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MEMO

TO	Katie Daugherty, ODEQ
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REFERENCE	0732445.204
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 Site is located at 6400 NW Front Avenue in Portland, Oregon, and the Site location is shown on Figure 1. 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.

2. GWET SYSTEM PERFORMANCE

The groundwater extraction and treatment (GWET) maintained 100 percent uptime during February 2025. Consequently, the average influent flow rate was 36.56 gallons per minute (gpm)

¹ ERM-West, Inc. 2014. *Revised Final Performance Monitoring Plan – Groundwater Source Control Measure, Arkema Inc. Facility, Portland, Oregon*. July 2014.

for the entire month of February 2025, and the average operational influent flow during operational periods was also 36.56 gpm.

Extraction wells, pumps, and conveyance lines become fouled with accumulated solids over time. A proactive pump removal and maintenance program is in place to address pump fouling. Regularly scheduled redevelopment is anticipated to maintain the productivity of the groundwater extraction trenches and recovery wells. Conveyance line cleaning will be conducted as needed based on analysis of backpressure.

Compared to January 2025, the February 2025 average system influent flow rate was 3.81 gpm lower. During this same time period, the average Shallow Zone groundwater elevation decreased by 0.08 feet, and the average Intermediate Zone groundwater elevation decreased by 0.93 feet, as shown on Attachments A-1 and A-2. The decrease in average monthly groundwater extraction rate in February 2025 compared to January 2025 is likely a result of the seasonal decrease in river elevation, and the resulting decrease in the groundwater elevation.

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 has generally been trending upward since a seasonal low was observed in October 2024. The river elevation in February 2025 had an average elevation of 9.58 feet North American Vertical Datum of 1988 (NAVD88) with a minimum elevation of 6.63 feet NAVD88 and a maximum elevation of 14.74 feet NAVD88. The average river elevation had a decrease of 0.55 feet NAVD88 compared to January 2025.

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 *Groundwater Extraction Enhancement Final Design Report* (ERM 2022²) are achieved, the wells are producing the maximum quantity of water possible, or until the Capture Zone Objectives are met.

Actions taken in February 2025 to optimize flow rates included:

- Redevelopment of the horizontal screen section at underperforming trenches 1, 4, 5, and 6 began in February, and is scheduled to continue through March 2025.

2.1 GWET PLANT OPERATIONS

The GWET plant operated within permit conditions during the reporting period. There were no shutdowns during February 2025.

² ERM-West, Inc. 2022. *Final Design Report, Arkema Inc. Facility, Portland, Oregon*. May 2022.

3. 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 17 February 2025. The Serfes (1991)³ method was used to account for tidal variations of groundwater and river elevations as described in the PMP. Horizontal and vertical gradients were calculated and plotted over time as shown in Attachments B-1 and B-2. Groundwater elevations, horizontal gradients, and vertical gradients from 17 February 2025 are tabulated in Attachment B-3 and Attachment B-4.

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

Groundwater elevation data collected on 17 February 2025 was used to prepare potentiometric surface maps based on manual measurements and averaged transducer groundwater elevations (Figures 2 through 4) and vertical gradient difference maps (Figures 5 and 6).

The generalized flow direction indicated by the potentiometric surface maps shows groundwater flow from upgradient toward the GBW. Potentiometric surface maps (Figures 2, 3, and 4) show 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 the groundwater extraction trenches in the Shallow and Intermediate Zones. Horizontal gradient in the Shallow Zone at gradient control cluster 2 (GCC 2) was inward in February 2025, nearly zero at GCC 1 and outward at GCC 3, GCC 4, GCC 5, and GCC 6, as shown in Attachments B-1 and B-3.

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 exterior to the GBW were neutral to slightly downward between the Shallow and Intermediate Zones and between the Intermediate and Deep Zones.

Vertical gradients interior to the GBW between the Shallow Zone and Intermediate Zone were upward at GCC 2, nearly neutral at GCC 3, and downward at GCC 6, GCC 5, GCC 4, and GCC 1. Note that the vertical gradient for GCC 1 is exaggerated as a result of the localized pressure zone where soils are tight, and water is relatively immobile. Vertical gradients interior to the GBW between the Intermediate Zone and Deep Zone were upward at GCC 6, nearly neutral at GCC 2, and GCC 5, and downward at GCC 5, GCC 4, and GCC 1.

³ Serfes, Michael. 1991. "Determining the Mean Hydraulic Gradient of Ground Water Affected by Tidal Fluctuations." *Groundwater* 29(4): July–August.

4. CONCLUSIONS

Analysis of horizontal gradients over time indicate that the extraction wells are performing better than the historical recovery wells, and horizontal gradients are periodically inward, and the magnitude of outward gradients are decreasing over time, as shown on Attachment B-1. The extraction rates throughout the GWET system will continue to be optimized to meet Target Capture Objectives. Redevelopment of underperforming trenches 1, 4, 5, and 6 took place in February 2025 to mitigate accumulation of silt in the filter pack in both the vertical and horizontal sections using impulse redevelopment techniques, and resonant technology. These efforts will be continued through March 2025 to maximize flow rates. LSS will continue to optimize new extraction wells, 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.

Attachment D shows the average influent groundwater flow rate from April 2019 through February 2025. As shown on this figure, the extraction trenches are removing approximately three times more water than the legacy system and achieving lower horizontal gradients over time.

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

FIGURE 5 – SHALLOW TO INTERMEDIATE ZONE VERTICAL HEAD DIFFERENCE MAPS

FIGURE 6 – INTERMEDIATE TO DEEP ZONE VERTICAL HEAD DIFFERENCE MAPS

ATTACHMENT A-1 – OPERATIONAL PUMPING RATE GRAPH

ATTACHMENT A-2 – AVERAGE MONTHLY PUMPING RATE GRAPH

ATTACHMENT A-3 – GWET SYSTEM GROUNDWATER EXTRACTION RATES TABLE

ATTACHMENT B-1 – HORIZONTAL GRADIENTS SUMMARY GRAPH

ATTACHMENT B-2 – VERTICAL GRADIENTS SUMMARY GRAPH

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ATTACHMENT B-4 – WATER LEVELS AND VERTICAL GRADIENTS TABLE

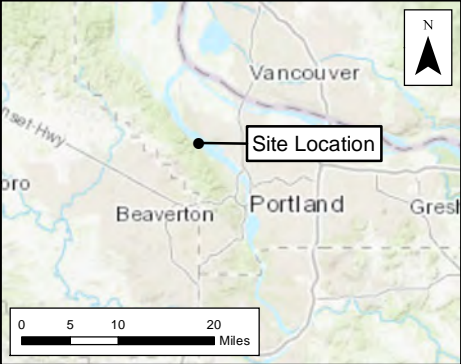
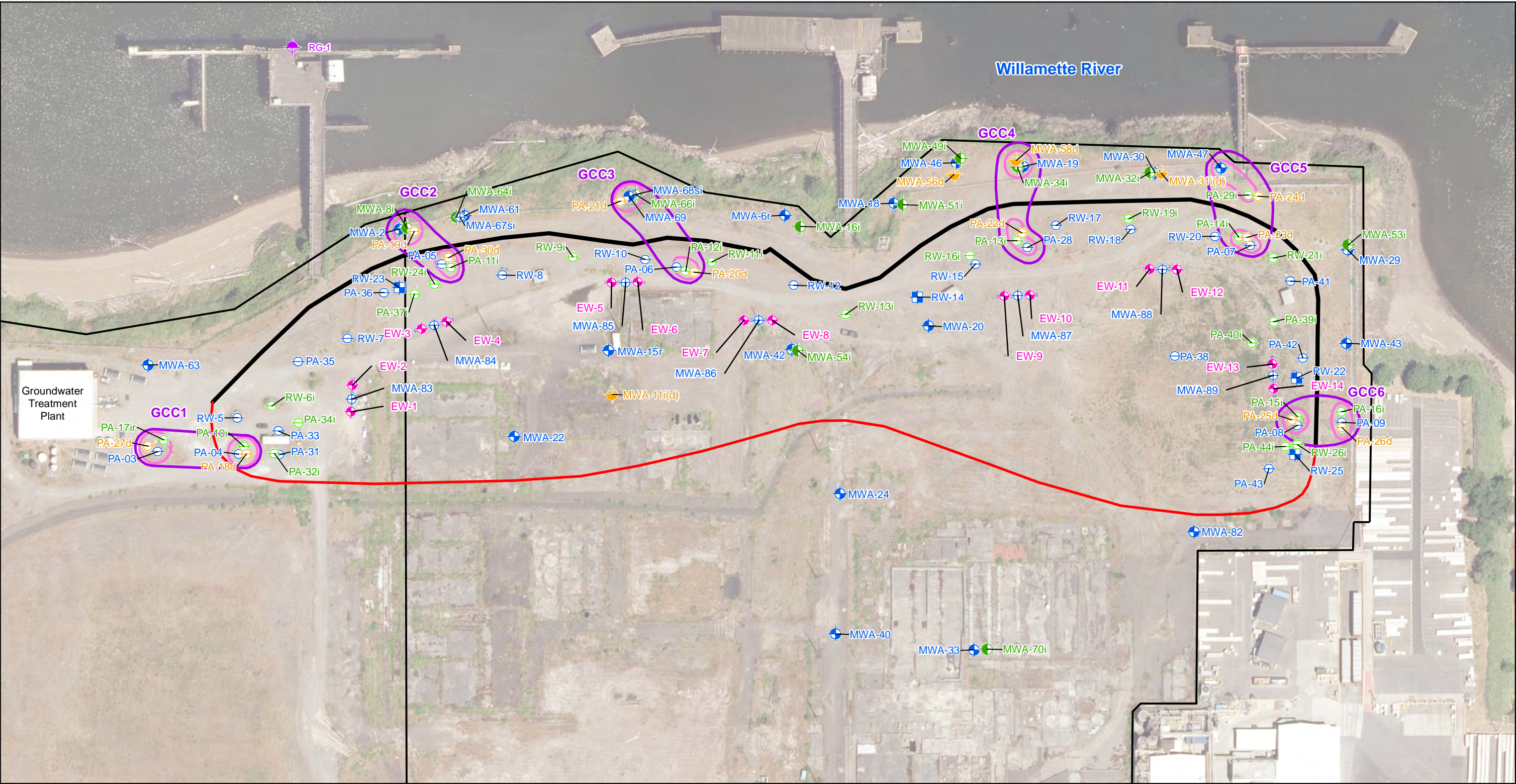
ATTACHMENT C – PROJECT SCHEDULE

ATTACHMENT D – AVERAGE GROUNDWATER EXTRACTION RATE GRAPH

Source: City of Portland Aerial Imagery, flown Summer 2021; NAD 1983 StatePlane Oregon North FIPS 3601 Feet Intl

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Legend

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|---|--------------------------------|
| Shallow Zone Monitoring Well | Deep Zone Piezometer |
| Intermediate Zone Monitoring Well | Shallow Zone Recovery Well |
| Shallow-Intermediate Zone Monitoring Well | River Gauge |
| Deep Zone Monitoring Well | Trench Extraction Well |
| Shallow Zone Piezometer | Target Capture Zone |
| Intermediate Zone Piezometer | Barrier Wall Alignment |
| | Parcel and Property Boundaries |

GradientClusters

- Type**
- Gradient Control Cluster
 - Vertical Flow Cluster
 - Extraction Trench

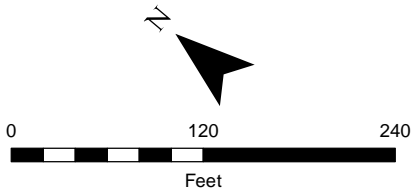
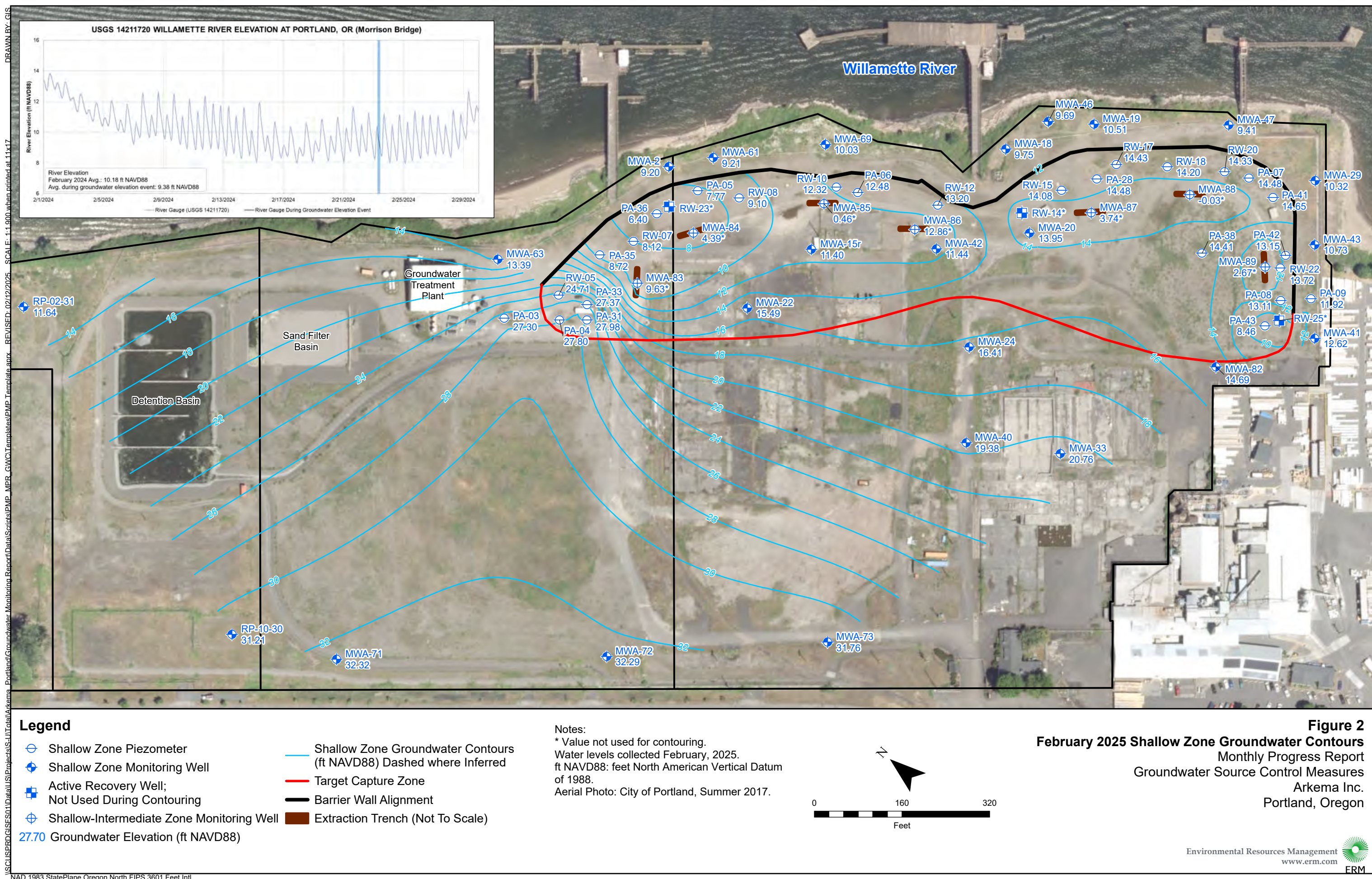
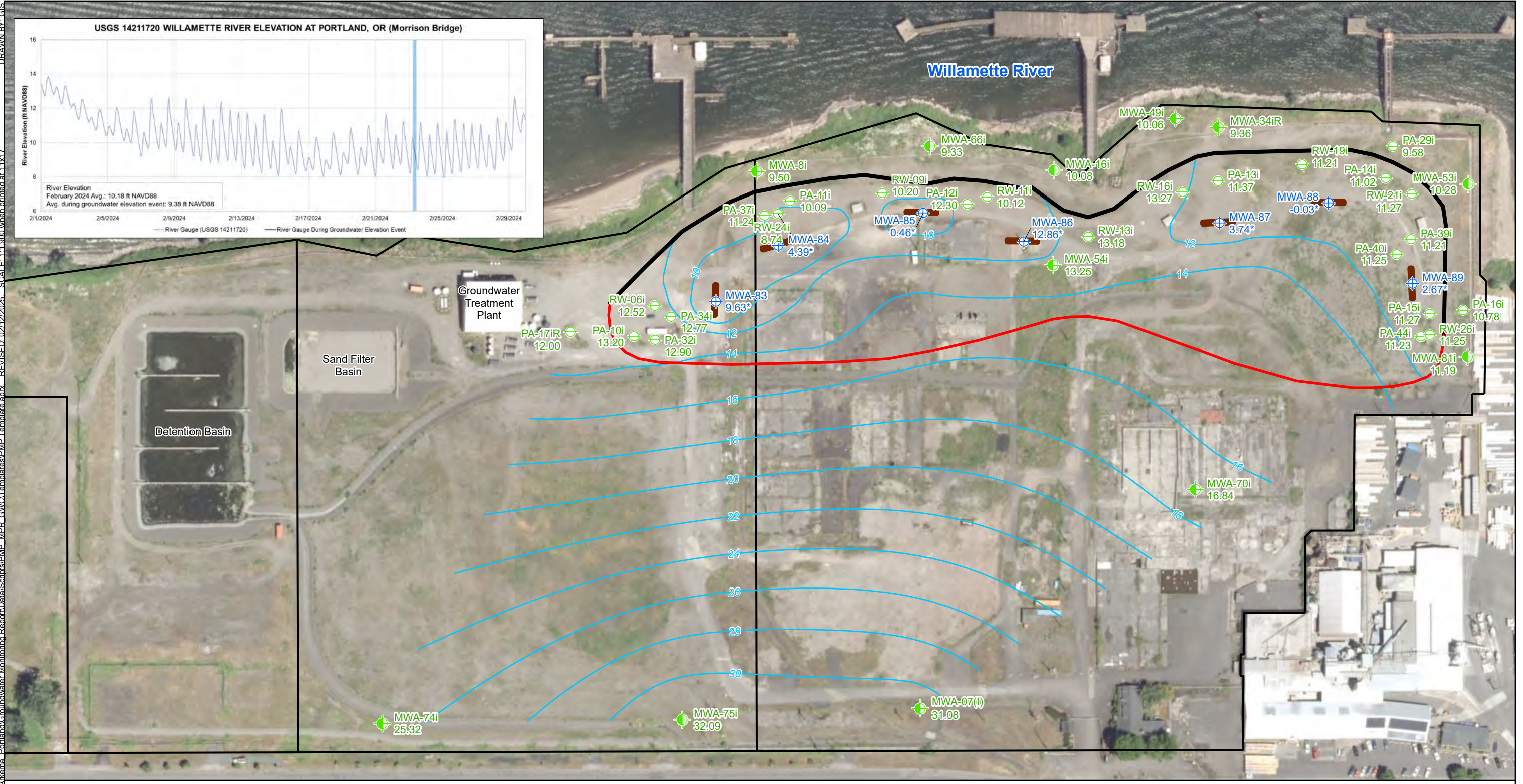


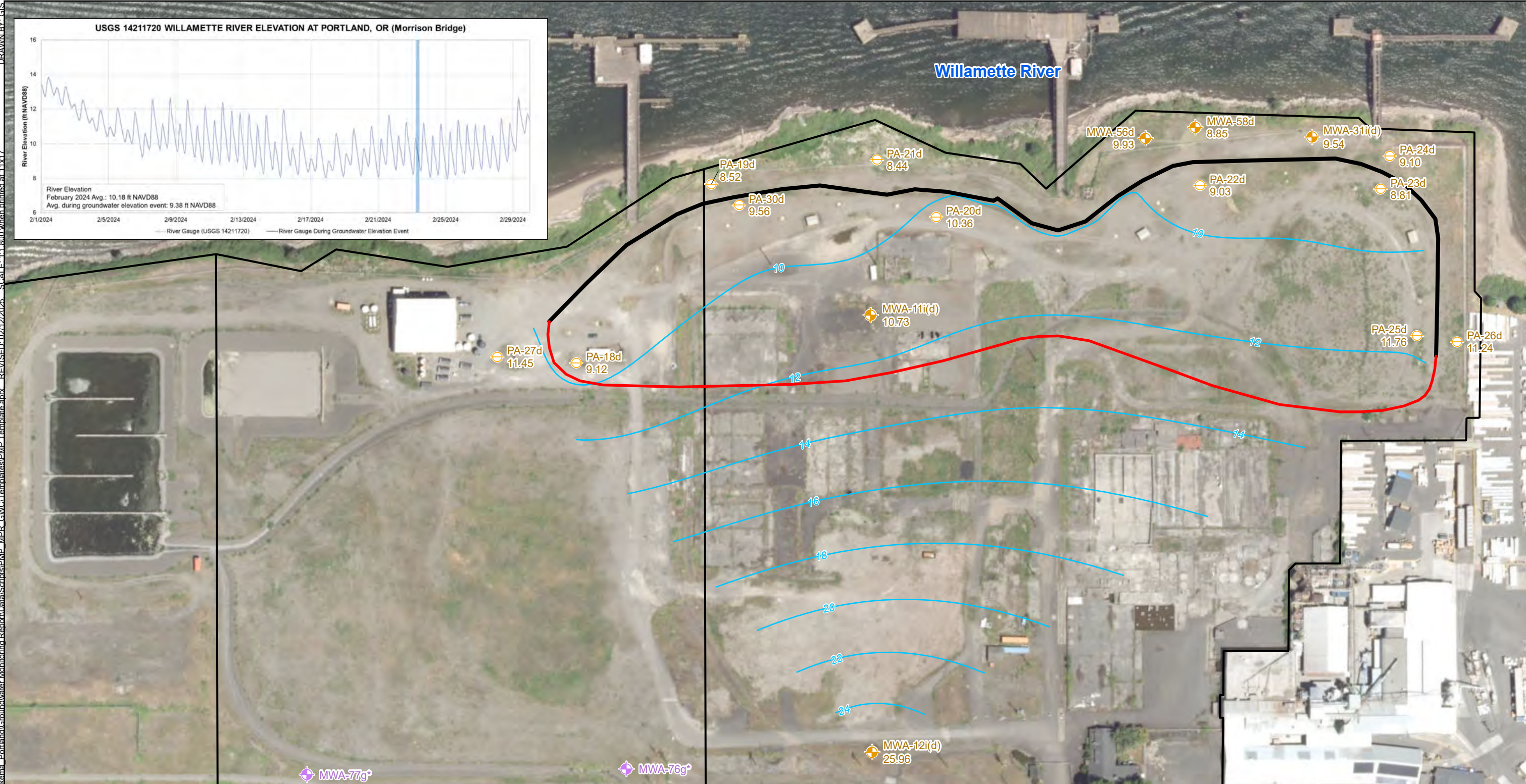
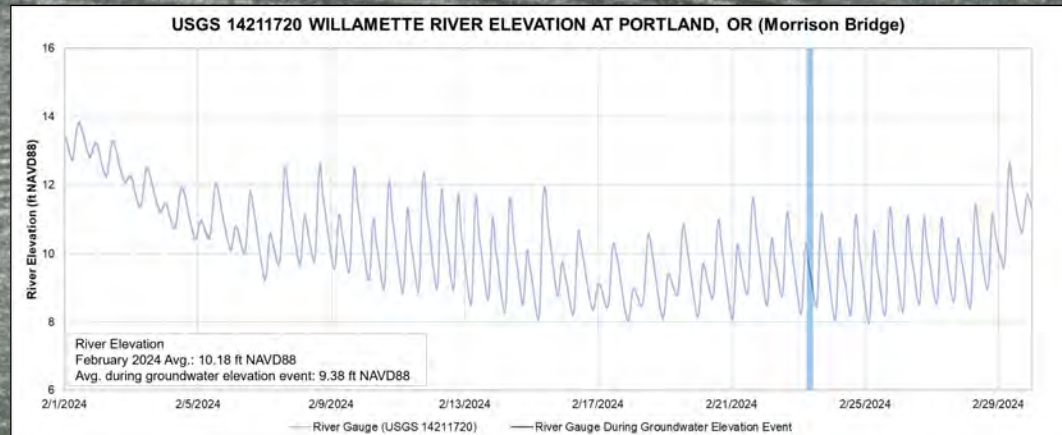
Figure 1
Site Layout
Monthly Progress Report
Groundwater Source Control Measure
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Legend

- ⊕ Deep 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

Notes:
* Value not used for contouring.
Gravel zone wells not used in contouring.
Water levels collected February, 2025.
ft NAVD88: feet North American Vertical Datum of 1988.
Aerial Photo: City of Portland, Summer 2017.

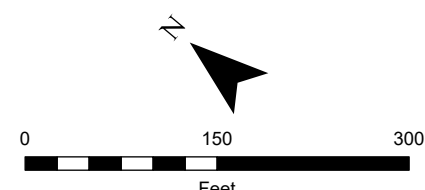


Figure 4
February 2025 Deep Zone Groundwater Contours
Monthly Performance Report
Groundwater Source Control Measures
Arkema Inc.
Portland, Oregon

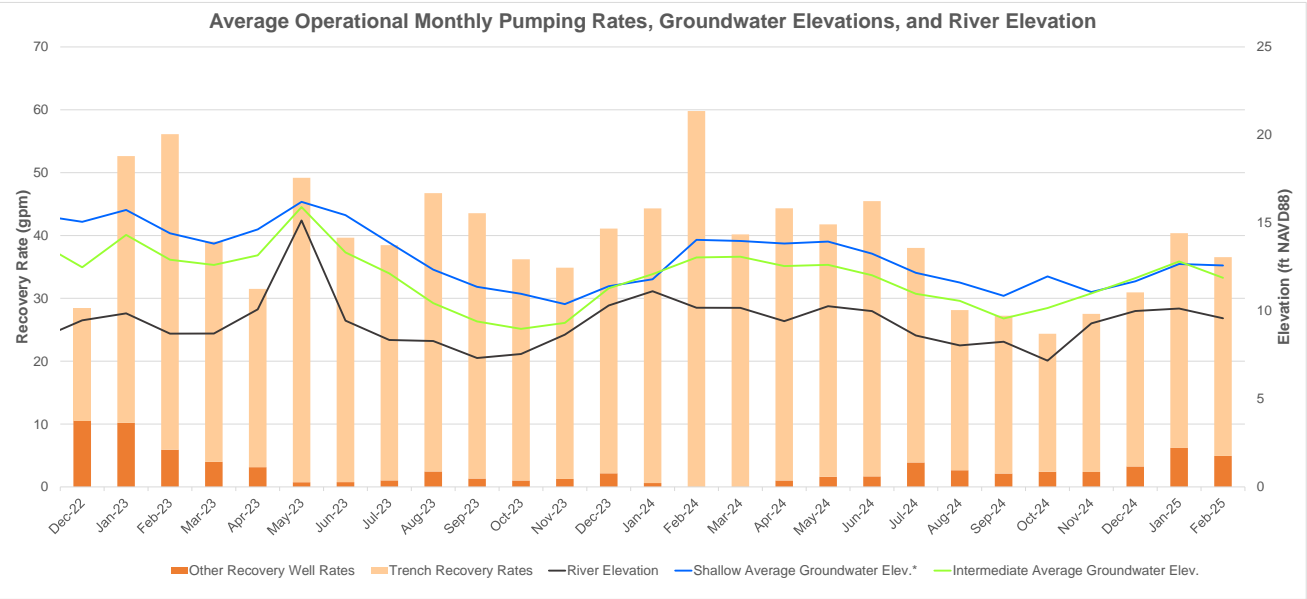


ATTACHMENT A-1

OPERATIONAL PUMPING RATE GRAPH

Attachment A-1

Operational Pumping Rate Graph
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Portland, Oregon



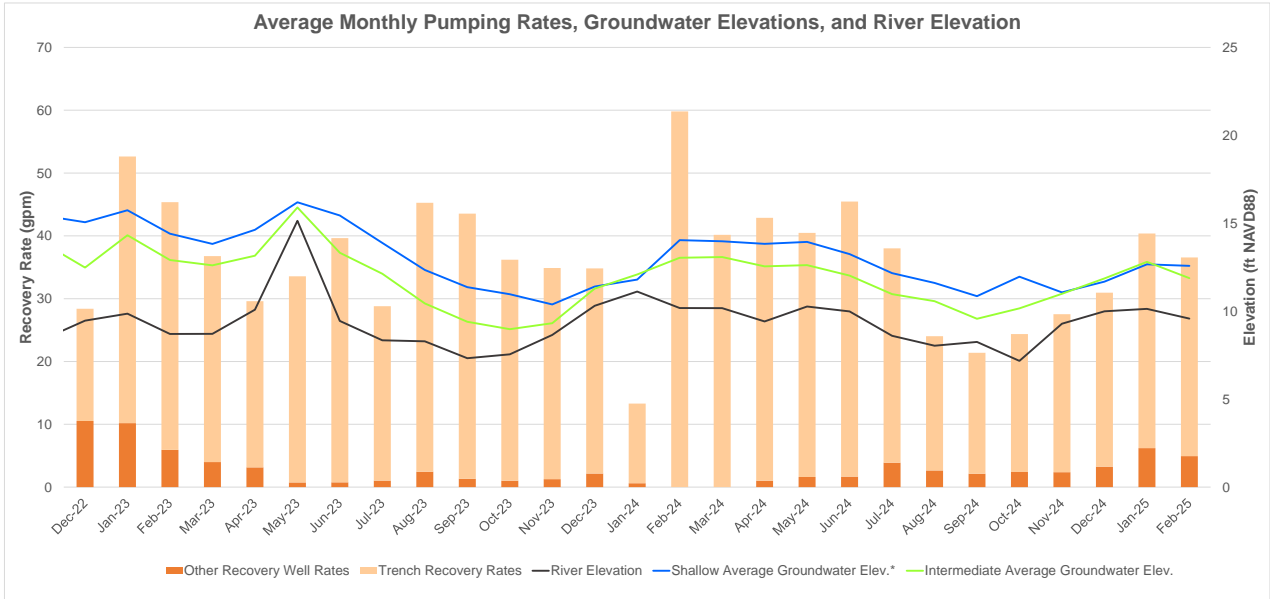


ATTACHMENT A-2

AVERAGE MONTHLY PUMPING RATE
GRAPH

Attachment A-2

Average Pumping Rate Graph
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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	February 2025 Average Operational Pumping Rate (gpm)	February 2025 Average Monthly Pumping Rate (gpm)
RW-14	1.82	1.82
RW-22*	0.00	0.00
RW-23	1.64	1.64
RW-25	1.47	1.47
EW-01	0.94	0.94
EW-02*	0.00	0.00
EW-03	10.85	10.85
EW-04	1.09	1.09
EW-05	4.83	4.83
EW-06*	0.00	0.00
EW-07*	0.00	0.00
EW-08	2.66	2.66
EW-09	3.83	3.83
EW-10*	0.00	0.00
EW-11	2.68	2.68
EW-12*	0.00	0.00
EW-13	4.05	4.05
EW-14	0.70	0.70
Total	36.56	36.56

* = Recovery well not in service during reporting period

gpm = gallon per minute



ATTACHMENT B-1

HORIZONTAL GRADIENTS SUMMARY
GRAPH

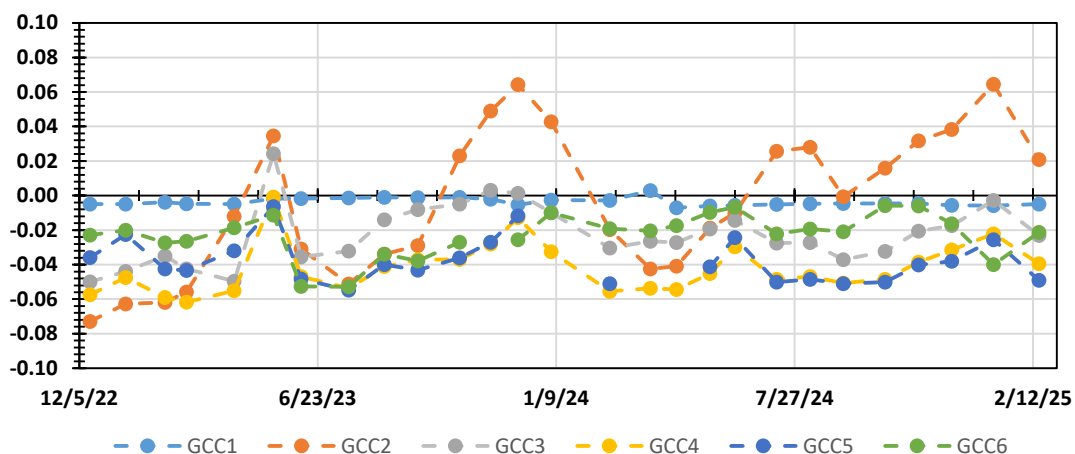
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Horizontal Gradients Summary: February 2025

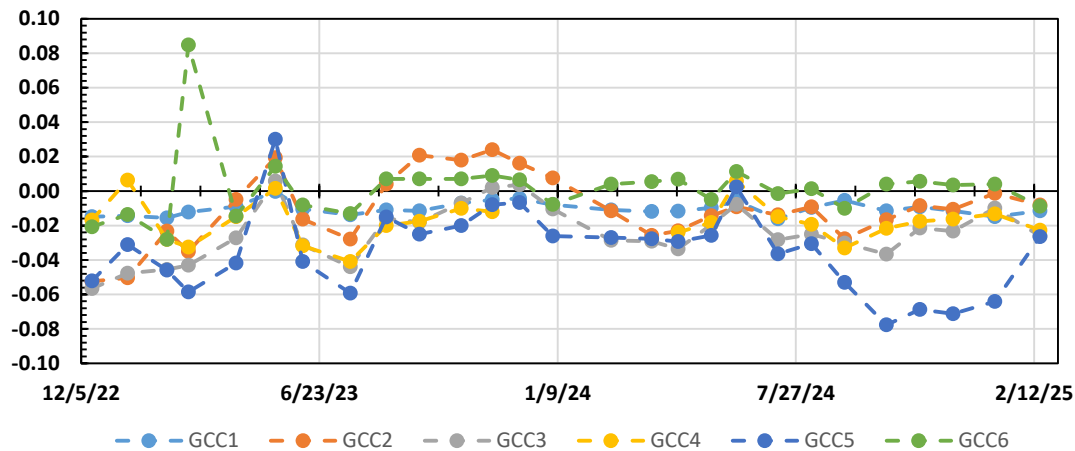
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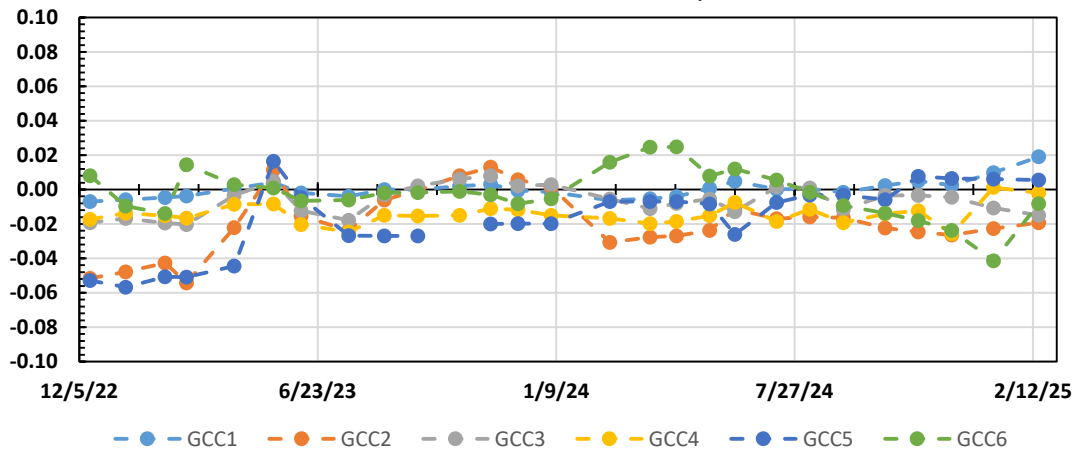
Horizontal Gradients - Shallow Zone



Horizontal Gradients - Intermediate Zone



Horizontal Gradients - Deep Zone



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



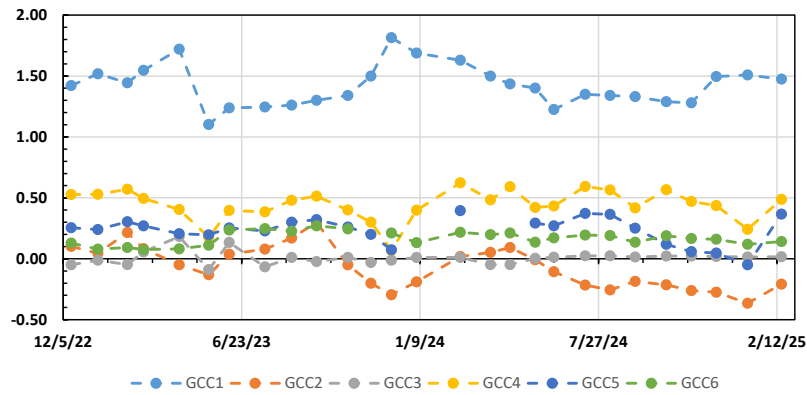
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VERTICAL GRADIENTS SUMMARY
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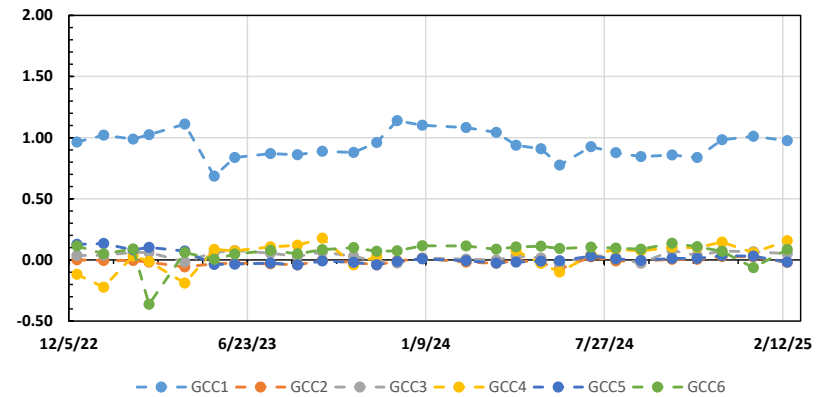
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Vertical Gradients Summary: February 2025
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Portland, Oregon

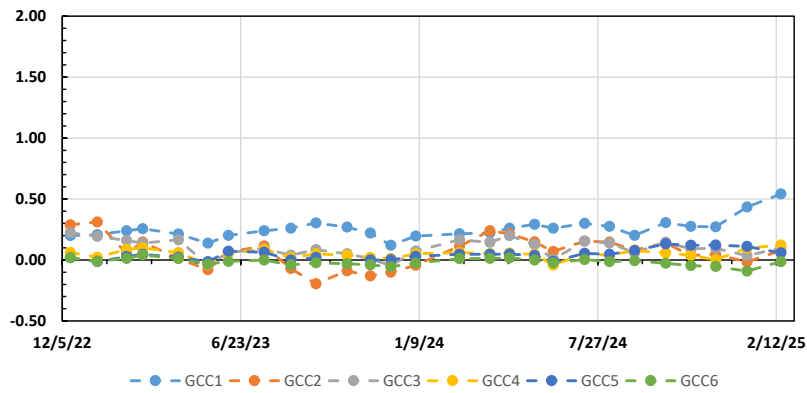
Vertical Gradients - Interior SZ-IZ



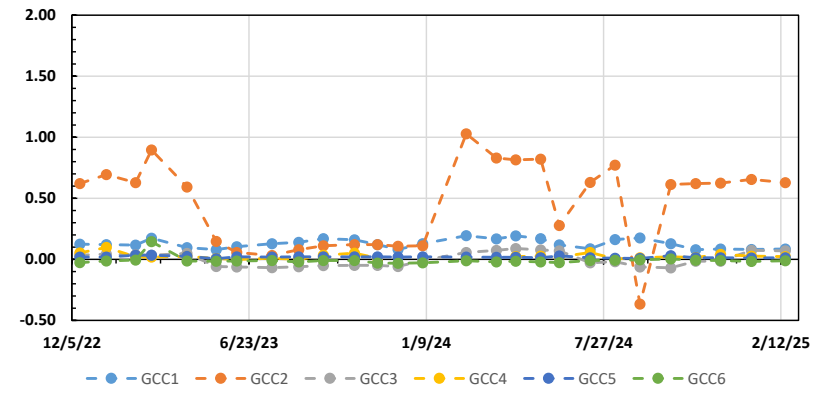
Vertical Gradients - Exterior SZ-IZ



Vertical Gradients - Interior IZ-DZ



Vertical Gradients - Exterior IZ-DZ





ATTACHMENT B-3

WATER LEVELS AND HORIZONTAL
GRADIENTS TABLE

Attachment B-3

Water Levels and Horizontal Gradients Table

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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	27.30	PA-04	27.80	-0.005
	Intermediate	PA-17iR	12.00	PA-10i	13.20	-0.012
	Deep	PA-27d	11.45	PA-18d	9.12	0.019
GCC2	Shallow	MWA-2	9.20	PA-05	7.77	0.021
	Intermediate	MWA-8i	9.50	PA-11i	10.09	-0.008
	Deep	PA-19d	8.52	PA-30d	9.56	-0.019
GCC3	Shallow	MWA-69	10.03	PA-06	12.48	-0.023
	Intermediate	MWA-66i	9.33	PA-12i	12.30	-0.026
	Deep	PA-21d	8.44	PA-20d	10.36	-0.015
GCC4	Shallow	MWA-19	10.51	PA-28	14.48	-0.039
	Intermediate	MWA-34iR	9.36	PA-13i	11.37	-0.023
	Deep	MWA-58d	8.85	PA-22d	9.03	-0.002
GCC5	Shallow	MWA-47	9.41	PA-07	14.48	-0.049
	Intermediate	PA-29i	9.58	PA-14i	11.02	-0.027
	Deep	PA-24d	9.10	PA-23d	8.81	0.006
GCC6	Shallow	PA-09	11.92	PA-08	13.11	-0.021
	Intermediate	PA-16i	10.78	PA-15i	11.27	-0.009
	Deep	PA-26d	11.24	PA-25d	11.76	-0.008

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

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

* = anomalous groundwater elevation

** = horizontal gradient cannot be calculated due to anomalous elevation reading

ft NAVD88 = feet North American Vertical Datum of 1988

^M = 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)
Interior	SZ-IZ	GCC1	PA-04	27.80	PA-10i	13.20	1.47
		GCC2	PA-05	7.77	PA-11i	10.09	-0.21
		GCC3	PA-06	12.48	PA-12i	12.30	0.02
		GCC4	PA-28	14.48	PA-13i	11.37	0.49
		GCC5	PA-07	14.48	PA-14i	11.02	0.37
		GCC6	PA-08	13.11	PA-15i	11.27	0.14
	IZ-DZ	GCC1	PA-10i	13.20	PA-18d	9.12	0.54
		GCC2	PA-11i	10.09	PA-30d	9.56	0.08
		GCC3	PA-12i	12.30	PA-20d	10.36	0.10
		GCC4	PA-13i	11.37	PA-22d	9.03	0.12
		GCC5	PA-14i	11.02	PA-23d	8.81	0.06
		GCC6	PA-15i	11.27	PA-25d	11.76	-0.01
Exterior	SZ-IZ	GCC1	PA-03	27.30	PA-17iR ^M	12.00	0.97
		GCC2	MWA-2	9.20	MWA-8i	9.50	-0.02
		GCC3	MWA-69	10.03	MWA-66i	9.33	0.05
		GCC4	MWA-19	10.51	MWA-34iR	9.36	0.16
		GCC5	MWA-47	9.41	PA-29i	9.58	-0.02
		GCC6	PA-09	11.92	PA-16i	10.78	0.09
	IZ-DZ	GCC1	PA-17iR ^M	12.00	PA-27d	11.45	0.08
		GCC2	MWA-8i	9.50	PA-19d	8.52	0.63
		GCC3	MWA-66i	9.33	PA-21d	8.44	0.07
		GCC4	MWA-34iR	9.36	MWA-58d	8.85	0.02
		GCC5	PA-29i	9.58	PA-24d	9.10	0.01
		GCC6	PA-16i	10.78	PA-26d	11.24	-0.01

Positive vertical gradient indicates an downward hydraulic gradient.

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

* = anomalous groundwater elevation

** = vertical gradient cannot be calculated due to anomalous elevation reading

DZ = Deep Zone

ft NAVD88 = feet North American Vertical Datum of 1988

IZ = Intermediate Zone

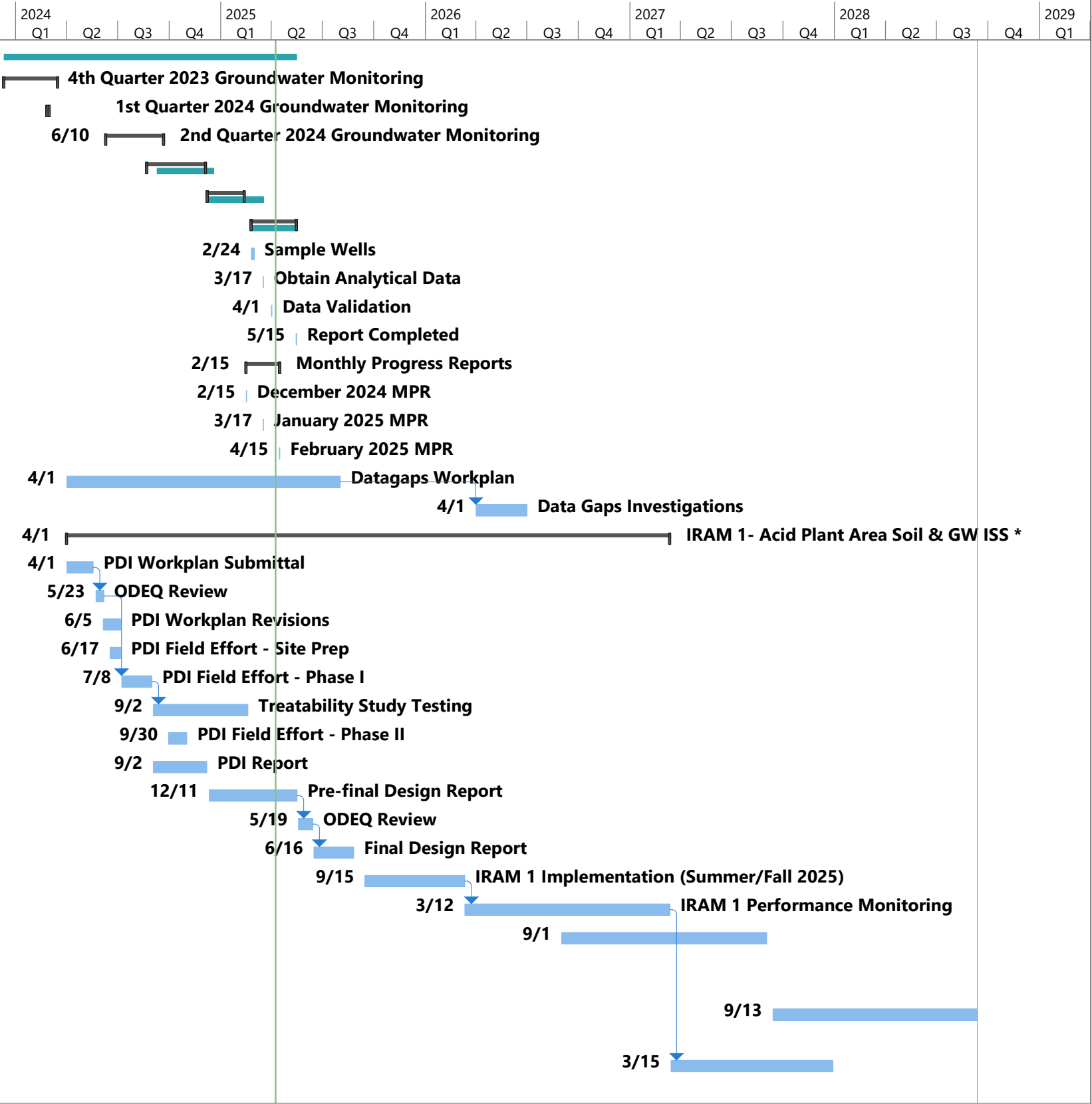
^M = manual groundwater elevation measurement

SZ = Shallow Zone



ATTACHMENT C

PROJECT SCHEDULE

ID	Task Name	Duration	Start	Finish																												
1	Quarterly GW Monitoring																															
2	4th Quarter 2023 Groundwater Monitoring	70 days	Mon 12/11/23	Fri 3/15/24																												
7	1st Quarter 2024 Groundwater Monitoring	4 days	Mon 2/26/24	Thu 2/29/24																												
12	2nd Quarter 2024 Groundwater Monitoring	75 days	Mon 6/10/24	Fri 9/20/24																												
17	3rd Quarter 2024 Groundwater Monitoring	75 days	Thu 8/22/24	Wed 12/4/24																												
22	4th Quarter 2024 Groundwater Monitoring	48 days	Sun 12/8/24	Tue 2/11/25																												
27	1st Quarter 2025 Groundwater Monitoring *	59 days	Mon 2/24/25	Thu 5/15/25																												
28	Sample Wells	5 days	Mon 2/24/25	Fri 2/28/25																												
29	Obtain Analytical Data	1 day	Mon 3/17/25	Mon 3/17/25																												
30	Data Validation	1 day	Tue 4/1/25	Tue 4/1/25																												
31	Report Completed	1 day	Thu 5/15/25	Thu 5/15/25																												
32	Monthly Progress Reports	43 days	Sat 2/15/25	Tue 4/15/25																												
33	December 2024 MPR	1 day	Sat 2/15/25	Sat 2/15/25																												
34	January 2025 MPR	1 day	Mon 3/17/25	Mon 3/17/25																												
35	February 2025 MPR	1 day	Tue 4/15/25	Tue 4/15/25																												
36	Datagaps Workplan	351 days	Mon 4/1/24	Fri 8/1/25																												
37	Data Gaps Investigations	65 days	Wed 4/1/26	Tue 6/30/26																												
38	IRAM 1- Acid Plant Area Soil & GW ISS *	771 days	Mon 4/1/24	Fri 3/12/27																												
39	PDI Workplan Submittal	35 days	Mon 4/1/24	Fri 5/17/24																												
40	ODEQ Review	10 days	Thu 5/23/24	Wed 6/5/24																												
41	PDI Workplan Revisions	23 days	Wed 6/5/24	Fri 7/5/24																												
42	PDI Field Effort - Site Prep	15 days	Mon 6/17/24	Fri 7/5/24																												
43	PDI Field Effort - Phase I	40 days	Mon 7/8/24	Fri 8/30/24																												
44	Treatability Study Testing	122 days	Mon 9/2/24	Mon 2/17/25																												
45	PDI Field Effort - Phase II	24 days	Mon 9/30/24	Thu 10/31/24																												
46	PDI Report	70 days	Mon 9/2/24	Fri 12/6/24																												
47	Pre-final Design Report	114 days	Wed 12/11/24	Fri 5/16/25																												
48	ODEQ Review	20 days	Mon 5/19/25	Fri 6/13/25																												
49	Final Design Report	51 days	Mon 6/16/25	Mon 8/25/25																												
50	IRAM 1 Implementation (Summer/Fall 2025)	128 days	Mon 9/15/25	Wed 3/11/26																												
51	IRAM 1 Performance Monitoring	262 days	Thu 3/12/26	Fri 3/12/27																												
52	IRAM 2-Enhanced ISCR Perchlorate & CrVI In Chlorate Plant Area, if needed (Late 2026/Early 2027 implementation)	262 days	Tue 9/1/26	Wed 9/1/27																												
53	IRAM 3-Remove Human Health Direct Contact Hot Spots, if needed (Summer 2028 implementation)	261 days	Mon 9/13/27	Mon 9/11/28																												
54	IRAM 4-Enhanced ISCR of Acid Plant Vicinity, if needed (Summer 2027 implementation)	207 days	Mon 3/15/27	Tue 12/28/27																												

Arkema Portland
Monthly Progress Report
Attachment C

Task

Split

Milestone

Summary

Project Summary

Inactive Task

Inactive Milestone

Inactive Summary

Manual Task

Duration-only

Manual Summary Rollup

Manual Summary

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External Tasks

External Milestone

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ATTACHMENT D

AVERAGE GROUNDWATER
EXTRACTION RATE GRAPH

Attachment D

Average Groundwater Extraction Rate Graph
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