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Subject: RE: Gasco: Weekly Water Levels; Koppers and LNG Basin Area
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Attachments: [Koppers Basin Area Hydrology - Weekly DEQ.xlsx](#)

Wes,

The following email is provided on behalf of John Renda.

The attached table includes the weekly measurements from the fifteen locations requested by DEQ. Twelve of the locations have transducers installed, recording elevations at 15-minute intervals. For this request, a single weekly water level measurement was used for wells with transducers by selecting the closest 15-minute interval to the manual measurements. Also, as requested in the meeting with DEQ on January 28, 2021, weekly elevation data was added for the four newly installed wells (MW-50F, MW-51F, MW-52F, and MW-53F) associated with the Fill WBZ trench system for a total of 19 locations. On February 22, 2023, DEQ approved discontinuing weekly manual water level measurements at PZ-KB1, SW-KB1, and MW-KW-2.

This spreadsheet includes monthly water level elevations (groundwater in the wells and piezometer and surface water in the Koppers Basin) for the 15 locations from July 2018 through April 2019 and weekly measurements beginning in May 2019 through April 2024. Currently, 16 monitoring wells equipped with pressure transducers recorded at 15-minute intervals are reported for noon on Wednesday each week.

Dewatering of the Koppers Basin began on May 27, 2022 with the water levels in the Koppers Basin dropping through August 2022 and became free of standing water in September 2022. The basin has since been maintained free of standing water. Pumping was temporarily stopped between January 13, 2024 and January 22, 2024 to protect ancillary equipment from an extended period of freezing temperatures. The basin accumulated approximately 24-inches of water and was pumped free of standing water by February 2, 2024.

Continuous automated pumping from the Fill WBZ trenches began on March 11, 2021. Response from pumping can be seen in monitoring wells MW-49F through MW-53F.

Note: The transducer in monitoring well MW-10-25 showed an apparent drop in water level of greater than 5 feet in March 2024. When downloaded in April 2024, it was confirmed that those water levels were faulty, and the transducer was reset. Those faulty levels were excluded from the spreadsheet. In May 2024, the transducer would not connect and was replaced with a new transducer with the faulty transducer sent in for service. Water levels for April will be updated if the service technician is able to recover the missing data.

Let us know if you have any questions.

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Subject: RE: Summary of Agreement on Weekly Water Levels; Koppers and LNG Basin Area

Hello Rob.

DEQ reviewed your May 22, 2019 e-mail summarizing our May 14th telephone conversation regarding collecting and reporting water level measurements in the vicinity of the LNG Basin and the Koppers Tank Farm.

Based on our review, DEQ:

- Concurs with the e-mail summary of the call; and
- Approves the plan for collecting and reporting water level data subject to NW Natural conducting the work through December 2019.

Data for the May through December 2019 time period will be the basis for decisions regarding continuing data collection.

Please feel free to contact me with questions regarding this e-mail and hope your day is going well.

Dana

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Subject: Summary of Agreement on Weekly Water Levels; Koppers and LNG Basin Area

Hi Dana,

I'm providing this e-mail at your request to document our telephone conversation of May 14, 2019 regarding DEQ's request for weekly water level measurements at select locations surrounding the former Koppers tank basin and the nearby LNG tank basin. Our May 14 telephone conversation was an outcome from a site visit on May 6, 2019 with me, John Renda (Anchor QEA) and you to observe standing water in the former Koppers tank basin.

Based on the May 6, 2019 site visit and our follow-up call on May 14, 2019 it is understood that DEQ is requesting that NW Natural proceed with weekly water level measurements at the following 15 locations in the general vicinity of the Koppers and LNG tank basins:

1. MW-8-29
2. MW-9-29
3. MW-10-25
4. MW-11-32
5. MW-12-36
6. MW-43F
7. MW-44F
8. MW-45F
9. MW-46F
10. MW-47F
11. MW-48F

12. MW-49F

13. PZ-KB1

14. MW-KW-2

15. Koppers tank basin surface water measurement point

With the exception of the locations 13 through 15, all of the requested water level monitoring locations are already collecting the requested data at 15-minute intervals with the use of dedicated transducers. The requested water level data from the locations 13 through 15 (PZ-KB1, MW-KW-2, and Koppers tank basin surface water measuring point) will be collected manually on a weekly schedule – which began the week of May 13, 2019.

As further requested, NW Natural will provide a spreadsheet summarizing the weekly water level measurements to DEQ by e-mail on a monthly basis. Single weekly transducer measurements to coincide with the manual measurements will be selected for inclusion in this spreadsheet. The spreadsheet will include a summary of all weekly measurements and will be provided to DEQ by the 20th of the following month.

This work was requested so that water levels in the former Koppers tank basin and surrounding locations can be monitored on a more frequent basis as we move into and through the dry season. As such, the weekly work activities and reporting as described here will be a short-term interim effort during this timeframe.

Please let me know if this conforms with your understanding of our May 14, 2019 call and the agreed path forward regarding this item.

Thanks,

-Rob

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