationship to other approvals and plans

While the MPAR is approved under the Mt Piper Consent, the LNAR is separately approved by project approval 09\_0186 granted under Part 3A of the EP&A Act on 16 February 2012 (LNAR Project Approval). The conditions of the LNAR Project Approval relevantly operate to require:

- implementation of an separately approved Operational Environmental Management Plan. The currently approved plan is the *Lamberts North Ash Placement Project Operation Environmental Management Plan* prepared by CDM Smith and dated May 2013 (LNAR OEMP) which includes a Groundwater Management Plan and a Surface Water Management Plan; and
- the carrying out of groundwater and surface water monitoring programs as specified in the LNAR OEMP. The results of the LNAR monitoring are reported in a separate AEMR prepared in accordance with the conditions of the LNAR Project Approval.

As the LNAR is operated in accordance with the separately approved LNAR OEMP under the conditions of the LNAR Project Approval, this AEMR does not cover water management, monitoring and reporting aspects required under the LNAR OEMP.

In addition, the SWTP was separately approved under development consent number SSD-7592 (SWTP Consent) granted under the EP&A Act in 2017.

This AEMR has been developed in relation to water management and monitoring aspects of the Project in order to satisfy Conditions 44 and 45 of the Mt Piper Consent and relevant reporting requirements of the current WMP. It will be provided to the Secretary, the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA), the Water Division within the NSW Department of Planning Industry and Environment (DPIE), WaterNSW, and Lithgow City Council (LCC).

## 1.2 Objectives

The objectives of the AEMR are to meet the reporting requirements of the Mt Piper Consent and the current WMP for the reporting period.

This includes the requirements of Condition 45 of the Mt Piper Consent which requires that the AEMR include:

- a summary and discussion of all available results and analyses from Water Monitoring Programs contained in the approved WMP;
- a discussion of the aims of the WMP and to what degree these aims have been attained in the context of results and analyses of the water monitoring programs;
- actions taken, or intended to be taken, if any, to mitigate any adverse environmental impacts; and to meet the reasonable requirements of the Secretary, EPA, DPIE Water, WaterNSW or LCC.

The WMP provides that the AEMR is to involve the following scope of works:

- Review of surface water and groundwater quality data;
- Review of long-term trends in surface water and groundwater concentrations, with reference to statistical assessment of concentration trends and triggers;
- Assessment of the data to evaluate potential interactions with the Wangcol Creek water quality<sup>1</sup>;
- Reporting when the Environmental Goals have not been achieved;
- An interpretation and discussion of routine monitoring results in the context of the aims of the WMP;
- Update on the contingency measures currently being implemented in accordance with the WMP; and
- Preparation of this report in accordance with the WMP and the Mt Piper Consent.

It is noted that other reporting requirements, including provision of water quality data, form part of the EPL annual return reporting process, with the data also published online as required by regulation. The reporting requirements under the EPL will be provided separately to this AEMR.

## 1.3 Contacts

The contact details for the key personnel responsible for the environmental management of the Project are listed in Table 2.

**Table 2 Contact Details**

| Contact Person  | Organisation        | Position               | Telephone      |
|-----------------|---------------------|------------------------|----------------|
| Mr Ben Eastwood | EnergyAustralia NSW | NSW Environment Leader | (02) 6354 8111 |

## 1.4 Scope of Works

In order to meet the objectives of the AEMR, the following works have been implemented:

- Importation of environmental monitoring data provided by EnergyAustralia to the existing ESDAT database for the site;
- Export of summary tables for all available water quality and weather data collected by EnergyAustralia from the monitoring conducted in accordance the WMP;

<sup>1</sup> Note: Wangcol Creek is referred to as "Neubecks Creek" in the WMP and some documents relating to the Project. However, WaterNSW has clarified that the creek is properly called "Wangcol Creek". Accordingly, this AEMR refers to the creek as Wangcol Creek.

- Export of graphs of selected data collected by EnergyAustralia from the monitoring conducted in accordance the WMP;
- Review of surface water (seven locations), groundwater (24 locations) and leak detection (four locations) monitoring data at the Project area for the reporting period;
- Review of changes in water quality data including long-term trends in surface water and groundwater concentrations and water levels;
- Assessment of the groundwater data to evaluate potential interactions with Wangcol Creek water quality;
- Preparation of this AEMR to:
  - present an overview of Project operations, including ash placement activities;
  - present findings of the water quality monitoring, including interpretation and discussion of results, in accordance with the WMP;
  - present outcomes of the statistical assessment of water quality data that exceeded Environmental Goals during the reporting period including a discussion of TARPs where implemented,;
  - provide an update on the contingency measures currently being implemented at the site in accordance with the WMP; and
  - provide a summary of recommended actions to be taken, if any, to mitigate adverse environmental impacts, and to meet the requirements of the relevant government authorities and the WMP.

This AEMR has been developed with consideration of the ongoing independent assessment of groundwater and surface water conditions in the vicinity of both the MPAR and the LNAR (the independent assessment). Refer to Section 7.5 for further details.

## 2. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

All ash placement operations for MPPS, including those within the Project area, are undertaken by the contracted specialist in ash placement. Lend Lease Infrastructure (LLI) is the current service provider for EnergyAustralia in all aspects of ash and dust management in relation to the Project, which is currently managed under an 'operate and maintain' contract with EnergyAustralia. Refer to Figure 2 for a site layout plan that present key features of the Project area.

### 2.1 Site Water Discharge

During the reporting period, discharge from LDP01 (now known as LDP12 under the recently revised EPL but referred to as LDP01 in this report for consistency with the WMP) was estimated to be approximately 60 ML.

LDP01 is the discharge point for storm water from the Coal Settling Pond. A data summary for LDP01 is presented in this AEMR as the discharges from LDP01 report to LMP01 and both of these locations are included as monitoring points in the WMP.

Records of flow readings at LMP01 during the reporting period are provided in Appendix B.

### 2.2 Ash Placement and Geometry

The MPAR is located within the former Western Main open-cut mine void in the eastern area of the MPPS facility. Connell Wagner (2007) noted that, as reported in the 1989 Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), prior to the placement of ash in the mine void, the bottom of the mine void was covered with mine spoil to a minimum level of relative level (RL) 908 metres Australia Height Datum (m AHD) in order to facilitate groundwater flow from the adjacent areas of the unmined Lithgow coal seam aquifer and mine goaf areas surrounding the Western Main open cut mine void.

The MPPS commenced operations in 1993 and since that time water conditioned ash (WCA) has been placed at the MPAR. WCA and BCA have been placed at the MPAR since 2000, with placement of BCA limited to approved areas, as described below. In accordance with the WMP, the conditioning of the ash occurs at the MPPS, and the conditioned ash is then transferred via conveyors or trucks to the MPAR for placement.

The MPAR has approval for the placement of ash up to a RL of 980 m AHD, with the upper surface of the ash to be finished with 1 m of WCA, following the contours of the placement plan approved by the Lithgow City Council in 1990, as replicated in Figure 3. Further, condition 38A of the Mt Piper Consent requires that the placement of BCA brine may only occur between the levels of RL 946 m AHD and RL 980 m AHD in approved BCA placement areas (Stage 1 and Stage 2 approval areas). Refer to Figure 2 and Figure 3 for representation of the approved MPAR placement area and schematic of external batter placement.

With reference to Appendix C and Figure 4, BCA continued to be deposited across Stage 1 and Stage 2 approval areas for the Project over the reporting period. Based on information supplied by EnergyAustralia, a total of 460,942 tonnes of BCA was placed in the MPAR over the reporting period. Refer to Table 3 for a summary of the Project operations for the reporting period, with comparison to the previous reporting period.

**Table 3 Operations Summary for the Project**

| Activity                                    | Previous Reporting Period (2018-2019) | Current Reporting Period (2019-2020) |
|---|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Ash delivered (T)                           | 564,871                               | 460,942 <sup>1</sup>                 |
| WCA placed (T) <sup>1</sup>                 | Not stated                            | 0                                    |
| BCA placed (T) <sup>1</sup>                 | Not stated                            | 460,942                              |
| Total ash footprint (ha)                    | 71.2 <sup>2</sup>                     | 57.45 <sup>1</sup>                   |
| Area of repository capped (ha) <sup>2</sup> | 36.1                                  | 42.65                                |

*1 Refers to MPAR only*

*2 Refers to MPAR and LNAR combined*

## 2.3 Brine Composition

Brine from MPPS is derived from the evaporative cooling process in the cooling towers. As water evaporates from the cooling towers, the concentration of salts contained in the circulating water increases, which would eventually impact upon the operation of the cooling system. A portion of the salty water is therefore regularly blown down and replaced with fresh “make up” water.

In addition, the separately approved SWTP also produces brine from the treatment of mine water from dewatering facilities on the Newnes Plateau related to the Springvale Mine and the Angus Place Mine. The separately approved SWTP is integrated with the MPPS water management system and brine from the SWTP is transferred to the MPPS for use in conditioning ash prior to emplacement in the MPAR.

During the reporting period, blowdown water from the cooling towers was transferred to the Mine Water Buffer Pond for treatment by the SWTP or to the EnergyAustralia Reverse Osmosis (RO) brine concentrators and micro filtration (MF) infrastructure. The EnergyAustralia RO and MF system removes salts from the cooling water system, and recycles distillate back into the cooling water cycle. The SWTP brine crystalliser system produces a mixed salt and a dewatered lime salt. Both the EnergyAustralia RO and MF system and the SWTP transfer the brine stream to Brine Waste Pond A and Brine Waste Pond B for temporary storage. This brine is used to condition the fly ash that is placed in approved BCA placement areas.

Monitoring of the brine over time has shown that the concentration of salts in the brine increased between 1999 and 2003-2006 and decreased between 2003-2006 and 2017. The concentration of salts in the brine further decreased between 2017 and 2019-20 as shown in the summary provided in Appendix D. Notable changes in average brine constituents from the period July 2017 to December 2017 to the period July 2019 to June 2020 are listed below:

- chloride concentration in the brine decreased from an average of 10,390 mg/L in 2017 to 7,776 mg/L in the reporting period (26% decrease);
- fluoride concentrations in the brine decreased from an average of average of 64.7 mg/L in 2017 to 55.4 mg/L in the reporting period (15% decrease);
- boron concentrations in the brine increased from an average of 35,800 µg/L in 2017 to 41,500 µg/L in the reporting period (14% increase); and
- manganese concentrations in the brine decreased from an average of 7,210 µg/L in 2017 to 5,170 µg/L in the reporting period (29% decrease).

The changing brine composition may be related to the changed source of water being treated (e.g. with inputs from the SWTP) and also the treatment process at the SWTP. Brine composition data has been used to inform the surface water and groundwater results discussions below.

### 3. ENVIRONMENTAL SETTING

Details of the environmental site setting are presented in the following sections to provide context to the surface water and groundwater assessments presented below.

#### 3.1 Climate

The climate data below was provided by EnergyAustralia and is sourced from a weather station on site at MPPS. A summary of the climate data is presented in Table 4 and a copy of the data is presented in Appendix E.

**Table 4 Local Climate Data for 2019/20**

| Month          | Rainfall Total (mm) | Min. Temperature (°C) | Max. Temperature (°C) |
|----------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| July 2019      | 8.4                 | -5.7                  | 17.4                  |
| August 2019    | 18.0                | -7.1                  | 19.0                  |
| September 2019 | 51.2                | -4.7                  | 24.7                  |
| October 2019   | 9.8                 | -0.2                  | 29.6                  |
| November 2019  | 14.4                | 2.1                   | 34.2                  |
| December 2019  | 0.0                 | 5.6                   | 38.7                  |
| January 2020   | 59.0                | 10.2                  | 39.5                  |
| February 2020  | 120.4               | 5.9                   | 38.6                  |
| March 2020     | 109.6               | 5.2                   | 30.7                  |
| April 2020     | 90.0                | 1.1                   | 24.0                  |
| May 2020       | 14.8                | -4.0                  | 19.0                  |
| June 2020      | 17.5                | -4.0                  | 16.0                  |
| TOTAL/MIN/MAX  | 513.1               | -7.1                  | 39.5                  |

*Data from MPPS Weather Station*

The total rainfall for the reporting period was 513.1 mm, with the monthly average of 42.8 mm. This is lower than the total reported rainfall of 787 mm for the previous reporting period (ERM, 2019) and is lower than the average annual rainfall between 2012 and 2017, which was reported by Aurecon (2017) to be 756.5 mm/year.

The average monthly rainfall for the current reporting period of 42.8 mm/month is lower than the previous reporting period average monthly rainfall of 65.6 mm/month and is also lower than the long-term average of 72 mm/month reported by Aurecon (2017).

The 2019-20 monitoring period was characterised by a bushfire season that was unprecedented in its extent and intensity, including the Gaspers Mountain fire in the immediate vicinity of the site.

#### 3.2 Regional Geology and Hydrogeology

The site is located on the western margin of the Sydney Basin, and the geology characterised by eastward dipping sedimentary deposits. The sedimentary deposits extend approximately 130 km east towards the coast. Structurally, the western margin of the Sydney Basin is not complex, and no significant faulting or folding structures are present in the region surrounding the site (CDM Smith, 2012).

The site is located at an outcrop of the Illawarra Coal Measures. The Narrabeen Group, comprised of sandstones, overlies the Illawarra Coal Measures in the vicinity of the site, forming the surrounding hillsides. The Illawarra Coal Measures overlie the Shoalhaven Group and host the coal seams that were previously mined out in the vicinity of the site. Some characteristics of these units are listed in Table 5.

**Table 5 Local Geological Units**

| Narrabeen Group   | Illawarra Coal Measures  | Shoalhaven Group   |
|---|--|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Sandstones, shale and claystone</li> <li>■ Up to approximately 800 m thick in parts, although generally absent in the immediate vicinity of the Ash Repositories.</li> <li>■ Deposition in estuarine/alluvial, fluvial, and fluvial-deltaic environments.</li> <li>■ Unconformably overlies Illawarra Coal Measures (Danis et al., 2011).</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Interbedded shale, sandstone, conglomerate, and coal.</li> <li>■ Dips 1 - 2 degrees to the east.</li> <li>■ Outcrops extensively just east of Portland, exposing the Lidsdale and Lithgow coal seams close to the surface with approximately 15-25 m of sandstone overburden (CDM Smith, 2012).</li> <li>■ Mined coal seams at and in the vicinity of the site (underground and open cut mining)</li> <li>■ Upper portions extensively weathered near the site</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Siltstones, lithic sandstones and conglomerate.</li> <li>■ Marine sediments.</li> <li>■ Berry Sandstone/Formation (earlier) &amp; Snapper Point Formation (later).</li> <li>■ Contains sulfide-bearing material and is acid- generating in places where exposed via rock cuttings (SKM, 2010).</li> </ul> |

Groundwater beneath the site is present within the Illawarra Coal Measures, with a regional groundwater flow direction generally to the east in the vicinity of the site (see Figure 6a to Figure 6d). The natural stratigraphy of the Illawarra Coal Measures in the vicinity of the site is generally as follows:

- Bunnyong Sandstone (Long Swamp Formation) – massive sandstone;
- Lidsdale Coal Seam – interbedded high ash coal and shale;
- Blackmans Flat Conglomerate – coarse sandstone and conglomerate;
- Lithgow Coal Seam; and
- Marrangaroo Conglomerate – massive sandstone and conglomerate.

Prior to the placement of ash in the former mine void (now occupied by the ash repository), the bottom of the mine void was covered with mine spoil to a minimum level of RL 908m AHD. This was to facilitate groundwater flow from the adjacent areas of the unmined Lithgow coal seam aquifer and mine goaf areas surrounding the Western Main open cut mine void. The background groundwater level (water table elevation) prior to the filling of the mine voids and placement of ash was reported to be approximately 910 m AHD.

Groundwater levels beneath the LNAR were expected to rise approximately 2.5 meters once ash placement began due to the expected mass of ash and capping material to be placed and compacted above (CDM Smith, 2013). Historically, groundwater seepage from beneath the MPAR was collected in the Groundwater Collection Basin that was previously located to the east of MPAR (SKM, 2010). In 2012, this basin was filled in with mine spoil and compacted as part of the construction of the adjacent LNAR; the footprint of the former Groundwater Collection Basin is located beneath the LNAR.

The area surrounding the Ash Repositories is characterised by open cut and below ground coal mining. The below ground mined out areas are variably filled in with goaf, or in some areas remain as voids. Former open cut mines remain as ponds, including within the alignment of Wangcol Creek to the north of MPAR, or have been filled in.

Long term groundwater monitoring at the site indicates that the water table occurs variably in the former below ground mined out areas and open cuts and, away from the Ash Repositories, predominantly in the overlying Bunnyong Sandstone. The water table elevation ranges from approximately 903 m AHD to 910 m AHD to the east and north of the Ash Repositories. Perched water is present in the southern part of the MPAR.

### 3.3 Hydrology

The Project site is within the catchment of Wangcol Creek a tributary of the Coxs River. The site itself sits on the eastern edge of the Great Dividing Range and includes the headwaters of Wangcol Creek. Wangcol Creek is located to the north and northeast of the MPAR, approximately 250 m from the active ash placement area at its closest point. Wangcol Creek flows to the east and southeast and joins the Coxs River approximately 3.2 km east of the site.

Coxs River makes up part of the Warragamba water catchment, the largest of Sydney's five drinking water catchments (WaterNSW, 2018). Historically, Coxs River flow has been affected by three major factors: the construction of the Lyell Dam; regional climatic variations; and land clearing in the upper and central parts of the river (Young et al. 2000). As a result of clearing the land for pastures, Coxs River catchment supports cattle and sheep grazing as its primary land use, however extractive industries such as coal mining are also present. .

Clean water diversion structures divert surface waters around the operational areas of the MPPS where possible. Storm water that falls within the operational area of the MPPS is directed to water management and storage infrastructure for use at the Project site.



## 4. WATER MONITORING AND MANAGEMENT PLAN

The aim of the WMP is to minimise the effect of the placement of brine conditioned ash on local natural surface waters and groundwater. The WMP addresses water cycle management associated with the Project. It includes a surface water and groundwater water monitoring program, a requirement for an annual environmental report, trigger and response plans (TARPs), contingency measures, and strategies for brine reduction.

The WMP approved under the Mt Piper Consent outlines the following key elements:

- A water cycle management plan describing the management of surface water run off at the ash repository;
- Brine cycle management including brine minimisation strategies and future mine disposal strategies;
- Water cycle management including the newly installed Settling Pond D; and
- Water monitoring program, including surface water and groundwater monitoring, and the environmental goals to be adopted.

### 4.1 Environmental Goals

The Environmental Goals for groundwater and surface water monitoring in the WMP are consistent with those applied to monitoring of the LNAR as approved in the LNAR OEMP. The Environmental Goals were developed by Aurecon (2009) to account for hardness corrected guideline values and were presented by CDM Smith (2013).

The Environmental Goals utilise the 95% ecosystem protection values, stock watering, irrigation water or drinking water values based on the ANZG (2018) water quality guidelines (formerly ANZECC, 2000), in combination with 90<sup>th</sup> percentile pre-brine placement local environmental (groundwater/surface water) data, whichever is greater. The local guideline values incorporated into the Environmental Goals are based upon the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile pre-ash placement water quality results, as measured at surface water quality point WX22 (for surface water) or the former groundwater collection basin (for groundwater).

It is noted that, where the Environmental Goals for groundwater are based on the ANZG (2018) water quality guidelines, these guidelines are applicable to receiving waters and not to groundwater. However, they form an appropriate basis for undertaking a conservative initial screening assessment.

The Environmental Goals adopted for this assessment are presented with the surface water and groundwater data in Appendix F and Appendix G respectively.

## 5. SURFACE WATER ASSESSMENT

### 5.1 Objective

The objective of the groundwater monitoring program is to identify water quality changes at an early stage so that potential causes can be investigated and, if necessary, effects mitigated. The surface water data is compared between locations and also to the established Environmental Goals to assess changes in water quality and to assess whether the TARPs or contingency measures should be considered and/or implemented.

### 5.2 Surface Water Monitoring Locations and Frequency

A summary of the surface water monitoring site locations under the WMP is presented on Figure 5 in Table 6.

**Table 6 Surface Water Monitoring Locations**

| Site ID     | Position   | Location Description   | Frequency                             | No. of Samples |
|-------------|------------|--|---------------------------------------|----------------|
| LDP01       | Upstream   | Monitors the storm water discharge from the coal settling pond. The licenced discharge point under EPL #13007.   | Monthly during discharge <sup>1</sup> | 42             |
| LMP01       | Upstream   | Final Holding Pond Weir – this monitoring point is located north-west of the MPAR. This monitoring site is located in an upstream position relative to the Ash Repositories and is the location where flow from the headwaters of Wangcol Creek flow out from the MPPS operational area. | Quarterly                             | 38             |
| NC01        | Mid-stream | Located midstream in the monitored area of Wangcol Creek, upstream to the Ash Repositories.  | Monthly                               | 5              |
| SW_C        | Mid-stream | Located within Wangcol Creek, the monitoring location is located midstream in the monitored area of Wangcol Creek and near groundwater monitoring well D107.   | Quarterly                             | 7              |
| SW_E        | Mid-stream | Located within Wangcol Creek, downstream of former open cuts "Area D" and "Area E."  | Quarterly                             | 8              |
| WX22 / SW_F | Downstream | Located in Wangcol Creek at a stream gauge to the east/down-stream of the Ash Repositories. Also WaterNSW monitoring point 212055.   | Monthly                               | 10             |
| SW_G        | Downstream | Located within the downstream portion of Wangcol Creek, and downstream of WX22, within a former open cut mine working.   | Quarterly                             | 7              |

*Selected field parameters monitored on a weekly basis*

*Monitoring undertaken by analytical laboratory Nalco Water – Ecolab*

It is noted that monitoring locations NC01 and WX22 were not sampled every month during the reporting period due to constraints associated with necessary measures to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic and the bushfires which occurred over summer 2019/20 and restricted access to MPPS.

### 5.3 Surface Water Monitoring Methodology

Surface water quality monitoring was undertaken by Nalco Water – Ecolab (Nalco) on behalf of EnergyAustralia. It is understood that the sampling methodology applied by Nalco was in accordance with that outlined in the WMP.

## 5.4 Surface Water Quality Dataset

Surface water samples were obtained by Nalco for either field or laboratory analysis in accordance with the following monitoring and analysis schedule as outlined within the WMP:

- electrical conductivity (EC -  $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$ , field measured);
- pH (field measured);
- Total Dissolved Solids (TDS);
- cations and anions (calcium, chloride, fluoride, potassium, sodium, sulfate);
- alkalinity (total alkalinity, bicarbonate alkalinity, phenolphthalein alkalinity);
- total and dissolved metals (aluminium, arsenic, barium, beryllium, boron, cadmium, chromium, copper, iron, lead, magnesium, manganese, mercury, molybdenum, nickel, selenium, silver, zinc) – field filtered at  $0.45\ \mu\text{m}$ ;
- non-filterable residue (NFR, turbidity, or Total Suspended Solids – TSS);
- total phosphorus; and
- nitrogen, nitrate, nitrite, total kjeldahl nitrogen (TKN).

It is noted that the trace metals in surface water samples were predominantly reported as unfiltered results with occasional filtered results. Results are presented in Appendix F.

Data Quality Assurance and Quality Control (QA/QC) checks for compliance are performed by EnergyAustralia prior to the publishing of the surface water data on a monthly basis online.

Evidence of the collection of field QC samples (i.e. rinsate, trip blanks or trip spikes) during the field based programs was not provided. Results of laboratory QC measures including laboratory duplicate, triplicate, internal duplicates, method blanks or spike data were also not presented for review during compilation of this AEMR.

## 5.5 Surface Water Results

The surface water analytical results obtained for the reporting period are presented alongside the Environmental Goals for surface water in Appendix F and Figure 7. Surface water field and analytical results obtained from surface water monitoring locations for the reporting period are presented in Appendix F, and summarised in Figure 7. Trend graphs for selected analytes (chloride, manganese, nickel, sulfate and TDS), considered to be indicators of potential changing conditions resulting from the Project, are provided in Appendix I.

### 5.5.1 Upstream Monitoring Results

Locations LMP01 and LDP01 are considered to be present upstream conditions relative to the MPAR in the monitored area of Wangcol Creek. It is noted that LDP01 is the licenced discharge point for the MPPS, specifically the coal stockpile area, during high storm water flow events. LDP01 is located at the discharge point of the coal settling pond, which discharges into the final holding pond; therefore, the data obtained from LDP01 is not representative of typical instream conditions.

LMP01 is a sampling location from downstream of the final holding pond weir. The final holding pond holds storm water from the clean water diversions from around the MPPS, and can be closed in the event of an environmental incident to limit the likelihood of adverse impacts to the downstream surface water environment.

LDP01 and LMP01 are located upstream of the MPAR and water quality at these locations is not considered to be influenced by activities at the Ash Repositories. However, other aspects of the Project are located within the catchment upstream of these sampling locations (e.g. brine transfer pipelines and brine waste holding ponds).

During the reporting period, discharge from LDP01 was estimated to be approximately 60 ML. Records of flow readings at LMP01 during the reporting period are provided in Appendix B.

The surface water field and analytical results obtained from sample points LMP01 and LDP01 for the reporting period are presented in Appendix F, and summarised in Figure 7 and Section 5.6.

A brief discussion of results is presented in the following subsections.

### 5.5.1.1 Field Parameters

Field parameters monitored at LMP01 and LDP01 for the reporting period are summarised as follows:

- pH values (field measured) of surface water samples from LMP01 were 6.78 to 8.86, while laboratory measured values were slightly higher, ranging from 7.4 to 9.1. At LDP01 laboratory measured pH values were 6.5 to 9.7; field measurements were not provided for LDP01. Field-based pH measurements are considered to have a greater reliability and accuracy than lab-based pH measurements of field samples. pH values for samples from LDP01 and LMP01 were outside of the range (more alkaline) of the Environmental Goal in September, October, November, December, January, February and March.
- Field EC values obtained from LMP01 were 363  $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$  to 1960  $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$  and were generally consistent with laboratory determined results of 250  $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$  to 1200  $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$ . Laboratory EC values from LDP01 were 190  $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$  to 1300  $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$ ; field measurements were not provided for LDP01. The reported EC values were generally consistent with TDS concentrations (measured monthly until 31 October 2019 before changing to weekly) at LDP01, which were 130 mg/L to 810 mg/L. The TDS values at LMP01 were 14 mg/L to 554 mg/L, which were lower than expected from the field/laboratory EC values. All field/laboratory EC and TDS values were below the Environmental Goals for surface water (2,200  $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$  and 1,500 mg/L respectively).

Trend graphs for LMP01 and LDP01 show fluctuations of TDS over time, however the TDS concentrations appear steady and generally within the historical range. LDP01 reported a spike in TDS on 17 February 2020 which is likely attributable to both:

- a leak which formed in a brine pipeline at MPPS which occurred in February 2020 and resulted in materially less than 433 litres of brine being released to a drain which lead to the final holding pond in Wangcol Creek. While short-term increased concentrations of key parameters associated with the event were identified in surface water at the FHP and at LMP01, this event is unlikely to have resulted in any material environmental harm to Wangcol Creek; and
- a leak in a brine pipeline, which forms part of the SWTP and is separately operated by a third party, which is understood by EnergyAustralia to have occurred at around the same time.

It is understood that both events were notified to the EPA and subsequently rectified. Concentrations have since returned to the typical range.

### 5.5.1.2 Major and Minor Ions

Throughout the reporting period, reported concentrations of major ions for which there are Environmental Goals (chloride, fluoride, and sulfate) at LMP01 and LDP01 were below the relevant Environmental Goals for surface water.

Trend graphs for LMP01 and LDP01 show fluctuations of sulfate and chloride over time however the concentrations appear steady and generally within the historical range. High sulfate and chloride results relative to the historical dataset have been reported intermittently since July 2019, however the concentrations have returned to the more typical range. The spike in concentrations may be attributed to the brine leak events which have been notified to the EPA and rectified.

### 5.5.1.3 Metals

Throughout the reporting period, chromium, copper, iron, lead and molybdenum were identified on one or more occasions at concentrations above the relevant Environmental Goals for surface water at LMP01 and LDP01 as presented in Appendix F, and summarised in Figure 7 and Table 9.

Silver concentrations were reported below the limit of reporting (of <1 µg/L) for the entire monitoring period at both LMP01 and LDP01; however, the limit of reporting exceeds the Environmental Goal for surface water of 0.05 µg/L. Based on the results of previous monitoring, including concentrations of silver in brine and groundwater, silver is not considered to represent a constituent of concern for monitoring in accordance with the WMP.

Trend graphs for LMP01 and LDP01 show fluctuations of boron, manganese and nickel over time however the concentrations appear steady and generally within the historical range. Spikes have been reported intermittently at the upstream monitoring locations since the end of 2015 (and 2011 for nickel) however the results typically return to near to or below laboratory detection limits.

### 5.5.2 Midstream Monitoring Results

Locations NC01, SW\_C and SW\_E are considered to represent midstream conditions relative to the MPAR in the monitored area of Wangcol Creek.

Locations NC01 and SW\_C are located north of the MPAR along an area of Wangcol Creek that is not known to have been subject to open cut mining operations. SW\_E is located further downstream of NC01 and SW\_C, to the east of the MPAR and immediately downstream from an area of Wangcol Creek that was historically subject to open cut mining activities.

The surface water field and analytical results obtained from sample points NC01, SW\_C and SW\_E, for the reporting period are presented in Appendix F, and summarised in Figure 7 and Section 5.6.

A brief discussion of results is presented in the following subsections.

#### 5.5.2.1 Field Parameters

Field parameters monitored at NC01, SW\_C and SW\_E for the reporting period are summarised as follows:

- pH (field) values were 6.7 to 7.6 with no results reported outside of the Environmental Goal range for surface water.
- Field EC values reported at SW\_C and SW\_E ranged from 290 µS/cm to 11,800 µS/cm, and field EC values were generally consistent with laboratory determined TDS results. No electrical conductivity results were recorded at monitoring point NC01 during the reporting period. SW\_E reported exceedances of the EC and TDS Environmental Goals for surface water during October, November, and January of the reporting period.

Trend graphs show TDS at NC01 and SW\_C has remained low and stable. TDS at SW\_E increased markedly from June 2019 to January 2020. March 2020 data indicates a return towards the historical range, though still above the Environmental Goal for surface water. No data has been provided for April to June in the reporting period due to constraints associated with necessary measures to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.

#### 5.5.2.2 Major and Minor Ions

Throughout the reporting period, major and minor ions including chloride, fluoride, and sulfate were reported at NC01, SW\_C and SW\_E at concentrations that were typically below the Environmental Goal for surface water.

Concentrations of major and minor ions were generally stable at NC01 and SW\_C throughout the reporting period. Consistent with increased TDS and EC values, concentrations of chloride and sulfate in surface water from SW\_E reported were higher during October, November and January

(noting no samples were analysed during December) compared to previous results from the reporting period.

- Fluoride was reported above the Environmental Goal for surface water at NC01 during September.

Sulfate was reported above the Environmental Goal for surface water at SW\_E during November and January.

Chloride was reported above the Environmental Goal for surface water at SW\_E during January.

Trend graphs for chloride and sulfate are consistent with TDS, and show chloride and sulfate concentrations at NC01 and SW\_C have remained low and stable. Concentrations of chloride and sulfate at SW\_E increased from June 2019 to January 2020. March 2020 data indicates a return towards the historical range, and below the Environmental Goal for surface water. No data has been provided for April to June in the reporting period due to constraints associated with necessary measures to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.

### 5.5.2.3 Metals

Throughout the reporting period boron, chromium, iron, manganese and nickel were identified on one or more occasions at concentrations above the relevant Environmental Goals for surface water at NC01, SW\_C and SW\_E as presented in Appendix F, and summarised in Figure 7 and Table 9. Consistent with major ion concentrations and TDS and EC values, SW\_E accounts for the majority of exceedances from the midstream monitoring locations.

Trend graphs for boron, manganese and nickel are consistent with TDS, and show concentrations of these selected metals at NC01 and SW\_C have remained low and stable. Boron, manganese and nickel at SW\_E increased markedly from June 2019 to January 2020 with concentrations during this period all exceeding the Environmental Goals for surface water. March 2020 data indicates a return towards the historical range, with boron and manganese below the Environmental Goal for surface water. No data has been provided for April to June in the reporting period due to constraints associated with necessary measures to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.

### 5.5.3 Downstream Monitoring Results

Locations WX22 (SW\_F) and SW\_G are considered to be present downstream conditions relative to the MPAR in the monitored area of Wangcol Creek.

Both WX22 and SW\_G are located east of the MPAR along an area of Wangcol Creek that is downstream of and, in the case of SW\_G has been subject to, open cut mining operations.

The surface water field and analytical results obtained from sample points WX22 (SW\_F) and SW\_G for the reporting period are presented in Appendix F, and summarised in Figure 7 and Section 5.6.

A brief discussion of results is presented in the following subsections.

#### 5.5.3.1 Field Parameters

Field parameters monitored at WX22 and SW\_G for the reporting period are summarised as follows:

- Field pH values ranged from 6.5 to 7.5, within the Environmental Goal pH range for surface water.
- Field measured EC values ranged from 528  $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$  to 3040  $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$ . Field EC values were generally consistent with laboratory determined TDS values. EC and TDS were reported above the Environmental Goal for surface water at both locations during November and January.

Trend graphs for WX22 and SW\_G show TDS has fluctuated over time. Concentrations of TDS typically increase during summer months, with TDS exceeding the Environmental Goal for surface water at WX22 during February 2014, February 2018 and January 2020. The spike in TDS concentrations during the summer months is becoming progressively higher, however these results

are inherently tied to rain fall events. The trends at SW\_G are similar to that described for WX22 however monitoring data at SW\_G has only been collected since May 2018. TDS typically returns to concentrations below the Environmental Goal for surface water at the end of each summer period.

### 5.5.3.2 Major and Minor Ions

Throughout the reporting period, concentrations of cations and anions including chloride, fluoride, and sulfate were reported at WX22 and SW\_G at concentrations that were below the relevant Environmental Goals with the exception of sulfate at WX22 during November and January.

Trend graphs for WX22 and SW\_G show chloride and sulfate concentrations have fluctuated over time and are consistent with TDS trends. Concentrations of chloride and sulfate typically increase during summer months. As per TDS observations, the summer spike in chloride and sulfate concentrations during the summer months is becoming progressively higher. Sulfate concentrations spikes have exceeded the Environmental Goal for surface water at WX22 during February 2014, February 2018 and January 2020, returning to below the Environmental Goal for surface water at the end of each summer period. Chloride has remained below the Environmental Goal for surface water throughout the historical dataset.

### 5.5.3.3 Metals

Throughout the reporting period boron, iron, manganese, mercury, nickel and zinc were identified on one or more occasions at concentrations above the Environmental Goal for surface water at WX22 or SW\_G as presented in Appendix F, and summarised in Figure 7 and Section 5.6. WX22 accounts for the majority of exceedances from the downstream monitoring locations and the maximum concentrations at WX22 were typically higher than at SW\_G.

Trend graphs for WX22 and SW\_G show boron, manganese and nickel concentrations have fluctuated over time and are consistent with TDS trends. Concentrations of these selected metals typically increase during summer months, with boron and manganese concentrations reported to exceed the Environmental Goal for surface water during January and February before returning to below the Environmental Goal for surface water during March and June. Concentrations of nickel exceed the Environmental Goal for surface water during all monitoring events samples, though concentrations do increase during the summer period.

## 5.6 Summary

Copper, iron, lead, molybdenum and pH results were reported to exceed the relevant Environmental Goals for surface water at upstream monitoring locations (LDP01 and LMP01). The concentrations of analytes reported during the period January to March, including the exceedances for chromium, lead and molybdenum are considered likely to have been influenced by the reported brine leak events noted at Section 5.5.1.1 above. This is unlikely to have caused material environmental harm to Wangcol Creek, and the cause of the incident has been rectified.

Results from midstream monitoring locations NC01 and SW\_C were typically below the Environmental Goals for surface water, with concentrations of target analytes typically reported within a similar range to the upstream monitoring locations. Concentrations of copper, lead and molybdenum were typically lower than in the upstream locations. A change in surface water quality was apparent based on the results reported at the midstream monitoring location SW\_E, at the downstream extent of the area of historical open cut mining disturbance. Based on results from the independent assessment, this is considered likely to be associated with the former open cut pits within Wangcol Creek intersecting groundwater.

SW\_E reported results above the Environmental Goals for surface water for analytes including EC, TDS, sulfate, chloride and metals (boron, chromium, copper, iron, manganese and nickel) from October through March of the reporting period. The seasonal period from Spring through to late Summer is typically the time of lowest rainfall in the region. The lower rainfall period, with higher rates of evaporation, results in a greater relative contribution of groundwater inputs to the surface water system, and the connectivity of SW\_E with groundwater due to open cut mining has resulted in the elevated results reported compared to surface water monitoring locations further upstream. The trend graphs for SW\_E (Appendix I) indicate a sharp increase in concentrations of analytes including boron, chloride, manganese, nickel, sulfate and TDS from October through to January or February. For all analytes except nickel, concentrations subsequently declined to below the relevant Environmental Goals in March. The reported concentrations of metals over the Spring and Summer period in the mid-stream monitoring locations were higher than reported in previous years; however concentrations from March were typically similar to those in previous years.

At the downstream monitoring locations (WX22 and SW\_G), concentrations of EC, TDS, sulfate, boron, iron, manganese, mercury, and zinc in surface water exceeded the relevant Environmental Goals at times over the monitoring period; typically between October and January. Nickel concentrations exceeded the Environmental Goal throughout the reporting period. Trend graphs (Appendix I) indicate an increasing trend for increase in concentrations of analytes including boron, chloride, manganese, nickel, sulfate and TDS at WX22 from October to January, before declining towards the end of the reporting period. Concentrations at SW\_G were typically lower than at WX22, and analyte concentrations at WX22 were consistently lower than at SW\_E, located further upstream. The elevated concentrations of parameters in surface water at downstream monitoring locations are considered to be related to groundwater inputs to Wangcol Creek, particularly during the summer period.

Overall the interaction of groundwater with surface water of Wangcol Creek in midstream and downstream locations, particularly downstream of former open cut areas, is considered to have contributed to the exceedances in Environmental Goals. Groundwater discharge to Wangcol Creek is currently subject to review and management as part of the independent assessment. Mitigation measures that form part of the Mt Piper Groundwater Interception Project are currently being planned for implementation in 2021.



## 6. GROUNDWATER

### 6.1 Objective

The objective of the groundwater monitoring program is to identify water quality changes at an early stage so that potential causes can be investigated and, if necessary, effects mitigated. The groundwater data is compared between locations, to historical data, and also to the established Environmental Goals to assess changes in water quality and the extent to which impacts may be related to activities associate with the Project.

### 6.2 Groundwater Monitoring Locations and Frequency

A summary of the groundwater monitoring locations is presented in Table 7 and Figure 5. The number of groundwater wells monitored by EnergyAustralia increased during the monitoring period as a result of the independent assessment. These additional locations (D100 series) were included in the updated WMP, and results are reported here.

**Table 7 Groundwater Monitoring Network**

| Bore ID   | Location Description  | Screened Material <sup>1</sup> | Frequency | No. of Samples |
|---|---|--------------------------------|-----------|----------------|
| <b>Brine waste pond leak detection bores</b>                      |   |                                |           |                |
| MPGM5/D5  | Adjacent (downgradient) Brine Waste Pond A                            | Not known                      | Quarterly | 9              |
| MPGM5/D6  | Adjacent (downgradient) Brine Waste Pond B                            | Not known                      | Quarterly | 8              |
| <b>Within MPAR / mine disturbance area east of MPAR</b>           |   |                                |           |                |
| B5  | Within the MPAR   | Fill                           | Quarterly | 2              |
| SW3-D   | Within the southeast portion of the MPAR                              | Fill – clay/silty clay         | Quarterly | 1              |
| MPGM4/D23   | Adjacent (south) of the MPAR  | Sandstone                      | Quarterly | 0              |
| MPGM4/D10   | East (downgradient) of the MPAR, and adjacent to LN Pond 2.           | Fill / mine spoil              | Quarterly | 9              |
| MPGM4/D11   | Within the eastern extent of the MPAR.                                | Fill beneath the ash           | Quarterly | 10             |
| MPGM4/D19   | East (downgradient) of the Ash Repositories                           | Fill / mine spoil              | Quarterly | 11             |
| D113  | East (downgradient) of the Ash Repositories. Nested (deeper) with D19 | Siltstone                      | Quarterly | 9              |
| <b>Within mine disturbance area – south and southeast of MPAR</b> |   |                                |           |                |
| MPGM4/D15   | South of the Ash Repositories.  | Sandstone and/or shale         | Quarterly | 11             |
| MPGM4/D16   | South of the Ash Repositories.  | Sandstone and/or shale         | Quarterly | 11             |
| MPGM4/D17   | South of the Ash Repositories.  | Sandstone and/or shale         | Quarterly | 8              |
| MPGM4/D18   | South of the Ash Repositories.  | Sandstone and/or shale         | Quarterly | 9              |
| <b>Adjacent MPAR – downgradient</b>                               |   |                                |           |                |

| Bore ID                             | Location Description   | Screened Material <sup>1</sup>   | Frequency | No. of Samples |
|-------------------------------------|--|----------------------------------|-----------|----------------|
| MPGM4/D1                            | Northeast (downgradient) of the MPAR.  | Mudstone, sandstone and coal     | Quarterly | 11             |
| MPGM4/D9                            | Northeast (downgradient) of the MPAR and adjacent to Wangcol Creek                           | Alluvial deposits                | Quarterly | 11             |
| D102                                | Northeast (downgradient) of the MPAR and adjacent to Wangcol Creek. Nested (deeper) with D9. | Siltstone                        | Quarterly | 9              |
| D105                                | East (downgradient) of the MPAR and adjacent Wangcol Creek.                                  | Coal                             | Quarterly | 9              |
| MPGM4/D8                            | East (downgradient) of the MPAR and adjacent to the northern side of Wangcol Creek.          | Alluvial deposits                | Quarterly | 11             |
| D104                                | East (downgradient) of the MPAR and adjacent Wangcol Creek.                                  | Sandstone                        | Quarterly | 9              |
| D103                                | East (downgradient) of the MPAR and adjacent Wangcol Creek.                                  | Coal and/or siltstone            | Quarterly | 9              |
| MPGM4/D2                            | East (downgradient) of the MPAR and adjacent Wangcol Creek.                                  | Not known                        | Quarterly | 10             |
| <b>Background and Adjacent MPAR</b> |  |                                  |           |                |
| MPGM4/D4                            | Background groundwater monitoring location, northwest (upgradient) of the MPAR.              | Fill                             | Quarterly | 11             |
| MPGM4/D5                            | Background groundwater monitoring location, northwest (upgradient) of the MPAR.              | Mudstone/ Sandstone and coal     | Quarterly | 9              |
| MPGM4/D3                            | Background groundwater monitoring location, north (cross gradient) of the MPAR.              | Sandstone and/or siltstone       | Quarterly | 11             |
| D107                                | North (cross gradient) of MPAR and adjacent Wangcol creek .                                  | Siltstone and/or shale           | Quarterly | 9              |
| D106                                | North (cross gradient) of MPAR and adjacent Wangcol creek.                                   | Weathered sandstone and/or Shale | Quarterly | 9              |

Variation between the number of times each location was sampled was due to constraints associated with necessary measures to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic and the bushfires which occurred over summer 2019/20 and restricted access to the MPPS.

### 6.3 Groundwater Monitoring Methodology

Groundwater quality monitoring was undertaken by Nalco on behalf of EnergyAustralia. It is understood that the sampling methodology applied by Nalco was in accordance with that outlined in the WMP.

### 6.4 Groundwater Quality Dataset

Nalco collected groundwater samples from the 26 groundwater monitoring bores throughout the reporting period. Samples were obtained for field and laboratory analysis in accordance with the following monitoring and analysis schedule:

- depth to water (to m AHD - prior to purging);

- EC ( $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$ , field measured);
- pH (field measured);
- TDS;
- cations and anions (calcium, chloride, fluoride, potassium, sodium, sulfate);
- alkalinity (total alkalinity, bicarbonate alkalinity, phenolphthalein alkalinity); and
- total and dissolved metals (aluminium, arsenic, barium, beryllium, boron, cadmium, chromium, copper, iron, lead, magnesium, manganese, mercury, molybdenum, nickel, selenium, silver, zinc)  
– field filtered at 0.45  $\mu\text{m}$ .

The trace metals in groundwater samples were reported as unfiltered samples, except for iron, manganese and vanadium.

Evidence of the collection of field QC samples (i.e. rinsate, trip blanks or trip spikes) during the field based programs was not provided. Results of laboratory QC measures including laboratory duplicate, triplicate, internal duplicates, method blanks or spike data were also not presented for review during compilation of this AEMR.

## 6.5 Groundwater Results

For the purpose of this discussion, the groundwater data review has considered the groundwater monitoring locations in five monitoring zones:

- Brine waste pond leak detection bores (MPGM5/D5, MPGM5/D6);
- Bores within MPAR / mine disturbance area east of MPAR (B5, SW3-D, MPGM4/D23, MPGM4/D10, MPGM4/D11, MPGM4/D19, D113);
- Bores within mine disturbance area – south and southeast of MPAR (MPGM4/D15, MPGM4/D16, MPGM4/D17, MPGM4/D18);
- Bores adjacent to MPAR – downgradient (MPGM4/D1, MPGM4/D9, D102, D105, MPGM4/D8, D104, D103, MPGM4/D2); and
- Background bores (MPGM4/D4, MPGM4/D5) and bores adjacent to MPAR – to the north (MPGM4/D3, D107, D106).

Trend graphs for selected analytes (chloride, manganese, nickel, sulfate and TDS) that are considered to be indicators of potential changing conditions resulting from Project activities are provided in Appendix J.

### 6.5.1 Groundwater elevations and inferred flow direction

Hydrographs for each bore have been segregated to present graphs for bores in each monitoring zone described above (Appendix H). The hydrographs show that water levels within each bore generally declined slightly during the first half of the monitoring period, with a recovery of groundwater levels associated with high rainfall events from January onwards through the reporting period. A notable outlier to the relatively stable groundwater elevations reported is Bore D18 which reported fluctuating groundwater levels throughout the monitoring period, with a correlation to rainfall events; these observations are considered to indicate that the construction of this bore may be compromised.

Groundwater elevation contours indicate that regional groundwater flow beneath the MPAR is generally toward the east. The inferred groundwater flow directions have remained relatively consistent throughout the monitoring period, as indicated in the seasonal groundwater flow contours presented in Figures 6a to Figure 6d. Table 8 provides a range of seasonal groundwater elevation data for discrete monitoring zones in relation to the MPAR.

**Table 8 Seasonal Groundwater Elevation data**

| Monitoring Period | Within MPAP/ Mine Disturbance Area east of MPAR (mAHD) | Within Mine Disturbance Area south and southeast of MPAR (mAHD) | Background and Adjacent MPAR (mAHD) | Adjacent to MPAR and Downgradient (mAHD) |
|-------------------|--|---|-------------------------------------|--|
| Winter 2019       | 905.93 - 910.14  | 908.75 - 914.50   | 909.70 - 917.84                     | 903.5 - 909.70                           |
| Spring 2019       | 907.82 – 910.33  | 908.35 – 914.30   | 909.60 - 917.84                     | 903.30 - 909.30                          |
| Summer 2020       | 907.02 – 909.83  | 907.35 – 914.20   | 909.0 <sup>1</sup> - 917.54         | 902.80 – 908.8                           |
| Autumn 2020       | 907.72 – 909.84  | 908.25 – 914.3  | 909.0 <sup>2</sup> - 918.24         | 903.4 - 909.4                            |

*1 Data is approximate and extrapolated from contours presented on Figure 6c*

*2 Data is approximate and extrapolated from contours presented on Figure 6d*

### 6.5.2 Groundwater Quality within MPAR and the Mine Disturbance Area east of MPAR

Data obtained from groundwater bores situated within the MPAR or in the mine disturbance area immediately to the east are summarised below and compared to the Environmental Goals for groundwater. It is noted that bores SW3-D, B5 and D23 are located within this area but due to either access reasons or the bores being dry, only a limited suite of is available for this reporting period. The full set of groundwater monitoring data is presented in Appendix G, and summarised in Figure 8a. Trend graphs showing concentrations vs time for key analytes are provided in Appendix J.

#### 6.5.2.1 Field Parameters

- pH values of groundwater in this area were slightly acidic, ranging from 5.46 to 6.3 throughout the reporting period. pH values remained generally stable, however, were consistently lower than the Environmental Goal range for groundwater of 6.5 to 8.0.
- EC values obtained from field measurements were 916 µS/cm to 45,200 µS/cm with TDS reported at 1,160 mg/L to 9,550 mg/L. Both EC and TDS in this area were consistently above the Environmental Goals for groundwater during the reporting period, with the exception of TDS and EC at D19 during August and EC at SW3-D in November.

Trend graphs for bores within this area show concentrations of TDS in groundwater have fluctuated over time, with a general increase in concentrations to above the Environmental Goal for groundwater since approximately 2010. The TDS concentrations in groundwater within this area no longer appear to be increasing, although they remain above the Environmental Goal for groundwater.

#### 6.5.2.2 Major and Minor Ions

Throughout the reporting period, major and minor ions, including chloride, fluoride, and sulfate were analysed in groundwater from D10, D11, D113 and D19. Sulfate concentrations generally exceeded the Environmental Goal for groundwater throughout the reporting period across these four bores. Chloride concentrations were above the Environmental Goal for groundwater consistently at bore D11, and intermittently at bores D10, D19 and D113 during the reporting period.

Trend graphs for bores within this area show chloride and sulfate concentrations have fluctuated over time. Consistent with TDS trends, chloride and sulfate concentrations have increased in concentrations since approximately 2010 and no longer appear to be increasing, although they typically remain above the Environmental Goals for groundwater.

### 6.5.2.3 Metals

Throughout the reporting period arsenic, boron, cadmium, chromium, copper, iron, lead, manganese, mercury, nickel, selenium, were identified on one or more occasions at concentrations above the Environmental Goal for groundwater from bores D10, D11, D19 and D113. These results are presented in Appendix G, and summarised in Figure 8a. Bores D10 and D11 account for the majority of exceedances.

Trend graphs for bores within this area show boron, manganese and nickel concentrations have fluctuated over time. These selected metals have been reported above the Environmental Goals for groundwater since before 2010, and concentrations remain above the Environmental Goals on a consistent basis. However, concentrations of boron, manganese and nickel appear stable at all locations, and have decreased at bores D10 and D19.

### 6.5.3 Groundwater Quality within Mine Disturbance Area South and Southeast of MPAR

Data obtained from groundwater bores that are considered to be situated within the Mt Piper Ash Repository and mine spoil general area are summarised below and compared to the groundwater Environmental Goals. Bores in this area include D15 to D18 and are located south to south east of the Mt Piper Ash Repository. The full set of groundwater monitoring data is presented in Appendix G, and summarised in Figure 8b. Trend graphs are provided in Appendix J.

#### 6.5.3.1 Field Parameters

- pH values in this area were 4.92 to 7.0, remaining generally stable, however, consistently lower than the Environmental Goal range for groundwater of 6.5 to 8.0 at all locations with the exception of D18 in November 2019.
- EC values obtained from field measurements were 650  $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$  to 3,680  $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$  with laboratory TDS reported at 310 mg/L to 6,010 mg/L. EC and TDS values were consistently above the Environmental Goals for groundwater at bores D15 and D17, however were below the Environmental Goals for groundwater at bores D16 and D18.

Trend graphs for bores within this area show concentrations of TDS in groundwater from bores D15 and D17 have been increasing and have been above the groundwater Environmental Goal since mid-2013. Concentrations of TDS in groundwater at D16 have been increasing since late 2017, although they remain below the Environmental Goals for groundwater. Concentrations of TDS in groundwater at D18 appear stable and remain below the Environmental Goals for groundwater.

#### 6.5.3.2 Major and Minor Ions

- Throughout the reporting period, concentrations of major and minor ions including chloride, fluoride and sulfate were reported for groundwater from bores D15 to D18. Concentrations were generally higher at bore D15 relative to the other locations in this area. Sulfate was reported above the Environmental Goal for groundwater at bores D15 and D17, chloride was reported at bore D15 above the Environmental Goal on one occasion, in August 2019. Fluoride was reported to exceed the Environmental Goal for groundwater at D18 during June 2020.

Trend graphs for bores within this area show concentrations of chloride and sulfate in groundwater are consistent with the TDS observations. Concentrations of chloride and sulfate in groundwater have been increasing at D15 and D17 since mid-2013. Sulfate concentrations at D15 have been consistently above the Environmental Goal for groundwater since monitoring began in 2012, and for D17 since mid-2014. Although concentrations of chloride and sulfate in groundwater at D16 have been increasing since late 2017, the only exceedance of the Environmental Goals for groundwater from this bore occurred for sulfate in April 2019. Concentrations of chloride and sulfate in groundwater at D18 appear stable and remain below the Environmental Goals for groundwater.

### 6.5.3.3 Metals

Throughout the reporting period arsenic, boron, cadmium, chromium, copper, iron, manganese, lead, mercury, molybdenum, nickel, zinc and selenium were identified on one or more occasions at concentrations above the Environmental Goal in groundwater from bores D15 to D18. Results are presented in Appendix G, and summarised in Figure 8b. Bore D15 accounts for the majority of exceedances in this area.

Trend graphs for bores within this area show that concentrations of boron, manganese and nickel in groundwater are different from the trends for TDS, chloride and sulfate.

Boron concentrations appear have remained relatively stable, fluctuating within a similar concentration range at each specific monitoring bore in this area. The exception is for intermittent spikes in boron concentrations at D15 through the historical dataset, including the anomalous and high result reported above the Environmental Goal for groundwater during August of the reporting period. Concentrations of boron at D15 have returned to the previous range and were below the Environmental Goal for groundwater during all other, and subsequent monitoring events in the monitoring period.

Concentrations of manganese appear relatively stable, although variable, at each location in this area. The highest manganese concentrations were reported for groundwater from D15 and D17 report. These were similar in magnitude and higher than concentrations in groundwater from D16 and D18. However, manganese concentrations at all location in this zone remained below the Environmental Goal for groundwater throughout the historical dataset and throughout the monitoring period.

Concentrations of nickel appear stable, although variable, since at least 2014. Concentrations in groundwater from bore D15 were higher than in groundwater from the other wells in this area and, at D15, have remained above the Environmental Goal since 2017, and typically above the Environmental Goal since monitoring began in 2012. Concentrations of manganese in groundwater from D16, D17 and D18 appear stable since at least 2014 and have remained below the Environmental Goal for groundwater throughout the historical dataset.

### 6.5.4 Groundwater Quality Upgradient of MPAR (background)

Data obtained from bores MPGM4/D4 and MPGM4/D5 located to the northwest and up hydraulic gradient (background) of the MPAR, are outlined below and compared to the Environmental Goals for groundwater. Bores D4 and D5 are considered to represent background groundwater conditions in the area and, based on their location up hydraulic gradient of MPAR, have not been affected by activities at MPAR. The full set of groundwater monitoring data is presented in Appendix G, and summarised in Figure 8c. Trend graphs are provided in Appendix J.

#### 6.5.4.1 Field Parameters

- pH values for groundwater from MPGM4/D4 and MPGM4/D5 ranged from 3.38 to 6.06; the pH from bore D4 has been consistently acidic, varying from 3.38 to 3.47 during the reporting period. Throughout the reporting period the reported pH was generally stable in groundwater from these bores, and consistently lower than the Environmental Goal range for groundwater of 6.5 to 8.0.
- EC values obtained from field measurements were 770  $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$  to 1270  $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$  and remained generally stable throughout the reporting period. TDS values were generally consistent with the field EC. EC and TDS values did not exceed the Environmental Goals for groundwater during the reporting period.

Trend graphs for up gradient (background) bores MPGM4/D4 and MPGM4/D5 show concentrations of TDS in groundwater have been stable and below the Environmental Goal for groundwater through the historical dataset.

#### 6.5.4.2 Major and Minor Ions

Throughout the reporting period, concentrations of major and minor ions, including chloride, fluoride, and sulfate were reported at bores MPGM4/D4 and MPGM4/D5. Concentrations were reported below the relevant Environmental Goals for groundwater at both locations throughout the reporting period.

Trend graphs for up gradient (background) bores MPGM4/D4 and MPGM4/D5 show concentrations of chloride and sulfate are consistent with TDS, and have been stable and below the Environmental Goals for groundwater throughout the historical dataset.

#### 6.5.4.3 Metals

Throughout the reporting period arsenic, iron, lead, manganese and magnesium were identified on one or more occasions at concentrations above the Environmental Goal for groundwater at Bores MPGM4/D4 and MPGM4/D5 as presented in Appendix G, and summarised in Figure 8c.

Concentrations of metals were generally higher at D4 when compared to concentrations at bore D5.

Trend graphs for up gradient (background) bores MPGM4/D4 and MPGM4/D5 show concentrations of boron, manganese and nickel are consistent with TDS, and have remained stable and below the Environmental Goal for groundwater throughout the historical dataset. The exception is for boron at MPGM4/D5 for which an anomalous and high concentration was reported in July 2013.

### 6.5.5 Groundwater Quality Adjacent to MPAR (north)

Groundwater data obtained from groundwater bores MPGM4/D3, D106 and D107 adjacent and to the north of the MPAR are summarised with reference to the Environmental Goals for groundwater below. The full set of groundwater monitoring data is presented in Appendix G, and summarised in Figure 8c. Trend graphs are provided in Appendix J.

#### 6.5.5.1 Field Parameters

- pH values in this area were 5.85 to 6.14, indicating slightly acidic groundwater conditions, and were consistently lower than the Environmental Goal range for groundwater of 6.5 to 8.0 throughout the reporting period.
- EC values obtained from field measurements ranged from 350  $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$  to 13,850  $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$  and were generally consistent with laboratory TDS values reported between 168 mg/L and 13,500 mg/L. Field EC and TDS values were consistently above the Environmental Goals for groundwater at D106 and D107, however values in groundwater from bore MPGM4/D3 remained below the Environmental Goals throughout the reporting period.

Trend graphs show the concentrations of TDS in groundwater from bore MPGM4/D3 have been stable and below the Environmental Goal for groundwater throughout the historical dataset. This is consistent with up gradient (background) bores MPGM4/D4 and MPGM4/D5.

Trend graphs for bores D107 and D106 show concentrations of TDS in groundwater have increased and have remained above the Environmental Goal since September 2018 when these bores were first sampled.

#### 6.5.5.2 Major and Minor Ions

Throughout the reporting period, concentrations of major and minor ions, including chloride, fluoride and sulfate, were reported for groundwater from MPGM4/D3, D106 and D107. Concentrations of these ions were generally higher in groundwater from bores D106 and D107 when compared to bore MPGM4/D3. Sulfate and chloride concentrations were consistently (since 2018) above the Environmental Goals for groundwater from bores D106 and D107, while concentrations at bore MPGM4/D3 remained below the Environmental Goals for groundwater. Fluoride concentrations were below the Environmental Goal for groundwater from all bores, however it is noted that the laboratory

limit of reporting was raised to above the Environmental Goal for groundwater for the sample collected in June 2020.

Consistent with TDS, trend graphs of chloride and sulfate concentrations in groundwater from bore MPGM4/D3 have been stable and below the Environmental Goals throughout the historical dataset. This is consistent with up gradient (background) bores MPGM4/D4 and MPGM4/D5.

Also consistent with TDS, trend graphs indicate that chloride and sulfate concentrations in groundwater from bores D107 and D106 have been increasing and have remained above the Environmental Goal for groundwater since September 2018 when these bores were first sampled.

### 6.5.5.3 Metals

Throughout the reporting period boron, chromium, copper, iron, manganese, mercury and nickel were identified on one or more occasions at concentrations above the Environmental Goals in groundwater from bores MPGM4/D3, D106 and D107. Results are presented in Appendix G, and summarised in Figure 8c. Similar to TDS and major and minor ions, concentrations in groundwater from bore MPGM4/D3, located further upstream were generally lower than concentrations from bores D106 and D107. Bores D106 and D107 accounted for the majority of exceedances.

Trend graphs for bores MPGM4/D3, D106 and D107 show concentrations of boron, manganese and nickel are generally consistent with TDS values. Trend graphs for bore MPGM4/D3 show concentrations of these selected metals have been stable and below the Environmental Goals for groundwater through the historical dataset. This is consistent with up gradient (background) bores MPGM4/D4 and MPGM4/D5.

Trend graphs for bore D107 and D106 show concentrations of boron, manganese and nickel in groundwater have been increasing and have been above the Environmental Goals for groundwater since September 2018 when these bores were first sampled.

### 6.5.6 Groundwater Quality Adjacent to MPAR and Downgradient

Groundwater data obtained from groundwater bores MPGM4/D1, MPGM4/D9, D102, D105, MPGM4/D8, D104, D103, MPGM4/D2 located adjacent to and down hydraulic gradient of the MPAR are summarised with reference to the Environmental Goals for groundwater below. The full set of groundwater monitoring data is presented in Appendix G, and summarised in Figure 8d. Trend graphs are provided in Appendix J.

#### 6.5.6.1 Field Parameters

- pH values in groundwater from these bores ranged from 5.15 to 6.4, indicating slightly acidic groundwater conditions throughout the reporting period. pH levels remained generally stable, however, were consistently lower than the Environmental Goal range for groundwater of 6.5 to 8.0 at all locations throughout the reporting period.
- EC values obtained from field measurements were 222  $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$  to 10,000  $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$ . The EC results were comparable to laboratory determined TDS values reported at 118 mg/L to 13,500 mg/L. Over the reporting period, EC and TDS values were consistently above the Groundwater Environmental Goals in groundwater from bores MPGM4/D1, MPGM4/D9, D102, D103 and D105, with intermittent exceedances recorded at bore MPGM4/D2. No exceedances of the EC and TDS Environmental Goals for groundwater were reported for groundwater from bores D104 and MPGM4/D8.

Trend graphs show that, in groundwater from most bores in this area, concentrations of TDS in groundwater have been increasing over time, commencing with MPGM4/D1 and MPGM4/D9 since 2011/2012. TDS concentrations in groundwater from MPGM4/D1 have consistently been reported above Environmental Goal for groundwater since 2013. TDS concentrations in groundwater from MPGM4/D9 were above or near the Environmental Goal from 2013 to early 2018. In 2018 and 2019



TDS concentrations in groundwater from this bore increased; however, over the reporting period concentrations declined from a maximum value in February 2020 although they remain above the Environmental Goal. Trend graphs for bores D102, D103 and D105 show the concentrations of TDS in groundwater from these bores have remained above the Environmental Goal for groundwater since September 2018 when these bores were first sampled. TDS concentrations in D102 and D105 increased over this period whereas concentrations in D103 fluctuated within the historic range.

Trend graphs for groundwater from bores D104 and MPGM4/D8 show fluctuating although stable TDS concentrations over time; concentrations were below the Environmental Goal throughout the historical dataset.

### 6.5.6.2 Major and Minor Ions

Throughout the reporting period, concentrations of major and minor ions, including chloride, fluoride and sulfate, were reported in groundwater from bores MPGM4/D1, MPGM4/D2, MPGM4/D8, MPGM4/D9, D102, D103, D104 and D105, with concentrations of chloride and sulfate exceeding the Environmental Goals for groundwater throughout the reporting period.

Concentrations of major and minor ions were generally lower at bores MPGM4/D8 and D104 when compared to concentrations in groundwater from bores MPGM4/D1, MPGM4/D2, MPGM4/D9, D105 and D103.

Sulfate was reported at concentrations above the Environmental Goal in groundwater from bores D102, MPGM4/D9, D103, D105 and MPGM4/D2, except during January and February at bore MPGM4/D2. No exceedances of the sulfate Environmental Goal for groundwater were reported at bores D8 and D104.

Chloride was reported at concentrations that were consistently above the Environmental Goal in groundwater from bores MPGM4/D1, D102 and MPGM4/D9. Chloride concentrations in groundwater from MPGM4/D2 and D103 were above the Environmental Goal at least once over the monitoring period, and no exceedances of the chloride Environmental Goal were reported in groundwater from bores MPGM4/D8, D104 and D105.

Trend graphs for bores within this area show concentrations of chloride and sulfate in groundwater are consistent with TDS and have been increasing over time, commencing with MPGM4/D1 and MPGM4/D9 near the beginning of 2011. Sulfate has consistently been reported at above the Environmental Goals for groundwater at MPGM4/D1 and MPGM4/D9 since early 2013, while chloride has consistently been reported at above the Environmental Goals for groundwater at MPGM4/D1 since early 2015. Like TDS, the chloride concentrations in groundwater from MPGM4/D9 have increased since early 2018, with chloride concentrations above the Environmental Goal since August 2018.

Groundwater from MPGM4/D2 has reported generally increasing, although fluctuating, chloride concentrations over time, with concentrations generally below the Environmental Goal. Similar trends are apparent in sulfate concentrations in groundwater from MPGM4/D2 although sulfate concentrations increased above the Environmental Goal in 2013 and, most recently declined below the Environmental Goal since January 2020.

Trend graphs for bore D103 show the concentration of sulfate has remained stable, above the Environmental Goal since September 2018 when the bore was first sampled. Concentrations of chloride at D103 have declined since monitoring commenced, and have been below the Environmental Goal for groundwater since October 2019.

Sulfate concentrations in groundwater from D105 appear to be stable and consistently above the Environmental Goal for groundwater. Chloride concentrations in groundwater from D105 appear to be stable and consistently below the Environmental Goal for groundwater.

Trend graphs for bores D104 and MPGM4/D8 show fluctuating although stable chloride and sulfate concentrations over time, with concentrations of these analytes consistently reported below the Environmental Goals for groundwater through the historical dataset.

### 6.5.6.3 Metals

Throughout the reporting period boron, chromium, copper, iron, lead, manganese, mercury, and nickel were identified on one or more occasions at concentrations above the relevant Environmental Goals for groundwater at the bores located downgradient of MPAR. Results are presented in Appendix G, and summarised in Figure 8d. Concentrations of metals were generally lower in groundwater from bores MPGM4/D8 and D104, with concentrations highest in groundwater from bores MPGM4/D1, MPGM4/D9, D102, D103 and D105.

### 6.5.7 Groundwater Quality Adjacent to Brine Waste Holding Ponds

Groundwater from groundwater bores MPGM5/D5 and MPGM5/D6, adjacent to the Brine Waste Holding Ponds (to the west and upgradient of the MPAR) are summarised with reference to the Environmental Goals for groundwater below. These bores were constructed for the purpose of leak detection from the Brine Waste Holding Ponds. The full set of groundwater monitoring data is presented in Appendix G, and summarised in Figure 8e. Trend graphs are provided in Appendix J.

#### 6.5.7.1 Field Parameters

- pH values in this area were 5.54 to 5.98, indicating slightly acidic groundwater conditions throughout the reporting period. pH values were consistently below the Environmental Goal range for groundwater of 6.5 – 8.0 in groundwater from both MPGM5/D5 and MPGM5/D6 throughout the reporting period.
- EC values obtained from field measurements at MPGM5/D5 were 13,120  $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$  to 62,300  $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$ , and this was consistent with laboratory TDS values reported at 12,300 mg/L to 81,700 mg/L. EC values obtained from field measurements at MPGM5/D6 were 1,320  $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$  to 11,940  $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$ , also consistent with laboratory TDS values reported at 850 mg/L to 10,500. EC and TDS values consistently exceeded the Environmental Goals for groundwater at bore MPGM5/D5 while exceedances of EC and TDS at MPGM5/D6 were reported in October 2019 and November 2019 only. Concentrations in MPGM5/D6 declined from October 2019 to March 2020 to values below the Environmental Goals.

#### 6.5.7.2 Major and Minor Ions

Throughout the reporting period, concentrations of major and minor ions, including chloride, fluoride and sulfate were reported at bores MPGM5/D5 and MPGM5/D6. Typically concentrations were higher in groundwater from bore MPGM5/D5, and concentrations in MPGM5/D6 declined from October 2019 to March 2020.

Fluoride concentrations were reported below the laboratory limit of reporting at both locations; however, the LOR was raised at MPGM5/D5 above the Environmental Goal for groundwater during September and January to March.

Sulfate concentrations were above the Environmental Goal for groundwater at MPGM5/D5 consistently during the reporting period, and at MPGM5/D6 in October and November 2019.

Chloride concentrations were above the Environmental Goal for groundwater at MPGM5/D5 consistently during the reporting period, and at MPGM5/D6 in October.

#### 6.5.7.3 Metals

Throughout the reporting period arsenic, boron, cadmium, chromium, copper, iron, lead, manganese, mercury, nickel, selenium and zinc were identified on one or more occasions at concentrations above the relevant Environmental Goals for groundwater at bores MPGM5/D5 and MPGM5/D6. Results are presented in Appendix G, and summarised in Figure 8e. Bore MPGM5/D5 accounts for the majority of exceedances from the leak detection bores, with concentrations generally higher from this location.

## 6.6 Summary

### 6.6.1 Background bores – Up gradient Water Quality

Acidic groundwater and concentrations of metals including arsenic, iron, lead and manganese that exceeded the Environmental Goals were identified in groundwater from background bores MPGM4/D4 and MPGM4/D5. As these bores are located in up hydraulic gradient, and away from, the MPAR the conditions reported are not considered to be related to the Project activities. The area surrounding the MPAR has been highly disturbed by historical mining activities, and the low pH in this area has been reported as resulting from oxidation of iron sulfide (Connell Wagner, 2007); the elevated metals are likely associated with this oxidation and acidification mobilising metals into groundwater. Trend graphs presented in Appendix J for key analytes in groundwater including TDS, chloride, sulfate, boron, manganese and nickel show that the concentrations of these analytes have remained relatively stable in this area over the monitoring period of Jan 2010 to June 2020, consistent with them representing background conditions.

### 6.6.2 Groundwater Quality within MPAR and the Mine Disturbance Area east of MPAR

Elevated EC and TDS values as well as concentrations of chloride and sulfate, and metals including arsenic, boron, cadmium, chromium, copper, lead, nickel, manganese, iron and zinc were identified at concentrations at or above the Environmental Goals in groundwater from bores within the MPAR, and in downgradient areas to the east. pH values in groundwater both within and downgradient of the MPAR were typically below the Environmental Goal for groundwater. The lower pH values are considered to be consistent with background conditions in the area and may result from historical mine disturbance and / or be related to the regional groundwater quality. On this basis, the pH of groundwater will continue to be monitored but is not discussed further.

Concentrations of arsenic, iron, lead and manganese in groundwater from the bores at and downgradient of the MPAR were a similar order of magnitude to those in groundwater from the background monitoring wells (MPGM4/D4 and MPGM4/D5). These concentrations are considered to be related to background groundwater conditions. Iron concentrations were significantly lower in groundwater from bores D19 and D113 compared to background concentrations in groundwater from bores MPGM4/D4 and MPGM4/D5.

The reported TDS, EC, sulfate, chloride, boron, cadmium, chromium, nickel and zinc concentrations in groundwater from bores in this area are considered elevated relative to upgradient locations and also to locations to the south and southeast of the MPAR. Connell Wagner (2007) reported elevated levels of sulfate, boron, nickel, zinc, manganese and iron previously in this area based on pre-placement ash data from bore B904 (operational between 1997 and 2000), which may have been influenced by goaf underground mine workings to the south of this area. However, concentrations of sulfate, chloride, boron, nickel and zinc and potentially cadmium, chromium, and lead indicate a different composition relative to the background bores and pre-placement groundwater data from historical bore B904 (from Aurecon 2017).

In consideration of the brine composition (refer to Appendix D), which also contains elevated concentrations of these constituents, groundwater in this area has been influenced by leaching of BCA higher in the MPAR into the underlying water table. The leaching of constituents from the BCA placement area to the underlying groundwater is currently subject to review and management as part of the independent assessment.

### 6.6.3 Groundwater Quality within Mine Disturbance Area South and Southeast of MPAR

Concentrations of analytes including sulfate, chloride and metals were typically lower in groundwater from D18 than in the surrounding bores in this area; they were also lower than when compared to background concentrations in groundwater from bores MPGM4/D4 and MPGM4/D5. Based on this

information, the integrity of bore D18 may have been compromised, allowing fresh water to enter the borehole from the surface or may be directly connected through mine void or fill to surface water. Groundwater elevations in bore D18 are also more variable than in nearby bores, with more rapid responses to rainfall. Based on this information, water quality in bore D18 is not considered to represent groundwater quality in the area.

Elevated concentrations of iron were consistent in groundwater from bores within this area, and were comparable to those reported in background bores MPGM4/D4 and MPGM4/D5. These iron concentrations, which exceeded the Environmental Goal, are considered to be consistent with background groundwater conditions.

EC, TDS and sulfate concentrations were higher in groundwater from bores D15 and D17 than in the background bores MPGM4/D4 and MPGM4/D5, and exceeded the Environmental Goals for groundwater. Concentrations of nickel and zinc consistently exceeded the Environmental Goals; concentrations of chloride, arsenic, boron, cadmium, chromium, copper, lead, and mercury periodically exceeded the Environmental Goals in groundwater from bore D15 only.

The reported arsenic concentrations in groundwater from D15 are similar to those in groundwater from background bores MPGM4/D4 and MPGM4/D5 and likely are consistent with background conditions. However, TDS, EC, chloride, boron, cadmium, chromium, copper, nickel and zinc concentrations in groundwater from bore D15, and sulfate from both D15 and D17, are considered elevated relative to background groundwater conditions.

Concentrations of target analytes in bore D16 are below the Environmental Goals for groundwater; however trend graphs presented in Appendix J indicate a gradual increases in concentrations of sulfate, chloride and TDS in groundwater from bore D16 since early 2018.

Concentrations of target analytes in groundwater from bore D15 that exceed Environmental Goals are considered to be influenced by activities at the MPAR. Bore D15 appears to be located cross gradient, rather than directly down hydraulic gradient of the MPAR; however, the presence of preferential flow paths associated with former mine workings, and other water management activities are likely to be factors in the apparent distribution of the analytes in groundwater. The leaching of constituents from the BCA placement area to the underlying and adjacent groundwater is currently subject to review and management as part of the independent assessment.

#### **6.6.4 Groundwater Quality Adjacent to MPAR (north)**

Groundwater quality at bore D3, which is the furthest up hydraulic gradient of the bores adjacent to MPAR is similar to the background groundwater conditions identified at bores background bores MPGM4/D4 and MPGM4/D5. Iron concentrations were within an order of magnitude of concentrations in the background bores, and the low pH, although slightly higher than in groundwater from the background bores is also comparable.

Concentrations of EC, TDS, chloride, sulfate, boron, iron, manganese and nickel that exceeded the Environmental Goals were reported in groundwater from bores D106 and D107. The iron and manganese concentrations are considered to be related to the background water quality in the area, based on concentrations in groundwater from the background bores background bores MPGM4/D4 and MPGM4/D5, which were a similar order of magnitude.

The EC, TDS, chloride, sulfate, boron and nickel concentrations at D106 and D107 are considered to represent changes to water quality and are not primarily related to background and pre-ash placement conditions. These analytes are present at elevated concentrations in the brine and in groundwater beneath and immediately downgradient of the MPAR, and concentrations of analytes in groundwater from bores D106 and D107 are considered to relate to BCA placement activities at the MPAR. The leaching of constituents from the BCA placement area to underlying and adjacent groundwater is currently subject to review and management as part of the independent assessment.

### **6.6.5 Groundwater Quality Adjacent to MPAR and Downgradient**

Elevated concentrations of iron and irregular reported exceedances of the Environmental Goals for copper were reported in groundwater from bores D8 and D104. These concentrations are considered likely to be related to the background water quality in the area, based on concentrations in groundwater from the background bores background bores MPGM4/D4 and MPGM4/D5, which were a similar order of magnitude.

Concentrations of TDS, EC, sulfate, chloride, boron, iron, nickel and manganese that exceeded the Environmental Goals were reported in groundwater from bores MPGM4/D1, MPGM4/D9, D102, D103, D105 and D2, located down hydraulic gradient of the MPAR. pH values were also typically below the Environmental Goal range for groundwater. The elevated iron and manganese concentrations and the acidic pH values are considered to represent background groundwater conditions in the area.

The concentrations of EC and TDS, chloride, sulfate, copper, nickel and boron that were above the Environmental Goals are considered to represent changes to water quality and are not primarily related to background and pre-ash placement conditions. These analytes are present at elevated concentrations in the brine and in groundwater beneath and immediately downgradient of the MPAR, and concentrations of analytes in groundwater from bores MPGM4/D1, MPGM4/D9, D102, D013, D105 and MPGM4/D2 are considered to relate to BCA placement activities at the MPAR. This is currently subject to review and management as part of the independent assessment.

The intermittent and irregular exceedances of the Environmental Goals for chromium, copper, lead and mercury in groundwater from bores D103, D105 and MPGM4/D2 that occurred during the reporting period are considered outliers that will continue to be monitored via the routine monitoring and reporting process.

### **6.6.6 Groundwater Quality Adjacent to Brine Waste Holding Ponds**

Based on concentrations in groundwater from background bores background bores MPGM4/D4 and MPGM4/D5, the concentrations of arsenic, lead, iron and manganese in groundwater from MPGM5/5 and MPGM5/6 are considered to be consistent with background groundwater conditions in the area.

Concentrations of EC, TDS, chloride, sulfate, fluoride, boron, cadmium, copper, nickel, and zinc in groundwater from MPGM5/D5 and MPGM5/D6 that exceeded the Environmental Goals are considered to be related to a tear identified in the liner at Brine Waste Pond A (based on differences in monitoring carried out on 27 March 2019 and 9 May 2019) which was repaired during the reporting period and notified to the EPA. Concentrations of these analytes in groundwater from MPGM5/6 have since declined to below Environmental Goals. Groundwater elevation and quality at these locations will continue to be monitored.

## 7. EARLY WARNING ASSESSMENT

In addition to comparing results with the Environmental Goals for surface water and groundwater, an early warning assessment of the groundwater and surface water monitoring data is required as part of the WMP. This assessment includes assessment of concentration trends through time, including statistical analysis where appropriate.

### 7.1 Trend Assessment Approach

Trends in target analyte concentrations in groundwater and surface water were assessed through a combination of graphical and statistical tools, primarily Groundwater Spatiotemporal Data Analysis Tool (GWSDAT), prepared by Shell Global Solutions (2012) and freely available for use. Trend plots for groundwater (concentrations in groundwater and groundwater elevations vs time) and surface water (concentrations in surface water vs time) were generated for each individual monitoring location where an exceedance of the adopted Environmental Goal was reported during this monitoring period. A time period to include the last two reporting periods was adopted for the statistical assessment. Statistical tools were applied and included the use of the Mann-Kendall method to evaluate trends in target analyte concentrations in groundwater and surface water from each individual monitoring location. Further details of GWSDAT and the data assessment methodology are provided in Appendix K.

### 7.2 Groundwater Trend Graphs

Trend graphs were created for target analyte concentrations for individual monitoring locations to evaluate temporal trends of solute concentrations. The trend graphs also include adopted Environmental Goals. As discussed in Section 5.5 and Section 6.5, trend graphs for the entire data set are presented for surface water and groundwater in Appendices I and Appendix J respectively.

A descriptions of trends relative to historical concentrations over the last ten years (since 2010) and Environmental Goals is provided in Section 5 (for surface water) and Section 6 (for groundwater).

### 7.3 Statistical Assessment of Trends

Statistical assessment of trends was completed via GWSDAT using the Mann-Kendall procedure. Trend plots from the statistical assessment are presented in Appendix L, and include data since from the beginning of the 2018/2019 reporting period, and the statistical trend assessment. The p-value presented in these trend plots indicates the level of statistical significance that can be attributed to the trend. A p-value of less than 0.05 relates to a statistical significance of 95%, i.e. if a trend has a p-value of less than 0.05 there is a 95% level of confidence that the data presents an actual trend and not a random distribution of data. The 95% confidence level has been adopted by ERM as an indicator of statistical significance in trends, and trends with these characteristics are shown in green text in the trend plots. Those that are not statistically significant are shown in red text.

Where no p-value is provided on the graphical outputs, a sufficient number of data points were not available to evaluate the significance of trends through the Mann-Kendall test. This output has been included to show concentrations both above and below the laboratory limit of reporting and with respect to the relevant adopted background concentration (where available).

Further details on the Mann-Kendall procedure are presented in the Western Australia Department of Environment's guidance document entitled *Use of Monitored Natural Attenuation for Groundwater Remediation* (2004).

Table 9 presents a summary from the statistical assessment of trends assessed for all locations and analytes reported above the relevant Environmental Goal during the monitoring period.

**Table 9 Summary of Statistical Assessment for Target Analytes**

| Monitoring Location   | As | B    | Ca | Cl   | Cr | Cu | Fe   | Pb | Mn   | Hg | Mo | Ni | Se | Sulfate | Zn   | TDS  | EC   | pH |
|---|----|------|----|------|----|----|------|----|------|----|----|----|----|---------|------|------|------|----|
| <b>Surface Water</b>  |    |      |    |      |    |    |      |    |      |    |    |    |    |         |      |      |      |    |
| LDP01   | -  |      | -  | Down | -  | NT | NT   | NT | -    | -  | NT | -  | -  | -       | -    | -    | -    | -  |
| LMP01   | -  |      | -  | Up   | -  | Up | NT   | NT | -    | -  | Up | -  | -  | -       | -    | -    | -    | NT |
| NC01  | -  |      | -  | Up   | -  | Up | NT   | -  | -    | -  | -  | -  | -  | -       | -    | -    | -    | -  |
| Point C   | -  |      | -  | NT   | -  | NT | Up   | -  | -    | -  | -  | -  | -  | -       | -    | -    | -    | -  |
| Point E   | -  | Up   | -  | NT   | -  | NT | NT   | -  | NT   | -  | -  | NT | -  | NT      | -    | NT   | NT   | -  |
| WX22  | -  | Up   | -  | Up   | -  | NT | NT   | -  | NT   | -  | -  | Up | -  | Up      | NT   | Up   | Up   | NT |
| Point G   | -  |      | -  | NT   | -  | -  | NT   | -  | -    | -  | -  | NT | -  | -       |      | NT   | NT   | -  |
| <b>Groundwater within and downgradient of Mt Piper Ash Repository</b> |    |      |    |      |    |    |      |    |      |    |    |    |    |         |      |      |      |    |
| B5  | -  | -    | -  | NT   | -  | -  | -    | -  | -    | -  | -  | -  | -  | -       | -    | -    | -    | -  |
| D23   | -  | -    | -  | Up   | -  | -  | -    | -  | -    | -  | -  | -  | -  | -       | -    | -    | -    | -  |
| D10   | -  | NT   | NT | Down | -  | -  | NT   | NT | Down | -  | -  | NT | -  | NT      | Down | NT   | NT   | NT |
| D11   | -  | NT   | -  | Up   | -  | -  | NT   | -  | NT   | -  | -  | NT | -  | NT      | -    | NT   | NT   | Up |
| D19   | NT | Down | -  | Down | NT | NT | Down | NT | Down | NT | -  | NT | NT | Down    | NT   | Down | Down | Up |
| D113  | -  | NT   | -  | Down | NT | NT | NT   | -  | NT   | -  | -  | NT | -  | NT      | -    | NT   | NT   | NT |
| <b>Groundwater adjacent to Mt Piper Ash Repository – Southeast</b>    |    |      |    |      |    |    |      |    |      |    |    |    |    |         |      |      |      |    |
| D15   | Up | NT   | NT | Down | NT | Up | NT   | NT | -    | NT | -  | NT | NT | Down    | NT   | NT   | Down | Up |
| D16   | -  | -    | -  | Up   | -  | -  | NT   | -  | -    | -  | -  |    | -  | Up      | -    | Up   | -    | NT |
| D17   | -  | -    | -  | NT   | NT | -  | NT   | -  | -    | -  | -  |    | -  | NT      | -    | NT   | NT   | NT |
| D18   | -  | -    | -  | NT   | -  | -  | NT   | -  | -    | -  | -  |    | -  | -       | -    | -    | -    | -  |

| Monitoring Location | As | B | Ca | Cl | Cr | Cu | Fe | Pb | Mn | Hg | Mo | Ni | Se | Sulfate | Zn | TDS | EC | pH |
|---------------------|----|---|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|---------|----|-----|----|----|
|---------------------|----|---|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|---------|----|-----|----|----|

**Groundwater adjacent to Mt Piper Ash Repository – North and Northeast**

|          |      |    |   |      |    |    |    |      |      |    |    |    |   |    |    |    |    |      |
|----------|------|----|---|------|----|----|----|------|------|----|----|----|---|----|----|----|----|------|
| MPGM4/D4 | Down | -  | - | NT   | -  | -  | NT | Down | -    | -  | -- | -  | - | -  | -  | -  | -  | Up   |
| MPGM4/D5 | -    | -  | - | Up   | -  | -  | NT | -    | NT   | -  | -  | -  | - | -  | -  | -  | -  | NT   |
| MPGM4/D3 | -    | -  | - | NT   | -  | -  | NT | -    | -    | NT | -- | -  | - | -  | -  | -  | -  | NT   |
| D107     | -    | Up | - | Down | -  | -  | NT | NT   | NT   | -  | -  | NT | - | NT | -  | NT | NT | NT   |
| D106     | -    | NT | - | Down | NT | NT | NT | NT   | Down | NT | -  | NT | - | NT | -  | NT | NT | NT   |
| MPGM4/D1 | -    | Up | - | Up   | -  | -  | NT | -    | Up   | -  | -  | Up | - | Up | -  | Up | Up | Down |
| MPGM4/D9 | -    | Up | - | Up   | -  | NT | NT | -    | Up   | NT | -  | Up | - | Up | NT | Up | Up | NT   |
| D102     | -    | NT | - | NT   | NT | -  | NT | -    | NT   | -  | -  | NT | - | NT | -  | NT | NT | NT   |

**Groundwater downgradient of Mt Piper Ash Repository**

|          |   |    |   |      |    |    |    |    |    |    |   |    |   |    |   |    |      |    |
|----------|---|----|---|------|----|----|----|----|----|----|---|----|---|----|---|----|------|----|
| D105     | - | NT | - | NT   | -  | -  | NT | -  | NT | -  | - | NT | - | NT | - | NT | NT   | NT |
| MPGM4/D8 | - | -  | - | NT   | -  | NT | NT | -  | -  | -  | - | -  | - | -  | - | -  | -    | NT |
| D103     | - | Up | - | NT   | NT | -  | NT | -  | NT | -  | - | NT | - | NT | - | NT | NT   | NT |
| D104     | - | -  | - | NT   | -  | NT | NT | -  | -  | -  | - | -  | - | -  | - | -  | -    | NT |
| MPGM4/D2 | - | NT | - | Down | -  | Up | NT | Up | NT | NT | - | -  | - | -  | - | Up | Down | NT |

**Leak Detection Bores - MPPS**

|          |    |    |    |      |   |    |    |    |    |    |   |    |    |      |      |    |    |    |
|----------|----|----|----|------|---|----|----|----|----|----|---|----|----|------|------|----|----|----|
| MPGM5/D5 | NT | NT | NT | Down | - | NT | NT | Up | NT | Up | - | NT | NT | Down | Down | NT | NT | NT |
| MPGM5/D6 | -  | NT | NT | NT   | - | NT | NT | NT | NT | NT | - | NT | -  | NT   | -    | NT | NT | NT |

NT = No statistically significant trend apparent (red text in GWSDAT outputs; Appendix L)

Up = Statistically significant increasing trend (green text in GWSDAT outputs; Appendix L)

Down = Statistically significant decreasing trend (green text in GWSDAT outputs; Appendix L)

- = GWSDAT trend analysis not conducted



## 7.4 Trend Assessment Summary

A statistically significant increasing trend in copper and molybdenum was reported in surface water from LMP01, and for copper in surface water at NC01. However, these trends may be related to the brine leak event which was reported to EPA, and which was considered unlikely to have resulted in any material environmental harm to Wangcol Creek within the meaning of the POEO Act. Concentrations and trends at LMP01 and NC01 will continue to be monitored and will inform future AEMRs.

Statistically significant increasing trends were reported for boron, chloride, manganese, nickel, sulfate, TDS and EC concentrations in groundwater from bores MPGM4/D9 and MPGM4/D1. As discussed in previous sections these elevated levels are considered to be due to the leaching of these analytes from the BCA placed in the MPAR and subsequent transport of solutes with the regional groundwater. These processes and future management strategies are being further assessed as part of the independent assessment in accordance with contingency measures outlined in the WMP.

Statistically significant increasing trends for boron, nickel, chloride sulfate, EC and TDS were identified in surface water from WX22. The increasing concentration trends in surface water at this location are considered to be related to the migrating solutes in groundwater interaction with surface water in this section of Wangcol Creek.

While a number of statistically significant increasing trends have been reported, as shown in Table 9, concentrations of boron, iron, manganese, chloride, sulfate, TDS and EC in groundwater at D10 and D19 have reported statistically significant decreasing trends. This may indicate that, immediately downgradient of the ash repository, seepage from this part of the MPAR has declined, resulting in declining concentrations in groundwater from these specific bores.

The statistically significant increasing concentrations of boron at D103 will continue to be monitored, along with groundwater conditions at D104, D105 and MPGM4/D8.

Concentrations of chloride, sulfate and TDS in groundwater from D16 were statistically significantly increasing. The presence of preferential flow paths as a result of historical mining disturbance, and other water management activities in the surrounding area are considered to be potential factors contributing to the concentrations trends in groundwater at D16.

## 7.5 Implementation of Contingency and Mitigation Measures

Where increasing trends have been identified, these have been recognised as triggers for action in accordance with the TARPs. In the case of surface water and groundwater in the vicinity and down hydraulic gradient of the MPAR, the independent assessment is currently being implemented in line with the contingency measures contained in the WMP to assess the extent to which the MPAR may be contributing to previously reported exceedances, and to identify further contingency measures if necessary. The independent assessment includes a separate and broader investigation of surface water and groundwater conditions in the vicinity of the Ash Repositories. Potential short- and long-term management measures are currently being identified and assessed as part of the independent assessment, including the Mt Piper Groundwater Interception Project (refer to Section 7.5.1).

In the case of the increasing trends identified in groundwater from the leak detection bore MPGM5/D5, the increasing concentrations triggered the implementation of contingency measures. These included an investigation of the source of the increased concentrations, during which the ponds were drained and a tear in the primary and secondary liners of the Brine Waste Pond A was identified and subsequently repaired. Further leak testing of the primary and secondary liners was carried out in December 2019 before brine was replaced in Brine Waste Pond A. The EPA was notified of this leak.

The statistically significant increasing trends in groundwater at bore D16 are potentially an early warning that operations at the neighbouring facility, unrelated to MPPS, may be influencing the quality of groundwater in the southern extent of the monitoring area.

### **7.5.1 Mt Piper Groundwater Interception Project**

The Mt Piper Groundwater Interception Project is proposed as a response to the results of the routine monitoring which have indicated that brine conditioned ash (BCA) placement activities are influencing groundwater conditions in the vicinity of the MPAR. The objective of the Mt Piper Groundwater Interception Project is to mitigate groundwater impacts and to improve the water quality in Wangcol Creek, adjacent to the MPAR.

The Mt Piper Groundwater Interception Project proposes to extract water from former mine working within the base of Wangcol Creek and groundwater from the vicinity of Wangcol Creek. The extracted groundwater would then be transferred back to the Ash Repositories for storage prior to being treated in the existing water management infrastructure at the MPPS. In accordance with the WMP, the Mt Piper Groundwater Interception Project has been, and continues to be, subject to discussion with regulatory stakeholders.

EnergyAustralia presented an overview of the Mt Piper Groundwater Interception Project to regulatory stakeholders on 29 April 2020 and 31 July 2020 and further engagement by EnergyAustralia with regulatory stakeholders and the Community Consultation Committee (CCC) is planned.

A Review of Environmental Factors (REF) is currently being developed in support of the approvals required to implement the Mt Piper Groundwater Interception Project. It is currently anticipated that the REF will be on public exhibition prior to the end of 2020 and, pending relevant approvals, the construction of the Mt Piper Groundwater Interception Project will take place during the first half of 2021.

## 8. CONCLUSIONS

Based on the review of the surface water and groundwater quality data for the Project obtained in accordance with the WMP for the reporting period, it is considered that the objectives of the AEMR have been met and the following conclusions are drawn:

- Concentrations of target analytes in groundwater have been reported above the Environmental Goal for groundwater at monitoring locations within and downgradient of the MPAR. Elevated levels of key analytes including chloride, sulfate, boron and nickel, are considered to be due to the leaching of these analytes from the BCA placed MPAR and subsequent transport of solutes with the regional groundwater. The impacted groundwater is migrating from the vicinity of the MPAR toward the alignment of Wangcol Creek, as indicated by the groundwater quality results reported at D107, D106, MPGM4/D1, MPGM4/D9, D102 and to a lesser extent at D105, D104, D103 and MPGM4/D2.
- Potential interaction of this impacted groundwater with the surface water of Wangcol Creek is indicated by the monitoring results reported at SW\_E, WX22 and SW\_G, locations that are to the northeast of the MPAR. Concentrations of nickel, chloride, sulfate, EC and TDS at WX22 had statistically significant increasing trends. The interaction between groundwater and surface water at these location is considered to be facilitated by the historical mining operations within the Wangcol Creek alignment. Former open cut pits are present near these monitoring locations and are likely to provide a preferential pathway for groundwater migration to the surface water environment in these areas.
- Although concentrations in groundwater currently remain below the Environmental Goals, D16 has reported increasing concentrations of chloride, sulfate and TDS. The presence of preferential flow paths as a result of historical mining disturbance, and other water management activities in the area may be factors in the trends identified in groundwater from bore D16.
- While a number of increasing trends have been reported, concentrations of boron, iron, manganese, chloride, sulfate, TDS and EC in groundwater at D10 and D19 have reported statistically significant decreasing trends. This may indicate that, immediately downgradient of the ash repository, seepage from this part of the MPAR has declined, resulting in declining concentrations in groundwater from these specific bores.

Results of the groundwater and surface water monitoring program indicate that groundwater quality in the vicinity of the MPAR and the brine waste ponds is influenced by the Project activities. In portions of Wangcol Creek, surface water quality has also been affected, primarily through the flow of groundwater into the creek. This is currently subject to review and management as part of the independent groundwater assessment.

Where increasing trends have been identified, these have been recognised as triggers for action in accordance with the TARPs. In the case of surface water and groundwater in the vicinity and down hydraulic gradient of MPAR, the independent assessment, including assessment of potential mitigation measures continues. The Mt Piper Groundwater Interception Project is currently being progressed as a mitigation measure. The outcomes of the independent assessment will inform future AEMRs for the Project and will be reflected in revisions to the WMP, while groundwater elevation and quality will continue to be monitored.

The statistically significant increasing trends in groundwater at bore D16 indicate that activities up gradient may be influencing the quality of groundwater in the southern extent of the monitoring area.

Due to bore construction appearing to have been compromised or bores repeatedly being dry, it is recommended that monitoring of bores D18, SW3D and D23 be removed from the monitoring program during future revision to the WMP.

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## 10. STATEMENT OF LIMITATIONS

This report is based solely on the scope of work described in our proposal P0533074 dated 20/3/20 and confirmed via email on 24/4/20 (Scope of Work) and performed by Environmental Resources Management Australia Pty Ltd (ERM) for EnergyAustralia NSW Pty Ltd (the Client). The Scope of Work was governed by a contract between ERM and the Client (Contract).

No limitation, qualification or caveat set out below is intended to derogate from the rights and obligations of ERM and the Client under the Contract.

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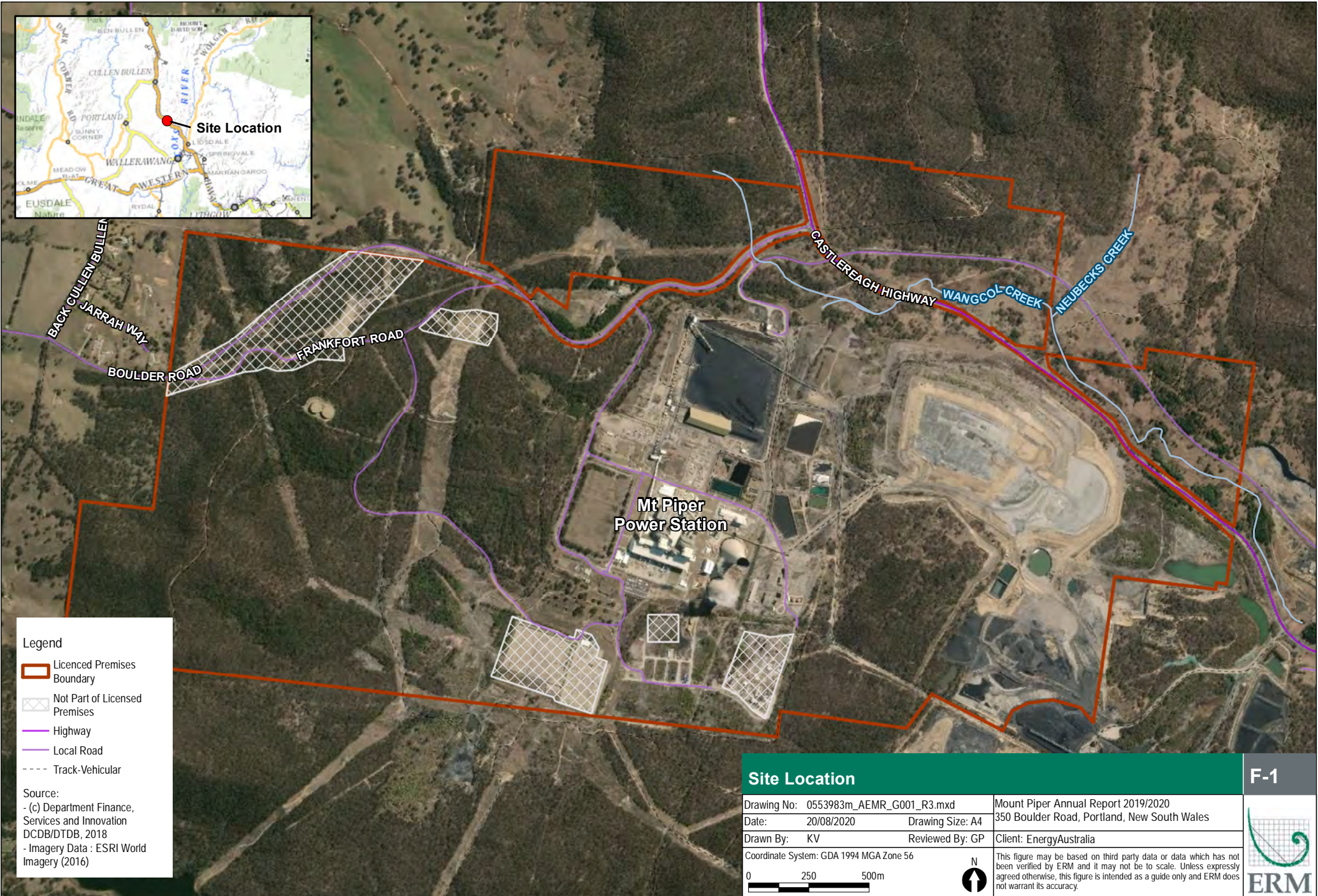
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## **FIGURES**



**Mt Piper  
Power Station**

**Legend**

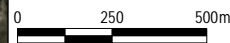
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- Highway
- Local Road
- Track-Vehicular

Source:  
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 - Imagery Data : ESRI World Imagery (2016)

**Site Location**

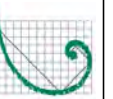
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| Client: EnergyAustralia               |                                     |

Coordinate System: GDA 1994 MGA Zone 56



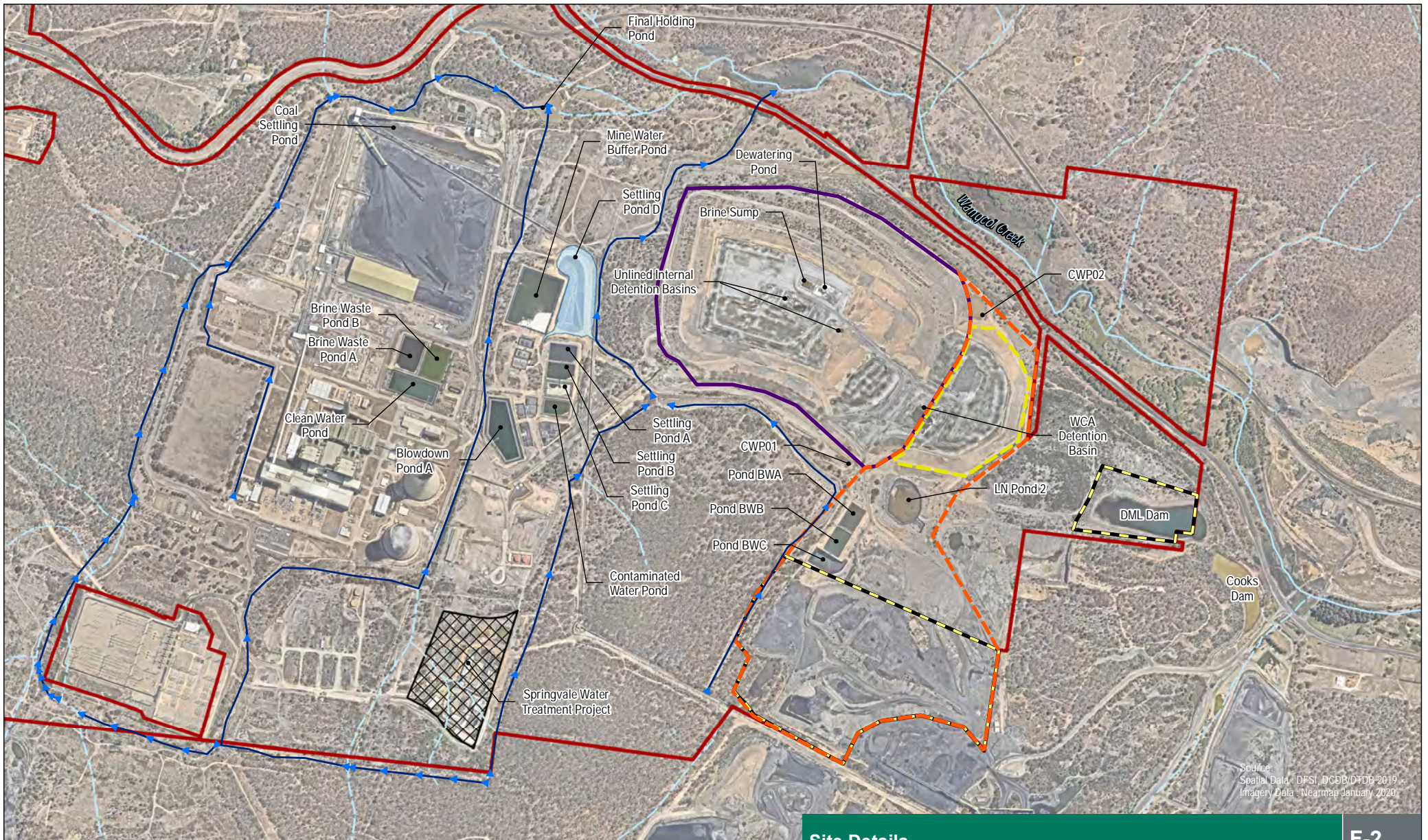
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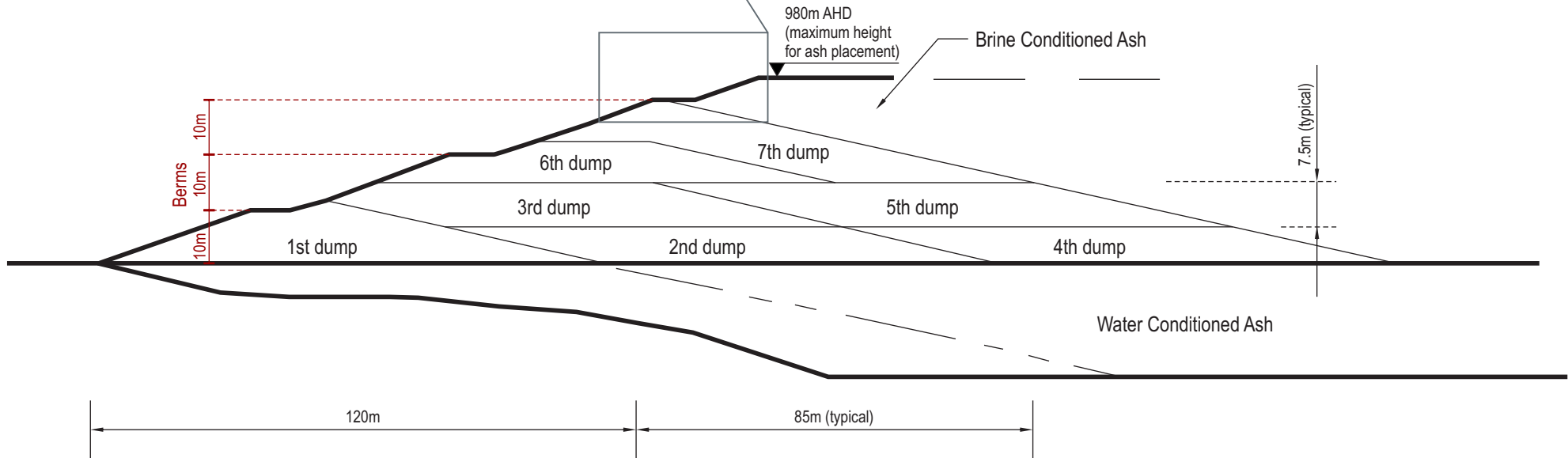
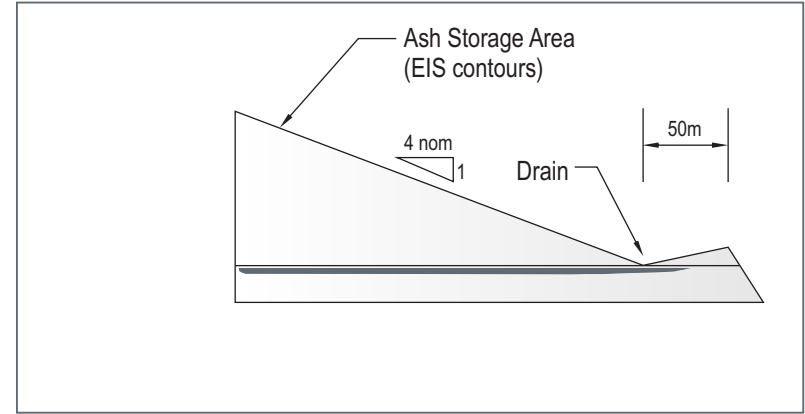
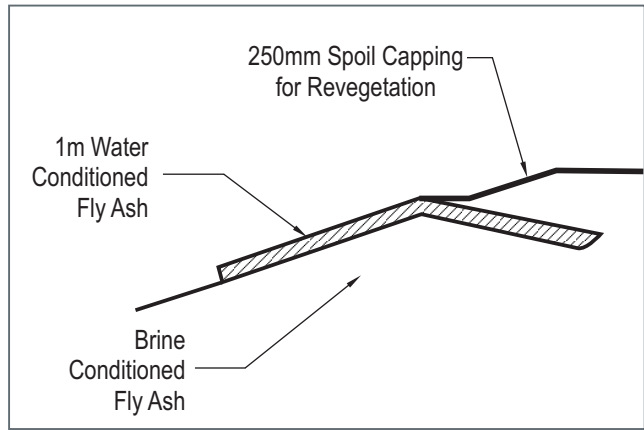




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 Spatial Data : DFSI, DCDB/DTDB-2019  
 Imagery Data : Nearmap January 2020


| Legend |  |  |   |
|--------|--|--|---|
|        | Licensed Premises Boundary                     |  | MI Piper Ash Repository (Approval Area)                           |
|        | Leased to Centennial (Neighbouring Operations) |  | Lamberts North Ash Repository (Approximate Active Placement Area) |
|        | Springvale Water Treatment Project             |  | Lamberts North Ash Repository (Approval Area)                     |
|        |  |  | Existing Clean Water Flow Path                                    |
|        |  |  | Watercourse - Non Perennial                                       |
|        |  |  | Watercourse - Perennial   |

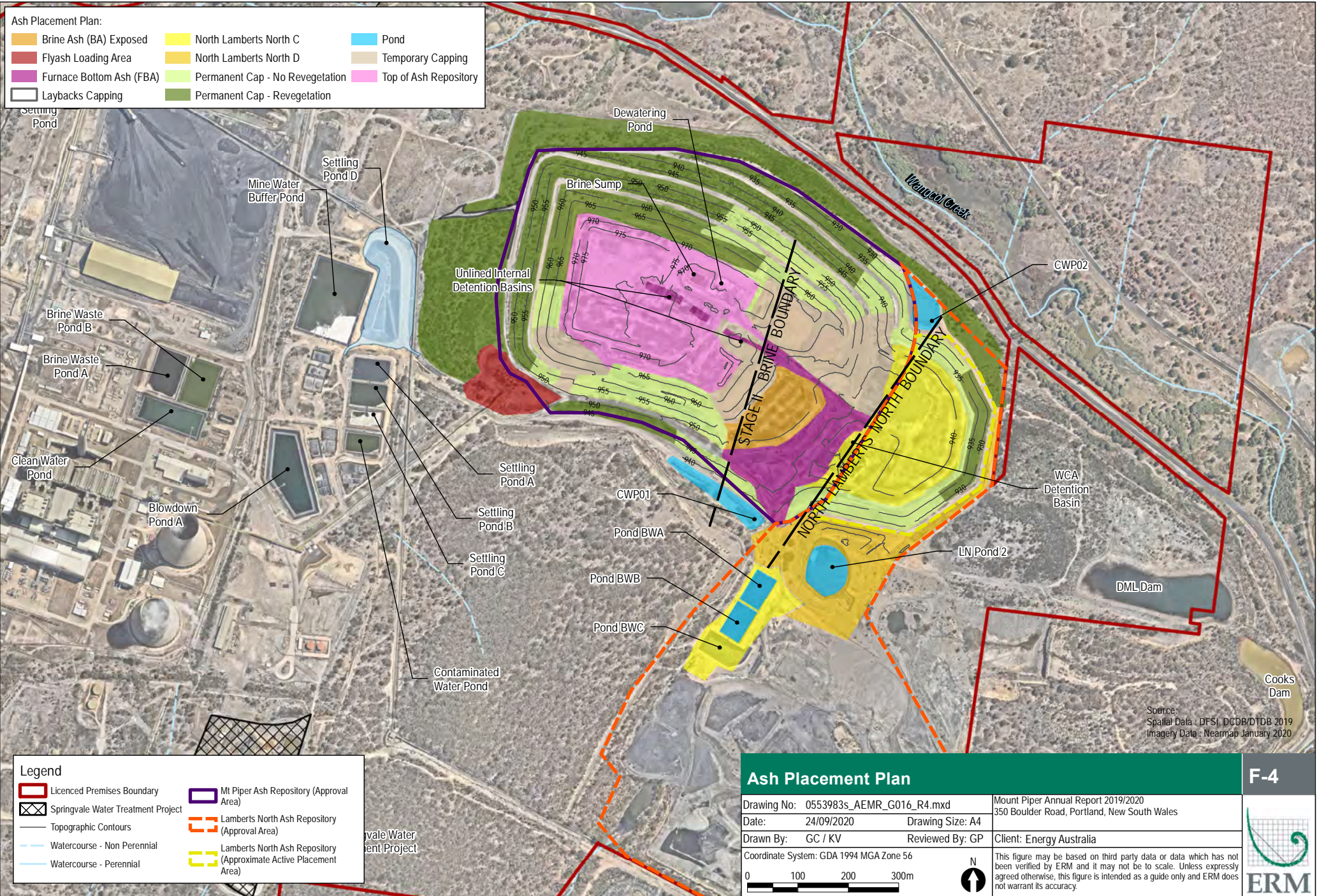
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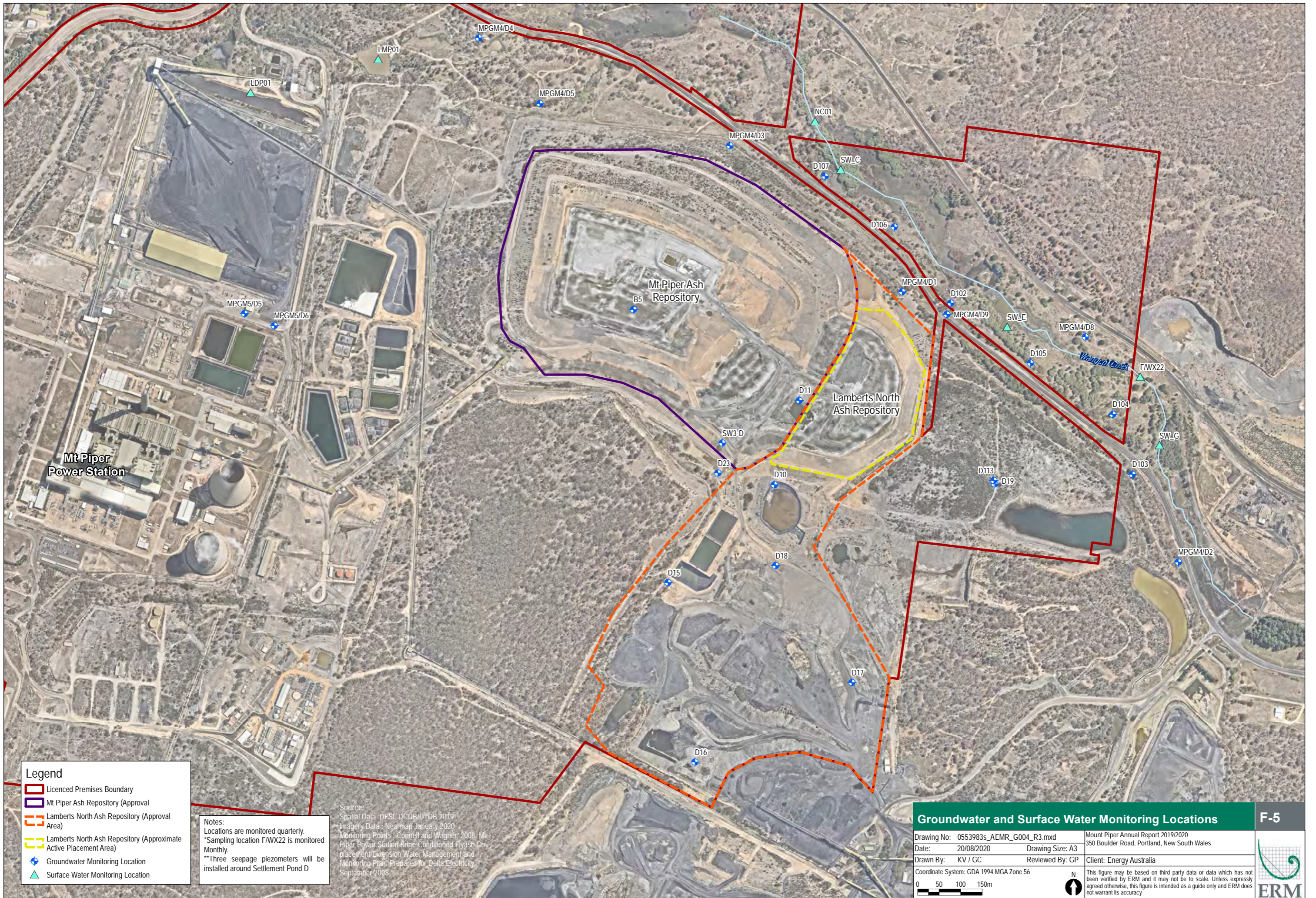


**Notes:**  
Details shown are diagrammatical only.

**Source:**  
Connell and Wagner, 2008. Mt Piper Power Station Brine Conditioned Flyash Co-placement Extension Water Management and Monitoring Plan. Prepared for Delta Electricity, September 2008.

| Schematic of External Batter Placement |  | F - 3  |
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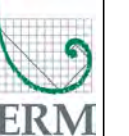
- ▬ Licenced Premises Boundary
- ▬ Mt Piper Ash Repository (Approval)
- - - Lamberts North Ash Repository (Approval Area)
- - - Lamberts North Ash Repository (Approximate Active Placement Area)
- ◆ Groundwater Monitoring Location
- ▲ Surface Water Monitoring Location

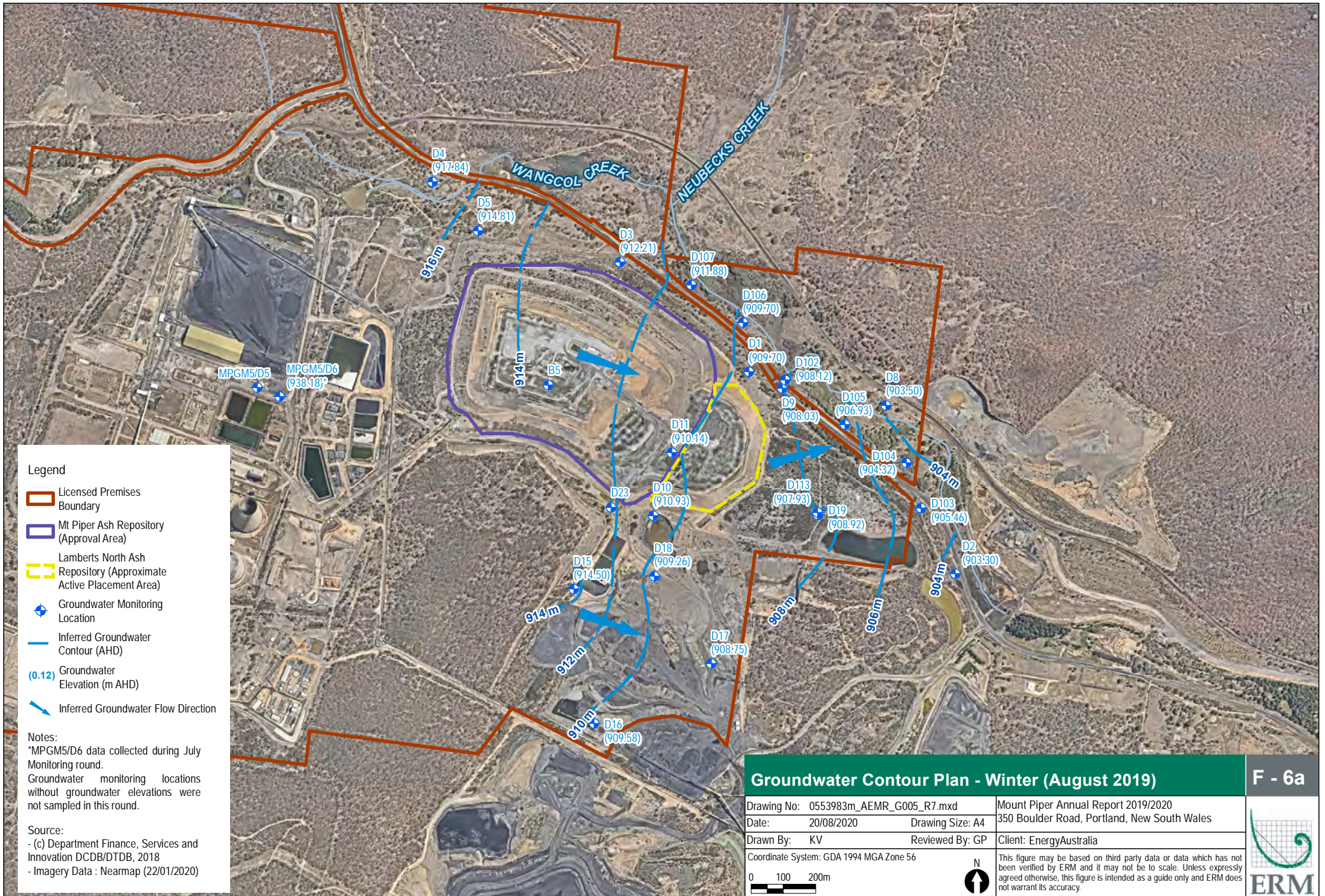
**Notes:**  
 Locations are monitored quarterly.  
 \*Sampling location FWX22 is monitored Monthly.  
 \*\*Three seepage piezometers will be installed around Settlement Pond D

Source:  
 Spatial Data : DFSI, DCDB/DYDB 2019  
 Imagery Data : Nearmap, January 2020  
 Monitoring Points : Connell and Wagner, 2008, Mt Piper Power Station Brine Conditioned Flyash Co-placement Extension Water Management and Monitoring Plan, Prepared for Delta Electricity, September 2008.

**Groundwater and Surface Water Monitoring Locations**

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- Legend**
- Licensed Premises Boundary
  - Mt Piper Ash Repository (Approval Area)
  - Lamberts North Ash Repository (Approximate Active Placement Area)
  - + Groundwater Monitoring Location
  - Inferred Groundwater Contour (AHD)
  - (0.12) Groundwater Elevation (m AHD)
  - Inferred Groundwater Flow Direction

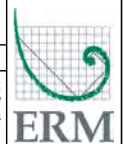
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 Groundwater monitoring locations without groundwater elevations were not sampled in this round.

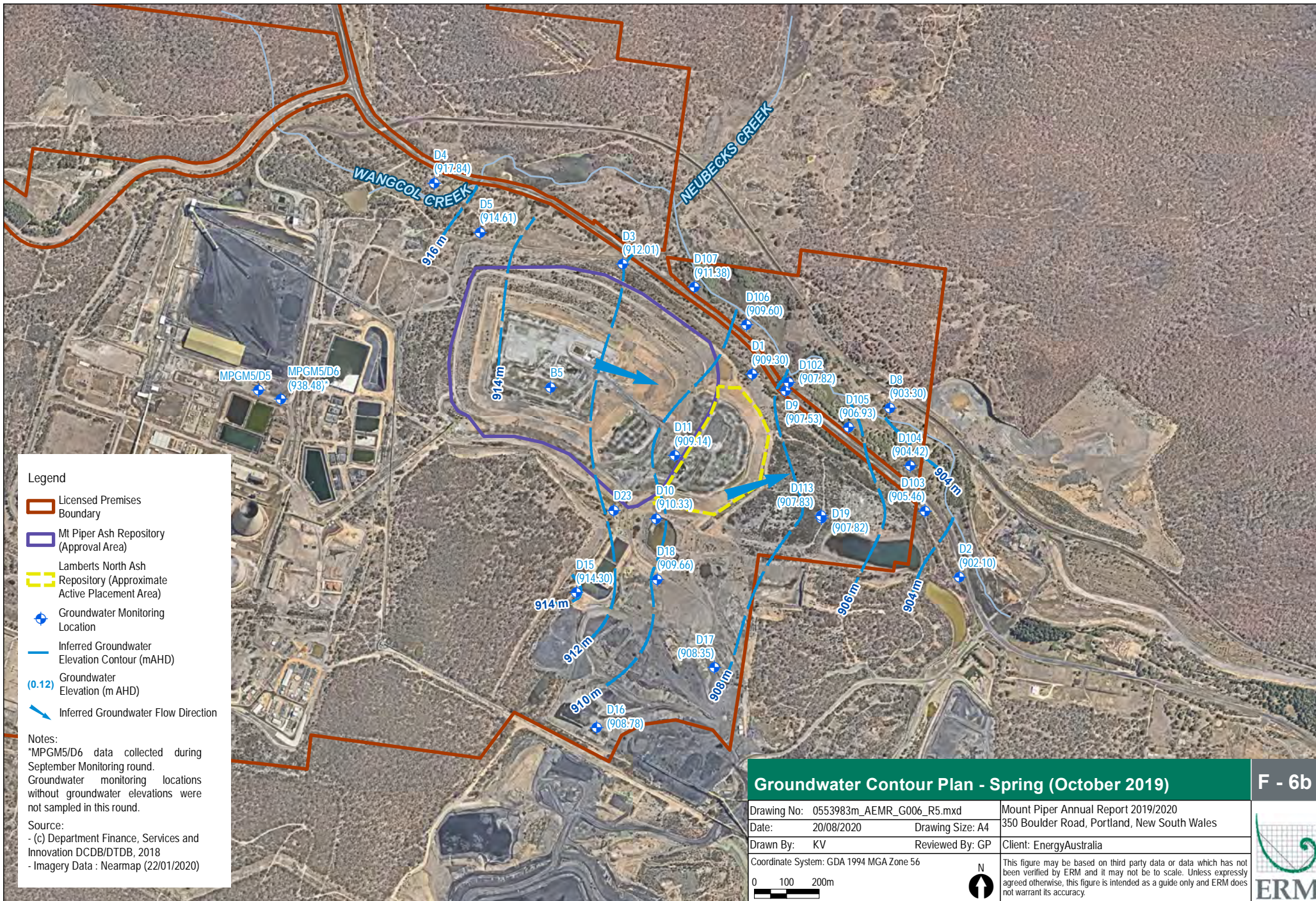
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**Groundwater Contour Plan - Winter (August 2019)**

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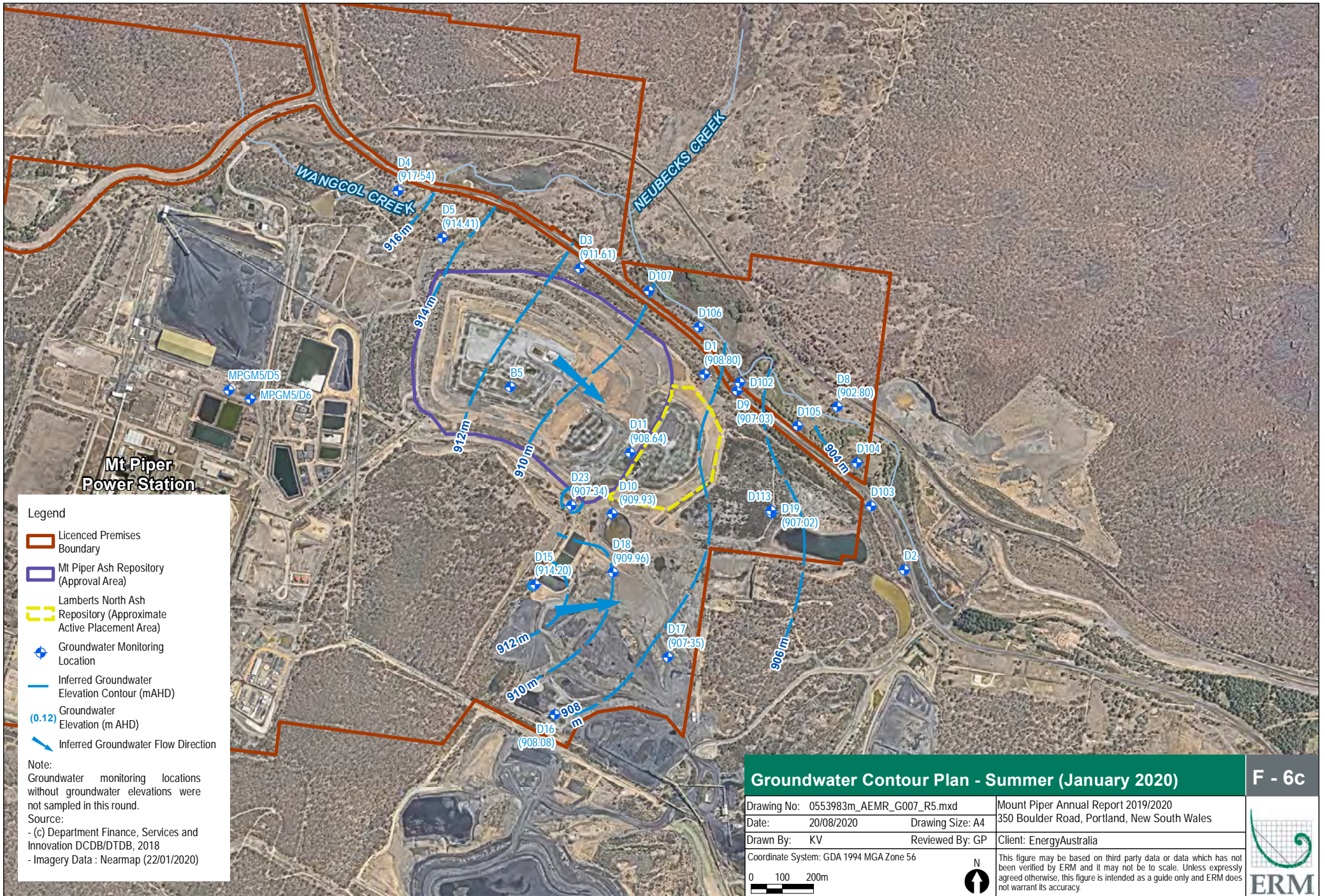




- Legend**
- Licensed Premises Boundary
  - Mt Piper Ash Repository (Approval Area)
  - Lamberts North Ash Repository (Approximate Active Placement Area)
  - Groundwater Monitoring Location
  - Inferred Groundwater Elevation Contour (mAHD)
  - Groundwater Elevation (m AHD)
  - Inferred Groundwater Flow Direction

**Notes:**  
 \*MPGM5/D6 data collected during September Monitoring round.  
 Groundwater monitoring locations without groundwater elevations were not sampled in this round.  
 Source:  
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 - Imagery Data : Nearmap (22/01/2020)

| Groundwater Contour Plan - Spring (October 2019)   |                                     | F - 6b                                      |
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**Legend**

- Licenced Premises Boundary
- Mt Piper Ash Repository (Approval Area)
- Lamberts North Ash Repository (Approximate Active Placement Area)
- Groundwater Monitoring Location
- Inferred Groundwater Elevation Contour (mAHD)
- Groundwater Elevation (m AHD)
- Inferred Groundwater Flow Direction

**Note:**  
Groundwater monitoring locations without groundwater elevations were not sampled in this round.

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- Imagery Data : Nearmap (22/01/2020)

**Groundwater Contour Plan - Summer (January 2020)**

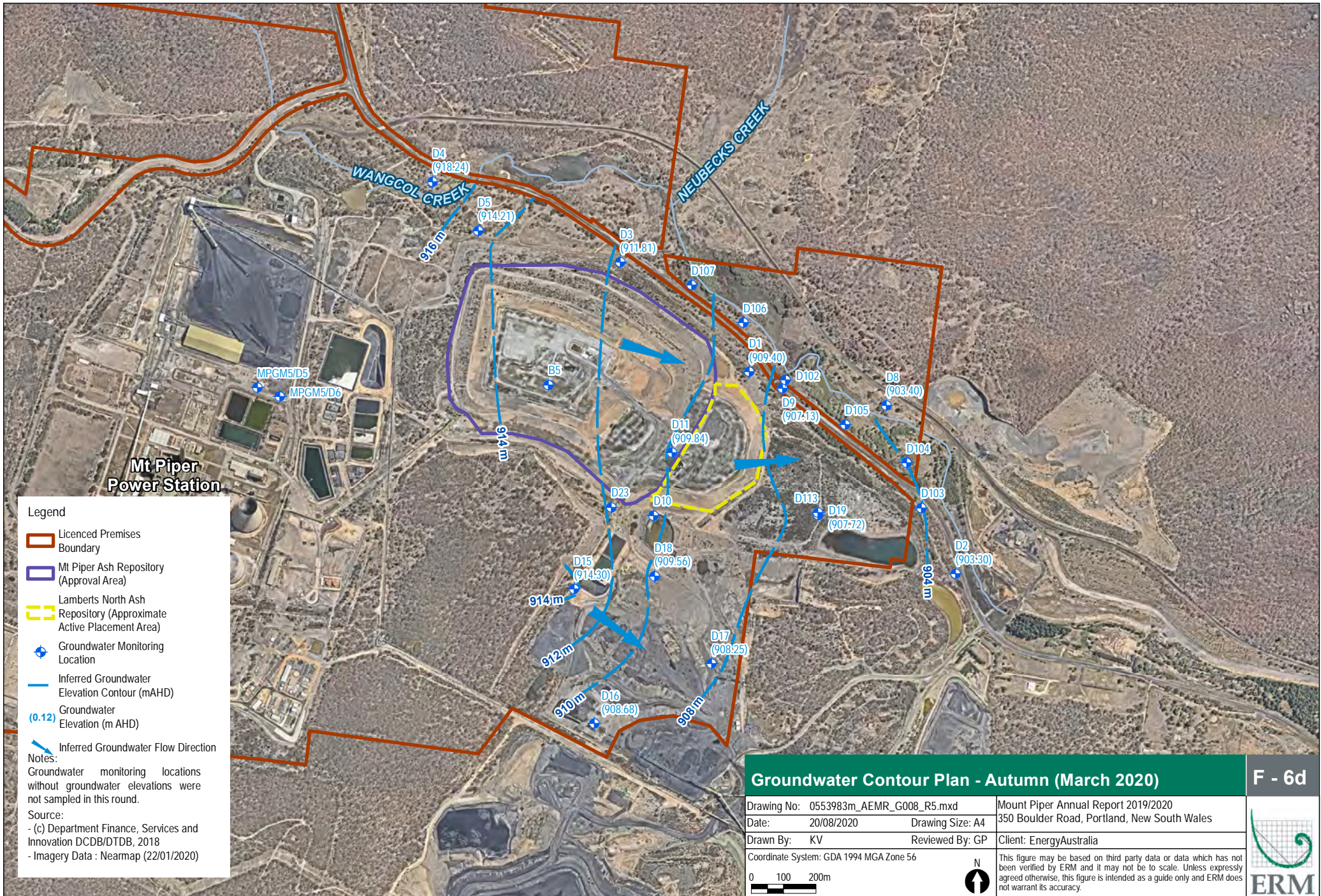
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| Coordinate System: GDA 1994 MGA Zone 56 |                                     |

0 100 200m

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**Mt Piper Power Station**

- Legend**
- Licenced Premises Boundary
  - Mt Piper Ash Repository (Approval Area)
  - Lamberts North Ash Repository (Approximate Active Placement Area)
  - ◆ Groundwater Monitoring Location
  - Inferred Groundwater Elevation Contour (mAHD)
  - (0.12) Groundwater Elevation (m AHD)
  - ➔ Inferred Groundwater Flow Direction

**Notes:**  
 Groundwater monitoring locations without groundwater elevations were not sampled in this round.  
**Source:**  
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 - Imagery Data : Nearmap (22/01/2020)

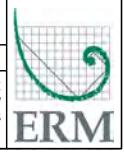
**Groundwater Contour Plan - Autumn (March 2020)**

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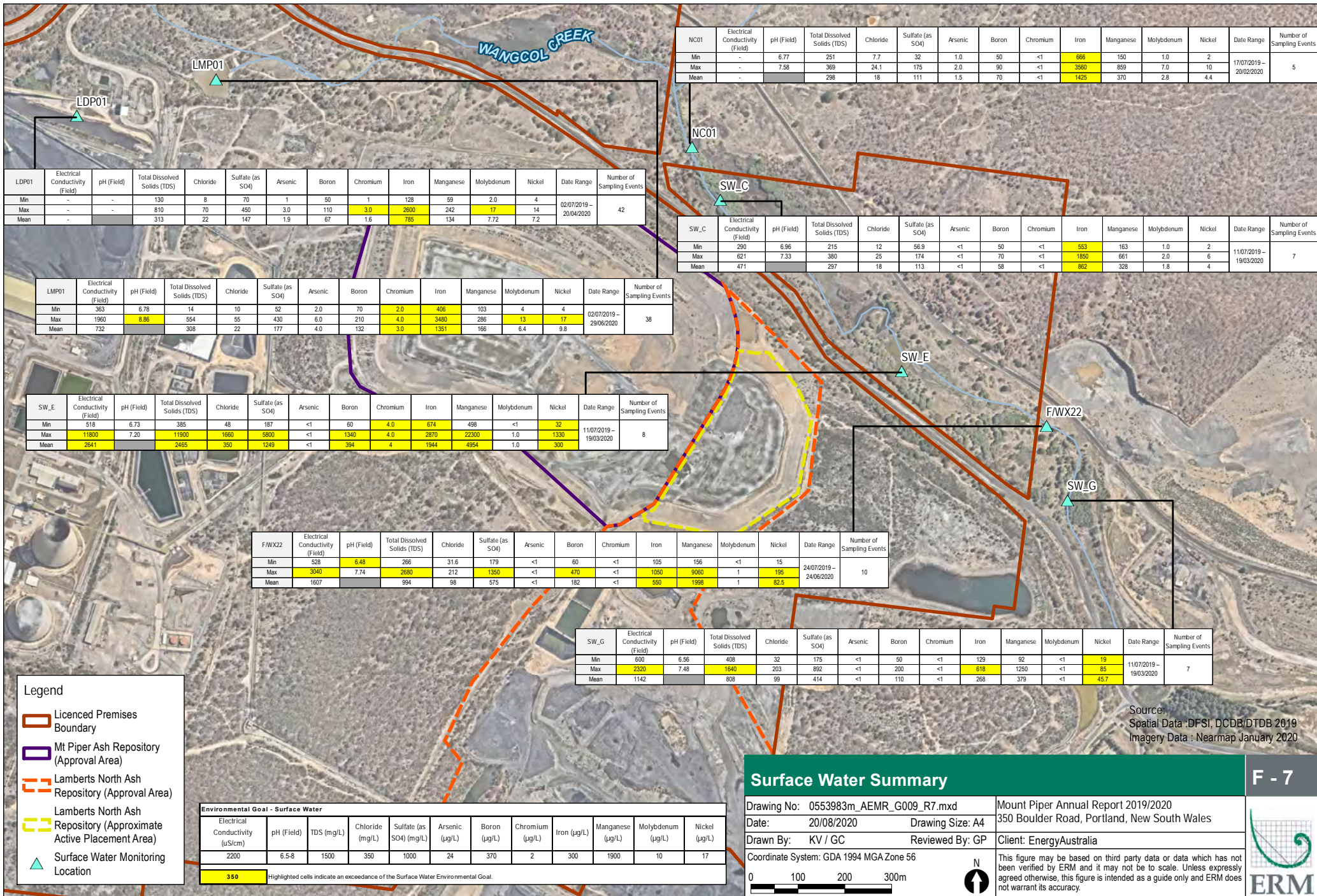
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| NC01 | Electrical Conductivity (Field) | pH (Field) | Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) | Chloride | Sulfate (as SO4) | Arsenic | Boron | Chromium | Iron | Manganese | Molybdenum | Nickel | Date Range              | Number of Sampling Events |
|------|---------------------------------|------------|------------------------------|----------|------------------|---------|-------|----------|------|-----------|------------|--------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Min  | -                               | 6.77       | 251                          | 7.7      | 32               | 1.0     | 50    | <1       | 666  | 150       | 1.0        | 2      | 17/07/2019 - 20/02/2020 | 5                         |
| Max  | -                               | 7.58       | 369                          | 24.1     | 175              | 2.0     | 90    | <1       | 3560 | 859       | 7.0        | 10     |                         |                           |
| Mean | -                               | -          | 298                          | 18       | 111              | 1.5     | 70    | <1       | 1425 | 370       | 2.8        | 4.4    |                         |                           |

| LDP01 | Electrical Conductivity (Field) | pH (Field) | Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) | Chloride | Sulfate (as SO4) | Arsenic | Boron | Chromium | Iron | Manganese | Molybdenum | Nickel | Date Range              | Number of Sampling Events |
|-------|---------------------------------|------------|------------------------------|----------|------------------|---------|-------|----------|------|-----------|------------|--------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Min   | -                               | -          | 130                          | 8        | 70               | 1       | 50    | 1        | 128  | 59        | 2.0        | 4      | 02/07/2019 - 20/04/2020 | 42                        |
| Max   | -                               | -          | 810                          | 70       | 450              | 3.0     | 110   | 3.0      | 2600 | 242       | 17         | 14     |                         |                           |
| Mean  | -                               | -          | 313                          | 22       | 147              | 1.9     | 67    | 1.6      | 785  | 134       | 7.72       | 7.2    |                         |                           |

| SW_C | Electrical Conductivity (Field) | pH (Field) | Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) | Chloride | Sulfate (as SO4) | Arsenic | Boron | Chromium | Iron | Manganese | Molybdenum | Nickel | Date Range              | Number of Sampling Events |
|------|---------------------------------|------------|------------------------------|----------|------------------|---------|-------|----------|------|-----------|------------|--------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Min  | 290                             | 6.96       | 215                          | 12       | 56.9             | <1      | 50    | <1       | 553  | 163       | 1.0        | 2      | 11/07/2019 - 19/03/2020 | 7                         |
| Max  | 621                             | 7.33       | 380                          | 25       | 174              | <1      | 70    | <1       | 1850 | 661       | 2.0        | 6      |                         |                           |
| Mean | 471                             | -          | 297                          | 18       | 113              | <1      | 58    | <1       | 862  | 326       | 1.8        | 4      |                         |                           |

| LMP01 | Electrical Conductivity (Field) | pH (Field) | Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) | Chloride | Sulfate (as SO4) | Arsenic | Boron | Chromium | Iron | Manganese | Molybdenum | Nickel | Date Range              | Number of Sampling Events |
|-------|---------------------------------|------------|------------------------------|----------|------------------|---------|-------|----------|------|-----------|------------|--------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Min   | 363                             | 6.78       | 14                           | 10       | 52               | 2.0     | 70    | 2.0      | 406  | 103       | 4          | 4      | 02/07/2019 - 29/06/2020 | 38                        |
| Max   | 1960                            | 8.86       | 554                          | 55       | 430              | 6.0     | 210   | 4.0      | 3480 | 286       | 13         | 17     |                         |                           |
| Mean  | 732                             | -          | 308                          | 22       | 177              | 4.0     | 132   | 3.0      | 1351 | 166       | 6.4        | 9.8    |                         |                           |

| SW_E | Electrical Conductivity (Field) | pH (Field) | Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) | Chloride | Sulfate (as SO4) | Arsenic | Boron | Chromium | Iron | Manganese | Molybdenum | Nickel | Date Range              | Number of Sampling Events |
|------|---------------------------------|------------|------------------------------|----------|------------------|---------|-------|----------|------|-----------|------------|--------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Min  | 518                             | 6.73       | 385                          | 48       | 187              | <1      | 60    | 4.0      | 674  | 498       | <1         | 32     | 11/07/2019 - 19/03/2020 | 8                         |
| Max  | 11800                           | 7.20       | 11900                        | 1660     | 5800             | <1      | 1340  | 4.0      | 2870 | 22300     | 1.0        | 1330   |                         |                           |
| Mean | 2641                            | -          | 2465                         | 350      | 1249             | <1      | 394   | 4        | 1944 | 4954      | 1.0        | 300    |                         |                           |

| F/WX22 | Electrical Conductivity (Field) | pH (Field) | Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) | Chloride | Sulfate (as SO4) | Arsenic | Boron | Chromium | Iron | Manganese | Molybdenum | Nickel | Date Range              | Number of Sampling Events |
|--------|---------------------------------|------------|------------------------------|----------|------------------|---------|-------|----------|------|-----------|------------|--------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Min    | 528                             | 6.48       | 266                          | 31.6     | 179              | <1      | 60    | <1       | 105  | 156       | <1         | 15     | 24/07/2019 - 24/06/2020 | 10                        |
| Max    | 3540                            | 7.74       | 2680                         | 212      | 1350             | <1      | 470   | <1       | 1050 | 9000      | 1          | 195    |                         |                           |
| Mean   | 1607                            | -          | 994                          | 98       | 575              | <1      | 182   | <1       | 550  | 1998      | 1          | 62.5   |                         |                           |

| SW_G | Electrical Conductivity (Field) | pH (Field) | Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) | Chloride | Sulfate (as SO4) | Arsenic | Boron | Chromium | Iron | Manganese | Molybdenum | Nickel | Date Range              | Number of Sampling Events |
|------|---------------------------------|------------|------------------------------|----------|------------------|---------|-------|----------|------|-----------|------------|--------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Min  | 600                             | 6.56       | 408                          | 32       | 175              | <1      | 50    | <1       | 129  | 92        | <1         | 19     | 11/07/2019 - 19/03/2020 | 7                         |
| Max  | 2320                            | 7.48       | 1640                         | 203      | 892              | <1      | 200   | <1       | 618  | 1250      | <1         | 85     |                         |                           |
| Mean | 1142                            | -          | 808                          | 99       | 414              | <1      | 110   | <1       | 268  | 379       | <1         | 45.7   |                         |                           |

**Legend**

- Licenced Premises Boundary
- Mt Piper Ash Repository (Approval Area)
- Lamberts North Ash Repository (Approval Area)
- Lamberts North Ash Repository (Approximate Active Placement Area)
- Surface Water Monitoring Location

| Environmental Goal - Surface Water |            |            |                 |                         |                |              |                 |             |                  |                   |               |
|------------------------------------|------------|------------|-----------------|-------------------------|----------------|--------------|-----------------|-------------|------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| Electrical Conductivity (µS/cm)    | pH (Field) | TDS (mg/L) | Chloride (mg/L) | Sulfate (as SO4) (mg/L) | Arsenic (µg/L) | Boron (µg/L) | Chromium (µg/L) | Iron (µg/L) | Manganese (µg/L) | Molybdenum (µg/L) | Nickel (µg/L) |
| 2200                               | 6.5-8      | 1500       | 350             | 1000                    | 24             | 370          | 2               | 300         | 1900             | 10                | 17            |
| 350                                |            |            |                 |                         |                |              |                 |             |                  |                   |               |

Highlighted cells indicate an exceedance of the Surface Water Environmental Goal.

**Surface Water Summary**

|                                       |                                     |
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North arrow symbol

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Source: Spatial Data :DFS1, DCDB/DTDB 2019  
Imagery Data : Nearmap January 2020

| D113 | Electrical Conductivity (Field) | pH (Field) | Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) | Chloride | Sulfate (as SO4) | Arsenic | Boron | Chromium | Iron  | Manganese | Molybdenum | Nickel | Date Range              | Number of Sampling Events |
|------|---------------------------------|------------|------------------------------|----------|------------------|---------|-------|----------|-------|-----------|------------|--------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Min  | 3980                            | 5.9        | 3630                         | 284.0    | 1750             | 1.0     | 1570  | 2        | 13800 | 6050      | 1.0        | 520.0  | 04/11/2019 - 14/05/2020 | 8                         |
| Max  | 5840                            | 6.1        | 4780                         | 381.0    | 2750             | 2.0     | 2490  | 23       | 20600 | 9580      | 1.0        | 659.0  |                         |                           |
| Mean | 5136                            |            | 4235                         | 338.5    | 2347             | 1.8     | 2050  | 9        | 16517 | 8382      | 1.0        | 615.3  |                         |                           |

| D11  | Electrical Conductivity (Field) | pH (Field) | Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) | Chloride | Sulfate (as SO4) | Arsenic | Boron | Chromium | Iron   | Manganese | Molybdenum | Nickel | Date Range              | Number of Sampling Events |
|------|---------------------------------|------------|------------------------------|----------|------------------|---------|-------|----------|--------|-----------|------------|--------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Min  | 2784                            | 6.2        | 7600                         | 874.0    | 4090             | 2.0     | 2630  | <1       | 49200  | 14300     | <1         | 791.0  | 25/07/2019 - 26/03/2020 | 9                         |
| Max  | 10330                           | 6.3        | 9550                         | 1070.0   | 5240             | 10.0    | 3110  | <1       | 121000 | 19400     | <1         | 1060.0 |                         |                           |
| Mean | 9256                            |            | 8483                         | 1007.6   | 4826             | 6.1     | 2846  | <1       | 83417  | 17067     | <1         | 942.0  |                         |                           |

| B5   | Electrical Conductivity (Field) | Date Range | Number of Sampling Events |
|------|---------------------------------|------------|---------------------------|
| Min  | 4200                            | 5/11/2019  | 1                         |
| Max  | 45200                           |            |                           |
| Mean | 24700                           |            |                           |

| SW3-D  | Electrical Conductivity (Field) | Date Range | Number of Sampling Events |
|--------|---------------------------------|------------|---------------------------|
| Normal | 916                             | 5/11/2019  | 1                         |

| D10  | Electrical Conductivity (Field) | pH (Field) | Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) | Chloride | Sulfate (as SO4) | Arsenic | Boron | Chromium | Iron  | Manganese | Molybdenum | Nickel | Date Range              | Number of Sampling Events |
|------|---------------------------------|------------|------------------------------|----------|------------------|---------|-------|----------|-------|-----------|------------|--------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Min  | 4620                            | 5.5        | 2900                         | 191.0    | 1920             | 7.0     | 290   | 156      | 4420  | 2340      | 6.0        | 404.0  | 25/07/2019 - 24/06/2020 | 8                         |
| Max  | 11230                           | 5.9        | 9440                         | 936.0    | 5870             | 7.0     | 5070  | 156      | 29900 | 8730      | 6.0        | 1120.0 |                         |                           |
| Mean | 7810                            |            | 5980                         | 569.7    | 3657             | 7.0     | 2699  | 156      | 13626 | 6158      | 6.0        | 816.0  |                         |                           |

| D19  | Electrical Conductivity (Field) | pH (Field) | Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) | Chloride | Sulfate (as SO4) | Arsenic | Boron | Chromium | Iron  | Manganese | Molybdenum | Nickel | Date Range              | Number of Sampling Events |
|------|---------------------------------|------------|------------------------------|----------|------------------|---------|-------|----------|-------|-----------|------------|--------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Min  | 1750                            | 5.5        | 1160                         | 101.0    | 721              | 2.0     | 1040  | 3        | 506   | 769       | 2.0        | 133.0  | 24/07/2019 - 24/06/2020 | 10                        |
| Max  | 6240                            | 6.1        | 5300                         | 430.0    | 2800             | 52.0    | 2540  | 51       | 17600 | 11100     | 4.0        | 805.0  |                         |                           |
| Mean | 4633                            |            | 3633                         | 309.2    | 2132             | 13.7    | 1891  | 20       | 11371 | 7572      | 3.0        | 593.2  |                         |                           |

**Legend**

- Licenced Premises Boundary
- Mt Piper Ash Repository (Approval Area)
- Lamberts North Ash Repository (Approval Area)
- Lamberts North Ash Repository (Approximate Active Placement Area)
- Groundwater Monitoring Location

| Environmental Goal - Groundwater |            |            |                 |                         |                |              |                 |             |                  |                   |               |
|----------------------------------|------------|------------|-----------------|-------------------------|----------------|--------------|-----------------|-------------|------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| Electrical Conductivity (µS/cm)  | pH (Field) | TDS (mg/L) | Chloride (mg/L) | Sulfate (as SO4) (mg/L) | Arsenic (µg/L) | Boron (µg/L) | Chromium (µg/L) | Iron (µg/L) | Manganese (µg/L) | Molybdenum (µg/L) | Nickel (µg/L) |
| 2600                             | 6.5-8      | 2000       | 350             | 1000                    | 24             | 370          | 5               | 664         | 5704             | 10                | 550.9         |
| <b>350</b>                       |            |            |                 |                         |                |              |                 |             |                  |                   |               |

Highlighted cells indicate an exceedance of the Groundwater Environmental Goal

### Groundwater Summary – Within MPAR / Mine Disturbance Area East of MPAR

|                                       |                                     |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Drawing No: 0553983m_AEMR_G011_R4.mxd | Mount Piper Annual Report 2019/2020 |
| Date: 20/08/2020                      | Drawing Size: A4                    |
| Drawn By: KV / GC                     | Reviewed By: GP                     |
| Client: EnergyAustralia               |                                     |

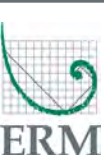
Coordinate System: GDA 1994 MGA Zone 56

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Source: Spatial Data: DFSI; DCDB/DTDB 2019  
Imagery Data: Nearmap January 2020

| D18  | Electrical Conductivity (Field) | pH (Field) | Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) | Chloride | Sulfate (as SO4) | Arsenic | Boron | Chromium | Iron | Manganese | Molybdenum | Nickel | Date Range              | Number of Sampling Events |
|------|---------------------------------|------------|------------------------------|----------|------------------|---------|-------|----------|------|-----------|------------|--------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Min  | 650                             | 6.6        | 310                          | 7.2      | 9                | 3       | 50    | 2        | 15   | 110       | 1          | 2.0    | 25/07/2019 - 25/06/2020 | 9                         |
| Max  | 680                             | 7.0        | 448                          | 79.6     | 103              | 11      | 60    | 2        | 1300 | 139       | 8          | 6.0    |                         |                           |
| Mean | 670                             |            | 375                          | 16.9     | 22               | 8.1     | 56    | 2        | 506  | 118       | 2.6        | 4.3    |                         |                           |

| D15  | Electrical Conductivity (Field) | pH (Field) | Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) | Chloride | Sulfate (as SO4) | Arsenic | Boron | Chromium | Iron  | Manganese | Molybdenum | Nickel | Date Range              | Number of Sampling Events |
|------|---------------------------------|------------|------------------------------|----------|------------------|---------|-------|----------|-------|-----------|------------|--------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Min  | 3340                            | 4.9        | 2670                         | 147.0    | 1510             | 3.0     | 160   | 7        | 3690  | 61        | 2.0        | 740.0  | 24/07/2019 - 24/06/2020 | 10                        |
| Max  | 3680                            | 5.7        | 6010                         | 558.0    | 3660             | 124.0   | 2710  | 129      | 32500 | 5520      | 12.0       | 934.0  |                         |                           |
| Mean | 3517                            |            | 3251                         | 216.4    | 1951             | 23.6    | 484   | 50       | 23098 | 2437      | 4.8        | 846.3  |                         |                           |

| D16  | Electrical Conductivity (Field) | pH (Field) | Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) | Chloride | Sulfate (as SO4) | Arsenic | Boron | Chromium | Iron | Manganese | Molybdenum | Nickel | Date Range              | Number of Sampling Events |
|------|---------------------------------|------------|------------------------------|----------|------------------|---------|-------|----------|------|-----------|------------|--------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Min  | 1760                            | 6.3        | 1410                         | 77.8     | 680              | <1      | 100   | 2        | 2700 | 46        | <1         | 12.0   | 24/07/2019 - 24/06/2020 | 10                        |
| Max  | 2070                            | 6.8        | 1660                         | 105.0    | 898              | <1      | 100   | 4        | 3700 | 64        | <1         | 19.0   |                         |                           |
| Mean | 1936                            |            | 1551                         | 96.1     | 799              | <1      | 100   | 3        | 3060 | 57        | <1         | 15.1   |                         |                           |

| D17  | Electrical Conductivity (Field) | pH (Field) | Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) | Chloride | Sulfate (as SO4) | Arsenic | Boron | Chromium | Iron  | Manganese | Molybdenum | Nickel | Date Range              | Number of Sampling Events |
|------|---------------------------------|------------|------------------------------|----------|------------------|---------|-------|----------|-------|-----------|------------|--------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Min  | 2807                            | 6.1        | 2620                         | 179      | 1320             | 2       | 90    | 2        | 2460  | 2340      | <1         | 58     | 24/07/2019 - 24/06/2020 | 8                         |
| Max  | 3650                            | 6.2        | 2850                         | 228      | 1800             | 3       | 230   | 5        | 29600 | 3550      | <1         | 113    |                         |                           |
| Mean | 3415                            |            | 2716                         | 213.4    | 1641             | 2.3     | 149   | 3.5      | 16040 | 3133.3    | <1         | 92.6   |                         |                           |

**Legend**

- Licensed Premises Boundary
- Mt Piper Ash Repository (Approval Area)
- Lamberts North Ash Repository (Approval Area)
- Lamberts North Ash Repository (Approximate Active Placement Area)
- Groundwater Monitoring Location

| Environmental Goal - Groundwater |            |            |                 |                         |                |              |                 |             |                  |                   |               |
|----------------------------------|------------|------------|-----------------|-------------------------|----------------|--------------|-----------------|-------------|------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| Electrical Conductivity (µS/cm)  | pH (Field) | TDS (mg/L) | Chloride (mg/L) | Sulfate (as SO4) (mg/L) | Arsenic (µg/L) | Boron (µg/L) | Chromium (µg/L) | Iron (µg/L) | Manganese (µg/L) | Molybdenum (µg/L) | Nickel (µg/L) |
| 2600                             | 6.5-8      | 2000       | 350             | 1000                    | 24             | 370          | 5               | 664         | 5704             | 10                | 550.9         |
| <b>350</b>                       |            |            |                 |                         |                |              |                 |             |                  |                   |               |

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Source:  
 Spatial Data : DFSI, DCDB/DTDB 2019  
 Imagery Data : Nearmap January 2020

### Groundwater Summary – Within Mine Disturbance Area South and Southeast of MPAR

Drawing No: 0553983m\_AEMR\_G012\_R4.mxd  
 Date: 20/08/2020  
 Drawn By: KV / GC

Mount Piper Annual Report 2019/2020  
 350 Boulder Road, Portland, New South Wales  
 Drawing Size: A4  
 Reviewed By: GP  
 Client: EnergyAustralia

Coordinate System: GDA 1994 MGA Zone 56

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| D4   | Electrical Conductivity (Field) | pH (Field) | Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) | Chloride | Sulfate (as SO4) | Arsenic | Boron | Chromium | Iron   | Manganese | Molybdenum | Nickel | Date Range              | Number of Sampling Events |
|------|---------------------------------|------------|------------------------------|----------|------------------|---------|-------|----------|--------|-----------|------------|--------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Min  | 770                             | 3.4        | 612                          | 11.4     | 234              | 36.0    | <50   | 2        | 80300  | 732       | <1         | 13.0   | 12/07/2019 - 12/03/2020 | 10                        |
| Max  | 1142                            | 3.5        | 770                          | 16.0     | 482              | 50.0    | <50   | 3        | 110000 | 850       | <1         | 18.0   |                         |                           |
| Mean | 883                             |            | 694                          | 13.5     | 372              | 43.2    | <50   | 2        | 95814  | 783       | <1         | 15.9   |                         |                           |

| D5   | Electrical Conductivity (Field) | pH (Field) | Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) | Chloride | Sulfate (as SO4) | Arsenic | Boron | Chromium | Iron  | Manganese | Molybdenum | Nickel | Date Range              | Number of Sampling Events |
|------|---------------------------------|------------|------------------------------|----------|------------------|---------|-------|----------|-------|-----------|------------|--------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Min  | 1200                            | 5.9        | 853                          | 23.3     | 535              | <1      | 70    | <1       | 22400 | 7960      | <1         | 38.0   | 12/07/2019 - 12/03/2020 | 9                         |
| Max  | 1270                            | 6.1        | 1020                         | 27.6     | 635              | <1      | 120   | <1       | 53400 | 9390      | <1         | 48.0   |                         |                           |
| Mean | 1255                            |            | 919                          | 25.0     | 579              | <1      | 104   | <1       | 36443 | 8657      | <1         | 43.3   |                         |                           |

| D107 | Electrical Conductivity (Field) | pH (Field) | Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) | Chloride | Sulfate (as SO4) | Arsenic | Boron | Chromium | Iron  | Manganese | Molybdenum | Nickel | Date Range              | Number of Sampling Events |
|------|---------------------------------|------------|------------------------------|----------|------------------|---------|-------|----------|-------|-----------|------------|--------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Min  | 3786                            | 5.9        | 10200                        | 1270.0   | 5000             | 4.0     | 3720  | 3        | 27500 | 19900     | <1         | 1900.0 | 11/07/2019 - 13/05/2020 | 8                         |
| Max  | 13850                           | 6.0        | 13500                        | 1750.0   | 7590             | 8.0     | 5200  | 3        | 38400 | 27000     | <1         | 2820.0 |                         |                           |
| Mean | 11402                           |            | 11800                        | 1523.3   | 6362             | 5.8     | 4413  | 3        | 34150 | 23167     | <1         | 2453.3 |                         |                           |

| D3   | Electrical Conductivity (Field) | pH (Field) | Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) | Chloride | Sulfate (as SO4) | Arsenic | Boron | Chromium | Iron  | Manganese | Molybdenum | Nickel | Date Range              | Number of Sampling Events |
|------|---------------------------------|------------|------------------------------|----------|------------------|---------|-------|----------|-------|-----------|------------|--------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Min  | 350                             | 5.9        | 168                          | 17.4     | 100              | <1      | 60    | <1       | 2220  | 744       | <1         | 2.0    | 25/07/2019 - 25/06/2020 | 10                        |
| Max  | 1140                            | 6.1        | 753                          | 40.8     | 372              | <1      | 130   | <1       | 14200 | 862       | <1         | 4.0    |                         |                           |
| Mean | 931                             |            | 596                          | 30.2     | 305              | <1      | 87    | <1       | 9673  | 810       | <1         | 2.8    |                         |                           |

| D106 | Electrical Conductivity (Field) | pH (Field) | Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) | Chloride | Sulfate (as SO4) | Arsenic | Boron | Chromium | Iron  | Manganese | Molybdenum | Nickel | Date Range              | Number of Sampling Events |
|------|---------------------------------|------------|------------------------------|----------|------------------|---------|-------|----------|-------|-----------|------------|--------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Min  | 8533                            | 5.9        | 7950                         | 1100.0   | 4180             | 1.0     | 1680  | 2        | 11600 | 20200     | <1         | 1680.0 | 11/07/2019 - 14/05/2020 | 8                         |
| Max  | 10870                           | 5.9        | 10300                        | 1430.0   | 6060             | 2.0     | 2100  | 6        | 36300 | 27300     | <1         | 2070.0 |                         |                           |
| Mean | 9926                            |            | 9288                         | 1283.3   | 4905             | 1.6     | 1857  | 3        | 26550 | 24450     | <1         | 1906.7 |                         |                           |

| Environmental Goal - Groundwater |            |            |                 |                         |                |              |                 |             |                  |                   |               |   |
|----------------------------------|------------|------------|-----------------|-------------------------|----------------|--------------|-----------------|-------------|------------------|-------------------|---------------|---|
| Electrical Conductivity (µS/cm)  | pH (Field) | TDS (mg/L) | Chloride (mg/L) | Sulfate (as SO4) (mg/L) | Arsenic (µg/L) | Boron (µg/L) | Chromium (µg/L) | Iron (µg/L) | Manganese (µg/L) | Molybdenum (µg/L) | Nickel (µg/L) |   |
| 2600                             | 6.5-8      | 2000       | 350             | 1000                    | 24             | 370          | 5               | 664         | 5704             | 10                | 550.9         |   |
| 350                              |            |            |                 |                         |                |              |                 |             |                  |                   |               | Highlighted cells indicate an exceedance of the Groundwater Environmental Goal. |

**Legend**

- Licenced Premises Boundary
- Mt Piper Ash Repository (Approval Area)
- Lamberts North Ash Repository (Approval Area)
- Lamberts North Ash Repository (Approximate Active Placement Area)
- Groundwater Monitoring Location

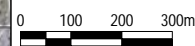
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Source:  
Spatial Data : DFSI, DCDB/DTDB 2019  
Imagery Data : Nearmap January 2020

**Groundwater Summary – Background and Adjacent to MPAR F - 8c**

|                                       |                                     |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Drawing No: 0553983m_AEMR_G013_R4.mxd | Mount Piper Annual Report 2019/2020 |
| Date: 20/08/2020                      | Drawing Size: A4                    |
| Drawn By: KV / GC                     | Reviewed By: GP                     |
| Client: EnergyAustralia               |                                     |

Coordinate System: GDA 1994 MGA Zone 56



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| D8   | Electrical Conductivity (Field) | pH (Field) | Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) | Chloride | Sulfate (as SO4) | Arsenic | Boron | Chromium | Iron | Manganese | Molybdenum | Nickel | Date Range              | Number of Sampling Events |
|------|---------------------------------|------------|------------------------------|----------|------------------|---------|-------|----------|------|-----------|------------|--------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Min  | 222                             | 5.4        | 118                          | 3.4      | 83               | <1      | 70    | <1       | 80   | 393       | <1         | 20.0   | 25/07/2019 - 25/06/2020 | 10                        |
| Max  | 1440                            | 6.4        | 1240                         | 95.0     | 578              | <1      | 200   | <1       | 4470 | 3900      | <1         | 183.0  |                         |                           |
| Mean | 694                             |            | 543                          | 39.6     | 261              | <1      | 131   | <1       | 1308 | 1734      | <1         | 70.0   |                         |                           |

| D105 | Electrical Conductivity (Field) | pH (Field) | Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) | Chloride | Sulfate (as SO4) | Arsenic | Boron | Chromium | Iron  | Manganese | Molybdenum | Nickel | Date Range              | Number of Sampling Events |
|------|---------------------------------|------------|------------------------------|----------|------------------|---------|-------|----------|-------|-----------|------------|--------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Min  | 3319                            | 6.0        | 2740                         | 226.0    | 1540             | 1.0     | 330   | <1       | 20200 | 12700     | <1         | 648.0  | 11/07/2019 - 13/05/2020 | 8                         |
| Max  | 4421                            | 6.1        | 3580                         | 269.0    | 1850             | 1.0     | 480   | <1       | 34800 | 15300     | <1         | 858.0  |                         |                           |
| Mean | 3666                            |            | 3063                         | 253.0    | 1703             | 1.0     | 398   | <1       | 27733 | 14083     | <1         | 711.5  |                         |                           |

| D102 | Electrical Conductivity (Field) | pH (Field) | Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) | Chloride | Sulfate (as SO4) | Arsenic | Boron | Chromium | Iron  | Manganese | Molybdenum | Nickel | Date Range              | Number of Sampling Events |
|------|---------------------------------|------------|------------------------------|----------|------------------|---------|-------|----------|-------|-----------|------------|--------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Min  | 6717                            | 6.0        | 7740                         | 1150.0   | 4230             | 4.0     | 1680  | 1        | 44800 | 21100     | <1         | 1680.0 | 10/07/2019 - 13/05/2020 | 8                         |
| Max  | 10030                           | 6.1        | 9310                         | 1310.0   | 5040             | 6.0     | 1940  | 9        | 64400 | 23800     | <1         | 2030.0 |                         |                           |
| Mean | 8953                            |            | 8768                         | 1223.3   | 4620             | 5.2     | 1787  | 3        | 57467 | 21800     | <1         | 1815.0 |                         |                           |

| D1   | Electrical Conductivity (Field) | pH (Field) | Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) | Chloride | Sulfate (as SO4) | Arsenic | Boron | Chromium | Iron  | Manganese | Molybdenum | Nickel | Date Range              | Number of Sampling Events |
|------|---------------------------------|------------|------------------------------|----------|------------------|---------|-------|----------|-------|-----------|------------|--------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Min  | 5360                            | 5.9        | 5690                         | 748.0    | 2960             | 1.0     | 2290  | <1       | 15200 | 18900     | <1         | 1350.0 | 25/07/2019 - 24/06/2020 | 10                        |
| Max  | 9040                            | 6.0        | 7840                         | 1020.0   | 4450             | 8.0     | 2570  | <1       | 63200 | 28300     | <1         | 1940.0 |                         |                           |
| Mean | 7687                            |            | 6967                         | 891.6    | 3737             | 5.3     | 2402  | <1       | 38117 | 24167     | <1         | 1661.1 |                         |                           |

| D9   | Electrical Conductivity (Field) | pH (Field) | Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) | Chloride | Sulfate (as SO4) | Arsenic | Boron | Chromium | Iron  | Manganese | Molybdenum | Nickel | Date Range              | Number of Sampling Events |
|------|---------------------------------|------------|------------------------------|----------|------------------|---------|-------|----------|-------|-----------|------------|--------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Min  | 7487                            | 5.9        | 6990                         | 974.0    | 3830             | 1.0     | 1500  | 1        | 10600 | 21000     | 1.0        | 1440.0 | 24/07/2019 - 24/06/2020 | 10                        |
| Max  | 9310                            | 6.2        | 10100                        | 1190.0   | 4700             | 8.0     | 1930  | 1        | 70000 | 22600     | 3.0        | 1750.0 |                         |                           |
| Mean | 8564                            |            | 7952                         | 1067.1   | 4182             | 3.1     | 1642  | 1        | 42200 | 21650     | 1.7        | 1620.0 |                         |                           |

| D104 | Electrical Conductivity (Field) | pH (Field) | Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) | Chloride | Sulfate (as SO4) | Arsenic | Boron | Chromium | Iron | Manganese | Molybdenum | Nickel | Date Range              | Number of Sampling Events |
|------|---------------------------------|------------|------------------------------|----------|------------------|---------|-------|----------|------|-----------|------------|--------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Min  | 1040                            | 5.6        | 656                          | 63.0     | 394              | 1.0     | 50    | 1        | 2780 | 2070      | <1         | 32.0   | 11/07/2019 - 14/05/2020 | 8                         |
| Max  | 1610                            | 6.0        | 1380                         | 96.9     | 681              | 5.0     | 120   | 4        | 7830 | 3810      | <1         | 88.0   |                         |                           |
| Mean | 1183                            |            | 858                          | 70.5     | 461              | 2.8     | 75    | 3        | 4503 | 2560      | <1         | 49.2   |                         |                           |

| D103 | Electrical Conductivity (Field) | pH (Field) | Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) | Chloride | Sulfate (as SO4) | Arsenic | Boron | Chromium | Iron  | Manganese | Molybdenum | Nickel | Date Range              | Number of Sampling Events |
|------|---------------------------------|------------|------------------------------|----------|------------------|---------|-------|----------|-------|-----------|------------|--------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Min  | 2732                            | 6.0        | 3940                         | 307.0    | 2280             | 4.0     | 1140  | 1        | 15900 | 15300     | <1         | 960.0  | 12/07/2019 - 14/05/2020 | 8                         |
| Max  | 13850                           | 6.2        | 13500                        | 1750.0   | 7590             | 24.0    | 5200  | 34       | 70000 | 28300     | <1         | 2820.0 |                         |                           |
| Mean | 4611                            |            | 4212                         | 337.2    | 2435             | 5.7     | 1408  | 10       | 21117 | 15750     | <1         | 1012.8 |                         |                           |

| D2   | Electrical Conductivity (Field) | pH (Field) | Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) | Chloride | Sulfate (as SO4) | Arsenic | Boron | Chromium | Iron  | Manganese | Molybdenum | Nickel | Date Range              | Number of Sampling Events |
|------|---------------------------------|------------|------------------------------|----------|------------------|---------|-------|----------|-------|-----------|------------|--------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Min  | 1050                            | 5.2        | 824                          | 51.6     | 311              | 1.0     | 290   | 1        | 4960  | 4860      | <1         | 112.0  | 11/07/2019 - 12/03/2020 | 9                         |
| Max  | 4950                            | 6.6        | 4390                         | 389.0    | 2590             | 2.0     | 1030  | 2        | 26000 | 12600     | <1         | 496.0  |                         |                           |
| Mean | 3140                            |            | 2657                         | 240.0    | 1657             | 1.3     | 596   | 2        | 18972 | 9698      | <1         | 335.3  |                         |                           |

| Environmental Goal - Groundwater |            |            |                 |                         |                |              |                 |             |                  |                   |               |
|----------------------------------|------------|------------|-----------------|-------------------------|----------------|--------------|-----------------|-------------|------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| Electrical Conductivity (µS/cm)  | pH (Field) | TDS (mg/L) | Chloride (mg/L) | Sulfate (as SO4) (mg/L) | Arsenic (µg/L) | Boron (µg/L) | Chromium (µg/L) | Iron (µg/L) | Manganese (µg/L) | Molybdenum (µg/L) | Nickel (µg/L) |
| 2600                             | 6.5-8      | 2000       | 350             | 1000                    | 24             | 370          | 5               | 664         | 5704             | 10                | 550.9         |
| <b>350</b>                       |            |            |                 |                         |                |              |                 |             |                  |                   |               |

Highlighted cells indicate an exceedance of the Groundwater Environmental Goal.

**Legend**

- Licenced Premises Boundary
- Mt Piper Ash Repository (Approval Area)
- Lamberts North Ash Repository (Approval Area)
- Lamberts North Ash Repository (Approximate Active Placement Area)
- Groundwater Monitoring Location

## Groundwater Summary – Adjacent to MPAR and Downgradient F - 8d

|   |                                     |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| Drawing No: 0553983m_AEMR_G014_R4.mxd   | Mount Piper Annual Report 2019/2020 |
| Date: 20/08/2020                        | Drawing Size: A4                    |
| Drawn By: KV / GC                       | Reviewed By: GP                     |
| Client: EnergyAustralia                 |                                     |
| Coordinate System: GDA 1994 MGA Zone 56 |                                     |

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Spatial Data: DFSI; DCDB/DTDB 2019  
Imagery Data: Nearmap January 2020

| MPGM5/D5 | Electrical Conductivity (Field) | pH (Field) | Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) | Chloride | Sulfate (as SO4) | Arsenic | Boron | Chromium | Iron | Manganese | Molybdenum | Nickel  | Date Range              | Number of Sampling Events |
|----------|---------------------------------|------------|------------------------------|----------|------------------|---------|-------|----------|------|-----------|------------|---------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Min      | 13120                           | 5.9        | 12300                        | 931.0    | 6900             | 4.0     | 550   | 1        | 2190 | 311000    | 4.0        | 1580.0  | 11/07/2019 - 12/03/2020 | 8                         |
| Max      | 62300                           | 6.0        | 81700                        | 6040.0   | 55500            | 25.0    | 4380  | 1        | 5060 | 400000    | 4.0        | 10500.0 |                         |                           |
| Mean     | 46488                           |            | 62113                        | 4325.1   | 35200            | 19.8    | 3208  | 1        | 3312 | 340800    | 4.0        | 8322.5  |                         |                           |

| MPGM5/D6 | Electrical Conductivity (Field) | pH (Field) | Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) | Chloride | Sulfate (as SO4) | Arsenic | Boron | Chromium | Iron  | Manganese | Molybdenum | Nickel | Date Range              | Number of Sampling Events |
|----------|---------------------------------|------------|------------------------------|----------|------------------|---------|-------|----------|-------|-----------|------------|--------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Min      | 1320                            | 5.5        | 850                          | 143.0    | 296              | 1.0     | 60    | 1        | 42700 | 5820      | <1         | 70.0   | 11/07/2019 - 12/03/2020 | 8                         |
| Max      | 11940                           | 5.7        | 10500                        | 852.0    | 6360             | 6.0     | 550   | 2        | 80600 | 49700     | <1         | 1380.0 |                         |                           |
| Mean     | 3037                            |            | 2500                         | 274.9    | 1378             | 2.3     | 184   | 2        | 52620 | 16842     | <1         | 301.9  |                         |                           |

**Mt Piper Power Station**

MPGM5/D5  
MPGM5/D6

**Legend**

- Licenced Premises Boundary
- Mt Piper Ash Repository (Approval Area)
- Lamberts North Ash Repository (Approval Area)
- Lamberts North Ash Repository (Approximate Active Placement Area)
- Groundwater Monitoring Location

| Environmental Goal - Groundwater |            |            |                 |                         |                |              |                 |             |                  |                   |               |
|----------------------------------|------------|------------|-----------------|-------------------------|----------------|--------------|-----------------|-------------|------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| Electrical Conductivity (uS/cm)  | pH (Field) | TDS (mg/L) | Chloride (mg/L) | Sulfate (as SO4) (mg/L) | Arsenic (ug/L) | Boron (ug/L) | Chromium (ug/L) | Iron (ug/L) | Manganese (ug/L) | Molybdenum (ug/L) | Nickel (ug/L) |
| 2600                             | 6.5-8      | 2000       | 350             | 1000                    | 24             | 370          | 5               | 664         | 5704             | 10                | 550.9         |
| <b>350</b>                       |            |            |                 |                         |                |              |                 |             |                  |                   |               |

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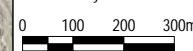
Source: Spatial Data: DFSI, DCDB/DTDB 2019  
Imagery Data: Nearmap January 2020

**Groundwater Summary – Brine Waste Pond Leak Detection Bores**

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|                                       |                                     |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Drawing No: 0553983m_AEMR_G015_R5.mxd | Mount Piper Annual Report 2019/2020 |
| Date: 20/08/2020                      | Drawing Size: A4                    |
| Drawn By: KV                          | Reviewed By: GP                     |
| Client: EnergyAustralia               |                                     |

Coordinate System: GDA 1994 MGA Zone 56



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## **APPENDIX A      MT PIPER CONSENT REQUIREMENTS**

| Project Approval Document | Consent requirements   | How addressed by this AEMR   |
|---------------------------|--|--|
| Mt Piper Consent          | <p>38 A Notwithstanding the provisions of Condition No. 38, the brine and ash co-placement area may be extended and shall be undertaken generally in accordance with the Statement of Environmental Effects: Mount Piper Power Station Extension of Brine Conditioned Ash Placement Area, prepared by Connell Wagner Pty Ltd and dated June 2007. This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The extended area must lie within the existing ash placement area;</li> <li>(ii) Co-placement activities in the proposed extended area must use existing facilities and methods;</li> <li>(iii) The placement of brine conditioned ash may only occur between the levels of RL 946 metres (the end-point of the water conditioned ash layer) and RL 980 metres.</li> </ul> | Refer to Appendix C and Section 2 of this report.  |
|                           | 38 B The groundwater and surface water monitoring programs required by Condition No. 40 and 41 apply to the extension of the brine and ash co-placement area, permitted by Condition 38 A.   | Refer to relevant conditions below.  |
|                           | 38 C The Applicant must update the Water Management Plan (WMP) required by Condition No. 43, and obtain the approval of the Secretary for the update, prior to undertaking any works permitted by Condition No. 38 A. In determining whether to grant approval, the Secretary must consult with the BCD, WaterNSW, DPIE Water, and Council.  | Condition is met by the WMP dated 28/2/20, as outlined in Section 1 and Section 4 to Section 8 of this report. |
|                           | <p>40. The Applicant shall, at least one month prior to the first placement of brine-conditioned flyash, consult with the EPA, DPIE Water and WaterNSW to establish the requirements for Water Monitoring Programs for groundwater and surface water. The Water Monitoring Programs shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) be based on the monitoring programs presented in the Statement of Environmental Effects for this modification;</li> <li>(ii) include water quality testing at a minimum frequency of every three months;</li> <li>(iii) be at the expense of the Applicant.</li> </ul>   | Condition is met by the WMP dated 28/2/20, as outlined in Section 1 and Section 4 to Section 8 of this report. |
|                           | 41. The Applicant shall expand the groundwater and surface water monitoring programs, including, if so required, the establishment of additional groundwater monitoring bores and surface water sampling points, in accordance with any reasonable requirements of the EPA, DPIE Water or WaterNSW.  | Condition is met by the WMP dated 28/2/20, as outlined in Section 1 and Section 4 to Section 8 of this report. |

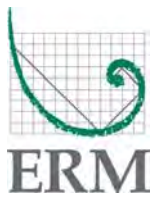


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|---------------------------|---|--|
|                           | <p>43. At least one month prior to the placement of brine-conditioned flyash, or within such further period as the Secretary may agree, the Applicant shall prepare and submit for the approval of the EPA, WaterNSW, DPIE Water, Council, and the Secretary, a Water Management Plan (WMP) which shall include, but not be limited to:</p> <p>(a) Details of the monitoring programs for surface water and groundwater required under conditions 40 and 41.</p> <p>(b) Details of measures to be employed to control surface water run-off from the site.</p> <p>(c) Contingency plans for the mitigation of environmental impacts should run-off or leachate from the site be found to be negatively impacting on natural surface water or groundwater.</p> <p>(d) Brine management objectives and strategies, with specific reference to measures aimed at reducing the volume of brine produced at the Mount Piper Power Station.</p> | <p>Condition is met by the WMP dated 28/2/20, as outlined in Section 1 and Section 4 to Section 8 of this report.</p>  |
|                           | <p>43A. The Applicant must update the Water Management Plan required by Condition 43 to the satisfaction of the Secretary, prior to commissioning the storage pond associated with Modification 8. The Applicant must implement the approved Water Management Plan.</p>   | <p>Condition is met by the WMP dated 28/2/20, as outlined in Section 1, and Section 4 to Section 8 of this report.</p> |
|                           | <p>44. The Applicant shall provide to the Secretary, EPA, DPIE Water, WaterNSW and Council, an Environmental Monitoring Report (EMR) on a yearly basis, with the first EMR to be submitted no later than six months after the first placement of brine-conditioned flyash onsite. The Applicant shall agree to Council making the Environmental Monitoring Reports available on request for public inspection.</p>  | <p>Condition is met by the development of this report in its entirety.</p>   |
|                           | <p>45. The Environmental Monitoring Report shall include, but not be limited to:</p> <p>(a) a summary and discussion of all available results and analyses from Water Monitoring Programs;</p> <p>(b) a discussion of the aims of the Water Management Plan and to what degree these aims have been attained in the context of results and analyses of the Water Monitoring Programs;</p> <p>(c) actions taken, or intended to be taken, if any, to mitigate any adverse environmental impacts; and to meet the reasonable requirements of the Secretary, EPA, DPIE Water, WaterNSW or Council.</p>   | <p>Refer to Section 4 to Section 8, along with Appendix B to Appendix L of this report.</p>                            |

| Project Approval Document | Consent requirements  | How addressed by this AEMR   |
|---------------------------|---|--|
| The WMP                   | Section 5.1 – Environmental Goals<br>The results of all surface water and groundwater monitoring are intended to be assessed relative to the Environmental Goals  | Refer to Section 5 (surface water) and Section 6 (groundwater), along with Appendix F to Appendix J of this report.  |
|                           | Section 5.2 – Early Warning Assessment<br>In addition to comparing results with the Environmental Goals for surface water and groundwater an early warning assessment will be conducted. This assessment will include a review of concentration trends through time at each location, including statistical assessment. | Refer to Section 7, along with Appendix H to Appendix J of this report.  |
|                           | Section 6.1 – Monitoring Locations  | Refer to Section 5.2 and Section 6.2 of this report.   |
|                           | Section 6.2 – Monitoring Frequency  | Refer to Section 5.2 and Section 6.2 of this report.<br><br>Monitoring was generally undertaken within the required timeframes, and where these time frames have not been met, sufficient data is available from adjacent monitoring locations to inform the objectives of the AEMR. |
|                           | Section 6.3 – Monitoring Method   | Refer to Section 5.3 and Section 6.3 of this report.   |
|                           | Section 6.4 – Monitoring Parameters   | Refer to Section 5.4 and Section 6.4 of this report.   |
|                           | Section 6.5 – Data Management and Assessment<br>The monitoring data is compared with the existing historical dataset for an assessment of trends related to potential influence of the brine management and BCA placement activities on surface water and groundwater.  | Refer to Section 6.5, Section 5.6, Section 6.5, Section 6.6 and Section 7 of this report.  |
|                           | Section 6.6 – Reporting Requirements<br>The reporting requirements of the WMP form the objectives of this AEMR.   | Refer to Section 1.2, Section 5 to Section 8 of this report.<br>The objectives of this report are considered to have been met.   |

| Project Approval Document | Consent requirements   | How addressed by this AEMR  |
|---------------------------|--|---|
|                           | <p>Section 7.1 – Performance Criteria</p> <p>The key aim of TARPs is the mitigation and control of impacts, ideally through early detection. Therefore, TARPs for groundwater and surface water quality are based on the Environmental Goals for the monitoring program. In addition, long-term trends in surface and groundwater concentrations are assessed using the routine monitoring data and with reference to a statistical assessment of water quality data. Should concentrations at a given location indicate a statistically significant increasing concentration trend in groundwater or surface water, or exceed the relevant Environmental Goal, the triggers are considered to have been exceeded and actions are to be implemented.</p> | Refer to Section 7.5 of this report.  |
|                           | <p>Section 7.2 – Incident Response</p> <p>An impact to groundwater or surface water is considered to be present when concentrations of a monitoring parameter are recorded above the Environmental Goals. In the event of an impact to groundwater or surface water that is considered to be potentially associated with brine management and/or handling/placement of BCA at MPAR, the WMP outlines an incident response procedure.</p> <p>It is noted that the EPL 13007 outlines separate incident response requirements. The reporting requirements of the EPL will be provided to the regulators separately to this AEMR.</p>   | Refer to Section 7.5 of this report.  |
|                           | <p>Section 7.3 – Contingency Measures</p> <p>Should routine monitoring data suggest that further changes in water quality are being caused by brine management (e.g. brine waste ponds) or other BCA placement and related activities at the MPPS, the WMP outlines contingency items that may be implemented.</p>   | <p>Refer to Section 7.5 of this report.</p> <p>Once the independent assessment is completed, the WMP will be updated to reflect the key findings and further contingency measures proposed.</p> |

**APPENDIX B      LDP01 STORM WATER FLOW VOLUME DATA**



**Mt Piper Power Station - LDP01 stormwater flow volumes**

| <b>Date</b> | <b>Kilolitres/ day</b> | <b>Start Pump<br/>(hh.mm)</b> | <b>Cease<br/>Pumping<br/>(hh.mm)</b> |
|-------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 10/03/2020  | 3000                   | 11.30                         | 18.00                                |
| 11/03/2020  | 3000                   | 7.00                          | 18.00                                |
| 12/03/2020  | 3000                   | 7.00                          | 18.00                                |
| 20/03/2020  | 3000                   | 11.30                         | 18.00                                |
| 21/03/2020  | 3000                   | 7.00                          | 14.00                                |
| 7/04/2020   | 3000                   | 11.30                         | 0.00                                 |
| 8/04/2020   | 4000                   | 0.01                          | 17.00                                |
| 9/04/2020   | 4000                   | 7.00                          | 17.00                                |
| 12/04/2020  | 3000                   | 10.00                         | 17.00                                |
| 13/04/2020  | 3000                   | 7.00                          | 15.00                                |
| 4/05/2020   | 4000                   | 11.30                         | 24.00                                |
| 5/05/2020   | 5000                   | 7.00                          | 24.00                                |
| 6/05/2020   | 3000                   | 7.00                          | 18.00                                |
| 7/05/2020   | 2000                   | 7.00                          | 14.00                                |
| 29/07/2020  | 3000                   | 11                            | 23.59                                |
| 30/07/2020  | 4000                   | 12.01                         | 23.59                                |
| 31/07/2020  | 4000                   | 12.01                         | 23.59                                |
| 1/08/2020   | 3000                   | 12.01                         | 11                                   |

**APPENDIX C      ASH REPOSITORY SURVEY**



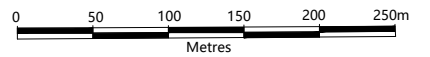
- FLYASH LOADING AREA = 1.35ha
- PERMANENT CAP. - NO REVEG = 8.04ha
- PERMANENT CAP. - REVEG = 22.88ha
- BRINE ASH (BA) EXPOSED = 9.10ha
- BOUNDARY - 2018 = 3955m
- TEMPORARY CAPPING = 6.88ha
- FURNACE BOTTOM ASH (FBA) = 3.24ha
- LAYBACKS CAPPING = 4.85ha
- NORTH LAMBERTS NORTH "D"
- NORTH LAMBERTS NORTH "C"
- BENCHMARK RL
- ⊕ BORE
- ⊙ MP-DM\* - DUST MONITOR

NORTH LAMBERTS NORTH  
 'A' - 1 = 5.38ha  
 "B" -  
 "C" - 2.33ha  
 "D" - 5.17ha  
 TOTAL FRESH ASH  
 N. LAMBERTS = 5.38ha  
 CH3 = 1.75ha

**PERMANENT CAP. - REVEG AREAS UPDATED BY SURVEY 01/07/2020. ALL OTHER AREAS BY LENDLEASE (BH)**

GROSS AREA (INCLUDING TEMPORARY CAPPING)  
 TOTAL NORTH LAMBERTS NORTH = 16.77ha  
 TOTAL MPA 1 = 57.45ha (INCLUDING BRINE)  
 TOTAL BRINE = ABOVE 946m  
 ACTUAL ASH EXPOSED = 19.47ha  
 TOTAL FOOTPRINT = 74.22ha

**DRAWING DATE 21/07/2020**



|   |                      |           |      |       |         |        |  |           |                             |  |           |  |        |           |       |            |          |                            |  |
|---|----------------------|-----------|------|-------|---------|--------|--|-----------|-----------------------------|--|-----------|--|--------|-----------|-------|------------|----------|----------------------------|--|
| NOTES:<br><b>AREAS BY LENDLEASE</b><br><small>Disclaimer:<br/>         CEH Survey Pty. Ltd. do not guarantee the accuracy or completeness of this plan and are not liable for any loss or damage which the user may suffer resulting from the use of this plan.</small> | No.                  | AMENDMENT | DATE | DRAWN | CHECK'D | AUTH'D | <b>CEH SURVEY</b><br>CONSULTING LAND, ENGINEERING AND MINING SURVEYORS<br><small>"Astrakhan" 1 Rutherford Lane,<br/>         LITHGOW 2790<br/>         ABN: 68 050 544 551    Office: 020 6351 2281<br/>         Email: survey@ceh.com.au    Website: www.ceh.com.au</small> | CLIENT:   | LEND LEASE SERVICES PTY LTD |  | PLAN:     | <b>LEND LEASE SERVICES PTY LTD<br/>MOUNT PIPER ASH EMPLACEMENT<br/>SURVEY: FEBRUARY 2020</b> |        |           |       |            |          |                            |  |
|   | SCALE: 1 : 5000 (A3) |           |      |       |         |        |  | LOCALITY: | MOUNT PIPER                 |  | SURVEYOR: | T.H./B.N./L.B.   | DRAWN: | G.M./D.M. | DATE: | 21-07-2020 | PLAN No. | MPA0220<br>(As surveyed)   |  |
|   |                      |           |      |       |         |        |  | LGA:      | LITHGOW                     |  |           |  |        |           |       |            |          | PLAN No. MPA0220 AS SURVEY |  |

**APPENDIX D      BRINE COMPOSITION DATA**



## APPENDIX D BRINE COMPOSITION

### Brine Composition Average Data

| Parameter  | Values from 1999 SEE Average <sup>b</sup> | 2003 – 2006 Average <sup>b</sup> | July 2017 - Dec 2017 Average <sup>a</sup> | July 2019 – June 2020 Average <sup>c</sup> |
|--|---|----------------------------------|---|--|
| <b>mg/L</b>  |   |                                  |   |  |
| pH   | 7.9                                       | 8.1                              | 7.9                                       | 9.3  |
| Cond (us/cm)   | 63,664                                    | 127,982                          | 88,556                                    | 61,320                                     |
| TDS  | 116,650                                   | 137,170                          | 118,500                                   | 64,257                                     |
| Alk (CaCO <sub>3</sub> )   | 1,360                                     | 1,346                            | 976                                       | 14,735                                     |
| Cl   | 19,864                                    | 23,889                           | 10,390                                    | 7,776                                      |
| SO <sub>4</sub>  | 49,670                                    | 66,767                           | 67,378                                    | 28,302                                     |
| Na   | 25,678                                    | 30,103                           | 37,400                                    | 23,475                                     |
| K  | 4,258                                     | 7,362                            | 3,460                                     | 1,721                                      |
| Ca   | 645                                       | 606                              | 780                                       | 696  |
| Mg   | 5,480                                     | 9,010                            | 4,010                                     | 1,540                                      |
| <b>ug/L</b>  |   |                                  |   |  |
| As   | 409 <sup>^^^</sup>                        | 143                              | 438                                       | 522  |
| Ag   | 1.4 <sup>^^</sup>                         | <50                              | 10  | <1   |
| Ba   | 272 <sup>*</sup>                          | 30                               | 1,000                                     | 6.43                                       |
| Be   | 17 <sup>^</sup>                           | 5.8                              | -   | <10  |
| B  | 73,560 <sup>*</sup>                       | 115,000                          | 35,800                                    | 41,500                                     |
| Cd   | 19 <sup>+</sup>                           | 42                               | 5.3                                       | 2.3  |
| Cr <sup>***</sup>  | 49 <sup>+</sup>                           | <50                              | 1,050                                     | 50   |
| Cu   | 7,858 <sup>*</sup>                        | 7,197                            | 12,400                                    | 5,991                                      |
| F  | 21,178 <sup>*</sup>                       | 125,656                          | 64,650                                    | 55,404                                     |
| Fe   | 833 <sup>*</sup>                          | -                                | 1,580                                     | 151  |
| Hg   | 1.35 <sup>^^</sup>                        | -                                | 0.04                                      | 0.11                                       |
| Mn   | 17,530 <sup>*</sup>                       | 34,000                           | 7,210                                     | 5,170                                      |
| Mo   | 2,600 <sup>^^</sup>                       | -                                | -   | 2,625                                      |
| Ni   | 4,187 <sup>*</sup>                        | 4,017                            | 3,880                                     | 348  |
| Pb   | 6 <sup>^^</sup>                           | -                                | 10  | <10  |
| Se   | 245 <sup>*</sup>                          | -                                | 130                                       | 115  |
| Zn   | 2,020 <sup>*</sup>                        | -                                | 1,050                                     | 2,180                                      |
| <p>a. Brine composition data provided by EnergyAustralia on 01 August 2018;</p> <p>b. Connell Wagner (2007). Statement of Environmental Effects, Mount Piper Power Station, Extension of Brine Conditions Ash Placement Area. Prepared by Environmental Services, Pacific Power International for Delta Electricity, 21 June 2007.</p> <p>c. data based on Nalco monitoring point reference 1050, EA BC Waste Pond</p> <p>Notations relate to Average Trace element values, from 1999 Statement of Environmental Effects including:</p> <p>* mostly 10 – 15 analyses (sources Hodgson, 1999) – AWT, 1996</p> <p>** EPA (1999a) ^ one analysis ^^ 3 analyses ^^^ 5 analyses + 6 analyses</p> <p>*** Total chromium reported (CrVI &lt;25ug/l)</p> |   |                                  |   |  |

**APPENDIX E      SITE WEATHER DATA**



| Month       | Jul-19 |       |            | Aug-19     |            |            | Sep-19      |            |            | Oct-19 |            |            | Nov-19      |             |            | Dec-19      |             |      |
|-------------|--------|-------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|--------|------------|------------|-------------|-------------|------------|-------------|-------------|------|
| Measurement | Min    | Max   | Rain       | Min        | Max        | Rain       | Min         | Max        | Rain       | Min    | Max        | Rain       | Min         | Max         | Rain       | Min         | Max         | Rain |
| Date        | °C     | °C    | mm         | °C         | °C         | mm         | °C          | °C         | mm         | °C     | °C         | mm         | °C          | °C          | mm         | °C          | °C          | mm   |
| 1           | -4.6   | 16    | 0          | -3.8       | 14.3       | 0.2        | -2.4        | 17.4       | 0.2        | 3.8    | 19.5       | 0.0        | 6.1         | 28.9        | 0.0        | 5.6         | 22.2        | 0.0  |
| 2           | -3.4   | 17.4  | 0          | -2.5       | 14.4       | 0.0        | 1.2         | 16.8       | 0.0        | 1.2    | 22.1       | 0.0        | 9.9         | 28.1        | 0.0        | 6.5         | 12.2        | 0.0  |
| 3           | -5.7   | 13.4  | 0          | -3.2       | 16.3       | 0.0        | 2.9         | 21.1       | 0.0        | 3.0    | 24.1       | 0.0        | 13.5        | 22.8        | 9.6        | 6.5         | 21.0        | 0.0  |
| 4           | 7.1    | 12    | 0.8        | -6.3       | 16.5       | 0.0        | 1.4         | 21.2       | 0.0        | 6.2    | 25.6       | 0.0        | 8.5         | 20.2        | 3.2        | 11.4        | 23.3        | 0.0  |
| 5           | 7.5    | 12.7  | 1.8        | -3.2       | 16.4       | 0.2        | 2.6         | 22.3       | 0.0        | 9.3    | 19.0       | 0.4        | 4.6         | 17.4        | 0.0        | 11.4        | 27.0        | 0.0  |
| 6           | 4.5    | 13.2  | 0.2        | -7.0       | 15.6       | 0.0        | 1.9         | 24.7       | 3.8        | 10.0   | 28.9       | 0.0        | 2.4         | 22.9        | 0.0        | 9.7         | 27.0        | 0.0  |
| 7           | 5      | 14.8  | 0.0        | -4.3       | 14.8       | 0.0        | 3.0         | 7.3        | 1.6        | 8.9    | 26.3       | 0.0        | 11.8        | 22.0        | 0.0        | 10.8        | 27.4        | 0.0  |
| 8           | 5      | 11.4  | 2.6        | -0.8       | 11.6       | 0.4        | 2.8         | 9.7        | 0.6        | 4.1    | 15.8       | 1.0        | 6.1         | 21.2        | 1.0        | 8.4         | 27.3        | 0.0  |
| 9           | -0.5   | 11.5  | 0.2        | 2.0        | 7.5        | 1.8        | 1.5         | 8.5        | 0.6        | -0.2   | 17.0       | 0.2        | 3.9         | 13.3        | 0.2        | 9.6         | 32.3        | 0.0  |
| 10          | -1.5   | 8.6   | 0.2        | 0.0        | 4.3        | 3.8        | -4.7        | 14.0       | 0.0        | 0.6    | 16.6       | 0.0        | 5.3         | 19.5        | 0.0        | 10.7        | 36.0        | 0.0  |
| 11          | 5.1    | 10.5  | 0.0        | 0.3        | 3.2        | 6.8        | -4.3        | 18.1       | 0.0        | 5.8    | 12.6       | 2.8        | 2.7         | 24.7        | 0.0        | 11.6        | 32.7        | 0.0  |
| 12          | 5.9    | 9.5   | 0.0        | -2.4       | 11.1       | 0.2        | -3.4        | 18.7       | 0.0        | 5.9    | 12.5       | 1.0        | 6.9         | 27.8        | 0.0        | 13.4        | 29.1        | 0.0  |
| 13          | 1.7    | 7.7   | 1.6        | -4.2       | 10.8       | 0.0        | -1.9        | 21.5       | 0.0        | 2.1    | 17.0       | 0.0        | 6.2         | 18.6        | 0.0        | 11.6        | 27.1        | 0.0  |
| 14          | 0.2    | 6.7   | 0.0        | -7.1       | 13.7       | 0.2        | 2.2         | 20.4       | 0.0        | 7.2    | 23.4       | 0.0        | 5.4         | 23.6        | 0.0        | NA          | 15.4        | 0.0  |
| 15          | 3.3    | 8.7   | 0.2        | -5.8       | 13.0       | 0.0        | -0.9        | 23.4       | 0.0        | 4.9    | 26.6       | 0.0        | 6.0         | 25.0        | 0.0        | NA          | NA          | 0.0  |
| 16          | 3.6    | 10.8  | 0.0        | -4.4       | 16.3       | 0.0        | 3.2         | 23.1       | 0.0        | 5.3    | 26.6       | 0.0        | 4.2         | 24.3        | 0.0        | NA          | 30.9        | 0.0  |
| 17          | 2.2    | 10.5  | 0.0        | -0.1       | 16.5       | 0.0        | 0.7         | 9.0        | 33.2       | 6.6    | 18.0       | 0.0        | 6.2         | 23.7        | 0.0        | 10.5        | 28.1        | 0.0  |
| 18          | -1.6   | 11.2  | 0.0        | -2.0       | 19.0       | 0.0        | 4.7         | 11.0       | 0.8        | 2.9    | 21.2       | 0.0        | 7.9         | 25.1        | 0.0        | 8.2         | 33.1        | 0.0  |
| 19          | -3     | 11.8  | 0.0        | 0.7        | 6.4        | 0.0        | 9.1         | 18.4       | 0.6        | 1.3    | 20.3       | 0.0        | 6.9         | 30.4        | 0.0        | 13.9        | 36.4        | 0.0  |
| 20          | -5.4   | 15.8  | 0.0        | 0.6        | 10.6       | 0.0        | 10.5        | 20.2       | 0.0        | 0.2    | 19.7       | 0.0        | 8.7         | 29.5        | 0.0        | 12.3        | 32.8        | 0.0  |
| 21          | -0.6   | 14.9  | 0.0        | 5.1        | 10.7       | 0.0        | 9.2         | 20.9       | 3.8        | 0.3    | 23.4       | 0.0        | 6.7         | 34.2        | 0.0        | 12.6        | 38.7        | 0.0  |
| 22          | 1.1    | 16.9  | 0.0        | 0.3        | 11.3       | 0.0        | 3.0         | 17.8       | 5.8        | 2.9    | 26.7       | 0.0        | 16.8        | 32.9        | 0.0        | 11.7        | 22.8        | 0.0  |
| 23          | -1     | 14.5  | 0.0        | -5.9       | 15.0       | 0.0        | 0.0         | 13.3       | 0.2        | 4.0    | 27.1       | 0.0        | 14.7        | 32.0        | 0.0        | 11.9        | 26.2        | 0.0  |
| 24          | -1.9   | 11.6  | 0.0        | -4.4       | 16.5       | 0.0        | -2.8        | 15.2       | 0.0        | 5.2    | 28.1       | 0.0        | 13.1        | 23.0        | 0.4        | 10.9        | 27.7        | 0.0  |
| 25          | -5     | 15    | 0.0        | 0.2        | 18.1       | 0.0        | -2.1        | 18.5       | 0.0        | 8.6    | 28.1       | 0.0        | 11.4        | 27.9        | 0.0        | 13.6        | 26.6        | 0.0  |
| 26          | -2.8   | 13.3  | 0.0        | 4.3        | 15.2       | 0.0        | 2.9         | 18.1       | 0.0        | 9.8    | 21.9       | 4.2        | 7.4         | 26.5        | 0.0        | 9.8         | 31.0        | 0.0  |
| 27          | -2.3   | 14.4  | 0.0        | 5.3        | 14.8       | 0.0        | -0.5        | 18.9       | 0.0        | 0.2    | 20.9       | 0.0        | 2.1         | 25.4        | 0.0        | 10.8        | 32.4        | 0.0  |
| 28          | -2.8   | 13.4  | 0.0        | -0.4       | 14.5       | 0.2        | 0.5         | 17.9       | 0.0        | 0.8    | 22.4       | 0.0        | 5.5         | 29.9        | 0.0        | 11.0        | 34.7        | 0.0  |
| 29          | -3.6   | 14.6  | 0.4        | -0.9       | 9.9        | 3.6        | -1.1        | 18.6       | 0.0        | 4.0    | 27.1       | 0.0        | 10.3        | 30.0        | 0.0        | 14.5        | 35.8        | 0.0  |
| 30          | 0.8    | 9.5   | 0.2        | 3.7        | 8.1        | 0.6        | 0.5         | 16.5       | 0.0        | 7.7    | 26.9       | 0.2        | 9.2         | 26.1        | 0.0        | 13.6        | 35.9        | 0.0  |
| 31          | -0.9   | 12.2  | 0.2        | 0.0        | 11.9       | 0.0        |             |            |            | 8.6    | 29.6       | 0.0        |             |             |            | 16.3        | 35.8        | 0.0  |
| Min         | -5.7   | 6.7   | 0          | -7.0999999 | 3.20000005 | 0          | -4.69999998 | 7.30000019 | 0          | -0.2   | 12.5       | 0          | 2.09999999  | 13.30000002 | 0          | 5.59999999  | 12.19999998 | 0    |
| Max         | 7.5    | 17.4  | 2.60000004 | 5.30000019 | 19         | 6.80000012 | 10.5        | 24.7000008 | 33.2000007 | 10     | 29.6000042 | 4.20000006 | 16.79999992 | 34.2000008  | 9.60000019 | 16.29999992 | 38.7000008  | 0    |
| Average     | 0.21   | 12.40 |            | -1.49      | 12.85      |            | 1.32        | 17.42      |            | 4.55   | 22.42      |            | 7.68        | 25.23       |            | 11.03       | 28.96       |      |
| Total       |        |       | 8.40       |            |            | 18.00      |             |            | 51.20      |        |            | 9.80       |             |             | 14.40      |             |             | 0.00 |



| Month       | Jan-20     |            |            | Feb-20 |       |        | Mar-20 |       |        | Apr-20 |       |       | May-20 |       |       | Jun-20 |       |       |
|-------------|------------|------------|------------|--------|-------|--------|--------|-------|--------|--------|-------|-------|--------|-------|-------|--------|-------|-------|
| Measurement | Min        | Max        | Rain       | Min    | Max   | Rain   | Min    | Max   | Rain   | Min    | Max   | Rain  | Min    | Max   | Rain  | Min    | Max   | Rain  |
| Date        | °C         | °C         | mm         | °C     | °C    | mm     | °C     | °C    | mm     | °C     | °C    | mm    | °C     | °C    | mm    | °C     | °C    | mm    |
| 1           | 13.8       | 35.9       | 0.0        | 21.2   | 38.6  | 0      | 11.5   | 28.2  | 0      | 10.8   | 22.6  | 0     | 3      | 6     | 2.4   | 0      | 13    | 1.1   |
| 2           | 16.0       | 33.1       | 17.2       | 19.8   | 36.7  | 8      | 11.9   | 30.7  | 0      | 12.9   | 17.1  | 9     | 4      | 8     | 1.4   | 2      | 5     | 0.1   |
| 3           | 16.8       | 36.6       | 0.0        | 14.1   | 26.6  | 1.2    | 14.8   | 17.1  | 7.4    | 13.3   | 16.9  | 11    | 0      | 13    | 0     | -2     | 11    | 0     |
| 4           | 18.1       | 38.4       | 0.0        | 10.8   | 21.4  | 0      | 14.7   | 18.4  | 6.6    | 8.9    | 16.7  | 26    | -2     | 15    | 0.1   | -1     | 13    | 0.1   |
| 5           | 12.8       | 34.6       | 0.0        | 12.4   | 24    | 0      | 15.4   | 17    | 42.4   | 7.6    | 15.3  | 0     | 3      | 16    | 0     | -3     | 14    | 0.1   |
| 6           | 12.7       | 25.0       | 0.0        | 13.9   | 17.4  | 12     | 14.5   | 23    | 1.2    | 5.1    | 14.4  | 0     | 1      | 17    | 0.1   | -4     | 12    | 0     |
| 7           | 16.4       | 30.9       | 3.6        | 14.4   | 18.8  | 4.2    | 12.3   | 20.1  | 0      | 6.3    | 14.1  | 0     | 2      | 16    | 0.1   | -3     | 12    | 0.1   |
| 8           | 15.3       | 34.2       | 0.8        | 15     | 18.5  | 8.8    | 11.8   | 18.9  | 0.2    | 9.3    | 13.8  | 0     | 5      | 19    | 0.1   | 2      | 13    | 0     |
| 9           | 16.2       | 23.4       | 0.0        | 14.4   | 17.8  | 31.6   | 11.9   | 17.7  | 0.6    | 10.9   | 14.4  | 0     | 5      | 18    | 0     | 6      | 12    | 0     |
| 10          | 17.0       | 35.9       | 0.0        | 13.5   | 24.8  | 16.8   | 8.9    | 19.7  | 0      | 8.8    | 15.1  | 5     | 0      | 10    | 0     | 7      | 15    | 0.1   |
| 11          | 13.6       | 29.3       | 0.0        | 13.4   | 25.5  | 6      | 8      | 20.7  | 0      | 6.6    | 16.8  | 0     | -4     | 13    | 0     | 2      | 15    | 0     |
| 12          | 11.6       | 19.8       | 0.6        | 15.2   | 25.5  | 3.8    | 10.5   | 20.4  | 0.2    | 2.8    | 19.2  | 0     | -3     | 14    | 0     | 5      | 13    | 0.1   |
| 13          | 12.6       | 25.0       | 0.0        | 16.7   | 23.5  | 1.8    | 5.2    | 23.6  | 0      | 1.8    | 19.5  | 0     | 0      | 11    | 0.1   | 8      | 16    | 0     |
| 14          | 14.5       | 28.0       | 0.0        | 13.8   | 26.1  | 0.2    | 8.1    | 14.3  | 10.4   | 2.3    | 22.5  | 0     | -2     | 12    | 0     | 5      | 11    | 7.3   |
| 15          | 11.0       | 28.9       | 0.0        | 12.9   | 28.7  | 0.6    | 7.7    | 16.4  | 0      | 5.9    | 24    | 0     | 0      | 14    | 0     | 0      | 13    | 0.1   |
| 16          | 15.1       | 23.4       | 8.8        | 16.3   | 21.8  | 0      | 9.5    | 14.9  | 1.2    | 10.1   | 21.7  | 0     | 4      | 14    | 0.2   | 3      | 13    | 0     |
| 17          | 15.0       | 18.4       | 0.4        | 14.8   | 19.7  | 1.4    | 9.6    | 19.5  | 0.6    | 7.1    | 18    | 0     | 1      | 15    | 0     | 0      | 13    | 0     |
| 18          | 14.4       | 19.5       | 2.0        | 13.1   | 28.4  | 19.2   | 8.3    | 24    | 0      | 3.4    | 18.5  | 0     | 3      | 14    | 0.1   | 6      | 14    | 0     |
| 19          | 14.4       | 19.3       | 23.6       | 9.9    | 18.5  | 0      | 7.5    | 28.7  | 0      | 1.4    | 17.7  | 0     | 6      | 16    | 0.1   | 0      | 15    | 0     |
| 20          | 12.9       | 28.4       | 0.2        | 7.4    | 25.1  | 0      | 12.8   | 27.8  | 0      | 4.4    | 17.3  | 0     | 6      | 14    | 2.5   | 2      | 13    | 0.1   |
| 21          | 10.2       | 26.8       | 0.0        | 13.9   | 22.8  | 0      | 5.9    | 25.6  | 0      | 6.9    | 18.8  | 0     | 3      | 14    | 4.8   | 4      | 12    | 7.4   |
| 22          | 10.3       | 31.9       | 0.0        | 13.9   | 19.4  | 0      | 11.7   | 24.2  | 0      | 3.9    | 18    | 0     | 2      | 9     | 0.4   | 3      | 7     | 0.5   |
| 23          | 12.4       | 33.7       | 0.2        | 14     | 18    | 0.2    | 10.9   | 18.3  | 0      | 1.1    | 19.4  | 0     | 5      | 9     | 1.7   | 3      | 7     | 0.1   |
| 24          | 18.9       | 28.8       | 1.6        | 11.8   | 24.2  | 1.6    | 12.1   | 20.7  | 0      | 5.8    | 20.3  | 0     | 3      | 13    | 0.1   | 3      | 9     | 0     |
| 25          | 18.4       | 25.9       | 0.0        | 12.2   | 26    | 0.2    | 9.9    | 20.2  | 26.2   | 2.8    | 20.5  | 0     | 1      | 12    | 0     | 3      | 8     | 0     |
| 26          | 16.7       | 32.7       | 0.0        | 11.1   | 24.5  | 2.8    | 10.3   | 14.3  | 1.4    | 5.7    | 19.5  | 0     | 8      | 12    | 0.5   | -3     | 12    | 0     |
| 27          | NA         | 33.1       | 0.0        | 8.5    | 25.2  | 0      | 8.6    | 15.4  | 0.6    | 3.6    | 18.8  | 0     | 5      | 14    | 0     | 1      | 10    | 0     |
| 28          | NA         | NA         | 0.0        | 5.9    | 27    | 0      | 7.9    | 17.9  | 0      | 12.9   | 18.3  | 0     | 1      | 15    | 0     | 3      | 11    | 0.3   |
| 29          | NA         | NA         | 0.0        | 9      | 25    | 0      | 13.2   | 21.6  | 0.2    | 11.8   | 20    | 25    | 0      | 3     | 0.1   | 0      | 12    | 0     |
| 30          | NA         | 36.1       | 0.0        |        |       |        | 10.4   | 18.1  | 10.2   | 4      | 13.6  | 14    | 0      | 0     | 0     | 1      | 13    | 0     |
| 31          | 15.9       | 39.5       | 0.0        |        |       |        | 8.8    | 23.3  | 0.2    |        |       |       | 0      | 0     | 0     |        |       |       |
| Min         | 10.1999998 | 18.3999996 | 0          | 5.9    | 17.4  | 0      | 5.2    | 14.3  | 0      | 1.1    | 13.6  | 0     | -4     | 0     | 0     | -4     | 5     | 0     |
| Max         | 18.8999996 | 39.5       | 23.6000005 | 21.2   | 38.6  | 31.6   | 15.4   | 30.7  | 42.4   | 13.3   | 24    | 26    | 8      | 19    | 4.8   | 8      | 16    | 7.4   |
| Average     | 14.56      | 29.53      |            | 13.22  | 24.12 |        | 10.47  | 20.67 |        | 6.61   | 18.09 |       | 1.94   | 12.13 |       | 1.77   | 11.90 |       |
| Total       |            |            | 59.00      |        |       | 120.40 |        |       | 109.60 |        |       | 90.00 |        |       | 14.80 |        |       | 17.50 |

**APPENDIX F            TABULATED SURFACE WATER DATA**





|                                     |            | Aluminium | Arsenic | Arsenic (Filtered) | Barium | Barium (Filtered) | Beryllium | Beryllium (Filtered) | Boron | Boron (Filtered) | Cadmium | Cadmium (Filtered) | Chromium | Chromium (Filtered) | Copper | Copper (Filtered) | Iron   | Iron (Filtered) | Lead | Lead (Filtered) | Magnesium | Magnesium (Filtered) | Manganese | Manganese (Filtered) | Mercury | Mercury (Filtered) | Molybdenum | Molybdenum (Filtered) | Nickel | Nickel (Filtered) | Selenium | Selenium (Filtered) | Silver | Silver (Filtered) | Strontium | Strontium (Filtered) | Vanadium | Vanadium (Filtered) | Zinc | Zinc (Filtered) |      |   |   |   |
|-------------------------------------|------------|-----------|---------|--------------------|--------|-------------------|-----------|----------------------|-------|------------------|---------|--------------------|----------|---------------------|--------|-------------------|--------|-----------------|------|-----------------|-----------|----------------------|-----------|----------------------|---------|--------------------|------------|-----------------------|--------|-------------------|----------|---------------------|--------|-------------------|-----------|----------------------|----------|---------------------|------|-----------------|------|---|---|---|
|                                     |            | µg/L      | µg/L    | µg/L               | µg/L   | µg/L              | µg/L      | µg/L                 | µg/L  | µg/L             | µg/L    | µg/L               | µg/L     | µg/L                | µg/L   | µg/L              | µg/L   | µg/L            | µg/L | µg/L            | mg/L      | mg/L                 | µg/L      | µg/L                 | µg/L    | µg/L               | µg/L       | µg/L                  | µg/L   | µg/L              | µg/L     | µg/L                | µg/L   | µg/L              | µg/L      | µg/L                 | µg/L     | µg/L                | µg/L | µg/L            | µg/L |   |   |   |
| Environmental Goals - Surface Water |            |           | 24      | 24                 | 700    | 700               | 100       | 100                  | 370   | 370              | 0.85    | 0.85               | 2        | 2                   | 3.5    | 3.5               | 300    | 300             | 5    | 5               |           |                      | 1900      | 1900                 | 0.06    | 0.06               | 10         | 10                    | 17     | 17                | 5        | 5                   | 0.05   | 0.05              |           |                      |          |                     | 116  | 116             |      |   |   |   |
| LMP01                               | 3/09/2019  | -         | -       | -                  | -      | -                 | -         | -                    | -     | -                | -       | -                  | -        | -                   | -      | -                 | -      | -               | -    | -               | -         | -                    | -         | -                    | -       | -                  | -          | -                     | -      | -                 | -        | -                   | -      | -                 | -         | -                    | -        | -                   | -    | -               | -    | - |   |   |
| LMP01                               | 9/09/2019  | -         | -       | -                  | -      | -                 | -         | -                    | -     | -                | -       | -                  | -        | -                   | -      | -                 | -      | -               | -    | -               | -         | -                    | -         | -                    | -       | -                  | -          | -                     | -      | -                 | -        | -                   | -      | -                 | -         | -                    | -        | -                   | -    | -               | -    | - |   |   |
| LMP01                               | 17/09/2019 | -         | -       | -                  | -      | -                 | -         | -                    | -     | -                | -       | -                  | -        | -                   | -      | -                 | -      | -               | -    | -               | -         | -                    | -         | -                    | -       | -                  | -          | -                     | -      | -                 | -        | -                   | -      | -                 | -         | -                    | -        | -                   | -    | -               | -    | - |   |   |
| LMP01                               | 19/09/2019 | 1360      | 2       | -                  | 29     | -                 | <1        | -                    | 70    | -                | <0.1    | -                  | 2        | -                   | 16     | 6                 | 1830   | 110             | 3    | -               | 8.82      | -                    | 121       | 22                   | <0.04   | -                  | 4          | -                     | 9      | -                 | 0.7      | -                   | <1     | -                 | 0.068     | -                    | <10      | <10                 | 56   | 14              |      |   |   |   |
| LMP01                               | 24/09/2019 | -         | -       | -                  | -      | -                 | -         | -                    | -     | -                | -       | -                  | -        | -                   | -      | -                 | -      | -               | -    | -               | -         | -                    | -         | -                    | -       | -                  | -          | -                     | -      | -                 | -        | -                   | -      | -                 | -         | -                    | -        | -                   | -    | -               | -    | - |   |   |
| LMP01                               | 1/10/2019  | -         | -       | -                  | -      | -                 | -         | -                    | -     | -                | -       | -                  | -        | -                   | -      | -                 | -      | -               | -    | -               | -         | -                    | -         | -                    | -       | -                  | -          | -                     | -      | -                 | -        | -                   | -      | -                 | -         | -                    | -        | -                   | -    | -               | -    | - |   |   |
| LMP01                               | 9/10/2019  | -         | -       | -                  | -      | -                 | -         | -                    | -     | -                | -       | -                  | -        | -                   | -      | -                 | -      | -               | -    | -               | -         | -                    | -         | -                    | -       | -                  | -          | -                     | -      | -                 | -        | -                   | -      | -                 | -         | -                    | -        | -                   | -    | -               | -    | - |   |   |
| LMP01                               | 15/10/2019 | -         | -       | -                  | -      | -                 | -         | -                    | -     | -                | -       | -                  | -        | -                   | -      | -                 | -      | -               | -    | -               | -         | -                    | -         | -                    | -       | -                  | -          | -                     | -      | -                 | -        | -                   | -      | -                 | -         | -                    | -        | -                   | -    | -               | -    | - |   |   |
| LMP01                               | 22/10/2019 | -         | -       | -                  | -      | -                 | -         | -                    | -     | -                | -       | -                  | -        | -                   | -      | -                 | -      | -               | -    | -               | -         | -                    | -         | -                    | -       | -                  | -          | -                     | -      | -                 | -        | -                   | -      | -                 | -         | -                    | -        | -                   | -    | -               | -    | - |   |   |
| LMP01                               | 24/10/2019 | 420       | <1      | -                  | 26     | -                 | <1        | -                    | 110   | -                | <0.1    | -                  | <1       | -                   | 11     | -                 | 533    | -               | 1    | -               | 11.6      | -                    | 103       | -                    | <0.04   | -                  | 6          | -                     | 4      | -                 | 0.5      | -                   | <1     | -                 | 0.085     | -                    | <10      | -                   | 22   | -               | -    |   |   |   |
| LMP01                               | 29/10/2019 | -         | -       | -                  | -      | -                 | -         | -                    | -     | -                | -       | -                  | -        | -                   | -      | -                 | -      | -               | -    | -               | -         | -                    | -         | -                    | -       | -                  | -          | -                     | -      | -                 | -        | -                   | -      | -                 | -         | -                    | -        | -                   | -    | -               | -    | - |   |   |
| LMP01                               | 20/02/2020 | 3110      | 6       | -                  | 42     | -                 | <1        | -                    | 80    | -                | 0.2     | -                  | 4        | -                   | 16     | 6                 | 3480   | 212             | 8    | -               | 9.48      | -                    | 208       | 33                   | <0.04   | -                  | 13         | -                     | 17     | -                 | 0.9      | -                   | <1     | -                 | 0.067     | -                    | <10      | <10                 | 79   | 8               |      |   |   |   |
| LMP01                               | 24/02/2020 | -         | -       | -                  | -      | -                 | -         | -                    | -     | -                | -       | -                  | -        | -                   | -      | -                 | -      | -               | -    | -               | -         | -                    | -         | -                    | -       | -                  | -          | -                     | -      | -                 | -        | -                   | -      | -                 | -         | -                    | -        | -                   | -    | -               | -    | - |   |   |
| LMP01                               | 2/03/2020  | -         | -       | -                  | -      | -                 | -         | -                    | -     | -                | -       | -                  | -        | -                   | -      | -                 | -      | -               | -    | -               | -         | -                    | -         | -                    | -       | -                  | -          | -                     | -      | -                 | -        | -                   | -      | -                 | -         | -                    | -        | -                   | -    | -               | -    | - | - |   |
| LMP01                               | 9/03/2020  | -         | -       | -                  | -      | -                 | -         | -                    | -     | -                | -       | -                  | -        | -                   | -      | -                 | -      | -               | -    | -               | -         | -                    | -         | -                    | -       | -                  | -          | -                     | -      | -                 | -        | -                   | -      | -                 | -         | -                    | -        | -                   | -    | -               | -    | - | - |   |
| LMP01                               | 16/03/2020 | -         | -       | -                  | -      | -                 | -         | -                    | -     | -                | -       | -                  | -        | -                   | -      | -                 | -      | -               | -    | -               | -         | -                    | -         | -                    | -       | -                  | -          | -                     | -      | -                 | -        | -                   | -      | -                 | -         | -                    | -        | -                   | -    | -               | -    | - | - |   |
| LMP01                               | 23/03/2020 | -         | -       | -                  | -      | -                 | -         | -                    | -     | -                | -       | -                  | -        | -                   | -      | -                 | -      | -               | -    | -               | -         | -                    | -         | -                    | -       | -                  | -          | -                     | -      | -                 | -        | -                   | -      | -                 | -         | -                    | -        | -                   | -    | -               | -    | - | - |   |
| LMP01                               | 30/03/2020 | -         | -       | -                  | -      | -                 | -         | -                    | -     | -                | -       | -                  | -        | -                   | -      | -                 | -      | -               | -    | -               | -         | -                    | -         | -                    | -       | -                  | -          | -                     | -      | -                 | -        | -                   | -      | -                 | -         | -                    | -        | -                   | -    | -               | -    | - | - |   |
| LMP01                               | 20/04/2020 | -         | -       | -                  | -      | -                 | -         | -                    | -     | -                | -       | -                  | -        | -                   | -      | -                 | -      | -               | -    | -               | -         | -                    | -         | -                    | -       | -                  | -          | -                     | -      | -                 | -        | -                   | -      | -                 | -         | -                    | -        | -                   | -    | -               | -    | - | - |   |
| LMP01                               | 11/05/2020 | -         | -       | -                  | -      | -                 | -         | -                    | -     | -                | -       | -                  | -        | -                   | -      | -                 | -      | -               | -    | -               | -         | -                    | -         | -                    | -       | -                  | -          | -                     | -      | -                 | -        | -                   | -      | -                 | -         | -                    | -        | -                   | -    | -               | -    | - | - |   |
| LMP01                               | 18/05/2020 | -         | -       | -                  | -      | -                 | -         | -                    | -     | -                | -       | -                  | -        | -                   | -      | -                 | -      | -               | -    | -               | -         | -                    | -         | -                    | -       | -                  | -          | -                     | -      | -                 | -        | -                   | -      | -                 | -         | -                    | -        | -                   | -    | -               | -    | - | - |   |
| LMP01                               | 25/05/2020 | -         | -       | -                  | -      | -                 | -         | -                    | -     | -                | -       | -                  | -        | -                   | -      | -                 | -      | -               | -    | -               | -         | -                    | -         | -                    | -       | -                  | -          | -                     | -      | -                 | -        | -                   | -      | -                 | -         | -                    | -        | -                   | -    | -               | -    | - | - |   |
| LMP01                               | 1/06/2020  | -         | -       | -                  | -      | -                 | -         | -                    | -     | -                | -       | -                  | -        | -                   | -      | -                 | -      | -               | -    | -               | -         | -                    | -         | -                    | -       | -                  | -          | -                     | -      | -                 | -        | -                   | -      | -                 | -         | -                    | -        | -                   | -    | -               | -    | - | - |   |
| LMP01                               | 9/06/2020  | -         | -       | -                  | -      | -                 | -         | -                    | -     | -                | -       | -                  | -        | -                   | -      | -                 | -      | -               | -    | -               | -         | -                    | -         | -                    | -       | -                  | -          | -                     | -      | -                 | -        | -                   | -      | -                 | -         | -                    | -        | -                   | -    | -               | -    | - | - |   |
| LMP01                               | 15/06/2020 | -         | -       | -                  | -      | -                 | -         | -                    | -     | -                | -       | -                  | -        | -                   | -      | -                 | -      | -               | -    | -               | -         | -                    | -         | -                    | -       | -                  | -          | -                     | -      | -                 | -        | -                   | -      | -                 | -         | -                    | -        | -                   | -    | -               | -    | - | - |   |
| LMP01                               | 22/06/2020 | -         | -       | -                  | -      | -                 | -         | -                    | -     | -                | -       | -                  | -        | -                   | -      | -                 | -      | -               | -    | -               | -         | -                    | -         | -                    | -       | -                  | -          | -                     | -      | -                 | -        | -                   | -      | -                 | -         | -                    | -        | -                   | -    | -               | -    | - | - | - |
| LMP01                               | 29/06/2020 | -         | -       | -                  | -      | -                 | -         | -                    | -     | -                | -       | -                  | -        | -                   | -      | -                 | -      | -               | -    | -               | -         | -                    | -         | -                    | -       | -                  | -          | -                     | -      | -                 | -        | -                   | -      | -                 | -         | -                    | -        | -                   | -    | -               | -    | - | - |   |
|                                     | Min        | 140       | 2       | 0                  | 26     | 0                 | 0         | 0                    | 70    | 0                | 0.2     | 0                  | 2        | 0                   | 11     | 6                 | 406    | 91              | 1    | 0               | 8.82      | 0                    | 103       | 22                   | 0       | 0                  | 4          | 0                     | 4      | 0                 | 0.4      | 0                   | 0      | 0                 | 0.067     | 0                    | 0        | 0                   | 0    | 22              | 8    |   |   |   |
|                                     | Max        | 3110      | 6       | 0                  | 53     | 0                 | 0         | 0                    | 210   | 0                | 0.2     | 0                  | 4        | 0                   | 33     | 25                | 3480   | 212             | 8    | 0               | 20.2      | 0                    | 286       | 260                  | 0       | 0                  | 13         | 0                     | 17     | 0                 | 0.9      | 0                   | 0      | 0                 | 0.175     | 0                    | 0        | 0                   | 0    | 79              | 55   |   |   |   |
|                                     | Mean       | 1056.0    | 4.0     | -                  | 36.0   | -                 | -         | -                    | 132.0 | -                | 0.2     | -                  | 3.0      | -                   | 19.2   | 11.8              | 1351.0 | 141.3           | 4.0  | -               | 12.8      | -                    | 166.0     | 84.5                 | -       | -                  | 6.4        | -                     | 9.8    | -                 | 0.6      | -                   | -      | -                 | 0.1       | -                    | -        | -                   | -    | 49.6            | 22.8 |   |   |   |
| Mid-Stream Monitoring Locations     |            |           |         |                    |        |                   |           |                      |       |                  |         |                    |          |                     |        |                   |        |                 |      |                 |           |                      |           |                      |         |                    |            |                       |        |                   |          |                     |        |                   |           |                      |          |                     |      |                 |      |   |   |   |
| NC01                                | 17/07/2019 | 60        | <1      | -                  | 30     | -                 | <1        | -                    | 50    | -                | <0.1    | -                  | <1       | -                   | 5      | 2                 | 788    | 365             | <1   | -               | 13.1      | -                    | 219       | 196                  | <0.04   | -                  | 2          | -                     | 3      | -                 | <0.2     | -                   | <1     | -                 | 0.09      | -                    | <10      | <10                 | 7    | <5              |      |   |   |   |
| NC01                                | 22/08/2019 | 40        | <1      | -                  | 32     | -                 | <1        | -                    | 80    | -                | <0.1    | -                  | <1       | -                   | 2      | <1                | 666    | 125             | <1   | -               | 14.9      | -                    | 150       | 103                  | <0.04   | -                  | 2          | -                     | 2      | -                 | <0.2     | -                   | <1     | -                 | 0.102     | -                    | <10      | <10                 | <5   | <5              |      |   |   |   |
| NC01                                | 19/09/2019 | 660       | 1       | -                  | 25     | -                 | <1        | -                    | 70    | -                | <0.1    | -                  | <1       | -                   | 5      | 2                 | 1070   | 154             | 2    | -               | 10.2      | -                    | 198       | 59                   | <0.04   | -                  | 2          | -                     | 4      | -                 | 0.3      | -                   | <1     | -                 | 0.067     | -                    | <10      | <10                 | 14   | 5               |      |   |   |   |
| NC01                                | 23/10/2019 | 70        | <1      | -                  | 51     | -                 | <1        | -                    | 60    | -                | <0.1    | -                  | <1       | -                   | <1     | -                 | 1040   | -               | <1   | -               | 10.6      | -                    | 859       | -                    | <0.04   | -                  | 1          | -                     | 3      | -                 | 0.2      | -                   | <1     | -                 | 0.089     | -                    | <10      | -                   | 74   | -               |      |   |   |   |
| NC01                                | 20/02/2020 | 1660      | 2       | -                  | 43     | -                 | <1        | -                    | 90    | -                | <0.1    | -                  | <1       | -                   | 4      | 1                 | 3560   | 238             | 2    | -               | 11.6      | -                    | 425       | 248                  | <0.04   | -                  | 7          | -                     | 10     | -                 | 0.6      | -                   | <1     | -                 | 0.078     | -                    | <10      | <10                 | 46   | 11              |      |   |   |   |
|                                     | Min        | 40        | 1       | 0                  | 25     | 0                 | 0         | 0                    | 50    | 0                | 0       | 0                  | 0        | 0                   | 2      | 1                 | 666    | 125             | 2    | 0               | 10.2      | 0                    | 150       | 59                   | 0       | 0                  | 1          | 0                     | 2      | 0                 | 0.2      | 0                   | 0      | 0                 | 0.067     | 0                    | 0        | 0                   | 0    | 7               | 5    |   |   |   |
|                                     | Max        | 1660      | 2       | 0                  | 51     | 0                 | 0         | 0                    | 90    | 0                | 0       | 0                  | 0        | 0                   | 5      | 2                 | 3560   | 365             | 2    | 0               | 14.9      | 0                    | 859       | 248                  | 0       | 0                  | 7          | 0                     | 10     | 0                 | 0.6      | 0                   | 0      | 0                 | 0.102     | 0                    | 0        | 0                   | 0    | 74              | 11   |   |   |   |
|                                     | Mean       | 498.0     | 1.5     | -                  | 36.2   | -                 | -         | -                    | 70.0  | -                | -       | -                  | -        | -                   | 4.0    | 1.7               | 1424.8 | 220.5           | 2.0  | -               | 12.1      | -                    | 370.2     | 151.5                | -       | -                  | 2.8        | -                     | 4.4    | -                 | 0.4      | -                   | -      | -                 | 0.1       | -                    | -        | -                   | -    | 35.3            | 8.0  |   |   |   |
| C                                   | 11/07/2019 | 40        | <1      | -                  | 26     | -                 | -         | -                    | 60    | -                | <0.1    | -                  | <1       | -                   | 3      | -                 | 553    | -               | <1   | -               | 13.4      | -                    | 163       | -                    | <0.04   | -                  | 2          | -                     | 3      | -                 | <0.2     | -                   | <1     | -                 | -         | -                    | -        | -                   | -    | <5              | -    |   |   |   |
| C                                   | 14/08/2019 | 50        | <1      | -                  | 29     | -                 | -         | -                    | 50    | -                | <0.1    | -                  | <1       | -                   | 8      | -                 | 584    | -               | <1   | -               | 16.2      | -                    | 188       | -                    | <0.04   | -                  | 2          | -                     | 5      | -                 | 0.2      | -                   | <1     | -                 | -         | -                    | -        | -                   | -    | 11              | -    |   |   |   |
| C                                   | 11/09/2019 | 70        | <1      | -                  | 33     | -                 | -         | -                    | 70    | -                | <0.1    | -                  | <1       | -                   | 3      | -                 | 647    | -               | <1   | -               | 14.3      | -                    | 222       | -                    | <0.04   | -                  | 2          | -                     | 4      | -                 | <0.2     | -                   | <1     | -                 | -         | -                    | -        | -                   | -    | 6               | -    |   |   |   |
| C                                   | 16/10/2019 | 390       | <1      | -                  | 33     | -                 | -         | -                    | 60    | -                | <0.1    | -                  | <1       | -                   | <1     | -                 | 651    | -               | <1   | -               | 12.4      | -                    | 388       | -                    | <0.04   | -                  | <1         | -                     | 2      | -                 | <0.2     | -                   | <1     | -                 | -         | -                    | -        | -                   | -    | <5              | -    |   |   |   |
| C                                   | 13/11/2019 | 610       | <1      | <1                 | 42     | 32                | -         | -                    | 50    |                  |         |                    |          |                     |        |                   |        |                 |      |                 |           |                      |           |                      |         |                    |            |                       |        |                   |          |                     |        |                   |           |                      |          |                     |      |                 |      |   |   |   |















|                                     |            | Nitrite + Nitrate (as N) | Nitrite + Nitrate (as N) (Filtered) | Nitrogen (N) - Kjeldahl | Nitrogen (N) - Kjeldahl (Filtered) | Nitrogen (N) | Nitrogen (N) (Filtered) | Ammonia (NH3-N) | Ammonia (NH3-N) (Filtered) | Total Suspended Solids (TSS) | Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) | Electrical Conductivity (Lab) | pH (Lab) | Turbidity | Electrical Conductivity (Field) | Dissolved Oxygen (Field) | Temperature (Field) | pH (Field) | Oil & Grease | Oil & Grease (Filtered) |
|-------------------------------------|------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------|-----------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|------------|--------------|-------------------------|
|                                     |            | mg/L                     | mg/L                                | mg/L                    | mg/L                               | mg/L         | mg/L                    | mg/L            | mg/L                       | mg/L                         | mg/L                         | µS/cm                         | pH units | NTU       | µS/cm                           | mg/L                     | oC                  | pH units   | mg/L         | mg/L                    |
| Environmental Goals - Surface Water |            |                          |                                     |                         |                                    |              |                         |                 |                            | 1500                         | 2200                         | 6.5-8                         |          |           | 2200                            |                          |                     | 6.5-8      |              |                         |
|                                     | Min        | 0                        | 0                                   | 0.2                     | 0                                  | 0.2          | 0                       | 0               | 0                          | 0                            | 385                          | 0                             | 0        | 3.9       | 518                             | 5.7                      | 0                   | 6.73       | 0            | 0                       |
|                                     | Max        | 0                        | 0                                   | 0.5                     | 0                                  | 0.5          | 0                       | 0               | 0                          | 0                            | 11900                        | 0                             | 0        | 37.5      | 11800                           | 15.9                     | 0                   | 7.2        | 0            | 0                       |
|                                     | Mean       | -                        | -                                   | 0.3                     | -                                  | 0.3          | -                       | -               | -                          | -                            | 2465.4                       | -                             | -        | 16.7      | 2640.9                          | 10.1                     | -                   | 7.0        | -            | -                       |
| Downstream Monitoring Locations     |            |                          |                                     |                         |                                    |              |                         |                 |                            |                              |                              |                               |          |           |                                 |                          |                     |            |              |                         |
| WX22                                | 24/07/2019 | 0.02                     | -                                   | 0.2                     | -                                  | 0.2          | -                       | -               | -                          | -                            | 534                          | -                             | -        | 1.3       | -                               | 13.4                     | 4.5                 | 7.74       | -            | -                       |
| WX22                                | 28/08/2019 | <0.01                    | -                                   | 0.2                     | -                                  | 0.2          | -                       | -               | -                          | -                            | 805                          | -                             | -        | 1.7       | -                               | 12.9                     | 6.8                 | 6.97       | -            | -                       |
| WX22                                | 25/09/2019 | 0.02                     | -                                   | 0.1                     | -                                  | 0.1          | -                       | -               | -                          | -                            | 487                          | -                             | -        | 1.3       | -                               | 12.3                     | 8.6                 | 7.34       | -            | -                       |
| WX22                                | 30/10/2019 | <0.01                    | -                                   | 0.2                     | -                                  | 0.2          | -                       | -               | -                          | -                            | 1390                         | -                             | -        | 5.1       | -                               | 8.4                      | 15.3                | 6.55       | -            | -                       |
| WX22                                | 6/11/2019  | -                        | -                                   | -                       | -                                  | -            | -                       | -               | -                          | -                            | -                            | -                             | -        | -         | 1886                            | -                        | -                   | -          | -            | -                       |
| WX22                                | 27/11/2019 | <0.01                    | -                                   | 0.3                     | -                                  | 0.3          | -                       | -               | -                          | -                            | 1610                         | -                             | -        | 6.7       | 2610                            | 9.5                      | 16.9                | 6.88       | -            | -                       |
| WX22                                | 22/01/2020 | 0.03                     | 0.03                                | 1.6                     | 1.6                                | 1.6          | 1.6                     | -               | -                          | -                            | 2680                         | -                             | -        | 8         | 3040                            | 7.5                      | 19.6                | 7.07       | -            | -                       |
| WX22                                | 26/02/2020 | <0.01                    | -                                   | 0.2                     | -                                  | 0.2          | -                       | -               | -                          | -                            | 652                          | -                             | -        | 5.2       | 850                             | 8.8                      | 17.5                | 6.48       | -            | -                       |
| WX22                                | 25/03/2020 | <0.01                    | -                                   | 0.3                     | -                                  | <0.3         | -                       | -               | -                          | -                            | 518                          | -                             | -        | 4.4       | 730                             | 8.7                      | 15.3                | 7.03       | -            | -                       |
| WX22                                | 24/06/2020 | 0.01                     | -                                   | 0.1                     | -                                  | 0.1          | -                       | -               | -                          | -                            | 266                          | -                             | -        | 4.1       | 528                             | 13.2                     | 6.3                 | 7.24       | -            | -                       |
|                                     | Min        | 0.01                     | 0.03                                | 0.1                     | 1.6                                | 0.1          | 1.6                     | 0               | 0                          | 0                            | 266                          | 0                             | 0        | 1.3       | 528                             | 7.5                      | 4.5                 | 6.48       | 0            | 0                       |
|                                     | Max        | 0.03                     | 0.03                                | 1.6                     | 1.6                                | 1.6          | 1.6                     | 0               | 0                          | 0                            | 2680                         | 0                             | 0        | 8         | 3040                            | 13.4                     | 19.6                | 7.74       | 0            | 0                       |
|                                     | Mean       | 0.0                      | 0.0                                 | 0.4                     | 1.6                                | 0.4          | 1.6                     | -               | -                          | -                            | 993.6                        | -                             | -        | 4.2       | 1607.3                          | 10.5                     | 12.3                | -          | -            | -                       |
| G                                   | 11/07/2019 | -                        | -                                   | 0.1                     | -                                  | 0.1          | -                       | -               | -                          | -                            | 450                          | -                             | -        | 1.3       | 698                             | 12.2                     | -                   | 7.26       | -            | -                       |
| G                                   | 14/08/2019 | -                        | -                                   | 0.3                     | -                                  | 0.3          | -                       | -               | -                          | -                            | 564                          | -                             | -        | 0.9       | 900                             | 15                       | -                   | 7.3        | -            | -                       |
| G                                   | 11/09/2019 | -                        | -                                   | 0.2                     | -                                  | 0.2          | -                       | -               | -                          | -                            | 892                          | -                             | -        | 1         | 1420                            | 12.8                     | -                   | 7.23       | -            | -                       |
| G                                   | 16/10/2019 | -                        | -                                   | <0.1                    | -                                  | <0.1         | -                       | -               | -                          | -                            | 895                          | -                             | -        | 2.5       | 1450                            | 10.1                     | -                   | 7.25       | -            | -                       |
| G                                   | 13/11/2019 | -                        | -                                   | 0.2                     | -                                  | 0.2          | -                       | -               | -                          | -                            | 1640                         | -                             | -        | 2.7       | 2320                            | 9.5                      | -                   | 7.48       | -            | -                       |
| G                                   | 12/02/2020 | -                        | -                                   | -                       | -                                  | -            | -                       | -               | -                          | -                            | -                            | -                             | -        | -         | 600                             | 7.8                      | -                   | 6.56       | -            | -                       |
| G                                   | 19/03/2020 | -                        | -                                   | 0.2                     | -                                  | 0.2          | -                       | -               | -                          | -                            | 408                          | -                             | -        | 3.6       | 606                             | 9.8                      | -                   | 7.05       | -            | -                       |
|                                     | Min        | 0                        | 0                                   | 0.1                     | 0                                  | 0.1          | 0                       | 0               | 0                          | 0                            | 408                          | 0                             | 0        | 0.9       | 600                             | 7.8                      | 0                   | 6.56       | 0            | 0                       |
|                                     | Max        | 0                        | 0                                   | 0.3                     | 0                                  | 0.3          | 0                       | 0               | 0                          | 0                            | 1640                         | 0                             | 0        | 3.6       | 2320                            | 15                       | 0                   | 7.48       | 0            | 0                       |
|                                     | Mean       | -                        | -                                   | 0.2                     | -                                  | 0.2          | -                       | -               | -                          | -                            | 808.2                        | -                             | -        | 2.0       | 1142.0                          | 11.0                     | -                   | -          | -            | -                       |
|                                     |            | 18                       | 10                                  | 31                      | 10                                 | 31           | 10                      | 9               | 9                          | 9                            | 31                           | 11                            | 9        | 31        | 30                              | 33                       | 18                  | 33         | 9            | 9                       |
|                                     |            | 13                       | 10                                  | 31                      | 10                                 | 30           | 10                      | 9               | 9                          | 9                            | 31                           | 11                            | 9        | 31        | 30                              | 33                       | 18                  | 33         | 9            | 9                       |
|                                     |            | 0                        | 0                                   | 0.1                     | 0                                  | 0.1          | 0                       | 0               | 0                          | 0                            | 215                          | 0                             | 0        | 1.3       | 290                             | 5                        | 0                   | 6.48       | 0            | 0                       |
|                                     |            | 0.01                     | 0.03                                | 0.1                     | 1.6                                | 0.1          | 1.6                     | ND              | ND                         | ND                           | 215                          | ND                            | ND       | 1.3       | 290                             | 5                        | 4.5                 | 6.48       | ND           | ND                      |
|                                     |            | 0.03                     | 0.03                                | 1.6                     | 1.6                                | 1.6          | 1.6                     | 0               | 0                          | 0                            | 11900                        | 0                             | 0        | 37.5      | 11800                           | 15.9                     | 19.6                | 7.74       | 0            | 0                       |
|                                     |            | 0.03                     | 0.03                                | 1.6                     | 1.6                                | 1.6          | 1.6                     | ND              | ND                         | ND                           | 11900                        | ND                            | ND       | 37.5      | 11800                           | 15.9                     | 19.6                | 7.74       | ND           | ND                      |
|                                     |            | 0.01                     | 0.015                               | 0.33                    | 0.8                                | 0.34         | 0.8                     | 0               | 0                          | 0                            | 1534                         | 0                             | 0        | 11        | 1853                            | 9.9                      | 9.2                 | 7          | 0            | 0                       |
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|                                     |            | 0.01                     | 0.016                               | 0.35                    | 0.86                               | 0.35         | 0.86                    | 0               | 0                          | 0                            | 2862                         | 0                             | 0        | 10        | 2858                            | 3.2                      | 7.4                 | 0.3        | 0            | 0                       |
|                                     |            | 0                        | 0                                   | 0                       | 0                                  | 0            | 0                       | 0               | 0                          | 0                            | 8                            | 0                             | 6        | 0         | 8                               | 0                        | 0                   | 2          | 0            | 0                       |
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## **APPENDIX G      TABULATED GROUNDWATER DATA**



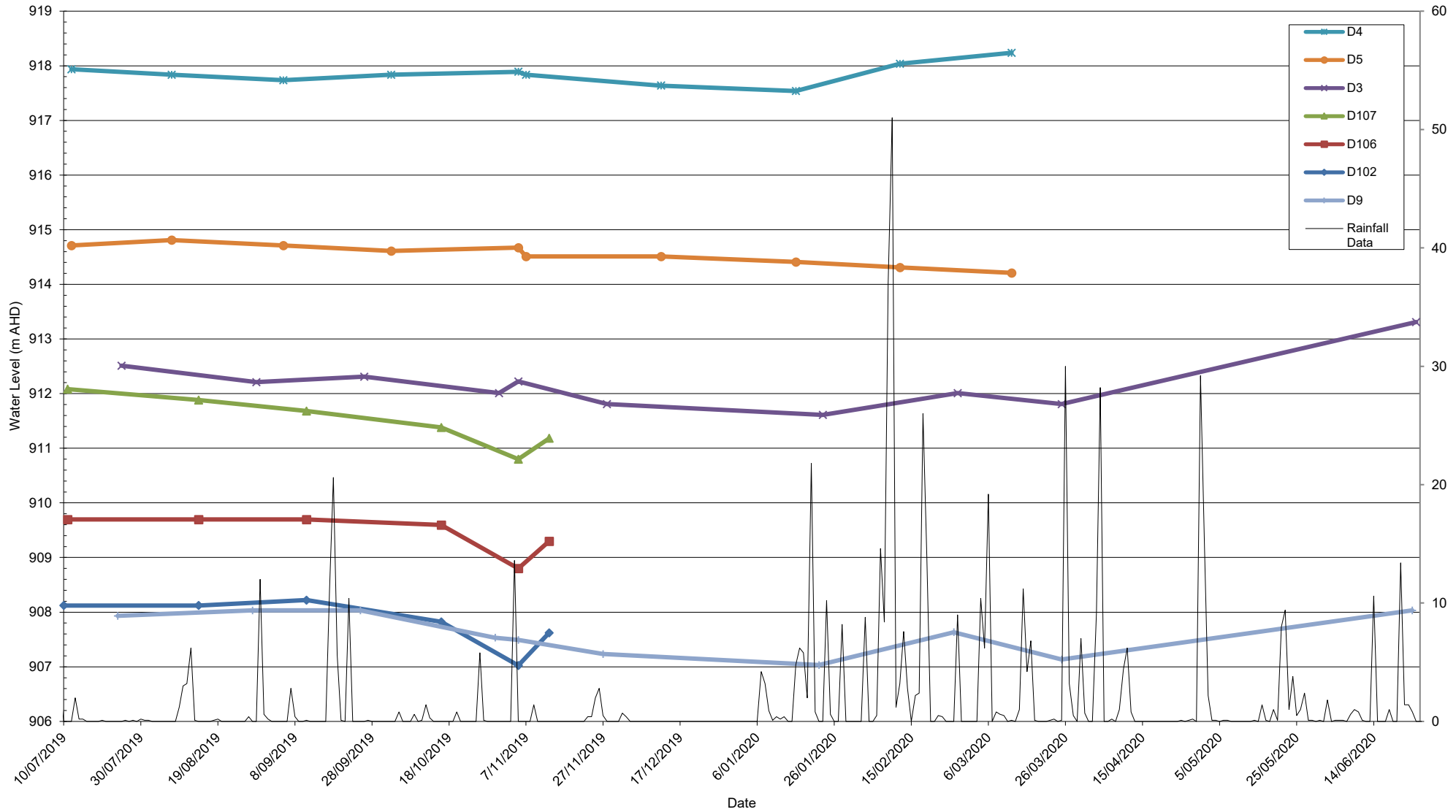
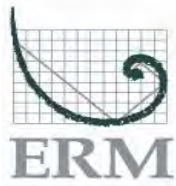






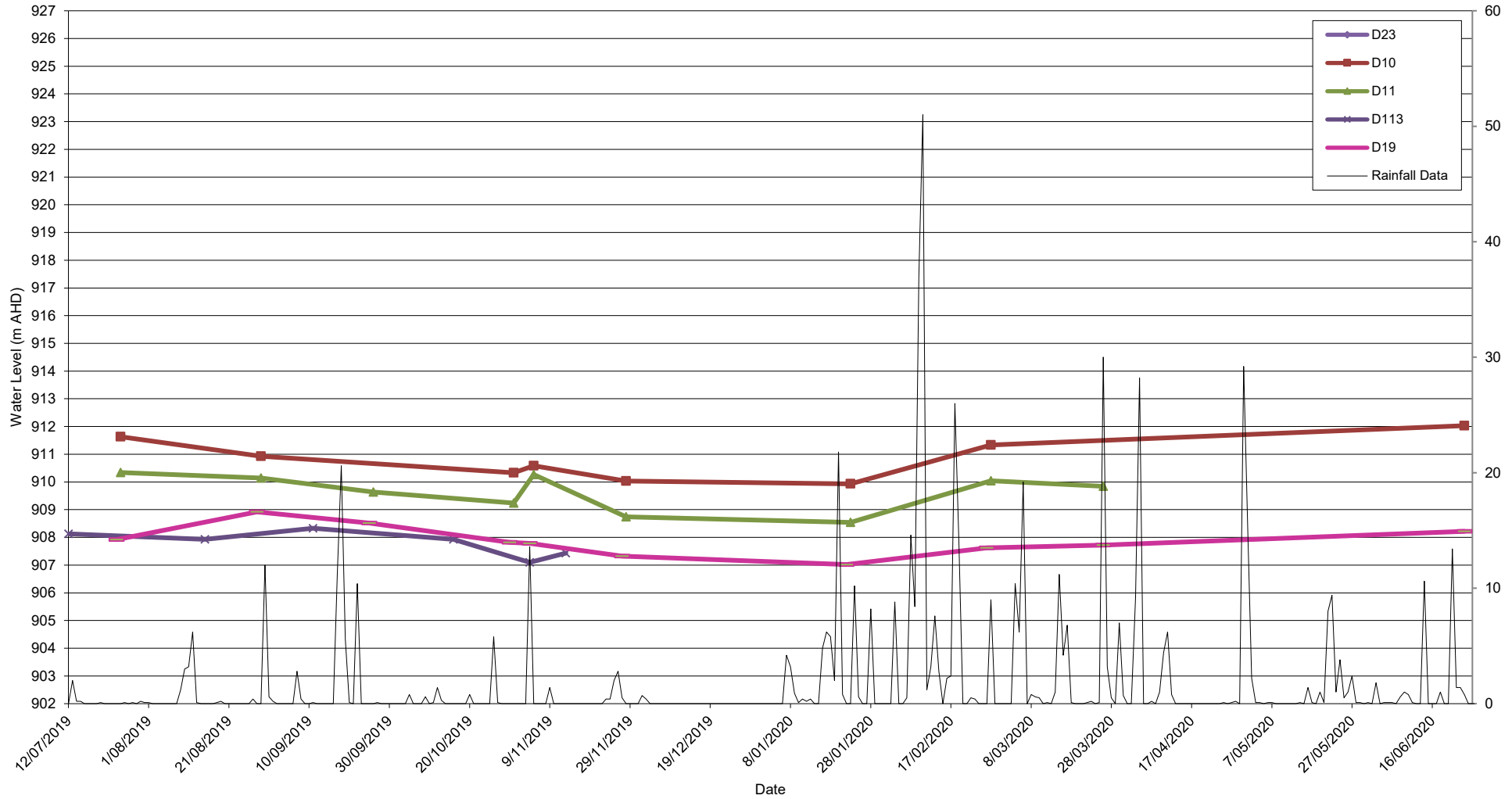


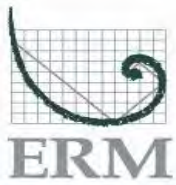
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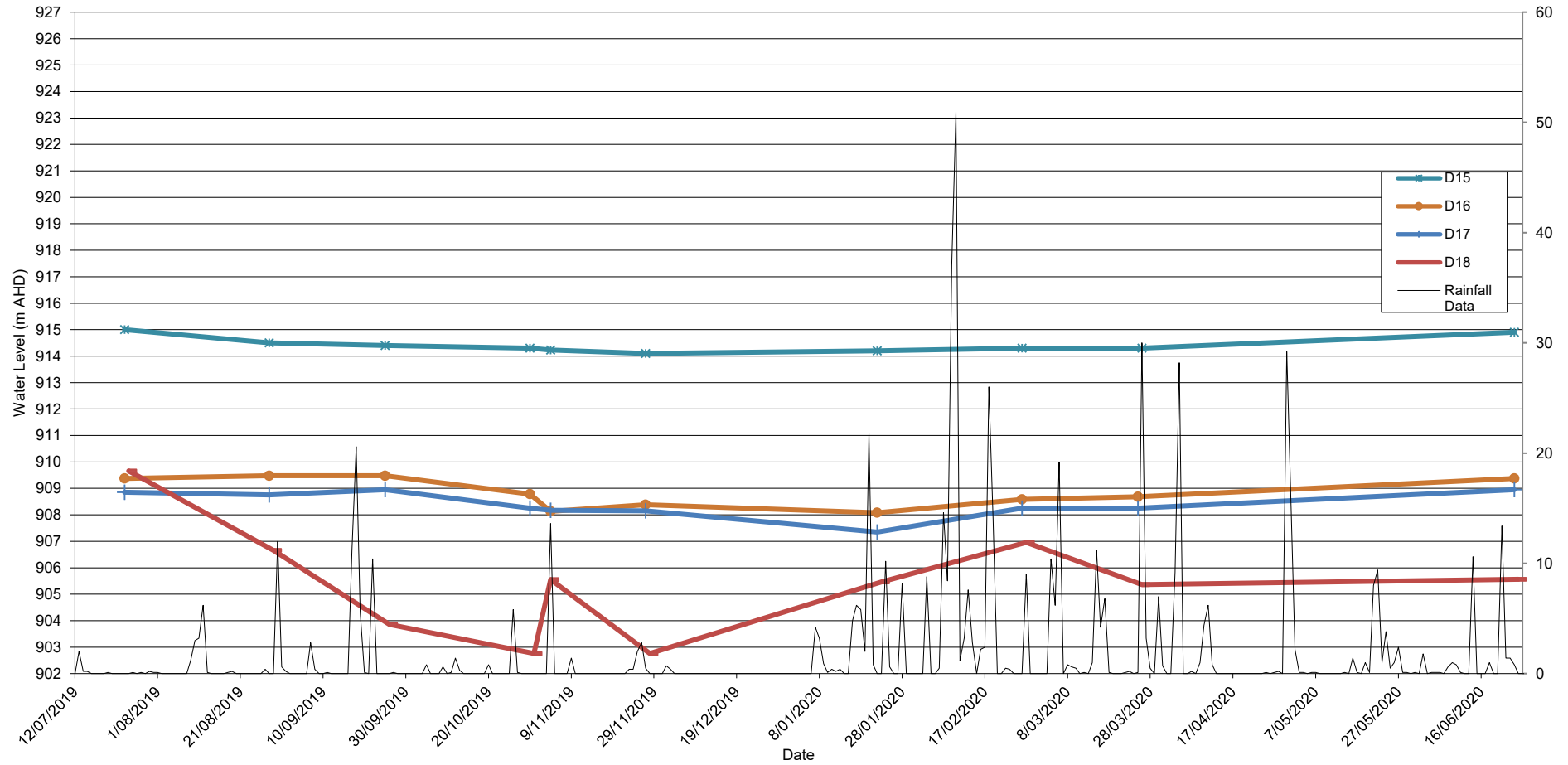


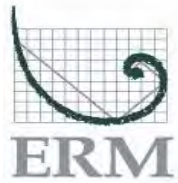
Appendix H. Water level vs Rainfall Over Time  
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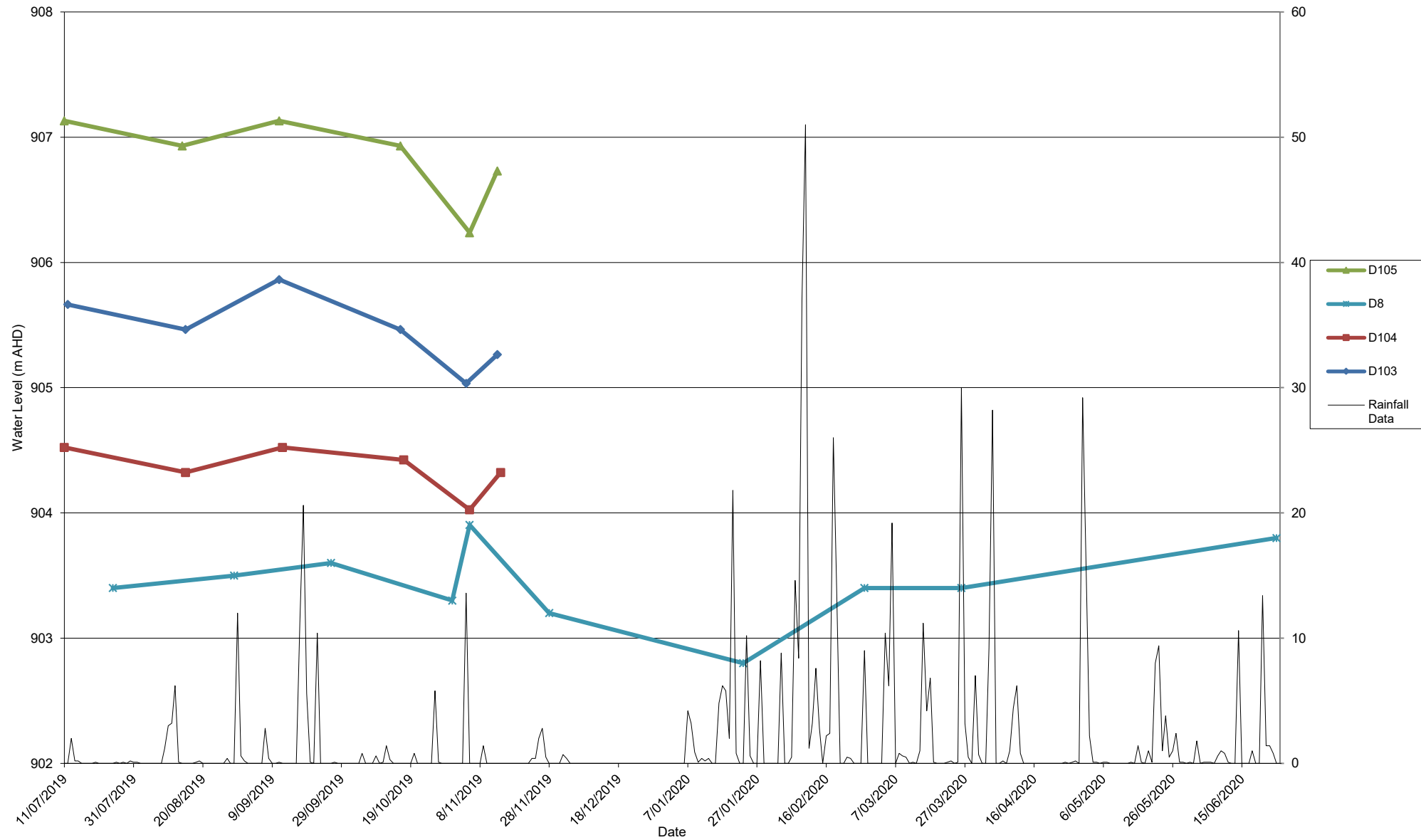


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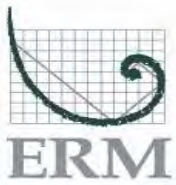




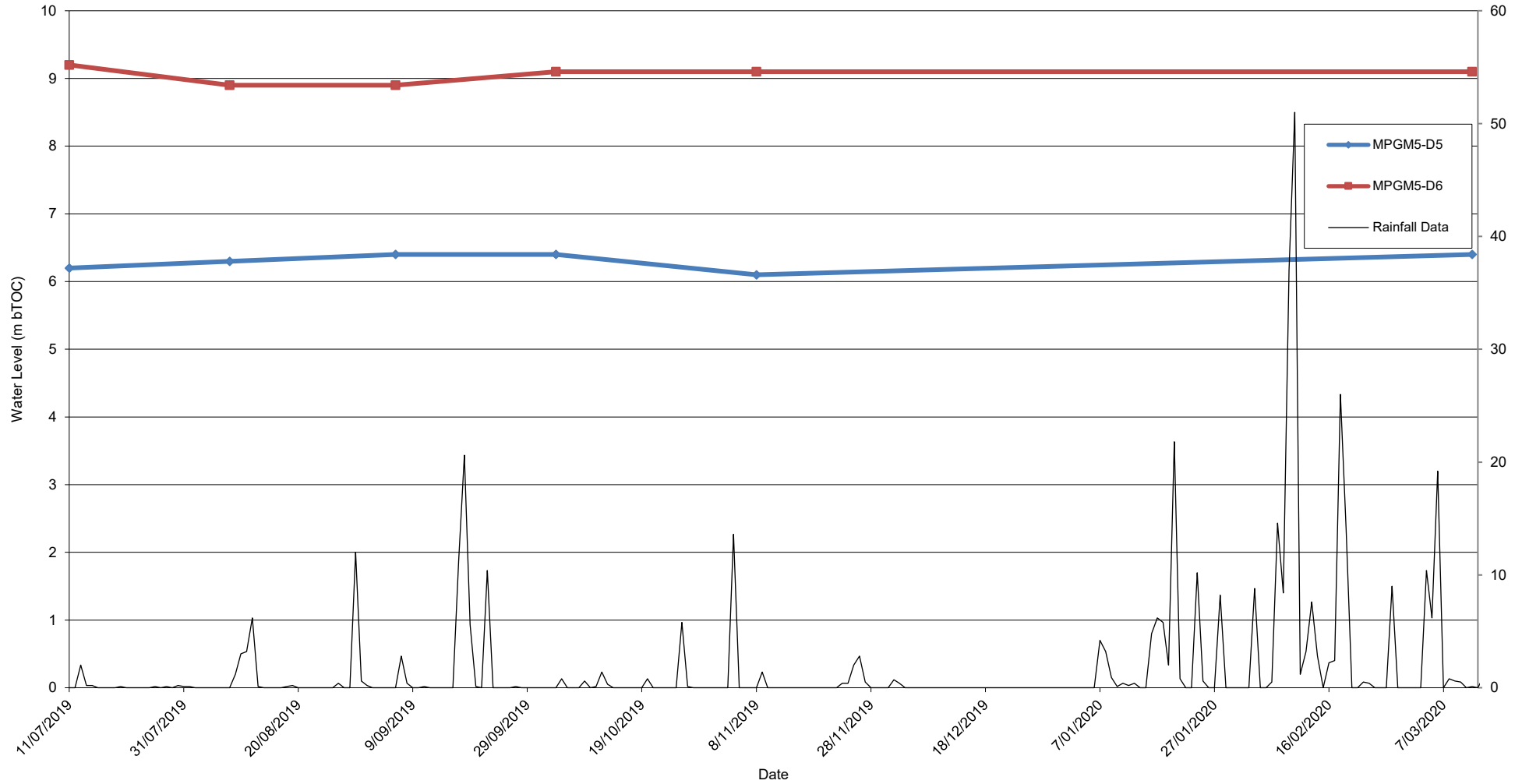
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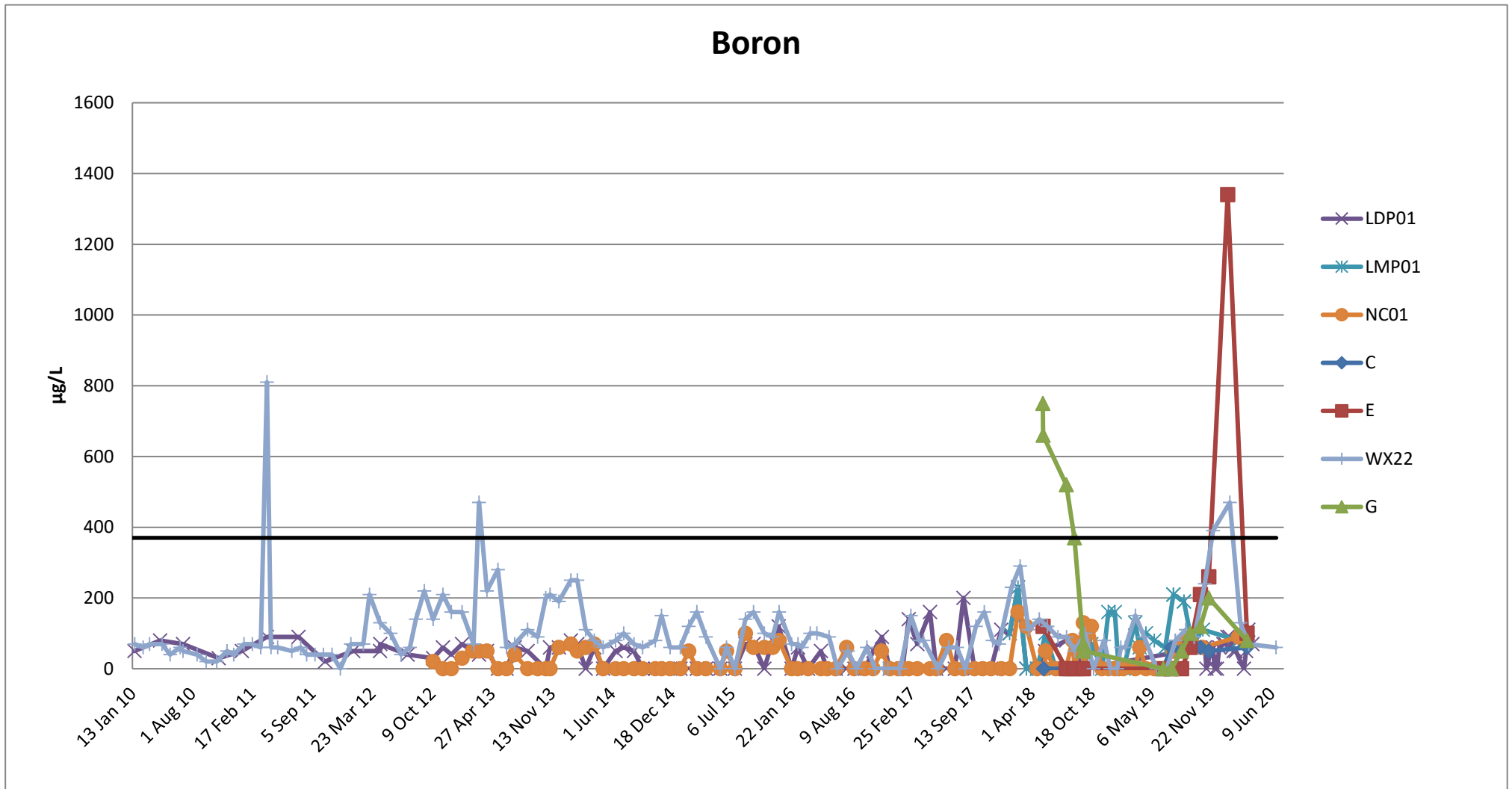
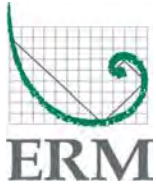


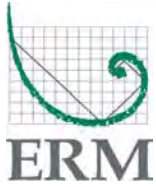


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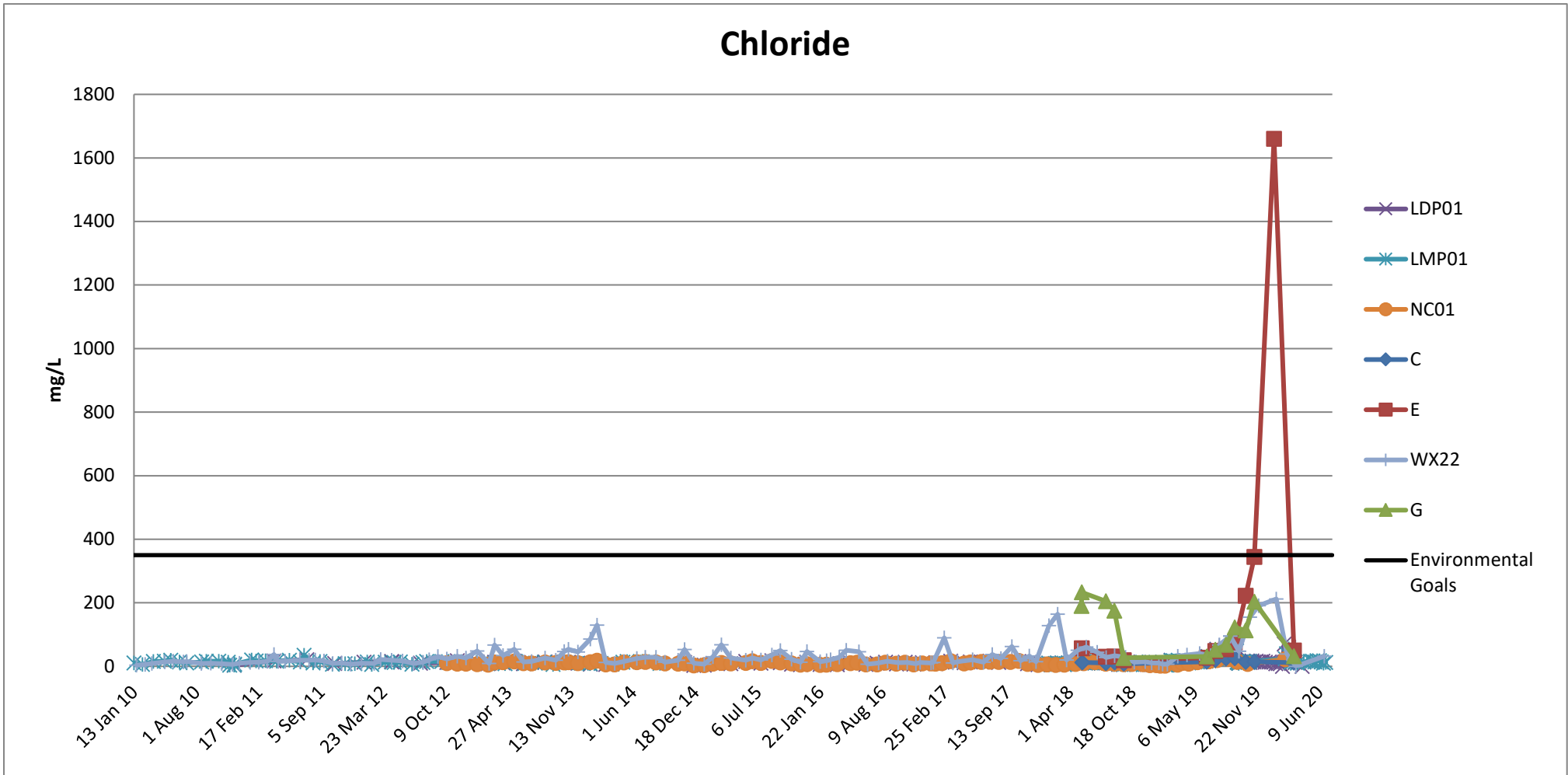


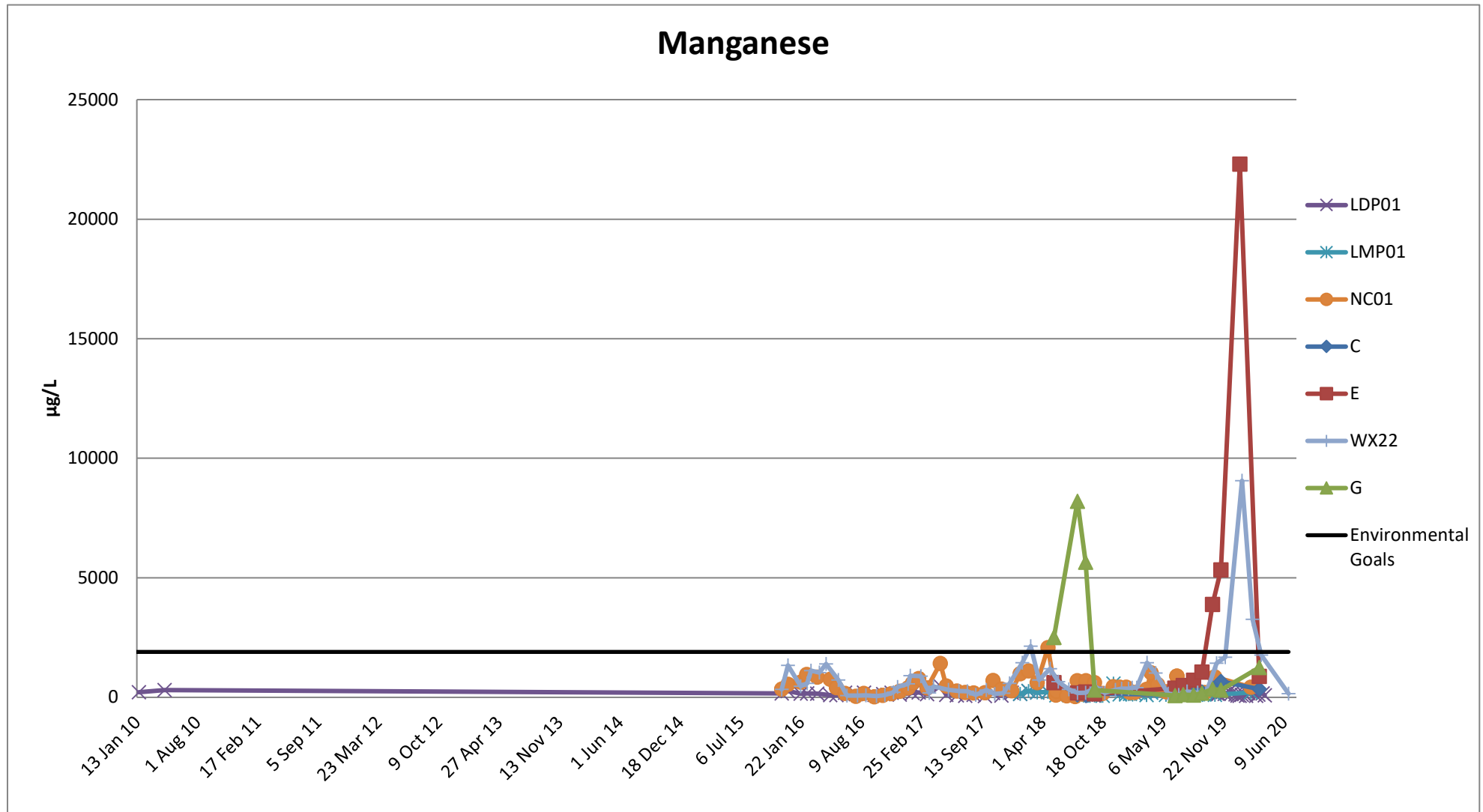
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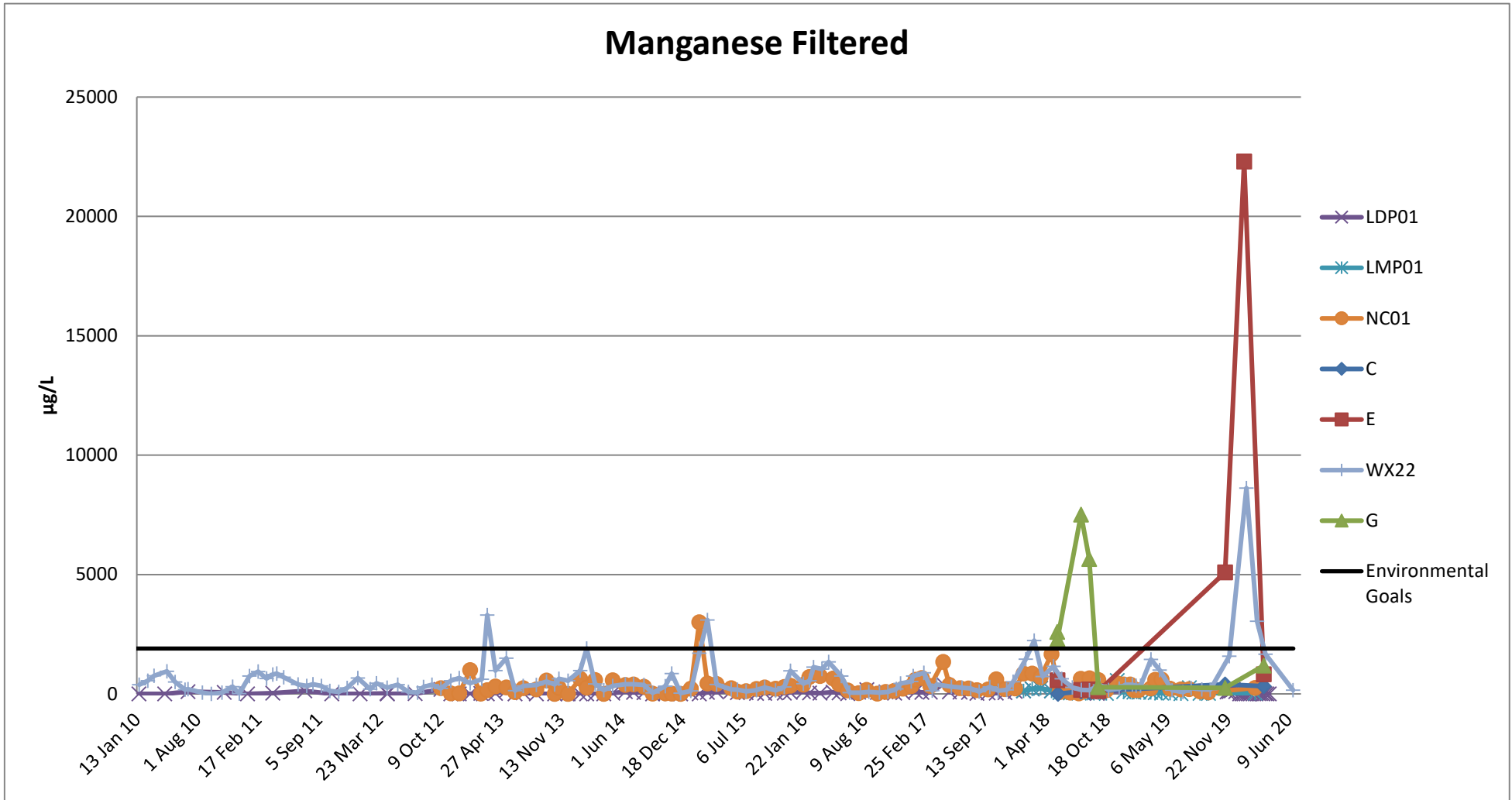


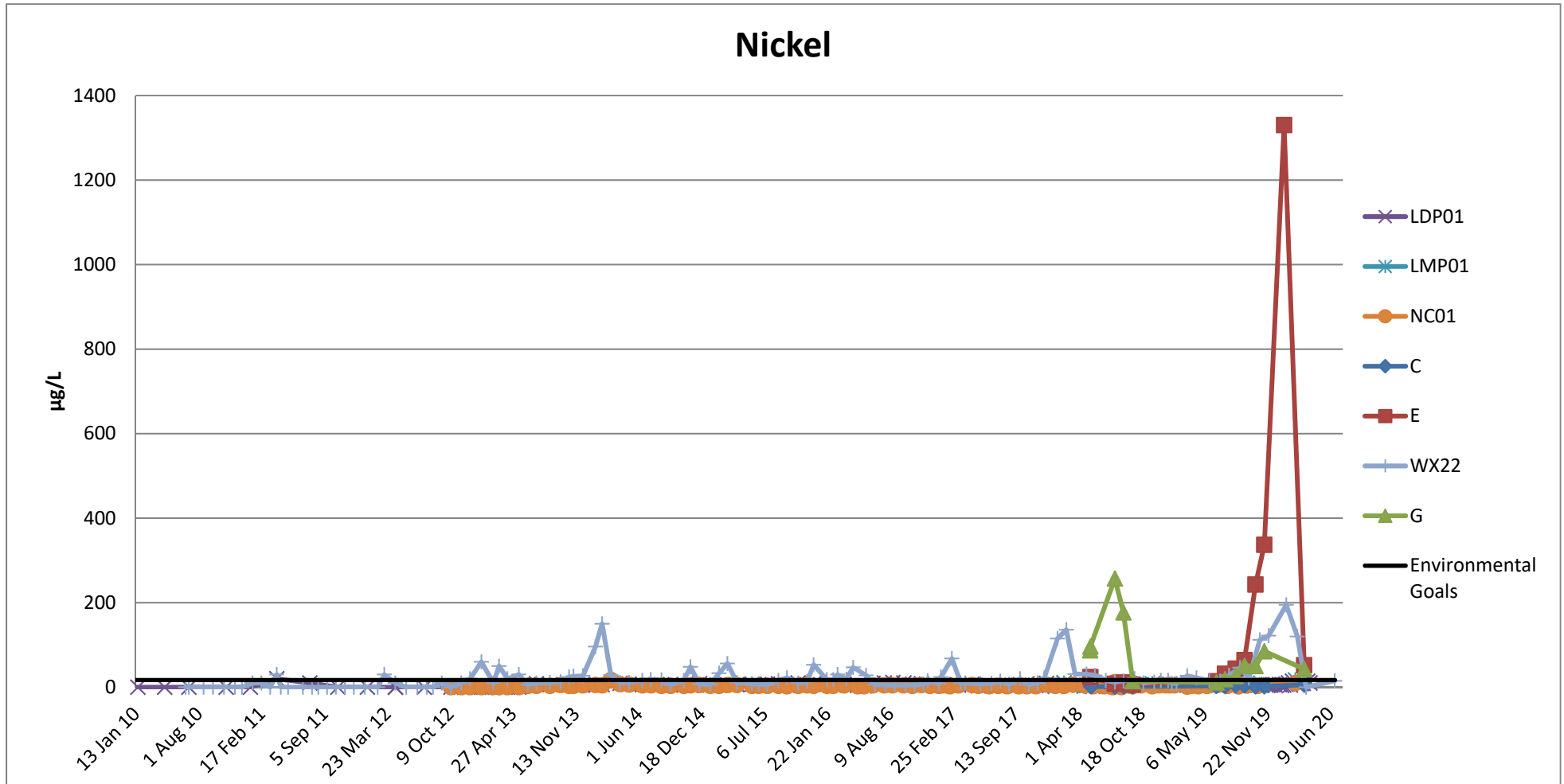


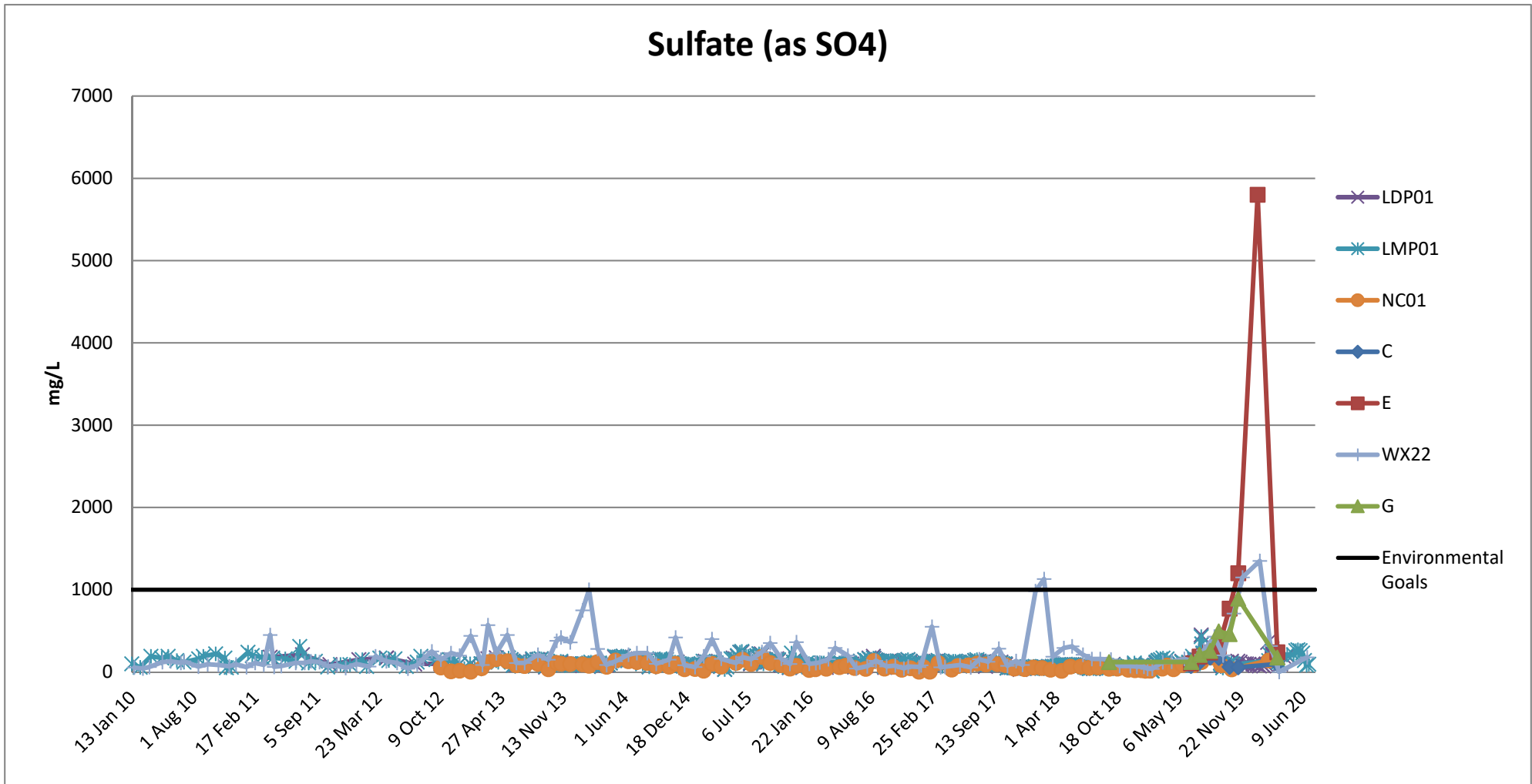
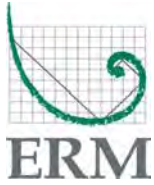
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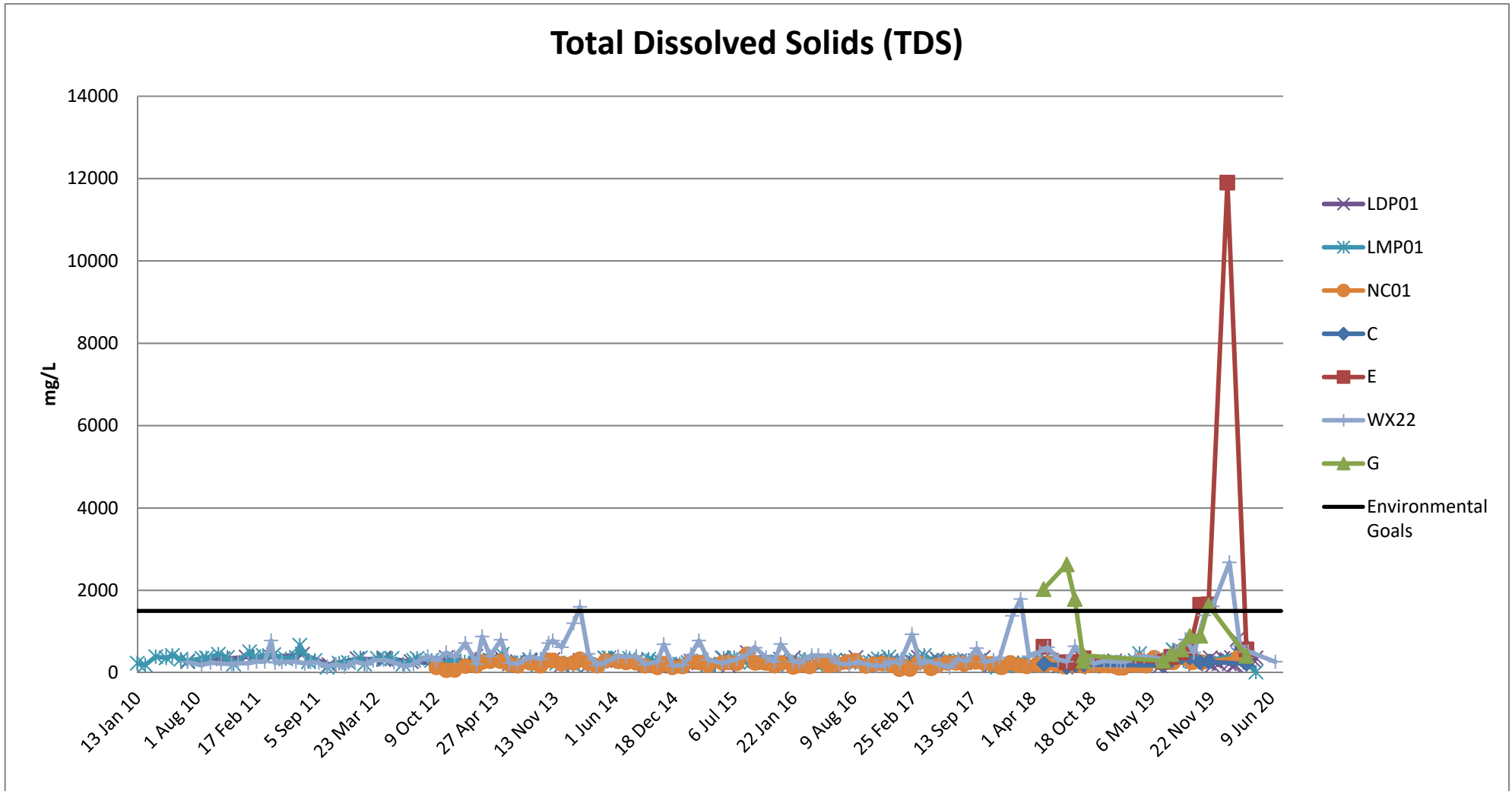
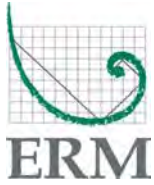




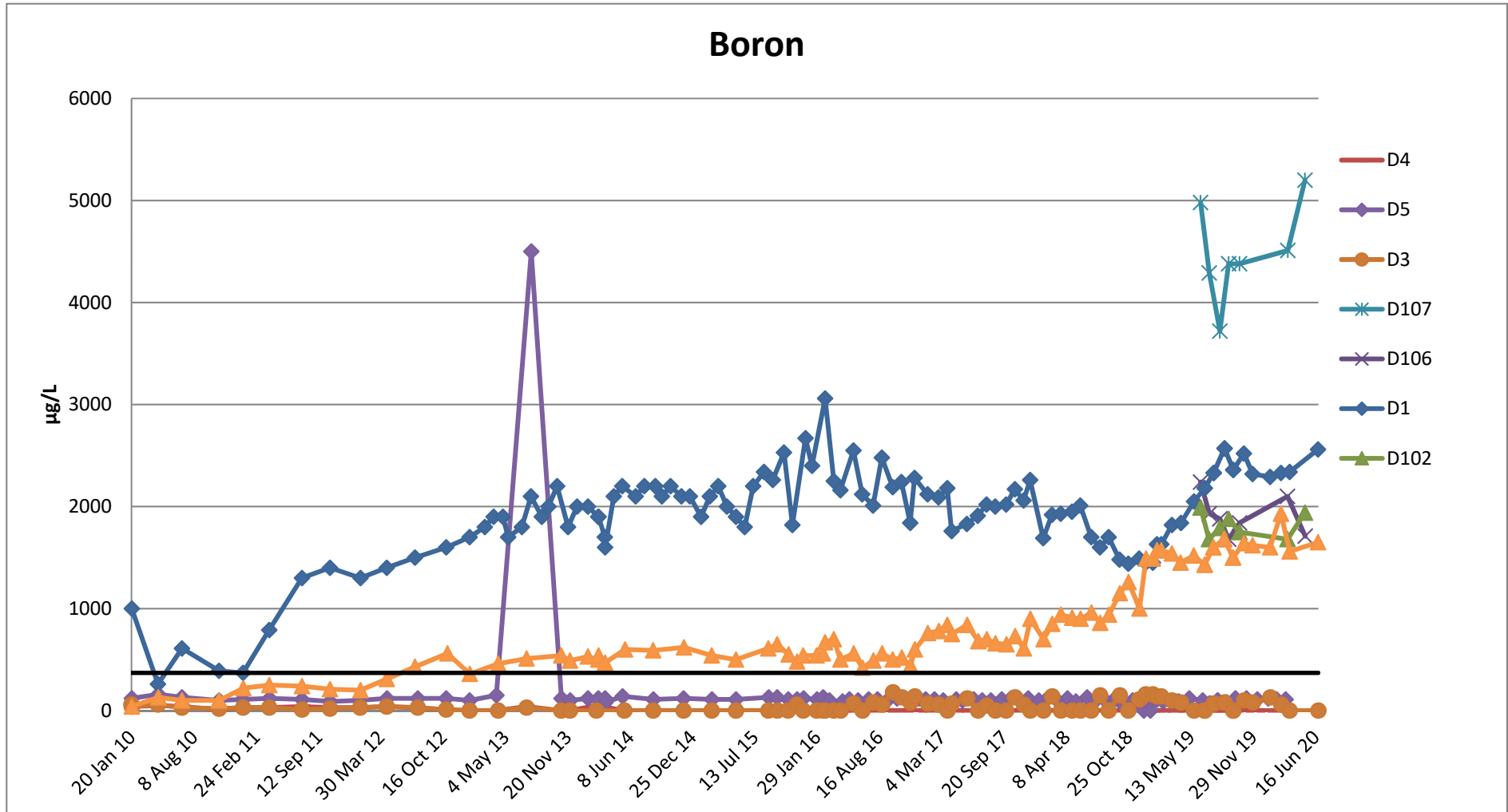
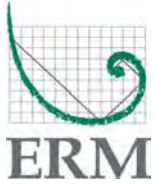


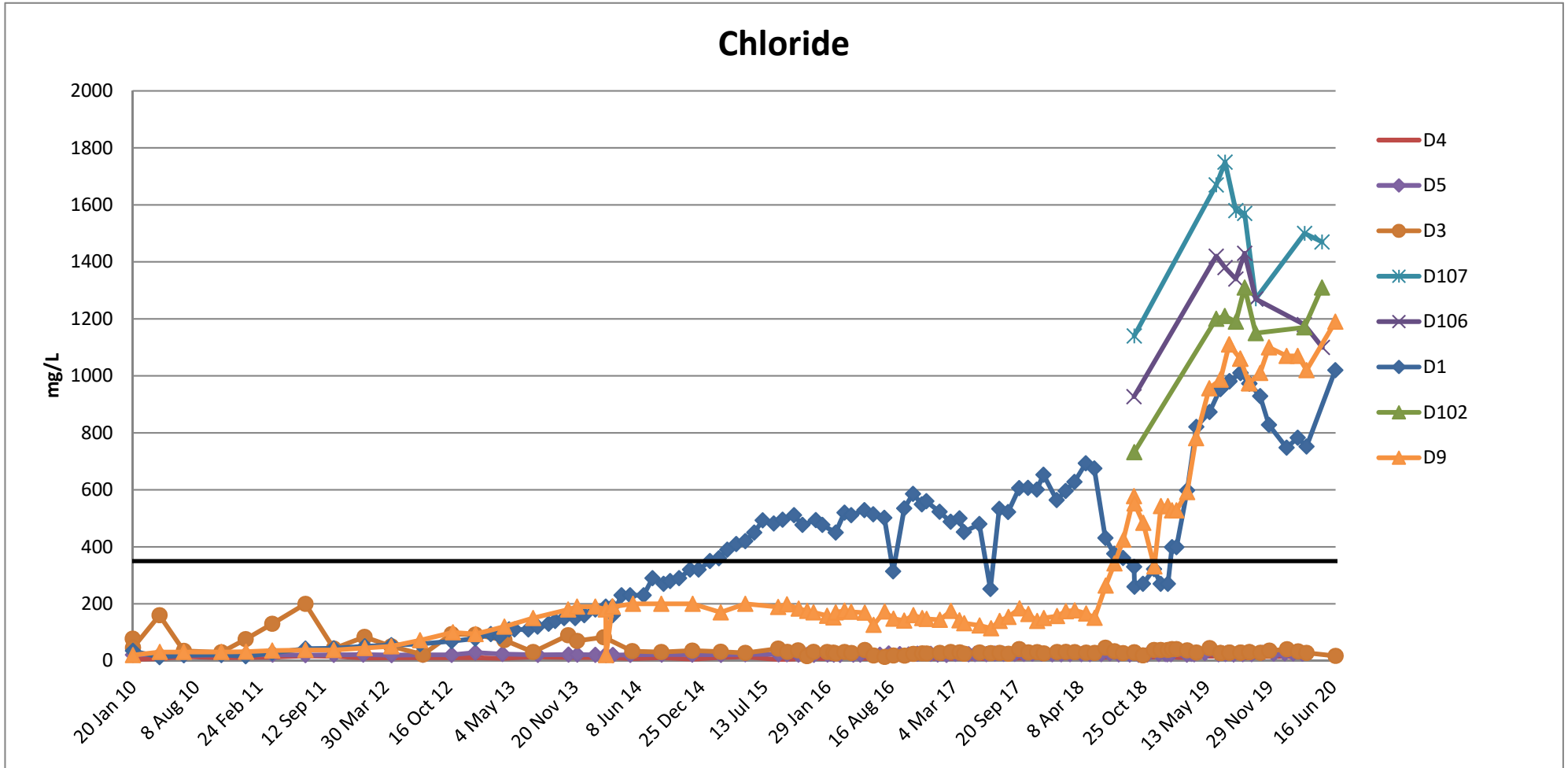


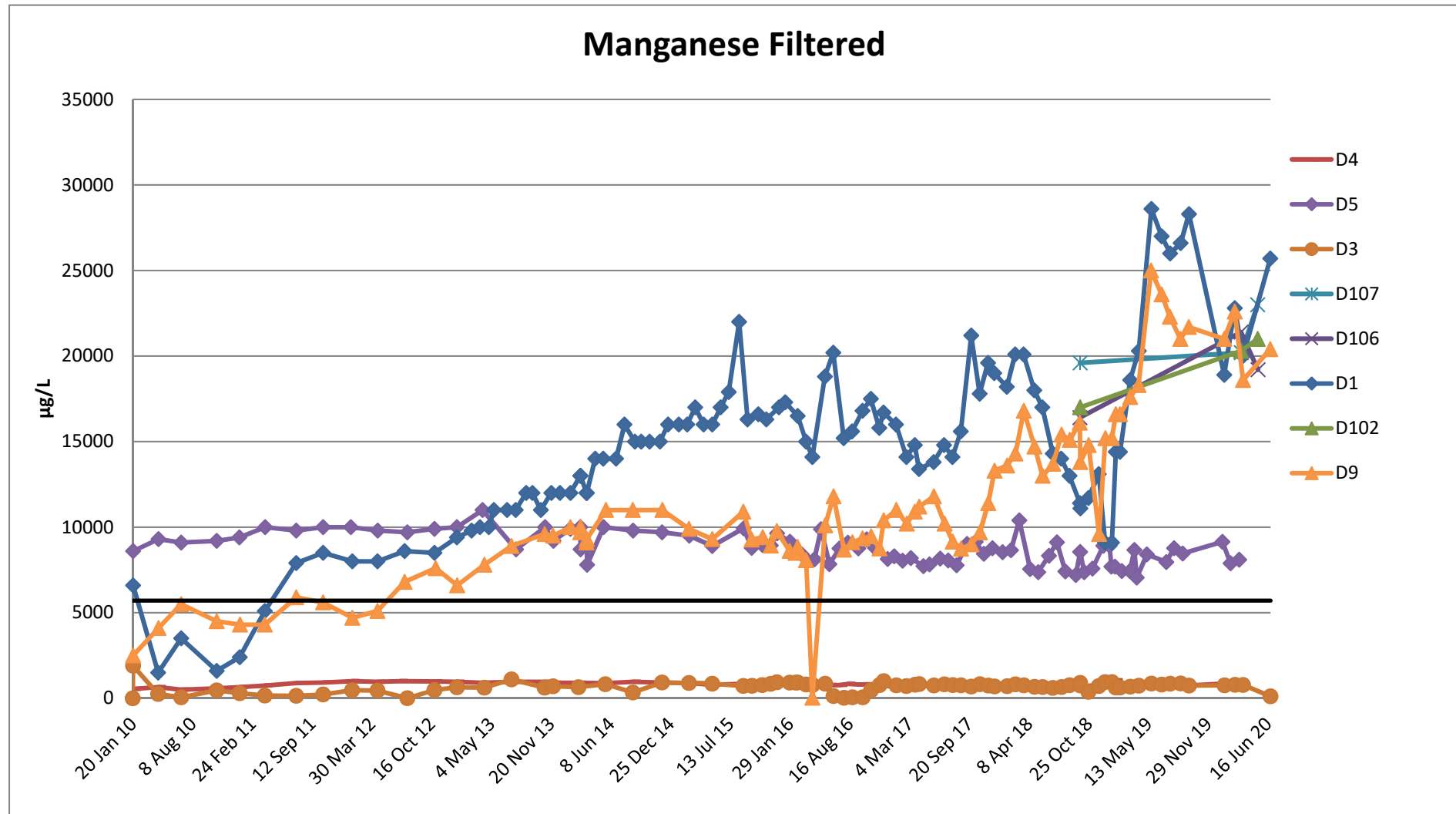
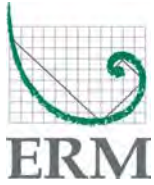


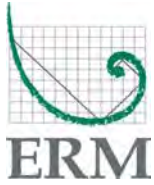


**APPENDIX J      TREND GRAPHS - GROUNDWATER**

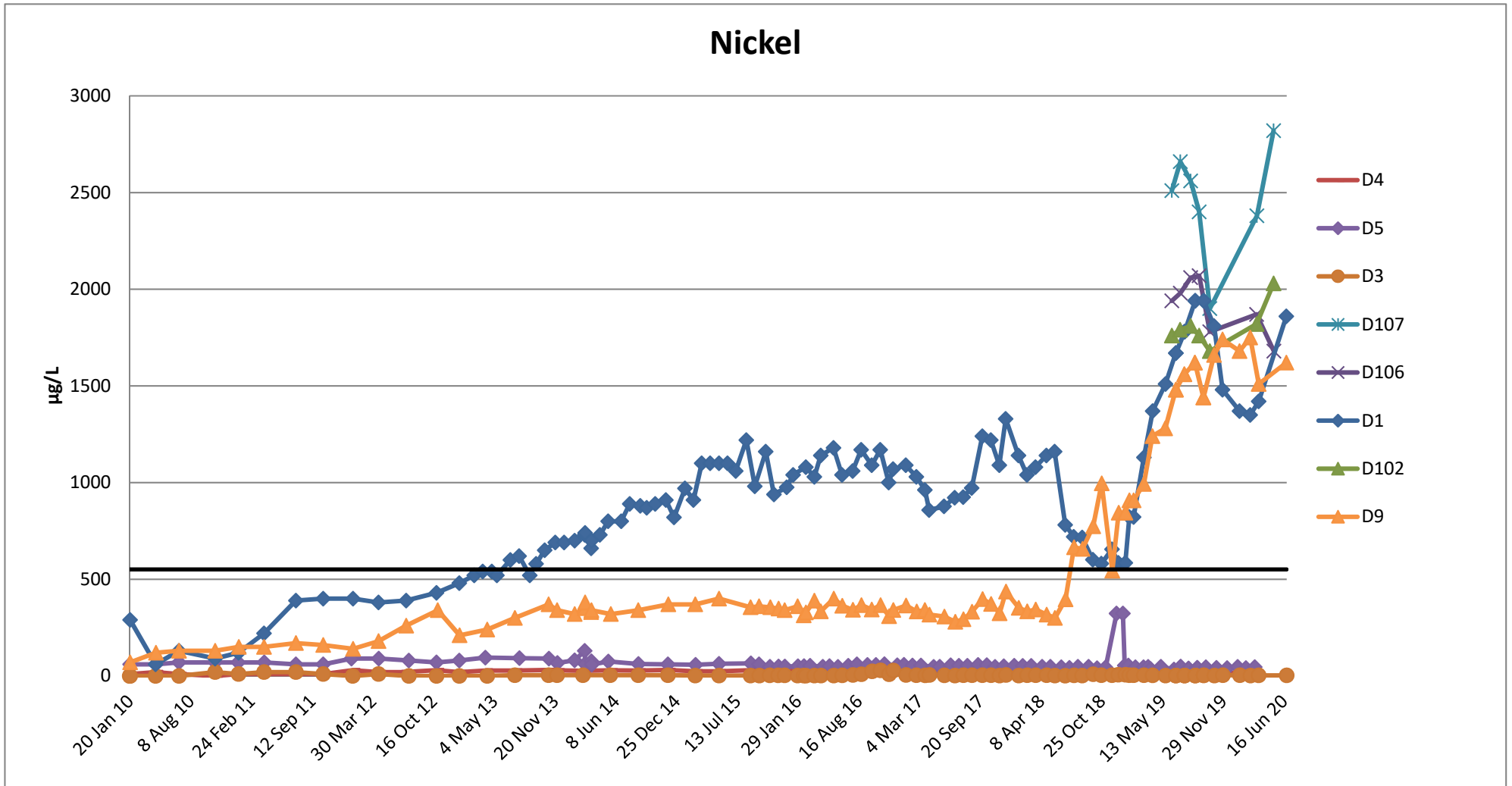


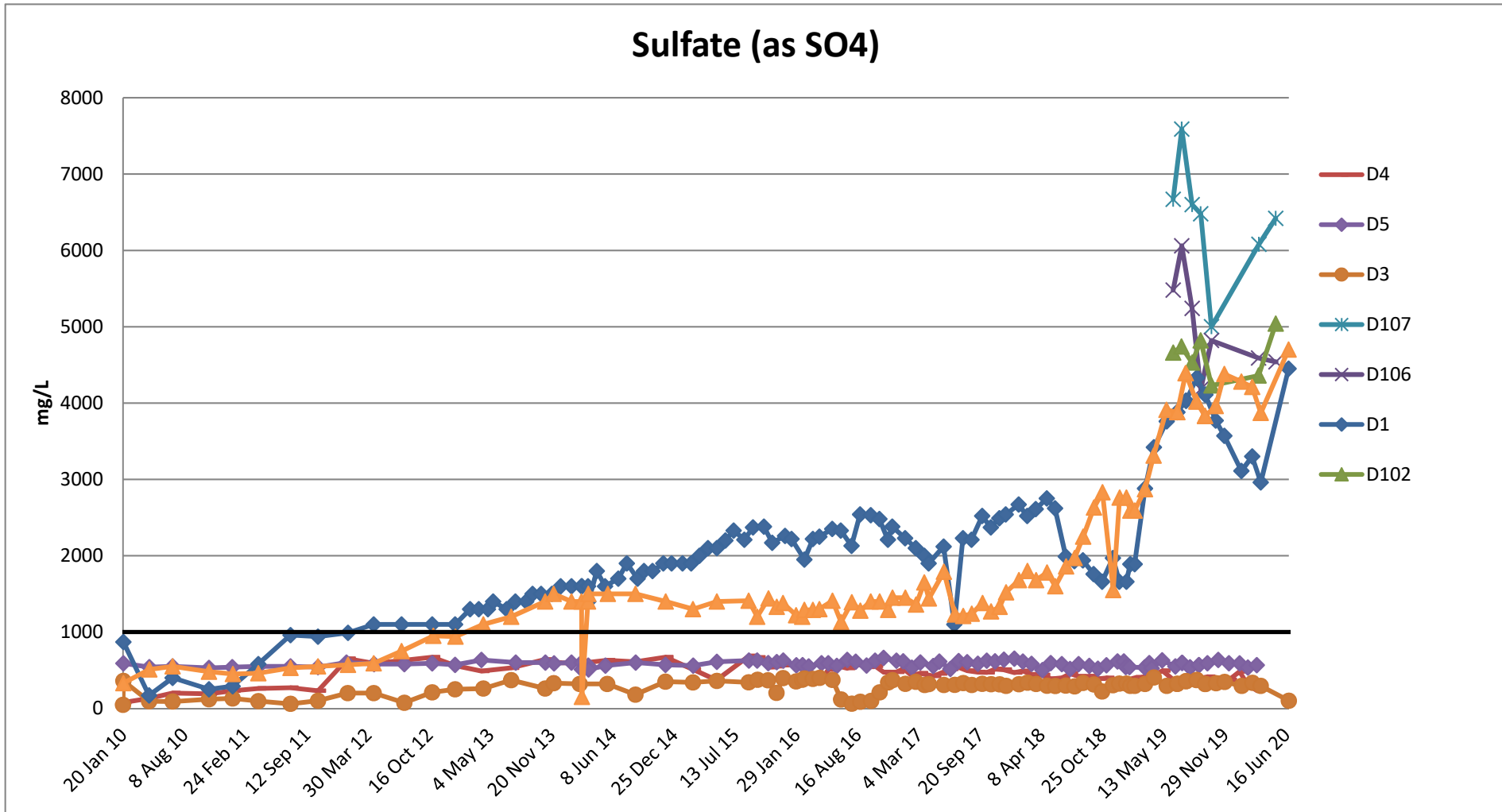


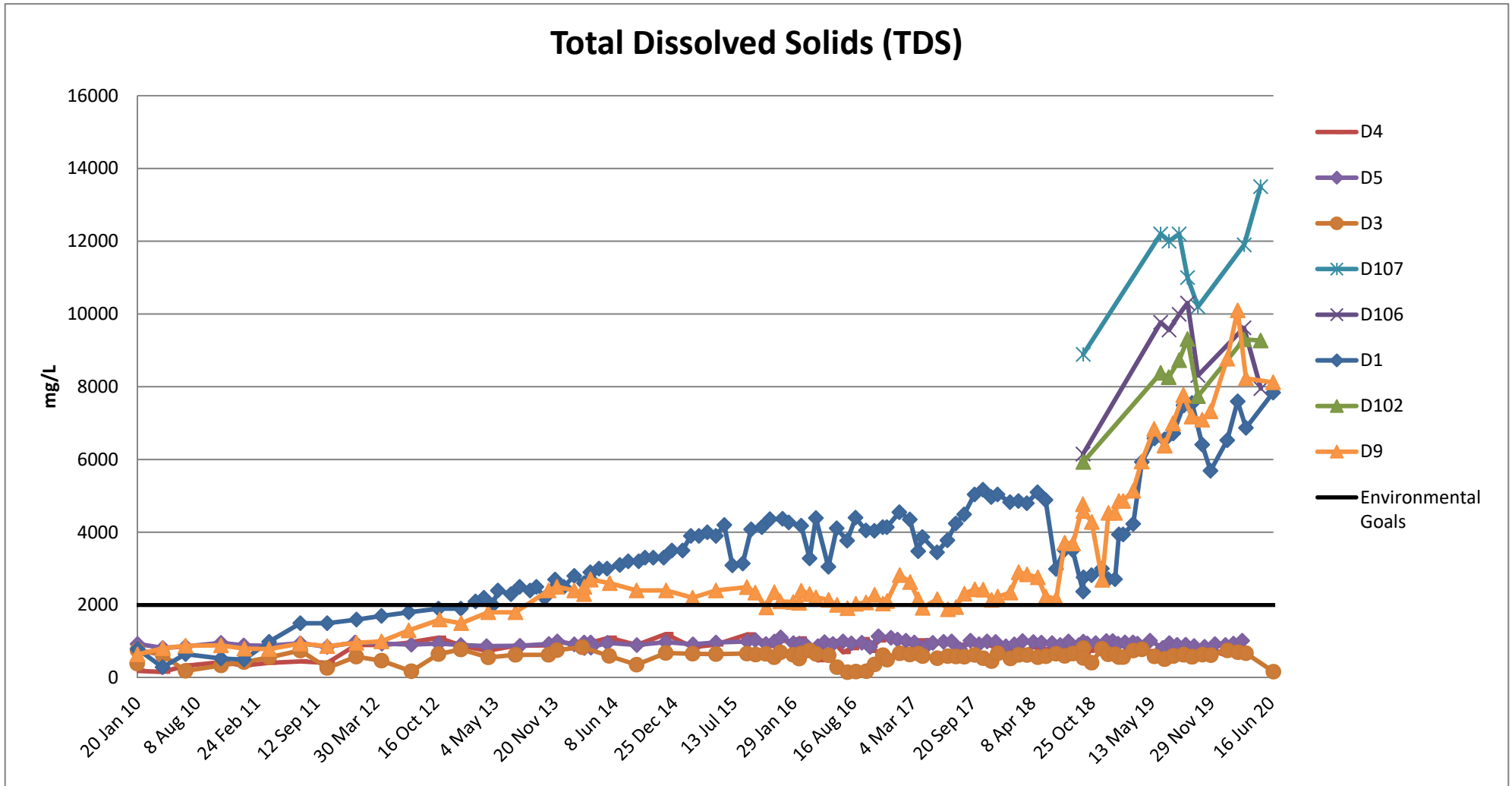
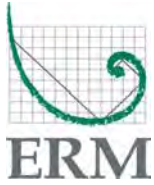




### Nickel









## **APPENDIX K      GWSDAT DATA ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY**

## K.1 GWSDAT DATA ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY

For data processing and the production of the trend evaluation outputs presented in the AEMR, ERM used the Shell Ground Water Spatio-Temporal Data Analysis Tool (Shell Global Solutions, 2012). The Shell Ground Water Spatio-Temporal Data Analysis Tool (GWSDAT) is a free-ware application developed to analyse historical trends (both spatially and temporally) of groundwater solute concentrations.

Trend analysis of the laboratory analytical data was completed using the Mann-Kendall procedure. The Mann-Kendall method is a non-parametric method and does not require assumptions about the underlying data distribution. The Mann Kendall test is based on the relative magnitude of the data rather than the actual measured values, and is a tool commonly used in the statistical assessment of trends over time for the purpose of evaluating trends in groundwater data.

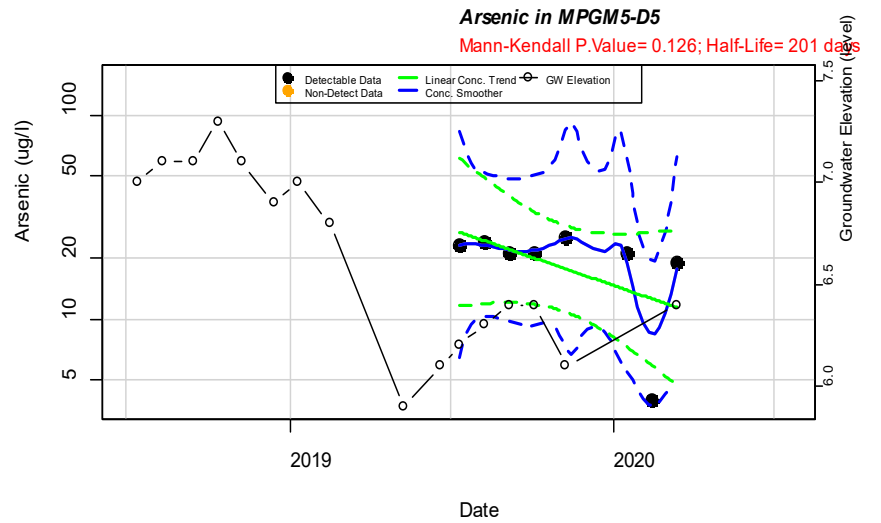
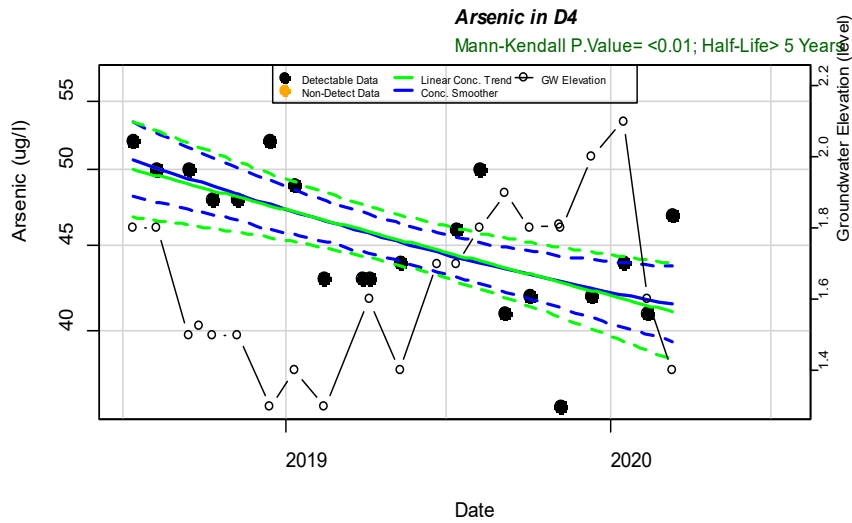
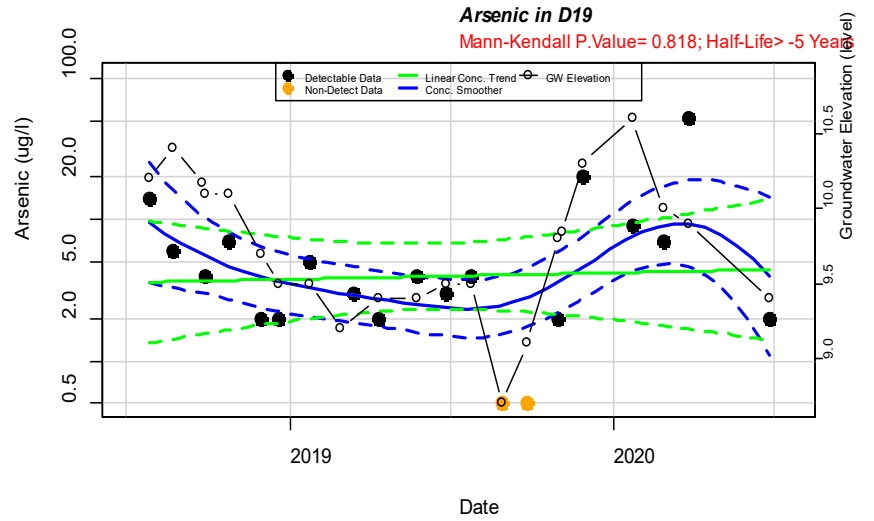
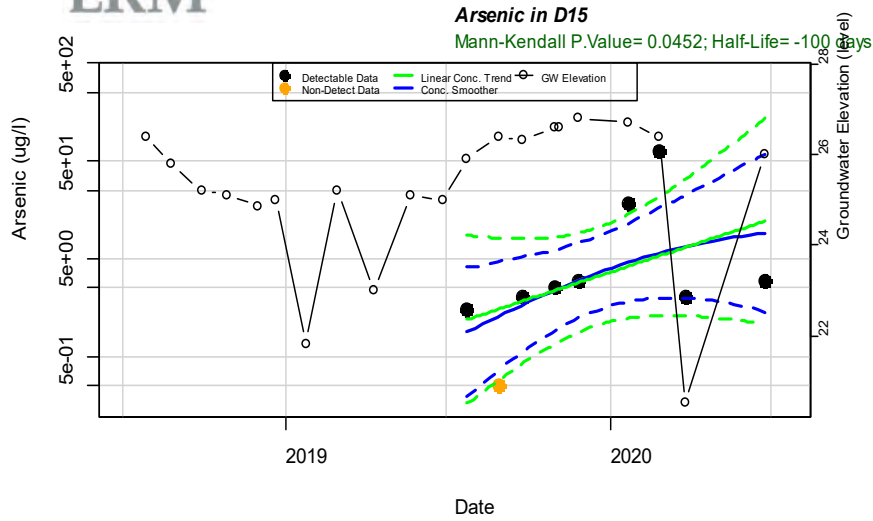
The p-value presented in the monitoring bore trend plots indicates the level of statistical significance that can be attributed to the trend, with a p-value less than 0.05 indicating a statistically significant trend. A p-value of less than 0.05 relates to a statistical significance of 95%, i.e. if a trend has a p-value of less than 0.05 there is a 95% level of confidence that the data presents an actual trend and not a random distribution of data. Trends with these characteristics, which are considered by the program to be statistically significant, are shown in green text in the trend plots in Appendix L; those that are not statistically significant are shown in red text.

Where no p-value is given on the graphical outputs, a sufficient number of data points were not available to evaluate the significance of trends through the Mann-Kendall test. This output has been included to show concentrations both above and below the laboratory limit of reporting.

It is noted that for the EC and pH trend plots, concentrations are shown as mg/L although the data shown are actually in  $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$  and pH standard units respectively. This is because of a limitation of the GWSDAT program.

In addition to the Mann-Kendall test, a linear trend analysis is represented on the plots (using a green line). The trend displays a linear time series trend estimate to the log of historical solute concentrations. Due to different monitoring bores being tested at varying frequencies throughout history, some locations did not have sufficient data points to graphically represent either linear or non-linear trends.

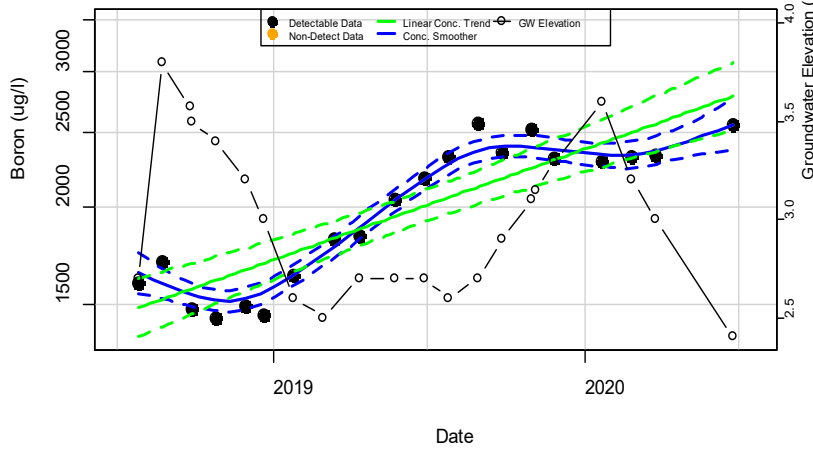
**APPENDIX L      GWSDAT OUTPUTS**





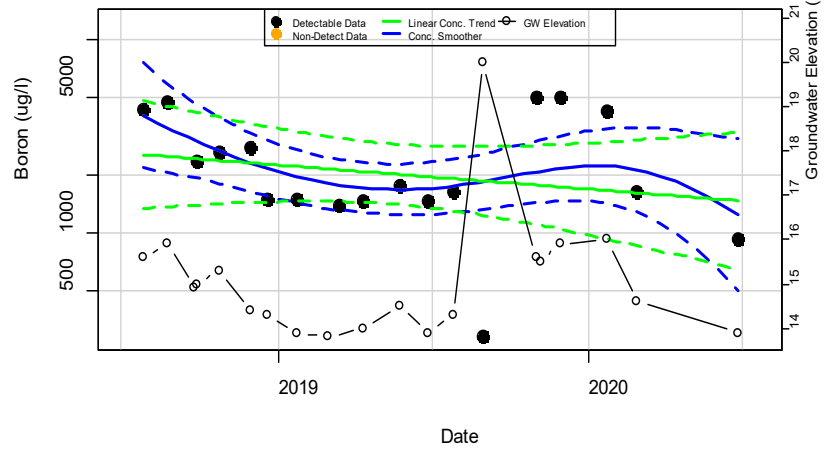
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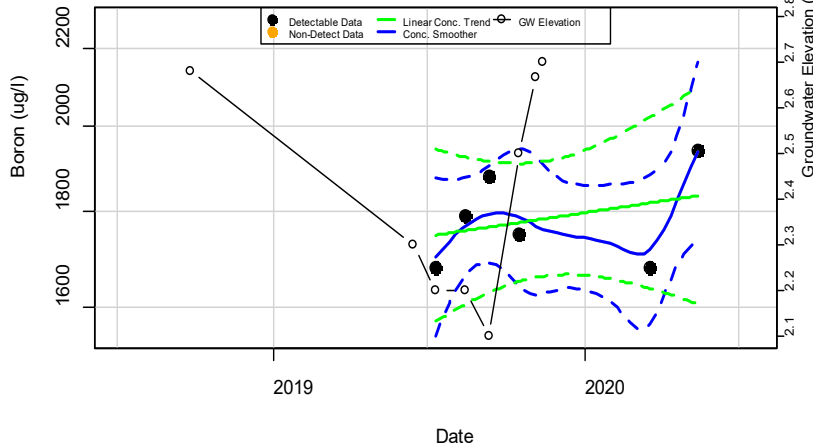
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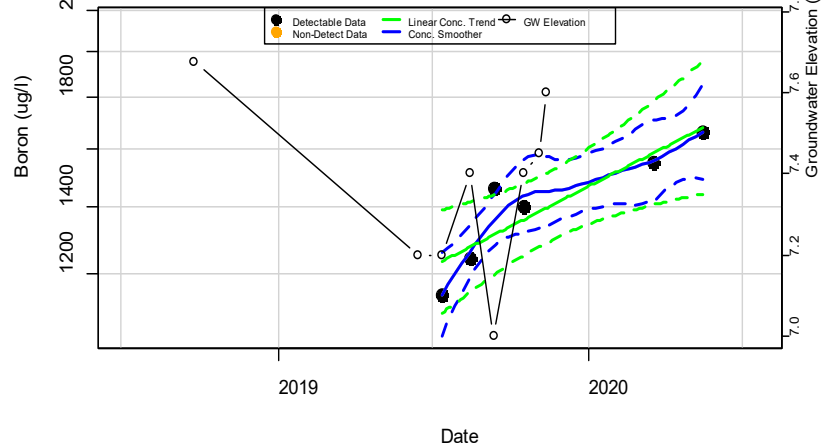
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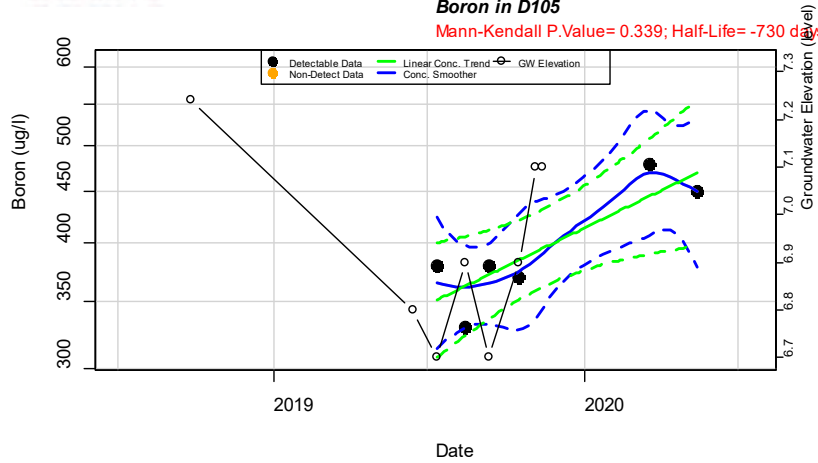
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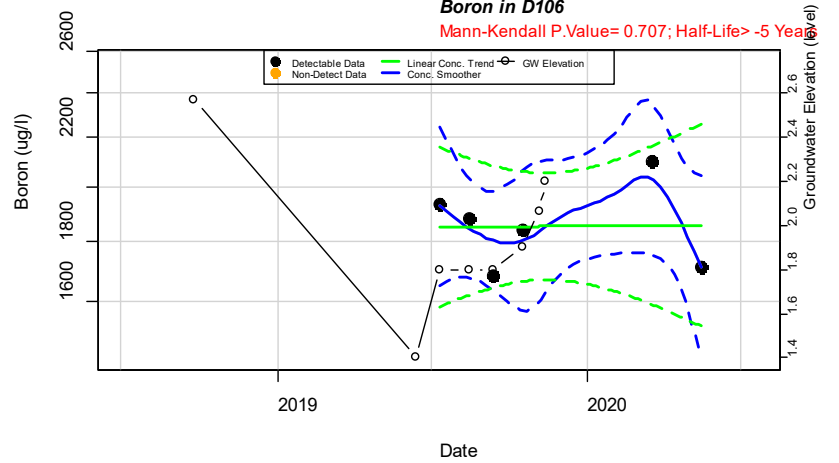
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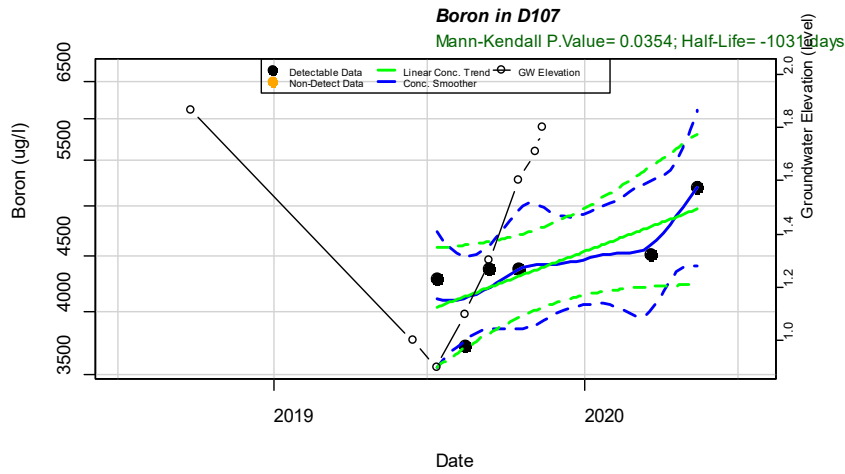
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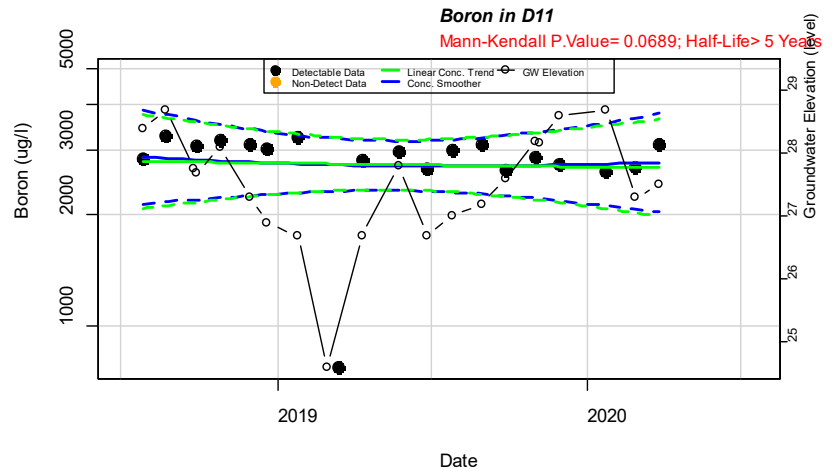
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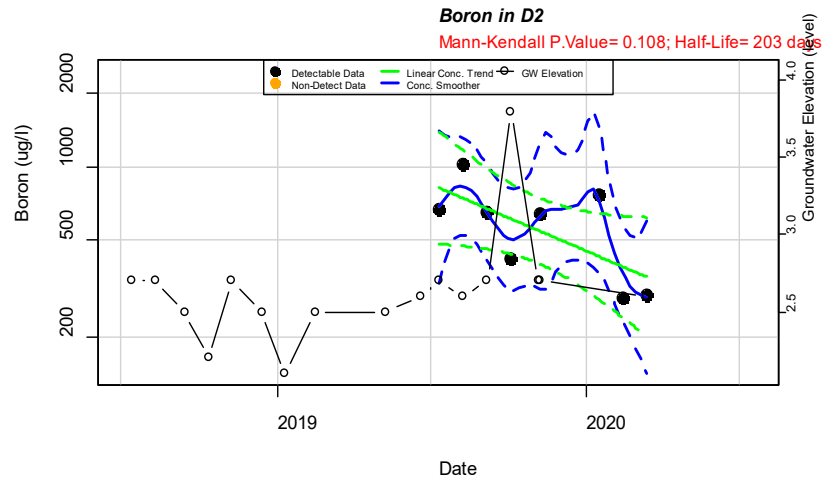
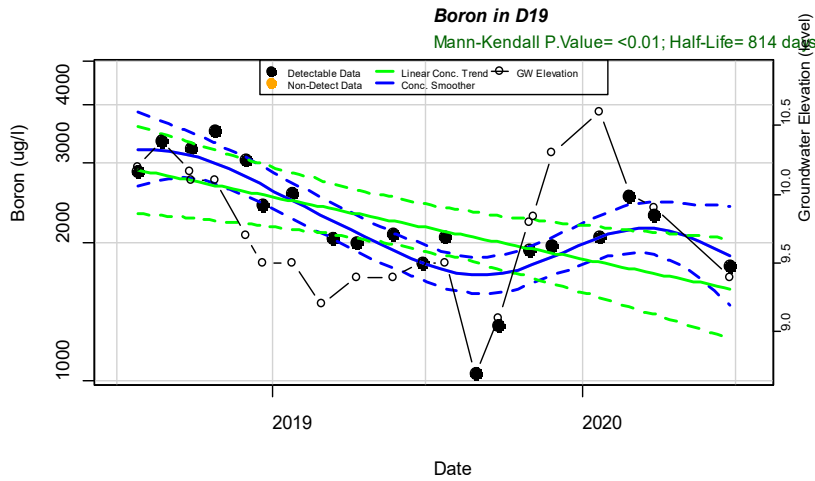
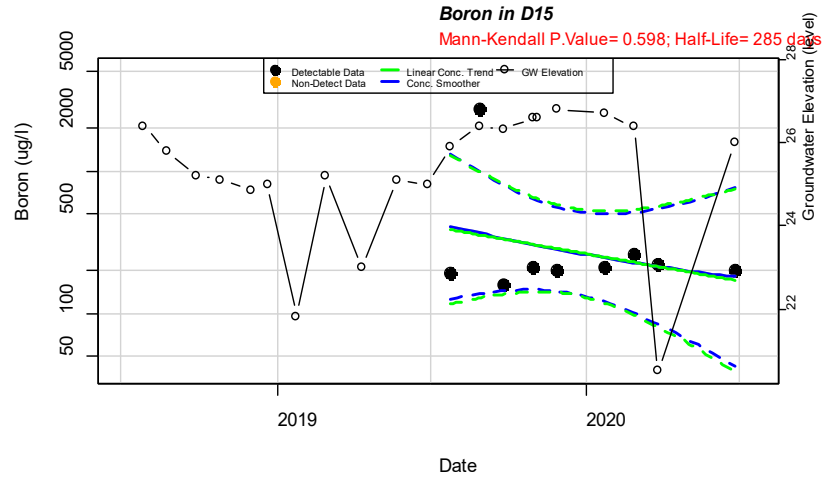
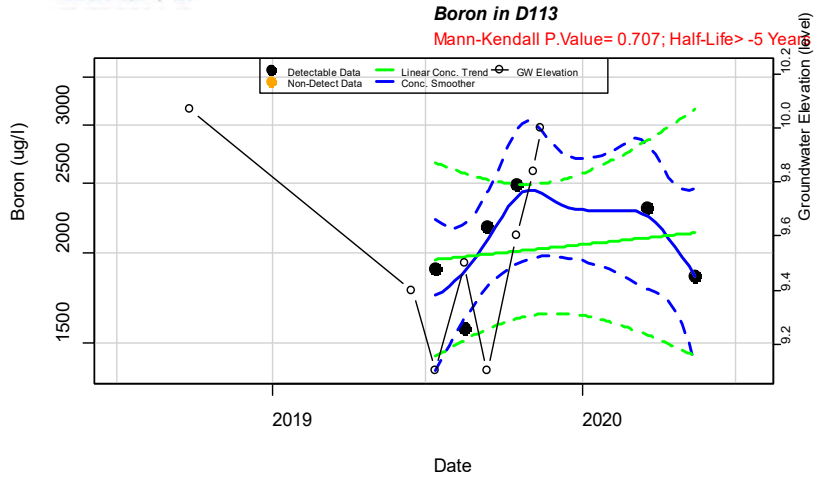
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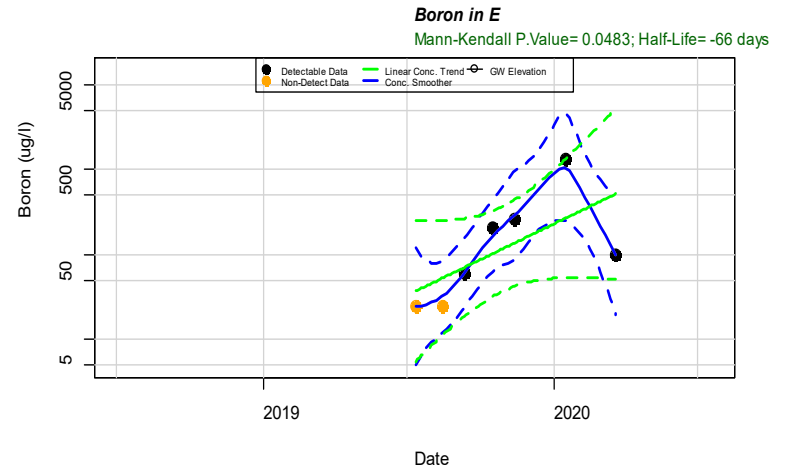
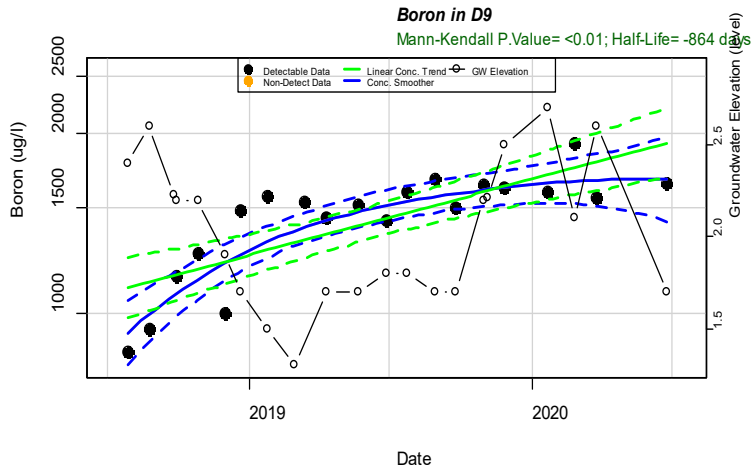
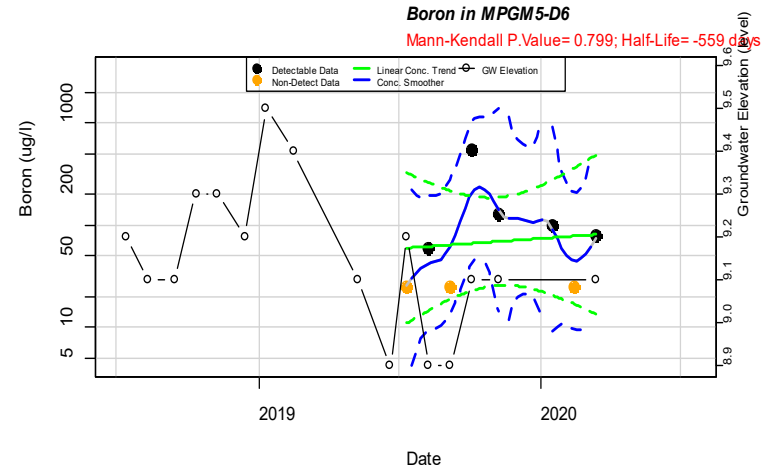
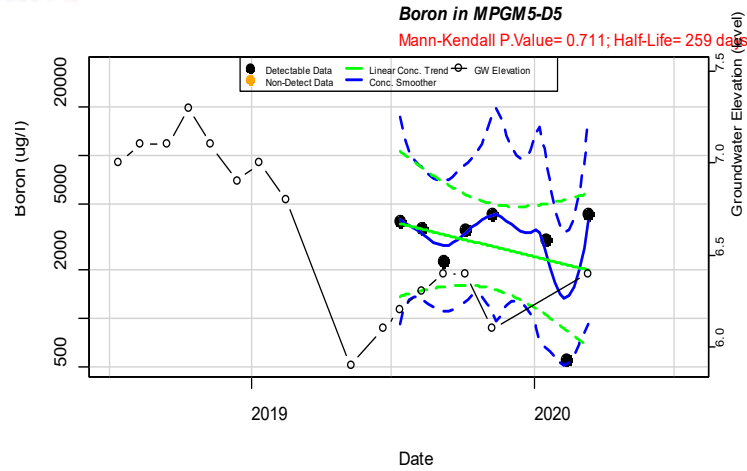


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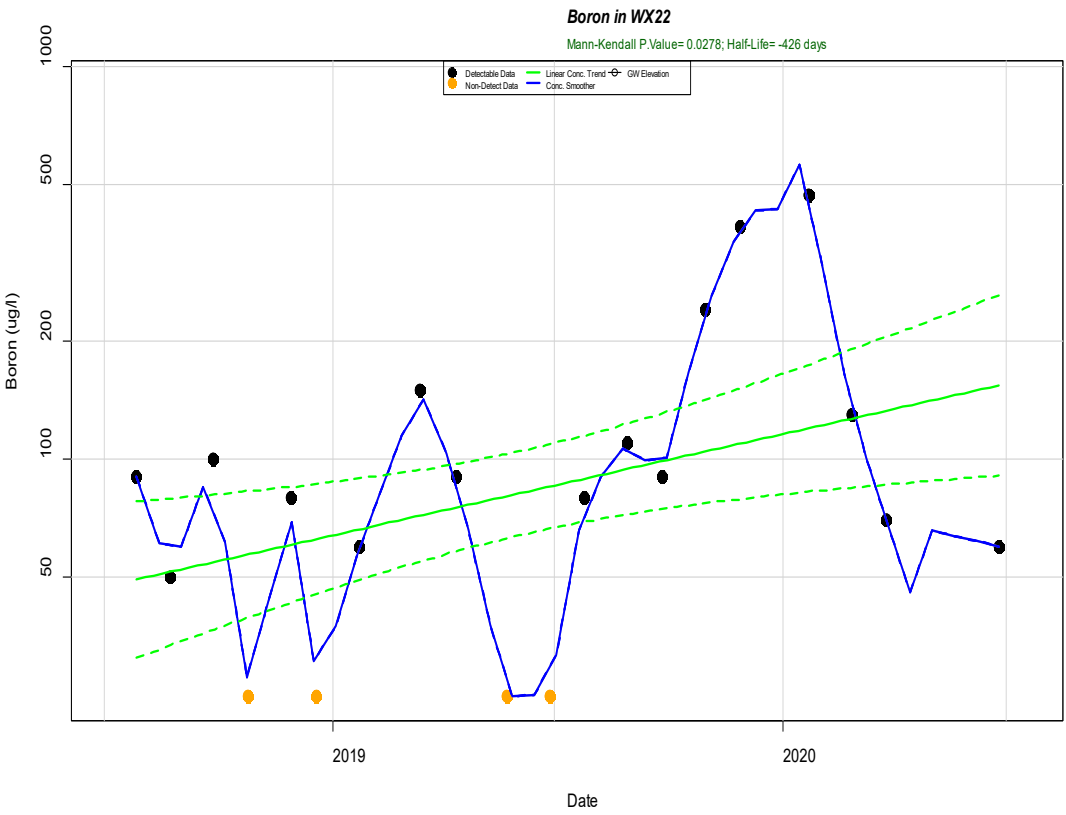
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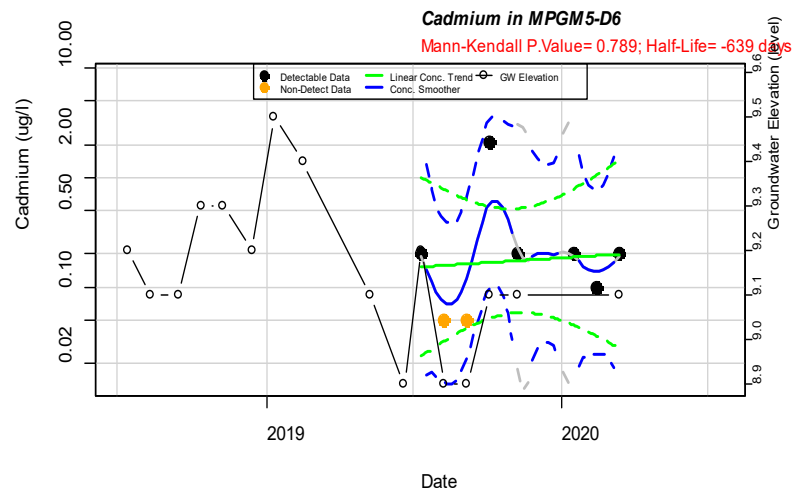
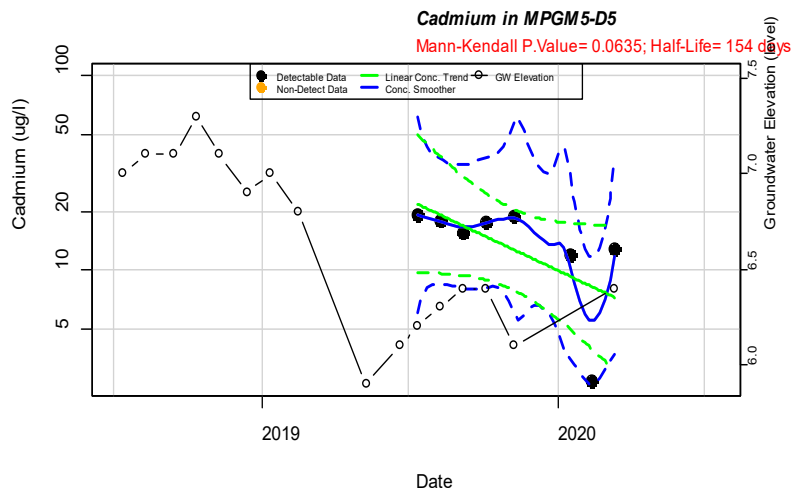
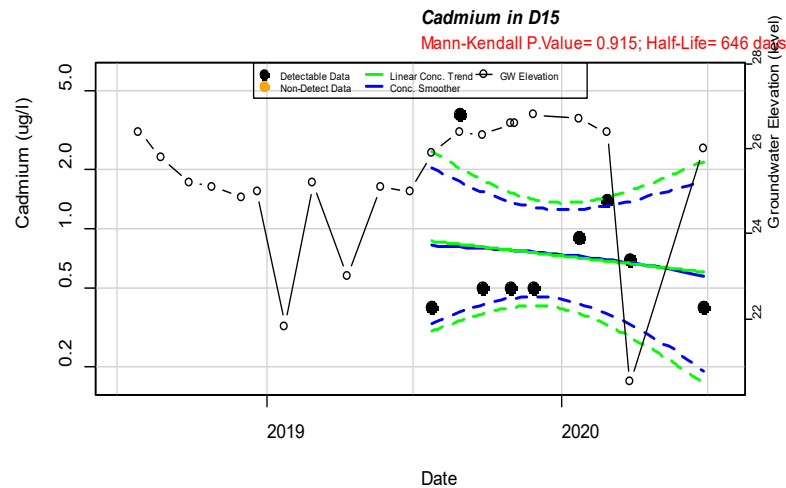
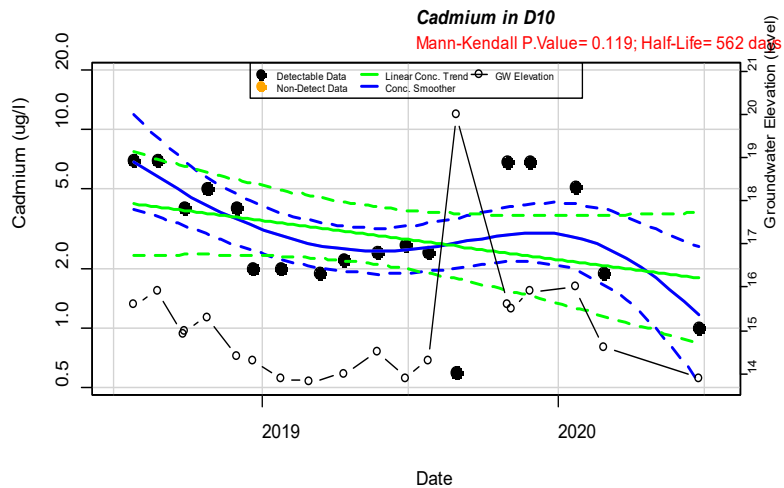








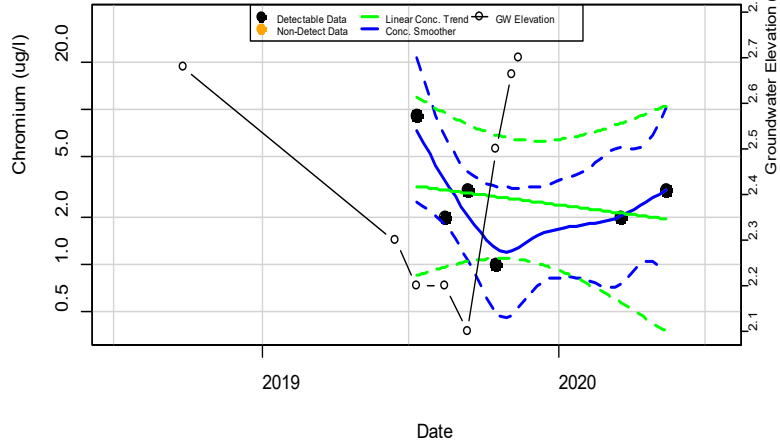






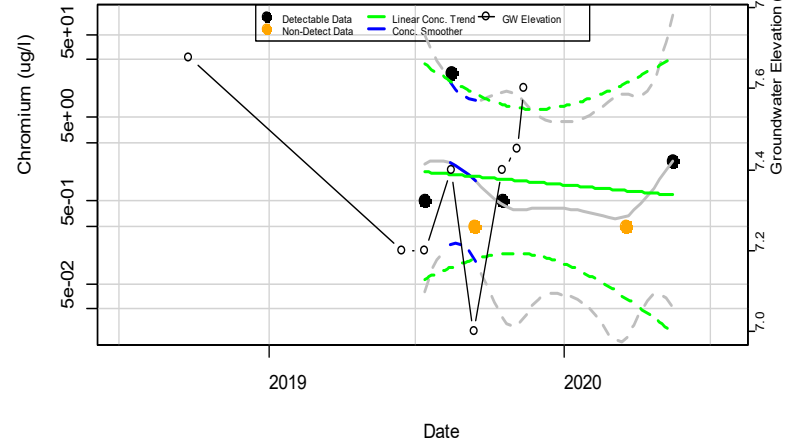
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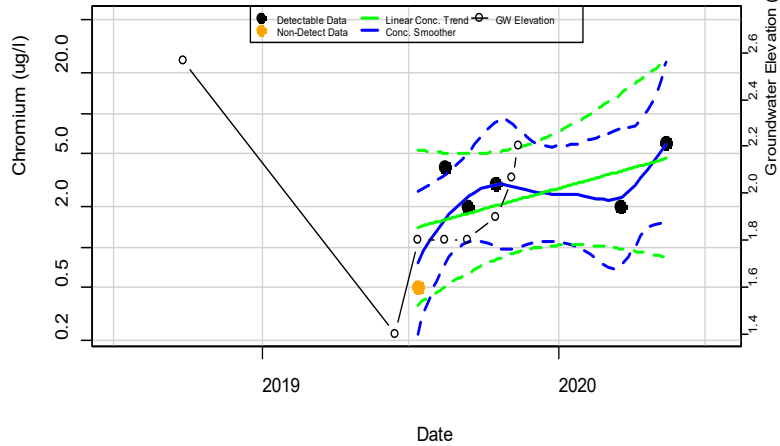
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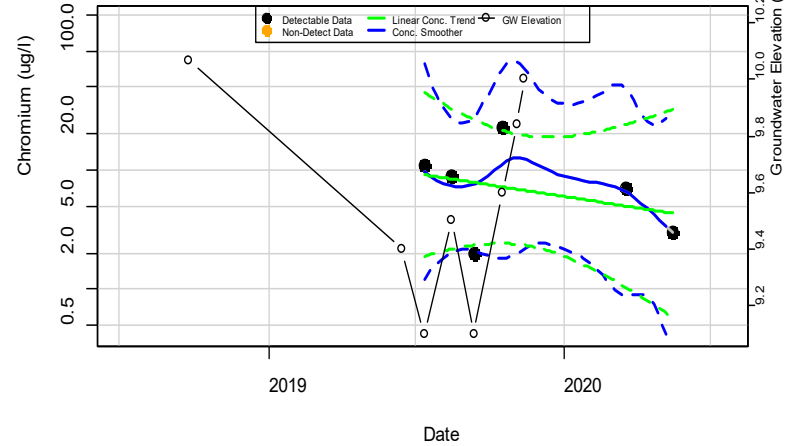
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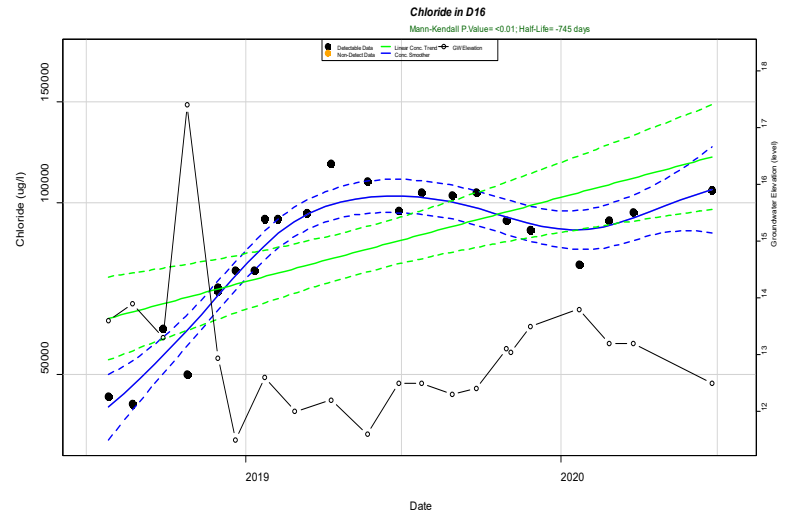
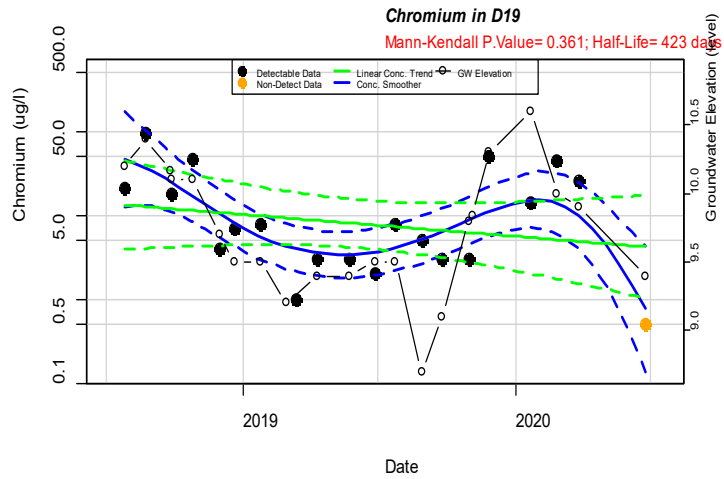
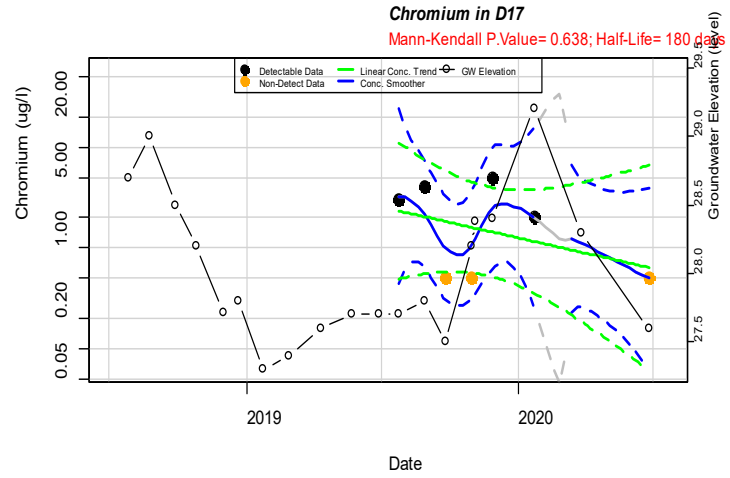
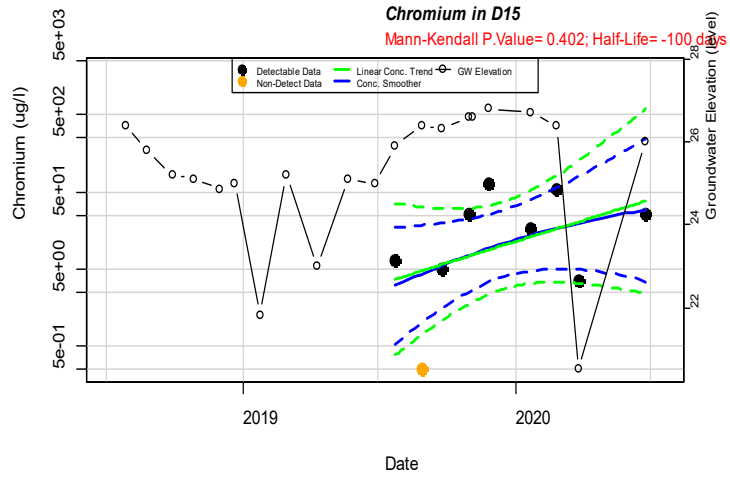
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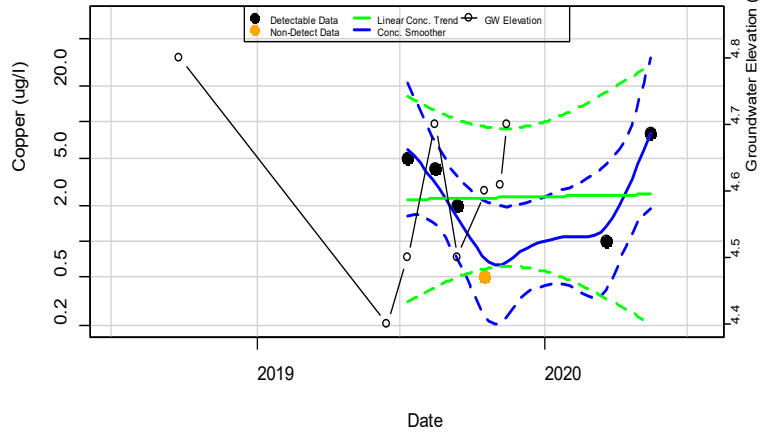






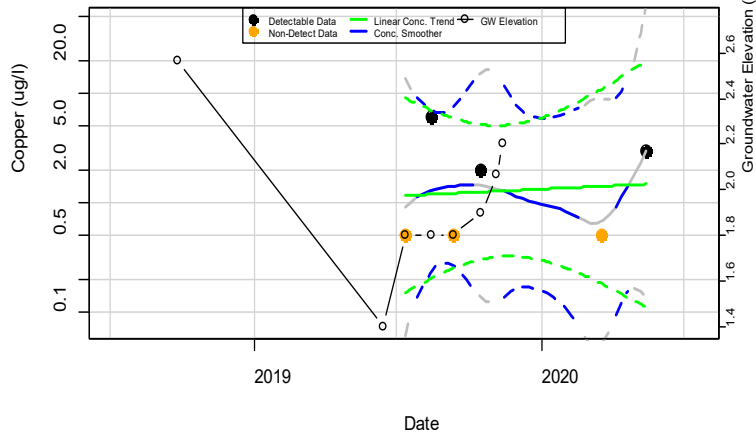
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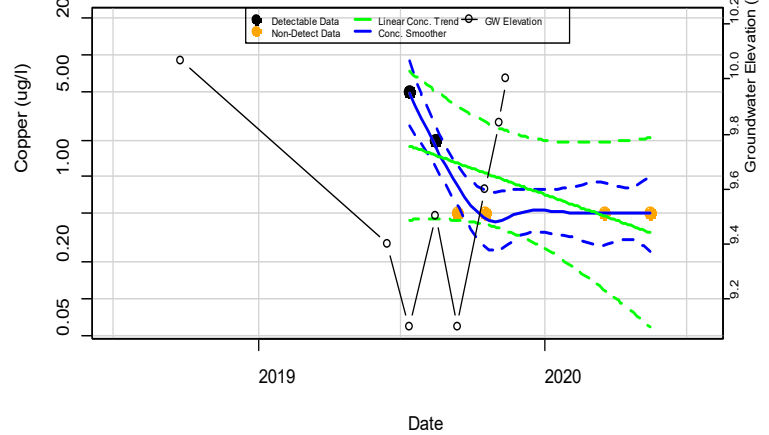
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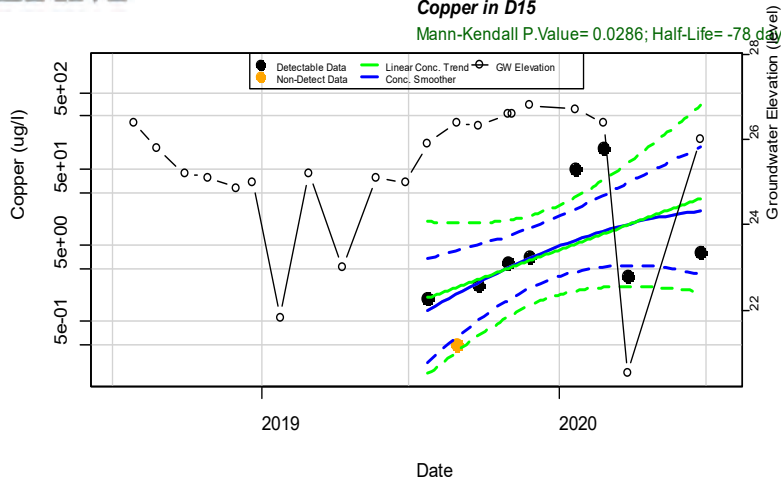
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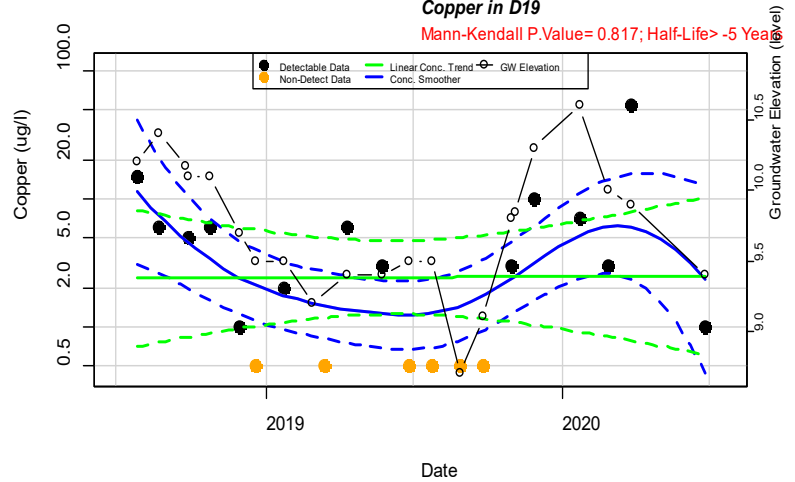
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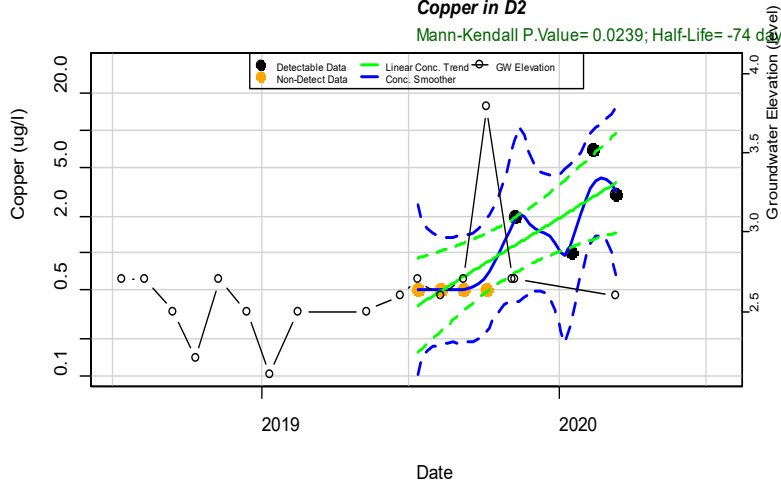
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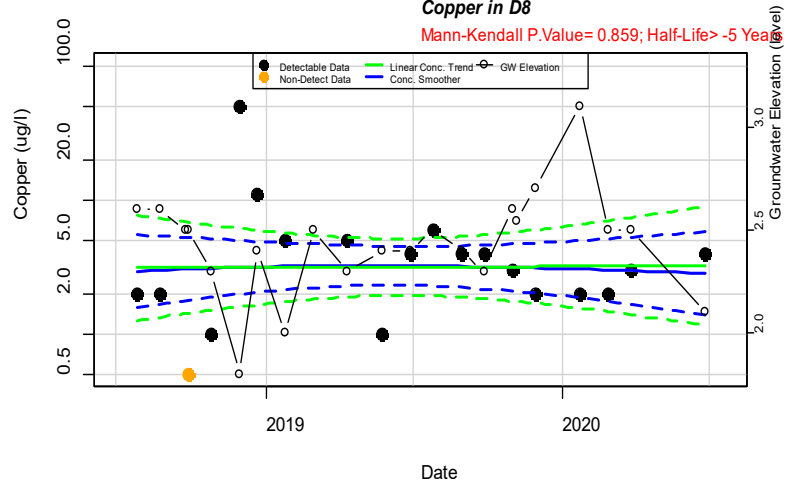
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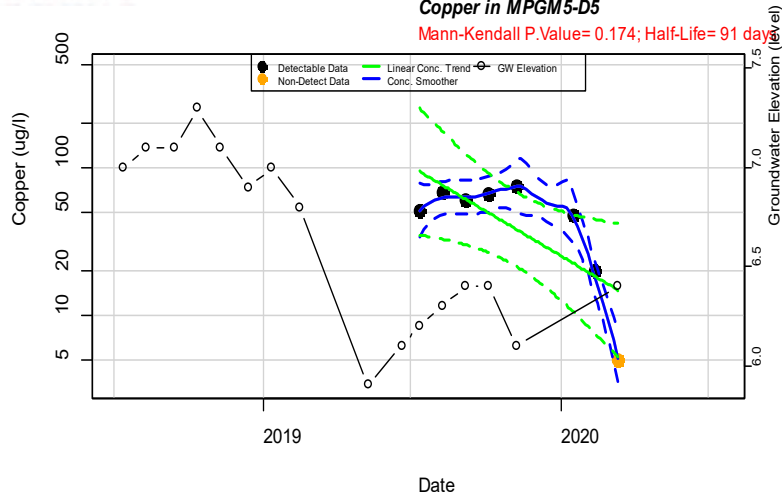
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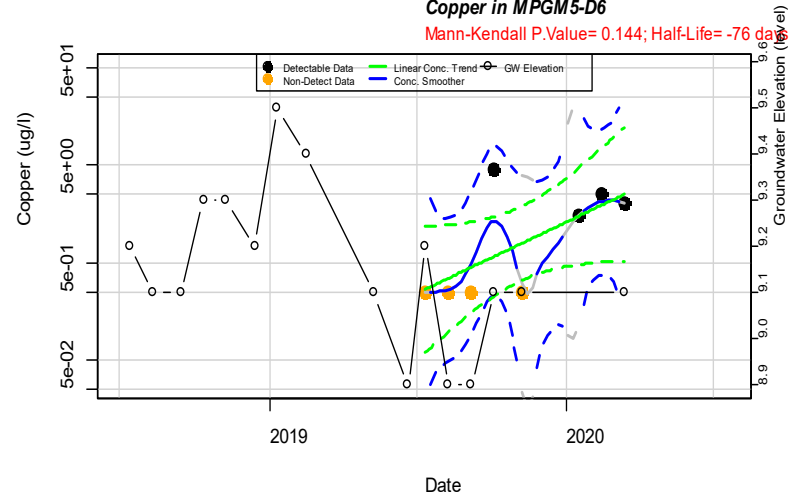
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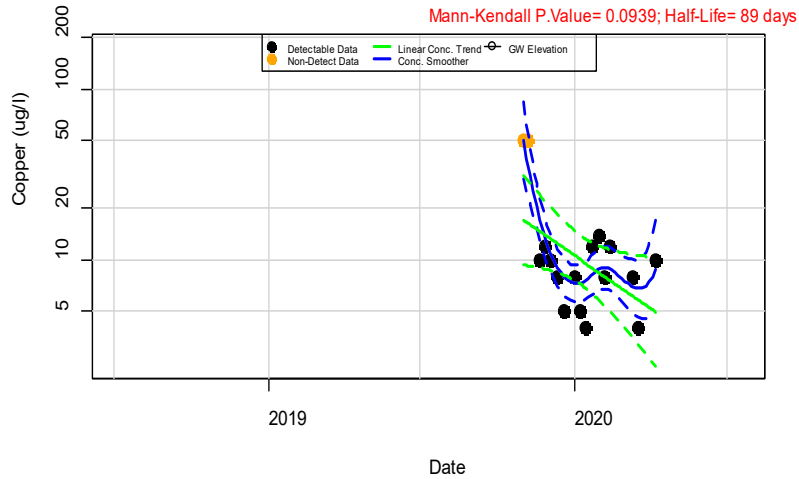
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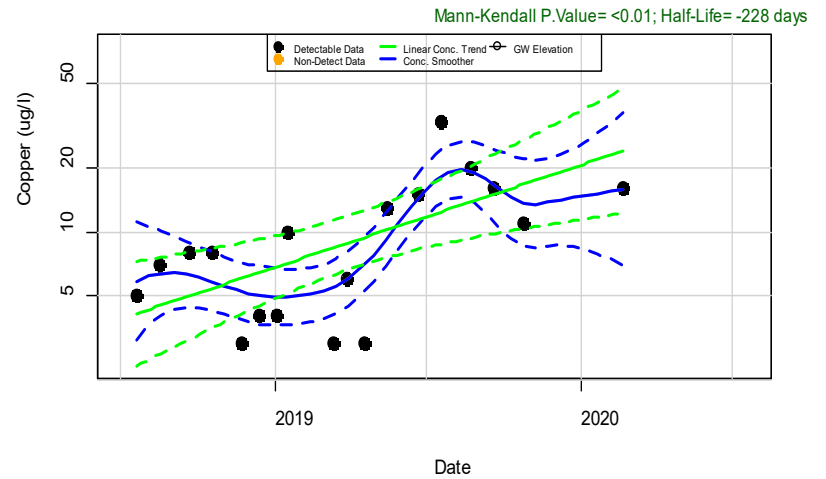
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**Copper in LMP01**

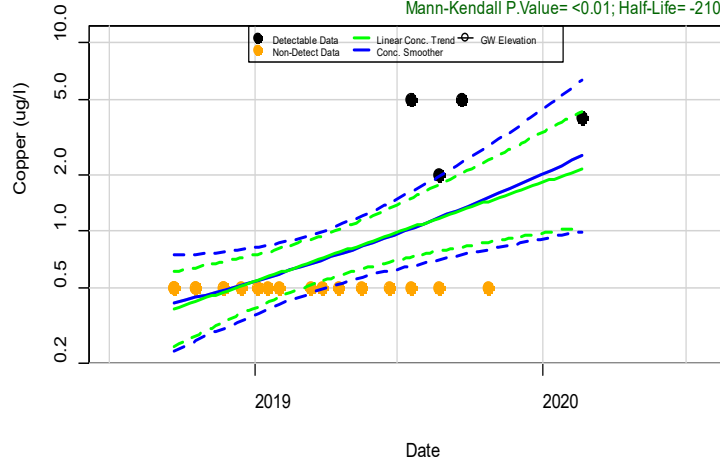
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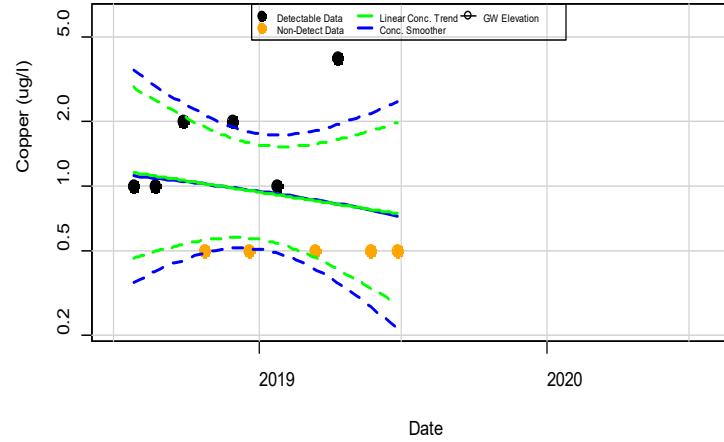
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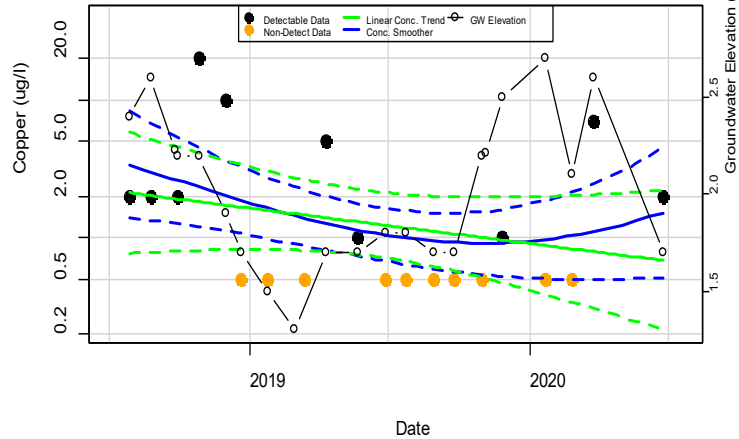
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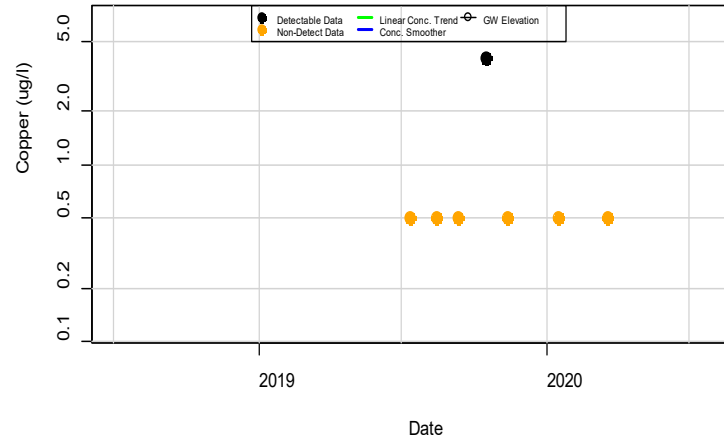


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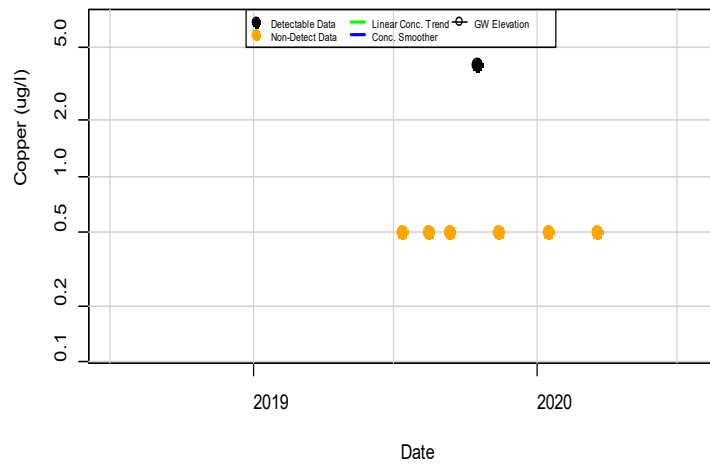
**Copper in E**





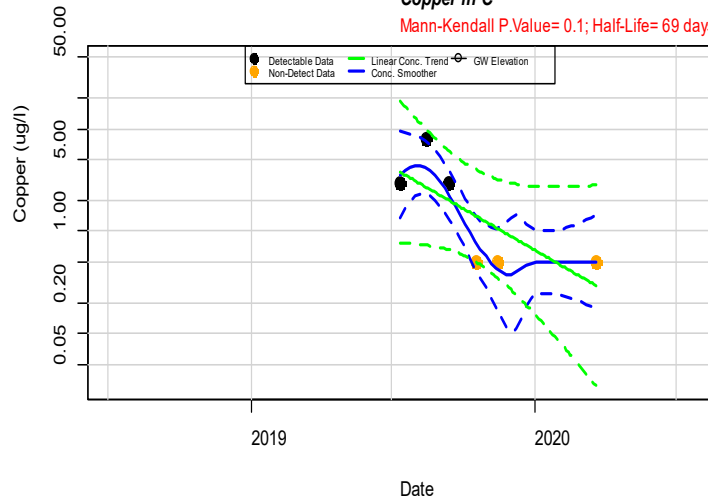


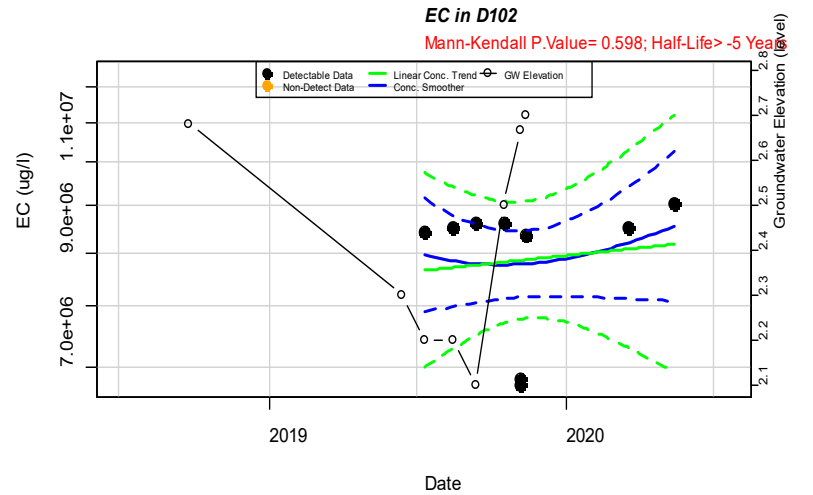
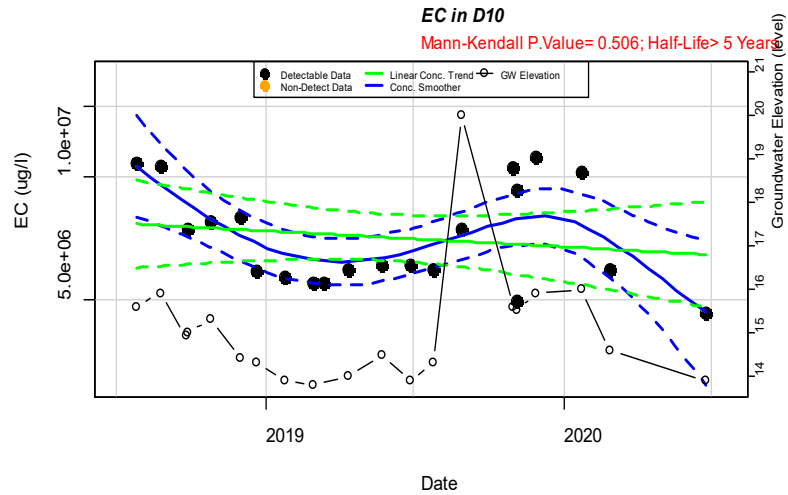
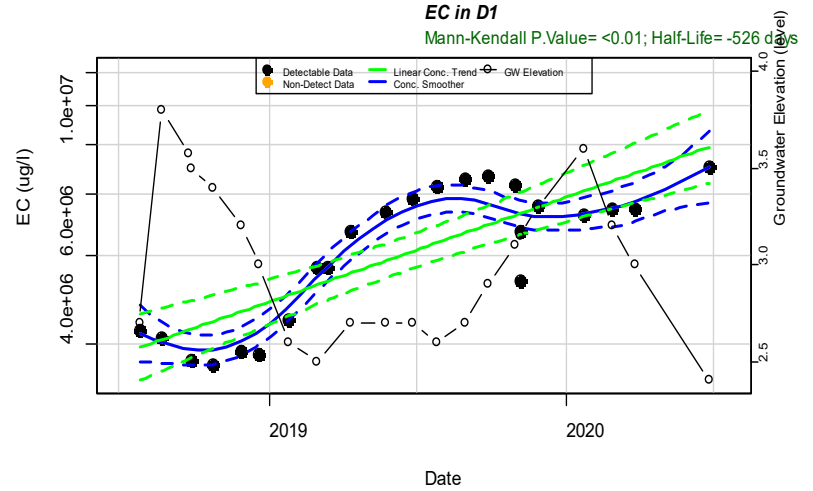
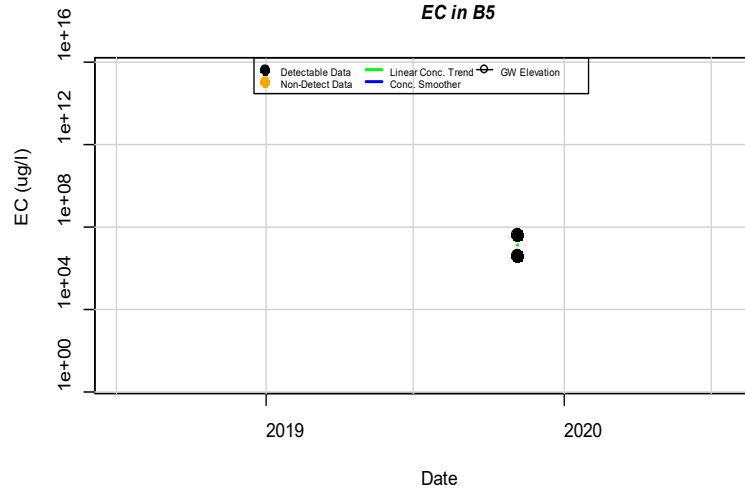
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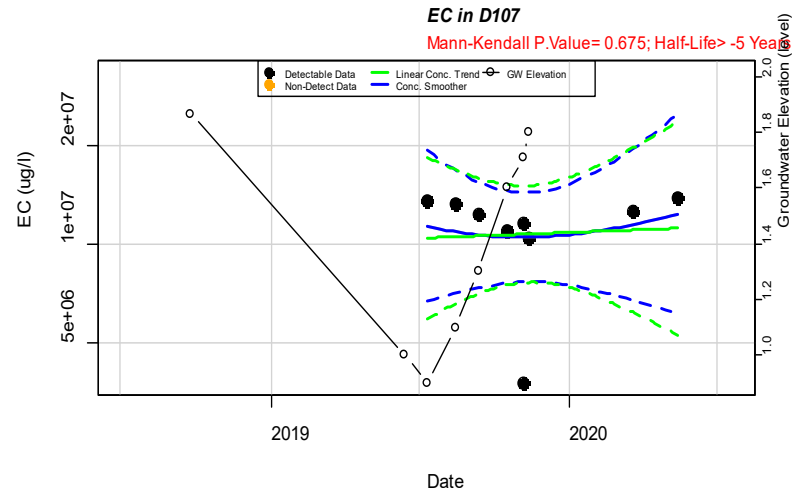
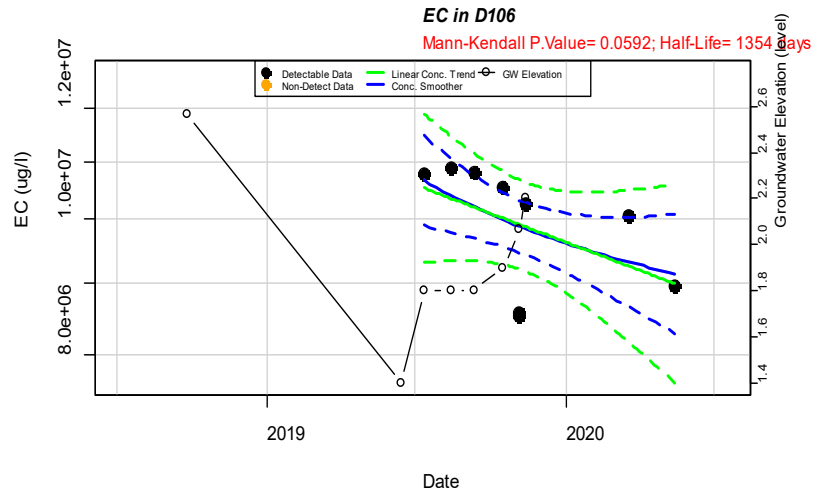
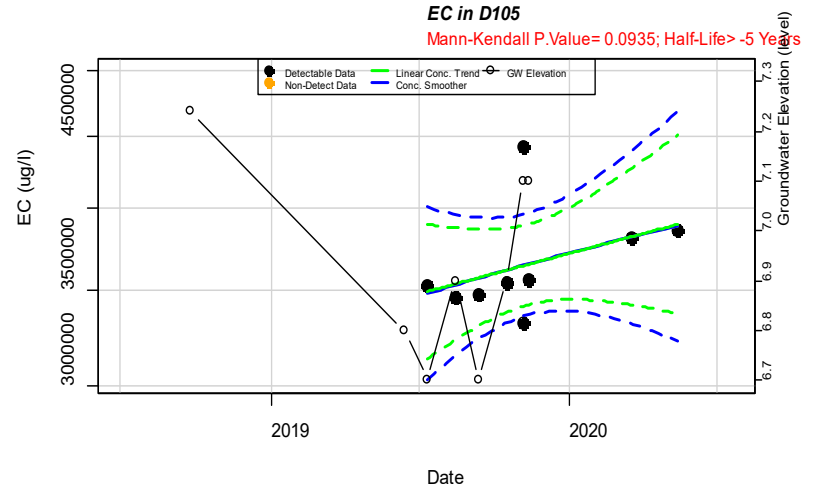
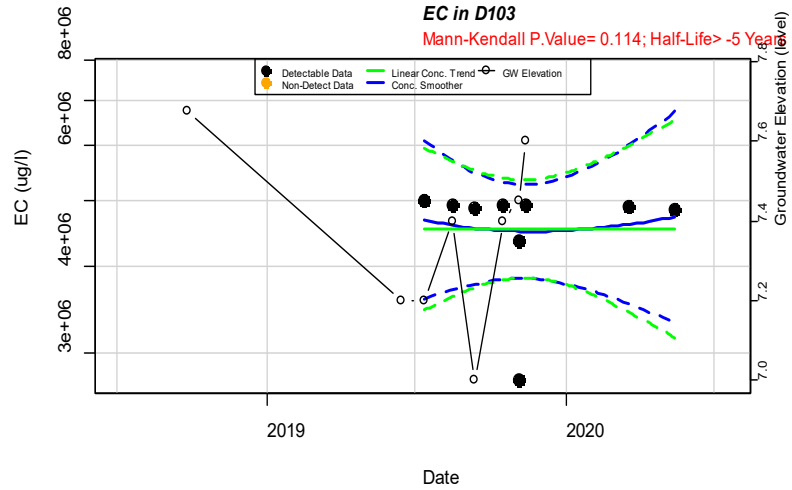


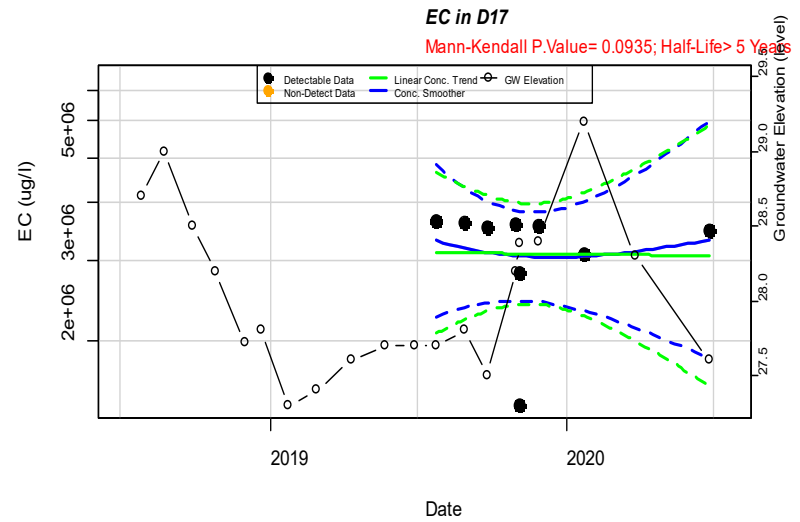
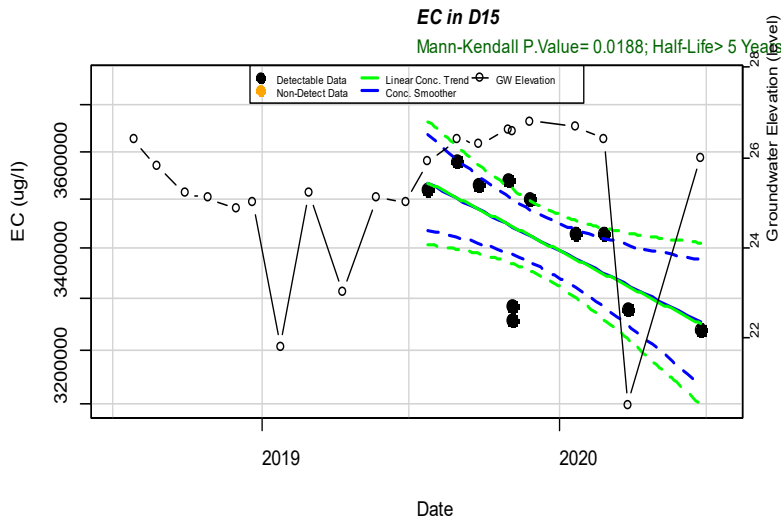
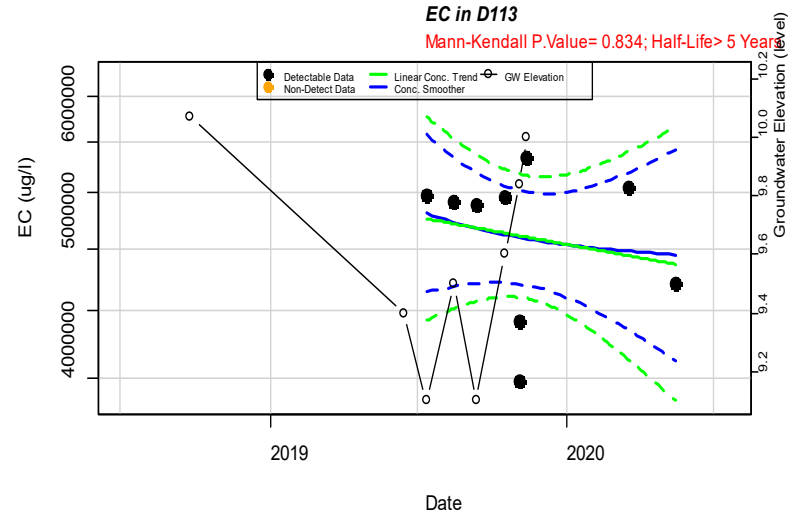
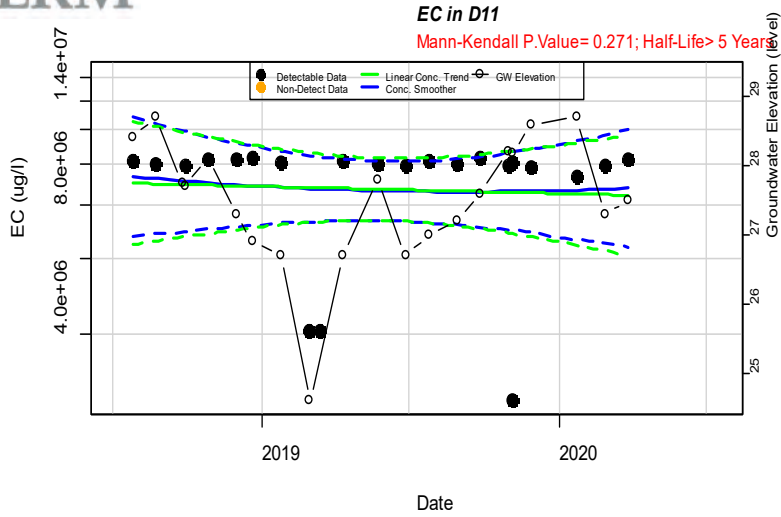
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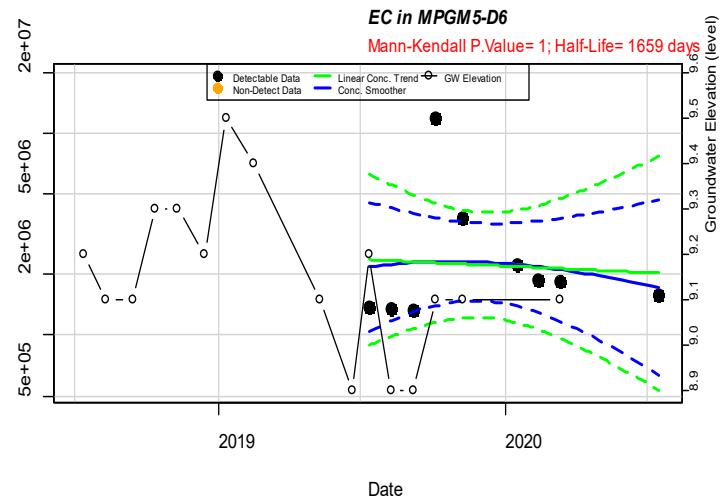
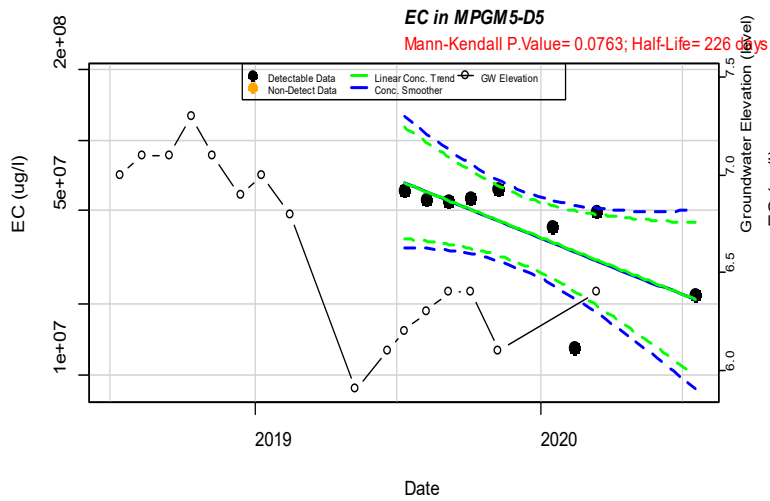
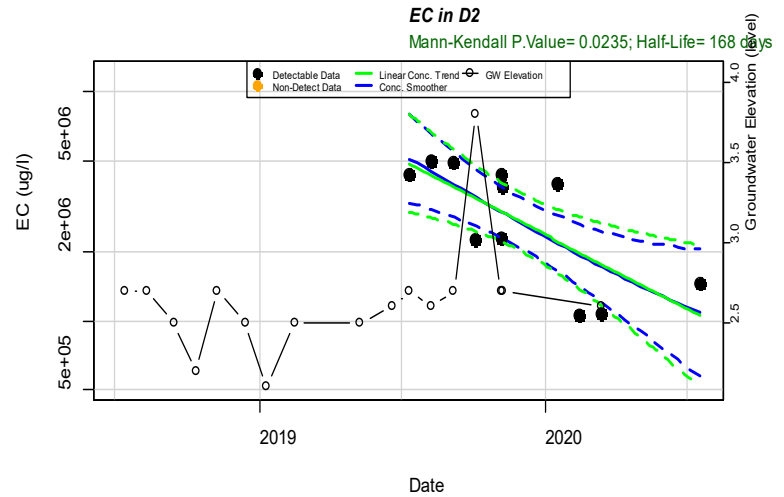
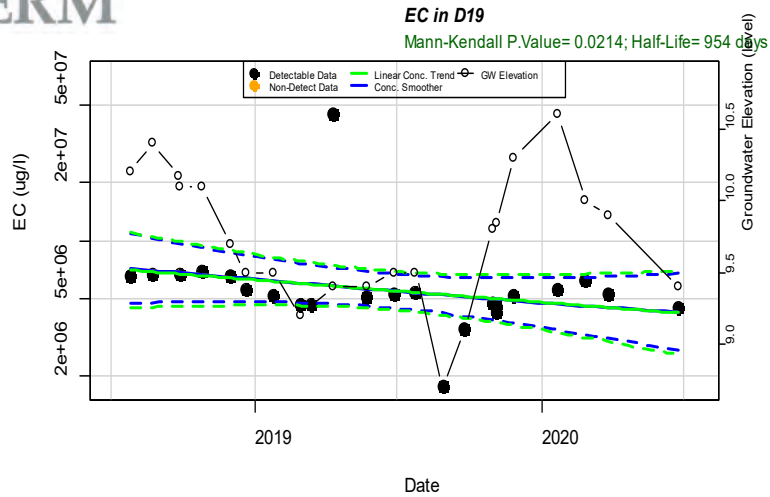
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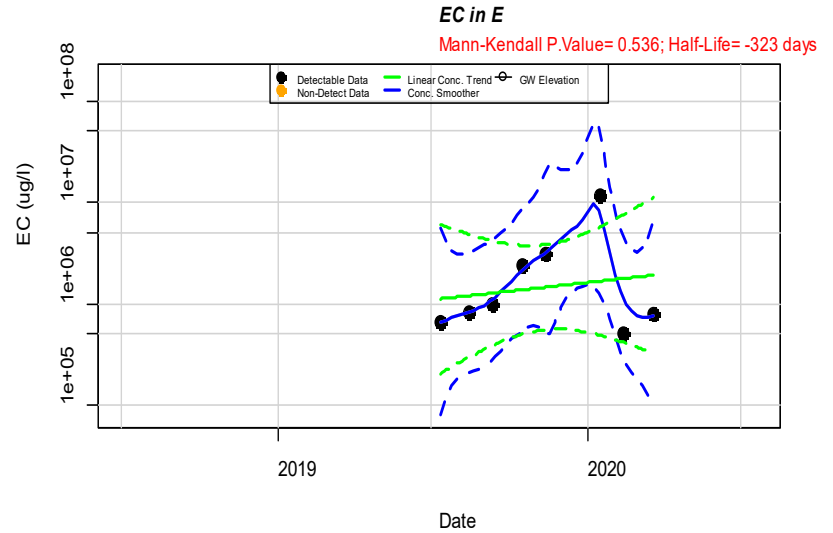
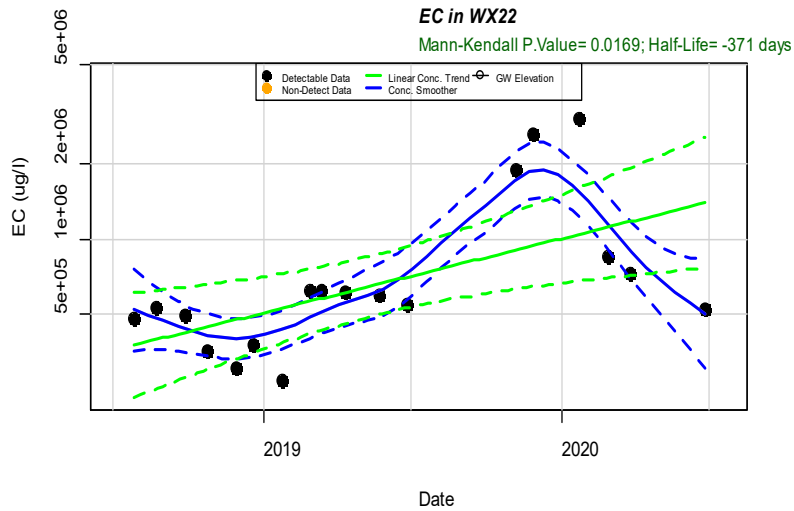
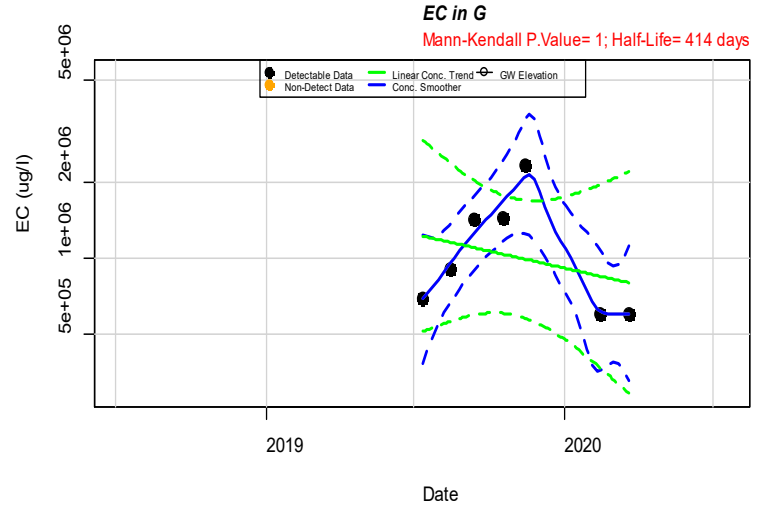
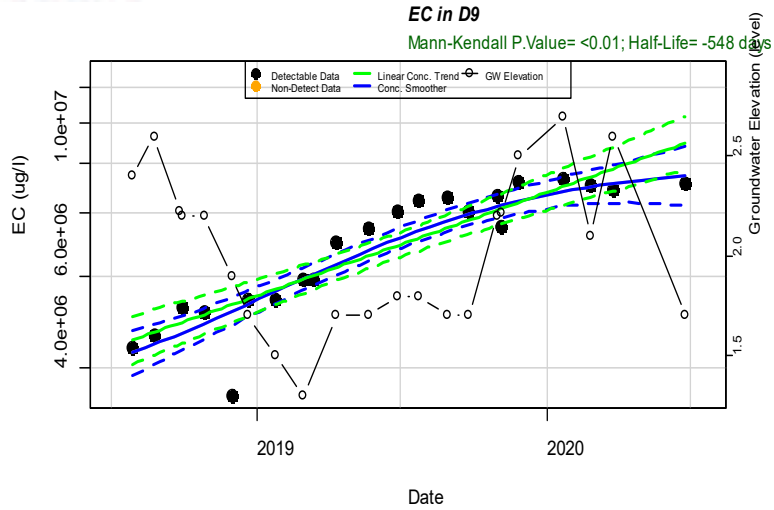


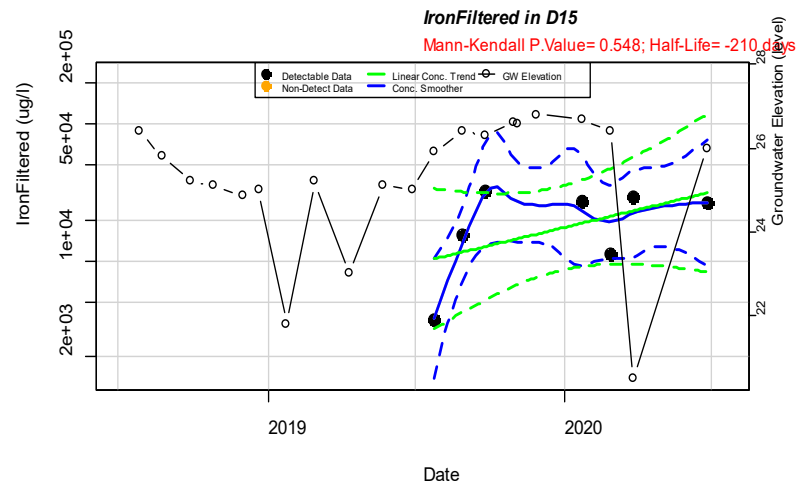
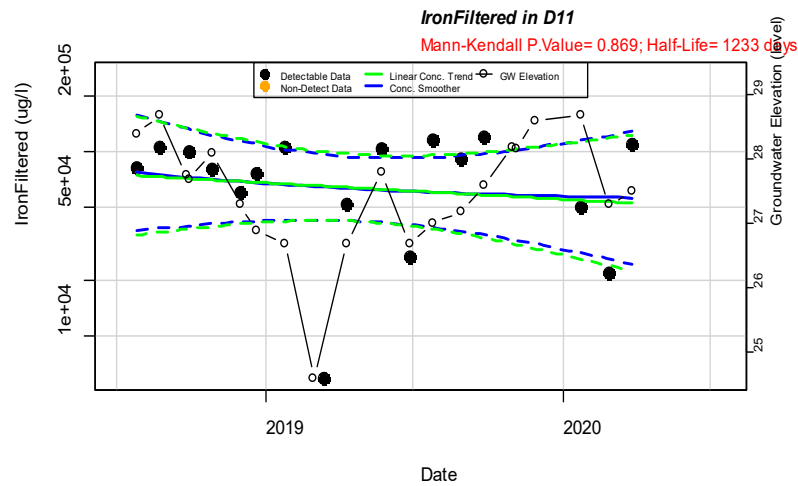
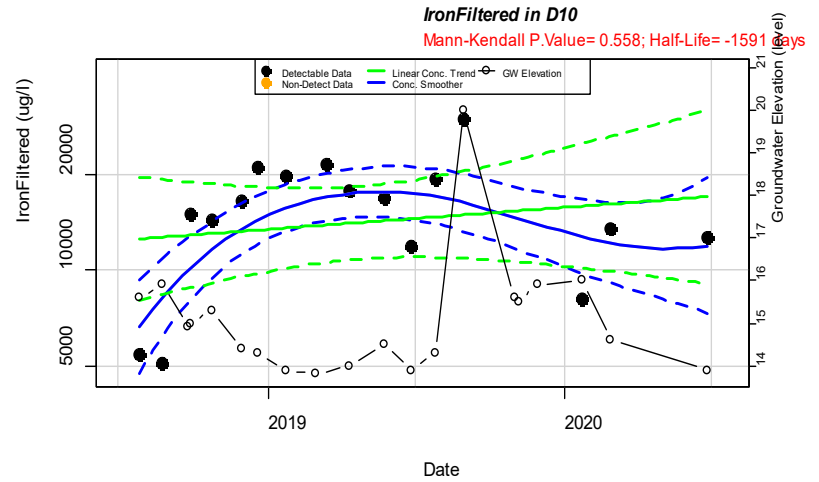
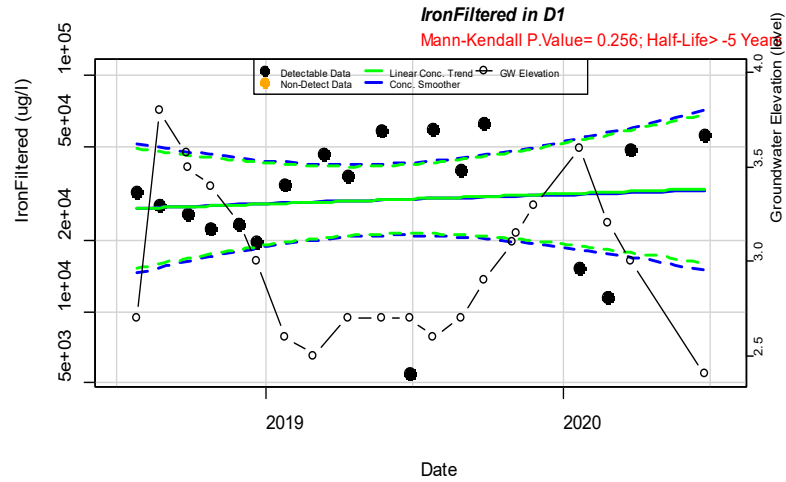


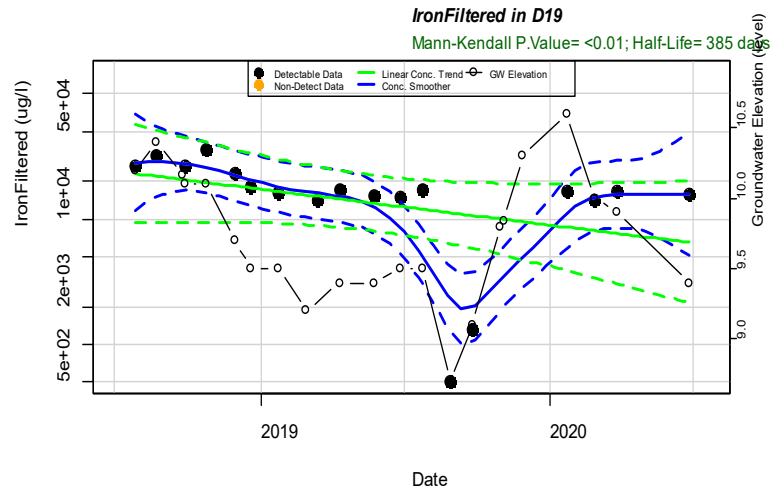
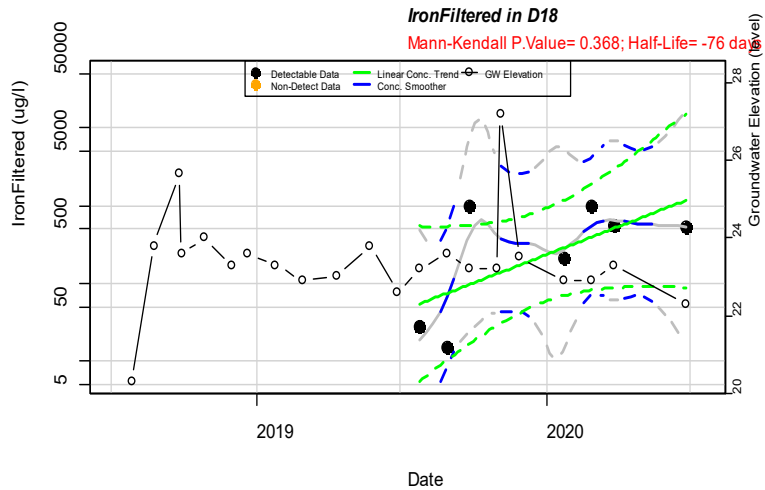
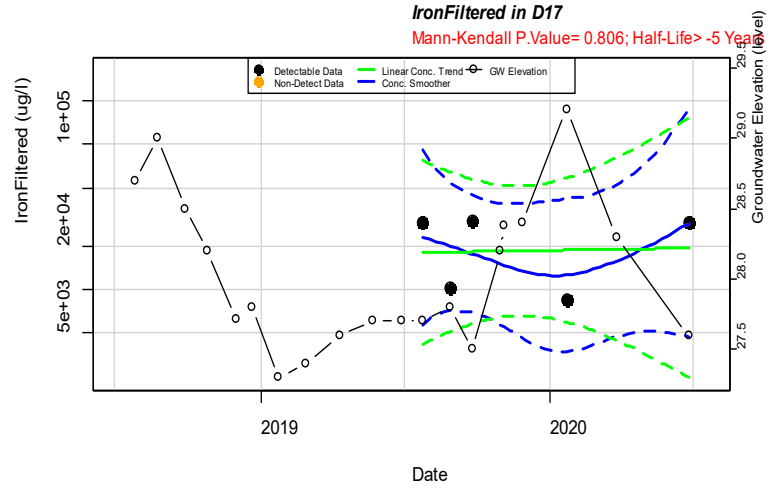
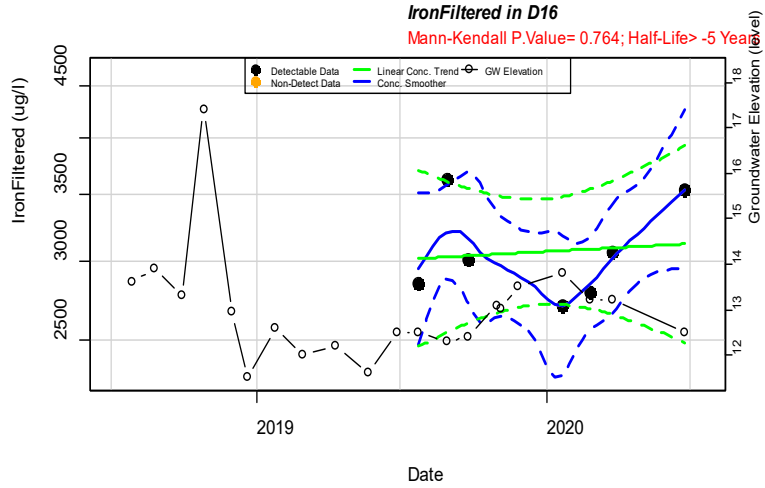




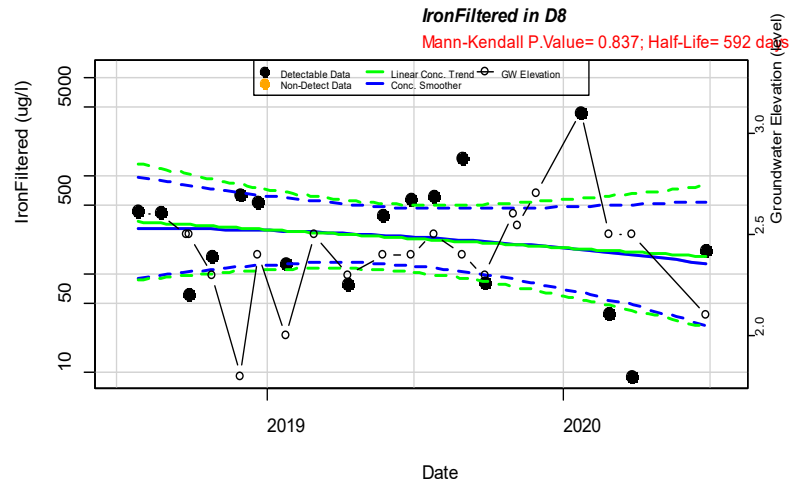
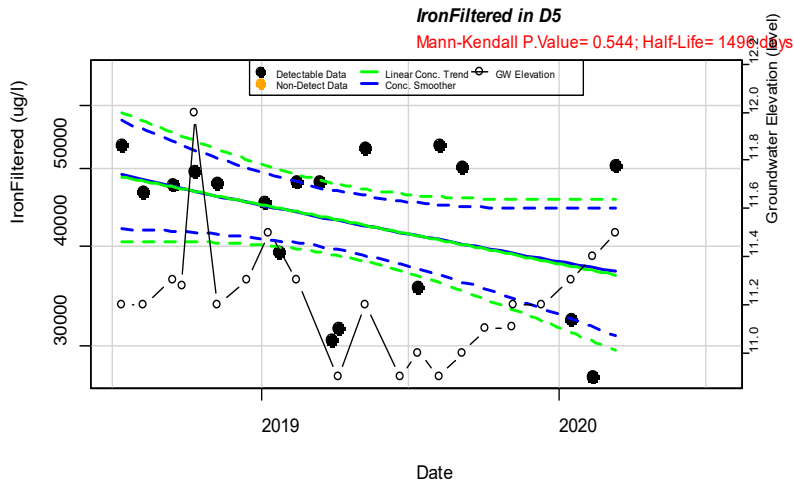
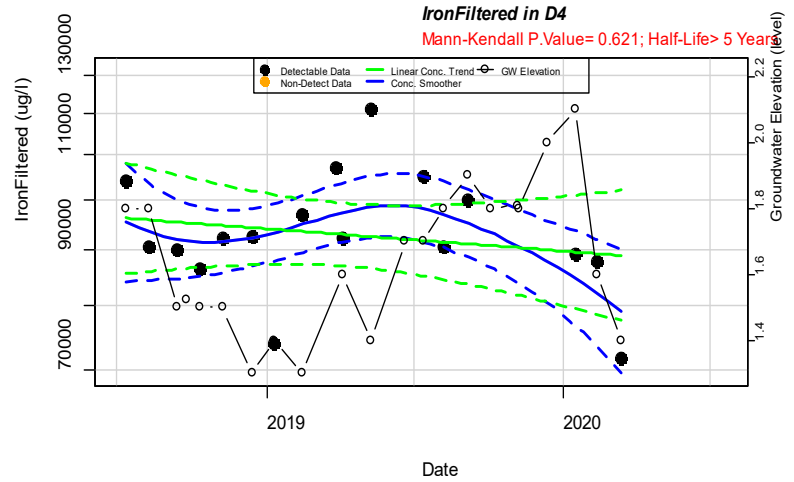
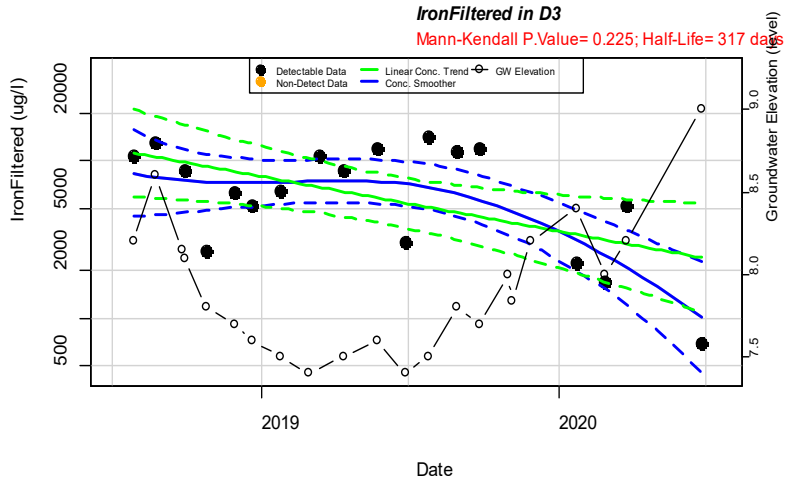


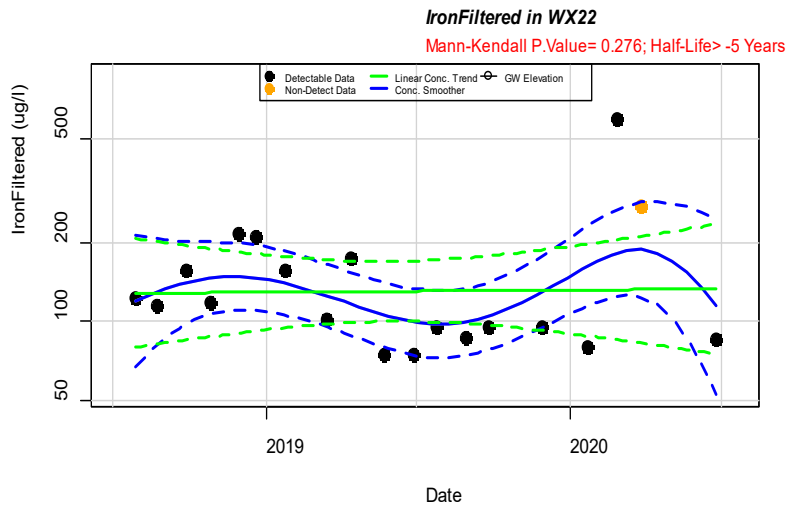
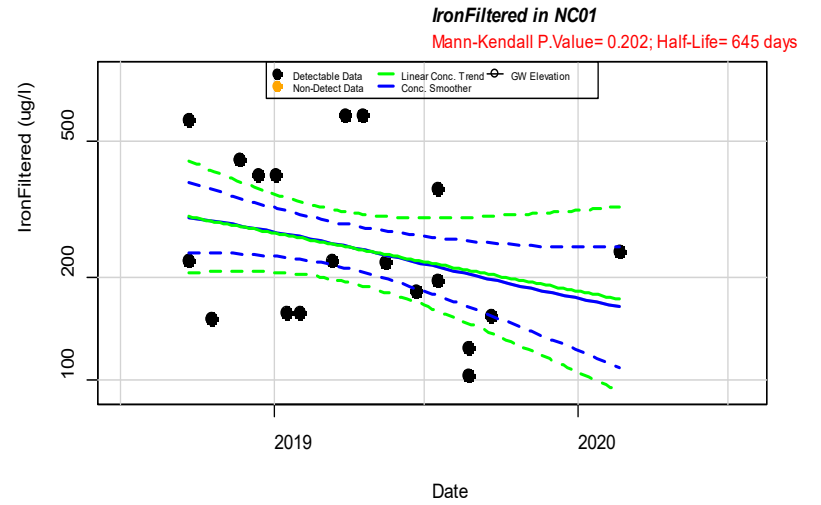
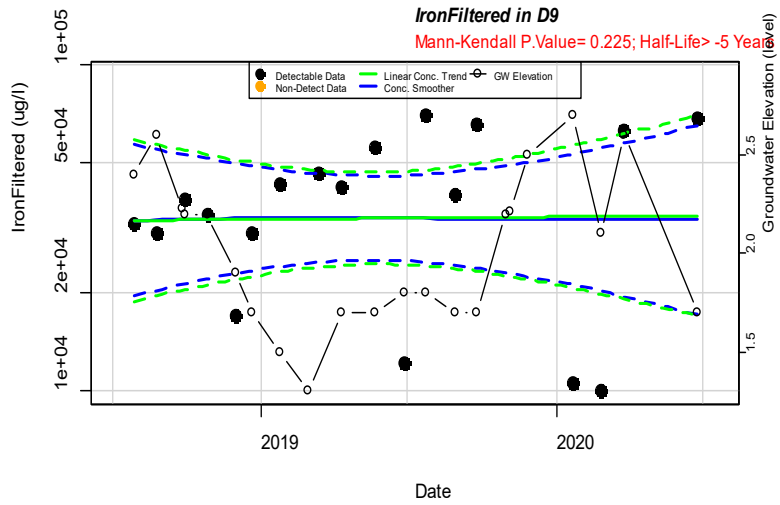


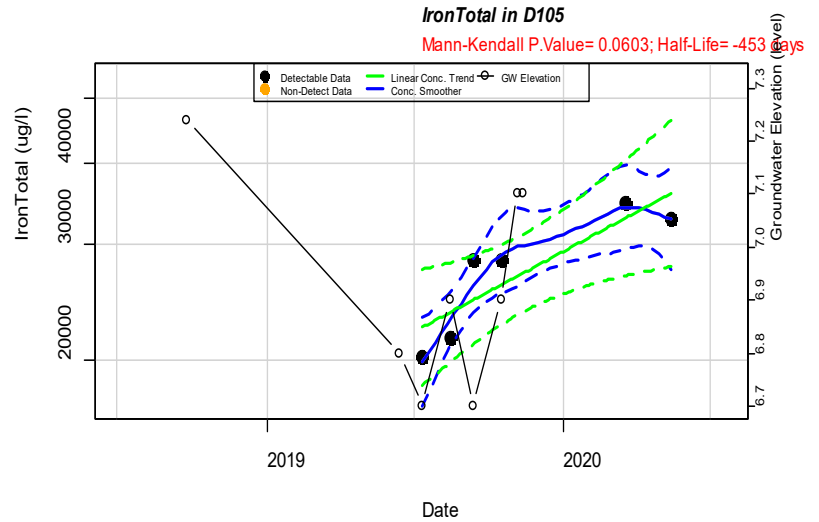
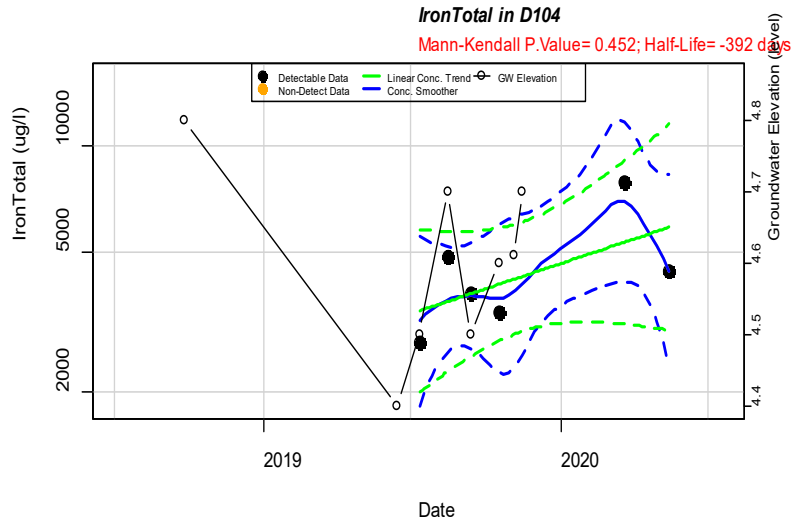
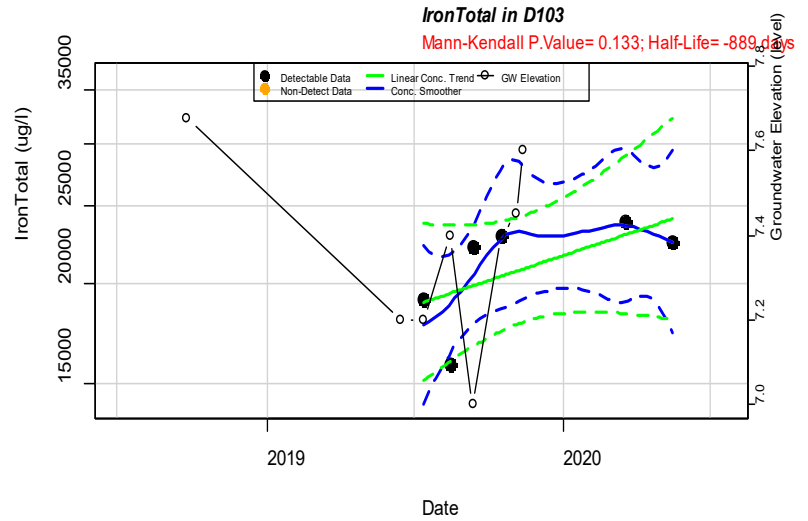
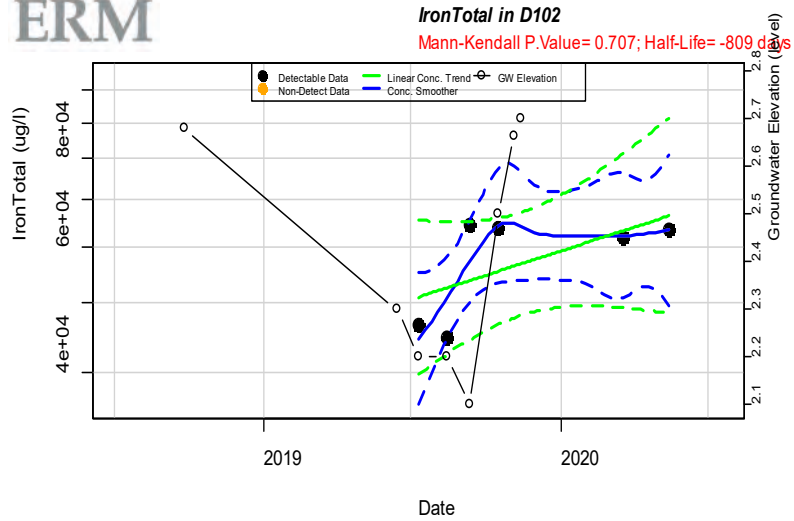


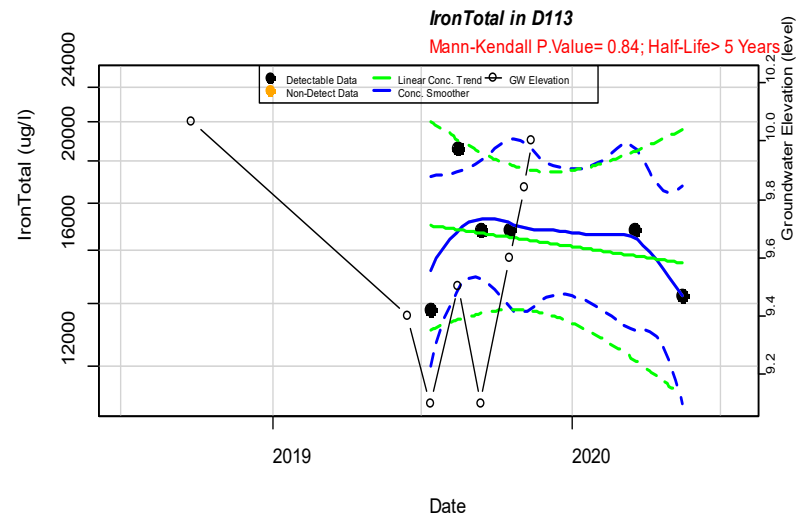
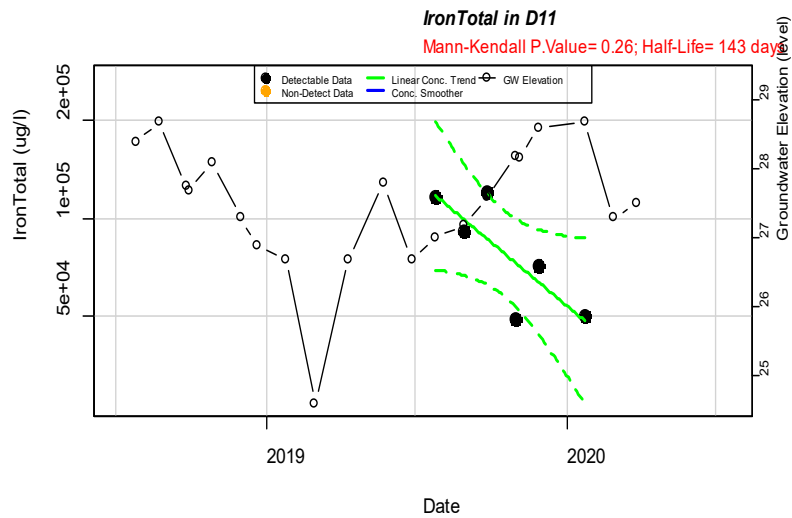
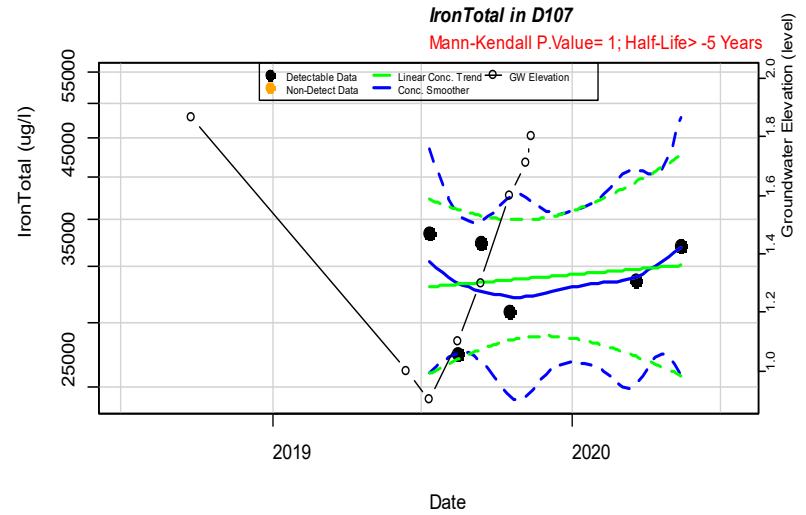
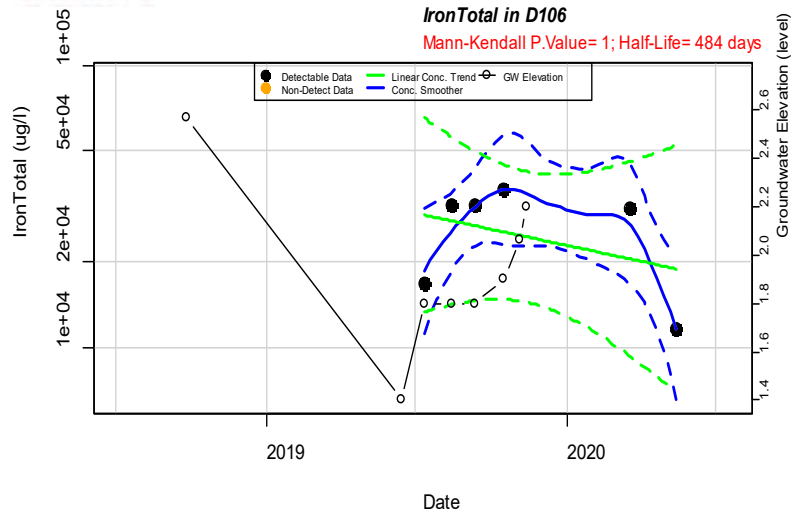








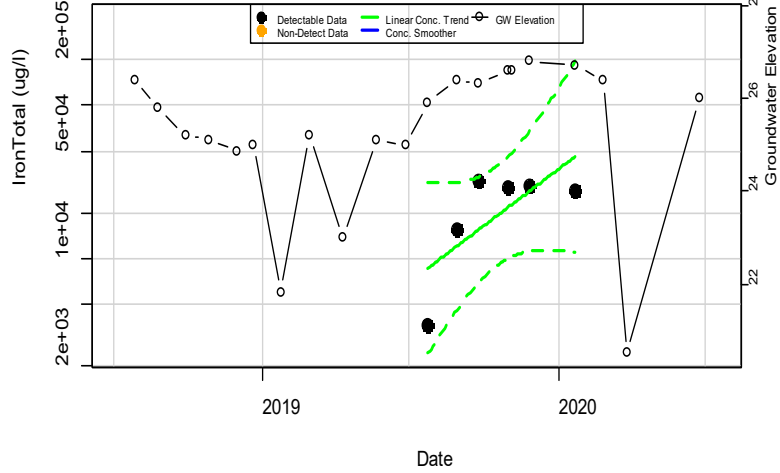






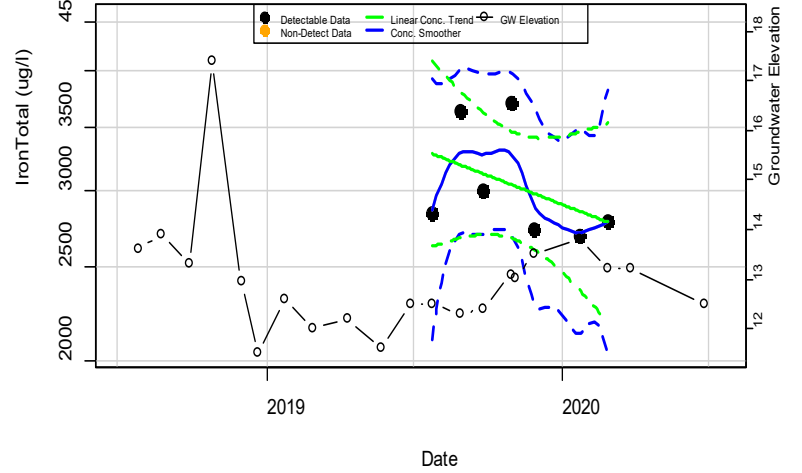
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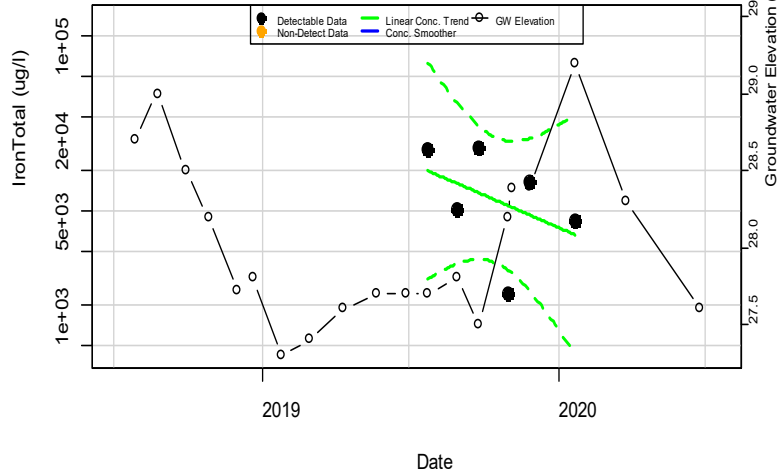
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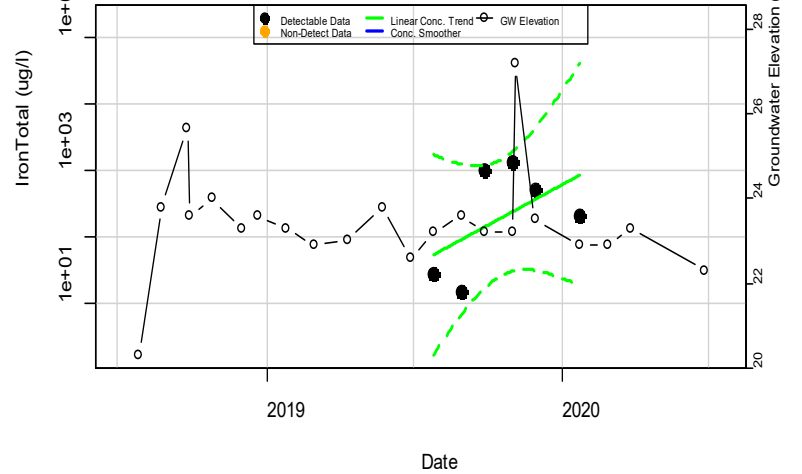
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**IronTotal in D18**

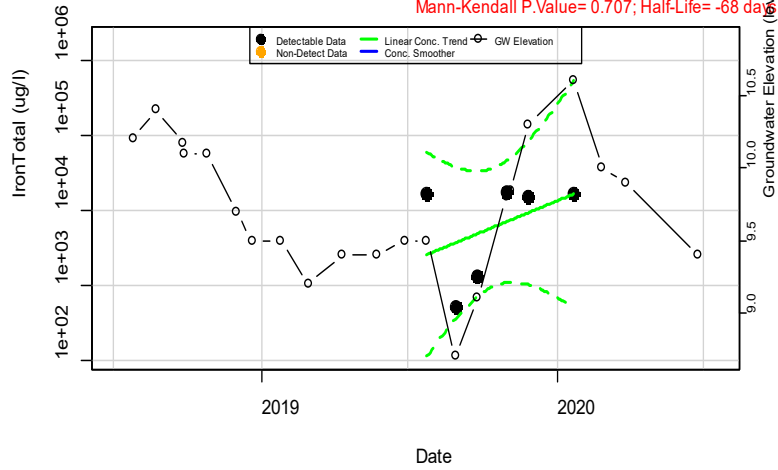
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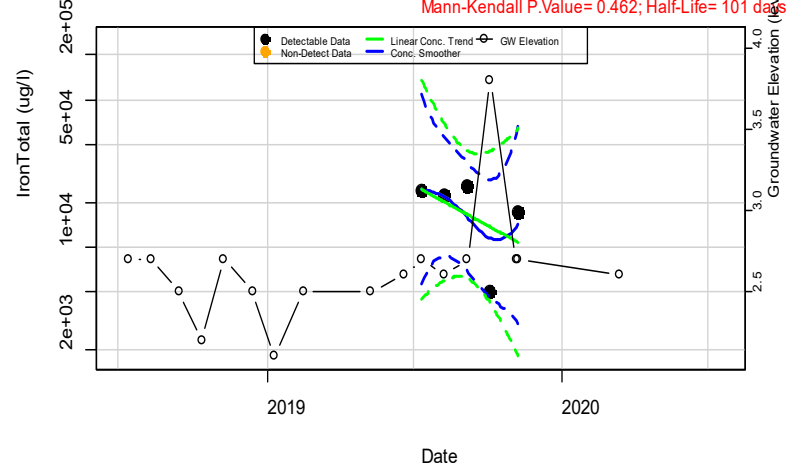
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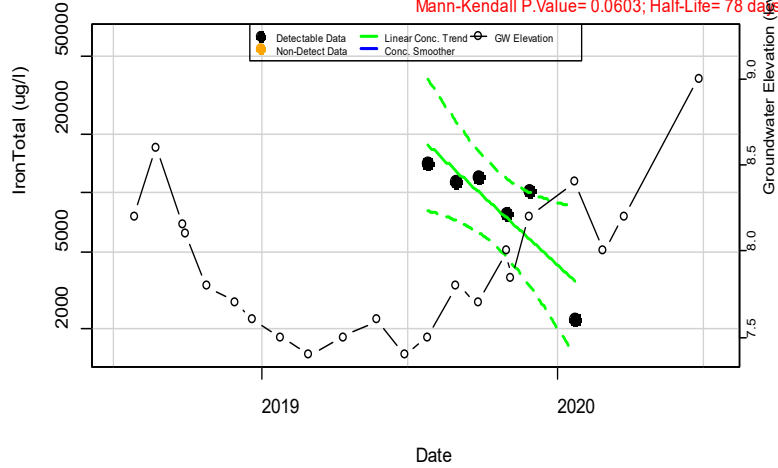
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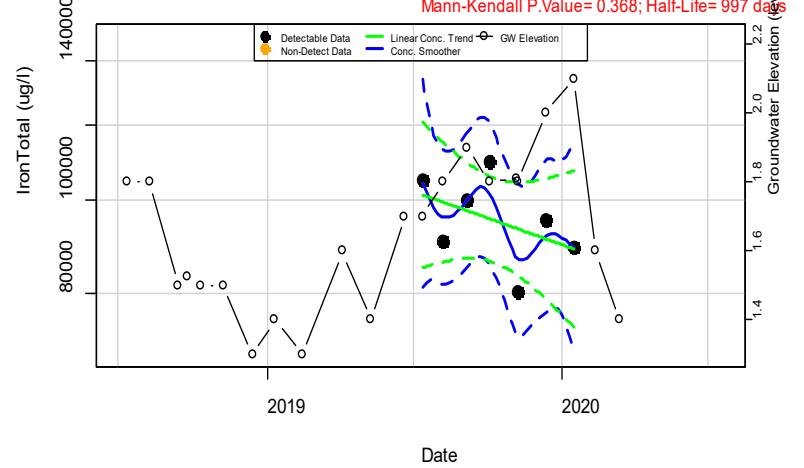
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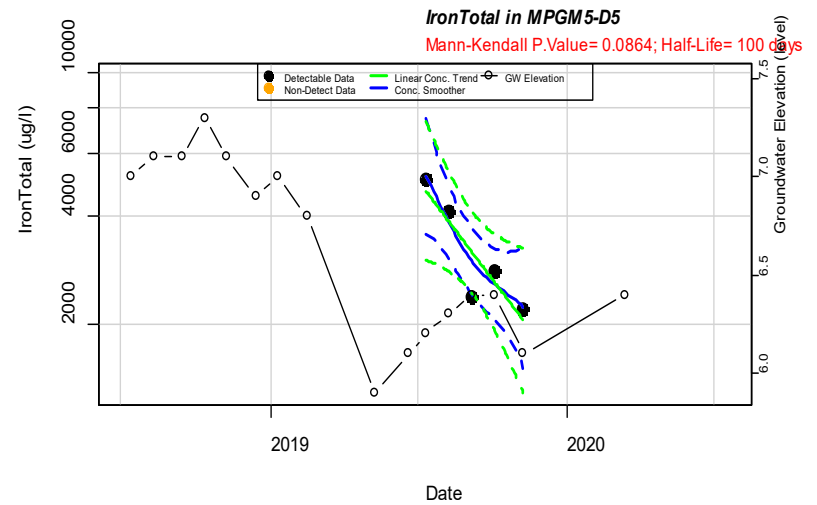
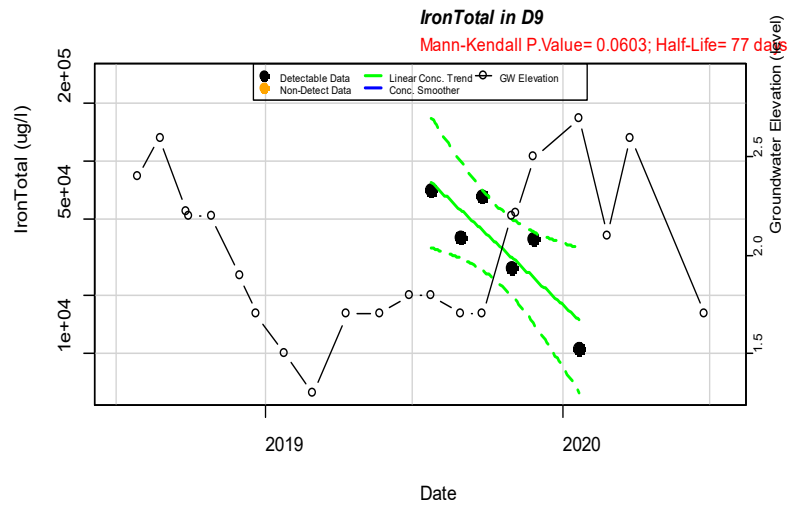
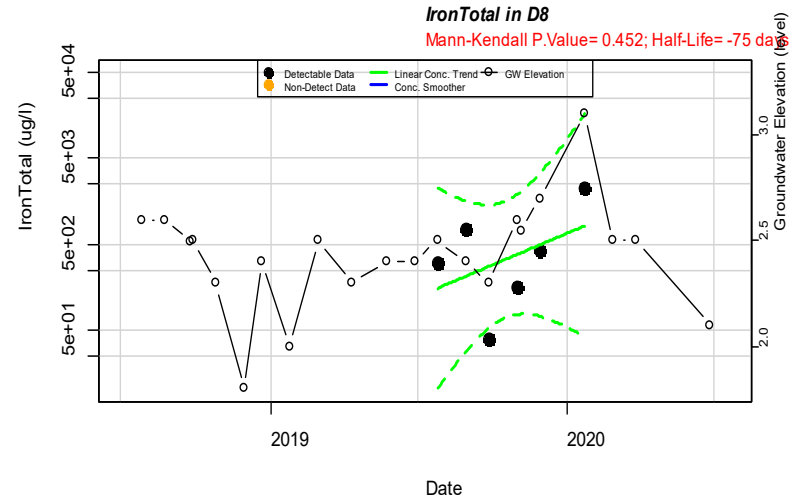
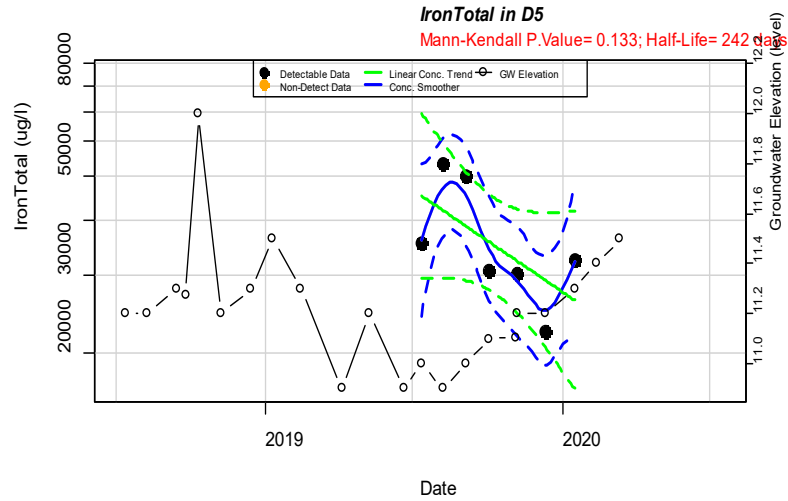
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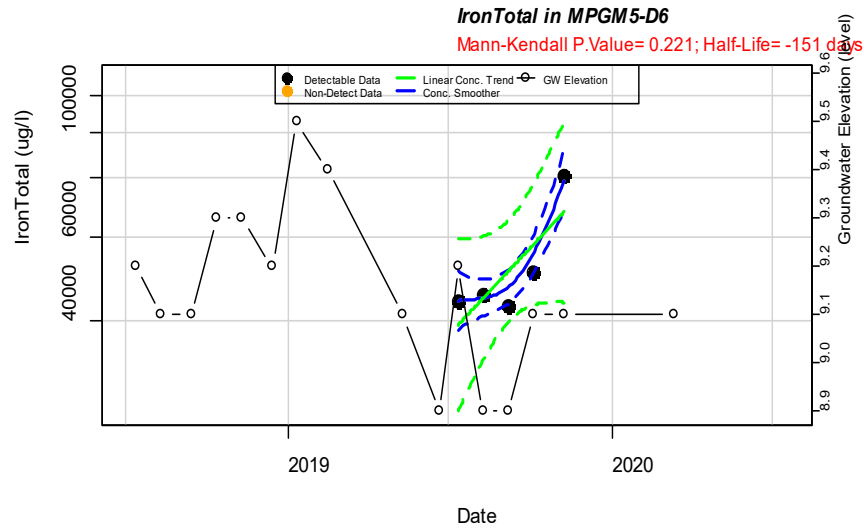


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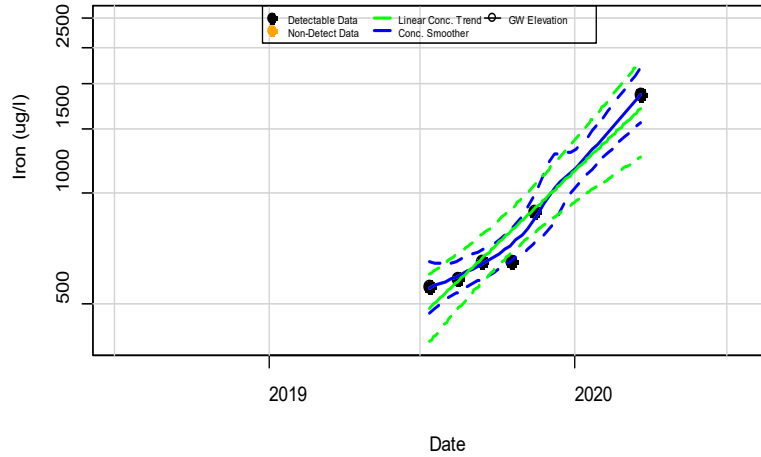






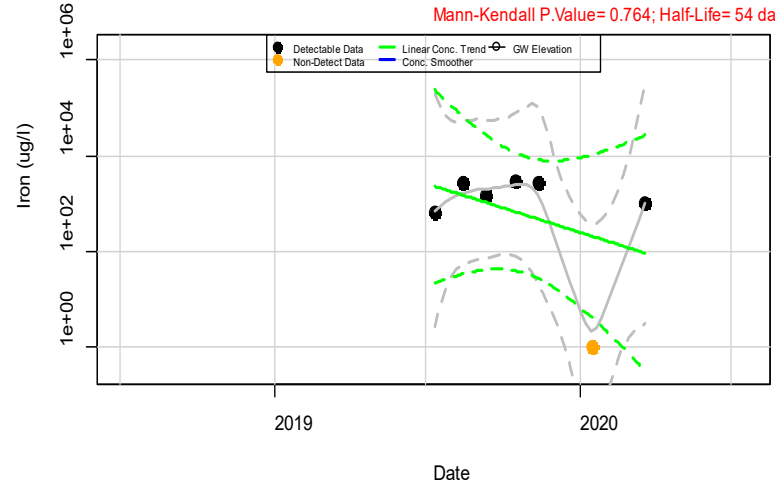
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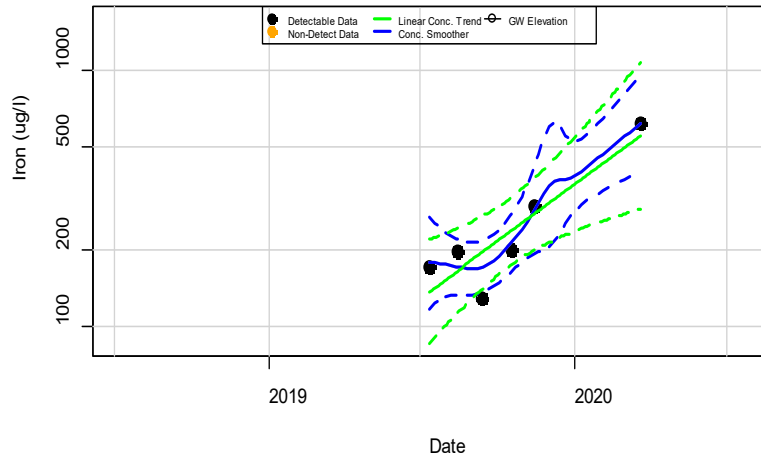
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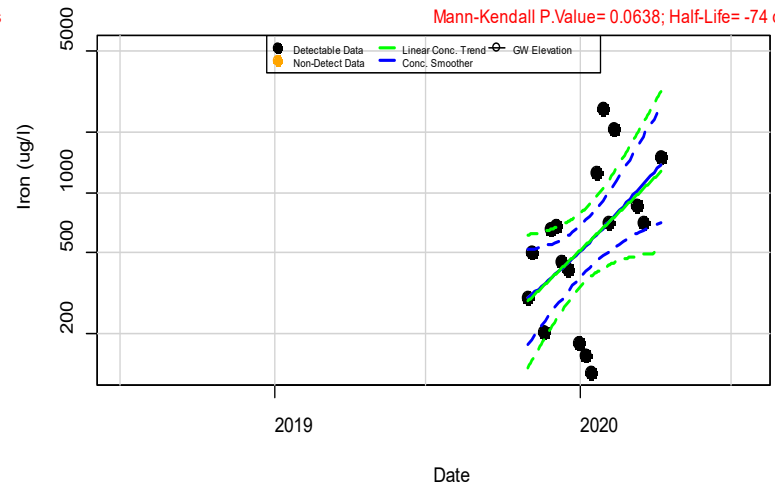
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### Iron in LDP01

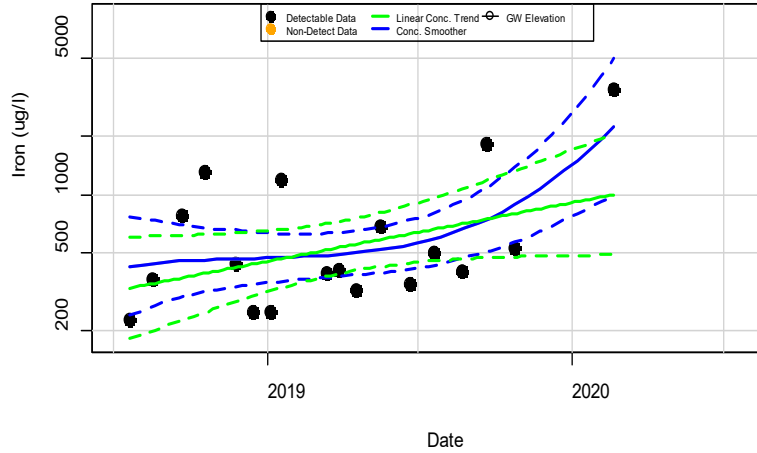
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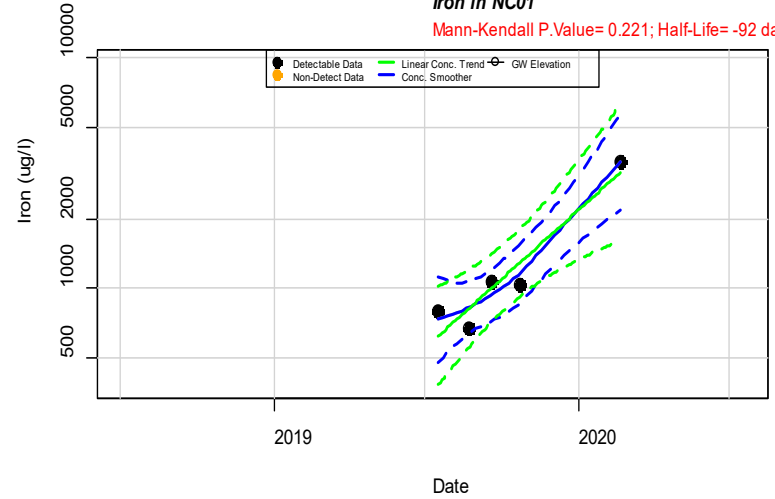
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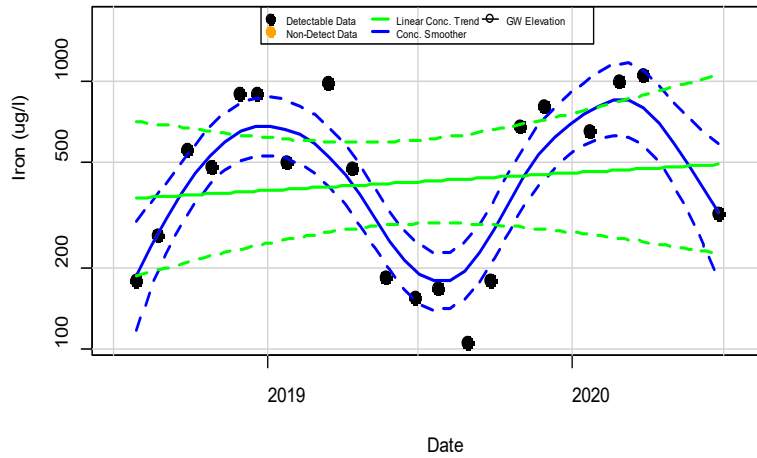
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### Iron in WX22

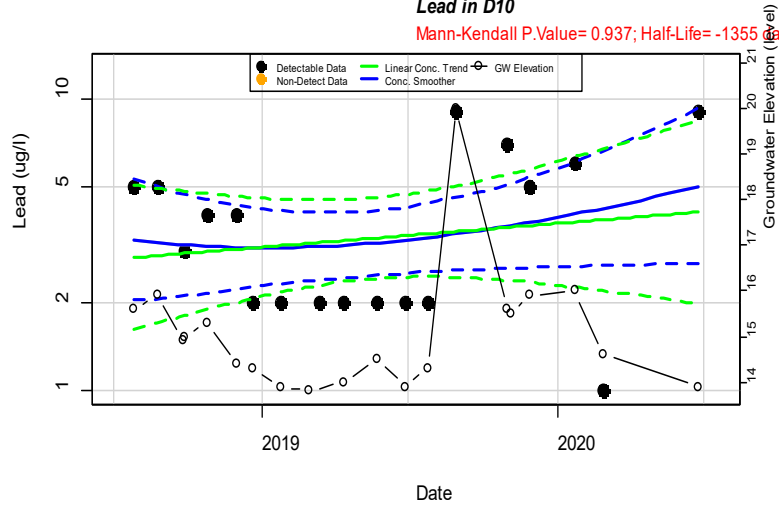
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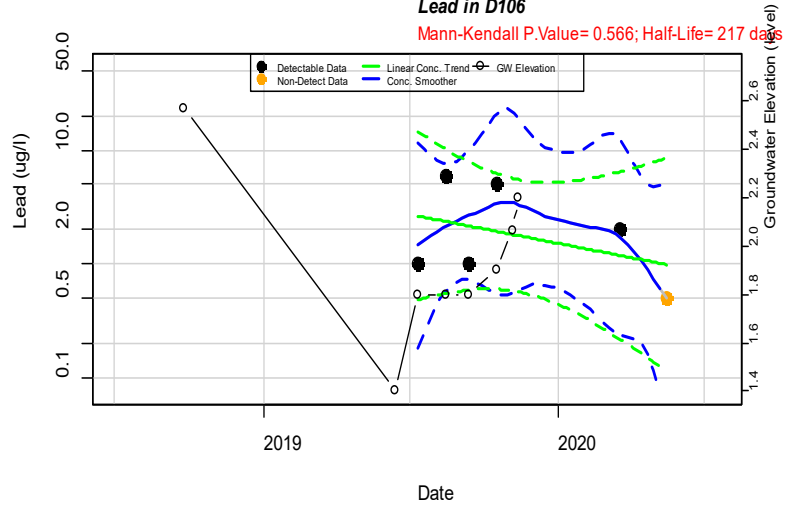
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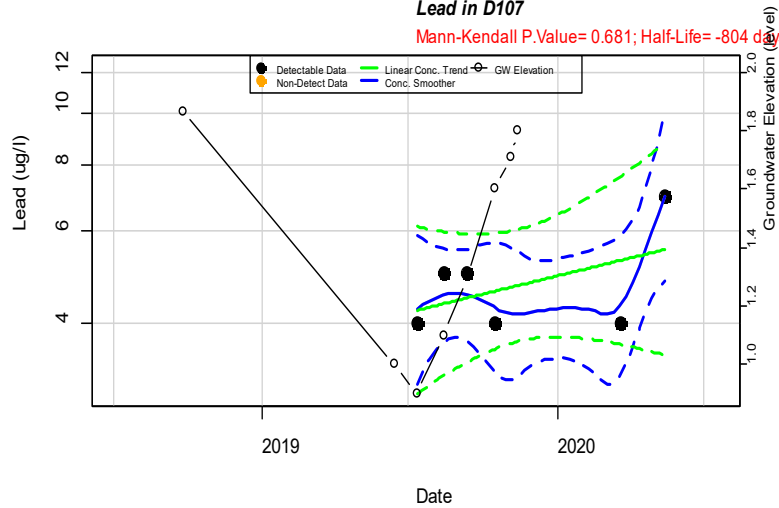
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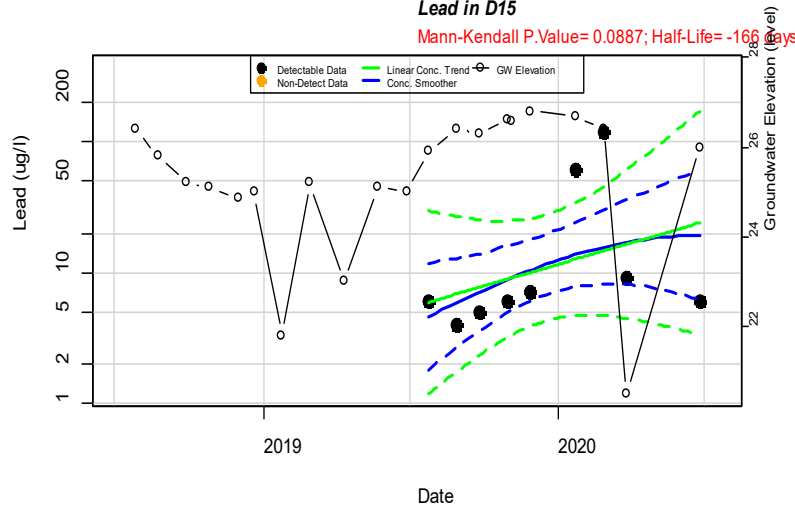
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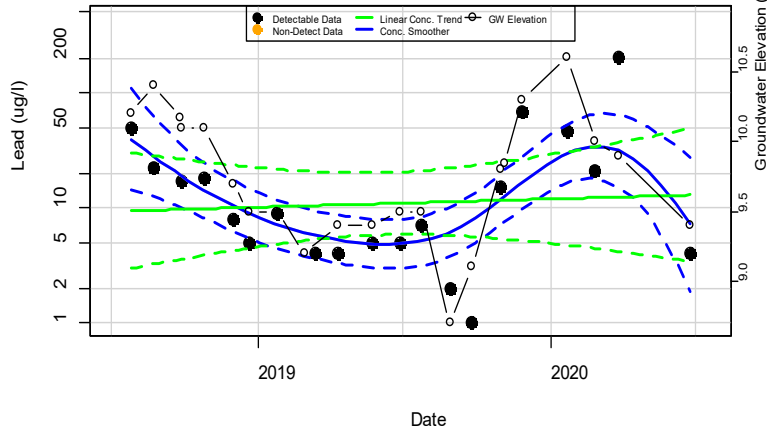
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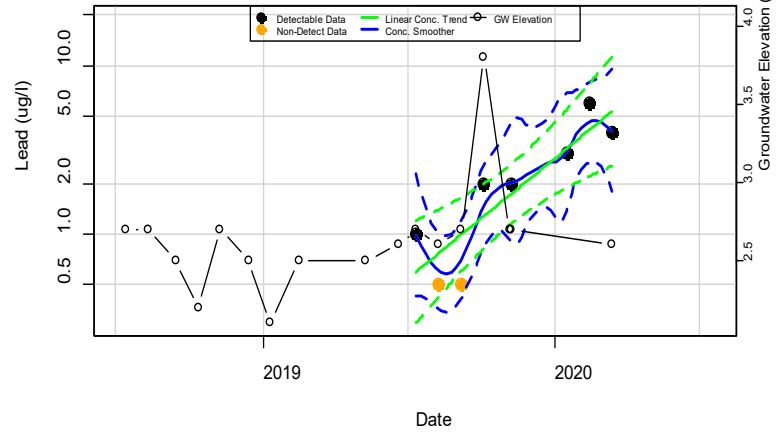




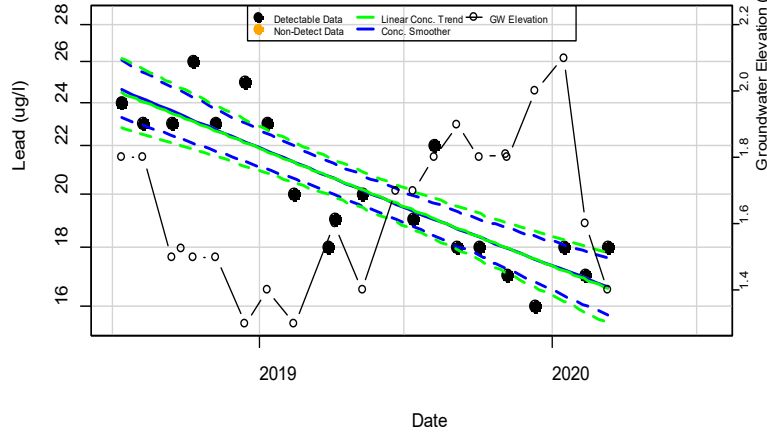
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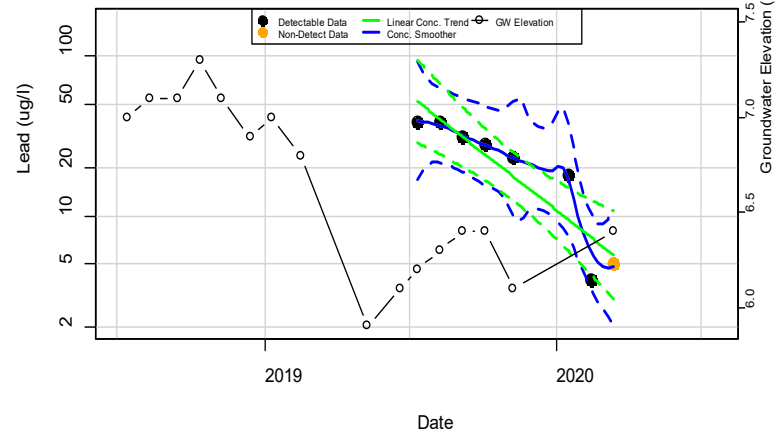
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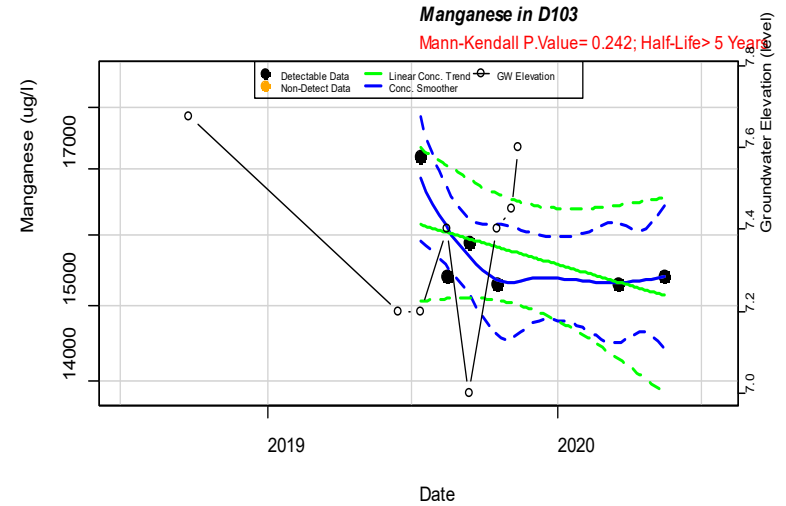
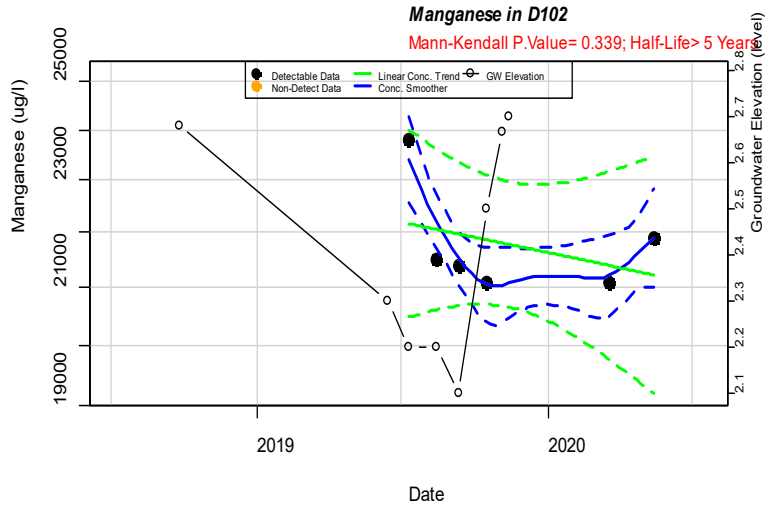
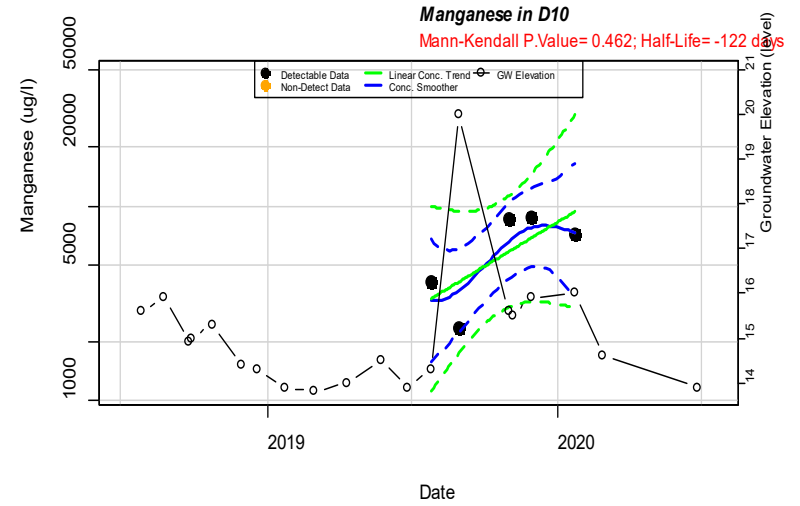
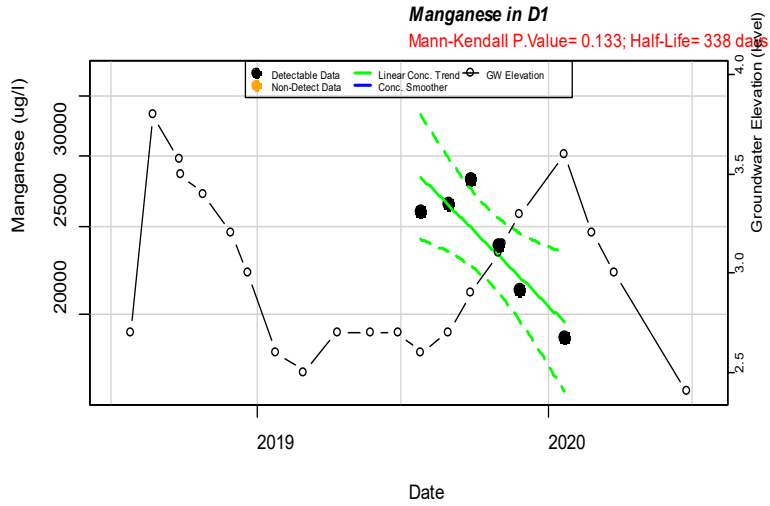


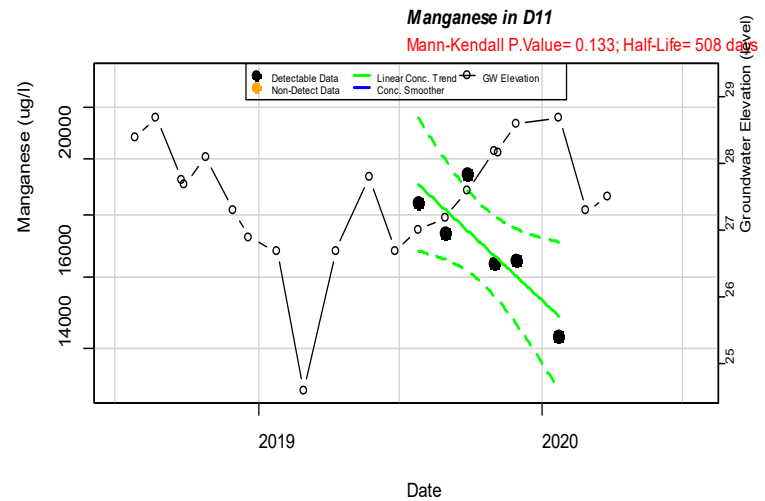
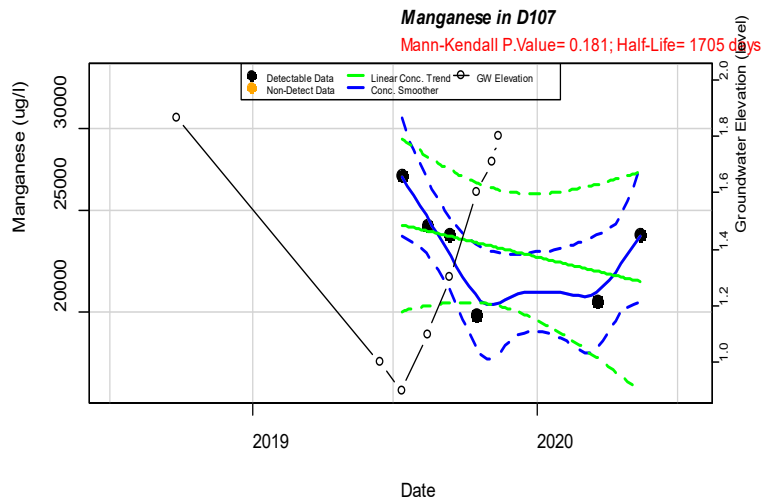
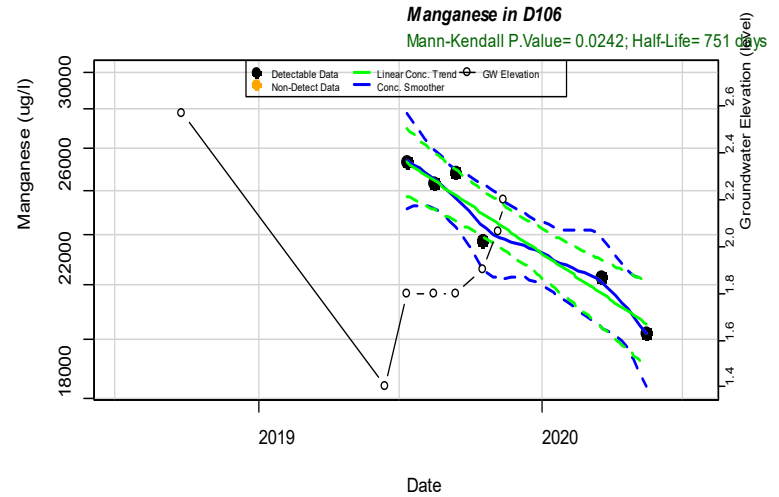
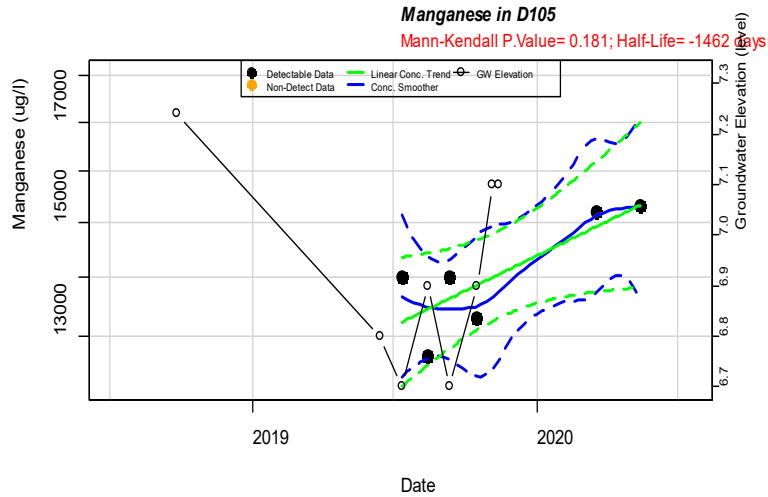
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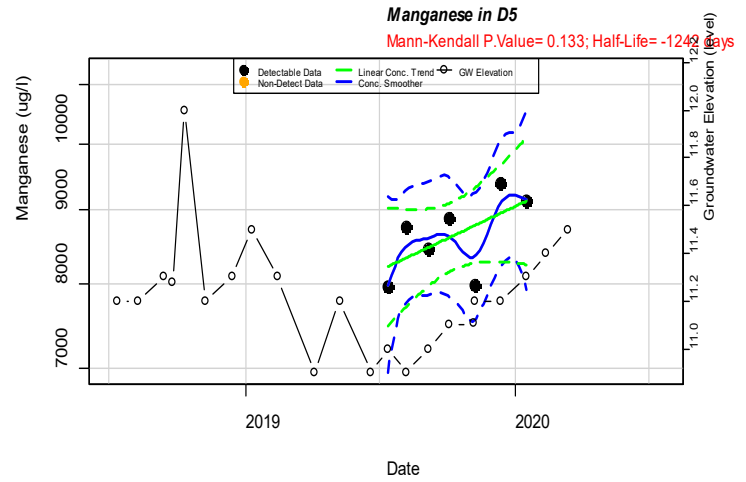
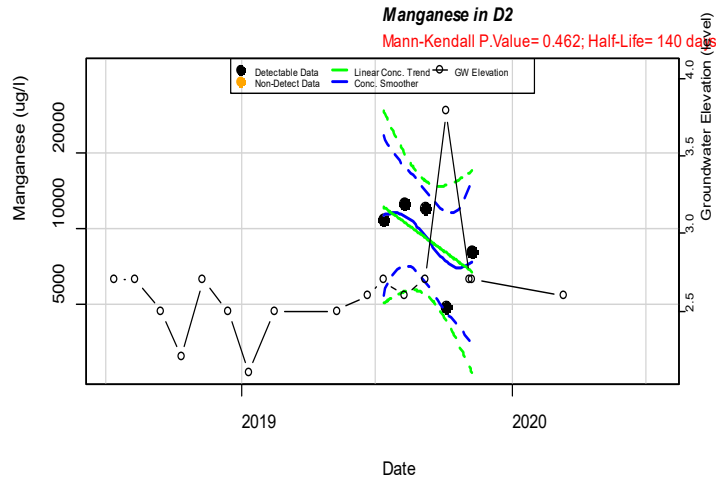
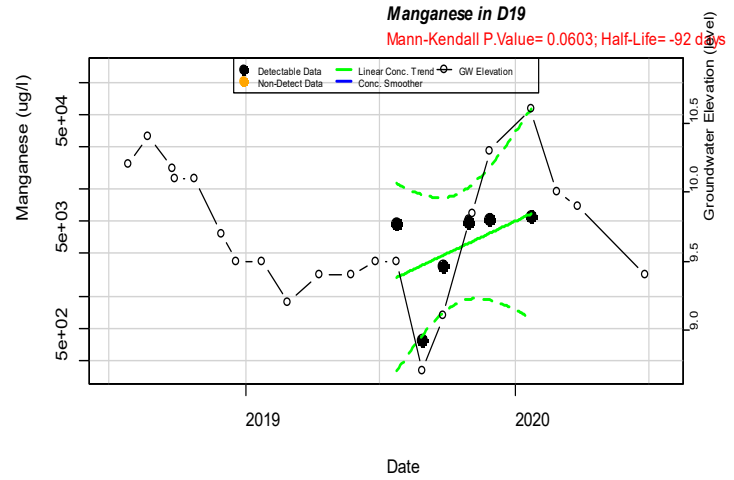
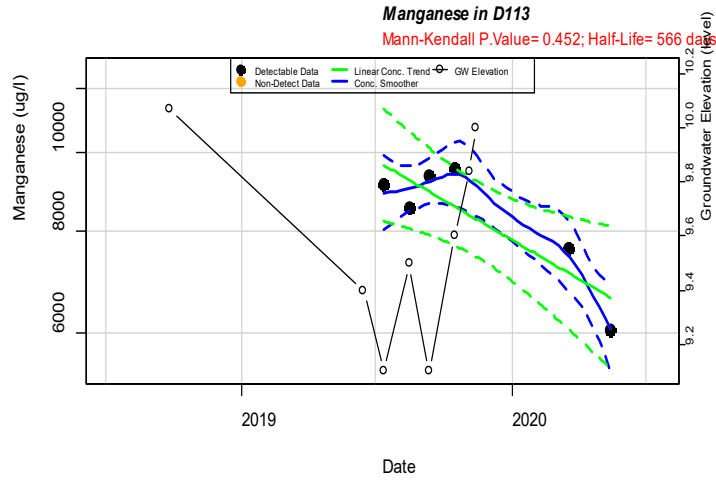


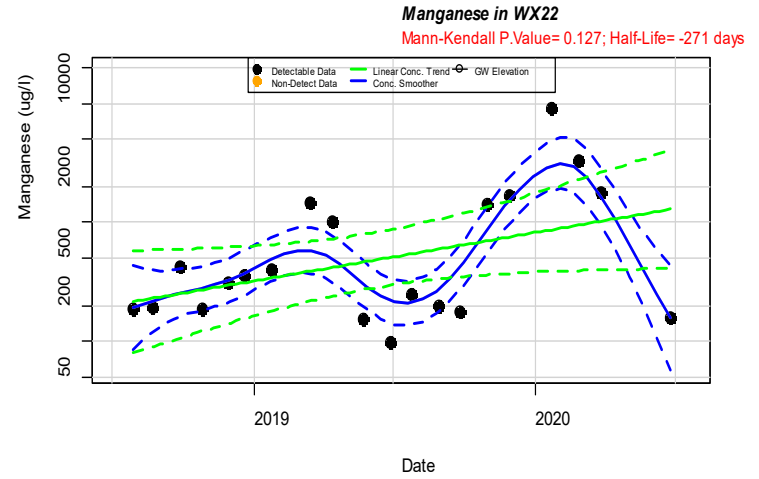
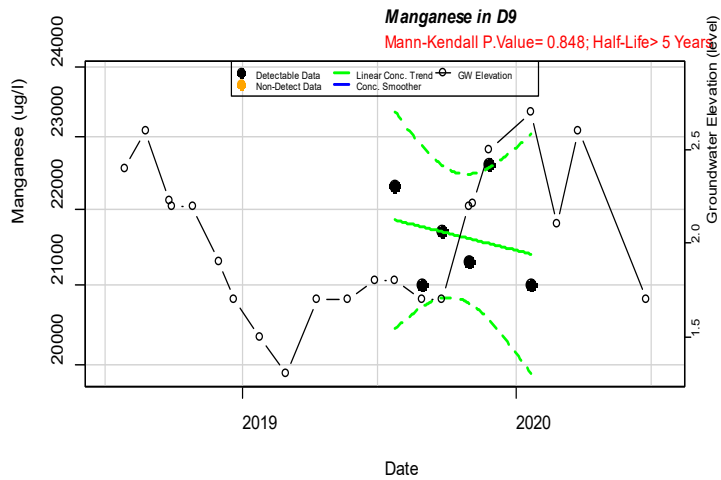
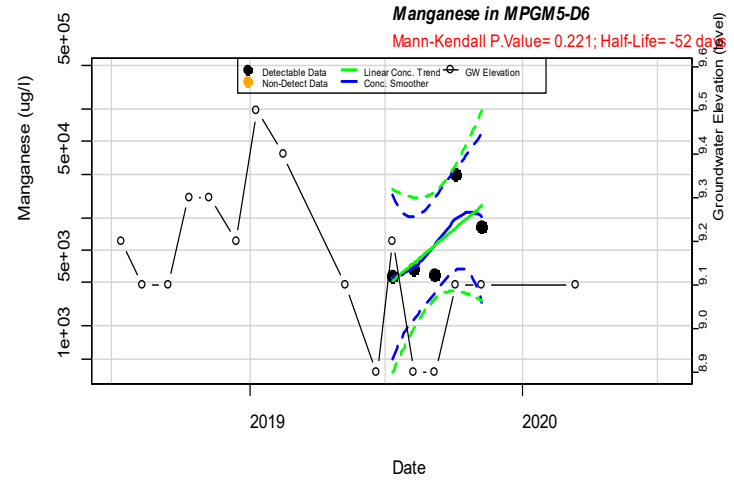
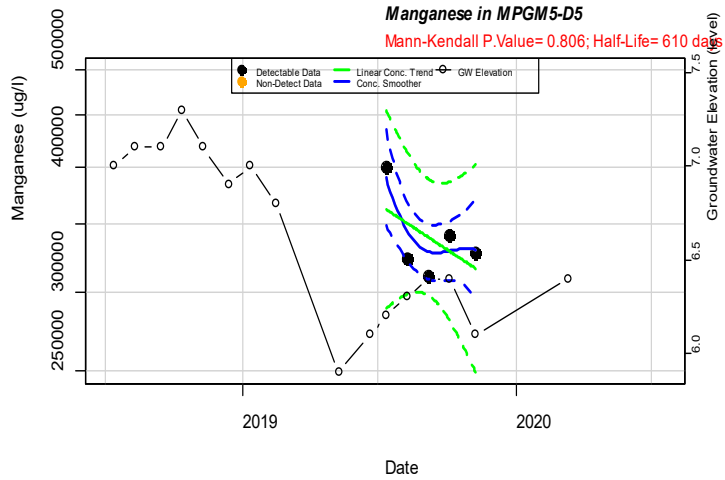
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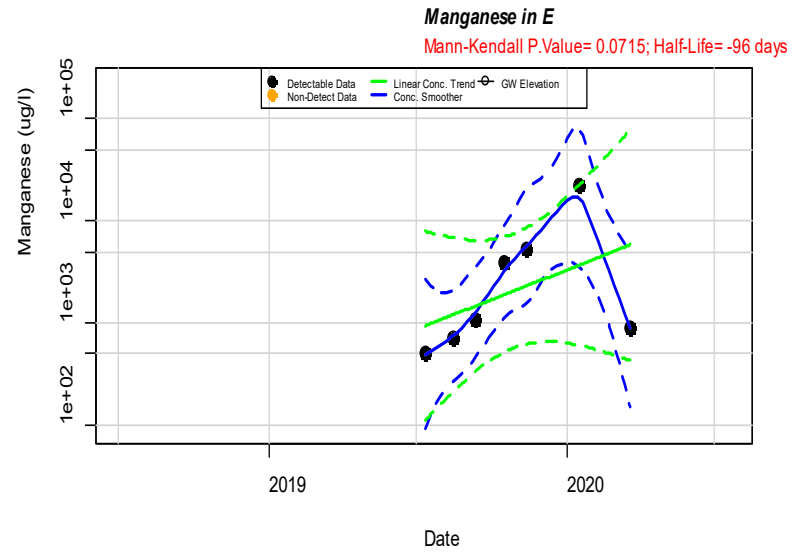


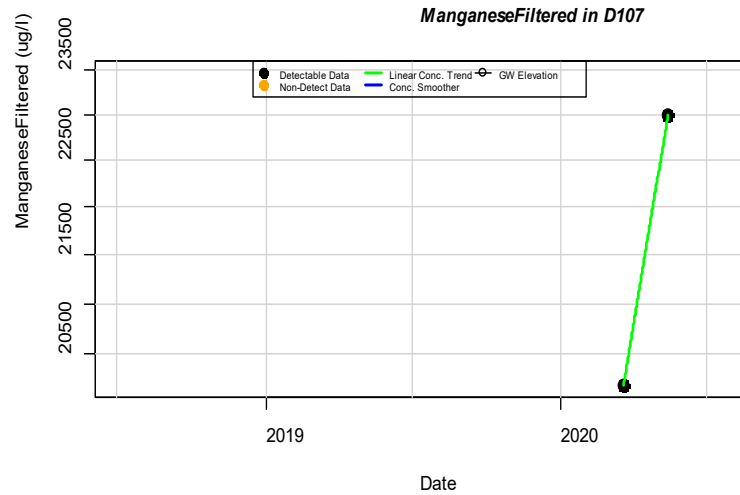
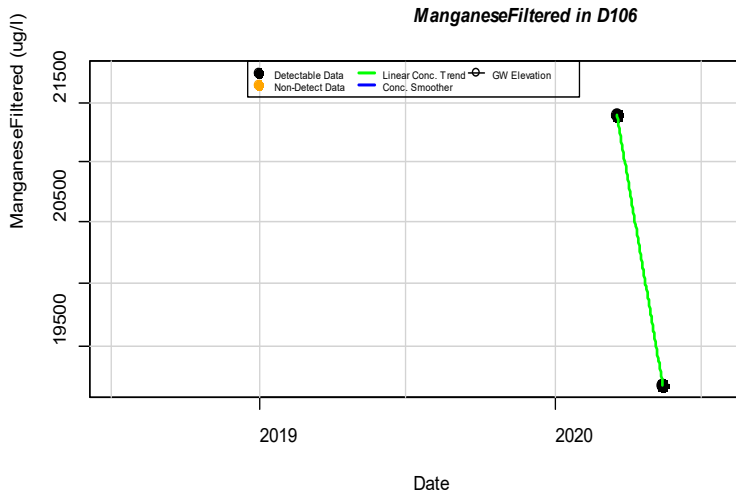
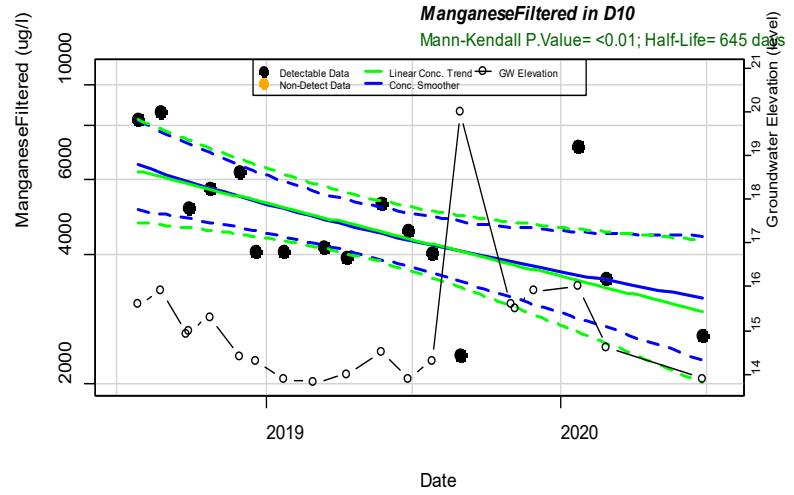
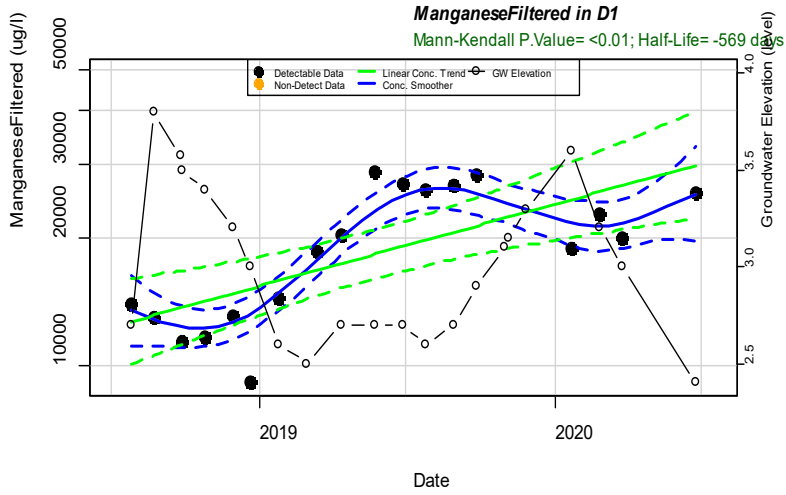


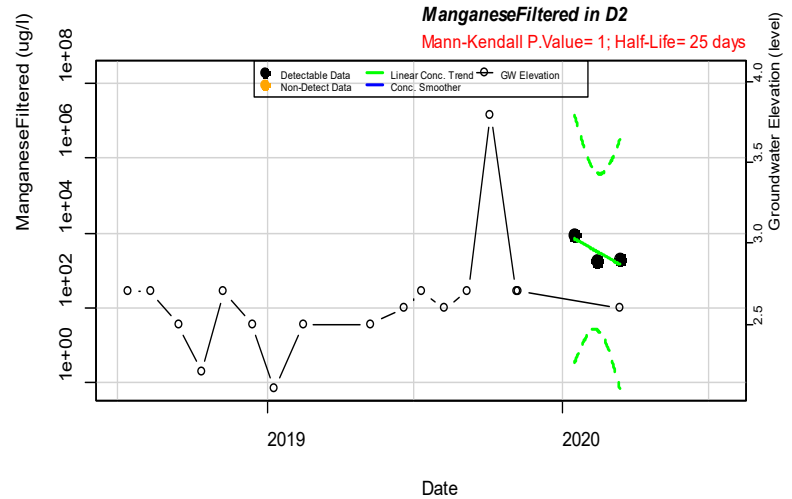
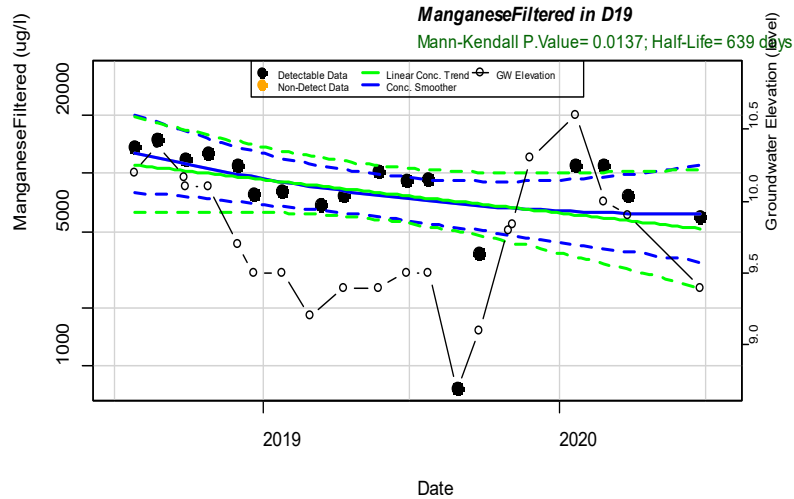
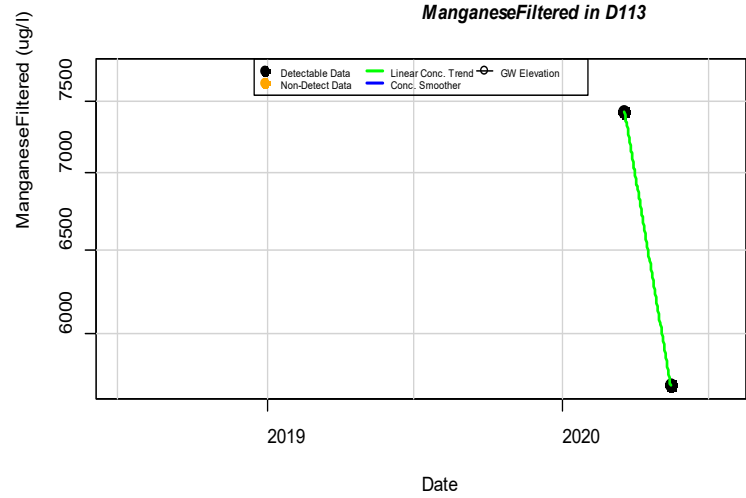
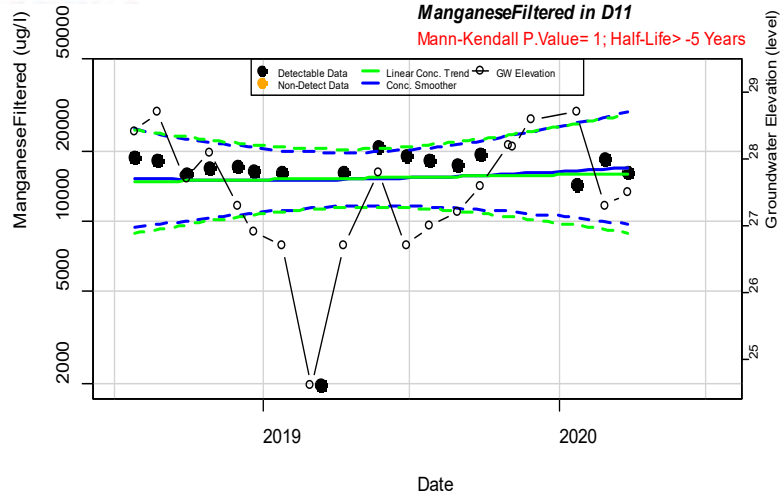


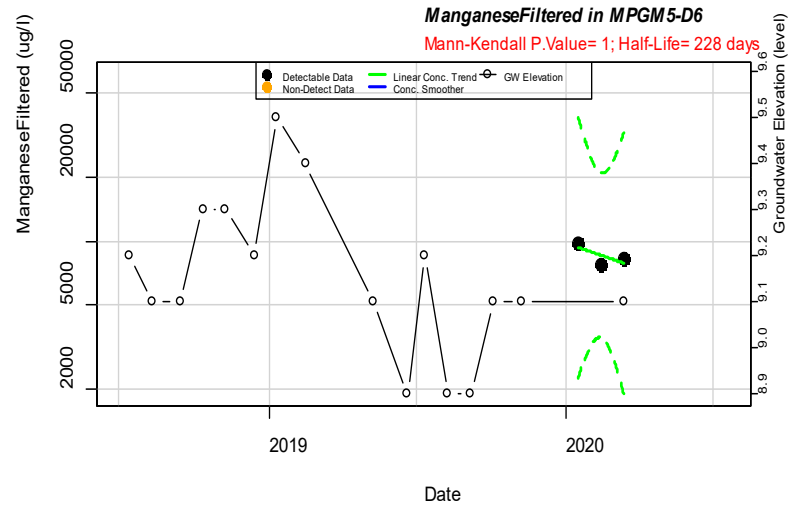
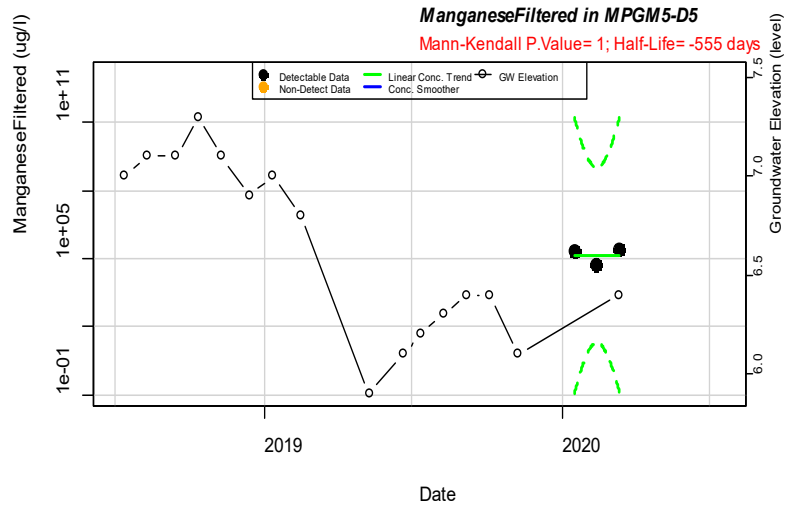
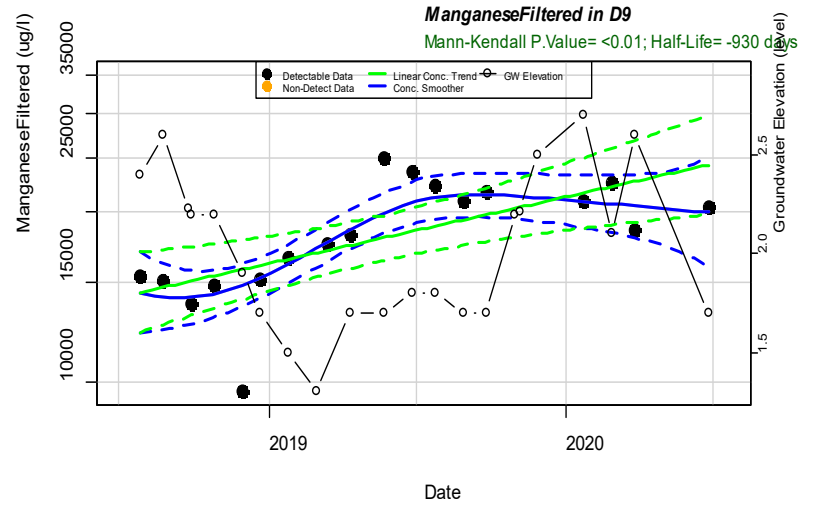
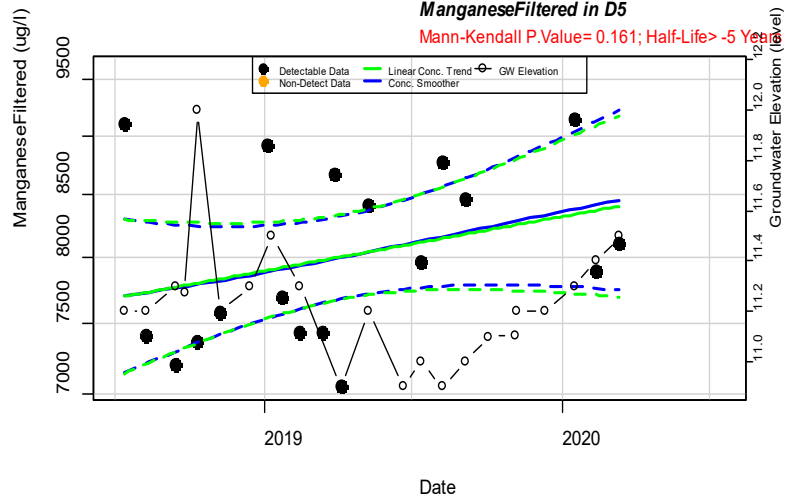


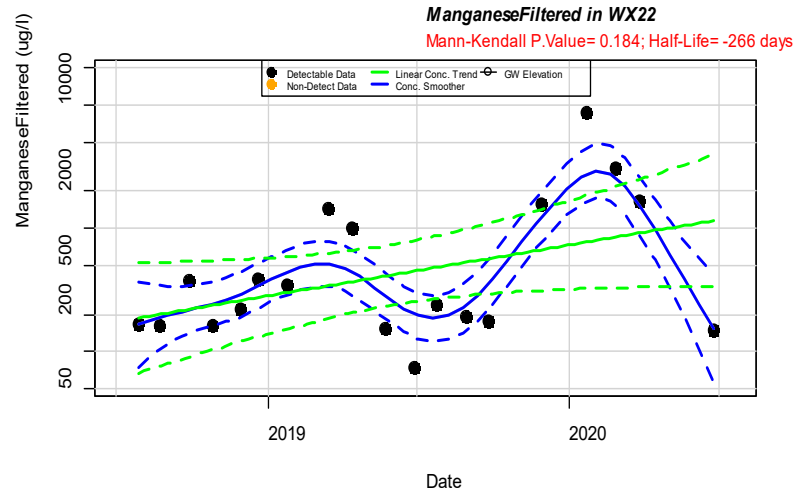








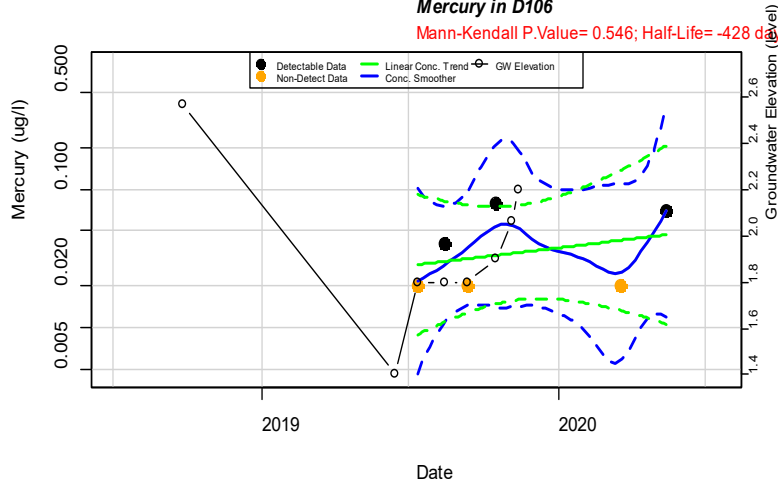






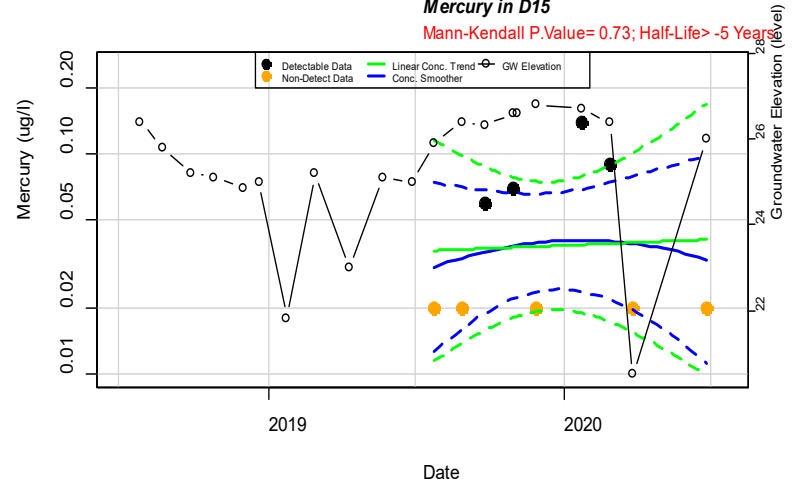
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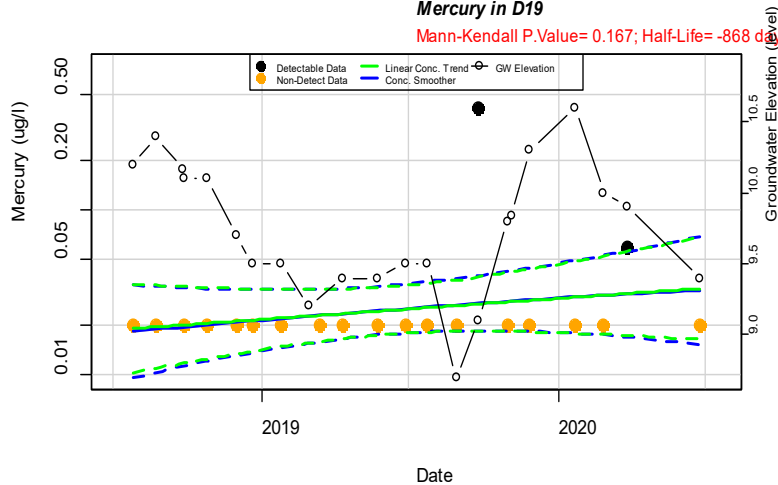
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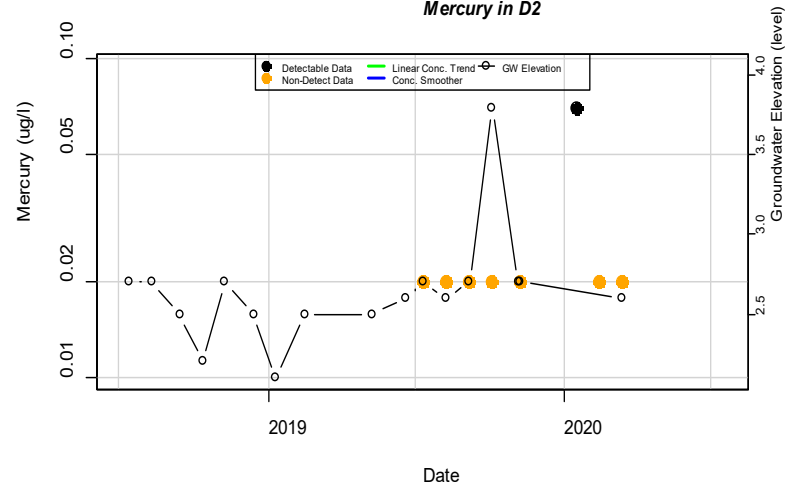


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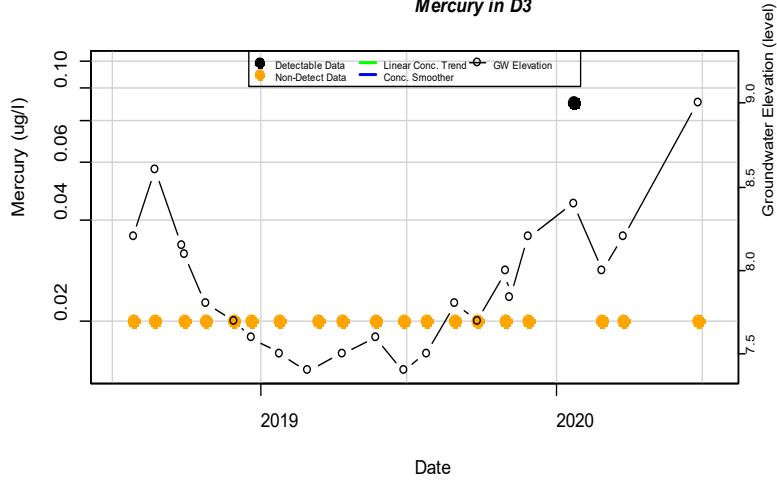


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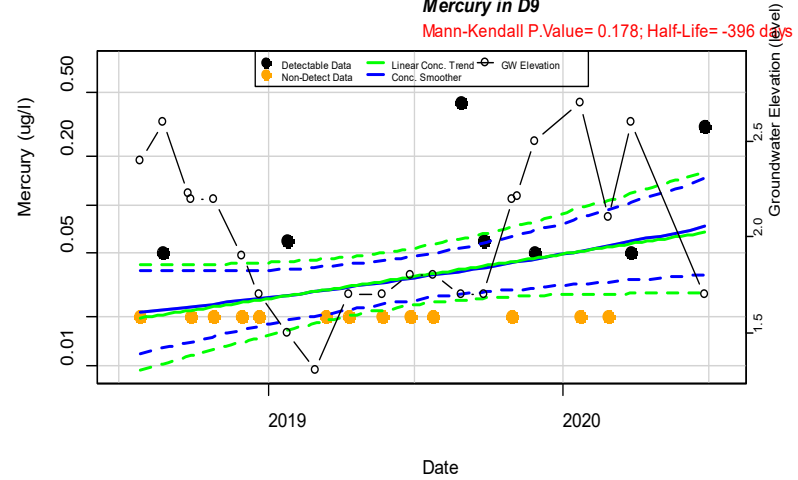


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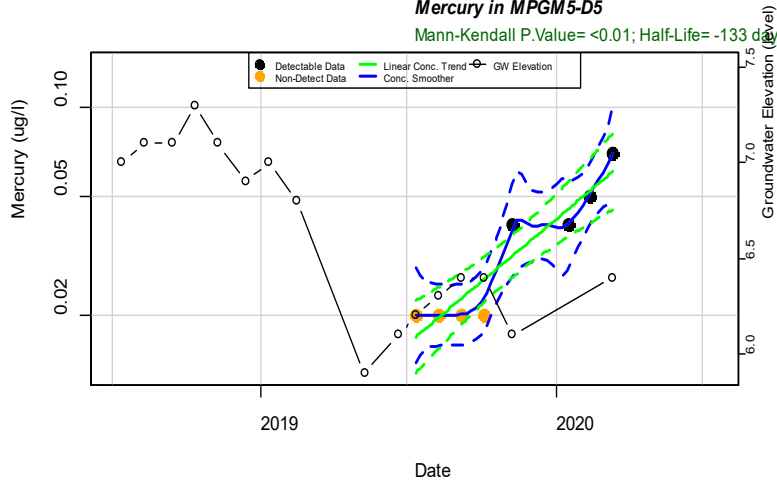
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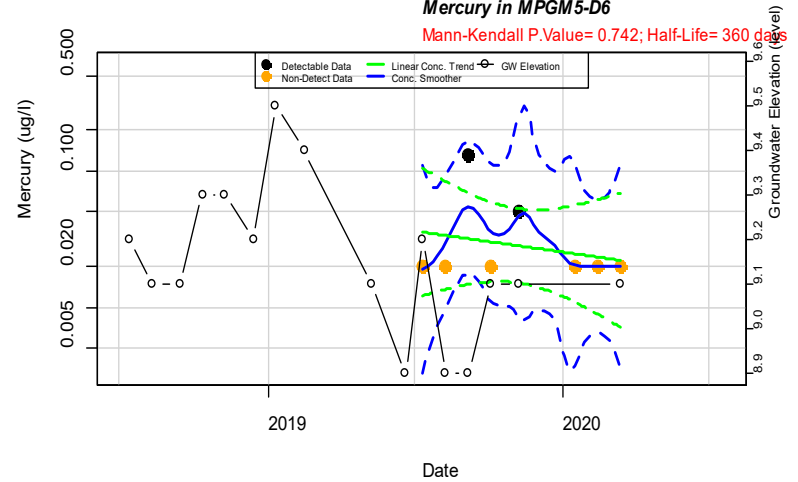
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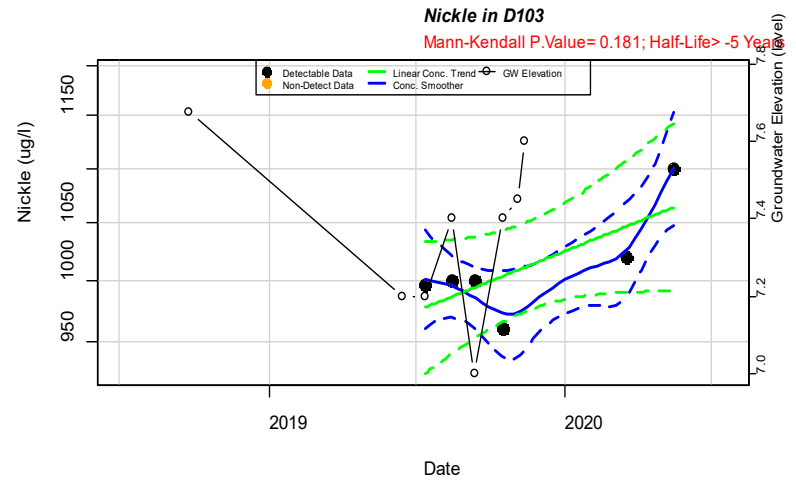
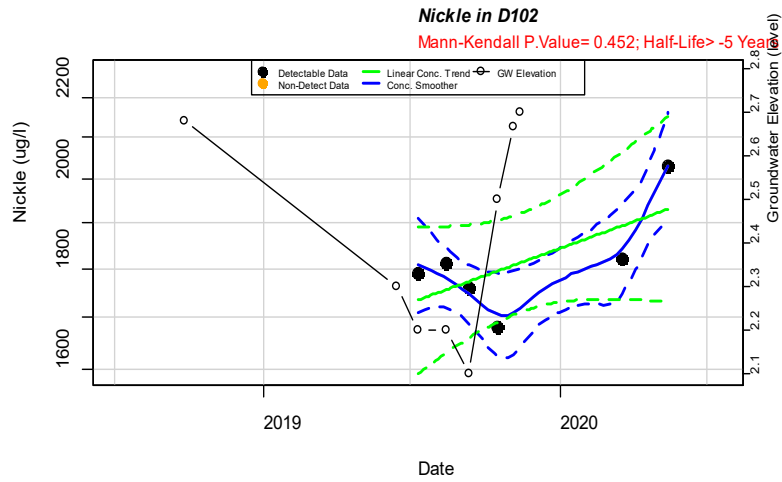
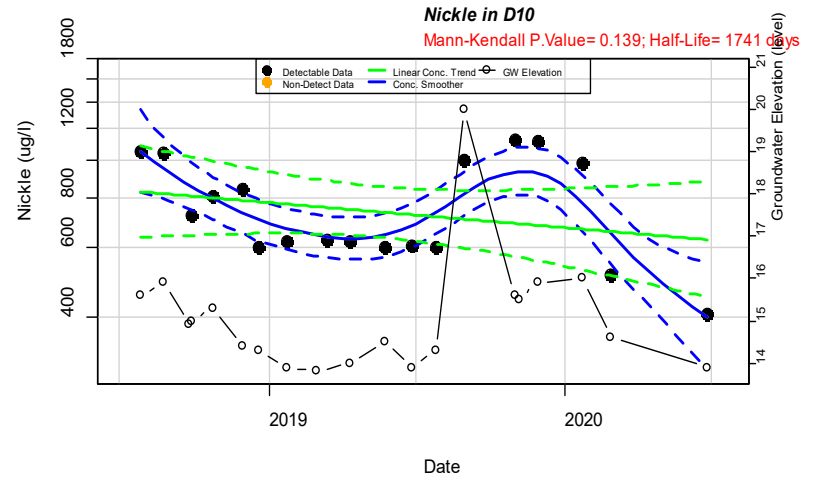
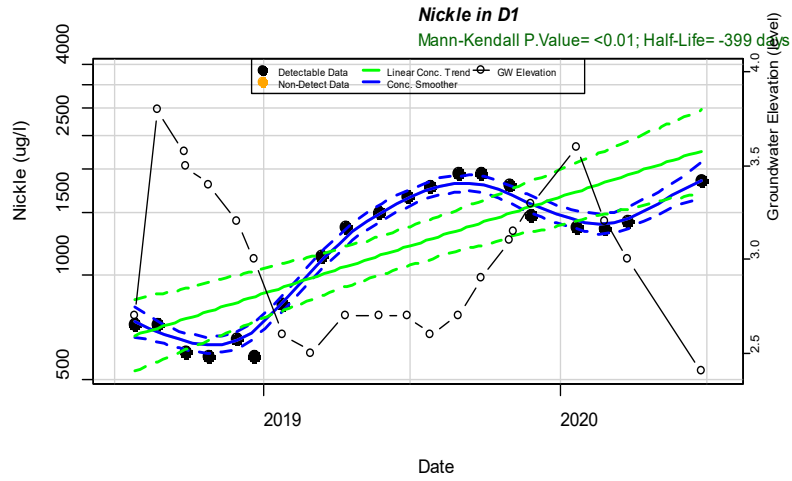
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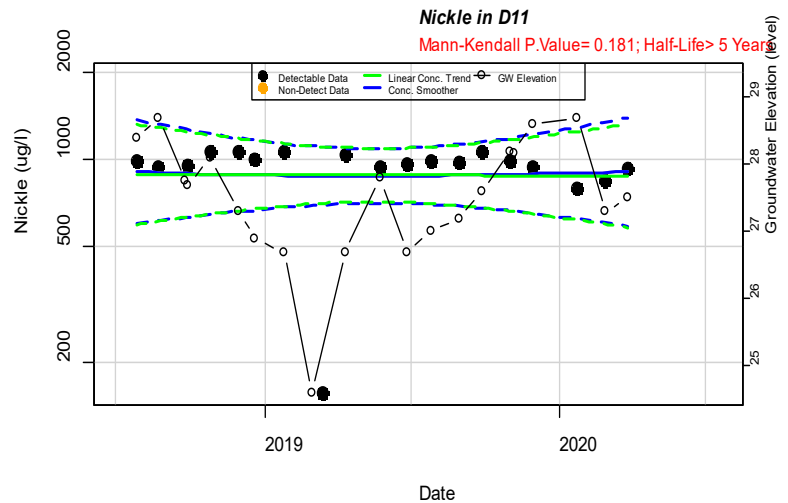
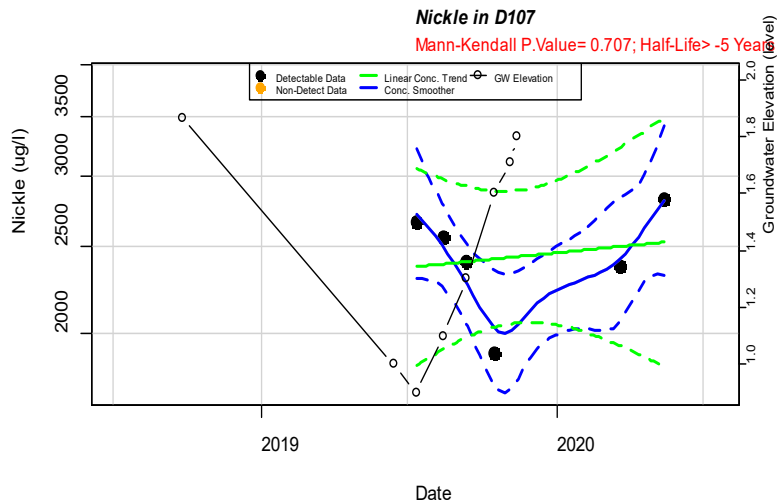
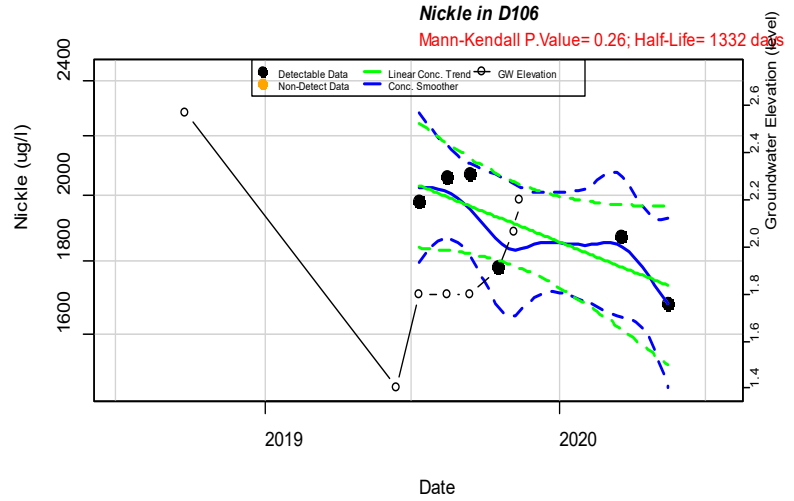
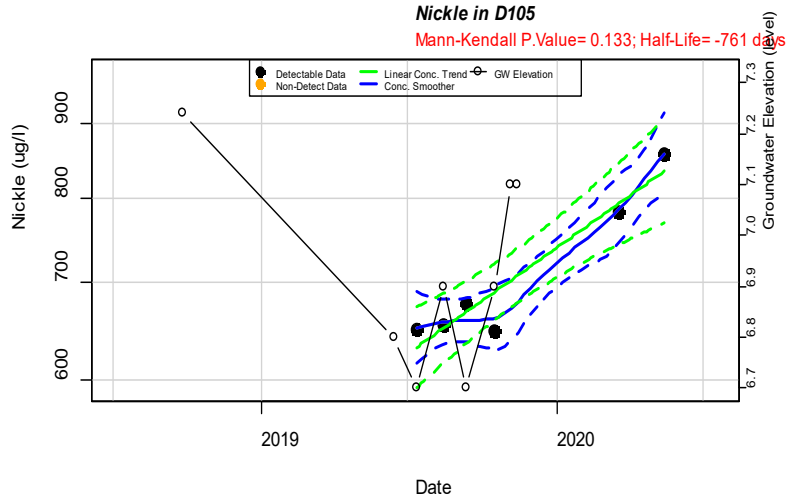
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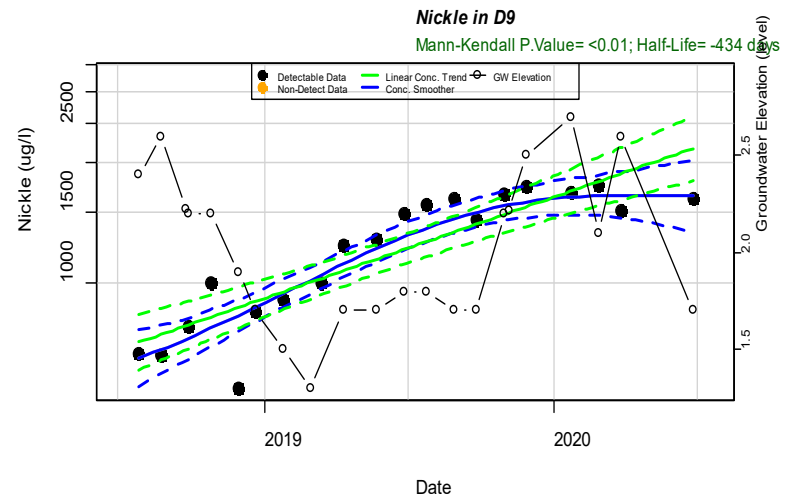
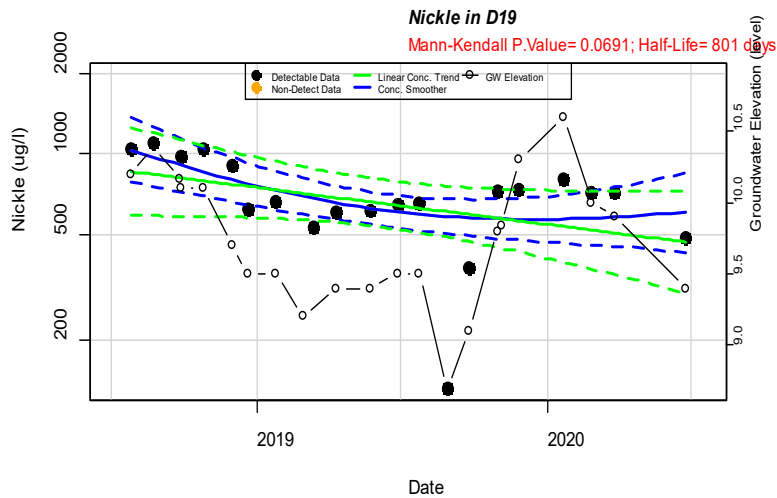
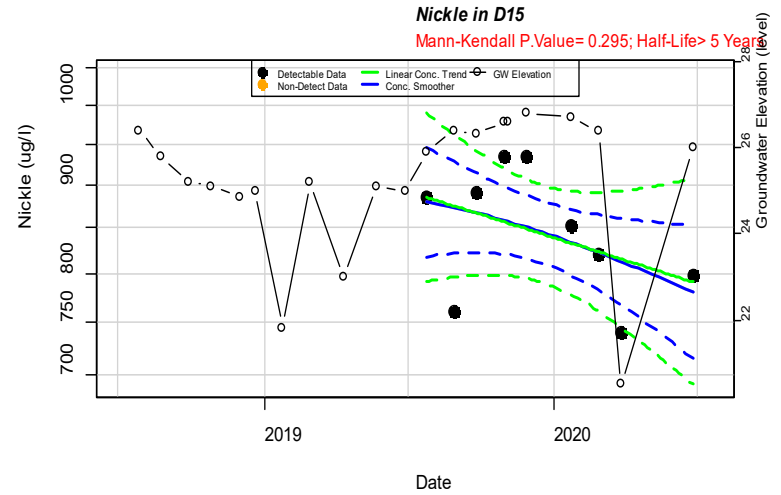
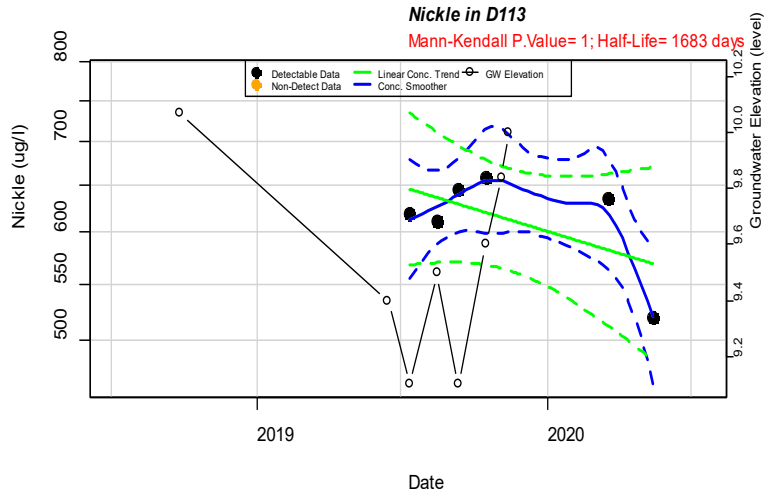


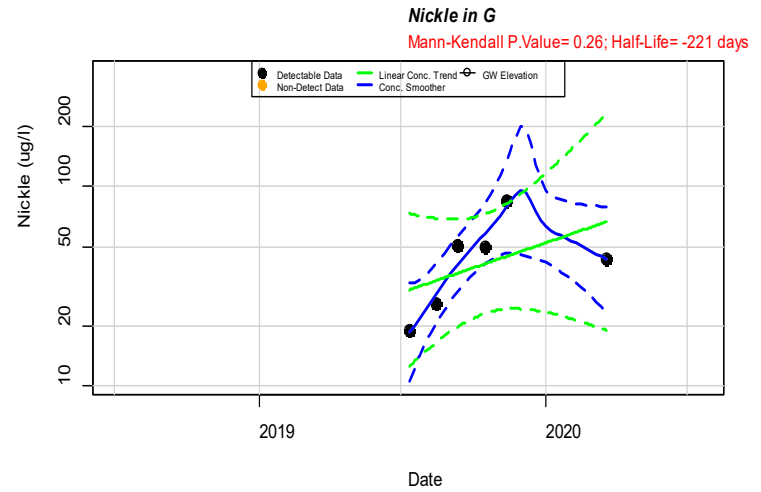
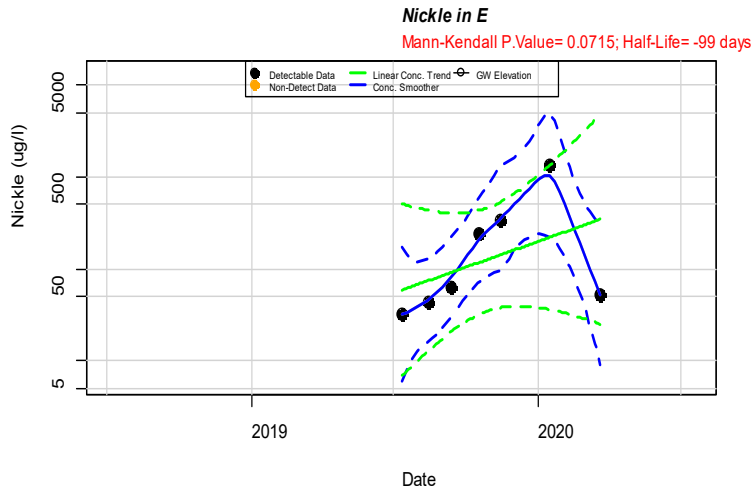
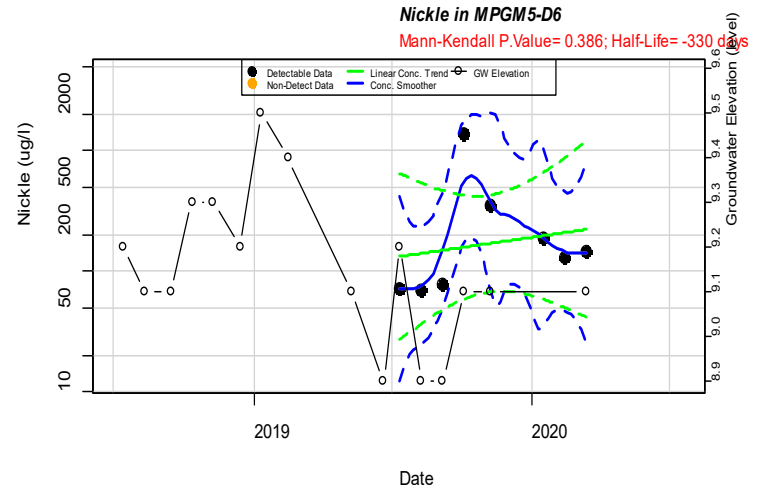
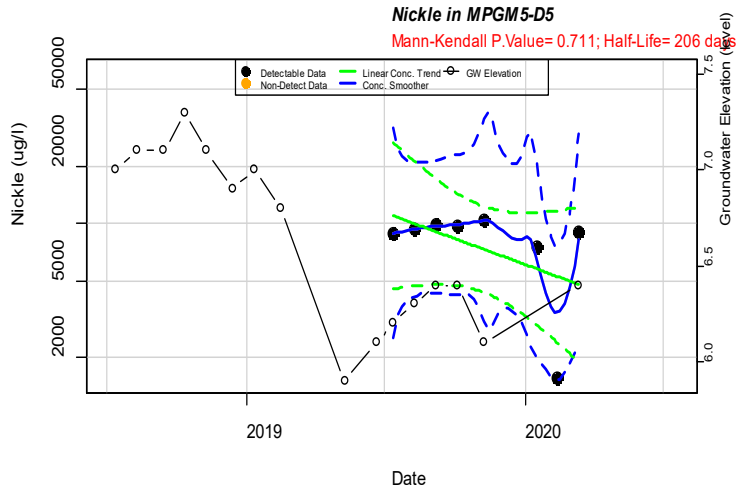


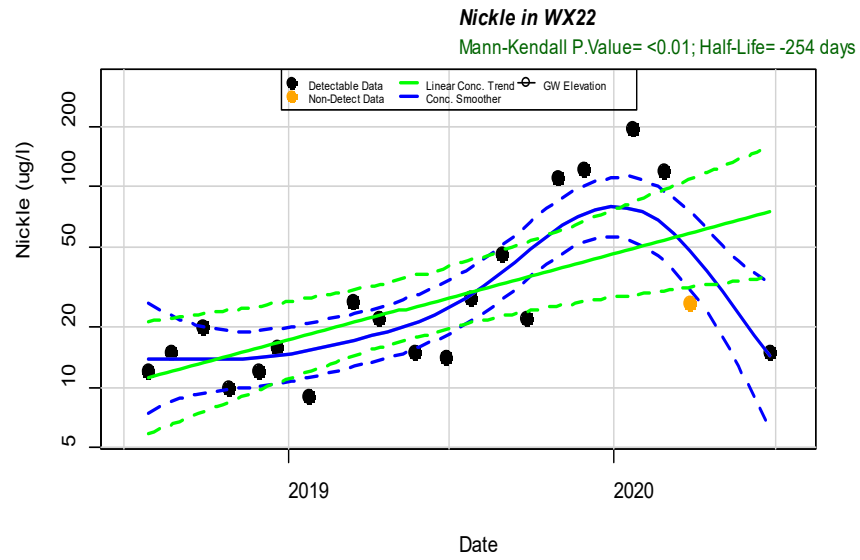


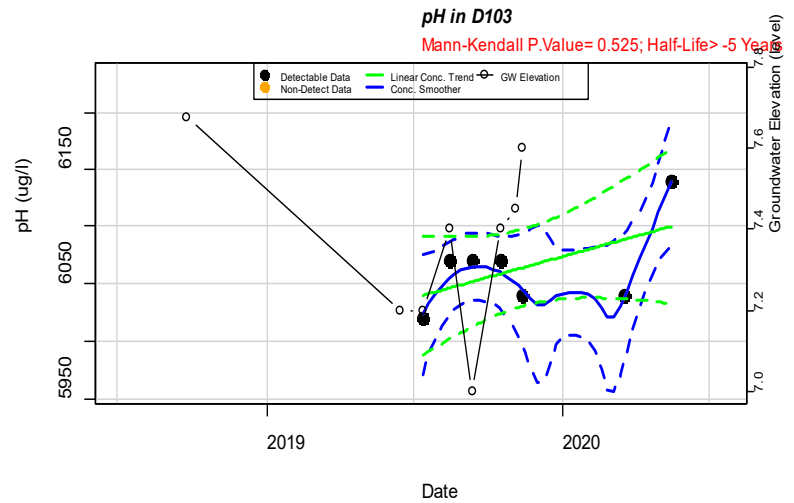
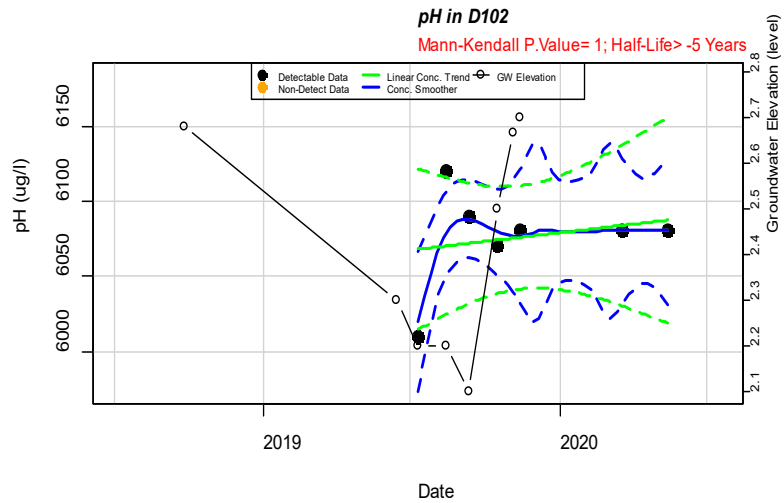
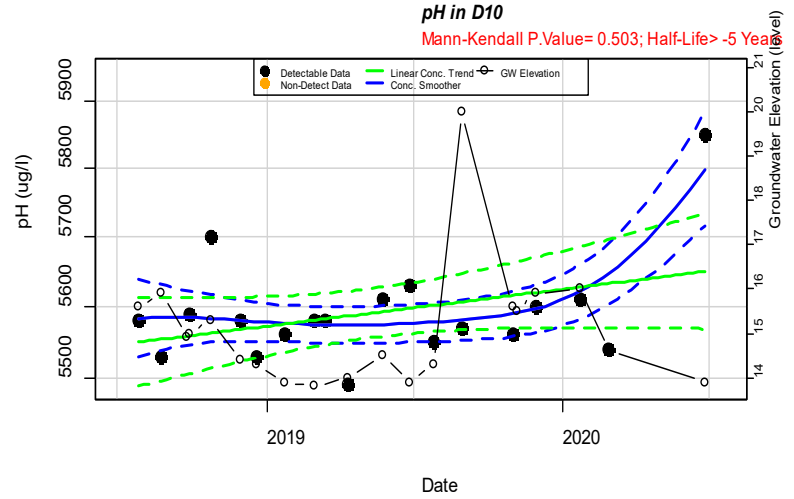
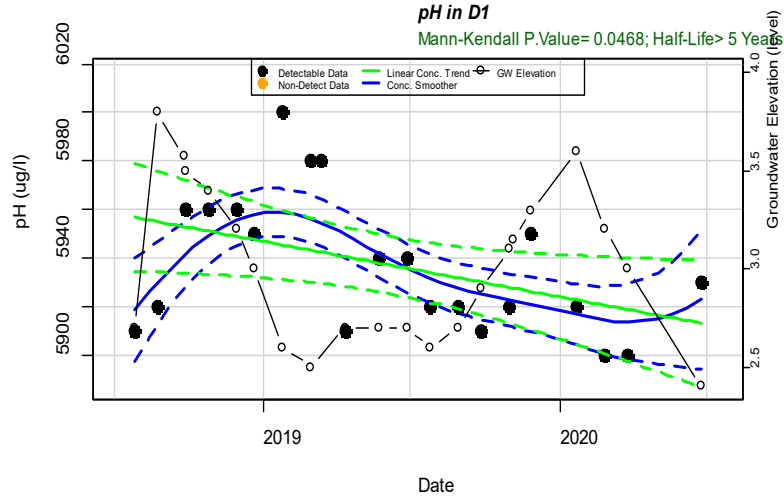


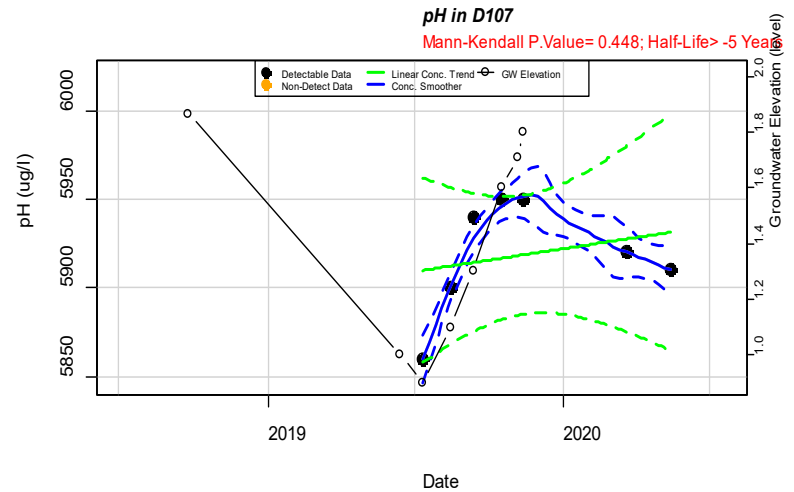
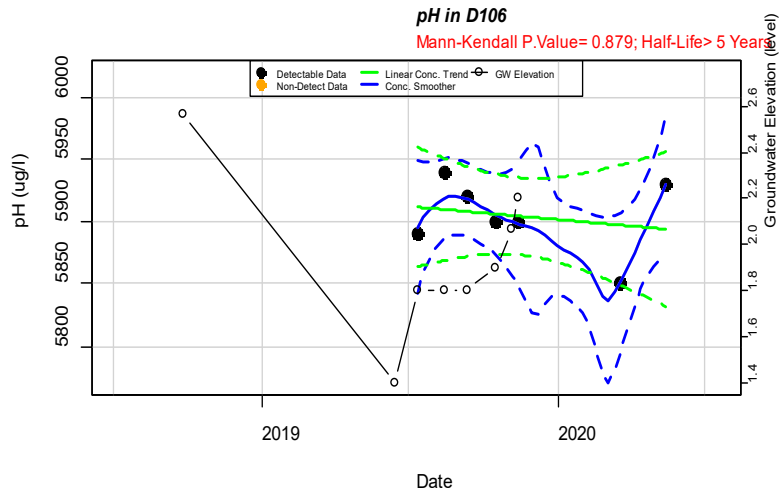
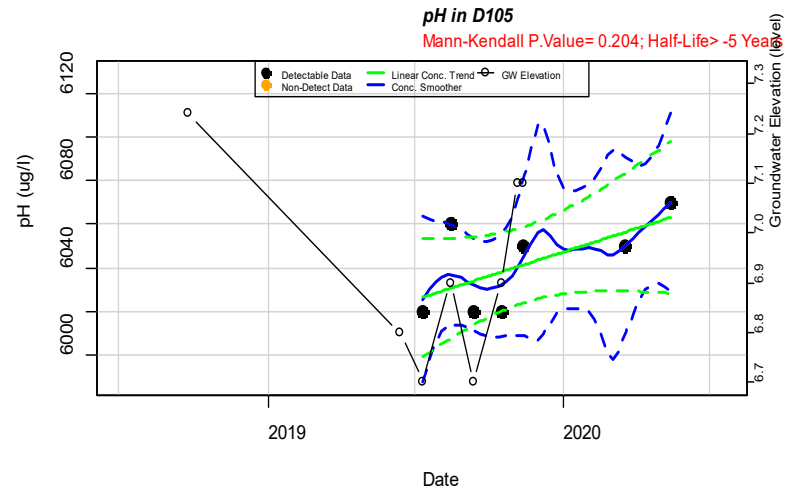
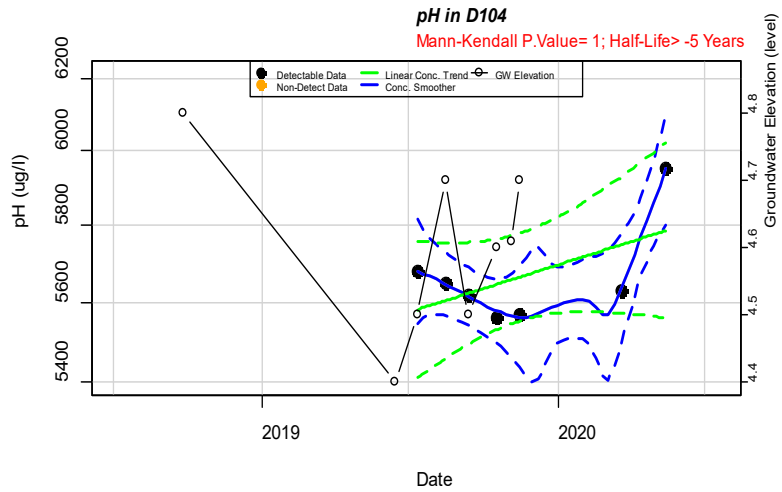








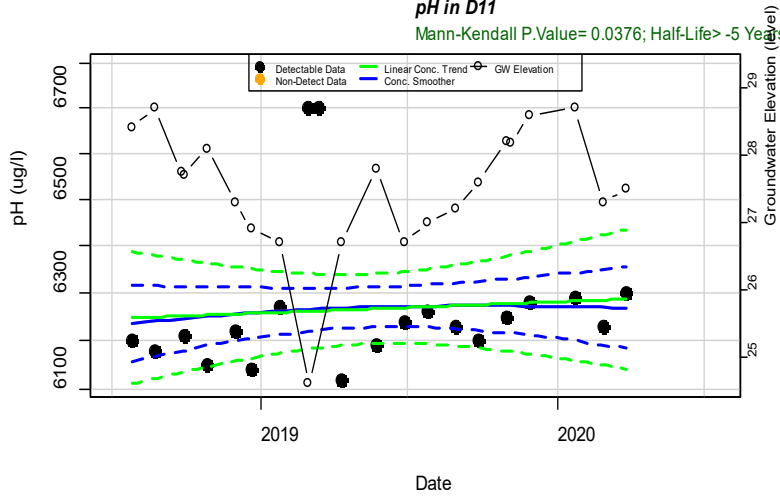






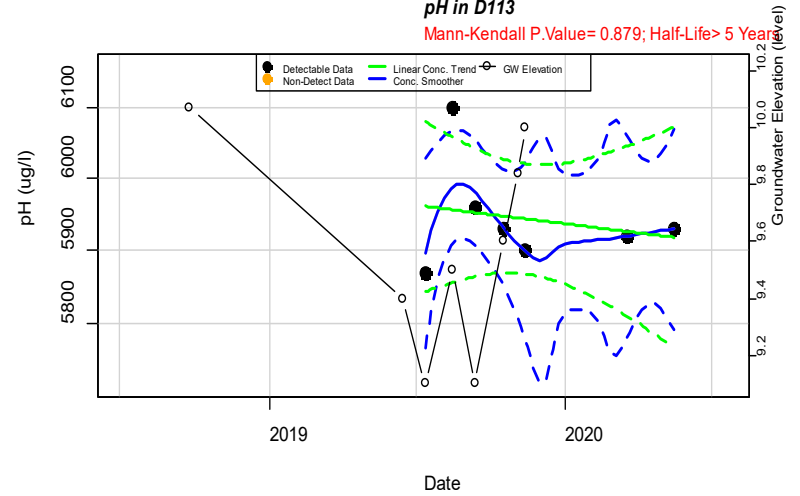
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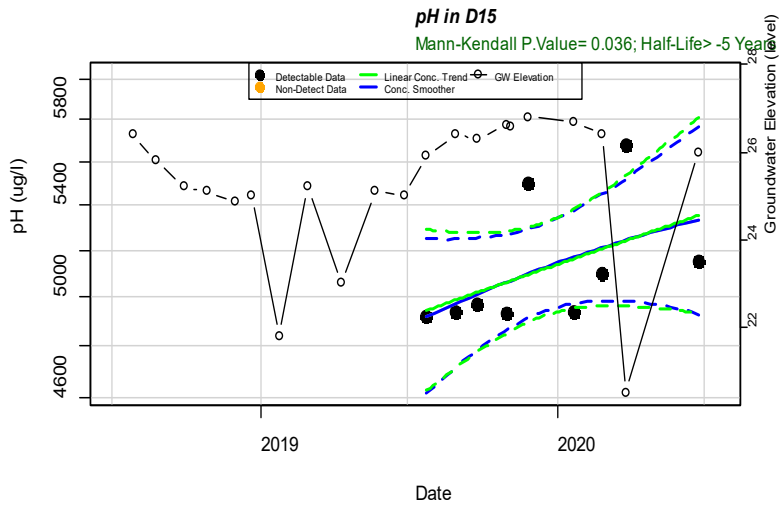
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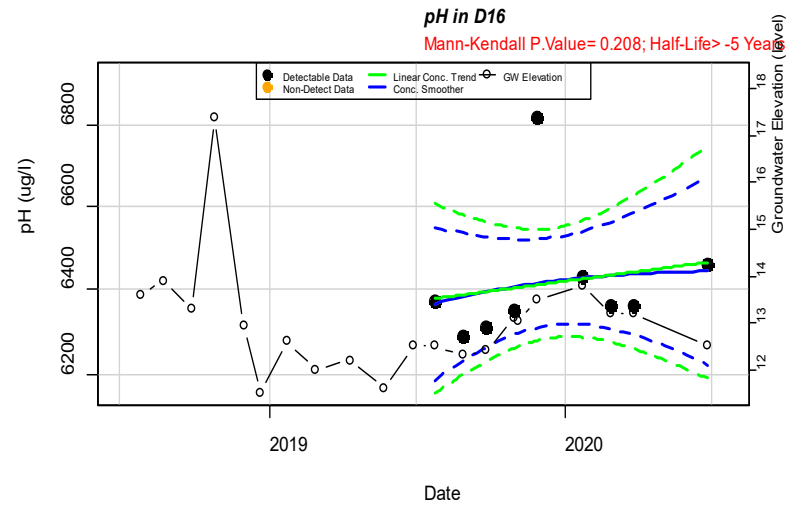
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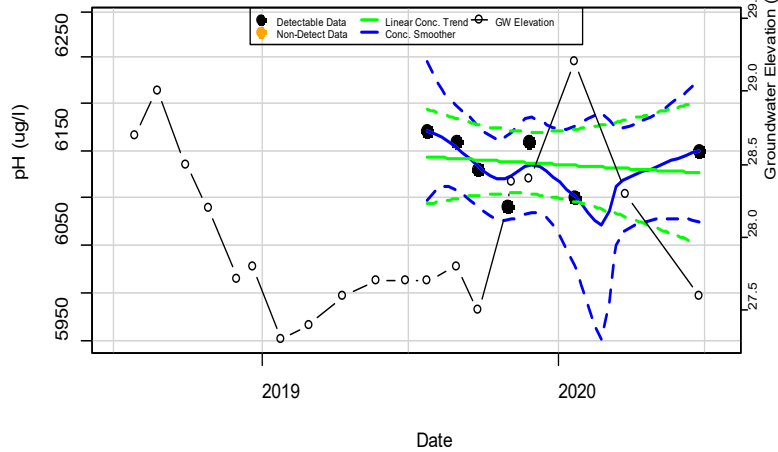






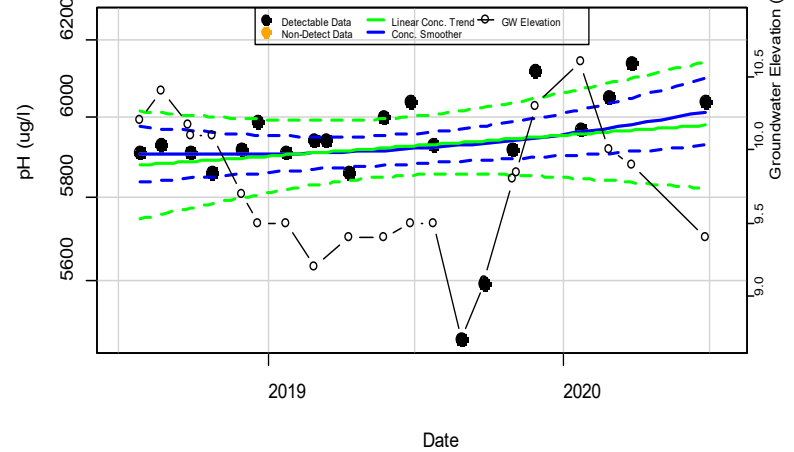
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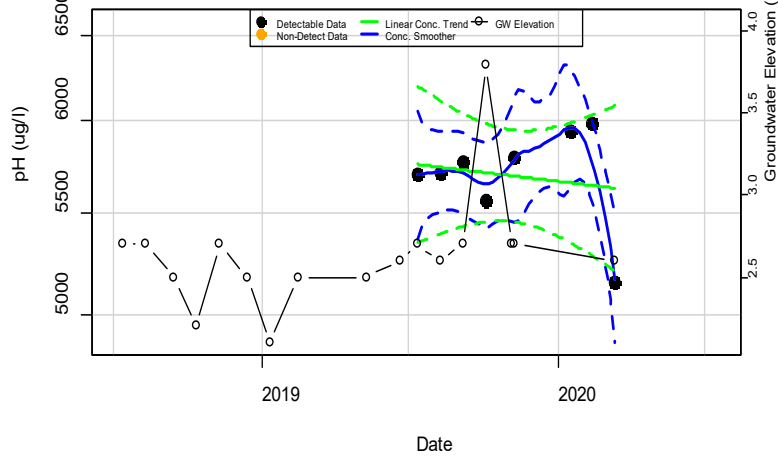
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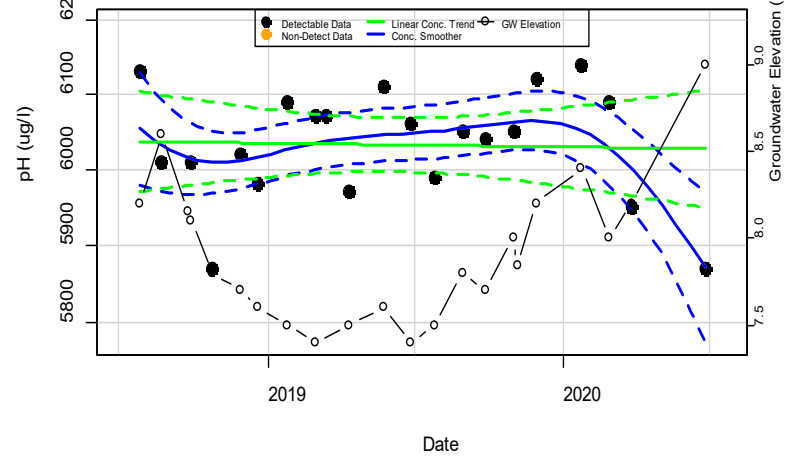
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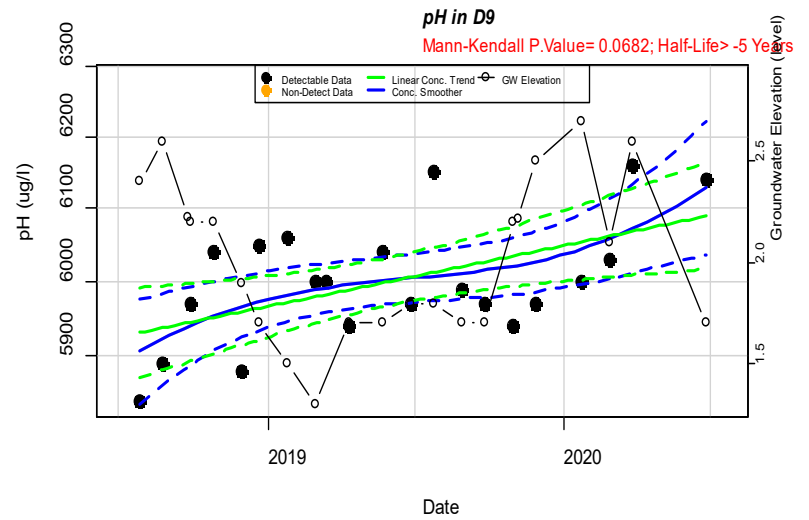
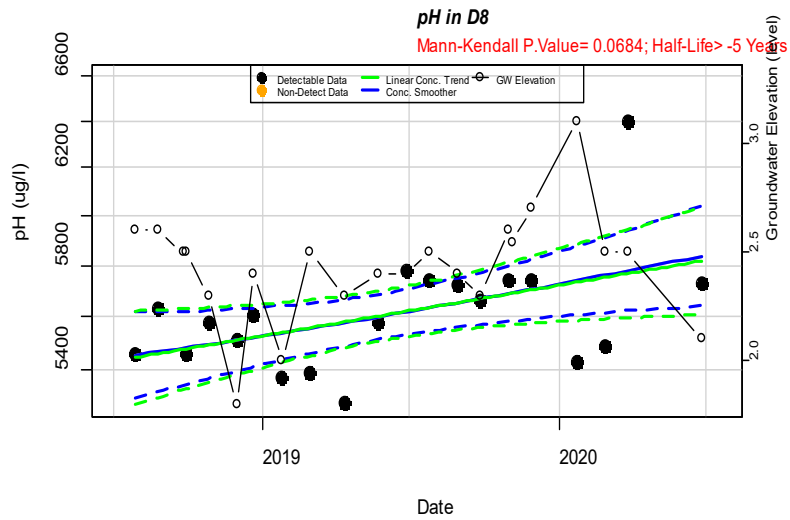
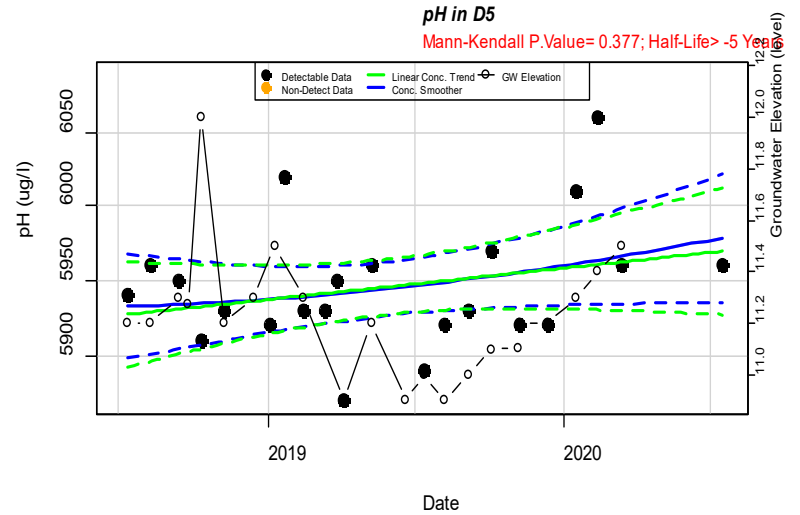
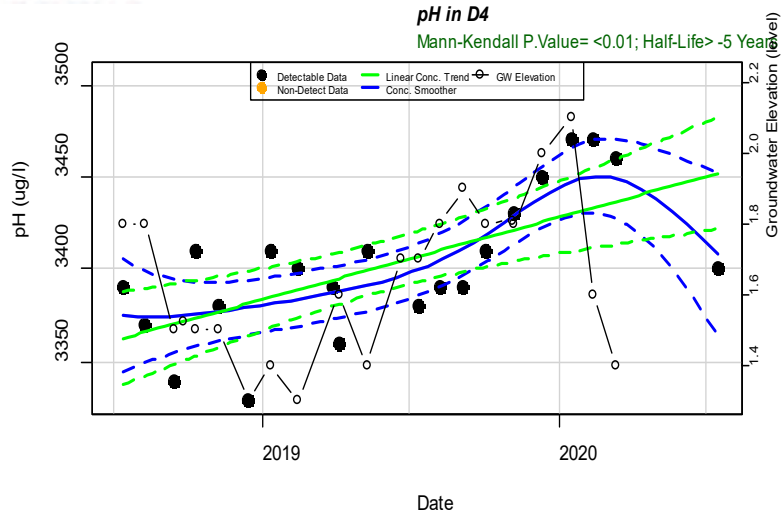
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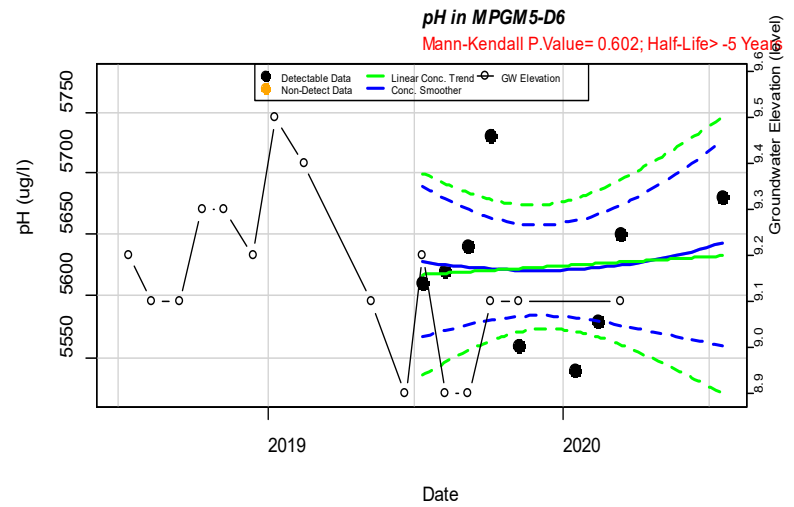
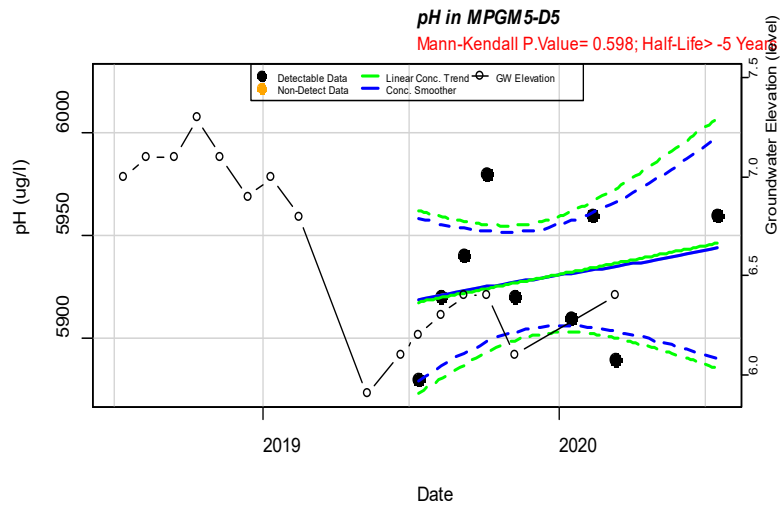


**pH in D3**

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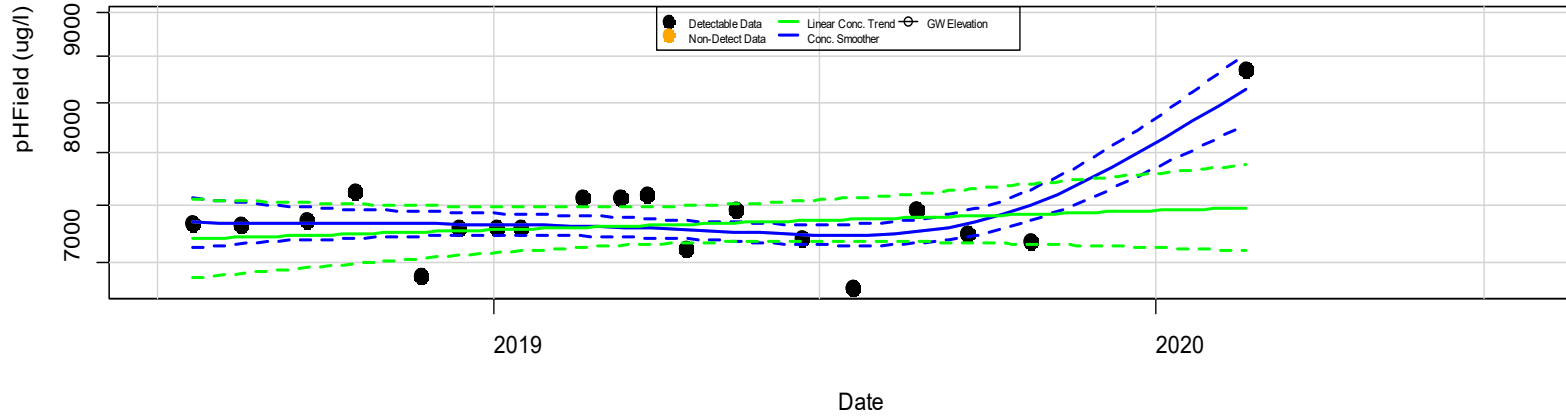






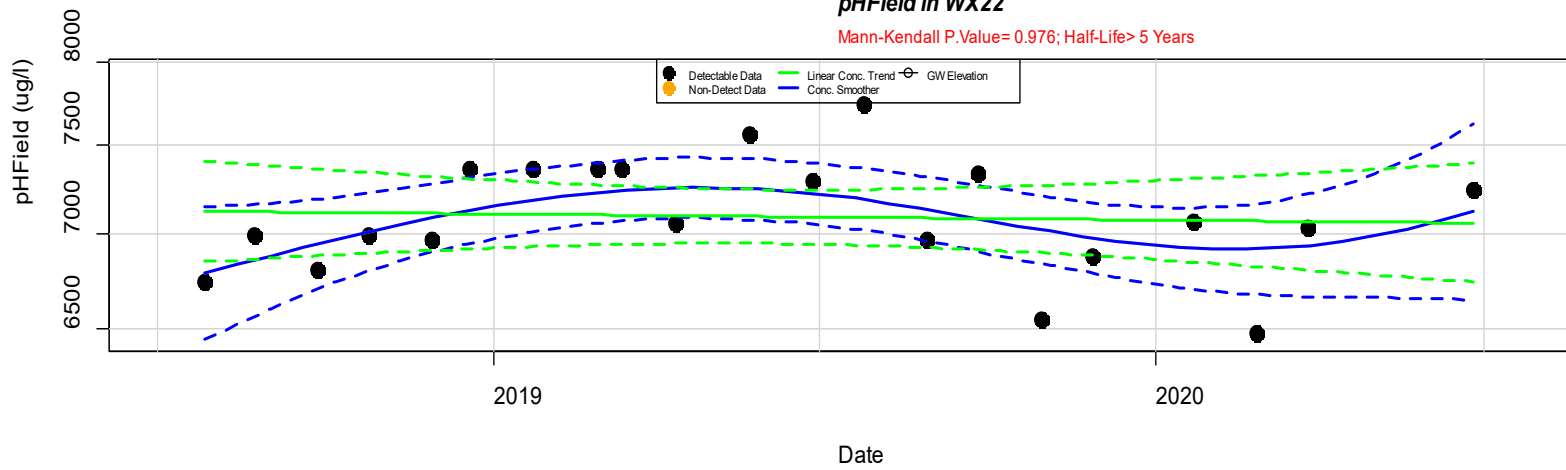
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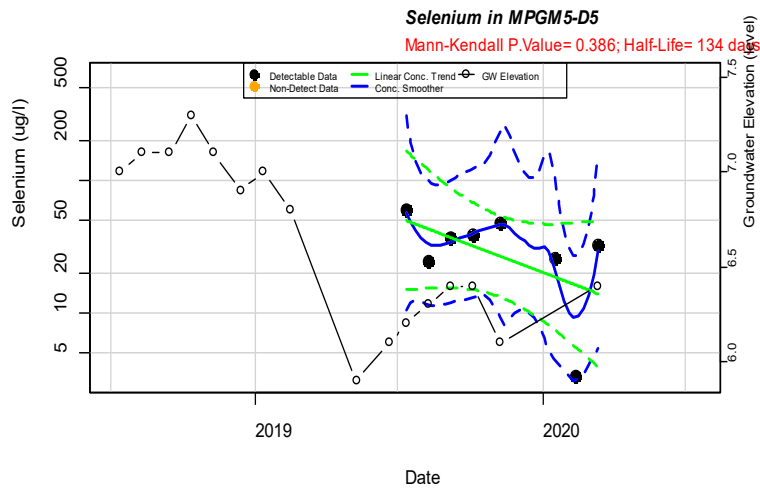
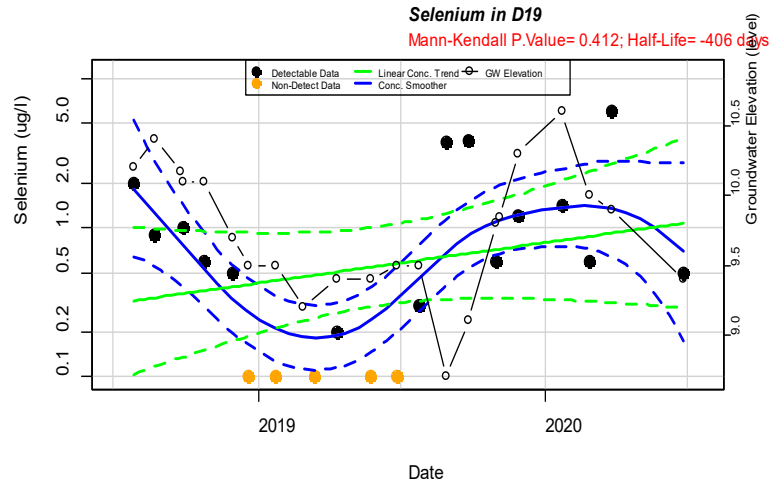
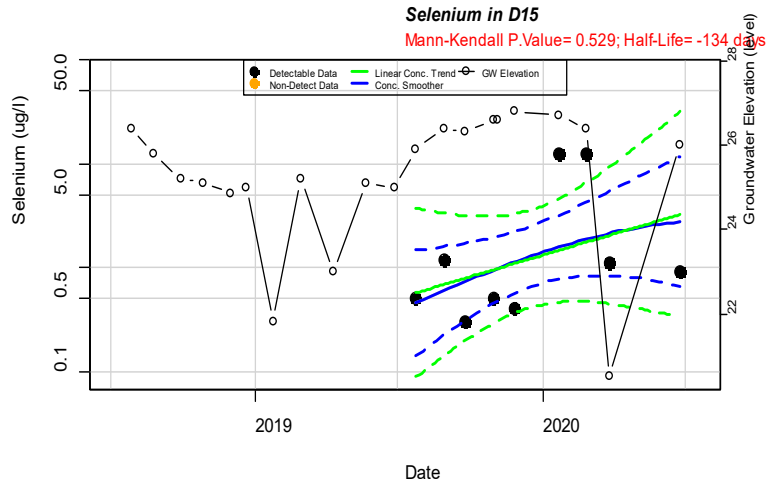
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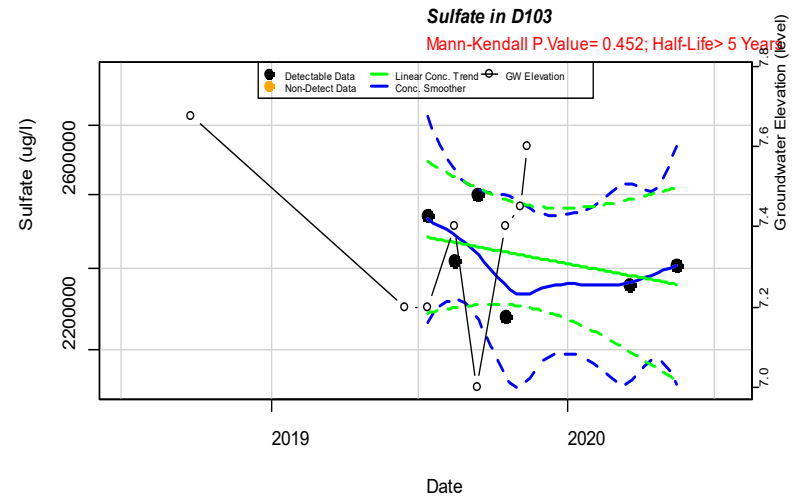
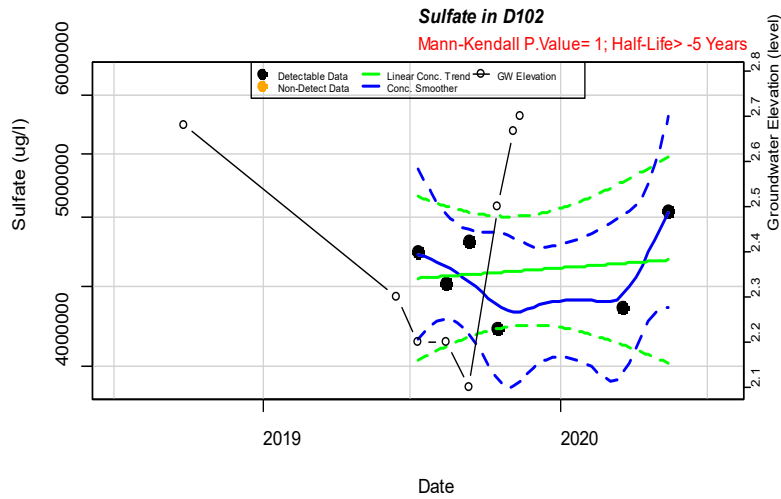
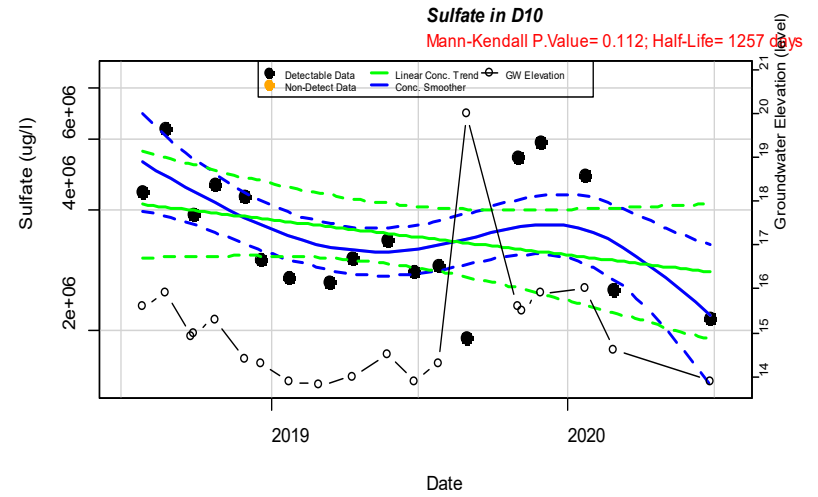
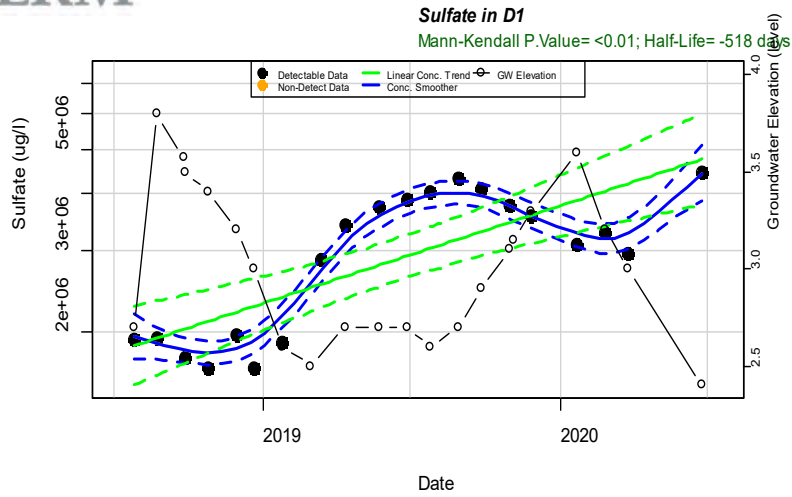


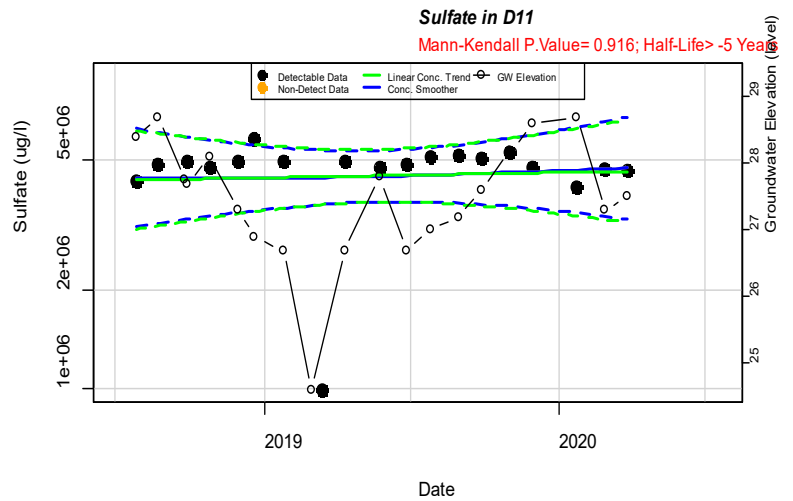
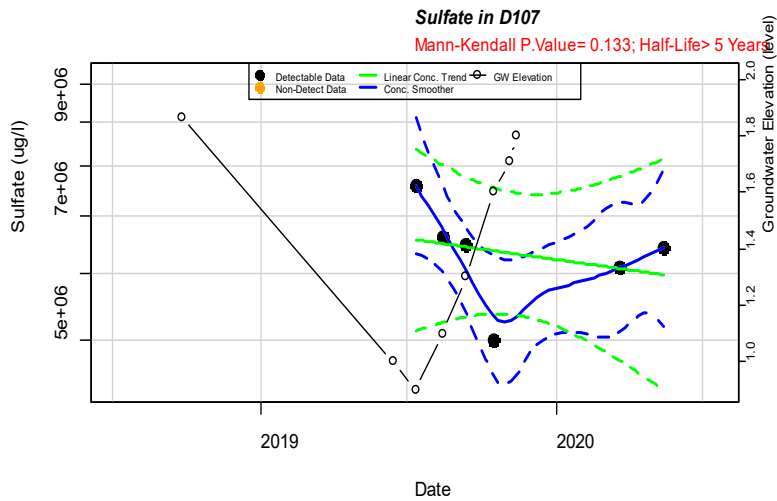
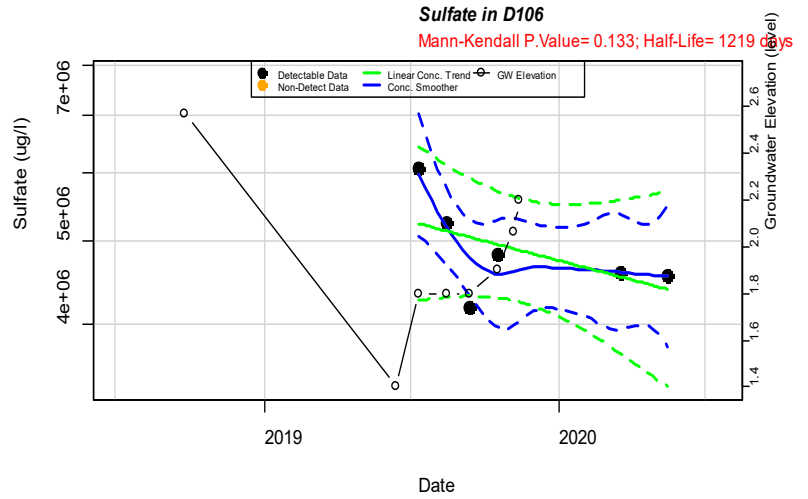
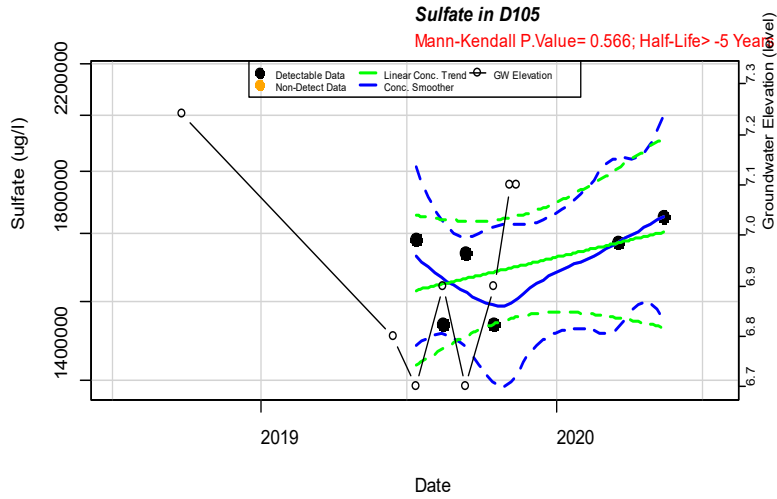
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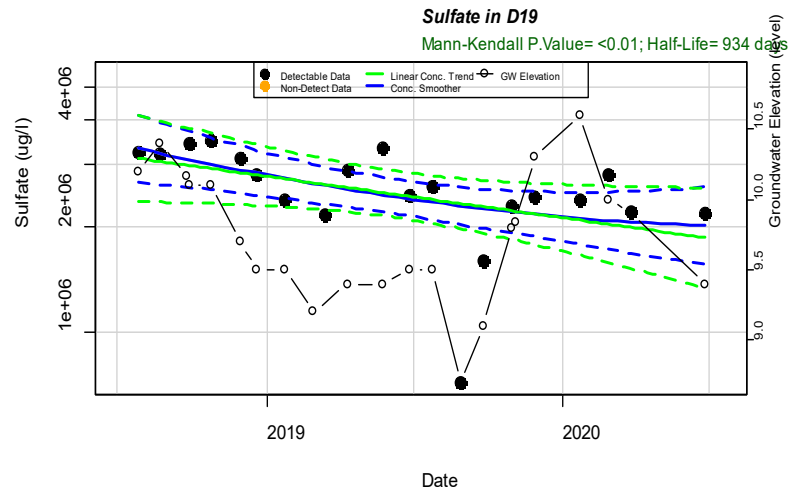
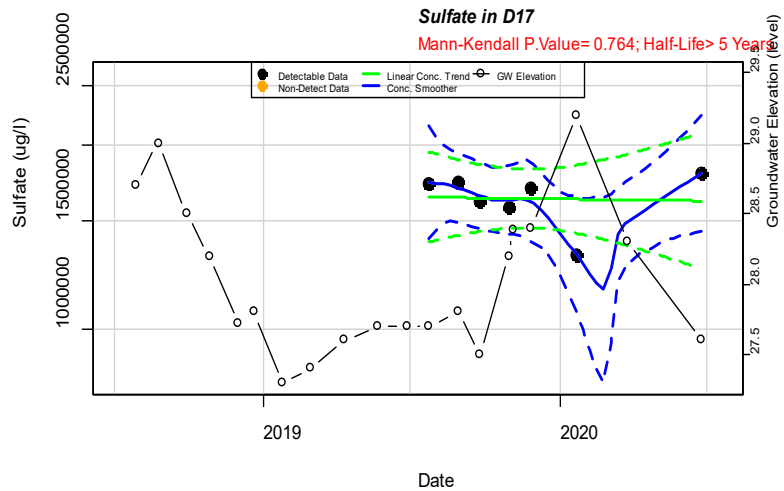
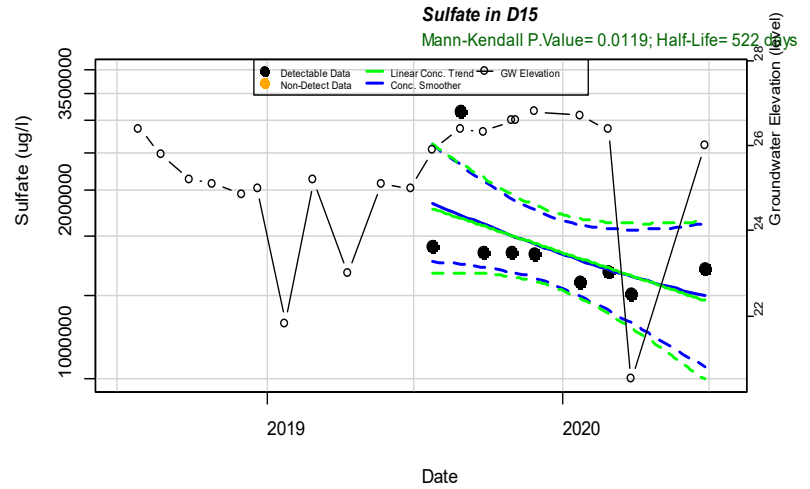
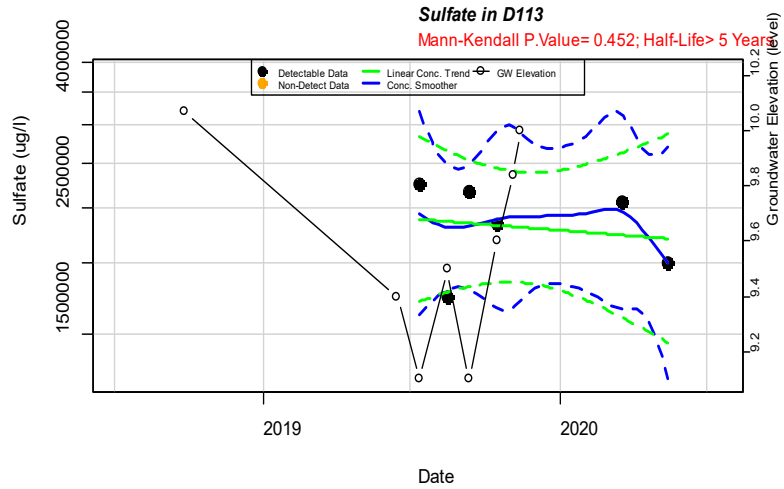
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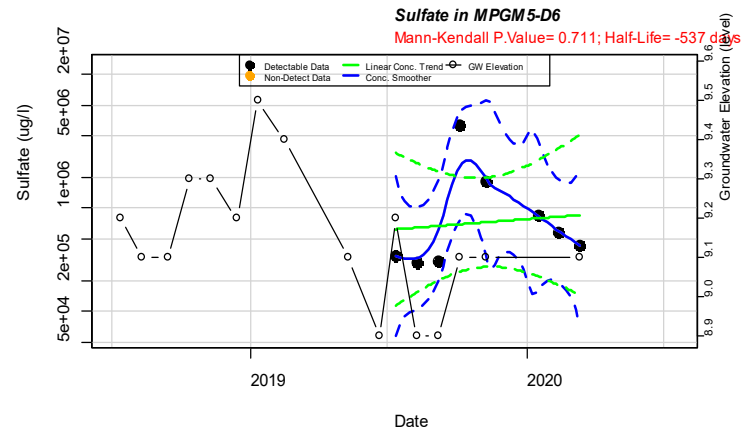
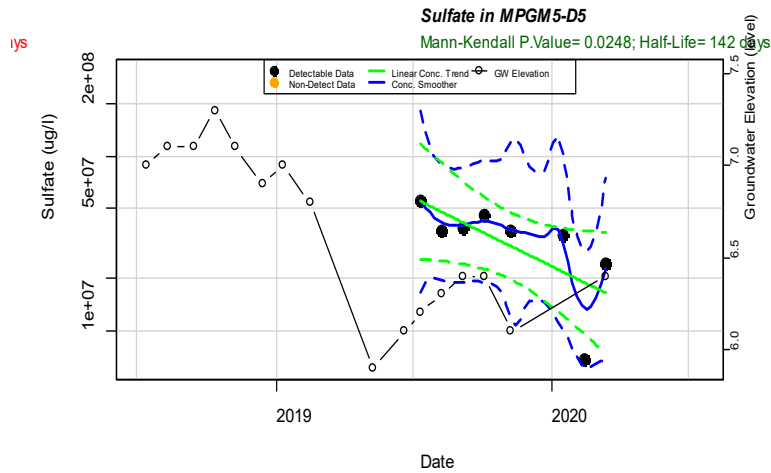
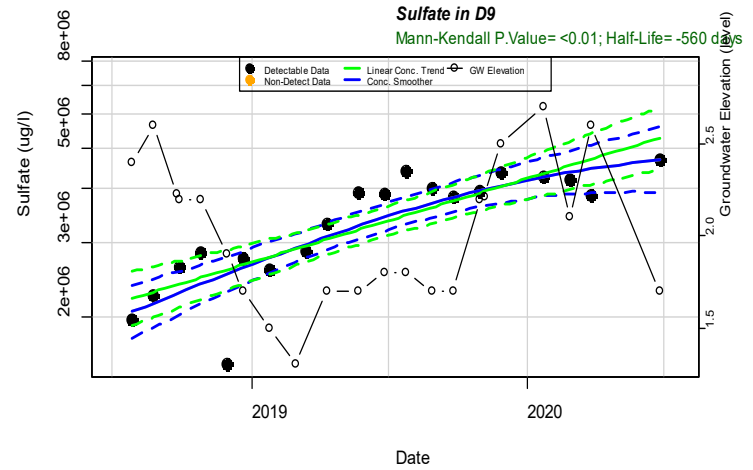
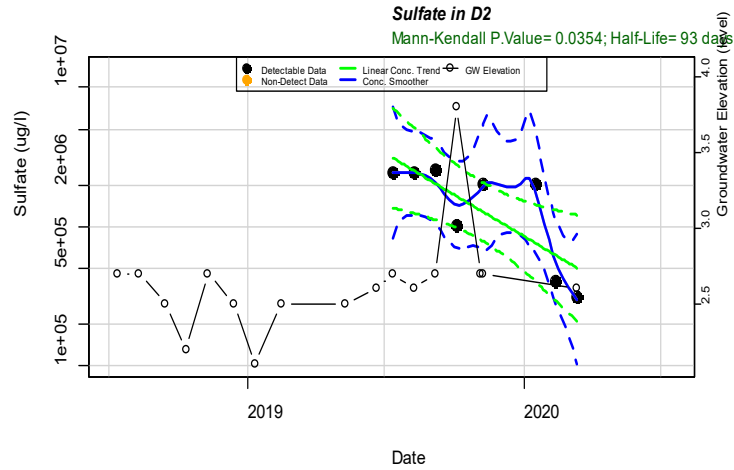


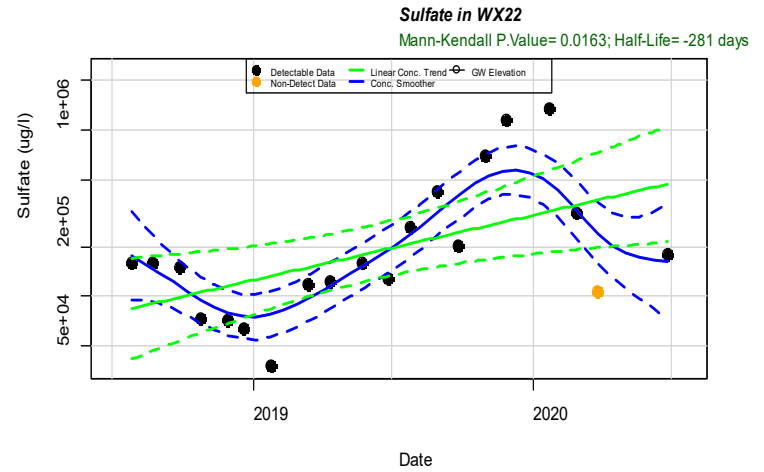
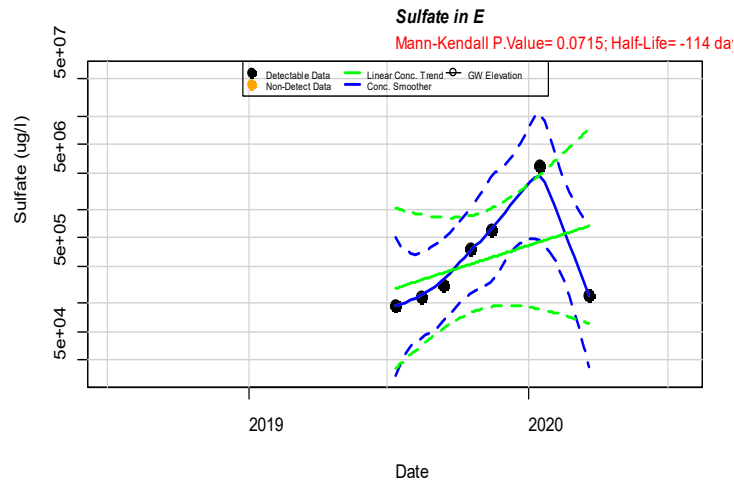
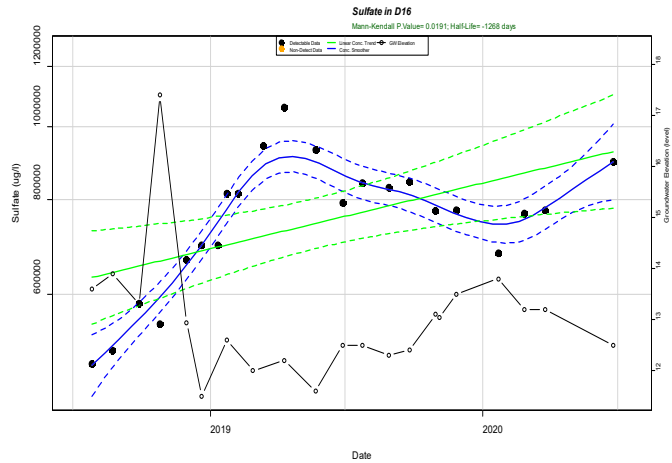


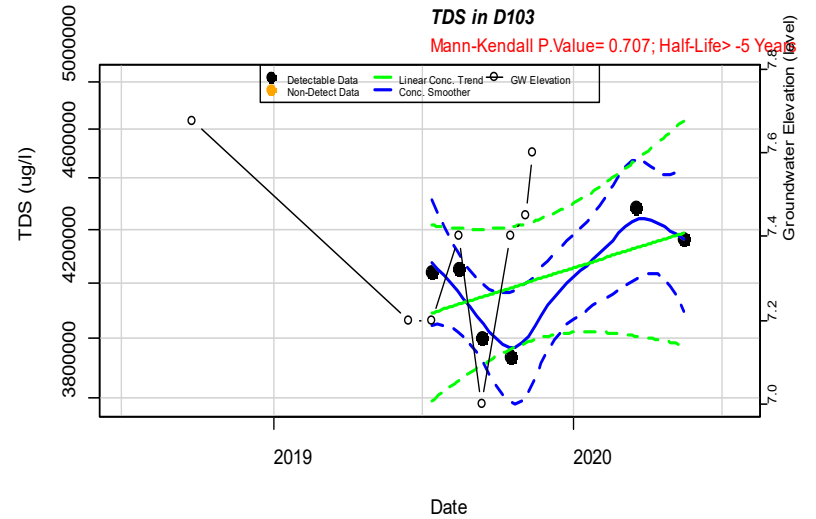
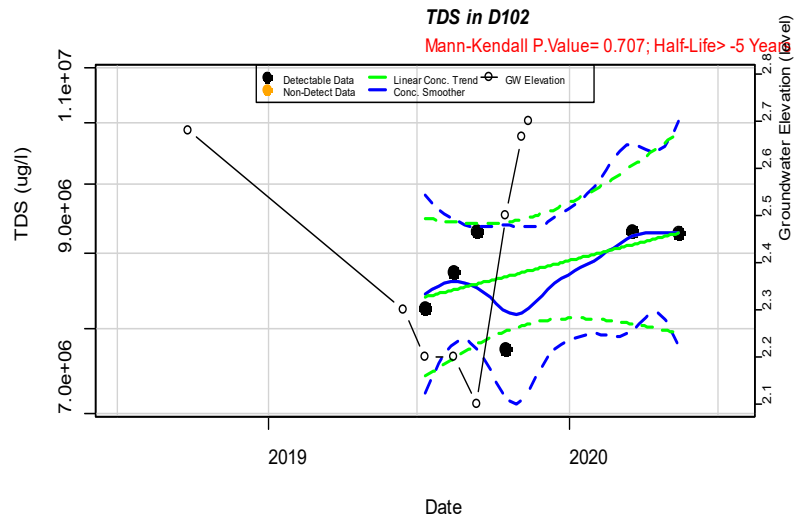
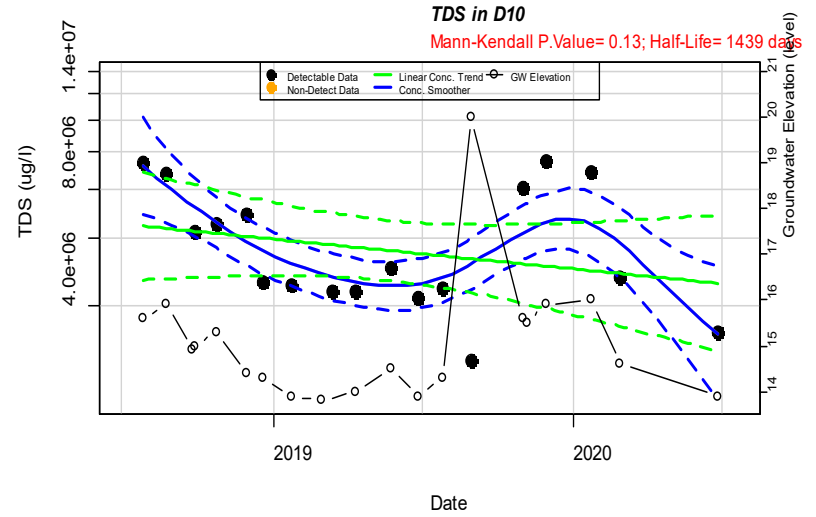
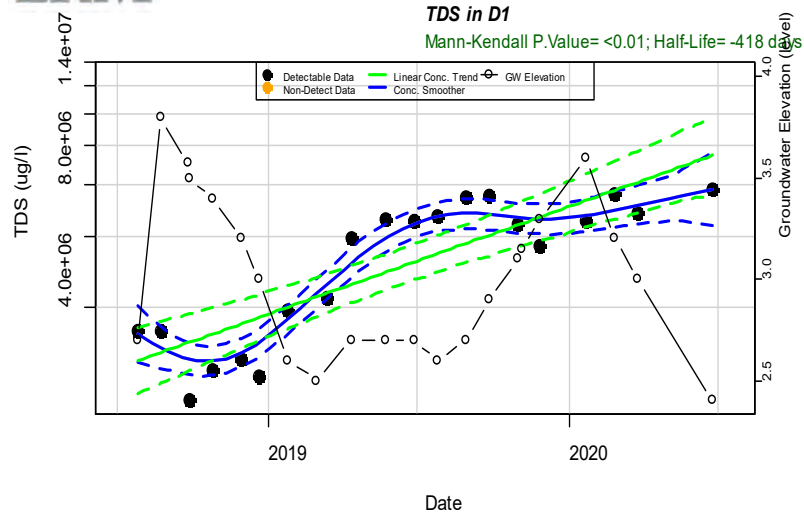


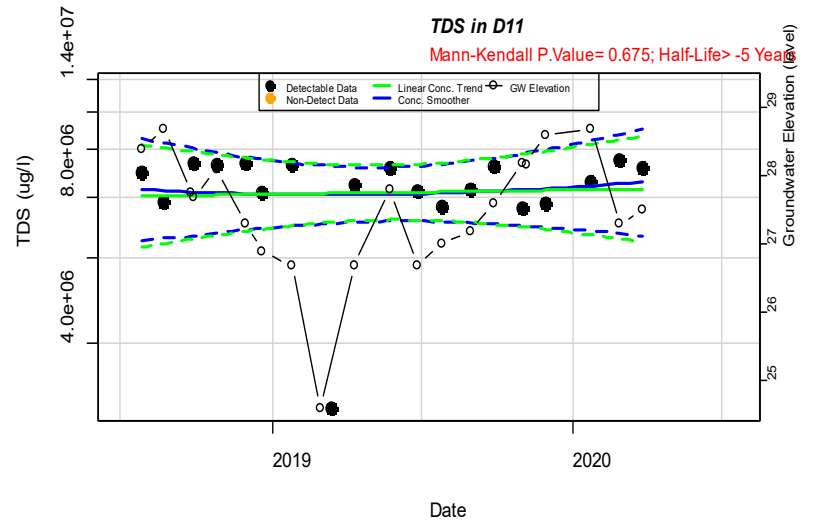
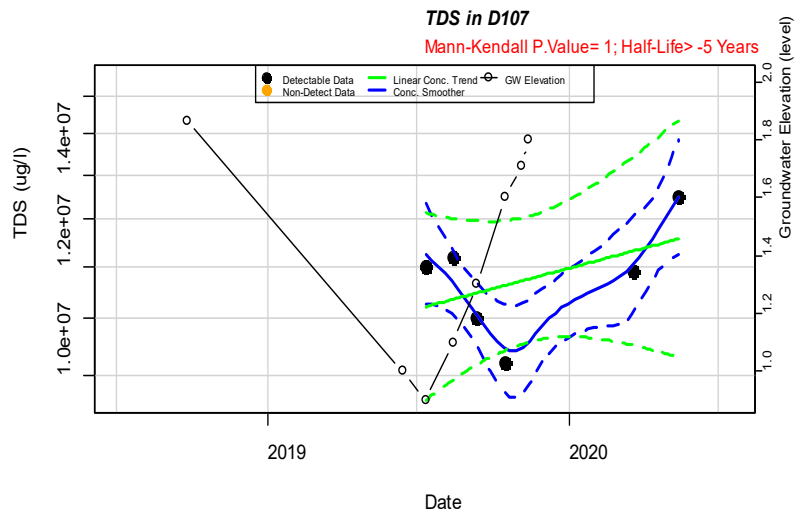
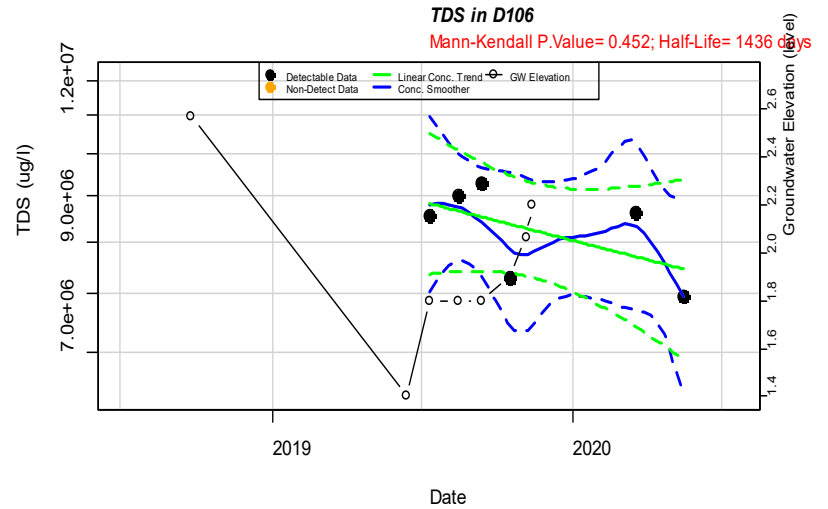
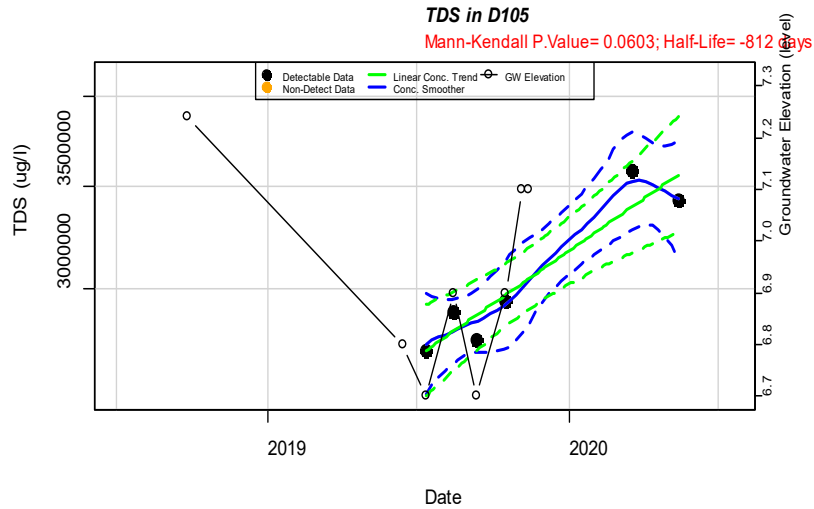


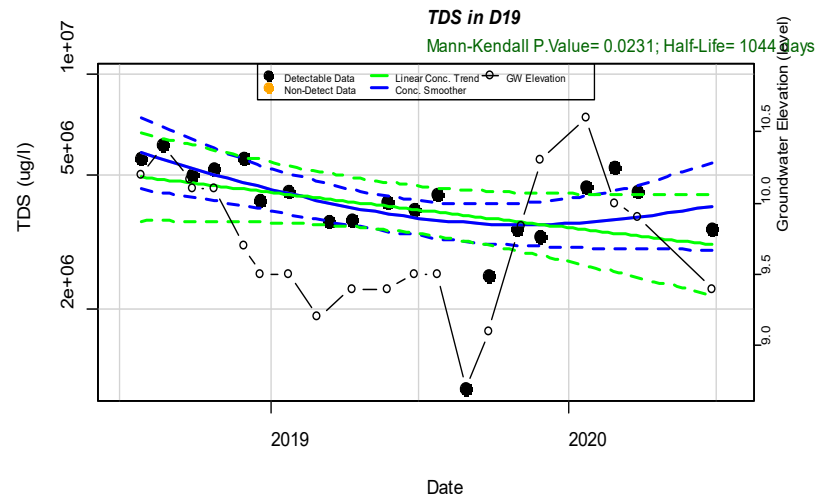
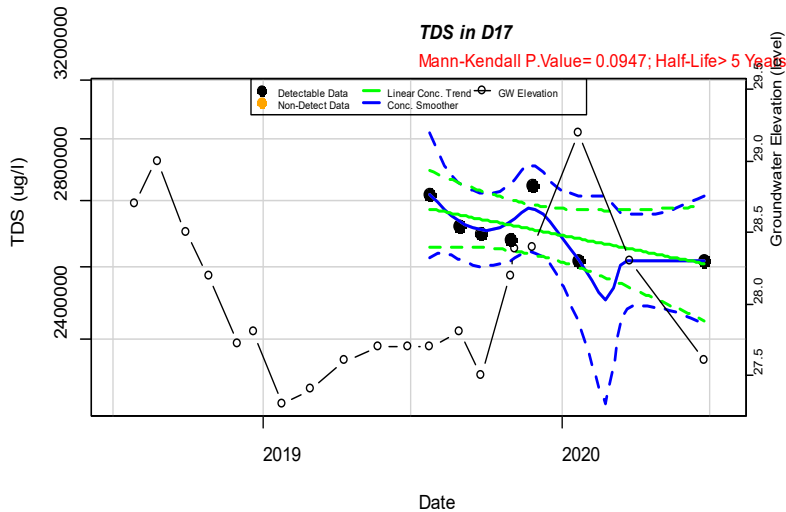
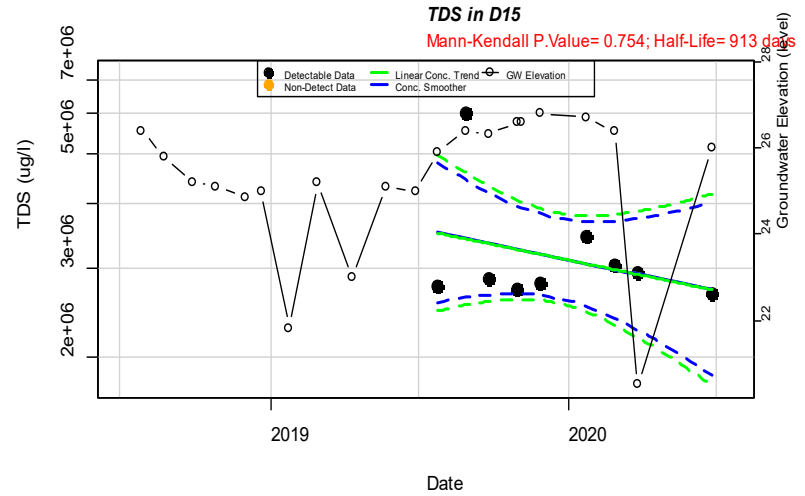
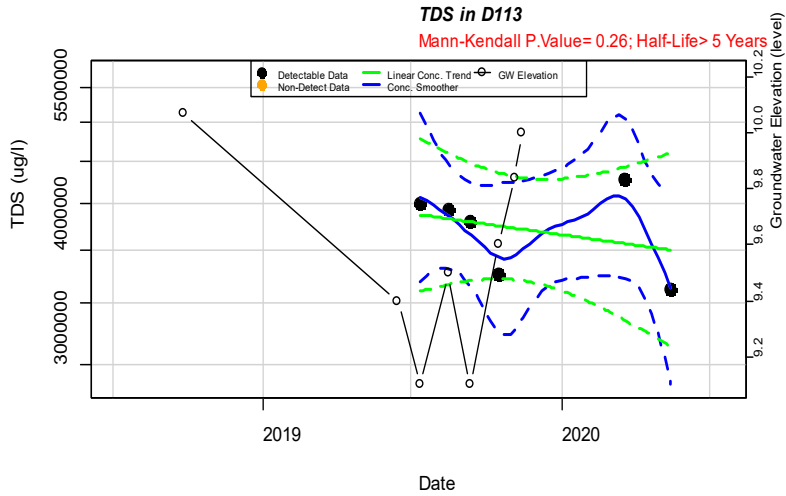


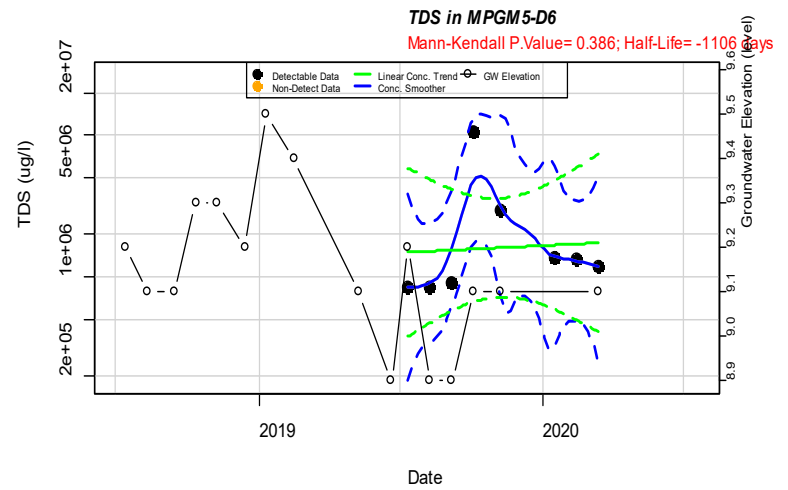
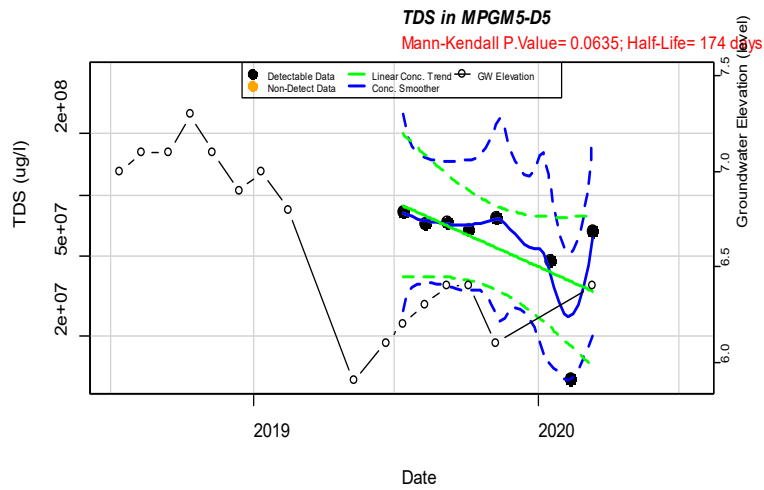
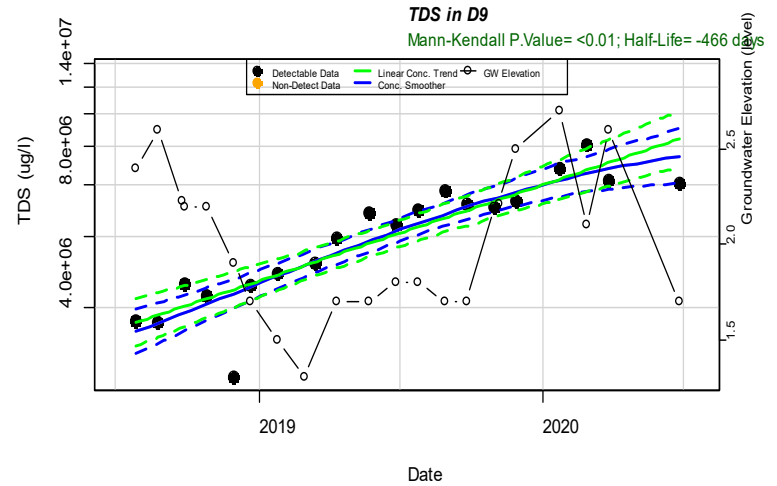
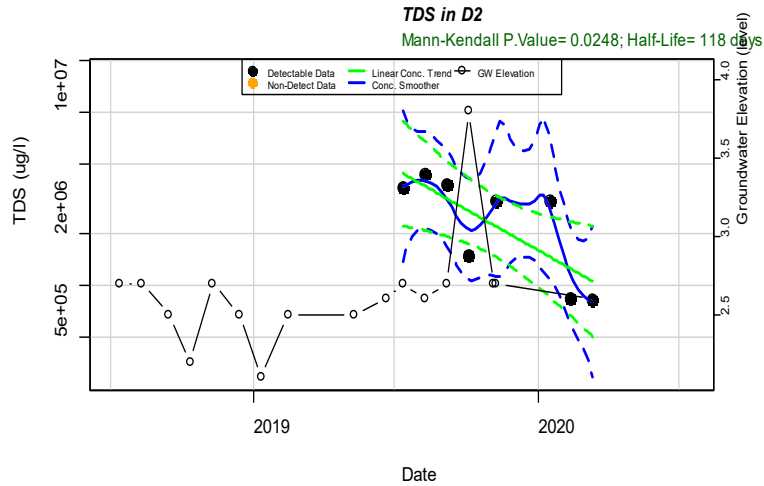


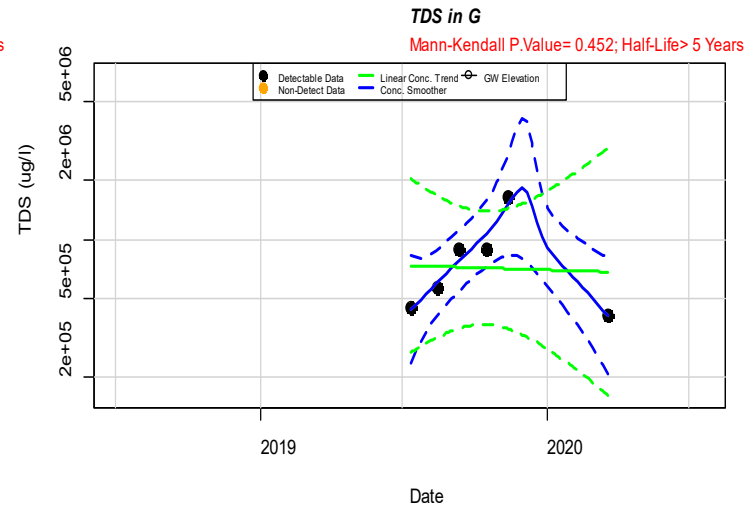
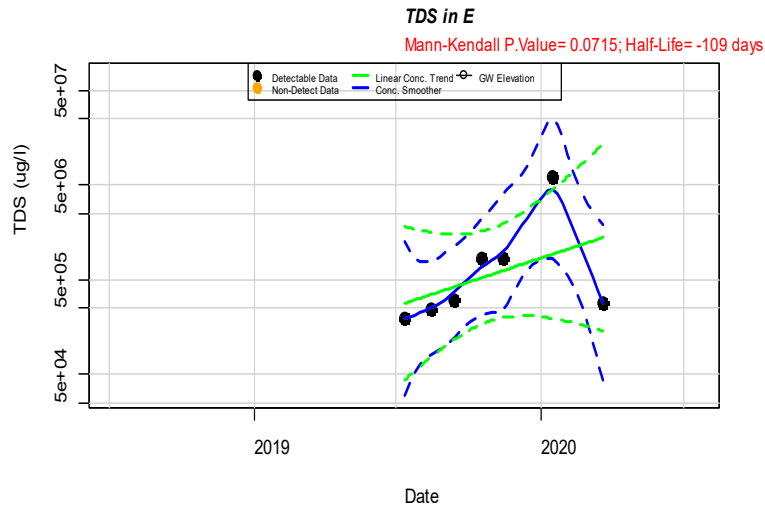
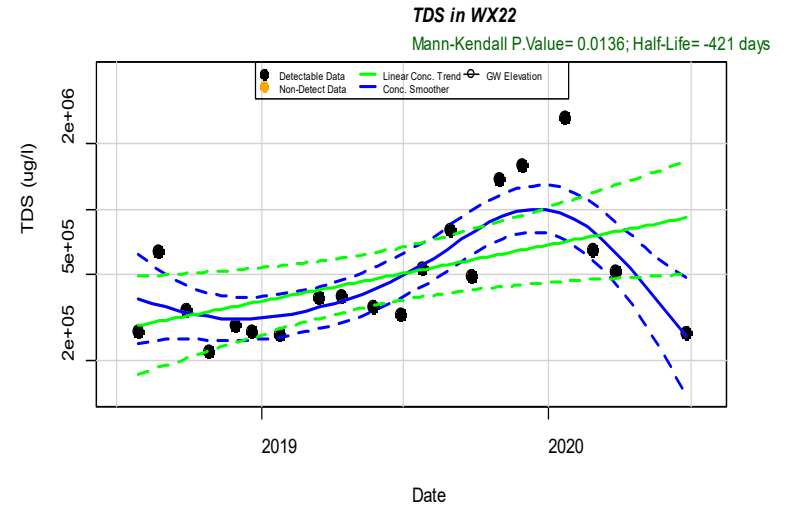
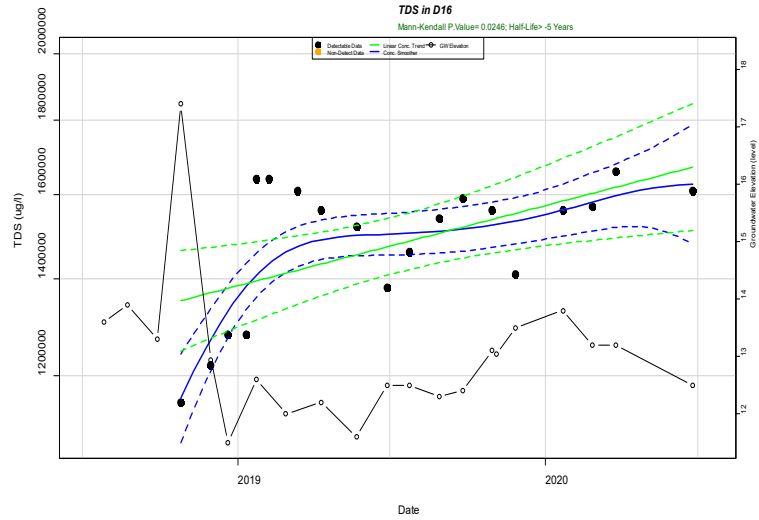


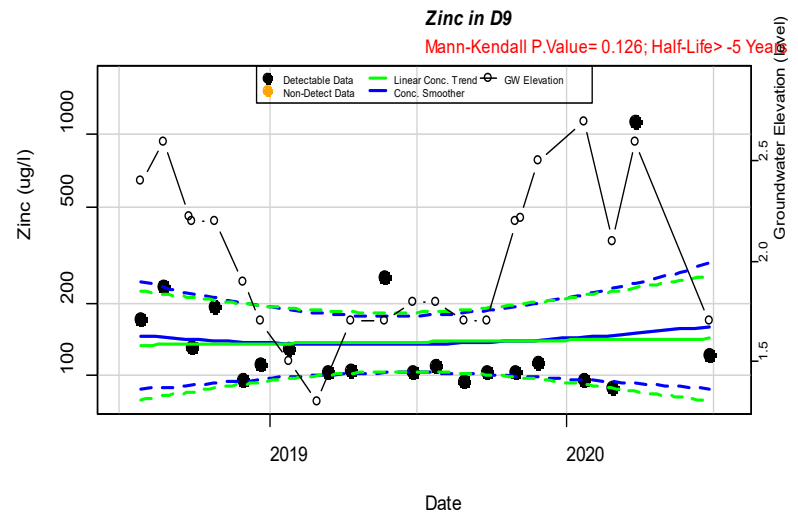
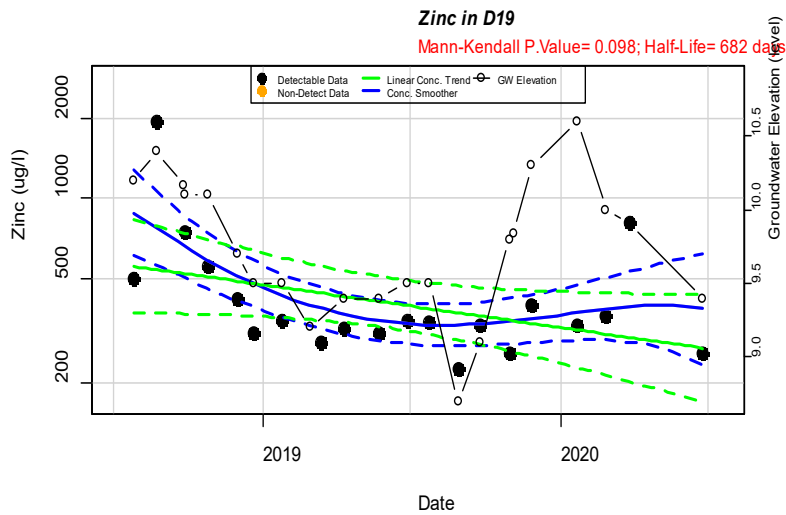
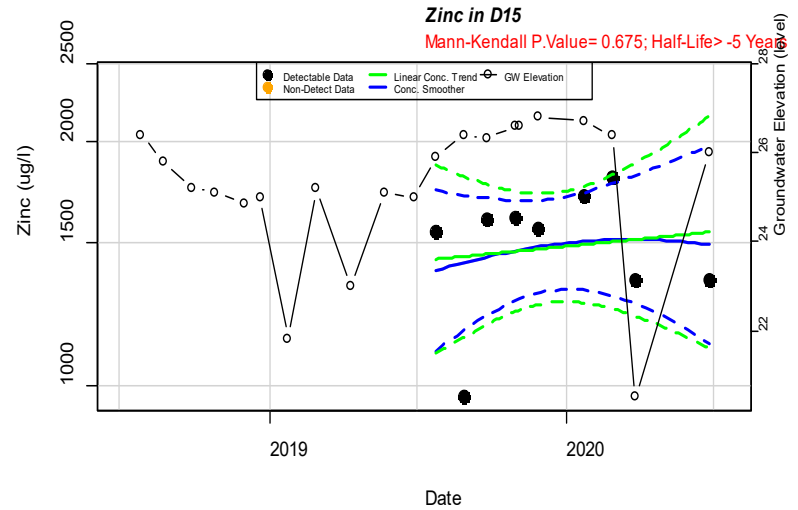
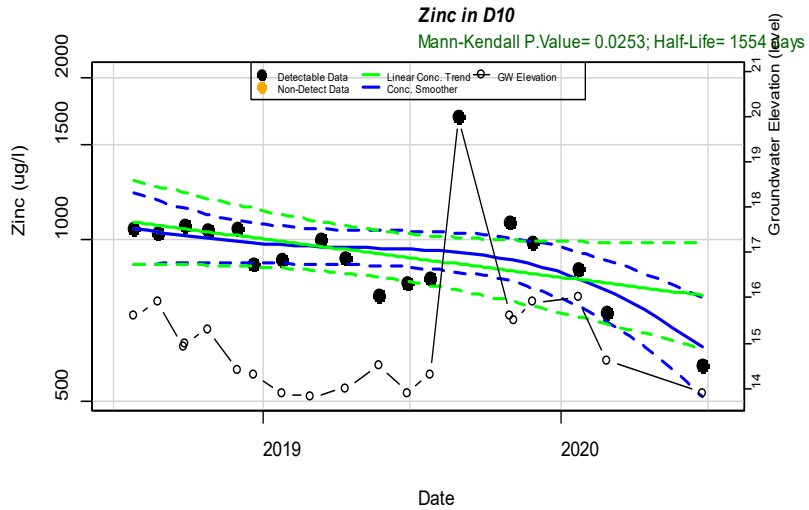










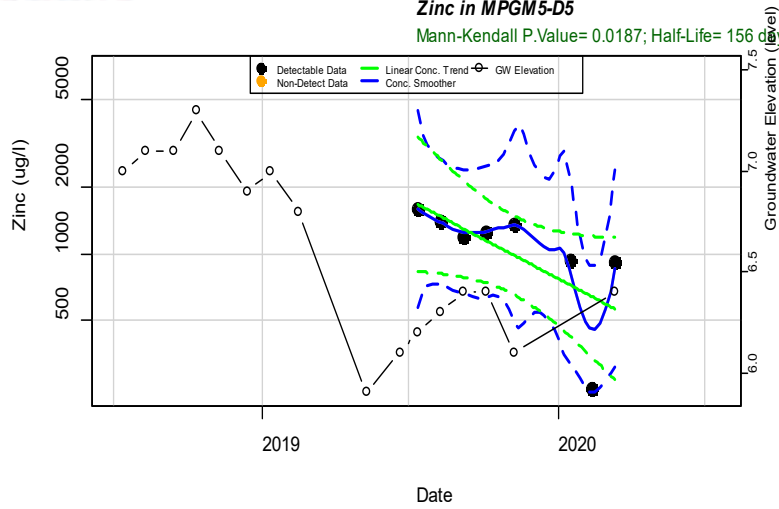






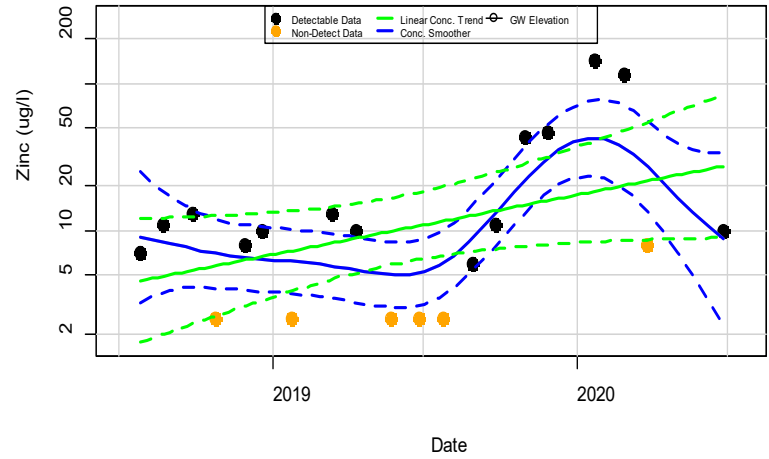
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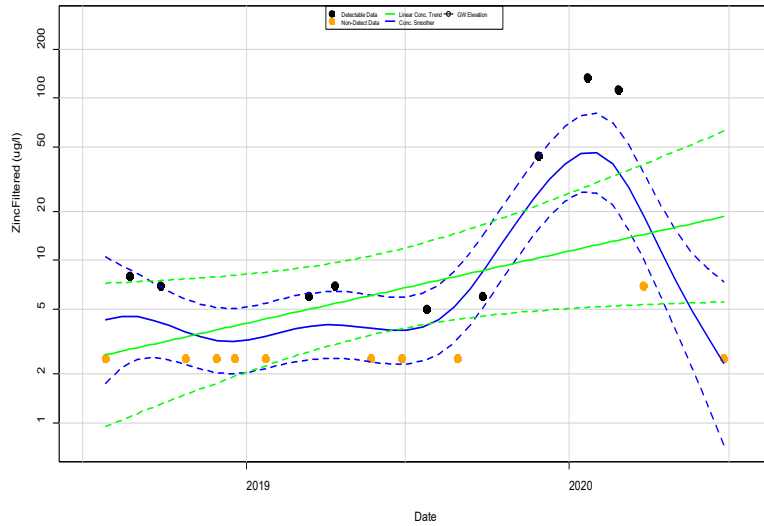
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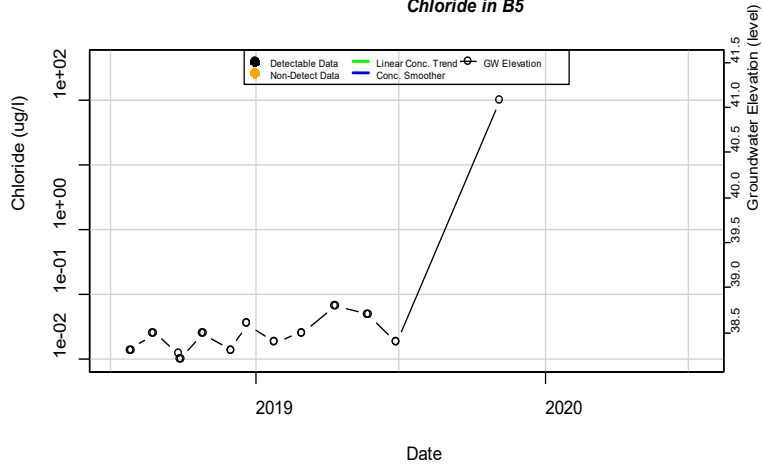
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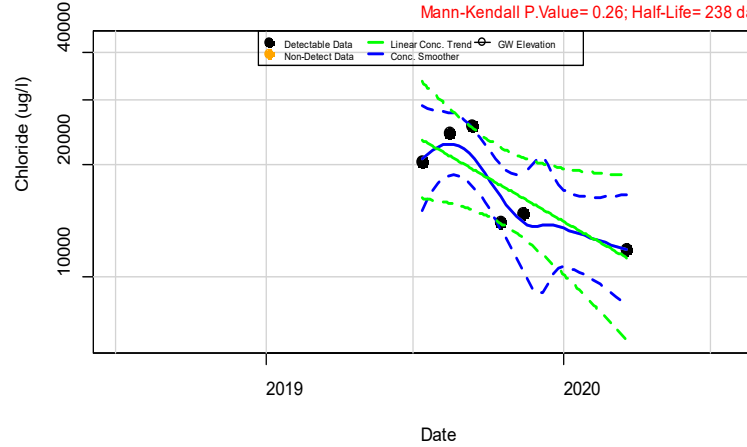


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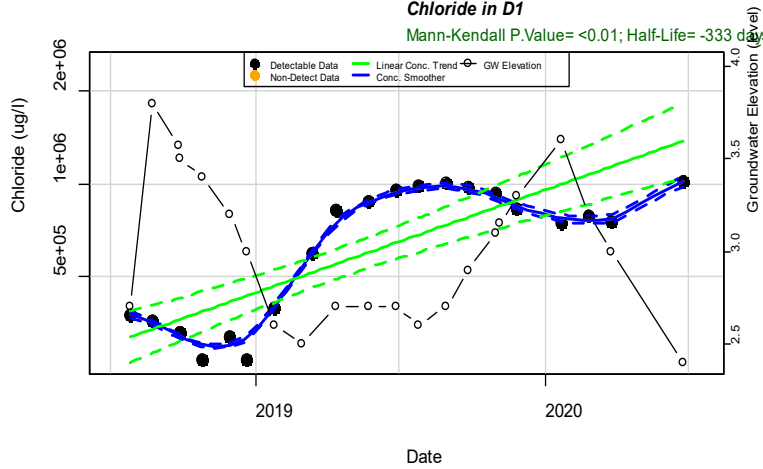
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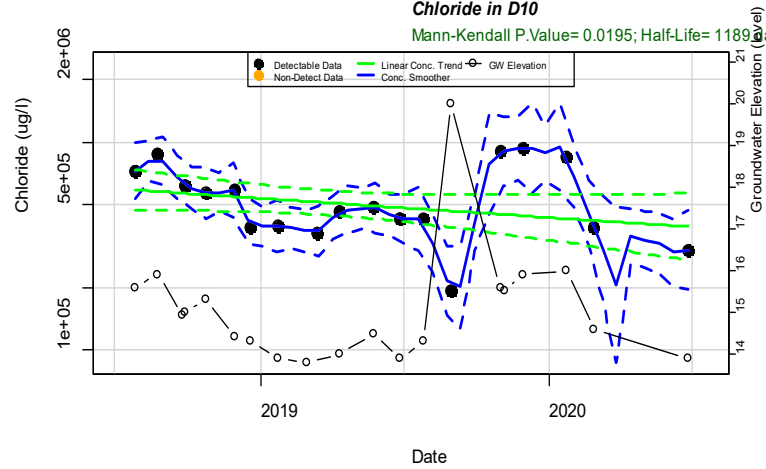
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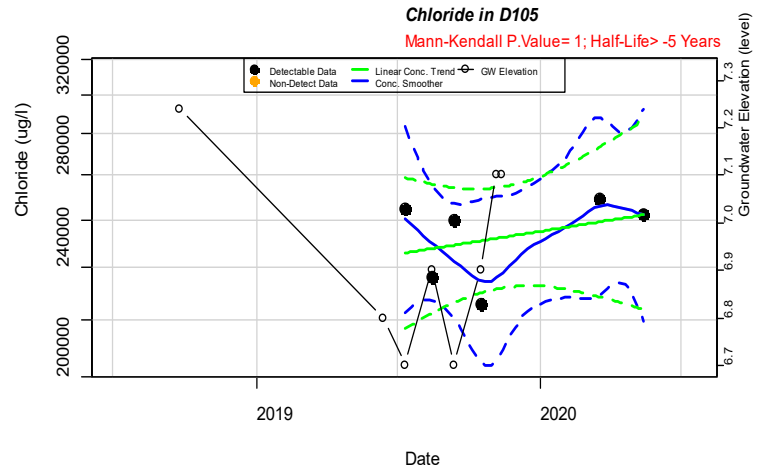
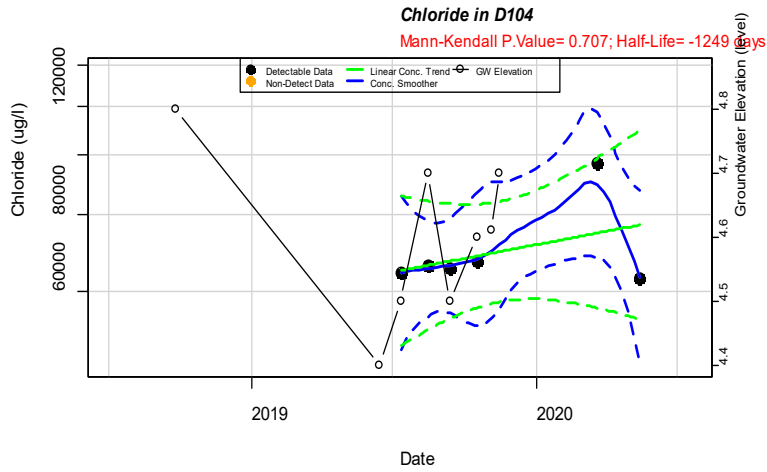
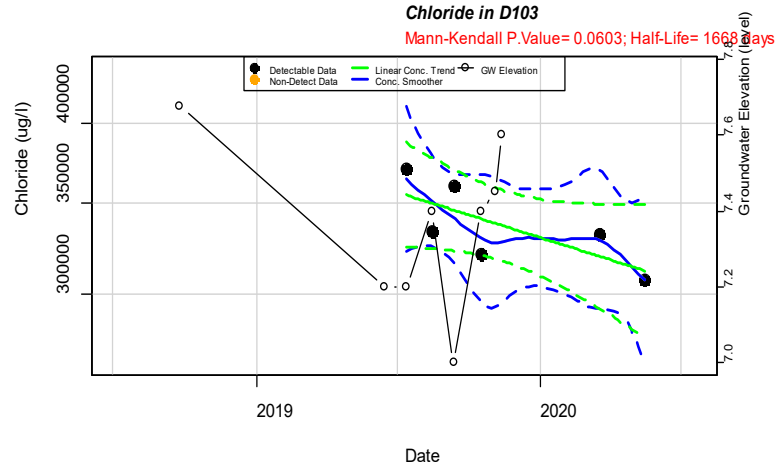
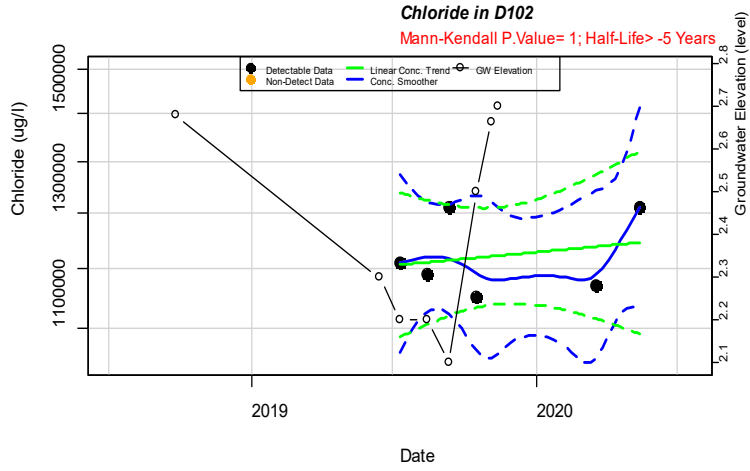
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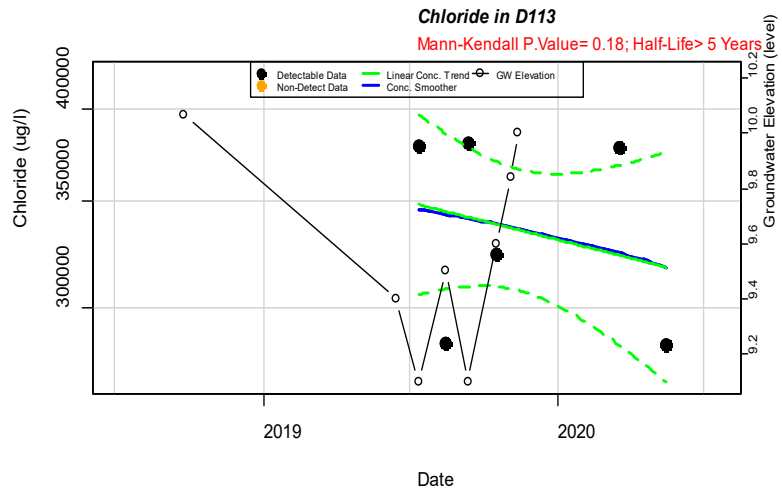
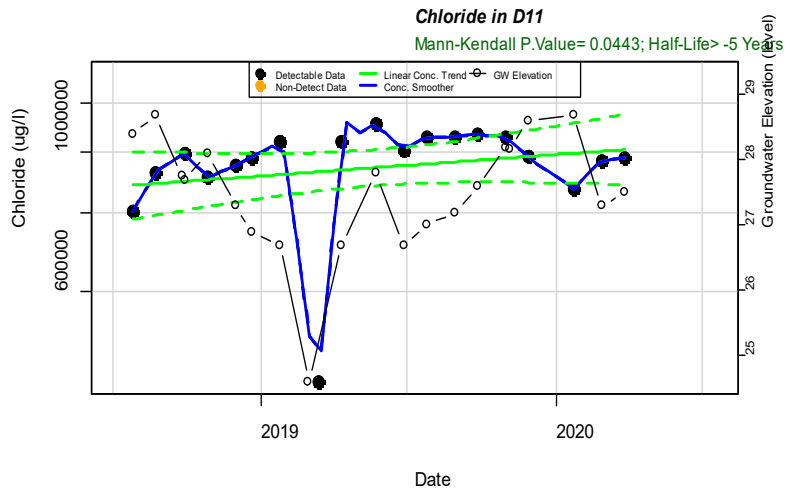
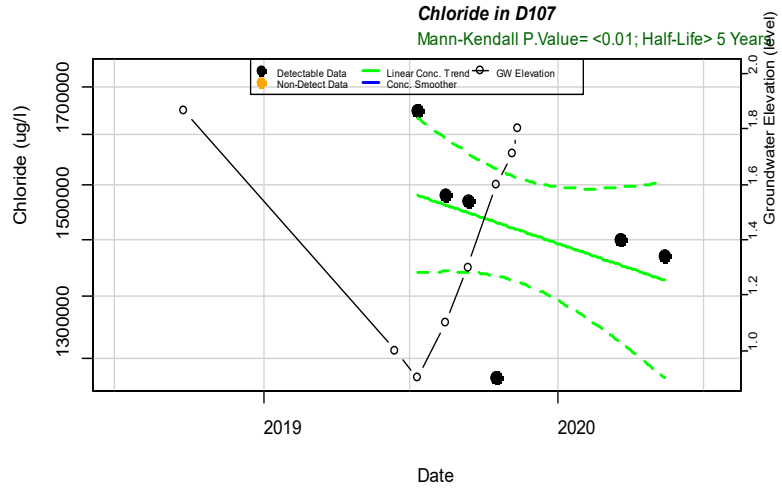
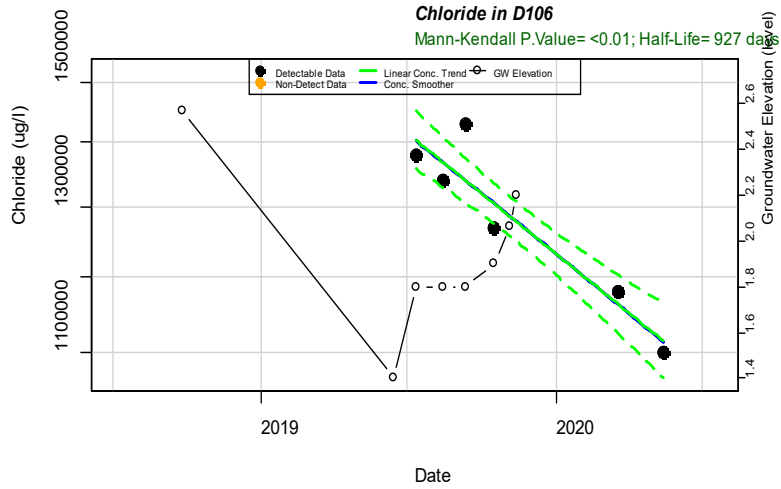


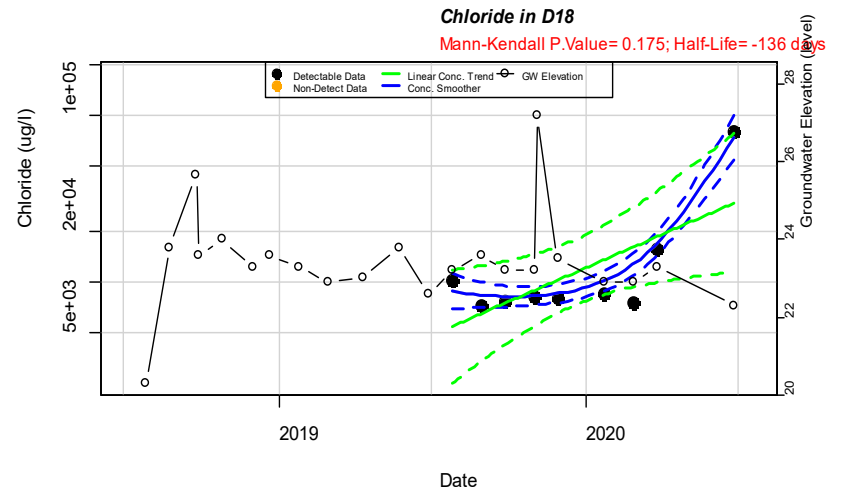
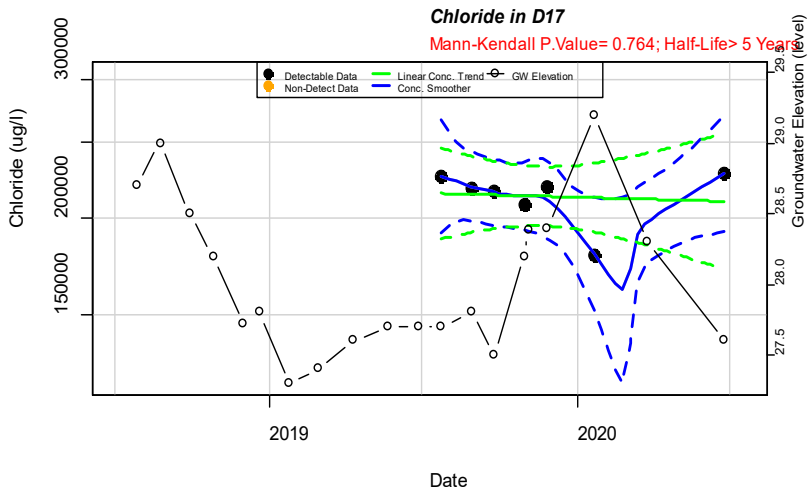
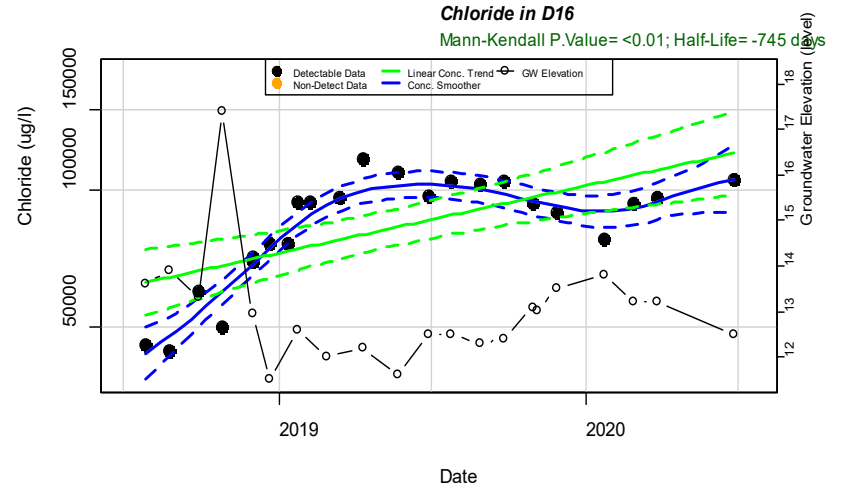
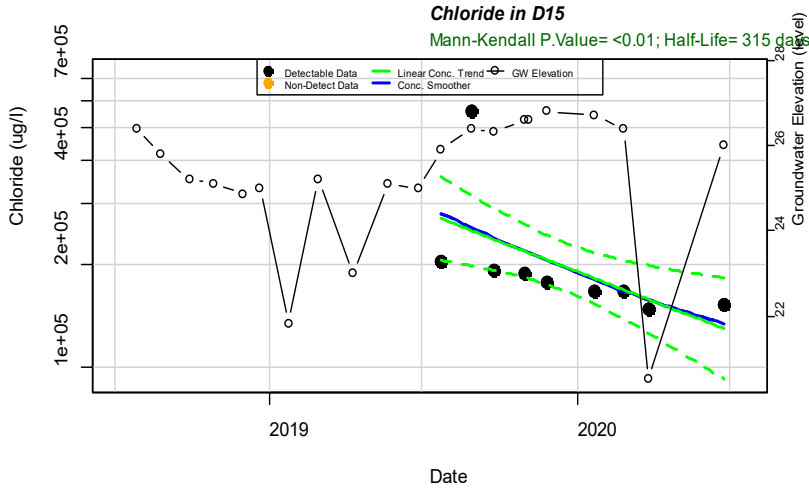
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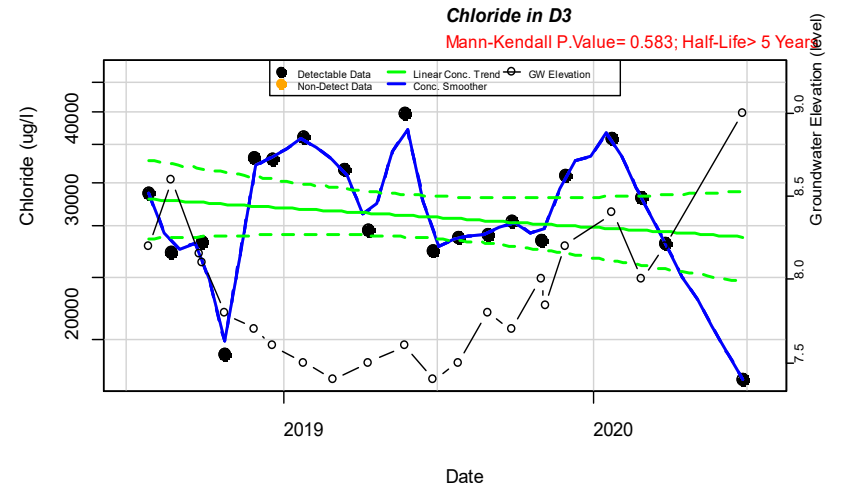
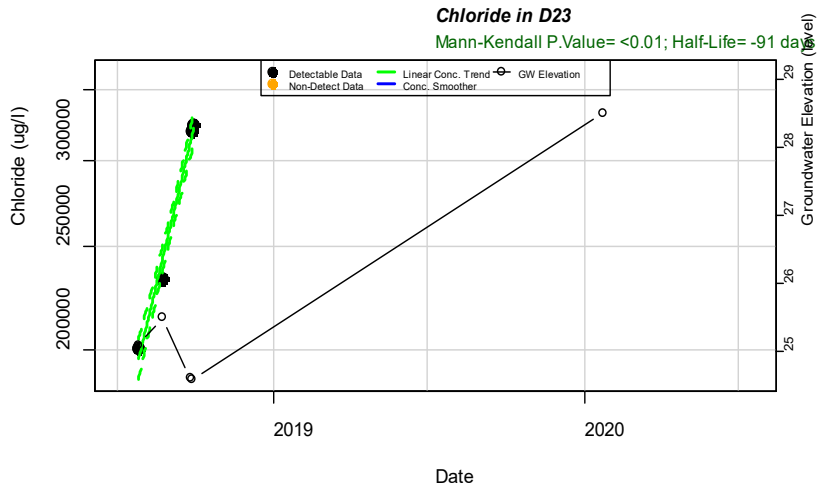
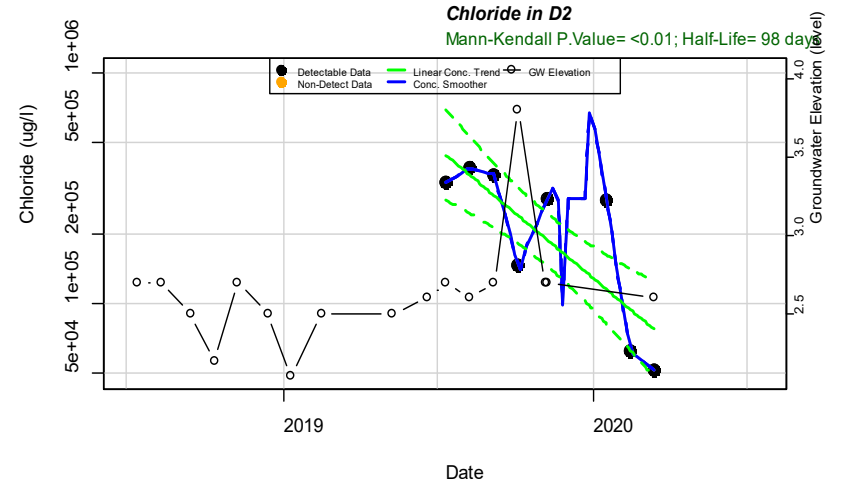
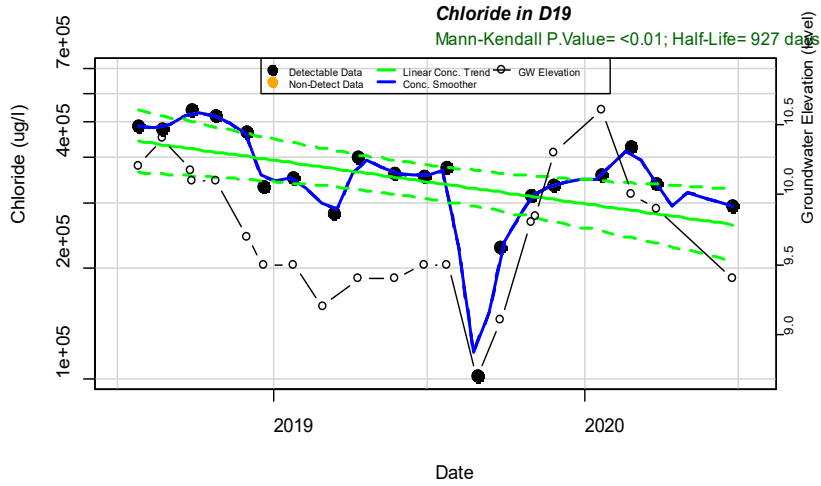
Mann-Kendall P.Value= 0.0195; Half-Life= 1189 days

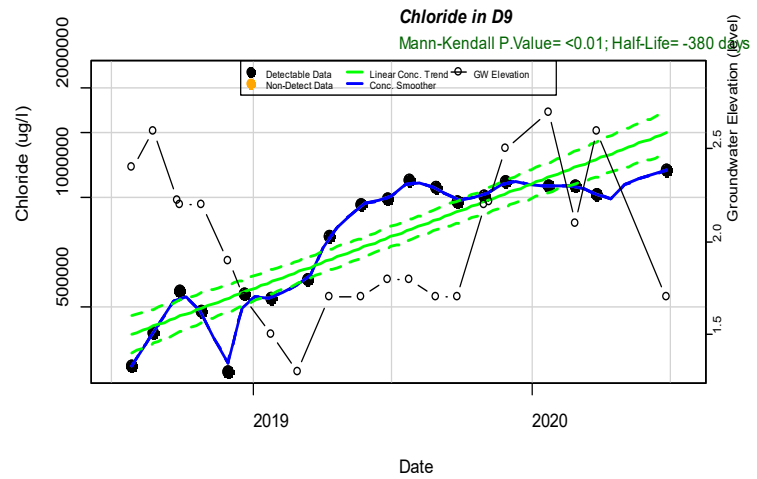
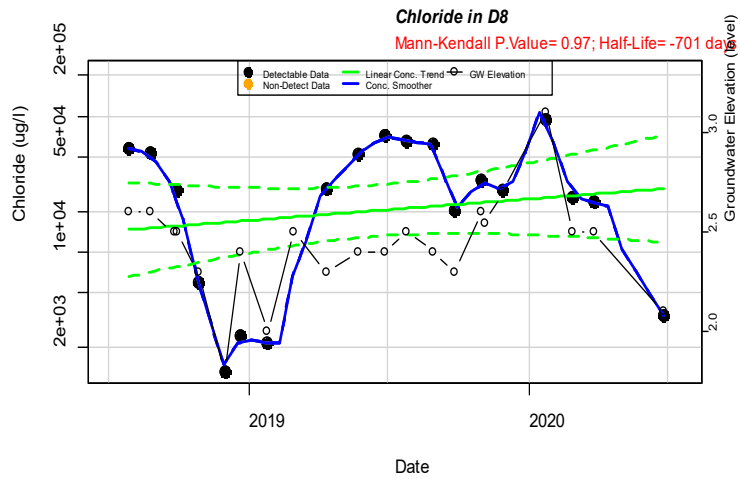
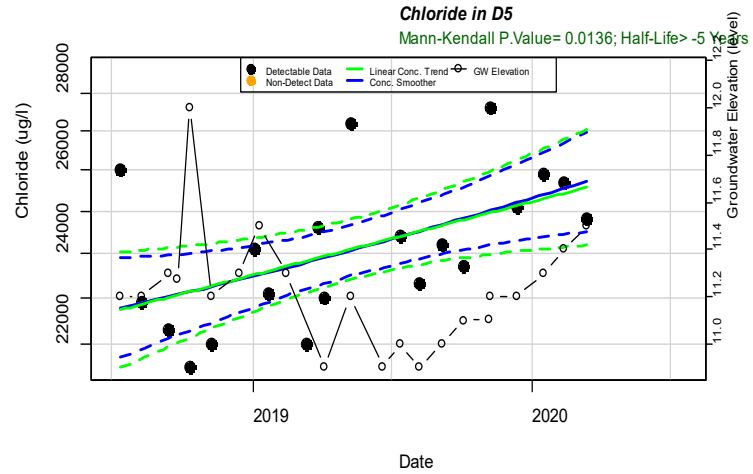
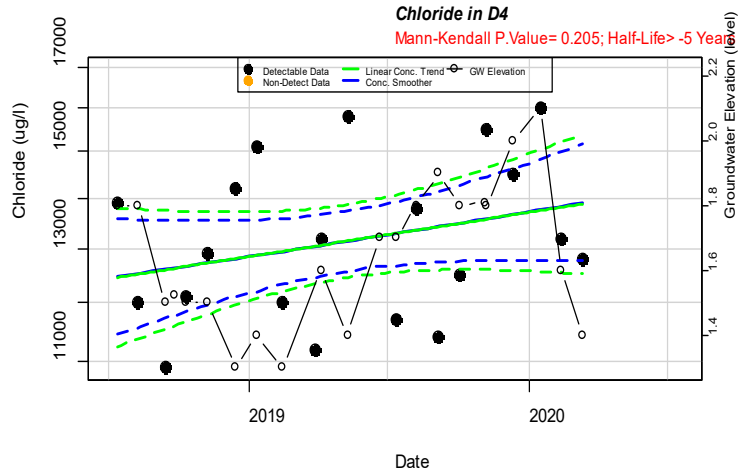






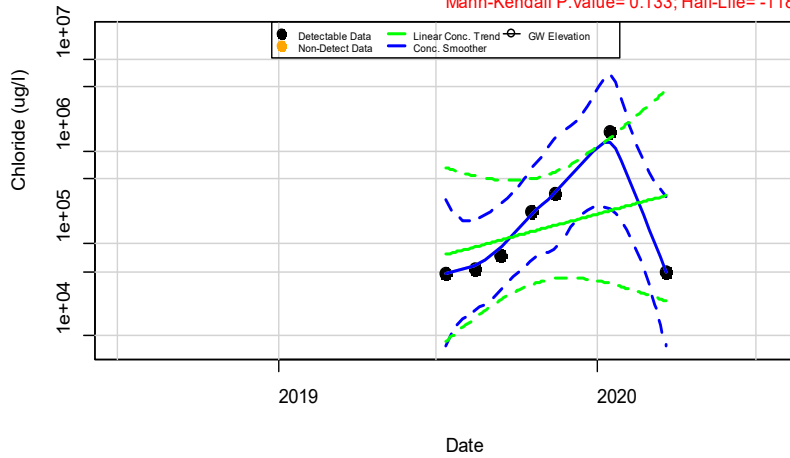




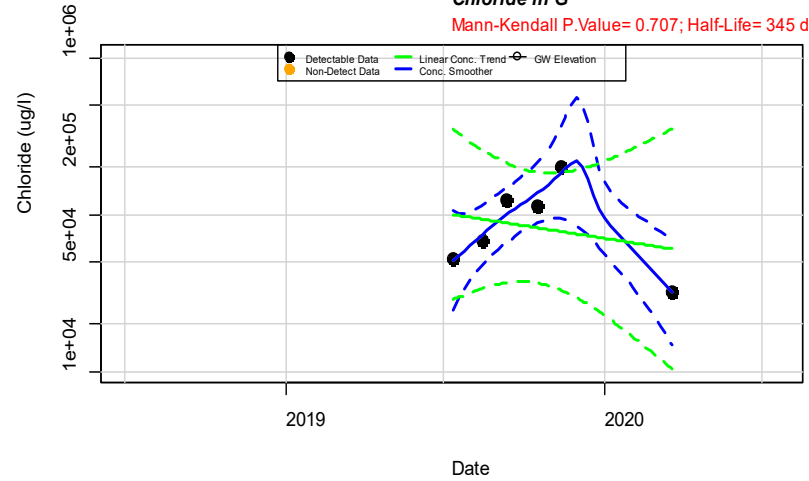




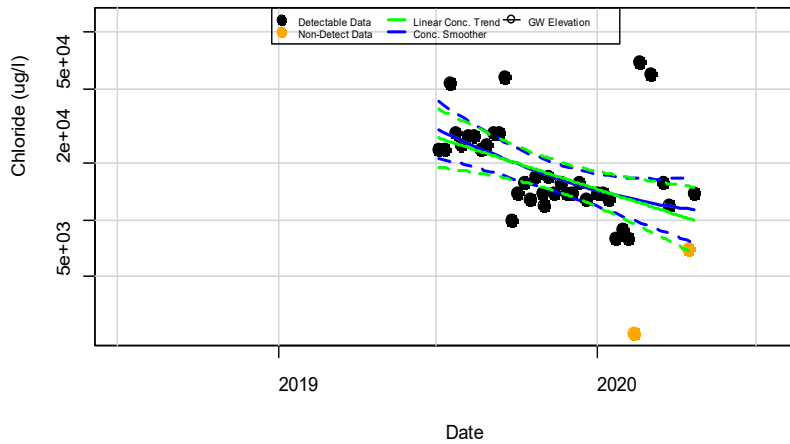
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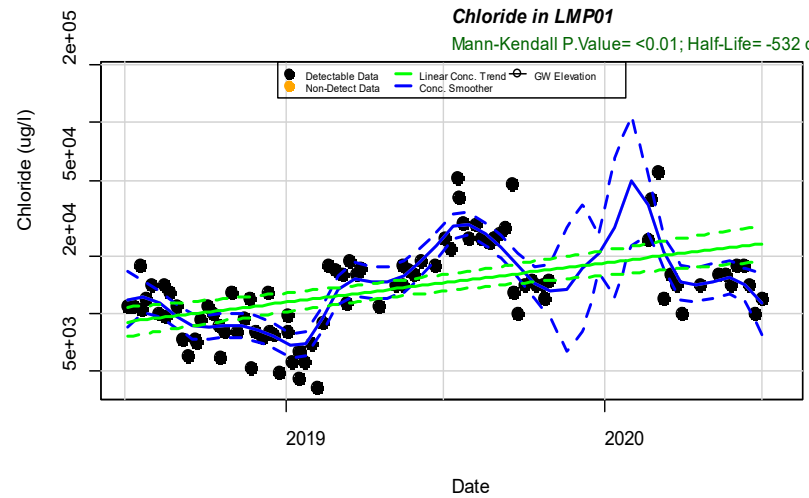
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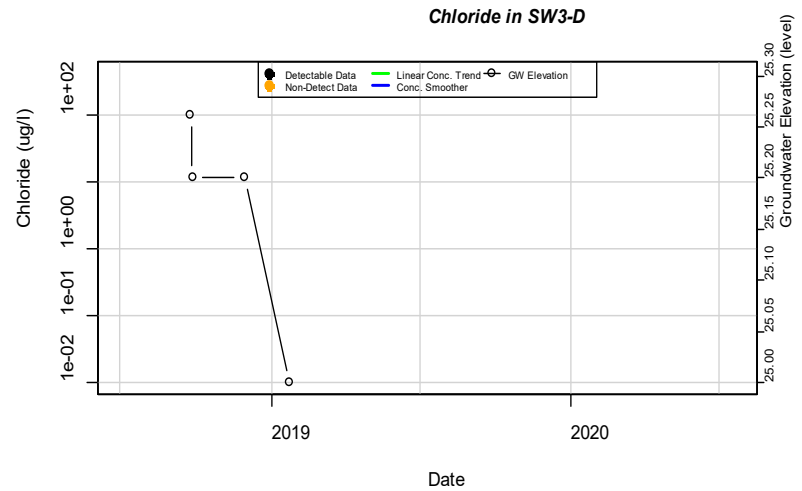
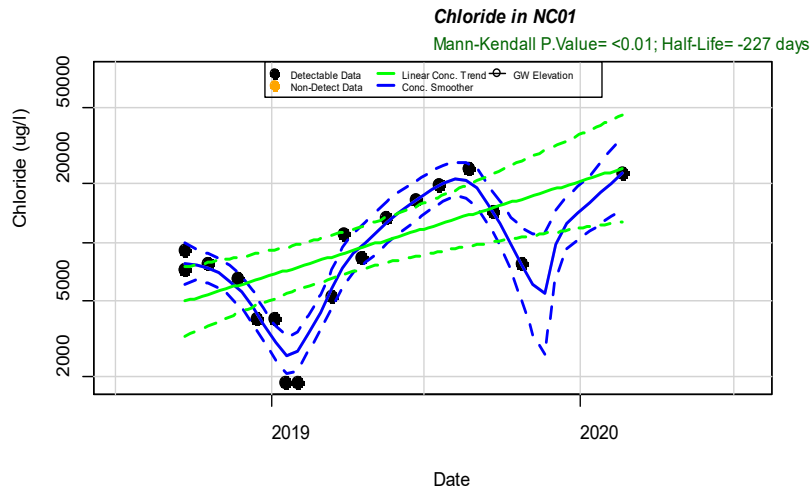
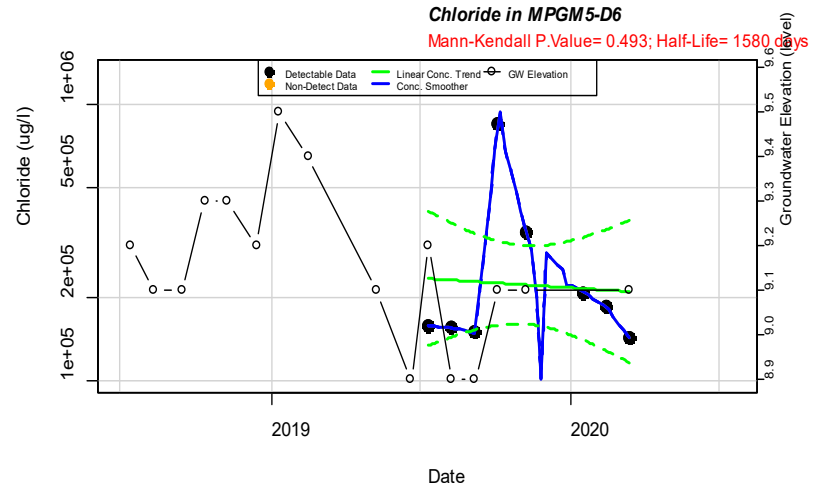
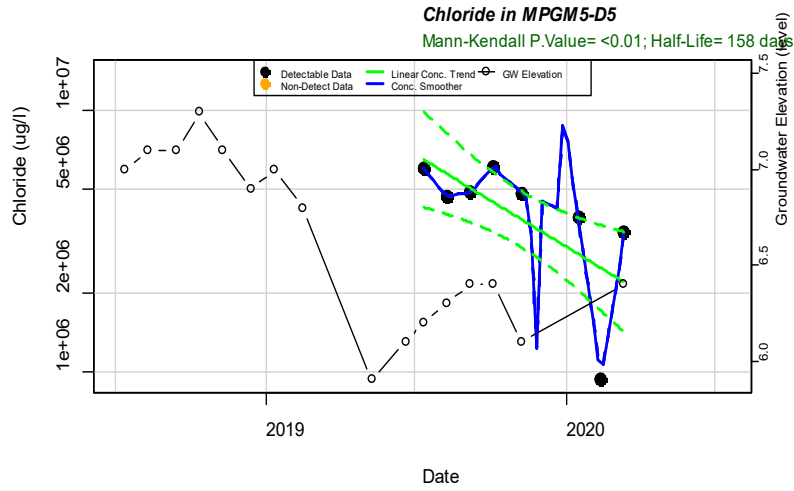
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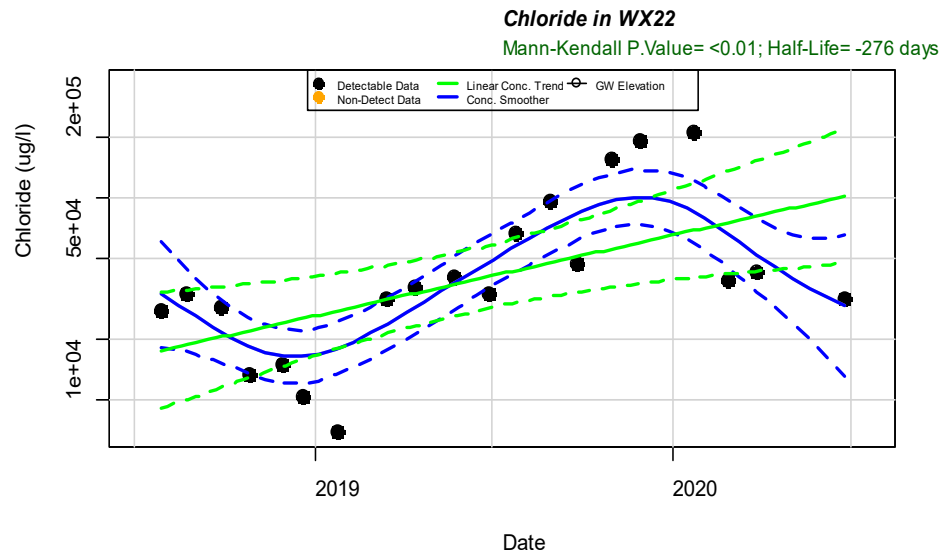


**Chloride in LMP01**  
Mann-Kendall P.Value= <0.01; Half-Life= -532 days









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