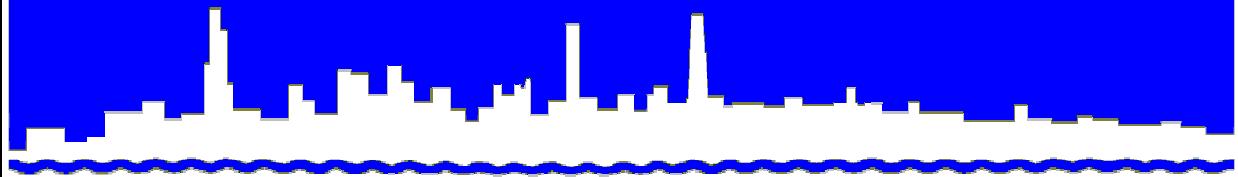


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Please find attached the report entitled "Thornton Composite Reservoir Groundwater Monitoring Report Fourth Quarter 2016" transmitted electronically. The report is prepared for transmittal to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) in accordance with the Thornton Composite Reservoir Groundwater Monitoring Plan. Also attached are the Excel spreadsheets of the Thornton Composite Reservoir raw data from TestAmerica Laboratory as required by the IEPA.

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LIST OF ACRONYMS

Acronym	Definition
CCD	Chicago City Datum
CSO	Combined Sewer Overflow
District	Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago
FC	Fecal Coliform
GMP	Groundwater Monitoring Plan
GPS	Groundwater Protection System
IAC	Illinois Administrative Code
M&R	Monitoring and Research
TCR	Thornton Composite Reservoir

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DISCLAIMER

Mention of proprietary equipment and chemicals in this report does not constitute endorsement by the District.

INTRODUCTION

A Groundwater Protection System (GPS) was constructed for the Thornton Composite Reservoir (TCR) to protect against the exfiltration of combined sewer overflow (CSO) into the surrounding dolomite aquifers. The CSOs and minimal amounts of stormwater are stored in the reservoir during and after large storm events. To monitor the performance of the GPS, a network of monitoring wells located outside the perimeter of the GPS is being monitored as discussed in the Revised Groundwater Monitoring Plan (Revised GMP) (Black & Veatch, 2016). As explained in the Revised GMP, one sample of reservoir water, one of the Main Quarry Sump, and one from each of the seven wells are collected annually and analyzed for the Illinois Administrative Code (IAC) Title 35 Part 620 Class I groundwater constituents. In addition, following a reservoir fill event or during a routine quarterly event, groundwater is sampled from the seven wells and the Main Quarry Sump and tested for a targeted list of parameters that are more likely to be detected in CSO water.

The monitoring well system consists of one deep well, TB-124, which monitors the underlying Galena Aquifer, and six vertical Westbay multi-level monitoring wells: TB-118, TB-119, TB-120, TB-121, TB-122, and TB-123, which monitor the Silurian Dolomite aquifers. As discussed in the Revised GMP, following a reservoir fill event, bi-weekly sampling is required as long as the water in the reservoir is above an elevation of -280 Chicago City Datum (CCD) feet. Groundwater is sampled from each well at the first sample interval port immediately below the reservoir water elevation. Each of the multi-level monitoring wells is capable of monitoring four distinct 20-ft. intervals in the Silurian Dolomite aquifer.

The locations of monitoring wells, quarry sump, TCR, and the GPS are presented in Figure 1. The Main Quarry Sump is located beyond the south boundary of the GPS and is not a component of the TCR but is an integral part of the Hanson Material Services mining quarry to the south of the TCR. This sump facilitates mining operations by minimizing the water level at the bottom of the quarry. It is possible that the bottom of this sump could extend beyond the lowest depth of the TCR (-297.5 CCD) ft. The sump contains mainly groundwater and small quantities of surface runoff, and it is sampled quarterly, along with the wells, to evaluate the potential migration of contaminants from the TCR to the sump.

Table 1 lists the characteristics of all wells at the TCR site (well location coordinates, elevations and depths, and the sampling port interval elevations).

Prior to the TCR becoming operational in November 2015, eight (8) sampling events were conducted on a quarterly basis for two years (May 2012 through March 2014) to provide background data on the existing groundwater quality. In order to evaluate the effectiveness of the grout curtain and GPS, the Revised GMP (2016) presents the analysis of data for all samples collected during the background monitoring period and provides a baseline for comparison with routine monitoring data. Changes over time in groundwater calcium and magnesium concentrations would also be useful in tracking the occurrence of infiltration/exfiltration. Groundwater analytical data routinely generated for the monitoring wells, reservoir, and sump will also be compared with the IAC Title 35 Part 620 Class I Groundwater Standards (IPCB, Illinois EPA, 2013) to evaluate any exceedances in groundwater standards.

FIGURE 1: MONITORING WELL AND MAIN QUARRY SUMP LOCATIONS

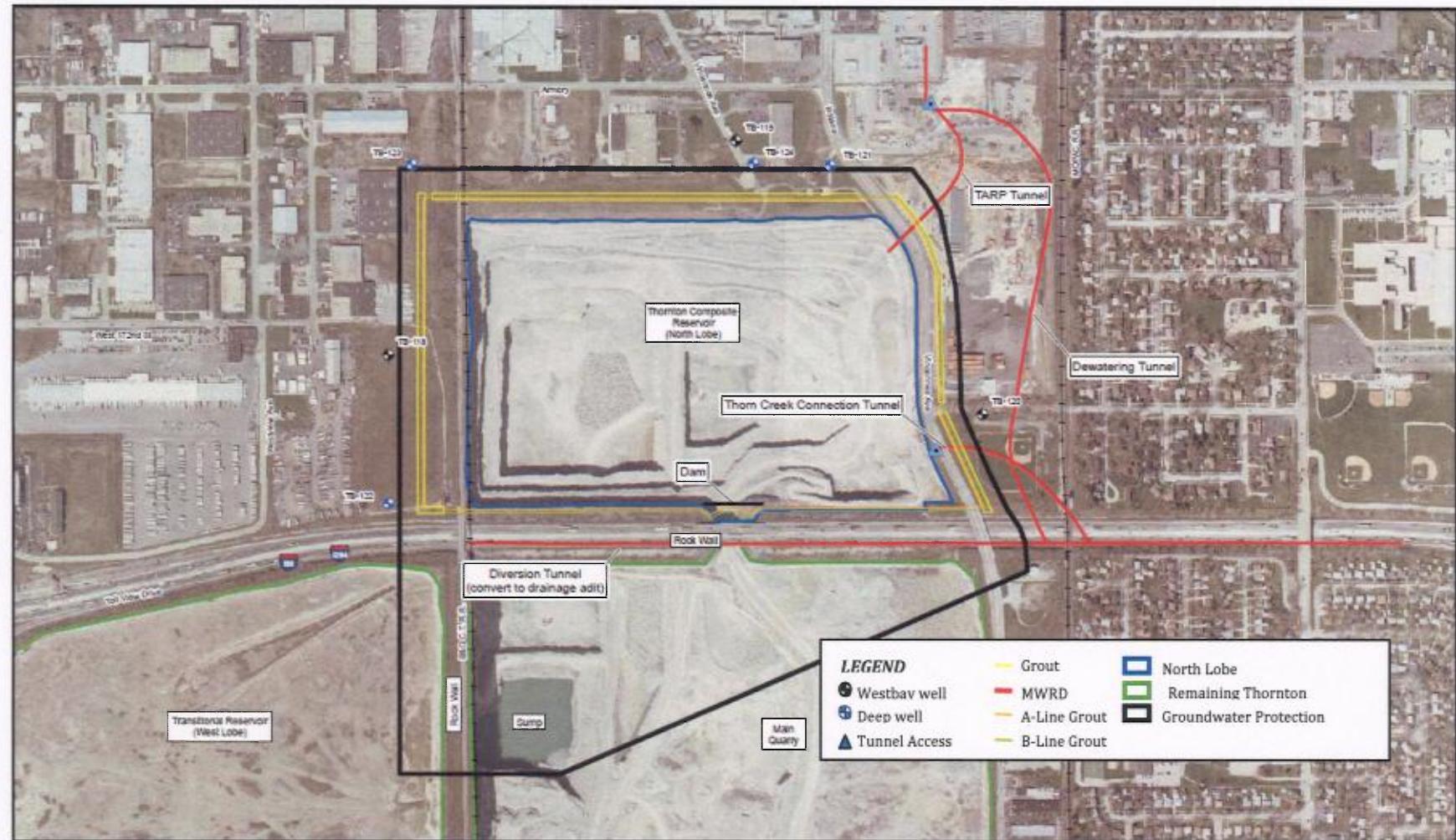


TABLE 1: CHARACTERISTICS OF MONITORING WELLS TB-118 THROUGH TB-124
AT THE THORNTON COMPOSITE RESERVOIR SITE

Well ID	Coordinates ¹		Ground Surface El ² (ft, CCD)	Top of Riser El ² (ft, CCD)	Depth of Well (ft)	Sampling Port Interval (ft, CCD)			
	Northing (ft)	Easting (ft)				Interval 1	Interval 2	Interval 3	Interval 4
TB-118	1791110.38	693560.44	38.5	41.5	532	-85 to -105	-212 to -232	-283 to -303	-392 to -412
TB-119	1792316.63	695509.39	27.9	29.5	529	-85 to -105	-212 to -232	-283 to -303	-392 to -412
TB-120	1790782.31	696888.93	40.0	42.1	540	-86 to -106	-213 to -233	-284 to -304	-393 to -413
TB-121	1792193.10	696044.98	29.4	30.4	461	-84 to -104	-211 to -231	-282 to -302	-391 to -411
TB-122	1790288.61	693549.38	48.8	51.7	480	-85 to -105	-212 to -232	-283 to -303	-392 to -412
TB-123	1792185.60	693685.69	28.9	31.8	460	-84 to -104	-211 to -231	-282 to -302	-391 to -411
TB-124	1792200.77	695591.56	29.6	29.2	728				-663 to -698

¹Illinois State Plane Coordinate System (NAD 1927).

²Chicago City Datum (CCD).

There was no fill event during the fourth quarter of 2016. This report presents field activities, observations, and analytical (organic and inorganic) data for surface and groundwater monitoring samples taken at the Reservoir, the Main Quarry Sump, and all monitoring wells during the annual sampling event of December 12 – 28, 2016, which substituted for the fourth-quarter sampling. Laboratory analyses of all samples were performed by IL State ELAP/NELAC-certified Test America Laboratories, Inc. All samples were analyzed for constituents listed in the IAC Title 35 Part 620 Class I Groundwater Standards.

FIELD ACTIVITIES

The annual sampling event was conducted during December 12 - 28, 2016, and was not associated with a fill event. These samples also fulfilled the requirements for 2016 fourth quarter monitoring. During this period, there was very little water at the bottom of the reservoir. Due to extremely cold temperatures and intermittent holidays, groundwater samples were collected over an extended period of time at sampling port Interval 3 of all multi-level wells, and at the deep well, sump, and reservoir (Table 2).

TABLE 2: DEVICES AND CORRESPONDING DATES OF SAMPLING DURING THE ANNUAL SAMPLING EVENT OF DECEMBER 2016

Date of Sampling	Device/Structure Sampled
12/12/2016	Main Quarry Sump
12/13/2016	TB-119
12/14/2016	TB-119 Duplicate (D)
12/16/2016	TB-121
12/20/2016	TB-120 and -122
12/22/2016	TB-118 and -123
12/23/2016	TB-124
12/28/2016	Thornton Composite Reservoir

Each water sample collected was immediately analyzed in the field for pH and electrical conductivity. The temperature of each sample was also recorded.

Prior to sampling of the multi-level wells, hydrostatic pressure was measured to calculate the groundwater elevation at the port sampled. Table 3 lists the elevations at Port 3 of each well and the corresponding groundwater elevations during this sampling event.

All samples were packed in ice and shipped to Test America Laboratories, Inc. for the analysis of both organic and inorganic constituents, in accordance with the permit requirements for annual samples.

TABLE 3: SUMMARY OF ELEVATIONS AT PORT 3 OF EACH WELL
AND CORRESPONDING GROUNDWATER ELEVATIONS DURING
THE SAMPLING EVENT OF DECEMBER 2016

Well and Interval ID	Sampling Port 003	Interval 3
	Elevation (ft CCD)	Groundwater Elevation (ft CCD)
TB-118-003	-289	-99
TB-119-003	-289	-176
TB-120-003	-290	-194
TB-121-003	-288	-177
TB-122-003	-288	-158
TB-123-003	-288	-57
TB-124 ¹	-450	-382 ²

¹TB-124 is a conventional well screened from -663 to -698 CCD, and sample was taken at an elevation of approximately -450 ft.

²Interval 3 elevation not applicable, but groundwater elevation at time of sampling was -382 CCD.

ANALYTICAL RESULTS

The analytical methods and parameters used by the laboratory are provided in Table 4. Analytical results were reviewed to identify any analytes that exceeded the Illinois Class I Groundwater Standards (35 IAC Part 620). Table 5 shows the results of analyses for all well samples collected during the December fourth-quarter sampling.

During the December 2016 annual sampling event, among the inorganic analytes, there were a few exceedances of the Part 620 groundwater standards for total dissolved solids, chloride, sulfate, and boron, as indicated in bold numbers in Table 5. However, none of these parameters had a concentration higher than the maximum background concentration.

Of all the organic constituents tested, only two in the reservoir sample exceeded the Part 620 groundwater standard: benzo[b]fluoranthene (0.00043 mg/L) and bis (2-ethylhexyl) phthalate (0.0079 mg/L). All other organic contaminants tested were below the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency's Part 620 groundwater standards.

TABLE 4: ANALYTICAL METHODS USED FOR REQUIRED PARAMETERS

Chemical Parameters:	Analytical Method
<u>Inorganic:</u>	
Perchlorate	314.1
Chloride	325.2
Alkalinity, Bicarbonate	2320B
Total Dissolved Solids	2540C
Cyanide	335.4R1.0
Nitrate as N	353.2R2.0
Fluoride	4500-F,C
Sulfate	4500-SO4-2C or D
TAL metals	6010B & 7470A
TOC	5310C
Fecal Coliform	SM 9221E
Radium-226 (pCi/L)	903.1
Radium-228 (pCi/L)	904.0
<u>Organic:</u>	
HMX; RDX; TNB; and TNT	Explosive
Dicamba; 2,4-D; Dalapon; Dinoseb;	Herb/8151
MCPP; Picloram; and Silvex	
Endothall	Pest/548
Endosulfan; Endrin; Heptachlor;	Pest/8081
Heptachlor Epoxide; alpha-BHC;	
Lindane; Methoxychlor; and Toxaphene	
Chlordane	Pest/8081A
Polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs)	PCB/8082
Alachlor; Atrazine; and Simazine	Pest/525.2
Aldicarb; and Carbofuran	Pest/531.1
SVOCs including Phenols	SVOC/8270C
1,2-Dibromo-3-chloropropane; and	VOC/8011
ethylene dibromide	
VOCs including P-Dioxane, and	VOC/8260B
Cumene	
TOC	5310C
Fecal Coliform	SM 9221E

TABLE 5: ANALYSIS OF WATER SAMPLED AT MONITORING WELLS TB-118 THROUGH TB-124, THE THORNTON COMPOSITE RESERVOIR, AND THE MAIN QUARRY SUMP DURING THE ANNUAL SAMPLING EVENT OF DECEMBER 2016

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Well	Date sampled	Parameter	TB-118-003	TB-119-003	TB-119-003D	TB-120-003	TB-121-003	TB-122-003	TB-123-003	TB-124	Sump	Reservoir	
			12/22/16	12/13/16	12/14/16	12/20/16	12/16/16	12/20/16	12/22/16	12/23/16	12/12/16	12/28/16	
		Groundwater Standard	Maximum Background	Lab RL ¹	Concentration (mg/L)								
		Chloroform	0.070	ND	0.0010	<0.0010	<0.0010	<0.0010	<0.0010	<0.0010	<0.0010	<0.0010	<0.0010
		cis-1,2-Dichloroethene	0.070	ND	0.0010	<0.0010	<0.0010	<0.0010	<0.0010	<0.0010	<0.0010	<0.0010	<0.0010
		Ethylbenzene	0.700	ND	0.00050	<0.00050	<0.00050	<0.00050	<0.00050	<0.00050	<0.00050	<0.00050	<0.00050
		Isopropylbenzene (Cumene)	0.70	ND	0.0010	<0.0010	<0.0010	<0.0010	<0.0010	<0.0010	<0.0010	<0.0010	<0.0010
		Methylene Chloride (dichloromethane)	0.005	ND	0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050
		Methyl tert-butyl ether (MTBE)	0.070	ND	0.0010	<0.0010	<0.0010	<0.0010	<0.0010	<0.0010	<0.0010	<0.0010	<0.0010
		Tetrachloroethene	0.005	ND	0.0010	<0.0010	<0.0010	<0.0010	<0.0010	<0.0010	<0.0010	<0.0010	<0.0010
		Toluene	1.0	0.008	0.00050	<0.00050	<0.00050	<0.00050	<0.00050	<0.00050	0.00066	<0.00050	0.00310
		Total Xylenes	10	<0.005	0.0010	<0.0010	<0.0010	<0.0010	<0.0010	<0.0010	<0.0010	<0.0010	0.0012
		trans-1,2-Dichloroethene	0.100	<0.005	0.0010	<0.0010	<0.0010	<0.0010	<0.0010	<0.0010	<0.0010	<0.0010	<0.0010
		Trichloroethene	0.005	<0.002	0.00050	<0.00050	<0.00050	<0.00050	<0.00050	<0.00050	<0.00050	<0.00050	<0.00050
		Trichlorofluoromethane	2.1	ND	0.0010	<0.0010	<0.0010	<0.0010	<0.0010	<0.0010	<0.0010	<0.0010	<0.0010
		Vinyl chloride	0.002	<0.002	0.00050	<0.00050	<0.00050	<0.00050	<0.00050	<0.00050	<0.00050	<0.00050	<0.00050
		SVOCs											
		1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene	0.070	0.05	0.0010	<0.0010	<0.0010	<0.0010	<0.0010	<0.0010	<0.0010	<0.0010	<0.0010
		1,2-Dichlorobenzene (ortho-)	0.600	0.049	0.0010	<0.0010	<0.0010	<0.0010	<0.0010	<0.0010	<0.0010	<0.0010	<0.0010
		1,4-Dichlorobenzene (para-)	0.075	0.048	0.0010	<0.0010	<0.0010	<0.0010	<0.0010	<0.0010	<0.0010	<0.0010	<0.0010
		2-Methylnaphthalene	0.028	0.034	0.0016	<0.0016	<0.0016	<0.0016	<0.0016	<0.0016	<0.0016	<0.0016	<0.0016
		2-Methylphenol	0.350	ND	0.0016	<0.0016	<0.0016	<0.0016	<0.0016	<0.0016	<0.0016	<0.0016	<0.0016
		Acenaphthene	0.42	0.077	0.00079	<0.00079	<0.00079	<0.00079	<0.00079	<0.00079	<0.00079	<0.00079	<0.00079
		Anthracene	2.10	ND	0.00079	<0.00079	<0.00079	<0.00079	<0.00079	<0.00079	<0.00079	<0.00079	<0.00079
		Benzo[a]anthracene	0.00013	ND	0.00013	<0.00013	<0.00013	<0.00013	<0.00013	<0.00013	<0.00013	<0.00013	<0.00013

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Well Date sampled Parameter	TB-118- 003 12/22/16	TB-119- 003 12/13/16	TB-119- 003D 12/14/16	TB-120- 003 12/20/16	TB-121- 003 12/16/16	TB-122- 003 12/20/16	TB-123- 003 12/22/16	TB-124 12/23/16	Sump 12/12/16	Reservoir 12/28/16	
	Groundwater Standard	Maximum Background	Lab RL ¹	Concentration (mg/L)							
14											
Benzo[a]pyrene	0.0002	ND	0.00016	<0.00016	<0.00016	<0.00016	<0.00016	<0.00016	<0.00016	<0.00016	
Benzo[b]fluoranthene	0.00018	ND	0.00016	<0.00016	<0.00016	<0.00016	<0.00016	<0.00016	<0.00016	<0.00016	
Benzo[k]fluoranthene	0.00017	ND	0.00016	<0.00016	<0.00016	<0.00016	<0.00016	<0.00016	<0.00016	<0.00016	
Benzoic acid	28	ND	0.016	<0.016	<0.016	<0.016	<0.016	<0.016	<0.016	<0.016	
Bis(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate	0.006	0.005	0.0079	<0.0079	<0.0079	<0.0079	<0.0079	<0.0079	<0.0079	<0.0079	
Chrysene	0.012	ND	0.00016	<0.00016	<0.00016	<0.00016	<0.00016	<0.00016	<0.00016	<0.00016	
Dibenz(a,h)anthracene	0.0003	ND	0.00024	<0.00024	<0.00024	<0.00024	<0.00024	<0.00024	<0.00024	<0.00024	
Diethyl phthalate	5.60	ND	0.0016	<0.0016	<0.0016	<0.0016	<0.0016	<0.0016	<0.0016	<0.0016	
Di-n-butyl phthalate	0.700	ND	0.0040	<0.0040	<0.0040	<0.0040	<0.0040	<0.0040	<0.0040	<0.0040	
Fluoranthene	0.280	0.113	0.00079	<0.00079	<0.00079	<0.00079	<0.00079	<0.00079	<0.00079	<0.00079	
Fluorene	0.280	ND	0.00079	<0.00079	<0.00079	<0.00079	<0.00079	<0.00079	<0.00079	<0.00079	
Hexachlorocyclopentadiene	0.050	ND	0.016	<0.016	<0.016	<0.016	<0.016	<0.016	<0.016	<0.016	
Indeno[1,2,3-cd]pyrene	0.00043	ND	0.00016	<0.00016	<0.00016	<0.00016	<0.00016	<0.00016	<0.00016	<0.00016	
Naphthalene	0.140	ND	0.00079	<0.00079	<0.00079	<0.00079	<0.00079	<0.00079	<0.00079	<0.00079	
Pentachlorophenol	0.001	0.1690	0.00025	<0.00025	<0.00025	<0.00025	<0.00025	<0.00025	<0.00025	<0.00025	
Phenolics, Total Recoverable	0.100	0.062	0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050	
Pyrene	0.210	0.126	0.00079	<0.00079	<0.00079	<0.00079	<0.00079	<0.00079	<0.00079	<0.00079	
RADIOACTIVITY											
Radium-226 (pCi/L)	20	4.31	1.13	2.45	1.41	1.32	1.44	2.03	1.20	1.43	
Radium-228 (pCi/L)	20	2.58	1.48	<1.48	<1.48	<1.48	<1.48	<1.48	<1.48	<1.48	

¹Lab reporting limit.

²No recorded limits available.

³No data available.

⁴<10 CFU/100 ml is reported as no detection as a 10 mL aliquot was used for FC analysis of samples.

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