

2020 ANNUAL GROUNDWATER MONITORING AND CORRECTIVE ACTION REPORT

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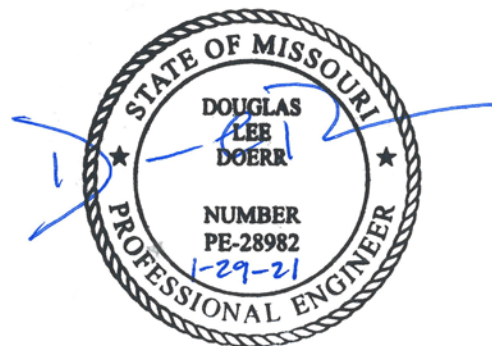
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2020 Groundwater Monitoring and Corrective Action Report

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1 INTRODUCTION

This 2020 Annual Groundwater Monitoring and Corrective Action Report was prepared to support compliance with the groundwater monitoring requirements of the “Coal Combustion Residuals (CCR) Final Rule” (Rule) published by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) in the *Hazardous and Solid Waste Management System; Disposal of Coal Combustion Residuals from Electric Utilities; Final Rule*, dated April 17, 2015 (USEPA, 2015), and subsequent revisions. Specifically, this report was prepared for Evergy Metro, Inc. (Evergy) to fulfill the requirements of 40 CFR 257.90 (e). The applicable sections of the Rule are provided below in *italics*, followed by applicable information relative to the 2020 Annual Groundwater Monitoring and Corrective Action Report for the CCR Landfill at the Montrose Generating Station.

1.1 § 257.90(e)(6) SUMMARY

A section at the beginning of the annual report that provides an overview of the current status of groundwater monitoring and corrective action programs for the CCR unit. At a minimum, the summary must specify all of the following:

1.1.1 § 257.90(e)(6)(i) Initial Monitoring Program

At the start of the current annual reporting period, whether the CCR unit was operating under the detection monitoring program in § 257.94 or the assessment monitoring program in § 257.95;

At the start of the current annual reporting period, (January 1, 2020), the CCR Landfill was operating under a detection monitoring program in compliance with § 257.94.

1.1.2 § 257.90(e)(6)(ii) Final Monitoring Program

At the end of the current annual reporting period, whether the CCR unit was operating under the detection monitoring program in § 257.94 or the assessment monitoring program in § 257.95;

At the end of the current annual reporting period, (December 31, 2020), the CCR Landfill was operating under a detection monitoring program in compliance with § 257.94.

1.1.3 § 257.90(e)(6)(iii) Statistically Significant Increases

If it was determined that there was a statistically significant increase over background for one or more constituents listed in Appendix III to this part pursuant to § 257.94(e):

(A) Identify those constituents listed in Appendix III to this part and the names of the monitoring wells associated with such an increase; and

Monitoring Event	Monitoring Well	Constituent	ASD
Fall 2019	MW-605	Chloride	Successful
Spring 2020	MW-605	Chloride	Successful

(B) Provide the date when the assessment monitoring program was initiated for the CCR unit.

Not applicable because an assessment monitoring program was not initiated.

1.1.4 § 257.90(e)(6)(iv) Statistically Significant Levels

If it was determined that there was a statistically significant level above the groundwater protection standard for one or more constituents listed in Appendix IV to this part pursuant to § 257.95(g) include all of the following:

(A) Identify those constituents listed in Appendix IV to this part and the names of the monitoring wells associated with such an increase;

Not applicable because there was no assessment monitoring conducted.

(B) Provide the date when the assessment of corrective measures was initiated for the CCR unit;

Not applicable because there was no assessment of corrective measures initiated for the CCR Unit.

(C) Provide the date when the public meeting was held for the assessment of corrective measures for the CCR unit; and

Not applicable because there was no assessment of corrective measures initiated for the CCR Unit.

(D) Provide the date when the assessment of corrective measures was completed for the CCR unit.

Not applicable because there was no assessment of corrective measures initiated for the CCR Unit.

1.1.5 § 257.90(e)(6)(v) Selection of Remedy

Whether a remedy was selected pursuant to § 257.97 during the current annual reporting period, and if so, the date of remedy selection; and

Not applicable because corrective measures are not required.

1.1.6 § 257.90(e)(6)(vi) Remedial Activities

Whether remedial activities were initiated or are ongoing pursuant to § 257.98 during the current annual reporting period.

Not applicable because corrective measures are not required.

2 § 257.90(E) ANNUAL REPORT REQUIREMENTS

Annual groundwater monitoring and corrective action report. For existing CCR landfills and existing CCR surface impoundments, no later than January 31, 2018, and annually thereafter, the owner or operator must prepare an annual groundwater monitoring and corrective action

report. For new CCR landfills, new CCR surface impoundments, and all lateral expansions of CCR units, the owner or operator must prepare the initial annual groundwater monitoring and corrective action report no later than January 31 of the year following the calendar year a groundwater monitoring system has been established for such CCR unit as required by this subpart, and annually thereafter. For the preceding calendar year, the annual report must document the status of the groundwater monitoring and corrective action program for the CCR unit, summarize key actions completed, describe any problems encountered, discuss actions to resolve the problems, and project key activities for the upcoming year. For purposes of this section, the owner or operator has prepared the annual report when the report is placed in the facility's operating record as required by § 257.105(h)(1). At a minimum, the annual groundwater monitoring and corrective action report must contain the following information, to the extent available:

2.1 § 257.90(E)(1) SITE MAP

A map, aerial image, or diagram showing the CCR unit and all background (or upgradient) and downgradient monitoring wells, to include the well identification numbers, that are part of the groundwater monitoring program for the CCR unit;

A site map with an aerial image showing the CCR Landfill and all background (or upgradient) and downgradient monitoring wells with identification numbers for the CCR Landfill groundwater monitoring program is provided as **Figure 1** in **Appendix A**.

2.2 § 257.90(E)(2) MONITORING SYSTEM CHANGES

Identification of any monitoring wells that were installed or decommissioned during the preceding year, along with a narrative description of why those actions were taken;

No new monitoring wells were installed and no wells were decommissioned as part of the CCR groundwater monitoring program for the CCR Landfill in 2020.

2.3 § 257.90(E)(3) SUMMARY OF SAMPLING EVENTS

In addition to all the monitoring data obtained under § 257.90 through 257.98, a summary including the number of groundwater samples that were collected for analysis for each background and downgradient well, the dates the samples were collected, and whether the sample was required by the detection monitoring or assessment monitoring programs;

Only detection monitoring was required to be conducted during the reporting period (2020). Samples collected in 2020 were collected and analyzed for Appendix III detection monitoring constituents. Additionally, Appendix IV constituents were analyzed with the spring event for potential future updating of background data in conformance with EPA Unified Guidance and industry standards. Results of the sampling events are provided in **Appendix B, Table 1** (Appendix III with Supplemental Appendix IV Detection Monitoring Results), and **Table 2** (Detection Monitoring Field Measurements). These tables include Fall 2019 semiannual detection monitoring event verification sample data collected and analyzed in 2020; Spring 2020 semiannual detection monitoring data, verification sample data, and supplementary Appendix IV sample data; and, the initial Fall 2020 semiannual detection monitoring data. The dates of sample collection and the monitoring program requiring the sample are also provided in these tables.

2.4 § 257.90(E)(4) MONITORING TRANSITION NARRATIVE

A narrative discussion of any transition between monitoring programs (e.g., the date and circumstances for transitioning from detection monitoring to assessment monitoring in addition to identifying the constituent(s) detected at a statistically significant increase over background levels); and

There was no transition between monitoring programs in 2020. Only detection monitoring was conducted in 2020.

2.5 § 257.90(e)(5) OTHER REQUIREMENTS

Other information required to be included in the annual report as specified in § 257.90 through 257.98.

A summary of potentially required information and the corresponding section of the Rule is provided in the following sections. In addition, the information, if applicable, is provided.

2.5.1 § 257.90(e) Program Status

Status of Groundwater Monitoring and Corrective Action Program.

The groundwater monitoring and corrective action program is in detection monitoring.

Summary of Key Actions Completed.

- a. completion of the Fall 2019 verification sampling and analyses per the certified statistical method,
- b. completion of the statistical evaluation of the Fall 2019 semiannual detection monitoring sampling and analysis event per the certified statistical method,
- c. completion of the 2019 Annual Groundwater Monitoring and Corrective Action Report,
- d. completion of a successful alternative source demonstration for the Fall 2019 semiannual detection monitoring sampling and analysis event,
- e. completion of the Spring 2020 semiannual detection monitoring sampling and analysis event with subsequent verification sampling per the certified statistical method, and supplemental Appendix IV sample analysis,
- f. completion of the statistical evaluation of the Spring 2020 semiannual detection monitoring sampling and analysis event per the certified statistical method,
- g. completion of a successful alternative source demonstration for the Spring 2020 semiannual detection monitoring sampling and analysis event, and
- h. initiation of the Fall 2020 semiannual detection monitoring sampling and analysis event.

Description of Any Problems Encountered.

No noteworthy problems were encountered.

Discussion of Actions to Resolve the Problems.

Not applicable because no noteworthy problems were encountered.

Projection of Key Activities for the Upcoming Year (2021).

Completion of verification sampling and data analysis, and the statistical evaluation of Fall 2020 detection monitoring sampling and analysis event. Semiannual Spring and Fall 2021 groundwater sampling and analysis. Completion of the statistical evaluation of the Spring 2021 detection monitoring sampling and analysis event, and, if required, alternative source demonstration(s).

2.5.2 § 257.94(d)(3) Demonstration for Alternative Detection Monitoring Frequency

The owner or operator must obtain a certification from a qualified professional engineer or approval from the Participating State Director or approval from EPA where EPA is the permitting authority stating that the demonstration for an alternative groundwater sampling and analysis frequency meets the requirements of this section. The owner or operator must include the demonstration providing the basis for the alternative monitoring frequency and the certification by a qualified professional engineer or the approval from the Participating State Director or approval from EPA where EPA is the permitting authority in the annual groundwater monitoring and corrective action report required by § 257.90(e).

Not applicable because no alternative monitoring frequency for detection monitoring and certification was pursued.

2.5.3 § 257.94(e)(2) Detection Monitoring Alternate Source Demonstration

Demonstration that a source other than the CCR unit caused the statistically significant increase (SSI) over background levels for a constituent or that the SSI resulted from error in sampling, analysis, statistical evaluation, or natural variation in groundwater quality. In addition, certification of the demonstration is to be included in the annual report.

The following demonstration reports are included as **Appendix C**:

- C.1 CCR Landfill Groundwater Monitoring Alternative Source Demonstration Report November 2019 Groundwater Monitoring Event, CCR Landfill, Montrose Generating Station (June 2020).
- C.2 CCR Landfill Groundwater Monitoring Alternative Source Demonstration Report May 2020 Groundwater Monitoring Event, CCR Landfill, Montrose Generating Station (December 2020).

2.5.4 § 257.95(c)(3) Demonstration for Alternative Assessment Monitoring Frequency

The owner or operator must obtain a certification from a qualified professional engineer or approval from the Participating State Director or approval from EPA where EPA is the permitting authority stating that the demonstration for an alternative groundwater sampling and analysis frequency meets the requirements of this section. The owner or operator must include the demonstration providing the

basis for the alternative monitoring frequency and the certification by a qualified professional engineer or the approval from the Participating State Director or the approval from EPA where EPA is the permitting authority in the annual groundwater monitoring and corrective action report required by § 257.90(e).

Not applicable because there was no assessment monitoring conducted.

2.5.5 § 257.95(d)(3) Assessment Monitoring Concentrations and Groundwater Protection Standards

Include the concentrations of Appendix III and detected Appendix IV constituents from the assessment monitoring, the established background concentrations, and the established groundwater protection standards.

Not applicable because there was no assessment monitoring conducted.

2.5.6 § 257.95(g)(3)(ii) Assessment Monitoring Alternate Source Demonstration

Demonstrate that a source other than the CCR unit caused the contamination, or that the statistically significant increase resulted from error in sampling, analysis, statistical evaluation, or natural variation in groundwater quality. Any such demonstration must be supported by a report that includes the factual or evidentiary basis for any conclusions and must be certified to be accurate by a qualified professional engineer. If a successful demonstration is made, the owner or operator must continue monitoring in accordance with the assessment monitoring program pursuant to this section, and may return to detection monitoring if the constituents in appendices III and IV to this part are at or below background as specified in paragraph (e) of this section. The owner or operator must also include the demonstration in the annual groundwater monitoring and corrective action report required by § 257.90(e), in addition to the certification by a qualified professional engineer or the approval from the Participating State Director or approval from EPA where EPA is the permitting authority.

Not applicable because there was no assessment monitoring conducted.

2.5.7 § 257.96(a) Demonstration for Additional Time for Assessment of Corrective Measures

Within 90 days of finding that any constituent listed in appendix IV to this part has been detected at a statistically significant level exceeding the groundwater protection standard defined under § 257.95(h), or immediately upon detection of a release from a CCR unit, the owner or operator must initiate an assessment of corrective measures to prevent further releases, to remediate any releases and to restore affected area to original conditions. The assessment of corrective measures must be completed within 90 days, unless the owner or operator demonstrates the need for additional time to complete the assessment of corrective measures due to site-specific conditions or circumstances. The owner or operator must obtain a certification from a qualified professional engineer attesting that the demonstration is accurate. The 90-day deadline to complete the assessment of corrective measures may be extended for no longer than 60 days. The owner or operator must also include the demonstration in the annual groundwater monitoring and corrective action report required by § 257.90(e), in addition to the certification by a qualified professional engineer or the approval from the Participating State Director or approval from EPA where EPA is the permitting authority.

Not applicable because there was no assessment monitoring conducted.

2.6 § 257.90(e)(6) OVERVIEW SUMMARY

A section at the beginning of the annual report that provides an overview of the current status of groundwater monitoring and corrective action programs for the CCR unit.

§ 257.90(e)(6) is addressed in Section 1.1 of this report.

3 GENERAL COMMENTS

This report has been prepared and reviewed under the direction of a qualified groundwater scientist and qualified professional engineer. The information contained in this report is a reflection of the conditions encountered at the Montrose Generating Station at the time of fieldwork. This report includes a review and compilation of the required information and does not reflect any variations of the subsurface, which may occur between sampling locations. Actual subsurface conditions may vary and the extent of such variations may not become evident without further investigation.

Conclusions drawn by others from the result of this work should recognize the limitation of the methods used. Please note that SCS Engineers does not warrant the work of regulatory agencies or other third parties supplying information used in the assimilation of this report. This report is prepared in accordance with generally accepted environmental engineering and geological practices, within the constraints of the client's directives. It is intended for the exclusive use of Evergy Metro, Inc. for specific application to the Montrose Generating Station CCR Landfill. No warranties, express or implied, are intended or made.

APPENDIX A

FIGURES

Figure 1: Site Map

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LEGEND:

- PERMITTED SOLID WASTE FACILITY BOUNDARY (APPROXIMATE)
- CCR LANDFILL UNIT BOUNDARY (APPROXIMATE)
- ▲ MW-506 CCR GROUNDWATER MONITORING WELL SYSTEM
- ASH IMPOUNDMENT UNIT BOUNDARY (APPROXIMATE)

NOTES:

1. HORIZONTAL DATUM: MISSOURI STATE PLANE COORDINATE SYSTEM, WEST ZONE (NAD 83)
2. VERTICAL DATUM: NAVD 88
3. GOOGLE EARTH IMAGE DATED MARCH 2020.
4. APPROXIMATE BOUNDARY LOCATIONS PROVIDED BY AECOM.
5. MONITOR WELL LOCATIONS PROVIDED BY SHAFFER, KLINE, & WARREN SURVEY DATED JULY 21, 2017.



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APPENDIX B

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Table 1: Appendix III with Supplemental Appendix IV Detection Monitoring Results

Table 2: Detection Monitoring Field Measurements

Table 1
CCR Landfill
Appendix III with Supplemental Appendix IV Detection Monitoring Results
Evergy Montrose Generating Station

Well Number	Sample Date	Appendix III Constituents							Appendix IV Constituents														
		Boron (mg/L)	Calcium (mg/L)	Chloride (mg/L)	Fluoride (mg/L)	pH (S.U.)	Sulfate (mg/L)	Total Dissolved Solids (mg/L)	Antimony (mg/L)	Arsenic (mg/L)	Barium (mg/L)	Beryllium (mg/L)	Cadmium (mg/L)	Chromium (mg/L)	Cobalt (mg/L)	Fluoride (mg/L)	Lead (mg/L)	Lithium (mg/L)	Mercury (mg/L)	Molybdenum (mg/L)	Selenium (mg/L)	Thallium (mg/L)	Radium Combined (pCi/L)
MW-506	5/21/2020	<0.200	343	69.3	<0.150	5.53	1780	2800	<0.00400	<0.00200	0.0101	<0.00200	<0.00100	<0.0100	<0.0100	<0.150	<0.00500	0.205	<0.000200	<0.00500	0.00670	<0.00200	1.21
MW-506	11/10/2020	<0.200	367	84.5	<0.150	5.44	1820	2620	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
MW-601	1/14/2020	---	---	---	---	*5.51	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
MW-601	5/21/2020	<0.200	478	53.8	0.462	5.42	3230	4680	<0.00400	<0.00200	0.00973	<0.00200	0.00138	<0.0100	<0.0100	0.462	<0.00500	0.286	<0.000200	<0.00500	0.00499	<0.00200	0.618
MW-601	11/10/2020	<0.200	479	33.4	0.336	5.66	2860	4280	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
MW-602	5/21/2020	4.27	313	3.99	<0.150	5.79	1270	1800	<0.00400	0.00524	0.0200	<0.00200	<0.00100	<0.0100	0.110	<0.150	<0.00500	0.0859	<0.000200	<0.00500	<0.00200	<0.00200	1.98
MW-602	11/10/2020	4.18	313	3.77	<0.150	5.69	1080	1800	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
MW-603	5/21/2020	5.37	397	5.93	0.642	4.50	2140	2840	<0.00400	<0.00200	0.00907	<0.00200	0.00352	<0.0100	0.0357	0.642	<0.00500	0.131	<0.000200	<0.00500	0.0277	<0.00200	0.77
MW-603	11/10/2020	5.69	410	6.27	0.516	4.55	2090	2850	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
MW-604	5/21/2020	3.76	440	13.3	0.489	5.54	1920	2780	<0.00400	<0.00200	0.0145	<0.00200	0.00104	<0.0100	<0.0100	0.489	<0.00500	0.106	<0.000200	<0.00500	<0.00200	<0.00200	0.255
MW-604	11/10/2020	4.82	436	14.5	0.409	5.58	1740	2790	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
MW-605	1/14/2020	---	---	*60.5	---	**5.66	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
MW-605	2/3/2020	---	---	*59.8	---	**5.64	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
MW-605	5/21/2020	1.45	411	60.2	0.219	5.42	1940	2740	<0.00400	<0.00200	0.00958	<0.00200	0.00225	<0.0100	0.119	0.219	<0.00500	0.132	<0.000200	<0.00500	<0.00200	<0.00200	1.05
MW-605	7/14/2020	---	---	*62.1	---	**5.66	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
MW-605	8/26/2020	---	---	*61.6	---	**5.62	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
MW-605	11/10/2020	1.47	395	59.7	0.182	5.58	1790	2730	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

* Verification Sample obtained per certified statistical method and Statistical Analysis of Groundwater Monitoring Data at RCRA Facilities, Unified Guidance, March 2009.

**Extra Sample for Quality Control Validation or per Standard Sampling Procedure

mg/L - milligrams per liter

pCi/L - picocuries per liter

S.U. - Standard Units

--- Not Sampled

Table 2
CCR Landfill
Detection Monitoring Field Measurements
Evergy Montrose Generating Station

Well Number	Sample Date	pH (S.U.)	Specific Conductivity (µS)	Temperature (°C)	Turbidity (NTU)	ORP (mV)	DO (mg/L)	Water Level (ft btoc)	Groundwater Elevation (ft NGVD)
MW-506	5/21/2020	5.53	2840	17.91	20.3	217	0.00	4.05	757.52
MW-506	11/10/2020	5.44	3200	16.22	0.0	198	0.78	13.80	747.77
MW-601	1/14/2020	*5.51	4960	13.48	23.6	267	0.00	8.51	756.60
MW-601	5/21/2020	5.42	4500	17.24	16.5	182	0.00	7.82	757.29
MW-601	11/10/2020	5.66	3940	16.28	18.3	224	0.79	14.09	751.02
MW-602	5/21/2020	5.79	2050	16.28	27.1	116	0.00	7.88	747.98
MW-602	11/10/2020	5.69	1810	15.30	19.8	87	0.00	6.71	749.15
MW-603	5/21/2020	4.50	3050	17.74	0.0	285	0.00	16.10	747.54
MW-603	11/10/2020	4.55	3030	15.53	1.4	327	0.73	14.13	749.51
MW-604	5/21/2020	5.54	2960	17.17	0.0	208	0.00	16.45	746.94
MW-604	11/10/2020	5.58	2640	15.40	0.0	90	0.00	14.01	749.38
MW-605	1/14/2020	**5.66	3160	15.22	0.0	258	0.00	12.49	751.62
MW-605	2/3/2020	**5.64	3110	16.98	0.0	135	0.00	12.74	751.37
MW-605	5/21/2020	5.42	3000	18.54	0.0	217	0.00	16.28	747.83
MW-605	7/14/2020	**5.66	2850	19.43	0.0	201	1.50	13.98	750.13
MW-605	8/26/2020	**5.62	2820	22.07	0.0	202	0.60	13.57	750.54
MW-605	11/10/2020	5.58	2850	16.01	0.0	279	0.47	14.38	749.73

* Verification Sample obtained per certified statistical method and Statistical Analysis of Groundwater Monitoring Data at RCRA Facilities, Unified Guidance, March 2009.

**Extra Sample for Quality Control Validation or per Standard Sampling Procedure

S.U. - Standard Units

µS - microsiemens

°C - Degrees Celsius

ft btoc - Feet Below Top of Casing

ft NGVD - National Geodetic Vertical Datum (NAVD 88)

NTU - Nephelometric Turbidity Unit

APPENDIX C

ALTERNATIVE SOURCE DEMONSTRATIONS

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**CCR LANDFILL GROUNDWATER MONITORING
ALTERNATIVE SOURCE DEMONSTRATION REPORT
NOVEMBER 2019 GROUNDWATER MONITORING EVENT**

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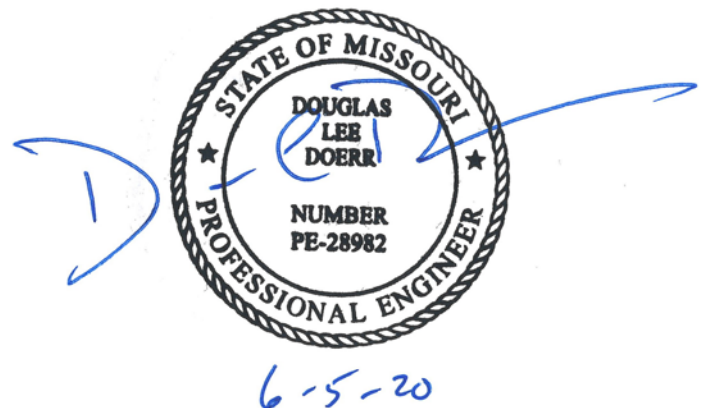
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The completed statistical evaluation identified one Appendix III constituent above the prediction limit established for monitoring well MW-605.

Constituent/Monitoring Well	*UPL	Observation November 5, 2019	1st Verification January 14, 2020	2nd Verification February 3, 2020
Chloride				
MW-605	55.57	59.1	60.5	59.8

*UPL – Upper Prediction Limit

Determination: A statistical evaluation was completed for all Appendix III detection monitoring constituents in accordance with the certified statistical method. The statistical evaluation identified a SSI above the background prediction limit for chloride in monitoring well MW-605.

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An Alternative Source Demonstration (ASD) is a means to provide supporting lines of evidence that something other than a release from a regulated CCR unit caused an SSI. For the above identified SSI for the CCR Landfill at the Montrose Generating Station, there are multiple lines of supporting evidence to indicate the above SSI was not caused by a release from the CCR Landfill. Select multiple lines of supporting evidence are described as follows.

3.1 BOX AND WHISKERS PLOTS

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Time series plots for the chloride concentrations in MW-605 were plotted along with the chloride concentrations for upgradient wells MW-506 and MW-601. The plots indicate the chloride concentrations in MW-605 are below the concentrations in MW-506 and are often below or very near the concentrations in MW-601. This demonstrates that a source other than the CCR Landfill caused the SSI over background levels, or that the SSI resulted from error in sampling, analysis, statistical evaluation, or natural variation in groundwater quality. Time series plots are provided in **Appendix C**.

4 CONCLUSION

Our opinion is that a sufficient body of evidence is available and presented above to demonstrate that a source other than the CCR Landfill caused the SSI over background levels, or that the SSI resulted from error in sampling, analysis, statistical evaluation, or natural variation in groundwater quality. Based on the successful ASD, the owner or operator of the CCR Landfill may continue with the detection monitoring program under § 257.94.

5 GENERAL COMMENTS

This report has been prepared and reviewed under the direction of a qualified groundwater scientist and qualified professional engineer. Please note that SCS Engineers does not warrant the work of regulatory agencies or other third parties supplying information used in the assimilation of this report. This report is prepared in accordance with generally accepted environmental engineering and geological practices, within the constraints of the client's directives. It is intended for the exclusive use of Evergy Metro, Inc. for specific application to the Montrose Generating Station. No warranties, express or implied, are intended or made.

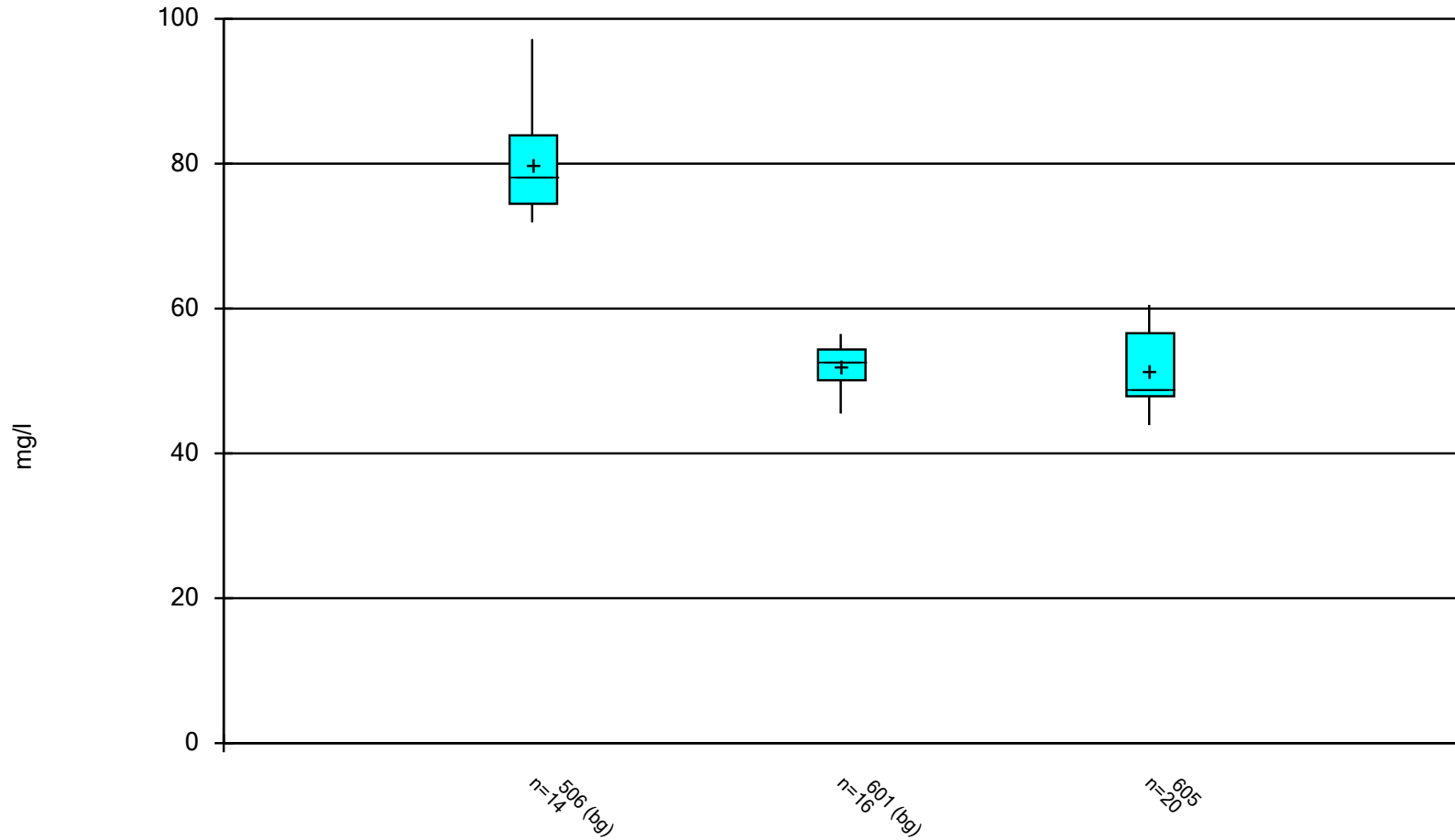
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Appendix A

Box and Whiskers Plots

Box & Whiskers Plot



Constituent: Chloride Analysis Run 3/17/2020 10:23 AM View: LF CCR III
Montrose Generating Station UWL Client: SCS Engineers Data: Montrose

Box & Whiskers Plot

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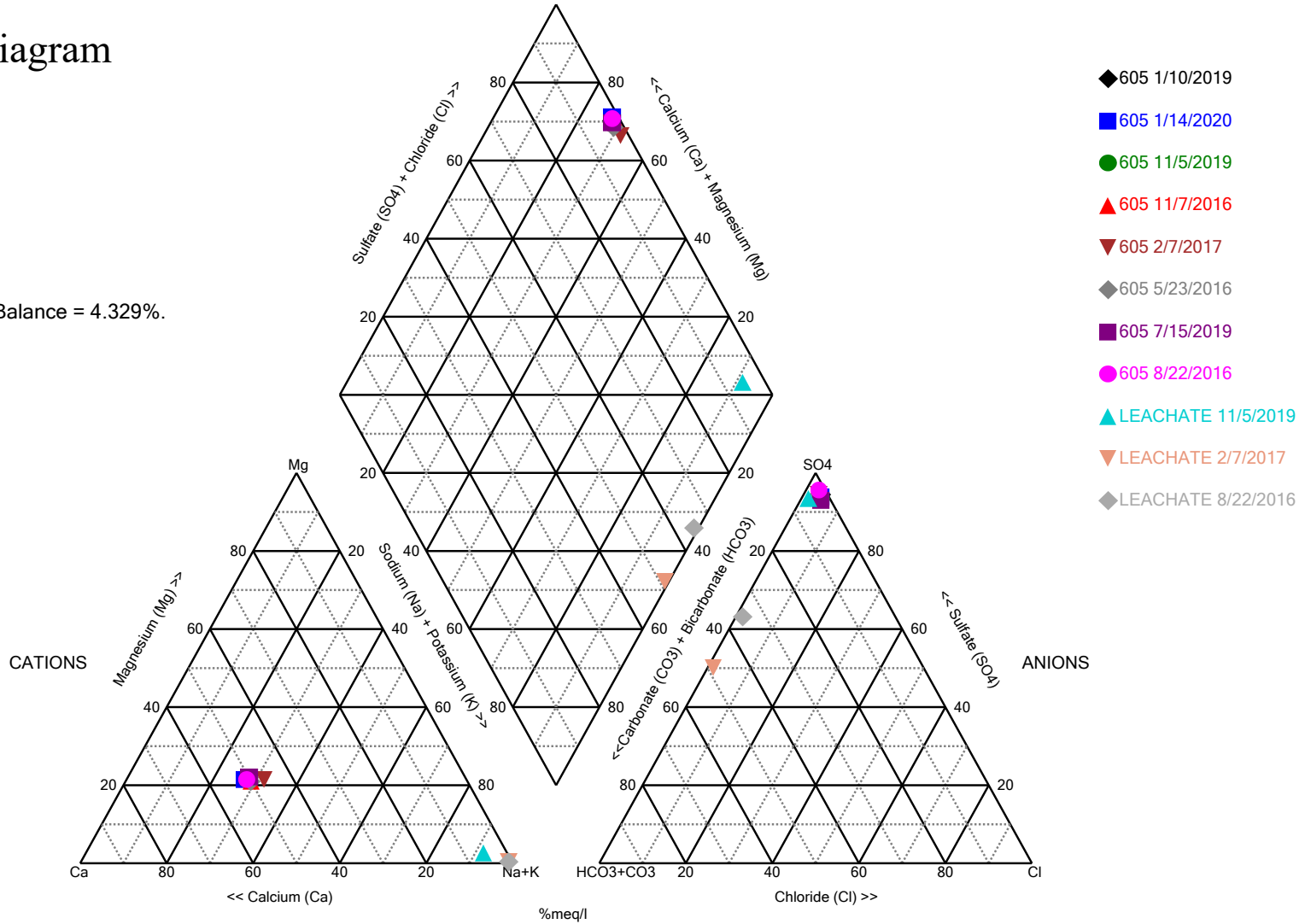
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Chloride (mg/l)	506 (bg)	14	79.98	7.266	1.942	78.35	71.9	97.2	0
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Chloride (mg/l)	605	20	51.41	5.151	1.152	48.95	43.9	60.5	0

Appendix B

Piper Diagram Plots and Analytical Results

Piper Diagram

Cation-Anion Balance = 4.329%.



Analysis Run 3/17/2020 10:39 AM View: LF CCR III

Montrose Generating Station UWL Client: SCS Engineers Data: Montrose

Piper Diagram

Analysis Run 3/17/2020 10:40 AM View: LF CCR III

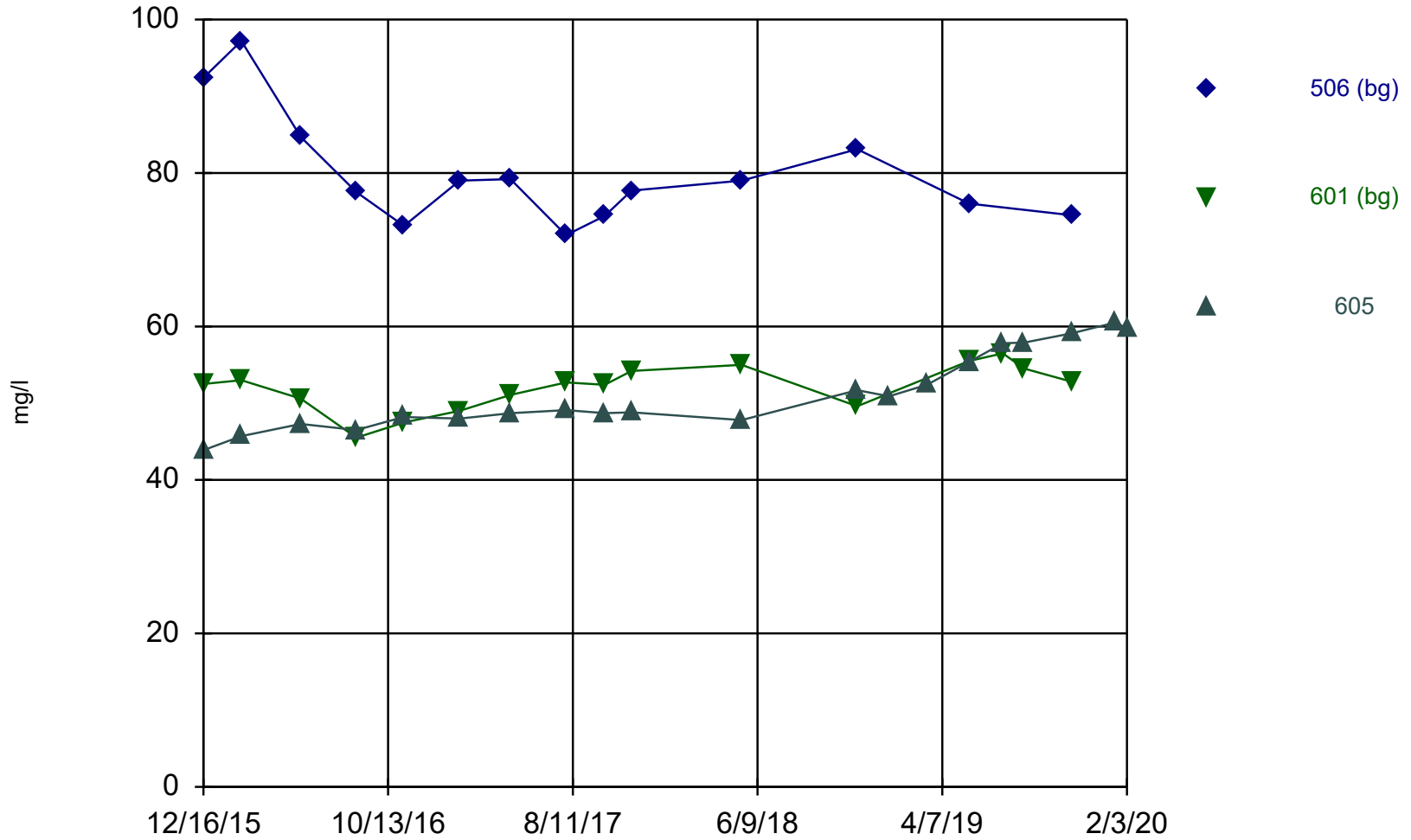
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605 2/7/2017	284	2.71	367	101	48	2050	48.1	10
605 1/10/2019	264	2.79	421	107	50.9	1870	42	10
605 7/15/2019	261	2.73	407	108	57.8	1640	41.6	10
605 11/5/2019	248	2.6	399	102	59.1	1730	42.8	10
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Appendix C

Time Series Plots

Time Series



Constituent: Chloride Analysis Run 3/17/2020 10:27 AM View: LF CCR III
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C.2 CCR Landfill Groundwater Monitoring Alternative Source
Demonstration Report May 2020 Groundwater Monitoring
Event, CCR Landfill, Montrose Generating Station
(December 2020)

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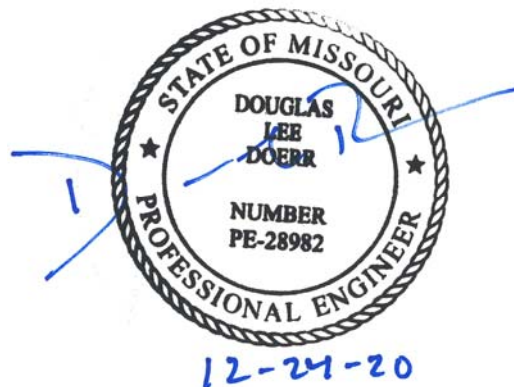
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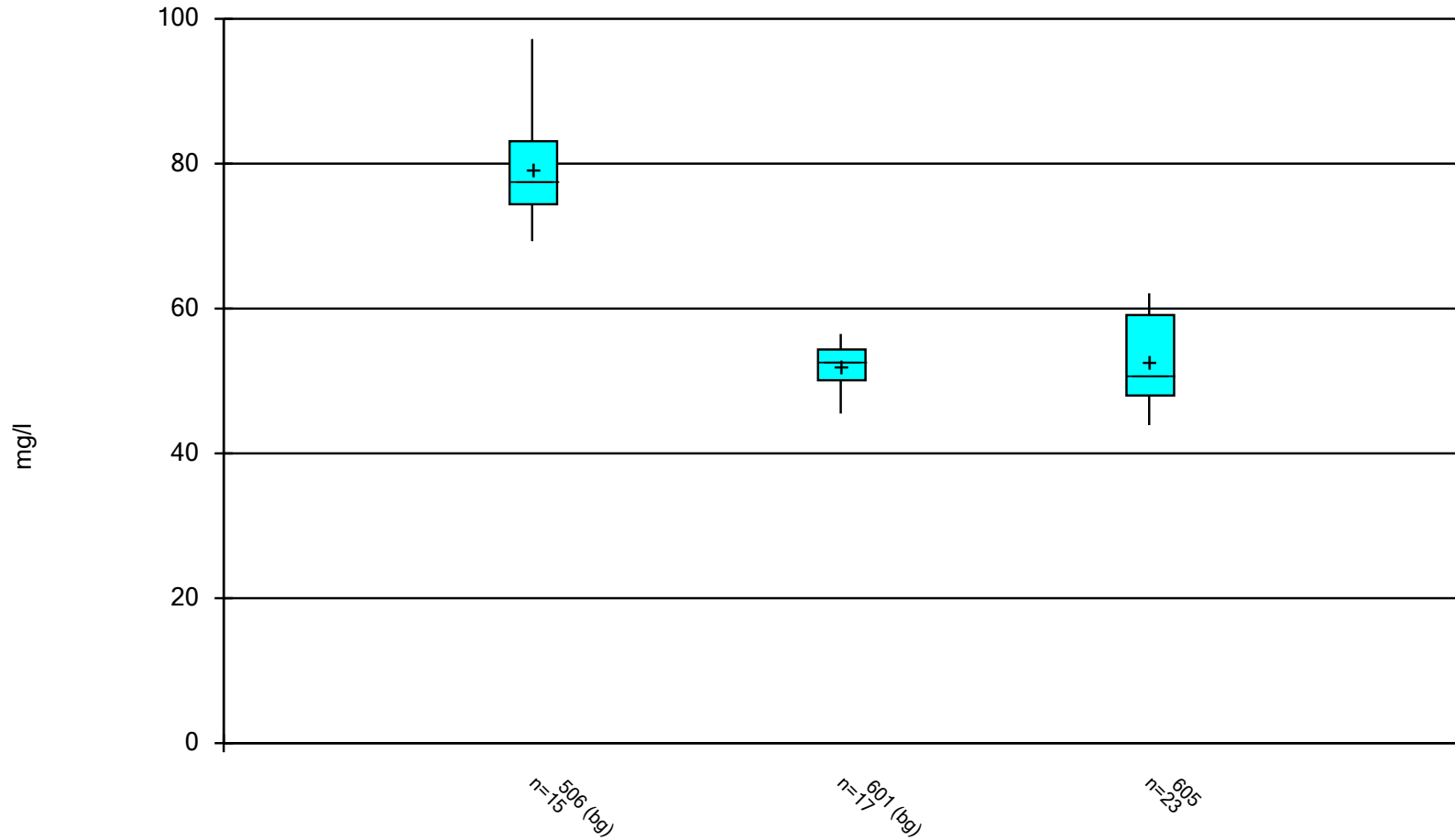
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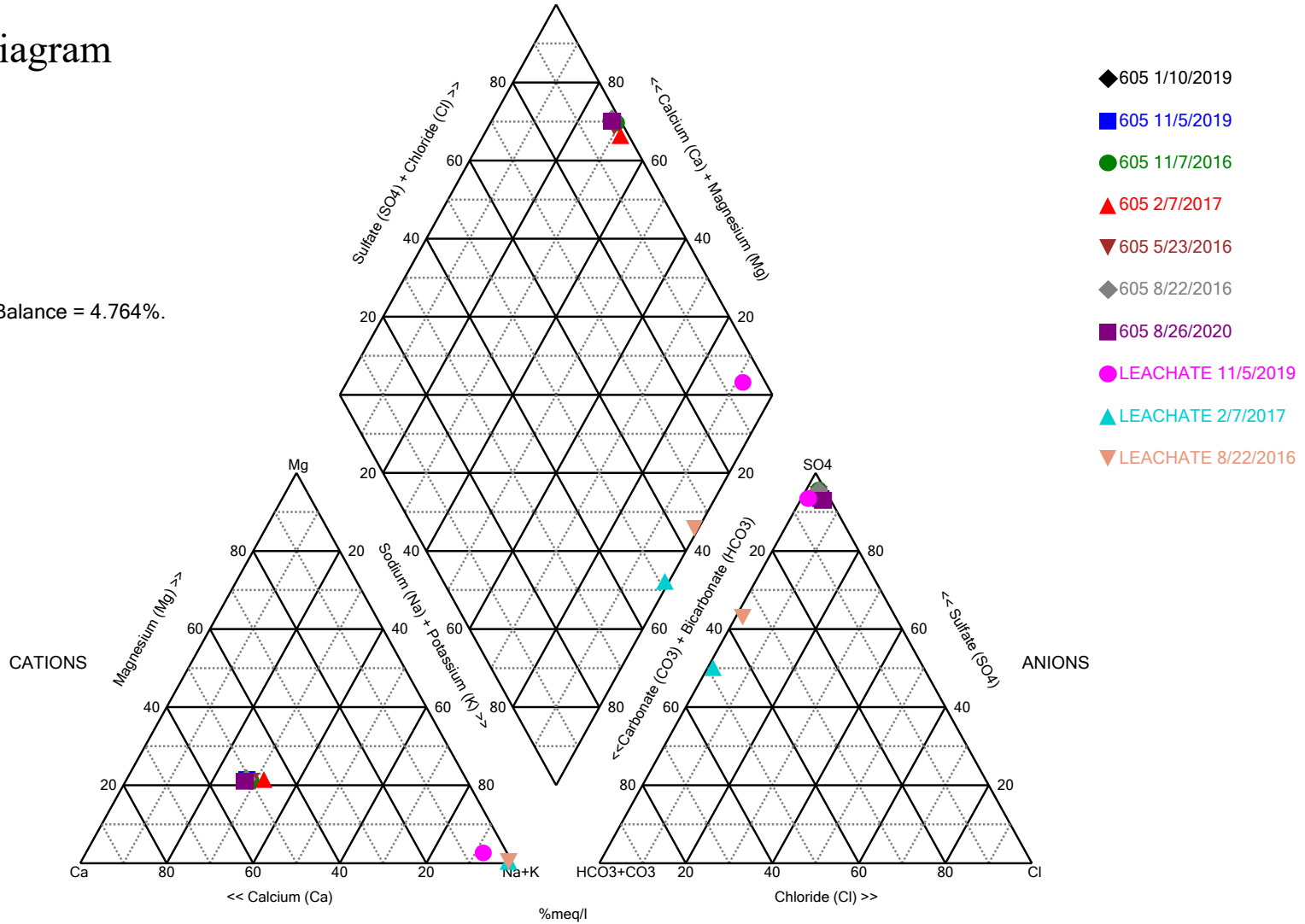
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Chloride (mg/l)	601 (bg)	17	52.13	2.938	0.7126	52.7	45.5	56.5	0
Chloride (mg/l)	605	23	52.7	5.882	1.227	50.9	43.9	62.1	0

Appendix B

Piper Diagram Plots and Analytical Results

Piper Diagram

Cation-Anion Balance = 4.764%.



Analysis Run 10/6/2020 4:53 PM View: LF CCR III

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Piper Diagram

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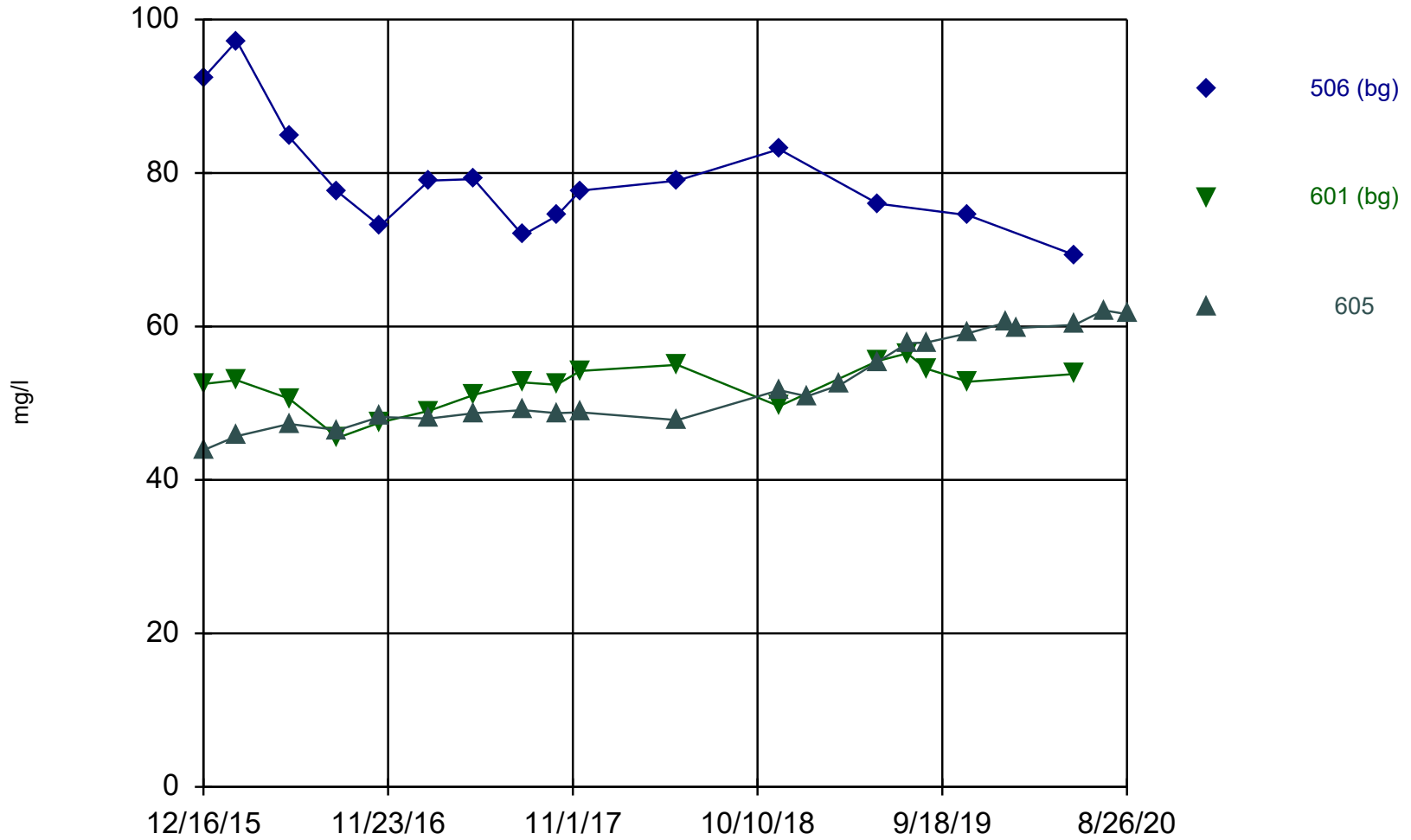
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Time Series Plots

Time Series



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