
APPENDIX D-1

Summary of Groundwater Screening Levels and Practical Quantitation Limits

Groundwater Sampling Methodology

Groundwater samples are collected from monitoring wells using either dedicated Teflon® well bailers or bladder pumps. Bailers are used in low-yield wells; bladder pumps are used in wells with good water-yielding characteristics. This sampling equipment is dedicated to an individual well to reduce the likelihood of sample contamination from external materials or cross contamination.

To ensure that only representative groundwater is sampled, three well volumes are removed (purged) from the well before the actual samples are collected. In low-yield wells, pumping or bailing to dryness provides sufficient purging. Conductivity and pH are measured before and after sampling to confirm the geochemical stability of the groundwater during sampling.

The bailer, a tube with a check valve at the bottom, is lowered slowly into the well to minimize agitation of the water column. The bailer containing the groundwater is then withdrawn from the well and emptied into a sample container. Bladder pumps use compressed air to gently squeeze a Teflon® bladder that prevents air contact with the groundwater as it is pumped into a sample container with a minimum of agitation and mixing. A check valve ensures that the water flows in only one direction.

Groundwater samples are cooled and preserved, with chemicals if required, to minimize chemical and/or biological changes after sample collection. A strict chain-of-custody protocol is followed for all samples collected by the WVDP.

Groundwater Screening Levels (GSLs) for Radiological Constituents: Background values for radiological constituents in groundwater were derived for the Corrective Measures Studies in 2009 using data from background wells 301, 401, 706, and 1302 in the sand and gravel unit on the north plateau for samples collected from 1991 through September 2009. The 95% upper confidence limit (UCL) was applied in a similar statistical calculation for each radiological constituent. The site-specific GSLs for radiological constituents were set to the larger of the background level or the TOGS 1.1.1 Class GA groundwater quality standard for each radiological constituent. The NYSDEC TOGS standards are only established for gross alpha and gross beta concentrations, consequently most of the screening values for radiological constituents are set to equal the site background values. The GSLs for radiological constituents are listed in Table D-1A.

The site monitoring well radiological concentrations presented in the data tables in Appendix D-2 are compared with these GSLs. Bolding indicates that the measured concentration exceeded the GSL.

Groundwater Screening Levels for Metals: The calculated WVDP GSLs for metals were established in WVDP-494, *North Plateau Plume Area Characterization Report*. The GSLs for metals were selected as the greater of the NYSDEC TOGS 1.1.1 Class GA Groundwater Quality Standards or background concentrations in groundwater as documented in Appendix E of WVDP-494. The groundwater background concentrations were derived from a statistical calculation of the mean plus two standard deviations for metals data collected from four background wells (301, 401, 706, and well 1302). Elevated levels of chromium and nickel were identified in site wells constructed with stainless steel (which includes 301, 401, and 706), as presented to NYSDEC in a report entitled *Final Report: Evaluation of the Pilot Program to Investigate Chromium & Nickel Concentrations in Groundwater in the Sand & Gravel Unit* (WVNSCO, 1998). The findings of this report were subsequently accepted by NYSDEC in their memorandum dated September 15, 1998.

Consequently, the majority of the chromium and nickel results from these stainless-steel wells were omitted from the dataset used to establish background, relying primarily on the results from polyvinyl chloride (PVC) well 1302 for these two constituents. The groundwater screening values for metals are listed in Table D-1B.

The site monitoring well metals concentrations presented in the data tables in Appendix D-2 are compared with these GSLs. Bolding indicates that the measured concentration exceeded the GSL.

TABLE D-1A
Groundwater Screening Levels for Radiological Constituents

Radiological Constituent	Range of Observed Concentrations From Background Monitoring Wells 301, 401, 706, and 1302^a (μCi/mL)	WVDP 95% UCL Background Groundwater Concentration^a (μCi/mL)	NYSDEC TOGS 1.1.1 Class GA Groundwater Quality Standards^b (μCi/mL)	WVDP GSLs^c (μCi/mL)
Gross alpha	< 7.78E-10 – 1.55E-08	7.61E-09	1.50E-08	1.50E-08
Gross beta	< 2.15E-09 – 2.35E-08	1.56E-08	1.00E-06	1.00E-06
Tritium	< 3.17E-08 – 2.63E-07	1.78E-07	NE	1.78E-07
Carbon-14	< 1.36E-11 – 5.02E-08	2.82E-08	NE	2.82E-08
Cesium-137	5.79E-10 – 1.90E-08	1.03E-08	NE	1.03E-08
Iodine-129	< 2.85E-10 – 1.58E-09	9.61E-10	NE	9.61E-10
Potassium-40	< 5.00E-08 – 3.56E-07	1.99E-07	NE	1.99E-07
Radium-226	< 1.10E-10 – 2.99E-09	1.33E-09	NE	1.33E-09
Radium-228	< 2.23E-10 – 3.20E-09	2.16E-09	NE	2.16E-09
Strontium-90	< 2.41E-10 – 6.40E-09	5.90E-09	NE	5.90E-09
Technetium-99	< 8.21E-10 – 8.61E-09	5.02E-09	NE	5.02E-09
Total Uranium	< 1.27E-06 – 3.46E-03	1.34E-03	NE	1.34E-03
Uranium-232	< 1.71E-11 – 3.78E-10	1.38E-10	NE	1.38E-10
Uranium-233/234	< 3.85E-11 – 1.53E-09	6.24E-10	NE	6.24E-10
Uranium-235/236	< 1.80E-11 – 1.39E-10	8.07E-11	NE	8.07E-11
Uranium-238	< 1.32E-11 – 1.26E-09	4.97E-10	NE	4.97E-10

NE - No NYSDEC TOGS 1.1.1 groundwater quality standard has been established for this analyte.

^a The data used for the calculation of background values were taken from background wells 301, 401, 706, and 1302 in the sand and gravel unit on the north plateau for samples collected from 1991 through September 2009. The background concentration was set to the upper limit of the 95% confidence interval.

^b NYSDEC TOGS 1.1.1 (June 1998/2004 addendum) Class GA groundwater quality standards and guidance values.

^c The GSLs for radiological constituents were set equal to the larger of the background concentrations or the NYSDEC TOGS 1.1.1 Class GA Groundwater Quality Standards.

TABLE D-1B
Groundwater Screening Levels for Metals

<i>Analyte^a</i>	<i>Range of Observed Concentrations From Background Monitoring Wells 301, 401, 706, and 1302^a (µg/L)</i>	<i>Background Groundwater Concentration^b (µg/L)</i>	<i>NYSDEC TOGS 1.1.1 Class GA Groundwater Quality Standards (µg/L)</i>	<i>WVDP Groundwater Screening Levels (GSLs)^c (µg/L)</i>
Antimony, total	0.5 – 19.7	15.1	3	15.1
Arsenic, total	1.5 – 34.4	20.9	25	25
Barium, total	71.7 – 499	441	1,000	1,000
Beryllium, total	0.10 – 2.50	1.85	3	3
Cadmium, total	0.30 – 5.30	7.27	5	7.27
Chromium, total ^d	5 – 66	52.3	50	52.3
Cobalt, total	2.05 – 60.9	67.8	NE	67.8
Copper, total	1.4 – 90.5	59.9	200	200
Lead, total	0.5 – 120	42.7	25	42.7
Mercury, total	0.03 – 0.4	0.263	0.7	0.7
Nickel, total ^d	10 – 77.8	59.5	100	100
Selenium, total	1.0 – 25.0	10.1	10	10.1
Silver, total	0.1 – 10	15.5	50	50
Thallium, total	0.3 – 13.1	13.9	0.5	13.9
Tin, total	5.6 – 3,000	4,083	NE	4,083
Vanadium, total	0.6 – 73.1	69.6	NE	69.6
Zinc, total	5.71 – 256	127	2,000	2,000

NE - No NYSDEC TOGS 1.1.1 groundwater quality standard has been established for this analyte.

^a Analytes listed are those identified in the 6 NYCRR Part 373-2 Appendix 33 List.

^b Data used for the calculation of background values were taken from wells 301, 401, 706, and 1302 in the S&G unit on the north plateau for samples collected from 1991 to December 2008. The background concentration was set equal to the mean plus two standard deviations (as reported in WVDP-494). Ninety-five percent of measurements are expected to fall below this value. Data were rounded to three significant digits or the closest integer.

^c Metals GSLs were set equal to the larger of the background concentration or the NYSDEC TOGS 1.1.1 Class GA Groundwater Quality Standards.

^d Elevated chromium and nickel concentrations attributed to well corrosion were noted in wells 301, 401, and 706 over the monitoring period. All results suspected to be affected by corrosion (i.e., all chromium and nickel results for 301 and 401, and all results after May 2004 from 706) were excluded from the background calculation.

TABLE D-1C
Practical Quantitation Limits (PQLs)

6 NYCRR^a Appendix 33 Volatile Organic Compounds			
Compound	PQL	Compound	PQL
Acetone	10	cis-1,3-Dichloropropene	5
Acetonitrile	100	Ethyl Benzene	5
Acrolein	11	Ethyl methacrylate	5
Acrylonitrile	5	2-Hexanone	10
Allyl chloride	5	Isobutyl alcohol	100
Benzene	5	Methacrylonitrile	5
Bromodichloromethane	5	Methyl ethyl ketone	10
Bromoform (methyl bromide)	5	Methyl iodide	5
Bromomethane	10	Methyl methacrylate	5
Carbon disulfide	10	4-Methyl-2-pentanone (MIBK)	10
Carbon tetrachloride	5	Methylene bromide	10
Chlorobenzene	5	Methylene chloride	5
Chloroethane	10	Pentachloroethane	5
Chloroform	5	Propionitrile	50
Chloromethane (methyl chloride)	10	Styrene	5
Chloroprene	5	1,1,1,2-Tetrachloroethane	5
1,2-Dibromo-3-chloropropane	5	1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane	5
Dibromochloromethane	5	Tetrachloroethylene	5
1,2-Dibromoethane	5	Toluene	5
trans-1,4-Dichloro-2-butene	5	1,1,1-Trichloroethane (1,1,1-TCA)	5
1,1-Dichloroethane (1,1-DCA)	5	1,1,2-Trichloroethane (1,1,2-TCA)	5
1,2-Dichloroethane (1,2-DCA)	5	Trichloroethylene (TCE)	5
1,1-Dichloroethylene (1,1-DCE)	5	Trichlorofluoromethane	5
trans-1,2-Dichloroethylene (1,2-DCE[trans])	5	1,2,3-Trichloropropane	5
Dichlorodifluoromethane (DCDF Meth)	5	Vinyl acetate	10
1,2-Dichloropropane	5	Vinyl chloride	10
trans-1,3-Dichloropropene	5	Xylene (total)	5
6 NYCRR^a Appendix 33 Metals	PQL	6 NYCRR^a Appendix 33 Metals	PQL
Aluminum ^b	200	Lead	3
Antimony	10	Manganese	15
Arsenic	10	Mercury	0.2
Barium	200	Nickel	40
Beryllium	1	Selenium	5
Cadmium	5	Silver	10
Chromium	10	Thallium	10
Cobalt	50	Tin	3,000

Note: Specific quantitation limits are highly matrix dependent and may not always be achievable.

^a Title 6 of the Official Compilation of Codes, Rules, and Regulations of the State of New York.

^b Not a 6 NYCRR Appendix 33 parameter; sampled for the north plateau early warning program.

TABLE D-1C (continued)
Practical Quantitation Limits (PQLs)

6 NYCRR ^a Appendix 33 Volatile Organic Compounds			
Compound	PQL	Compound	PQL
Acenaphthene	10	2,4-Dinitrotoluene	10
Acenaphthylene	10	2,6-Dinitrotoluene	10
Acetophenone	10	Diphenylamine	10
2-Acetylaminofluorene	10	Ethyl methanesulfonate	10
4-Aminobiphenyl	10	Famphur	10
Aniline	10	Fluoranthene	10
Anthracene	10	Fluorene	10
Aramite	10	Hexachlorobenzene	10
Benzo[a]anthracene	10	Hexachlorobutadiene	10
Benzo[a]pyrene	10	Hexachlorocyclopentadiene	10
Benzo[b]fluoranthene	10	Hexachloroethane	10
Benzo[ghi]perylene	10	Hexachlorophene	10
Benzo[k]fluoranthene	10	Hexachloropropene	10
Benzyl alcohol	10	Indeno(1,2,3,-cd)pyrene	10
Bis(2-chloroethyl)ether	10	Isodrin	10
Bis(2-chloroethoxy)methane	10	Isophorone	10
Bis(2-chloroisopropyl)ether	10	Isosafrole	10
Bis(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate	10	Kepone	10
4-Bromophenyl phenyl ether	10	Methapyrilene	10
Butyl benzyl phthalate	10	Methyl methanesulfonate	10
Chlorobenzilate	10	3-Methylcholanthrene	10
2-Chloronaphthalene	10	2-Methylnapthalene	10
2-Chlorophenol	10	1,4-Naphthoquinone	10
4-Chlorophenyl phenyl ether	10	1-Naphthylamine	10
Chrysene	10	2-Naphthylamine	10
Di-n-butyl phthalate	10	Nitrobenzene	10
Di-n-octyl phthalate	10	5-Nitro-o-toluidine	10
Diallate	10	4-Nitroquinoline 1-oxide	40
Dibenz[a,h]anthracene	10	N-Nitrosodi-n-butylamine	10
Dibenzofuran	10	N-Nitrosodiethylamine	10
3,3-Dichlorobenzidine	10	N-Nitrosodimethylamine	10
2,4-Dichlorophenol	10	N-Nitroso-di-n-propylamine	10
2,6-Dichlorophenol	10	N-Nitrosodiphenylamine	10
Diethyl phthalate	10	N-Nitrosomethylethylamine	10
Dimethoate	10	N-Nitrosomorpholine	10
7,12-Dimethylbenz[a]anthracene	10	N-Nitrosopiperidine	10
3,3-Dimethylbenzidine	20	N-Nitrosopyrrolidine	10
2,4-Dimethylphenol	10	Naphthalene	10
Dimethyl phthalate	10	0,0,0-Triethyl phosphorothioate	10
4,6-Dinitro-o-cresol	25	O,O-Diethyl O-2-pyrazinylphosphorothioate	10
2,4-Dinitrophenol	25		

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^a Title 6 of the Official Compilation of Codes, Rules, and Regulations of the State of New York.

TABLE D-1C (concluded)
Practical Quantitation Limits (PQLs)

6 NYCRR^a Appendix 33 Volatile Organic Compounds			
Compound	PQL	Compound	PQL
p-(Dimethylamino)azobenzene	10	2,3,4,6-Tetrachlorophenol	10
p-Chloroaniline	10	Tetraethyl dithiopyrophosphate	10
p-Chloro-m-cresol	10	1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene	10
p-Cresol	10	2,4,5-Trichlorophenol	25
p-Dichlorobenzene	10	2,4,6-Trichlorophenol	10
p-Nitroaniline	25	alpha,alpha-Dimethylphenethylamine	50
p-Nitrophenol	25	m-Cresol	10
p-Phenylenediamine	10	m-Dichlorobenzene	10
Parathion	10	m-Dinitrobenzene	10
Pentachlorobenzene	10	m-Nitroaniline	25
Pentachloronitrobenzene	10	o-Cresol	10
Pentachlorophenol	25	o-Dichlorobenzene	10
Phenacetin	10	o-Nitroaniline	25
Phenanthrene	10	o-Nitrophenol	10
Phenol	10	o-Toluidine	10
Pronamide	10	sym-Trinitrobenzene	10
Pyrene	10	2-Picoline	10
Safrole	10	Pyridine	10
1,2,4,5-Tetrachlorobenzene	10	1,4-Dioxane	10
Other Organic Compounds			
1,2-Dichloroethylene (Total)	5		
N-Dodecane	60		
Tributyl phosphate	10		

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