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### **ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS**

ASD	Alternate Source Demonstration
CCR	Coal Combustion Residuals
GWPS	Groundwater Protection Standard
SAP	Sampling and Analysis Plan
SSL	Statistically Significant Level

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report has been prepared to provide the information required by Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations (40 C.F.R.) § 257.90(e) for Miami Fort Basin B located at Miami Fort Power Station near North Bend, Ohio.

Groundwater is being monitored at Miami Fort Basin B in accordance with the Assessment Monitoring Program requirements specified in 40 C.F.R. § 257.95.

No changes were made to the monitoring system in 2019 (no wells were installed or decommissioned).

The following Statistically Significant Levels (SSLs) of 40 C.F.R. Part 257 Appendix IV parameters were determined during one or more sampling events in 2019:

• Arsenic at wells MW-2 and MW-10

Alternate Source Demonstrations (ASDs) were completed for the SSLs referenced above and Miami Fort Basin B remains in the Assessment Monitoring Program.

## **1. INTRODUCTION**

This report has been prepared by Ramboll on behalf of Dynegy Miami Fort, LLC, to provide the information required by 40 C.F.R.§ 257.90(e) for Miami Fort Basin B located at Miami Fort Power Station near North Bend, Ohio.

In accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 257.90(e), the owner or operator of a Coal Combustion Residuals (CCR) unit must prepare an Annual Groundwater Monitoring and Corrective Action Report for the preceding calendar year that documents the status of the Groundwater Monitoring and Corrective Action Program for the CCR unit, summarizes key actions completed, describes any problems encountered, discusses actions to resolve the problems, and projects key activities for the upcoming year. At a minimum, the Annual Report must contain the following information, to the extent available:

- 1. 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.
- 2. 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.
- 3. 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.
- 4. 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 relative to background levels).
- 5. Other information required to be included in the Annual Report as specified in §§ 257.90 through 257.98.

This report provides the required information for Miami Fort Basin B for calendar year 2019.

## 2. MONITORING AND CORRECTIVE ACTION PROGRAM STATUS

No changes have occurred to the Monitoring Program status in calendar year 2019, and Miami Fort Basin B remains in the Assessment Monitoring Program in accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 257.95.

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## 3. KEY ACTIONS COMPLETED IN 2019

The Assessment Monitoring Program is summarized in Table A. The groundwater monitoring system, including the CCR unit and all background and downgradient monitoring wells is presented in Figure 1. No changes were made to the monitoring system in 2019 (no wells were installed or decommissioned). In general, one groundwater sample was collected from each background and downgradient well during each monitoring event.<sup>1</sup> All samples were collected and analyzed in accordance with the Sampling and Analysis Plan (SAP) (AECOM, 2017). All monitoring data obtained under 40 C.F.R. §§ 257.90 through 257.98 (as applicable) in 2019 are presented in Tables 1 and 2. Analytical data were evaluated in accordance with the Statistical Analysis Plan (NRT/OBG, 2017b) to determine any SSLs of Appendix IV parameters over Groundwater Protection Standards (GWPSs).

Statistical background values are provided in Table 3 and GWPSs in Table 4.

Analytical results for the May and September 2018 sampling events were provided in the 2018 Annual Groundwater Monitoring and Corrective Action Report.

Potential alternate sources were evaluated as outlined in the 40 C.F.R. § 257.95(g)(3)(ii). ASDs were completed and certified by a qualified professional engineer. The dates the ASDs were completed are provided in Table A. The ASDs completed in 2019 are included in Appendix A.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Sampling was limited to MW-1 and MW-7 during the June 2019 sampling event due to their use as shared background wells with another unit.

Sampling Dates	Analytical Data Receipt Date	Parameters Collected	SSL(s)	SSL(s) Determination Date	ASD Completion Date
May 7, 2018	July 9, 2018	Appendix III			
		Appendix IV	NA	NA	NA
September 18-20,	October 8, 2018	Appendix III			
2018		Appendix IV Detected <sup>1</sup>	Arsenic (MW-2, MW-10)	January 7, 2019	April 8, 2019
March 13-14, 2019	April 29, 2019	Appendix III			
		Appendix IV	Arsenic (MW-2, MW-10)	July 29, 2019	October 28, 2019
September 9-10,	October 8, 2019	Appendix III			
2019		Appendix IV Detected <sup>1</sup>	NA	TBD	TBD
Notes:					

### Table A – 2018-2019 Assessment Monitoring Program Summary

NA: Not Applicable

TBD: To Be Determined

1. Groundwater sample analysis was limited to Appendix IV parameters detected in previous events in accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 257.95(d)(1).

## 4. PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED AND ACTIONS TO RESOLVE THE PROBLEMS

No problems were encountered with the Groundwater Monitoring Program during 2019. Groundwater samples were collected and analyzed in accordance with the SAP (AECOM, 2017), and all data were accepted.

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## 5. KEY ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR 2020

The following key activities are planned for 2020:

- Continuation of the Assessment Monitoring Program with semi-annual sampling scheduled for the first and third quarters of 2020.
- Complete evaluation of analytical data from the downgradient wells, using GWPSs to determine whether an SSL of Appendix IV parameters has occurred.
- If an SSL is identified, potential alternate sources (i.e., a source other than the CCR unit caused the SSL or that that SSL resulted from error in sampling, analysis, statistical evaluation, or natural variation in groundwater quality) will be evaluated.
  - If an alternate source is demonstrated to be the cause of the SSL, a written demonstration will be completed within 90 days of SSL determination and included in the 2020 Annual Groundwater Monitoring and Corrective Action Report.
  - If an alternate source(s) is not identified to be the cause of the SSL, the applicable requirements of 40 C.F.R. §§ 257.94 through 257.98 (e.g., assessment of corrective measures) as may apply in 2020 will be met, including associated recordkeeping/notifications required by 40 C.F.R. §§ 257.105 through 257.108.

## 6. **REFERENCES**

AECOM, 2017. Sampling and Analysis Plan, CCR Rule Groundwater Monitoring, Basin B, Unit 112, Miami Fort Power Station, Cleves, Ohio, Job Number 60442412, Revision 0, October 17, 2017.

Natural Resource Technology, an OBG Company (NRT/OBG), 2017, Statistical Analysis Plan, Miami Fort Power Station, Dynegy Miami Fort, LLC, October 17, 2017.

**TABLES** 

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## TABLE 1. 2019 ANALYTICAL RESULTS - GROUNDWATER ELEVATION AND APPENDIX III PARAMETERS

2019 ANNUAL GROUNDWATER MONITORING AND CORRECTIVE ACTION REPORT

MIAMI FORT POWER STATION

UNIT ID 112 - MIAMI FORT BASIN B

NORTH BEND, OHIO

ASSESSMENT MONITORING PROGRAM

						40 C.F.R. Part 257 Appendix III						
Well Identification Number	Latitude (Decimal Degrees)	Longitude (Decimal Degrees)	Date & Time Sampled	Depth to Groundwater (ft) <sup>1</sup>	Groundwater Elevation (ft NAVD88)	Boron, total (mg/L)	Calcium, total (mg/L)	Chloride, total (mg/L)	Fluoride, total (mg/L)	pH (field) (S.U.)	Sulfate, total (mg/L)	Total Dissolved Solids (mg/L)
						6020A <sup>2</sup>	6020A <sup>2</sup>	9251 <sup>2</sup>	9214 <sup>2</sup>	SM 4500 H+B <sup>2</sup>	9036 <sup>2</sup>	SM 2540C <sup>2</sup>
Background / Upgradient Monitoring Wells												
			3/13/2019 11:50	43.28	461.21	0.797	182	37.4	<1.00	7.2	450	1010
MW-1	39.114504	-84.810237	6/12/2019 12:00 <sup>3</sup>	47.92	456.57	NA	154	17.6	NA	7.2	284	779
			9/9/2019 14:05	50.29	454.20	0.700	164	23.3	<1.00	6.8	407	895
			3/13/2019 12:35	49.14	461.03	0.0828	108	4.29	<1.00	7.2	50.4	449
MW-7	39.115334	-84.808157	6/14/2019 6:45 <sup>3</sup>	54.48	455.69	NA	110	5.09	NA	6.9	43.6	476
			9/9/2019 13:00	56.74	453.43	0.267	112	5.02	<1.00	6.8	46.9	470
Downgradien	t Monitoring We	ells										
M\M_2	39.112093	-94 915726	3/13/2019 18:40	13.63	458.60	0.818	110	34.0	<1.00	7.2	68.5	541
11100-2		-04.013730	9/9/2019 16:05	20.73	451.50	1.54	142	32.4	<1.00	6.6	62.6	668
MW/-34	30 100855	-84 812132	3/13/2019 14:55	12.47	460.76	<0.0800	57.0	21.1	<1.00	7.5	37.3	271
MW-3A	39.109833	-04.012152	9/10/2019 11:15	19.43	453.80	0.102	49.7	25.6	<1.00	7.2	18.3	246
MW-8	39 113525	-84 813841	3/14/2019 10:20	33.87	459.56	0.906	120	40.5	<1.00	7.4	258	676
	59.115525	01.015011	9/9/2019 14:45	40.89	452.54	1.00	123	40.2	<1.00	7.0	258	666
MW-9	39 113102	-84 815710	3/13/2019 19:30	14.50	458.55	2.59	152	69.5	<1.00	7.3	363	872
1111 3	55.115102	04.013710	9/9/2019 15:25	21.53	451.52	2.88	172	65.8	<1.00	6.9	405	889
MW-10	39 111306	-84 814733	3/13/2019 17:00	14.00	459.80	0.115	58.2	955	<1.00	7.8	9.18	301
	0000	0.1101.1700	9/10/2019 9:15	20.76	453.04	0.102	47.5	24.4	<1.00	7.5	18.8	232
MW-11	39 110560	-84 813555	3/13/2019 16:15	14.85	460.02	0.0814	48.0	591	<1.00	7.9	30.4	265
	331110300	011010000	9/10/2019 9:55	21.67	453.20	0.102	47.5	21.1	<1.00	7.4	34.9	230
										[(	D: RAB 12/25/19, 0	C: KLT 12/26/19]

### Notes:

40 C.F.R. = Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations

ft = foot/feet

mg/L = milligrams per liter

NA = Not Analyzed

NAVD88 = North American Vertical Datum of 1988

S.U. = Standard Units

< = concentration is less than the concentration shown, which corresponds to the reporting limit for the method; estimated concentrations below the reporting limit and associated qualifiers are not provided since not

utilized in statistics to determine Statistically Significant Increases (SSIs) over background.

 $^1\mbox{All}$  depths to groundwater were measured on the first day of the sampling event.

<sup>2</sup>4-digit numbers represent SW-846 analytical methods.

<sup>3</sup>Only SSL parameters were analyzed during this sampling event to delineate the extent of impact for Miami Fort Basin A. Basin A and Basin B share background wells.

### TABLE 2.

### **2019 ANALYTICAL RESULTS - APPENDIX IV PARAMETERS**

2019 ANNUAL GROUNDWATER MONITORING AND CORRECTIVE ACTION REPORT

MIAMI FORT POWER STATION

UNIT ID 112 - MIAMI FORT BASIN B

NORTH BEND, OHIO

### ASSESSMENT MONITORING PROGRAM

				40 C.F.R. Part 257 Appendix IV														
Well Identification Number	Latitude (Decimal Degrees)	Longitude (Decimal Degrees)	Date & Time Sampled	Antimony, total (mg/L)	Arsenic, total (mg/L)	Barium, total (mg/L)	Beryllium, total (mg/L)	Cadmium, total (mg/L)	Chromium, total (mg/L)	Cobalt, total (mg/L)	Fluoride, total (mg/L)	Lead, total (mg/L)	Lithium, total (mg/L)	Mercury, total (mg/L)	Molybdenum, total (mg/L)	Radium 226/228, Combined (pCi/L)	Selenium, total (mg/L)	Thallium, total (mg/L)
				6020A <sup>1</sup>	6020A <sup>1</sup>	6020A <sup>1</sup>	6020A <sup>1</sup>	6020A <sup>1</sup>	6020A <sup>1</sup>	6020A <sup>1</sup>	6020A <sup>1</sup>	6020A <sup>1</sup>	6020A <sup>1</sup>	7470A <sup>1</sup>	6020A <sup>1</sup>	903/904 <sup>1</sup>	6020A <sup>1</sup>	6020A <sup>1</sup>
Background	Background / Upgradient Monitoring Wells																	
			3/13/2019 11:50	<0.00200	<0.00100	0.0512	<0.00100	<0.00100	<0.00200	<0.000500	<1.00	<0.00100	0.0304	<0.000200	0.0308	0.514	<0.00500	<0.00100
MW-1	39.114504	-84.810237	6/12/2019 12:00 <sup>2</sup>	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	<0.000500	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.0241	NA	NA	NA
			9/9/2019 14:05 <sup>3</sup>	NA	<0.00100	0.0482	<0.00100	<0.00100	0.00289	<0.000500	<1.00	<0.00100	0.0228	<0.000200	0.0210	0.0553	<0.00500	<0.00100
			3/13/2019 12:35	<0.00200	<0.00100	0.0942	<0.00100	<0.00100	0.00218	<0.000500	<1.00	<0.00100	<0.00500	<0.000200	<0.00500	0.337	<0.00500	<0.00100
MW-7	39.115334	-84.808157	6/14/2019 6:45 <sup>2</sup>	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	<0.000500	NA	NA	NA	NA	<0.00500	NA	NA	NA
			9/9/2019 13:00 <sup>3</sup>	NA	< 0.00100	0.107	<0.00100	<0.00100	0.00313	<0.000500	<1.00	<0.00100	0.00524	<0.000200	<0.00500	0.464	<0.00500	<0.00100
Downgradier	nt Monitoring \	Wells																
MW-2	30 112003	93 -84.815736 -	3/13/2019 18:40	<0.00200	0.0224	0.331	<0.00100	<0.00100	0.00223	0.000977	<1.00	0.00219	<0.00500	<0.000200	< 0.00500	0.599	<0.00500	<0.00100
1.100-2	35.112055		9/9/2019 16:05 <sup>3</sup>	NA	0.0232	0.501	<0.00100	<0.00100	0.00313	0.000626	<1.00	0.00122	<0.00500	<0.000200	<0.00500	0.704	<0.00500	<0.00100
MW-34	30 100855	09855 -84.812132	3/13/2019 14:55	<0.00200	0.00919	0.130	<0.00100	<0.00100	0.00244	0.00223	<1.00	0.00414	<0.00500	<0.000200	<0.00500	0.666	<0.00500	<0.00100
PIW 3A	39.109033		9/10/2019 11:15 <sup>3</sup>	NA	0.00739	0.124	<0.00100	<0.00100	0.00258	<0.000500	<1.00	<0.00100	<0.00500	<0.000200	<0.00500	0.558	<0.00500	<0.00100
MW-8	39 113525	12525 04 012041	3/14/2019 10:20	<0.00200	<0.00100	0.0348	<0.00100	<0.00100	<0.00200	<0.000500	<1.00	<0.00100	0.0169	<0.000200	0.00727	0.182	<0.00500	<0.00100
1111 0	55.115525	04.013041	9/9/2019 14:45 <sup>3</sup>	NA	<0.00100	0.0442	<0.00100	<0.00100	0.00267	<0.000500	<1.00	<0.00100	0.0108	<0.000200	0.00756	0.591	<0.00500	<0.00100
MW-9	39 113102	-84 815710	3/13/2019 19:30	<0.00200	<0.00100	0.107	<0.00100	<0.00100	<0.00200	<0.000500	<1.00	<0.00100	0.0116	<0.000200	0.0691	0.163	<0.00500	<0.00100
	55.115102	0 11015/10	9/9/2019 15:25 <sup>3</sup>	NA	<0.00100	0.112	<0.00100	<0.00100	0.00283	<0.000500	<1.00	<0.00100	0.00948	<0.000200	0.0494	0.252	<0.00500	<0.00100
MW-10	39 111306	-84 814733	3/13/2019 17:00	<0.00200	0.0169	0.164	<0.00100	<0.00100	<0.00200	<0.000500	<1.00	<0.00100	<0.00500	<0.000200	<0.00500	0.978	<0.00500	<0.00100
1111 10	55.111500	011011/35	9/10/2019 9:15 <sup>3</sup>	NA	0.0221	0.163	<0.00100	<0.00100	0.00265	<0.000500	<1.00	<0.00100	<0.00500	<0.000200	<0.00500	0.860	<0.00500	<0.00100
MW-11	39 110560	-84 813555	3/13/2019 16:15	<0.00200	0.00877	0.186	<0.00100	<0.00100	<0.00200	0.000609	<1.00	<0.00100	<0.00500	<0.000200	<0.00500	0.556	<0.00500	<0.00100
1110 11	39.110500	04.013333	9/10/2019 9:55 <sup>3</sup>	NA	0.0114	0.217	<0.00100	<0.00100	0.00270	0.000621	<1.00	<0.00100	<0.00500	<0.000200	<0.00500	0.743	<0.00500	<0.00100
[0: RAB 12/25/19, C: KLT 12/26/19] 40 C.F.R. = Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations mo(l = milligrams per liter																		

### Notes:

NA = Not Analyzed

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< = concentration is less than concentration shown, which corresponds to the reporting limit for the method; estimated concentrations below the reporting limit and associated qualifiers are not provided since not utilized in statistics to determine

Statistically Significant Levels (SSLs) over Groundwater Protection Standards.

<sup>1</sup>4-digit numbers represent SW-846 analytical methods and 3-digit numbers represent Clean Water Act analytical methods.

<sup>2</sup>Only SSL parameters were analyzed during this sampling event to delineate the extent of impact for Miami Fort Basin A. Basin A and Basin B share background wells.

<sup>3</sup>Only the parameters detected during the previous sampling events were analyzed during this sampling event, in accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 257.95(d)(1).



# TABLE 3.STATISTICAL BACKGROUND VALUES2019 ANNUAL GROUNDWATER MONITORING AND CORRECTIVE ACTION REPORTMIAMI FORT POWER STATIONUNIT ID 112 - MIAMI FORT BASIN BNORTH BEND, OHIOASSESSMENT MONITORING PROGRAM

Parameter	Statistical Background Value (UPL)							
40 C.F.R. Part 257 Appendix III								
Boron (mg/L)	1.90							
Calcium (mg/L)	270							
Chloride (mg/L)	71.5							
Fluoride (mg/L)	0.373							
pH (S.U.)	6.5 / 7.5							
Sulfate (mg/L)	550							
Total Dissolved Solids (mg/L)	1160							

[O: RAB 12/25/19, C: KLT 12/26/19]

#### Notes:

40 C.F.R. = Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations

mg/L = milligrams per liter

S.U. = Standard Units

UPL = Upper Prediction Limit

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# TABLE 4.GROUNDWATER PROTECTION STANDARDS2019 ANNUAL GROUNDWATER MONITORING AND CORRECTIVE ACTION REPORTMIAMI FORT POWER STATIONUNIT ID 112 - MIAMI FORT BASIN BNORTH BEND, OHIOASSESSMENT MONITORING PROGRAM

Parameter	Groundwater Protection Standard <sup>1</sup>						
40 C.F.R. Part 257 Appendix IV							
Antimony (mg/L)	0.006						
Arsenic (mg/L)	0.010						
Barium (mg/L)	2						
Beryllium (mg/L)	0.004						
Cadmium (mg/L)	0.005						
Chromium (mg/L)	0.10						
Cobalt (mg/L)	0.006						
Fluoride (mg/L)	4						
Lead (mg/L)	0.015						
Lithium (mg/L)	0.071						
Mercury (mg/L)	0.002						
Molybdenum (mg/L)	0.10						
Radium 226+228 (pCi/L)	5						
Selenium (mg/L)	0.05						
Thallium (mg/L)	0.002						
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Notes:

40 C.F.R. = Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations

mg/L = milligrams per liter

pCi/L = picoCuries per liter

<sup>1</sup>Groundwater Protection Standard is the higher of the Maximum Contaminant Level /

Health-Based Level or background.



**FIGURES** 

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- UPGRADIENT MONITORING WELL LOCATION
- WATER LEVEL ONLY MONITORING WELL LOCATION
- CCR MONITORED UNIT

MONITORING WELL LOCATION MAP

### FIGURE 1

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## MIAMI FORT BASIN B **UNIT ID:112**

### APPENDIX A ALTERNATE SOURCE DEMONSTRATIONS

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40 C.F.R. § 257.95(g)(3)(ii): ALTERNATE SOURCE DEMONSTRATION MIAMI FORT BASIN B APRIL 8, 2019

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### April 8, 2019

Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) § 257.95(g)(3)(ii) allows the owner or operator of a coal combustion residuals (CCR) unit 90 days from the date of determination of statistically significant levels (SSLs) over groundwater protection standards (GWPSs) of groundwater constituents listed in Appendix IV of 40 C.F.R. Part 257 to complete a written demonstration that a source other than the CCR unit being monitored caused the SSL(s), or that the SSL(s) resulted from error in sampling, analysis, statistical evaluation, or natural variation in groundwater quality ("alternate source demonstration").

This alternate source demonstration has been prepared on behalf of Dynegy Miami Fort, LLC, by O'Brien & Gere Engineers, Inc., part of Ramboll (OBG), to provide pertinent information pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 257.95(g)(3)(ii) for the Miami Fort Basin B, located at Miami Fort Power Station (MFS) near North Bend, Ohio.

Initial baseline groundwater monitoring, consisting of a minimum of eight samples, as required under 40 C.F.R. § 257.94(b), was initiated in December 2015 and completed prior to October 17, 2017. Background groundwater quality observed in this time period was compared to concentrations of parameters observed in downgradient monitoring wells during the November 2017 Detection Monitoring Program sampling event; statistically significant increases (SSIs) were identified for one or more 40 C.F.R. § 257.94(e) and 40 C.F.R. § 257.95, an assessment monitoring program was established by April 9, 2018, for the Miami Fort Basin B.

The first Assessment Monitoring sampling event was completed on May 8 through May 9, 2018. As stipulated in 40 C.F.R. § 257.95(d)(1), all wells were resampled on September 18 through September 20, 2018, for all Appendix III parameters and Appendix IV parameters detected during the first Assessment Monitoring sampling event. Groundwater data collected from the first Assessment Monitoring sampling event, in May 2018, and resampling event, in September 2018, are available in the 2018 Annual Groundwater Monitoring and Corrective Action Report for Miami Fort Basin B, completed January 31, 2019 (OBG, 2019). Analytical data from all sampling events, from December 2015 through the resampling event (September 2018), were evaluated in accordance with the statistical analysis plan (NRT/OBG, 2017), to determine any SSIs of Appendix III parameters over background concentrations, or statistically significant levels (SSLs) of Appendix IV parameters over Groundwater Protection Standards (GWPSs). That evaluation identified SSLs at downgradient monitoring wells as follows:

Arsenic at wells MW-2 and MW-10

Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 257.95(g)(3)(ii), the following lines of evidence demonstrate that sources other than the Miami Fort Basin B were the cause of the SSLs listed above. This alternate source demonstration (ASD) was completed within 90 days of determination of the SSLs (January 7, 2019), as required by 40 C.F.R. § 257.95(g)(3)(ii).



### ALTERNATE SOURCE DEMONSTRATION: LINES OF EVIDENCE

This ASD is based on the following lines of evidence (LOE):

- 1. Elevated background concentrations of arsenic are commonly found in soils and groundwater in southwestern Ohio. MW-2 and MW-10 are located in southwestern Ohio, along the banks of the Great Miami River, where they are susceptible to geochemical conditions that can potentially mobilize naturally occurring arsenic from the soils into groundwater.
- 2. Ionic composition of the groundwater at wells MW-2 and MW-10 is different than the water in Basin B, indicating that Basin B is not the source of the groundwater in these wells.
- 3. Concentrations of CCR indicator parameters, boron and sulfate, are stable or decreasing, and below the Upper Prediction Limit (UPL) at MW-2 and MW-10, indicating that CCR is not the source of the observed impacts.

These LOEs are described and supported in greater detail below. Monitoring wells and Basin B water sample locations are shown on Figure 1 (attached).

### LOE #1: ELEVATED BACKGROUND CONCENTRATIONS OF ARSENIC ARE COMMONLY FOUND IN SOILS AND GROUNDWATER IN SOUTHWESTERN OHIO. MW-2 AND MW-10 ARE LOCATED IN SOUTHWESTERN OHIO, ALONG THE BANKS OF THE GREAT MIAMI RIVER, WHERE THEY ARE SUSCEPTIBLE TO GEOCHEMICAL CONDITIONS THAT CAN POTENTIALLY MOBILIZE NATURALLY OCCURRING ARSENIC FROM THE SOILS INTO GROUNDWATER.

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- Elevated iron concentrations are present in groundwater at monitoring well MW-2
- Boring logs indicate organic materials are present in the soils
- MW-2 and MW-10 are among the monitoring wells adjacent to the riverbank, where the lowest oxidation-reduction potentials (ORP) at the site were observed

Elevated concentrations of dissolved iron were observed in groundwater at monitoring well MW-2 from 2008 to 2014, where concentrations ranged from 11.8 to 52.1 mg/L. Dissolved iron data was not available for MW-2 after 2014, and no dissolved iron data was available for analysis at MW-10. The USGS reported that elevated background arsenic concentrations in groundwater were associated with iron concentrations greater than 1 mg/L. The iron concentrations observed in MW-2 were at least an order of magnitude greater than 1 mg/L, indicating that groundwater at MW-2 is susceptible to iron-reducing geochemical conditions and elevated background arsenic concentrations in groundwater. The figure below illustrates the strong relationship between increased iron concentration and increased arsenic concentrations in groundwater at MW-2, where the coefficient of determination (R-squared) is 0.87.



Figure 2. Arsenic concentrations versus iron concentrations at well MW-2 (2008-2014)

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Arsenic is naturally present in groundwater and soils at variable concentrations. The arsenic is co-precipitated with iron oxyhydroxides and incorporated into the mineral structure of the soils, but can also be adsorbed to organic matter or the iron oxyhydroxides in the aquifer. Both of these sources of arsenic can be mobilized in groundwater by dissolution or desorption under reducing geochemical conditions, where organic carbon commonly acts as the reducing agent (Thomas *et al.*, 2005; McCarthur *et al.*, 2001). Arsenic-bearing soils are known to be present in the areas near Basin B (OEPA, 2015); and, organic matter, a source of organic carbon and potential reducing agent, was observed in the boring logs for monitoring wells located along the banks of the Great Miami River (see boring logs for wells MW-2, MW-3A, MW-10, and MW-11 in Attachment A). The presence of organic material and arsenic-bearing soils indicates there is potential for naturally occurring arsenic to become mobilized through reductive dissolution or desorption.

Reducing conditions sufficient to mobilize naturally occurring arsenic have also been observed along the bank of the Great Miami River as evidenced by elevated concentrations of dissolved iron, discussed above; and, low ORP measurements observed in the groundwater at monitoring wells MW-2, MW-3A, MW-10, and MW-11 (presented in Figure 3 below).



Figure 3. Oxidation reduction potential time-series for groundwater samples (MW-1 (background), MW-2, MW-3A, MW-7 (background), MW-8, MW-9, MW-10, and MW-11)



The presence of elevated concentrations of arsenic in background soil and groundwater in surrounding areas, as well as the presence of geochemical conditions (*i.e.* reducing conditions) necessary to mobilize arsenic in groundwater, suggests that elevated concentrations of arsenic at monitoring wells MW-2 and MW-10, are likely the result of naturally-occurring geochemical variations within the Uppermost Aquifer.

## LOE #2: BASIN B WATER HAS A DIFFERENT IONIC COMPOSITION THAN GROUNDWATER AT WELLS MW-2 AND MW-10.

Piper diagrams graphically represent ionic composition of aqueous solutions. The figure below is a Piper diagram that displays representative ionic compositions of groundwater including samples from MW-2 and MW-10, and Basin B water. There are two distinct groups identified by green and blue ellipses. These are discussed in more detail below.



Figure 4. Piper diagram showing ionic composition of samples of Basin B water and groundwater



The ionic characteristics of these samples are provided in Table 1 below:

Grouping	Green	Blue		
Locations	Basin B Water	Groundwater		
<b>Dominant Cation</b>	High Magnesium	High Calcium		
<b>Dominant Anion</b>	High Sulfate	High Carbonate-Bicarbonate		

### Table 1. Summary of Ionic Classification

The results can be categorized into two distinct groups. The Basin B water (green group) is high in magnesium cations and high in sulfate anions. The groundwater (blue group) is high in calcium cations and high in carbonate-bicarbonate anions. The blue group is comprised of both background and downgradient monitoring wells, indicating that wells MW-2 and MW-10 share similar characteristics to background water quality. The separation between Basin B water and downgradient groundwater collected from monitoring wells MW-2 and MW-10 demonstrates that there is no impact to groundwater from the Basin B water at these monitoring wells with elevated arsenic concentrations.

### LOE #3: CONCENTRATIONS OF CCR INDICATOR PARAMETERS, BORON AND SULFATE, ARE STABLE OR DECREASING, AND BELOW THE UPPER PREDICTION LIMIT AT MW-2 AND MW-10, INDICATING THAT CCR IS NOT THE SOURCE OF THE OBSERVED IMPACTS.

Boron and sulfate are primary indicators of CCR impacts to groundwater. Concentrations of boron and sulfate in monitoring wells MW-2 and MW-10 are stable or decreasing, and below UPLs established using background monitoring wells (*i.e.*, statistically significant increase [SSI] limits), as illustrated in the boron and sulfate timeseries plots below.



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Figure 5. Boron concentration time-series for groundwater samples collected from monitoring wells MW-1 (background), MW-2, MW-7 (background), and MW-10 (note: non-detect analysis results for all wells are shown with red circles)





Figure 6. Sulfate concentration time-series for groundwater samples collected from monitoring wells MW-1 (background), MW-2, MW-7 (background), and MW-10 (note: non-detect analysis results for all wells are shown with red circles)

From Figure 5 and Figure 6, above, the following observations can be made:

- Boron and sulfate are stable or decreasing. Mann-Kendall trend analyses (Attachment B) were performed to determine whether the concentration trend for wells MW-2 and MW-10 are statistically significant. Most trends were determined not to be statistically significant with the exception of the sulfate trend at MW-10, which was determined to be decreasing.
- Boron concentrations in well MW-2 range from 0.322 to 1.9 mg/L from December 2015 through September 2018. Boron concentrations in well MW-10 range from non-detect (less than 0.08 mg/L) to 2.02 mg/L. Boron concentrations in background wells range from 0.0645 to 1.9 mg/L. Overall median boron concentration in wells MW-2 and MW-10 were 1.06 mg/L and 0.56 mg/L, respectively, versus 0.624 mg/L in background wells.



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Sulfate concentrations in well MW-2 range from 27.1 to 83.5 mg/L from December 2015 through September 2018. Sulfate concentrations in well MW-10 range from non-detect (less than 5.0 mg/L) to 72 mg/L. Sulfate concentrations in background wells range from 39.1 to 550 mg/L. Overall median sulfate concentration in wells MW-2 and MW-10 were 60.85 mg/L and 15.8 mg/L, respectively, versus 103.5 mg/L in background wells.

Based on the observations above, Basin B is not impacting the groundwater at monitoring wells MW-2 and MW-10. The absence of co-occurring impacts from primary CCR indicator parameters, boron and sulfate, with arsenic, indicates that Basin B is not the source of arsenic in MW-2 and MW-10.

## Based on these three lines of evidence, it has been demonstrated that Basin B has not caused the SSL in MW-2 and MW-10.

This information serves as the written alternate source demonstration, prepared in accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 257.95(g)(3)(ii), that the SSL observed during the assessment monitoring program was not due to the CCR unit, but was from a combination of naturally occurring conditions and potential upgradient anthropogenic impacts. Therefore, a corrective measures assessment is not required and Basin B will remain in assessment monitoring.

- Figure 1 Monitoring Well and Sampling Location Map
- Attachment A Boring Logs for Monitoring Wells MW-2, MW-3A, MW-10 and MW-11

Attachment B Boron and Sulfate Mann-Kendall Trend Analysis Results for Monitoring Wells MW-2 and MW-10

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I, Jacob J. Walczak, certify that the information in this report is accurate as of the date of my signature below. The content of this report is not to be used for other than its intended purpose and meaning, or for extrapolations beyond the interpretations contained herein.

Jacob J. Walczak Senior Hydrogeologist OBG, part of Ramboll Date: April 8, 2019

I, Richard H. Weber, a qualified professional engineer in good standing in the State of Ohio, certify that the information in this report is accurate as of the date of my signature below. The content of this report is not to be used for other than its intended purpose and meaning, or for extrapolations beyond the interpretations contained herein.

Richard H. Weber Qualified Professional Engineer 71678 Ohio OBG, part of Ramboll Date: April 8, 2019







## Figure 1

Monitoring Well and Sampling Location Map



### FIGURE 1









Boring Logs for Monitoring Wells MW-2, MW-3A, MW-10 and MW-11





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## Monitoring Well MW-3A

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Date(s) Drilled	2/25/2009		Logged By	K. Pritchard	Checked By	M. Wagner			
Drilling Method	4.25 in. Ho	bllow Stem Auger	Drilling Contractor	Belasco Drilling Services	Total Depth of Borehole	52.0 feet			
Drill Rig Type	Truck-Mou	Inted Auger	Sampler Type	Split Spoon	Surface Elevation	471.17 feet, msl			
Groundwater Elevation(s)	456.42 ft, m	ısl	Hammer Weig and Drop	<sup>ht</sup> 140 lb, Dropped 30-inches	Top of PVC Elevation	473.23 feet, msl			
Diameter of Hole (inches)	8.25	Diameter of Well (inches) 2	Type of Well Casing	Schedule 40 PVC	Screen Perforation	0.010-Inch			
Type of Sand Pack	Natural Co	ollapse	Well Completion at Ground Surface Riser, With Locking Cap						
Comments	** Split spoon sampler advanced through interval under weight of hammer and rods only								

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# Monitoring Well MW-3A

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Elevation, feet	Depth, feet	Type	Blows per 1-foot Interval	Percent Recovery	Graphic Log	MATERIAL DESCRIPTION		DETAILS
-440	30	$\left\langle \right\rangle$	1	100 100		grades without sand, with trace organics grades with sand, without organics		
-435	35-	$\left\langle \right\rangle$	4	100 100		grades with trace fine sand and increasing silt, without sand lenses, medium plasticity grades with increasing sand, without organics		 Bentonite Seal
	40-	$\bigcirc$	6	100		grades with increasing slit, trace sand, very low plasticity, stiff grades with sand, plastic, very soft grades stiff, very low plasticity, very moist		
-430	-	$\bigotimes$	4 8	100		grades with trace organcis, less sand, increasing silt		
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-420	50-	$\bigcirc$	13	50				
-415	- 55					Boring terminated 52' bgs on 2/25/2009. 2" I.D. Schedule 40 PVC monitoring well installed 52' bgs with 10' 0.010" slotted screen.		
-410	- 60 -					- · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	-	
-405	- 65 -					- · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	-	
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# **Attachment B**

Boron and Sulfate Mann-Kendall Trend Analysis Results for Monitoring Wells MW-2 and MW-10



# **User Supplied Information**

Location ID:	MW-2	Parameter Code:	01022
Location Class:	Downgradient	Parameter:	B, tot
Location Type:		Units:	mg/L
Confidence Level:	95.00%	Period Length:	1 month(s)
Date Range: 12/07/2015 to 12/3	1/2018	Limit Name:	
		Averaged:	No

# Trend Analysis

Trend of the least squares straight line Slope (fitted to data):	-0.000440	ma/L ner dav
R-Squared error of fit:	0.108816	ing/L per day
Sen's Non-parametric estimate of the slope (One-Sided Test)		
Median Slope:	-0.000522	mg/L per day
Lower Confidence Limit of Slope, M1:	-0.001580	mg/L per day
Upper Confidence Limit of Slope, M2+1:	0.000388	mg/L per day
Non-parametric Mann-Kendall Test for Trend		
S Statistic:	-0.7785	
Z test:	1.6449	
At the 95.0 % Confidence Level (One-Sided Test):	None	

# **User Supplied Information**

Location ID:	MW-10	Parameter Code:	01022
Location Class:	Downgradient	Parameter:	B, tot
Location Type:		Units:	mg/L
Confidence Level:	95.00%	Period Length:	1 month(s)
Date Range: 12/07/2015 to 12/3	1/2018	Limit Name:	
		Averaged:	No

# Trend Analysis

Trend of the least squares straight line		
Slope (fitted to data):	-0.000976	mg/L per day
R-Squared error of fit:	0.295149	
Sen's Non-parametric estimate of the slope (One-Sided Test)		
Median Slope:	-0.000769	mg/L per day
Lower Confidence Limit of Slope, M1:	-0.001912	mg/L per day
Upper Confidence Limit of Slope, M2+1:	0.000508	mg/L per day
Non-parametric Mann-Kendall Test for Trend		
S Statistic:	-1.0899	
Z test:	1.6449	
At the 95.0 % Confidence Level (One-Sided Test):	None	

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# **User Supplied Information**

Location ID:	MW-2	Parameter Code:	00945
Location Class:	Downgradient	Parameter:	SO4, tot
Location Type:		Units:	mg/L
Confidence Level:	95.00%	Period Length:	1 month(s)
Date Range: 12/07/2015 t	o 12/31/2018	Limit Name:	
-		Averaged:	No

# Trend Analysis

Trend of the least squares straight line		
Slope (fitted to data):	-0.000641	mg/L per day
R-Squared error of fit:	0.000165	
Sen's Non-parametric estimate of the slope (One-Sided Test)		
Median Slope:	-0.016306	mg/L per day
Lower Confidence Limit of Slope, M1:	-0.057274	mg/L per day
Upper Confidence Limit of Slope, M2+1:	0.019033	mg/L per day
Non-parametric Mann-Kendall Test for Trend		
S Statistic:	-0.623	
Z test:	1.645	
At the 95.0 % Confidence Level (One-Sided Test):	None	

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# **User Supplied Information**

Location ID:	MW-10	Parameter Code:	00945
Location Class:	Downgradient	Parameter:	SO4, tot
Location Type:		Units:	mg/L
<b>Confidence Level:</b>	95.00%	Period Length:	1 month(s)
Date Range: 12/07/2015 t	o 12/31/2018	Limit Name:	
		Averaged:	No

# Trend Analysis

Trend of the least squares straight line Slope (fitted to data):	-0.032598	mg/L ner dav
R-Squared error of fit:	0.324815	ing/L per day
Sen's Non-parametric estimate of the slope (One-Sided Test)		
Median Slope:	-0.020110	mg/L per day
Lower Confidence Limit of Slope, M1:	-0.052426	mg/L per day
Upper Confidence Limit of Slope, M2+1:	0.000070	mg/L per day
Non-parametric Mann-Kendall Test for Trend		
S Statistic:	-1.640	
Z test:	1.645	
At the 95.0 % Confidence Level (One-Sided Test):	Downware	d

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#### October 28, 2019

Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) § 257.95(g)(3)(ii) allows the owner or operator of a coal combustion residuals (CCR) unit 90 days from the date of determination of statistically significant levels (SSLs) over groundwater protection standards (GWPSs) of groundwater constituents listed in Appendix IV of 40 C.F.R. Part 257 to complete a written demonstration that a source other than the CCR unit being monitored caused the SSL(s), or that the SSL(s) resulted from error in sampling, analysis, statistical evaluation, or natural variation in groundwater quality ("alternate source demonstration").

This alternate source demonstration has been prepared on behalf of Dynegy Miami Fort, LLC, by O'Brien & Gere Engineers, Inc., part of Ramboll (OBG), to provide pertinent information pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 257.95(g)(3)(ii) for the Miami Fort Basin B, located at Miami Fort Power Station (MFS) near North Bend, Ohio.

Initial baseline groundwater monitoring, consisting of a minimum of eight samples, as required under 40 C.F.R. § 257.94(b), was initiated in December 2015 and completed prior to October 17, 2017. Background groundwater quality observed in this time period was compared to concentrations of parameters observed in downgradient monitoring wells during the November 2017 Detection Monitoring Program sampling event; statistically significant increases (SSIs) were identified for one or more 40 C.F.R. Part 257 Appendix III parameters. Consequently, and in accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 257.94(e) and 40 C.F.R. § 257.95, an assessment monitoring program was established by April 9, 2018, for the Miami Fort Basin B.

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Arsenic at wells MW-2 and MW-10

Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 257.95(g)(3)(ii), the following lines of evidence demonstrate that sources other than the Miami Fort Basin B were the cause of the SSLs listed above. This alternate source demonstration (ASD) was completed within 90 days of determination of the SSLs (July 29, 2019), as required by 40 C.F.R. § 257.95(g)(3)(ii).



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- Boring logs indicate organic materials are present in the soils
- MW-2 and MW-10 are among the monitoring wells adjacent to the riverbank, where the lowest oxidationreduction potentials (ORP) at the site were observed

Elevated concentrations of dissolved iron were observed in groundwater at monitoring well MW-2 from 2008 to 2014, where concentrations ranged from 11.8 to 52.1 mg/L. Dissolved iron data was not available for MW-2 after 2014, and no dissolved iron data was available for analysis at MW-10. The USGS reported that elevated background arsenic concentrations in groundwater were associated with iron concentrations greater than 1 mg/L. The iron concentrations observed in MW-2 were at least an order of magnitude greater than 1 mg/L, indicating that groundwater at MW-2 is susceptible to iron-reducing geochemical conditions and elevated background arsenic concentrations in groundwater. The figure below illustrates the strong relationship between increased iron concentration and increased arsenic concentrations in groundwater at MW-2, where the coefficient of determination (R-squared) is 0.87.



Figure 2. Arsenic concentrations versus iron concentrations at well MW-2 (2008-2014)



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Arsenic is naturally present in groundwater and soils at variable concentrations. The arsenic is co-precipitated with iron oxyhydroxides and incorporated into the mineral structure of the soils, but can also be adsorbed to organic matter or the iron oxyhydroxides in the aquifer. Both of these sources of arsenic can be mobilized in groundwater by dissolution or desorption under reducing geochemical conditions, where organic carbon commonly acts as the reducing agent (Thomas *et al.*, 2005; McCarthur *et al.*, 2001). Arsenic-bearing soils are known to be present in the areas near Basin B (OEPA, 2015); and, organic matter, a source of organic carbon and potential reducing agent, was observed in the boring logs for monitoring wells located along the banks of the Great Miami River (see boring logs for wells MW-2, MW-3A, MW-10, and MW-11 in Attachment A). The presence of organic material and arsenic-bearing soils indicates there is potential for naturally occurring arsenic to become mobilized through reductive dissolution or desorption.

Reducing conditions sufficient to mobilize naturally occurring arsenic have also been observed along the bank of the Great Miami River as evidenced by elevated concentrations of dissolved iron, discussed above; and, low ORP measurements observed in the groundwater at monitoring wells MW-2, MW-3A, MW-10, and MW-11 (presented in Figure 3 below).



Figure 3. Oxidation reduction potential time-series for groundwater samples (MW-1 (background), MW-2, MW-3A, MW-7 (background), MW-8, MW-9, MW-10, and MW-11)



The presence of elevated concentrations of arsenic in background soil and groundwater in surrounding areas, as well as the presence of geochemical conditions (*i.e.* reducing conditions) necessary to mobilize arsenic in groundwater, suggests that elevated concentrations of arsenic at monitoring wells MW-2 and MW-10, are likely the result of naturally-occurring geochemical variations within the Uppermost Aquifer.

# LOE #2: BASIN B WATER HAS A DIFFERENT IONIC COMPOSITION THAN GROUNDWATER AT WELLS MW-2 AND MW-10.

Piper diagrams graphically represent ionic composition of aqueous solutions. The figure below is a Piper diagram that displays representative ionic compositions of groundwater including samples from MW-2 and MW-10, and Basin B water. There are two distinct groups identified by green and blue ellipses. These are discussed in more detail below.



Figure 4. Piper diagram showing ionic composition of samples of Basin B water and groundwater



The ionic characteristics of these samples are provided in Table 1 below:

Grouping	Green	Blue
Locations	Basin B Water	Groundwater
<b>Dominant Cation</b>	High Magnesium	High Calcium
<b>Dominant Anion</b>	High Sulfate	High Carbonate-Bicarbonate

#### Table 1. Summary of Ionic Classification

The results can be categorized into two distinct groups. The Basin B water (green group) is high in magnesium cations and high in sulfate anions. The groundwater (blue group) is high in calcium cations and high in carbonate-bicarbonate anions. The blue group is comprised of both background and downgradient monitoring wells, indicating that wells MW-2 and MW-10 share similar characteristics to background water quality. The separation between Basin B water and downgradient groundwater collected from monitoring wells MW-2 and MW-10 demonstrates that there is no impact to groundwater from the Basin B water at these monitoring wells with elevated arsenic concentrations.

# LOE #3: CONCENTRATIONS OF CCR INDICATOR PARAMETERS, BORON AND SULFATE, ARE STABLE OR DECREASING, AND BELOW THE UPPER PREDICTION LIMIT AT MW-2 AND MW-10, INDICATING THAT CCR IS NOT THE SOURCE OF THE OBSERVED IMPACTS.

Boron and sulfate are primary indicators of CCR impacts to groundwater. Concentrations of boron and sulfate in monitoring wells MW-2 and MW-10 are stable or decreasing, and below UPLs established using background monitoring wells (*i.e.*, statistically significant increase [SSI] limits), as illustrated in the boron and sulfate timeseries plots below.



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Figure 5. Boron concentration time-series for groundwater samples collected from monitoring wells MW-1 (background), MW-2, MW-7 (background), and MW-10 (note: non-detect analysis results for all wells are shown with red circles)





Figure 6. Sulfate concentration time-series for groundwater samples collected from monitoring wells MW-1 (background), MW-2, MW-7 (background), and MW-10 (note: non-detect analysis results for all wells are shown with red circles)

From Figure 5 and Figure 6, above, the following observations can be made:

- Boron and sulfate are stable or decreasing. Mann-Kendall trend analyses (Attachment B) were performed to determine whether the concentration trend for wells MW-2 and MW-10 are statistically significant. Most trends were determined not to be statistically significant with the exception of the sulfate trend at MW-10, which was determined to be decreasing.
- Boron concentrations in well MW-2 range from 0.322 to 1.9 mg/L from December 2015 through March 2019. Boron concentrations in well MW-10 range from non-detect (less than 0.08 mg/L) to 2.02 mg/L. Boron concentrations in background wells range from 0.0645 to 1.9 mg/L. Overall median boron concentration in wells MW-2 and MW-10 were 1.03 mg/L and 0.55 mg/L, respectively, versus 0.624 mg/L in background wells.



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Sulfate concentrations in well MW-2 range from 27.1 to 83.5 mg/L from December 2015 through March 2019. Sulfate concentrations in well MW-10 range from non-detect (less than 5.0 mg/L) to 72 mg/L. Sulfate concentrations in background wells range from 39.1 to 550 mg/L. Overall median sulfate concentration in wells MW-2 and MW-10 were 60.85 mg/L and 15.15 mg/L, respectively, versus 103.5 mg/L in background wells.

Based on the observations above, Basin B is not impacting the groundwater at monitoring wells MW-2 and MW-10. The absence of co-occurring impacts from primary CCR indicator parameters, boron and sulfate, with arsenic, indicates that Basin B is not the source of arsenic in MW-2 and MW-10.

# Based on these three lines of evidence, it has been demonstrated that Basin B has not caused the SSL in MW-2 and MW-10.

This information serves as the written alternate source demonstration, prepared in accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 257.95(g)(3)(ii), that the SSL observed during the assessment monitoring program was not due to the CCR unit, but was from a combination of naturally occurring conditions and potential upgradient anthropogenic impacts. Therefore, a corrective measures assessment is not required and Basin B will remain in assessment monitoring.

- Figure 1 Monitoring Well and Sampling Location Map
- Attachment A Boring Logs for Monitoring Wells MW-2, MW-3A, MW-10 and MW-11

Attachment B Boron and Sulfate Mann-Kendall Trend Analysis Results for Monitoring Wells MW-2 and MW-10

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I, Jacob J. Walczak, certify that the information in this report is accurate as of the date of my signature below. The content of this report is not to be used for other than its intended purpose and meaning, or for extrapolations beyond the interpretations contained herein.

Jacob J. Walczak Senior Hydrogeologist OBG, part of Ramboll Date: October 28, 2019

I, Richard H. Weber, a qualified professional engineer in good standing in the State of Ohio, certify that the information in this report is accurate as of the date of my signature below. The content of this report is not to be used for other than its intended purpose and meaning, or for extrapolations beyond the interpretations contained herein.

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# Figure 1

Monitoring Well and Sampling Location Map



# FIGURE 1









Boring Logs for Monitoring Wells MW-2, MW-3A, MW-10 and MW-11





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# Monitoring Well MW-3A

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Date(s) Drilled	2/25/2009		Logged By	K. Pr	itchard	Checked By	M. Wagner		
Drilling Method	4.25 in. Ho	llow Stem Auger	Drilling Contractor	Belas	sco Drilling Services	Total Depth of Borehole	52.0 feet		
Drill Rig Type	Truck-Mou	inted Auger	Sampler Type	Split	Spoon	Surface Elevation	471.17 feet, msl		
Groundwater Elevation(s)	456.42 ft, m	ısl	Hammer Weiç and Drop	ight	140 lb, Dropped 30-inches	Top of PVC Elevation	473.23 feet, msl		
Diameter of Hole (inches)	8.25	8.25 Diameter of Well (inches) 2			Schedule 40 PVC	Screen Perforation	0.010-Inch		
Type of Sand Pack	Natural Co	llapse	Well Completi at Ground Sur	tion ırface	Riser, With Locking Cap				
Comments	** Split spo	** Split spoon sampler advanced through interval under weight of hammer and rods only							

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	5-					Dark gray silty CLAY with trace fine sand and organics, plastic, very	
-465	-		3	100			
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-460	-					Yellowish brown clayey fine to coarse grained SAND, very loose,	
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	-		2	100		sand lenses	
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	25			100		grades high plasticity	
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# Monitoring Well MW-3A

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ſ		SAMPLES				WEL	L CONSTRUCTION	
Elevation, feet	Depth, feet	Type	Blows per 1-foot Interval	Percent Recovery	Graphic Log	MATERIAL DESCRIPTION		DETAILS
-440	30	$\left\langle \right\rangle$	1	100 100		grades without sand, with trace organics grades with sand, without organics		
-435	35-	$\left\langle \right\rangle$	4	100 100		grades with trace fine sand and increasing silt, without sand lenses, medium plasticity grades with increasing sand, without organics		 Bentonite Seal
	40	$\bigcirc$	6	100		grades with increasing slit, trace sand, very low plasticity, stiff grades with sand, plastic, very soft grades stiff, very low plasticity, very moist		
-430	-	$\bigotimes$	4 8	100		grades with trace organcis, less sand, increasing silt		
405	45-	$\bigcirc$	14	42	0 0 0	Gray fine to coarse grained SAND and sub-rounded to rounded GRAVEL, pebble-sized gravel with trace 1" diameter clasts, very loose, sorted, wet		Natural Collapse of
-423	-	$\left\langle \right\rangle$	7 22	100 63	° ()	- grades with increasing diameter gravel		Formation 2" I.D. Schedule 40 0.010" Slotted Screen
-420	50-	$\bigcirc$	13	50				
-415	- 55					Boring terminated 52' bgs on 2/25/2009. - 2" I.D. Schedule 40 PVC monitoring well installed 52' bgs with 10' 0.010" slotted screen.		
-410	- 60 -						-	
-405	- 65 -					- · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	-	
	70-					TTRS	-	

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# **Attachment B**

Boron and Sulfate Mann-Kendall Trend Analysis Results for Monitoring Wells MW-2 and MW-10



#### **User Supplied Information**

Location ID:	MW-2	Parameter Code:	01022
Location Class:	Downgradient	Parameter:	B, tot
Location Type:		Units:	mg/L
Confidence Level:	95.00%	Period Length:	1 month(s)
Date Range: 12/07/2015 to 04/01/20	19	Limit Name:	
		Averaged:	No

# Trend Analysis

Trend of the least squares straight line		
Slope (fitted to data):	-0.000396	mg/L per day
R-Squared error of fit:	0.127005	
Sen's Non-parametric estimate of the slope (One-Sided Test)		
Median Slope:	-0.000415	mg/L per day
Lower Confidence Limit of Slope, M1:	-0.001072	mg/L per day
Upper Confidence Limit of Slope, M2+1:	0.000250	mg/L per day
Non-parametric Mann-Kendall Test for Trend		
S Statistic:	-1.0286	
Z test:	1.6449	
At the 95.0 % Confidence Level (One-Sided Test):	None	

#### **User Supplied Information**

Location ID:	MW-10	Parameter Code:	01022
Location Class:	Downgradient	Parameter:	B, tot
Location Type:		Units:	mg/L
Confidence Level:	95.00%	Period Length:	1 month(s)
Date Range: 12/07/2015 to 04/01/20	19	Limit Name:	
		Averaged:	No

# Trend Analysis

Trend of the least squares straight line		
Slope (fitted to data):	-0.000883	mg/L per day
R-Squared error of fit:	0.333094	
Sen's Non-parametric estimate of the slope (One-Sided Test)		
Median Slope:	-0.000676	mg/L per day
Lower Confidence Limit of Slope, M1:	-0.001348	mg/L per day
Upper Confidence Limit of Slope, M2+1:	0.000072	mg/L per day
Non-parametric Mann-Kendall Test for Trend		
S Statistic:	-1.3029	
Z test:	1.6449	
At the 95.0 % Confidence Level (One-Sided Test):	None	

#### **User Supplied Information**

Location ID:	MW-2	Parameter Code:	00945
Location Class:	Downgradient	Parameter:	SO4, tot
Location Type:		Units:	mg/L
Confidence Level:	95.00%	Period Length:	1 month(s)
Date Range: 12/07/2015 to 04/	01/2019	Limit Name:	
		Averaged:	No

# Trend Analysis

Trend of the least squares straight line		
Slope (fitted to data):	0.004672	mg/L per day
R-Squared error of fit:	0.012305	
Sen's Non-parametric estimate of the slope (One-Sided Test)		
Median Slope:	-0.001652	mg/L per day
Lower Confidence Limit of Slope, M1:	-0.032458	mg/L per day
Upper Confidence Limit of Slope, M2+1:	0.019992	mg/L per day
Non-parametric Mann-Kendall Test for Trend		
S Statistic:	-0.069	
Z test:	1.645	
At the 95.0 % Confidence Level (One-Sided Test):	None	

#### **User Supplied Information**

Location ID:	MW-10	Parameter Code:	00945
Location Class:	Downgradient	Parameter:	SO4, tot
Location Type:		Units:	mg/L
Confidence Level:	95.00%	Period Length:	1 month(s)
Date Range: 12/07/2015 to 04/01/	2019	Limit Name:	
		Averaged:	No

# Trend Analysis

Trend of the least squares straight line		
Slope (fitted to data):	-0.027382	mg/L per day
R-Squared error of fit:	0.324993	
Sen's Non-parametric estimate of the slope (One-Sided Test)		
Median Slope:	-0.018829	mg/L per day
Lower Confidence Limit of Slope, M1:	-0.038665	mg/L per day
Upper Confidence Limit of Slope, M2+1:	-0.001796	mg/L per day
Non-parametric Mann-Kendall Test for Trend		
S Statistic:	-2.062	
Z test:	1.645	
At the 95.0 % Confidence Level (One-Sided Test):	Downward	