APPENDIX E -STATISTICAL ANALYSES

APPENDIX E.1

STATISTICAL ANALYSIS OF BACKGROUND SOIL DATA

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

Stantec Consulting Services Inc. (Stantec) prepared this statistical analysis report on behalf of the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) to summarize the statistical analyses performed on background soil (BGS) data to support evaluations conducted for the Environmental Assessment Report (EAR) at the Kingston Fossil Plant (KIF Plant) located in Harriman, Tennessee. The BGS samples were collected as part of the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) Order Environmental Investigation (EI) between March 2019 and February 2020 in the vicinity of the KIF Plant from locations where naturally occurring, *in situ*, native soils unaffected by Coal Combustion Residual (CCR) materials were present. Further details regarding the BGS sampling program and results are available in the *KIF Plant Background Soil Investigation Sampling and Analysis Report* (SAR) (Appendix F.1), including the BGS investigation boring locations (Exhibit A.2), and a list of the BGS investigation borings and associated soil samples and analyses (Table B.1).

21 samples were excluded from the statistical analysis datasets for being collected in the saturated zone. The Constituents listed in Appendices III and IV of 40 CFR 257 and five inorganic constituents included in Appendix I of Tennessee Rule 0400-11-01-.04 (CCR Parameters) included in the analysis are presented below in Table E.1-1.

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Table E.1-1 – CCR Parameters Evaluated in Statistical Analysis

Notes: CASRN - Chemical Abstracts Service Registry Number; CCR Rule - Title 40, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 257; NA - Not available; % - Percent

1 Fluoride is both a CCR Rule Appendix III and CCR Rule Appendix IV parameter. In this table, and in the results presented herein, fluoride has been grouped with the Appendix III parameters only to avoid duplication.

The following sections present the methods and results from general exploratory data analysis using summary statistics, data plots, outlier screening methods and the calculation of Background Threshold Values (BTVs).

2.0 METHODS

The statistical evaluation for the BGS data collected at the KIF Plant for the EI was conducted in two parts: 1) exploratory data analysis and 2) calculation of site-specific BTVs. The analyses relied on available background soil data collected as part of the BGS EI. Quality assurance and quality control samples (e.g. field duplicates) were excluded from the statistical analysis.

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2.1 EXPLORATORY DATA ANALYSIS

Exploratory data analysis is the initial step of statistical analysis. It utilizes simple summary statistics (e.g. mean, median, standard deviation and percentiles) and graphical representations to identify important characteristics of an analytical dataset, such as the center of the data (mean, median), variation, distribution, spatial patterns, presence of outliers, and randomness.

For the EI, surficial soil samples were typically collected at depths ranging from 0.0 to approximately 0.5 feet below ground surface (ft bgs). In addition to the CCR parameters (Table E.1-1), these samples were analyzed for the presence of CCR Material (% Ash). Along with surficial samples, the field sampling personnel collected approximately two feet of soil from each five-foot soil run (one foot in both directions from the midpoint of the five-foot interval) for the total depth of the boring. For the statistical analysis, soil depths were aggregated into the following depth intervals: surficial (0 to approximately 0.5 ft bgs), approximately 0.5 to less than or equal to 10 ft bgs, and greater than 10 ft bgs.

2.1.1 Summary Statistics

Summary statistics were calculated for each CCR Parameter grouped by depth interval and the entire set of BGS samples (including all depth intervals and boring locations). Summary statistics include information such as the total numbers of available samples, the frequencies of detection, ranges of reporting limits, minimum and maximum detected concentrations, mean concentrations, standard deviations, median concentrations and the 95th percentile concentrations. A summary statistics table is presented in Attachment E.1-A.

2.1.2 Exploratory Data Plots

Exploratory data plots (box plots) were constructed to support a visual review of the data. Box plots identify the center of the data, distribution, variability, and to visually identify potential outliers. The diagram below graphically depicts the basics of the construction of the box plots (StataCorp LLC 2017).

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The box portion of the plot is the interquartile range (IQR), which represents the middle 50% of data, with the bottom of the box being the $25th$ percentile and the top of the box being the 75th percentile. The line inside the box is the median concentration. The top of the upper "whisker" represents the first observed concentration above the 75th percentile, whereas the bottom of the lower "whisker" represents the first observed concentration below the $25th$ percentile (upper adjacent value and lower adjacent value, respectively). Values that lie outside of the adjacent values represent outside concentrations (i.e. concentrations at the upper and lower ends of the distribution of the data). The method detection limit was used as the reported value in order to construct the box plot when analytical results were reported as non-detects.

Two sets of side-by-side box plots were constructed for the BGS CCR Parameter data: 1) results by depth interval and 2) results by BGS boring location. These box plots were useful in identifying differences in CCR Parameter concentrations between depth intervals and between boring locations and were especially useful for visually identifying potential outliers. Box plots for CCR Parameters aggregated by depth interval and by boring location are provided in Attachment E.1-B.

2.1.3 Outlier Screening

Outliers are data points that are abnormally high or low as compared to the rest of the measurements and may represent anomalous data or data errors, but may also represent natural variation of CCR Parameter concentrations in environmental systems. Screening for outliers is a critical step because outliers can bias statistical estimates, statistical testing results, and inferences. The size of the datasets for each depth interval (a minimum of 10 samples) were sufficiently large to capture natural variation commonly seen in environmental datasets.

Outlier values were initially screened visually using the side-by-side box plots. If suspected visual outliers were identified, then Tukey's procedure was used to identify extreme outliers (Tukey 1977). This method relies on the IQR, which is defined as the 75th percentile value minus the 25th percentile value.

Values were identified as potential outliers as follows:

- Lower extreme outliers are less than the 25th percentile minus 3 x IQR
- Upper extreme outliers are greater than the 75th percentile plus 3 x IQR.

Finally, when the potential outlier(s) were identified visually and by Tukey's procedure, then statistical testing for outliers (Dixon or Rosner's Test) was conducted to determine if the data points were statistically significant outliers.

Following confirmation of the outliers as statistically significant, a desktop evaluation was conducted to verify that the data points were not errors (e.g., laboratory or transcriptional error). Field forms, data validation reports, and other variables in the dataset that could influence analytical results were also evaluated. If a verifiable error was discovered, the outlier was removed and, if possible, replaced with a corrected value.

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In the absence of a verifiable error, additional lines of evidence were reviewed to determine final outlier disposition (e.g., frequency of detection, spatial and temporal variability). If an outlier was identified as suitable for removal from further statistical analysis, a clear and defensible rationale based on multiple lines of evidence was provided. In addition, values that were identified as outliers and removed from further evaluation in the present statistical analysis were retained in the historical database and will be reevaluated for inclusion or exclusion in future statistical analyses of this dataset. The results of the outlier screening for the CUF Plant CCR material dataset are provided in Section 3.1.

2.2 ESTIMATES OF BACKGROUND CONDITIONS

BTVs were calculated as conservative estimates of CCR Parameter concentrations in BGS. Specifically, 95% upper tolerance limits (UTLs) with 95% coverage were calculated for each parameter at each soil depth interval defined for the statistical datasets and with all depths combined to establish conservative estimates of background soil concentrations. The UTL represents the upper bound of a pre-specified proportion of the underlying data population with a specified level of confidence. For example, for a "95% UTL with 95% coverage", there is 95% confidence that, on average, 95% of the data are below the UTL. The upper one-sided UTL is commonly used in environmental monitoring and is constructed using background data (Ofungwu 2014). In the case of pH, 95% tolerance intervals with 95% coverage were calculated to bound the range of pH values. BTVs aggregated by soil depth interval and with all depths combined are presented in Attachment E.1-A.

2.2.1 Tests for Normality of Background Data

Prior to the calculation of UTLs, the data were evaluated for normality. Parametric methods to establish background conditions (UTLs) can be applied to data that are normally distributed or to data that fit another defined statistical distribution (e.g. gamma distribution), or to data that can be transformed to normal using mathematical transformations (e.g. lognormal transformation). Testing data for normality was done using formal statistical methods, known as goodness-of-fit-testing (e.g. Shapiro-Wilk or Lilliefors tests). If the data did not fit a defined statistical distribution or could not be transformed to normal, then non-parametric methods were used.

2.2.2 Parametric UTLs

Parametric UTLs were used when the background data were normally distributed, gamma distributed, or transformed using the lognormal transformation. A background sample size or dataset consisting of at least eight observations was required to generate an adequate tolerance limit.

The calculation of the UTL is straightforward:

$$
UTL = \overline{x} + \tau s
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Where:

 \overline{x} = mean CCR parameter concentration in the background dataset

s = standard deviation of CCR parameter in the background dataset

 τ = multiplier based on size of dataset, confidence (95%) and desired coverage (95%).

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2.2.3 Non-parametric UTLs

When the background data do not fit the normal or gamma distribution or cannot be normalized via the lognormal transformation, non-parametric UTLs were used. The non-parametric UTL is an order statistic, typically the maximum or the second largest observed concentration in the background dataset. Unlike parametric methods, the desired coverage and confidence interval cannot be pre-specified for nonparametric tolerance limits. In the case of non-parametric methods, the level of confidence increases with increasing sample size. If non-parametric methods were used, the approximate level of confidence was reported.

UTLs, especially non-parametric UTLs, are sensitive to outliers and are biased high in the presence of outliers. For this initial analysis, no suspect outliers were removed from the data set. If the UTLs presented in this report are going to be used to inform corrective actions, then additional analysis to account for the presence of outliers is warranted.

3.0 RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

3.1 SUMMARY STATISTICS, EXPLORATORY DATA PLOTS, AND OUTLIER SCREENING

Summary statistics for each CCR Parameter are provided in Attachment E.1-A, with results aggregated by depth interval and with all depths combined. Summary statistics are sorted by CCR Parameter type (i.e., CCR Rule Appendix III Parameters, CCR Rule Appendix IV Parameters, TDEC Appendix I Parameters, and Other). Box plots for each CCR Parameter aggregated by depth and boring location are provided in Attachment E.1-B.

The number of values identified as potential outliers using Tukey's procedure for each depth interval and with all depths combined is identified in Attachment E.1-A. For these potential outliers, no definitive reasons were identified for the outlier values and the values identified were assumed to be representative of natural conditions and natural variation within native soil. These values were flagged as statistical outliers in the dataset and retained for subsequent calculations and analysis if needed for future evaluations (see columns labelled "Number of Statistical Outliers" and "Number of Outliers Removed" in Attachment E.1-A).

3.2 ESTIMATES OF BACKGROUND CONDITIONS

BTVs for the BGS investigation at the KIF Plant were calculated using UTLs (and Tolerance Intervals in the case of pH). The resulting BTV concentrations and the statistical distribution and methods used to calculate the UTLs are identified for each CCR Parameter aggregated by depth interval and with all depths combined in Attachment E.1-A.

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ATTACHMENT E.1-A SUMMARY STATISTICS TABLES


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Notes:
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CCR Rule - Title 40, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 257

bgs - below ground surface

KM - Kaplan-Meier, For Parameters with non-detects reported at the method detection limit, the mean, standard deviation, and background threshold values were calculated using Kaplan-Meier methods

'--" - Not Applicable

NP-% - Non-parametric method and associated confidence level of the estimate

TDEC - Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation

UTL - Upper Tolerance Limit

WH - Background Threshold Limits based on the gamma distribution utilize Wilson Hiferty (WH) estimates

% - Percent

Except for Ash, pH & Radium 226 + 228, all units milligrams per kilogram (mg/kg)

Units for Ash are percent (%)

Units for pH are Standard Units (S.U.)

Units for Radium 226+228 are picocuries per gram (pCi/g)

All non-detects reported at the laboratory reporting limit

Surficial soil samples were collected in the 0 to 0.5 feet below ground surface (bgs) soil depth interval

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Box Plots CCR Rule Appendix IV Parameters Background Soil Investigation Kingston Fossil Plant - Harriman, Tennessee

Box Plots TDEC Appendix I Parameters Background Soil Investigation Kingston Fossil Plant - Harriman, Tennessee

APPENDIX E.2

STATISTICAL ANALYSIS OF CCR MATERIAL CHARACTERISTICS DATA

Appendix E.2 - Statistical Analysis of CCR Material Characteristics Data

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

Stantec Consulting Services Inc. (Stantec) prepared this appendix on behalf of the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) to document the statistical analyses performed on data collected to characterize coal combustion residual (CCR) material in support of evaluations conducted for the Environmental Assessment Report (EAR) at the Kingston Fossil Plant (KIF Plant) located in Harriman, Tennessee. The CCR material characterization samples were collected between November 2018 and December 2019 within the TDEC Order CCR management units^{[1](#page-34-2)} at the KIF Plant, which include the Interim Ash Staging Area, Sluice Trench and Area East of Sluice Trench, and Stilling Pond . Further details regarding the CCR material sampling and laboratory data are presented in the KIF Plant *CCR Material Characteristics Sampling and Analysis Report* (Appendix J.2). Additional samples collected in November 2017 from the Stilling Pond were incorporated into this evaluation.

For the Environmental Investigation, CCR material and pore water samples were collected for characterization related to the leachability of constituents listed in Appendices III and IV of 40 CFR 257 and five additional inorganic constituents included in Appendix I of Tennessee Rule 0400-11-01-.04 (CCR Parameters) from material within two KIF Plant TDEC Order CCR management units: the Interim Ash Staging Area and Sluice Trench and Area East of Sluice Trench. Additional samples collected in November 2017 from locations in the Stilling Pond were included into this evaluation. The Synthetic Precipitate Leaching Procedure (SPLP) was used to characterize leachability of CCR Parameters in CCR material. Temporary well/boring locations and the number of samples collected in each KIF Plant TDEC Order CCR management unit are presented in Table E.2-1. Table E.2-2 presents the list of CCR parameters evaluated in this statistical evaluation.

KIF Plant TDEC		Number of Samples	
Order CCR Management Unit	Temporary Well/Boring Location	CCR Material/SPLP	Pore Water
Interim Ash Staging Area	KIF-TW01; KIF-TW02; KIF-TW03; KIF-B01; KIF-B02; KIF-B03	33	
Sluice Trench and Area East of Sluice Trench	KIF-TW04; KIF-TW05; KIF-B04	17	
Stilling Pond	GP-17-101; GP-17-102; GP-17-103		

Table E.2-1 – CCR Material Characteristics Sample Locations - KIF Plant

¹ The term "CCR management unit" is used in this document generally and is not intended to be a designation under federal or state regulations.

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Table E.2-2 – CCR Parameters Evaluated in Statistical Analysis

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1 Fluoride is both a CCR Rule Appendix III and CCR Rule Appendix IV CCR parameter. In this table, and in the results figures and tables for this report, fluoride has been grouped with the Appendix III CCR parameters only to avoid duplication.

The following sections present the methods and results used to evaluate the CCR material and pore water data, including: 1) general exploratory data analysis (summary statistics, data plots and outlier screening), 2) a regression analysis to evaluate correlation between SPLP results to CCR Parameter concentrations in CCR material, and 3) a comparison of SPLP results to pore water concentrations.

2.0 METHODS

The statistical evaluation was conducted in three parts: 1) exploratory data analysis, 2) regression analysis, and 3) comparison of SPLP results to CCR Parameter concentrations in pore water.

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2.1 EXPLORATORY DATA ANALYSIS

Exploratory data analysis is the initial step of statistical analysis. It utilizes simple summary statistics (e.g. mean, median, standard deviation and percentiles) and graphical representations to identify characteristics of an analytical dataset, such as the center of the data (mean, median), variation, distribution, patterns, presence of outliers, and randomness.

2.1.1 Summary Statistics

Summary statistics were calculated for CCR material, SPLP, and pore water for each CCR Parameter grouped by KIF Plant TDEC Order CCR management unit. Summary statistics include information such as the total numbers of available samples, the frequencies of detection, ranges of reporting limits, minimum and maximum detected concentrations, mean concentrations, standard deviations, median concentrations, and the 95th percentile concentrations. Summary statistics were calculated for total metal and dissolved metal concentrations in pore water. Summary statistics tables are presented in Attachment E.2-A.

2.1.2 Exploratory Data Plots

Box plots were constructed of CCR Parameter concentrations in CCR material to support a visual review of the data. Box plots were used to identify the center of the data, distribution, variability, and to visually identify potential outliers. The diagram below graphically depicts the basics of the construction of the box plots (StataCorp LLC 2017).

The box portion of the plot is the interquartile range (IQR), which represents the middle 50 percent (%) of data, with the bottom of the box being the $25th$ percentile and the top of the box being the $75th$ percentile. The line inside the box is the median concentration. The top of the upper "whisker" represents the first observed concentration above the 75th percentile, whereas the bottom of the lower "whisker" represents the first observed concentration below the 25th percentile (upper adjacent value and lower adjacent value,

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respectively). Values that lie outside of the adjacent values represent outside (potential outliers) concentrations (i.e. concentrations at the upper and lower ends of the distribution of the data). The method detection limit was used as the reported value in order to construct the box plot when analytical results were reported as non-detects.

Side-by-side box plots were constructed for the CCR material and pore water data and aggregated by temporary well/boring location and KIF Plant TDEC Order CCR management unit. These box plots were useful in identifying differences in CCR Parameter concentrations between each KIF Plant TDEC Order CCR management unit and are especially useful for visually identifying potential outliers. Box plots are presented in Attachment E.2-B for CCR material results and E.2-C for pore water results.

2.1.3 Outlier Screening

Outliers are data points that are abnormally high or low as compared to other measurements and may represent anomalous data or data errors. Outliers may also represent natural variation of CCR Parameter concentrations in environmental systems. Screening for outliers is a critical step because outliers can bias statistical estimates, statistical testing results, and inferences.

Outlier values were initially screened visually using side-by-side box plots. If suspected visual outliers were identified, then Tukey's procedure was used to identify extreme outliers (Tukey 1977). This method relies on the 25th and 75th percentiles of the data (IQR), which is defined as the 75th percentile value minus the 25th percentile value. Values were identified as potential outliers as follows:

- Lower extreme outliers are less than the 25th percentile minus 3 x IQR
- **Upper extreme outliers** are greater than the 75th percentile plus 3 x IQR.

Finally, when the potential outlier(s) were identified visually and by Tukey's procedure, then statistical testing for outliers (Dixon or Rosner's Test) was conducted to determine if the data points were statistically significant outliers.

Following confirmation of the outliers as statistically significant, a desktop evaluation was conducted to verify that the data points were not errors (e.g., laboratory or transcriptional error). Field forms, data validation reports, and other variables in the dataset that could influence analytical results were also evaluated. If a verifiable error was discovered, the outlier was removed and, if possible, replaced with a corrected value.

In the absence of a verifiable error, additional lines of evidence were reviewed to determine final outlier disposition (e.g., frequency of detection, spatial and temporal variability). If an outlier was identified as suitable for removal from further statistical analysis, a clear and defensible rationale based on multiple lines of evidence was provided. In addition, values that were identified as outliers and removed from further evaluation in the present statistical analysis were retained in the historical database and will be reevaluated for inclusion or exclusion in future statistical analyses of this dataset. The results of the outlier screening for the KIF Plant CCR material dataset are provided in Section 3.1.

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2.2 REGRESSION ANALYSIS

The linear relationship between the concentrations of CCR Parameters in SPLP results and concentrations in CCR material was evaluated using regression analysis. Scatter plots were constructed to compare SPLP and CCR material results for the CCR Parameters. Using linear regression, the Pearson's correlation coefficient was estimated, and a regression line was fit to the data and added to the scatter plots. As part of the analysis, the SPLP results for the CCR Parameters were compared to the range of pore water concentrations observed in the respective KIF Plant TDEC Order CCR management units. Analyses were conducted on data where CCR parameters were detected in greater than 50% of the samples in both the SPLP and CCR material datasets. Scatter plots, regression results, and range of pore water concentrations are presented in Attachment E.2-D.

3.0 RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

3.1 SUMMARY STATISTICS, EXPLORATORY DATA PLOTS, AND OUTLIER SCREENING

Summary statistics tables are presented in Attachment E.2-A, and box plots are presented in Attachments E.2-B for CCR material and E.2-C for pore water.

No outliers were identified in the CCR material or SPLP datasets.

Anomalously high CCR parameter concentrations were observed in the pore water sample collected from well GP-17-102, thus the pore water dataset was subsequently screened using outlier screening methods described above for CCR Appendix IV and TDEC Appendix I parameters. Pore water box plots aggregated by KIF Plant TDEC Order CCR management unit are presented as Attachment E.2-C. Multiple CCR parameter concentrations were identified as potential statistical outliers. Turbidity measurements were also anomalously high in sample GP-17-102 (616.3 nephelometric turbidity units [NTUs]), compared to turbidity measurements across the KIF Plant TDEC Order CCR management unit areas, which ranged from 1.17 to 99 NTUs. Using the outlier screening methods described above, turbidity in sample GP-17-102 was found to be a statistically significant outlier. A box plot for turbidity is provided in Attachment E.2-C. Since turbidity was an outlier and could be the cause of other anomalously high CCR parameter concentrations observed in sample GP-17-102, sample results from GP-17-102 were excluded from further statistical analyses.

3.2 REGRESSION ANALYSIS

The purpose of the regression analysis was to evaluate whether the total concentrations of metals in CCR material could be used as a reliable predictor of leachable concentrations as represented by SPLP concentrations. Scatter plots, regression results, and range of pore water concentrations are presented in Attachment E.2-D. The correlation coefficient is a numerical measure that measures the strength of association between two variables (in this case, between total concentration and SPLP results for CCR material), with values ranging from zero to one. A high correlation coefficient (closer to one) demonstrates

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a strong relationship between the two variables, whereas a low correlation coefficient (closer to zero) demonstrates a weak relationship. The slope of the regression line indicates the direction of correlation. A positive slope indicates that SPLP concentrations increased as CCR Parameter concentrations in CCR material increased. Conversely, a negative slope indicates that as CCR Parameter concentrations in CCR material increased, the SPLP concentrations decreased.

The statistical relationships between SPLP concentrations and CCR material concentrations were inconsistent and highly variable. One would expect SPLP concentrations to increase with increasing CCR parameter concentrations in CCR material (e.g. regression line with a positive slope). However, this relationship was inconsistent between different CCR parameters and between KIF Plant TDEC Order CCR management units (e.g. boron). In some cases, even when there was a statistically significant correlation (e.g., vanadium), the wide range of variability around the regression line limits the predictive value of the relationship. The results indicate that the total concentrations of metals in CCR material are not a reliable predictor of the magnitude of the potentially leached concentrations measured using SPLP.

In addition, the CCR parameter concentrations in SPLP generally underestimated CCR parameter concentrations measured in pore water.

The results indicate that direct measurement of pore water concentrations is the most accurate way of characterizing potential leachability from CCR materials.

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ATTACHMENT E.2–A SUMMARY STATISTICS

CCR Rule ‐ Title 40, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 257

TDEC ‐ Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation

% ‐ percent

" ‐‐ " ‐ Not Applicable

TOC ‐ Total Organic Carbon

Except for pH & Radium 226 ⁺ 228, all units are milligrams per kilogram (mg/kg).

Units for pH are Standard Units (S.U.).

Units for Radium 226+228 are picocuries per gram (pCi/g).

All non‐detects reported at the method detection limit.

For Parameters with non‐detects reported at the method detection limit, the mean and standard deviation were calculated using Kaplan‐Meier methods (KM)

CCR Rule ‐ Title 40, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 257

TDEC ‐ Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation

% ‐ percent

" ‐‐ " ‐ Not Applicable

Except for pH & Radium 226 + 228, all units are micrograms per liter (μ g/L).

Units for pH are Standard Units (S.U.).

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All non‐detects reported at the method detection limit.

For Parameters with non‐detects reported at the method detection limit, the mean and standard deviation were calculated using Kaplan‐Meier methods (KM).

CCR Rule ‐ Title 40, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 257

TDEC ‐ Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation

% ‐ percent

" ‐‐ " : Not Applicable

TDS ‐ Total Dissolved Solids

TOC ‐ Total Organic Carbon

Sample results collected from GP-17-102 at the Stilling Pond were excluded from the analysis due to elevated Turbidity (616.3 Nephelometric Turbidity Units).

Except for pH & Radium 226 + 228, all units micrograms per liter (μ g/L).

Units for pH are Standard Units (S.U.).

Units for Radium 226+228 are picocuries per liter (pCi/L).

All non‐detects reported at the laboratory detection limit.

For Parameters with non‐detects reported at the method detection limit, the mean and standard deviation were calculated using Kaplan‐Meier methods (KM).

CCR Rule ‐ Title 40, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 257

TDEC ‐ Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation

% ‐ percent

" ‐‐ " : Not Applicable

Sample results collected from GP‐17‐102 at the Stilling Pond were excluded from the analysis due to elevated Turbidity (616.3 Nephelometric Turbidity Units).

All units in micrograms per liter (µg/L)

All non‐detects reported at the laboratory detection limit

For Parameters with non‐detects reported at the method detection limit, the mean and standard deviation were calculated using Kaplan‐Meier methods (KM).

ATTACHMENT E.2-B BOX PLOTS – CCR MATERIAL

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Box Plots CCR Rule Appendix IV Parameters CCR Material Characteristics Investigation Kingston Fossil Plant - Harriman, Tennessee

Box Plots TDEC Appendix I Parameters CCR Material Characteristics Investigation Kingston Fossil Plant - Harriman, Tennessee

ATTACHMENT E.2-C BOX PLOTS – PORE WATER OUTLIER ANALYSIS

Box Plots - Pore Water Outlier Analysis CCR Rule Appendix IV Parameters Pore Water Investigation Kingston Fossil Plant - Harriman, Tennessee

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ATTACHMENT E.2-D SCATTER PLOTS AND REGRESSION

Scatter Plots (SPLP and CCR Material) CCR Rule Appendix III Parameters CCR Material Characteristics Investigation Kingston Fossil Plant - Harriman, Tennessee

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APPENDIX E.3

STATISTICAL ANALYSIS OF GROUNDWATER ANALYTICAL RESULTS

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

Stantec Consulting Services Inc. (Stantec) prepared this appendix on behalf of the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) to summarize the statistical analyses performed on groundwater quality data to support evaluations conducted for the Environmental Assessment Report (EAR) at the Kingston Fossil Plant (KIF Plant) located in Harriman, Tennessee. These statistical analyses include an evaluation of groundwater quality data collected at the KIF Plant for the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) Order Environmental Investigation (EI), in compliance with the Title 40, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 257 (Coal Combustion Residuals [CCR Rule]) monitoring program, and the TDEC permitted landfill groundwater monitoring program. The statistical analysis in this appendix focused on the parameters listed in Appendices III and IV of Title 40 CFR 257 and five additional inorganic constituents included in Appendix I of Tennessee Rule 0400-11-01-.04 (CCR Parameters) (see Table E.3-1). The wells included in this statistical analysis are listed in Table E.3-2.

The dataset compiled for statistical analysis includes available analytical data for groundwater samples collected between June 2009 and December 2022, although the specific start date and frequency of sampling may vary between wells based on date of well installation and the applicable monitoring program. This time period was selected because it includes the data that met the data quality objectives of the EI. The complete groundwater quality results for the dataset compiled for statistical analysis are reported in Appendix H.1.

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Table E.3-1 – CCR Parameters Evaluated in Statistical Analysis

Notes: CASRN - Chemical Abstracts Service Registry Number; CCR – Coal Combustion Residuals; NA - Not available; TDS - Total dissolved solids

1 Fluoride is both a CCR Rule Appendix III and CCR Rule Appendix IV constituent. In this table and in the results figures and tables for this report, fluoride has been grouped with the Appendix III constituents only to avoid duplication.

Table E.3-2 - Groundwater Monitoring Wells and Parameters Included in Statistical Analysis

Notes

For each well, the program to which the well belongs as well as the parameters evaluated in this statistical analysis are identified with an 'X' and highlighted gray. Programs or parameters that are not applicable to that well are indicated with a dash (-).

2.0 METHODS

2.1 EXPLORATORY DATA ANALYSIS

The initial step of statistical analysis was the exploratory data analysis. The process of the exploratory data analysis utilizes simple summary statistics (e.g., mean, median, standard deviation and percentiles) and graphical representations to identify important characteristics of an analytical dataset, such as the center of the data (i.e., mean, median), variation, distribution, patterns, presence of outliers and randomness.

Summary statistics were calculated for each well-constituent pair. These summary statistics include information such as total number of available samples, frequency of detection, and maximum detected values and detected concentrations for each well-constituent pair. Exploratory data plots for each wellconstituent pair (i.e., box plots and time series plots) were also constructed to support a visual review of the data and identify potential outliers.

Outliers are data points that are abnormally high or low as compared to other measurements and may represent anomalous data or data errors. Outliers may also represent natural variation of concentrations in environmental systems. Therefore, where potential outliers were visually identified in box plots or timeseries plots, secondary statistical screening was completed using Tukey's procedure to identify extreme outliers (Tukey 1977) followed by statistical testing for outliers (Dixon or Rosner's test, α=0.05). Following confirmation of the outliers as statistically significant, a desktop evaluation was conducted to verify that the data points were not errors (e.g., laboratory or transcriptional error). Field forms, data validation reports, and other variables in the dataset that could influence analytical results were also evaluated. If a verifiable error was discovered, the outlier was removed and, if possible, replaced with a corrected value.

In the absence of a verifiable error, additional lines of evidence were reviewed to determine final outlier disposition (e.g., frequency of detection, spatial and temporal variability). If an outlier was identified as suitable for removal from further statistical analysis, a clear and defensible rationale based on multiple lines of evidence was provided. In addition, values that were identified as outliers and removed from further evaluation in the present statistical analysis were retained in the historical database and will be reevaluated for inclusion or exclusion in future statistical analyses of this dataset.

2.2 COMPARISON OF GROUNDWATER QUALITY DATA TO GROUNDWATER SCREENING LEVELS

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) document "*Statistical Analysis of Groundwater Monitoring Data at RCRA Facilities: Unified Guidance*" (USEPA 2009; hereafter referred to as the Unified Guidance) describes statistical methods for comparing groundwater concentrations to fixed standards such as the TDEC-approved groundwater screening levels (GSLs) identified in Appendix A.2. In the Unified Guidance, a confidence interval approach is recommended for comparing groundwater monitoring data to a fixed numerical limit. If the underlying population is stable (i.e., no trend is present), then the Unified Guidance indicates that comparison to a fixed standard can be made based on a

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confidence interval around the mean. However, the Unified Guidance indicates that "*where the data exhibit a trend over time the interval will incorporate not only the natural variability in the underlying population, but also additional variation induced by the trend itself. The net result is a confidence interval that can be much wider than expected for a given confidence level and sample size (n).*" Therefore, in the presence of a statistically significant trend, the Unified Guidance recommends constructing a confidence band around a trend line, where the comparison is made to the fixed standard based on the confidence band as of the most recent evaluated sampling event, rather than a static confidence interval around the mean.

For the groundwater data reviewed herein, these approaches were applied to identify well-constituent pairs where the available data indicate a statistically significant concentration above or equal to the GSL for constituents other than pH, or statistically significant values outside the GSL range for pH. For this dataset, the null hypothesis was that the groundwater concentrations were less than the GSL for constituents other than pH and that levels were within the GSL range for pH. In accordance with the methods described in the Unified Guidance, constituent concentrations were determined to represent a statistically significant concentration above or equal to a GSL for constituents other than pH, only when there were sufficient data to support statistical confidence band or interval evaluation and the applicable lower confidence band or interval was greater than or equal to the GSL as of the most recent sampling event included in the statistical analysis. For pH, which has both an upper and lower GSL, a statistical difference was identified if there were sufficient data to support statistical analysis, and either the applicable lower confidence band or interval was greater than or equal to the upper GSL or the applicable upper confidence band or interval was less than or equal to the lower GSL as of the most recent sampling event included in the statistical analysis. Whether comparison should be made using a confidence band or confidence interval was determined for each well-constituent pair based on the results of a linear regression trend analysis for each well-constituent pair. If no significant linear trend was detected (p≥0.05 for the regression slope), comparison to the GSLs was completed based on a static confidence interval around the mean. If a statistically significant linear trend was present (p<0.05 for the regression slope), comparison to the GSLs was completed based on a confidence band around the linear regression trend line at the most recent evaluated sampling event. In both cases, the confidence band or intervals were constructed with 98 percent (%) confidence, which correspond to a lower confidence limit with 99% confidence.

Additional details regarding the methods used to compare groundwater quality data to groundwater screening levels are provided below. As described below, the approach adopted for this comparison was dependent on the number of samples available and the proportion of detected concentrations for each well-constituent pair.

2.2.1 Linear Regression Trend Analysis and Confidence Interval/ Confidence Band Evaluation

For well-constituent pairs with five or more samples and at least four detected values, groundwater quality data were compared to GSLs using a linear regression trend analysis and confidence interval/ confidence band evaluation summarized in **Figure E.3-1** (below) and described in more detail in this section.

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First, data were screened to identify if there were reported individual values greater than or equal to the GSL for constituents other than pH or outside the GSL range for pH. In the absence of such a value, wellconstituent pairs were classified as 'Green'. If such a value was observed, then linear regression analysis was completed to identify well-constituent pairs with a statistically significant linear trend (p<0.05) over the analyzed time period. As noted above, if no statistically significant linear trend was detected (p≥0.05), a static confidence interval around the mean was used for comparison to the GSLs. If a statistically significant linear trend was present (p<0.05), a confidence band around the linear regression trend line at the most recent evaluated sampling event was used for comparison to the GSLs. In both cases, 98% confidence intervals were constructed, which correspond to a lower confidence limit with 99% confidence. Non-detect values were conservatively represented at the reported detection limit.

The resulting confidence intervals and confidence bands were then compared to the GSL for the analyzed well-constituent pairs as of the most recent sampling event included in the statistical analysis. For constituents other than pH, well-constituent pairs were classified as 'Red', indicating a statistically significant concentration above or equal to the GSL at a 99% confidence level only if the applicable lower confidence band or interval was greater than or equal to the GSL as of the most recent sampling event included in the statistical analysis (see examples in **Figure E.3-2** below). For pH, well-constituent pairs were classified as 'Red', indicating a statistically significant difference from the GSL range at a 99% confidence level, if the applicable lower confidence band or interval was greater than or equal to the upper GSL or if the applicable upper confidence interval was less than or equal to the lower GSL as of the most recent sampling event included in the statistical analysis (see examples in **Figure E.3-3** below). The remaining well-constituent pairs with five or more samples and at least four detected values that were not classified as 'Red' using the linear regression trend analysis and confidence interval/ confidence band evaluation described above were classified as 'Green'. The 'Green' category indicates that as of the most recent sampling event included in the analysis, constituent levels were not statistically significantly greater than or equal to the GSL (for constituents other than pH) and not statistically greater than or equal to the upper GSL or less than or equal to the lower GSL for pH at a 99% confidence level.

Note: GSL = TDEC-approved Groundwater Screening Level (see Appendix A.2)

Figure E.3-1 – Flow chart summarizing linear regression trend analysis and confidence interval/ confidence band evaluation

Figure E.3-2 – Examples of well-constituent pairs classified as 'Red' for constituents other than pH (A) in the presence of a statistically significant linear trend (p<0.05) and (B) in the absence of a statistically significant linear trend (p≥0.05)

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Figure E.3-3 - Examples of well-constituent pairs classified as 'Red' for pH (A, B) in the presence of a statistically significant linear trend (p<0.05) and (C, D) in the absence of a statistically significant linear trend (p≥0.05)

2.2.2 Evaluation for Well-Constituent Pairs Using Point-by-Point Method

Well-constituent pairs with less than five samples in the dataset or less than four detected results were not well suited to a linear regression trend analysis and confidence band or interval evaluation. Therefore, an alternate evaluation was completed for these well-constituent pairs based on a point-by-point comparison of the reported concentration for each sample to the applicable GSL. In this approach, wellconstituent pairs were classified as 'Green*,' if there were no detected values that were greater than or equal to the GSL for constituents other than pH, or there were no detected values outside the GSL range for pH. However, if there was a limited dataset (i.e., less than five samples in the dataset or less than four detected results), and at least one value was greater than or equal to the GSL for constituents other than pH or there were detected values outside the GSL range for pH, this triggered further data review and an alternate evaluation of that well-constituent pair. For these well-constituent pairs, the available data were reviewed and alternate statistical approaches were considered (e.g., completing a statistical evaluation resulting in a 'Red' or 'Green' classification as described in Section [2.2.1](#page-81-0) using the limited dataset). If such an alternate evaluation was required, then this was clearly identified and additional rationale provided in the applicable sub-sections of Section [3.0.](#page-86-1)

3.0 RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

3.1 EXPLORATORY DATA ANALYSIS

Summary statistics for each evaluated well-constituent pair are provided in Attachment E.3-A**,** with results grouped by well and sorted by constituent type. Exploratory data analysis plots for each well-constituent pair (i.e., box plots and time-series plots) are provided in Attachments E.3-B and E.3-C. These plots were reviewed to identify potential outliers and provide a qualitative evaluation of data distribution. The plots also provide a preliminary comparison of the results from individual sampling events to the applicable GSLs. Based on this evaluation, five outliers that were sufficiently abnormal to justify their removal from further statistical analysis were identified. These outliers and their rationale for removal are summarized below:

For total dissolved solids at well AD-1, a value of 1,500,000 micrograms per Liter (µg/L) was reported for a sample collected in June 2016. In comparison, the values of the 66 additional samples for AD-1 collected before or after that event between June 2009 and December 2022 ranged from 196,000 to 376,000 µg/L (i.e., approximately 4 to 8 times lower than the identified outlier). Furthermore, the increased total dissolved solids result from the June 2016 sampling event was not supported by a concurrent increase in specific conductance (417 µS/cm in June 2016, where subsequent events ranged from 361 to 590 µS/cm, with the exception of one sampling event in February 2019, which had a specific conductance value of 7 µS/cm). Given that no similarly high TDS concentrations have been observed in 13 years of sampling at this well, the TDS concentration of 1,500,000 µg/L observed for a sample collected at well AD-1 in June 2016 was excluded from additional statistical analysis.

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- For total dissolved solids at well GW-2, a value of 4,950,000 µg/L was reported for a sample collected in December 2019. In comparison, the values of the remaining five samples for GW-2 collected both before and after that event between June 2019 and April 2020 ranged from 10,000 to 70,000 µg/L (i.e., approximately 70 to 500 times lower than the identified outlier). Furthermore, the increased total dissolved solids result from the December 2019 sampling event was not supported by a concurrent increase in specific conductance (95.4 µS/cm in December 2019, where previous and subsequent events ranged from 58-141 μ S/cm).
- For zinc at AD-2 and AD-3, concentrations of 12,500 µg/L and 6,570 µg/L, respectively, were observed for samples collected in September 2018. In comparison, the values of the 136 additional samples for AD-2 and AD-3 collected before or after that event between June 2009 and November 2022 ranged from 1.83 µg/L to <50 µg/L, with the next highest detected concentration equal to 35.3 µg/L (i.e., at least 190 times lower than the identified outliers). Furthermore, the increased zinc results from the September 2018 sampling events at AD-2 and AD-3 were not correlated with an increase in sample turbidity (turbidity at AD-2 was 5.11 NTU in September 2018 and ranged from 0.78 – 60.8 NTU for other sampling events and turbidity at AD-3 was 3.15 NTU in September 2018 and ranged from 0.21 – 4.21 NTU for other sampling events). Given that no similarly high zinc concentrations have been observed in 13 years of sampling at these wells, the zinc concentrations of 12,500 µg/L and 6,570 µg/L from AD-2 and AD-3 from September 2018 were excluded from additional statistical analysis.
- For sulfate at 6AR, a concentration of 18,900 μ g/L was reported for a sample collected in September 2009. In comparison, sulfate concentrations for the additional 55 samples collected since that sampling event between 2010 and 2022 were more than ten times higher than the identified outlier, with the next highest reported sulfate concentration having a value of 212,000 µg/L in December 2011. Because no similarly low sulfate concentrations have been observed at 6AR in 13 subsequent years of sampling, the sulfate concentration of 18,900 µg/L for 6AR from September 2009 was excluded from additional statistical analysis.

As such, statistical analysis for total dissolved solids at AD-1 and GW-2, for zinc at AD-2 and AD-3, and for sulfate at 6AR was carried out with the identified outliers removed. There were no other potential outliers removed from further statistical analysis.

3.2 COMPARISON OF GROUNDWATER QUALITY DATA TO APPROVED GROUNDWATER SCREENING LEVELS

A summary of the results comparing groundwater quality data to GSLs is provided in Table E.3-3. The confidence bands or confidence intervals generated to support this comparison are provided in Attachment E.3-D, and the statistical results of these regression analyses are reported in Attachment E.3-E. Further discussion is provided below.

For most well-constituent pairs that were evaluated by linear regression, no statistically significant trend over time was observed based on the linear regression analyses. Comparison to the GSLs for these wellconstituent pairs was completed based on a static confidence interval around the mean as shown in

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Attachment E.3-D. However, there were three well-constituent pairs where a statistically significant decreasing trend was detected and fifteen well-constituent pairs where a statistically significant increasing trend was detected, as indicated in Attachment E.3-E. Comparison to the GSLs for these well-constituent pairs was completed based on a confidence band around the trend line as shown in Attachment E.3-D.

Table E.3-3 – Summary of Statistically Significant Concentrations/Values

Notes:

Green - No statistically significant concentration greater than or equal to the GSL for constituents other than pH and no statistically significant difference outside the GSL range for pH.

Green* - Limited dataset (sample size <5 or <4 detected values), but none of the available results are greater than or equal to the GSL or outside the GSL range for pH.

Red - Statistically significant concentration greater than or equal to the GSL for constituents other than pH or a statistically significant difference outside the GSL range for pH.

Bold colors are used to represent CCR Rule Appendix IV Parameter and TDEC Appendix I Parameter results; subdued colors represent CCR Rule Appendix III Parameter results.

1 Fluoride is both a CCR Rule Appendix III and CCR Rule Appendix IV constituent. In this table, fluoride has been grouped only with the Appendix III constituents to avoid duplication of results.

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In total, 16 well-constituent pairs were identified with CCR Parameters at statistically significant concentrations greater than or equal to the GSL for constituents other than pH. There were also seven wells where statistically significant difference from the GSL range for pH were observed. The wellconstituent pairs with statistically significant concentrations greater than or equal to the GSL or outside the GSL range for pH (i.e., categorized as 'Red' in Table E.3-3) are summarized in Table E.3-4.

Well	Appendix III			Appendix IV
	pH (field)	Sulfate	Total Dissolved Solids	Cobalt
GW-2	X			
6AR	X	X		X
KIF-103	X	۰	-	X
KIF-104	X	X	X	X
$AD-2$	X	X	X	X
$AD-3$	۰	X	X	
KIF-105	X	X	X	X
KIF-106		X	X	
KIF-109 .	X	۰	۰	

Table E.3-4 – Summary of Statistically Significant Concentrations Greater than the GSL

Notes

Well-constituent pairs with CCR Parameters at statistically significant concentrations greater than or equal to the GSL for constituents other than pH or outside the GSL range for pH are identified with an 'X' and highlighted gray.

Dash (-) indicates the absence of a statistically significant concentration greater than or equal to the GSL or outside the GSL range

for pH for that well-constituent pair.

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4.0 REFERENCES

Tukey, J.W. (1977). *Exploratory Data Analysis*. Reading, Massachusetts: Addison-Wesley. 1977.

United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). (2009). *Statistical Analysis of Groundwater Monitoring Data at RCRA Facilities: Unified Guidance*. EPA 530/R-09-007, 884 pp.

ATTACHMENT E.3-A SUMMARY STATISTICS

Notes:

CCR Rule - Title 40, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 257

"-- " : Not Applicable

TDEC - Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation

Except for Radium-226 + 228, and pH, all units micrograms per liter (μ g/L).

Units for Radium 226+228 are picocuries per liter (pCi/L).

Units for pH are standard units (SU).

Mean and Standard Deviation are Kaplan Meier (KM) Mean and Standard Deviation for data with reported non-detect values.

All non-detects reported at the laboratory reporting limit

¹Fluoride is both a CCR Rule Appendix III and CCR Rule Appendix IV constituent. In this table, fluoride has been grouped with the Appendix III constituents only to avoid duplication of results.

²Summary statistics shown here calculated with identified outlier removed (see Section 3.1 for list of identified outliers)

ATTACHMENT E.3-B BOX PLOTS

Box Plots CCR Rule Appendix III Parameters Kingston Fossil Plant - Harriman, Tennessee

Box Plots CCR Rule Appendix IV Parameters Kingston Fossil Plant - Harriman, Tennessee

Box Plots TDEC Appendix I Parameters Kingston Fossil Plant - Harriman, Tennessee

ATTACHMENT E.3-C TIME SERIES PLOTS

Time Series Plots Background Wells CCR Rule Appendix III Parameters Kingston Fossil Plant - Harriman, Tennessee

Time Series Plots Background Wells CCR Rule Appendix IV Parameters Kingston Fossil Plant - Harriman, Tennessee

Time Series Plots Background Wells TDEC Appendix I Parameters Kingston Fossil Plant - Harriman, Tennessee

Time Series Plots Stilling Pond Wells CCR Rule Appendix III Parameters Kingston Fossil Plant - Harriman, Tennessee

Time Series Plots Stilling Pond Wells CCR Rule Appendix IV Parameters Kingston Fossil Plant - Harriman, Tennessee

Time Series Plots Stilling Pond Wells TDEC Appendix I Parameters Kingston Fossil Plant - Harriman, Tennessee

Time Series Plots

Sluice Trench and Area East of Sluice Trench, Interim Ash Staging Area Wells

CCR Rule Appendix III Parameters

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Time Series Plots

Sluice Trench and Area East of Sluice Trench, Interim Ash Staging Area Wells

CCR Rule Appendix IV Parameters

Kingston Fossil Plant - Harriman, Tennessee

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ATTACHMENT E.3-D LINEAR REGRESSION PLOTS

Regression Plots Background Wells CCR Rule Appendix III Parameters Kingston Fossil Plant - Harriman, Tennessee

Regression Plots Stilling Pond Wells CCR Rule Appendix III Parameters Kingston Fossil Plant - Harriman, Tennessee

Regression Plots Stilling Pond Wells CCR Rule Appendix IV Parameters Kingston Fossil Plant - Harriman, Tennessee

Regression Plots Sluice Trench and Area East of Sluice Trench, Interim Ash Staging Area Wells

CCR Rule Appendix III Parameters

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Regression Plots

Sluice Trench and Area East of Sluice Trench, Interim Ash Staging Area Wells

CCR Rule Appendix IV Parameters

Kingston Fossil Plant - Harriman, Tennessee

ATTACHMENT E.3-E LINEAR REGRESSION RESULTS

Attachment E.3-E - Linear Regression Results Groundwater Investigation - Kingston Fossil Plant - Harriman, Tennessee

Notes:

CCR Rule - Title 40, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 257

1. Trend evaluated using linear regression. Regression considered significant when p<0.05.

2. Fluoride is both a CCR Rule Appendix III and CCR Rule Appendix IV constituent. In this table,

fluoride has been grouped with the Appendix III constituents only to avoid duplication of results.

APPENDIX E.4

STATISTICAL ANALYSIS OF WATER QUALITY PARAMETERS

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

A statistical analysis of water quality parameter data collected in Emory River adjacent to the Kingston Fossil Plant (KIF Plant) was conducted as part of the seep investigation. The statistical analysis was used to evaluate whether there are statistically significant differences between monitoring results collected "adjacent to" and "upstream of" historical seep/Areas of Concern (AOC) locations and between intermediate and upstream control areas. This appendix to the KIF Plant seep investigation sampling and analysis report (SAR) presents the statistical approach and methods used for this analysis and the analysis results.

2.0 OBJECTIVE

The objective of the statistical analysis is to identify statistically significant differences between water quality parameter results measured "adjacent" to inaccessible historical seep/AOC locations and results measured "upstream" of those locations. As described in Section 3.2.1 of this SAR, four historical seep/AOC locations were identified and targeted for monitoring at the KIF Plant for the seep investigation.

An Area of Interest (AOI) is identified when statistically significant evidence indicates that: 1) water quality parameter results collected "adjacent" to historical seep/AOC locations are different than water quality parameter results collected "upstream" of historical seep locations/AOC for all four parameters, or 2) intermediate areas differ significantly from upstream control areas for all four parameters.

3.0 DATASETS

In accordance with the Seep Sampling and Analysis Plan (SAP), datasets were generated consisting of water quality parameter measurements for each of the four field parameters for each historical seepage location/AOC identified by Tennessee Valley Authority for evaluation. The data used in the statistical analysis were obtained in spreadsheet format from the "*Seep Investigation/ Surface Stream Field Parameter Measurement Forms"*, which were prepared in real time as the field investigation was being conducted. Statistical datasets were established based on proximity to individual or combined historical seep/AOC locations. A summary of the measurement location identifications and the number of measurements is provided in Table D.1.

In addition to the measurements associated with each of the four historical seep/AOC locations, measurements were also collected in intermediate areas between these locations. The distance between these measurements was typically 200 feet. Overall, this resulted in the collection of a total of 17 intermediate measurements, collected over five intermediate areas (Exhibit A.1; Appendix A).

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Finally, data were also collected from two "upstream control areas" and placed into two groups for evaluation: UC24 (measurements collected on April 24, 2019) includes upstream control locations KIF-UC-98 through KIF-UC-117, and UC25 (measurements collected on April 25, 2019) includes upstream control measurement locations KIF-UC-153 through KIF-UC-172 (Exhibit A.1; Appendix A). A total of 20 measurements were collected from each "upstream control area". The distance between these measurements was approximately five feet.

Measurements collected from the intermediate areas were combined by location and compared statistically to measurements collected from the upstream control areas to identify statistically significant differences between each of the four parameters.

4.0 STATISTICAL ANALYSIS METHODS

In accordance with the Seep SAP, the following statistical analysis methods were used to evaluate the water quality parameter measurement results:

- Formal hypothesis testing was used to identify statistically significant differences between adjacent and upstream monitoring data for historic seep/AOC locations by comparison of mean parameter concentrations between the datasets; and
- Formal hypothesis testing was used to identify statistically significant differences between intermediate area data and control area data for intermediate area locations. Tolerance interval methods were utilized to assess differences between monitoring data collected in intermediate areas compared to control area(s).

The statistical analysis was conducted in three phases: 1) exploratory data analysis/outlier screening, 2) testing of statistical assumptions, and 3) formal hypothesis testing. These phases are discussed below. Analyses were conducted using United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) ProUCL (version 5.1.002) and STATA Statistics and Data Analysis (version 15.1).

4.1 EXPLORATORY DATA ANALYSIS/OUTLIER SCREENING

Initially, the monitoring data associated with historical seep areas were plotted on time-series graphs and in box plots. Time-series graphs allow for the identification of trends, outliers, and to visually identify differences between water quality parameter measurements that were collected in a downstream to upstream direction. Box plots allow for the identification of outliers and provide a basic sense of the potential underlying statistical distributions. The time-series and box plots are presented in Attachment D.1. In addition to graphical analysis, descriptive statistics were calculated for each water quality parameter for each historical seep/AOC location, intermediate areas, and upstream control areas. A summary of the descriptive statistics is presented in Attachment D.2.

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Following the calculation of descriptive statistics, the data was screened for possible outliers. Outliers are data points that are abnormally high or low as compared to the rest of the measurements and may represent anomalous data and/or data errors. Outliers may also represent natural variation of constituent concentrations in environmental systems. During the seep investigation, water quality parameters were measured at intermediate area locations, upstream control locations and downstream, adjacent and upstream of historical seeps/AOC locations. Utilizing the complete set of data to screen for the presence of outliers allowed for evaluation of potential spatial variation in the natural ecosystem. Screening for outliers is a critical step as outliers can bias the statistical testing results.

Outliers are identified graphically using side by side box plots and time-series graphs (Attachment D.1). Suspect visual outliers were further analyzed to determine if they are extreme outliers. The Tukey's procedure (Tukey, 1977) as outlined in the USEPA document*: "Statistical Analysis of Groundwater Monitoring Data at RCRA Facilities. Unified Guidance"* (USEPA 2009) – (Unified Guidance) was used to identify extreme outliers. The Tukey's procedure is briefly outlined below:

Lower extreme outlier: The value is less than: $25th$ percentile $-$ (3 x interquartile range)

or

Upper extreme outlier: The value is greater than: 75th percentile + (3 x interquartile range)

where:

Interquartile Range = $75th$ percentile value – $25th$ percentile value

If an outlier was identified visually and considered extreme (Tukey's procedure), then formal statistical testing (Dixon's and/or Rosner tests) was conducted to confirm that the data point is a statistically significant outlier. Utilizing the procedures outlined above, no outliers were identified or removed from the analytical dataset.

4.2 TEST OF STATISTICAL ASSUMPTIONS

In environmental applications, formal hypothesis testing is commonly used to compare mean values between two "populations". In the case of the investigation of historical seep/AOCs locations at the KIF Plant, the populations can be defined as monitoring results collected *adjacent* to the historical seep/AOC and monitoring results collected immediately *upstream* of the historical seep/AOC location. In the case of the investigation of intermediate areas, the population can be defined as monitoring results collected in the *intermediate areas* and monitoring results collected in the *upstream control areas*.

Two sample t-tests were used to identify statistically significant differences between monitoring data collected adjacent to historical seeps/AOCs and data collected immediately upstream. As with most statistical tests, t-tests must meet statistical assumptions in order to produce reliable statistical conclusions. T-tests have two statistical assumptions: 1) the data "fit" or can be transformed to fit the normal distribution, and 2) the variance of each population being compared are equal (homoscedasticity).

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The assumption of normality was tested visually using Normal Q-Q plots and statistically using the Shapiro-Wilks Test (alpha 0.01). Data for each parameter in adjacent and upstream measurements were normally distributed. Normal Q-Q plots are presented in Attachment D.3. The assumption of homoscedasticity was tested using the F-Test for the Equality of Two-Variances. In instances where variances were not equal, the Satterthwaite's degrees of freedom were used to adjust for unequal variances. The results of the evaluation of normality and equality of variances between the upstream and adjacent measurement locations are presented in Table D.2.

4.3 FORMAL HYPOTHESIS TESTING

The objective of formal hypothesis testing is to determine whether mean water quality parameter monitoring results for the "adjacent" datasets are statistically different than the results for the "upstream" datasets. Hypothesis tests are standard statistical methods used to decide between two competing alternatives based on available data. Uncertainties arise when sample statistics are used as estimates of "true" but unknown population parameters (mean, standard deviation). Hypothesis testing provides the framework for managing these uncertainties and controlling potential decision errors (Ofungwu, 2014).

Hypothesis tests are set up based on two competing alternatives. The null hypothesis (H_o) represents baseline conditions or conditions of no effects/differences. The null hypothesis can be represented mathematically as:

 H_o : Mean Adjacent – Mean Upstream = 0; or Mean Adjacent = Mean Upstream

The alternative hypothesis is simply the opposite of the null hypothesis and can be written as:

H_a: Mean Adjacent – Mean Upstream $\neq 0$

If there is an *a priori* idea that a parameter's mean may be greater than or less than the upstream mean the alternative hypothesis can be written as:

Ha: Mean Adjacent – Mean Upstream < 0 or Mean Adjacent – Mean Upstream > 0

The former alternative hypothesis is considered a two-sided test (e.g., it is unknown if the difference will be higher or lower and therefore, need to account for both possibilities). The later alternative hypotheses are considered a one-sided test (e.g., there is *a priori* knowledge of the direction of change – the parameter measurement is expected to be higher or lower when comparing adjacent to upstream monitoring data).

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Appropriate hypothesis tests were established prior to examining the data. Two-sided tests were used to evaluate pH and temperature as there is no *a priori* knowledge that these parameters are expected to be higher or lower when comparing adjacent to upstream monitoring data. However, one-sided tests were used to evaluate specific conductance and DO based on the following assumptions: 1) the specific conductance would be expected to be higher adjacent to an active seep as opposed to upstream due to expected higher concentrations of metals in water emanating from a Coal Combustion Residuals (CCR) unit and 2) the DO would be expected to be lower adjacent to an active seep in a similar area as opposed to DO in a surface stream.

The null and alternative hypotheses for the seep investigation are presented below:

- Specific Conductance (SC microSiemens/centimeter)
	- \circ H_o: Mean SC_{Adjacent} Mean SC_{Upstream} = 0
	- \circ H_a: Mean SC_{Adiacent} Mean SC_{Upstream} > 0
- pH (Standard Units)
	- \circ H_o: Mean pH_{Adjacent} Mean pH_{Upstream} = 0
	- o H_a: Mean pH_{Adjacent} Mean pH_{Upstream} \neq 0
- Temperature (Temp degrees Celsius)
	- \circ H_o: Mean Temp_{Adjacent} Mean Temp_{Upstream} = 0
	- o H_a: Mean Temp_{Adjacent} Mean Temp_{Upstream} ≠ 0
- DO (milligrams/Liter)
	- O H_o: Mean DO_{Adjacent} Mean DO_{Upstream} = 0
	- O H_a: Mean DO_{Adjacent} Mean DO_{Upstream} < 0

Statistical hypothesis tests produce a p-value (probability value). The p-value represents the probability that the mean of the adjacent measurements is equal to the mean of the upstream measurements. If the p-value of a statistical test is *small (i.e., below the significance level)*, the normal procedure is to reject the null (Ho), accept the alternative (Ha), and conclude there is a *statistically significant difference between adjacent and upstream monitoring results that is unlikely to have occurred by chance.*

The statistician establishes the "significance level" (α) , which is typically set between 0.01 and 0.10. This can be thought of as an acceptable false positive rate (e.g., rejecting the null when the null is true, which is equivalent to finding a statistically significant difference between adjacent and upstream monitoring data, when in fact one does not exist).

The significance level for a single test needs to be adjusted in situations where multiple hypothesis tests are going to be conducted at a site. Conducting multiple statistical tests on a site increases the chances of getting a significant result simply by chance (e.g. false positive statistical test result). For example, 16 statistical tests were conducted at the KIF Plant to identify differences in adjacent and upstream water quality parameter monitoring data for the seep investigation; if alpha is set at 0.1 and the multiple testing is ignored, then the cumulative error rate can be calculated:

Cumulative error rate = $1-(1-0.1)^{16} = 81\%$ chance of making false positive error

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The Bonferroni correction was utilized to adjust the significance level to control the site-wide false positive rate described above. This method simply divides the desired overall significance level (0.10) by the number of hypothesis tests conducted site-wide (4 parameters x 4 historic seeps/AOCs = 16 tests). For the KIF Plant, the adjustment yields an individual test significance level of 0.1/16 tests = 0.00625. Therefore, to reject the null and determine that there is a statistically significant difference between adjacent and upstream monitoring results that is unlikely to have occurred by chance, the p-value of the test needs to be less than 0.00625.

All data followed the normal distribution parametric T-tests utilized. In the case where variances were not equal between adjacent and upstream measurements, the Satterthwaite two-sample T-test was used to account for unequal variances.

4.4 TOLERANCE INTERVALS

Tolerance limits consist of two values expected to contain a pre-specified proportion of the underlying data population with a specified level of confidence. For example, for a 95% tolerance interval with a 95% confidence level, there is 95% confidence that, on average, 95% of the data population is contained within the interval. The one-sided Upper Tolerance Level (UTL) is commonly used in environmental monitoring and is constructed using background data (Ofungwu, 2014).

 $UTL = \overline{x} + \tau s$

The calculation of the UTL is straightforward:

Where:

 \overline{x} = mean constituent concentration in background dataset

- s = standard deviation of constituent in background dataset
- τ = tau multiplier based on size of dataset, confidence (95%) and desired coverage (95%)

Two sets of tolerance intervals were calculated for each parameter using data collected from control area UC24 (n=20) and UC25 (n=20), respectively. Prior to calculating tolerance intervals, the data were tested for normality and for outliers using methods described previously. All control area datasets were free of outliers and were normally distributed.

The statistical null hypothesis (Ho) is that mean parameter measurements collected from intermediate areas lie within the tolerance interval, and the alternate hypothesis (H_a) is that the mean parameter measurements are outside of the tolerance interval. In order to test these hypotheses, 95% confidence intervals around the mean parameter measurements from the intermediate area data were estimated and compared to the upstream control area tolerance intervals. Prior to calculating confidence intervals, the intermediate area monitoring data were pooled and tested for normality and for outliers using methods described previously. The intermediate area dataset was free of outliers and was normally distributed.

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Confidence intervals were calculated based on the following equation:

Confidence Interval =
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\overline{x}
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 +/- $t_{1-\alpha/2,n-1}$ * s/\sqrt{n}

Where,

 \overline{x} = mean parameter measurement in intermediate area

s = standard deviation of parameter measurement in intermediate area

n = number of measurements in intermediate area dataset

 $t_{(1-\alpha/2,n-1)}$ = two tailed t value, with n-1 degrees of freedom (where $\alpha = 0.05$)

Statistically significant differences were identified if the confidence interval calculated using the intermediate area dataset falls outside of the applicable upstream control area tolerance interval.

5.0 STATISTICAL ANALYSIS RESULTS

The following sections describe the results of 1) the hypothesis testing comparing the water quality parameter results between the adjacent and upstream measurements at each of the four historical seep/AOC locations, and 2) the interval testing comparing the water quality parameter results from intermediate areas to two upstream control areas.

5.1 HYPOTHESIS TESTING RESULTS: ADJACENT AND UPSTREAM MEASUREMENT COMPARISONS AT HISTORIC SEEP/AOC LOCATIONS

A historic seep/AOC is considered an AOI when the mean values of all four water quality parameters (DO, pH, specific conductance and temperature) are found to be statistically different when comparing adjacent to upstream monitoring data. For pH and temperature, the difference between upstream and adjacent measurements may be either positive or negative. However, it is expected that an active seep would increase specific conductance (due to higher concentrations of metals in water emanating from a CCR unit) and decrease DO (as seep water from a similar area would have decreased DO relative to a surface stream). Therefore, only significant increases in specific conductance and significant decreases in DO in the adjacent areas, relative to the upstream areas were evaluated. Table D.3 provides a summary of the hypothesis testing, including the p-values obtained using procedures described in preceding sections to identify significant differences between adjacent and upstream water quality parameter monitoring data at the four identified historical seep/AOC locations. None of the evaluated historical seep locations/AOCs were observed to have statistically significant values across all four prescribed parameters. Therefore, no AOIs were identified for further investigation or data collection.

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5.2 INTERVAL TESTING RESULTS: INTERMEDIATE AREA COMPARISON TO UPSTREAM CONTROL AREAS

Water quality parameter monitoring results collected from intermediate areas were evaluated against monitoring data collected from upstream control location groups (UC24 and UC25) to identify any AOIs. A visual comparison of the upstream control data suggests that there is a difference between water quality parameter readings between the two upstream control locations. Box plots comparing the distributions of the two upstream control areas are presented in Attachment D.1. The visual observations were confirmed using hypothesis testing; all four parameters were statistically significantly different when comparing UC24 to UC25. The differences are possibly due to physical location (i.e., UC25 is further north and located 'around the bend' of the river from investigated historical seep/AOC locations except for historic seep M/AOC#3 (M/AOC#3)).

To account for potential differences between upstream control locations, water quality parameter readings for intermediate areas north of M/AOC#3 were compared to the results from UC25; all other intermediate area readings were compared to the results from UC24. For an intermediate area to be considered an AOI, the mean values of all four water quality parameters (DO, pH, specific conductance and temperature) are required to be statistically different when monitoring data collected from intermediate areas are compared to data collected in the upstream control areas. Table D.4 presents a summary of the interval testing results used to identify significant differences between intermediate areas and upstream control location monitoring data. This analysis did not identify any additional AOIs for further investigation.

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TABLES

Notes:

1. Historic Seep (HS) and Area of Concern (AOC) locations and measurement location identications (IDs) are shown on Exhibits A.1 through A.3.

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1. The p-value represents the probability that the mean of the adjacent measurements is equal to the mean of the upstream measurements. If a p-value is small (i.e., below the significance level), it is indicative that there is a statistically significant difference between adjacent and upstream monitoring results that is unlikely to have occurred by chance.

2. Adjusted Significance Level (SWFPR/No. of Statistical Tests): 0.10/16 = 0.00625

3. Shaded values indicate a statistically significant difference between measurements at relative locations to historical seeps/AOCs (p-value is below adjusted significance level, reject null hypothesis).

TABLE D.4 – Summary of Intermediate Area Statistical Testing Kingston Fossil Plant April 2019

Notes:

 $\mathrm{^{(a)}}$ Confidence Interval: 95% confidence interval from intermediate areas north of M/AOC#3.

 $^{(b)}$ Confidence Interval: 95% confidence interval from intermediate areas south of M/AOC#3.

1. Tolerance Interval: 95% tolerance interval with 95% coverage.

2. Shaded values are statistically significant differences if the confidence interval calculated using the intermediate area data set falls outside of the tolerance interval.

ATTACHMENTS

ATTACHMENT D.1

Time-Series and Box Plots

Dissolved Oxygen by Relative Location

TVA-Kingston Fossil Plant- TDEC Order Seep Investigation

Time Series - Dissolved Oxygen

TVA-Kingston Fossil Plant - TDEC Order Seep Investigation

Historic Seep/AOC = L/AOC#2 - Sample Date 4/23 - 4/24/2019

pH by Relative Location

TVA-Kingston Fossil Plant- TDEC Order Seep Investigation

Time Series - pH

TVA-Kingston Fossil Plant - TDEC Order Seep Investigation

Historic Seep/AOC = L/AOC#2 - Sample Date 4/23 - 4/24/2019

Specific Conductance by Relative Location

TVA-Kingston Fossil Plant- TDEC Order Seep Investigation

Time Series - Specific Conductance

TVA-Kingston Fossil Plant - TDEC Order Seep Investigation

Historic Seep/AOC = L/AOC#2 - Sample Date 4/23 - 4/24/2019

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Temperature by Relative Location

TVA-Kingston Fossil Plant- TDEC Order Seep Investigation

Historic Seep/AOC = L/AOC#2 - Sample Date 4/23 - 4/24/2019

Temperature (Celsius)

Dissolved Oxygen by Relative Location

TVA-Kingston Fossil Plant- TDEC Order Seep Investigation

Historic Seep/AOC = HS Cluster-(C,R) - Sample Date 4/24/2019

pH by Relative Location TVA-Kingston Fossil Plant- TDEC Order Seep Investigation

Time Series - pH TVA-Kingston Fossil Plant - TDEC Order Seep Investigation

Specific Conductance by Relative Location

TVA-Kingston Fossil Plant- TDEC Order Seep Investigation

Time Series - Specific Conductance

TVA-Kingston Fossil Plant - TDEC Order Seep Investigation

Historic Seep/AOC = HS Cluster-(C,R) - Sample Date 4/24/2019

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Temperature by Relative Location

TVA-Kingston Fossil Plant- TDEC Order Seep Investigation

Time Series - Temperature

TVA-Kingston Fossil Plant - TDEC Order Seep Investigation

Historic Seep/AOC = HS Cluster-(C,R) - Sample Date 4/24/2019

Temperature (Celsius)

Dissolved Oxygen by Relative Location

TVA-Kingston Fossil Plant- TDEC Order Seep Investigation

Time Series - Dissolved Oxygen

TVA-Kingston Fossil Plant - TDEC Order Seep Investigation

Historic Seep/AOC = HSK - Sample Date 4/24/2019

pH by Relative Location

TVA-Kingston Fossil Plant- TDEC Order Seep Investigation

Time Series - pH

TVA-Kingston Fossil Plant - TDEC Order Seep Investigation

Historic Seep/AOC = HSK - Sample Date 4/24/2019

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Specific Conductance by Relative Location

TVA-Kingston Fossil Plant- TDEC Order Seep Investigation

Time Series - Specific Conductance

TVA-Kingston Fossil Plant - TDEC Order Seep Investigation

Historic Seep/AOC = HSK - Sample Date 4/24/2019

Temperature by Relative Location

TVA-Kingston Fossil Plant- TDEC Order Seep Investigation

Time Series - Temperature

TVA-Kingston Fossil Plant - TDEC Order Seep Investigation

Historic Seep/AOC = HSK - Sample Date 4/24/2019

Dissolved Oxygen by Relative Location

TVA-Kingston Fossil Plant- TDEC Order Seep Investigation

Time Series - Dissolved Oxygen

TVA-Kingston Fossil Plant - TDEC Order Seep Investigation

Historic Seep/AOC = Cluster-(M/AOC#3,HSD) - Sample Date 4/25/2019

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pH by Relative Location TVA-Kingston Fossil Plant- TDEC Order Seep Investigation

Time Series - pH

TVA-Kingston Fossil Plant - TDEC Order Seep Investigation

Historic Seep/AOC = Cluster (M/AOC#3,HSD) - Sample Date 4/25/2019

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TVA-Kingston Fossil Plant- TDEC Order Seep Investigation

Time Series - Specific Conductance

TVA-Kingston Fossil Plant - TDEC Order Seep Investigation

Historic Seep/AOC = Cluster (M/AOC#3,HSD) - Sample Date 4/25/2019

Temperature by Relative Location

TVA-Kingston Fossil Plant- TDEC Order Seep Investigation

Time Series - Temperature TVA-Kingston Fossil Plant - TDEC Order Seep Investigation

ATTACHMENT D.2

Summary of Descriptive Statistics

p-Values by Areas of Concern (AOCs)

Adjusted Significance Level (SWFPR/#Statistical Tests): 0.10/16 = 0.00625

Bold and Highlight indicate that p-value is below adjusted significance level, reject null and conclude statistically significant difference. (mg/L = milligrams per liter

μS/cm = microsiemens per centimeter

AOC = Area of Concern

ATTACHMENT D.3

Normal Q-Q Plots

SEEP SAMPLING AND ANALYSIS REPORT

 a_0 aoc $n = 8$ $Mean = 8.394$ $Sd = 0.371$ $Slope = 0.371$ Intercept = 8.394 Correlation, $R = 0.931$ Shapiro-Wilk Test Exact Test Value = 0.863 Critical Val(0.05) = 0.818 Data Appear Normal Approx. Test Value = 0.867 $p\text{-Value} = 0.144$ $u_$ aoc $n = 11$ $Mean = 7.964$ $Sd = 0.34$ $Slope = 0.349$ Intercept = 7.964 Correlation, $R = 0.97$ Shapiro-Wilk Test Exact Test Value = 0.947 Critical Val(0.05) = 0.850 Data Appear Normal Approx. Test Value = 0.944 p -Value = 0.543 **Best Fit Line**

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O a_aoc @ u_aoc

 a_0 aoc $n = 8$ $Mean = 52.03$ $Sd = 5.978$ $Slope = 6.014$ Intercept = 52.03 Correlation, $R = 0.936$ Shapiro-Wilk Test Exact Test Value = 0.869 Critical Val(0.05) = 0.818 Data Appear Normal Approx. Test Value = 0.876 $p\text{-Value} = 0.174$ $\mathbf{u}_ \mathbf{a}\mathbf{a}\mathbf{c}$ $n = 11$ $Mean = 49.45$ $Sd = 2.779$ $Slope = 2.68$ Intercept = 49.45 Correlation, $R = 0.91$ Shapiro-Wilk Test Exact Test Value = 0.825 Critical Val $(0.05) = 0.850$ Data Not Normal Approx. Test Value = 0.828 p -Value = 0.0233 **Best Fit Line**

O a_aoc @ u_aoc

 a_0 aoc $n = 8$ $Mean = 15.01$ $Sd = 0.155$ $Slope = 0.162$ Intercept = 15.01 Correlation, $R = 0.971$ Shapiro-Wilk Test Exact Test Value = 0.952 Critical Val(0.05) = 0.818 Data Appear Normal Approx. Test Value = 0.945 $p\text{-Value} = 0.66$ $u_$ aoc $n = 11$ $Mean = 14.7$ $Sd = 0.232$ $Slope = 0.231$ Intercept = 14.7 Correlation, $R = 0.938$ Shapiro-Wilk Test Exact Test Value = 0.854 Critical Val(0.05) = 0.850 Data Appear Normal Approx. Test Value = 0.871 p -Value = 0.0797 **Best Fit Line**

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 $n = 8$ $Mean = 8.383$ $Sd = 0.0984$ Slope = 0.104 Intercept = 8.383 Correlation, $R = 0.988$ Shapiro-Wilk Test Exact Test Value = 0.984 Critical Val(0.05) = 0.818 Data Appear Normal Approx. Test Value = 0.978 $p\text{-Value} = 0.946$ \mathbf{u}_\perp ar $n = 10$ $Mean = 8.186$ $Sd = 0.514$ $Slope = 0.541$ Intercept = 8.186 Correlation, $R = 0.991$ Shapiro-Wilk Test Exact Test Value = 0.969 Critical Val(0.05) = 0.842 Data Appear Normal Approx. Test Value = 0.979 p -Value = 0.957

Best Fit Line

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 $n = 8$ $Mean = 7.389$ $Sd = 0.0722$ $Slope = 0.0711$ Intercept = 7.389 Correlation, $R = 0.916$ Shapiro-Wilk Test Exact Test Value = 0.819 Critical Val(0.05) = 0.818 Data Appear Normal Approx. Test Value = 0.837 $p\text{-Value} = 0.0716$ \mathbf{u}_\perp ar $n = 10$ $Mean = 7.345$ $Sd = 0.124$ $Slope = 0.122$ Intercept = 7.345 Correlation, $R = 0.922$ Shapiro-Wilk Test Exact Test Value = 0.848 Critical Val $(0.05) = 0.842$ Data Appear Normal Approx. Test Value = 0.850 p -Value = 0.0564

Best Fit Line

O a_cr ● u_cr

 a_{\perp} cr $n = 8$ $Mean = 50.76$ $Sd = 1.716$ Slope = 1.772 Intercept = 50.76 Correlation, $R = 0.961$ Shapiro-Wilk Test Exact Test Value = 0.942 Critical Val(0.05) = 0.818 Data Appear Normal Approx. Test Value = 0.925 $p\text{-Value} = 0.48$ \mathbf{u}_\perp ar $n = 10$ $Mean = 49.26$ $Sd = 2.838$ Slope = 2.795 Intercept = 49.26 Correlation, $R = 0.926$ Shapiro-Wilk Test Exact Test Value = 0.883 Critical Val $(0.05) = 0.842$ Data Appear Normal Approx. Test Value = 0.865 p -Value = 0.083 **Best Fit Line**

Normal Q-Q Plot for temp

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 $n = 8$ $Mean = 15.48$ $Sd = 0.191$ $Slope = 0.192$ Intercept = 15.48 Correlation, $R = 0.936$ Shapiro-Wilk Test Exact Test Value = 0.887 Critical Val(0.05) = 0.818 Data Appear Normal Approx. Test Value = 0.878 $p\text{-Value} = 0.182$ \mathbf{u}_\perp ar $n = 10$ $Mean = 15.23$ $Sd = 0.0949$ $Slope = 0.0964$ Intercept = 15.23 Correlation, $R = 0.956$ Shapiro-Wilk Test Exact Test Value = 0.911 Critical Val $(0.05) = 0.842$ Data Appear Normal Approx. Test Value = 0.913 p -Value = 0.29 Best Fit Line

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 $n = 9$ $Mean = 8.153$ $Sd = 0.335$ $Slope = 0.33$ Intercept = 8.153 Correlation, $R = 0.921$ Shapiro-Wilk Test Exact Test Value = 0.868 Critical Val $(0.05) = 0.829$ Data Appear Normal Approx. Test Value = 0.852 $p\text{-Value} = 0.0775$ u_h sk $n = 10$ $Mean = 8.474$ $Sd = 0.634$ $Slope = 0.636$ Intercept = 8.474 Correlation, $R = 0.943$ Shapiro-Wilk Test Exact Test Value = 0.866 Critical Val $(0.05) = 0.842$ Data Appear Normal Approx. Test Value = 0.884 p -Value = 0.139 **Best Fit Line**

a_hsk @ u_hsk

 a_h sk $n = 9$ $Mean = 7.071$ $Sd = 0.0457$ $Slope = 0.0477$ Intercept = 7.071 Correlation, $R = 0.978$ Shapiro-Wilk Test Exact Test Value = 0.940 Critical Val $(0.05) = 0.829$ Data Appear Normal Approx. Test Value = 0.954 $p\text{-Value} = 0.725$ u_hsk $n = 10$ $Mean = 6.982$ $Sd = 0.0612$ Slope = 0.0626 Intercept = 6.982 Correlation, $R = 0.961$ Shapiro-Wilk Test Exact Test Value = 0.911 Critical Val(0.05) = 0.842 Data Appear Normal Approx. Test Value = 0.920 p -Value = 0.347 **Best Fit Line**

a_hsk a u_hsk

 a_h sk $n = 9$ $Mean = 50.94$ $Sd = 0.959$ $Slope = 1.001$ Intercept = 50.94 Correlation, $R = 0.976$ Shapiro-Wilk Test Exact Test Value = 0.955 Critical Val $(0.05) = 0.829$ Data Appear Normal Approx. Test Value = 0.954 $p\text{-Value} = 0.729$ u_hsk $n = 10$ $Mean = 50.34$ $Sd = 1.037$ $Slope = 1.001$ Intercept = 50.34 Correlation, $R = 0.907$ Shapiro-Wilk Test Exact Test Value = 0.840 Critical Val $(0.05) = 0.842$ Data Not Normal Approx. Test Value = 0.828 $p\text{-Value} = 0.0313$ **Best Fit Line**

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a_hsk $n = 9$

 $Mean = 15.54$ $Sd = 0.133$ $Slope = 0.133$ $Intercept = 15.54$ Correlation, $R = 0.936$ Shapiro-Wilk Test Exact Test Value = 0.874 Critical Val(0.05) = 0.829 Data Appear Normal Approx. Test Value = 0.876 $p\text{-Value} = 0.141$ u_h sk $n = 10$ $Mean = 16.15$ $Sd = 0.484$ $Slope = 0.479$ Intercept = 16.15 Correlation, $R = 0.931$ Shapiro-Wilk Test Exact Test Value = 0.884 Critical Val $(0.05) = 0.842$ Data Appear Normal Approx. Test Value = 0.872 $p\text{-Value} = 0.1$ **Best Fit Line**

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 a _maoc 3 $n = 9$ $Mean = 7.469$ $Sd = 0.54$ Slope = 0.541 Intercept = 7.469 Correlation, $R = 0.938$ Shapiro-Wilk Test Exact Test Value = 0.874 Critical Val $(0.05) = 0.829$ Data Appear Normal Approx. Test Value = 0.879 $p\text{-Value} = 0.151$ u_m aoc 3 $n = 10$ $Mean = 6.902$ $Sd = 0.246$ $Slope = 0.254$ Intercept = 6.902 Correlation, $R = 0.971$ Shapiro-Wilk Test Exact Test Value = 0.923 Critical Val $(0.05) = 0.842$ Data Appear Normal Approx. Test Value = 0.938 p -Value = 0.516 **Best Fit Line**

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 a _maoc 3 $n = 9$ $Mean = 7.498$ $Sd = 0.141$ $Slope = 0.14$ Intercept = 7.498 Correlation, $R = 0.923$ Shapiro-Wilk Test Exact Test Value = 0.826 Critical Val(0.05) = 0.829 Data Not Normal Approx. Test Value = 0.847 $p\text{-Value} = 0.0692$ u_m aoc 3 $n = 10$ $Mean = 7.831$ $Sd = 0.0698$ $Slope = 0.0721$ Intercept = 7.831 Correlation, $R = 0.971$ Shapiro-Wilk Test Exact Test Value = 0.943 Critical Val(0.05) = 0.842 Data Appear Normal Approx. Test Value = 0.944 p -Value = 0.579 **Best Fit Line**

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 $Mean = 63.67$ $Sd = 2.159$ Slope = 2.224 Intercept = 63.67 Correlation, $R = 0.964$ Shapiro-Wilk Test Exact Test Value = 0.950 Critical Val $(0.05) = 0.829$ Data Appear Normal Approx. Test Value = 0.934 $p\text{-Value} = 0.516$ u_m aoc 3 $n = 10$ $Mean = 64.02$ $Sd = 1.603$ $Slope = 1.67$ Intercept = 64.02 Correlation, $R = 0.979$ Shapiro-Wilk Test Exact Test Value = 0.948 Critical Val(0.05) = 0.842 Data Appear Normal Approx. Test Value = 0.956 p -Value = 0.731 **Best Fit Line**

 a _maoc 3 $n = 9$

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a_maoc3 @ u_maoc3

Normal Q-Q Plot for temp

 a _maoc 3 $n = 9$ $Mean = 19.6$ $Sd = 0.141$ Slope = 0.145 $Intercept = 19.6$ Correlation, $R = 0.962$ Shapiro-Wilk Test Exact Test Value = 0.911 Critical Val $(0.05) = 0.829$ Data Appear Normal Approx. Test Value = 0.924 p -Value = 0.42 u_m aoc 3 $n = 10$ $Mean = 19.84$ $Sd = 0.0966$ $Slope = 0.098$ Intercept = 19.84 Correlation, $R = 0.953$ Shapiro-Wilk Test Exact Test Value = 0.904 Critical Val $(0.05) = 0.842$ Data Appear Normal Approx. Test Value = 0.908 p -Value = 0.258 **Best Fit Line**