

#### **MEMO**

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SUBJECT	Groundwater Source Control Measure Monthly Performance Monitoring Report

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (ODEQ), in its letter dated 31 May 2019 and in the subsequent meeting with Legacy Site Services LLC (LSS) and Environmental Resources Management, Inc. (ERM) on 2 July 2019, requested that LSS initiate monthly status reports associated with the onsite groundwater source control measure (GW SCM) at the Arkema site (Site) consistent with the Performance Monitoring Plan (PMP; ERM 2014¹) beginning July 2019. The 2014 PMP was prepared pursuant to the Order on Consent issued by ODEQ, signed on 31 October 2008 (ODEQ No. LQVC-NWR-08-04; Consent Order). The purpose of the PMP was to present the monitoring, reporting, and adaptive management processes used during implementation of the GW SCM. On 30 November 2021, ODEQ directed LSS that following the October 2021 Monthly Performance Monitoring Report (MPR), subsequent MPRs would be suspended pending the implementation of the Groundwater Extraction Enhancement (GEE) project in 2022. During that time, ODEQ requested monthly schedule updates in lieu of MPRs. The trench wells installed as part of the GEE project were started on 27 November 2022, and MPR writing restarted in December 2022. The purpose of the GEE project was to install new extraction capacity to achieve the Capture Zone Objectives.

On 6 June 2024, ODEQ requested that LSS and ERM reduce the scope of future MPRs to facilitate faster review. On 11 September 2024, ODEQ agreed for the first amended MPR to be the August 2024 MPR submitted in October 2024.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> ERM-West, Inc. 2014. Revised Final Performance Monitoring Plan – Groundwater Source Control Measure, Arkema Inc. Facility, Portland, Oregon. July 2014.



#### GWET SYSTEM PERFORMANCE

The average system influent flow rate was 24.03 gallons per minute (gpm) for the entire month of August 2024, including non-operational periods. The average operational influent flow during operational periods was 35.56 gpm, a decrease from July 2024.

Extraction pumps become fouled with accumulated solids over time. A proactive pump removal and maintenance program is in place to address fouling and maximize flow rates. A low pressure Hydropuls redevelopment was completed at Trenches 5 and 6 during August 2024 to mitigate accumulation of silt in the filter pack. A smaller Hydropuls tool was used that produced insufficient power, and therefore the redevelopment effort was not effective. Ongoing redevelopment is anticipated in September and October 2024 to maintain the productivity of the groundwater extraction trenches, and conveyance line cleaning will be conducted as needed based on analysis of backpressure. The reduction in groundwater extraction rate in August 2024 compared to July 2024 is believed to be a result of a significant decline in river elevation and average groundwater elevation as shown on Attachments A-1 and A-2.

LSS is continuing to optimize extraction rates within the system to increase flow rates at each operational well until either the extraction rates specified in the *Final Design Report* (ERM 2022<sup>2</sup>) are achieved, the wells are producing the maximum quantity of water possible, or until the Capture Zone Objectives are met.

#### 2.1 GWET PLANT OPERATIONS

The groundwater extraction and treatment (GWET) plant operated within permit conditions during the reporting period. There were four shutdowns:

- 2 August 2024: The GWET system was shut down for 1 hour to clean the plate separator (PS-1).
- 11 August 2024: The wellfield was shut down for 8 hours due to failed pump P-6 at tank T-3.
- 16 August 2024: The wellfield was shut down for 3 hours to install recirculation pump P-7.
- 26 August 2024: The wellfield was shut down due to MCR (Media Capture and Recovery Vessel) failure and remained off for the remainder of August.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> ERM-West, Inc. 2022. Final Design Report, Arkema Inc. Facility, Portland, Oregon. May 2022.



#### CAPTURE ZONE EVALUATION

As described in the PMP, the purpose of hydraulic monitoring (i.e., groundwater elevation data) is to provide sufficient data to demonstrate an inward hydraulic gradient across the groundwater barrier wall (GWBW) and to evaluate the effective hydraulic capture produced by the GW SCM.

#### 3.1 GROUNDWATER ELEVATION MONITORING

Groundwater elevation monitoring was completed on 9 August 2024. The Serfes (1991)<sup>3</sup> method was used to account for tidal variations as described in the PMP. Using Serfes corrected data, both horizontal and vertical gradients were calculated and plotted over time (Attachment B). Groundwater elevations, horizontal gradients, and vertical gradients from 9 August 2024 are shown in Table 1-2 and Table 1-3.

## 3.2 POTENTIOMETRIC SURFACE, GROUNDWATER ELEVATION DIFFERENCE MAPS, AND GROUNDWATER FLOW DIRECTIONS

Groundwater elevation data collected on 9 August 2024 were used to prepare potentiometric surface maps based on manual measurements and averaged transducer groundwater elevations (Figures 2 through 4) and vertical difference maps (Figures 5 and 6).

The generalized flow direction indicated by the potentiometric surface maps shows overall groundwater flow from upgradient toward the GWBW. Potentiometric maps (Figures 2, 3, and 4) indicate generalized groundwater movement to the extraction trenches in the Shallow, Intermediate, and Deep Zones due to GW SCM pumping, and cones of depression are apparent around each groundwater extraction trench. Horizontal gradients at gradient control clusters (GCCs) across the Site are mixed, with some areas trending toward an inward gradient, and some areas losing improvements made in June in all three hydrogeological zones. Horizontal gradients and trend lines are shown in Attachments B-1 and B-3.

River elevations are shown over time on Attachments A-1 and A-2, and in an inset on the potentiometric surface maps (Figures 2 through 4). The river elevation in August 2024 had an average elevation of 8.04 feet North American Vertical Datum of 1988 (NAVD88) with a minimum elevation of 5.58 feet NAVD88 and a maximum elevation of 11.04 feet NAVD88, a decrease compared to July 2024. The average Shallow Zone groundwater elevation decreased from July by 0.69 feet and the average Intermediate Zone groundwater elevation decreased from July by 0.15 feet, and the river elevation has largely been trending downward since January 2024. There was not a significant seasonal rise in Willamette River level this year compared to previous years.

Vertical gradients were calculated for each vertical well pair and are plotted on Figures 5 and 6. Vertical groundwater gradients and trend lines are shown in Attachments B-2 and B-4. Vertical groundwater gradients interior and exterior to the GWBW were primarily downward between the Shallow and Intermediate Zones and between the Intermediate and Deep Zones.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Serfes, Michael. 1991. "Determining the Mean Hydraulic Gradient of Ground Water Affected by Tidal Fluctuations." *Groundwater* 29(4): July-August.



#### 4. CONCLUSIONS

Recovery rates indicate that the active recovery wells (RWs) and extraction wells (EWs) are operating as designed, except for the troubleshooting discussed above. The extraction rates throughout the GWET system will continue to be optimized to meet Target Capture Objectives. Redevelopment of the trenches is planned for September 2024 to mitigate accumulation of silt in the filter pack in both the vertical and horizontal sections using impulse redevelopment techniques. These efforts will be targeted at trenches that are currently underperforming, including Trenches 1, 4, 5, and 6. LSS will continue to optimize new EWs, including pump maintenance and upgrades. Additional modifications to the system, if needed to progress toward capture objectives, will be included in subsequent MPRs. The project schedule provided as Attachment C summarizes planned activities.

Regards,

Brendan Robinson, PE

**Partner** 



#### **ATTACHMENTS**

- FIGURE 1 SITE LAYOUT
- FIGURE 2 SHALLOW ZONE GROUNDWATER CONTOURS
- FIGURE 3 INTERMEDIATE ZONE GROUNDWATER CONTOURS
- FIGURE 4 DEEP ZONE GROUNDWATER CONTOURS
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## **FIGURES**

FIGURE 1: SITE LAYOUT

FIGURE 2: AUGUST 2024 SHALLOW ZONE GROUNDWATER CONTOURS

FIGURE 3: AUGUST 2024 INTERMEDIATE ZONE GROUNDWATER CONTOURS

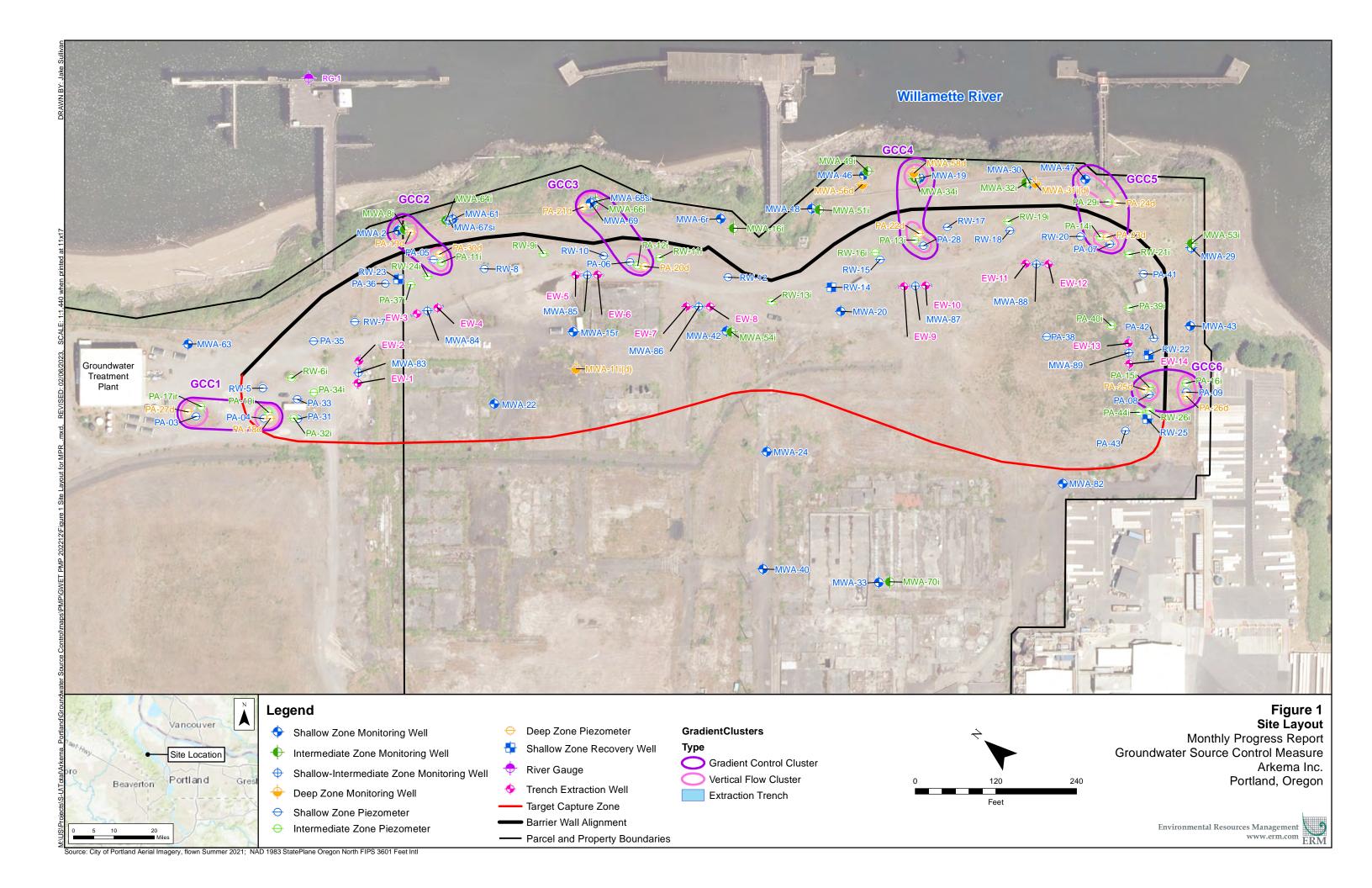
FIGURE 4: AUGUST 2024 DEEP ZONE GROUNDWATER CONTOURS

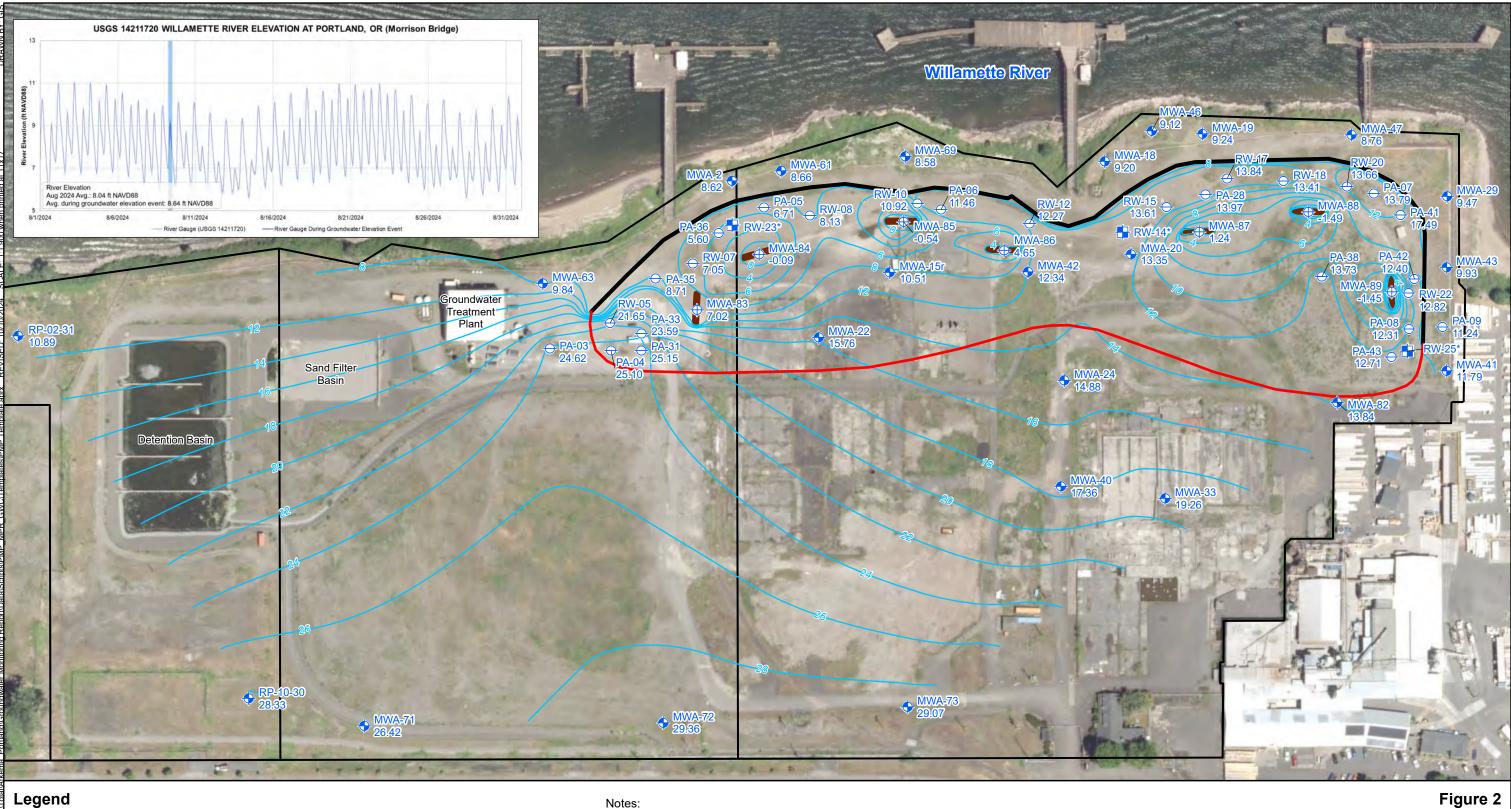
FIGURE 5: AUGUST 2024 SHALLOW TO INTERMEDIATE ZONE VERTICAL

**HEAD DIFFERENCE** 

FIGURE 6: AUGUST 2024 INTERMEDIATE TO DEEP ZONE VERTICAL HEAD

DIFFERENCE





→ Shallow Zone Piezometer

Shallow Zone Monitoring Well

Active Recovery Well; Not Used During Contouring

◆ Shallow-Intermediate Zone Monitoring Well Extraction Trench (Not To Scale)

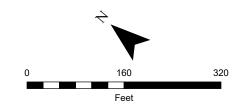
27.70 Groundwater Elevation (ft NAVD88)

Shallow Zone Groundwater Contours (ft NAVD88) Dashed where Inferred

Target Capture Zone

Barrier Wall Alignment

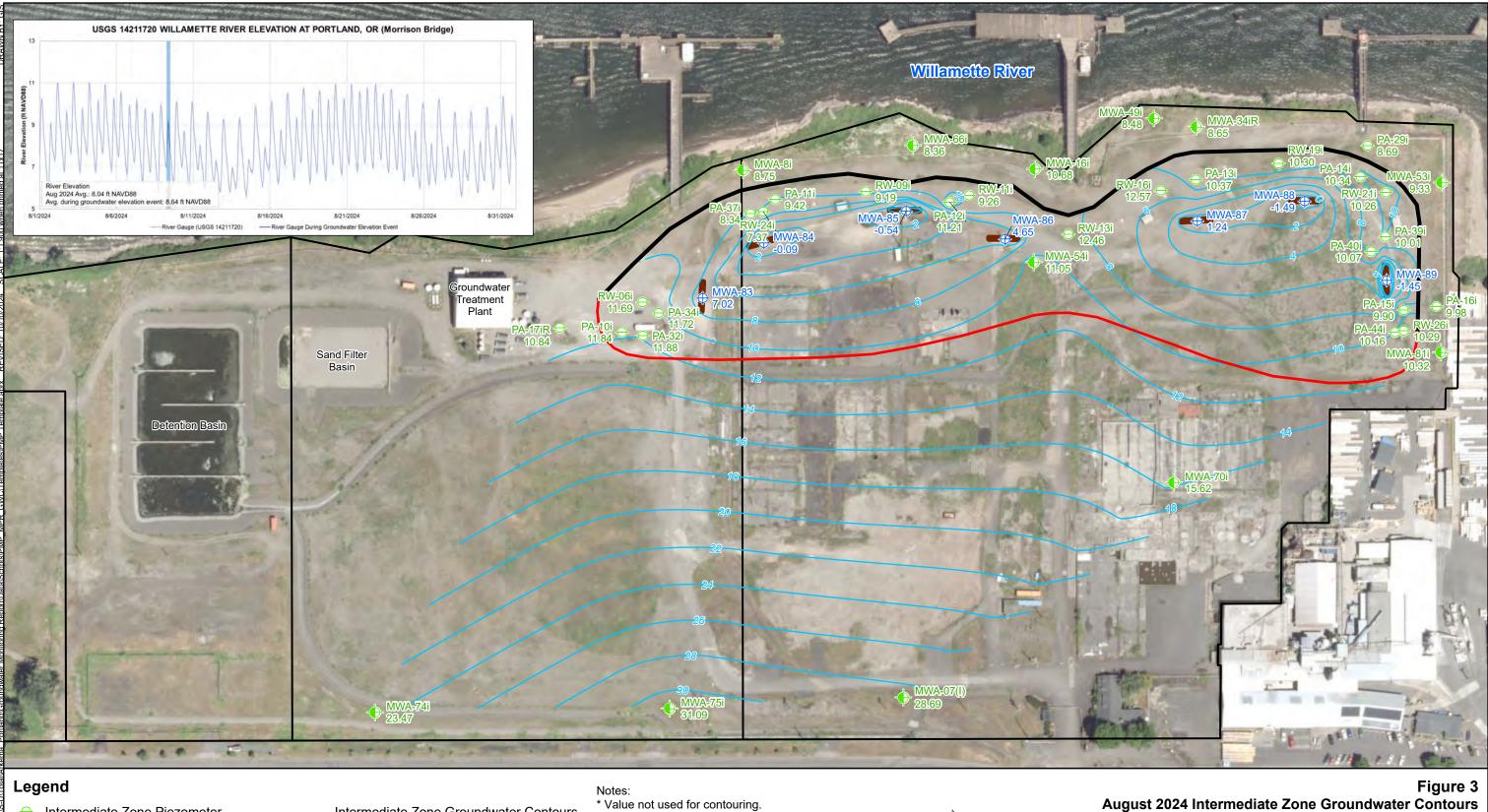
\* Value not used for contouring.
Water levels collected August, 2024.
ft NAVD88: feet North American Vertical Datum of 1988. Aerial Photo: City of Portland, Summer 2017.



## **August 2024 Shallow Zone Groundwater Contours**

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→ Intermediate Zone Piezometer

Intermediate Zone Monitoring Well

Shallow-Intermediate Zone Monitoring Well

27.70 Groundwater Elevation (ft NAVD88)

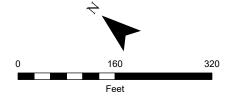
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Target Capture Zone

Barrier Wall Alignment

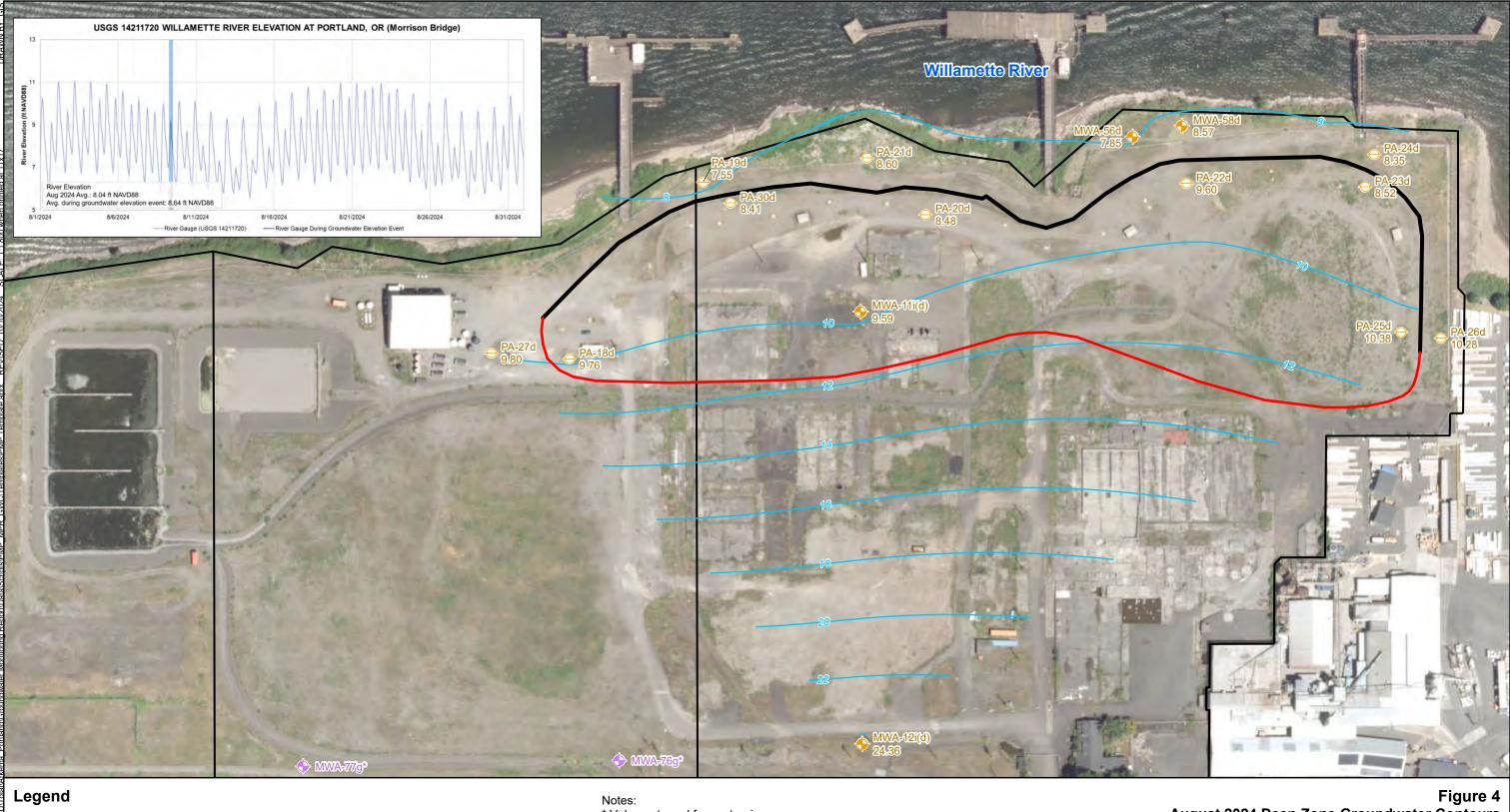
Extraction Trench (Not To Scale)

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Oeep Zone Piezometer

Deep Zone Monitoring Well

Gravel Zone Monitoring Well

27.70 Groundwater Elevation (ft NAVD88)

Deep Zone Groundwater Contours (ft NAVD88)

Dashed where Inferred

Target Capture Zone

Barrier Wall Alignment

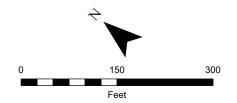
\* Value not used for contouring.

Gravel zone wells not used in contouring.

Water levels collected August, 2024.

ft NAVD88: feet North American Vertical Datum of 1988.

Aerial Photo: City of Portland, Summer 2017.



August 2024 Deep Zone Groundwater Contours

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### Legend

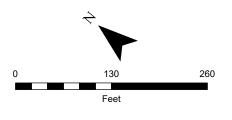
- Shallow Zone Monitoring Well
- Intermediate Zone Monitoring Well
- Shallow Zone Piezometer
- Intermediate Zone Piezometer
- Shallow Zone Recovery Well
- Trench Extraction Well

- Active Recovery Well
- Trench Extraction Well
- Target Capture Zone Barrier Wall Alignment
- Extraction Trench
- Gradient Control Cluster Vertical Flow Cluster

## ↑ Upward Flow

## Brown gradient: Downward flow. Green gradient: Upward flow. Vertical gradient calculated as shallow zone minus intermediate zone potentiometric surfaces.

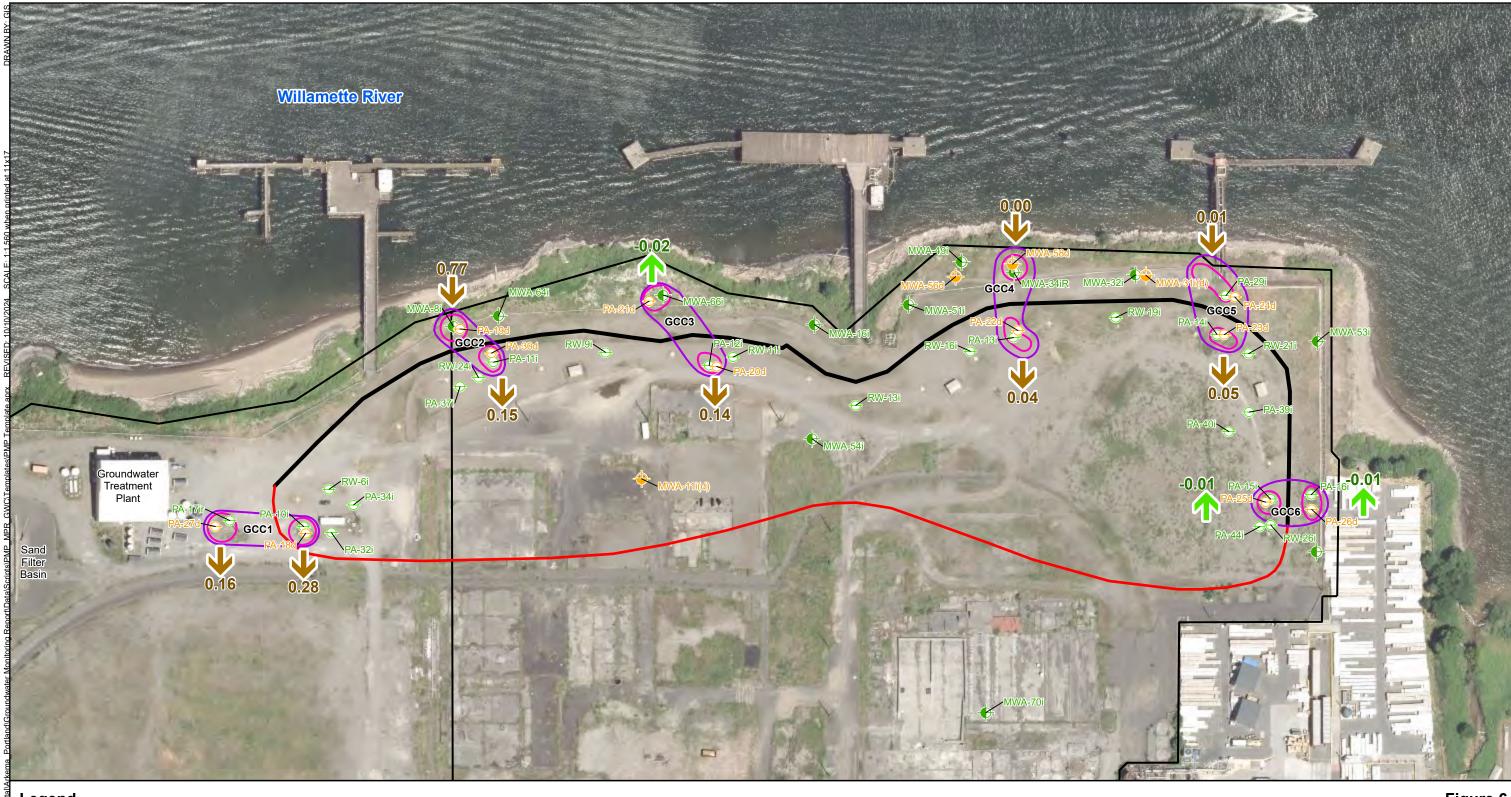
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### Figure 5 August 2024 Shallow to Intermediate Zone **Vertical Head Difference**

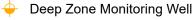
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### Legend

• Intermediate Zone Monitoring Well



→ Intermediate Zone Piezometer

→ Deep Zone Piezometer

Shallow-Intermediate Zone Monitoring Well Trench Extraction Well

Active Recovery WellTarget Capture Zone

Target Capture ZoneBarrier Wall Alignment

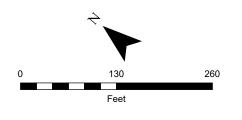
Extraction Trench

Downward Flow

↑ Upward Flow

#### Note

Brown gradient: Downward flow.
Green gradient: Upward flow.
Vertical gradient calculated as intermediate zone minus deep zone potentiometric surfaces.
Water levels collected August, 2024.
Aerial Photo: City of Portland, Summer 2017.



# Figure 6 August 2024 Intermediate to Deep Zone Vertical Head Difference

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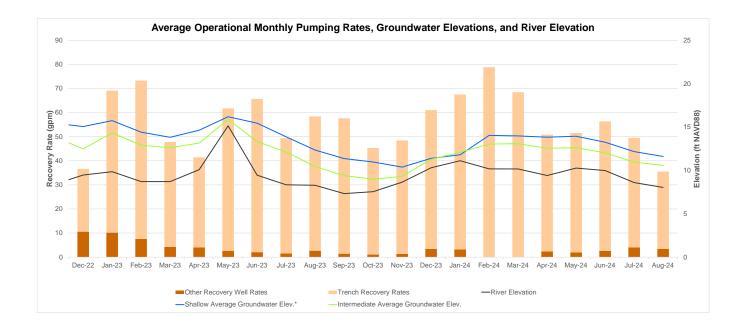


## ATTACHMENT A-1

## OPERATIONAL PUMPING RATE GRAPH

#### Attachment A-1

Operational Pumping Rate Graph Arkema Inc. Facility Portland, Oregon



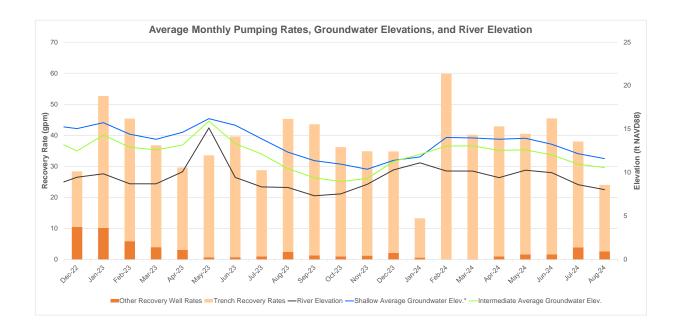


## ATTACHMENT A-2

AVERAGE MONTHLY PUMPING RATE GRAPH

#### **Attachment A-2**

Average Pumping Rate Graph Arkema Inc. Facility Portland, Oregon





## ATTACHMENT A-3

## GWET SYSTEM GROUNDWATER EXTRACTION RATES TABLE

### **Attachment A-3**

# GWET System Groundwater Extraction Rates Table Arkema Inc. Facility Portland, Oregon

Recovery Well	August 2024 Average Operational Pumping Rate (gpm)	August 2024 Average Monthly Pumping Rate (gpm)		
RW-14	1.36	0.92		
RW-22*	0.00	0.00		
RW-23	0.30	0.24		
RW-25	1.77	1.48		
EW-01	0.60	0.50		
EW-02*	0.00	0.00		
EW-03	9.61	8.06		
EW-04	0.00	0.00		
EW-05	5.20	3.19		
EW-06	4.62	1.49		
EW-07*	0.00	0.00		
EW-08	1.29	1.09		
EW-09	1.59	0.41		
EW-10	1.76	0.62		
EW-11	1.24	0.80		
EW-12*	0.00	0.00		
EW-13*	0.00	0.00		
EW-14	6.22	5.22		
Total	35.56	24.03		

<sup>\* =</sup> Recovery well not in service during reporting period gpm = gallon per minute

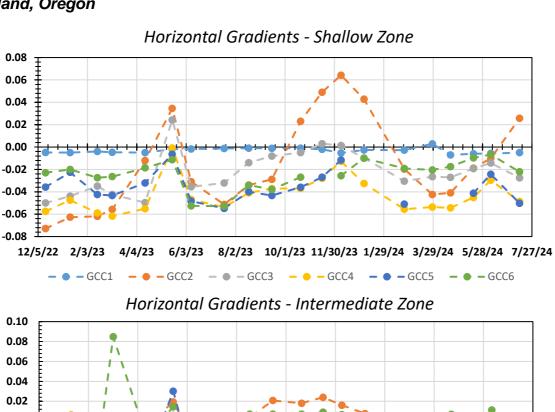


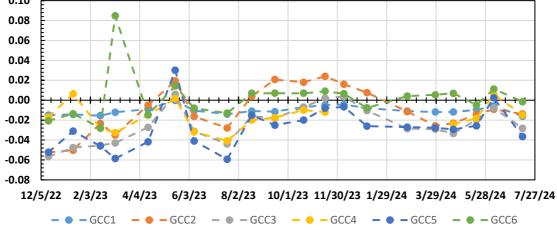
## ATTACHMENT B-1

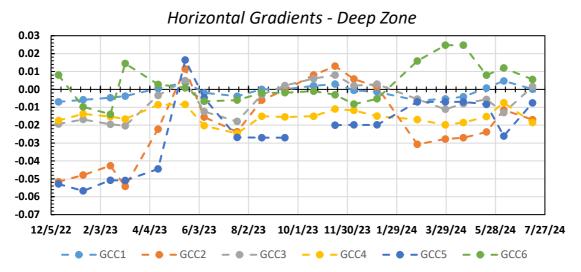
HORIZONTAL GRADIENTS SUMMARY GRAPH

#### **Attachment B-1**

## Horizontal Gradients Summary: August 2024 Arkema Inc. Facility Portland, Oregon







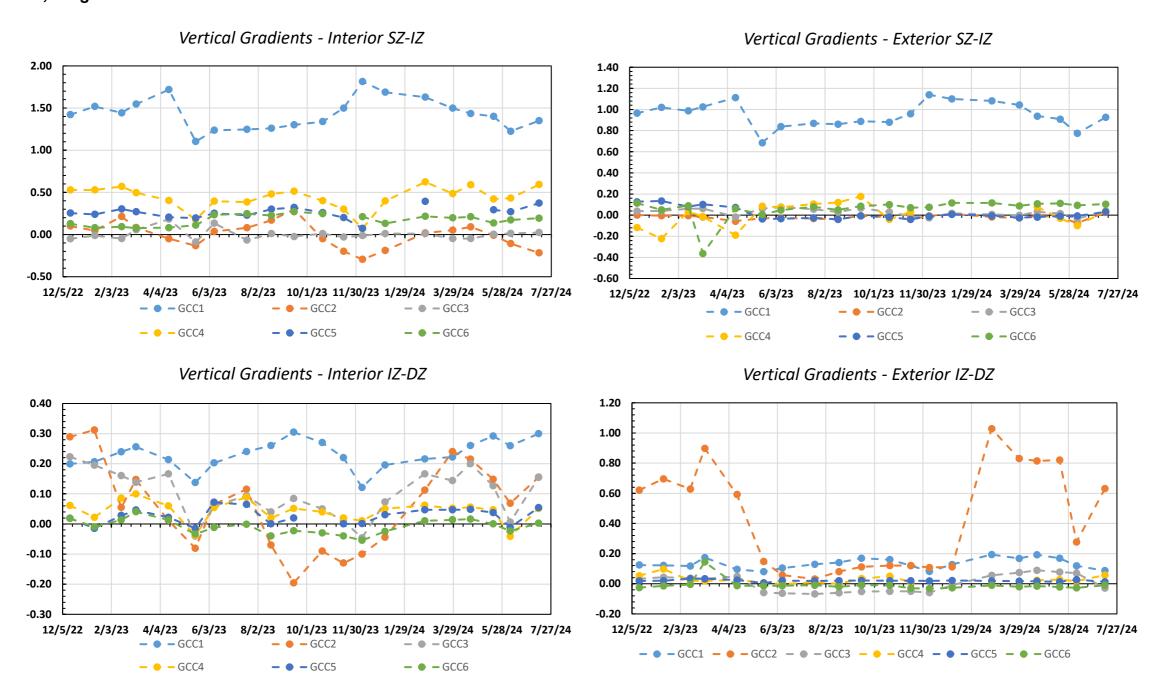
Positive horizontal gradient indicates an inward hydraulic gradient across the GWBW.



## ATTACHMENT B-2 HORIZONTAL GRADIENTS

Attachment B-2

## Vertical Gradients Summary: August 2024 Arkema Inc. Facility Portland, Oregon





## ATTACHMENT B-3 VERTICAL GRADIENTS

#### Attachment B-3

# Water Levels and Horizontal Gradients Table Arkema Inc. Facility Portland, Oregon

Gradient Cluster	Well Pair Zone	Exterior Well	Water Elevation (ft NAVD88)	Interior Well	Water Elevation (ft NAVD88)	Horizontal Gradient (ft/ft)
GCC1	Shallow	PA-03	24.62	PA-04	25.10	-0.005
	Intermediate	PA-17iR <sup>M</sup>	10.84	PA-10i	11.84	-0.010
	Deep	PA-27d	9.80	PA-18d	9.76	0.000
GCC2	Shallow	PA-03	8.62	PA-04	6.71	0.028
	Intermediate	PA-17iR <sup>M</sup>	8.75	PA-10i	9.42	-0.009
	Deep	PA-27d	7.55	PA-18d	8.41	-0.016
GCC3	Shallow	PA-03	8.58	PA-04	11.46	-0.027
	Intermediate	PA-17iR <sup>M</sup>	8.36	PA-10i	11.21	-0.025
	Deep	PA-27d	8.60	PA-18d	8.48	0.001
GCC4	Shallow	PA-03	9.24	PA-04	13.97	-0.047
	Intermediate	PA-17iR <sup>M</sup>	8.65	PA-10i	10.37	-0.019
	Deep	PA-27d	8.57	PA-18d	9.60	-0.011
GCC5	Shallow	PA-03	8.76	PA-04	13.79	-0.049
	Intermediate	PA-17iR <sup>M</sup>	8.69	PA-10i	10.34	-0.031
	Deep	PA-27d	8.35	PA-18d	8.52	-0.003
GCC6	Shallow	PA-03	11.24	PA-04	12.31	-0.019
	Intermediate	PA-17iR <sup>M</sup>	9.98	PA-10i	9.90	0.001
	Deep	PA-27d	10.28	PA-18d	10.38	-0.002

Positive horizontal gradient indicates an inward hydraulic gradient across the GWBW.

Horizontal gradient calculated as (Exterior Elevation – Interior Elevation) / Horizontal distance.

ft NAVD88 = feet North American Vertical Datum of 1988

<sup>\* =</sup> anonalous groundwater elevation

<sup>\*\* =</sup> horizontal gradient cannot be calculated due to anomalous elevation reading

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>M</sup> = manual groundwater elevation measurement



## ATTACHMENT B-4

## WATER LEVELS AND VERTICAL GRADIENTS TABLE

#### Attachment B-4

## Water Levels and Vertical Gradients Table Arkema Inc. Facility Portland, Oregon

Region	Pair	Gradient Cluster	Upper Well	Water Elevation (ft NAVD88)	Lower Well	Water Elevation (ft NAVD88)	Vertical Gradient (ft/ft)
	ZI-ZS	GCC1	PA-04	25.10	PA-10i	11.84	1.34
		GCC2	PA-05	6.71	PA-11i	9.42	-0.26
		GCC3	PA-06	11.46	PA-12i	11.21	0.02
		GCC4	PA-28	13.97	PA-13i	10.37	0.56
_		GCC5	PA-07	13.79	PA-14i	10.34	0.36
Interior		GCC6	PA-08	12.31	PA-15i	9.90	0.19
nte		GCC1	PA-10i	11.84	PA-18d	9.76	0.28
_	ZQ-ZI	GCC2	PA-11i	9.42	PA-30d	8.41	0.15
		GCC3	PA-12i	11.21	PA-20d	8.48	0.14
		GCC4	PA-13i	10.37	PA-22d	9.60	0.04
		GCC5	PA-14i	10.34	PA-23d	8.52	0.05
		GCC6	PA-15i	9.90	PA-25d	10.38	-0.01
	ZI-ZS	GCC1	PA-03	24.62	PA-17iR <sup>M</sup>	10.84	0.88
		GCC2	MWA-2	8.62	MWA-8i	8.75	-0.01
		GCC3	MWA-69	8.58	MWA-66i	8.36	0.02
		GCC4	MWA-19	9.24	MWA-34iR	8.65	0.09
		GCC5	MWA-47	8.76	PA-29i	8.69	0.01
irio		GCC6	PA-09	11.24	PA-16i	9.98	0.10
Exterior	ZG-ZI	GCC1	PA-17iR <sup>M</sup>	10.84	PA-27d	9.80	0.16
ı.		GCC2	MWA-8i	8.75	PA-19d	7.55	0.77
		GCC3	MWA-66i	8.36	PA-21d	8.60	-0.02
		GCC4	MWA-34iR	8.65	MWA-58d	8.57	0.00
		GCC5	PA-29i	8.69	PA-24d	8.35	0.01
		GCC6	PA-16i	9.98	PA-26d	10.28	-0.01

Positive vertical gradient indicates an donward hydraulic gradient.

Vertical gradient calculated as (Upper Elevation – Lower Elevation) / Screen Midpoint distance.

DZ = Deep Zone

ft NAVD88 = feet North American Vertical Datum of 1988

IZ = Intermediate Zone

SZ = Shallow Zone

<sup>\* =</sup> anonalous groundwater elevation

<sup>\*\* =</sup> vertical gradient cannot be calculated due to anomalous elevation reading

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>M</sup> = manual groundwater elevation measurement



## ATTACHMENT C PROJECT SCHEDULE

