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Dear Courtney and Dianne,

August 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 August 2018 quarterly monitoring round was undertaken over two days, 14 August 2018 and 15 August 2018. During the August 2018 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 (BH1c, BH2, BH3, BH4, BH13, BH14, BH15, BH16, 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 BH19 on 14 August as there was a blockage in the borehole caused by a watterra. 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 a Flame Ionisation Detector (FID) and a GFM430 Landfill Gas Analyser (GFM430).



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 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 tank – 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 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 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.

Cumulative rainfall for May 2018 (12.8 mm), June 2018 (79.6 mm), July 2018 (4.6 mm) and August 2018¹ (1.6 mm) was 98.6 mm (*BOM – Albion Park Wollongong Airport weather station*) and below 1999-2018 mean rainfall for this period of the year. Groundwater levels increased at all monitoring wells. The average of the measured standing water levels throughout the site has increased by ~0.09 mAHD from 0.78 mAHD in May 2018 to 0.87 mAHD.

5.2 Groundwater

5.2.1 Groundwater sampling locations impacted by leachate

Field and laboratory results from the August 2018 sampling round, specifically from bores BH1c, BH2, BH3, BH13, BH15, BH20 and BH20s displayed chemistry that can be related to leachate impact — BH1c, BH3, BH13, 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 2).

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 brown tinge, and leachate odour noted in combination with elevated TDS (3,920 mg/L), K^+ (290 mg/L) [resulting in low Ca/K – 1.01] and NH_4^+ -N (340 mg/L) concentrations. The low levels of oxygen (0.49 ppm, Table 1) and presence of soluble Fe^{2+} (2.2 mg/L) indicate an anaerobic environment 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 (6-8 mg/L) since August 2016. In May 2018, there was a slight fluctuation in BOD with levels rising to 12 mg/L and a trend of rising levels continued in August 2018 with BOD rising to 14 mg/L. Further evidence of microbial activity / respiration is elevated HCO_3^- resulting in a low Cl/ HCO_3^- ratio of 0.46 (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 increased slightly in the August 2018 monitoring round to a level of 43 mg/L (up from 42 mg/L in May 2018). Bicarbonate (HCO_3^-), Na^+ and Mg^{2+} concentrations in groundwater have shown an increasing trend since February 2008 (Table 2, Schoeller plot BH2, Attachment 3). Calcium (Ca^{2+}) concentrations slightly decreased whilst potassium (K^+) and chlorine (Cl-) slightly increased since the last monitoring round (Table 2, Schoeller plot BH2, Attachment 3). These three ions have generally followed the same trend observed in August 2018 monitoring round since September 2015. 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 14 August 2018 (date of sample event)

Groundwater from bore BH3 reported increases in concentration of all native ions (Na^+ , Ca^{2+} and Mg^{2+}) as well as non-native ions NO_3^- and $\text{NH}_4^+\text{-N}$ since last monitoring round with NO_3^- recording an increase by an order of magnitude (7.5 mg/L in May 2018 to 78 mg/L in August 2018). Over this period concentrations of HCO_3^- and K^+ remained stable. The L/N ratio (55.56%) has increased significantly since the May 2018 monitoring round (31.12%), however, due to the low TDS (<1000 mg/L) the L/N ratio must be used with some caution. 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). After the relatively high (comparative to May, June and August 2018) rainfall recorded in July 2018 (79.6 mm) it is likely that nitrogen species within the overlying unconfined waste at BH3, along with native ions Na^+ , Ca^{2+} and Mg^{2+} within the residual soil have leached from the soil and entered groundwater, resulting in the elevated levels of NO_3^- and increase in concentrations of native ions. This trend of elevated L/N ratios after significant rainfall has been observed over the historical data range. The best example of this trend was observed during the August 2013 monitoring round, which was undertaken following a cumulative rainfall of 390.2 mm for May, June and July comparative to the 198.5 mm mean rainfall for 1999-2018 for that period. BH3's historic peak L/N ratio (208.90%) was recorded that monitoring round.

Bore BH13 is 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 2018 monitoring round shows an increase of L/N ratio to 21.07% from 12.16% in May 2018. This significant increase in L/N can be attributed to the increase in NO_3^- to 26 mg/L from 0.22 mg/L in May 2018. Large fluctuations in NO_3^- have previously been observed in the historic data, however, chemical composition of the groundwater has generally remained consistent since monitoring began in 2002 (Schoeller plot BH13, Attachment 3).

Bore BH15 has displayed a trend of decreasing L/N ratio since November 2017, where the L/N ratio was 109.33%. L/N ratio in August 2018 remains elevated at 54.10%, however, the historic data infers the continuation of decreasing leachate influence as Na^+ , Ca^{2+} and Mg^{2+} accumulate within the aquifer. The K^+/TDS ratio of 12.14% was high when compared to non-leachate influenced sites generally with $\text{K}^+/\text{TDS} < 3$ (Schoeller plot BH15, Attachment 3). Ammonium ($\text{NH}_4^+\text{-N}$) remains elevated at 115 mg/L, compared to other non-impacted locations at the site, which is consistent with previous monitoring rounds. Field measurements of a negative redox (negative ORP) and low dissolved oxygen are indicative of a reducing environment. Elevated levels of soluble Mn^{2+} (0.74 mg/L) and Fe^{2+} (11 mg/L) are indicators of a reducing environment that is favourable for the degradation of leachate. 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^- . However, as L/N ratio has decreased, these indicators have also decreased. It is important to note that 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 (-131 mV) with clear groundwater and H_2S odour. The L/N ratio (35.23%) in the August 2018 round increased considerably from 22.58% in May 2018. The TDS remained relatively low (850 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 21 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 August 2018, field measurements at bore BH20s recorded a negative redox (-60.9 mV), clear colour of the groundwater and no odour was detected. The high levels of NO_3^- (39 mg/L) and increase in K^+ (110 mg/L) led to an elevated L/N ratio (73.69%), indicative of potentially high leachate impact at this site. TDS is relatively low (835 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 (0.6 mg/L) have decreased slightly since May 2018 and remain lower than those seen at the deeper BH20 bore. It was previously thought that high nitrate levels in this shallower bore location was indicative of nitrification throughout the soil profile, however, continued monitoring at this location will be necessary to determine potential leachate transport pathways to Rocklow Creek.

5.2.2 Remaining groundwater sampling locations

During the August 2018 monitoring round, ionic chemistry indicated that bores BH4, BH14 and BH16 only displayed slight to no leachate influence. Chemical composition of each of these bores has been depicted in Schoeller plots in Attachment 3.

The L/N ratio at bore BH4 showed a slight decrease in the August 2018 round (10.42%) — in May 2018 monitoring round the L/N ratio was 31.39% at this location. The L/N ratio at this location had not exceeded 10% previously since February 2003. Relatively stable $\text{NH}_4^+\text{-N}$ levels (7.70 mg/L), decrease in K^+ and increased concentrations of native ions Na^+ , Ca^{2+} and Mg^{2+} can be attributed to the decrease in L/N ratio however this value should be used carefully due to low TDS <1000 mg/L. BH4 is placed on the border of an historic shallow landfill site and down gradient of landfilling activities. This area should be continually monitored to determine water quality in this area.

The L/N ratio at bore BH14 showed a slight decrease in the August 2018 round (5.94%) — in May 2018 monitoring round the L/N ratio was 7.29% at this location. The decrease in concentration of K^+ and $\text{NH}_4^+\text{-N}$ and increase in Na^+ and Ca^{2+} account for the decrease in L/N (Schoeller plot BH14, Attachment 3). NO_3^- concentration remained stable at low levels however NO_3^- levels have been historically high at 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 given its history of leachate impact.

Bore BH16 is located in a swampy area with groundwater field observations recording a brown colour and a minor leachate / sulfuric odour. The sampled redox potential indicates a reducing environment (-177.2 mV), which may have an influence on the historical dominance of $\text{NH}_4^+\text{-N}$ over NO_3^- . This round $\text{NH}_4^+\text{-N}$ concentrations were 0.2 mg/L. Groundwater sampling in August 2018 indicated limited to no leachate impact at BH16 which was represented by the L/N ratio of 5.50%. The L/N ratio increased slightly in August 2018 (9.53%) compared to May 2018 (9.53%). 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.

NH₄-N concentrations above threshold levels (1.88 mg/L) were reported in groundwater from bores BH1c (340 mg/L), BH2 (43 mg/L), BH3 (26 mg/L), BH4 (7.7 mg/L), BH15 (115mg/L) and BH20 (21 mg/L). Nitrate (NO₃⁻) was reported above guideline thresholds (10.6 mg/L) (ANZECC, 2000) at BH4 (78 mg/L), BH13 (26 mg/L) and BH20s (39 mg/L).

5.3 Surface water monitoring

During the August 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 within the historical ranges. As surface water 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 0.1 mg/L and were below the ANZECC (2000) trigger levels in the August 2018 monitoring round. In May 2018, ammonium concentrations reached 3.80 mg/L, a peak since November 2011, and ongoing minor leachate impact has been indicated by consistent L/N ratios > 10% and < 20%. Elevated concentrations of soluble iron and a negative redox potential (-89.5 mV) in the August 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 decreased to 0.2 mg/L during this sampling round compared to May 2018 (1.8 mg/L). Fluctuating ammonium is common at this location with previous monitoring events ranging between 0.01 and 15 mg/L. Nitrate (NO₃⁻) levels (1.4 mg/L) remained below the ANZECC (2000) trigger value (10.6 mg/L). All chemical parameters at this location are within historical ranges.

SWP4 displayed ammonium (NH₄⁺-N) levels that dropped below the defined trigger level of 1.88 mg/L that was exceeded in May 2018 (2.60 mg/L). Nitrate (NO₃⁻) levels increased to 8.40 mg/L which is below the trigger value established by the ANZECC (2000) guidelines. The decrease in NH₄⁺-N and increase in NO₃⁻ is 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.

The four surface water creek sites SWC2, SWC_Up, SWC_Down and SWC_Down_2 (Figure 2) were also sampled during the August 2018 sampling event. 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 (>30,000 mg/L), 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 concentrations of NH₄⁺-N and NO₃⁻ below the ANZECC (2000) guidelines. 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 presented in Table 2. In particular TDS, BOD, TOC, Na⁺, NH₄⁺-N, K⁺, HCO₃⁻, PO₄³⁻ and total iron concentrations are generally elevated in leachate pond water compared to other monitoring bores (Schoeller Plot LP1, Attachment 3). Ionic ratios (Table 4) such as low Ca/K (0.64) 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 and < 20 CFU/100mL respectively (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 0.48% to 2.92%. 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 0.23 % and 9.13%. The relationship between the field determined EC and laboratory measured TDS relationship ranged between 0.47 and 1.24.

RPDs between the intra-laboratory duplicate and the primary sample taken at bore BH2 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 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 August 2018 round are presented in Figure 3).

All readings were below the site specific criteria outlined in EPL no. 5984 as the NSW EPA (1996) reporting threshold of 1.25 % v/v CH₄ 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 1.0 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 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 relatively 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.

The August 2018 monitoring round found a general increase in L/N ratios at leachate impacted groundwater sampling locations due to spikes in NO₃⁻ concentrations, particularly at BH3, BH13 and BH20s. Increased rainfall in June, relatively to previous months, may have caused the leaching of NO₃⁻ from overlying unconfined waste to groundwater and through surface water infiltration.

Assessment of monitoring bores closest to Rocklow Creek, BH20 and BH20s, has detected the presence of leachate indicators despite the Rocklow Creek samples (SWC-Up, SWC-Down and SWC_Down_2), showing no affect. Although the historical data sets of these new bore locations are relatively limited, it appears that on-site activities are not significantly impacting 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.

Gas concentrations detected at all buildings assessed on site were below guidelines and therefore no action was required. Gas concentrations across the landfill cap were also within the guidelines. However, as landfill gas exceedances were recorded in May 2017 we recommend continued monitoring with a FID or Inspectra Laser Unit and GA5000 Landfill Gas Monitor.

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 that dust poses on nearby residential areas.

7.0 Limitations

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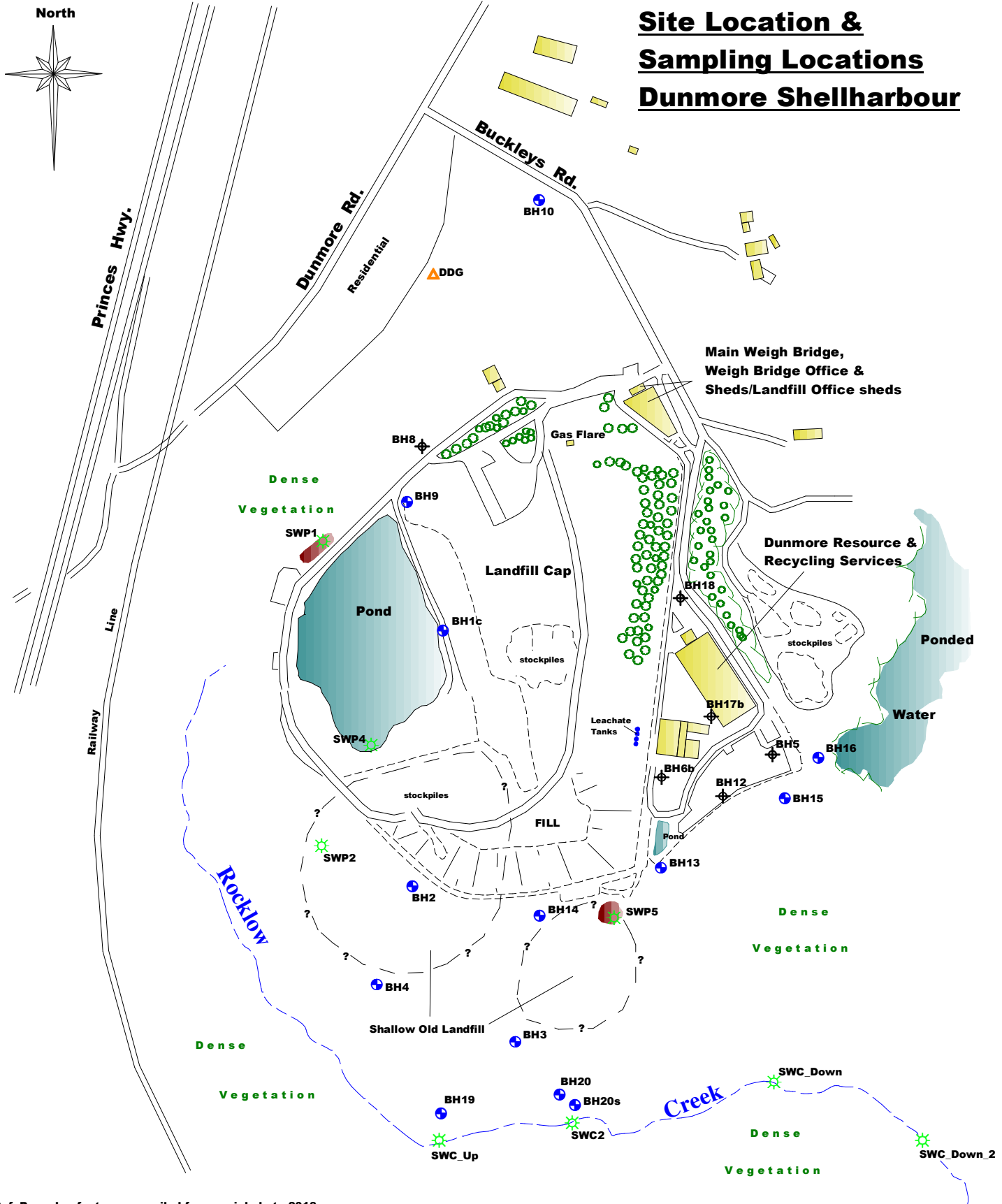
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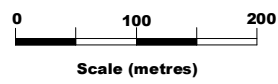
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ATTACHMENT 1 FIGURES

Site Location & Sampling Locations Dunmore Shellharbour




Ref. Baseplan features compiled from aerial photo 2018.

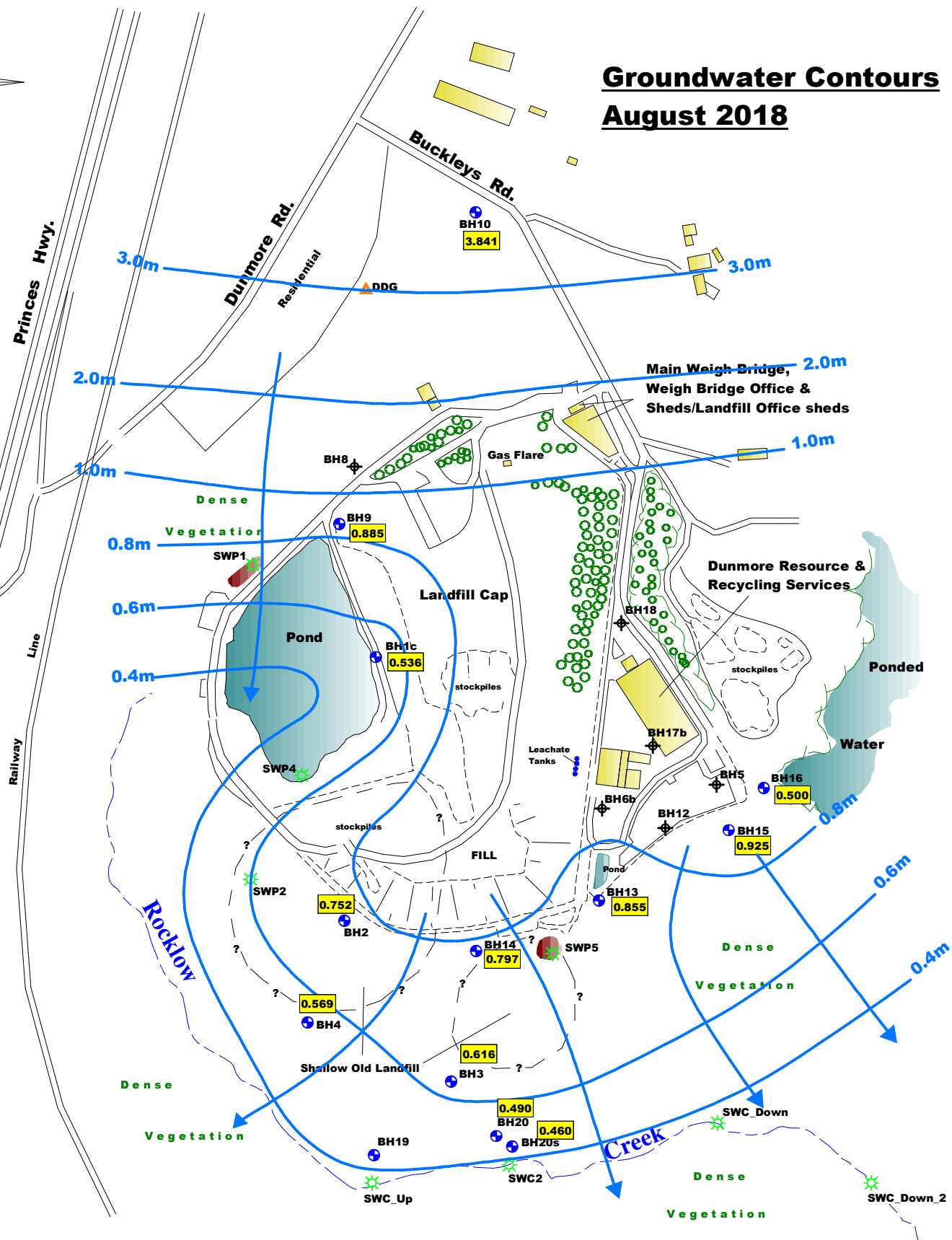
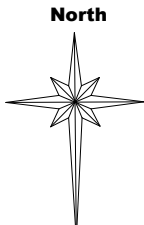


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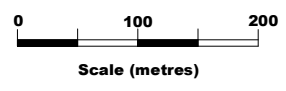
- Bore locations
- ▲ Dust gauge locations
- ☼ Surface water locations
- ⊕ Decommissioned bores

 ENVIRONMENTAL EARTH SCIENCES CONTAMINATION RESOLVED	Title: Site Plan & Sampling Locations		
	Location: Buckleys Road, Dunmore, Shellharbour, NSW		
Client: Shellharbour City Council	Job No. 118077	Date: August 2018	Figure 1
	Drawn by: TRJ	Proj. Man. LV	

Groundwater Contours August 2018



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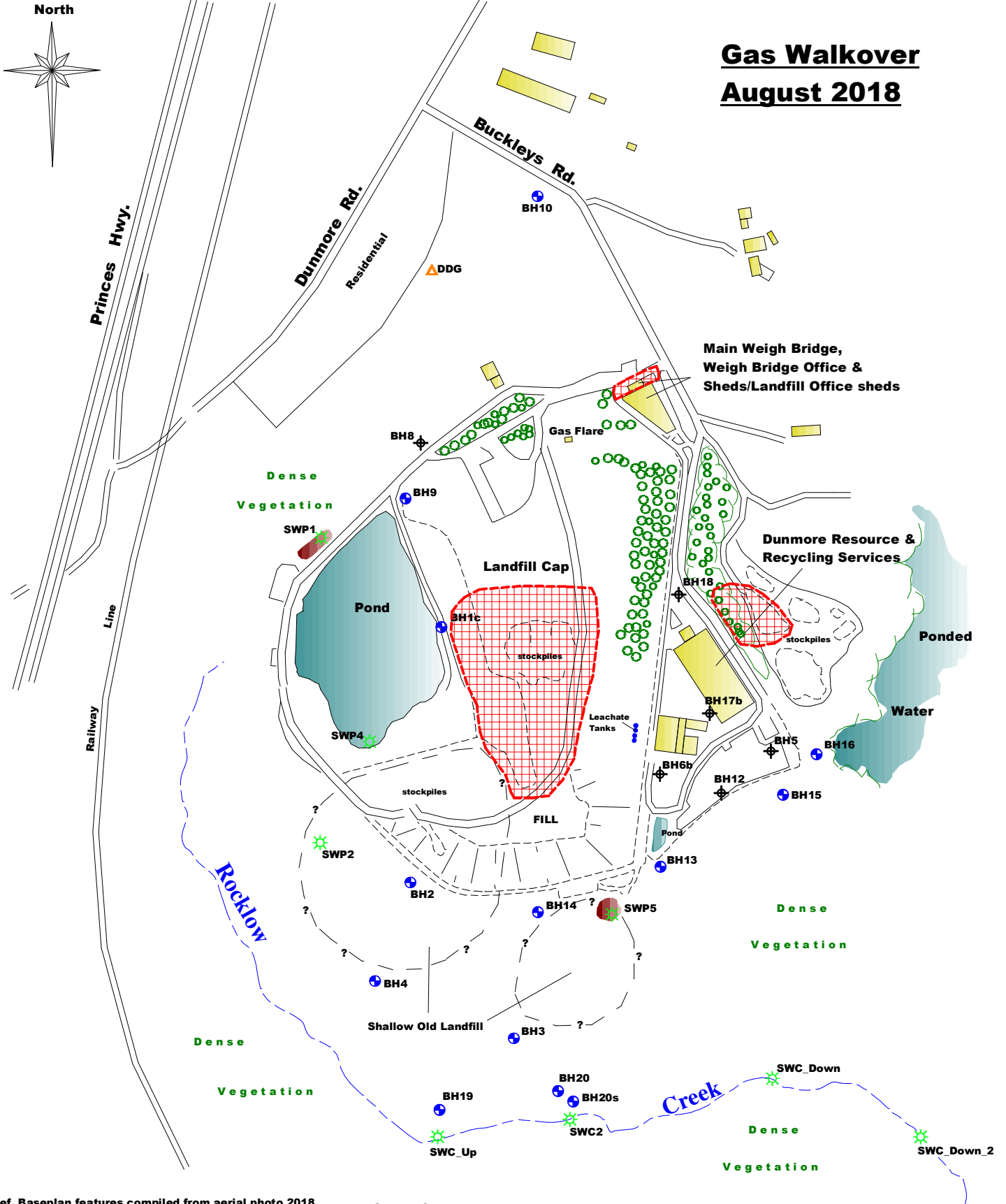


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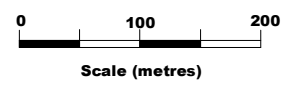
- Bore locations
- ▲ Dust gauge locations
- ⊗ Surface water locations
- ⊕ Decommissioned bores
- Inferred groundwater contour (m AHD)
- Inferred flow direction
- 0.490 SWL (standing water level m AHD)

<p>ENVIRONMENTAL EARTH SCIENCES CONTAMINATION RESOLVED</p>	Title: Groundwater Contours - August 2018		
	Location: Buckleys Road, Dunmore, Shellharbour, NSW		
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Gas Walkover August 2018




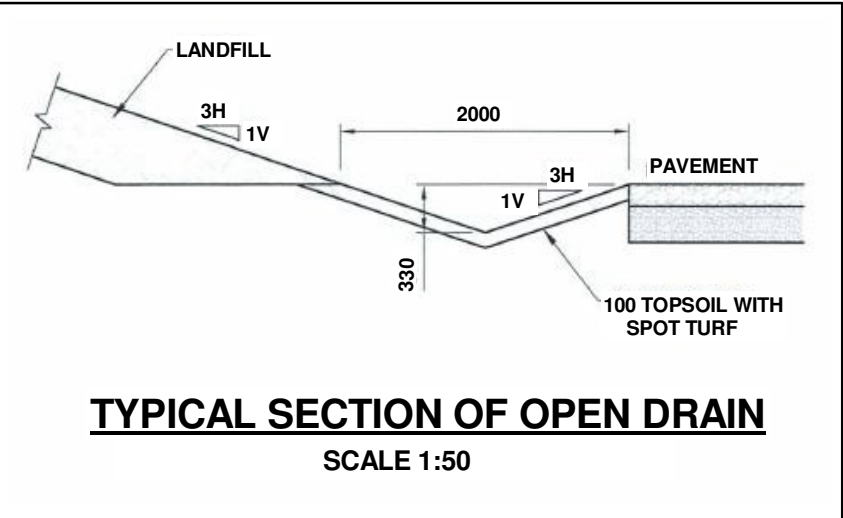
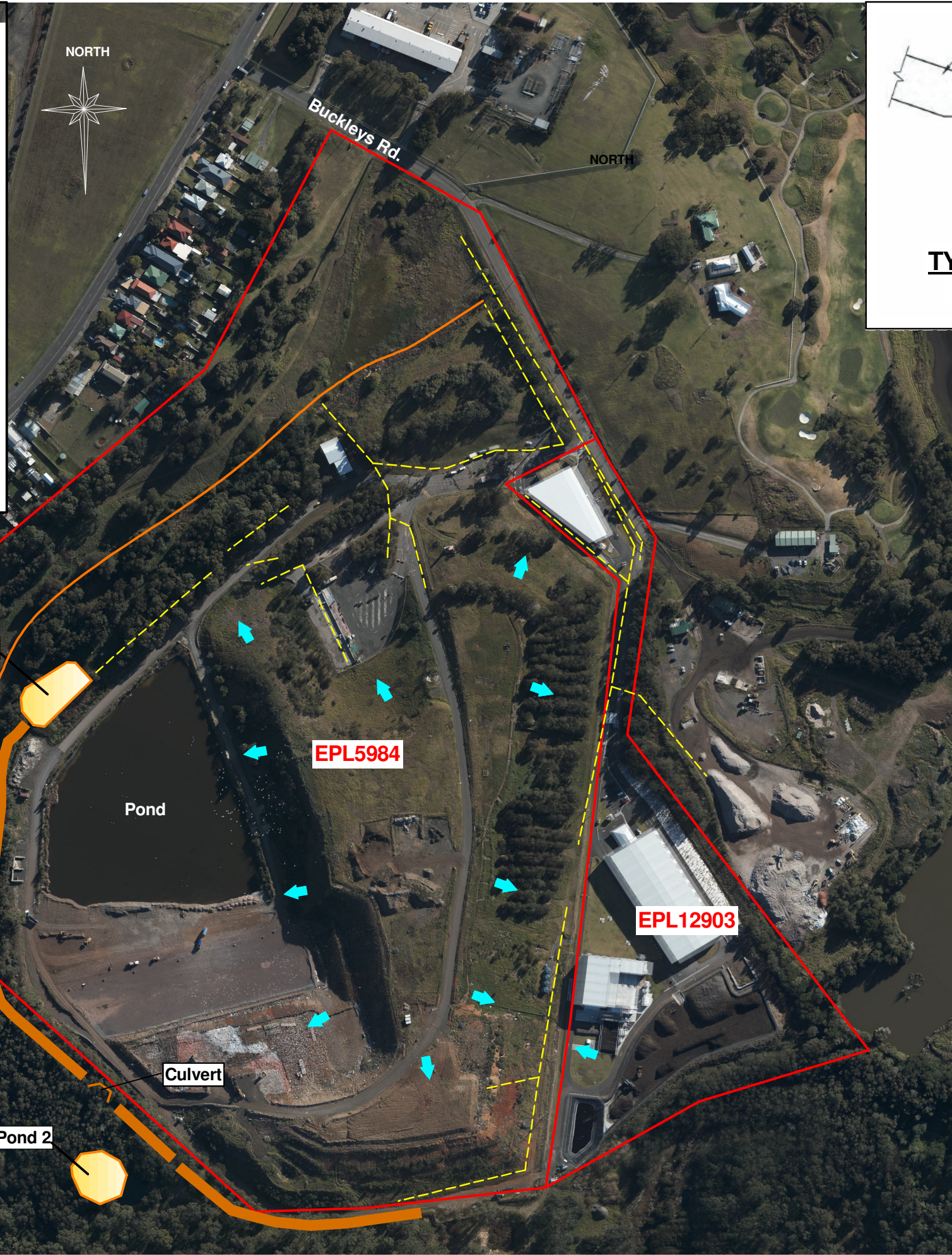
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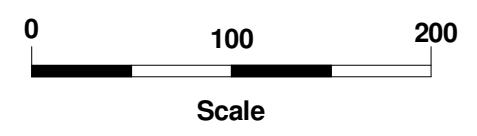
- ⊕ Bore locations
- △ Dust gauge locations
- ⊛ Surface water locations
- ⊕ Decommissioned bores
- Gas walkover

 <p>ENVIRONMENTAL EARTH SCIENCES CONTAMINATION RESOLVED</p>	Title: Gas Walkover		
	Location: Buckleys Road, Dunmore, Shellharbour, NSW		
	Client: Shellharbour City Council	Job No. 118077	Date: August 2018
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			Figure 3



Legend:

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



Regional Locality Map

Sedimentation Pond 1

Pond


EPL5984

EPL12903

Culvert

Sedimentation Pond 2

Ref. Based on updated aerial photograph 2018.

 ENVIRONMENTAL EARTH SCIENCES CONTAMINATION RESOLVED	Title: Surface Water Runoff
	Location: Dunmore Recycling & Waste Disposal Depot, Shellharbour
Client: Shellharbour City Council	Job number: 118077
Drawn by: TRJ	Scale: As shown
Proj Man: LV	Date: June 2018
	Source: See Ref.
	Figure 4

ATTACHMENT 2 TABLES

TABLE 1 FIELD MEASUREMENTS – AUGUST 2018

Sample	SWL	SWL	pH	EC	ORP	Temp.	DO	Colour	Odour
Units	mAHD	Dip (m)	-	µS/cm	mV	°C	ppm	-	-
BH1c	0.536	3.418	6.78	6241	-118.4	25.3	0.49	Brown tinge	Leachate
BH2	0.752	4.04	6.85	3498	-111.3	22.7	1.67	Light brown	Leachate
BH3	0.614	3.15	7.61	1973	-78.5	19	3.42	Clear	None
BH4	0.569	4.45	7.46	1852	-100	19	2.38	Very light brown	None
BH9	0.885	3.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
BH10	3.841	0.95	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
BH13	0.855	4.44	6.85	1556	-13.6	20.9	0.03	Very light brown	None
BH14	0.797	4.918	6.81	2416	-37.8	21.5	3.07	Clear	None
BH15	0.925	0.485	6.69	6087	-95.8	13.9	0.92	Brown	Leachate
BH16	0.5	0.88	7.76	477.7	-177.2	14.9	2.14	Brown	Minor leachate
BH20	0.49	2.28	7.42	1393	-131	18.7		Clear	None
BH20s	0.46	2.31	7.26	1065	-60.9	17.7		Clear	None
LP1	-	-	7.75	8932	25.3	21	4.01	Brown	Leachate
SWC2	-	-	7.74	22800	33.8	14.3	7.45	Clear	None
SWC-Up	-	-	7.82	34990	49.5	13.5	6.73	Clear	None
SWC-Down	-	-	7.8	28619	38.4	13	7.11	Clear	None
SWC_Down_2	-	-	7.86	24834	38.3	13.5	6.89	Clear	None
SWP1	-	-	7.56	784	-89.5	8.7	1.33	Brown	None
SWP2	-	-	7.76	2106	-74.4	10.4	2.41	Clear	None
SWP4	-	-	8.32	2261	-30.6	12.4	6.54	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 – AUGUST 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	7.1	3920	665	130	250	110	340	820	0.23	0.1	-	14	3100	0.49	180	14	0.11	2.2	17
BH2	7	1910	360	195	44	78	43	475	0.31	0.1	-	120	1190	0.1	66	4	0.4	0.73	12
BH3	7.2	930	91	140	41	30	26	190	0.13	78	-	86	475	0.1	13	3	0.14	0.04	3.5
BH4	7.1	965	130	170	27	35	7.7	185	0.1	0.1	0.1	120	625	0.1	19	2	0.17	0.27	4.6
BH13	7	1000	75	195	38	39	1.1	64	0.24	26	-	290	560	0.1	17	3	0.21	0.13	2
BH14	6.8	1370	210	225	28	48	0.6	245	0.45	0.1	-	135	910	0.1	31	2	0.35	0.26	3.3
BH15	6.7	5850	1090	300	710	135	115	2590	0.17	0.1	0.1	350	1080	0.49	170	4	0.74	11	24
BH16	7.3	265	90	5.8	5.1	2.3	0.2	49	0.94	0.1	-	67	110	0.64	33	3	0.03	1.2	9
BH20	7.4	850	60	115	55	41	21	110	0.16	0.1	-	250	380	0.34	19	2	0.08	0.07	6.4
BH20s	7.4	860	40	125	110	38	0.6	76	0.11	39	-	200	435	0.1	16	2	0.08	0.07	0.25
LP1	8.1	8370	1280	175	530	120	990	1570	0.49	0.1	-	115	6930	20	600	32	0.42	3.7	3.8
SWC2	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.1	-	-	0.15	0.1	-	215	-	-	-	-	0.09	0.14
SWP1	6.9	460	74	56	23	23	0.1	100	0.14	0.1	-	20	305	0.37	-	-	-	2.2	43
SWP2	7.8	1310	285	97	33	54	0.2	340	0.17	1.4	-	220	515	0.1	-	-	-	0.12	0.89
SWP4	8	1390	335	74	25	62	0.2	365	0.31	8.4	-	285	440	0.1	29	2	-	0.15	0.22
SWC-UP	7.8	34800	10400	395	495	1350	0.1	19800	0.49	0.13	-	2490	145	0.1	-	-	-	0.13	0.52
SWC-DOWN	7.8	35600	11100	390	485	1180	0.1	20100	0.5	0.1	-	2440	245	0.1	-	-	-	0.15	0.42
SWC_DOWN_2	7.9	36000	11200	405	480	1210	0.1	20400	0.5	0.1	-	2480	190	0.1	-	-	-	0.11	0.19
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 – AUGUST 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	990	6930	3.7	3.8	80	50
SWC2	0.1	215	0.09	0.14	-	-
SWC-UP	0.1	145	0.13	0.52	-	-
SWC-Down	0.1	245	0.15	0.42	-	-
SWC_DOWN_2	0.1	190	0.11	0.19	-	-
SWP1	0.1	305	2.2	43	-	-
SWP2	0.2	515	0.12	0.89	-	-
SWP4	0.2	440	0.15	0.22	-	-
ANZECC 2000	1.88*	-	0.3 [#]	-	-	-

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 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;
- [#] = 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 2018

Bore	Na/Cl	Na/Ca	Mg/Ca	Ca/K	Cl/SO ₄	Cl/HCO ₃	K/TDS (%)	L/N (%)
BH1c	1.25	4.46	1.40	1.01	79.36	0.46	6.38	65.20
BH2	1.17	1.61	0.66	8.65	5.36	0.69	2.30	13.76
BH3	0.74	0.57	0.35	6.66	2.99	0.69	4.41	55.56
BH4	1.08	0.67	0.34	12.28	2.09	0.51	2.80	10.42
BH13	1.81	0.34	0.33	10.01	0.30	0.20	3.80	21.07
BH14	1.32	0.81	0.35	15.68	2.46	0.46	2.04	5.94
BH15	0.65	3.17	0.74	0.82	10.03	4.13	12.14	54.11
BH16	2.83	13.53	0.65	2.22	0.99	0.77	1.92	5.50
BH20	0.84	0.45	0.59	4.08	0.60	0.50	6.47	35.23
BH20s	0.81	0.28	0.50	2.22	0.51	0.30	12.79	73.69
LP1	1.26	6.38	1.13	0.64	18.50	0.39	6.33	96.51
SWP1	1.14	1.15	0.68	4.75	6.77	0.56	5.00	15.16
SWP2	1.29	2.56	0.92	5.73	2.09	1.14	2.52	7.94
SWP4	1.42	3.95	1.38	5.77	1.74	1.43	1.80	7.13
SWC-UP	0.81	22.95	5.64	1.56	10.77	235.03	1.42	4.08
SWC-DOWN	0.85	24.81	4.99	1.57	11.16	141.21	1.36	3.83
SWC_DOWN_2	0.85	24.11	4.93	1.65	11.15	184.80	1.33	3.75

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 – AUGUST 2018

Location	GA 5000 V/V%	ILU V/V%
Landfill cap	0	0
Main weigh bridge, weigh bridge office and landfill office sheds	0	0
Dunmore Resource & Recycling Services	0	0.00002
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 – AUGUST 2018

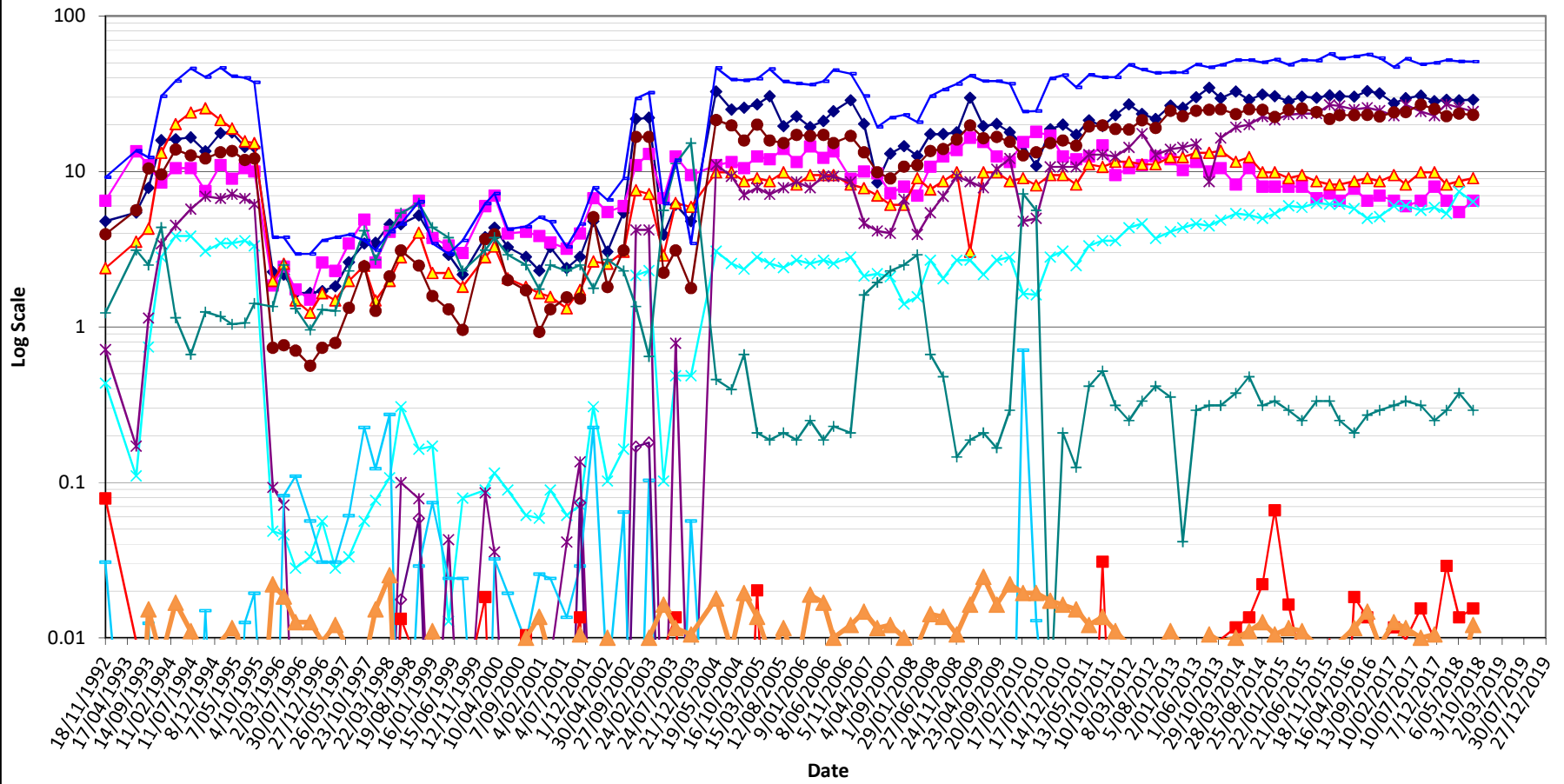
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pH	7.00	7.10	1.42
TDS	1910	1890	1.05
Na+	360	355	1.40
Ca++	195	200	2.53
Mg++	78	77	1.29
K+	44	46	4.44
NH4-N	43	43	0.00
Cl-	475	465	2.13
SO4--	120	120	0.00
HCO3-	1190	1220	2.49
NO3-	0.05	0.05	0.00
PO4---	0.1	0.1	0.00
F-	0.31	0.31	0.00
BOD	1	1	0.00
Fe.D	0.73	0.76	4.03
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TOC	4	4	0.00

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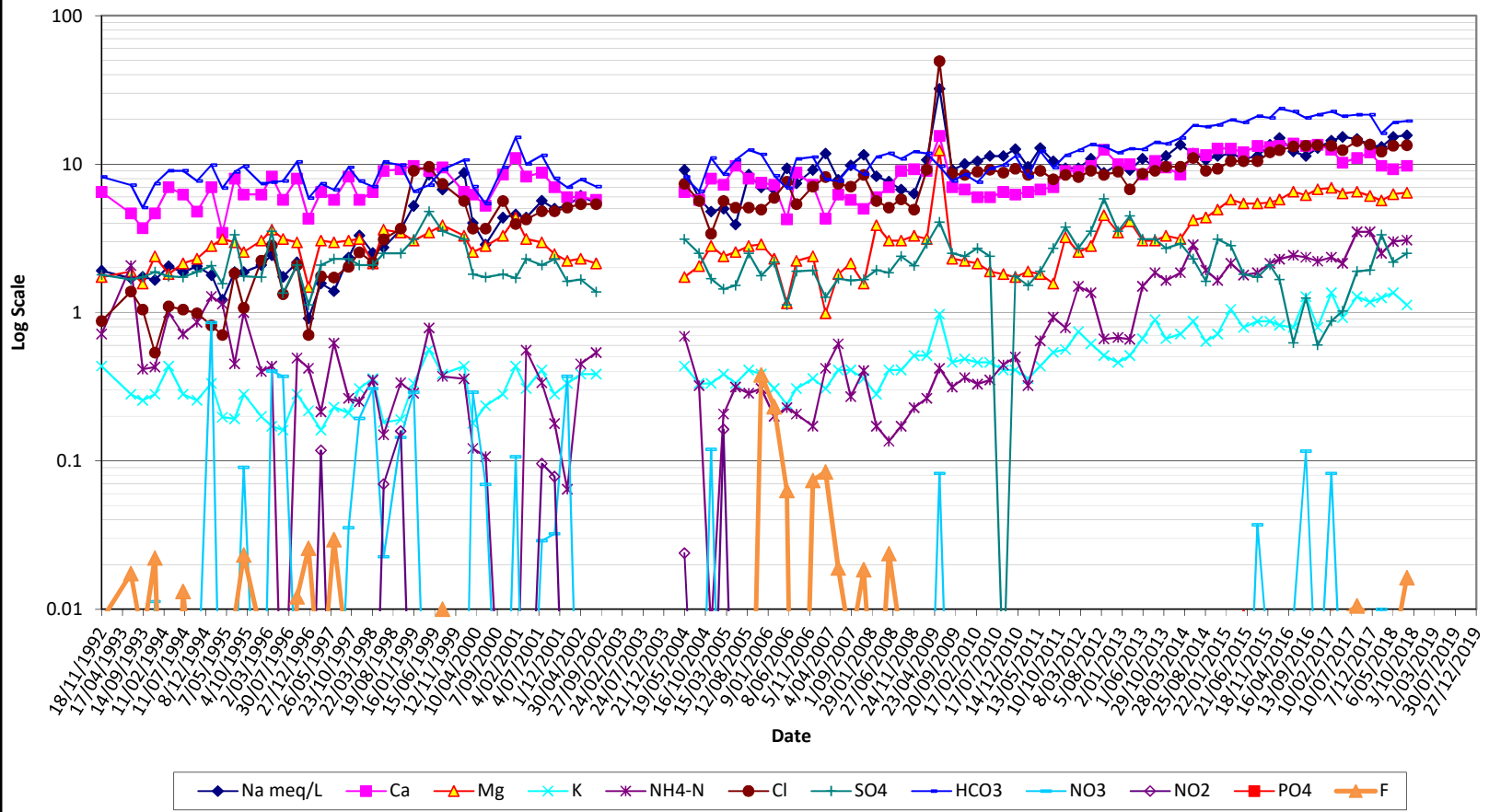
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ATTACHMENT 3 SCHOELLER PLOTS

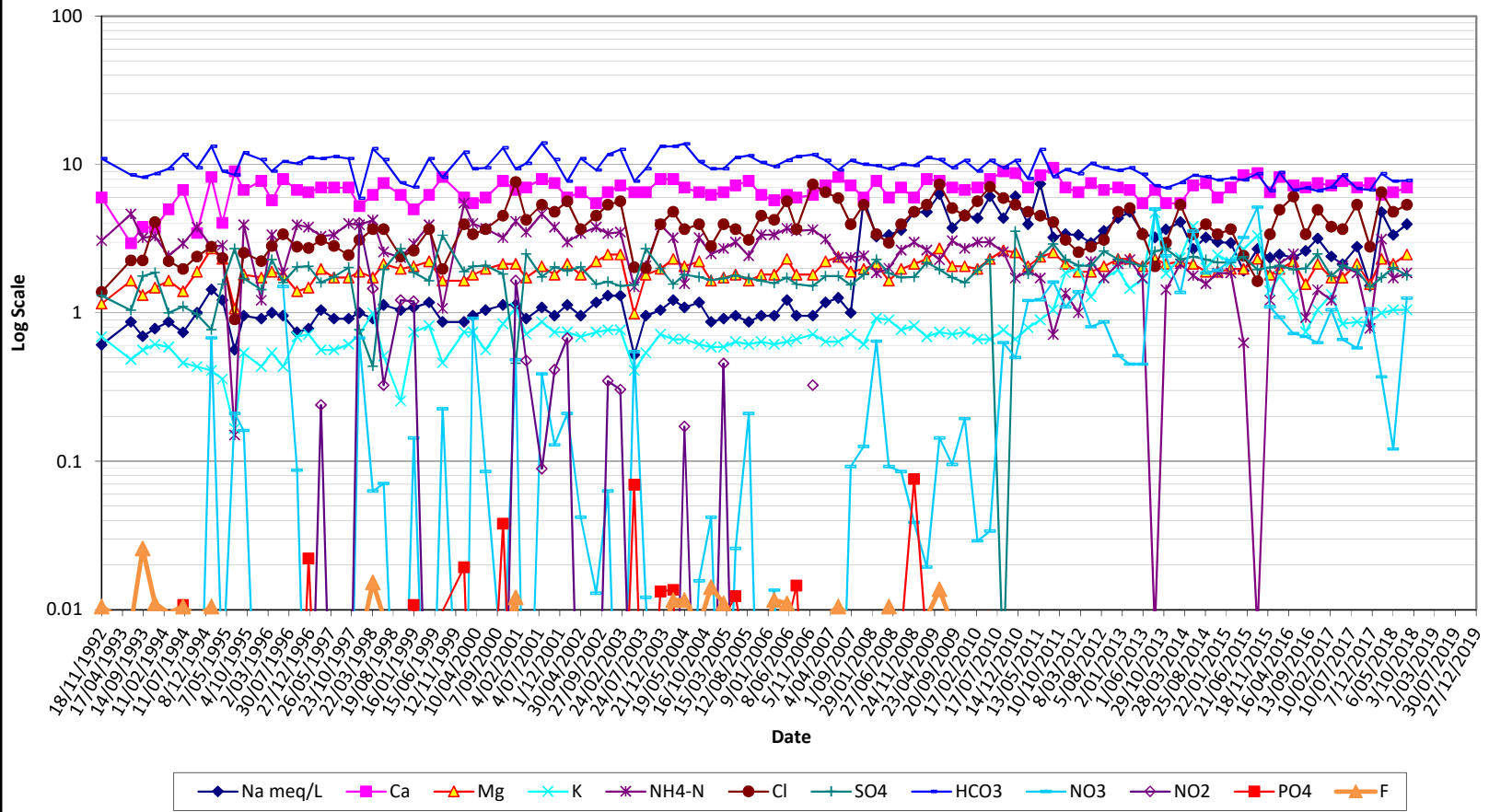
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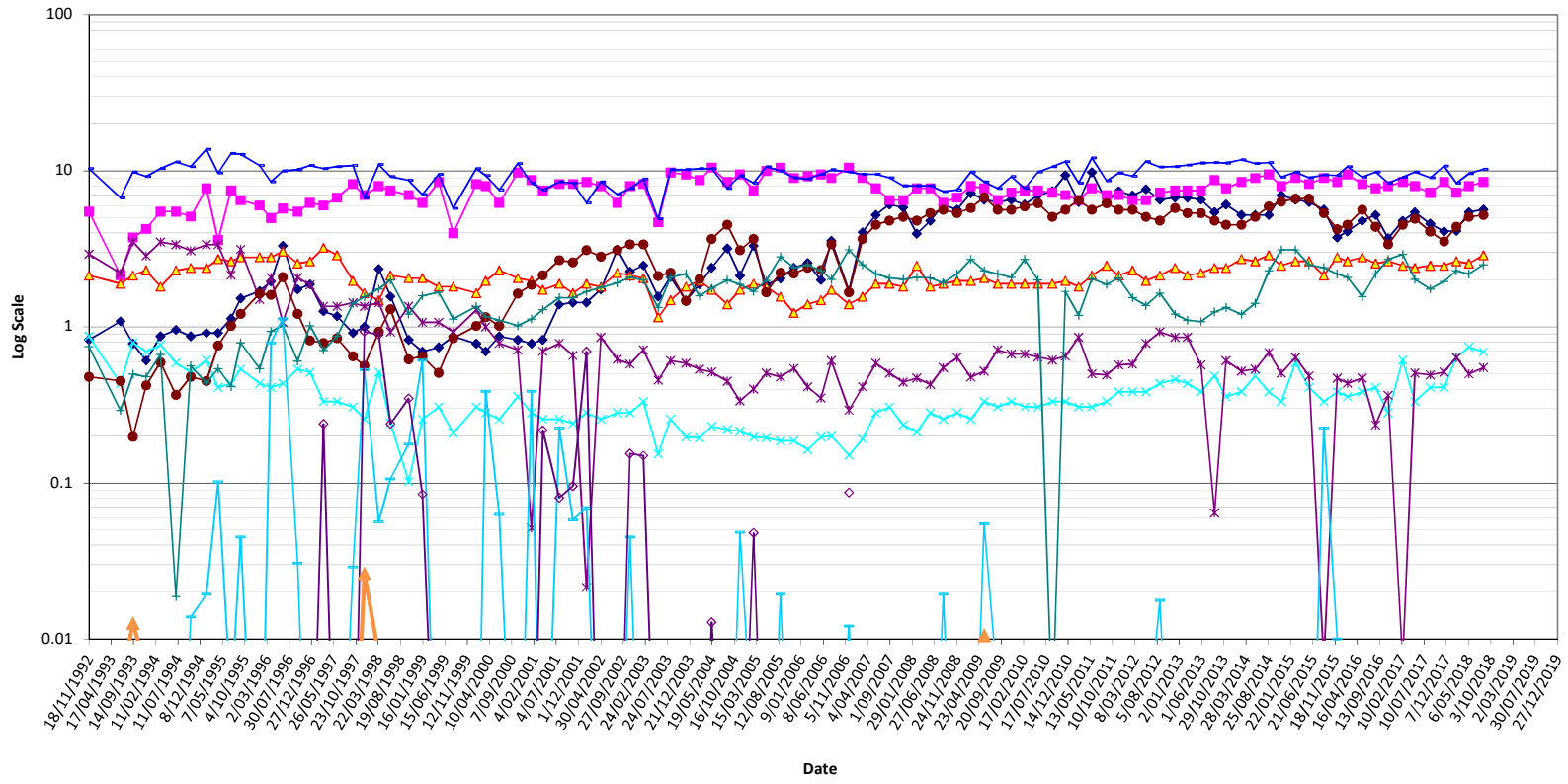
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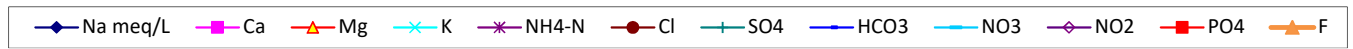
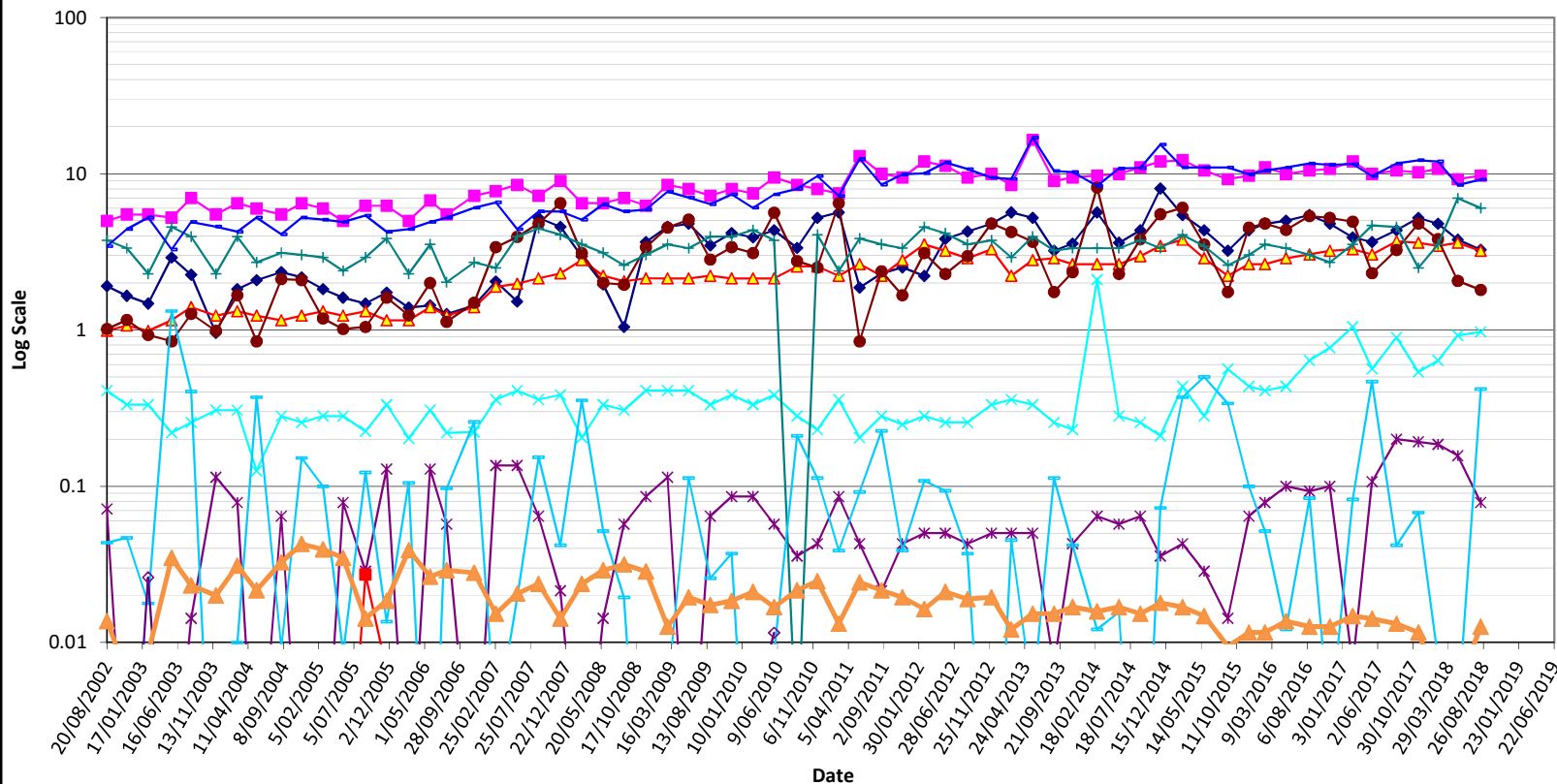
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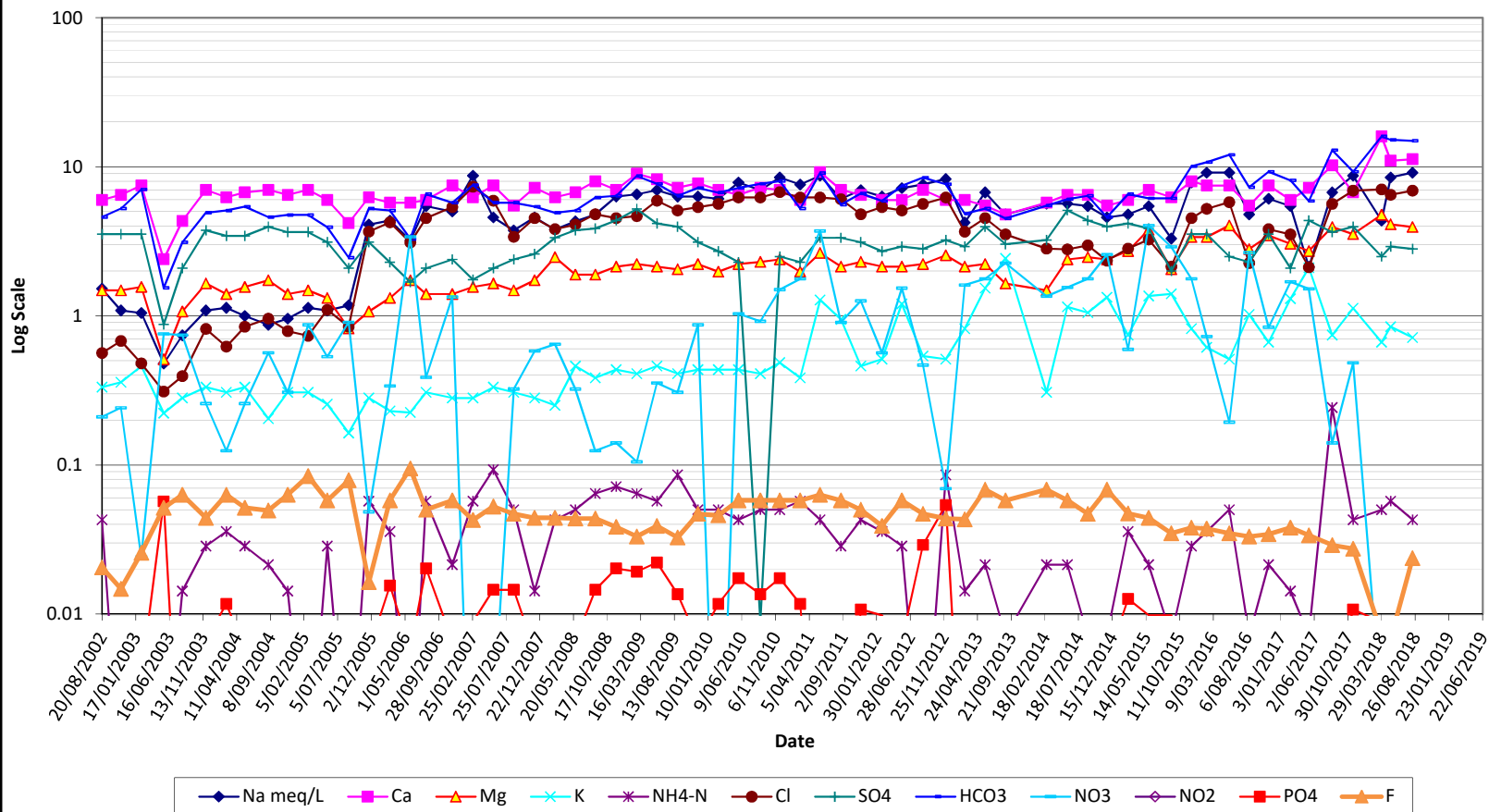
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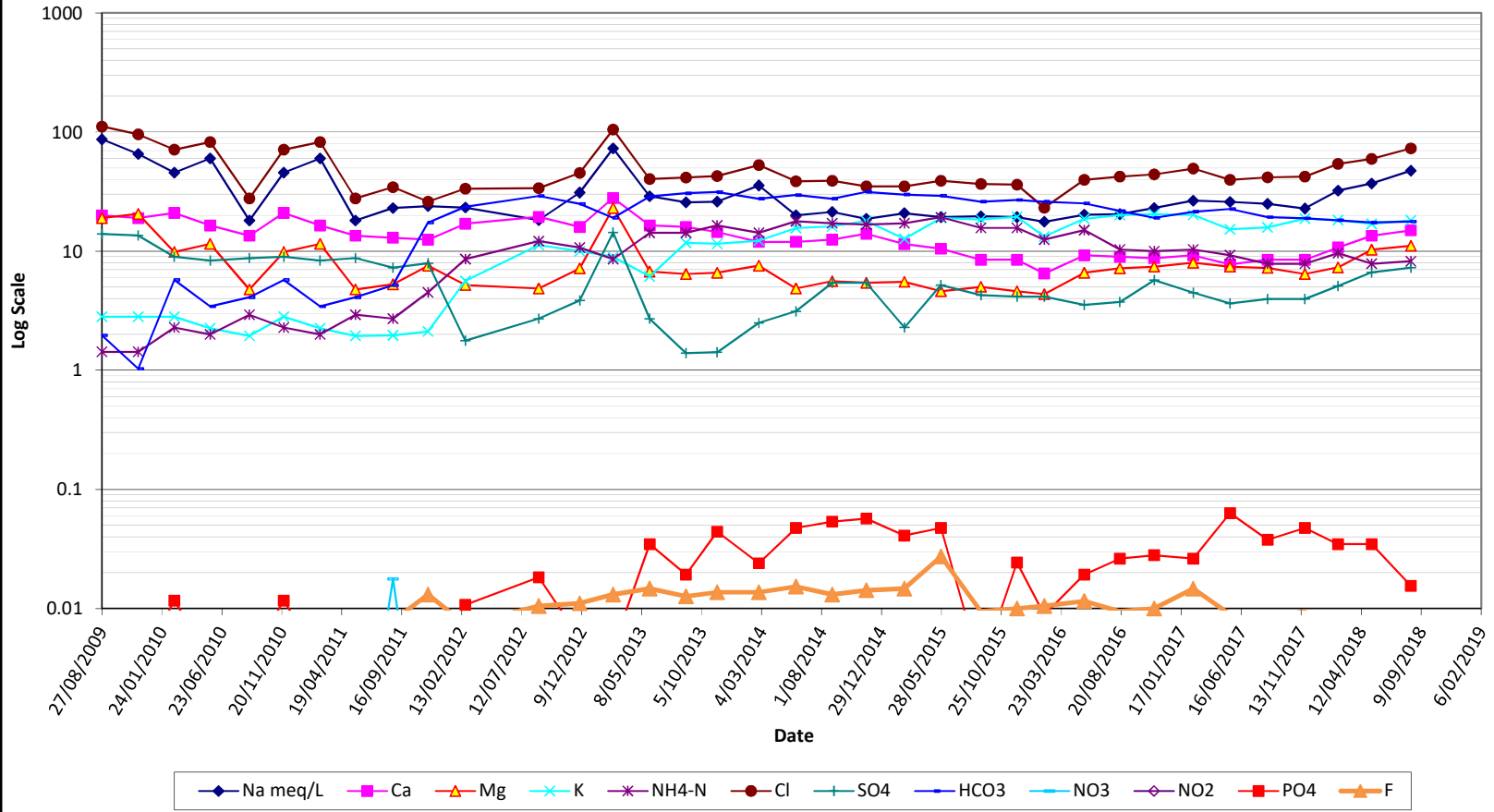
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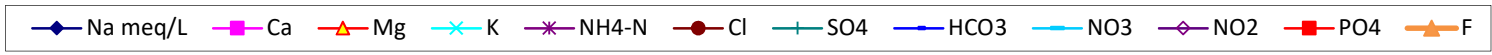
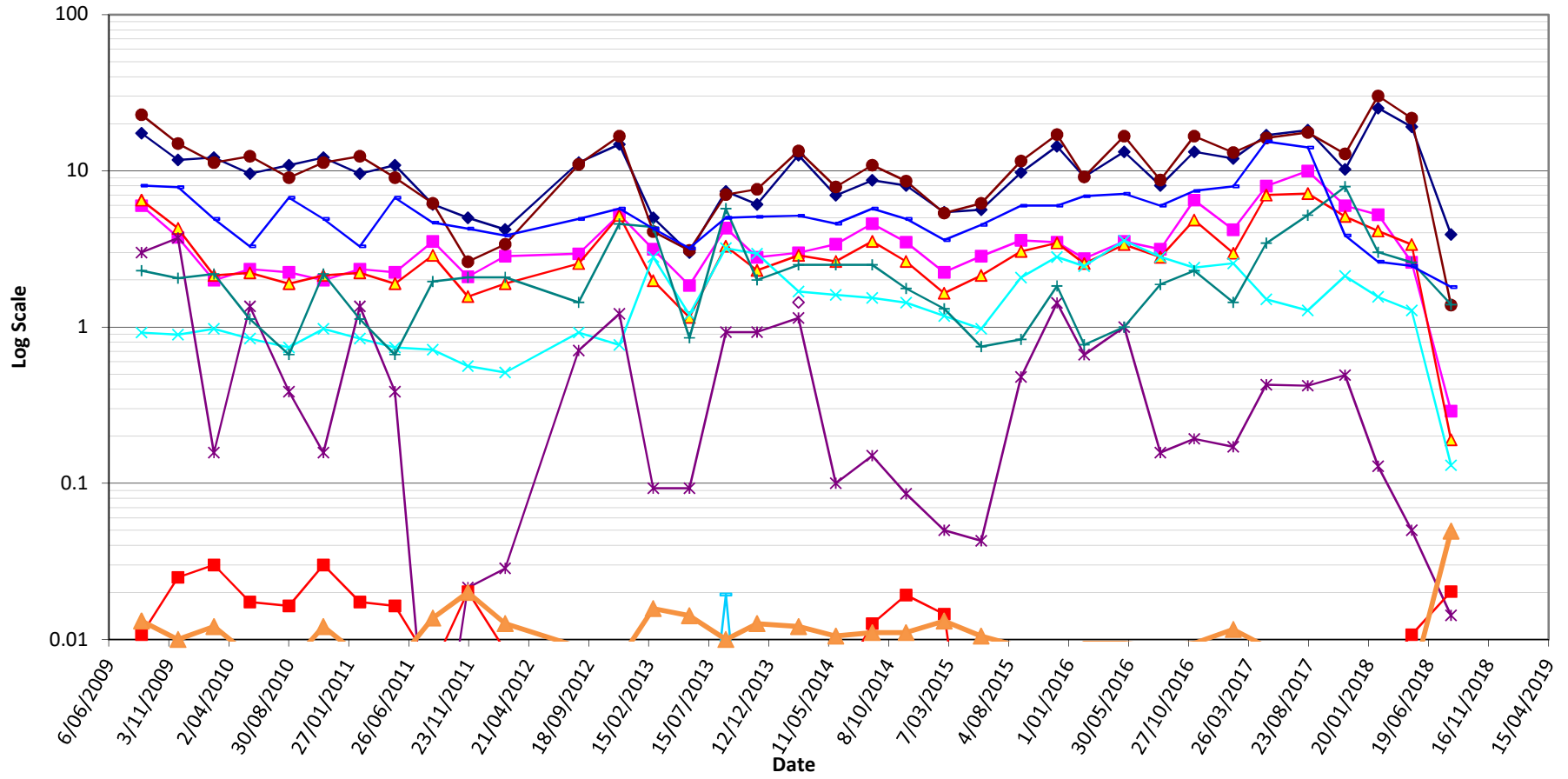
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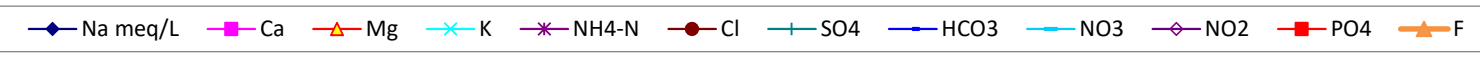
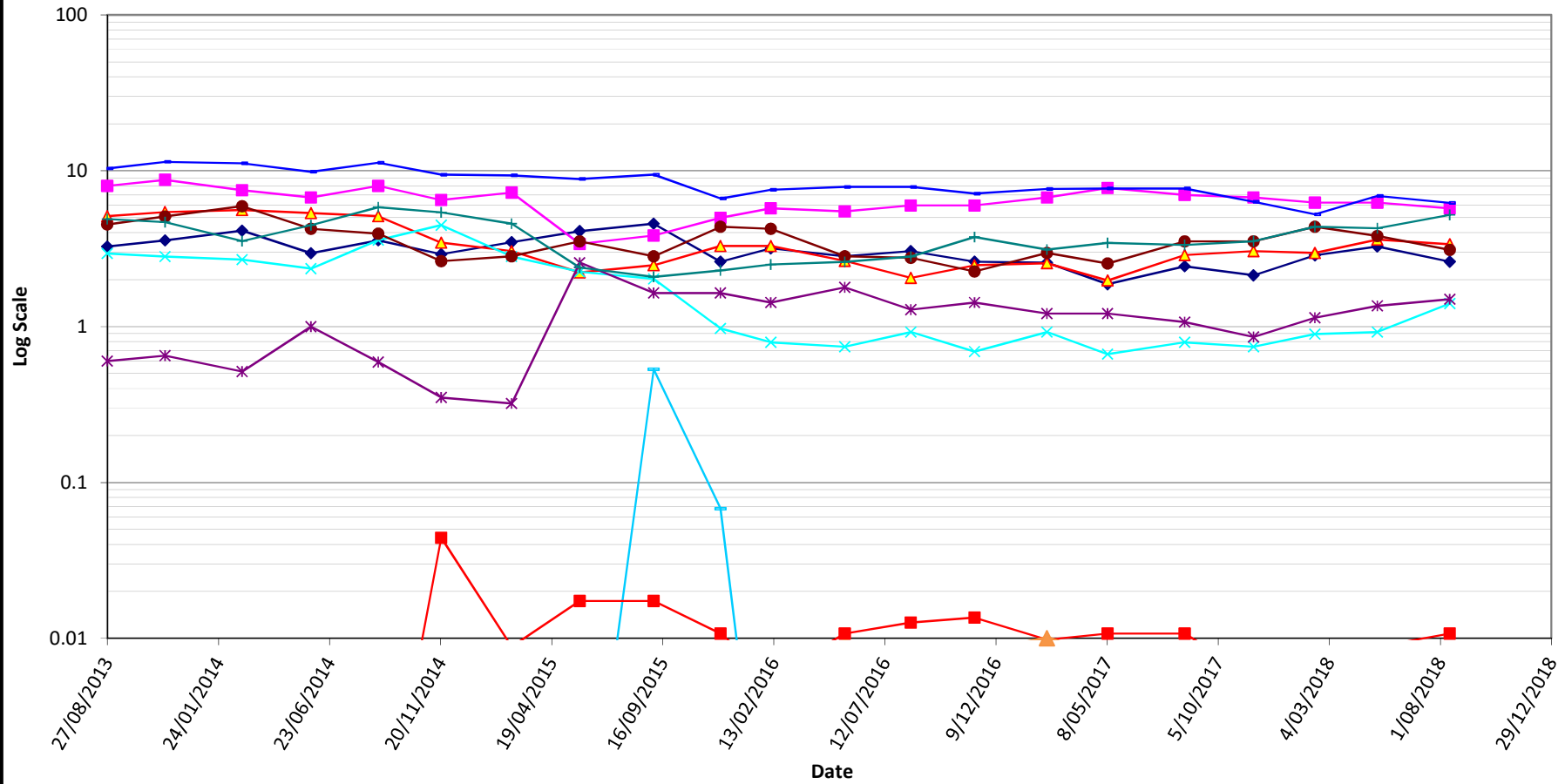
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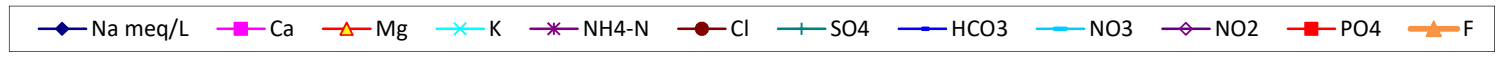
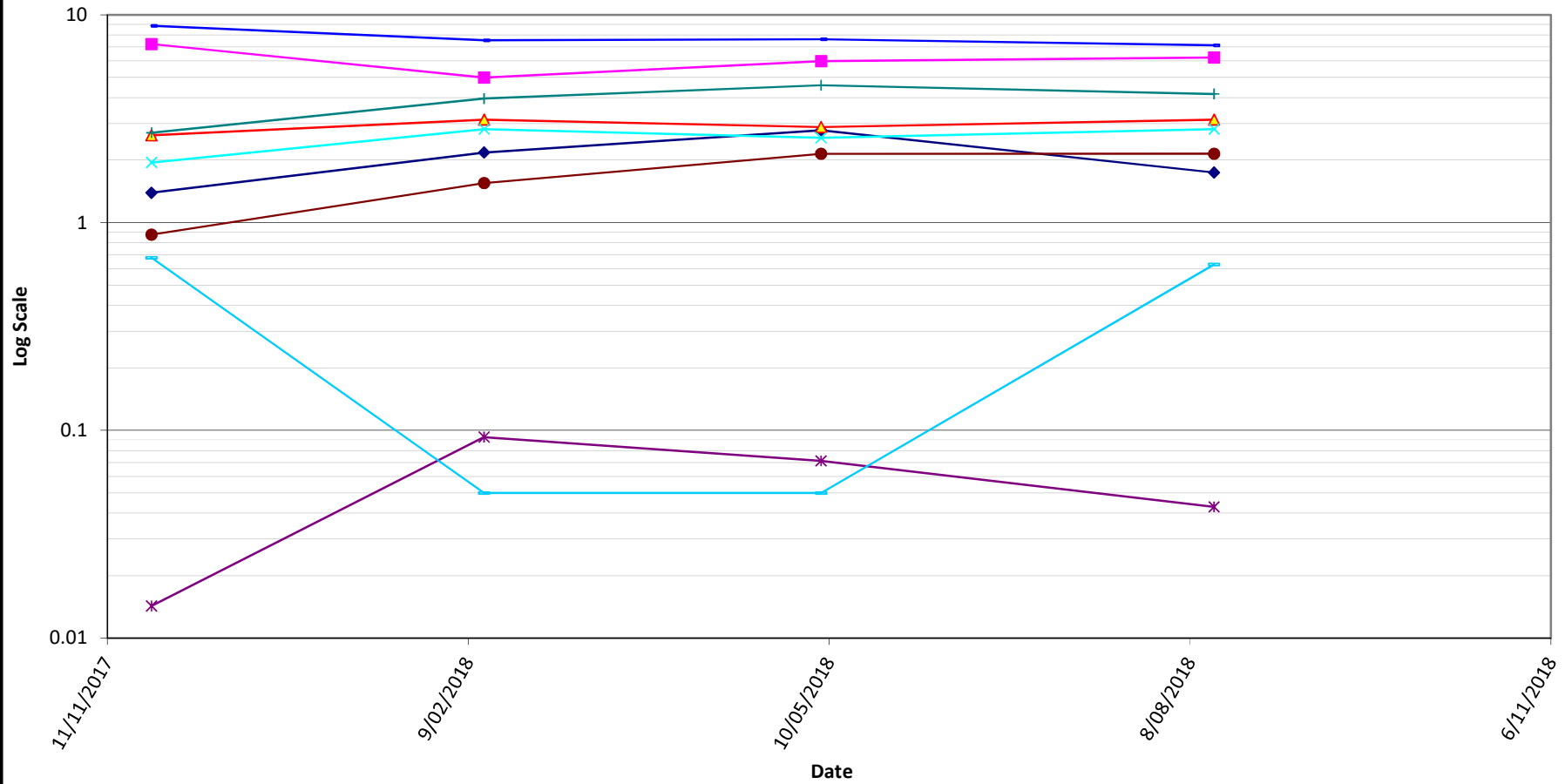
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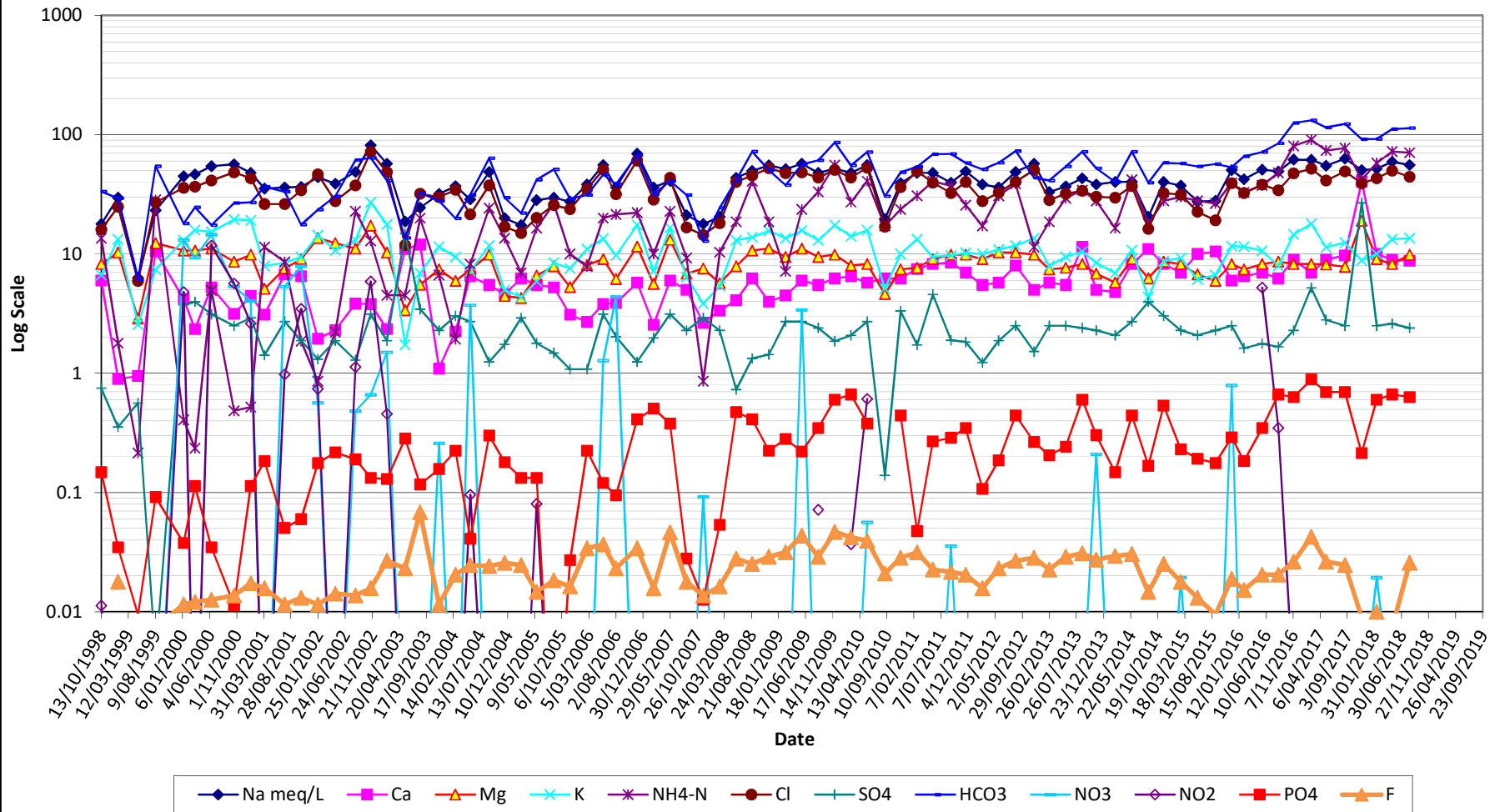
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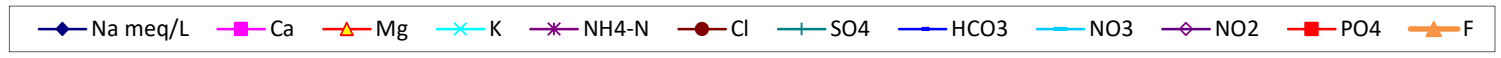
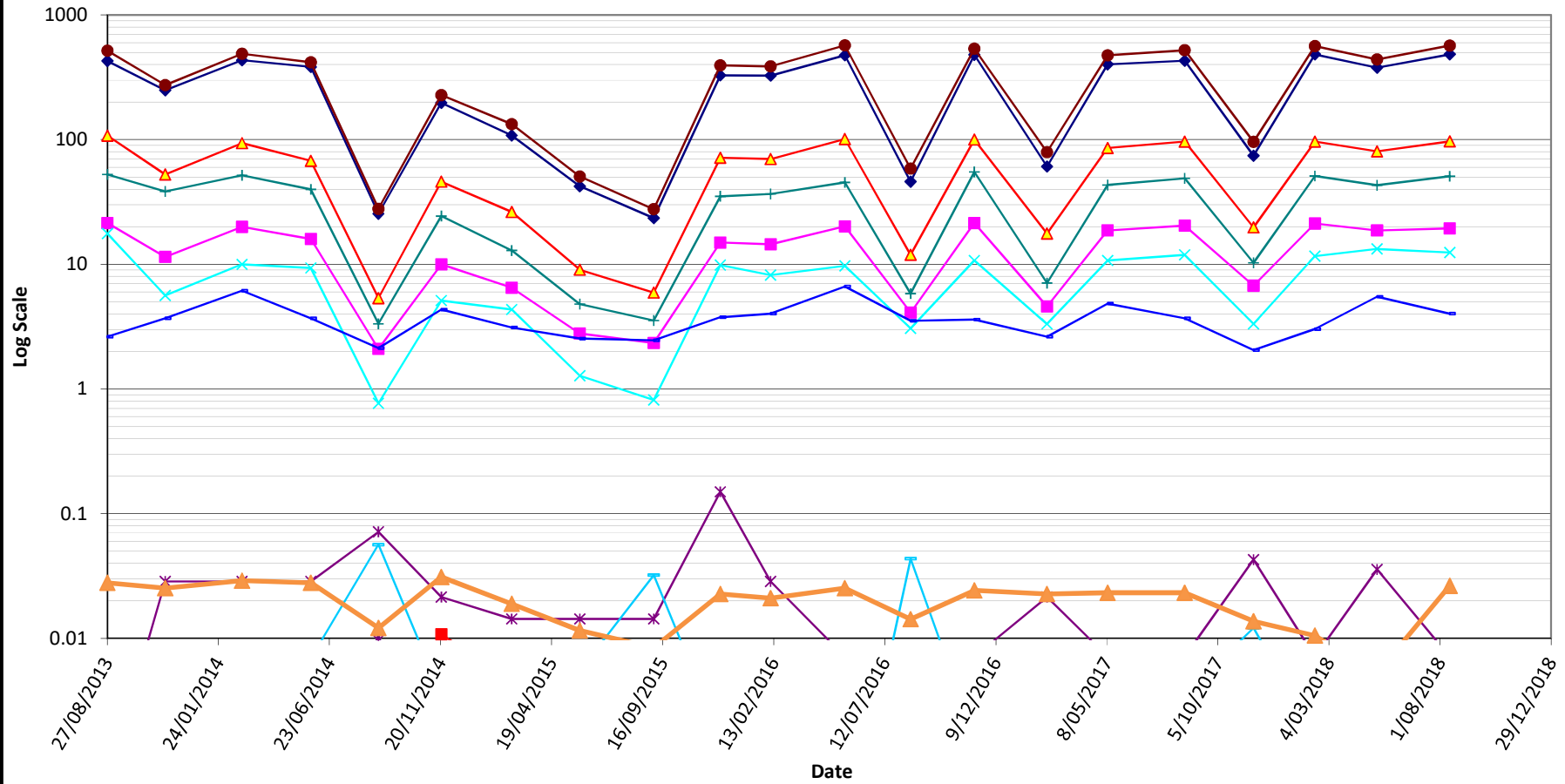
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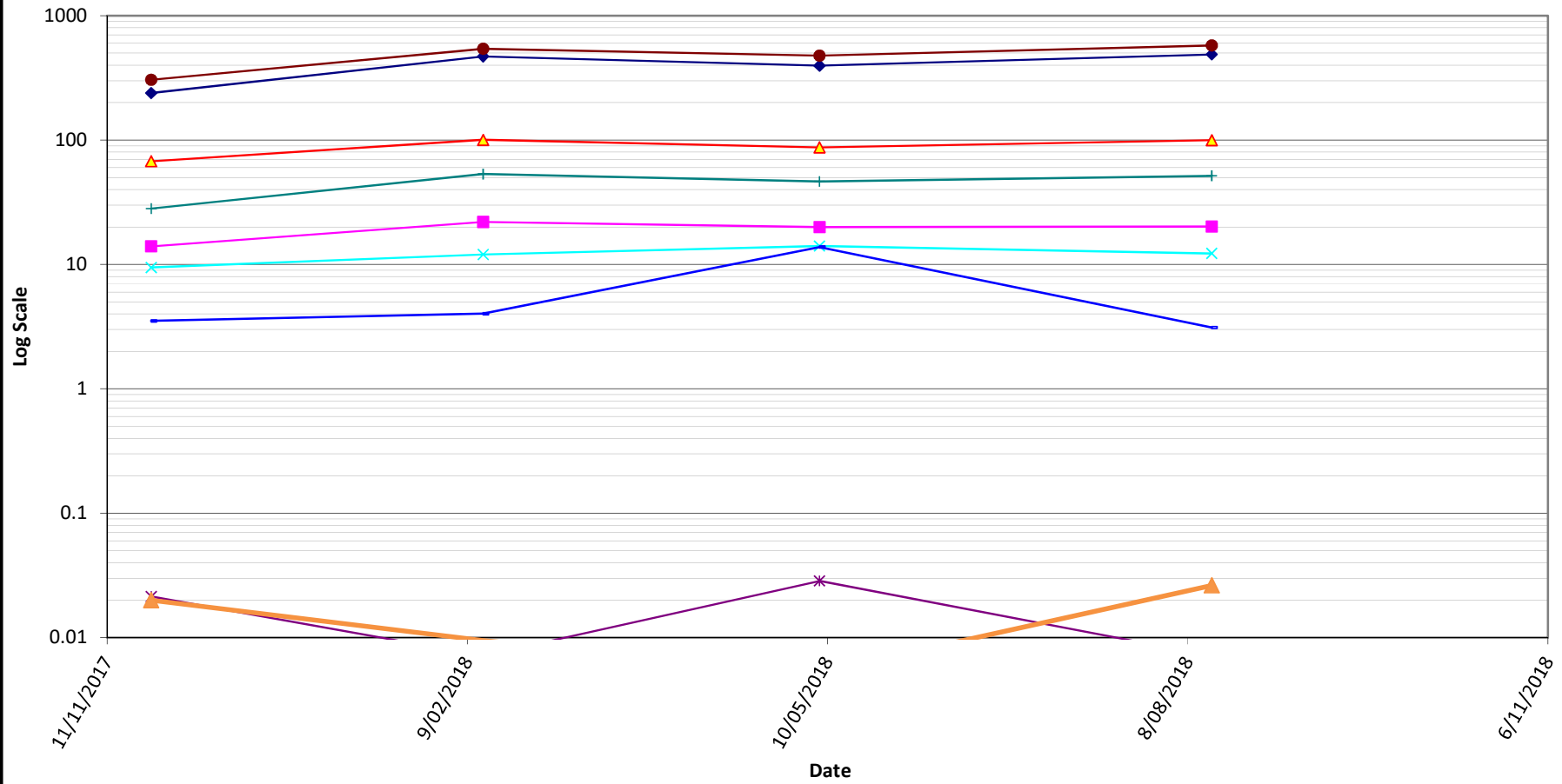
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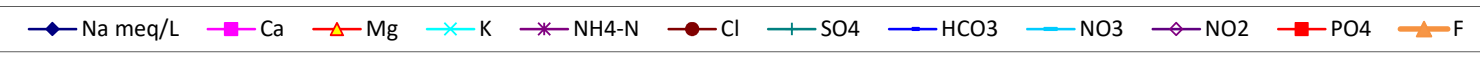
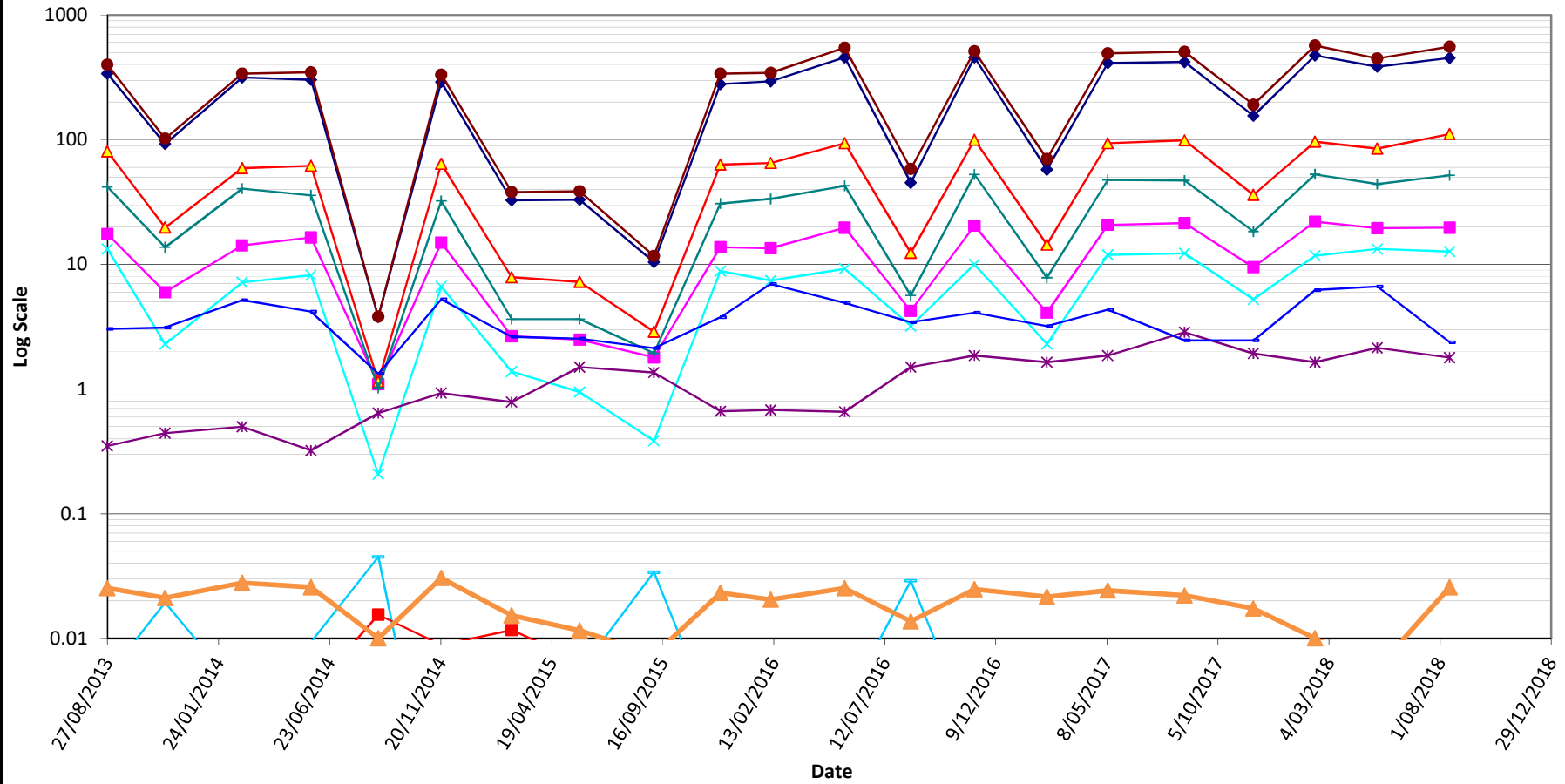


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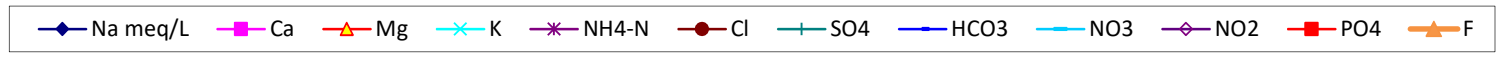
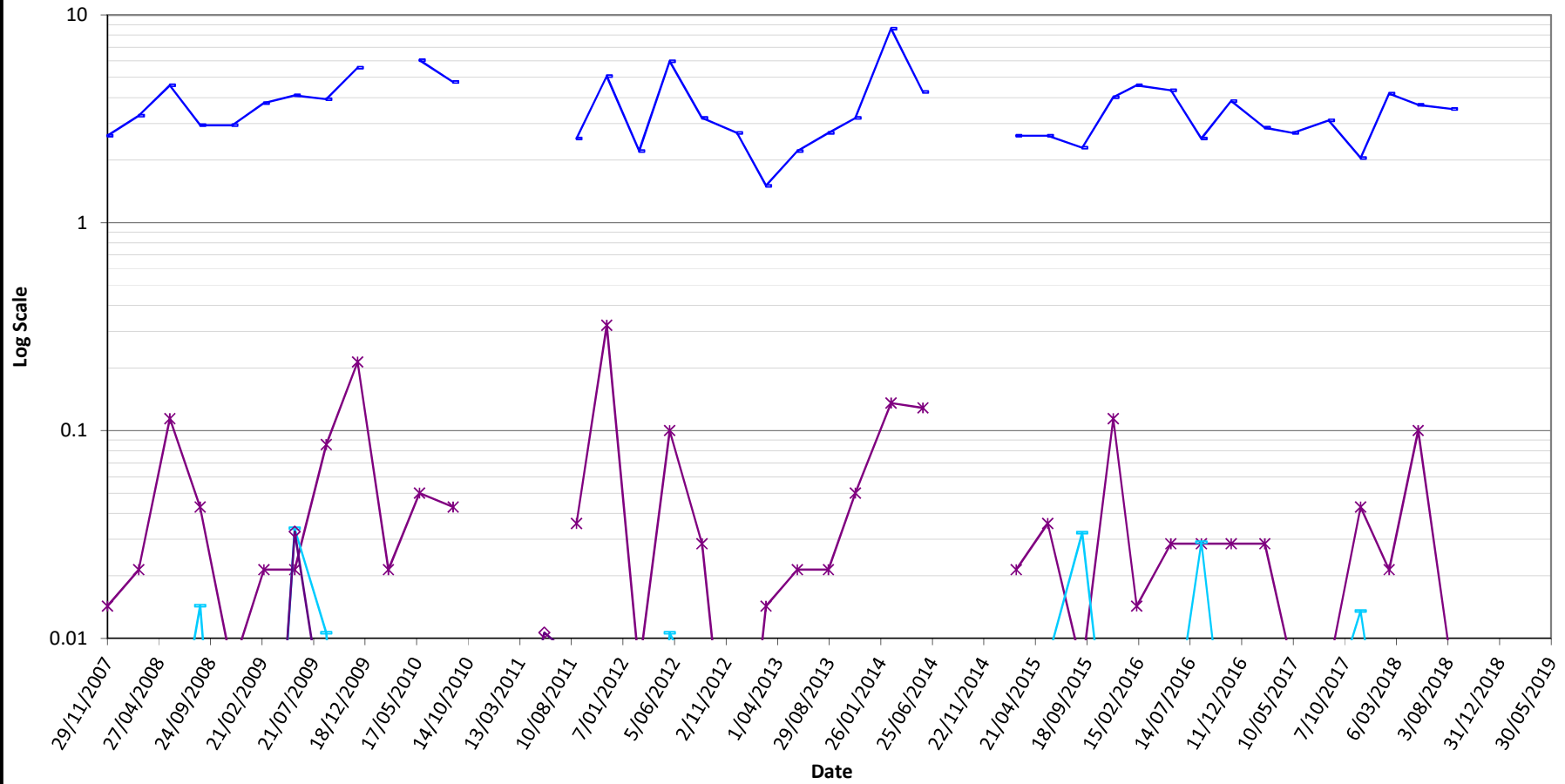


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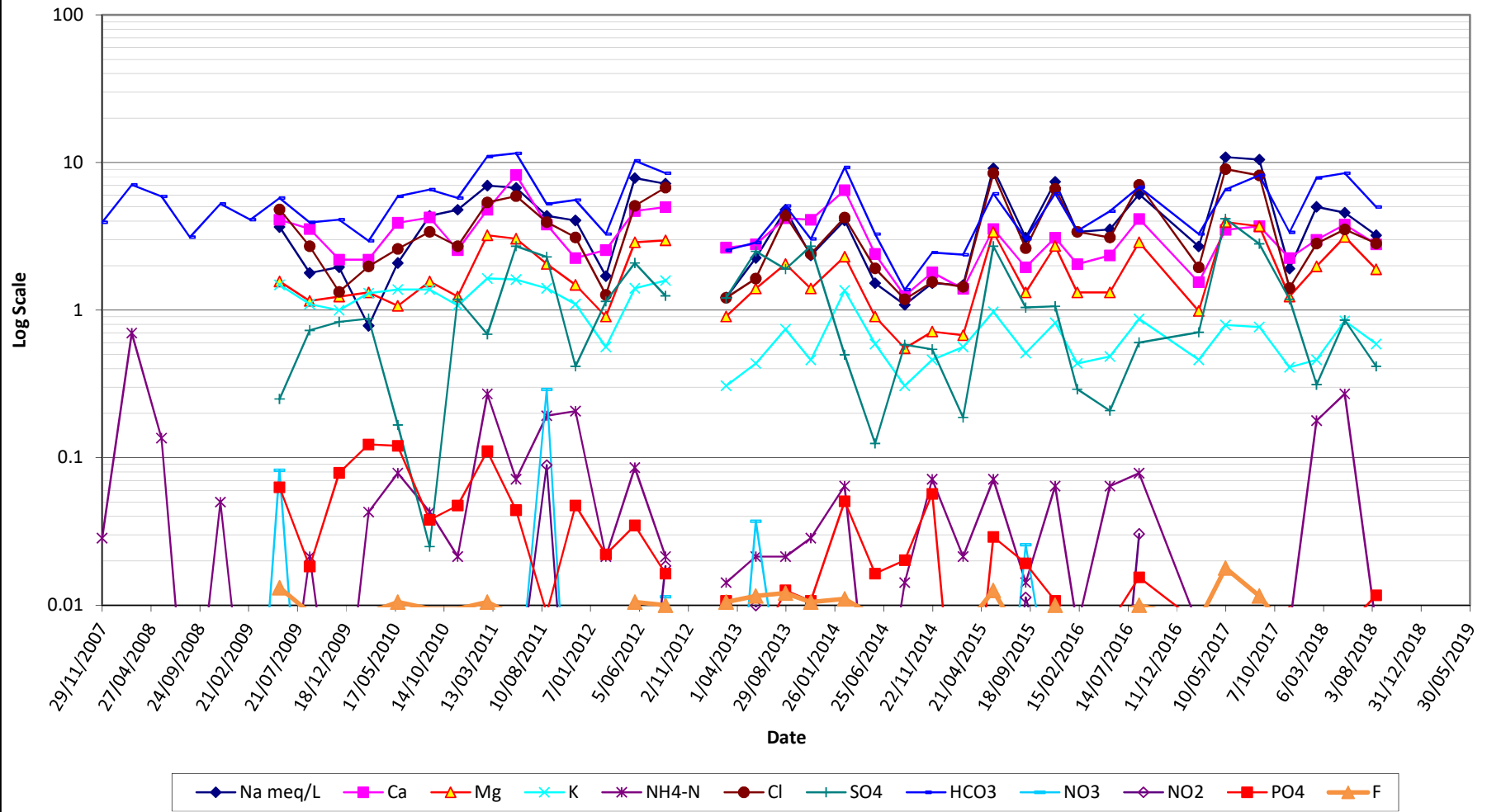
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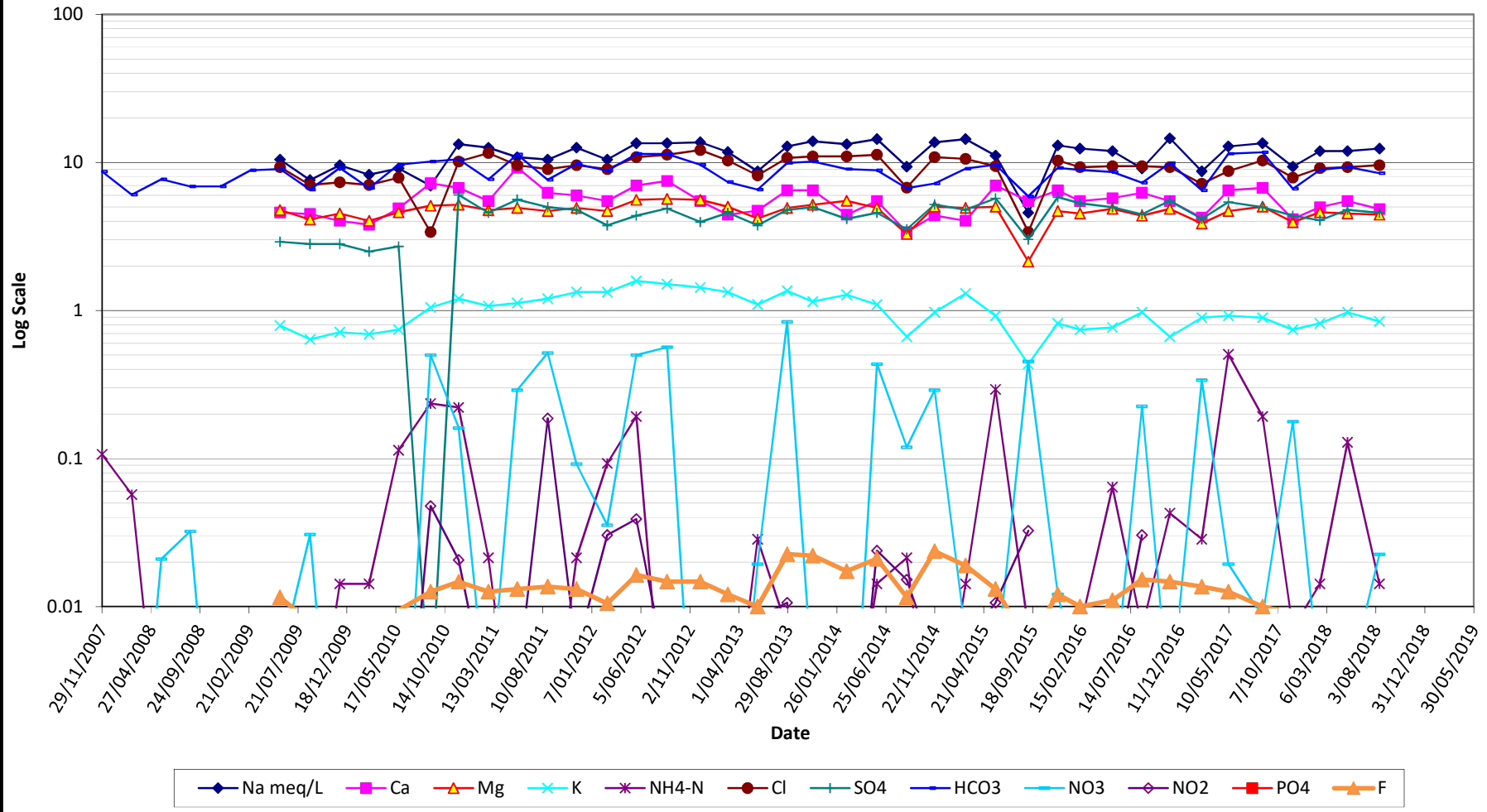
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SWP1



SWP2



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