Monthly Environmental Monitoring Report

Yancoal Mount Thorley Warkworth

September 2024

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

This report has been compiled to provide a monthly summary of environmental monitoring results for Mount Thorley Warkworth (MTW). This report includes all monitoring data collected for the period 1 September to 30 September 2024.

2.0 AIR QUALITY

2.1 Meteorological Monitoring

Meteorological data is collected at MTW's 'Charlton Ridge' meteorological station (refer to **Figure 3**).

2.1.1 Rainfall

Rainfall for the reporting period is summarised in **Table 1**. The year-to-date monthly rainfall totals, 2024 monthly rainfall totals and historical average monthly rainfall trend are shown in **Figure 1**.

Table 1: Monthly Rainfall MTW

2024	Monthly Rainfall (mm)	Cumulative Rainfall (mm)
September	39.4	490.2

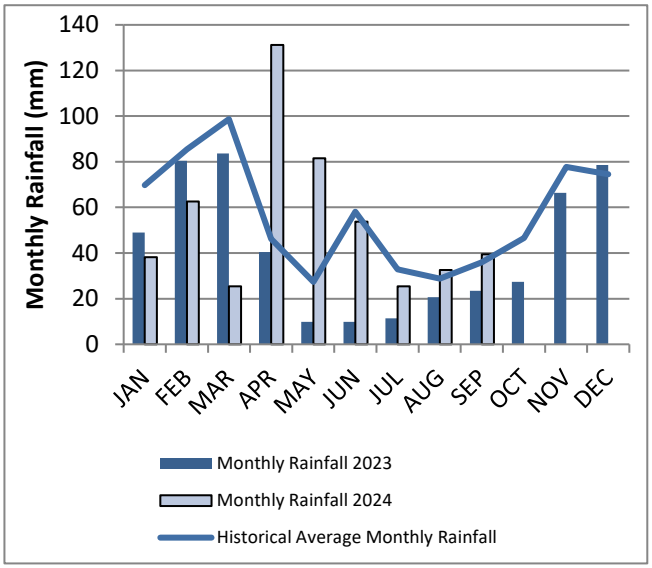


Figure 1: Rainfall Trend YTD

Note: The historical average monthly rainfall is calculated from 2007 to 2023 monthly totals

2.1.2 Wind Speed and Direction

Winds from the Northwest were dominant during the reporting period as shown in **Figure 2.**

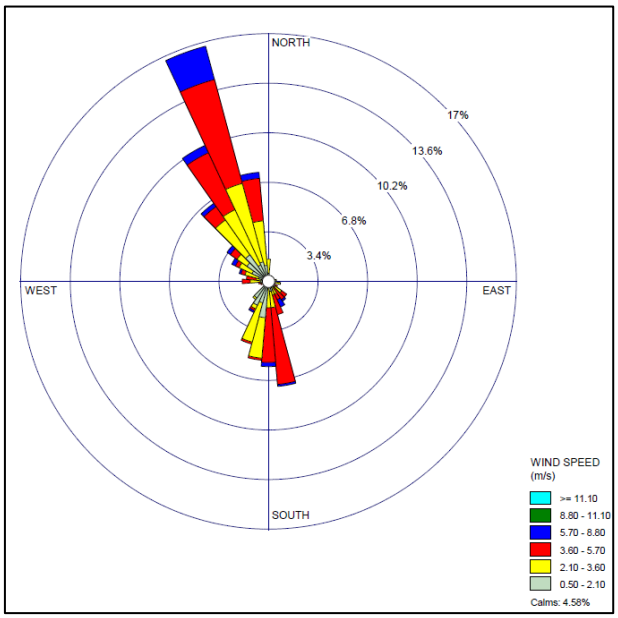


Figure 2: Charlton Ridge Wind Rose – September 2024

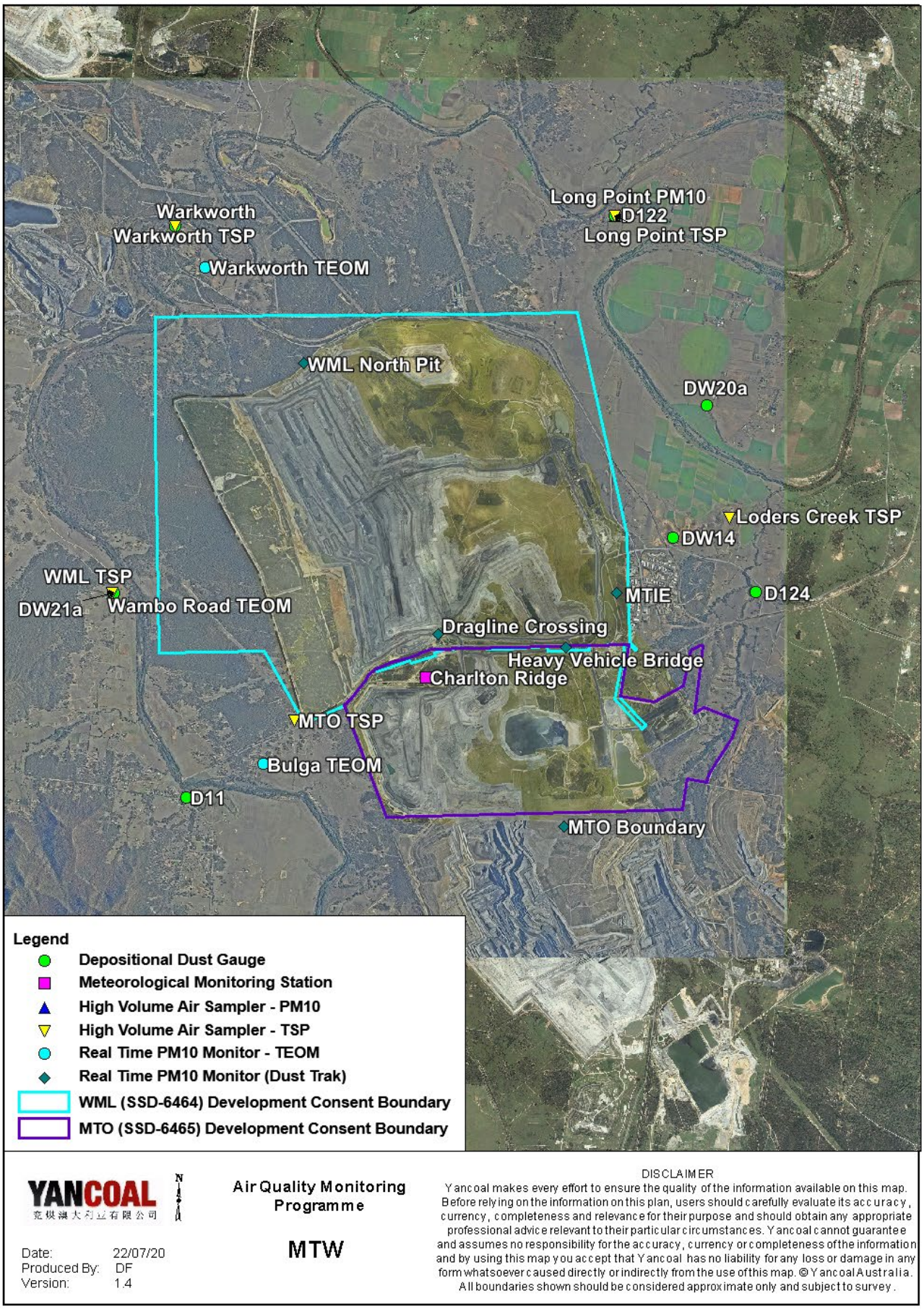


Figure 3: Air Quality Monitoring Locations

2.2 Depositional Dust

To monitor air quality, MTW operates and maintains a network of seven depositional dust gauges, situated on private and mine owned land surrounding MTW.

During the reporting period the Warkworth monitor recorded a monthly result above the long-term impact assessment criteria of 4.0 g/m2 per month. There is no evidence to suggest that the result is contaminated. Accordingly, the result will be included in the annual average calculation.

Figure 4 displays insoluble solids results from depositional dust gauges during the reporting period compared against the year-to-date average and the annual impact assessment criteria.

An annual assessment of MTW's compliance with the Long-Term Impact Assessment Criteria will be provided in the 2024 Annual Review Report.

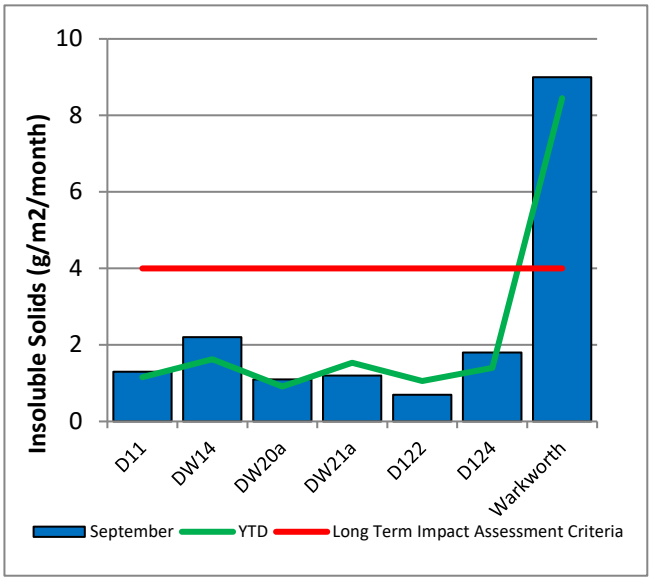


Figure 4: Depositional Dust – September 2024

2.3 Suspended Particulates

Suspended particulates are measured by a network of High Volume Air Samplers (HVAS) measuring Total Suspended Particulates (TSP) and Particulate Matter <10µm (PM_{10}). The location of these monitors can be found in **Figure 3**. Each HVAS was run for 24 hours on a six-day cycle in accordance with EPA requirements.

2.3.1 HVAS PM_{10} Results

Figure 5 shows the individual PM_{10} results at each monitoring station against the short-term impact assessment criteria of 50µg/m³.

There were no exceedances of the short term (24hr) PM10 impact assessment criteria during September 2024

Figure 6 shows the annual average PM10 result against the long-term impact assessment criteria.

An assessment of MTW's compliance with the Long-Term Impact Assessment Criteria will be provided in the 2024 Annual Review Report.

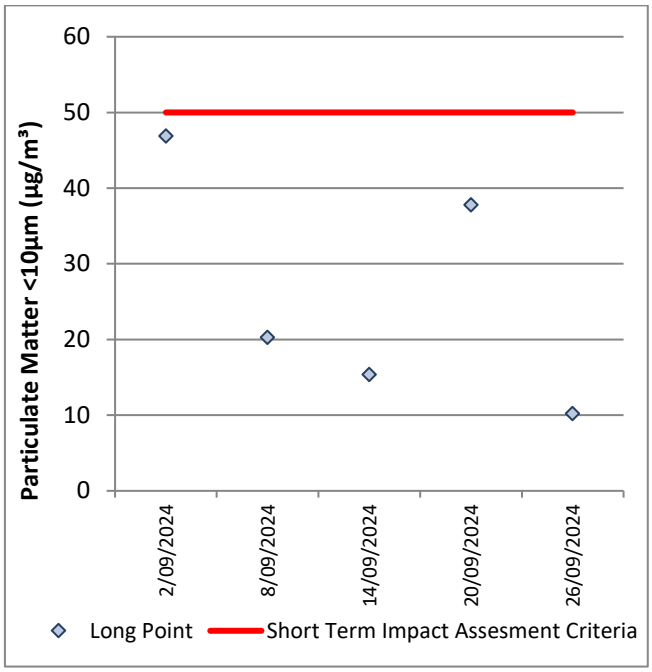


Figure 5: Individual PM10 Results – September 2024

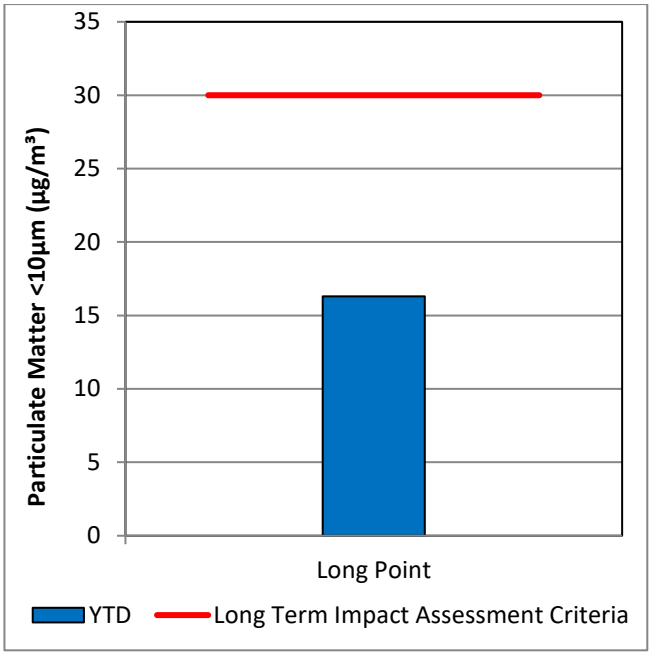


Figure 6: Annual Average PM_{10} – September 2024

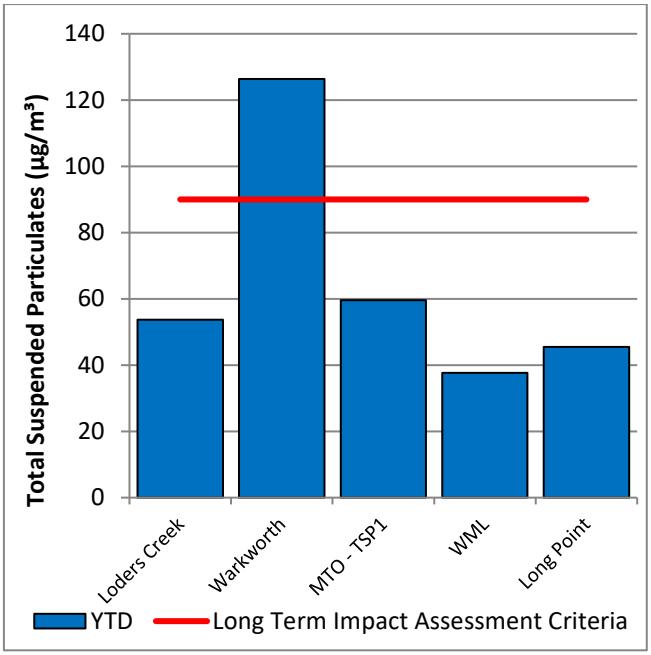


Figure 7: Annual Average Total Suspended Particulates – September 2024

2.3.2 TSP ResultsError! Reference source not found.

Figure 7 shows the annual average TSP results compared against the long-term impact assessment criteria of 90µg/m³.

An assessment of MTW's compliance with the Long-Term Impact Assessment Criteria will be provided in the 2024 Annual Review Report.

2.3.3 Real Time PM_{10} Results

MTW maintains a network of real time PM_{10} monitors. The real time air quality monitoring stations continuously log information and transmit data to a central database, generating internal alerts when particulate matter levels exceed internal trigger limits.

Results for real time dust sampling are shown in **Figure 8**, including the daily 24-hour average PM_{10} result and the annual PM_{10} average.

On 1 September 2024, the Warkworth TEOM (54.4 µg/m³) exceeded the short term (24hr) criteria. The measurement was assessed for MTW's potential contribution based on meteorological conditions on this day. It was determined that the wind direction was not from MTW's angle of influence on this day and so that MTW did not contribute to the result. Accordingly, no further action is required.

On 2 September 2024, the Warkworth TEOM (70.3 µg/m³) exceeded the short term (24hr) criteria. The measurement was assessed for MTW's potential contribution based on meteorological conditions on the day resulting in a maximum estimated contribution of 0.3 µg/m³, less than a 1% contribution to the result. Accordingly, no further action is required (as per the approved Air Quality Monitoring Programme).

On 5 September 2024, the Warkworth TEOM (53.1 µg/m³) exceeded the short term (24hr) criteria. The measurement was assessed for MTW's potential contribution based on meteorological conditions on this day. It was determined that the wind direction was not from MTW's angle of influence on this day and so that MTW did not contribute to the result. Accordingly, no further action is required.

On 7 September 2024, the Warkworth TEOM (65.7 µg/m³) exceeded the short term (24hr) criteria. The measurement was assessed for MTW's potential contribution based on meteorological conditions on the day resulting in a maximum estimated contribution of 27.6 µg/m³, less than a 43% contribution to the result. Accordingly, no further action is required (as per the approved Air Quality Monitoring Programme).

On 8 September 2024, the Warkworth TEOM (61.6 µg/m³) exceeded the short term (24hr) criteria. The measurement was assessed for MTW's potential contribution based on meteorological conditions on the day resulting in a maximum estimated contribution of 10.1 µg/m³, less than a 17% contribution to the result. Accordingly, no further action is required (as per the approved Air Quality Monitoring Programme).

On 18 September 2024, the Warkworth TEOM (58.3 µg/m³) exceeded the short term (24hr) criteria. The measurement was assessed for MTW's potential contribution based on meteorological conditions on the day resulting in a maximum estimated contribution of 1 µg/m³, less than a 2% contribution to the result. Accordingly, no further action is required (as per the approved Air Quality Monitoring Programme).

On 19 September 2024, the Warkworth TEOM (53.7 µg/m³) exceeded the short term (24hr) criteria. The measurement was assessed for MTW's potential contribution based on meteorological conditions on the day resulting in a maximum estimated contribution of 0.9 µg/m³, less than a 2% contribution to the result. Accordingly, no further action is required (as per the approved Air Quality Monitoring Programme).

On 20 September 2024, the Warkworth TEOM (58.3 µg/m³) exceeded the short term (24hr) criteria. The measurement was assessed for MTW's potential contribution based on meteorological conditions on this day. It was determined that the wind direction was not from MTW's angle of influence on this day and so that MTW did not contribute to the result. Accordingly, no further action is required.

On 21 September 2024, the Warkworth TEOM (72.2 µg/m³) exceeded the short term (24hr) criteria. The measurement was assessed for MTW's potential contribution based on meteorological conditions on the day resulting in a maximum estimated contribution of 0.2 µg/m³, less than a 1% contribution to the result. Accordingly, no further action is required (as per the approved Air Quality Monitoring Programme).

On 22 September 2024, the Warkworth TEOM (51.8 µg/m³) exceeded the short term (24hr) criteria. The measurement was assessed for MTW's potential contribution based on meteorological conditions on this day. It was determined that the wind direction was not from MTW's angle of influence on this day and so that MTW did not contribute to the result. Accordingly, no further action is required.

On 23 September 2024, the Warkworth TEOM (75.4 µg/m³) exceeded the short term (24hr) criteria. The measurement was assessed for MTW's potential contribution based on meteorological conditions on the day resulting in a maximum estimated contribution of 2.1 µg/m³, less than a 3% contribution to the result. Accordingly, no further action is required (as per the approved Air Quality Monitoring Programme).

On 24 September 2024, the Bulga TEOM (60.2 µg/m³) exceeded the short term (24hr) criteria. The measurement was assessed for MTW's potential contribution based on meteorological conditions and background PM_{10} levels on the day resulting in a maximum estimated contribution of 5.4 µg/m³, less than a 10% contribution to the result. Accordingly, no further action is required (as per the approved Air Quality Monitoring Programme).

On 24 September 2024, the Wambo TEOM (57.3 µg/m³) exceeded the short term (24hr) criteria. The measurement was assessed for MTW's potential contribution based on meteorological conditions and background PM_{10} levels on the day resulting in a maximum estimated contribution of 3.4 µg/m³, less than a 7% contribution to the result. Accordingly, no further action is required (as per the approved Air Quality Monitoring Programme).

On 24 September 2024, the Warkworth TEOM (54.8 µg/m³) exceeded the short term (24hr) criteria. The measurement was

assessed for MTW's potential contribution based on meteorological conditions on the day resulting in a maximum estimated contribution of 10.6 µg/m³, less than a 20% contribution to the result. Accordingly, no further action is required (as per the approved Air Quality Monitoring Programme).

On 25 September 2024, the Wambo TEOM (52.5 µg/m³) exceeded the short term (24hr) criteria. The measurement was assessed for MTW's potential contribution based on meteorological conditions on the day resulting in a maximum estimated contribution of 0.2 µg/m³, less than a 1% contribution to the result. Accordingly, no further action is required (as per the approved Air Quality Monitoring Programme).

On 25 September 2024, the Warkworth TEOM (65.5 µg/m³) exceeded the short term (24hr) criteria. The measurement was assessed for MTW's potential contribution based on meteorological conditions on the day resulting in a maximum estimated contribution of 8.2 µg/m³, less than a 13% contribution to the result. Accordingly, no further action is required (as per the approved Air Quality Monitoring Programme).

2.3.4 Real Time Alarms for Air Quality

During September, the real time monitoring system generated 127 automated air quality related alerts, including 19 alerts for adverse meteorological conditions and 108 alerts for elevated PM_{10} levels.

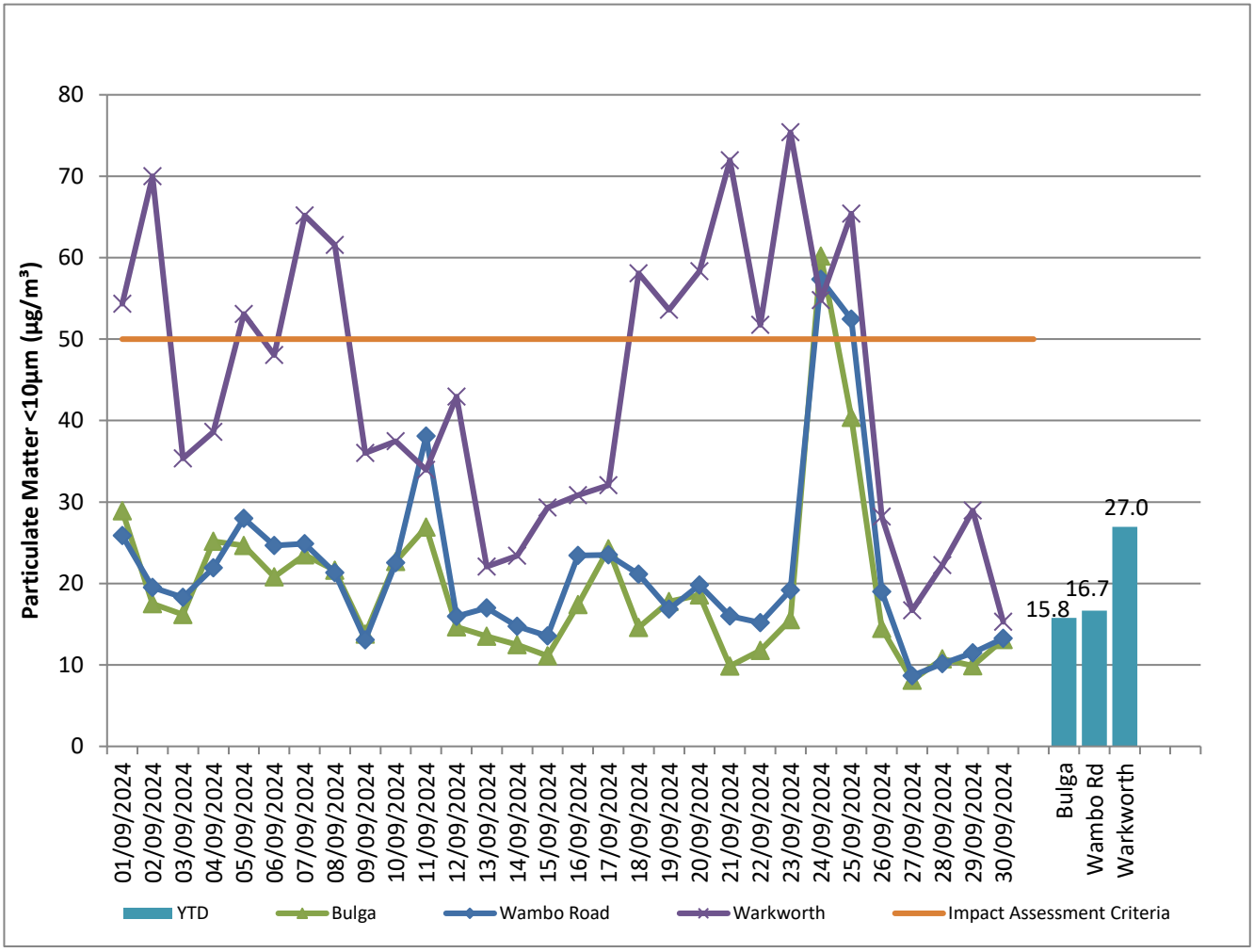


Figure 8: Real Time PM_{10} daily 24hr average (line graphs) and YTD annual average (column graphs) – September 2024

3.0 WATER QUALITY

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

3.1 Surface Water

Monitoring is conducted at mine site dams and surrounding natural watercourses. The surface water monitoring locations are outlined in **Figure 15**.

Surface water courses are sampled on a monthly or quarterly sampling regime. Water quality is evaluated through the parameters of pH, Electrical Conductivity (EC) and Total Suspended Solids (TSS). The Hunter River and the Wollombi Brook are sampled both upstream and downstream of mining operations, to record background water quality and to monitor the potential impact of mining on the river system. Other Hunter River tributaries are also monitored.

3.1.1 Surface Water Monitoring results

Figure 9 to **Figure 11** show the long-term surface waste trend (2021 – current) within MTW mine dams. **Figure 12** to **Figure 14** show the long-term surface water trend (2021 – current) in surrounding watercourses.

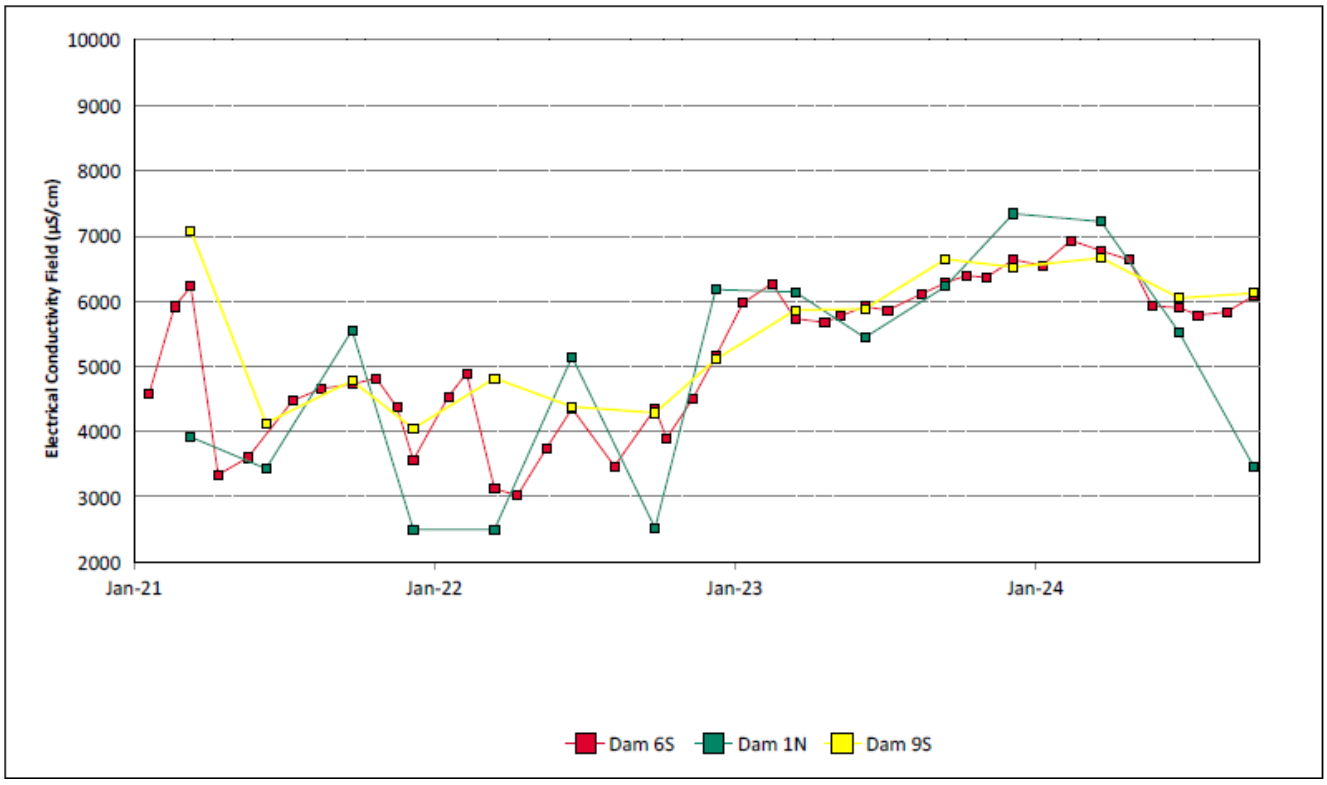


Figure 9: Site Dams Electrical Conductivity Field Trend – September 2024

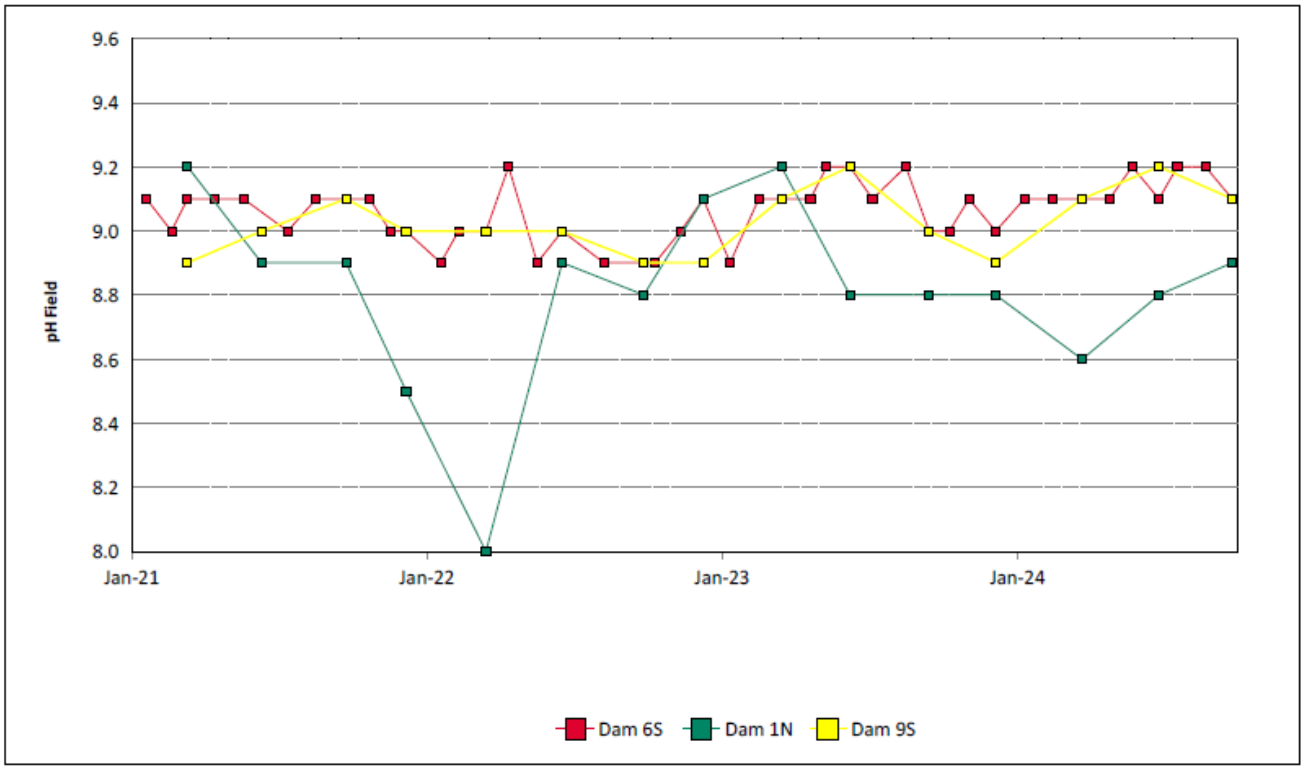


Figure 10: Site Dams pH Field Trend – September 2024

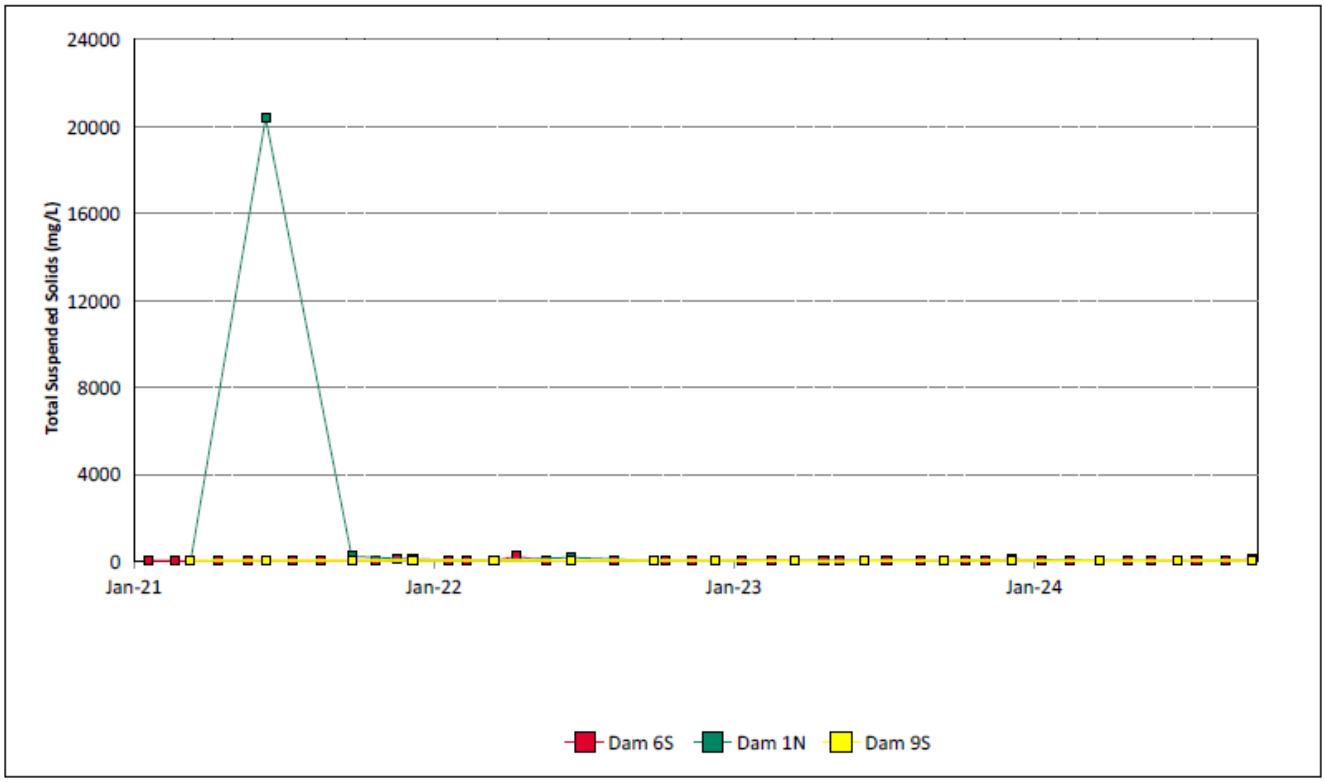


Figure 11: Site Dams Total Suspended Solids Trend – September 2024

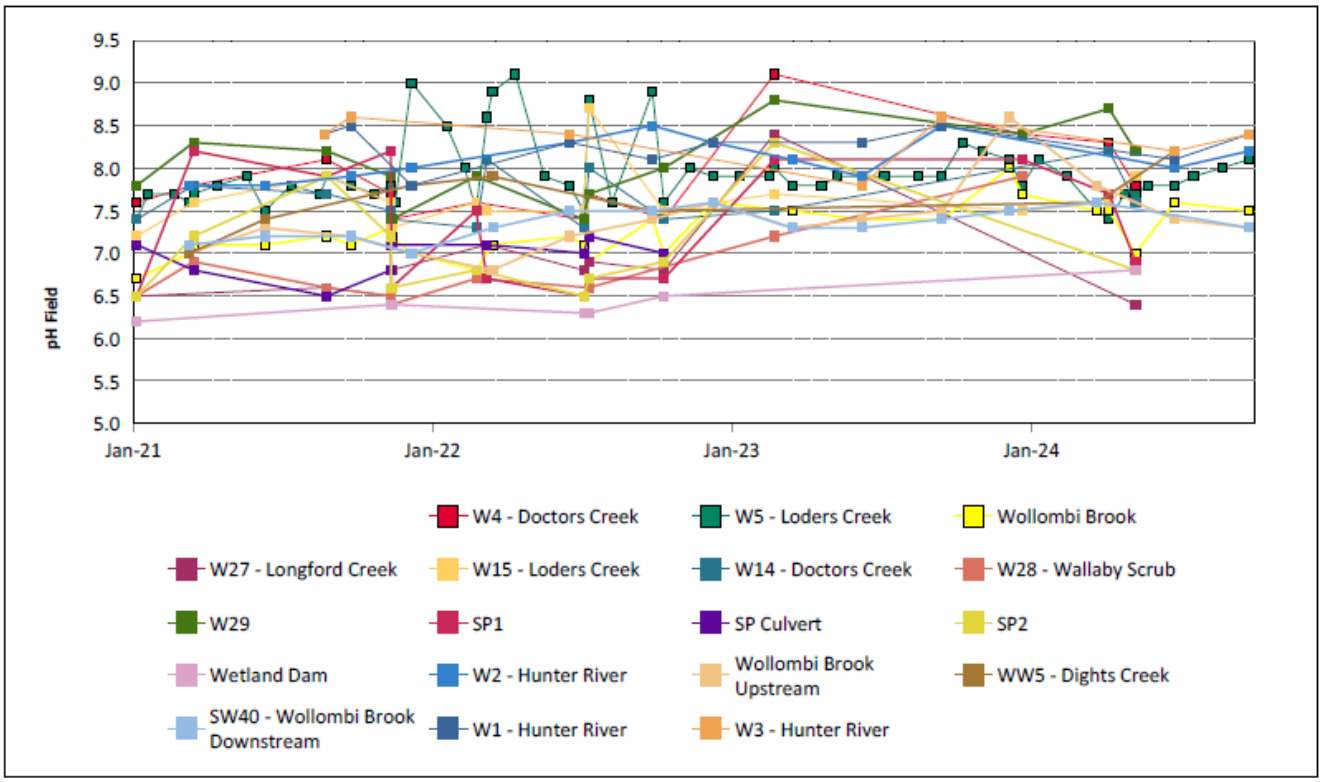
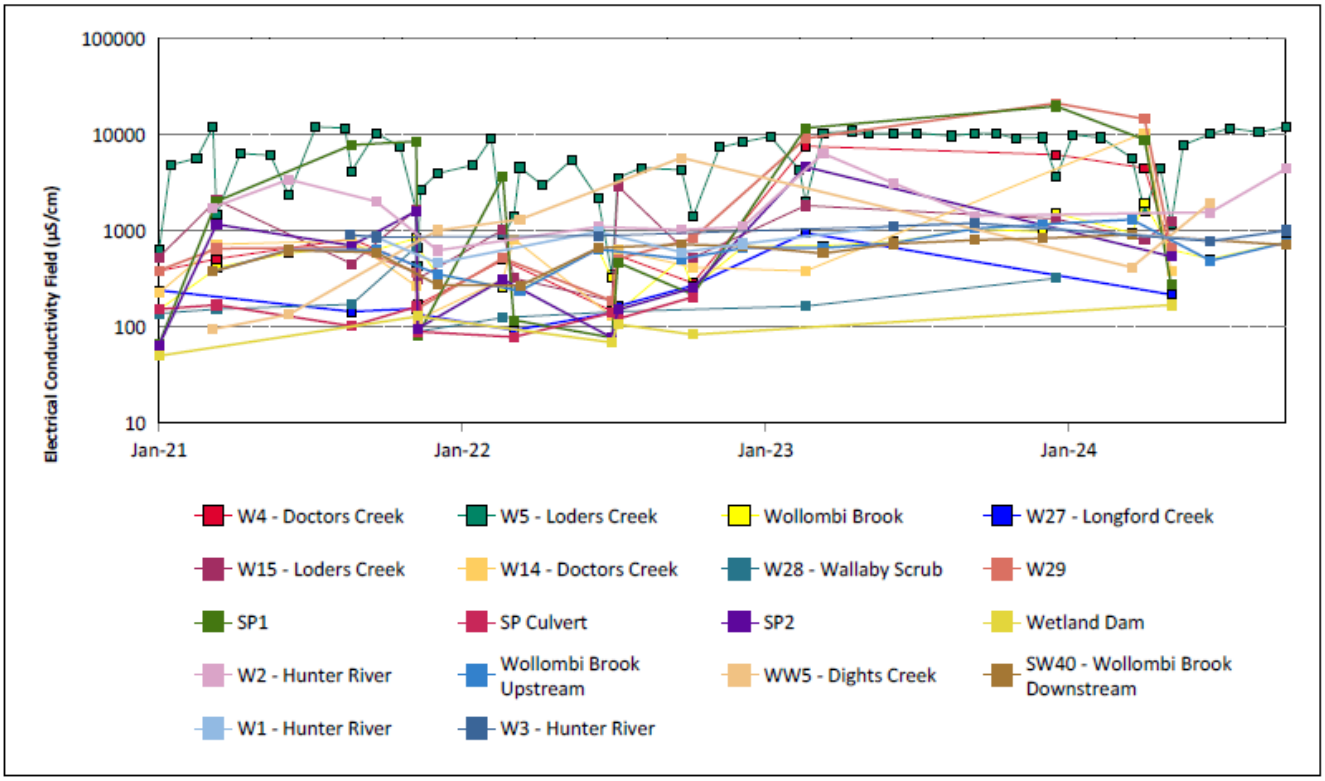


Figure 12: Watercourse pH Field Trend – September 2024



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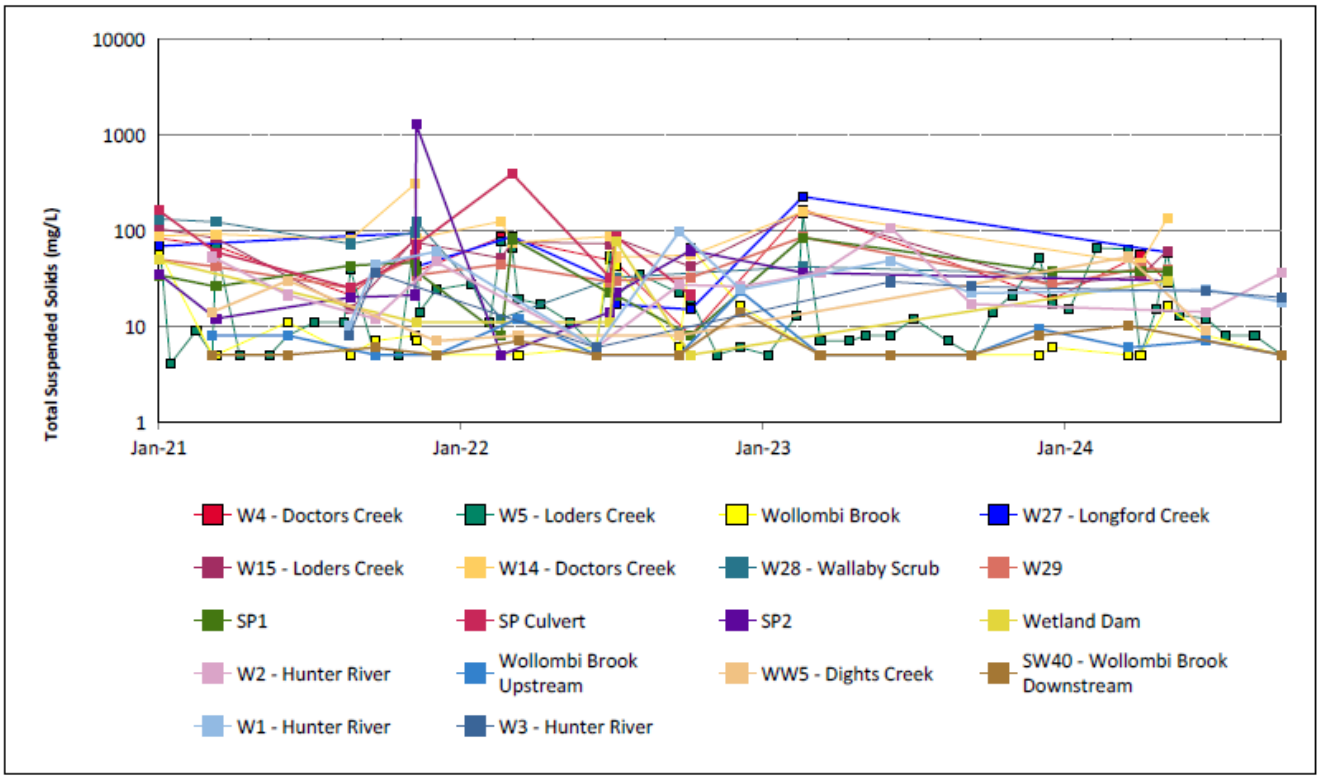


Figure 14: Watercourse Total Suspended Solids Trend – September 2024

3.1.2 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 MTW Water Management Plan.

Current internal surface water trigger limit breaches are summarised in **Table 2**.

Table 2: Surface Water Trigger Tracking – September 2024

Site	Date	Trigger Limit Breached	Action Taken in Response
W5	13/02/2024 21/03/2024	TSS – 50mg/L (ANZECC criteria)	Unlikely to be associated with MTW mining related impacts. Elevated TSS results most likely attributable to sampling from water with no flow (pool of water). Note: Result is not considered to be a valid representation given that there was no flow at the time of sampling. Additionally, TSS returned to within trigger level for subsequent sampling on 24/04/2024, 7/05/2024, 24/06/2024, 17/07/2024, 21/08/2024, and 23/09/2024. No follow up required.
WW5	21/03/2024	TSS – 50mg/L (ANZECC criteria)	Elevated TSS associated with high runoff due to rain event (24.4mm between 17/03/2024 – 20/03/2024), resulting in mobilisation of sediment. TSS returned to within trigger level for subsequent sampling round on 24/06/2024. No follow up required.
W4	05/04/2024	TSS – 50mg/L (ANZECC Criteria)	Elevated TSS considered associated with runoff due to rainfall event, resulting in mobilisation of sediment. No MTW site sources of sediment identified. TSS returned to within trigger level for subsequent sampling round on 7/05/2024. No follow up required.
W14	07/05/2024	TSS – 50mg/L (ANZECC criteria)	Watching Brief* Elevated TSS considered associated with runoff due to rainfall event, resulting in mobilisation of sediment. No MTW site sources of sediment identified. No follow up required.
W15	07/05/2024	TSS – 50mg/L (ANZECC criteria)	Watching Brief* Elevated TSS considered associated with runoff due to rainfall event, resulting in mobilisation of sediment. No MTW site sources of sediment identified. No follow up required.
W27	07/05/2024	TSS – 50mg/L (ANZECC criteria)	Watching Brief*. Unlikely to be associated with MTW mining related impacts. Elevated TSS results most likely attributable to sampling from water with no flow (pool of water).
WW5	24/06/2024	EC – 95th Percentile	Watching Brief* Subsequent monitoring on 23/09/2024 and 2/12/2024 unable to be completed due to the sample location having insufficient water to complete sampling.

Site	Date	Trigger Limit Breached	Action Taken in Response
W1	23/09/2024	EC – 95th Percentile	Watching Brief*
W2	23/09/2024	EC – 95th Percentile	Watching Brief*
W3	23/09/2024	EC – 95th Percentile	Watching Brief*

* = Watching brief established pending outcomes of subsequent monitoring events. No specific actions required.

3.2 HRSTS Discharge

MTW participates in the Hunter River Salinity Trading Scheme (HRSTS), allowing discharge from licensed discharge points located at Dam 1N and Dam 9S. Discharges can only take place subject to HRSTS regulations.

No HRSTS discharge occurred during the reporting period.

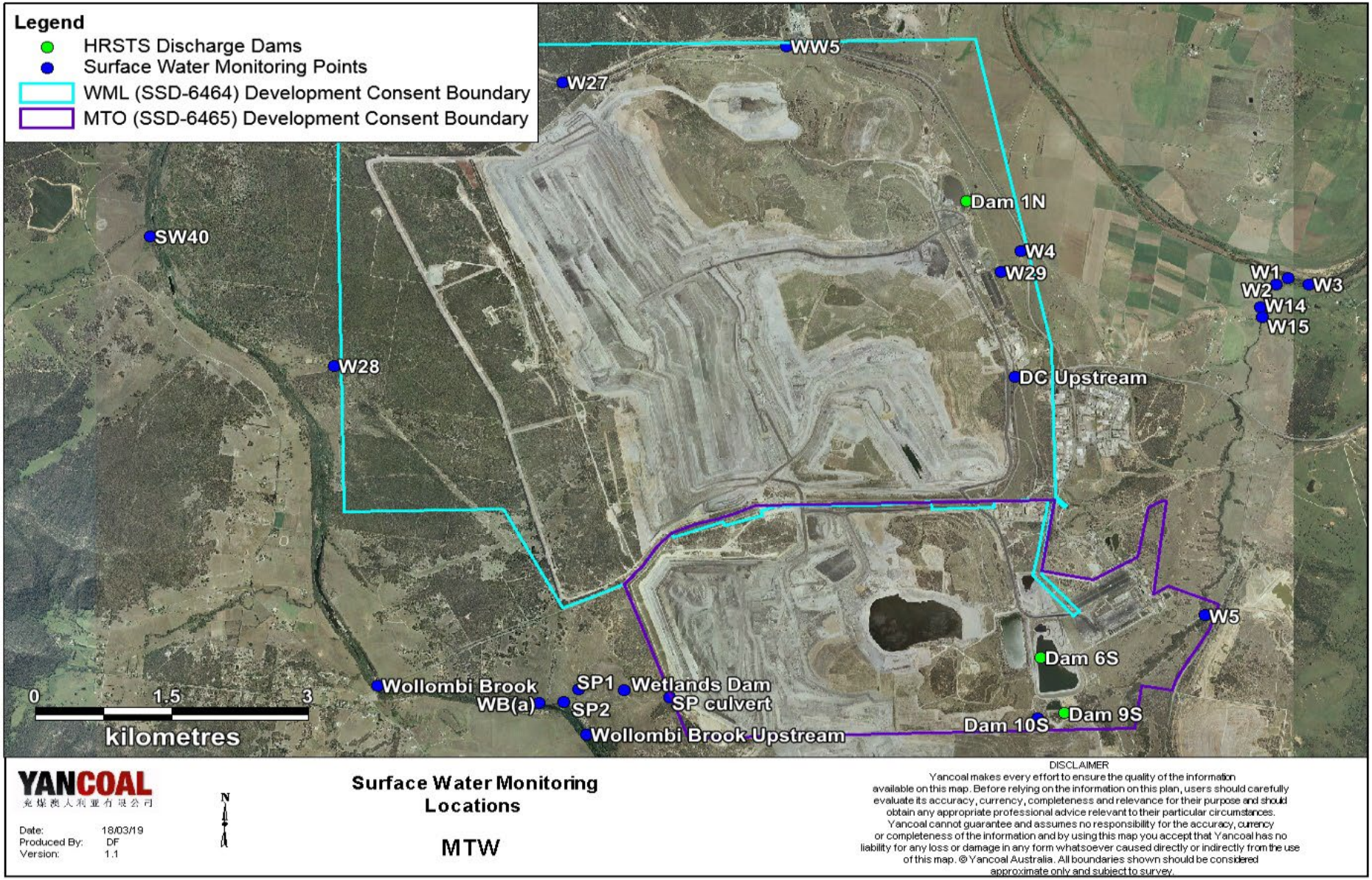


Figure 15: Surface Water Monitoring Location Plan

3.3 Groundwater Monitoring

Groundwater monitoring is undertaken on a quarterly basis in accordance with the MTW Groundwater Monitoring Programme.

Figure 16 to **Figure 64** show the long-term water quality trends (2021 - current) for groundwater bores monitored at MTW.

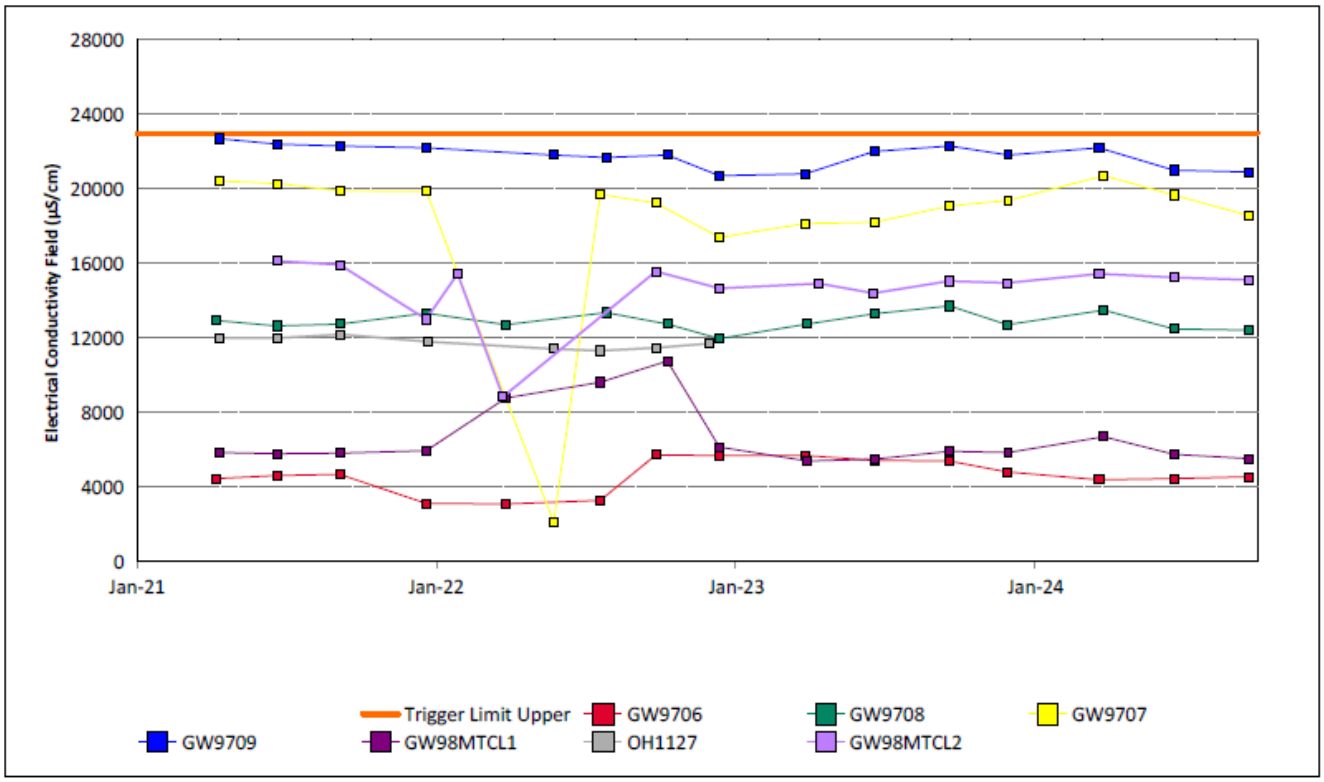


Figure 16: Bayswater Seam Electrical Conductivity Field Trend – September 2024

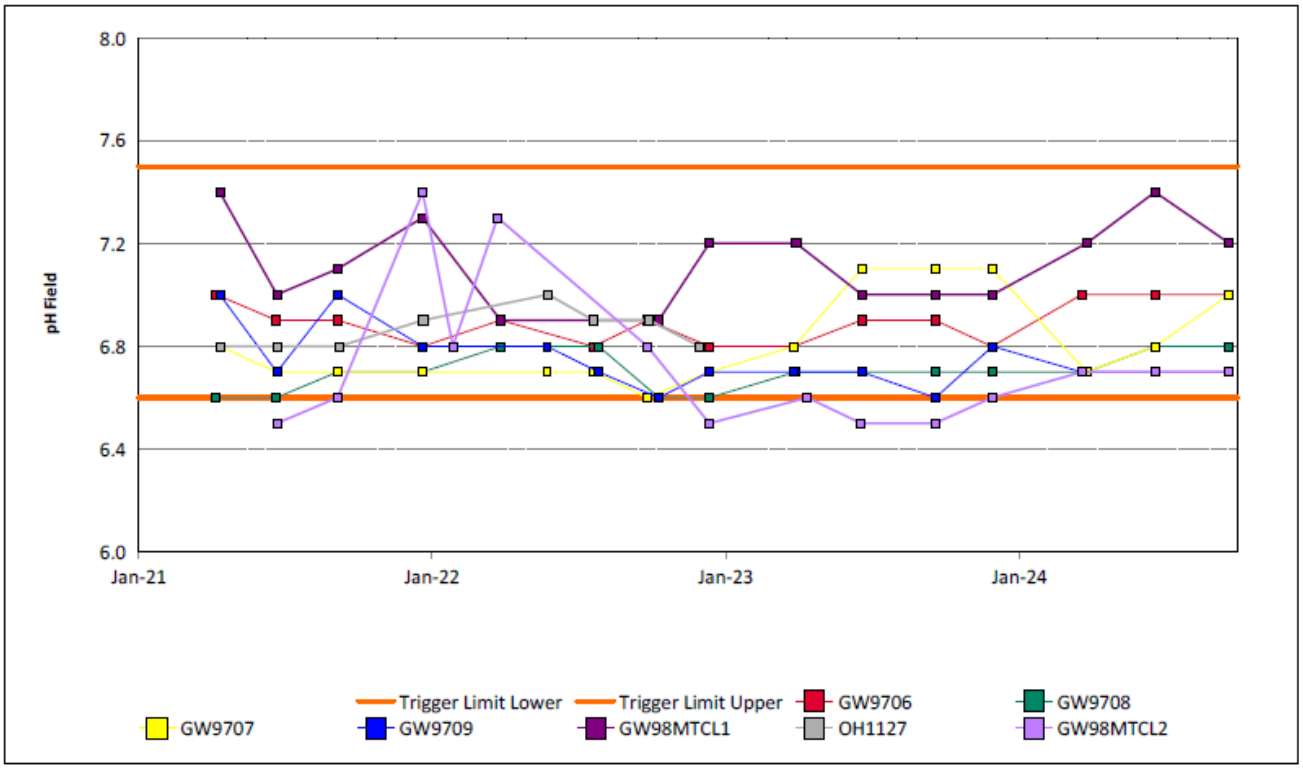


Figure 17: Bayswater Seam pH Field Trend – September 2024

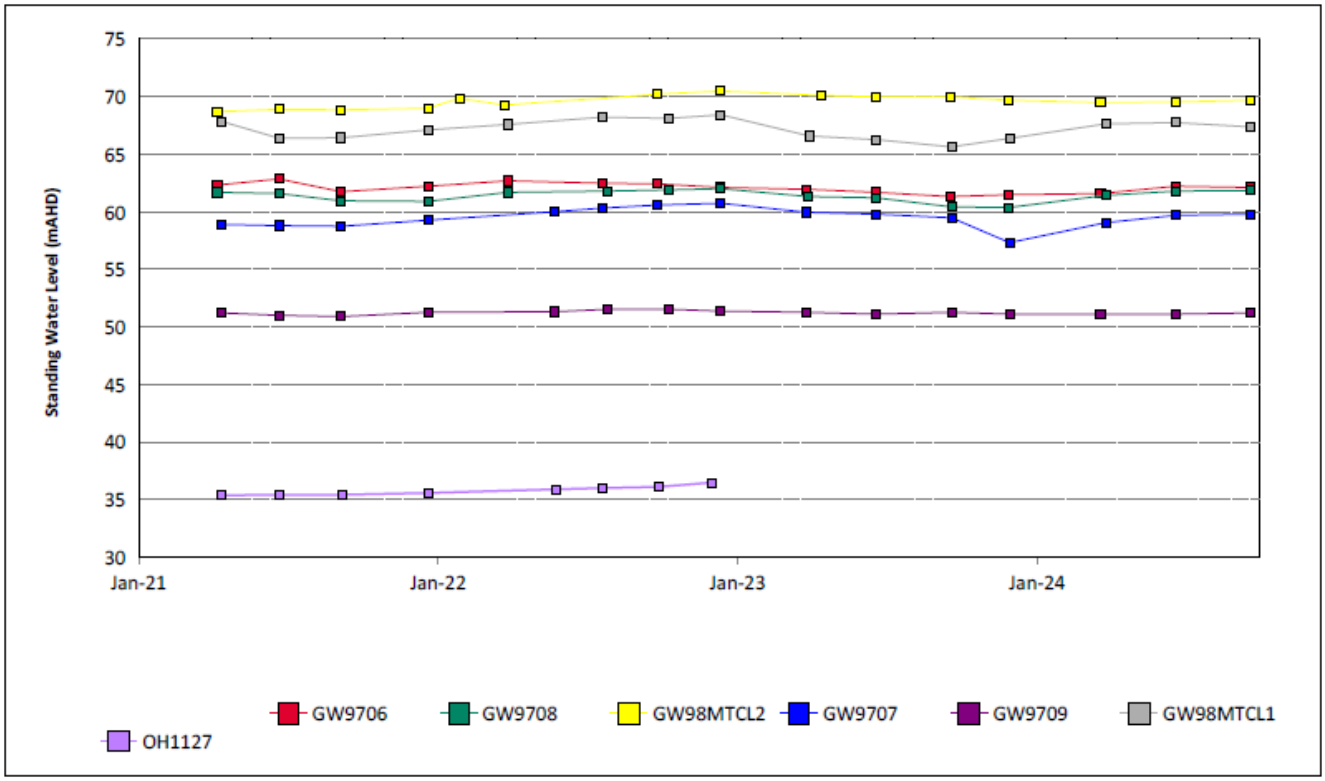


Figure 18: Bayswater Seam Standing Water Level Trend – September 2024

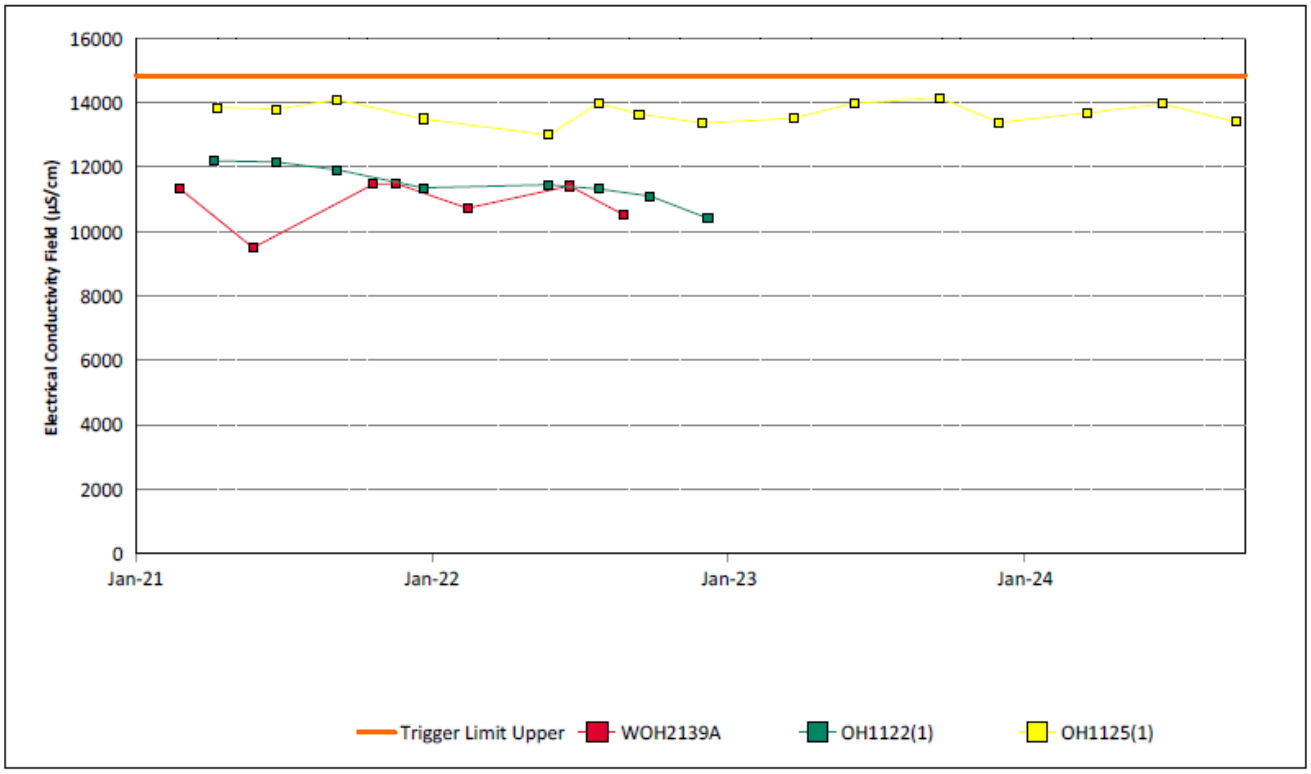
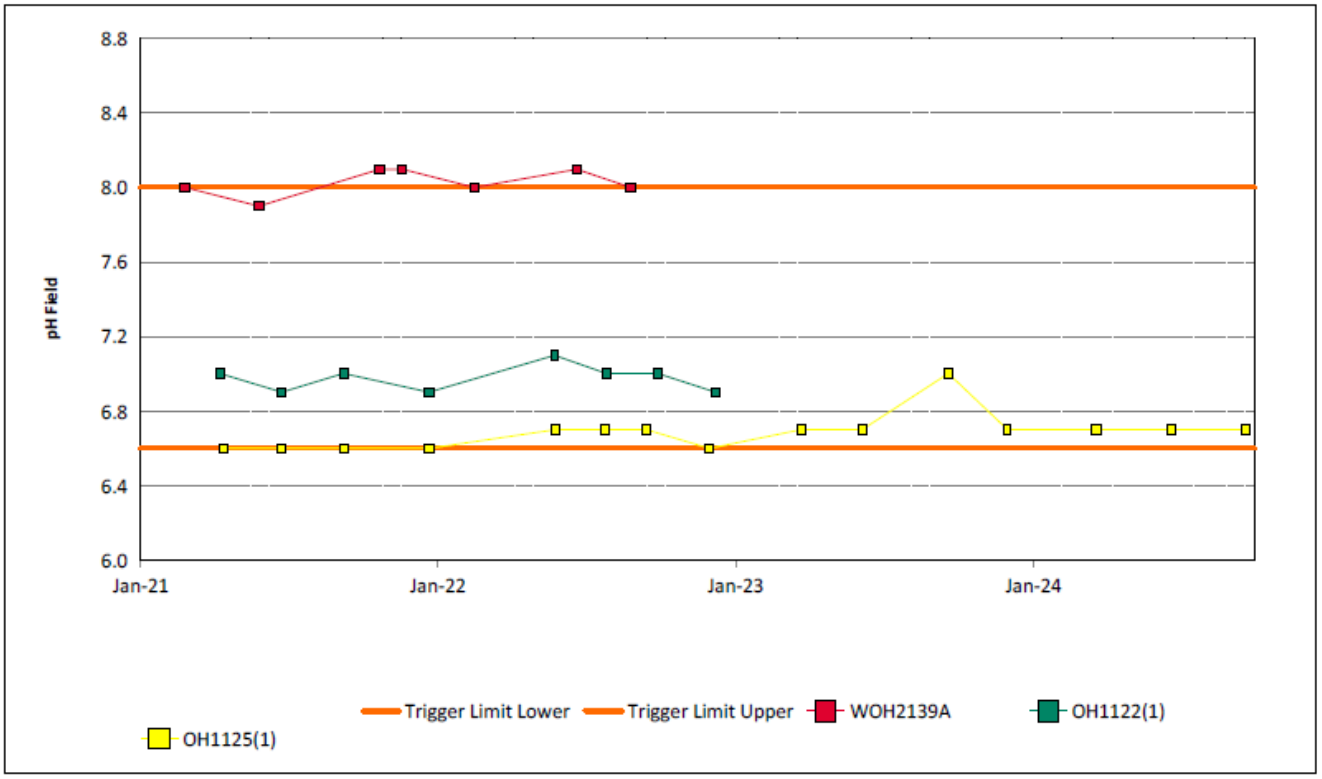


Figure 19: Blakefield Seam Electrical Conductivity Field Trend – September 2024



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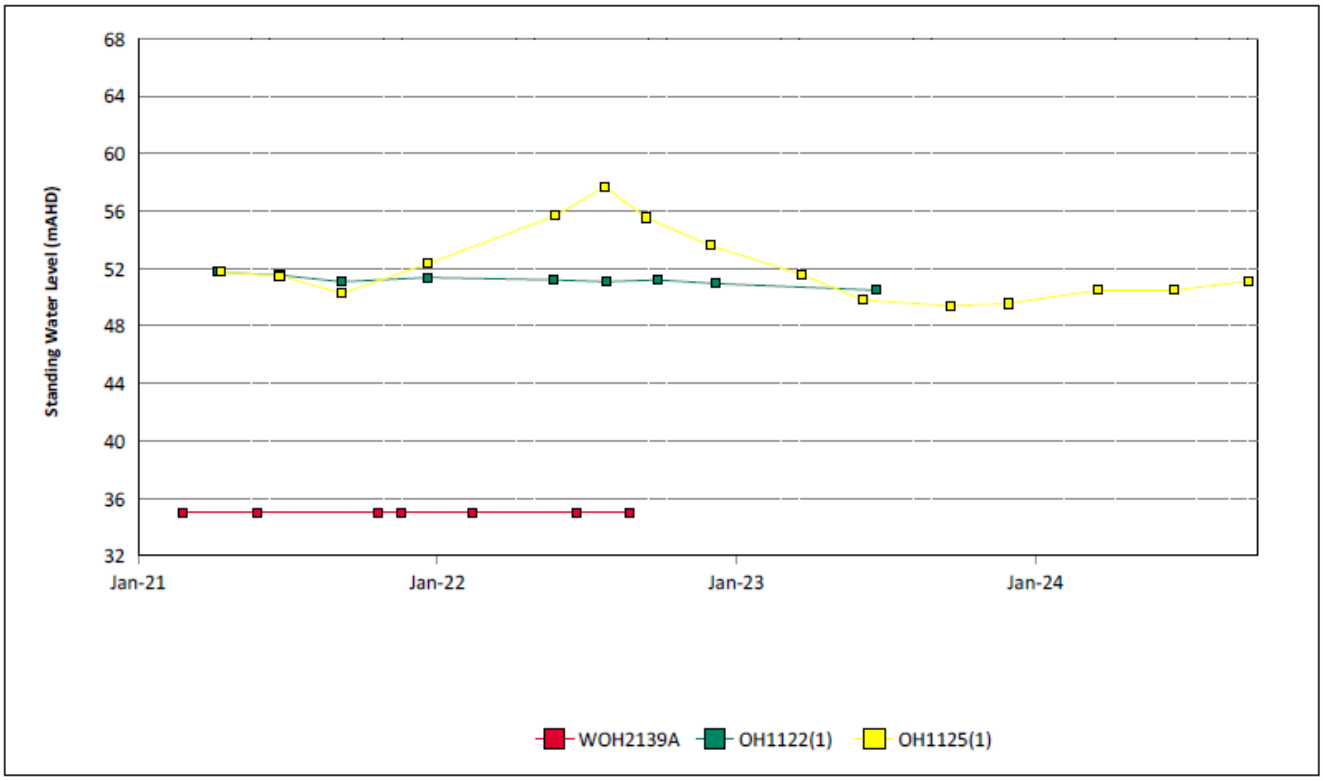

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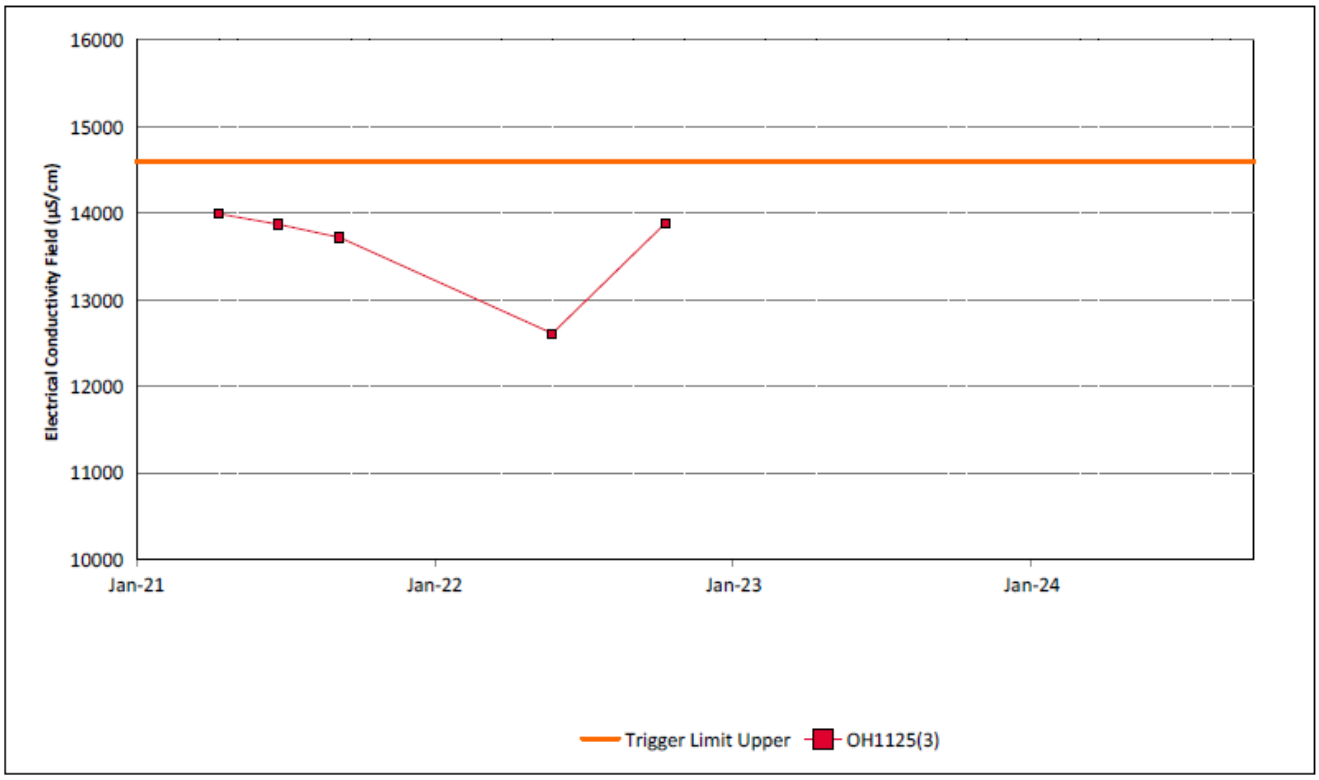


Figure 22: Bowfield Seam Electrical Conductivity Field Trend – September 2024

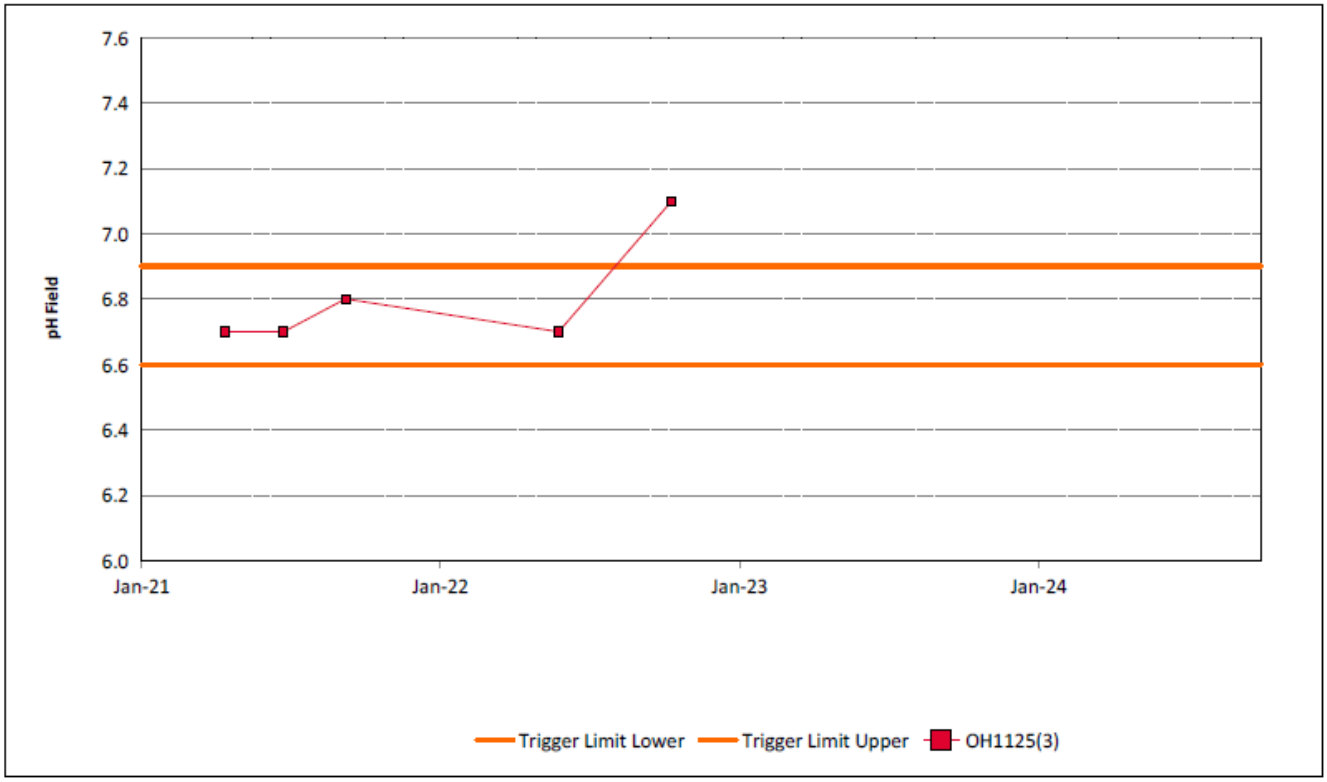


Figure 23: Bowfield Seam pH Field Trend - September 2024

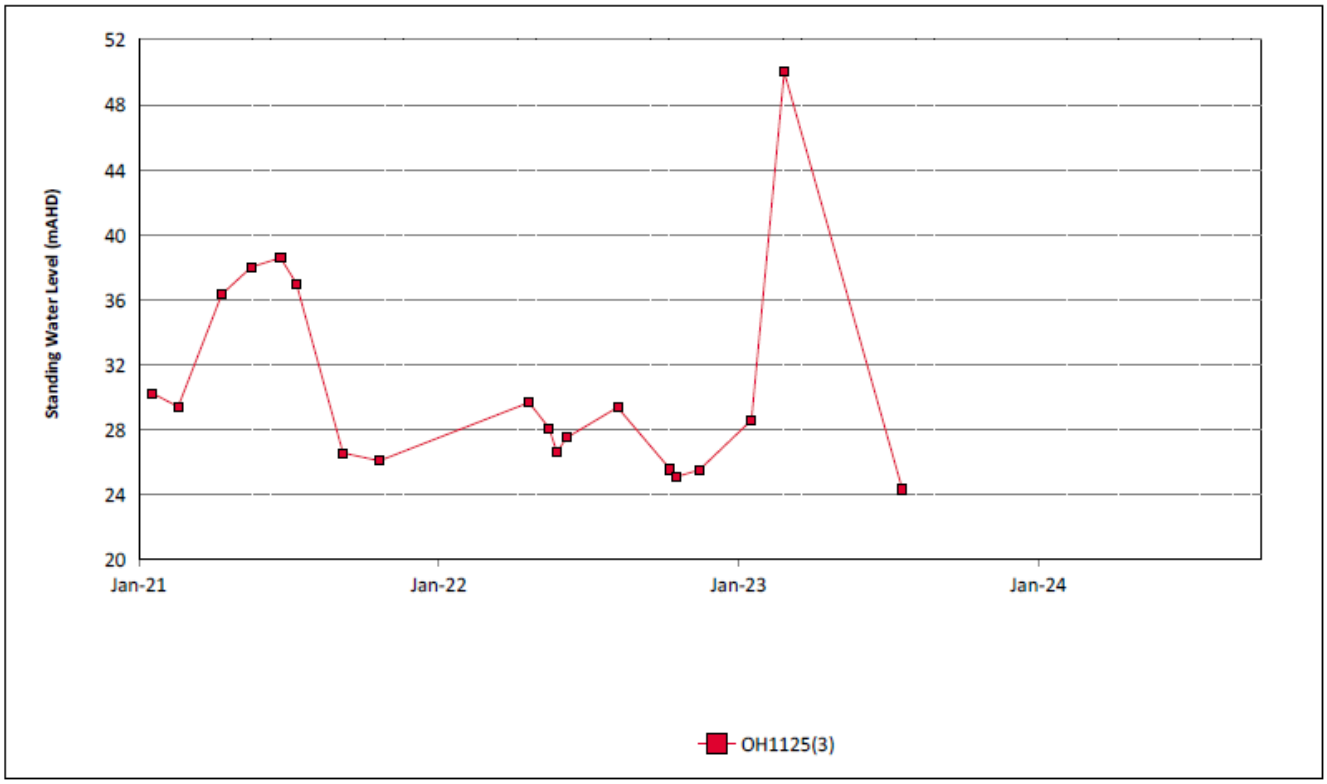


Figure 24: Bowfield Seam Standing Water Level Trend – September 2024

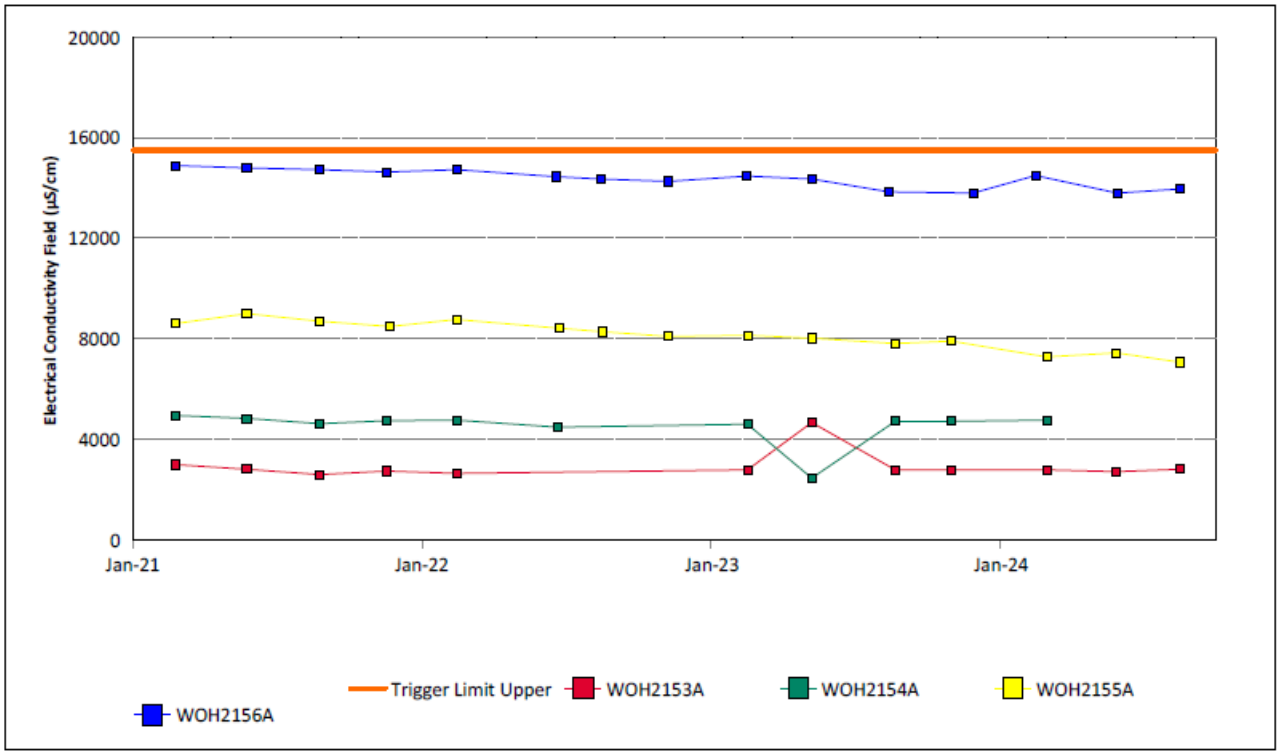
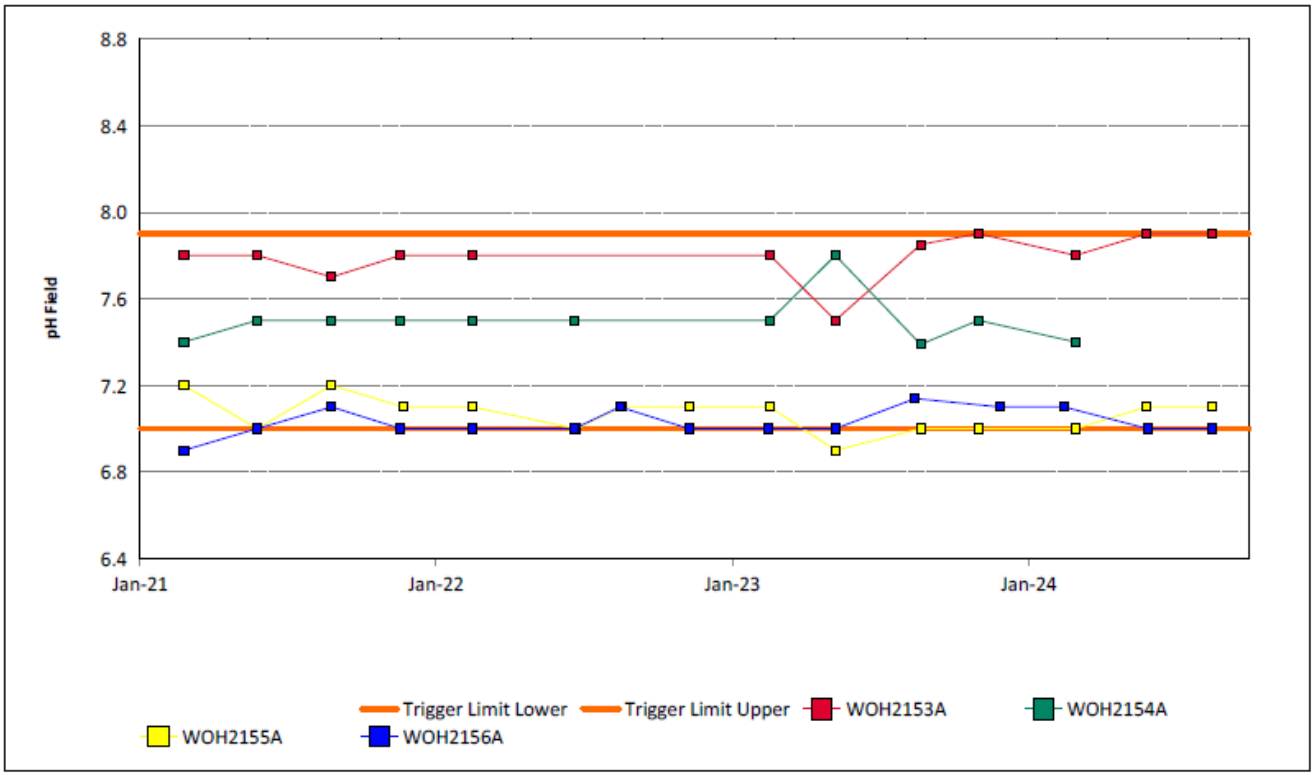


Figure 25: Redbank Seam Electrical Conductivity Field Trend – September 2024



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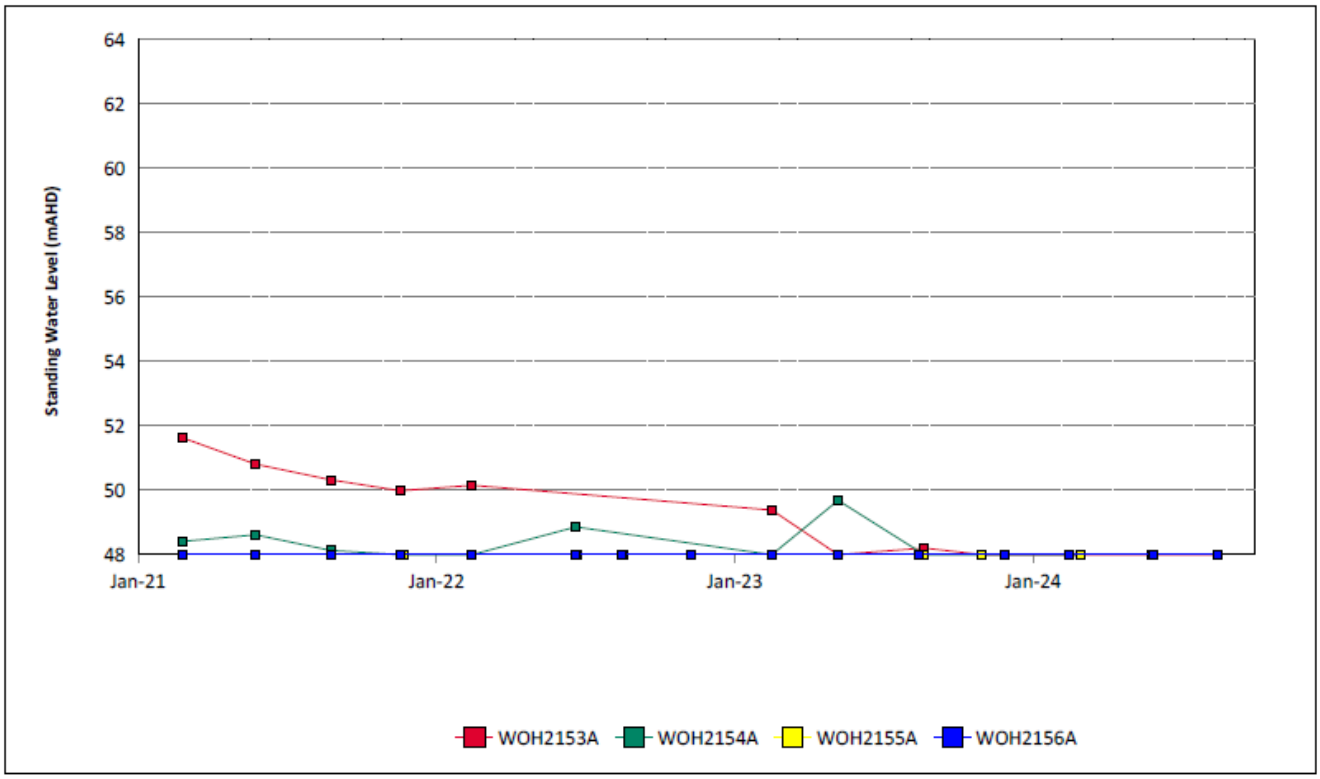

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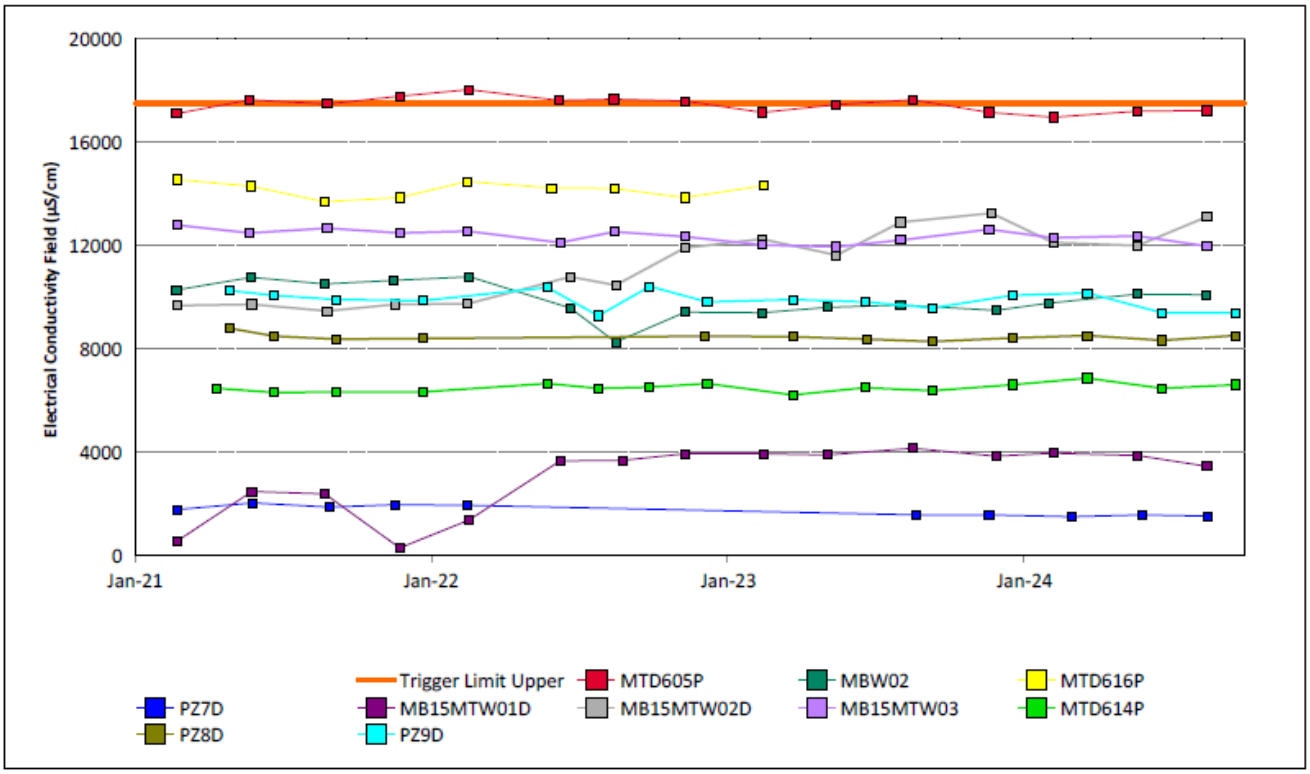


Figure 28: Shallow Overburden Electrical Conductivity Field Trend – September 2024

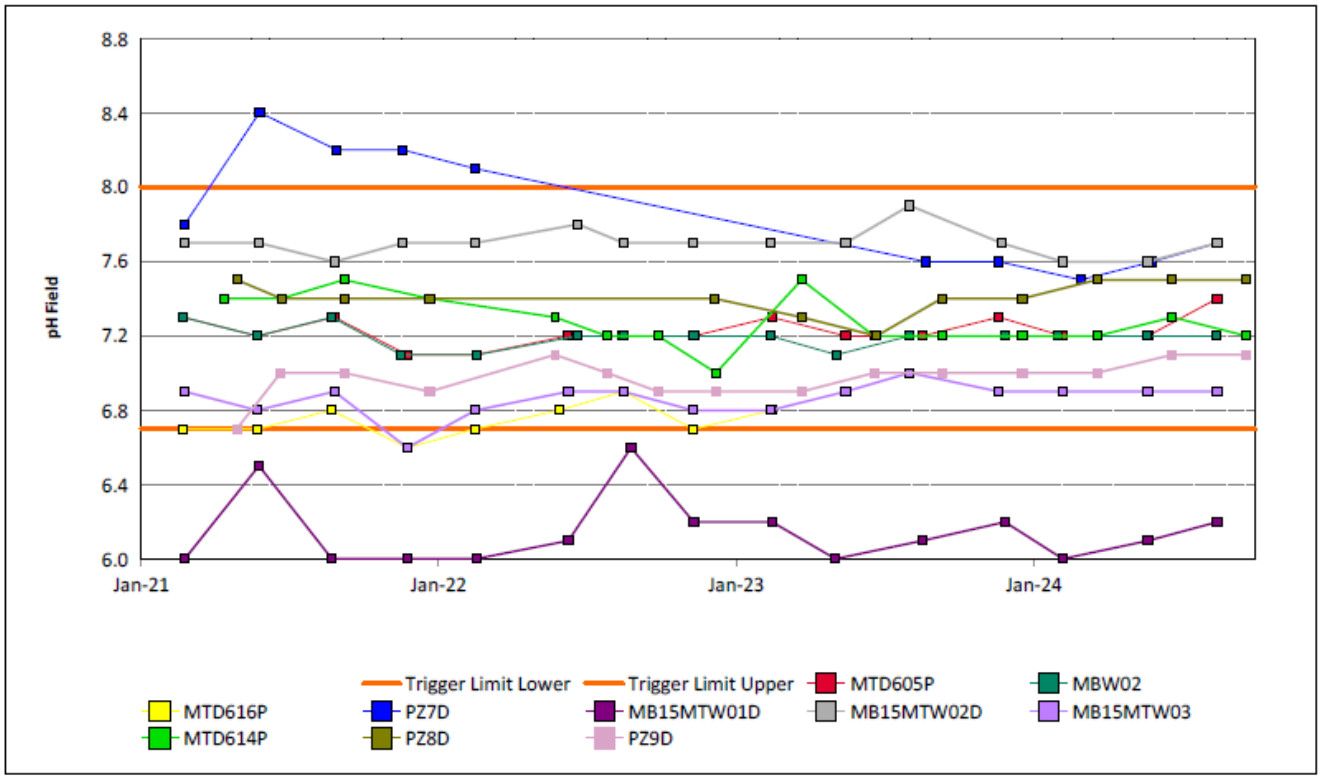


Figure 29: Shallow Overburden pH Field Trend – September 2024

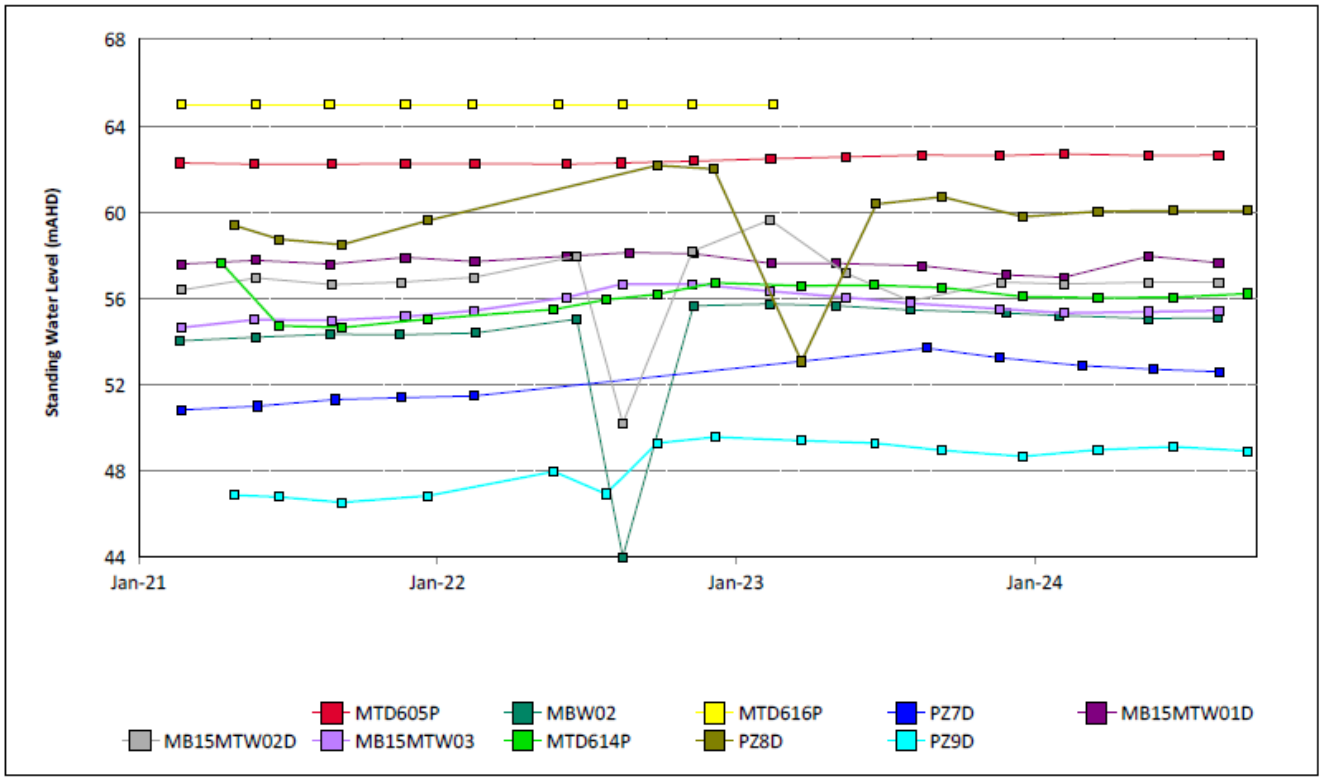


Figure 30: Shallow Overburden Standing Water Level Trend – September 2024

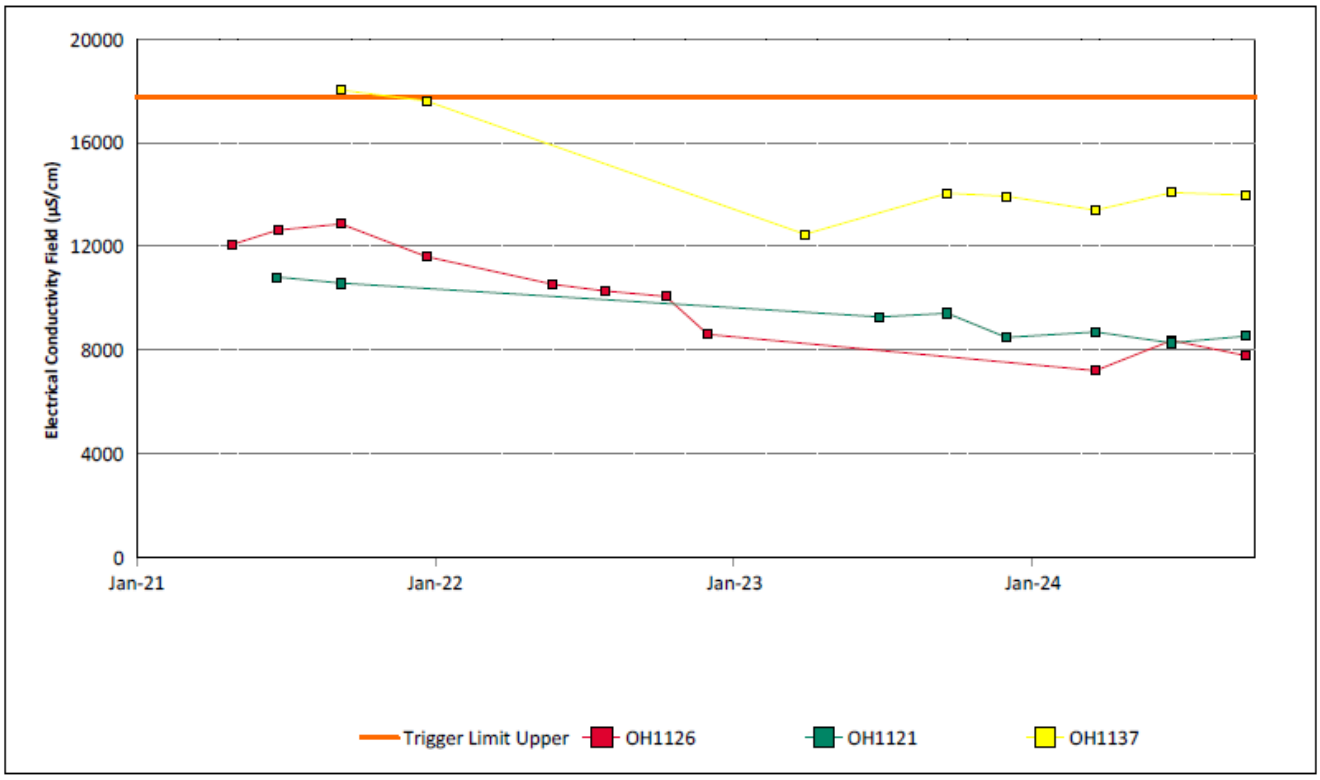


Figure 31: Vaux Seam Electrical Conductivity Field Trend – September 2024

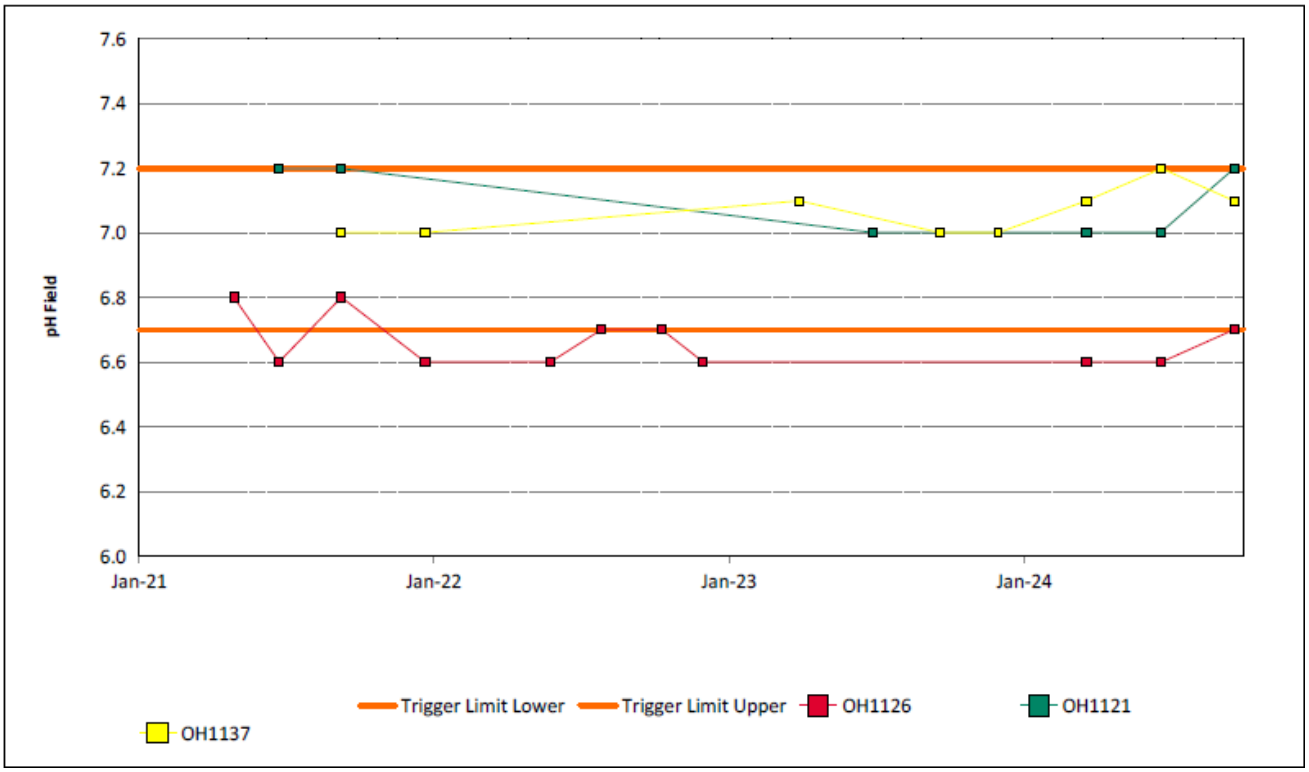


Figure 32: Vaux Seam pH Field Trend – September 2024

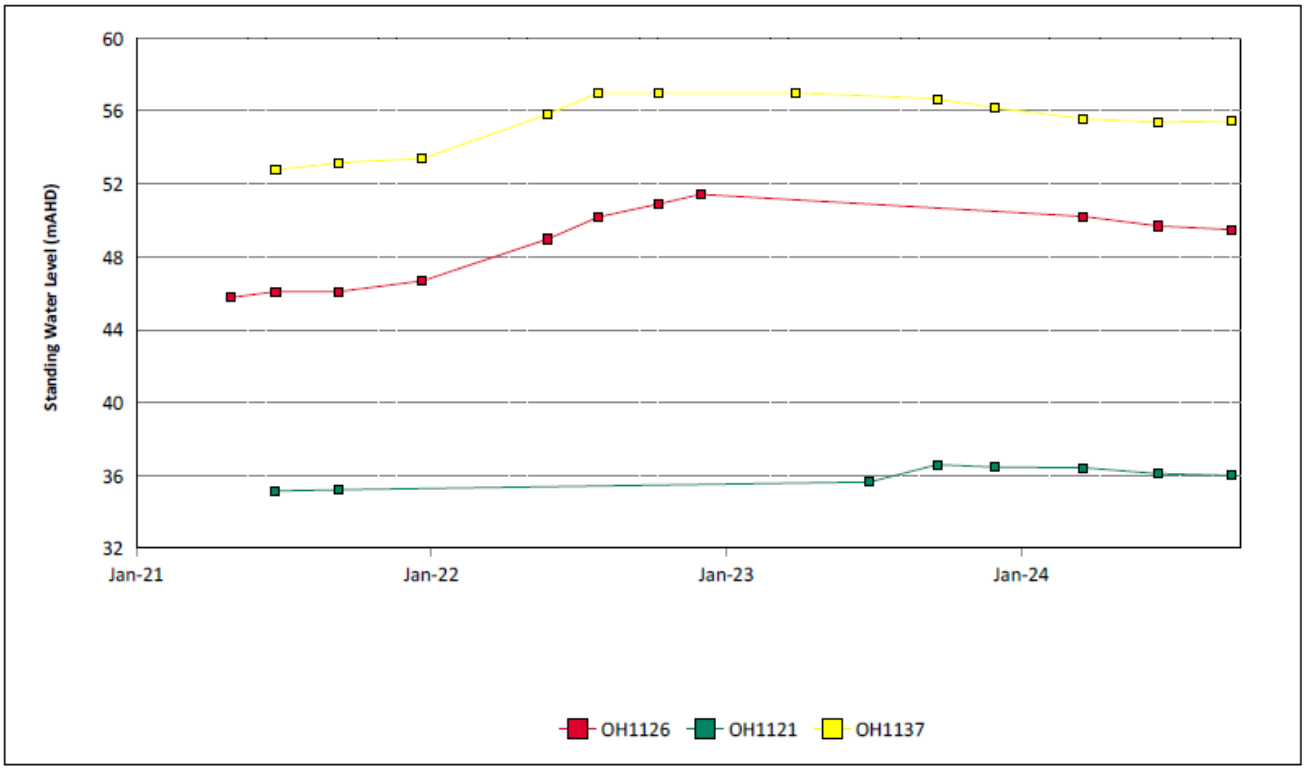


Figure 33: Vaux Seam Standing Water Level Trend – September 2024

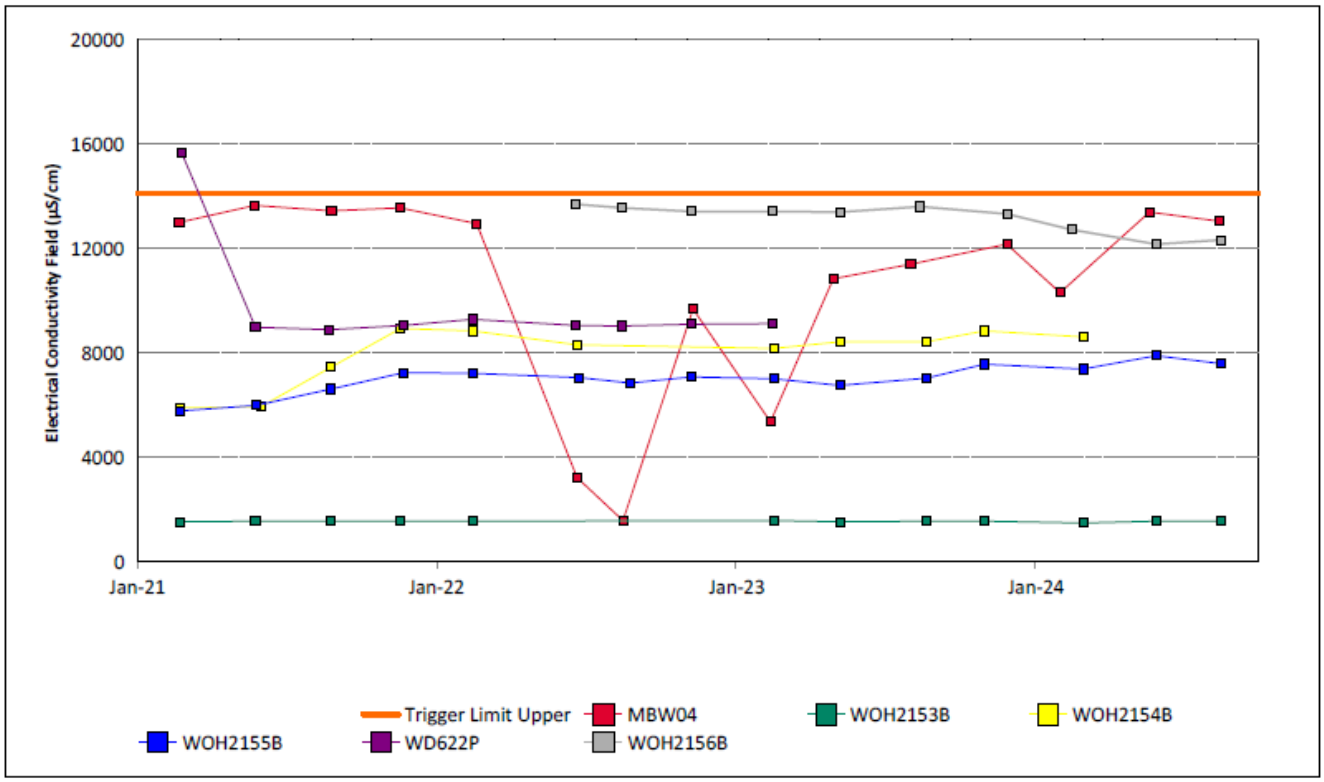
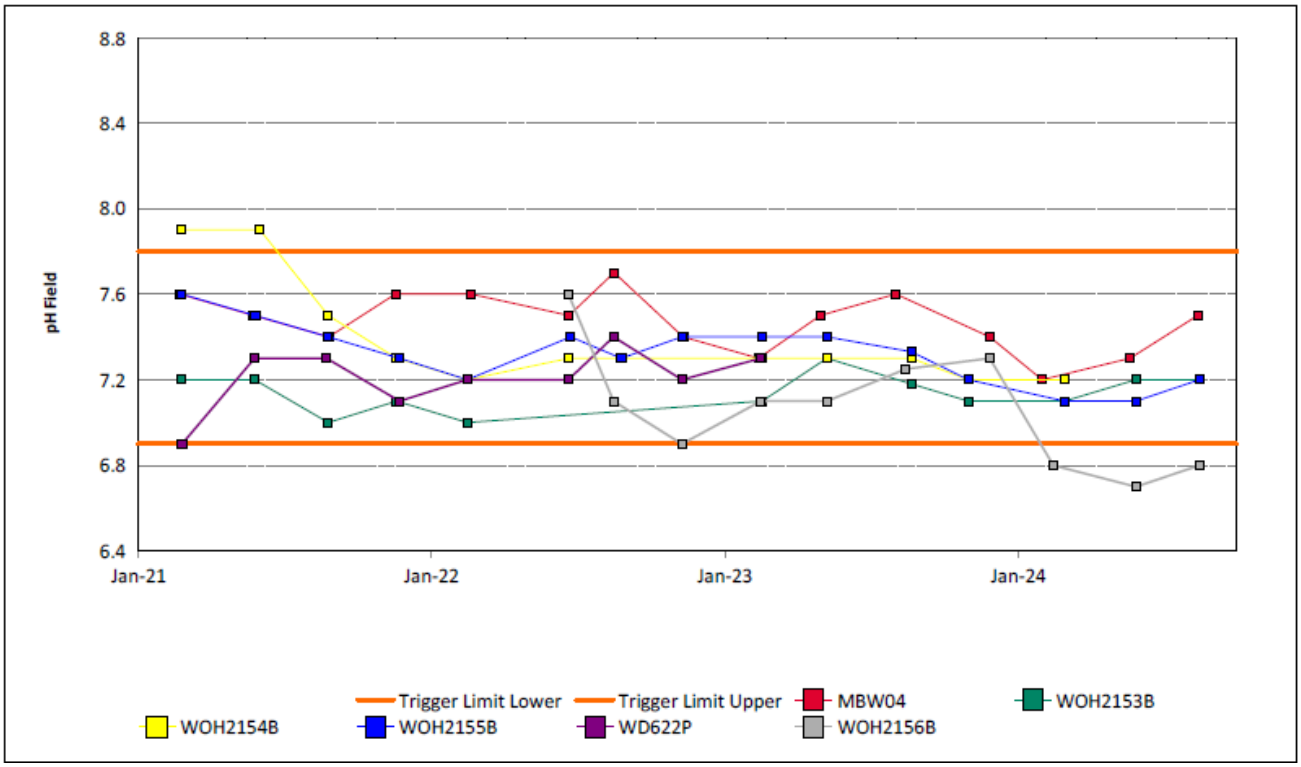


Figure 34: Wambo Seam Electrical Conductivity Field Trend – September 2024



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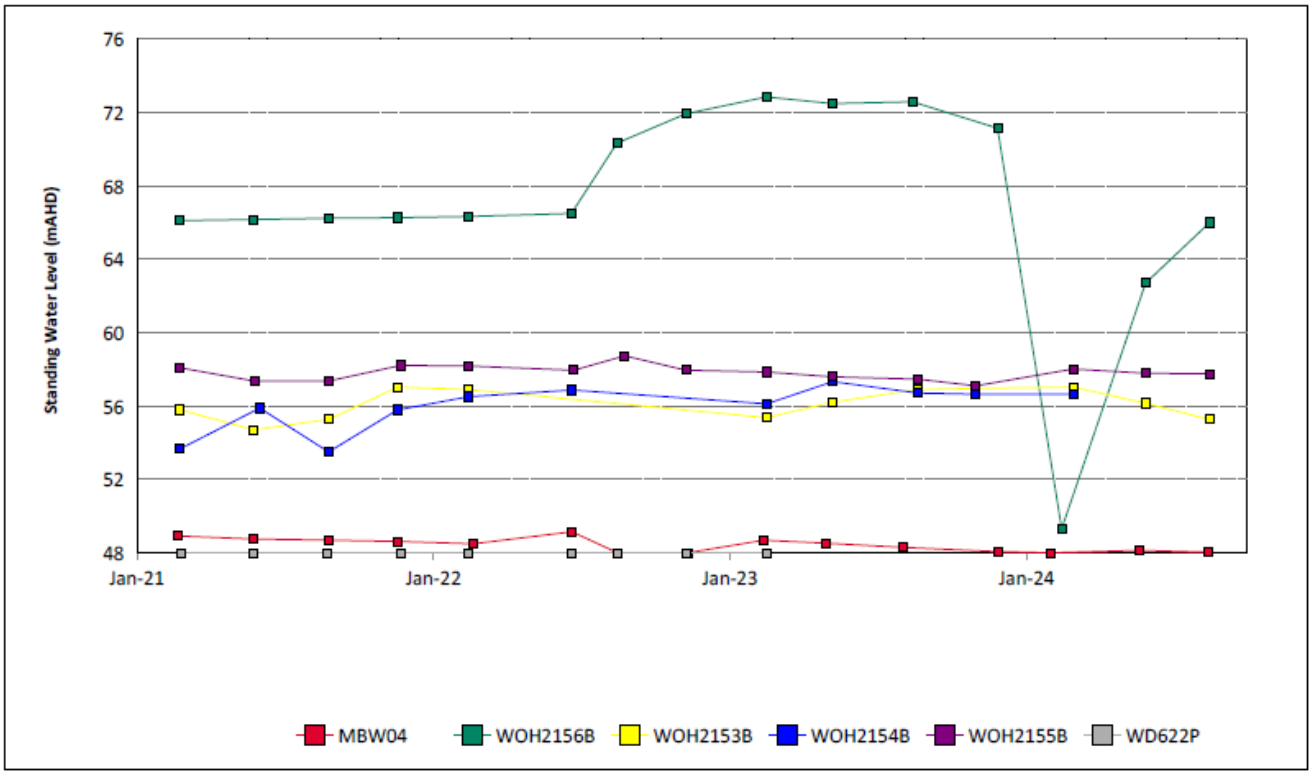

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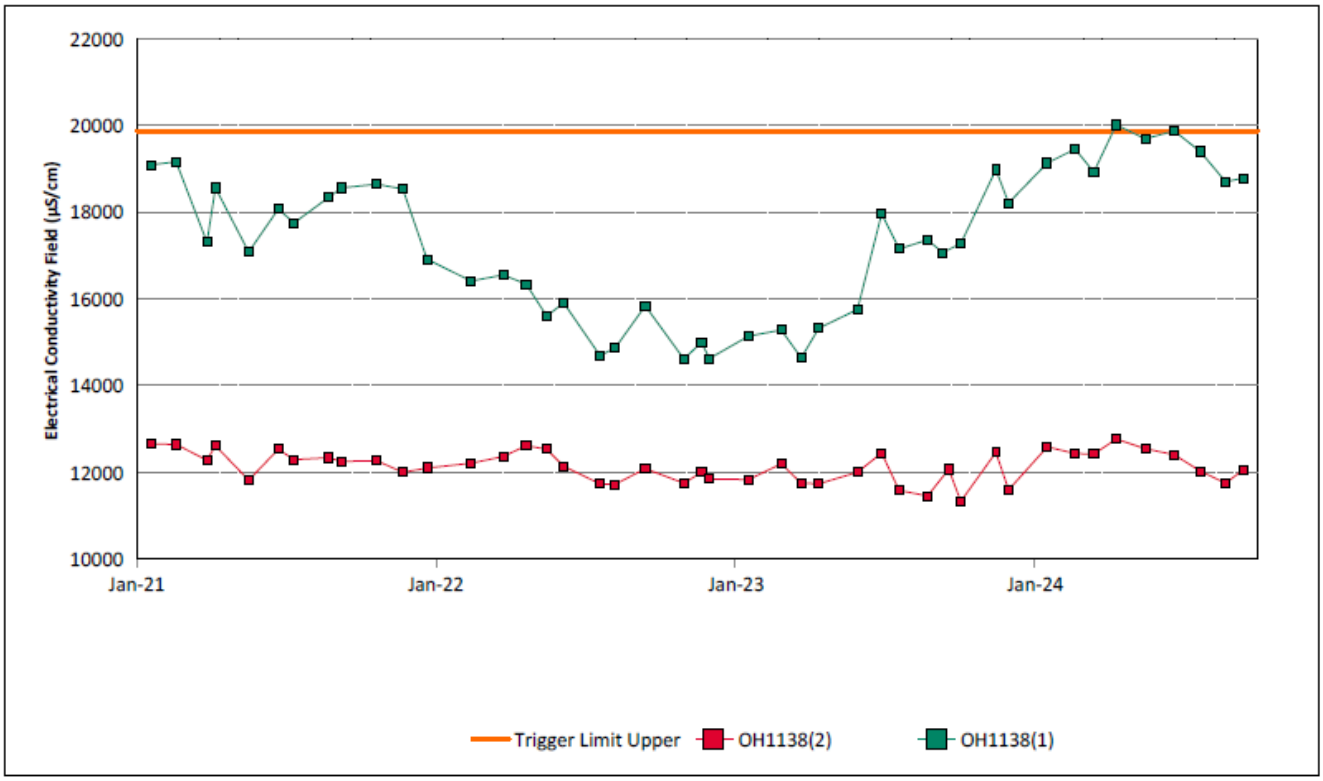

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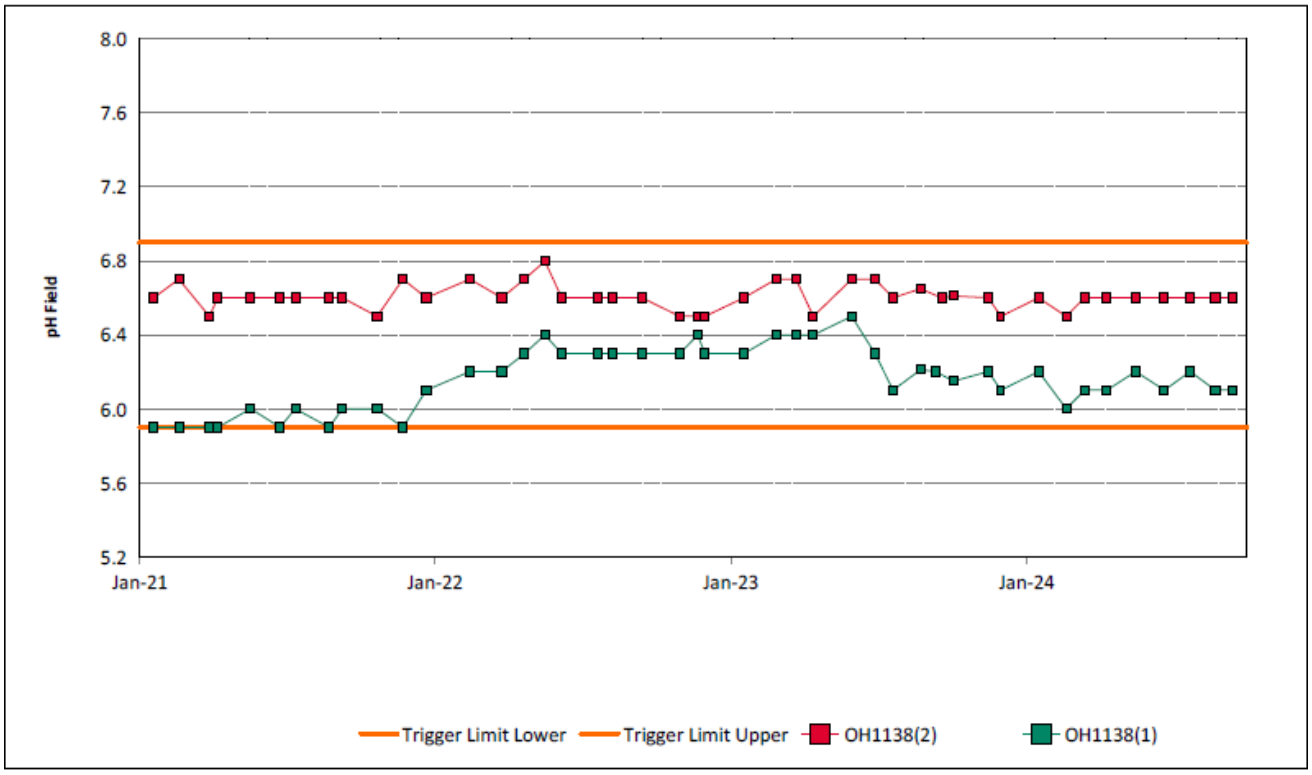

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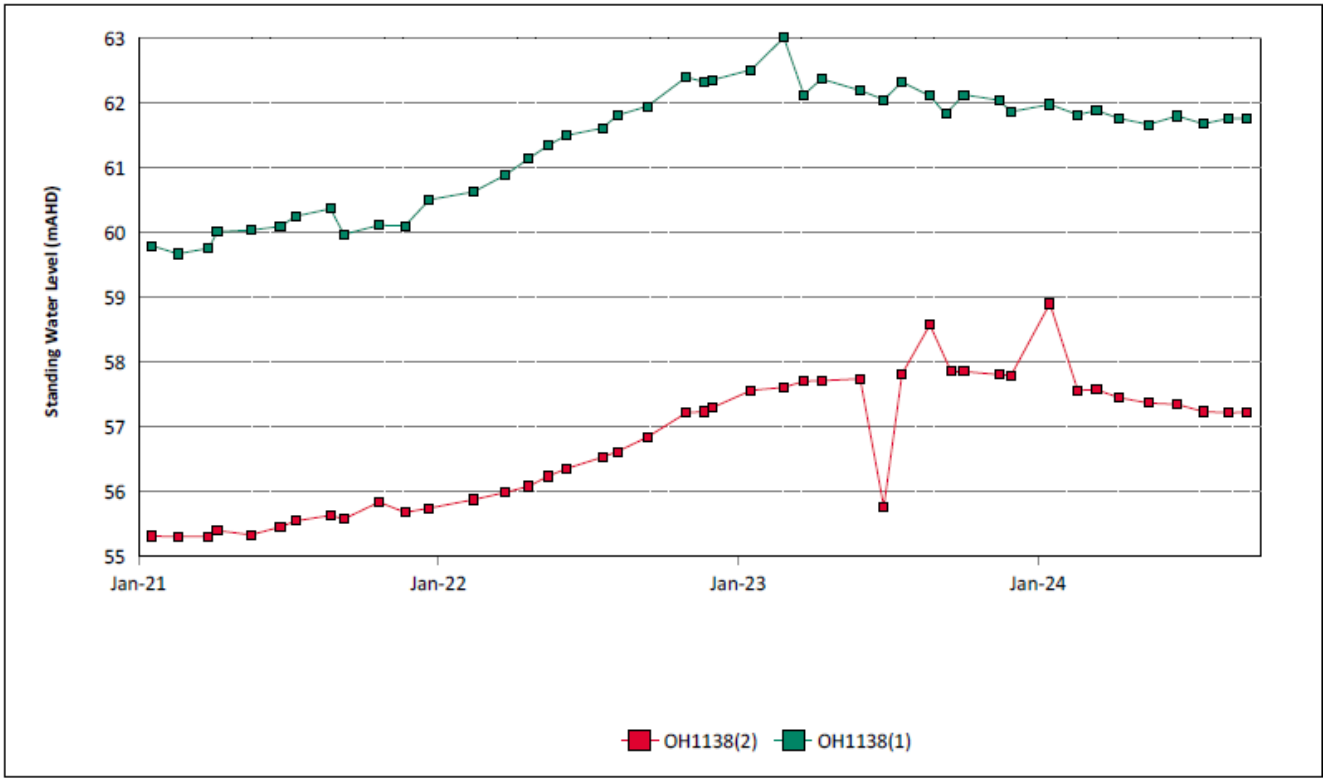

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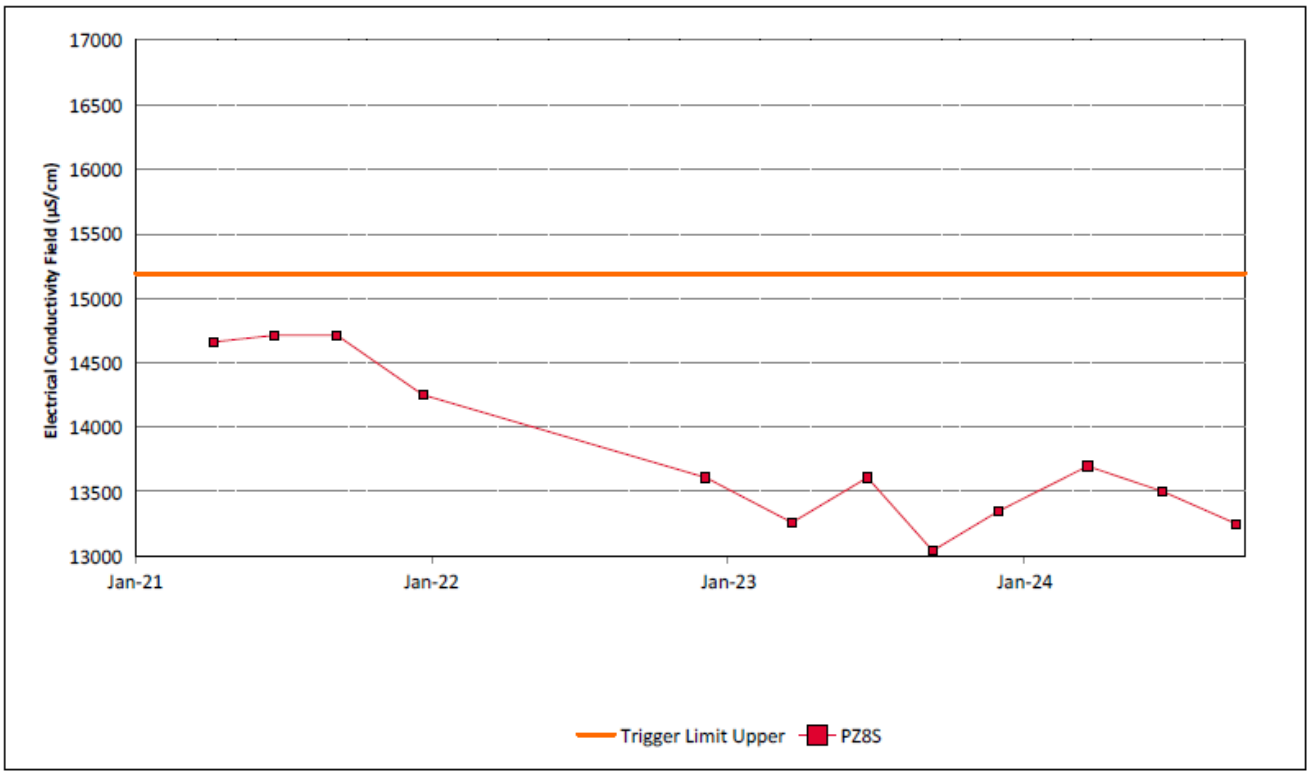
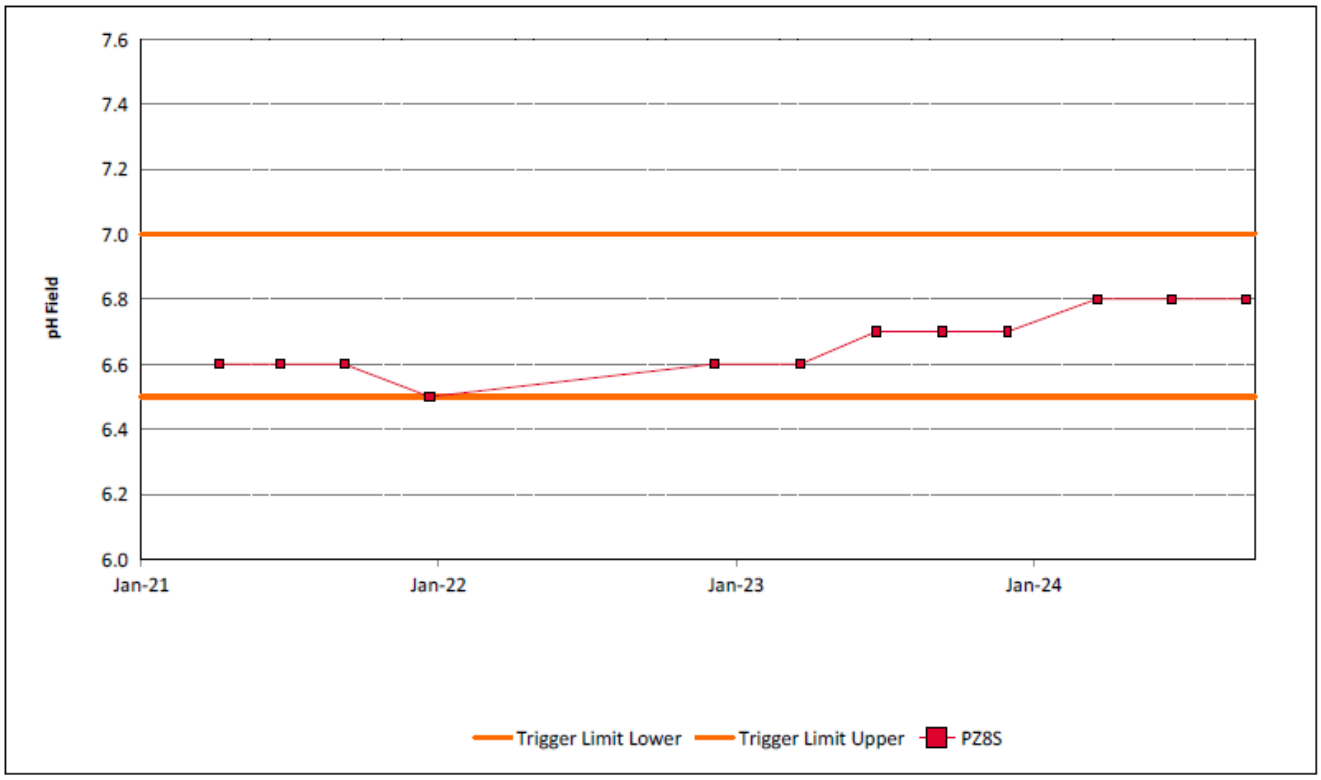


Figure 40: Wollombi Alluvium 1 Electrical Conductivity Field Trend – September 2024



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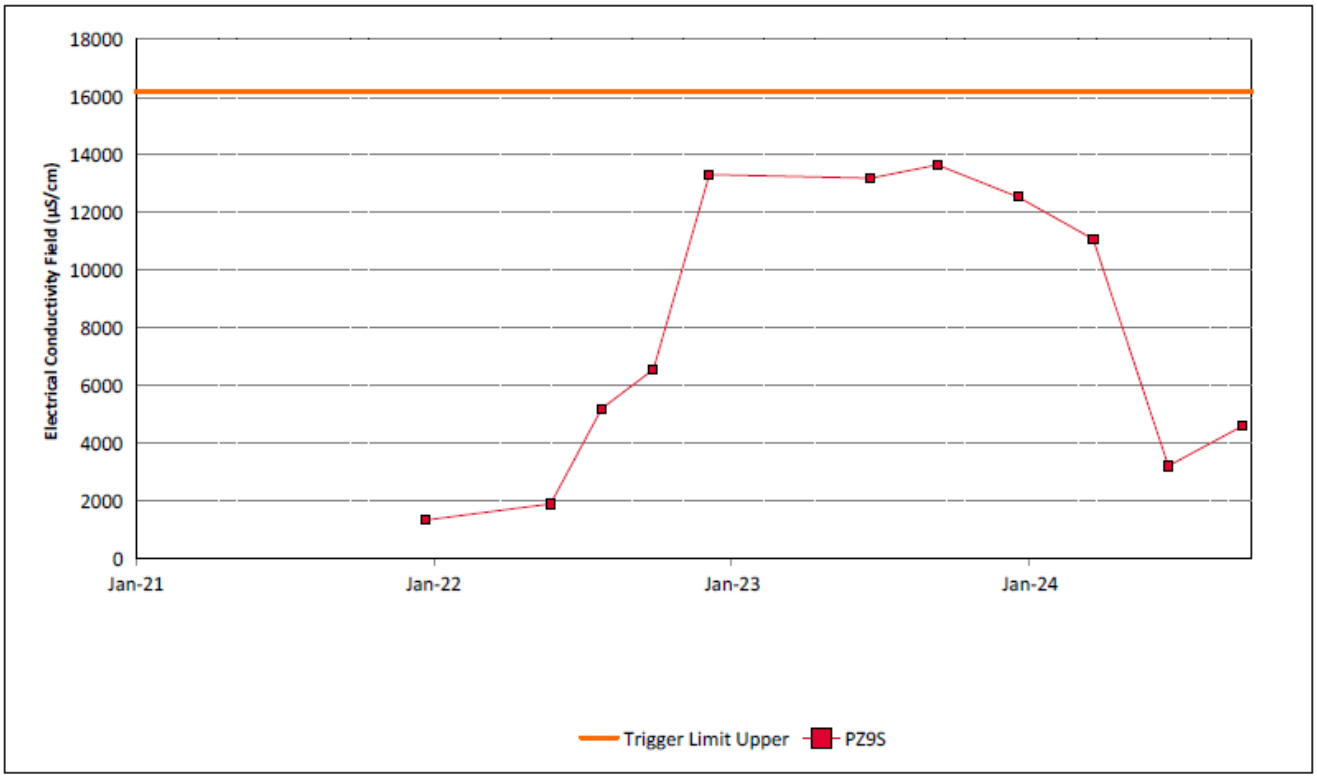

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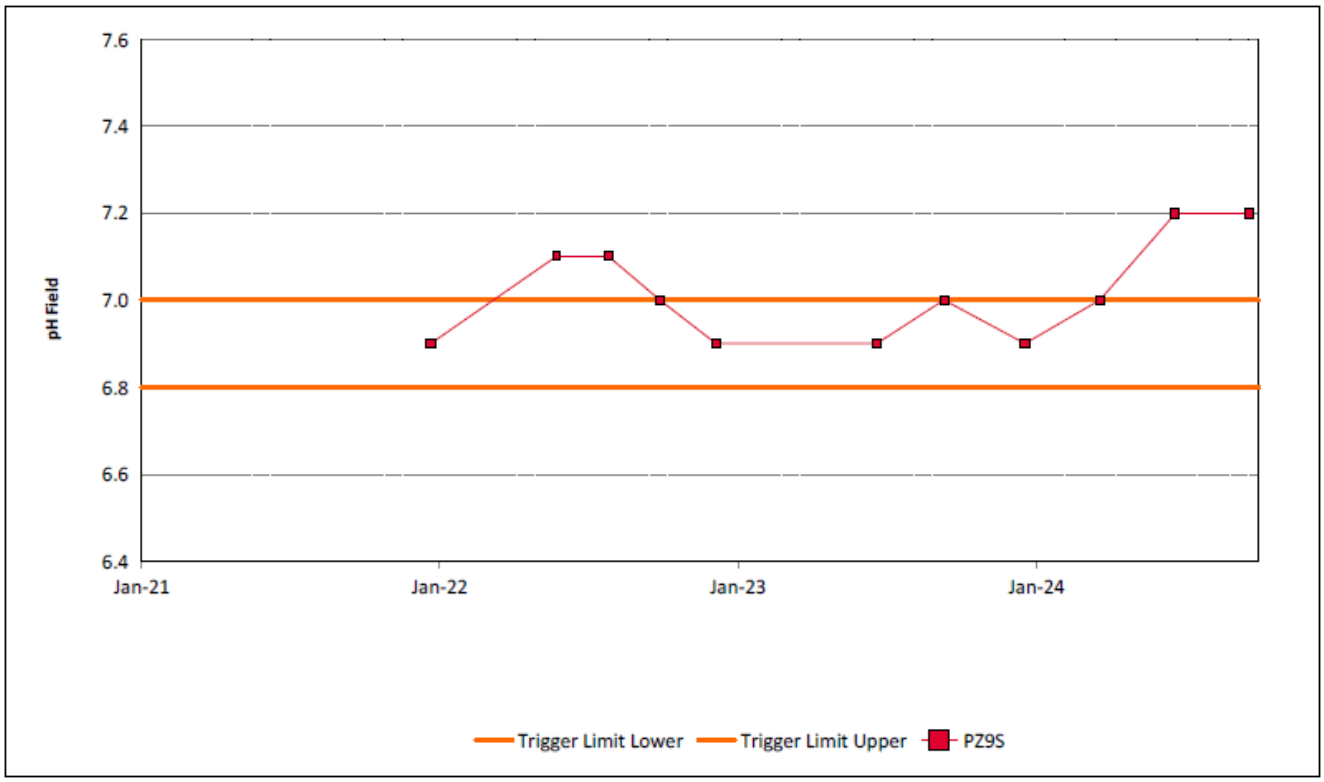

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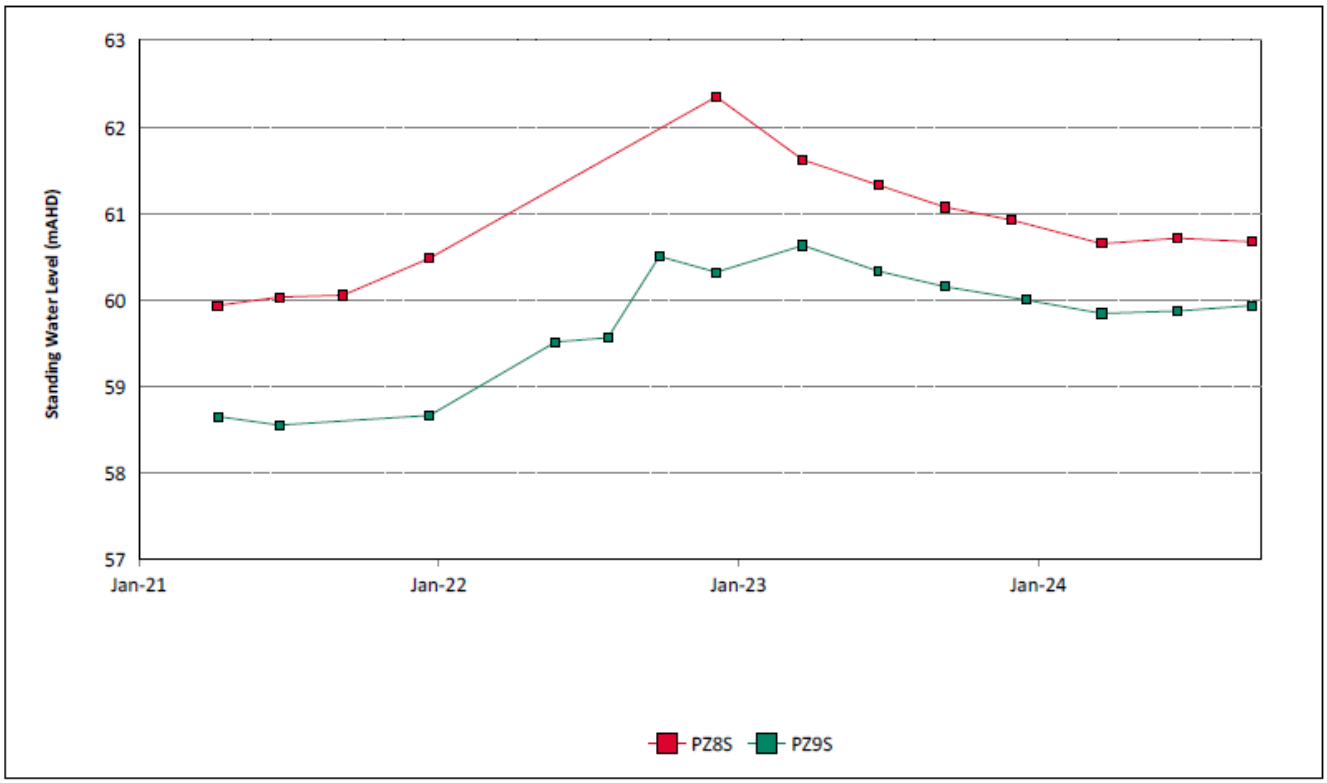


Figure 44: Wollombi Alluvium Standing Water Level Trend – September 2024

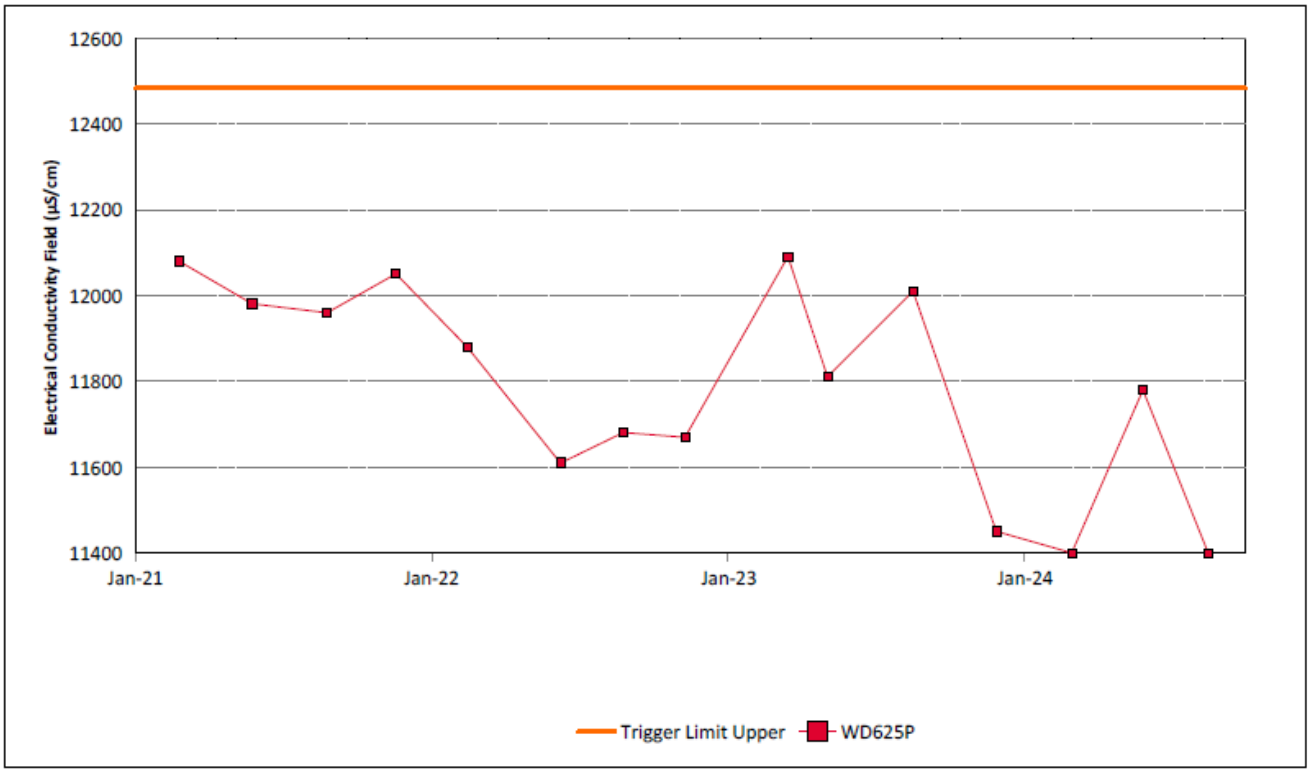
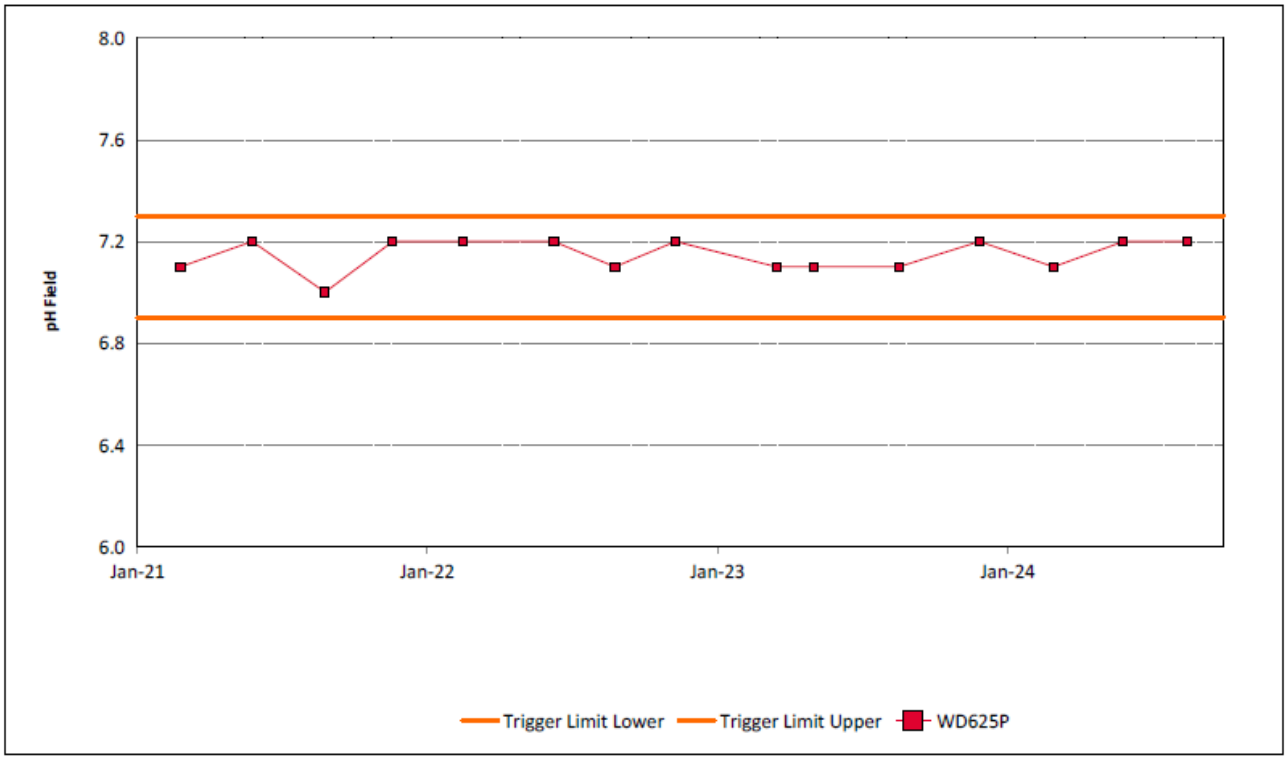


Figure 45: Woodlands Hill Seam Electrical Conductivity Field Trend – September 2024



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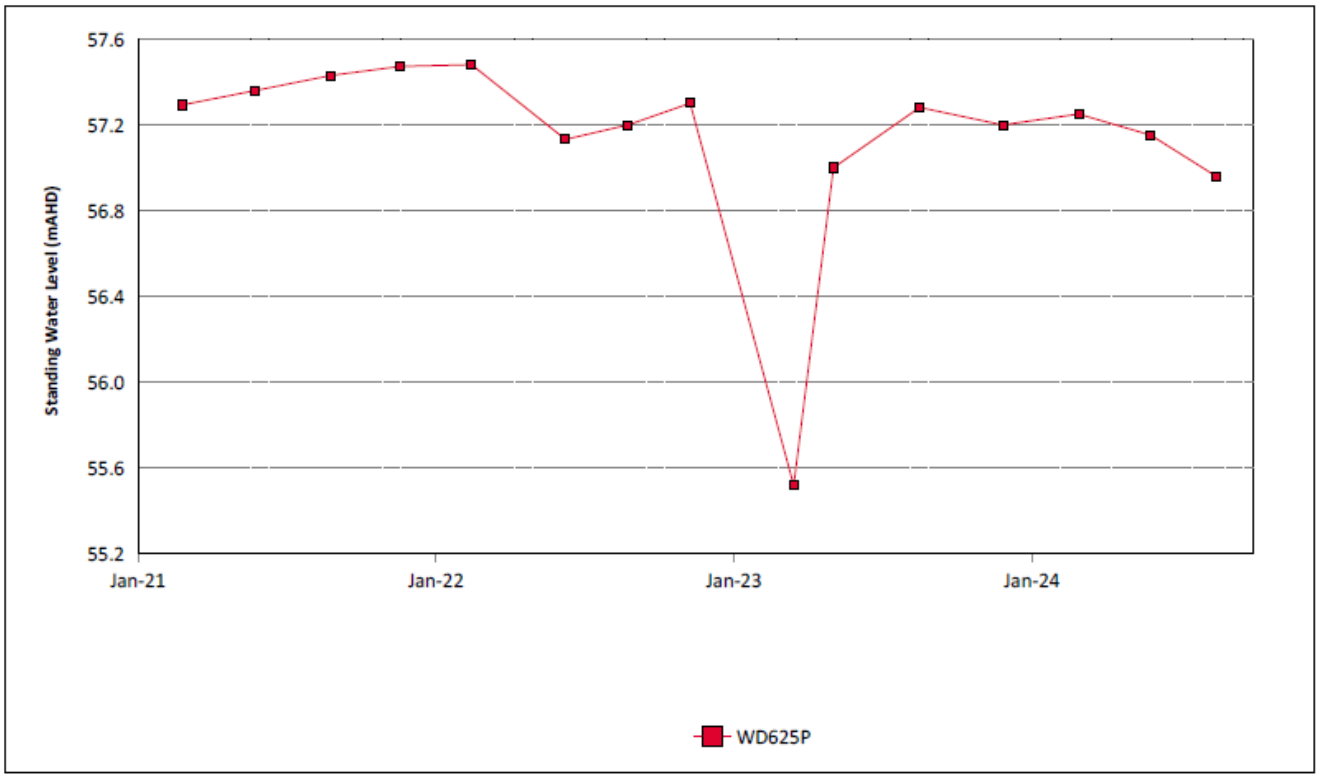


Figure 47: Woodlands Hill Seam Standing Water Level Trend - September 2024

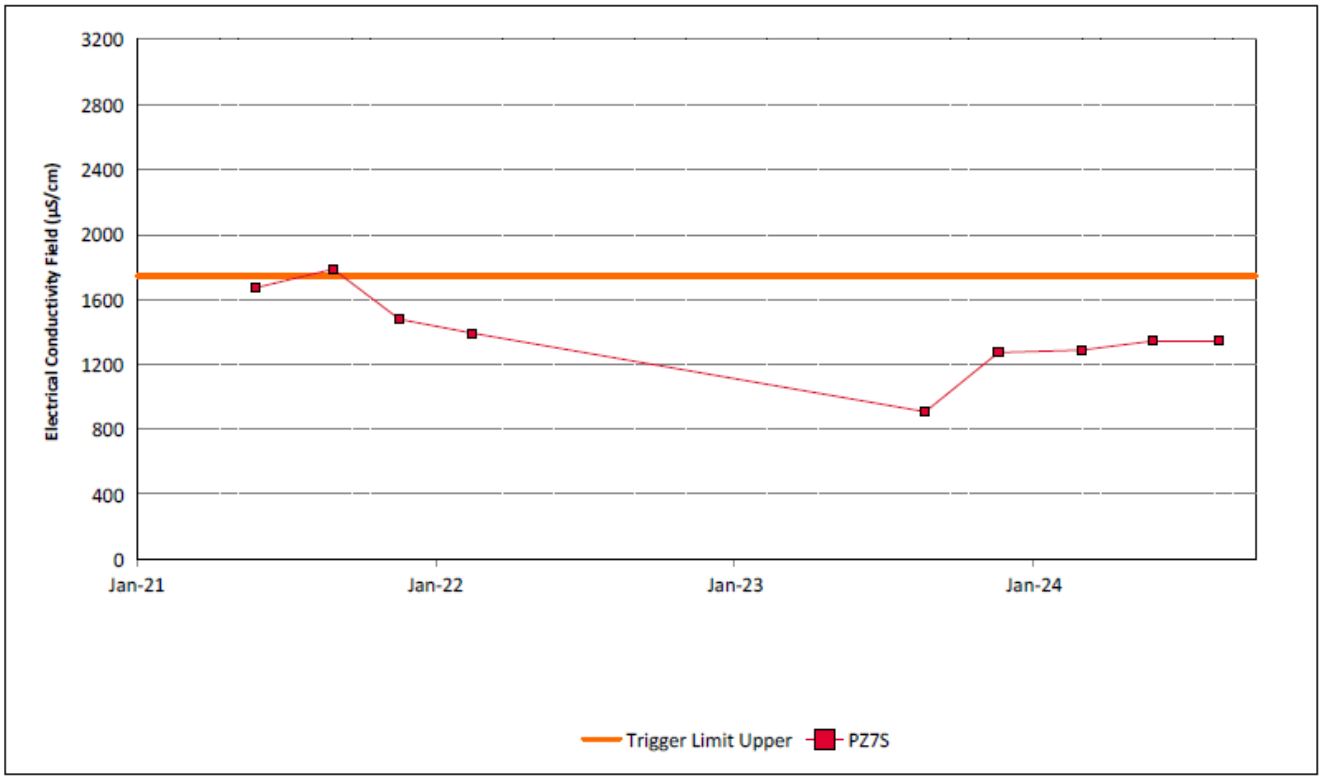
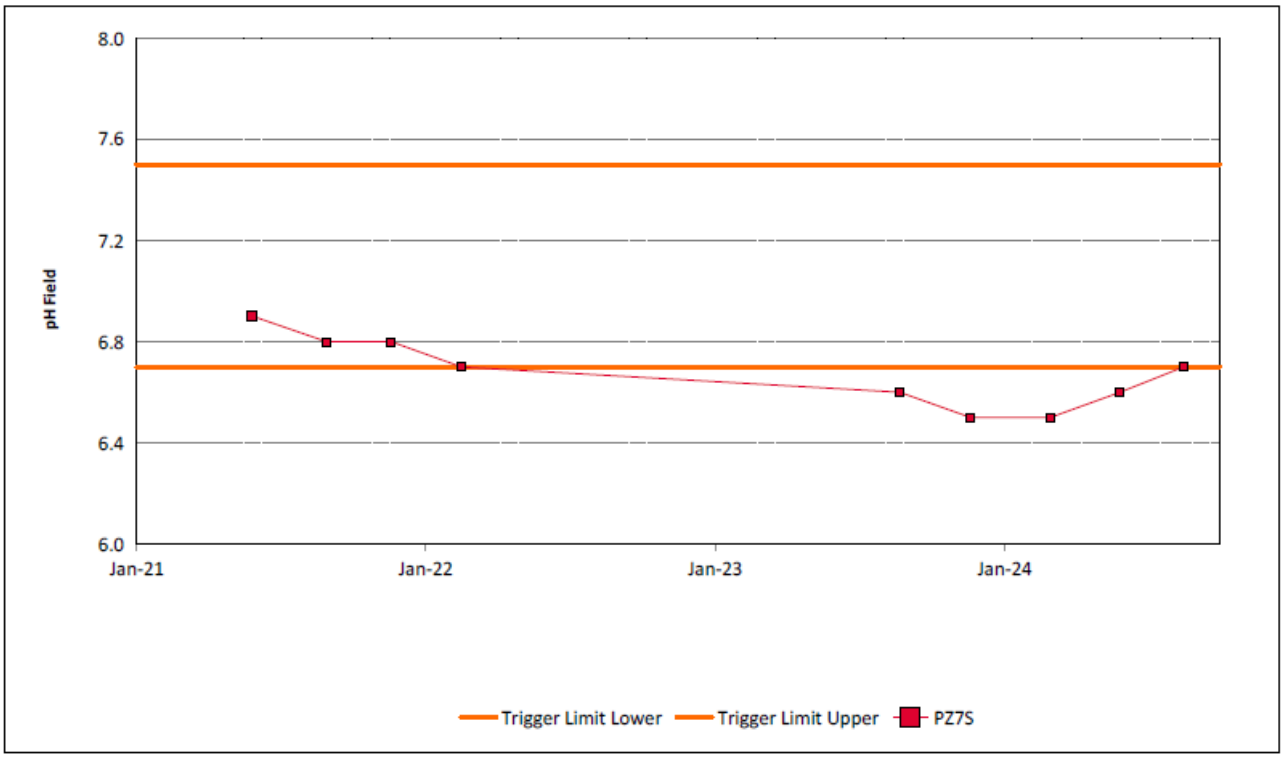


Figure 48: Aeolian Warkworth Sands Electrical Conductivity Field Trend – September 2024



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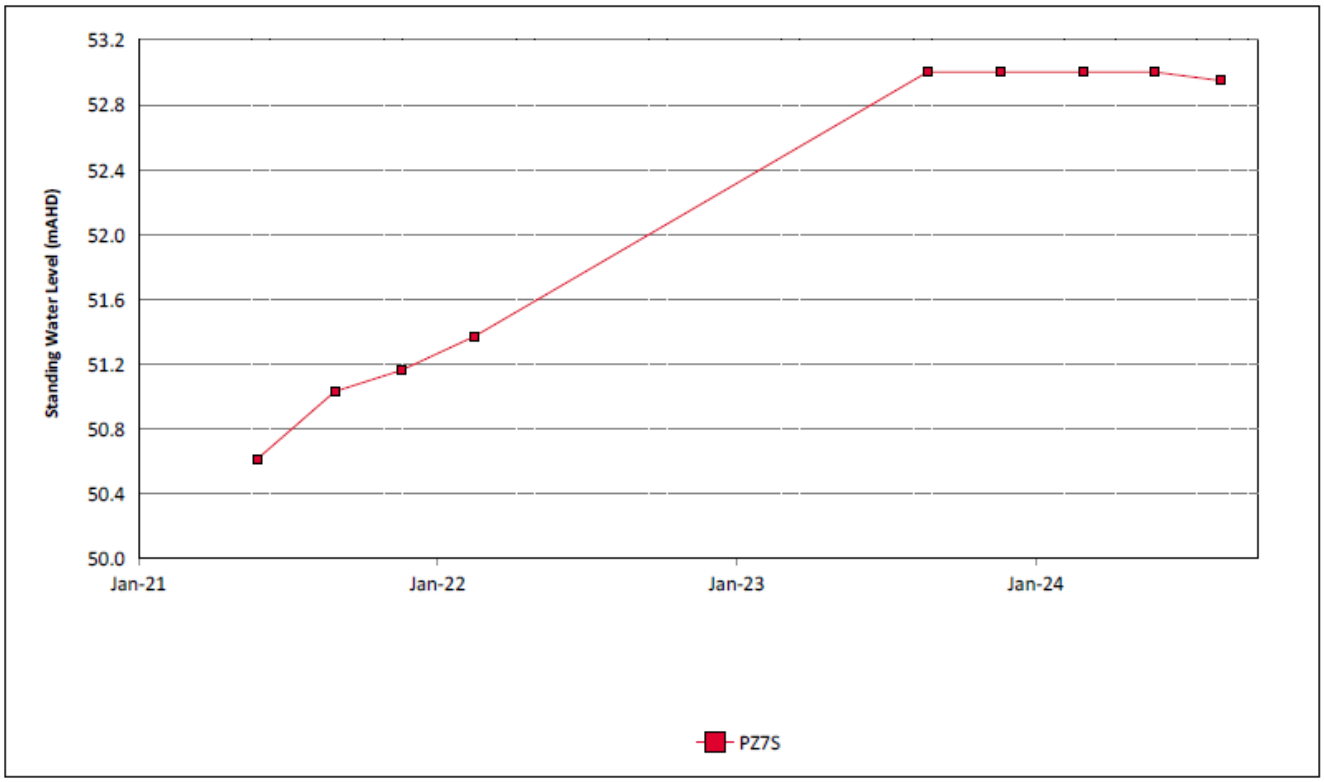

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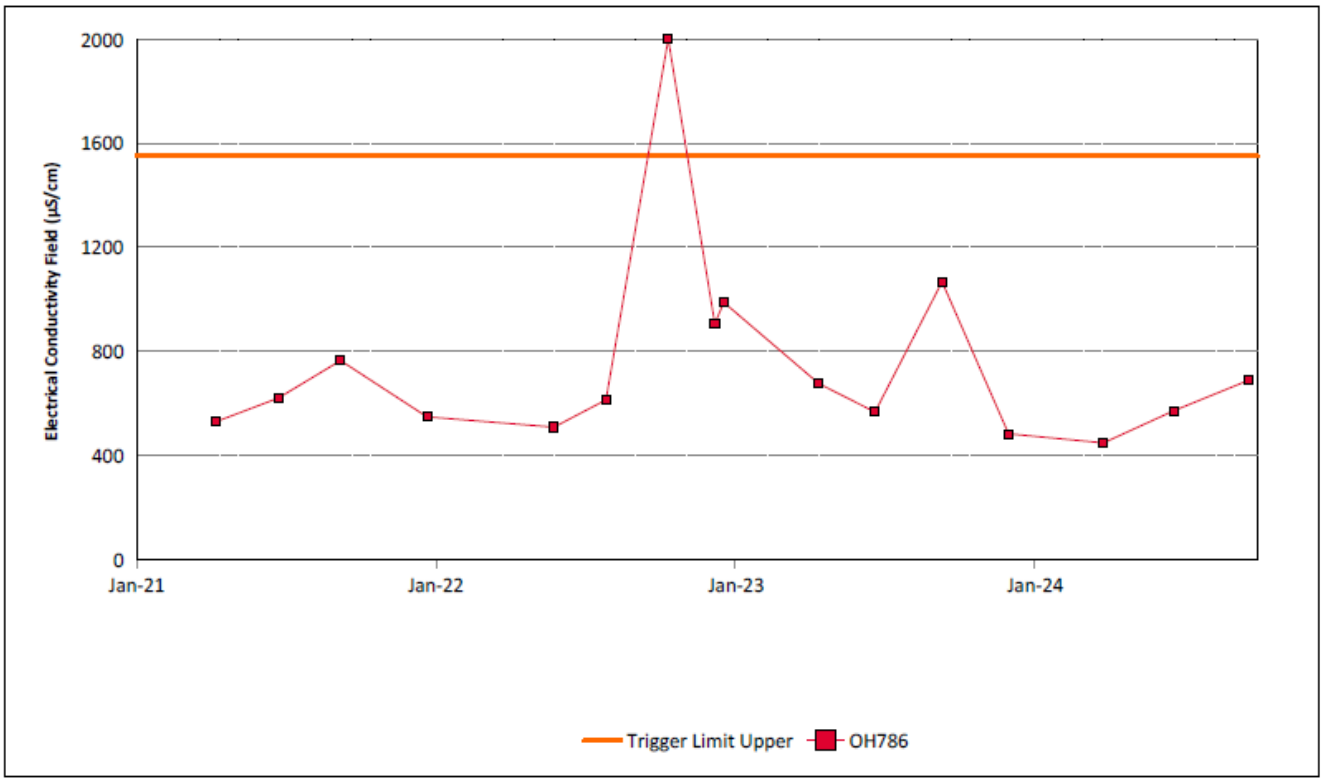


Figure 51: Hunter River Alluvium 1 Electrical Conductivity Field Trend – September 2024

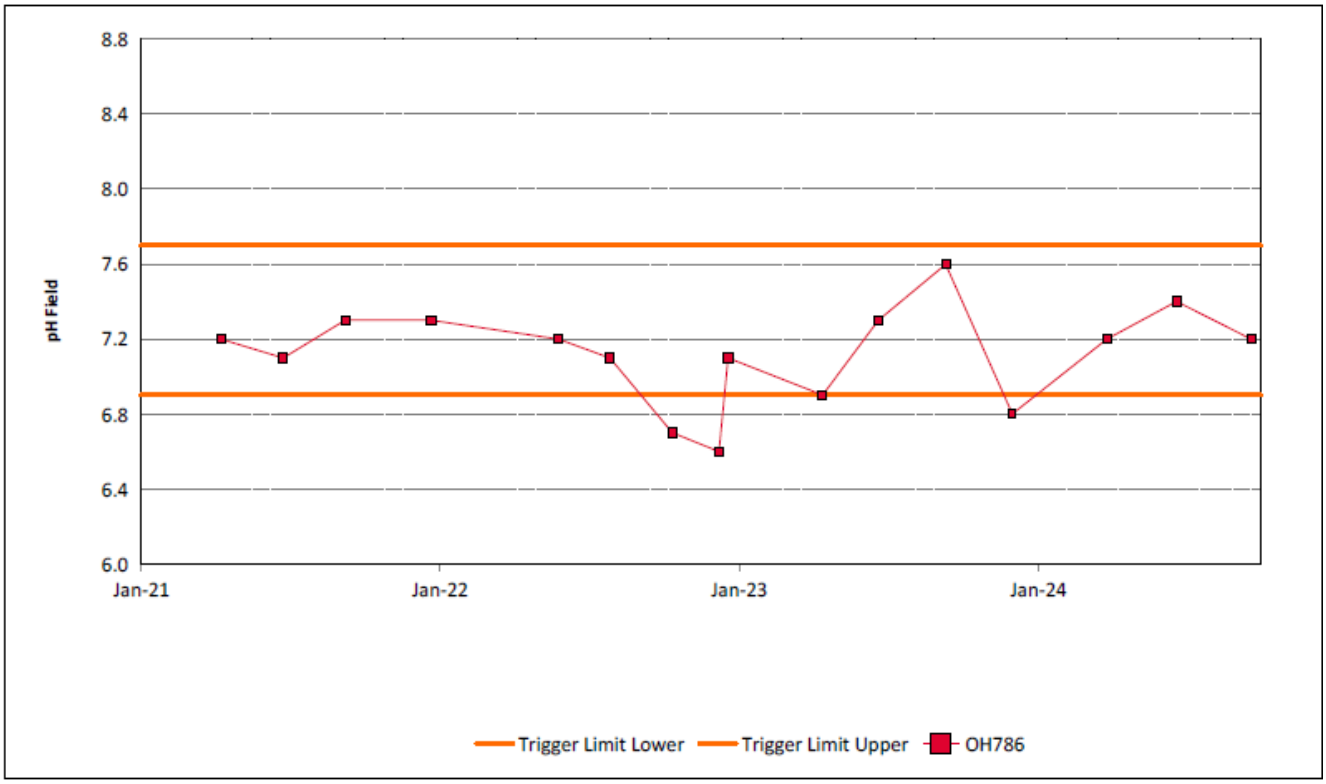


Figure 52: Hunter River Alluvium 1 pH Field Trend – September 2024

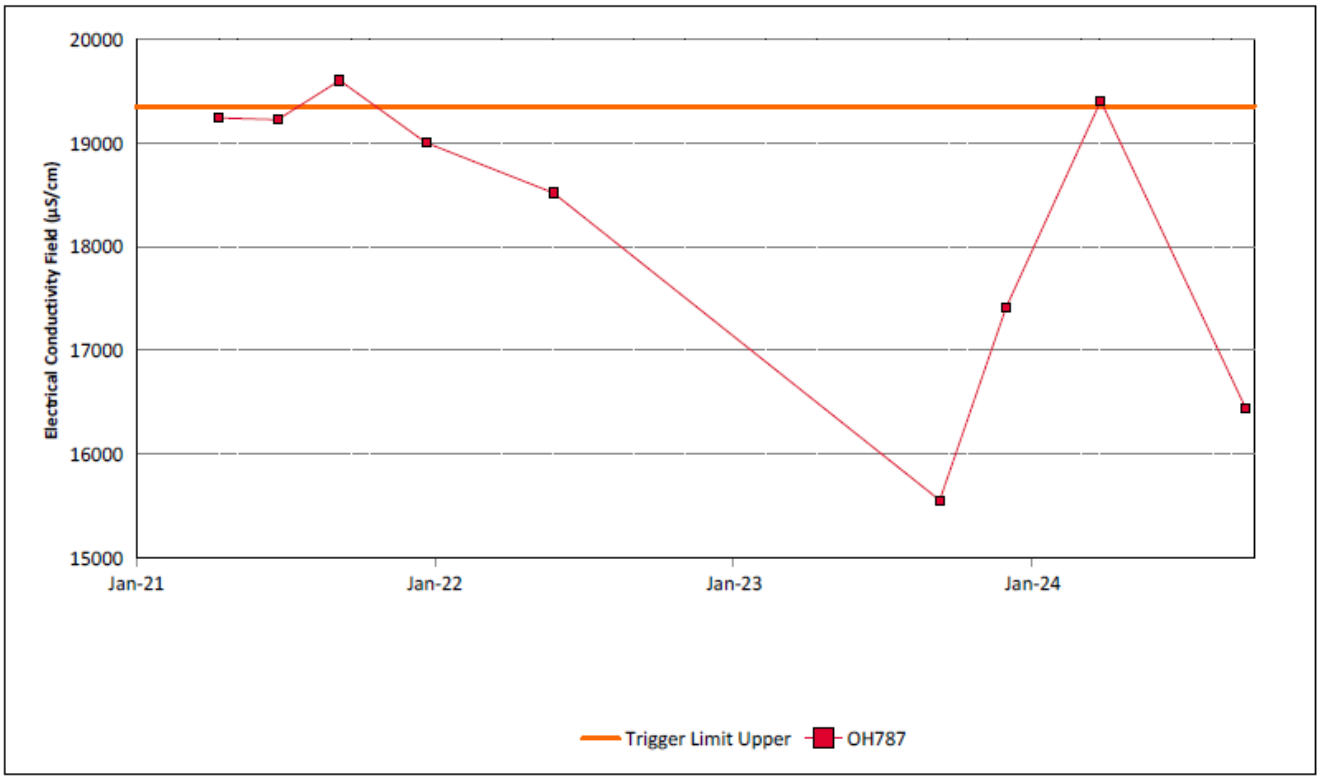


Figure 53: Hunter River Alluvium 2 Electrical Conductivity Field Trend - September 2024

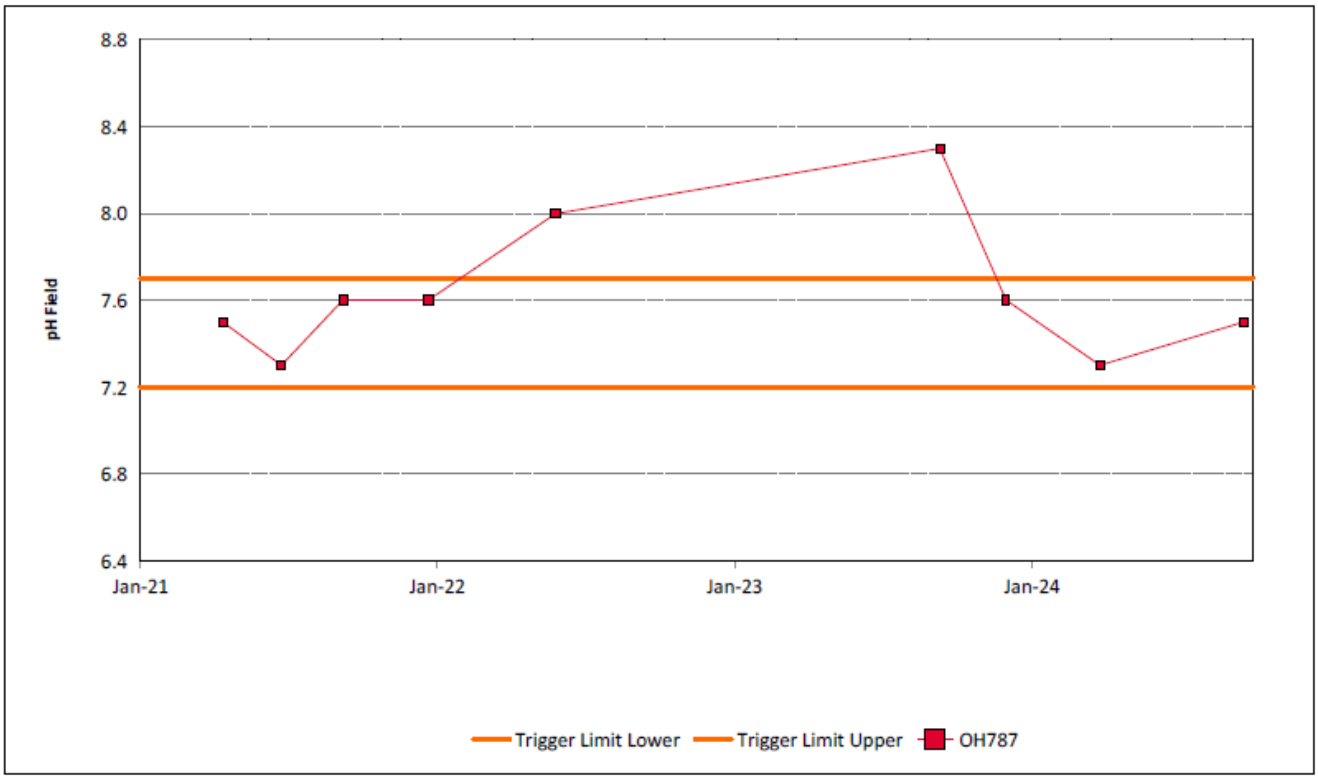


Figure 54: Hunter River Alluvium 2 pH Field Trend – September 2024

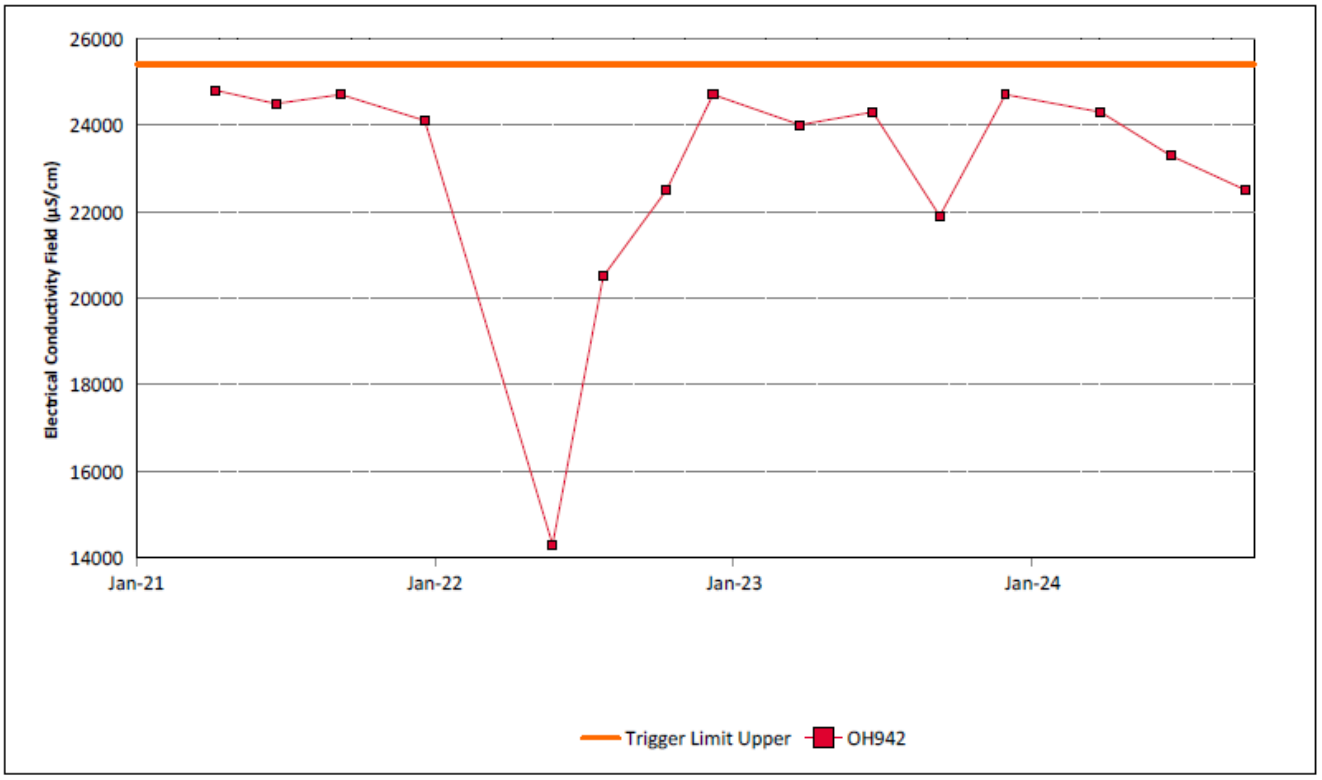


Figure 55: Hunter River Alluvium 3 Electrical Conductivity Field Trend – September 2024

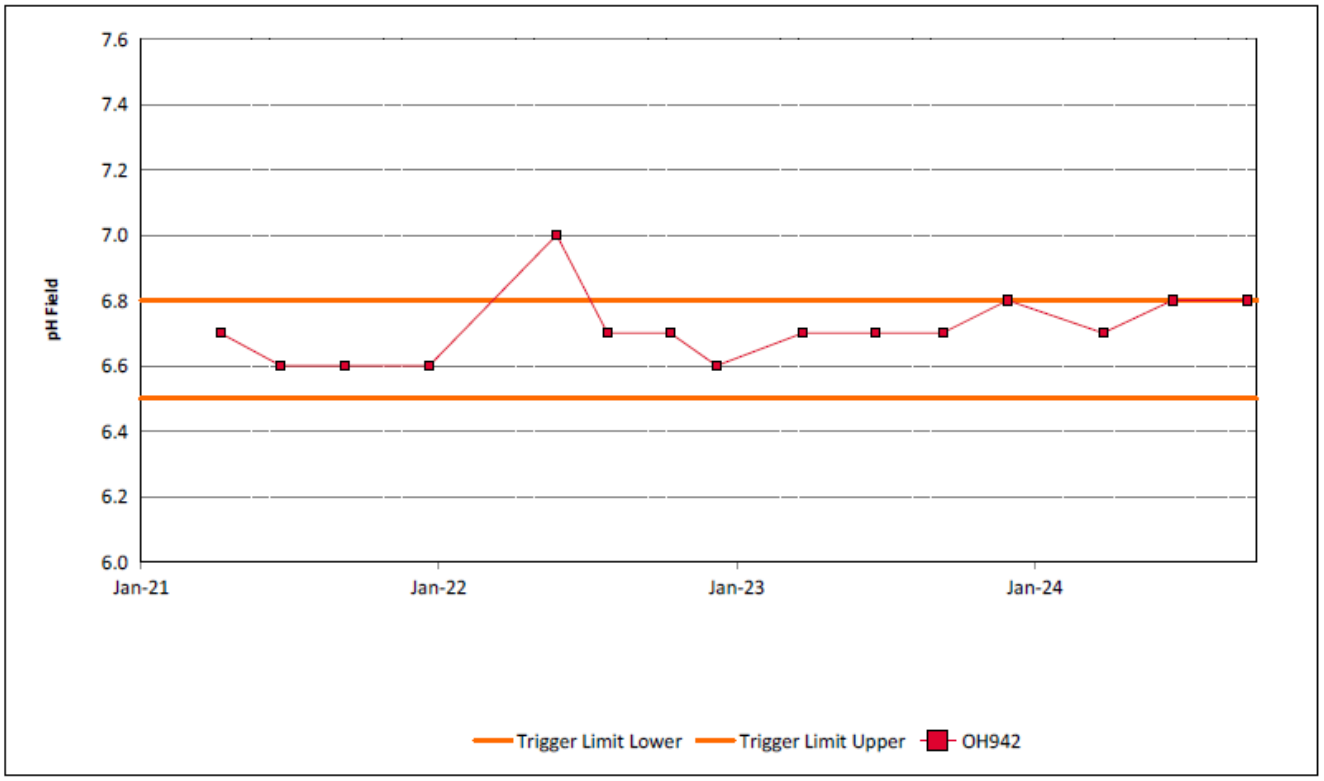
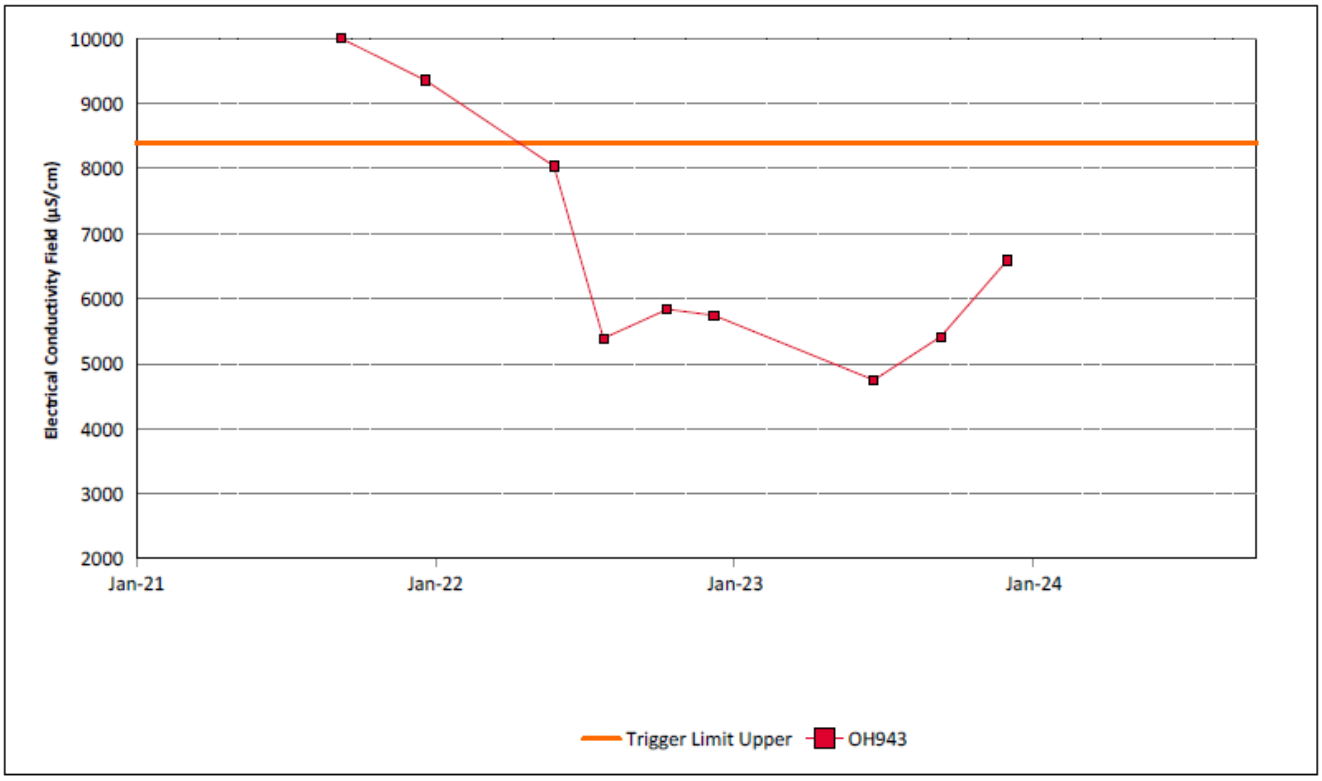


Figure 56: Hunter River Alluvium 3 pH Field Trend – September 2024



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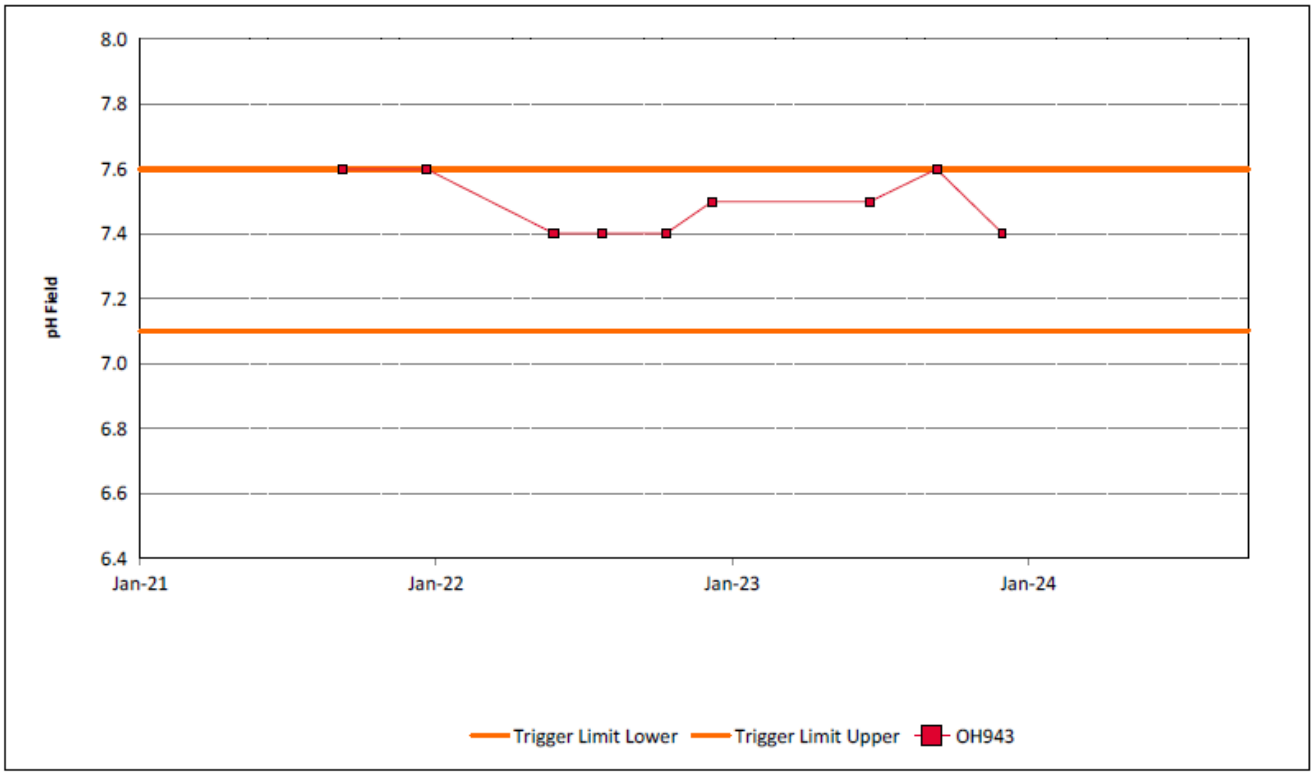

Figure 58: Hunter River Alluvium 4 pH Field Trend – September 2024

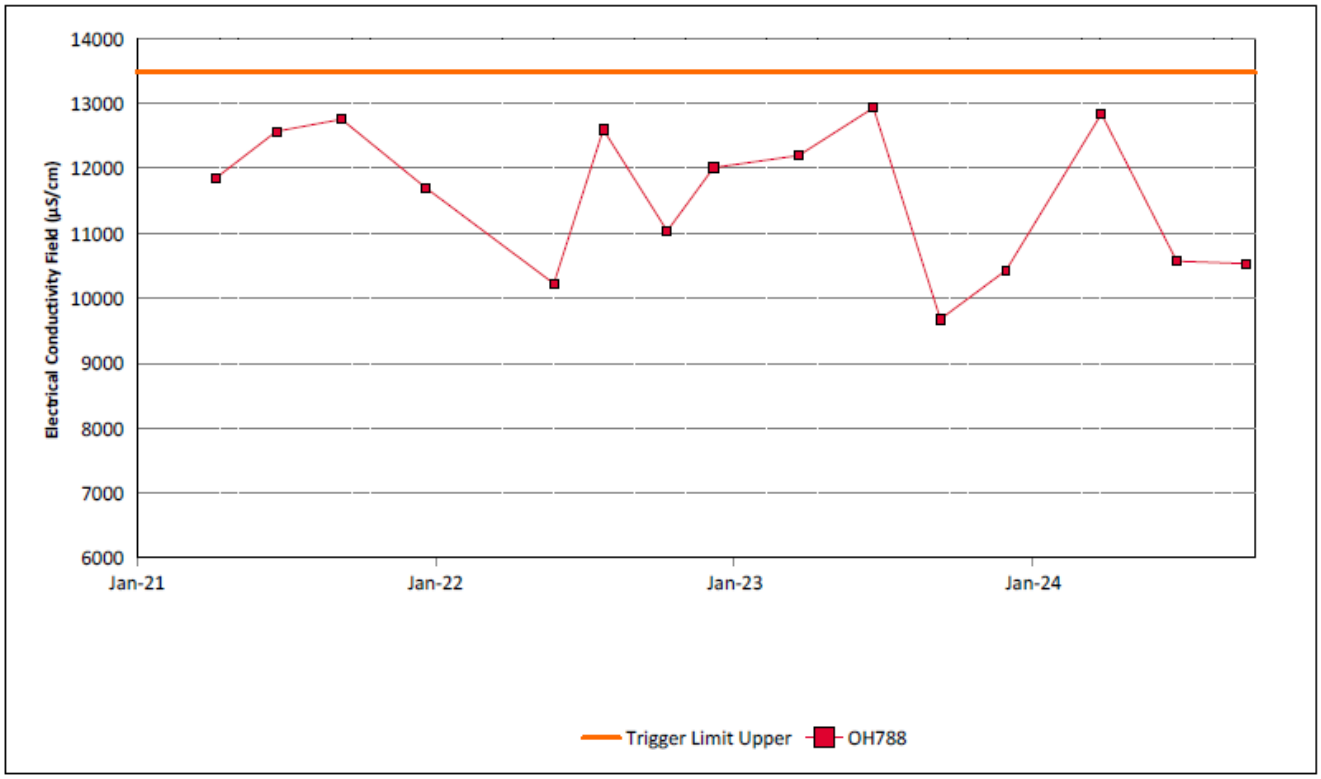

Figure 59: Hunter River Alluvium 5 Electrical Conductivity Field Trend – September 2024

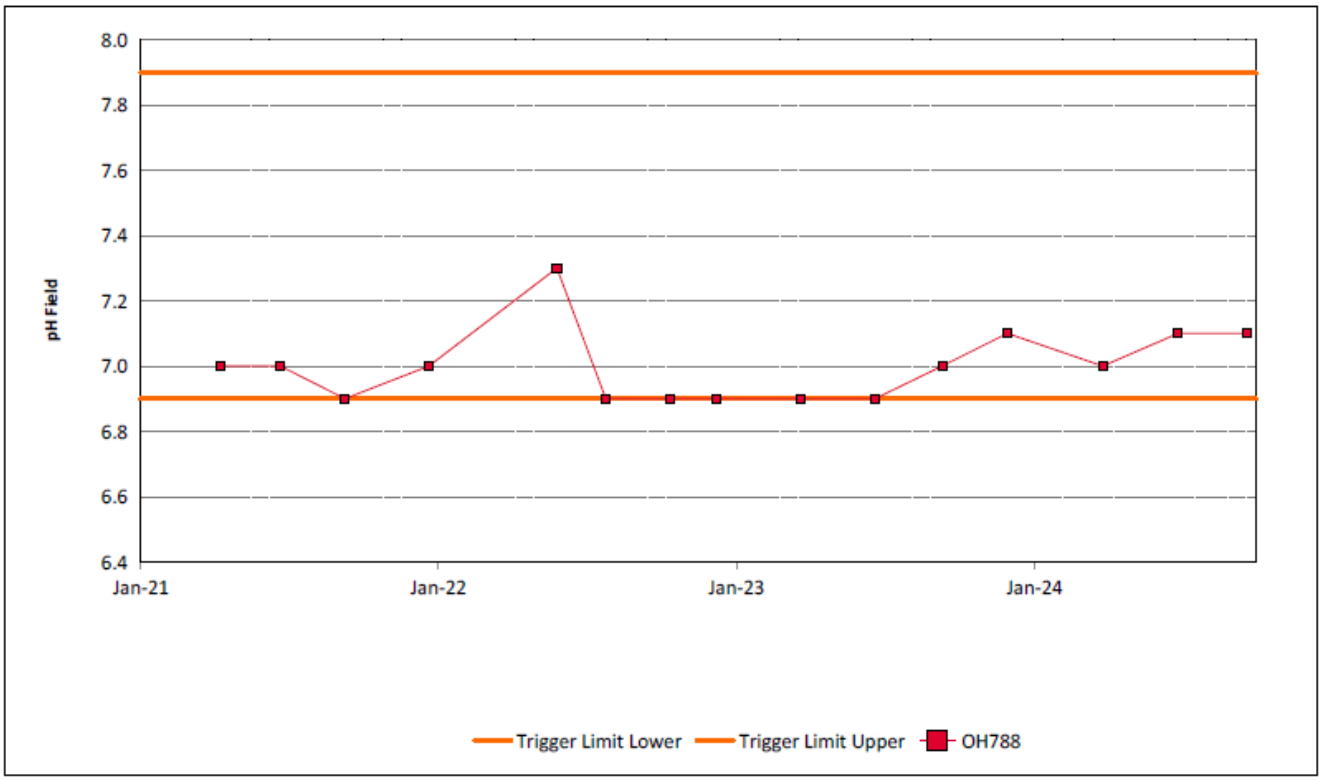

Figure 60: Hunter River Alluvium 5 pH Field Trend – September 2024

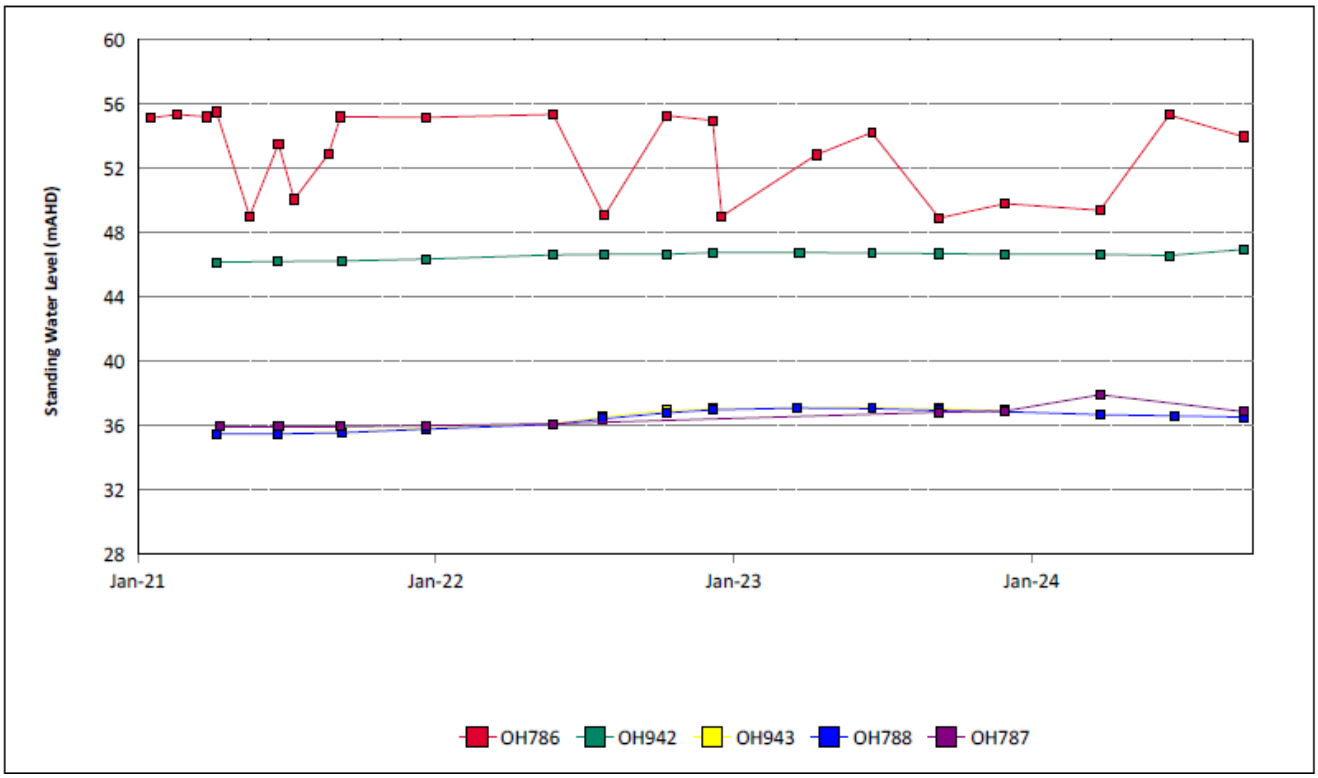

Figure 61: Hunter River Alluvium Standing Water Level Trend – September 2024

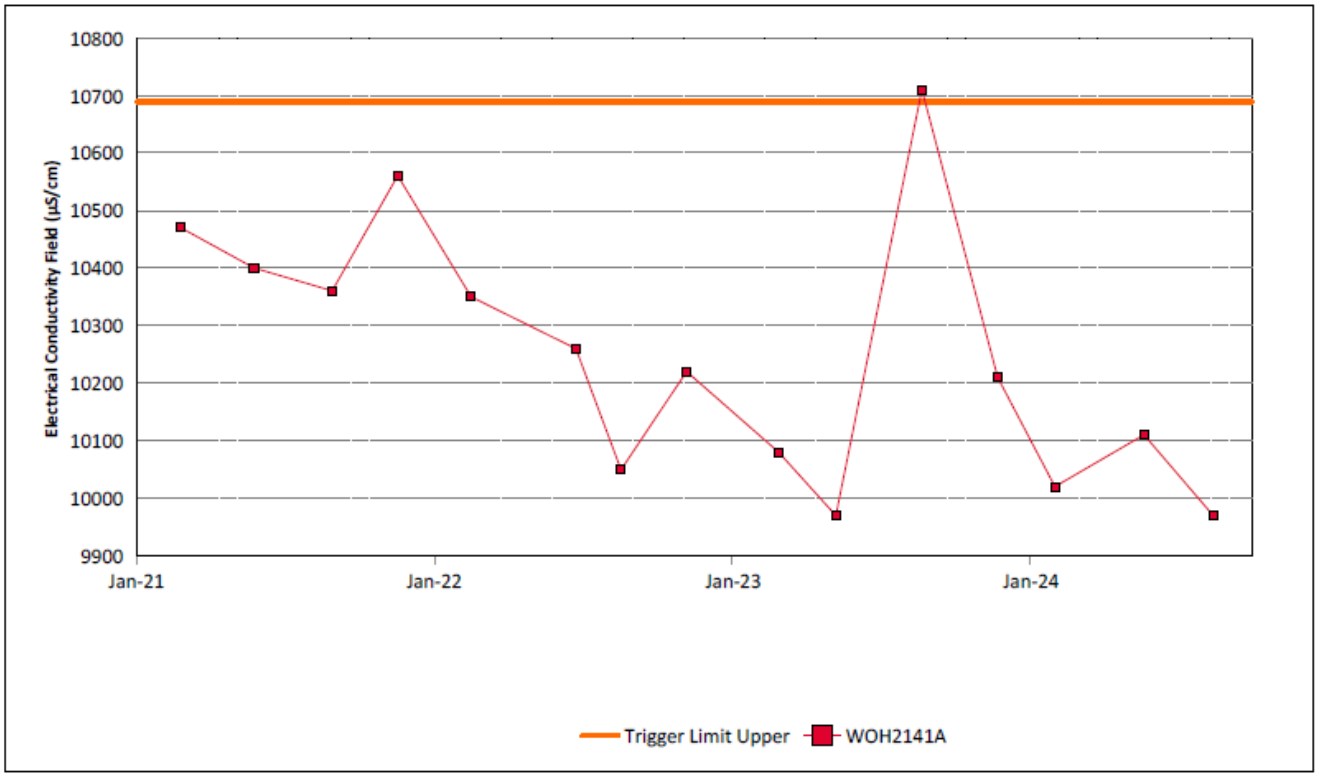

Figure 62: Whynot Seam Electrical Conductivity Field Trend – September 2024

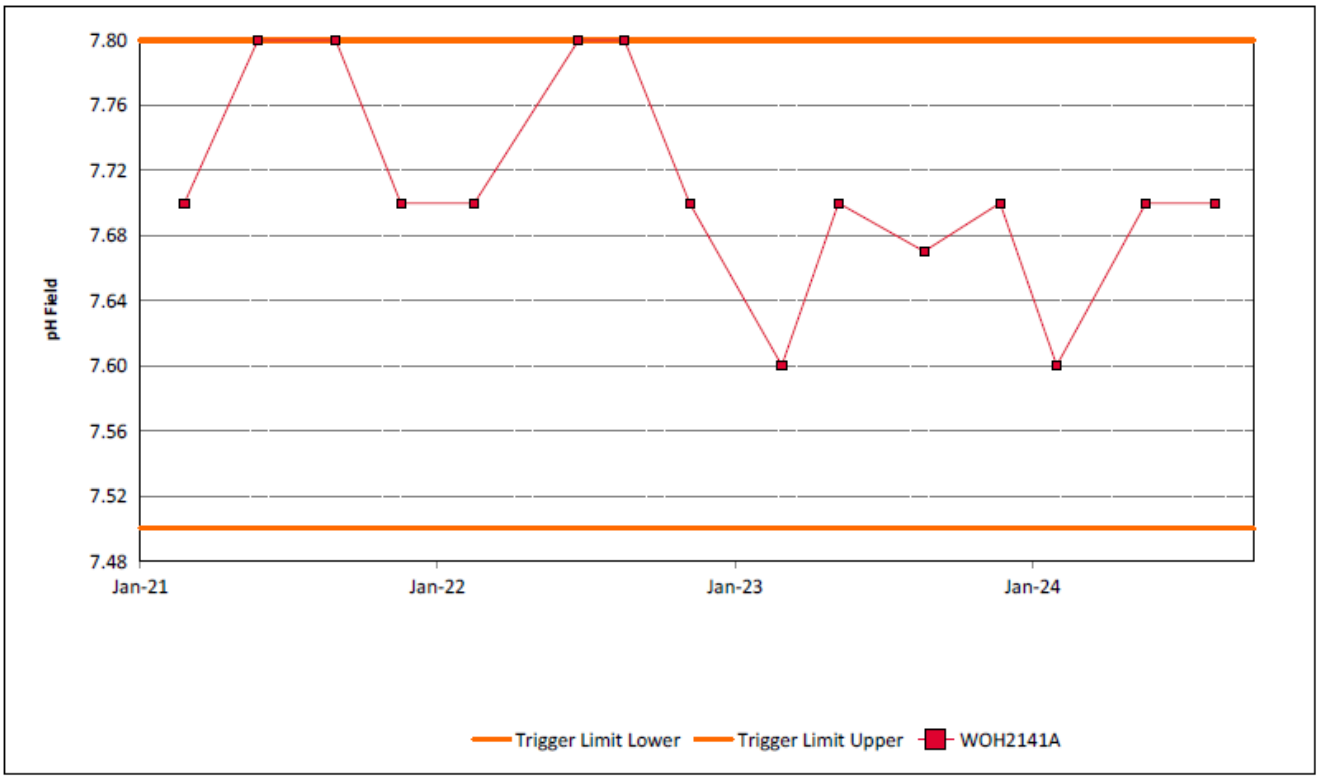

Figure 63: Whynot Seam pH Field Trend – September 2024

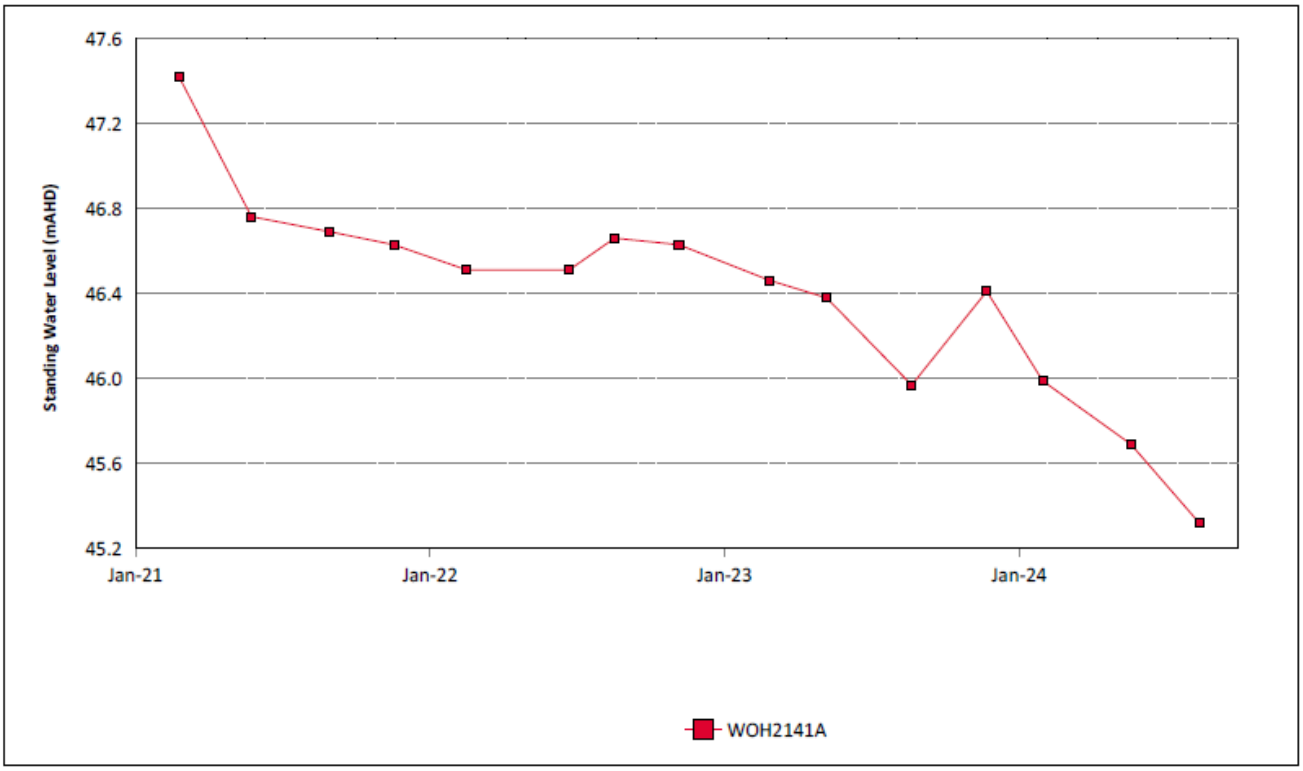

Figure 64: Whynot Seam Standing Water Level Trend – September 2024

3.3.1 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 are outlined in the MTW Water Management Plan. Locations of groundwater bores are shown in **Figure 56**.

Current internal groundwater trigger limit breaches are summarised in **Table 3**

Table 3: Groundwater Trigger Tracking – September 2024

Site	Date	Trigger Limit Breached	Action Taken in Response
OH787	26/03/2024	EC – 95th Percentile	EC was above the 95th percentile for one sample event on 26/03/2024. Q2 sampling in June could not be completed due to the monitoring site being inaccessible due to wet weather. Q3 monitoring returned to below 95th percentile for subsequent monitoring on 19/09/2024.
OH788	26/03/2024	EC – 95th Percentile	EC was above the 95th percentile for one sample event on 26/03/2024, but returned to below 95th percentile for subsequent monitoring on 26/06/2024 and 19/09/2024. No further action required
OH1138(1)	10/04/2024	EC – 95th Percentile	EC was above the 95th percentile for one sample event on 10/04/2024, but returned to below 95th percentile for subsequent monitoring year to date. No further action required.
PZ7S	29/02/2024 27/05/2024	pH – 5th Percentile	Ph was below the 5th percentile for sample event on 29/04/2024, 27/05/2024, but returned to above the 5th percentile for subsequent monitoring 15/08/2024. No further action required.
PZ9S	20/06/2024 19/09/2024	pH – 95th Percentile	Watching Brief*
OH1126	19/03/2024 20/06/2024	pH – 5th Percentile	pH was below the 5th percentile for sample event on 19/03/2024 /2024, 20/06/2024, but returned to above the 5th percentile for subsequent monitoring 18/09/2024. No further action required.
MB15MTW01D	07/02/2024 21/05/2024 14/08/2024	pH – 5th Percentile	Investigation previously completed. The consultant identified in their report that "it is likely the trigger values derived for shallow overburden bores do not accurately represent in-situ groundwater water quality for MB15MTW01D". MB15MTW01D is part of a larger dataset from the shallow overburden seam. The 5th percentile of the seam is currently 6.3 while the 5th percentile of MB15MTW01D is 5.5. The result is consistent with previous results for this bore since 2021 and within sample location trigger levels. No further investigation required.
WOH2156B	15/02/2024 28/05/2024 15/08/2024	pH – 5th Percentile	Consultant to be engaged to undertake investigation.
* = Watching brief established pending outcomes of subsequent monitoring events. No specific actions required.			

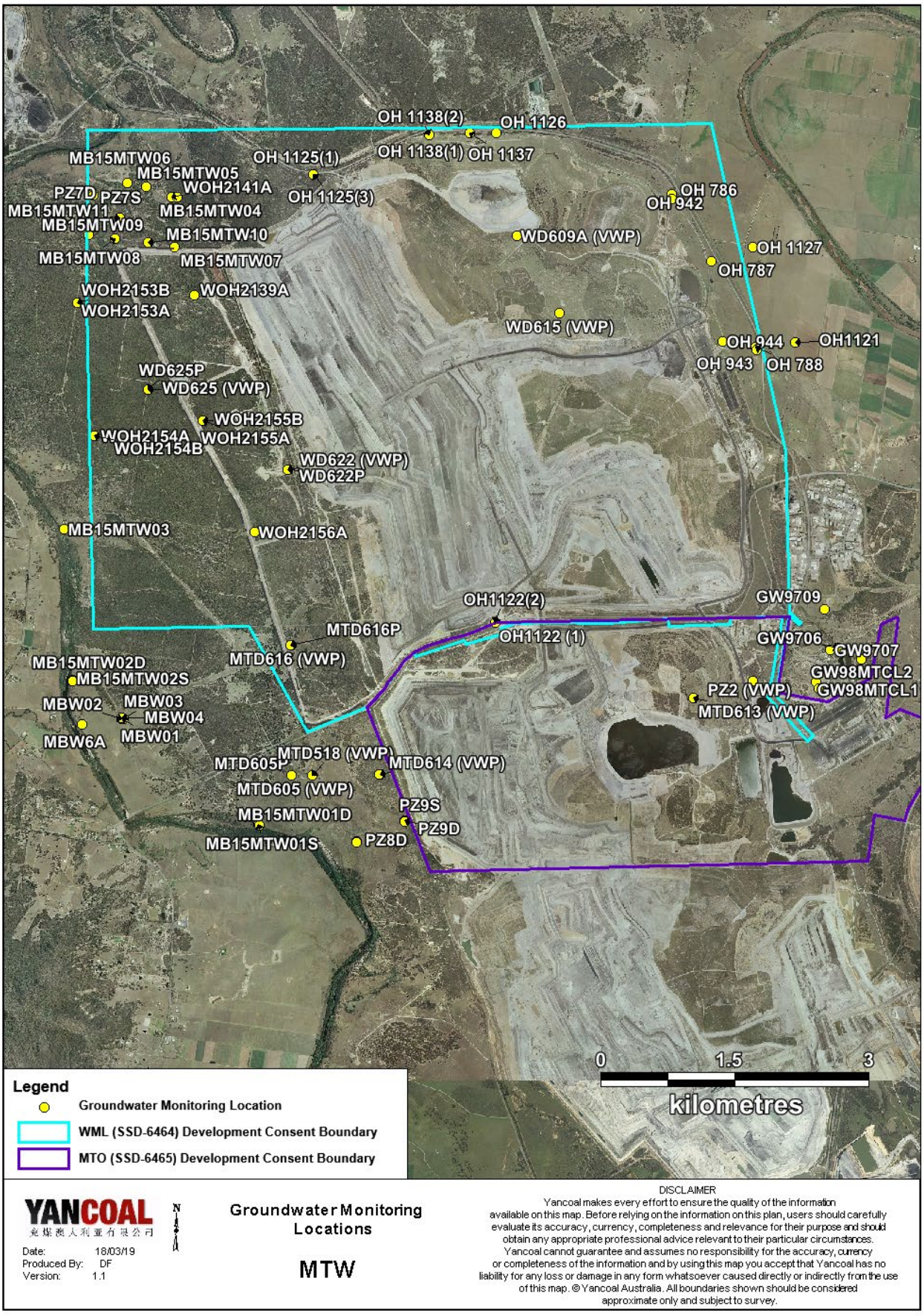

Figure 65: Groundwater Monitoring Location Plan

4.0 BLAST MONITORING

MTW have a network of six blast monitoring units. These are located at nearby privately owned residences and function as regulatory compliance monitors.

The location of these monitors can be found in **Figure 72**.

4.1 Blast Monitoring Results

During September 2024, 22 blasts were initiated at MTW. **Figure 66** to **Figure 71** show the blast monitoring results for the reporting period against the impact assessment criteria. The criteria are summarised in **Table 4**.

Table 4: Blasting Limits

Airblast Overpressure (dB(L))	Comments
115	5% of the total number of blasts in a 12 month period at WML or MTO
120	0%
Ground Vibration (mm/s)	**Comments**
5	5% of the total number of blasts in a 12 month period at WML or MTO
10	0%

During the reporting period no blast exceeded the 115dB(L) threshold for airblast overpressure or the 5 mm/s criteria.

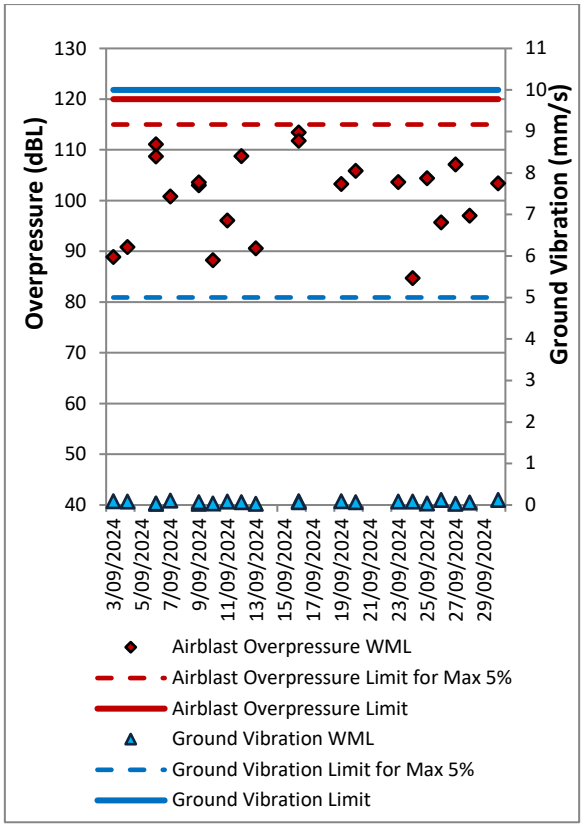

Figure 66: Abbey Green Blast Monitoring Results – September 2024

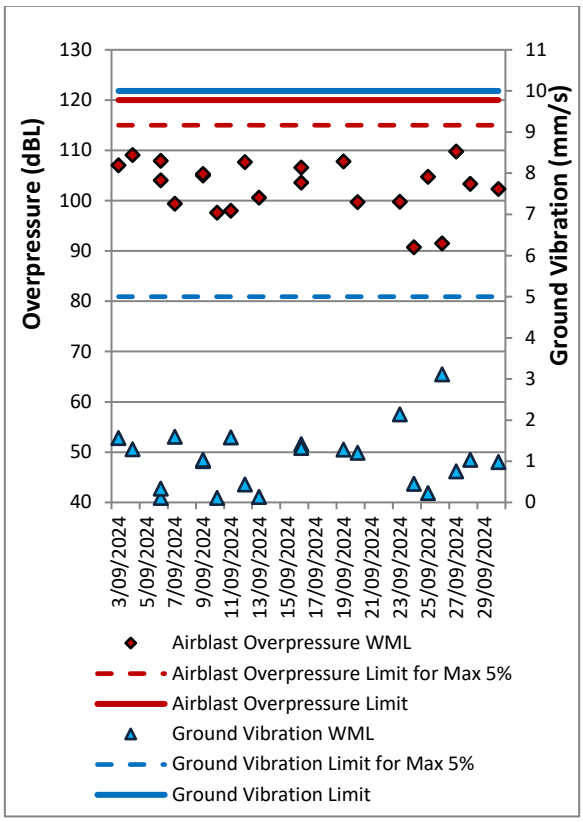

Figure 67: Bulga Village Blast Monitoring Results – September 2024

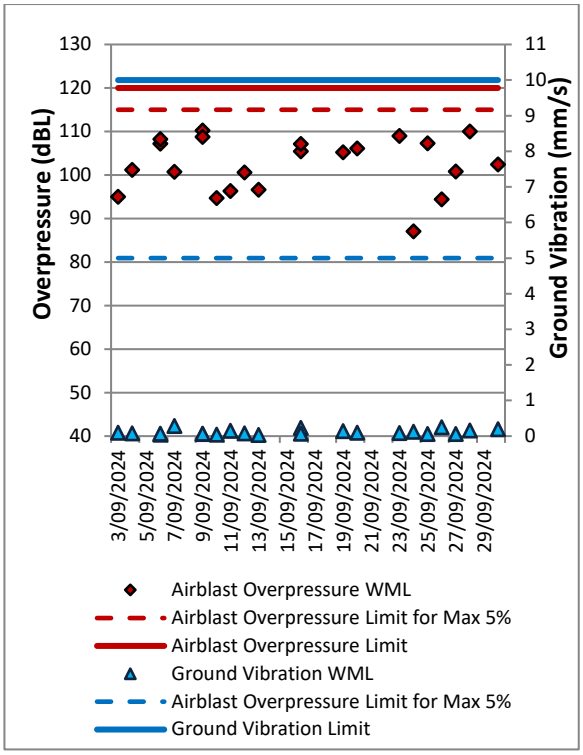

Figure 68: MTIE Blast Monitoring Results – September 2024

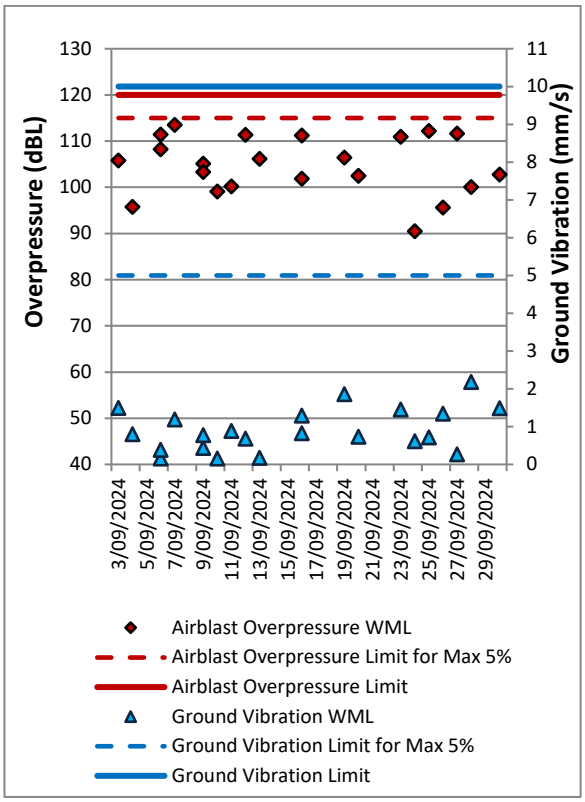

Figure 69: Wambo Road Blast Monitoring Results – September 2024

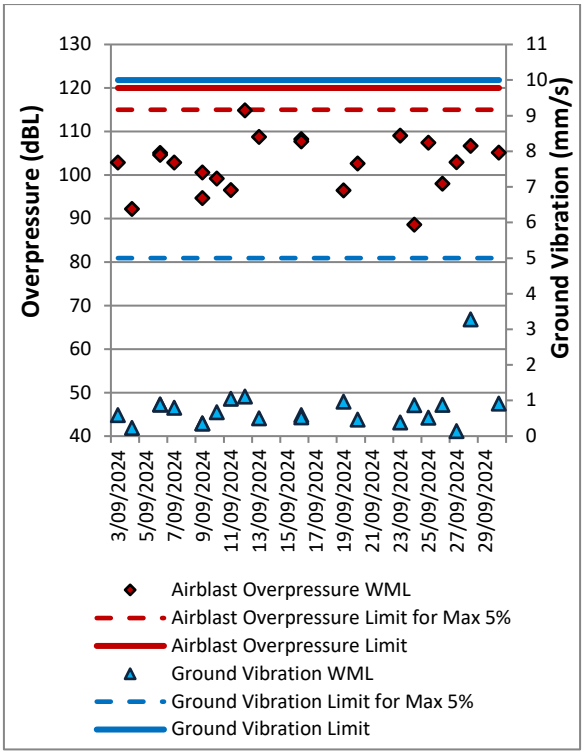

Figure 70: Warkworth Blast Monitoring Results – September 2024

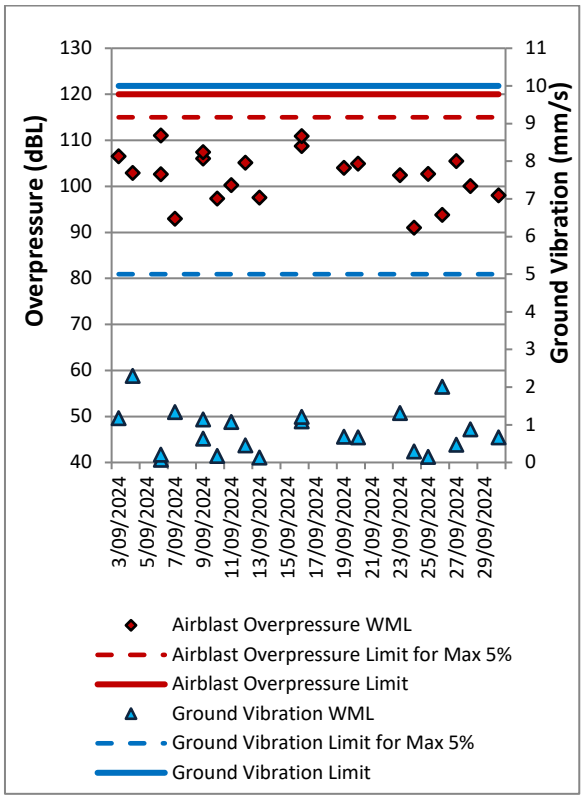

Figure 71: Wollemi Peak Road Blast Monitoring Results – September 2024

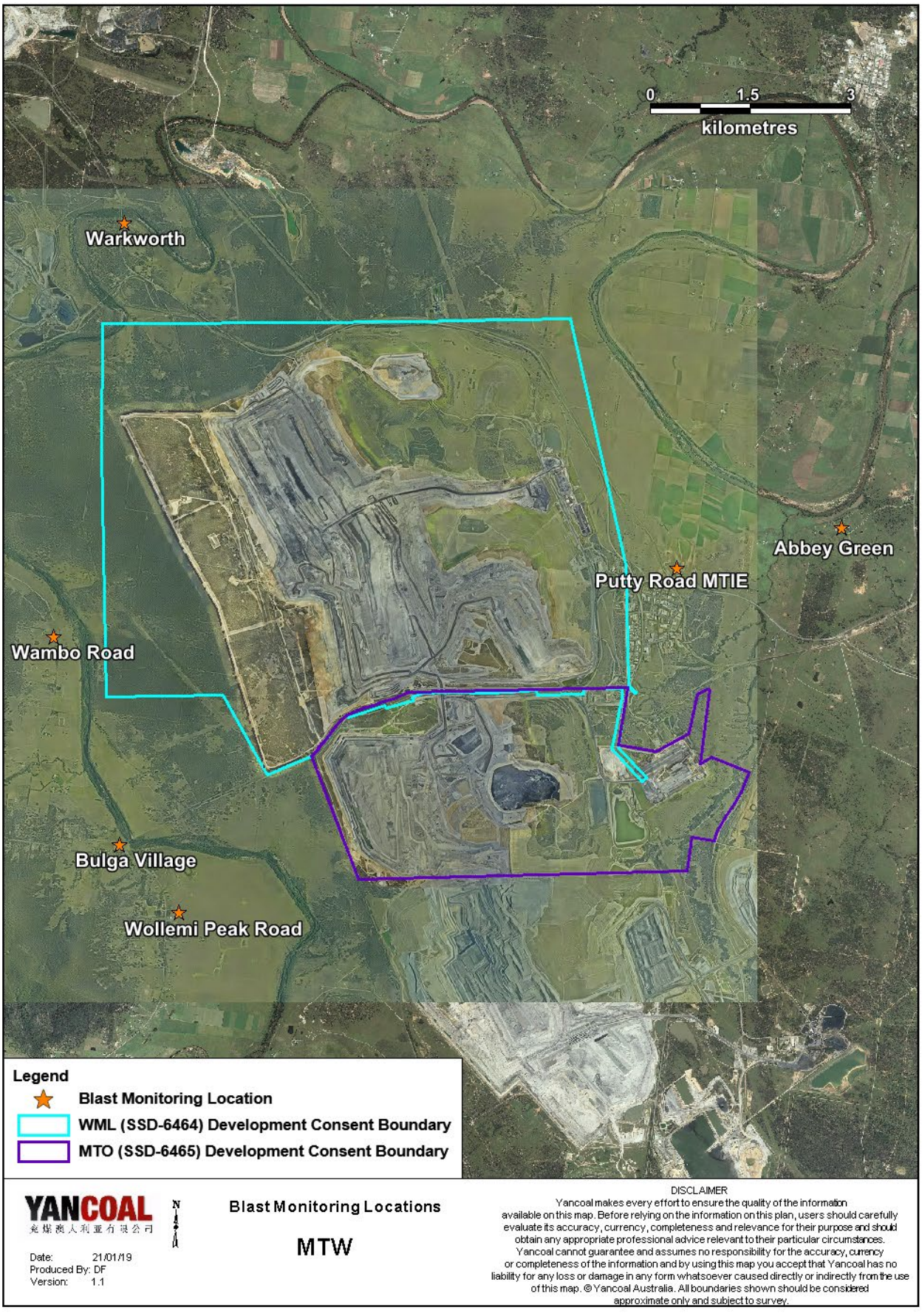

Figure 72: MTW Blast Monitoring Location Plan

5.0 NOISE

Routine attended noise monitoring is carried out in accordance with the MTW Noise Management Plan. A review against EIS predictions will be reported in the Annual Review. The purpose of the noise surveys is to quantify and describe the acoustic environment around the site and compare results with specified limits. Real time noise monitoring also occurs at five sites surrounding MTW. Noise monitoring locations are displayed in **Figure 73**.

5.1 Attended Noise Monitoring Results

Attended monitoring was conducted at receiver locations surrounding MTW on the night of 2 September 2024. All measurements complied with the relevant criteria. Results are detailed in **Table 5 to Table 8.**

5.1.1 WML Noise Assessment

Compliance assessments undertaken against the WML noise criteria are presented in **Tables 5** and **6**.

Table 5: $L_{Aeq,\ 15\ minute}$ Warkworth Impact Assessment Criteria – September 2024

Location	Date and Time	Wind Speed (m/s)	Stability Class	Criterion dB(A)	Criterion Applies?[1]	WML L_{Aeq} dB[2,3,4]	Exceedance[3,4]
Bulga RFS	2/09/2024 23:15	3.0	D	37	Yes	IA	Nil
Bulga Village	2/09/2024 22:29	3.7	D	38	No	<25	NA
Gouldsville	2/09/2024 21:00	3.5	D	38	No	24	NA
Inlet Road	2/09/2024 21:35	3.6	D	37	No	IA	NA
Inlet Road West	2/09/2024 21:12	3.0	D	35	Yes	IA	Nil
Long Point	2/09/2024 21:22	3.6	D	35	No	27	NA
South Bulga	3/09/2024 0:08	2.1	F	35	No	IA	NA
Wambo Road	2/09/2024 22:02	4.1	D	38	No	<25	NA

Notes:
1. Noise criteria apply during all meteorological conditions except the following: wind speeds greater than 3 m/s measured at 10 metres above ground level; stability category F temperature inversion conditions and wind speeds greater than 2m/s at 10m above ground level; or stability category G temperature inversion conditions. Criterion may or may not apply due to rounding of meteorological data values;
2. Site-only LAeq,15minute attributed to WML, including modifying factors if applicable;
3. Bold results in red indicate exceedance of relevant criterion; and
4. NA in exceedance column means atmospheric conditions outside conditions specified in consent, therefore criterion was not applicable.

Table 6: $L_{A1,\ 1\ minute}$ Warkworth - Impact Assessment Criteria – September 2024

Location	Date and Time	Wind Speed (m/s)	Stability Class	Criterion dB(A)	Criterion Applies?[1]	WML $L_{A1,\ 1min}$ dB[2,3,4]	Exceedance[3,4]
Bulga RFS	2/09/2024 23:15	3.0	D	47	Yes	IA	Nil
Bulga Village	2/09/2024 22:29	3.7	D	48	No	<25	NA
Gouldsville	2/09/2024 21:00	3.5	D	48	No	26	NA
Inlet Road	2/09/2024 21:35	3.6	D	47	No	IA	NA
Inlet Road West	2/09/2024 21:12	3.0	D	45	Yes	IA	Nil
Long Point	2/09/2024 21:22	3.6	D	45	No	33	NA
South Bulga	3/09/2024 0:08	2.1	F	45	No	IA	NA
Wambo Road	2/09/2024 22:02	4.1	D	48	No	<25	NA

Notes:
1. Noise criteria apply during all meteorological conditions except the following: wind speeds greater than 3 m/s measured at 10 metres above ground level; stability category F temperature inversion conditions and wind speeds greater than 2m/s at 10m above ground level; or stability category G temperature inversion conditions. Criterion may or may not apply due to rounding of meteorological data values;
2. Site-only LA1,1minute attributed to WML;
3. Bold results in red indicate exceedance of relevant criterion; and
4. NA in exceedance column means atmospheric conditions outside conditions specified in consent, therefore criterion was not applicable.

5.1.2 MTO Noise Assessment

Compliance assessments undertaken against the MTO noise criteria are presented in **Table 7** and **8**.

Table 7: $L_{Aeq,\ 15minute}$ Mount Thorley - Impact Assessment Criteria – September 2024

Location	Date and Time	Wind Speed (m/s)	Stability Class	Criterion dB	Criterion Applies?[1]	MTO L_{Aeq} dB[2,3,4]	Exceedance[3,4]
Bulga RFS	2/09/2024 23:15	3	D	37	Yes	<20	Nil
Bulga Village	2/09/2024 22:29	3.7	D	38	No	IA	NA
Gouldsville	2/09/2024 21:00	3.5	D	35	No	IA	NA
Inlet Road	2/09/2024 21:35	3.6	D	37	No	IA	NA
Inlet Road West	2/09/2024 21:12	3	D	35	Yes	IA	Nil
Long Point	2/09/2024 21:22	3.6	D	35	No	IA	NA
South Bulga	3/09/2024 0:08	2.1	F	36	No	IA	NA
Wambo Road	2/09/2024 22:02	4.1	D	38	No	IA	NA

Notes:
1. Noise criteria apply during all meteorological conditions except the following: wind speeds greater than 3 m/s measured at 10 metres above ground level; stability category F temperature inversion conditions and wind speeds greater than 2m/s at 10m above ground level; or stability category G temperature inversion conditions. Criterion may or may not apply due to rounding of meteorological data values;
2. Site-only LAeq,15minute attributed to MTO, including modifying factors if applicable;
3. Bold results in red indicate exceedance of relevant criterion; and
4. NA in exceedance column means atmospheric conditions outside conditions specified in consent, therefore criterion was not applicable.

Table 8: $L_{A1,\ 1Minute}$ Mount Thorley - Impact Assessment Criteria – September 2024

Location	Date and Time	Wind Speed (m/s)	Stability Class	Criterion dB	Criterion Applies?[1]	MTO $L_{A1,\ 1min}$ dB[2,3,4]	Exceedance[3,4]
Bulga RFS	2/09/2024 23:15	3.0	D	47	Yes	<20	Nil
Bulga Village	2/09/2024 22:29	3.7	D	48	No	IA	NA
Gouldsville	2/09/2024 21:00	3.5	D	45	No	IA	NA
Inlet Road	2/09/2024 21:35	3.6	D	47	No	IA	NA
Inlet Road West	2/09/2024 21:12	3.0	D	45	Yes	IA	Nil
Long Point	2/09/2024 21:22	3.6	D	45	No	IA	NA
South Bulga	3/09/2024 0:08	2.1	F	46	No	IA	NA
Wambo Road	2/09/2024 22:02	4.1	D	48	No	IA	NA

Notes:
1. Noise criteria apply during all meteorological conditions except the following: wind speeds greater than 3 m/s measured at 10 metres above ground level; stability category F temperature inversion conditions and wind speeds greater than 2m/s at 10m above ground level; or stability category G temperature inversion conditions. Criterion may or may not apply due to rounding of meteorological data values;
2. Site-only LA1,1minute attributed to MTO;
3. Bold results in red indicate exceedance of relevant criterion; and
4. NA in exceedance column means atmospheric conditions outside conditions specified in consent, therefore criterion was not applicable.

5.1.3 NPfI Low Frequency Assessment

In accordance with the requirements of the EPA's Noise Policy for Industry (NPfI), the applicability of the low frequency modification factor corrections has been assessed. There were no noise measurements taken during the reporting period which required the penalty to be applied. The WML assessment for low frequency noise is shown in **Table 9** and the MTO assessment for low frequency noise is shown in **Table 10**.

Table 9: Warkworth Low Frequency Noise Assessment – September 2024

Location	Date and Time	Measured WML LAeq dB	Criterion Applies?	Intermittency Modifying Factor?	Tonality Modifying Factor?	Frequency of Tonality[1]	Low-frequency Modifying Factor?	Maximum Exceedance of Reference Spectrum [1,2]	Penalty dB[2]
Bulga RFS	2/09/2024 23:15	IA	Yes	No	No	NA	No	NA	Nil
Bulga Village	2/09/2024 22:29	<25	No	No	No	NA	NA	NA	Nil
Gouldsville	2/09/2024 21:00	24	No	No	No	NA	NA	NA	Nil
Inlet Road	2/09/2024 21:35	IA	No	No	No	NA	NA	NA	Nil
Inlet Road West	2/09/2024 21:12	IA	Yes	No	No	NA	No	NA	Nil
Long Point	2/09/2024 21:22	27	No	No	No	NA	NA	NA	Nil
South Bulga	3/09/2024 0:08	IA	No	No	No	NA	NA	NA	Nil
Wambo Road	2/09/2024 22:02	<25	No	No	No	NA	NA	NA	Nil

Notes:
1. NA denotes 'not applicable
2. Yes/No denote modifying factor was or was not applied.
3. Bold results indicate that application of NPfI modifying factor/s is required.

Table 10: Mount Thorley Operations Low Frequency Noise Assessment – September 2024

Location	Date and Time	Measured WML LAeq dB	Criterion Applies?	Intermittency Modifying Factor?	Tonality Modifying Factor?	Frequency of Tonality[1]	Low-frequency Modifying Factor?	Maximum Exceedance of Reference Spectrum [1,2]	Penalty dB[2]
Bulga RFS	2/09/2024 23:15	<20	Yes	No	No	NA	No	NA	Nil
Bulga Village	2/09/2024 22:29	IA	No	No	No	NA	NA	NA	Nil
Gouldsville	2/09/2024 21:00	IA	No	No	No	NA	NA	NA	Nil
Inlet Road	2/09/2024 21:35	IA	No	No	No	NA	NA	NA	Nil
Inlet Road West	2/09/2024 21:12	IA	Yes	No	No	NA	No	NA	Nil
Long Point	2/09/2024 21:22	IA	No	No	No	NA	NA	NA	Nil
South Bulga	3/09/2024 0:08	IA	No	No	No	NA	NA	NA	Nil
Wambo Road	2/09/2024 22:02	IA	No	No	No	NA	NA	NA	Nil

Notes:
1. NA denotes 'not applicable
2. Yes/No denote modifying factor was or was not applied.
3. Bold results indicate that application of NPfI modifying factor/s is required.
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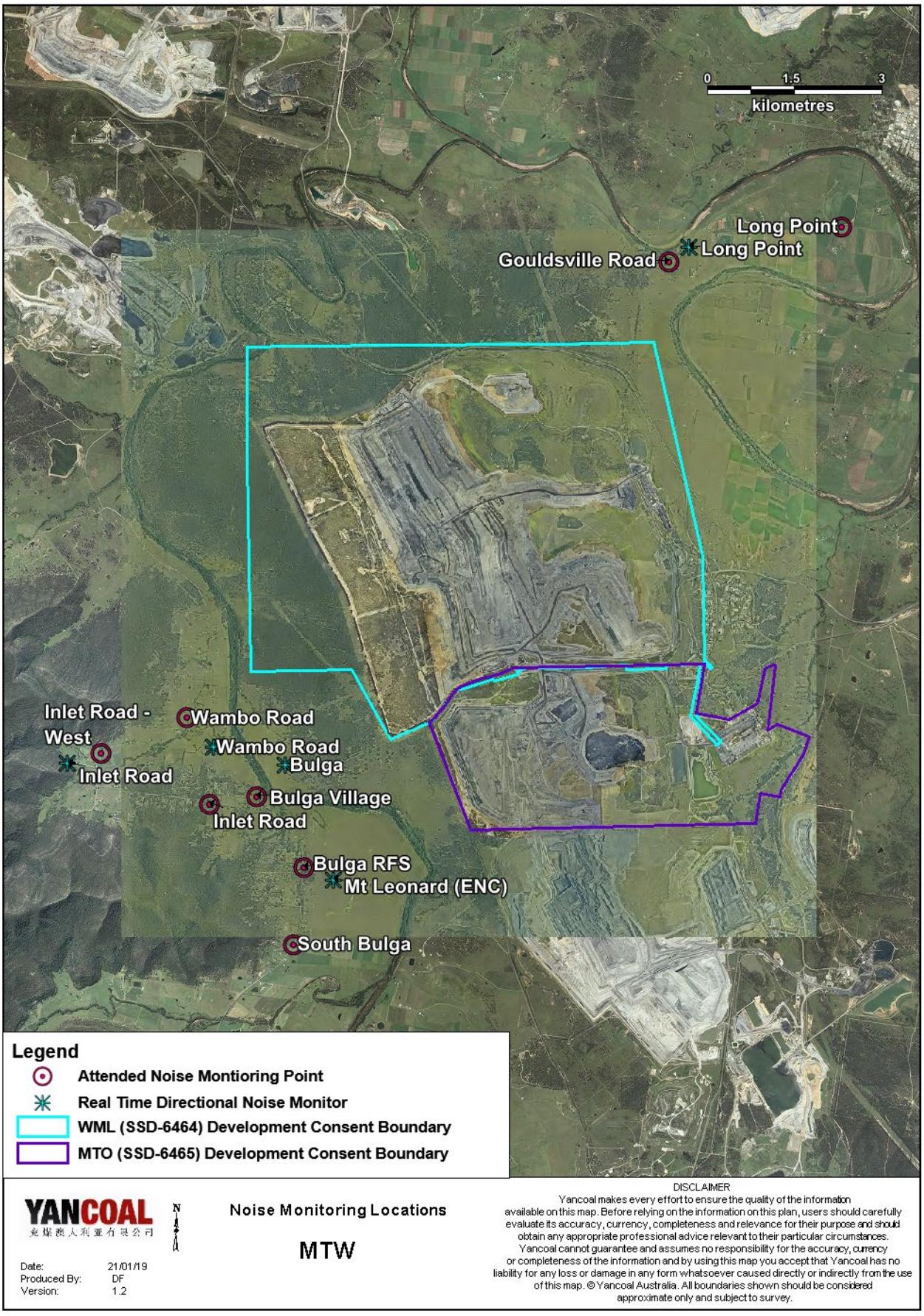

Figure 73: Noise Monitoring Location Plan

5.2 Noise Management Measures

A program of targeted supplementary attended noise monitoring is in place at MTW, supported by the real-time directional monitoring network and ensuring the highest level of noise management is maintained. The supplementary program is undertaken by MTW personnel and involves:

- Routine inspections from both inside and outside the mine boundary;
- Routine and as-required handheld noise assessments (undertaken in response to noise alarm and/or community complaint), comparing measured levels against consent noise limits; and
- Validation monitoring following operational modifications to assess the adequacy of the modifications.

Where a noise assessment identifies noise emissions which are exceeding the relevant noise limit(s) for any particular residence, modifications will be made to ensure that the noise event is resolved within 75 minutes of identification. The actions taken are commensurate with the nature and severity of the noise event, but can include:

- Changing the haul route to a less noise sensitive haul;
- Changing dump locations (in-pit or less exposed dump option);
- Reducing equipment numbers;
- Shut down of task; or
- Site shut down.

A summary of these assessments undertaken are provided in **Table 11**.

Table 11: Supplementary Attended Noise Monitoring Data – September 2024

No. of assessments	No. of assessments > trigger	No. of nights where assessments > trigger	% greater than trigger
558	9	6	1.6

Note: Measurements are taken under all meteorological conditions, including conditions under which the consent noise criteria do not apply.

6.0 OPERATIONAL DOWNTIME

During September, a total of 1625 hours of equipment downtime was logged in response to environmental events such as dust, noise and adverse meteorological conditions. Operational downtime by equipment type is shown in **Figure 74**.

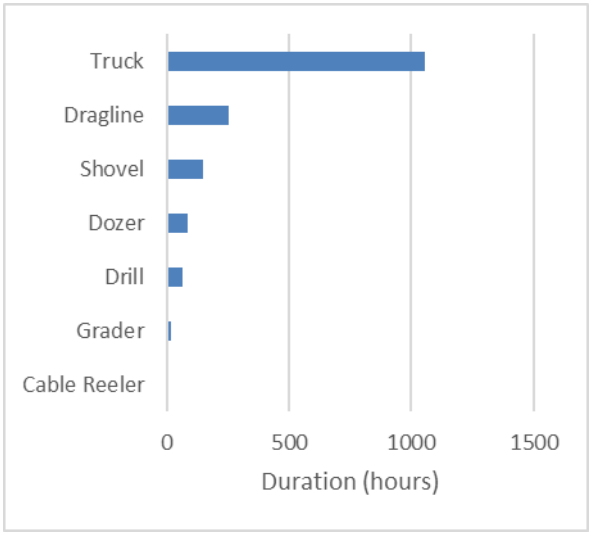

Figure 74: Operational Downtime by Equipment Type – September 2024

7.0 REHABILITATION

During September 2024, 14.8 Ha of land was released, 10.1 Ha was bulk shaped, 33.0 Ha was composted and 16.2 Ha was topsoiled.

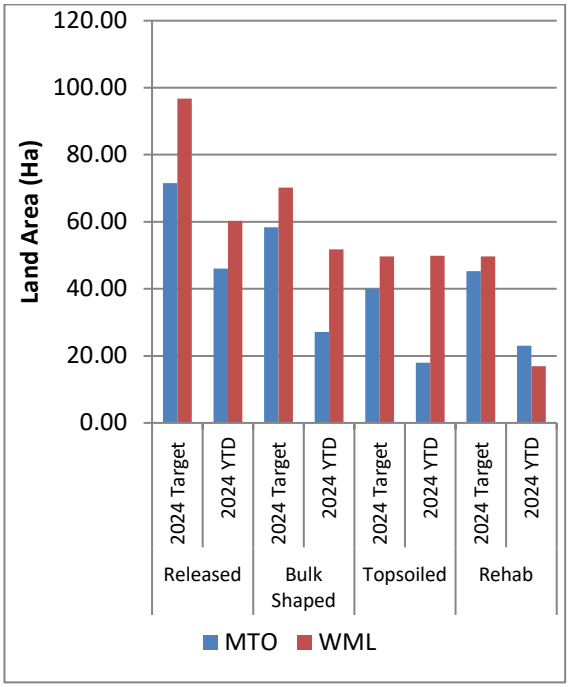

Figure 75: Rehabilitation YTD – September 2024

8.0 ENVIRONMENTAL INCIDENTS

There was no reportable environmental incidents during the reporting period.

9.0 COMPLAINTS

Ten complaints were received during the reporting period. Details of these complaints are shown in **Table 12**.

Table 12: Complaints Summary YTD

	Noise	Dust	Blast	Lighting	Other	Total
January	1	3	5	2	0	11
February	3	4	1	0	0	8
March	3	1	2	0	0	6
April	7	2	1	5	0	15
May	8	1	5	0	2	16
June	2	1	3	0	0	6
July	1	2	2	1	0	6
August	5	1	3	0	1	10
September	0	6	0	3	1	10
October						
November						
December						
Total	30	21	22	11	4	88

Appendix A: Meteorological Data

Table 13: Meteorological Data – Charlton Ridge Meteorological Station – September 2024

Date	Air Temperature		Relative Humidity		Wind Direction	Wind Speed	Rainfall
	Maximum (°C)	Minimum (°C)	Maximum (%)	Minimum (%)	Average (°)	Average (m/sec)	total (mm)
1/09/2024	27	12	62	24	281	4.0	0
2/09/2024	25	11	57	18	284	5.1	0
3/09/2024	19	6	80	21	195	2.3	0
4/09/2024	23	2	97	21	209	2.0	0
5/09/2024	25	5	91	36	269	2.9	0
6/09/2024	26	9	88	35	279	3.5	0
7/09/2024	30	14	90	31	234	3.6	0
8/09/2024	18	12	100	49	264	2.1	0
9/09/2024	22	8	82	32	295	3.3	0
10/09/2024	23	6	96	34	174	1.4	0
11/09/2024	27	8	100	38	232	2.1	0
12/09/2024	24	10	99	42	210	4.4	0
13/09/2024	20	8	99	41	151	2.8	0
14/09/2024	23	6	100	32	252	3.1	0
15/09/2024	18	6	78	28	176	3.9	0
16/09/2024	22	5	80	10	217	2.8	0
17/09/2024	22	3	95	31	228	1.6	0
18/09/2024	25	4	91	14	282	3.2	0
19/09/2024	27	7	63	10	283	3.3	0
20/09/2024	25	8	51	17	293	3.5	0
21/09/2024	25	7	70	23	286	3.5	0
22/09/2024	26	7	68	23	284	3.0	0
23/09/2024	27	9	71	19	285	3.0	0
24/09/2024	25	8	85	29	193	0.9	0
25/09/2024	29	13	82	27	241	2.7	0
26/09/2024	20	8	100	55	171	3.4	0
27/09/2024	18	9	100	49	162	4.9	0
28/09/2024	21	9	100	51	160	4.4	0
29/09/2024	23	11	100	62	166	2.7	0
30/09/2024	25	11	100	41	183	2.4	0