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Subject : Complete analytical results for water sampled in the 11 GSC monitoring wells

Dear Mr. Arbeau and Mr. Graves,

Between 2015 and 2018, you gave us permission to drill 11 monitoring wells (named PO-01 to PO-09, and PO-13 to PO-14; see Table 1 for details) on the Corridor wellpads in the McCully gas field, and to sample and analyze water from these wells on multiple occasions. As explained at the beginning, this activity is part of a project carried out by Natural Resources Canada, which aims at evaluating the potential impacts of shale gas activities on groundwater quality in the McCully gas field and Elgin areas, near Sussex. The sampling is now finished, and the analytical results obtained from the monitoring wells drilled on the pads and from the other wells sampled in the area have allowed us to assess the quality of groundwater, better understand the groundwater circulation in this area, and identify, when present, the origin of hydrocarbons in groundwater. While some data still need to be analyzed, our preliminary interpretation based on the available results of our chemical analyses of the groundwater and rock is that the methane in groundwater in your region originates from shallow depths (likely within the upper 100 m or 300 ft), where it is either naturally produced by microorganisms or slowly released from shallow bedrock pores, which naturally contain hydrocarbons at some locations. The small concentrations of methane locally measured in some wells would thus not be related to hydraulic fracturing or activities associated to natural gas production in this area and its presence is harmless. In the coming year, data analysis will be completed, and we will send you a summary of our final interpretation concerning methane in groundwater in the McCully/Elgin region.

The groundwater samples collected from the monitoring wells drilled on the Corridor wellpads were analyzed for a series of physico-chemical parameters. As you will see, the wells were sampled for a wide suite of analytes on the first occasion, and then for a smaller selection of analytes on subsequent visits. You will find enclosed the results of all analyses, and a brief explanation on the analyzed parameters. Please note that all monitoring wells drilled on the Corridor wellpads were properly decommissioned during summer 2018. A report on their decommissioning is currently being prepared and will be sent shortly.

We take this opportunity to thank you again for your collaboration. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any question. We will of course send you any manuscript related to this project, prior to its publication.

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A) Choice of analyzed parameters

The parameters analyzed in this project were chosen in order to characterize the natural quality of groundwater from a geochemical standpoint. Firstly, concentrations of natural gas dissolved in water were analyzed. Natural gas is mainly composed of methane, with possible occurrence of other gases such as ethane and propane. Concentrations of these three gases were therefore analyzed, in addition to a series of 54 other volatile organic compounds (VOCs). Moreover, a series of general parameters was targeted, which are commonly analyzed in groundwater used for human consumption. These include various metals, and several anions such as nitrate and chloride. On the other hand, certain parameters which are not naturally or commonly found in groundwater (for example, pesticides), were not analyzed even if they are subjected to regulations regarding drinking water quality. Likewise, microbiological analyses (bacteria, viruses) were not performed. Finally, isotopic analyses were conducted on selected compounds, which help us characterize and understand the groundwater system.

B) Applicable water quality criteria

Some of the parameters analyzed in this project do not pose a known risk to human health, and are therefore not subjected to water quality guidelines. Inversely, for parameters which are known to pose a risk to human health, drinking water quality guidelines, expressed as Maximum Acceptable Concentrations (MACs), have been adopted by the Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health - Public Health branch (OCMOH). Finally, other parameters analyzed within this project do not pose a health risk, but above certain concentrations they may cause a degradation of aesthetic properties of water (color, odor, taste...) or technical nuisance such as stains on clothes, the use of more soap than usual, or formation of mineral deposits (scale) in water heaters and pipes. For these parameters the OCMOH has adopted non-enforceable recommendations in the form of Aesthetic Objectives (AOs). You will find the MACs and AOs in the tables presenting your analytical results. They can also be consulted on the OCMOH website at: http://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/departments/ocmoh/healthy_environments/content/drinking_water_guidelines.html. Moreover, Health Canada has established a few other AOs and MACs that have not been retained by the OCMOH. For your information, we included these guidelines in the tables. For each AO or MAC, we indicate which regulatory organization (OCMOH or Health Canada) it is related to. Of note, a few VOCs (Table 4) have both an AO from OCMOH and a MAC from Health Canada, as different concentrations of these compounds can be associated with an unpleasant odor or a health risk.

C) Summary of analytical results

The results obtained on-site with a multi-parameter probe (Table 2), or from chemical analyses conducted in the laboratory (Tables 3-6), showed that water from the (now decommissioned) observation wells was of generally good quality. Only a few AOs (aesthetic objectives) were exceeded for pH, temperature, iron, manganese, sodium, chloride, sulfate and total dissolved solids. None of the MACs (health-based maximum allowed concentrations) were exceeded.

An in-depth interpretation of hydrocarbon origin will be sent in the following year.

Table 1. Location and depth of the monitoring wells.

Well ID	Drilling date	x coordinate	y coordinate	Projection	Corresponding Corridor wellpad	Total well depth (m)
PO-01	26-11-2015	310 809	5 070 597	UTM NAD 83 zone 20	O-76	50.3
PO-02	26-11-2015	313 893	5 072 388	UTM NAD 83 zone 20	N-57	50.3
PO-03	27-11-2015	316 438	5 073 673	UTM NAD 83 zone 20	G-48	50.3
PO-04	27-11-2015	310 110	5 067 616	UTM NAD 83 zone 20	C-75	50.3
PO-05	28-11-2015	320 805	5 073 135	UTM NAD 83 zone 20	H-28	50.3
PO-06	29-11-2015	314 936	5 070 566	UTM NAD 83 zone 20	P-56	50.3
PO-07	05-07-2016	310 116	5 067 610	UTM NAD 83 zone 20	C-75	50.3
PO-08	07-07-2016	336 133	5 078 234	UTM NAD 83 zone 20	G-41	39.6
PO-09	09-07-2016	314 941	5 070 570	UTM NAD 83 zone 20	P-56	80.2
PO-13	06-06-2018	313 892	5 072 390	UTM NAD 83 zone 20	N-57	50.6
PO-14	07-06-2018	310 812	5 070 601	UTM NAD 83 zone 20	O-76	50.7

Table 2. Physico-chemical parameters measured in the field. Cells highlighted in green indicate exceedance of the aesthetic objective (AO).

Well ID	Sampling Date	Sampling depth ⁽¹⁾ (m)	Compound:	pH	Redox potential (ORP) ⁽²⁾	Redox potential (Eh) ⁽²⁾	Dissolved oxygen (DO)	Dissolved oxygen (DO)	Specific Conductivity	Salinity	Temperature	
			Unit:		mV	mV	%	mg/L	µS/cm	PSU	°C	
			Detection Limit:									
			MAC ⁽³⁾ : Reg. org. ⁽⁵⁾ :									
			AO ⁽⁴⁾ : Reg. org. ⁽⁵⁾ :		7.0-10.5 Health Can							15 Health Can
PO-01	2015-12-02	45.0		7.68	132.5	337.5	33.80	4.00	2653	1.38	7.32	
	02-03-2016	45.0		7.64	188.4	393.4	23.40	2.79	2909	1.51	6.81	
	08-08-2016	40.0		8.21	46.5	251.5	20.80	2.25	3015	1.58	11.47	
	08-11-2016	40.0		7.62	59.7	264.7	20.1	2.24	3238	1.72	9.56	
	07-03-2017	40.0		7.45	80.6	285.6	25.4	3.07	3123	1.64	6.76	
	22-06-2017	40.0		7.64	134.7	339.7	26.90	2.88	3194	1.68	12.01	
	11-10-2017	40.0		7.68	99.8	304.8	30.40	3.49	3282	1.73	8.83	
	14-02-2018	40.0		7.61	63.0	268.0	19.30	2.26	3209	1.69	7.84	
PO-02	2015-12-02	artesian		7.65	61.4	266.4	64.7	7.84	987	0.49	7.89	
	01-03-2016	artesian		7.48	65.6	270.6	69.3	8.26	679	0.33	7.51	
	08-08-2016	artesian		7.81	131.3	336.3	60.30	7.10	755	0.37	7.85	
	08-11-2016	artesian		8.85	-568.0	-363.0	0	0	439	0.21	12.73	
PO-03	2015-12-02	45.0		8.05	120.3	325.3	93.8	11.01	173	0.08	7.84	
	01-03-2016	45.0		8.00	94.9	299.9	73.6	9.16	184	0.09	5.89	
	08-08-2016	33.0		7.61	105.3	310.3	77.7	8.2	166	0.08	12.53	
	08-11-2016	33.0		7.48	174.7	379.7	79.2	8.88	191	0.09	9.17	
PO-04	2015-12-02	45.0		7.25	48.8	253.8	7.9	0.92	458	0.22	7.98	
	02-03-2016	45.0		7.62	154.0	359.0	49.2	5.77	378	0.18	7.11	
	08-08-2016	18.4		7.43	11.6	216.6	0.00	0.00	419	0.20	14.99	
	09-11-2016	18.4		7.27	20.4	225.4	0	0	431	0.21	12.48	
	07-03-2017	18.4		7.10	-3.3	201.7	0	0	445	0.22	8.35	
	22-06-2017	18.4		7.36	-115.7	89.3	2.00	0.21	449	0.22	12.50	
	11-10-2017	18.4		7.15	-40.9	164.1	4.5	0.48	386	0.19	12.37	
	14-02-2018	18.4		7.46	-114.6	90.4	0	0	465	0.23	9.24	
	11-06-2018	18.4										
21-08-2018	18.4											
PO-05	2015-12-03	20.0		5.93	62.7	267.7	13.30	1.52	204	0.10	8.3	
	01-03-2016	20.0		5.46	201.7	406.7	13.50	1.60	121	0.06	7.08	
	10-08-2016	16.5		6.60	129.4	334.4	4.6	0.46	142	0.07	16.04	
	09-11-2016	16.5		5.86	188.0	393.0	0.00	0.00	118	0.06	11.38	
PO-06	2015-12-03	45.0		7.84	86.5	291.5	26.50	2.96	274	0.13	9.09	
	01-03-2016	45.0		7.58	81.6	286.6	10.1	1.18	304	0.15	8.24	
	10-08-2016	46.0		8.56	-24.9	180.1	8.50	0.89	282	0.14	13.62	
	09-11-2016	46.0		7.63	15.7	220.7	0	0	290	0.14	11.25	
	07-03-2017	46.0		7.53	90.2	295.2	11.4	1.26	293	0.14	10.28	
	11-07-2017	46.0		7.72	57.8	262.8	14.60	1.58	292	0.14	11.51	

Table 3. Dissolved gas concentrations, and gas dryness ratio. nd= non detected

Well ID	Sampling Date	Sampling depth ⁽¹⁾ (m)	Compound:	Methane	Methane	Ethane	Propane	Molar dryness ratio C ₁ /(C ₂ +C ₃)
			Unit:	mg/L	µg/L	µg/L	µg/L	
			Detection Limit:	0.006	6	2	1	
			MAC ⁽³⁾ : Reg. org. ⁽⁵⁾ :					
			AO ⁽⁴⁾ : Reg. org. ⁽⁵⁾ :					
PO-01	02-12-2015	45.0		nd	nd	nd	trace	-
	02-03-2016	45.0		nd	nd	nd	nd	-
	08-08-2016	40.0		nd	nd	nd	nd	-
	08-11-2016	40.0		0.12	123	nd	nd	-
	07-03-2017	40.0		nd	nd	nd	nd	-
	22-06-2017	40.0		nd	nd	nd	nd	-
	11-10-2017	40.0		nd	nd	nd	nd	-
	14-02-2018	40.0		nd	nd	nd	nd	-
PO-02	02-12-2015	artesian		nd	nd	nd	nd	-
	01-03-2016	artesian		nd	nd	nd	nd	-
	08-08-2016	artesian		nd	nd	nd	nd	-
	08-11-2016	artesian		nd	nd	nd	nd	-
PO-03	02-12-2015	45.0		trace	trace	nd	nd	-
	01-03-2016	45.0		nd	nd	nd	nd	-
	08-08-2016	33.0		nd	nd	nd	nd	-
	08-11-2016	33.0		nd	nd	nd	nd	-
PO-04	02-12-2015	45.0		0.14	143	nd	trace	-
	02-03-2016	45.0		nd	nd	nd	nd	-
	08-08-2016	18.4		0.78	780	nd	nd	-
	09-11-2016	18.4		0.12	124	nd	nd	-
	07-03-2017	18.4		0.004	4	nd	nd	-
	22-06-2017	18.4		0.39	385	5	nd	144
	11-10-2017	18.4		nd	nd	nd	nd	-
	14-02-2018	18.4		0.14	139	nd	nd	-
	11-06-2018	18.4		0.34	335	nd	1	-
21-08-2018	18.4		0.11	108	nd	nd	-	
PO-05	03-12-2015	20.0		nd	nd	nd	nd	-
	01-03-2016	20.0		nd	nd	nd	nd	-
	10-08-2016	16.5		nd	nd	nd	nd	-
	09-11-2016	16.5		nd	nd	nd	nd	-
PO-06	03-12-2015	45.0		trace	trace	nd	trace	-
	01-03-2016	45.0		nd	nd	nd	nd	-
	10-08-2016	46.0		nd	nd	trace	5	-
	09-11-2016	46.0		nd	nd	nd	nd	-
	07-03-2017	46.0		nd	nd	nd	nd	-
	11-07-2017	46.0		nd	nd	nd	nd	-

Table 3 (continued). Dissolved gas concentrations, and gas dryness ratio. nd= non detected

Well ID	Sampling Date	Sampling depth ⁽¹⁾ (m)	Compound:	Methane	Methane	Ethane	Propane	Molar dryness ratio C ₁ /(C ₂ +C ₃)
			Unit:	mg/L	µg/L	µg/L	µg/L	
			Detection Limit:	0.006	6	2	1	
			MAC ⁽³⁾ : Reg. org. ⁽⁵⁾ :					
			AO ⁽⁴⁾ : Reg. org. ⁽⁵⁾ :					
PO-07	08-08-2016	17.5		0.84	843	trace	nd	-
	09-11-2016	17.5		0.19	192	nd	nd	-
	07-03-2017	17.5		nd	nd	nd	nd	-
	22-06-2017	17.5		0.20	195	7	nd	52
	11-10-2017	17.5		nd	nd	nd	nd	-
	14-02-2018	17.5		0.07	66	nd	nd	-
	11-06-2018	17.5		0.19	185	nd	nd	-
	21-08-2018	17.5		0.05	50	nd	nd	-
PO-08	10-08-2016	39.6		nd	nd	nd	nd	-
	10-11-2016	39.6		nd	nd	nd	nd	-
	12-10-2017	39.6		nd	nd	nd	nd	-
PO-09	09-08-2016	45.8		nd	nd	45	nd	-
	09-11-2016	45.8		nd	nd	nd	9	-
	07-03-2017	45.0		nd	nd	nd	nd	-
	22-06-2017	45.0		0.02	18	nd	nd	-
	11-10-2017	45.0		nd	nd	nd	nd	-
	14-02-2018	45.0		nd	nd	nd	nd	-
	11-06-2018	45.0		nd	nd	nd	1	-
21-08-2018	45.0		0.01	9	nd	nd	-	
PO-13	11-06-2018	49.0		nd	nd	nd	1	-
PO-14	10-06-2018	49.7		0.01	9	nd	1	-

Table 5 (continued). Dissolved metals. Dissolved metals. Cells highlighted in green indicate exceedance of the aesthetic objective (AO). nd= non detected

Well ID	Sampling date	Sampling depth ⁽¹⁾ (m)	Compound:	Aluminum (Al)	Antimony (Sb)	Silver (Ag)	Arsenic (As)	Barium (Ba)	Beryllium (Be)	Bismuth (Bi)	Boron (B)	Cadmium (Cd)	Calcium (Ca)	Chromium (Cr)	Cobalt (Co)	Copper (Cu)	Tin (Sn)	Iron (Fe)	Lithium (Li)	Magnesium (Mg)	Manganese (Mn)	Molybdenum (Mo)	Nickel (Ni)	Lead (Pb)	Potassium (K)	Selenium (Se)	Silicium (Si)	Strontium (Sr)	Sodium (Na)	Uranium (U)	Titanium (Ti)	Vanadium (V)	Zinc (Zn)		
			Unit:	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L
			Detection Limit:	0.01	0.001	0.0001	0.001	0.002	0.0005	0.0003	0.02	0.0002	0.3	0.0005	0.0005	0.0005	0.001	0.1	0.01	0.1	0.0004	0.0005	0.001	0.0001	0.1	0.001	0.1	0.002	0.1	0.001	0.01	0.002	0.01	0.002	0.005
			MAC ⁽³⁾ :		0.006		0.01	1			5	0.005		0.05												0.01		0.01				0.02			
			Reg. org. ⁽⁵⁾ :		OCMOH		OCMOH	OCMOH			OCMOH	OCMOH		OCMOH												OCMOH		OCMOH				OCMOH			
AO ⁽⁴⁾ :															1		0.3				0.05							200					5		
Reg. org. ⁽⁵⁾ :															OCMOH		OCMOH				OCMOH							OCMOH					Health Can		
PO-07	08-08-2016	17.5		nd	nd	nd	nd	0.84	nd	nd	nd	nd	78	0.0011	nd	0.0007	nd	nd	nd	3.2	0.12	0.00085	0.0025	nd	1.4	nd	5.2	0.093	8.7	nd	nd	nd	0.009		
	09-11-2016	17.5																																	
	07-03-2017	17.5																																	
	22-06-2017	17.5																																	
	11-10-2017	17.5																																	
	14-02-2018	17.5																																	
	11-06-2018	17.5																																	
21-08-2018	17.5																																		
PO-08	10-08-2016	39.6																																	
	10-11-2016	39.6																																	
	12-10-2017	39.6																																	
PO-09	09-08-2016	45.8		nd	nd	nd	nd	0.079	nd	nd	0.025	nd	38	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	7.7	0.047	0.0038	0.0012	nd	2	nd	4	0.089	7.6	0.0011	nd	nd	0.009		
	09-11-2016	45.8																																	
	07-03-2017	45.0																																	
	22-06-2017	45.0																																	
	11-10-2017	45.0																																	
	14-02-2018	45.0																																	
	11-06-2018	45.0																																	
21-08-2018	45.0																																		
PO-13	11-06-2018	49.0		nd	nd	nd	0.00057	0.21	nd	nd	0.043	nd	170	0.00056	nd	nd	nd	nd	0.023	6.4	0.0019	0.00063	nd	nd	3.9	nd	6.8	7.1	64	0.014	nd	nd	nd		
PO-14	10-06-2018	49.7		nd	nd	nd	0.00086	0.0078	nd	nd	0.22	nd	350	0.0013	nd	nd	nd	nd	0.037	9	0.0025	0.00062	0.0014	nd	6.1	0.0013	6.2	11	250	0.019	nd	nd	nd		

Table 6 (continued). Major anions and general chemical parameters. Cells highlighted in green indicate exceedance of the aesthetic objective (AO). nd= non detected

Well ID	Sampling Date	Sampling depth ⁽¹⁾ (m)	Compound:	Ammonia nitrogen (N-NH ₃)	Fluoride (F)	Inorganic phosphorus (P)	Sulfide (as S ₂ ⁻)	Total alkalinity (as CaCO ₃) pH 4.5	Bromide (Br ⁻)	Chloride (Cl ⁻)	Nitrate and Nitrite (as N)	Sulfate (SO ₄)	Dissolved inorganic carbon (DIC)	Dissolved organic carbon (DOC)	Calculated hardness (Ca+Mg)	Calculated hardness (Ca+Mg)	Hardness class ⁽⁸⁾	Total dissolved solids (TDS)	Salinity class (soft, brackish or saltwater) ⁽⁹⁾			
			Unit:	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L CaCO ₃	grains/gallon		mg/L		
			Detection Limit:	0.05	0.1	0.02	0.02	1	0.1	0.05	0.02	0.5	0.05	0.05								
			MAC ⁽³⁾ : Reg. org. ⁽⁵⁾ :		1.5 OCMOH						10 OCMOH											
			AO ⁽⁴⁾ : Reg. org. ⁽⁵⁾ :				0.05 Health Can			250 OCMOH		500 OCMOH									500 Health Can	
PO-07	08-08-2016	17.5		0.04	nd	nd	nd	210	nd	8.9	0.04	4.2	56.2	1.22	208	12	very hard	241	soft			
	09-11-2016	17.5											61.0									
	07-03-2017	17.5																				
	22-06-2017	17.5																				
	11-10-2017	17.5																				
	14-02-2018	17.5																				
	11-06-2018	17.5																				
21-08-2018	17.5																					
PO-08	10-08-2016	39.6																				
	10-11-2016	39.6																				
	12-10-2017	39.6																				
PO-09	09-08-2016	45.8		nd	0.2	nd	nd	120	nd	4.4	nd	12	32.4	0.48	127	7	hard	155	soft			
	09-11-2016	45.8											33.4									
	07-03-2017	45.0																				
	22-06-2017	45.0																				
	11-10-2017	45.0																				
	14-02-2018	45.0																				
	11-06-2018	45.0																				
21-08-2018	45.0																					
PO-13	11-06-2018	49.0		nd	nd	nd	nd	71	0.1	300	0.42	110	17.2		451	26	very hard	710	soft			
PO-14	10-06-2018	49.7		nd	nd	nd	nd	46	nd	410	0.08	910	11.1		912	53	very hard	1975	brackish			

Table 7 (continued). Isotopic values.

Well ID	Sampling date	Sampling depth ⁽¹⁾ (m)	Compound and related isotopic value: Unit ⁽¹⁰⁾ :	Tritium (³ H)		DIC- ¹⁴ C (corrected to -25‰ δ ¹³ C)		DIC-δ ¹³ C	DOC-δ ¹³ C	H ₂ O-δ ¹⁸ O	H ₂ O-δ ¹⁷ O	H ₂ O-δ ² H	CH ₄ -δ ¹³ C	CH ₄ -δ ² H	Strontium		²²² Rn	
				TU	± 1σ	pmC	± 1σ	‰ (PDB)	‰ (PDB)	‰ (VSMOW)	‰ (VSMOW)	‰ (VSMOW)	‰ (PDB)	‰ (VSMOW)	⁸⁷ Sr/ ⁸⁶ Sr	± 2σ	Bq/L	± 2σ
PO-07	08-08-2016	17.5		4.1	0.5	74.19	0.22	-15.29		-9.4		-64.0	-47.2	-199	0.709837	0.000015	113.59	
	09-11-2016	17.5						-15.22					-49.2	-207				
	07-03-2017	17.5																
	22-06-2017	17.5											-52.2	-160				
	11-10-2017	17.5																
	14-02-2018	17.5											-51.4	-256				
	11-06-2018	17.5											-55.1	-279				
	21-08-2018	17.5																
PO-08	10-08-2016	?																
	10-11-2016	?																
	12-10-2017	?																
PO-09	09-08-2016	45.8		1.7	0.3	37.36	0.14	-17.26		-10.39		-69.5			0.709946	0.000016	28.90	
	09-11-2016	45.8						-16.7										
	07-03-2017	45.0																
	22-06-2017	45.0																
	11-10-2017	45.0																
	14-02-2018	45.0																
	11-06-2018	45.0																
	21-08-2018	45.0																
PO-13	11-06-2018	49.0		1.2	0.4					-10.7		-73.1			0.708197	0.000005	46.76	2.43
PO-14	10-06-2018	49.7		<0.8	0.3					-10.6		-71.4			0.708110	0.000005	77.10	3.96

- (1): Wells were sampled at the depth where the most productive water-bearing fracture was identified using borehole geophysics.
- (2): Redox potential values are reported in two ways, namely: 1) the ORP value which is provided by the multi-parameter probe containing an Ag/AgCl electrode, and 2) a corrected value (Eh) relative to the standard hydrogen electrode.
- (3): MACs (maximum allowed concentrations) are health-based enforceable guidelines from the New Brunswick Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health - Public Health branch (OCMOH). In addition, a few VOCs (toluene, ethylbenzene, xylene) have MACs determined by Health Canada, but which have not been retained by the OCMOH. They are nonetheless listed for your information.
- (4): AOs (aesthetic objectives) are non-enforceable guidelines from the OCMOH. In addition, a few parameters (temperature, pH, total dissolved solids, sulfide and zinc) have AOs determined by Health Canada, but which have not been retained by the OCMOH. They are nonetheless listed for your information.
- (5): Regulatory org. = regulatory organization (either Health Canada or OCMOH).
- (6): Only VOCs that were detected in at least one sample are listed in Table 4. The complete list of analyzed VOCs and their detection limit is the following:

Compound	Detection limit (µg/L)	Compound	Detection limit (µg/L)	Compound	Detection limit (µg/L)
tribromomethane	0.14	trans-1,3-dichloropropene	0.20	bromobenzene	0.10
dichloroethene	0.12	toluene	0.09	propylbenzene	0.07
DCM	0.14	cis-1,3-dichloropropene	0.20	2-chlorotoluene	0.09
dichloroethene	0.14	1,1,2-trichloroethane	0.12	1,3,5-trimethylbenzene	0.06
dichloroethane	0.16	1,3-dichloropropane	0.16	4-chlorotoluene	0.08
dichloroethene	0.23	tetrachloroethylene	0.08	tert-butylbenzene	0.08
2,2 dichloropropane	0.23	dibromochloromethane	0.16	1,2,4-trimethylbenzene	0.07
trichloromethane	0.16	1,2-dibromoethane	0.27	(1-methylpropyl)benzene	0.07
bromochloromethane	0.12	chlorobenzene	0.09	isopropyltoluene	0.07
trichloroethane	0.12	1,1,1,2-tetrachloroethane	0.12	dichlorobenzene	0.07
tetrachloromethane	0.20	ethylbenzene	0.12	dichlorobenzene	0.09
1,2-dichloro-1-propene	0.20	m-xylene	0.07	butylbenzene	0.10
benzene	0.15	o-xylene	0.07	dichlorobenzene	0.09
1,2-dichloroethane	0.15	styrene	0.07	trichlorobenzene	0.81
trichloroethylene	0.16	tribromomethane	0.20	1,2-dibromo-3-chloropropane	0.20
1,2-dichloropropane	0.15	isopropylbenzene	0.07	hexachlorobutadiene	0.18
dibromomethane	0.16	tetrachloroethane	0.16	naphthalene	0.27
bromodichloromethane	0.14	1,2,3-trichloropropane	0.16	trichlorobenzene	0.24

(7): MAC and AO for xylene apply to the sum of m-, para- and o-xylene

(8): Hardness classes are computed from the Ca+Mg hardness (measured as Ca-CO₃ at pH 4.5), based on Health Canada criteria: 0-60 mg/L is soft, 60-120 mg/L is moderately soft, 120-180 is hard, >180 is very hard.

(9): Water salinity classes are related to total dissolved solids (TDS): 0-1000 mg/L is softwater, 1000-10 000 mg/L is brackish water, > 10 000 mg/L is saltwater. Classes are based on Freeze, A. and Cherry, J. (1979) Groundwater. Prentice-Hall inc., Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey, 604.p.

(10): Isotopic units are the following, and +/- (x) σ is the uncertainty reported by the laboratory:

TU= tritium units pmC= percent modern carbon

‰ (PDB)= per mil relative to the Pee Dee Belemnite standard for carbon

‰ (VSMOW)= per mil relative to the Vienna Standard Mean Ocean Water standard for carbon and hydrogen

Bq/L= Becquerel per liter