

2025 ANNUAL WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEM SUMMARY REPORT

Mount Elgin Wastewater Treatment Plant

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Oxford County (the County) prepares a report summarizing wastewater treatment operation and treated effluent discharge quality for every municipal wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) annually. The reports detail the latest effluent quality testing results and quantity statistics, and any non-compliance conditions that may have occurred for the previous year. They are available for review by the end of March on the County website at <http://www.oxfordcounty.ca/waterwastewater> or by contacting the Public Works Department.

All efforts have been made to ensure the information presented in this report is as accurate as possible.

If you have any questions or comments concerning the report, please contact the County at the address and phone number listed below or by email at wastewater@oxfordcounty.ca.

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| Wastewater Treatment Plant: | Mount Elgin WWTP |
| Wastewater Treatment Plant Number: | 120002870 |
| Certificate of Approval (CofA): | 0611-6Q3JQL (May 25, 2006) |
| Reporting Period: | January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025 |

Wastewater Treatment Plant Owner & Contact Information:

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1.1 System Description

The Mount Elgin WWTP consists of a central Recirculating Sand Filter (RSF) and subsurface discharge. The wastewater collection system includes two (2) sewage pumping stations, 6.4 kilometers of sanitary gravity sewers, 0.2 kilometers of sanitary forcemain sewers and 1.3 kilometers of sanitary low-pressure sewers. Within the wastewater collection system, individual properties are serviced by septic tanks where sewage is pretreated to remove solids and grease before discharge to a small diameter variable grade sewer. The small diameter collection mains direct the primary treated effluent to a sewage pumping station.

At the WWTP, the primary treated effluent is pumped into the recirculation tanks. From there the influent is pumped to the recirculating sand filters and then collected and pumped through a splitter valve that allows 80% of the flow to recirculate and 20% of the flow to enter the dosing tanks. From the dosing tanks, treated effluent is pumped to the shallow buried trench drain fields that provide for the subsurface discharge of the treated effluent. Effluent samples are collected from the dosing tanks ahead of the drain fields.

A standby generator is available to power the plant in case of a power failure.

The system is maintained by licensed wastewater system operators and licensed mechanics that operate, monitor, and maintain the treatment equipment, in accordance with the regulations, and collect samples as required by the CofA. Alarms automatically notify operators in the event of failure of critical operational requirements.

| Facility | Mount Elgin WWTP |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Design Capacity | 190.5 m ³ /d |
| 2025 Average Daily Flow | 119 m ³ /d |
| 2025 Maximum Daily Flow | 309 m ³ /d |
| 2025 Total Volume of Wastewater | 43,554 m ³ /year |

1.2 Major Expenses

In 2025, the Mount Elgin WWTP had forecast operating and maintenance expenditures of approximately \$273,000.

Planning for major wastewater system expenses is included within Oxford County's Wastewater Services Master Plan and managed according to our Asset Management and Capital Replacement Program. In addition to regular operational and maintenance expenditures, Capital Improvement Projects for Mount Elgin were forecast at approximately \$400,000 which included improvements to the wastewater collection system and the Mount Elgin WWTP.

Notable Mount Elgin Capital Improvement Projects included:

- \$200,000 for Mount Elgin WWTP Capacity Expansion.

Capital Improvement Projects for all systems included:

- \$1,340,000 to develop Countywide Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) Master Plan for all wastewater systems.

2. SUMMARY AND INTERPRETATION OF MONITORING DATA

2.1 Effluent Quality Assurance and Control Measures

Sampling Procedure

Grab samples are collected from the influent lift station every three months. Samples are tested for Carbonaceous Biochemical Oxygen Demand (CBOD₅), Total Suspended Solids (TSS), Total Phosphorus (TP), and Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen (TKN).

Effluent grab samples are analyzed for CBOD₅, TSS, TP, ammonia, TKN, nitrite, nitrate, pH, and E. coli every three months at a minimum.

Groundwater testing for nitrite, nitrate, chloride and pH is completed every three months at a minimum. Enhanced groundwater sampling has been implemented (January 2024 through December 2026, results reviewed by a Hydrogeologist consultant) to further define and understand the effects of the facility on shallow groundwater at the site. Enhanced sampling includes monthly sample collection and testing for the previously listed parameters, in addition to fluoride, sulphate, sodium, potassium, total dissolved solids, total Kjeldahl nitrogen and ammonia. Oxford County's Hydrogeologist has reviewed the monitoring program results and reports on the program from GEI Consultants. There are no concerns at this time.

Additionally, as part of the ongoing WWTP expansion, a contaminant attenuation zone (CAZ) was established adjacent to the WWTP. Each month, groundwater sampling results were reviewed by a Hydrogeologist consultant retained by the County, confirming CAZ compliance throughout 2025.

A table of all 2025 groundwater monitoring sample results are included in this report in Appendix 'A'.

Laboratory and Field Testing

All samples for parameters used to evaluate compliance are analyzed by a licensed laboratory except for pH, which is tested in the field during collection. Laboratory analysis is performed by SGS Lakefield Research Ltd. Any other information generated in-house is used in process control but is not included in this report.

2.2 WWTP Performance and Effluent Quality

Influent Streams and Effluent Streams

The Mount Elgin WWTP provided effective treatment in 2025 and was 100% compliant with all its final effluent objectives.

There are no effluent limits for the system, however, the CofA requires the County to use best efforts to operate the Mount Elgin WWTP with the objective that the average annual

concentrations of both CBOD₅ and Suspended Solids do not exceed 10 mg/L in the effluent ahead of the subsurface disposal system. The County is also required to collect grab samples of raw sewage, effluent ahead of the subsurface disposal system, and groundwater in monitoring wells around the Mount Elgin WWTP.

Graphs of discharge parameters versus effluent discharge limit are included in this report in Appendix 'A'.

Influent wastewater characteristics results are presented in the table below:

| Influent Wastewater Characteristics (annual average) | | |
|---|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Parameter | Concentration (mg/L) | Loading (kg/d) |
| CBOD ₅ | 127 | 15 |
| Total Suspended Solids | 35 | 4.2 |
| Total Phosphorus | 6.7 | 0.8 |
| Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen | 63 | 7.5 |

2.3 Final Effluent Design Objectives

Objectives are non-enforceable effluent quality values which the Owner is obligated to use best efforts to strive towards achieving on an ongoing basis. These objectives are to be used as a mechanism to trigger corrective action proactively, and voluntarily before environmental impairment occurs and before the compliance limits are exceeded.

All effluent discharge objectives listed in the Mount Elgin WWTP CofA were met in 2025.

The following table presents the range of effluent discharge values vs. CofA objectives and the annual average effluent concentration, ahead of the subsurface disposal system:

| Effluent Parameter | Sample Frequency | Annual Average Objective Concentration (mg/L) | Quarterly Results Min-Max (mg/L) | Annual Average Effluent Concentration (mg/L) |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|--|---|---|
| CBOD ₅ | quarterly | 10.0 | 2.5 – 5.0 | 3.5 |
| Total Suspended Solids | quarterly | 10.0 | 2.5 – 14.0 | 5.8 |

3. OVERFLOWS, BYPASSING, UPSETS, SPILLS, AND ABNORMAL CONDITIONS

There were no overflows, bypasses, upsets, spills, or abnormal conditions for 2025.

There were two (2) complaints received in 2025.

On February 28th, the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) contacted Oxford County in response to a call they had received about the effluent disposal beds being flooded. A written response was sent to the MECP, which included pictures, showing that effluent disposal beds were not flooded. The wooded wetland areas north of the disposal beds did contain a small amount of standing water, which is typical at most times of the year.

On March 5th, the MECP contacted the County in response to a call they had received about the effluent disposal beds being flooded. The MECP and the County conducted a site meeting and tour of the WWTP later that day. No standing water was observed on the effluent disposal beds.

There were no additional complaints in 2025.

4. MAINTENANCE OF WORKS

The operating and maintenance staff at the Mount Elgin WWTP conducts regularly scheduled maintenance of the WWTP equipment. The Mount Elgin WWTP utilizes a database system known as Cartegraph to issue work orders and maintain records for regular maintenance and repair at the WWTP.

5. MONITORING EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE AND CALIBRATION

The calibration of flow meters was conducted by JBF Controls Ltd. in accordance with the requirements of the Mount Elgin WWTP CofA. The records are kept on-site at the Mount Elgin WWTP.

All other operational monitoring equipment was calibrated by staff and records are kept on-site at the Mount Elgin WWTP.

6. INSPECTION, PILOTS, AND TRIALS

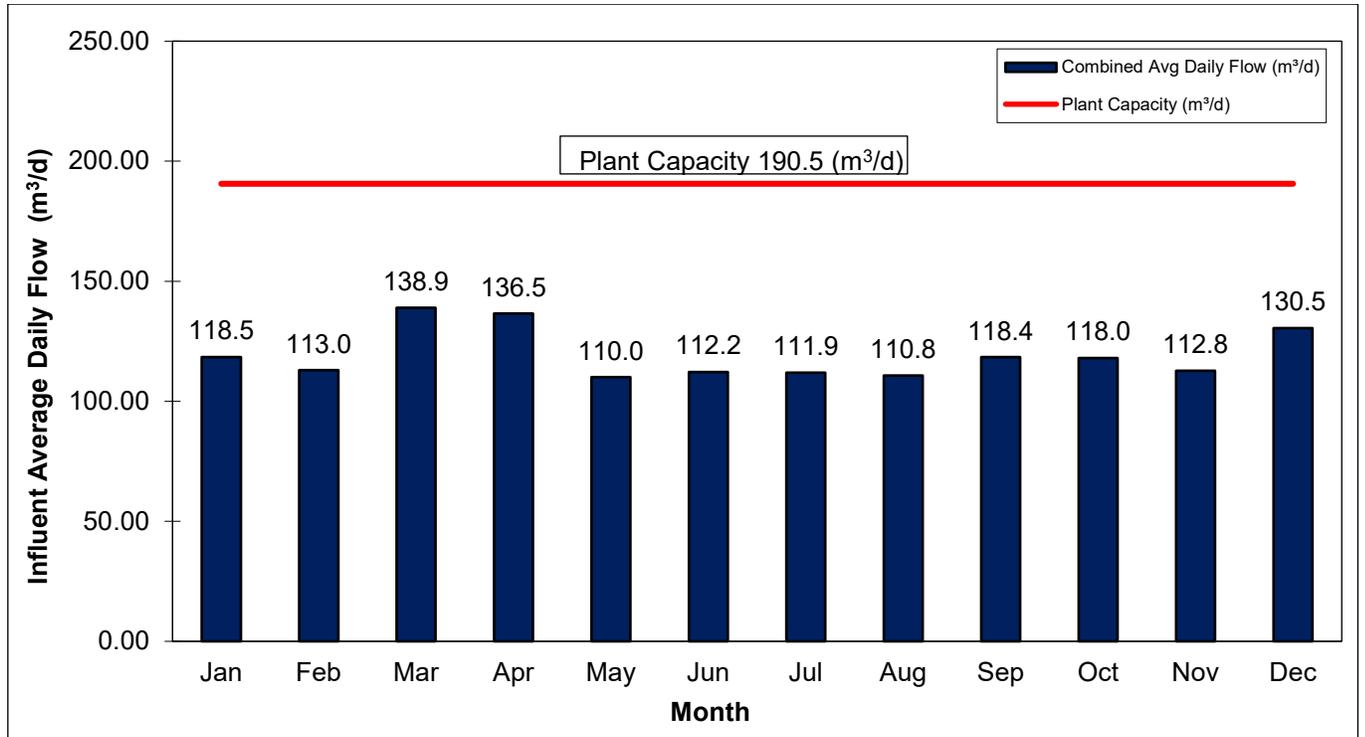
The MECP did not conduct an inspection of the Mount Elgin WWTP in 2025. MECP inspection typically occurs every three years.

WWTP Expansion

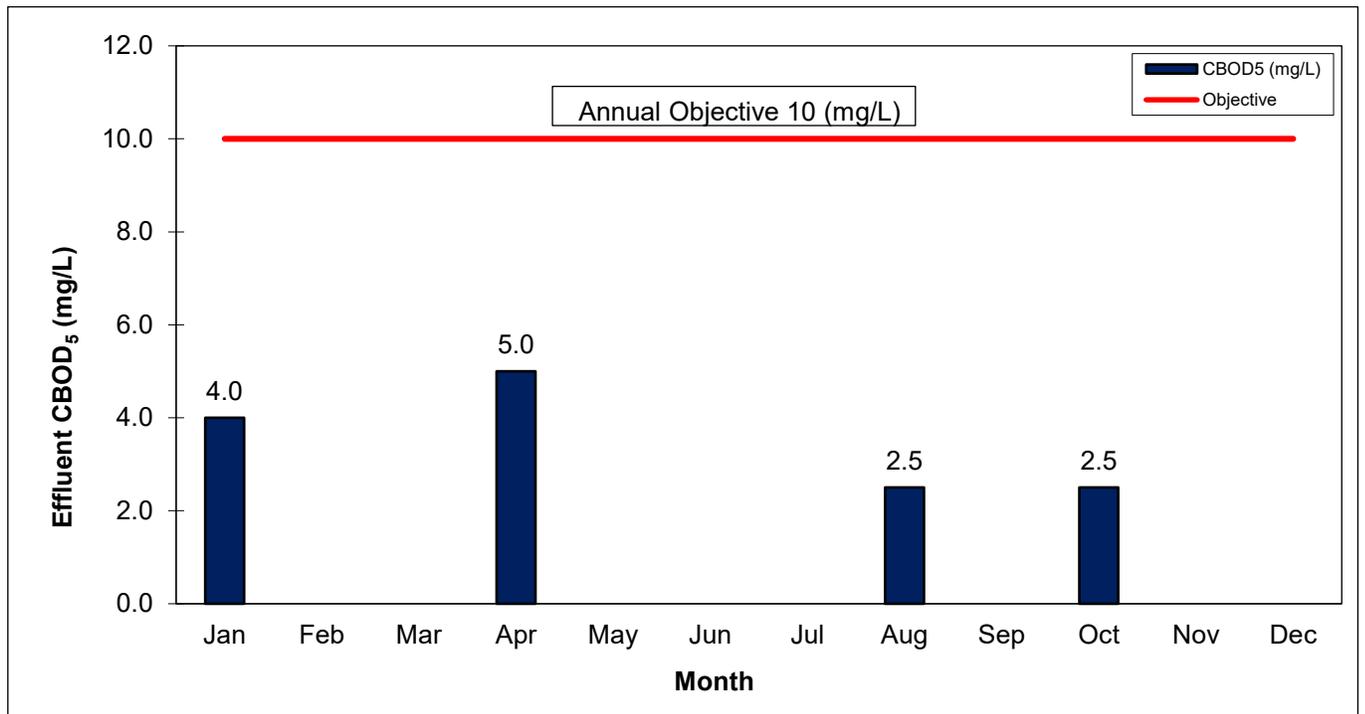
To meet the future wastewater treatment servicing needs of the community, design work continued in 2025, for the Phase 3 and 4 expansions of the Mount Elgin WWTP, to increase the rated capacity of the system from 190.5 m³/day to 381 m³/day. The project includes a flow equalization tank, additional recirculation tanks, sand filters, and disposal beds as well as an electrical upgrade. Design is being finalized, and pending MECP approvals, construction is expected to begin in 2026.

APPENDIX A: GRAPHS OF 2025 DISCHARGE PARAMETERS VS. EFFLUENT DISCHARGE LIMITS AND GROUNDWATER SAMPLING RESULTS

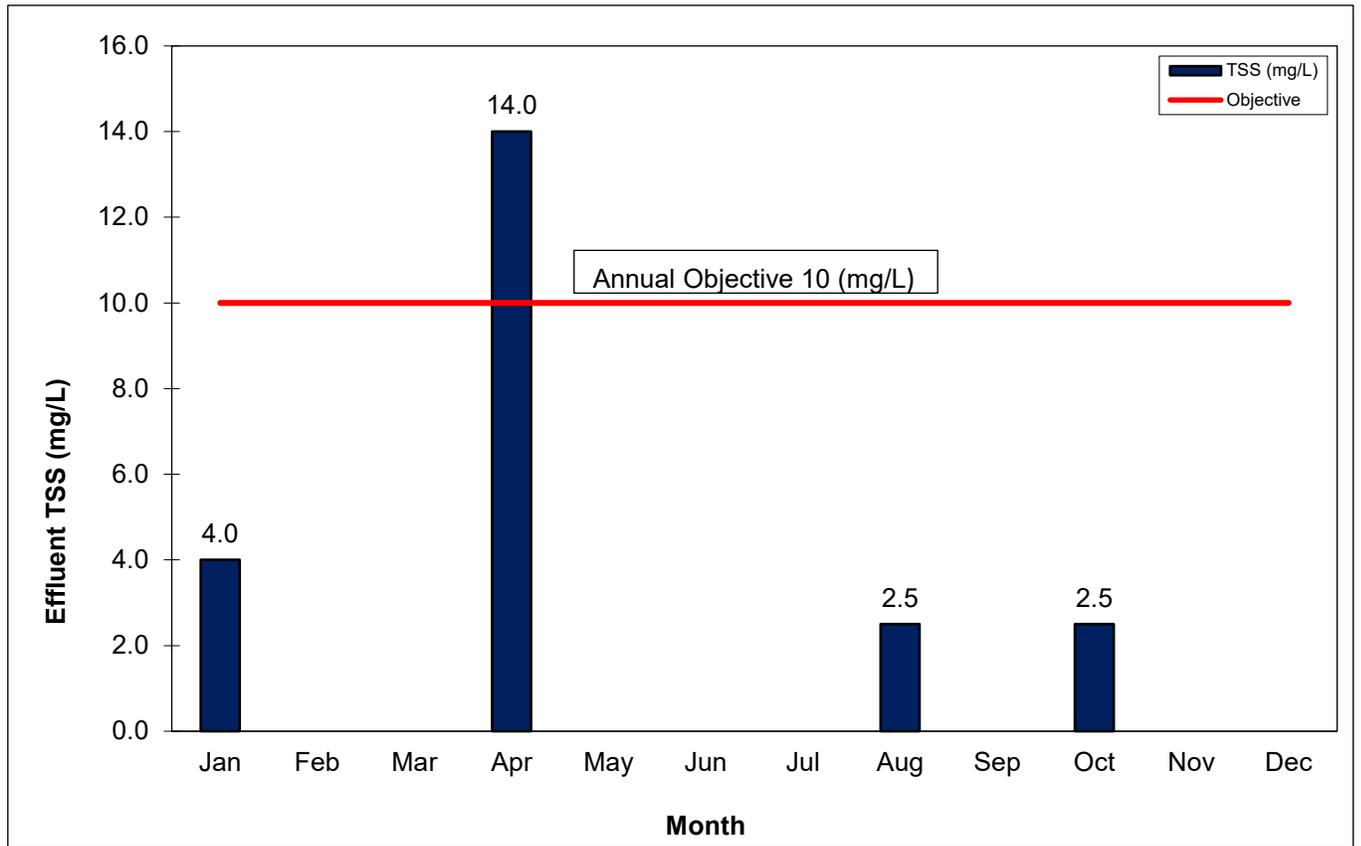
Mount Elgin WWTP Influent Monthly Average Daily Flow in Cubic Meters per Day, 2025



Mount Elgin WWTP Effluent CBOD₅ (mg/L), 2025



Mount Elgin WWTP Effluent TSS (mg/L), 2025



| Parameter (mg/L) | 9/25/2025 | | | | | | | | | | 10/29/2025 | | | | | | | | | | 11/24/2025 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|-----------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|------|
| | MW1 | MW2-R | MW3-R | BH23-01 | BH23-02 | BH23-03 | BH23-05 | BH23-06 | BH23-07 | BH23-08 | BH23-09 | BH23-10 | MW1 | MW2-R | MW3-R | BH23-01 | BH23-02 | BH23-03 | BH23-05 | BH23-06 | BH23-07 | BH23-08 | BH23-09 | BH23-10 | MW1 | MW2-R | MW3-R | BH23-01 | BH23-02 | BH23-03 | BH23-05 | BH23-06 | BH23-07 | BH23-08 | BH23-09 | BH23-10 | |
| Top of casing elevation (m ASL) | 275.449 | 275.453 | 274.990 | 275.197 | 275.405 | 275.865 | 274.551 | 275.367 | 275.499 | 275.656 | 274.985 | 275.186 | 275.449 | 275.453 | 274.990 | 275.197 | 275.405 | 275.865 | 274.551 | 275.367 | 275.499 | 275.656 | 274.985 | 275.186 | 275.449 | 275.453 | 274.990 | 275.197 | 275.405 | 275.865 | 274.551 | 275.367 | 275.499 | 275.656 | 274.985 | 275.186 | |
| Top of casing stickup above ground level (m) | 0.817 | 1.050 | 0.985 | 0.986 | 0.958 | 0.829 | 0.998 | 0.908 | 0.912 | 0.860 | 0.853 | 1.040 | 0.817 | 1.050 | 0.985 | 0.986 | 0.958 | 0.829 | 0.998 | 0.908 | 0.912 | 0.860 | 0.853 | 1.040 | 0.817 | 1.050 | 0.985 | 0.986 | 0.958 | 0.829 | 0.998 | 0.908 | 0.912 | 0.860 | 0.853 | 1.040 | |
| Depth to water below top of casing (m) | 3.190 | 2.020 | 1.860 | 2.100 | 2.290 | 2.590 | 2.150 | 2.760 | 3.100 | 3.200 | 2.180 | 2.540 | 3.030 | 2.020 | 1.830 | 2.160 | 2.290 | 2.580 | 2.250 | 2.990 | 3.070 | 3.150 | 2.020 | 2.420 | 2.200 | 1.920 | 1.700 | 2.030 | 2.140 | 2.460 | 1.650 | 2.820 | 3.260 | 3.070 | 1.860 | 2.300 | |
| Water level elevation (m ASL) | 272.299 | 273.433 | 273.130 | 273.097 | 273.115 | 273.275 | 272.401 | 272.607 | 272.399 | 272.456 | 272.805 | 272.646 | 272.419 | 273.433 | 273.160 | 273.037 | 273.115 | 273.285 | 272.301 | 272.417 | 272.429 | 272.506 | 272.965 | 272.766 | 273.249 | 273.533 | 273.290 | 273.167 | 273.265 | 273.405 | 272.901 | 272.547 | 272.239 | 272.586 | 273.125 | 272.886 | |
| Ammonia+Ammonium (N) | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Temperature Upon Receipt | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 |
| Total Dissolved Solids | 560 | 229 | 460 | 526 | 429 | 720 | 226 | 569 | 403 | 494 | 1050 | 546 | 469 | 251 | 440 | 537 | 469 | 814 | 240 | 603 | 409 | 606 | 1150 | 631 | 977 | 229 | 397 | 606 | 551 | 803 | 223 | 669 | 506 | 623 | 1190 | 683 | |
| Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 0.9 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 1.1 | 0.8 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.8 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 1 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | |
| Fluoride | 0.94 | 1.1 | 0.96 | 0.47 | 0.34 | 0.76 | 1.09 | 0.46 | 0.18 | 0.18 | 0.46 | 0.44 | 0.88 | 1.11 | 0.87 | 0.45 | 0.44 | 0.67 | 1.12 | 0.52 | 0.16 | 0.57 | 0.49 | 0.43 | 0.49 | 1.12 | 0.8 | 0.48 | 0.33 | 0.63 | 1.05 | 0.51 | 0.17 | 0.18 | 0.46 | 0.41 | |
| Nitrate (as N) | 0.33 | 0.11 | 1.02 | 1.14 | 0.09 | 1.76 | 0.44 | 0.07 | 0.06 | 0.06 | 0.13 | 0.23 | 0.11 | 0.1 | 0.32 | 2.52 | 0.22 | 0.06 | 0.12 | 0.06 | 0.06 | 0.06 | 0.09 | 0.09 | 0.06 | 0.06 | 0.14 | 3.22 | 0.2 | 0.03 | 0.08 | 0.06 | 0.06 | 0.06 | 0.06 | 0.08 | 0.22 |
| Nitrate + Nitrite (as N) | 0.19 | 0.15 | 1.16 | 1.14 | 0.09 | 1.76 | 0.49 | 0.07 | 0.06 | 0.06 | 0.17 | 0.23 | 0.14 | 0.1 | 0.32 | 2.52 | 0.22 | 0.06 | 0.12 | 0.06 | 0.06 | 0.06 | 0.09 | 0.09 | 0.06 | 0.06 | 0.14 | 3.22 | 0.2 | 0.06 | 0.08 | 0.06 | 0.06 | 0.06 | 0.06 | 0.08 | 0.22 |
| Nitrite (as N) | 0.06 | 0.04 | 0.14 | 0.03 | 0.03 | 0.03 | 0.03 | 0.03 | 0.03 | 0.03 | 0.03 | 0.03 | 0.03 | 0.03 | 0.03 | 0.03 | 0.03 | 0.03 | 0.03 | 0.03 | 0.03 | 0.03 | 0.03 | 0.03 | 0.03 | 0.03 | 0.03 | 0.03 | 0.03 | 0.03 | 0.03 | 0.03 | 0.03 | 0.03 | 0.03 | 0.03 | 0.03 |
| Potassium (dissolved) | 1.92 | 1.19 | 2.68 | 4.49 | 1.96 | 7.57 | 2.15 | 1.66 | 1.13 | 1.65 | 3.76 | 1.07 | 1.64 | 1.16 | 1.68 | 4.94 | 2.13 | 7.48 | 2 | 1.8 | 1.14 | 1.74 | 3.99 | 0.986 | 2.68 | 1.00 | 1.23 | 4.59 | 2.08 | 5.58 | 1.22 | 1.55 | 0.986 | 1.70 | 5.11 | 1.07 | |
| Sodium (dissolved) | 29.5 | 25.7 | 85.5 | 43.9 | 19.6 | 133 | 17.1 | 57 | 19.7 | 51.2 | 68.3 | 27 | 28.6 | 27.6 | 79.3 | 35.5 | 35.1 | 136 | 22.5 | 56.1 | 19 | 57.9 | 68.8 | 27.7 | 73.8 | 24.6 | 65.5 | 52.4 | 76.8 | 112 | 17.1 | 60.7 | 16.1 | 85.5 | 61.8 | 27.9 | |
| Sulphate | 180 | 14 | 43 | 97 | 36 | 130 | 6 | 160 | 73 | 77 | 390 | 79 | 110 | 17 | 76 | 96 | 47 | 96 | 12 | 150 | 70 | 130 | 450 | 76 | 250 | 15 | 83 | 150 | 70 | 99 | 7 | 160 | 140 | 81 | 500 | 97 | |
| Chloride | 55 | 3 | 98 | 24 | 32 | 150 | 8 | 80 | 35 | 79 | 110 | 83 | 29 | 4 | 59 | 19 | 29 | 160 | 4 | 74 | 31 | 81 | 94 | 93 | 150 | 3 | 59 | 19 | 31 | 170 | 2 | 98 | 29 | 130 | 79 | 110 | |
| pH | 7.87 | 7.43 | 7.63 | 7.13 | 7.09 | 7.23 | 8.32 | 7.6 | 7.5 | 7.64 | 7.16 | 7.57 | 7.33 | 7.72 | 7.81 | 7.49 | 7.06 | 7.22 | 7.52 | 7.68 | 7.36 | 7.46 | 7.13 | 7.66 | 7.6 | 7.75 | 7.73 | 7.24 | 7.02 | 7.52 | 7.72 | 7.7 | 7.73 | 7.68 | 7.37 | 7.8 | |

* The groundwater monitoring wells were unable to be sampled on January 8/25, and were resampled on January 24/25
m ASL: meters above sea level

| Parameter (mg/L) | 12/4/2025 | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|-----------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| | MW1 | MW2-R | MW3-R | BH23-01 | BH23-02 | BH23-03 | BH23-05 | BH23-06 | BH23-07 | BH23-08 | BH23-09 | BH23-10 |
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| Depth to water below top of casing (m) | 1.970 | 1.940 | 1.670 | 1.990 | 2.110 | 2.410 | 1.350 | 2.750 | 3.260 | 3.010 | 1.830 | 2.320 |
| Water level elevation (m ASL) | 273.479 | 273.513 | 273.320 | 273.207 | 273.295 | 273.455 | 273.201 | 272.617 | 272.239 | 272.646 | 273.155 | 272.866 |
| Ammonia+Ammonium (N) | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Temperature Upon Receipt | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 |
| Total Dissolved Solids | 951 | 211 | 377 | 529 | 829 | 309 | 634 | 523 | 626 | 1290 | 611 | |
| Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 1 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 |
| Fluoride | 0.49 | 1.1 | 0.88 | 0.5 | 0.32 | 0.72 | 1.12 | 0.52 | 0.17 | 0.19 | 0.45 | 0.39 |
| Nitrate (as N) | 0.06 | 0.06 | 0.29 | 4.71 | 0.13 | 0.17 | 0.25 | 0.06 | 0.06 | 0.06 | 0.1 | 0.2 |
| Nitrate + Nitrite (as N) | 0.06 | 0.06 | 0.29 | 4.71 | 0.13 | 0.17 | 0.25 | 0.06 | 0.06 | 0.06 | 0.1 | 0.2 |
| Nitrite (as N) | 0.03 | 0.04 | 0.03 | 0.03 | 0.03 | 0.03 | 0.03 | 0.03 | 0.03 | 0.03 | 0.03 | 0.03 |
| Potassium (dissolved) | 2.51 | 1.00 | 1.08 | 4.29 | 2.3 | 5.9 | 1.44 | 1.72 | 1.11 | 1.71 | 6.68 | 1.38 |
| Sodium (dissolved) | 94.9 | 25.3 | 69.4 | 35.8 | 81.8 | 128 | 31.6 | 71.9 | 17.2 | 92.7 | 46.9 | 30.2 |
| Sulphate | 260 | 17 | 74 | 130 | 63 | 93 | 19 | 170 | 170 | 74 | 570 | 89 |
| Chloride | 190 | 4 | 60 | 17 | 31 | 160 | 24 | 100 | 32 | 120 | 64 | 130 |
| pH | 7.92 | 7.6 | 7.96 | 7.34 | 7.18 | 7.45 | 7.62 | 7.58 | 7.67 | 7.67 | 7.22 | 7.7 |

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