2019 Annual Groundwater Monitoring and Corrective Action Report

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Cumberland Fossil Plant Bottom Ash Pond, Gypsum Storage Area and Dry Ash Stack Multi-unit CCR Unit

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In accordance with 40 CFR § 257.90(e) of the Disposal of Coal Combustion Residuals from Electric Utilities final rule (CCR Rule), this 2019 Annual Groundwater Monitoring and Corrective Action Report (2019 Annual Report) documents 2019 groundwater monitoring activities at the Bottom Ash Pond, Gypsum Storage Area, and Dry Ash Stack Multi-unit CCR Unit at the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) Cumberland Fossil Plant (CUF).

An overview of the current status of the groundwater monitoring and corrective action program for the Bottom Ash Pond, Gypsum Storage Area, and Dry Ash Stack Multi-unit is provided below.

- At the start and end of the current 2019 annual reporting period, the Bottom Ash Pond, Gypsum Storage Area, and Dry Ash Stack Multi-unit was operating under an assessment monitoring program in accordance with 40 CFR § 257.95. The assessment monitoring program for the Bottom Ash Pond, Gypsum Storage Area, and Dry Ash Stack Multi-unit was initiated on August 15, 2018.
- In the 2018 assessment monitoring sampling, statistically significant levels (SSLs) above the groundwater protection standard were observed at monitoring wells 93-3 for lithium and CUF-212 for cobalt. As a result, an assessment of corrective measures (ACM) was initiated for the Bottom Ash Pond, Gypsum Storage Area, and Dry Ash Stack Multi-unit on April 15, 2019 and was completed on July 15, 2019.
- For the 2019 assessment monitoring events, the SSLs for lithium in well 93-3 and for cobalt in well CUF-212 are the same as identified for the 2018 assessment monitoring sampling, and a new SSL for cobalt in well CUF-211 has been identified.
- As a final groundwater remedy has not been selected for the Bottom Ash Pond, Gypsum Storage Area, and Dry Ash Stack Multi-unit pursuant to 40 CFR § 257.97, a Semiannual Report on the Progress of Remedy Selection was prepared and placed in the operating record on January 15, 2020 in accordance with 40 CFR § 257.97(a) and § 257.105(h)(12) to document the progress made toward selection and design of the remedy.
- Since a remedy has not been selected pursuant to 40 CFR § 257.97, remedial activities have not been initiated for the Bottom Ash Pond, Gypsum Storage Area, and Dry Ash Stack Multi-unit pursuant to 40 CFR § 257.98 during the current 2019 annual reporting period discussed herein.

In 2017, TVA established a groundwater monitoring network and program at the CUF Bottom Ash Pond, Gypsum Storage Area, and Dry Ash Stack Multi-unit in accordance with 40 CFR § 257.90. The groundwater monitoring network was certified by a qualified Professional Engineer as required by 40 CFR § 257.91(f). During 2019, TVA performed the following groundwater monitoring activities:

- Completed the statistical evaluation of the 2018 assessment monitoring data for Appendix IV constituents in accordance with 40 CFR § 257.95(g) in January 2019 and determined that there were statistically significant levels over the groundwater protection standards for lithium in well 93-3 and for cobalt in well CUF-212.

- Placed notification of the statistical exceedances of the groundwater protection standard for lithium in well 93-3 and cobalt in well CUF-212 in the facility operating record on February 13, 2019 in accordance with 40 CFR § 257.95(g) and § 257.105(h)(8); provided notification to the State of Tennessee in accordance with 40 CFR §257.106(h)(6); and placed notification on the CCR Rule Compliance Data and Information website (https://www.tva.gov/Environment/Environmental-Stewardship/Coal-Combustion-Residuals) in accordance with 40 CFR § 257.107(h)(6).

- As there have been no indications of offsite migration of lithium- or cobalt-impacted groundwater onto adjacent parcels of land, there is no current obligation to notify persons who own or reside on adjacent land pursuant to 40 CFR § 257.95(g)(2).

- An Appendix IV alternate source demonstration was performed under 40 CFR § 257.95(g)(3)(ii) but was not completed within the 90-day period of time specified under 40 CFR § 257.95(g)(4).

- Initiated Assessment of Corrective Measures in accordance with 40 CFR § 257.95(g)(3)(i) and 40 CFR § 257.96.

- Completed the Assessment of Corrective Measures in accordance with 40 CFR § 257.96(d), which was placed on the CCR Rule Compliance Data and Information website (https://www.tva.gov/Environment/Environmental-Stewardship/Coal-Combustion-Residuals) in accordance with 40 CFR § 257.107(h)(8).

- Sampled and analyzed wells in the certified monitoring network for CCR constituents (Appendix III and Appendix IV constituents) for the 2019 semiannual assessment monitoring events in accordance with 40 CFR § 257.95(d)(1). The sampling results were placed in the operating record as required by 40 CFR § 257.95(d)(1) and 257.105(h)(6). Additionally, these results are included in Table 1 of this 2019 Annual Report in accordance with 40 CFR § 257.95(d)(3).

- Placed notification of exceedances of groundwater protection standards in the facility operating record in accordance with 40 CFR § 257.95(g) and 257.105(h)(8); provided notification to the State of Tennessee in accordance with 40 CFR § 257.106(h)(6); and placed the notification on the CCR Rule Compliance Data and Information website (https://www.tva.gov/Environment/Environmental-Stewardship/Coal-Combustion-Residuals) in accordance with 40 CFR § 257.107(h)(6).[1]

- Continued TVA's third-party Quality Assurance Program to evaluate and improve groundwater analytical data using best practices concerning field methods and validation techniques, as well as the application of the most appropriate statistical methods.

- Reviewed new data as it became available to maintain compliance with 40 CFR § 257.90 through 257.98.

- Complied with recordkeeping requirements as specified in 40 CFR § 257.105(h), notification requirements specified in 40 CFR § 257.106(h) and internet requirements specified in 40 CFR § 257.107(h).

[1] Table 6 in this 2019 Annual Groundwater Monitoring and Corrective Action Report meets this notification requirement for the second semiannual assessment monitoring sampling event conducted in 2019.

No problems were encountered during the third year of the Groundwater Quality Monitoring Program; therefore, no further action has been recommended, except for the planned key activities for 2020 that are outlined below.

The projected key activities for 2020 are:

- Continue semiannual assessment monitoring at the certified groundwater monitoring network consistent with 40 CFR § 257.95 and place the sampling results in the operating record as required by 40 CFR § 257.95(d)(1) and 257.105(h)(6).
- Evaluate whether one or more Appendix IV constituents are detected at SSLs above the established groundwater protection standards in accordance with 40 CFR § 257.95(g).
- Continue to refine the characterization of the nature and extent of the release.
- Perform further site characterization to improve the CUF Conceptual Site Model (CSM).
- Prepare and place in the operating record a Semiannual Report on the Progress of Remedy Selection on July 15, 2020 in accordance with 40 CFR § 257.97(a) to document the progress made toward selection and design of the remedy.
- Place notification of exceedances of groundwater protection standards in the facility operating record in accordance with 40 CFR § 257.95(g) and 257.105(h)(8); provide notification to the State of Tennessee in accordance with 40 CFR § 257.106(h)(6); and place notification on the CCR Rule Compliance Data and Information website (https://www.tva.gov/Environment/Environmental-Stewardship/Coal-Combustion-Residuals) in accordance with 40 CFR § 257.107(h)(6).
- Continue TVA's third-party Quality Assurance Program to evaluate groundwater analytical data using best practices concerning field methods and validation techniques, as well as the application of the most appropriate statistical methods.
- Review new data as it becomes available and implement changes to the groundwater monitoring program as necessary to maintain compliance with 40 CFR § 257.90 through 257.98.
- Comply with recordkeeping requirements as specified in 40 CFR § 257.105(h), notification requirements specified in 40 CFR § 257.106(h) and internet requirements specified in 40 CFR § 257.107(h).

GROUNDWATER MONITORING WELL NETWORK

The current footprint of the Gypsum Storage Area is approximately 155 acres. Stacking is accomplished by use of the rim ditch method after sluicing gypsum slurry to the stack. The coarser fraction of the gypsum is placed and compacted toward the outer edge of the stack with the finer fraction compacted toward the interior. Side slopes of the stack are 3H:1V and have intermediate 15 feet wide benches every 30 vertical feet for drainage control. The current footprint of the Dry Ash Stack is approximately 115 acres. Fly ash is collected in a dry state, conditioned with moisture and then spread and compacted. Bottom ash is sluiced to a separate processing area (the Bottom Ash Pond), reclaimed, and then placed on the Dry Ash Stack. Filling consists of density-controlled vertical lifts of bottom and fly ash in a manner that controls storm water runoff to prevent erosion.

The monitoring well network for the CUF Bottom Ash Pond, Gypsum Storage Area, and Dry Ash Stack multi-unit consists of two background wells (CUF-201 and CUF-202) and five downgradient wells (93-2R, 93-3, CUF-209, CUF-211, and CUF-212). The downgradient wells are installed at the waste boundary. Figure 1 is an aerial photograph that shows the Bottom Ash Pond, Gypsum Storage Area, Dry Ash Stack, and groundwater monitoring well locations. The monitoring well network was designed to incorporate three CCR Units (Bottom Ash Pond, Gypsum Storage Area, and Dry Ash Stack).

No monitoring wells in the CCR network were installed or decommissioned during the 2019 reporting period. The certification of the groundwater monitoring system required under 40 CFR 257.91(f) is included in the facility operating record and on the CCR Rule Compliance Data and Information website (https://www.tva.gov/Environment/Environmental-Stewardship/Coal-Combustion-Residuals).

GROUNDWATER SAMPLING AND LABORATORY ANALYTICAL TESTING

A groundwater sampling and analysis program was developed in 2016-2017 and includes, as required by 40 CFR 257.93(a), procedures and techniques for: sample collection; sample preservation and shipment; analytical procedures; chain-of-custody control; and, quality assurance and quality control (QA/QC). The groundwater monitoring program includes sampling and analysis procedures designed to provide monitoring results that are an accurate representation of groundwater quality at background and downgradient wells.

Assessment monitoring groundwater sampling was conducted between February and October 2019 and the results are summarized in Table 1. A summary of groundwater sample locations, well designations, analytes sampled, sampling dates and monitoring program status is provided in Table 2.

Groundwater elevations were measured in each monitoring well immediately prior to purging during each sampling event as required by 40 CFR 257.93(c). Groundwater elevations and Cumberland River surface water elevations are summarized in Table 3. Groundwater flow directions were determined for each sampling event, and a generalized depiction of groundwater flow direction is illustrated on Figure 2. The uppermost aquifer at CUF consists of an alluvial sand and gravel formation. The general groundwater flow direction is to the southwest.

Testing for hydraulic conductivity at the background or downgradient groundwater monitoring wells, as summarized in Table 4, was determined by a 2018 hydrogeologic evaluation (Terracon, 2018). Testing data indicates the alluvial aquifer has a geometric mean hydraulic conductivity of 7.4×10^{-4} centimeters per second (cm/sec). Linear groundwater flow velocity was calculated for the uppermost aquifer using:

- the geometric mean hydraulic conductivity calculated from slug testing (7.4×10^{-4} cm/sec);
- horizontal hydraulic gradients measured during the implementation of the groundwater sampling and analysis program, ranging from 0.0073 to 0.0098 feet per foot (ft/ft); and,
- an effective porosity of 16% (Domenico and Schwartz, 1990).

The average linear flow velocity in the uppermost aquifer ranges from approximately 35 to 47 feet per year. The rate and direction of groundwater flow for each groundwater sampling event is summarized in Table 5 in accordance with 40 CFR § 257.93(c).

STATISTICAL ANALYSIS OF GROUNDWATER DATA

The groundwater monitoring data for the 2019 assessment monitoring events were evaluated using statistical procedures as required by 40 CFR § 257.93(f) through 257.93(h). The statistical method certification is included in the facility operating record and the CCR Rule Compliance Data and Information website. Groundwater protection standards were established in accordance with 40 CFR § 257.95(h), as the larger of published regulatory limits or screening criteria (e.g., maximum contaminant levels (MCLs) and upper tolerance limits (UTLs) derived from background). Maximum contaminant levels may or may not be

considered the appropriate groundwater protection standard depending on background well concentrations for each Appendix IV[2] constituent.[3] The 2019 Statistical Analysis Report is included in Appendix A.

The sampling results used to identify potential groundwater protection standards exceedances were obtained during four monitoring events that were performed between February and October of 2019.[4] Comparisons were made against a fixed groundwater protection standard via a confidence interval band. Retesting was conducted after each semiannual sampling event and none of the individual compliance point measurements were directly compared against the groundwater protection standard. The Appendix IV monitoring data collected in Year-One (2017), Year-Two (2018), and Year-Three (2019)[5] were used to construct the confidence interval bands. Cross-sections of each confidence interval band were then compared to the groundwater protection standard for the most recent assessment monitoring event in each case for the purpose of identifying any SSLs. A well-constituent pair is considered out of compliance only if its average constituent levels, as estimated via the confidence interval cross-section, currently exceed the groundwater protection standard.

NARRATIVE DISCUSSION OF ANY TRANSITION BETWEEN MONITORING PROGRAMS

An Assessment Monitoring Program was established on August 15, 2018 and implemented as specified in 40 CFR § 257.95. Notification of the assessment monitoring program was provided to the State of Tennessee and placed on the CCR Rule Compliance Data and Information website (https://www.tva.gov/Environment/Environmental-Stewardship/Coal-Combustion-Residuals) on September 14, 2018 in accordance with 40 CFR § 257.106(h)(4) and 40 CFR § 257.107(h)(4), respectively.

In accordance with assessment monitoring program requirements, subsequent sampling and analysis of all wells in the certified monitoring network for Appendix III and IV constituents occurred in accordance with 40 CFR § 257.95(d)(1). Appendix III and IV constituent concentrations from 2019 assessment monitoring are summarized in Table 1. Groundwater protection standards were established in accordance with 40 CFR § 257.95(d)(2) and are summarized along with Appendix IV SSLs in Table 6. Based on the statistical analysis, there continues to be SSLs above the groundwater protection standards for lithium in well 93-3 and for cobalt in well CUF-212. These are the same SSLs at the same wells as were previously identified. An SSL for cobalt was also identified at monitoring well CUF-211. TVA will continue to review new data as it becomes available and implement changes to the groundwater monitoring program as necessary to maintain compliance with 40 CFR § 257.90 through 257.98.

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[2] Appendix IV CCR Constituents: antimony, arsenic, barium, beryllium, cadmium, chromium, cobalt, fluoride, lead, lithium, mercury, molybdenum, selenium, thallium, radium 226 and radium 228 combined

[3] USEPA has published Maximum Contaminant Limits (MCL) or alternate regulatory limits for each of the Appendix IV constituents. Consequently, in most cases the groundwater protection standard is equal to the MCL. However, there may be cases where background levels of a constituent exceed the MCL. In these instances, an alternate groundwater protection standard must be derived from on-site background levels. On July 30, 2018, EPA provided alternate regulatory limits (i.e., that could be used as potential groundwater protection standards) for four of the Appendix IV chemical Constituents of Interest (COIs) for which the agency has not assigned MCLs to date. If site-specific background levels are lower, then these may be used in place of background levels under 40 CFR § 257.95(h)(2). Specifically, those alternate COIs include threshold values at the following levels: 1.) Cobalt - 6 µg/L; 2.) Lithium - 40 µg/L; 3.) Molybdenum – 100 µg/L; and, 4.) Lead - 15 µg/L.

[4] The CCR rule requires a minimum of two semiannual sampling events per well once the required background data has been obtained. In 2019, two semiannual assessment monitoring groundwater sampling events were each followed by retesting groundwater sampling events.

[5] The October 2019 retest groundwater sampling event that followed the second semiannual sampling event was not included in the statistical evaluation. This information will be included in the statistical evaluation of 2020 assessment monitoring sampling events

LIMITATIONS

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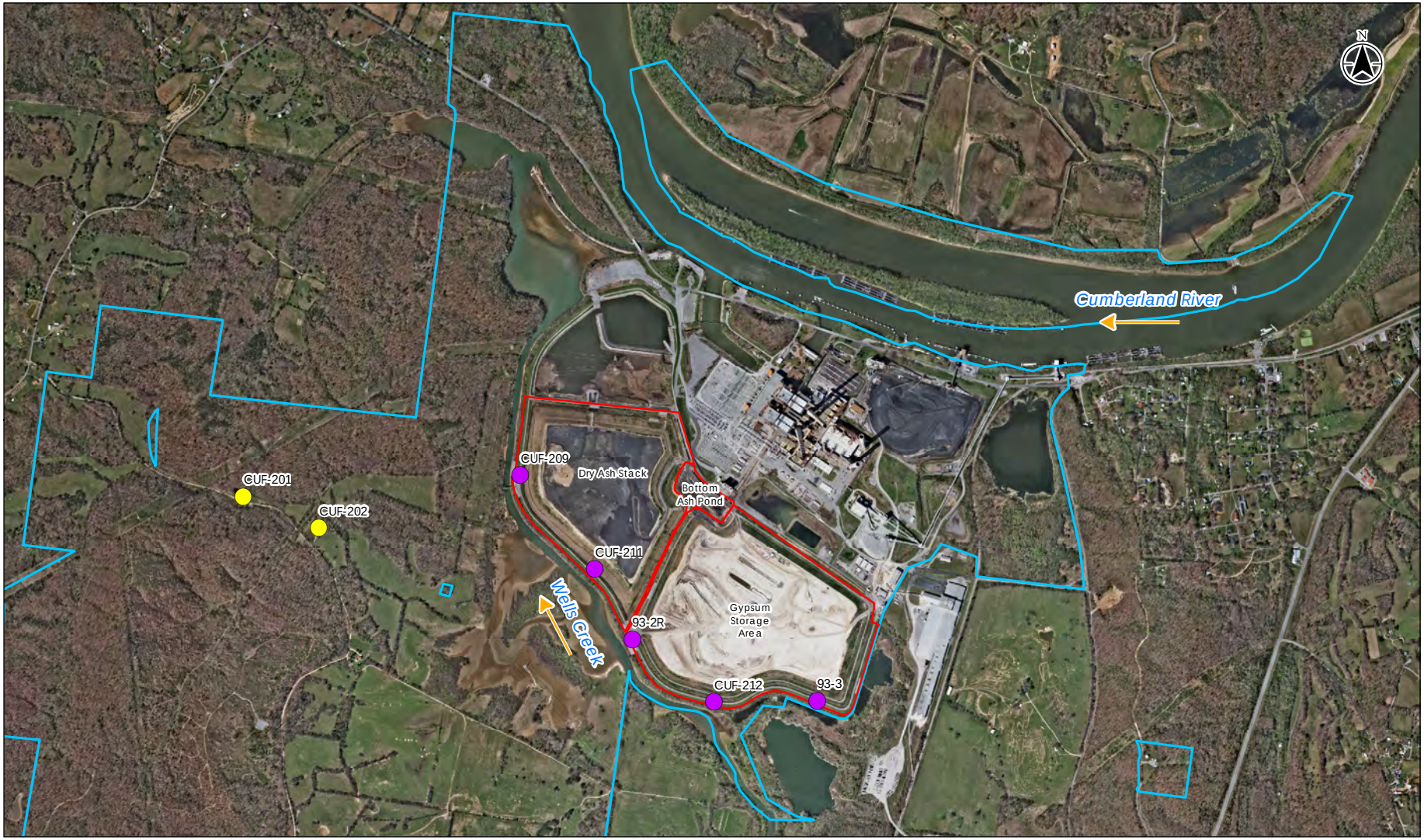
Attachments:

Figure 1 – Map with CCR Unit Background and Downgradient Wells
Figure 2 – Generalized Groundwater Flow Direction Map

Table 1 – Assessment Monitoring Groundwater Sampling Results
Table 2 – Groundwater Sampling Summary
Table 3 – Groundwater and Surface Water Elevation Summary
Table 4 – Hydraulic Conductivity Data Summary
Table 5 – Rate and Direction of Groundwater Flow Summary
Table 6 – Statistically Significant Levels (SSLs) Above GWPSs

Appendix A – 2019 Statistical Analysis Report

FIGURES



Background Well

Downgradient Well

CCR Unit Subject to CCR Rule

TVA Property Boundary

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Map with CCR Unit Background and Downgradient Wells

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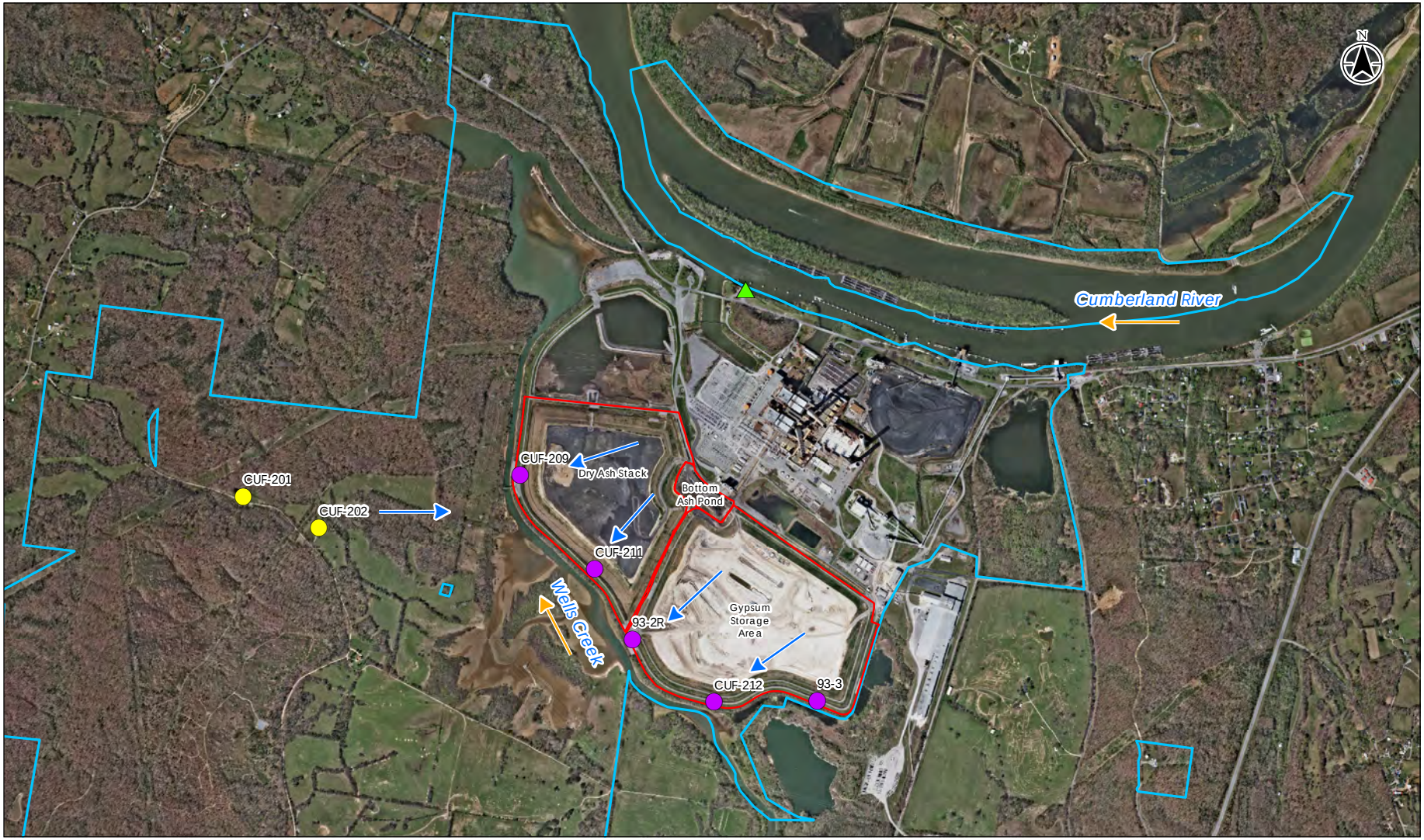

Staff Gauge
Background Well
Downgradient Well
Groundwater Flow Direction
CCR Unit Subject to CCR Rule
TVA Property Boundary

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Groundwater flow directions are based on groundwater elevations from CCR and Non-CCR monitoring wells.

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Generalized Groundwater Flow Direction Map

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TABLES

Table 1
Assessment Monitoring
Groundwater Sampling
Results

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Monitoring Well		93-2R							
Sample Date		07-Feb-19		09-May-19		31-Jul-19		09-Oct-19	
Sample Round		1		1 - Retest		2		2 - Retest	
Well Designation		Downgradient		Downgradient		Downgradient		Downgradient	
Analyte	Units	Result	Q	Result	Q	Result	Q	Result	Q
Total Metals									
Antimony	ug/L	< 0.378	U	< 0.378	U	< 0.378	U	< 0.378	U
Arsenic	ug/L	1.81		1.63		1.48		1.27	
Barium	ug/L	44.8		40.4		43		40.6	
Beryllium	ug/L	< 0.155	U	< 0.155	U	< 0.182	U	< 0.182	U
Boron	ug/L	9480		17300		18400		17100	
Cadmium	ug/L	0.378	J	0.538	J	0.78	J	0.337	J
Calcium	ug/L	956000		946000		854000		870000	
Chromium	ug/L	< 1.53	U	< 1.53	U	< 2.81	U*	< 1.53	U
Cobalt	ug/L	1.9		2.16		2.18		1.69	
Lead	ug/L	< 0.128	U	< 0.128	U	< 0.128	U	< 0.128	U
Lithium	ug/L	< 3.14	U	< 6.2	U*	< 4.14	U*	< 3.39	U
Mercury	ug/L	< 0.101	U	< 0.101	U	< 0.101	U	< 0.101	U
Molybdenum	ug/L	0.973	J	1.32	J	2.02	J	1.55	J
Selenium	ug/L	< 2.62	U	< 2.62	U	< 1.51	U	< 1.51	U
Thallium	ug/L	0.137	J	0.176	J	0.175	J	0.194	J
Radium 226 + Radium 228	pCi/L	0.908	J	< 0.145	U	0.972	J	< 0.204	U
Anions									
Chloride	mg/L	1150		973		935		867	
Fluoride	mg/L	< 0.0658	U	0.0961	J	0.111	J	0.124	J
Sulfate	mg/L	1290		1330		1330		1330	
General Chemistry									
Total Dissolved Solids	mg/L	3150		4330		4480		3740	
Field Parameters									
Temperature, Water	DEG_C	17.7		17.7		18.8		18.6	
Turbidity (field)	NTU	1.18		1.32		3.77		0.8	
ORP	mV	37.8		119.2		31.7		13.7	
Specific Conductivity (field)	mS/cm	4.21		4.82		4.21		4.62	
Dissolved Oxygen	mg/L	0.3		0.35		0.3		0.25	
pH (field)	SU	6.5		6.4		6.54		6.53	

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SU - Standard Unit

ASSESSMENT MONITORING

Table 1
Assessment Monitoring
Groundwater Sampling
Results

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Monitoring Well		93-3							
Sample Date		07-Feb-19		07-May-19		06-Aug-19		09-Oct-19	
Sample Round		1		1 - Retest		2		2 - Retest	
Well Designation		Downgradient		Downgradient		Downgradient		Downgradient	
Analyte	Units	Result	Q	Result	Q	Result	Q	Result	Q
Total Metals									
Antimony	ug/L	< 0.378	U	< 0.378	U	< 0.378	U	< 0.378	U
Arsenic	ug/L	< 0.323	U	0.38	J	0.499	J	0.41	J
Barium	ug/L	186		162		175		198	
Beryllium	ug/L	< 0.155	U	< 0.155	U	< 0.182	U	< 0.182	U
Boron	ug/L	6440		6170		6710		5850	
Cadmium	ug/L	< 0.125	U	< 0.125	U	< 0.125	U	< 0.125	U
Calcium	ug/L	216000		211000	J	210000		228000	
Chromium	ug/L	< 1.53	U	< 1.53	U	< 1.53	U	< 1.53	U
Cobalt	ug/L	0.132	J	0.223	J	0.211	J	0.151	J
Lead	ug/L	< 0.128	U	< 0.128	U	< 0.128	U	< 0.128	U
Lithium	ug/L	72.2		75.7		69.9		83	
Mercury	ug/L	< 0.101	U	< 0.101	U	< 0.101	U	< 0.101	U
Molybdenum	ug/L	19.1		18.7		18		19.5	
Selenium	ug/L	< 2.62	U	< 2.62	U	< 1.51	U	< 1.51	U
Thallium	ug/L	< 0.128	U	< 0.128	U	< 0.148	U	< 0.148	U
Radium 226 + Radium 228	pCi/L	0.73	J	1.13		< 0.410	U	1.18	J
Anions									
Chloride	mg/L	112		113		117		111	
Fluoride	mg/L	0.438		0.385		0.337		0.352	
Sulfate	mg/L	128		129		132		108	
General Chemistry									
Total Dissolved Solids	mg/L	907		982		917		948	
Field Parameters									
Temperature, Water	DEG_C	17.3		18		18		18.7	
Turbidity (field)	NTU	2.53		0.76		1.05		1.64	
ORP	mV	-38		-11.8		-67.4		-80.9	
Specific Conductivity (field)	mS/cm	1.25		1.5		1.42		1.56	
Dissolved Oxygen	mg/L	0.37		0.34		0.36		0.37	
pH (field)	SU	6.73		6.68		6.61		6.79	

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Sample Date		05-Feb-19		07-May-19		29-Jul-19		08-Oct-19	
Sample Round		1		1 - Retest		2		2 - Retest	
Well Designation		Background		Background		Background		Background	
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Antimony	ug/L	< 0.378	U	< 0.378	U	< 0.378	U	< 0.378	U
Arsenic	ug/L	0.645	J	0.613	J	5.02		5.95	
Barium	ug/L	18.1		15.8		24.2		29.1	
Beryllium	ug/L	< 0.155	U	< 0.155	U	< 0.182	U	< 0.182	U
Boron	ug/L	< 30.3	U	< 31.7	U*	< 38.6	U	< 46	U*
Cadmium	ug/L	< 0.125	U	< 0.125	U	< 0.125	U	< 0.125	U
Calcium	ug/L	23700		24400	J	23900		25900	
Chromium	ug/L	< 1.53	U	< 1.53	U	< 1.53	U	< 2.05	U*
Cobalt	ug/L	0.109	J	0.247	J	0.569		0.453	J
Lead	ug/L	0.266	J	< 0.128	U	< 0.128	U	< 0.128	U
Lithium	ug/L	< 4.76	U*	4.55	J	< 3.39	U	< 3.39	U
Mercury	ug/L	< 0.101	U	< 0.101	U	< 0.101	U	< 0.101	U
Molybdenum	ug/L	1.49	J	1.11	J	2.05	J	2.54	J
Selenium	ug/L	< 2.62	U	< 2.62	U	< 1.51	U	< 1.51	U
Thallium	ug/L	< 0.128	U	< 0.128	U	< 0.148	U	< 0.148	U
Radium 226 + Radium 228	pCi/L	< 0.295	U	< 0.000	U	< 0.526	U	< 0.223	U
Anions									
Chloride	mg/L	1.62		1.78		1.29		1.44	
Fluoride	mg/L	0.134		0.113		0.0889	J	0.104	
Sulfate	mg/L	1.03		2.16		1.28		< 1.28	U*
General Chemistry									
Total Dissolved Solids	mg/L	67		98		73		80	
Field Parameters									
Temperature, Water	DEG_C	15.2		17.3		21.6		18	
Turbidity (field)	NTU	3.71		1.7		1.58		1.22	
ORP	mV	128.3		111.4		-102.8		-137.8	
Specific Conductivity (field)	mS/cm	0.276		0.16		0.166		0.188	
Dissolved Oxygen	mg/L	5.82		0.48		0.62		0.58	
pH (field)	SU	6.65		6.76		6.8		7.25	

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ASSESSMENT MONITORING

Table 1
Assessment Monitoring
Groundwater Sampling
Results

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Monitoring Well		CUF-202							
Sample Date		05-Feb-19		07-May-19		30-Jul-19		08-Oct-19	
Sample Round		1		1 - Retest		2		2 - Retest	
Well Designation		Background		Background		Background		Background	
Analyte	Units	Result	Q	Result	Q	Result	Q	Result	Q
Total Metals									
Antimony	ug/L	< 0.378	U	< 0.378	U	< 0.378	U	< 0.378	U
Arsenic	ug/L	< 0.323	U	< 0.323	U	< 0.323	U	0.345	J
Barium	ug/L	15.4		15.8		20.6		29.3	
Beryllium	ug/L	< 0.155	U	< 0.155	U	< 0.182	U	< 0.182	U
Boron	ug/L	< 30.3	U	< 35.6	U*	< 38.6	U	< 52.2	U*
Cadmium	ug/L	< 0.125	U	< 0.125	U	0.131	J	0.172	J
Calcium	ug/L	59500		63200	J	60800		64800	
Chromium	ug/L	< 1.53	U	< 1.53	U	< 1.96	U*	< 1.9	U*
Cobalt	ug/L	< 0.075	U	0.089	J	0.307	J	0.232	J
Lead	ug/L	< 0.128	U	< 0.128	U	< 0.128	U	< 0.128	U
Lithium	ug/L	< 4.77	U*	3.58	J	< 4.16	U*	< 3.39	U
Mercury	ug/L	< 0.101	U	< 0.101	U	< 0.101	U	< 0.101	U
Molybdenum	ug/L	3.08	J	3.41	J	6.38		6.55	
Selenium	ug/L	< 2.62	U	< 2.62	U	< 1.51	U	< 1.51	U
Thallium	ug/L	< 0.128	U	0.13	J	0.978	J	1.21	
Radium 226 + Radium 228	pCi/L	< 0.316	U	< 0.153	U	< 0.0452	U	< 0.115	U
Anions									
Chloride	mg/L	1.31		1.41		1.43		1.39	
Fluoride	mg/L	0.201		0.167		0.15		0.137	
Sulfate	mg/L	17.7		17.4		17.1		16.8	
General Chemistry									
Total Dissolved Solids	mg/L	197		214		191		206	
Field Parameters									
Temperature, Water	DEG_C	12.7		17.2		20.1		19	
Turbidity (field)	NTU	0.94		0.69		0.39		0.36	
ORP	mV	111.6		88.2		169.5		15.6	
Specific Conductivity (field)	mS/cm	0.285		0.363		0.334		0.372	
Dissolved Oxygen	mg/L	5.21		1.67		0.64		0.49	
pH (field)	SU	7.59		7.23		7.23		7.45	

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ASSESSMENT MONITORING

Table 1
Assessment Monitoring
Groundwater Sampling
Results

CCR Annual Groundwater Monitoring and Corrective Action Report - TVA Cumberland Fossil Plant

Monitoring Well		CUF-209							
Sample Date		06-Feb-19		08-May-19		31-Jul-19		09-Oct-19	
Sample Round		1		1 - Retest		2		2 - Retest	
Well Designation		Downgradient		Downgradient		Downgradient		Downgradient	
Analyte	Units	Result	Q	Result	Q	Result	Q	Result	Q
Total Metals									
Antimony	ug/L	< 0.378	U	< 0.378	U	< 0.378	U	< 0.378	U
Arsenic	ug/L	9.28		5.85		5.73		3.73	
Barium	ug/L	60.9		89.7		121		85.4	
Beryllium	ug/L	< 0.155	U	< 0.155	U	< 0.182	U	< 0.182	U
Boron	ug/L	2830		8470		18200		21300	
Cadmium	ug/L	< 0.125	U	< 0.125	U	< 0.125	U	0.143	J
Calcium	ug/L	175000		215000	J	398000		485000	
Chromium	ug/L	< 1.53	U	< 1.53	U	< 1.68	U*	< 1.73	U*
Cobalt	ug/L	1.46		2.7		3.29		2.27	
Lead	ug/L	0.15	J	< 0.128	U	0.245	J	< 0.128	U
Lithium	ug/L	< 4.32	U*	3.81	J	< 4.77	U*	3.94	J
Mercury	ug/L	< 0.101	UJ	< 0.101	U	< 0.101	U	< 0.101	U
Molybdenum	ug/L	10.6		13.9		186		324	
Selenium	ug/L	< 2.62	U	< 2.62	U	< 1.51	U	< 1.51	U
Thallium	ug/L	< 0.128	U	< 0.128	U	< 0.148	U	< 0.148	U
Radium 226 + Radium 228	pCi/L	0.459	J	0.627	J	1.14	J	< 0.952	U
Anions									
Chloride	mg/L	154		199		253		273	
Fluoride	mg/L	0.169		0.183		0.179	J	0.236	J
Sulfate	mg/L	171		615		1100		1290	
General Chemistry									
Total Dissolved Solids	mg/L	824		1570		2120		2510	
Field Parameters									
Temperature, Water	DEG_C	16.8		20.1		20.6		19.3	
Turbidity (field)	NTU	4.02		0.45		1.36		0.61	
ORP	mV	-81.3		-53.3		-54		-68	
Specific Conductivity (field)	mS/cm	1.4		2.25		2.58		3.15	
Dissolved Oxygen	mg/L	0.35		0.45		0.79		0.64	
pH (field)	SU	6.97		6.69		6.67		6.79	

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Results

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Monitoring Well		CUF-211							
Sample Date		07-Feb-19		08-May-19		31-Jul-19		09-Oct-19	
Sample Round		1		1 - Retest		2		2 - Retest	
Well Designation		Downgradient		Downgradient		Downgradient		Downgradient	
Analyte	Units	Result	Q	Result	Q	Result	Q	Result	Q
Total Metals									
Antimony	ug/L	< 0.378	U	< 0.378	U	< 0.378	U	< 0.378	U
Arsenic	ug/L	9.74		9.21		10.7		9.59	
Barium	ug/L	185		166		192		189	
Beryllium	ug/L	< 0.155	U	< 0.155	U	< 0.182	U	< 0.182	U
Boron	ug/L	5170		5070		5350		4840	
Cadmium	ug/L	2.29		1.79		7.14		8.15	
Calcium	ug/L	214000		212000	J	222000		227000	
Chromium	ug/L	< 1.53	U	< 1.53	U	< 2.45	U*	< 1.53	U
Cobalt	ug/L	6.17		7.14		7.36		6.56	
Lead	ug/L	0.189	J	< 0.128	U	0.175	J	< 0.128	U
Lithium	ug/L	< 3.14	U	5.44		< 6.32	U*	4.16	J
Mercury	ug/L	< 0.101	U	< 0.101	U	< 0.101	U	< 0.101	U
Molybdenum	ug/L	8.22		8.48		8.36		9.2	
Selenium	ug/L	< 2.62	U	< 2.62	U	< 1.51	U	< 1.51	U
Thallium	ug/L	< 0.128	U	< 0.128	U	< 0.148	U	< 0.148	U
Radium 226 + Radium 228	pCi/L	0.819	J	0.743	J	1.29	J	< 0.685	U
Anions									
Chloride	mg/L	205		209		211		225	
Fluoride	mg/L	0.149		0.11		0.0919	J	0.213	J
Sulfate	mg/L	231		229		226		233	
General Chemistry									
Total Dissolved Solids	mg/L	949		1080		1170		1150	
Field Parameters									
Temperature, Water	DEG_C	17.7		18.8		19.2		18.7	
Turbidity (field)	NTU	4.53		1.1		4.97		3.34	
ORP	mV	-88.5		-47.9		-88.5		-105.4	
Specific Conductivity (field)	mS/cm	1.31		1.64		1.49		1.67	
Dissolved Oxygen	mg/L	0.25		0.32		0.21		0.21	
pH (field)	SU	6.58		6.46		6.58		6.64	

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Results

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Monitoring Well		CUF-212							
Sample Date		07-Feb-19		09-May-19		31-Jul-19		09-Oct-19	
Sample Round		1		1 - Retest		2		2 - Retest	
Well Designation		Downgradient		Downgradient		Downgradient		Downgradient	
Analyte	Units	Result	Q	Result	Q	Result	Q	Result	Q
Total Metals									
Antimony	ug/L	< 0.378	U	< 0.378	U	< 0.378	U	< 0.378	U
Arsenic	ug/L	5.03		5.23		4.7		4.31	
Barium	ug/L	36.1		54.8		33.9		32.9	
Beryllium	ug/L	< 0.155	U	< 0.155	U	< 0.182	U	< 0.182	U
Boron	ug/L	40000		42800		38700		33000	
Cadmium	ug/L	< 0.125	U	< 0.125	U	< 0.125	U	< 0.125	U
Calcium	ug/L	735000		761000		706000		679000	
Chromium	ug/L	< 1.53	U	< 1.53	U	< 1.83	U*	< 1.88	U*
Cobalt	ug/L	21.9		24.7		22.6		21	
Lead	ug/L	< 0.128	U	< 0.128	U	< 0.128	U	< 0.128	U
Lithium	ug/L	< 3.14	U	< 5.17	U*	< 3.39	U	< 3.39	U
Mercury	ug/L	< 0.101	U	< 0.101	U	< 0.101	U	< 0.101	U
Molybdenum	ug/L	15.3		14.7		17.4		15.8	
Selenium	ug/L	< 2.62	U	< 2.62	U	< 1.51	U	< 1.51	U
Thallium	ug/L	0.146	J	0.143	J	0.201	J	0.184	J
Radium 226 + Radium 228	pCi/L	0.309	J	0.8	J	< 0.492	U	< 0.884	U
Anions									
Chloride	mg/L	547		521		470		442	
Fluoride	mg/L	< 0.0658	U	0.114	J	0.136	J	0.124	J
Sulfate	mg/L	1480		1510		1460		1520	
General Chemistry									
Total Dissolved Solids	mg/L	2750		3300		3430		3270	
Field Parameters									
Temperature, Water	DEG_C	17.9		18		19.4		19.1	
Turbidity (field)	NTU	2.81		1.16		4.69		1.27	
ORP	mV	-12.4		-4.4		-22.8		-48.4	
Specific Conductivity (field)	mS/cm	3.05		3.7		3.23		3.6	
Dissolved Oxygen	mg/L	0.32		0.34		0.41		0.27	
pH (field)	SU	6.56		6.47		6.47		6.54	

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Table 2
Groundwater Sampling Summary

CCR Annual Groundwater Monitoring and Corrective Action Report - TVA Cumberland Fossil Plant

Well ID	Well Designation	Number of Samples Collected	February 5-7, 2019	May 7-9, 2019	July 29-August 6, 2019	October 8-9, 2019	Monitoring Program
Sample Round			1	1 - Retest	2	2 - Retest	
93-2R	Downgradient	4	X	X	X	X	Assessment Monitoring - 257.95(a); 257.95(b); 257.95(d)(1) - Appendix III and Appendix IV Constituents
93-3	Downgradient	4	X	X	X	X	Assessment Monitoring - 257.95(a); 257.95(b); 257.95(d)(1) - Appendix III and Appendix IV Constituents
CUF-201	Background	4	X	X	X	X	Assessment Monitoring - 257.95(a); 257.95(b); 257.95(d)(1) - Appendix III and Appendix IV Constituents
CUF-202	Background	4	X	X	X	X	Assessment Monitoring - 257.95(a); 257.95(b); 257.95(d)(1) - Appendix III and Appendix IV Constituents
CUF-209	Downgradient	4	X	X	X	X	Assessment Monitoring - 257.95(a); 257.95(b); 257.95(d)(1) - Appendix III and Appendix IV Constituents
CUF-211	Downgradient	4	X	X	X	X	Assessment Monitoring - 257.95(a); 257.95(b); 257.95(d)(1) - Appendix III and Appendix IV Constituents
CUF-212	Downgradient	4	X	X	X	X	Assessment Monitoring - 257.95(a); 257.95(b); 257.95(d)(1) - Appendix III and Appendix IV Constituents

Notes:

Assessment Monitoring groundwater samples analyzed for Appendix III and Appendix IV constituents

Appendix III Constituents - boron, calcium, chloride, fluoride, pH, sulfate, total dissolved solids (TDS)

Appendix IV Constituents - antimony, arsenic, barium, beryllium, cadmium, chromium, cobalt, fluoride, lead, lithium, mercury, molybdenum, selenium, thallium, radium 226 and radium 228 combined

Table 3
Groundwater and Surface Water Elevation Summary

CCR Annual Groundwater Monitoring and Corrective Action Report - TVA Cumberland Fossil Plant

Groundwater Elevation Collection Date		04-Feb-19	06-May-19	29-Jul-19	06-Aug-19	07-Oct-19
Monitoring Well	**Units**					
93-2R	ft-MSL	358.22	359.42	358.31	357.90	355.08
93-3	ft-MSL	368.23	367.81	367.67	367.91	366.05
CUF-201	ft-MSL	388.68	389.06	388.08	388.04	387.95
CUF-202	ft-MSL	378.49	378.20	376.60	376.28	377.28
CUF-209	ft-MSL	362.46	363.11	362.37	361.90	360.44
CUF-211	ft-MSL	360.61	361.41	360.52	360.06	357.46
CUF-212	ft-MSL	358.07	359.22	358.11	357.71	354.83
		Surface Water				
Cumberland River	ft-MSL	358.27	359.54	358.61	357.97	354.59

Notes:

ft-MSL - feet above mean sea level

Table 4
Hydraulic Conductivity Data Summary

CCR Annual Groundwater Monitoring and Corrective Action Report - TVA Cumberland Fossil Plant

Well ID	Well Designation	Slug Test Hydraulic Conductivity (cm/sec)
93-2R	Downgradient	4.28E-02
93-3	Downgradient	not conducted
CUF-201	Background	5.9E-05
CUF-202	Background	2.948E-05
CUF-209	Downgradient	3.859E-04
CUF-211	Downgradient	3.146E-03
CUF-212	Downgradient	1.825E-03
Geometric Mean of Hydraulic Conductivity (cm/sec)		**7.4E-04**

Notes:

cm/sec - centimeters per second

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Table 5
Rate and Direction of Groundwater Flow Summary

CCR Annual Groundwater Monitoring and Corrective Action Report - TVA Cumberland Fossil Plant

Groundwater Elevation Collection Date	4-Feb-19	6-May-19	29-Jul-19	6-Aug-19	7-Oct-19
Sample Round	**1**	**1 - Retest**	**2**	**2**	**2 - Retest**
Horizontal Gradient	0.0086	0.0073	0.0081	0.0084	0.0098
Hydraulic Conductivity (cm/sec)	7.4E-04	7.4E-04	7.4E-04	7.4E-04	7.4E-04
Effective Porosity	16%	16%	16%	16%	16%
Flow Direction (cardinal)	Southwest	Southwest	Southwest	Southwest	Southwest
Linear Velocity (ft/yr)	41	35	39	40	47

Notes:

cm/sec - centimeters per second

ft/yr - feet per year

TABLE 6: Statistically Significant Levels (SSLs) Above GWPSs

Appendix IV Parameter*	GWPS (a)	Updated GWPS (b)	Downgradient wells with analytical results above GWPS (c)	Updated LCBs (d)	SSL LCB > GWPS (e)
Antimony (mg/l)	0.006	0.006	None	NA	NA
Arsenic (mg/l)	0.01	0.01	CUF-209	0.0058	NO
			CUF-211	0.0091	NO
Barium (mg/l)	2	2	None	NA	NA
Beryllium (mg/l)	0.004	0.004	None	NA	NA
Cadmium (mg/l)	0.005	0.005	CUF-211	0.00185	NO
Chromium (mg/l)	0.1	0.1	None	NA	NA
Cobalt (mg/l)	0.006	0.006	CUF-211	0.0061	**YES**
			CUF-212	0.0231	**YES**
Fluoride (mg/l)	4	4	None	NA	NA
Lead (mg/l)	0.015	0.015	None	NA	NA
Lithium (mg/l)	0.04	0.04	93-3	0.0577	**YES**
Mercury (mg/l)	0.002	0.002	None	NA	NA
Molybdenum (mg/l)	0.1	0.1	CUF-209	-0.002	NO
Radium-226+228 (pCi/l)	5	5	None	NA	NA
Selenium (mg/l)	0.05	0.05	None	NA	NA
Thallium (mg/l)	0.002	0.002	None	NA	NA

Notes:

* - Total Metals concentrations presented in Table 1 are reported in micrograms per liter (µg/L)

NA – Not applicable

(a) GWPSs documented in notice dated 10/15/2018 [reported in milligrams per liter (mg/L)

(b) GWPSs updated as of 11/25/2019 with 3 additional sample results collected on February 2-4, 2019, May 6-9, 2019 and July 29-31, 2019 [reported in mg/L]

(c) Downgradient wells with analytical results above GWPS November 2016 through July 29-31, 2019 (per 40 CFR 257.95(b) and (d))

(d) Most recent value of 99% lower confidence band (LCB) on the mean of Appendix IV groundwater sampling events between November 2016 and July 29-31, 2019. Upper confidence band (UCB) not shown as it is greater than LCB [reported in mg/L]

(e) SSL: “statistically significant level over GWPS” occurs when the updated LCB value at the last sampling event exceeds the updated GWPS

APPENDIX A
STATISTICAL ANALYSIS REPORT

STATISTICAL ANALYSIS REPORT FOR CUMBERLAND FOSSIL PLANT

2019

1/15/2020

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1 Introduction

This report summarizes the statistical analysis performed on groundwater quality constituents monitored during Year-Three of the Coal Combustion Residuals (CCR) Rule's Ground Water Quality Monitoring (GWQM) Program for the Multi-Unit Area and the Stilling Pond and Retention Pond at the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) Cumberland Fossil Plant (CUF). During the first year of the establishment of TVA's CCR-Rule GWQM Program, all thirteen of the CCR-Units that are located at nine of TVA's fossil plants were monitored for the Appendix III and Appendix IV constituents to establish baseline conditions at each site.

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) required all Owners and/or Operators of fossil plants to establish the baseline groundwater-quality conditions using only eight sampling events, collected roughly over a period of one year. As a follow-up to the establishment of baseline groundwater-quality conditions, USEPA also required the subsequent performance of at least a single sampling event, under a monitoring phase known as 'Detection Monitoring,' to collect samples for chemical-laboratory analysis of Appendix III constituents.

Although most Appendix III constituents are naturally occurring chemicals in groundwater, USEPA requires analysis of these constituents to determine if a CCR Unit shows signs of contributing contamination to a 'usable aquifer.' It should be noted that the definition of 'usable aquifer' is undefined with respect to its quantity and/or quality by the authors of the CCR Rule and, as such, it is left up to the purview of the Owners and/or Operators' commissioned geo-hydrological professional(s), who must be State-level registered and actively licensed Professional Engineer(s) (PE), with demonstrable competency in the subject areas of groundwater resources evaluations, requiring a thorough understanding of hydrogeological criteria and methodologies.

Summarizing the Year-One results, selected values of the analytical Appendix III constituents observed during the Detection Monitoring Event exceeded the established Upper Prediction Limits established from the baseline data at all CCR-Rule monitored units. The CCR Rule allows for potential sources of error or alternative sources of the exceedances to be determined via an 'Alternate Source Demonstration' (ASD). However, largely due to the presence of boron (a constituent with no MCL and producing no identifiable toxicological risk at the levels observed), along with USEPA's imposed fast-track deadlines, there was insufficient time to perform statistical retesting or to properly study the problems to understand the potential alternative sources for the reported exceedances during the first year of the CCR-Rule GWQM Program. Consequently, out of TVA's thirteen CCR units monitored and assessed during Year-One of the Program, only three of the units were exempt from the requirements to switch into a phase of the CCR Rule known as 'Assessment Monitoring' in order to monitor for the list of Appendix IV constituents shown on the right-hand column of **Table 2**.

As part of this year's efforts (i.e., Year-Three), the baseline datasets for Year-One and those results obtained during Year-Two and Year-Three of the CCR-Rule GWQM Program were evaluated in order to establish statistically-derived Groundwater Protection Standards (GWPS) for each of the CCR Units located at six of TVA's fossil plant sites. As presented in USEPA's

Unified Guidance document on the statistical analysis of groundwater monitoring data (2009), confidence-interval (CI) bands are a recommended technique for performing statistical comparisons against GWPS. In particular, trends at downgradient wells in analytical concentrations from laboratory analysis of Constituents of Interest (COI) can be plotted and used to estimate CI bands, which in turn can be compared against relevant GWPS. A statistically significant level (SSL) is found if and only if the lower limit of the CI band exceeds the GWPS for the most recent Assessment Monitoring sampling event.

As also required by the USEPA's CCR Rule section describing the Assessment Monitoring Program (§257.95), test results for the Year-Three Assessment Monitoring events were compared to the GWPS for determination of all exceedances. Additional description of how the GWPS for each COI and each CCR Unit were established is provided in subsequent sections of this report.

At the CUF plant's CCR Unit, the sampling results used to identify potential GWPS exceedances were obtained during a minimum of three distinct monitoring events that were performed between February and August of 2019 by the firm of Terracon, with Laboratory Analysis performed by Test America Laboratories (located at Pittsburg, PA, and St Louis, MO), and Quality Assurance Controls by Environmental Standards, Inc., all under direct contracts to TVA.

For those wells at which exceedances of GWPS occurred, TVA requested the construction of 'Traffic Light' matrices to facilitate an at-a-glance identification of such exceedances and to promote intra-company follow-up assessments as to the reasons for such exceedances (e.g., other identifiable chemicals used on site or by others located in the vicinity of the plants) and to plan for mitigation actions, whenever warranted. Sample analytical results of CCR-Rule Appendix IV constituents obtained from each of the monitoring wells and events were used to perform the statistical analysis and generate the graphs shown in this report. The current CCR Rule groundwater monitoring networks — one for Stilling and Retention Pond and one for the Multi-Unit area — as Certified by a Professional Engineer at the firm of AECOM or other, are presented in **Table 1**.

The 'R' Statistical Analysis package (www.r-project.org) in conjunction with R-Studio (www.rstudio.com) (both popular public domain software products) and other analytical tools were used in the production of the statistical values and graphs. ProUCL data dumps from TVA's EQuIS Professional and Enterprise Database were used to populate the R-based statistical analyses.

Table 1. CCR Rule Monitoring Well Networks

Background	Downgradient (Stilling Pond)		Downgradient (Multi-Unit)	
CUF-201 CUF-202	CUF-205 CUF-206	CUF-207 CUF-208	CUF-209 CUF-211	93-2R CUF-212 93-3

Groundwater samples collected as part of the CCR Rule monitoring program were analyzed for constituents listed in Appendix IV of the CCR Rule. Only non-filtered sample results were utilized for the statistical analysis of Appendix IV constituents. As high turbidity measurements during the purging of wells (e.g., values above 5 NTUs) have the propensity to increase the concentrations of Appendix IV constituents, filtered samples were also collected to better understand and/or dispel the potential source(s) of falsely-named GWPS exceedances. A summary of constituents included in the data analysis is provided in **Table 2.**

Table 2. CCR Rule Monitored Constituents

Appendix III Constituents (Detection Monitoring)	Appendix IV Constituents (Assessment Monitoring)
Boron	Antimony
Calcium	Arsenic
Chloride	Barium
Fluoride	Beryllium
pH (field)	Cadmium
Sulfate	Chromium
Total Dissolved Solids (TDS)	Cobalt
	Fluoride
	Lead
	Lithium
	Mercury
	Molybdenum
	Radium 226 + 228
	Selenium
	Thallium

2 Statistical Analysis

The basic steps in the Assessment Monitoring analysis for Year-Three data included the following:

1) Developing GWPS for each Appendix IV constituent, using published MCLs and/or water quality limits, along with baseline data from upgradient and background well locations at each CCR site;
2) Computing trends and associated CI bands for each well location and Appendix IV constituent (i.e., each well-constituent pair); and
3) Comparing each CI band against its respective GWPS to assess whether an exceedance occurred.

To accomplish these steps, the data were first summarized and modeled. The baseline or background data were examined initially, and recapped with descriptive statistics, as shown in **Table 4**. To handle any non-detects in these calculations, non-detect values were treated as statistically 'left-censored,' with the censoring limit equal to the reporting limit (RL). Then the Kaplan-Meier adjustment method (USEPA, 2009) was employed to derive estimated summary statistics that account for the presence of non-detects.

2.1 Developing Groundwater Protection Standards (GWPS)

USEPA has published Maximum Contaminant Limits (MCL) or alternate regulatory limits for each of the Appendix IV constituents. Consequently, in most cases the GWPS is equal to the MCL. However, there may be cases where background levels of a constituent exceed the MCL. In these instances, an alternate GWPS must be derived from on-site background levels.

On July 17, 2018, EPA unofficially promulgated alternate regulatory limits (i.e., potential GWPS) for four of the Appendix IV chemical COIs for which the agency has not assigned MCLs to date. In the absence of MCLs or site-specific GWPS, those may be used in place of background levels under 257.95(h)(2). Specifically, those alternate COIs include threshold values at the following health-based levels:

1. Cobalt - 6 µg/L
2. Lithium - 40 µg/L
3. Molybdenum – 100 µg/L
4. Lead - 15 µg/L.

According to the promulgated CCR Rule (80 Federal Register 21302, 21405, April 17, 2015):

"For each appendix IV constituent that is detected, a groundwater protection standard must be set. The groundwater protection standards must be the MCL or the background concentration level for the detected constituent, whichever is higher. If there is no MCL promulgated for a detected constituent, then the groundwater protection standard must be set at background."

The CCR Rule is also consistent with EPA's Unified Guidance for the statistical analysis of groundwater monitoring data, which states:

"But a number of situations arise where a GWPS must be based on a background limit. The Part 264 regulations presume such a standard as one of the options under §264.94(a); an ACL may also be determined from background under §264.94(b).

"More recent Part 258 rules specify a background GWPS where a promulgated or risk-based standard is not available or if the historical background is greater than an MCL [§258.55(h)(2) & (3)]." (USEPA, Unified Guidance, 2009, p. 7-20).

Based on these rules and guidance, TVA has established GWPS across its CCR program using the following decision logic:

1. For each Appendix IV parameter where a GWPS must be established, a comparison is made between the promulgated regulatory limit and a site-specific limit computed from background data.
2. If the background-based limit is larger than the promulgated limit, the GWPS is set to the background limit. But if the promulgated limit is larger, the GWPS is set to the published value.

In cases where a background limit must be computed, USEPA's Unified Guidance recommends different strategies for computing a background-based GWPS (USEPA, Unified Guidance, 2009, Section 7.5). One of these strategies — a 95% confidence, 95% coverage upper tolerance limit (UTL) on background — was selected and used to compute the UTL on site-specific background data for each Appendix IV parameter. Then these UTLs were compared against the promulgated regulatory limits to determine the site-specific GWPS.

For the Cumberland Fossil Plant (CUF), **Table 3, included below,** lists the calculated UTLs and final GWPS established for these particular CCR Units. Note that for all the constituents, the background-based UTL was smaller than the MCL or proposed alternate regulatory limit. Also, the same set of GWPS were used at both CCR units, since the two units shared a common set of background wells.

Table 3. CUF Groundwater Protection Standards (GWPS)

COI	N	ND.PCT	MODEL	COV	CONF	UTL	UNITS	MCL	GWPS
Antimony	42	97.6	NP	0.95	0.884	0.0020	mg/L	0.006	0.006
Arsenic	42	33.3	NP	0.95	0.884	0.0051	mg/L	0.01	0.01
Barium	42	0	NORMAL	0.95	0.950	0.0363	mg/L	2	2
Beryllium	42	100	NP	0.95	0.884	0.0010	mg/L	0.004	0.004
Cadmium	42	71.4	NP	0.95	0.884	0.0010	mg/L	0.005	0.005
Chromium	42	100	NP	0.95	0.884	0.0020	mg/L	0.1	0.1
Cobalt*	42	9.5	Log	0.95	0.950	0.0020	mg/L	0.006	0.006
Fluoride	44	11.4	NORMAL	0.95	0.950	0.2466	mg/L	4	4
Lead	42	97.6	NP	0.95	0.884	0.0010	mg/L	0.015	0.015

COI	N	ND.PCT	MODEL	COV	CONF	UTL	UNITS	MCL	GWPS
Lithium*	42	66.7	Log	0.95	0.950	0.0047	mg/L	0.04	0.04
Mercury	42	100	NP	0.95	0.884	0.0002	mg/L	0.002	0.002
Molybdenum*	42	4.8	Log	0.95	0.950	0.0125	mg/L	0.1	0.1
Rad226+228	40	0	NORMAL	0.95	0.950	0.9655	pCi/L	5	5
Selenium	42	100	NP	0.95	0.884	0.0050	mg/L	0.05	0.05
Thallium	42	61.9	Cube	0.95	0.950	0.0012	mg/L	0.002	0.002

* No potential Health Effects provided for these COIs - See Appendix “C”

To compute each UTL, the following steps were taken:

1) All baseline data - those from designated up-gradient or background wells collected from the Program’s first sampling event through August of 2019 were grouped and checked for possible outliers.

Outlier screening was performed visually on time series plots of the data, as well as systematically via a modified version of Tukey’s boxplot rule. In a boxplot, the length of the box is the range of the central 50% of the sorted measurements. Tukey’s original outlier rule states that any observation more than 1.5 box lengths above or below the edges of the boxplot classifies as a possible outlier. For stable, symmetric data distributions, Tukey’s rule often works well.

Groundwater data is often skewed instead of symmetric, and may exhibit shorter (i.e., localized) or longer-term (non-linear) trends. Because of this reality, a modified version of Tukey’s rule is generally needed to avoid classifying too many possible outliers. The modification consists of two parts: a) a possible outlier is only flagged if flagged both on the nominal scale of measurement as well as on the log-scale (i.e., when each observation is first mathematically transformed by taking a logarithm); and b) an outlier is only flagged if more than 3 box lengths above the edges of the boxplot. Together, these modifications better account for data skewness and localized trends in the background observations.

If any possible outliers are flagged, they are visually compared against observations at other well locations. If similar patterns or measurement ranges are common, the suspect values are kept in the data. If not, the suspected outliers are formally assessed using Rosner’s outlier test. Any confirmed outliers are excluded from the UTL computations.

At CUF, no likely outliers among the background data were flagged.

2) The grouped baseline data were also analyzed to determine whether they could be fit to a known statistical model. If so, a parametric UTL was computed; if not, a nonparametric UTL was constructed.

To fit potential statistical models, a series of normalizing mathematical transformations was applied to each baseline dataset. These transformations are known as power

transformations, since they raise each observation to a mathematical power. The goal is to find, if possible, a transformation that normalizes the data on the transformed scale. Models tested ranged from the tenth root to the tenth power and included the null transformation (power = 1), which assumes the data are normally distributed without transformation, the logarithm, which models the lognormal distribution, and the cube root, which closely mimics the gamma distribution.

The transformation which most nearly normalized the data was then formally tested using Filliben's probability plot correlation coefficient test. Filliben's test checks for normality of the transformed measurements by computing the correlation between the data and matched quantiles (i.e., z-scores) from a standard normal distribution. The process is exactly parallel to fitting a line on a normal probability plot of the (transformed) data. The closer to a linear fit, the higher the correlation; the further from a linear fit, the smaller the correlation. Filliben's test formally assesses the strength of the correlation to determine whether it is high enough to declare that the data are consistent with a normal distributional model.

Filliben's test yields a p-value measuring the statistical significance of the result. A p-value no less than 0.01 was judged as sufficient to assume normality of the (transformed) observations, while data with a Filliben's test p-value less than 0.01 were judged significantly non-normal. Datasets passing Filliben's test were assumed to have a parametric model corresponding to the transformation employed, e.g., data tested on the log-scale were assumed consistent with the lognormal distribution; data tested on the square root scale were assumed consistent with the square-root normal distribution, and so on.

Datasets which could not be sufficiently normalized, thus failing Filliben's test, were analyzed by nonparametric means. In many instances, this may occur when the data includes a large fraction of non-detects. **Table 3** lists a shorthand for the statistical model utilized for each COI under the Model column (e.g., NP stands for nonparametric, Cube Root is the cube root transformation, Log stands for the logarithm, implying a lognormal model, NORMAL represents the null transformation, implying a normal model, etc.)

3) The final statistical model for each COI was used to compute an UTL with 95% coverage and 95% confidence.

When a parametric model is appropriate, on the normalized scale, a UTL is computed using the standard normal theory equation:

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

where $\overline{x}$ and s represent the mean and standard deviation of the (transformed) observations, and κ is a multiplier which depends on the number of baseline measurements, as well as the desired coverage and confidence levels. If the data have been transformed, the final UTL is derived by back-transforming the scaled UTL, e.g., for a log transformation, the result is exponentiated; for a square-root transformation, the result is squared, etc.

For nonparametric models, the normal theory equation does not apply. Instead, the UTL is selected as one of the largest of the sample values, typically the maximum. Because there is no multiplier as in the parametric case, the confidence level associated with a nonparametric UTL is computed 'after the fact,' based on the sample size and desired coverage level: the smaller the sample size, the lower the confidence; the bigger the sample size, the higher the confidence level.

For the CUF site, **Table 3** illustrates a fundamental tradeoff. Nonparametric UTLs do not assume a known statistical model, but for a baseline sample size of, say, 32, the cost is that the achieved confidence level is somewhat lower than the target of 95%. The net effect of a lower confidence level is akin to a poor archer. A good archer will aim and hit the target a high percentage of the time, while a poor archer will often miss. The target in this analogy is the desired coverage level. One might ask: Will the UTL exceed 95% of the population of groundwater measurements as targeted? A low confidence suggests that the target will often be missed, meaning that a more accurate UTL would be larger than the one computed from the available sample data. Unfortunately, without a statistical model, and especially with a large percentage of non-detects, little improvement is possible in the UTL estimates unless a larger sample size is employed.

Table 4. Descriptive Summary Statistics of Background Data

Constituent	Unit	N	No. of NDs	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Median
Antimony	mg/L	42	41	0.0013	0.0020	0.0013	0.0016
Arsenic	mg/L	42	14	0.0002	0.0051	0.0018	0.0006
Barium	mg/L	42	0	0.0122	0.0378	0.0245	0.0247
Beryllium	mg/L	42	42	0.0010	0.0010	0.0005	0.0010
Cadmium	mg/L	42	30	0.0001	0.0010	0.0002	0.0002
Chromium	mg/L	42	42	0.0020	0.0020	0.0010	0.0020
Cobalt	mg/L	42	4	0.0001	0.0036	0.0005	0.0004
Fluoride	mg/L	44	5	0.0889	0.2650	0.1631	0.1550
Lead	mg/L	42	41	0.0003	0.0010	0.0003	0.0006
Lithium	mg/L	42	28	0.0022	0.0071	0.0031	0.0030
Mercury	mg/L	42	42	0.0002	0.0002	0.0001	0.0002
Molybdenum	mg/L	42	2	0.0011	0.0089	0.0042	0.0031
Rad226+228	pCi/L	40	0	0.0000	1.1100	0.3863	0.3200
Selenium	mg/L	42	42	0.0050	0.0050	0.0025	0.0050
Thallium	mg/L	42	26	0.0001	0.0013	0.0007	0.0009

Notes:
1. ND = not detected above the laboratory reporting limit.
2. All computations involving non-detects handled using the Kaplan-Meier adjustment. In the case of 100% NDs, mean is computed by substituting half the reporting limit for each ND.

2.2 Computing Trend Lines and Confidence Interval Bands

USEPA's Unified Guidance recommends comparing some type of CI against a GWPS in order to assess whether or not the limit has been exceeded with statistical significance. If the entire

interval exceeds the GWPS, a statistically significant level (SSL) is identified. If none of the interval, or only part, exceeds the GWPS, no SSL is recorded.

The rationale behind this procedure is predicated on the following:

1) A confidence interval is typically designed to 'contain' or 'capture' a specific target or feature of the underlying groundwater population, usually the mean or median measurement value. An interval rather than a point estimate is utilized because that is the only way to ensure the target is captured with a high degree of statistical confidence.

2) When a confidence interval is entirely on one side or the other of a fixed numerical limit, the confidence is high that the desired population target is also to that side of the limit.

3) Because the target may exist anywhere in the range represented by the confidence interval, an interval that 'straddles' the fixed limit is not guaranteed to be either above or below the GWPS, and certainly not with high or known statistical confidence.

USEPA's logic ensures that a correct decision about the occurrence of an SSL can be made with high statistical assurance.

Since groundwater data are collected over time, and not all at once, some or most of the variation in the measurements may be due to a trend. To better account for this possibility, USEPA also recommends a variation on the confidence interval method known as a confidence interval band around a trend line. In this case, a (linear) trend line is first fit to the data, then a confidence band is constructed around the trend line. The confidence interval band can be compared against a GWPS in much the same fashion as a confidence interval, only now a comparison can be made at different points in time by comparing the 'cross-section' of the band for a given sampling date. If the interval represented by the confidence band cross-section fully exceeds the GWPS, an SSL is identified for that sampling event.

At TVA's CCR sites, including CUF, CI bands were constructed (as described below) for each well-constituent pair using all data collected through August of 2018. Cross-sections of each band were then compared to the GWPS for the most recent Assessment Monitoring event in each case for the purpose of identifying any SSLs. Note that in cases where the data are obviously trending, the CI band technique provides a much more powerful and accurate means of judging exceedances above GWPS. Ignoring a trend typically makes a standard confidence interval much too wide and uncertain to be of much use, due to the extra variation imparted by the trend. For data that are more stable, both methods will tend to give similar results.

2.2.1 Trend Lines Using Linear Regression

Unless there are extreme outliers and/or curvature in the data, linear regression provides a standard and well-tested method for estimating the linear portion of a trend. The slope of the regression line points to the magnitude and direction of the trend. There is also a standard method for computing a confidence band around a linear regression trend line. For instance, equations [21.24] and [21.25] of Section 21.3 in the Unified Guidance can be compactly written as follows:

$$CB_{1-\alpha} = \hat{x}_0 \pm \sqrt{2s_e^2 \cdot F_{1-\alpha,2,n-2} \cdot \left[\frac{1}{n} + \frac{\left(t_0 - \overline{t}\right)^2}{\left(n-1\right)s_t^2} \right]}$$

where CB = confidence band, $\hat{x}_0$ is the regression line estimate at time t_0, s_e^2 is the mean squared error of the regression line, *F* is a quantile from the F-distribution with 2 and n–2 degrees of freedom, and $\overline{t}$ and s_t^2 represent the mean and standard deviation of the sampling dates.

For well-constituent pairs with no non-detects, linear regression and the formula above were used to construct each confidence band with 98% overall confidence, corresponding to a lower confidence limit with 99% confidence. When non-detects are present, the same formulas apply but an adjustment must be made for the censored measurements. The strategy adopted for TVA's CCR sites involves the following steps:

1) Each non-detect is assumed to follow a triangle distribution centered at half the (sample-specific) reporting limit, and with limits extending from zero to the reporting limit. Then an imputation for each non-detect is randomly drawn from this distribution;
2) The combined set of detected values and imputed non-detects are used to estimate a linear regression trend line and associated confidence band with 98% statistical confidence;
3) Steps (1) and (2) are repeated 500 times, each time with a different set of random imputations, leading to 500 potentially different trend lines and confidence bands;
4) The 500 sets of trends lines and bands are averaged point-wise (i.e., at each time along a sequence of dates spanning the time range of the data) to compute the final trend and confidence band estimates.

By repeating this sequence of steps a large number of times (500), the uncertainty associated with the non-detects can be reasonably captured within the final CI band estimate.

2.2.2 Outliers

Prior to constructing any of the CI bands, the data at each well-constituent pair were examined for possible outliers. As with the grouped background data, visual examination was done with time series plots and the modified Tukey's boxplot rule was utilized for initial screening. For the CUF site, three observations were flagged as outliers in the Stilling Pond network, including cobalt at CUF-202 and CUF-207, and fluoride at CUF-207. One outlier was identified in the Multi-Unit area network, selenium at 93-2R (note: this value was a non-detect with a very high reporting limit). These values was excluded from subsequent statistical calculations.

2.3 Comparing Confidence Interval Bands Against GWPS

To assess whether any SSLs occurred during the 2018 Assessment Monitoring at TVA's CCR sites, the CI bands described in **Section 2.2** were compared against the constituent-specific GWPS described in **Section 2.1**. Of note, an SSL was identified if and only if the CI band fully exceeded the GWPS at the *most recent* sampling event.

To clarify the importance of this last statement, consider the difference in statistical approach between Detection Monitoring and Assessment Monitoring. When utilizing prediction limits in Detection Monitoring, at least two sampling events per year must be collected and evaluated to determine whether there are any SSIs above background levels. Each prediction limit is derived from the baseline or background data, then each new compliance point value is compared against its respective prediction limit. If the newest compliance value exceeds the limit, a potential SSI is flagged, to be confirmed or disconfirmed via additional resampling and retesting.

The statistical approach in Assessment Monitoring is different. Comparisons are made against a fixed GWPS via a confidence interval or confidence interval band. No retesting is conducted and none of the individual compliance point measurements are directly compared against the GWPS. Instead, multiple compliance observations must be used to construct each confidence interval or CI band, necessarily at least four and preferably 8 to 10 or more. Consequently, all the Assessment Monitoring data collected both in Year-One through Year-Three were used to construct the CI bands. Furthermore, a well-constituent pair is considered out of compliance only if its constituent levels currently exceed the GWPS. This is best assessed by considering the cross-section of the CI band associated with the most recent sampling event. A summary of the SSLs is displayed in **Table 5** of **Section 3**.

3 Summary of Statistical Analysis

To facilitate an ‘at-a-glance’ summary of the statistical comparison results, **Tables 5 and 6** are ‘traffic light’ matrices, showing for each CCR network a compact representation of each well location matched against each constituent in Appendix IV. This summary is useful in planning for mitigation actions. Green cells indicate that no SSL was observed in 2018. Red cells indicate the opposite: an SSL was flagged during the most recent sampling events. Yellow cells are warnings which indicate that a well-constituent pair should be closely watched. These cases have increasing trends and a CI band whose lower limit is at least 65% of the GWPS. Often, the CI band cross-section straddles the GWPS in yellow cells.

At the CUF Multi-Unit site (Table 5), two cobalt-related SSLs during Year-Three of the Program were recorded at wells CUF-211 and CUF-212, and one for lithium at well 93-3. Warning flags (yellow) were raised for arsenic at CUF-209 and CUF-211. At the Stilling and Retention Pond network (Table 6), one arsenic-related SSL was found at well CUF-206, and one warning flag at CUF-208 for cobalt. In summary, a total of four SSLs and three warnings were identified across the Program network wells that are located near to the CUF plant’s CCR Units during the year-two monitoring phase.

Table 5. CUF Plant's Multi-Unit GW Monitoring Network - Traffic Light Matrix Based on Comparative Analysis of Statistical Analysis Results versus Groundwater Protection Standards (GWPS)

ITEM No.	Constituent of Interest	TRAFFIC LIGHT MATRIX						
		GROUNDWATER QUALITY MONITORING WELL LOCATIONS						
		CUF-201	CUF-202	CUF-209	CUF-211	93-2R	CUF-212	93-3
1.	Antimony	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN
2.	Arsenic	GREEN	GREEN	YELLOW	YELLOW	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN
3.	Barium	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN
4.	Beryllium	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN
5.	Cadmium	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN
6.	Chromium	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN
7.	Cobalt	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	RED	GREEN	RED	GREEN
8.	Fluoride	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN
9.	Lead	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN
10.	Lithium	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	RED
11.	Mercury	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN
12.	Molybdenum	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN
13.	Rad226+228	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN
14.	Selenium	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN
15.	Thallium	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN

COLOR-CODING KEY:	
	Monitored data for the specific COI are deemed to fall below GWPS
	Monitored data are deemed to fall below GWPS, but an internal warning is issued to TVA staff that CI band lower limit is at least 65% of the GWPS.
	Monitored data for the specific COI are deemed to exceed GWPS

Table 6. CUF Plant's Stilling and Retention Pond - Traffic Light Matrix Based on Comparative Analysis of Statistical Analysis Results versus Groundwater Protection Standards (GWPS)

ITEM No.	Constituent of Interest	TRAFFIC LIGHT MATRIX					
		GROUNDWATER QUALITY MONITORING WELL LOCATIONS					
		CUF-201	CUF-202	CUF-205	CUF-206	CUF-207	CUF-208
16.	Antimony	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN
17.	Arsenic	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	RED	GREEN	GREEN
18.	Barium	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN
19.	Beryllium	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN
20.	Cadmium	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN
21.	Chromium	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN
22.	Cobalt	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	YELLOW
23.	Fluoride	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN
24.	Lead	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN
25.	Lithium	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN
26.	Mercury	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN
27.	Molybdenum	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN
28.	Rad226+228	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN
29.	Selenium	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN
30.	Thallium	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN

COLOR-CODING KEY:	
	Monitored data for the specific COI are deemed to fall below GWPS
	Monitored data are deemed to fall below GWPS, but an internal warning is issued to TVA staff that CI band lower limit is at least 65% of the GWPS.
	Monitored data for the specific COI are deemed to exceed GWPS

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