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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 Guidelines |
| BCA | Brine conditioned ash |
| CSP | Coal Settling Pond |
| DPiE | NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment |
| EC | Electrical conductivity |
| EnergyAustralia | EnergyAustralia NSW Pty Limited |
| EPA | Environment Protection Authority |
| EP&A Act | Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 |
| EPL | Environment Protection Licence |
| ERM | Environmental Resources Management Australia Pty Ltd |
| GWSDAT | Groundwater Spatiotemporal Data Analysis Tool |
| ha | Hectares |
| LCC | Lithgow City Council |
| LDP | Licensed Discharge Point |
| LLI | Lend Lease Infrastructure |
| LMP | Licensed Monitoring Point |
| LNAR | Lamberts North Ash Repository |
| LOR | Limit of reporting |
| MF | Micro filtration |
| mg/L | milligrams per litre |
| ML | Mega litre |
| MPAR | Mt Piper Ash Repository |
| MPPS | Mt Piper Power Station |
| Nalco | Nalco Water – Ecolab |
| NFR | Non-filterable Residue, also referred to as Turbidity. |

| Name | Description |
|----------|---|
| NSW | New South Wales |
| OEMP | Operational Environmental Management Plan |
| POEO Act | Protection of the Environment Operations Act (NSW) 1997 |
| QA/QC | Quality Assurance and Quality Control |
| RL | Relative Level |
| RO | Reverse Osmosis |
| SWTP | Springvale Water Treatment Plant |
| TARPs | Trigger Action Response Plans |
| TDS | Total Dissolved Solids |
| TKN | Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen |
| TSS | Total Suspended Solids |
| WCA | Water conditioned ash |
| WMP | Water Management and Monitoring Plan |
| µg/L | micrograms per litre |
| µS/cm | microsiemens per centimetre |

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 (Modification 8, dated 24 July 2019), authorises the MPPS and ancillary activities, including the Mt Piper Ash Repository (MPAR).

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 Water Management and Monitoring Plan approved for the Project and dated 28 February 2020 (the WMP). This AEMR reports on the water monitoring carried out for the Project from July 2020 to June 2021 (the reporting period) in accordance with the conditions of the Mt Piper Consent. This AEMR 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). Appendix A presents a summary of the relevant aspects of this AEMR as required under the Mt Piper Consent and the WMP.

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.

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 The WMP was approved under the conditions of the Mt Piper Consent |
| EPL No. 13007 | EPL held by EnergyAustralia for the MPPS, 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 AEMR 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 but outside of the EPL premises. Both the SWTP and the MPPS contribute brine to the MPAR. The SWTP also contributes solid mixed salts 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 prepared by ERM and is dated 28 February 2020 (ERM, 2020) (the WMP).

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 require:

- implementation of a separately approved Operational Environmental Management Plan. The currently approved plan is the *Lamberts North Ash Placement Project Operational Environmental Management Plan 2019* prepared by CDM Smith in 2013 and last revised by EnergyAustralia on 2 September 2019 (LNAR Operations Environment Management Plan (OEMP)). The LNAR OEMP 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.

1.2 Objectives

The objectives of the AEMR are to meet the reporting requirements of the Mt Piper Consent and the 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 (i.e. those contained in the 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; and
- 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 the 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 quality¹;
- reporting when the Environmental Goals have not been achieved;
- an interpretation and discussion of results;
- 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 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 with the WMP;

¹ 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 with the WMP;
- review of surface water (seven locations), groundwater (25 locations) and leak detection (two 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; and
- 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 trigger, action, response plans (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 the Coal Settling Pond (CSP) via the Licenced Discharge Point (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 77 Mega Litres (ML). A data summary for LDP01 is presented in this AEMR as the discharges from LDP01 report to the Final Holding Pond (FHP), and downstream to Licenced Monitoring Point (LMP01) which is located on Wangcol Creek, downstream of the FHP. Both LDP01 and LMP01 are included as monitoring points in the WMP. Figure 2 presents the locations of the CSP and the FHP. Figure 5 presents the locations of LDP01 and monitoring point LMP01.

LMP01 was historically referred to as LDP01 within the EPL and used as the upstream monitoring location for the MPAR and the LDP for the MPPS. The LDP was transferred to LDP01 at the CSP as part of the EPL variation 1569404 in January 2019. Records of discharge flow at LDP01 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, which is discussed further in Section 3.2.

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 development up to a Relative Level (RL) of 980 m Australian Height Datum (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 LCC in 1990, as replicated in Figure 3. Further, condition 38A of the Mt Piper Consent requires that the placement of BCA 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 415,996 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 (2019-2020) | Current Reporting Period (2020-2021) |
|---|--|---|
| Ash delivered (T) | 460,942 ¹ | 673,885 ² |
| WCA placed (T) | 0 | 100,343 ¹ ; 257,889 ² |
| BCA placed (T) ¹ | 460,942 | 415,996 |
| Total ash footprint (ha) | 74.22 ² | 57.45 ¹ |
| Area of repository capped (ha) ² | 42.65 | 42.65 |

1 Refers to MPAR only

2 Refers to MPAR and LNAR combined

T – tonnes, ha - hectares

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 related to mining operation in the region (Figure 1). The separately approved brine and solid mixed salts from the 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. Since then, average concentrations in the brine have generally remained stable (within the same order of magnitude) during the current reporting period for the following parameters:

- alkalinity concentrations in the brine increased from an average of 976 mg/L in 2017 to 14,735 mg/L in 2019/20 and have remained stable at 6,067 mg/L in the reporting period;
- silver concentrations decreased from 10 µg/L in 2017 to <1 µg/L in both 2019/20 and the current reporting period;
- chromium concentrations decreased from 1,050 µg/L in 2017 to 50 µg/L in 2019/20 and have remained stable at 40.4 µg/L in the reporting period; and
- iron concentrations decreased from 1,580 µg/L in 2017 to 151 µg/L in 2019/20 and have remained stable at 340 µg/L in the current reporting period.

A summary of the changes in brine composition is provided in Appendix D. Notable changes in average brine constituents from 2019/20 to the reporting period (July 2020 to June 2021) are listed below:

- barium concentrations decreased from 1,000 µg/L in 2017 to 6.43 µg/L in 2019/20, but increased again to 116 µg/L in the current reporting period (order of magnitude increase);
- boron concentrations in the brine decreased from an average of 35,800 µg/L in 2017 and 41,500 µg/L in 2019/20 to 9,570 µg/L in the reporting period (77% decrease);
- manganese concentrations in the brine decreased from an average of 7,210 µg/L in 2017 and 5,170 µg/L in 2019/20 to 231 µg/L in the reporting period (95% decrease); and
- nickel concentrations in the brine decreased from an average of 3,880 µg/L in 2017 to 348 µg/L in 2019/20, but increased again to 1,570 µg/L in the current reporting period.

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 which may result in a higher proportion of compounds being removed as solid phase. In addition, ERM understands that further concentration of the brine has been occurring over the reporting period via additional treatment through the EnergyAustralia RO and MF system. This has been implemented as a means of minimising the volume of brine requiring co-placement at the MPAR. 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 (see Figure 2). 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 2020/2021

| Month | Rainfall Total (mm) | Min. Temperature (°C) | Max. Temperature (°C) |
|--------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| July 2020 | 5.7 | -4 | 14 |
| August 2020 | 8.1 | -5 | 18 |
| September 2020 | 4.5 | -2 | 22 |
| October 2020 | 73.8 | 1 | 25 |
| November 2020 | 5.0 | 4 | 33 |
| December 2020 | 86.6 | 4 | 35 |
| January 2021 | 101.1 | 7 | 33 |
| February 2021 | 77.4 | 9 | 27 |
| March 2021 | 165.4 | 4 | 28 |
| April 2021 | 1.0 | -1 | 27 |
| May 2021 | 22.1 | -4 | 20 |
| June 2021 | 56.3 | -3 | 16 |
| TOTAL / MIN / MAX | 607 | -5 | 35 |

Data from MPPS Weather Station provided by EnergyAustralia

The total rainfall for the reporting period was 607 mm. This is slightly higher than the total reported rainfall of 513.1 mm for 2019/20 (ERM, 2020a), but is lower than the average annual rainfall between 2012 and 2017, which was reported by Aurecon (2017) to be 756.5 mm/year.

The 2020/21 reporting period was characterised by higher than average rainfall which occurred generally between December 2020 and March 2021. This high rainfall period broke the period of relative drought experienced at the site, and more broadly within NSW, between 2017 and 2020.

3.2 Geology and Hydrogeology

The site is located on the western margin of the Sydney Basin, and the geology is characterised by eastward dipping sedimentary deposits. The sedimentary deposits extend approximately 130 km east towards the NSW 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, which have been mined throughout the region. 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 host the coal seams that were previously mined out in the vicinity of the site, and overlie the Shoalhaven Group. 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"> ■ Sandstones, shale and claystone. ■ Up to approximately 800 m thick in parts, although generally absent in the immediate vicinity of the Ash Repositories. ■ Deposition in estuarine/alluvial, fluvial, and fluvial-deltaic environments. ■ Unconformably overlies Illawarra Coal Measures (Danis et al., 2011). | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Interbedded shale, sandstone, conglomerate, and coal. ■ Dips 1-2 degrees to the east. ■ Outcrops extensively just east of Portland, exposing the Lidsdale and Lithgow coal seams (refer Section 2.3.2) close to the surface with approximately 15-20 m of sandstone overburden (CDM Smith, 2012). | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Siltstones, lithic sandstones and conglomerate. ■ Marine sediments. ■ Berry Siltstone / Formation (earlier) & Snapper Point Formation (later). ■ Contains sulfide-bearing material and is acid generating in places where exposed via rock cuttings (SKM, 2010). |

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 6b). 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 Western Main Open Cut mine void (now occupied by the MPAR), the bottom of the mine void was covered with mine spoil to a minimum level of 908 m 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 (Connell Wagner, 2007). 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.

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 (refer to Figure 2).

The area surrounding the Ash Repositories is characterised by former 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 the southeast up to 918 m AHD to the northeast of the Ash Repositories (refer Figure 6a and Figure 6b). 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.

Locally, Wangcol Creek is present to the north and north-east 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.

Clean water diversion structures divert surface waters around the operational areas of the MPPS, where possible (see Figure 2). 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 ash placement 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 water quality report, and associated TARPs, contingency and strategies for brine reduction as appropriate for the reporting period.

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 potential uses of multipurpose lined water storages present at the MPPS; 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 Australian and New Zealand Guidelines (ANZG, 2018) water quality guidelines (formerly Australia and New Zealand Environment Conservation Council, ANZECC, 2000), in combination with 90th 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 90th 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 surface water 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 described in Table 6 and presented on Figure 5.

Table 6: Surface Water Monitoring Locations

| Site ID | Position | Location Description | Frequency | No. of Samples |
|-------------|------------|---|---|----------------|
| LDP01 | Upstream | Monitors the storm water in the CSP and discharge from the CSP. It is also described as LDP12 under EPL #13007. Sampling of the CSP is conducted routinely at times when discharge is not occurring. These samples are differentiated as LDP01_CSP (not discharging) and LDP01 (when discharge is occurring). | As required during discharge ¹ | 58 (LDP01_CSP) |
| | | | | 12 (LDP01) |
| LMP01 | Upstream | This monitoring point is located north-west of the MPAR. It 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, downstream of the FHP. | Quarterly | 35 |
| NC01 | Mid-stream | Located midstream in the monitored area of Wangcol Creek, upstream to the Ash Repositories. | Monthly | 11 |
| 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 | 12 |
| SW_E | Mid-stream | Located within Wangcol Creek, downstream of former open cuts "Area D" and "Area E." | Quarterly | 12 |
| 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 | 12 |
| SW_G | Downstream | Located within the downstream portion of Wangcol Creek, and downstream of WX22, within a former open cut mine working. | Quarterly | 12 |

¹Selected field parameters monitored more regularly

It is noted that monitoring location NC01 missed one scheduled sampling event in August 2020 during the reporting period. Although surface water from WX22 was sampled 12 times, there were two sampling events completed in November 2020 and the July 2020 sampling event was not completed. The surface water schedule has been impacted by scheduling constraints associated with COVID-19, and the frequency of sampling conducted during the reporting period is considered adequate.

5.3 Surface Water Monitoring Methodology

Surface water quality monitoring was undertaken by Nalco Water – Ecolab (Nalco) on behalf of EnergyAustralia. Details regarding the Nalco sampling method and quality assurance and quality control (QA/QC) program are presented in Appendix M.

5.4 Surface Water Quality Dataset

Surface water samples were obtained by Nalco for field and/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) (i.e. major and minor ions);
- 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 $0.45\ \mu\text{m}$ for dissolved analysis;
- non-filterable residue (NFR, turbidity, or Total Suspended Solids – TSS);
- total phosphorus; and
- nitrogen, nitrate, nitrite, total kjeldahl nitrogen (TKN).

The trace metals in surface water samples were reported as both total (unfiltered) and dissolved (filtered) samples, except for beryllium and mercury, which were reported as total sample concentrations only.

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.

The TSS data for 24 May 2021 at LDP01 was negative in the data set provided by EnergyAustralia and appears to be an erroneous data point.

5.5 Surface Water Results

The surface water field and analytical results obtained for the reporting period are presented alongside the Environmental Goals for surface water in Appendix F and Figure 7. Trend graphs for selected analytes (boron, 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 representative of upstream conditions relative to the MPAR in the monitored area of Wangcol Creek.

LDP01 is the licenced discharge point for the MPPS under EPL 13007. The licenced discharge point is located at the CSP, which is a sediment basin for the coal stockpile area. Samples from the CSP are routinely collected prior to discharge events (these are presented as LDP01-CSP). Consequently, the data reported as LDP01-CSP does not represent water quality of the discharge event. Discharge via LDP01 occurs as required following confirmation by laboratory analysis that the water quality is within the approved EPL discharge limits. Samples are collected of the discharge from LDP01 and these are presented as LDP01.

Discharge from LDP01 enters the western clean water drain, which is part of the upstream Wangcol Creek catchment, before flowing into the FHP. The FHP 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. The FHP was constructed within Wangcol Creek and it operates as the final pollution control structure before water reaches the “off premises” portion of Wangcol Creek. LMP01 is the sampling location downstream of the FHP.

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 (e.g. brine transfer pipelines and brine waste holding ponds) are located within the catchment upstream of these sampling locations.

Only data for LDP01 (i.e. when discharging) is presented in the following written sections of this report and in Figure 7. Data from both LDP01 and LDP01-CSP (i.e. not discharging) is presented in Appendix F, however assessment of trends and statistical assessment of LDP01 and LDP01-CSP have not been conducted as these locations are not considered to be representative of in-stream conditions. Assessment of trends at LMP01, which receives flow from LDP01, has been conducted as it is considered most appropriate for assessment of potential impacts from the Project on the upstream section of Wangcol Creek.

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 7.17 to 9.4. The pH at LMP01 was outside of the range (more alkaline) of the Environmental Goal (6.5 – 8) during some sampling events in July, August, October, January, February, March, April and June of the reporting period. LDP01 pH values were 7.07 to 7.95, all within the range of the Environmental Goal; and
- Field EC values obtained from LMP01 were 160 $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$ to 568 $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$ and field EC values from LDP01 were between 307 $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$ and 492 $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$. The reported EC values were generally consistent with TDS concentrations (where reported) and all field EC and laboratory TDS values were below the Environmental Goals for surface water.

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 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 were reported intermittently from July 2019 to January 2020. The spike in concentrations was attributed to brine leak events which occurred in 2019/20 (ERM, 2020a); these were notified to the EPA and rectified.

5.5.1.3 Metals

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

Silver concentrations were reported below the limit of reporting (of $<1 \mu\text{g}/\text{L}$) for the entire reporting period at both LMP01 and LDP01; however, the limit of reporting exceeds the Environmental Goal for surface water of $0.05 \mu\text{g}/\text{L}$. Based on the results of previous monitoring, including concentrations of silver in brine ($<1 \mu\text{g}/\text{L}$ during 2019/20 and the current reporting period) and groundwater, silver is not considered to represent a constituent of concern for monitoring in accordance with the WMP.

Trend graphs for LMP01 show fluctuations of boron, manganese and nickel over time; the concentrations appear steady and generally within the historical range. Concentrations of boron and manganese were below the Environmental Goals for surface water during the current reporting period.

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.

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 6.56 to 7.82, with no results reported outside of the Environmental Goal range for surface water;
- Field EC values reported at NC01, SW_C and SW_E ranged from 146 $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$ to 590 $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$, and field EC values were generally consistent with laboratory TDS results, with no results reported outside of the Environmental Goals for either EC or TDS;
- Trend graphs show TDS concentrations at NC01 and SW_C have remained low and stable. TDS at SW_E showed a spike in concentrations during the 2019/20 reporting period, but TDS concentrations subsequently returned to within the historical range and did not exceed the Environmental Goal in the current reporting period; and
- EC and TDS values at SW_E were generally higher compared to those at NC01 and SW_C.

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 below the Environmental Goals for surface water.

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. Consistent with increased TDS and EC values, concentrations of chloride and sulfate in surface water from SW_E spiked during 2019/20, but have returned to concentrations below the Environmental Goals during the current reporting period.

Consistent with EC and TDS, the major ion concentrations at SW_E were generally higher compared to those at NC01 and SW_C.

5.5.2.3 Metals

Throughout the reporting period iron 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. Consistent with major ion concentrations and TDS and EC values, the nickel concentrations are higher at SW_E, and SW_E accounts for all nickel exceedances from the midstream monitoring locations. Exceedances of total iron were reported at all midstream locations, but filtered iron only exceeded the Environmental Goals at SW_E.

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 spiked during the 2019/20 reporting period, but decreased to within the historical range during the current reporting period, although nickel concentrations remain above the Environmental Goals for surface water.

5.5.3 Downstream Monitoring Results

Locations WX22 (SW_F) and SW_G are considered to be 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.

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 6.72 to 7.58 and were within the Environmental Goal range for pH in surface water;
- Field measured EC values ranged from 211 $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$ to 930 $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$ and were generally consistent with laboratory determined TDS values. EC and TDS were reported below the respective Environmental Goals for surface water at both locations during the reporting period; and
- 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 most recently in January 2020. The trends at SW_G are similar to those described for WX22; however, monitoring data at SW_G has only been collected since May 2018. TDS remained below the Environmental Goal for surface water during the current reporting 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.

Trend graphs for WX22 and SW_G show chloride and sulfate concentrations have fluctuated over time and are consistent with TDS trends (i.e. typically increase during summer months). As per TDS concentrations, chloride and sulfate concentrations were highest during February 2014, February 2018 and January 2020 (in the 2019/20 reporting period), but concentrations of both analytes remained below the Environmental Goals during the current reporting period.

5.5.3.3 Metals

Throughout the reporting period, iron and nickel 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.

Trend graphs for WX22 and SW_G show boron, manganese and nickel concentrations have fluctuated over time and are generally consistent with TDS trends (i.e. concentrations of these selected metals typically increase during summer months). Boron and manganese concentrations were reported below the Environmental Goal for surface water during the current reporting period. Concentrations of nickel fluctuate and exceeded the Environmental Goal periodically throughout the reporting period.

5.6 Summary

Copper, iron, molybdenum, nickel and selenium and pH results were reported to exceed the relevant Environmental Goals for surface water at upstream monitoring locations (LDP01 and LMP01) at times during the reporting period.

However, with the exception of iron concentrations, results from midstream monitoring locations NC01 and SW_C were typically below the Environmental Goals for surface water. Iron concentrations and nickel concentrations were higher and exceeded the Environmental Goals for surface water at midstream monitoring location SW_E. The surface water quality at the midstream locations is improved during the current reporting period, compared to the spikes in concentration that were reported during 2019/20. This may reflect the higher rainfall during the current reporting period compared to 2019/20.

At the downstream monitoring locations (WX22 and SW_G), concentrations of iron and nickel in surface water exceeded the relevant Environmental Goals at times during the reporting period. The concentrations of iron and nickel were similar at the midstream monitoring location SW_E and downstream locations WX22 and SW_G. Compared to the spikes in concentration that were reported during the 2019/20 reporting period, the surface water quality at the downstream locations over the current reporting period is improved. This may reflect the higher rainfall during the current reporting period compared to 2019/20.

Iron concentrations consistently exceeded the Environmental Goals at midstream and downstream monitoring locations, and nickel exceeded the Environmental Goals at and downstream of WX22 during the current reporting period. Iron concentrations are related to background signature of iron in the local environment as a result of the mining history and disturbed geology.

Overall, however, surface water quality has improved in midstream and downstream locations compared to the 2019/20 reporting period, likely due to higher rainfall during the 2020/2021 reporting period. The periodic exceedances of Environmental Goals for pH and selected metals (excluding iron) in upstream surface water were not observed to extend to midstream surface water.

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 to the established Environmental Goals to assess changes in water quality and the extent to which changes may be related to activities associated 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.

Table 7: Groundwater Monitoring Network

| Bore ID | Location Description | Screened Material | Frequency | No. of Samples in 2020/21 |
|---|---|------------------------------|-----------|---------------------------|
| Within MPAR / mine disturbance area east of MPAR | | | | |
| B5 | Within the MPAR | Fill | Quarterly | 0 (blocked) |
| SW3-D | Within the southeast portion of the MPAR | Fill – clay/silty clay | Quarterly | 0 (dry) |
| MPGM4/D23 | Adjacent (south) of the MPAR | Sandstone | Quarterly | 0 (damaged) |
| MPGM4/D10 | East (downgradient) of the MPAR, and adjacent to LN Pond 2. | Fill / mine spoil | Quarterly | 4 |
| MPGM4/D11 | Within the eastern extent of the MPAR. | Fill beneath the ash | Quarterly | 2 |
| MPGM4/D19 | East (downgradient) of the Ash Repositories | Fill / mine spoil | Quarterly | 4 |
| D113 | East (downgradient) of the Ash Repositories. Nested (deeper) with D19 | Siltstone | Quarterly | 4 |
| Within mine disturbance area – south and southeast of MPAR | | | | |
| MPGM4/D15 | South of the Ash Repositories. | Sandstone and/or shale | Quarterly | 3 |
| MPGM4/D16 | South of the Ash Repositories. | Sandstone and/or shale | Quarterly | 4 |
| MPGM4/D17 | South of the Ash Repositories. | Sandstone and/or shale | Quarterly | 4 |
| MPGM4/D18 | South of the Ash Repositories. | Sandstone and/or shale | Quarterly | 4 |
| Adjacent MPAR – downgradient | | | | |
| MPGM4/D1 | North-east (downgradient) of the MPAR. | Mudstone, sandstone and coal | Quarterly | 4 |
| MPGM4/D9 | North-east (downgradient) of the MPAR and adjacent to Wangcol Creek | Alluvial deposits | Quarterly | 4 |

| Bore ID | Location Description | Screened Material | Frequency | No. of Samples in 2020/21 |
|--|---|----------------------------------|-----------|---------------------------|
| D102 | North-east (downgradient) of the MPAR and adjacent to Wangcol Creek. Nested (deeper) with D9. | Siltstone | Quarterly | 4 |
| D105 | East (downgradient) of the MPAR and adjacent Wangcol Creek. | Coal | Quarterly | 4 |
| MPGM4/D8 | East (downgradient) of the MPAR and adjacent to the northern side of Wangcol Creek. | Alluvial deposits | Quarterly | 4 |
| D104 | East (downgradient) of the MPAR and adjacent Wangcol Creek. | Sandstone | Quarterly | 4 |
| D103 | East (downgradient) of the MPAR and adjacent Wangcol Creek. | Coal and/or siltstone | Quarterly | 4 |
| MPGM4/D2 | East (downgradient) of the MPAR and adjacent Wangcol Creek. | Not known | Quarterly | 5 |
| Background and Adjacent MPAR | | | | |
| MPGM4/D4 | Background groundwater monitoring location, north-west (upgradient) of the MPAR. | Fill | Quarterly | 5 |
| MPGM4/D5 | Background groundwater monitoring location, north-west (upgradient) of the MPAR. | Mudstone/ Sandstone and coal | Quarterly | 5 |
| MPGM4/D3 | Background groundwater monitoring location, north (cross gradient) of the MPAR. | Sandstone and/or siltstone | Quarterly | 4 |
| D107 | North (cross gradient) of MPAR and adjacent Wangcol Creek. | Siltstone and/or shale | Quarterly | 4 |
| D106 | North (cross gradient) of MPAR and adjacent Wangcol Creek. | Weathered sandstone and/or Shale | Quarterly | 4 |
| Brine waste pond leak detection bores | | | | |
| MPGM5/D5 | Adjacent (downgradient) Brine Waste Pond A | Not known | Quarterly | 5 |
| MPGM5/D6 | Adjacent (downgradient) Brine Waste Pond B | Not known | Quarterly | 3 |
| MPGM/24 and MPGM/25 | Adjacent Settling Pond D (north-west) | Not known | Quarterly | 0 (dry) |
| MPGM/26 and MPGM/27 | Adjacent Settling Pond D (south-east) | Not known | Quarterly | 0 (dry) |

Some bores were sampled and results were reported more frequently than the planned quarterly monitoring. In those cases all data has been adopted in this assessment. Information provided by EnergyAustralia (email 10 September 2021) provided the following clarifications as to why some bores were not sampled as frequently as required. Bores MPGM5/D6 and MPGM4/D15 were not sampled quarterly; during February 2021 MPGM5/D6 did not recharge and no sample could be collected, and for one sampling round access to MPGM4/D15 was blocked due to excavation works.

Bore MPGM4/D11 was only sampled twice; in November 2020 the bore was buried in ash and in April 2021 the top of the extended bore casing was too high to collect a sample. Bores B5, SW3-D and MPGM4/D23 were not sampled during the reporting period because they were blocked (B5), recorded as dry (SW3-D), or damaged and unable to be sampled (MPGM4/D23).

6.3 Groundwater Monitoring Methodology

Groundwater quality monitoring was undertaken by Nalco on behalf of EnergyAustralia. Details regarding the Nalco sampling method and QA/QC program are presented in Appendix M.

6.4 Groundwater Quality Dataset

Nalco collected groundwater samples from 23 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 $0.45\ \mu\text{m}$ for dissolved metals.

The trace metals in groundwater samples were reported as both total (unfiltered) and dissolved (filtered) samples except for beryllium and mercury, which were reported as total sample concentrations only.

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.

The chloride and sulfate concentrations appear to be anomalously low in groundwater from bore D1 during November 2020 compared to the TDS value and the concentrations reported during the remainder of the reporting period. These major ion concentrations may be erroneous, but this is not considered to represent an issue with the overall data interpretation for this bore.

6.5 Groundwater Results

For the purpose of this discussion, the groundwater data review has considered the groundwater monitoring locations (see Figure 5) in five monitoring zones:

- Brine waste pond leak detection bores (MPGM5/D5, MPGM5/D6);
- Bores within MPAR / mine disturbance area east of MPAR (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 (boron, 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 showing groundwater elevations for each bore have been segregated to present graphs for bores in each monitoring zone described above (Appendix H). The hydrographs show that groundwater levels were generally stable during the reporting period, with slight fluctuations in groundwater elevation observed upgradient at bore MPGM4/D5, within the mine disturbance area (bores D16 and D17) and downgradient of MPAR (bores D1, D2 and D9) i.e. generally a lower groundwater elevation in November 2020 and a higher groundwater elevation in April 2021 (after high rainfall and localised flooding in early 2021, Section 3.1). As groundwater elevations were not all measured at the same time, this may influence the observed groundwater level trends.

Based on the data provided by EnergyAustralia, groundwater elevations at bore D11 appear to have decreased by approximately 7 m during the reporting period, from 913.4 m AHD in September 2020 to 906.3 m AHD in June 2021. However, in November 2020, the bore was buried in ash and in April 2021 the top of casing had been extended and was too high to collect a sample from the bore. The apparent decrease in groundwater elevation is therefore considered to be a result of the extended casing (which will need to be re-surveyed) rather than an actual decline in water level.

The groundwater elevation at bore D104 decreased between February and June 2021 by almost 1.5 m, based on the data provided by EnergyAustralia. The elevation of groundwater at bore D11 (including surveying of the top of casing) and bore D104 will continue to be monitored, and trends assessed during the next reporting period.

Consistent with 2019/20 monitoring results, the groundwater elevations at bore D18 fluctuated throughout the reporting period, with a possible correlation to rainfall events. Consistent with data reported during 2019/20, these observations are considered to indicate that the construction of this bore may be compromised.

One groundwater level data point is available for D23 and B5 during the current reporting period, but there was no groundwater level data available for SW3-D. Survey data is not available for bores MPGM5/D5 and MPGM5/D6, so the groundwater levels are reported as metres below top of casing, rather than as groundwater elevations. The presence of water at these locations is not inferred to reflect the regional groundwater table as these bores are installed to approximately 5 m above the water bearing zone targeted by other nearby monitoring bores.

Consistent with previous observations, 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 reporting period, as indicated in the seasonal groundwater flow contours presented in Figure 6a and Figure 6b.

6.5.2 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 MPGM4/D4 and MPGM4/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. Groundwater monitoring data for the current reporting period is presented in Appendix G, and summarised in Figure 8c. Trend graphs are provided in Appendix J.

6.5.2.1 Field Parameters

Field parameters monitored at these bores for the reporting period are summarised as follows:

- pH values for groundwater from MPGM4/D4 and MPGM4/D5 ranged from 3.39 to 6.05. The pH from bore D4 has been consistently acidic, varying from 3.39 to 3.57 during the reporting period, consistent with the 2019/20 monitoring. 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; and
- EC values obtained from field measurements were 750 $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$ to 1260 $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$ 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.

6.5.2.2 Major and Minor Ions

Throughout the reporting period, concentrations of major and minor ions, including chloride, fluoride, and sulfate were reported for 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.

6.5.2.3 Metals

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

Concentrations of metals were generally higher in groundwater from bore MPGM4/D4 (particularly arsenic and lead) when compared to concentrations in groundwater from bore MPGM4/D5. However, manganese concentrations were higher in groundwater from MPGM4/D5 compared to that from MPGM4/D4.

Trend graphs for up gradient (background) bores MPGM4/D4 and MPGM4/D5 show concentrations of boron, manganese and nickel are consistent with TDS values, and have remained stable and below the Environmental Goal for groundwater throughout the historical dataset, with the exception of the consistent exceedances of the Environmental Goal for manganese in groundwater from MPGM4/D5.

6.5.3 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 (D10, D11, D19 and D113) are summarised below and compared to the Environmental Goals for groundwater. Bores SW3-D, B5 and D23 are located within this area, but due to damaged, blocked or dry bores (insufficient water to sample), no groundwater quality data is available for these bores during this reporting period.

Groundwater monitoring data for the current reporting period is presented in Appendix G, and summarised in Figure 8a. Trend graphs showing concentrations versus time for key analytes are provided in Appendix J.

6.5.3.1 Field Parameters

Field parameters monitored at bores within the MPAR or in the mine disturbance area immediately to the east for the reporting period are summarised as follows:

- pH values of groundwater in this area were slightly acidic, ranging from 5.96 to 6.32 throughout the reporting period. Throughout the reporting period, pH values remained generally stable and similar to those reported in 2019/20; however, they were consistently lower than the Environmental Goal range for groundwater of 6.5 to 8.0; and
- EC values obtained from field measurements were 3,930 $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$ to 9,860 $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$, with average values being lower than in previous reporting period. TDS concentrations ranged from 2,970 mg/L to 8,260 mg/L. Both EC and TDS values in groundwater from these bores were consistently above the Environmental Goals for groundwater during the reporting period.

Trend graphs for data from 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 occurring from 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. TDS concentrations in groundwater from bores D10, D19 and D113 generally show a decreasing trend since mid 2018. Concentrations of TDS in groundwater from bore B5 (which was not sampled during the current reporting period as the bore was blocked) have previously been reported to be approximately five times the TDS of the other groundwater bores in this area, consistent with its elevation above the regional water table (Appendix H), at the base of the MPAR.

6.5.3.2 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 in groundwater from these four bores. Chloride concentrations in groundwater from bore D11 were consistently above the Environmental Goal for groundwater.

Trend graphs for bores within this area show chloride and sulfate concentrations have fluctuated over time. Consistent with TDS trends, chloride and sulfate concentrations increased in concentrations from approximately 2010 to approximately 2017; however, concentrations no longer appear to be increasing. Although concentrations of sulfate typically remain above the Environmental Goals for groundwater, chloride concentrations have decreased to below the Environmental Goals at D10, D19 and D113 since mid-2020.

6.5.3.3 Metals

Throughout the reporting period boron, chromium, copper, iron, lead, manganese, molybdenum and nickel were measured on one or more occasions at concentrations above the relevant Environmental Goals for groundwater in groundwater from bores D10, D11, D19 and D113. These results are presented in Appendix G, and summarised in Figure 8a. The Environmental Goals for groundwater for boron and iron were exceeded in all samples collected.

Trend graphs for bores within this area show boron, manganese and nickel concentrations have fluctuated over time. These selected metals were first reported at concentrations above the Environmental Goals for groundwater before 2010. Concentrations remain above the Environmental Goals on a consistent basis for boron in groundwater from all bores, and for manganese and nickel in D11. Concentrations of boron, manganese and nickel in groundwater appear relatively stable during the current reporting period at all locations, and have decreased since approximately 2019, particularly at bores D10 and D19 and D113.

6.5.4 Groundwater Quality within Mine Disturbance Area South and South-east of MPAR

Data obtained from groundwater bores that are considered to be situated within the mine disturbance area to the south and south-east of the MPAR is summarised below and compared to the groundwater Environmental Goals. Bores in this area include D15, D16, D17 and D18 and are located south to south-east of the Mt Piper Ash Repository. Groundwater monitoring data for the current reporting period is presented in Appendix G, and summarised in Figure 8b. Trend graphs are provided in Appendix J.

6.5.4.1 Field Parameters

Field parameters monitored at these bores situated within the Mt Piper Ash Repository and mine spoil disturbance area for the reporting period are summarised as follows:

- pH values in this area were 5.00 to 6.74 and remained generally stable. However, pH values were consistently lower than the Environmental Goal range for groundwater of 6.5 to 8.0 at all locations, with the exception of D18; and
- EC values obtained from field measurements were 670 $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$ to 3,520 $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$ with laboratory TDS concentrations of 378 mg/L to 2,870 mg/L. EC and TDS values were consistently above the Environmental Goals for groundwater in groundwater from bores D15 and D17, however were below the Environmental Goals for groundwater in groundwater from bores D16 and D18, consistent with the 2019/20 monitoring.

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

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 for groundwater from bores D15, D16, D17 and D18. Concentrations of sulfate were generally higher in groundwater from bore D15 and D17, relative to the other locations in this area, and were reported above the Environmental Goal for groundwater at D15 and D17. Chloride was reported below the Environmental Goals in groundwater from all bores. Fluoride was reported to exceed the Environmental Goal for groundwater in groundwater from D18 in November 2020.

Trend graphs for bores within this area show concentrations of chloride and sulfate in groundwater that are consistent with the TDS observations. Concentrations of chloride and sulfate increased in groundwater from bores D15 and D17 from about 2013 to 2019 and sulfate concentrations in groundwater from bore 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 sulfate and chloride remained below the Environmental Goals in groundwater from D16 during the current reporting period. Concentrations of chloride and sulfate in groundwater at D18 appear stable and remain below the Environmental Goals for groundwater.

6.5.4.3 Metals

Throughout the reporting period chromium, copper, iron, lead, nickel and zinc 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, consistent with the 2019/20 monitoring.

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 to have remained relatively stable, fluctuating within a similar concentration range at each monitoring bore in this area. The exception is for intermittent spikes in boron concentrations at D15 through the historical dataset, including during the 2019/20 reporting period. Concentrations of boron in groundwater from D15 and the other bores in this area were below the Environmental Goal for groundwater during the reporting period.

Concentrations of manganese appear relatively stable, although variable, at each location in this area. The highest manganese concentrations were reported in groundwater from D15 and D17. These were similar in magnitude, and higher than concentrations in groundwater from bores D16 and D18. Manganese concentrations in groundwater from bores D15 and D17 show an overall decreasing trend since approximately mid-2019. Manganese concentrations in groundwater from all bores in this area remained below the Environmental Goal for groundwater throughout the historical dataset and the reporting 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 have remained above the Environmental Goal since 2017. However, nickel concentrations in groundwater from D15 have, overall, decreased since 2019 and have continued to decrease during the current reporting period. Concentrations of manganese in groundwater from D16, D17 and D18 appear generally stable since at least 2014 and have remained below the Environmental Goal for groundwater throughout the historical dataset.

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 (cross gradient) are summarised with reference to the Environmental Goals for groundwater below. Groundwater monitoring data for the current reporting period is presented in Appendix G, and summarised in Figure 8c. Trend graphs are provided in Appendix J.

6.5.5.1 Field Parameters

Field parameters monitored at bores adjacent and to the north of the MPAR (cross gradient) for the reporting period are summarised as follows:

- pH values in this area were 5.84 to 6.22, 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; and

- EC values obtained from field measurements ranged from 306 $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$ to 15,330 $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$ and were generally consistent with laboratory TDS values reported between 196 mg/L and 14,400 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 has been stable and below the Environmental Goal for groundwater throughout the historical dataset. This is consistent with data from up gradient (background) bores MPGM4/D4 and MPGM4/D5.

Trend graphs for bores D107 and D106 show concentrations of TDS in groundwater are higher 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 those in groundwater from bore MPGM4/D3. Sulfate and chloride concentrations have consistently been above the Environmental Goals for groundwater in groundwater from bores D106 and D107 since they were first sampled in 2018, while concentrations at bore MPGM4/D3 remained below the Environmental Goals for groundwater. Fluoride concentrations in groundwater from each of these bores were below the Environmental Goal for groundwater.

Consistent with TDS, trend graphs of chloride and sulfate concentrations in groundwater from bore MPGM4/D3 indicate that concentrations 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 higher and have remained above the Environmental Goals for groundwater since September 2018 when these bores were first sampled.

6.5.5.3 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 Environmental Goals in groundwater from bores MPGM4/D3 (chromium, iron, and mercury), 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 in groundwater 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 are higher 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 below, with reference to the Environmental Goals for groundwater. Groundwater monitoring data for the current reporting period is presented in Appendix G, and summarised in Figure 8d. Trend graphs are provided in Appendix J.

6.5.6.1 Field Parameters

Field parameters monitored at bores located adjacent to and down hydraulic gradient of the MPAR for the reporting period are summarised as follows:

- pH values in groundwater from these bores ranged from 5.49 to 6.6, 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, with the exception of the pH at bore D2 in July 2020; and
- EC values obtained from field measurements were 211 $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$ to 10,420 $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$. The EC results were comparable to laboratory TDS values reported at 194 mg/L to 9,520 mg/L. Over the reporting period, EC and TDS values were consistently above the Environmental Goals in groundwater from bores MPGM4/D1, MPGM4/D9, D102, D103 and D105. No exceedances of the EC and TDS Environmental Goals for groundwater were reported for groundwater from bores MPGM4/D2, 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 the 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, and have increased since 2018.

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.

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.

TDS concentrations in groundwater from bore MPGM4/D2 have decreased since early 2020 and remained stable and below the Environmental Goal during the reporting period.

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. One fluoride concentration, measured in groundwater from bore MPGM4/D9 in April 2021, also exceeded the Environmental Goal.

Concentrations of major and minor ions were generally lower in groundwater from bores MPGM4/D2, MPGM4/D8 and D104 when compared to concentrations in groundwater from bores MPGM4/D1, MPGM4/D9, D102, D103 and D105. The difference in groundwater quality between these locations is considered likely to be due to the spatial distribution of these locations relative to the MPAR and related groundwater flow paths.

Sulfate was reported at concentrations above the Environmental Goal in groundwater from bores MPGM4/D1, D102, MPGM4/D9, D103 and D105, except during November 2020 at bore MPGM4/D1 (which may be erroneous, as noted in Section 6.4). No exceedances of the sulfate Environmental Goal for groundwater were reported at bores MPGM4/D2, MPGM4/D8 and D104 during the reporting period.

Chloride was reported at concentrations that were consistently above the Environmental Goal in groundwater from bores MPGM4/D1, D102 and MPGM4/D9, except during November 2020 at bore MPGM4/D1 (which may be erroneous, as noted in Section 6.4). Chloride concentrations in groundwater from D103 were equal to the Environmental Goal in August 2020, and no exceedances of the chloride Environmental Goal were reported in groundwater from bores MPGM4/D2, MPGM4/D8, D103, D104 and D105.

Trend graphs for bores within this area show concentrations of chloride and sulfate in groundwater are consistent with TDS and, in all but bore D8, 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 in groundwater from 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 and MPGM4/D9 since August 2018.

Chloride concentrations in groundwater from MPGM4/D2 generally increased, although fluctuating, until January 2020 when concentrations declined. 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 have declined to concentrations below the Environmental Goal since January 2020. Sulfate and chloride concentrations have been stable in groundwater from MPGM4/D2 since decreasing in early 2020.

Trend graphs for bore D103 show the concentration of sulfate has remained generally stable, above the Environmental Goal since September 2018 when the bore was first sampled. Concentrations of chloride in groundwater from 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, 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/D2, MPGM4/D8 and D104, with concentrations highest in groundwater from bores MPGM4/D1, MPGM4/D9, D102, D103 and D105.

Trend graphs show concentrations of boron, manganese and nickel are generally consistent with TDS values. Concentrations of nickel, manganese and boron have remained stable and below the Environmental Goals in groundwater from MPGM4/D8 and D104. In groundwater from MPGM4/D2, concentrations have fluctuated around the Environmental Goals, but have decreased since early 2020 and are stable, below the Environmental Goals for boron, manganese and nickel.

Trend graphs show that concentrations of boron, manganese and nickel in groundwater have increased over time at MPGM4/D1 and MPGM4/D9 to concentrations that remain above the Environmental Goals for groundwater.

Trend graphs for bores D102, D103 and D105 show relatively stable concentrations of boron, manganese and nickel and generally above the Environmental Goal for groundwater since September 2018 when these bores were first sampled. Concentrations of manganese and nickel appear to have declined at D103 since approximately May 2020.

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, but downgradient of the Brine Waste Holding Ponds) are summarised with reference to the Environmental Goals for groundwater below. These bores are installed to approximately 10 m below ground level and were constructed for the purpose of leak detection from the Brine Waste Holding Ponds. Therefore, the presence of water at these locations is not inferred to reflect the regional groundwater table. Groundwater monitoring data for the current reporting period is presented in Appendix G, and summarised in Figure 8e. Trend graphs are provided in Appendix J.

6.5.7.1 Field Parameters

Field parameters monitored at bores adjacent to the Brine Waste Holding Ponds for the reporting period are summarised as follows:

- pH values were 5.66 to 6.38, 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; and
- EC values obtained from field measurements at MPGM5/D5 were 13,550 $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$ to 23,440 $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$, and this was consistent with laboratory TDS values reported at 13,000 mg/L to 23,000 mg/L. EC and TDS values consistently exceeded the Environmental Goals for groundwater at bore MPGM5/D5. However, EC values obtained from field measurements at MPGM5/D6 were 1,290 $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$ to 1,570 $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$, also consistent with laboratory TDS values reported at 762 mg/L to 955 mg/L, and did not exceed the Environmental Goals.

Trend graphs show that TDS has historically remained below the Environmental Goals at both bores. Although there was a spike in TDS concentrations at MPGM5/D6 in 2019/20, including concentrations above the Environmental Goals, the TDS of groundwater at this bore has since returned to below the Environmental Goals and consistent with the historic range. Groundwater TDS at MPGM5/D5 also spiked in mid-2019 and, although decreasing, remains above the Environmental Goals and historic range for groundwater. The spike in concentrations are considered to be related to a tear identified in the liner at Brine Waste Pond A which was repaired during the 2019/20 reporting period and notified to the EPA (ERM, 2020a).

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 of chloride and sulfate were higher and above the Environmental Goal in groundwater from bore MPGM5/D5, but were lower and below the Environmental Goal at MPGM5/D6.

Fluoride concentrations were reported below the Environmental Goal at both locations; however, the laboratory limit of reporting (LOR) was raised at MPGM5/D5 above the Environmental Goal for groundwater during July 2020 and November 2020.

Trend graphs show a similar trend for chloride and sulfate as for TDS, i.e. a spike in concentrations in 2019 at both bores, with subsequently decreasing concentrations to either below the Environmental Goals and within the historical range (MPGM5/D6) or remaining above the Environmental Goals and historic range (MPGM5/D5).

6.5.7.3 Metals

Throughout the reporting period boron, cadmium, chromium, copper, iron, lead, manganese, mercury, molybdenum, nickel and selenium 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 compared to MPGM5/D6.

Trend graphs show a similar trend for boron, manganese and nickel as for TDS, i.e. a spike in concentrations in 2019 at both bores, with subsequently decreasing concentrations to either below the Environmental Goals and within the historical range (MPGM5/D6) or remaining above the Environmental Goals and historic range (MPGM5/D5).

6.6 Summary

6.6.1 Background bores – Up gradient Water Quality

Acidic groundwater and concentrations of metals including arsenic, iron, lead and/or manganese that exceeded the Environmental Goals were identified in groundwater from background bores MPGM4/D4 and MPGM4/D5. As these bores are located up hydraulic gradient, and away, from the MPAR the reported results 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 historically, as well as over the reporting period, 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 sulfate, chloride (D11 only) and metals including boron, chromium, copper, iron, lead, manganese, molybdenum, nickel 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 (D10, D11, D19 and D113). pH values in groundwater both within and downgradient of the MPAR were typically below (more acidic than) 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 in this area will continue to be monitored but is not discussed further.

Concentrations of 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.

The reported TDS, EC, sulfate, chloride, boron, chromium, copper, molybdenum and nickel concentrations in groundwater from bores in this area are considered elevated relative to upgradient locations. 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 the other metals 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.

However, there is evidence of decreasing trends in TDS, chloride, sulfate, boron, nickel and manganese in groundwater from D10, D19 and D113 during 2019/20 and stable trends during the current reporting period.

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 (D15, D16 and D17) in this area; they (D18 results) 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, except at D18, and were comparable to those reported in groundwater from 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 in groundwater from bore D15, and concentrations of copper, lead, nickel and zinc exceeded the Environmental Goals in groundwater from bore D15 only. Concentrations of zinc and nickel in groundwater from bore D15 were more elevated than other bores and relative to background groundwater conditions.

Concentrations of target analytes in groundwater from bore D16 were below the Environmental Goals for groundwater; however trend graphs presented in Appendix J indicate 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 seepage 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.

6.6.4 Groundwater Quality Adjacent to MPAR (north)

Groundwater quality at bore D3, which is the furthest up hydraulic gradient of the bores adjacent to MPAR was similar to the background groundwater conditions identified at 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 values were also comparable to those in groundwater from MPGM4/D5.

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

The EC, TDS, chloride, sulfate, boron and nickel concentrations in groundwater from bores 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 seepage 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

Some exceedances of the Environmental Goals for iron 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 MPGM4/D4 and MPGM4/D5, which were higher.

Concentrations of TDS, EC, sulfate, chloride, boron, iron, nickel and/or manganese that exceeded the Environmental Goals were reported in groundwater from bores MPGM4/D1, MPGM4/D9, D102, D103, and D105, 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 used to condition the BCA, and in groundwater beneath and immediately downgradient of the MPAR. Concentrations of these analytes in groundwater from bores MPGM4/D1, MPGM4/D9, D102, D103 and D105 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 concentrations of these key analytes in groundwater from MPGM4/D2 during the 2020/21 reporting period have declined compared to the previous reporting period, when apparently increasing concentrations were observed. Except for iron and pH, the concentrations of key analytes were below the Environmental Goal during the current reporting period, and the groundwater in this bore is considered to be representative of groundwater conditions in the area.

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 2019/20 reporting period did not occur during the current reporting period.

6.6.6 Groundwater Quality Adjacent to Brine Waste Holding Ponds

Concentrations of EC, TDS, chloride, sulfate, boron, cadmium, copper, nickel and selenium in groundwater from MPGM5/D5 have declined from the previous reporting period, although still exceeding the Environmental Goals. These concentrations are considered to be related to a tear identified in the liner at Brine Waste Pond A, which was repaired during the 2019/20 period and notified to the EPA. Concentrations of these analytes in groundwater from MPGM5/D6 have declined since late 2019 and are consistent with historical concentrations at this bore, remaining below the Environmental Goals during the current reporting period.

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 reporting 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 2011) 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 from the beginning of the 2019/20 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. Concentrations both above and below the laboratory limit of reporting and with respect to the relevant adopted background concentration (where available) are shown.

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

Table 8: Summary of Statistical Assessment for Target Analytes

| Monitoring Location | As | B | Cd | Cl | Cr | Cu | F | Fe | Pb | Mn | Hg | Mo | Ni | Se | SO ₄ | Zn | TDS | EC |
|---|---|------|------|------|----|------|----|------|----|------|----|------|------|------|-----------------|------|------|------|
| Surface Water | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| LMP01 | - | Down | NT | Down | NT | Down | - | NT | NT | NT | * | NT | NT | NT | Down | NT | NT | - |
| NC01 | - | Down | * | NT | * | Down | - | Down | NT | NT | * | Down | NT | NT | Down | NT | Down | - |
| SW_C | - | Down | * | NT | * | NT | - | Down | * | Down | * | NT | Down | NT | Down | NT | Down | - |
| S_E | - | NT | * | Down | NT | NT | - | NT | * | NT | * | NT | Down | NT | Down | NT | Down | - |
| WX22 | - | Down | NT | Down | NT | NT | - | NT | NT | NT | * | NT | NT | NT | Down | Down | Down | - |
| SW_G | - | NT | * | NT | * | NT | - | NT | * | NT | * | NT | NT | NT | Down | NT | Down | - |
| Within MPAR / mine disturbance area east of MPAR | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| B5 | Not sampled in current reporting period | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SW3-D | Not sampled in current reporting period | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| D23 | Not sampled in current reporting period | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| D10 | NT | Down | Down | Down | NT | NT | NT | NT | NT | NT | * | Up | Down | Down | Down | Down | Down | Down |
| D11 | NT | NT | * | NT | * | * | NT | NT | * | Down | * | * | NT | NT | Down | NT | NT | NT |
| D19 | NT | NT | NT | NT | NT | NT | NT | NT | NT | NT | NT | NT | NT | Down | NT | NT | NT | NT |
| D113 | NT | NT | NT | Down | NT | NT | * | Down | NT | Down | NT | NT | Down | NT | Down | Down | Down | NT |
| Within mine disturbance area – south and southeast of MPAR | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| D15 | NT | NT | NT | Down | NT | NT | * | NT | NT | NT | NT | NT | Down | NT | Down | NT | Down | Down |
| D16 | * | NT | * | Up | Up | * | NT | NT | * | NT | * | * | Up | * | NT | NT | Up | Up |
| D17 | Down | NT | * | NT | NT | * | NT | NT | * | Down | * | * | Down | * | NT | NT | NT | NT |
| D18 | NT | NT | NT | NT | Up | Up | NT | NT | NT | NT | * | Up | NT | NT | NT | NT | NT | NT |

| Monitoring Location | As | B | Cd | Cl | Cr | Cu | F | Fe | Pb | Mn | Hg | Mo | Ni | Se | SO ₄ | Zn | TDS | EC |
|---------------------|----|---|----|----|----|----|---|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----------------|----|-----|----|
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Background and Adjacent MPAR – North and Northeast

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|----------|----|------|------|----|----|----|----|------|----|------|----|---|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| MPGM4/D4 | NT | * | Down | Up | NT | NT | NT | Down | NT | NT | * | * | Down | Down | Down | Down | Down | Down |
| MPGM4/D5 | * | NT | * | NT | * | * | NT | NT | * | NT | * | * | Down | NT | Down | Down | NT | Down |
| MPGM4/D3 | * | Down | * | NT | Up | NT | NT | NT | * | NT | NT | * | Up | * | Down | NT | NT | Down |
| D107 | NT | NT | NT | NT | NT | NT | * | NT | NT | NT | * | * | NT | NT | NT | NT | NT | Up |
| D106 | NT | NT | NT | NT | NT | NT | * | NT | NT | Down | NT | * | NT | NT | NT | NT | NT | NT |

Adjacent MPAR – downgradient

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|----------|------|------|----|------|----|------|------|----|------|------|----|----|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| MPGM4/D1 | NT | Up | * | NT | * | NT | Up | NT | * | NT | * | * | NT | NT | NT | - | Up | Up |
| MPGM4/D9 | NT | NT | Up | NT | NT | Up | NT | NT | NT | Down | NT | NT | NT | Up | NT | NT | NT | NT |
| D102 | NT | NT | NT | Up | NT | Down | NT | NT | Down | NT | * | * | Up | Down | NT | NT | NT | Up |
| D105 | NT | Up | * | Up | * | * | * | NT | * | NT | * | * | NT | * | NT | NT | NT | Up |
| MPGM4/D8 | * | Down | * | Down | * | NT | Down | NT | NT | NT | * | * | NT | * | Down | NT | Down | Down |
| D103 | NT | Up | * | Down | NT | Down | NT | NT | * | NT | * | * | NT | NT | NT | NT | NT | Down |
| D104 | Down | Up | * | NT | NT | NT | NT | NT | NT | NT | * | * | Up | NT | NT | Up | NT | Up |
| MPGM4/D2 | NT | Down | * | Down | NT | Up | NT | NT | Up | NT | NT | * | Down | NT | Down | Down | Down | Down |

Brine waste pond leak detection bores

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

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

* Insufficient data with concentrations above LOR for GWSDAT trend analysis

x Insufficient data for GWSDAT trend analysis

7.4 Trend Assessment Summary

7.4.1 Surface Water

The statistically significant increasing trends reported during 2019/20 for copper and/or molybdenum in surface water from LMP01 and NC01 were not reported in the current reporting period. The statistically significant increasing trends for boron, nickel, chloride, sulfate, EC and TDS identified in surface water from WX22 were also not reported in the current reporting period.

Although not assessed statistically, visual assessment of pH values at SW_E and WX22 indicate increasing pH values (i.e. less acidic conditions) at these locations.

7.4.2 Groundwater

Statistically significant increasing trends were reported for boron downgradient of the MPAR in groundwater from MPGM4/D1, as well as from D103, D104 and D105.

Within and east of MPAR, groundwater concentration trends were generally stable (no trend) or decreasing, with the only statistically significant increasing trend being for molybdenum at D10. Concentrations of many analytes in groundwater from D10 and D113 reported statistically significant decreasing trends, which may indicate that, immediately downgradient of the MPAR, the concentration of key analytes in groundwater has declined. Although statistical analysis was not completed on pH data, visual analysis indicated increasing pH values in groundwater from some bores.

Analyte concentrations were also generally stable (no trend) or decreasing upgradient of MPAR in the groundwater from background bores, with statistically significant increasing concentrations only reported for selected bores and locations, including chloride at D4 and both chromium and nickel at D3. This is consistent with the location of these bores upgradient of MPAR.

Adjacent to MPAR to the north, EC showed a statistically significant increasing trend at D107, and pH at D106 based on visual analysis.

The majority of statistically significant increasing trends were reported in groundwater from downgradient of MPAR, including multiple increasing trends for selected bores (boron, fluoride, TDS and EC at MPGM4/D1; cadmium, copper and selenium at MPGM4/D9; chloride, nickel and EC at D102; boron, chloride and EC at D105; boron, nickel, zinc and EC at D104). Concentrations were also statistically significant increasing at D103 for boron, and at D2 for copper and lead only. These elevated concentrations and increasing trends 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.

Concentrations in groundwater from bore MPGM4/D8, located north of Wangcol Creek, were stable or showed a statistically significant decreasing trend.

Within the mine disturbance areas to the south and south-east of MPAR, concentrations of chloride, chromium, copper, molybdenum, nickel, TDS and/or EC in groundwater from bores D16 and D18 showed some statistically significant increasing trends. Consistent with the 2019/20 report (ERM, 2020a), 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. Stable or statistically significant decreasing trends were reported in groundwater from D15 and D17.

Consistent with the discussion above, statistically significant decreasing trends were noted for many analytes in groundwater from leak detection monitoring bore MPGM5/D5. Trends were stable or decreasing, with the exception of pH, at MPGM5/D6. The improvement of water quality in these bores is consistent with the liner repairs at Brine Waste Pond A undertaken in 2019/20 reporting period.

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 groundwater to the north-east and hydraulically downgradient 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 evaluated as part of the independent assessment.

The statistically significant increasing trends in groundwater at bore D16 are potentially an early warning that operations at the neighbouring coal washery facility (i.e. in areas not controlled or managed by EnergyAustralia) may be influencing the quality of groundwater in the southern extent of the monitoring area.

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 in 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 to the east at D106 and D107, to the downgradient at MPGM4/D1, MPGM4/D9, D102 and to a lesser extent at D105 and D103. Groundwater quality generally appears to be improving at MPGM4/D2 based on statistical trend assessment (decreasing trends) and concentrations that are more similar to the background conditions;
- Potential interaction of this impacted groundwater with the surface water of Wangcol Creek was identified during the 2019/20 reporting period (ERM, 2020a). However, the surface water quality indicated by monitoring locations to the northeast of MPAR, including midstream at SW_E and downstream at WX22 and SW_G, were generally improved during the current reporting period. The improved surface water quality, as supported by the decreasing trends for TDS, chloride and/or sulfate at these locations, may reflect the higher rainfall during the current reporting period compared to 2019/20;
- Although concentrations in groundwater currently remain below the Environmental Goals, consistent with the 2019/20 monitoring, concentrations of chloride, nickel, EC and TDS increased in groundwater from D16. 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;
- Concentrations of boron, cadmium, chloride, iron, manganese, nickel, selenium, sulfate, zinc, TDS and/or EC in groundwater to the east to MPAR at D10, D11, D19 and D103 indicate decreasing trends. This may indicate that, immediately downgradient of MPAR, the concentration of key analytes in groundwater has declined; and
- Following repair of the liner at the Brine Waste Ponds, groundwater quality is improved at MPGM5/D6 and is continuing to improve (as shown by decreasing trends) at MPGM5/D5.

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 historically been shown to be affected, primarily through the flow of groundwater into the creek during periods of low rainfall. This is currently subject to review and management as part of the independent assessment.

Where increasing trends have been identified, these have been recognised as triggers for action in accordance with the TARPs. In the case of groundwater, and historically surface water, to the northeast and down hydraulic gradient of MPAR, the independent assessment, including assessment of potential mitigation measures continues. 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.

Consistent with the 2019/20 monitoring, the statistically significant increasing trends in groundwater at bore D16 are potentially an early warning that operations at the neighbouring coal washery facility (in areas not controlled or managed by EnergyAustralia) may be influencing the quality of groundwater in the southern extent of the monitoring area. This should be assessed further in consultation with the neighbouring land holder as appropriate.

Consistent with the 2019/20 monitoring, due to bore construction appearing to have been compromised, permanently blocked, or bores repeatedly being dry or inaccessible, it is recommended that monitoring of bores B5, D18, SW3D and D23 be removed from the monitoring program during future revision of the WMP and these bores be decommissioned if damaged.

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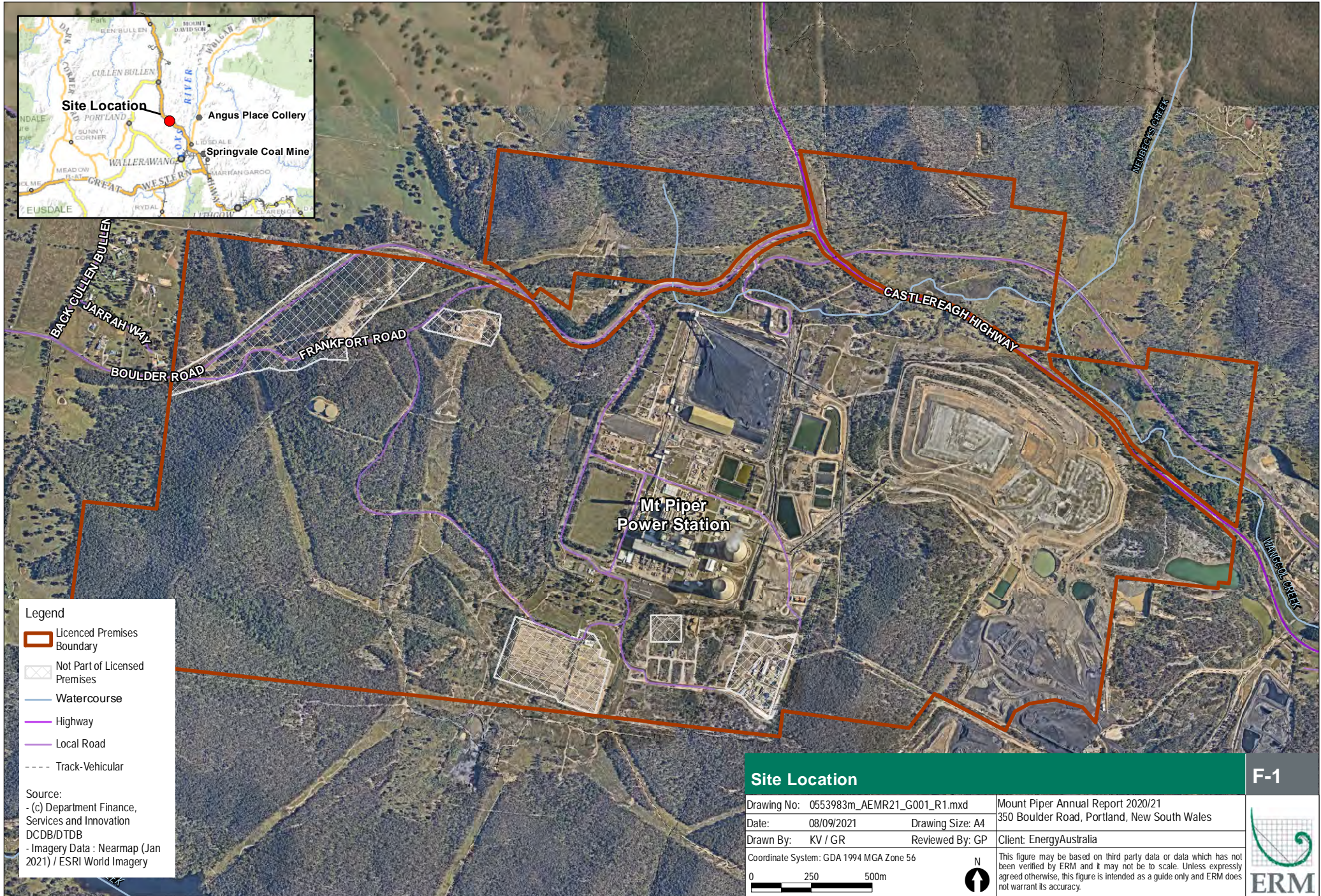
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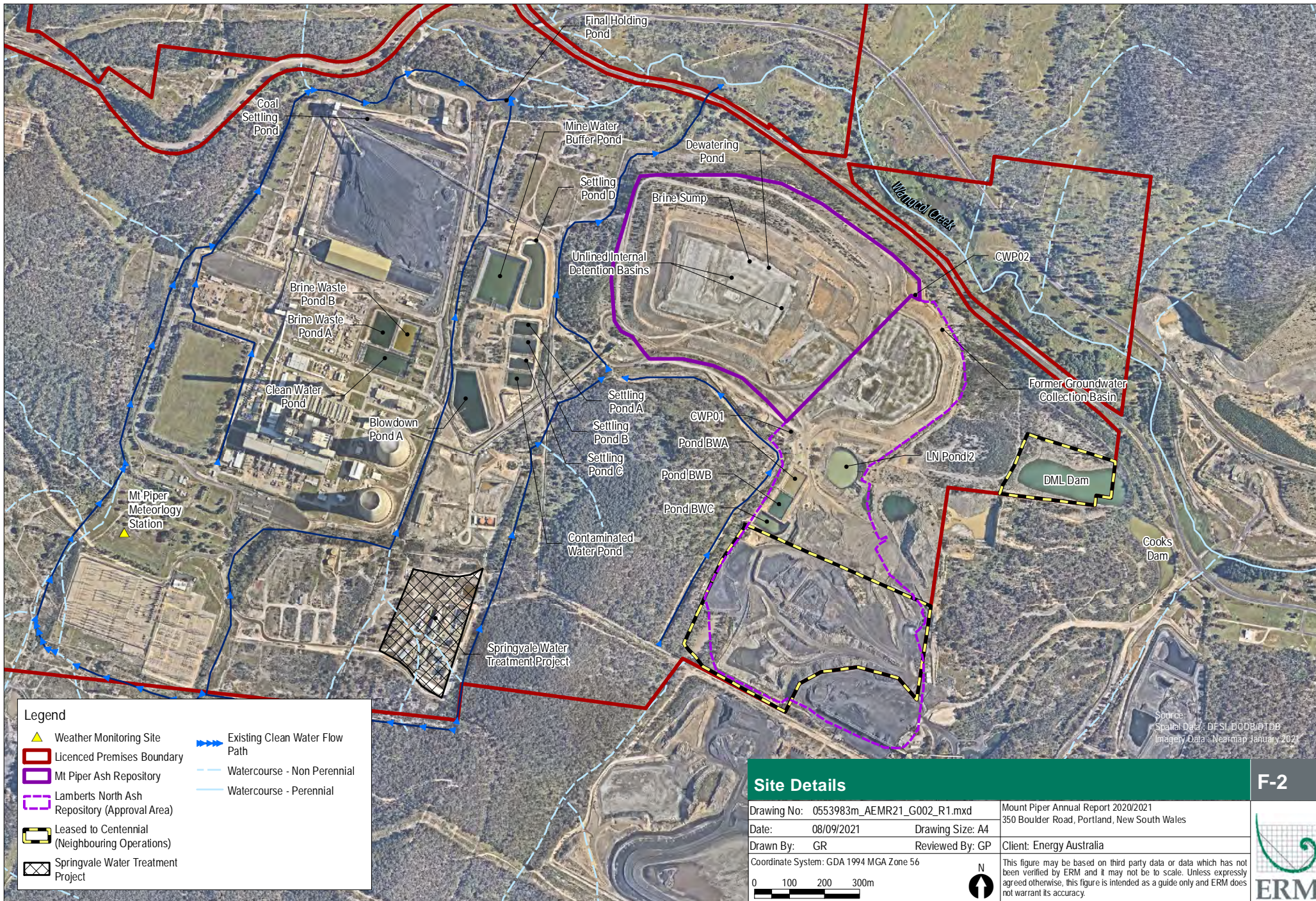


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| Site Location | | F-1 |
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| Drawing No: 0553983m_AEMR21_G001_R1.mxd | Mount Piper Annual Report 2020/21 |  |
| Date: 08/09/2021 | 350 Boulder Road, Portland, New South Wales | |
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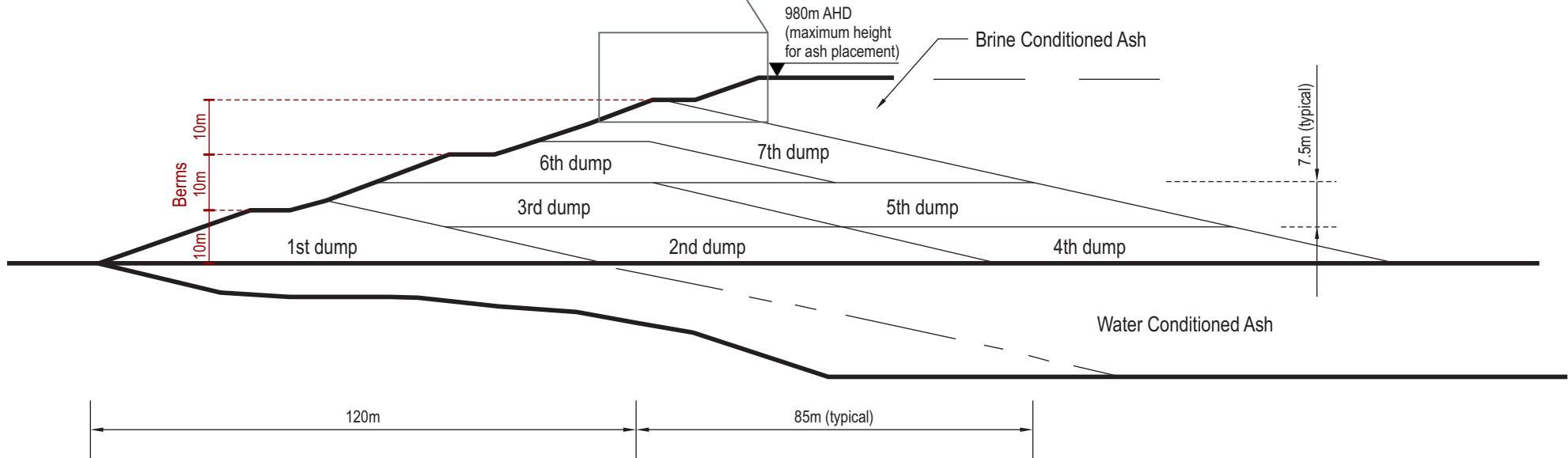
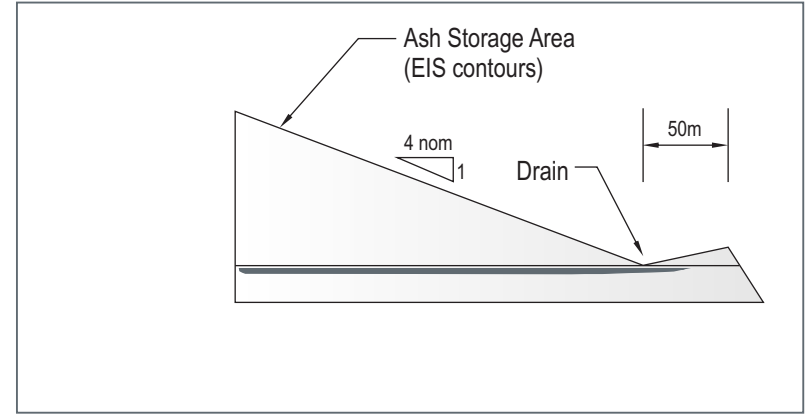
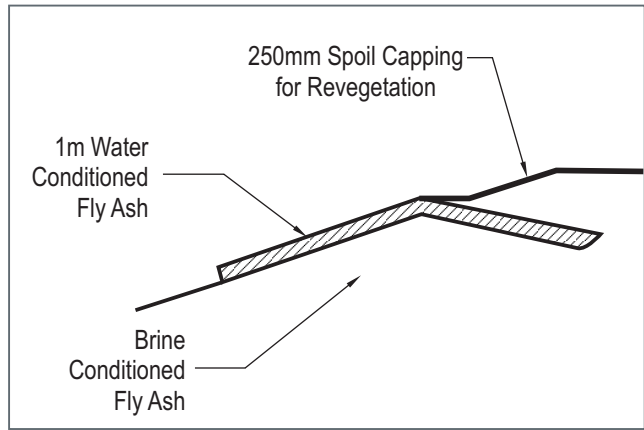


Legend

- ▲ Weather Monitoring Site
- Licenced Premises Boundary
- Mt Piper Ash Repository
- Lamberts North Ash Repository (Approval Area)
- Leased to Centennial (Neighbouring Operations)
- Springvale Water Treatment Project
- ➔ Existing Clean Water Flow Path
- Watercourse - Non Perennial
- Watercourse - Perennial


| Site Details | | F-2 |
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| Drawing No: 0553983m_AEMR21_G002_R1.mxd | Mount Piper Annual Report 2020/2021 | |
| Date: 08/09/2021 | Drawing Size: A4 | 350 Boulder Road, Portland, New South Wales |
| Drawn By: GR | Reviewed By: GP | Client: Energy Australia |
| Coordinate System: GDA 1994 MGA Zone 56 | | |
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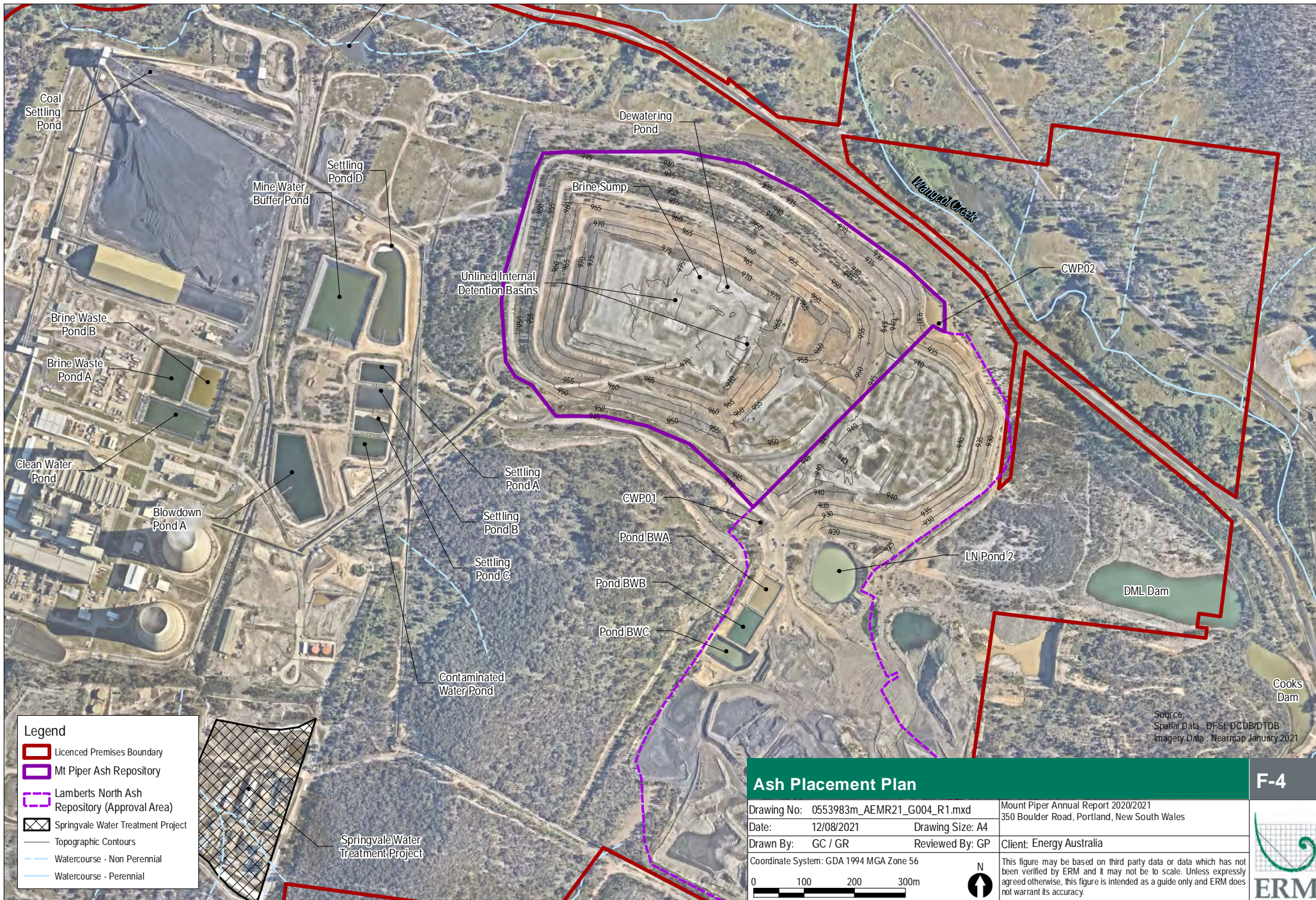
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Imagery Data: Nearmap January 2021



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 |
|--|--|--|
| Drawing No: 0553983m_AEMR_C001_R1.cdr | Mount Piper Annual Report 2020/2021 350 Boulder Road, Portland, New South Wales | |
| Date: 16/08/2021 | Drawing size: A4 | |
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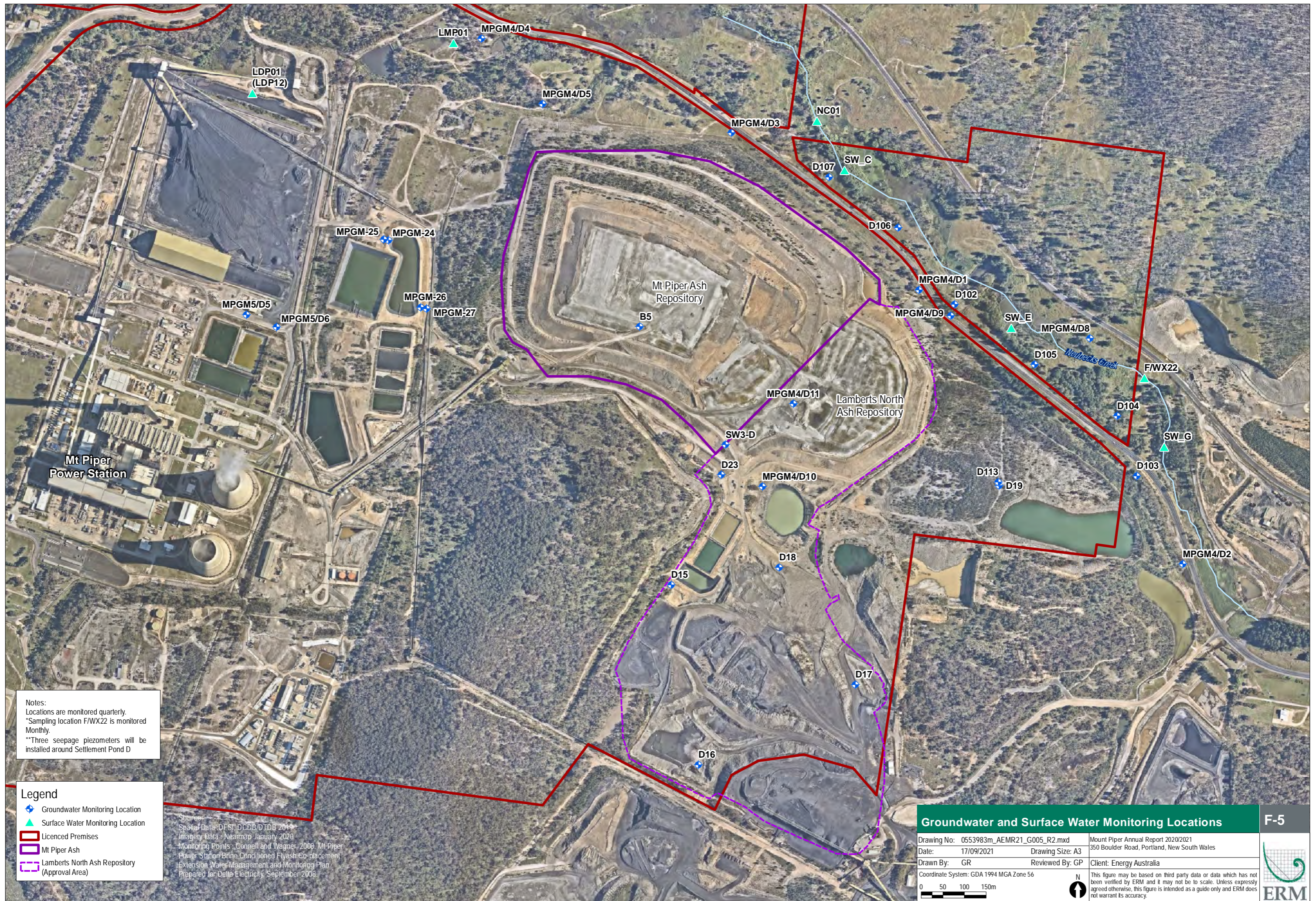


Legend

- Licenced Premises Boundary
- Mt Piper Ash Repository
- Lamberts North Ash Repository (Approval Area)
- Springvale Water Treatment Project
- Topographic Contours
- Watercourse - Non Perennial
- Watercourse - Perennial

| Ash Placement Plan | | F-4 |
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| Drawing No: 0553983m_AEMR21_G004_R1.mxd | Mount Piper Annual Report 2020/2021 350 Boulder Road, Portland, New South Wales | |
| Date: 12/08/2021 | Drawing Size: A4 | |
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Imagery Data : Nearmap January 2021





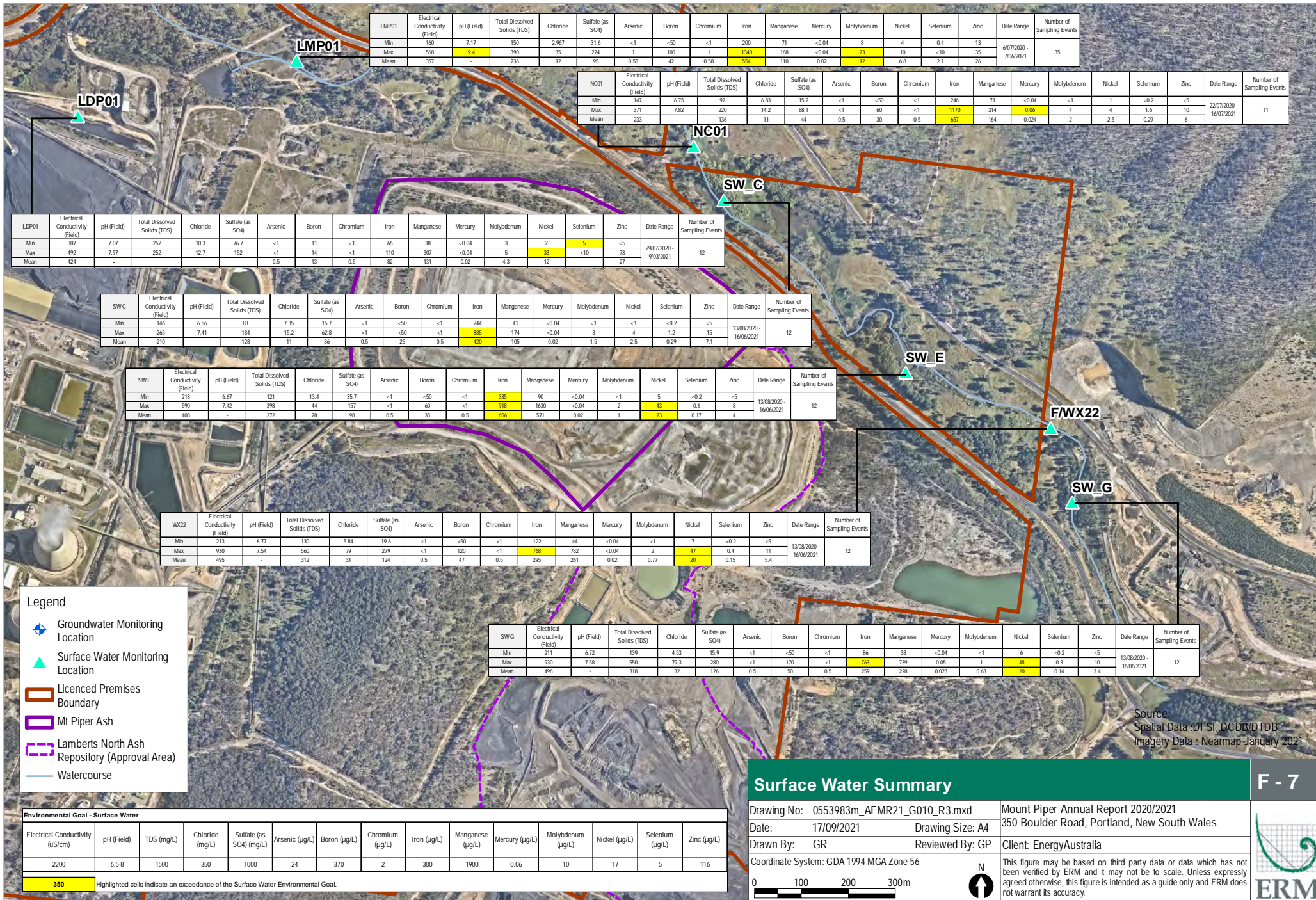
Notes:
 Locations are monitored quarterly.
 *Sampling location FWX22 is monitored Monthly.
 **Three seepage piezometers will be installed around Settlement Pond D

Legend

- ◆ Groundwater Monitoring Location
- ▲ Surface Water Monitoring Location
- Licenced Premises
- Mt Piper Ash
- Lamberts North Ash Repository (Approval Area)

Source:
 Spatial Data - DFST DCDB/DTOB 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 | | F-5 |
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| Drawing No: 0553983m_AEMR21_G005_R2.mxd | Mount Piper Annual Report 2020/2021 |  |
| Date: 17/09/2021 | Drawing Size: A3 | |
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| LMP01 | Electrical Conductivity (Field) | pH (Field) | Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) | Chloride | Sulfate (as SO4) | Arsenic | Boron | Chromium | Iron | Manganese | Mercury | Molybdenum | Nickel | Selenium | Zinc | Date Range | Number of Sampling Events |
|-------|---------------------------------|------------|------------------------------|----------|------------------|---------|-------|----------|------|-----------|---------|------------|--------|----------|------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| Min | 160 | 7.17 | 150 | 2,967 | 31.6 | <1 | <50 | <1 | 200 | 71 | <0.04 | 8 | 4 | 0.4 | 13 | 6/07/2020 - 7/06/2021 | 35 |
| Max | 568 | 9.4 | 390 | 35 | 224 | 1 | 100 | 1 | 1340 | 168 | <0.04 | 23 | 10 | <10 | 35 | | |
| Mean | 357 | - | 236 | 12 | 95 | 0.58 | 42 | 0.58 | 554 | 110 | 0.02 | 12 | 6.8 | 2.1 | 26 | | |

| NC01 | Electrical Conductivity (Field) | pH (Field) | Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) | Chloride | Sulfate (as SO4) | Arsenic | Boron | Chromium | Iron | Manganese | Mercury | Molybdenum | Nickel | Selenium | Zinc | Date Range | Number of Sampling Events |
|------|---------------------------------|------------|------------------------------|----------|------------------|---------|-------|----------|------|-----------|---------|------------|--------|----------|------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Min | 147 | 6.75 | 92 | 6.83 | 15.2 | <1 | <50 | <1 | 246 | 71 | <0.04 | <1 | 1 | <0.2 | <5 | 22/07/2020 - 16/07/2021 | 11 |
| Max | 371 | 7.82 | 220 | 14.2 | 88.1 | <1 | 60 | <1 | 1170 | 314 | 0.06 | 4 | 4 | 1.6 | 10 | | |
| Mean | 233 | - | 136 | 11 | 44 | 0.5 | 30 | 0.5 | 657 | 164 | 0.024 | 2 | 2.5 | 0.29 | 6 | | |

| LDP01 | Electrical Conductivity (Field) | pH (Field) | Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) | Chloride | Sulfate (as SO4) | Arsenic | Boron | Chromium | Iron | Manganese | Mercury | Molybdenum | Nickel | Selenium | Zinc | Date Range | Number of Sampling Events |
|-------|---------------------------------|------------|------------------------------|----------|------------------|---------|-------|----------|------|-----------|---------|------------|--------|----------|------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| Min | 307 | 7.07 | 252 | 10.3 | 76.7 | <1 | 11 | <1 | 66 | 38 | <0.04 | 3 | 2 | 5 | <5 | 29/07/2020 - 9/03/2021 | 12 |
| Max | 492 | 7.97 | 252 | 12.7 | 152 | <1 | 14 | <1 | 110 | 307 | <0.04 | 5 | 33 | <10 | 73 | | |
| Mean | 424 | - | - | - | - | 0.5 | 13 | 0.5 | 82 | 131 | 0.02 | 4.3 | 12 | - | 27 | | |

| SW_C | Electrical Conductivity (Field) | pH (Field) | Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) | Chloride | Sulfate (as SO4) | Arsenic | Boron | Chromium | Iron | Manganese | Mercury | Molybdenum | Nickel | Selenium | Zinc | Date Range | Number of Sampling Events |
|------|---------------------------------|------------|------------------------------|----------|------------------|---------|-------|----------|------|-----------|---------|------------|--------|----------|------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Min | 146 | 6.56 | 83 | 7.35 | 15.7 | <1 | <50 | <1 | 244 | 41 | <0.04 | <1 | <1 | <0.2 | <5 | 13/08/2020 - 16/06/2021 | 12 |
| Max | 265 | 7.41 | 184 | 15.2 | 62.8 | <1 | <50 | <1 | 885 | 174 | <0.04 | 3 | 4 | 1.2 | 15 | | |
| Mean | 210 | - | - | - | - | 0.5 | 25 | 0.5 | 420 | 105 | 0.02 | 1.5 | 2.5 | 0.29 | 7.1 | | |

| SW_E | Electrical Conductivity (Field) | pH (Field) | Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) | Chloride | Sulfate (as SO4) | Arsenic | Boron | Chromium | Iron | Manganese | Mercury | Molybdenum | Nickel | Selenium | Zinc | Date Range | Number of Sampling Events |
|------|---------------------------------|------------|------------------------------|----------|------------------|---------|-------|----------|------|-----------|---------|------------|--------|----------|------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Min | 218 | 6.67 | 121 | 13.4 | 35.7 | <1 | <50 | <1 | 335 | 90 | <0.04 | <1 | 5 | <0.2 | <5 | 13/08/2020 - 16/06/2021 | 12 |
| Max | 590 | 7.42 | 398 | 44 | 157 | <1 | 60 | <1 | 918 | 1630 | <0.04 | 2 | 43 | 0.6 | 8 | | |
| Mean | 408 | - | - | - | - | 0.5 | 33 | 0.5 | 656 | 571 | 0.02 | 1 | 23 | 0.17 | 4 | | |

| WX22 | Electrical Conductivity (Field) | pH (Field) | Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) | Chloride | Sulfate (as SO4) | Arsenic | Boron | Chromium | Iron | Manganese | Mercury | Molybdenum | Nickel | Selenium | Zinc | Date Range | Number of Sampling Events |
|------|---------------------------------|------------|------------------------------|----------|------------------|---------|-------|----------|------|-----------|---------|------------|--------|----------|------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Min | 213 | 6.77 | 130 | 5.84 | 19.6 | <1 | <50 | <1 | 122 | 44 | <0.04 | <1 | 7 | <0.2 | <5 | 13/08/2020 - 16/06/2021 | 12 |
| Max | 930 | 7.54 | 560 | 79 | 279 | <1 | 120 | <1 | 768 | 782 | <0.04 | 2 | 47 | 0.4 | 11 | | |
| Mean | 495 | - | - | - | - | 0.5 | 47 | 0.5 | 295 | 261 | 0.02 | 0.77 | 20 | 0.15 | 5.4 | | |

| SW_G | Electrical Conductivity (Field) | pH (Field) | Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) | Chloride | Sulfate (as SO4) | Arsenic | Boron | Chromium | Iron | Manganese | Mercury | Molybdenum | Nickel | Selenium | Zinc | Date Range | Number of Sampling Events |
|------|---------------------------------|------------|------------------------------|----------|------------------|---------|-------|----------|------|-----------|---------|------------|--------|----------|------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Min | 211 | 6.72 | 139 | 4.53 | 15.9 | <1 | <50 | <1 | 86 | 38 | <0.04 | <1 | 6 | <0.2 | <5 | 13/08/2020 - 16/06/2021 | 12 |
| Max | 930 | 7.58 | 550 | 79.3 | 280 | <1 | 170 | <1 | 763 | 739 | 0.05 | 1 | 48 | 0.3 | 10 | | |
| Mean | 496 | - | - | - | - | 0.5 | 50 | 0.5 | 259 | 228 | 0.023 | 0.63 | 20 | 0.14 | 3.4 | | |

Legend

- Groundwater Monitoring Location
- Surface Water Monitoring Location
- Licensed Premises Boundary
- Mt Piper Ash
- Lamberts North Ash Repository (Approval Area)
- Watercourse

| Environmental Goal - Surface Water | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|------------|------------|-----------------|-------------------------|----------------|--------------|-----------------|-------------|------------------|----------------|-------------------|---------------|-----------------|-------------|---|
| 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) | Mercury (ug/L) | Molybdenum (ug/L) | Nickel (ug/L) | Selenium (ug/L) | Zinc (ug/L) | |
| 2200 | 6.5-8 | 1500 | 350 | 1000 | 24 | 370 | 2 | 300 | 1900 | 0.06 | 10 | 17 | 5 | 116 | |
| 350 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Highlighted cells indicate an exceedance of the Surface Water Environmental Goal. |

Surface Water Summary

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| Drawing No: 0553983m_AEMR21_G010_R3.mxd | Mount Piper Annual Report 2020/2021 |
| Date: 17/09/2021 | Drawing Size: A4 |
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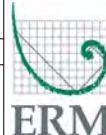
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Source: Spatial Data : DFSI, DCDB/DTDB
Imagery Data : Nearnap January 2021

Notes:
B5, D23 and SW3-D were not sampled

| D113 | Electrical Conductivity (Field) | pH (Field) | Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) | Chloride | Fluoride | Sulfate (as SO4) | Arsenic | Boron | Cadmium | Chromium | Copper | Iron | Lead | Manganese | Mercury | Molybdenum | Nickel | Selenium | Zinc | Date Range | Number of Sampling Events |
|------|---------------------------------|------------|------------------------------|----------|----------|------------------|---------|-------|---------|----------|--------|-------|------|-----------|---------|------------|--------|----------|------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Min | 4170 | 5.96 | 3190 | 245 | 0.311 | 1870 | 1 | 1710 | 0.1 | 7 | <1 | 13300 | 3 | 4900 | <0.04 | <1 | 441 | <0.2 | 264 | 12/08/2020 - 24/06/2021 | 4 |
| Max | 4500 | 6.04 | 3490 | 284 | <0.5 | 2080 | 8 | 1760 | 1.8 | 23 | 5 | 14200 | 7 | 6180 | <0.04 | 1 | 474 | 0.2 | 297 | | |
| Mean | 4295 | - | 3330 | 273 | 0.27 | 1965 | 3 | 1740 | 0.55 | 12 | 2 | 13825 | 4.8 | 5468 | 0.02 | 0.63 | 459 | 0.13 | 279 | | |

| D11 | Electrical Conductivity (Field) | pH (Field) | Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) | Chloride | Fluoride | Sulfate (as SO4) | Arsenic | Boron | Cadmium | Chromium | Copper | Iron | Lead | Manganese | Mercury | Molybdenum | Nickel | Selenium | Zinc | Date Range | Number of Sampling Events |
|------|---------------------------------|------------|------------------------------|----------|----------|------------------|---------|-------|---------|----------|--------|--------|------|-----------|---------|------------|--------|----------|------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Min | 9290 | 6.25 | 8200 | 917 | 0.435 | 4270 | 3 | 2260 | <0.1 | <1 | <1 | 102000 | <1 | 14200 | <0.04 | <1 | 839 | 0.3 | 23 | 17/09/2020 - 30/06/2021 | 2 |
| Max | 9860 | 6.32 | 8620 | 929 | <1 | 4320 | 6 | 2990 | <0.1 | <1 | <1 | 102000 | <1 | 14200 | <0.04 | 9 | 879 | 0.5 | 28 | | |
| Mean | 9575 | - | 8410 | 923 | - | 4295 | 4.5 | 2625 | - | 0.05 | 0.5 | - | 0.5 | - | 0.02 | 4.75 | 859 | 0.4 | 25.5 | | |

| D10 | Electrical Conductivity (Field) | pH (Field) | Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) | Chloride | Fluoride | Sulfate (as SO4) | Arsenic | Boron | Cadmium | Chromium | Copper | Iron | Lead | Manganese | Mercury | Molybdenum | Nickel | Selenium | Zinc | Date Range | Number of Sampling Events |
|------|---------------------------------|------------|------------------------------|----------|----------|------------------|---------|-------|---------|----------|--------|-------|------|-----------|---------|------------|--------|----------|------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Min | 4000 | 5.98 | 2970 | 230 | 0.463 | 1500 | 2 | 1020 | 0.1 | <1 | <1 | 12000 | 3 | 2940 | <0.04 | 2 | 367 | 0.4 | 44 | 17/09/2020 - 30/06/2021 | 4 |
| Max | 5190 | 6.22 | 4140 | 345 | 0.643 | 2210 | 8 | 1440 | 0.9 | 15 | 1 | 16000 | 32 | 3750 | <0.04 | 17 | 538 | 0.8 | 621 | | |
| Mean | 4643 | - | 3565 | 304 | 0.4 | 1920 | 4 | 1223 | 0.3 | 4.3 | 0.63 | 14533 | 13 | 3243 | 0.02 | 6.8 | 431 | 0.55 | 339 | | |

| D19 | Electrical Conductivity (Field) | pH (Field) | Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) | Chloride | Fluoride | Sulfate (as SO4) | Arsenic | Boron | Cadmium | Chromium | Copper | Iron | Lead | Manganese | Mercury | Molybdenum | Nickel | Selenium | Zinc | Date Range | Number of Sampling Events |
|------|---------------------------------|------------|------------------------------|----------|----------|------------------|---------|-------|---------|----------|--------|-------|------|-----------|---------|------------|--------|----------|------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Min | 3930 | 6.04 | 3080 | 244 | 0.453 | 1690 | <1 | 1530 | <0.1 | <1 | <1 | 14200 | 2 | 5010 | <0.04 | <1 | 424 | <0.2 | 196 | 16/09/2020 - 24/06/2021 | 4 |
| Max | 4140 | 6.08 | 3290 | 267 | <0.5 | 1930 | 4 | 1830 | 0.1 | 32 | 5 | 17400 | 10 | 5440 | <0.04 | 1 | 515 | 0.4 | 260 | | |
| Mean | 4083 | - | 3175 | 257 | 0.3 | 1803 | 2.6 | 1658 | 0.088 | 10 | 2.6 | 16267 | 7 | 5167 | 0.02 | 0.63 | 455 | 0.23 | 230 | | |

Legend

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

Environmental Goal - Groundwater

| Electrical Conductivity (µS/cm) | pH (Field) | TDS (mg/L) | Chloride (mg/L) | Fluoride (mg/L) | Sulfate (as SO4) (mg/L) | Arsenic (µg/L) | Boron (µg/L) | Cadmium (µg/L) | Chromium (µg/L) | Copper (mg/L) | Iron (µg/L) | Lead (µg/L) | Manganese (µg/L) | Mercury (µg/L) | Molybdenum (µg/L) | Nickel (µg/L) | Selenium (µg/L) | Zinc (µg/L) | |
|---------------------------------|------------|------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|-----------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|------------------|----------------|-------------------|---------------|-----------------|-------------|--|
| 2600 | 6.5-8 | 2000 | 350 | 1.5 | 1000 | 24 | 370 | 2 | 5 | 5 | 664 | 5 | 5704 | 0.06 | 10 | 550.9 | 5 | 908 | |
| 380 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

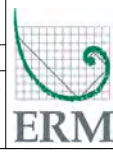
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Groundwater Summary – Within MPAR / Mine Disturbance Area East of MPAR

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| Drawing No: 0553983m_AEMR21_G011_R0.mxd | Mount Piper Annual Report 2020/2021 |
| Date: 26/08/2021 | Drawing Size: A4 |
| Drawn By: GR | Reviewed By: GP |
| Client: EnergyAustralia | |
| Coordinate System: GDA 1994 MGA Zone 56 | |

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Source:
Spatial Data: DFSI, DCDB/D.TDB
Imagery Data: Nearnap January 2021

| D18 | Electrical Conductivity (Field) | pH (Field) | Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) | Chloride | Fluoride | Sulfate (as SO4) | Arsenic | Boron | Cadmium | Chromium | Copper | Iron | Lead | Manganese | Mercury | Molybdenum | Nickel | Selenium | Zinc | Date Range | Number of Sampling Events |
|------|---------------------------------|------------|------------------------------|----------|----------|------------------|---------|-------|---------|----------|--------|------|------|-----------|---------|------------|--------|----------|------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Min | 670 | 6.67 | 378 | 7.53 | 0.274 | 7.42 | <1 | <50 | <0.1 | <1 | <1 | 200 | <1 | 48 | <0.04 | 3 | 3 | <0.2 | 22 | 17/09/2020 - 25/06/2021 | 4 |
| Max | 680 | 6.74 | 408 | 77.7 | 3.04 | 88.7 | 14 | 90 | 0.2 | 7 | 2 | 570 | <1 | 102 | 0.06 | 7 | 8 | 0.5 | 33 | | |
| Mean | 673 | - | 392 | 26 | 1.1 | 29 | 4.9 | 61 | 0.088 | 2.5 | 1 | 356 | 0.5 | 76 | 0.03 | 5.3 | 5 | 0.2 | 28 | | |

| D15 | Electrical Conductivity (Field) | pH (Field) | Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) | Chloride | Fluoride | Sulfate (as SO4) | Arsenic | Boron | Cadmium | Chromium | Copper | Iron | Lead | Manganese | Mercury | Molybdenum | Nickel | Selenium | Zinc | Date Range | Number of Sampling Events |
|------|---------------------------------|------------|------------------------------|----------|----------|------------------|---------|-------|---------|----------|--------|-------|------|-----------|---------|------------|--------|----------|------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Min | 2790 | 5 | 2260 | 138 | <0.5 | 1460 | 3 | 180 | 0.2 | 1 | 1 | 22700 | 4 | 1480 | <0.04 | <1 | 596 | 0.2 | 1010 | 16/09/2020 - 24/06/2021 | 3 |
| Max | 3280 | 5.13 | 2790 | 228 | <0.5 | 1680 | 7 | 210 | 0.5 | 126 | 11 | 24700 | 6 | 1870 | <0.04 | 5 | 802 | 1 | 1300 | | |
| Mean | 3097 | - | 2570 | 170 | 0.25 | 1540 | 5.7 | 193 | 0.37 | 43 | 6 | 23700 | 5.3 | 1675 | 0.02 | 2 | 703 | 0.63 | 1173 | | |

| D16 | Electrical Conductivity (Field) | pH (Field) | Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) | Chloride | Fluoride | Sulfate (as SO4) | Arsenic | Boron | Cadmium | Chromium | Copper | Iron | Lead | Manganese | Mercury | Molybdenum | Nickel | Selenium | Zinc | Date Range | Number of Sampling Events |
|------|---------------------------------|------------|------------------------------|----------|----------|------------------|---------|-------|---------|----------|--------|------|------|-----------|---------|------------|--------|----------|------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Min | 2000 | 6.27 | 1650 | 99.2 | 0.063 | 779 | <1 | <50 | <0.1 | <1 | <1 | 3060 | <1 | 56 | <0.04 | <1 | 16 | <0.2 | <5 | 16/09/2020 - 23/06/2021 | 4 |
| Max | 2160 | 6.34 | 1870 | 123 | 0.227 | 958 | <1 | 60 | <0.1 | 9 | <1 | 4250 | <1 | 82 | <0.04 | <1 | 33 | <0.2 | 12 | | |
| Mean | 2090 | - | 1758 | 109 | 0.12 | 868 | 0.5 | 34 | 0.05 | 5.1 | 0.5 | 3557 | 0.5 | 70 | 0.02 | 0.5 | 22 | 0.1 | 5.8 | | |

| D17 | Electrical Conductivity (Field) | pH (Field) | Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) | Chloride | Fluoride | Sulfate (as SO4) | Arsenic | Boron | Cadmium | Chromium | Copper | Iron | Lead | Manganese | Mercury | Molybdenum | Nickel | Selenium | Zinc | Date Range | Number of Sampling Events |
|------|---------------------------------|------------|------------------------------|----------|----------|------------------|---------|-------|---------|----------|--------|-------|------|-----------|---------|------------|--------|----------|------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Min | 3060 | 6.06 | 2480 | 176 | 0.368 | 1400 | <1 | 80 | <0.1 | <1 | <1 | 20700 | <1 | 2370 | <0.04 | <1 | 54 | <0.2 | 62 | 16/09/2020 - 23/06/2021 | 4 |
| Max | 3520 | 6.12 | 2870 | 210 | <0.5 | 1630 | 1 | 130 | <0.1 | 6 | <1 | 27700 | <1 | 2650 | <0.04 | <1 | 84 | <0.2 | 78 | | |
| Mean | 3278 | - | 2718 | 191 | 0.28 | 1490 | 0.63 | 110 | 0.05 | 1.9 | 0.5 | 24400 | 0.5 | 2533 | 0.02 | 0.5 | 67 | 0.1 | 71 | | |

Legend

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

Environmental Goal - Groundwater

| Electrical Conductivity (µS/cm) | pH (Field) | TDS (mg/L) | Chloride (mg/L) | Fluoride (mg/L) | Sulfate (as SO4) (mg/L) | Arsenic (µg/L) | Boron (µg/L) | Cadmium (µg/L) | Chromium (µg/L) | Copper (mg/L) | Iron (µg/L) | Lead (µg/L) | Manganese (µg/L) | Mercury (µg/L) | Molybdenum (µg/L) | Nickel (µg/L) | Selenium (µg/L) | Zinc (µg/L) | |
|---------------------------------|------------|------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|-----------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|------------------|----------------|-------------------|---------------|-----------------|-------------|--|
| 2600 | 6.5-8 | 2000 | 350 | 1.5 | 1000 | 24 | 370 | 2 | 5 | 5 | 664 | 5 | 5704 | 0.06 | 10 | 550.9 | 5 | 908 | |
| 380 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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Source: Spatial Data - DFSI - DCDB/DTDB
Imagery Data - Nearmap January 2021

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

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| Drawing No: 0553983m_AEMR21_G012_R0.mxd | Mount Piper Annual Report 2020/2021 |
| Date: 13/08/2021 | Drawing Size: A4 |
| Drawn By: GR | Reviewed By: GP |
| Client: EnergyAustralia | |
| Coordinate System: GDA 1994 MGA Zone 56 | |

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| D5 | Electrical Conductivity (Field) | pH (Field) | Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) | Chloride | Fluoride | Sulfate (as SO4) | Arsenic | Boron | Cadmium | Chromium | Copper | Iron | Lead | Manganese | Mercury | Molybdenum | Nickel | Selenium | Zinc | Date Range | Number of Sampling Events |
|------|---------------------------------|------------|------------------------------|----------|----------|------------------|---------|-------|---------|----------|--------|-------|------|-----------|---------|------------|--------|----------|------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Min | 1150 | 5.91 | 794 | 21.9 | <0.1 | 484 | <1 | 80 | <0.1 | <1 | <1 | 43000 | <1 | 6760 | <0.04 | <1 | 33 | <0.2 | 8 | 15/07/2020 - 20/05/2021 | 5 |
| Max | 1260 | 6.05 | 921 | 29 | 0.711 | 582 | 2 | 100 | <0.1 | <1 | <1 | 45000 | <1 | 7050 | <0.04 | <1 | 43 | 0.3 | 16 | | |
| Mean | 1208 | - | 869 | 25 | 0.26 | 521 | 0.8 | 90 | 0.05 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 44000 | 0.5 | 6905 | 0.02 | 0.5 | 38 | 0.24 | 12 | | |

| D4 | Electrical Conductivity (Field) | pH (Field) | Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) | Chloride | Fluoride | Sulfate (as SO4) | Arsenic | Boron | Cadmium | Chromium | Copper | Iron | Lead | Manganese | Mercury | Molybdenum | Nickel | Selenium | Zinc | Date Range | Number of Sampling Events |
|------|---------------------------------|------------|------------------------------|----------|----------|------------------|---------|-------|---------|----------|--------|-------|------|-----------|---------|------------|--------|----------|------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Min | 750 | 3.39 | 583 | 14.9 | 0.063 | 275 | 26 | <50 | 0.2 | 1 | <1 | 73200 | 18 | 710 | <0.04 | <1 | 13 | <0.2 | 120 | 15/09/2020 - 20/05/2021 | 5 |
| Max | 790 | 3.57 | 682 | 17.4 | <0.1 | 347 | 48 | <50 | 0.4 | 2 | <1 | 74800 | 20 | 766 | <0.04 | <1 | 15 | <0.2 | 146 | | |
| Mean | 770 | - | 631 | 16 | 0.053 | 309 | 39 | 25 | 0.3 | 1.8 | 0.5 | 74000 | 19 | 738 | 0.02 | 0.5 | 13 | 0.1 | 129 | | |

| D3 | Electrical Conductivity (Field) | pH (Field) | Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) | Chloride | Fluoride | Sulfate (as SO4) | Arsenic | Boron | Cadmium | Chromium | Copper | Iron | Lead | Manganese | Mercury | Molybdenum | Nickel | Selenium | Zinc | Date Range | Number of Sampling Events |
|------|---------------------------------|------------|------------------------------|----------|----------|------------------|---------|-------|---------|----------|--------|-------|------|-----------|---------|------------|--------|----------|------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Min | 306 | 5.84 | 196 | 16.6 | <0.05 | 66.9 | <1 | <50 | <0.1 | <1 | <1 | 9300 | <1 | 605 | <0.04 | <1 | 5 | <0.2 | 6 | 17/09/2020 - 24/06/2021 | 4 |
| Max | 1090 | 6.22 | 751 | 73 | <0.2 | 291 | <1 | 90 | <0.1 | 9 | 1 | 13200 | <1 | 795 | 0.24 | 1 | 12 | 0.2 | 9 | | |
| Mean | 789 | - | 555 | 46 | 0.069 | 224 | 0.5 | 48 | 0.05 | 3 | 0.63 | 11233 | 0.5 | 682 | 0.075 | 0.63 | 7 | 0.13 | 7.5 | | |

| D106 | Electrical Conductivity (Field) | pH (Field) | Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) | Chloride | Fluoride | Sulfate (as SO4) | Arsenic | Boron | Cadmium | Chromium | Copper | Iron | Lead | Manganese | Mercury | Molybdenum | Nickel | Selenium | Zinc | Date Range | Number of Sampling Events |
|------|---------------------------------|------------|------------------------------|----------|----------|------------------|---------|-------|---------|----------|--------|-------|------|-----------|---------|------------|--------|----------|------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Min | 7270 | 5.99 | 6000 | 805 | 0.053 | 3550 | 1 | 1210 | <0.1 | <1 | <1 | 22800 | <1 | 14200 | <0.04 | <1 | 1190 | 0.3 | 151 | 12/08/2020 - 10/06/2021 | 4 |
| Max | 12510 | 6.05 | 11700 | 1530 | <2 | 6100 | 4 | 2320 | 0.1 | 10 | 8 | 55000 | <2 | 24600 | 0.05 | <1 | 2310 | 0.4 | 236 | | |
| Mean | 10988 | - | 9775 | 1349 | 0.51 | 5370 | 2.3 | 1833 | 0.088 | 3.3 | 3.5 | 40900 | 1.6 | 19900 | 0.028 | 0.5 | 1975 | 0.33 | 207 | | |

| D107 | Electrical Conductivity (Field) | pH (Field) | Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) | Chloride | Fluoride | Sulfate (as SO4) | Arsenic | Boron | Cadmium | Chromium | Copper | Iron | Lead | Manganese | Mercury | Molybdenum | Nickel | Selenium | Zinc | Date Range | Number of Sampling Events |
|------|---------------------------------|------------|------------------------------|----------|----------|------------------|---------|-------|---------|----------|--------|-------|------|-----------|---------|------------|--------|----------|------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Min | 11300 | 5.92 | 8480 | 1250 | 0.206 | 5150 | 1 | 3840 | 0.6 | <1 | <1 | 35200 | 2 | 14000 | <0.04 | <1 | 1750 | 0.2 | 270 | 12/08/2020 - 10/06/2021 | 4 |
| Max | 15330 | 6.04 | 14400 | 2000 | <2 | 8550 | 7 | 5460 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 46900 | 8 | 26700 | <0.04 | <1 | 2840 | 0.4 | 476 | | |
| Mean | 13623 | - | 12020 | 1615 | 0.55 | 6838 | 4.5 | 4568 | 0.83 | 1.6 | 1.5 | 41375 | 5.5 | 19550 | 0.02 | 0.5 | 2278 | 0.35 | 372 | | |

Source: Spatial Data : DFSI : DCDB/DTDB
Imagery Data : Nearmap January 2021

Legend

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

Environmental Goal - Groundwater

| Electrical Conductivity (µS/cm) | pH (Field) | TDS (mg/L) | Chloride (mg/L) | Fluoride (mg/L) | Sulfate (as SO4) (mg/L) | Arsenic (µg/L) | Boron (µg/L) | Cadmium (µg/L) | Chromium (µg/L) | Copper (mg/L) | Iron (µg/L) | Lead (µg/L) | Manganese (µg/L) | Mercury (µg/L) | Molybdenum (µg/L) | Nickel (µg/L) | Selenium (µg/L) | Zinc (µg/L) |
|---------------------------------|------------|------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|-----------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|------------------|----------------|-------------------|---------------|-----------------|-------------|
| 2600 | 6.5-8 | 2000 | 350 | 1.5 | 1000 | 24 | 370 | 2 | 5 | 5 | 664 | 5 | 5704 | 0.06 | 10 | 550.9 | 5 | 908 |
| 350 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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Groundwater Summary – Background and Adjacent to MPAR

Drawing No: 0553983m_AEMR21_G013_R0.mxd | Mount Piper Annual Report 2020/2021
 Date: 13/08/2021 | Drawing Size: A4 | 350 Boulder Road, Portland, New South Wales
 Drawn By: GR | Reviewed By: GP | Client: EnergyAustralia
 Coordinate System: GDA 1994 MGA Zone 56

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| D9 | Electrical Conductivity (Field) | pH (Field) | Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) | Chloride | Fluoride | Sulfate (as SO4) | Arsenic | Boron | Cadmium | Chromium | Copper | Iron | Lead | Manganese | Mercury | Molybdenum | Nickel | Selenium | Zinc | Date Range | Number of Sampling Events |
|------|---------------------------------|------------|------------------------------|----------|----------|------------------|---------|-------|---------|----------|--------|-------|------|-----------|---------|------------|--------|----------|------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Min | 8410 | 6.07 | 7260 | 925 | 0.045 | 3480 | 1 | 1580 | <0.1 | <1 | <1 | 61300 | <1 | 14800 | <0.04 | <1 | 1350 | 0.3 | 93 | 16/09/2020 - 23/06/2021 | 4 |
| Max | 10330 | 6.15 | 9410 | 1390 | 3.24 | 5140 | 8 | 1710 | 0.2 | 1 | 8 | 67700 | 10 | 18900 | 0.74 | <1 | 1740 | 0.7 | 589 | | |
| Mean | 9315 | - | 8460 | 1164 | 1.1 | 4373 | 4 | 1640 | 0.1 | 0.63 | 4 | 64767 | 4.3 | 17267 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 1498 | 0.53 | 255 | | |

| D102 | Electrical Conductivity (Field) | pH (Field) | Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) | Chloride | Fluoride | Sulfate (as SO4) | Arsenic | Boron | Cadmium | Chromium | Copper | Iron | Lead | Manganese | Mercury | Molybdenum | Nickel | Selenium | Zinc | Date Range | Number of Sampling Events |
|------|---------------------------------|------------|------------------------------|----------|----------|------------------|---------|-------|---------|----------|--------|-------|------|-----------|---------|------------|--------|----------|------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Min | 10140 | 6.06 | 9110 | 1330 | 0.066 | 4400 | <1 | 1650 | <0.1 | <1 | <1 | 52000 | <1 | 16500 | <0.04 | <1 | 1800 | <0.2 | 48 | 12/08/2020 - 11/06/2021 | 4 |
| Max | 10420 | 6.1 | 9520 | 1430 | <2 | 5270 | 5 | 2020 | 0.1 | 2 | 1 | 72700 | <1 | 21800 | 0.06 | <1 | 1910 | 0.3 | 97 | | |
| Mean | 10270 | - | 9298 | 1390 | 0.41 | 4840 | 2 | 1855 | 0.063 | 0.88 | 0.63 | 58875 | 0.5 | 19850 | 0.03 | 0.5 | 1873 | 0.25 | 67 | | |

| D1 | Electrical Conductivity (Field) | pH (Field) | Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) | Chloride | Fluoride | Sulfate (as SO4) | Arsenic | Boron | Cadmium | Chromium | Copper | Iron | Lead | Manganese | Mercury | Molybdenum | Nickel | Selenium | Zinc | Date Range | Number of Sampling Events |
|------|---------------------------------|------------|------------------------------|----------|----------|------------------|---------|-------|---------|----------|--------|-------|------|-----------|---------|------------|--------|----------|------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Min | 9140 | 5.84 | 8310 | 132 | 0.75 | 997 | 3 | 2520 | <0.1 | <1 | <1 | 49900 | <1 | 21200 | <0.04 | <1 | 1790 | <0.2 | 159 | 16/09/2020 - 23/06/2021 | 4 |
| Max | 9920 | 5.95 | 9340 | 1120 | <1 | 4790 | 7 | 2750 | <0.1 | <1 | 1 | 55800 | <1 | 23800 | <0.04 | <1 | 2040 | 0.7 | 191 | | |
| Mean | 9540 | - | 8790 | 858 | 0.56 | 3702 | 5.5 | 2630 | 0.05 | 0.5 | 0.63 | 52667 | 0.5 | 22667 | 0.02 | 0.5 | 1915 | 0.4 | 175 | | |

| D105 | Electrical Conductivity (Field) | pH (Field) | Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) | Chloride | Fluoride | Sulfate (as SO4) | Arsenic | Boron | Cadmium | Chromium | Copper | Iron | Lead | Manganese | Mercury | Molybdenum | Nickel | Selenium | Zinc | Date Range | Number of Sampling Events |
|------|---------------------------------|------------|------------------------------|----------|----------|------------------|---------|-------|---------|----------|--------|-------|------|-----------|---------|------------|--------|----------|------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Min | 3570 | 6.03 | 3000 | 267 | 0.074 | 1650 | <1 | 420 | <0.1 | <1 | <1 | 30100 | <1 | 11700 | <0.04 | <1 | 688 | <0.2 | 53 | 13/08/2020 - 11/06/2021 | 4 |
| Max | 3960 | 6.06 | 3230 | 302 | <0.5 | 1980 | 1 | 590 | <0.1 | 1 | <1 | 39600 | <1 | 15800 | <0.04 | <1 | 764 | <0.2 | 75 | | |
| Mean | 3783 | - | 3115 | 281 | 0.21 | 1823 | 0.88 | 528 | 0.05 | 0.63 | 0.5 | 34650 | 0.5 | 13275 | 0.02 | 0.5 | 715 | 0.1 | 67 | | |

| D103 | Electrical Conductivity (Field) | pH (Field) | Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) | Chloride | Fluoride | Sulfate (as SO4) | Arsenic | Boron | Cadmium | Chromium | Copper | Iron | Lead | Manganese | Mercury | Molybdenum | Nickel | Selenium | Zinc | Date Range | Number of Sampling Events |
|------|---------------------------------|------------|------------------------------|----------|----------|------------------|---------|-------|---------|----------|--------|-------|------|-----------|---------|------------|--------|----------|------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Min | 4190 | 6.13 | 3550 | 272 | 0.056 | 1960 | 4 | 1410 | <0.1 | <1 | <1 | 20400 | <1 | 10300 | <0.04 | <1 | 792 | <0.2 | 154 | 12/08/2020 - 11/06/2021 | 4 |
| Max | 4910 | 6.22 | 4230 | 350 | <0.5 | 2590 | 9 | 1800 | <0.1 | 2 | <1 | 25300 | <1 | 16100 | <0.04 | <1 | 1020 | 0.3 | 218 | | |
| Mean | 4588 | - | 3913 | 313 | 0.16 | 2310 | 6.8 | 1633 | 0.05 | 0.88 | 0.5 | 23875 | 0.5 | 12600 | 0.02 | 0.5 | 898 | 0.2 | 183 | | |

| D2 | Electrical Conductivity (Field) | pH (Field) | Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) | Chloride | Fluoride | Sulfate (as SO4) | Arsenic | Boron | Cadmium | Chromium | Copper | Iron | Lead | Manganese | Mercury | Molybdenum | Nickel | Selenium | Zinc | Date Range | Number of Sampling Events |
|------|---------------------------------|------------|------------------------------|----------|----------|------------------|---------|-------|---------|----------|--------|------|------|-----------|---------|------------|--------|----------|------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Min | 790 | 5.78 | 567 | 45.6 | <0.1 | 291 | <1 | 170 | <0.1 | <1 | 2 | 6340 | 3 | 959 | <0.04 | <1 | 51 | 0.2 | 48 | 16/07/2020 - 20/05/2021 | 5 |
| Max | 1460 | 6.6 | 1000 | 86.4 | <0.2 | 590 | 2 | 280 | <0.1 | 2 | 4 | 9340 | 4 | 1400 | <0.04 | <1 | 141 | 0.3 | 159 | | |
| Mean | 1130 | - | 784 | 66 | 0.11 | 442 | 1.2 | 226 | 0.05 | 0.8 | 2.6 | 7840 | 3.4 | 1179.5 | 0.02 | 0.5 | 89 | 0.28 | 95 | | |

| D104 | Electrical Conductivity (Field) | pH (Field) | Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) | Chloride | Fluoride | Sulfate (as SO4) | Arsenic | Boron | Cadmium | Chromium | Copper | Iron | Lead | Manganese | Mercury | Molybdenum | Nickel | Selenium | Zinc | Date Range | Number of Sampling Events |
|------|---------------------------------|------------|------------------------------|----------|----------|------------------|---------|-------|---------|----------|--------|-------|------|-----------|---------|------------|--------|----------|------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Min | 910 | 5.66 | 670 | 47.4 | 0.013 | 344 | <1 | 60 | <0.1 | <1 | <1 | 1190 | <1 | 1590 | <0.04 | <1 | 42 | <0.2 | 46 | 12/08/2020 - 11/06/2021 | 4 |
| Max | 1740 | 5.88 | 1400 | 109 | <0.2 | 754 | 2 | 140 | <0.1 | <1 | 3 | 10800 | <1 | 3970 | <0.04 | <1 | 93 | <0.2 | 72 | | |
| Mean | 1303 | - | 971 | 79 | 0.059 | 528 | 1.3 | 93 | 0.05 | 0.5 | 1.3 | 6238 | 0.5 | 2650 | 0.02 | 0.5 | 60 | 0.1 | 59 | | |

| D8 | Electrical Conductivity (Field) | pH (Field) | Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) | Chloride | Fluoride | Sulfate (as SO4) | Arsenic | Boron | Cadmium | Chromium | Copper | Iron | Lead | Manganese | Mercury | Molybdenum | Nickel | Selenium | Zinc | Date Range | Number of Sampling Events |
|------|---------------------------------|------------|------------------------------|----------|----------|------------------|---------|-------|---------|----------|--------|------|------|-----------|---------|------------|--------|----------|------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Min | 211 | 5.49 | 194 | 4.73 | <0.02 | 94.3 | <1 | <50 | <0.1 | <1 | 2 | 219 | <1 | 87 | <0.04 | <1 | 28 | <0.2 | 36 | 17/09/2020 - 25/06/2021 | 4 |
| Max | 477 | 5.72 | 378 | 25.2 | <0.05 | 172 | <1 | 120 | <0.1 | <1 | 3 | 7880 | <1 | 566 | <0.04 | 2 | 65 | <0.2 | 71 | | |
| Mean | 380 | - | 295 | 17 | 0.024 | 140 | 0.5 | 58 | 0.05 | 0.5 | 2.8 | 2840 | 0.5 | 317 | 0.02 | 0.88 | 45 | 0.1 | 55 | | |

Legend

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

Source:
Spatial Data: DESI, DCDB/DTDB
Imagery Data: Nearmap January 2021

| Environmental Goal - Groundwater | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|------------|------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|-----------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|------------------|----------------|-------------------|---------------|-----------------|-------------|--|--|
| Electrical Conductivity (µS/cm) | pH (Field) | TDS (mg/L) | Chloride (mg/L) | Fluoride (mg/L) | Sulfate (as SO4) (mg/L) | Arsenic (µg/L) | Boron (µg/L) | Cadmium (µg/L) | Chromium (µg/L) | Copper (mg/L) | Iron (µg/L) | Lead (µg/L) | Manganese (µg/L) | Mercury (µg/L) | Molybdenum (µg/L) | Nickel (µg/L) | Selenium (µg/L) | Zinc (µg/L) | | |
| 2600 | 6.5-8 | 2000 | 350 | 1.5 | 1000 | 24 | 370 | 2 | 5 | 5 | 664 | 5 | 5704 | 0.06 | 10 | 550.9 | 5 | 908 | | |
| 380 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Highlighted cells indicate an exceedance of the Groundwater Environmental Goal |

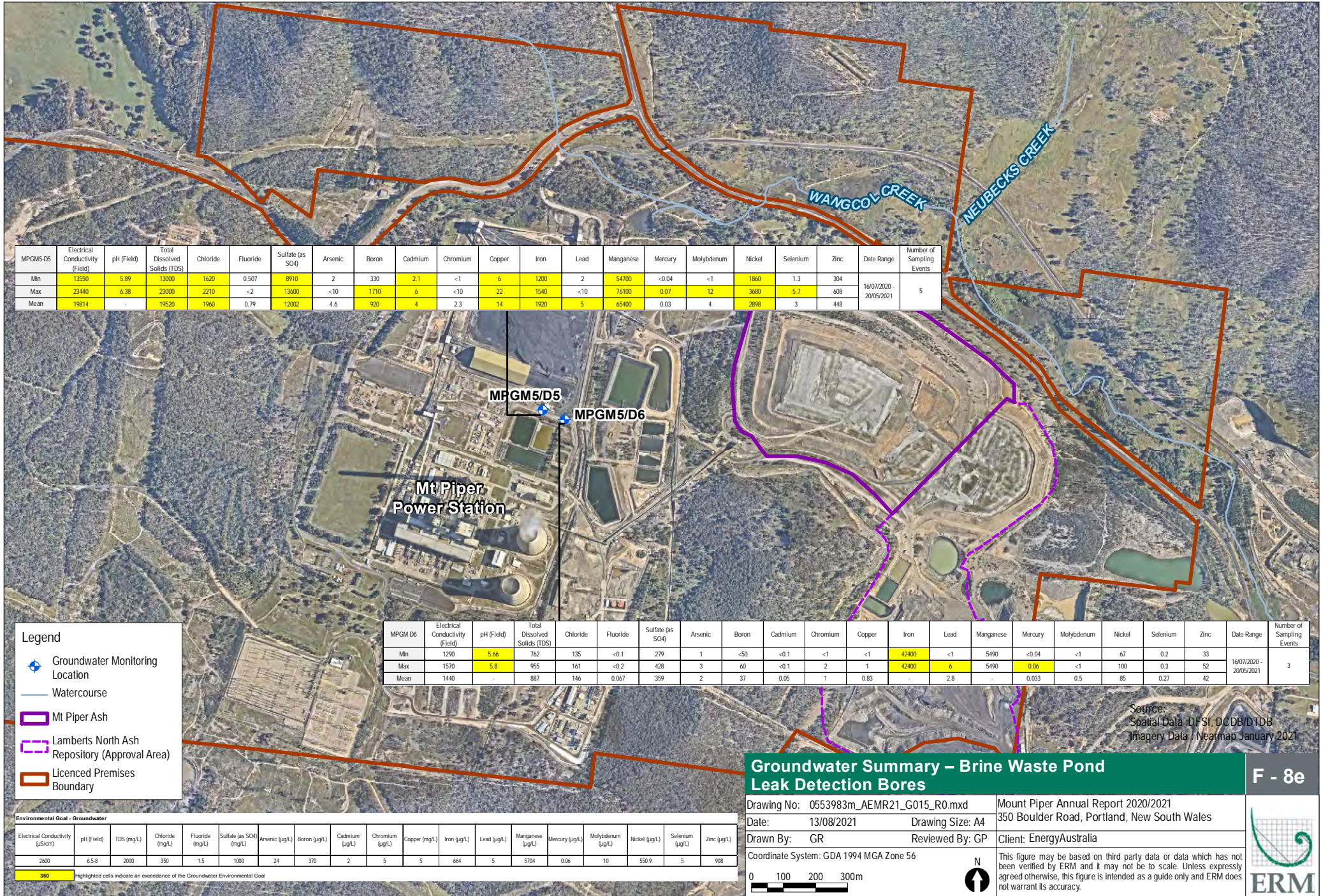
Groundwater Summary – Adjacent to MPA and Downgradient

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| Drawing No: 0553983m_AEMR21_G014_R0.mxd | Mount Piper Annual Report 2020/2021 |
| Date: 13/08/2021 | Drawing Size: A4 |
| Drawn By: GR | Reviewed By: GP |
| Client: EnergyAustralia | |
| Coordinate System: GDA 1994 MGA Zone 56 | |

0 100 200 300m

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| MFGM5-D5 | Electrical Conductivity (Field) | pH (Field) | Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) | Chloride | Fluoride | Sulfate (as SO4) | Arsenic | Boron | Cadmium | Chromium | Copper | Iron | Lead | Manganese | Mercury | Molybdenum | Nickel | Selenium | Zinc | Date Range | Number of Sampling Events |
|----------|---------------------------------|------------|------------------------------|----------|----------|------------------|---------|-------|---------|----------|--------|------|------|-----------|---------|------------|--------|----------|------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| Min | 13550 | 5.89 | 13000 | 1620 | 0.507 | 8910 | 2 | 330 | 2.1 | <1 | 6 | 1200 | 2 | 54700 | <0.04 | <1 | 1860 | 1.3 | 304 | 16/07/2020-20/05/2021 | 5 |
| Max | 23440 | 6.38 | 23000 | 2210 | <2 | 13600 | <10 | 1710 | 6 | <10 | 22 | 1540 | <10 | 76100 | 0.07 | 12 | 3680 | 5.7 | 608 | | |
| Mean | 19814 | - | 19520 | 1960 | 0.79 | 12002 | 4.6 | 920 | 4 | 2.3 | 14 | 1920 | 5 | 65400 | 0.03 | 4 | 2898 | 3 | 448 | | |

| MFGM-D6 | Electrical Conductivity (Field) | pH (Field) | Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) | Chloride | Fluoride | Sulfate (as SO4) | Arsenic | Boron | Cadmium | Chromium | Copper | Iron | Lead | Manganese | Mercury | Molybdenum | Nickel | Selenium | Zinc | Date Range | Number of Sampling Events |
|---------|---------------------------------|------------|------------------------------|----------|----------|------------------|---------|-------|---------|----------|--------|-------|------|-----------|---------|------------|--------|----------|------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| Min | 1290 | 5.66 | 762 | 135 | <0.1 | 279 | 1 | <50 | <0.1 | <1 | <1 | 42400 | <1 | 5490 | <0.04 | <1 | 67 | 0.2 | 33 | 16/07/2020-20/05/2021 | 3 |
| Max | 1570 | 5.8 | 955 | 161 | <0.2 | 428 | 3 | 60 | <0.1 | 2 | 1 | 42400 | 6 | 5490 | 0.06 | <1 | 100 | 0.3 | 52 | | |
| Mean | 1440 | - | 887 | 146 | 0.067 | 359 | 2 | 37 | 0.05 | 1 | 0.83 | - | 2.8 | - | 0.033 | 0.5 | 85 | 0.27 | 42 | | |

Legend

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

Environmental Goal - Groundwater

| Electrical Conductivity (µS/cm) | pH (Field) | TDS (mg/L) | Chloride (mg/L) | Fluoride (mg/L) | Sulfate (as SO4) (mg/L) | Arsenic (µg/L) | Boron (µg/L) | Cadmium (µg/L) | Chromium (µg/L) | Copper (mg/L) | Iron (µg/L) | Lead (µg/L) | Manganese (µg/L) | Mercury (µg/L) | Molybdenum (µg/L) | Nickel (µg/L) | Selenium (µg/L) | Zinc (µg/L) |
|---------------------------------|------------|------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|-----------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|------------------|----------------|-------------------|---------------|-----------------|-------------|
| 2600 | 6.5-8 | 2000 | 350 | 1.5 | 1000 | 24 | 370 | 2 | 5 | 5 | 664 | 5 | 5704 | 0.06 | 10 | 550.9 | 5 | 908 |
| 350 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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Groundwater Summary – Brine Waste Pond Leak Detection Bores

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Drawing No: 0553983m_AEMR21_G015_R0.mxd | Mount Piper Annual Report 2020/2021
 Date: 13/08/2021 | Drawing Size: A4 | 350 Boulder Road, Portland, New South Wales
 Drawn By: GR | Reviewed By: GP | Client: EnergyAustralia
 Coordinate System: GDA 1994 MGA Zone 56

0 100 200 300m

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Source: Spatial Data - DFSI, DCDB/DTDB
Imagery Data - Neatmap January 2021

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"> (i) The extended area must lie within the existing ash placement area; (ii) Co-placement activities in the proposed extended area must use existing facilities and methods; (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. | 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 February 2020, 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"> (i) be based on the monitoring programs presented in the Statement of Environmental Effects for this modification; (ii) include water quality testing at a minimum frequency of every three months; (iii) be at the expense of the Applicant. | Condition is met by the WMP dated 28 February 2020, 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 February 2020, as outlined in Section 1 and Section 4 to Section 8 of this report. |

| Project Approval Document | Consent Requirements | How addressed by this AEMR |
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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 February 2020, 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 February 2020, 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> |
| <p>The WMP (ERM, 2020)</p> | <p>Section 5.1 – Environmental Goals The results of all surface water and groundwater monitoring are intended to be assessed relative to the Environmental Goals</p> | <p>Refer to Section 5 (surface water) and Section 6 (groundwater), along with Appendix F to Appendix J of this report.</p> |
| | <p>Section 5.1.1 – Early Warning Assessment 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.</p> | <p>Refer to Section 7, along with Appendix H to Appendix L of this report.</p> |
| | <p>Section 6.1 – Monitoring Locations</p> | <p>Refer to Section 5.2 and Section 6.2 of this report.</p> |

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|---------------------------|--|---|
| | Section 6.2 – Monitoring Frequency | Refer to Section 5.2 and Section 6.2 of this report. |
| | Section 6.3 – Monitoring Method | Refer to Section 5.3 and Section 6.3 of this report. |
| | Section 6.4 – Monitored Parameters | Refer to Section 5.4 and Section 6.4 of this report. |
| | <p>Section 6.5 – Data Management and Assessment</p> <p>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.</p> | Refer to Section 5.5, Section 5.6, Section 6.5, Section 6.6 and Section 7 of this report. |
| | <p>Section 6.6 – Reporting Requirements</p> <p>The reporting requirements of the WMP form the objectives of this AEMR.</p> | Refer to Section 1.2, Section 5 to Section 8 of this report. |
| | <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> | Refer to Section 7.5 of this report. |

APPENDIX B STORMWATER FLOW VOLUME DATA





Mt Piper Power Station - LDP12 (formerly LDP01) discharge volumes

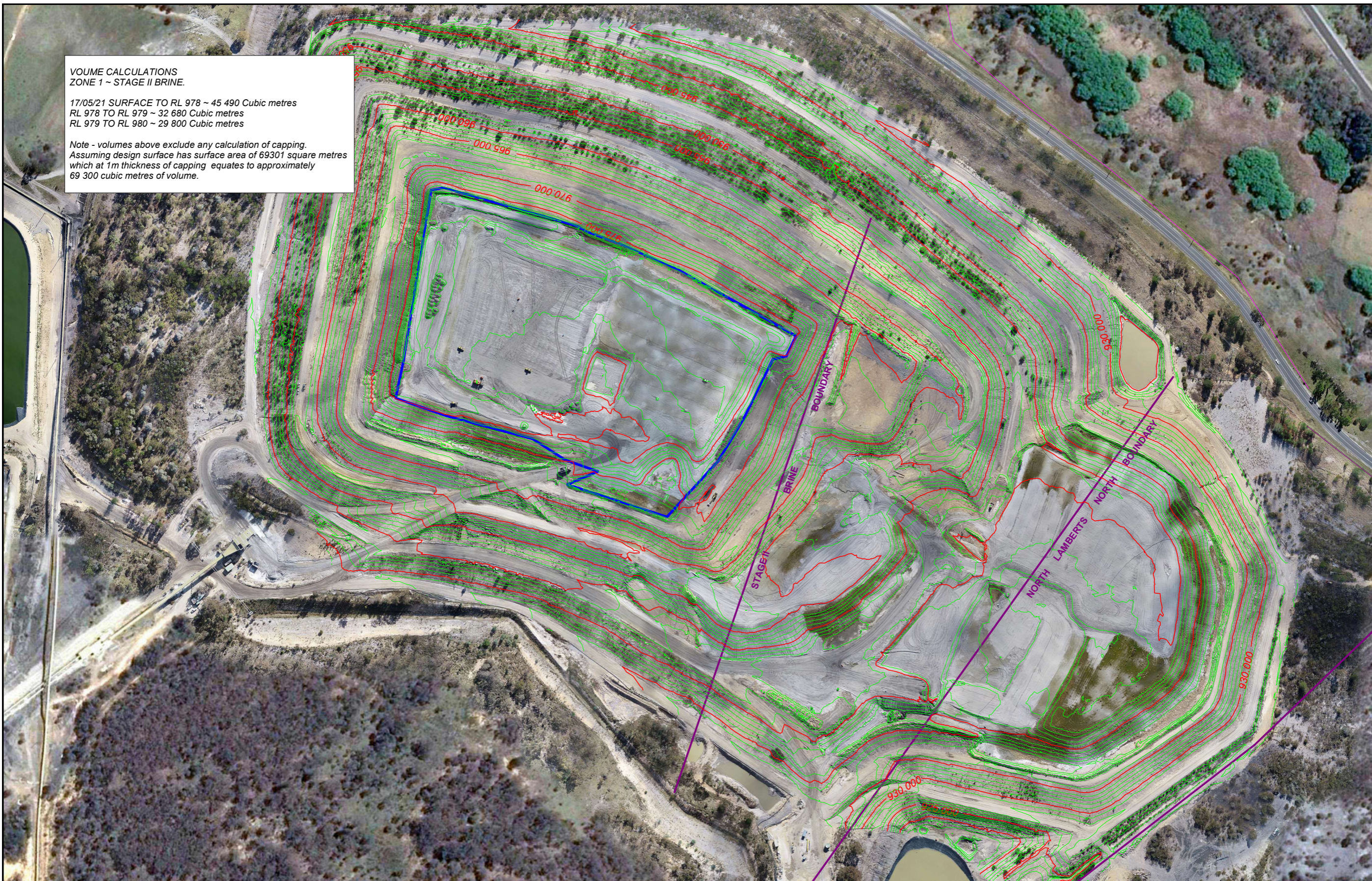
| Date | Kilolitres / day | Start Pump (hh.mm) | Cease Pumping (hh.mm) |
|--------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| 29/07/2020 | 3000 | 11.00 | 23.59 |
| 30/07/2020 | 4000 | 12.01 | 23.59 |
| 31/07/2020 | 4000 | 12.01 | 23.59 |
| 1/08/2020 | 3000 | 12.01 | 11.00 |
| 12/08/2020 | 3000 | 12.00 | 23.59 |
| 13/08/2020 | 4000 | 12.01 | 23.59 |
| 14/08/2020 | 4000 | 12.01 | 18.00 |
| 18/08/2020 | 3000 | 12.00 | 23.59 |
| 19/08/2020 | 4000 | 12.01 | 23.59 |
| 20/08/2020 | 2000 | 12.01 | 8.00 |
| 26/08/2020 | 2000 | 0.75 | 23.59 |
| 27/08/2020 | 2000 | 12.01 | 8.00 |
| 22/09/2020 | 1000 | 11.30 | 24.00 |
| 23/09/2020 | 3000 | 12.01 | 24.00 |
| 24/09/2020 | 3000 | 12.01 | 24 |
| 25/09/2020 | 1000 | 12.01 | 8 |
| 18/12/2020 | 2500 | 11 | 21 |
| 19/12/2020 | 3000 | 8 | 16 |
| 20/12/2020 | 3000 | 8 | 16 |
| 21/12/2020 | 3000 | 8 | 18 |
| 11/01/2021 | 3000 | 1600 | 2400 |
| 12/01/2021 | 4000 | 12.01 | 2400 |
| 13/01/2021 | 2000 | 9 | 17 |
| 14/01/2021 | 1000 | 1200 | 1700 |
| 15/01/2021 | 500 | 14 | 1700 |
| 11/02/2021 | 2000 | 1300 | 2400 |
| 12/02/2021 | 3000 | 12 | 1700 |
| 9/03/2021 | 2000 | 1400 | 2400 |
| 10/03/2021 | 2000 | 12.01 | 1700 |
| TOTAL | 77000 | - | - |

APPENDIX C ASH REPOSITORY SURVEY

**VOLUME CALCULATIONS
ZONE 1 ~ STAGE II BRINE.**

17/05/21 SURFACE TO RL 978 ~ 45 490 Cubic metres
 RL 978 TO RL 979 ~ 32 680 Cubic metres
 RL 979 TO RL 980 ~ 29 800 Cubic metres

Note - volumes above exclude any calculation of capping.
 Assuming design surface has surface area of 69301 square metres
 which at 1m thickness of capping equates to approximately
 69 300 cubic metres of volume.



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| DATE | 17-05-2021 |
| AMENDED | 04/06/2021 |
| SURVEYOR | TH/BN |
| DRAWN | TH/GM |
| CHECKED | |

LEND LEASE SERVICES PTY. LTD.
MOUNT PIPER - ASH PLACEMENT
SURVEY : 17th MAY 2021

SCALE - 1:3500 (A3)

DATUM: MGA (ZONE 56)

DRAWING No:
 MPA0521
 (as surveyed)

CCAD6 JOB & DWG:
 MPA0521 - MPA0521 as survey

APPENDIX D BRINE COMPOSITION DATA

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Brine Composition Average Data

| Parameter | Values from 1999 SEE Average ^b | 2003 – 2006 Average ^b | July 2017 - Dec 2017 Average ^a | July 2019 – June 2020 Average ^c | July 2020 – June 2021 Average ^d |
|---|---|----------------------------------|---|--|--|
| mg/L (except pH) | | | | | |
| pH | 7.9 | 8.1 | 7.9 | 9.3 | 8.75 |
| Cond (us/cm) | 63,664 | 127,982 | 88,556 | 61,320 | 73,196 |
| TDS | 116,650 | 137,170 | 118,500 | 64,257 | 89,948 |
| Alk (CaCO ₃) | 1,360 | 1,346 | 976 | 14,735 | 6,067 |
| Cl | 19,864 | 23,889 | 10,390 | 7,776 | 8,270 |
| SO ₄ | 49,670 | 66,767 | 67,378 | 28,302 | 47,395 |
| Na | 25,678 | 30,103 | 37,400 | 23,475 | 28,694 |
| K | 4,258 | 7,362 | 3,460 | 1,721 | 2,518 |
| Ca | 645 | 606 | 780 | 696 | 458 |
| Mg | 5,480 | 9,010 | 4,010 | 1,540 | 2,541 |
| ug/L | | | | | |
| As | 409 ^{^^} | 143 | 438 | 522 | 199 |
| Ag | 1.4 ^{^^} | <50 | 10 | <1 | <1 |
| Ba | 272 [*] | 30 | 1,000 | 6.43 | 116 |
| Be | 17 [^] | 5.8 | - | <10 | <10 |
| B | 73,560 [*] | 115,000 | 35,800 | 41,500 | 9,570 |
| Cd | 19 ⁺ | 42 | 5.3 | 2.3 | 3.58 |
| Cr ^{***} | 49 ⁺ | <50 | 1,050 | 50 | 40.4 |
| Cu | 7,858 [*] | 7,197 | 12,400 | 5,991 | 4,626 |
| F | 21,178 [*] | 125,656 | 64,650 | 55,404 | 72,630 |
| Fe | 833 [*] | - | 1,580 | 151 | 340 |
| Hg | 1.35 ^{^^} | - | 0.04 | 0.11 | 0.23 |
| Mn | 17,530 [*] | 34,000 | 7,210 | 5,170 | 231 |
| Mo | 2,600 ^{^^} | - | - | 2,625 | 2,490 |
| Ni | 4,187 [*] | 4,017 | 3,880 | 348 | 1,570 |
| Pb | 6 ^{^^} | - | 10 | <10 | 11.6 |
| Se | 245 [*] | - | 130 | 115 | 114 |
| Zn | 2,020 [*] | - | 1,050 | 2,180 | 1,373 |
| <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 <25ug/l)</p> <p>d. Brine composition data provided by EnergyAustralia on July 2021 – combined data of BC Waste Pond A & B.</p> | | | | | |

APPENDIX E SITE WEATHER DATA



| Month | Jul-20 | | | Aug-20 | | | Sep-20 | | | Oct-20 | | | Nov-20 | | | Dec-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 | 1 | 13 | 0 | -2.0 | 14.0 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 14.0 | 0.0 | 3.0 | 15.0 | 2.6 | 6.0 | 16.0 | 0.0 | 13.0 | 35.0 | 3.3 |
| 2 | 6 | 14 | 0 | -4.0 | 16.0 | 0.0 | -1.0 | 17.0 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 21.0 | 0.0 | 7.0 | 18.0 | 0.0 | 13.0 | 26.0 | 0.2 |
| 3 | 1 | 9 | 0 | 5.0 | 14.0 | 0.0 | 6.0 | 21.0 | 0.0 | 3.0 | 24.0 | 0.0 | 6.0 | 22.0 | 0.0 | 14.0 | 25.0 | 0.0 |
| 4 | 2 | 7 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 13.0 | 0.0 | 10.0 | 15.0 | 0.4 | 6.0 | 24.0 | 0.0 | 5.0 | 25.0 | 0.0 | 12.0 | 28.0 | 0.0 |
| 5 | -2 | 8 | 0.0 | -1.0 | 7.0 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 14.0 | 0.0 | 10.0 | 25.0 | 0.0 | 8.0 | 17.0 | 1.5 | 7.0 | 23.0 | 14.4 |
| 6 | -3 | 13 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 11.0 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 14.0 | 0.0 | 9.0 | 22.0 | 0.0 | 6.0 | 18.0 | 0.0 | 10.0 | 20.0 | 0.2 |
| 7 | -2 | 12 | 0.0 | 4.0 | 7.0 | 1.7 | 5.0 | 19.0 | 0.0 | 13.0 | 18.0 | 0.2 | 4.0 | 19.0 | 0.0 | 8.0 | 20.0 | 0.0 |
| 8 | 3 | 10 | 0.0 | 4.0 | 10.0 | 0.0 | 2.0 | 20.0 | 0.0 | 9.0 | 16.0 | 2.2 | 7.0 | 17.0 | 0.0 | 6.0 | 17.0 | 0.0 |
| 9 | 4 | 12 | 0.0 | 2.0 | 7.0 | 0.5 | 6.0 | 12.0 | 1.6 | 7.0 | 13.0 | 0.0 | 7.0 | 19.0 | 0.0 | 4.0 | 25.0 | 0.0 |
| 10 | 1 | 11 | 0.2 | 5.0 | 9.0 | 1.0 | 6.0 | 10.0 | 0.0 | 4.0 | 17.0 | 0.0 | 4.0 | 23.0 | 0.0 | 9.0 | 25.0 | 0.0 |
| 11 | 4 | 11 | 0.7 | 3.0 | 11.0 | 0.0 | 4.0 | 14.0 | 0.0 | 2.0 | 19.0 | 0.0 | 7.0 | 25.0 | 0.0 | 10.0 | 14.0 | 0.0 |
| 12 | 1 | 9 | 0.2 | 4.0 | 13.0 | 0.1 | 4.0 | 17.0 | 0.0 | 6.0 | 20.0 | 0.0 | 11.0 | 23.0 | 0.3 | 10.0 | 16.0 | 0.0 |
| 13 | -1 | 9 | 0.3 | 3.0 | 14.0 | 0.4 | 4.0 | 16.0 | 0.0 | 4.0 | 23.0 | 0.0 | 8.0 | 18.0 | 1.2 | 11.0 | 19.0 | 0.2 |
| 14 | 1 | 10 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 12.0 | 1.6 | 3.0 | 19.0 | 0.0 | 6.0 | 21.0 | 0.0 | 7.0 | 20.0 | 0.0 | 13.0 | 21.0 | 0.2 |
| 15 | 2 | 10 | 0.0 | 7.0 | 9.0 | 0.1 | 5.0 | 19.0 | 0.0 | 11.0 | 23.0 | 0.0 | 6.0 | 28.0 | 0.0 | 14.0 | 22.0 | 2.4 |
| 16 | 0 | 10 | 0.0 | 6.0 | 8.0 | 0.0 | 5.0 | 19.0 | 0.0 | 10.0 | 20.0 | 0.0 | 10.0 | 29.0 | 0.0 | 17.0 | 25.0 | 8.1 |
| 17 | -1 | 11 | 0.0 | 4.0 | 9.0 | 0.0 | 7.0 | 22.0 | 0.0 | 11.0 | 24.0 | 2.8 | 10.0 | 25.0 | 0.0 | 17.0 | 27.0 | 0.6 |
| 18 | -1 | 11 | 0.0 | 4.0 | 12.0 | 0.0 | 9.0 | 14.0 | 0.0 | 10.0 | 18.0 | 0.2 | 13.0 | 22.0 | 0.0 | 13.0 | 24.0 | 4.4 |
| 19 | -2 | 11 | 0.0 | 3.0 | 11.0 | 0.7 | 12.0 | 18.0 | 0.0 | 9.0 | 19.0 | 0.0 | 7.0 | 28.0 | 0.0 | 15.0 | 16.0 | 0.0 |
| 20 | 3 | 10 | 0.0 | 4.0 | 7.0 | 0.2 | 10.0 | 15.0 | 1.7 | 10.0 | 19.0 | 0.0 | 13.0 | 31.0 | 0.0 | 13.0 | 21.0 | 0.0 |
| 21 | -2 | 12 | 0.0 | 3.0 | 8.0 | 0.5 | 11.0 | 22.0 | 0.0 | 7.0 | 21.0 | 1.6 | 11.0 | 31.0 | 0.0 | 13.0 | 18.0 | 21.0 |
| 22 | -3 | 13 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 4.0 | 1.1 | 6.0 | 17.0 | 0.0 | 12.0 | 22.0 | 0.4 | 13.0 | 28.0 | 0.0 | 11.0 | 19.0 | 3.2 |
| 23 | -3 | 14 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 5.0 | 0.2 | 3.0 | 13.0 | 0.0 | 9.0 | 25.0 | 6.9 | 11.0 | 21.0 | 1.5 | 10.0 | 21.0 | 0.0 |
| 24 | -4 | 14 | 0.0 | -2.0 | 8.0 | 0.0 | 4.0 | 11.0 | 0.0 | 12.0 | 17.0 | 34.1 | 9.0 | 22.0 | 0.0 | 12.0 | 23.0 | 0.0 |
| 25 | 3 | 14 | 0.1 | -4.0 | 9.0 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 12.0 | 0.6 | 8.0 | 12.0 | 12.2 | 11.0 | 23.0 | 0.0 | 13.0 | 19.0 | 0.0 |
| 26 | 8 | 9 | 2.4 | -5.0 | 13.0 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 6.0 | 0.0 | 7.0 | 11.0 | 5.4 | 10.0 | 28.0 | 0.0 | 13.0 | 21.0 | 0.0 |
| 27 | 6 | 10 | 1.3 | -4.0 | 13.0 | 0.0 | 2.0 | 11.0 | 0.0 | 7.0 | 13.0 | 0.2 | 14.0 | 30.0 | 0.0 | 11.0 | 27.0 | 0.0 |
| 28 | 6 | 13 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 12.0 | 0.0 | -2.0 | 14.0 | 0.0 | 7.0 | 17.0 | 1.0 | 15.0 | 33.0 | 0.1 | 14.0 | 27.0 | 3.0 |
| 29 | 3 | 13 | 0.0 | -3.0 | 18.0 | 0.0 | 2.0 | 15.0 | 0.0 | 7.0 | 18.0 | 2.4 | 14.0 | 30.0 | 0.4 | 14.0 | 17.0 | 24.6 |
| 30 | 1 | 14 | 0.0 | -1.0 | 17.0 | 0.0 | 4.0 | 12.0 | 0.2 | 5.0 | 18.0 | 1.4 | 12.0 | 19.0 | 0.0 | 13.0 | 18.0 | 0.8 |
| 31 | 0 | 13 | 0.0 | 3.0 | 14.0 | 0.0 | | | | 6.0 | 17.0 | 0.2 | | | | 13.0 | 20.0 | 0.0 |
| Min | -4 | 7 | 0 | -5 | 4 | 0 | -2 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 11 | 0 | 4 | 16 | 0 | 4 | 14 | 0 |
| Max | 8 | 14 | 2.4 | 7 | 18 | 1.7 | 12 | 22 | 1.7 | 13 | 25 | 34.1 | 15 | 33 | 1.5 | 17 | 35 | 24.6 |
| Average | 1.03 | 11.29 | | 1.29 | 10.81 | | 4.40 | 15.40 | | 7.45 | 19.10 | | 9.07 | 23.60 | | 11.81 | 21.90 | |
| Total | | | 5.70 | | | 8.10 | | | 4.50 | | | 73.80 | | | 5.00 | | | 86.60 |



| Month | Jan-21 | | | Feb-21 | | | Mar-21 | | | Apr-21 | | | May-21 | | | Jun-21 | | |
|-------------|--------|-------|--------|--------|-------|-------|--------|-------|--------|--------|-------|------|--------|-------|-------|--------|-------|-------|
| 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 | 11.0 | 13.0 | 10.2 | 14 | 26 | 26.8 | 12 | 28 | 0 | 4 | 21 | 0 | 6 | 19 | 0.2 | -1 | 13 | 0 |
| 2 | 11.0 | 17.0 | 0.2 | 12 | 23 | 5.2 | 8 | 24 | 0 | 8 | 23 | 0 | 6 | 19 | 2.7 | 0 | 16 | 0 |
| 3 | 15.0 | 22.0 | 8.7 | 10 | 22 | 0 | 12 | 20 | 0 | 6 | 24 | 0 | 5 | 20 | 0.6 | 5 | 10 | 18.7 |
| 4 | 14.0 | 22.0 | 40.8 | 12 | 25 | 2.4 | 10 | 23 | 0 | 8 | 27 | 0 | 9 | 11 | 9 | 4 | 10 | 1.4 |
| 5 | 11.0 | 25.0 | 0.2 | 14 | 27 | 0.2 | 13 | 24 | 0 | 8 | 25 | 0 | 9 | 12 | 0.4 | -2 | 11 | 0.4 |
| 6 | 12.0 | 22.0 | 2.6 | 12 | 20 | 5.7 | 12 | 22 | 0 | 12 | 21 | 0 | 11 | 16 | 4.6 | 0 | 13 | 0 |
| 7 | 11.0 | 18.0 | 1.2 | 10 | 25 | 0.2 | 13 | 24 | 0 | 13 | 19 | 0 | 9 | 17 | 1.2 | -3 | 14 | 0.2 |
| 8 | 10.0 | 15.0 | 0.0 | 15 | 21 | 0 | 13 | 25 | 1.4 | 12 | 21 | 0 | 7 | 18 | 0 | 3 | 13 | 3 |
| 9 | 10.0 | 20.0 | 0.2 | 13 | 18 | 0.2 | 10 | 26 | 0 | 9 | 22 | 0 | 9 | 16 | 0.8 | -1 | 4 | 1 |
| 10 | 7.0 | 24.0 | 0.0 | 9 | 21 | 0 | 14 | 25 | 0 | 6 | 15 | 0 | 5 | 16 | 0.2 | 0 | 2 | 10.4 |
| 11 | 9.0 | 26.0 | 0.2 | 13 | 26 | 0 | 16 | 23 | 25 | 5 | 9 | 0 | 7 | 13 | 1.6 | 1 | 6 | 0 |
| 12 | 9.0 | 30.0 | 0.0 | 12 | 26 | 9.6 | 15 | 21 | 18.8 | -1 | 16 | 0 | 7 | 15 | 0 | 4 | 9 | 0 |
| 13 | 13.0 | 28.0 | 0.0 | 13 | 21 | 9 | 13 | 25 | 1.2 | -1 | 18 | 0 | 6 | 15 | 0 | -2 | 8 | 0 |
| 14 | 14.0 | 30.0 | 0.0 | 11 | 19 | 0.2 | 9 | 17 | 18.6 | 5 | 19 | 0 | 7 | 11 | 0 | -3 | 12 | 0 |
| 15 | 10.0 | 27.0 | 0.0 | 11 | 19 | 0 | 8 | 19 | 0 | 8 | 18 | 0 | 2 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 0.2 |
| 16 | 8.0 | 21.0 | 0.0 | 14 | 21 | 1.6 | 10 | 16 | 1.2 | 8 | 18 | 0 | -4 | 10 | 0 | -2 | 15 | 7.8 |
| 17 | 7.0 | 25.0 | 0.0 | 13 | 18 | 2 | 11 | 15 | 2 | 7 | 14 | 0.4 | -1 | 11 | 0 | 1 | 7 | 1.6 |
| 18 | 10.0 | 28.0 | 0.0 | 12 | 18 | 0 | 13 | 18 | 1.4 | 3 | 17 | 0.4 | -2 | 13 | 0 | 5 | 9 | 0 |
| 19 | 9.0 | 24.0 | 0.0 | 14 | 22 | 0.2 | 13 | 17 | 2.4 | 0 | 17 | 0 | -3 | 14 | 0 | 5 | 11 | 0 |
| 20 | 12.0 | 19.0 | 0.0 | 14 | 26 | 0 | 14 | 17 | 7.4 | 2 | 15 | 0 | -2 | 16 | 0 | 6 | 10 | 0 |
| 21 | 8.0 | 27.0 | 0.0 | 13 | 27 | 0 | 12 | 16 | 19.8 | 1 | 15 | 0 | -1 | 13 | 0 | 2 | 11 | 0 |
| 22 | 12.0 | 29.0 | 0.0 | 11 | 27 | 0 | 13 | 14 | 40.8 | -1 | 11 | 0 | 1 | 16 | 0.2 | 1 | 12 | 0 |
| 23 | 13.0 | 31.0 | 0.0 | 11 | 18 | 0.2 | 14 | 18 | 25 | 1 | 14 | 0 | -1 | 16 | 0.2 | 4 | 12 | 0 |
| 24 | 15.0 | 33.0 | 15.6 | 11 | 16 | 0.6 | 13 | 18 | 0.2 | 0 | 16 | 0 | 7 | 13 | 0 | 9 | 10 | 10.6 |
| 25 | 17.0 | 33.0 | 0.0 | 11 | 21 | 11.9 | 10 | 19 | 0 | 1 | 18 | 0.2 | 4 | 15 | 0.2 | 3 | 10 | 0.2 |
| 26 | 15.0 | 30.0 | 0.0 | 11 | 25 | 0.4 | 6 | 19 | 0.2 | 0 | 18 | 0 | 6 | 13 | 0 | 4 | 8 | 0.2 |
| 27 | 15.0 | 22.0 | 0.0 | 16 | 24 | 0.8 | 6 | 19 | 0 | 1 | 18 | 0 | 3 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| 28 | 14.0 | 18.0 | 0.0 | 12 | 27 | 0.2 | 7 | 19 | 0 | 5 | 18 | 0 | -1 | 11 | 0 | -2 | 10 | 0 |
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| Min | 7 | 13 | 0 | 9 | 16 | 0 | 4 | 14 | 0 | -1 | 9 | 0 | -4 | 7 | 0 | -3 | 2 | 0 |
| Max | 17 | 33 | 40.8 | 16 | 27 | 26.8 | 16 | 28 | 40.8 | 13 | 27 | 0.4 | 11 | 20 | 9 | 9 | 16 | 18.7 |
| Average | 11.71 | 24.00 | | 12.29 | 22.46 | | 10.87 | 20.39 | | 4.50 | 18.10 | | 3.32 | 14.00 | | 1.77 | 10.37 | |
| Total | | | 101.10 | | | 77.40 | | | 165.40 | | | 1.00 | | | 22.10 | | | 56.30 |

APPENDIX F TABULATED SURFACE WATER DATA

APPENDIX G TABULATED GROUNDWATER DATA



| Purpose | LocCode | Sampled_Date-Time | SampleCode | Field Parameters | | TDS | Major Anions and Cations | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---------|-------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------|--------------------|----------|-----------|----------------------|----------|-----------|----------------------|--------|-------------------|------------------|------|
| | | | | Electrical Conductivity (Field) | pH (Field) | Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) | Carbonate (as CaCO3) | Total Alkalinity (as CaCO3) | Bicarbonate Alkalinity (as CaCO3) | Phenolphthalein Alkalinity (CaCO3) | Calcium | Calcium (Filtered) | Chloride | Magnesium | Magnesium (Filtered) | Fluoride | Potassium | Potassium (Filtered) | Sodium | Sodium (Filtered) | Sulfate (as SO4) | |
| | | | | uS/cm | pH units | mg/L | mg/L | mg/L | mg/L | mg/L | mg/L | mg/L | mg/L | mg/L | mg/L | mg/L | mg/L | mg/L | mg/L | mg/L | | |
| ANZECC (2000) or Local Guidelines - Groundwater | | | | 2600 | 6.5-8 | 2000 | | | | | | | | 350 | | | 1.5 | | | | | 1000 |
| Within MPA / Mine Disturbance Area East of MPA | D10 | 17/09/2020 | D10_17 Sep 20_ | 4000 | 6.09 | 2970 | - | 155 | - | - | 137 | - | 230 | 106 | - | <0.5 | 74.1 | - | 577 | - | 1500 | |
| Within MPA / Mine Disturbance Area East of MPA | D10 | 26/11/2020 | D10_26 Nov 20_ | 4680 | 5.98 | 3780 | <1 | 136 | 136 | - | 154 | - | 345 | 128 | - | <0.5 | 88.5 | - | 755 | - | 2210 | |
| Within MPA / Mine Disturbance Area East of MPA | D10 | 17/03/2021 | D10_17 Mar 21_ | 5190 | 6 | 4140 | <1 | 171 | 171 | <1 | 165 | - | 334 | 148 | - | 0.463 | 106 | - | 707 | - | 2070 | |
| Within MPA / Mine Disturbance Area East of MPA | D10 | 30/06/2021 | D10_30 Jun 21_ | 4700 | 6.22 | 3370 | <1 | 208 | 208 | <1 | 156 | - | 308 | 135 | - | 0.643 | 106 | - | 880 | - | 1900 | |
| | D10 | Min. | | 4000 | 5.98 | 2970 | <1 | 136 | 136 | <1 | 137 | - | 230 | 106 | - | 0.463 | 74.1 | - | 577 | - | 1500 | |
| | D10 | Max. | | 5190 | 6.22 | 4140 | <1 | 208 | 208 | <1 | 165 | - | 345 | 148 | - | 0.643 | 106 | - | 880 | - | 2210 | |
| | D10 | Average | | 4643 | - | 3565 | 0.5 | 168 | 172 | - | 153 | - | 304 | 129 | - | 0.4 | 94 | - | 730 | - | 1920 | |
| Within MPA / Mine Disturbance Area East of MPA | D11 | 17/09/2020 | D11_17 Sep 20_ | 9860 | 6.25 | 8620 | - | 125 | - | - | 550 | - | 929 | 432 | - | <1 | 108 | - | 1480 | - | 4270 | |
| Within MPA / Mine Disturbance Area East of MPA | D11 | 30/06/2021 | D11_30 Jun 21_ | 9290 | 6.32 | 8200 | <1 | 188 | 188 | <1 | 671 | - | 917 | 530 | - | 0.435 | 130 | - | 1840 | - | 4320 | |
| | D11 | Min. | | 9290 | 6.25 | 8200 | <1 | 125 | 188 | <1 | 550 | - | 917 | 432 | - | 0.435 | 108 | - | 1480 | - | 4270 | |
| | D11 | Max. | | 9860 | 6.32 | 8620 | <1 | 188 | 188 | <1 | 671 | - | 929 | 530 | - | <1 | 130 | - | 1840 | - | 4320 | |
| | D11 | Average | | 9575 | - | 8410 | - | 156.5 | - | - | 610.5 | - | 923 | 481 | - | - | 119 | - | 1660 | - | 4295 | |
| Within MPA / Mine Disturbance Area East of MPA | D19 | 16/09/2020 | D19_16 Sep 20_ | 4140 | 6.04 | 3140 | - | 155 | - | - | 121 | - | 244 | 108 | - | <0.5 | 73.1 | - | 568 | - | 1690 | |
| Within MPA / Mine Disturbance Area East of MPA | D19 | 26/11/2020 | D19_26 Nov 20_ | 4140 | 6.04 | 3290 | <1 | 167 | 167 | - | 134 | - | 267 | 121 | - | <0.5 | 77.6 | - | 641 | - | 1900 | |
| Within MPA / Mine Disturbance Area East of MPA | D19 | 15/04/2021 | D19_15 Apr 21_ | 3930 | 6.08 | 3080 | <1 | 164 | 164 | <1 | 131 | - | 252 | 113 | - | 0.453 | 71.8 | - | 557 | - | 1690 | |
| Within MPA / Mine Disturbance Area East of MPA | D19 | 24/06/2021 | D19_24 Jun 21_ | 4120 | 6.04 | 3190 | <1 | 181 | 181 | <1 | 155 | - | 266 | 132 | - | <0.5 | 84.1 | - | 578 | - | 1930 | |
| | D19 | Min. | | 3930 | 6.04 | 3080 | <1 | 155 | 164 | <1 | 121 | - | 244 | 108 | - | 0.453 | 71.8 | - | 557 | - | 1690 | |
| | D19 | Max. | | 4140 | 6.08 | 3290 | <1 | 181 | 181 | <1 | 155 | - | 267 | 132 | - | <0.5 | 84.1 | - | 641 | - | 1930 | |
| | D19 | Average | | 4083 | - | 3175 | 0.5 | 167 | 171 | - | 135 | - | 257 | 119 | - | 0.3 | 77 | - | 586 | - | 1803 | |
| Within MPA / Mine Disturbance Area East of MPA | D113 | 12/08/2020 | MPW035292 | 4500 | 5.98 | 3490 | - | 158 | - | <1 | 143 | 140 | 284 | 123 | 123 | 0.311 | 83.8 | 85.3 | 655 | 658 | 2080 | |
| Within MPA / Mine Disturbance Area East of MPA | D113 | 11/11/2020 | D113_11 Nov 20_ | 4170 | 5.96 | 3190 | <1 | 172 | 172 | <1 | 149 | 141 | 245 | 118 | 119 | <0.5 | 88 | 87 | 590 | 576 | 1870 | |
| Within MPA / Mine Disturbance Area East of MPA | D113 | 17/02/2021 | D113_17 Feb 21_ | 4170 | 6.04 | 3230 | <1 | 164 | 164 | <1 | 137 | - | 280 | 121 | - | <0.5 | 78.3 | - | 613 | - | 1890 | |
| Within MPA / Mine Disturbance Area East of MPA | D113 | 24/06/2021 | D113_24 Jun 21_ | 4340 | 5.99 | 3410 | <1 | 176 | 176 | <1 | 171 | - | 281 | 147 | - | <0.5 | 91.7 | - | 598 | - | 2020 | |
| | D113 | Min. | | 4170 | 5.96 | 3190 | <1 | 158 | 164 | <1 | 137 | 140 | 245 | 118 | 119 | 0.311 | 78.3 | 85.3 | 590 | 576 | 1870 | |
| | D113 | Max. | | 4500 | 6.04 | 3490 | <1 | 176 | 176 | <1 | 171 | 141 | 284 | 147 | 123 | <0.5 | 91.7 | 87 | 655 | 658 | 2080 | |
| | D113 | Average | | 4295 | - | 3330 | 0.5 | 168 | 171 | 0.5 | 150 | - | 273 | 127 | - | 0.27 | 85 | - | 614 | - | 1965 | |
| Within Mine Disturbance Area S & SE of MPA | D15 | 16/09/2020 | D15_16 Sep 20_ | 3280 | 5.11 | 2660 | - | 17 | - | - | 210 | - | 145 | 96.7 | - | <0.5 | 42.5 | - | 377 | - | 1480 | |
| Within Mine Disturbance Area S & SE of MPA | D15 | 26/11/2020 | D15_26 Nov 20_ | 3220 | 5.13 | 2790 | <1 | 12 | 12 | - | 198 | - | 228 | 90.9 | - | <0.5 | 38.7 | - | 388 | - | 1680 | |
| Within Mine Disturbance Area S & SE of MPA | D15 | 24/06/2021 | D15_24 Jun 21_ | 2790 | 5 | 2260 | <1 | 16 | 16 | <1 | 176 | - | 138 | 74.8 | - | <0.5 | 38.8 | - | 335 | - | 1460 | |
| | D15 | Min. | | 2790 | 5 | 2260 | <1 | 12 | 12 | <1 | 176 | - | 138 | 74.8 | - | <0.5 | 38.7 | - | 335 | - | 1460 | |
| | D15 | Max. | | 3280 | 5.13 | 2790 | <1 | 17 | 16 | <1 | 210 | - | 228 | 96.7 | - | <0.5 | 42.5 | - | 388 | - | 1680 | |
| | D15 | Average | | 3097 | - | 2570 | - | 15 | - | - | 195 | - | 170 | 87 | - | 0.25 | 40 | - | 367 | - | 1540 | |
| Within Mine Disturbance Area S & SE of MPA | D16 | 16/09/2020 | D16_16 Sep 20_ | 2120 | 6.27 | 1690 | - | 199 | - | - | 275 | - | 99.2 | 101 | - | <0.2 | 31.9 | - | 59.1 | - | 779 | |
| Within Mine Disturbance Area S & SE of MPA | D16 | 26/11/2020 | D16_26 Nov 20_ | 2080 | 6.28 | 1820 | <1 | 201 | 201 | - | 278 | - | 110 | 99.3 | - | 0.063 | 29.4 | - | 46.8 | - | 883 | |
| Within Mine Disturbance Area S & SE of MPA | D16 | 15/04/2021 | D16_15 Apr 21_ | 2160 | 6.31 | 1870 | <1 | 201 | 201 | <1 | 305 | - | 123 | 104 | - | 0.227 | 31.6 | - | 54.2 | - | 958 | |
| Within Mine Disturbance Area S & SE of MPA | D16 | 23/06/2021 | D16_23 Jun 21_ | 2000 | 6.34 | 1650 | <1 | 217 | 217 | <1 | 280 | - | 104 | 96.3 | - | <0.2 | 31.2 | - | 41.9 | - | 850 | |
| | D16 | Min. | | 2000 | 6.27 | 1650 | <1 | 199 | 201 | <1 | 275 | - | 99.2 | 96.3 | - | 0.063 | 29.4 | - | 41.9 | - | 779 | |
| | D16 | Max. | | 2160 | 6.34 | 1870 | <1 | 217 | 217 | <1 | 305 | - | 123 | 104 | - | 0.227 | 31.9 | - | 59.1 | - | 958 | |
| | D16 | Average | | 2090 | - | 1758 | 0.5 | 205 | 206 | - | 285 | - | 109 | 100 | - | 0.12 | 31 | - | 51 | - | 868 | |
| Within Mine Disturbance Area S & SE of MPA | D17 | 16/09/2020 | D17_16 Sep 20_ | 3520 | 6.12 | 2800 | - | 116 | - | - | 225 | - | 187 | 143 | - | <0.5 | 26.4 | - | 332 | - | 1400 | |
| Within Mine Disturbance Area S & SE of MPA | D17 | 26/11/2020 | D17_26 Nov 20_ | 3360 | 6.06 | 2870 | <1 | 107 | 107 | - | 233 | - | 210 | 145 | - | <0.5 | 24.6 | - | 339 | - | 1630 | |
| Within Mine Disturbance Area S & SE of MPA | D17 | 15/04/2021 | D17_15 Apr 21_ | 3170 | 6.11 | 2720 | <1 | 138 | 138 | <1 | 226 | - | 189 | 134 | - | 0.368 | 24.9 | - | 294 | - | 1520 | |
| Within Mine Disturbance Area S & SE of MPA | D17 | 23/06/2021 | D17_23 Jun 21_ | 3060 | 6.1 | 2480 | <1 | 145 | 145 | <1 | 240 | - | 176 | 134 | - | <0.5 | 25.7 | - | 271 | - | 1410 | |
| | D17 | Min. | | 3060 | 6.06 | 2480 | <1 | 107 | 107 | <1 | 225 | - | 176 | 134 | - | 0.368 | 24.6 | - | 271 | - | 1400 | |
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| | D17 | Average | | 3278 | - | 2718 | 0.5 | 127 | 130 | - | 231 | - | 191 | 139 | - | 0.28 | 25 | - | 309 | - | 1490 | |
| Within Mine Disturbance Area S & SE of MPA | D18 | 17/09/2020 | D18_17 Sep 20_ | 680 | 6.67 | 388 | - | 380 | - | - | 81 | - | 7.53 | 30.2 | - | 0.457 | 20.3 | - | 17.4 | - | 7.42 | |
| Within Mine Disturbance Area S & SE of MPA | D18 | 26/11/2020 | D18_26 Nov 20_ | 670 | 6.67 | 408 | <1 | 388 | 388 | - | 75.9 | - | 77.7 | 28.9 | - | 3.04 | 18 | - | 16.4 | - | 88.7 | |
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| | D18 | Min. | | 670 | 6.67 | 378 | <1 | 362 | 362 | <1 | 75.9 | - | 7.53 | 27.1 | - | 0.274 | 18 | - | 16.4 | - | 7.42 | |
| | D18 | Max. | | 680 | 6.74 | 408 | <1 | 388 | 388 | <1 | 83.3 | - | 77.7 | 30.2 | - | 3.04 | 20.3 | - | 18.5 | - | 88.7 | |
| | D18 | Average | | 673 | - | 392 | 0.5 | 375 | 373 | - | 79 | - | 26 | 29 | - | 1.1 | 19 | - | 18 | - | 29 | |
| Background and Adjacent to MPA | D3 | 17/09/2020 | D3_17 Sep 20_ | 306 | 5.84 | 196 | - | 47 | - | - | 17.2 | - | 16.6 | 11.6 | - | <0.05 | 3.53 | - | 23.1 | - | 66.9 | |
| Background and Adjacent to MPA | D3 | 26/11/2020 | D3_26 Nov 20_ | 850 | 5.95 | 664 | <1 | 106 | 106 | - | 70.8 | - | 34.8 | 41.2 | - | <0.1 | 9.03 | - | 37.7 | - | 291 | |
| Background and Adjacent to MPA | D3 | 17/03/2021 | D3_17 Mar 21_ | 910 | 6.11 | 610 | <1 | 127 | 127 | <1 | 75.7 | - | 60.8 | 44 | - | <0.2 | 10 | - | 49.7 | - | 259 | |
| Background and Adjacent to MPA | D3 | 24/06/2021 | D3_24 Jun 21_ | 1090 | 6.22 | 751 | <1 | 171 | 171 | <1</ | | | | | | | | | | | | |

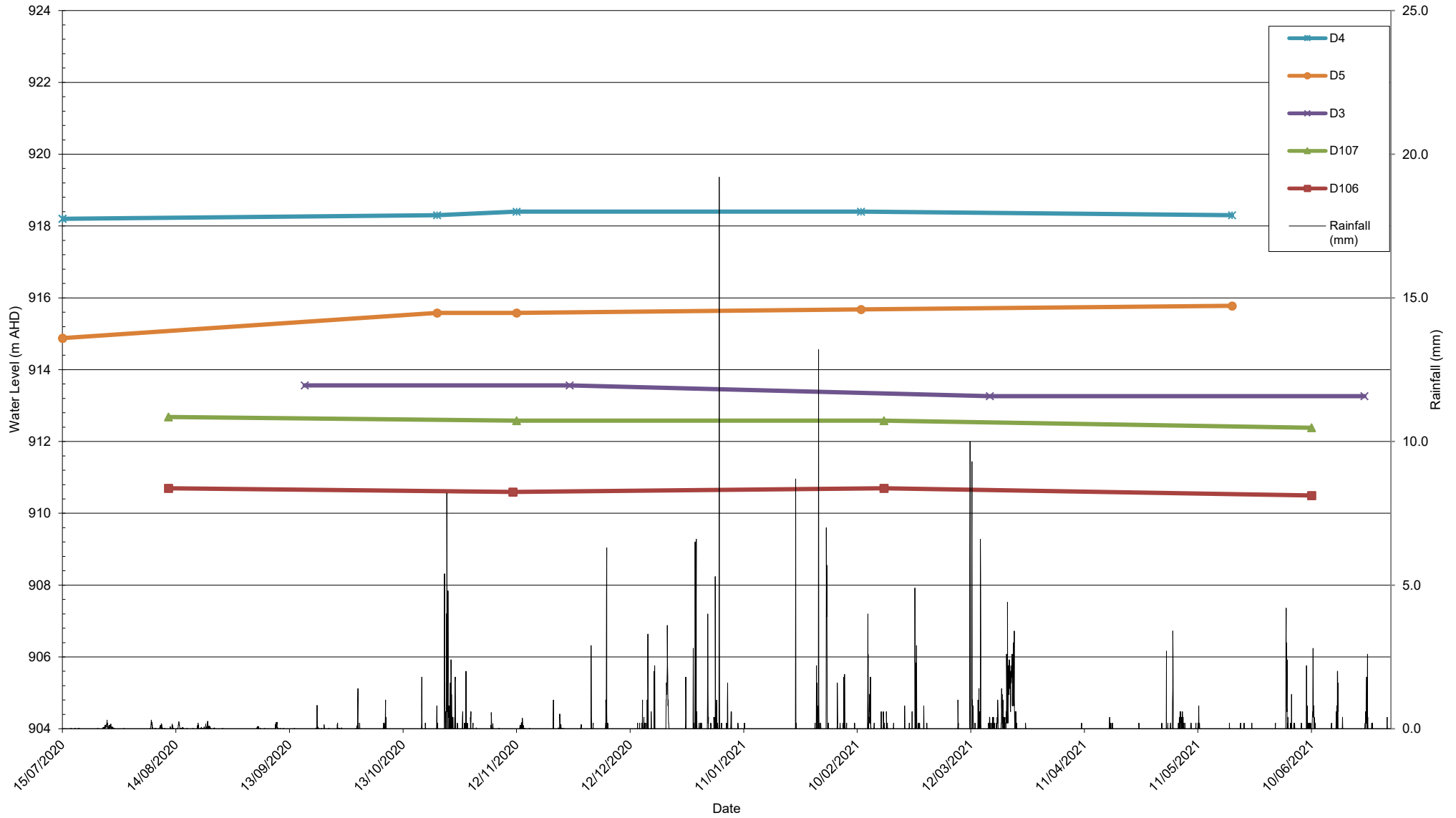
| Purpose | LocCode | Sampled_Date-Time | SampleCode | Field Parameters | | TDS | | Major Anions and Cations | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---------|-------------------|----------------|---------------------------------|------------|------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------|--------------------|----------|-----------|----------------------|----------|-----------|----------------------|--------|-------------------|------------------|-----|--|
| | | | | Electrical Conductivity (Field) | pH (Field) | Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) | Carbonate (as CaCO3) | Total Alkalinity (as CaCO3) | Bicarbonate Alkalinity (as CaCO3) | Phenolphthalein Alkalinity (CaCO3) | Calcium | Calcium (Filtered) | Chloride | Magnesium | Magnesium (Filtered) | Fluoride | Potassium | Potassium (Filtered) | Sodium | Sodium (Filtered) | Sulfate (as SO4) | | |
| ANZECC (2000) or Local Guidelines - Groundwater | | | | 2600 | 6.5-8 | 2000 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Background and Adjacent to MPAR | D4 | 15/07/2020 | D4_15 Jul 20 | 790 | 3.4 | 682 | - | <1 | - | - | 17.5 | - | 14.9 | 9.8 | - | <0.1 | 7.69 | - | 18.4 | - | - | 293 | |
| Background and Adjacent to MPAR | D4 | 22/10/2020 | D4_22 Oct 20 | 770 | 3.48 | 632 | - | <1 | - | - | 15.7 | - | 16.7 | 8.88 | - | <0.1 | 8.62 | - | 20.5 | - | - | 347 | |
| Background and Adjacent to MPAR | D4 | 12/11/2020 | D4_12 Nov 20 | 770 | 3.45 | 638 | - | <1 | - | - | 15.8 | - | 15.7 | 8.43 | - | <0.1 | 7.73 | - | 20.1 | - | - | 275 | |
| Background and Adjacent to MPAR | D4 | 11/02/2021 | D4_11 Feb 21 | 750 | 3.57 | 620 | <1 | <1 | <1 | <1 | 16 | - | 17.4 | 10 | - | <0.1 | 7.19 | - | 17.6 | - | - | 320 | |
| Background and Adjacent to MPAR | D4 | 20/05/2021 | D4_20 May 21 | 770 | 3.39 | 583 | <1 | <1 | <1 | <1 | 16.5 | - | 16.9 | 9.56 | - | 0.063 | 7.98 | - | 20.3 | - | - | 308 | |
| | D4 | Min. | | 750 | 3.39 | 583 | <1 | <1 | <1 | <1 | 15.7 | - | 14.9 | 8.43 | - | 0.063 | 7.19 | - | 17.6 | - | - | 275 | |
| | D4 | Max. | | 790 | 3.57 | 682 | <1 | <1 | <1 | <1 | 17.5 | - | 17.4 | 10 | - | <0.1 | 8.62 | - | 20.5 | - | - | 347 | |
| | D4 | Average | | 770 | - | 631 | - | 0.5 | - | - | 16 | - | 16 | 9.3 | - | 0.053 | 7.8 | - | 19 | - | - | 309 | |
| Background and Adjacent to MPAR | D5 | 15/07/2020 | D5_15 Jul 20 | 1260 | 5.96 | 882 | - | 106 | - | - | 103 | - | 29 | 69.4 | - | 0.711 | 9.75 | - | 29.5 | - | - | 582 | |
| Background and Adjacent to MPAR | D5 | 22/10/2020 | D5_22 Oct 20 | 1230 | 5.91 | 921 | - | 93 | - | - | 92.8 | - | 21.9 | 65.7 | - | <0.1 | 11 | - | 31.1 | - | - | 505 | |
| Background and Adjacent to MPAR | D5 | 12/11/2020 | D5_12 Nov 20 | 1240 | 5.95 | 908 | - | 96 | - | - | 107 | - | 23.9 | 74.5 | - | 0.108 | 11.9 | - | 36.5 | - | - | 530 | |
| Background and Adjacent to MPAR | D5 | 11/02/2021 | D5_11 Feb 21 | 1150 | 6.05 | 842 | <1 | 73 | 73 | <1 | 89.1 | - | 25.6 | 67.4 | - | 0.233 | 8.84 | - | 26.6 | - | - | 505 | |
| Background and Adjacent to MPAR | D5 | 20/05/2021 | D5_20 May 21 | 1160 | 5.92 | 794 | <1 | 84 | 84 | <1 | 97.3 | - | 25.7 | 67.6 | - | 0.182 | 9.95 | - | 31.8 | - | - | 484 | |
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| | D5 | Max. | | 1260 | 6.05 | 921 | <1 | 106 | 84 | <1 | 107 | - | 29 | 74.5 | - | 0.711 | 11.9 | - | 36.5 | - | - | 582 | |
| | D5 | Average | | 1208 | - | 869 | - | 90 | - | - | 98 | - | 25 | 69 | - | 0.26 | 10 | - | 31 | - | - | 521 | |
| Background and Adjacent to MPAR | D106 | 12/08/2020 | MPW035285 | 7370 | 6 | 6000 | - | 117 | - | <1 | 473 | 435 | 805 | 375 | 346 | 0.053 | 57.6 | 52.6 | 943 | 874 | 3550 | | |
| Background and Adjacent to MPAR | D106 | 11/11/2020 | D106_11 Nov 20 | 11,910 | 5.99 | 10,600 | <1 | 181 | 181 | <1 | 594 | 493 | 1530 | 746 | 604 | <1 | 110 | 105 | 1870 | 1500 | 6100 | | |
| Background and Adjacent to MPAR | D106 | 17/02/2021 | D106_17 Feb 21 | 12,510 | 6 | 11,700 | <1 | 189 | 189 | <1 | 578 | - | 1530 | 665 | - | <1 | 118 | - | 1840 | - | 5920 | | |
| Background and Adjacent to MPAR | D106 | 10/06/2021 | D106_10 Jun 21 | 12,160 | 6.05 | 10,800 | <1 | 170 | 170 | <1 | 611 | - | 1530 | 722 | - | <2 | 100 | - | 2100 | - | 5910 | | |
| | D106 | Min. | | 7370 | 5.99 | 6000 | <1 | 117 | 170 | <1 | 473 | 435 | 805 | 375 | 346 | 0.053 | 57.6 | 52.6 | 943 | 874 | 3550 | | |
| | D106 | Max. | | 12510 | 6.05 | 11700 | <1 | 189 | 189 | <1 | 611 | 493 | 1530 | 746 | 604 | <2 | 118 | 105 | 2100 | 1500 | 6100 | | |
| | D106 | Average | | 10988 | - | 9775 | 0.5 | 164 | 180 | 0.5 | 564 | - | 1349 | 627 | - | 0.51 | 96 | - | 1688 | - | 5370 | | |
| Background and Adjacent to MPAR | D107 | 12/08/2020 | MPW035286 | 15,330 | 5.93 | 14,400 | - | 174 | - | <1 | 535 | 551 | 2000 | 740 | 733 | 0.206 | 236 | 233 | 2440 | 2380 | 8550 | | |
| Background and Adjacent to MPAR | D107 | 12/11/2020 | D107_12 Nov 20 | 13,960 | 5.92 | 12,500 | <1 | 202 | 202 | <1 | 504 | 442 | 1570 | 756 | 635 | <1 | 232 | 204 | 2510 | 2070 | 6720 | | |
| Background and Adjacent to MPAR | D107 | 17/02/2021 | D107_17 Feb 21 | 13,900 | 5.99 | 12,700 | <1 | 203 | 203 | <1 | 452 | - | 1640 | 641 | - | <1 | 246 | - | 2360 | - | 6930 | | |
| Background and Adjacent to MPAR | D107 | 10/06/2021 | D107_10 Jun 21 | 11,300 | 6.04 | 8480 | <1 | 207 | 207 | <1 | 378 | - | 1250 | 502 | - | <2 | 191 | - | 1900 | - | 5150 | | |
| | D107 | Min. | | 11300 | 5.92 | 8480 | <1 | 174 | 202 | <1 | 378 | 442 | 1250 | 502 | 635 | 0.206 | 191 | 204 | 1900 | 2070 | 5150 | | |
| | D107 | Max. | | 15330 | 6.04 | 14400 | <1 | 207 | 207 | <1 | 535 | 551 | 2000 | 756 | 733 | <2 | 246 | 233 | 2510 | 2380 | 8550 | | |
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| Adjacent to MPAR and Downgradient | D1 | 16/09/2020 | D1_16 Sep 20 | 9810 | 5.95 | 8740 | - | 127 | - | - | 591 | - | 1110 | 549 | - | <1 | 103 | - | 1240 | - | 4510 | | |
| Adjacent to MPAR and Downgradient | D1 | 25/11/2020 | D1_25 Nov 20 | 9920 | 5.84 | 9360 | <1 | 116 | 116 | - | 584 | - | 132 | 530 | - | <1 | 108 | - | 1390 | - | 997 | | |
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| Adjacent to MPAR and Downgradient | D1 | 23/06/2021 | D1_23 Jun 21 | 9290 | 5.92 | 8310 | <1 | 184 | 184 | <1 | 510 | - | 1070 | 494 | - | <1 | 95.1 | - | 1340 | - | 4510 | | |
| | D1 | Min. | | 9140 | 5.84 | 8310 | <1 | 116 | 116 | <1 | 29.9 | - | 132 | 21 | - | 0.75 | 3.95 | - | 25.8 | - | 997 | | |
| | D1 | Max. | | 9920 | 5.95 | 9360 | <1 | 184 | 184 | <1 | 591 | - | 1120 | 549 | - | <1 | 108 | - | 1390 | - | 4790 | | |
| | D1 | Average | | 9540 | - | 8750 | 0.5 | 145 | 151 | - | 429 | - | 858 | 399 | - | 0.56 | 78 | - | 999 | - | 3702 | | |
| Adjacent to MPAR and Downgradient | D2 | 16/07/2020 | D2_16 Jul 20 | 1460 | 6.6 | 1000 | - | 15 | - | - | 81.1 | - | 86.4 | 64.4 | - | <0.2 | 14.8 | - | 141 | - | 590 | | |
| Adjacent to MPAR and Downgradient | D2 | 22/10/2020 | D2_22 Oct 20 | 1320 | 5.78 | 910 | - | 8 | - | - | 68.1 | - | 84 | 58.6 | - | 0.105 | 15.6 | - | 119 | - | 572 | | |
| Adjacent to MPAR and Downgradient | D2 | 12/11/2020 | D2_12 Nov 20 | 1050 | 5.8 | 732 | - | 14 | - | - | 51.1 | - | 54.3 | 38.6 | - | <0.1 | 11.4 | - | 96.7 | - | 366 | | |
| Adjacent to MPAR and Downgradient | D2 | 12/02/2021 | D2_12 Feb 21 | 790 | 5.87 | 567 | <1 | 30 | 30 | <1 | 36.1 | - | 45.6 | 31.7 | - | 0.124 | 8.94 | - | 66.6 | - | 291 | | |
| Adjacent to MPAR and Downgradient | D2 | 20/05/2021 | D2_20 May 21 | 1030 | 5.85 | 712 | <1 | 14 | 14 | <1 | 52.4 | - | 61.4 | 43.2 | - | 0.162 | 12.4 | - | 93.4 | - | 390 | | |
| | D2 | Min. | | 790 | 5.78 | 567 | <1 | 8 | 14 | <1 | 36.1 | - | 45.6 | 31.7 | - | <0.1 | 8.94 | - | 66.6 | - | 291 | | |
| | D2 | Max. | | 1460 | 6.6 | 1000 | <1 | 30 | 30 | <1 | 81.1 | - | 86.4 | 64.4 | - | <0.2 | 15.6 | - | 141 | - | 590 | | |
| | D2 | Average | | 1130 | - | 784 | - | 16 | - | - | 58 | - | 66 | 47 | - | 0.11 | 13 | - | 103 | - | 442 | | |
| Adjacent to MPAR and Downgradient | D8 | 17/09/2020 | D8_17 Sep 20 | 358 | 5.58 | 260 | - | 14 | - | - | 25 | - | 14.4 | 18 | - | <0.05 | 3.11 | - | 15.1 | - | 123 | | |
| Adjacent to MPAR and Downgradient | D8 | 26/11/2020 | D8_26 Nov 20 | 211 | 5.49 | 194 | <1 | 12 | 12 | - | 15.1 | - | 4.73 | 11 | - | <0.02 | 2.36 | - | 5.72 | - | 94.3 | | |
| Adjacent to MPAR and Downgradient | D8 | 15/04/2021 | D8_15 Apr 21 | 474 | 5.72 | 378 | <1 | 14 | 14 | <1 | 95.4 | - | 23.3 | 81 | - | 0.037 | 16.7 | - | 181 | - | 169 | | |
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| | D8 | Max. | | 477 | 5.72 | 378 | <1 | 14 | 14 | <1 | 95.4 | - | 25.2 | 81 | - | <0.05 | 16.7 | - | 181 | - | 172 | | |
| | D8 | Average | | 380 | - | 295 | 0.5 | 13 | 13 | - | 41 | - | 17 | 33 | - | 0.024 | 6.6 | - | 58 | - | 140 | | |
| Adjacent to MPAR and Downgradient | D9 | 16/09/2020 | D9_16 Sep 20 | 8410 | 6.08 | 7260 | - | 126 | - | - | 629 | - | 925 | 488 | - | <1 | 68.5 | - | 944 | - | 3480 | | |
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| | D9 | Max. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

| | Field Parameters | | TDS | Major Anions and Cations | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------|--------------------|------------|-------------|----------------------|-------------|-------------|----------------------|--------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| | Electrical Conductivity (Field) | pH (Field) | | Carbonate (as CaCO3) | Total Alkalinity (as CaCO3) | Bicarbonate Alkalinity (as CaCO3) | Phenolphthalein Alkalinity (CaCO3) | Calcium | Calcium (Filtered) | Chloride | Magnesium | Magnesium (Filtered) | Fluoride | Potassium | Potassium (Filtered) | Sodium | Sodium (Filtered) | Sulfate (as SO4) | | | |
| | uS/cm | pH units | mg/L | mg/L | mg/L | mg/L | mg/L | mg/L | mg/L | mg/L | mg/L | mg/L | mg/L | mg/L | mg/L | mg/L | mg/L | mg/L | | | |
| ANZECC (2000) or Local Guidelines - Groundwater | 2600 | 6.5-8 | 2000 | | | | | | | 350 | | | | 1.5 | | | | 1000 | | | |
| Purpose | LocCode | Sampled_Date-Time | SampleCode | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Adjacent to MPAR and Downgradient | D102 | 12/08/2020 | MPW035281 | 10,330 | 6.08 | 9340 | - | 144 | - | <1 | 747 | 626 | 1390 | 560 | 476 | 0.089 | 88.3 | 73.6 | 1310 | 1130 | 5080 |
| Adjacent to MPAR and Downgradient | D102 | 11/11/2020 | D102_11 Nov 20_ | 10,420 | 6.06 | 9520 | <1 | 141 | 141 | <1 | 713 | 612 | 1430 | 615 | 513 | 0.066 | 120 | 96.5 | 1440 | 1200 | 5270 |
| Adjacent to MPAR and Downgradient | D102 | 18/02/2021 | D102_18 Feb 21_ | 10,140 | 6.07 | 9220 | <1 | 125 | 125 | <1 | 547 | - | 1330 | 531 | - | <1 | 90.6 | - | 1340 | - | 4400 |
| Adjacent to MPAR and Downgradient | D102 | 11/06/2021 | D102_11 Jun 21_ | 10,190 | 6.1 | 9110 | <1 | 129 | 129 | <1 | 518 | - | 1410 | 551 | - | <2 | 99 | - | 1430 | - | 4610 |
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| | D102 | Average | | 10270 | - | 9298 | 0.5 | 135 | 132 | 0.5 | 631 | - | 1390 | 564 | - | 0.41 | 99 | - | 1380 | - | 4840 |
| Adjacent to MPAR and Downgradient | D103 | 12/08/2020 | MPW035282 | 4910 | 6.13 | 4230 | - | 155 | - | <1 | 278 | 234 | 350 | 261 | 222 | 0.073 | 37.5 | 31.9 | 592 | 513 | 2590 |
| Adjacent to MPAR and Downgradient | D103 | 11/11/2020 | D103_11 Nov 20_ | 4710 | 6.14 | 3980 | <1 | 178 | 178 | <1 | 256 | 236 | 317 | 254 | 223 | 0.056 | 42.7 | 35.8 | 583 | 516 | 2390 |
| Adjacent to MPAR and Downgradient | D103 | 17/02/2021 | D103_17 Feb 21_ | 4540 | 6.19 | 3890 | <1 | 162 | 162 | <1 | 212 | - | 314 | 216 | - | <0.5 | 35.2 | - | 552 | - | 2300 |
| Adjacent to MPAR and Downgradient | D103 | 11/06/2021 | D103_11 Jun 21_ | 4190 | 6.22 | 3550 | <1 | 188 | 188 | <1 | 213 | - | 272 | 198 | - | <0.5 | 35.5 | - | 535 | - | 1960 |
| | D103 | Min. | | 4190 | 6.13 | 3550 | <1 | 155 | 162 | <1 | 212 | 234 | 272 | 198 | 222 | 0.056 | 35.2 | 31.9 | 535 | 513 | 1960 |
| | D103 | Max. | | 4910 | 6.22 | 4230 | <1 | 188 | 188 | <1 | 278 | 236 | 350 | 261 | 223 | <0.5 | 42.7 | 35.8 | 592 | 516 | 2590 |
| | D103 | Average | | 4588 | - | 3913 | 0.5 | 171 | 176 | 0.5 | 240 | - | 313 | 232 | - | 0.16 | 38 | - | 566 | - | 2310 |
| Adjacent to MPAR and Downgradient | D104 | 12/08/2020 | MPW035283 | 1120 | 5.74 | 824 | - | 51 | - | <1 | 84.2 | 72.6 | 65.6 | 54.4 | 47.4 | 0.024 | 8.65 | 7.52 | 78.5 | 70.6 | 430 |
| Adjacent to MPAR and Downgradient | D104 | 11/11/2020 | D104_11 Nov 20_ | 910 | 5.88 | 670 | <1 | 52 | 52 | <1 | 56.1 | 54.5 | 47.4 | 36.9 | 34.2 | 0.013 | 8.29 | 7.58 | 86.6 | 81.2 | 344 |
| Adjacent to MPAR and Downgradient | D104 | 18/02/2021 | D104_18 Feb 21_ | 1760 | 5.76 | 1400 | <1 | 48 | 48 | <1 | 113 | - | 109 | 82.1 | - | <0.2 | 11.8 | - | 130 | - | 754 |
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| | D104 | Min. | | 910 | 5.66 | 670 | <1 | 41 | 41 | <1 | 56.1 | 54.5 | 47.4 | 36.9 | 34.2 | 0.013 | 8.29 | 7.52 | 78.5 | 70.6 | 344 |
| | D104 | Max. | | 1760 | 5.88 | 1400 | <1 | 52 | 52 | <1 | 113 | 72.6 | 109 | 82.1 | 47.4 | <0.2 | 11.8 | 7.58 | 130 | 81.2 | 754 |
| | D104 | Average | | 1303 | - | 971 | 0.5 | 48 | 47 | 0.5 | 90 | - | 79 | 61 | - | 0.059 | 9.9 | - | 100 | - | 528 |
| Adjacent to MPAR and Downgradient | D105 | 13/08/2020 | MPW035284 | 3930 | 6.04 | 3200 | - | 160 | - | <1 | 271 | 251 | 302 | 247 | 232 | 0.074 | 27.1 | 25.5 | 338 | 321 | 1980 |
| Adjacent to MPAR and Downgradient | D105 | 11/11/2020 | D105_11 Nov 20_ | 3670 | 6.03 | 3030 | <1 | 146 | 146 | <1 | 245 | 212 | 272 | 239 | 204 | <0.5 | 29.2 | 25.4 | 324 | 279 | 1840 |
| Adjacent to MPAR and Downgradient | D105 | 17/02/2021 | D105_17 Feb 21_ | 3960 | 6.06 | 3230 | <1 | 146 | 146 | <1 | 220 | - | 284 | 216 | - | <0.5 | 26.3 | - | 320 | - | 1820 |
| Adjacent to MPAR and Downgradient | D105 | 11/06/2021 | D105_11 Jun 21_ | 3570 | 6.05 | 3000 | <1 | 149 | 149 | <1 | 233 | - | 267 | 214 | - | <0.5 | 26.8 | - | 325 | - | 1650 |
| | D105 | Min. | | 3570 | 6.03 | 3000 | <1 | 146 | 146 | <1 | 220 | 212 | 267 | 214 | 204 | 0.074 | 26.3 | 25.4 | 320 | 279 | 1650 |
| | D105 | Max. | | 3960 | 6.06 | 3230 | <1 | 160 | 149 | <1 | 271 | 251 | 302 | 247 | 232 | <0.5 | 29.2 | 25.5 | 338 | 321 | 1980 |
| | D105 | Average | | 3783 | - | 3115 | 0.5 | 150 | 147 | 0.5 | 242 | - | 281 | 229 | - | 0.21 | 27 | - | 327 | - | 1823 |
| Brine waste pond leak detection bores | MPGM5-D5 | 16/07/2020 | MPGM5-D5_16 Jul 20_ | 21,890 | 5.96 | 20,800 | - | 420 | - | - | 332 | - | 2060 | 1140 | - | <2 | 134 | - | 4400 | - | 13,000 |
| Brine waste pond leak detection bores | MPGM5-D5 | 22/10/2020 | MPGM5-D5_22 Oct 20_ | 21,790 | 6.01 | 23,000 | - | 570 | - | - | 526 | - | 2030 | 1390 | - | 0.932 | 132 | - | 4690 | - | 13,600 |
| Brine waste pond leak detection bores | MPGM5-D5 | 12/11/2020 | MPGM5-D5_12 Nov 20_ | 18,400 | 6.08 | 18,600 | - | 497 | - | - | 314 | - | 1880 | 1070 | - | <2 | 107 | - | 3450 | - | 11,800 |
| Brine waste pond leak detection bores | MPGM5-D5 | 12/02/2021 | MPGM5-D5_12 Feb 21_ | 13,550 | 5.89 | 13,000 | <1 | 312 | 312 | <1 | 360 | - | 1620 | 1070 | - | 0.507 | 59.4 | - | 2430 | - | 8910 |
| Brine waste pond leak detection bores | MPGM5-D5 | 20/05/2021 | MPGM5-D5_20 May 21_ | 23,440 | 6.38 | 22,200 | <1 | 1110 | 1110 | <1 | 384 | - | 2210 | 990 | - | <1 | 193 | - | 6120 | - | 12,700 |
| | MPGM5-D5 | Min. | | 13550 | 5.89 | 13000 | <1 | 312 | 312 | <1 | 314 | - | 1620 | 990 | - | 0.507 | 59.4 | - | 2430 | - | 8910 |
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| | MPGM5-D5 | Average | | 19814 | - | 19520 | - | 582 | - | - | 383 | - | 1960 | 1132 | - | 0.79 | 125 | - | 4218 | - | 12002 |
| Brine waste pond leak detection bores | MPGM5-D6 | 16/07/2020 | MPGM5-D6_16 Jul 20_ | 1570 | 5.68 | 945 | - | 113 | - | - | 20.3 | - | 161 | 46.4 | - | <0.2 | 6.38 | - | 195 | - | 428 |
| Brine waste pond leak detection bores | MPGM5-D6 | 22/10/2020 | MPGM5-D6_22 Oct 20_ | 1460 | 5.66 | 955 | - | 110 | - | - | 19.8 | - | 141 | 43.1 | - | <0.1 | 7.3 | - | 172 | - | 371 |
| Brine waste pond leak detection bores | MPGM5-D6 | 20/05/2021 | MPGM5-D6_20 May 21_ | 1290 | 5.8 | 762 | <1 | 139 | 139 | <1 | 17.9 | - | 135 | 41.4 | - | <0.1 | 6.14 | - | 155 | - | 279 |
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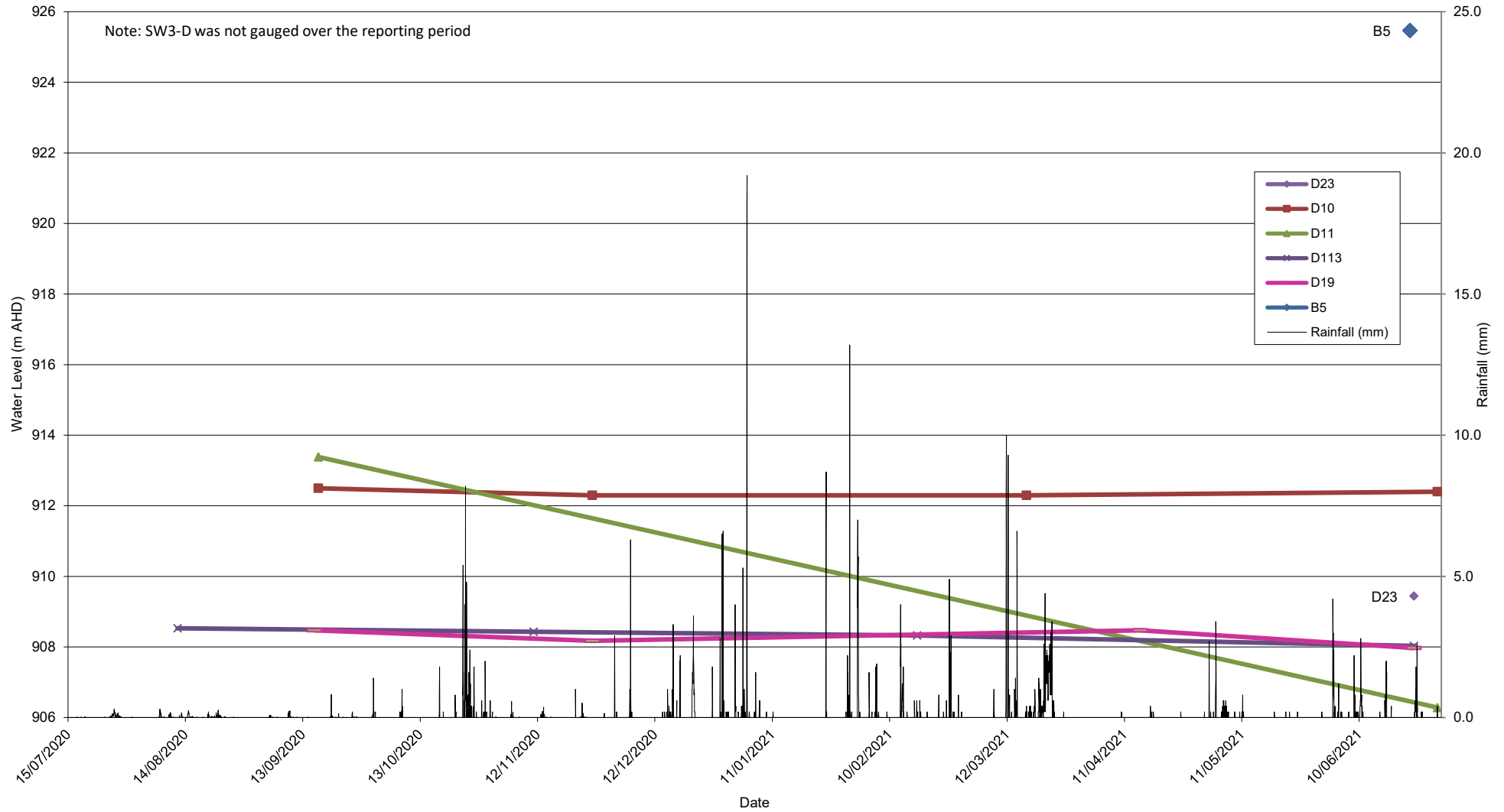
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| Within MPAR / Mine Disturbance Area East of MPAR | D10 | 17/09/2020 | D10_17 Sep 20_ | 110 | - | 2 | - | 20 | - | - | 1020 | - | 0.9 | - | <1 | - | 1 | - | - | 12,300 | 32 | - | - | 2740 | <0.04 | 2 | - | 367 | - | 0.6 | - | <1 | - | 621 | - | | |
| Within MPAR / Mine Disturbance Area East of MPAR | D10 | 26/11/2020 | D10_26 Nov 20_ | 70 | 60 | 8 | 8 | 16 | - | <1 | 1150 | 1120 | 0.1 | - | <1 | - | <1 | <1 | 15,600 | 15,300 | 8 | - | 3040 | 2930 | <0.04 | 4 | - | 425 | 418 | 0.8 | - | <1 | - | 391 | 387 | | |
| Within MPAR / Mine Disturbance Area East of MPAR | D10 | 17/03/2021 | D10_17 Mar 21_ | 40 | 10 | 4 | 2 | 18 | - | <1 | 1440 | 1400 | 0.1 | - | <1 | - | <1 | <1 | 12,000 | 6850 | 7 | - | 3750 | 3540 | <0.04 | 4 | - | 538 | 460 | 0.4 | - | <1 | - | 299 | 246 | | |
| Within MPAR / Mine Disturbance Area East of MPAR | D10 | 30/06/2021 | D10_30 Jun 21_ | 50 | 40 | 2 | 1 | 21 | - | <1 | 1280 | 1140 | 0.1 | - | 15 | - | <1 | <1 | 16,000 | 12,900 | 3 | - | 2940 | 2850 | <0.04 | 17 | - | 394 | 372 | 0.4 | - | <1 | - | 44 | 26 | | |
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| Within MPAR / Mine Disturbance Area East of MPAR | D11 | 30/06/2021 | D11_30 Jun 21_ | 40 | <10 | 6 | 6 | 94 | - | <1 | 2260 | 1980 | <0.1 | - | <1 | - | <1 | <1 | 102,000 | 83,100 | <1 | - | 14,200 | 14,000 | <0.04 | 9 | - | 839 | 851 | 0.3 | - | <1 | - | 23 | 20 | | |
| | D11 | Min. | | 40 | <10 | 3 | 6 | 56 | - | <1 | 2260 | 1980 | <0.1 | - | <1 | - | <1 | <1 | 102000 | 46700 | <1 | - | 14200 | 14000 | <0.04 | <1 | - | 839 | 851 | 0.3 | - | <1 | - | 23 | 20 | | |
| | D11 | Max. | | 1480 | <10 | 6 | 6 | 94 | - | <1 | 2990 | 1980 | <0.1 | - | <1 | - | <1 | <1 | 102000 | 83100 | <1 | - | 14200 | 14800 | <0.04 | 9 | - | 879 | 851 | 0.5 | - | <1 | - | 28 | 20 | | |
| | D11 | Average | | 760 | - | 4.5 | - | 75 | - | - | 2625 | - | - | - | 0.05 | - | 0.5 | - | - | 64900 | 0.5 | - | - | 14400 | 0.02 | 4.75 | - | 859 | - | 0.4 | - | 0.5 | - | 25.5 | - | | |
| Within MPAR / Mine Disturbance Area East of MPAR | D19 | 16/09/2020 | D19_16 Sep 20_ | 430 | - | 3 | - | 15 | - | - | 1610 | - | 0.1 | - | 6 | - | 2 | - | - | 16,800 | 8 | - | - | 4990 | <0.04 | <1 | - | 426 | - | 0.4 | - | <1 | - | 223 | - | | |
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| Within MPAR / Mine Disturbance Area East of MPAR | D19 | 24/06/2021 | D19_24 Jun 21_ | 340 | <10 | 4 | 1 | 17 | - | <1 | 1830 | 1740 | 0.1 | - | 32 | - | 3 | <1 | 17,200 | 14,000 | 10 | - | 5440 | 5080 | <0.04 | 1 | - | 515 | 450 | <0.2 | - | <1 | - | 260 | 224 | | |
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| Within MPAR / Mine Disturbance Area East of MPAR | D113 | 12/08/2020 | MPW035292 | - | - | 8 | 2 | 18 | 11 | - | 1710 | 1630 | 1.8 | 0.1 | 7 | <1 | 5 | <1 | 14,100 | 13,600 | 7 | 2 | 6180 | 5960 | <0.04 | <1 | <1 | 465 | 446 | <0.2 | <0.2 | <1 | <1 | 288 | 277 | | |
| Within MPAR / Mine Disturbance Area East of MPAR | D113 | 11/11/2020 | D113_11 Nov 20_ | 170 | <10 | 2 | 1 | 13 | 10 | <1 | 1730 | 1710 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 7 | <1 | <1 | <1 | 13,700 | 11,500 | 4 | 3 | 5270 | 5120 | <0.04 | <1 | - | 441 | 410 | <0.2 | 0.3 | <1 | - | 267 | 248 | | |
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APPENDIX H HYDROGRAPHS



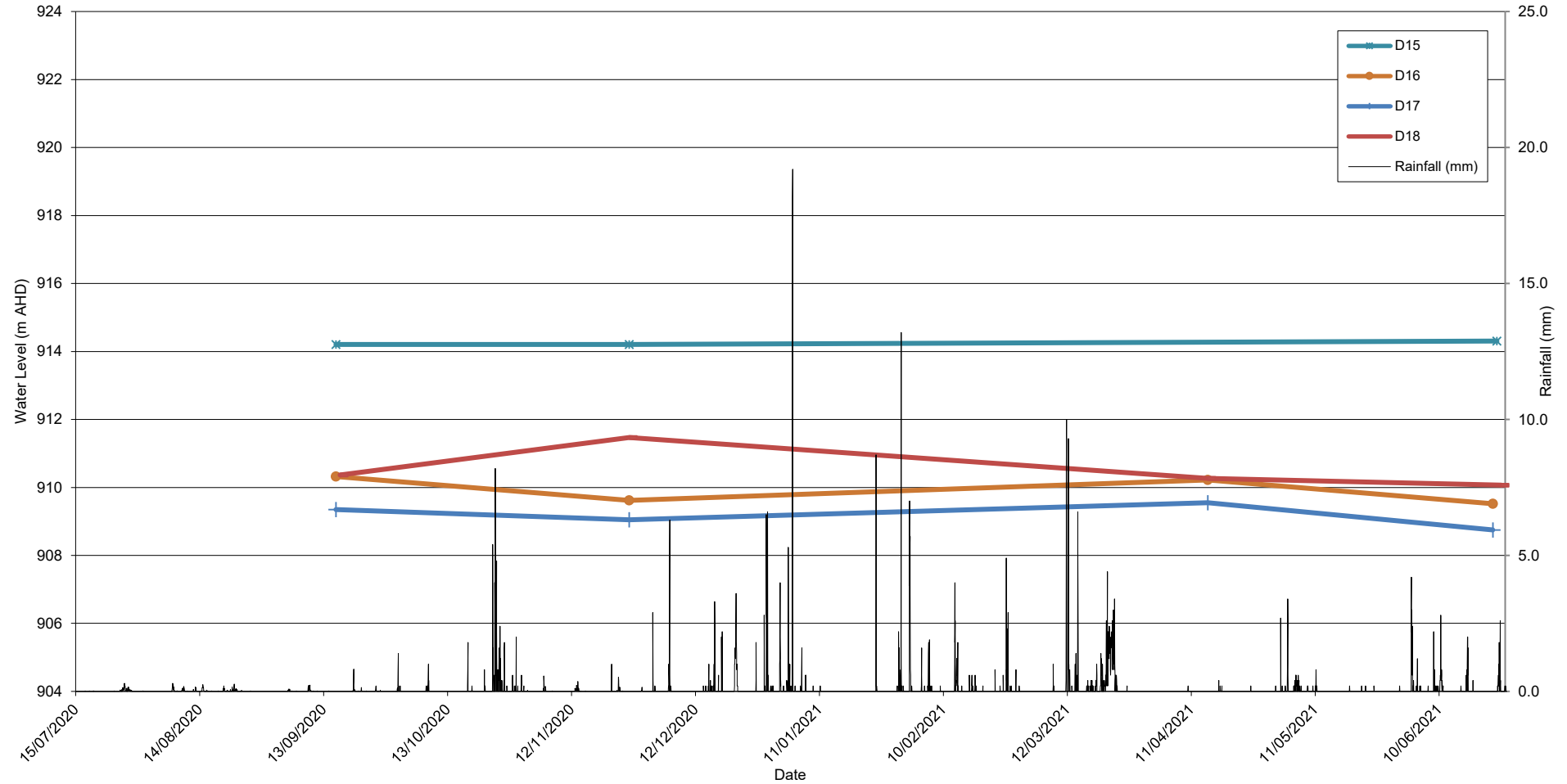


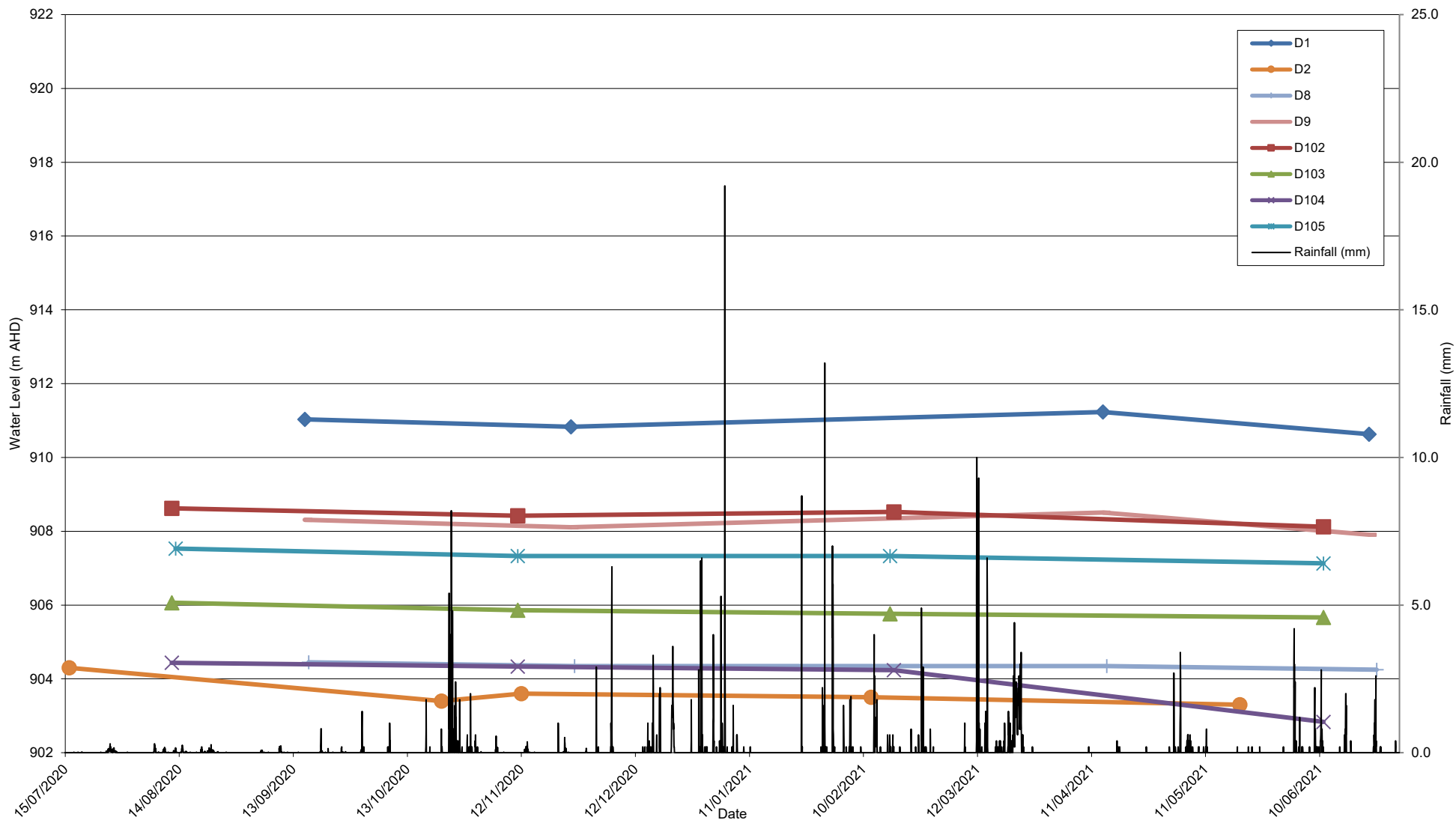
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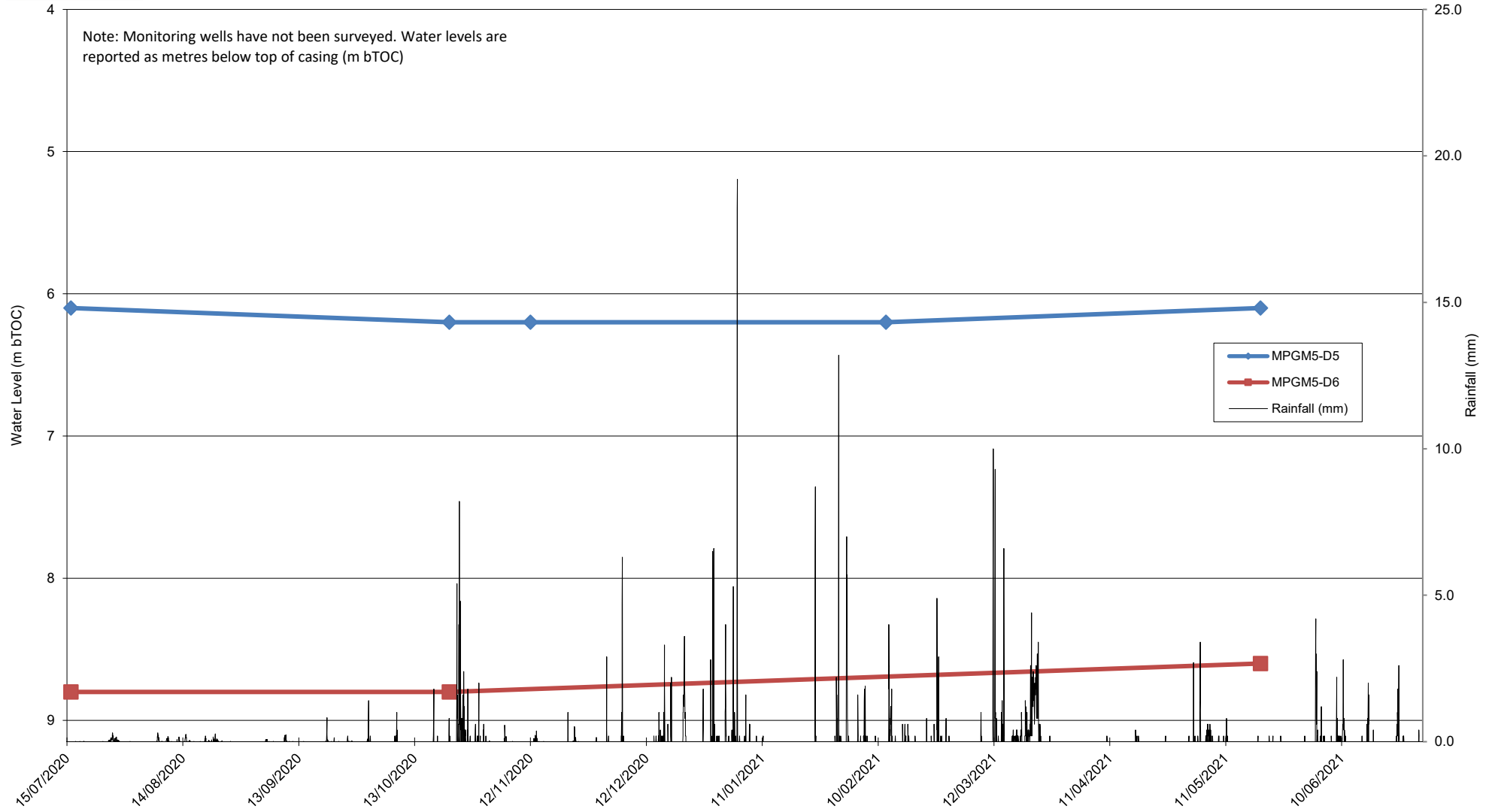




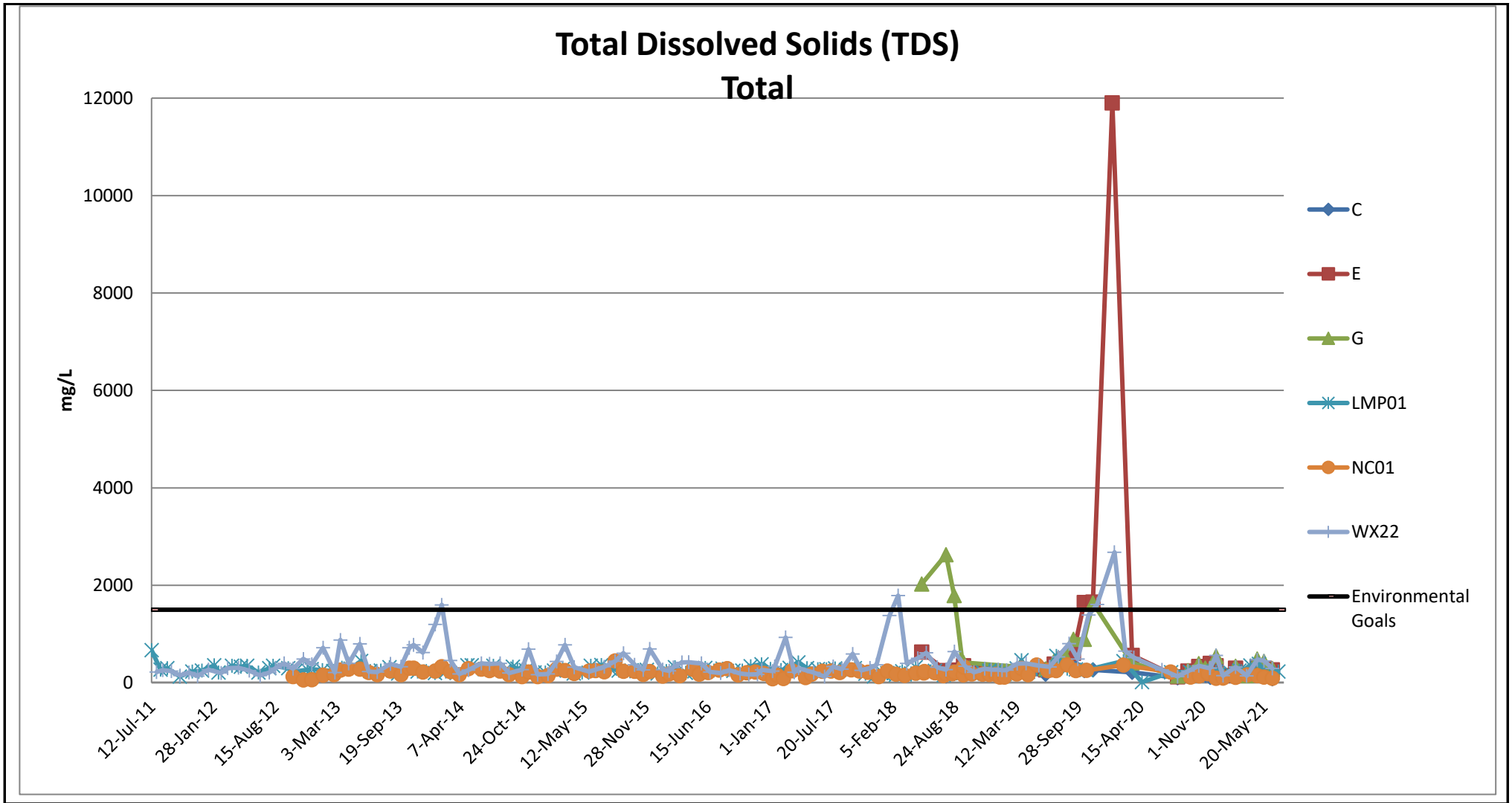
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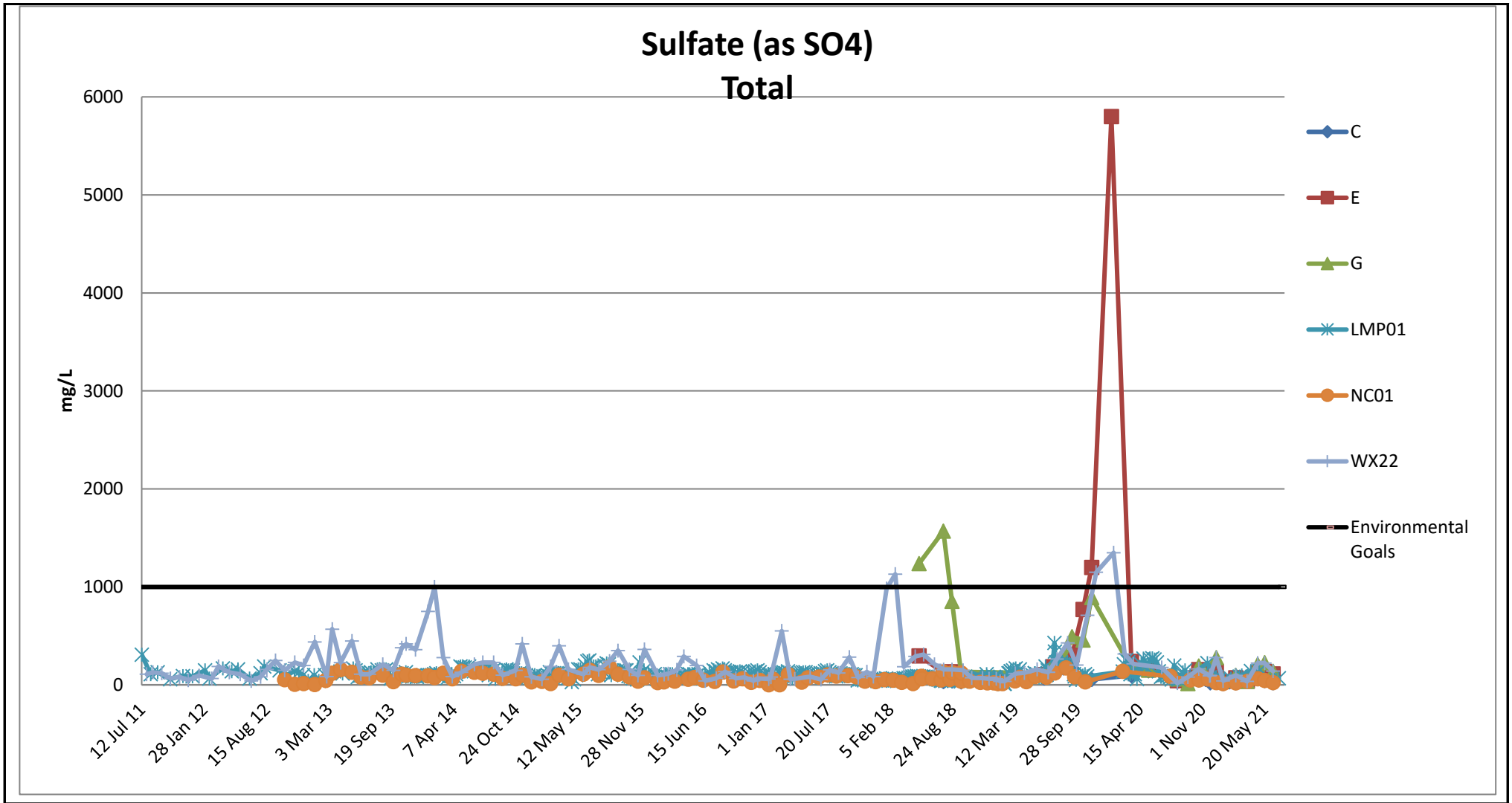


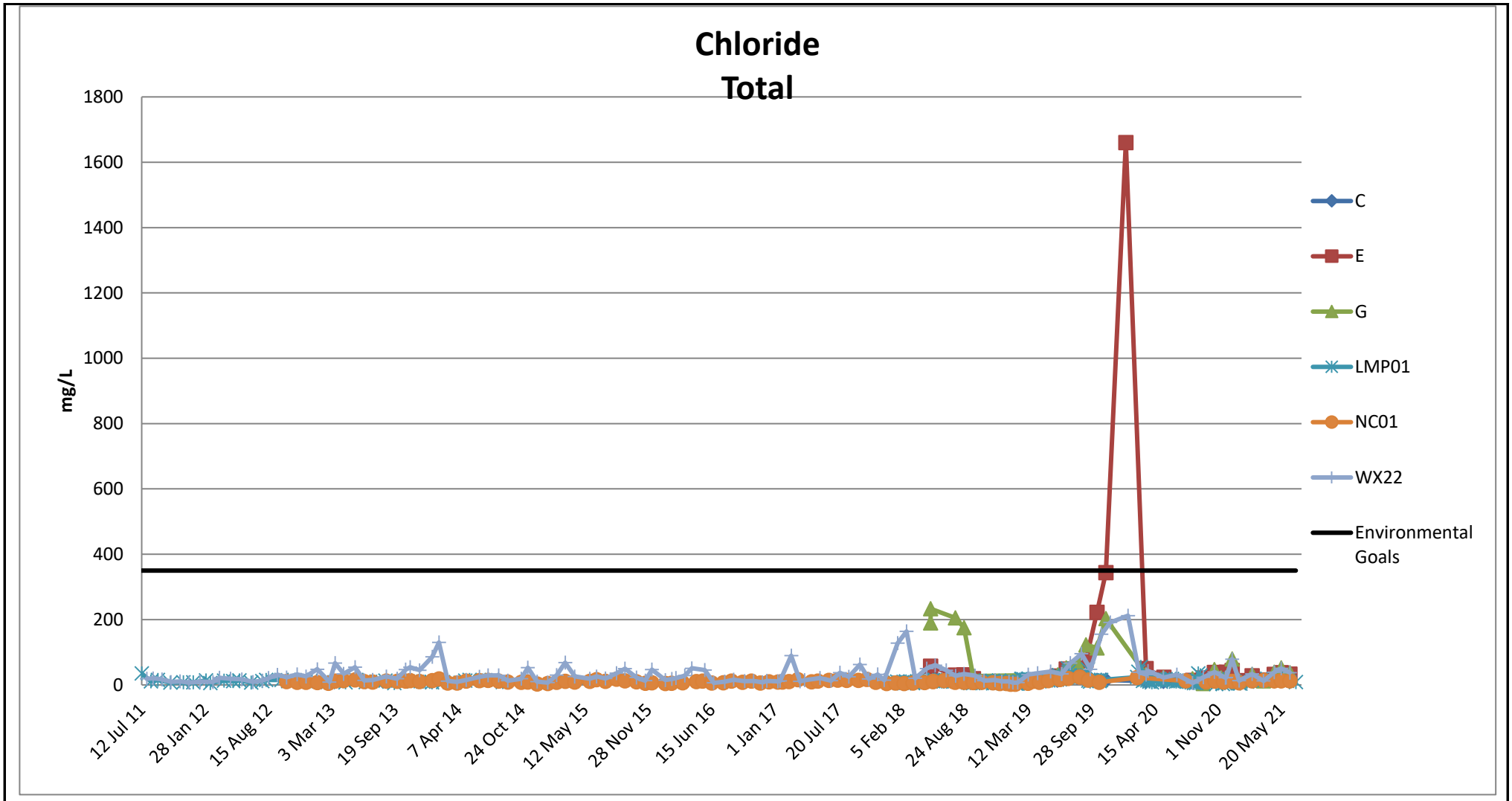


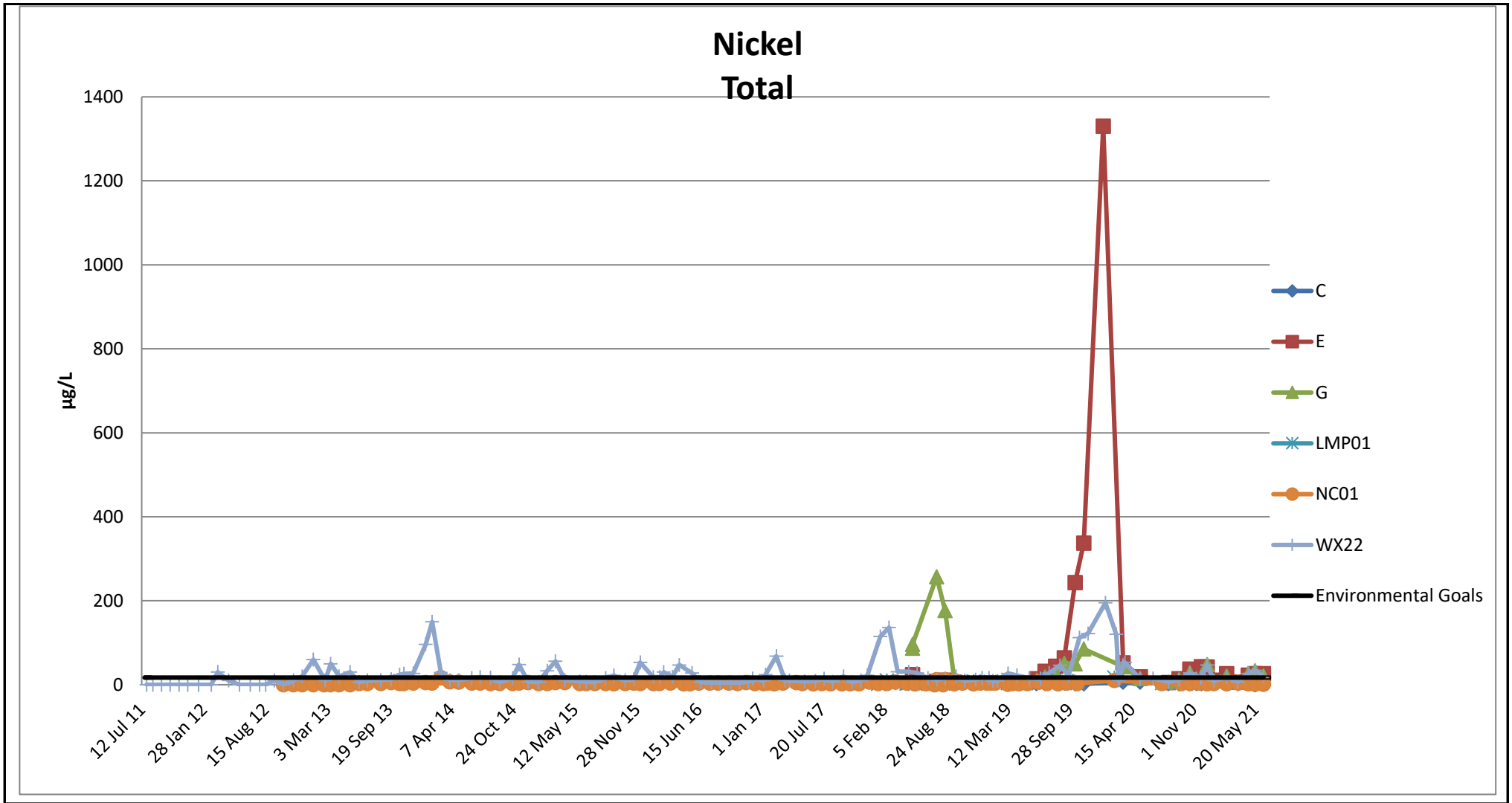


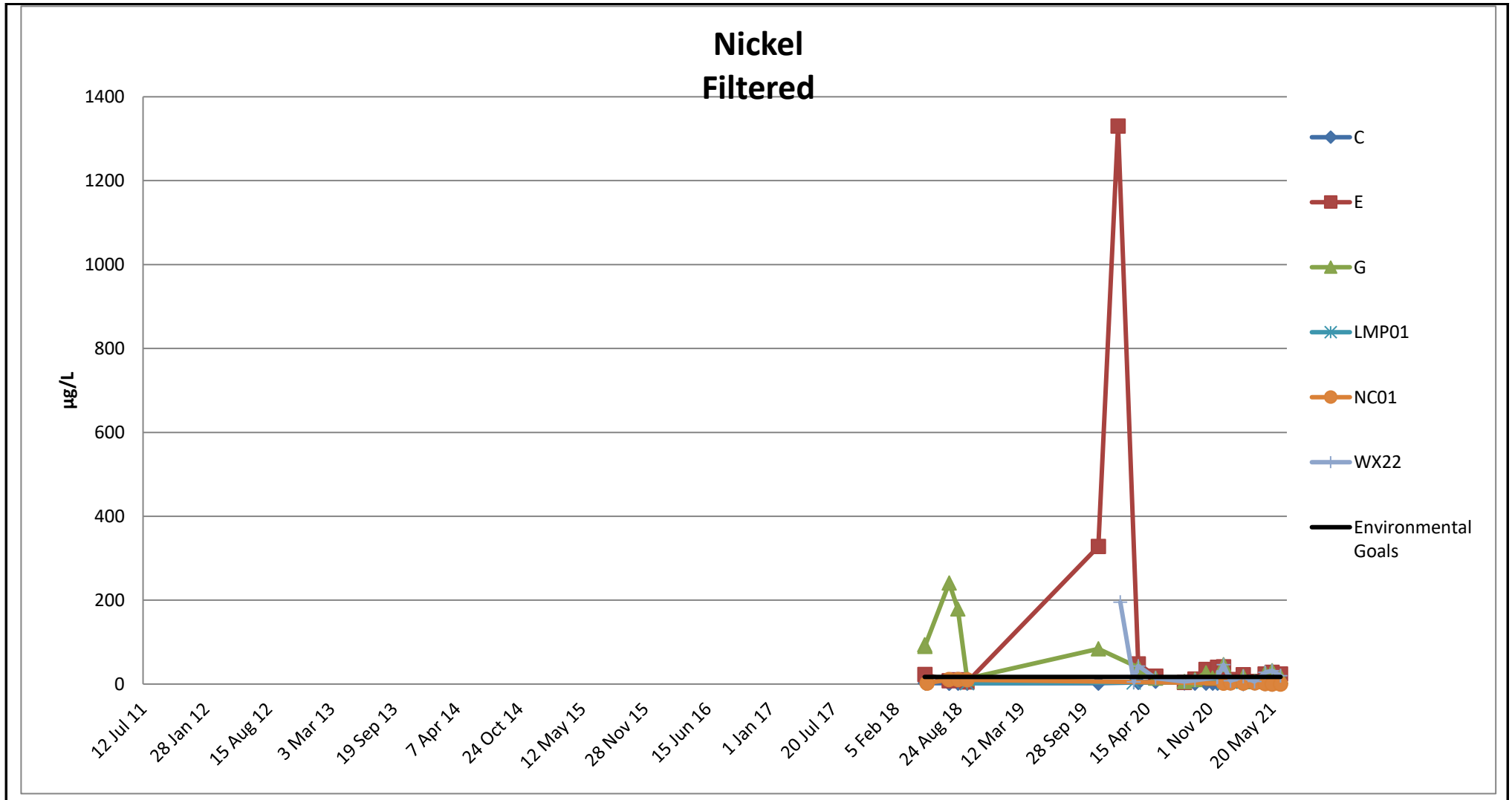
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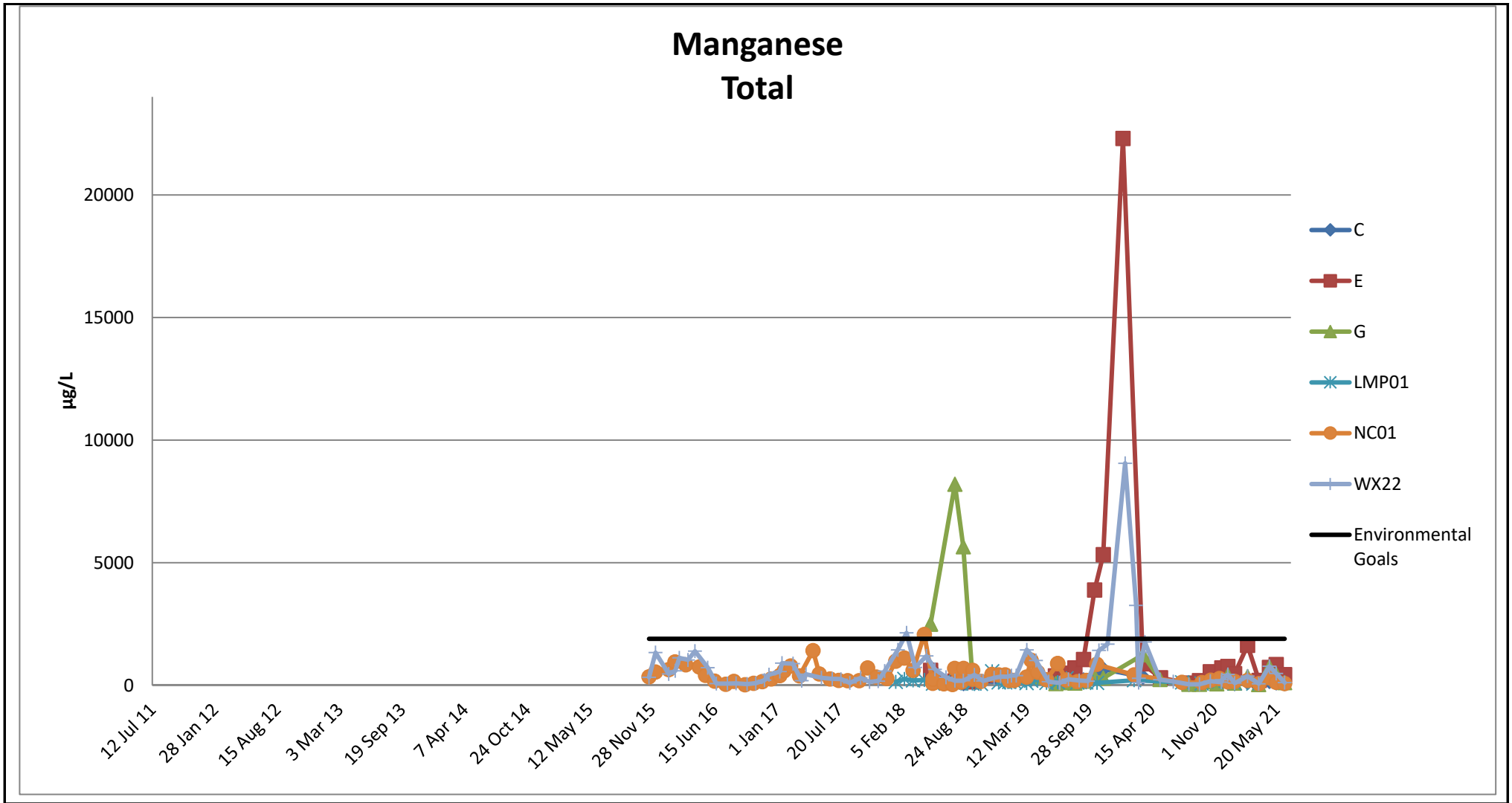


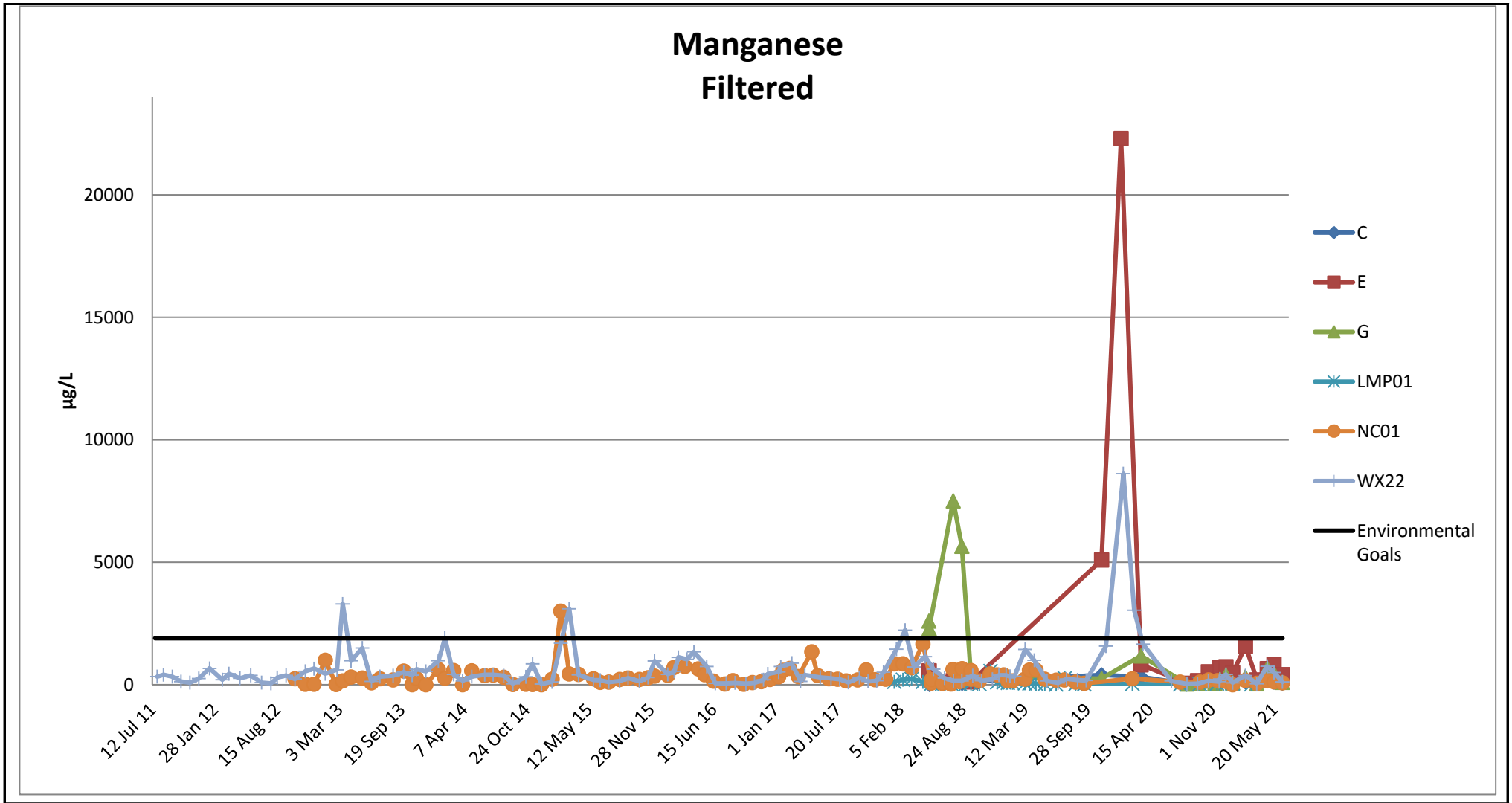


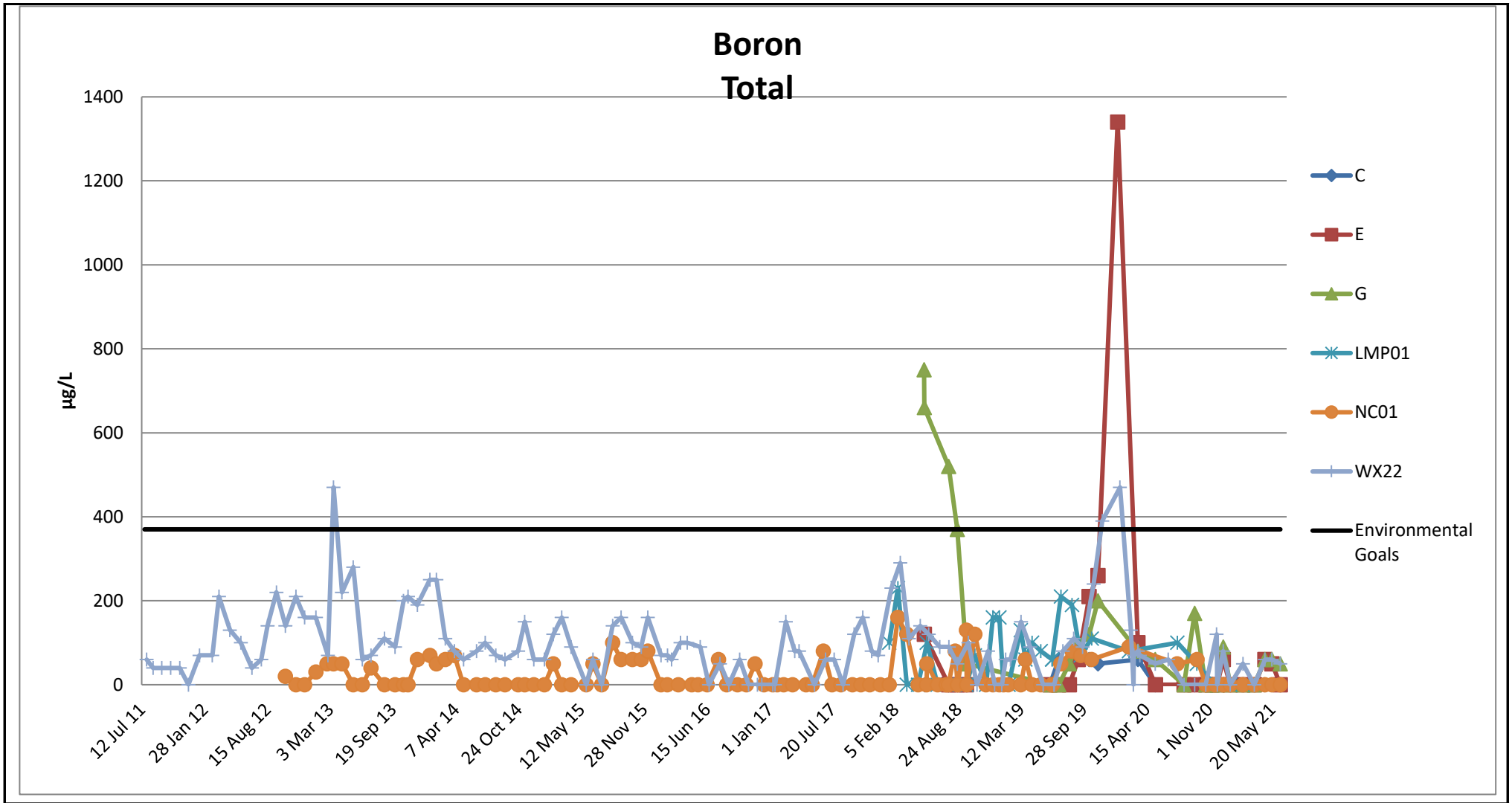


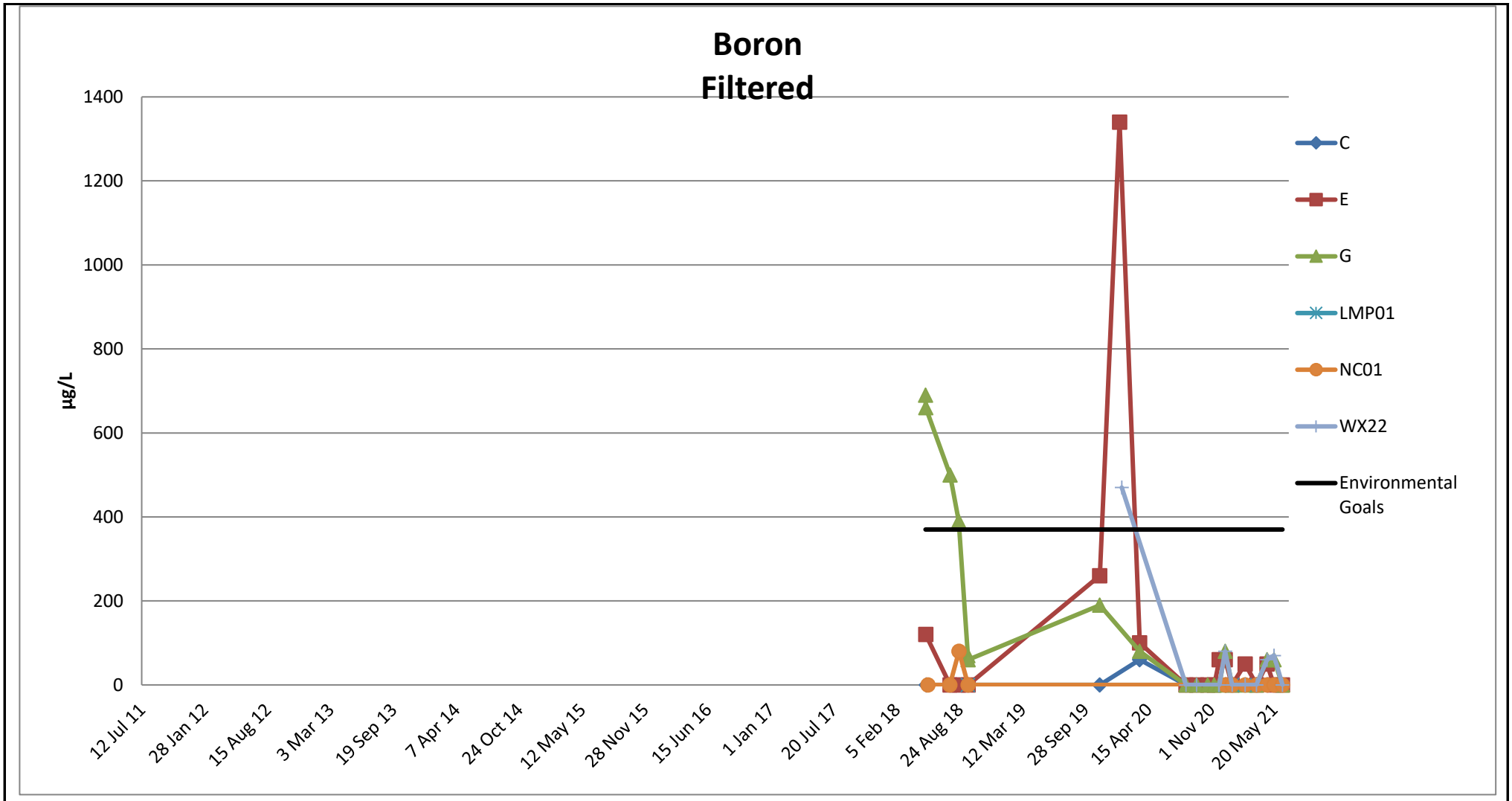






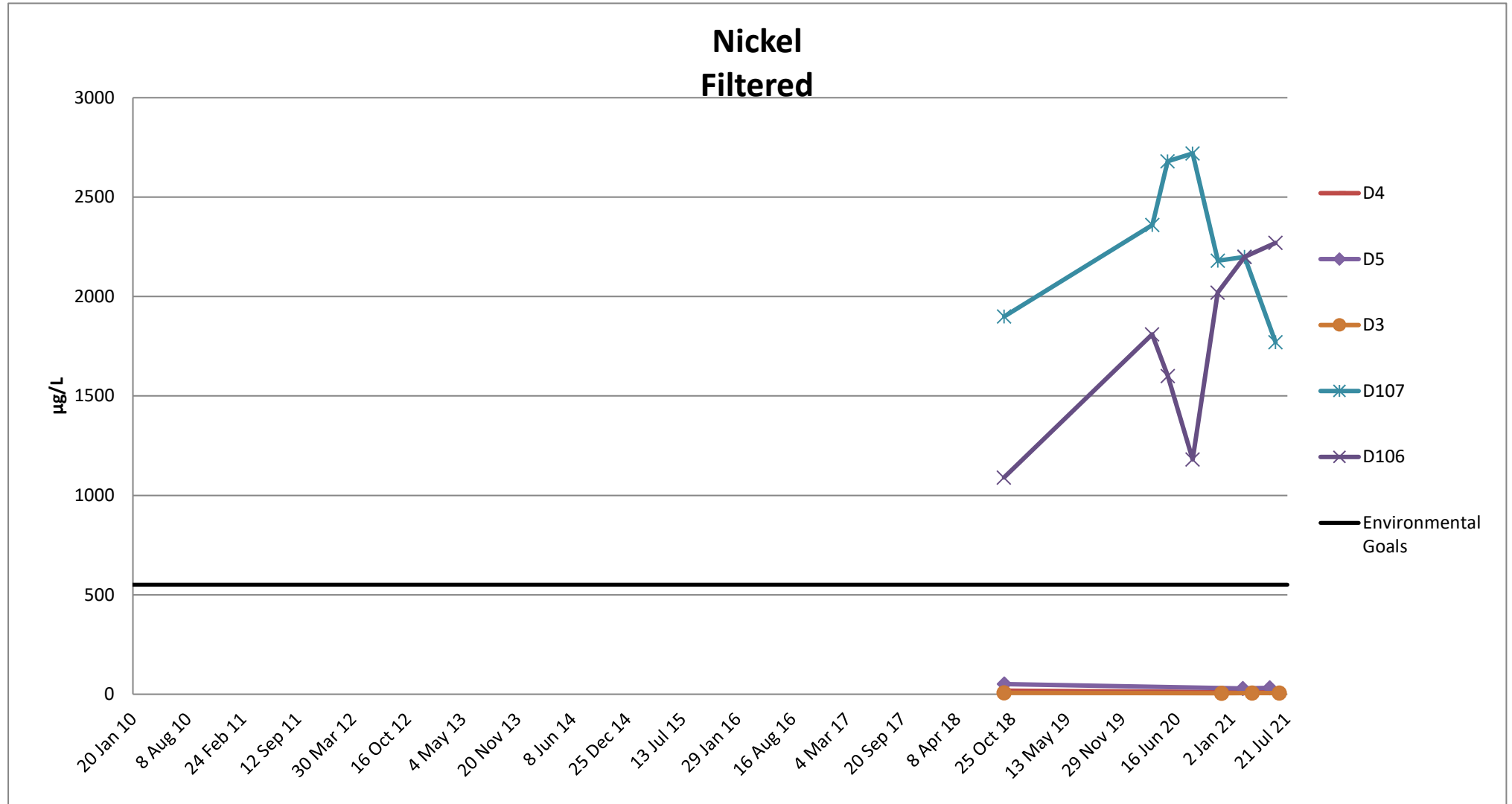


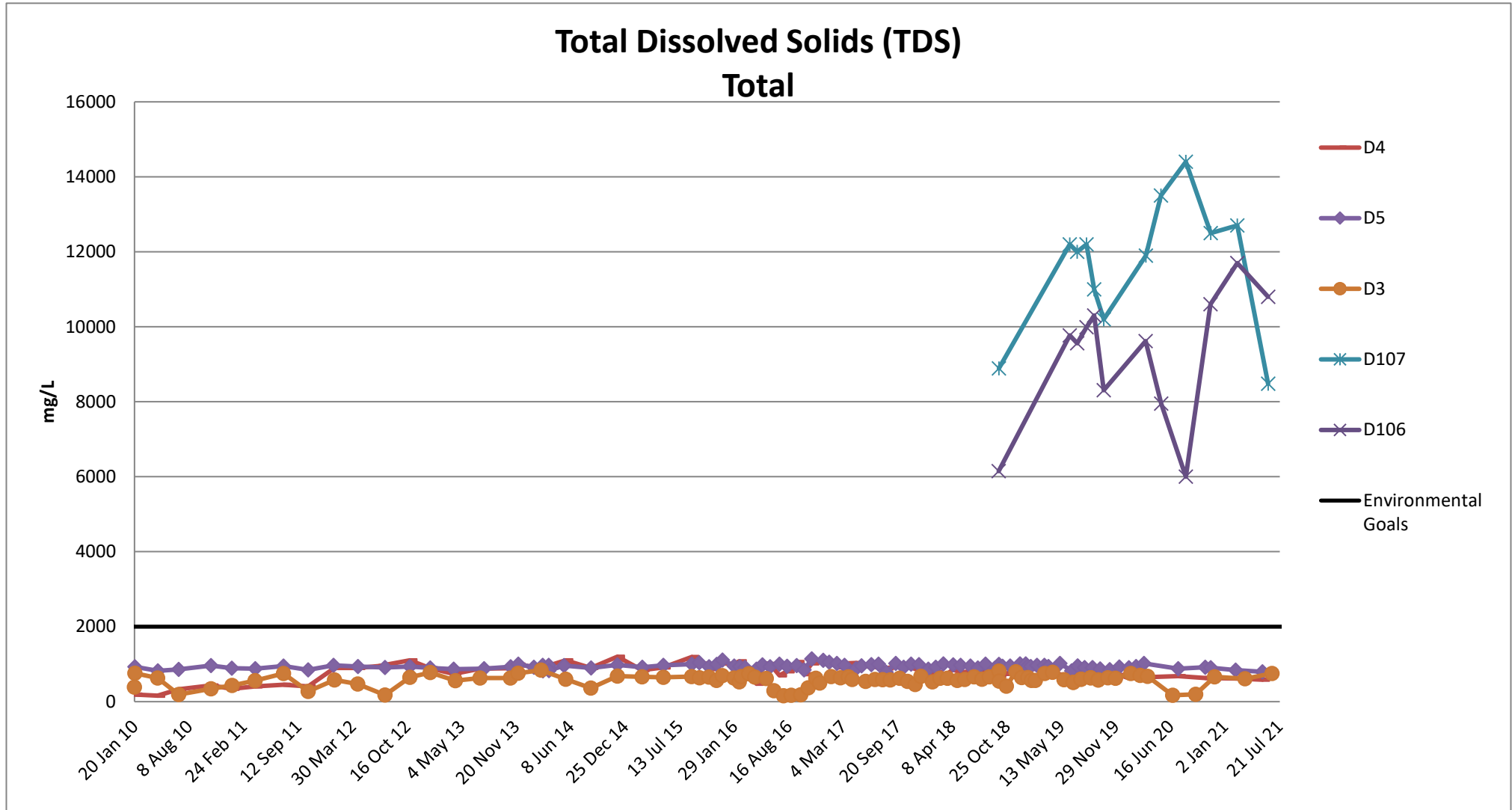


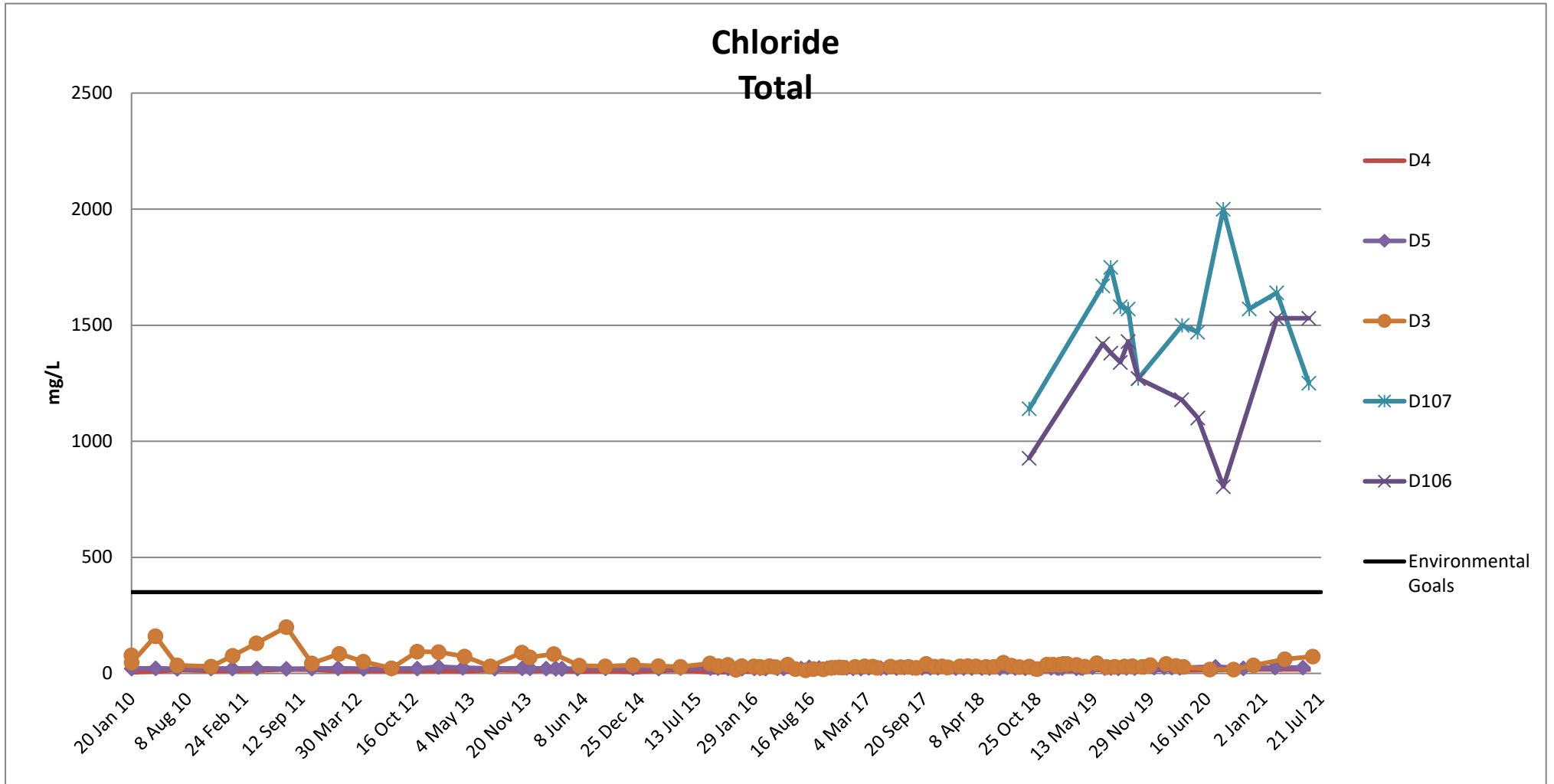


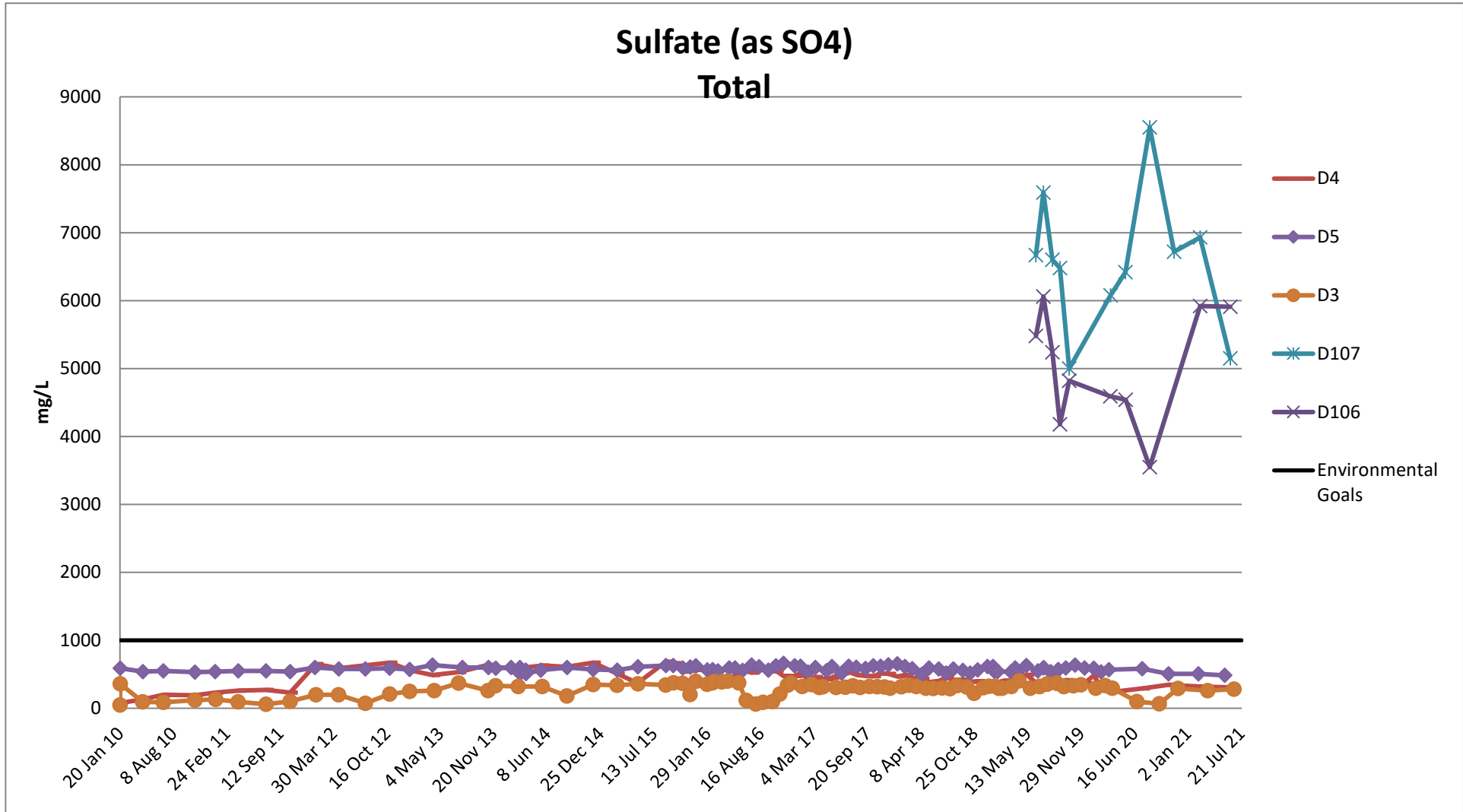
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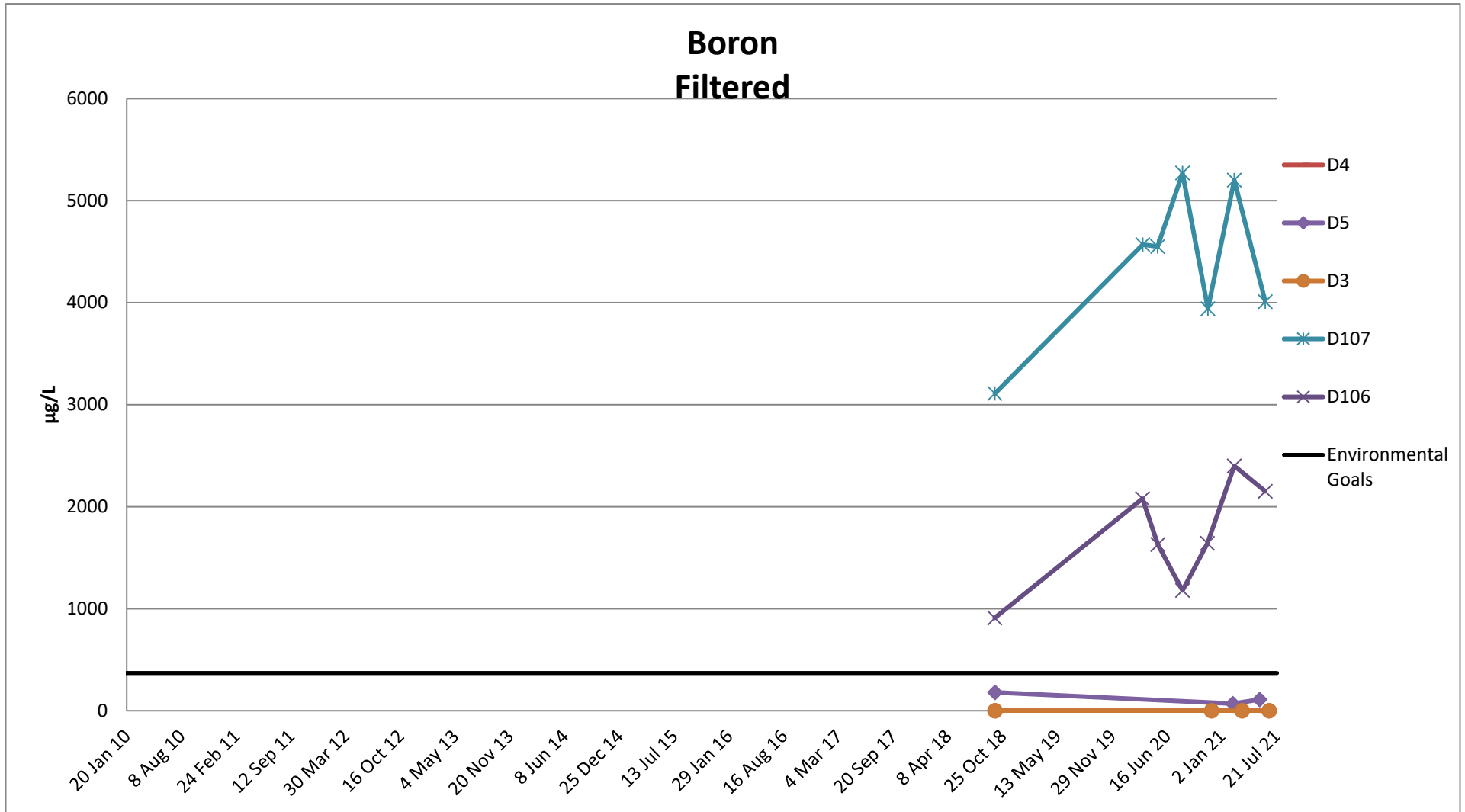
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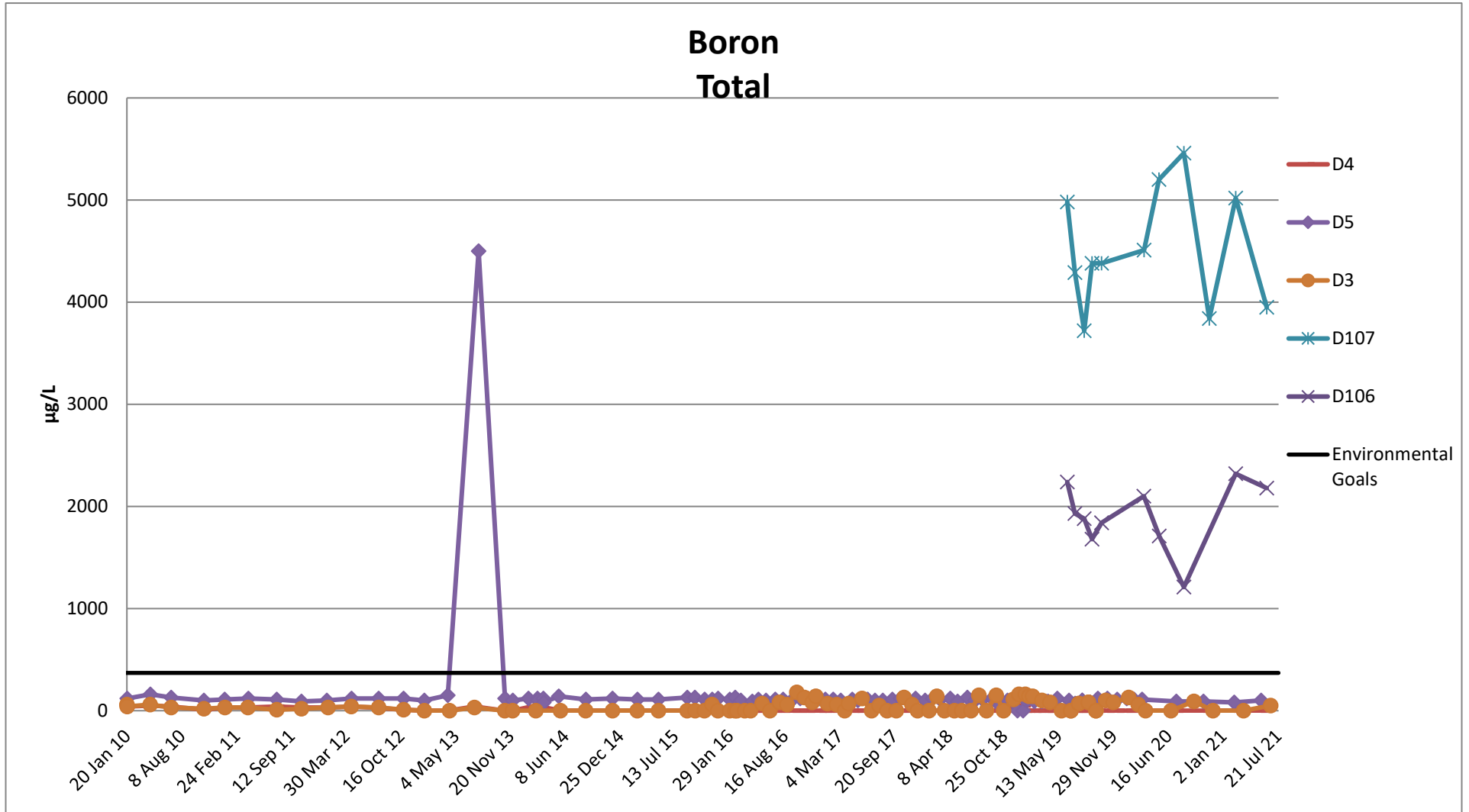


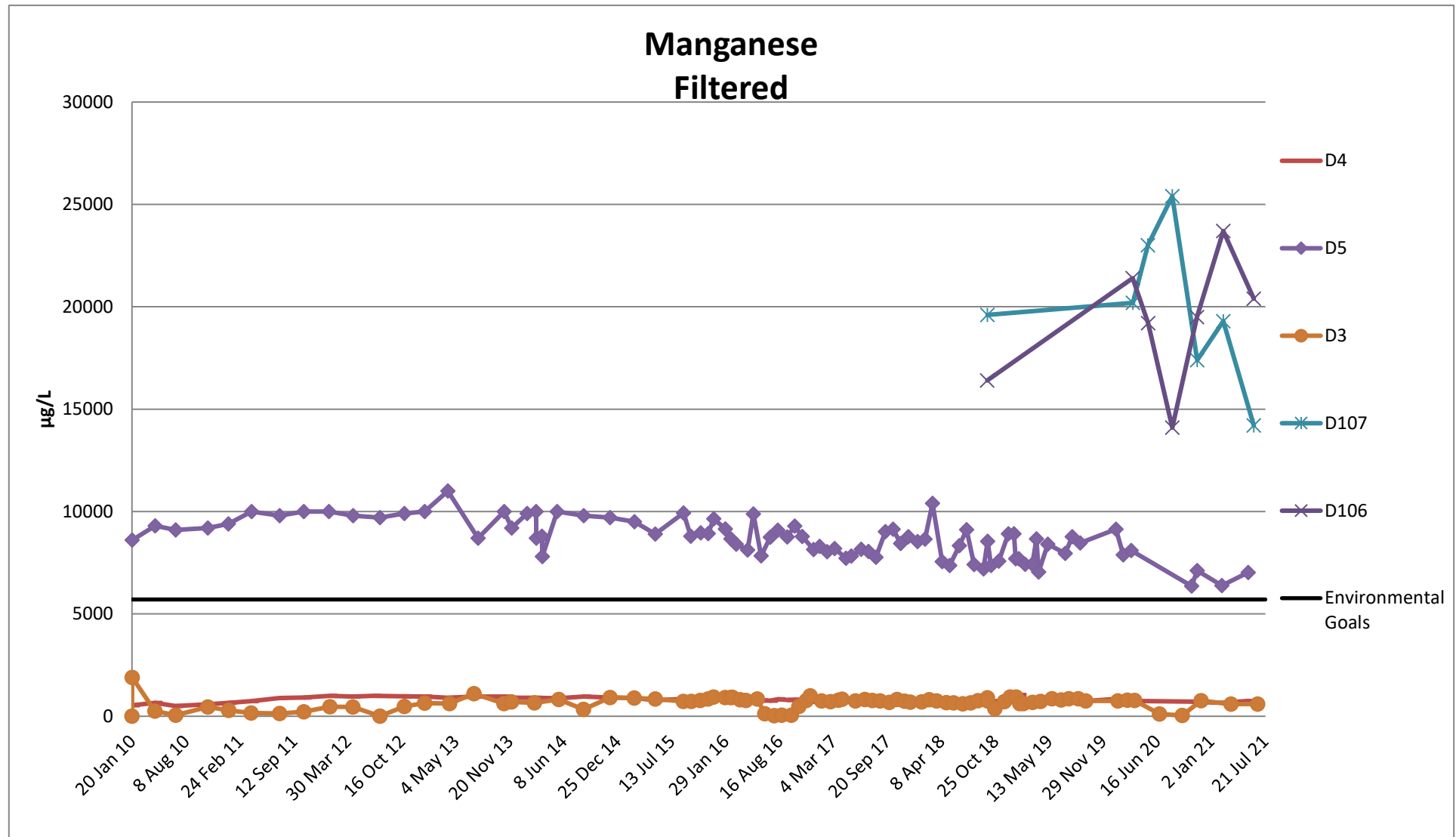


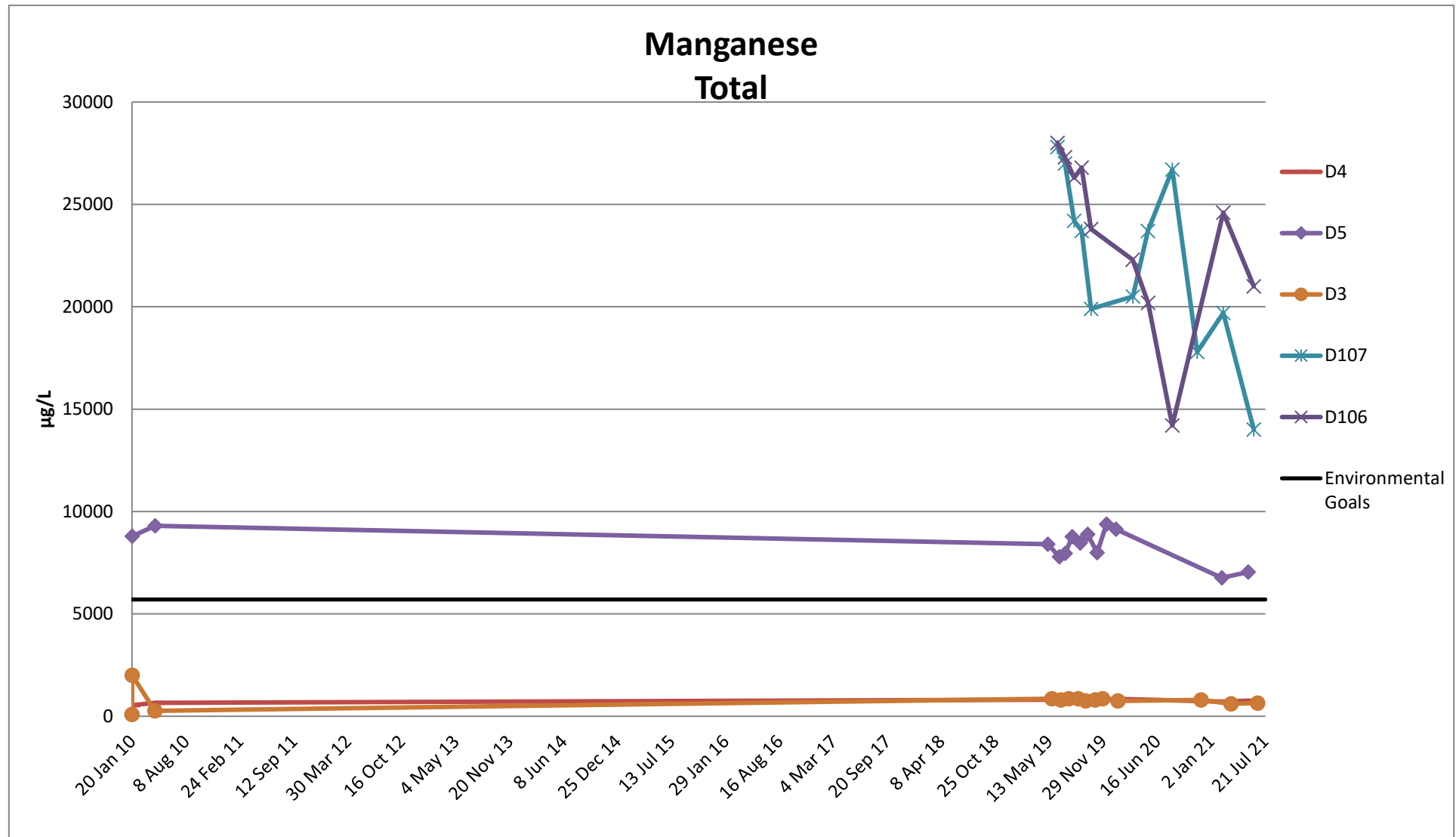






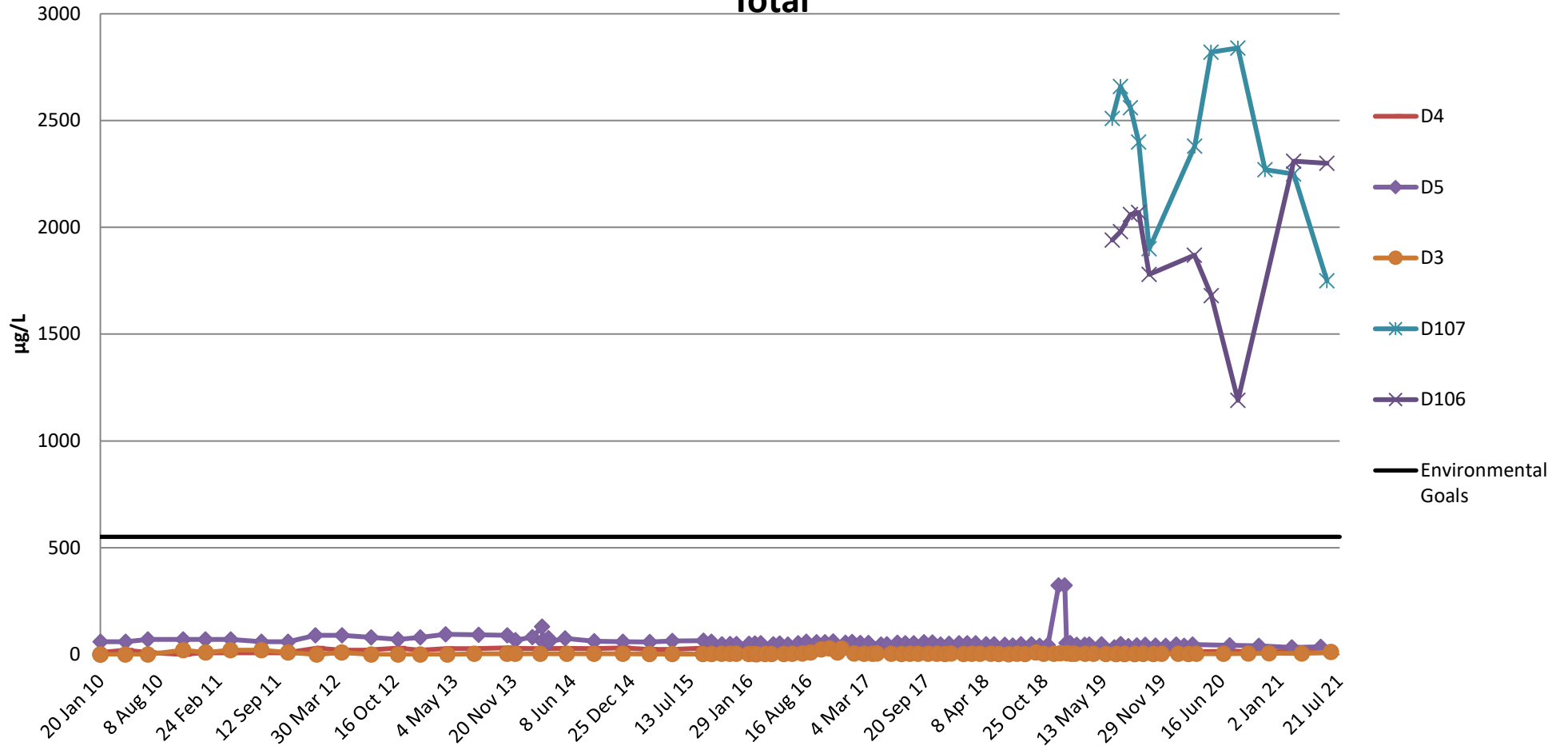


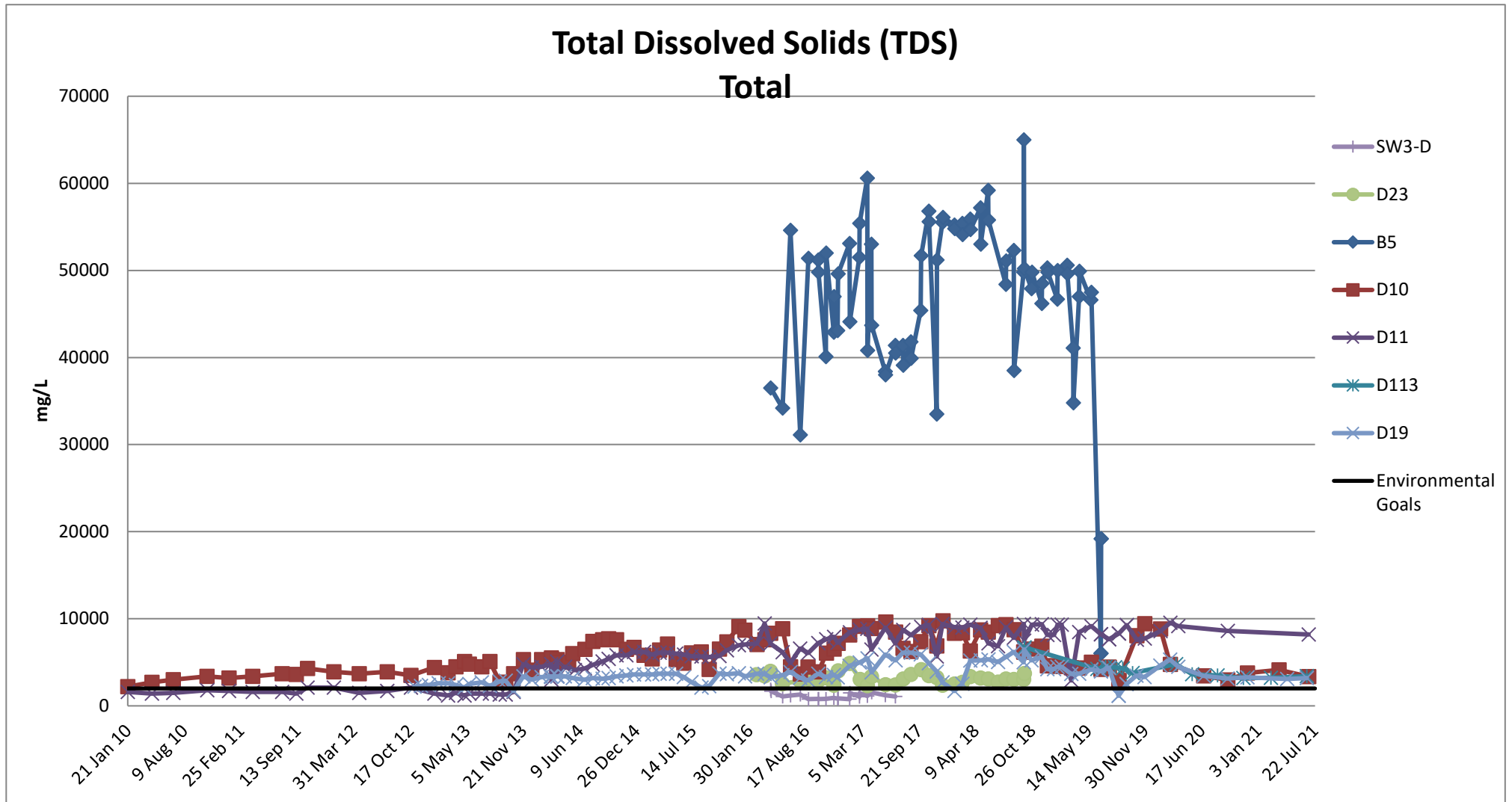


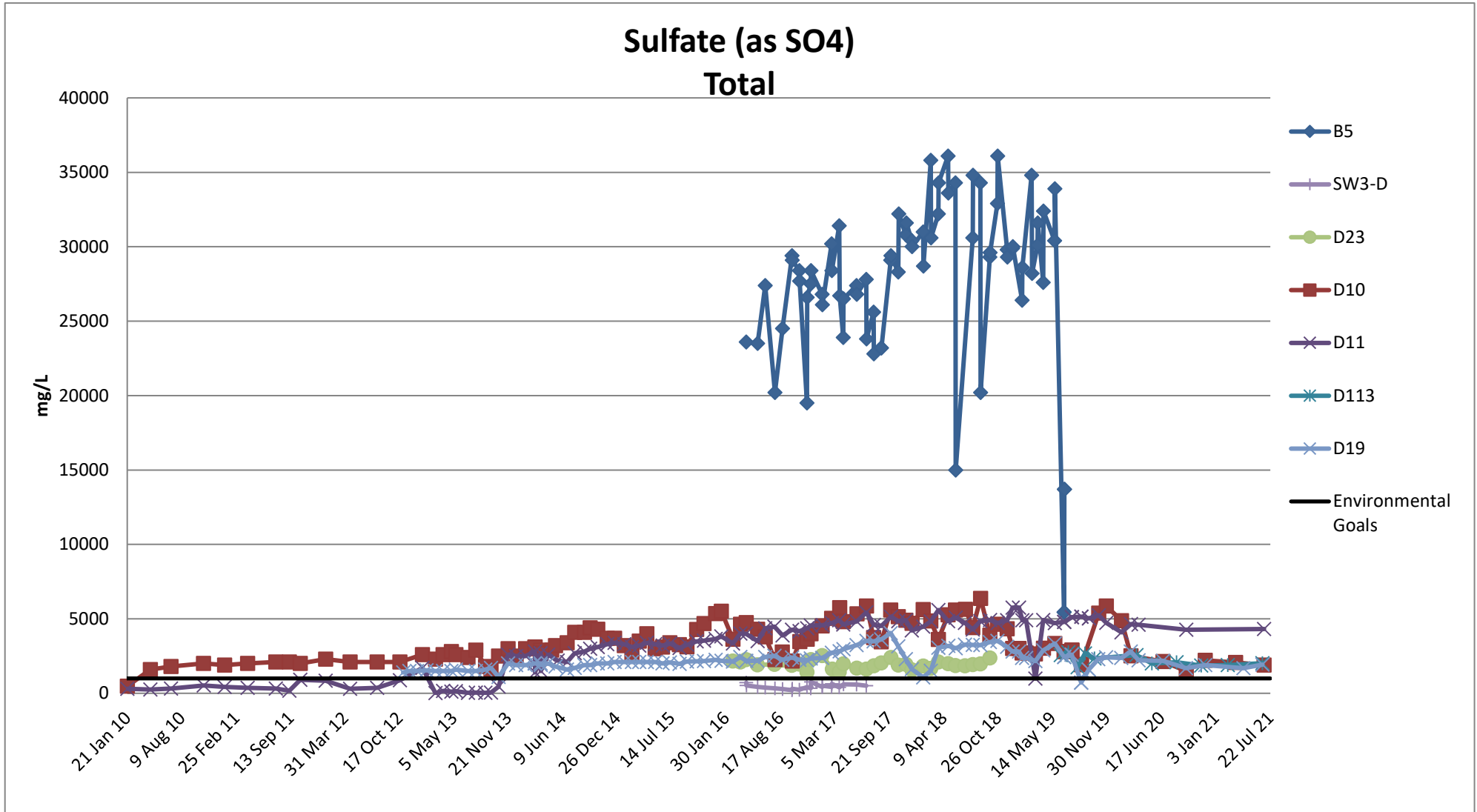


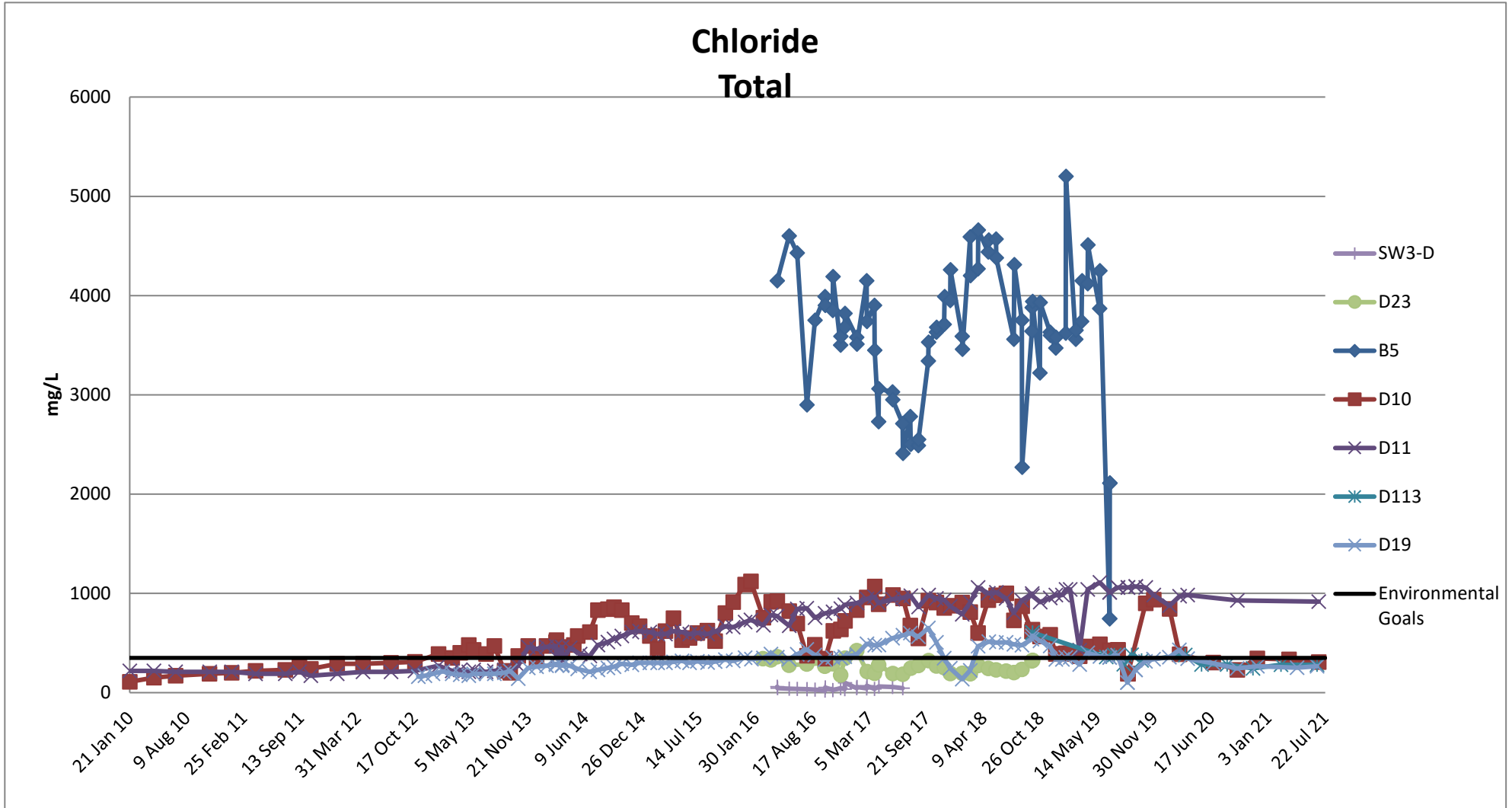


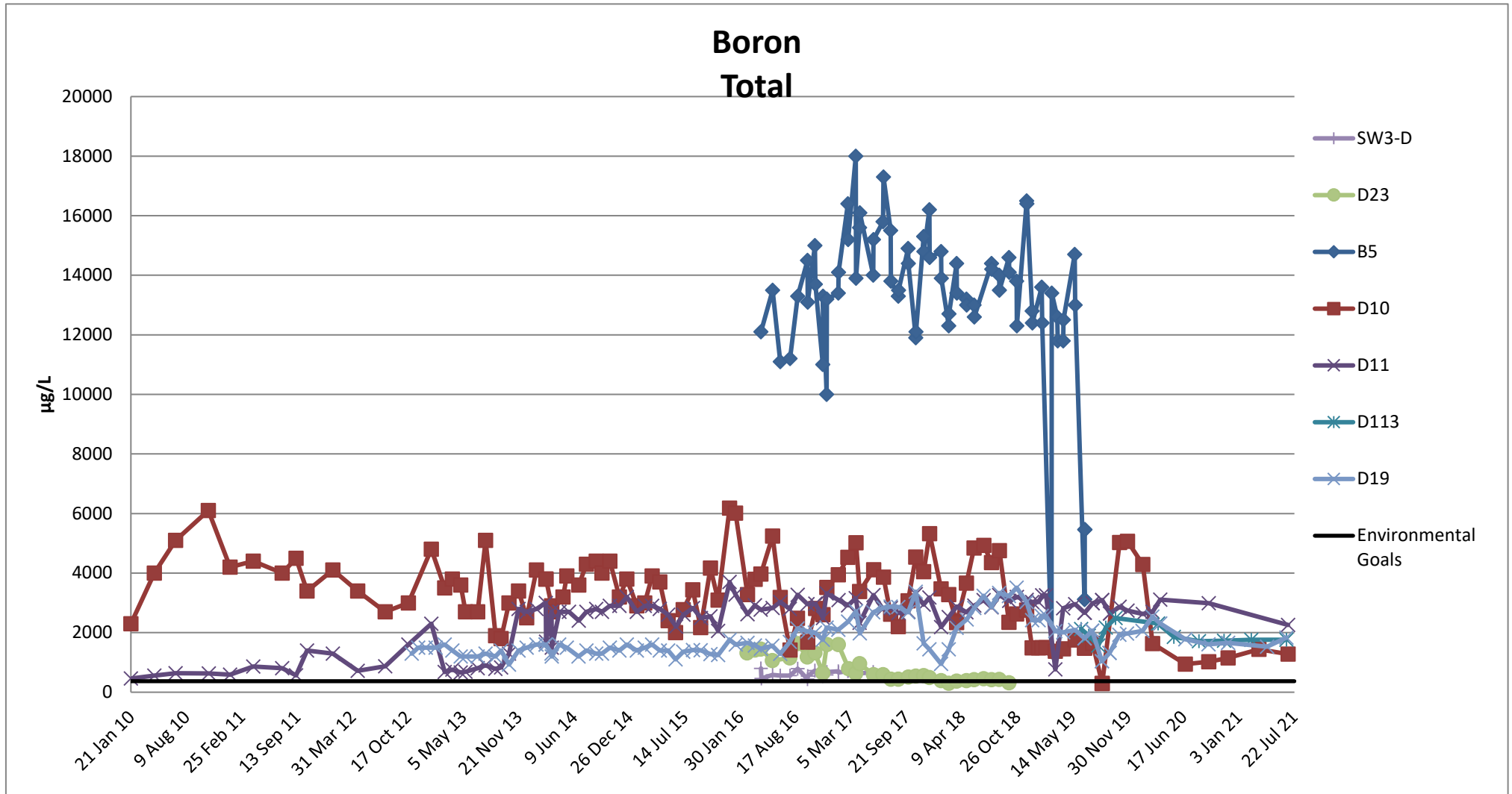
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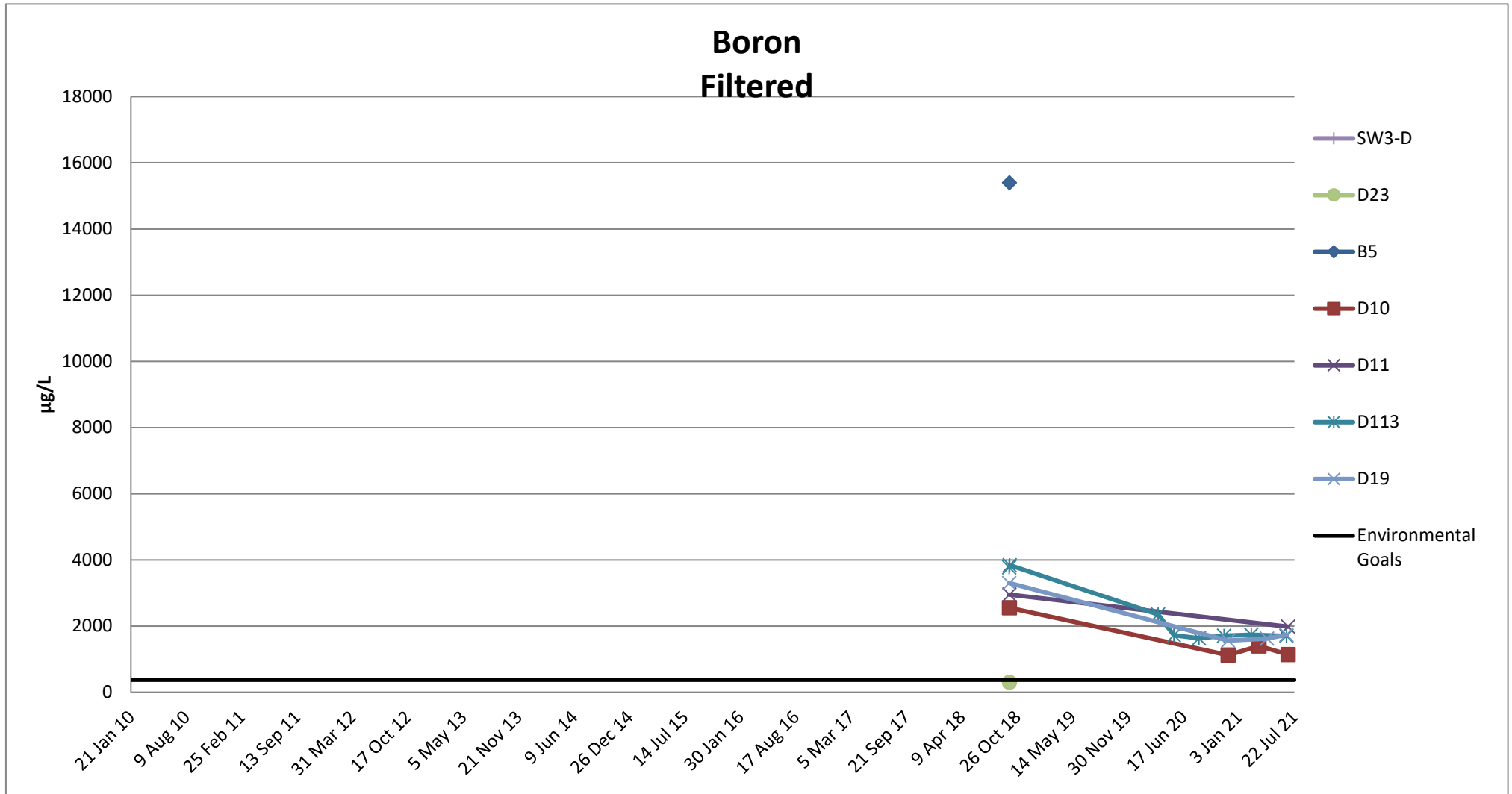


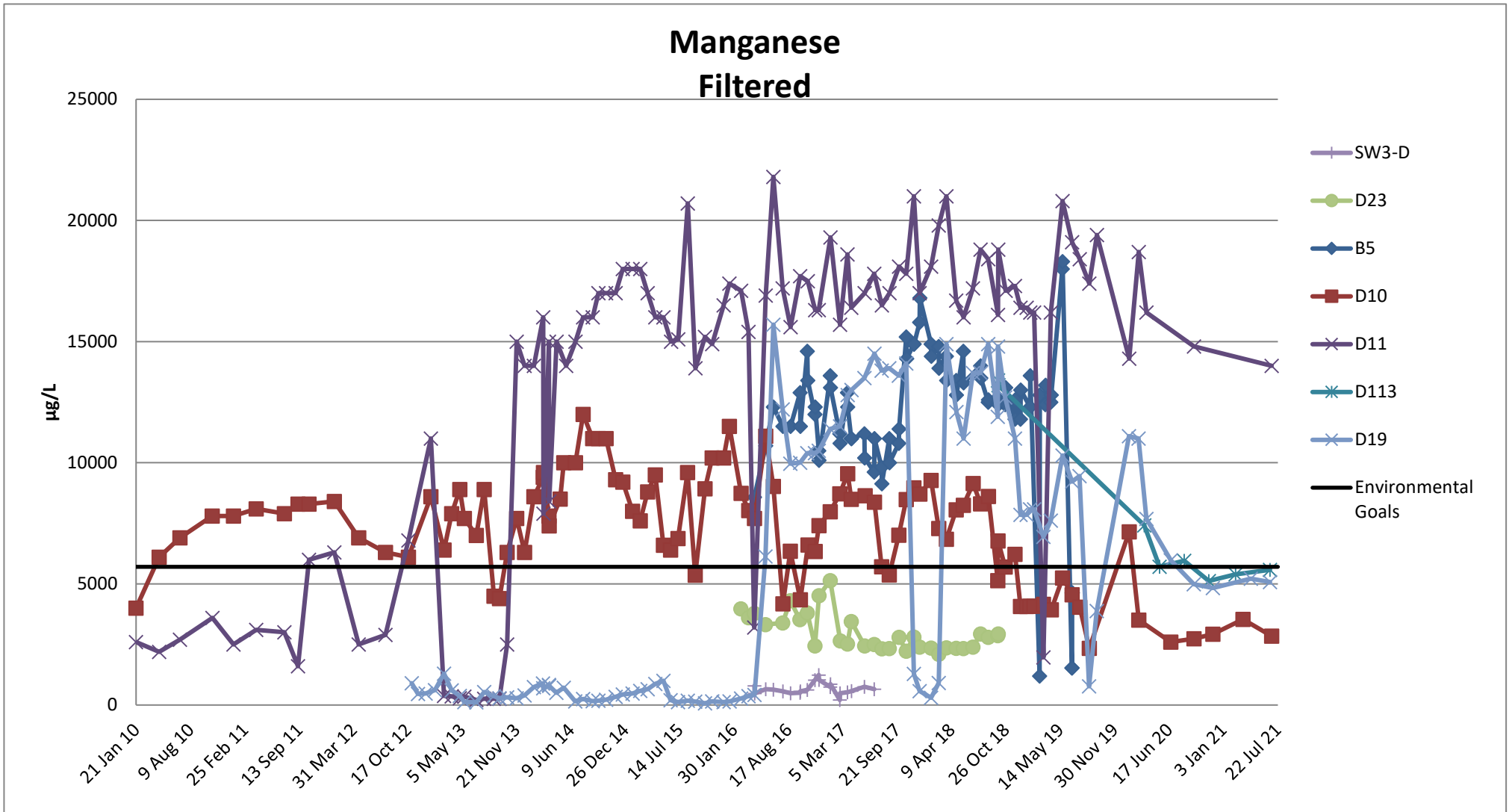


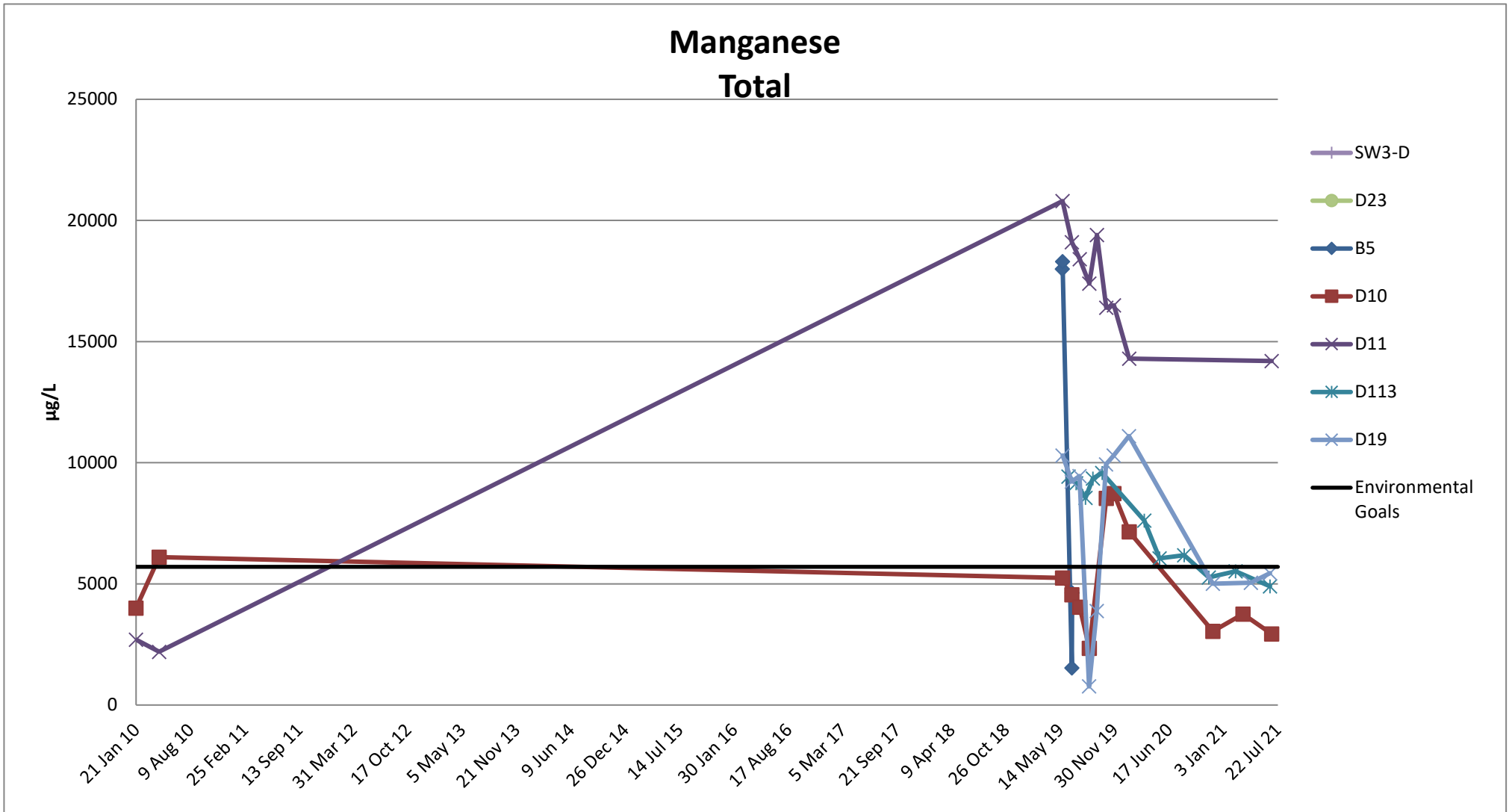


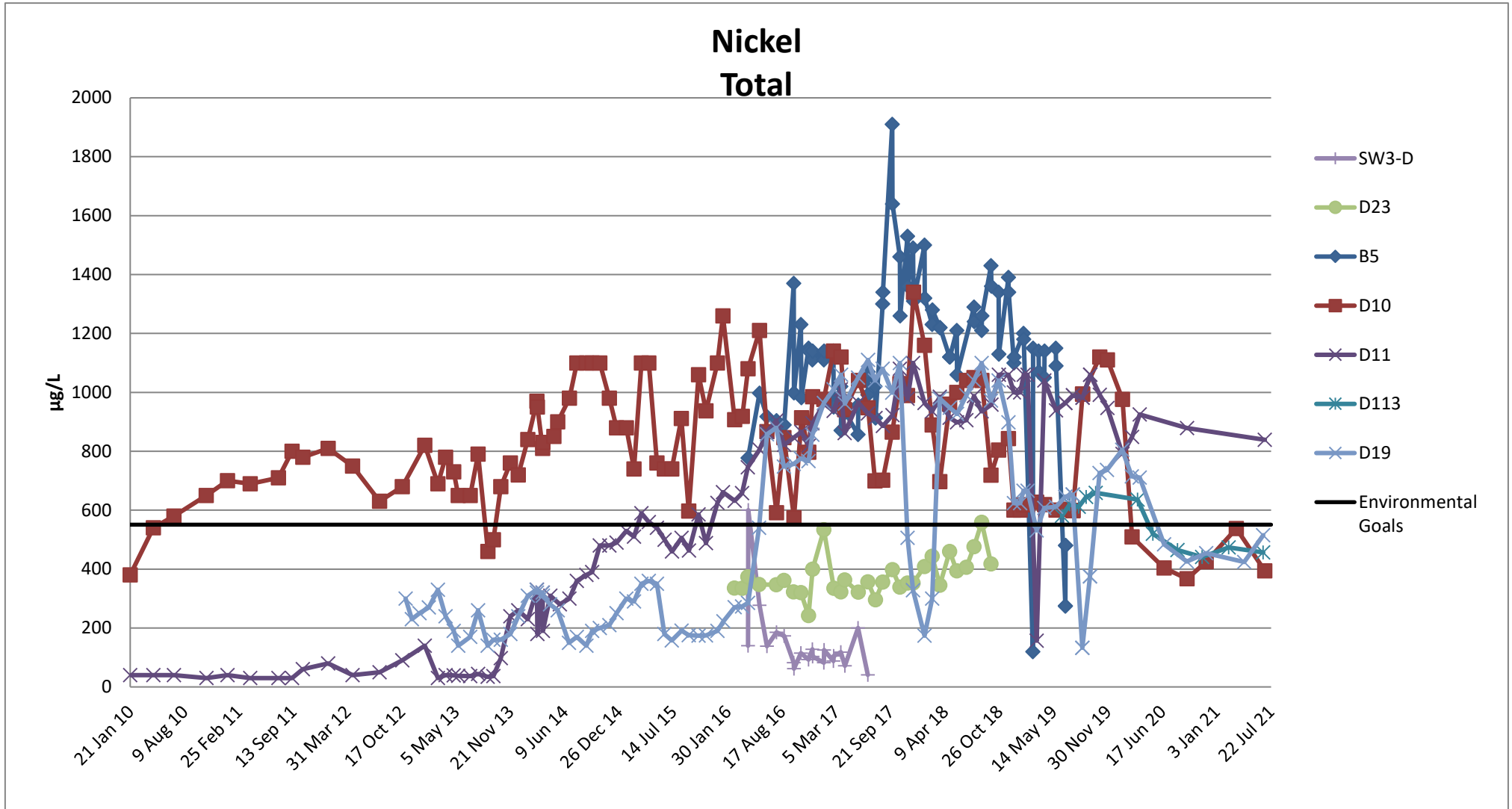


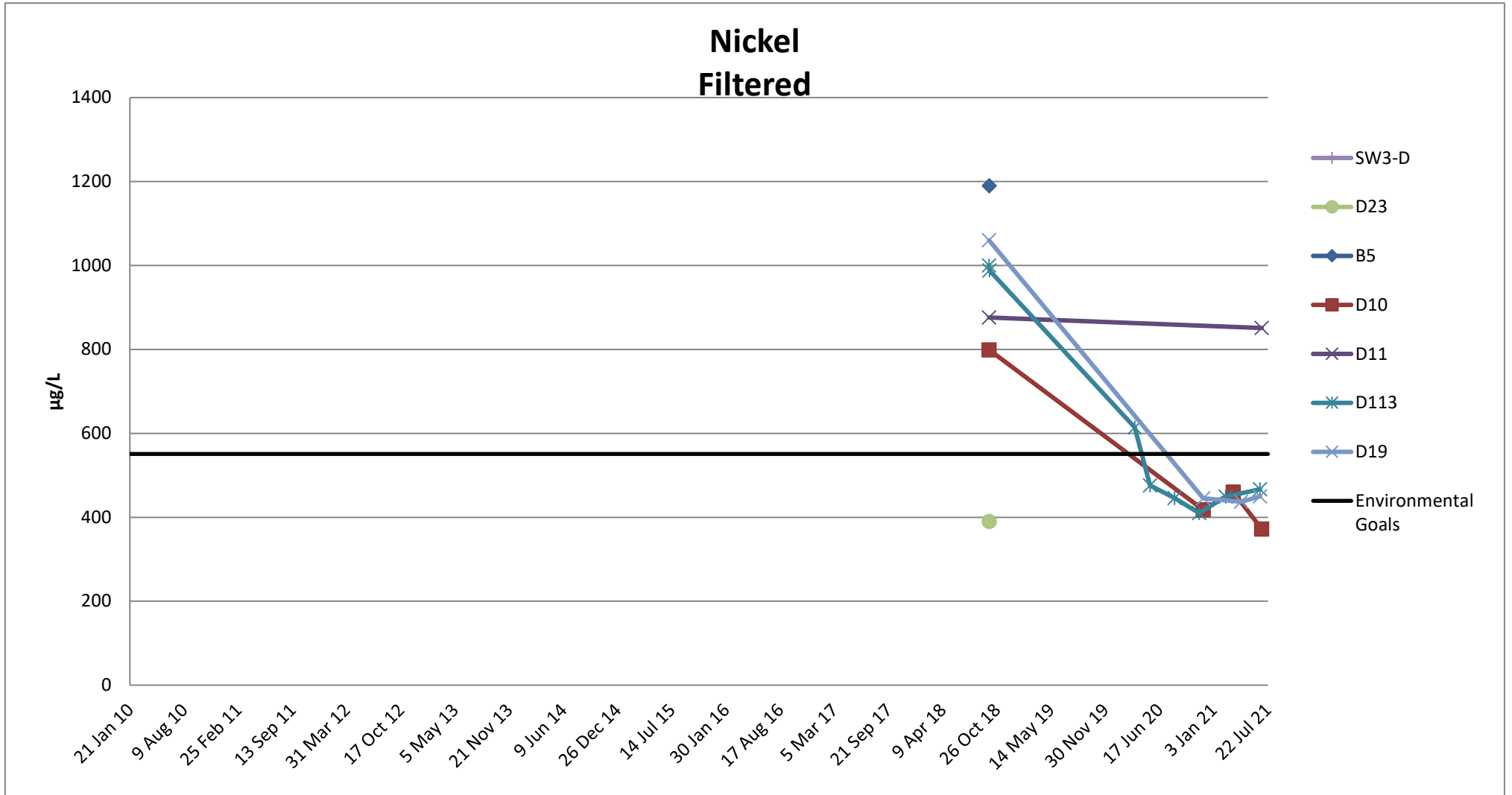


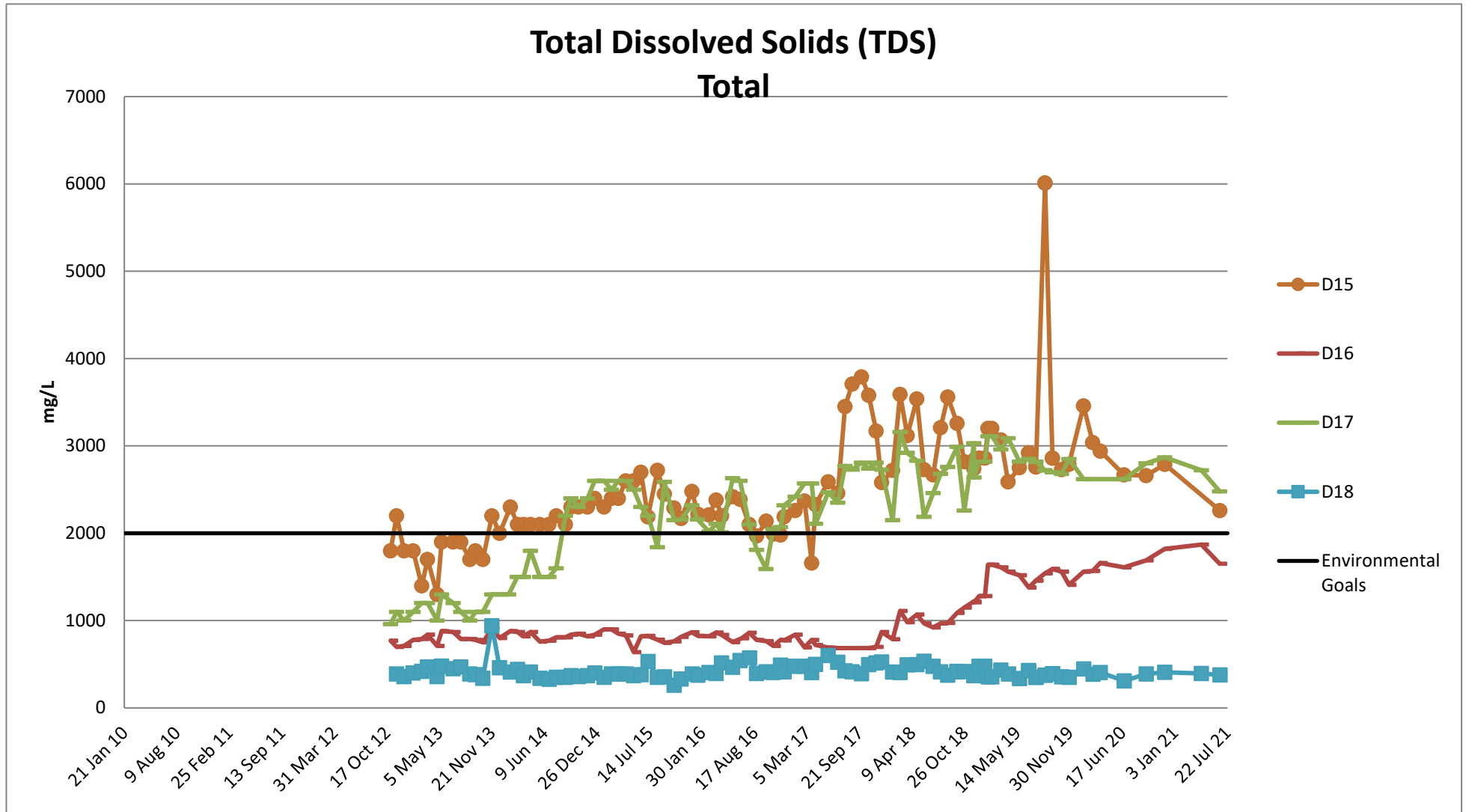


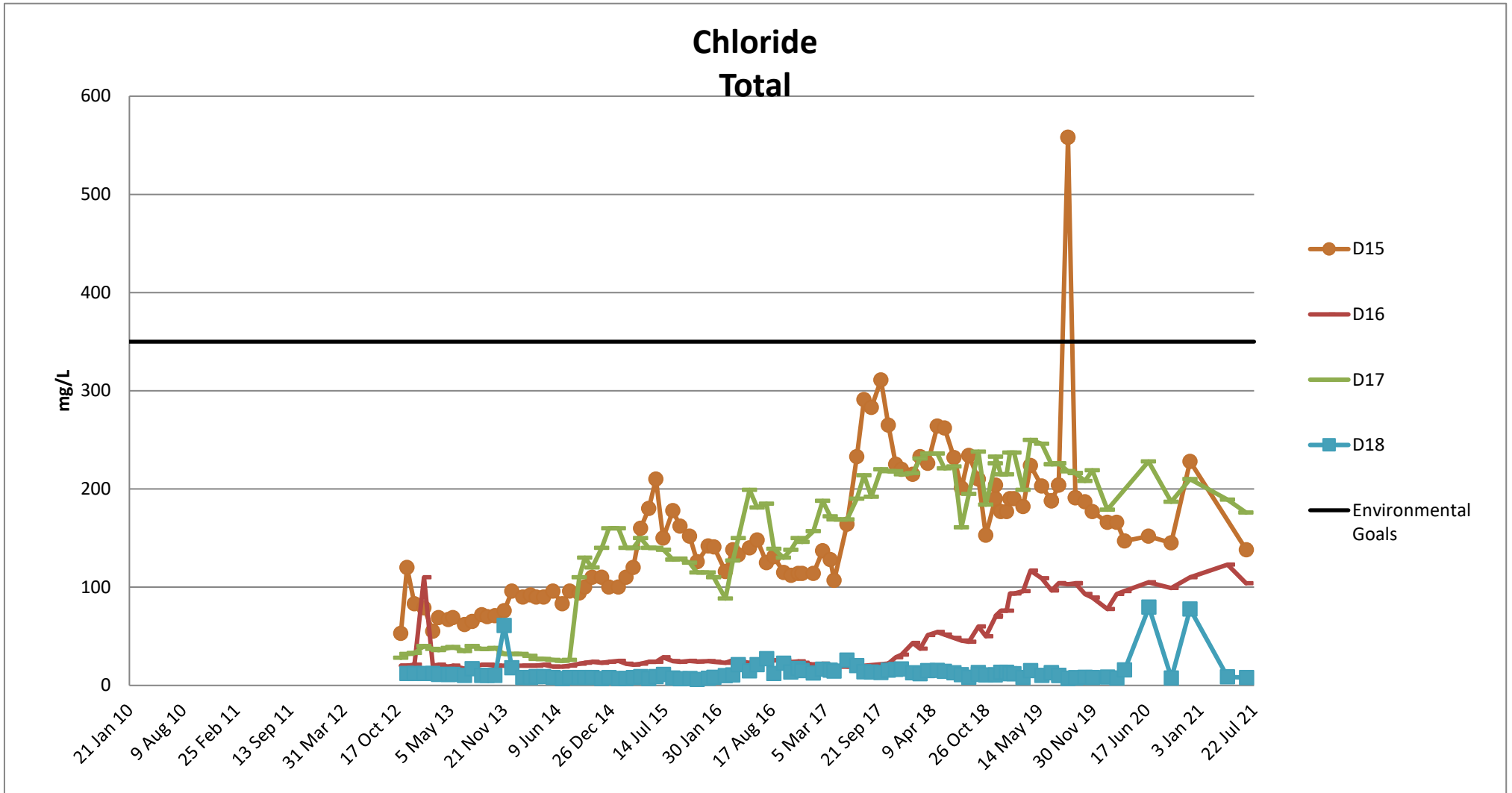






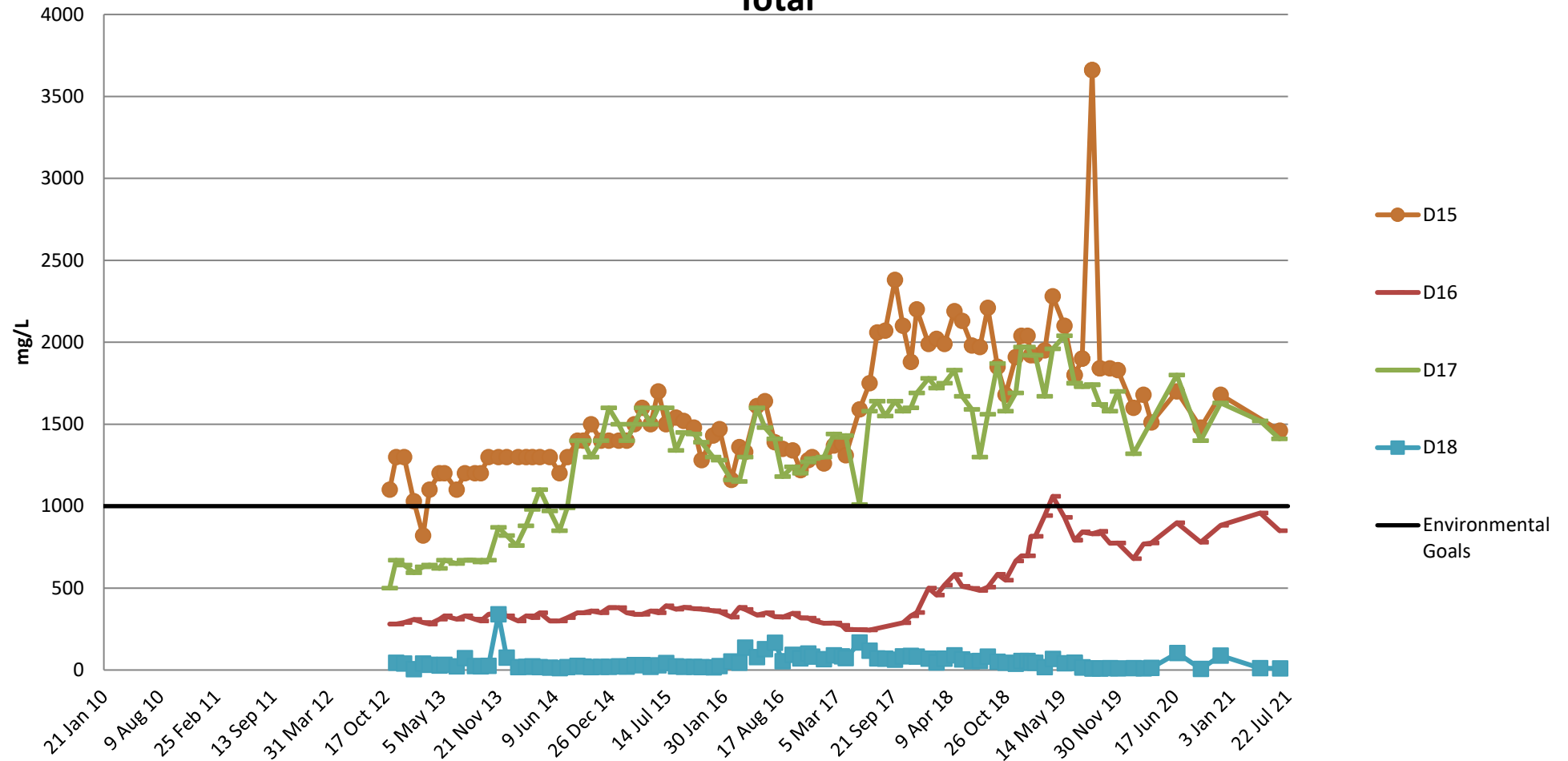


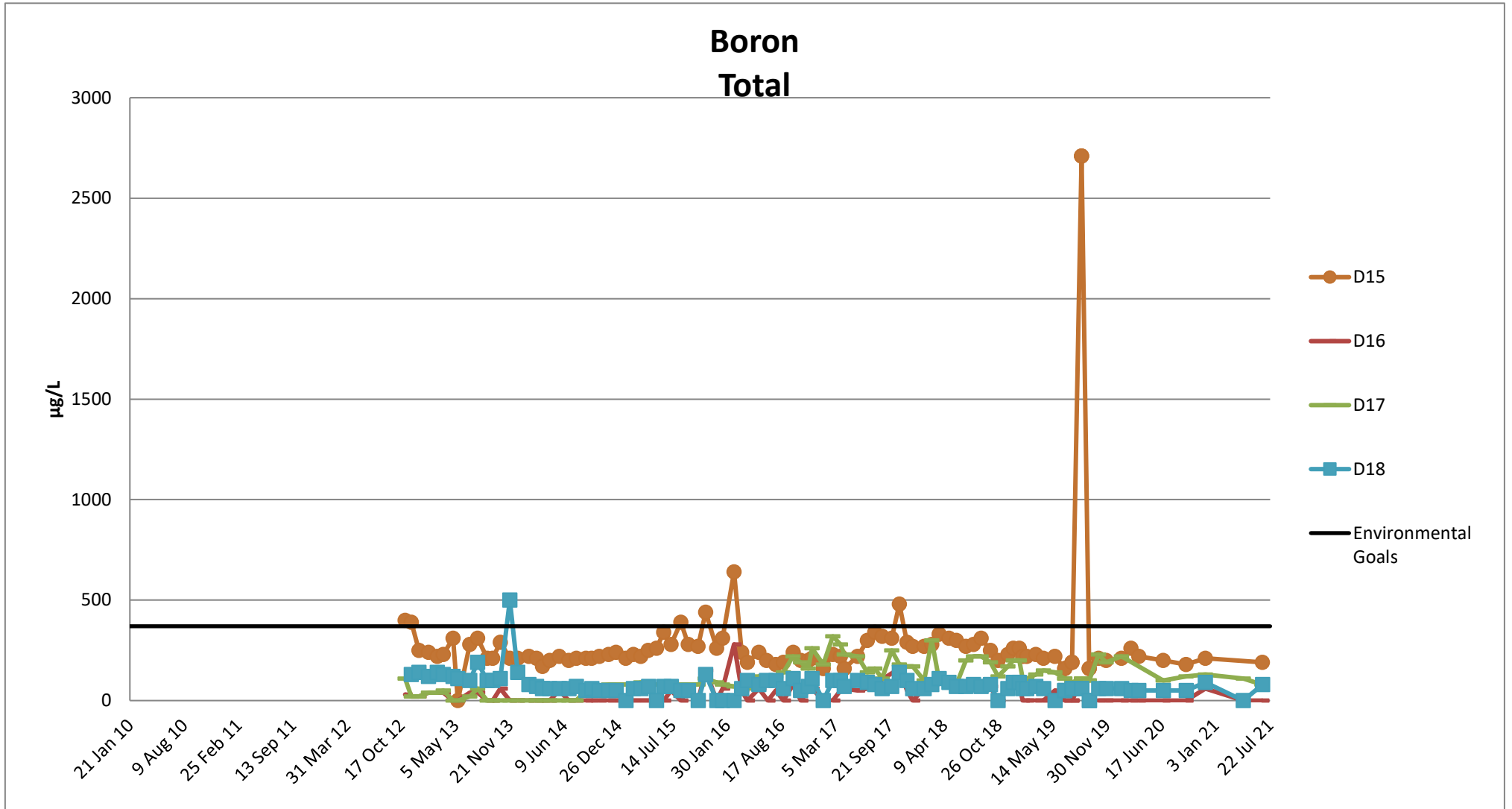


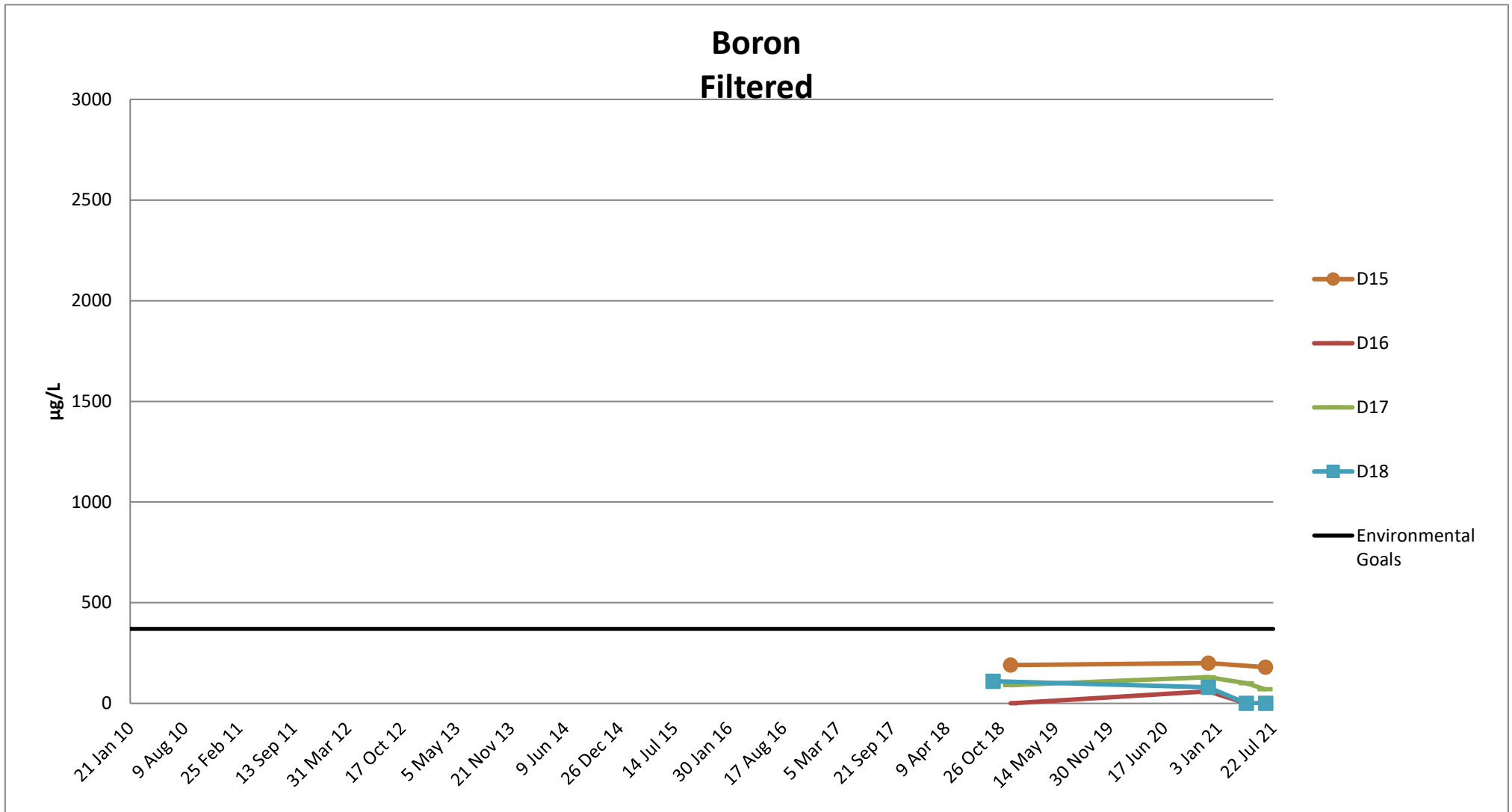


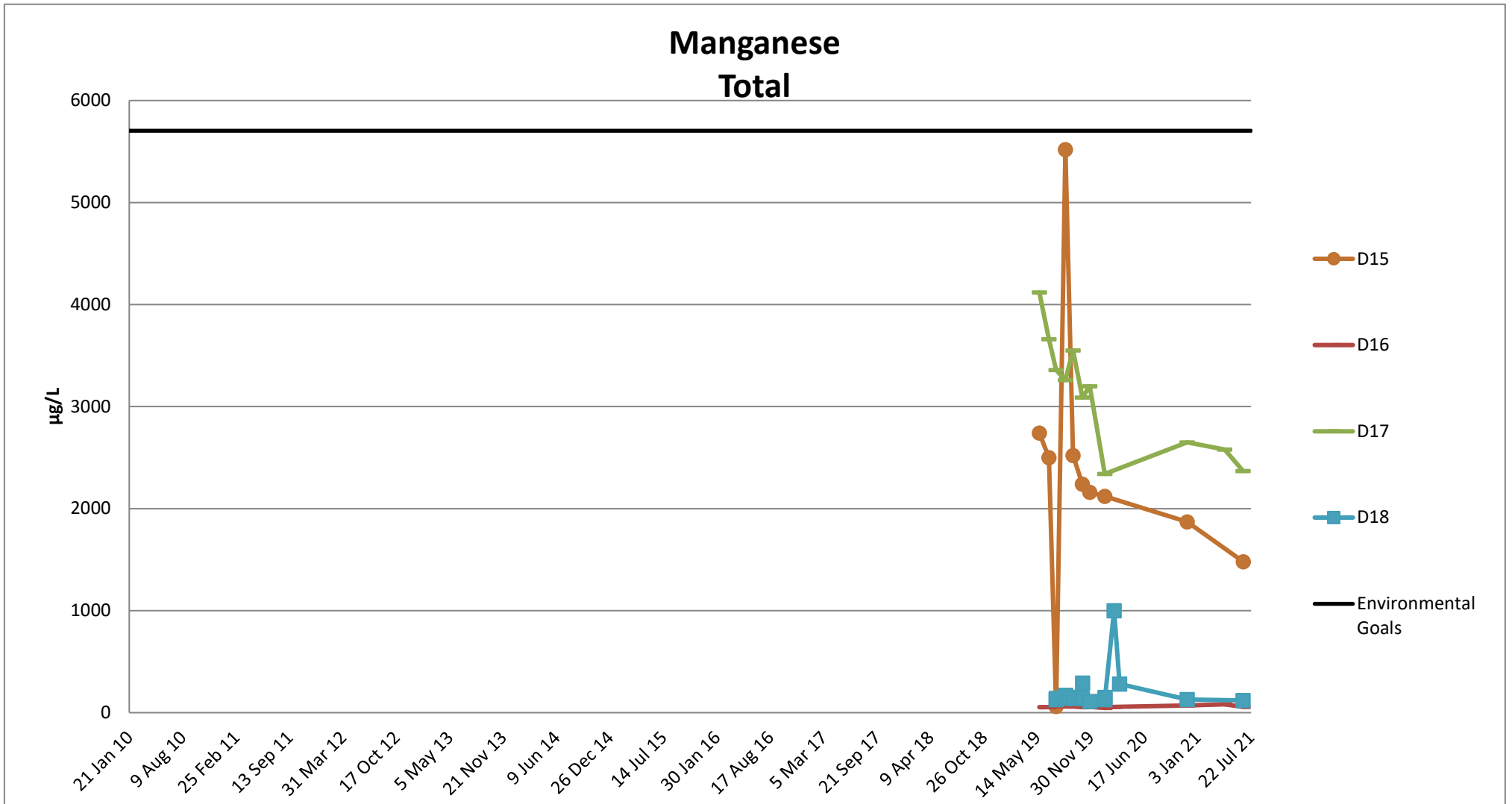


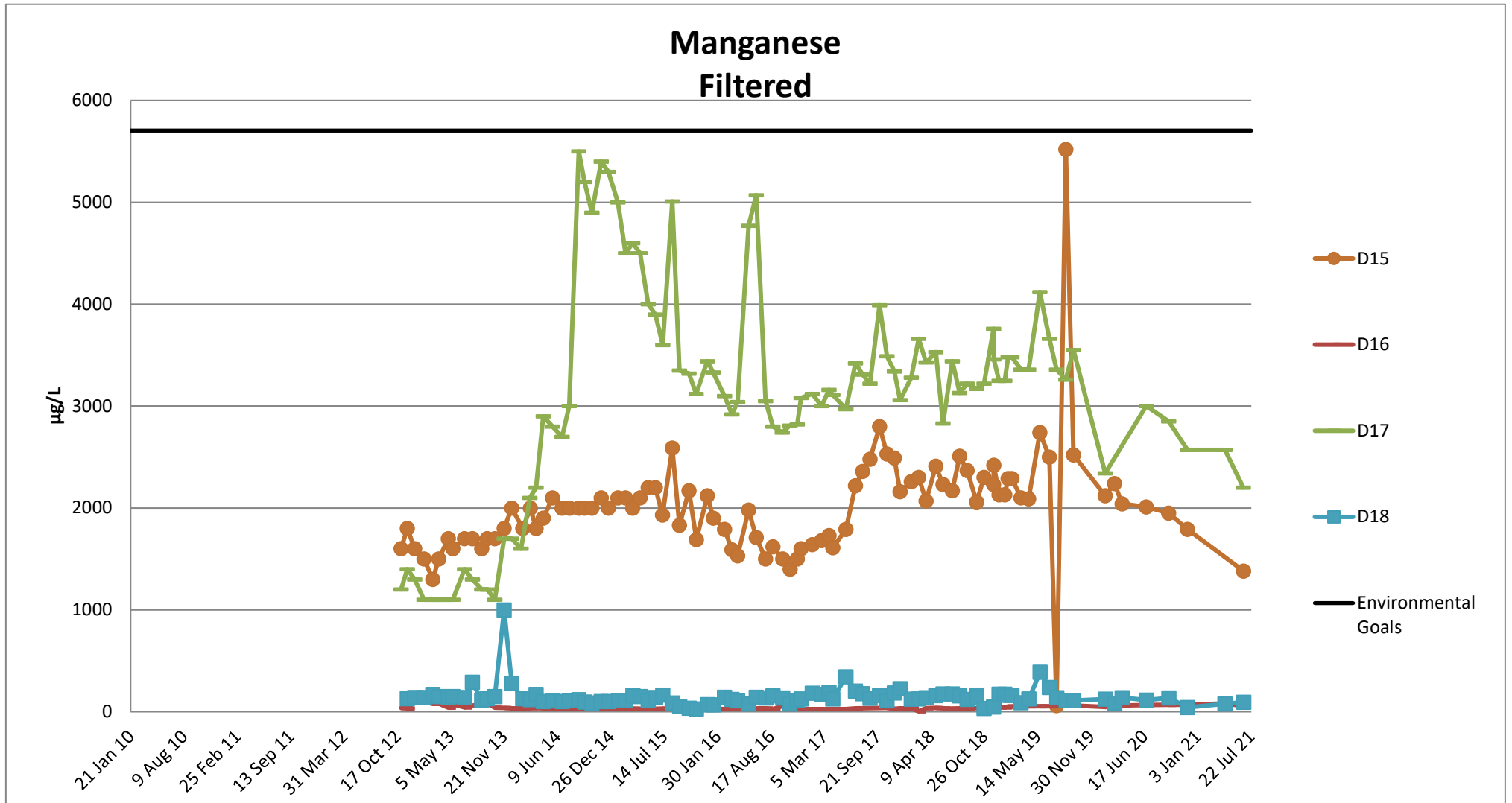
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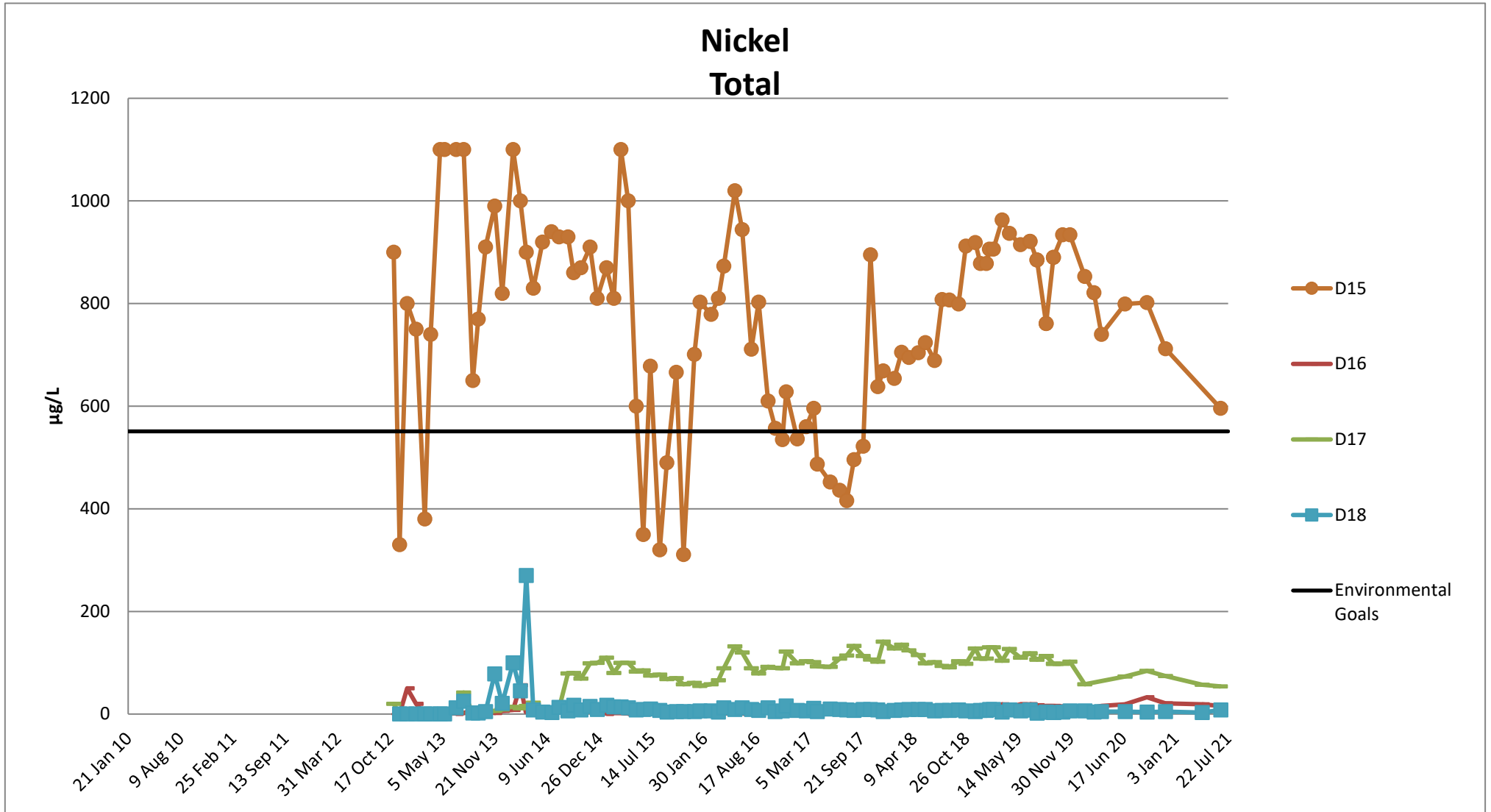


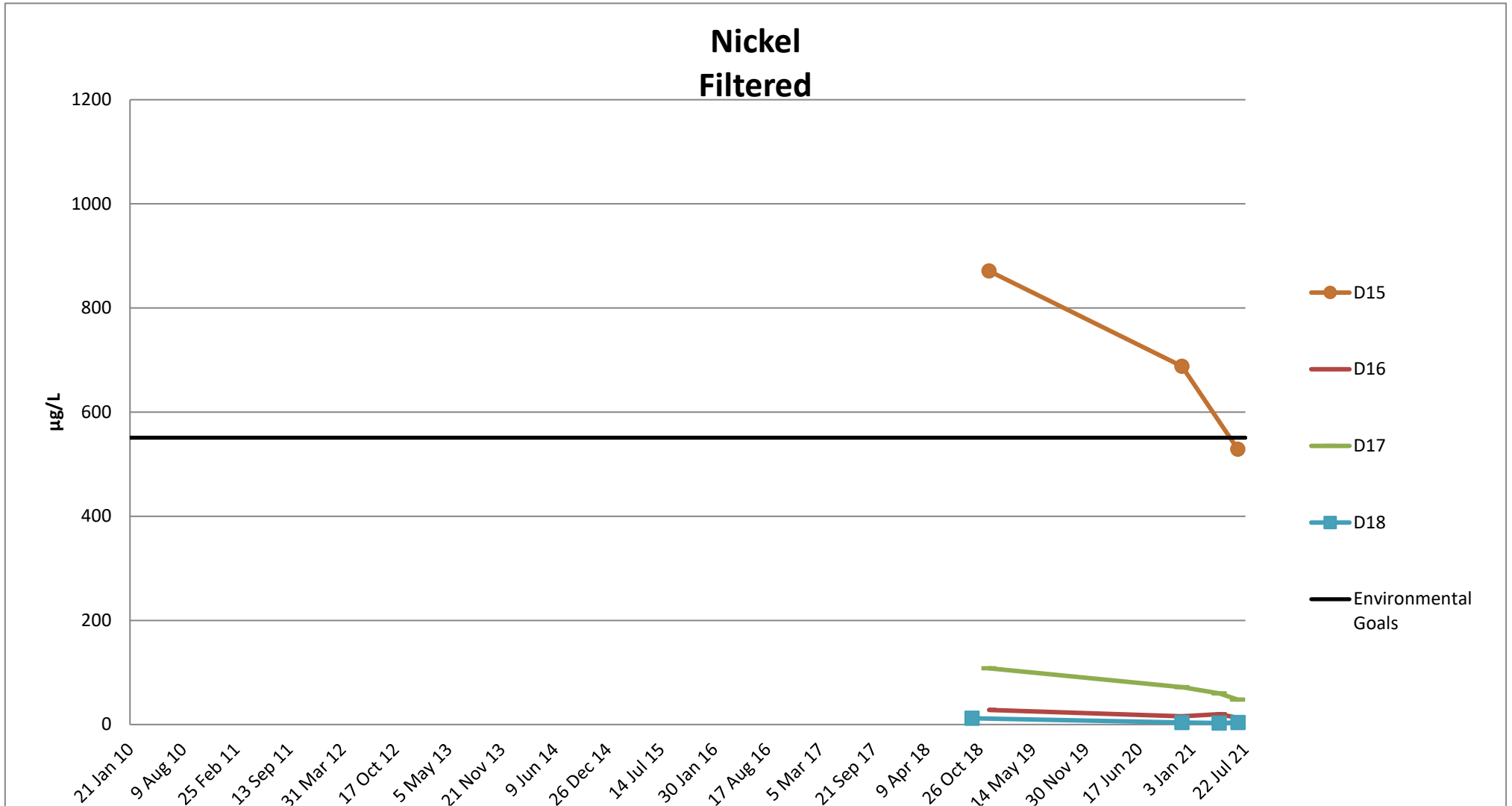


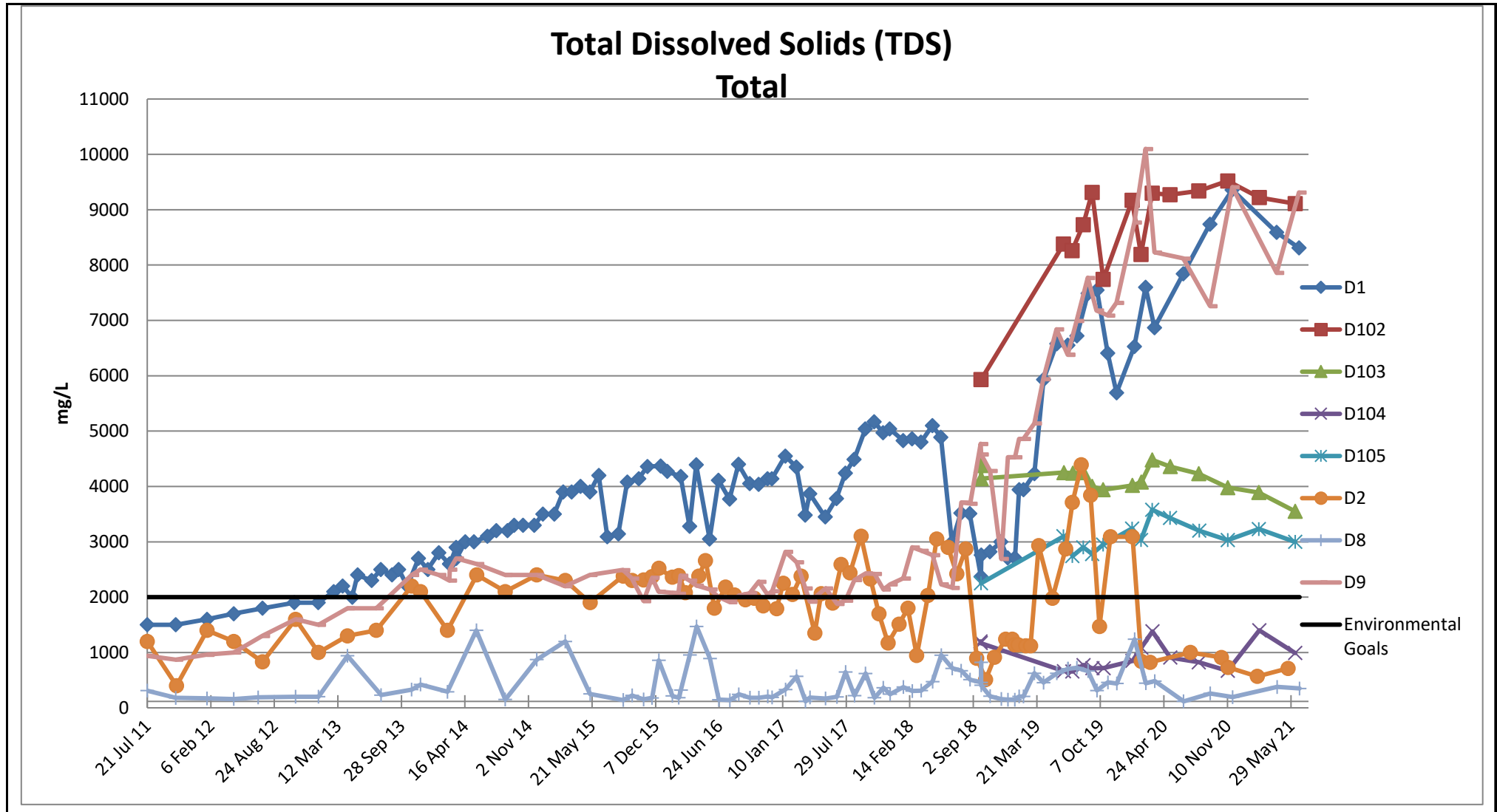


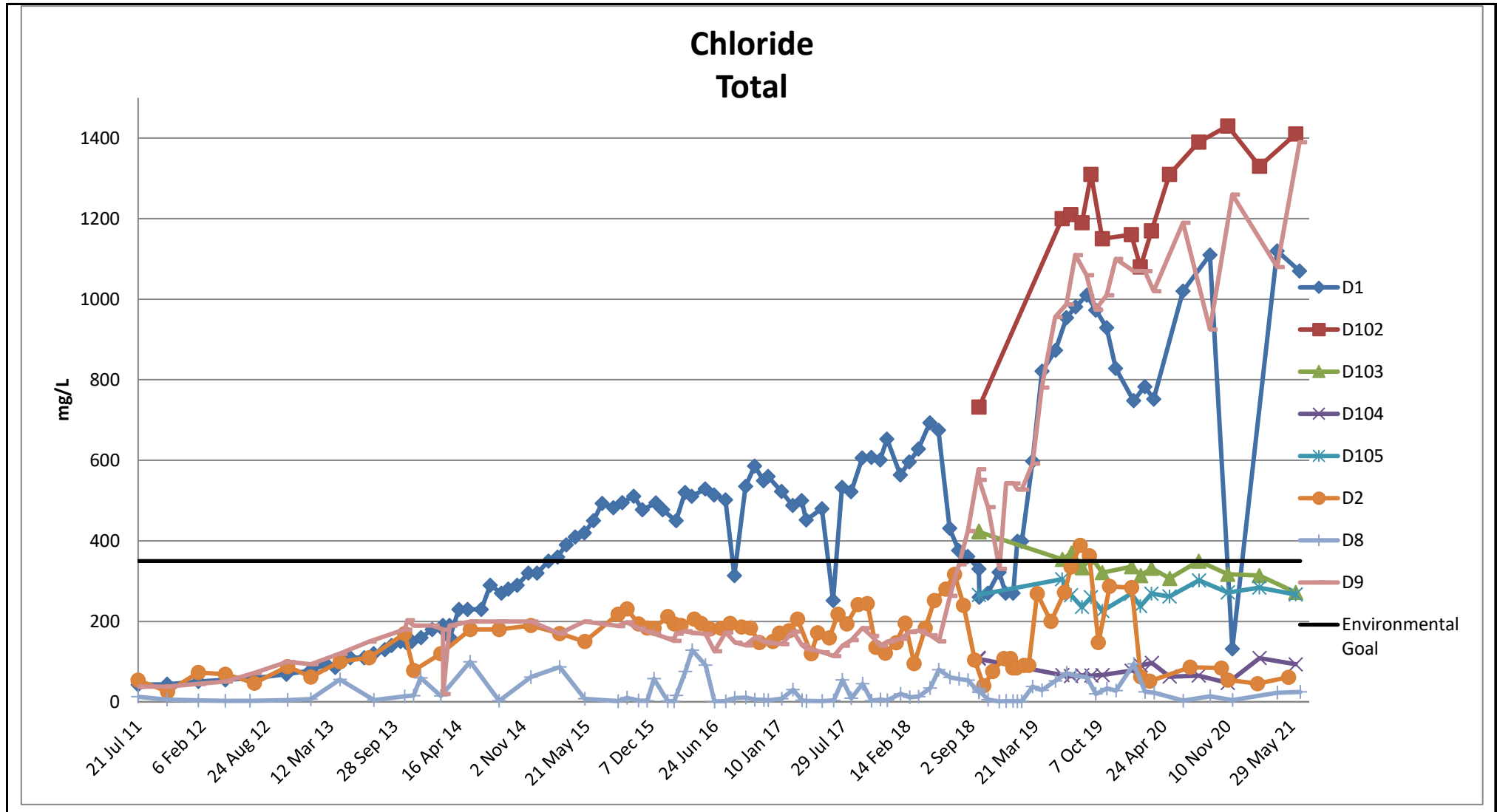


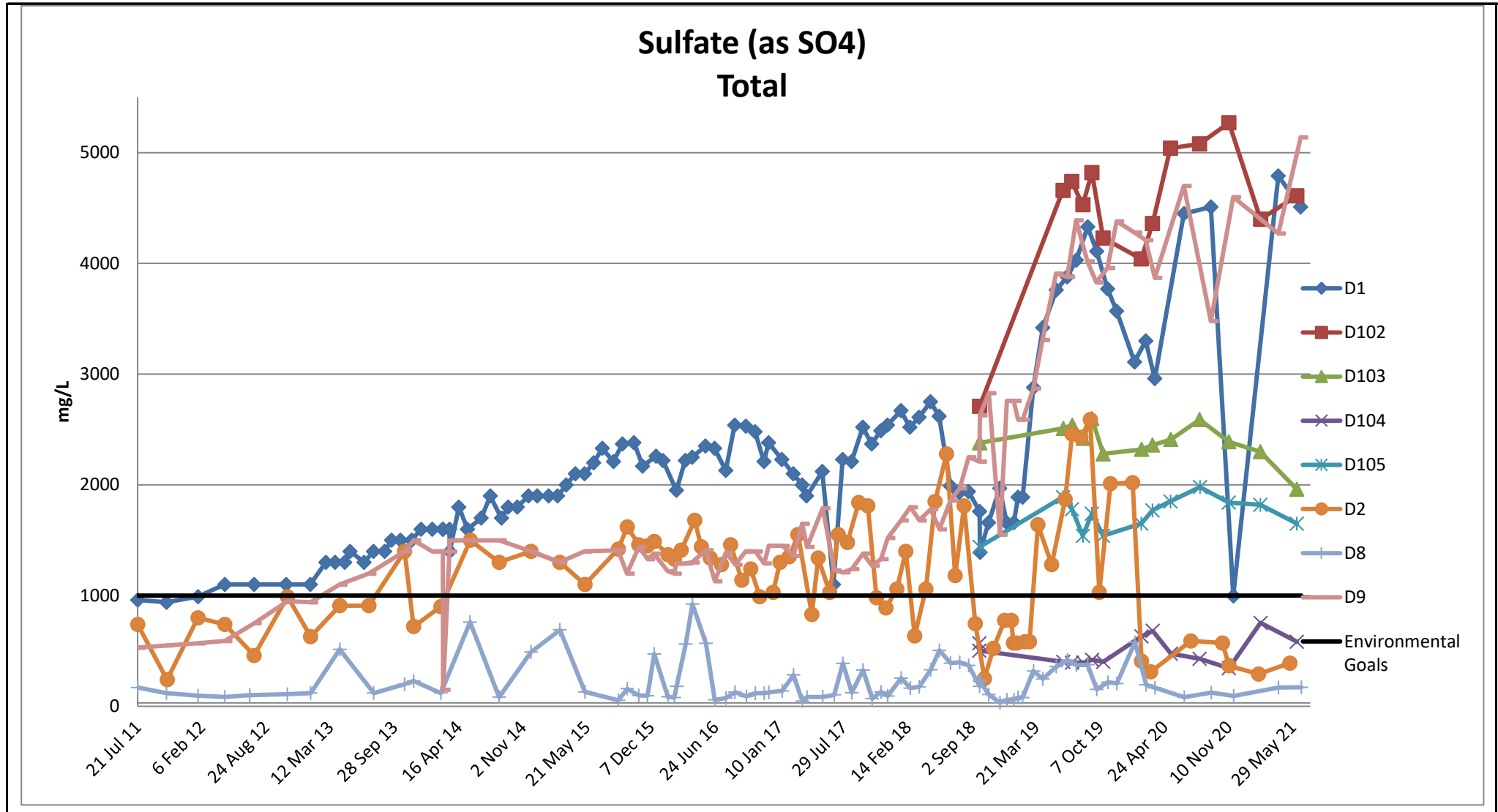


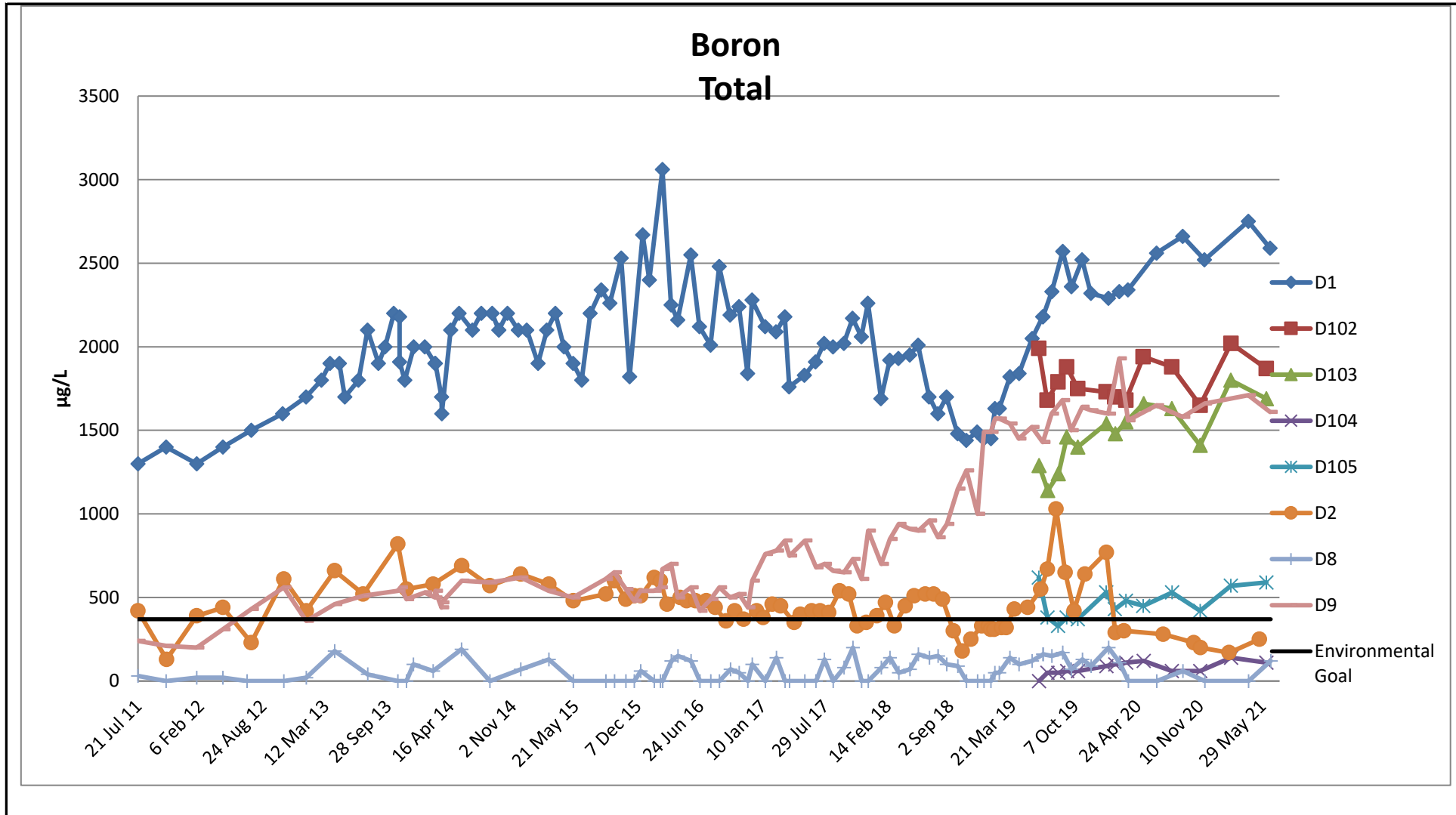


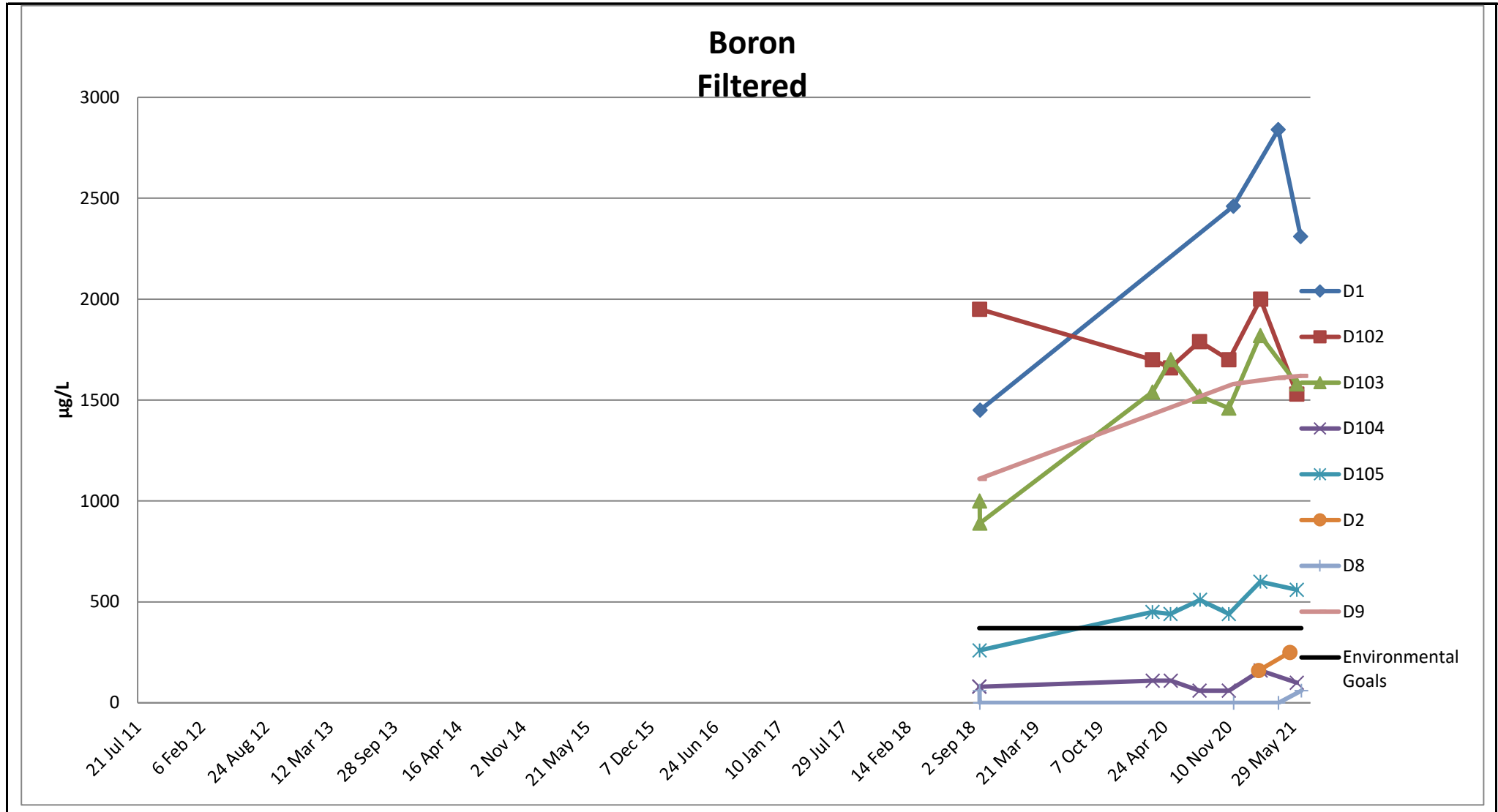


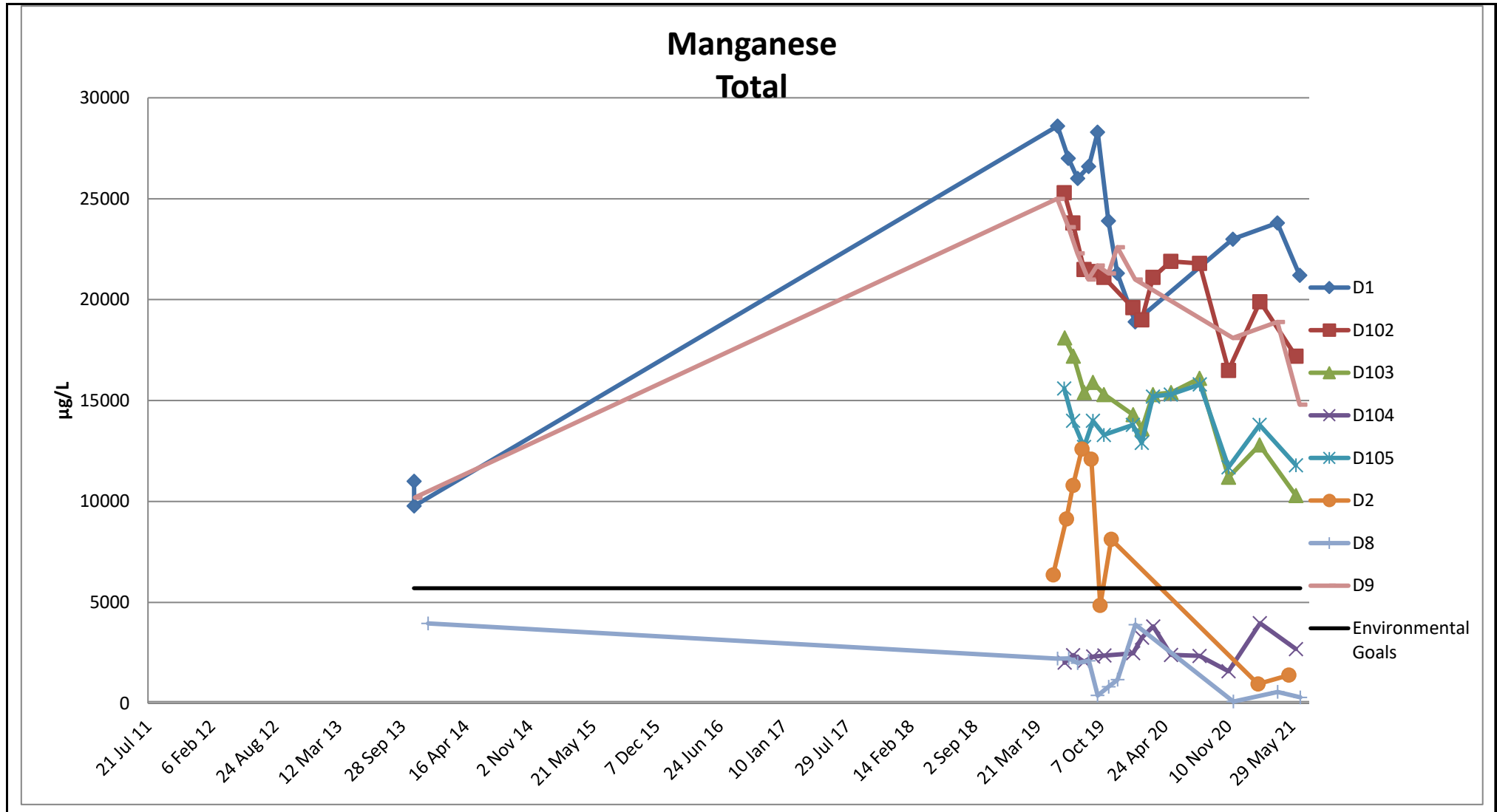


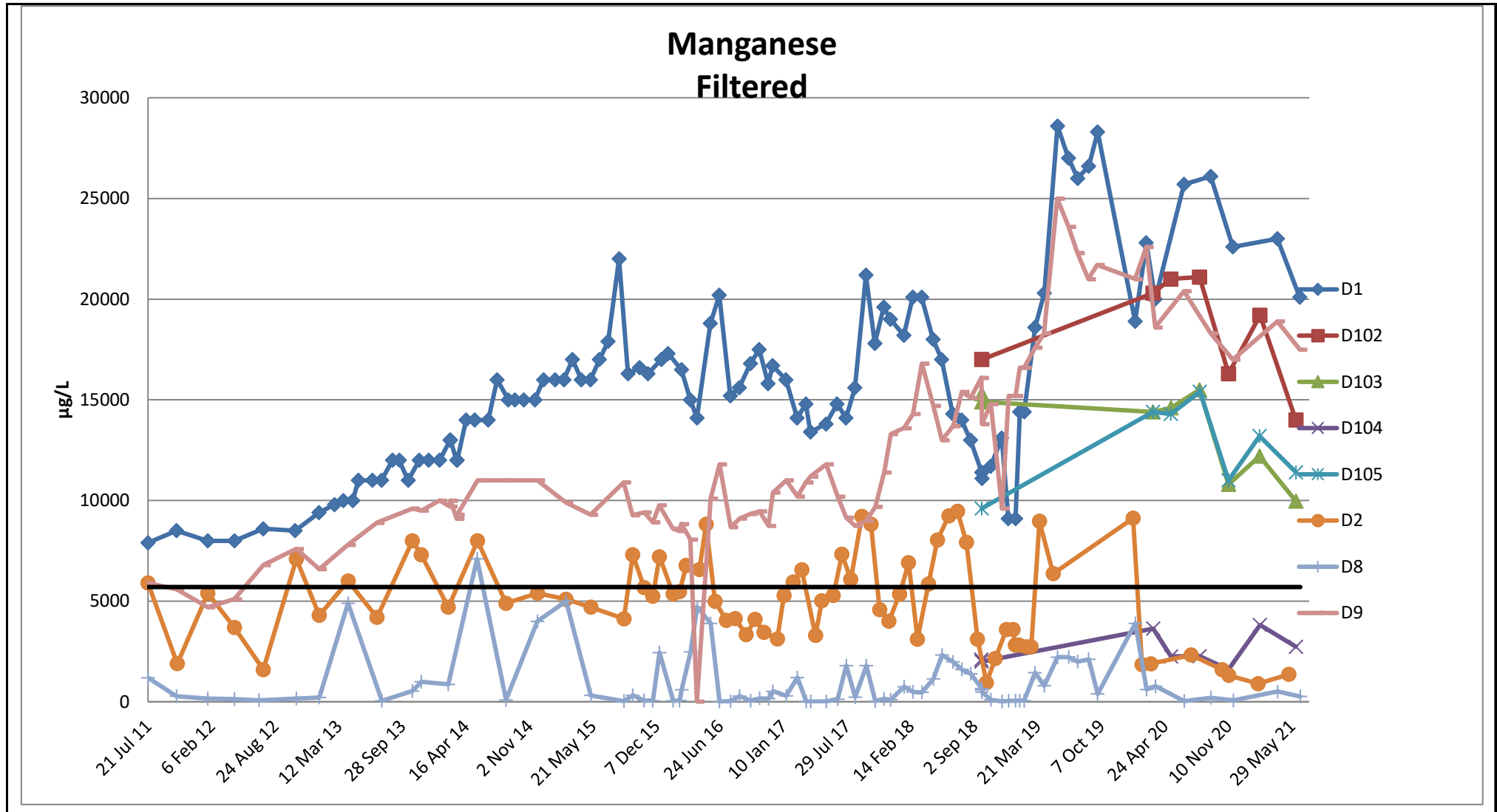


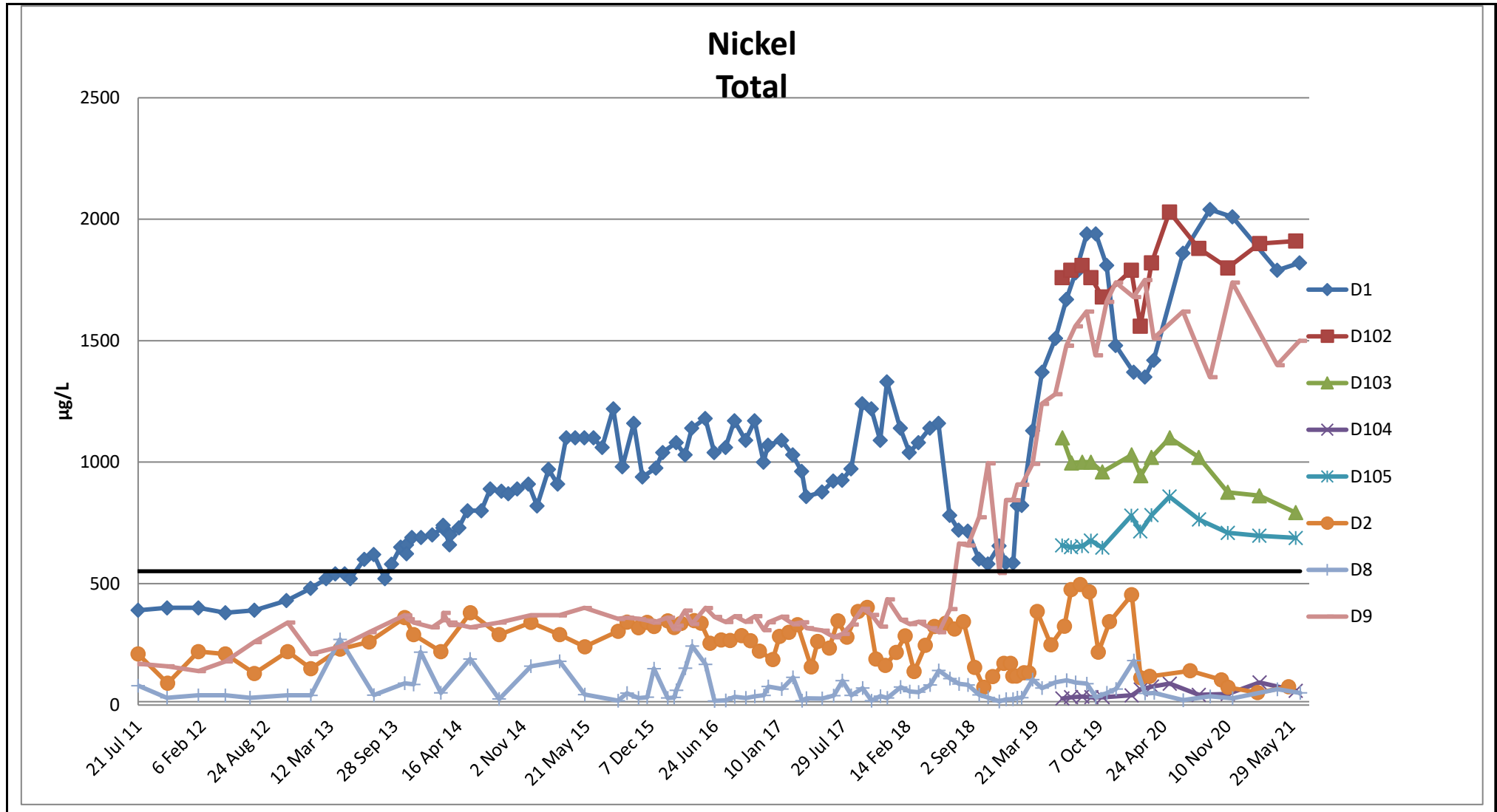


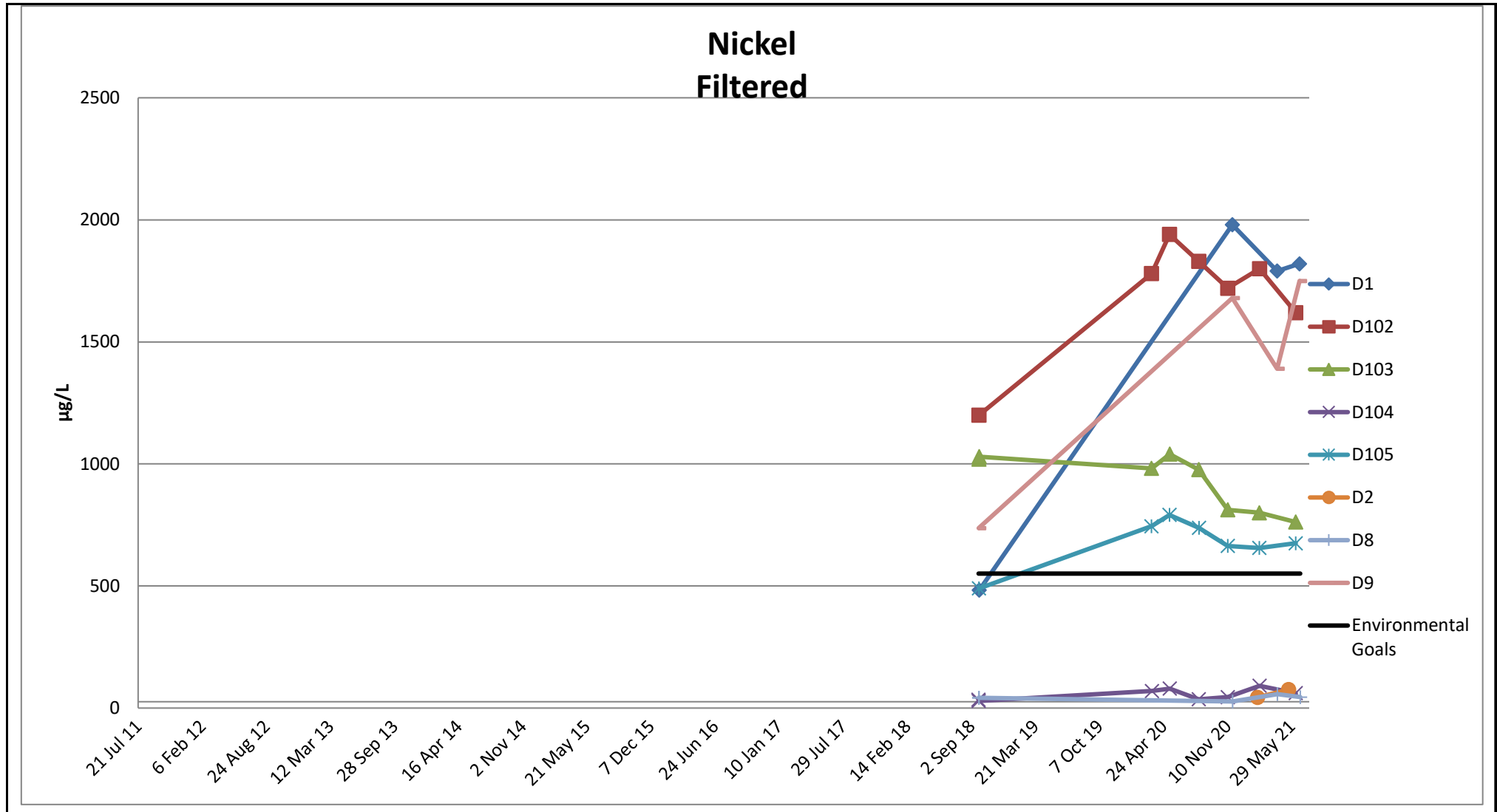


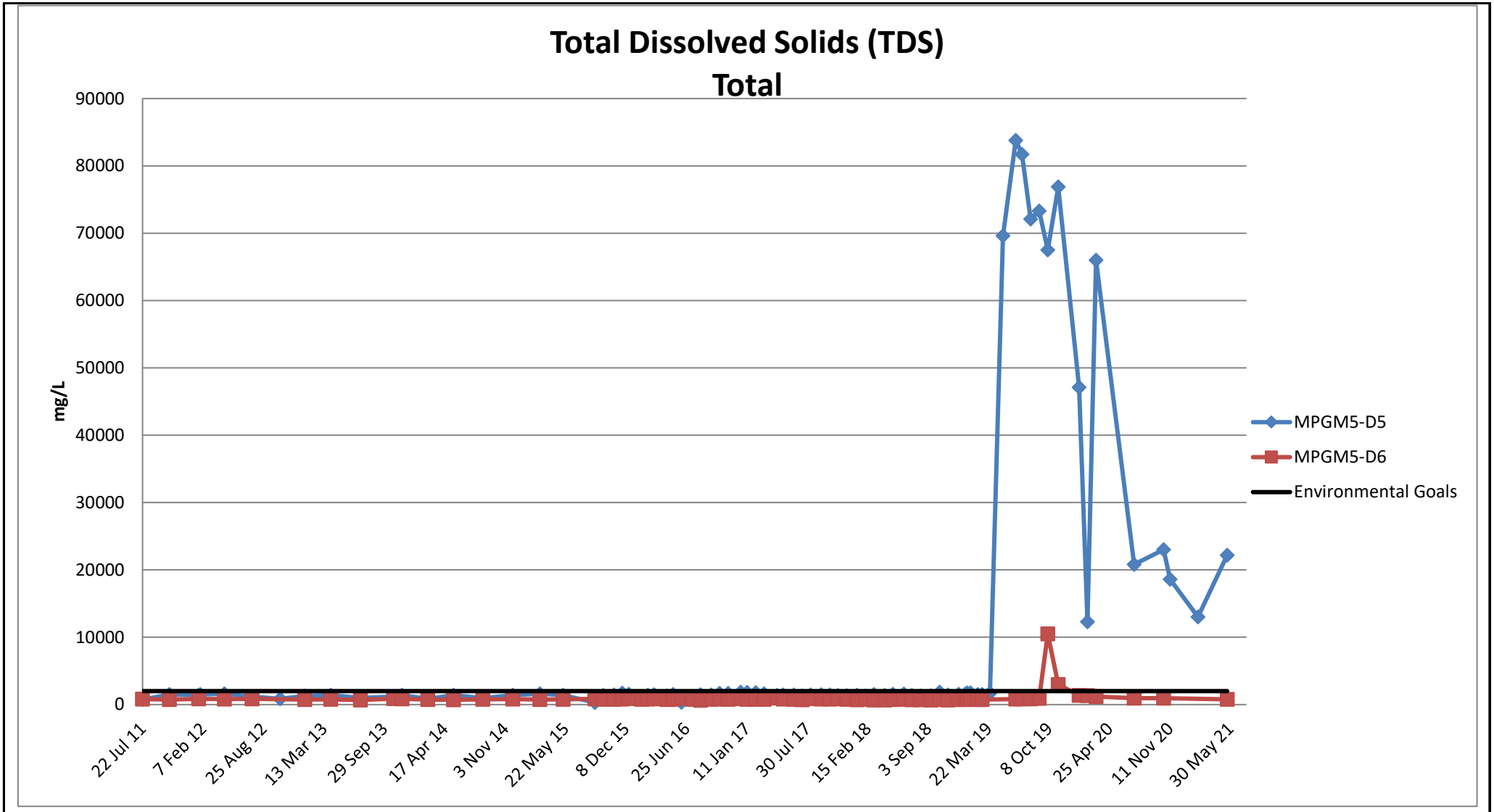


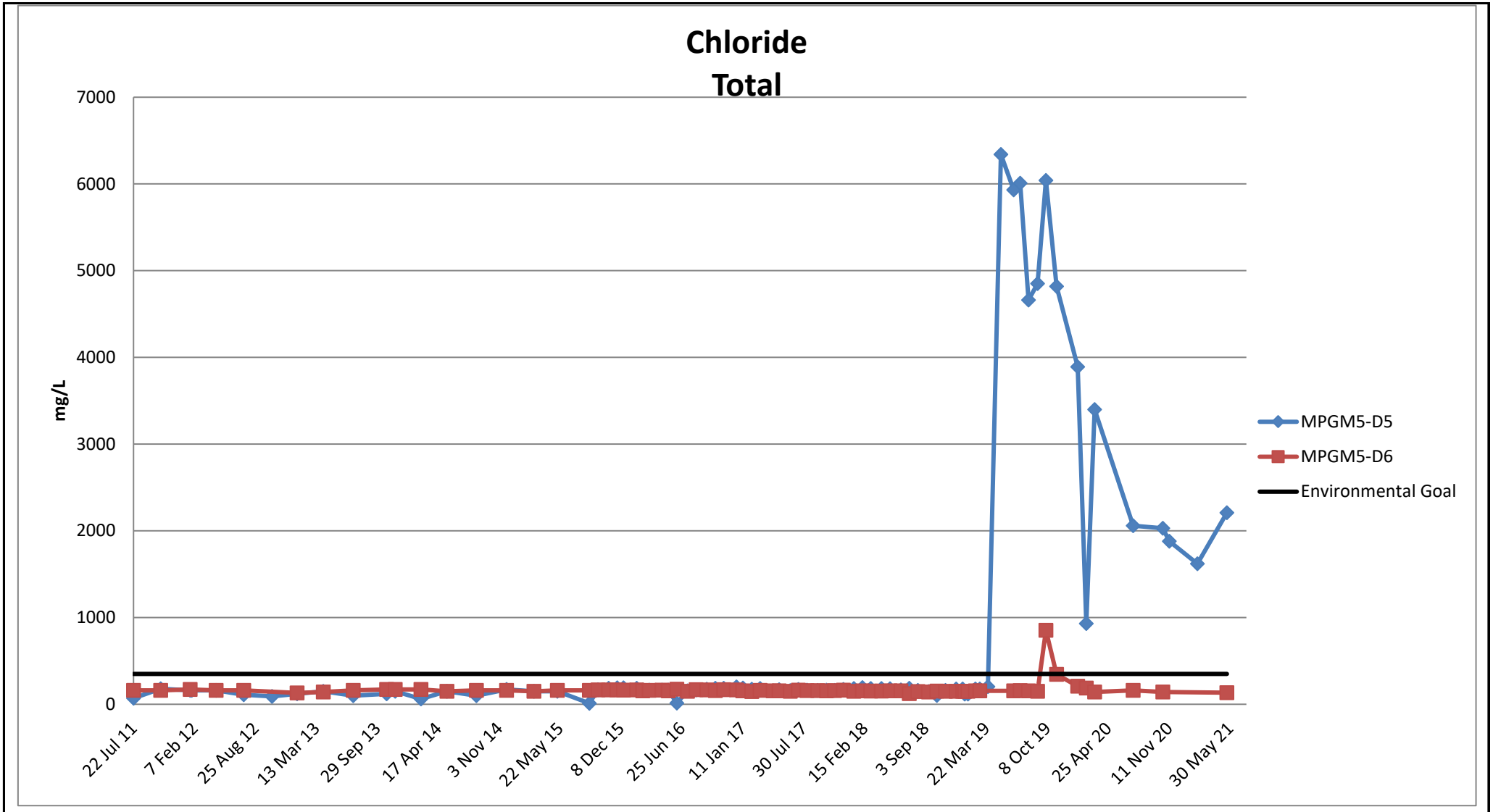


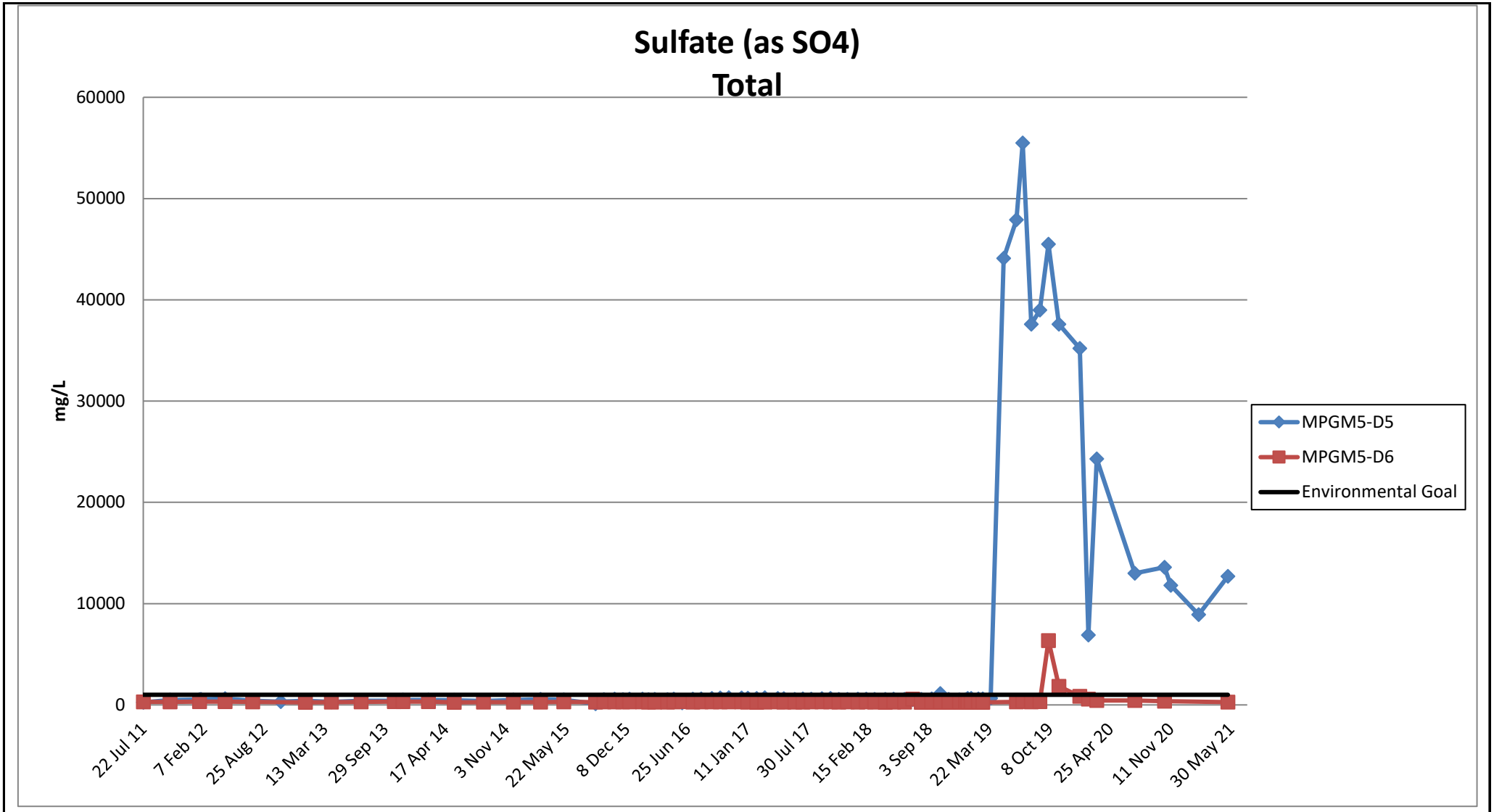


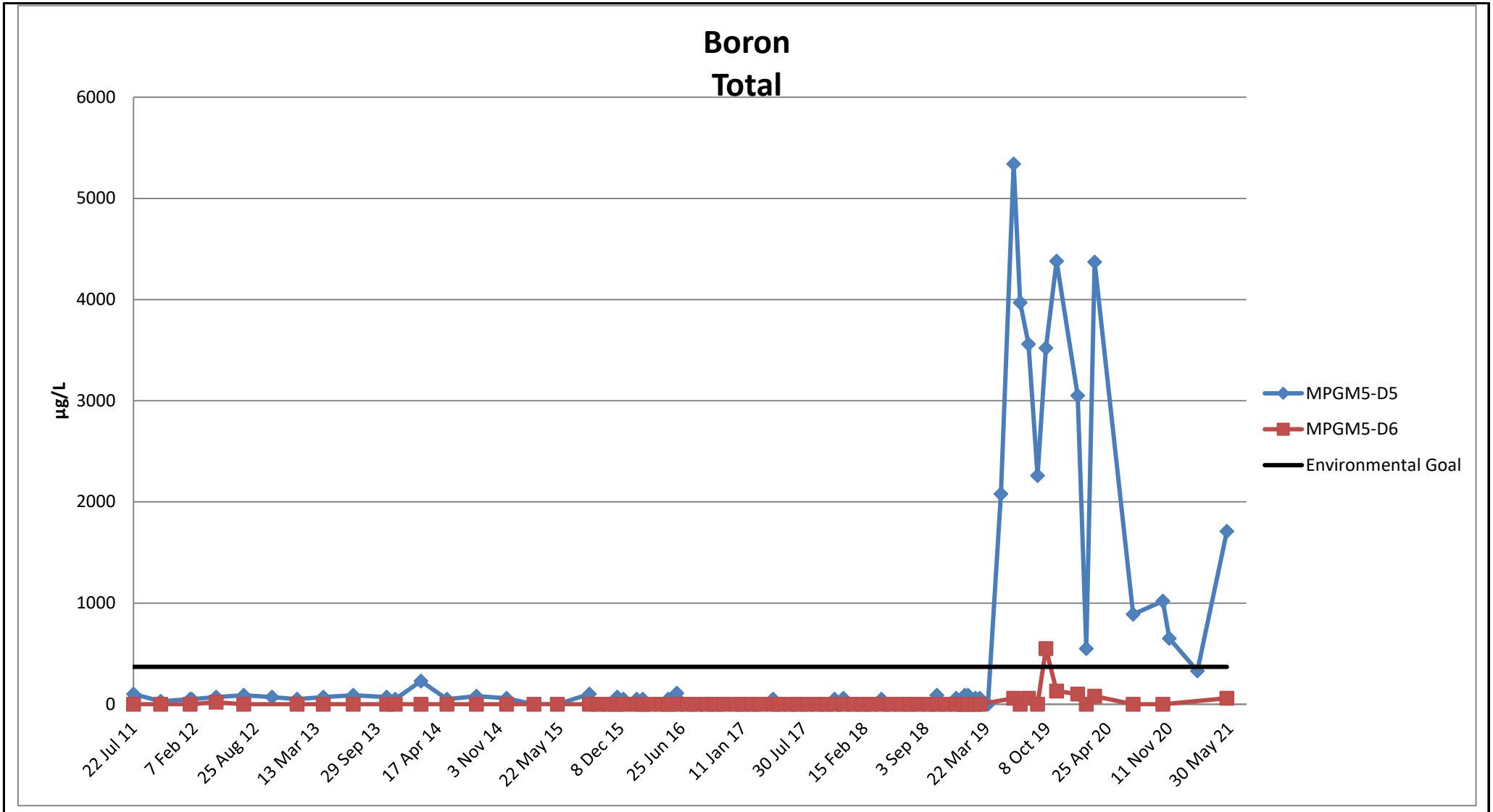


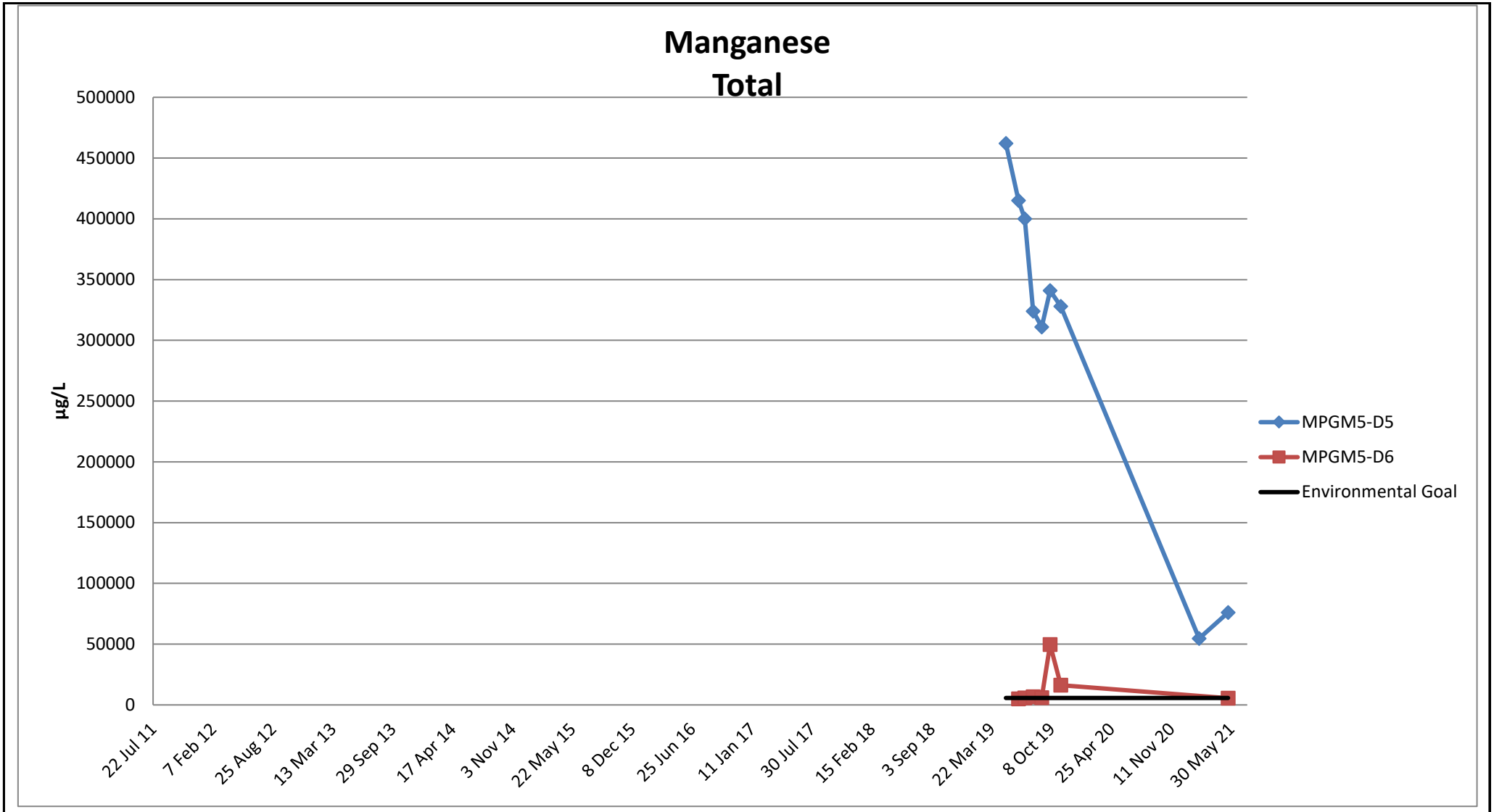


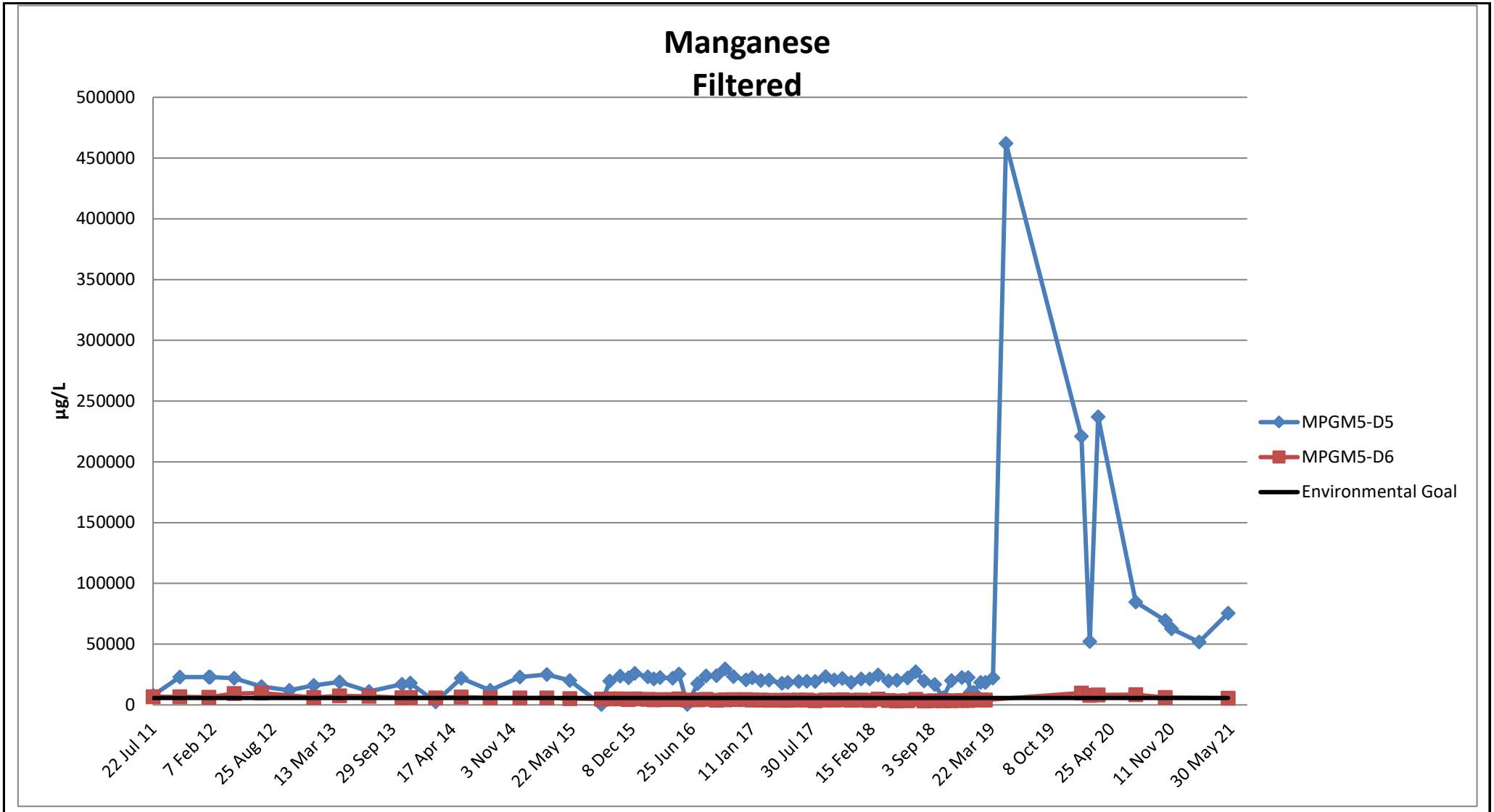


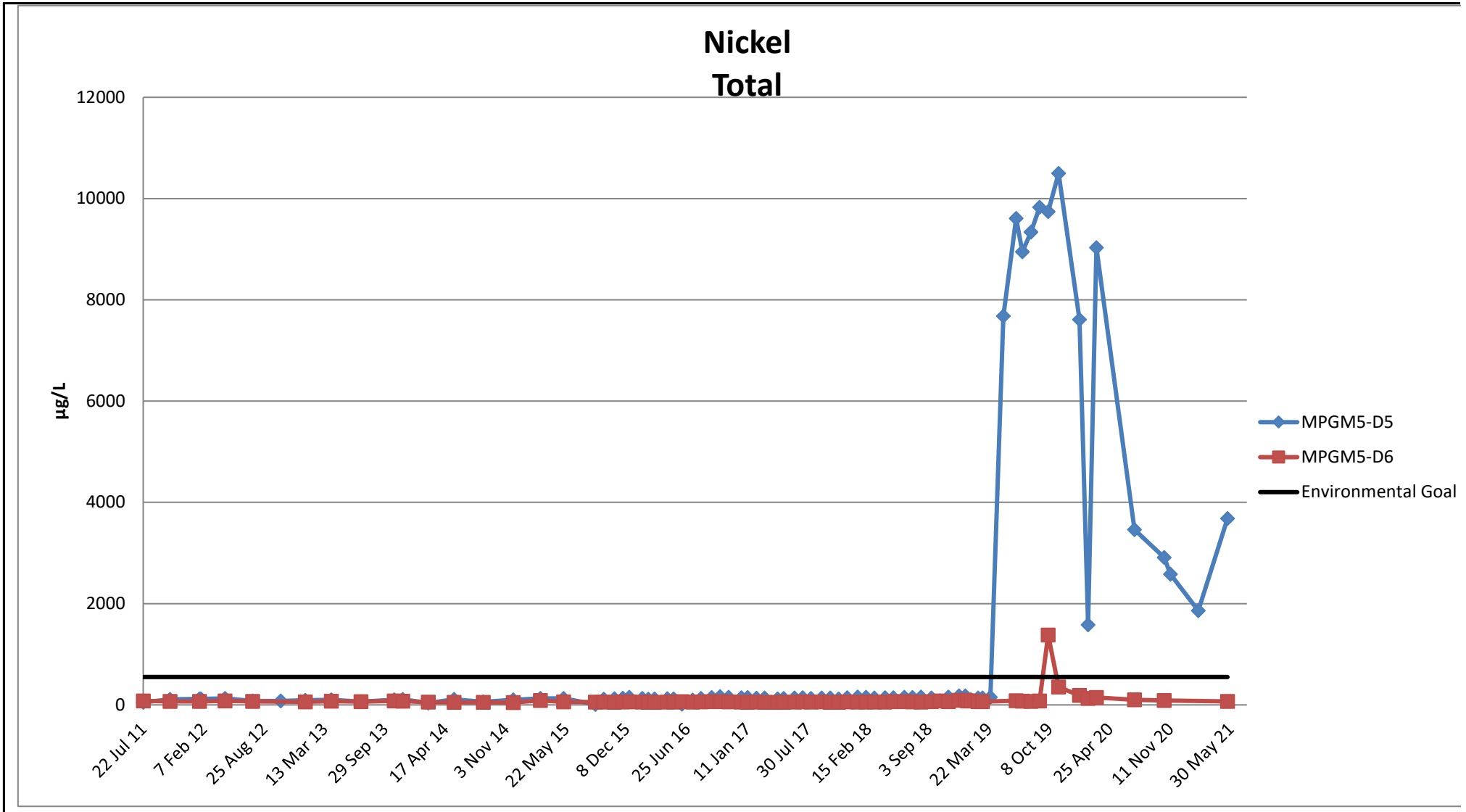












APPENDIX K

GWSDAT DATA ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY

K.1 GWSDAT DATA ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY

For data processing and the production of the trend evaluation outputs presented in the *Annual Environmental Monitoring Report – Water Management and Monitoring*, 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, but can also be adapted to analyse historical trends for surface water 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.

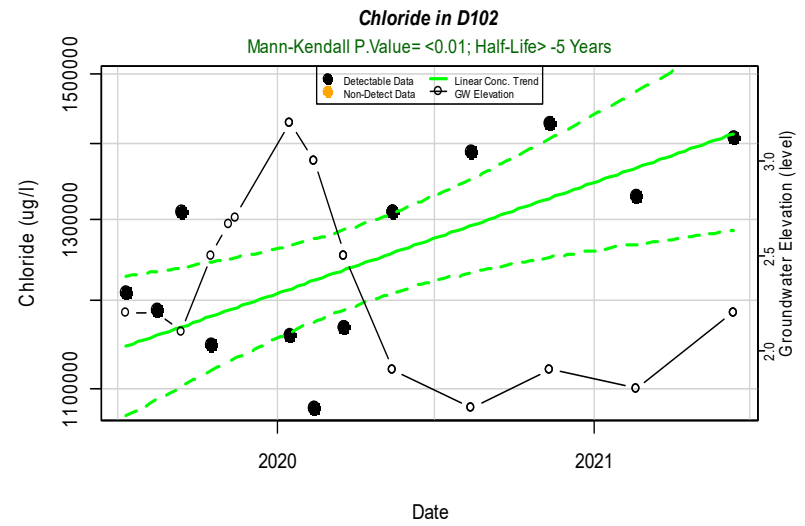
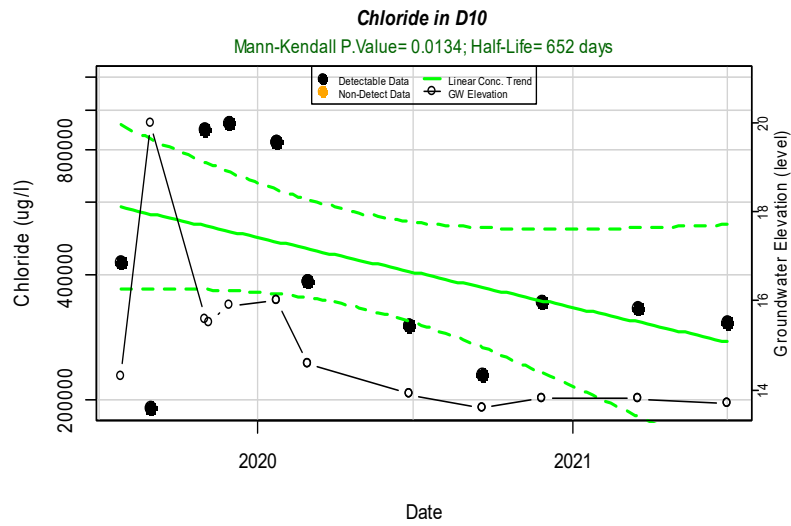
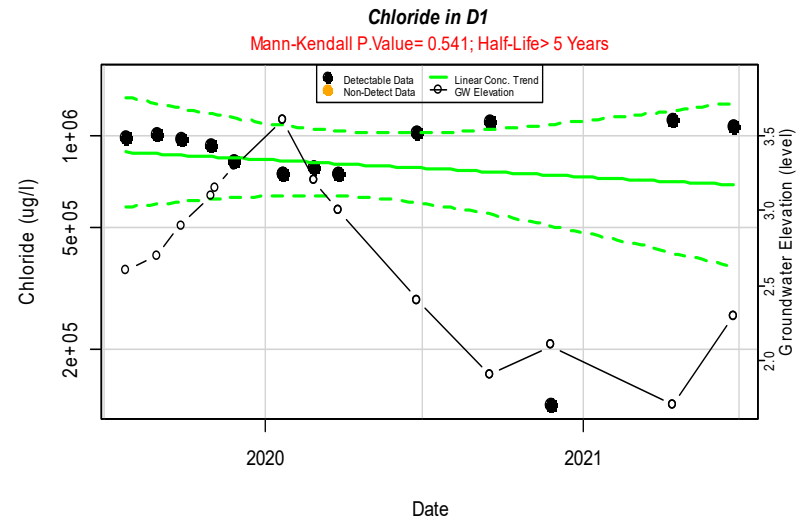
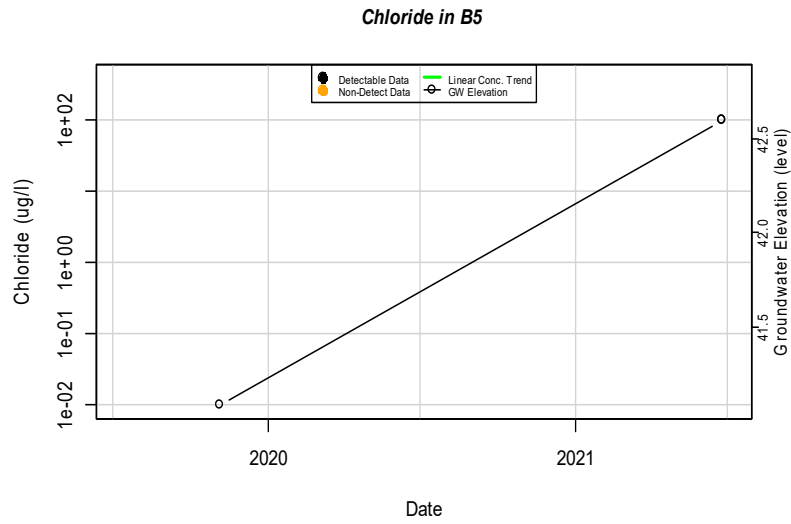
The p-value presented in the monitoring bore trend plots indicates the level of statistical significance that can be attributed to the trend, with a p-value less than 0.05 indicating a statistically significant trend. A p-value of less than 0.05 relates to a statistical significance of 95%, i.e. if a 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.

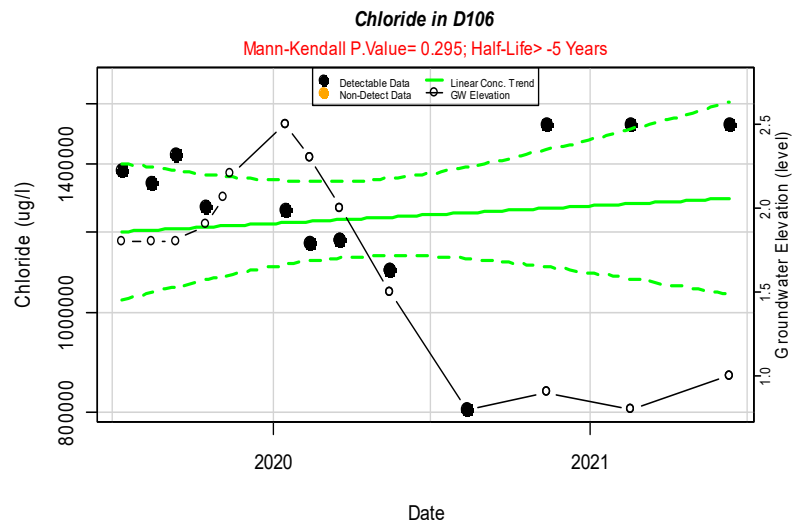
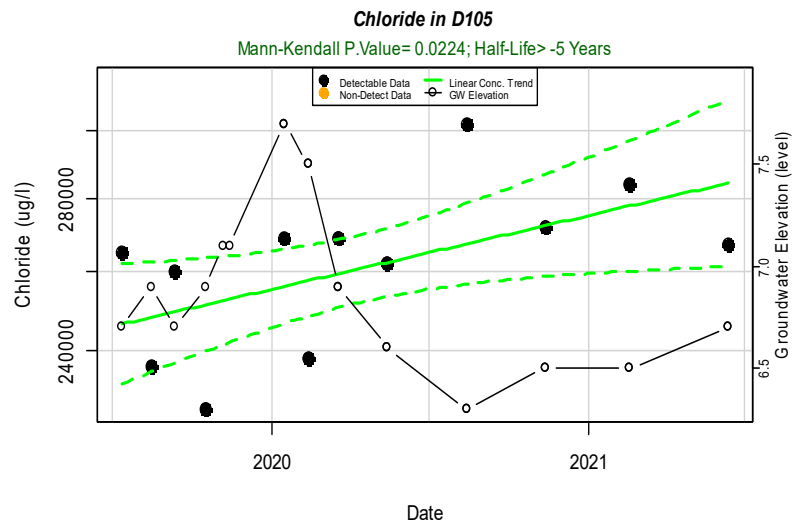
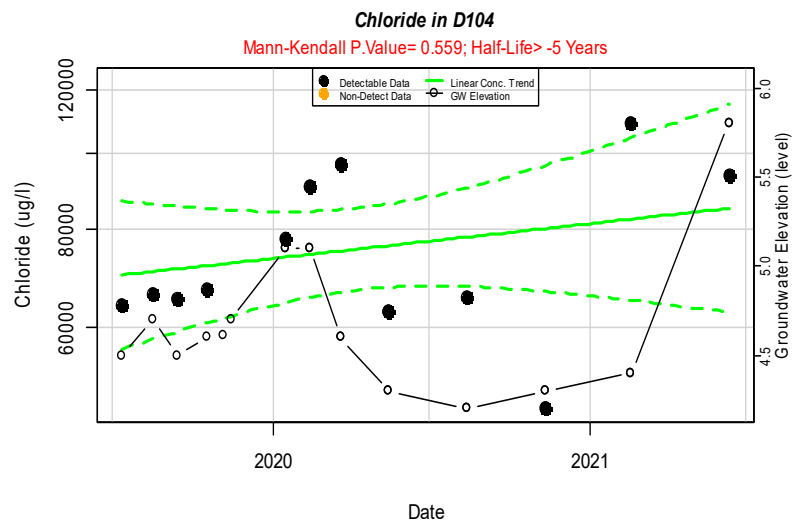
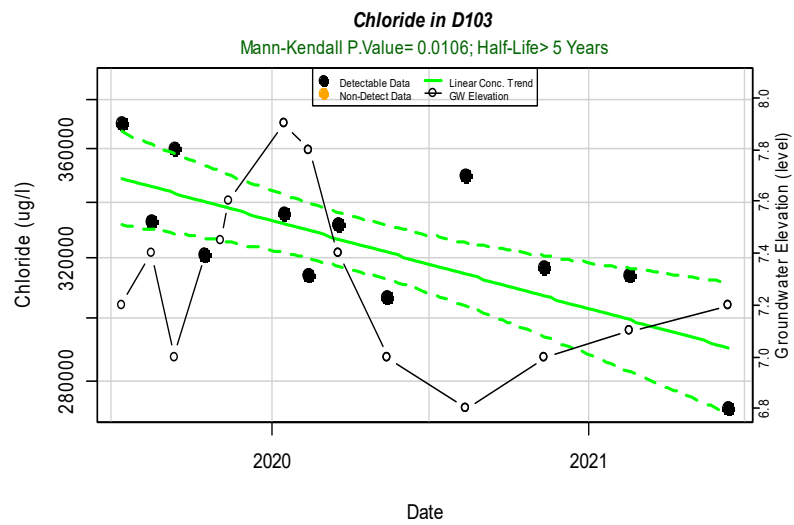
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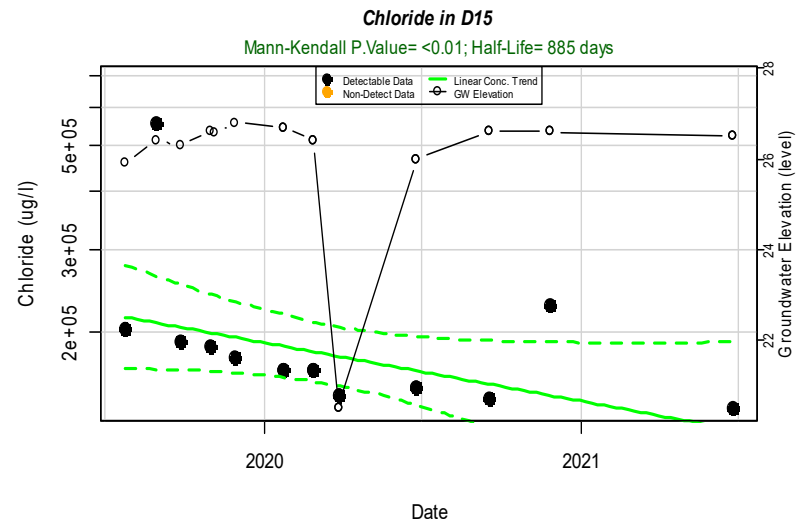
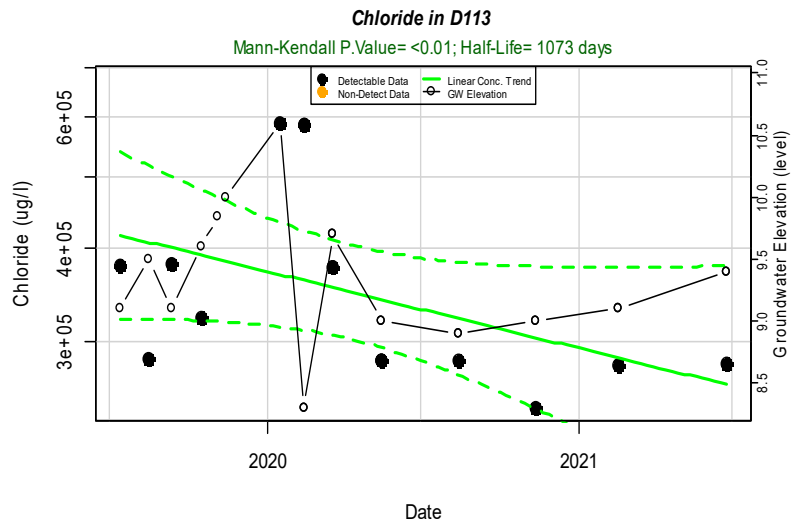
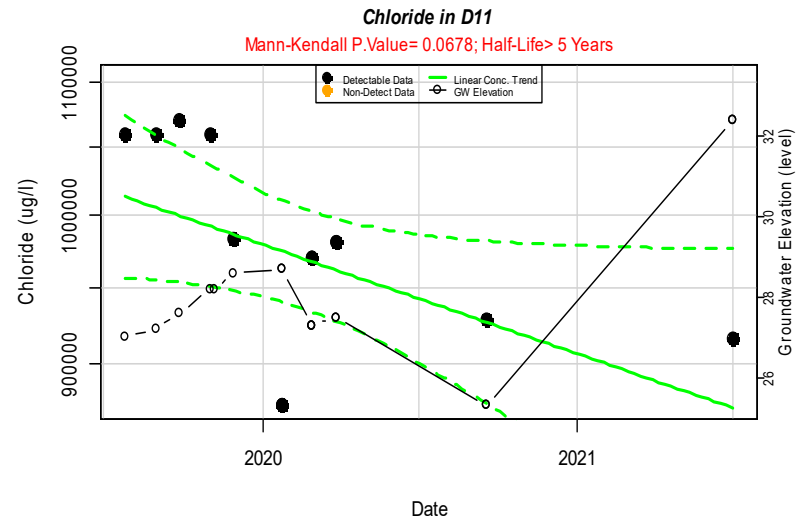
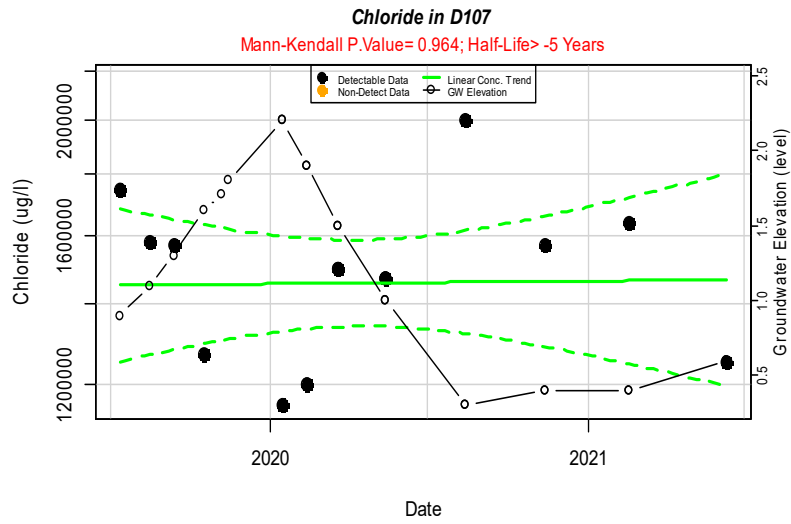
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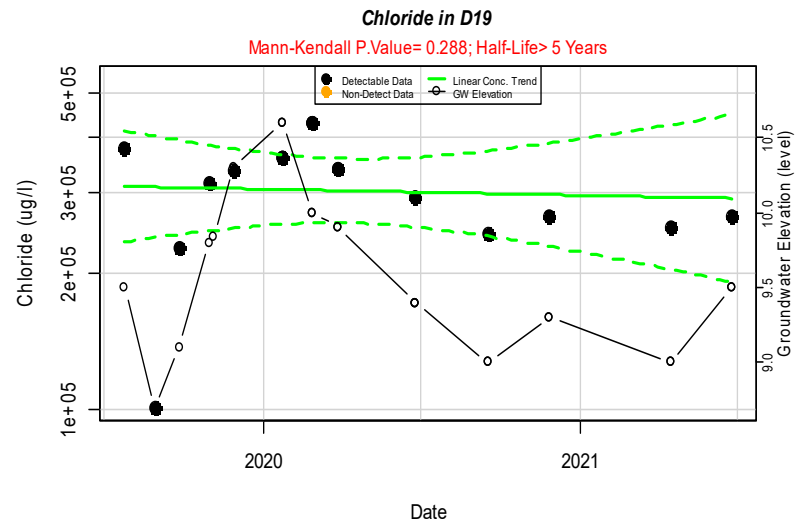
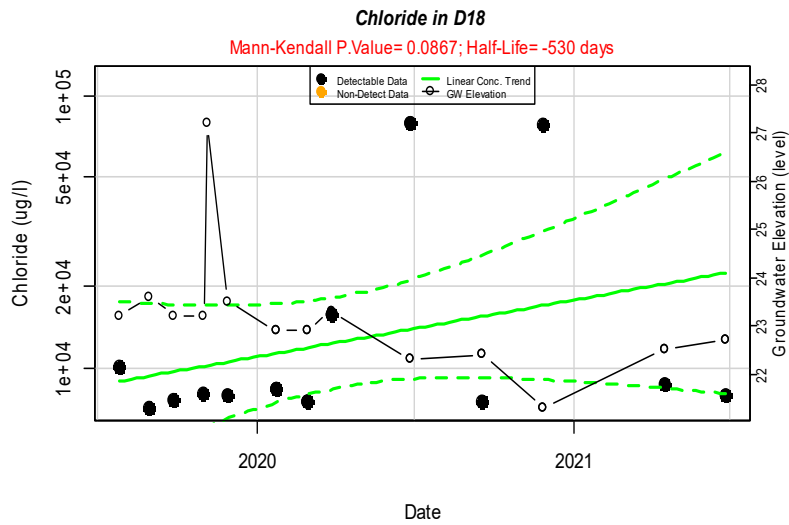
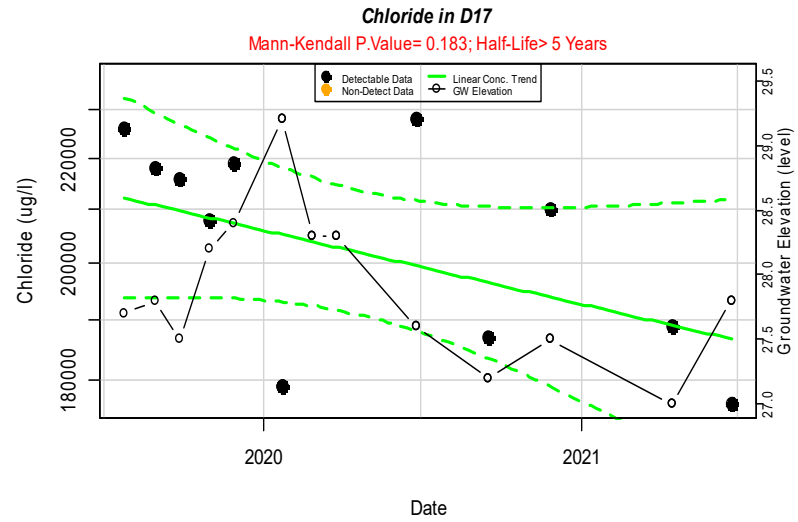
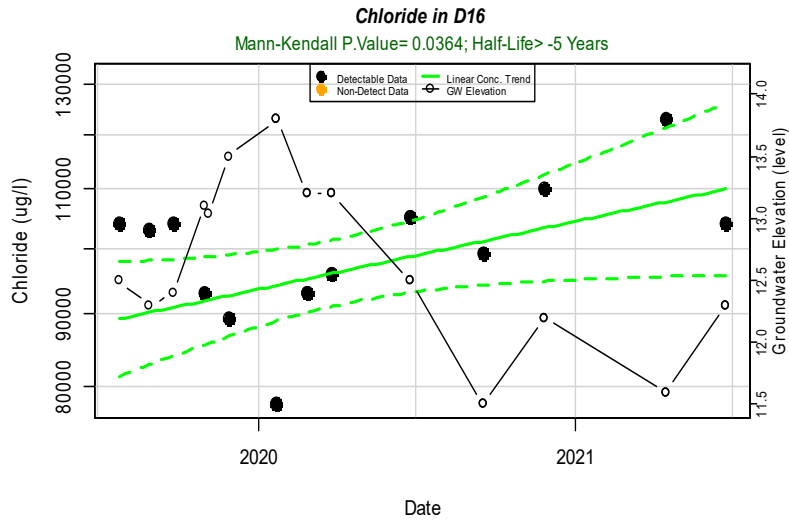
In addition to the Mann-Kendall test, a linear trend analysis is represented on the plots (using a green line). The trend displays a linear time series trend estimate to the log of historical solute concentrations. Due to different monitoring bores being tested at varying frequencies throughout history,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

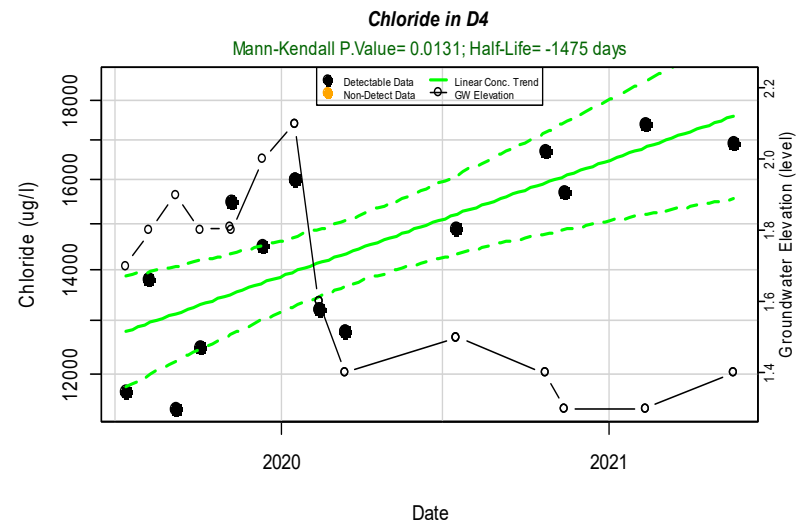
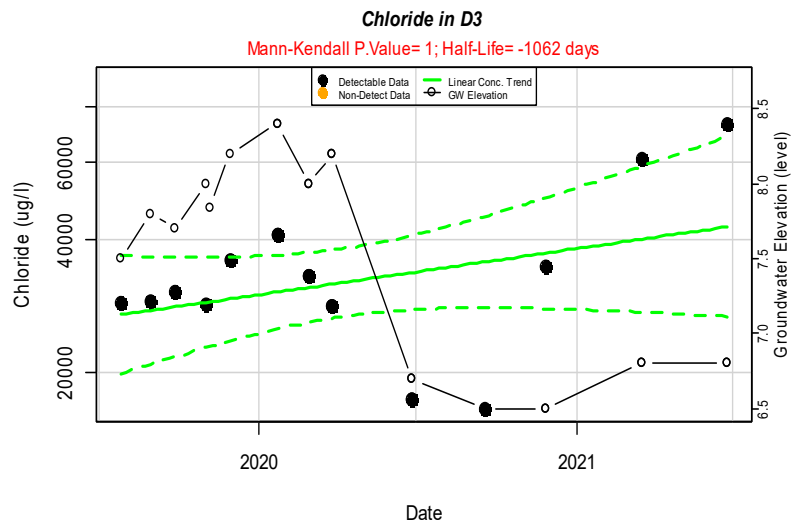
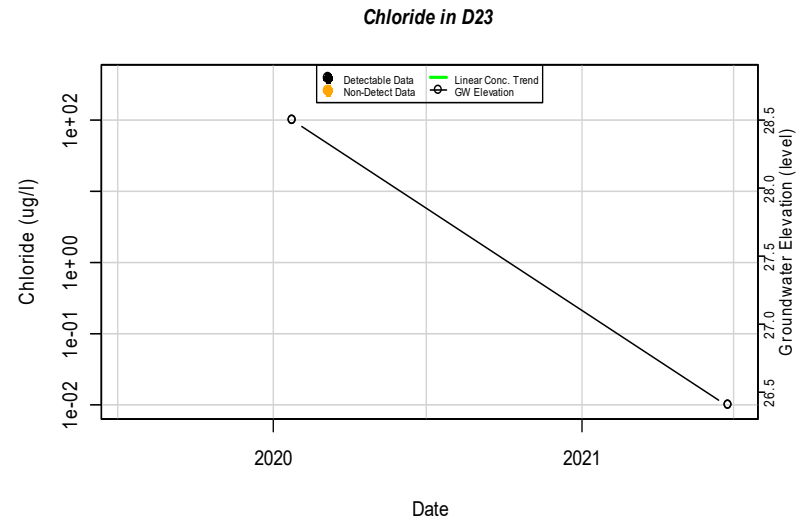
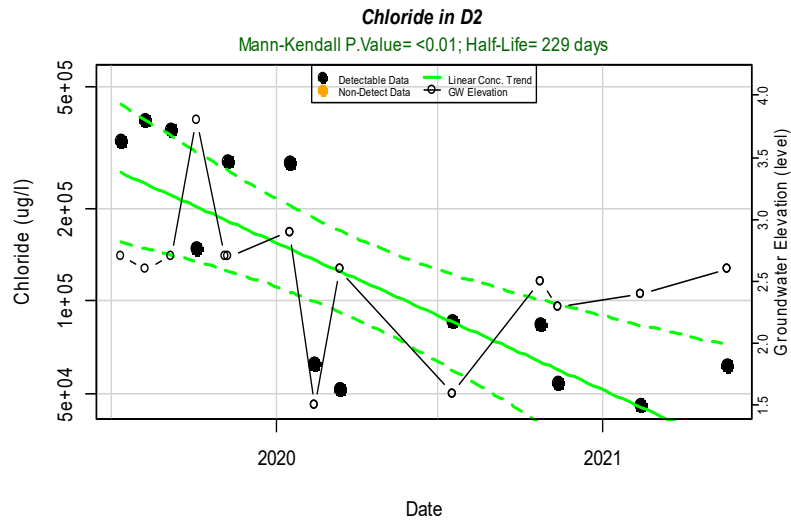
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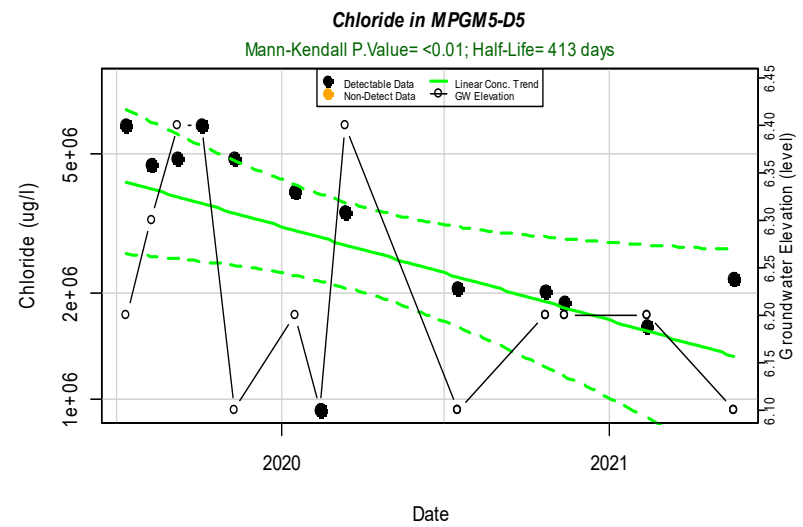
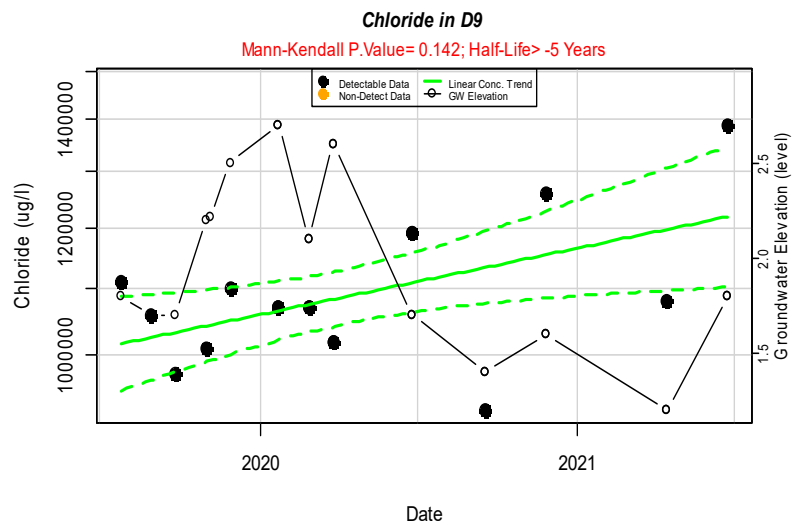
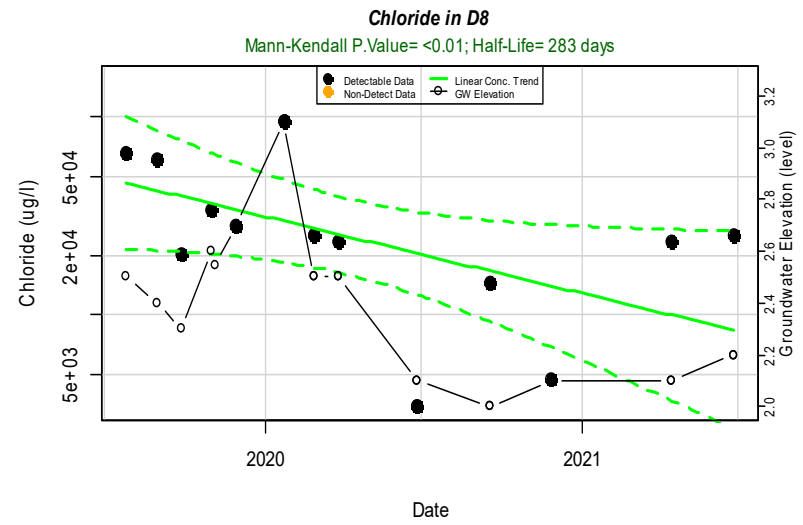
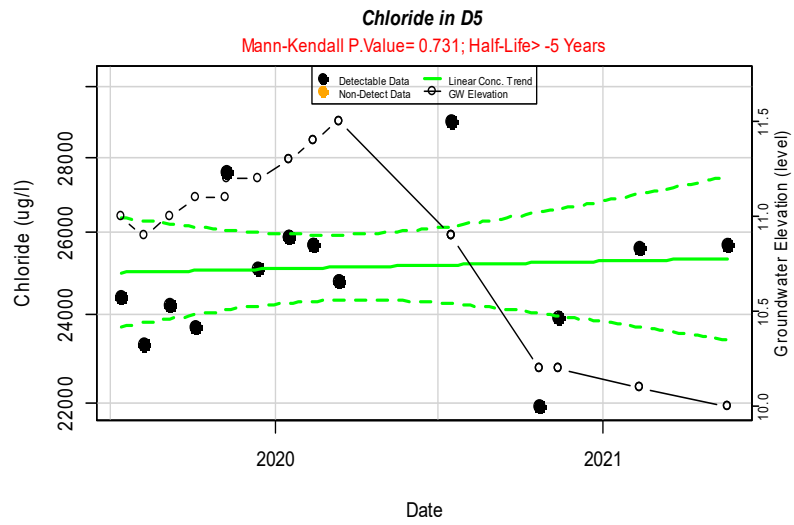


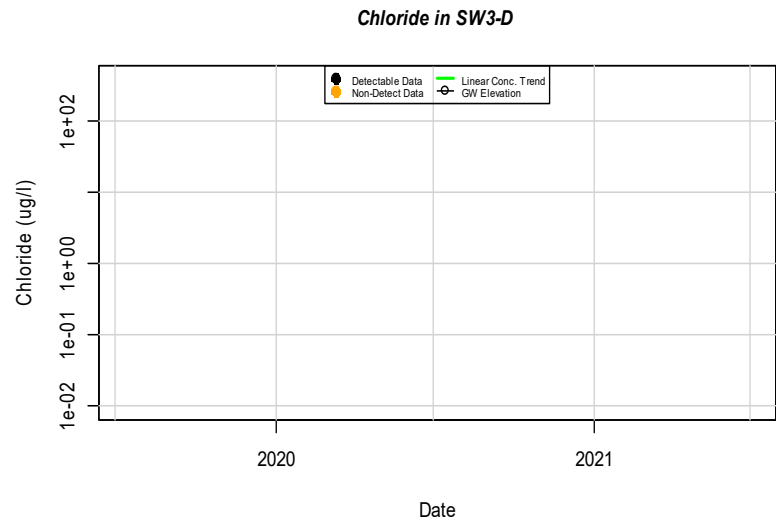
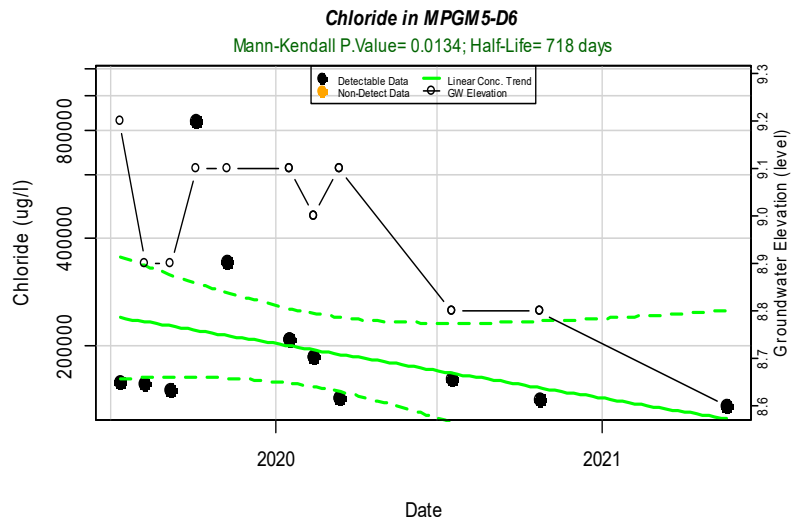




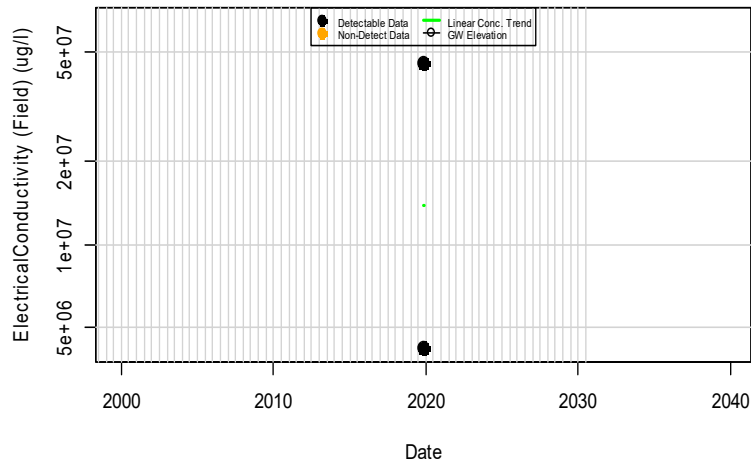






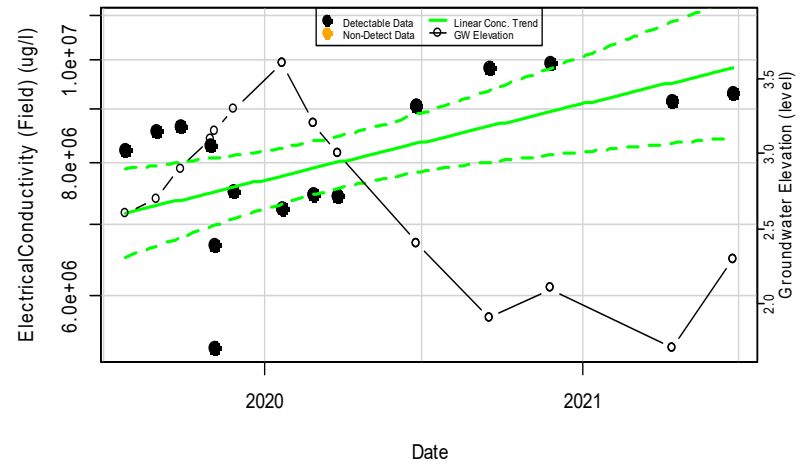


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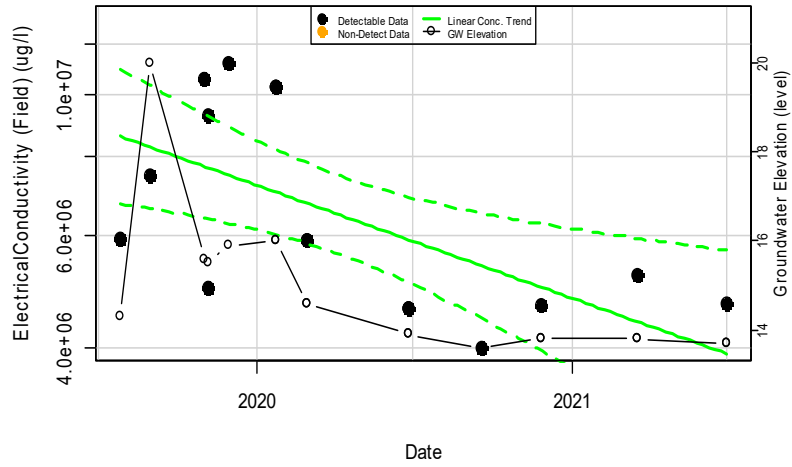
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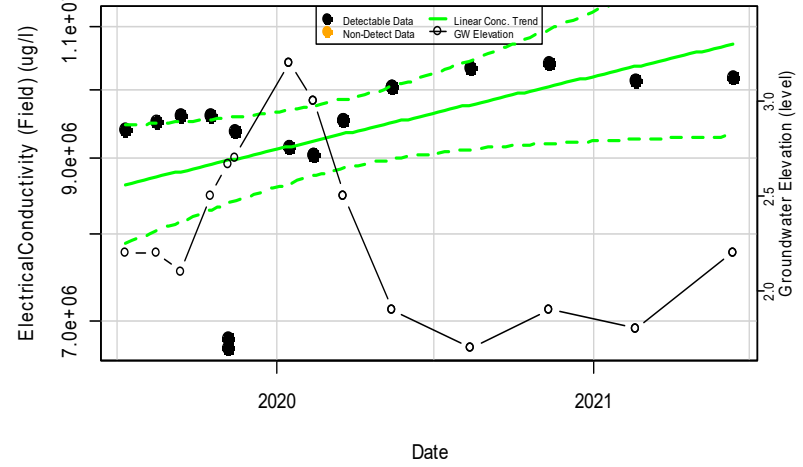
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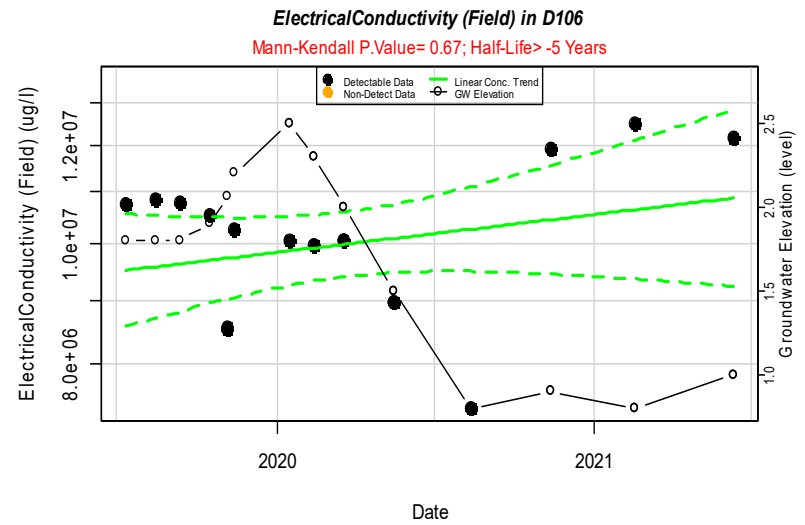
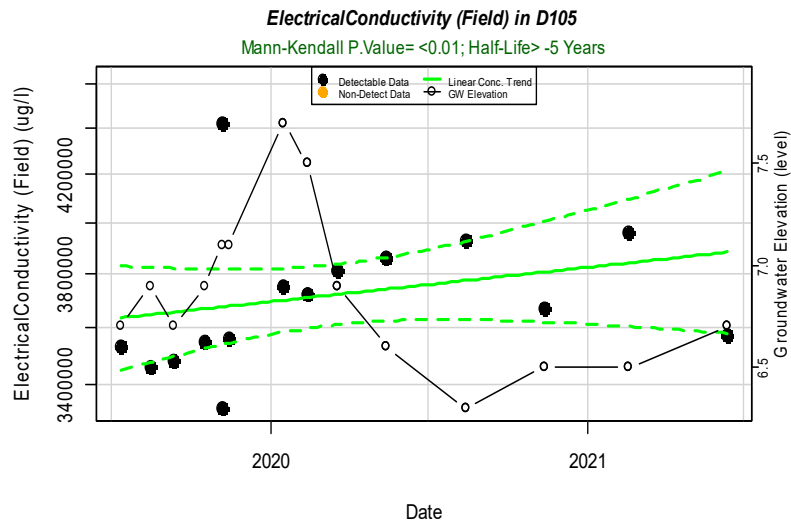
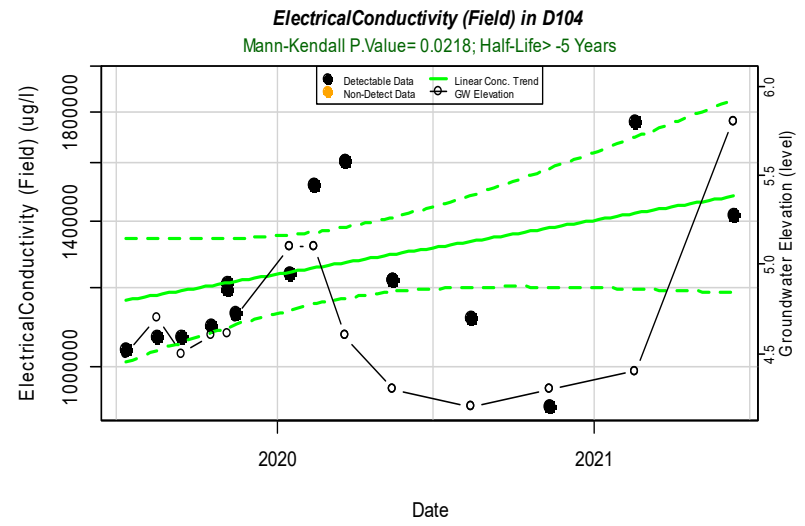
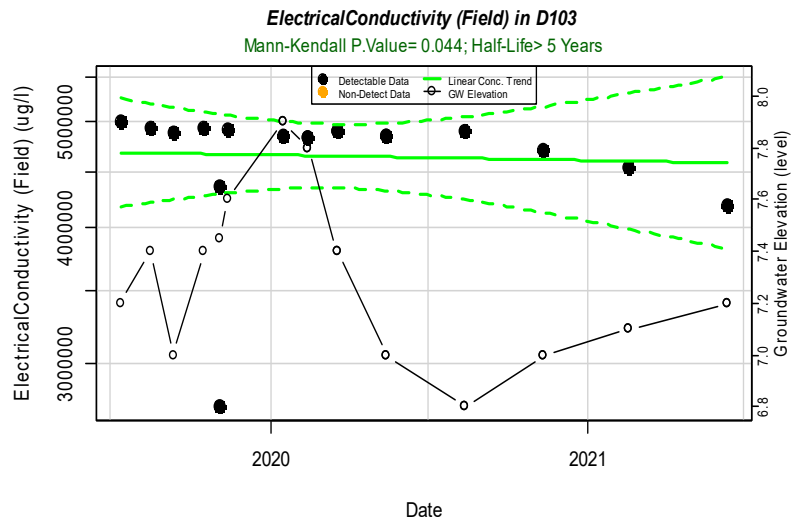
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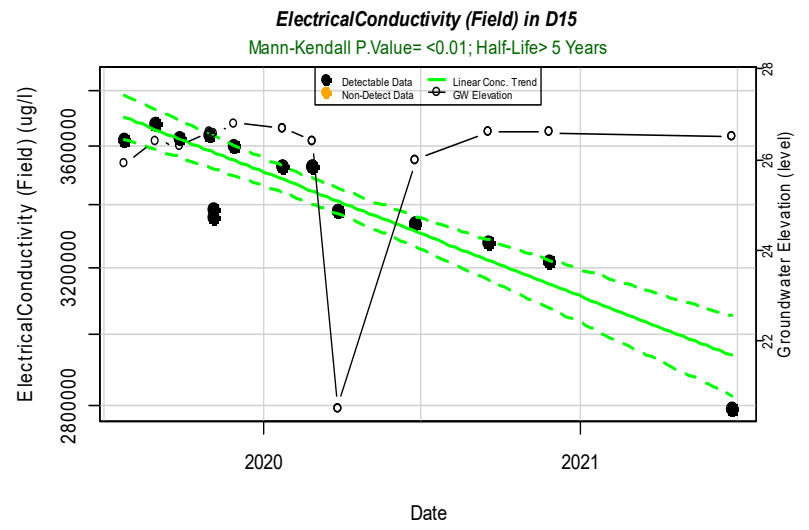
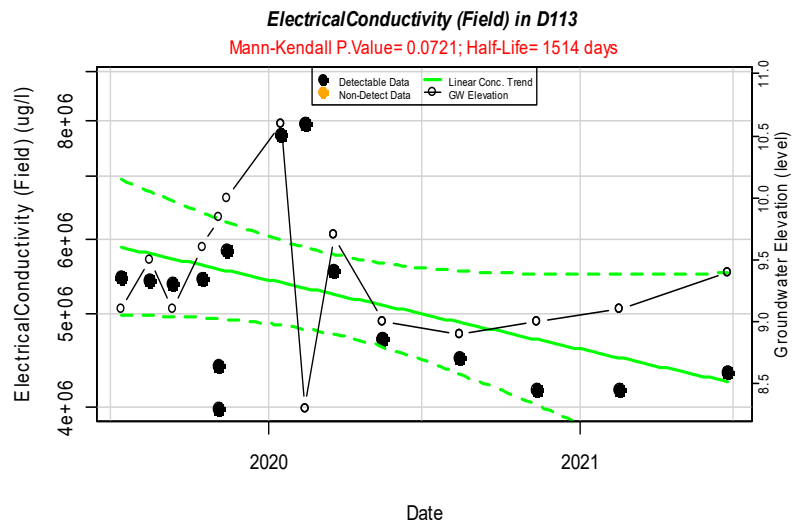
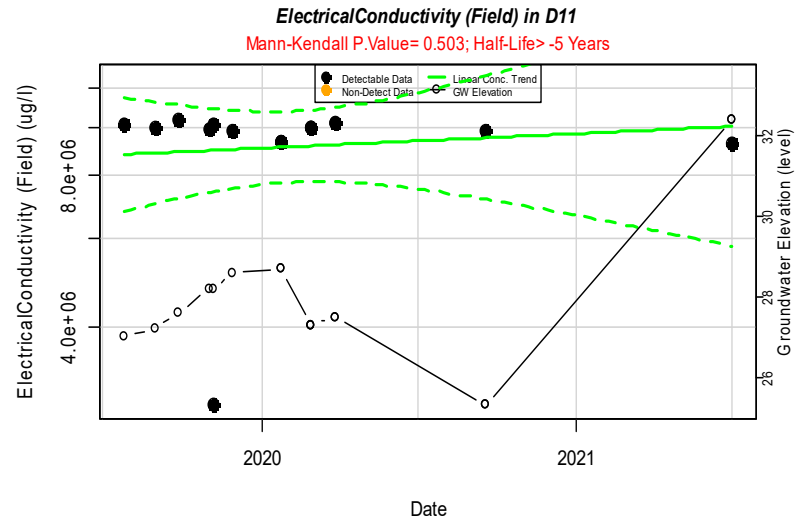
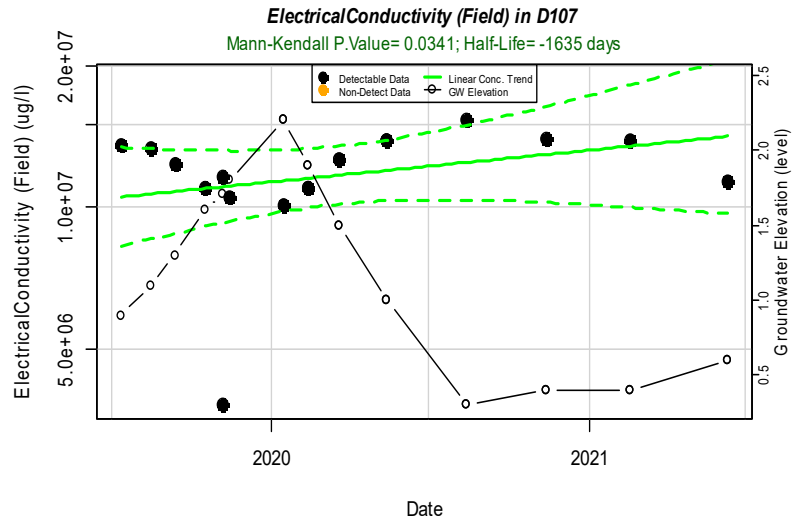


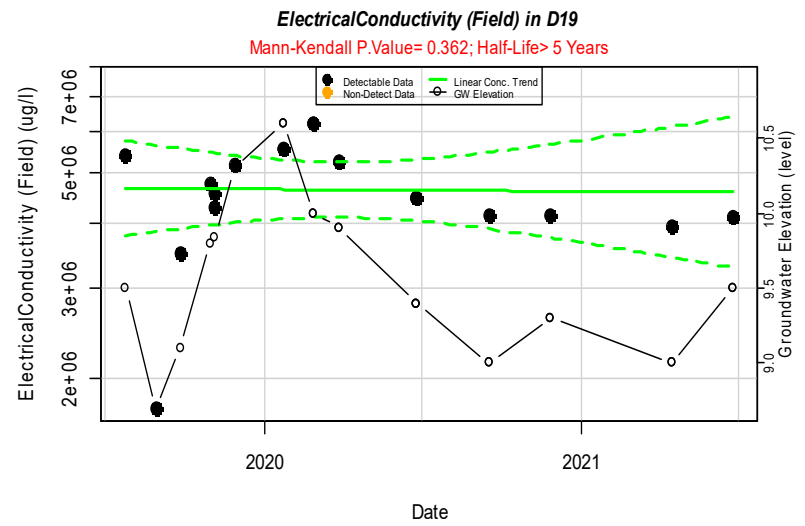
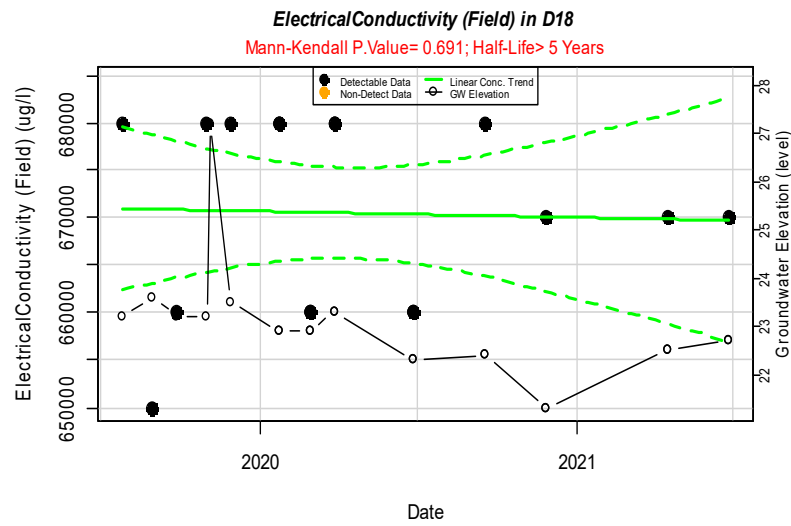
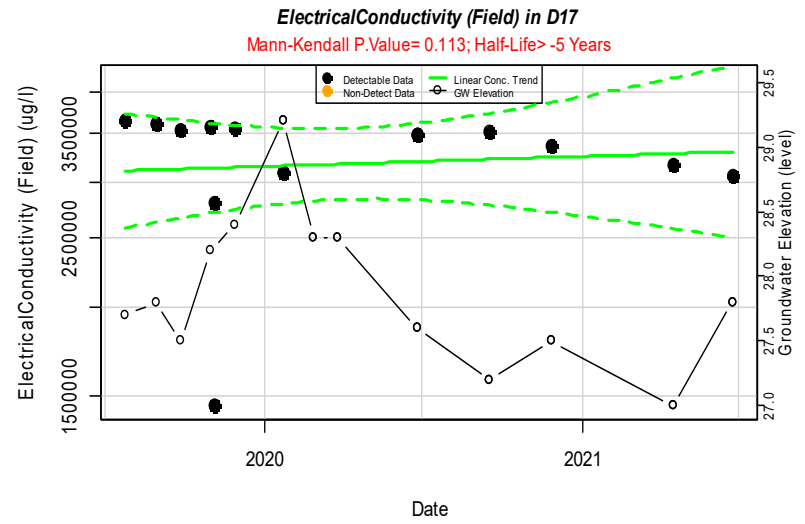
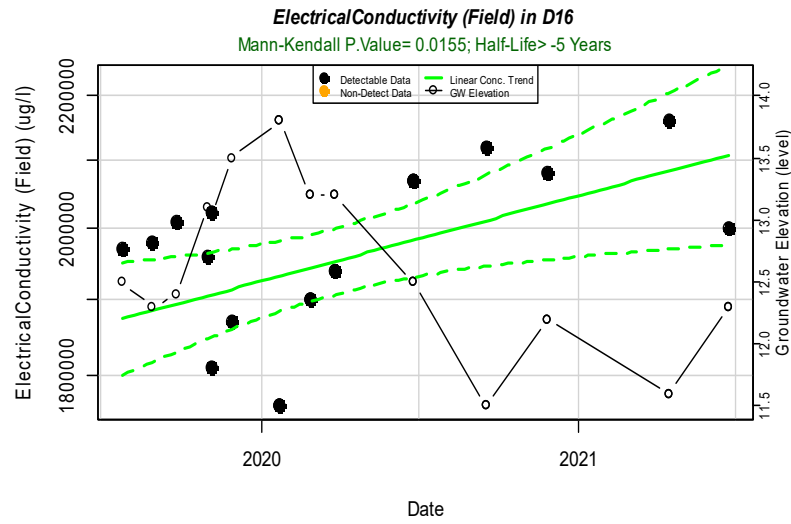
ElectricalConductivity (Field) in D102

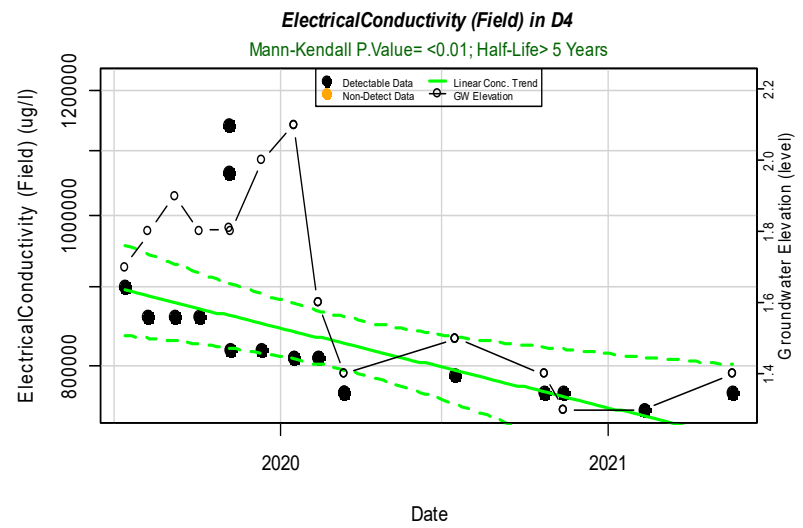
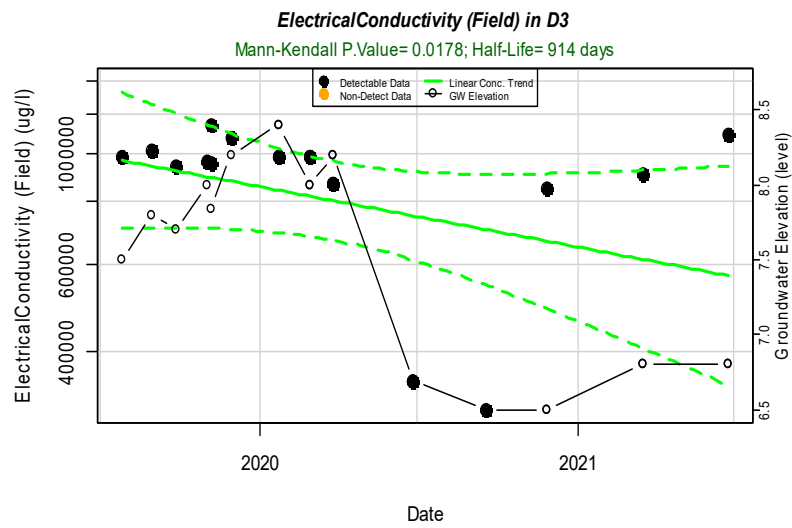
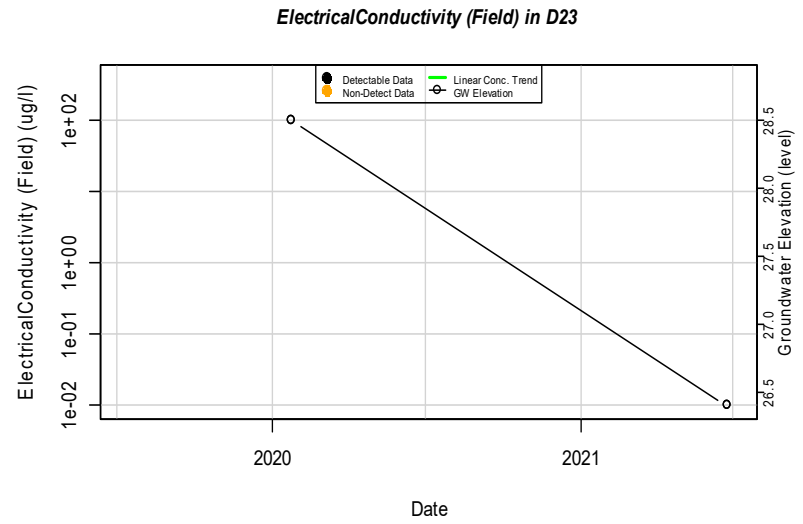
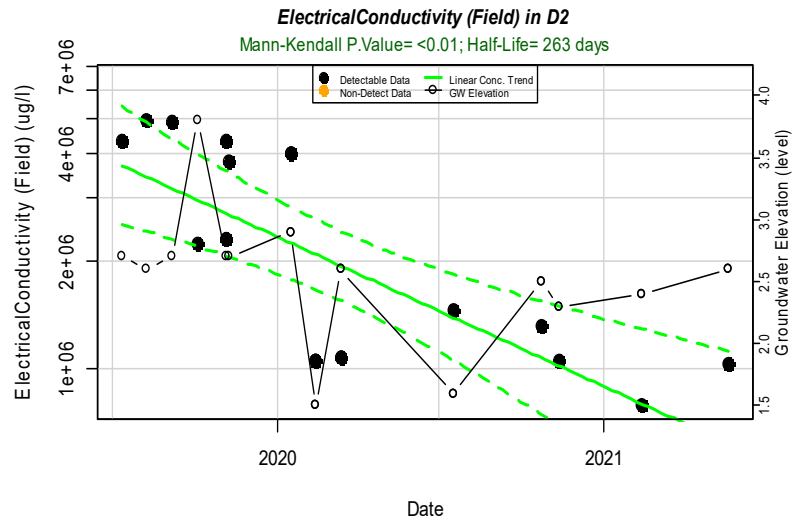
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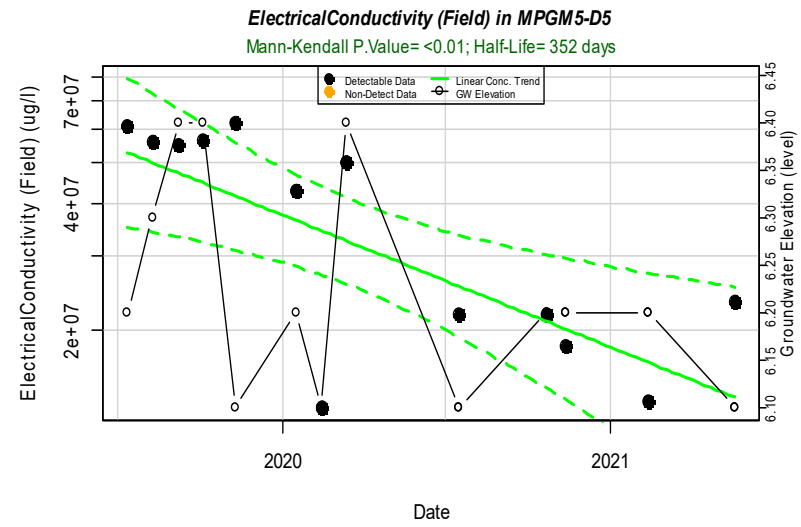
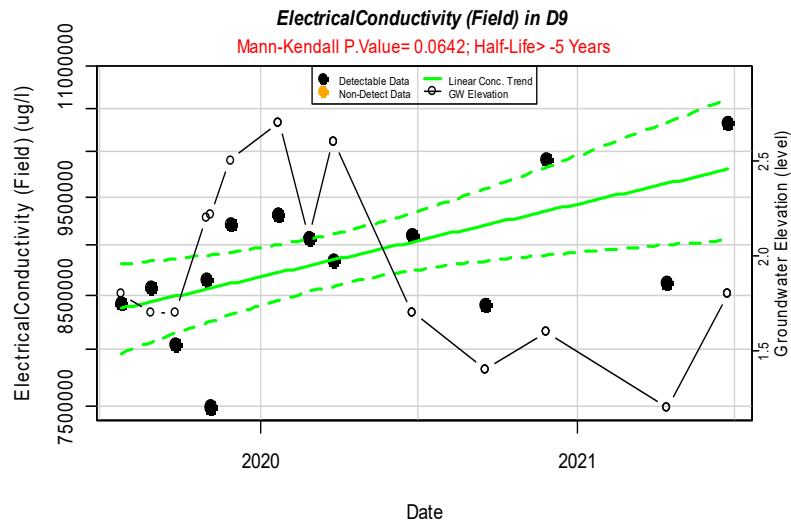
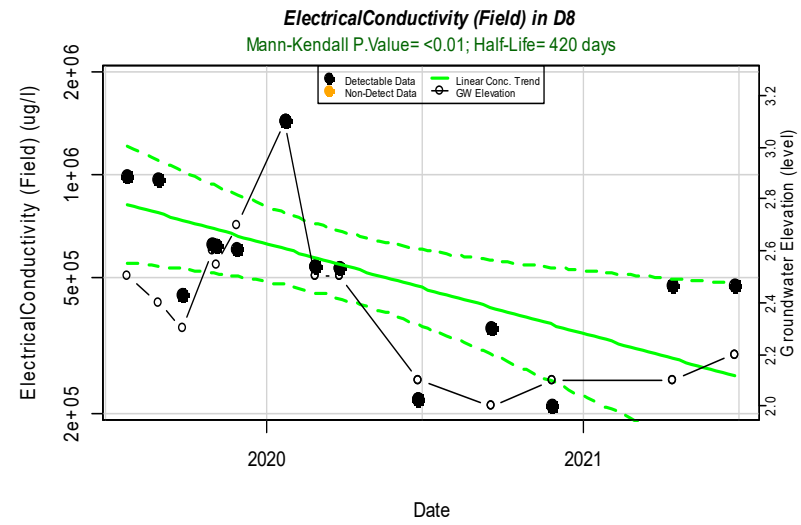
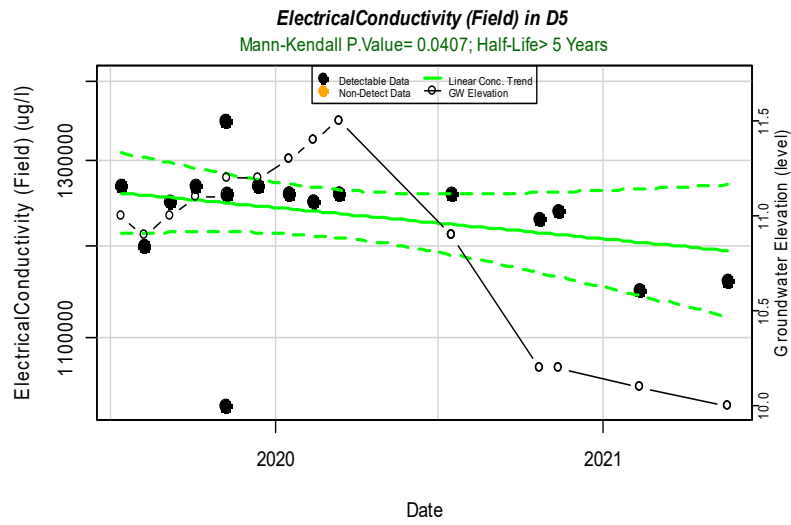






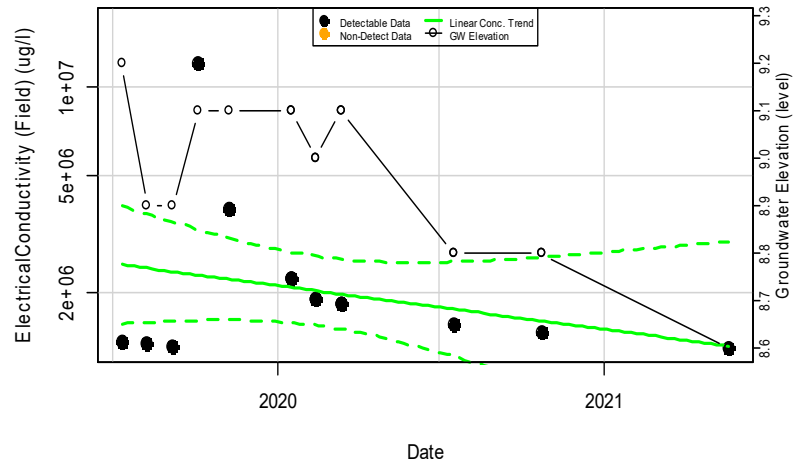




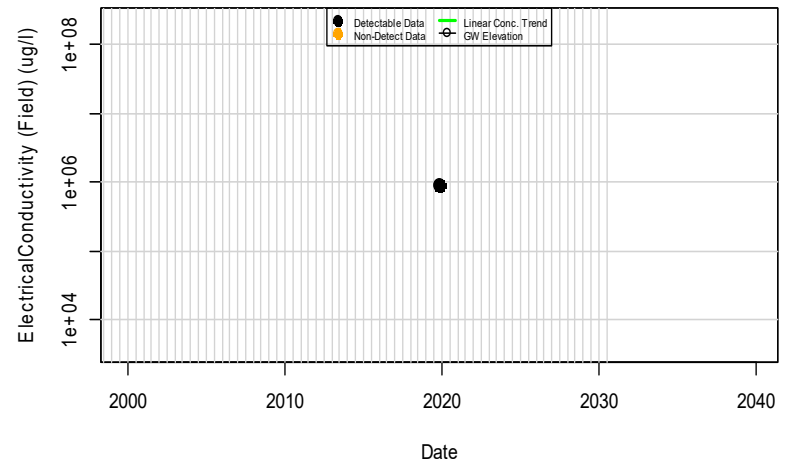


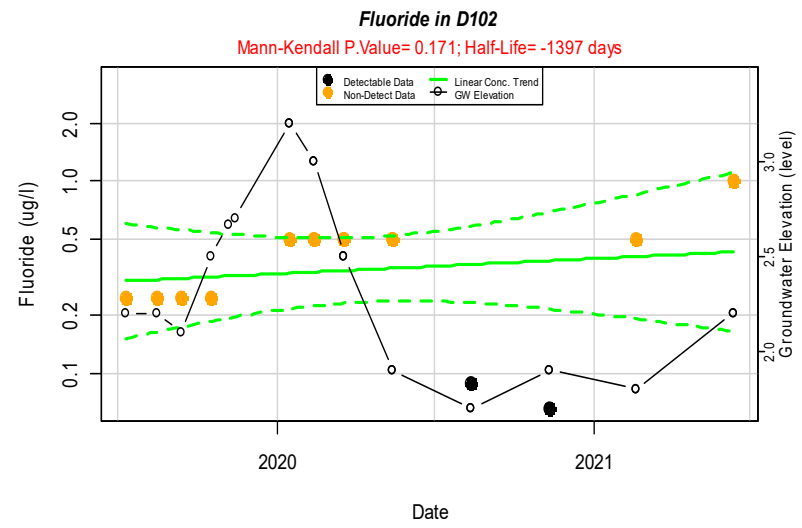
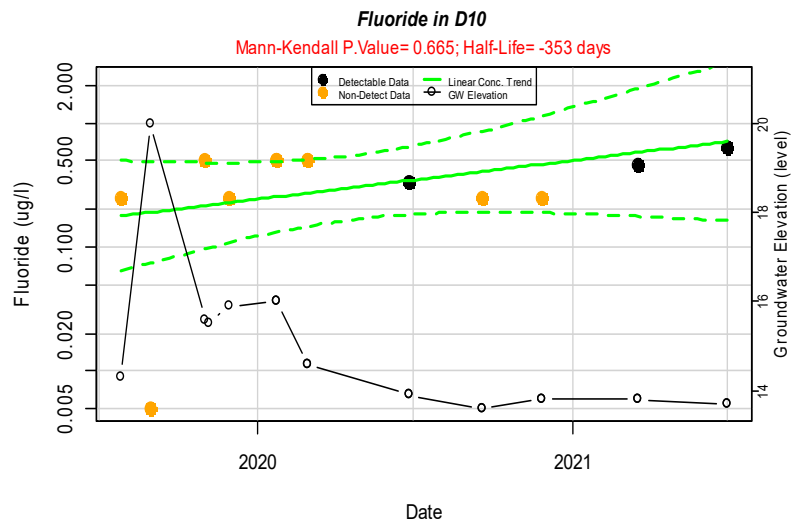
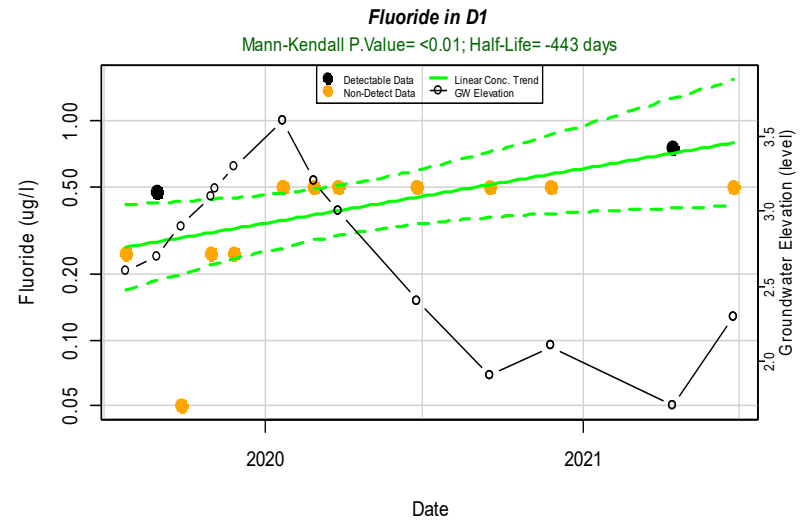
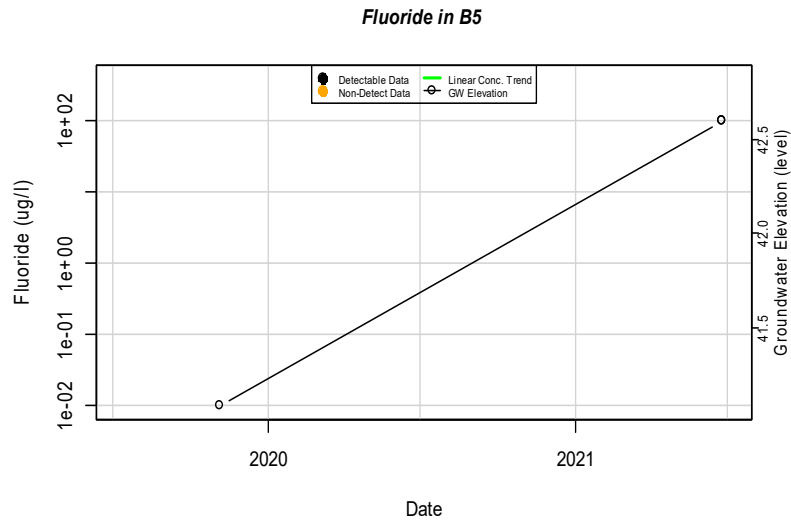
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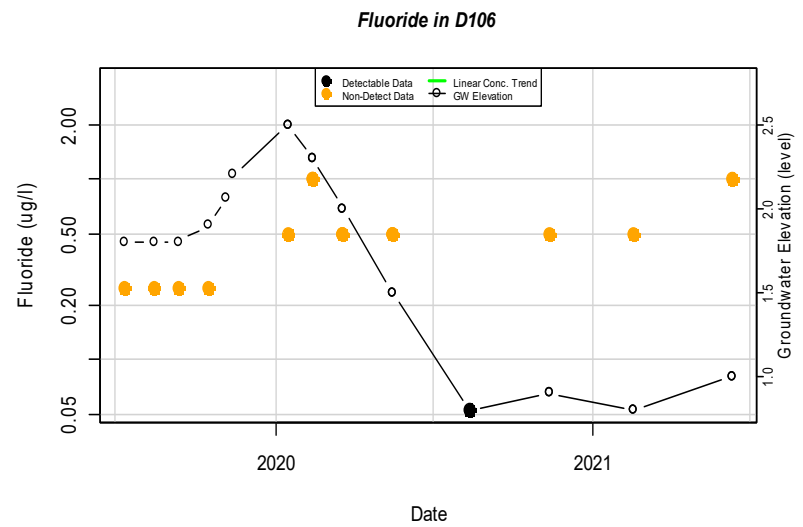
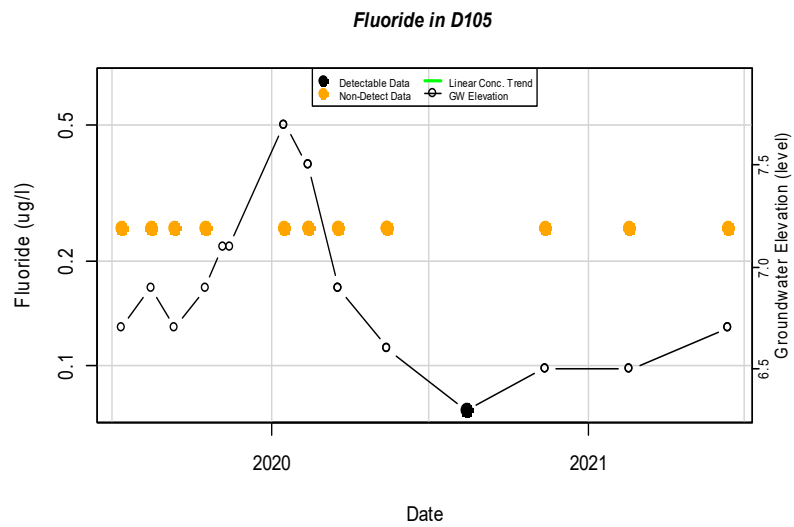
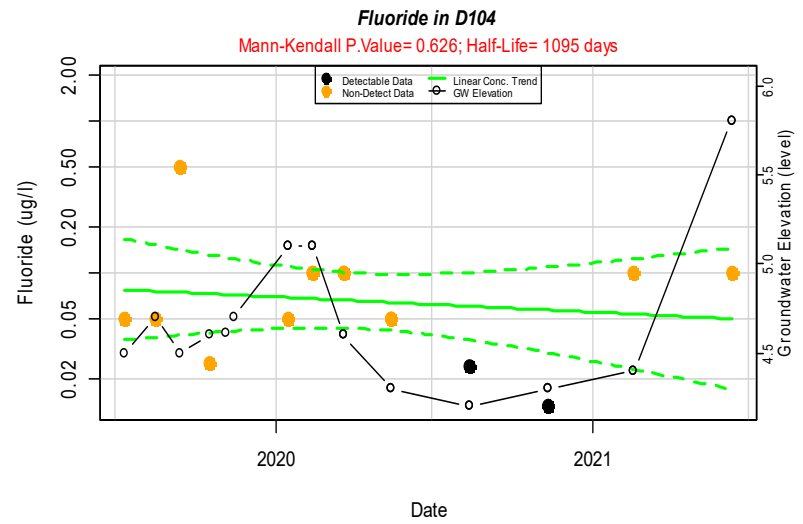
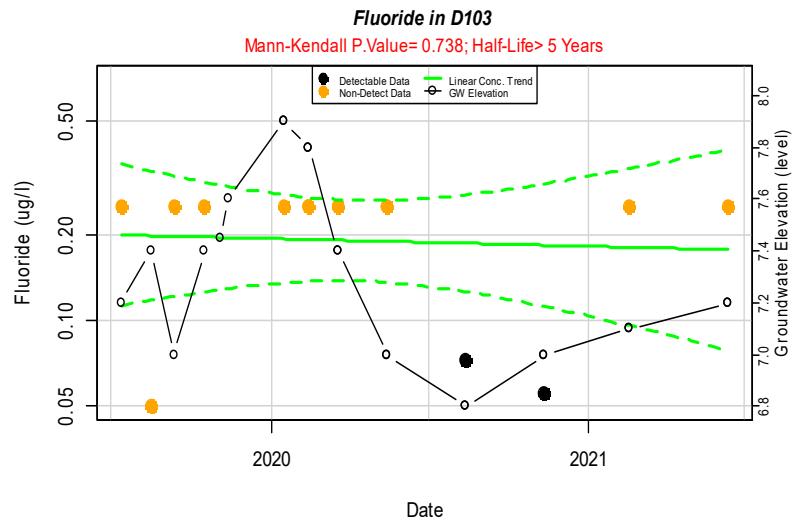
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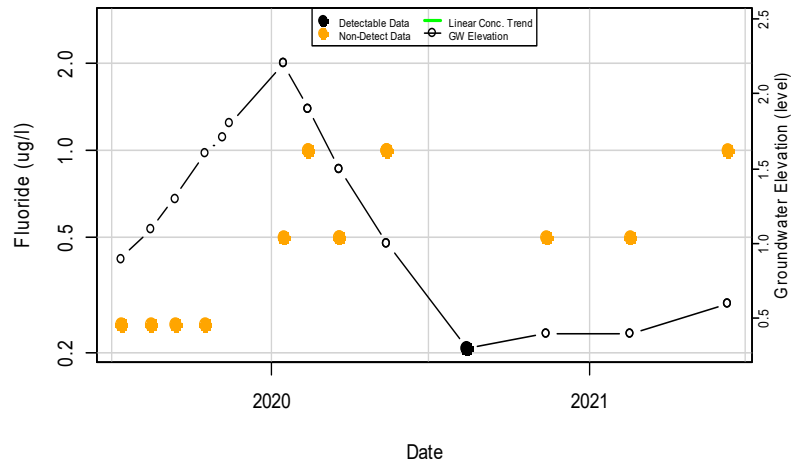
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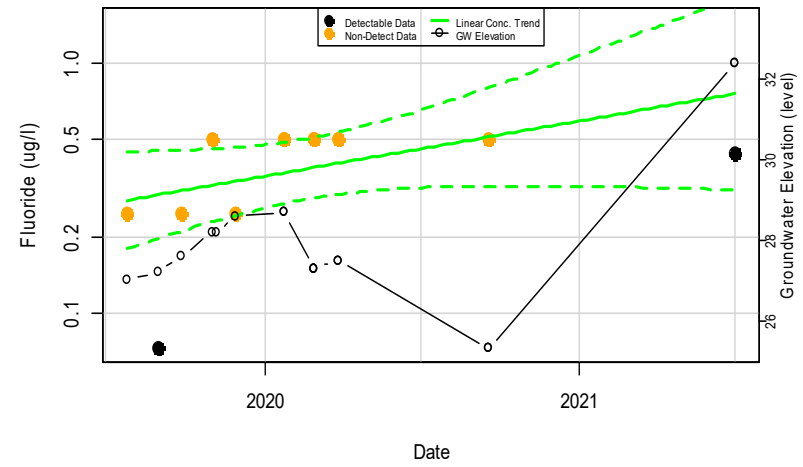


Fluoride in D107

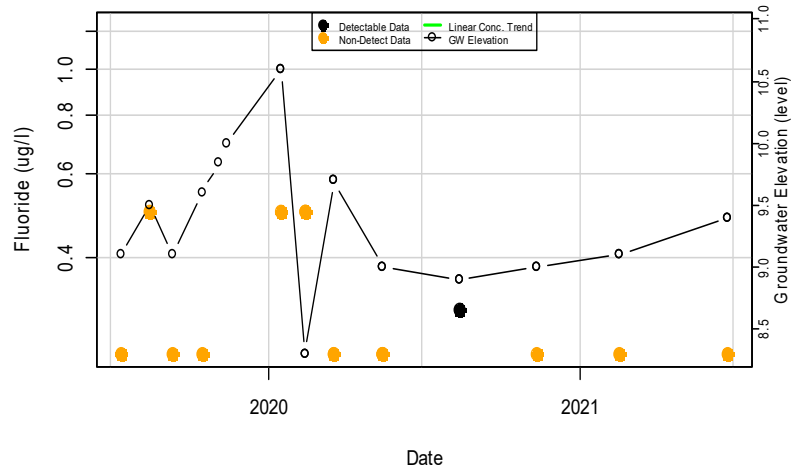


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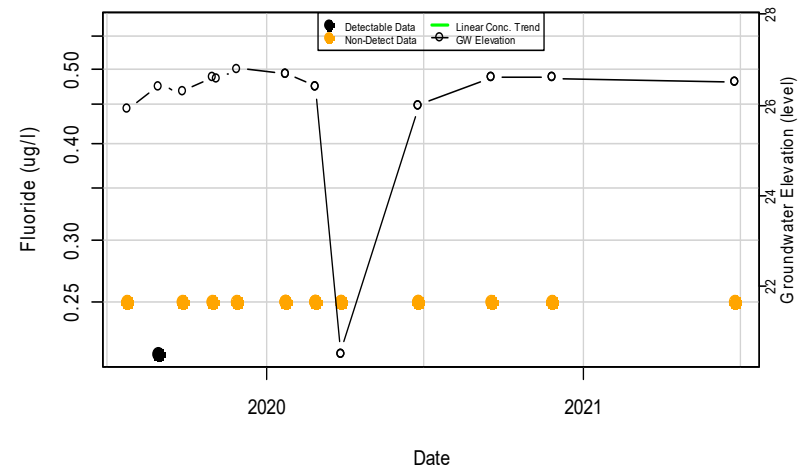
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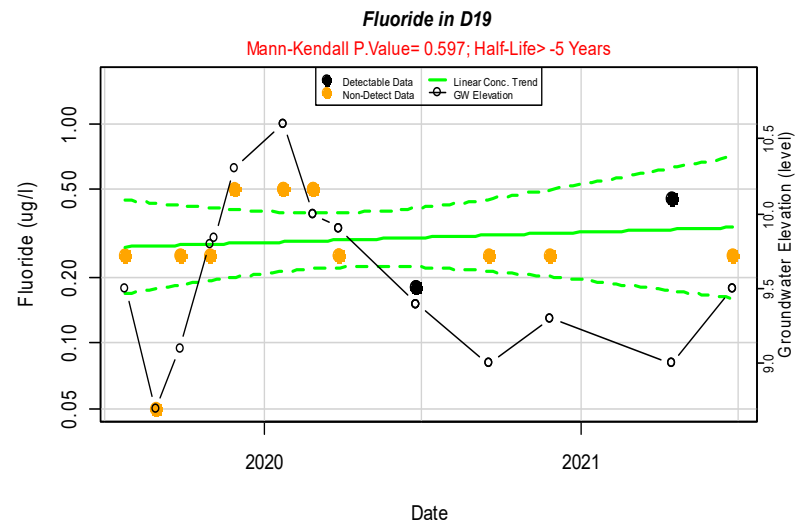
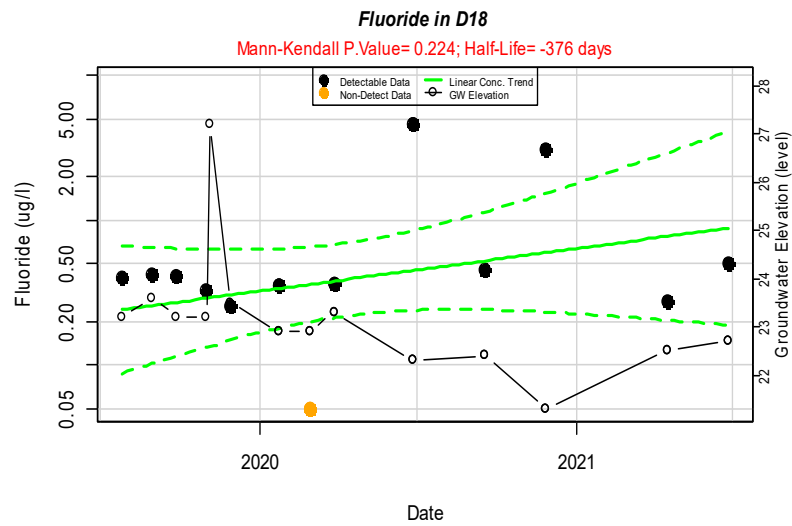
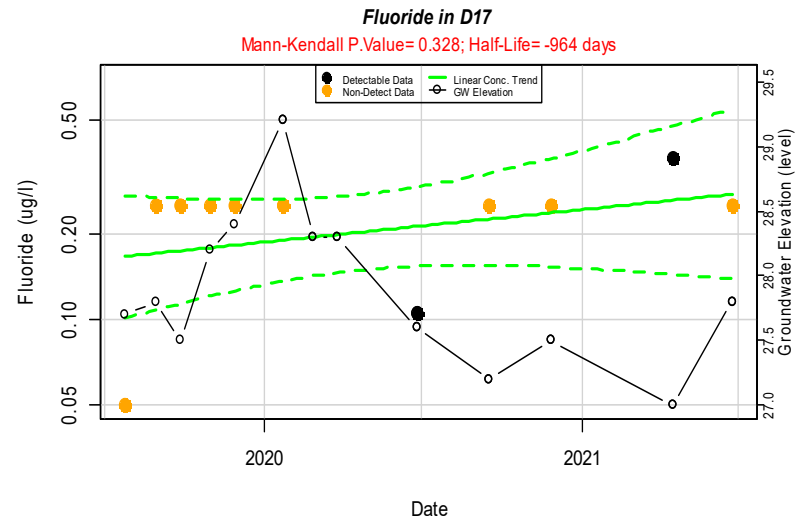
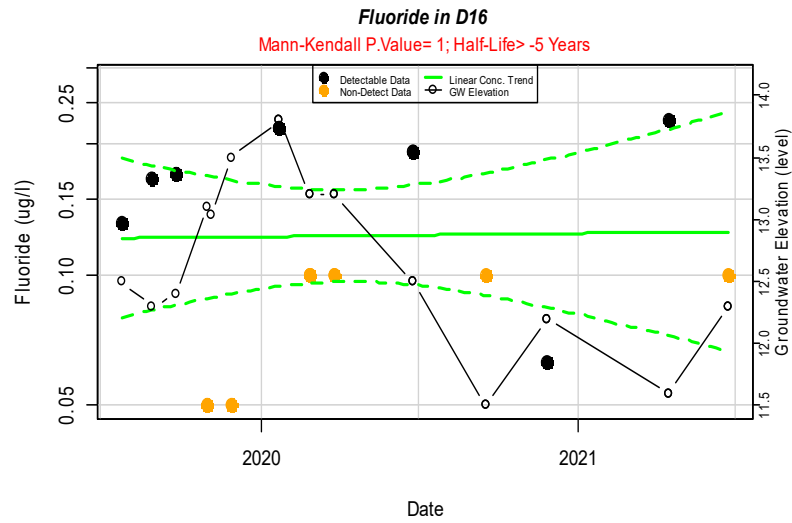


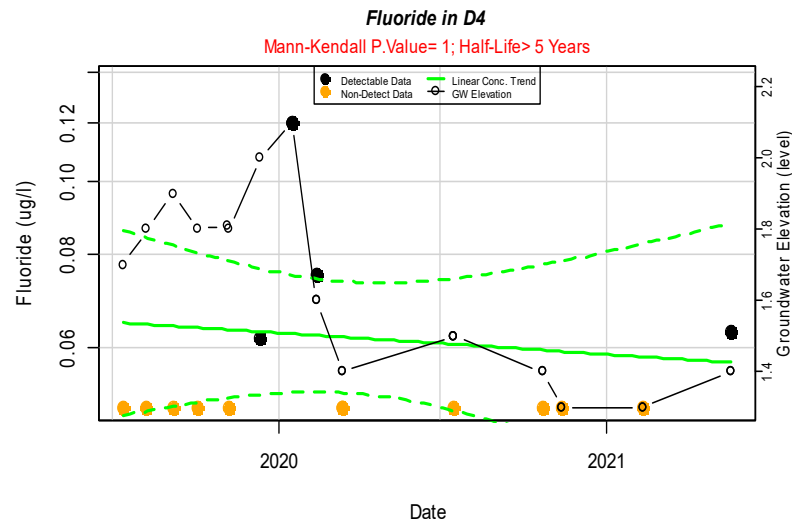
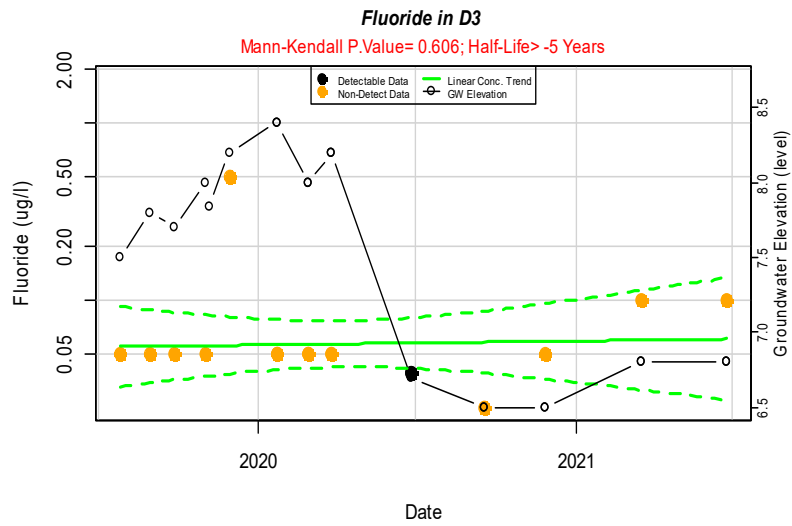
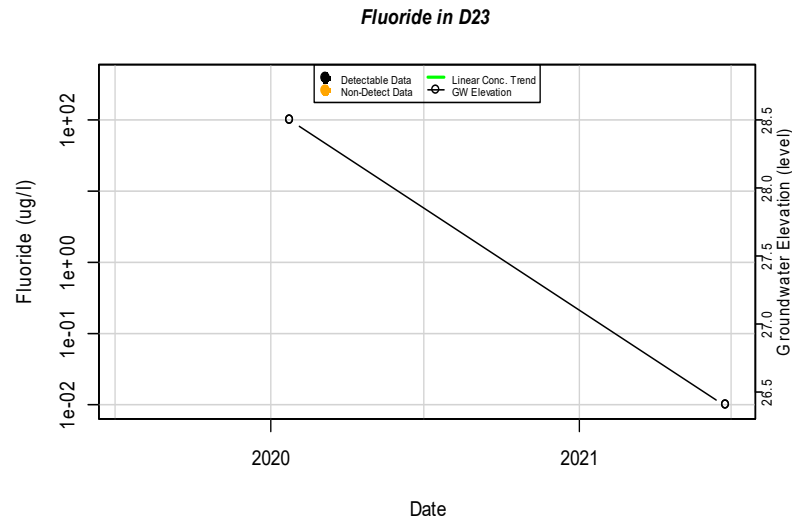
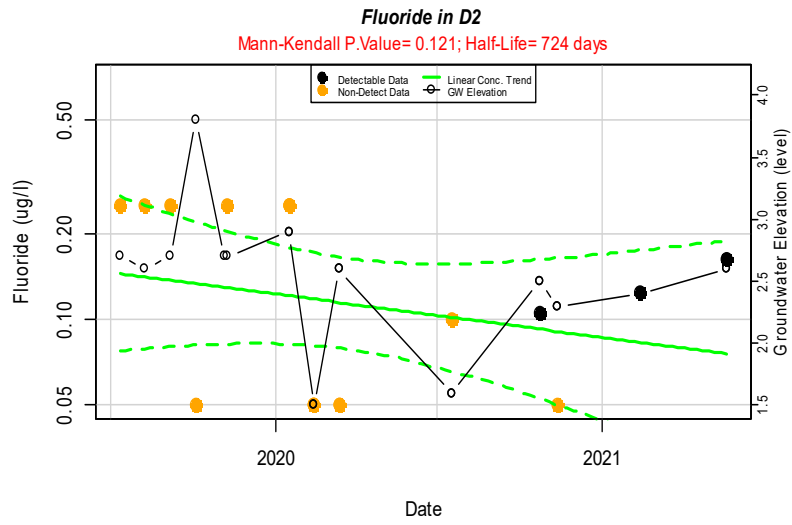
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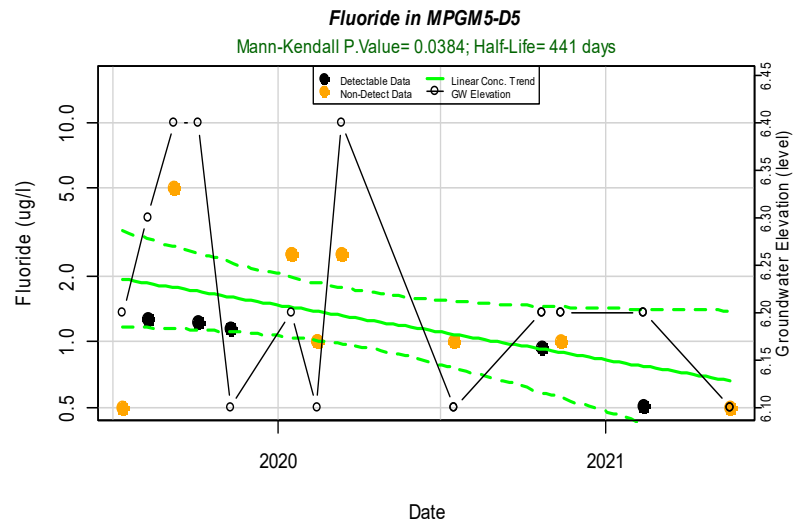
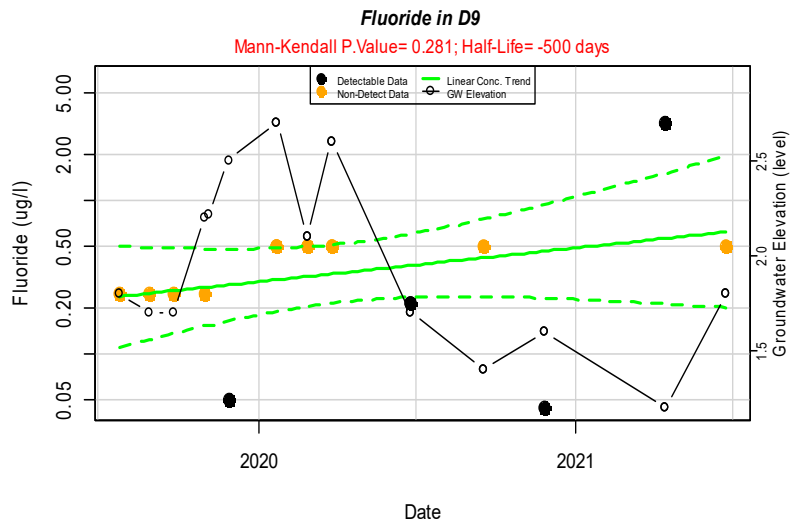
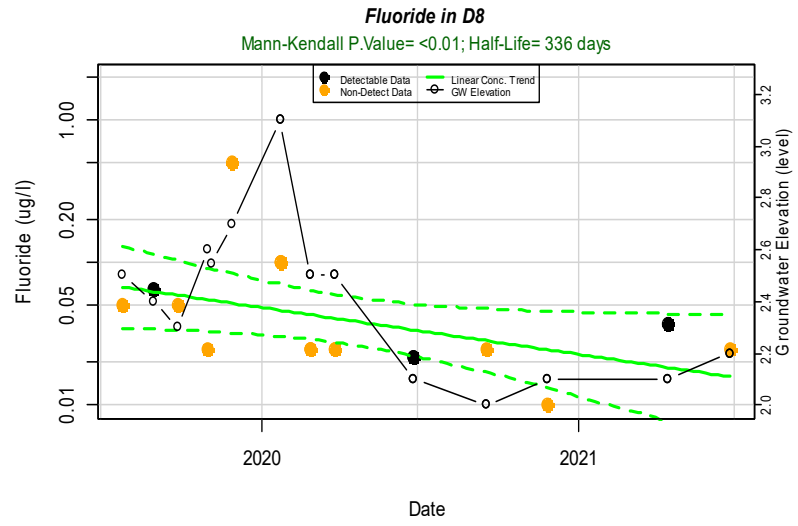
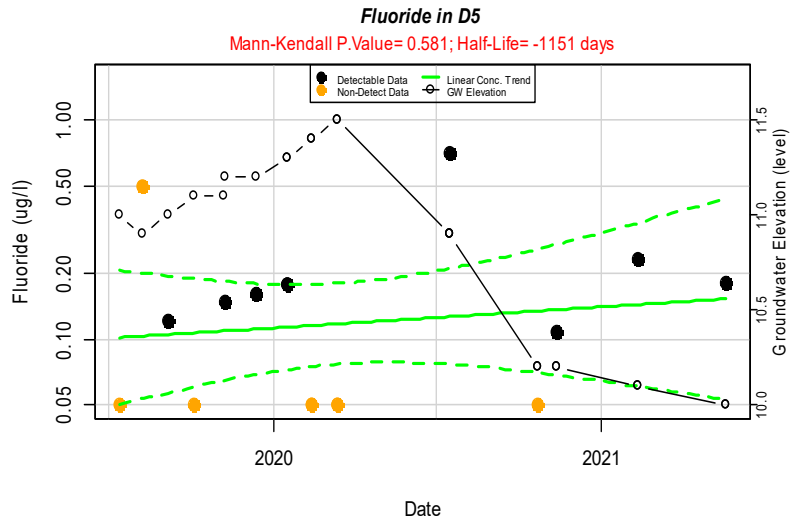


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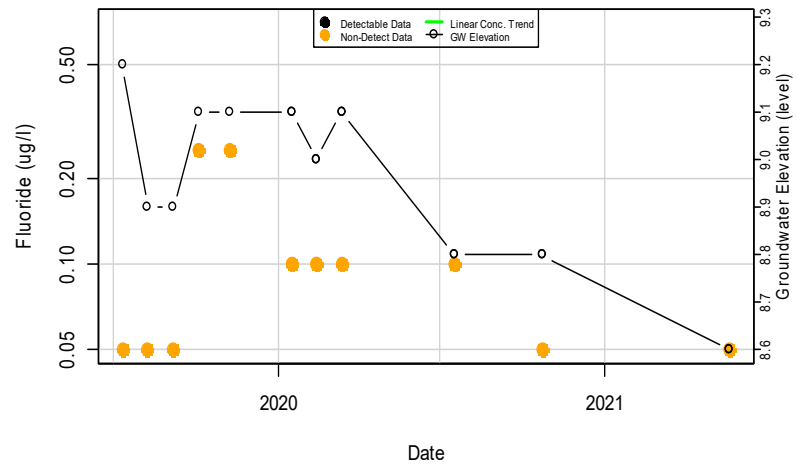




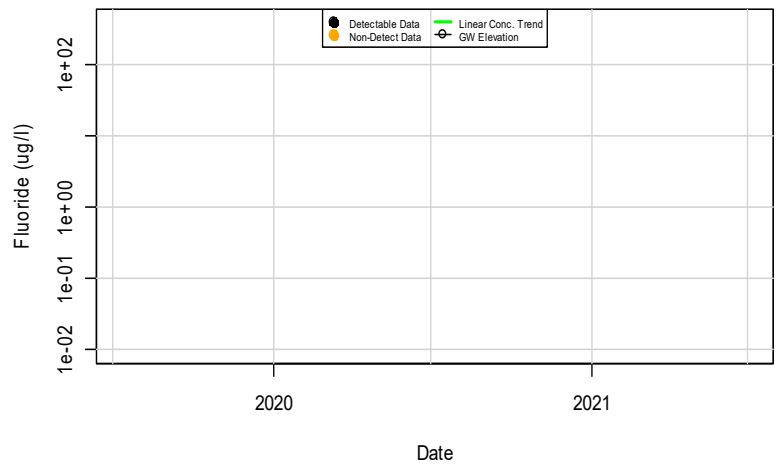




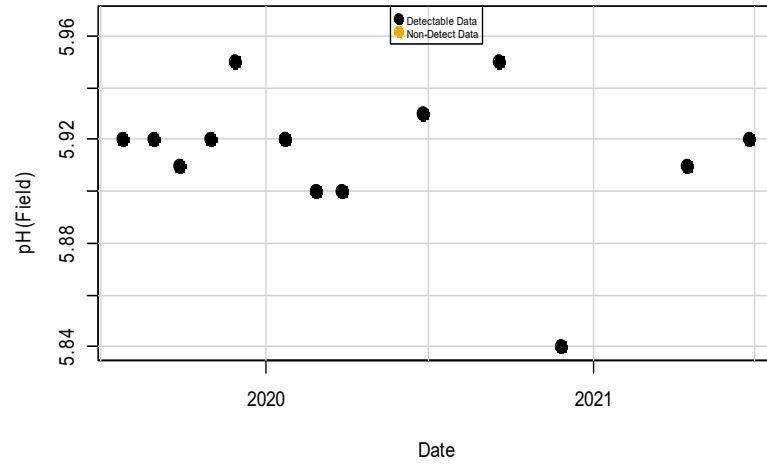
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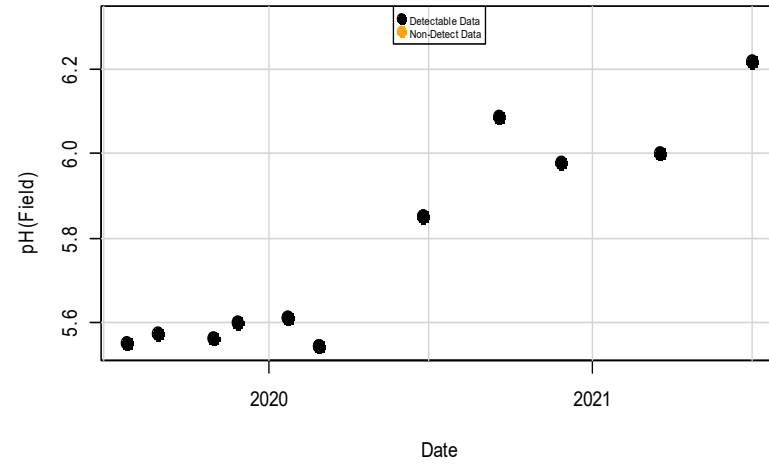
Fluoride in SW3-D



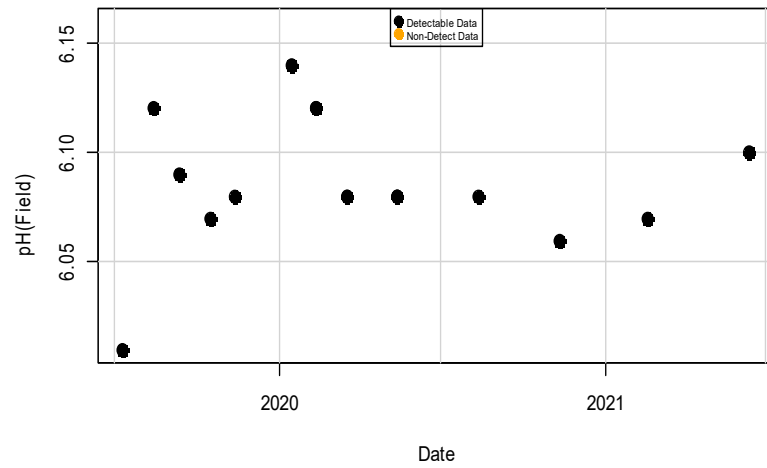
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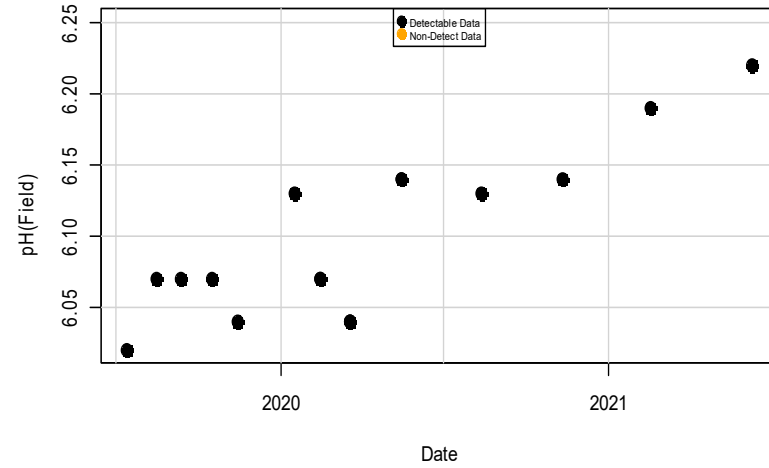
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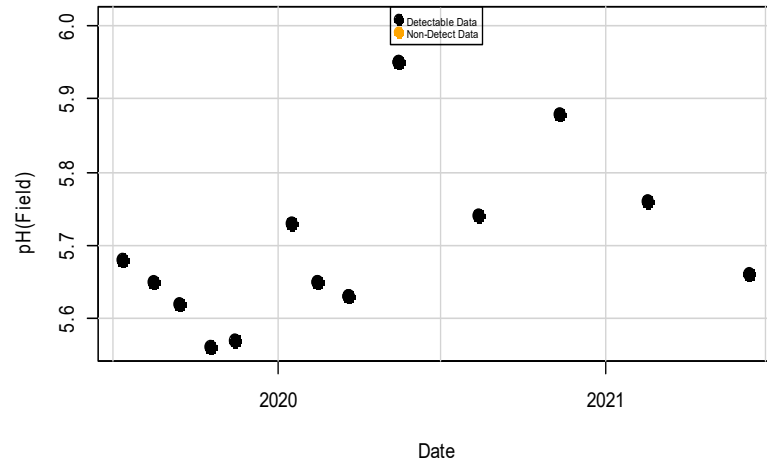
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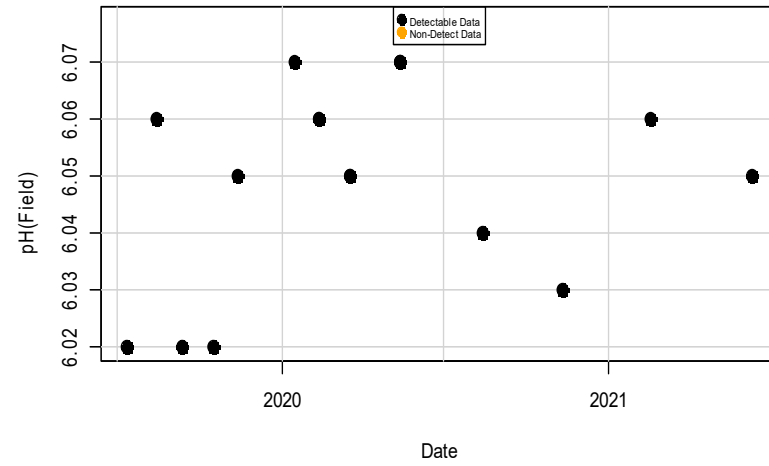
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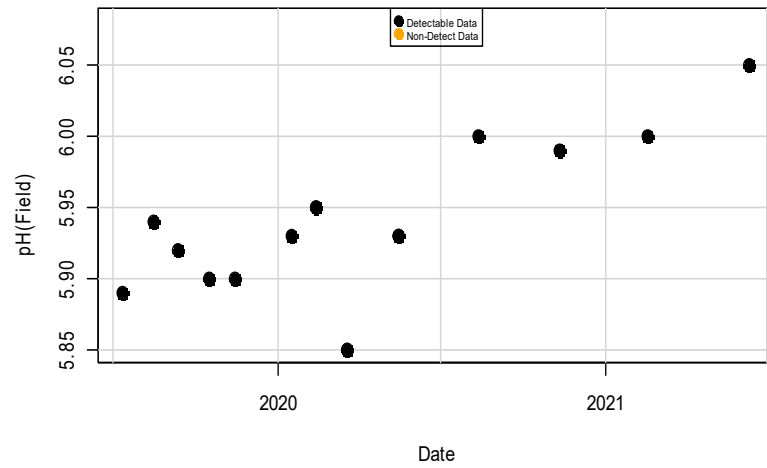
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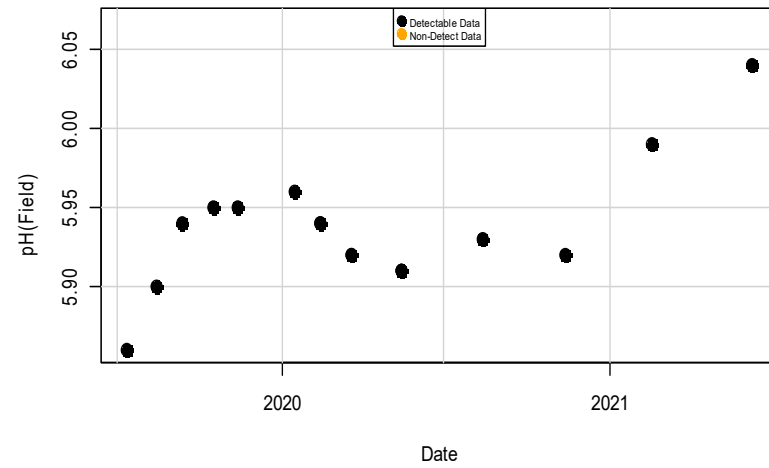
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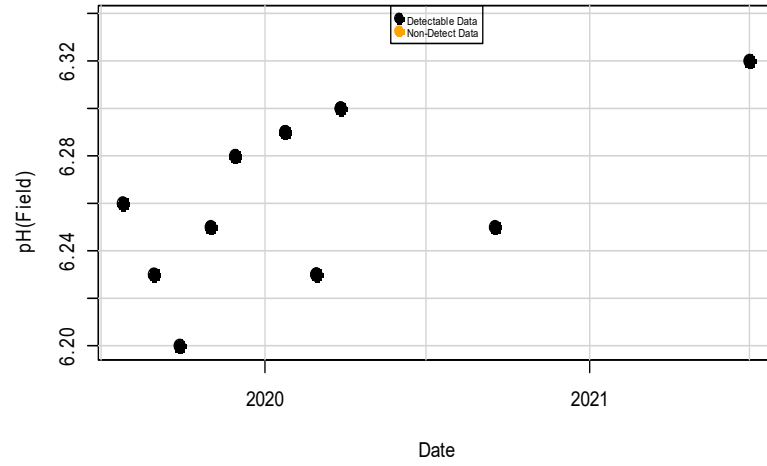
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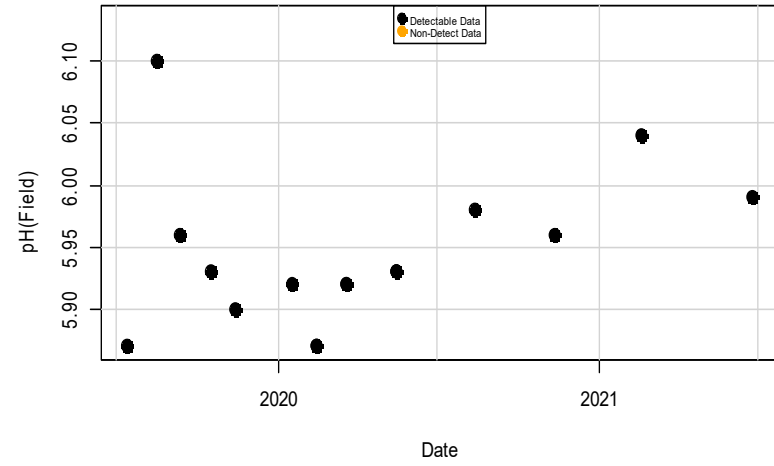
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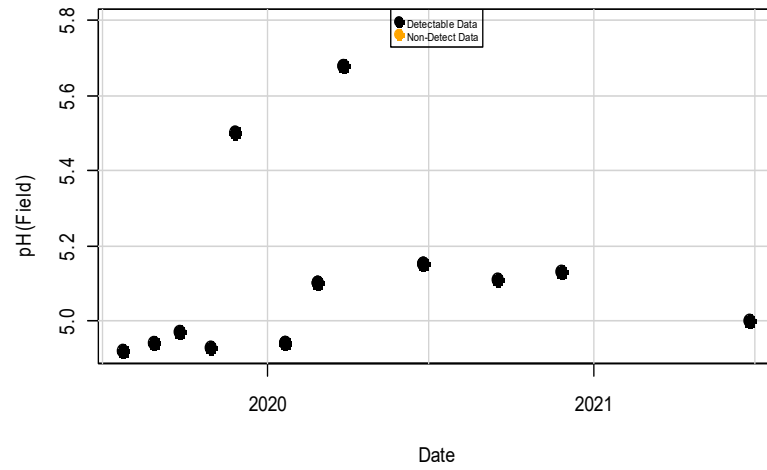
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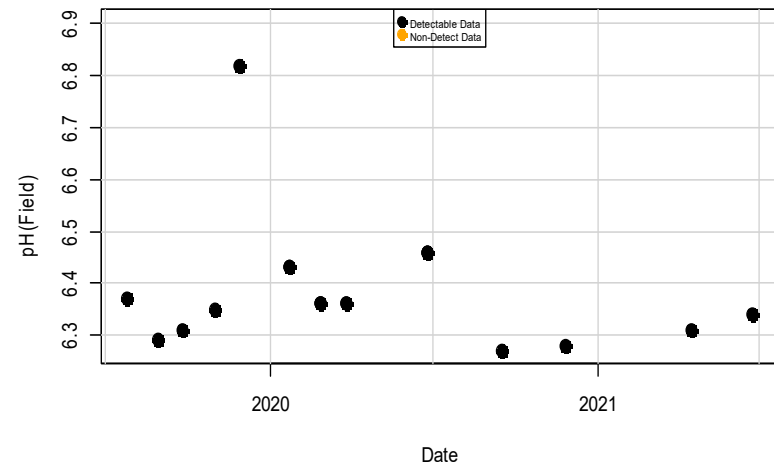
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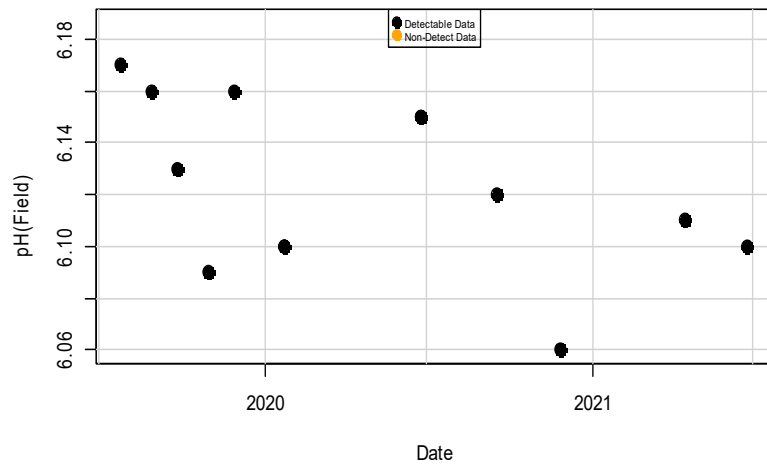
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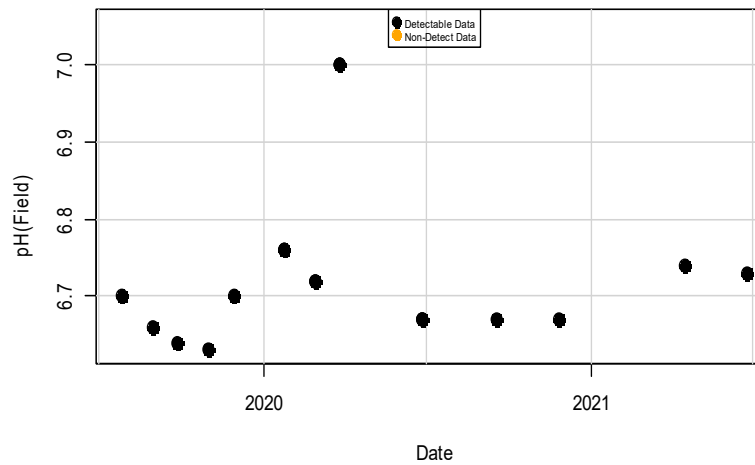
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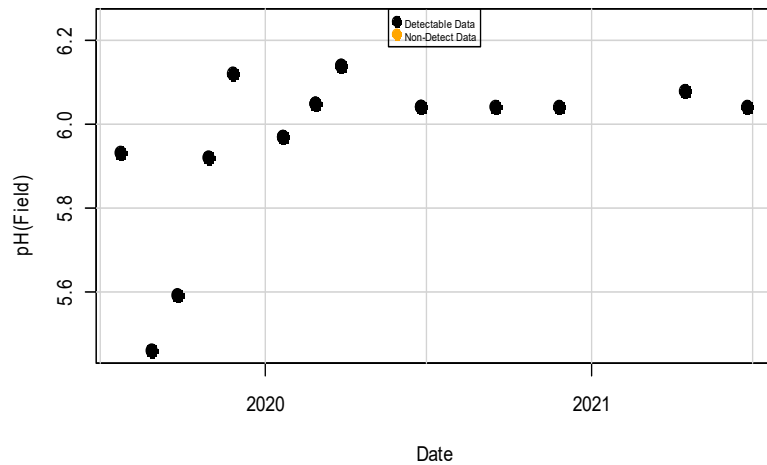
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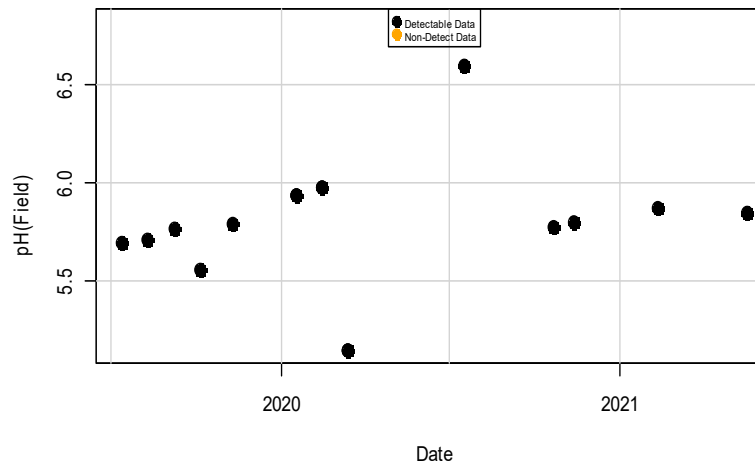
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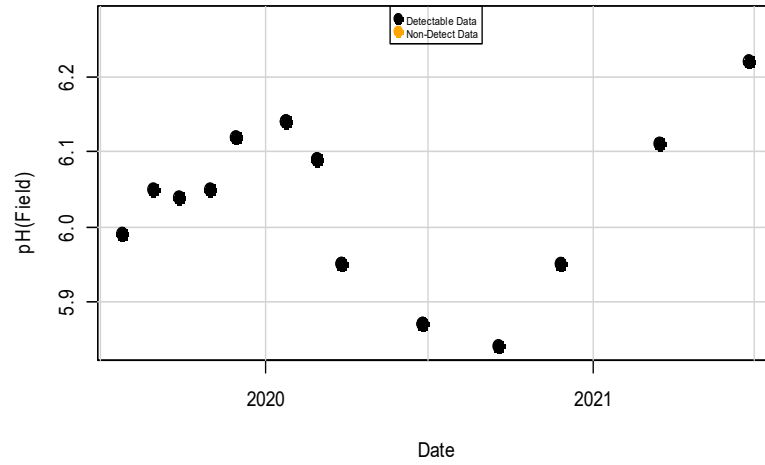
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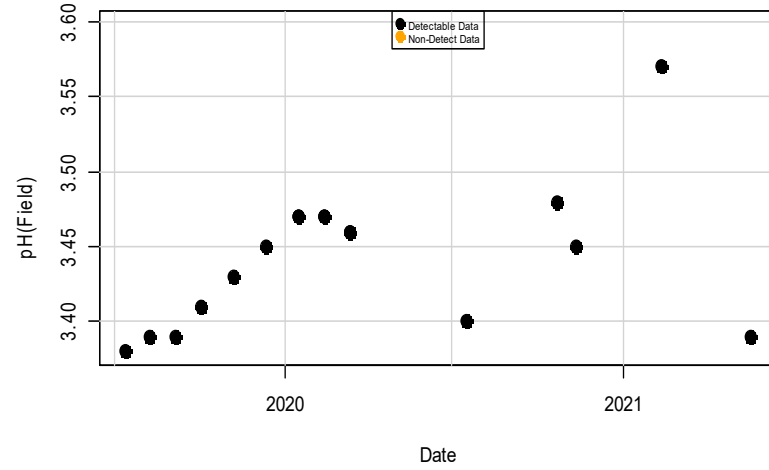
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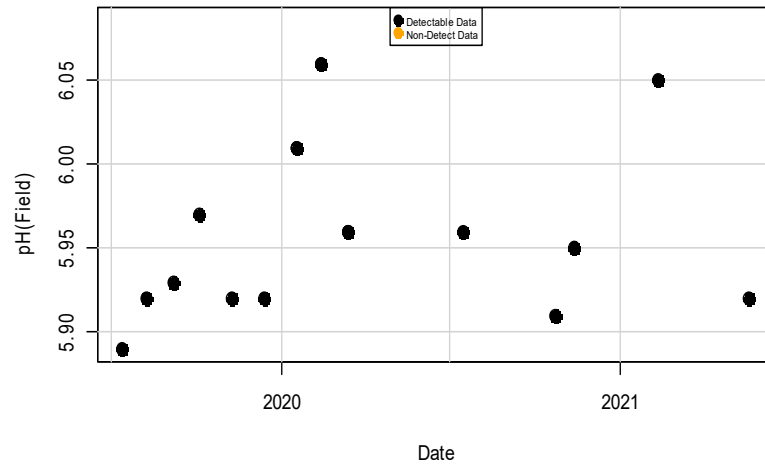
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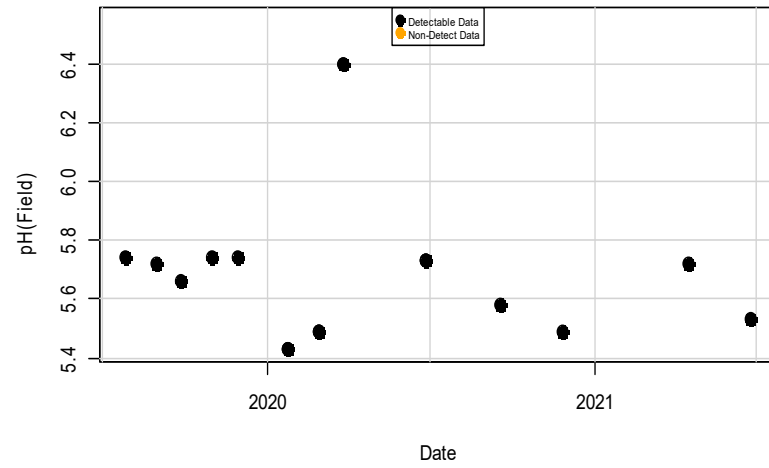
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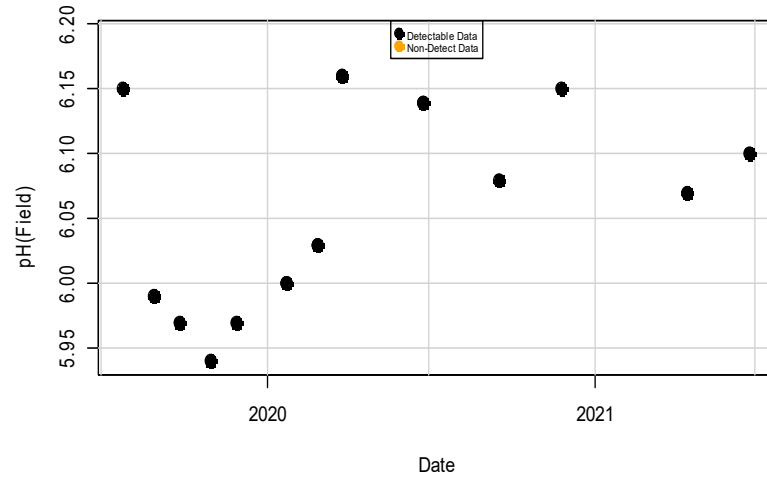
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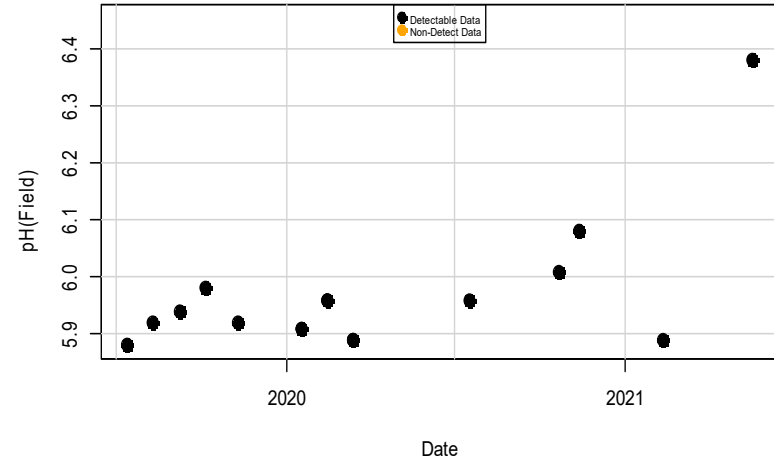
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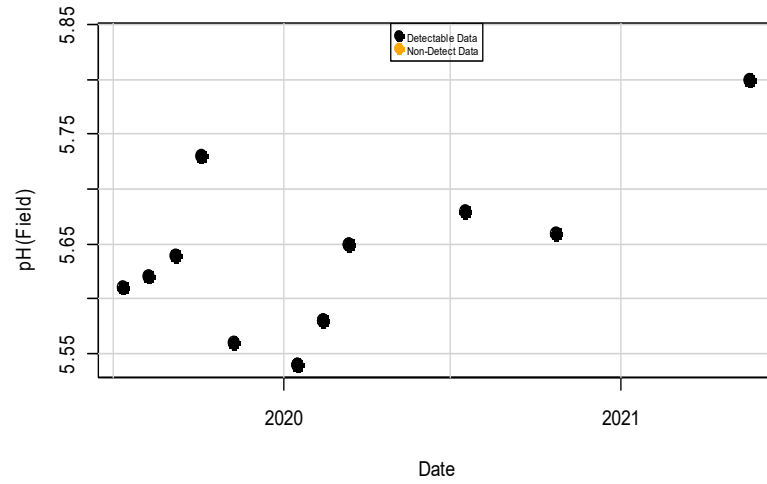
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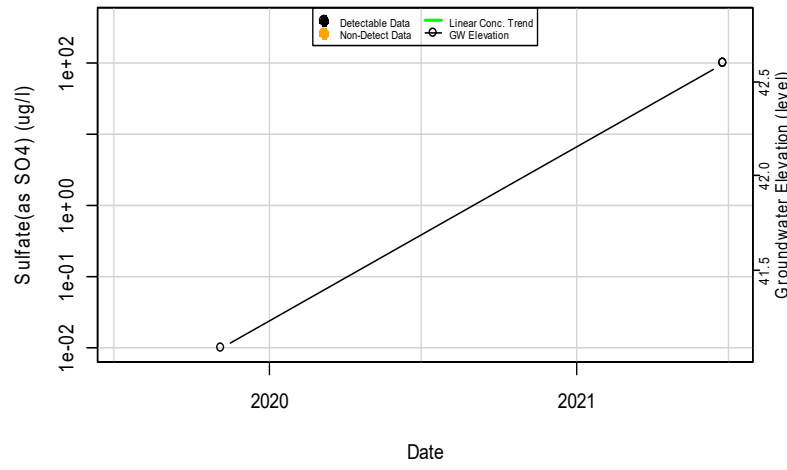
pH(Field) in MPGM5-D5



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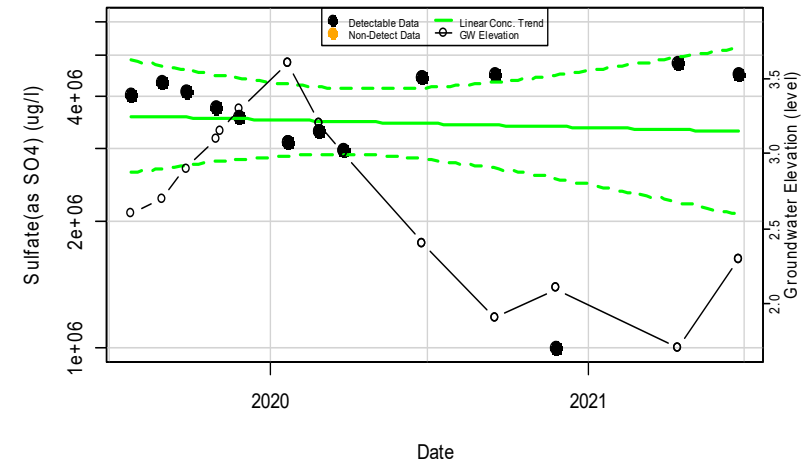


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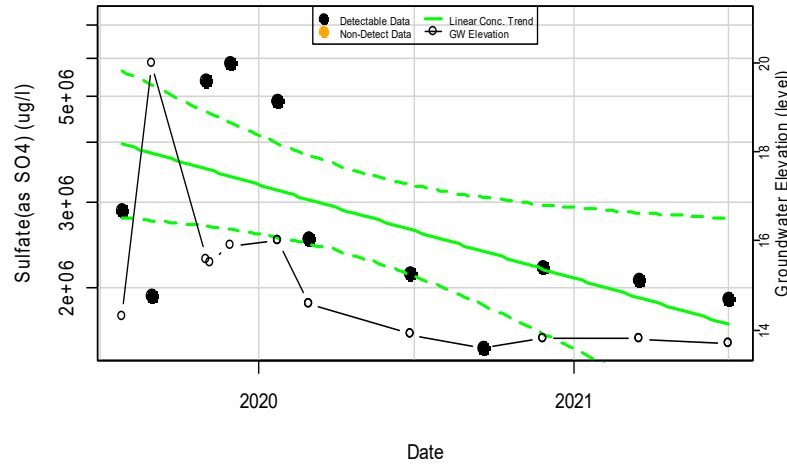
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Mann-Kendall P.Value= 0.789; Half-Life> 5 Years



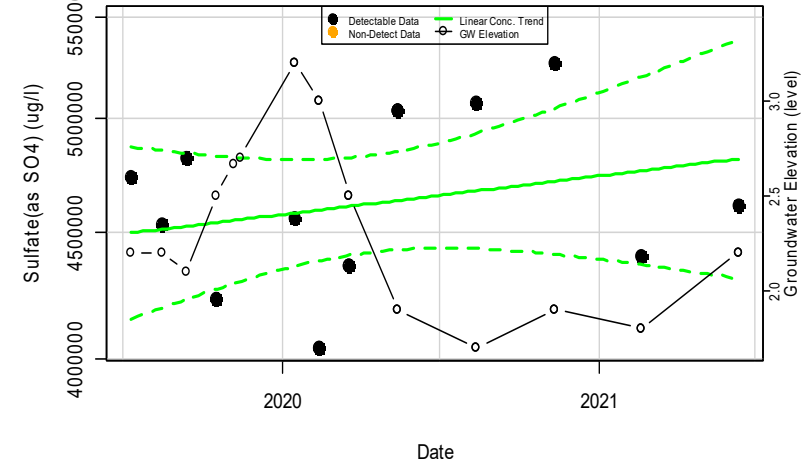
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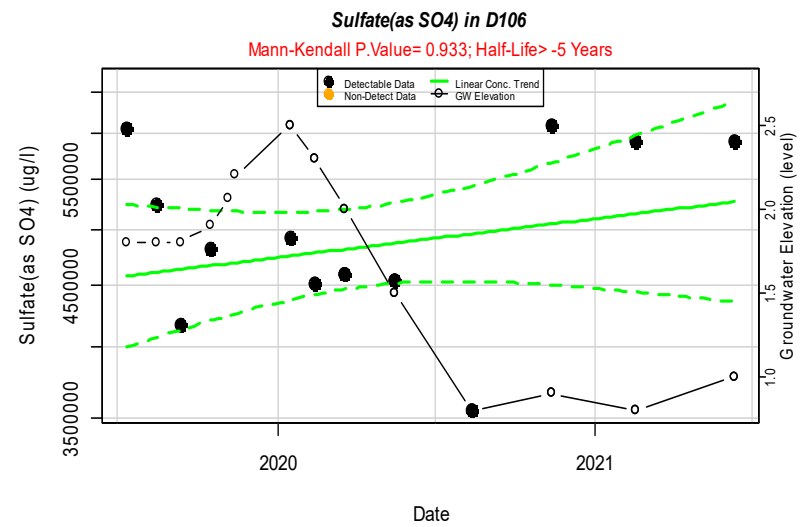
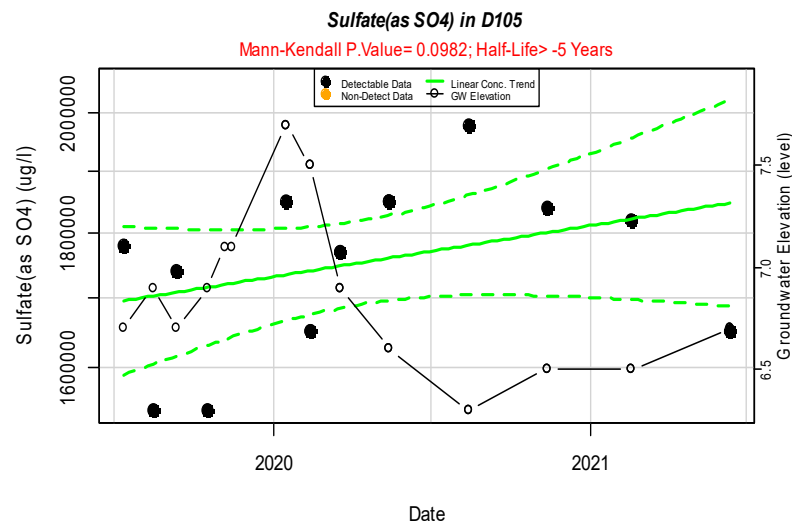
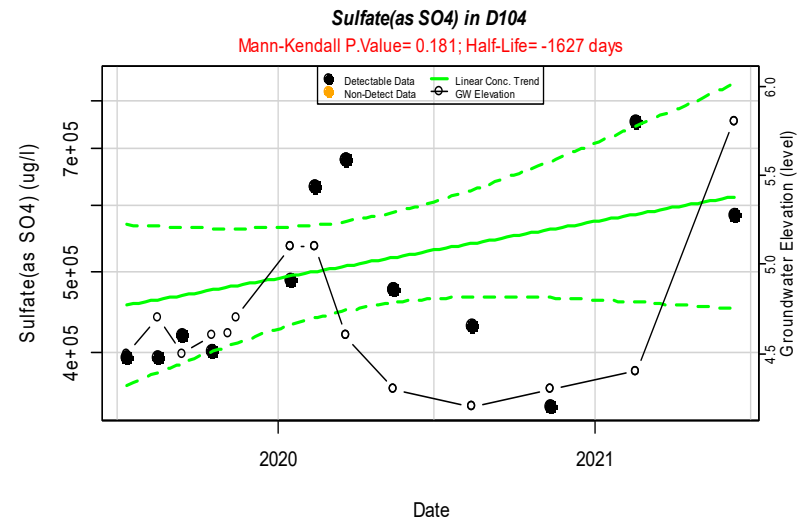
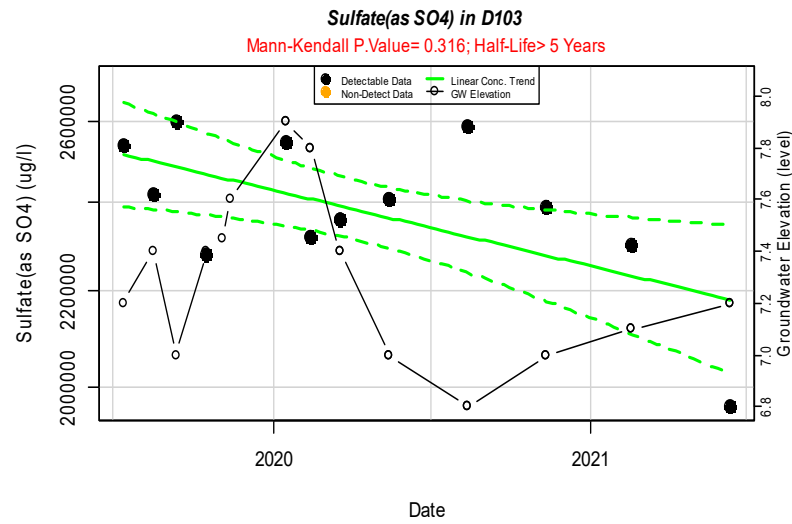
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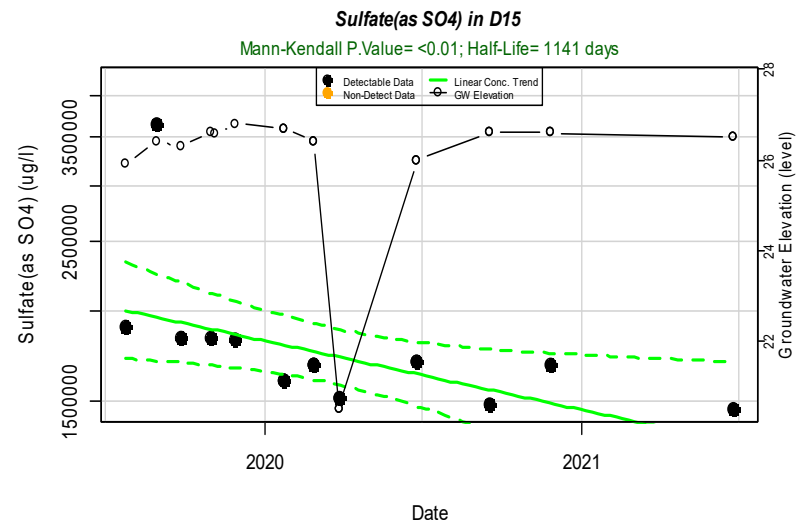
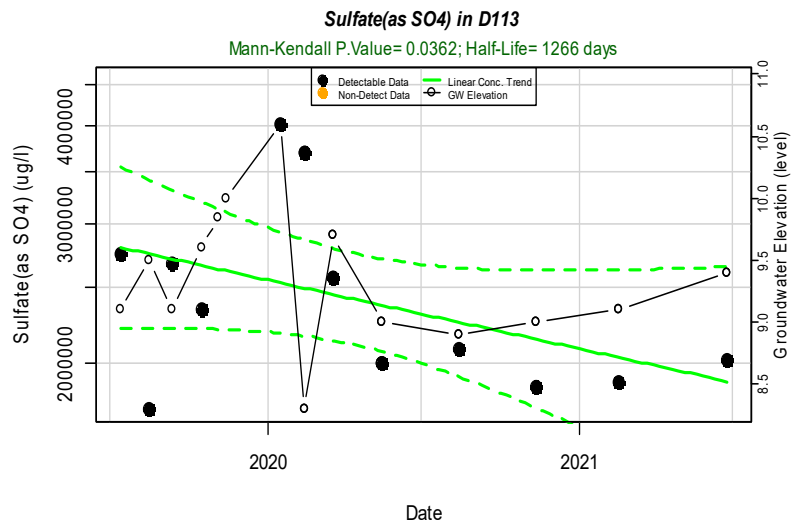
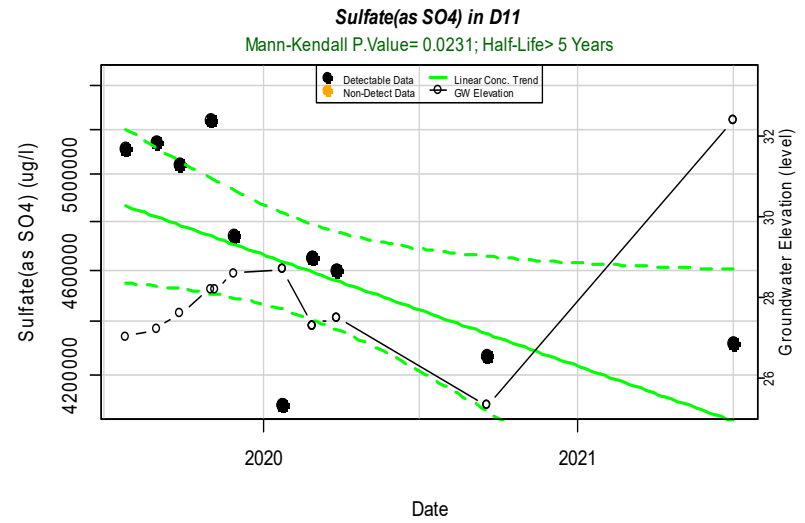
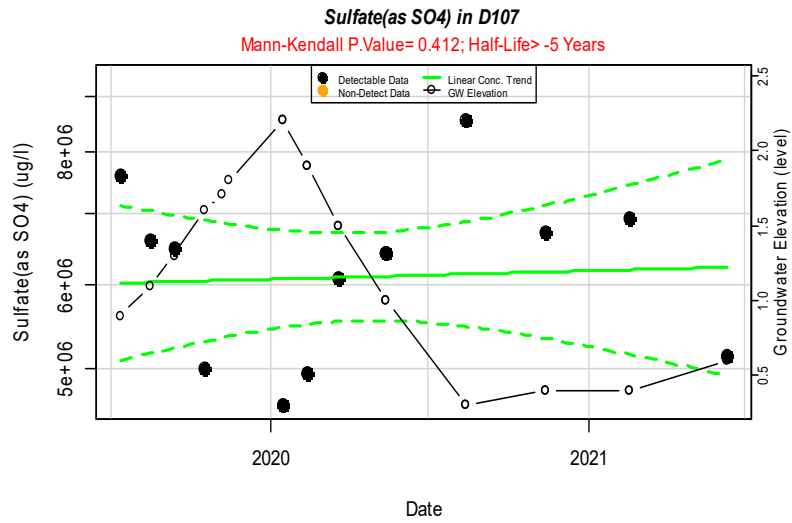


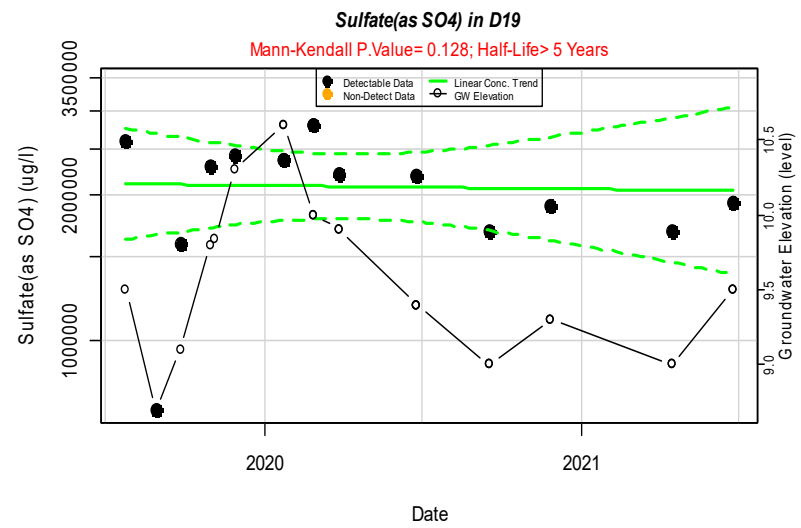
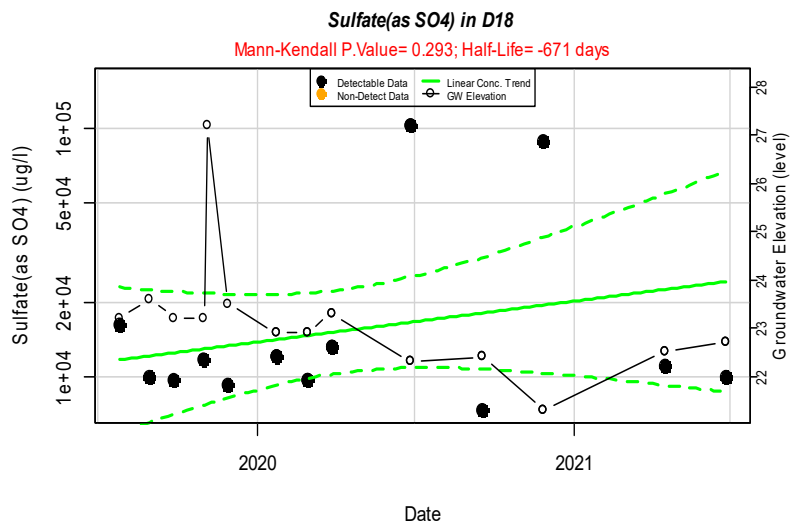
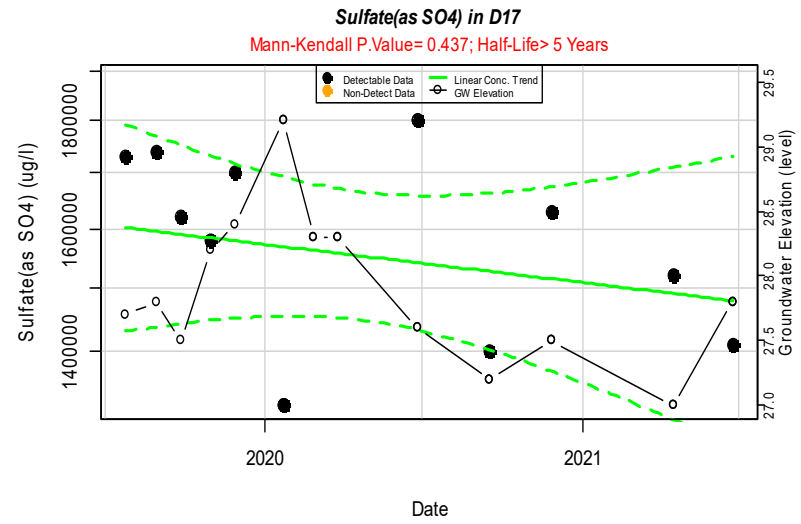
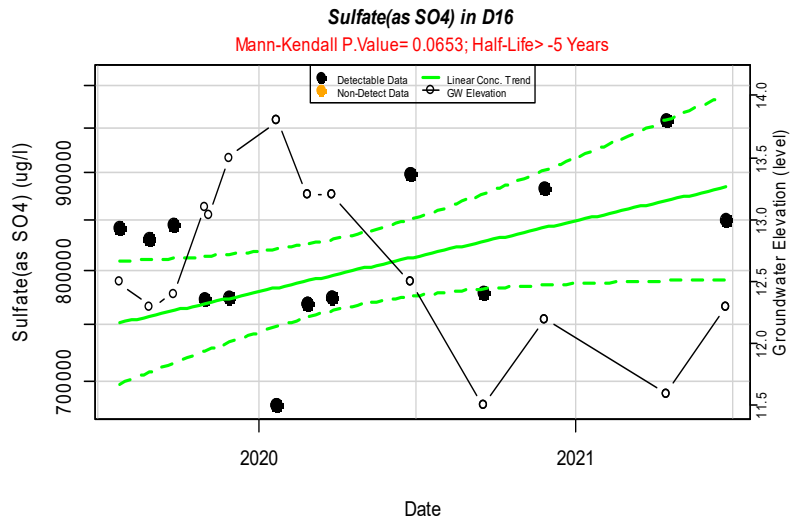
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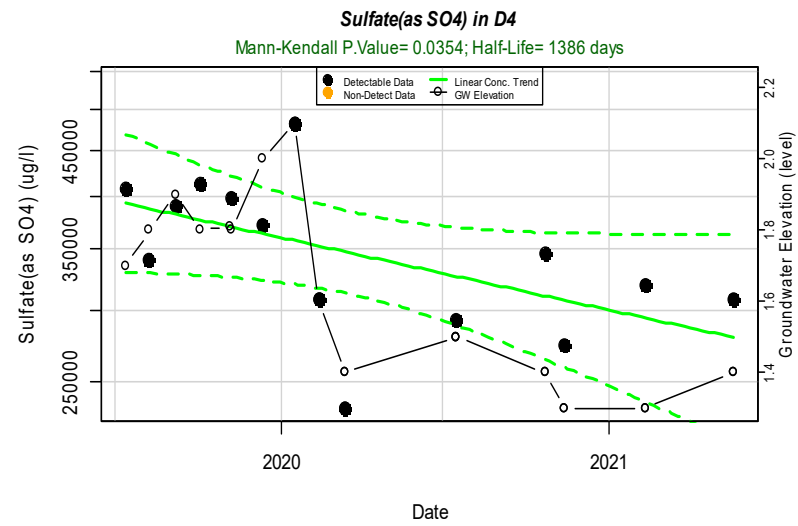
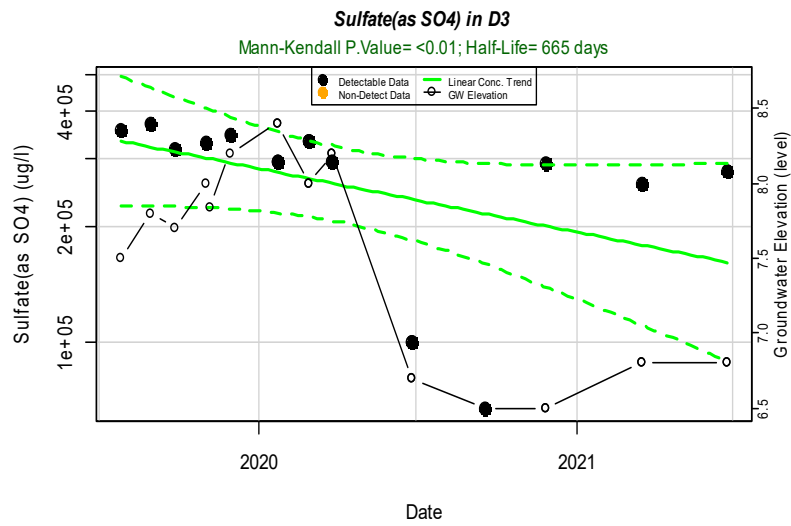
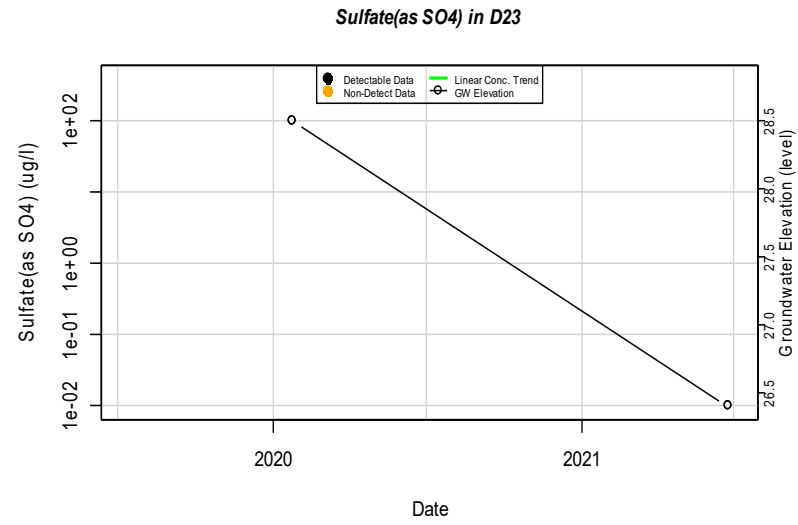
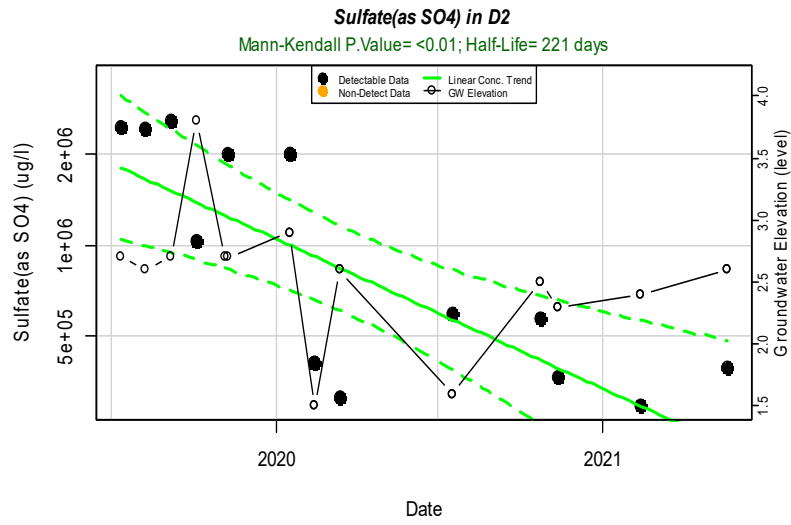
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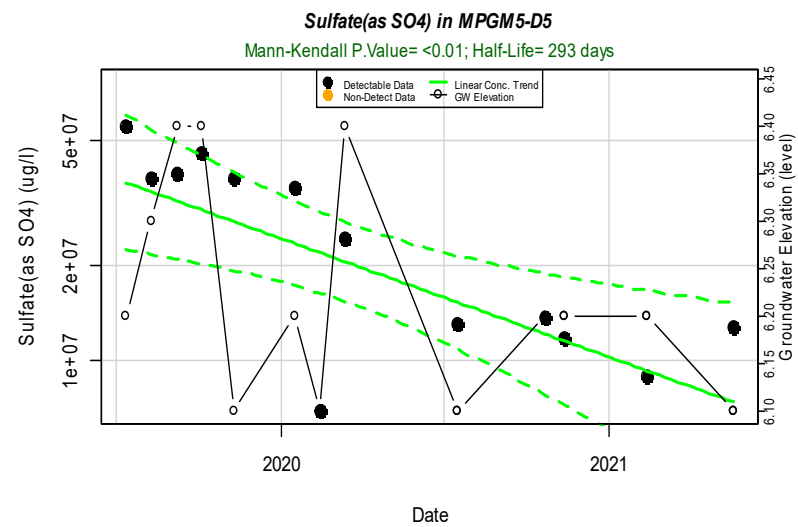
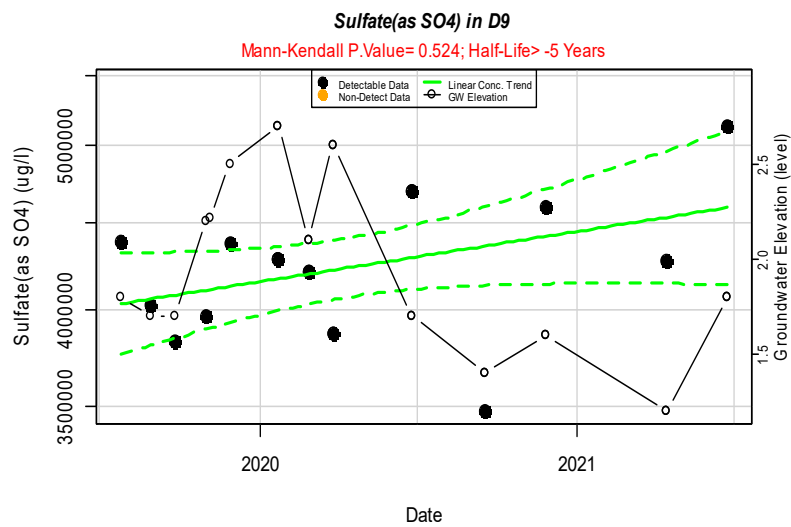
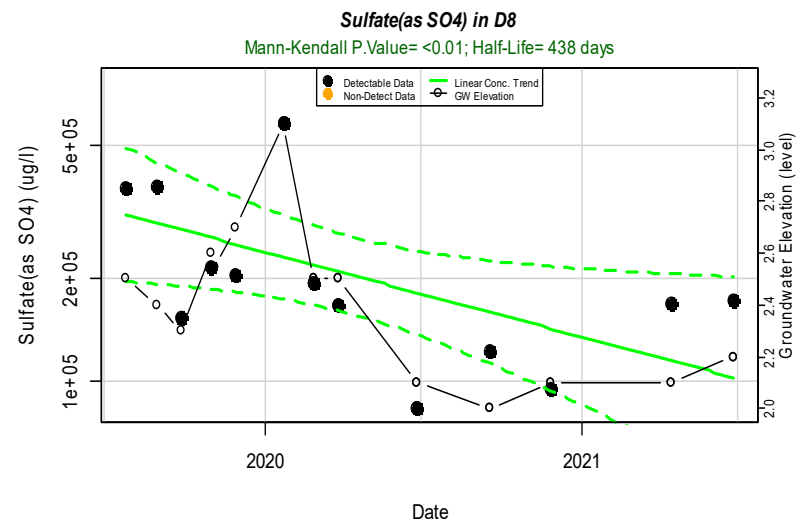
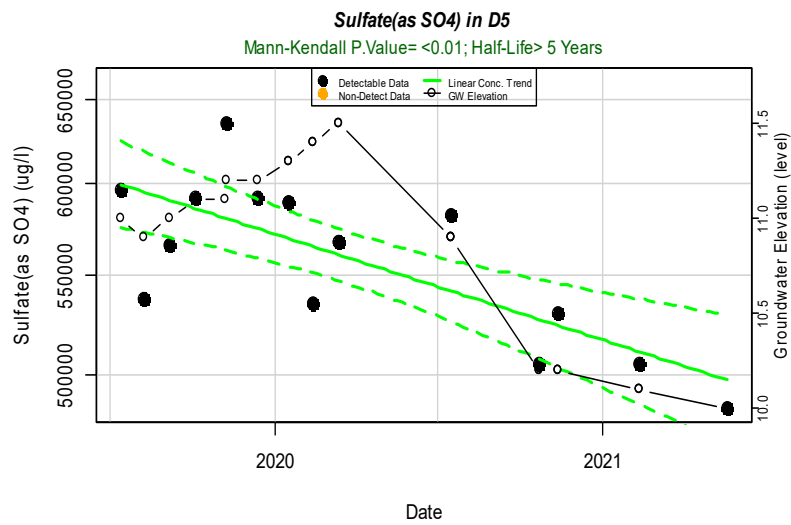


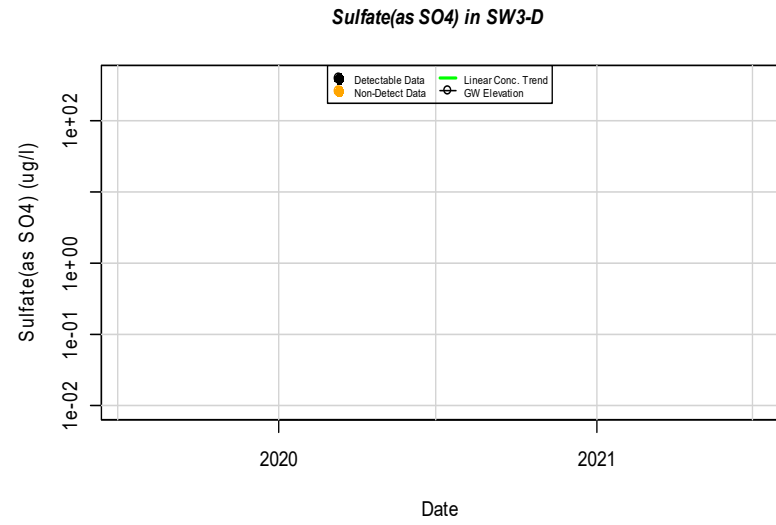
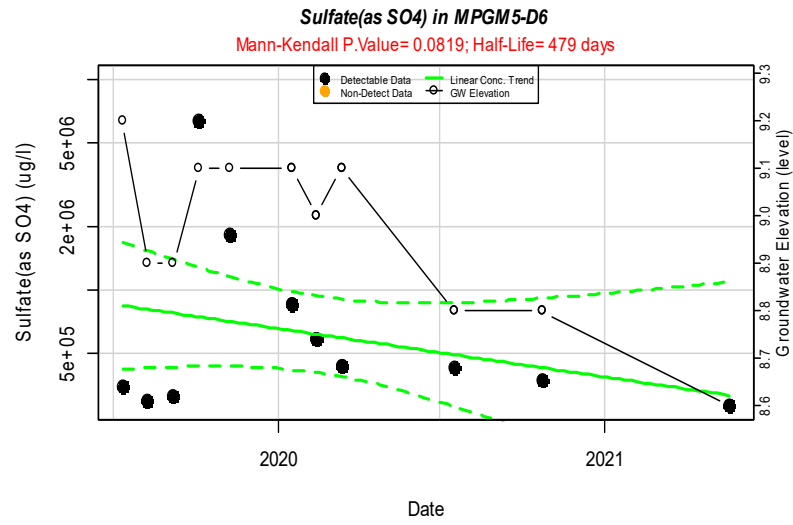


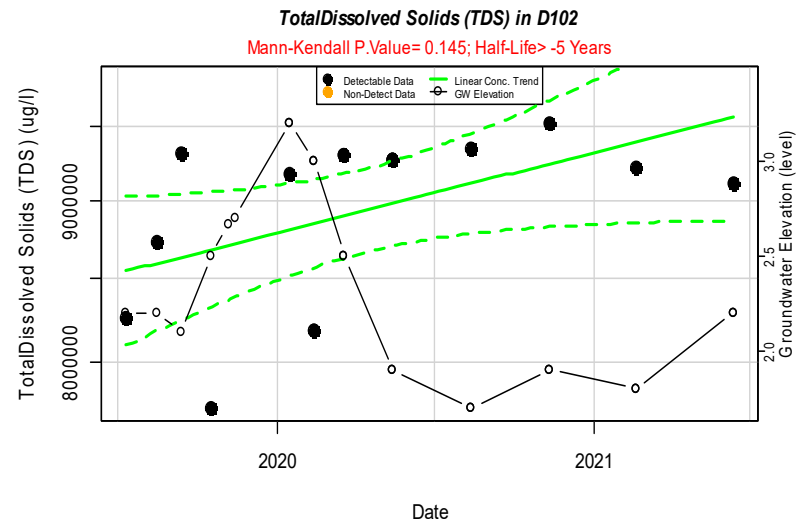
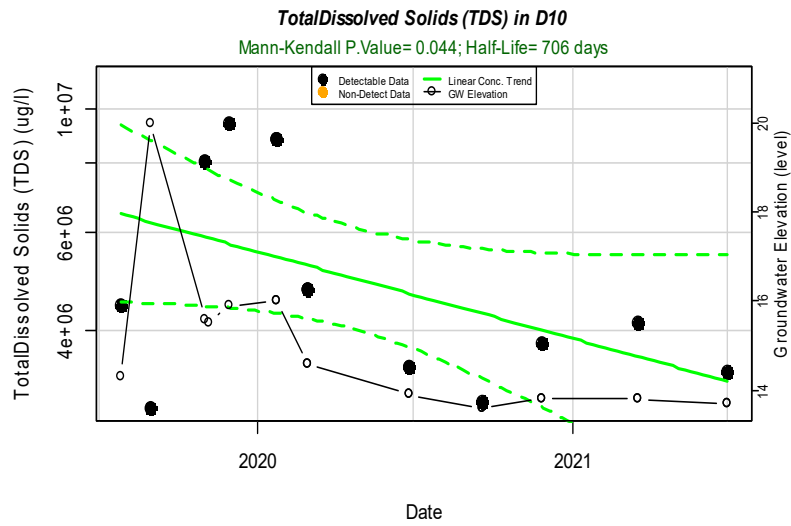
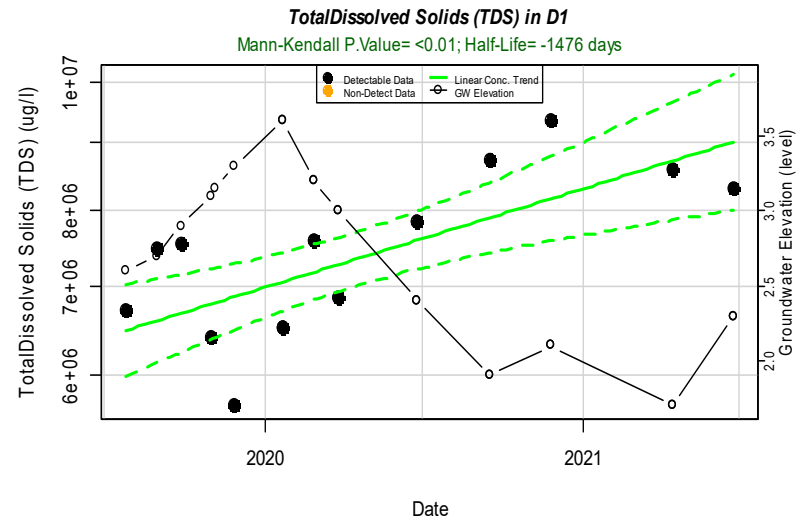
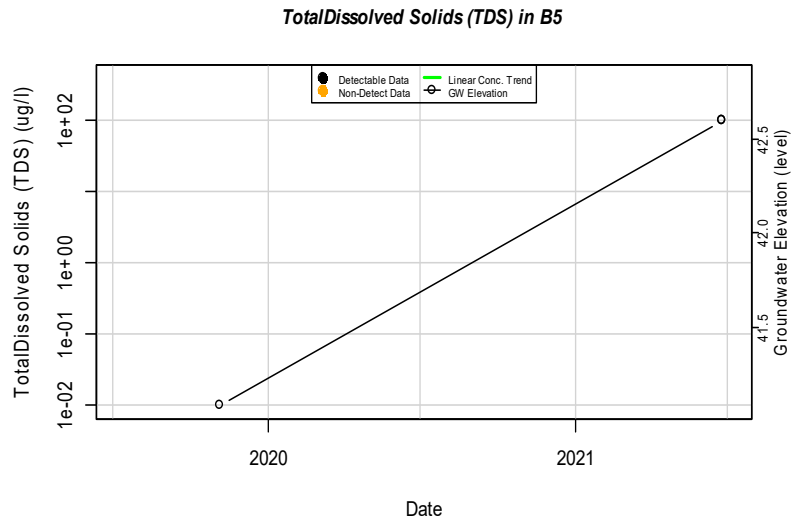


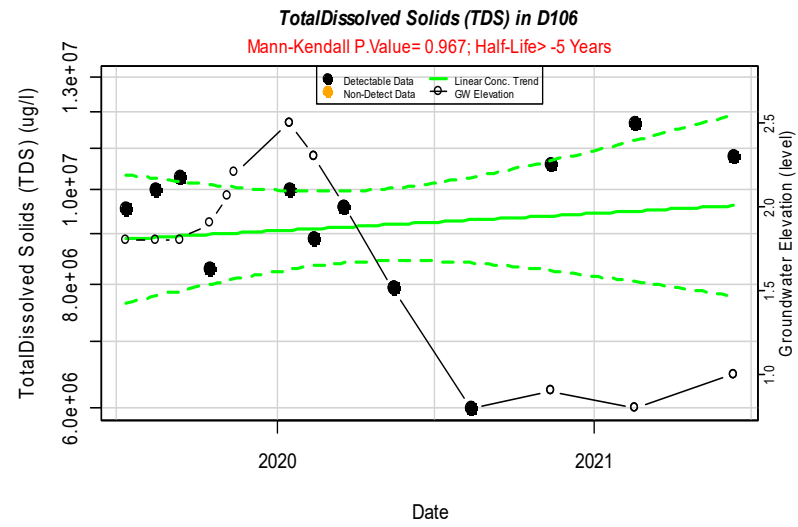
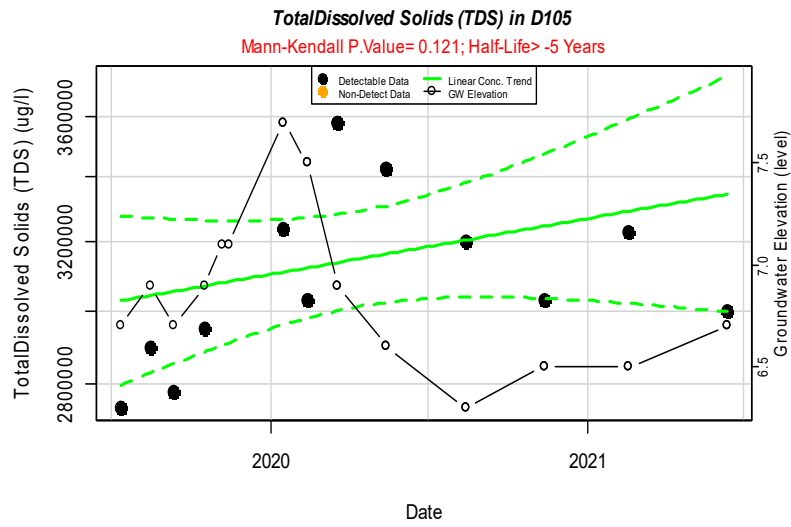
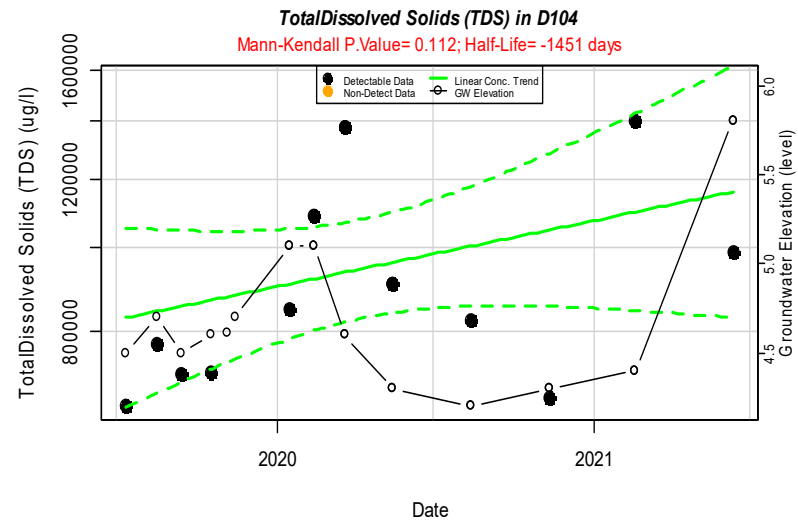
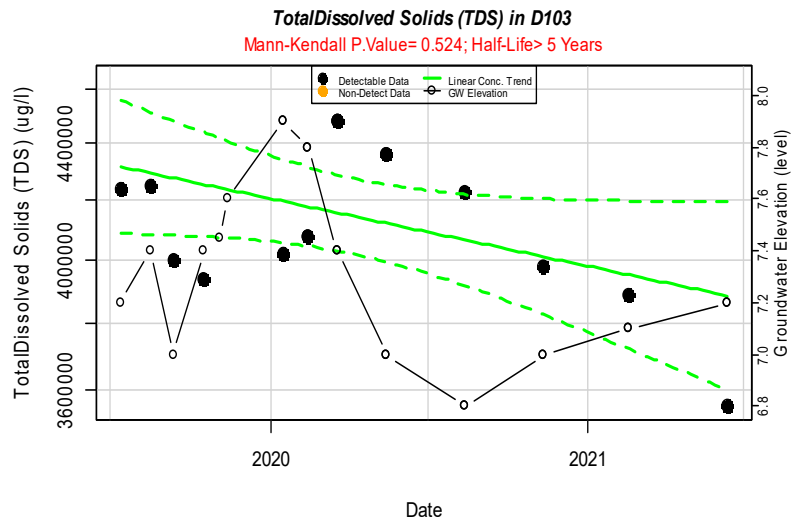


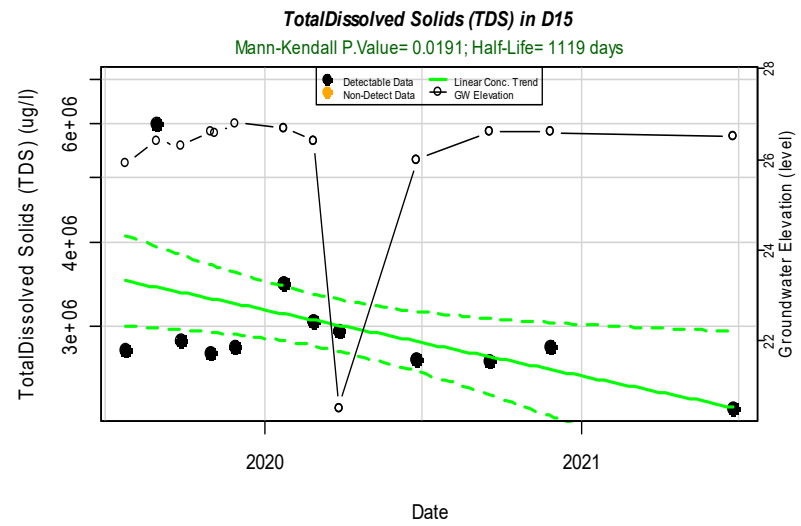
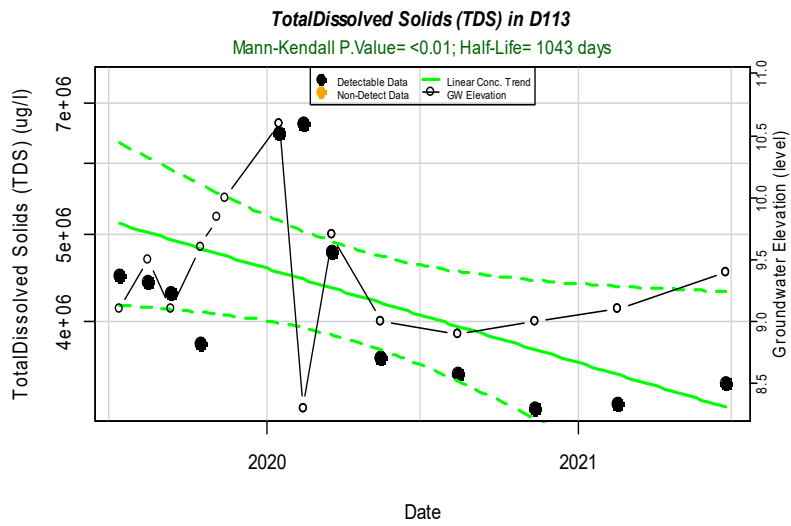
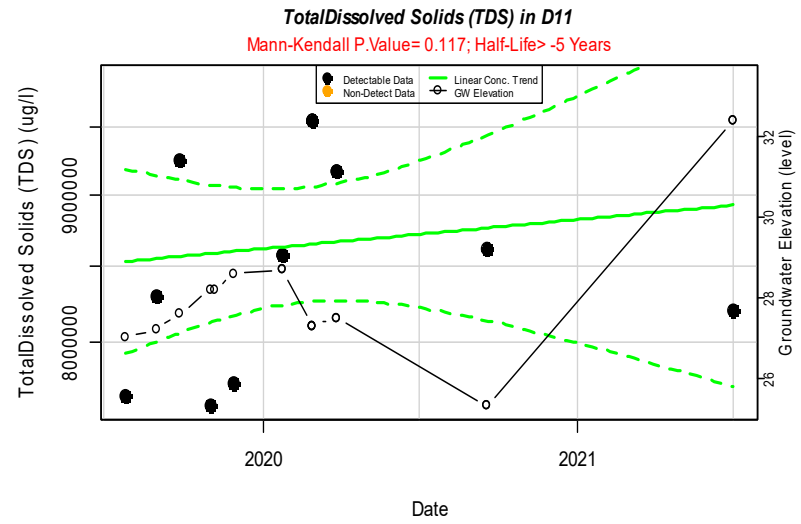
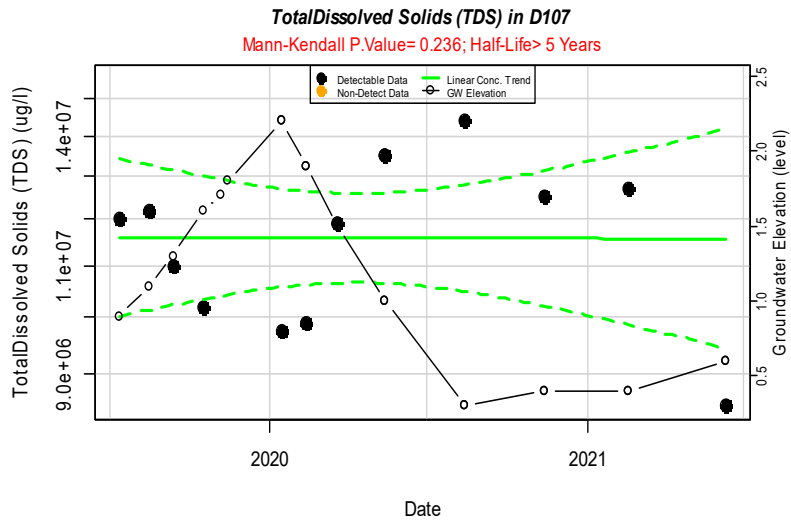


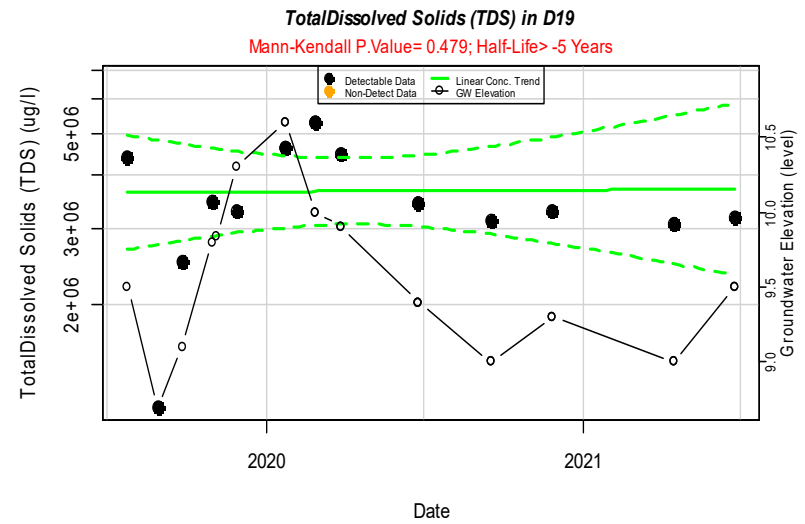
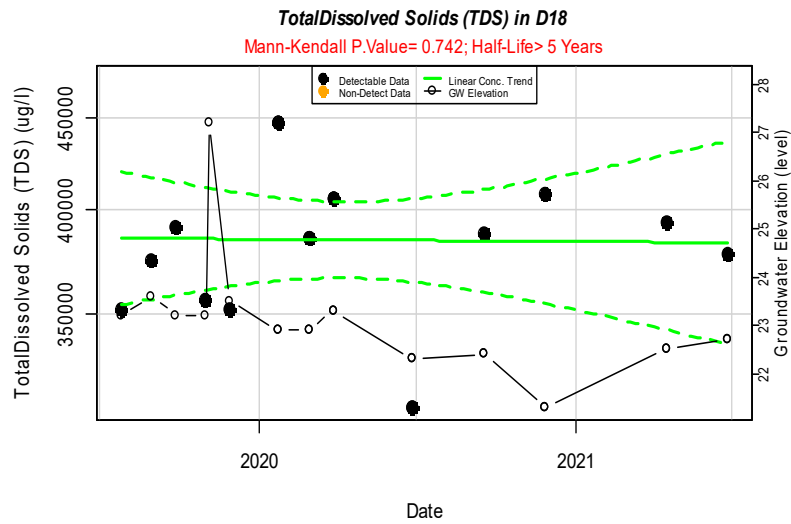
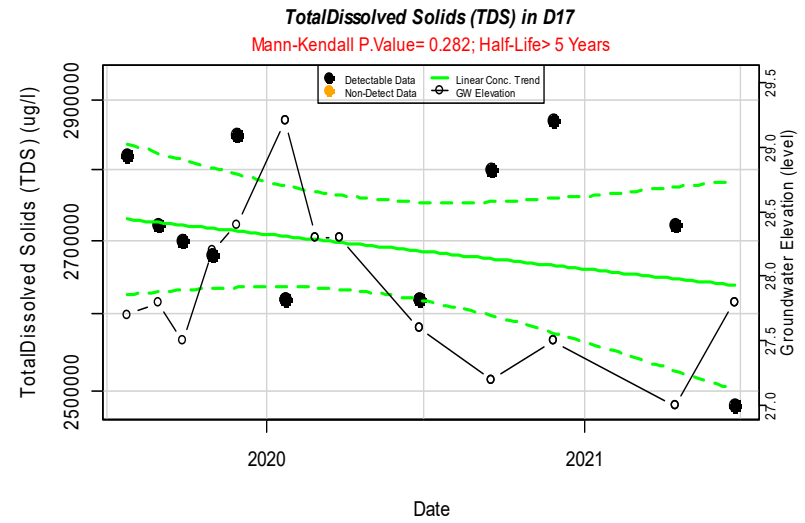
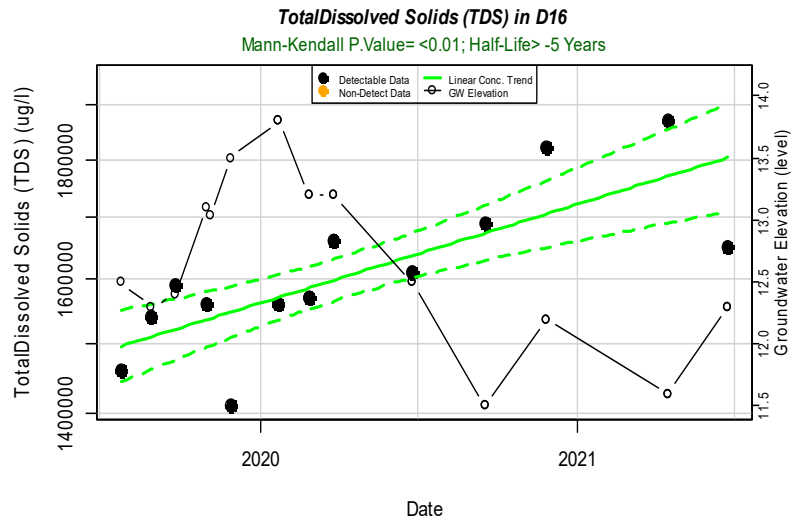


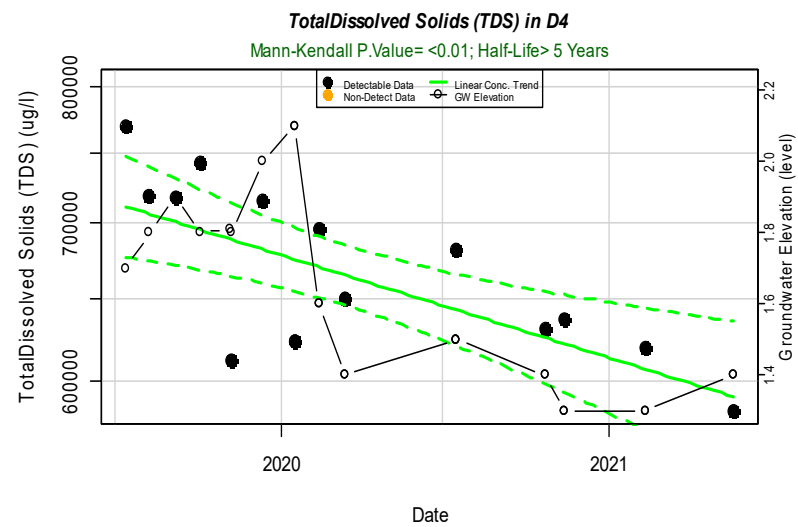
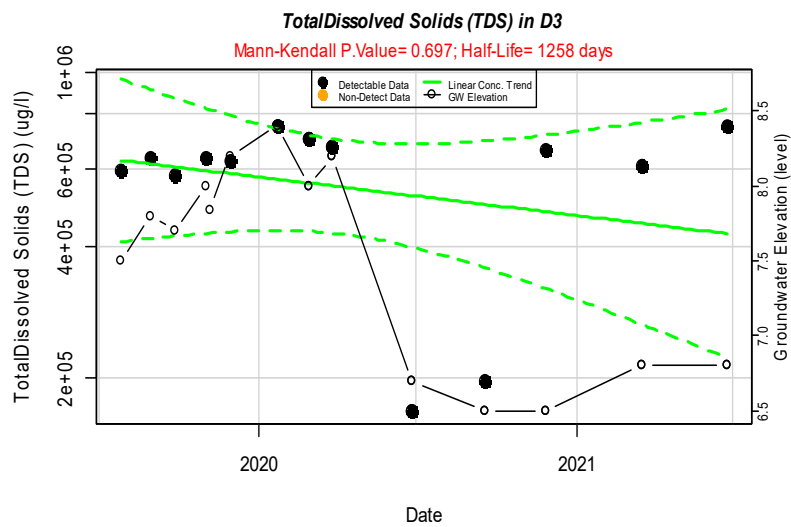
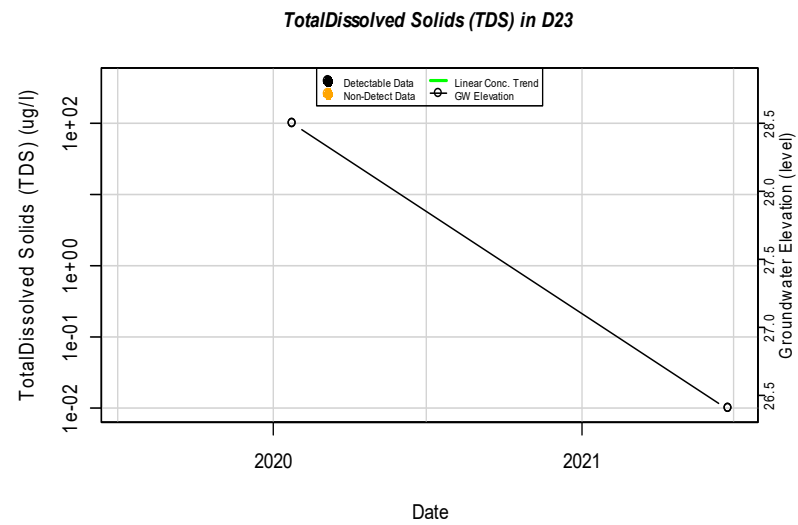
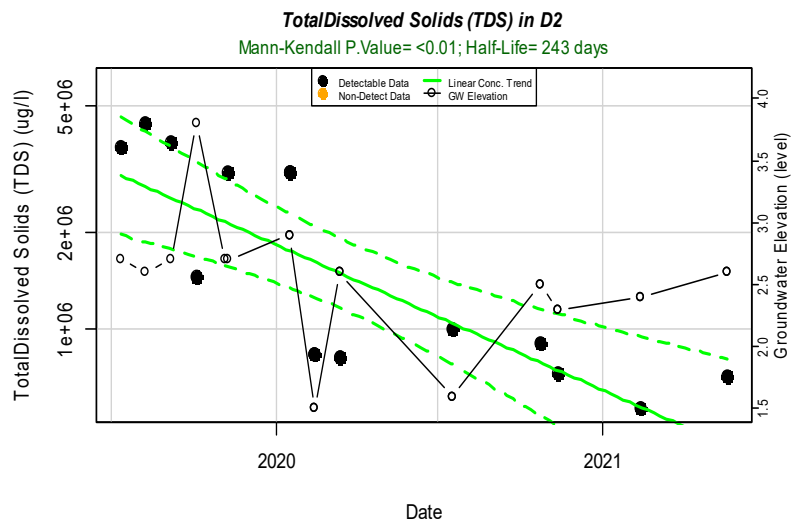


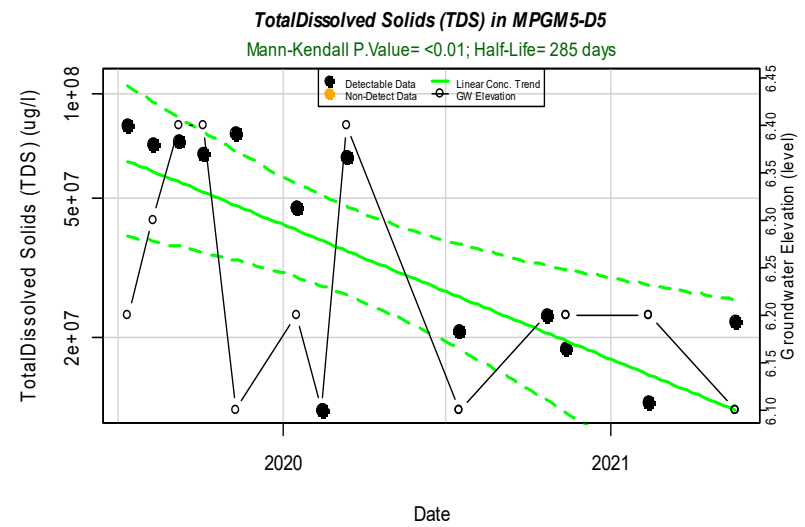
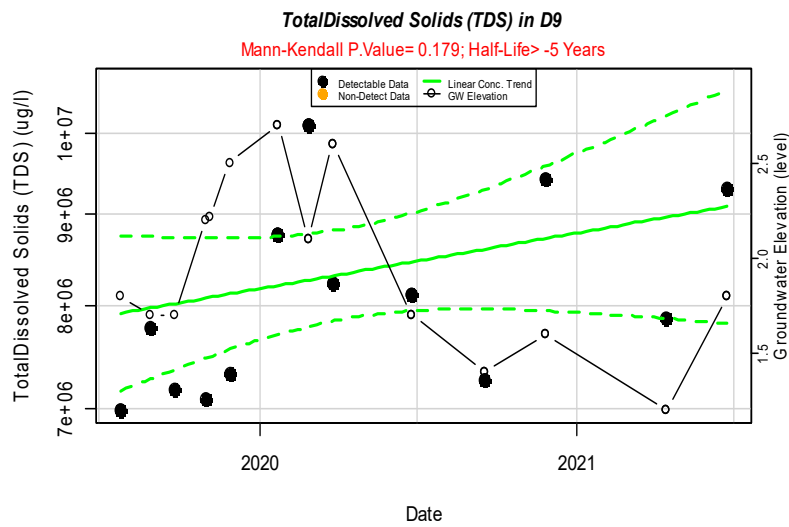
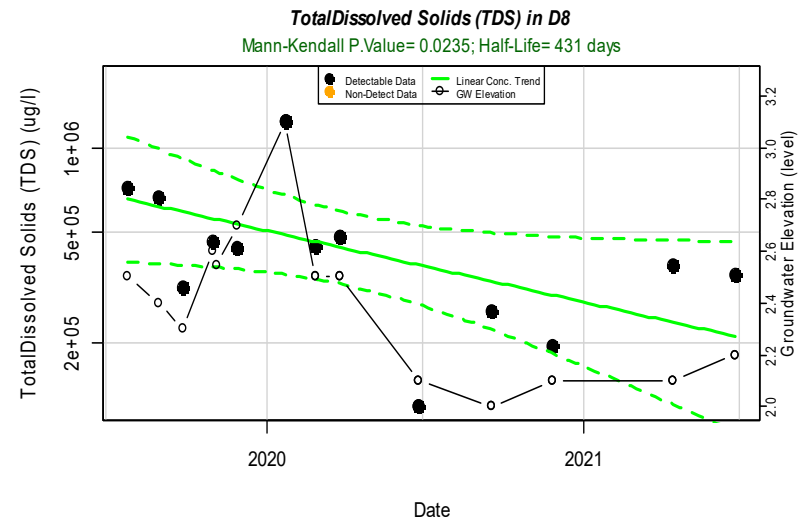
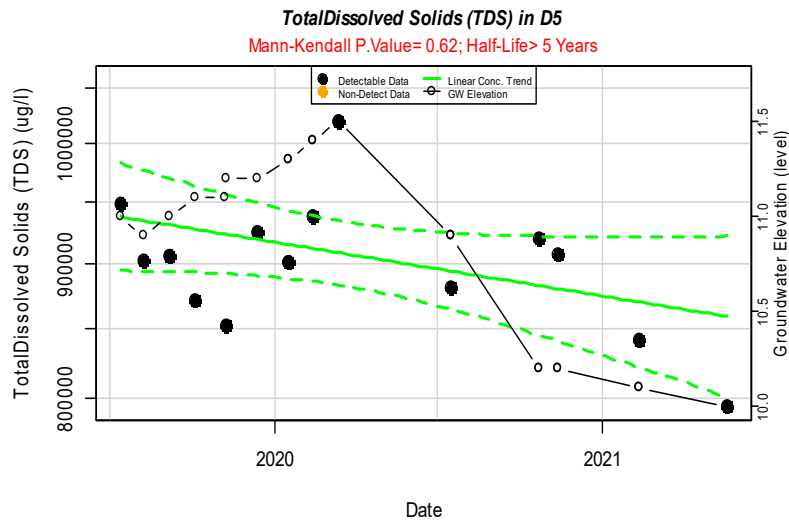




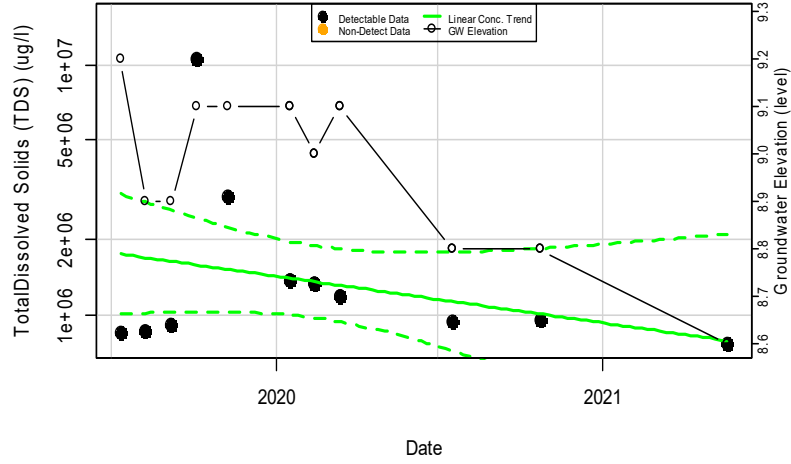




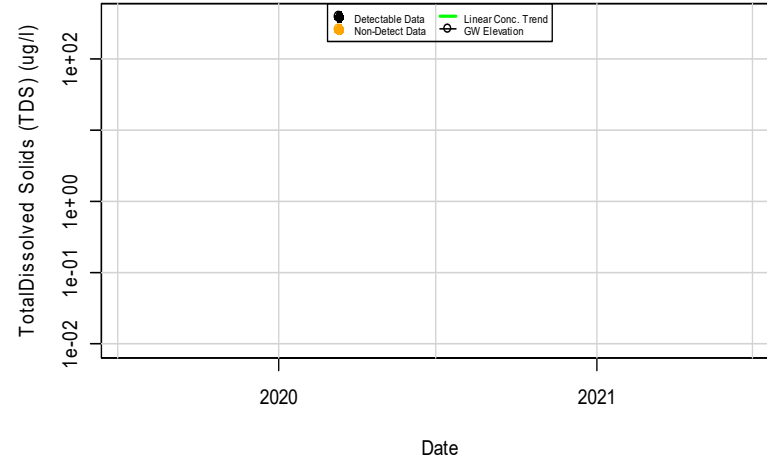


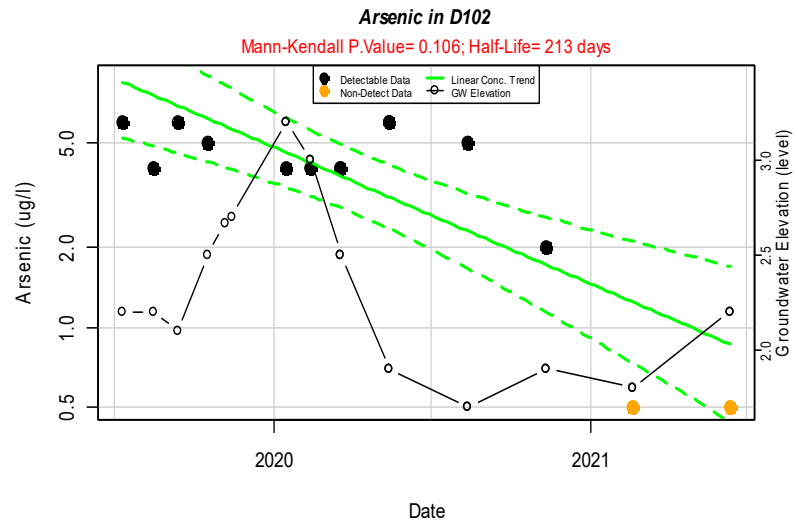
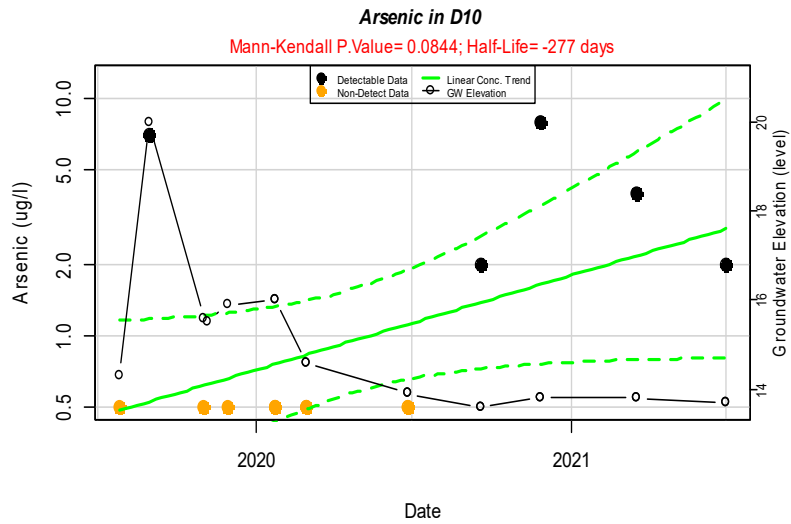
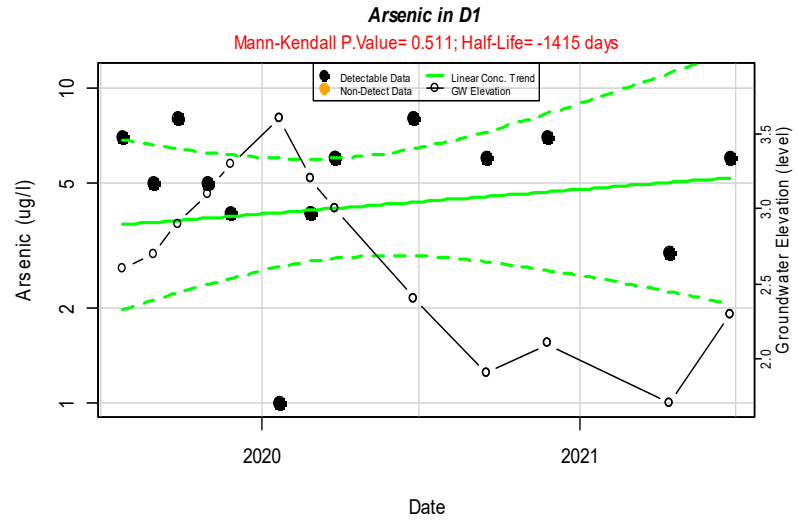
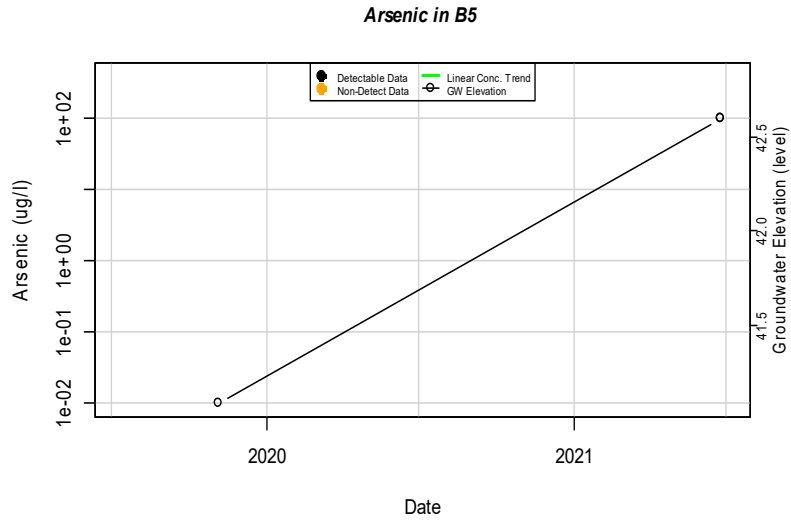


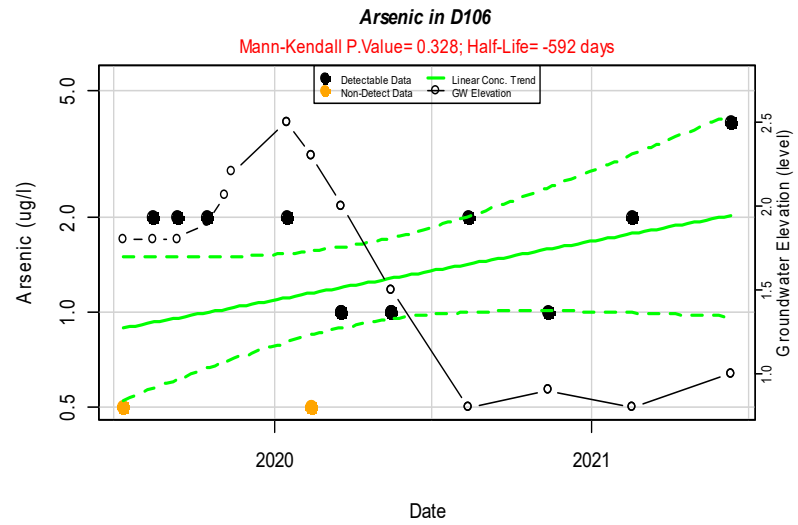
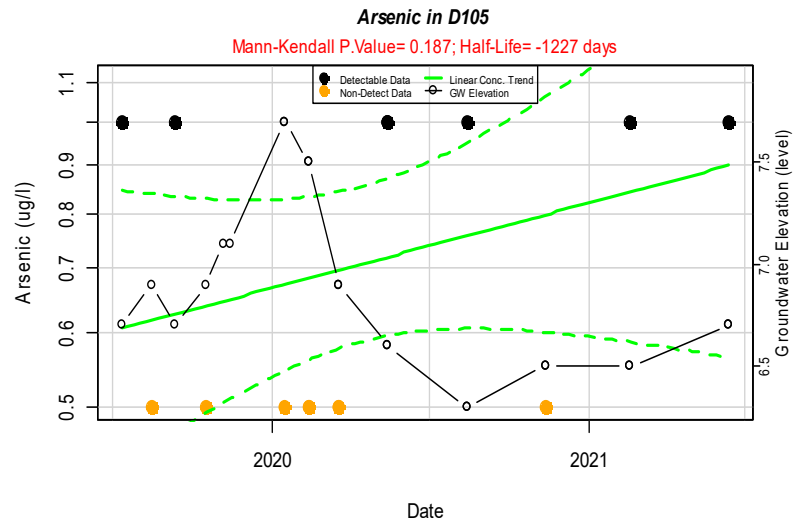
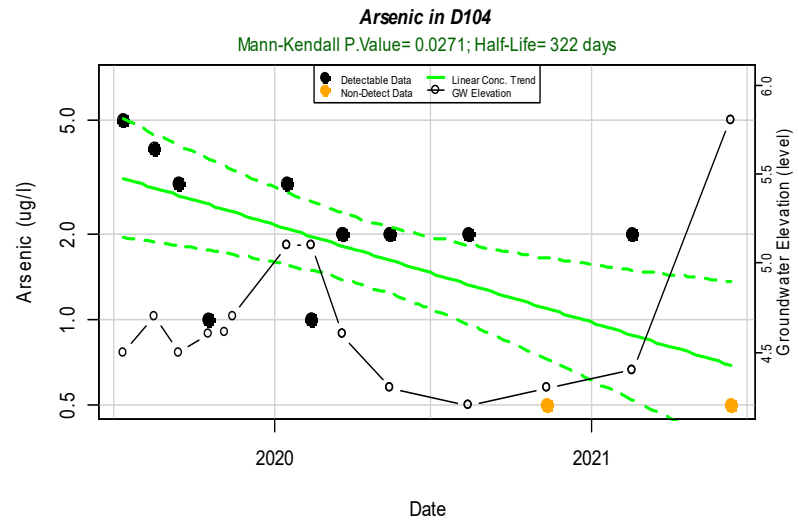
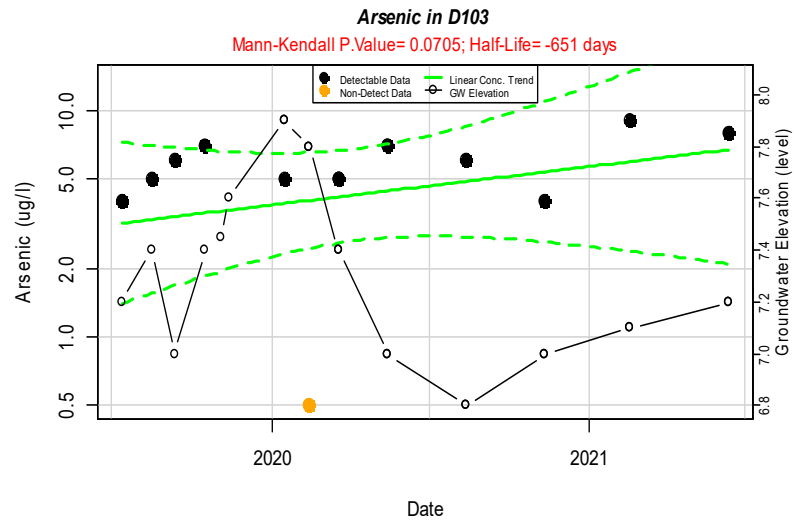
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Mann-Kendall P.Value= 0.143; Half-Life= 591 days

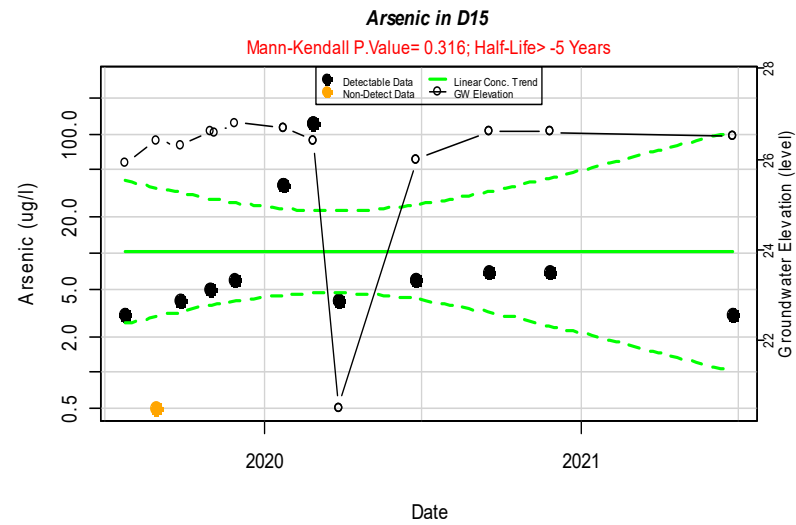
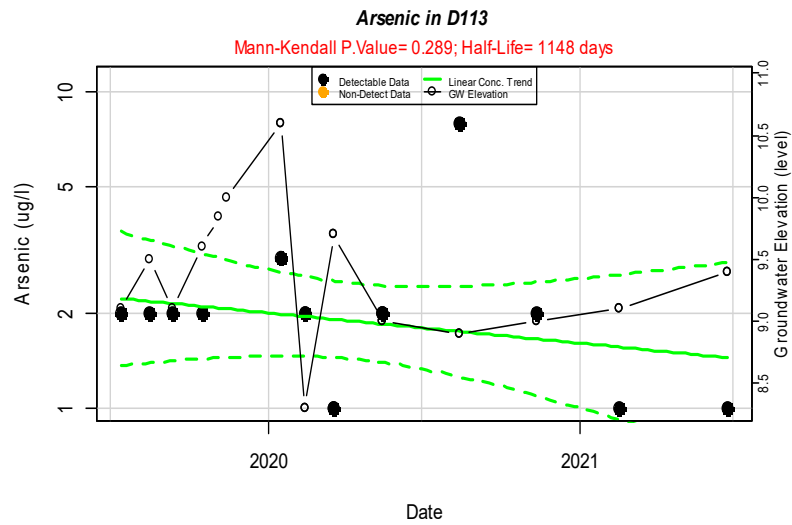
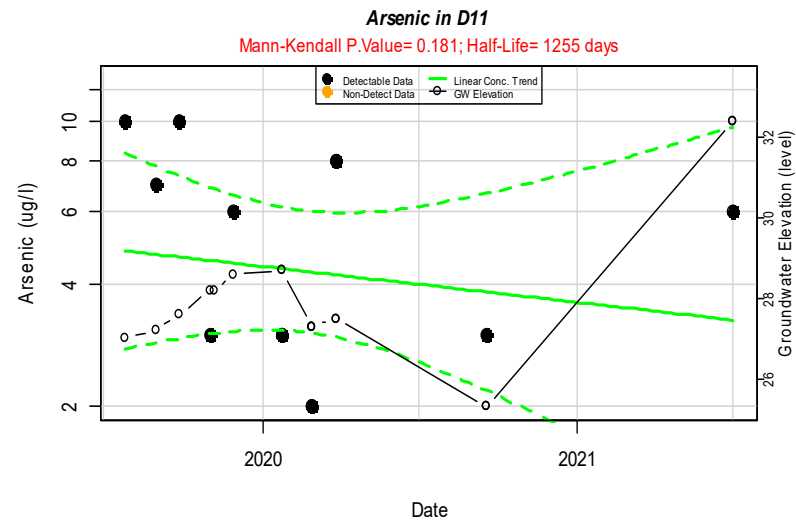
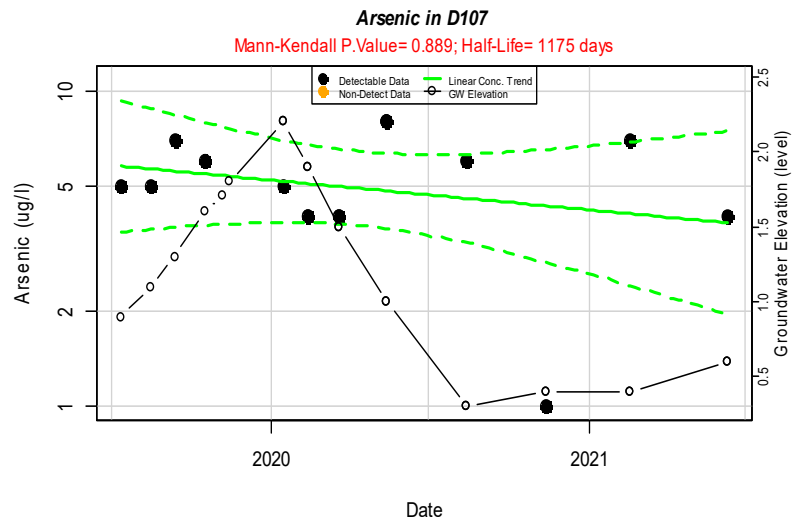


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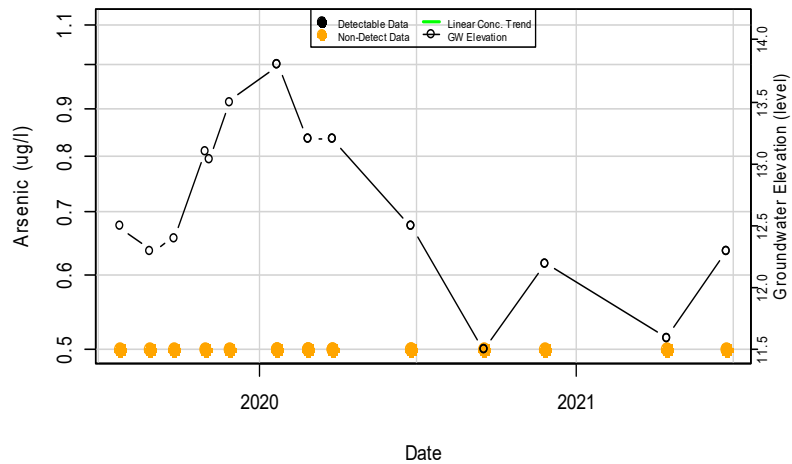




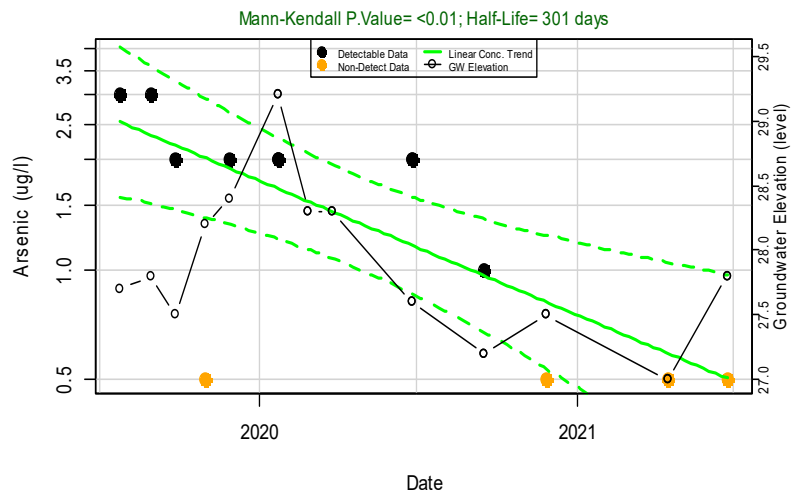




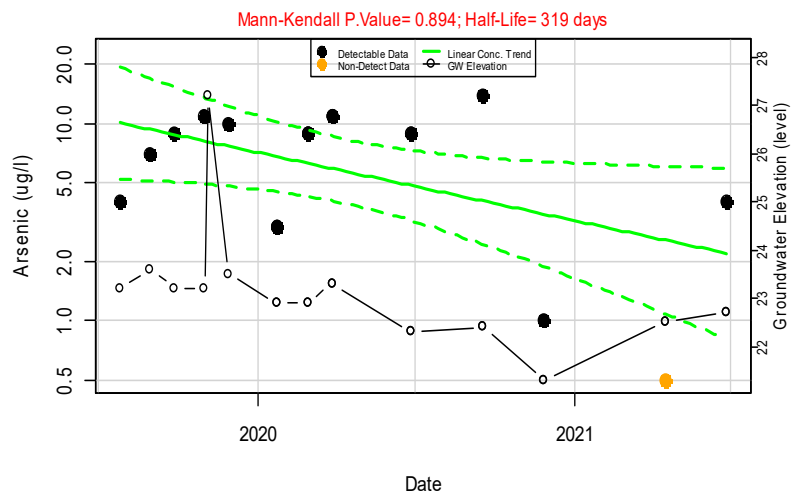
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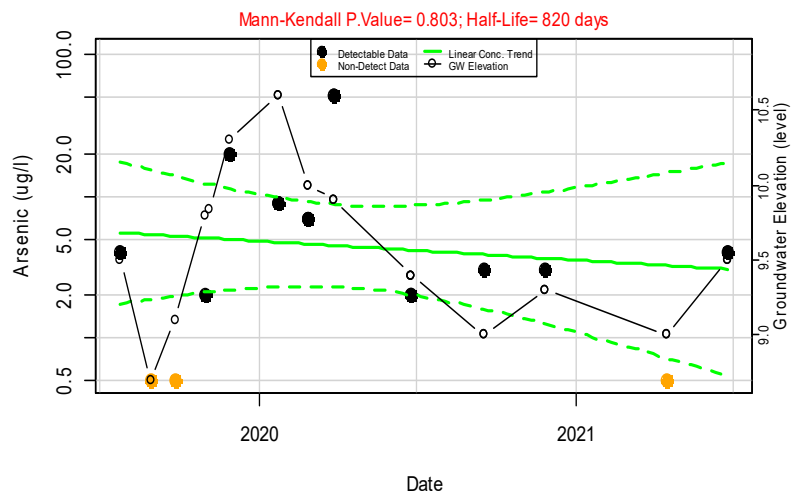
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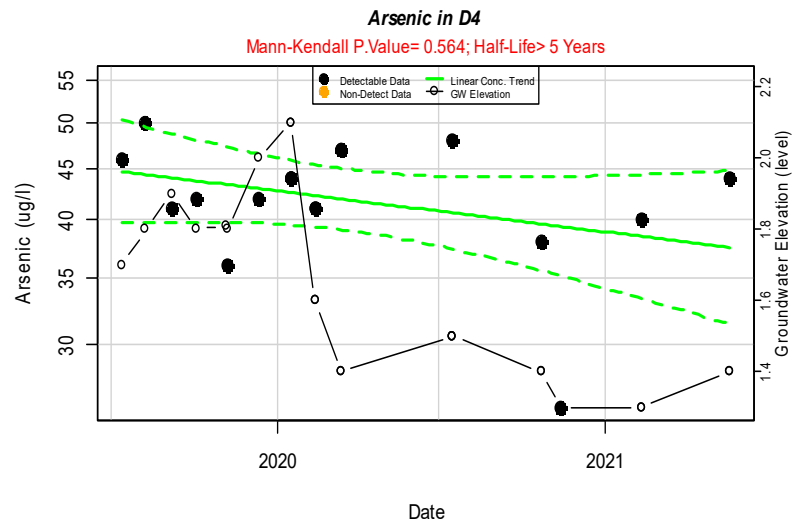
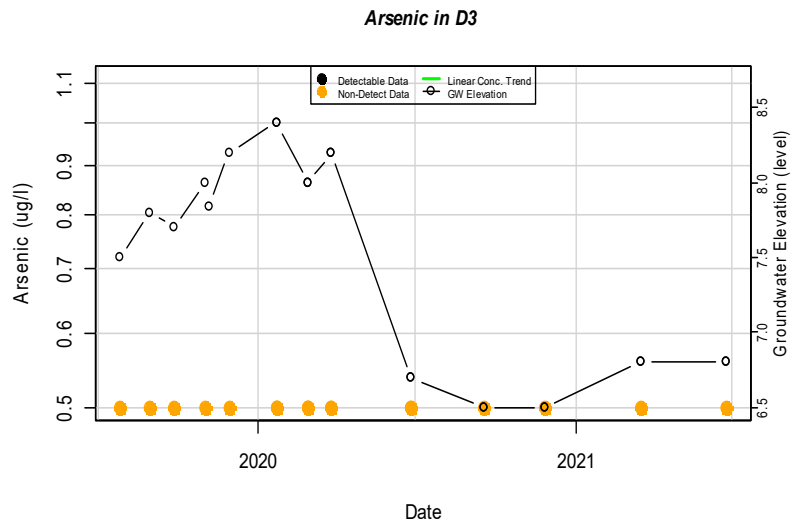
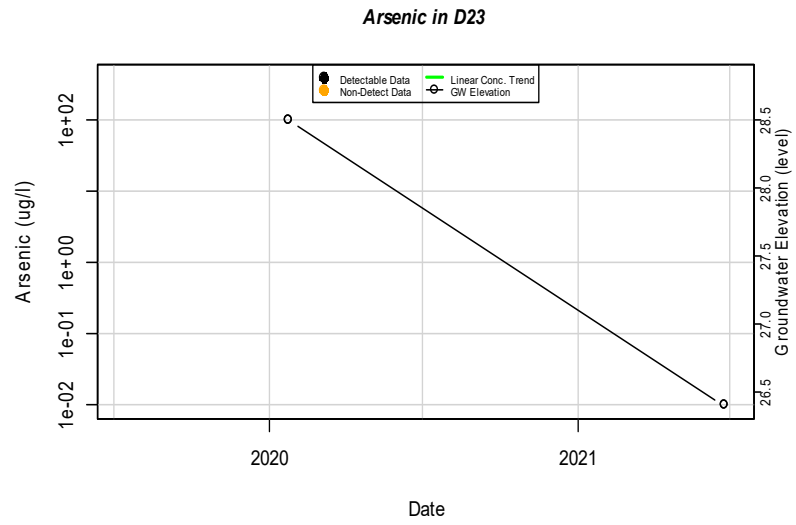
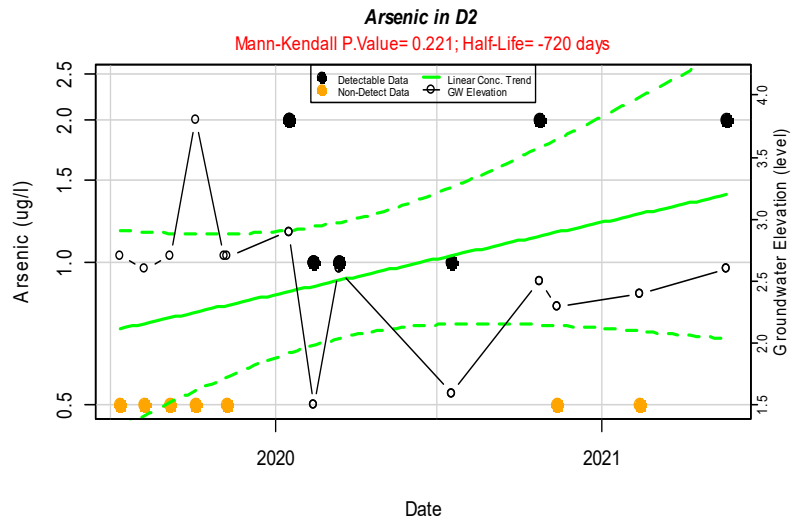


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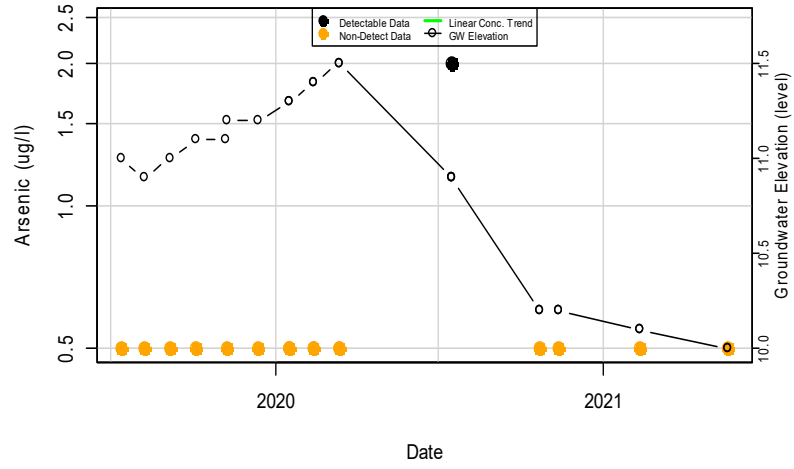


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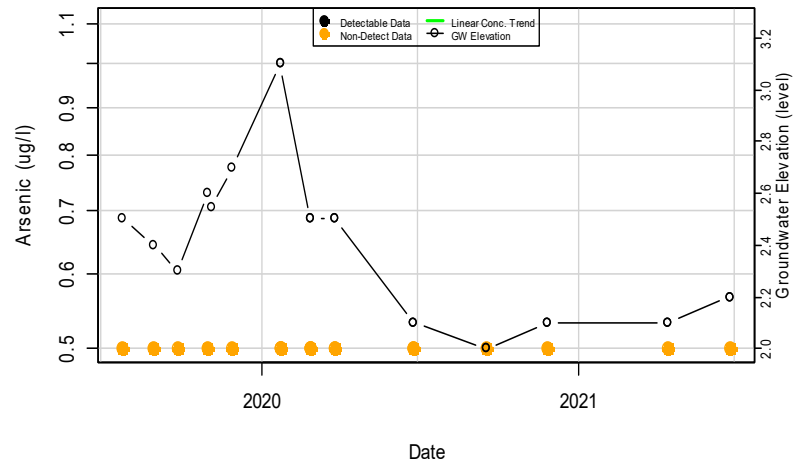




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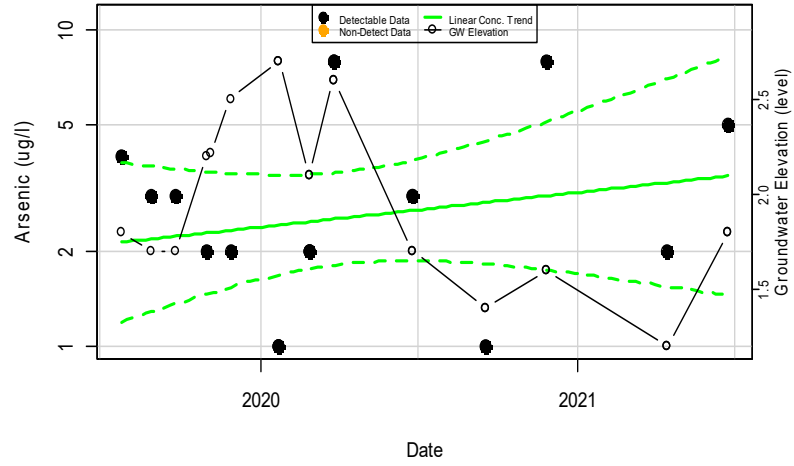


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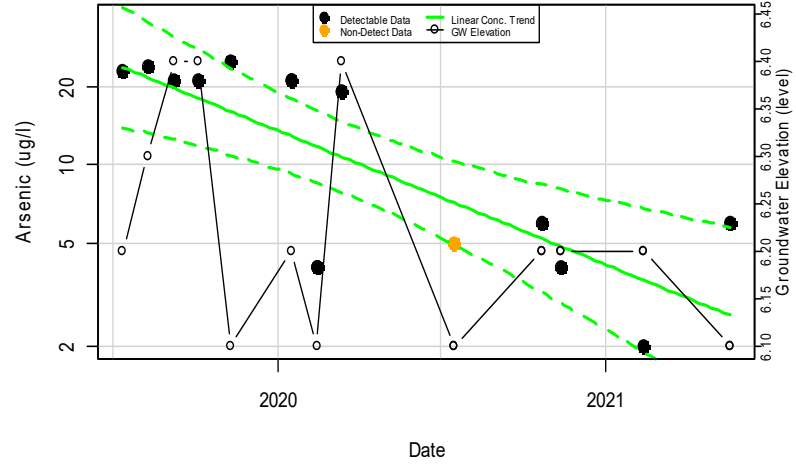
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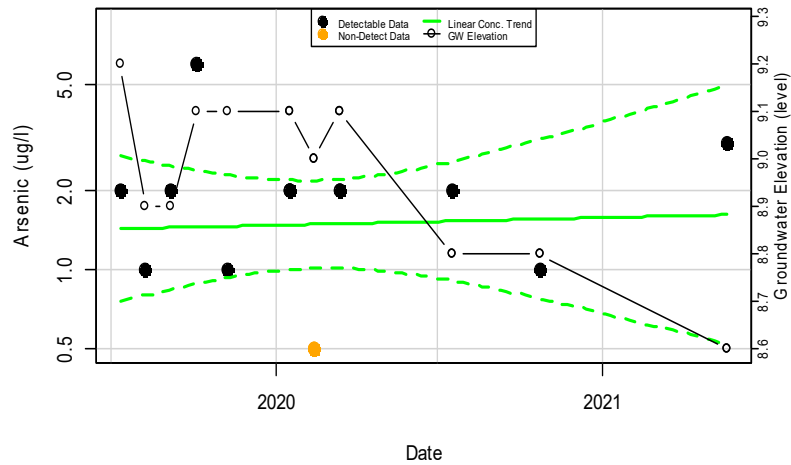
Arsenic in MPGM5-D5

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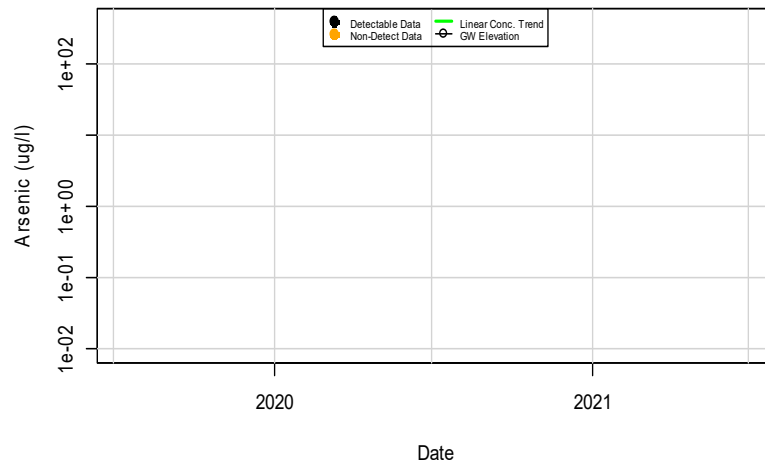


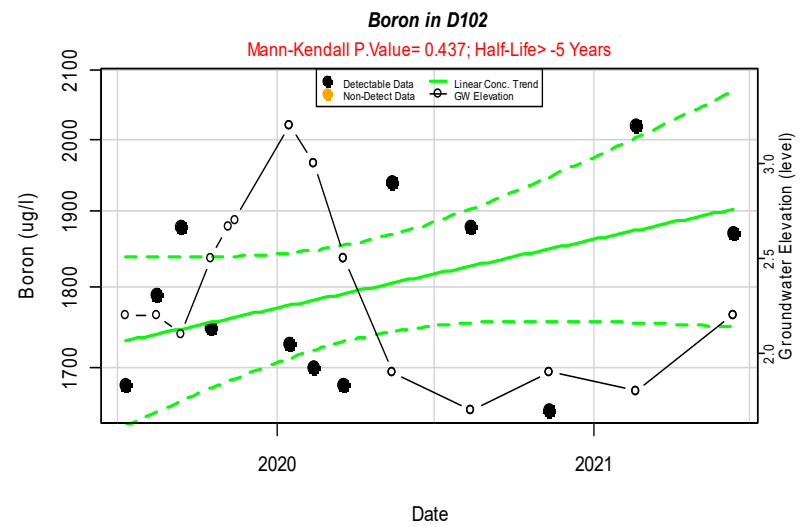
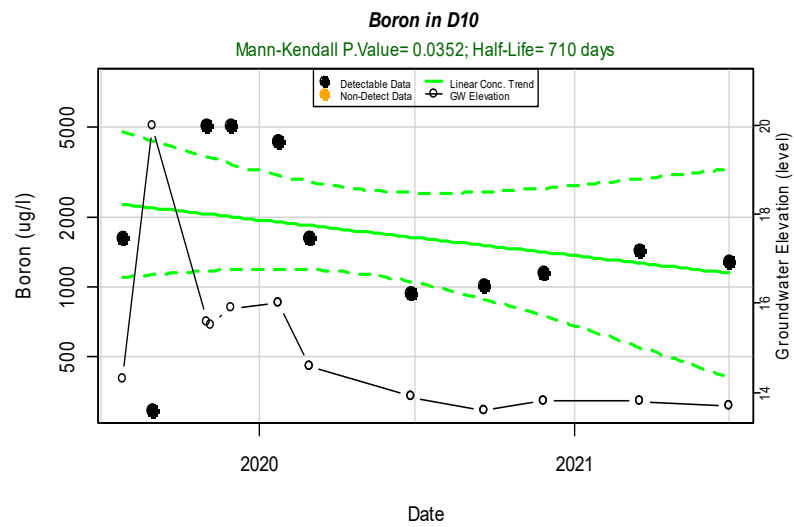
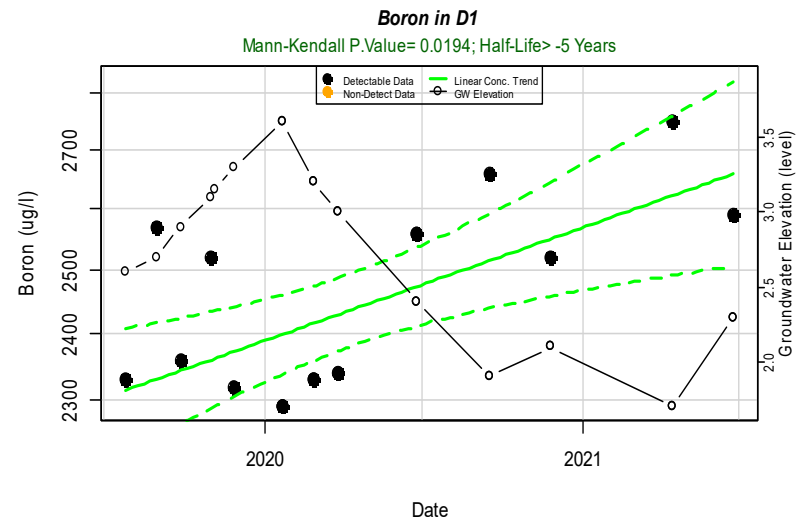
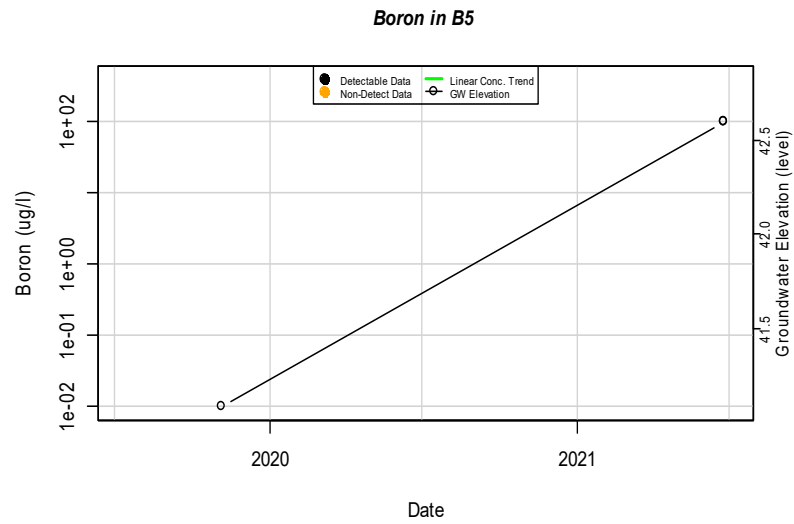
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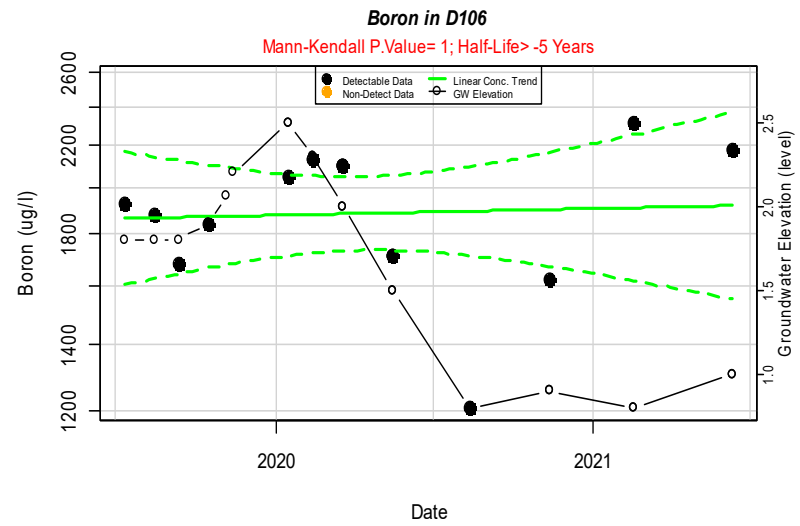
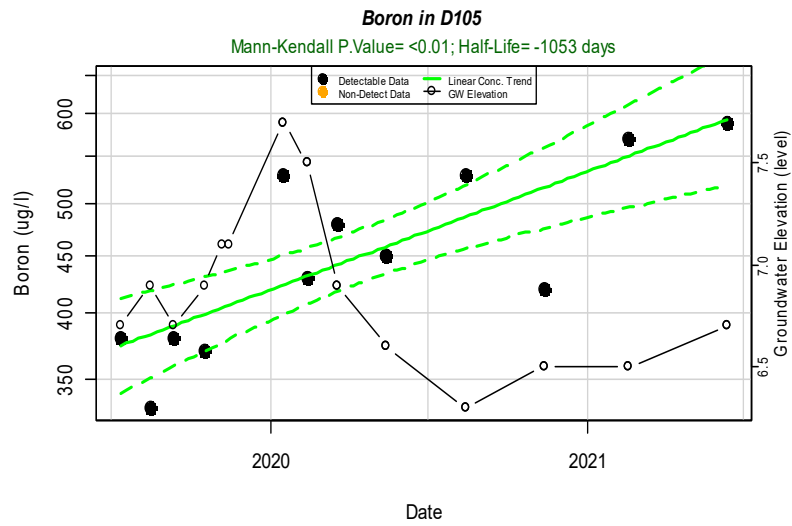
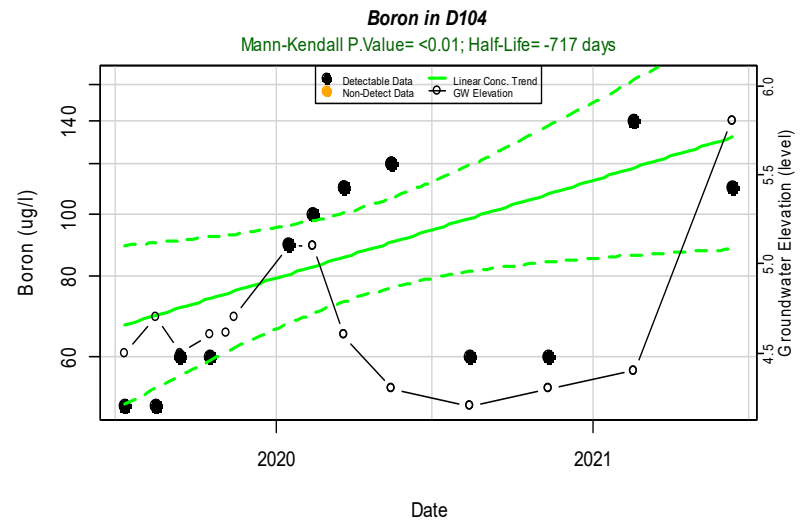
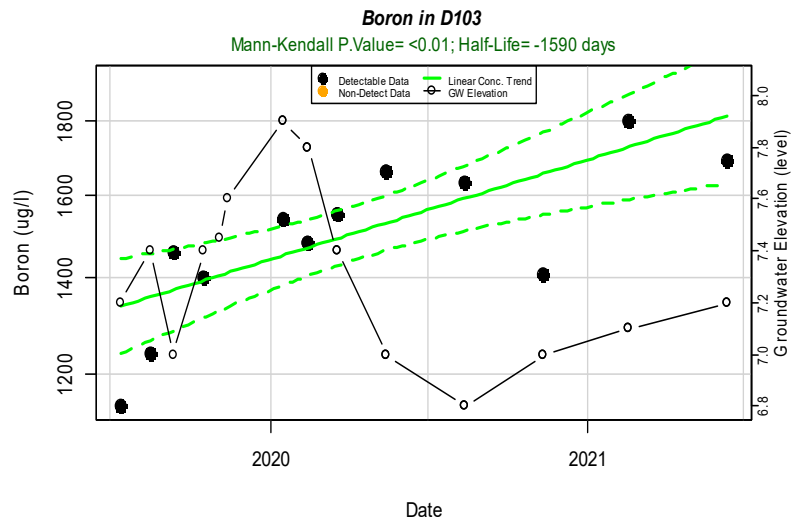
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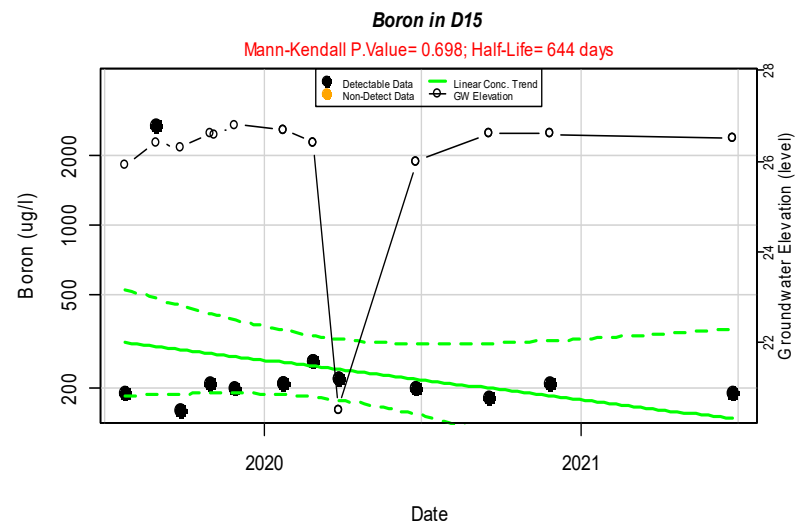
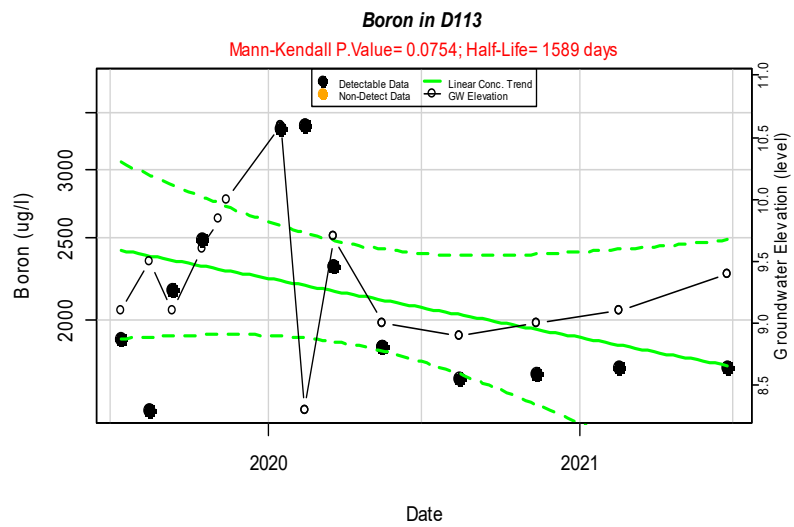
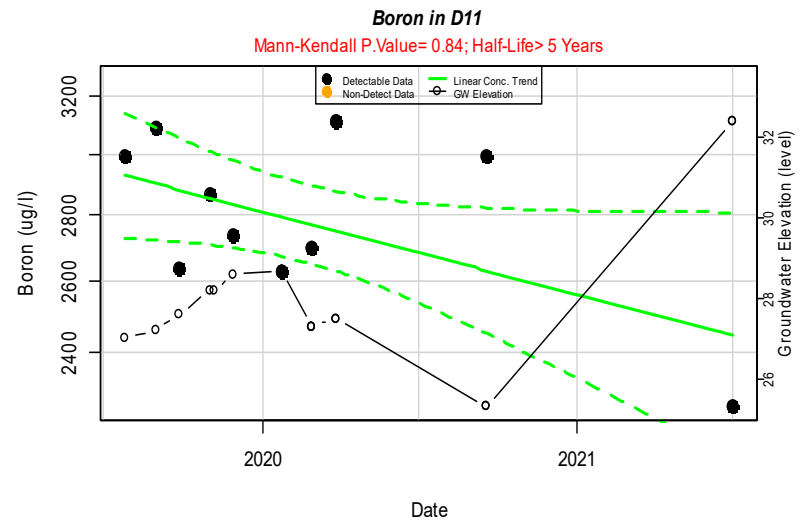
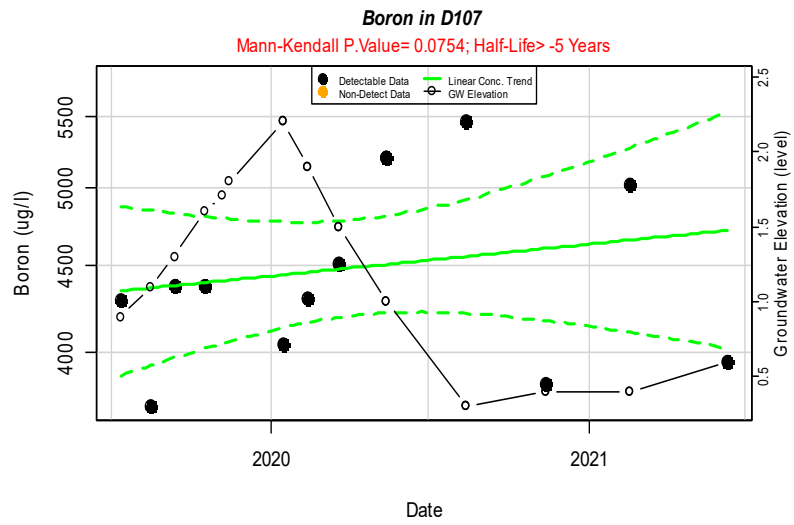


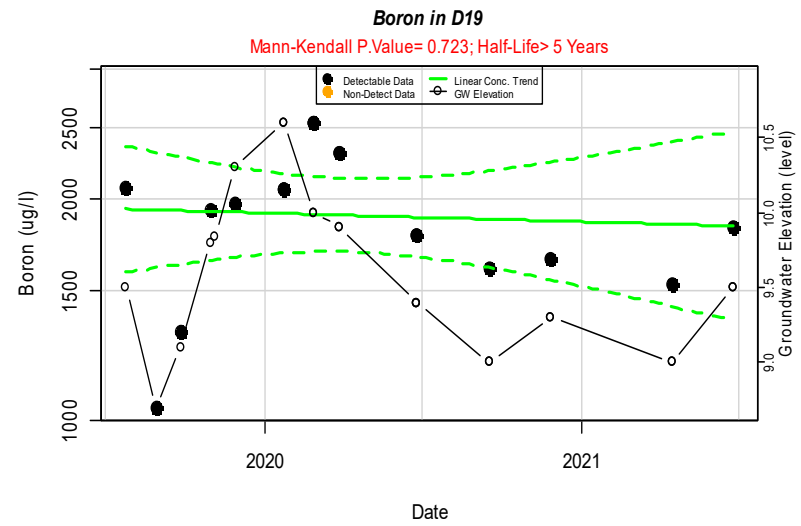
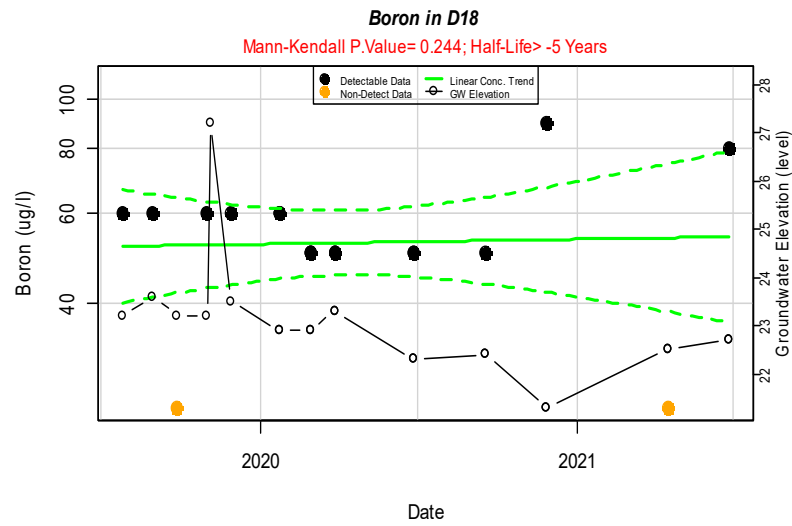
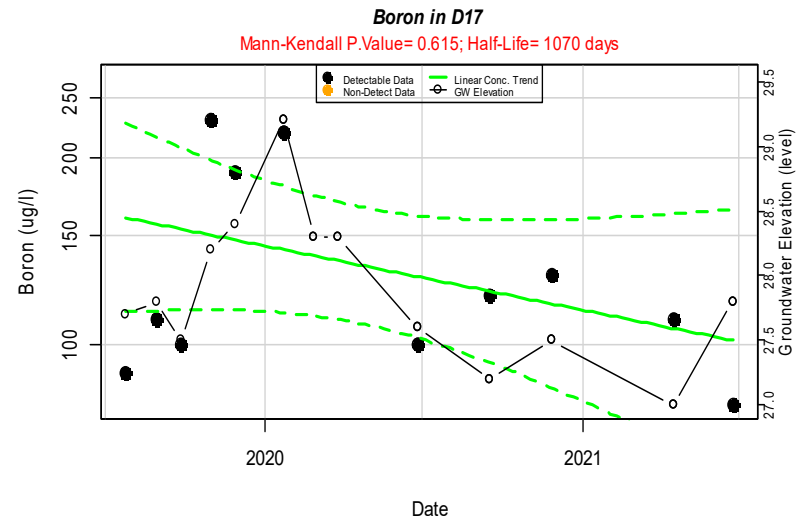
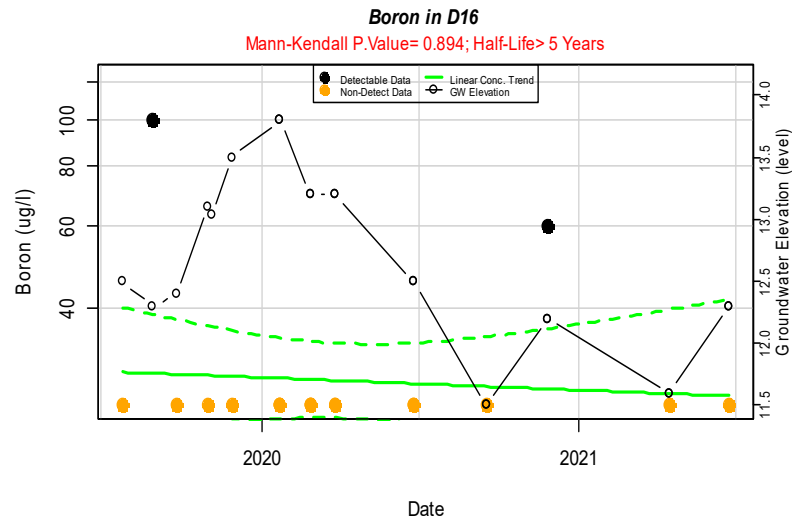
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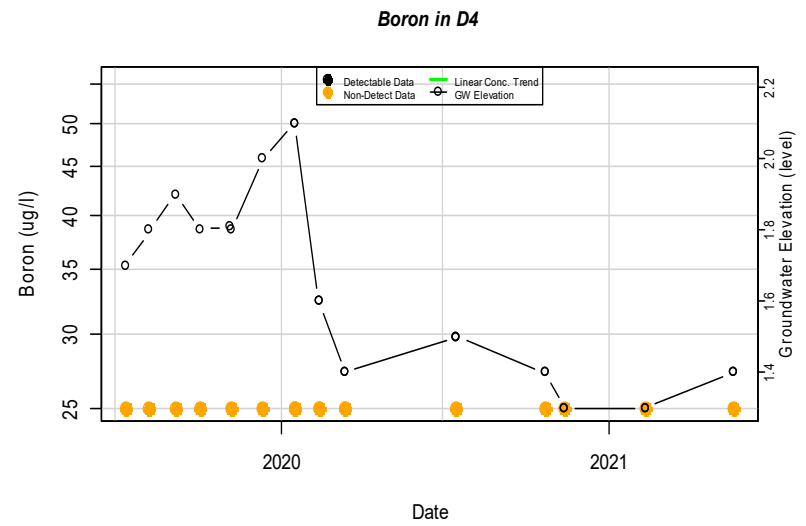
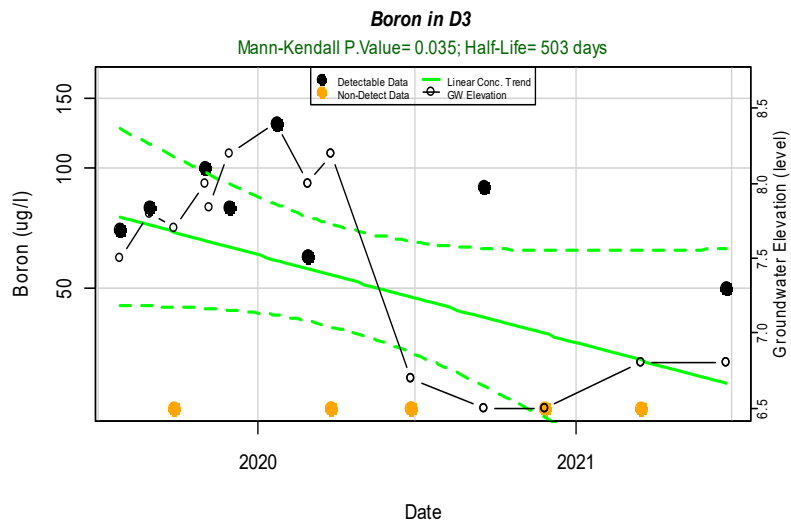
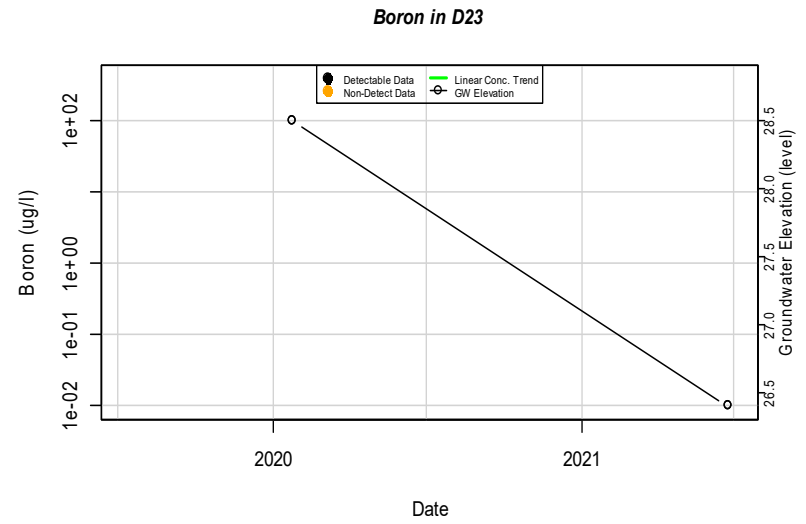
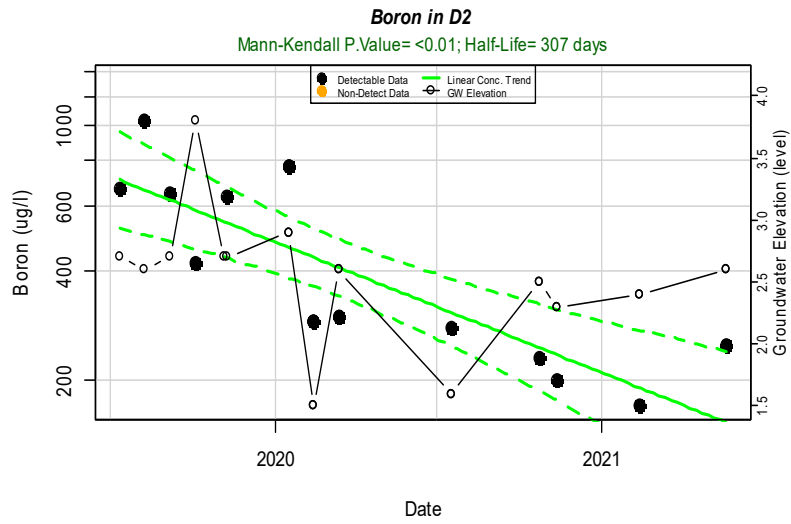


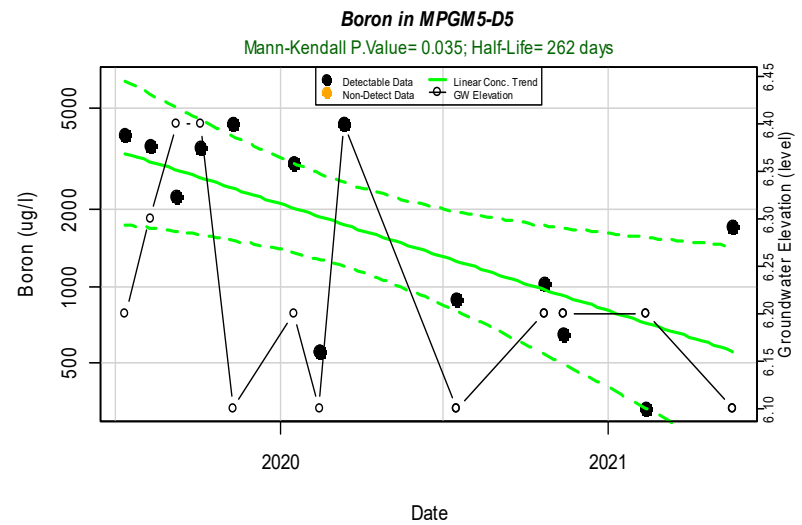
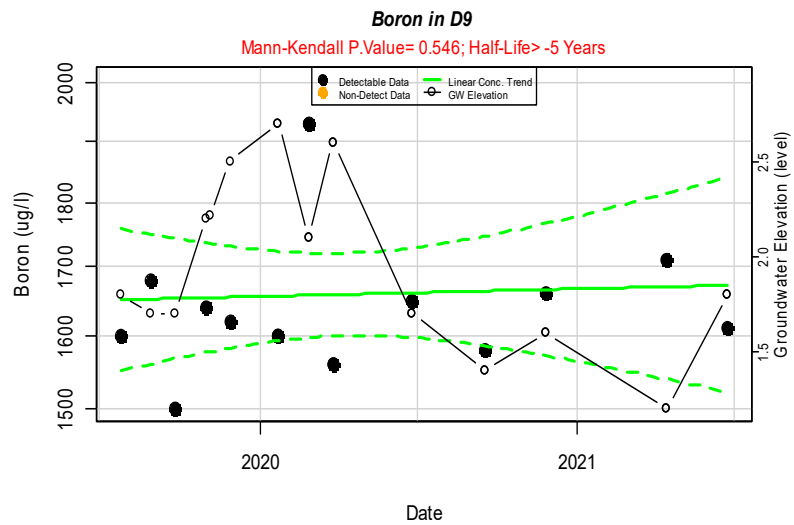
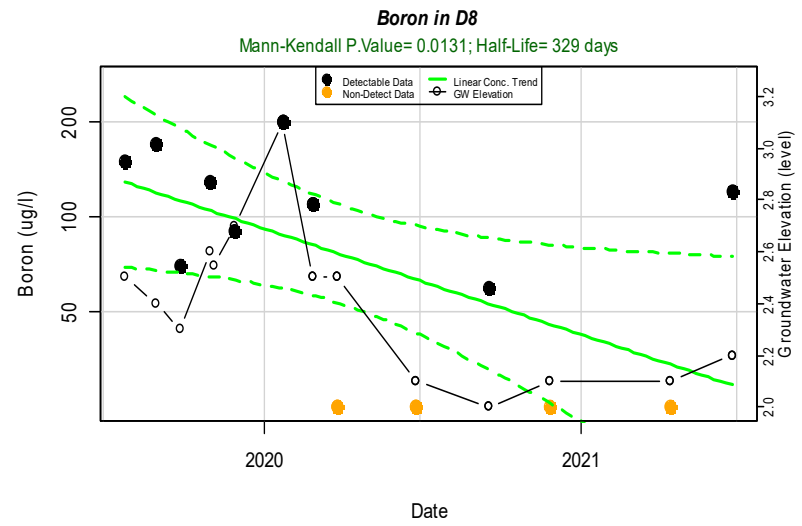
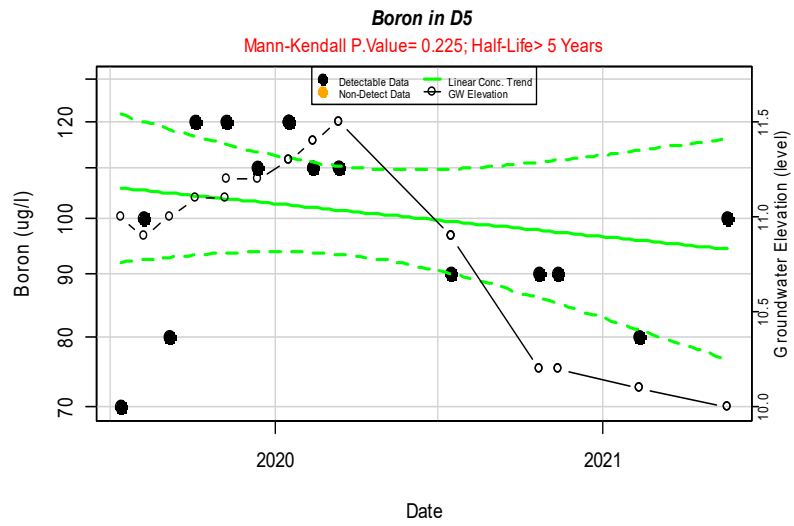


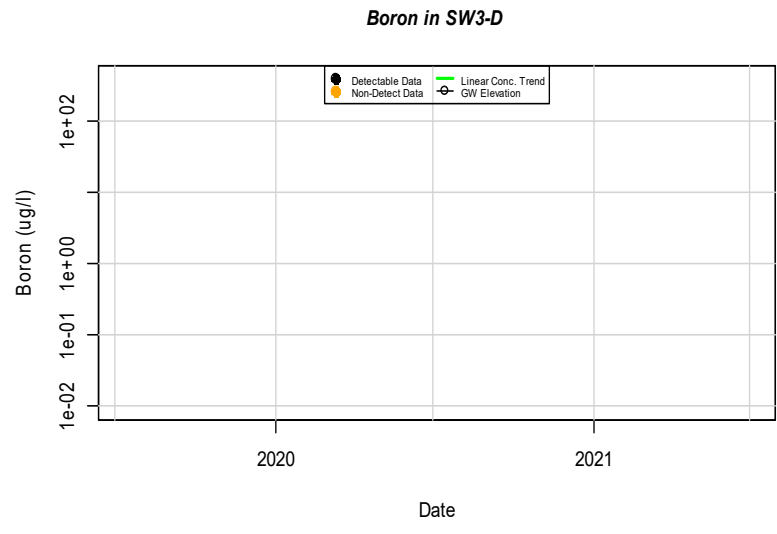
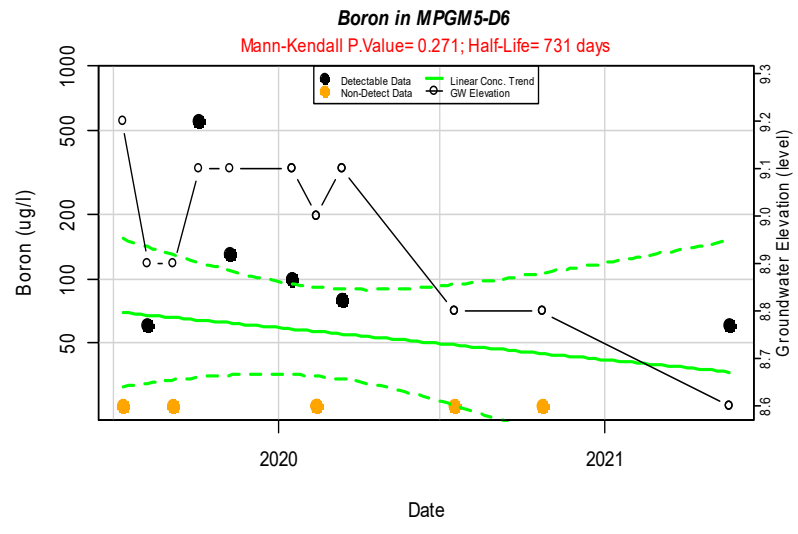




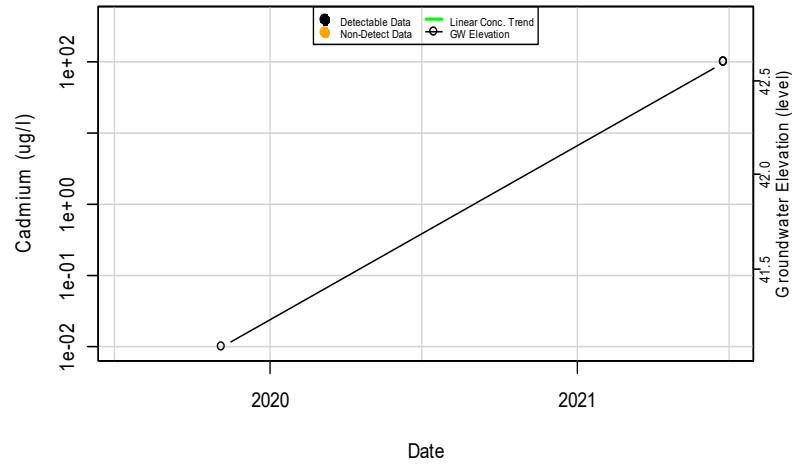




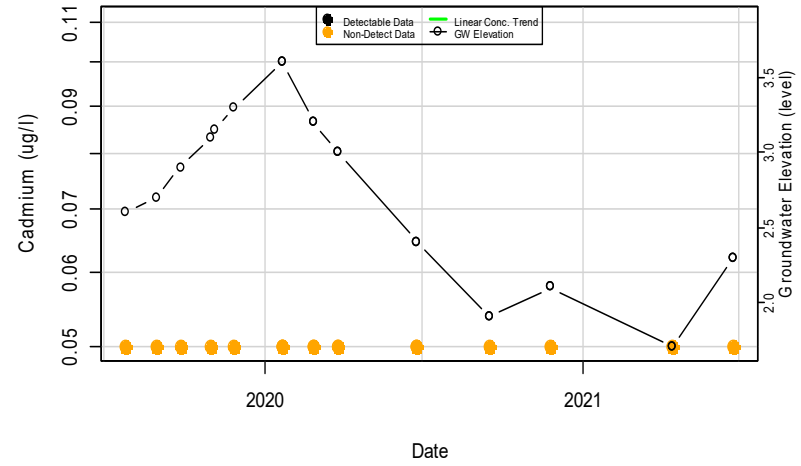




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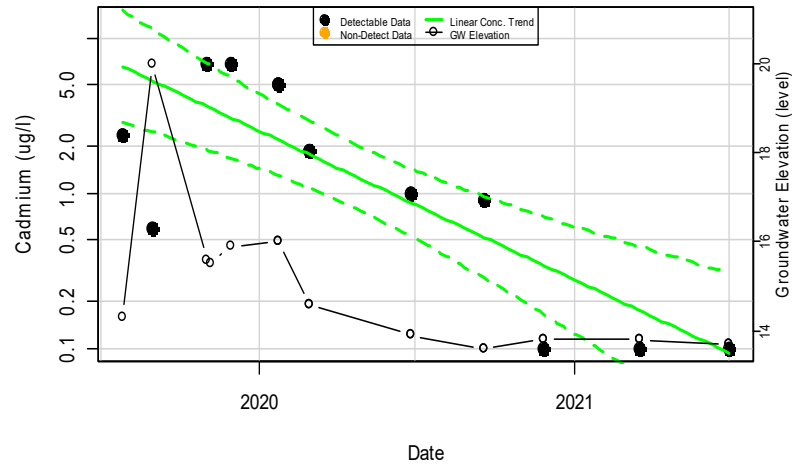


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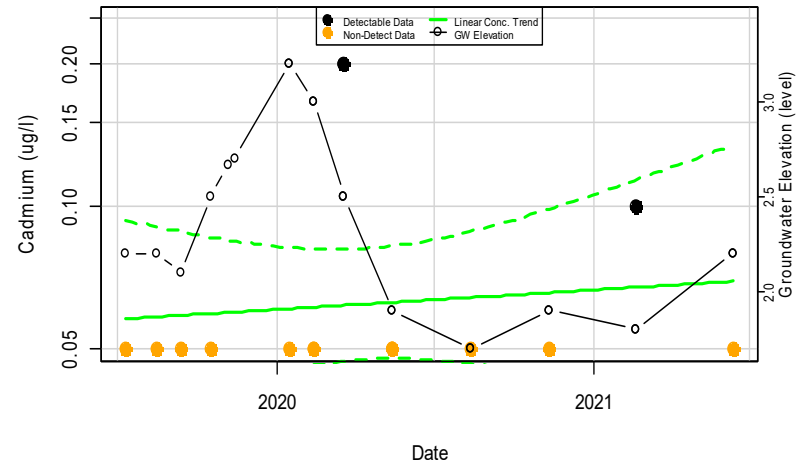
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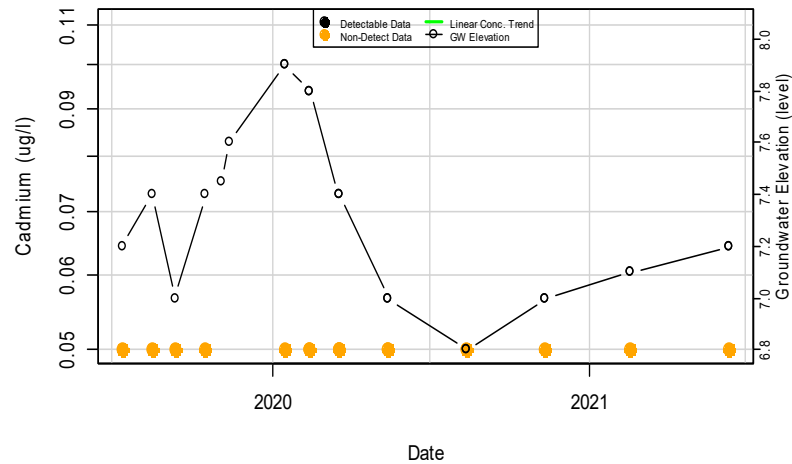


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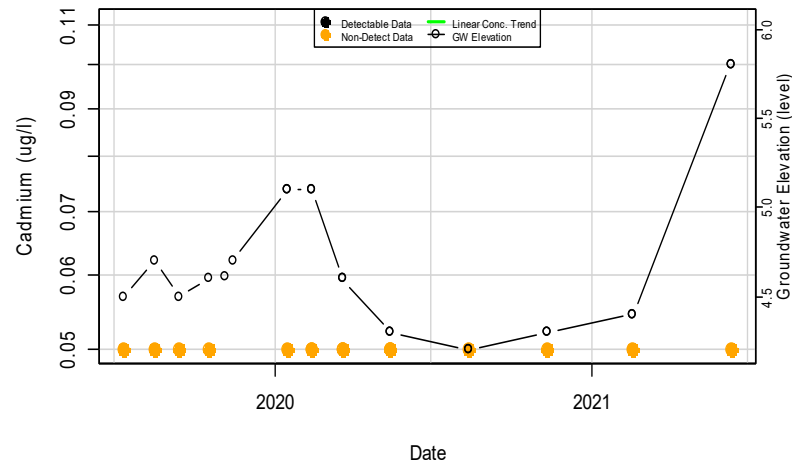
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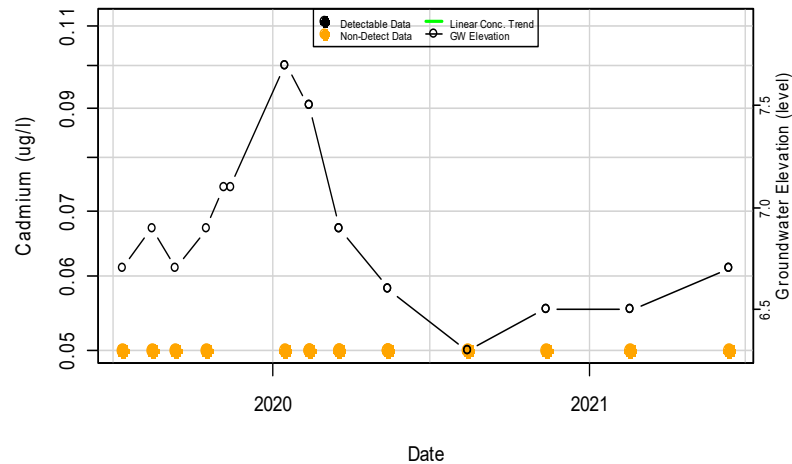
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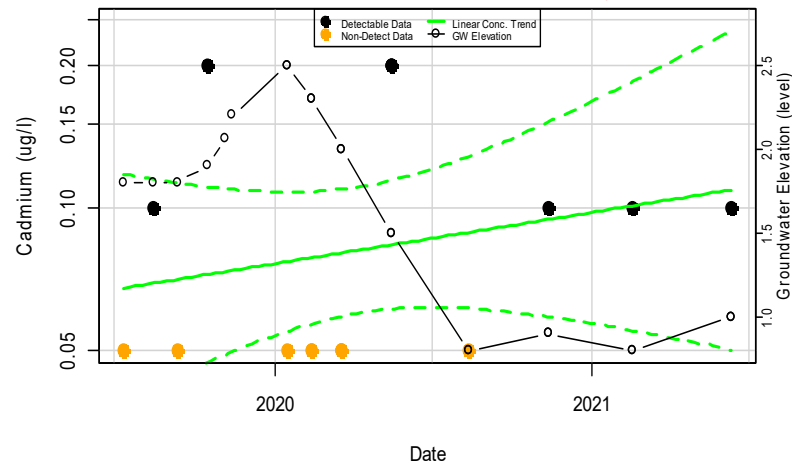


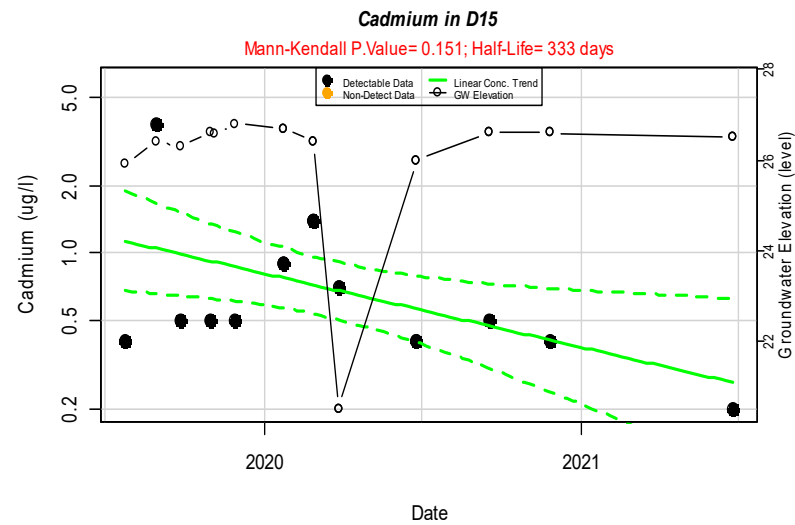
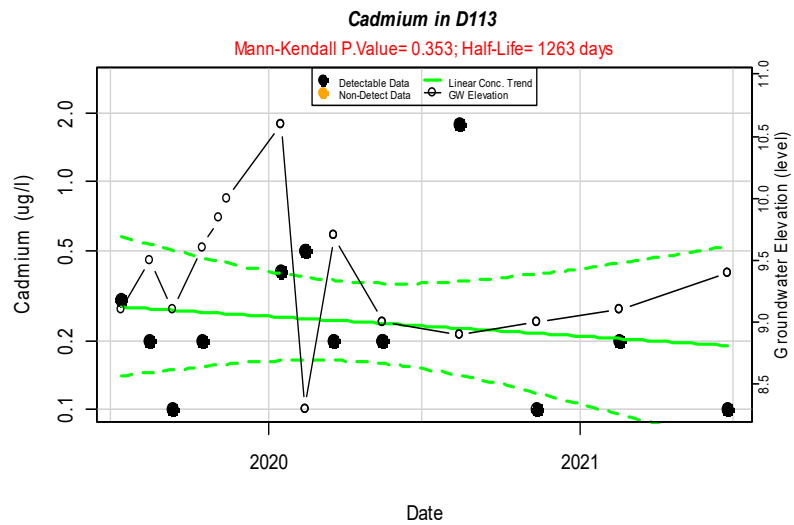
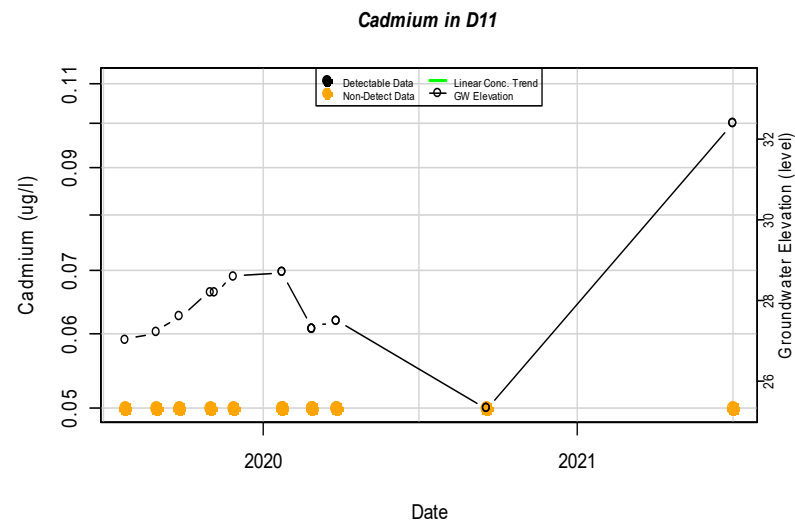
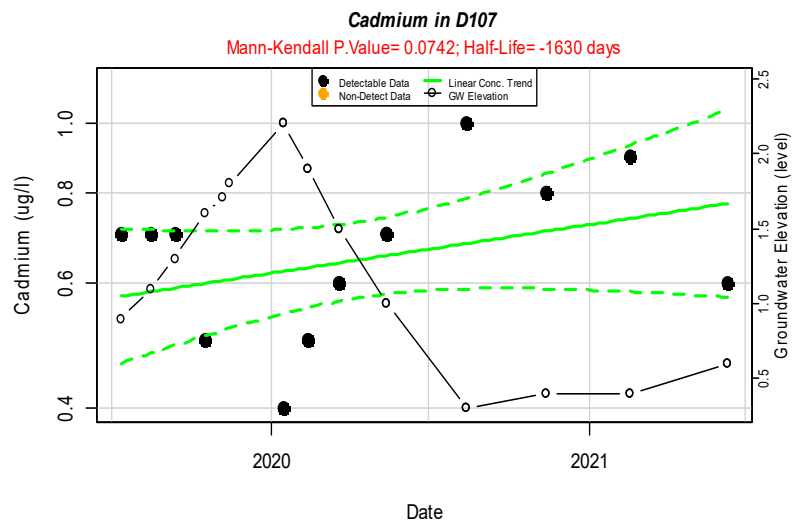
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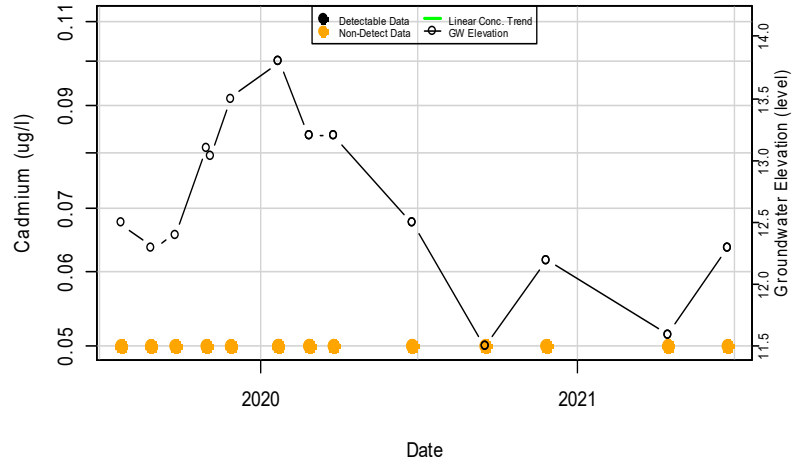
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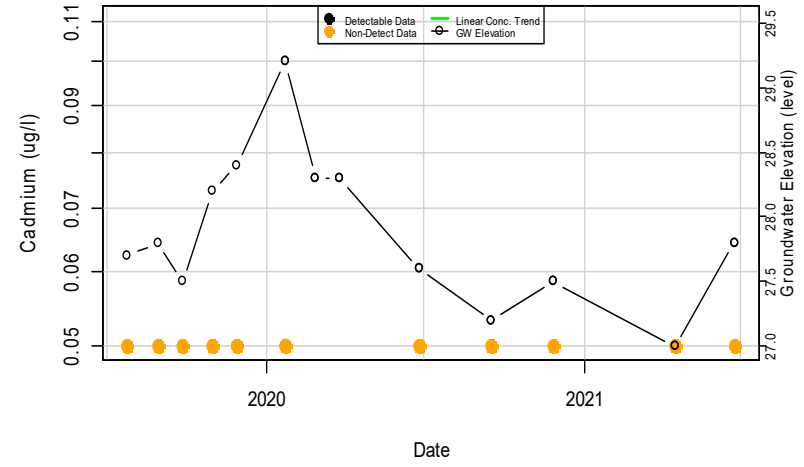




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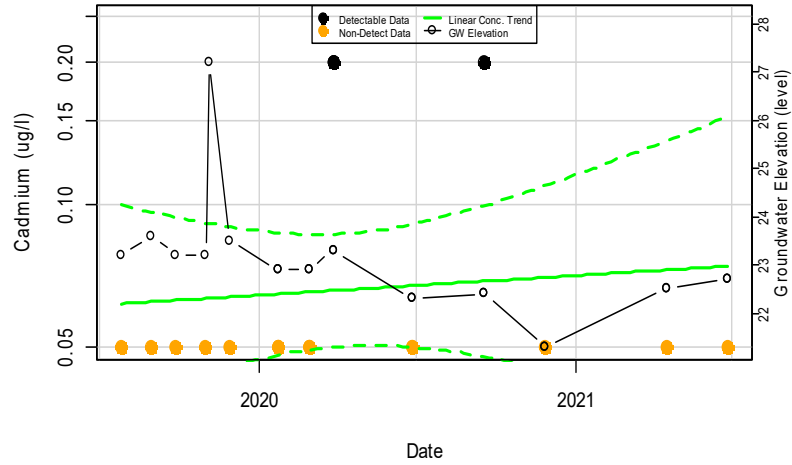


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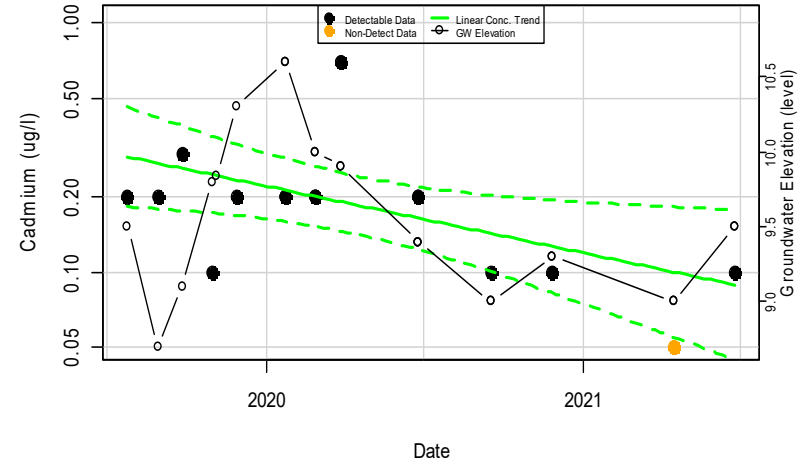
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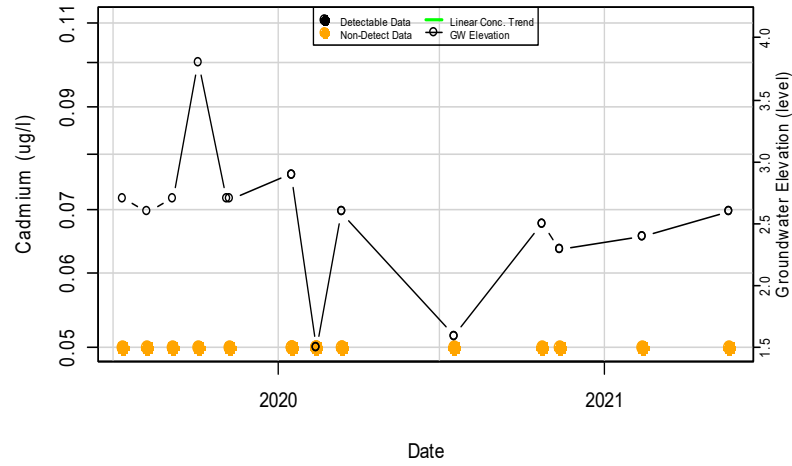


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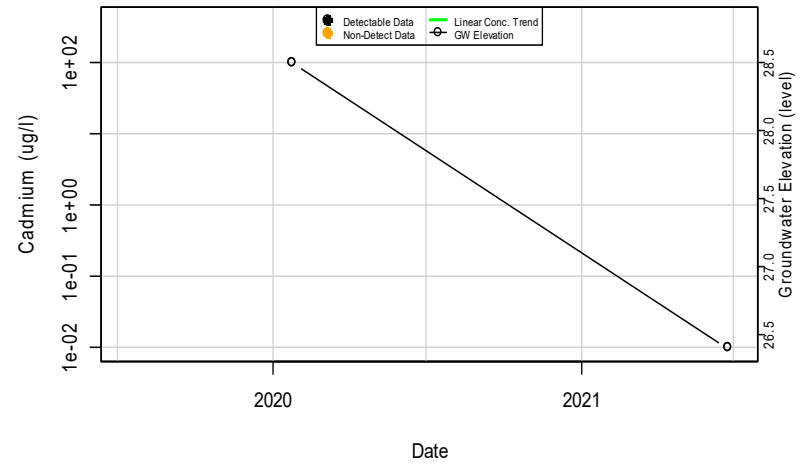
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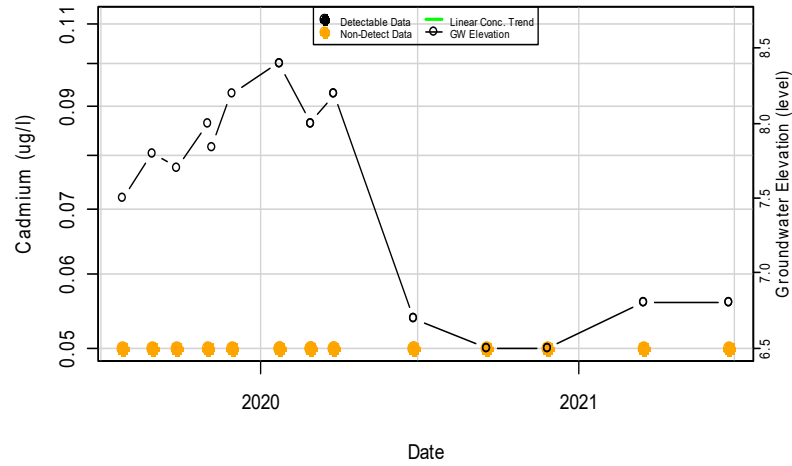
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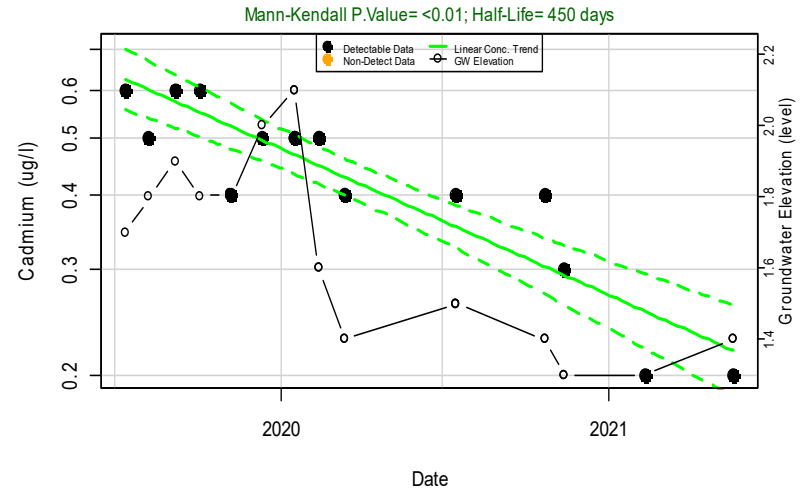
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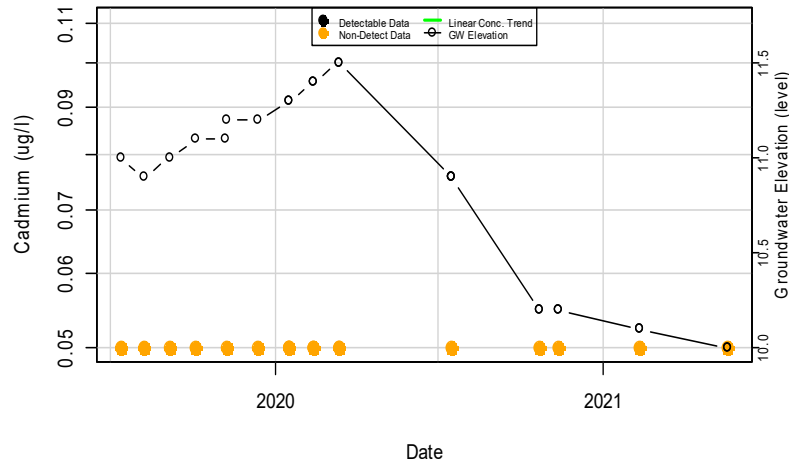
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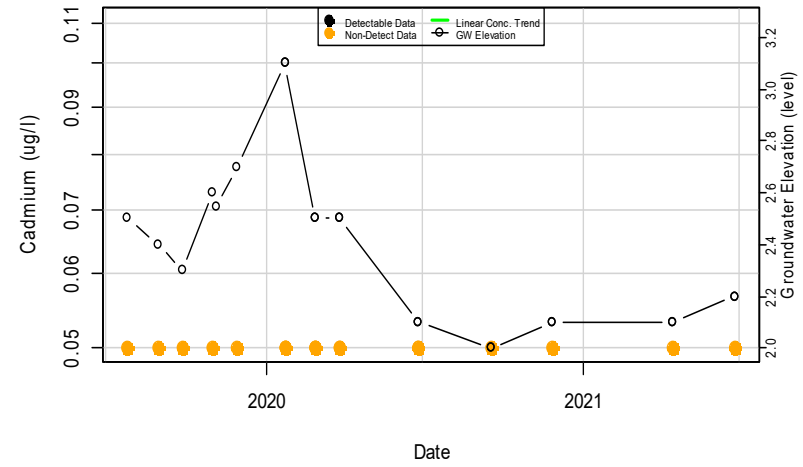
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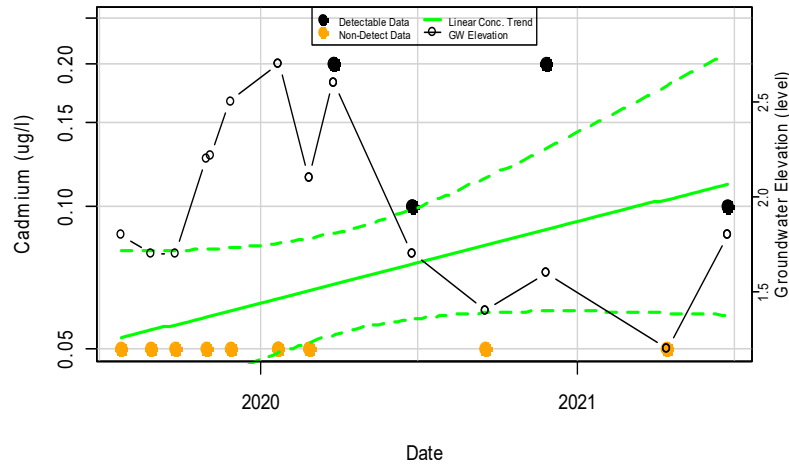


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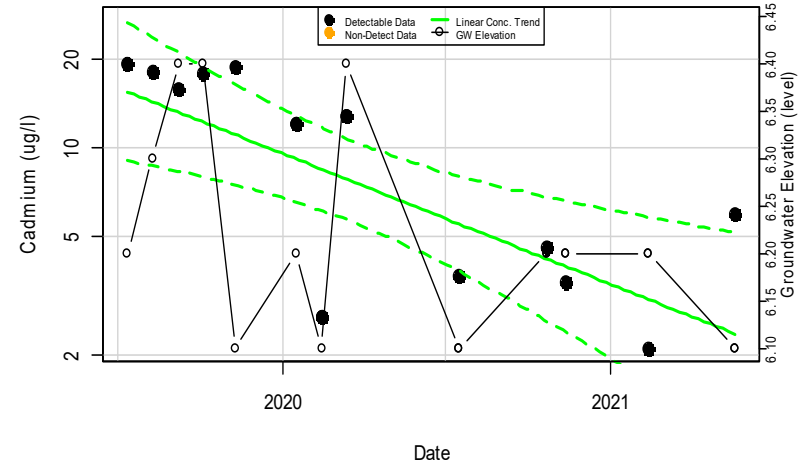
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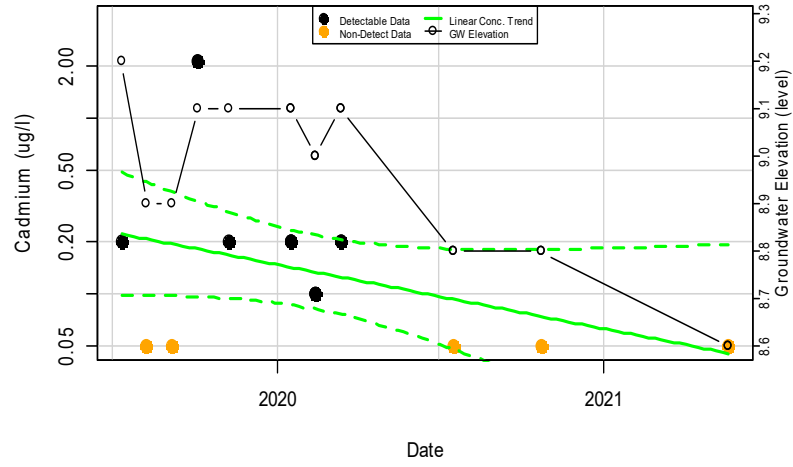
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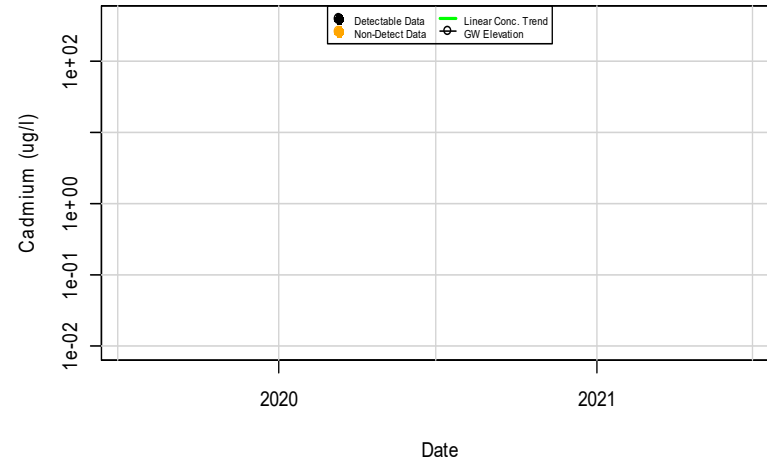


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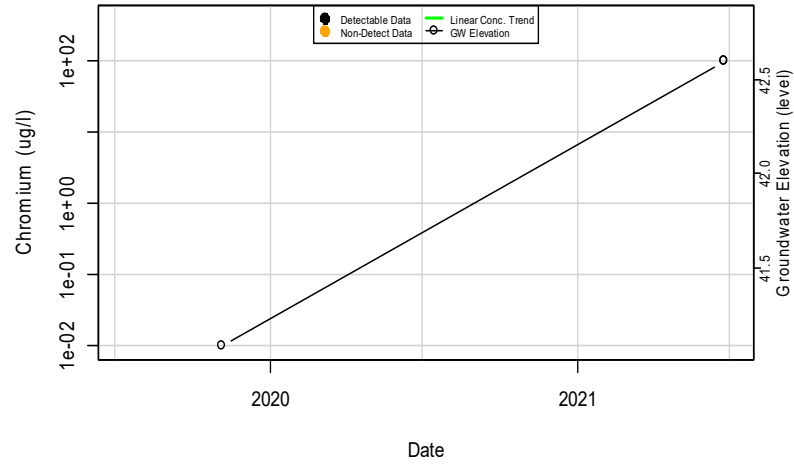
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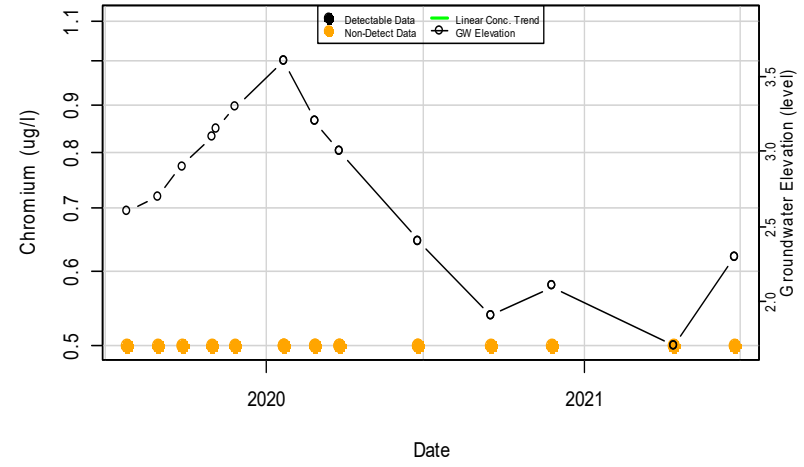
Cadmium in SW3-D



Chromium in B5

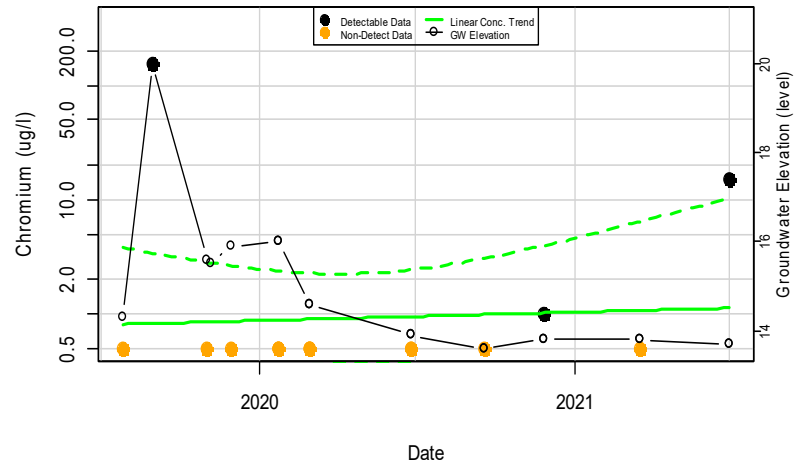


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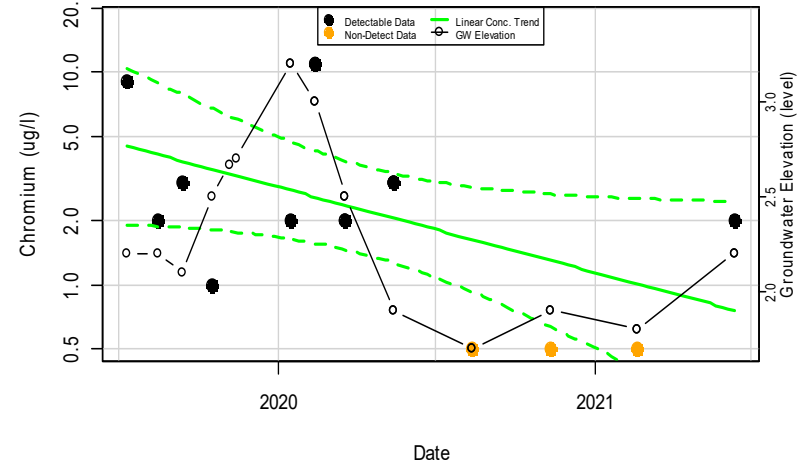
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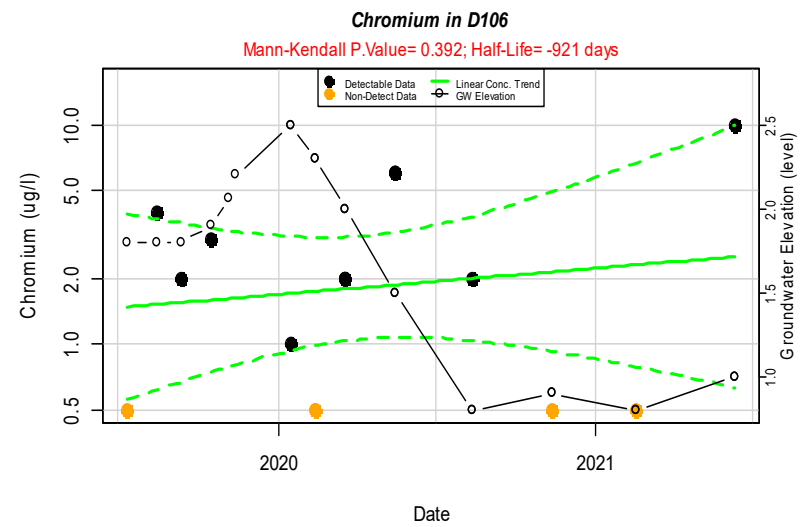
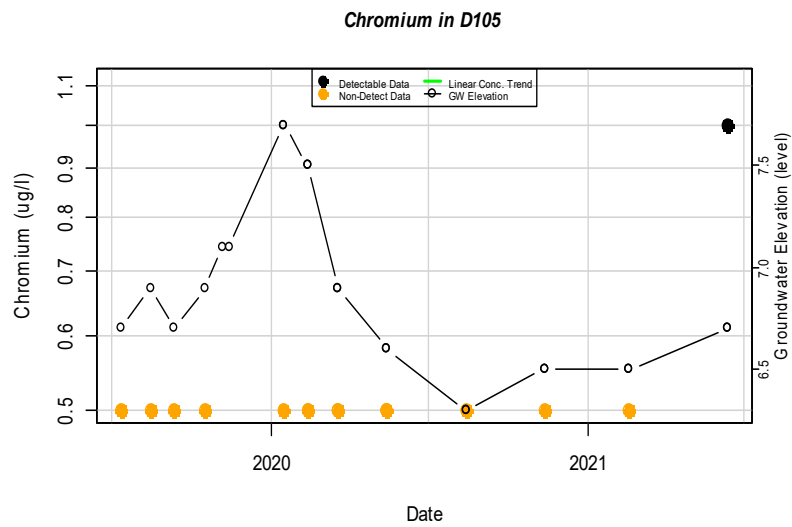
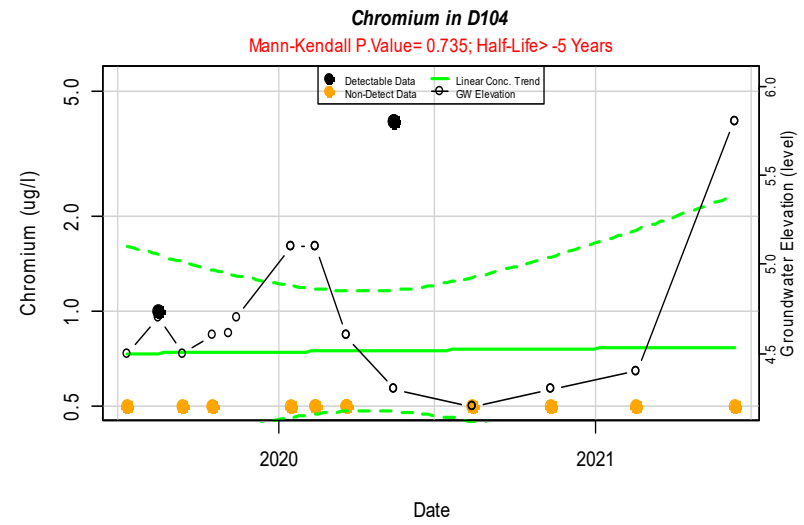
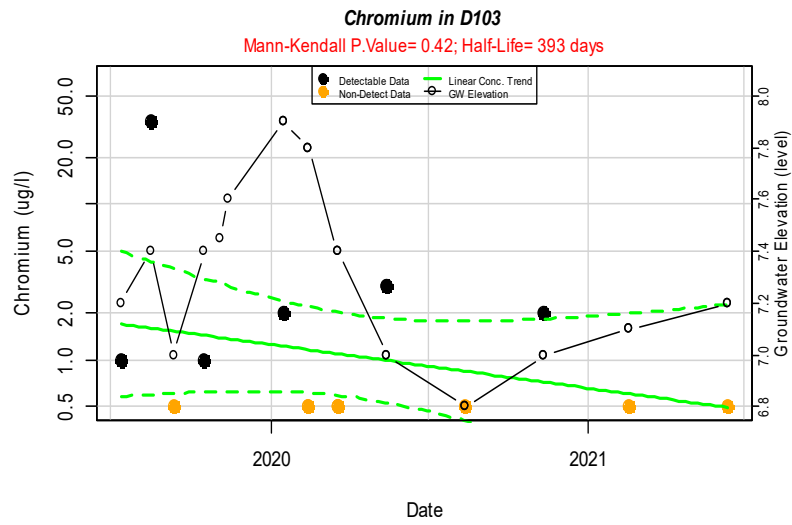
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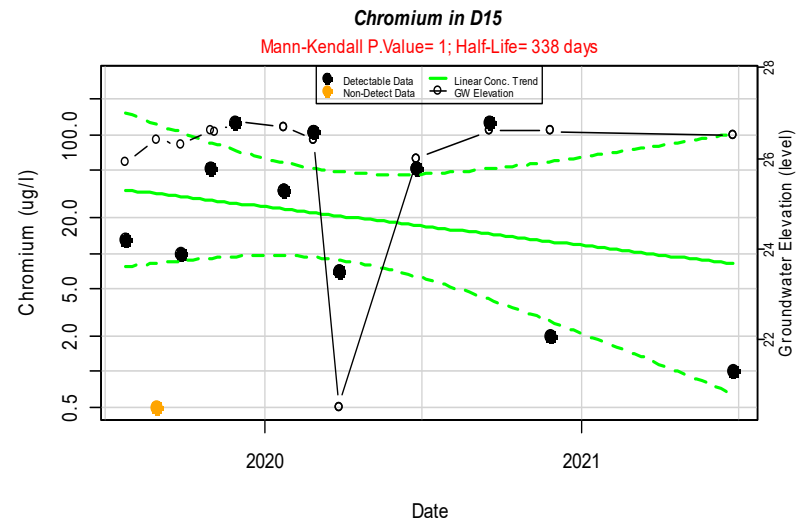
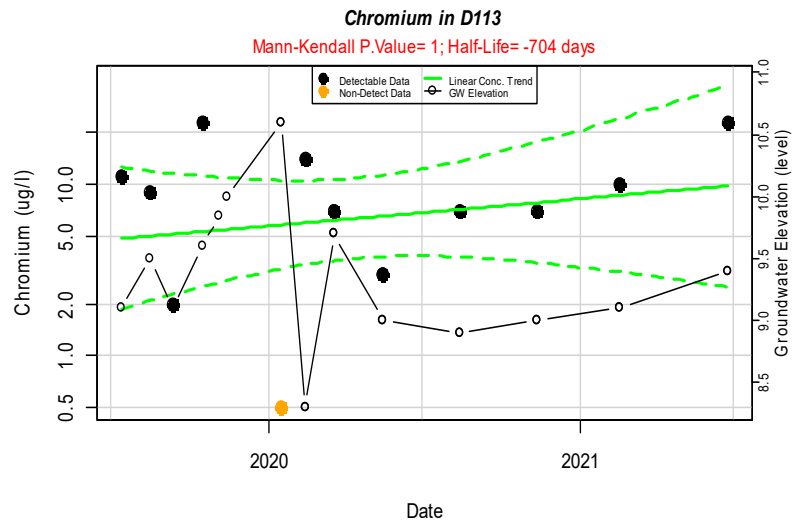
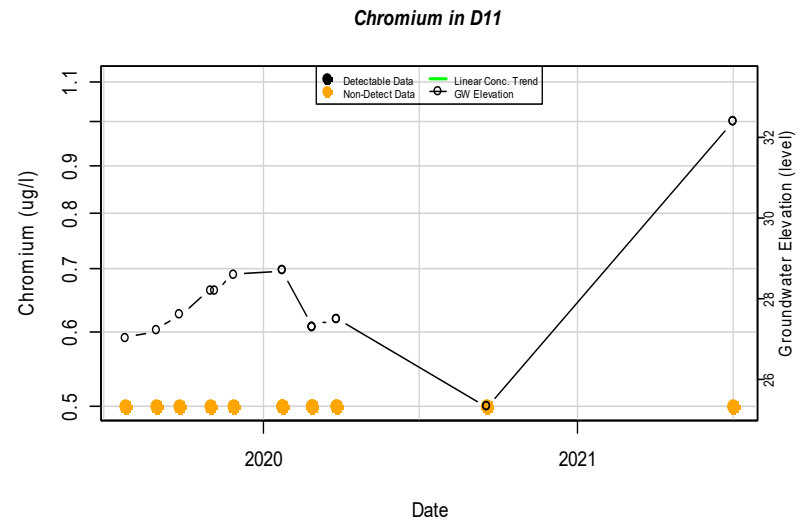
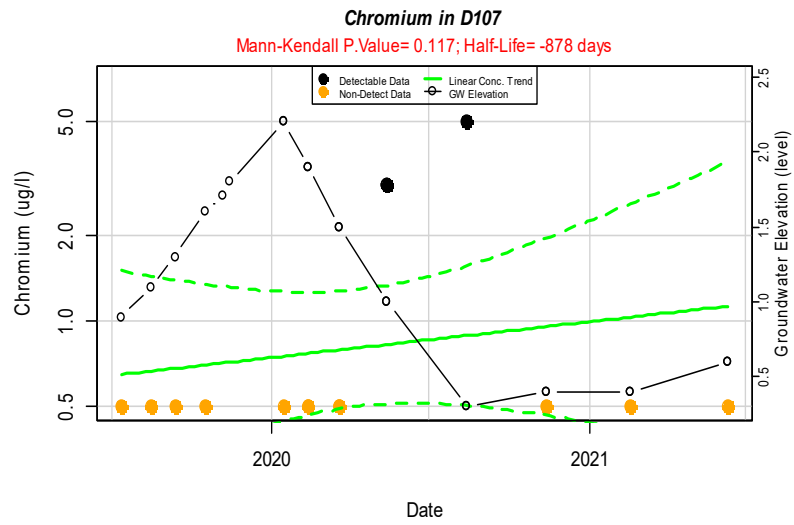


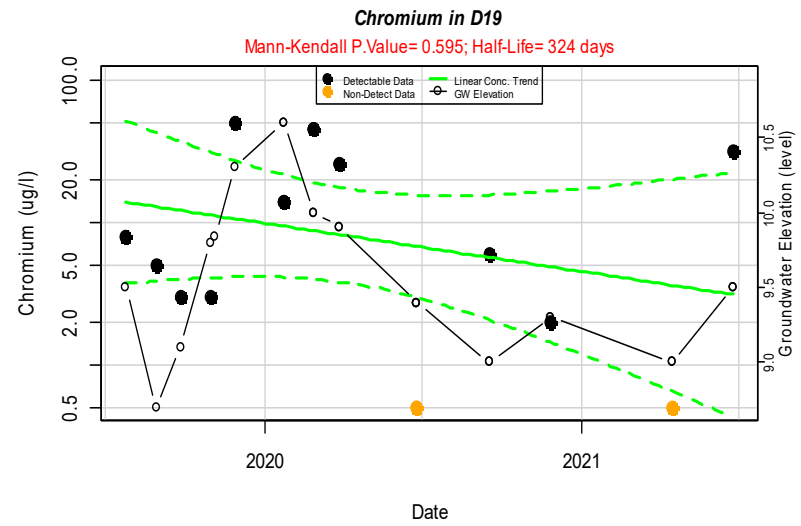
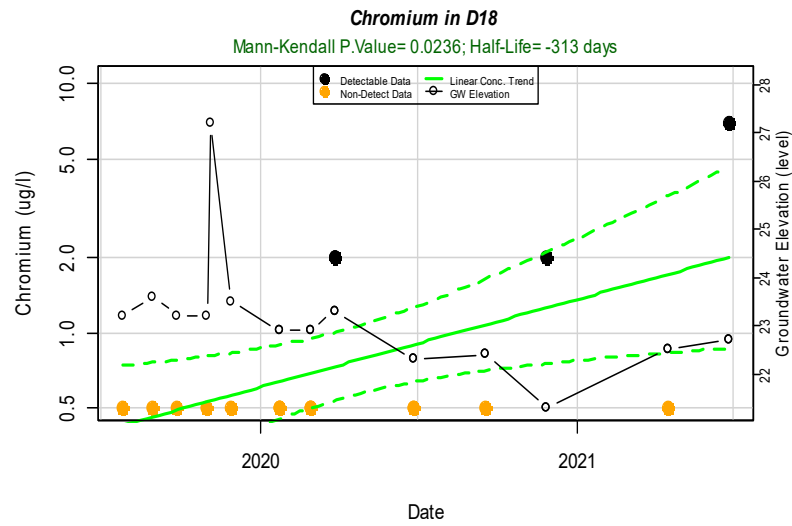
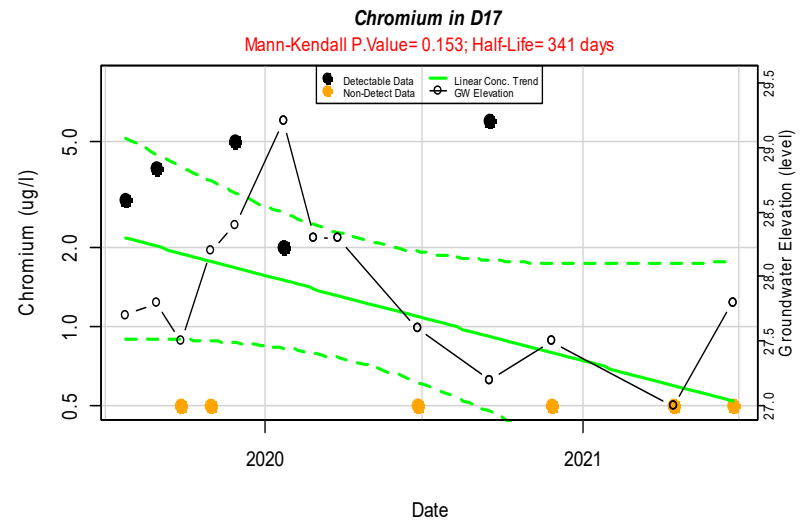
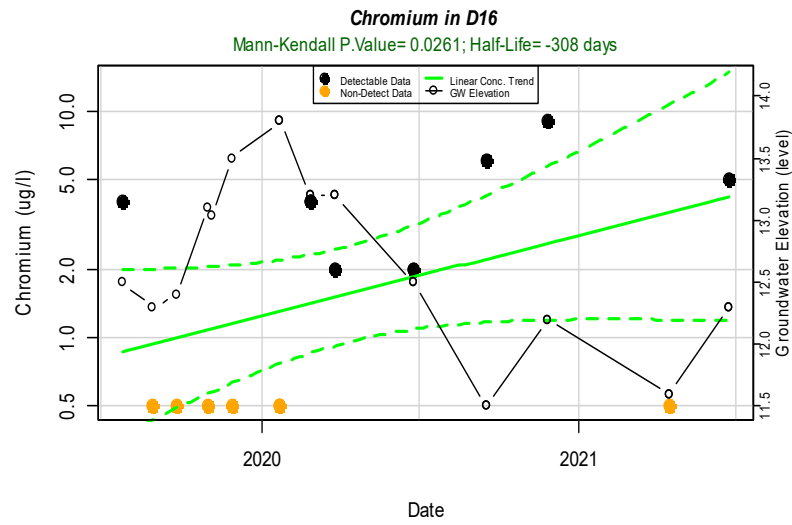
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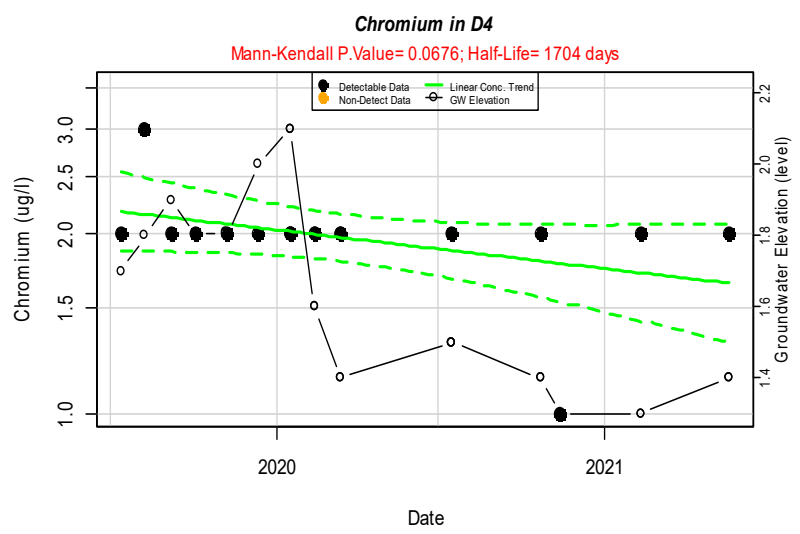
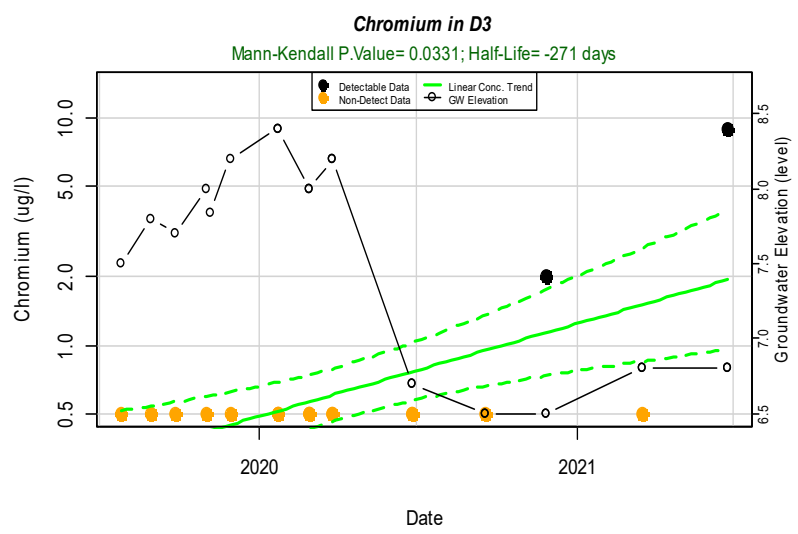
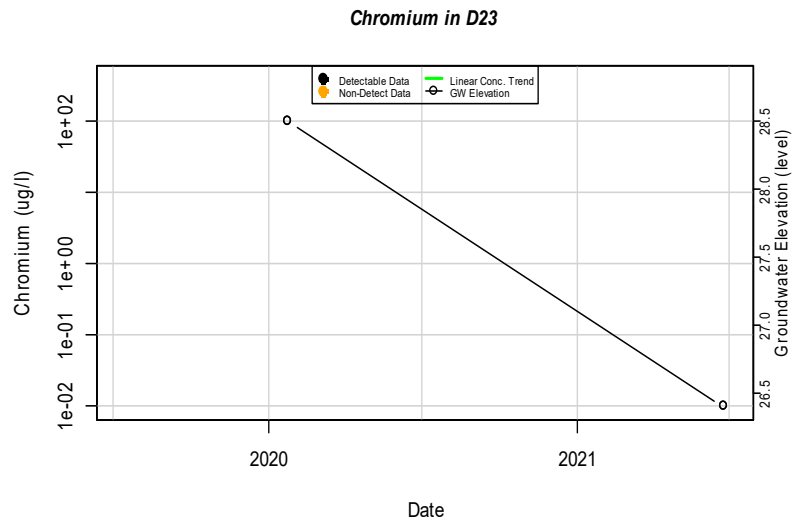
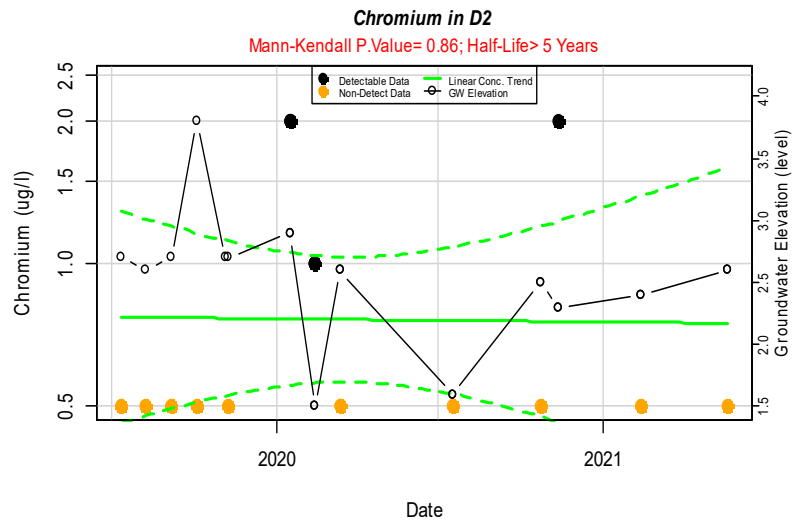
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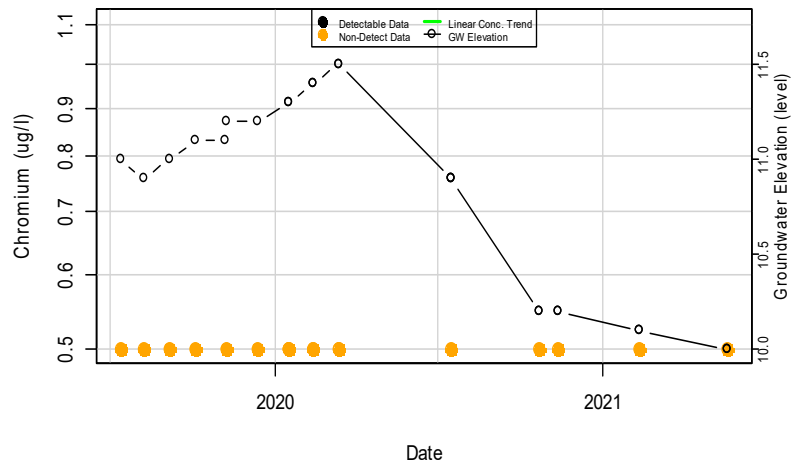




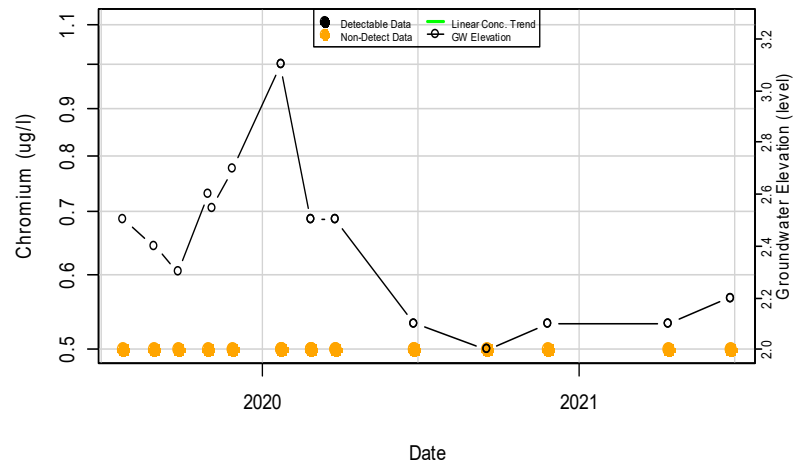




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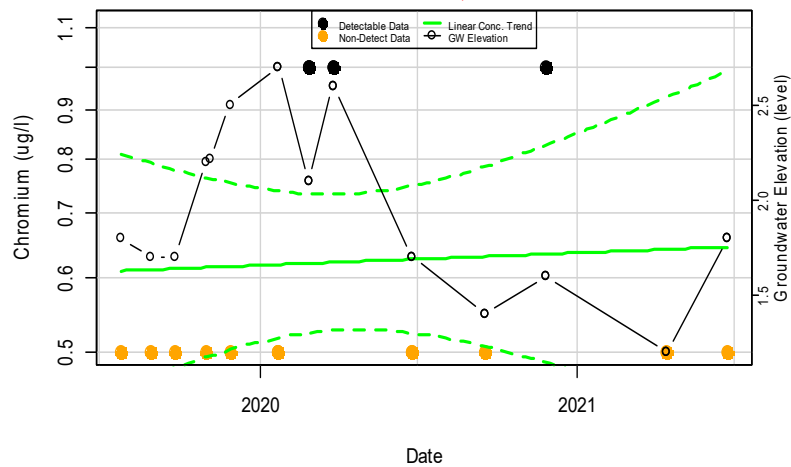


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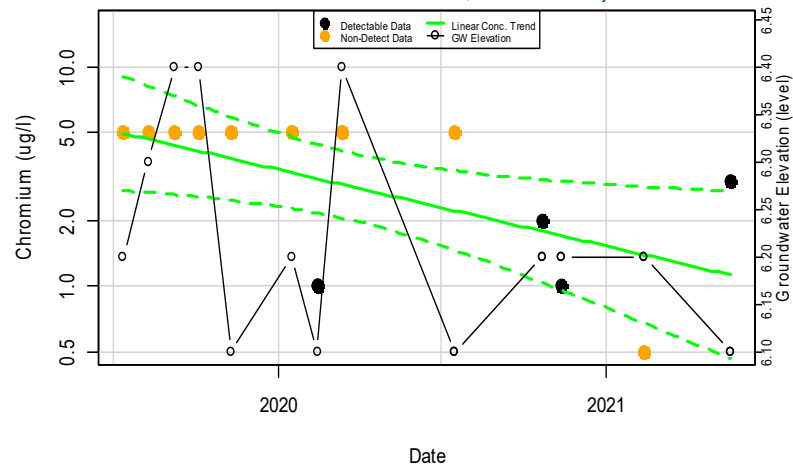
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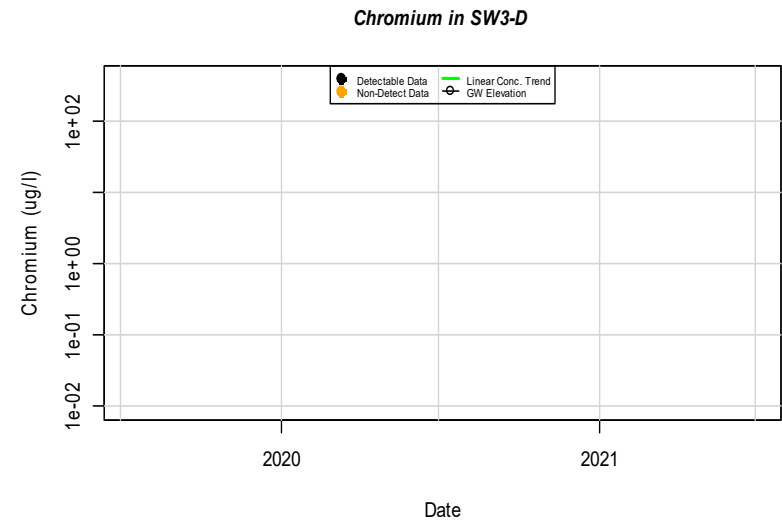
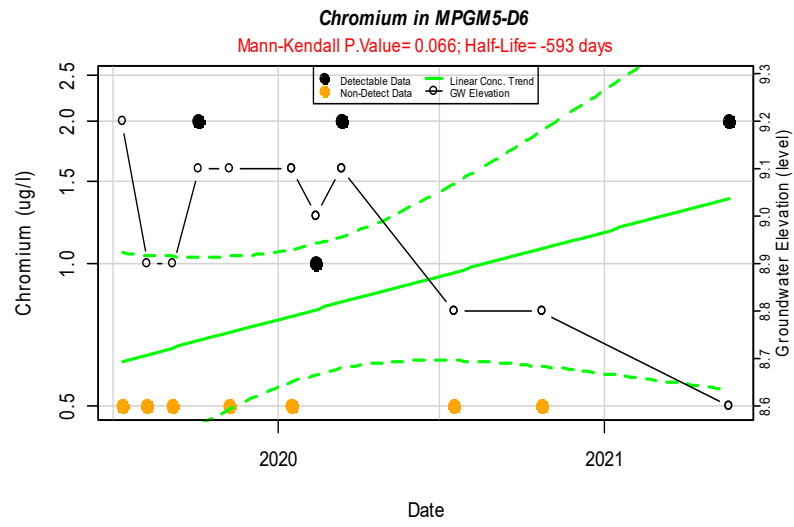
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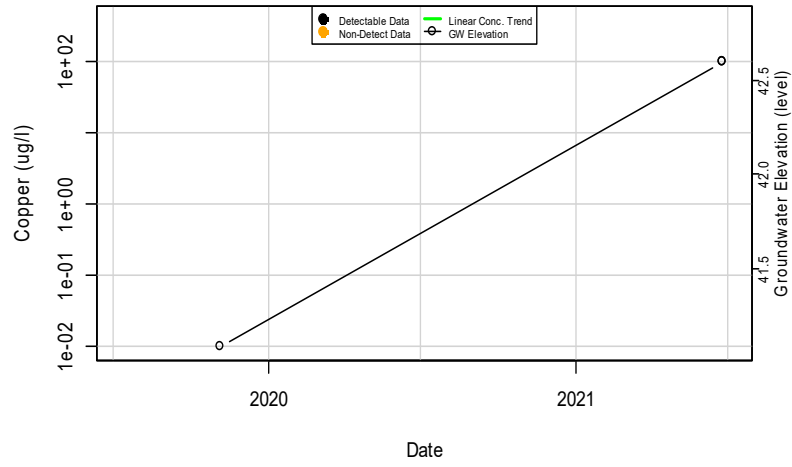
Chromium in MPGM5-D5

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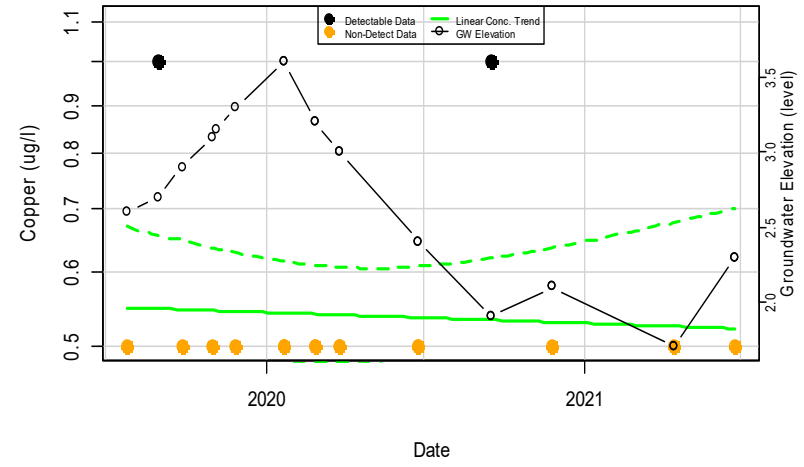


Copper in B5



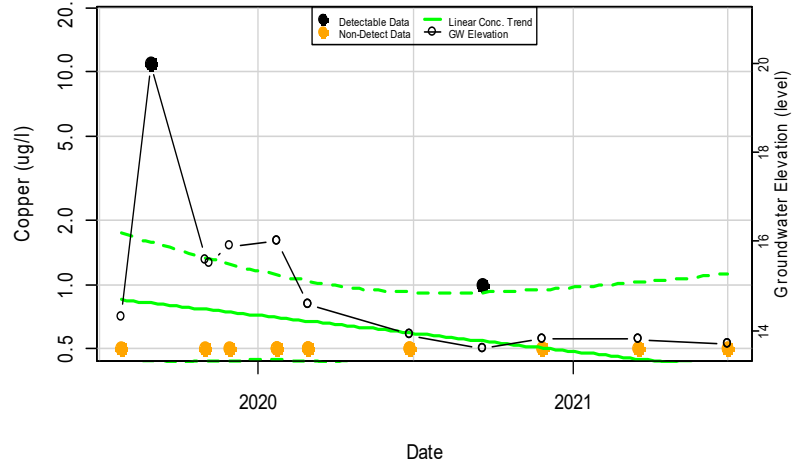
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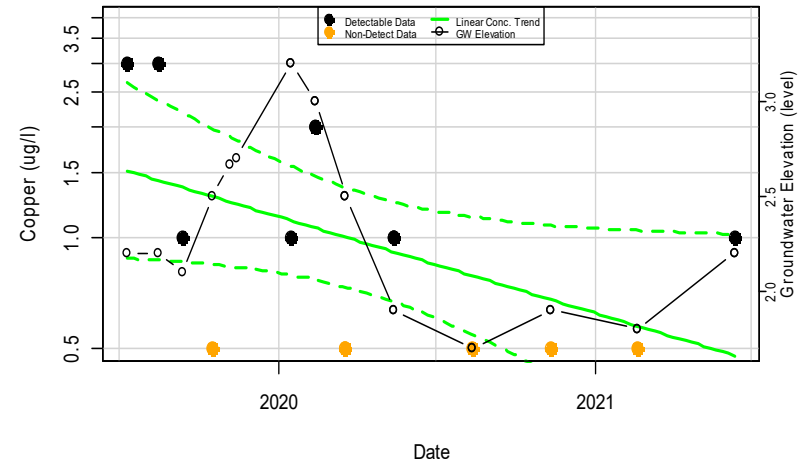
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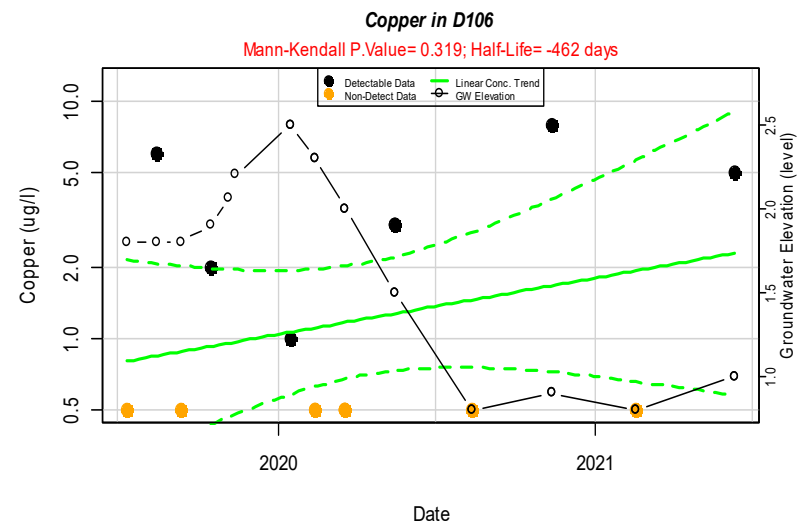
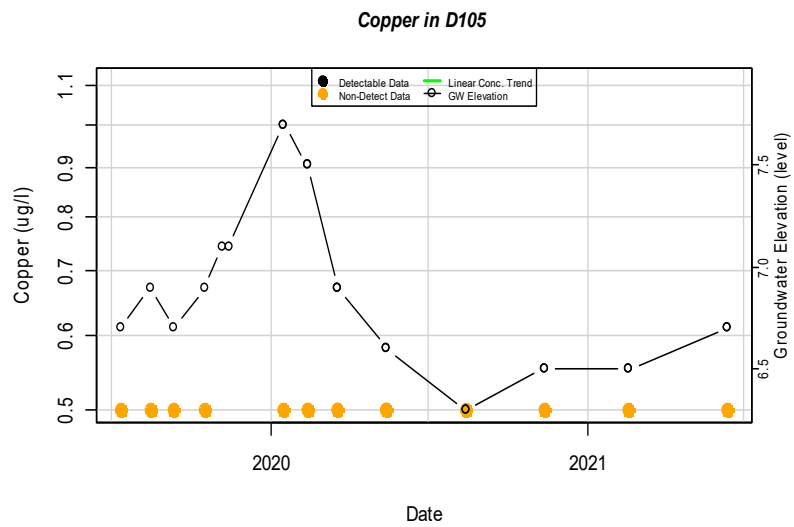
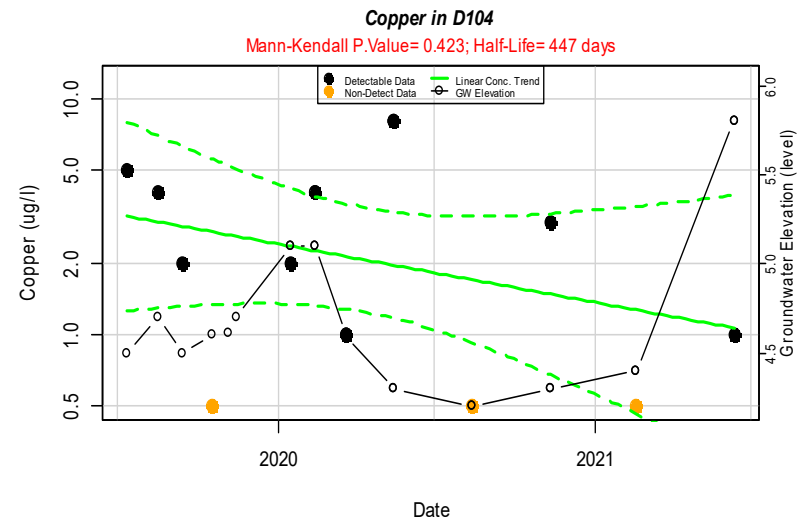
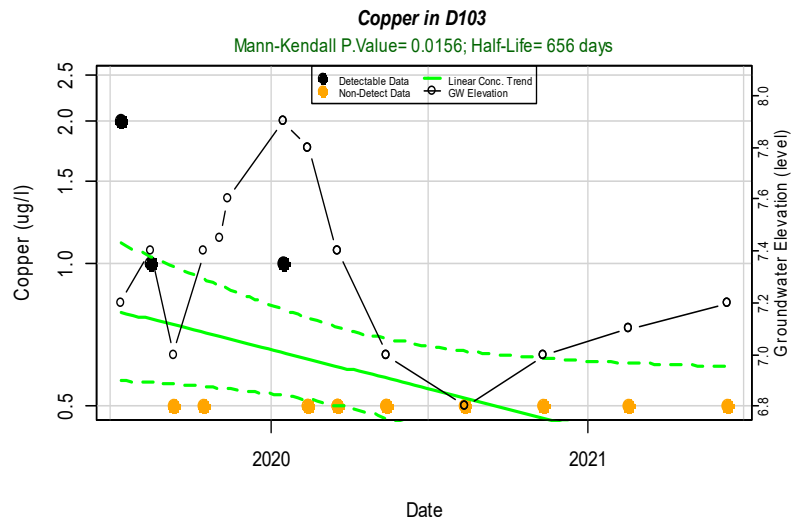
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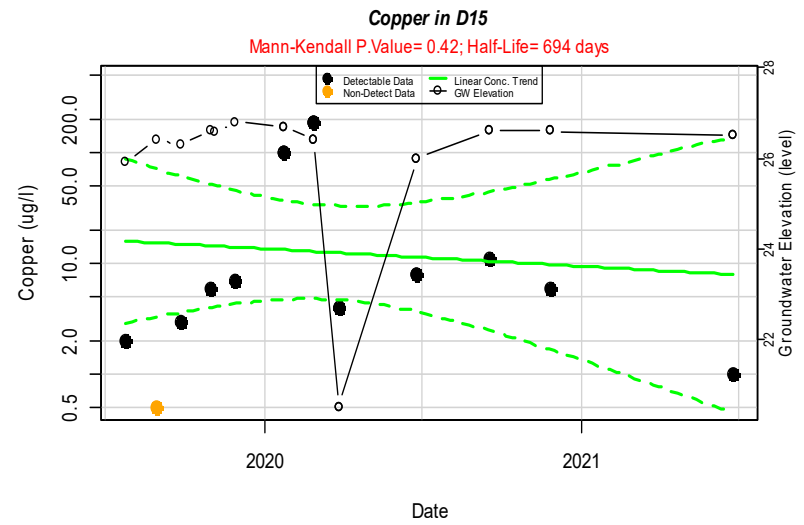
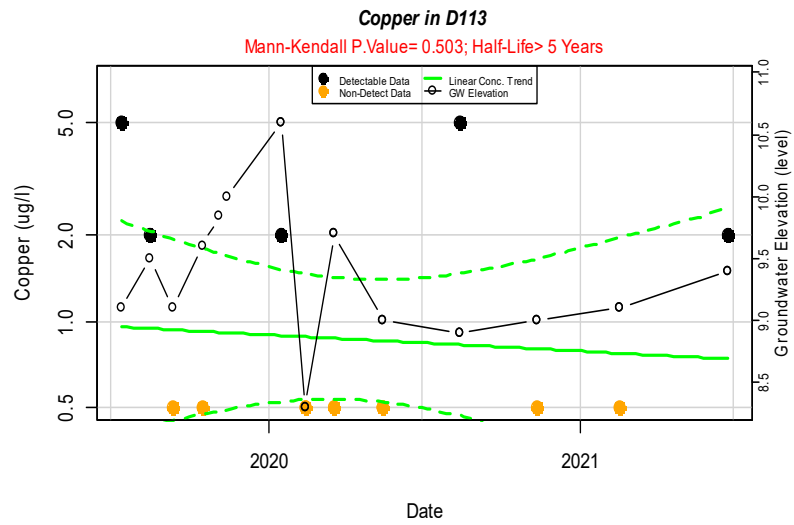
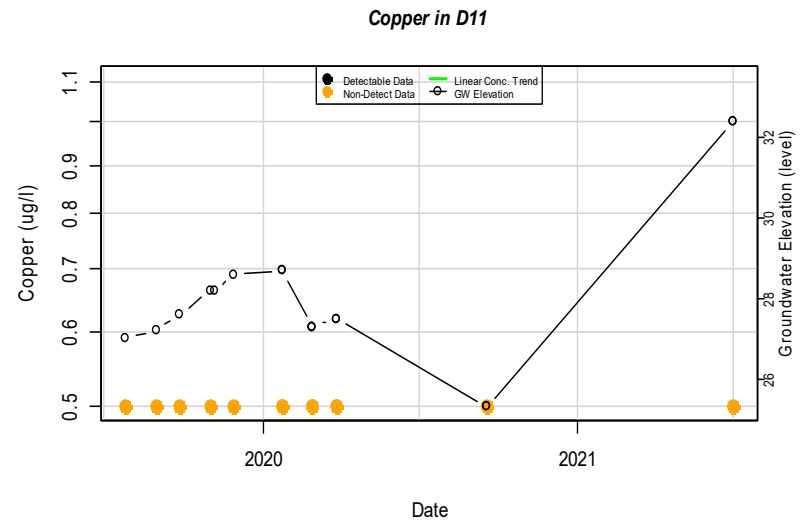
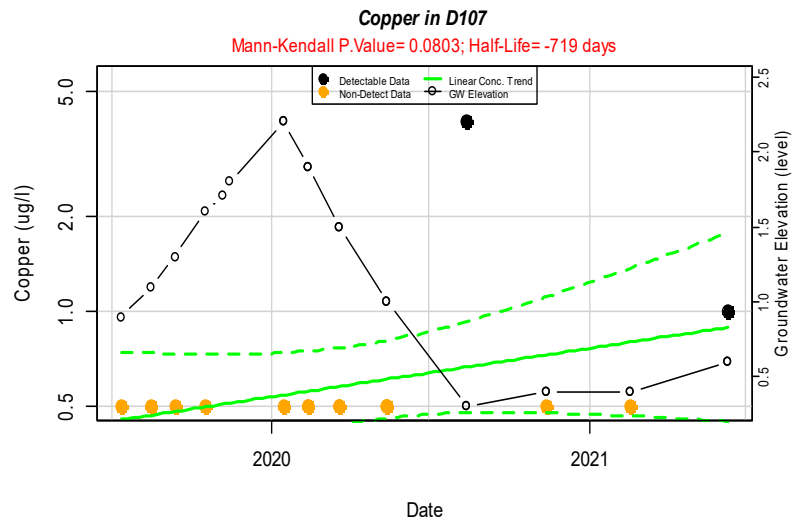


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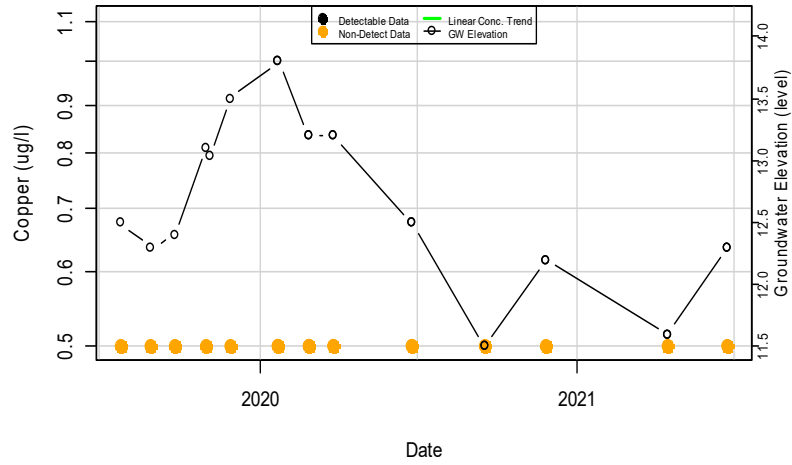
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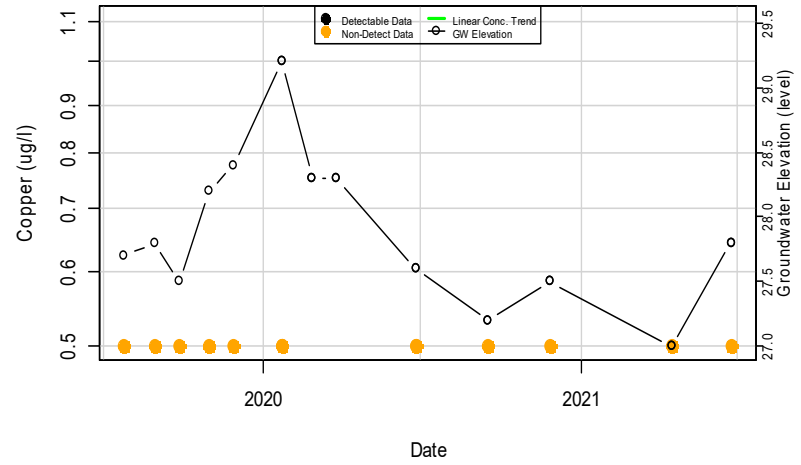




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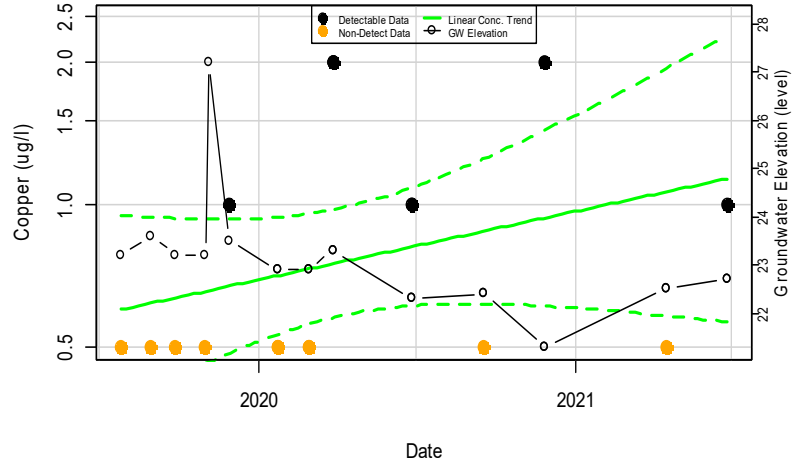


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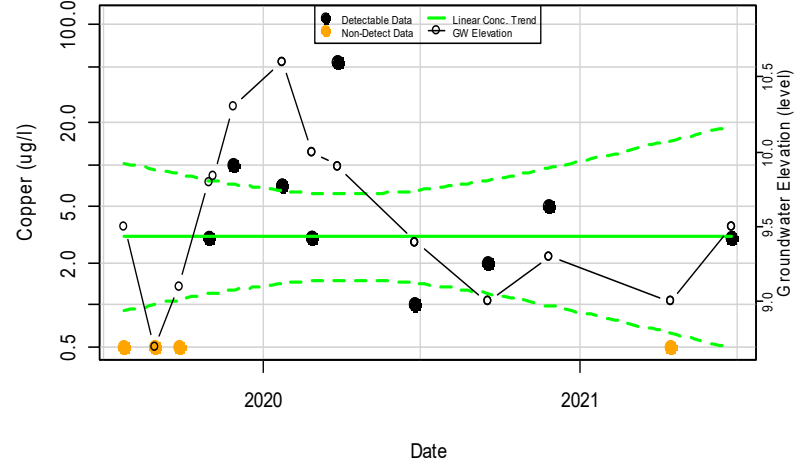
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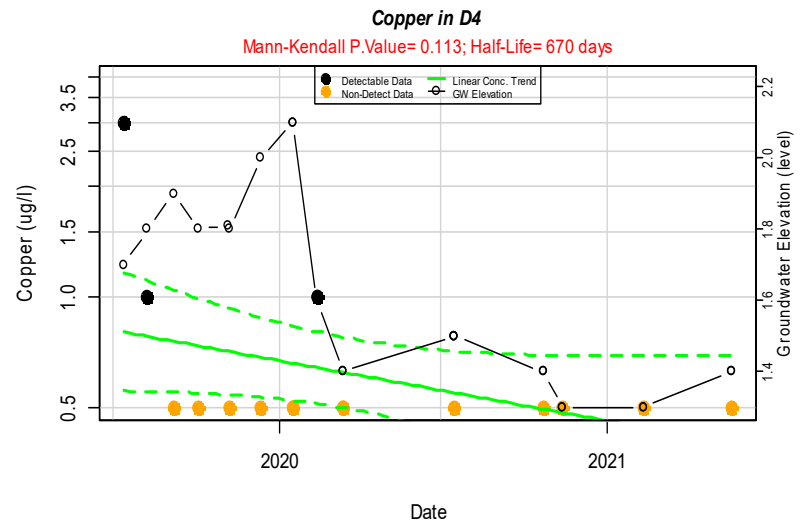
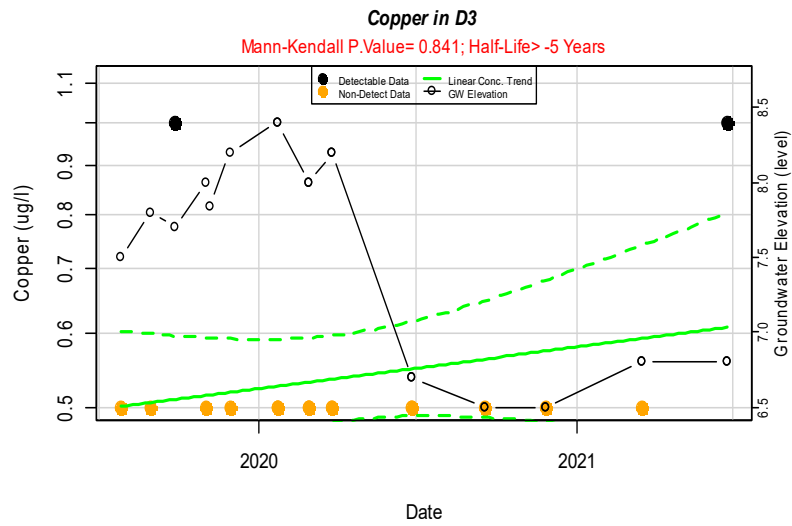
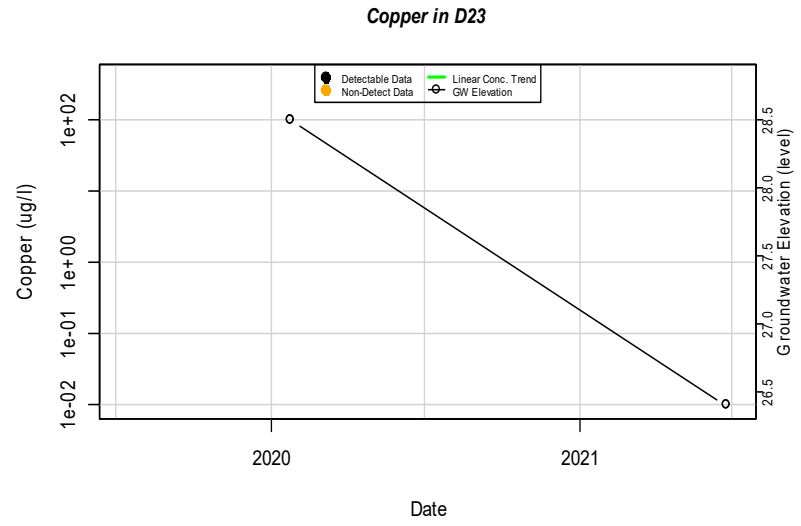
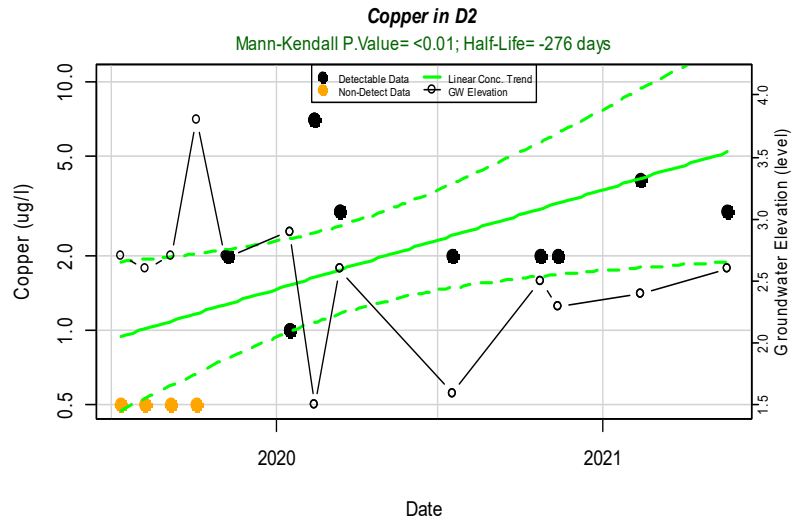
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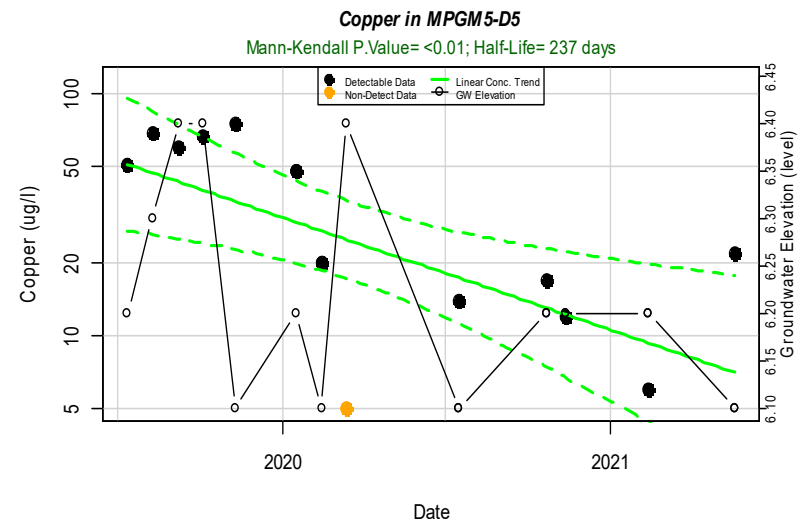
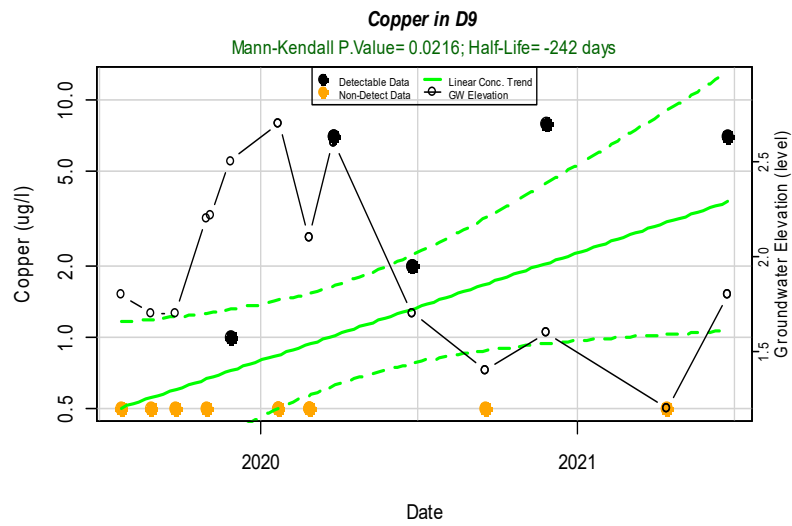
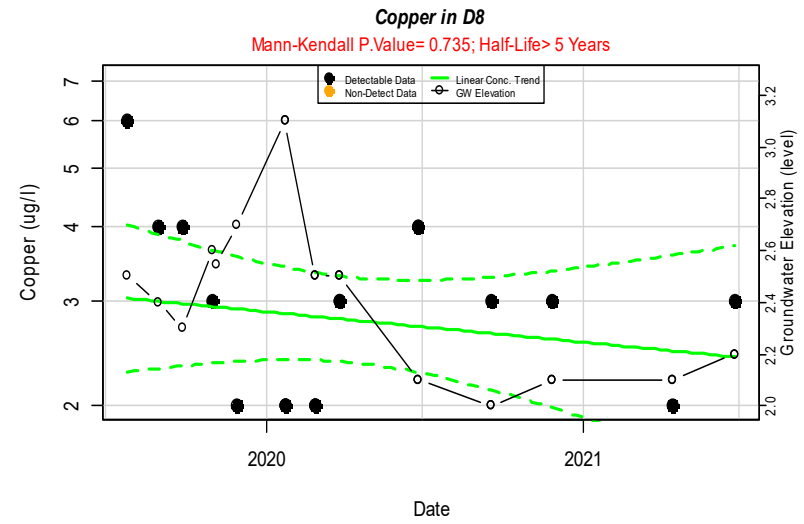
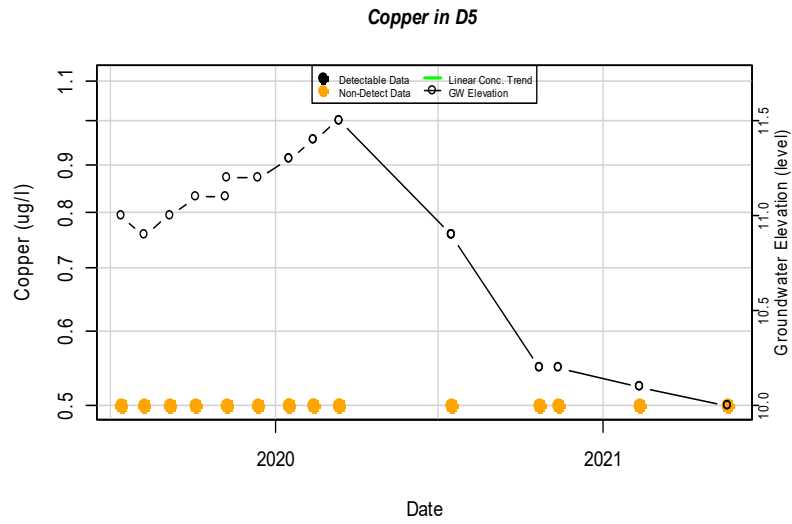


Copper in D19

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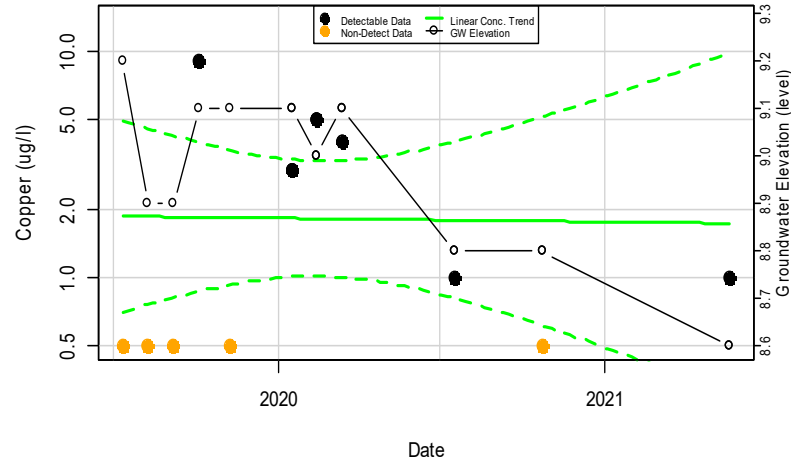




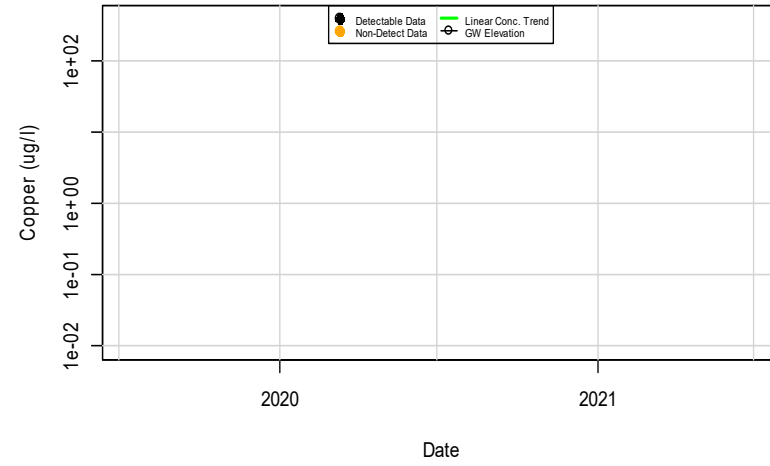


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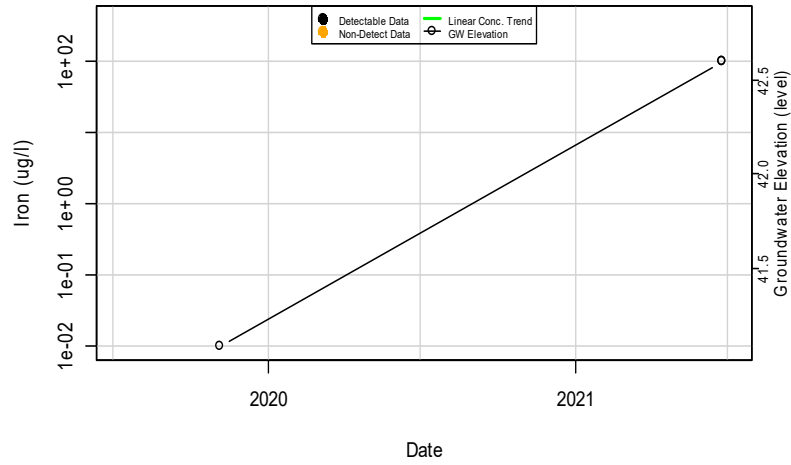
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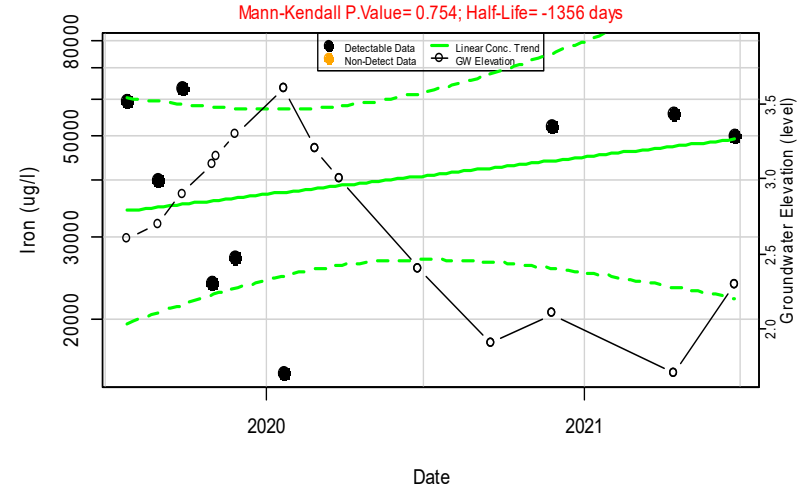
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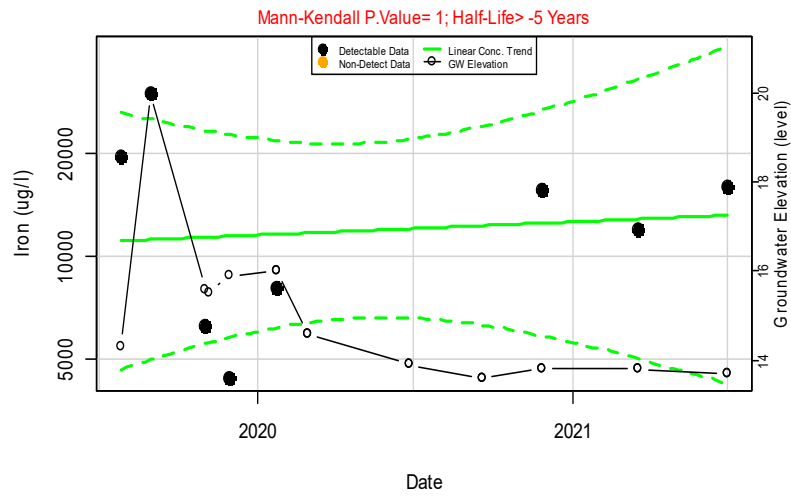
Iron in B5



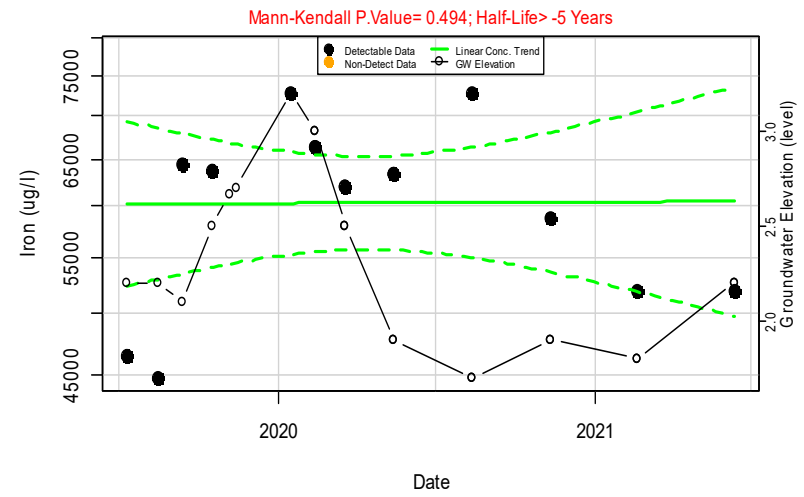
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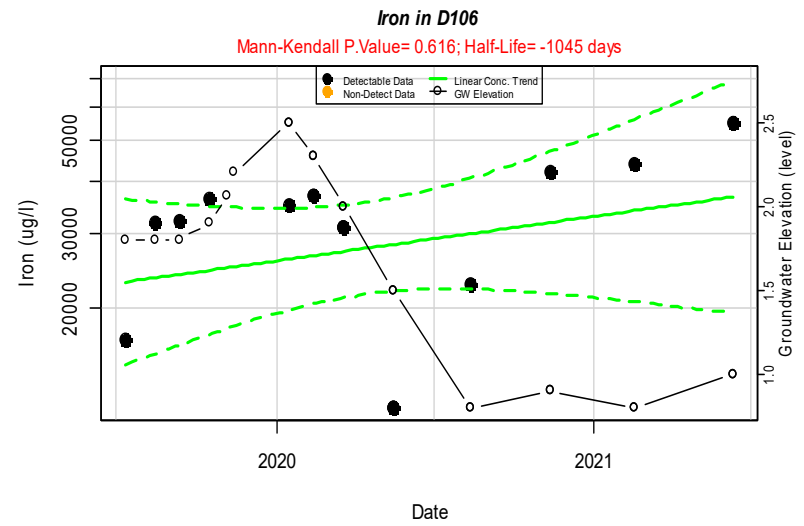
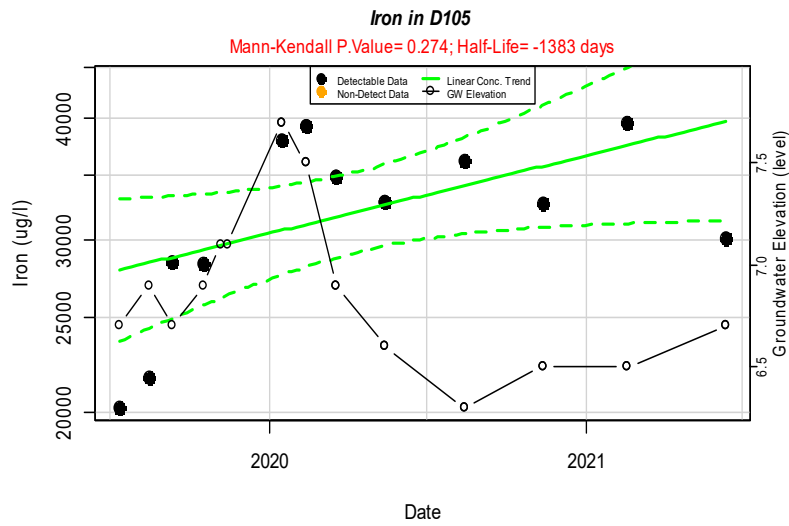
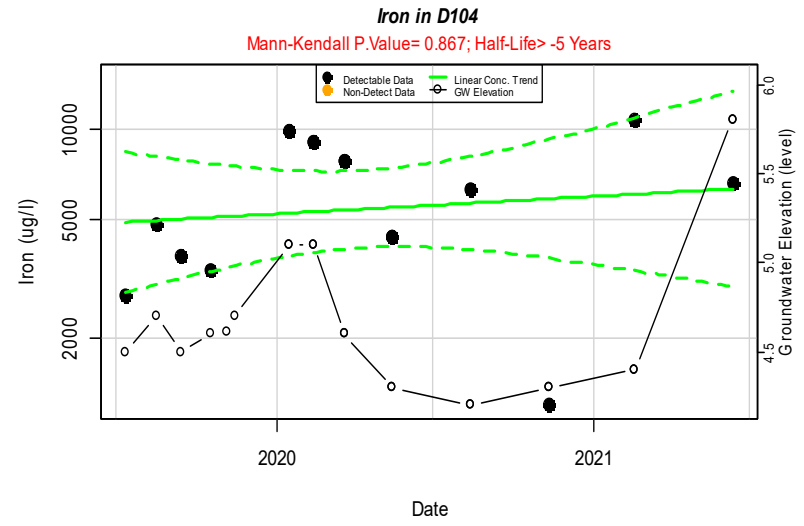
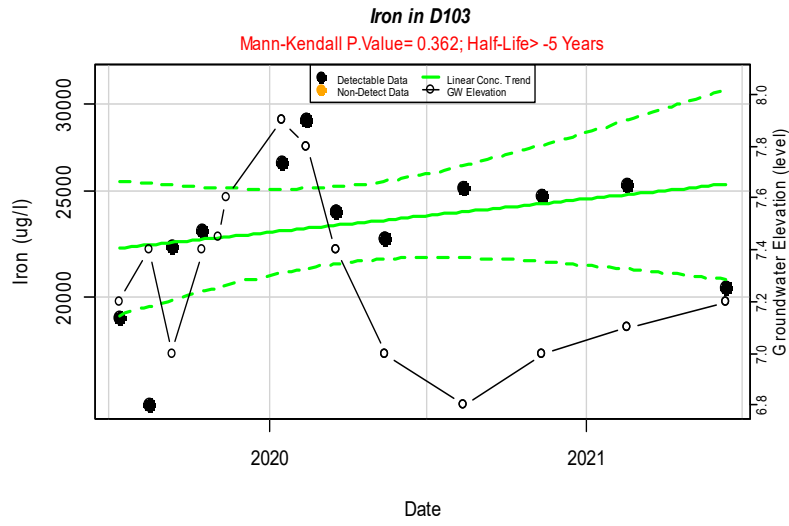


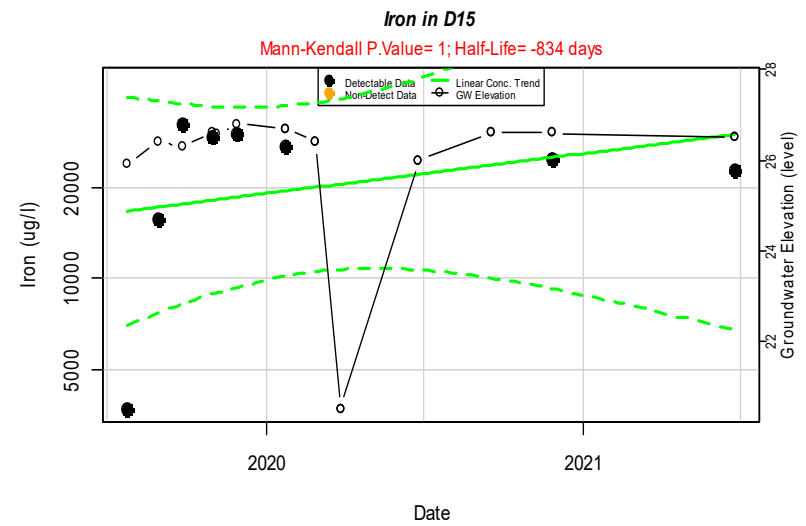
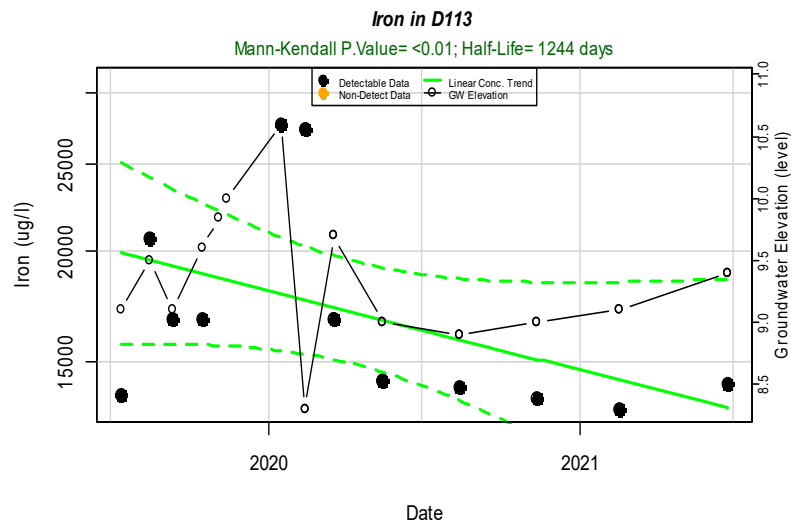
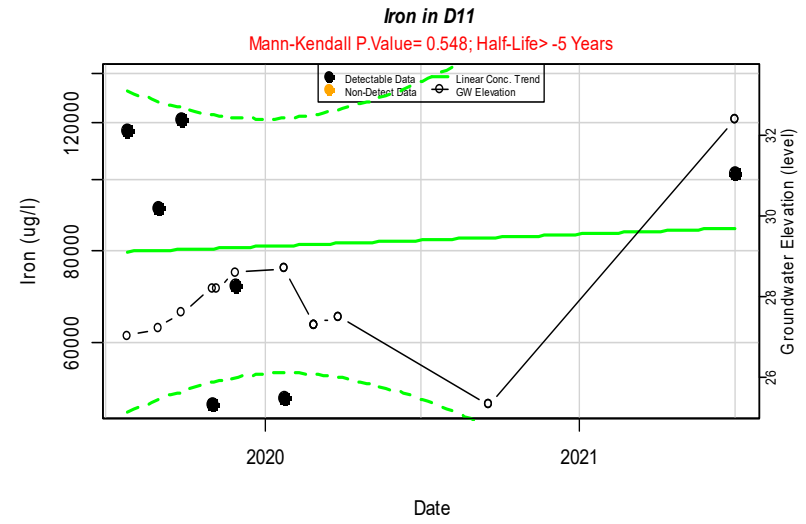
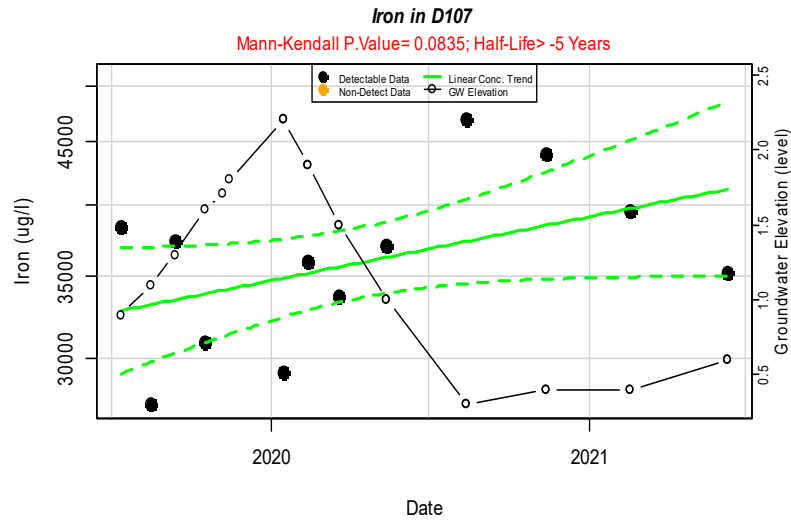
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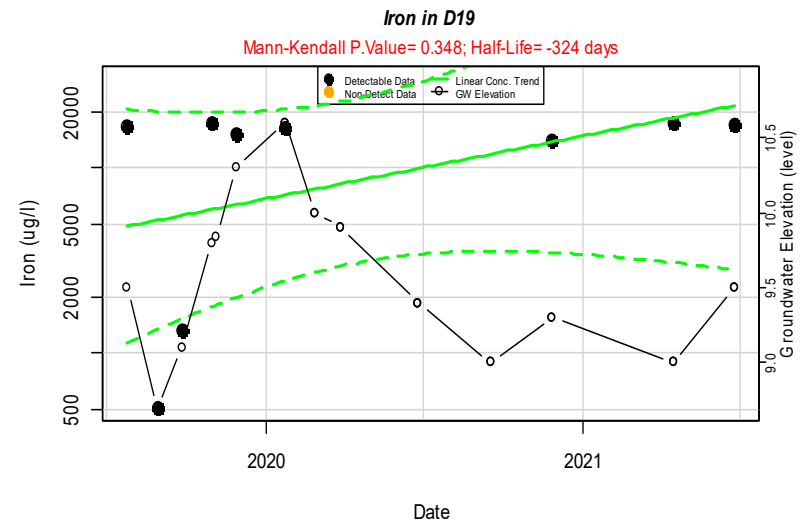
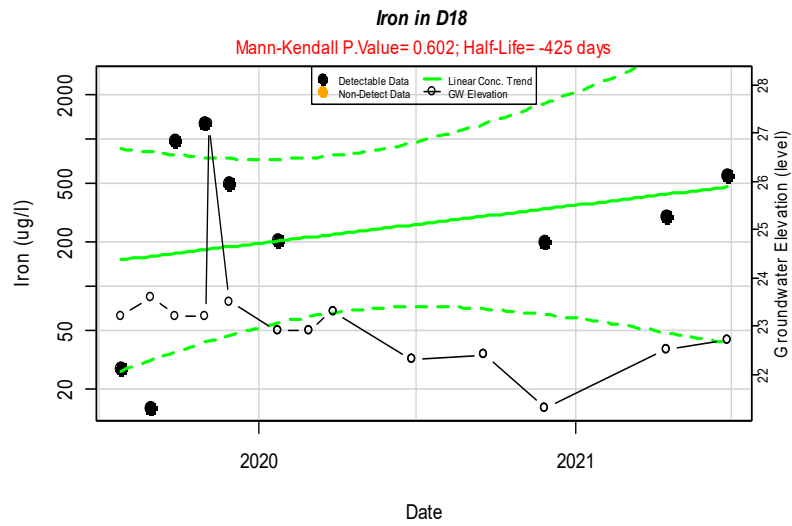
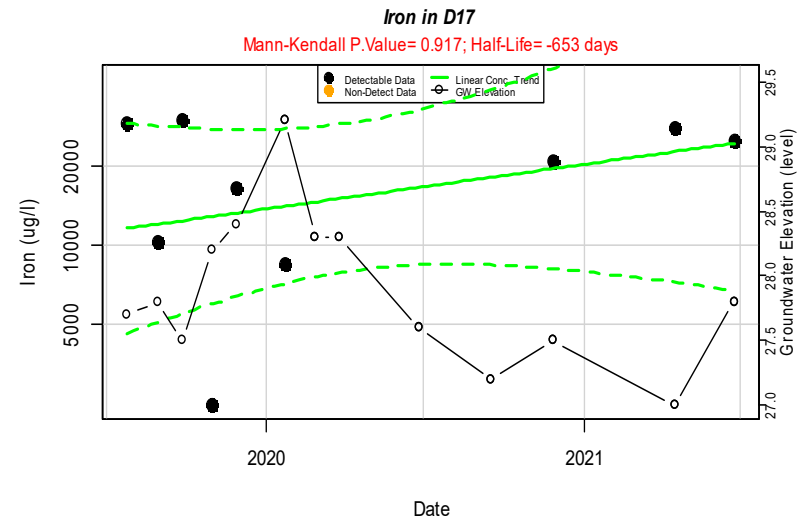
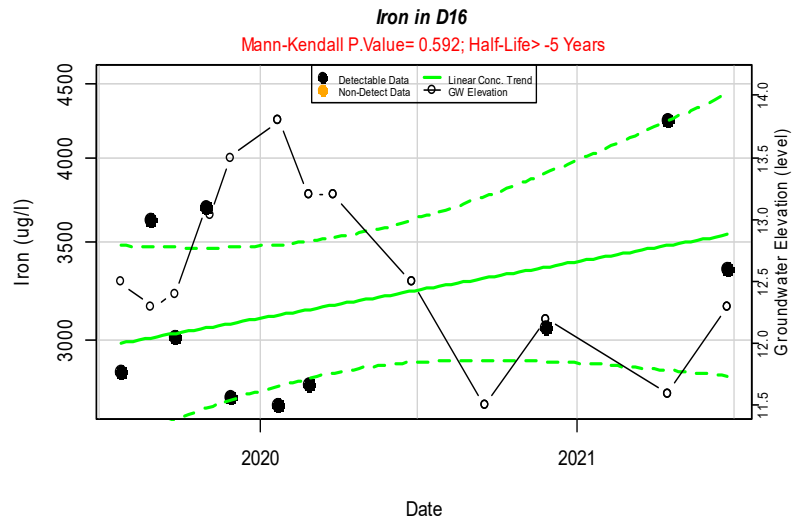


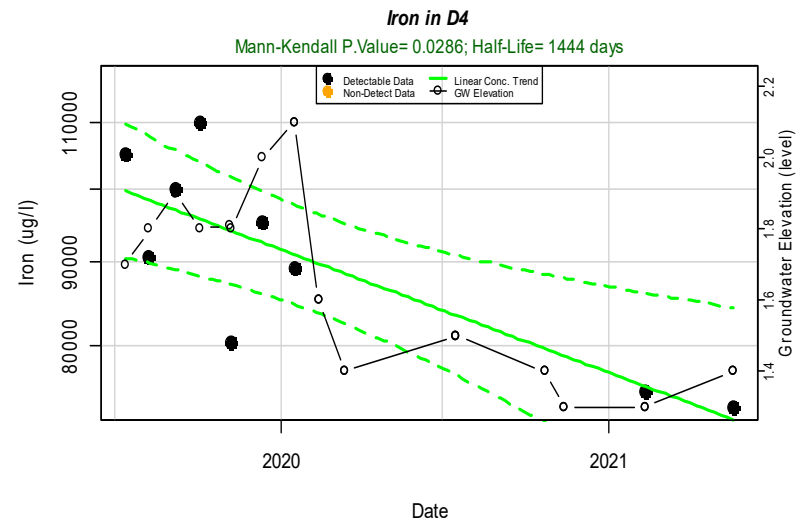
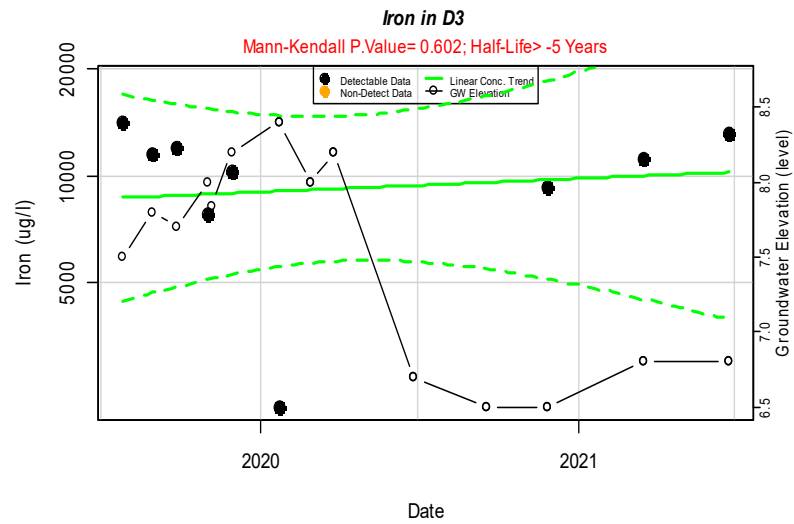
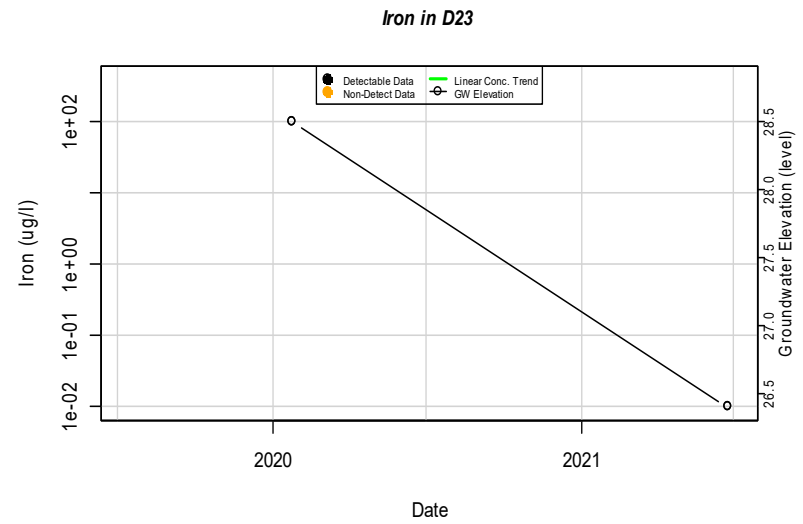
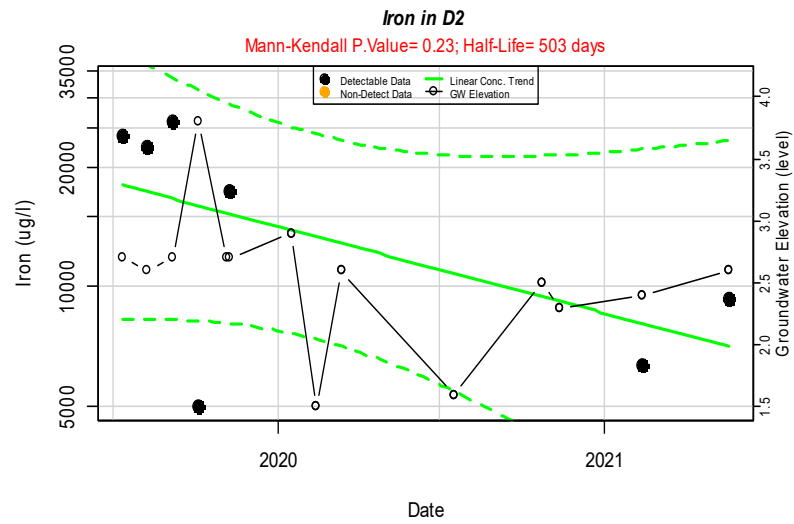
Iron in D102

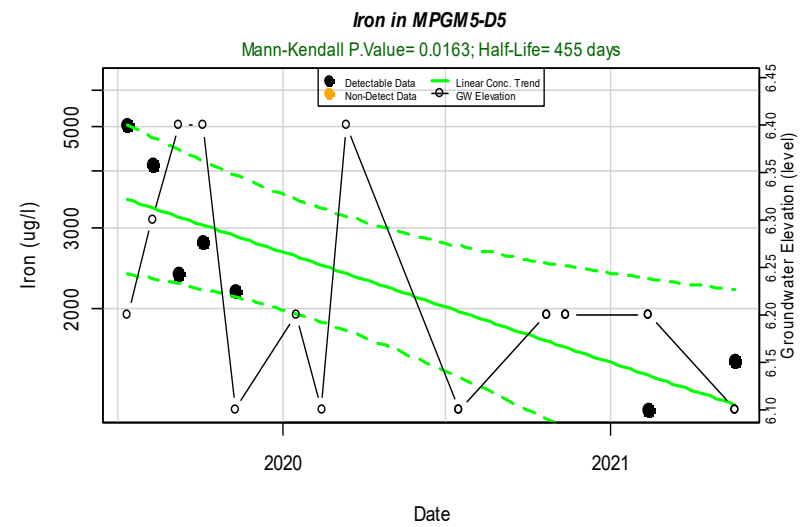
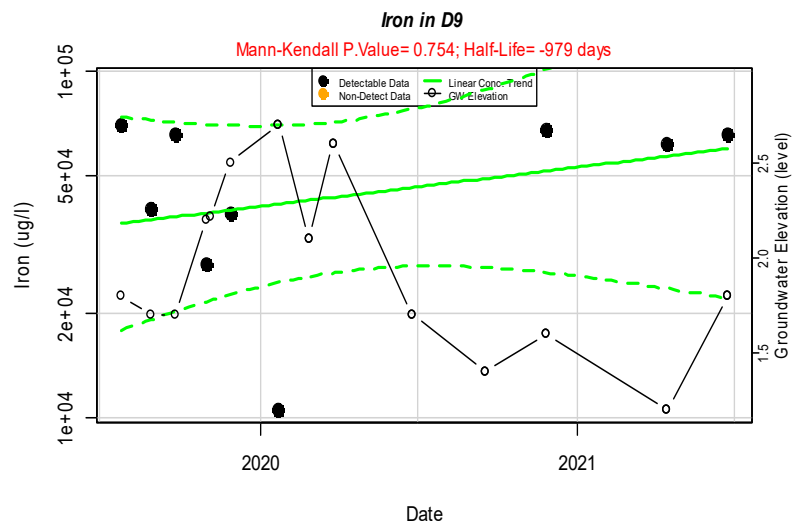
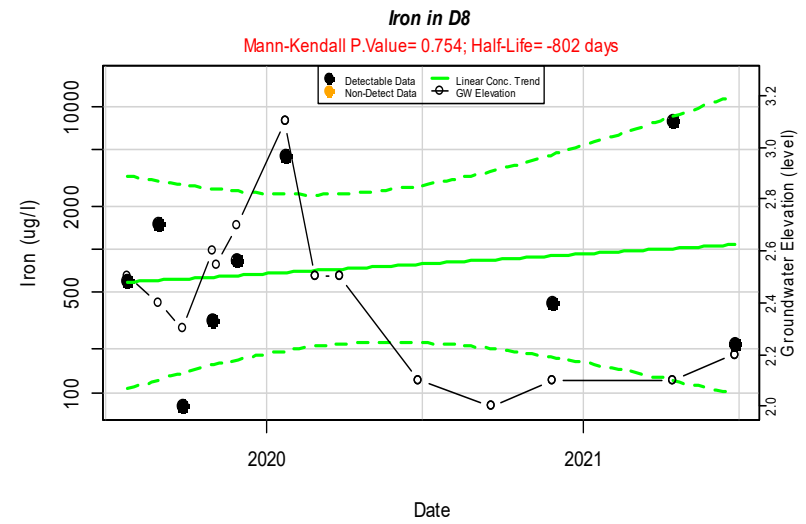
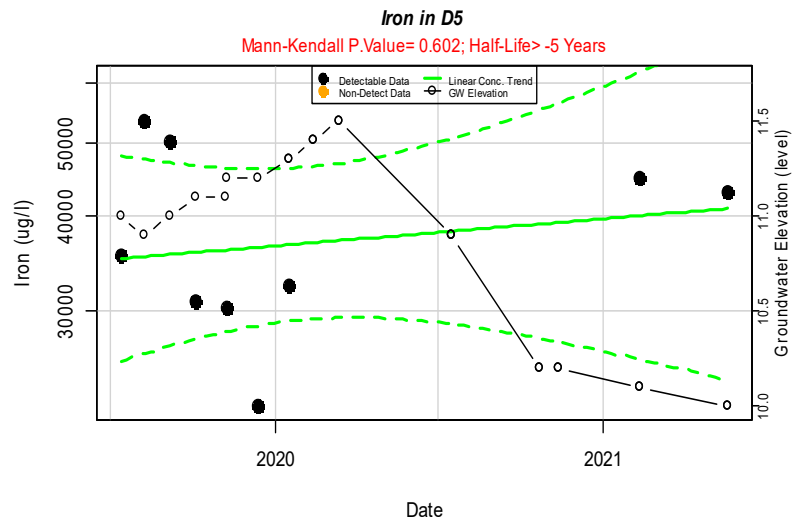


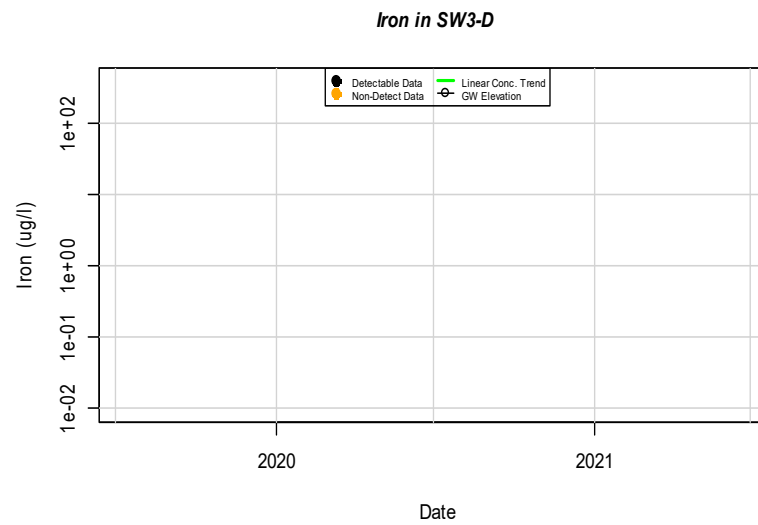
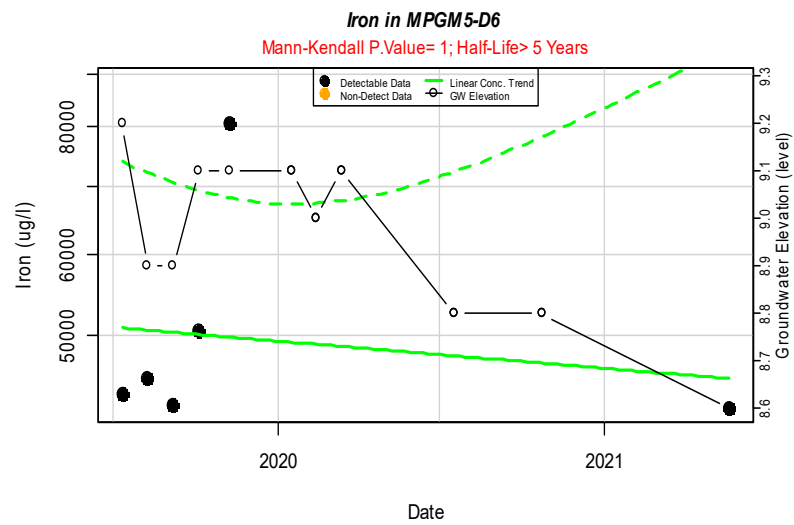




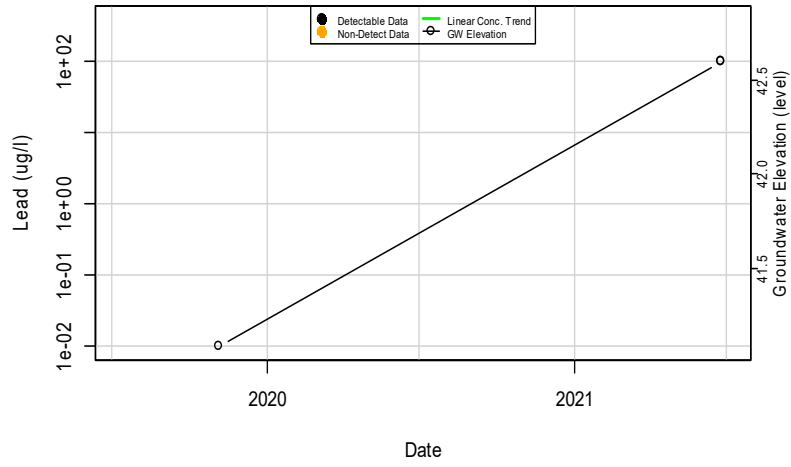




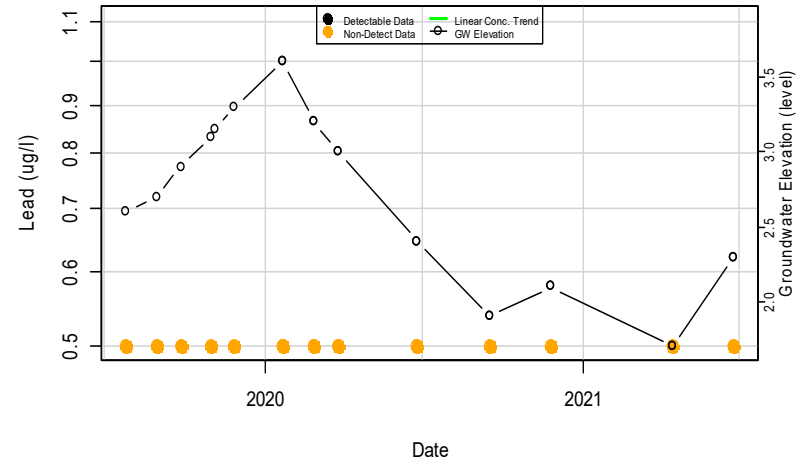




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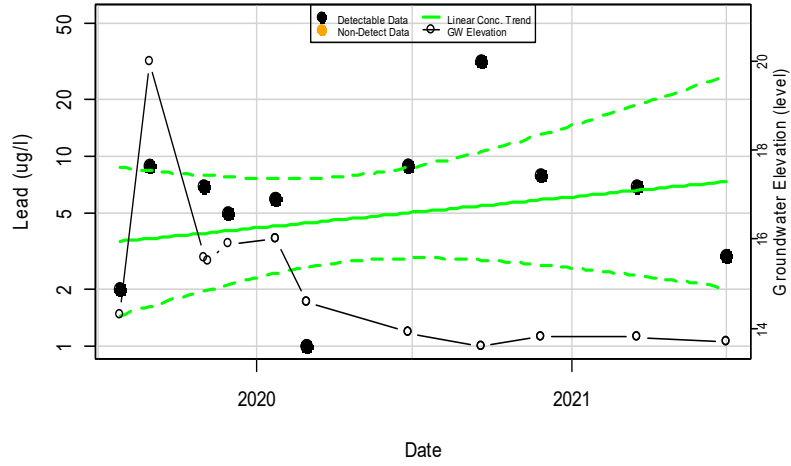


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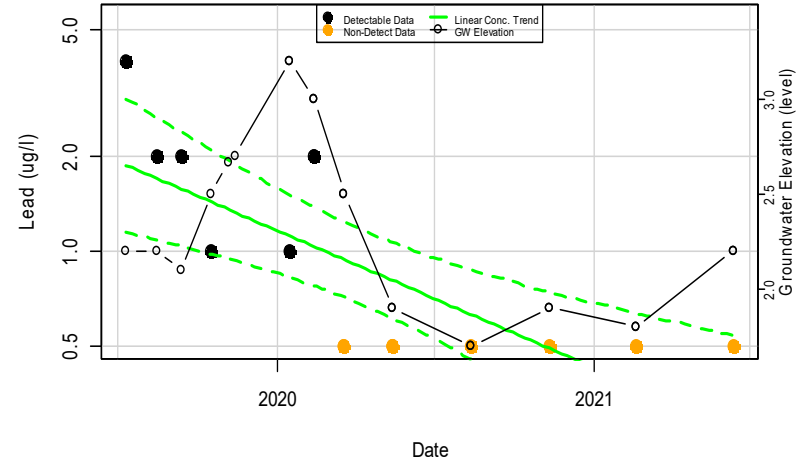
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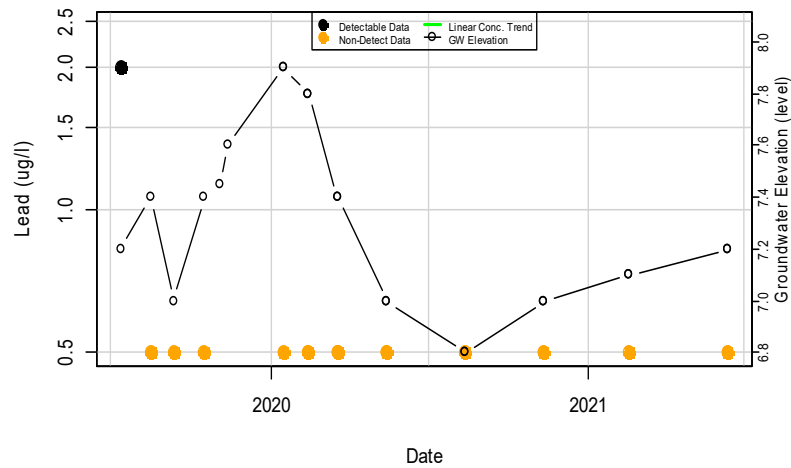


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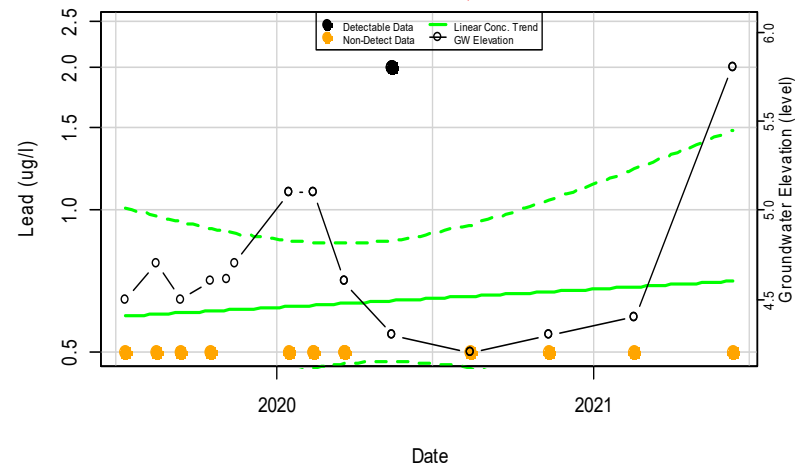


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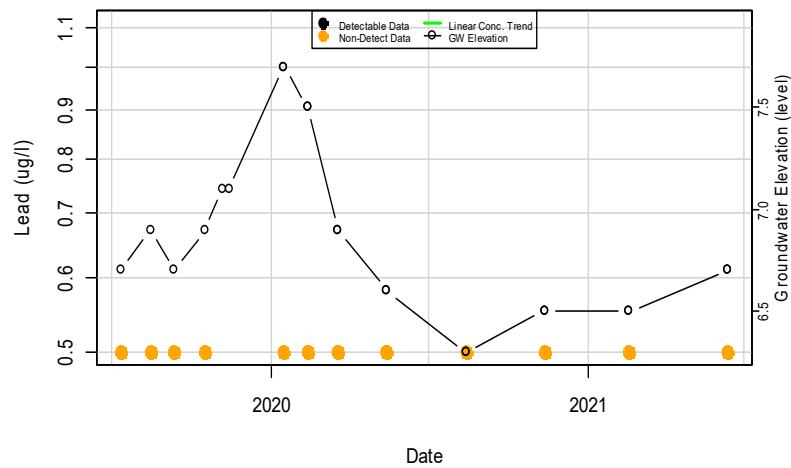


Lead in D104

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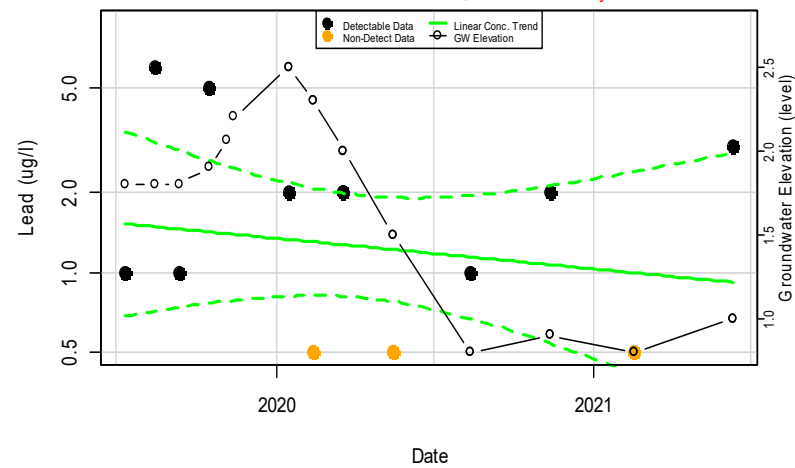


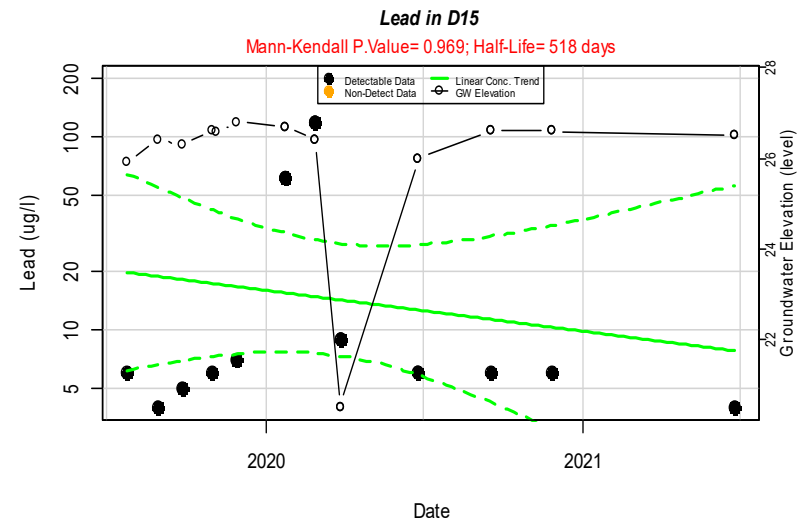
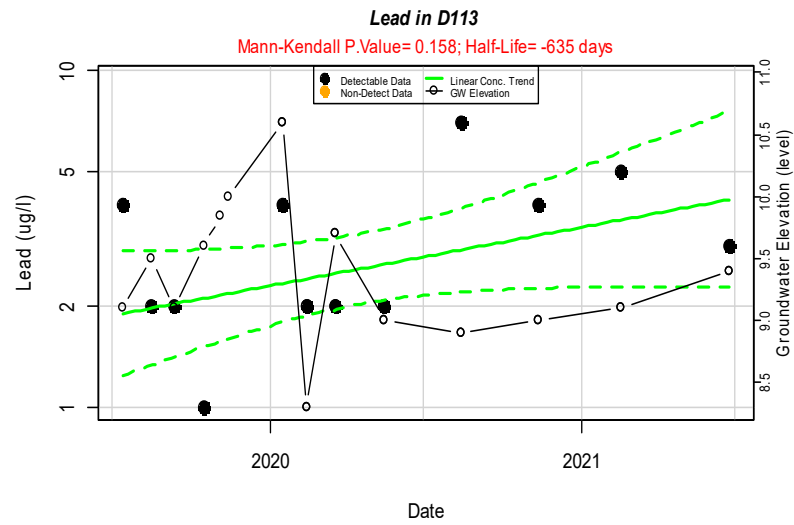
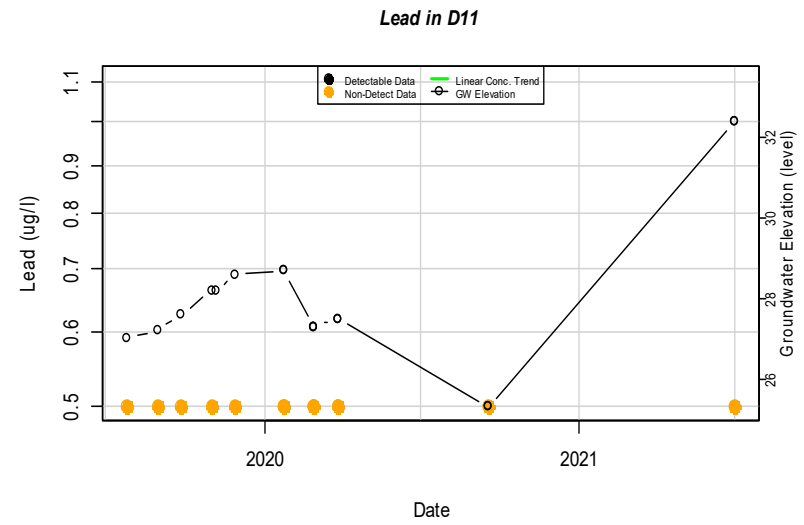
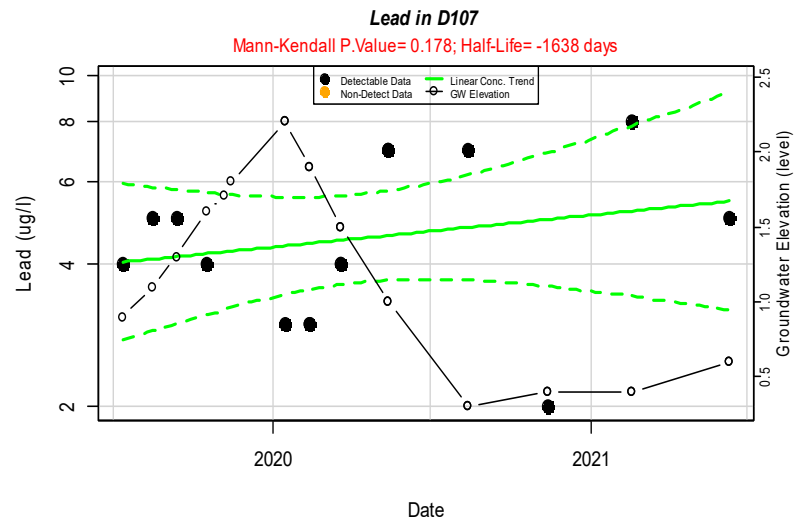
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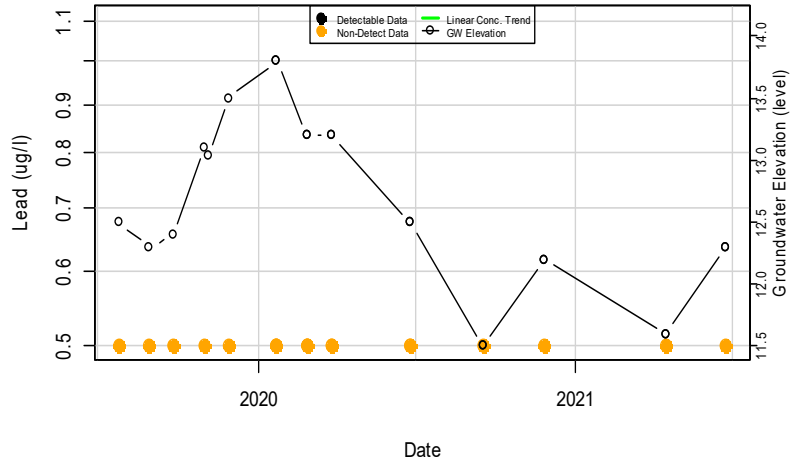
Lead in D106

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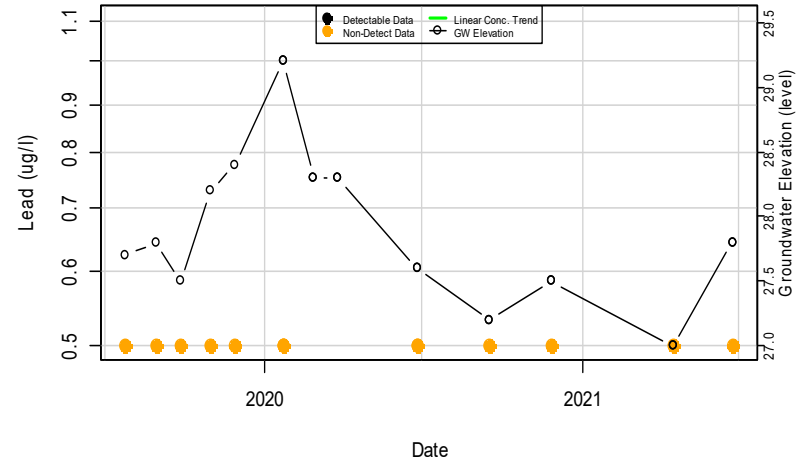




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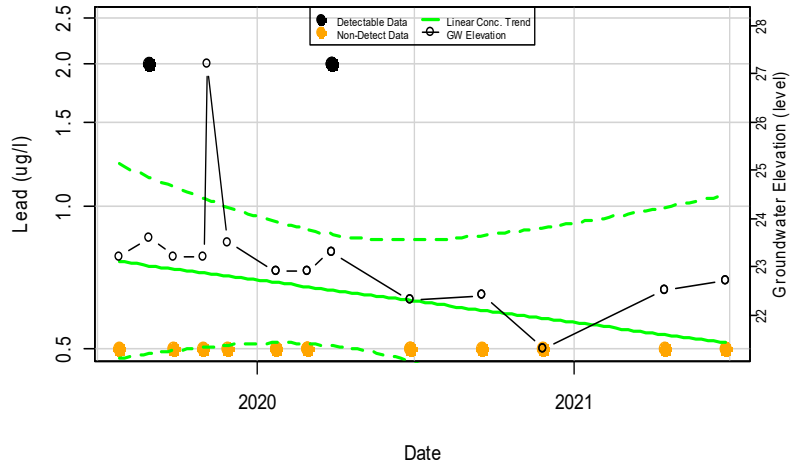


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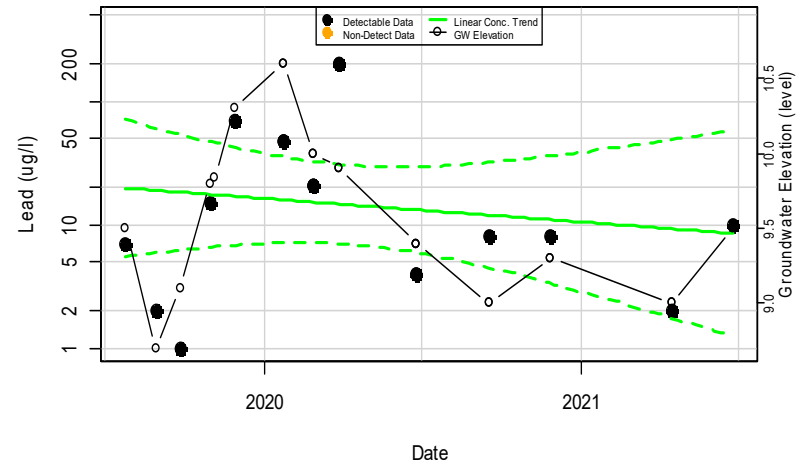
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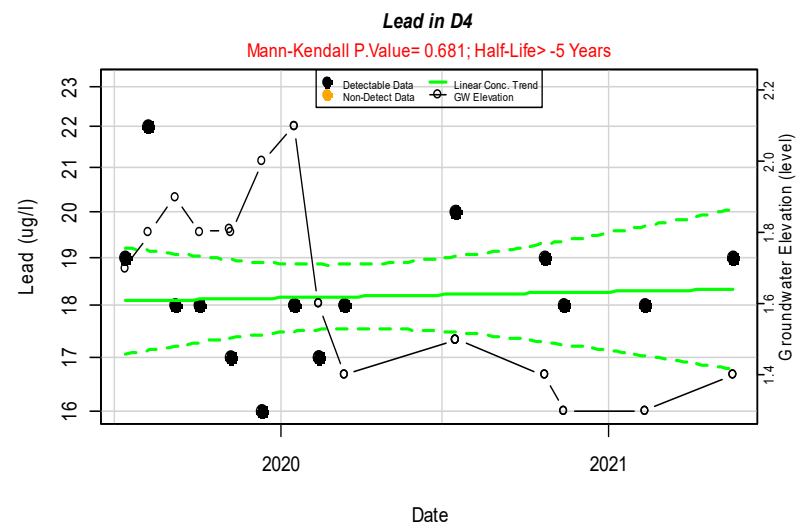
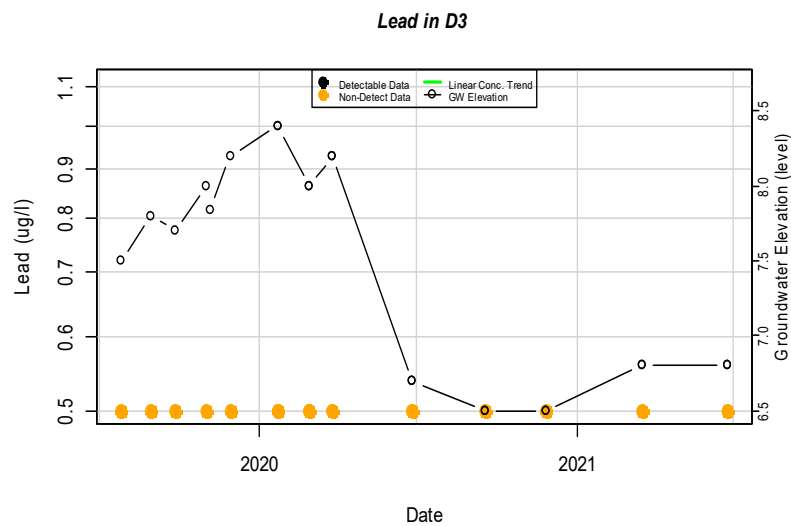
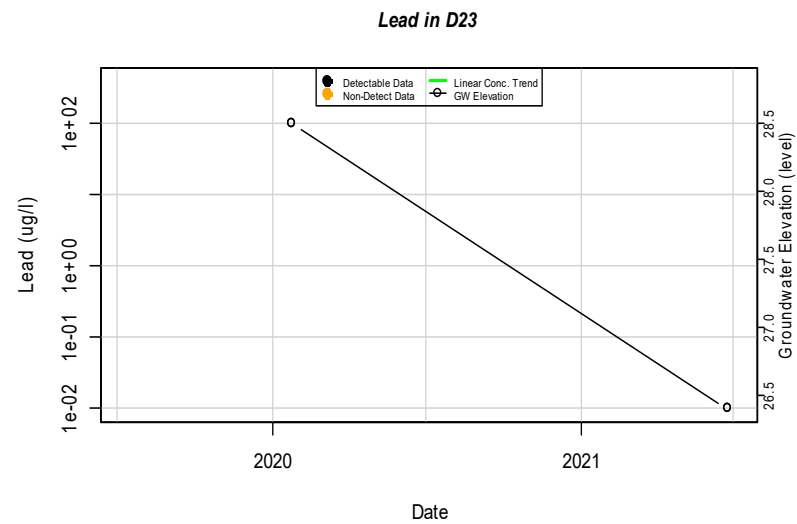
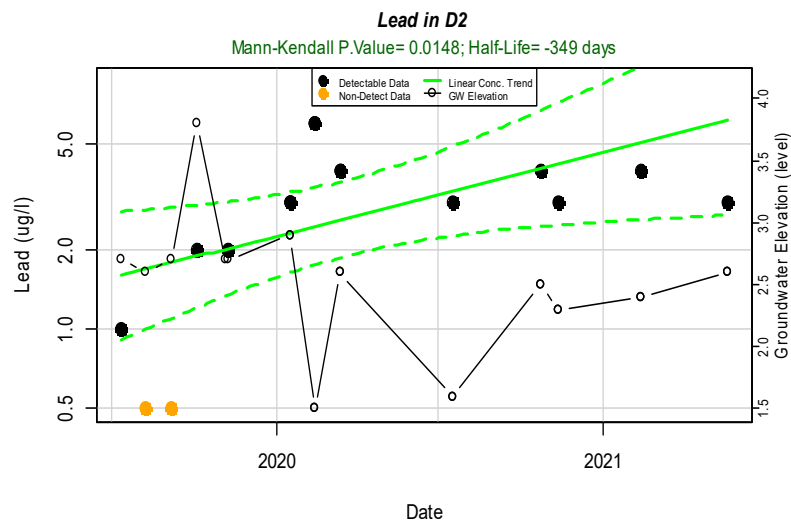
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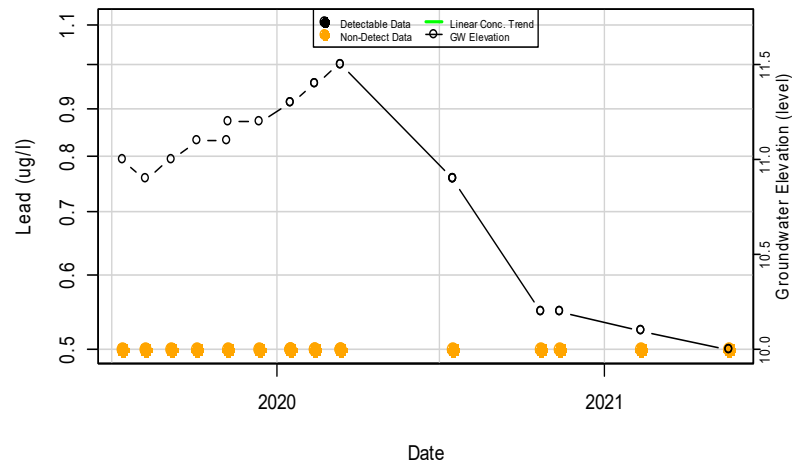
Lead in D19

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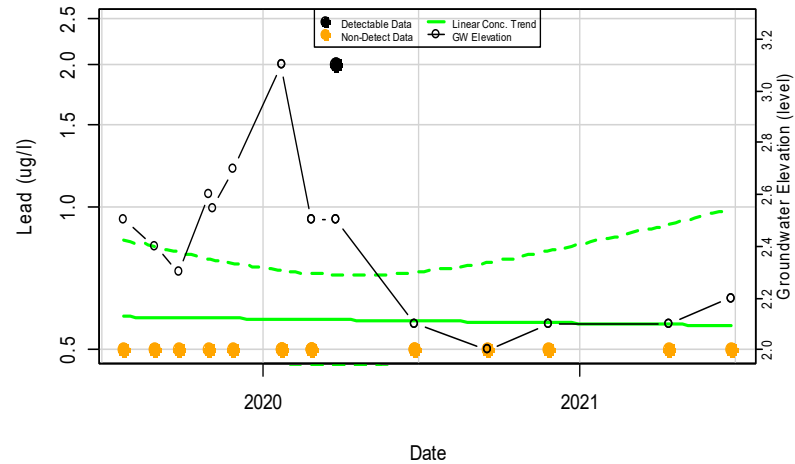


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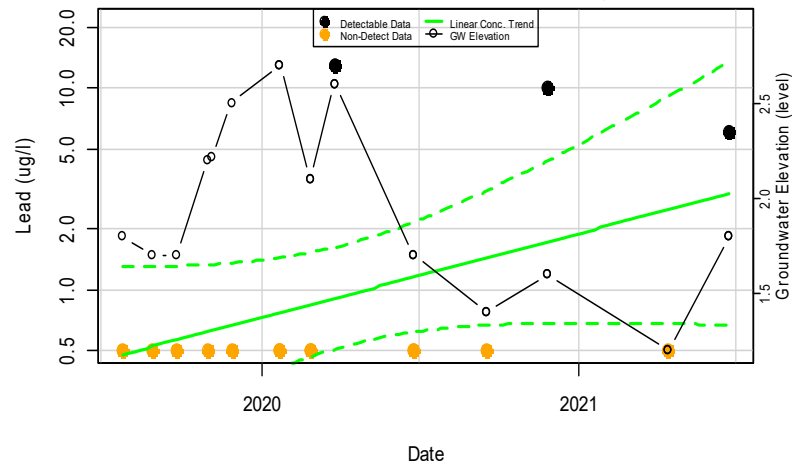
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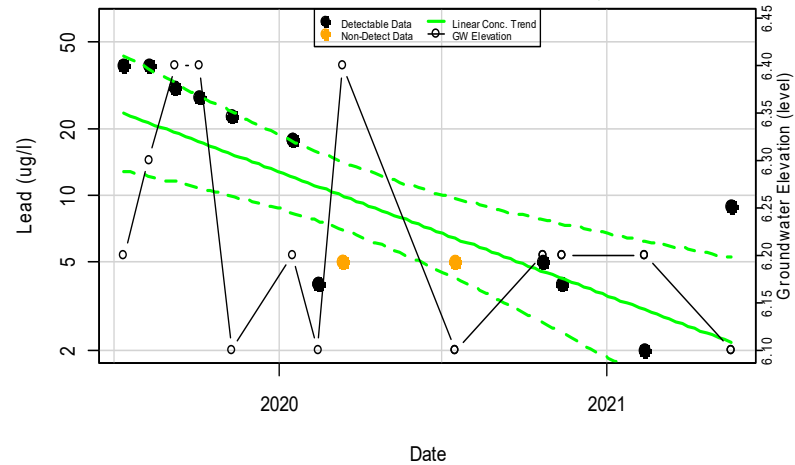
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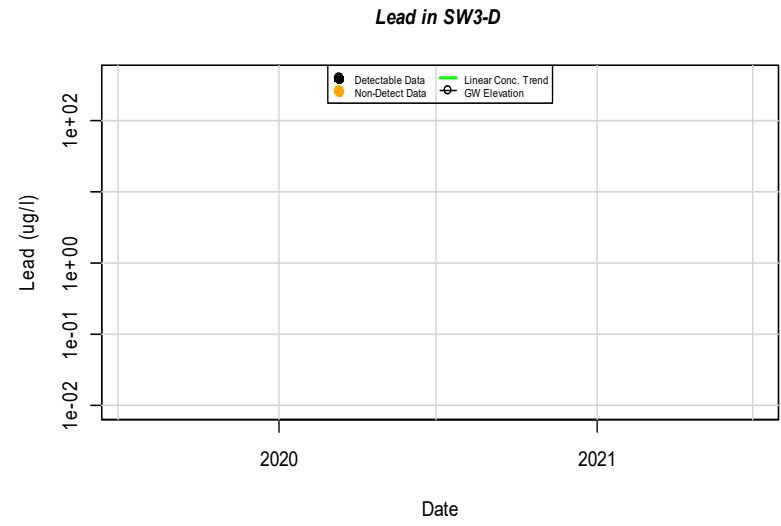
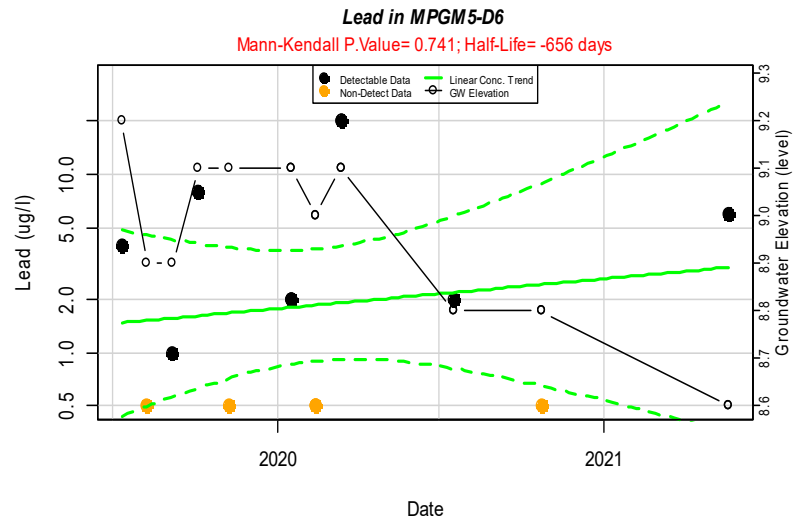
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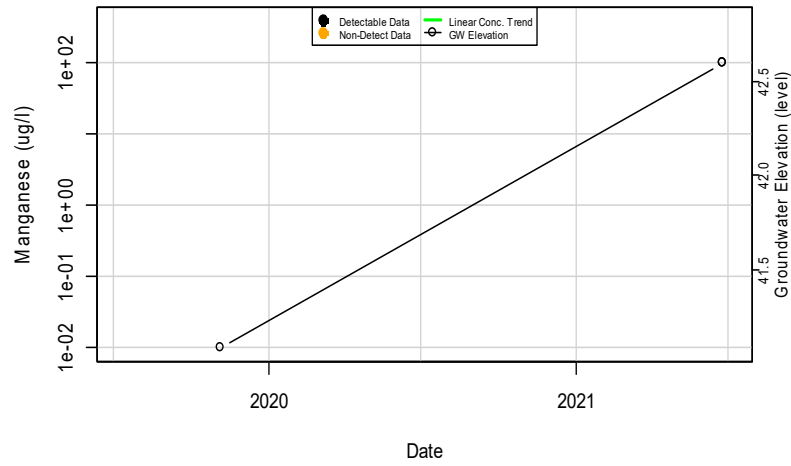
Lead in MPGM5-D5

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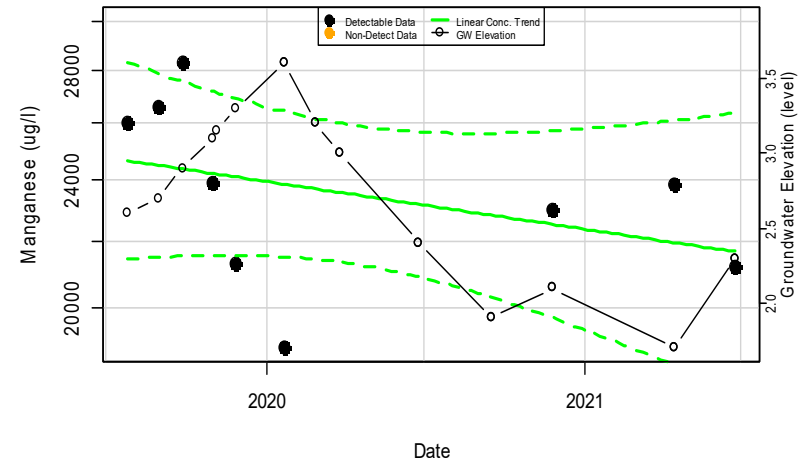


Manganese in B5



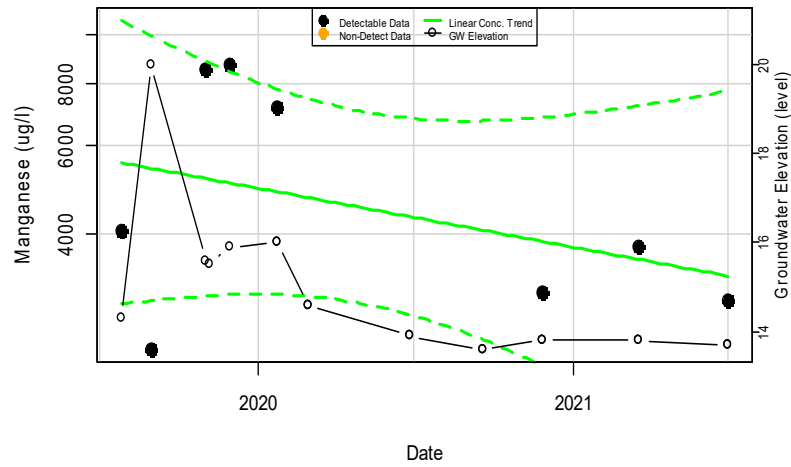
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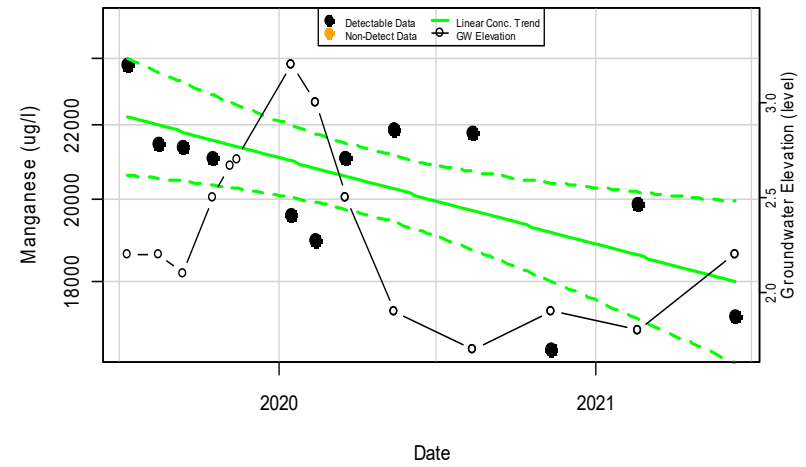
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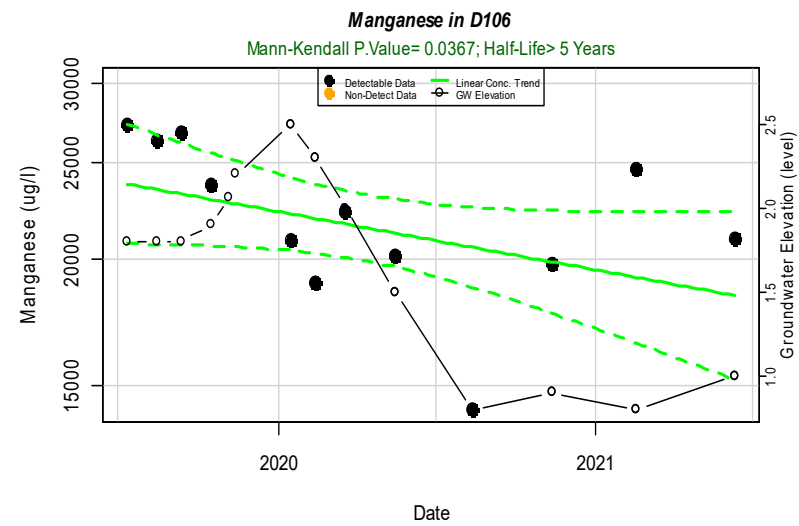
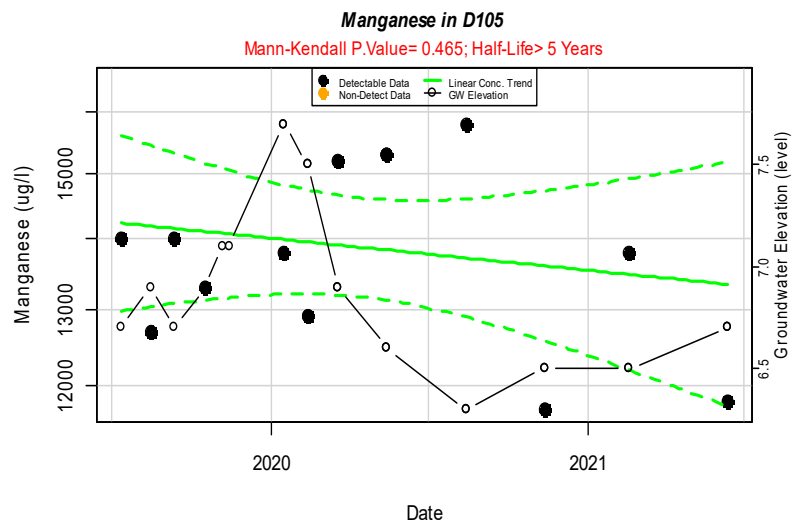
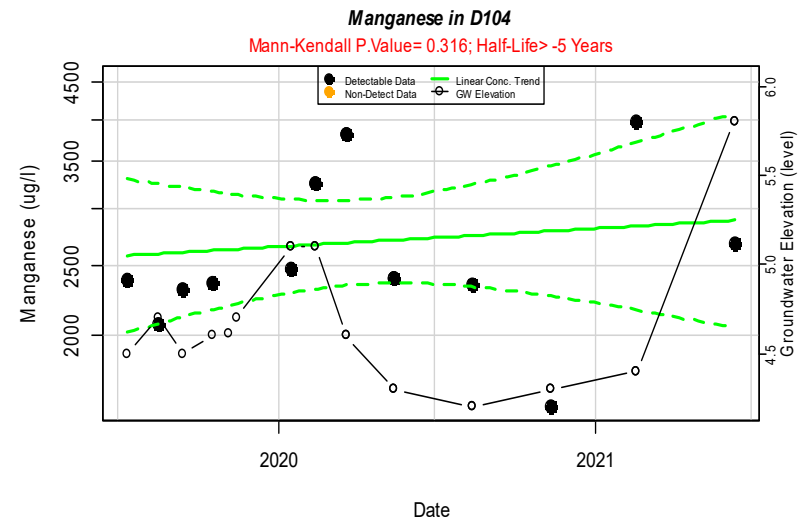
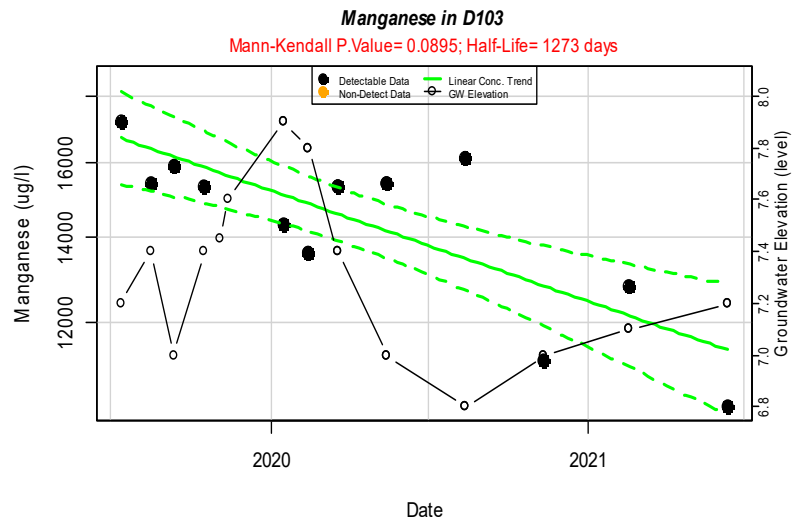
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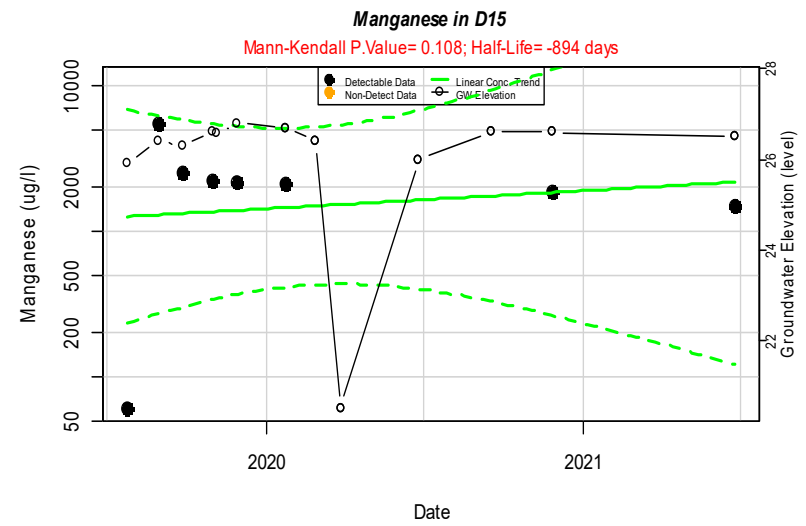
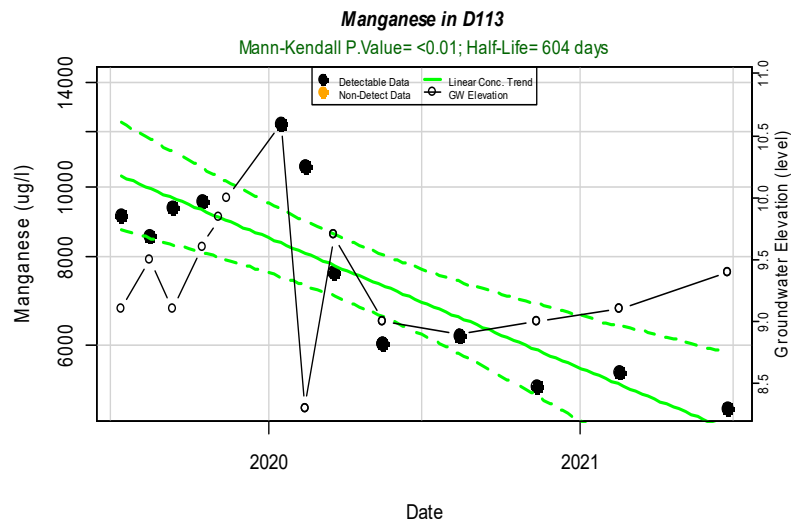
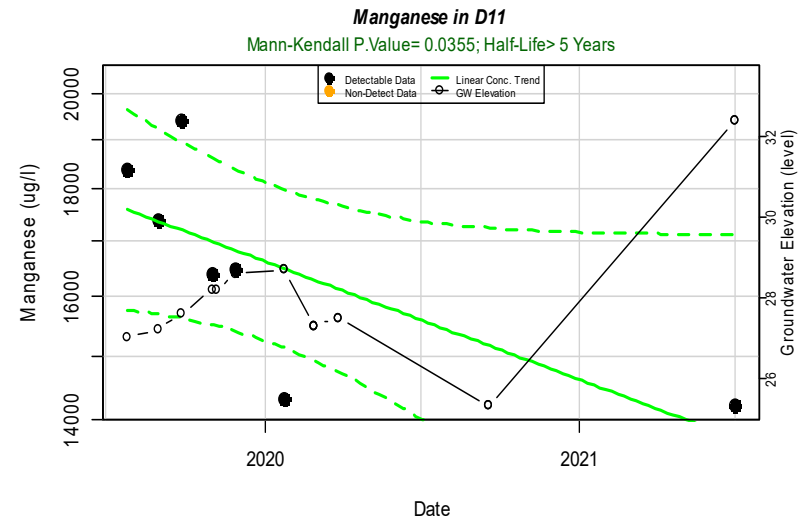
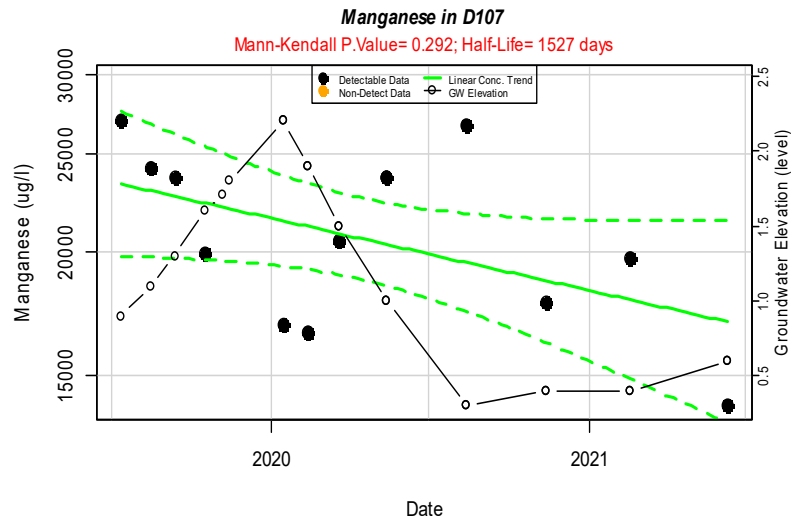


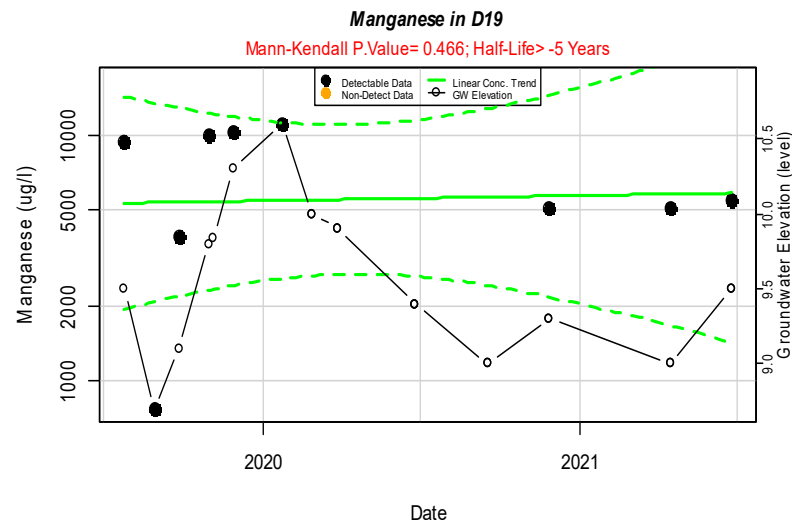
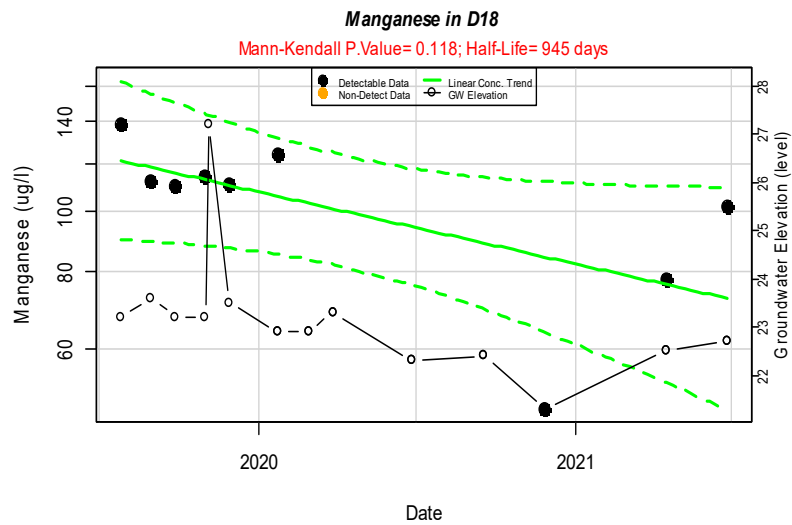
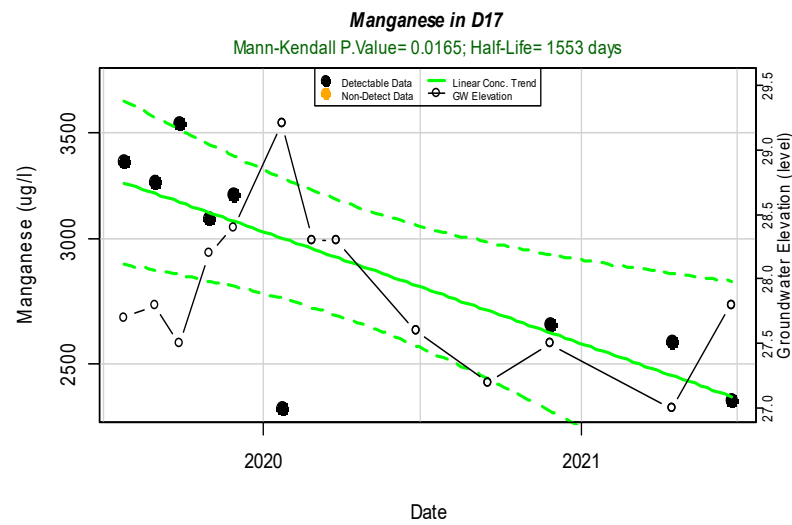
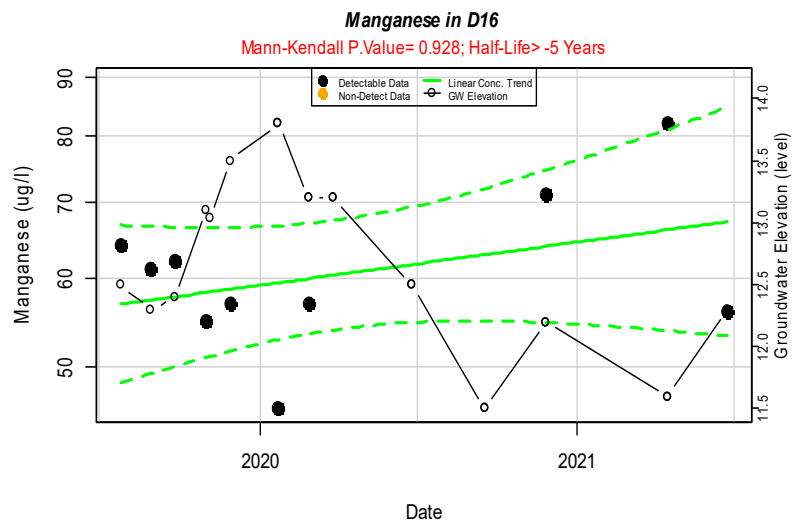
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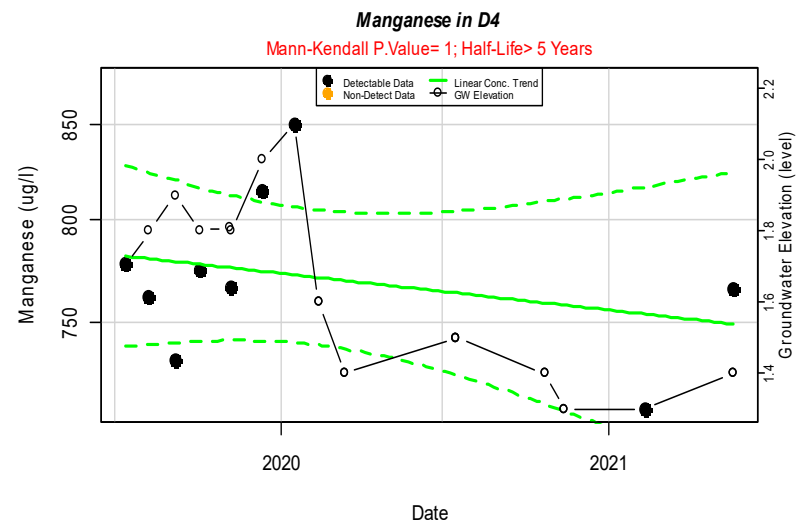
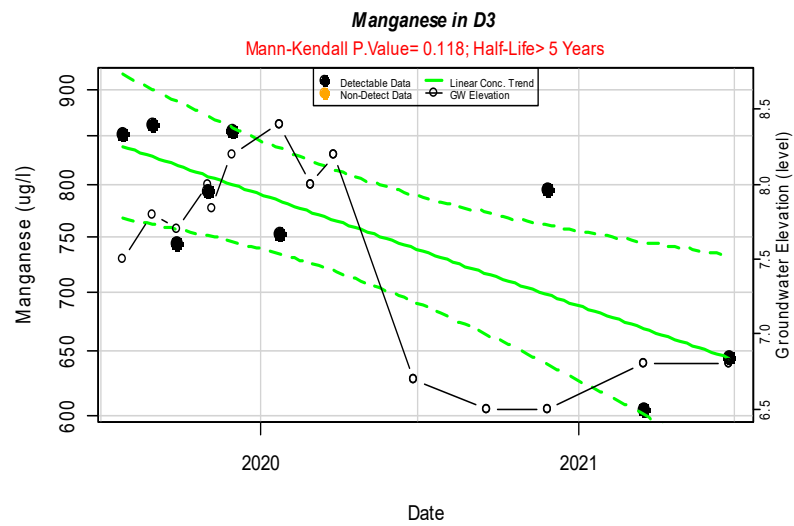
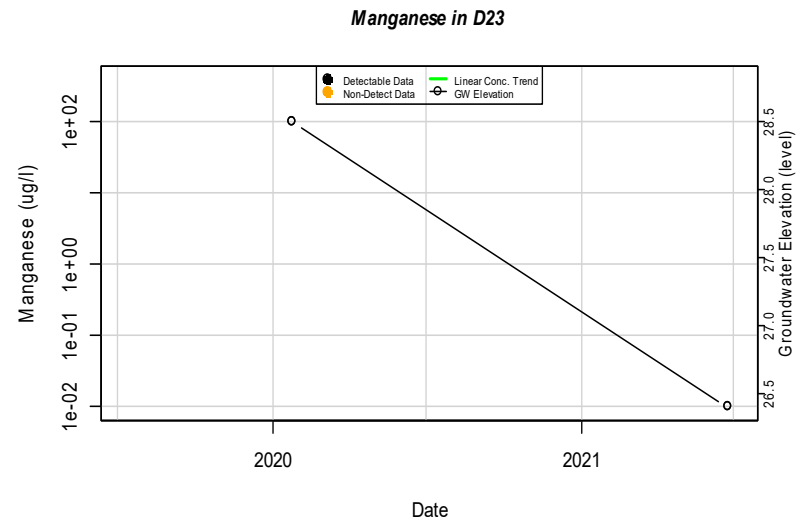
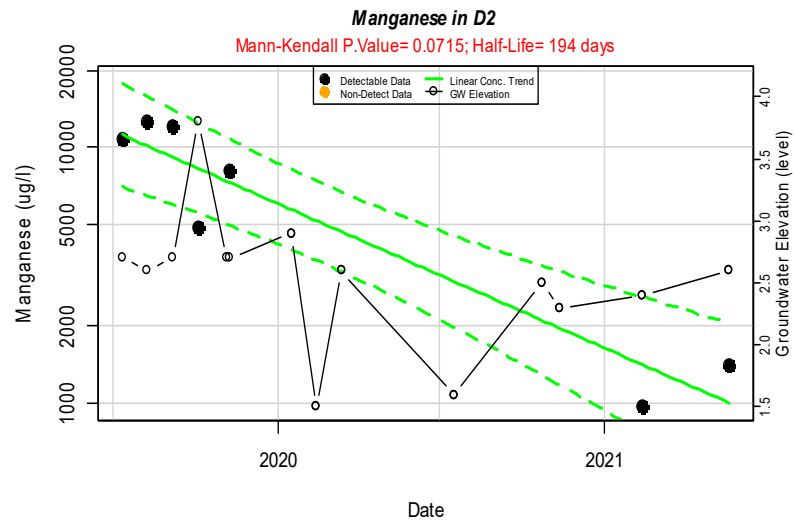
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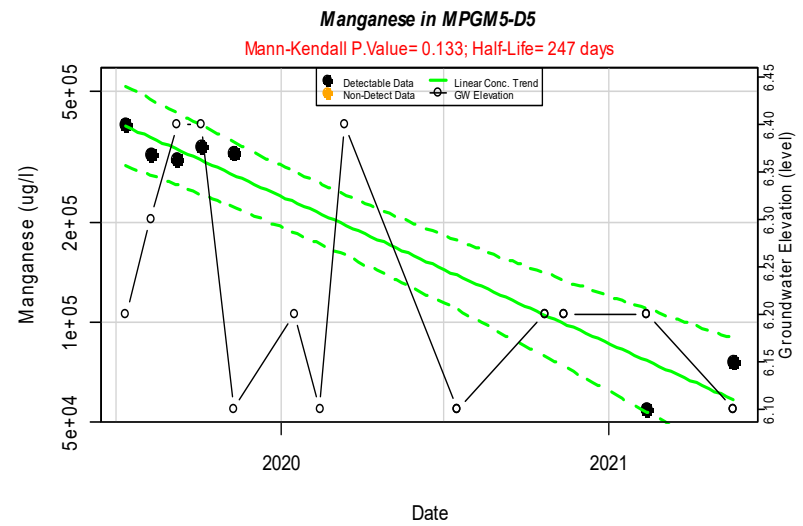
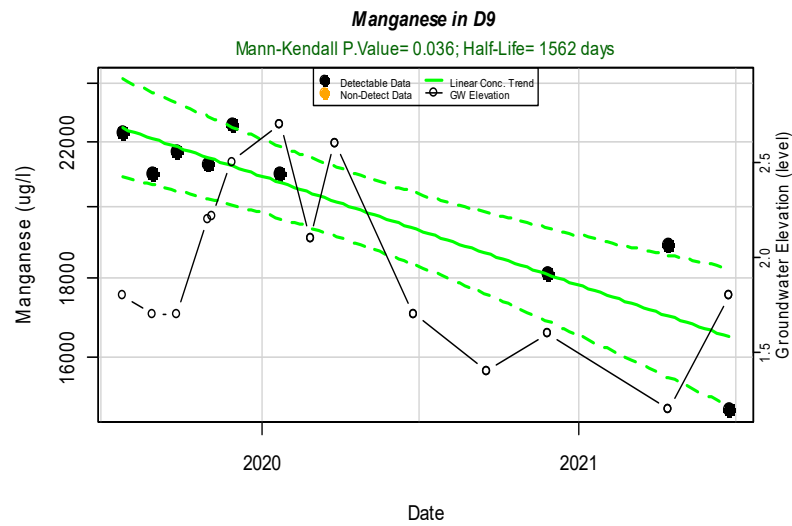
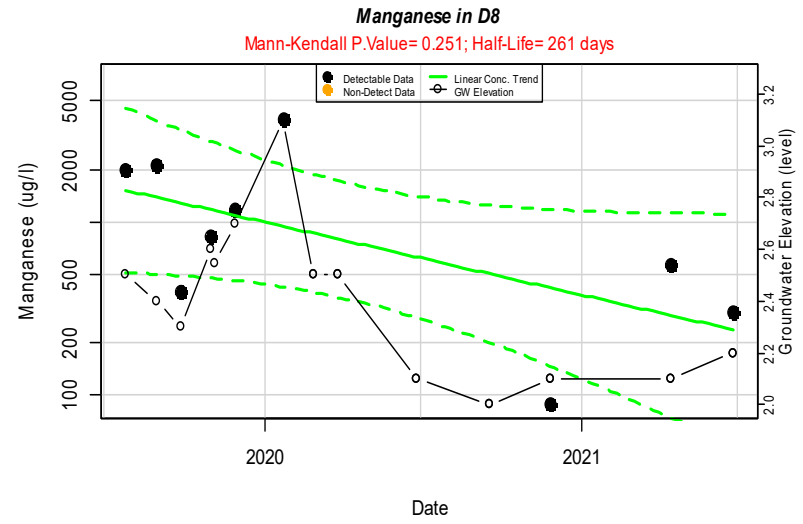
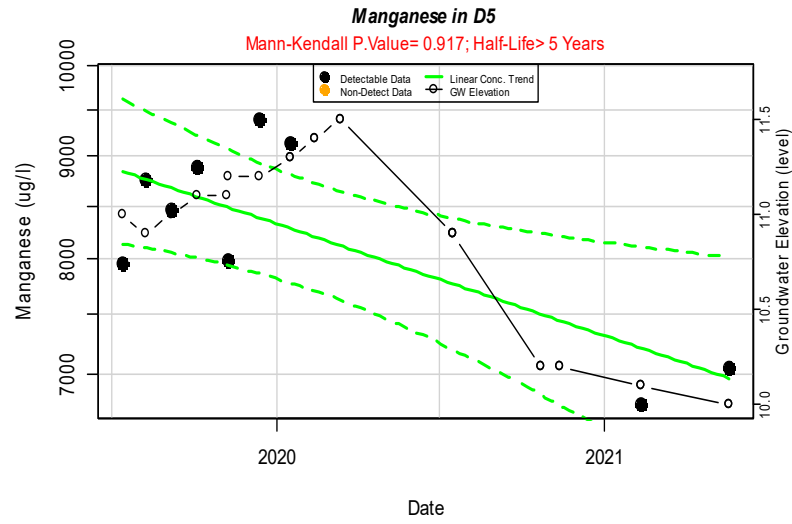


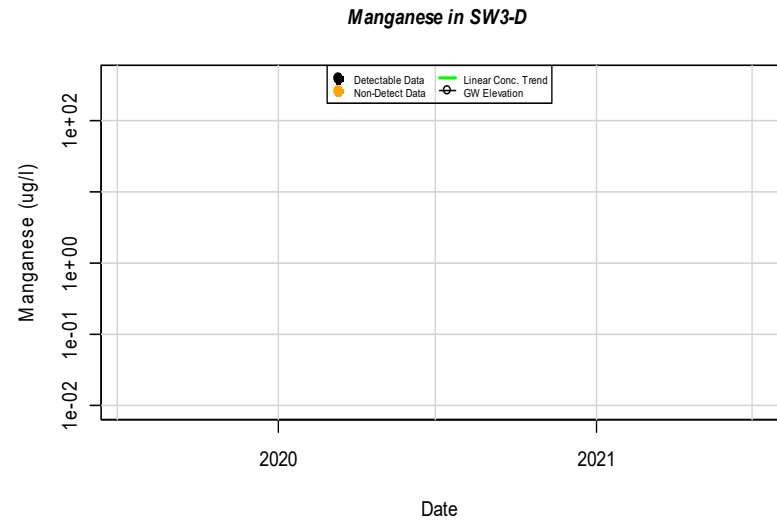
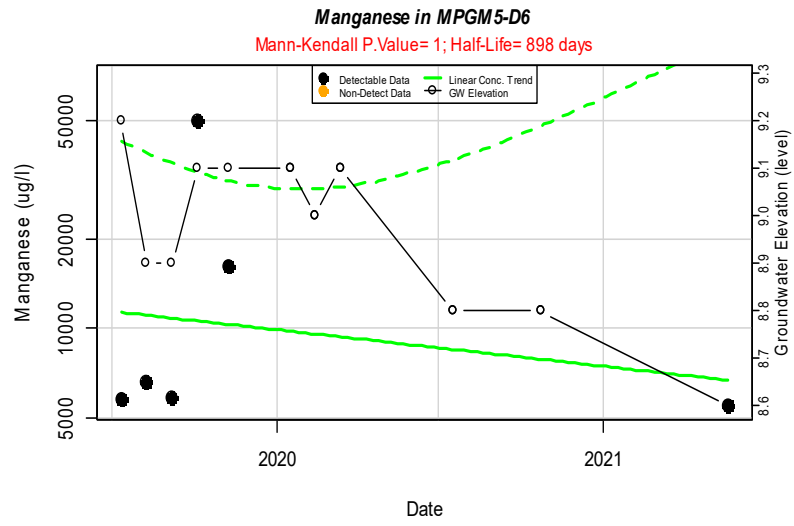




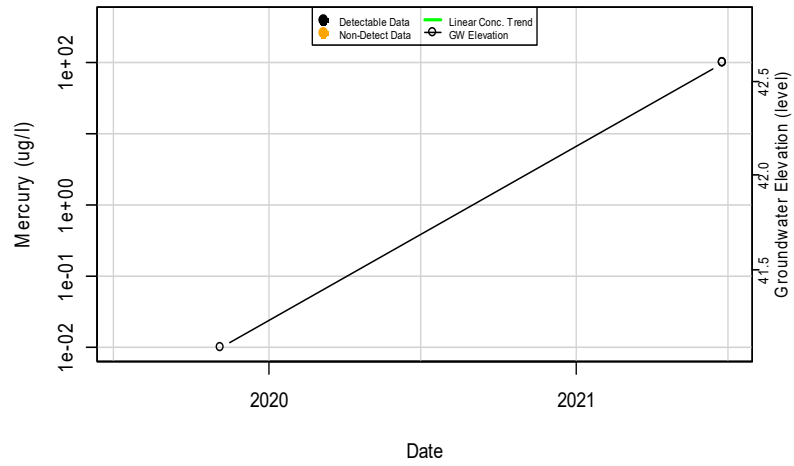




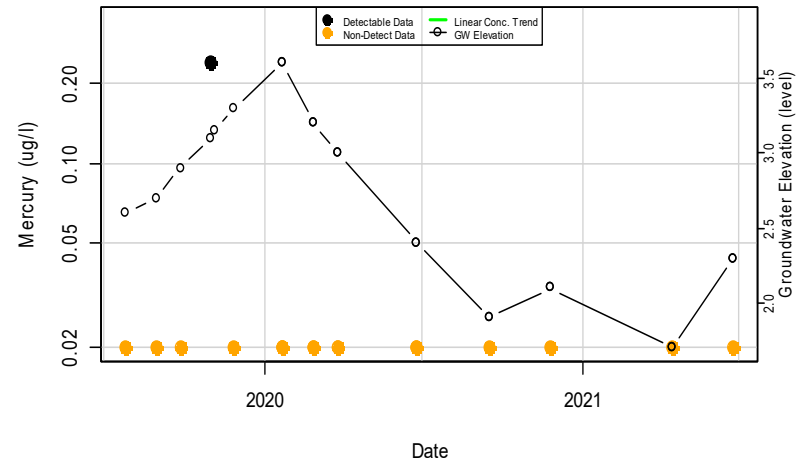




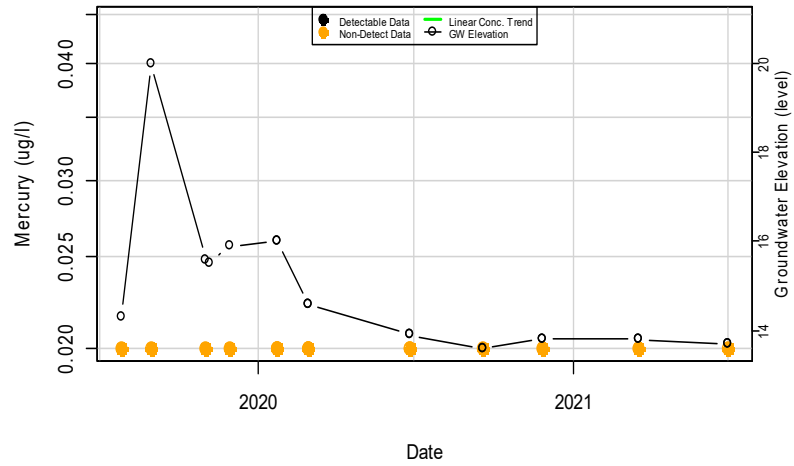
Mercury in B5



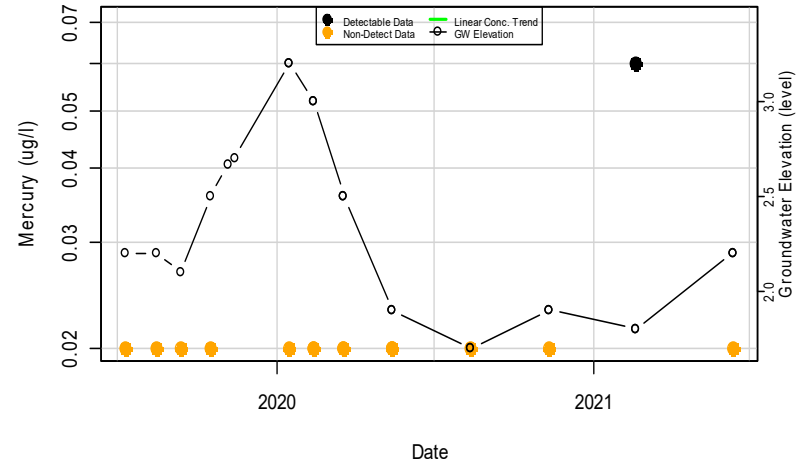
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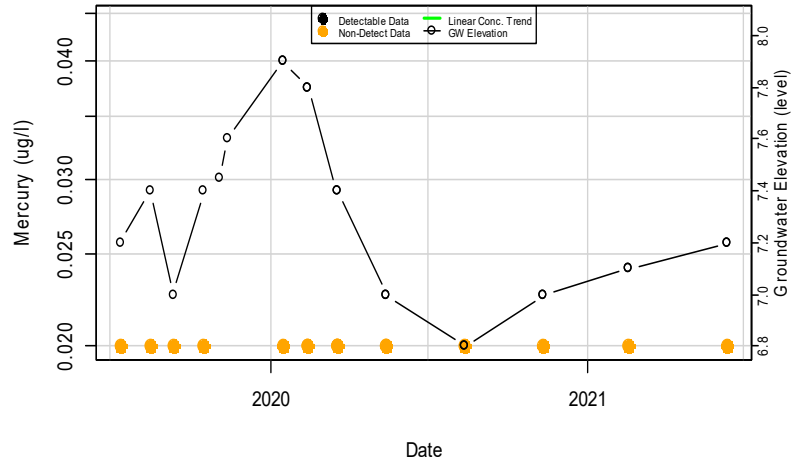
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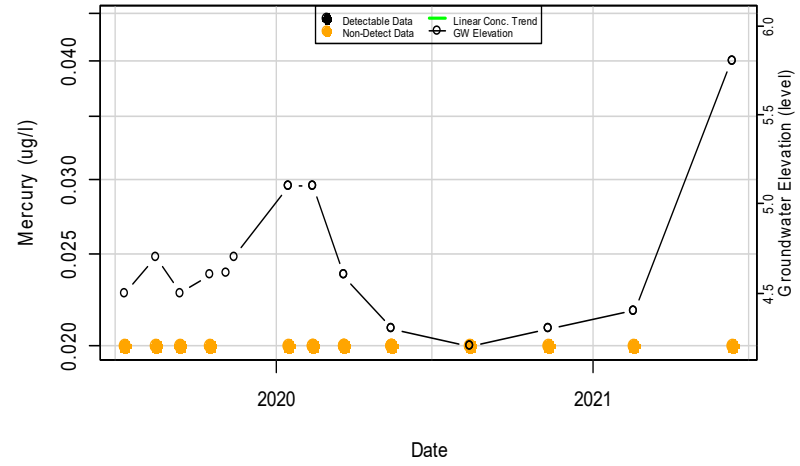
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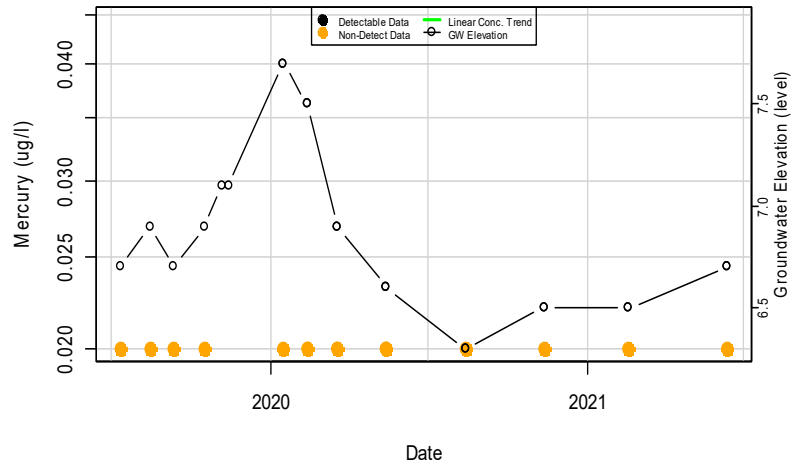
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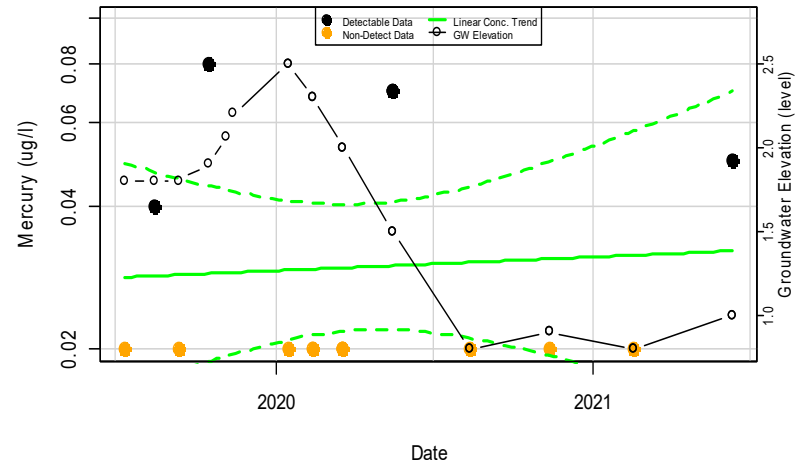


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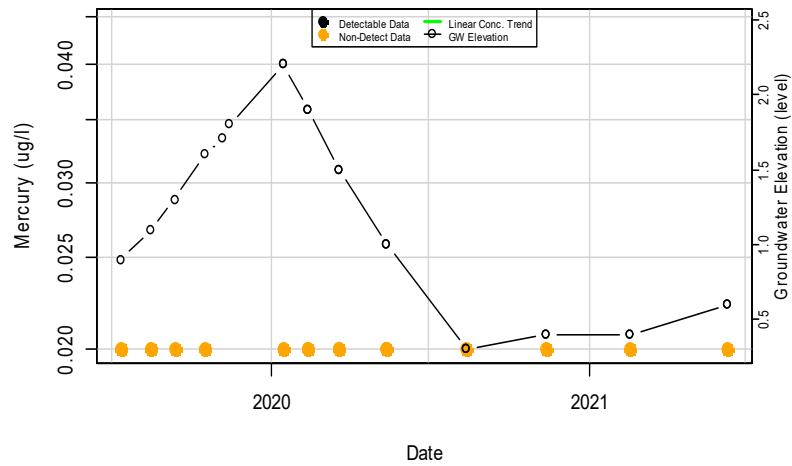


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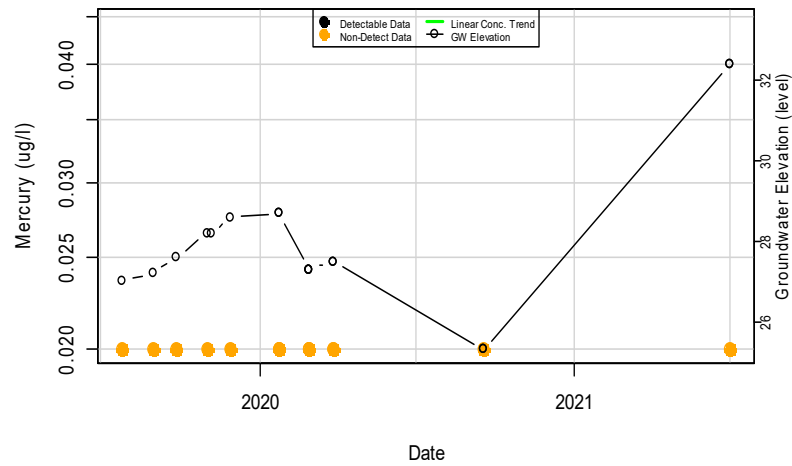
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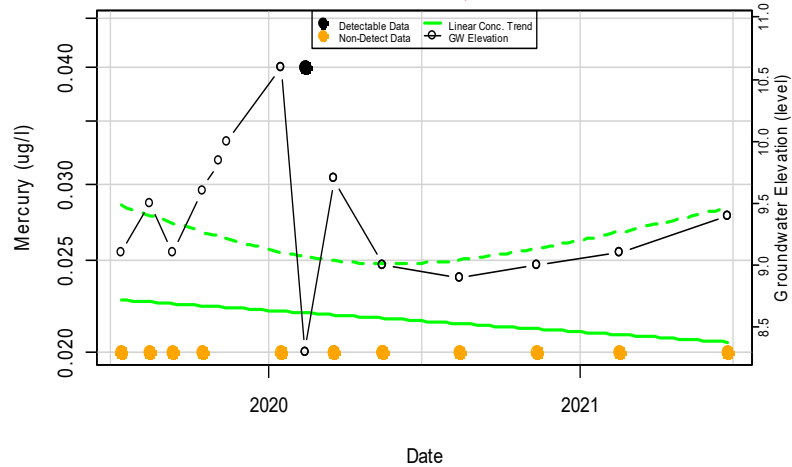


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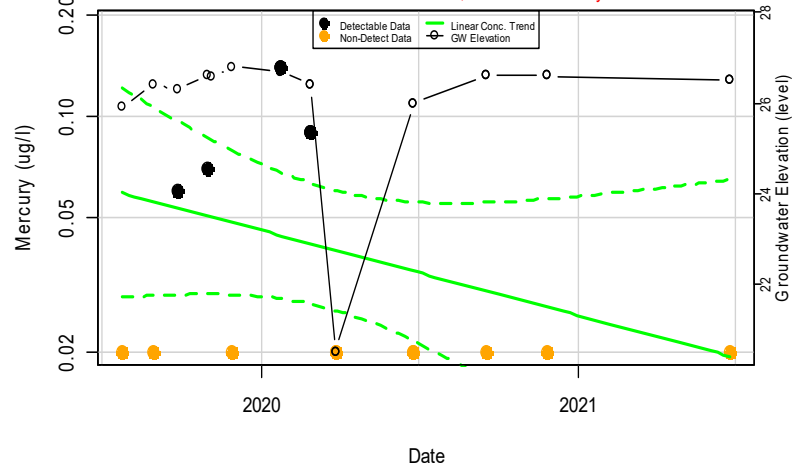
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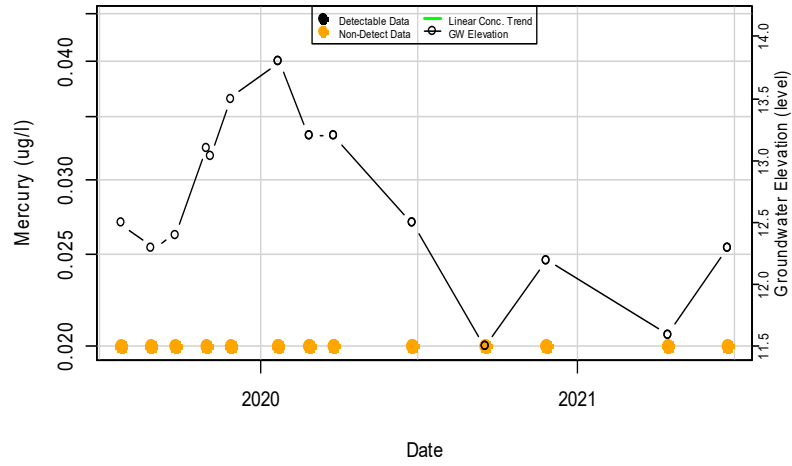


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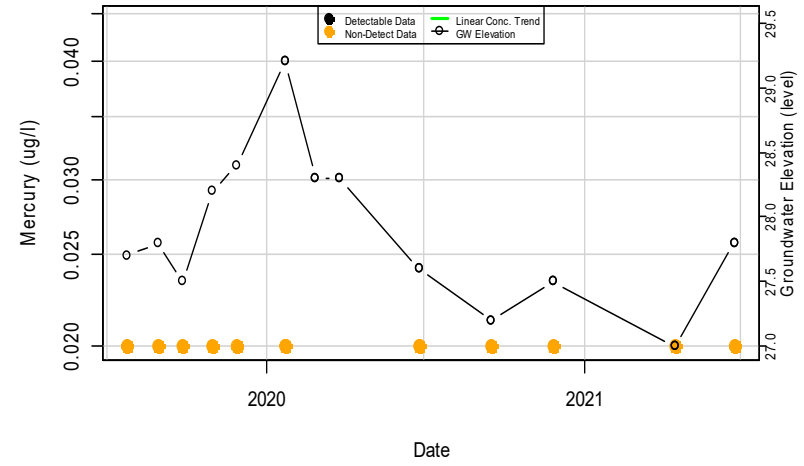
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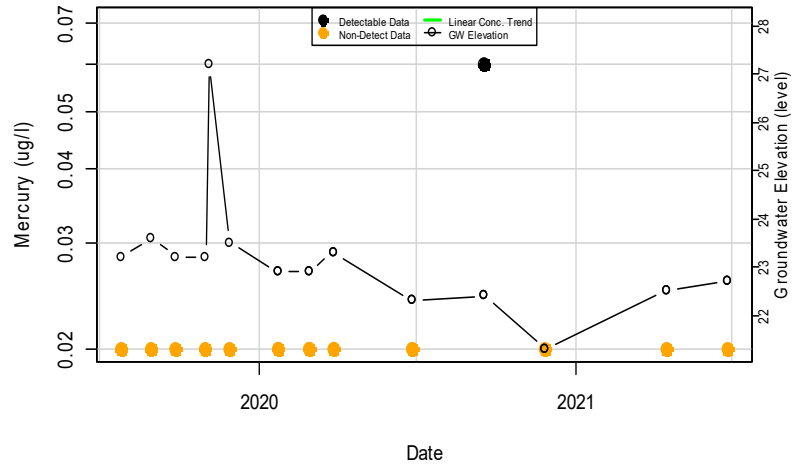
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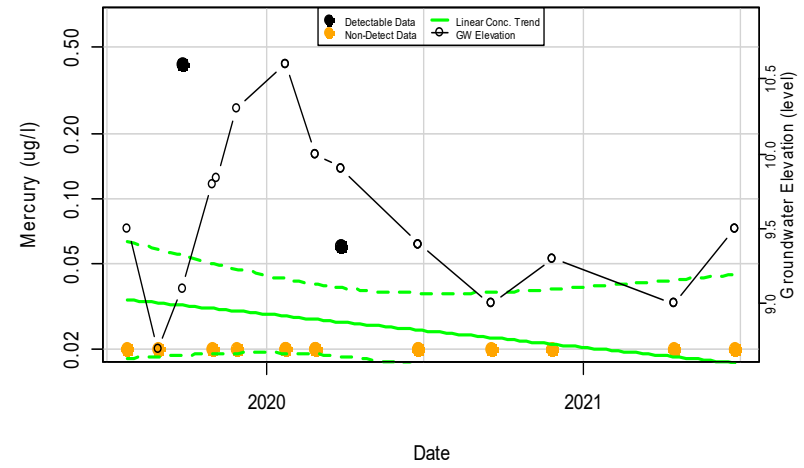


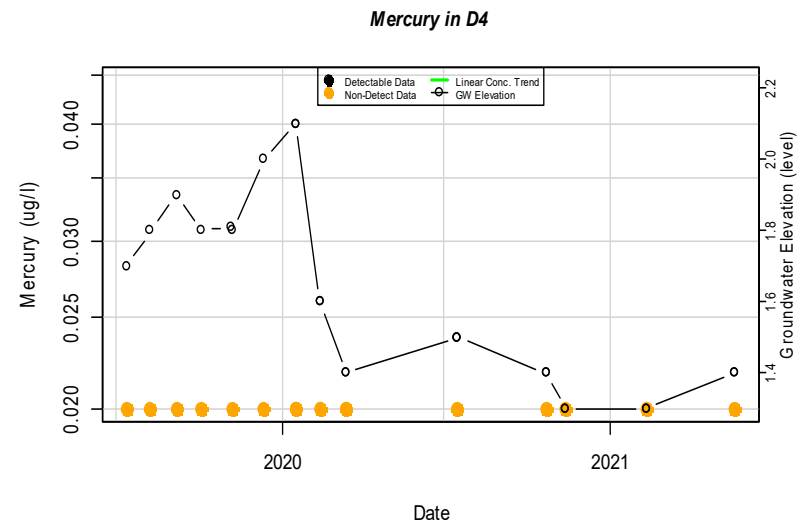
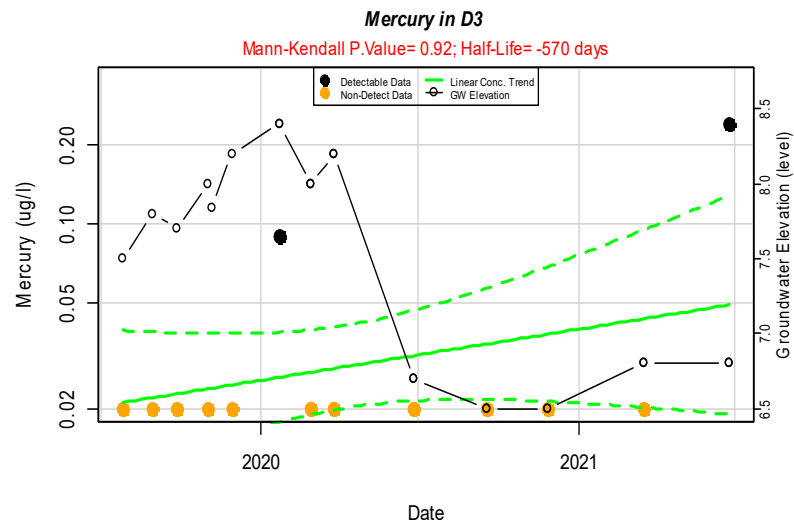
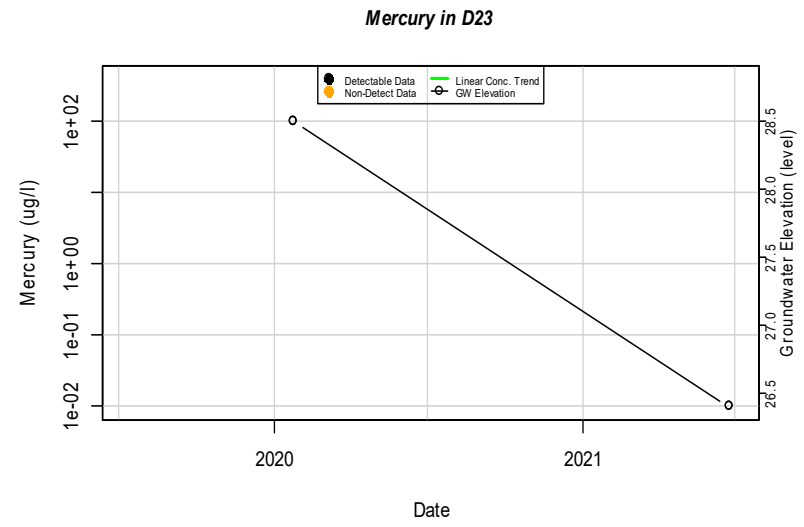
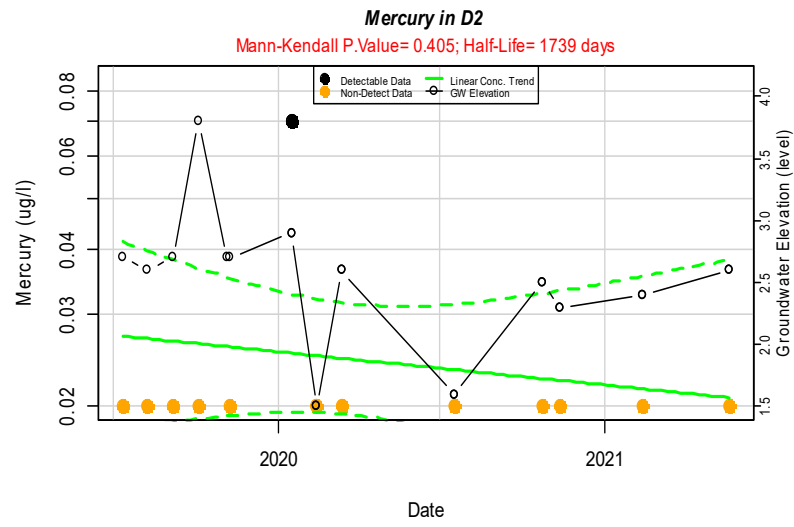
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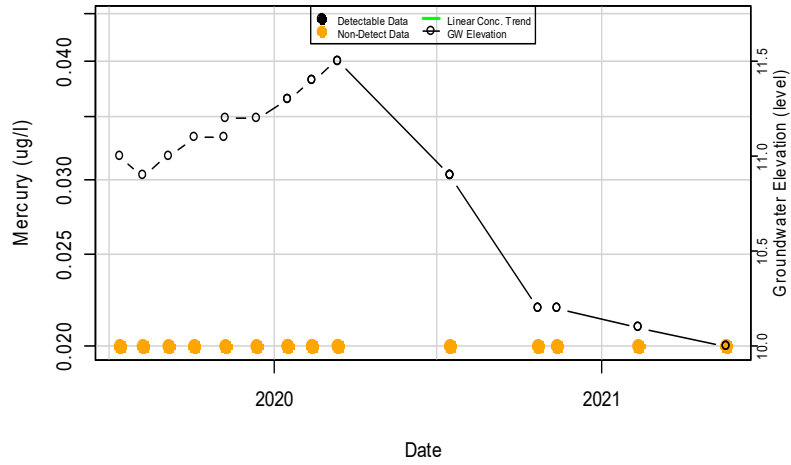
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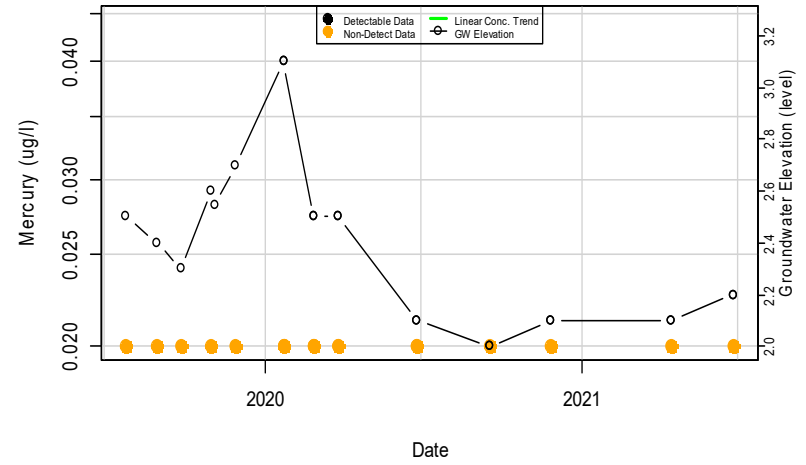




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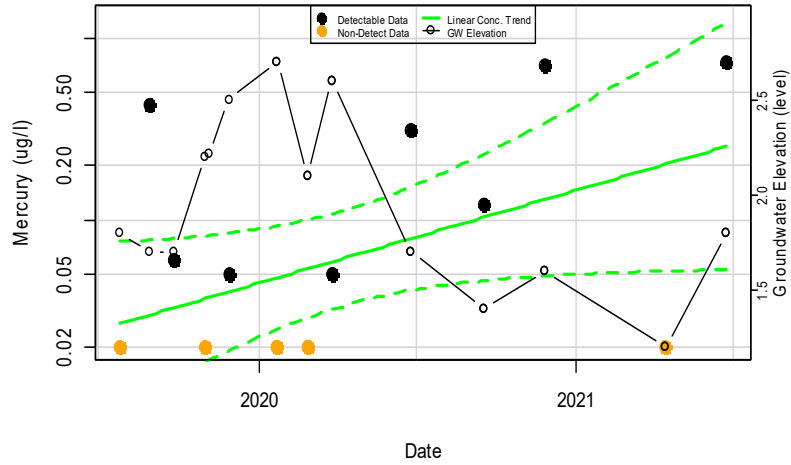


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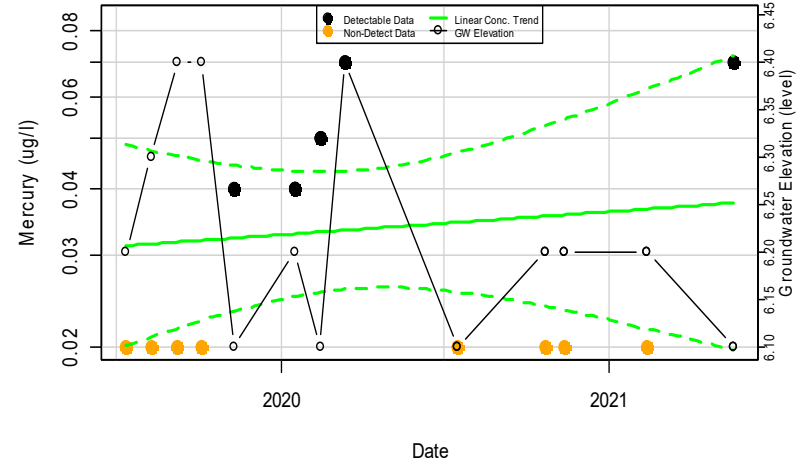
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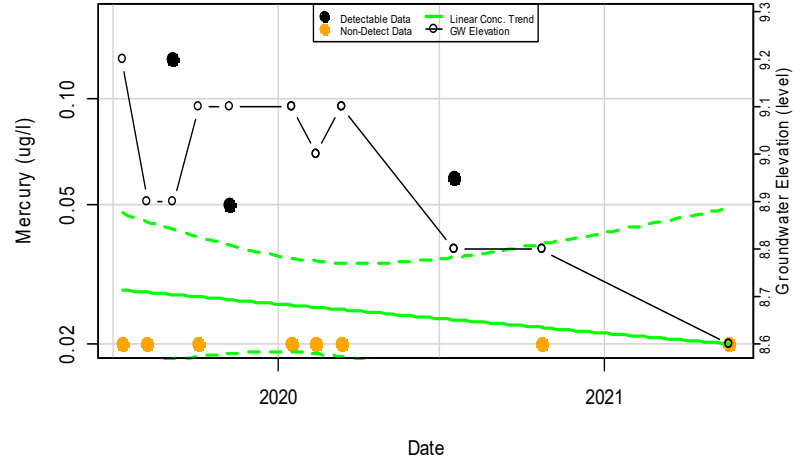
Mercury in MPGM5-D5

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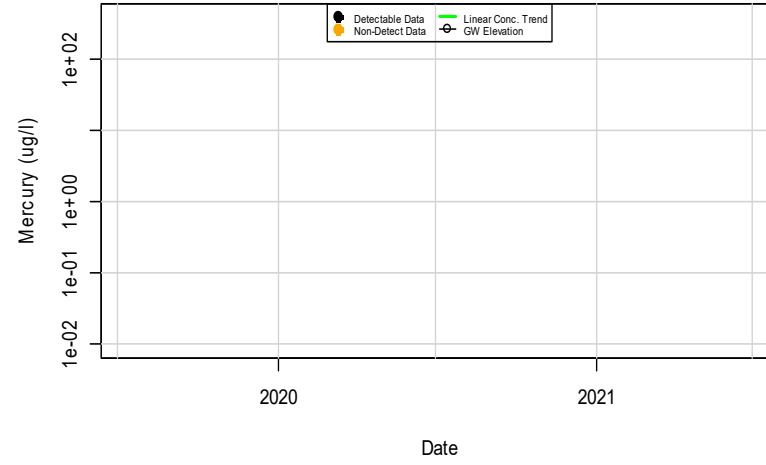


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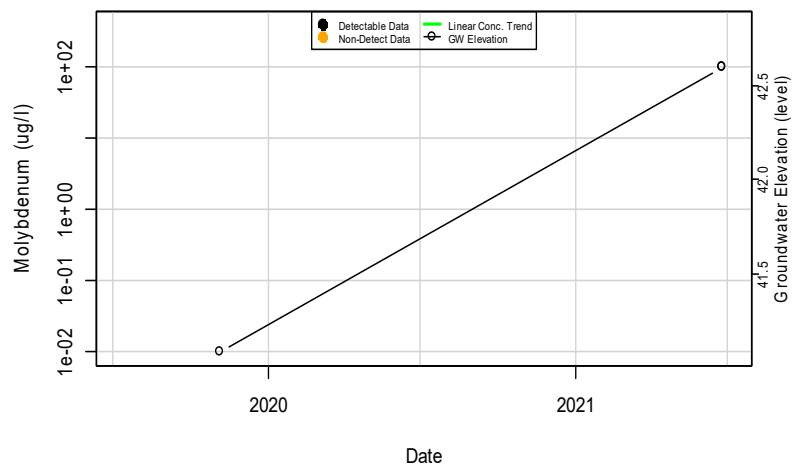
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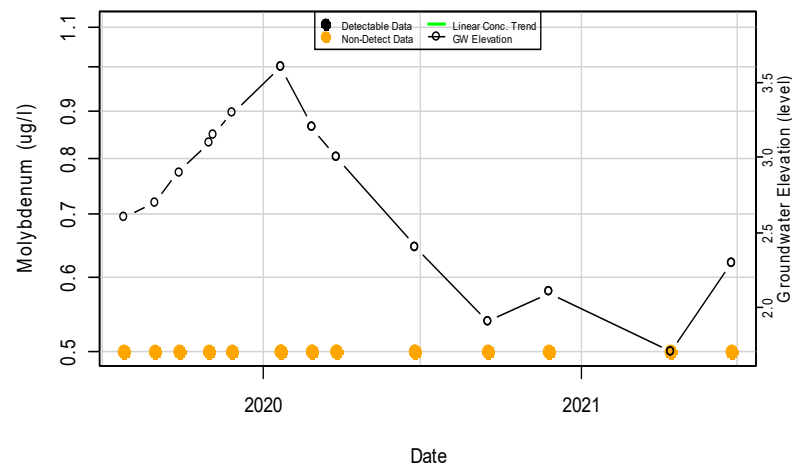
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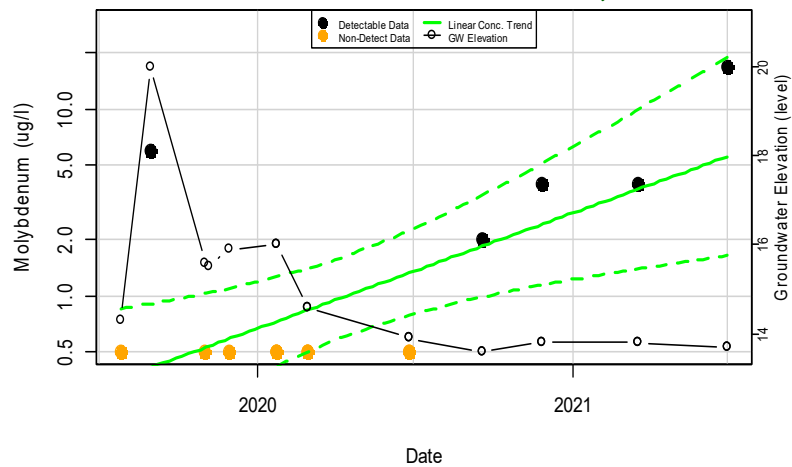


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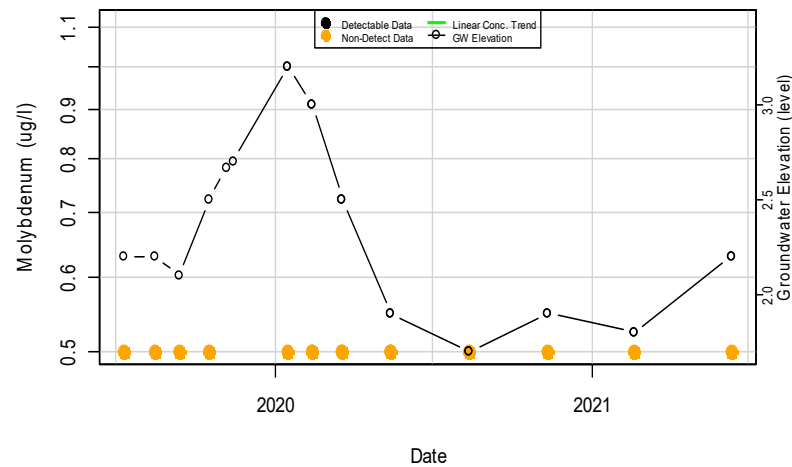


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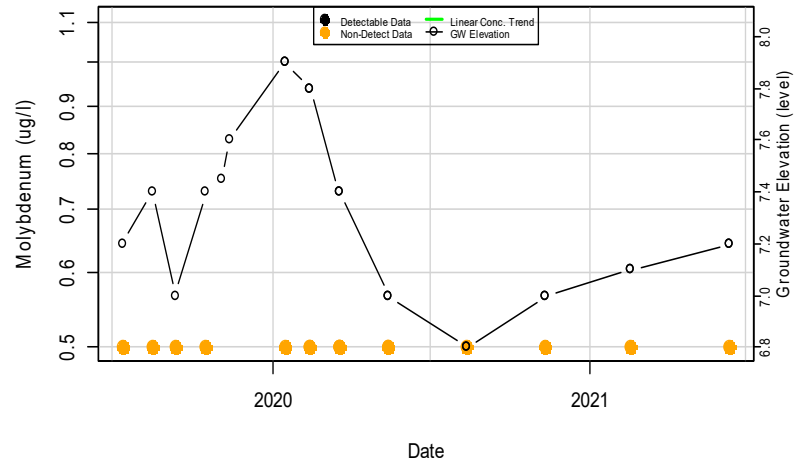
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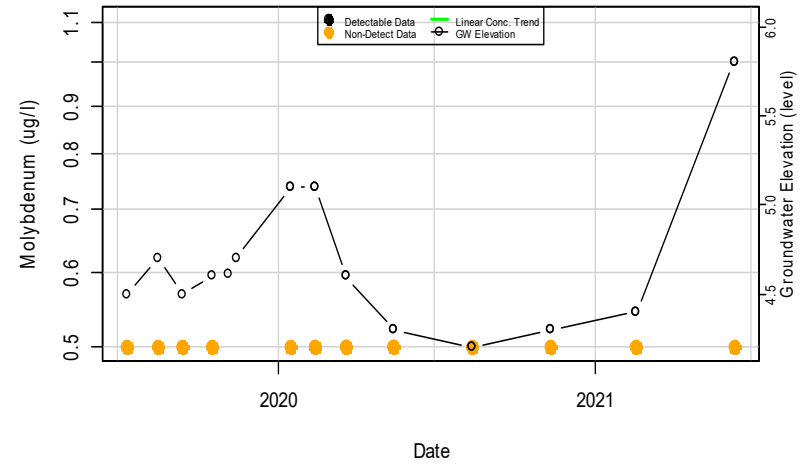
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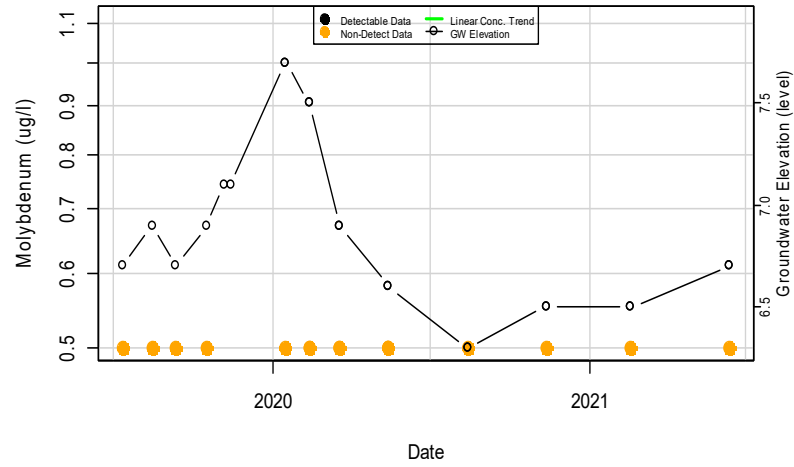
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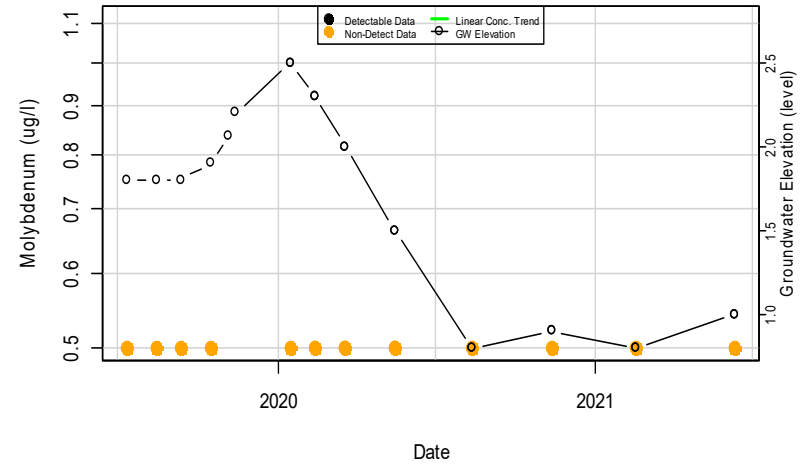
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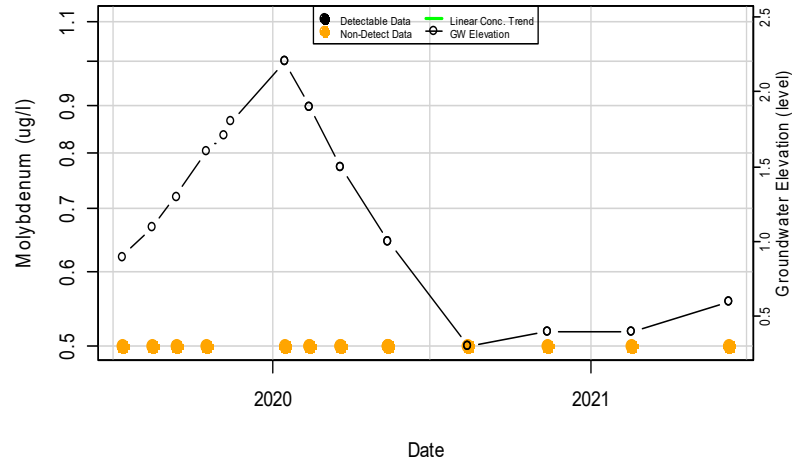
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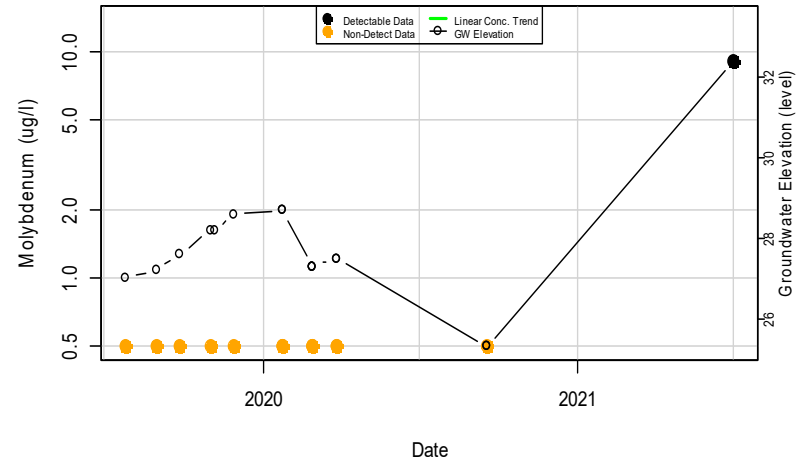
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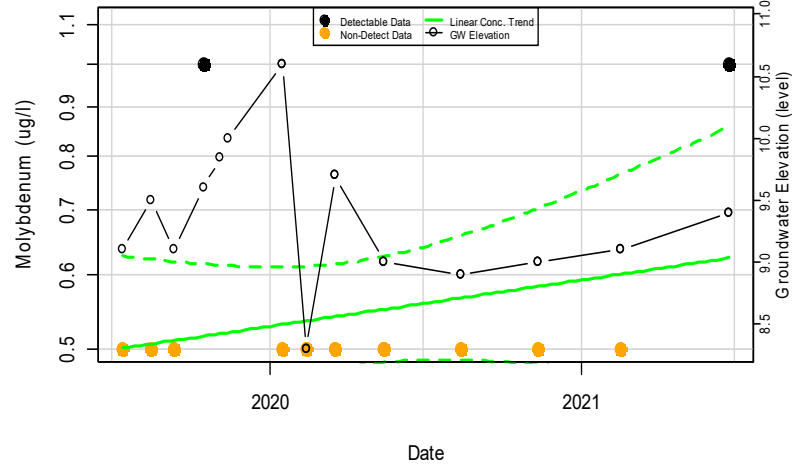


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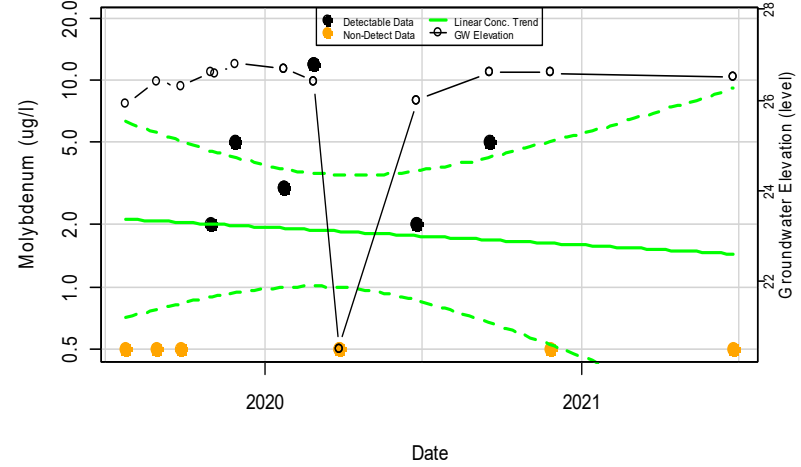
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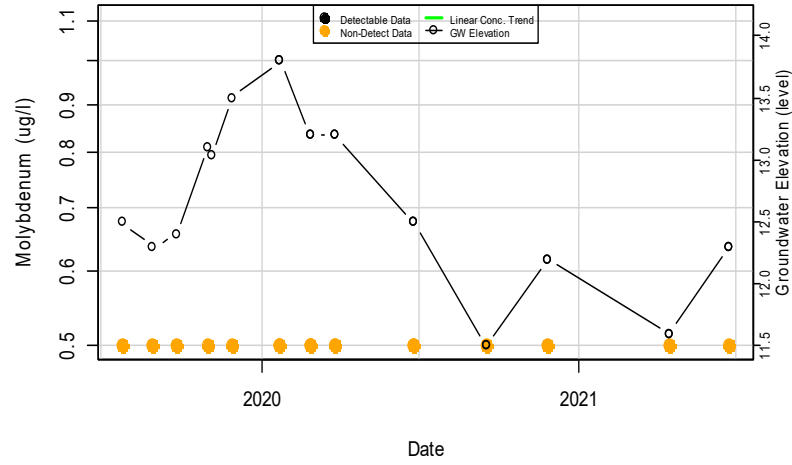


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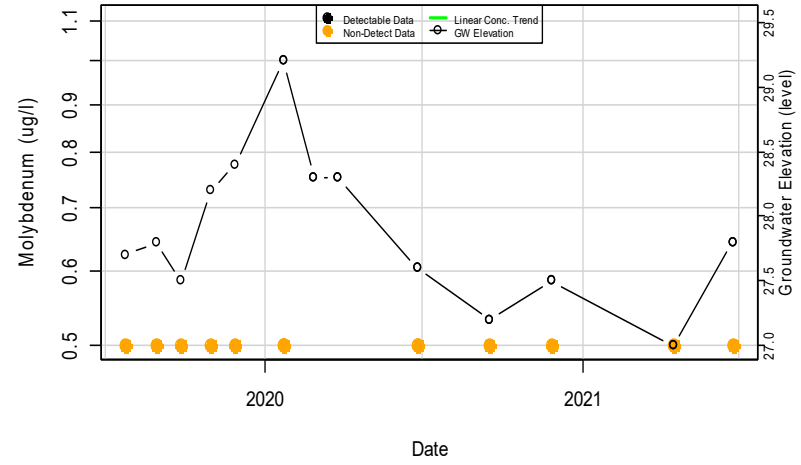
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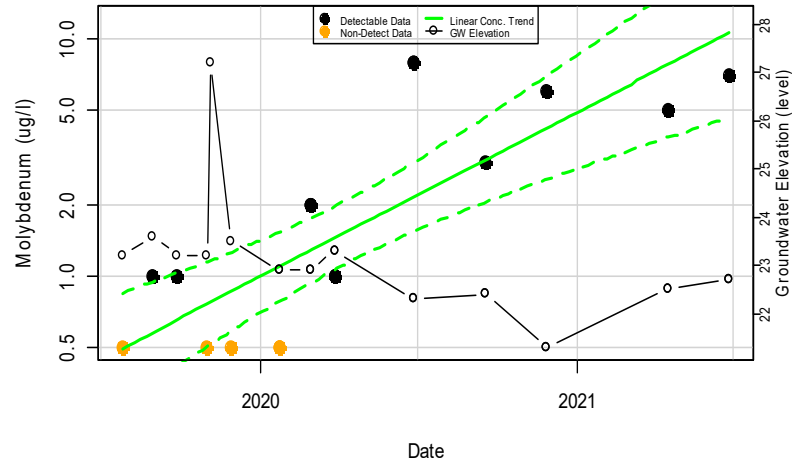


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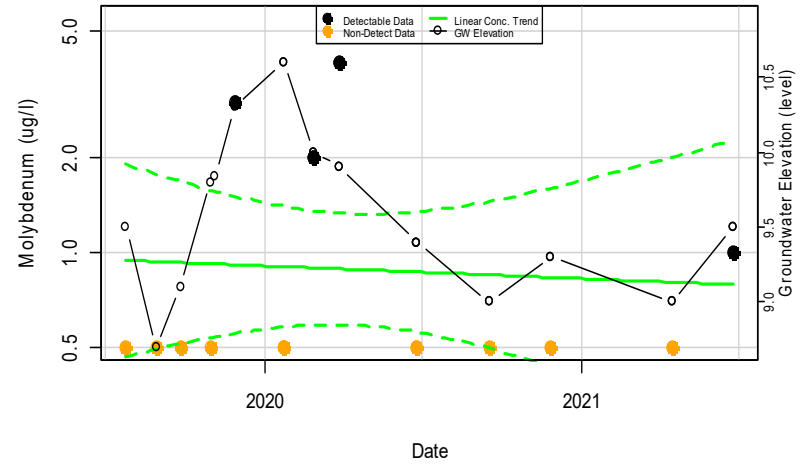
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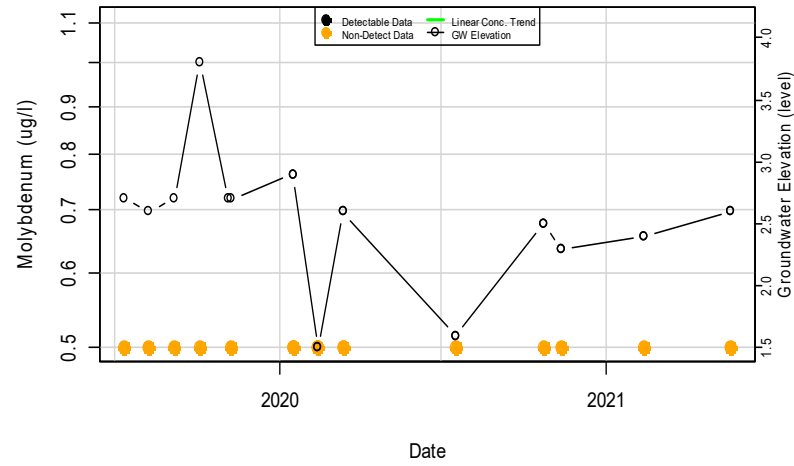


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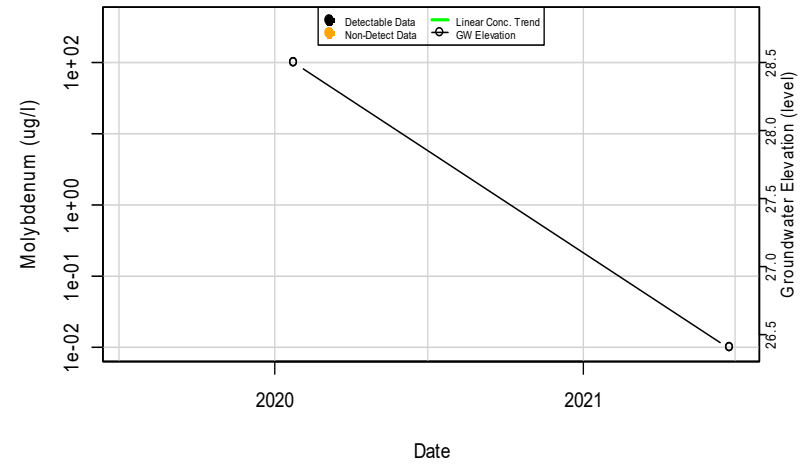
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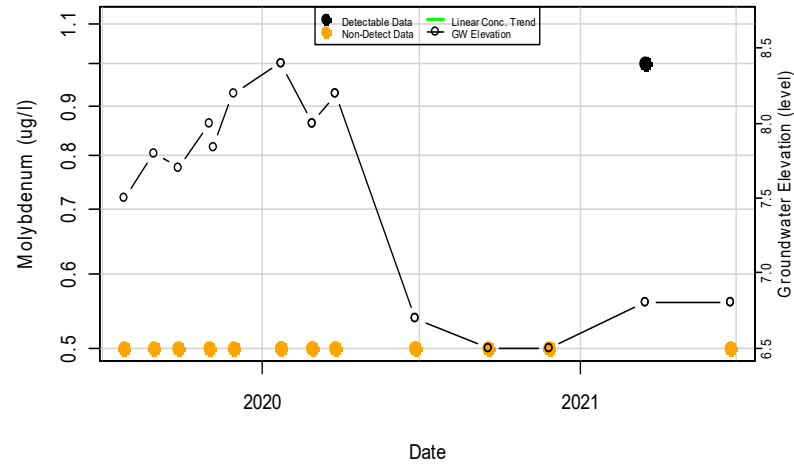
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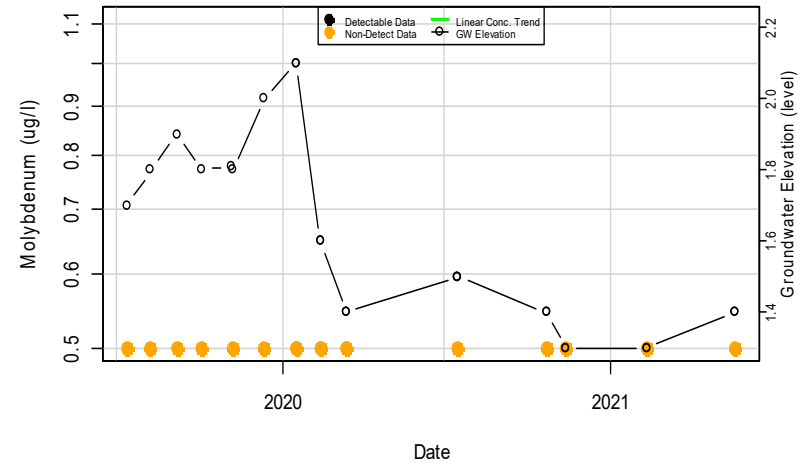
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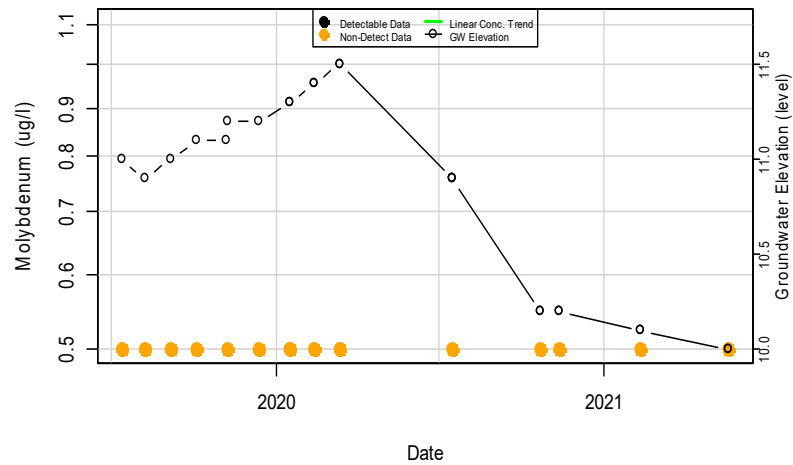
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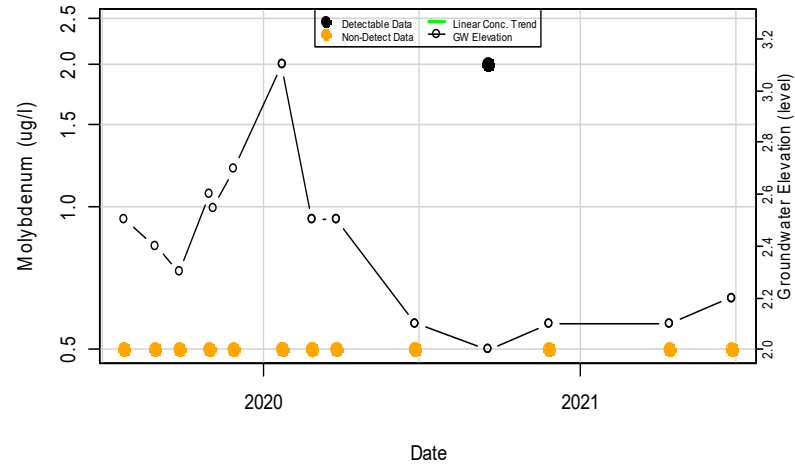
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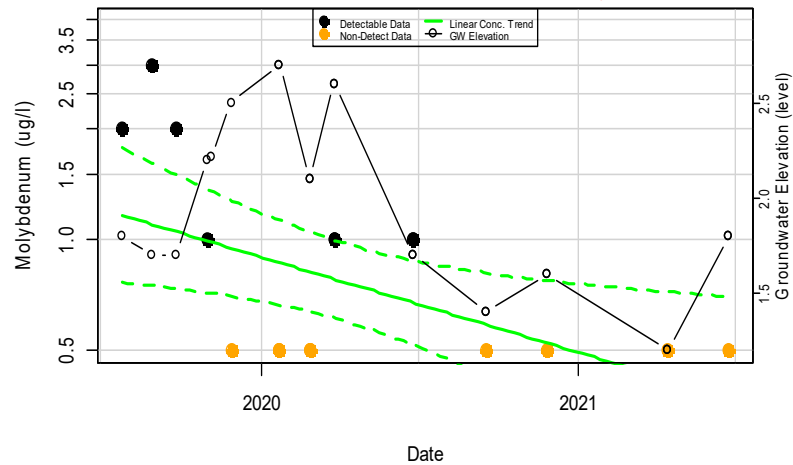


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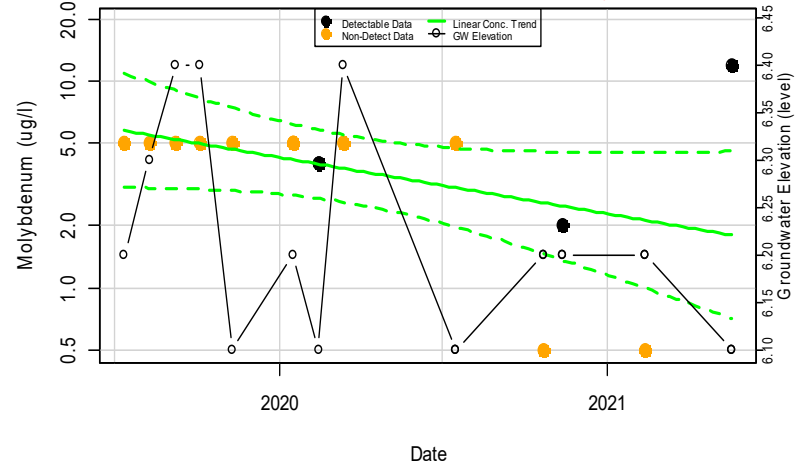
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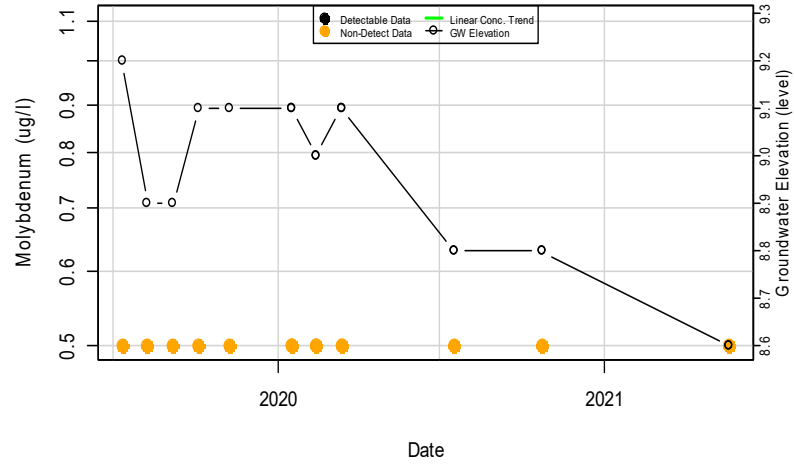


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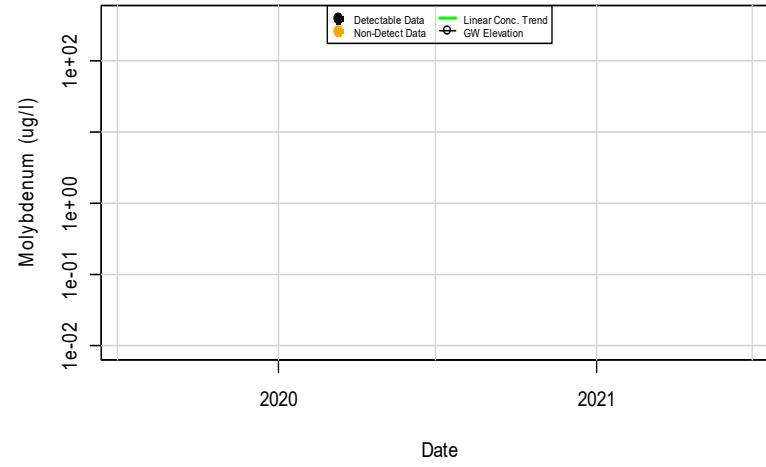
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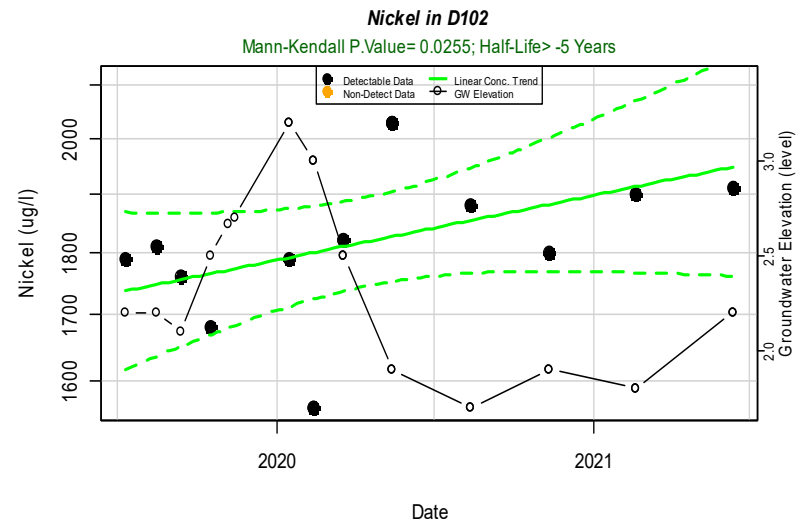
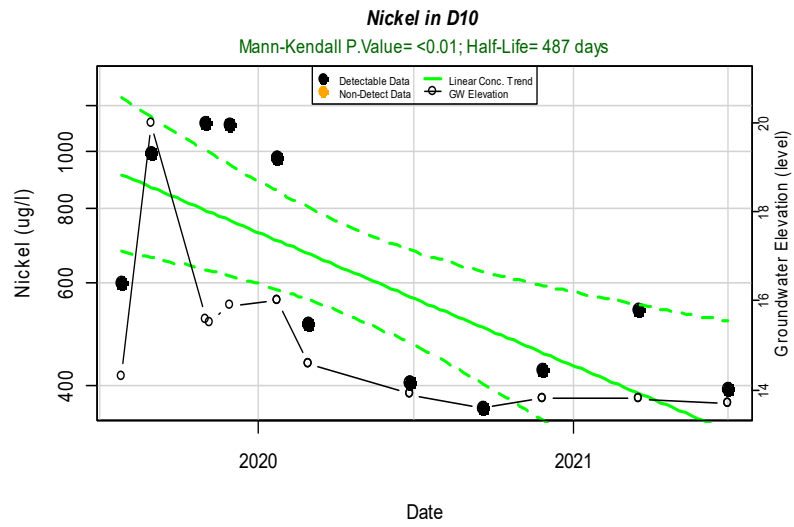
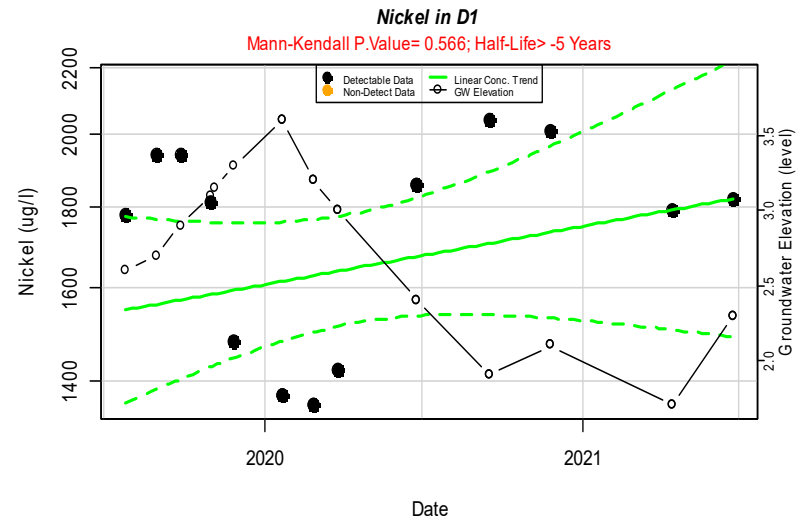
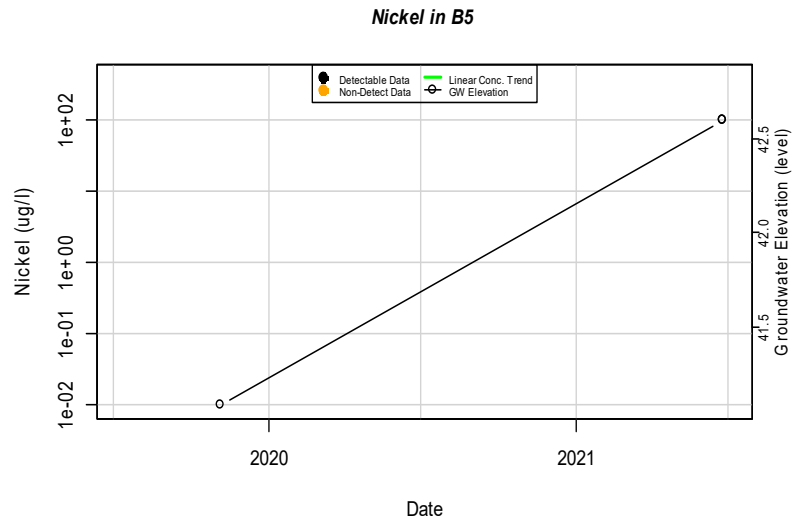


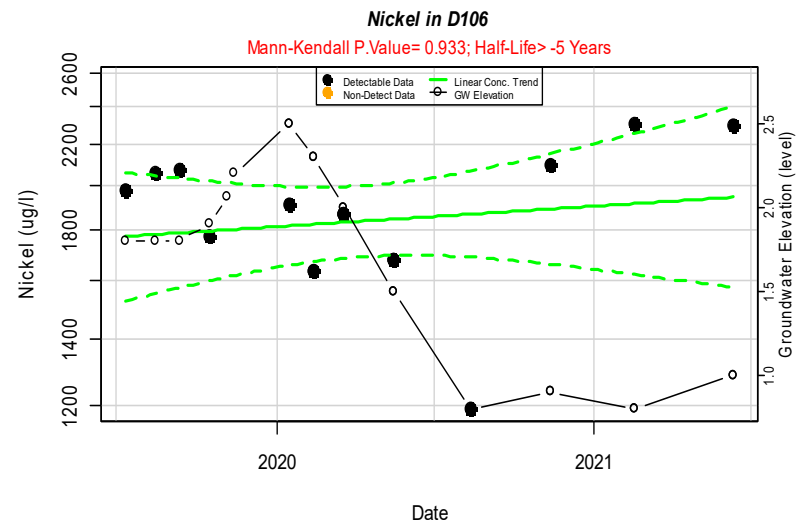
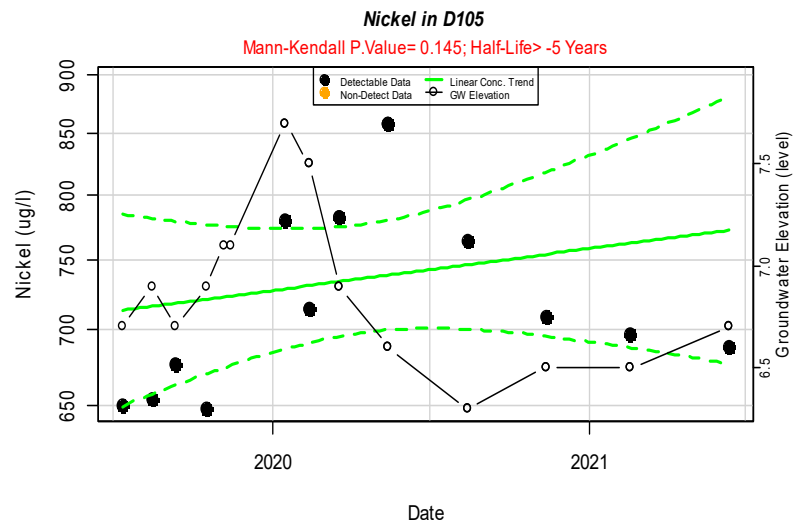
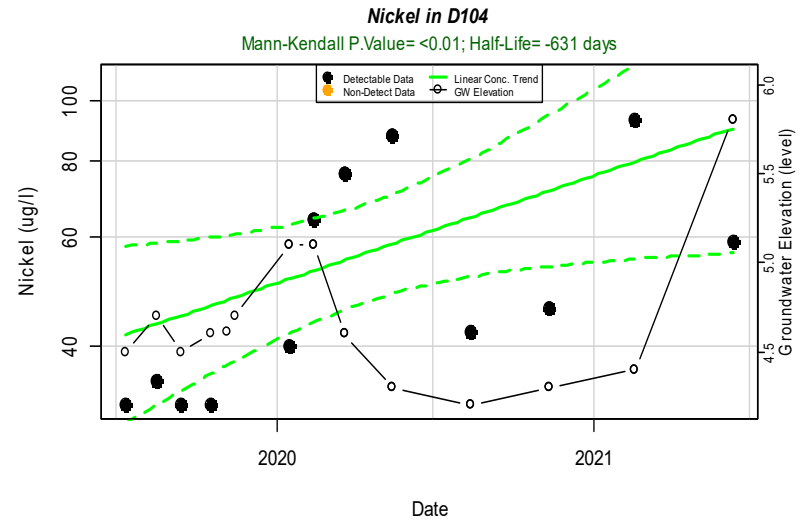
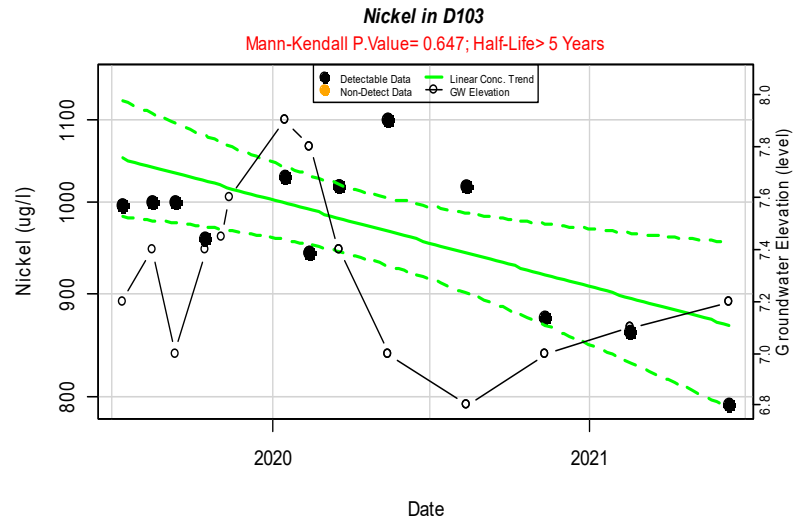
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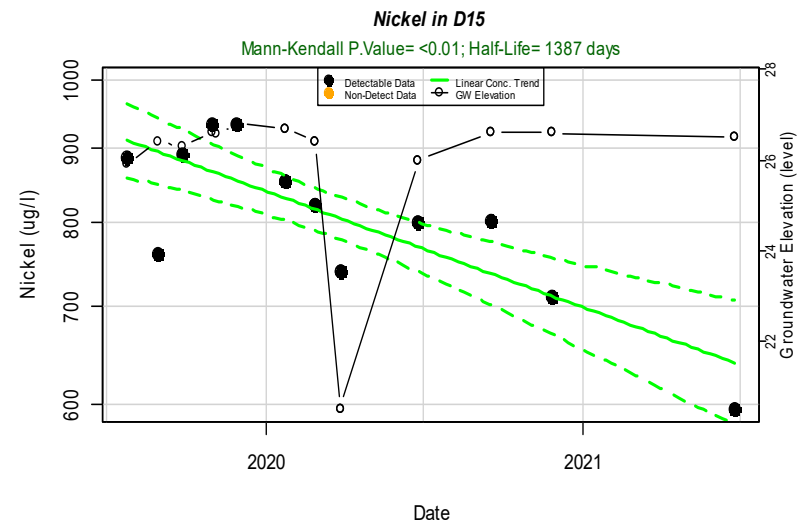
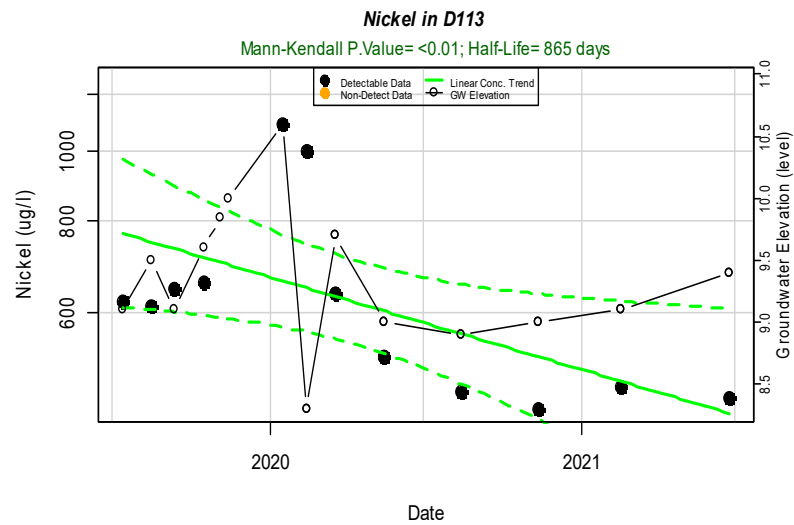
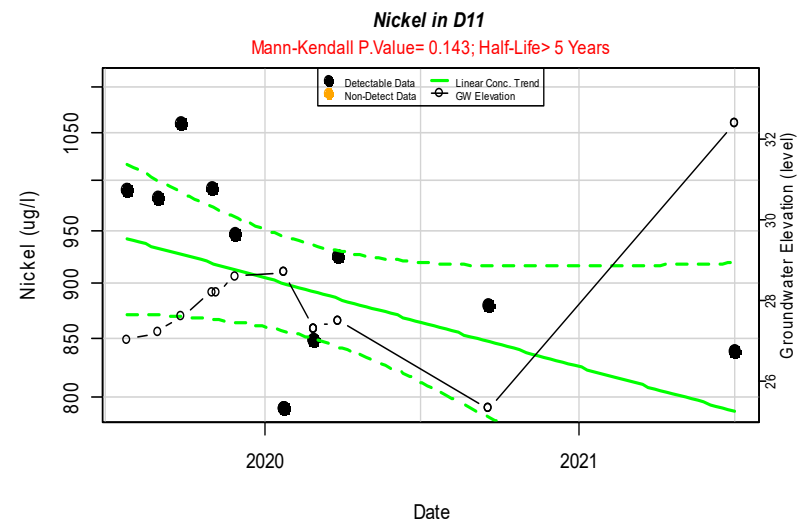
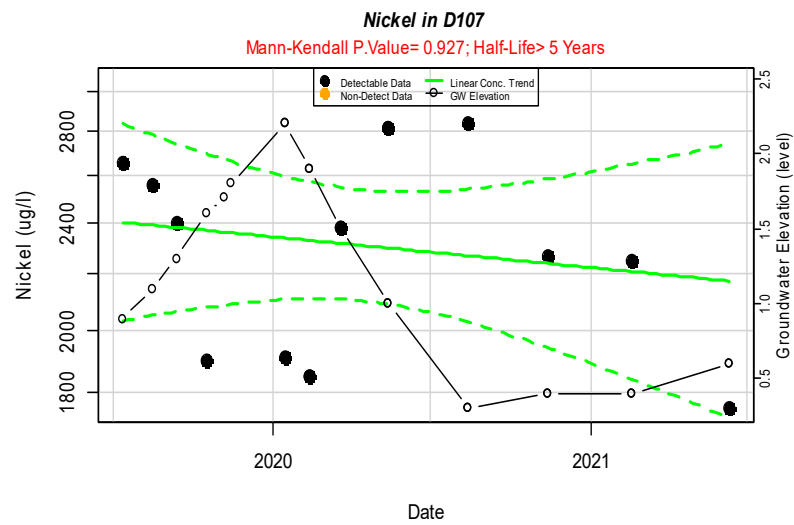


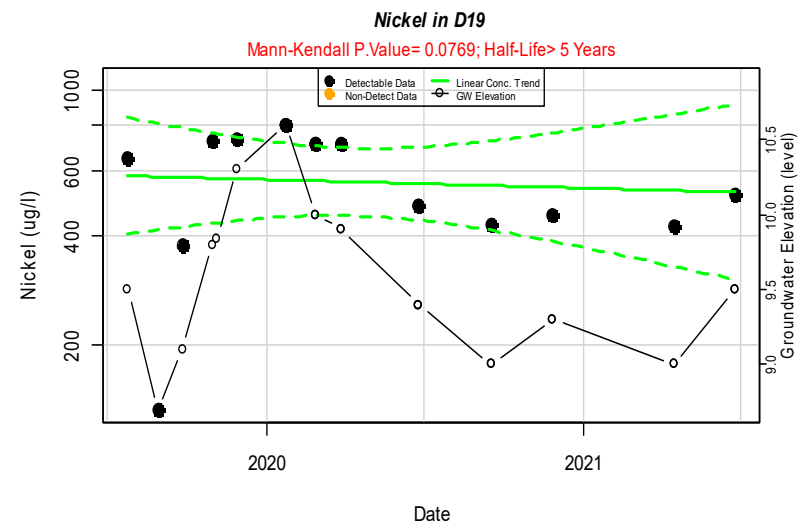
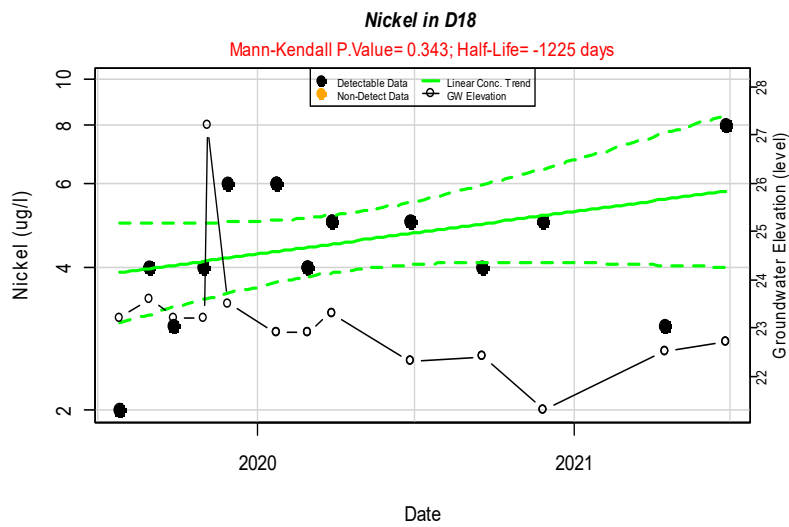
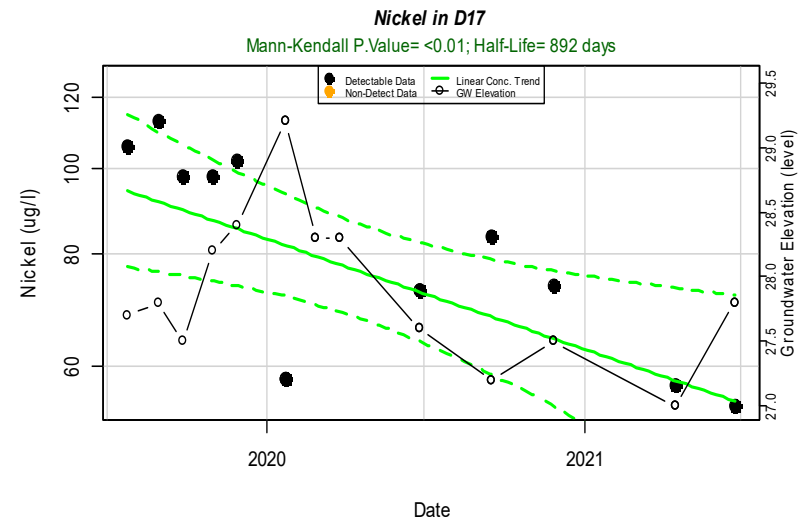
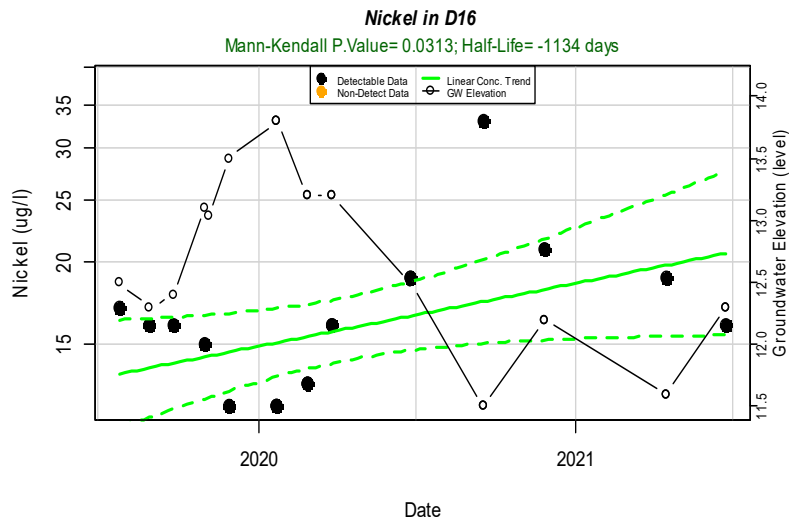
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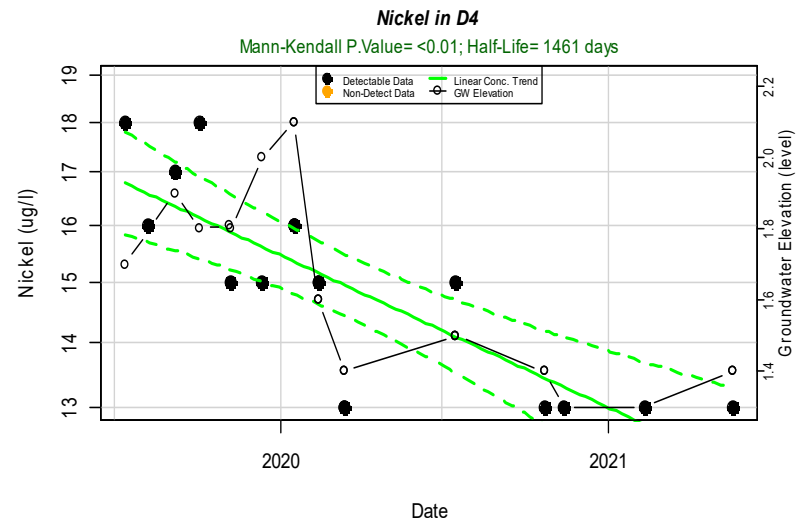
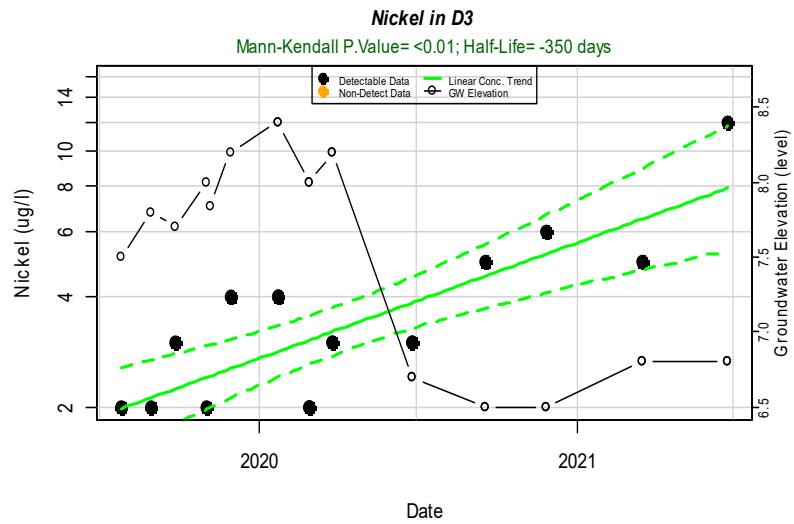
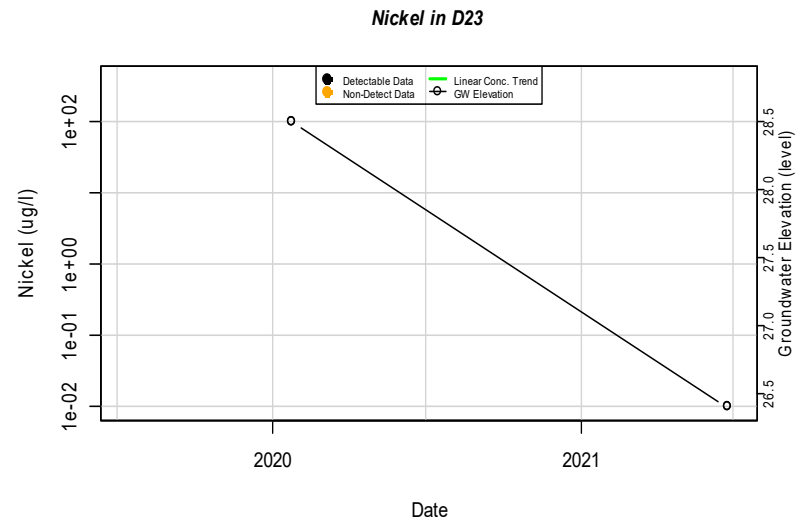
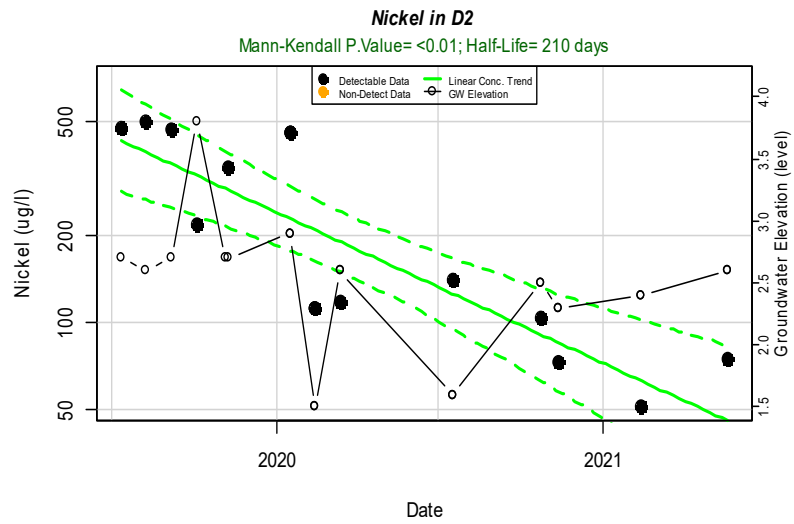


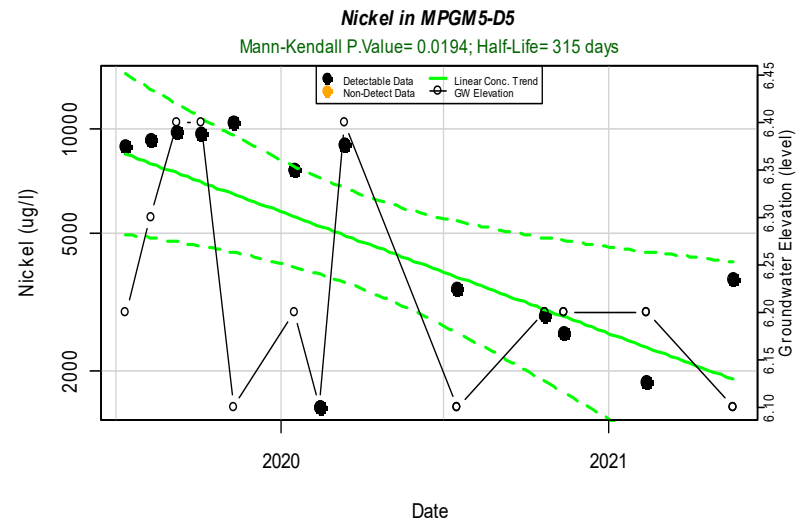
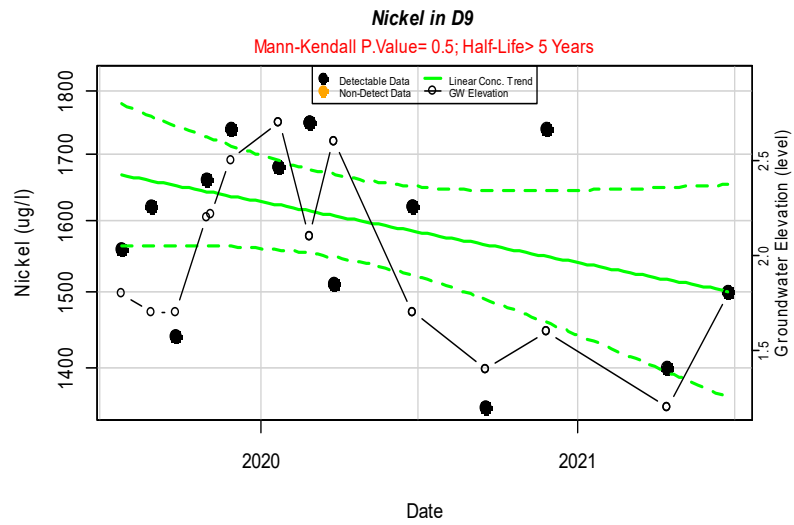
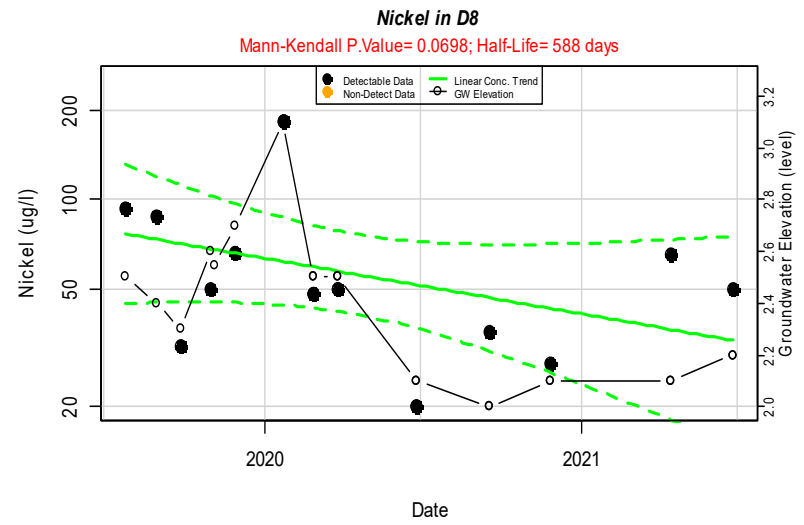
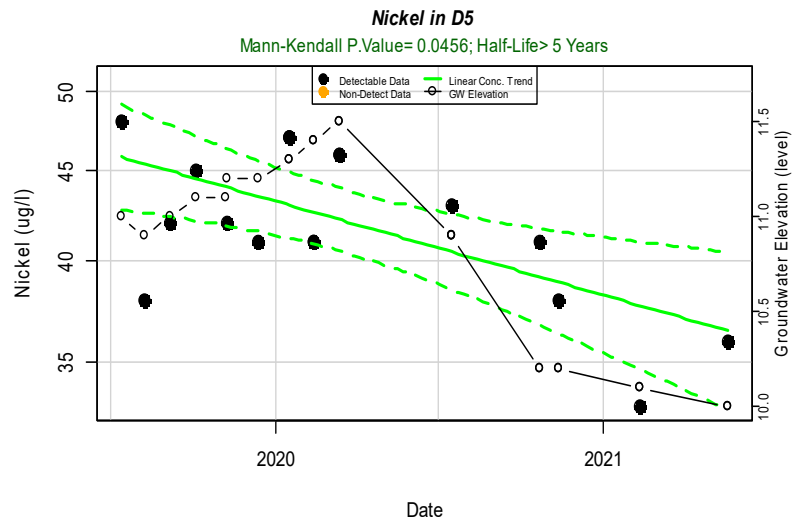


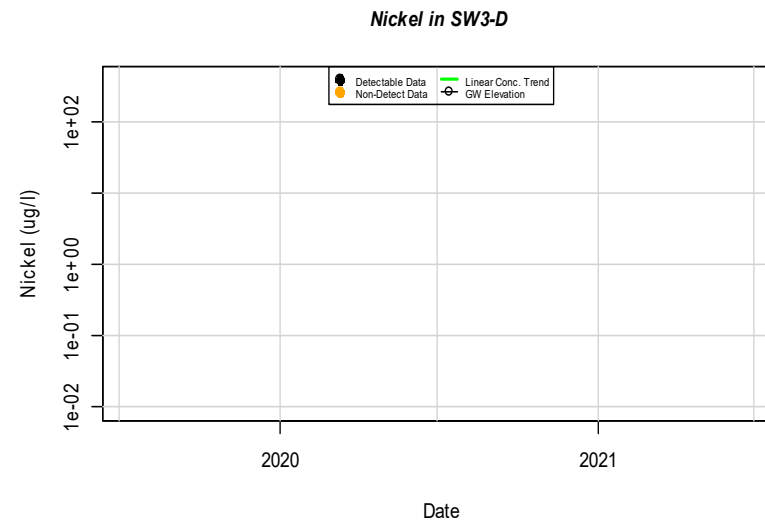
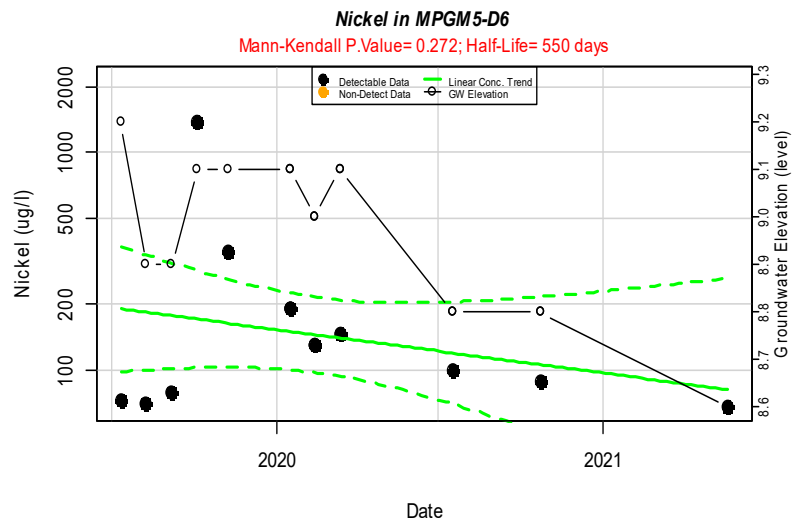


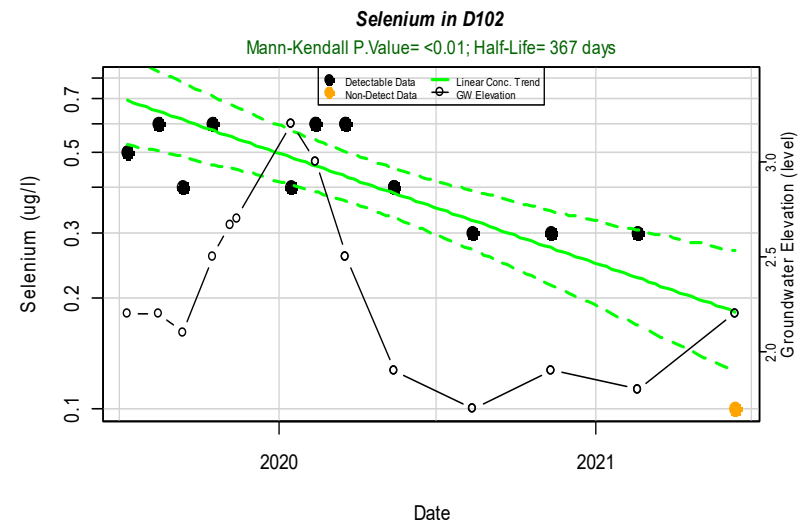
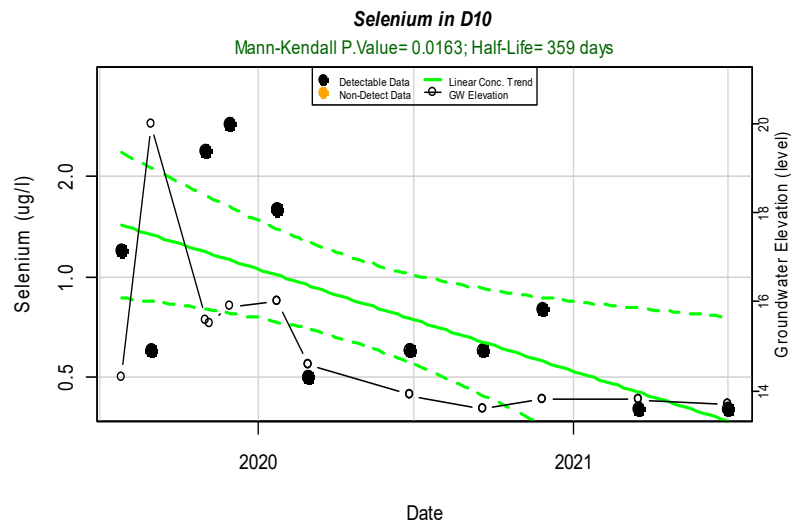
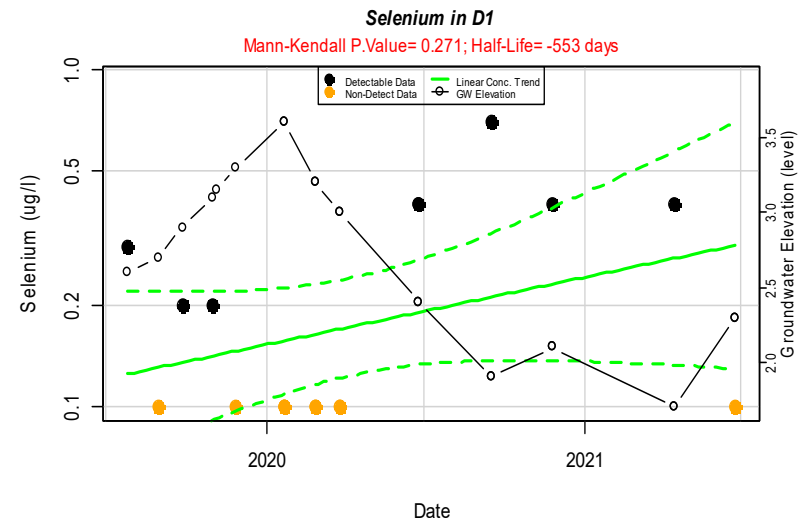
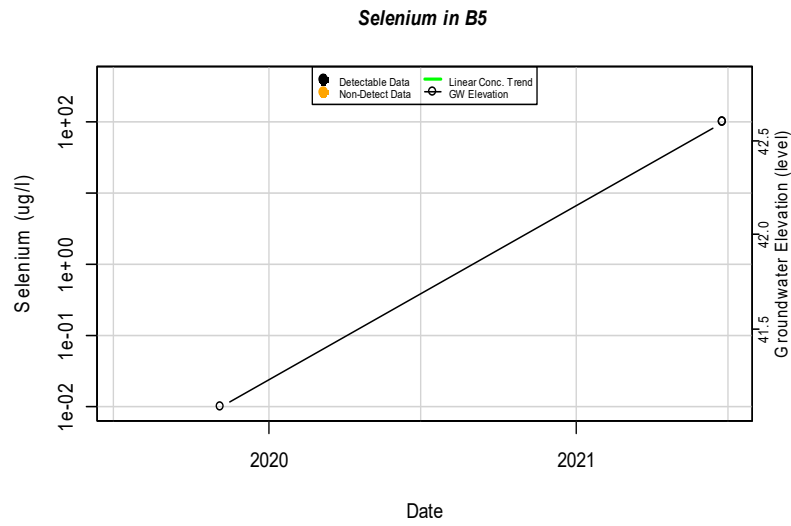


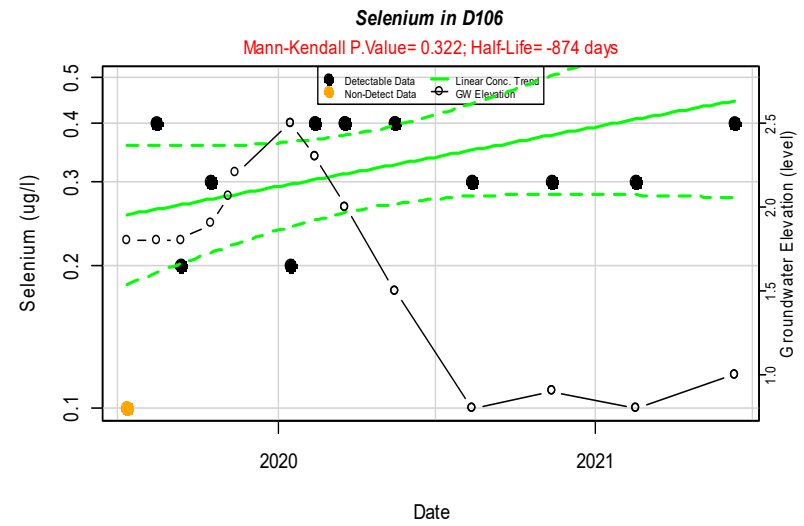
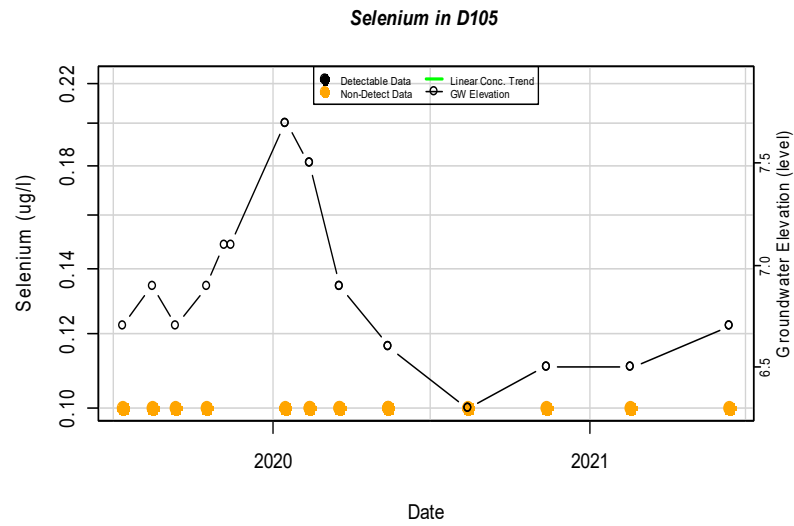
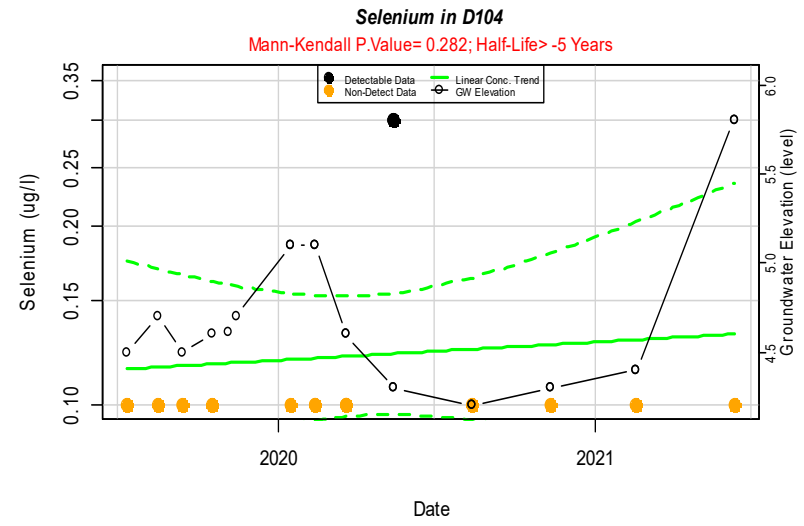
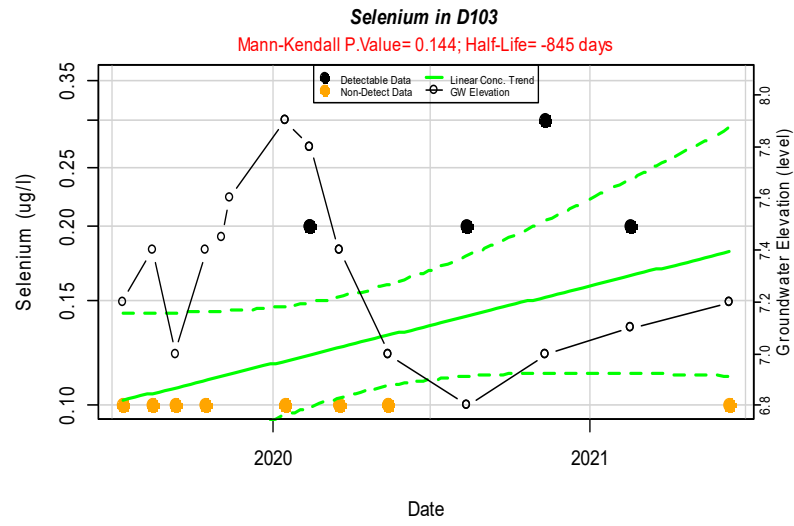


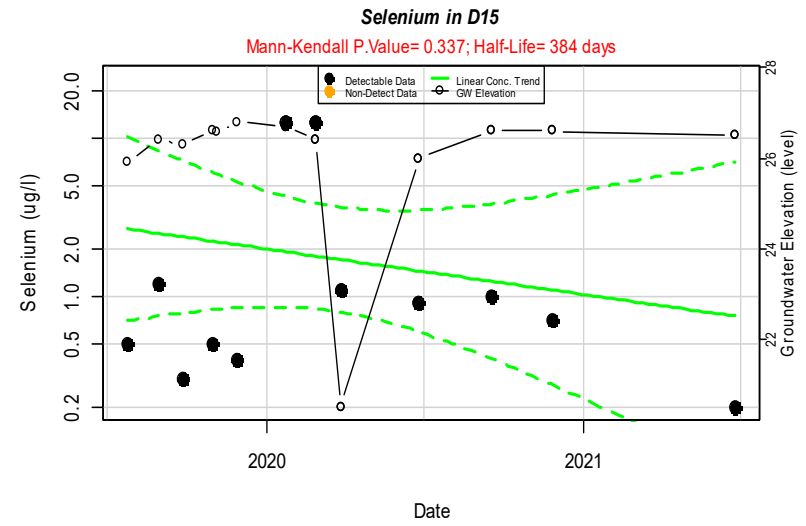
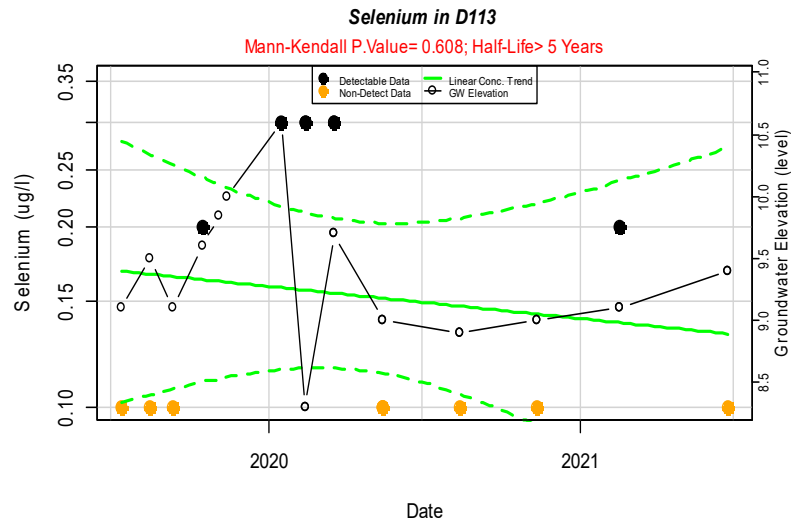
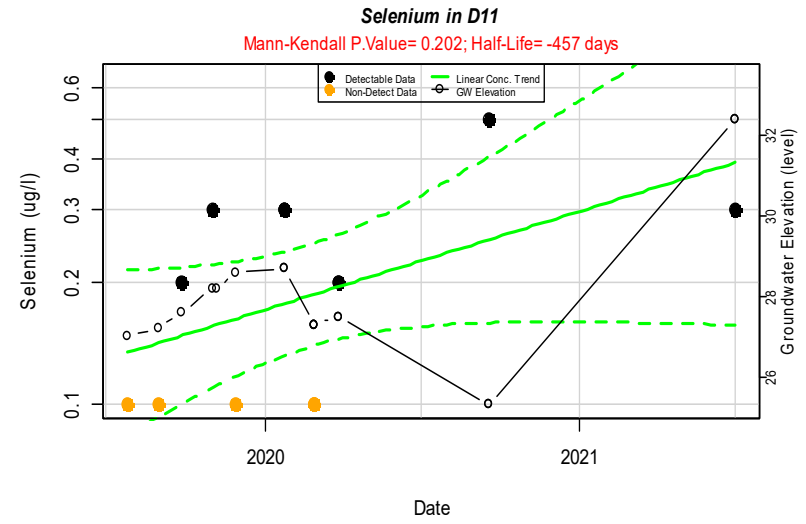
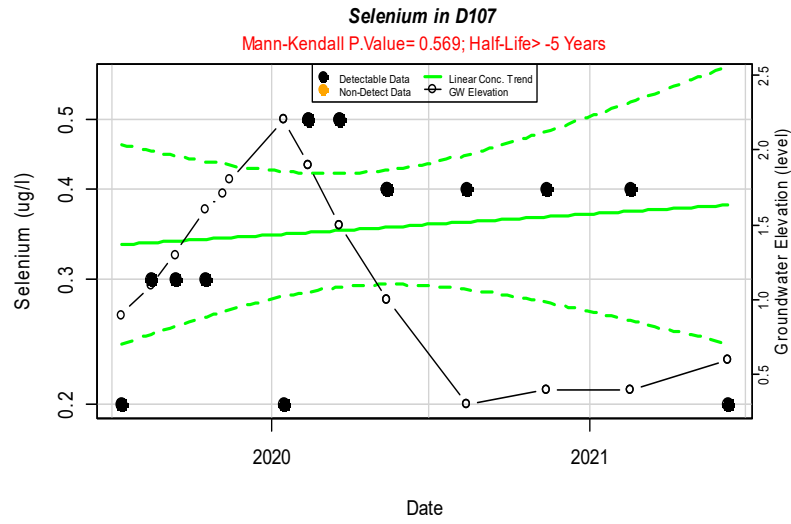




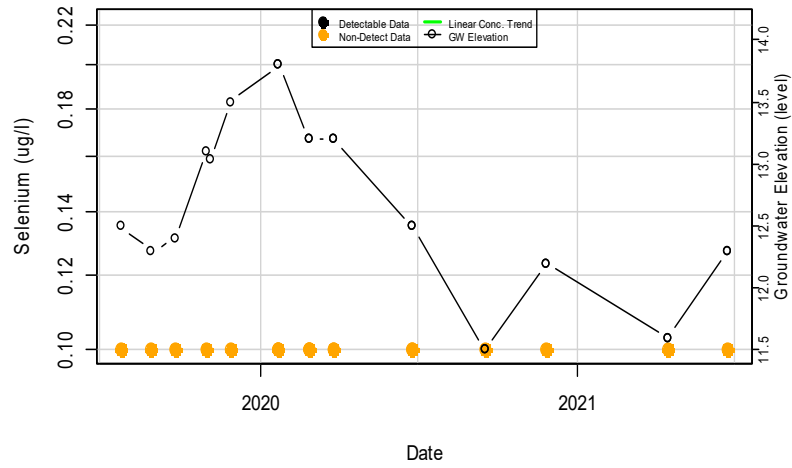




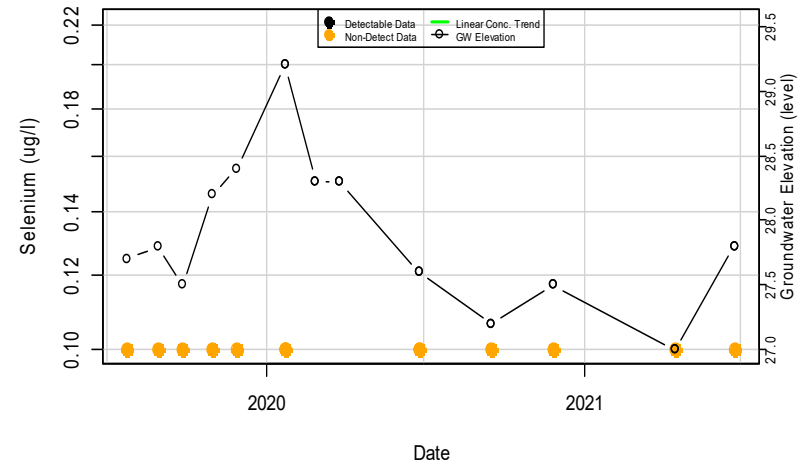




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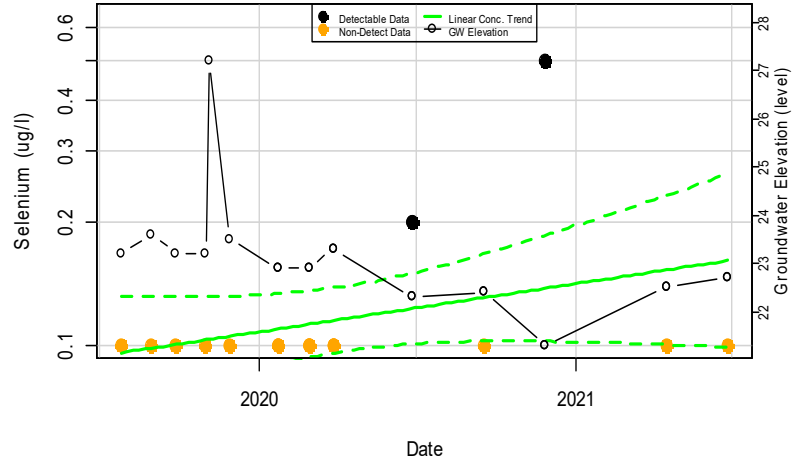


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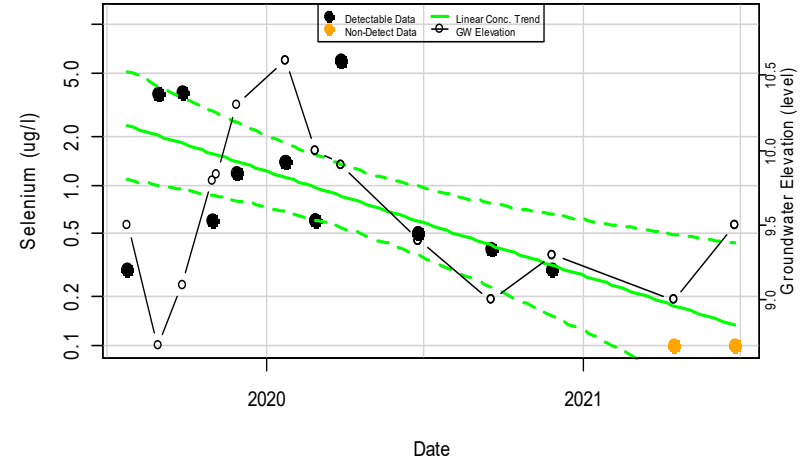
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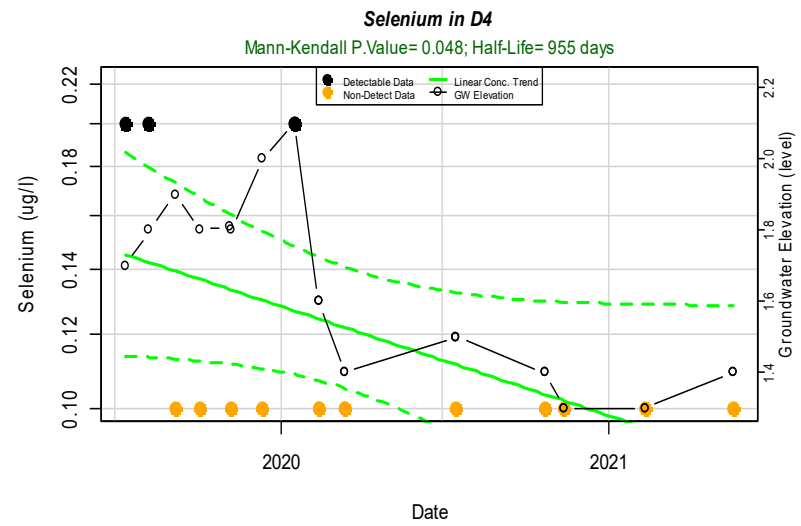
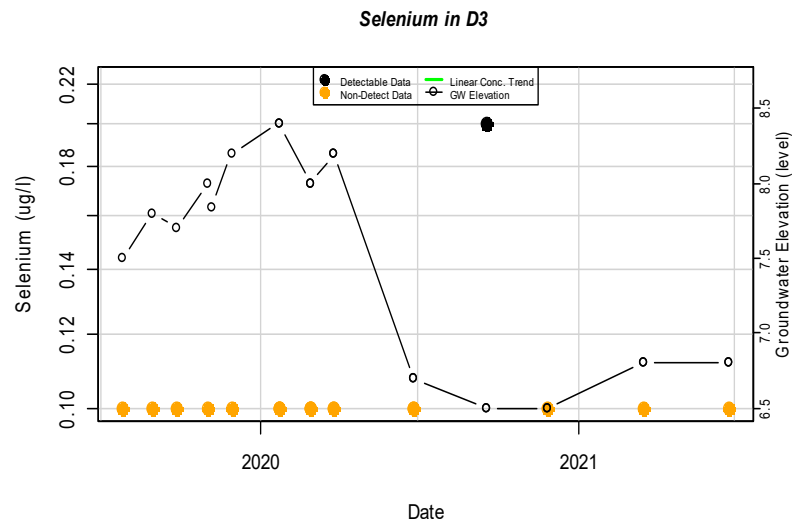
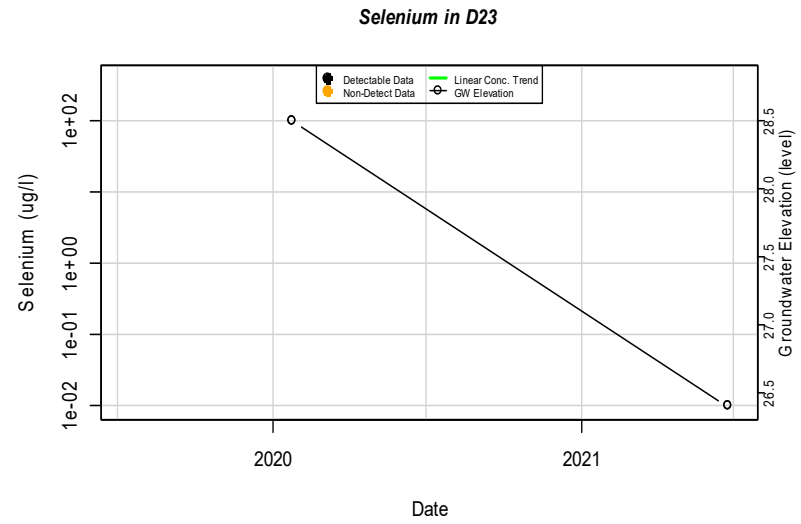
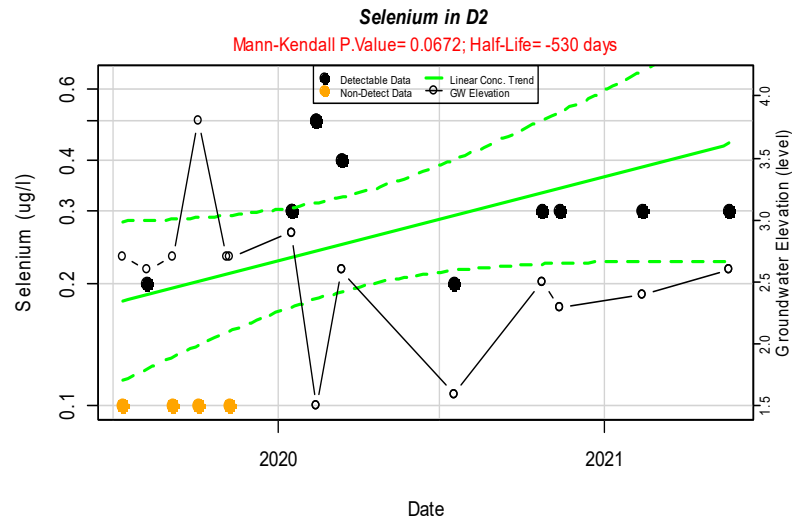
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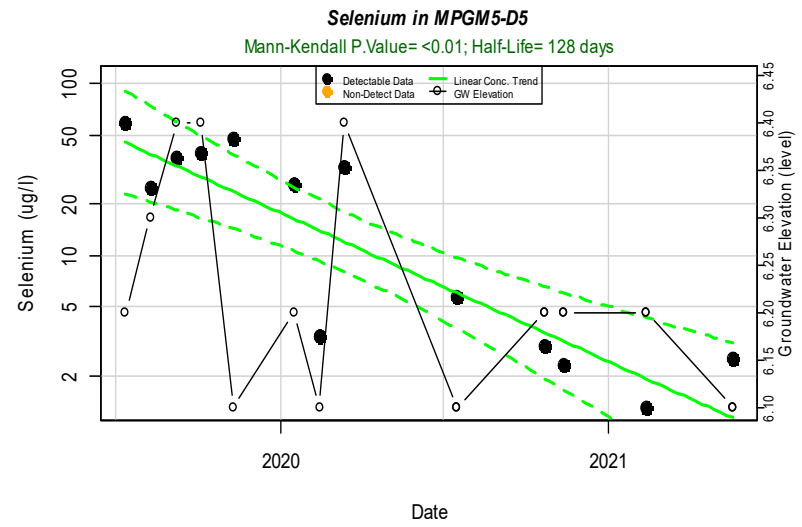
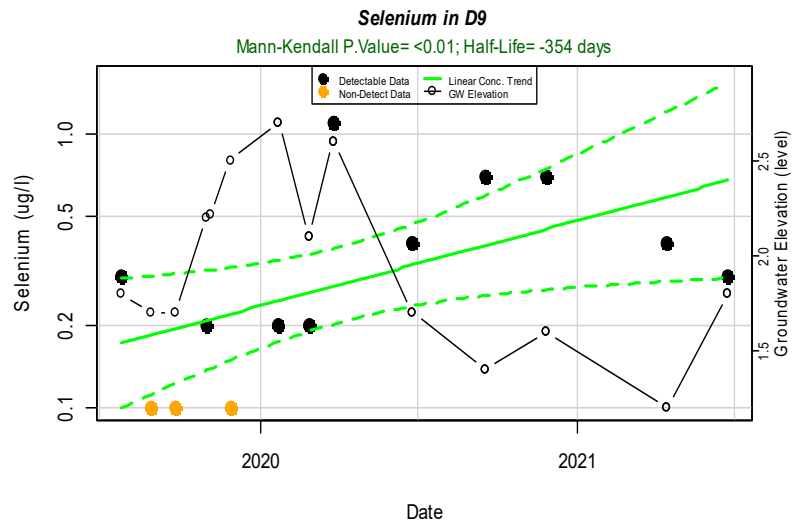
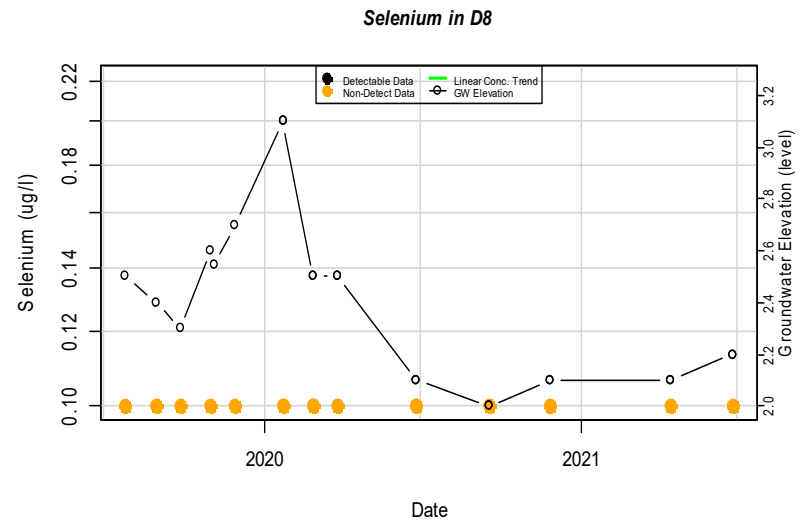
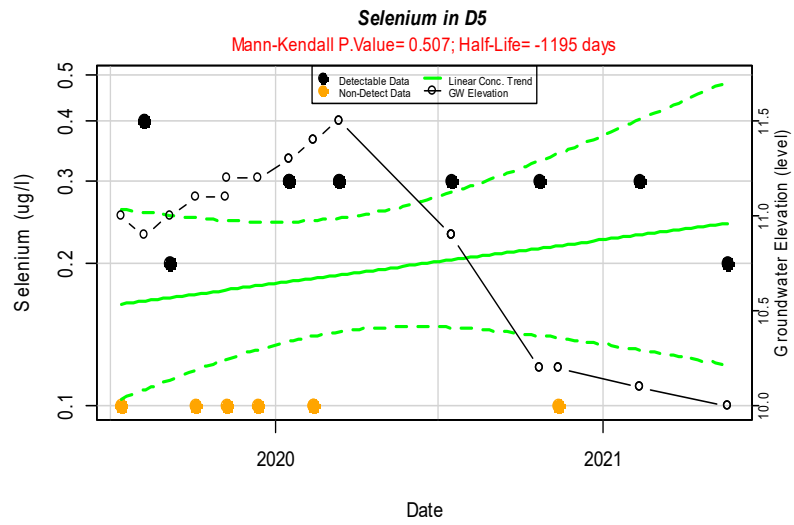


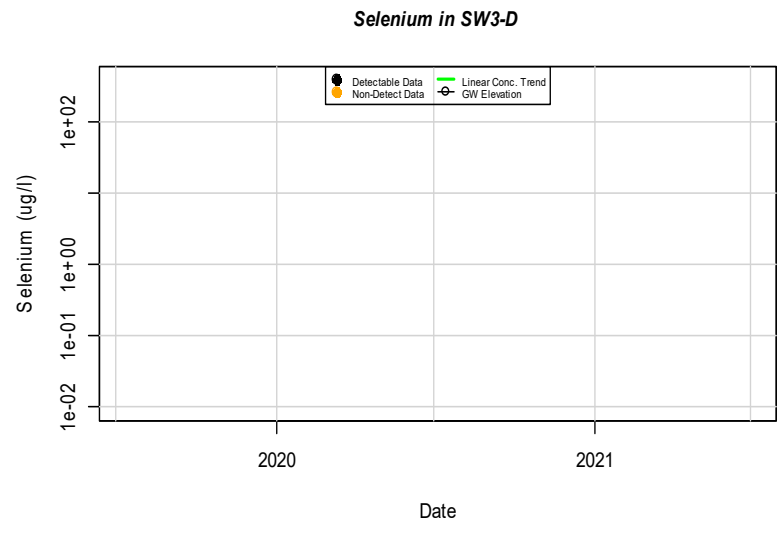
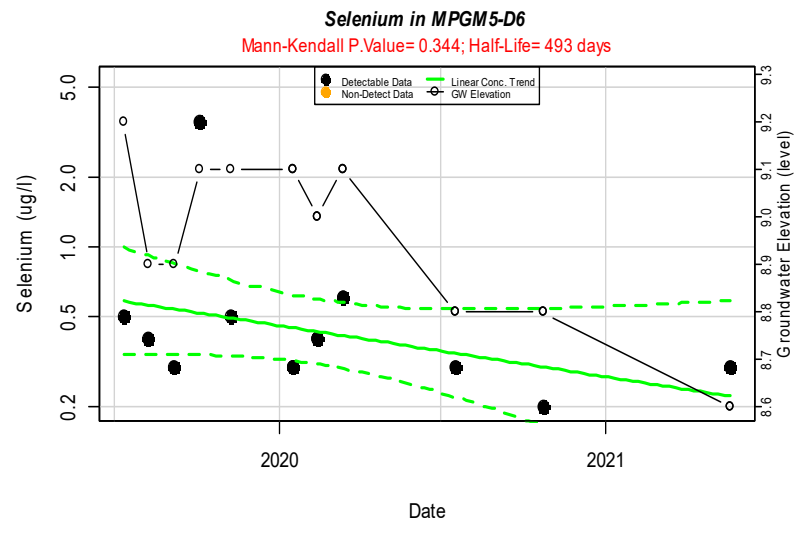
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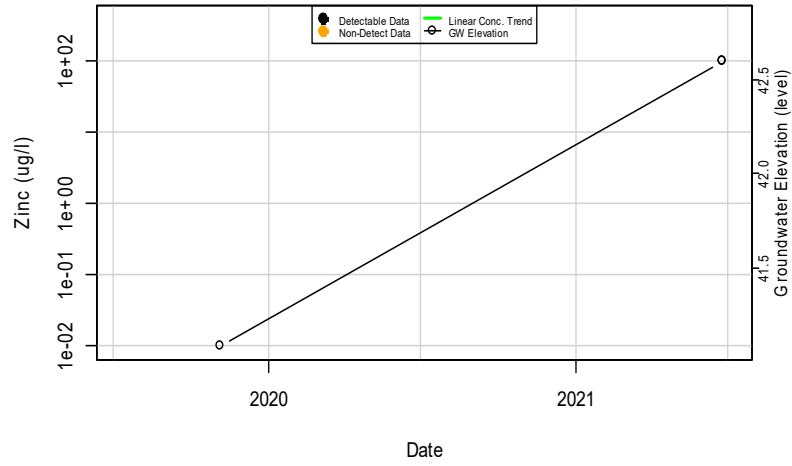






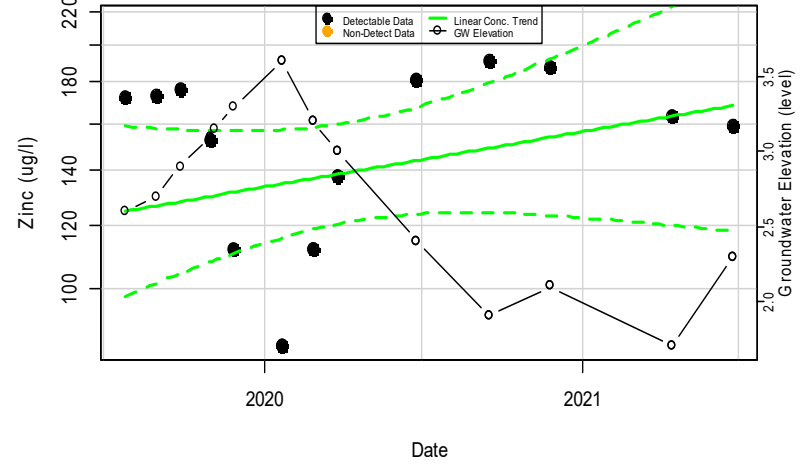


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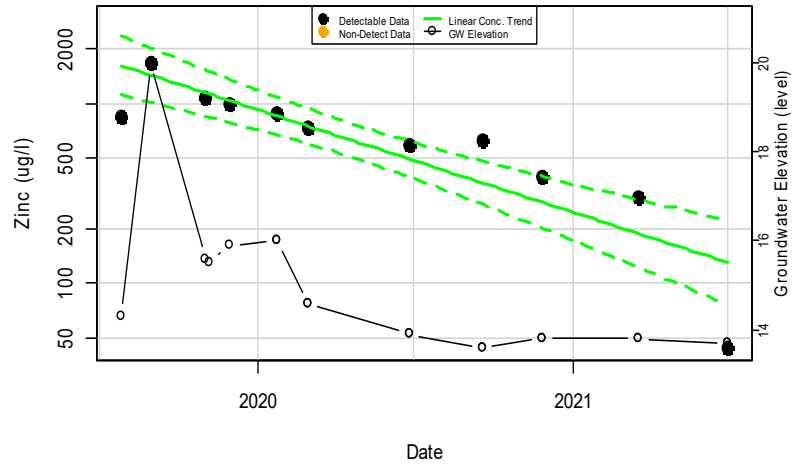
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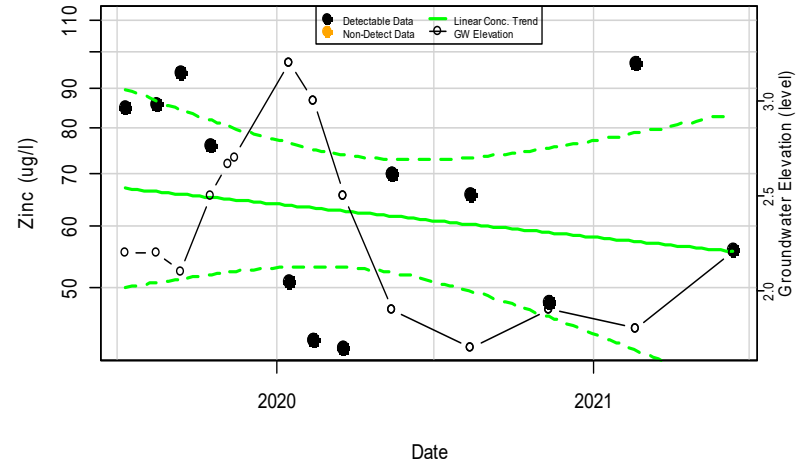
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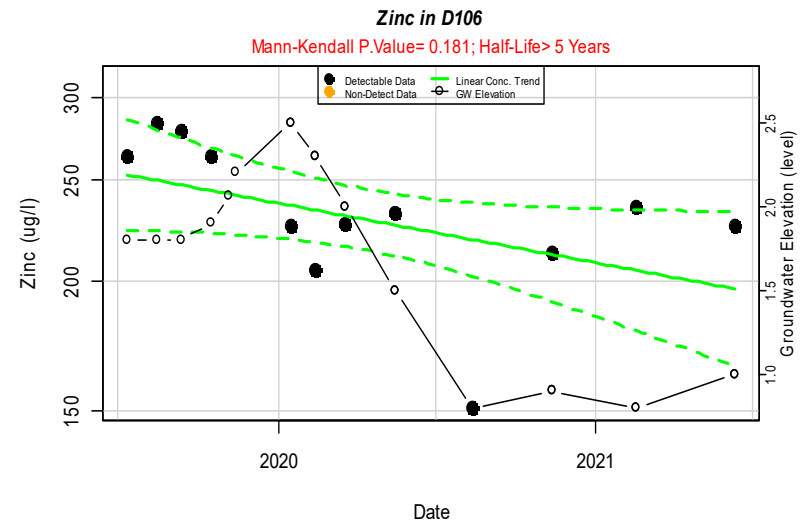
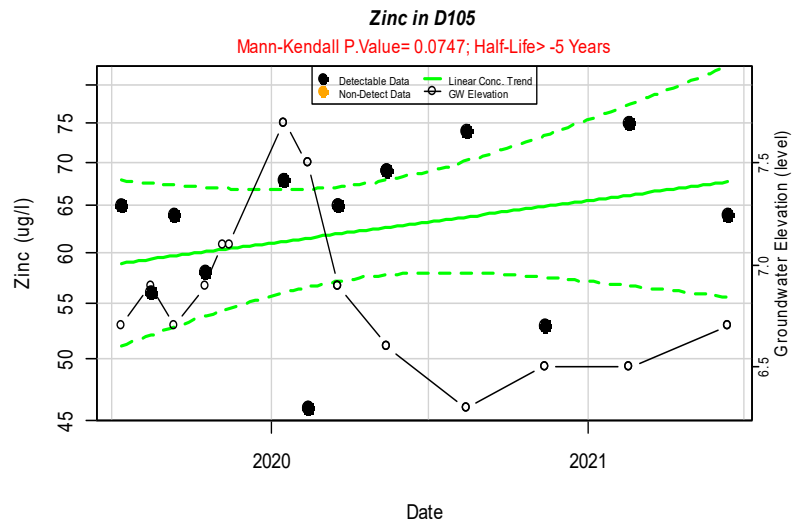
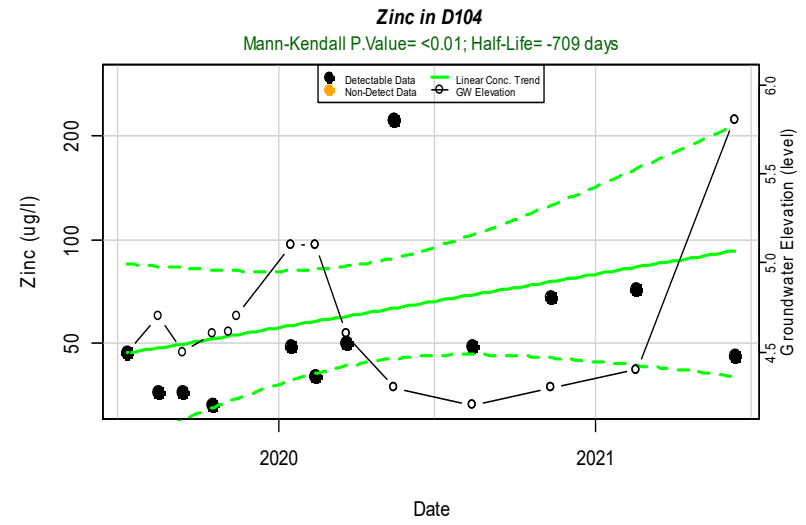
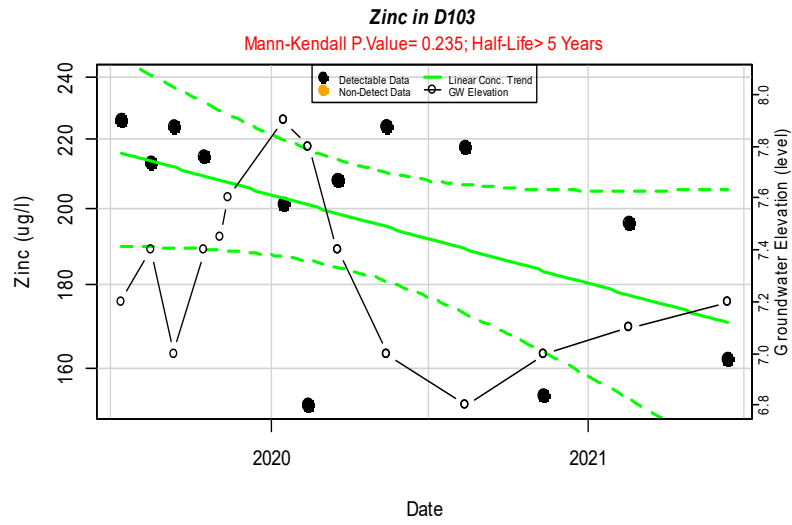
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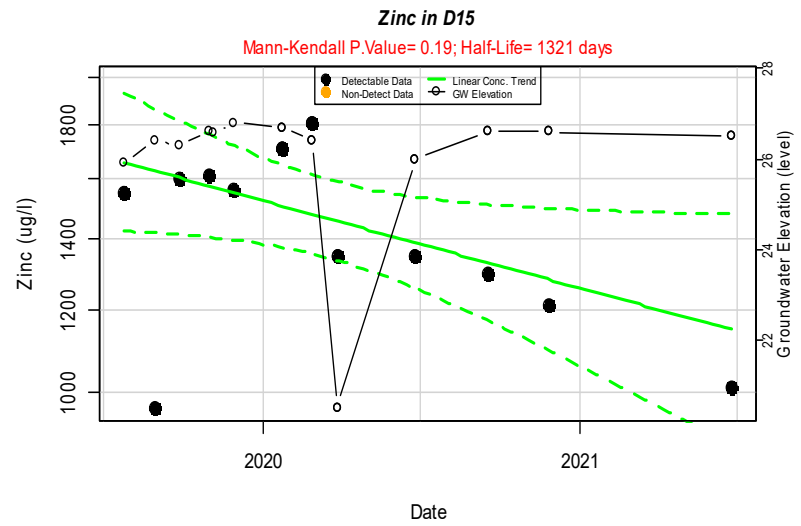
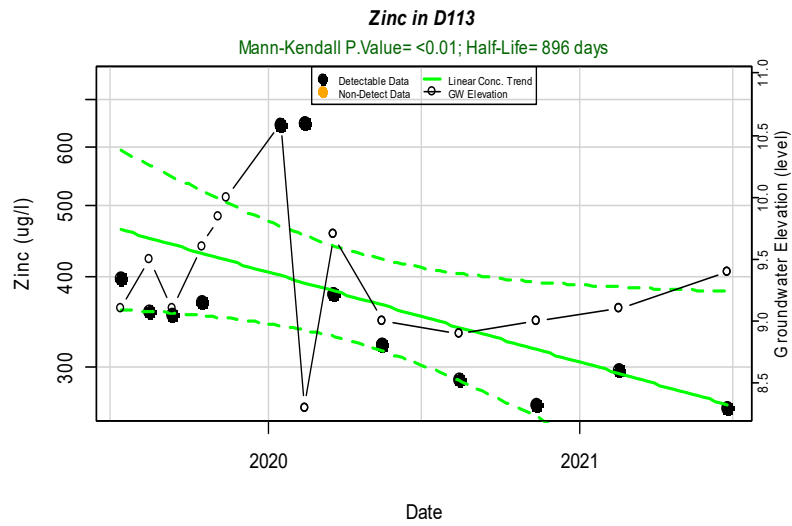
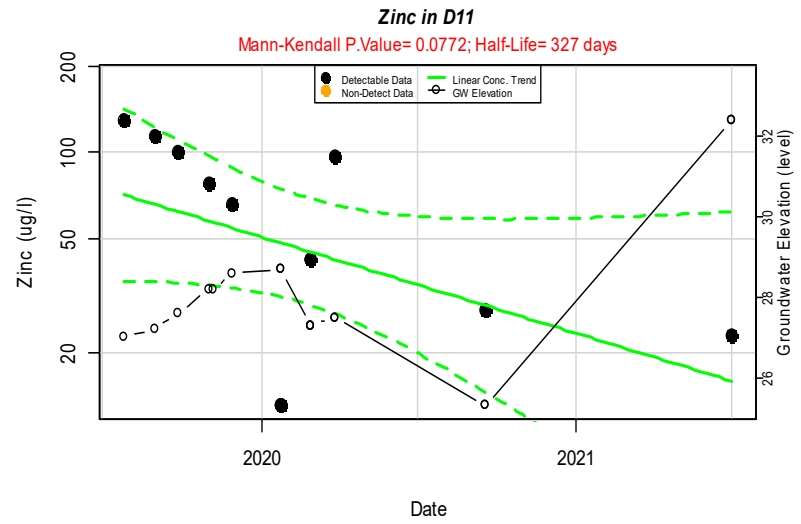
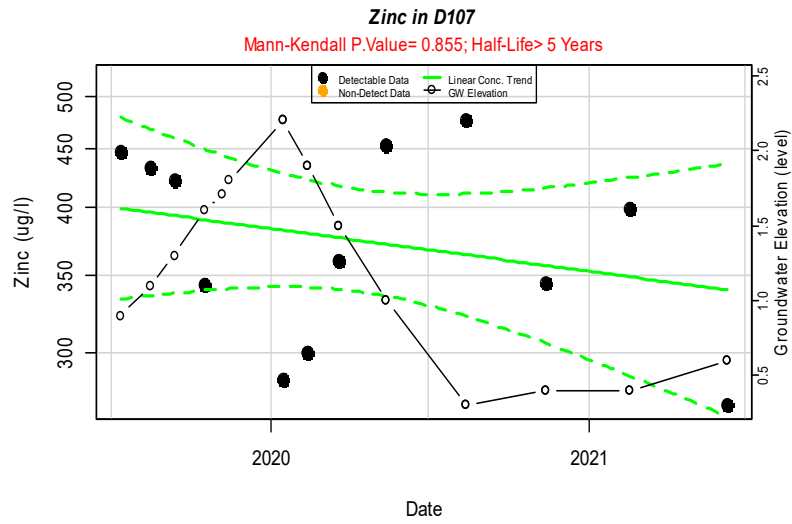


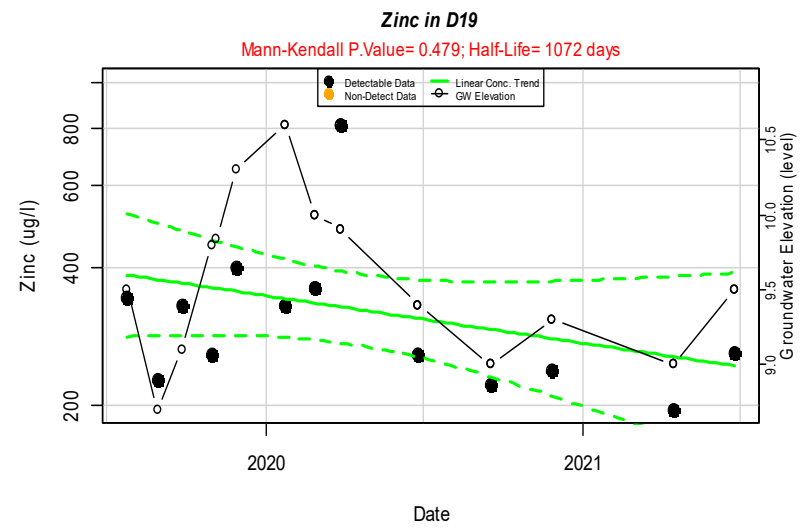
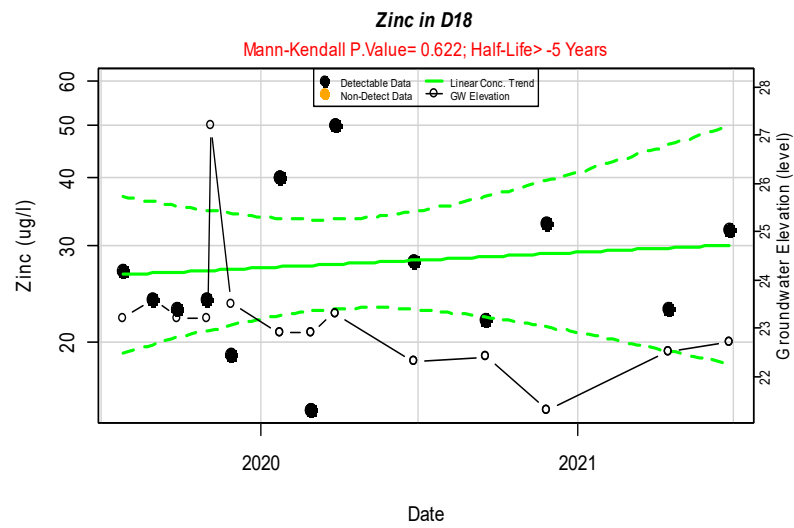
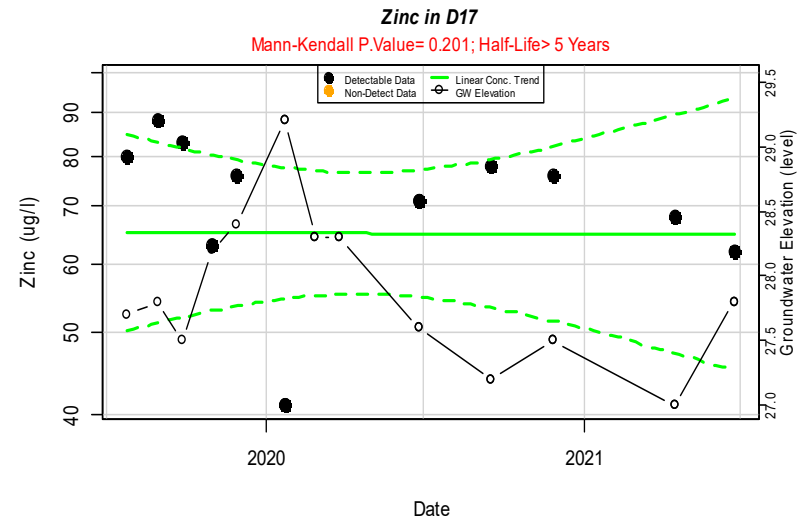
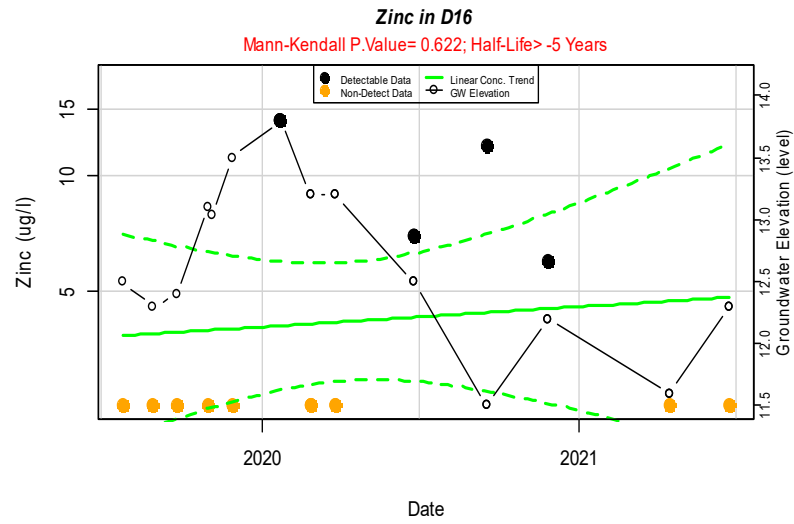
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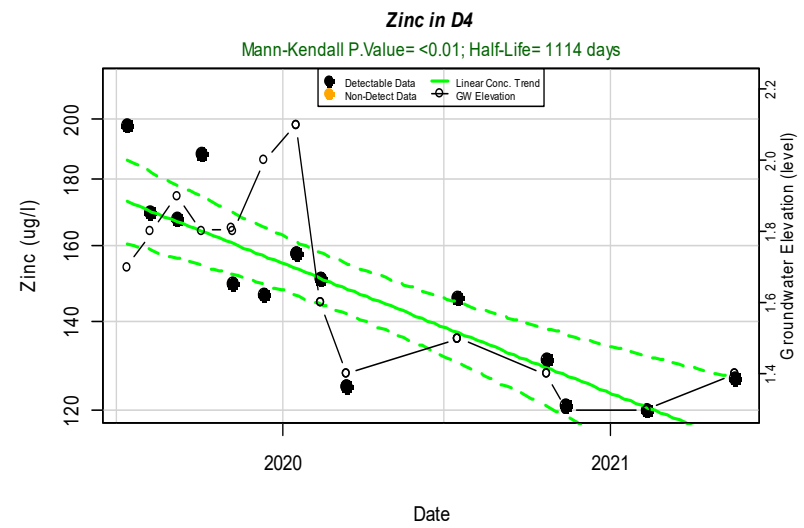
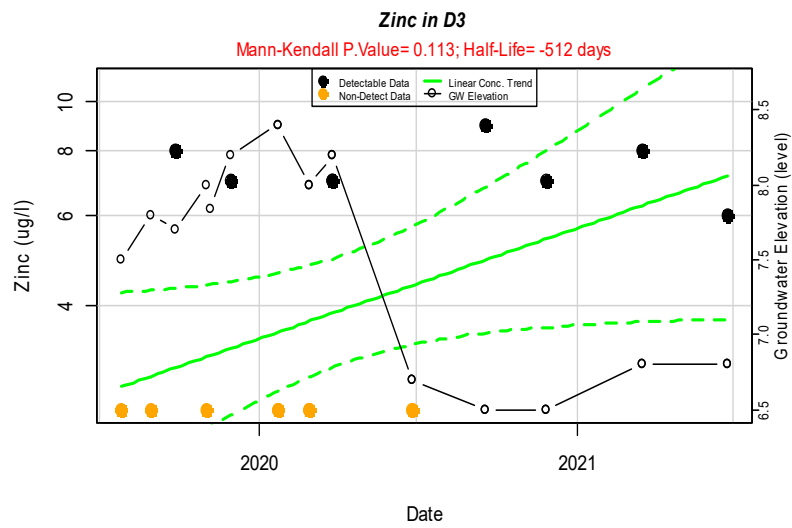
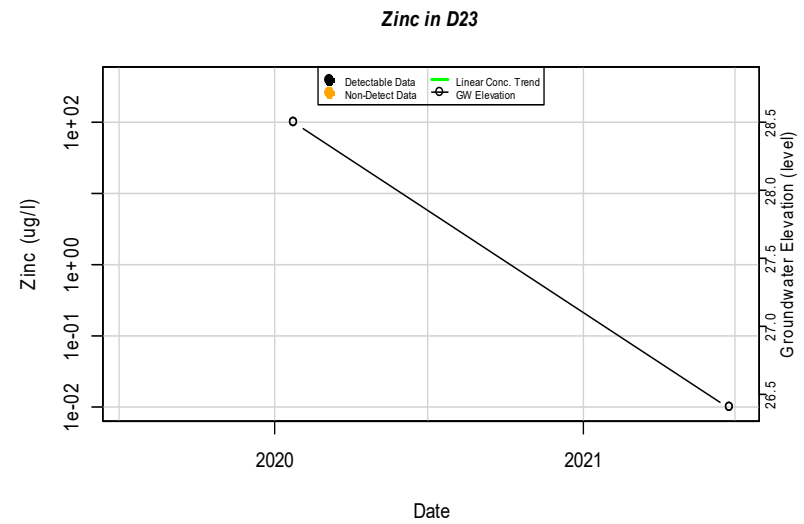
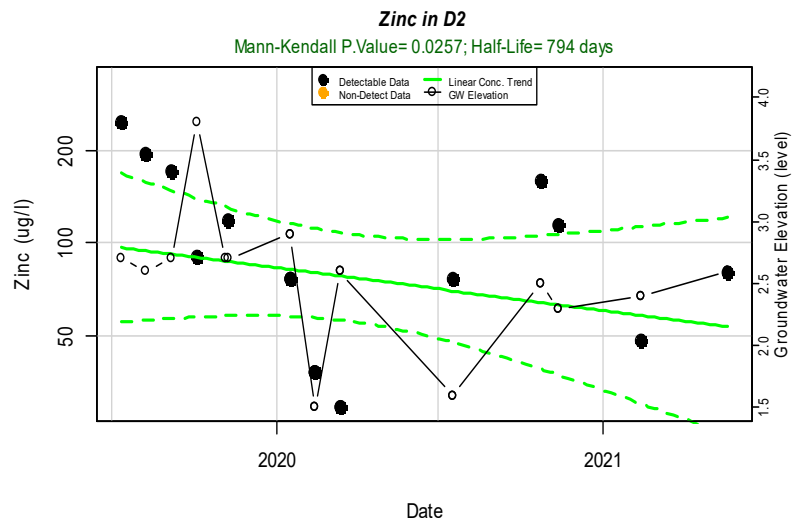
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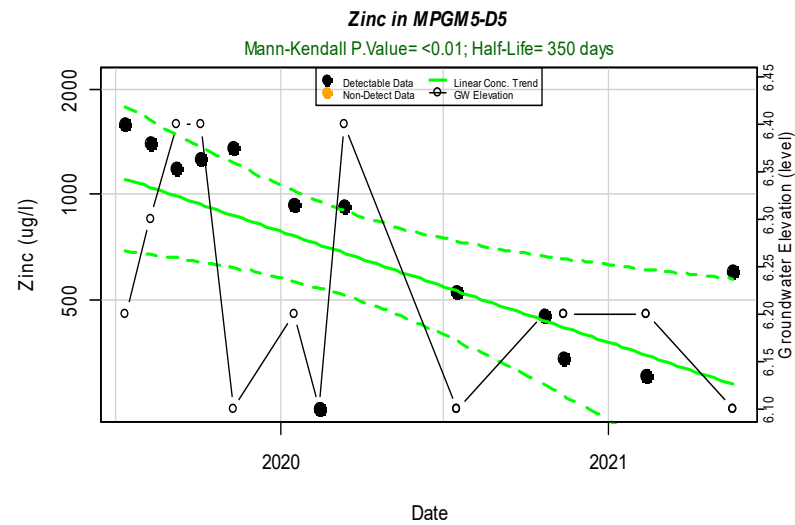
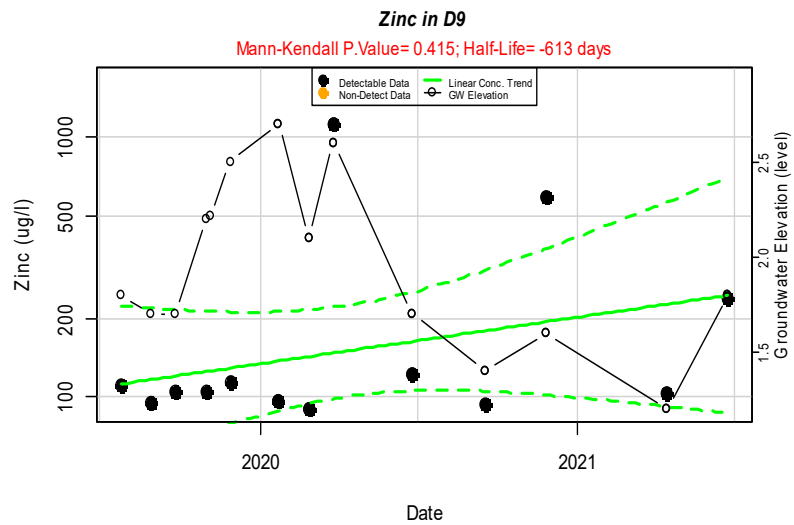
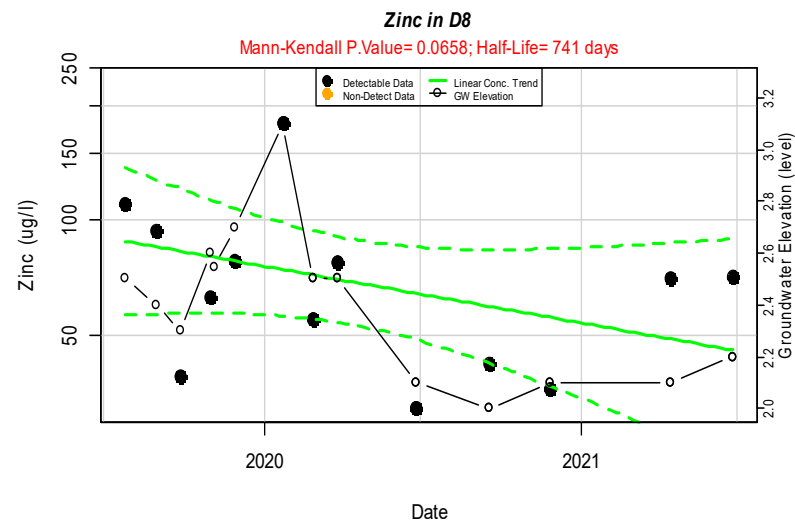
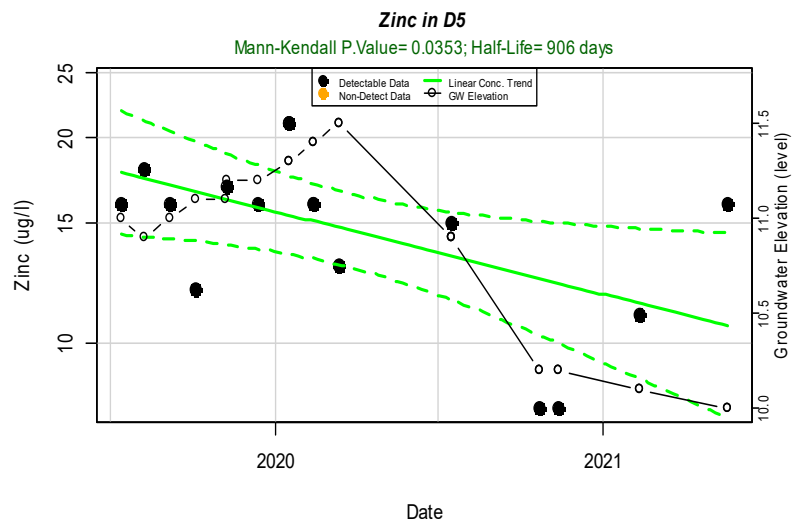






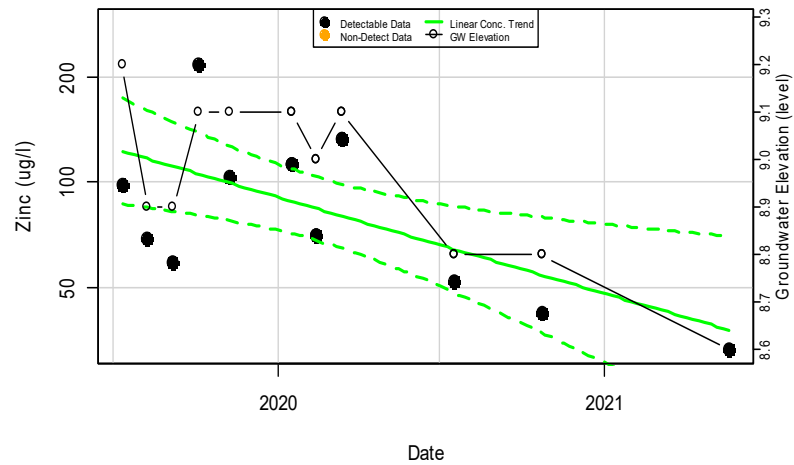




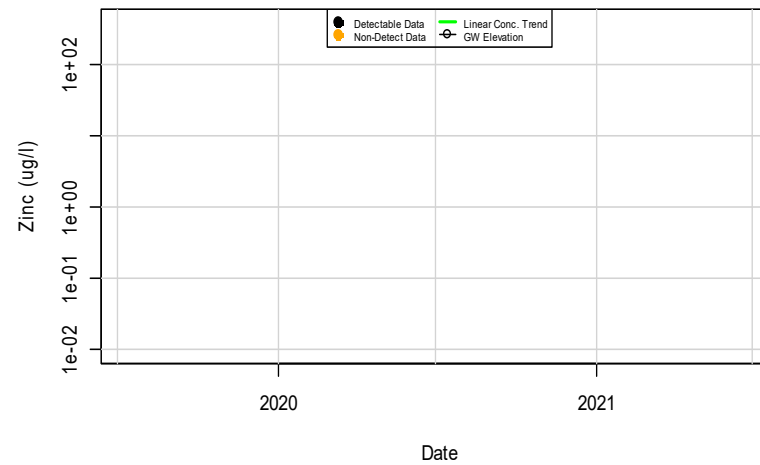


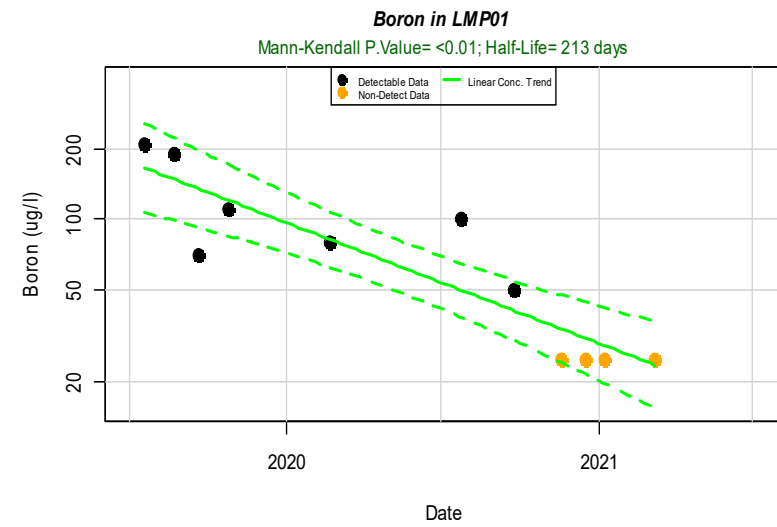
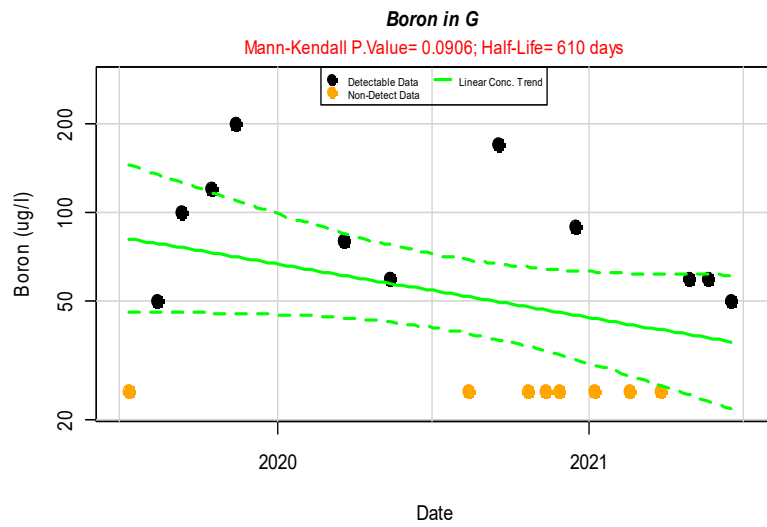
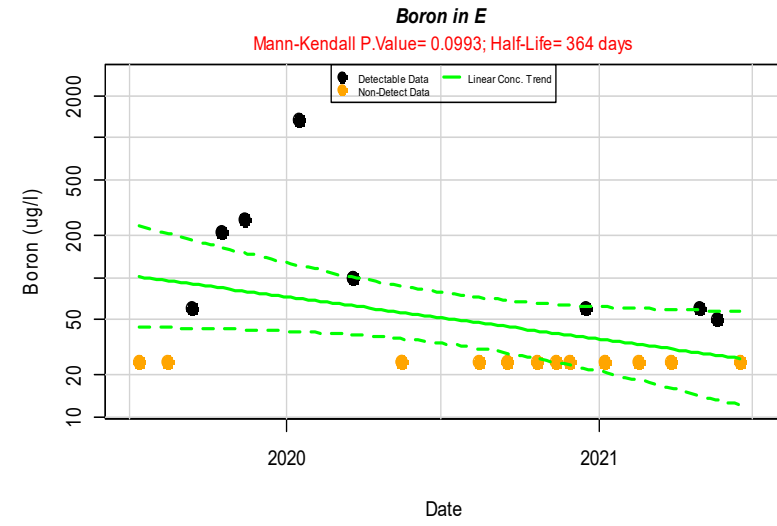
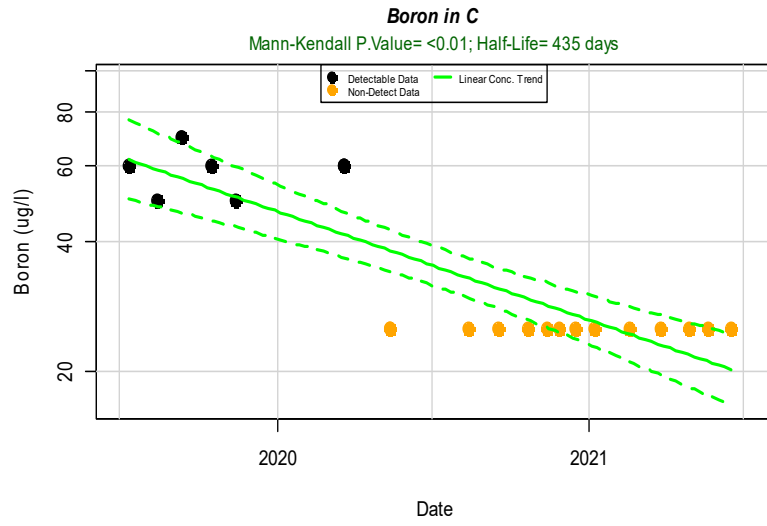
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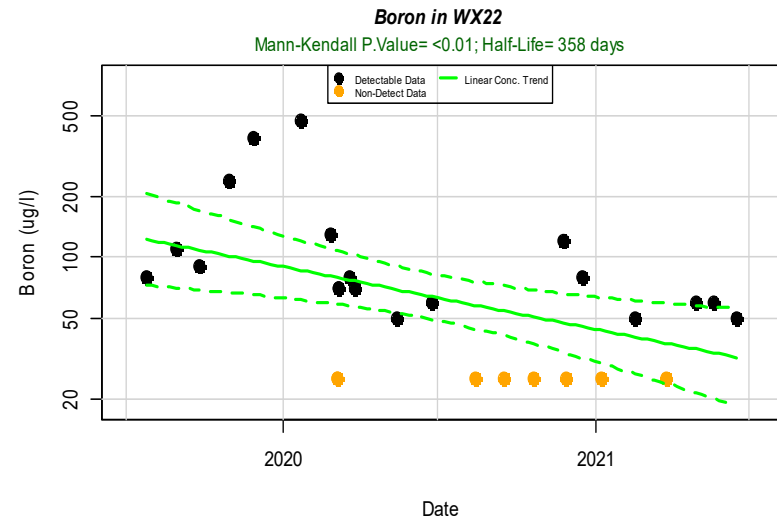
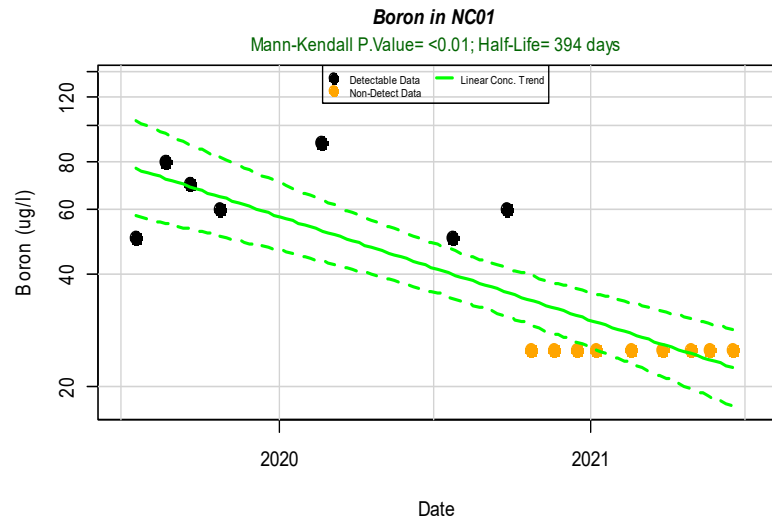
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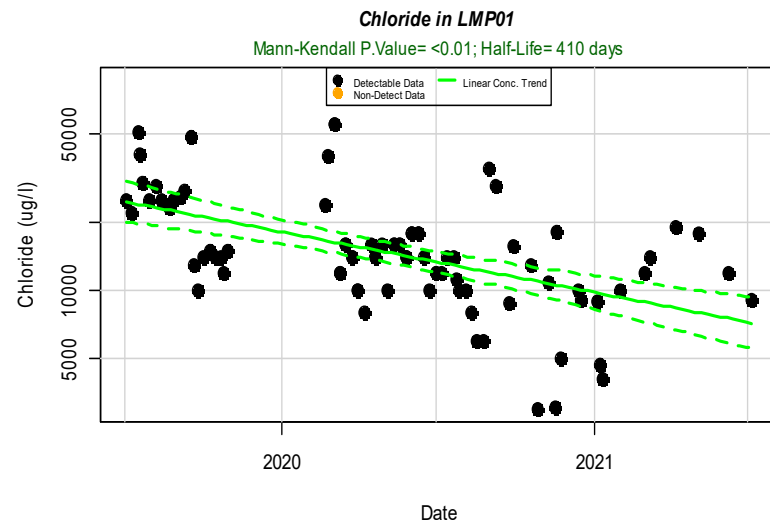
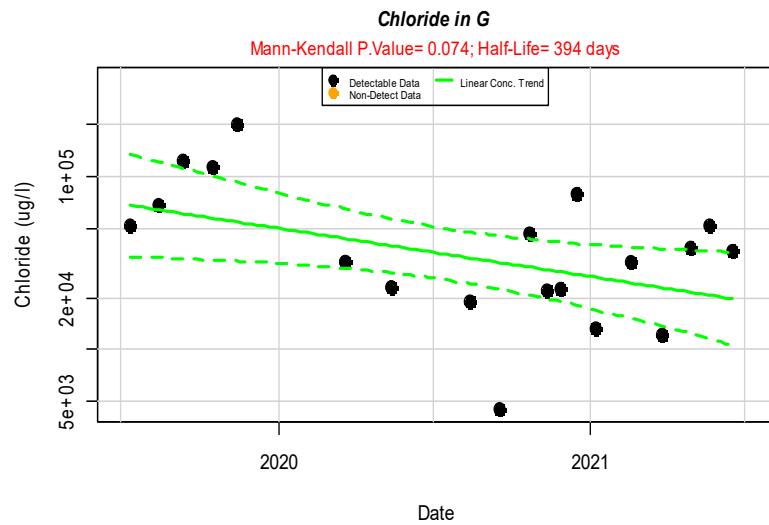
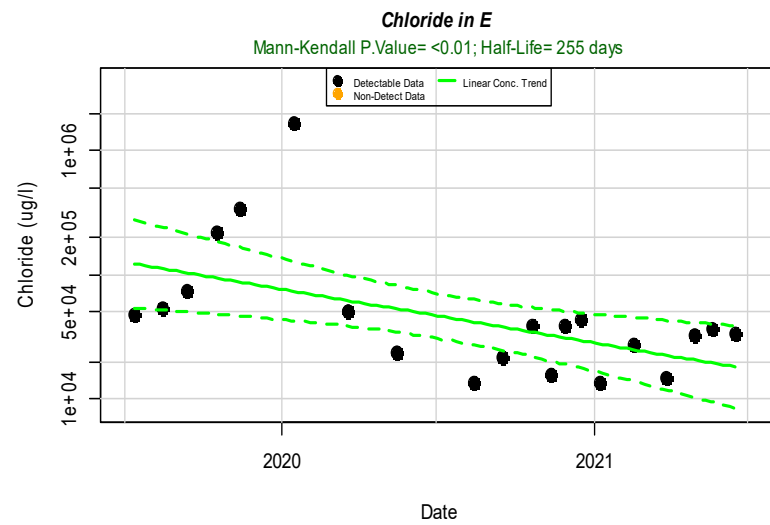
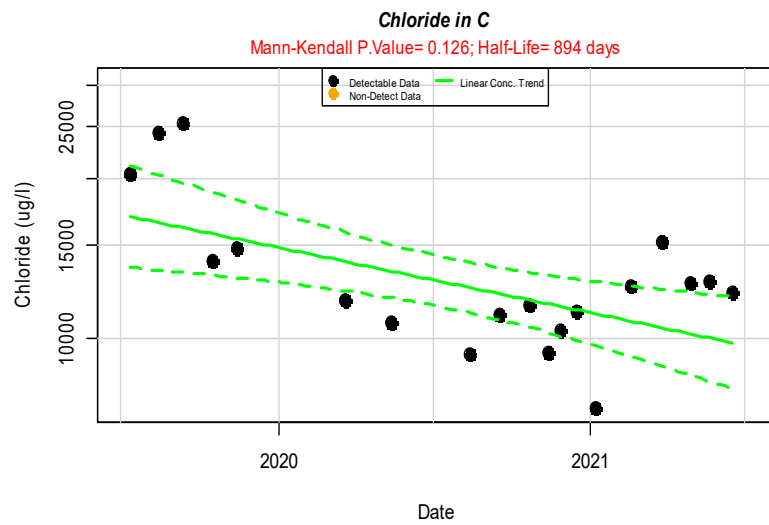


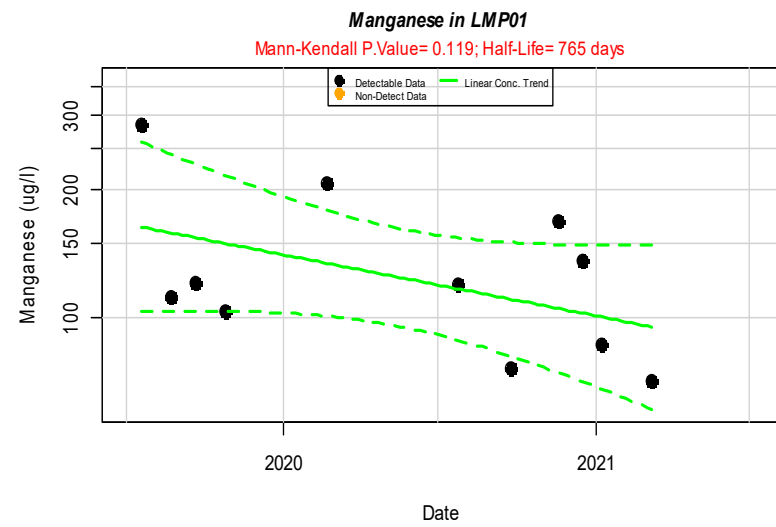
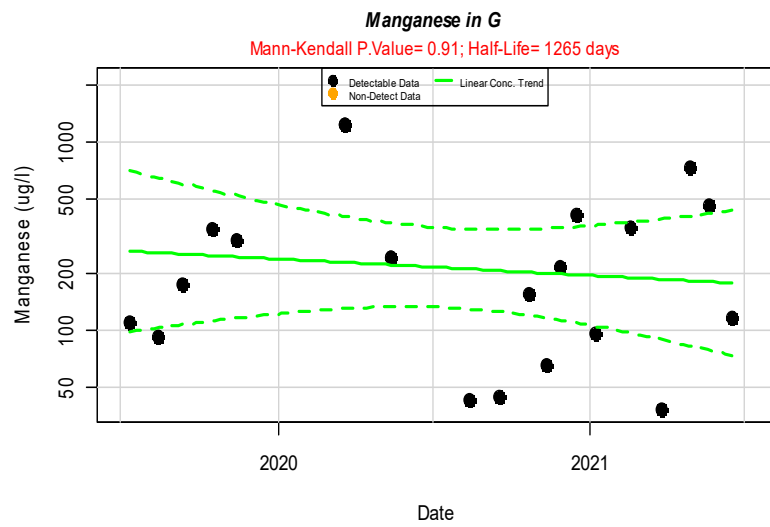
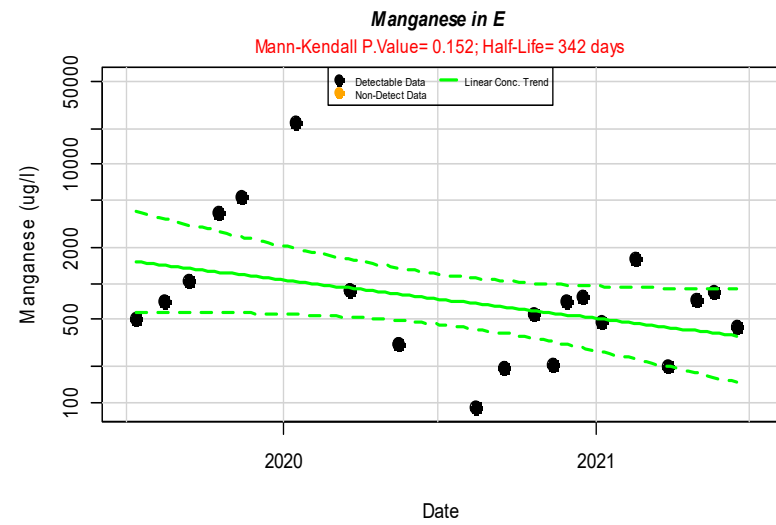
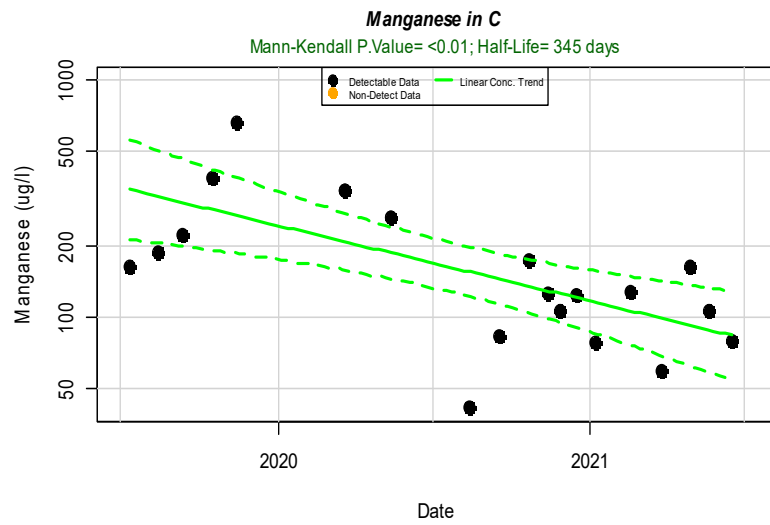
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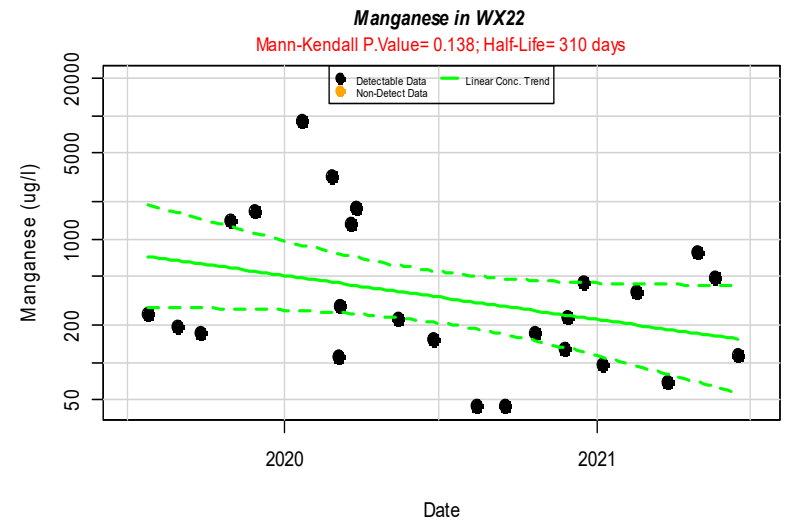
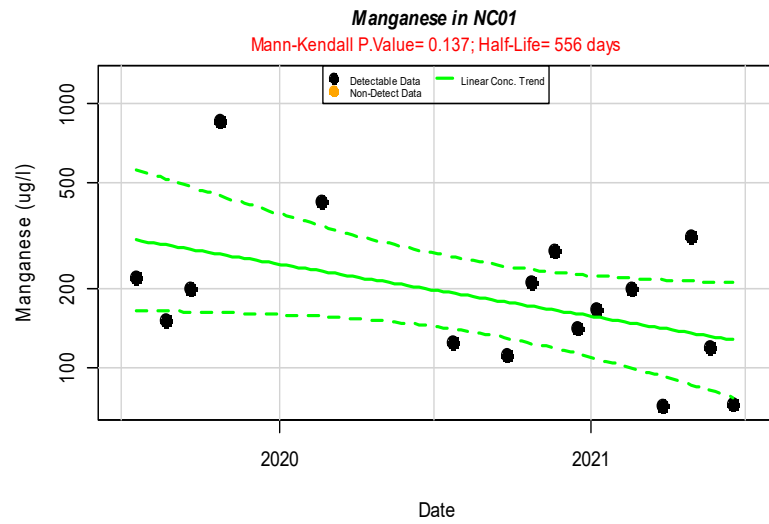




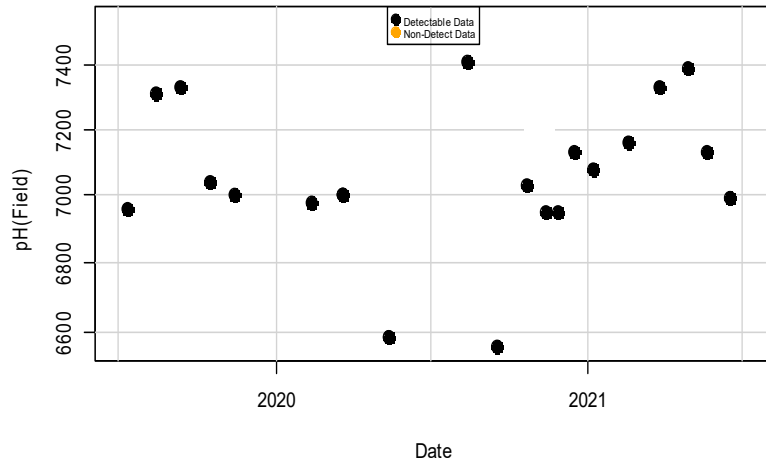




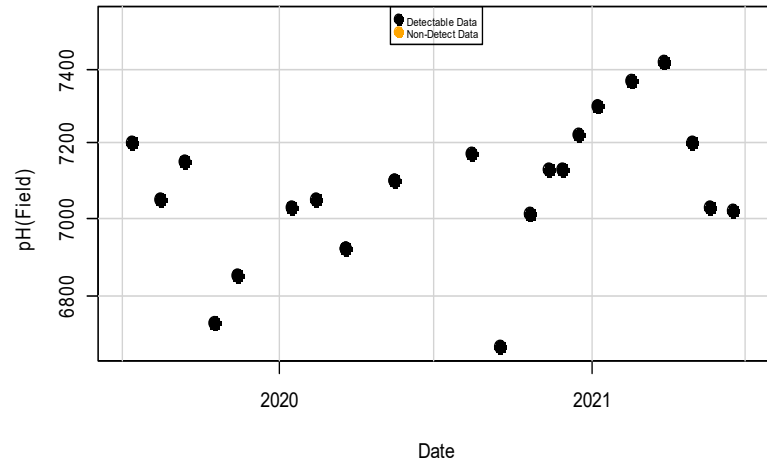




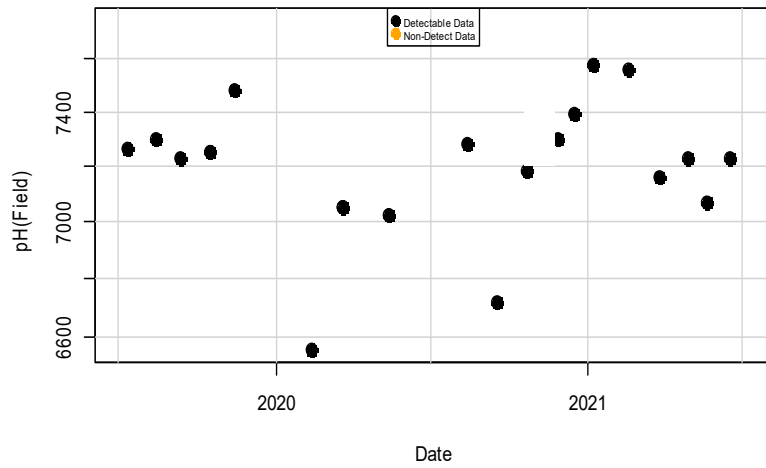
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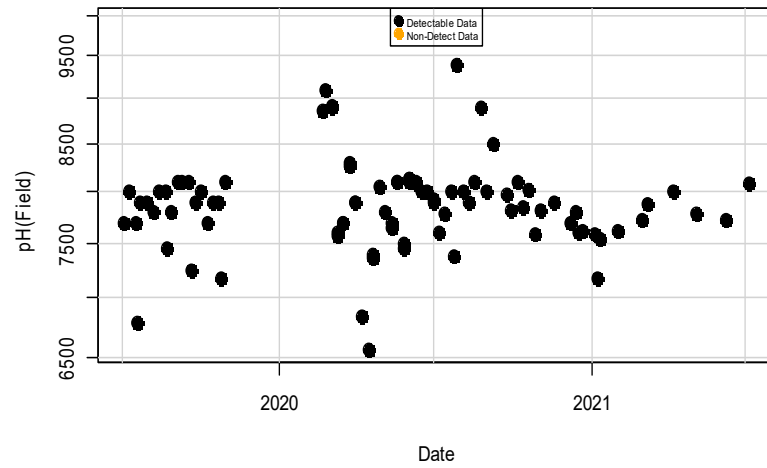
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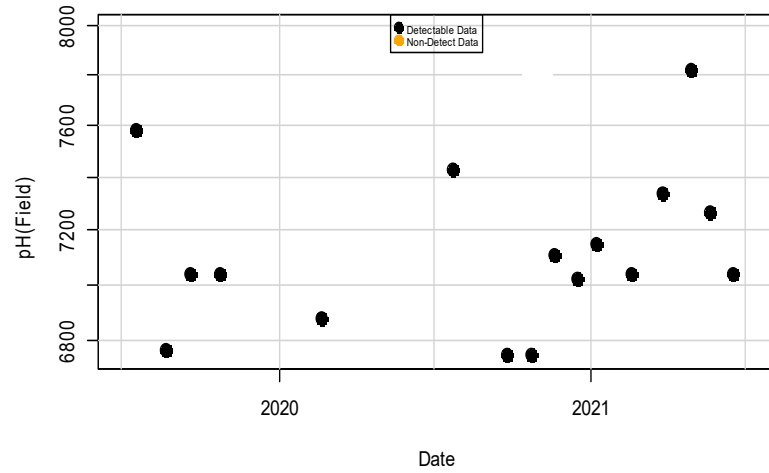
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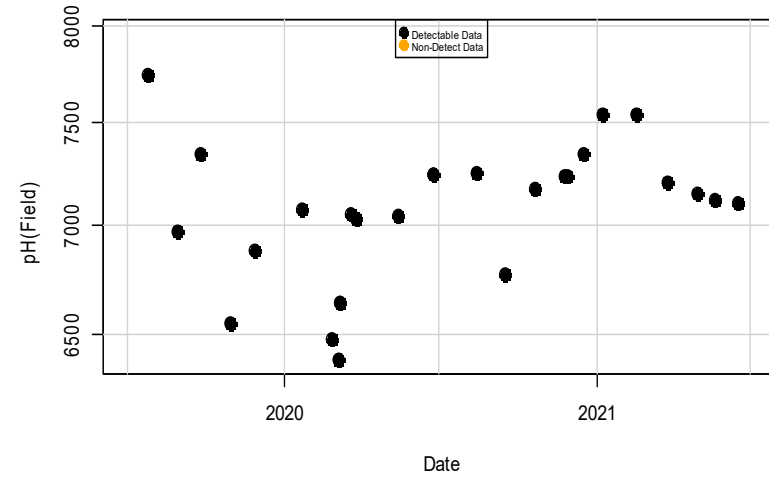
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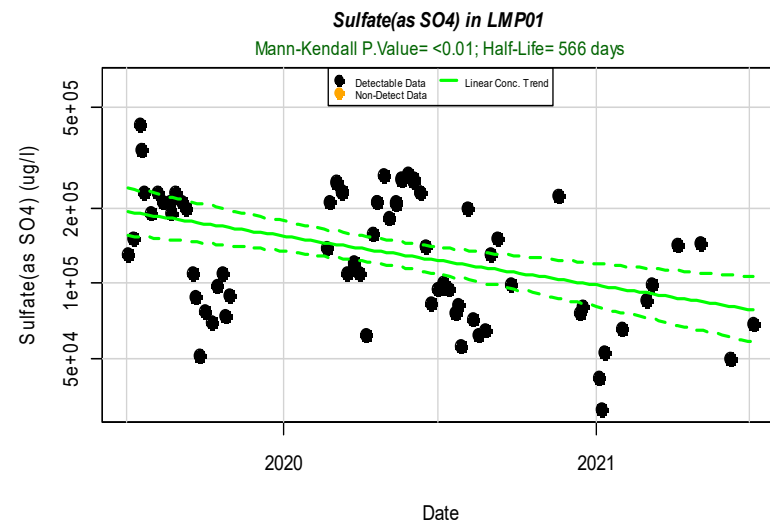
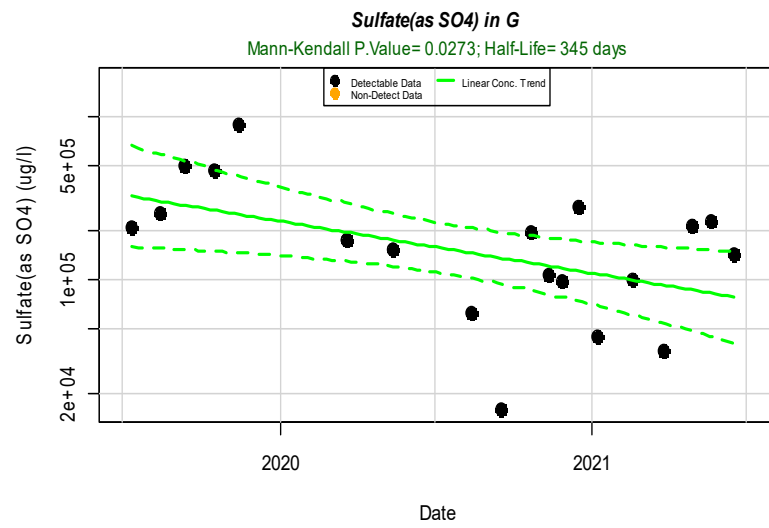
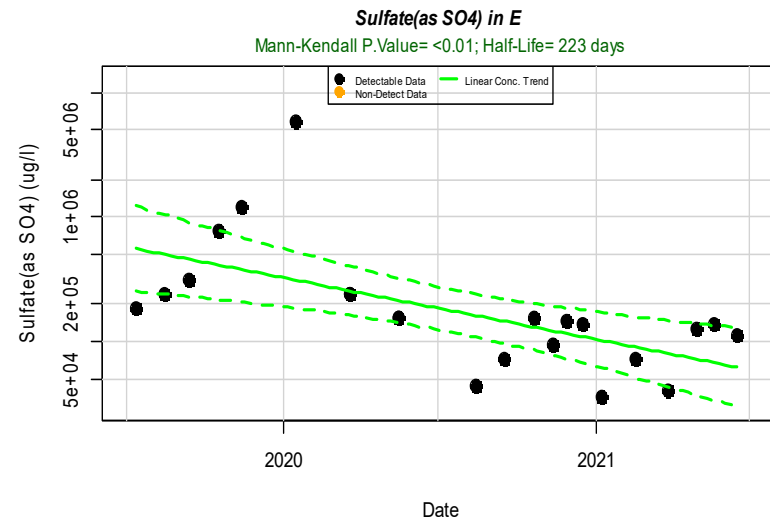
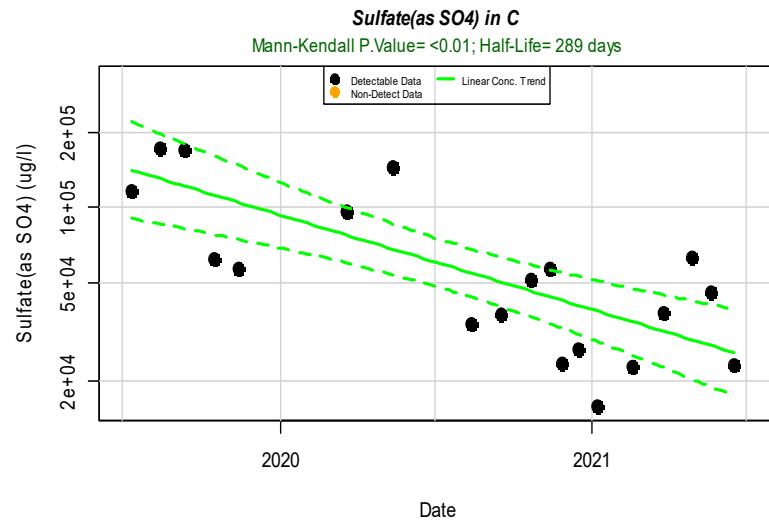


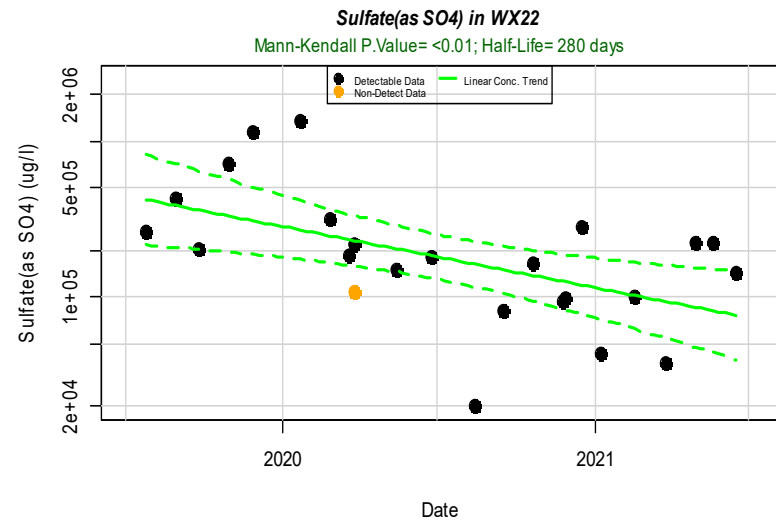
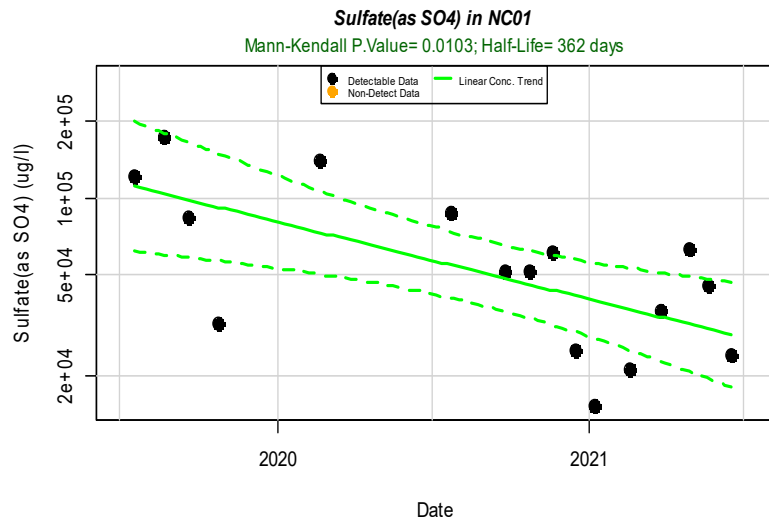
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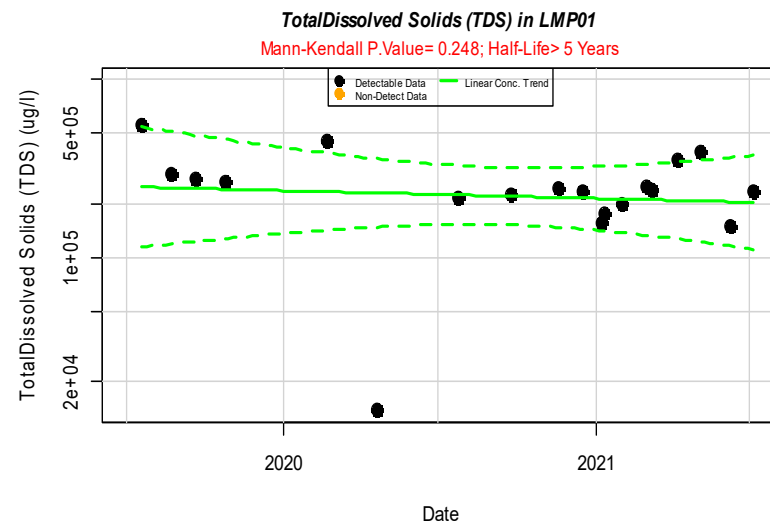
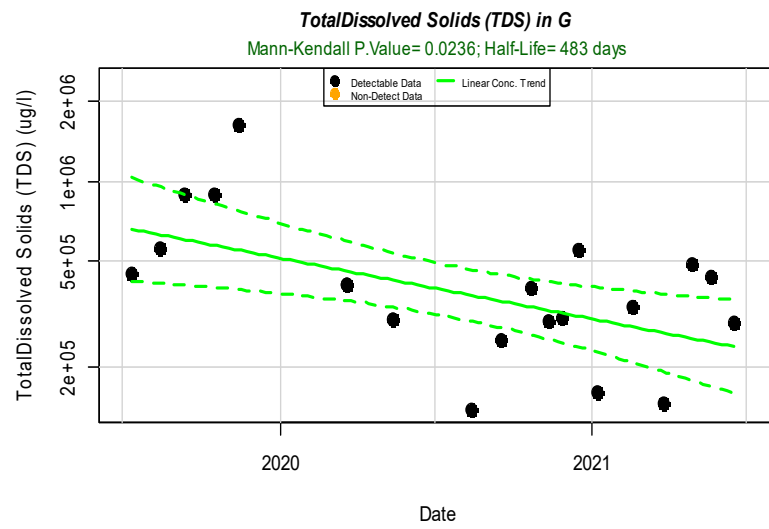
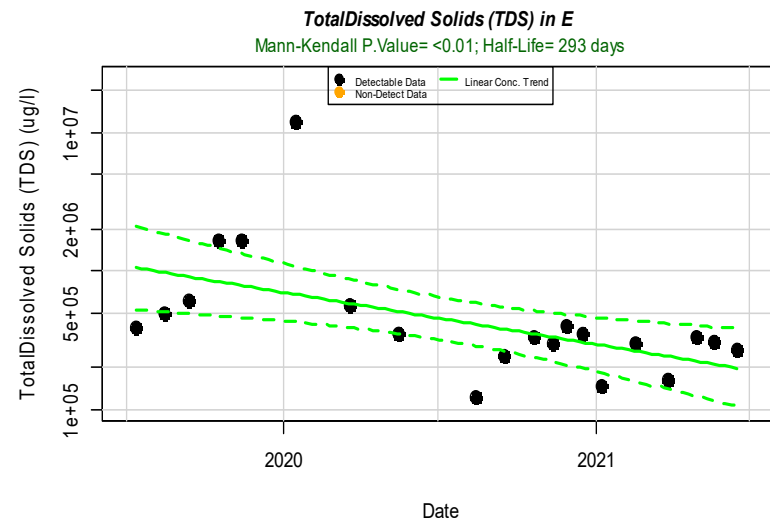
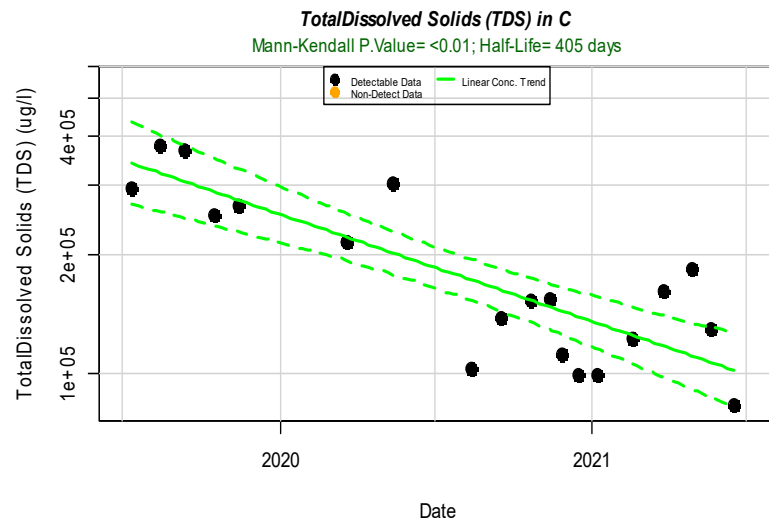


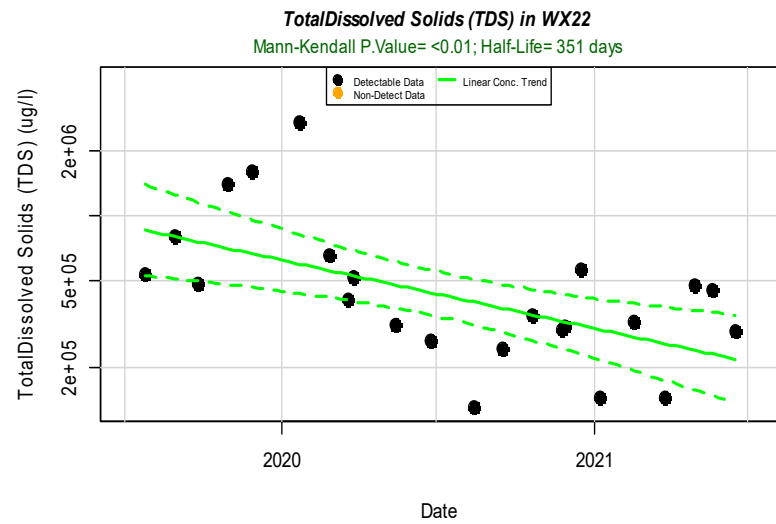
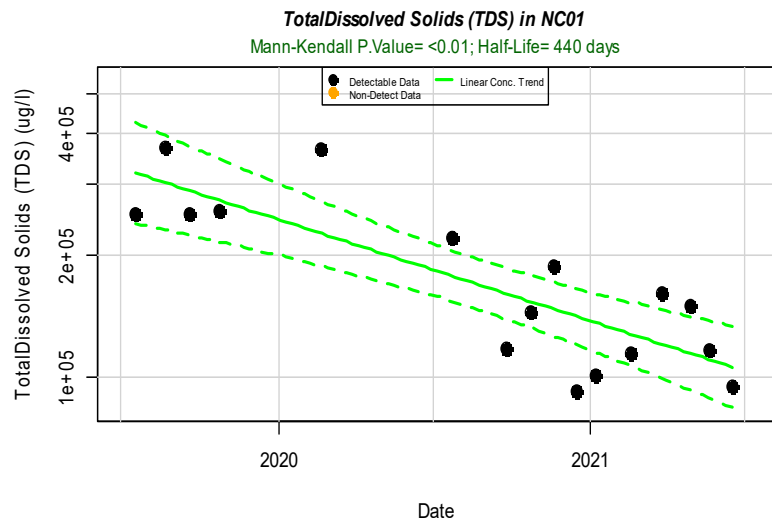
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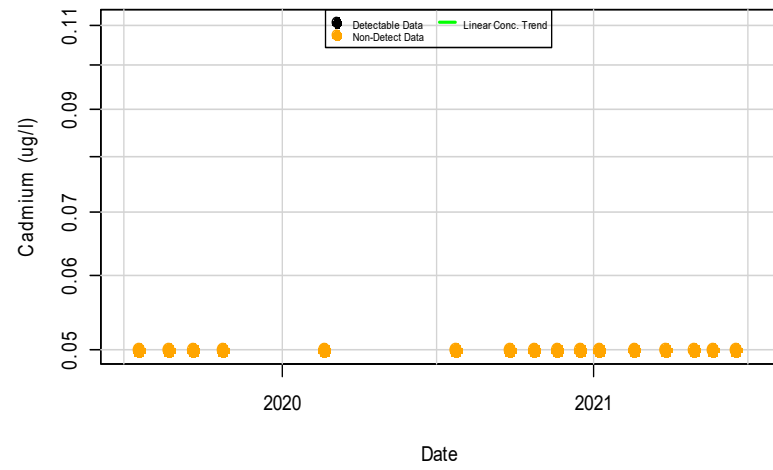




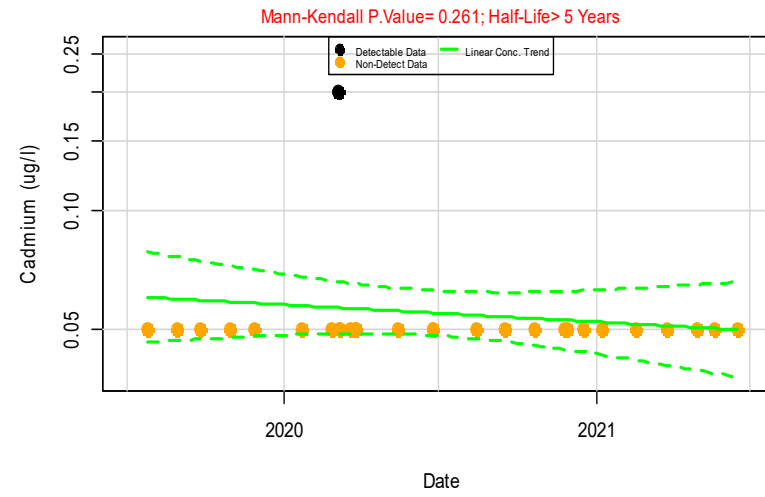




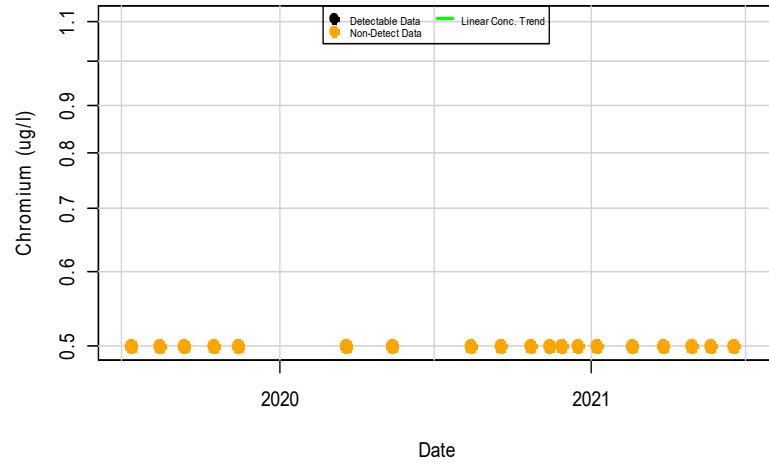
Cadmium in NC01



Cadmium in WX22

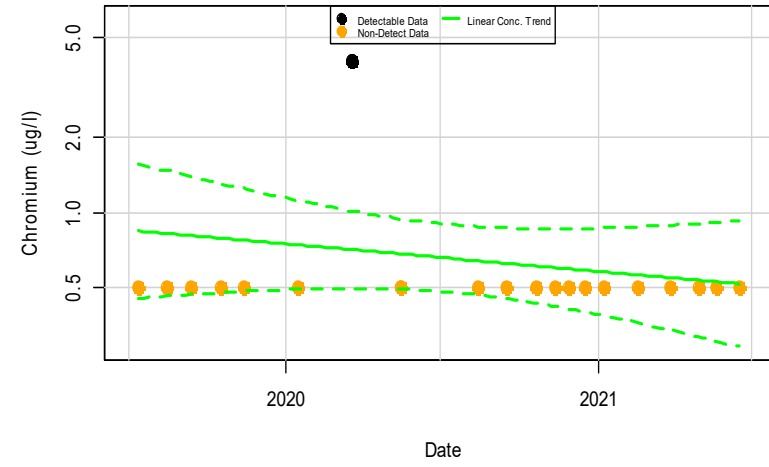


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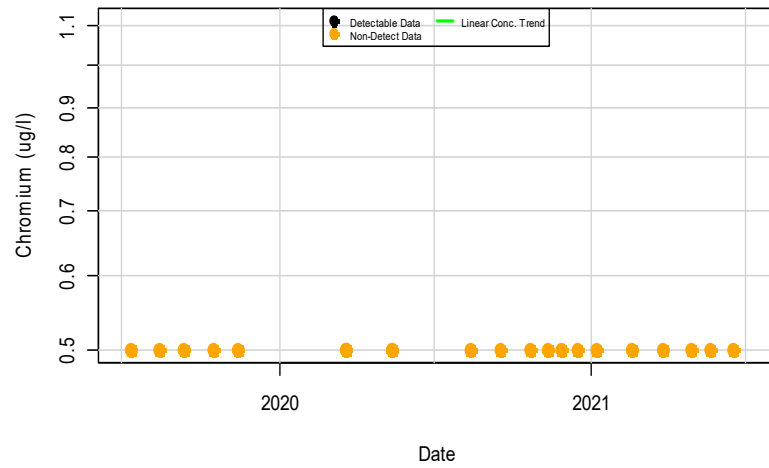


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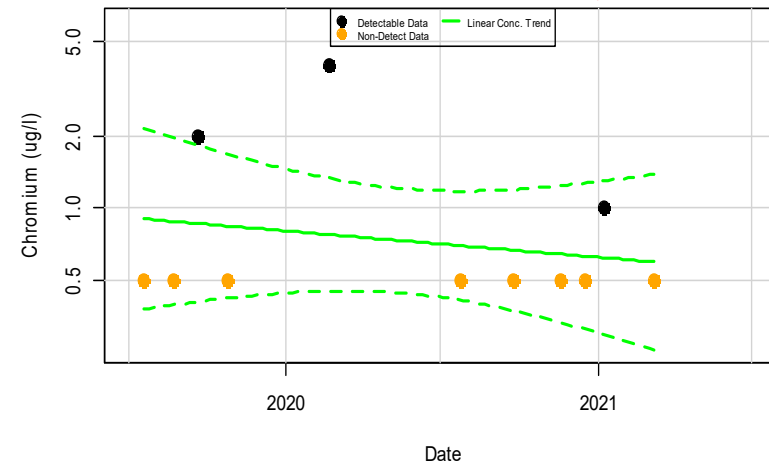


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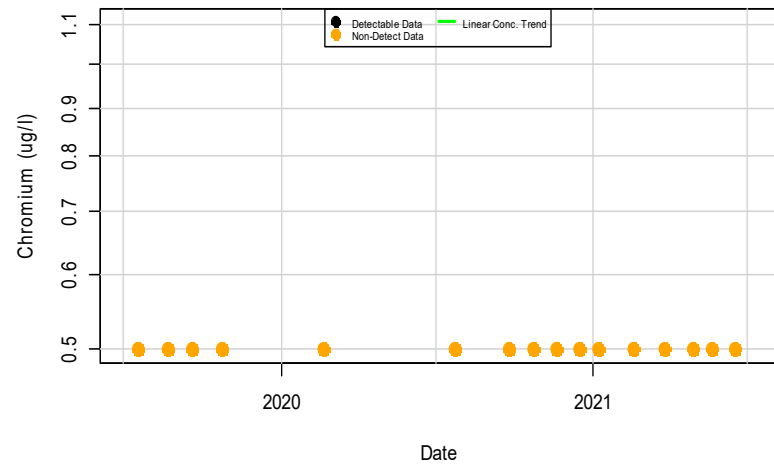


Chromium in LMP01

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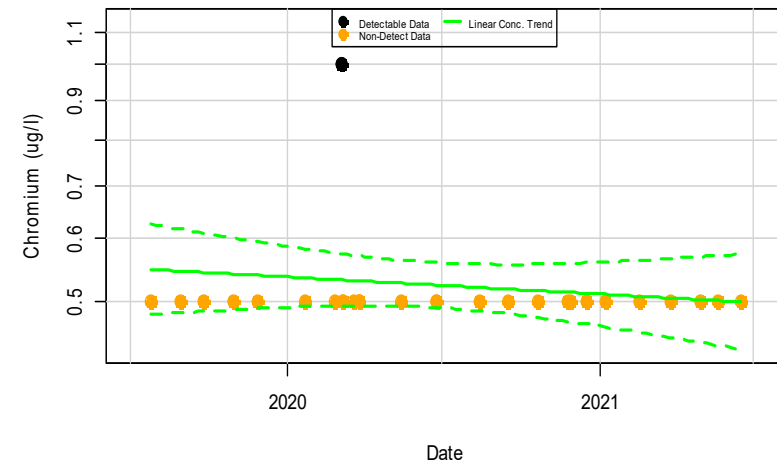


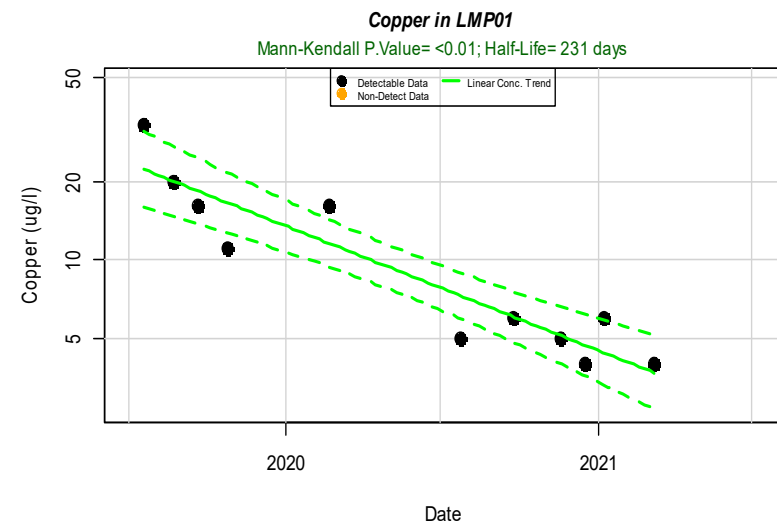
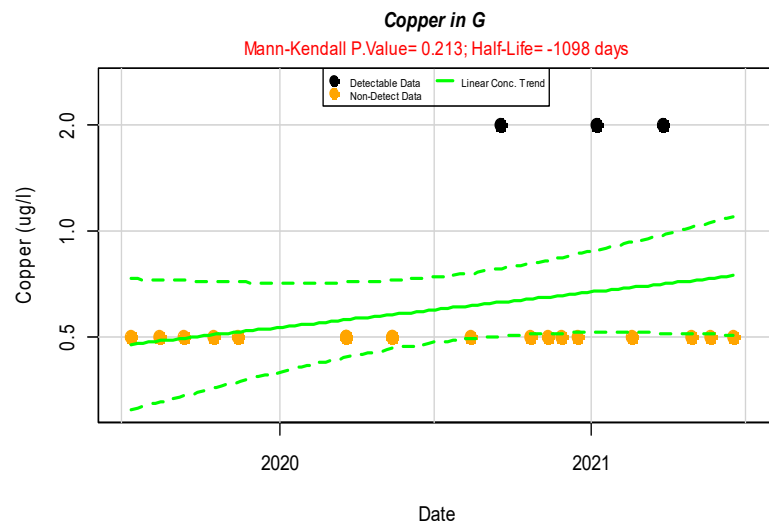
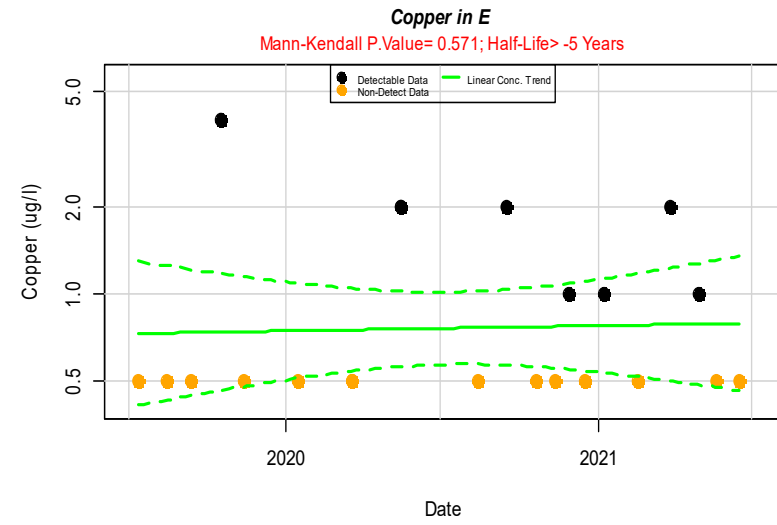
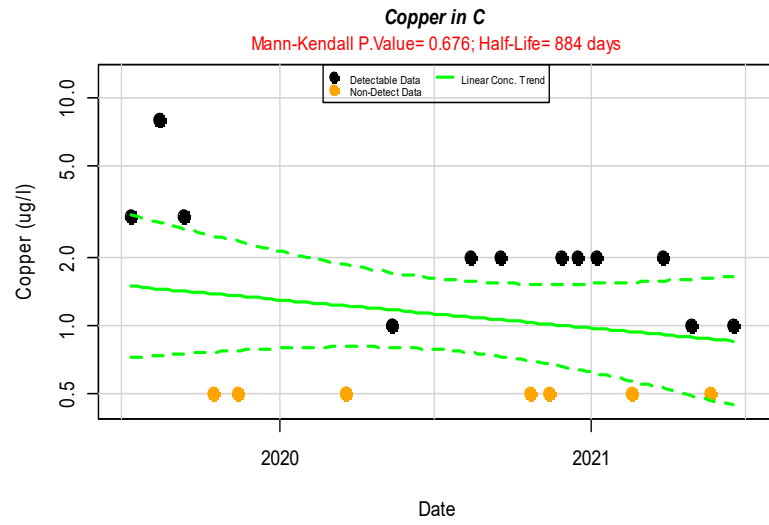
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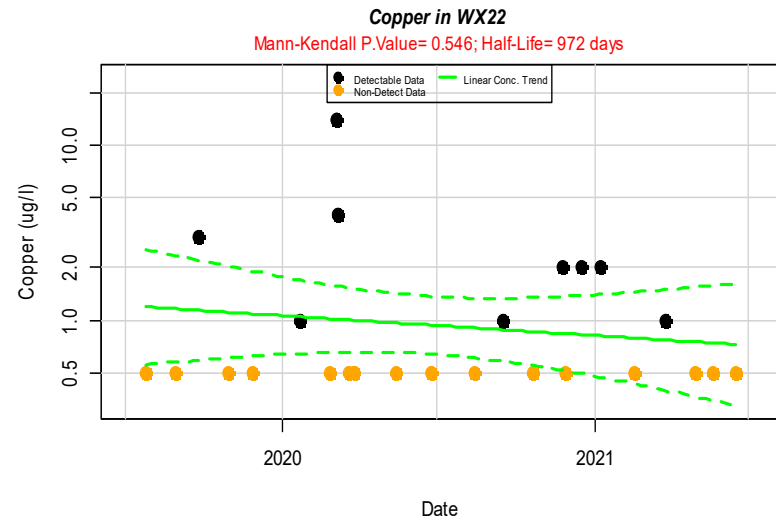
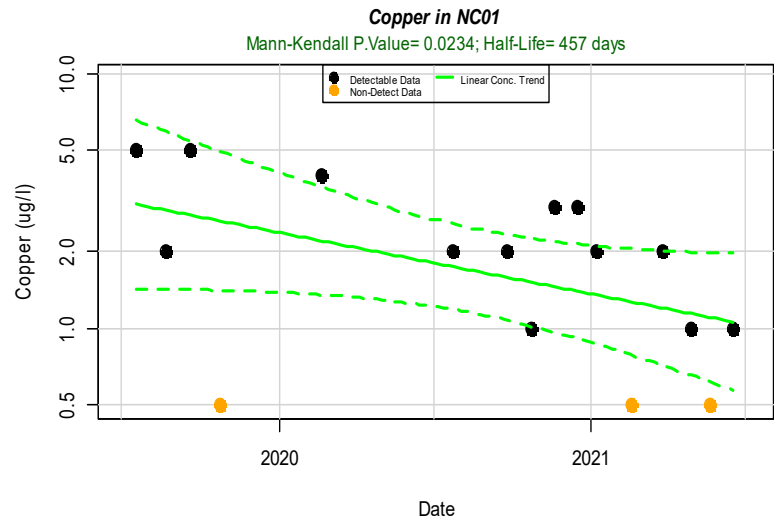


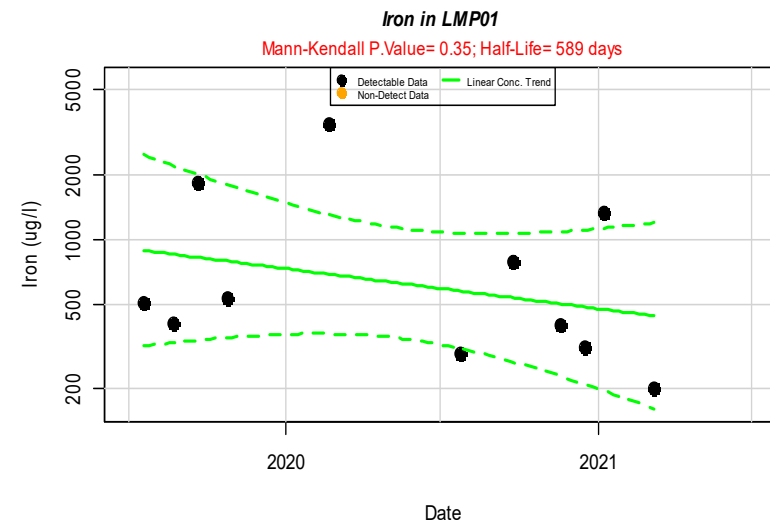
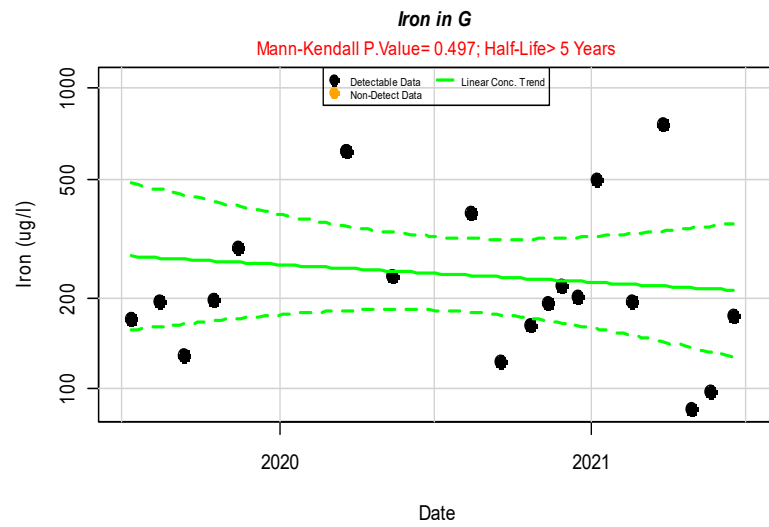
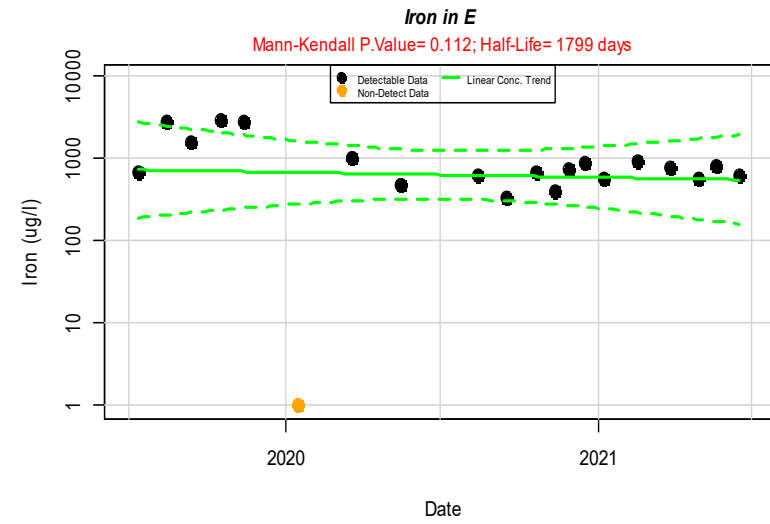
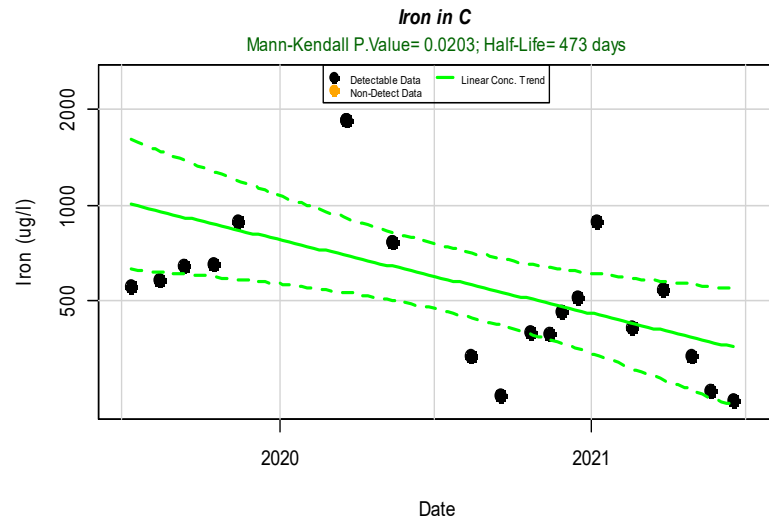
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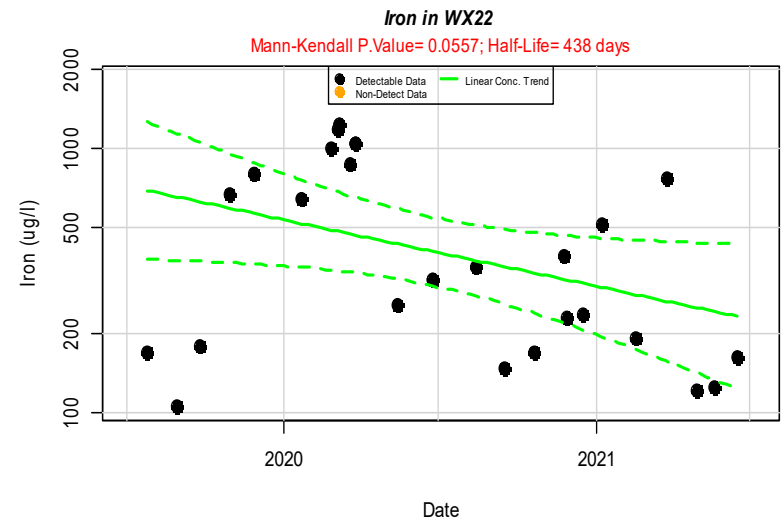
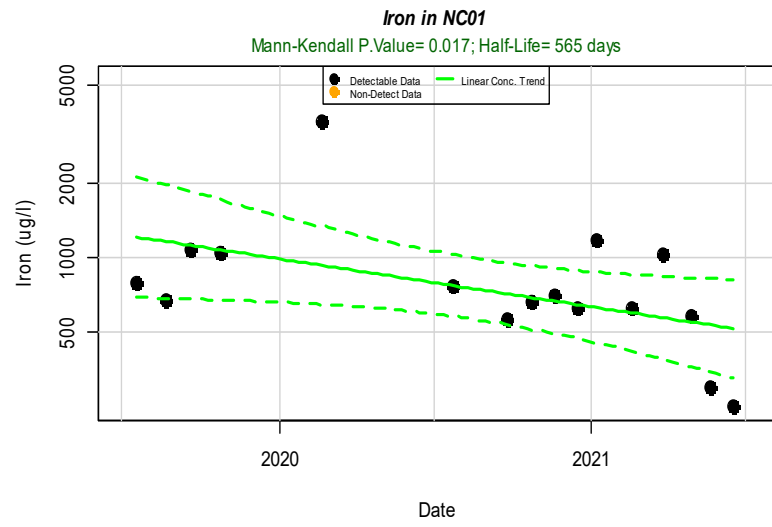
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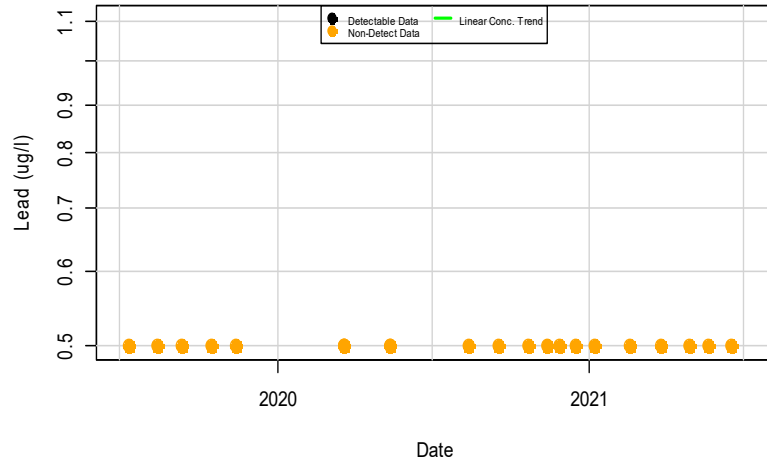




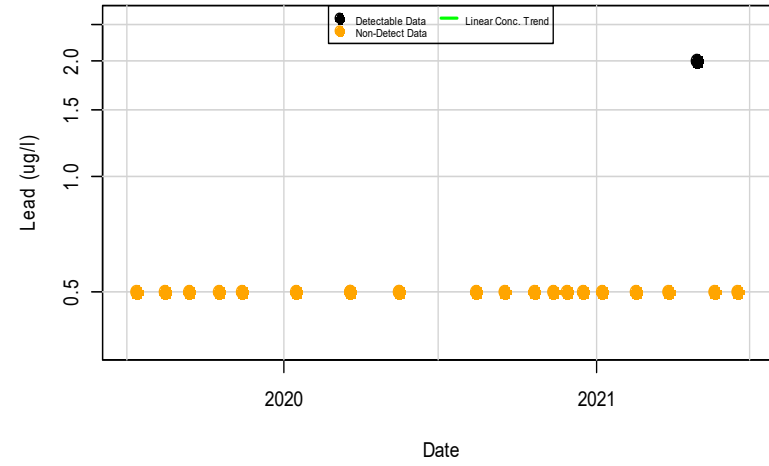




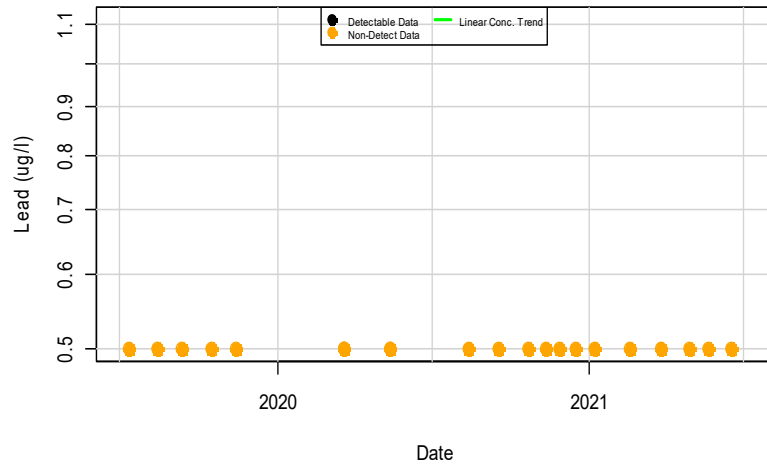
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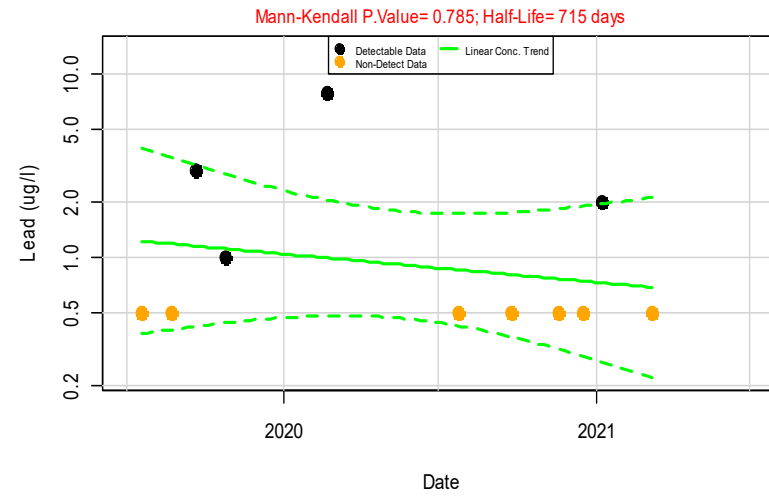
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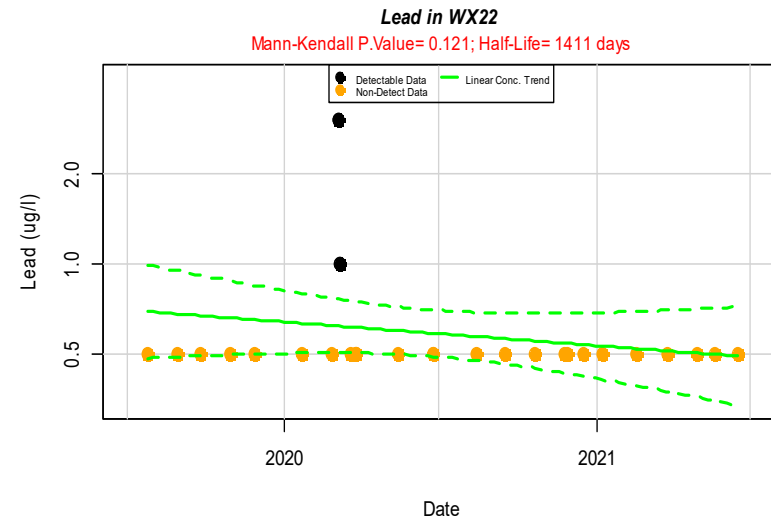
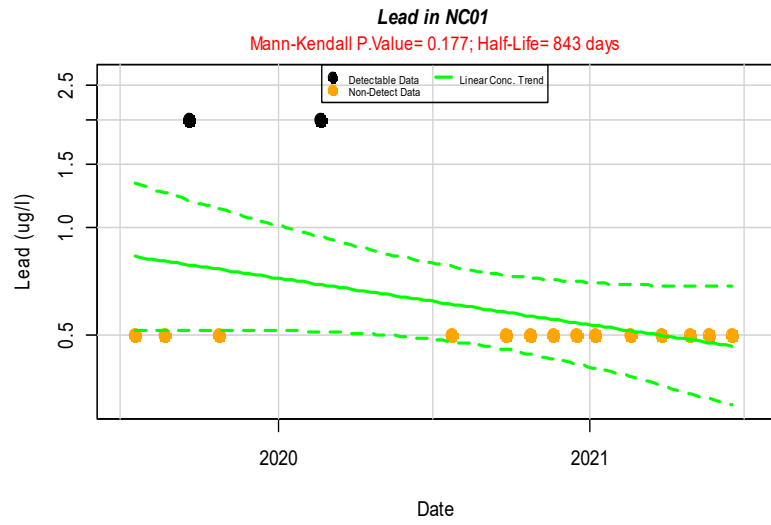


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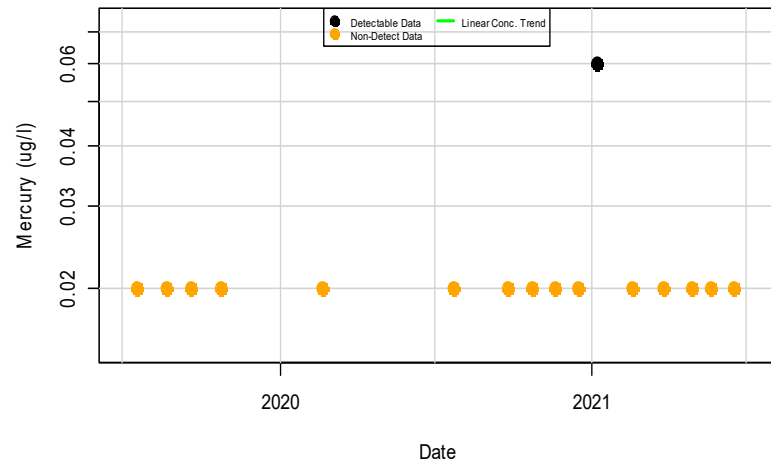


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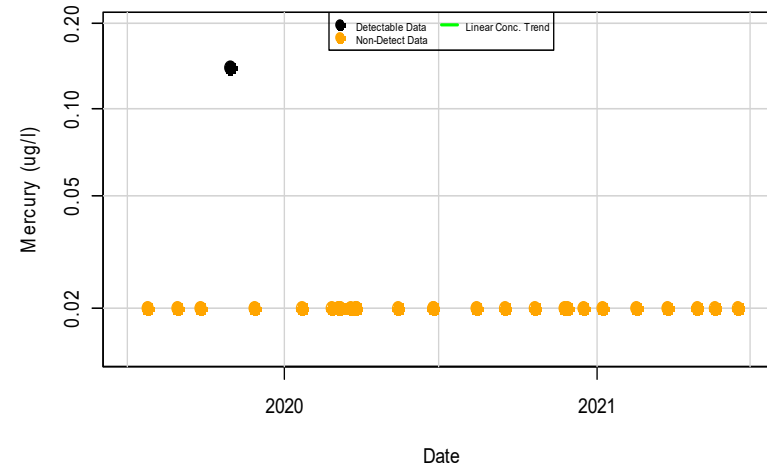


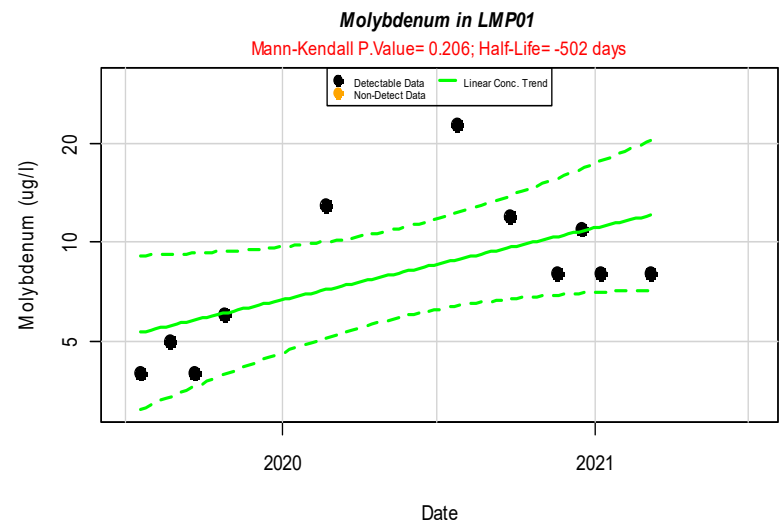
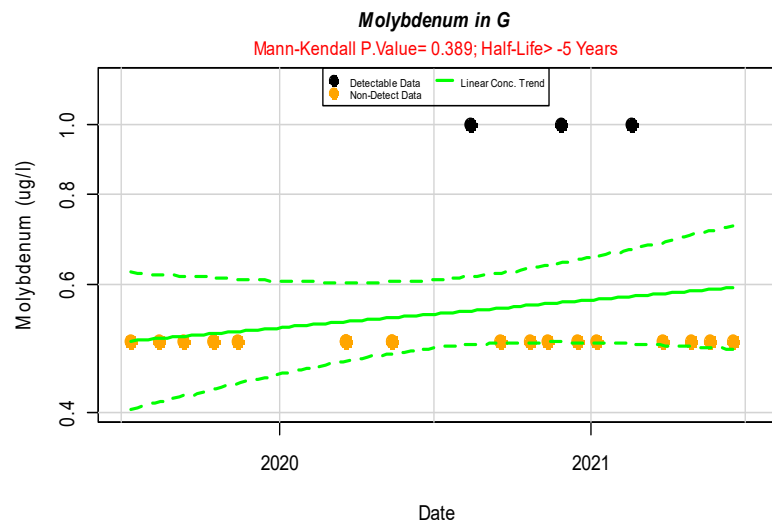
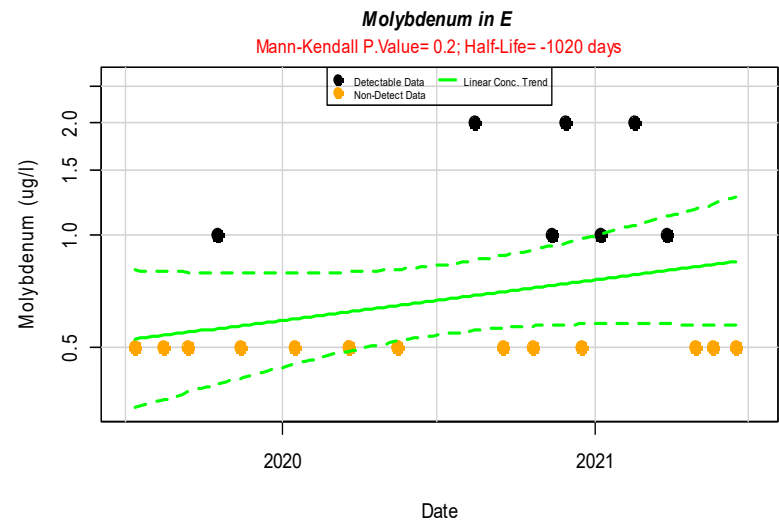
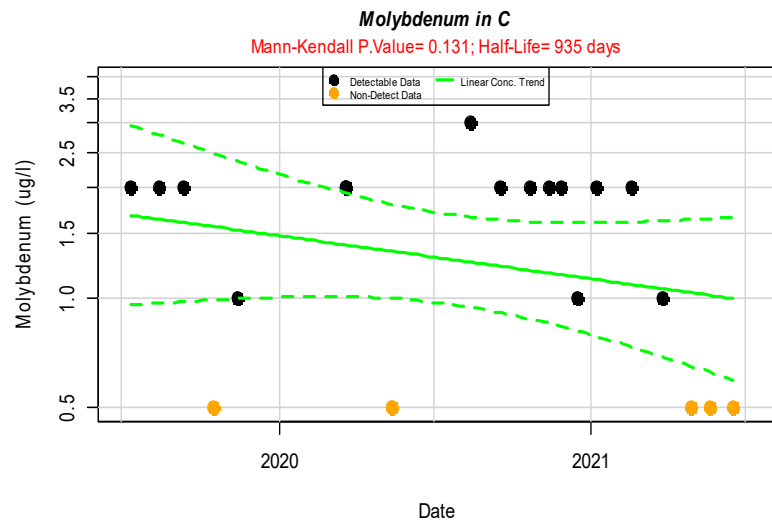


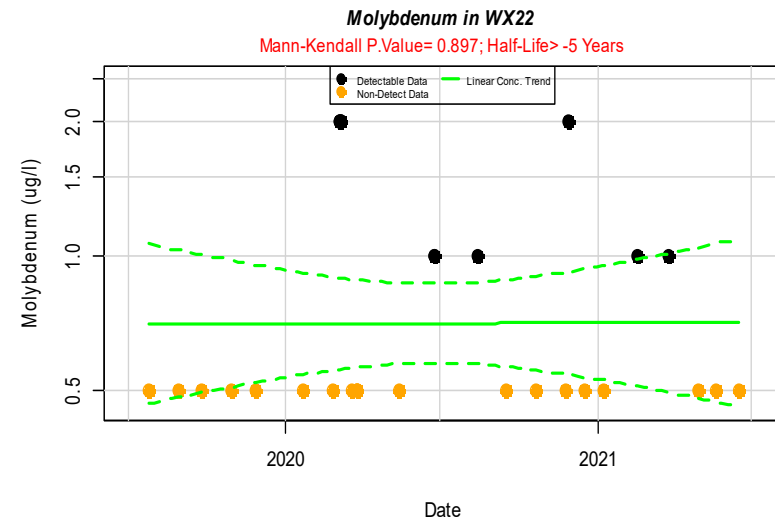
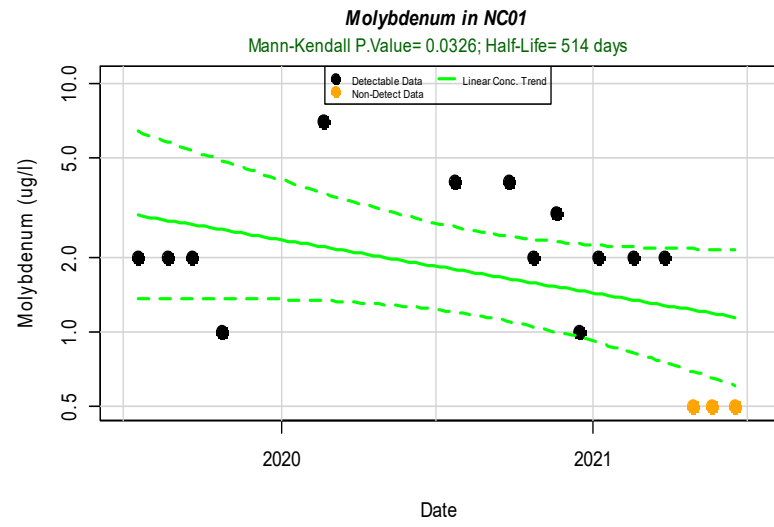
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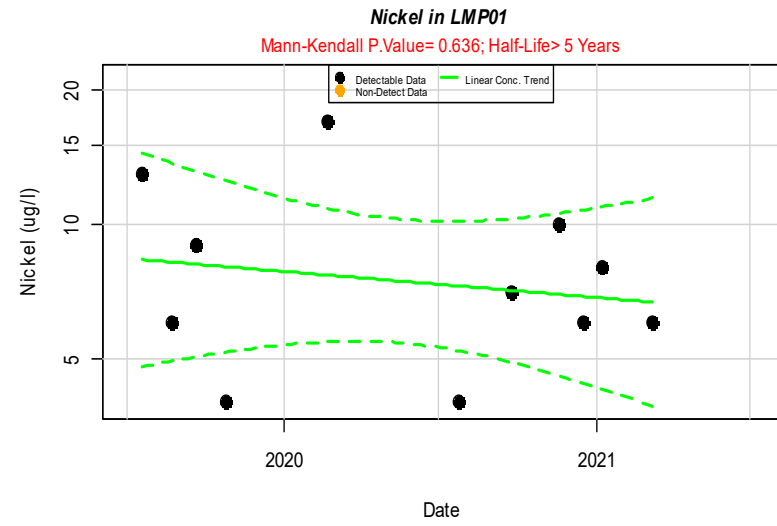
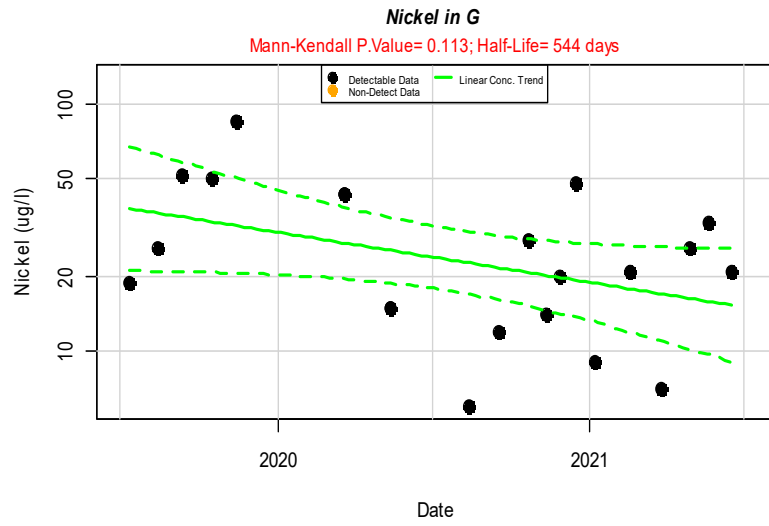
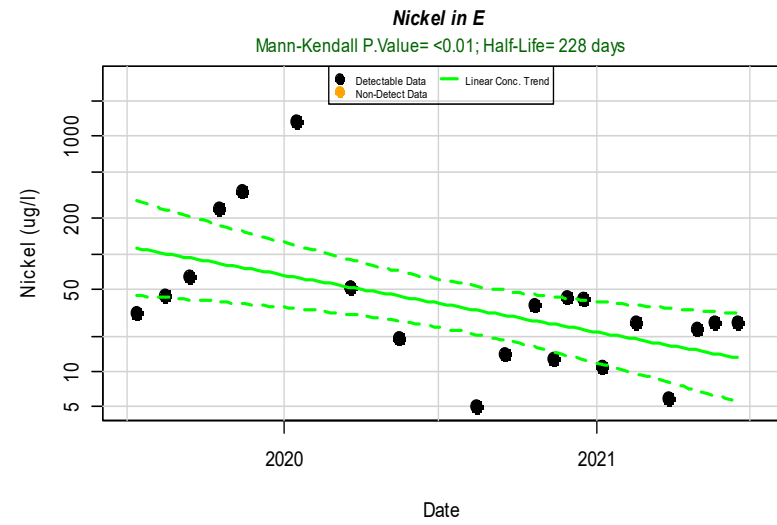
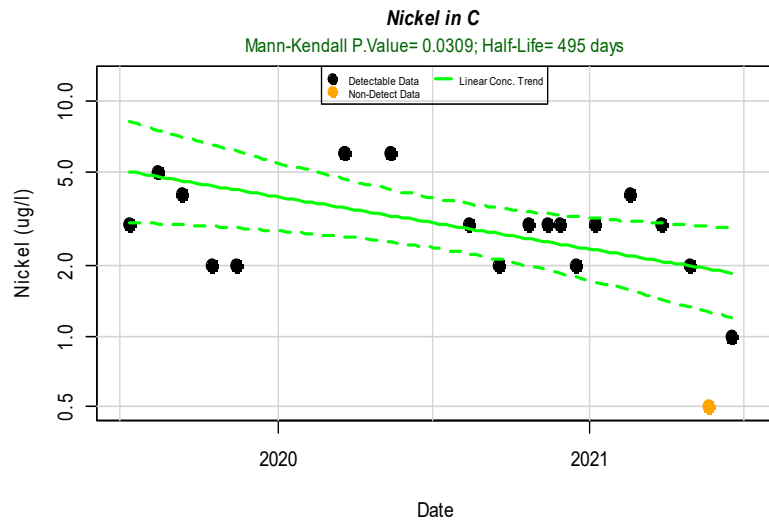


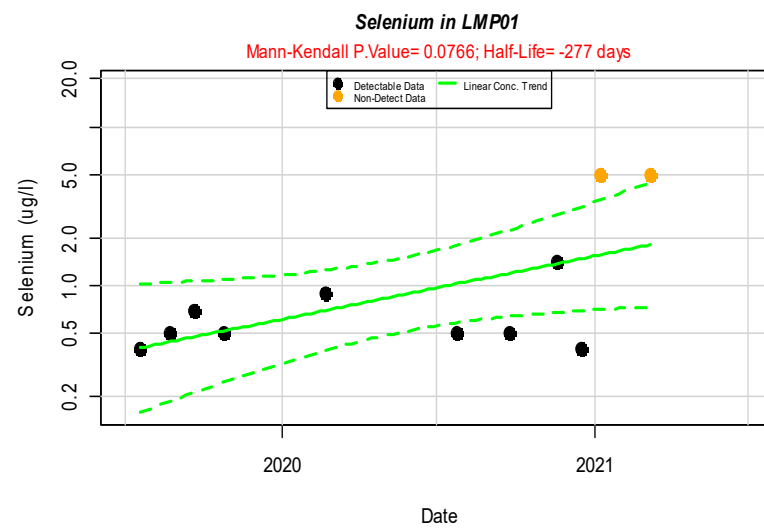
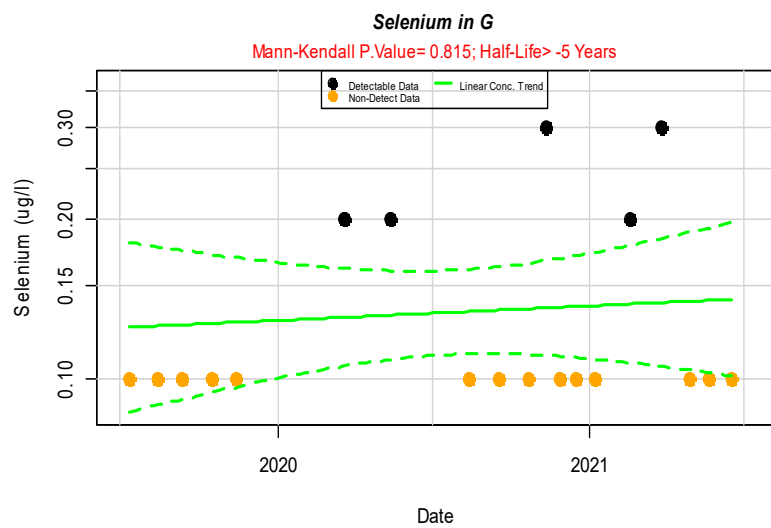
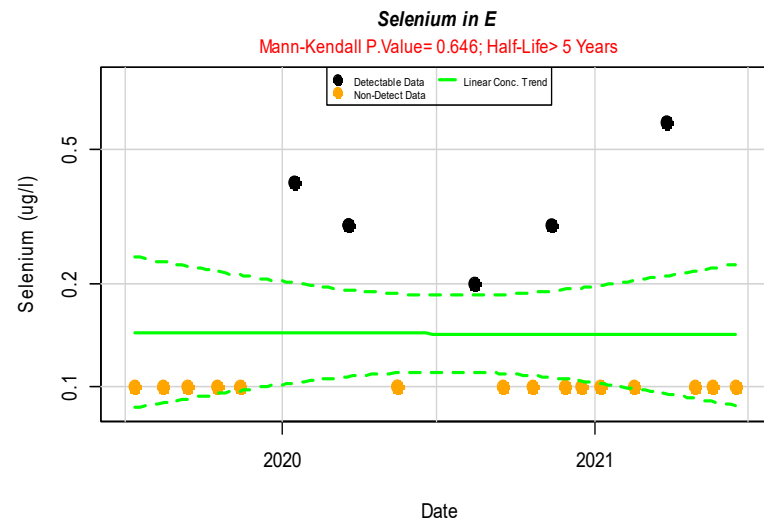
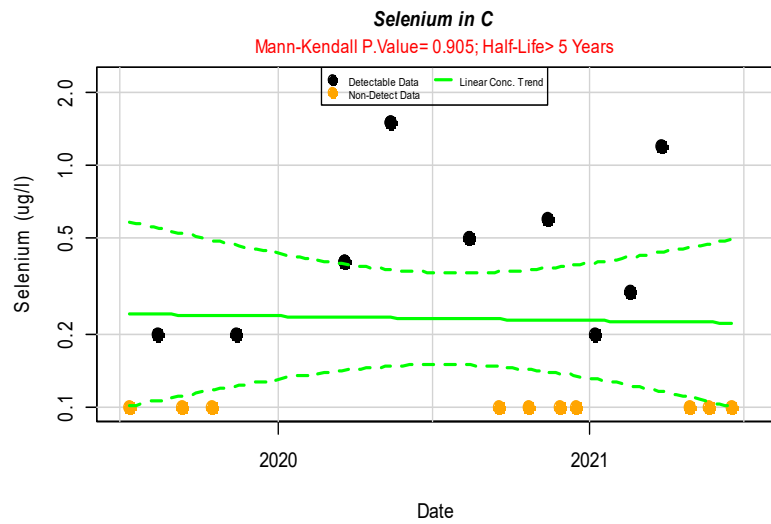
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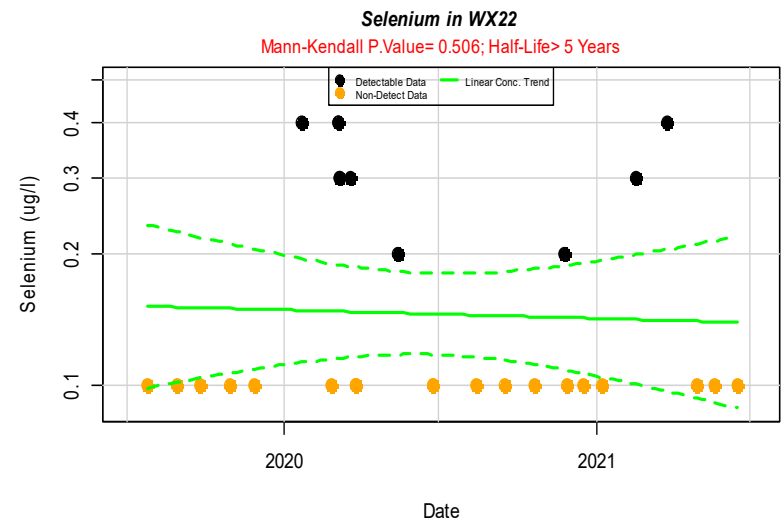
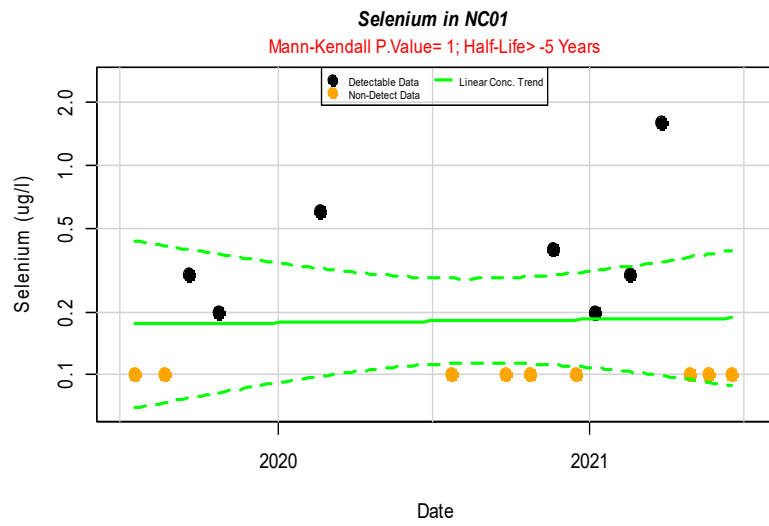


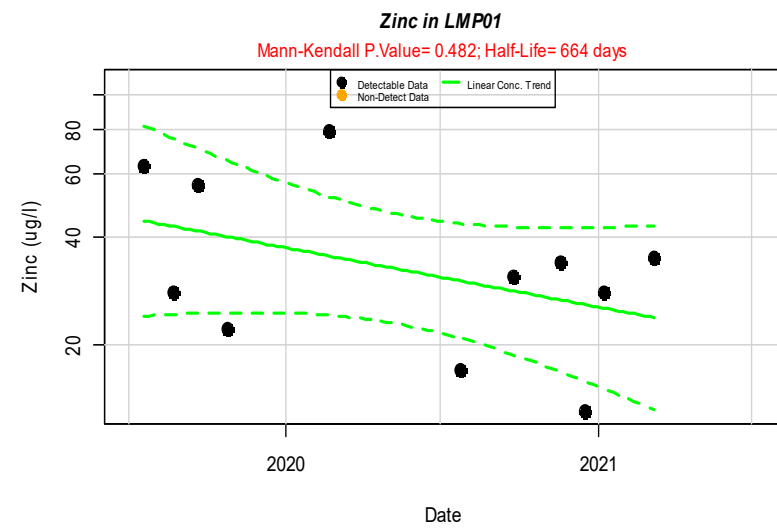
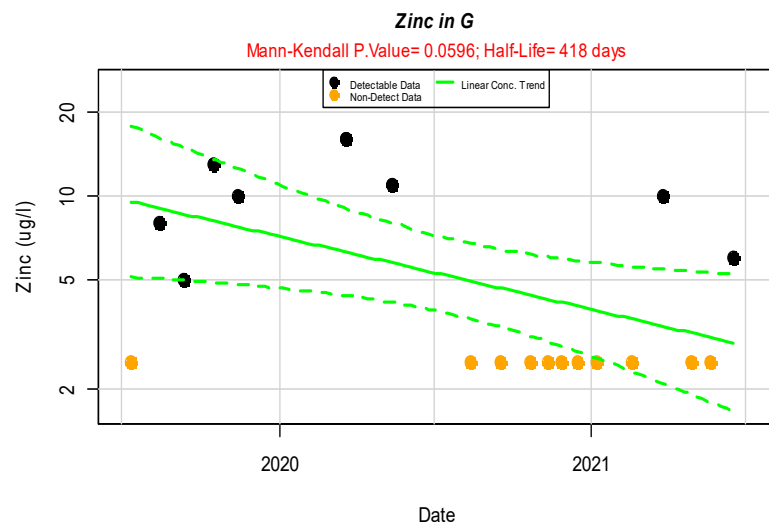
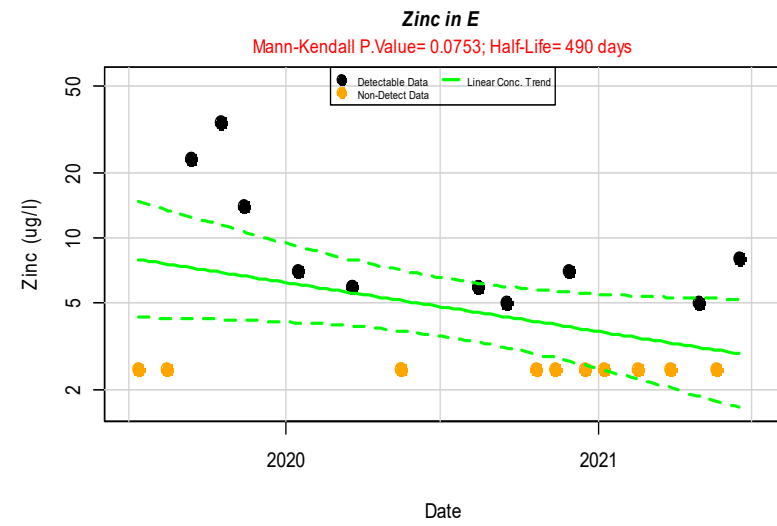
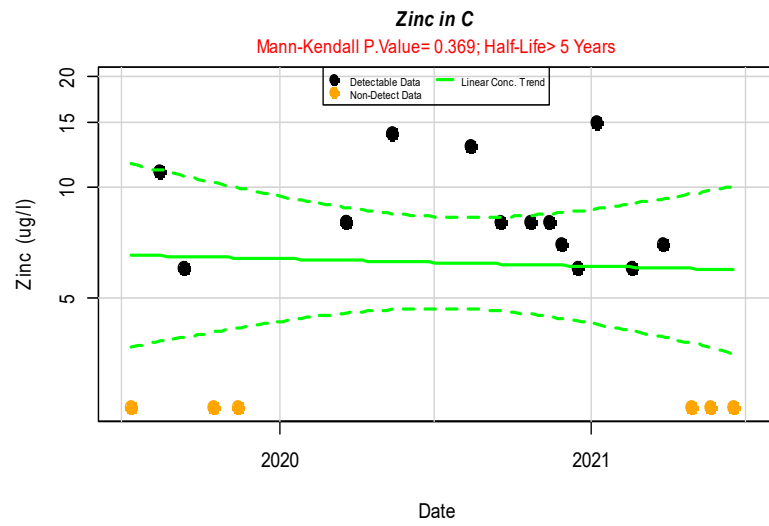


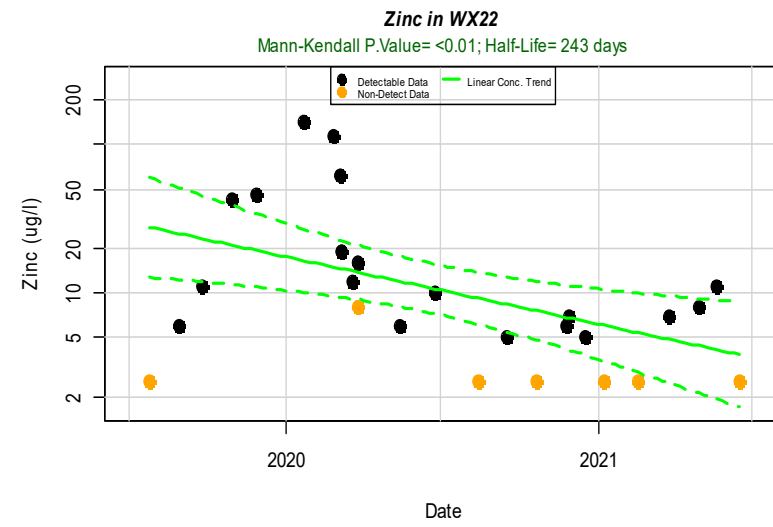
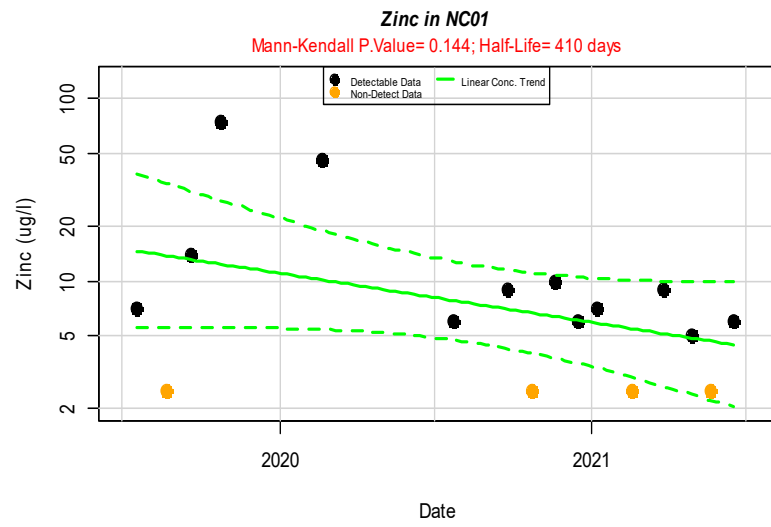












APPENDIX M

**NALCO SAMPLING METHOD AND QUALITY ASSURANCE
AND QUALITY CONTROL (QA/QC) PROGRAM**

CA12119 Total Suspended Solids

1. SCOPE & APPLICATION

This document describes determination of total suspended solids in water samples. It is applicable to [the Global Analytical and Microbiological \(GAM\) Services laboratory, Mount Piper site.](#)

2. REFERENCES

- a) APHA Standard Methods, for the Examination of Water and Waste Water - Method 2540D

3. DEFINITIONS

Suspended Solids: The particulate material retained on a glass fibre filter and dried to constant weight at a specified temperature. Suspended solids may also be called “Non-Filtrable Residues”, or “NFR”.

Type 1 water: Ultrapure Milli-Q Water as per ASTM D1193-6.

D.I. Water: De-Ionised Water

Blank sample: D.I water sample

4. THEORY

The method for total suspended solids is based on Standard Methods, for the Examination of Water and Waste Water.

A well mixed sample is filtered through a weighed standard glass-fibre filter, the residue is collected on the filter and dried to a constant weight at 103 - 105 °C. The increase in weight of the filter represents the total suspended solids.

5. INTERFERENCES

- Exclude large floating particles or submerged agglomerates of non-homogeneous materials from the sample if it is determined that their inclusion is not representative.
- Limit sample size to no greater than 200 mg residue as excessive residue on the filter may form a water-entrapping crust. In samples where this is the case, reduce the volume filtered.
- Samples with high total dissolved solids need to be thoroughly washed to ensure removal of dissolved material.
- Prolonged filtration times resulting from filter clogging may produce high results owing to increased colloidal materials captured on the clogged filter.

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6. SAFETY NOTES

- General PPE - Labcoat, safety glasses, gloves, protective footwear.

7. EQUIPMENT

- Whatman GF/C filter paper 47mm / 47mm No. 393 Glass Microfiber Filter papers or equivalent
- Tweezers
- Drying oven at 103 - 105 °C
- Filtration apparatus
- Vacuum source
- Desiccator
- Analytical balance capable of weighing 0.1mg
- Pipette with 10mL or 5mL volume capacity and wide bore pipette tips. CAUTION: 1 mL pipette tips are not to be used.
- Baking trays
- Magnetic Stirrer
- Measuring Cylinder "A grade": 50mL, 100mL, 250 mL, 500mL capacity

8. INSTRUMENT SETTINGS

None.

9. REAGENTS

- Type 1 water
- D.I Water

10. STANDARDS

None.

11. SAMPLE PRESERVATION

- Use resistant glass or plastic bottle, provided that the material in suspension does not adhere to container walls.
- Begin analysis as soon as possible, preferably within 24hrs of sampling and no more than 7 days.

12. PROCEDURE

12.1 Preparation of Filter Papers

The glass fibre filter papers shall be prepared as follows:

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- a) Set up filtration apparatus.
- b) Turn vacuum pump on.
- c) Place filter paper on filtration apparatus wrinkle side up.
- d) Apply vacuum and wash with a minimum of 3 successive 20 mL portions of type 1 water; Continue applying vacuum until all traces of water is removed.
- e) Discard washings.
- f) Remove filter paper from filtration apparatus and transfer to a baking tray.
- g) Dry in an oven at 103 – 105°C for a minimum of 2 hours.
- h) Cool in desiccator for a minimum of one hour.
- i) Store in desiccator until needed.

Note: Study conducted has shown that the use of a wash bottle to distribute the Type 1 water to prepare the filter papers, is delivering sufficient volumes of Type 1 water as directed in the APHA.

12.2 Sample Analysis

- a) Check the spirit level of the balance (ensure that the bubble is within the circle) before proceeding. Refer to A-6.10 if adjustment is required.
- b) Place filter paper on balance pan.
- c) Record the initial weight of filter paper.
- d) Place filter paper in allocated position of numbered grid template (typically made of cardboard) in sample site order.
- e) Set up filtration apparatus.
- f) Turn vacuum pump on.
- g) Place filter paper on filtration apparatus wrinkle side up and apply vacuum.
- h) Select sample volume according to Table 1. Mount Piper site typically filters large volumes e.g. 250mL and 500mL.

Table 1

| Visual Appearance | Sample Volume (mL) |
|------------------------------|--------------------|
| Clear – low turbidity | 200-500 |
| Hazy – medium turbidity | 100-150 |
| Very Hazy – high turbidity | 10-50 |
| Opaque – very high turbidity | <10 |

- i) If sample bottle contains no air gap, invert the bottle several times and remove 5 mL to create an air gap to allow for more thorough mixing;
 - I. For sample volumes > 10 mL:

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- i. Vigorously shake the sample and sub-sample a suitable aliquot into a measuring cylinder and transfer it into the filtration apparatus.
 - ii. Thoroughly rinse the measuring cylinder and filter paper with with a minimum of three successive 10 mL volumes of D.I water.
- II. For sample volumes < 10 mL or samples with rapidly settling solids:
- i. Vigorously shake the sample and with continuous stirring using a magnetic stirrer, sub-sample a suitable aliquot using a pipette or automatic pipette.
 - ii. Wash the filter paper with a minimum of three successive 10 mL volumes of D.I water.
- j) Samples with high total dissolved solids require additional washing to ensure removal of dissolved material. Allow for complete drainage between washings.
 - k) Check the cups to ensure they are clean before moving on to next sample. Extra washing of cups is necessary when previous samples have had ash in them.
 - l) Record the aliquot.
 - m) Remove filter paper with sample residue carefully and place back on allocated position of labelled grid template.
 - n) A blank sample is to prepared using D.I water.
 - o) Dry the filter papers in a 103 – 105°C oven for minimum of one hour.
 - p) Cool in a desiccator for a minimum of one hour.
 - q) Place filter paper on balance pan.
 - r) Record the final weight of filter paper. As some evaporation residues readily absorb water rapid weighing is essential.
 - s) Perform duplicates according to Quality Control (Table 1 in Section 14).
 - t) Once the result has been calculated, reported and authorised, the filter paper may be discarded.

Note: The 1 hour drying period has been validated and shown to achieve constant weight after 1 hour of drying. The repeated drying and cooling of the glass fiber filters as described in Reference (a) is not necessary.

13. TROUBLESHOOTING

Refer to Quality control section and A-2.24 Control of non-conforming test and calibration work. It may be necessary to record an additional comment via addition of a WAT_COMM test code. If unsure, consult senior chemist.

13.1 Sample Matrix Interferences

In the case where a sample matrix is difficult to filter, the following actions shall be taken as necessary:

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- a) A lesser volume shall be chosen based on the filterability of the sample if the limit of reporting is raised for the result above < 2 mg/L. The following WAT_COMM and test comment shall be added: "Limit of reporting raised for Suspended Solids due to sample matrix."
- b) If the sample cannot be tested because of the sample matrix:
 - I. The test shall be cancelled.
 - II. The following WAT_COMM and test comment shall be added: "Suspended Solids could not be determined due to sample matrix."

14. QUALITY CONTROL

The following quality control is carried out, as outlined in Table 2.

Table 2: Quality Control

| QC Parameter | Frequency | Limits | Action QC Criteria Not Satisfied |
|--------------|-------------------------------|--|---|
| Blank | One per batch | < 1 mg/L (LOR) | a) Consult senior staff |
| Duplicate | Every 10 samples or per batch | Results ≤ LOR, allowed RPD between duplicates is 200%. Results ≤5 times LOR, allowed RPD between duplicates is 100%. Results 5-10 times LOR allowed RPD between duplicates is 50%. Results >10 times LOR allowed RPD between duplicates is 20%. | a) Refer to interference section. b) Consult senior staff. |

15. CALCULATIONS

15.1 Total Suspended Solids

Calculate the result as milligrams per litre, as follows:

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| Suspended solids mg/L = $\frac{(W_2 - W_1) \times 1000}{V}$ |
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Where:

- W₁ = Weight of filter (in grams)
- W₂ = Weight of filter plus dried residue (in grams)
- V = Sample Volume (L)

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15.2 Relative Percent Difference (RPD %)

Relative Percent Difference (RPD %) is calculated using the following formula:

$$\frac{(D_1 - D_2) \times 100}{((D_1 + D_2) / 2)}$$

Where:

D₁ = First Sample Value (mg/L)

D₂ = Duplicate Value (mg/L)

16. REPORTING

The limit of reporting is 1 mg/L.

The results shall be entered directly into LIMS wherever possible. If this is not possible for any reason, the data shall be recorded on the electronic worksheet (Attachment 1) which is saved on the [shared network drive](#).

The results shall be entered in LIMS as follows:

- a) Log into LIMS and select the "Workstation Backlog" workflow.
- a) Select "GRAVIMTRC" in the workstation column of the table.
- b) Under "Template Name" select SS_MP. This will now generate a new Suspended Solids batch. Record this batch number if using Attachment 1.
- c) Open the selected batch by selecting the batch name.
- d) Save the batch.
- e) Select the "Samples" tab and add a QC sample duplicate (RPD) every 10 samples.
- f) Save the batch.
- g) Select the "Results" tab and fill out all the information required. Once completed, each field must be authorized by clicking on the "Authorized" button (on bottom right of results tab).
- h) Save the batch.
- i) Select the "Samples" tab and the "Options" menu.
- j) Select "Result Entry by Sample" and select "SS" from the drop-down box.
- k) Record data for samples and save.
- l) Calculate all duplicates and save.
- m) The results and QC samples will be authorized by a staff member who is approved to do so and they will close the batch.

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17. UNCERTAINTY OF MEASUREMENT

The following uncertainty of measurement has been calculated for total suspended solids analysis:

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| Total Suspended Solids | U = \pm 24.886 % |
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18. ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment 1 - Suspended Solids Record Sheet

19. APPENDIX

None

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Quality assurance/quality control program (2021)

The laboratory's Quality assurance/quality control program ensures that sampling activities and analytical data is accurate, reliable and acceptable.

The Quality assurance/quality control program consists of both internal and external measures.

Internal

- Laboratory instrumentation and field equipment are calibrated at the correct intervals, as prescribed in the relevant NATA 'General equipment table'.
- Regular preventative maintenance is carried out on all key laboratory instrumentation and field equipment.
- Trip blanks (where appropriate) are supplied to monitor contamination.
- Certified reference materials are analysed routinely.
- Duplicate analysis is conducted to check precision.
- Laboratory blanks are analysed to monitor contamination.
- Quality control checks on media are performed.
- All records and subsequent reports are systematically checked.
- Quality control charts are used to statistically monitor trends in data.
- The laboratory is regularly internally audited.

External

- Ecolab Global Analytical & Microbiological Services participates in regular chemical and microbiological external proficiency testing programs as well as NATA audits as per their surveillance program.

Sampling and data collection

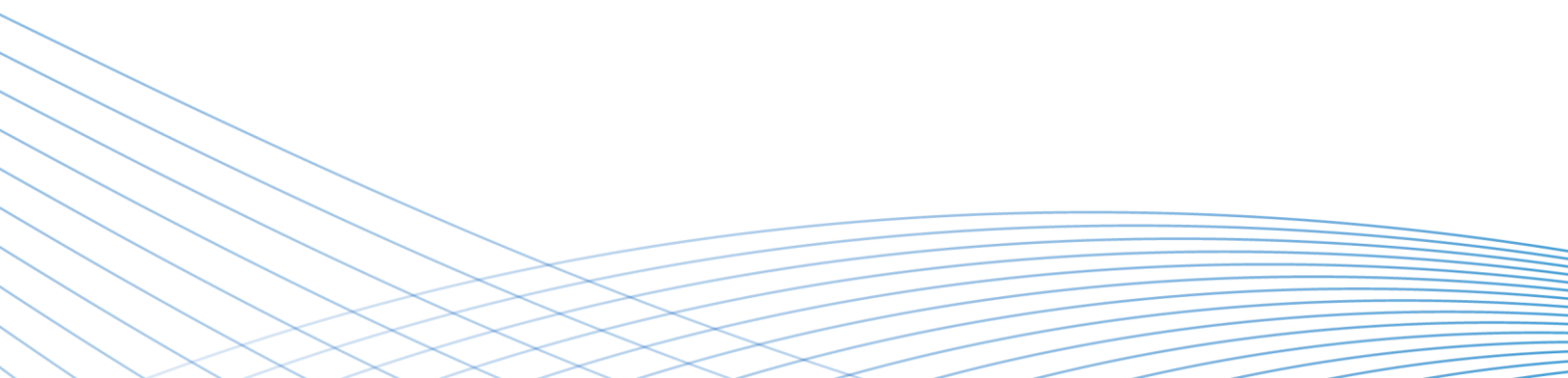
- All sampling is performed by trained personnel in accordance with procedure A-2.18 and relevant parts of Australian Standard 5667, for which NATA accreditation is held.
- Site measurements (DO, pH, turbidity, temperature and conductivity) and sampling observations (water depth) are recorded and reported in accordance with procedure CA12125.

Sample bottles

- Pre-labeled sample containers are used for routine sampling and testing.
- The sample bottles are prepared so that samples are preserved in accordance with Australian Standard 5667.1:1998 and Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater, 22nd Edition (APHA).

Delivery of samples

- Eskies and freezer packs are used to maintain the integrity of the samples during transport from the sampling sites to our Global Analytical & Microbiological Services Laboratory.



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