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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 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.

¹ 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 influent flow rate was 42.15 gallons per minute (gpm) for the entire month of May 2025, and the average operational influent flow during operational periods was also 42.15 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 April 2025, the May 2025 average system influent flow rate was 3.37 gpm lower. During this same time period, the average Shallow Zone groundwater elevation decreased by 0.54 feet, and the average Intermediate Zone groundwater elevation decreased by 0.93 feet, as shown on Attachments A-1 and A-2.

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 May 2025 had an average elevation of 10.19 feet North American Vertical Datum of 1988 (NAVD88) with a minimum elevation of 7.68 feet NAVD88 and a maximum elevation of 12.91 feet NAVD88. The average river elevation had a decrease of 1.09 feet NAVD88 compared to April 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 May 2025 to optimize flow rates included the following:

• Redevelopment of the horizontal screen section at underperforming trenches 5 and 6 began in February and continued through May 2025.

2.1 GWET PLANT OPERATIONS

The GWET plant operated within permit conditions during the reporting period. There was one shutdown during May 2025:

30 May 2025: The wellfield was shut down for 2.5 hours to clean the Plate Separator (PS-1).

² 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 May 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 9 May 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 9 May 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 GWBW. 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 May 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 GWBW were largely neutral to slightly downward between the Shallow and Intermediate Zones and between the Intermediate and Deep Zones.

Vertical gradients interior to the GWBW 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 GWBW between the Intermediate Zone and Deep Zone were upward at GCC 6, GCC 5, and GCC 2, nearly neutral at GCC 4 and GCC 3, and downward at 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 5 and 6 began in February 2025 and continued through May 2025 to mitigate accumulation of silt in the filter pack in both the vertical and horizontal sections using impulse redevelopment techniques, and resonant technology. 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 May 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,

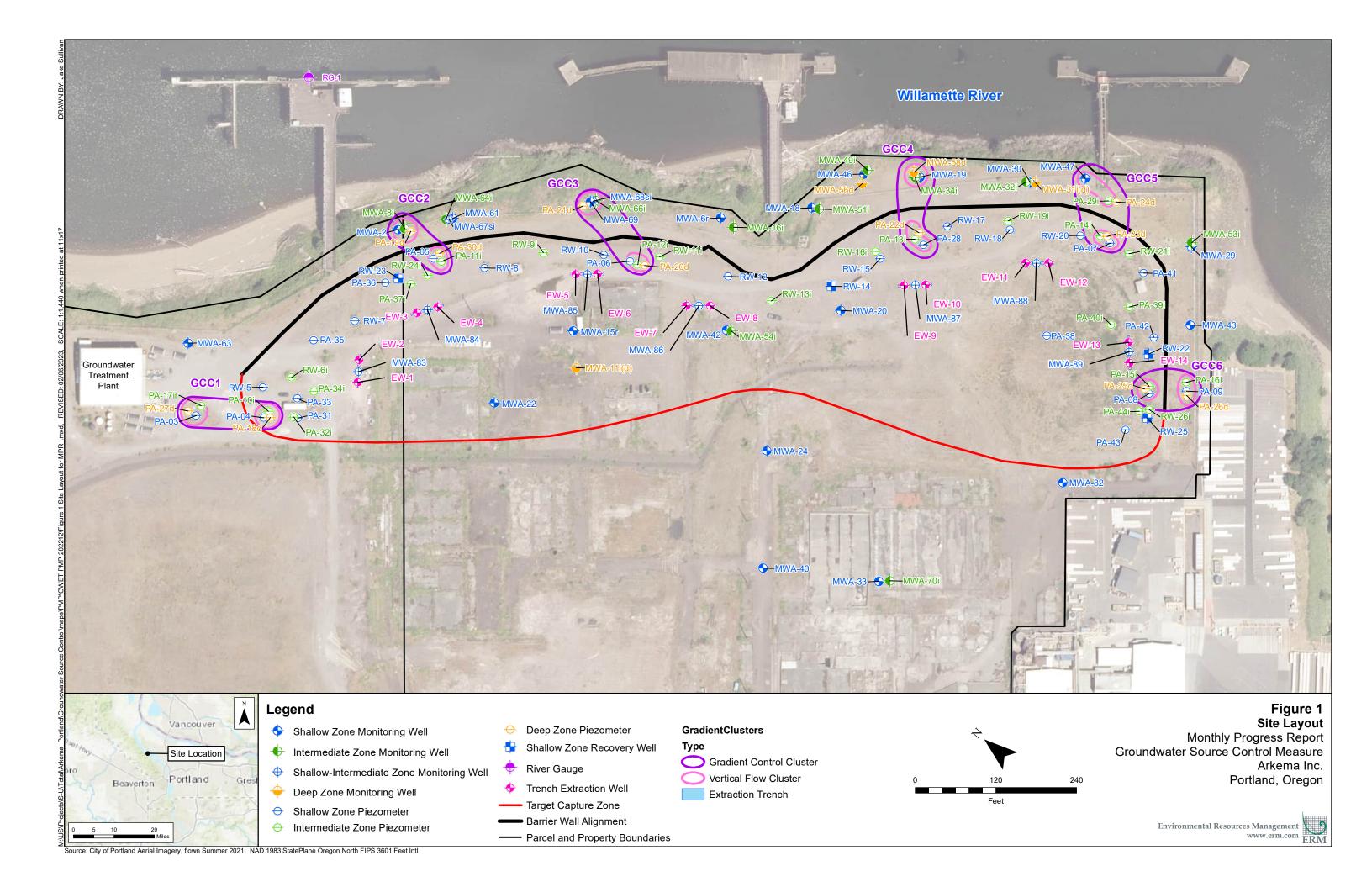
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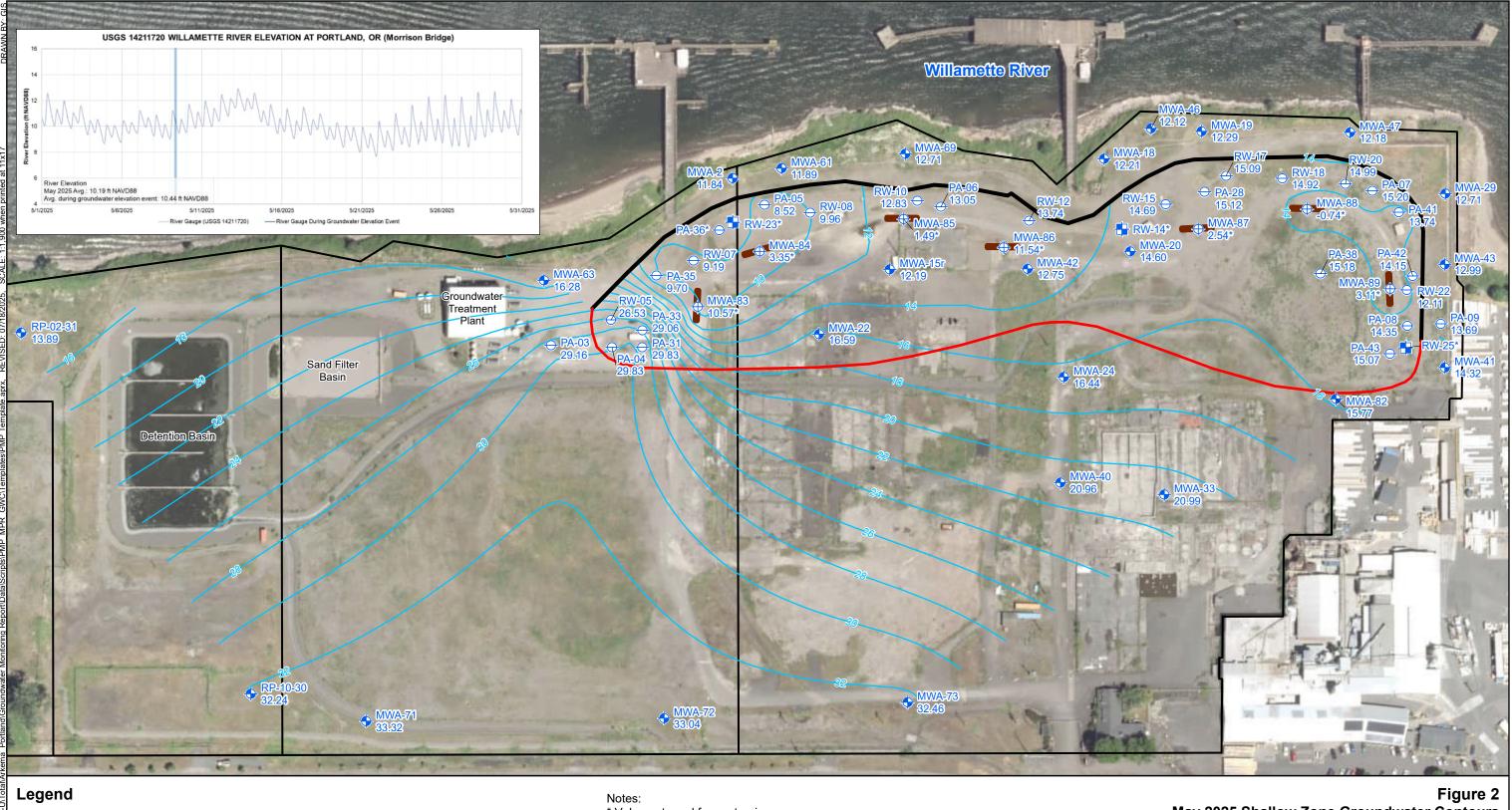
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ATTACHMENTS

- FIGURE 1 SITE LAYOUT
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→ Shallow Zone Piezometer

Shallow Zone Monitoring Well

Active Recovery Well; Not Used During Contouring

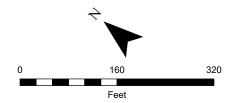
27.70 Groundwater Elevation (ft NAVD88)

Shallow Zone Groundwater Contours (ft NAVD88) Dashed where Inferred

 Target Capture Zone Barrier Wall Alignment

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

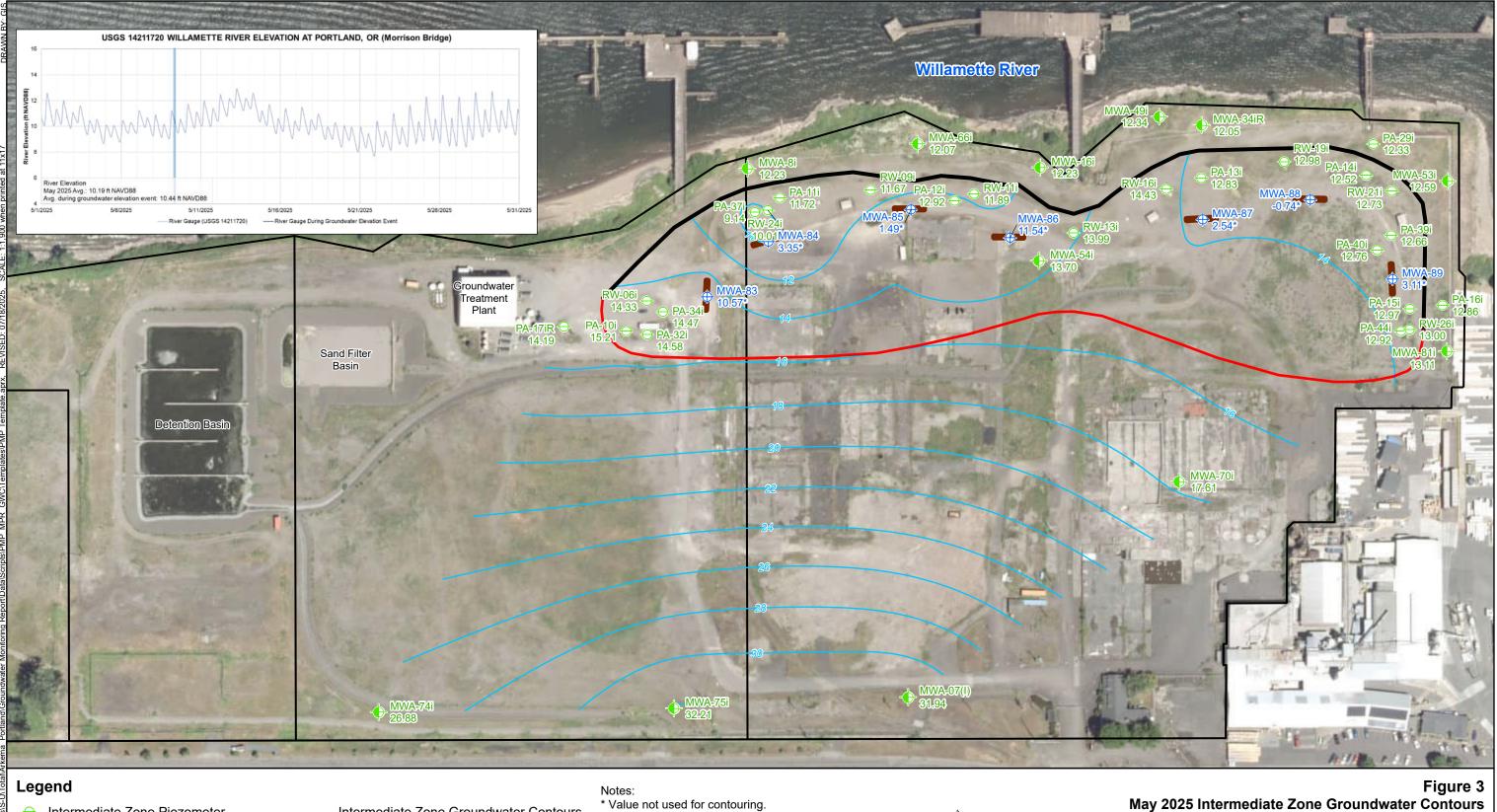
* Value not used for contouring.
Water levels collected May, 2025.
ft NAVD88: feet North American Vertical Datum of 1988. Aerial Photo: City of Portland, Summer 2017.



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Intermediate Zone Piezometer

Intermediate Zone Monitoring Well

Shallow-Intermediate Zone Monitoring Well

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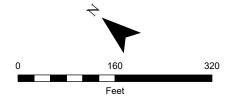
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Target Capture Zone

Barrier Wall Alignment

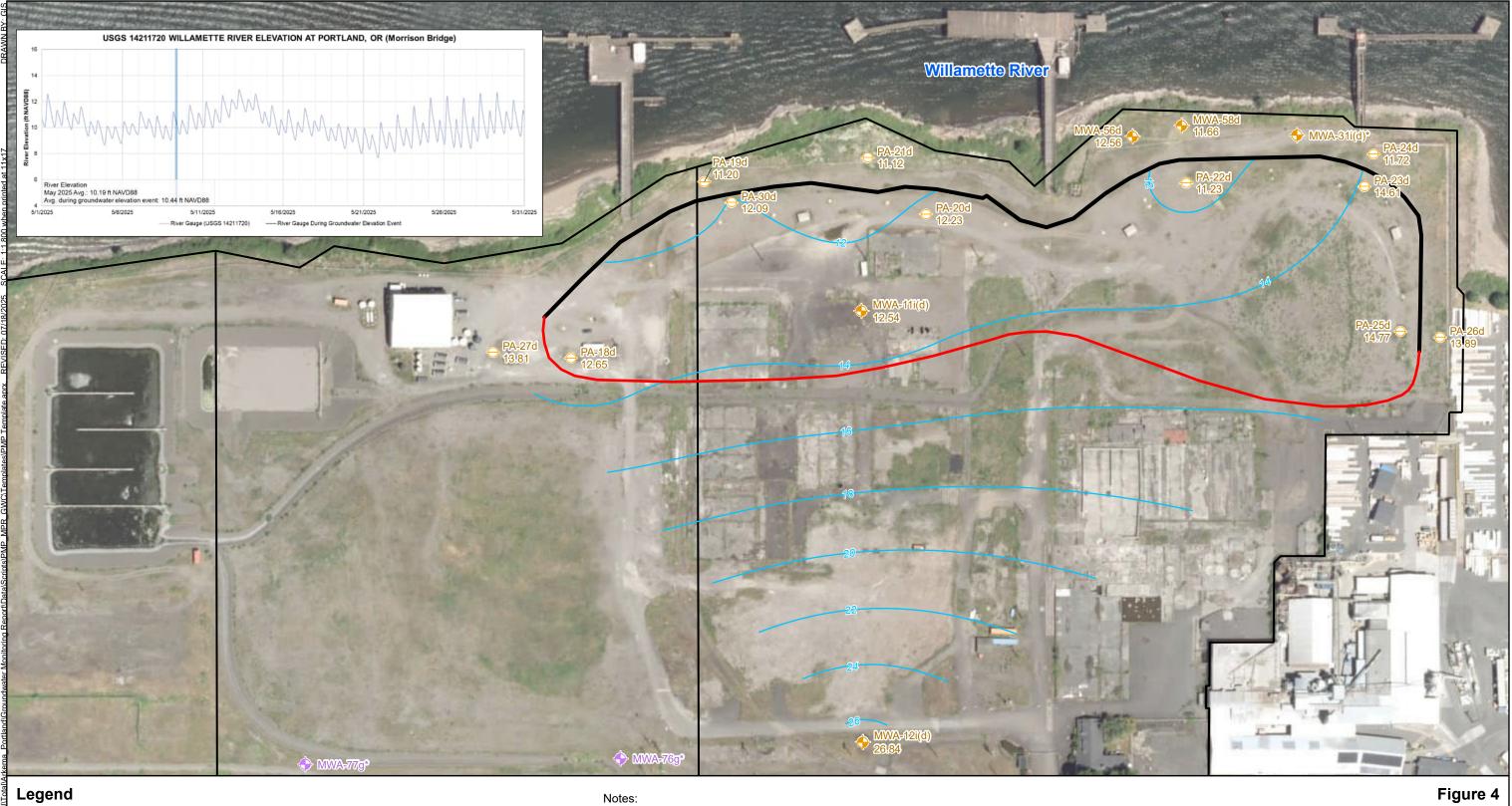
Extraction Trench (Not To Scale)

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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)

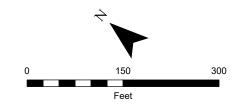
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Target Capture Zone

Barrier Wall Alignment

* Value not used for contouring.
Gravel zone wells not used in contouring.
Water levels collected May, 2025.
ft NAVD88: feet North American Vertical Datum of 1988.

Aerial Photo: City of Portland, Summer 2017.



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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

Downward Gradient

Upward Gradient

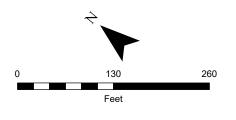
Trench Extraction Well

Target Capture Zone Barrier Wall Alignment

Extraction Trench

Gradient Control Cluster Vertical Flow Cluster

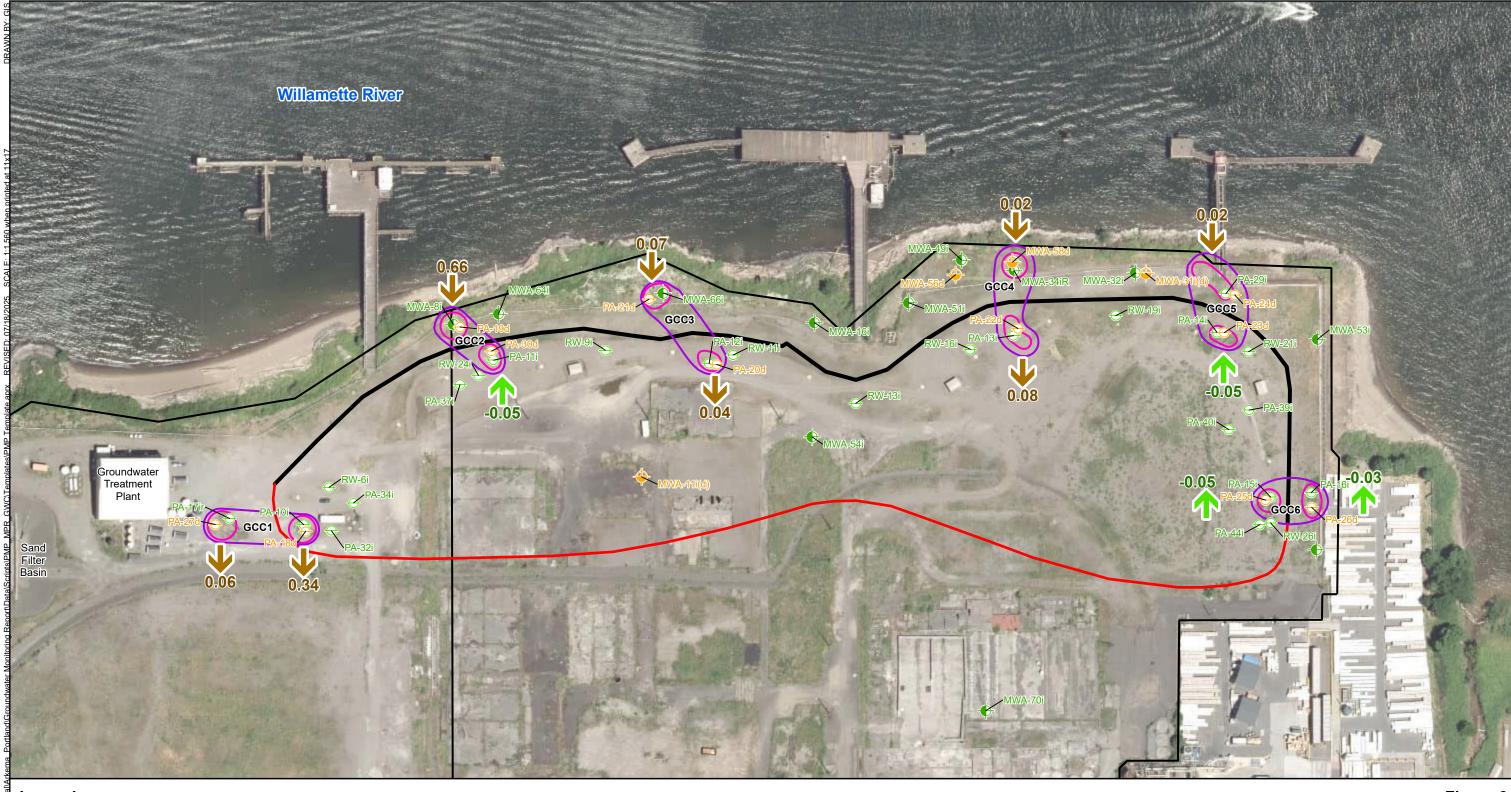
Brown gradient: Downward gradient.
Green gradient: Upward gradient.
Vertical gradient calculated as shallow zone minus intermediate zone potentiometric surfaces. Water levels collected May, 2025. Aerial Photo: City of Portland, Summer 2017.



May 2025 Shallow to Intermediate Zone **Vertical Head Difference**

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Legend

• Intermediate Zone Monitoring Well

Deep Zone Monitoring Well

→ Intermediate Zone Piezometer

Deep Zone Piezometer

Shallow-Intermediate Zone Monitoring Well

Trench Extraction Well

Active Recovery Well Target Capture Zone

Barrier Wall Alignment

Extraction Trench

Downward Gradient

↑ Upward Gradient

Brown gradient: Downward gradient.
Green gradient: Upward gradient.
Vertical gradient calculated as
intermediate zone minus deep zone
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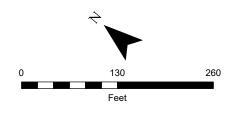


Figure 6 May 2025 Intermediate to Deep Zone Vertical Head Difference

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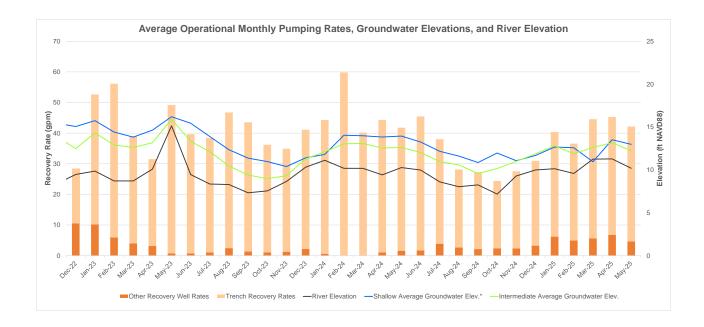


ATTACHMENT A-1

OPERATIONAL PUMPING RATE GRAPH

Attachment A-1

Operational Pumping Rate Graph Arkema Inc. Facility Portland, Oregon



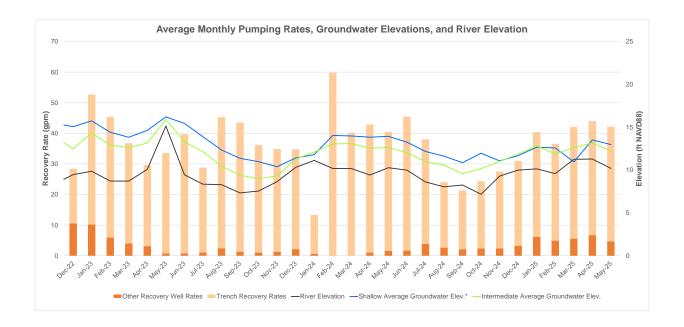


ATTACHMENT A-2

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	May 2025 Average Operational Pumping Rate (gpm)	May 2025 Average Monthly Pumping Rate (gpm)		
RW-14	1.20	1.20		
RW-22	0.53	0.53		
RW-23	1.46	1.46		
RW-25	1.45	1.45		
EW-01	1.93	1.93		
EW-02*	0.00	0.00		
EW-03	11.84	11.84		
EW-04*	0.00	0.00		
EW-05	3.35	3.35		
EW-06	0.44	0.44		
EW-07*	0.00	0.00		
EW-08	3.18	3.18		
EW-09	0.64	0.64		
EW-10	3.99	3.99		
EW-11	3.42	3.42		
EW-12*	0.00	0.00		
EW-13	4.09	4.09		
EW-14	4.62	4.62		
Total	42.15	42.15		

^{* =} Recovery well not in service during reporting period gpm = gallon per minute

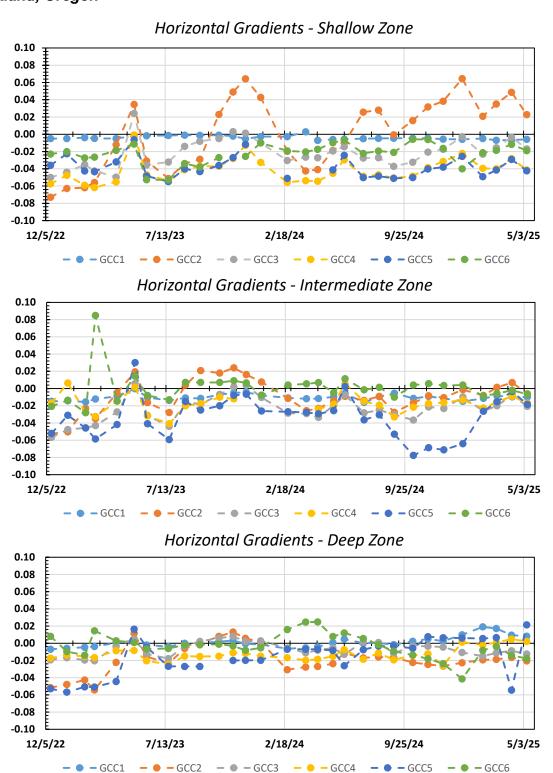


ATTACHMENT B-1

HORIZONTAL GRADIENTS SUMMARY GRAPH

Attachment B-1

Horizontal Gradients Summary: May 2025 Arkema Inc. Facility Portland, Oregon



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



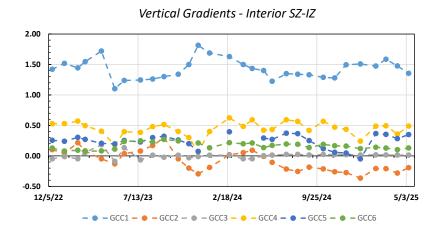
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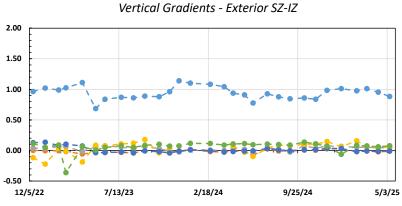
VERTICAL GRADIENTS SUMMARY GRAPH

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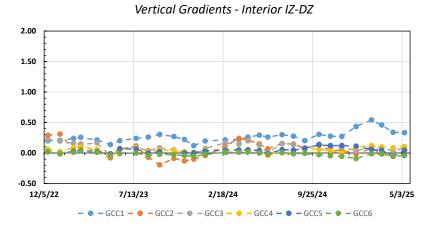
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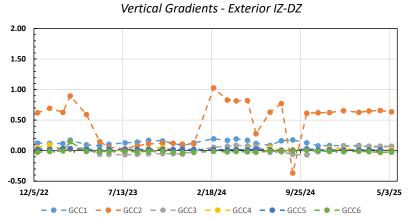
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ATTACHMENT B-3

WATER LEVELS AND HORIZONTAL GRADIENTS TABLE

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	26.70	PA-04	27.29	-0.006
	Intermediate	PA-17iR	12.83	PA-10i	13.87	-0.010
	Deep	PA-27d	12.36	PA-18d	11.36	0.008
GCC2	Shallow	MWA-2	10.43	PA-05	8.86	0.023
	Intermediate	MWA-8i	10.61	PA-11i	11.06	-0.006
	Deep	PA-19d	9.63	PA-30d	10.73	-0.021
GCC3	Shallow	MWA-69	11.16	PA-06	12.96	-0.017
	Intermediate	MWA-66i	10.46	PA-12i	12.82	-0.021
	Deep	PA-21d	9.56	PA-20d	11.16	-0.013
GCC4	Shallow	MWA-19	10.94	PA-28	15.10	-0.041
	Intermediate	MWA-34iR	10.47	PA-13i	11.97	-0.017
	Deep	MWA-58d	10.11	PA-22d	9.92	0.002
GCC5	Shallow	MWA-47	10.54	PA-07	14.92	-0.042
	Intermediate	PA-29i	10.62	PA-14i	11.61	-0.018
	Deep	PA-24d	11.01	PA-23d	9.88	0.021
GCC6	Shallow	PA-09	12.54	PA-08	13.60	-0.019
	Intermediate	PA-16i	11.50	PA-15i	11.87	-0.007
	Deep	PA-26d	12.42	PA-25d	13.53	-0.018

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

^{* =} anomalous groundwater elevation

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

^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)
		GCC1	PA-04	27.29	PA-10i	13.87	1.36
	ZI-ZS	GCC2	PA-05	8.86	PA-11i	11.06	-0.19
		GCC3	PA-06	12.96	PA-12i	12.82	0.01
		GCC4	PA-28	15.10	PA-13i	11.97	0.49
		GCC5	PA-07	14.92	PA-14i	11.61	0.35
rior		GCC6	PA-08	13.60	PA-15i	11.87	0.13
Interior		GCC1	PA-10i	13.87	PA-18d	11.36	0.33
_		GCC2	PA-11i	11.06	PA-30d	10.73	0.05
	ZG-ZI	GCC3	PA-12i	12.82	PA-20d	11.16	0.08
		GCC4	PA-13i	11.97	PA-22d	9.92	0.11
		GCC5	PA-14i	11.61	PA-23d	9.88	0.04
		GCC6	PA-15i	11.87	PA-25d	13.53	-0.04
	ZI-ZS	GCC1	PA-03	26.70	PA-17iR ^M	12.83	0.88
		GCC2	MWA-2	10.43	MWA-8i	10.61	-0.01
		GCC3	MWA-69	11.16	MWA-66i	10.46	0.05
		GCC4	MWA-19	10.94	MWA-34iR	10.47	0.06
_		GCC5	MWA-47	10.54	PA-29i	10.62	-0.01
erio		GCC6	PA-09	12.54	PA-16i	11.50	0.08
Exterior	ZG-ZI	GCC1	PA-17iR ^M	12.83	PA-27d	12.36	0.07
		GCC2	MWA-8i	10.61	PA-19d	9.63	0.64
		GCC3	MWA-66i	10.46	PA-21d	9.56	0.07
		GCC4	MWA-34iR	10.47	MWA-58d	10.11	0.02
		GCC5	PA-29i	10.62	PA-24d	11.01	-0.01
		GCC6	PA-16i	11.50	PA-26d	12.42	-0.03

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

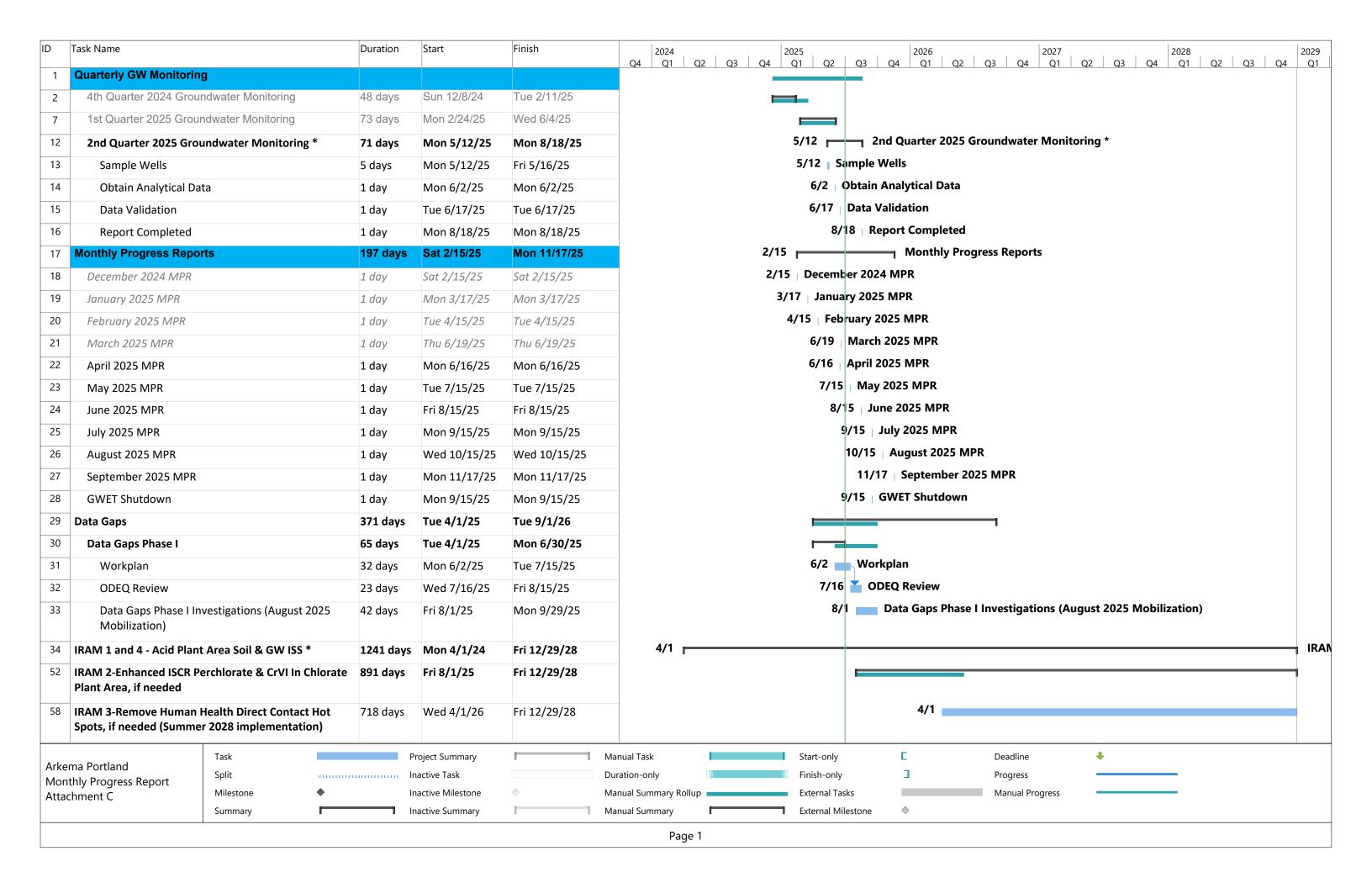
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ATTACHMENT C PROJECT SCHEDULE





ATTACHMENT D

AVERAGE GROUNDWATER EXTRACTION RATE GRAPH

Attachment D

Average Groundwater Extraction Rate Graph Arkema Inc. Facility Portland, Oregon

Average Groundwater Extraction Rate

