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Dear Courtney and Dianne,

February 2018 Quarterly Environmental Monitoring – Dunmore Recycling and Waste Disposal Depot, Dunmore, New South Wales.

1.0 Introduction

Environmental monitoring is undertaken on a quarterly basis at the Dunmore Recycling Waste Disposal Depot, Dunmore, NSW (the site), in accordance with Environment Protection Licence (EPL) No. 5984. The monitoring includes sampling groundwater bores, a leachate pond, surface water bodies, a dust gauge and landfill gas at the landfill surface to detect any potential impacts of land filling activities on the environment.

2.0 Scope of works

The February 2018 quarterly monitoring round was undertaken on 13 February 2018. An additional groundwater sample was taken from BH14 on 29 March 2018. During the February 2018 monitoring round, groundwater, surface water, leachate, gas and dust samples were collected in and around the site.

Groundwater samples were collected from 11 monitoring bores (BH1, BH2, BH3, BH4, BH13, BH14, BH15, BH16, BH19, BH20 and BH20s). At BH9 and BH10 only the standing water level (SWL) was measured and no samples were taken. Surface water was collected from the leachate pond (LP1), three on site retention ponds (SWP1, SWP2, and SWP4) and Rocklow Creek at four points (SWC2, SWC_Up, SWC_Down and SWC_Down_2). Sampling was unable to be taken at BH14 on 13 February as there was a root blocking the borehole access at 4.995mBGL. This was revisited and sampled on 29 March 2018. SWP5 retention pond was dry. Sampling locations are shown on Figure 1 (Attachment 1).

A dust gauge bottle was collected to the north of the site (DDG) and a gas walkover of all site buildings and the landfill cap was also undertaken. Landfill gas was measured in the field using an Inspectra Laser Unit (ILU) and a GA5000 Landfill Gas Analyser (GA5000).



3.0 Field measurements

Prior to purging, monitoring bores were measured for SWL. During sampling, field measurements were taken including pH, electrolytic conductivity (EC), oxidation/reduction potential (ORP), dissolved oxygen and temperature. Colour and odour of water samples were also noted. Field measurements recorded for each location are presented in Table 1 (Attachment 2).

All sampling was undertaken in accordance with Environmental Earth Sciences NSW (2011) *Soil, Gas and Groundwater sampling manual*.

4.0 Laboratory analysis

The following analyses were undertaken for site groundwater and surface water during the February 2018 monitoring event:

- groundwater – ionic balance (pH, total dissolved salts (TDS), sodium, calcium, potassium, magnesium, fluoride, chloride, ammonium, sulfate, bicarbonate, phosphate and nitrate), total organic carbon (TOC), biological oxygen demand (BOD), total and soluble iron, and soluble manganese;
- surface water (SWC_Up, SWC_Down and SWC_Down_2) – ionic balance, total and soluble iron, turbidity, nitrate, ammonium and bicarbonate;
- surface water (SWC2) – ammonium, nitrate, bicarbonate and total and soluble iron;
- surface water SWP1, SWP2 and SWP4 – ionic balance, total and soluble iron and turbidity;
- additional analyses for SWP4 – TOC and BOD; and
- leachate pond – ionic balance, TOC, BOD, total and soluble iron, soluble manganese, turbidity, faecal coliforms and *E. Coli*.

Water samples and the dust sample were sent to Sydney Analytical Laboratories (SAL) for inorganic chemical analyses and to Sonic Healthcare for faecal coliforms and *Escherichia coli* (*E. Coli* counts). All three laboratories are NATA accredited for the methods used.

The inorganic laboratory results for groundwater and surface water are shown in Table 2 and Table 3 (Attachment 2). Calculated ratios of principal ions are presented in Table 4 (Attachment 2).

5.0 Results and discussion

5.1 Groundwater flow

Inferred groundwater contours from the February 2018 standing water level (SWL) measurements are illustrated in Figure 2 (Attachment 1). These were calculated using SWLs from surveyed bores. Groundwater flow direction was towards Rocklow Creek in a southerly direction similar to previous monitoring events (Environmental Earth Sciences NSW, 2010, 2011b, 2012b, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017).

Cumulative rainfall for November 2017 (116.4 mm) December 2017 (49.8 mm), January 2018 (56.0 mm) and February 2018¹ (6.2 mm) was 228.4 mm (*BOM – Albion Park Wollongong Airport weather station*). Groundwater levels decreased at all monitoring wells. The average of the measured standing water levels throughout the site has decreased by ~0.13 mAHD from 0.97 mAHD in November 2017 to 0.84 mAHD in February 2018.

5.2 Groundwater

5.2.1 Groundwater sampling locations impacted by leachate

Field and laboratory results from the February 2018 sampling round, specifically from bores BH1c, BH2, BH3, BH4, BH15, BH20 and BH20s displayed chemistry that can be related to leachate impact — BH1c, BH3, BH15, BH20 and BH20s showed stronger leachate indicators with high levels of TDS, potassium, ammonium and nitrate. Leachate interaction is demonstrated by elevated concentrations of non-native potassium (K^+), ammonium (NH_4^+-N) and nitrate (NO_3^-) relative to native sodium (Na^+), calcium (Ca^{2+}) and magnesium (Mg^{2+}). This comparison is known as the leachate to non-leachate (L/N) ratio.

An L/N ratio >10 may be indicative of leachate impact depending on the combination with other indicators such as odour, colour, BOD and bicarbonate whereas a significant impact is likely to correspond with a ratio of >20 (Table 4, Attachment 1).

Bore BH1c is located near the old unlined landfill cell and intercepts leachate within the cell. As such the chemical signature of this bore has historically contained elevated leachate indicators in comparison to other monitoring bores (Schoeller plot BH1 a/b/c, Attachment 3). This continued during the current monitoring event and the groundwater was found to have a light brown colour, and leachate odour noted in combination with elevated TDS (3910 mg/L), K^+ (210 mg/L) [resulting in low Ca/K – 1.21] and NH_4^+-N (380 mg/L) concentrations. The low levels of oxygen (1.44 ppm, Table 1) and presence of soluble Fe^{2+} indicate an anaerobic state and biochemical demand in response to microbial respiration. BOD has fluctuated since the bore was installed, ranging from 830 mg/L to 6 mg/L. BODs have remained at similar levels during August 2016, November 2016, February 2017, May 2017, August 2017, November 2017 and February 2018 rounds and were 8, 7, 7, 6, 6, 6 and 8 mg/L respectively. Further evidence of microbial activity / respiration is elevated HCO_3^- resulting in a low Cl/ HCO_3^- ratio of 0.44 (Table 4). This suggests some degradation of the leachate plume has occurred in this monitoring bore.

Bore BH2 is located down gradient from the old unlined landfill cell. Historically elevated levels of NH_4^+-N indicate some leachate impact at this location. NH_4^+-N concentration at BH2 showed an increasing trend since 2010 and reached its historical maximum in August 2017 and November 2017 (49 mg/L in both months). NH_4^+-N concentration decreased in the February 2018 monitoring round to a level of 35 mg/L. Bicarbonate (HCO_3^-), Na^+ and Mg^{2+} concentrations in groundwater have shown an increasing trend since January 2008 despite slight decreased concentrations in the February 2018 sampling event (Table 2, Schoeller plot BH2, Attachment 3). Chlorine (Cl⁻) and calcium (Ca^{2+}) concentrations slightly decreased whilst potassium (K^+) slightly increased since the last monitoring round (Table 2, Schoeller plot BH2, Attachment 3). This is representative of the small decrease in TDS. Low oxygen and negative redox (Table 2) continue to suggest microbial respiration and therefore degradation of the leachate is occurring at this location. Additionally, a leachate odour was noted.

¹ Up until 13 February 2018 (date of sample event)

Groundwater from bore BH3 reported decreases in concentration of one native ion (Ca^{2+}) as well as one non-native ion (NO_3^-) since last monitoring round. Comparatively, the concentration of Na^+ , Mg^{2+} , K^+ , $\text{NH}_4^+\text{-N}$, Cl^- , SO_4^{2-} and HCO_3^- increased. The L/N ratio (40.30%) has decreased since the November 2017 monitoring round (54.41%). However, due to the low TDS (<1000 mg/L) the L/N ratio must be used with some caution. Long term trends (since 1992) show that K^+ concentrations generally had an increasing trend from February 2011 until November 2015, the levels have then returned to historical levels by August 2016. Nitrogen species (NO_3^- , NO_2^- and $\text{NH}_4^+\text{-N}$) have remained within historical levels. It was reported and verified during the drilling of BH3 that old unconfined waste dumps were in the vicinity of bore BH3 (outside the designated cells near bore BH2). This waste is likely to have an impact on the results.

The L/N ratio at bore BH4 showed an increase in the February 2018 round (12.54%) — in November 2017 monitoring round the L/N ratio was 7.93% at this location. The L/N ratio at this location has not exceeded 10% since February 2003 and this trend should be examined in following monitoring rounds. Increased concentrations of non-native ions $\text{NH}_4^+\text{-N}$ and K^+ and relatively stable concentrations of native ions Na^+ , Ca^{2+} and Mg^{2+} can be attributed to the increase in L/N ratio however this value should be used carefully due to low TDS <1000 mg/L. Bore BH4 is placed on the border of an historic shallow landfill site and down gradient of landfilling activities and should be continually monitored to determine water quality in this area.

Bore BH15 displayed a decrease in L/N ratio however the value remains high at 81.45%. The decrease can be attributed to the decreased levels of K^+ and NO_3^- concentrations and the increase in Na^+ , Ca^{2+} and Mg^{2+} concentrations. The K^+ /TDS ratio of 15.82% was high when compared to non-leachate influenced sites generally with K^+ /TDS < 3 (Schoeller plot BH15, Attachment 1). Ammonium ($\text{NH}_4^+\text{-N}$) is elevated at 135 mg/L, compared to other non-impacted locations at the site, which is consistent with previous monitoring rounds. Field observations of a negative redox (negative ORP) and low dissolved oxygen are indicative of a reducing environment. This reducing environment promotes the elevated levels of soluble Mn^{2+} (0.52 mg/L) and Fe^{2+} (18 mg/L). Additionally, bore BH15 is located within a swampy environment where microbiological activity drives reducing reactions that can result in naturally high levels of leachate indicators such as organic carbon and HCO_3^- . Furthermore, bore BH15 is located near a drainage line within the groundwater bearing zone <0.5 m below the ground surface. Groundwater therefore has the potential to be influenced from local onsite and offsite works and surface water.

Bore BH20 is located down gradient of the landfill, leachate ponds and shallow old landfill. This bore was positioned to assess the chemical characteristics on the boundary of the landfill site. Field observations at bore BH20 recorded a negative redox (-140 mV) with a clear colour of the groundwater and H_2S odour. The L/N ratio (22.51%) in the February 2018 round increased compared with the last monitoring round (16.60%). K^+ showed a slight increase from 29 mg/L (November 2017) to 31 mg/L (February 2018). The TDS remained relatively low (785 mg/L) making the L/N susceptible to natural variations or fluctuations in chemistry. Chemical characteristics of the bore show groundwater is low in Na^+ , with a moderate Ca/K and K/TDS ratio (Table 4). Ammonium levels remained elevated at 16 mg/L however other landfill indicators were low or absent.

Bore BH20s is located directly adjacent to BH20 but at a shallower depth – *screened intervals of BH20 and BH20s are 6.0-9.0 mBGL and 1.5-4.5 mBGL respectively*. Similarly, this bore was positioned to compare the chemical characteristics on the boundary of the landfill site in order to locate potential transport pathways to Rocklow Creek. In February 2018, field observations at bore BH20s recorded a negative redox (-24 mV), clear colour of the groundwater and an odour was detected. The L/N ratio (60.85 %) continued to indicate

potentially high leachate impact at this site. However, TDS is relatively low (790 mg/L) making the L/N susceptible to natural variations or fluctuations in chemistry. Chemical characteristics of the bore show groundwater was low in Na^+ , with a moderate Ca/K and K/TDS ratio (Table 4). Ammonium levels (1.3 mg/L) have increased since November 2017 but remain lower than those seen at the deeper BH20 bore. Nitrate levels have decreased significantly in February 2018 to 3.1 mg/L from 42 mg/L in November 2017. It was previously thought that high nitrate levels in this shallower bore location was indicative of nitrification throughout the soil profile. Continued monitoring at this location will be necessary to determine potential transport pathways to Rocklow Creek.

5.2.2 Remaining groundwater sampling locations

During the February 2018 monitoring round, ionic chemistry indicated that bores BH13, BH16 and BH19 only displayed slight to no leachate influence. Chemical composition of each of these bores has been depicted in Schoeller plots in Attachment 3.

Bore BH13 is located in close proximity to a former night soil area (Figure 1). A slight residual leachate influence has been apparent at this location in the past. Analysis of chemical data from the February 2018 monitoring round shows a slight increase of L/N ratio (7.65%) compared to the November 2017 round (7.56%). TDS levels decreased slightly from November 2017 to February 2018 sampling events. The chemical composition of the groundwater has remained consistent since monitoring began in 2002 (Schoeller plot BH13, Attachment 3).

The L/N ratio at bore BH14 showed a decrease in the February 2018 round (5.61%) — in November 2017 monitoring round the L/N ratio was 19.74% at this location. Concentrations of K^+ were lower in the February 2018 monitoring period compared to November 2017 levels (Schoeller plot BH14, Attachment 3). $\text{NH}_4^+\text{-N}$ concentration increased slightly to 0.70 mg/L from 0.60 mg/L in November 2017. This increase in the non-native ions was offset by a steep reduction in NO_3^- which dropped by two orders of magnitude – from 30.00 mg/L in November 2017 to 0.13 mg/L in February 2018 monitoring period. Bore BH14 is strategically placed down gradient of landfilling activities and should be continually monitored to determine the water quality in this area given its history of leachate impact.

Bore BH16 is located in a swampy area with groundwater field observations recording a brown/black colour and a sulfuric odour. The sampled redox potential indicates a reducing environment (-145 mV), which may have an influence in the dominance of $\text{NH}_4^+\text{-N}$ over NO_3^- . Groundwater sampling in February 2018 indicated limited to no leachate impact at BH16 which was represented by the L/N ratio of 8.56% and a decrease in K/TDS ratio 5.89% in November 2017 to 2.84% in February 2018. The lower L/N ratio can be attributed to the significant increase in concentrations of the native ion Na^+ and the decrease in concentrations of two non-native ions (K^+ and $\text{NH}_4^+\text{-N}$). Bores BH15 and BH16 are located close to a drainage channel where offsite impacts can readily influence the chemical characteristics of the shallow groundwater and should continue to be monitored for fluctuations.

Bore BH19 is located on the south west boundary of the site. Field observations included a negative ORP and a milky colouring to the groundwater. The chemical characteristics of the groundwater support no or limited leachate influence with an L/N ratio of 6.85 % and a high Ca/K ratio. Bore BH19 is down gradient of current sand dredging activities and unlined landfill cells. Ammonium ($\text{NH}_4\text{-N}$) at this location (6.6 mg/L) exceeds the ANZECC (2000) trigger levels. Bore BH19 is positioned to detect any potential leachate migration to the south west of site and will continue to be monitored.

NH₄-N concentrations above threshold levels were reported in groundwater across all but two of the sampled bores across the site with bores BH1c (380 mg/L), BH2 (35 mg/L), BH3 (44 mg/L), BH4 (8.9 mg/L), BH13 (2.6 mg/L), BH15 (135 mg/L), BH19 (6.6 mg/L) and BH20 (16 mg/L). Nitrate (NO₃⁻) was reported above guideline thresholds (ANZECC 2000) at BH3 (23 mg/L).

5.3 Surface water monitoring

During the February 2018 monitoring round, samples from Rocklow Creek (SWC2, SWC_Up, SWC_Down and SWC_Down_2) and three surface water ponds (SWP1, SWP2, and SWP4) were collected. Results of surface water analysis (Table 2 and Table 3) indicate that concentrations of ions were towards the upper limit of the historical range at sampling locations in Rocklow Creek and within the historical range at the three surface water ponds. SWC_Down_2 was sampled for the second time in February 2018 and hence does not have sufficient historical data to provide an informed comparison. As these ponds are intended to retain any surface water migrating towards Rocklow Creek, the detection of chemical constituents that may be associated with landfill leachate are expected.

Ammonium levels detected at SWP1 were 2.50 mg/L, higher than levels recorded in previous monitoring rounds since November 2011 and above ANZECC 2000 trigger values. This may suggest minor leachate impact. Elevated concentrations of soluble iron and a negative redox potential in the February 2018 sampling event were indicative of a reducing environment which may have contributed to low levels of dissolved oxygen and the production of ammonium.

Surface water sampled at SWP2 showed little to no leachate impact. The surface water pond collects runoff from around the site and potential impacts from site activities are often observed. Ammonium concentration increased slightly to 0.20 mg/L during this sampling round compared to November 2017 round (0.10 mg/L). Nitrate (NO₃⁻) levels (0.18 mg/L) decreased to below the ANZECC 2000 trigger value that was exceeded in the November 2017 monitoring round. Fluctuating nitrate is common at this location with previous monitoring events fluctuating between 0.01 and 30 mg/L. All chemical parameters at this location are within historical ranges.

SWP4 displayed ammonium (NH₄⁺-N) levels of 1.5 mg/L which is below the defined trigger value. Nitrate (NO₃⁻) levels decreased slightly to 12 mg/L which is still above the trigger value established by the ANZECC 2000 guidelines. These values are indicative of the occurrence of the natural process of nitrification by which NH₄-N naturally attenuates. All chemical parameters at this location are within historical ranges. Both SWP4 and SWP2 should continue to be monitored for any fluctuations in chemical composition indicating a more prominent leachate impact.

The four surface water creek sites SWC2, SWC_Up, SWC_Down and SWC_Down_2 were also sampled during the February 2018 sampling event. SWC_Up, SWC_Down and SWC_Down_2 are up-and-down-gradient of SWC2 and help assess leachate impacts within Rocklow Creek. SWC_Down_2 is still a relatively new sampling location which was established in order to detect potential leachate impacts to Rocklow Creek originated from the eastern portion of the site (Environmental Earth Sciences NSW 2017). SWC_Up, SWC_Down and SWC_Down_2 had high concentrations of TDS, notably Na⁺ and Cl⁻ (Table 2); this is due to the tidal nature of these waters and differentiates them from landfill groundwater / surface water.

The low nutrient and L/N ratios within Rocklow Creek indicated that there was no leachate impact within Rocklow Creek. All surface water creek sampling sites (SWC2, SWC_Up,

SWC_Down and SWC_Down_2) had low concentrations of $\text{NH}_4^+\text{-N}$ (<0.6 mg/L) and NO_3^- (<0.1 mg/L). All four sites will continue to be monitored to ensure leachate is not impacting upon the Rocklow Creek.

5.4 Monitoring of Leachate Tanks

The chemistry of leachate water at the Dunmore Recycling and Waste Disposal Depot is significantly different when compared to the surface and groundwater chemistry of non-leachate influenced bores. This is demonstrated through comparison of chemical data for groundwater from the various bores and the leachate pond presented in Table 2. In particular TDS, BOD, TOC, Na^+ , $\text{NH}_4^+\text{-N}$, K^+ , HCO_3^- , PO_4 and total iron concentrations are generally elevated in leachate pond water compared to other monitoring bores (Schoeller Plot Leachate, Attachment 3). Ionic ratios (Table 4) such as low Ca/K (1.00) and high Na/Ca and L/N ratios represent landfill leachate chemical characteristics. These chemical characteristics have been relatively stable over the past 10 years of monitoring.

Laboratory analysis detected *faecal coliforms* and *E. Coli* during this round with concentrations of <20 CFU/100 ml for both, which is a significant decrease from the previous monitoring round (Table 3). Fluctuation in these concentrations in leachate tanks are common and thus dermal contact with these waters should continue to be avoided due to historic levels of elevated concentrations and the corresponding health concerns relating to high microbial counts.

5.5 Quality assurance/quality control

For quality assurance and quality control the following precision and reliability measures were calculated. The charge balance difference between the summed total of anions against cations (milli-equivalent units) was in the range of 0.19% to 1.99%. The results are a good indication that all major cations and anions present in the groundwater have been analysed and accounted for, providing confidence in the laboratory results obtained.

Field and laboratory practices were further evaluated by comparing the difference between field and laboratory pH and field measured electrical conductivity (EC) against laboratory total dissolved salts (TDS). The range of most relative percent difference (RPD) of field to laboratory pH measurements was between 0.13% and 7.40% (RPD < 10%). The relationship between the field determined EC and laboratory measured TDS relationship ranged between 0.50 and 1.06. The majority of data is within the TDS/EC typical range of 0.5 to 0.9 and is consistent with historical levels on site (except for BH19 which yielded a TDS/EC ratio of 1.06).

RPDs between the intra-laboratory duplicate and the primary sample taken at bore BH13 were all within the acceptable RPD criteria. Thus, the data is considered reliable (Table 6).

5.6 Gas monitoring

Landfill gas was measured in the field using a Flame Ionization Detector (FID) and a GA5000 Landfill Gas Monitor (GA5000). Measurements were taken within and around all buildings in a 250 m radius from the current landfill cell as well as across the landfill cap (gas walkover grids of February 2018 round are presented in Figure 3).

All readings were below the site specific criteria outlined in the EPL as the NSW EPA (1996) reporting threshold of 1.25 % v/v CH_4 within onsite buildings and therefore pose no direct risk. Readings were below the threshold concentration for closer investigation and potential

action (500 ppm or 0.05 % v/v, NSW EPA [1996], Table 5). No landfill gas was detected with the GA5000. Continued monitoring with both the GA5000 and ILU will be undertaken at quarterly monitoring events.

5.7 Dust

Dust deposition levels to the north of the site were 0.2 g/m²/month total solids, which is below the accepted level of 4 g/m²/month (Australian Standards AS3580.10.1 and AS2724.1). Dust deposition levels to the north of site are within historical ranges and will continue to be monitored to assess the closest sensitive receptor, houses located to the north-west of site.

6.0 Conclusion and recommendations

Groundwater behaviour across the site since the commencement of quarterly monitoring in 1992 has been generally consistent. As the plume beneath the site is generally stable, changes in leachate behaviour into the future are not expected to be significant. Changes to site conditions such as stockpile locations, new landfill cells, new retention ponds and other earth works could potentially impact leachate behaviour on site.

Assessment of monitoring bores BH20 and BH20s has detected the presence of leachate indicators despite the nearby surface water sampling locations SWC-Up, SWC-Down and SWC_Down_2 (Rocklow Creek), which displayed results indicating background characteristics. This indicates the occurrence of nitrogen uptake by trees and mangroves in the area between BH20 and Rocklow Creek, protecting the creek from a potential nitrogen impact by eliminating the pathway. The process of adsorption is also thought to have a role in stabilising the nitrogen plume at this location. Although the historical data sets of these new locations are relatively limited, it can be said it is likely that on site activities are not significantly impacting Rocklow Creek.

Leachate impacted groundwater may potentially be influencing water quality at bore BH15. It is important to note that bores BH15 and the adjacent BH16 are located in or near swampy environments or near heavily vegetated areas. Heavily wooded areas to the south can also have a natural attenuation effect on leachate impacted water. Natural attenuation and lower hydraulic gradients in the downstream of BH15 and BH16 are expected to inhibit its rate of migration and should continue to limit its extent of impact on Rocklow Creek. SWC_Down_2 should continue to be sampled to monitor any potential migration from this area to Rocklow Creek.

Surface water monitoring indicated that on site activities have had limited impact on water quality at locations SWP1, SWP2, SWP4 and SWP5. Assessment of Rocklow Creek sampling locations (SWC2, SWC-Up, SWC-Down and SWC_Down_2) reported no concentrations of NH₄-N and NO₃⁻ above the ANZECC (2000) trigger value for 95% protection of freshwater ecosystems.

Gas concentrations detected at all buildings assessed on site were below guidelines and no action was required to be taken. Gas concentrations on the landfill cap were also within the guidelines. It is recommended monitoring with an Inspectra Laser Unit and GA5000 continue in proximity to the buildings with special attention to the landfill cap due to exceedances in May 2017.

Depositional dust monitoring results continued to be below guidelines (Australian Standards AS3580.10.1 and AS2724.1) and will continue to be monitored to assess the impact if any dust poses on nearby residential areas.

7.0 Limitations

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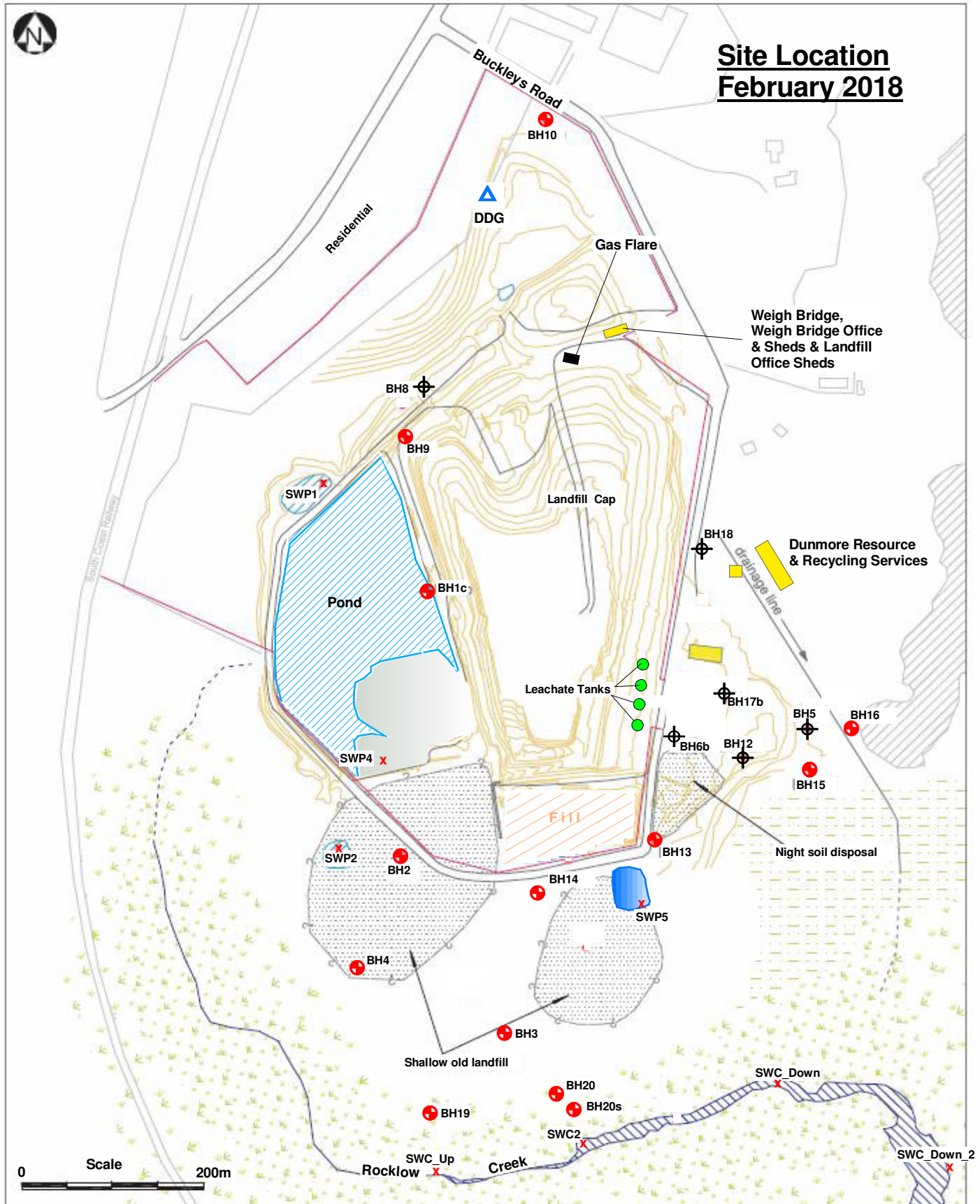
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ATTACHMENT 1 FIGURES

Site Location February 2018



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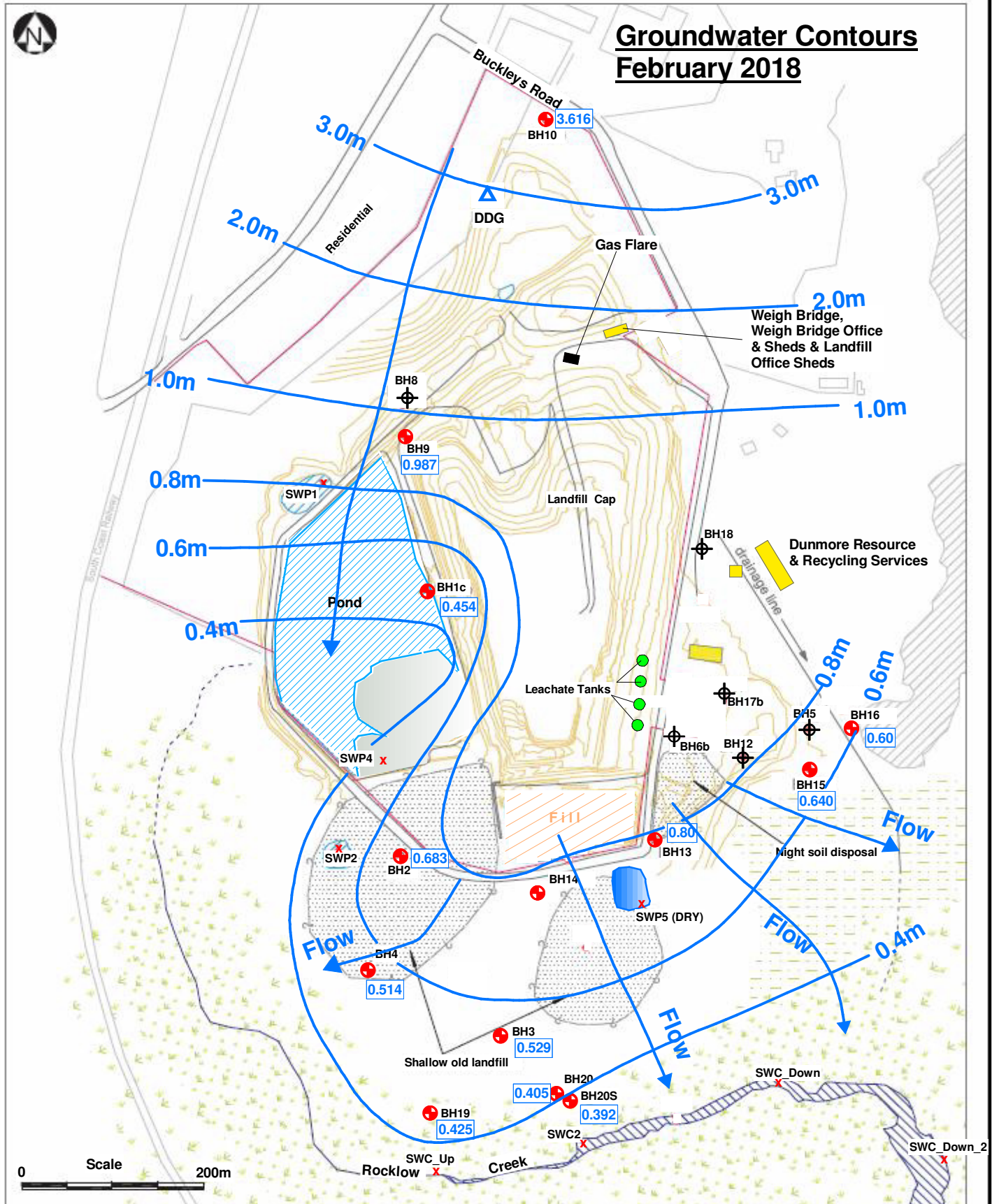
- Bore locations
- x Surface water locations
- ▲ DDG Dust gauge location
- Water
- Buildings
- + Decommissioned bores

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Client: Shellharbour City Council	Job number: 112096v	
Drawn by: TRJ	Scale: As shown	Figure 1
Proj Man: MN	Date: February 2018	

Note: Based on aerial photo dated 1 Sept. 2010



Groundwater Contours February 2018



Legend:

- Bore locations
- x Surface water locations
- DDG Dust gauge location
- Inferred groundwater contour (m AHD)
- Standing water levels
- Flow direction
- Water
- Buildings
- Decommissioned bores

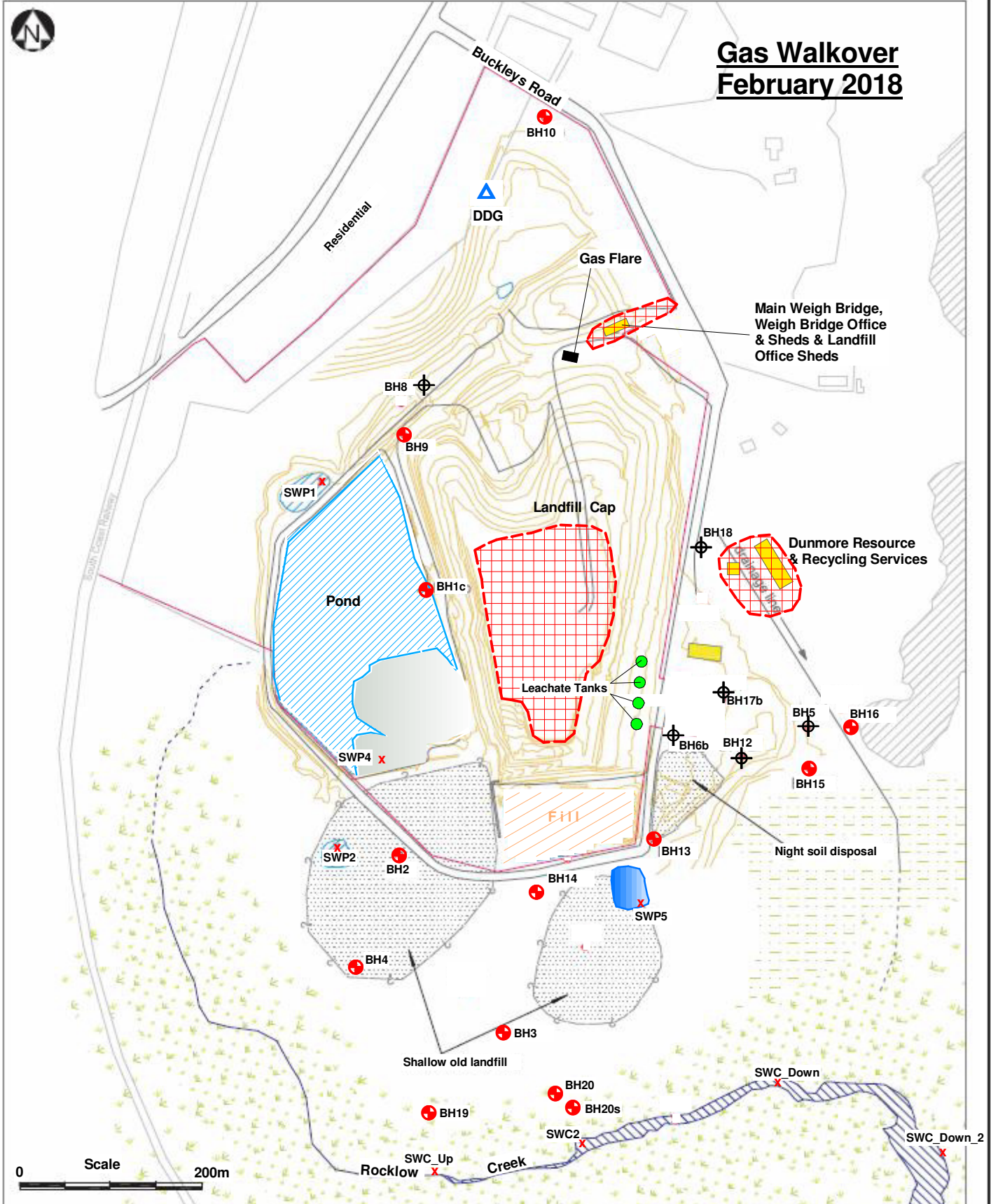


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Gas Walkover February 2018

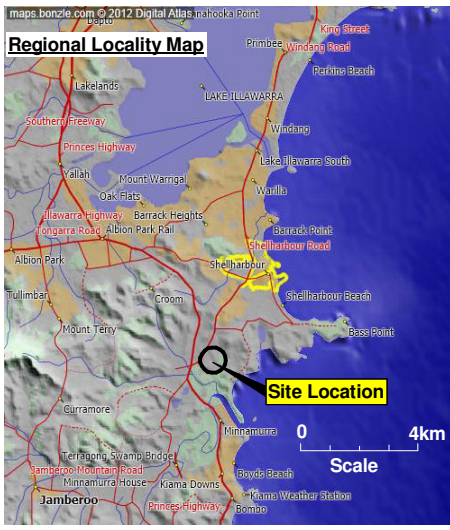


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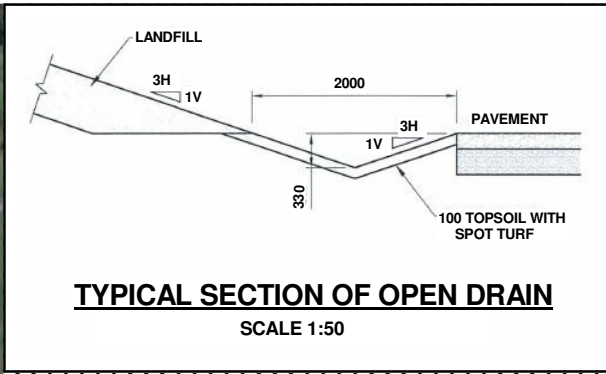
- Bore locations
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- Gas walkover
- Water
- Buildings
- Decommissioned bores

Note: Based on aerial photo dated 1 Sept. 2010

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	Location: Buckleys Road, Dunmore, NSW
Client: Shellharbour City Council	Job number: 112096u
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Figure 3	



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Legend:

- licence boundary
- drainage layout
- - approx. stormwater flow direction
- levee bank
- approx. stormwater diversion drain

Reference: Google Earth Pro digital image 5/6/2017.

ENVIRONMENTAL EARTH SCIENCES CONTAMINATION RESOLVED		Title: Surface Water Runoff
		Location: Dunmore Recycling & Waste Disposal Depot, Shellharbour
Client: Shellharbour City Council	Job number: 112096v	
Drawn by: TRJ	Scale: As shown	Source: See Ref.
Proj Man: LV	Date: February 2018	Figure: 4

ATTACHMENT 2 TABLES

TABLE 1 FIELD MEASUREMENTS – FEBRUARY 2018

Sample	SWL	SWL	pH	EC	ORP	Temp.	DO	Colour	Odour
Units	mAHD	Dip (m)	-	mS/cm	mV	°C	ppm	-	-
BH1c	0.454	3.5	7.05	6.34	-99	28.1	1.44	Light brown	Leachate
BH2	0.683	4.109	7.14	2.746	-111	23.3	1.22	Clear	Leachate
BH3	0.529	3.235	7.5	1.883	-111	20.4	2.9	Clear with black floaties	None
BH4	0.514	4.505	7.11	1.513	-98	21	0.23	Clear	None
BH9	0.987	3.398	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
BH10	3.616	1.175	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
BH13	0.8	4.495	7.13	1.715	-64	22.6	0.63	Clear	None
BH14	0.765	4.95	6.57	2.124	7	21.9	0.47	Clear	None
BH15	0.64	0.77	6.72	7.79	-79	23.1	0.97	Light brown	Yes
BH16	0.6	0.78	6.69	3.71	-151	21	1.84	Light brown	Yes
BH19	0.425	4.765	7.14	0.917	-66	20.7	0.22	Milky	None
BH20	0.405	2.365	7.55	1.455	-140	20.7	0.05	Clear	H2S
BH20s	0.392	2.378	7.49	1.158	-24	21.5	0.07	Clear	Yes
LP1	-	-	7.63	11.84	146	26.4	1.23	Black	Leachate
SWC2	-	-	7.17	52.4	-16	24.5	2.89	Clear	None
SWC-Up	-	-	7.34	52.3	-16	24.7	2.94	Murky	Yes
SWC-Down	-	-	7.66	52.8	34	24.4	3.81	Clear	None
SWC_DOWN_2	-	-	7.64	53.1	40	24.2	3.78	Clear	None
SWP1	-	-	7.43	0.911	-85	23.5	0.84	Dark brown	Decomposing
SWP2	-	-	7.6	2.212	-240	25.1	0.3	Clear/Light brown	None
SWP4	-	-	8.53	2.192	-45	28.2	7.66	Light brown/Clear	None

Notes:

1. SWL Standing Water Level, measured to the top of the monument or casing; RL – reference level;
2. - not measured;
3. N/A = Not applicable
4. DO = dissolved oxygen;
5. ORP = electron activity; and
6. EC= electrolytic conductivity

TABLE 2 WATER LABORATORY RESULTS – FEBRUARY 2018

Sample	pH	TDS mg/L	Na mg/L	Ca mg/L	K mg/L	Mg mg/L	NH ₄ -N mg/L	Cl mg/L	F mg/L	NO ₃ mg/L	NO ₂ mg/L	SO ₄ mg/L	HCO ₃ mg/L	PO ₄ mg/L	TOC mg/L	BOD mg/L	Sol. Mn mg/L	Sol. Fe mg/L	Tot. Fe mg/L
BH1c	7.2	3910	665	130	210	100	380	805	0.1	0.1	-	14	3170	0.92	195	8	0.09	3.2	15
BH2	7.2	1730	300	195	49	69	35	430	0.1	0.62	-	160	985	0.1	60	2	0.44	4.1	13
BH3	7.3	950	110	125	39	28	44	230	0.1	23	-	83	530	0.1	19	4	0.22	0.08	7.4
BH4	7.2	810	95	145	25	32	8.9	155	0.1	0.1	0.1	110	510	0.1	19	2	0.17	0.75	4.6
BH13	7.2	1060	110	215	25	42	2.6	135	0.1	0.49	-	170	730	0.1	23	2	0.27	0.26	2
BH14	6.9	1390	100	320	26	58	0.7	250	0.14	0.13	-	120	975	0.28	38	2	0.25	0.06	1.8
BH15	6.8	4520	740	215	715	89	135	1920	0.1	0.1	0.26	245	1110	1.1	200	2	0.52	18	25
BH16	6.8	2150	580	105	61	50	1.8	1070	0.1	0.1	-	145	160	0.18	28	2	0.08	0.37	5.1
BH19	7.3	970	88	190	15	39	6.6	180	0.1	0.1	-	170	520	0.1	16	2	0.08	0.13	68
BH20	7.5	785	66	125	35	36	16	155	0.1	0.1	-	210	320	0.28	24	2	0.08	0.03	1.8
BH20s	7.5	790	50	100	110	38	1.3	55	0.1	3.1	-	190	460	0.1	20	2	0.07	0.12	7.1
LP1	7.8	7080	1190	200	390	110	810	1530	0.19	1.2	-	120	5600	19	800	240	0.43	1.5	100
SWP1	6.9	595	115	60	18	24	2.5	100	0.1	0.1	-	15	480	0.1	-	-	-	4.5	110
SWP2	7.8	1290	275	100	32	56	0.2	325	0.1	0.18	-	195	545	0.1	-	-	-	0.12	0.18
SWP4	8.3	1340	340	61	27	57	1.5	360	0.13	12	-	280	380	0.1	34	2	-	0.02	0.12
SWC-UP	7.2	36600	10900	440	460	1170	0.2	20200	0.19	0.1	-	2530	380	0.1	-	-	-	0.04	0.25
SWC-DOWN	7.3	36200	11100	425	455	1170	0.1	20000	0.2	0.1	-	2450	185	0.1	-	-	-	0.07	0.18
SWC_DOWN_2	7.2	35900	10800	440	470	1220	0.1	19200	0.18	0.1	-	2560	245	0.1	-	-	-	0.1	0.17
ANZECC 2000	6.5-8.0	-	-	-	-	-	1.88*	-	-	10.6 [#]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.3	-

Notes:

1. results and guidelines are expressed in mg/L
2. SWC_Do – SWC_Down;
3. - not analysed;
4. guidelines levels from ANZECC (2000) – *Australian and New Zealand guidelines for fresh and marine water quality for the protection of aquatic ecosystems*;
5. * - guideline from freshwater trigger values as total NH₄-N at different pH values - Table 8.3.7 of ANZECC (2000) - based on average laboratory pH of 7.3 from pH values presented above;
6. # - # - based on the recalculated trigger value for freshwater, Hickey 2013; and
7. values above the guidelines are **bolded**.

TABLE 3 SURFACE WATER RESULTS – FEBRUARY 2018

Sample	NH ₄ -N	HCO ₃	Sol. Fe	Tot Fe	FCs	E. Coli
Units	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	CFU/100ml	CFU/100ml
LP1	810	5600	1.5	100	<20	<20
SWC2	0.3	255	0.06	0.21	-	-
SWC-UP	0.2	380	0.04	0.25	-	-
SWC-Down	0.1	185	0.07	0.18	-	-
SWC_DOWN_2	0.1	245	0.1	0.17	-	-
SWP1	2.5	480	4.5	110	-	-
SWP2	0.2	545	0.12	0.18	-	-
SWP4	1.5	380	0.02	0.12	-	-
ANZECC 2000	1.88*	-	0.3 [#]	-	-	-

Notes:

1. - = not analysed;
2. FCs = faecal coliforms;
3. E. Coli = Escherichia coli;
4. guidelines levels from ANZECC (2000) – Australian and New Zealand guidelines for fresh and marine water quality for the protection of aquatic ecosystems;
5. * = guideline from marine trigger values as total NH₄-N at different pH values - Table 8.3.7 of ANZECC (2000) - Table 8.3.7 of ANZECC (2000) - based on average laboratory pH of 7.3 from pH values presented in Table 1;
6. # = interim indicative working level presented in section 8.3.7 of ANZECC 2000 (based on Canadian derived guidelines); and
7. values above the guidelines are **bolded**.

TABLE 4 RATIOS OF PRINCIPAL IONS – FEBRUARY 2018

Bore	Na/Cl	Na/Ca	Mg/Ca	Ca/K	Cl/SO₄	Cl/HCO₃	K/TDS (%)	L/N (%)
BH1c	1.27	4.46	1.27	1.21	77.91	0.44	5.37	65.93
BH2	1.08	1.34	0.58	7.76	3.64	0.75	2.83	15.00
BH3	0.74	0.77	0.37	6.25	3.75	0.75	4.11	40.30
BH4	0.95	0.57	0.36	11.31	1.91	0.52	3.09	12.54
BH13	1.26	0.45	0.32	16.78	1.08	0.32	2.36	7.65
BH14	0.62	0.27	0.30	24.01	2.82	0.44	1.87	5.61
BH15	0.59	3.00	0.68	0.59	10.62	2.98	15.82	81.45
BH16	0.84	4.82	0.79	3.36	10.00	11.51	2.84	8.56
BH19	0.75	0.40	0.34	24.71	1.43	0.60	1.55	6.85
BH20	0.66	0.46	0.47	6.97	1.00	0.83	4.46	22.51
BH20s	1.40	0.44	0.63	1.77	0.39	0.21	13.92	60.85
LP1	1.20	5.19	0.91	1.00	17.28	0.47	5.51	80.08
SWP1	1.77	1.67	0.66	6.50	9.03	0.36	3.03	10.35
SWP2	1.30	2.40	0.92	6.10	2.26	1.03	2.48	7.51
SWP4	1.46	4.86	1.54	4.41	1.74	1.63	2.01	8.84
SWC-UP	0.83	21.60	4.39	1.87	10.82	91.49	1.26	3.68
SWC-DOWN	0.86	22.77	4.54	1.82	11.06	186.07	1.26	3.59
SWC_DOWN_2	0.87	21.40	4.57	1.83	10.16	134.88	1.31	3.77

Notes:

1. % indicates ratios are presented in percentage in that column; and
2. L/N = leachate/non-leachate ratio ; $[(K + NH_4 + NO_3 + NO_2)/(Ca + Mg + Na)] \times 100$.

TABLE 5 SUMMARY OF GAS ANALYSIS – FEBRUARY 2018

Location	GA 5000 V/V%	ILU V/V%
Landfill cap	0	0.00001
Main weigh bridge, weigh bridge office and landfill office sheds	0	0.0001
Dunmore Resource & Recycling Services	0	0.00036
GUIDELINES	1.25 % v/v / 0.05 % v/v	1.25 % v/v / 0.05 % v/v

Notes:

1. results and guidelines are expressed in V/V %;
2. Guidelines are as per the NSW EPA (1996) reporting accumulation value of 1.25 % v/v CH₄; and surface emission trigger value (500 ppm or 0.05 % v/v); and
3. values above the guidelines are **bolded**.

TABLE 6 QA/QC – FEBRUARY 2018

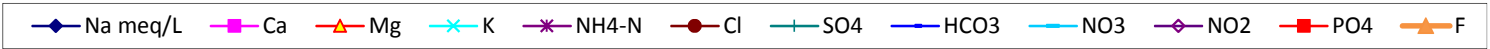
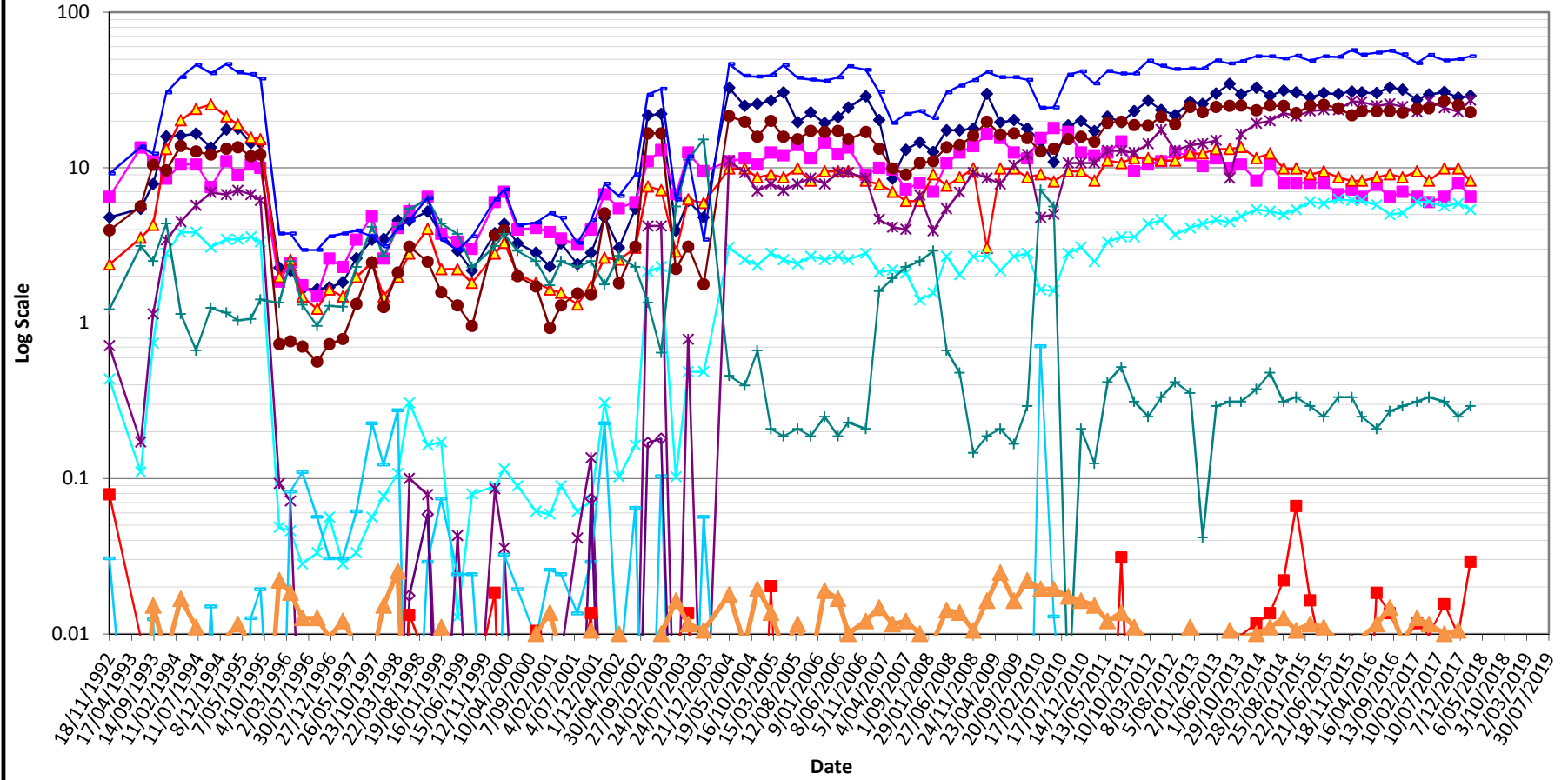
Analytes	BH13	FD1	RPD(%)
pH	7.20	7.20	0.00
TDS	1060	1070	0.94
Na+	110	100	9.52
Ca++	215	210	2.35
Mg++	42	40	4.88
K+	25	23	8.33
NH4-N	2.6	2.7	3.77
Cl-	135	145	7.14
SO4--	170	160	6.06
HCO3-	730	715	2.08
NO3-	0.05	0.05	0.00
PO4---	0.1	0.1	0.00
F-	0.1	0.1	0.00
BOD	1	1	0.00
Fe.D	0.26	0.22	16.67
Fe.T	2	2.2	9.52
Mn.D	0.27	0.28	3.64
TOC	23	23	0.00

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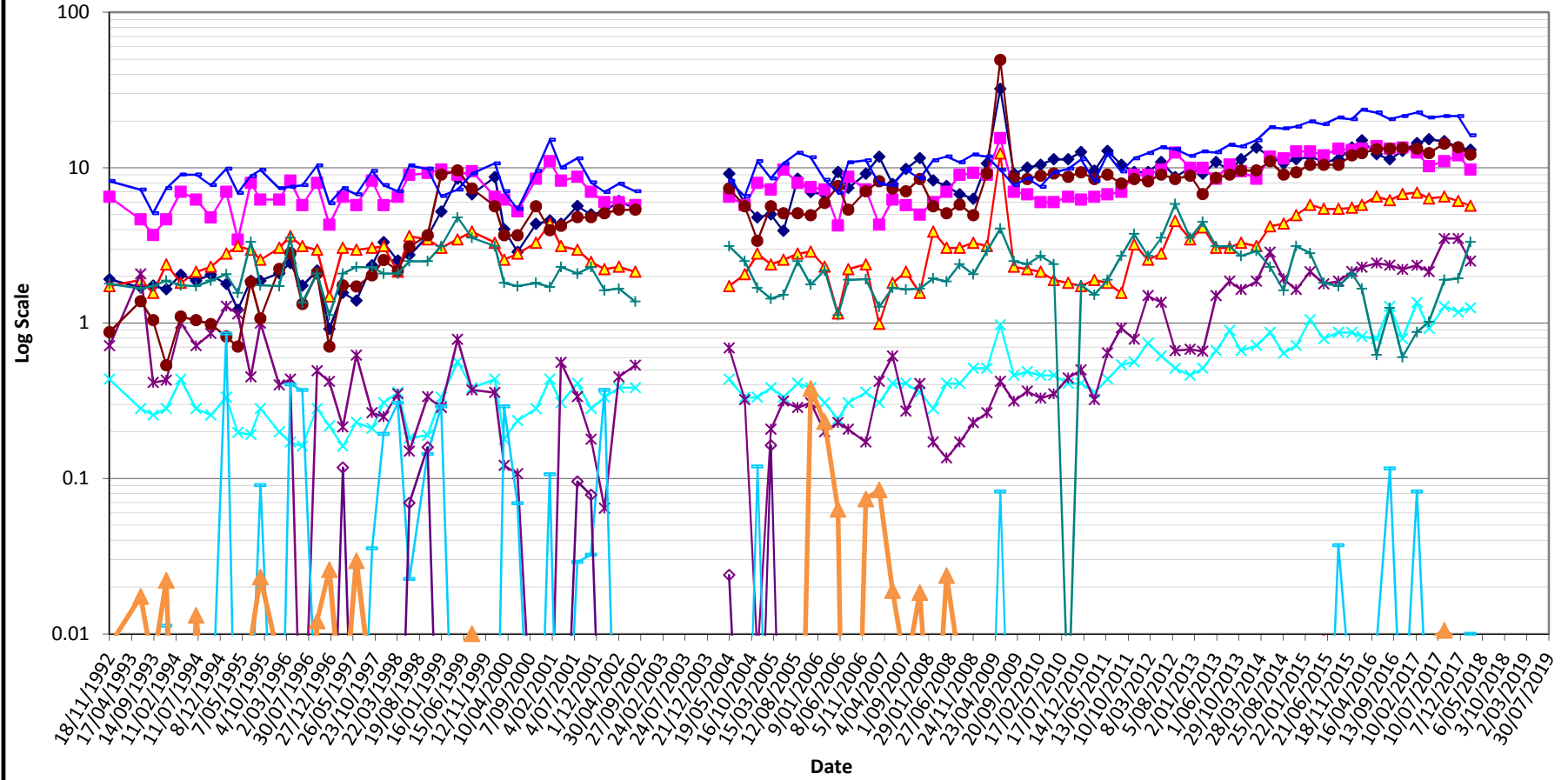
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ATTACHMENT 3 SCHOELLER PLOTS

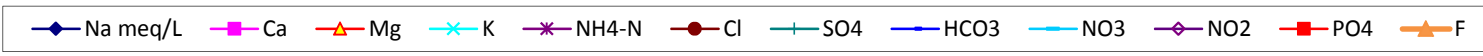
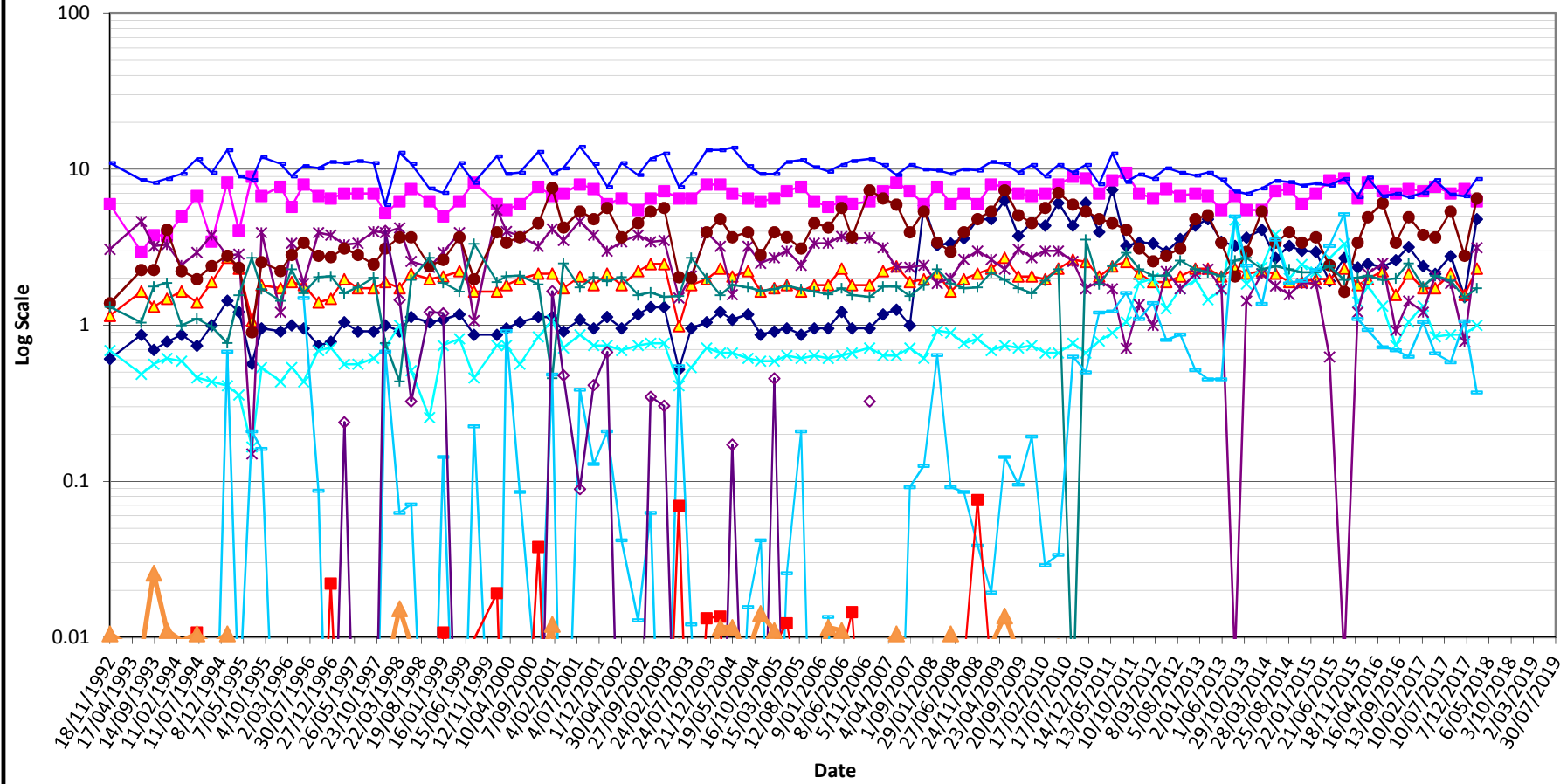
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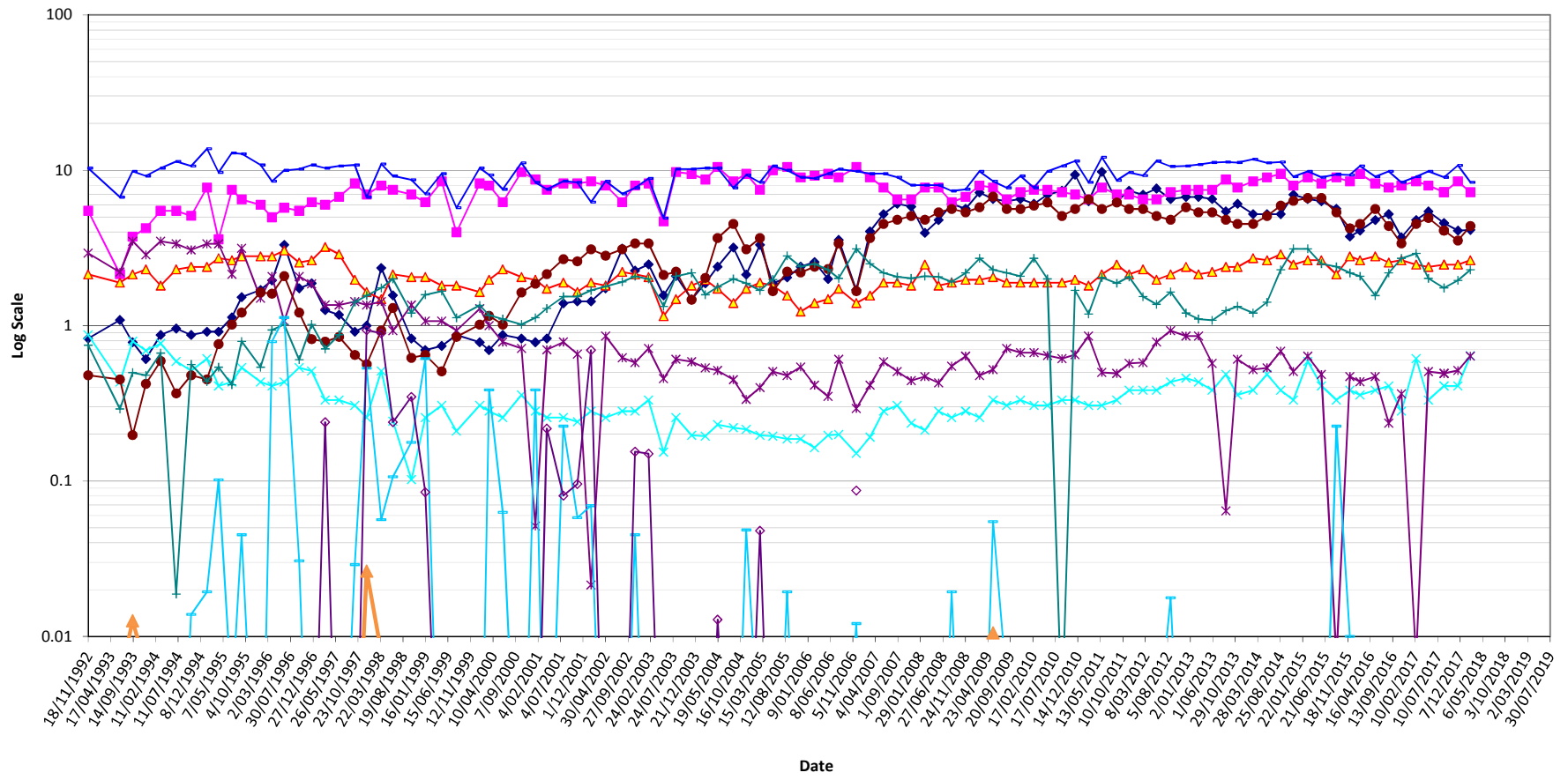
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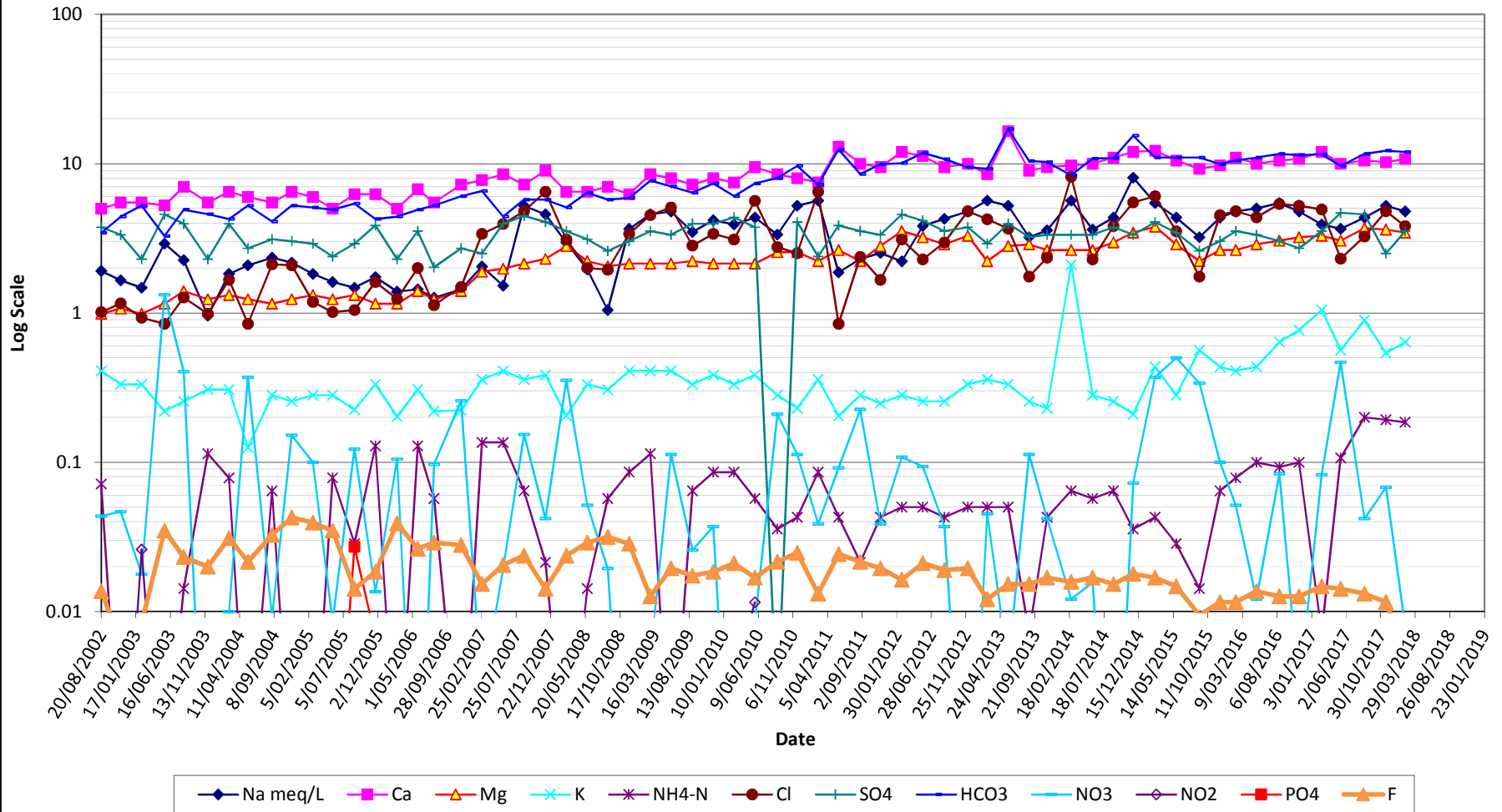
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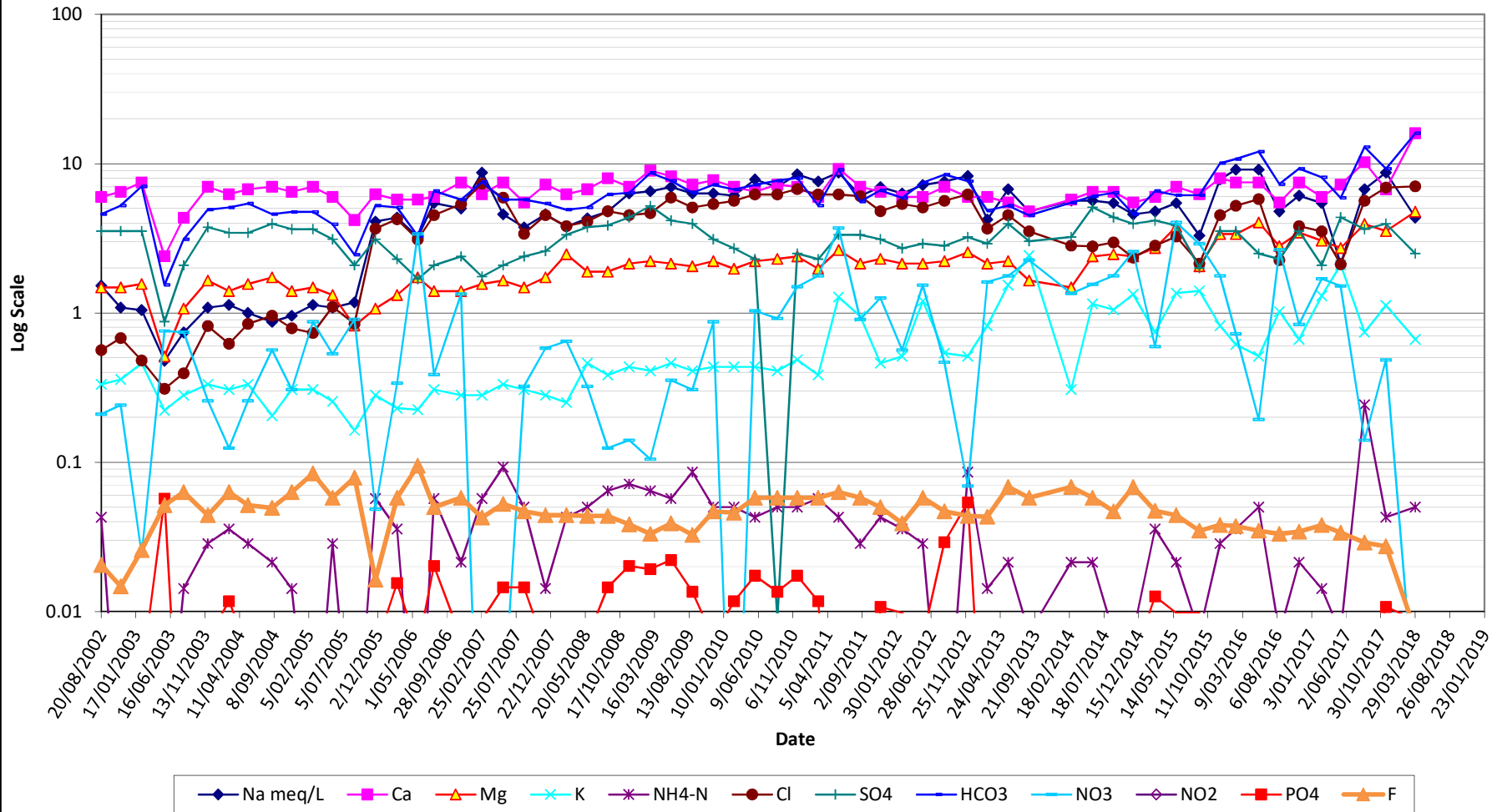
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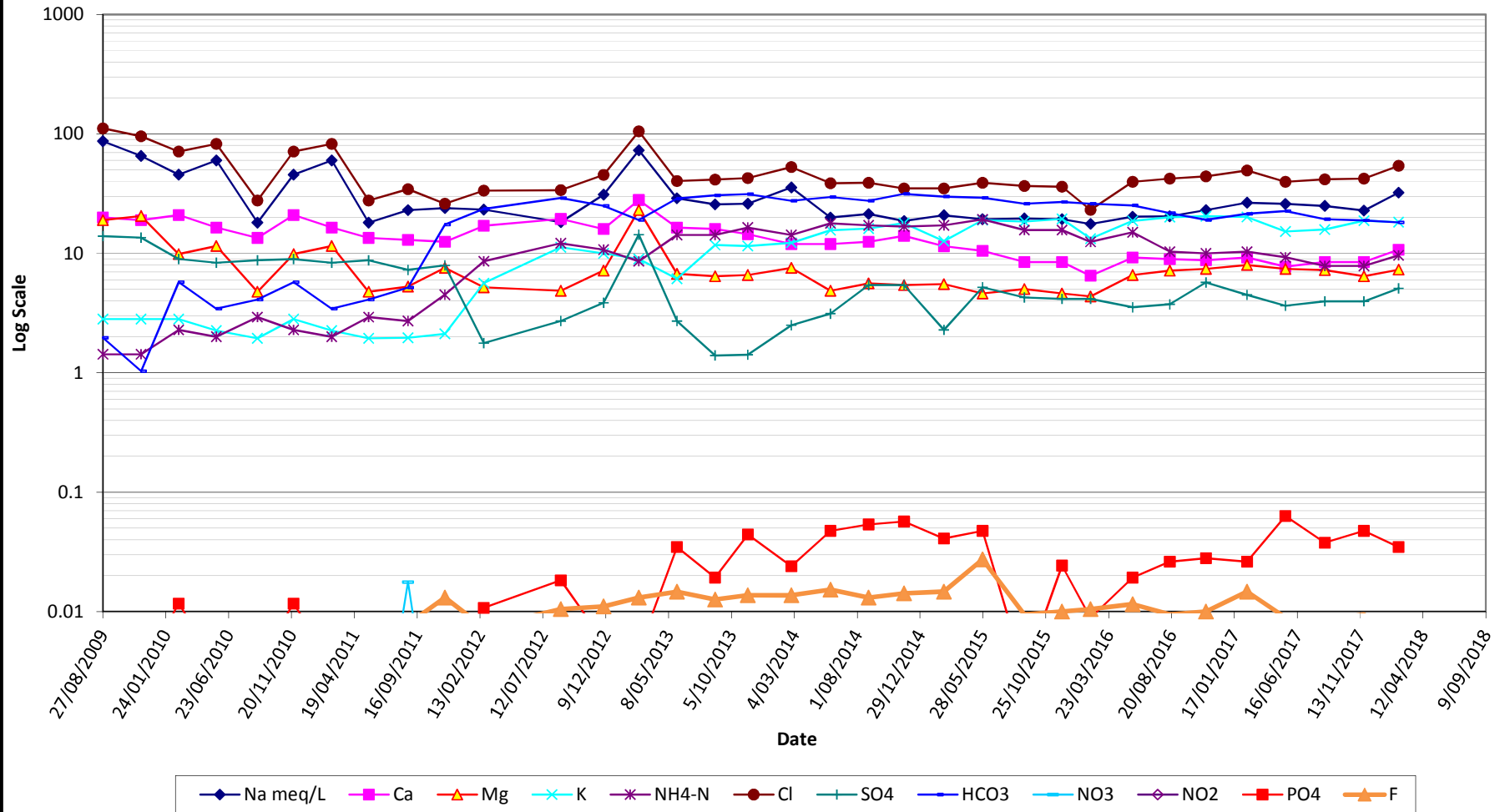
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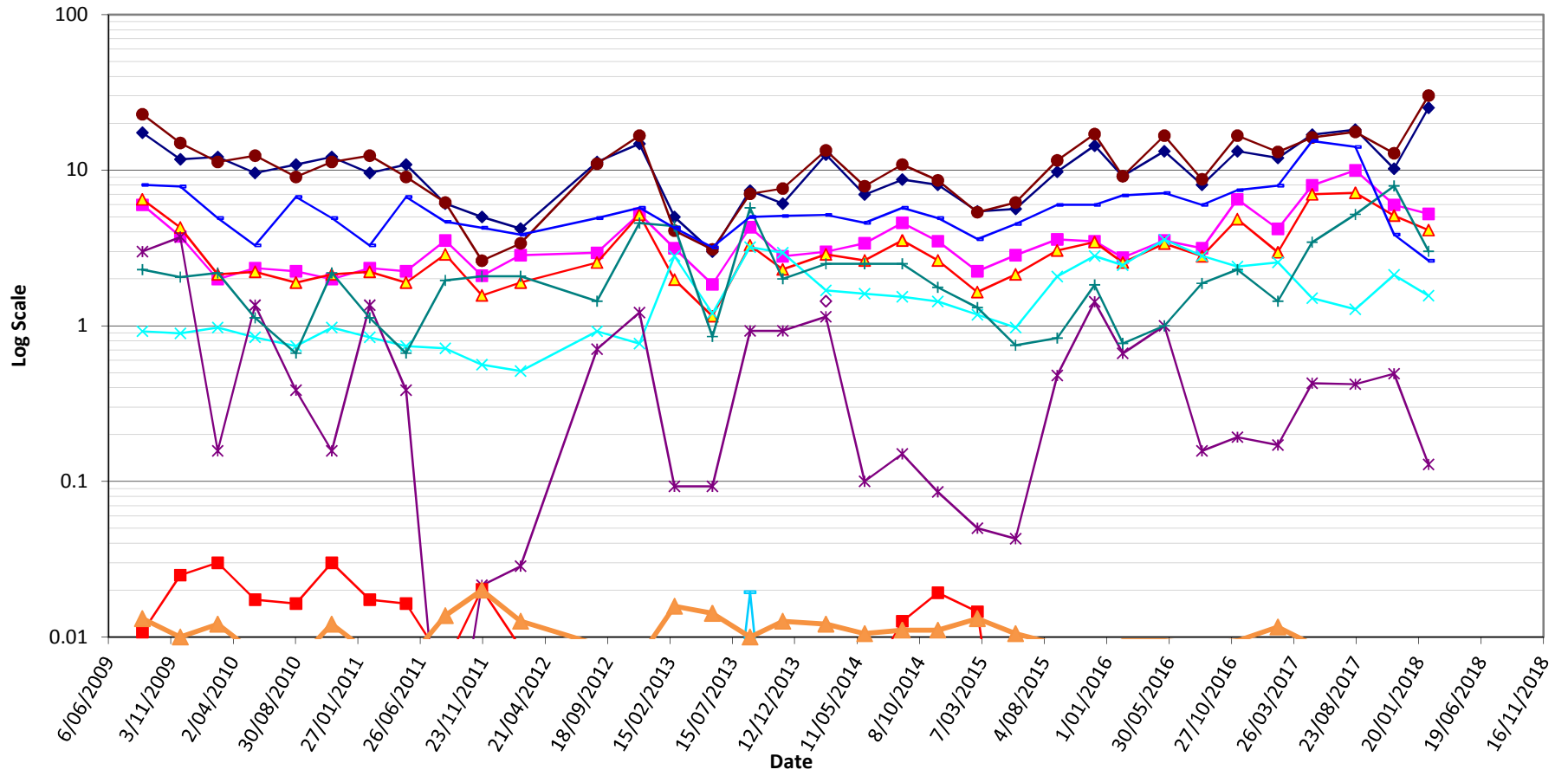
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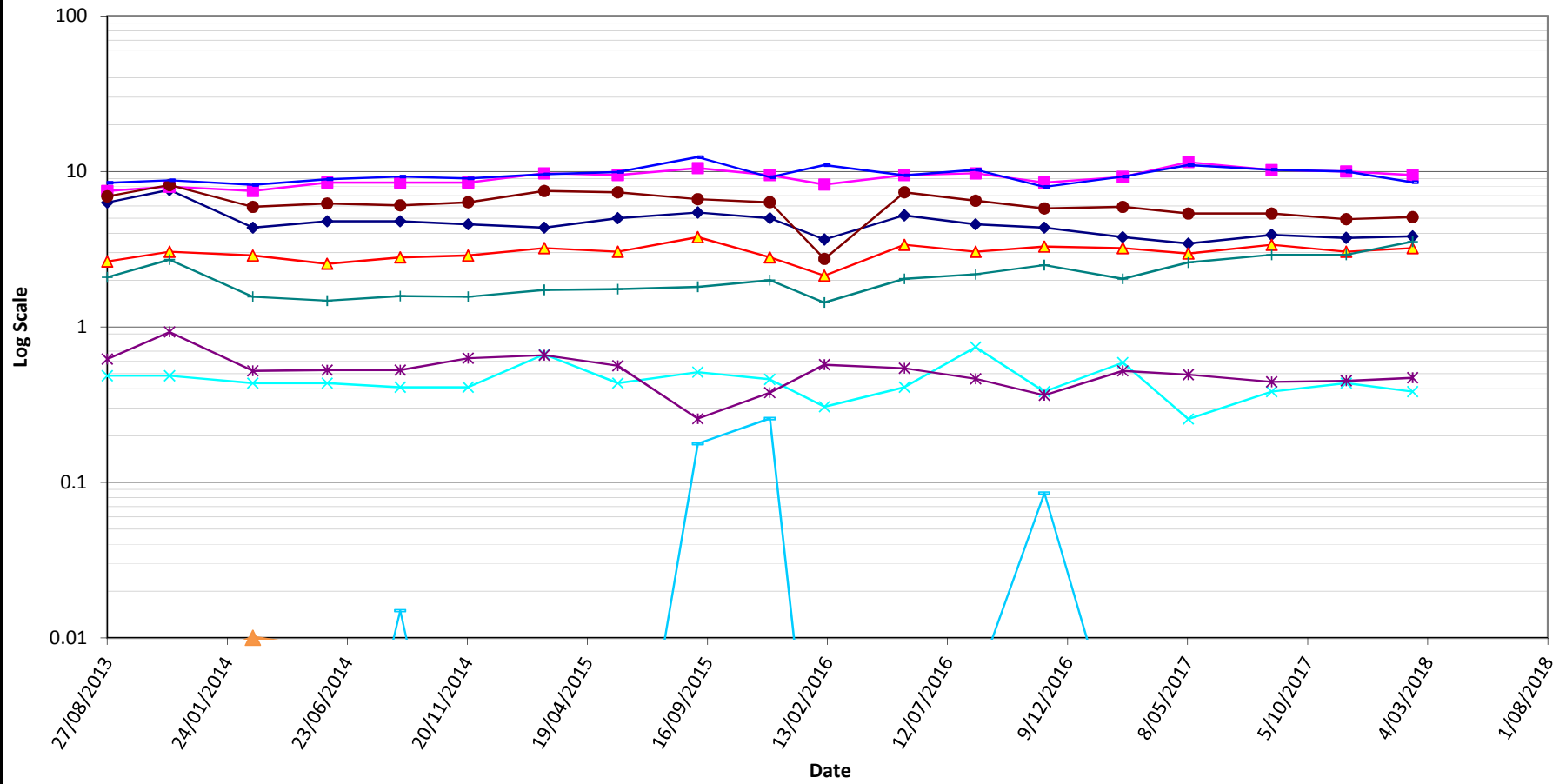
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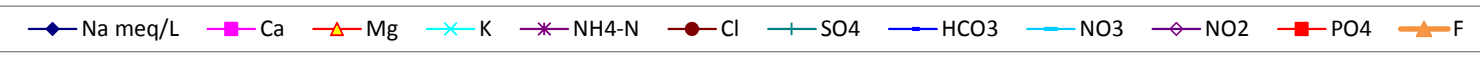
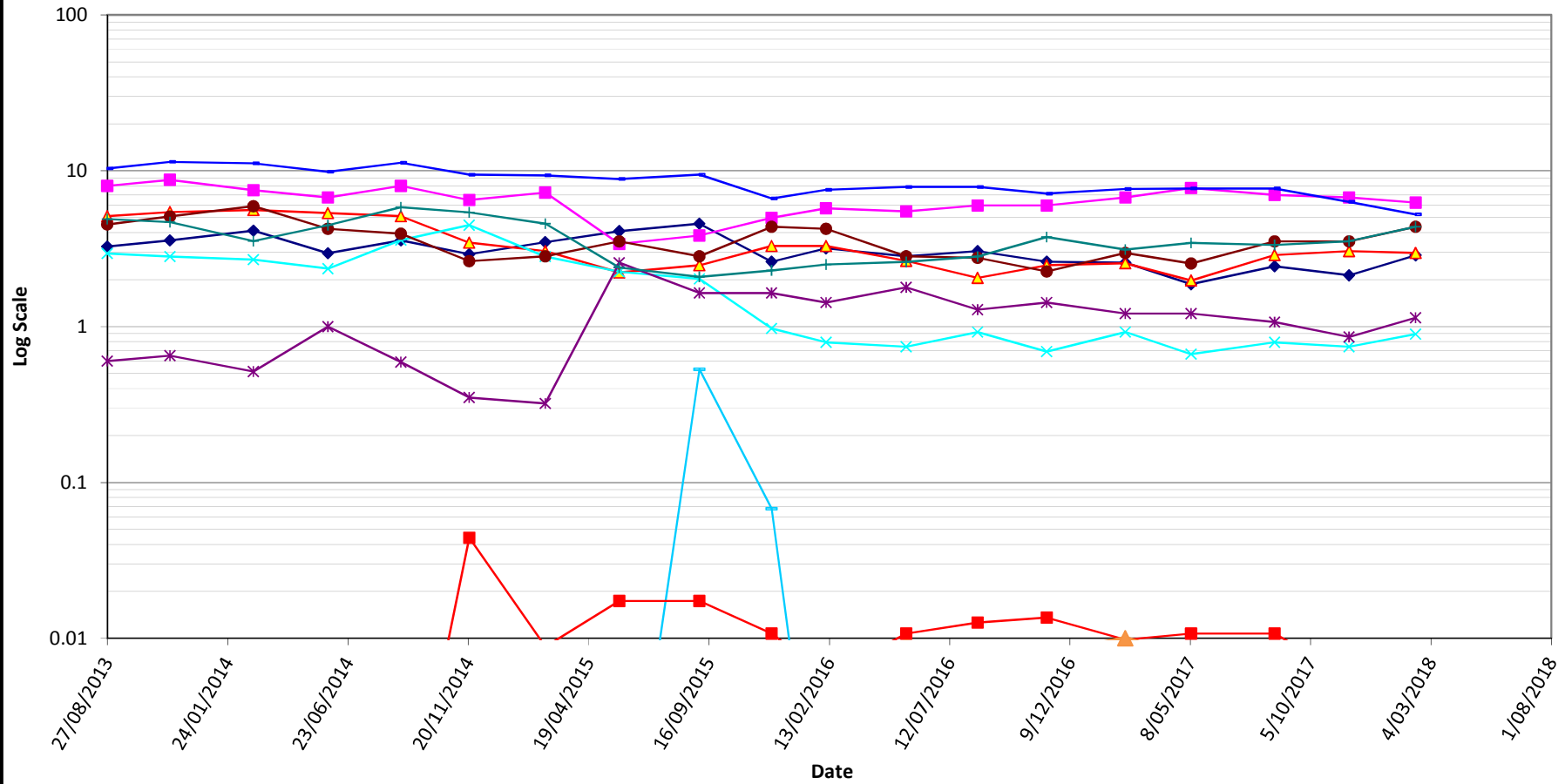
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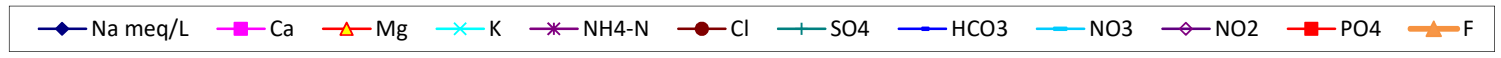
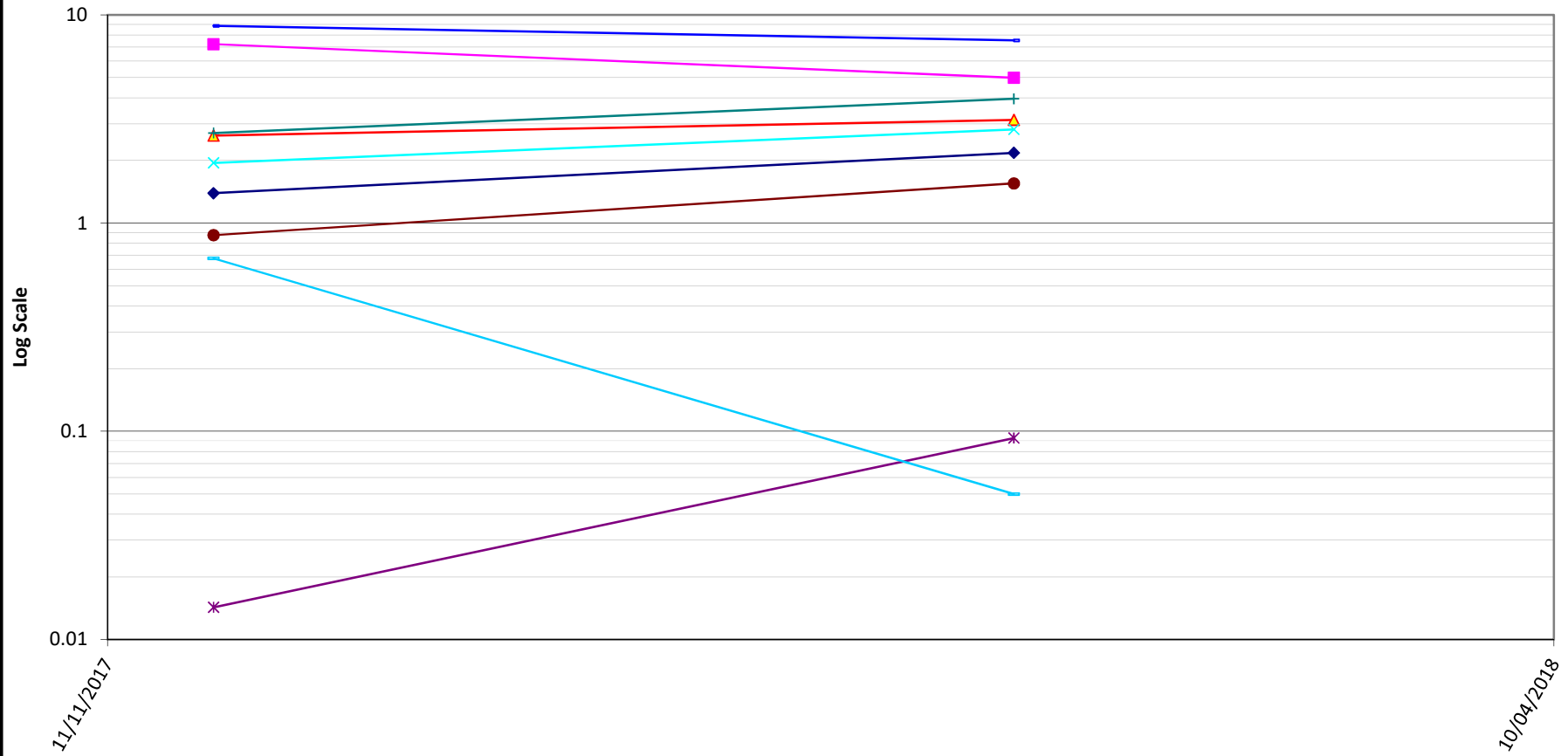
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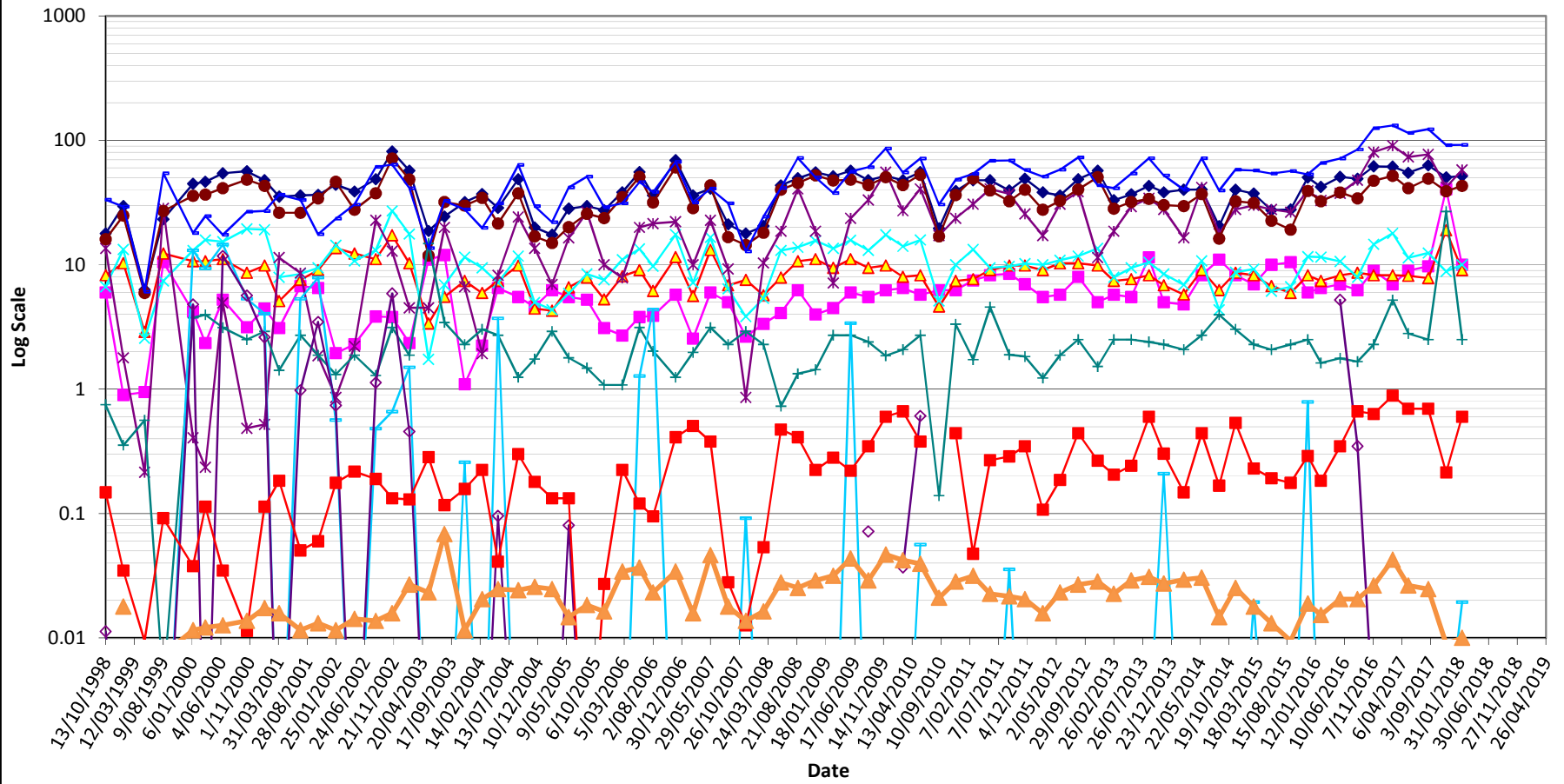
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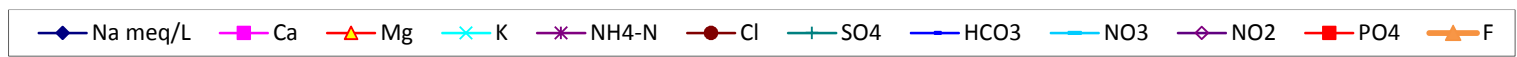
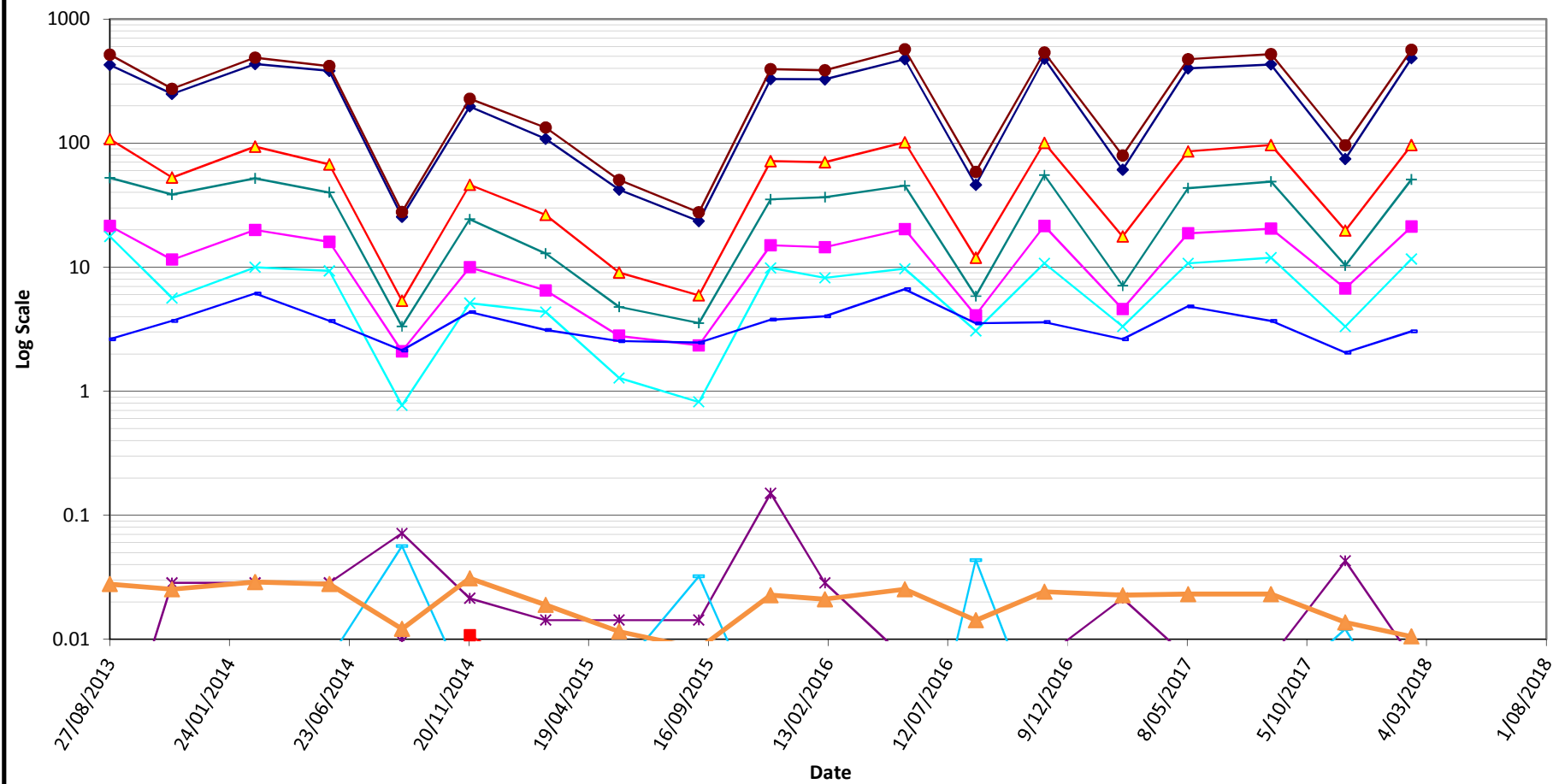
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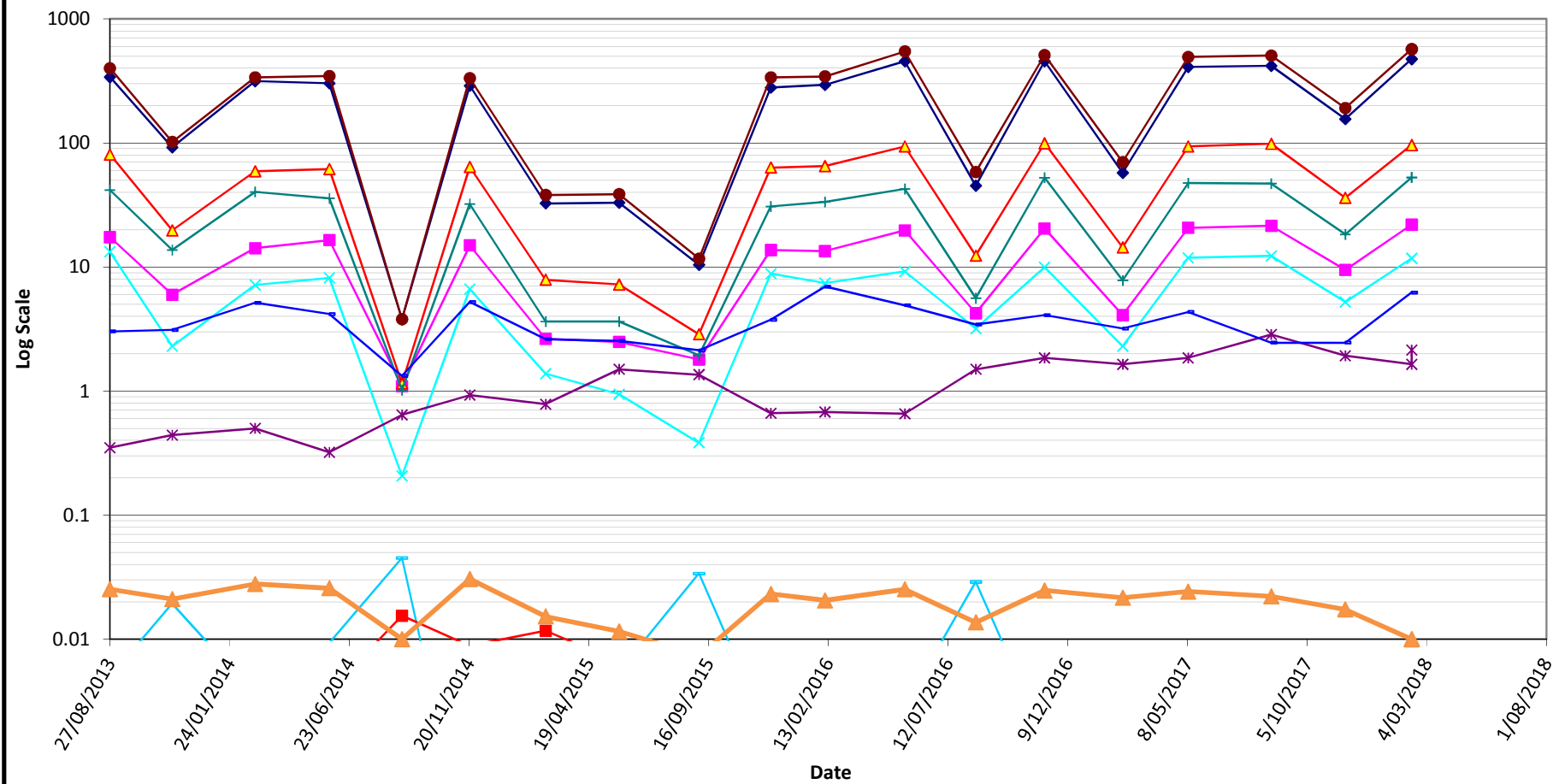
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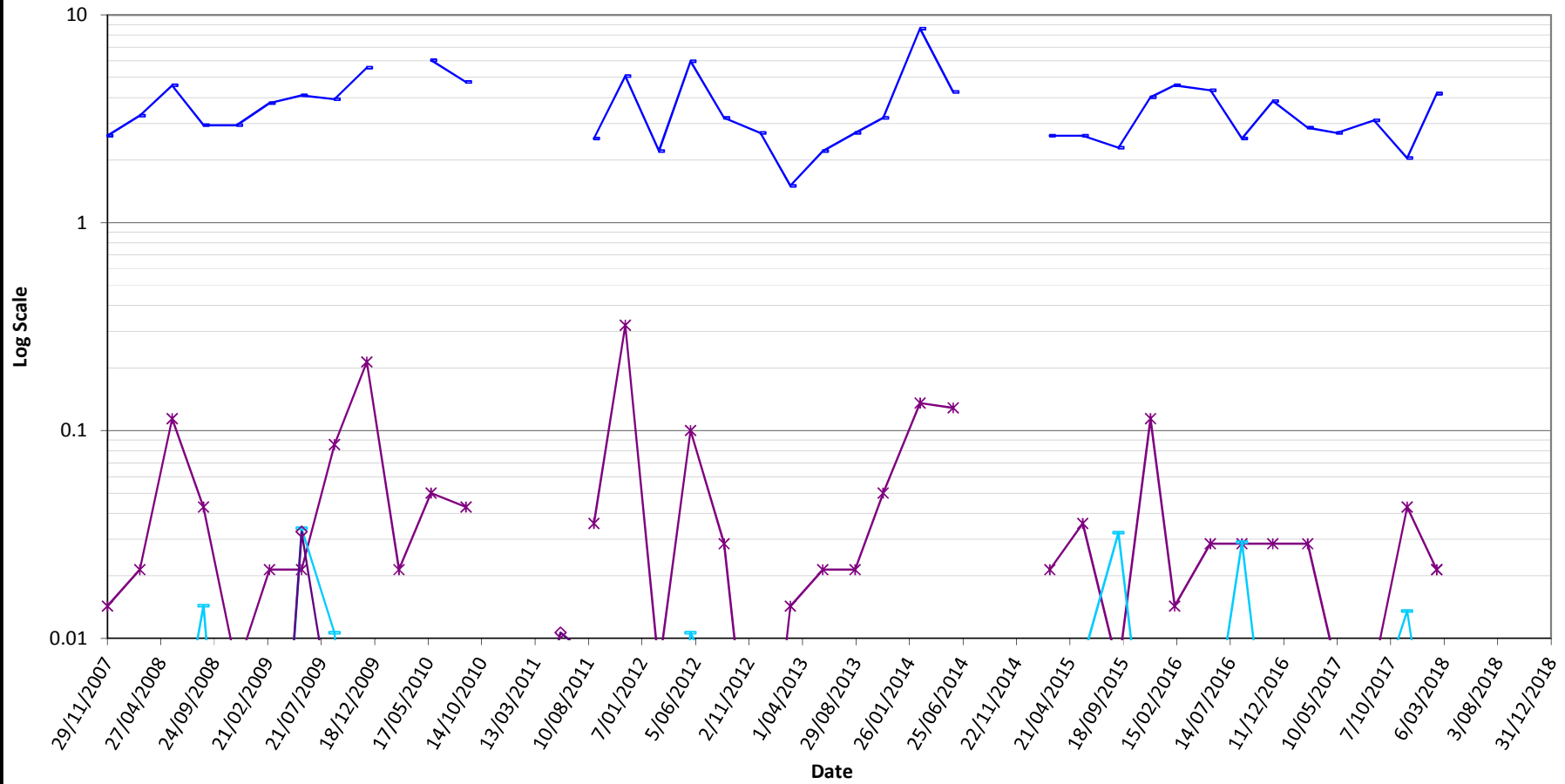
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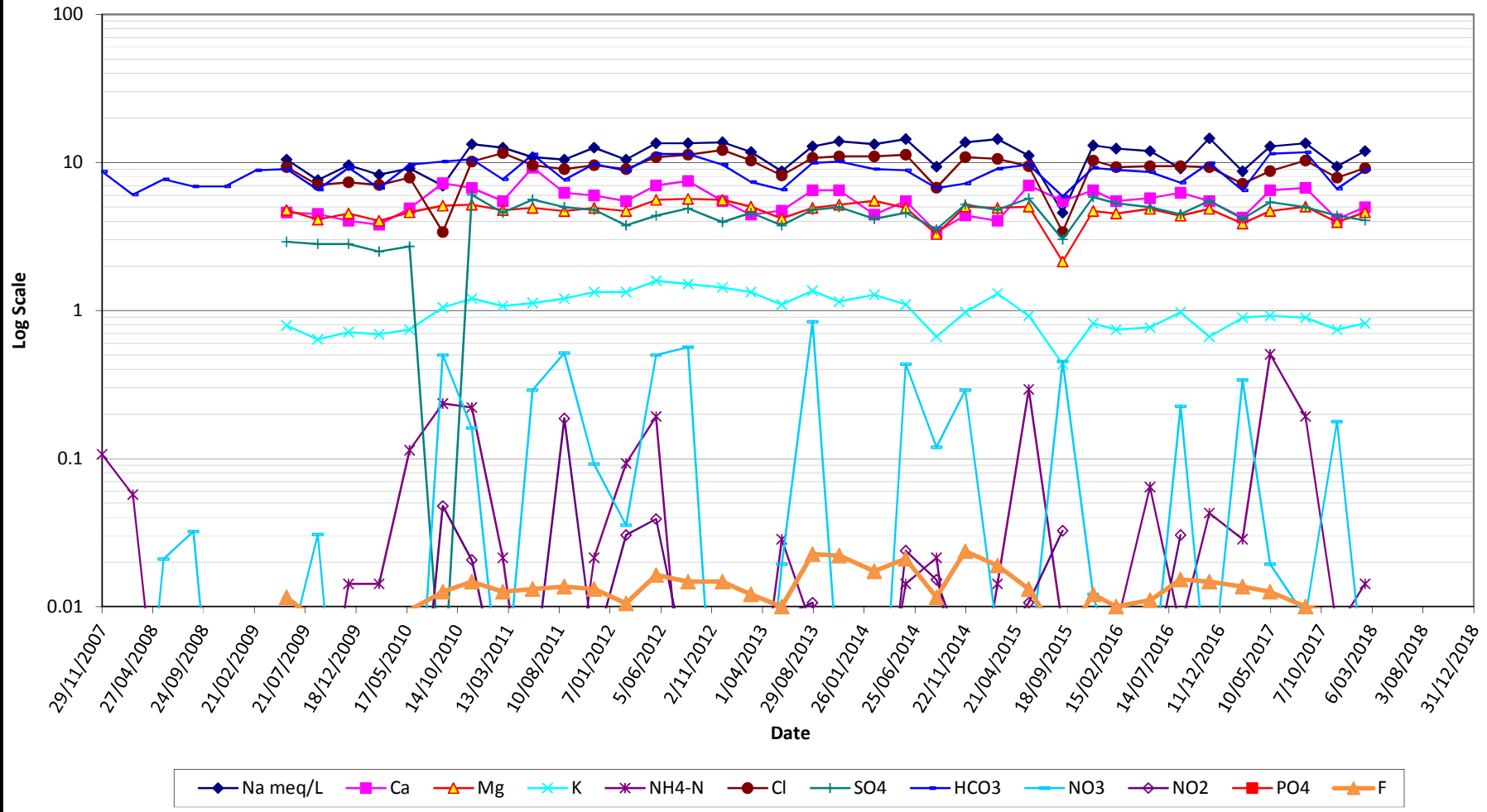
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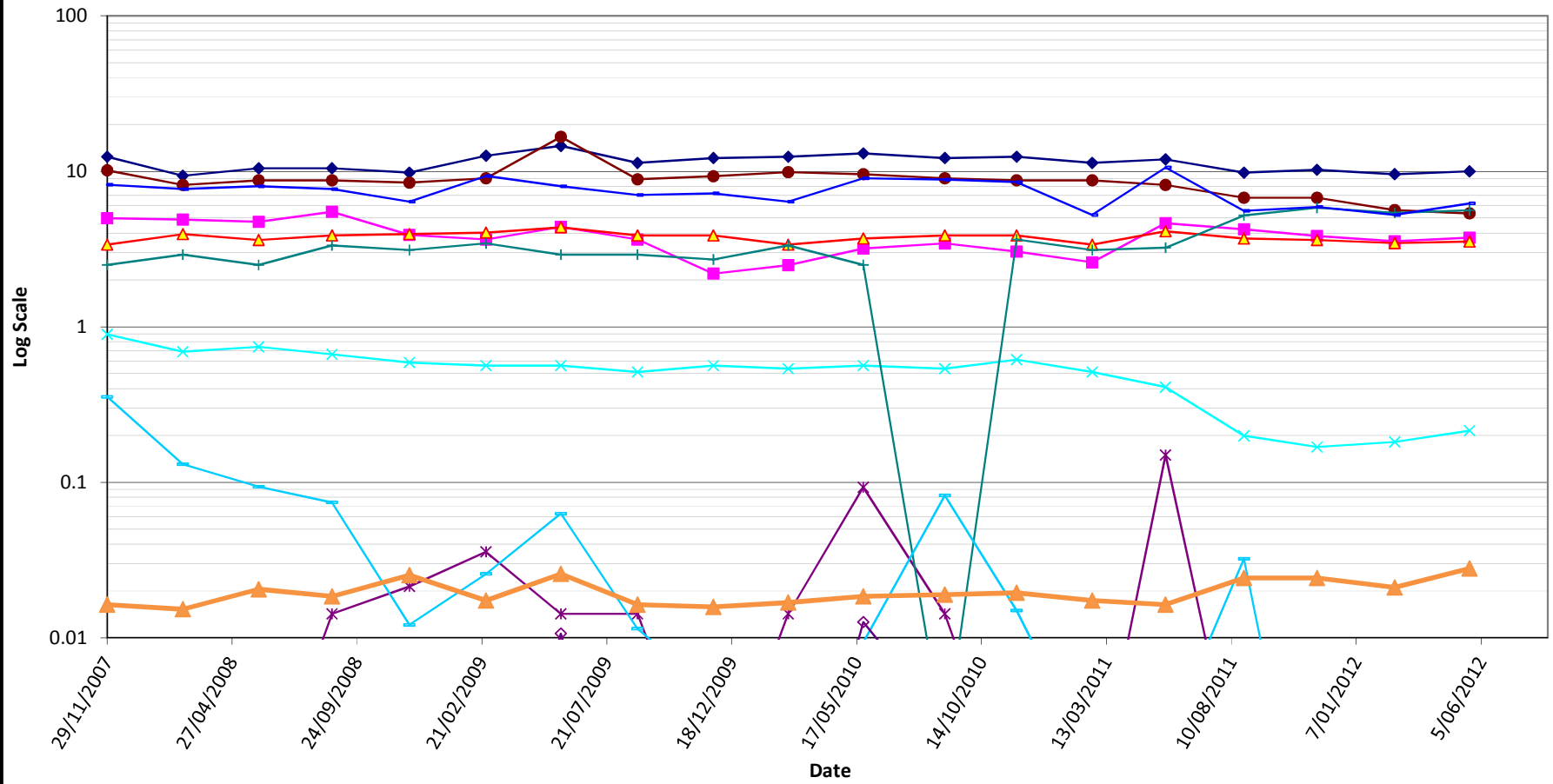
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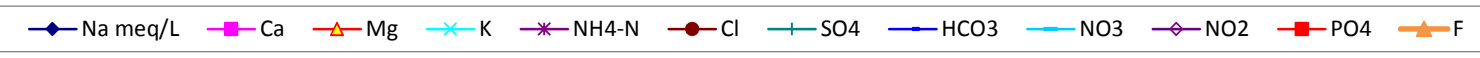
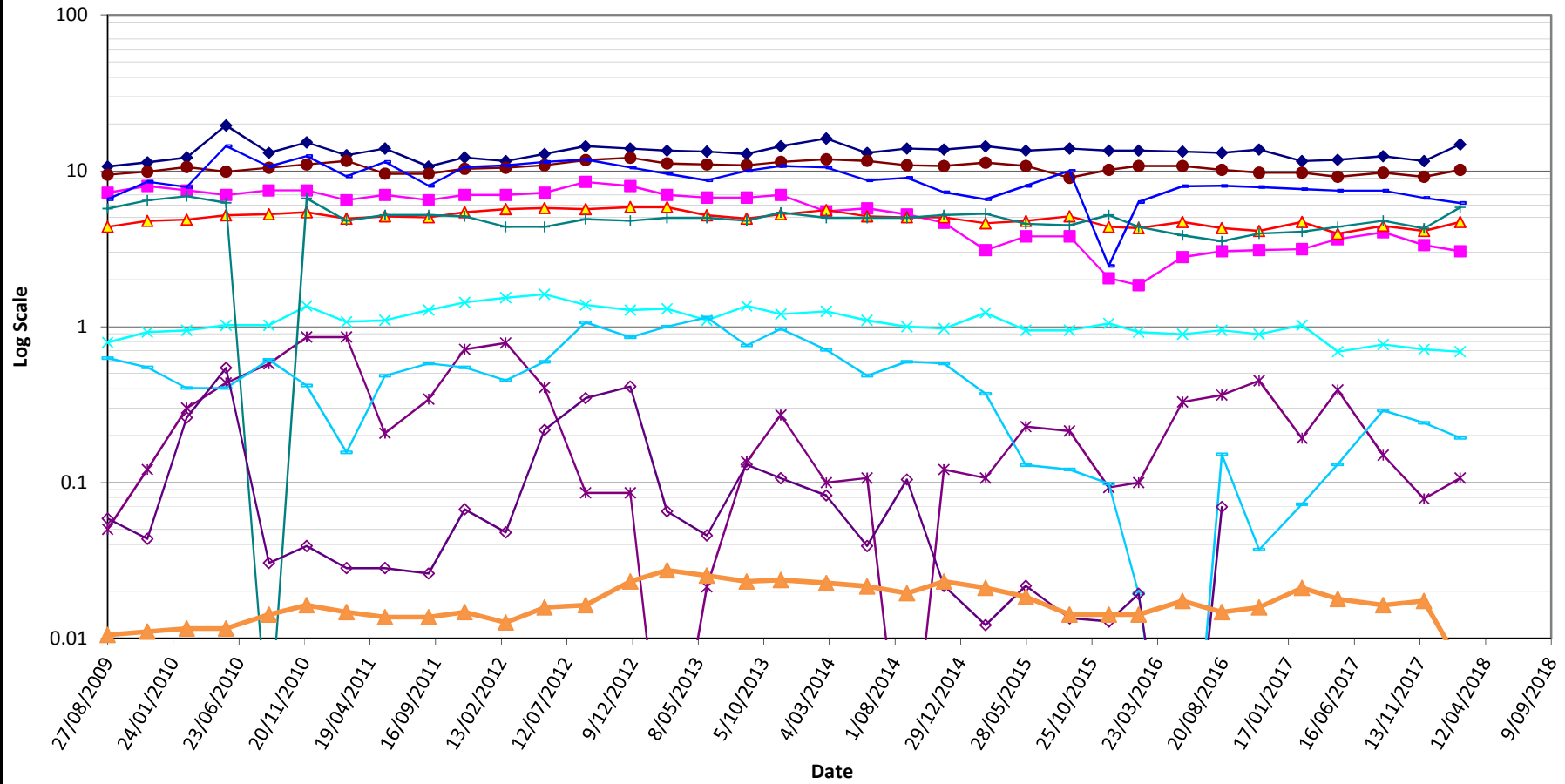
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