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Re: 2023 Annual Report – Discovery Park

4405 North Island Highway

Campbell River, BC Project No. 17871 – 12c

We have enclosed the report titled 2023 Annual Report – Discovery Park, 4405 North Island Highway, Campbell River, BC. We are pleased to submit this report to NTE Energy and the BC Ministry of Environment and Climate Change (BC ENV) and appreciate the opportunity in providing the service regarding this project.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Keystone Environmental Ltd. (Keystone Environmental) was retained by NT Energy to complete the 2023 annual report for the NTE Discovery Park Landfills, covered under BC Ministry of Environment and Climate Change (BC ENV) Permit 1602. The Permit 1602 covers the operating landfill, the old landfill and the approved, but not yet constructed Phase 3 landfill, all associated with the former pulp and paper mill, located at 4405 North Island Highway, Campbell River, BC. The quarterly and biannual sampling was conducted by the Wei Wai Kum Guardians, with field notes and analytical reports provided to Keystone Environmental for reporting.

The groundwater sampling programs were conducted in accordance with the applicable Permit and its associated amendments. Three wells were to be sampled during each quarterly sampling event, however during the second quarter (Q2), MW19-4 was found to be dry and not sampled and in the third quarter (Q3) MW231-07 was dry and could not be sampled. The groundwater samples were analyzed for polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), dissolved metals, sodium and chloride and permit parameters. Analytical results indicated that the PAH results were below the applicable standards and the analytical detection limits in each sample with the exception of MW19-04 in March 2023, which presented detectable levels of benz(a)anthracene and dibenz(a,h)anthracene. Analytical results for dissolved metals indicated that the sample from MW19-04 exceeded the CSR DW standards for lithium during the September event but was below the standards during the March and November sampling. The sample collected from MW21-07 exceeded the CSR AW standard for copper during the March event. This well was resampled in April for dissolved copper with the results below the applicable CSR standards. The samples from the remainder of the year Q2 and Q4 were also below the CSR standards for copper. As these results only exceeded during one quarterly event, they do not appear to represent a trend.

The leachate samples, collected from the OLWP and NLLD, were all below the applicable CSR AW standards for the analyzed polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs). The underliner location (UL) was not sampled in 2023. Leachate samples were also analyzed for dissolved metals parameters. Analytical results indicated that total chromium exceeded the BC CSR aquatic life (AW) standards in the new landfill leachate in May and the old landfill leachate in May and November. The samples were analyzed for total chromium, whereas the presented standards are for the more stringent hexavalent chromium. In January 2024, one sample was collected from the old landfill leachate for total chromium and chromium speciation. The purpose of this follow up sampling was to determine if the chromium identified was associated with the trivalent or hexavalent chromium. The January result was low with Cr3 and Cr6 both below the analytical detection limits. Chromium speciation will be conducted again in 2024. The May leachate sample from NLLD also exceeded the CSR AW standard for copper and zinc, however as the November event was below the applicable standards for both parameters, this exceedance is considered a one time event and not a trend. The old leachate landfill also exceeded the BC CSR AW standard for nickel in May but below the same standards in November. This results also appears to be an isolated event and not a trend.

The quarterly landfill deposition reports indicated that a total of 17,801 m³ of material was sent to the Discovery Park Operating landfill in 2023. The majority of this volume, 14,120 m³ was deposited in Q3, and 95.7% of the material deposited in 2023 was contaminated soil.

This Executive Summary is subject to the same general limitations as contained in the report and must be read in conjunction with the entire report.



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LIST OF ACRONYMS

APEC Area of Potential Environmental Concern

AST Aboveground Storage Tank

AW Aquatic Life Water Use (Site Specific)

BGS Below Ground Surface

BH Borehole

BTEX Benzene, Toluene, Ethylbenzene and Xylene

CCME Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment

CL Commercial Land Use (site specific)

COC Constituent(S) of Concern
CSR Contaminated Sites Regulation

DNAPL Dense Non-aqueous Phase Liquids

DSI Detailed Site Investigation

DW Drinking Water Use (site specific)

EH Extractable Hydrocarbons

EM Electromagnetic

EMA Environmental Management Act
EPH Extractable Petroleum Hydrocarbons

ERA Ecological Risk Assessment

ESA 1 Phase 1 Environmental Site Assessment ESA 2 Phase 2 Environmental Site Assessment

GPR Ground Penetrating Radar

HEPH Heavy Extractable Petroleum Hydrocarbons in Soils

HEPHW Heavy Extractable Petroleum Hydrocarbons in Groundwater

HHERA Human Health and Ecological Risk Assessment

HWR Hazardous Waste Regulation

IL Industrial Land Use (site specific)
IW Irrigation Water Use (site specific)

LEPH Light Extractable Petroleum Hydrocarbons in Soils

LEPHW Light Extractable Petroleum Hydrocarbons in Groundwater

LNAPL Light Non-aqueous Phase Liquids LW Livestock Water Use (site specific)



LIST OF ACRONYMS (CONT'D)

MBG Metres Below Grade

MBGS Metres Below Ground Surface MOE Ministry of Environment MTBE Methyl Tertiary Butyl Ether

MW Monitoring Well

NAPL Non-aqueous Phase Liquid

NS No Standard

NWU No Water Use (site specific)

OWS Oil/Water Separator

PAH(s) Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons

PCB(s) Polychlorinated Biphenyls

PCOC(s) Potential Constituent(s) of Concern

PERC Perchloroethylene

PL Urban Park Land Use (site specific)

PPM Parts Per Million

PSI 1 Preliminary Site Investigation – Stage 1 PSI 2 Preliminary Site Investigation – Stage 2

PST Petroleum Storage Tank Sites

QA/QC Quality Assurance/Quality Control

RL Residential Land Use (site specific)
RPD Relative Percentage Difference

SRR Spill Reporting Regulation
SSI Supplemental Site Investigation

TP Test Pit

UFFI Urea Formaldehyde Foam Insulation
UL Urban Park Land Use (site specific)
US EPA Environmental Protection Agency (U.S.)

UST Underground Storage Tank

VHW Volatile Hydrocarbons in Groundwater

VOCS Volatile Organic Compounds

VPH Volatile Petroleum Hydrocarbons in Soils

VPHW Volatile Petroleum Hydrocarbons in Groundwater VPHW Volatile Petroleum Hydrocarbons – Vapour

WL Wild Lands Land Use (site specific)



1. INTRODUCTION

This annual report was compiled to address the reporting requirements within Discovery Park landfill Permits 1602. Section 4.4 of the Permit dictates the reporting requirements for the landfill discharge and the receiving environment sampling. These details are presented in the following sections of this annual report.

1.1 Project Terms of Reference

Findings presented in this report are based upon (i) a limited visual review of accessible areas of the Site, (ii) a review of previous reports and documents prepared by others and historical archive records, (iii) observations of subsurface conditions during borehole drilling, and groundwater sampling, and (iv), the results of field investigations including boreholes, monitoring wells, and soil, groundwater, and soil vapour sample analyses. Geologic observations and analytical results reflect conditions encountered at specific test locations. Site conditions (geologic, hydrogeologic and chemical characterization) may vary from that extrapolated from the data collected during this investigation. Consequently, while findings and conclusions documented in this report have been prepared in a manner consistent with that level of care and skill normally exercised by other members of the environmental science and engineering profession practicing under similar circumstances in the area at the time of the performance of the work, this report is not intended nor is it able to provide a totally comprehensive review of past or present site environmental conditions.

This report has been prepared solely for the internal use of NTE Discovery Park (Discovery Park) and BC Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy (BC ENV), pursuant to the agreement between Keystone Environmental Ltd. and NTE Discovery Park (Discovery Park). A copy of the general terms and conditions associated with this agreement is attached in Appendix B. By using the report, NTE Discovery Park and BC ENV agree that they will review and use the report in its entirety. Any use which other parties make of this report, or any reliance on or decisions made based on it, are the responsibility of such parties. Keystone Environmental Ltd. accepts no responsibility for damages, if any, suffered by other parties as a result of decisions made or actions based on this report.

1.2 Site Location

The subject property locations is described as the following:

Parcel Identifiers: 023-737-981, 000-849-910 and 000-846-287

Civic Addresses: 4405 North Island Highway, Campbell River, BC

Legal Description: Lot A Plan VIP64522, District Lot 2, Land District 51

District Lot 26, Land District 51, Except Plan 34604 & Exc PL 42540, Managed

Forest 0502

District Lot 2, Land District 51, Except Plan 19371 & Exc PL 42540, 50636,

VIP64521, VIP64522 & VIP76652 Managed Forest 0502



Current Zoning: Industrial

Latitude: 50° 4′ 14.9″ North (approximate)

Longitude: 125° 18′ 16.9″ West (approximate)

The approximate latitude and longitude entered for the Operating Landfill was determined using the City of Campbell River Online mapping system.

The general location of the Subject Property is shown on Figure 1.



2. PERMITS AND INSPECTIONS

2.1 Permit Amendments in 2023

Permit 1602 was initially issued in 1972 and has undergone various amendments over time. There were no amendments to Permit 1602 in 2023.

2.2 Site Upgrades

The structural upgrades conducted to the leachate collection system and the California ditch that were undertaken in 2021 and 2022 have been completed. No upgrades occurred in 2023.

Portions of the former mill infrastructure are undergoing demolition, however none of this infrastructure is associated with the landfills, the SET plant or either permit.

2.3 Facility Inspections

No facility inspections were conducted by the BC ENV in 2023.



3. REGULATORY FRAMEWORK – WATER STANDARDS

Laws and regulations for managing contaminated sites in British Columbia, including standards and quidelines to use in determining if a site is contaminated or not, are provided in the following documents:

- ▶ Environmental Management Act (EMA) ([SBC 2003], Chapter 53 assented to October 23, 2003, and current to the date of this report).
- Contaminated Sites Regulation (CSR) (375/96 O.C. 1480/96, includes amendments up to BC Reg. 179/2021, July 7, 2021, and current to the date of this report

The CSR provides a framework to investigate, assess, and remediate contaminated sites in BC. The CSR also provides soil and vapour standards for different land use categories, water standards for different water use categories, and sediment standards for different habitat use categories.

Other applicable information regarding contaminated site assessment and remediation includes policy, protocols, and guidance documents as issued by BC ENV, and in the case of the landfills, Permit 1602.

Table 3-1 Summary of Applicable Standards

BC CSR aquatic life freshwater use (AW_{FW})
 BC CSR aquatic life marine (AW_M)
 BC CSR groundwater standards for all sites regardless of the water use (EPHw₁₀₋₁₉ and VHw₆₋₁₀)

3.1 Water

Generic numerical water standards (CSR Schedule 3.2) are classified into four categories based on the type of water use as defined in Protocol 21 for Contaminated Sites¹ (Protocol 21). Extractable petroleum hydrocarbons in water (EPHw₁₀₋₁₉) and volatile hydrocarbons in water (VHw₆₋₁₀) standards are applicable at all sites, irrespective of water use. Sites that contain substances in groundwater at concentrations greater than the standard for the water use and/or EPHw₁₀₋₁₉ and VHw₆₋₁₀ standards are considered to be contaminated. The water use categories are summarized as follows:

- Drinking Water Use (DW)
- Aquatic Life Water Use (AW) freshwater and/or marine
- Irrigation Water Use (IW)
- Livestock Water Use (LW)

3.1.1 Drinking Water Use

Drinking water use (DW) evaluation is based on current or potential for future use.

<u>Current Use:</u> The BC Water Resources Atlas, which displays groundwater management information for the Province of BC, was accessed as part of investigation on the Site. According to the BC Water Resources Atlas, water wells are not shown on the Site or within a 500 metre radius from the operating landfill or the former Mill Site.

Protocol 21 for Contaminated Sites, Water Use Determination, Version 2.0, BC Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy, October 31, 2017



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The operating landfill is located over two mapped aquifers, 1241 and 1242. Aquifer 1241 is a sand and gravel, unconfined aquifer with moderate vulnerability. The median depth to groundwater within the identified wells was 68.7 mbg. This aquifer lies over the North Campbell River Bedrock aquifer (1242).

Groundwater at the Site is currently not used for drinking water purposes, however there are drinking water wells within the neighbouring lands, and the Site is located over a mapped aquifer, therefore the drinking water standards are applied to the groundwater at the Site to protect for future use.

The leachate collection system is a contained, constructed system that primarily is located within the heavily industrial location of the former mill area. Additionally, sections of the former mill property are infilled foreshore. Based on the contained piping system, the historical and current land use and the infilled shoreline areas, the drinking water standard are not referenced for the leachate samples.

Based on the assessment, CSR DW standards of Schedule 3.2 are applied to evaluate the groundwater analytical results and but will not be referenced for the leachate samples (NLLD, underliner or OLWP).

3.1.2 Aquatic Life Water Use

A number of unnamed creeks or drainage channels are located proximal to the operating and approved landfill. Boom Creek was measured approximately 150m northeast of the landfill footprint. Duncan Bay, a marine environment, was located approximately 400 m northeast of the Operating landfill. Based on the location of these surface water bodies, both the standards for the protection of freshwater and marine are considered applicable to the groundwater wells.

Leachate samples were compared to the freshwater and marine CSR standards for due diligence, however the leachate is contained within a closed, piping system from the landfill footprint to the effluent treatment plant. This effluent is contained with a treatment plant and the final discharge is regulated under Permit 1164.

3.1.3 Irrigation and Livestock Water Use

Current irrigation and livestock water wells were not identified within a 500 m radius of the Site. Therefore, IW and LW uses are not considered applicable to the Site.

3.1.4 Background Concentration in Groundwater

Protocol 9 for Contaminated Sites² (Protocol 9) provides background concentrations for inorganic substances in groundwater in four regions and provides an interim provincial background value for cobalt of 20 µg/L. The Site is located in Campbell River, which is not located within one of the identified regions under Protocol 9, therefore background groundwater concentrations do not apply to the Site.

3.1.5 Applicability of Water Standards for Iron and Manganese

Schedule 2 activities were not conducted on the Site for which iron and manganese water standards apply (footnotes 43 and 44 for iron and 46 and 47 for manganese of CSR Schedule 3.2). Therefore, the CSR standards for iron and manganese are not considered applicable to the Site.

² Protocol 9 for Contaminated Sites, Establishing Local Background Concentrations in Groundwater, Version 3, BC Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy, May 13, 2021.



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4. DISCHARGED WASTE VOLUMES

As per Section 4.1.1 of the Permit, Discovery Park is required to record the volumes of waste discharged into the landfill and present it quarterly to the BC ENV via emails to the routine mailbox. The total volumes of accepted wastes were as follows:

Quarter 1:	1,025 m ³
Quarter 2:	0 m^3
Quarter 3:	14,120 m ³
Quarter 4:	2,656 m ³
Annual Total	17,801 m ³

The annual volume of discharged waste was below the annual allowable permitted limit of 82,500m³. The accepted material consisted of the following:

Table 4-1 Summary of Landfill Accepted Material from 2023

Material	2023 Totals	% of Totals			
Asbestos	440.4	2.4			
Contaminated Soils	17,031.9	95.7			
Mixed demolition debris	218.9	1.2			
Dewater sewer sludge	110.2	0.6			
Total	17,801 m³	100%			

The quarterly reports for 2023 were submitted to the BC ENV by Keystone Environmental Ltd. Copies of the quarterly reports are located in Appendix A.



5. SEMI-ANNUAL LEACHATE MONITORING PROGRAM

Two leachate samples were collected twice a year; one sample was collected from the operating landfill leachate system (NLLD) and the second sample was collected from the old landfill leachate system (OLWP). The sampling program was conducted by the Wei Wai Kum Guardians and the field notes were provided to Keystone Environmental for reporting purposes. Both of the samples were collected and submitted for laboratory analyses of select parameters as required under Permit 1602.

Leachate samples from NLLD and OLWP were collected in May and November 2023 (Q2 and Q4). Samples from both events were submitted for light and heavy extractable petroleum hydrocarbons (LEPH/HEPH), polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), total metals and routine parameters, chemical oxygen demand (COD), sodium, chloride, conductivity and pH.

Analytical results indicated that samples from NLLD, collected during both biannual events were below the applicable CSR AW standards and the analytical detection limits for the PAH parameters. These results are consistent with the 2022 PAH results. The routine parameters were also analyzed and were consistent with previous results. The results show the pH has ranged between 8.08 and 9.43 and COD ranged between 40 mg/L in winter of 2022 to 188 mg/L in May 2023.

Dissolved metals analyzed for the NLLD leachate exceeded the CSR AW standards for chromium, copper, and zinc during the May 2023 sampling event, with all of the dissolved metals results below the same CSR AW standards during the November sampling. These same parameters were below the applicable standards in 2022 indicating that the May 2023 results indicate a single event and not representative of a trend. It should also be noted that the chromium standards are for hexavalent chromium however the analyses was for total chromium. During the 2024 sampling program the chromium will be speciated to confirm that the results are more consistent with trivalent chromium, which has higher standards.

Analytical results from the OWLP sampling program indicated that the PAH parameters were below the CSR AW standards during both sampling events, below the analytical detection limits during the November 2023 event. The routine parameters were also within any permit required levels with the pH decreasing between 2022 and the winter 2023 event, from 9.23 to 8.51. COD fluctuated between 80 mg/L in June 2022 to 176 mg/L in May 2023, dropping back down to 87 mg/L in December 2023. Analytical results for dissolved metals showed chromium exceeded the CSR AW standards in May and November 2023 and nickel in the May 2023 event. As the nickel results were below standards in 2022 and again in November 2023, this exceedance appears consistent with an isolated event and not a trend at this time. In January 2024, one sample was collected from the OWLP for speciated chromium to determine if the chromium identified in May and November was hexavalent or trivalent chromium.

Underliner samples were not collected in 2023. This location will be resampled in 2024, when flow is identified. As only 4 samples have been collected in 2022 and 2023, graphs have not been created to show the permit parameter trends.



5.1 NLLD Trending

Keystone Environmental was provided the 2022 sampling results and has compiled the 2023 quarterly sampling results into this annual report. Trend reports within the 2021 annual report indicated a decrease in pH from an initial high in 2006 of near 10.5 to the 2022 low of 8.08 The 2023 pH results from the operating landfill (NLLD) were measured at 8.4 and 9.4. The November results showed a slight increase at 9.4, however these results are still below the initial highs of near 10.5. These measurements will continue during the 2024 program.

Previous conductivity readings showed seasonal fluctuations, including higher values in Q2, and lower values during Q4. The overall conductivity, along with pH, has also decreased between 2008 (high of 27,500 us/cm) and 2021 (4,000 us/cm). The 2023 results are consistent with previous results, with both conductivity sample results below 5,000 μ S/cm.

The 2022 annual report also shows a decrease in the COD concentration from the 2007 highs to a levelling out after 2018. The 2023 COD results showed a fluctuation in Q2 and Q4 with the Q2 result back up to 188 mg/L and the May result back down to 80 mg/L.

5.2 OLWP Trending

Leachate samples from the old landfill location, OWLP, have been collected since 2011, the trending graphs presented in the 2021 annual report were reviewed in relation to the 2022 and 2023 results. The pH shows a decreasing trend from 2011 to 2021; the pH in Q4 of 2022 was 9.23, indicating a short term increase with the pH for Q2 and Q4 in 2023 measured at 8.9 and 8.51. As the old landfill has not been used since the early 1990s, there is no reason for a pH increase of the leachate. Conductivity levels decreased in 2022 and 2023 with the results dropping from 4850 mg/L in Q4 2022 to 2100 in Q4 2023. COD levels fluctuated in 2022 and 2023 ranging between 80 mg/L in Q2 of 2022, up to 176 mg/L in Q2 of 2023 and back down to 87 mg/L in Q4 2023.



6. QUARTERLY GROUNDWATER MONITORING PROGRAM

Three groundwater wells were sampled during the first and fourth quarter in 2023, MW19-4 was dry during Q2 and MW21-07 was dry during Q3. Monitoring well MW13-2 sampled during each event and two of the downgradient wells (MW19-04 and MW21-07) as water is available. MW21-06, also drilled in 2021 has been dry during each monitoring program. Groundwater wells were monitored, purged, and sampled by the Guardians with field notes and the analytical results provided to Keystone Environmental for reporting.

6.1 Quarterly Groundwater Monitoring Results

Permit 1602, along with subsequent amendments, details the sampling requirements for Discovery Park. Multiple groundwater wells have been installed proximal and upgradient to the landfill, including MW13-2, used as a background sample location, MW19-03 and MW19-04 deeper downgradient wells installed in 2019 and MW21-06 and MW21-07, installed in 2021, downgradient of the landfill, shallower than MW19-3 and MW19-4.

Under the Permit and associated amendments, the groundwater was sampled for pH, conductivity, COD, LEPH/HEPH, PAHs, dissolved metals and sodium and chloride.

During each sampling event, the background sample was collected from MW13-2 as well as the centrally located downgradient wells MW19-04 and MW21-07, depending on groundwater availability. Analytical results indicated that all samples from Q2 and Q4 were below the BC CSR standards. One sample, collected from MW21-07 during Q1 exceeded the BC CSR standards for dissolved copper. This well was resampled in April 2023 and then sampled again during Q2 and Q4 with results for copper below the applicable standards. Additionally, one sample collected from MW19-4 during Q3 exceeded the CSR DW standards for lithium. This well was below the CSR DW standards for lithium in the previous Q2 and the following Q4. This result appears to be isolated and not an indication of a trend.

6.2 Groundwater Trends

Graphs from the 2021 annual report have shown a relatively consistent pH in all three groundwater wells with results ranging from approximately 8.2 (MW13-2) to approximately 7.2 (MW19-03). The 2023 results showed a slight increase ranging from 8.6 in Q2 to 7.7 in Q1 for MW13-2, the upgradient, background well. The pH from MW21-07 and MW19-04 were measured between 7.03 in Q3 and 7.62 in Q4.

Conductivity measurements have also been relatively consistent during the sampling program between 2019 and 2021. Conductivity levels of MW13-02 were lower (approximately 200 us/cm in Q2, Q3 and Q4) than MW19-04 and MW21-07 (between 417 and 735 us/cm). 2023 values from MW13-02 were consistent with previous values, with the exception of the Q1 results which was measured at 793 ug/cm.

The 2021 and 2022 annual reports showed inconsistent readings for COD in MW19-03 and MW19-04. Levels from MW13-2 continued to be consistent with the previous results, mostly below the 50 mg/L mark. The COD results from the background well in 2023 were consistent with the previous data. Concentrations from the downgradient wells, MW19-04 and MW21-07 were lower than MW13-02 in Q1, but higher in the remaining quarters. COD is not a regulated parameter under the CSR but is a required sampling parameter under the Permit 1602. Sampling for COD will be completed in 2024.



7. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

In 2022, Discovery Park conducted required monitoring and sampling programs, detailed under Section 4.1 and 4.2 of Permit 1602. The results of these programs, along with audit results and infrastructure upgrades are detailed in the previous sections of this report. The results for 2023 include:

- The 2023 documented disposal volumes indicated that 17,801 m³ of material was deposited into the landfill, and that 95.7% of the waste consisted of contaminated soil. This total volume was below the annual allowable rate.
- ▶ Biannual sampling was conducted of the operating and old landfills leachate for LEPH/HEPH, PAHs, total metals and routine parameters, including hardness, COD, pH and conductivity. Analytical results indicated that the Q2 sample from NLLD exceeded the CSR AW standards for copper, chromium, and zinc. The Q4 sample from the sample location was below the CSR standards for the same parameters. During the 2024 sampling period, chromium speciation will be conducted to confirm that any elevated chromium levels were associated with trivalent chromium, and not the toxic hexavalent chromium.
- ➤ A leachate sample from OWLP also exceeded the CSR AW standard for chromium during Q2 and Q4. One additional sample collected from OWLP was analysed for total and speciate chromium to determine if the previous samples analysed for total chromium was Cr³ or Cr⁶. The results for the January sample were very low for chromium with both Cr³ and Cr⁶ below the analytical detection limit. Chromium speciation will be attempted again in 2024.
- ➤ Quarterly groundwater samples were collected from one upgradient and two downgradient wells. Samples were analyzed for dissolved metals, LEPH/HEPH, PAHs, sodium, chloride, COD, pH, and conductivity, as required under Permit 1602 and subsequent amendments. Analytical results were all below the applicable standards, with the exception of dissolved lithium, collected from MW19-04 during Q3. The lithium results for the same well was below the standards during Q4. Additionally, dissolved copper exceeded the CSR standards during Q1 from MW21-07 but was below the standards in the following sampling events in Q3 and Q4.
- No updates were conducted on the leachate system, the landfills, or the SET plant in 2023. No audits were conducted on the Site in 2023.
- ➤ The 2024 sampling program will continue in accordance with the permits, no changes are recommended.



8. PROFESSIONAL STATEMENT

Keystone Environmental Ltd. confirms that this report titled 2023 Annual Report – Discovery Park, has been prepared in general conformance with the Environmental Management Act, the Contaminated Sites Regulation and the Site's permit requirements.

Report author Suzanne Durning, P.Ag., Project Manager and Professional of Record, and Senior reviewer(s) Jason Christiansen, P.Eng., have demonstrable experience in the investigation of the type of contamination at the Site and are familiar with the investigation carried out at the Site.

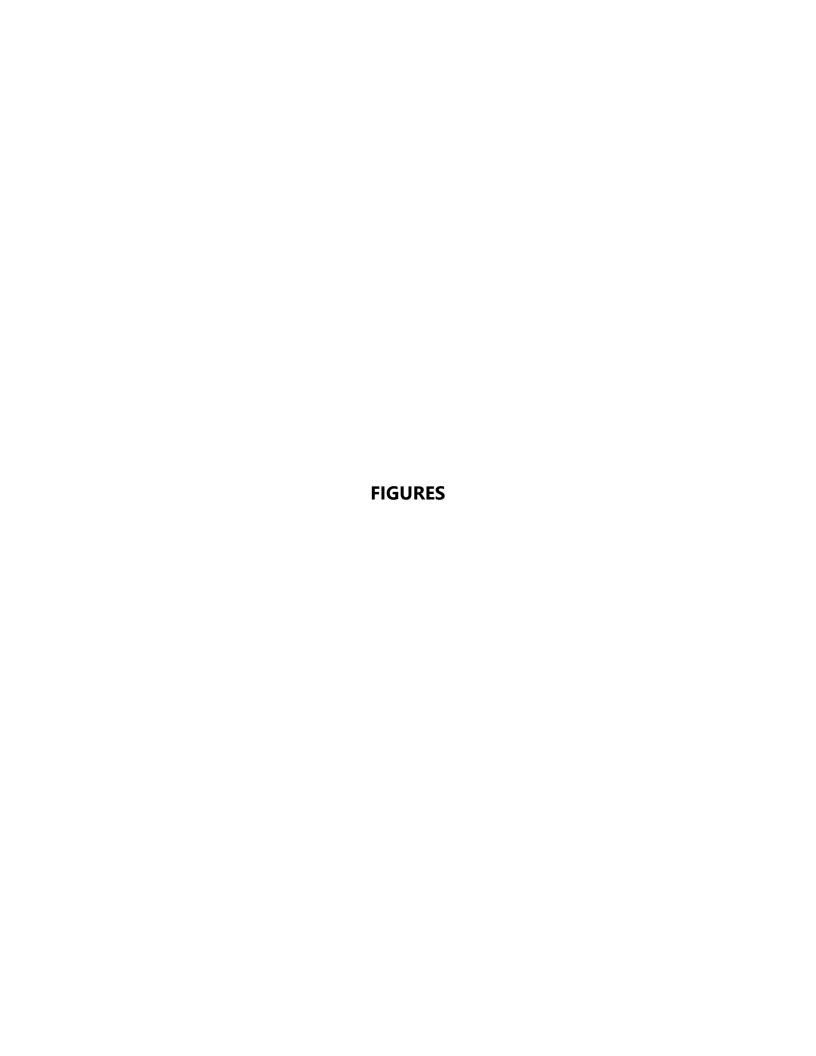
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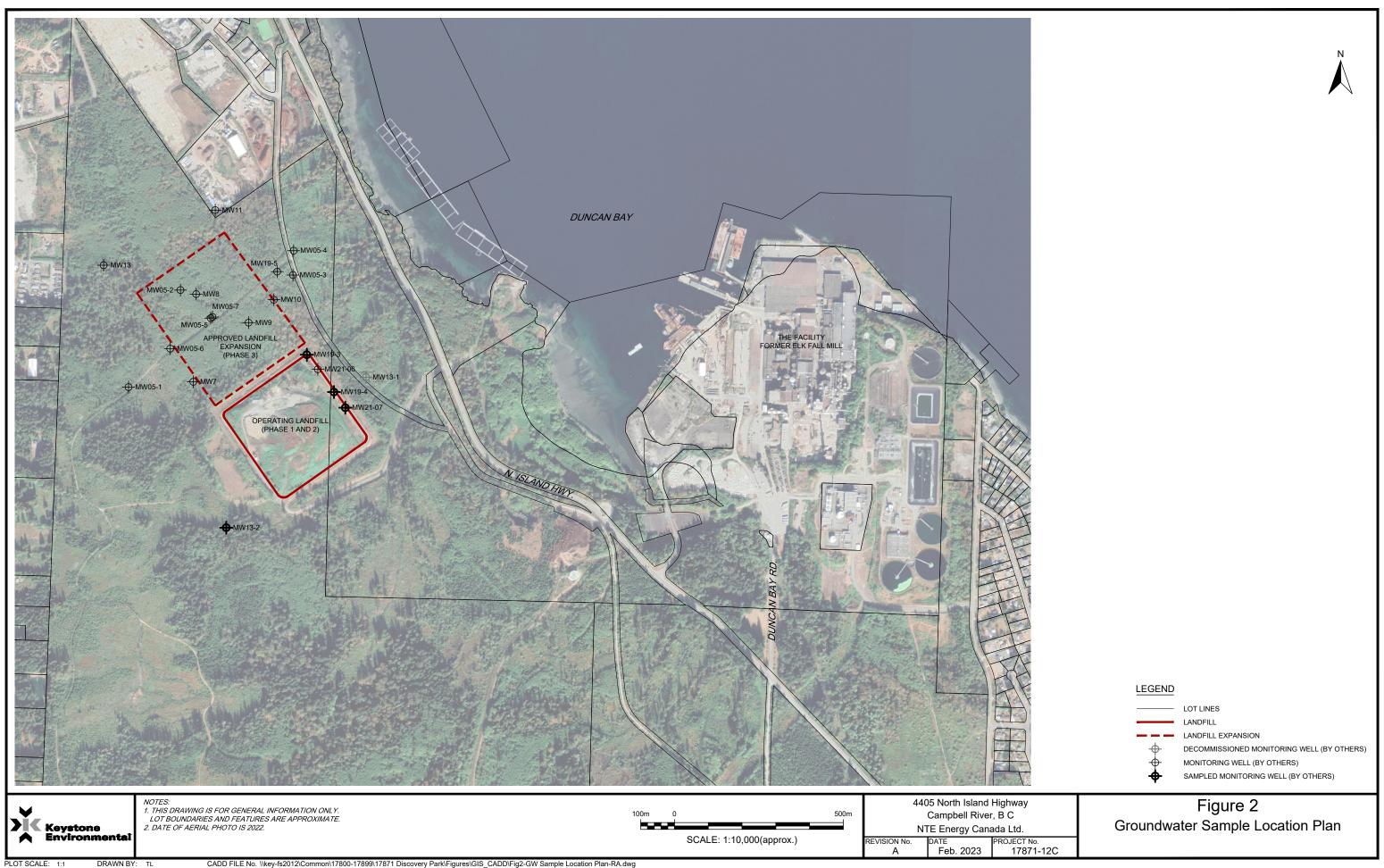
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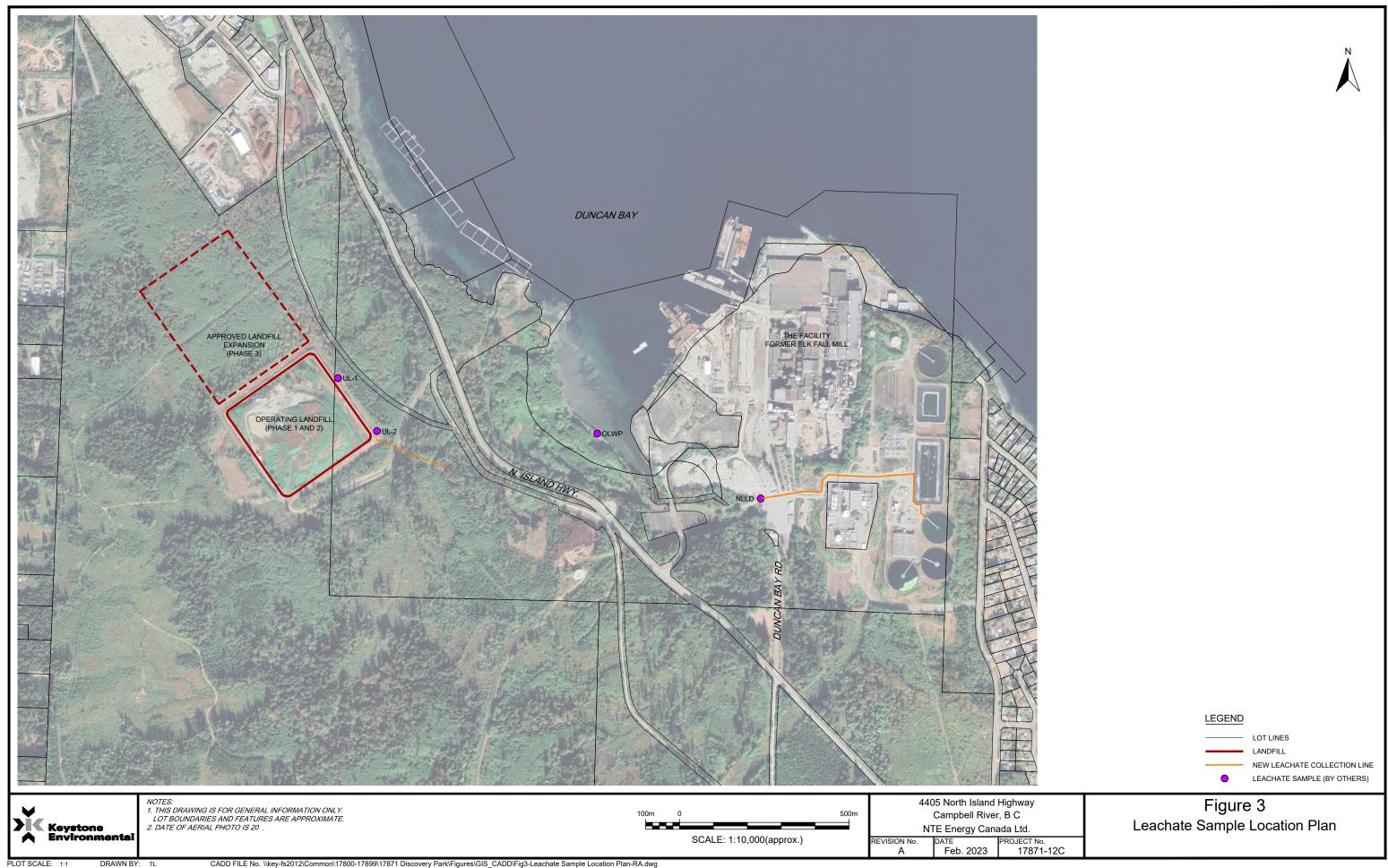
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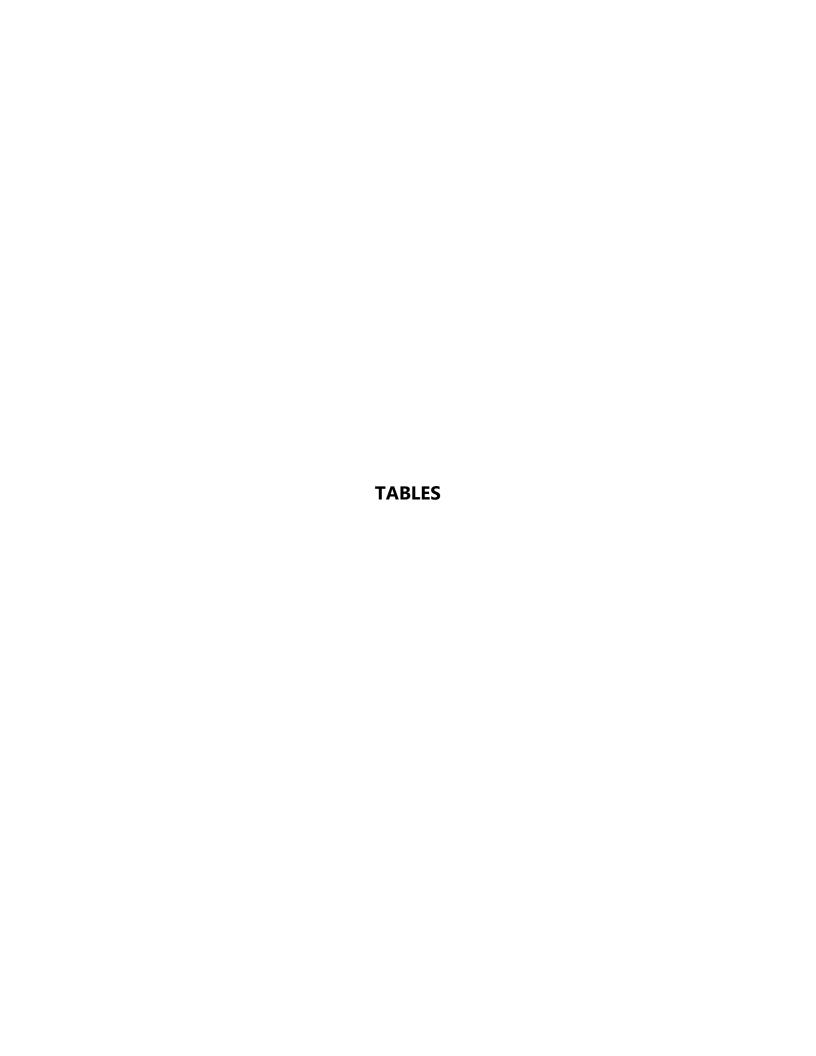
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GLOSSARY: GROUNDWATER ANALYTICAL RESULTS

4405 North Island Highway, Campbell River, BC NT Energy Project #: 17871

February 2024

List of Acronyms		List of Symbols	
AW_{FW}	Aquatic Life Water Use (freshwater)	<	Concentration is less than the laboratory reported detection limit
AW _M	Aquatic Life Water Use (freshwater)	*	Laboratory reported detection limit is greater than applicable standard
CSR	British Columbia Contaminated Sites Regulation		Sample was not analyzed for the specified constituent
DW	Drinking Water Use	a	CSR standard is hardness dependent
EPHw ₁₀₋₁₉	Extractable Petroleum Hydrocarbons (carbon range 10 to 19)	b	BC ENV Protocol 9 Regional Background Concentration
EPHw ₁₉₋₃₂	Extractable Petroleum Hydrocarbons (carbon range 19 to 32)	c	Dissolved iron/manganese standards are not applicable to the site as determined by review of the CSR Schedule 2 activities
HEPHw	Heavy Extractable Petroleum Hydrocarbons (corrected for PAHs)	**	Analytical results for total chromium, however standards for hexavalent chromium
LEPHw	Light Extractable Petroleum Hydrocarbons (corrected for PAHs)		
n/a	Not applicable	List of Units	
n/s	No Standard	mbg	Metres below grade
nr	not reliable, error during sampling	μg/L	Micrograms per litre
PAHs	Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons	mg/L	Milligrams per litre
ns	not sampled		
RDL	Reported Detection Limit		
RPD	Relative Percent Difference	Groundwater Exceedances	
VHw ₆₋₁₀	Volatile Petroleum Hydrocarbons (carbon range 6 to 10)	<u>125</u>	Exceeds CSR AW _{FW} standards
voc	Volatile Organic Compounds	125	Exceeds CSR AW _M standards
VPHw	Volatile Petroleum Hydrocarbons (corrected for BTEX)	125	Exceeds CSR DW standards
<u>Formulas</u>		QA/QC Exceedances	
RPD	RPD = ((Max. Concentration - Min. Concentration)/((Max. Concentration + Min. Concentration)/2))*100	80%	RPD exceeds data quality objectives



TABLE 1: GROUNDWATER ANALYTICAL RESULTS

INORGANICS

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CSR AW _{FW} Standards n/s n/s 90 50 10000 1.5 1/s 12000 0.5-4a 10 40 20-90a n/s	CSR AW _M Standards	CSR DW Standards		
n/s	n/s	n/s		
n/s	n/s	9500		
90	2500	6		
50	125	10		
10000	5000	1000		
1.5	1000	8		
n/s	n/s	n/s		
12000	12000	5000		
0.5-4a	15	5		
10	15	50		
40	40	20		
20-90a	20	1500		
n/s	n/s	n/ac		
40-160a	20	10		
n/s	n/s	8		
n/s	n/s	n/ac		
10000	10000	250		
250-1500a	83	80		
20	20	10		
0.5-15a	15	20		
n/s	n/s	2500		
3	3	n/s		
n/s	n/s	2500		
1000	1000	n/s		
85	85	20		
n/s	n/s	20		
75-3150a	100	3000		
n/s	n/s	n/s		

SAMPLE ID	Units					MW	13-2				
			20	22			20)23		#2 Duplicate	RPD
DATE SAMPLED COC Job #		02-Mar-22	15-Jun-22	26-Oct-22	16-Dec-22	27-Mar-23	23-May-23	21-Sep-23	28-Nov-23	28-Nov-23	of
COC Job #		nm	nm	nm	nm	C321183	C336804	C375424	C397170	C397170	MW13-02 and
BV Sample ID		nm	nm	nm	nm	BOC781	BQY770	BZS466	CFQ001	CFQ004	Duplicate #2
hardness	mg/L	98	102	100	99	137	97.2	89.2	98.1	96.9	Duplicate #2
Dissolved Metals											
aluminum	μg/L	8	140	6	5	1450	4.9	4.2	5.7	6.1	6.78
antimony	μg/L	0.04	0.05	0.07	0.11	<0.50	<0.50	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5	
arsenic	μg/L	0.8	0.8	0.7	1	0.87	0.73	0.86	0.83	0.85	2.38
barium	μg/L	4.9	5.4	5.1	11	20.1	10.1	6.9	9.4	9.6	2.11
beryllium	μg/L	<0.05	< 0.05	< 0.05	< 0.05	<0.10	< 0.10	< 0.1	< 0.10	< 0.10	
bismuth	μg/L	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	
boron	μg/L	6	6	10	5	<50	<50	<50	<5.0	<5.0	
cadmium	μg/L	0.02	<0.01	0.01	0.02	0.046	< 0.010	< 0.01	< 0.010	<0.010	
chromium (total)	μg/L	0.18	0.29	0.34	0.38	1.7	<1.0	<1.0	< 1.0	<1.0	
cobalt	μg/L	0.05	0.1	0.03	0.03	1.44	<0.20	<0.2	<0.20	<0.20	
copper	μg/L	0.8	1.3	4	3.8	7.32	1.1	1.91	1.02	1.08	5.71
iron	μg/L	6	100	3	3	1190	<5.0	<5	< 5.0	<5.0	
lead	μg/L	0.03	0.19	0.09	0.05	2.96	< 0.20	<0.2	< 0.20	< 1.0	
lithium	μg/L	<0.5	0.5	1.2	< 0.5	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	
manganese	μg/L	<1	5	<1	<1	91.7	8.88	1.9	9.22	9.12	1.09
mercury	μg/L	-	-	-	-	<0.0019	-	-	-	-	-
molybdenum	μg/L	1	1	0.98	1.9	<1.0	1.3	1.1	1.0	1.1	9.52
nickel	μg/L	0.4	0.4	1.1	1.1	1.8	<1.0	< 1.0	< 1.0	<1.0	
selenium	μg/L	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	< 0.10	0.12	0.23	0.13	0.15	14.29
silver	μg/L	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	< 0.01	< 0.020	<0.02	< 0.02	<0.020	<0.020	
strontium	μg/L	77	85	87	83	93.5	85.8	86.1	86.9	87.9	1.14
thallium	μg/L	< 0.01	< 0.01	<0.01	<0.01	0.014	< 0.010	< 0.01	<0.010	<0.010	
tin	μg/L	< 0.1	< 0.1	0.6	0.2	<5.0	<5.0	<5	<5.0	<5.0	
titanium	μg/L	11	10	4	<0.1	39.8	<5.0	<5	<5.0	<5.0	
uranium	μg/L	0.17	0.19	0.17	5	0.2	0.16	0.18	0.17	0.17	0.00
vanadium	μg/L	0.5	0.62	0.56	0.24	<5.0	< 5.0	<5	<5.0	< 5.0	
zinc	μg/L	1.2	1.7	5.3	6.1	<5.0	< 5.0	<5	<5.0	< 5.0	
zirconium	μg/L	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	0.2	<0.10	<0.1	<0.10	<0.10	

Groundwater Exceedances

<u>125</u>	Exceeds CSR AW _{FW} standards
125	Exceeds CSR AW _M standards
125	Exceeds CSR DW standards

QA/QC Exceedances



TABLE 1: GROUNDWATER ANALYTICAL RESULTS

INORGANICS

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CSR AW _{FW}	CSR AW _M	CSR DW
Standards	Standards	Standards
n/s	n/s	n/s

Standards	Standards	Standards
n/s	n/s	n/s
n/s	n/s	9500
90	2500	6
50	125	10
10000	5000	1000
1.5	1000	8
n/s	n/s	n/s
12000	12000	5000
0.5-4a	15	5
10	15	50
40	40	20
20-90a	20	1500
n/s	n/s	n/ac
40-160a	20	10
n/s	n/s	8
n/s	n/s	n/ac
10000	10000	250
250-1500a	83	80
20	20	10
0.5-15a	15	20
n/s	n/s	2500
3	3	n/s
n/s	n/s	2500
1000	1000	n/s
85	85	20
n/s	n/s	20
75-3150a	100	3000
n/s	n/s	n/s

SAMPLE ID	Units	MW1	9-03			MW	19-04						MW21-07				
			22		2022			2023			2022			20	23		
DATE SAMPLED		26-Oct-22	16-Dec-22	02-Mar-22	15-Jun-22	26-Oct-22	27-Mar-23	21-Sep-23	28-Nov-23	02-Mar-22	15-Jun-22	16-Dec-22	27-Mar-23	18-Apr-23	23-May-23	28-No	v-23
COC Job #		nm	nm	nm	nm	nm	C321183	C375424	CFQ003	nm	nm	nm	C321183	C326789	C336804	CFQ	002
BV Sample ID		nm	nm	nm	nm	nm	BOC782	BZS467	C397170	nm	nm	nm	BOC783	BOZ525	BQY771	C397	170
hardness	mg/L	370	360	250	290	300	285	545	305	180	180	250	252	146	169	21	3
Dissolved Metals	-																
aluminum	μg/L	3	2	5	120	14	1090	<6.0	<3.0	12	3500	4	7530	-	3.5	i	3.6
antimony	μg/L	0.23	0.25	0.013	0.18	0.17	<0.50	<1.0	<0.5	0.35	0.16	0.18	<0.50	-	<0.50	< 0.5	
arsenic	μg/L	0.9	1	1.3	1.4	1.1	1.82	1.07	0.83	0.8	1.3	0.5	1.51	-	0.26	i	0.28
barium	μg/L	52	64	48	61	58	85.7	92.2	49.7	15	97	63	296	-	34.3	6	61.4
beryllium	μg/L	< 0.05	<0.05	< 0.05	< 0.05	<0.05	<0.10	<0.2	<0.10	< 0.05	0.1	< 0.05	0.16	-	< 0.10	<0.10	
bismuth	μg/L	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<1.0	<2.0	<1.0	<0.1	< 0.1	<0.1	<1.0	-	<1.0	< 1.0	
boron	μg/L	45	12	31	22	24	<50	50	<5.0	22	13	18	<50	-	<50	<5.0	
cadmium	μg/L	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.06	0.04	0.048	<0.01	<0.010	0.01	0.07	0.03	0.122	-	<0.010		0.013
chromium (total)	μg/L	0.26	0.38	0.14	0.19	0.14	1.4	<2.0	<1.0	0.37	4.1	0.14	4.6	-	<1.0		<1.0
cobalt	μg/L	0.09	0.04	0.04	0.24	0.14	1.05	<0.4	<02	0.06	2.6	0.06	5.74	-	<0.20		< 0.20
copper	μg/L	3.6	2	1.4	3	4.1	5.22	2.99	1.28	5.7	24	7.4	21	2.6	1.68	5	2.89
iron	μg/L	5	5	<2	110	16	1130	<10	<5.0	5	4100	4	4500	-	<5.0	<5.0	
lead	μg/L	0.11	0.49	0.2	0.1	0.08	0.61	<0.4	<0.2	<0.01	0.98	0.07	2.16	-	<0.20	<0.20	
lithium	μg/L	2.4	2.3	6.7	6.5	5.4	6.9	12.1	5.2	1.2	2.6	1.3	2.4	-	<2.0	<2.0	
manganese	μg/L	20	5	41	190	150	284	393	7	5	160	4	466	-	7.58	š	5.1
mercury	μg/L	-	-	-	-	-	<0.0019	-	-	-	-	-	<0.0019	-			-
molybdenum	μg/L	2	1.1	5	0.43	2.8	3.3	2.8	2.6	3.6	0.43	0.66	<1.0	-	<1.0	<1.0	
nickel	μg/L	2.1	1	1.8	3.6	2.8	2.2	2.5	<1.0	1.1	3.6	1.2	4.0	-	<1.0	<1.0	
selenium	μg/L	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	0.6	<0.2	<0.10	<0.2	<0.10	0.9	0.6	<0.2	0.22	-	<1.0		0.13
silver	μg/L	<0.01	< 0.01	< 0.01	0.01	<0.01	<0.020	<0.04	<0.02	< 0.01	0.01	<0.01	0.052	-	<0.020	<0.020	
strontium	μg/L	210	200	170	130	210	244	529	255	140	130	200	142	-	114	í.	178
thallium	μg/L	0.02	<0.05	0.03	0.04	0.02	0.038	0.045	0.018	0.01	0.04	0.02	0.06	-	<0.010		0.017
tin	μg/L	0.5	0.02	0.1	0.4	0.5	<5.0	<10	<5.0	0.3	0.3	0.5	<5.0	-	<5.0	<5.0	
titanium	μg/L	13	<0.1	8	22	12	42.4	<10	<5.0	8	210	0.1	229	-	<5.0	<5.0	
uranium	μg/L	1.1	19	1.6	1.6		1.53	2.11	1.46	1.8	0.88	14	0.9	-	0.34		0.63
vanadium	μg/L	3.5	0.9			0.51	<5.0	<10	<5.0	1.4	11	1.1	13.9	-	<5.0	<5.0	
zinc	μg/L	13	0.55	2.7	11	11	7.1	<10	<5.0	0.7	15	0.47	16.3	-	<5.0	<5.0	
zirconium	μg/L	0.1	8.6	<0.1	0.2	<0.1	0.15	<0.2	<0.10	<0.1	1	21	2.28	-	<0.10	<0.10	

Groundwater Exceedances

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eeds CSR AW_{FW} standards eeds CSR AW_M standards eeds CSR DW standards

QA/QC Exceedances



TABLE 2: GROUNDWATER ANALYTICAL RESULTS INORGANICS

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CSR AW _{FW} Standards	CSR AW _M Standards	CSR DW Standards		
500	500	n/s		
5000	5000	5000		
n/s	n/s	n/s		
n/s	n/s	n/s		
60	60	250		
n/s	n/s	n/s		
0.5	0.5	n/s		
1	1	1000		
1	1	0.07		
0.1	0.1	0.01		
n/s	n/s	0.07		
n/s	n/s	n/s		
n/s	n/s	n/s		
1	1	7		
n/s	n/s	0.01		
2	2	150		
120	120	150		
n/s	n/s	n/s		
n/s	n/s	5.5		
n/s	n/s	15		
10	10	80		
3	3	n/s		
0.2	0.2	100		
34	34	0.05		

SAMPLE ID	Units	MW13-2									MW19-03	
			2	022		2023				2	022	
DATE SAMPLED		02-Mar-22	15-Jun-22	26-Oct-22	16-Dec-22	27-Mar-23	23-May-23	21-Sep-23	28-Nov-23	26-Oct-22	16-Dec-22	
COC Job #		nm	nm	nm	nm	C321183	C336804	C375424	C397170	nm	nm	
BV Sample ID		nm	nm	nm	nm	BOC781	BQY770	BZS466	CFQ001	nm	nm	
Petroleum Hydrocarbons						•				•		
LEPHw	μg/L	<200	<200	<200	<200	<200	<200	<200	<200	<200	<200	
EPHw ₁₀₋₁₉	μg/L	<200	<200	<200	<200	<200	<200	<200	<200	<200	<200	
HEPHw	μg/L	<200	<200	<200	<200	270	<200	<200	<200	<200	<200	
EPHw ₁₉₋₃₂	μg/L	<200	<200	<200	<200	270	<200	<200	<200	<200	<200	
Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbon	ıs	•				•	•	•	•	•		
acenaphthene	μg/L	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	< 0.1	<0.050	<0.050	<0.050	<0.050	<0.1	<0.1	
acenaphthylene	μg/L	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.050	<0.050	<0.050	<0.050	<0.1	<0.1	
acridine	μg/L	< 0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.050	<0.050	<0.050	<0.050	<0.05	<0.05	
anthracene	μg/L	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.1	<0.1	
benz(a)anthracene	μg/L	< 0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.01	<0.01	
benzo(a)pyrene	μg/L	< 0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.01	<0.01	
benzo(b+j)fluoranthenes	μg/L	< 0.04	<0.04	<0.04	<0.04	<0.030	<0.030	<0.030	<0.030	<0.04	<0.04	
benzo(g,h,i)perylene	μg/L	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.050	<0.050	<0.050	<0.050	<0.1	<0.1	
benzo(k)fluoranthene	μg/L	<0.02	<0.02	<0.02	<0.02	<0.050	<0.050	<0.050	<0.050	<0.02	<0.02	
chrysene	μg/L	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.020	<0.020	<0.020	<0.020	<0.1	<0.1	
dibenz(a,h)anthracene	μg/L	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.0030	<0.0030	<0.0030	<0.0030	<0.01	<0.01	
fluoranthene	μg/L	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.020	<0.020	<0.020	<0.020	<0.1	<0.1	
fluorene	μg/L	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.050	<0.050	<0.050	<0.050	<0.1	<0.1	
indeno(1,2,3-cd)pyrene	μg/L	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.050	<0.050	<0.050	<0.050	<0.1	<0.1	
methylnaphthalene, 1-	μg/L	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.050	<0.050	<0.050	<0.050	<0.1	<0.1	
methylnaphthalene, 2-	μg/L	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.10	<0.10	<0.10	<0.10	<0.1	<0.1	
naphthalene	μg/L	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.10	<0.10	<0.10	<0.10	<0.1	<0.1	
phenanthrene	μg/L	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.050	<0.050	<0.050	<0.050	<0.1	<0.1	
pyrene	μg/L	<0.020	<0.020	<0.020	< 0.020	<0.020	<0.020	<0.020	<0.020	<0.020	<0.020	
quinoline	μg/L	< 0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.020	<0.020	<0.020	<0.020	<0.01	<0.01	

Groundwater Exceedances

125 125 125 Exceeds CSR AW_{FW} standards Exceeds CSR AW_M standards Exceeds CSR DW standards

QA/QC Exceedances

80%



TABLE 2: GROUNDWATER ANALYTICAL RESULTS INORGANICS

4405 North Island Highway, Campbell River, BC NT Energy Project #: 17871 February 2024

CSR AW _{FW} Standards	CSR AW _M Standards	CSR DW Standards		
500	500	n/s		
5000	5000	5000		
n/s	n/s	n/s		
n/s	n/s	n/s		
60	60	250		
n/s	n/s	n/s		
0.5	0.5	n/s		
1	1	1000		
1	1	0.07		
0.1	0.1	0.01		
n/s	n/s	0.07		
n/s	n/s	n/s		
n/s	n/s	n/s		
1	1	7		
n/s	n/s	0.01		
2	2	150		
120	120	150		
n/s	n/s	n/s		
n/s	n/s	5.5		
n/s	n/s	15		
10	10	80		
3	3	n/s		
0.2	0.2	100		
34	34	0.05		

SAMPLE ID	Units			MW	19-04				MW21-07						
			2022			2023			2022			2023			
DATE SAMPLED		02-Mar-22	15-Jun-22	26-Oct-22	27-Mar-23	21-Sep-23	28-Nov-23	02-Mar-22	15-Jun-22	16-Dec-22	27-Mar-23	23-May-23	28-Nov-23		
COC Job #		nm	nm	nm	C321183	C375424	C397170	nm	nm	nm	C321183	C336804	C397170		
BV Sample ID		nm	nm	nm	BOC782	BZS467	CFQ003	nm	nm	nm	BOC783	BQY771	CFQ002		
Petroleum Hydrocarbons												•			
LEPHw	μg/L	<200	<200	200	<200	<200	<200	<200	<200	<200	<200	<200	<200		
EPHw ₁₀₋₁₉	μg/L	<200	<200	200	<200	<200	<200	<200	<200	<200	<200	<200	<200		
HEPHw	μg/L	420	<200	<200	<200	<200	<200	<200	<200	<200	<200	<200	<200		
EPHw ₁₉₋₃₂	μg/L	420	<200	<200	<200	<200	<200	<200	<200	<200	<200	<200	<200		
Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons															
acenaphthene	μg/L	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.050	<0.050	<0.050	<0.1	< 0.1	<0.1	<0.050	<0.050	<0.050		
acenaphthylene	μg/L	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.050	<0.050	<0.050	<0.1	< 0.1	<0.1	<0.050	<0.050	<0.050		
acridine	μg/L	<0.05	<0.05	< 0.05	<0.050	<0.050	<0.050	<0.05	< 0.05	<0.05	<0.050	<0.050	<0.050		
anthracene	μg/L	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.1	< 0.1	<0.1	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010		
benz(a)anthracene	μg/L	< 0.01	<0.01	< 0.01	0.012	<0.010	<0.010	<0.01	< 0.01	<0.01	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010		
benzo(a)pyrene	μg/L	< 0.01	< 0.01	< 0.01	<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050	< 0.01	< 0.01	< 0.01	<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050		
benzo(b+j)fluoranthenes	μg/L	<0.04	<0.04	<0.04	<0.030	<0.030	<0.030	<0.04	< 0.04	<0.04	<0.030	<0.030	<0.030		
benzo(g,h,i)perylene	μg/L	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.050	<0.050	<0.050	<0.1	< 0.1	<0.1	<0.050	<0.050	<0.050		
benzo(k)fluoranthene	μg/L	<0.02	<0.02	<0.02	<0.050	<0.050	<0.050	<0.02	< 0.02	<0.02	<0.050	<0.050	<0.050		
chrysene	μg/L	< 0.1	<0.1	< 0.1	<0.020	<0.020	<0.020	<0.1	< 0.1	<0.1	<0.020	<0.020	<0.020		
dibenz(a,h)anthracene	μg/L	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	0.0072	<0.0030	<0.0030	<0.01	< 0.01	<0.01	<0.0030	<0.0030	<0.0030		
fluoranthene	μg/L	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.020	<0.020	<0.020	<0.1	< 0.1	<0.1	<0.020	<0.020	<0.020		
fluorene	μg/L	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.050	<0.050	<0.050	<0.1	< 0.1	<0.1	<0.050	<0.050	<0.050		
indeno(1,2,3-cd)pyrene	μg/L	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.050	<0.050	<0.050	<0.1	< 0.1	<0.1	<0.050	<0.050	<0.050		
methylnaphthalene, 1-	μg/L	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.050	<0.050	<0.050	<0.1	< 0.1	<0.1	<0.050	<0.050	<0.050		
methylnaphthalene, 2-	μg/L	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.10	<0.10	<0.10	<0.1	< 0.1	<0.1	<0.10	<0.10	<0.10		
naphthalene	μg/L	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.10	<0.10	<0.10	<0.1	< 0.1	<0.1	<0.10	<0.10	<0.10		
phenanthrene	μg/L	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.050	<0.050	<0.050	<0.1	< 0.1	<0.1	<0.050	<0.050	<0.050		
pyrene	μg/L	<0.020	<0.020	<0.020	<0.020	<0.020	<0.020	<0.020	< 0.020	<0.020	<0.020	<0.020	<0.020		
quinoline	μg/L	<0.01	<0.01	< 0.01	<0.020	<0.020	<0.020	<0.01	< 0.01	<0.01	<0.020	<0.020	<0.020		

Groundwater Exceedances

125 125 125 Exceeds CSR AW_{FW} standards Exceeds CSR AW_M standards Exceeds CSR DW standards

QA/QC Exceedances

80%



TABLE 3: GROUNDWATER ANALYTICAL RESULTS ROUTINE PARAMETERS

4405 North Island Highway, Campbell River, BC NT Energy Project #: 17871 February 2024

rebruary 20	24														
					Chemical Oxygen Demand	рН	Conductivity	Calcium	Magnesium	Potassium	Silicon	Sodium	Sulphur	Chloride	Hardness as CaCO3
			Uı	nits	mg/L	no units	uS/cm @ 25C	μg/L	μg/L	μg/L	μg/L	mg/L	μg/L	mg/L	mg/L
			CSR AW _{FW}	Standards	n/s	n/s	n/s	n/s	n/s	n/s	n/s	n/s	n/s	1500	n/s
			CSR AW _M	Standards	n/s	n/s	n/s	n/s	n/s	n/s	n/s	n/s	n/s	n/s	n/s
SAMPLE ID	Year	DATE SAMPLED	CSR DW	Standards	n/s	n/s	n/s	n/s	n/s	n/s	n/s	200	n/s	250	n/s
		02-Mar-22			20	8.09	227	24000	9400	1500	10000	9.4	2000	7.46	98
	2022	15-Jun-22	nm	nm	ns	not representative	not representative	25000	9800	1400	9800	9.4	2100	7.3	102
		26-Oct-22			50	7.44	236	25000	9300	2000	9800	11	2000	7.39	100
MW13-2		16-Dec-22			30	7.72	232	25000	9100	1700	8400	8.7	2200	7.43	99
		27-Mar-23	C321183	BOC781	35	7.68	793	26000	9830	1550	12400	12.2	<3000	6.8	137
		23-May-23	C336804	BQY770	10	8.6	230	24300	8880	1490	9730	7.95	<3000	7.4	97.2
	2023	21-Sep-23	C375424	BZS466	25	8.83	240	21500	1900	1480	9490	8.44	<3000	7.1	89.2
		28-Nov-23	C397170	CFQ001	21	7.86	230	24.1	9220	1680	10500	9.08	<3000	6.9	98.1
MW19-03	2022	26-Oct-22	nm	nm	100	7.44	721	110	26000	3700	16000	23	11000	5.9	370
1010019-03	2022	16-Dec-22		"""	50	7.21	744	110	24000	2400	15000	16	11000	5.7	360
		02-Mar-22			290	7.42	746	64000	22000	2500	13000	76	3400	9	250
	2022	15-Jun-22	nm	nm	ns	not representative	not representative	73000	26000	2400	14000	60	3500	9.3	290
MW19-04		26-Oct-22			50	7.67	756	77000	27000	3300	14000	56	3400	9.5	300
10100 19-04		27-Mar-23	C321183	BOC782	19	not measured	not measured	74900	25700	2810	16500	64.4	<3000	11	285
	2023	23-May-23	n/a	n/a						Dry					
	2023	21-Sep-23	C375424	BZS467	25	7.03	720	131000	393000	4190	27700	80.7	<6000	11	545
		28-Nov-23	C397170	CFQ003	181	7.39	735	77600	27100	2640	6360	44.9	<3000	12	305
		02-Mar-22			110	7.53	453	56000	9300	1500	4400	29	8100	4.52	180
	2022	15-Jun-22	nm	nm	ns	not representative	not representative	57000	9300	2000	9700	23	5200	2.9	180
		26-Oct-22								Dry					
MW21-07		16-Dec-22			110	7.48	600	79000	12000	2500	4800	27	6600	9.53	250
		27-Mar-23	C321183	BOC783	30	7.52	417	64700	10200	1700	10200	17.3	<3000	3.2	252
	2023	23-May-23	C336804	BQY771	89	7.36	390	55100	7580	1250	6210	14	3400	4	169
		21-Sep-23	n/a	n/a	ļ					Dry					
		28-Nov-23	C397170	CFQ002	117	7.62	530	68800	10000	2420	15400	21.7	3800	4.1	213

TABLE 4: LEACHATE ANALYTICAL RESULTS INORGANICS

4405 North Island Highway, Campbell River, BC NT Energy Project #: 17871 February 2024

CSR AW _{FW}	CSR AW _M
Standards	Standards
n/s	n/s

n/s	n/s
n/s	n/s
90	2500
50	125
10000	5000
1.5	1000
n/s	n/s
12000	12000
0.5-4a	15
10	15
90	560
10	15
40	40
20-90a	20
n/s	n/s
40-160a	20
n/s	n/s
n/s	n/s
10000	10000
250-1500a	83
20	20
0.5-15a	15
n/s	n/s
3	3
n/s	n/s
1000	1000
85	85
n/s	n/s
75-3150a	100
n/s	n/s

SAMPLE ID	Units		NLL	D		Liner Un	der flow	OWLP			
SAMPLE ID		20	122	202	3	20	22	2022		2023	
DATE SAMPLED		15-Jun-22	16-Dec-22	23-May-23	28-Nov-23	15-Jun-22	16-Dec-22	16-Dec-22	23-May-23	28-Nov-23	04-Jan-23
TOP OF SCREEN (mbg)		nm	nm	C336810	C397767	nm	nm	nm	C336810	C397767	C400831
BOTTOM OF SCREEN (mbg)		nm	nm	BQY790	CFQ006	nm	nm	nm	BQY791	CFQ005	CHH548
hardness	mg/L	370	210	4420	256	189	143	370		283	
Dissolved Metals		•		•	•	•				•	
aluminum	μg/L	270	380	1050	873	31	43	94	101	175	
antimony	μg/L	0.84	5.3	<5.0	<2.5	0.11	1.2	0.48	<2.5	<2.5	
arsenic	μg/L	7.9	17	14	10.8	1.1	7.5	4	7.42	4.19	
barium	μg/L	9.8	9	29	14.2	26	6	11	13.3	14.2	
beryllium	μg/L	<0.05	0.06	<1.0	<0.50	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.5	<0.50	
bismuth	μg/L	<0.1	<0.1	<10	<5.0	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<5.0	<5.0	
boron	μg/L	4300	4200	3820	3580	5	1500	1100	1500	988	
cadmium	μg/L	0.02	0.05	0.33	0.067	<0.01	0.02	0.01	<0.050	<0.050	
chromium (total)**	μg/L	2.4	6.1	20	7.5	0.27	1.4	14	24.5	12.1	1.9
chromium III											<0.002
chromium 6+											<0.002
cobalt	μg/L	0.21	0.55	3.4	1	0.04	0.09	0.41	<1.0	<1.0	
copper	μg/L	<0.5	2.7	347	7.4	1.7	5.6	0.9	<2.5	<2.5	
iron	μg/L	48	250	3060	962	54	40	240	364	767	
lead	μg/L	0.07	0.32	3.2	<1.0	0.04	0.05	0.06	<1.0	<1.0	
lithium	μg/L	18	12	<20	<10	0.6	3	11	15	<10	
manganese	μg/L	77	55	397	256	3	2	140	286	276	
molybdenum	μg/L	14	61	28	27.6	1.6	5	3	<5.0	<5.0	
nickel	μg/L	11	18	47	16	0.3	1	34	97	37	
selenium	μg/L	5.4	0.2	<1.0	<0.50	0.6	<0.2	<0.2	<0.5	<0.50	
silver	μg/L	<0.01	<0.01	0.21	<0.10	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.10	<0.10	
strontium	μg/L	170	91	2350	124	190	130	290	478	200	
thallium	μg/L	<0.01	<0.01	0.35	<0.050	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.05	<0.050	
tin	μg/L	0.3	2.3	<50	<25	<0.1	<0.1	0.4	<25	<25	
titanium	μg/L	75	100	257	167	12	7	170	300	141	
uranium	μg/L	1.1	1.6	1.2	1.35	1.8	0.8	0.5	0.64	<0.50	
vanadium	μg/L	74	100	257	74	0.68	27	66	180	61	
zinc	μg/L	16	16	<u>719</u>	<25	0.7	9	6	<25	<25	
zirconium	μq/L	1.6	2.6	1.3	2.72	<0.1	1	4	3.35	1.63	

Groundwater Exceedances

<u>125</u>	Exceeds CSR AW _{FW} standards
125	Evceeds CSR AW., standards



TABLE 5: LEACHATE ANALYTICAL RESULTS INORGANICS

4405 North Island Highway, Campbell River, BC NT Energy Project #: 17871 February 2024

CSR AW _{FW}	CSR AW _M
Standards	Standards

SAMPLE ID	Units		1	NLLD		Liner U	nderflow	OWLP			
		2022		2023		2022		2022	2023		
DATE SAMPLED		15-Jun-22 16-Dec-22		23-May-23	28-Nov-23	15-Jun-22	16-Dec-22	16-Dec-22	23-May-23	28-Nov-23	
LAB CERTIFICATE		nm	nm	C336810	C397767	nm	nm	nm	C336810	C397767	
LAB SAMPLE ID		nm	nm BQY790 C		CFQ006	nm nm		nm	BQY791	CFQ005	
Petroleum Hydrocarbons											

500	500				
5000	5000				
n/s	n/s				
n/s	n/s				

Petroleum Hydrocarbons										
LEPHw	μg/L	<200	<200	<200	<200	<200	<200	<200	-	<200
EPHw ₁₀₋₁₉	μg/L	<200	<200	<200	<200	<200	<200	<200	-	<200
HEPHw	μg/L	<200	<200	<200	<200	<200	<200	<200	-	<200
EPHw ₁₉₋₃₂	μg/L	<200	<200	<200	<200	<200	<200	<200	-	<200

60	60
n/s	n/s
0.5	0.5
1	1
1	1
0.1	0.1
n/s	n/s
n/s	n/s
n/s	n/s
1	1
n/s	n/s
2	2
120	120
n/s	n/s
n/s	n/s
n/s	n/s
10	10
3	3
0.2	0.2
34	34

EPHW ₁₉₋₃₂	μg/L	<200	<200	<200	<200	<200	<200	<200	-	<200
Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons	;									
acenaphthene	μg/L	<0.1	<0.1	<0.050	0.58	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	0.58	<0.050
acenaphthylene	μg/L	<0.1	<0.1	<0.050	<0.050	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.050	<0.050
acridine	μg/L	<0.05	< 0.05	<0.050	<0.050	<0.05	< 0.05	< 0.05	<0.050	<0.050
anthracene	μg/L	<0.1	< 0.1	<0.010	<0.010	<0.1	< 0.1	<0.1	<0.010	<0.010
benz(a)anthracene	μg/L	<0.01	< 0.01	<0.010	<0.010	<0.01	< 0.01	< 0.01	<0.010	<0.010
benzo(a)pyrene	μg/L	<0.01	<0.01	<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.0050	<0.0050
benzo(b+j)fluoranthenes	μg/L	<0.04	< 0.04	<0.030	<0.030	<0.04	< 0.04	< 0.04	<0.030	<0.030
benzo(g,h,i)perylene	μg/L	<0.1	<0.1	<0.050	<0.050	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.050	<0.050
benzo(k)fluoranthene	μg/L	<0.02	< 0.02	<0.050	<0.050	<0.02	< 0.02	< 0.02	<0.050	<0.050
chrysene	μg/L	<0.1	<0.1	<0.020	<0.020	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.020	<0.020
dibenz(a,h)anthracene	μg/L	<0.01	< 0.01	<0.0030	<0.0030	<0.01	< 0.01	< 0.01	<0.0030	<0.0030
fluoranthene	μg/L	<0.1	<0.1	<0.020	<0.020	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.020	<0.020
fluorene	μg/L	<0.1	<0.1	<0.050	<0.050	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.050	<0.050
indeno(1,2,3-cd)pyrene	μg/L	<0.1	<0.1	<0.050	<0.050	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.050	<0.050
methylnaphthalene, 1-	μg/L	<0.1	<0.1	<0.050	<0.050	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.050	<0.050
methylnaphthalene, 2-	μg/L	<0.1	<0.1	<0.10	<0.10	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.10	<0.10
naphthalene	μg/L	<0.1	<0.1	<0.10	0.22	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	0.22	<0.10
phenanthrene	μg/L	<0.1	<0.1	<0.050	<0.050	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.050	<0.050
pyrene	μg/L	<0.020	<0.020	<0.020	<0.020	<0.020	<0.020	<0.020	<0.020	<0.020
quinoline	μg/L	<0.01	< 0.01	<0.020	<0.020	< 0.01	< 0.01	< 0.01	<0.020	<0.020

Groundwater Exceedances

<u>125</u>	Exceeds CSR AW _{FW} standards
125	Exceeds CSR AW _M standards

TABLE 6: LEACHATE ANALYTICAL RESULTS **ROUTINE PARAMETERS**

4405 North Island Highway, Campbell River, BC NT Energy Project #: 17871

February 2024

SAMPLE ID

NLLD

Underliner

OLWP

		Chemical Oxygen Demand	рН	Conductivity	Calcium	Magnesium	Potassium	Silicon	Sodium	Sulphur	Chloride	Hardness as CaCO3
	Units	mg/L	no units	uS/cm @ 25C	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L
ı	CSR AW _{FW}	n/s	n/s	n/s	n/s	n/s	n/s	n/s	n/s	n/s	1500	n/s
	CSR AW _M	n/s	n/s	n/s	n/s	n/s	n/s	n/s	n/s	n/s	n/s	n/s
	Permit 1602	n/s	n/s	n/s	n/s	n/s	n/s	n/s	200	n/s	250	n/s
	DATE											
	15-Jun-22	90	9.05	4120	36	68	86	21	930	150	123	370
Ì	16-Dec-22	40	8.08	1433	28	18	25	9.1	280	29	51	142
	23-May-23	188	8.4	3890	1650	75.4	94.2	22.2	911	81	120	442
Ī	28-Nov-23	80	9.43	3899	34.7	41.1	73.5	12.7	859	65	160	256
	15-Jun-22	110	not representative	not representative	36	24	25	10	250	19	90.3	189
	16-Dec-22	120	8.37	4150	43	64	61	9.5	830	34	665	350
	15-Jun-22	80	not representative	not representative	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	16-Dec-22	120	9.23	4850	15	41	88	18	1200	100	168	210
	23-May-23	176	8.9	3995	5160	94.6	73.9	14.2	1060	40	910	518
	28-Nov-23	87	8.51	2100	43.4	42.5	37.6	11.6	405	<15	86	283

Groundwater Exceedances

<u>125</u>	Exceeds CSR AW _{FW} standards
125	Exceeds CSR AW _M standards

Year 2022

2023 2022

2022

2023

APPENDIX A

QUARTERLY LANDFILL REPORTS



June 5, 2023

Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy 2080 - A Labieux Road Nanaimo, BC V9T 6J9

Attn Routine Environmental Reporting Submission Mailbox

Re: NTE Discovery Park, Waste Volume Report (Permit 1602) – Quarter 1 4405 North Island Highway, Campbell River, BC

Project No. 17871

Keystone Environmental Ltd. (Keystone Environmental) was retained by NT Energy (dba NTE Discovery Park Ltd., or the Client) to complete the quarterly landfill volumes as specified in subsections 4.1.1 and 4.4 of Permit 1602, issued by the BC Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy.

The volumes of material deposited into the Discovery Park landfill were provided by the Discovery Park staff and this letter.

January 1, 2023 to March 31, 2023

1,500,000 kg (750 m³) of soil 275,170 kg (275 m³) of asbestos Total 1025 m³

Keystone Environmental Ltd. confirms that this report titled *NTE Discovery Park, Waste Volume Report – Quarter 1*, has been prepared in general conformance with the Permit 1602 requirements.

Report author Suzanne Durnin, Project Manager and Professional(s) of Record, has demonstrable experience in the investigation of the type of contamination at the Site and are familiar with the investigation carried out at the Site. The report is subject to the General Terms and Conditions appended at the end of the report.

If you have questions regarding the information contained in this report, please contact Sue Durnin, P.Ag. sdurnin@keystoneenvironmental.ca.

Keystone Environmental Ltd.

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Suzanne Durnin, P.Ag. Project Management

ATTACHMENTS

General Terms and Conditions

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KEYSTONE ENVIRONMENTAL LTD GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR SERVICES

KEYSTONE ENVIRONMENTAL LTD. GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR SERVICES

All work and/or professional services described in the Proposal or Work Plan prepared by Keystone Environmental Ltd. ("Keystone Environmental") shall be performed in accordance with these General Terms and Conditions. The Proposal or Work Plan stipulates the scope of work/services, schedule, compensation, and any other specified conditions.

1. **COMPENSATION**

The fees for services provided by Keystone Environmental consists of: (1) an hourly billing rate for any staff member working on the project, except for lump-sum or percent of construction fee basis projects; (2) reimbursement of direct expenses; (3) reimbursement of subcontractor's and other special costs; and (4) use and rental charges for equipment. Invoices will be issued monthly for payment unless other arrangements have been agreed upon in writing. Invoices are due in 30 days of the invoice date. Subcontractor billings are payable upon presentation. A finance charge of 1.5% per month (19.6% per annum) may be charged on past due accounts. Payment of Keystone Environmental invoices shall be in Canadian currency.

Payment shall be provided by money transfer, cheque, or with prior approval by Keystone Environmental, Master Card or Visa. A surcharge of 3% may be added to payments by MasterCard or Visa if the invoice amount exceeds \$6,000.00. Fees shall be paid in advance if stipulated in the proposal and/or work plan.

Keystone Environmental may, at its sole discretion, withhold work products at any time that invoices are past due and until invoices are paid in full. Keystone Environmental may also, at its sole discretion, stop work at any time invoices are past due.

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October 5, 2023

Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy 2080 - A Labieux Road Nanaimo, BC V9T 6J9

Attn Routine Environmental Reporting Submission Mailbox

Re: NTE Discovery Park, Waste Volume Report (Permit 1602) – Quarter 2 4405 North Island Highway, Campbell River, BC

Project No. 17871

Keystone Environmental Ltd. (Keystone Environmental) was retained by NT Energy (dba NTE Discovery Park Ltd., or the Client) to document the quarterly landfill volumes as specified in subsections 4.1.1 and 4.4 of Permit 1602, issued by the BC Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy.

During the second quarter of 2023 (April to June), the Discovery Park staff indicated that no material was deposited into the Discovery Park landfill.

Keystone Environmental Ltd. confirms that this letter titled *NTE Discovery Park, Waste Volume Report – Quarter 2*, has been prepared in general conformance with the Permit 1602 requirements.

Report author Suzanne Durnin, Project Manager and Professional(s) of Record, has demonstrable experience in the investigation of the type of contamination at the Site and are familiar with the investigation carried out at the Site. The report is subject to the General Terms and Conditions appended at the end of the report.

If you have questions regarding the information contained in this report, please contact Sue Durnin, P.Ag. sdurnin@keystoneenvironmental.ca.

Keystone Environmental Ltd.



Suzanne Durnin, P.Ag. Project Management

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October 5, 2023

Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy 2080 – A Labieux Road Nanaimo, BC V9T 6J9

Attn Routine Environmental Reporting Submission Mailbox

Re: NTE Discovery Park, Waste Volume Report (Permit 1602) – Quarter 3

4405 North Island Highway, Campbell River, BC

Project No. 17871

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July 1, 2023 to September 30, 2023

28,240,380 kg (14,120.19 m³) of soil Total 14,120.19 m³

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Report author Suzanne Durnin, Project Manager and Professional(s) of Record, has demonstrable experience in the investigation of the type of contamination at the Site and are familiar with the investigation carried out at the Site. The report is subject to the General Terms and Conditions appended at the end of the report.

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Suzanne Durnin, P.Ag. Project Management

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Keystone Environmental's total liability, whether arising from or based upon breach of professional standard of care, breach of contract, tort, including Keystone Environmental's negligence, strict liability, indemnity or any other cause of basis whatsoever, is expressly limited to the limits of Keystone Environmental's insurance coverage. This provision limiting Keystone Environmental's liability shall survive the termination, cancellation or expiration of any contract resulting from this Proposal and the completion of services thereunder. After three (3) years of completion of Keystone Environmental's services, any legal costs arising to defend third party claims made against Keystone Environmental in connection with the project defined in the Proposal or Agreement will be paid in full by the CLIENT.

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Q4 - October 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023

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APPENDIX B

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

KEYSTONE ENVIRONMENTAL LTD. GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR SERVICES

All work and/or professional services described in the Proposal or Work Plan prepared by Keystone Environmental Ltd. ("Keystone Environmental") shall be performed in accordance with these General Terms and Conditions. The Proposal or Work Plan stipulates the scope of work/services, schedule, compensation, and any other specified conditions.

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The fees for services provided by Keystone Environmental consists of: (1) an hourly billing rate for any staff member working on the project, except for lump-sum or percent of construction fee basis projects; (2) reimbursement of direct expenses; (3) reimbursement of subcontractor's and other special costs; and (4) use and rental charges for equipment. Invoices will be issued monthly for payment unless other arrangements have been agreed upon in writing. Invoices are due in 30 days of the invoice date. Subcontractor billings are payable upon presentation. A finance charge of 1.5% per month (19.6% per annum) may be charged on past due accounts. Payment of Keystone Environmental invoices shall be in Canadian currency.

Payment shall be provided by money transfer, cheque, or with prior approval by Keystone Environmental, Master Card or Visa. A surcharge of 3% may be added to payments by MasterCard or Visa if the invoice amount exceeds \$6,000.00. Fees shall be paid in advance if stipulated in the proposal and/or work plan.

Keystone Environmental may, at its sole discretion, withhold work products at any time that invoices are past due and until invoices are paid in full. Keystone Environmental may also, at its sole discretion, stop work at any time invoices are past due.

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REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES

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3. KEYSTONE ENVIRONMENTAL'S PERFORMANCE

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