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Dear Courtney and Dianne,

**August 2017 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 quarterly August 2017 monitoring round was undertaken on 21-22 August 2017, (BH14 was sampled on 7 September 2017). During the August 2017 monitoring round groundwater, surface water, leachate, gas and dust samples were collected in and around the site.

Groundwater samples were collected from 10 monitoring bores (BH1b to BH4, BH13, BH14, BH15, BH16, BH19, and BH20). No sample was taken and only standing water level (SWL) was measured at BH9 and BH10. Surface water was collected from the leachate pond (LP1), three on site retention ponds (SWP1, SWP2 and SWP4) and Rocklow Creek (SWC2, SWC\_Up and SWC\_Down). 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 August 2017 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 and SWC\_Down) – 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). Both 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 August 2017 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).



Accumulative rainfall for May 2017 (30.8 mm), June 2017 (42.2 mm) and Jul 2017 (1.4 mm) was 74.4 mm (*BOM – Albion Park Wollongong Airport weather station*). Groundwater levels decreased at all monitoring wells (BH1b, 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 13, 14, 15, 16, 19, and 20). The average of the measured standing water levels throughout the site has decreased by ~0.31 mAHD from 1.23 mAHD in May 2017 to 0.92 mAHD in August 2017. This is thought to be associated with relatively low precipitation rates occurred during the monitoring period.

## 5.2 Groundwater

### 5.2.1 Groundwater sampling locations impacted by leachate

Field and laboratory results from the August 2017 sampling round, specifically from the bores BH1b, BH2, BH3, BH14, BH15, and BH20 displayed chemistry that can be related to leachate impact — BH1b and BH15 showed stronger leachate indicators with high TDS, potassium and ammonium levels. 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 at a ratio of >20 (Table 4, Attachment 1).

Bore BH1b 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, Attachment 3). This continued during the current monitoring event and the groundwater was found to have an amber colour, and leachate odour noted in combination with elevated TDS (4040 mg/L),  $K^+$  (220 mg/L) [resulting in low Ca/K – 0.59] and  $NH_4^+-N$  (340 mg/L) concentrations. The absence of oxygen (0.1 ppm Table 1) and presence of soluble  $Fe^{2+}$  indicate an anaerobic state and strong 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 rounds and were 8, 7, 7, 6 and 6 mg/L respectively. Further evidence of microbial activity / respiration is elevated  $HCO_3^-$  resulting in a low Cl/  $HCO_3^-$  ratio of 0.32 (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 (49 mg/L). Bicarbonate ( $HCO_3^-$ ),  $Na^+$  and  $Mg^{2+}$  concentrations in groundwater have shown an increasing trend since January 2008 (Table 2, Schoeller plot BH2, Attachment 3). Chlorine (Cl),  $Ca^{2+}$ ,  $K^+$  and  $NH_4^+-N$  concentrations slightly increased since the last monitoring round (Table 2, Schoeller plot BH2, Attachment 3) potentially due to an increase 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.

Groundwater from bore BH3 reported slight increases in three native ions ( $Na^+$ , Cl and  $Mg^{2+}$ ) as well as one non-native ion ( $K^+$ ) since last monitoring round. In comparison,  $NH_4^+-N$  and  $NO_3^-$  reported slight decreases in concentration. The L/N ratio (41.74%) has decreased since the February 2017 monitoring round (60.63%), 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 ( $\text{NO}_3^-$ ,  $\text{NO}_2^-$  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 BH14 showed a decrease in August 2017 round (10.07%) — in May 2017 monitoring round the L/N ratio was 77.58% at this location. Concentrations of  $\text{K}^+$  and  $\text{NO}_3^-$  were lower in the August 2017 monitoring period compared to recent levels (Schoeller plot BH14, Attachment 3).  $\text{NO}_3^-$  concentration (8.7 mg/L) were at its lowest level since February 2012.  $\text{NH}_4^+\text{-N}$ , on the other hand, was at a peak level (3.4 mg/L) relative to the entire historical data set of this location. Bore BH14 is strategically placed down gradient of landfilling activities and should be continually monitored to determine the water quality in this area.

Bore BH15 displayed an elevated L/N ratio of 87.66% which can be attributed to the elevated  $\text{K}^+$  and  $\text{NH}_4^+\text{-N}$  concentrations. The  $\text{K}^+/\text{TDS}$  ratio of 15.70% is high when compared to non-leachate influenced sites generally with  $\text{K}^+/\text{TDS} < 3$  (Schoeller plot BH15, Attachment 1). Although elevated the L/N ratio has decreased from the February 2017 monitoring round where the L/N ratio was calculated at 104.84% with a  $\text{K}^+/\text{TDS}$  ratio of 17.91%. Ammonium ( $\text{NH}_4^+\text{-N}$ ) is elevated at 110 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  $\text{Mn}^{2+}$  (0.44 mg/L) and  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$  (14 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  $\text{HCO}_3^-$ . Furthermore, bore BH15 is located near a drainage line with 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 (-114 mV), clear colour of the groundwater and no odour was detected. The L/N ratio (19.96 %) in August 2017 round remained relatively stable compared the last monitoring round (19.41%).  $\text{K}^+$ , on the other hand, showed a slight increase from 26 mg/L (May 2017) to 31 mg/L (August 2017). The TDS remained relatively low (810 mg/L) making the L/N susceptible to natural variations or fluctuations in chemistry. Chemical characteristics of the bore show groundwater is low in  $\text{Na}^+$ , with a moderate Ca/K and K/TDS ratio (Table 4). Ammonium levels remain elevated at 15 mg/L however other landfill indicators were low or absent.

### 5.2.2 Remaining groundwater sampling locations

During the February 2017 monitoring round, ionic chemistry indicated that bores BH4, 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

In the August 2017 monitoring round bore BH4 showed minor leachate influence. Field observations (such as clear water and no odour) and chemical results such as  $\text{NO}_3^-$  levels below the laboratory limit of detection, relatively low  $\text{K}^+$  and a high Ca/K ratio of 9.06% indicate no or limited leachate influence. Ammonium ( $\text{NH}_4^+\text{-N}$ ) levels (6.9 mg/L) remains



above the ANZECC (2000) trigger value for 95% protection of aquatic ecosystems however within the historical range for this bore. The historical chemical composition of the groundwater has remained relatively stable since monitoring began in 1992 (Schoeller plot BH4, Attachment 3). This site is located down gradient of the unlined old landfill cell and will continue to be monitored to assess any potential leachate migration towards Rocklow Creek.

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 August 2017 monitoring round shows a decrease of L/N ratio (11.38%) compared to the May 2017 round (16.36%), although the TDS level showed a nearly 10% increase from May 2017 to August 2017. The chemical composition of the groundwater has remained consistent since monitoring began in 2002 (Schoeller plot BH13, Attachment 3).

Bore BH16 is in a swampy area with groundwater field observations recording a Brown/black colour and a sulfuric odour. Recorded ORP indicates a reducing environment (- 77 mV), which may have an influence in the dominance of  $\text{NH}_4^+\text{-N}$  over  $\text{NO}_3^-$ . Elevated  $\text{NH}_4^+\text{-N}$  concentrations (5.9 mg/L) exceeded the ANZECC (2000) criteria, however, the L/N ratio was decreased from 10.25% (May 2017) to 7.92% (August 2017).

Bore BH19 is located on the south west boundary of the site. Field observations included a negative ORP and cloudy white colour. Groundwater chemical characteristics support no/limited leachate influence with an L/N ratio of 6.34% 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 (6.2 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.

Elevated  $\text{NH}_4\text{-N}$  levels were reported in groundwater across the entire site with bores BH1b (340 mg/L), BH2 (49 mg/L), BH3 (26 mg/L), BH4 (6.9 mg/L), BH13 (2.8 mg/L), BH14 (3.4 mg/L), BH15 (110 mg/L), BH16 (5.9 mg/L), BH19 (6.2 mg/L) and BH20 (15 mg/L) above threshold levels. Nitrate ( $\text{NO}_3^-$ ) was reported above guidelines (ANZECC 2000) on at BH3 (36 mg/L).

### 5.3 Surface water monitoring

During Aug 2017 monitoring round samples from Rocklow Creek (SWC2, SWC\_Up and SWC\_Down) and four 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 within the historical range.

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.

The TDS level detected at SWP1 was 1050 mg/L and the nitrogen species were low ( $\text{NH}_4\text{-N}$  at 0.1 mg/L and  $\text{NO}_3^-$  at 0.1 mg/L), which indicate little to no leachate influence.

Surface water sample SWP2 showed minor leachate impact. The surface water pond collects runoff from around the site and potential impacts from site activities are often observed. Ammonium concentration reduced to 2.7 mg/L during this sampling round compared to last May round (7.1 mg/L). Nitrate ( $\text{NO}_3^-$ ) was below the ANZECC 2000 trigger value with a concentration of 0.53 mg/L. 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 levels of 2.1 mg/L which is above the defined trigger value. Nitrate ( $\text{NO}_3^-$ ) levels increased to 18 mg/L exceeding the ANZECC 2000 this is a natural occurrence (Nitrification) and indicates natural attenuation of  $\text{NH}_4\text{-N}$ . All chemical parameters at this location are within historical ranges. Both SWP4 and SWP2 had a decrease in  $\text{NH}_4\text{-N}$  although it should continue to be monitored for any fluctuations in chemical composition indicating a more prominent leachate impact.

The two surface water creek sites SWC\_Up and SWC\_Down were also sampled during the August 2017 sampling event. These two sites are up- and down-gradient of the established SWC2 site and help assess leachate impacts within Rocklow Creek. SWC\_Up and SWC\_Down had high concentrations of TDS, notably  $\text{Na}^+$  and  $\text{Cl}^-$  (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. Both SWC\_Up and SWC\_Down had low concentrations of  $\text{NH}_4^+\text{-N}$  and  $\text{NO}_3^-$  (>0.1 mg/L and >0.5 mg/L respectively) which did not exceed the ANZECC (2000) trigger value for 95% protection of freshwater ecosystems. Levels detected at all Rocklow Creek locations, are within historical levels established since monitoring was commenced.

#### 5.4 Leachate Pond monitoring

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, TOC,  $\text{NH}_4^+\text{-N}$ ,  $\text{K}^+$ , and  $\text{PO}_4$  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 (0.40) 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 400 and 400 CFU/100 ml respectively which is a significant decrease on the previous monitoring round (Table 3). Nevertheless, dermal contact with these waters should be avoided due to health concerns relating to 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 0.45% to 3.14%. 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 0.77% and 5.28% (RPD < 10%). The relationship between the field determined EC and laboratory measured TDS relationship



ranged between 0.6 and 0.94. 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 SWC\_Up and BH19 which yielded TDS/EC ratios of 1.03 and 2.18 respectively).

RPDs between the intra-laboratory duplicate and the primary sample taken at bore BH20 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 an Inspectra Laser Unit (ILU) 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 May 2017 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<sub>4</sub> 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 0.9 g/m<sup>2</sup>/month total solids, which is below the accepted level of 4 g/m<sup>2</sup>/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 bore BH20 has detected the presence of leachate indicators despite the nearby sampling locations BH19, SWC-UP and SWC-DOWN (Rocklow Creek), which displayed results indicating background characteristics. Although the historical data set 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 influenced groundwater may potentially be influencing water quality at bores BH15 and BH16. It is important to note that bore BH15 and 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. In order to monitor any potential migration from this area, a new surface water sampling location is recommended to be established further downstream in Rocklow Creek (Environmental Earth Sciences, 2017).

Surface water monitoring indicated that on site activities have had limited impact on water quality at locations SWP1, SWP2 and SWP4. Assessment of Rocklow Creek sampling locations (SWC-Up and SWC-Down) reported no concentrations of NH<sub>4</sub>-N above the laboratory limit of reporting. These values did not exceed 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 ILU and GA5000 continue to the buildings with special attention to the landfill cap due to last May round exceedances.

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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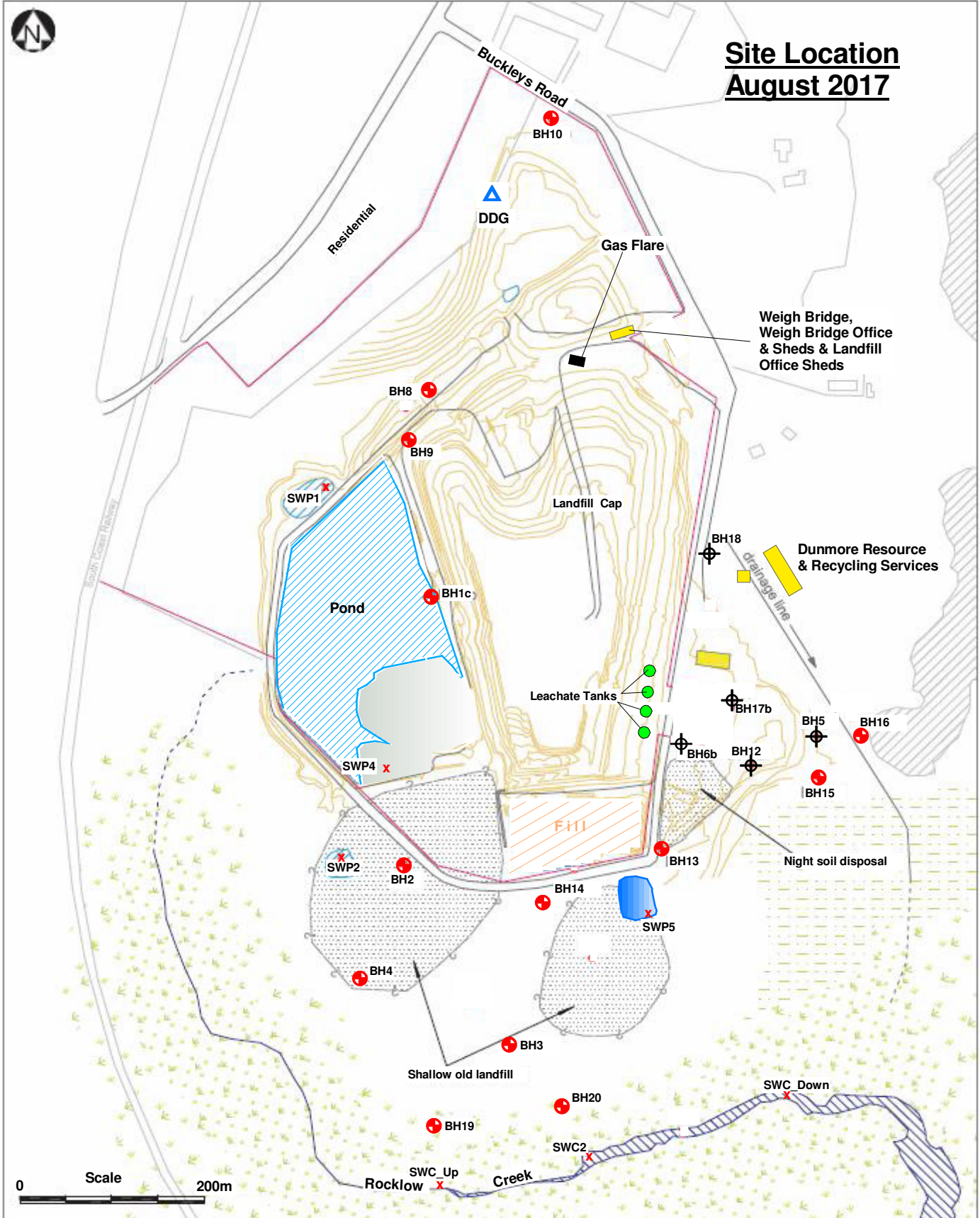
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## **ATTACHMENT 1    FIGURES**

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# Site Location August 2017



**Legend:**

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

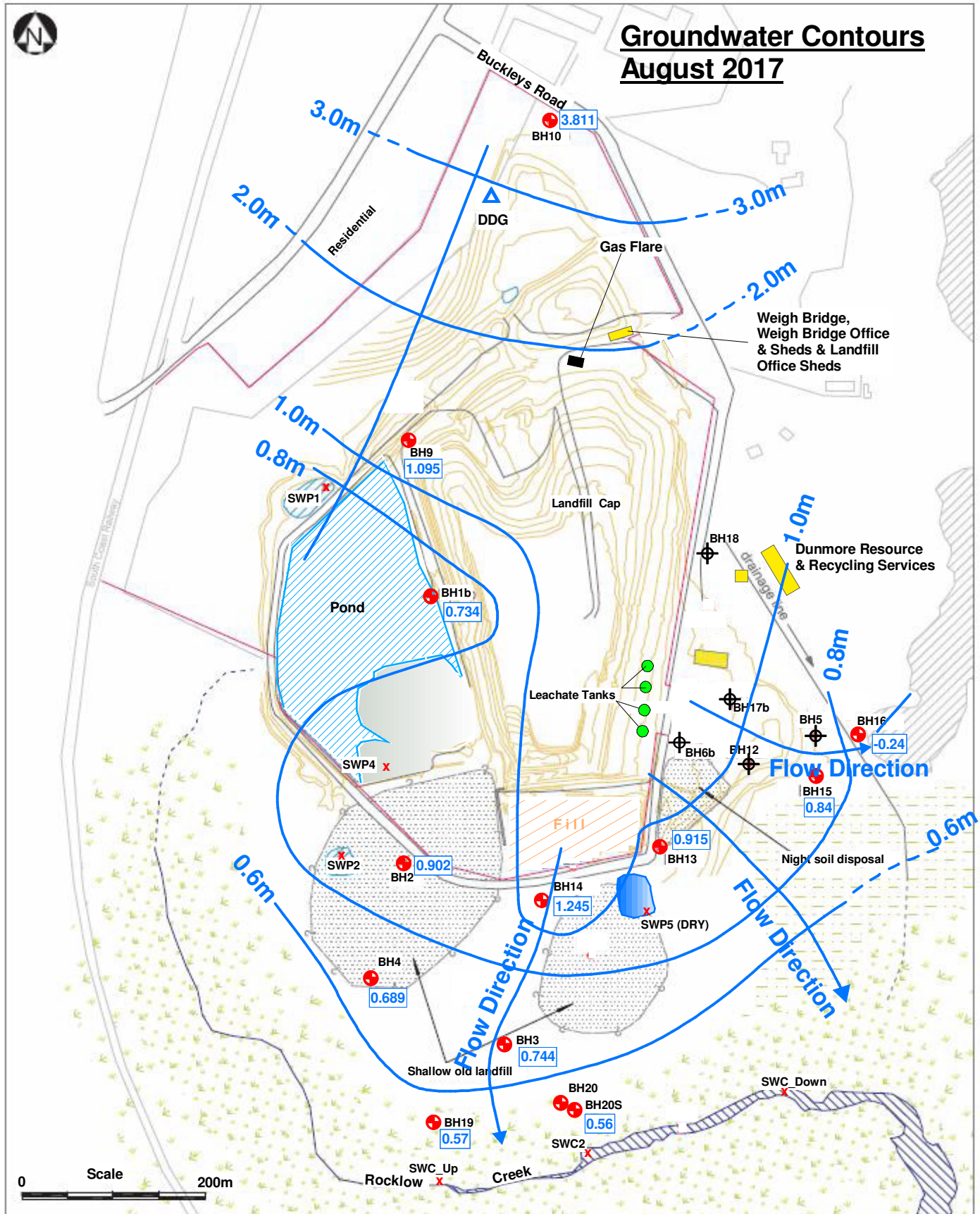
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Note: Based on aerial photo dated 1 Sept. 2010





# Groundwater Contours August 2017



**Legend:**

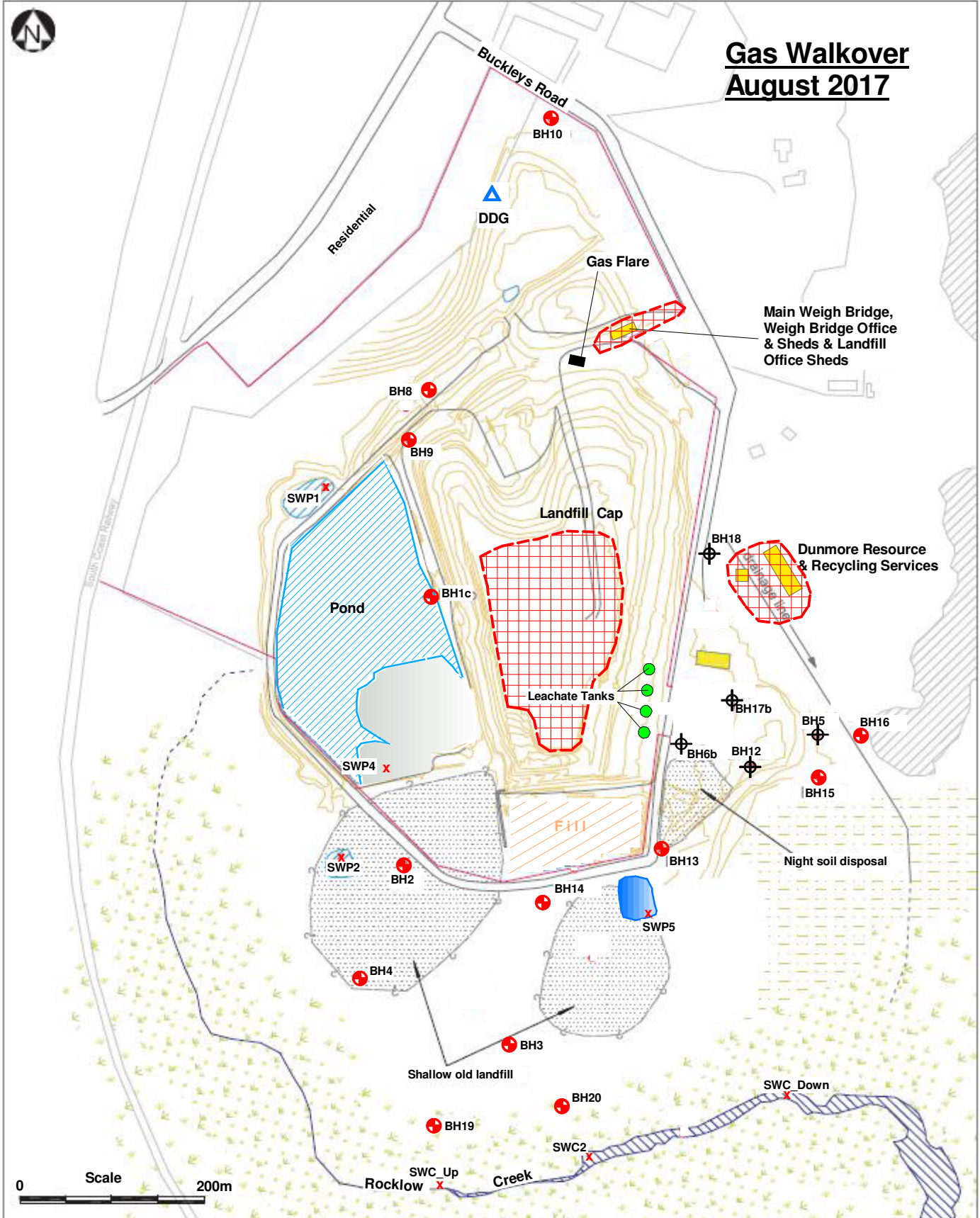
- Bore locations
- x Surface water locations
- DDG Dust gauge location
- Inferred groundwater contour (m AHD)
- Flow direction
- Water
- Buildings
- Decommissioned bores
- 0.67 Standing water levels
- Flow direction

Note: Based on aerial photo dated 1 Sept. 2010

	Title: Groundwater Contours August 2017	
	Location: Buckleys Road, Dunmore, NSW	
Client: Shellharbour City Council	Job number: 112096	
Drawn by: TRJ	Scale: As shown	Figure <b>2</b>
Proj Man: MB	Date: August 2017	



# Gas Walkover August 2017



**Legend:**

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

Note: Based on aerial photo dated 1 Sept. 2010

 <b>ENVIRONMENTAL EARTH SCIENCES</b> <small>THE KNOW AND THE HOW</small>	Title: Gas Walkover	
	Location: Buckleys Road, Dunmore, NSW	
Client: Shellharbour City Council	Job number: 112096	
Drawn by: TRJ	Scale: As shown	Figure <b>3</b>
Proj Man: MB	Date: August 2017	

## **ATTACHMENT 2 TABLES**

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**TABLE 1 FIELD MEASUREMENTS – AUGUST 2017**

Sample	SWL	SWL	pH	EC	ORP	Temp.	DO	Colour	Odour
Units	mAHD	Dip (m)	-	mS/cm	mV	°C	ppm	-	-
BH1b	0.734	3.22	6.79	7.354	-128	26.2	0.1	Amber	Leachate
BH2	0.902	3.89	6.62	3.327	-85	22.2	0.33	Slight yellow	Leachate
BH3	0.744	3.02	6.96	1.286	-94.1	18.9	2.82	clear	no odour
BH4	0.689	4.33	6.90	1.292	-74.6	19	0.72	clear	no odour
BH9	1.095	3.29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
BH10	3.811	0.98	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
BH13	0.915	4.38	6.64	1.597	-56	21	-	clear	no odour
BH14	0.465	5.25	-	1.4	-	21	-	clear	no odour
BH15	0.84	0.57	6.69	5.5	-104	13.9	0.87	brown	Leachate
BH16	-0.24	1.62	6.38	2.742	-77	14.3	0.43	brown/black	H2S
BH19	0.57	4.62	6.82	0.4847	-38.1	18.6	0.5	light grey	no odour
BH20	0.56	2.21	7.07	1.148	-110	18.7	1.87	clear	no odour
LP1	-	-	7.61	13.171	-114	18.9	5.97	amber	Leachate
SWC2	-	-	6.97	37.38	87.4	13.8	7.52	clear	no odour
SWC-Up	-	-	7.33	31.573	30.7	12.9	5.77	clear	no odour
SWC-Down	-	-	7.25	38.499	8.7	13.3	4.48	clear	no odour
SWP1	-	-	7.57	1.323	30.2	11	7.39	clear	no odour
SWP2	-	-	7.49	2.462	30.2	12.5	7.81	clear	no odour
SWP4	-	-	7.86	1.655	9.7	13.4	7.43	clear	no odour
SWP5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

**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 – AUGUST 2017**

Sample	pH	TDS mg/L	Na mg/L	Ca mg/L	K mg/L	Mg mg/L	NH <sub>4</sub> -N mg/L	Cl mg/L	F mg/L	NO <sub>3</sub> mg/L	NO <sub>2</sub> mg/L	SO <sub>4</sub> mg/L	HCO <sub>3</sub> mg/L	PO <sub>4</sub> mg/L	TOC mg/L	BOD mg/L	Sol. Mn mg/L	Sol. Fe mg/L	Tot. Fe mg/L
BH1b	7	4040	705	130	220	120	<b>340</b>	955	0.19	<0.1	-	15	2990	0.49	190	6	0.11	<b>2.2</b>	16
BH2	6.9	2000	340	220	50	79	<b>49</b>	505	0.2	0.13	-	91	1310	<0.1	67	<2	0.43	<b>0.96</b>	13
BH3	7.2	830	64	140	34	26	<b>26</b>	190	0.12	<b>36</b>	-	93	420	<0.1	15	2	0.16	0.03	3.5
BH4	7.1	810	105	145	16	30	<b>6.9</b>	145	<0.1	0.27	0.16	84	550	<0.1	15	3	0.15	<b>0.36</b>	4.3
BH5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
BH10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
BH13	7	1110	100	210	35	45	<b>2.8</b>	115	0.25	2.6	-	220	710	<0.1	23	2	0.24	0.12	3.6
BH14	6.8	1260	155	205	29	48	<b>3.4</b>	200	0.55	8.7	<0.1	175	790	<0.1	27	4	0.2	0.12	0.73
BH15	6.6	3950	575	170	620	88	<b>110</b>	1480	0.16	<0.1	<0.1	190	1180	1.2	215	2	0.44	<b>14</b>	22
BH16	6.6	2130	420	200	50	87	<b>5.9</b>	625	0.14	<0.1	-	250	860	0.12	59	3	0.12	<b>0.38</b>	1.9
BH19	7.1	1060	90	205	15	41	<b>6.2</b>	190	<0.1	<0.1	-	140	625	<0.1	15	3	0.08	0.11	41
BH20	7.4	810	56	140	31	35	<b>15</b>	125	0.12	<0.1	-	160	470	0.34	19	2	0.07	0.06	1.8
LP1	7.7	8890	1450	195	485	95	<b>1080</b>	1740	0.47	<0.1	-	120	7510	22	700	75	0.46	<b>2.9</b>	3.3
SWC2	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.1	-	-	0.27	0.2	-	190	-	-	-	-	0.1	1.5
SWP1	7.4	1050	240	74	30	45	<0.1	290	0.22	<0.1	-	135	500	0.12	-	-	-	0.11	0.26
SWP2	7.6	1500	310	135	35	61	<b>2.7</b>	365	0.19	0.53	-	240	715	0.18	-	-	-	0.06	1.1
SWP4	7.8	1300	285	81	30	54	<b>2.1</b>	345	0.31	<b>18</b>	-	230	455	<0.1	31	<2	-	<b>0.32</b>	0.33
SWP5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SWC-UP	7.2	32600	9620	430	480	1200	0.1	18000	0.42	0.27	-	2260	150	<0.1	-	-	-	0.16	0.78
SWC-DOWN	7.4	33600	9890	410	465	1170	0.1	18500	0.44	0.22	-	2350	225	<0.1	-	-	-	0.13	0.4

- 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 NH<sub>4</sub>-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 – AUGUST 2017**

Sample	NH <sub>4</sub> -N	HCO <sub>3</sub>	Sol. Fe	Tot Fe	FCs	E. Coli
<b>Units</b>	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	CFU/100ml	CFU/100ml
<b>LP1</b>	<b>1080</b>	7510	<b>2.9</b>	3.3	400	400
<b>SWC2</b>	0.1	190	0.1	1.5	-	-
<b>SWC-UP</b>	0.1	150	0.16	0.78	-	-
<b>SWC-Down</b>	0.1	225	0.13	0.4	-	-
<b>SWP1</b>	<0.1	500	0.11	0.26	-	-
<b>SWP2</b>	<b>2.7</b>	715	0.06	1.1	-	-
<b>SWP4</b>	<b>2.1</b>	455	<b>0.32</b>	0.33	-	-
<b>SWP5</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>ANZECC 2000</b>	1.88*	-	0.3 <sup>#</sup>	-	-	-

**Notes:**

- = not analysed;
- FCs = faecal coliforms;
- E. Coli = Escherichia coli;
- guidelines levels from ANZECC (2000) – Australian and New Zealand guidelines for fresh and marine water quality for the protection of aquatic ecosystems;
- \* = guideline from marine trigger values as total NH<sub>4</sub>-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;
- # = interim indicative working level presented in section 8.3.7 of ANZECC 2000 (based on Canadian derived guidelines); and
- values above the guidelines are **bolded**.

**TABLE 4 RATIOS OF PRINCIPAL IONS – AUGUST 2017**

Bore	Na/Cl	Na/Ca	Mg/Ca	Ca/K	Cl/SO <sub>4</sub>	Cl/HCO <sub>3</sub>	K/TDS (%)	L/N (%)
BH1b	0.74	5.42	0.92	0.59	63.67	0.32	5.45	58.65
BH2	0.67	1.55	0.36	4.40	5.55	0.39	2.50	15.51
BH3	0.34	0.46	0.19	4.12	2.04	0.45	4.10	41.74
BH4	0.72	0.72	0.21	9.06	1.73	0.26	1.98	8.33
BH5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
BH10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
BH13	0.87	0.48	0.21	6.00	0.52	0.16	3.15	11.38
BH14	0.78	0.76	0.23	7.07	1.14	0.25	2.30	10.10
BH15	0.39	3.38	0.52	0.27	7.79	1.25	15.70	87.66
BH16	0.67	2.10	0.44	4.00	2.50	0.73	2.35	7.92
BH19	0.47	0.44	0.20	13.67	1.36	0.30	1.42	6.34
BH20	0.45	0.40	0.25	4.52	0.78	0.27	3.83	19.96
LP1	0.83	7.44	0.49	0.40	14.50	0.23	5.46	89.95
SWC2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SWP1	0.83	3.24	0.61	2.47	2.15	0.58	2.86	-
SWP2	0.85	2.30	0.45	3.86	1.52	0.51	2.33	-
SWP4	0.83	3.52	0.67	2.70	1.50	0.76	2.31	-
SWP5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SWC-UP	0.53	22.37	2.79	0.90	7.96	120.00	1.47	-

**Notes:**

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



**TABLE 5 SUMMARY OF GAS ANALYSIS – AUGUST 2017**

Location	GA 5000 V/V%	ILU V/V%
Landfill cap	-	0.00063
Main weigh bridge, weigh bridge office and landfill office sheds	-	0.00026
Dunmore Resource & Recycling Services	-	0.00036
<b>GUIDELINES</b>	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 CH<sub>4</sub>; and surface emission trigger value (500 ppm or 0.05 % v/v); and
  3. values above the guidelines are **bolded**.
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**TABLE 6 QA/QC – AUGUST 2017**

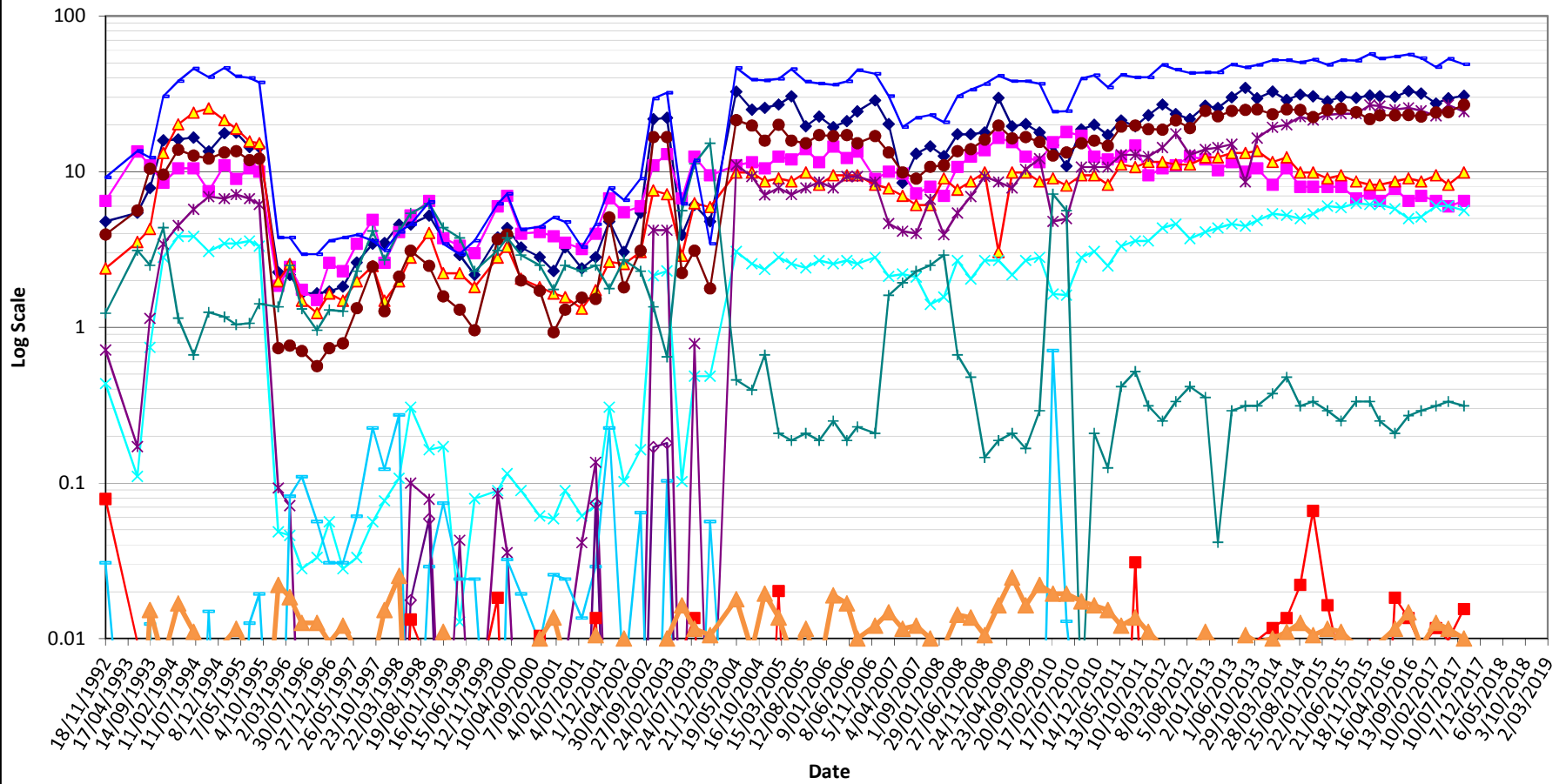
Analytes	BH20	SD1	RPD (%)
pH	7.40	7.40	0.00
TDS	795	810	1.87
Na+	52	56	7.41
Ca++	150	140	6.90
K+	32	31	3.17
Mg++	34	35	2.90
Cl-	125	125	0.00
F-	0.12	0.12	0.00
NO3-	<0.1	<0.1	-
SO4--	160	160	0.00
HCO3-	0.05	0.05	0.00
PO4---	0.43	0.34	23.38
NH4-N	15	15	0.00
BOD	1	1	0.00
TOC	20	19	5.13
Fe.T	1.7	1.8	5.71
Fe.D	0.05	0.06	18.18

**Notes:**

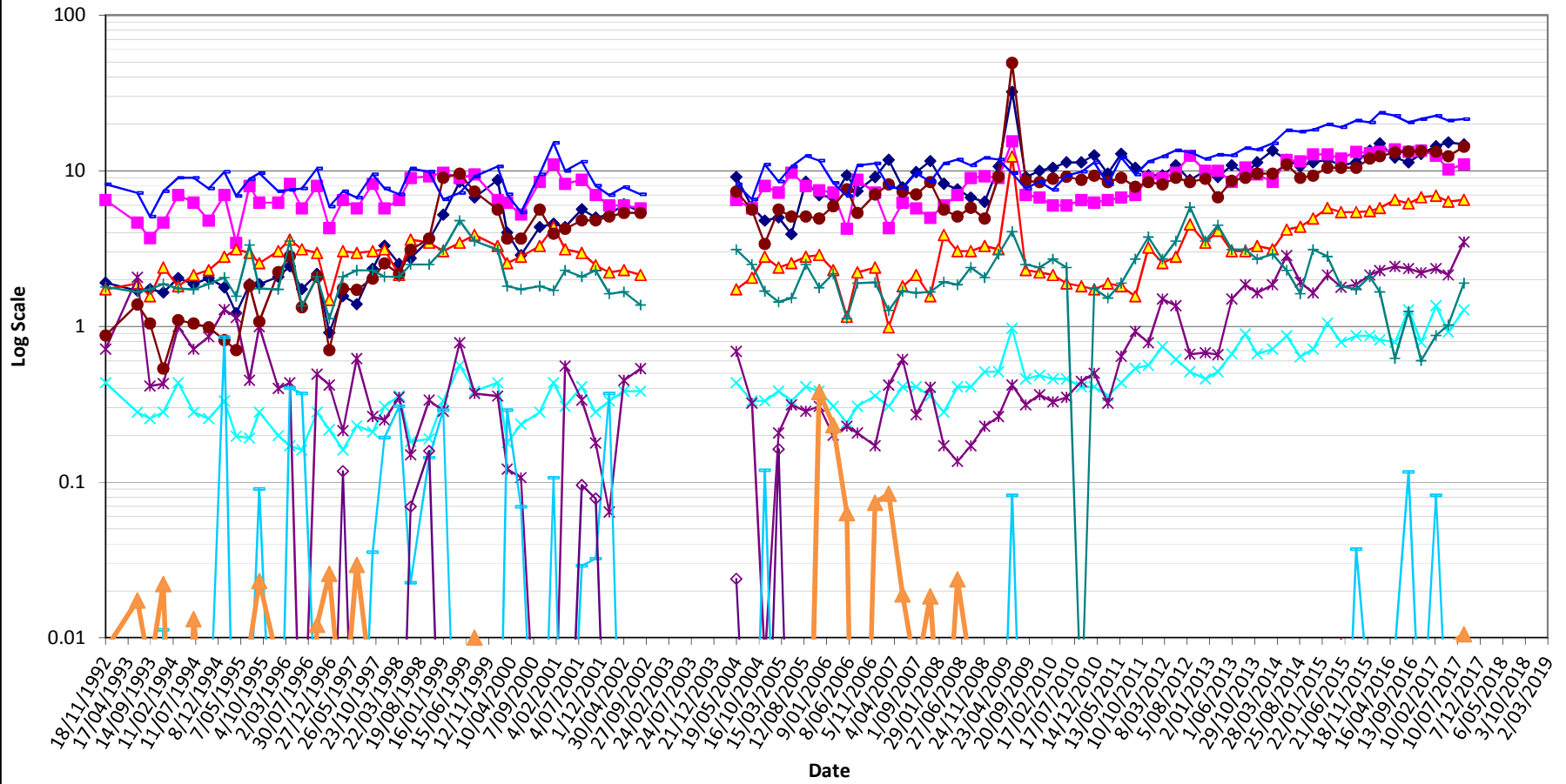
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2. RPD – Relative Percentage Difference
3. NA - not analysed;
4. values requiring further investigation are **bolded**.

## **ATTACHMENT 3 SCHOELLER PLOTS**

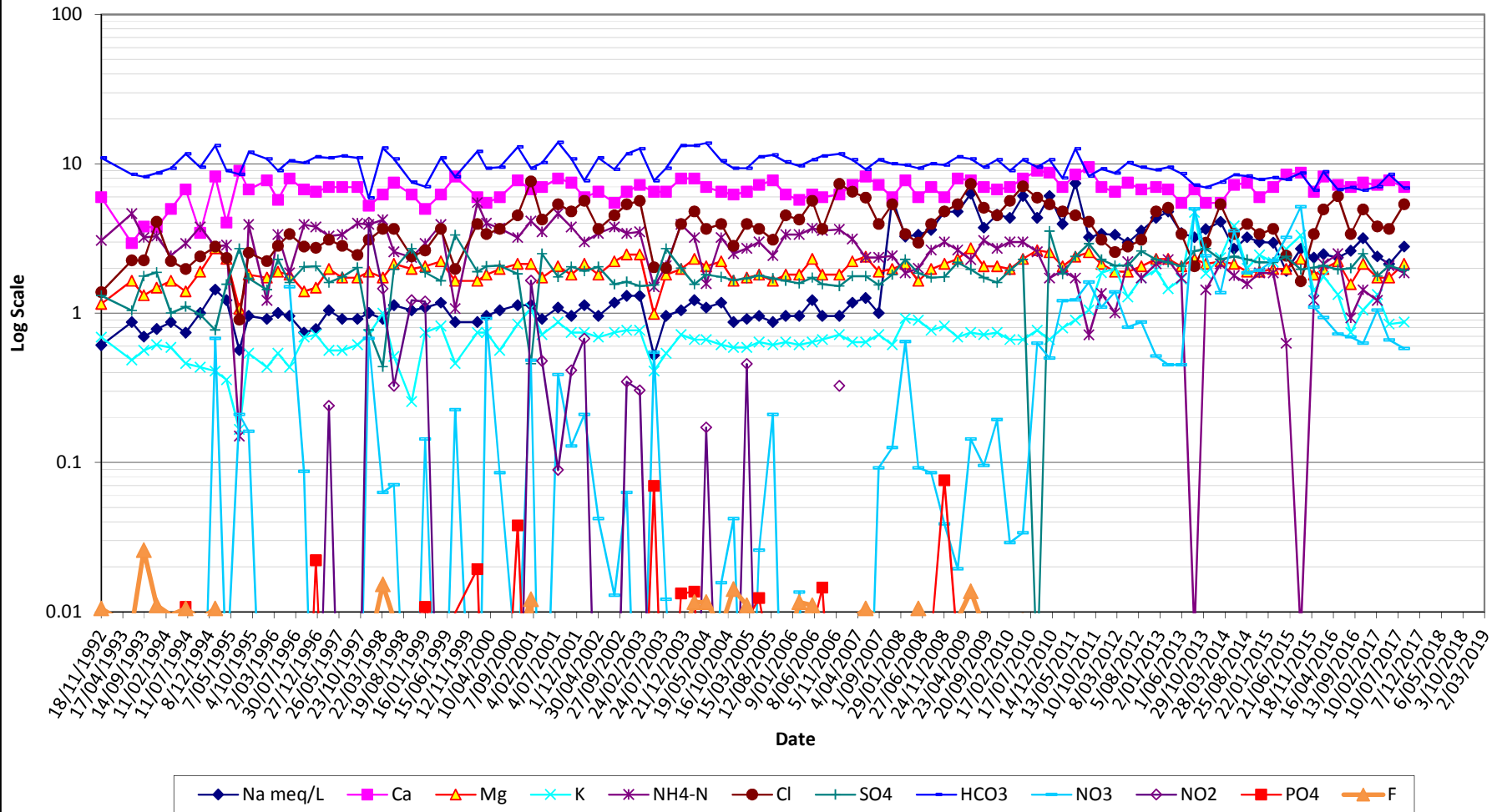
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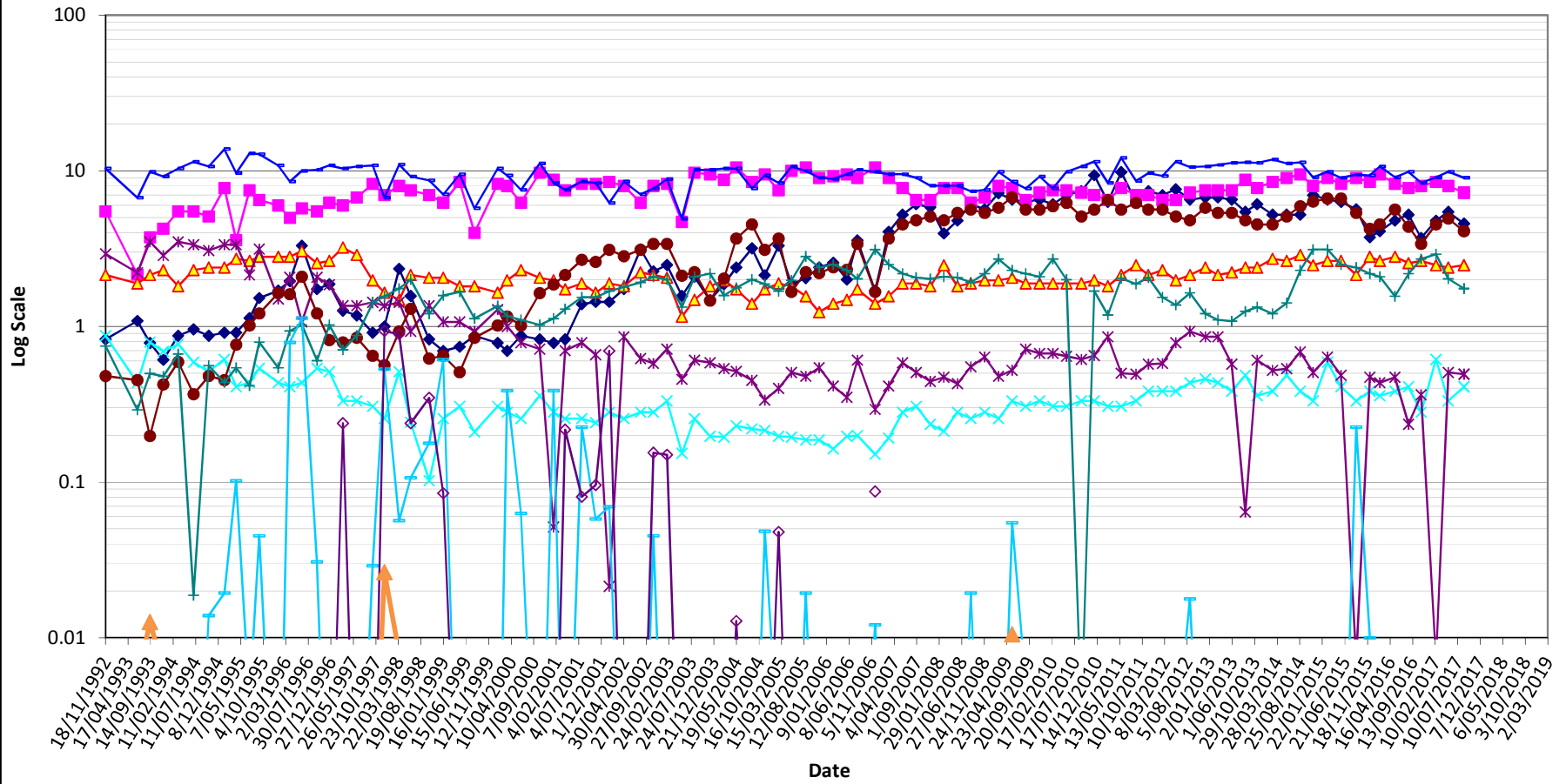


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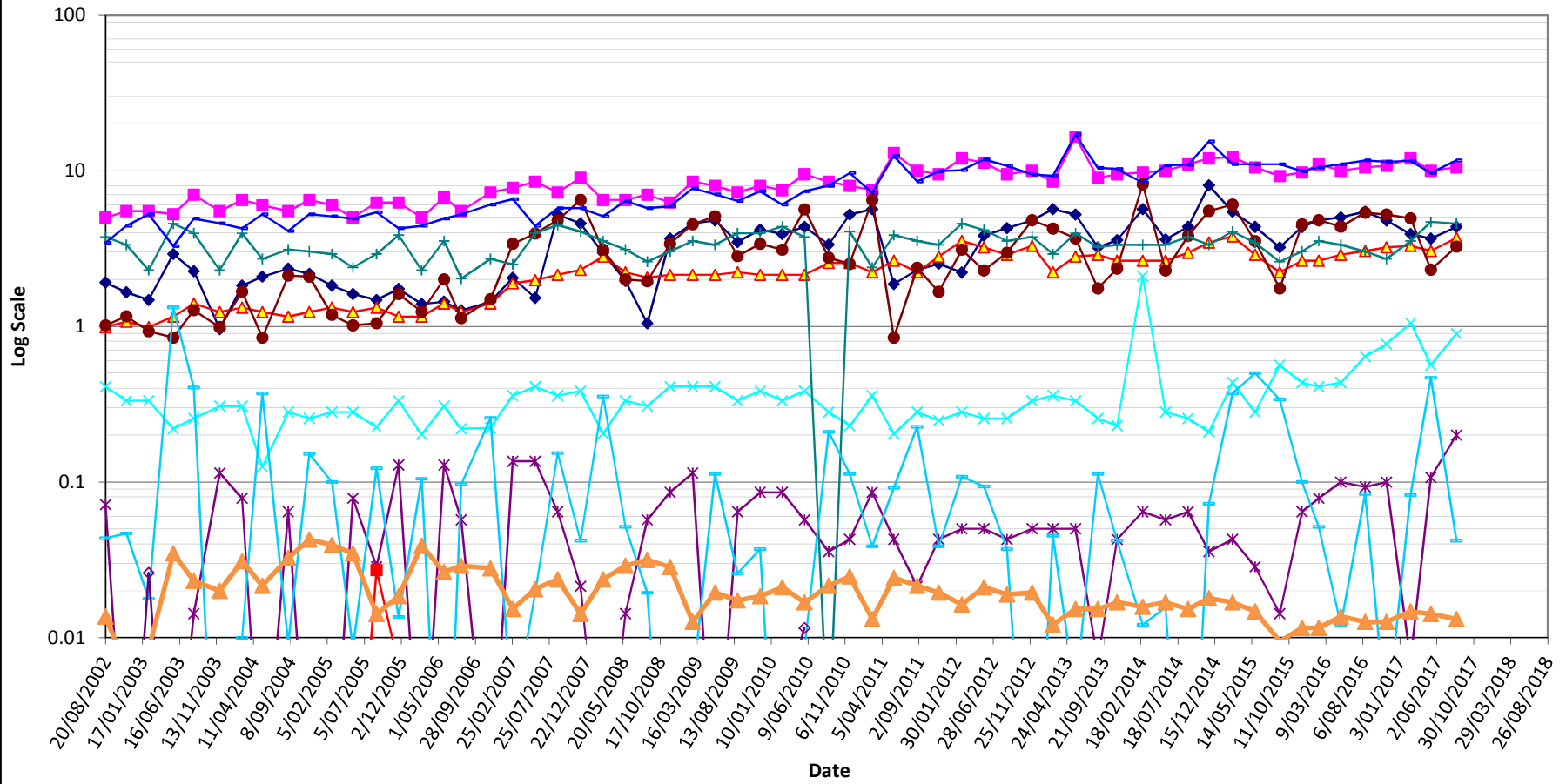




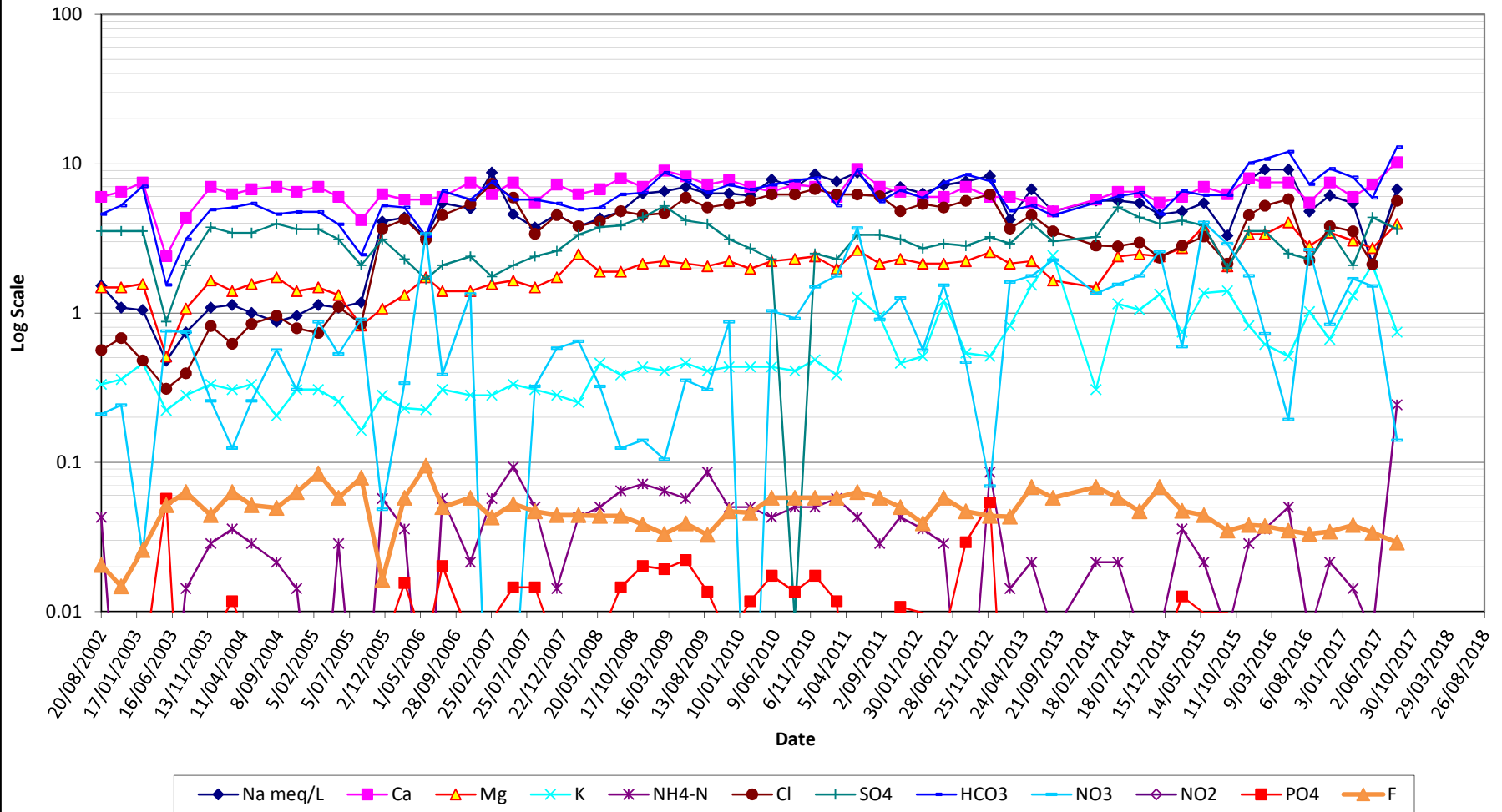
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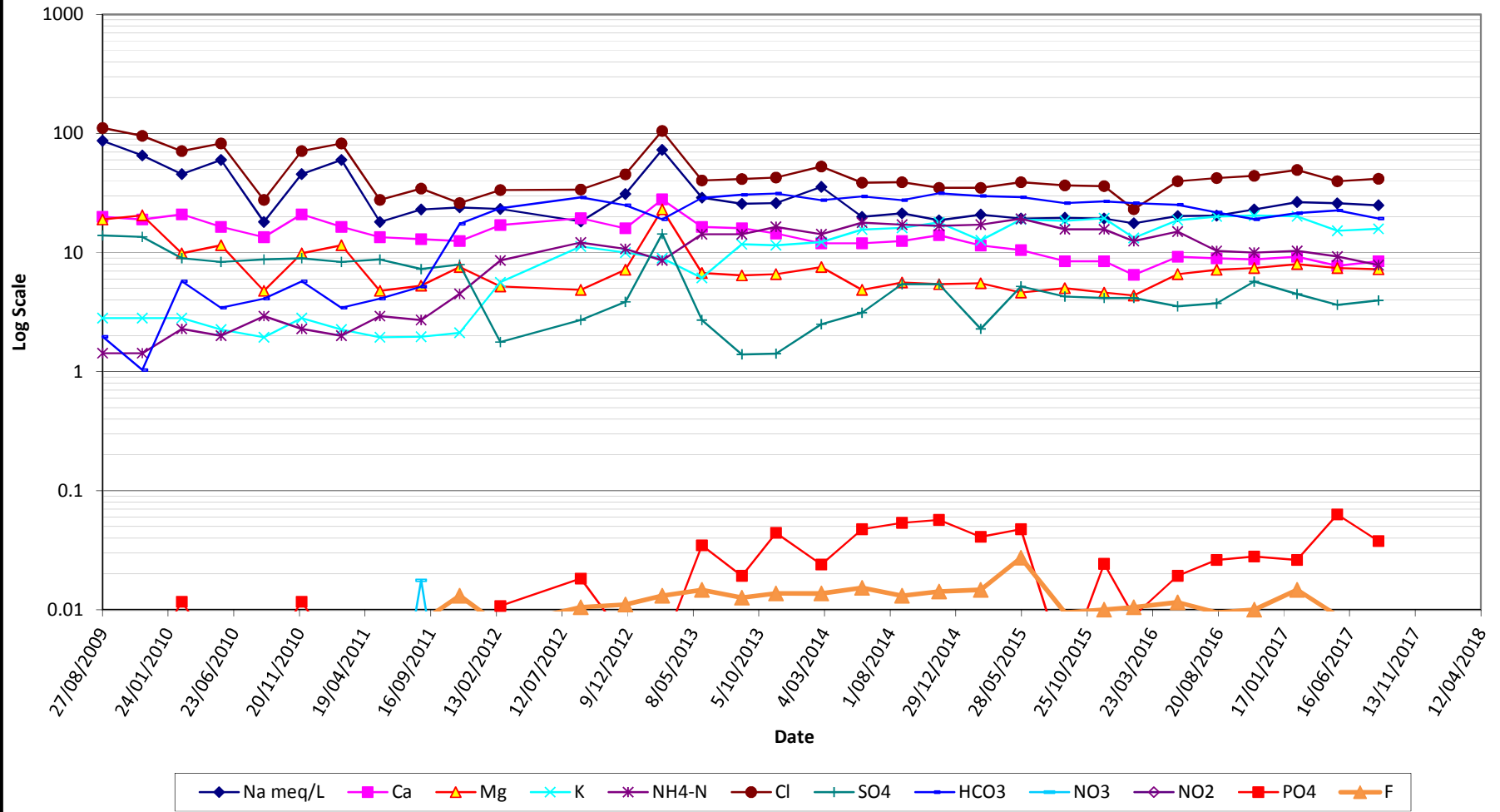
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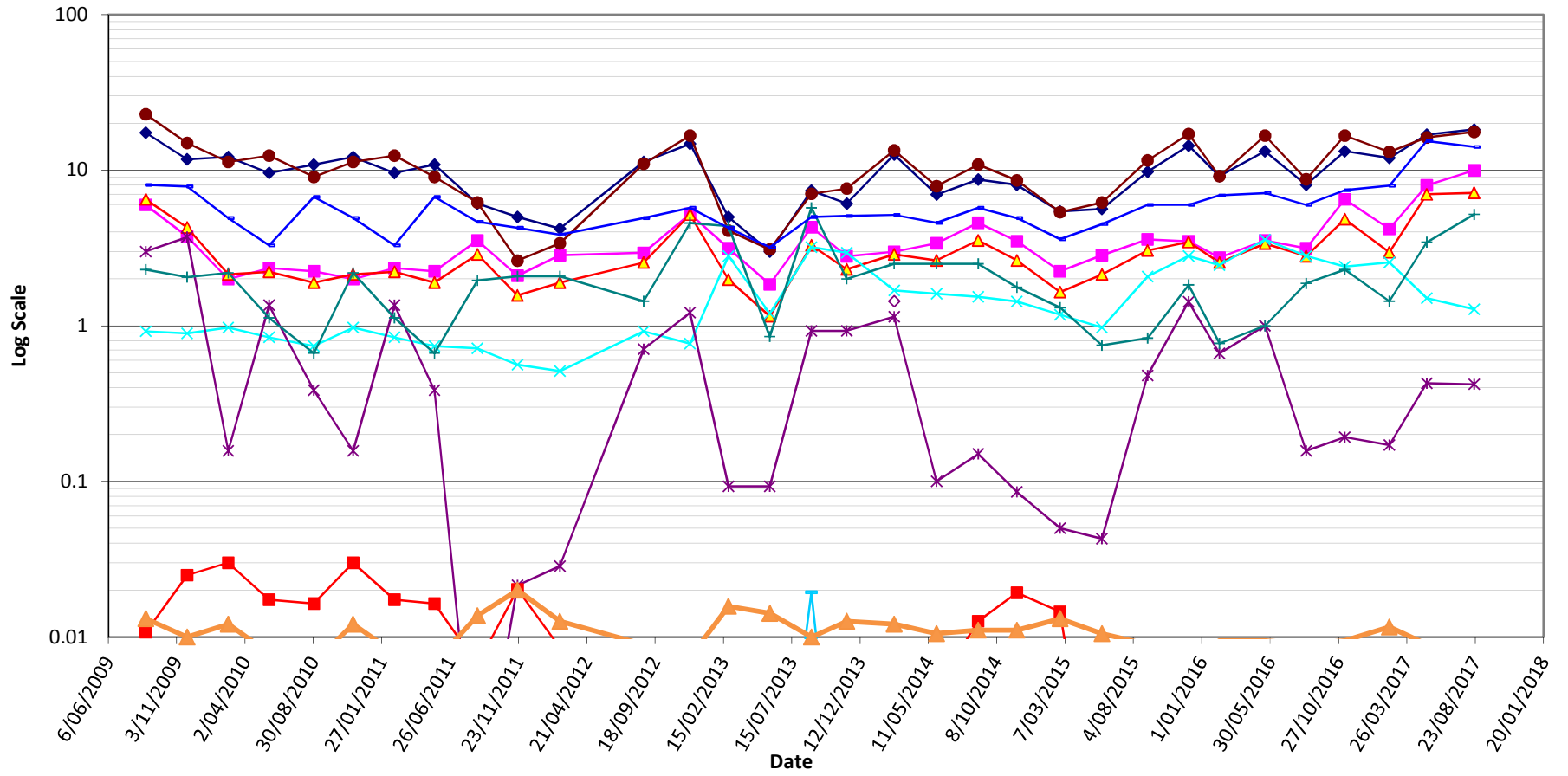
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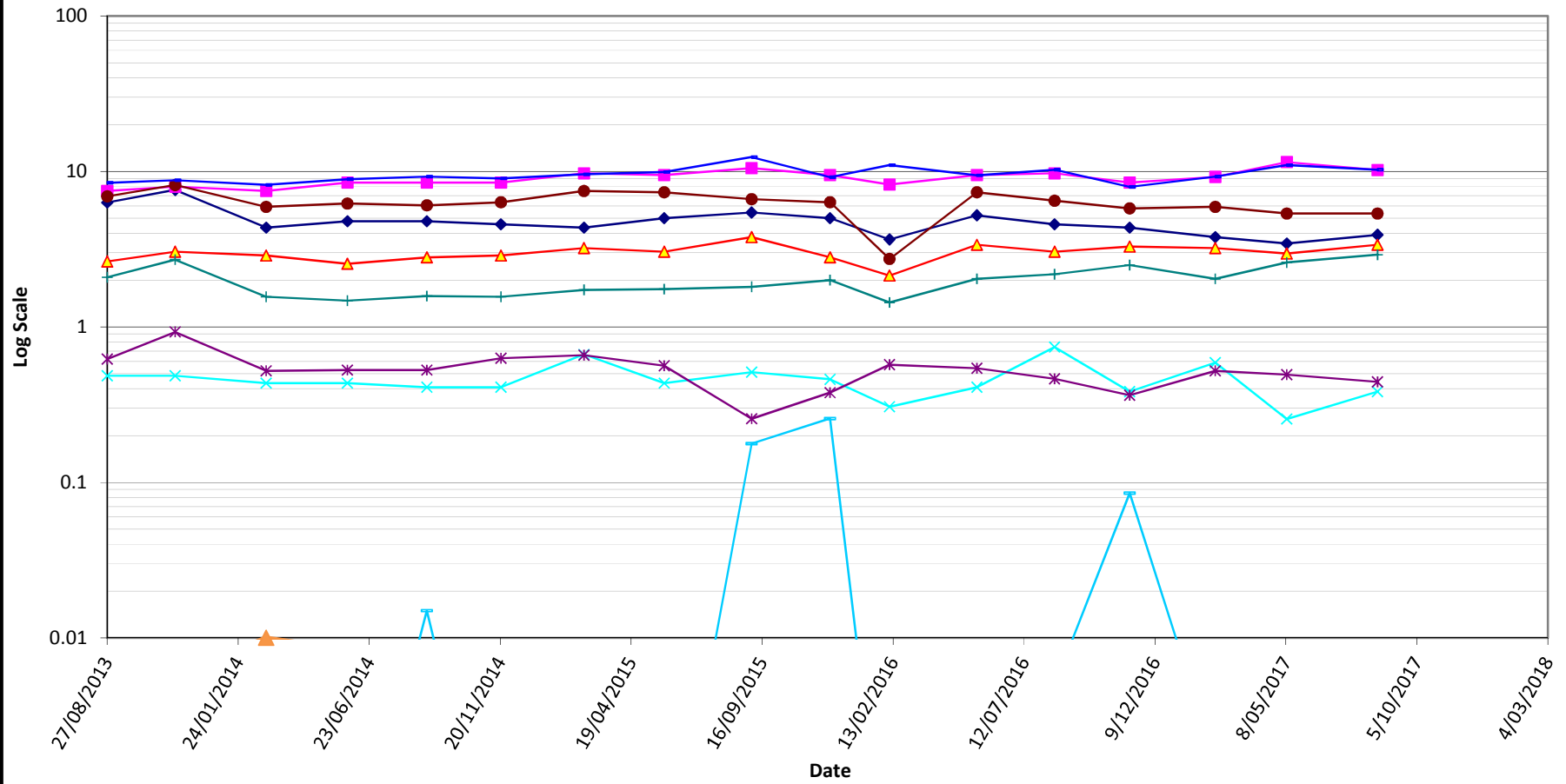
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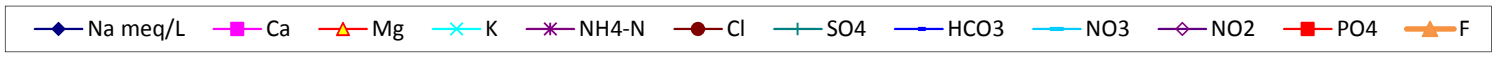
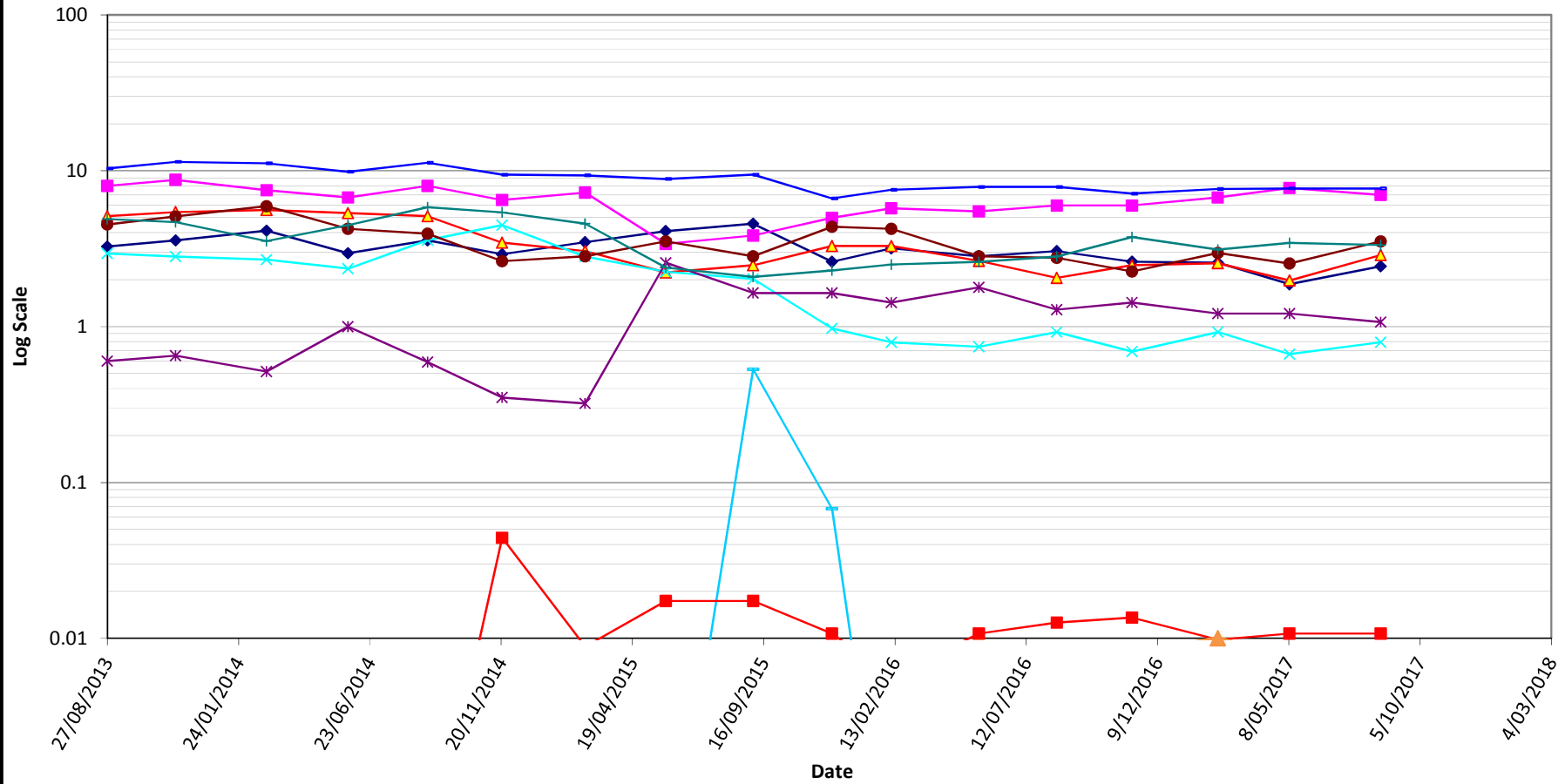
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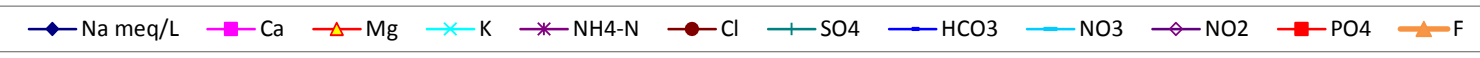
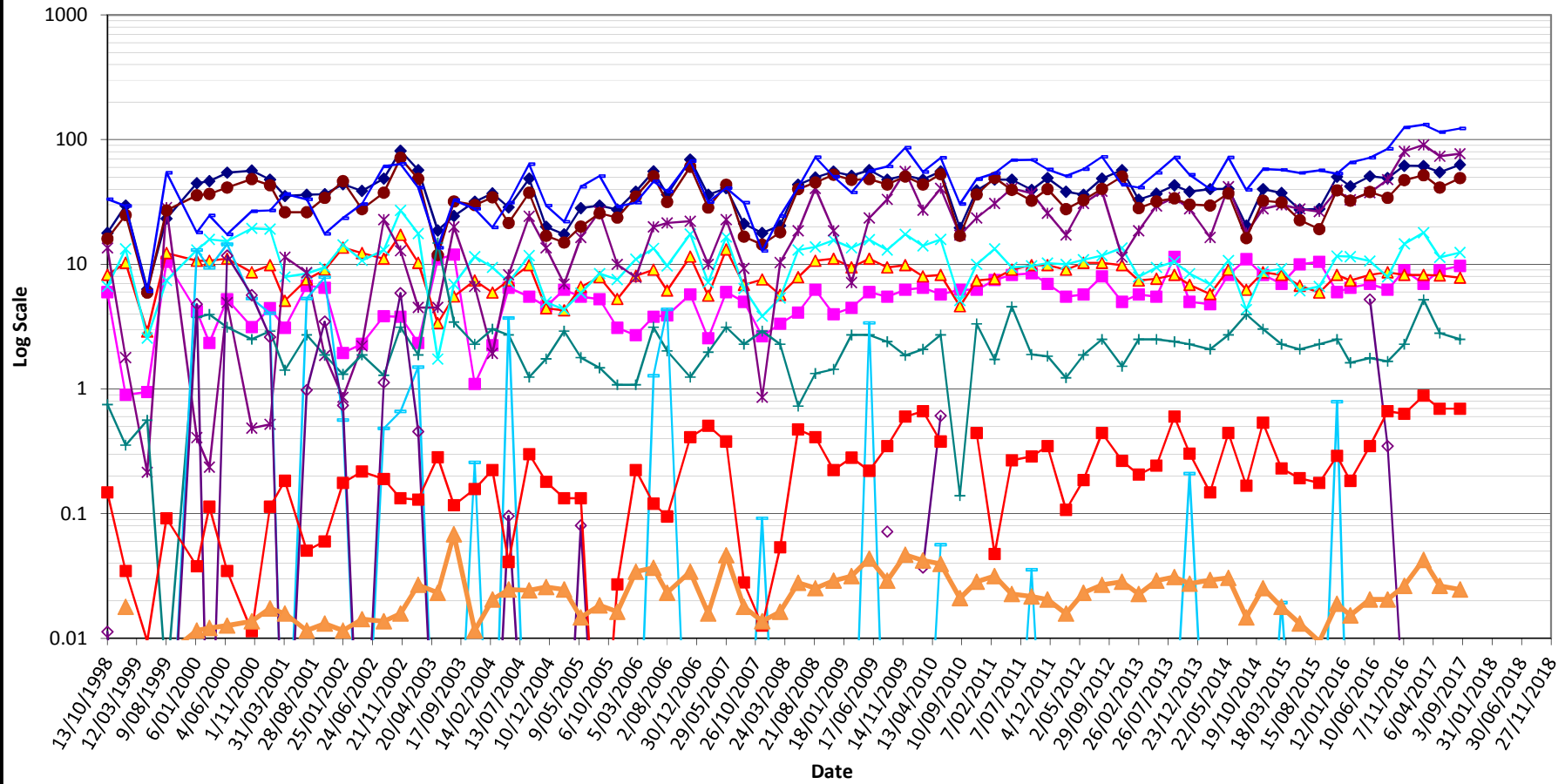


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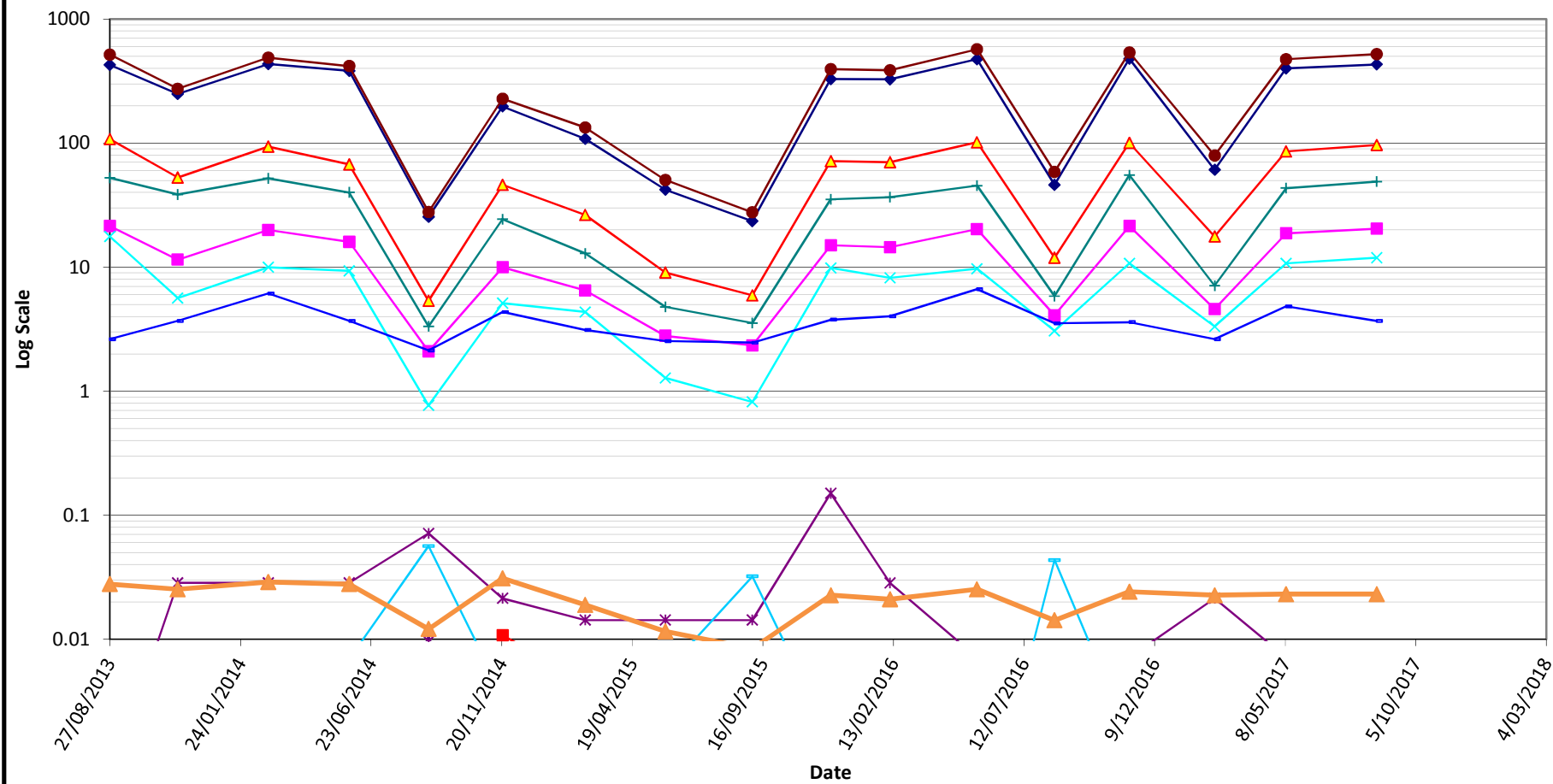




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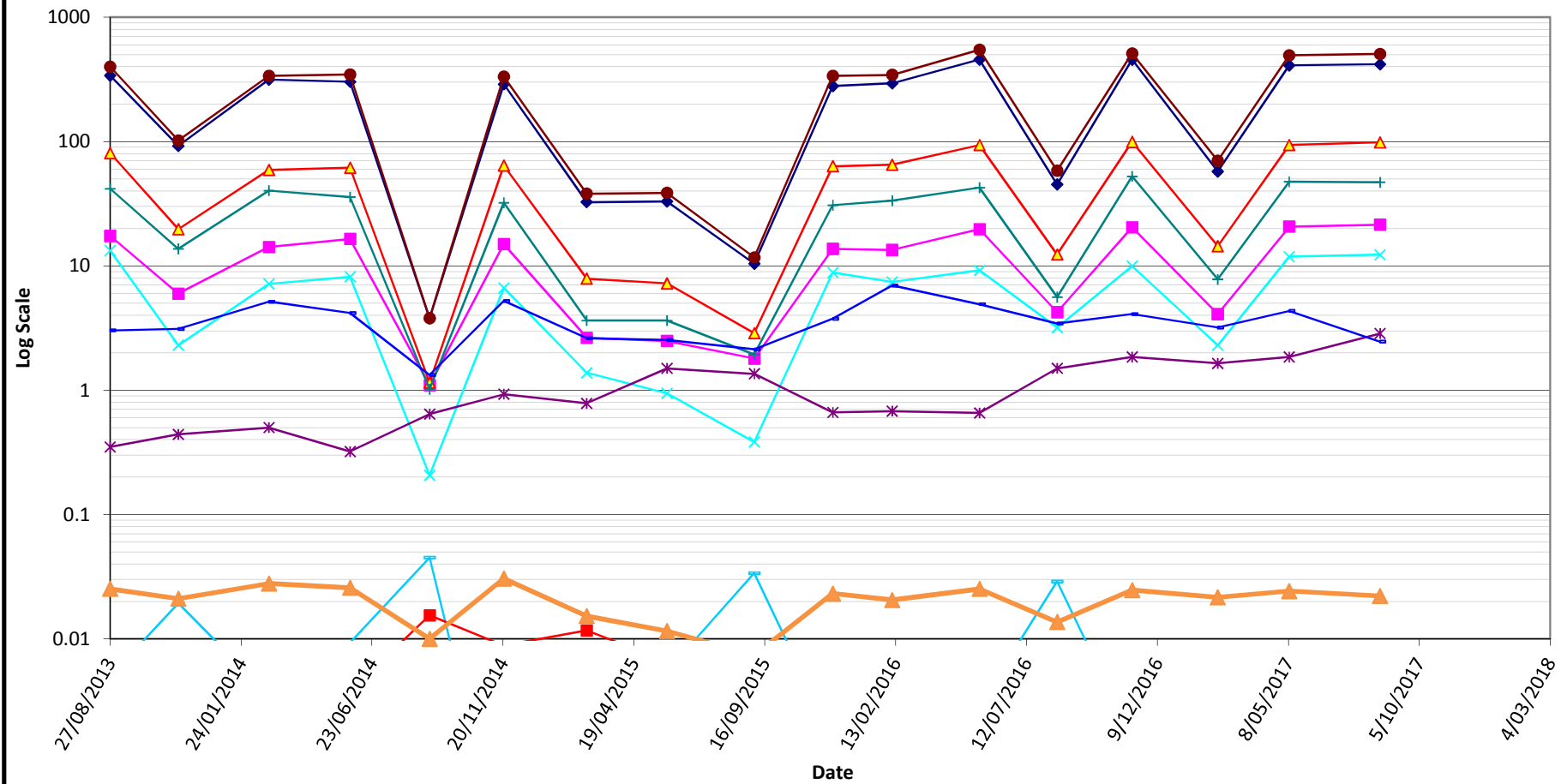


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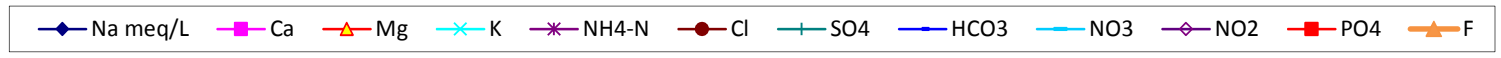
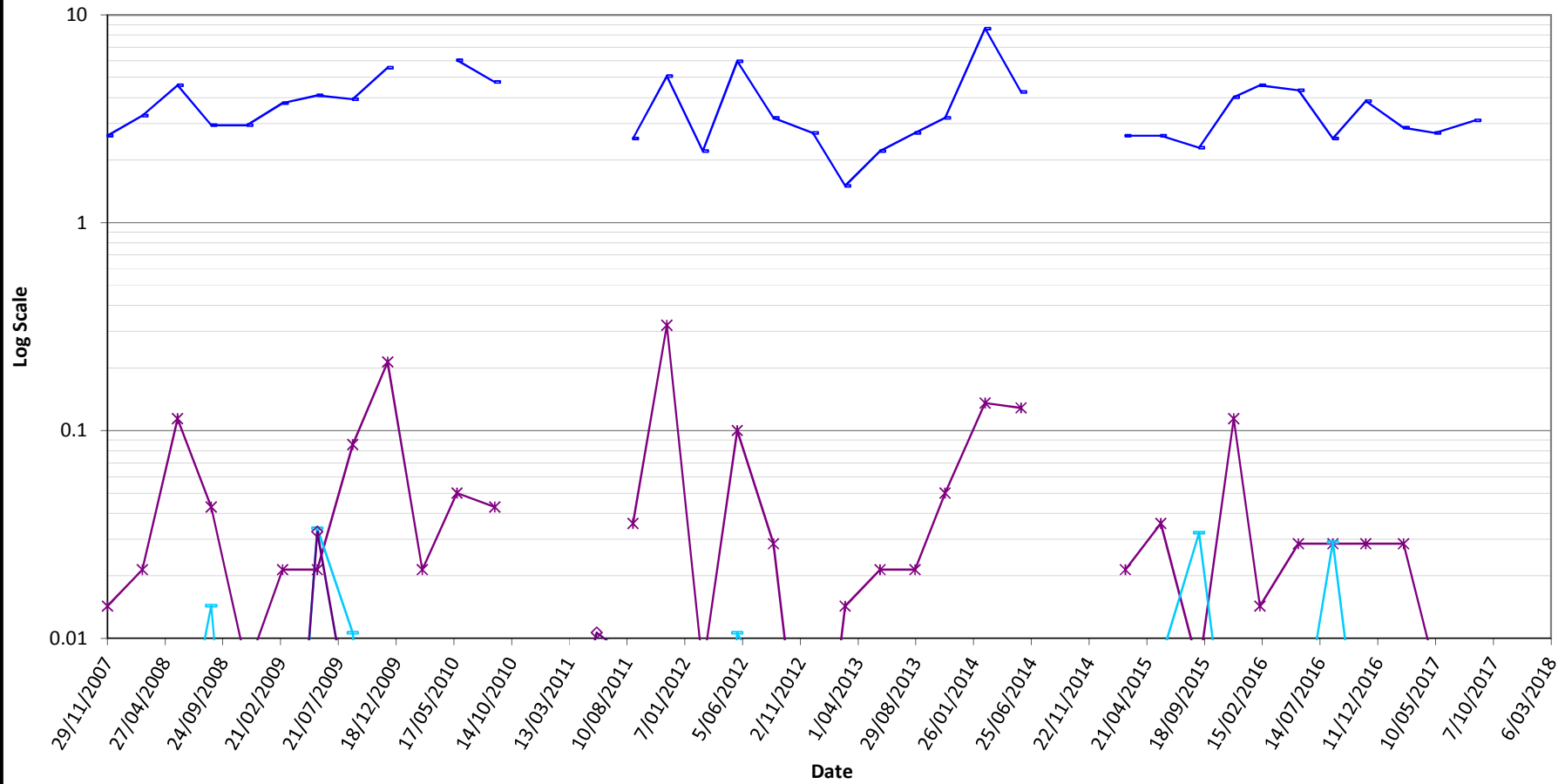


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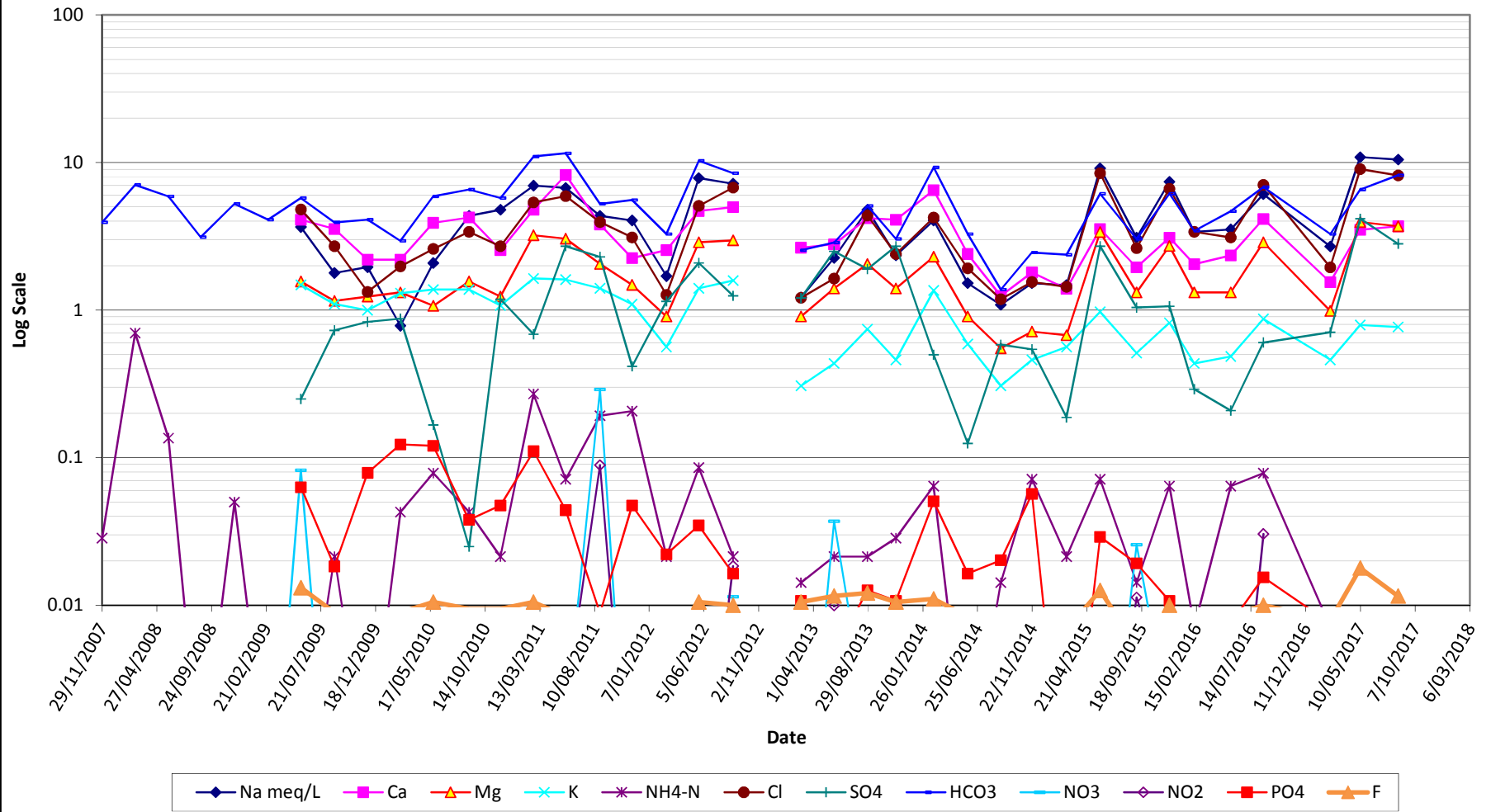
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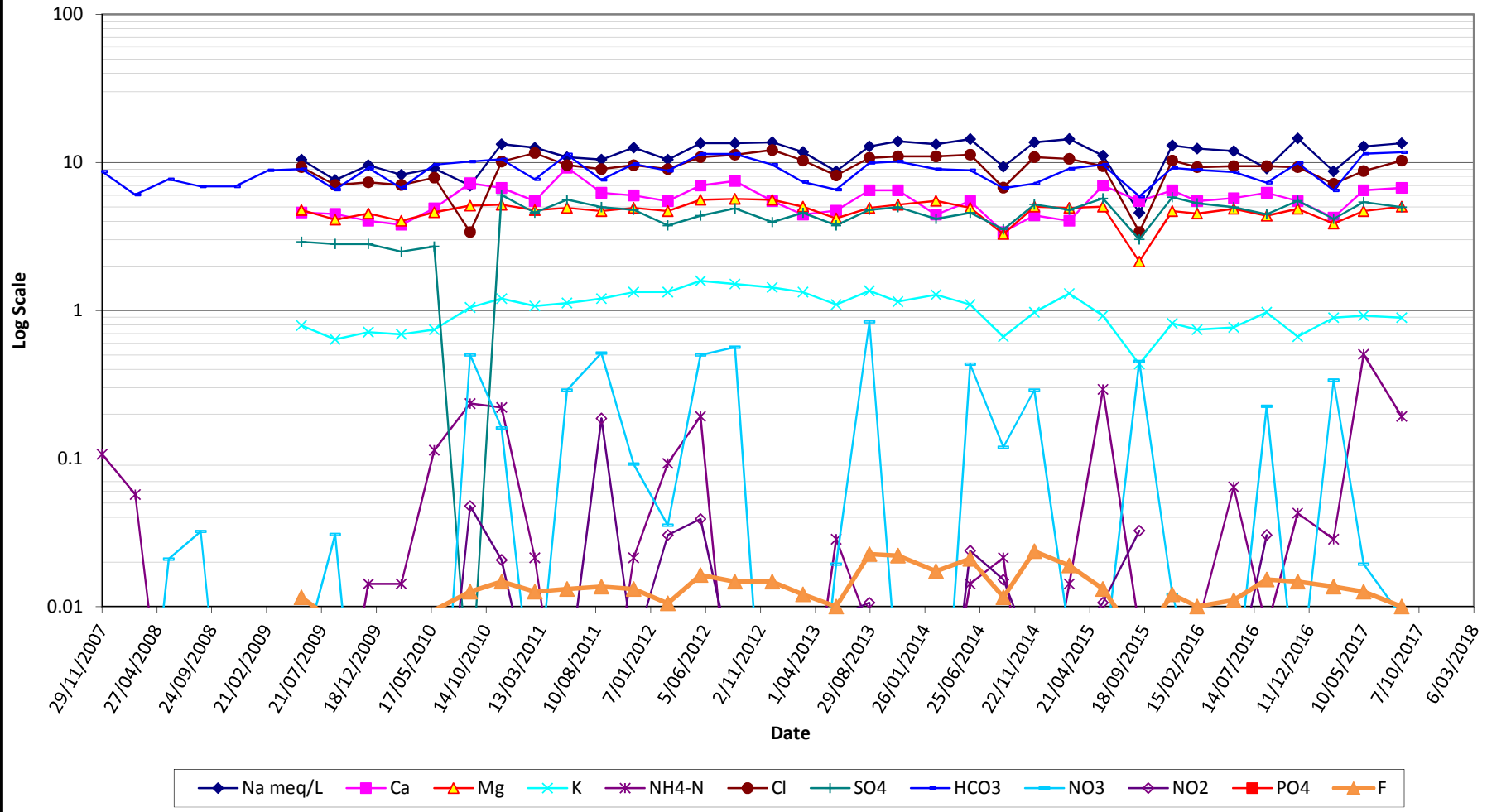
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