

# 2021 ANNUAL GROUNDWATER MONITORING AND CORRECTIVE ACTION REPORT

## FLY ASH IMPOUNDMENT SIBLEY GENERATING STATION SIBLEY, MISSOURI

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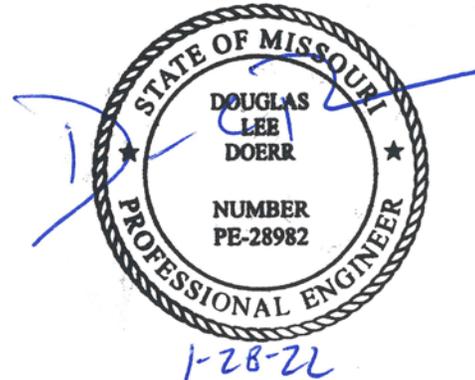


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# 1 INTRODUCTION

This 2021 Annual Groundwater Monitoring and Corrective Action Report was prepared to support compliance with the groundwater monitoring requirements of the “Coal Combustion Residuals (CCR) Final Rule” (Rule) published by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) in the *Hazardous and Solid Waste Management System; Disposal of Coal Combustion Residuals from Electric Utilities; Final Rule*, dated April 17, 2015 (USEPA, 2015), and subsequent revisions. Specifically, this report was prepared for Evergy Missouri West, Inc. (Evergy) to fulfill the requirements of 40 CFR 257.90 (e). The applicable sections of the Rule are provided below in *italics*, followed by applicable information relative to the 2021 Annual Groundwater Monitoring and Corrective Action Report for the Fly Ash Impoundment at the Sibley Generating Station.

## 1.1 § 257.90(e)(6) SUMMARY

*A section at the beginning of the annual report that provides an overview of the current status of groundwater monitoring and corrective action programs for the CCR unit. At a minimum, the summary must specify all of the following:*

### 1.1.1 § 257.90(e)(6)(i) Initial Monitoring Program

*At the start of the current annual reporting period, whether the CCR unit was operating under the detection monitoring program in § 257.94 or the assessment monitoring program in § 257.95;*

At the start of the current annual reporting period, (January 1, 2021), the CCR Impoundment was operating under a detection monitoring program in compliance with § 257.94.

### 1.1.2 § 257.90(e)(6)(ii) Final Monitoring Program

*At the end of the current annual reporting period, whether the CCR unit was operating under the detection monitoring program in § 257.94 or the assessment monitoring program in § 257.95;*

At the end of the current annual reporting period, (December 31, 2021), the CCR Impoundment was operating under a detection monitoring program in compliance with § 257.94.

### 1.1.3 § 257.90(e)(6)(iii) Statistically Significant Increases

*If it was determined that there was a statistically significant increase over background for one or more constituents listed in Appendix III to this part pursuant to § 257.94(e):*

*(A) Identify those constituents listed in Appendix III to this part and the names of the monitoring wells associated with such an increase; and*

Monitoring Event	Monitoring Well	Constituent	ASD
Fall 2020	MW-803	Chloride	Successful
Spring 2021	MW-804	Chloride	Successful
Spring 2021	MW-805	Fluoride	Successful

(B) Provide the date when the assessment monitoring program was initiated for the CCR unit.

Not applicable because an assessment monitoring program was not initiated.

#### 1.1.4 § 257.90(e)(6)(iv) Statistically Significant Levels

*If it was determined that there was a statistically significant level above the groundwater protection standard for one or more constituents listed in Appendix IV to this part pursuant to § 257.95(g) include all of the following:*

(A) *Identify those constituents listed in Appendix IV to this part and the names of the monitoring wells associated with such an increase;*

This unit is not in assessment monitoring, however, during the process of preparation for closure, Appendix IV groundwater parameters were sampled to determine if concentrations were below groundwater protection standards (§ 257.102(c)). Appendix IV parameters were analyzed and detected and are being statistically evaluated. These will be compared to the groundwater protection standards in early 2022.

(B) *Provide the date when the assessment of corrective measures was initiated for the CCR unit;*

Not applicable because there was no assessment of corrective measures initiated for the CCR Unit.

(C) *Provide the date when the public meeting was held for the assessment of corrective measures for the CCR unit; and*

Not applicable because there was no assessment of corrective measures initiated for the CCR Unit.

(D) *Provide the date when the assessment of corrective measures was completed for the CCR unit.*

Not applicable because there was no assessment of corrective measures initiated for the CCR Unit.

#### 1.1.5 § 257.90(e)(6)(v) Selection of Remedy

*Whether a remedy was selected pursuant to § 257.97 during the current annual reporting period, and if so, the date of remedy selection; and*

Not applicable because corrective measures are not required.

#### 1.1.6 § 257.90(e)(6)(vi) Remedial Activities

*Whether remedial activities were initiated or are ongoing pursuant to § 257.98 during the current annual reporting period.*

Not applicable because corrective measures are not required.

## 2 § 257.90(E) ANNUAL REPORT REQUIREMENTS

*Annual groundwater monitoring and corrective action report.* For existing CCR landfills and existing CCR surface impoundments, no later than January 31, 2018, and annually thereafter, the owner or operator must prepare an annual groundwater monitoring and corrective action report. For new CCR landfills, new CCR surface impoundments, and all lateral expansions of CCR units, the owner or operator must prepare the initial annual groundwater monitoring and corrective action report no later than January 31 of the year following the calendar year a groundwater monitoring system has been established for such CCR unit as required by this subpart, and annually thereafter. For the preceding calendar year, the annual report must document the status of the groundwater monitoring and corrective action program for the CCR unit, summarize key actions completed, describe any problems encountered, discuss actions to resolve the problems, and project key activities for the upcoming year. For purposes of this section, the owner or operator has prepared the annual report when the report is placed in the facility's operating record as required by § 257.105(h)(1). At a minimum, the annual groundwater monitoring and corrective action report must contain the following information, to the extent available:

### 2.1 § 257.90(E)(1) SITE MAP

A map, aerial image, or diagram showing the CCR unit and all background (or upgradient) and downgradient monitoring wells, to include the well identification numbers, that are part of the groundwater monitoring program for the CCR unit;

A site map with an aerial image showing the Fly Ash Impoundment and all background (or upgradient) and downgradient monitoring wells with identification numbers for the Fly Ash Impoundment groundwater monitoring program is provided as **Figure 1** in **Appendix A**.

### 2.2 § 257.90(E)(2) MONITORING SYSTEM CHANGES

Identification of any monitoring wells that were installed or decommissioned during the preceding year, along with a narrative description of why those actions were taken;

No new monitoring wells were installed and no wells were decommissioned as part of the CCR groundwater monitoring program for the Fly Ash Impoundment in 2021.

### 2.3 § 257.90(E)(3) SUMMARY OF SAMPLING EVENTS

In addition to all the monitoring data obtained under § 257.90 through § 257.98, a summary including the number of groundwater samples that were collected for analysis for each background and downgradient well, the dates the samples were collected, and whether the sample was required by the detection monitoring or assessment monitoring programs;

Only detection monitoring was required to be conducted during the reporting period (2021). Samples collected in 2021 were collected and analyzed for Appendix III detection monitoring constituents. Additionally, Appendix IV constituents were sampled and analyzed with the spring event for potential future updating of background data in conformance with EPA Unified Guidance and industry standards. In November 2021, during the process of preparation for closure, Appendix IV groundwater parameters were sampled to determine if concentrations were below groundwater protection standards (§ 257.102(c)). Appendix IV parameters were analyzed and detected and are being statistically evaluated. These will be compared to the groundwater protection standards in early 2022. Results of the sampling events are provided

in **Appendix B, Table 1** (Appendix III and IV Detection and Appendix IV Closure Monitoring Results), and **Table 2** (Detection and Closure Monitoring Field Measurements). These tables include Fall 2020 semiannual detection monitoring event verification sample data collected and analyzed in 2021; Spring 2021 semiannual detection monitoring data, verification sample data, supplementary Appendix IV sample data for the potential development of background; and, the initial Fall 2021 semiannual detection monitoring data and Appendix IV sample data collected as part of the closure certification process. The dates of sample collection and the monitoring program requiring the sample are also provided in these tables.

### 2.4 § 257.90(E)(4) MONITORING TRANSITION NARRATIVE

*A narrative discussion of any transition between monitoring programs (e.g., the date and circumstances for transitioning from detection monitoring to assessment monitoring in addition to identifying the constituent(s) detected at a statistically significant increase over background levels); and*

There was no transition between monitoring programs in 2021. Only detection monitoring was conducted in 2021.

### 2.5 § 257.90(e)(5) OTHER REQUIREMENTS

*Other information required to be included in the annual report as specified in § 257.90 through § 257.98.*

A summary of potentially required information and the corresponding section of the Rule is provided in the following sections. In addition, the information, if applicable, is provided.

#### 2.5.1 § 257.90(e) Program Status

*Status of Groundwater Monitoring and Corrective Action Program.*

The groundwater monitoring and corrective action program is in detection monitoring.

*Summary of Key Actions Completed.*

- a. completion of the Fall 2020 verification sampling and analyses per the certified statistical method,
- b. completion of the statistical evaluation of the Fall 2020 semiannual detection monitoring sampling and analysis event per the certified statistical method,
- c. completion of the 2020 Annual Groundwater Monitoring and Corrective Action Report,
- d. completion of a successful alternative source demonstration for the Fall 2020 semiannual detection monitoring sampling and analysis event,
- e. completion of the Spring 2021 semiannual detection monitoring sampling and analysis event with subsequent verification sampling per the certified statistical method, and supplemental Appendix IV sample analysis,
- f. completion of the statistical evaluation of the Spring 2021 semiannual detection monitoring sampling and analysis event per the certified statistical method,

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- g. completion of a successful alternative source demonstration for the Spring 2021 semiannual detection monitoring sampling and analysis event,
- h. initiation of the Fall 2021 semiannual detection monitoring sampling and analysis event, and
- i. initiation of sampling and analysis in support of closure-by-removal (§ 257.102(c)).

### *Description of Any Problems Encountered.*

No noteworthy problems were encountered.

### *Discussion of Actions to Resolve the Problems.*

Not applicable because no noteworthy problems were encountered.

### *Projection of Key Activities for the Upcoming Year (2022).*

Completion of verification sampling and data analysis, and the statistical evaluation of Fall 2021 detection monitoring sampling and analysis event, and, if required, alternative source demonstration(s); statistical evaluation of results in support of closure-by-removal sampling from the Fall 2021 sampling and analysis event (§257.102(c)) and, if required, alternative source demonstration(s). Semiannual Spring and Fall 2022 groundwater sampling and analysis. Completion of the statistical evaluation of the Spring 2022 detection monitoring sampling and analysis event, and, if required, alternative source demonstration(s).

## 2.5.2 § 257.94(d)(3) Demonstration for Alternative Detection Monitoring Frequency

*The owner or operator must obtain a certification from a qualified professional engineer or approval from the Participating State Director or approval from EPA where EPA is the permitting authority stating that the demonstration for an alternative groundwater sampling and analysis frequency meets the requirements of this section. The owner or operator must include the demonstration providing the basis for the alternative monitoring frequency and the certification by a qualified professional engineer or the approval from the Participating State Director or approval from EPA where EPA is the permitting authority in the annual groundwater monitoring and corrective action report required by § 257.90(e).*

Not applicable because no alternative monitoring frequency for detection monitoring and certification was pursued.

## 2.5.3 § 257.94(e)(2) Detection Monitoring Alternate Source Demonstration

*Demonstration that a source other than the CCR unit caused the statistically significant increase (SSI) over background levels for a constituent or that the SSI resulted from error in sampling, analysis, statistical evaluation, or natural variation in groundwater quality. In addition, certification of the demonstration is to be included in the annual report.*

The following demonstration reports are included as **Appendix C**:

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- C.1 CCR Groundwater Monitoring Alternative Source Demonstration Report November 2020 Groundwater Monitoring Event, Fly Ash Impoundment, Sibley Generating Station (May 2021).
- C.2 CCR Groundwater Monitoring Alternative Source Demonstration Report May 2021 Groundwater Monitoring Event, Fly Ash Impoundment, Sibley Generating Station (January 2022).

### 2.5.4 § 257.95(c)(3) Demonstration for Alternative Assessment Monitoring Frequency

*The owner or operator must obtain a certification from a qualified professional engineer or approval from the Participating State Director or approval from EPA where EPA is the permitting authority stating that the demonstration for an alternative groundwater sampling and analysis frequency meets the requirements of this section. The owner or operator must include the demonstration providing the basis for the alternative monitoring frequency and the certification by a qualified professional engineer or the approval from the Participating State Director or the approval from EPA where EPA is the permitting authority in the annual groundwater monitoring and corrective action report required by § 257.90(e).*

Not applicable because there was no assessment monitoring conducted.

### 2.5.5 § 257.95(d)(3) Assessment Monitoring Concentrations and Groundwater Protection Standards

*Include the concentrations of Appendix III and detected Appendix IV constituents from the assessment monitoring, the established background concentrations, and the established groundwater protection standards.*

Not applicable because there was no assessment monitoring conducted.

### 2.5.6 § 257.95(g)(3)(ii) Assessment Monitoring Alternate Source Demonstration

*Demonstrate that a source other than the CCR unit caused the contamination, or that the statistically significant increase resulted from error in sampling, analysis, statistical evaluation, or natural variation in groundwater quality. Any such demonstration must be supported by a report that includes the factual or evidentiary basis for any conclusions and must be certified to be accurate by a qualified professional engineer. If a successful demonstration is made, the owner or operator must continue monitoring in accordance with the assessment monitoring program pursuant to this section, and may return to detection monitoring if the constituents in appendices III and IV to this part are at or below background as specified in paragraph (e) of this section. The owner or operator must also include the demonstration in the annual groundwater monitoring and corrective action report required by § 257.90(e), in addition to the certification by a qualified professional engineer or the approval from the Participating State Director or approval from EPA where EPA is the permitting authority.*

Not applicable because there was no assessment monitoring conducted.

### 2.5.7 § 257.96(a) Demonstration for Additional Time for Assessment of Corrective Measures

*Within 90 days of finding that any constituent listed in appendix IV to this part has been detected at a statistically significant level exceeding the groundwater protection standard defined under § 257.95(h), or immediately upon detection of a release from a CCR unit, the owner or operator must initiate an assessment of corrective measures to prevent further releases, to remediate any releases and to restore affected area to original conditions. The assessment of corrective measures must be completed within 90 days, unless the owner or operator demonstrates the need for additional time to complete the assessment of corrective measures due to site-specific conditions or circumstances. The owner or operator must obtain a certification from a qualified professional engineer attesting that the demonstration is accurate. The 90-day deadline to complete the assessment of corrective measures may be extended for no longer than 60 days. The owner or operator must also include the demonstration in the annual groundwater monitoring and corrective action report required by § 257.90(e), in addition to the certification by a qualified professional engineer or the approval from the Participating State Director or approval from EPA where EPA is the permitting authority.*

Not applicable because there was no assessment monitoring conducted.

### 2.6 § 257.90(e)(6) OVERVIEW SUMMARY

*A section at the beginning of the annual report that provides an overview of the current status of groundwater monitoring and corrective action programs for the CCR unit.*

§ 257.90(e)(6) is addressed in Section 1.1 of this report.

## 3 GENERAL COMMENTS

This report has been prepared and reviewed under the direction of a qualified groundwater scientist and qualified professional engineer. The information contained in this report is a reflection of the conditions encountered at the Sibley Generating Station at the time of fieldwork. This report includes a review and compilation of the required information and does not reflect any variations of the subsurface, which may occur between sampling locations. Actual subsurface conditions may vary and the extent of such variations may not become evident without further investigation.

Conclusions drawn by others from the result of this work should recognize the limitation of the methods used. Please note that SCS Engineers does not warrant the work of regulatory agencies or other third parties supplying information used in the assimilation of this report. This report is prepared in accordance with generally accepted environmental engineering and geological practices, within the constraints of the client's directives. It is intended for the exclusive use of Evergy Missouri West, Inc. for specific application to the Sibley Generating Station Fly Ash Impoundment. No warranties, express or implied, are intended or made.

## APPENDIX A

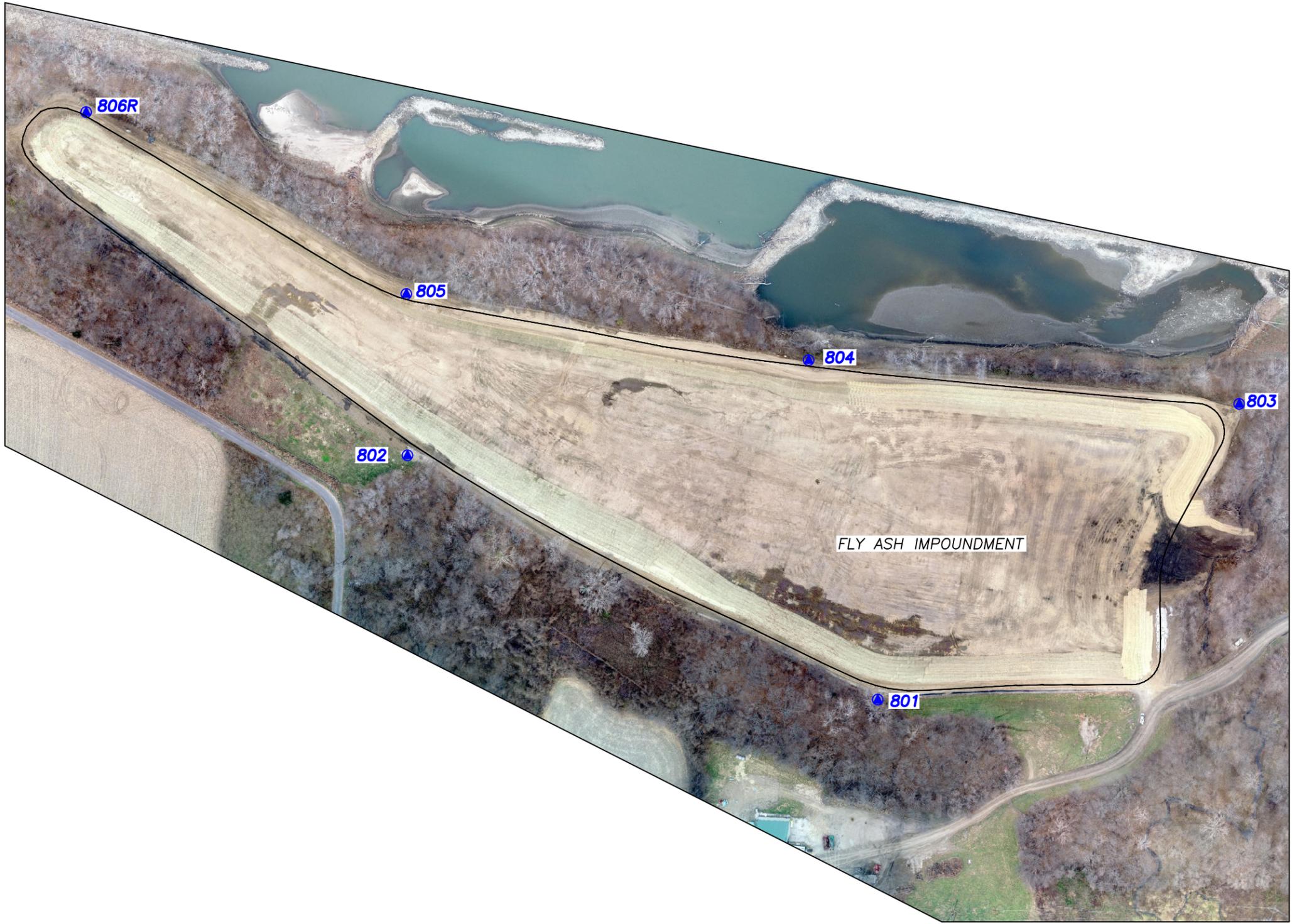
### FIGURES

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Figure 3: Potentiometric Surface Map (November 2021)

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**LEGEND:**

- 803 GROUNDWATER MONITORING SYSTEM WELL (GROUNDWATER ELEVATION)
- CCR FLY ASH IMPOUNDMENT UNIT BOUNDARY

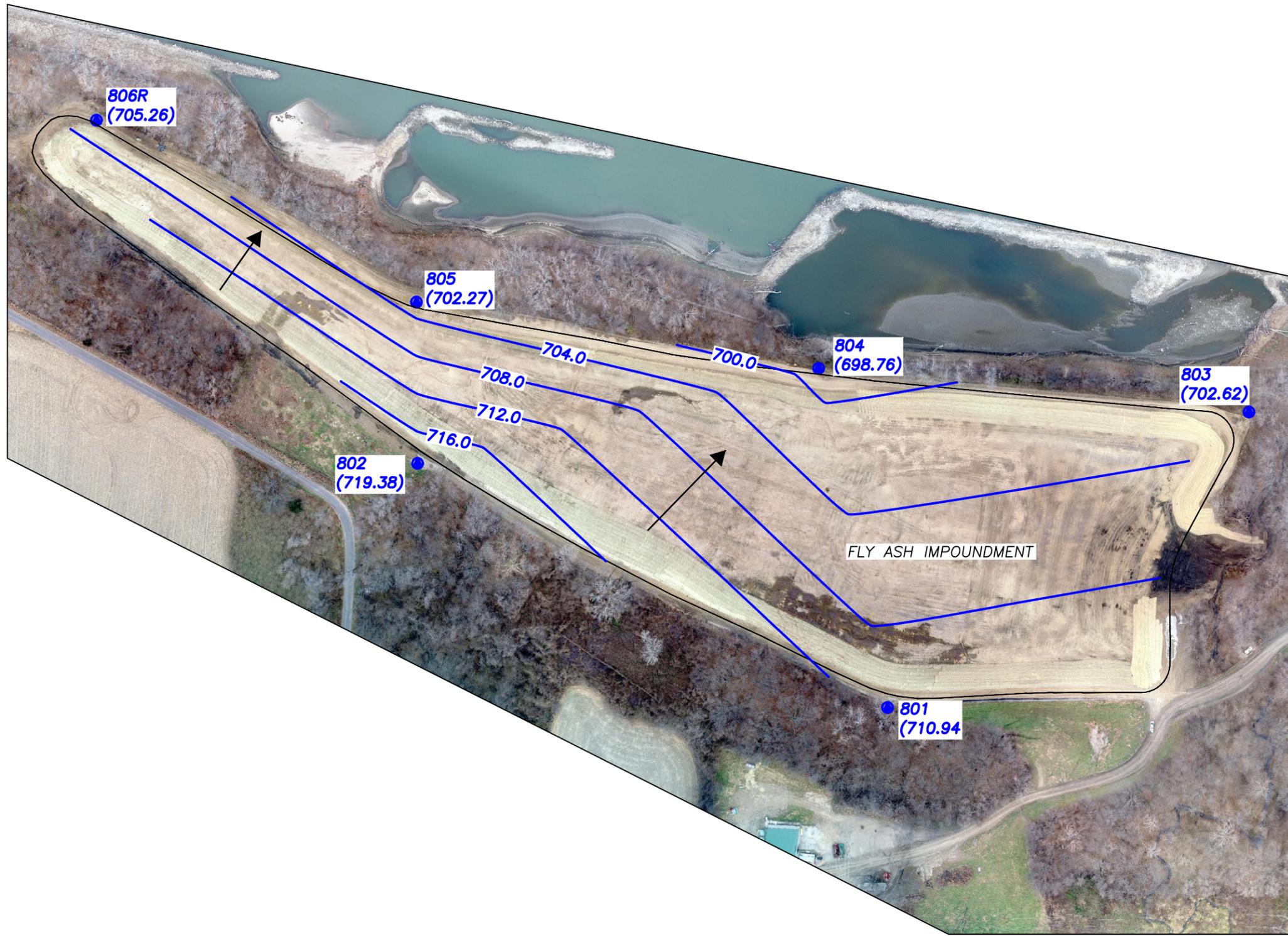
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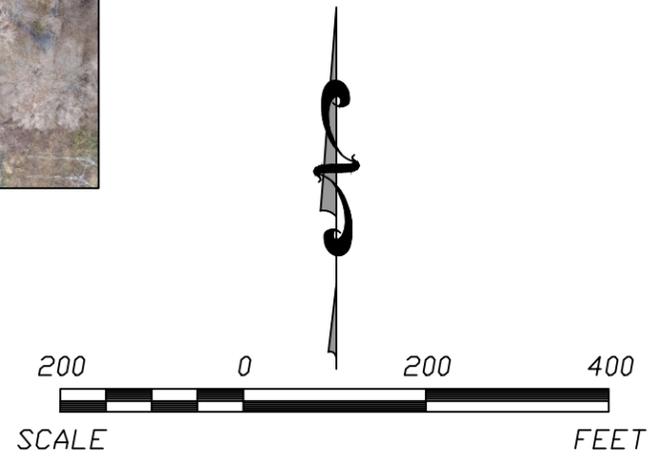
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- LEGEND:**
- 760 — GROUNDWATER POTENTIOMETRIC SURFACE ELEVATIONS (REPRESENTATIVE OF THIS UNIT)
  - 803 (699.19) GROUNDWATER MONITORING SYSTEM WELL (GROUNDWATER ELEVATION)
  - CCR FLY ASH IMPOUNDMENT UNIT BOUNDARY
  - ← GROUNDWATER FLOW DIRECTION

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## APPENDIX B

### TABLES

Table 1: Appendix III and IV Detection and Appendix IV Closure Monitoring Results

Table 2: Detection and Closure Monitoring Field Measurements

**Table 1**  
**Fly Ash Impoundment**  
**Appendix III and IV Detection and Appendix IV Closure Monitoring Results**  
**Evergy Sibley Generating Station**

Well Number	Sample Date	Appendix III Constituents							Appendix IV Constituents														
		Boron (mg/L)	Calcium (mg/L)	Chloride (mg/L)	Fluoride (mg/L)	pH (S.U.)	Sulfate (mg/L)	Dissolved Solids (mg/L)	Antimony (mg/L)	Arsenic (mg/L)	Barium (mg/L)	Beryllium (mg/L)	Cadmium (mg/L)	Chromium (mg/L)	Cobalt (mg/L)	Fluoride (mg/L)	Lead (mg/L)	Lithium (mg/L)	Mercury (mg/L)	Molybdenum (mg/L)	Selenium (mg/L)	Thallium (mg/L)	Radium Combined (pCi/L)
MW-801	5/24/2021	0.326	136	92.9	0.208	7.11	60.0	550	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
MW-801	7/6/2021	---	---	---	*0.192	**6.63	---	---	**<0.00400	**<0.00200	**0.136	**<0.00200	**<0.00100	**<0.0100	**<0.00200	**0.192	**<0.00200	**0.0166	**<0.000200	**<0.00500	**<0.00200	**<0.00200	---
MW-801	11/15/2021	<0.200	144	144	0.150	6.34	49.4	633	<0.00400	<0.00200	0.154	<0.00200	<0.00100	<0.0100	<0.00200	0.15	<0.00200	<0.0150	<0.000200	<0.00500	<0.00200	<0.00200	0.916
MW-802	5/25/2021	<0.200	70.2	48.0	0.211	6.36	27.1	321	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
MW-802	7/6/2021	---	---	---	**0.203	**6.43	---	---	**<0.00400	**0.00286	**0.165	**<0.00200	**<0.00100	**<0.0100	**<0.00200	**0.203	**0.00203	**<0.0150	**<0.000200	**<0.00500	**<0.00200	**<0.00200	---
MW-802	11/15/2021	<0.200	60.8	50.3	<0.150	6.10	68.7	335	<0.00400	0.00267	0.16	<0.00200	<0.00100	<0.0100	<0.00200	<0.150	<0.00200	<0.0150	<0.000200	<0.00500	0.00511	<0.00200	0.786
MW-803	2/3/2021	---	---	*18.1	---	*6.99	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
MW-803	3/1/2021	---	---	*18.5	---	**7.20	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
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MW-803	11/15/2021	2.94	117	17.9	0.276	6.91	110	504	<0.00400	0.00265	0.122	<0.00200	<0.00100	<0.0100	<0.00200	0.276	<0.00200	<0.0150	<0.000200	<0.00500	<0.00200	<0.00200	0.707
MW-804	2/3/2021	*6.79	---	*16.8	---	**6.90	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
MW-804	5/25/2021	7.82	139	19.5	0.280	6.51	<5.00	575	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
MW-804	7/6/2021	---	---	*20.1	*0.238	*6.92	---	---	**<0.00400	**0.00211	**0.429	**<0.00200	**<0.00100	**<0.0100	**<0.00200	**0.238	**<0.00200	**0.0228	**<0.000200	**<0.00500	**<0.00200	**<0.00200	---
MW-804	9/2/2021	---	---	*19.8	---	**6.90	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
MW-804	11/15/2021	9.36	145	20.5	0.275	6.92	<5.00	571	<0.00400	0.00205	0.450	<0.00200	<0.00100	<0.0100	<0.00200	0.275	<0.00200	0.0196	<0.000200	<0.00500	<0.00200	<0.00200	0.949
MW-805	5/25/2021	<0.200	90.4	6.93	0.238	6.89	45.1	329	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
MW-805	7/6/2021	---	---	---	*0.220	**7.31	---	---	**<0.00400	**<0.00200	**0.148	**<0.00200	**<0.00100	**<0.0100	**<0.00200	**0.220	**<0.00200	**<0.0150	**<0.000200	**<0.00500	**<0.00200	**<0.00200	---
MW-805	9/2/2021	---	---	---	*0.222	**7.28	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
MW-805	11/15/2021	<0.200	86.7	6.38	0.213	7.04	41.8	337	<0.00400	<0.00200	0.14	<0.00200	<0.00100	<0.0100	<0.00200	0.213	<0.00200	<0.0150	<0.000200	<0.00500	<0.00200	<0.00200	1.42
MW-806R	5/24/2021	4.35	145	27.7	0.253	6.61	209	651	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
MW-806R	7/6/2021	---	---	---	*0.236	*7.35	---	---	**<0.00400	**0.00546	**0.0775	**<0.00200	**<0.00100	**<0.0100	**<0.00200	**0.236	**<0.00200	**0.0176	**<0.000200	**1.73	**<0.00200	**<0.00200	---
MW-806R	11/15/2021	4.40	149	27.8	0.222	7.10	209	662	<0.00400	0.00362	0.0723	<0.00200	<0.00100	<0.0100	<0.00200	0.222	<0.00200	<0.0150	<0.000200	1.64	<0.00200	<0.00200	1.78

\* Verification Sample obtained per certified statistical method and Statistical Analysis of Groundwater Monitoring Data at RCRA Facilities, Unified Guidance, March 2009.

\*\*Extra Sample for Quality Control Validation or per Standard Sampling Procedure

mg/L - milligrams per liter

pCi/L - picocuries per liter

S.U. - Standard Units

--- Not Sampled

**Table 2**  
**Fly Ash Impoundment**  
**Detection and Closure Monitoring Field Measurements**  
**Evergy Sibley Generating Station**

Well Number	Sample Date	pH (S.U.)	Specific Conductivity (µS)	Temperature (°C)	Turbidity (NTU)	ORP (mV)	DO (mg/L)	Water Level (ft btoc)	Groundwater Elevation (ft NGVD)
MW-801	5/24/2021	7.11	2380	13.56	18.5	172	2.39	19.42	710.94
MW-801	7/6/2021	**6.63	1010	16.53	0.9	142	1.53	19.50	710.86
MW-801	11/15/2021	6.34	1013	12.87	0.0	169	0.42	23.46	706.90
MW-802	5/25/2021	6.36	518	15.02	18.8	90	0.00	11.79	719.38
MW-802	7/6/2021	**6.43	597	16.03	18.2	142	1.75	11.38	719.79
MW-802	11/15/2021	6.10	569	13.24	23.0	229	4.42	12.54	718.63
MW-803	2/3/2021	*6.99	814	14.30	0.0	-106	0.88	29.09	697.80
MW-803	3/1/2021	**7.20	796	12.60	2.5	-113	1.84	29.02	697.87
MW-803	5/25/2021	6.70	733	16.17	0.0	-77	0.21	24.27	702.62
MW-803	7/6/2021	*7.06	780	20.62	9.2	-35	0.82	25.72	701.17
MW-803	11/15/2021	6.91	872	15.85	0.0	-117	0.00	28.25	698.64
MW-804	2/3/2021	**6.90	1020	14.01	13.1	-101	1.03	35.64	692.82
MW-804	5/25/2021	6.51	952	19.12	7.0	-121	0.00	29.70	698.76
MW-804	7/6/2021	*6.92	967	18.64	17.1	-103	0.00	31.73	696.73
MW-804	9/2/2021	**6.90	987	17.67	25.0	-136	0.35	33.82	694.64
MW-804	11/15/2021	6.92	1120	16.75	31.1	-136	0.00	33.35	695.11
MW-805	5/25/2021	6.89	518	17.34	0.0	12	0.99	26.52	702.27
MW-805	7/6/2021	**7.31	526	18.75	0.0	26	1.07	27.92	700.87
MW-805	9/2/2021	**7.28	529	17.77	2.4	-35	5.89	29.88	698.91
MW-805	11/15/2021	7.04	571	16.96	0.0	-27	0.00	29.55	699.24
MW-806R	5/24/2021	6.61	908	17.83	0.5	-95	1.23	23.90	705.26
MW-806R	7/6/2021	*7.35	893	18.72	9.0	-62	1.01	22.49	705.26
MW-806R	11/15/2021	7.10	1020	16.63	8.8	-103	0.00	25.05	704.11

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S.U. - Standard Units

µS - microsiemens

°C - Degrees Celsius

ft btoc - Feet Below Top of Casing

ft NGVD - National Geodetic Vertical Datum (NAVD 88)

NTU - Nephelometric Turbidity Unit

## APPENDIX C

### ALTERNATIVE SOURCE DEMONSTRATIONS

- C.1 Groundwater Monitoring Alternative Source Demonstration Report November 2020 Groundwater Monitoring Event, Fly Ash Impoundment, Sibley Generating Station (May 2021)
- C.2 Groundwater Monitoring Alternative Source Demonstration Report May 2021 Groundwater Monitoring Event, Fly Ash Impoundment, Sibley Generating Station (January 2022)

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# 1 REGULATORY FRAMEWORK

Certain owners or operators of Coal Combustion Residuals (CCR) units are required to complete groundwater monitoring activities to evaluate whether a release from the unit has occurred. Included in the activities is the completion of a statistical analysis of the groundwater quality data as prescribed in § 257.93(h) of the CCR Final Rule. If the initial analysis indicates a statistically significant increase (SSI) over background levels, the owner or operator may perform an alternative source demonstration (ASD). In accordance with § 257.94(e)(2), the owner or operator of the CCR unit may demonstrate that a source other than the CCR unit caused the SSI over background levels for a constituent, or that the SSI resulted from error in sampling, analysis, statistical evaluation, or natural variation in groundwater quality. The owner or operator must complete the written demonstration within 90 days of detecting a SSI over background levels to include obtaining a certification from a qualified professional engineer verifying the accuracy of the information in the report. If a successful demonstration is completed within the 90-day period, the owner or operator of the CCR unit may continue with a detection monitoring program under § 257.94. If a successful demonstration is not completed within the 90-day period, the owner or operator of the CCR unit must initiate an assessment monitoring program as required under § 257.95. The owner or operator must also include the demonstration in the annual groundwater monitoring and corrective action report required by § 257.90(e), in addition to the certification by a qualified professional engineer.

# 2 STATISTICAL RESULTS

Statistical analysis of monitoring data from the groundwater monitoring system for the Fly Ash Impoundment at the Sibley Generating Station has been completed in substantial compliance with the “Statistical Method Certification by A Qualified Professional Engineer” dated October 12, 2017. Detection monitoring groundwater samples were collected on November 11, 2021. Review and validation of the results from the November 2020 Detection Monitoring Event was completed on December 24, 2020, which constitutes completion and finalization of detection monitoring laboratory analyses. A statistical analysis was then conducted to determine whether there was a statistically significant increase (SSI) over background values for each constituent listed in Appendix III to Part 257-Constituents for Detection Monitoring. Two rounds of verification sampling were conducted for certain constituents on February 3, 2021 and March 1, 2021.

The completed statistical evaluation identified one Appendix III constituent above the prediction limit established for monitoring well MW-803.

Constituent/Monitoring Well	*UPL	Observation November 11, 2020	1st Verification February 3, 2021	2nd Verification March 1, 2021
Chloride				
MW-803	17.17	17.4	18.1	18.5

\*UPL – Upper Prediction Limit

**Determination: A statistical evaluation was completed for all Appendix III detection monitoring constituents in accordance with the certified statistical method. The statistical evaluation identified a SSI above the background prediction limit for chloride at monitoring well MW-803.**

### 3 ALTERNATIVE SOURCE DEMONSTRATION

An Alternative Source Demonstration is a means to provide supporting lines of evidence that something other than a release from a regulated CCR unit caused an SSI. For the above-identified SSI for the Fly Ash Impoundment at the Sibley Generating Station, there are multiple lines of supporting evidence to indicate the above SSI was not caused by a release from the Fly Ash Impoundment. Select multiple lines of supporting evidence are described as follows.

#### 3.1 BOX AND WHISKERS PLOTS

A commonly accepted method to demonstrate and visualize the distribution of data in a given data set is to construct box and whiskers plots. The basic box plotted graphically locates the median, 25<sup>th</sup> and 75<sup>th</sup> percentiles of the data set; the "whiskers" extend to the minimum and maximum values of the data set. The range between the ends of a box plot represents the Interquartile Range, which can be used as an estimate of spread or variability. The mean is denoted by a "+".

When comparing multiple wells or well groups, box plots for each well can be lined up on the same axis to roughly compare the variability in each well. This may be used as an exploratory screening for the test of homogeneity of variance across multiple wells.

The box and whiskers plot for chloride in monitoring well MW-803 was compared to the concentration of chloride in the other monitoring wells. The box and whiskers plots for chloride from upgradient wells are significantly greater than the concentration in MW-803. The higher concentration of chloride in the upgradient wells demonstrates that a source other than the Fly Ash Impoundment caused the SSI over background levels for chloride, or that the SSI resulted from natural variation in groundwater quality. Box and whisker plots for chloride are provided in **Appendix A**.

#### 3.2 PIPER DIAGRAM PLOTS

Piper diagrams are a form of tri-linear diagram, and a widely accepted method to provide a visual representation of the ion concentration of groundwater. Piper diagrams portray water compositions and facilitate the interpretation and presentation of chemical analyses. They may be used to visually compare the chemical composition of water quality across wells, and aid in determining whether the waters are similar or dis-similar, and can over time indicate whether the waters are mixing.

A piper diagram has two triangular plots on the right and left side of a 4-sided center field. The three major cations are plotted in the left triangle and anions in the right. Each of the three cation/anion variables, in milliequivalents, is divided by the sum of the three values, to produce a percent of total cation/anions. These percentages determine the location of the associated symbol. The data points in the center field are located by extending the points in the lower triangles to the point of intersection. In order for a piper diagram to be produced, the selected data file must contain the following constituents: Sodium (Na), Potassium (K), Calcium (Ca), Magnesium (Mg), Chloride (Cl), Sulfate (SO<sub>4</sub>), Carbonate (CO<sub>3</sub>), and Bicarbonate (HCO<sub>3</sub>).

A piper diagram was prepared to compare plots for MW-803 to plots for three ash pore water samples (ASD-1, ASD-2, and ASD-3) collected in the Fly Ash Impoundment with a Geoprobe® screen-point 15 groundwater sampler. Sample locations are shown on **Figure 1** in **Appendix B**. Samples were collected

on November 8, 2018 for the ash pore water. The analytical results are provided in **Appendix C** along with the piper diagram. The piper diagram plots indicate the groundwater from the wells does not exhibit the same geochemical characteristics as the ash pore water. The groundwater and the ash pore water plot in different areas indicating there are two types of water (groundwater and ash pore water) and that the waters are not mixing. This helps demonstrate that a source other than the Fly Ash Impoundment could have caused the SSIs over background levels for chloride or that the SSIs resulted from natural variation in groundwater quality.

### 3.3 TIME SERIES PLOTS

Time series plots provide a graphical method to view changes in data at a particular well (monitoring point) or wells over time. Time series plots display the variability in concentration levels over time and can be used to indicate possible outliers or data errors (i.e. “spikes”). More than one well can be compared on the same plot to look for differences between wells. Non-detect data is plotted as censored data at one-half of the laboratory reporting limit. Time series plots can also be used to examine the data for trends.

The times series plot for chloride in monitoring well MW-803 was compared to the time series plot for upgradient and downgradient wells. The chloride concentration in well MW-803 was similar to that of the other downgradient wells and lower than the upgradient wells. These time series plots demonstrate that a source other than the Fly Ash Impoundment caused the SSI over the background level for chloride or that the SSI resulted from natural variation in groundwater quality. Time series plots for chloride are provided in **Appendix D**.

## 4 CONCLUSION

Our opinion is that a sufficient body of evidence is available and presented above to demonstrate that a source other than the Fly Ash Impoundment caused the SSI over background levels, or that the SSI resulted from natural variation in groundwater quality. Based on the successful ASD, the owner or operator of the Fly Ash Impoundment may continue with the detection monitoring program under § 257.94.

## 5 GENERAL COMMENTS

This report has been prepared and reviewed under the direction of a qualified groundwater scientist and qualified professional engineer. Please note that SCS Engineers does not warrant the work of regulatory agencies or other third parties supplying information used in the assimilation of this report. This report is prepared in accordance with generally accepted environmental engineering and geological practices, within the constraints of the client’s directives. It is intended for the exclusive use of Evergy Metro, Inc. and Evergy Missouri West, Inc. for specific application to the Sibley Generating Station. No warranties, express or implied, are intended or made.

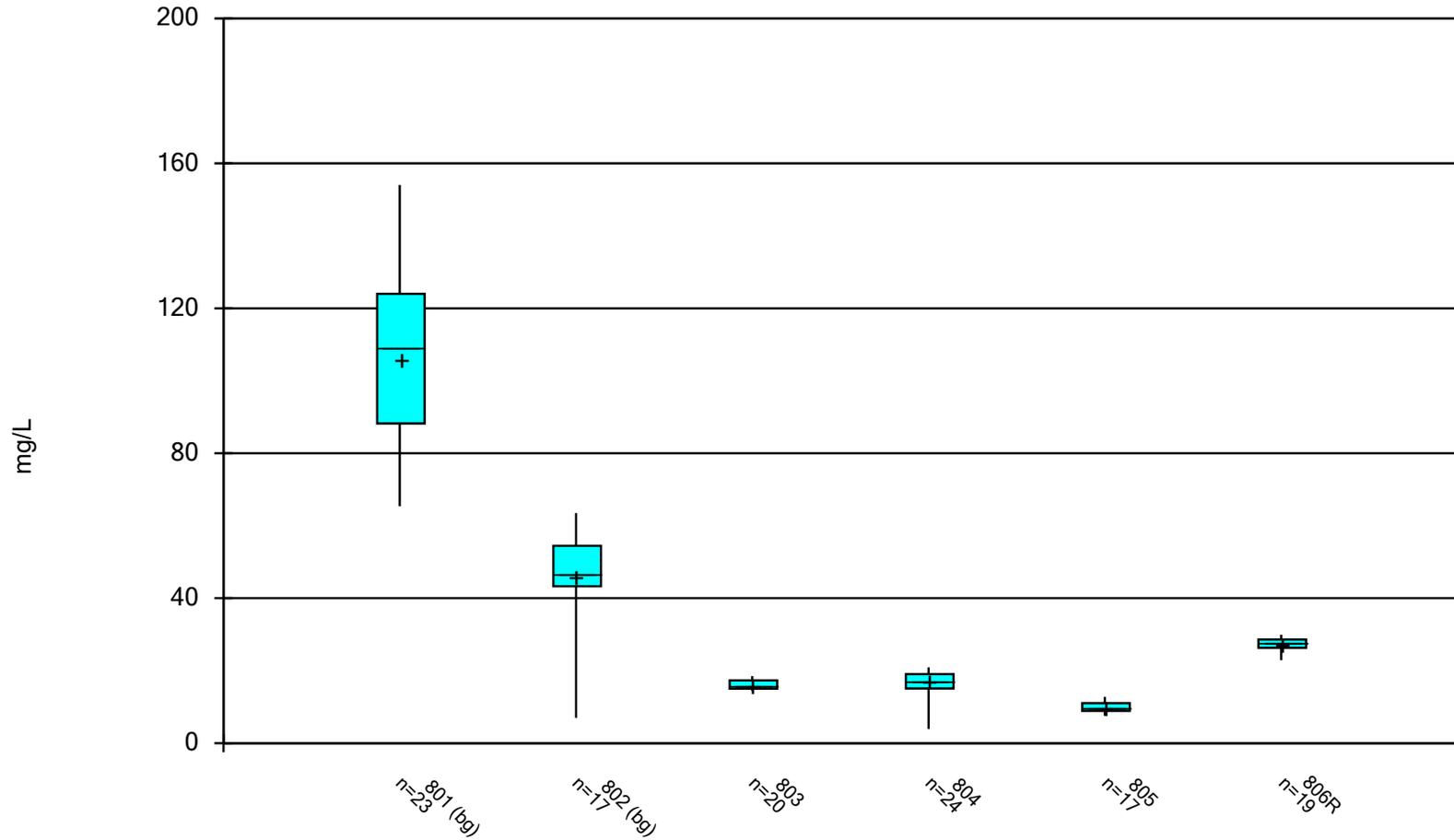
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## **Appendix A**

### **Box and Whiskers Plots**

### Box & Whiskers Plot



Constituent: Chloride    Analysis Run 4/27/2021 12:19 PM    View: Ash Pond III  
Sibley    Client: SCS Engineers    Data: Sibley

# Box & Whiskers Plot

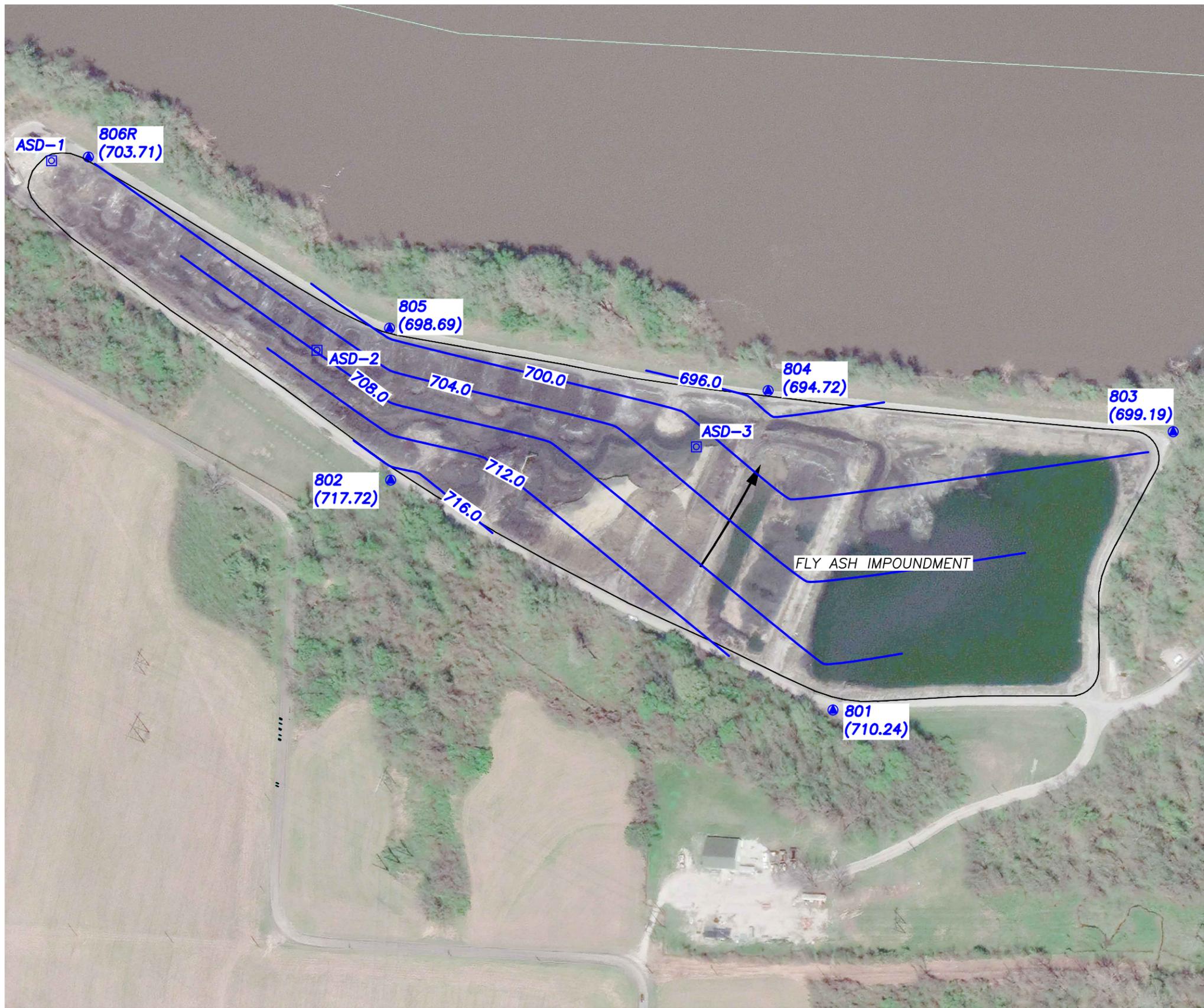
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<u>Constituent</u>	<u>Well</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>Mean</u>	<u>Std. Dev.</u>	<u>Std. Err.</u>	<u>Median</u>	<u>Min.</u>	<u>Max.</u>	<u>%NDs</u>
Chloride (mg/L)	801 (bg)	23	105.8	24.46	5.099	109	65.4	154	0
Chloride (mg/L)	802 (bg)	17	45.79	13.81	3.349	46.7	7	63.5	0
Chloride (mg/L)	803	20	16.24	1.195	0.2673	16.05	14.4	18.5	0
Chloride (mg/L)	804	24	16.89	3.53	0.7206	17.5	3.9	20.9	0
Chloride (mg/L)	805	17	9.985	1.397	0.3389	9.86	7.58	12.8	0
Chloride (mg/L)	806R	19	27.18	1.992	0.4571	27.7	22.9	29.9	0

## **Appendix B**

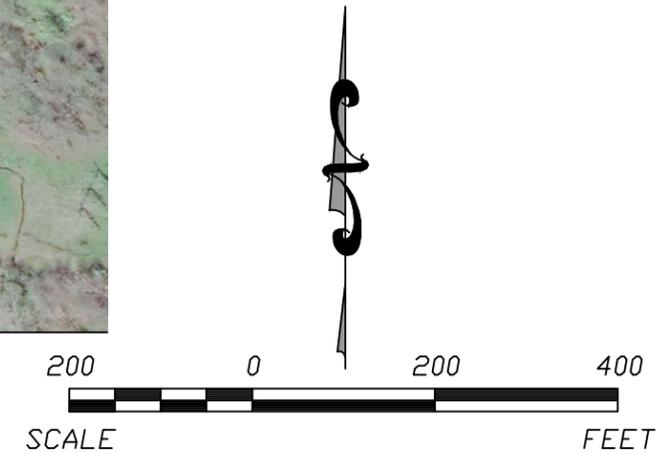
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  - 803 (699.19) GROUNDWATER MONITORING SYSTEM WELL (GROUNDWATER ELEVATION)
  - ASD-2 GEOPROBE PORE WATER SAMPLE LOCATION
  - FLY ASH IMPOUNDMENT UNIT BOUNDARY
  - ← GROUNDWATER FLOW DIRECTION

- NOTES:**
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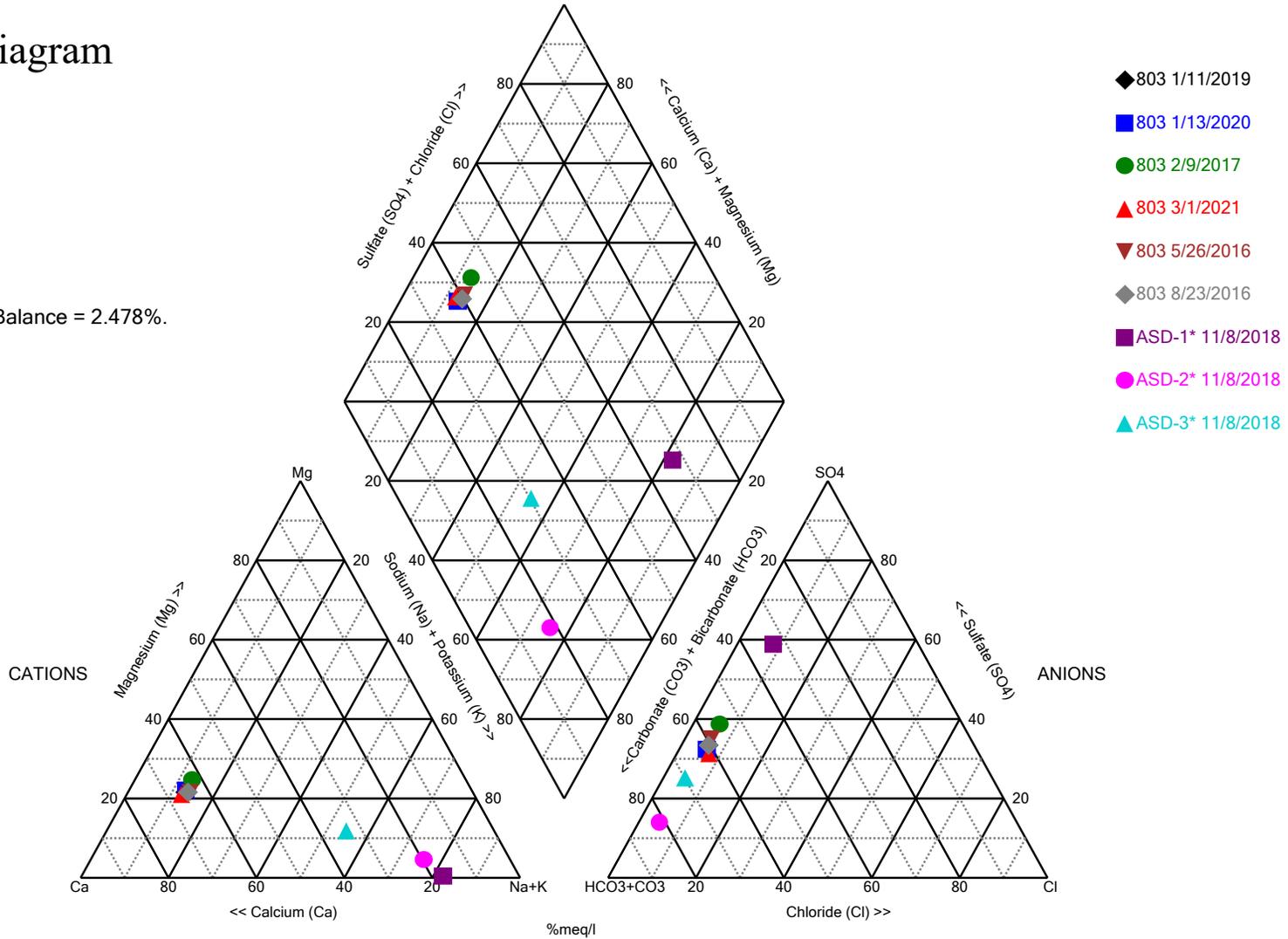
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## **Appendix C**

### **Piper Diagram Plots and Laboratory Results**

# Piper Diagram

Cation-Anion Balance = 2.478%.



Analysis Run 4/27/2021 1:11 PM View: Ash Pond III

Sibley Client: SCS Engineers Data: Sibley

# Piper Diagram

Analysis Run 4/27/2021 1:13 PM View: Ash Pond III

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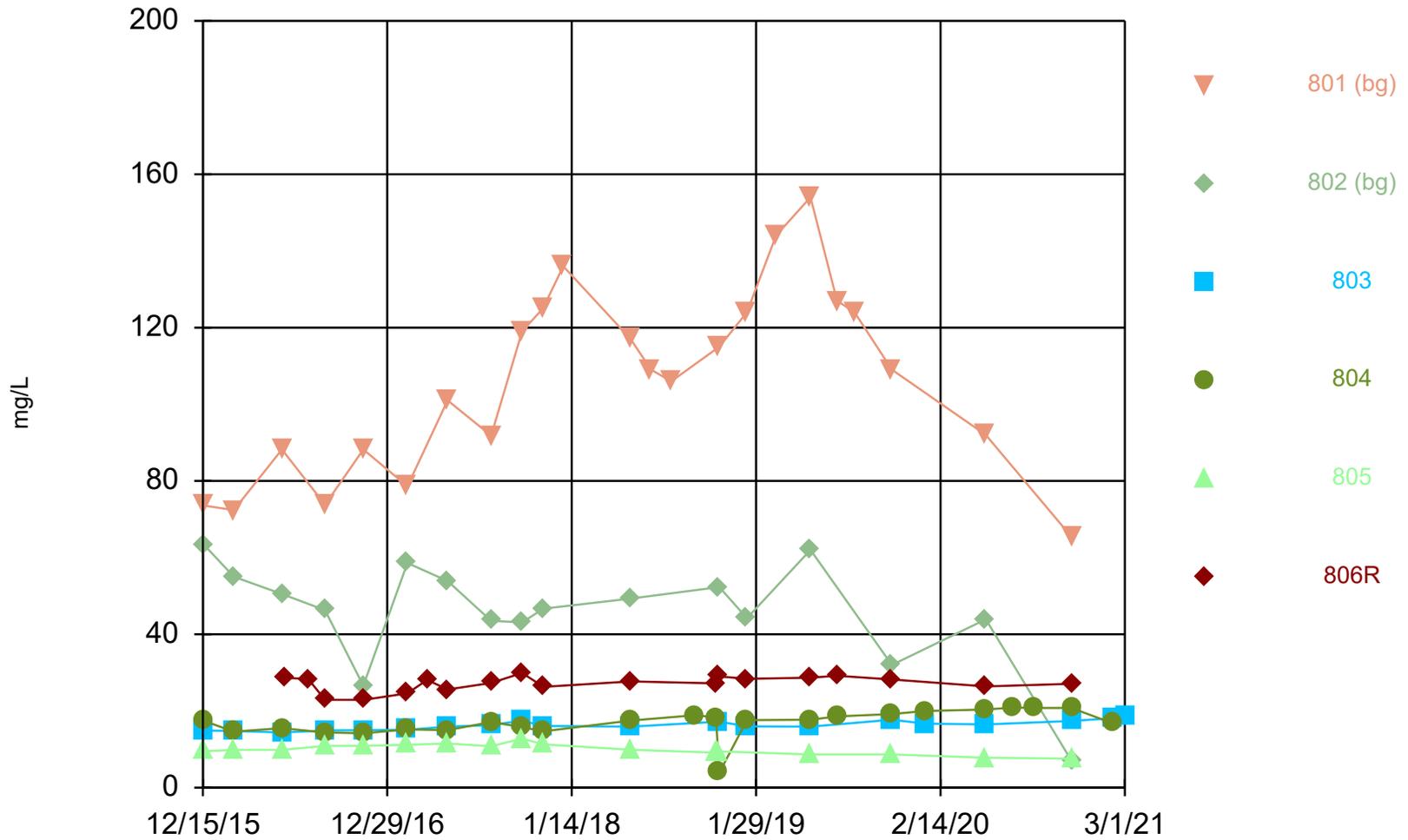
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Totals (ppm)	Na	K	Ca	Mg	Cl	SO4	HCO3	CO3
803 5/26/2016	28.5	2.67	120	23.8	14.4	135	275	10
803 8/23/2016	27.6	2.47	120	24.2	14.9	130	282	10
803 2/9/2017	24.3	2.46	105	25	15.1	157	271	10
803 1/11/2019	25.3	2.33	116	23.1	16	125	275	10
803 1/13/2020	24.9	2.25	114	23	16.7	130	302	10
803 3/1/2021	23	2.15	115	22	18.5	115	274	10
ASD-1* 11/8/2018	178	38.6	37.1	0.5	29.3	303	10	104
ASD-2* 11/8/2018	497	82.4	124	17	43.8	211	10	795
ASD-3* 11/8/2018	365	42.2	208	43.8	41.5	336	10	592

## **Appendix D**

### **Time Series Plots**

### Time Series



Constituent: Chloride Analysis Run 4/27/2021 12:15 PM View: Ash Pond III  
Sibley Client: SCS Engineers Data: Sibley

# Time Series

Constituent: Chloride (mg/L) Analysis Run 4/27/2021 12:18 PM View: Ash Pond III

Sibley Client: SCS Engineers Data: Sibley

	801 (bg)	802 (bg)	803	804	805	806R
12/15/2015			14.9	17.5	9.51	
12/16/2015	73.6	63.5				
2/17/2016	72.4	55	14.8	14.6	9.86	
5/26/2016	88.2	50.5	14.4	15.5	9.85	
6/2/2016						28.6
7/19/2016						28.4
8/23/2016	73.8	46.3	14.9	14.4	10.9	22.9
11/10/2016	88.2	26.6	15	14.2	10.9	
11/11/2016						22.9
2/9/2017	78.6	58.6	15.1	15.2	11.2	24.6
3/22/2017						28.1
5/3/2017	101	53.9	15.9	15	11.5	25.6
8/1/2017	91.8	43.5	16.3	17.1	10.8	27.3
10/4/2017	119	43.1	17.5	15.8	12.8	29.9
11/16/2017	125		16.1	14.7	11.3	
11/17/2017		46.7				26.3
12/28/2017	136					
5/16/2018	117	49.3	15.9	17.5	9.88	27.7
6/27/2018	109					
8/8/2018	106					
9/27/2018				18.9		
11/8/2018				18.3	9.12	27.2
11/15/2018	115	52.3	17.2	3.9	9.45	29
1/11/2019	124	44.2	16	17.6		28.4
3/12/2019	144					
5/22/2019	154	62	15.9	17.7	8.65	28.7
7/16/2019	127			18.6		29.2
8/21/2019	124					
11/6/2019	109	32	17.7	19.2	8.65	28.2
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5/18/2020	92	43.9	16.5	20.4	7.79	26.4
7/14/2020				20.9		
8/26/2020				20.8		
11/11/2020	65.4	7	17.4	20.8	7.58	27.1
2/3/2021			18.1	16.8		
3/1/2021			18.5			

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# 1 REGULATORY FRAMEWORK

Certain owners or operators of Coal Combustion Residuals (CCR) units are required to complete groundwater monitoring activities to evaluate whether a release from the unit has occurred. Included in the activities is the completion of a statistical analysis of the groundwater quality data as prescribed in § 257.93(h) of the CCR Final Rule. If the initial analysis indicates a statistically significant increase (SSI) over background levels, the owner or operator may perform an alternative source demonstration (ASD). In accordance with § 257.94(e)(2), the owner or operator of the CCR unit may demonstrate that a source other than the CCR unit caused the SSI over background levels for a constituent, or that the SSI resulted from error in sampling, analysis, statistical evaluation, or natural variation in groundwater quality. The owner or operator must complete the written demonstration within 90 days of detecting a SSI over background levels to include obtaining a certification from a qualified professional engineer verifying the accuracy of the information in the report. If a successful demonstration is completed within the 90-day period, the owner or operator of the CCR unit may continue with a detection monitoring program under § 257.94. If a successful demonstration is not completed within the 90-day period, the owner or operator of the CCR unit must initiate an assessment monitoring program as required under § 257.95. The owner or operator must also include the demonstration in the annual groundwater monitoring and corrective action report required by § 257.90(e), in addition to the certification by a qualified professional engineer.

# 2 STATISTICAL RESULTS

Statistical analysis of monitoring data from the groundwater monitoring system for the Fly Ash Impoundment at the Sibley Generating Station has been completed in substantial compliance with the “Statistical Method Certification by A Qualified Professional Engineer” dated October 12, 2017. Detection monitoring groundwater samples were collected on May 24 and 25, 2021. Review and validation of the results from the May 2021 Detection Monitoring Event was completed on July 9, 2021, which constitutes completion and finalization of detection monitoring laboratory analyses. A statistical analysis was then conducted to determine whether there was a statistically significant increase (SSI) over background values for each constituent listed in Appendix III to Part 257-Constituents for Detection Monitoring. Two rounds of verification sampling were conducted for certain constituents on July 6, 2021 and September 2, 2021.

The completed statistical evaluation identified one Appendix III constituent above its prediction limit established for monitoring well MW-804, and one Appendix III constituent above its prediction limit established for monitoring well MW-805.

Constituent/Monitoring Well	*UPL	Observation May 25, 2021	1st Verification July 6, 2021	2nd Verification September 2, 2021
<b>MW-804</b>				
Chloride	19.5	19.5	20.1	19.8
<b>MW-805</b>				
Fluoride	0.2136	0.238	0.220	0.222

\*UPL – Upper Prediction Limit

**Determination: A statistical evaluation was completed for all Appendix III detection monitoring constituents in accordance with the certified statistical method. The statistical evaluation identified two SSIs above the background prediction limits. These included chloride at monitoring well MW-804 and fluoride at monitoring well MW-805.**

### 3 ALTERNATIVE SOURCE DEMONSTRATION

An Alternative Source Demonstration is a means to provide supporting lines of evidence that something other than a release from a regulated CCR unit caused an SSI. For the above-identified SSIs for the Fly Ash Impoundment at the Sibley Generating Station, there are multiple lines of supporting evidence to indicate the above SSIs were not caused by a release from the Fly Ash Impoundment. Select multiple lines of supporting evidence are described as follows.

#### 3.1 BOX AND WHISKERS PLOTS

A commonly accepted method to demonstrate and visualize the distribution of data in a given data set is to construct box and whiskers plots. The basic box plotted graphically locates the median, 25<sup>th</sup> and 75<sup>th</sup> percentiles of the data set; the "whiskers" extend to the minimum and maximum values of the data set. The range between the ends of a box plot represents the Interquartile Range, which can be used as an estimate of spread or variability. The mean is denoted by a "+".

When comparing multiple wells or well groups, box plots for each well can be lined up on the same axis to roughly compare the variability in each well. This may be used as an exploratory screening for the test of homogeneity of variance across multiple wells.

The box and whiskers plot for chloride in monitoring well MW-804 was compared to the concentration of chloride in the other monitoring wells. The box and whiskers plots for chloride from upgradient wells are significantly greater than the concentration in MW-804. The higher concentration of chloride in the upgradient wells demonstrates that a source other than the Fly Ash Impoundment caused the SSI over background levels for chloride, or that the SSI resulted from natural variation in groundwater quality.

The box and whiskers plot for fluoride in monitoring well MW-805 was compared to the concentration of fluoride in the other monitoring wells. The box and whiskers plots for fluoride from upgradient wells are significantly greater than the concentration in MW-805. The higher concentration of fluoride in the upgradient wells demonstrates that a source other than the Fly Ash Impoundment caused the SSI over background levels for fluoride, or that the SSI resulted from error in sampling, analysis, statistical evaluation, or natural variation in groundwater quality.

Box and whisker plots for chloride are provided in **Appendix A**.

#### 3.2 PIPER DIAGRAM PLOTS

Piper diagrams are a form of tri-linear diagram, and a widely accepted method to provide a visual representation of the ion concentration of groundwater. Piper diagrams portray water compositions and facilitate the interpretation and presentation of chemical analyses. They may be used to visually compare the chemical composition of water quality across wells, and aid in determining whether the waters are similar or dis-similar, and can over time indicate whether the waters are mixing.

A piper diagram has two triangular plots on the right and left side of a 4-sided center field. The three major cations are plotted in the left triangle and anions in the right. Each of the three cation/anion variables, in milliequivalents, is divided by the sum of the three values, to produce a percent of total cation/anions. These percentages determine the location of the associated symbol. The data points in the center field

are located by extending the points in the lower triangles to the point of intersection. In order for a piper diagram to be produced, the selected data file must contain the following constituents: Sodium (Na), Potassium (K), Calcium (Ca), Magnesium (Mg), Chloride (Cl), Sulfate (SO<sub>4</sub>), Carbonate (CO<sub>3</sub>), and Bicarbonate (HCO<sub>3</sub>).

A piper diagram was prepared to compare plots for MW-804 and MW-805 to plots for three ash pore water samples (ASD-1, ASD-2, and ASD-3) collected in the Fly Ash Impoundment with a Geoprobe® screen-point 15 groundwater sampler. Sample locations are shown on **Figure 1** in **Appendix B**. Samples were collected on November 8, 2018 for the ash pore water. The analytical results are provided in **Appendix C** along with the piper diagram. The piper diagram plots indicate the groundwater from the wells does not exhibit the same geochemical characteristics as the ash pore water. The groundwater and the ash pore water plot in different areas indicating there are two types of water (groundwater and ash pore water) and that the waters are not mixing. This helps demonstrate that a source other than the Fly Ash Impoundment caused the SSIs over background levels for chloride and fluoride, or that the SSI resulted from error in sampling, analysis, statistical evaluation, or natural variation in groundwater quality.

### 3.3 TIME SERIES PLOTS

Time series plots provide a graphical method to view changes in data at a particular well (monitoring point) or wells over time. Time series plots display the variability in concentration levels over time and can be used to indicate possible outliers or data errors (i.e. “spikes”). More than one well can be compared on the same plot to look for differences between wells. Non-detect data is plotted as censored data at one-half of the laboratory reporting limit. Time series plots can also be used to examine the data for trends.

The times series plot for chloride in monitoring well MW-804 was compared to the time series plot for upgradient wells. The chloride concentration in well MW-804 is consistently lower than that of the upgradient wells. These time series plots demonstrate that a source other than the Fly Ash Impoundment caused the SSI over the background level for chloride or that the SSI resulted from natural variation in groundwater quality.

The times series plot for fluoride in monitoring well MW-805 was compared to the time series plot for upgradient and downgradient wells. The fluoride concentration in well MW-805 was similar to that of upgradient well MW-802 and similar to the other wells. These time series plots demonstrate that a source other than the Fly Ash Impoundment caused the SSI over the background level for fluoride or that the SSI resulted from error in sampling, analysis, statistical evaluation, or natural variation in groundwater quality.

Time series plots for chloride are provided in **Appendix D**.

## 4 CONCLUSION

Our opinion is that a sufficient body of evidence is available and presented above to demonstrate that a source other than the Fly Ash Impoundment caused the SSIs over background levels, or that the SSI resulted from error in sampling, analysis, statistical evaluation, or natural variation in groundwater quality. Based on the successful ASD, the owner or operator of the Fly Ash Impoundment may continue with the detection monitoring program under § 257.94.

## 5 GENERAL COMMENTS

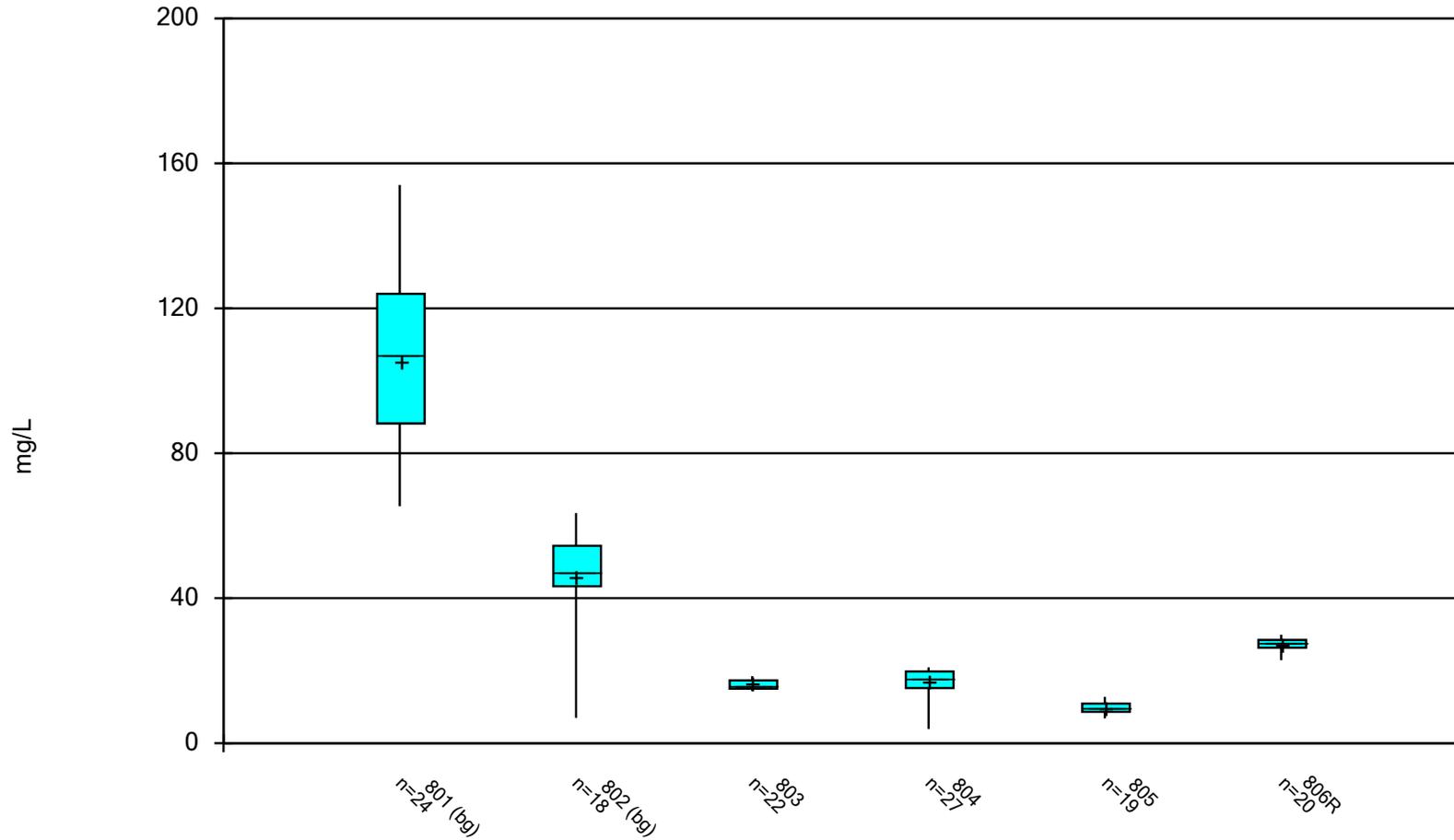
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## **Appendix A**

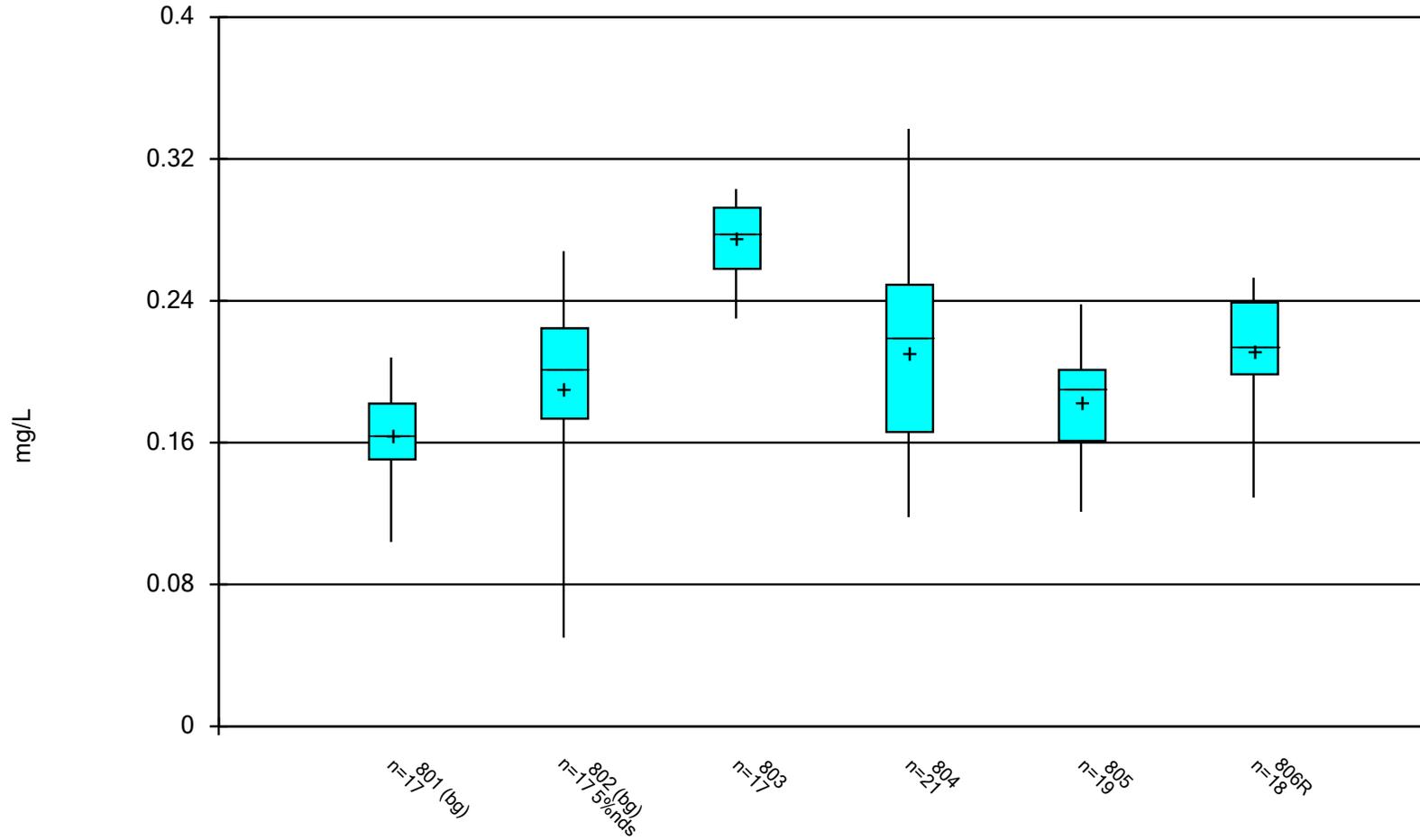
### **Box and Whiskers Plots**

### Box & Whiskers Plot



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Sibley    Client: SCS Engineers    Data: Sibley

### Box & Whiskers Plot



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# Box & Whiskers Plot

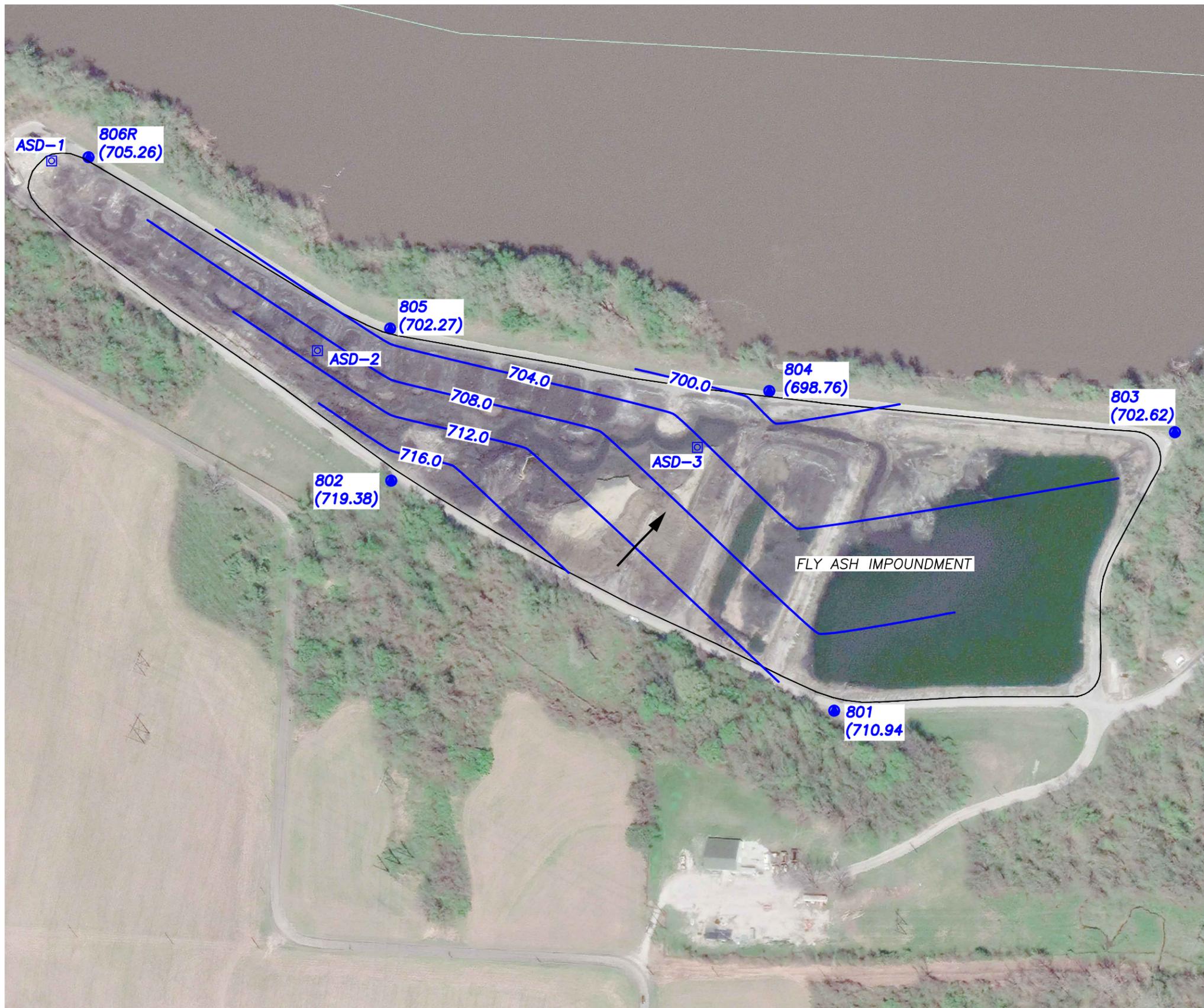
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<u>Constituent</u>	<u>Well</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>Mean</u>	<u>Std. Dev.</u>	<u>Std. Err.</u>	<u>Median</u>	<u>Min.</u>	<u>Max.</u>	<u>%NDs</u>
Chloride (mg/L)	801 (bg)	24	105.3	24.06	4.912	107.5	65.4	154	0
Chloride (mg/L)	802 (bg)	18	45.91	13.41	3.16	47.35	7	63.5	0
Chloride (mg/L)	803	22	16.32	1.168	0.2491	16.2	14.4	18.5	0
Chloride (mg/L)	804	27	17.21	3.45	0.6639	17.6	3.9	20.9	0
Chloride (mg/L)	805	19	9.658	1.641	0.3765	9.85	6.83	12.8	0
Chloride (mg/L)	806R	20	27.21	1.943	0.4344	27.7	22.9	29.9	0
Fluoride (mg/L)	801 (bg)	17	0.1641	0.02568	0.006229	0.165	0.104	0.208	0
Fluoride (mg/L)	802 (bg)	17	0.1907	0.0519	0.01259	0.202	0.05	0.268	5.882
Fluoride (mg/L)	803	17	0.2752	0.02109	0.005114	0.278	0.23	0.303	0
Fluoride (mg/L)	804	21	0.21	0.05728	0.0125	0.219	0.118	0.337	0
Fluoride (mg/L)	805	19	0.1832	0.02984	0.006846	0.191	0.121	0.238	0
Fluoride (mg/L)	806R	18	0.2124	0.03305	0.007791	0.214	0.129	0.253	0

## **Appendix B**

### **Figure 1**

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  - 803 (699.19) GROUNDWATER MONITORING SYSTEM WELL (GROUNDWATER ELEVATION)
  - ASD-2 GEOPROBE PORE WATER SAMPLE LOCATION
  - CCR FLY ASH IMPOUNDMENT UNIT BOUNDARY
  - ← GROUNDWATER FLOW DIRECTION

- NOTES:**
1. HORIZONTAL & VERTICAL DATUM: URS PLANS FOR CONSTRUCTION, KCP&L SIBLEY GENERATING STATION, DESIGN FILE 16530511.00001, DATED JANUARY 2010
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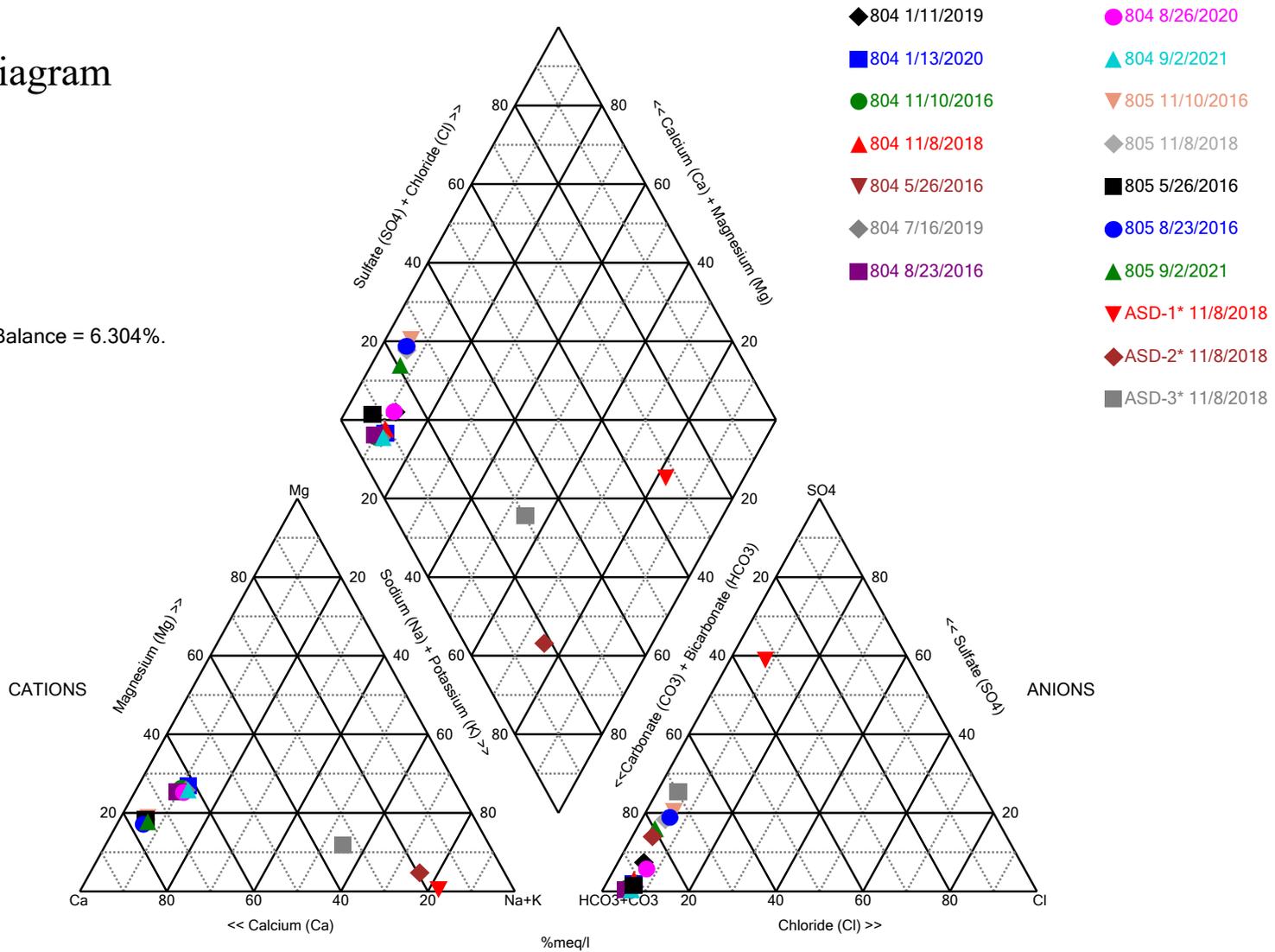
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## **Appendix C**

### **Piper Diagram Plots and Laboratory Results**

# Piper Diagram

Cation-Anion Balance = 6.304%.



Analysis Run 12/10/2021 3:55 PM View: Ash Pond III

Sibley Client: SCS Engineers Data: Sibley

# Piper Diagram

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Totals (ppm)	Na	K	Ca	Mg	Cl	SO4	HCO3	CO3
804 5/26/2016	27.8	5.99	167	39.8	15.5	2.5	596	10
804 8/23/2016	24.9	4.62	157	37	14.4	2.5	551	10
804 11/10/2016	26.2	4.71	155	39	14.2	2.5	525	10
804 11/8/2018	30.1	5.76	158	39.8	18.3	14.1	561	10
804 1/11/2019	26.8	5.58	145	35.7	17.6	31.8	479	10
804 7/16/2019	28.6	6.68	158	39.3	18.6	2.5	545	10
804 1/13/2020	28	6.02	145	37.9	20	9.37	571	10
804 8/26/2020	26.9	5.41	148	35.1	20.8	27.1	491	10
804 9/2/2021	27.2	5.48	139	34.4	19.8	2.5	554	10
805 5/26/2016	8.85	1.14	98.5	14.2	9.85	2.5	251	10
805 8/23/2016	9.1	0.5	105	14.2	10.9	51.7	251	10
805 11/10/2016	9.01	0.5	98.9	15.1	10.9	54.7	238	10
805 11/8/2018	8.85	0.5	97.6	14	9.12	50.1	250	10
805 9/2/2021	8.42	1	88.7	12.3	6.83	41.7	249	10
ASD-1* 11/8/2018	178	38.6	37.1	0.5	29.3	303	10	104
ASD-2* 11/8/2018	497	82.4	124	17	43.8	211	10	795
ASD-3* 11/8/2018	365	42.2	208	43.8	41.5	336	10	592

## **Appendix D**

### **Time Series Plots**



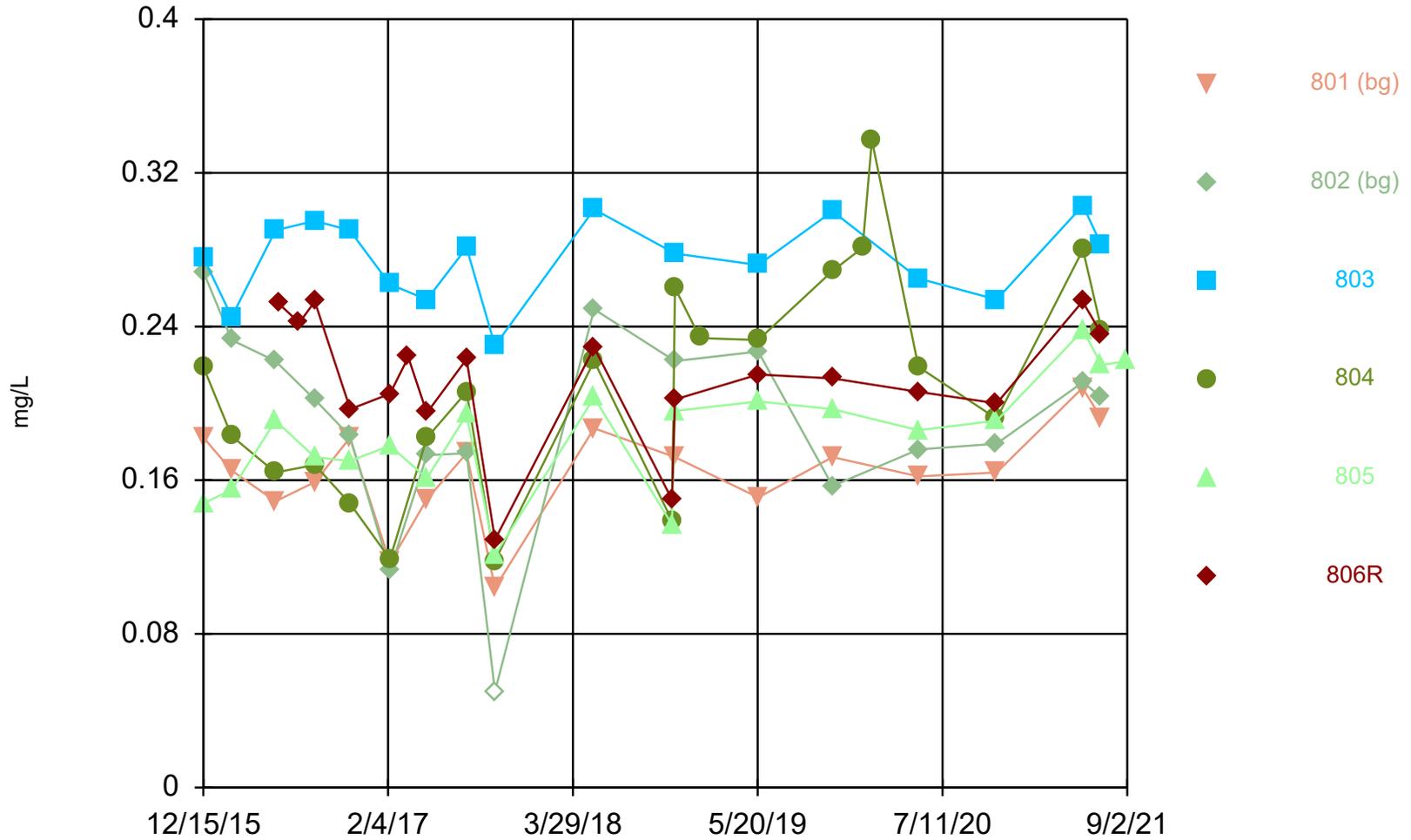
# Time Series

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Sibley Client: SCS Engineers Data: Sibley

	801 (bg)	802 (bg)	803	804	805	806R
12/15/2015			14.9	17.5	9.51	
12/16/2015	73.6	63.5				
2/17/2016	72.4	55	14.8	14.6	9.86	
5/26/2016	88.2	50.5	14.4	15.5	9.85	
6/2/2016						28.6
7/19/2016						28.4
8/23/2016	73.8	46.3	14.9	14.4	10.9	22.9
11/10/2016	88.2	26.6	15	14.2	10.9	
11/11/2016						22.9
2/9/2017	78.6	58.6	15.1	15.2	11.2	24.6
3/22/2017						28.1
5/3/2017	101	53.9	15.9	15	11.5	25.6
8/1/2017	91.8	43.5	16.3	17.1	10.8	27.3
10/4/2017	119	43.1	17.5	15.8	12.8	29.9
11/16/2017	125		16.1	14.7	11.3	
11/17/2017		46.7				26.3
12/28/2017	136					
5/16/2018	117	49.3	15.9	17.5	9.88	27.7
6/27/2018	109					
8/8/2018	106					
9/27/2018				18.9		
11/8/2018				18.3	9.12	27.2
11/15/2018	115	52.3	17.2	3.9	9.45	29
1/11/2019	124	44.2	16	17.6		28.4
3/12/2019	144					
5/22/2019	154	62	15.9	17.7	8.65	28.7
7/16/2019	127			18.6		29.2
8/21/2019	124					
11/6/2019	109	32	17.7	19.2	8.65	28.2
1/13/2020			16.7	20		
5/18/2020	92	43.9	16.5	20.4	7.79	26.4
7/14/2020				20.9		
8/26/2020				20.8		
11/11/2020	65.4	7	17.4	20.8	7.58	27.1
2/3/2021			18.1	16.8		
3/1/2021			18.5			
5/24/2021	92.9					27.7
5/25/2021		48	17.2	19.5	6.93	
7/6/2021			17.1	20.1		
9/2/2021				19.8	6.83	

### Time Series



Constituent: Fluoride Analysis Run 12/10/2021 3:41 PM View: Ash Pond III  
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# Time Series

Constituent: Fluoride (mg/L) Analysis Run 12/10/2021 3:45 PM View: Ash Pond III

Sibley Client: SCS Engineers Data: Sibley

	801 (bg)	802 (bg)	803	804	805	806R
12/15/2015			0.276	0.219	0.148	
12/16/2015	0.182	0.268				
2/17/2016	0.165	0.233	0.245	0.183	0.155	
5/26/2016	0.149	0.222	0.29	0.164	0.191	
6/2/2016						0.252
7/19/2016						0.242
8/23/2016	0.159	0.202	0.295	0.168	0.172	0.253
11/10/2016	0.182	0.183	0.29	0.148	0.17	
11/11/2016						0.197
2/9/2017	0.117	0.113	0.262	0.119	0.178	0.205
3/22/2017						0.224
5/3/2017	0.15	0.173	0.254	0.182	0.161	0.195
8/1/2017	0.174	0.174	0.281	0.206	0.194	0.223
10/4/2017	0.104	<0.1	0.23	0.118	0.121	0.129
5/16/2018	0.187	0.249	0.301	0.222	0.203	0.229
11/8/2018				0.139	0.137	0.15
11/15/2018	0.172	0.222	0.278	0.26	0.196	0.202
1/11/2019				0.234		
5/22/2019	0.151	0.227	0.272	0.233	0.201	0.215
11/6/2019	0.172	0.157	0.3	0.269	0.197	0.213
1/13/2020				0.281		
2/3/2020				0.337		
5/18/2020	0.162	0.176	0.265	0.219	0.186	0.206
11/11/2020	0.164	0.179	0.254	0.192	0.191	0.2
5/24/2021	0.208					0.253
5/25/2021		0.211	0.303	0.28	0.238	
7/6/2021	0.192	0.203	0.282	0.238	0.22	0.236
9/2/2021					0.222	