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1 Introduction

This report has been compiled to provide a monthly summary of environmental monitoring results for Hunter Valley Operations (HVO). This report includes all monitoring data collected for the period 1st to 28th June 2022 (the 'Reporting Period').

2 Air Quality

2.1 Meteorological Monitoring

HVO maintains two meteorological stations: 'HVO Corporate' and 'Cheshunt' (refer to **Figure 4**).

2.1.1 Rainfall

Rainfall for the period is summarised in **Table 1**. The 2020, 2021 and 2022 trends are shown in **Figure 1**.

Table 1 - Rainfall data for the reporting period

| 2022 | Monthly Rainfall (mm) | Cumulative Rainfall (mm) |
|------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| June | 8.0 | 461.0 |

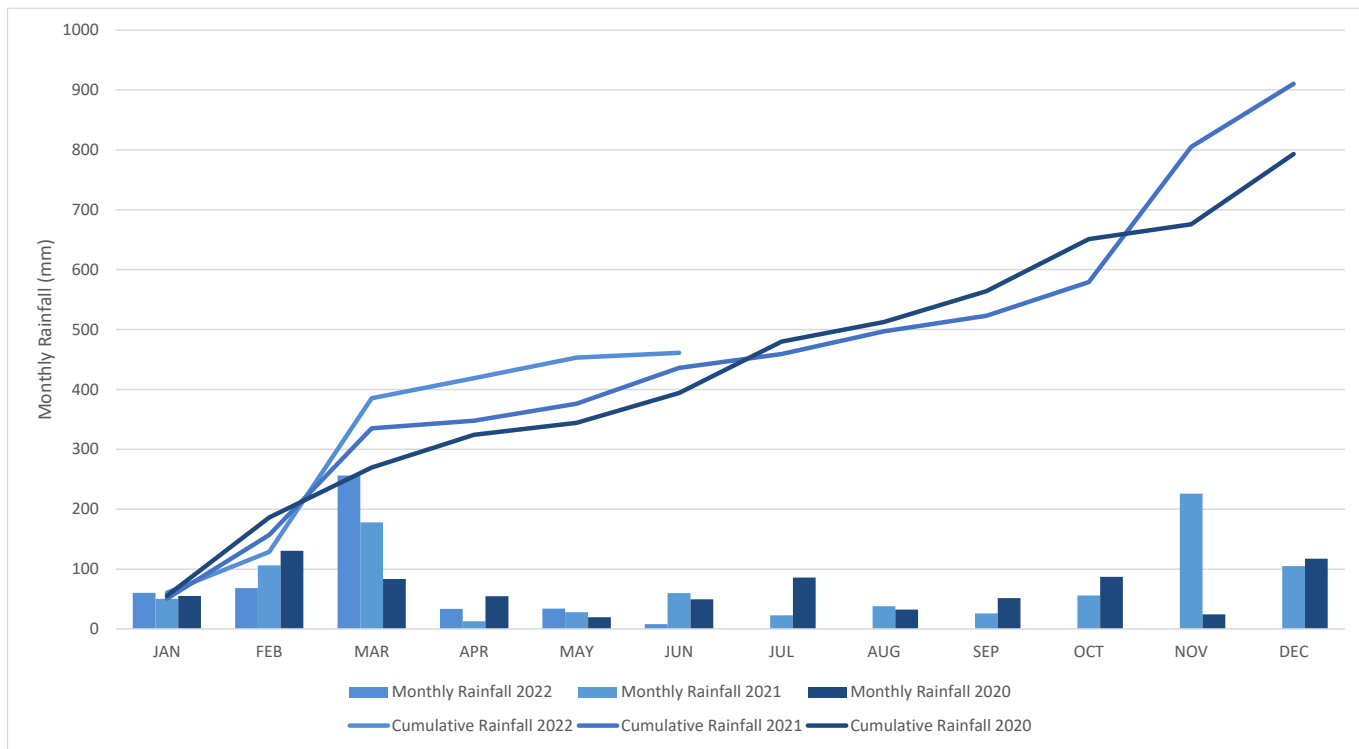


Figure 1 - Rainfall Summary 2022

2.1.2 Wind Speed and Direction

North westerly winds were prevailing during the reporting period as shown in **Figure 2** (HVO Corporate) and **Figure 3** (HVO Cheshunt).

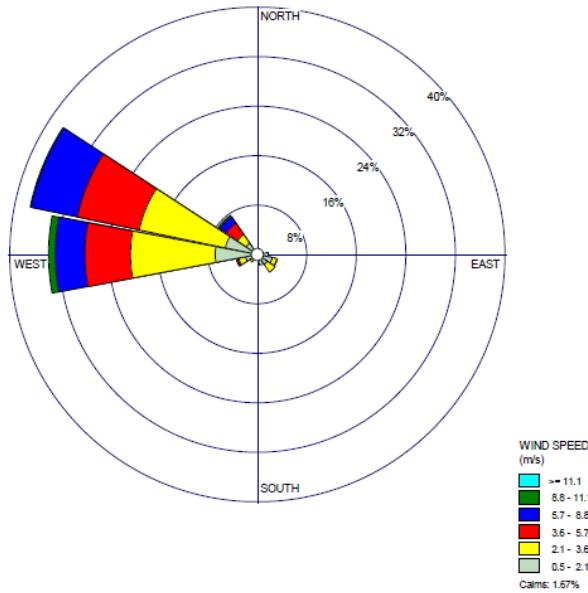


Figure 2 - HVO Corporate Wind Rose for the Reporting Period

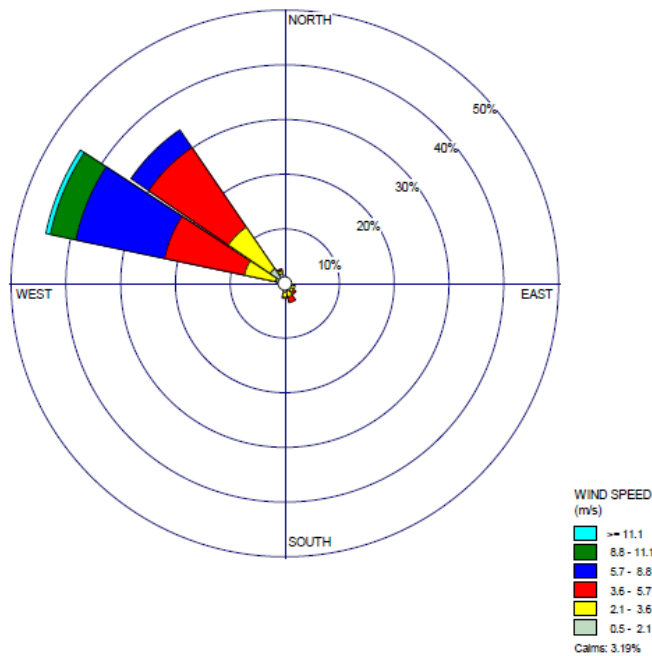


Figure 3 - HVO Cheshunt Wind Rose for the Reporting Period

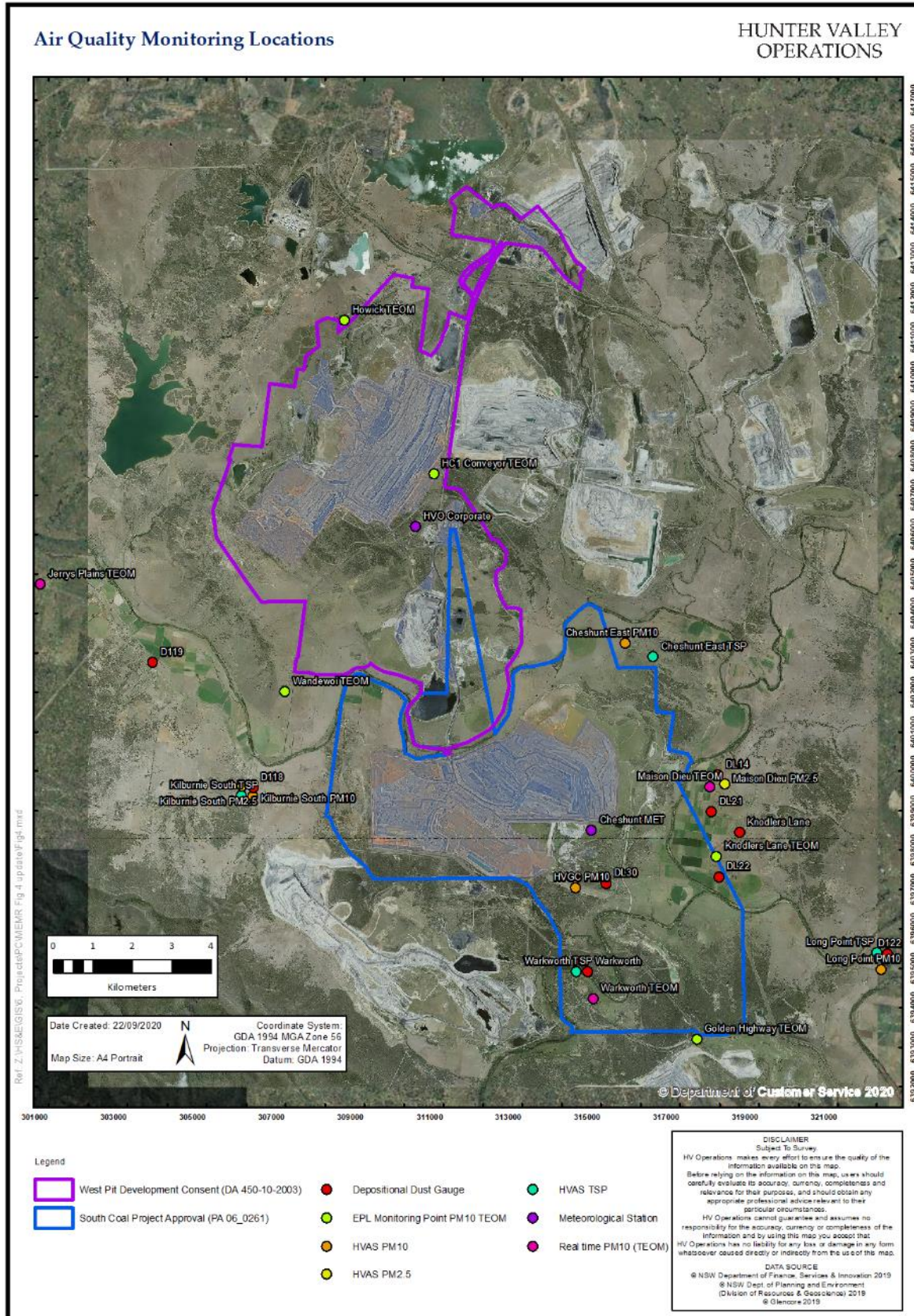


Figure 4 - Air Quality Monitoring Location Plan

2.2 Depositional Dust

HVO operates and maintains a network of nine depositional dust gauges situated on private and mine owned land surrounding HVO to monitor regional air quality.

Figure 5 displays insoluble solids results from depositional dust gauges during the reporting period compared against the annual impact assessment criteria. Any monthly results deemed to be contaminated (due to presence of bird droppings, insects, etc.) are not displayed. An assessment of HVO’s contribution against the long-term impact assessment criteria will be provided in the 2022 Annual Review.

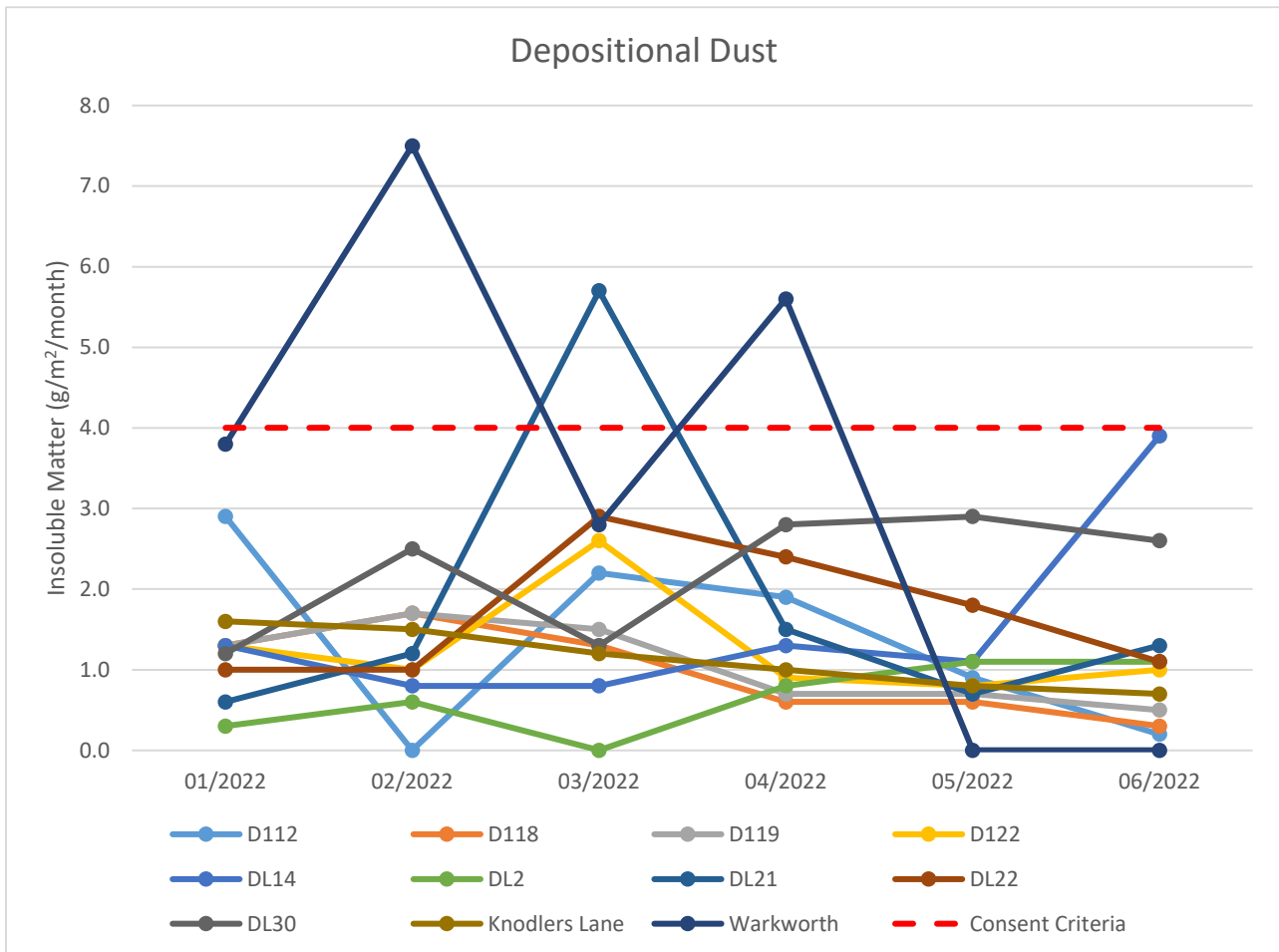


Figure 5 - Depositional Dust Results for the Reporting Period

2.3 Suspended Particles

Suspended particles are measured by a network of High Volume Air Samplers (HVAS) measuring Total Suspended Particulates (TSP) and Particulate Matter <10µm (PM₁₀). The Kilburnie South and Maison Dieu HVAS also monitor Particulate Matter <2.5µm (PM_{2.5}). The location of these monitors can be seen in Figure 4. Each HVAS runs for 24-hours on a six-day cycle.

2.3.1 HVAS PM₁₀ Results

2.3.1.1 Performance against short term impact assessment criteria

Figure 6 shows individual PM₁₀ results at each monitoring station against the short-term impact assessment criteria of 50µg/m³. No exceedances were recorded.

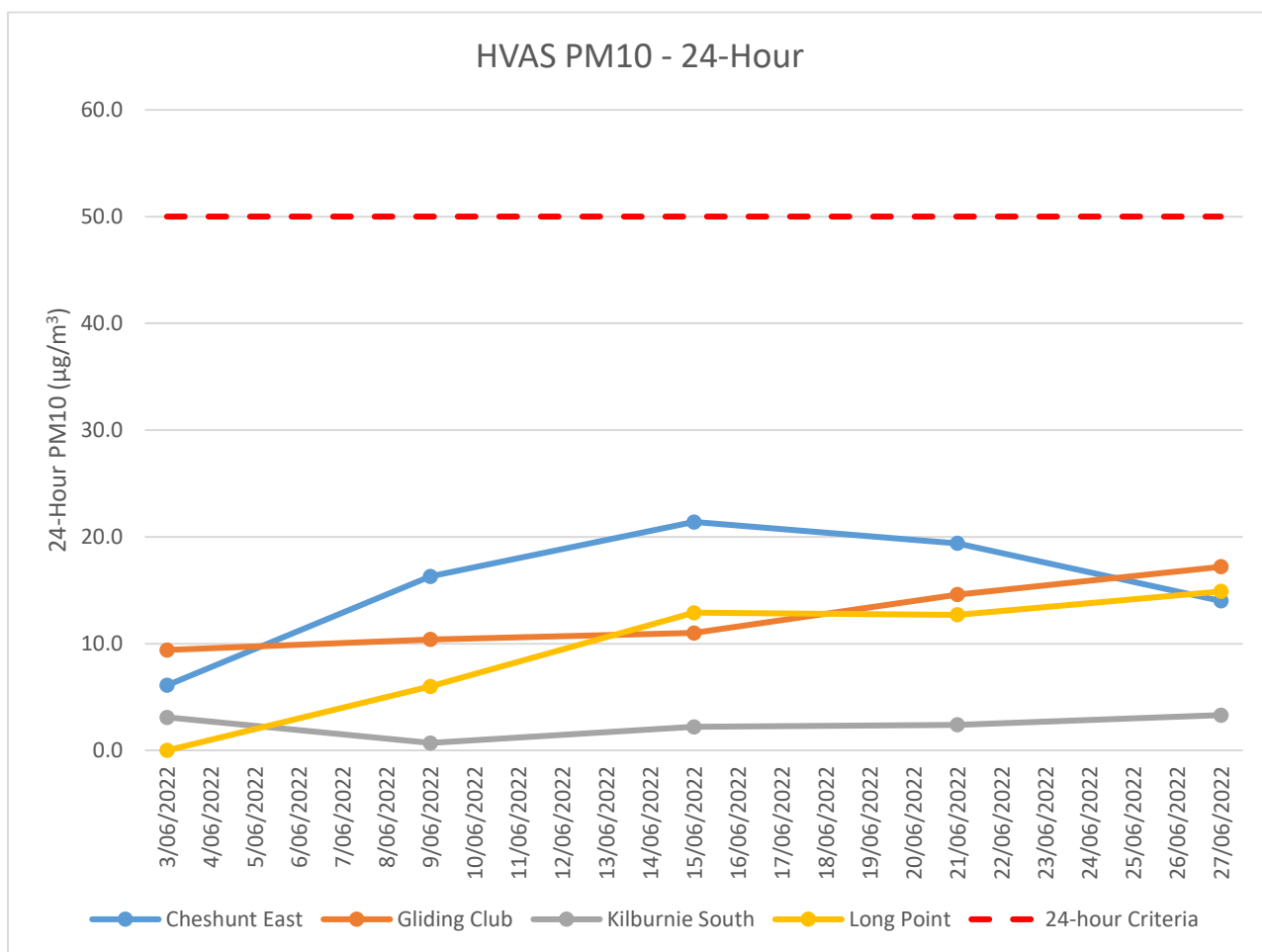


Figure 6 - Individual PM₁₀ Results for the Reporting Period

2.3.1.2 Performance against long term impact assessment criteria

Figure 7 shows the year to date annual average PM₁₀ results. All monitors were below the relevant long term impact assessment criteria during the reporting period. An assessment of HVO’s contribution against the long-term impact assessment criteria will be provided in the 2022 Annual Review.

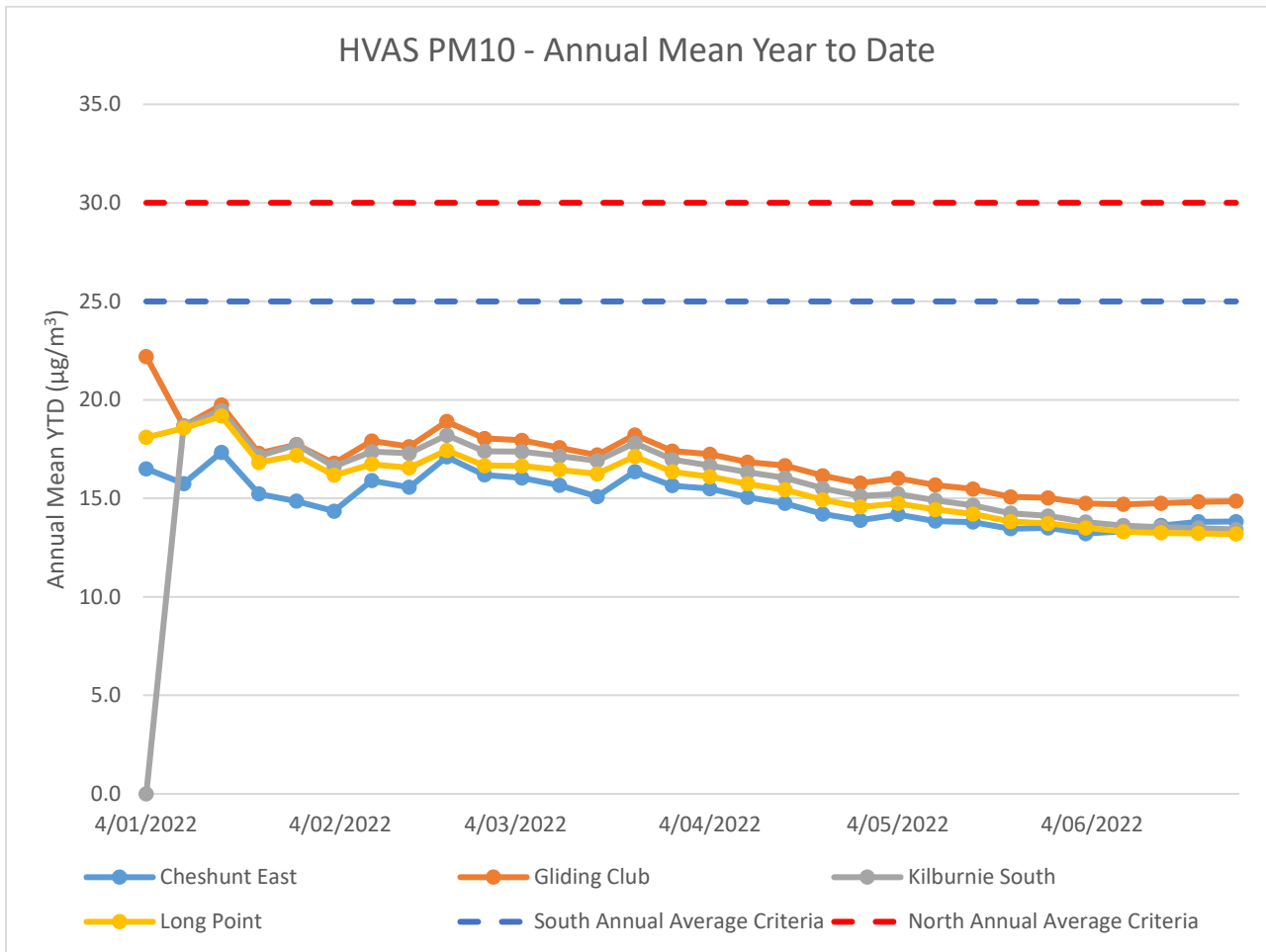


Figure 7 - Year to Date Average PM₁₀ as at end of the Reporting Period

2.3.2 HVAS PM_{2.5} Results

HVO monitors PM_{2.5} at two HVAS locations, Kilburnie South and Maison Dieu.

2.3.2.1 Performance against short term impact assessment criteria

Figure 8 shows individual PM_{2.5} results at each monitoring station against the HVO South short-term impact assessment criteria of 25µg/m³.

All monitors were below the relevant short-term impact assessment criteria during the reporting period.

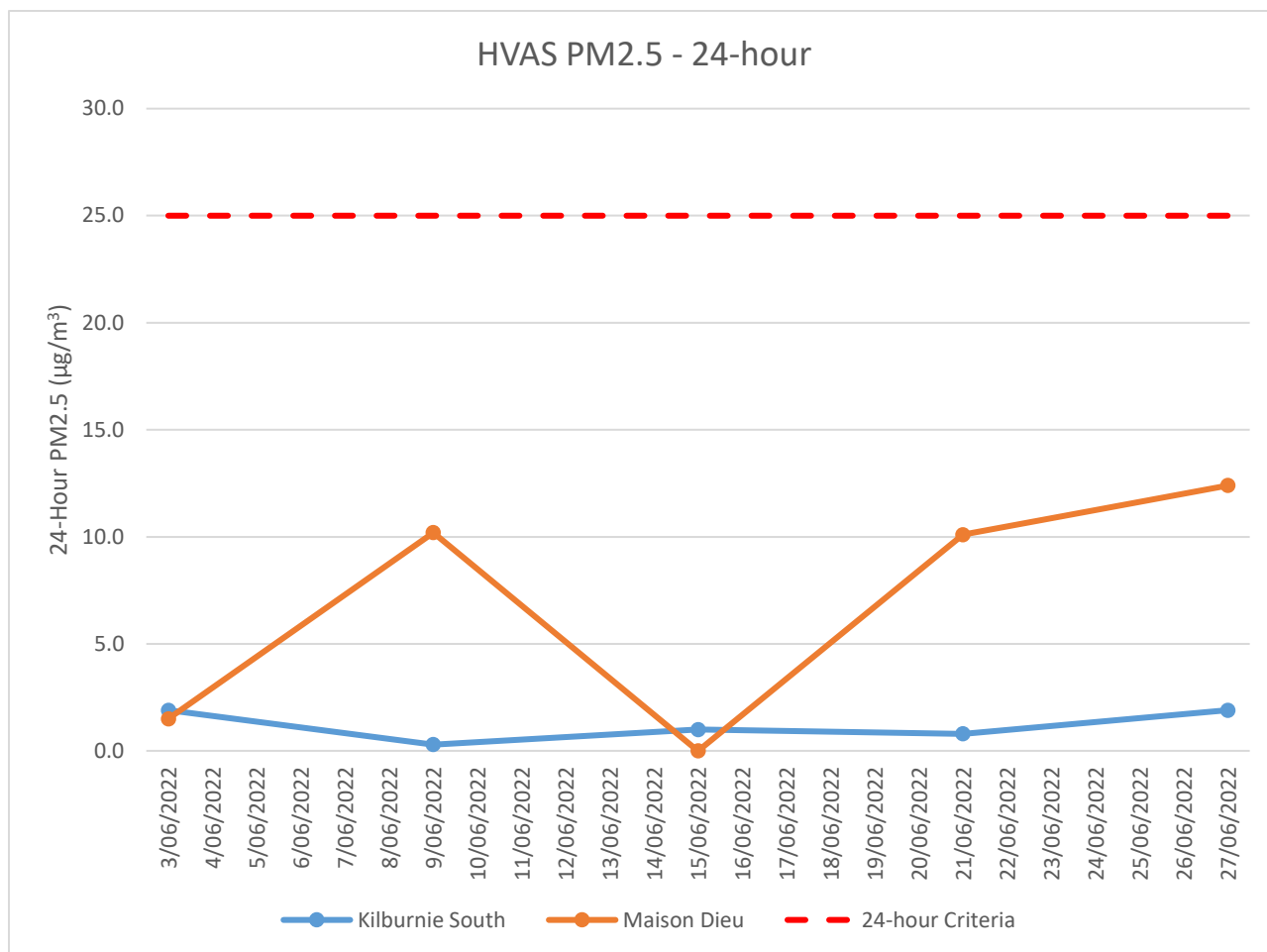


Figure 8 - Individual PM_{2.5} Results for the Reporting Period

2.3.2.2 Performance against long term impact assessment criteria

Figure 9 shows the year to date annual average PM_{2.5} results. During the reporting period, the Maison Dieu monitor and Kilburnie South monitor annual average year to date was below the PM_{2.5} Annual Rolling Mean criteria of 8µg/m³.

An assessment of HVO’s contribution against the long term impact assessment criteria will be provided in the 2022 Annual Review.

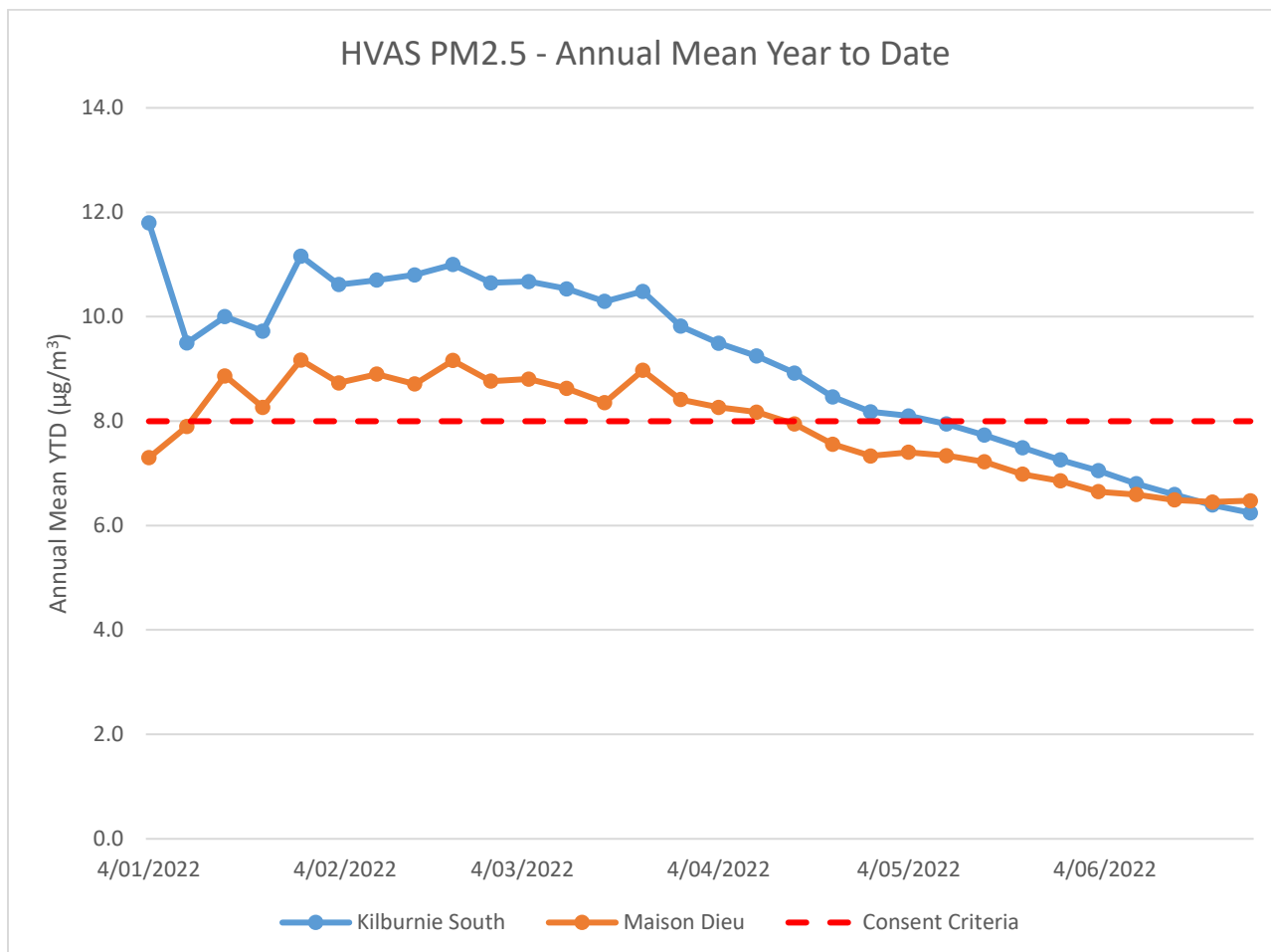


Figure 9 - Year to Date Average PM_{2.5} as at end of the Reporting Period

2.3.3 TSP Results

2.3.3.1 Performance against long term impact assessment criteria

Figure 10 shows the annual average TSP results compared against the long-term impact assessment criteria of 90µg/m³.

All monitors were below the relevant long-term impact assessment criteria during the reporting period.

An assessment of HVO’s contribution against the long-term impact assessment criteria will be provided in the 2022 Annual Review.

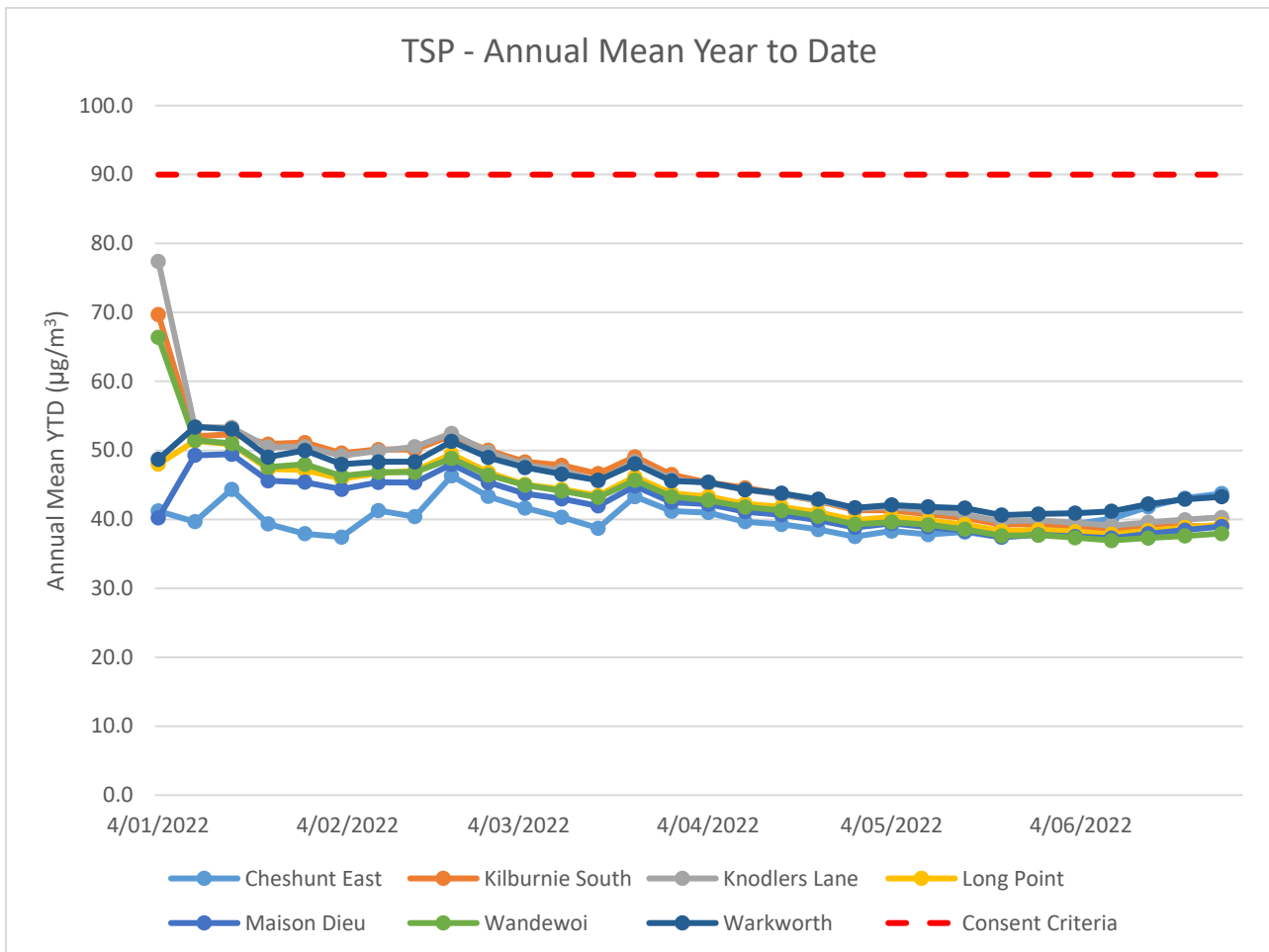


Figure 10 - Year to Date Average Total Suspended Particulates as at end of the Reporting Period

2.3.4 Real Time PM₁₀ Results

HVO maintains a network of real time PM₁₀ monitors. The real time air quality monitoring stations continuously record information and transmit data to a central database, generating alarms when particulate matter levels exceed internal trigger levels. Results from real time PM₁₀ monitoring are used as a reactive measure to guide mining operations to help achieve compliance with the relevant conditions of the project approval.

Figure 11 shows the daily 24-hour average PM₁₀ result from the real time monitoring sites which shows no exceedances reported for the period.

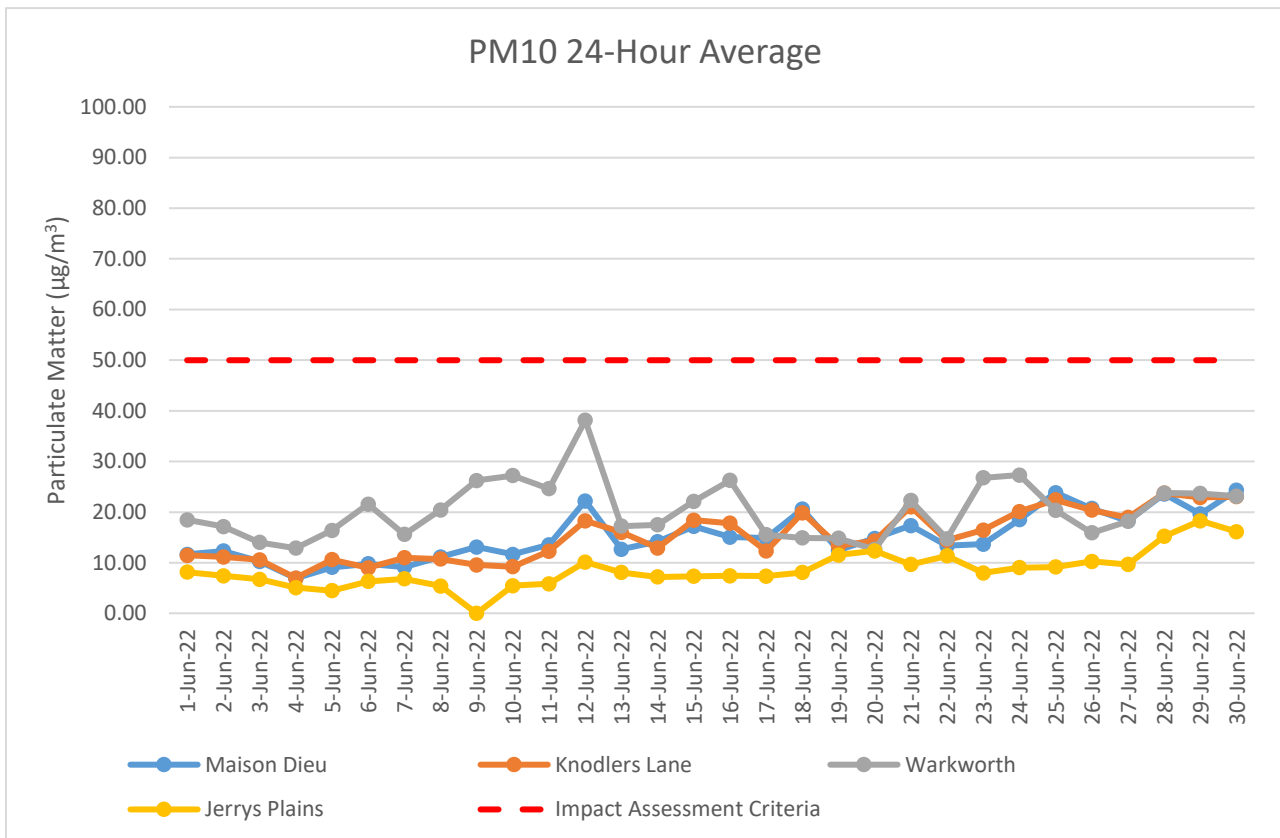


Figure 11 - Real Time PM₁₀ 24hr for the Reporting Period

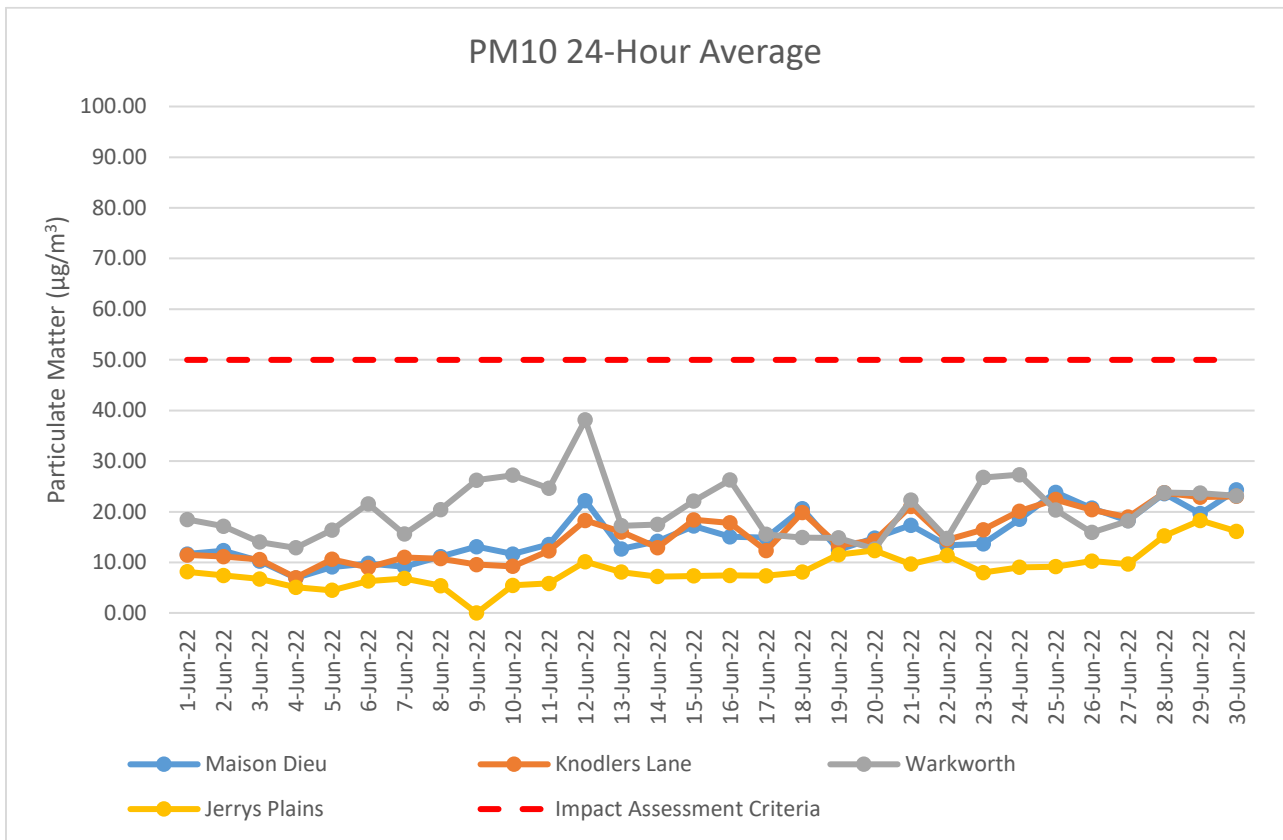


Figure 12 - Real Time PM₁₀ Annual Average June 2022

2.3.5 Real Time Alarms for Air Quality

The real time monitoring system generated 80 automated air quality related alarms during the reporting period. 77 alarms related to adverse weather conditions and 3 alarms related to dust conditions.

3 Water Quality

HVO maintains a network of surface water and groundwater monitoring sites.

3.1 Surface Water

Surface watercourses are sampled on a quarterly sampling regime. Water quality is assessed through the parameters of pH, electrical conductivity (EC) and Total Suspended Solids (TSS). The location of surface water monitoring points across HVO are shown in **Figure 13**.

Results from monitoring on site dams, the Hunter River and other natural tributaries are provided in **Figure 14 to Figure 25**

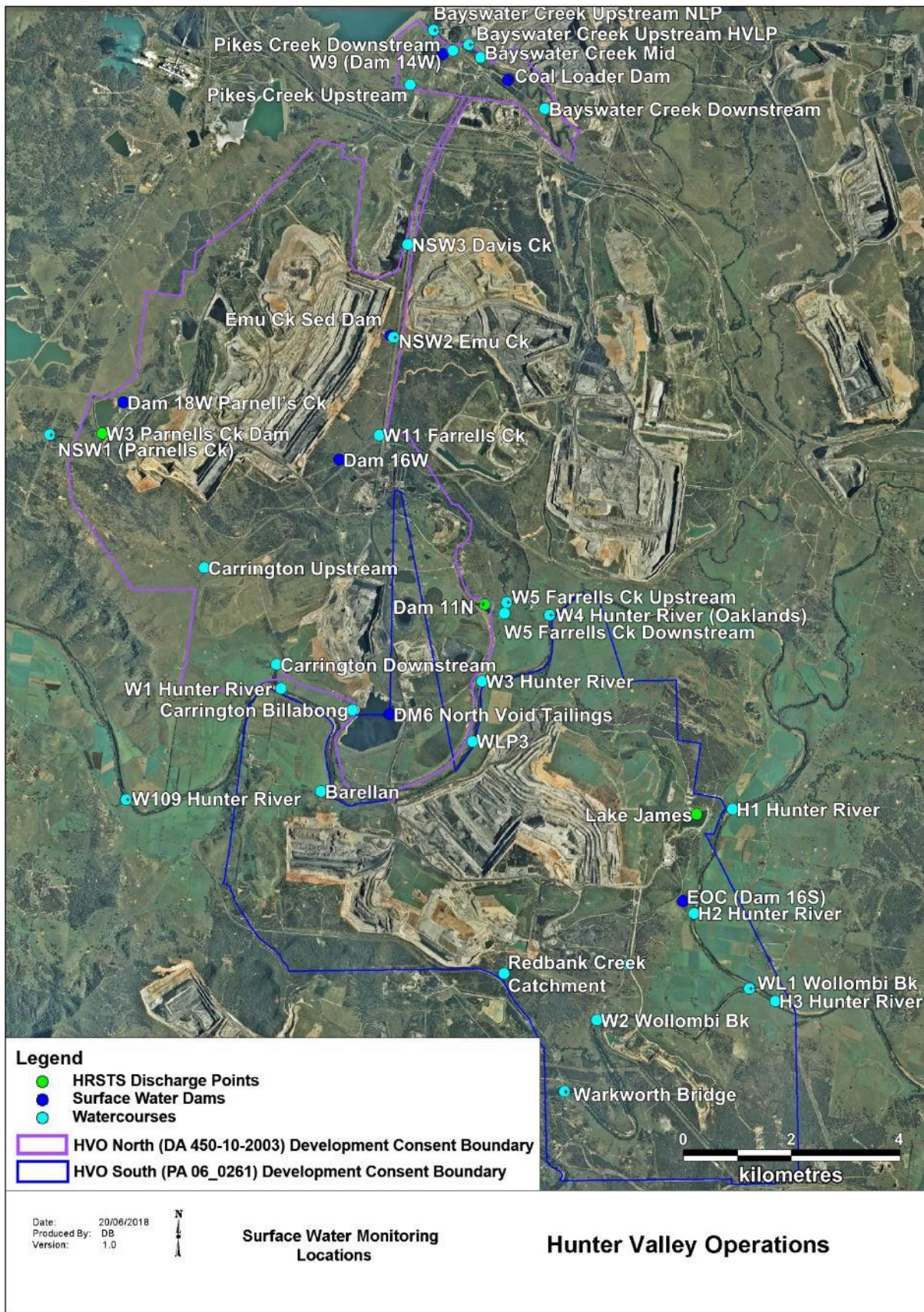


Figure 13 - HVO Surface Water Monitoring Locations

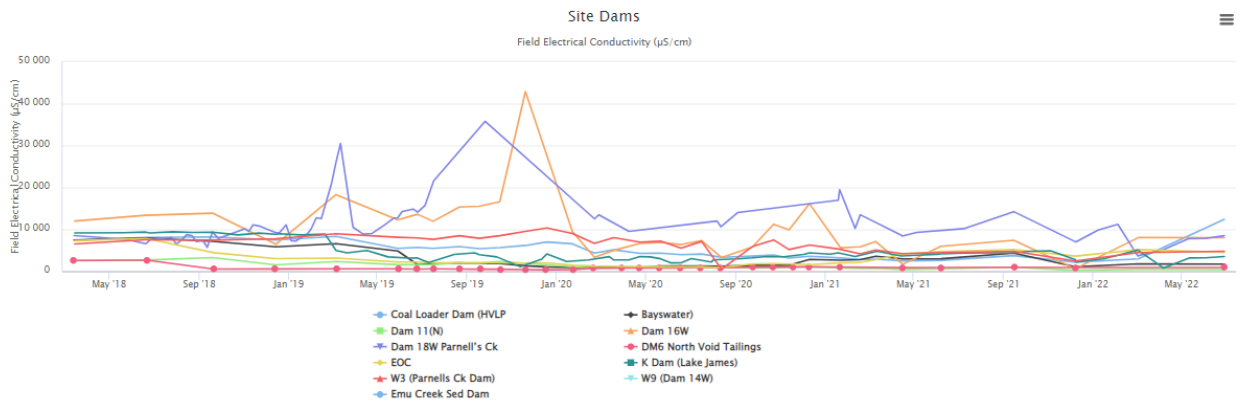


Figure 14 - Site Dams Electrical Conductivity – June 2022

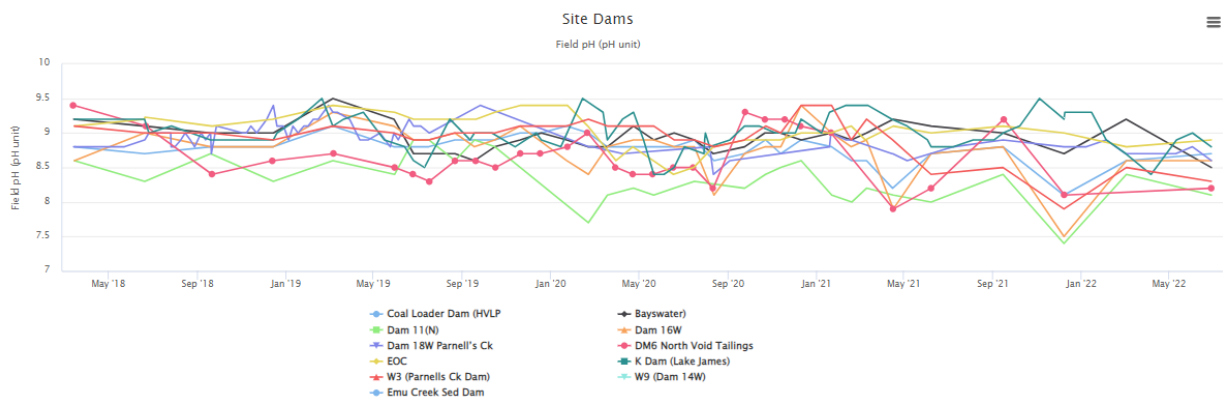


Figure 15 - Site Dams Field pH – June 2022

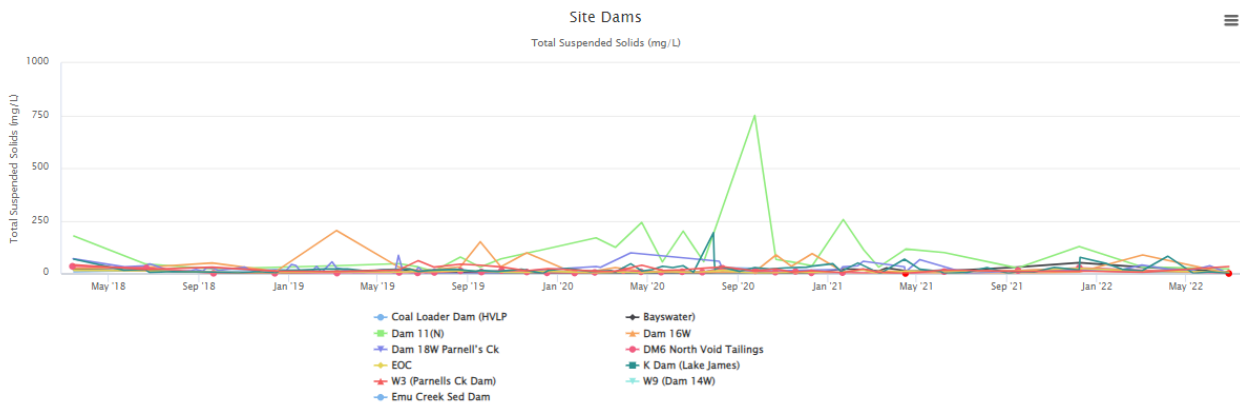


Figure 16 - Site Dams Total Suspended Solids - June 2022

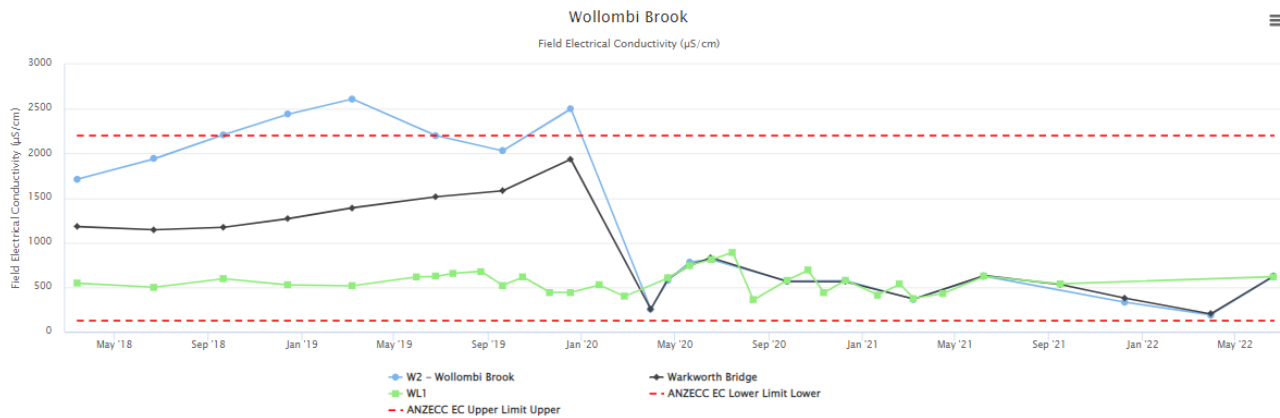


Figure 17 - Wollombi Brook Electrical Conductivity – June 2022

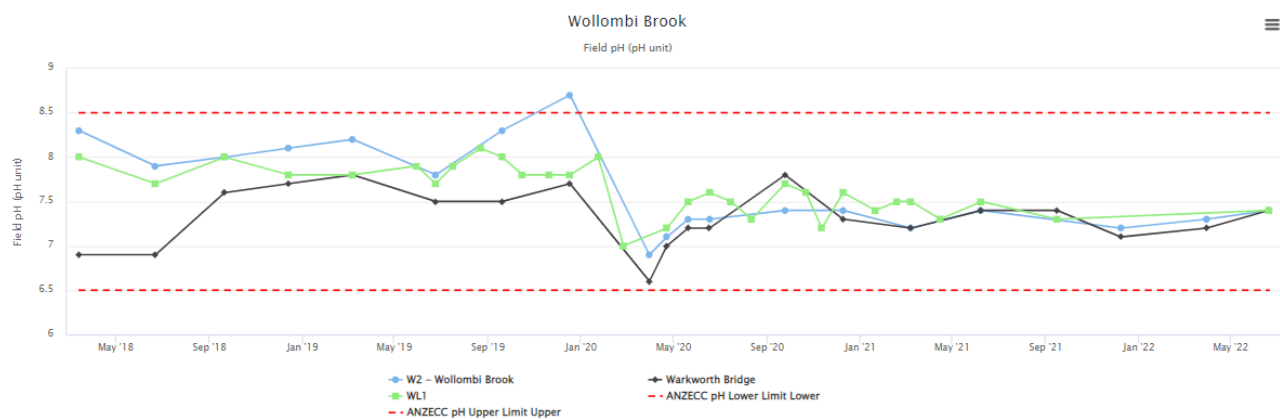


Figure 18 - Wollombi Brook Field pH – June 2022

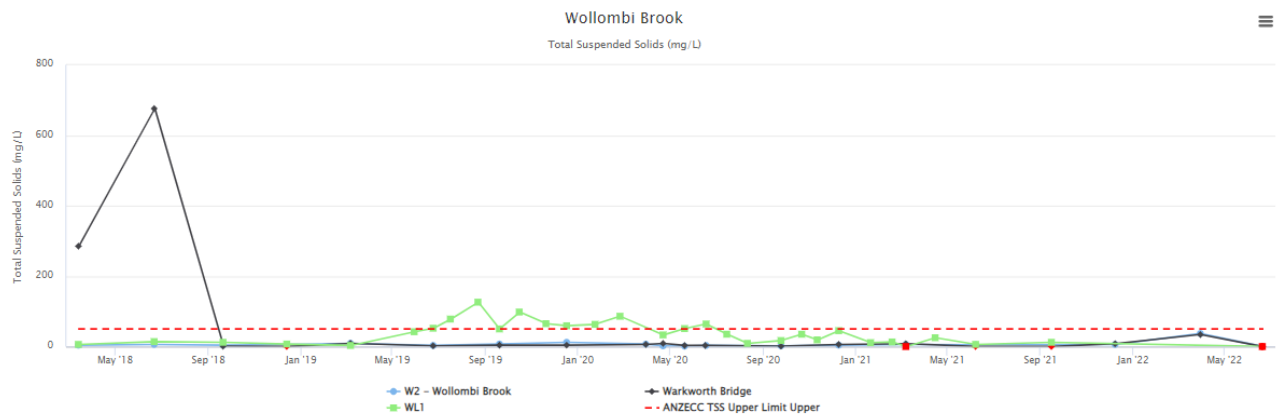


Figure 19 - Wollombi Brook Total Suspended Solids – June 2022

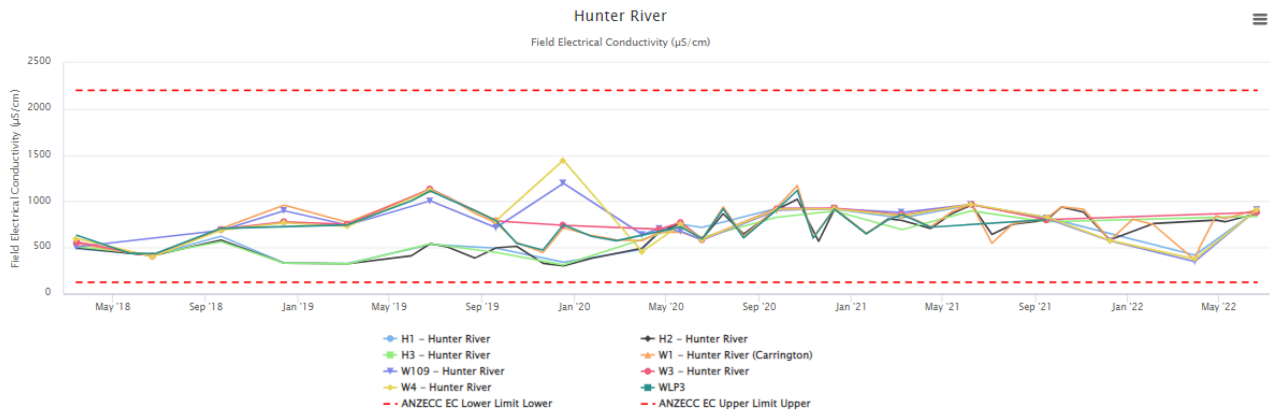


Figure 20 - Hunter River Electrical Conductivity - June 2022

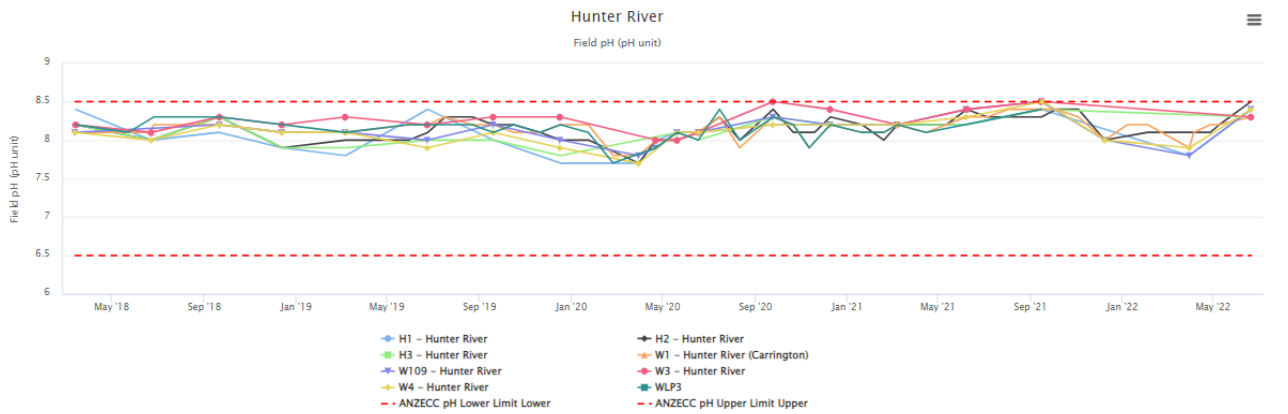


Figure 21 - Hunter River Field pH – June 2022

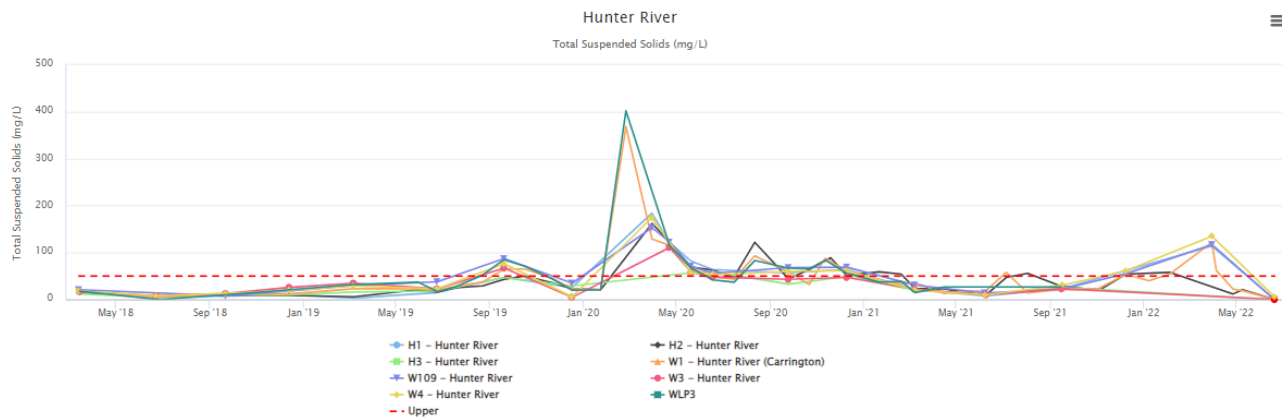


Figure 22 - Hunter River Total Suspended Solids - June 2022

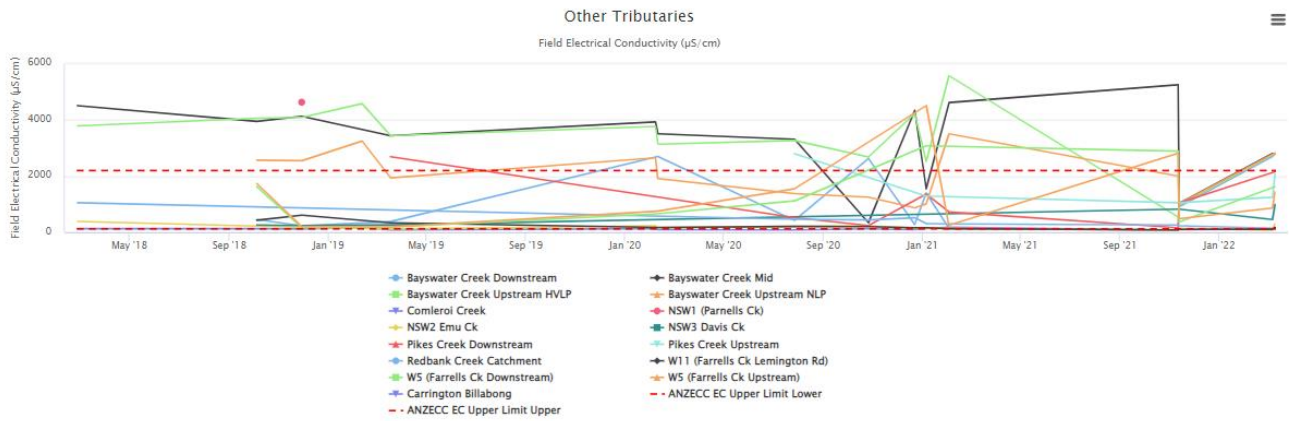


Figure 23 - Other Tributaries Electrical Conductivity - June 2022

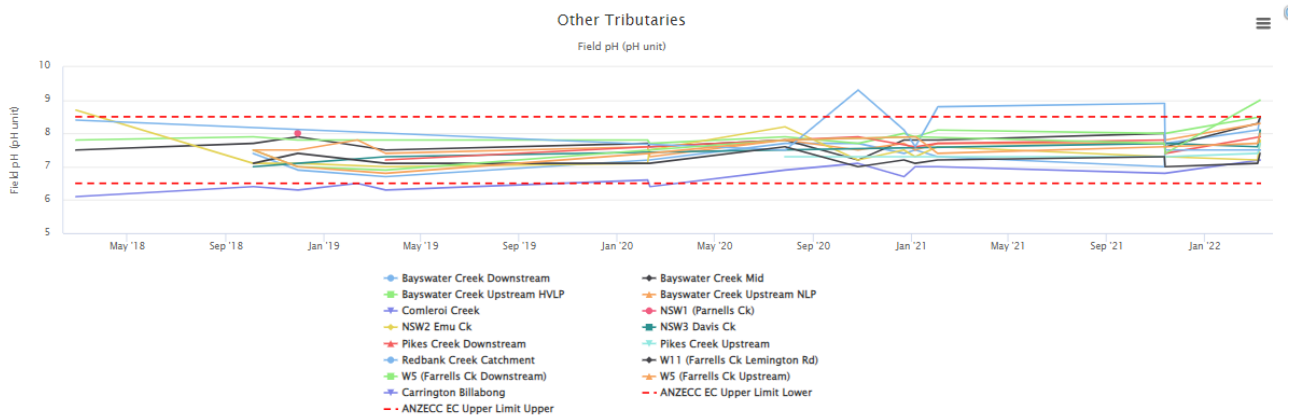


Figure 24 - Other Tributaries Field pH - June 2022

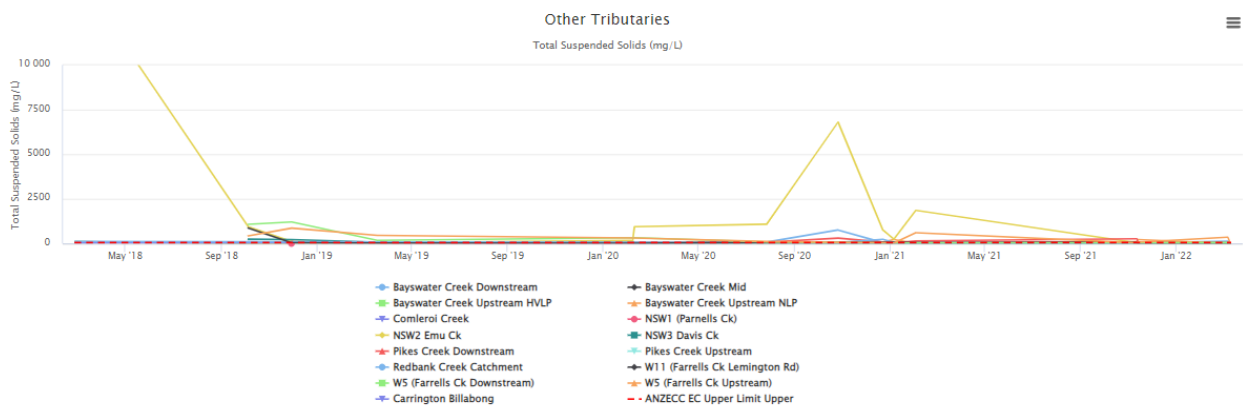


Figure 25 - Other Tributaries Total Suspended Solids - June 2022

3.1.1 Surface Water Trigger Tracking

Internal trigger limits have been developed to assess monitoring data on an on-going basis and to highlight potentially adverse surface water impacts. The process for evaluating monitoring results against the internal triggers and subsequent responses are outlined in the HVO Water Management Plan.

Surface water trigger tracking results are summarised in **Table 2** .

Table 2 - Surface Water Trigger Tracking – Q2 2022

| Site | Date | Trigger Limit Breached | Response Action |
|-------------------|-----------|------------------------|---|
| W1 - Hunter River | 5/04/2022 | TSS | <p>First consecutive exceedance of TSS trigger</p> <p>Investigation outcome: There is no evidence to indicate that the TSS exceedance is associated with a HVO mining impact.</p> <p>Action: Continue monitoring this location for further trigger exceedances.</p> |

3.2 Site Water Use

HVO is permitted to extract water from the Hunter River under water allocation licenses issued by Water NSW.

HVO did not extract water from the Hunter River during the reporting period.

3.3 HRSTS Discharge

HVO participates in the Hunter River Salinity Trading Scheme (HRSTS), allowing discharge from licensed discharge points Dam 11N (to Farrell’s Creek), Lake James (to the Hunter River) and Parnell’s Dam (to Parnell’s Creek). Discharges can only take place subject to HRSTS regulations.

HVO did not discharge under the HRSTS during the reporting period.

3.4 Groundwater Monitoring Results

Groundwater monitoring is undertaken on a quarterly basis in accordance with the HVO Water Management Plan and Groundwater Monitoring Program. The location of groundwater monitoring points across HVO are show in **Figure 26**.

Groundwater monitoring results are provided in **Figure 27** to **Figure 77**

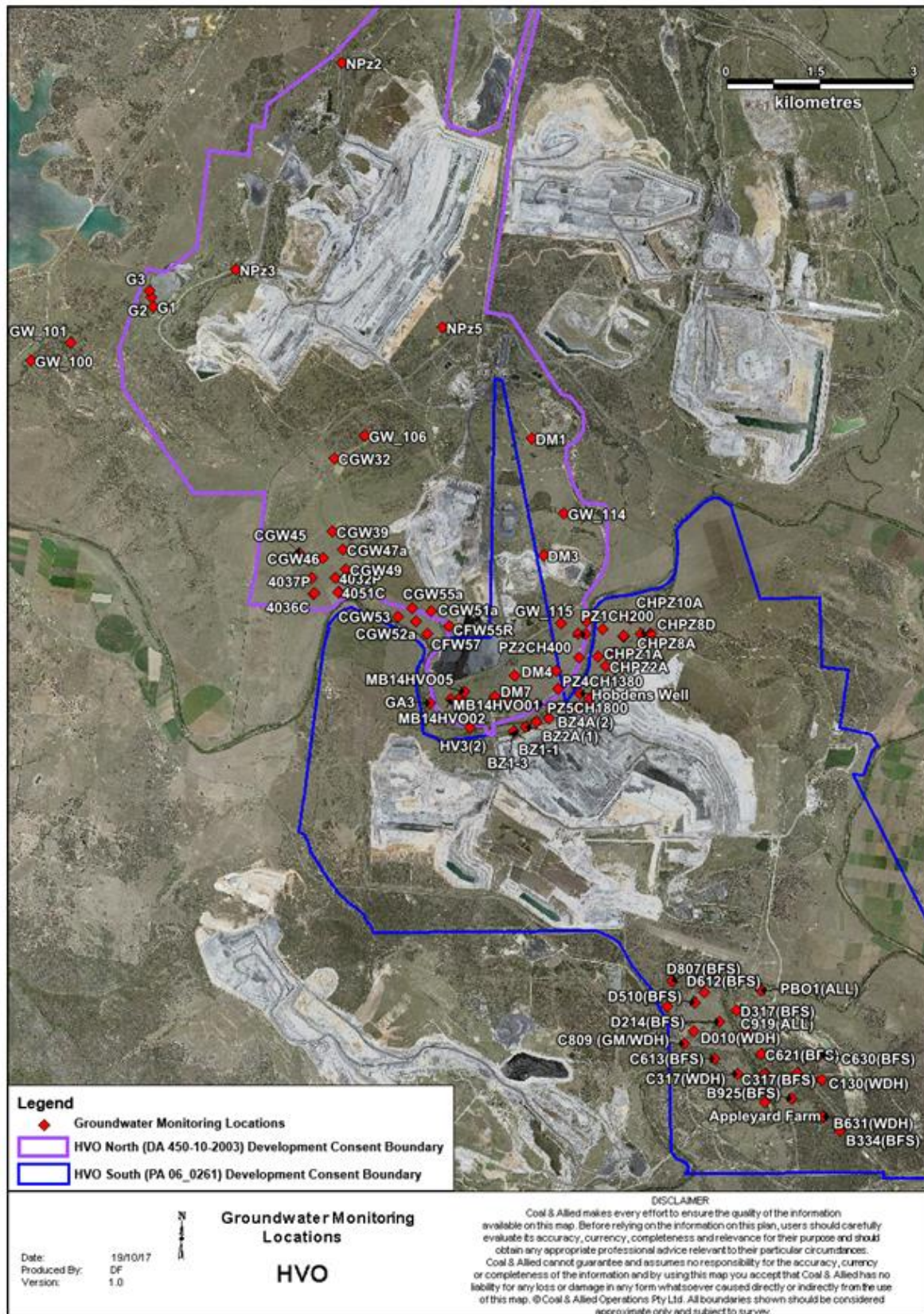


Figure 26 Groundwater monitoring Locations at HVO

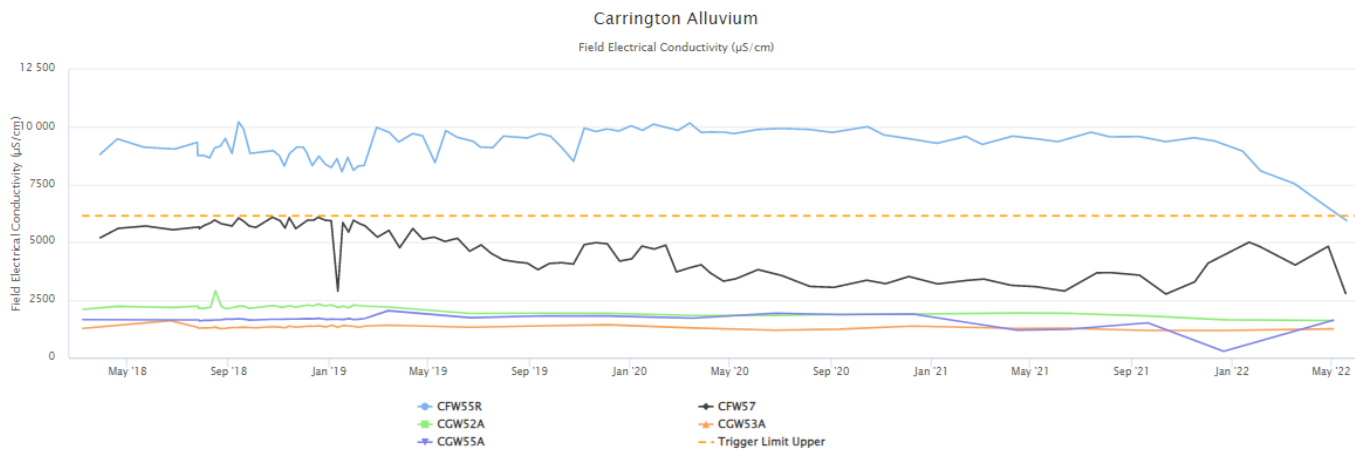


Figure 27 - Carrington Alluvium Electrical Conductivity Trend – Q2 2022

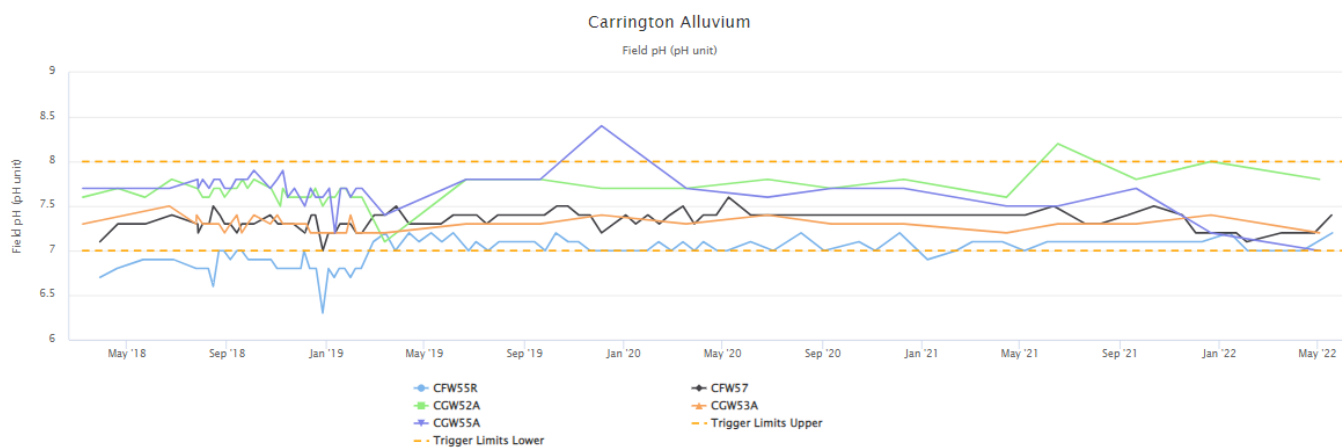


Figure 28 - Carrington Alluvium Field pH Trend – Q2 2022

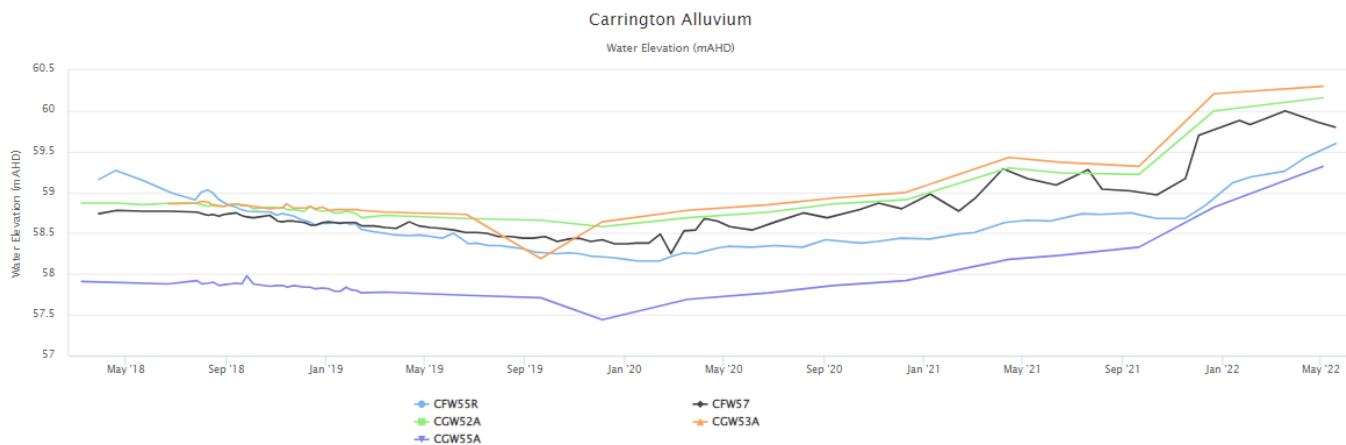


Figure 29 - Carrington Alluvium Water Elevation Trend – Q2 2022

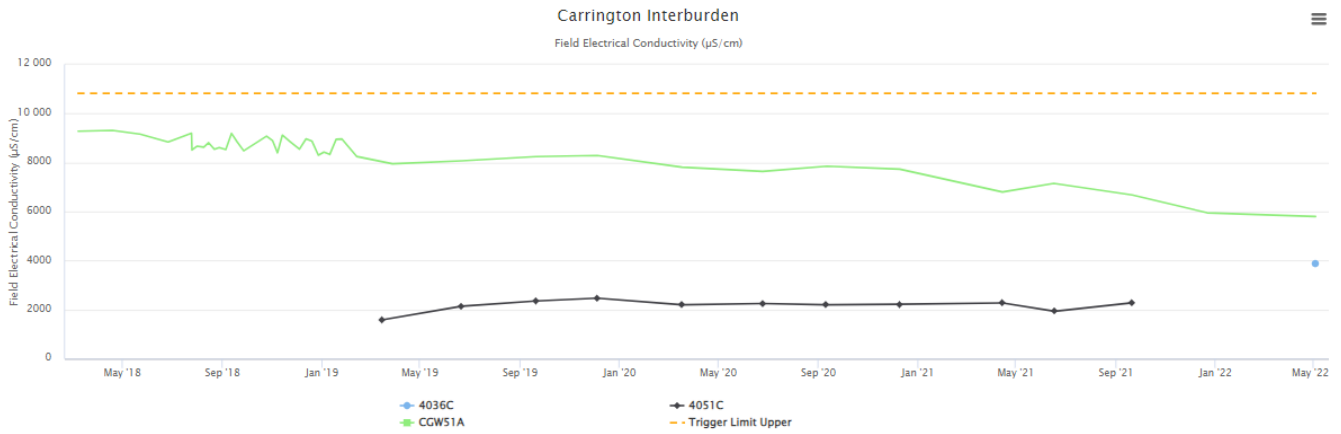


Figure 30 - Carrington Interburden Electrical Conductivity Trend – Q2 2022

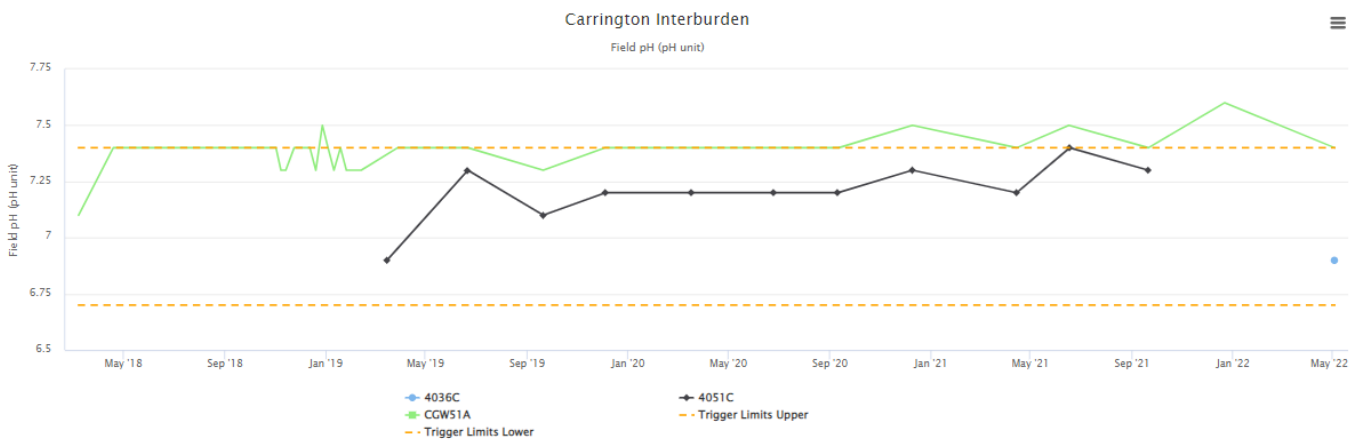


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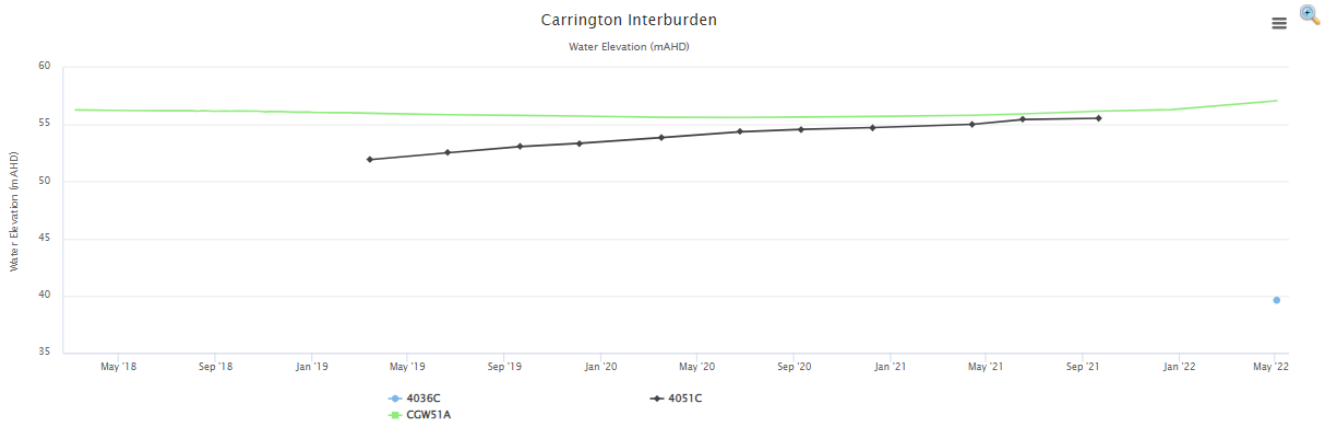


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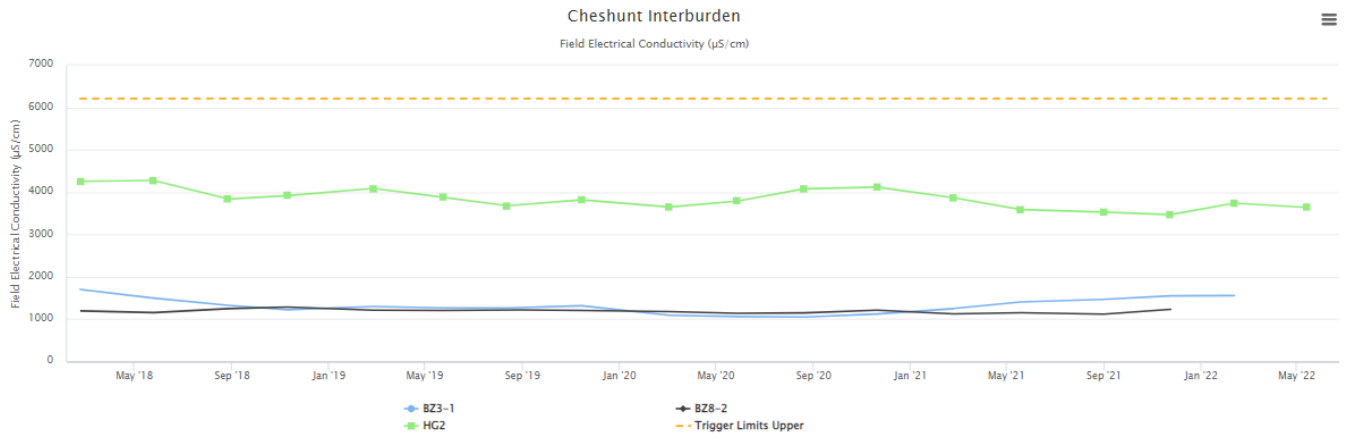


Figure 33 - Cheshunt Interburden Electrical Conductivity Trend – Q2 2022

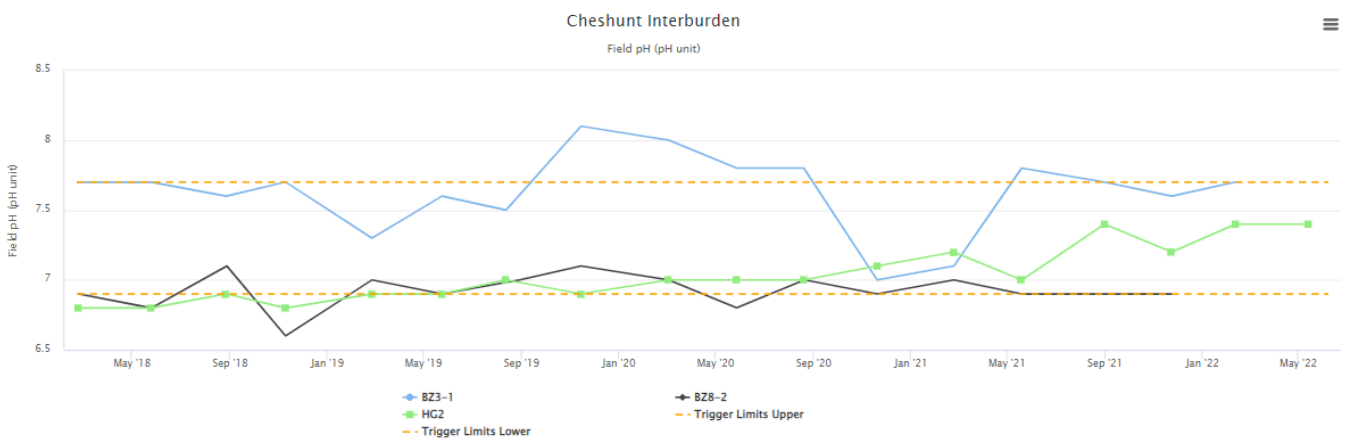


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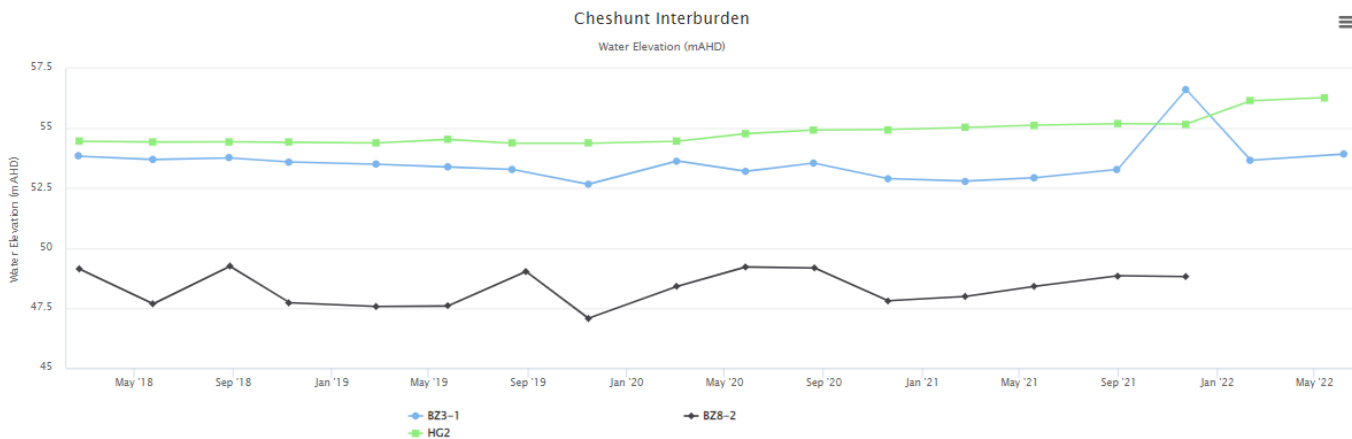


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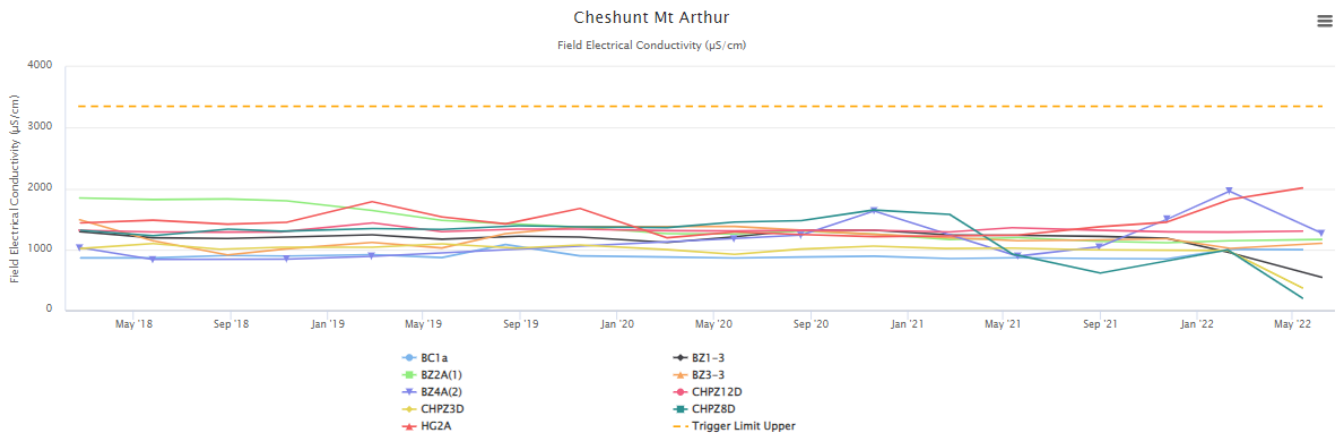


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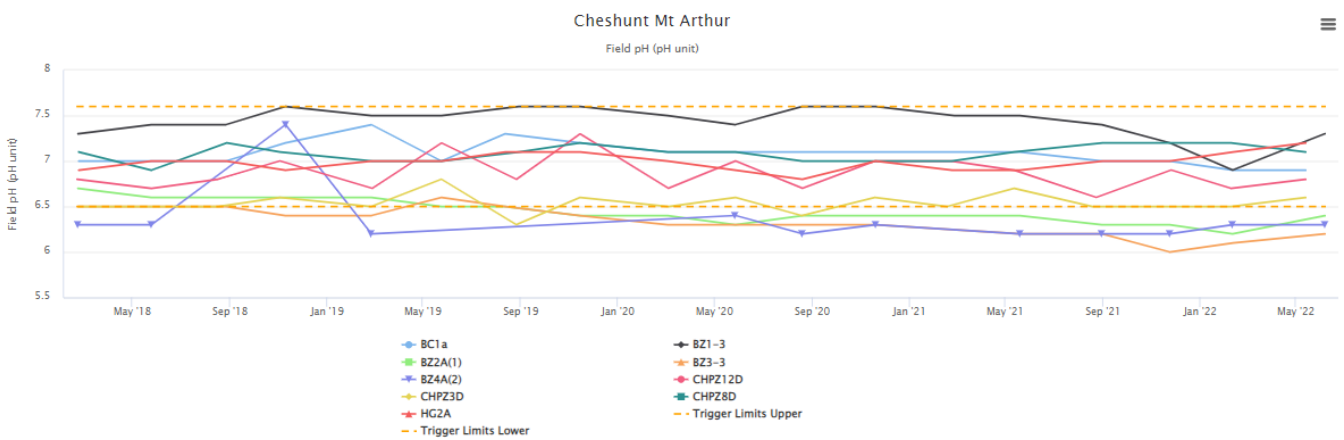


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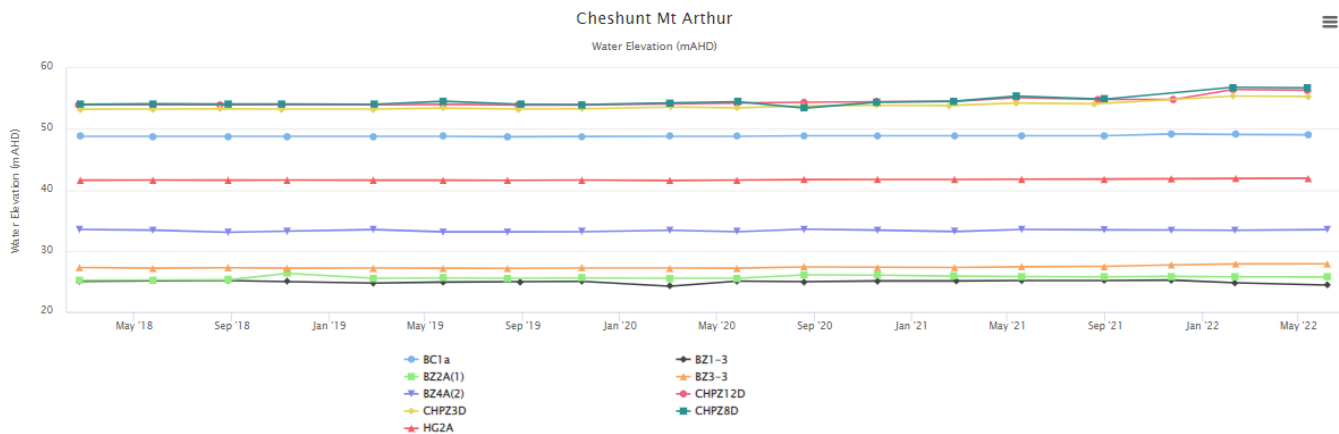


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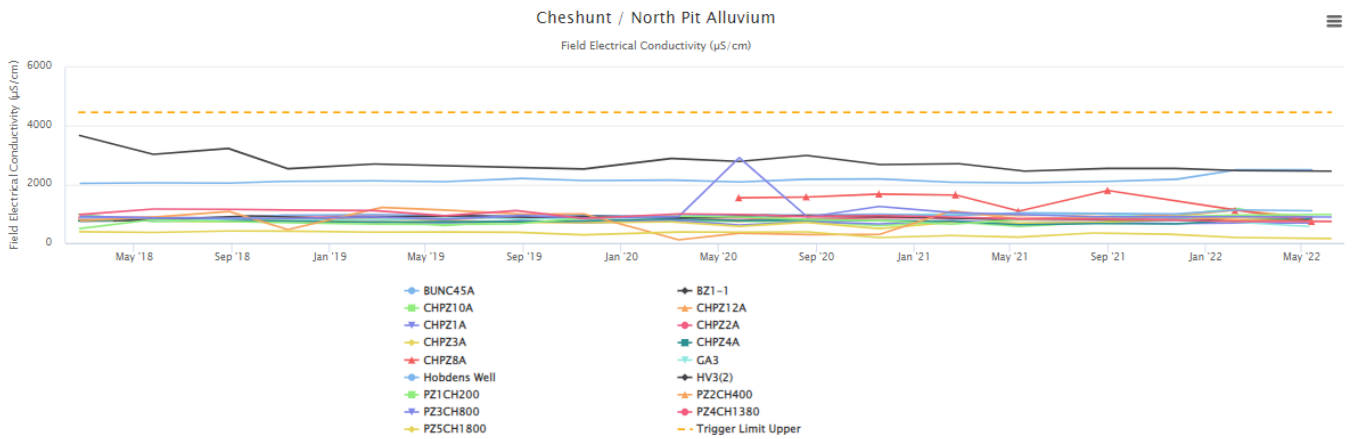


Figure 39 - Cheshunt North Pit Alluvium Electrical Conductivity Trend – Q2 2022

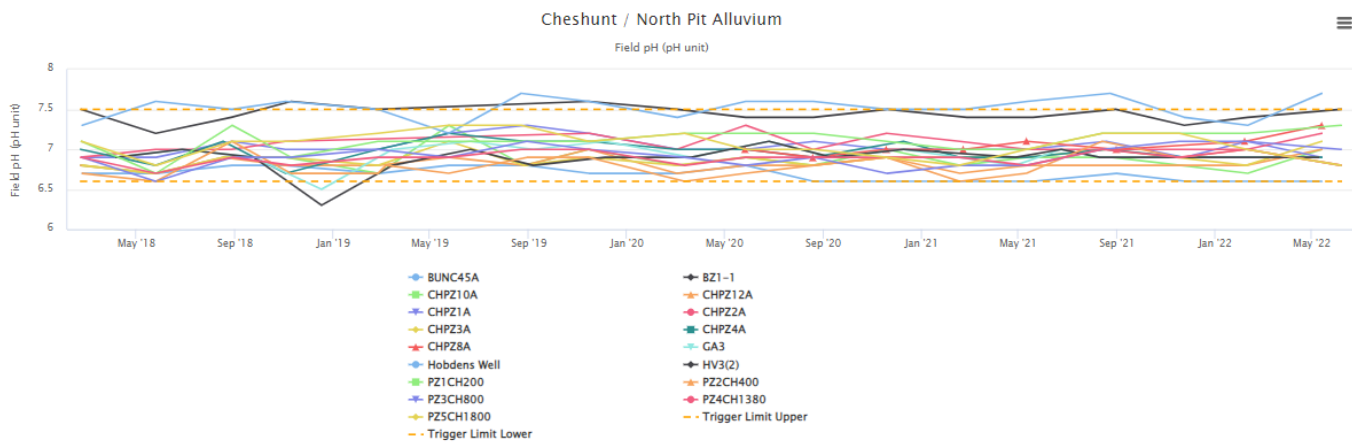


Figure 40 - Cheshunt North Pit Alluvium Field pH Trend – Q2 2022

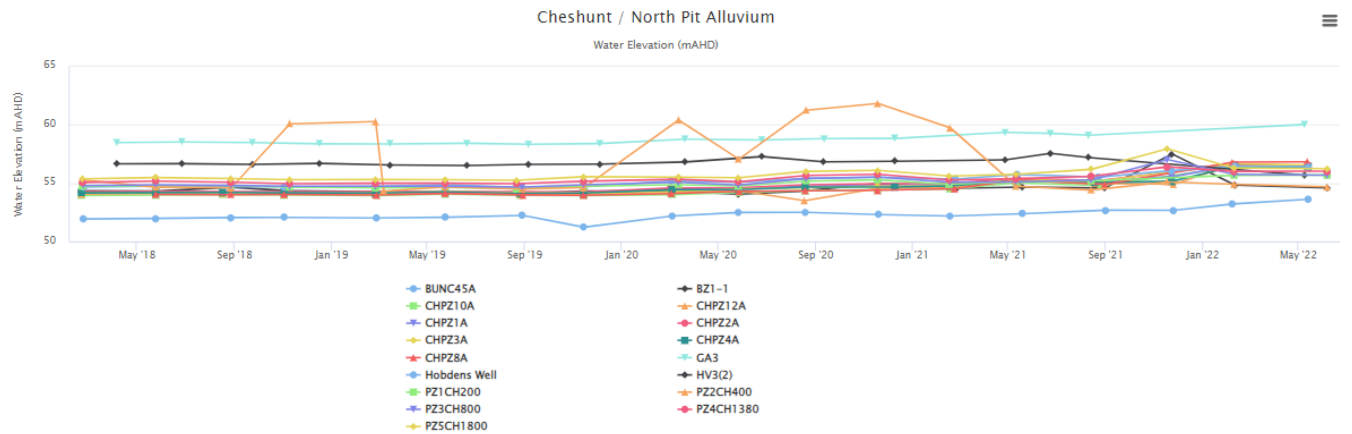


Figure 41 - Cheshunt North Pit Alluvium Water Elevation Trend – Q2 2022

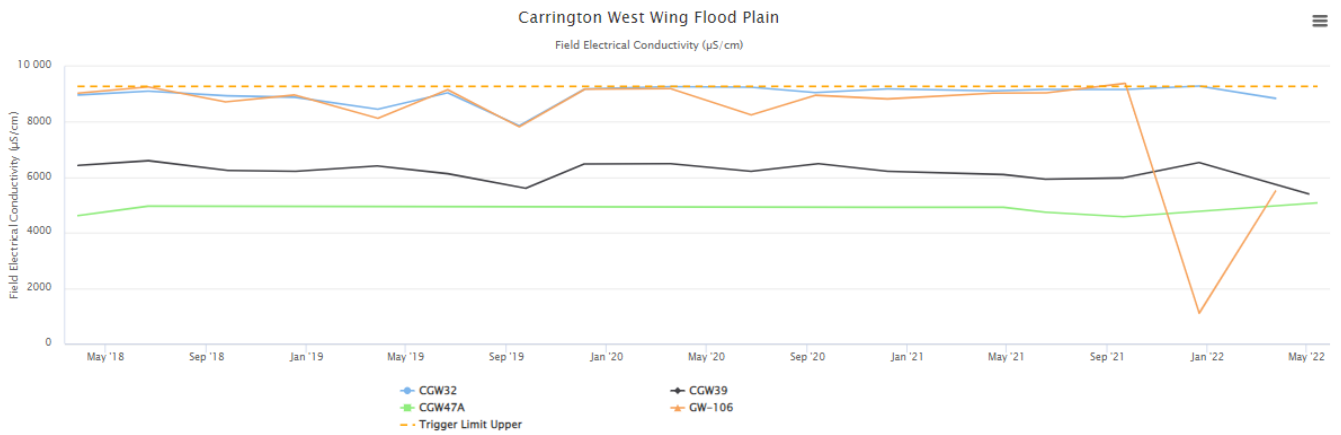


Figure 42 - Carrington West Wing Flood Plain Electrical Conductivity trend – Q2 2022

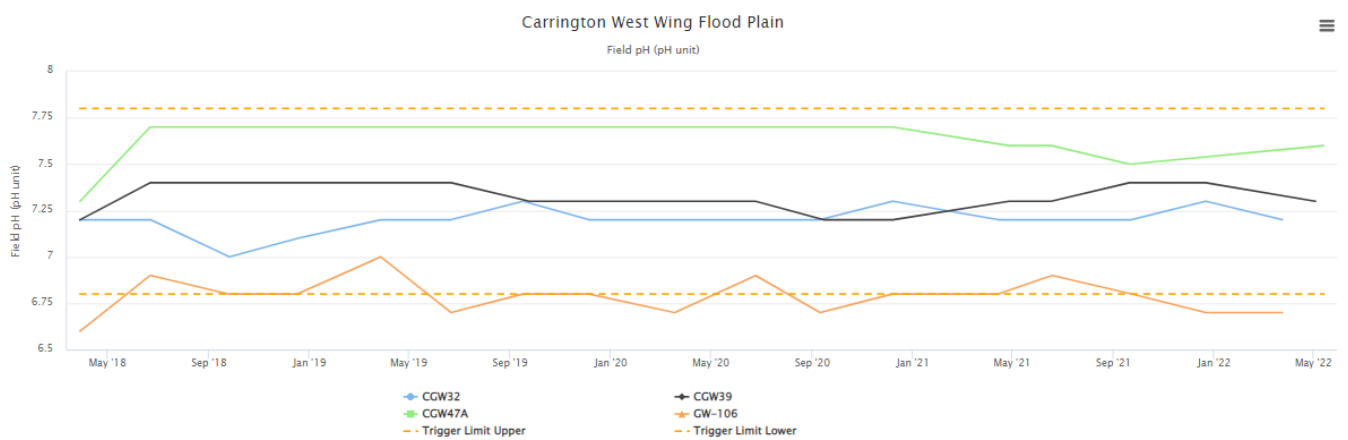


Figure 43 - Carrington West Wing Flood Plain Field pH Trend – Q2 2022

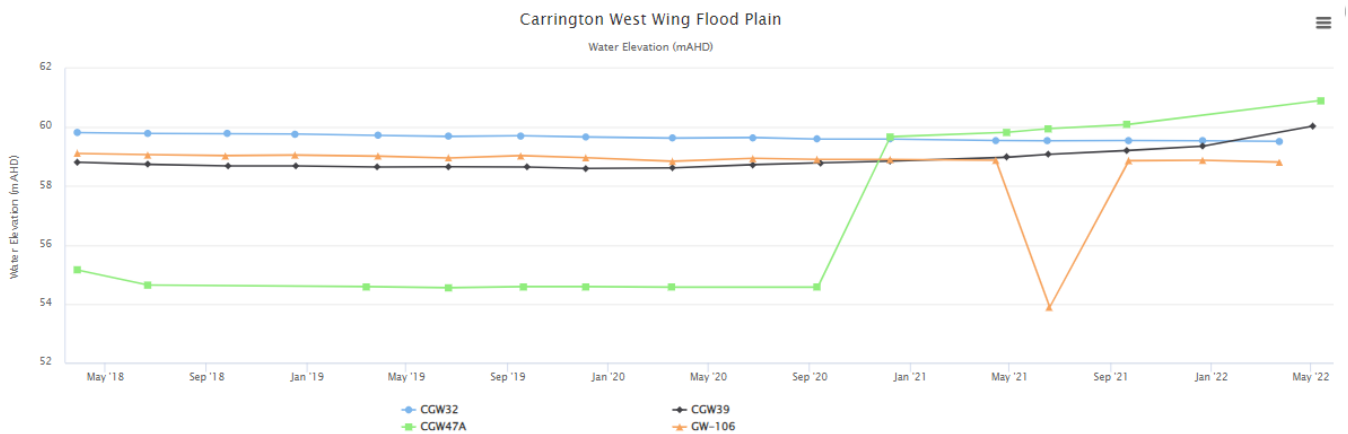


Figure 44 - Carrington West Wing Flood Plain Water Elevation Trend – Q2 2022

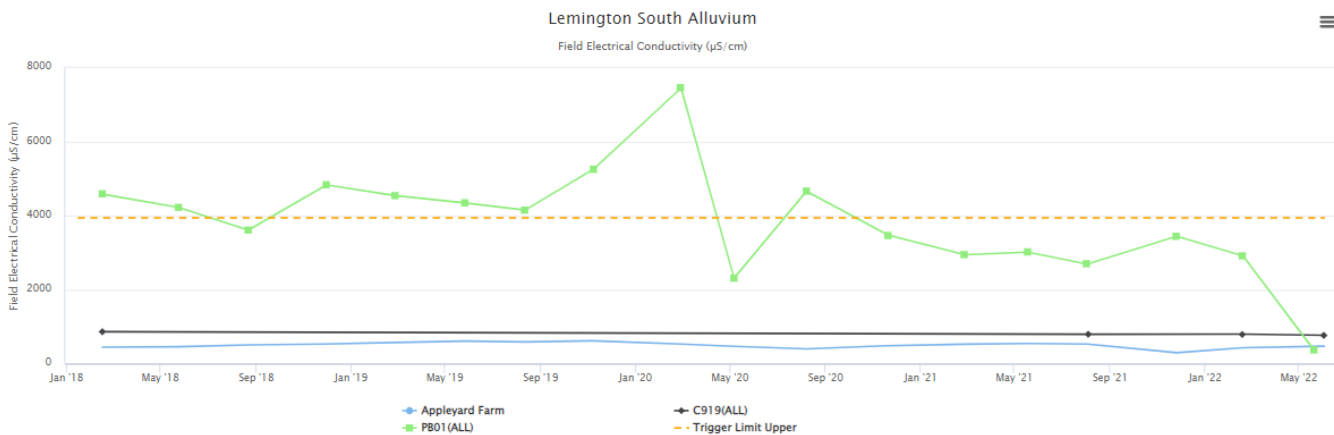


Figure 45 - Lemington South Alluvium Electrical Conductivity Trend – Q2 2022

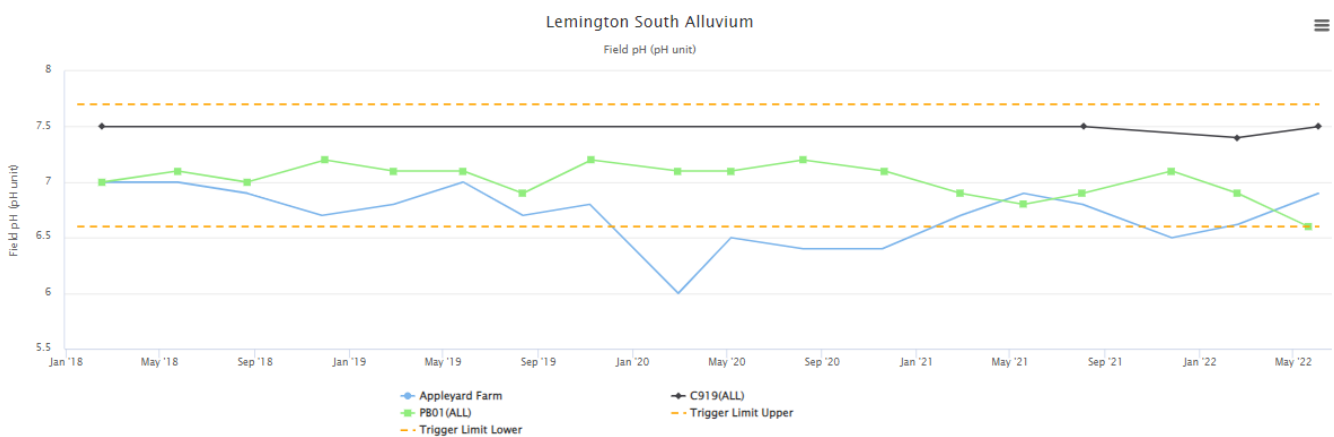


Figure 46 Lemington South Alluvium Field pH Trend – Q2 2022

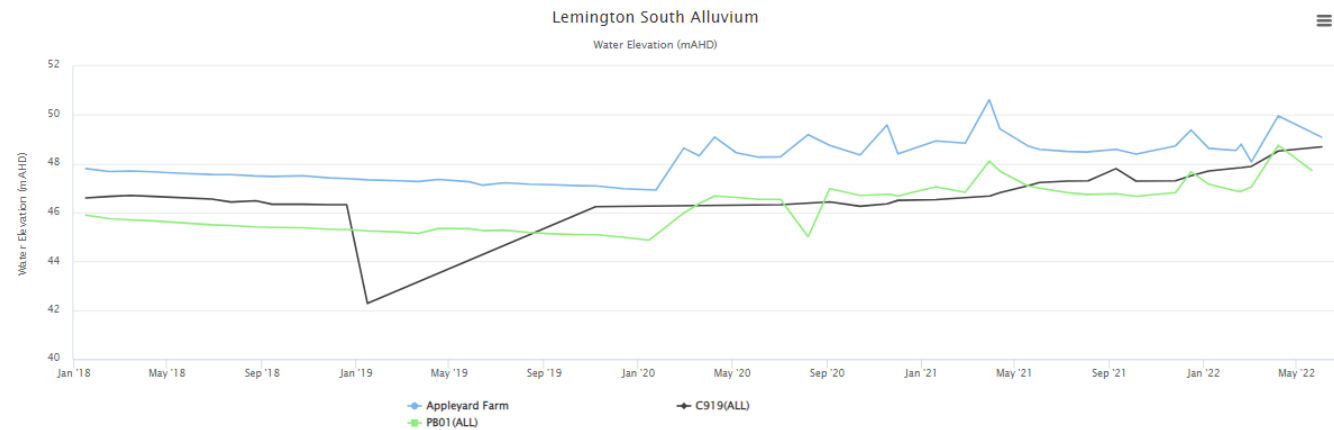


Figure 47 - Lemington South Alluvium Water Elevation Trend – Q2 2022

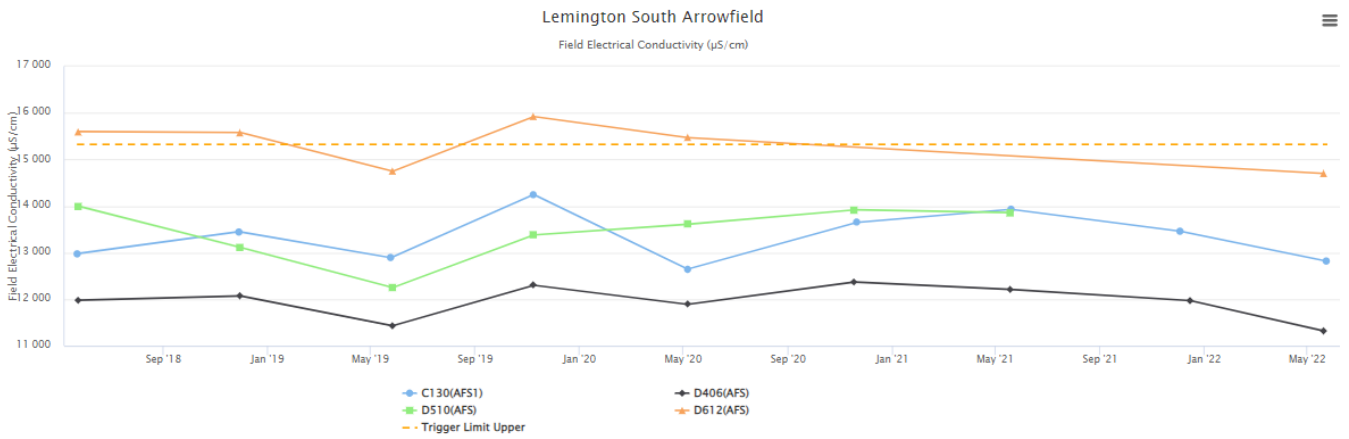


Figure 48 - Lemington South Arrowfield Electrical Conductivity Trend – Q2 2022

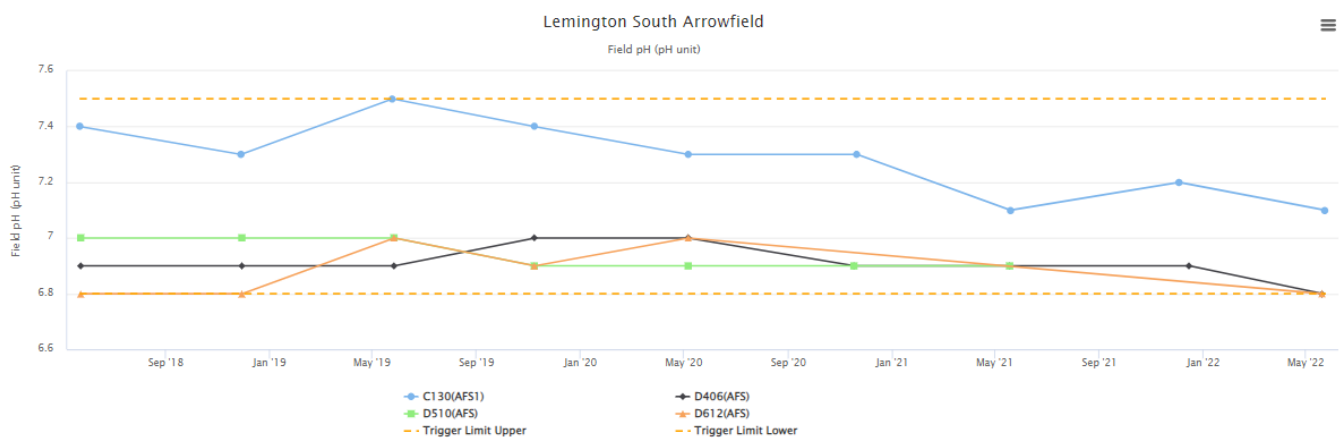


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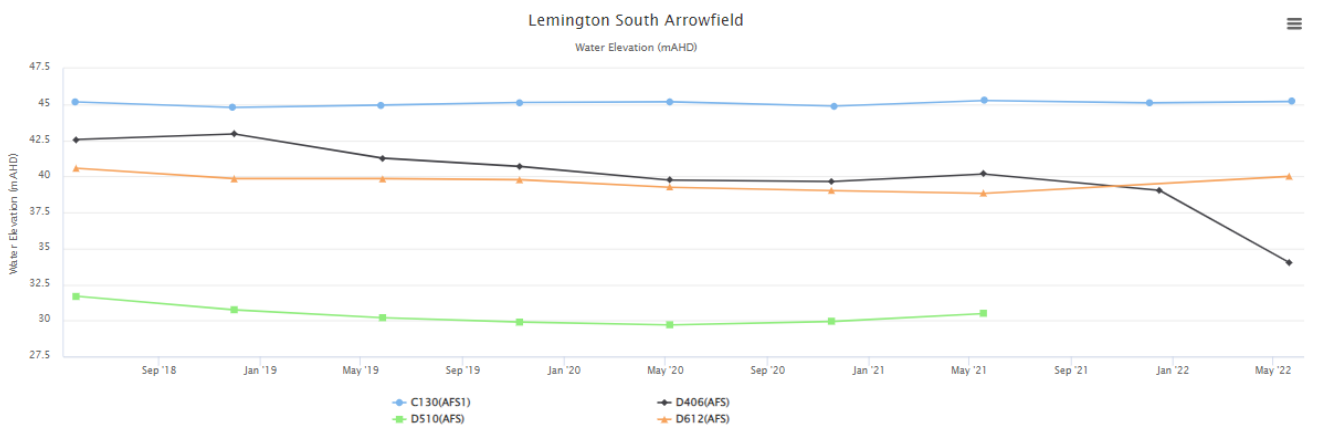


Figure 50 - Lemington South Arrowfield Water Elevation Trend – Q2 2022

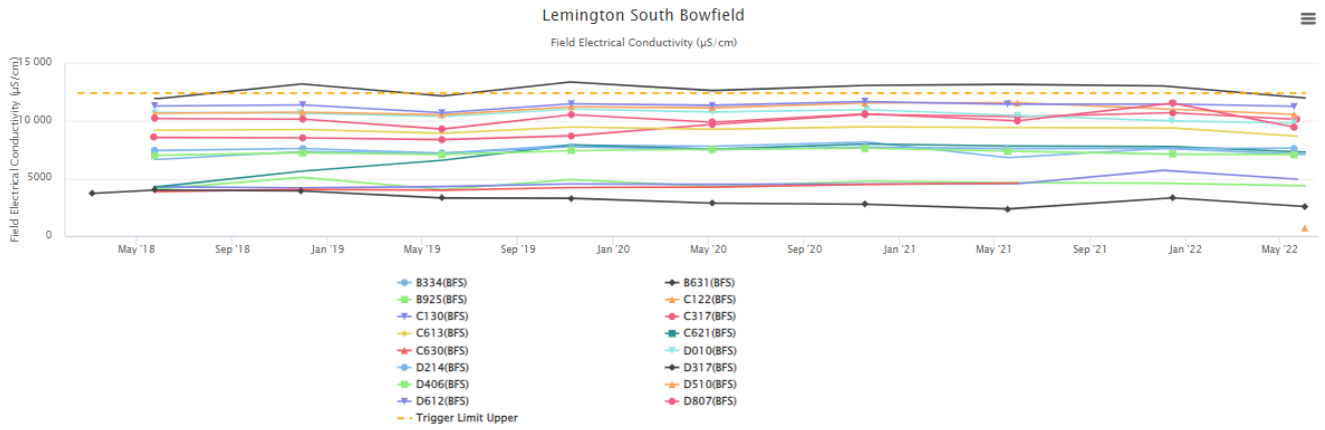


Figure 51 - Lemington South Bowfield Electrical Conductivity Trend – Q2 2022

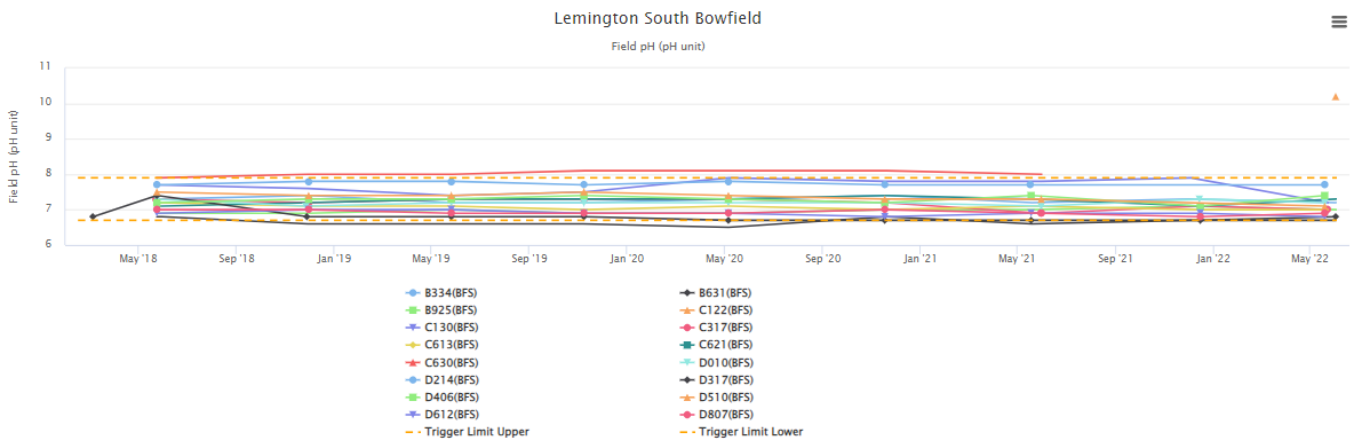


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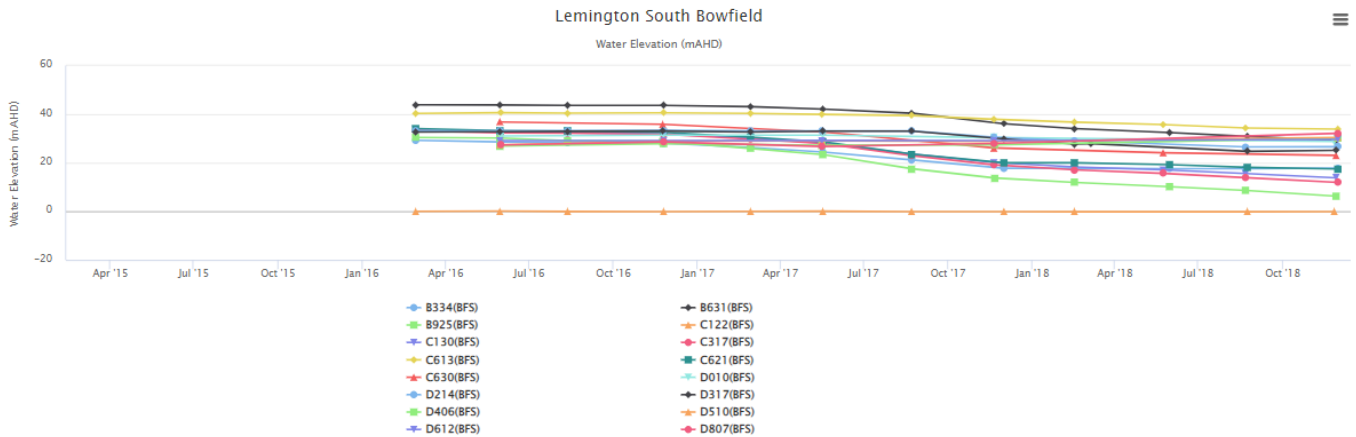


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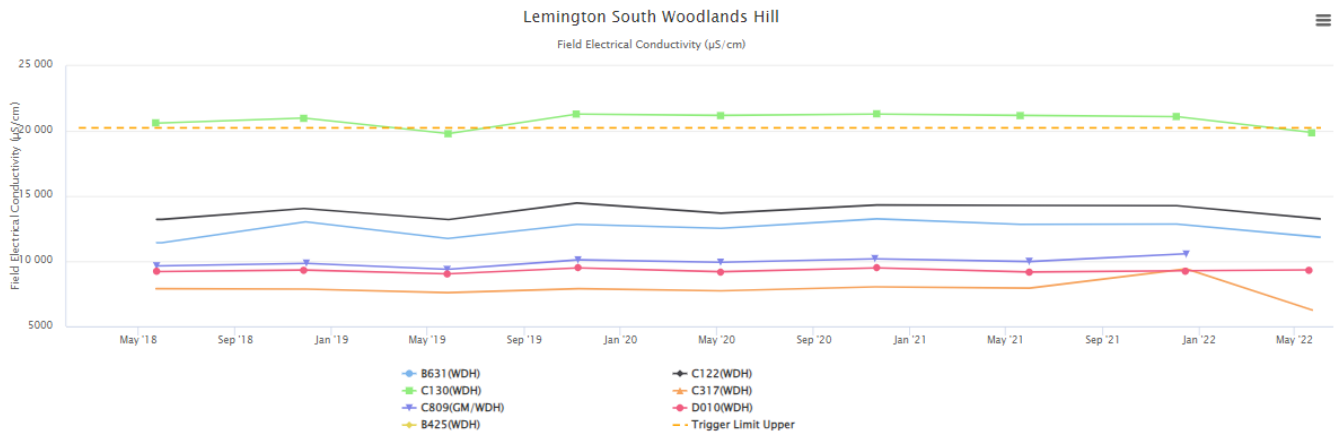


Figure 54 - Lemington South Woodlands Hill Electrical Conductivity Trend – Q2 2022

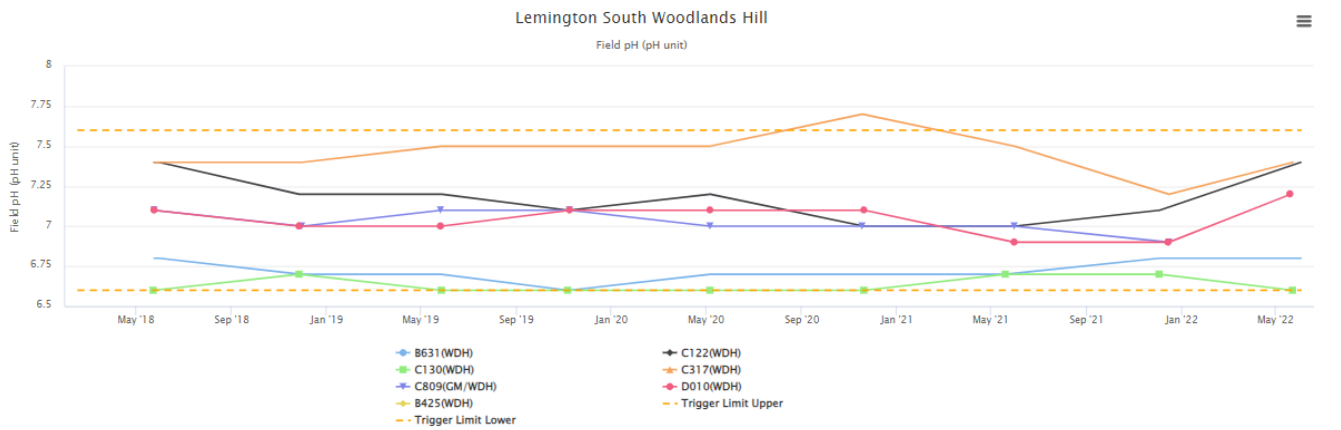


Figure 55 - Lemington South Woodlands Hill Field pH Trend – Q2 2022

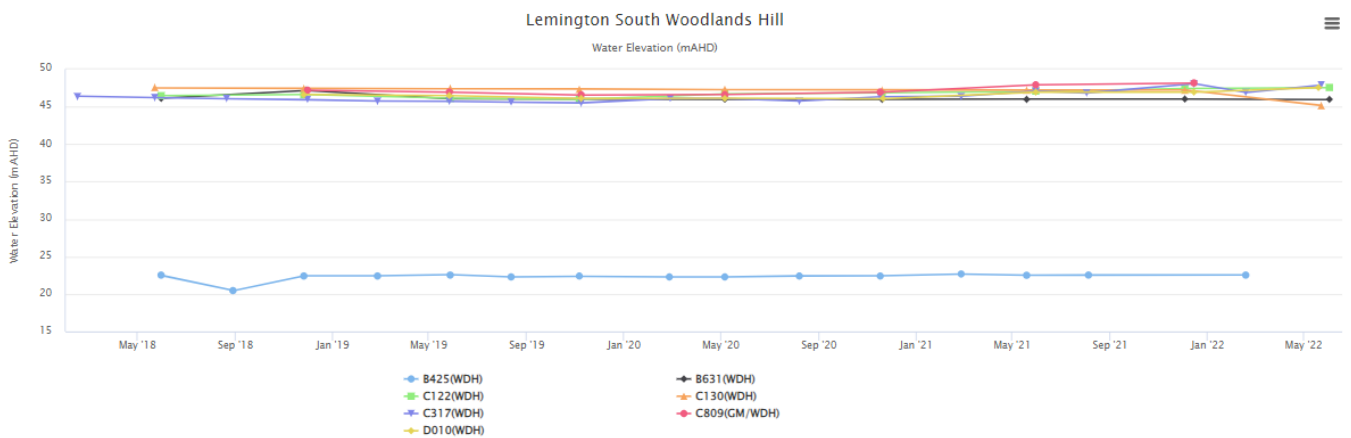


Figure 56 - Lemington South Woodlands Hill Water Elevation Trend – Q2 2022

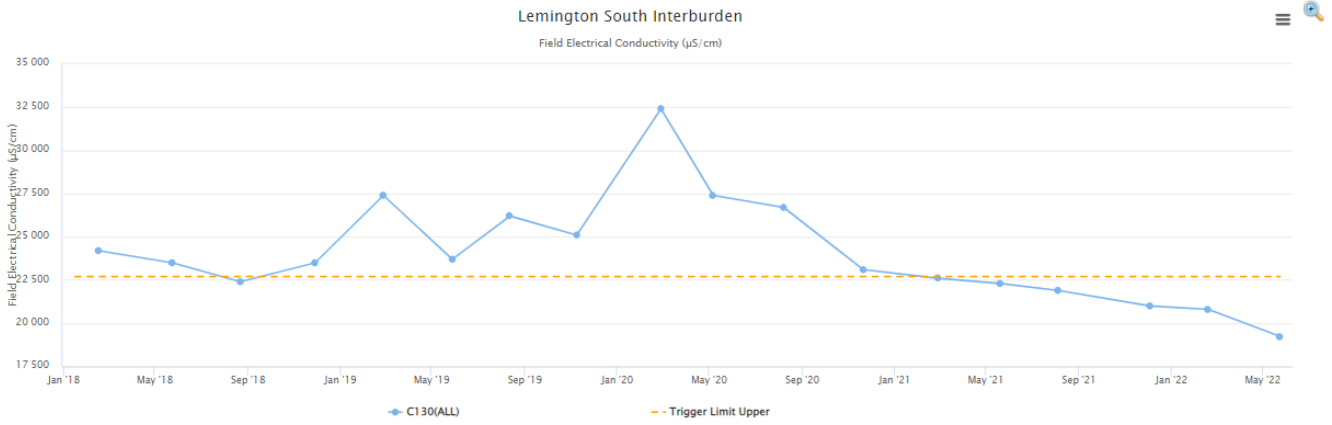


Figure 57 - Lemington South Interburden Electrical Conductivity Trend – Q2 2022

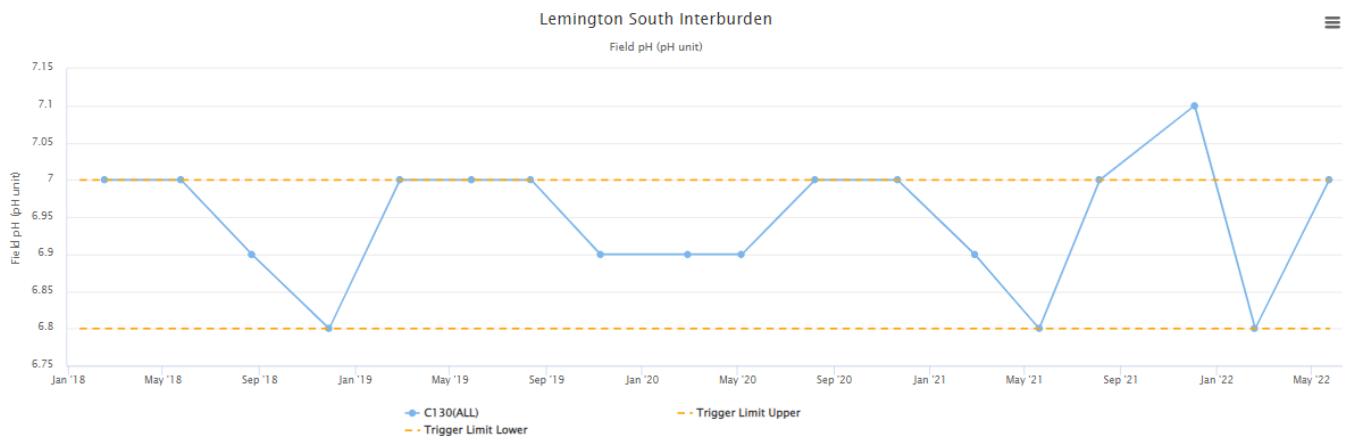


Figure 58 - Lemington South Interburden Field pH Trend – Q2 2022

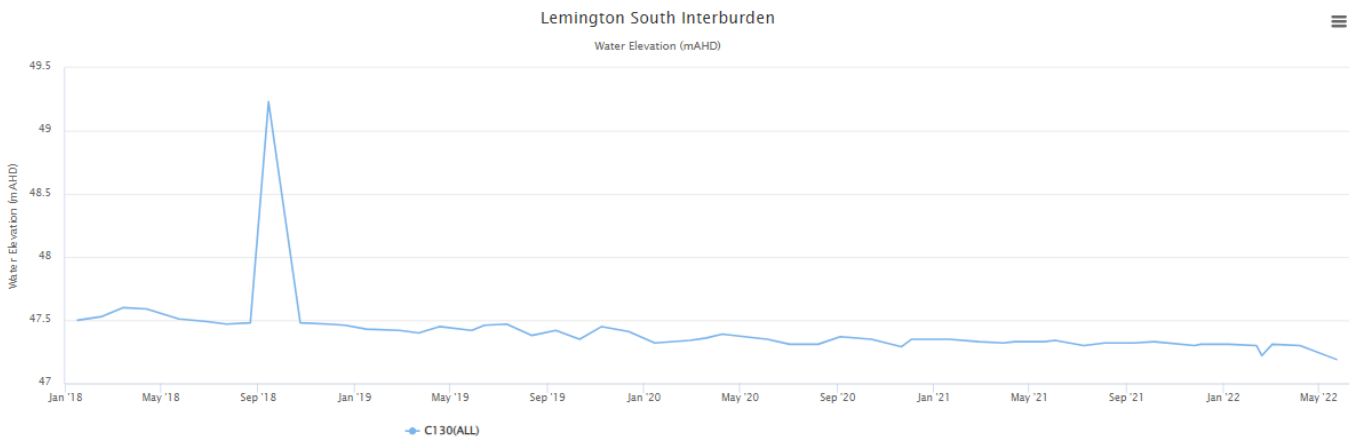


Figure 59 - Lemington South Interburden Water Elevation Trend – Q2 2022

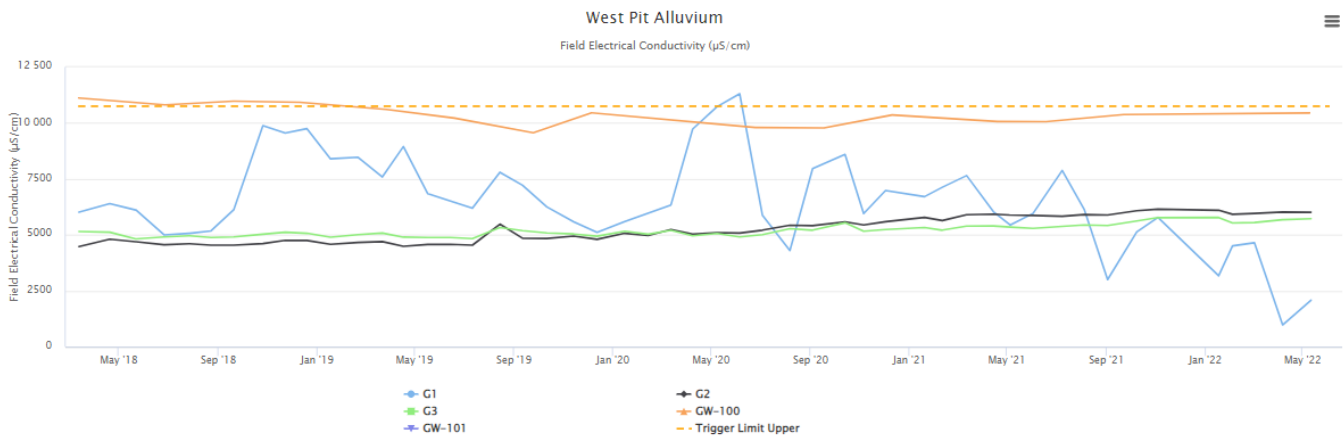


Figure 60 - West Pit Alluvium Electrical Conductivity Trend - Q2 2022

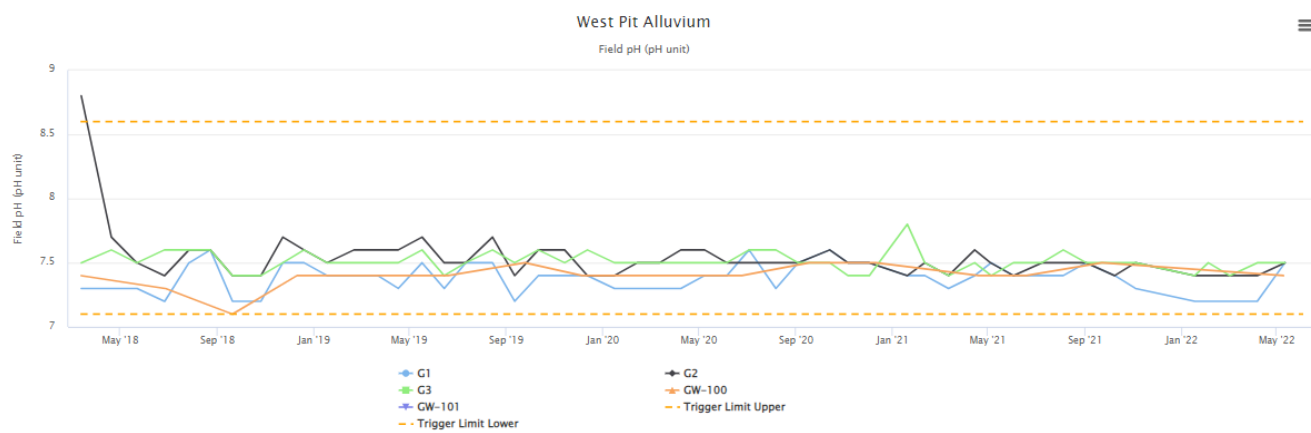


Figure 61 - West Pit Alluvium Field pH Trend – Q2 2022

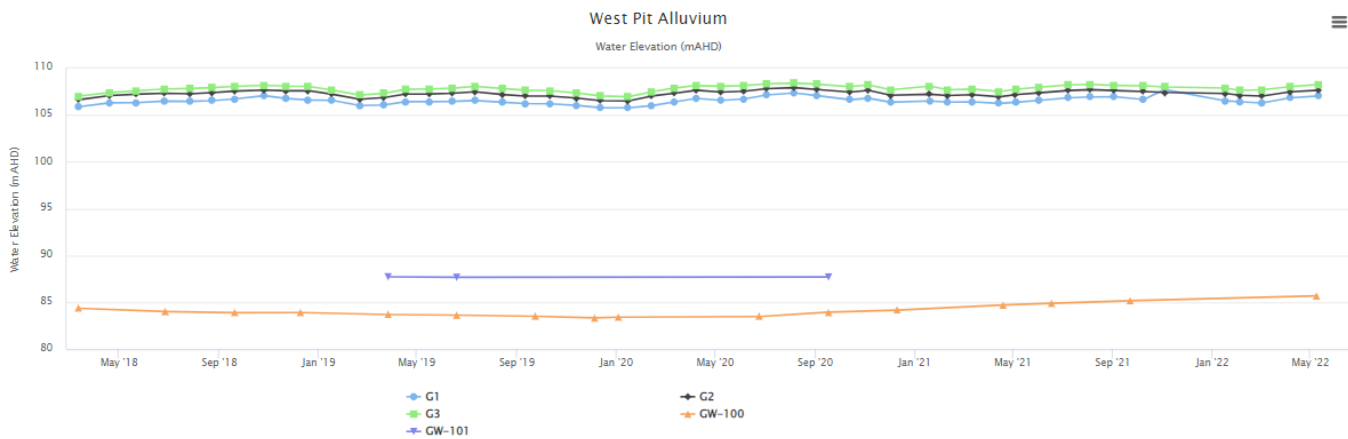


Figure 62 - West Pit Alluvium Water Elevation Trend - Q2 2022

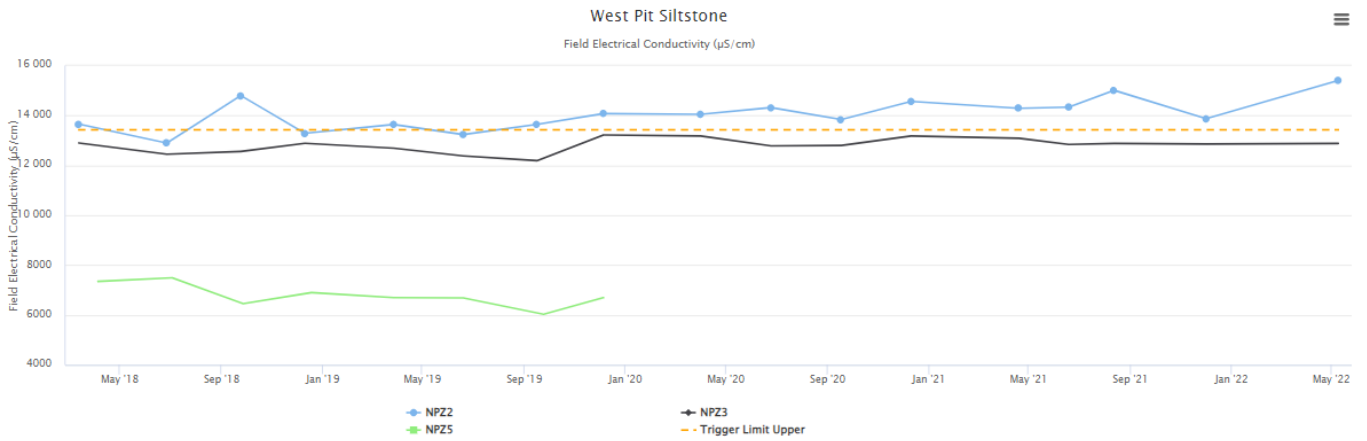


Figure 63 - West Pit Siltstone Electrical Conductivity Trend – Q2 2022

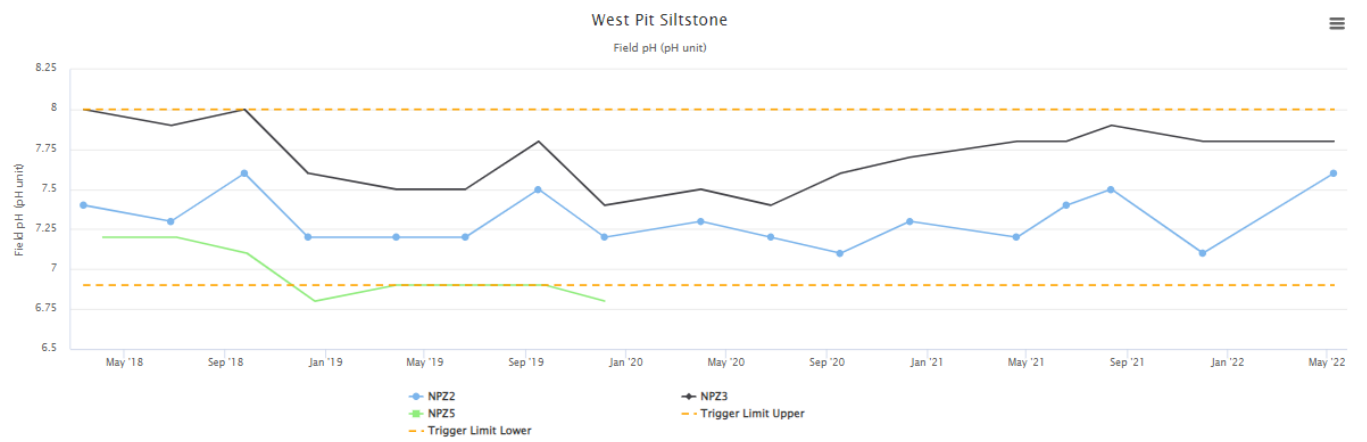


Figure 64 - West Pit Siltstone Field pH Trend - Q2 2022

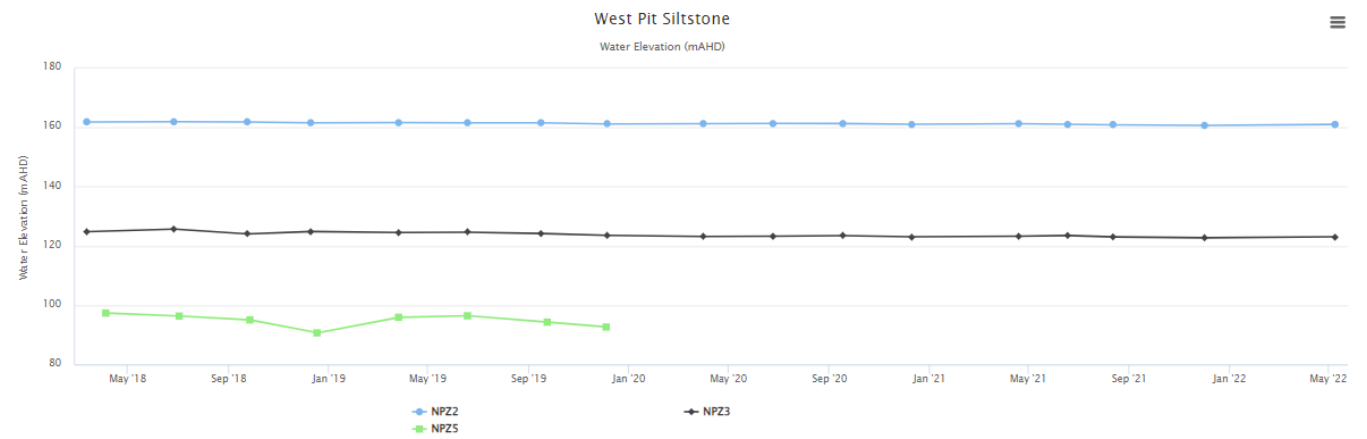


Figure 65 - West Pit Siltstone Water Elevation Trend – Q2 2022

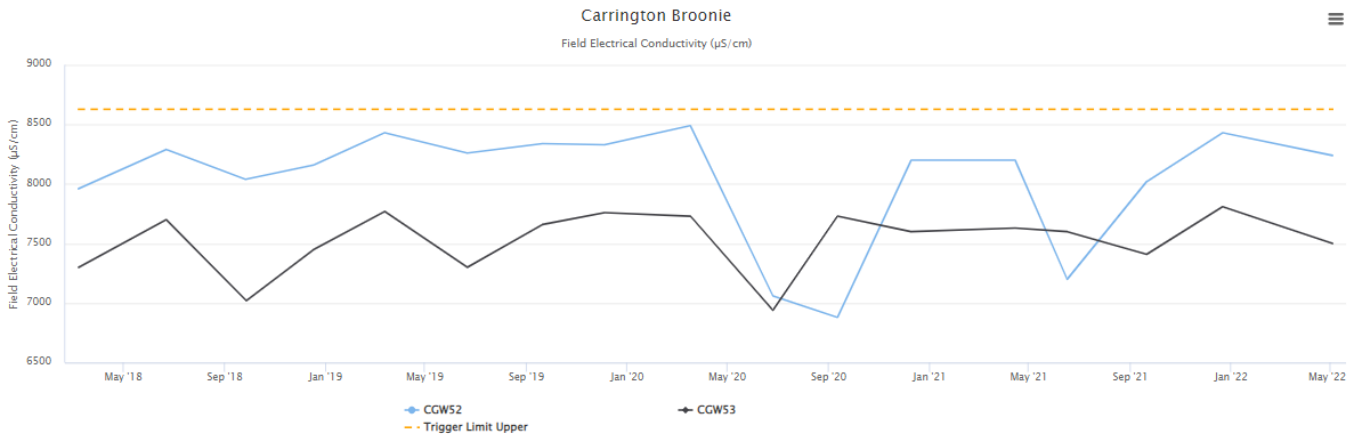


Figure 66 - Carrington Broonie Electrical Conductivity Trend – Q2 2022

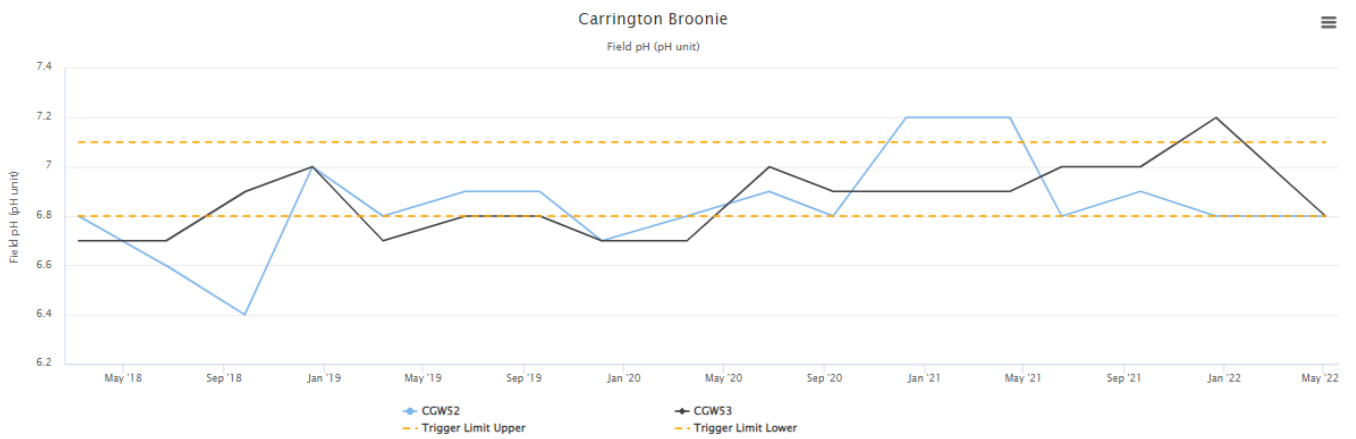


Figure 67 - Carrington Broonie Field pH Trend – Q2 2022

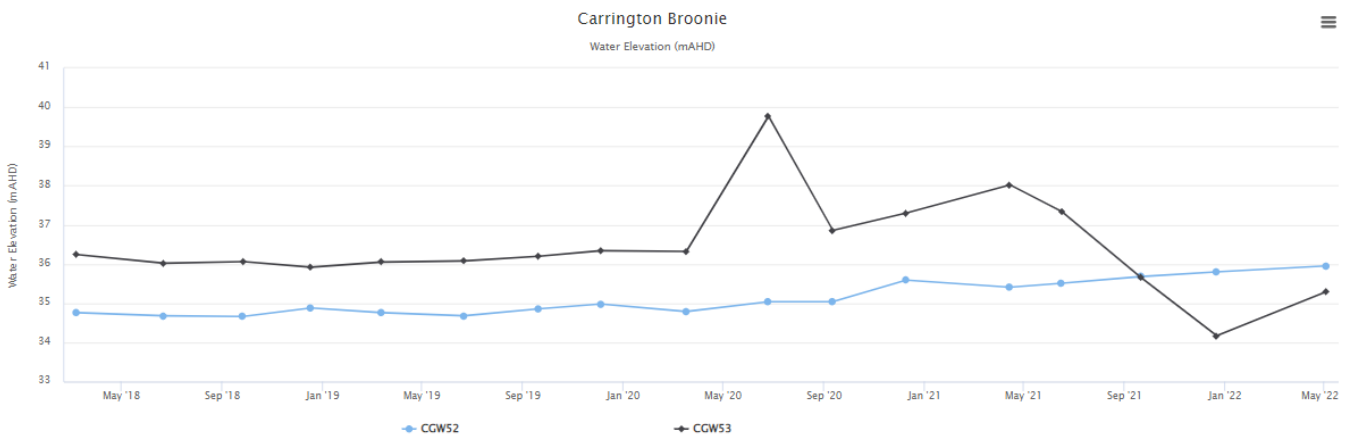


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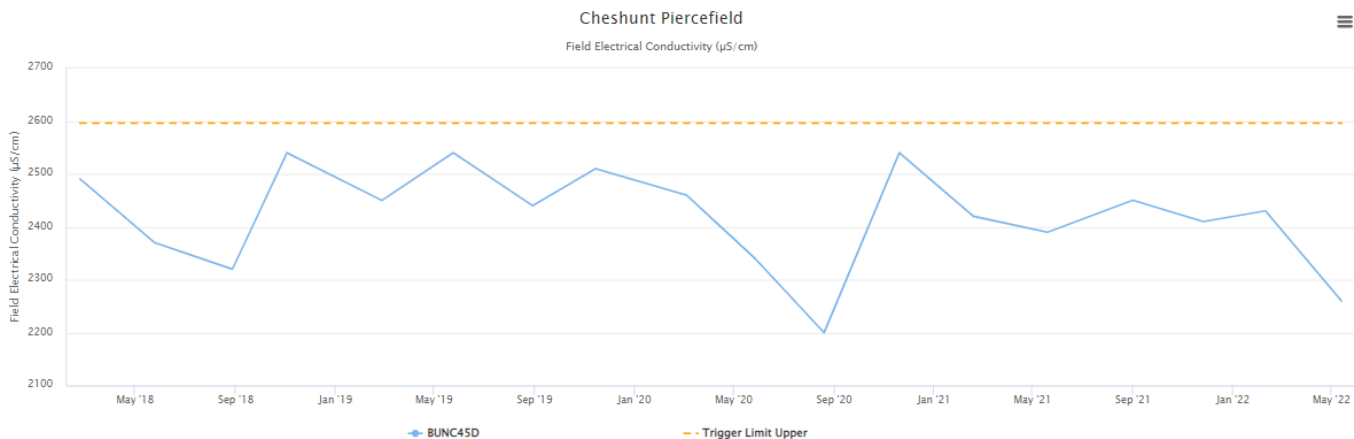


Figure 69 - Cheshunt Piercefield Electrical Conductivity Trend – Q2 2022

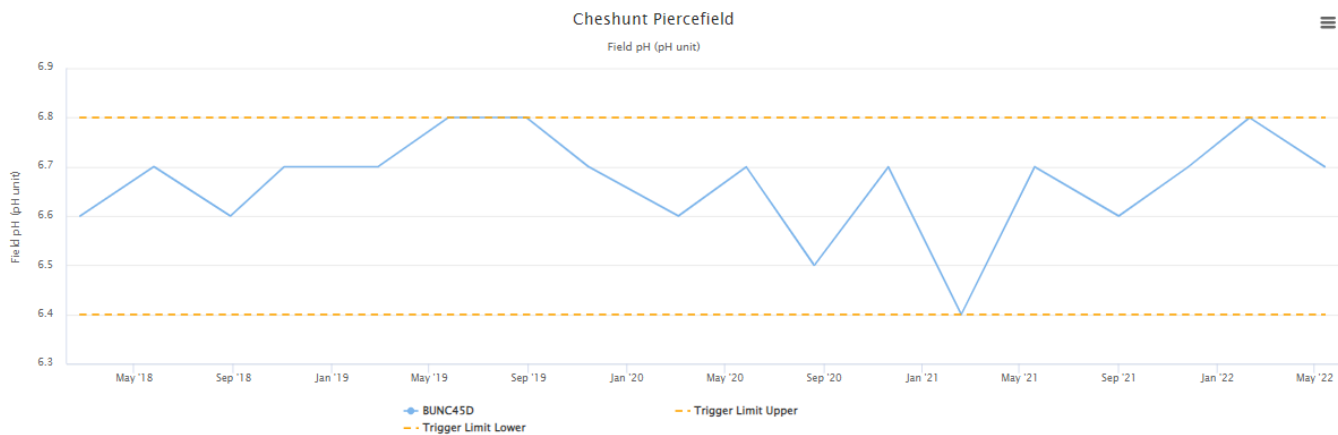


Figure 70 - Cheshunt Piercefield Field pH Trend – Q2 2022

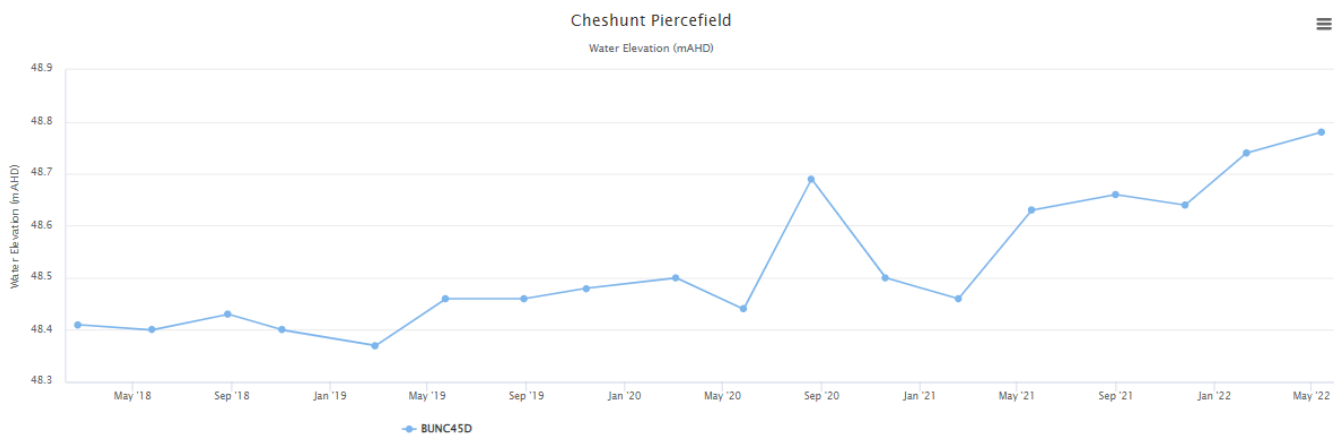


Figure 71 - Cheshunt Piercefield Water Elevation Trend – Q2 2022

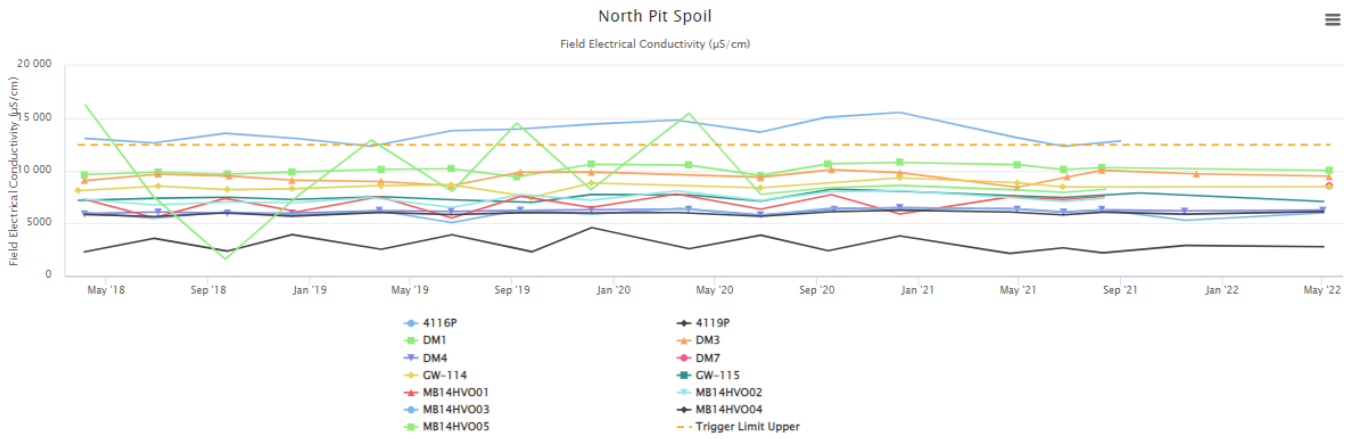


Figure 72 - North Pit Spoil Electrical Conductivity Trend – Q2 2022

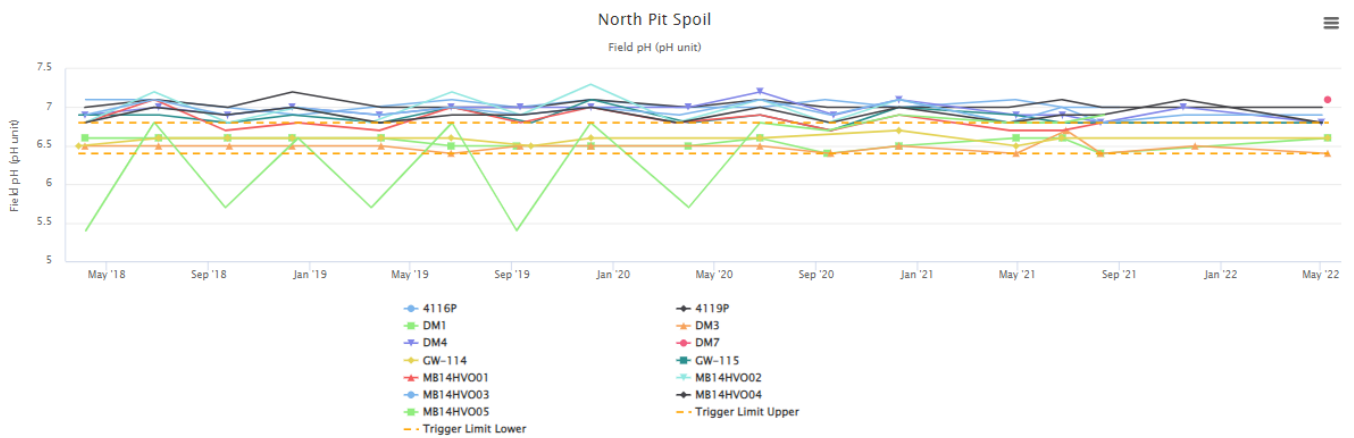


Figure 73 - North Pit Spoil Field pH Trend – Q2 2022

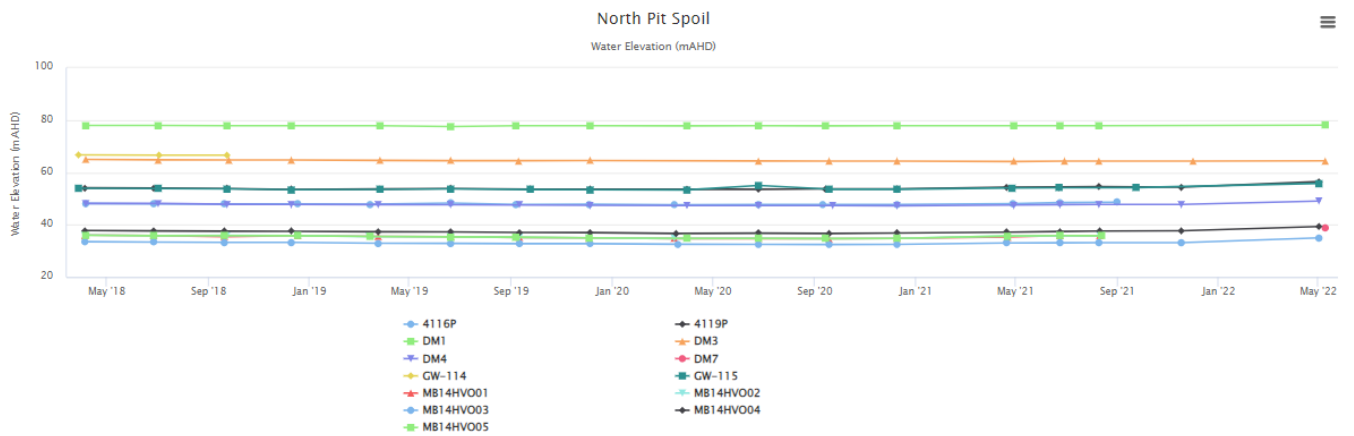


Figure 74 - North Pit Spoil Water Elevation Trend – Q2 2022

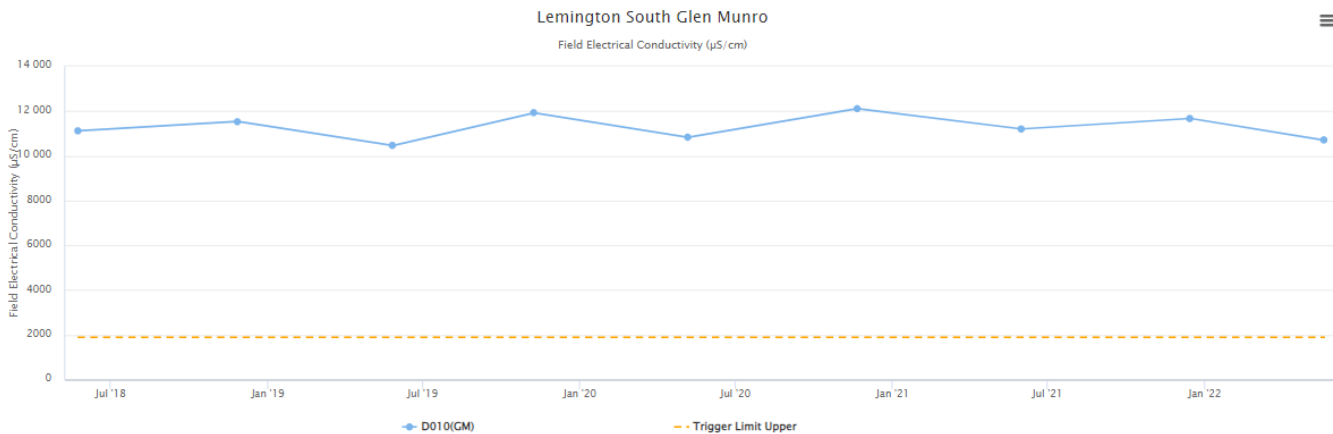


Figure 75 - Lemington South Glen Munro Electrical Conductivity Trend – Q2 2022

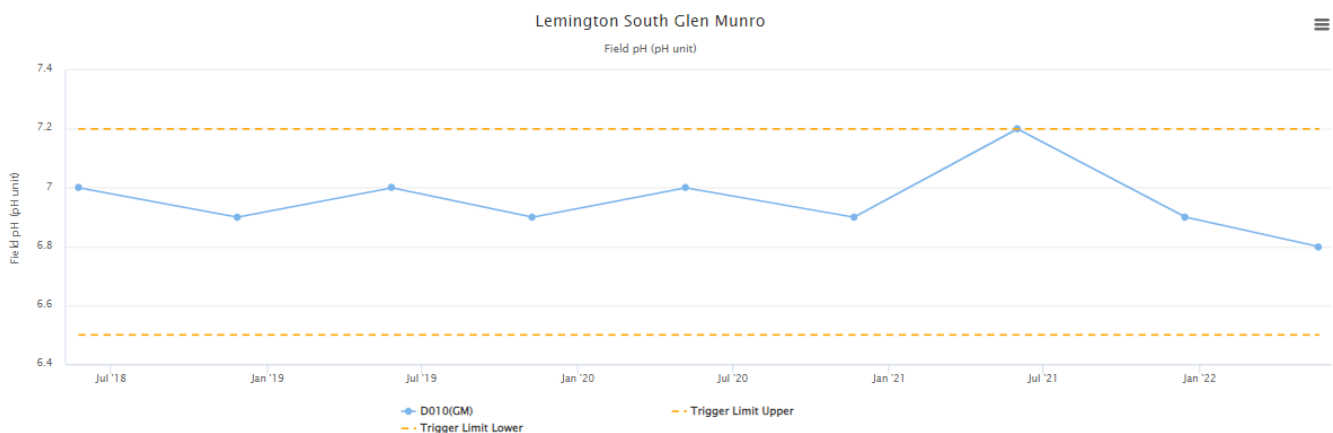


Figure 76 - Lemington South Glen Munro Field pH Trend - Q2 2022

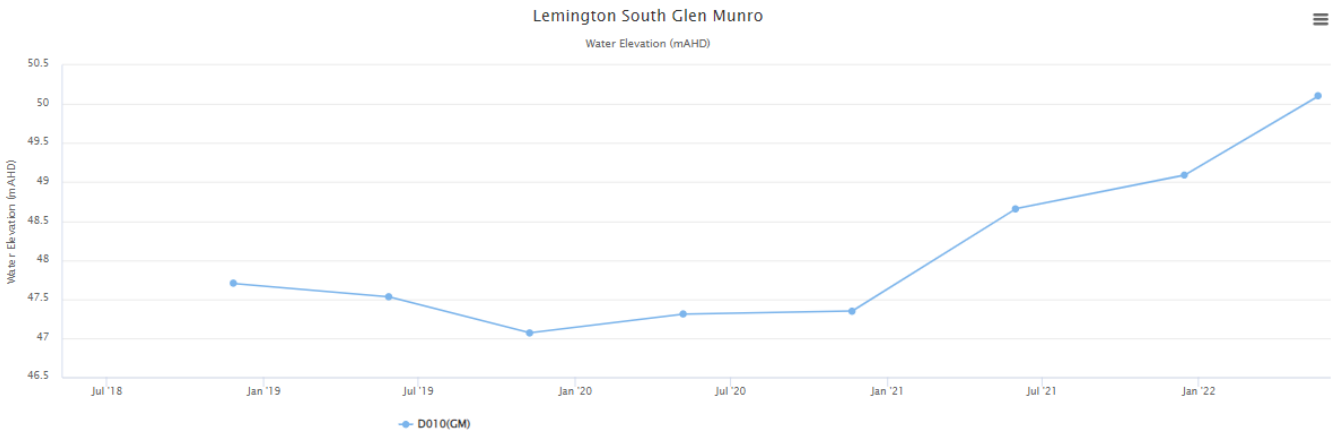


Figure 77 - Lemington South Glen Munro Water Elevation Trend – Q2 2022

3.4.1 Groundwater Trigger Tracking

Internal trigger limits have been developed to assess monitoring data on an on-going basis and to highlight potentially adverse groundwater impacts. The process for evaluating monitoring results against the internal triggers and subsequent responses is outlined in the HVO Water Management Plan.

Groundwater trigger tracking results are summarised below in **Table 3**.

Table 3 - Groundwater Trigger Tracking – Q2 2022

| Site | Date | Trigger Limit Breached | Response Action |
|--------|------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| GW-129 | 12/04/2022 | Water Elevation (mAHD) | 2 nd exceedance - monitor |
| CFW55R | 12/04/2022 | Water Elevation (mAHD) | 1 st exceedance - monitor |
| CFW55R | 12/04/2022 | Field Electrical Conductivity (µS/cm) | <p>4th exceedance. Investigation</p> <p>The purpose of bore CFW55R is to monitor the groundwater response to mining/recovery in Carrington and North Void Tailings Facility (NV TSF).</p> <p>Bore CFW55R, located approximately 50 m north of the Carrington Billabong and 80 m west of NV TSF, recorded EC declining from 10,840 µS/cm (November 2008) to 1,760 µS/cm in March 2010. EC then increased to 10,230 µS/cm in September 2018. This trend was previously identified as being caused by seepage through spoil between NV TSF and the alluvium. The seepage was reported, and management measures put in place from 2018. Since 2018, EC has fluctuated but shows a decline to 5,610 µS/cm in June</p> <p>Although above the trigger level of 6,154 µS/cm until April 2022, readings have remained below the highest historical reading of 10,840 µS/cm recorded in November 2008. In addition, there is a declining trend since December 2021 corresponding to increased water levels which are a response to above average rainfall over the same period.</p> <p>It is noted that the trigger level has already been reviewed and updated to 11,510 µS/cm in version 3.4 of the WMP which is currently with DPE for approval. Current EC readings will be below the revised trigger level. No further action is required.</p> |
| CFW57 | 27/04/2022 | Water Elevation (mAHD) | <p>4th exceedance. Investigation</p> <p>The purpose of bore CFW57 is monitoring of the groundwater response to mining/recovery in Carrington and the NV TSF. Groundwater levels in bore CFW57 have gradually increased since February 2020 with a sharp increase between November 2021 and April 2022 in response to above average rainfall. It is noted that the</p> |

| Site | Date | Trigger Limit Breached | Response Action |
|--------------|------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| | | | trigger level has already been aligned with the EPL conditions in version 3.4 of the WMP which is currently with DPE for approval. No further action required. |
| CGW53A | 3/05/2022 | Water Elevation (mAHD) | 1 st exceedance - monitor |
| CGW55A | 3/05/2022 | Water Elevation (mAHD) | 1 st exceedance - monitor |
| DM3 | 9/05/2022 | Field pH (pH unit) | 1 st exceedance - monitor |
| NPZ2 | 9/05/2022 | Field Electrical Conductivity (µS/cm) | 1 st exceedance - monitor |
| Hobdens Well | 13/05/2022 | Field pH (pH unit) | 1 st exceedance - monitor |
| CFW57 | 18/05/2022 | Water Elevation (mAHD) | 1 st exceedance - monitor |
| GW-129 | 19/05/2022 | Water Elevation (mAHD) | 3 rd exceedance - monitor |
| CFW55R | 19/05/2022 | Water Elevation (mAHD) | 2 nd exceedance - monitor |
| PB01(ALL) | 20/05/2022 | Field pH (pH unit) | 1 st exceedance - monitor |
| C122(BFS) | 2/06/2022 | Field pH (pH unit) | 1 st exceedance - monitor |
| C919(ALL) | 2/06/2022 | Field pH (pH unit) | 2 nd exceedance - monitor |
| BZ2A(1) | 6/06/2022 | Field pH (pH unit) | 2 nd exceedance - monitor |
| BZ3-3 | 6/06/2022 | Field pH (pH unit) | 2 nd exceedance - monitor |
| BZ4A(2) | 6/06/2022 | Field pH (pH unit) | 2 nd exceedance - monitor |

4 Blasting

HVO maintains a network of blast monitoring units located at nearby privately owned residences and function as regulatory compliance monitors. The location of these monitors can be found in **Figure 78**. Blasting criteria for HVO are summarised in **Table 4**.

Table 4 - Blasting Criteria

| Airblast Overpressure (dBL) | Comments |
|-----------------------------|---|
| 115 | 5% of the total number of blasts in a 12-month period |
| 120 | 0% of blasts |
| Ground Vibration (mm/s) | Comments |
| 5 | 5% of the total number of blasts in a 12-month period |
| 10 | 0% of blasts |

4.1 Blast Monitoring Results

Twenty (20) blasts were initiated at HVO during the reporting period. Blast monitoring results for the period are shown in **Table 5** and **Table 6**.

Table 5 - Overpressure Blast Monitoring Results for the reporting period

| Date and Time | Moses Crossing (dBL) | Jerrys Plains Village (dBL) | Maison Dieu (dBL) | Warkworth (dBL) | Knodlers Lane (dBL) |
|------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| 2/06/2022 13:15 | 93.35 | 89.85 | 86.26 | 90.12 | 98.34 |
| 2/06/2022 14:38 | 85.56 | 87.38 | 79.41 | 86.31 | 90.1 |
| 4/06/2022 13:09 | 86.5 | 104.97 | 104.35 | 102.6 | 105.9 |
| 8/06/2022 13:02 | 95.18 | 112.69 | 106.47 | 93.22 | 116.1 |
| 10/06/2022 11:14 | 101.85 | 112.34 | 99.39 | 105.03 | 110.84 |
| 10/06/2022 13:36 | 94.58 | 106.58 | 107.86 | 103.75 | 107.61 |
| 14/06/2022 11:07 | 96.62 | 93.73 | 92.03 | 92.66 | 97.32 |
| 14/06/2022 13:07 | 98.17 | 91.34 | 101.83 | 102.11 | 103.64 |
| 16/06/2022 13:23 | 103.04 | 102.08 | 103.94 | 101.12 | 113.83 |
| 16/06/2022 13:24 | 95.65 | 105.2 | 106.98 | 109.05 | 111.5 |
| 18/06/2022 15:32 | 103.5 | 98.43 | 92.36 | 83.93 | 103.31 |
| 18/06/2022 16:14 | 74.8 | 79.97 | 87.84 | 81.51 | 84.66 |
| 20/06/2022 13:05 | 87.55 | 92.29 | 97.73 | 97.27 | 97.01 |
| 22/06/2022 14:30 | 86.33 | 87.34 | 104 | 102.06 | 102.97 |
| 23/06/2022 13:21 | 89.23 | 103.79 | 99.01 | 85.24 | 106.11 |
| 23/06/2022 13:22 | 92.13 | 92.84 | 104.46 | 97.21 | 106.11 |
| 25/06/2022 13:08 | 99.64 | 108.09 | 100 | 94.76 | 103.68 |
| 25/06/2022 13:09 | 92.09 | 106.53 | 95.67 | 94.87 | 101.33 |
| 28/06/2022 13:04 | 96.41 | 98.41 | 88.9 | 87.64 | 101.79 |
| 29/06/2022 14:16 | 91.02 | 87.28 | 88.69 | 88.87 | 89.12 |

Table 6 - Ground Vibration Blast Monitoring Results for the reporting period

| Date and Time | Moses Crossing (mm/s) | Jerrys Plains Village (mm/s) | Maison Dieu (mm/s) | Warkworth (mm/s) | Knodlers Lane (mm/s) |
|------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| 2/06/2022 13:15 | 0.12 | 0.06 | 0.06 | 0.16 | 0.08 |
| 2/06/2022 14:38 | 0.14 | 0.04 | 0.09 | 0.23 | 0.1 |
| 4/06/2022 13:09 | 0.15 | 0.04 | 0.26 | 0.65 | 0.27 |
| 8/06/2022 13:02 | 0.16 | 0.07 | 0.09 | 0.93 | 0.08 |
| 10/06/2022 11:14 | 0.12 | 0.03 | 0.14 | 0.4 | 0.13 |
| 10/06/2022 13:36 | 0.2 | 0.05 | 0.08 | 0.4 | 0.1 |
| 14/06/2022 11:07 | 0.12 | 0.03 | 0.07 | 0.13 | 0.08 |
| 14/06/2022 13:07 | 0.22 | 0.1 | 0.19 | 0.65 | 0.19 |
| 16/06/2022 13:23 | 0.1 | 0.04 | 0.11 | 0.57 | 0.22 |
| 16/06/2022 13:24 | 0.16 | 0.05 | 0.19 | 1 | 0.24 |
| 18/06/2022 15:32 | 0.12 | 0.1 | 0.04 | 0.41 | 0.08 |
| 18/06/2022 16:14 | 0.1 | 0.03 | 0.03 | 0.16 | 0.08 |
| 20/06/2022 13:05 | 0.18 | 0.1 | 0.87 | 0.93 | 0.51 |
| 22/06/2022 14:30 | 0.21 | 0.06 | 0.27 | 1.04 | 0.33 |
| 23/06/2022 13:21 | 0.1 | 0.04 | 0.04 | 0.1 | 0.08 |
| 23/06/2022 13:22 | 0.13 | 0.06 | 0.04 | 1.1 | 0.08 |
| 25/06/2022 13:08 | 0.13 | 0.06 | 0.08 | 0.24 | 0.12 |
| 25/06/2022 13:09 | 0.09 | 0.04 | 0.03 | 0.23 | 0.08 |
| 28/06/2022 13:04 | 0.24 | 0.37 | 0.06 | 0.12 | 0.09 |
| 29/06/2022 14:16 | 0.11 | 0.03 | 0.04 | 0.16 | 0.08 |

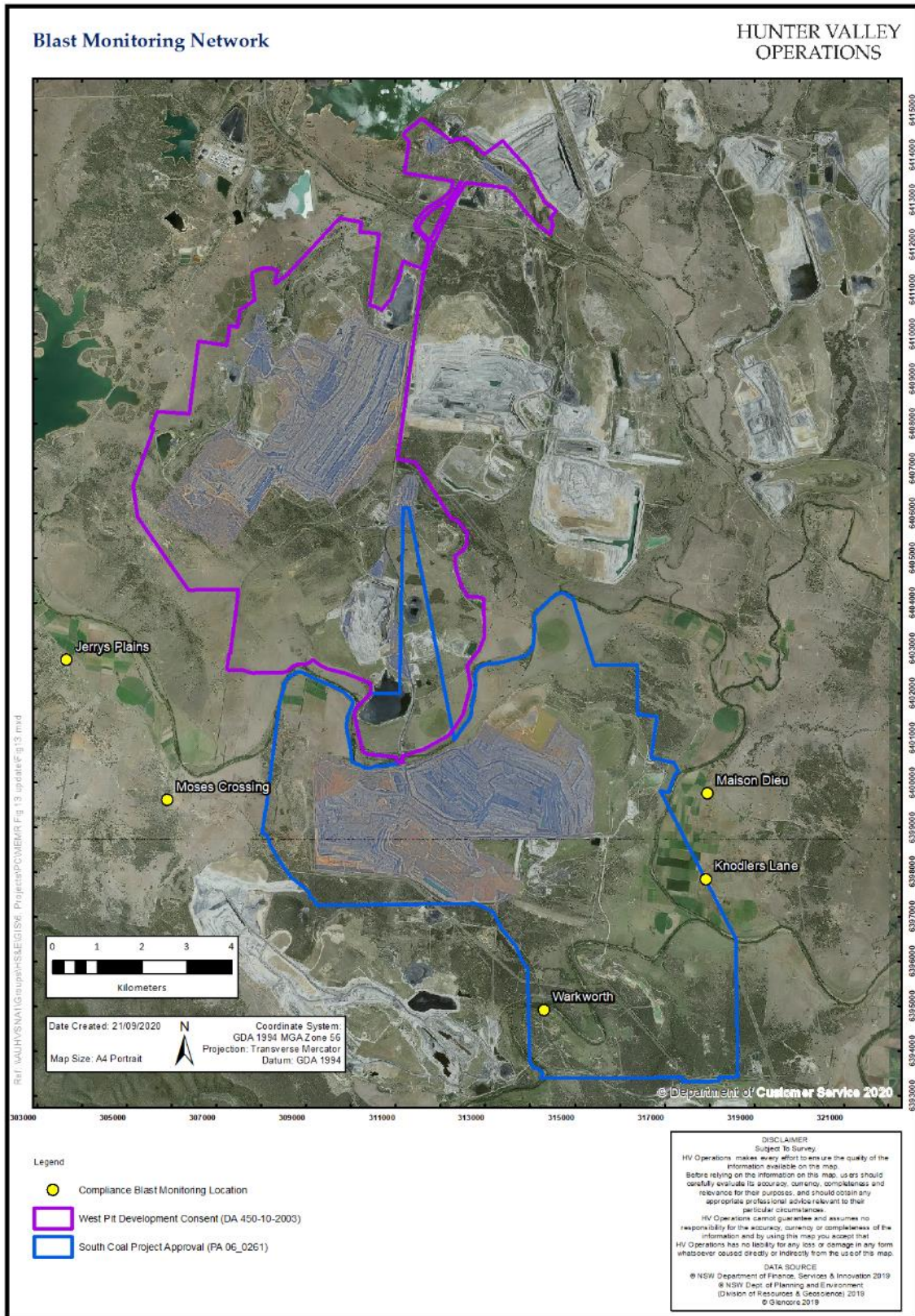


Figure 78 - Blast Monitoring Location Plan

5 Noise

Routine attended noise monitoring occurs at defined locations around HVO, as described in the HVO Noise Monitoring Program. The noise monitoring aims to quantify and describe the acoustic environment around the site and compare results with specified limits. The attended noise monitoring locations are displayed in **Figure 79**.

5.1 Attended Noise Monitoring Results

Attended monitoring was conducted at receiver locations around HVO during the night period of 29 June 2022.

Monitoring results are detailed in **Table 7** to **Table 11**.

Table 7 - LAeq,15minute HVO North Against Impact Assessment Criteria for the Reporting Period

| Location | Date and Time | Wind Speed (m/s) ¹ | Stability Class | Criterion (A) | Criterion Applies ² | HVO North LAeq ^{3,4,5,6} | Exceedance ^{4,5} |
|------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Shearers Lane | 29/06/2022 21:00 | 2 | E | 35 | Yes | IA | Nil |
| Knodlers Lane | 29/06/2022 21:47 | 1.5 | E | 35 | Yes | IA | Nil |
| Maison Dieu | 29/06/2022 21:24 | 1.7 | E | 35 | Yes | IA | Nil |
| Long Point (Dights Crossing) | 29/06/2022 22:38 | 1.3 | E | 35 | Yes | IA | Nil |
| Kilburnie South | 29/06/2022 23:27 | 1.1 | E | 39 | Yes | 25 | Nil |
| Jerrys Plains East | 29/06/2022 23:03 | 1.4 | E | 39 | Yes | <25 | Nil |
| Jerrys Plains Village | 29/06/2022 21:27 | 1.7 | E | 40 | Yes | IA | Nil |
| Jerrys Plains West | 29/06/2022 21:03 | 2 | E | 40 | Yes | <25 | Nil |
| HVGC | 29/06/2022 23:58 | 0.5 | F | NA | Yes | IA | Nil |

1. Atmospheric data is sourced from the HVO Corporate AWS using logged meteorological data;
2. Noise criteria apply under all meteorological conditions except during periods of rain or hail, wind speeds greater than 3 m/s measured at 10 metres above ground level, or temperature inversion conditions greater than 3°C/100m (G stability class);
3. Site-only LAeq 15 minute attributed to HVO North Pit Area, including modifying factors if applicable;
4. Bold results in red indicate exceedance of criterion;
5. NA in criterion column indicates no criterion is applicable at this location. NA in exceedance column means atmospheric conditions outside specified in approval therefore criterion not applicable;

Table 8 - LAeq,15minute HVO North Against Land Acquisition Criteria for the Reporting Period

| Location | Date and Time | Wind Speed (m/s) ¹ | Stability Class | Criterion (A) | Criterion Applies ² | HVO North L _{Aeq} ^{3,4,6} | Exceedance ^{4,5} |
|------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|--------------------------------|---|---------------------------|
| Shearers Lane | 29/06/2022 21:00 | 2 | E | 41 | Yes | IA | Nil |
| Knodlers Lane | 29/06/2022 21:47 | 1.5 | E | 41 | Yes | IA | Nil |
| Maison Dieu | 29/06/2022 21:24 | 1.7 | E | 41 | Yes | IA | Nil |
| Long Point (Dights Crossing) | 29/06/2022 22:38 | 1.3 | E | 41 | Yes | IA | Nil |
| Kilburnie South | 29/06/2022 23:27 | 1.1 | E | 41 | Yes | 25 | Nil |
| Jerrys Plains East | 29/06/2022 23:03 | 1.4 | E | 41 | Yes | <25 | Nil |
| Jerrys Plains Village | 29/06/2022 21:27 | 1.7 | E | 41 | Yes | IA | Nil |
| Jerrys Plains West | 29/06/2022 21:03 | 2 | E | 41 | Yes | <25 | Nil |
| HVGC | 29/06/2022 23:58 | 0.5 | F | NA | Yes | IA | Nil |

1. Atmospheric data is sourced from the HVO Corporate AWS using logged meteorological data;

2. Noise criteria apply under all meteorological conditions except during periods of rain or hail, wind speeds greater than 3 m/s measured at 10 metres above ground level, or temperature inversion conditions greater than 3°C/100m (G stability class);

3. Site-only LAeq,15minute attributed to HVO North Pit Area, including modifying factors if applicable;

4. Bold results in red indicate exceedance of criterion; and

5. NA in criterion column indicates no criterion is applicable at this location. NA in exceedance column means atmospheric conditions outside specified in approval, therefore criterion was not applicable.

Table 9 - LA1,1minute HVO North Against Impact Assessment Criteria for the Reporting Period

| Location | Date and Time | Wind Speed (m/s) ¹ | Stability Class | Criterion (A) | Criterion Applies ² | HVO North L _{Aeq} ^{3,4,6} | Exceedance ^{4,5} |
|------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|--------------------------------|---|---------------------------|
| Shearers Lane | 29/06/2022 21:00 | 2 | E | 46 | Yes | IA | Nil |
| Knodlers Lane | 29/06/2022 21:47 | 1.5 | E | 46 | Yes | IA | Nil |
| Maison Dieu | 29/06/2022 21:24 | 1.7 | E | 46 | Yes | IA | Nil |
| Long Point (Dights Crossing) | 29/06/2022 22:38 | 1.3 | E | 46 | Yes | IA | Nil |
| Kilburnie South | 29/06/2022 23:27 | 1.1 | E | 46 | Yes | 28 | Nil |
| Jerrys Plains East | 29/06/2022 23:03 | 1.4 | E | 46 | Yes | 30 | Nil |
| Jerrys Plains Village | 29/06/2022 21:27 | 1.7 | E | 46 | Yes | IA | Nil |
| Jerrys Plains West | 29/06/2022 21:03 | 2 | E | 46 | Yes | <25 | Nil |
| HVGC | 29/06/2022 23:58 | 0.5 | F | NA | Yes | IA | Nil |

1. Atmospheric data is sourced from the HVO Corporate AWS using logged meteorological data;
2. Noise criteria apply under all meteorological conditions except during periods of rain or hail, wind speeds greater than 3 m/s measured at 10 metres above ground level, or temperature inversion conditions greater than 3°C/100m (G stability class);
3. Site-only LA1,1minute attributed to HVO North Pit Area;
4. Bold results in red indicate exceedance of criterion; and
5. NA in criterion column indicates no criterion is applicable at this location. NA in exceedance column means atmospheric conditions outside specified in approval, therefore criterion was not applicable.

Table 10 - LAeq,15minute HVO South Against Impact Assessment Criteria for the Reporting Period

| Location | Date and Time | Wind Speed (m/s) ¹ | Stability Class | Criterion (A) | Criterion Applies ² | HVO South L _{Aeq} ^{3,4,6} | Exceedance ^{4,5} |
|------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|--------------------------------|---|---------------------------|
| Shearers Lane | 29/06/2022 21:00 | 1.2 | F | 41 | Yes | 30 | Nil |
| Knodlers Lane | 29/06/2022 21:47 | 1.4 | E | 40 | Yes | <30 | Nil |
| Maison Dieu | 29/06/2022 21:24 | 1.7 | E | 39 | Yes | <30 | Nil |
| Long Point (Dights Crossing) | 29/06/2022 22:38 | 1.7 | D | 37 | Yes | <25 | Nil |
| Kilburnie South | 29/06/2022 23:27 | 2.7 | E | 39 | Yes | IA | Nil |
| Jerrys Plains East | 29/06/2022 23:03 | 2.7 | E | 38 | Yes | IA | Nil |
| Jerrys Plains Village | 29/06/2022 21:27 | 1.7 | E | 35 | Yes | IA | Nil |
| Jerrys Plains West | 29/06/2022 21:03 | 1.2 | F | 35 | Yes | IA | Nil |
| HVGC | 29/06/2022 23:58 | 2.8 | E | 55 | Yes | IA | Nil |

1. Atmospheric data is sourced from the HVO Cheshunt AWS using logged meteorological data;

2. Noise criteria apply under meteorological conditions of wind speeds up to 3 m/s measured at 10 metres above ground level and temperature inversion conditions of up to 3°C/100m (G stability class);

3. Site-only LAeq,15minute attributed to HVO South Pit Area, including modifying factors if applicable;

4. Bold results in red indicate exceedance of criterion; and

5. NA in criterion column indicates no criterion is applicable at this location. NA in exceedance column means atmospheric conditions outside specified in approval, therefore criterion was not applicable.

Table 11 - LA1,1minute HVO South Against Impact Assessment Criteria for the Reporting Period

| Location | Date and Time | Wind Speed (m/s) ¹ | Stability Class | Criterion (A) | Criterion Applies ² | HVO South L _{Aeq} ^{3,4,6,7} | Exceedance ^{4,5} |
|------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|--------------------------------|---|---------------------------|
| Shearers Lane | 29/06/2022 21:00 | 1.2 | F | 45 | Yes | 35 | Nil |
| Knodlers Lane | 29/06/2022 21:47 | 1.4 | E | 45 | Yes | 35 | Nil |
| Maison Dieu | 29/06/2022 21:24 | 1.7 | E | 45 | Yes | 33 | Nil |
| Long Point (Dights Crossing) | 29/06/2022 22:38 | 1.7 | D | 45 | Yes | <25 | Nil |
| Kilburnie South | 29/06/2022 23:27 | 2.7 | E | 45 | Yes | IA | Nil |
| Jerrys Plains East | 29/06/2022 23:03 | 2.7 | E | 45 | Yes | IA | Nil |
| Jerrys Plains Village | 29/06/2022 21:27 | 1.7 | E | 45 | Yes | IA | Nil |
| Jerrys Plains West | 29/06/2022 21:03 | 1.2 | F | 45 | Yes | IA | Nil |
| HVGC | 29/06/2022 23:58 | 2.8 | E | NA | Yes | 42 | Nil |

1. Atmospheric data is sourced from the HVO Cheshunt AWS using logged meteorological data;

2. Noise criteria apply under all meteorological conditions except during periods of rain or hail, wind speeds greater than 3 m/s measured at 10 metres above ground level, stability category F conditions and wind speeds greater than 2 m/s measured at 10m above ground level, or stability category G conditions;

3. Site-only LA1,1minute attributed to HVO;

4. Bold results in red indicate exceedance of criterion; and

5. NA in criterion column indicates no criterion is applicable at this location. NA in exceedance column means atmospheric conditions outside specified in approval, therefore criterion was not applicable.

5.2 Low Frequency Assessment

In accordance with the requirements of the EPA’s Noise Policy for Industry (NPI), the applicability of the low frequency modification penalty has been assessed. No penalties were applied for monitoring undertaken through the reporting period. The assessments for the low frequency noise are shown in **Table 12** and **Table 13**.

Table 12 - Modifying Factor Assessment HVO North for the Reporting Period

| Location | Date and Time | Measured HVO North L_{Aeq} | Criterion Applies? | Intermittency Modifying Factor? | Tonality Modifying Factor? | Frequency of Tonality ¹ | Low-frequency Modifying Factor? | Maximum Exceedance of NPI Reference Spectrum ^{1,2} | Total Penalty ² |
|------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|----------------------------|
| Shearers Lane | 29/06/2022 21:00 | IA | Yes | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| Knodlers Lane | 29/06/2022 21:47 | IA | Yes | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| Maison Dieu | 29/06/2022 21:24 | IA | Yes | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| Long Point (Dights Crossing) | 29/06/2022 22:38 | IA | Yes | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| Kilburnie South | 29/06/2022 23:27 | 25 | Yes | No | No | NA | No | NA | Nil |
| Jerrys Plains East | 29/06/2022 23:03 | <25 | Yes | No | No | NA | No | NA | Nil |
| Jerrys Plains Village | 29/06/2022 21:27 | IA | Yes | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| Jerrys Plains West | 29/06/2022 21:03 | <25 | Yes | No | No | NA | No | NA | Nil |
| HVGC | 29/06/2022 23:58 | IA | Yes | NA | No | NA | No | NA | NA |

1. NA denotes 'not applicable'; and

2. Bold results indicate that application of NPI modifying factor/s is required

Table 13 - Modifying Factor Assessment HVO South for the Reporting Period

| Location | Date and Time | Measured HVO South L_{Aeq} | Criterion Applies? | Intermittency Modifying Factor? | Tonality Modifying Factor? | Frequency of Tonality ¹ | Low-frequency Modifying Factor? | Maximum Exceedance of NPfl Reference Spectrum ^{1,2} | Total Penalty ² |
|------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|----------------------------|
| Shearers Lane | 29/06/2022 21:00 | 30 | Yes | No | No | NA | No | NA | Nil |
| Knodlers Lane | 29/06/2022 21:47 | <30 | Yes | No | No | NA | No | NA | Nil |
| Maison Dieu | 29/06/2022 21:24 | <30 | Yes | No | No | NA | No | NA | Nil |
| Long Point (Dights Crossing) | 29/06/2022 22:38 | <25 | Yes | No | No | NA | No | NA | Nil |
| Kilburnie South | 29/06/2022 23:27 | IA | Yes | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| Jerrys Plains East | 29/06/2022 23:03 | IA | Yes | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| Jerrys Plains Village | 29/06/2022 21:27 | IA | Yes | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| Jerrys Plains West | 29/06/2022 21:03 | IA | Yes | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| HVGC | 29/06/2022 23:58 | 42 | Yes | No | No | NA | NA | NA | NA |

1. NA denotes 'not applicable'; and

2. Bold results indicate that application of NPfl modifying factor/s is required

5.3 Real Time Noise Monitoring

HVO utilises a network of real-time directional noise monitors to manage noise impacts on a continuous basis, shown in **Figure 79**. Noise alarms are in place at five monitoring locations (Knodlers Lane, Maison Dieu, Jerrys Plains, Moses Crossing, and Long Point) which alert HVO staff to elevated noise levels that require investigation.

HVO investigates and responds to noise alarms with appropriate modification to operations. Changes in response to a noise alarm can include replacing equipment with alternative units, changing or relocating tasks, or shutting down equipment. It should be noted that this assessment does not compliment or conflict with attended noise monitoring detailed in **Section 5.1**. Real time monitoring data includes non-mine noise sources such as animals, road traffic and weather.

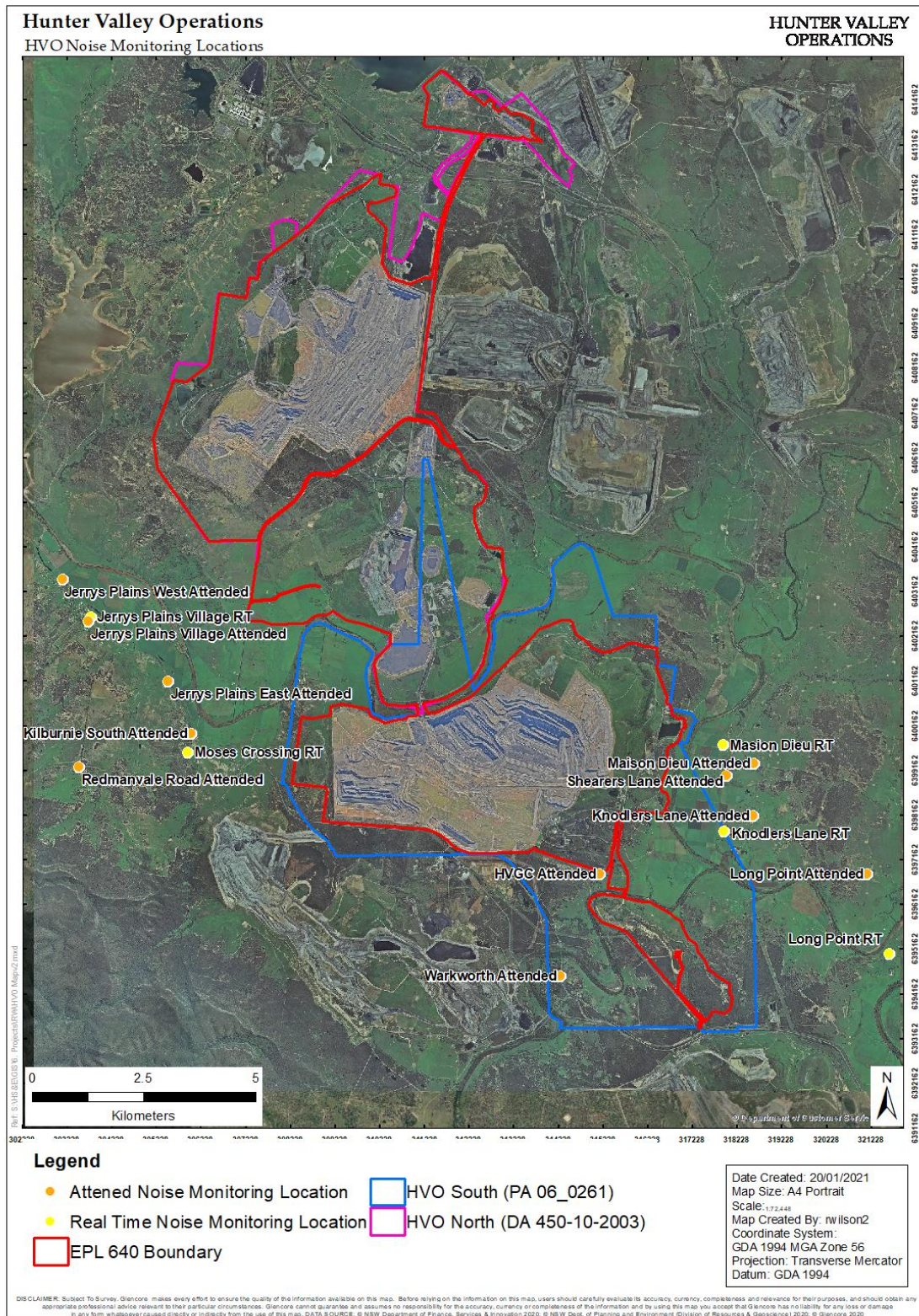


Figure 79 - Noise Monitoring Location Plan

6 Operational Downtime

A total of 13.5 hours of equipment downtime was logged in response to real time monitoring and inspections for environmental factors such as noise and dust during the reporting period. Operational downtime by equipment type is show in **Figure 80**. Note that these delays are instances where operations were completely stopped and does not include occasions where operations were changed/modified but not stopped (e.g. changed from exposed dump to in-pit dump).

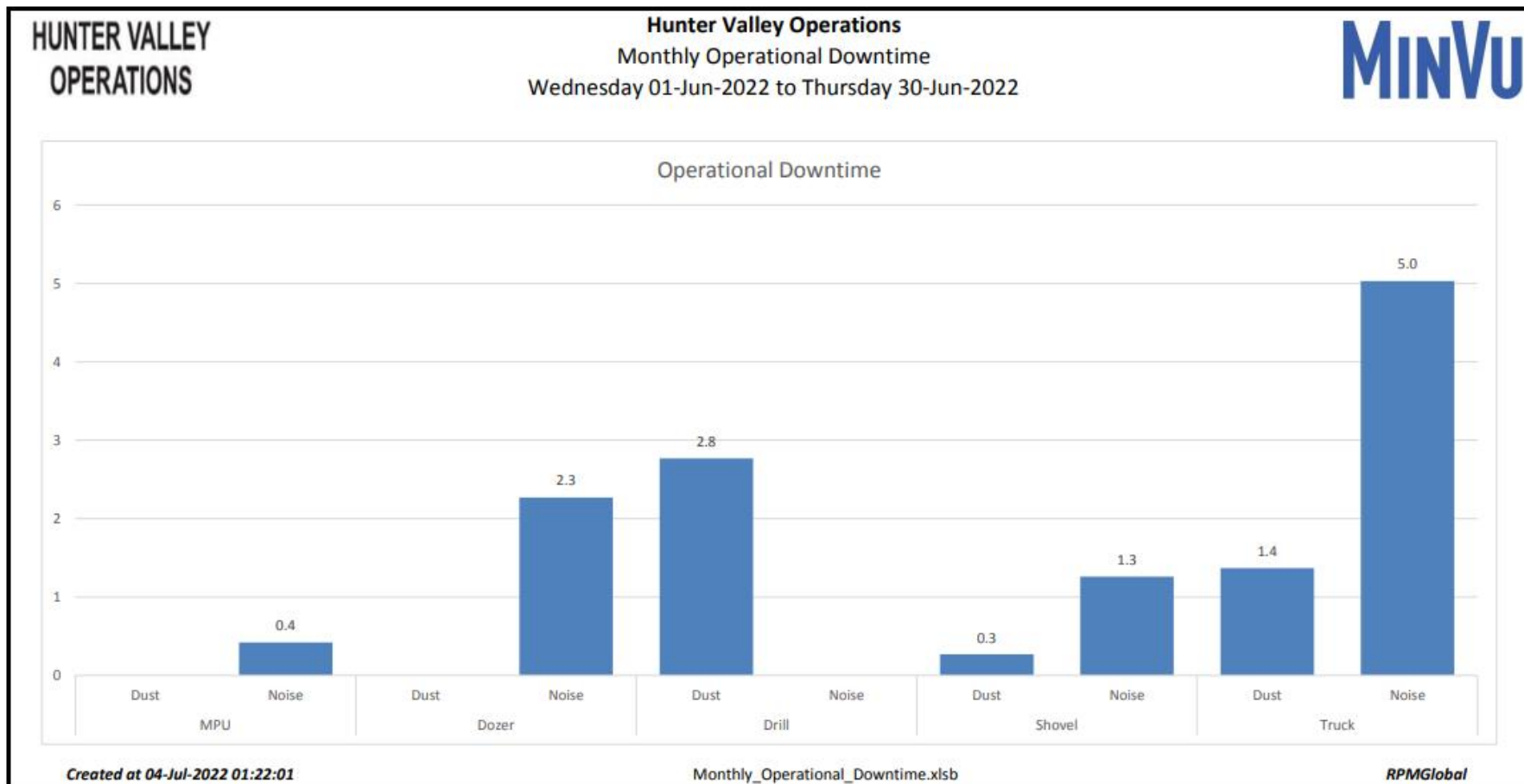


Figure 80 - Operational Downtime by Equipment Type for the reporting period

7 Rehabilitation

The following activities related to rehabilitation were completed during the reporting period:

- 0.25 Ha of land was reshaped
- 0.25 Ha of land was released (became available for the application of topsoil)
- 3.89 Ha of land was topsoiled
- 0 Ha of land was rehabilitated

Year to date progress is shown in **Figure 81**.

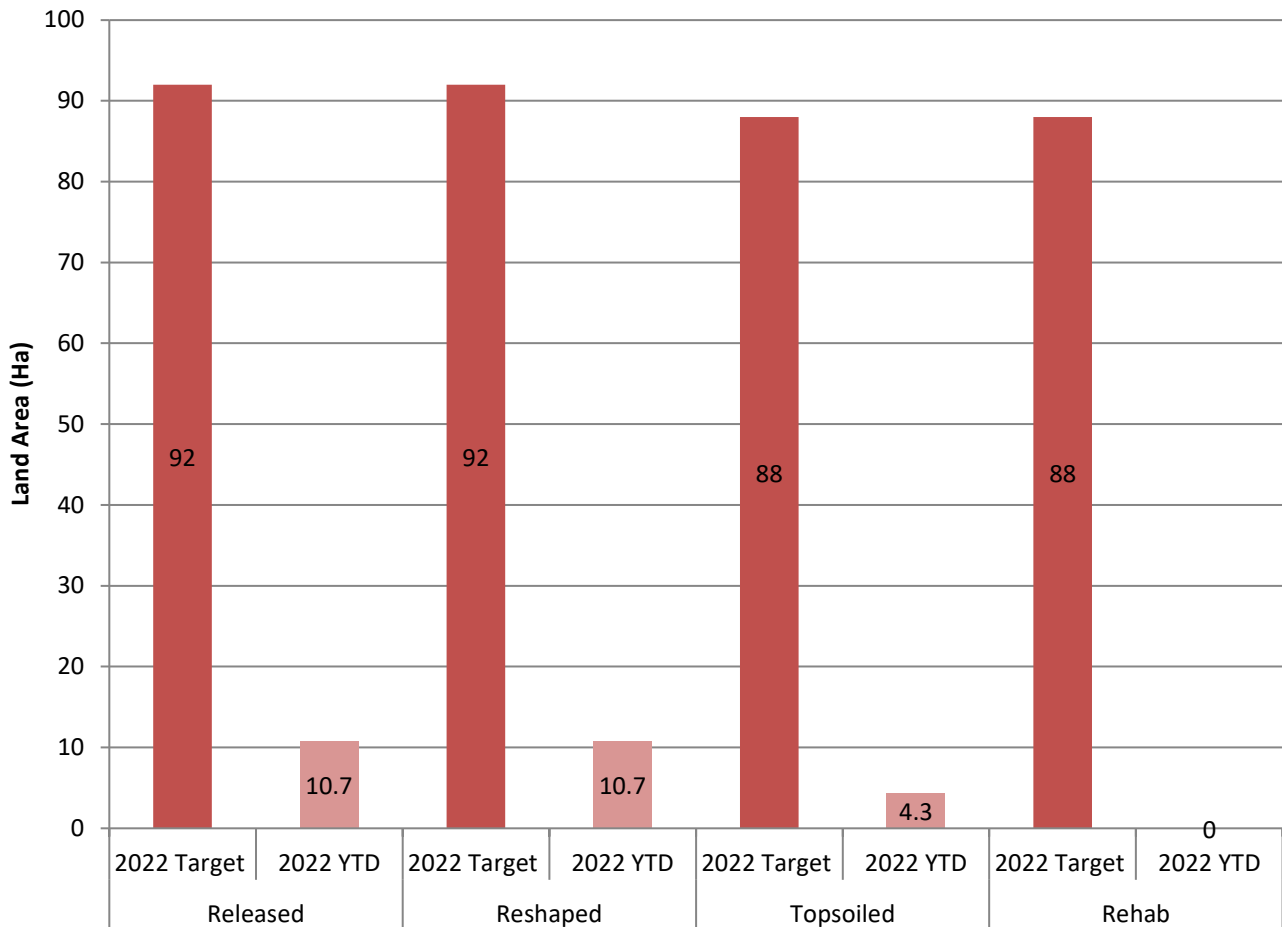


Figure 81 - Rehabilitation YTD June 2022

8 Complaints

No complaints were received during the reporting period. Details of complaints received are shown in **Table 14**.

Table 14 - Complaints Summary 2022

| Month | Noise | Dust | Blast | Lighting | Other | Total |
|--------------|-------|------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| January | | | 1 | | | 1 |
| June | | | 1 | | | 1 |
| June | | | | | 1 | 1 |
| April | | | | | | |
| May | | | | | | |
| June | | | | | | |
| July | | | | | | |
| August | | | | | | |
| September | | | | | | |
| October | | | | | | |
| November | | | | | | |
| June | | | | | | |
| Total | | | 2 | | 1 | 3 |

9 Environmental Incidents

There were two environmental incidents during the reporting period:

- **7/06/2022 – Long Point PM10 HVAS Run Failure**

Environmental monitoring contractor advised the Environment and Community Officer (E&C Officer) that the Long Point PM10 HVAS did not run on the run date of 3 June and that the power was off when they arrived on site. The E&C Officer requested that the environmental technician attend site to diagnose the issue however no fault could be found, however it was suggested that the age of the unit may have led to the power issue. The DPE were advised of the incident.

- **15/06/2022 – Maison Dieu PM2.5 HVAS Run Failure**

HVO were notified by the monitoring contractor that the PM2.5 HVAS at Maison Dieu had failed to run for the full monitoring day on 15 June due to a power supply failure. The E&C Officer advised the E&C Coordinator and the E&C Manager and requested that the environmental technician investigate the cause of the failure. The reason for the run failure was not known however it was thought that there may be a potential issue with unit itself. An alternative PM2.5 HVAS unit has been installed to determine if the issue is the unit rather than the power supply. The DPE were advised of the incident.

Appendix A - Meteorological Data

| Date | Air Temp Max (°C) | Air Temp Min (°C) | Relative Humidity (Max %) | Relative Humidity (Min %) | Solar Radiation Maximum (W/Sq. M) | Average Wind Direction (°) | Average Wind Speed (m/sec) | Rainfall (mm) |
|-----------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------|
| 1/6/2022 | 13.09 | 7.35 | 87.3 | 44.83 | 653.3 | 287 | 6.2 | 0 |
| 2/6/2022 | 14.85 | 5.53 | 100 | 50.97 | 744.4 | 267.1 | 1.8 | 0 |
| 3/6/2022 | 15.06 | 4.79 | 109.8 | 63.24 | 738.9 | 263.9 | 2.1 | 6.8 |
| 4/6/2022 | 14.59 | 7.34 | 108.7 | 60.92 | 728.8 | 289.3 | 4.5 | 0.2 |
| 5/6/2022 | 15.6 | 7.58 | 93.5 | 56.14 | 939 | 288.1 | 4.6 | 0 |
| 6/6/2022 | 14.4 | 8.29 | 92.1 | 51.51 | 613 | 290 | 8.2 | 0.4 |
| 7/6/2022 | 15.11 | 6.97 | 87.1 | 51.03 | 831 | 285 | 5.1 | 0 |
| 8/6/2022 | 13.62 | 5.37 | 91.7 | 52.44 | 580.5 | 289.7 | 4.4 | 0 |
| 9/6/2022 | 14.33 | 6.01 | 78.16 | 46.61 | 633.9 | 294.5 | 5.2 | 0 |
| 10/6/2022 | 16.2 | 7.49 | 90.7 | 48.54 | 604.9 | 292.8 | 4.6 | 0 |
| 11/6/2022 | 15.84 | 6.92 | 96.9 | 48.38 | 716.6 | 291.9 | 4.8 | 0 |
| 12/6/2022 | 15.5 | 7.05 | 79.95 | 47.96 | 553.5 | 293.7 | 5.5 | 0 |
| 13/6/2022 | 15.71 | 5.13 | 95.5 | 50.57 | 561.7 | 218.1 | 1.6 | 0 |
| 14/6/2022 | 17.07 | 4.09 | 100 | 51.74 | 557.7 | 273 | 2.1 | 0 |
| 15/6/2022 | 18.15 | 5.80 | 94 | 46.02 | 557.7 | 267.1 | 3.9 | 0 |
| 16/6/2022 | 19.85 | 7.95 | 88.8 | 43 | 552.5 | 276.9 | 3.8 | 0 |
| 17/6/2022 | 18.66 | 8.08 | 96.8 | 52.27 | 553.8 | 261 | 2.2 | 0 |
| 18/6/2022 | 17.99 | 7.85 | 100 | 61.88 | 748.9 | 222.2 | 1.7 | 0 |
| 19/6/2022 | 17.23 | 10.73 | 100 | 72.64 | 875 | 132.7 | 1.1 | 0.2 |
| 20/6/2022 | 17.76 | 9.08 | 110.8 | 55.84 | 826 | 150.6 | 1.0 | 0.4 |
| 21/6/2022 | 19.95 | 6.11 | 109.2 | 58.04 | 665.2 | 280.9 | 2.6 | 0 |
| 22/6/2022 | 18.43 | 8.11 | 100 | 42.11 | 552.5 | 278.8 | 2.3 | 0 |
| 23/6/2022 | 17.54 | 5.63 | 90.9 | 53.41 | 571.7 | 279.3 | 3.3 | 0 |
| 24/6/2022 | 18.72 | 7.14 | 96.6 | 47.59 | 558.7 | 281.4 | 3.6 | 0 |
| 25/6/2022 | 19.45 | 8.75 | 86.1 | 46.49 | 550.5 | 285.2 | 2.8 | 0 |

| Date | Air Temp Max (°C) | Air Temp Min (°C) | Relative Humidity (Max %) | Relative Humidity (Min %) | Solar Radiation Maximum (W/Sq. M) | Average Wind Direction (°) | Average Wind Speed (m/sec) | Rainfall (mm) |
|-----------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------|
| 26/6/2022 | 20.01 | 7.54 | 94.5 | 44.67 | 666.6 | 269.7 | 2.6 | 0 |
| 27/6/2022 | 16.97 | 8.39 | 89.1 | 49.5 | 734.6 | 206.6 | 2.6 | 0 |
| 28/6/2022 | 14.82 | 7.07 | 100 | 60.97 | 885 | 127.3 | 1.3 | 0 |
| 29/6/2022 | 16.16 | 6.94 | 108.7 | 60.31 | 575.6 | 270.3 | 1.5 | 0 |
| 30/6/2022 | 18.95 | 9.56 | 92.7 | 51.47 | 815 | 236 | 1.8 | 0 |