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UNDERTAKEN AT THE
BRYN PICA LANDFILL SITE DURING THE PERIOD
JAN 19 – DEC 19

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Executive Summary

Amgen Cymru has carried out a review of the results of environmental monitoring activities undertaken at the Bryn Pica landfill site, during 2019.

The submission to the Environment Agency (EA) of a periodic review of environmental monitoring results is required under Section 4.2 of the sites Environmental Permit. It is outlined in this document that such a review should include:

- a) A review of the results of the monitoring and assessment carried out in accordance with this permit against the relevant assumptions, parameters and results in the risk assessments submitted with the Application.*

The purpose of this report is to fulfil the above requirement of Section 4.2 Reporting to the Environmental Permit for the Bryn Pica Landfill Site, Rhondda – Cynon – Taff.

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Terms of Reference and Context

- 1.1.1 Amgen Cymru (Amgen), [which is the trading name for the site permit holders Cynon Valley Waste Disposal Company Ltd] has carried out a review of the results of the environmental monitoring activities undertaken at the Bryn Pica landfill site.
- 1.1.2 Cynon Valley Waste has operated the Bryn Pica Landfill Site since its opening in 1993, when filling of the now restored Phase 1 began. The current EP Permit for the landfill area of the site (Number DP3732SQ) was issued by the Environment Agency initially on the 28th June 2006 as a PPC Permit, before transferring to an EP Permit on the 6th April 2008, which sets out the statutory requirements for the site's environmental management.
- 1.1.3 The site is currently active and accepting non-hazardous wastes. The site was operating under a Waste Management Licence (WML) until June of 2006 when the issue of the Permit superseded the WML for the landfill area of the site.
- 1.1.4 This document provides a review of leachate, groundwater and surface water monitoring carried out at the site during the period Jan 19 - Dec 19. This information has been reviewed in conjunction with previous monitoring results to provide for long term environmental trends.
- 1.1.5 Landfill Gas monitoring carried out at the Bryn Pica Landfill Site is reviewed separately in report no. AC2020/ENV/02 submitted in conjunction with this report.

1.2 Scope of Work

- 1.2.1 The submission to the Environment Agency (EA) of a periodic review of environmental monitoring results is required under Section 4.2 of the site permit conditions. It is outlined in this document that such a review should include:
- a) *A review of the results of the monitoring and assessment carried out in accordance with the Permit against the relevant assumptions, parameters and results in the risk assessments submitted with the Application;*
- 1.2.2 This report constitutes Amgen's submission under 4.2 (a) of the Environmental Permit for the Bryn Pica Landfill Site and includes analysis of:
- Leachate Monitoring
 - Surface Water Quality Monitoring
 - Groundwater Quality Monitoring

1.3 Environmental Assessment Criteria

- 1.3.1 As outlined in the Environment Agency's 'Guidance on monitoring of landfill leachate, groundwater and surface water', the results of Amgen's environmental monitoring exercises at the Bryn Pica site are compared to a series of assessment criteria.
- 1.3.2 These are intended to draw the attention of site management and the regulator (now NRW, formerly EA Wales) to the development of any adverse trends in environmental management at the site.

Environmental Assessment Limits

- 1.3.3 Environmental Assessment Limits (EAL's) are used in this report to quantify the potential impact the Bryn Pica landfill is having on proximal surface water and groundwater environments.
- 1.3.2 For those relevant leachate contamination determinands, monitoring results have been compared to EAL's, deemed to be the most appropriate Water Quality Standard (WQS), as published in Appendix A8 of the EA's guidance on Hydrogeological Risk Assessments for landfills (LFTGN01, April 2003), namely:
- **EQS-FWTR** Freshwater Environmental Quality Standards;
 - **WHO-GV** World Health Organisation (WHO) lifetime exposure guidelines;
 - **WHO-ATO** WHO Limits for effects on appearance, taste, or odour; or
 - **DWS-UK** UK Drinking Water Standards.
- 1.3.3 For the purpose of consistency the UK Drinking Water Standard (DWS-UK) values are used by this report as the default EAL, where specific contaminants are not represented in the DWS-UK standards, one of the alternative standards has been used.

2. SITE DESCRIPTION

2.1 Site Location and Surroundings

- 2.1.1 The Bryn Pica Landfill Site is located approximately 4 km North of Aberdare at National Grid Reference (NGR) SO 010 047, at an elevation of between 260 – 350 mAOB, on the Northern slope of the Cynon Valley. The sites location in relation to its environmental setting is illustrated in Dwg. No. AC2020/ENV/01/001 (Site Location Plan).
- 2.1.2 The landfill waste disposal facility at the Bryn Pica site has been established in former opencast coal workings, with some mined coal seams beneath. The site also contains site offices, a Materials Recycling Facility (MRF), a Sorting Shed, a Landfill Gas Power Generation Scheme and a Leachate Treatment Plant (LTP).
- 2.1.3 In July 2011 the Company relocated the Community Recycling Centre (CRC Site) from Bryn Pica to the Ty Amgen Site. The Ty Amgen site is located approximately 1 mile down the road towards the village of Llwydcoed in the Waste Management Facility previously operated by Parle Skip Hire.

2.2 Environmental Setting

- 2.2.1 A detailed assessment of the Bryn Pica landfill site in relation to its environmental setting is provided in Report Number AM5458/ESID produced as part of the sites PPC Permit application. The main details of which are summarised below:

Hydrogeology:

- 2.2.2 The Bryn Pica landfill site overlies the North limb of the South Wales Coalfield Syncline, comprising Carboniferous middle and lower coal measure strata. These comprise cyclic deposits with aquifer forming rocks (i.e. sandstones) separated by non-aquifer forming rocks (i.e. siltstone, mudstone, coals and associated argillaceous horizons).
- 2.2.3 Typical for the area, coal seams are crossed with several faults, with a large fault system (Werfa Fault) running just North of the site.
- 2.2.4 The majority of coal seams underlying the Bryn Pica landfill site have under gone extensive deep mining, with the Nine Feet and Gellideg seams proving highly productive. Below the Gellideg seam, as well as interspersing higher seams extensive ironstone formations were identified and worked.
- 2.2.5 The Bryn Pica site was extensively opencast during the 1950's and 1960's. During that period it is reported that occasional worked coal seams (and their associated shafts / adits) were exposed at the base of the open cast excavations. Following completion of the opencast mining at the site, backfilling of the opencast void was undertaken using the opencast waste arising. In place of the natural geology, a heterogeneous mix of sandstones, siltstones and mudstones now exists. In places this is known to be up to 70m thick.
- 2.2.6 It is anticipated that groundwater infiltrating the opencast backfill material is intercepted by deep mine workings. Previous studies have shown that the most likely discharge point for this deep mine groundwater is at the location of the Watercourse Level, which exits the hillside within the industrial area known as the Prysmian Cable Works, national grid reference (NGR) SN 997040.
- 2.2.7 Groundwater issuing from the Watercourse Level is discharged to the Avon Cynon a

short distance away at NGR 001035.

Hydrology:

- 2.2.8 During the period 2001 – 2009 the Avon Cynon between NGR SN 968 053 and SO 004 027 has been classified by the Environment Agency as being of very good quality (Class A).
- 2.2.9 The Nant-y-Derlwyn watercourse discharges to the Avon Cynon at NGR SO 994041 flowing in a south westerly direction along Mynydd Aberdar (originating at NGR SO 015058). This watercourse is located approximately 500m away from the Bryn Pica landfill site in a westerly direction.
- 2.2.10 Adjacent to the south of the landfill site an unnamed stream flows in a south westerly direction, joining the Avon Cynon at NGR SO 003 034.

2.3 Environmental Management Systems

- 2.3.1 The Bryn Pica site consists of 4 phases of landfill waste disposal. These include the Phase 1 Dilute and Disperse cell (completed Jun 01) and the containment cells of: Phase 2 (comprising cell divisions 2a, 2b and 2c), Phase 3 (divisions 3a, 3bi and 3bii) and Phase 4 (divisions 4a and 4b). Other than the active landfill cell (4b) each of the above has now been completed and remediated with a landfill cap. The most recent landfill capping was progressed over an area of the completed Phase 4a landfill cell in 2014.
- 2.3.2 At the time of writing landfill operations are ongoing within the Phase 4b landfill cell. The average monthly waste input rate for Bryn Pica (according to gate receipts taken during the period Jan-18 to Dec-18) is around 2850 Tonnes per month. This equates to an annual input of around 34,000 Tonnes per annum.
- 2.3.3 Leachate and Landfill Gas management systems at the site are managed by Amgen staff and Infinis (Landfill Gas to Energy Contractor). These systems protect local environmental receptors from the potentially harmful effects of leachate and landfill gas generation.

Phase 1 Leachate Management

- 2.3.4 Phase 1 of the Bryn Pica landfill consists of a 6 ha basal area of unlined waste, situated on a significant thickness of opencast backfill material. The cell contains approximately 1.5 million cubic metres of domestic, commercial and non-hazardous industrial waste.
- 2.3.5 A permanently engineered cap has been constructed over 5.3 ha of the western flank and top surface of the Phase 1 landform. This limits water infiltration in Phase 1 and is combined with a surface water drainage system that discharges clean surface water run off to a local water-course.
- 2.3.6 A large inert bund has been constructed around the base of the western flank of Phase 1 restricts leachate migration in this direction. Leachate drainage measures have been installed at the base of this bund, with leachate draining to a local lagoon, prior to it being pumped to the leachate containment system (attenuation lagoons located at the South Western margin of the site).
- 2.3.7 The eastern or 'internal' slope created by Phase 1 forms part of subsequent containment cells 2a – 3bii. An intermediate cap (consisting of 500 mm of opencast backfill) has been applied to this area to limit infiltration into the waste, with any

contaminated run-off being directed to the contained leachate management system.

Phase 2a, 2b, 2c, 3a, 3bi and 3bii Leachate Management

- 2.3.8 Phases 2 and 3 of the Bryn Pica landfill are separated into 5 containment cells (cell 2a and 2b, cell 2c, cell 3a and cell 3b). Each cell consists of a composite basal liner (engineered barrier) and basal drainage system. Basal drainage is provided by a 300 mm thick, non-calcareous, clean stone blanket laid with slotted HDPE pipe acting as preferential drainage pathways. The basal drainage system in phase 2b and 3a consists of recycled whole tyres constructed as to provide a 300 mm drainage blanket on compaction. The basal drainage system in phase 3b consists of recycled, shredded tyres constructed to provide a 500mm drainage blanket on compaction.
- 2.3.9 Water entering areas of phase 2 and 3 through the working face (or area of intermediate capping) transgress through the waste profile towards the base of the cell. At this point it is captured by the basal liner and drainage system before being actively removed and disposed of to foul sewer.
- 2.3.10 Approximately 3.0 ha of cell 2a/b has been permanently covered with an engineered landfill cap. This intercepts precipitation prior to contact with waste materials. The resulting clean (uncontaminated) surface water drainage is directed to the surface water management system and discharged to a local water course.
- 2.3.11 Capping works undertaken in 2010 consisted of approximately 0.7 hectares of temporary (plastic) capping on the eastern flank of cell 3b.

Phase 4a Leachate Management

- 2.3.12 Leachate Management within the Phase 4a Landfill Containment Cell is facilitated through the use of a 300mm thick stone (aggregate) drainage blanket installed over the base of the cell. A Sidewall Riser type leachate extraction point is used to remove leachate from the base of the cell, which is then pumped to the Leachate Attenuation Lagoons via a dedicated pipeline.

Phase 4b Leachate Management

- 2.3.13 Similar to previous landfill cells at Bryn Pica, the base of Phase 4b is furnished with 300mm drainage blanket. The cell is equipped with 2 sidewall riser pipes for leachate extraction and 2 vertical leachate monitoring chambers. Pumping arrangement within the cell is made through the use of two submersible type pumps operating in a duty and standby arrangement.

Leachate Treatment Plant

- 2.3.14 The Bryn Pica Landfill is equipped with a Biological Leachate Treatment Plant able to treat high strength leachate at a rate of up to 200 m³ per day.
- 2.3.15 Throughout 2019 the plant effectively treated up to 200m³ of high strength leachate (700 – 1200mg/l NH₄ as N) per daily cycle, producing effluent with a NH₄ value of less than 5mg/l. In turn treated effluent is discharged to the foul sewer network via 1.5 km of underground pipeline.

Landfill Gas Management

- 2.3.16 Landfill gas (LFG) production at Bryn Pica is controlled using an active gas extraction and power generation system. This consists of a series of vertical gas extraction wells evenly spaced over the surface of the landfill. Fugitive LFG emissions are further limited through the presence of the engineered and intermediate cap. Further information relating to the landfill gas management system is provided in report AC2020/ENV/02, submitted in conjunction with this report.

3. LEACHATE, GROUNDWATER AND SURFACE WATER

3.1 Leachate, Groundwater and Surface Water Analysis Suites

3.1.1 The Bryn Pica Landfill Site – Environmental Management System (EMS) outlines the manner in which leachate, groundwater and surface water samples are obtained from the site along with a suggested suite of chemical analysis for each of these groups.

3.1.2 Laboratory analysis of a range of water chemistry determinants are required on a monthly, quarterly and annual frequency, depending on their association with leachate contamination, presence in waste materials deposited at the site, and the logistics involved in accurately quantifying their presence.

3.1.3 Tables 1a, 1b and 1c (Appendix B) reproduced from the EMS, detail the analysis required for leachate, groundwater and surface water monitoring (respectively). The timetable via which the operator implemented these analysis suites on leachate, groundwater and surface water is illustrated in Table 3.1, below.

Table 3.1: Amgen's implementation of the required chemical analysis suites for leachate, groundwater and surface water monitoring at the Bryn Pica site during the period January 2019 – December 2019.

Bryn Pica - Leachate Analysis 2019												
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Analysis Suite	Mon	Mon	Qtr	Mon	Mon	Qtr	Mon	Ann	Mon	Qtr	Mon	Mon
Date of Monitoring	10.01	05.02	07.03	11.04	07.05	04.06	10.07	28.08	10.09	03.10	06.11	04.12
Bryn Pica - Groundwater Analysis 2019												
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Analysis Suite	Mon	Mon	Qtr	Mon	Mon	Qtr	Mon	Ann	Mon	Qtr	Mon	Mon
Date of Monitoring	09.01	06.02	13.03	09.04	07.05	18.06	09.07	13.08	10.09	08.10	12.11	03.12
Bryn Pica - Surface Water Analysis 2019												
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Analysis Suite	Mon	Mon	Mon	Mon	Mon	Mon	Mon	Mon	Mon	Mon	Mon	Mon
Date of Monitoring	09.01	06.02	13.03	09.04	07.05	18.06	09.07	13.08	10.09	08.10	12.11	04.12

3.2 Leachate Monitoring Results January 2019 – December 2019

3.2.1 Throughout the period Jan 19 – Dec 19 Amgen Cymru carried out leachate monitoring at 9 fixed points, representing various aspects of leachate generation at Bryn Pica. The location of these monitoring points is illustrated in Drg. No: AC2020/ENV/01/002 and a short description of each follows:

- **P1L2** (Phase 1 Leachate) – At this location leachate samples are obtained directly from the waste contained within Phase 1 via a dedicated vertical well.
- **L20** (Phase 1 Western flank Lagoon) – Leachate sampled from a storage lagoon situated at the base of the Phase 1 western flank. The direction of basal leachate drainage in phase 1 is westerly towards the retaining bund (inert). Post capping of Phase 1, the volumes of leachate associated with this system has been significantly reduced, with no leachate flow available for sampling during the period Jan 18 – Dec 18.
- **P2aL1** (Phase 2 Leachate) – Samples representative of the leachate contained within Phase 2 are obtained from the Cell 2a pumping station. This consists of a leachate sump located directly within the Phase 2 waste mass connecting into the 300 mm basal leachate drainage blanket. Leachate level is also recorded at this point.
- **P2cL1** (Phase 2 Leachate) – Samples representative of the leachate contained within Phase 2c were attained from the Cell 2c pumping station during 2005. This consisted of the leachate sump located directly within the Phase 2 waste mass connected into the leachate drainage blanket.
- **P3aL1** (Phase 3a Leachate) – As Phase 3 of the landfill became operational in the first half of 2006 samples of leachate from Phase 3 were collected from the Cell 3a pumping station. This consists of the leachate sump located directly within the Phase 3 waste mass connected into the leachate drainage blanket. Leachate level is also recorded at this location.
- **P3bL1** (Phase 3b Leachate) – The second cell within Phase 3 became operational during the latter part of 2007. Phase 3a of the Bryn Pica Landfill is equipped with a side-slope riser leachate extraction point. Samples of leachate are gained from this location for chemical testing and leachate level recorded.
- **P4aL1** (Phase 4 Leachate) – Phase 4a of the Bryn Pica Landfill is equipped with a side-slope riser leachate extraction point. Samples of leachate are gained from this location for chemical testing and leachate level recorded. This phase is also equipped with vertical monitoring point identified by the monitoring ID's P4a(i) and P4a(ii). Leachate levels are recorded at this location; subject to the location of tipping operations and other access considerations.
- **P4bL1** (Phase 4 Leachate) – Phase 4b of the Bryn Pica Landfill is equipped with a side-slope riser leachate extraction point. Samples of leachate are gained from this location for chemical testing and leachate level recorded. This phase is also equipped with vertical monitoring point identified by the monitoring ID's P4b(i) and P4b(ii). Leachate levels are recorded at this location; subject to the location of tipping operations and other access considerations.
- **LD1** (Leachate Attenuation Lagoon) – Leachate is sampled from the site's leachate attenuation lagoons prior to treatment within the Leachate Treatment Plant, followed by disposal to the foul sewer network. It represents leachate collected from all the above locations.

3.3 Leachate Level

- 3.3.1 Leachate levels within the containment landfill cells are required to be maintained below 1.0 m (i.e. 1.0 m above the basal lining system). Leachate levels are monitored monthly within leachate collection sumps located in Cell 2a, Cell 2c, Cell 3a, Cell 3b, Cell 4a and Cell 4b. These facilities are in hydraulic continuity with the basal drainage system (consisting of 300mm layer of drainage aggregate or equivalent depth of recycled tyres).
- 3.3.2 Amgen Cymru staff have continued to undertake monthly dip measurement of the leachate level residing within the landfill containment cells at the Bryn Pica Landfill. The results show that the leachate levels within the landfill site continue to be maintained within the 1m (above the basal liner) required by the Environmental Permit for the site.

3.4 Leachate contaminants monitored by Amgen Cymru at the Bryn Pica landfill site during the period January 2015 – December 2019.

- 3.4.1 Landfill leachate is a known source of pollution in the water environment, Amgen Cymru continue to monitor the characteristics of leachate generated at Bryn Pica in order to identify key chemical contaminants and gain an understanding of the processes ongoing within the landfill. To aid this understanding the Company continues to compare the concentration of individual chemical species recorded at Bryn Pica with those recorded at 28 other municipal waste landfills in the UK (DoE Research Report No. CWM 072/94 1995). However, some caution should be exercised in such analysis as the 1995 research information is now relatively old and the types of waste deposited within modern landfill sites are known to differ significantly to those operating in the mid 1990's.
- 3.4.2 The data Table 3.2 provides a comparison of the annual average values calculated for various locations within the landfill. Similar to previous years leachate generated and collected at Bryn Pica through 2019 can be grouped as follows:
- Leachate effluent displaying lower concentrations of key chemical species associated with landfill leachate. These are typically recorded with older Phases, particularly Phase 1 and 2. Over the previous 5 years effluent sampled from within these Phases have been consistently comparable with the average values reporting by the DoE in 1995.
 - Leachate effluent produced within younger, recently operated landfill phases. These effluents often have high concentrations of key chemical species known to be characteristic of landfill leachate (i.e. high alkalinity, conductivity, BOD and COD).

Phase 1

- 3.4.3 During the five year period Jan 15 to Dec 19, results of leachate sampling from within the Phase 1 landfill area have shown a good degree of consistency. The majority of parameters analysed are consistent with the DoE 1995 average values for landfill leachate. For example; the average value of Electrical Conductivity calculate for samples taken from Phase 1 in 2018 is calculated as being 13,125µS/cm compared to the 1995 DoE average of 11,502 µS /cm.
- 3.4.4 The average value of ammonia in leachate sampled from Phase 1 throughout 2019 is calculated as being 1,041 mg/l NH₄ as N. This represents a slight reduction when compared with the value calculated for 2018 (1,056 mg/l NH₄ as N). These values are slightly above the DoE 1995 published average for non-hazardous landfill leachate

(DoE, 1995 Average of 889 mg/l NH₄ as N). No significance has been drawn in relation to this observation. Concentrations of ammonia in leachate sampled from Phase 1 are similar in magnitude to those identified in leachate samples taken from other landfill cells at the site.

Phase 2

3.4.5 Throughout the period Jan 19 to Dec 19, Amgen staff collected a total of 12 samples from the Phase 2a landfill cell. Results of analysis on effluent captured from cell 2a suggest it to be slightly weaker in nature when compared to that produced in adjacent landfill cells. For example:

- The average ammonia concentration reported for Phase 2a in 2019 was 822 mg/l NH₄ as N compared to the DoE, 1995 Average of 889 mg/l NH₄ as N.
- A similar observation can be made in relation to the results for electrical conductivity, averaging 9,770 uS/cm³ in samples taken from cell 2a throughout 2019, compared to the DoE, 1995 Average of 11,502 uS/cm³.

Phase 3

3.4.6 Over the previous 5 years, the results of chemical analysis undertaken on leachate sampled from Phase 3 of the Bryn Pica have produced high concentrations of key species associated with municipal landfills. This has continued to be the case in 2019, for example:

- The average ammonia concentration reported for Phase 3a in 2019 was 2,219 mg/l NH₄ as N, which the highest recorded for any landfill phase at Bryn Pica.
- The average value reported for electronic conductivity in leachate samples taken from Phase 3a in 2019 was 23,817 uS/cm³.

3.4.7 The average ammonia concentration in samples taken from Phase 3b during 2019 is reported as being 1,591 mg/l, which is a reasonably significant reduction when compared to the 2018 annual average of 1,965 mg/l.

Phase 4a

3.4.8 Landfill leachate sampled within the Phase 4a landfill cell has not increased in concentration throughout 2019. This observation is illustrated in a number of key leachate parameters, reported in samples taken from the Phase 4 area of the landfill during this monitoring period. For example:

- Ammonia (NH₄ as N) concentration reduced from 1,573 mg/l (annual average) in 2018 to 1,131 mg/l in 2019.
- Electronic Conductivity recorded in samples taken throughout 2019 averaged 13,700 uS/cm³, compared to 17,167 uS/cm³ in 2018.

Bulk Effluent

3.4.9 The leachate attenuation lagoons located at Bryn Pica can be seen to represent the bulk leachate produced from all the containment cells within the landfill (i.e. Phases 2, 3 and 4). The leachate is mixed and allowed to settle in the lagoons, before being transferred to the Leachate Treatment Plant. Leachate sampled at this location is identified as LD1 in the Company's leachate sampling program.

3.4.10 Overall the leachate sampled at LD1 throughout 2019, continues to show a high degree of consistency with the average values reported by the DoE in 1995. Whilst values of individual determinands have fluctuated over the previous 5 year period, the baseline is fairly consistent, at or below the 1995 DoE averages referenced.

3.4.11 Time series plot for the period Jan 10 – Dec 19 are provided (Appendix C).

Table 3.2: Annual average concentration of the principal leachate contaminants monitored by Amgen Cymru at the Bryn Pica landfill site during the period Jan 15 - Dec 19, compared with those national averages reported in DoE Research Report No. CWM 072/94 (DoE 1995).

Determinant	Units	DoE (1995)	BP – Phase 1					BP – Phase 2a					BP - Phase 2c				
			2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Alkalinity	mg/l	5,376	5,753	5,750	5,769	6,056	5,758	5,060	5,371	4,607	5,170	4,287	5,060	N/A	N/A	9,739	10,252
Ammonia	mg/l	889	1,143	1,091	1,088	1,056	1041	1,024	1,073	900	939	829	1,024	N/A	N/A	1,746	1,901
Conductivity	uS/cm	11,502	12,964	13,108	13,075	13,283	13,125	11,454	11,316	10,317	11,174	9,770	11,454	N/A	N/A	19,590	20,833
BOD	mg/l	374	112	103	108	114	79.4	123	138	123	113	94	123	N/A	N/A	272	164
COD	mg/l	2,307	2,045	2,177	2,108	2,171	2,291	1,599	1,804	1,497	1,661	1,548	1,599	N/A	N/A	5,292	4,923
Cadmium	mg/l	0.015	<0.001	<0.001	0.0008	<0.001	N/D	0.121	<0.001	0.0002	<0.001	0.0002	0.121	N/A	N/A	0.001	0.0001
Chloride	mg/l	2,074	1,364	1,406	1,398	1,423	1,390	1,119	1,204	1,021	1,115	958	1,119	N/A	N/A	2,428	2,502
Chromium	mg/l	0.09	0.08	0.12	0.086	0.072	0.068	0.24	0.18	0.235	0.22	0.145	0.24	N/A	N/A	0.78	0.79
Iron	mg/l	27.4	18.9	7.8	22.2	5.3	3.5	11.4	9.0	11.3	9.4	13.6	11.4	N/A	N/A	85.7	5.7
Lead	mg/l	0.2	0.18	0.04	0.259	0.05	0.014	0.013	0.065	0.006	0.007	0.079	0.013	N/A	N/A	0.04	0.04
pH	mg/l	7.52	7.9	7.9	7.9	7.9	8.0	7.9	7.7	7.8	7.6	7.7	7.9	N/A	N/A	8.6	8.4
Potassium	mg/l	854	446	434	447	467	475	404	408	354	383	352	404	N/A	N/A	813	877
Sodium	mg/l	1,480	1,298	1,248	1,290	1,463	1,338	1,206	1,033	923	1,032	783	1,206	N/A	N/A	2,138	2,343
Sulphate	mg/l	67	10	21	8.7	147	243	12	17	7.9	20	167	12	N/A	N/A	142	386
TOC	mg/l	733	588	502	487	552	557	437	426	404	438	404	437	N/A	N/A	1,420	1,051
TON	mg/l	0.86 – 1.03	N/D	<1.0	N/D	N/D	N/D	6.0	4.9	4.4	4.2	3.2	6.0	N/A	N/A	13.8	3.8

Determinant	Units	DoE (1995)	BP - Leachate Discharge Lagoons (LD1)					BP - Phase 3a					BP - Phase 3b				
			2015	2016	2017	2018	2018	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Alkalinity	mg/l	5,376	3,142	3,749	2,873	2,849	1,487	11,550	N/A	N/A	9,739	16,693	9,057	8,716	8,084	9,365	8,131
Ammonia	mg/l	889	550	633	510	458	182	2,440	N/A	N/A	1,746	2,219	1,956	1,814	1,764	1,965	1,591
Conductivity	uS/cm	11,502	8,523	7,946	6,752	6,329	4,017	25,000	N/A	N/A	19,590	23,817	17,682	18,408	18,092	19,933	16,438
BOD	mg/l	374	268	210	110	149	87	2,350	N/A	N/A	272	773	456	667	760	2,383	1,041
COD	mg/l	2,307	1,434	1,612	1,821	1,169	724	8,365	N/A	N/A	5,292	5,643	3,922	3,989	5,097	6,784	4,092
Cadmium	mg/l	0.015	<0.001	<0.001	0.0002	<0.001	N/D	<0.001	N/A	N/A	0.001	N/D	<0.001	<0.001	0.0002	<0.001	N/D
Chloride	mg/l	2,074	931	858	776	718	500	2,693	N/A	N/A	2,428	2,641	1,838	1,778	1,648	1,936	1,672
Chromium	mg/l	0.09	0.266	0.369	0.273	0.218	0.109	0.883	N/A	N/A	0.78	0.608	0.552	0.381	0.313	0.461	0.316
Iron	mg/l	27.4	5.6	3.9	2.9	3.7	3.7	2.8	N/A	N/A	85.7	7.8	11.2	10.7	10.6	10.8	10.8
Lead	mg/l	0.2	0.006	0.20	0.066	0.055	0.034	0.008	N/A	N/A	0.040	0.043	0.006	0.004	0.024	0.564	0.082
pH	mg/l	7.52	8.2	8.1	8.2	8.2	8.5	7.9	N/A	N/A	8.6	8.2	7.8	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.8
Potassium	mg/l	854	353	296	263	230	158	943	N/A	N/A	813	902	694	639	633	684	587
Sodium	mg/l	1,480	1,242	768	579	566	503	2,420	N/A	N/A	2,138	2,533	1,880	1,746	1,678	2,005	1,693
Sulphate	mg/l	67	24	26	17	56	147	N/D	N/A	N/A	142	337	N/D	16	17	81	308
TOC	mg/l	733	422	365	373	307	144	2,763	N/A	N/A	1,420	1,315	1,298	1,162	1,046	2,338	1,276
TON	mg/l	0.86 – 1.03	85	1	2.1	N/D	30.3	N/D	N/A	N/A	13.8	N/D	0.6	1.1	1.9	1.8	N/D

Determinant	Units	DoE (1995)	BP – Phase 4a					BP – Phase 4b				
			2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Alkalinity	mg/l	5,376	7,164	8,208	7591	7,468	7,375	7,093	N/A	N/A	3,650	6,113
Ammonia	mg/l	889	1,439	1,669	1499	1,576	1,131	1,296	N/A	N/A	1,149	954
Conductivity	uS/cm	11,502	15,680	18,108	16658	17,167	13,700	15,767	N/A	N/A	12,965	11,333
BOD	mg/l	374	234	212	147	279	83.5	213	N/A	N/A	117	125
COD	mg/l	2,307	2,602	3,351	4688	3,529	2,458	2,367	N/A	N/A	2,238	2,056
Cadmium	mg/l	0.015	<0.001	<0.001	0.0003	<0.001	N/D	<0.001	N/A	N/A	<0.001	0.0002
Chloride	mg/l	2,074	1,732	2,016	1782	1,780	1,376	1,677	N/A	N/A	1,253	1,173
Chromium	mg/l	0.09	0.577	0.555	0.644	0.728	0.391	0.514	N/A	N/A	0.577	272
Iron	mg/l	27.4	1.9	1.9	1.91	2.7	1.7	13.9	N/A	N/A	16.5	20.1
Lead	mg/l	0.2	0.010	0.250	0.255	0.176	0.077	0.013	N/A	N/A	0.097	0.159
pH	mg/l	7.52	7.7	7.7	7.6	7.7	7.5	7.6	N/A	N/A	7.5	7.7
Potassium	mg/l	854	607	665	579	586	483	736	N/A	N/A	465	431
Sodium	mg/l	1,480	1,835	1,823	1545	1945	963	1,490	N/A	N/A	1189	787
Sulphate	mg/l	67	6.1	17.5	43	89	303	1.7	N/A	N/A	53	258
TOC	mg/l	733	788	796	533	912	593	812	N/A	N/A	515	569
TON	mg/l	0.86 – 1.03	N/D	1.1	N/D	N/D	N/D	0.0	N/A	N/A	1.8	N/D

3.5 Groundwater quality monitored by Amgen at the Bryn Pica landfill site during the period January 2017 – December 2019

3.5.1 Amgen currently uses numerous groundwater monitoring installations for the purpose of observing groundwater on and around the Bryn Pica Landfill Site. The relative location of these monitoring points is illustrated in Drg. No. AC2020/ENV/01/003 and a description of them in relation to the hydrogeological risk assessment for the site is provided below.

3.5.2 Groundwater monitoring installations at the Bryn Pica landfill site can be divided into the following 3 groups according to their 'target' ground conditions:

- **Those borehole installations designed to monitor groundwater infiltration through the open cast backfill:** Namely GW 3 and GW 5. Monitoring borehole GW 3 is consistently dry indicating there is no standing groundwater table at this location. Within GW 5, a standing groundwater table is typically observed between 180 - 190 m AOD (See Document AM5458/ESID for further detail).
- **Those borehole installations designed to monitor groundwater present within the Middle Coal Measure Strata (MCM):** Namely GW 1, GW 2, GW 4, GW 6, GW07BH1, GW07BH2, GW07BH3, GW07BH4, GW07BH5, GW08BH9, GW08BH10, GW09BH01, GW09BH02 and GW09BH03. Monitoring boreholes GW1, GW 2, GW 4, GW07BH1, GW07BH2, GW07BH3, and GW08BH9 are consistently dry indicating there is no standing groundwater table at these locations.

Within GW 6, a standing groundwater level of 180 - 190 m AOD is typically observed.

GW07BH4 and GW07BH5 have standing groundwater level of 260-295 m AOD typically.

GW08BH10 was constructed in August 2008 and illustrated a standing groundwater head of approximately 12 m above the base of the installation. This would equate to approximately 130 – 140 m AOD.

- **Location of known mine-water surface issues (i.e. mine adits, drift entries) used for the purpose of monitoring the significant mine drainage in the area:** Namely GW 7. A significant volume of discharge is consistently observed and sampled at GW 7; a location situated a short distance upstream of the River Cynon (See Document AM5458/ESID for further detail).

3.5.3 The current understanding of the hydrogeological model for the Bryn Pica landfill site can be summarised as follows as described by report number AM5458/ESID produced as part of the sites PPC Permit application:

- Precipitation and potentially leachate released from the base of the landfill filters vertically through the opencast backfill, which is between 20 and 30 m thick below the landfill base. Previously there has been little indication of groundwater accumulation within the opencast backfill and it is not considered to be a groundwater resource (aquifer).
- The EA's groundwater vulnerability map of the area around the Bryn Pica Landfill Site shows it as Unclassified due to its history of industrial activity. The natural stratum is of lower and middle coal measures, which predominantly consists of siltstones, mudstones and coal horizons. Typically these strata do not support significant groundwater resources.

- Historical reports indicate that various worked coal seams were encountered at the base of the opencast mining operation at the Bryn Pica site. Due to the nature of the UCM strata (i.e. predominantly mudstone, siltstone and coal horizons) it is reasonable to suggest that a large proportion of the groundwater generated in the area is intercepted by the extensive network of worked seams (now abandoned).
- Following the abandonment of the mining network, worked coal seams have continued to drain naturally (under gravity), with surface issues having previously been identified at lower levels of the Aberdare Mountain. One of which, the Watercourse Level has been identified as being significant in draining the area beneath the Bryn Pica landfill site. Previous calculations (based on water balance estimations and monitored discharge volumes, Aspinwalls 1998) have suggested that the majority of groundwater generated within the area surrounding the Bryn Pica site is drained to this location (i.e. groundwater monitoring location GW 7).

3.5.4 Annual averages have been calculated for the main groundwater quality determinands monitored at the site by Amgen Cymru during the period January 2017 to December 2019. These values have been summarised, below in Tables 3.4, 3.5 and 3.6, for 2017, 2018 and 2019 respectively. The identity and value of the chosen EAL is indicated, with any exceedances highlighted in **bold** type.

Table 3.3: Annual Average Groundwater Concentrations monitored at the Bryn Pica Landfill Site during the period Jan 17 – Dec 17.

Potential Contaminant	Units	EAL		GW 5	GW 6	GW 7	GW07 BH05
Ammoniacal Nitrogen (as N)	mg/l	DWS	0.5	<0.03	<0.03	<0.03	<0.03
Cadmium	mg/l	DWS	0.005	N/D	N/D	N/D	N/D
Calcium	mg/l	DWS	250	97	68	52	17
Chloride	mg/l	DWS	250	10.6	7.3	15.2	15.6
Chromium	mg/l	DWS	0.05	<0.001	N/D	<0.001	N/D
Copper	ug/l	DWS	2000	N/D	N/D	0.002	N/D
EC @ 20oC	µS/cm	DWS	1500	1429	530	729	224
Iron	mg/l	EQS	1	N/D	N/D	N/D	0.064
Lead	mg/l	DWS	0.01	N/D	N/D	N/D	N/D
Magnesium	mg/l	DWS	50	<u>178</u>	33	<u>51</u>	16
Nickel	ug/l	DWS	20.0	0.004	0.003	0.004	N/D
Nitrate (as NO ₃)	mg/l	DWS	50	N/D	N/D	N/D	N/D
Nitrite (as NO ₂)	mg/l	DWS	0.1	N/D	N/D	N/D	N/D
pH	-	DWS	5.5-9.5	6.8	6.9	6.9	6.8
Potassium	mg/l	DWS	12	<u>31.6</u>	7.3	<u>19.4</u>	5.8
Sodium	mg/l	DWS	200	11.5	5.7	18.8	6.2
Sulphate	mg/l	DWS	250	<u>374</u>	21	106	16
Zinc	mg/l	DWS	5	N/D	N/D	0.007	0.002

N / D - No actual values of substance identified at or above laboratory's minimum reporting value (MRV).

Table 3.4: Annual Average Groundwater Concentrations monitored at the Bryn Pica Landfill Site during the period Jan 18 – Dec 18.

Potential Contaminant	Units	EAL		GW 5	GW 6	GW 7	GW07 BH05
Ammoniacal Nitrogen (as N)	mg/l	DWS	0.5	<0.03	<0.03	N/D	N/D
Cadmium	mg/l	DWS	0.005	N/D	N/D	N/D	N/D
Calcium	mg/l	DWS	250	95	72	57	16
Chloride	mg/l	DWS	250	10.6	7.6	17.0	15.0
Chromium	mg/l	DWS	0.05	N/D	N/D	<0.005	N/D
Copper	ug/l	DWS	2000	<0.001	N/D	0.002	N/D
EC @ 20oC	µS/cm	DWS	1500	1434	528	694	213
Iron	mg/l	EQS	1	<0.03	N/D	N/D	0.110
Lead	mg/l	DWS	0.01	N/D	N/D	N/D	N/D
Magnesium	mg/l	DWS	50	164	32	54	14
Nickel	ug/l	DWS	20.0	0.004	0.007	0.004	<0.001
Nitrate (as NO3)	mg/l	DWS	50	N/D	N/D	N/D	N/D
Nitrite (as NO2)	mg/l	DWS	0.1	N/D	<0.004	N/D	N/D
pH	-	DWS	5.5-9.5	6.9	6.9	7.0	6.8
Potassium	mg/l	DWS	12	28.3	6.8	17.7	6.2
Sodium	mg/l	DWS	200	11.5	6.0	21.9	6.0
Sulphate	mg/l	DWS	250	342	27	129	14
Zinc	mg/l	DWS	5	N/D	0.007	0.006	0.005

N / D - No actual values of substance identified at or above laboratory's minimum reporting value (MRV).

Table 3.5: Annual Average Groundwater Concentrations monitored at the Bryn Pica Landfill Site during the period Jan 19 – Dec 19.

Potential Contaminant	Units	EAL		GW 5	GW 6	GW 7	GW07 BH05
Ammoniacal Nitrogen (as N)	mg/l	DWS	0.5	N/D	N/D	N/D	N/D
Cadmium	mg/l	DWS	0.005	N/D	N/D	N/D	N/D
Calcium	mg/l	DWS	250	65	63	52	17
Chloride	mg/l	DWS	250	10.1	7.9	16.2	14.6
Chromium	mg/l	DWS	0.05	<0.005	N/D	N/D	N/D
Copper	ug/l	DWS	2000	N/D	N/D	0.002	N/D
EC @ 20oC	µS/cm	DWS	1500	1392	499	69	217
Iron	mg/l	EQS	1	<0.03	N/D	N/D	0.04
Lead	mg/l	DWS	0.01	N/D	N/D	N/D	N/D
Magnesium	mg/l	DWS	50	158	30	49	15
Nickel	ug/l	DWS	20.0	0.004	0.002	0.003	N/D
Nitrate (as NO3)	mg/l	DWS	50	N/D	N/D	N/D	N/D
Nitrite (as NO2)	mg/l	DWS	0.1	N/D	N/D	N/D	N/D
pH	-	DWS	5.5-9.5	6.9	6.9	7.0	6.8
Potassium	mg/l	DWS	12	27.6	6.6	16.9	4.7
Sodium	mg/l	DWS	200	11.6	5.5	18.9	6.4
Sulphate	mg/l	DWS	250	327	21	110	13
Zinc	mg/l	DWS	5	0.002	0.002	0.008	0.001

N / D - No actual values of substance identified at or above laboratory's minimum reporting value (MRV).

- 3.5.6 The above comparison suggests that groundwater quality at the site has remained fairly static through the period Jan 17 – Dec 19. When comparing annual averages to the relevant water quality standards, groundwater sampled at the Bryn Pica landfill site, appears to be of good quality.
- 3.5.7 Time series plot for the range of groundwater quality determinants monitored by Amgen during the period Jan 09 – Dec 19 are provided in Appendix D. This information is summarised below in relation to the conceptual hydrogeological model for the site.

Ambient Groundwater Quality

- 3.5.8 Groundwater quality can vary significantly in the Middle and Lower Coal Measures throughout the South Wales area. Contamination of the groundwater occurs as mineral deposits exposed by mining are weathered and contaminants leached out. Typical water quality contaminants occurring in mining areas include iron, manganese, sulphate, potassium as well as high electrical conductivity.
- 3.5.9 Groundwater quality observed in GW07BH5, with updated information for 2019 in addition to previous years, provides a good set of data, showing ambient groundwater quality to be indicative of past mining activities and their associated contaminants. This is similar to results observed for many parameters of the groundwater sampled down-gradient of the site.

The Opencast Backfill Material

- 3.5.10 The opencast backfill material at Bryn Pica consists of a heterogeneous assemblage of mudstones, siltstones and sandstones, known to be up to 70 m thick in places across the site. This material is typically dry with little evidence of a standing groundwater table.
- 3.5.11 Given the free draining nature of the backfill material, it is thought that water entering from the surface (and potentially leachate discharge from the base) gravitates down towards the base of the opencast excavations. Thereafter entering abandoned mine workings that were intercepted by historic excavations.
- 3.5.12 Borehole installations GW 3 and GW 5 monitor potential groundwater contained within the opencast backfill at the Bryn Pica site. GW 3 is permanently dry, whilst GW 5 illustrated groundwater at a level between 180 - 190 m AOD. This demonstrates the variability of the opencast backfill material present at the site.

GW5

- 3.5.13 The groundwater monitoring installation GW5 is constructed to a depth of 22.5m and monitors groundwater quality within the opencast backfill at the Bryn Pica site. Groundwater sampled at GW5 is generally of a good quality, however there are a number of determinants which have exceeded their associated EALs:
- Magnesium (Annual Average calculated for 2018: 158 mg/l)
 - Potassium (Annual Average calculated for 2018: 27.6 mg/l)
 - Sulphate (Annual Average calculated for 2016: 327 mg/l)
- 3.5.13 Those determinants exceeding their EALs have been identified as being associated with past mining activities as they are represented in both up-gradient and down-gradient groundwater samples. The levels of the referenced determinands identified at GW5 have been very consistent over the previous four years of monitoring. This would tend to indicate that they are not a result of any specific event but represent the

ambient water quality in groundwater contained within the Opencast Backfill material.

The Middle and Lower Coal Measures

- 3.5.14 Extensive mining of the middle and lower coal measures has removed the natural groundwater flow paths. These have most likely been replaced by preferential flow paths along old mineshafts and drainage adits.
- 3.5.15 The groundwater monitoring installations GW1, GW4, GW6, GW7, GW07BH1, GW07BH2, GW07BH3, GW07BH4, GW07BH5, GW08BH9, GW08BH10, GW09BH01, GW09BH02 and GW09BH03 all monitor groundwater quality in the coal measure strata beneath the site. GW1, GW07BH4 and GW07BH5 are considered to be up-gradient of the landfill. GW1, GW4, GW07BH1, GW07BH2, GW07BH3 and GW08BH9 are permanently dry; samples are taken from GW6, GW7, GW09BH01, GW09BH02 and GW09BH03, down-dip of the landfill site and GW07BH4 and GW07BH5 up-dip (these results were discussed above in the Ambient Groundwater Quality Section).

GW6

- 3.5.16 The groundwater monitoring installation GW6 is constructed to a depth of 82.5m. It monitors groundwater quality in the lower coal measure strata. Groundwater in GW6 is of good quality with only a small number of determinants averaging concentrations above their EAL's during the reporting period.
- 3.5.17 The results of groundwater monitoring undertaken during the period Jan 19 to Dec 19 indicates that groundwater in vicinity of GW 6 is of good quality. This is illustrated in Table 3.6 and it can be seen that there was no exceedance of the EALs presented.
- 3.5.18 Ammoniacal Nitrogen and Chloride levels detected in samples taken from groundwater monitoring installation GW6 are low, averaging less than 0.03 mg/l and 8.0 mg/l respectively. Given that these substances are key determinands in assessing the presence of landfill leachate, it can be concluded that there is no indication that the landfill is having a detrimental impact on groundwater sampled at this location.

GW7

- 3.5.19 GW7 is an old mine drainage adit that drains the Gelli Deg and higher seams. The quality of the groundwater issuing from GW7 is good. During the reporting period the average concentrations calculated for the determinands analysed show the groundwater to generally be within 16.9 mg/l Potassium) is slightly above the EAL adopted for this determinand (i.e. Drinking Water Standard of 12 mg/l). This has historically been the case with similar occurrences recorded in 2017 and 2018.
- 3.5.21 Given that the concentration of Ammoniacal Nitrogen and Chloride are both very low in samples taken from GW7, the above observation is not considered to be an indicative of any potential impact from the landfill site. Soluble metals such as Iron, Potassium and Magnesium are shown to present in up-gradient groundwater samples taken from within Middle Coal Measure Strata. It is likely that their elevated presence is a result of historical mining known to have occurred with the area.

Summary

- 3.5.22 In terms of its potential impact on groundwater resources, the Bryn Pica landfill site is considered to be low risk. The area surrounding the landfill has encountered both opencast and deep mining which has affected the hydrogeological regime at the site. The lower and middle coal measure strata beneath the site are not significant in terms of their potential to accommodate groundwater resources.
- 3.5.23 Given the history of deep mining at the site, it is likely that groundwater forms within the abandoned worked seams, from which it is drained to the surface via surface adits that exist in locations South West of the landfill.
- 3.5.23 Groundwater monitoring results for GW5, GW6, GW7, GW07BH05 show elevated levels of magnesium, potassium and iron concentrations. It is thought that these results are evidence of contamination from the coal and ironstone mining activities that occurred in the sites vicinity.
- 3.5.24 With regards to ambient groundwater quality at the Bryn Pica Landfill Site, results from GW07BH05 generally illustrated that groundwater is of a good quality. There are indications that ambient groundwater has been impacted by historic mining activities. These are represented by elevated level of Iron, Potassium and Magnesium all of which are typically associated with groundwater located in areas of historic coal mining.
- 3.5.24 In relation to potential leachate contamination derived from the Bryn Pica Landfill, monitoring of the principal leachate contaminants (i.e. ammonia NH_4 as N, chloride, nitrate, nitrite etc.) suggests that the landfill is not having a determinable impact on groundwater quality.

3.6 Surface Water Quality Monitored by Amgen Cymru at the Bryn Pica Landfill Site during the Period January 2017 – December 2019.

3.6.1 Amgen Cymru's surface water monitoring regime consists of 7 fixed monitoring points situated around the site. A description of the surface water monitoring regime is provided below, according to each relevant surface water course. The location of these monitoring points in relation to the landfill is illustrated in Drg. No. AC2020/ENV/01/004.

3.6.2 The surface water monitoring points along the Nant-y-Derlwyn stream are as follows:

- **SW1** (Upper Nant-y-Derlwyn) - Background surface water quality in the Nant-y-Derlwyn stream is monitored at SW1, which is located at NGR SO 0123 0575, approximately 550m north of the Installation. From this location, the stream flows down towards the site access road, at the northern end of the Installation.
- **SW 3** (Downstream of the old BPW landfill) – From the site access road, the stream is culverted beneath the old BPW landfill, for a distance of approximately 500m. Amgen continue to monitor any impact this old landfill has on the quality of surface water in the Nant-y-Derlwyn stream.
- **SW4a** (Lower Nant-y-Derlwyn) – Following its exit from beneath the old Bryn Pica West Landfill, the stream flows in a south westerly direction along the boundary of land owned by Amgen. Previously samples have been taken from SW4, on the downstream side of the abandoned railway line. However, since March 2005 samples have been taken from a point further down the Nant-y-Derlwyn due to health and safety concerns regarding access.

3.6.3 The surface water monitoring points located along the unnamed stream to the south of the Installation Boundary, which feeds the Ysguborwen Stream, are as follows:

- **SW 10** (Upstream of the Installation) – Since 2002 Amgen has carried out surface water monitoring of background surface water quality at a location directly east of the Bryn Pica Installation.
- **SW 11** (Old opencast settlement lagoon) – A surface water settlement lagoon exists on the site at a location within the control of Amgen. Surface water quality is sampled from the 750mm concrete pipe as it enters the lagoon. An unnamed stream to the south of the Installation enters this settlement lagoon, from where the overflow is directed beneath the disused railway line via a culvert.
- **SW 12** (tributary of the Ysguborwen Stream) – Overflow from the settlement lagoon described in SW11 above, combines with other small drainage features to form a small tributary to the Ysguborwen Stream. In March 2005, this additional monitoring point was added to gauge the quality of water therein. However, historically the surface water monitoring point identified as SW12 was located on the Nant-y-Wenalt (where it emerges from a culvert running beneath the old dismantled railway line).

3.6.4 Surface water monitoring points located in issues from the opencast backfill:

- **SW8** (Opencast Backfill Issue) – It is considered that the pond and associated unnamed watercourse to the south west of the site, represents perched groundwater issuing from near the base of the opencast backfill. This feature is located approximately 500m south west of the Installation.

3.6.5 Annual averages have been calculated for the main surface water quality determinants monitored at the site by Amgen during the period January 2017 to December 2019. This analysis has been summarised, below, in Tables 3.7, 3.8 and 3.9 for 2017, 2018 and 2019 respectively. The identity and value of the chosen EAL is indicated for each determinand, with any exceedances highlighted in **bold** type. The full data set is illustrated in a number of time-series plots (Appendix E).

Table 3.6: Annual Average Surface Water Concentrations for 2017.

Water Quality Determinand	Units	EAL		Surface Water Monitoring Point						
				SW1	SW3	SW4	SW8	SW10	SW11	SW12
Ammoniacal Nitrogen (NH4 as N)	mg/l	DWS	0.5	<0.03	<0.03	<0.03	<0.03	<0.03	<0.03	<0.03
Chloride	mg/l	DWS	250	5.9	13.6	20.7	9.3	6.9	4.1	9.0
COD	mg/l	-	-	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	42.0	17.0
DO	mg/l	-	-	5.9	4.9	5.7	4.8	5.0	5.3	9.0
EC @ 20°C	uS/cm	DWS	1500	194	380	606	1,060	93	67	800
PH	-	DWS	5.5-9.5	7.9	7.4	8.4	7.5	7.0	7.2	8.1

Table 3.7: Annual Average Surface Water Concentrations for 2018.

Water Quality Determinand	Units	EAL		Surface Water Monitoring Point						
				SW1	SW3	SW4	SW8	SW10	SW11	SW12
Ammoniacal Nitrogen (NH4 as N)	mg/l	DWS	0.5	<0.03	N/D	0.04	N/D	N/D	N/D	N/D
Chloride	mg/l	DWS	250	6.0	16.2	23.8	9.6	6.6	6.6	9.4
COD	mg/l	-	-	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	20.0	<10
DO	mg/l	-	-	4.9	4.9	5.2	4.5	4.6	4.7	5.2
EC @ 20°C	uS/cm	DWS	1500	197	385	625	1,241	90	148	872
PH	-	DWS	5.5-9.5	7.9	7.8	8.4	7.6	7.1	7.3	8.3

Table 3.8: Annual Average Surface Water Concentrations for 2019.

Water Quality Determinand	Units	EAL		Surface Water Monitoring Point						
				SW1	SW1	SW1	SW1	SW1	SW1	SW1
Ammoniacal Nitrogen (NH4 as N)	mg/l	DWS	0.5	N/D	N/D	N/D	N/D	N/D	N/D	N/D
Chloride	mg/l	DWS	250	5.7	12.1	20.1	8.6	6.2	5.8	8.8
COD	mg/l	-	-	N/D	N/D	8.3	15.1	5.9	25.0	5.6
DO	mg/l	-	-	5.6	4.9	5.9	5.6	5.4	5.8	5.6
EC @ 20°C	uS/cm	DWS	1500	211	367	603	1,228	83	129	925
PH	-	DWS	5.5-9.5	8.1	7.4	8.5	7.4	7.0	7.3	8.2

3.6.7 The above comparison illustrates that surface water sampled around the Bryn Pica Landfill during the period Jan 19 – Dec 19 is of a good quality. The high standard of water quality observed in surface water around the Bryn Pica Landfill in 2017 has been maintained over the subsequent two year period Jan 18 to Dec 19.

- 3.6.8 During the period Jan 19 to Dec 19, none of the 74 surface water samples taken from around the site reported the presence of NH_4 as N, above the minimum reporting value of 0.03 mg/l. This represents a slight improvement in overall water quality around the site when compared to 2018.
- 3.6.9 Appendix E presents time series plots for the surface water quality determinands above have been produced for the period Jan 09 – Dec 18. A summary of the results shown above and the time series plots is given below.

The Nant-y-Derlwyn Stream

- 3.6.10 Surface water monitoring undertaken by Amgen in the Nant-y-Derlwyn stream (SW1, SW3 and SW4a) continues to show the water to be of very good quality. Water samples taken from up-stream monitoring locations are comparable with those taken down-stream.
- 3.6.11 Third party lab analysis of surface water samples taken during this reporting period (Jan 19 to Dec 19) show the water quality to be within UK Drinking Water Standards (UK-DWS). For example, Ammoniacal Nitrogen (NH_4 as N), a substance typically associated with leachate contamination, was not detected (above 0.03 mg/l) in any of the 35 samples obtained from locations both up-gradient and down-gradient of the landfill. This indicates that landfill / waste operations at Bryn Pica are not having a notable impact on the surface water environment at this location.

The Ysguborwen Stream

- 3.6.12 An unnamed tributary of the Ysguborwen Stream runs along the Bryn Pica site boundary and joins with several other small streams before eventually flowing into the Ysguborwen Stream. AC monitor the quality of this tributary at several places; SW10, SW11 and SW12, although due to the 'flashy nature' of this watercourse, sample yield at SW 11 is generally low. Throughout the current monitoring period AC staff obtained 4 (out of a possible 12) monthly samples from SW 11. On 7 occasions sampling was not possible due to the absence of flow.
- 3.6.13 Surface water monitored at SW12 throughout the period Jan 18 to Dec 18 was recorded as being of a good quality. None of the 11 surface water samples analysed during the reporting period provided illustrated the presence of Ammoniacal Nitrogen (NH_4 as N) (above the minimum reporting value of 0.03 mg/l). Furthermore, all other surface water quality determinands observed were below their relative Environmental Assessment Limits (EAL's); for example the highest concentration of Chloride observed during the referenced monitoring period was 9.7 mg/l. This is significantly lower than the UK-DWS of 250 mg/l.

Opencast Backfill Issues

- 3.6.14 Water issuing at SW8 is thought to be sourced from issues draining from the base of the opencast backfill material.
- 3.6.15 The quality of the water discharging at this point is very good, all water quality determinands sampled are reported to be at levels below their associated EAL's. A good example of this can be seen in the results of Ammoniacal Nitrogen. Throughout 2018, there was no detection of NH_4 as N above the minimum reporting value of 0.03 mg/l. Electrical Conductivity readings at SW8 are representative of water being filtered through the opencast backfill material and influenced by past mining activities; however concentrations have remained below the UK-DWS of 1500 $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$.

4. CONCLUSIONS

4.1 Overview

- 4.1.1 Amgen Cymru has carried out environmental monitoring of leachate, groundwater and surface water at the Bryn Pica landfill site as specified in the site Environmental Permit and Environmental Management Systems.
- 4.1.2 The information collected during these exercises has been reviewed in Section 3 of this document and forms part of the continual reporting of site activities to Natural Resources Wales (NRW – formerly EA Wales).

4.2 Landfill Leachate Levels and Composition

- 4.2.1 Leachate levels monitored within the Bryn Pica Landfill containment cells 2a, 2c, 3a, 3b, 4a and 4b illustrate compliance with the leachate levels specified in the site's Environmental Permit (i.e. <1m above the basal liner).
- 4.2.2 Amgen utilises 7 locations at Bryn Pica for the purpose of monitoring the concentrations of contaminants present within the landfill leachate. During this reporting period, Jan 19 – Dec 19, AC carried out laboratory analysis of 91 samples collected from these locations.
- 4.2.3 This report provides a comparison of Amgen's analysis of contaminant concentrations in leachate sampled at Bryn Pica with published average data for leachate in similar type UK landfills (see Table 3.3). The majority of contaminants illustrated as being present with the landfill leachate generated at Bryn Pica are report to be comparative with UK average values for non-hazardous landfills.
- 4.2.5 The concentrations of Ammoniacal Nitrogen recorded in leachate sample at Bryn Pica, although elevated above the average values reported by the DoE in 1995 are not considered to pose an unacceptable risk to the environment (when considering water quality guidelines). The highest recorded value in 2019 was 2,530 mg/l, in a sample taken from within the Phase 3a landfill cell during Mar-19. Leachate from within the adjacent landfill cell, (Phase 4a) illustrates a similar range of ammonia concentrations.

4.3 Groundwater Quality

- 4.3.1 The Bryn Pica landfill site is equipped with 16 groundwater monitoring points, 15 of which are situated 'down-dip' of the potential sources of leachate contamination. During this reporting period 12 of these points were permanently dry or did not hold sufficient water to yield a sample. Amgen Cymru carried out the agreed suite of laboratory analysis on samples from the remaining 4 boreholes with 48 groundwater samples obtained.
- 4.3.2 Tables 3.4, 3.5 and 3.6 (section 3.5) provide a comparison of annual average groundwater quality monitored by Amgen Cymru during the period Jan 17– Dec 17, Jan 18 – Dec 18 and Jan 19 – Dec 19 with a series of recommended Environmental Assessment Limits (EAL's). Time-series plots are provided for those groundwater quality determinants included within the agreed monthly and quarterly groundwater analysis suites.
- 4.3.3 Average values calculated for key groundwater quality determinants (identified in relation to potential leachate contamination); illustrate that groundwater at the Bryn Pica site is generally of good quality. As can be seen from tables 3.4, 3.5 and 3.6 Section 3, a number of the annual average values calculated are consistently above their associated EAL. These are considered to be representative of the impact of historic mining activities within the immediate area surrounding Bryn Pica.

- **Ammoniacal Nitrogen (NH₄ as N)** – Ammoniacal Nitrogen concentrations recorded in groundwater sampled throughout 2019 were consistently very low. Comparative monitoring between the up-dip and down-dip boreholes shows that during 2018, similar average annual NH₄ as N concentrations were present at levels below their respective EAL of 0.5mg/l.
- A total of 48 groundwater samples obtained from the area surround the Bryn Pica Landfill were analysed for ammonia (NH₄ as N) during the period Jan 19 to Dec 19. The results of this analysis have been reviewed and it is noted that only non of the 48 samples yielded a value above the minimum reporting value on 0.03 mg/l NH₄ as N. This observation provides a good indication that landfill leachate generated at Bryn Pica is not having a demonstrable impact on the quality of local groundwater.
- **Chloride** – AC completed chloride analysis on 48 groundwater samples obtained from the Bryn Pica landfill site during the period Jan 19 to Dec 19. The average value of Chloride recorded in the up-gradient monitoring borehole (BH05) during 2019 is shown to be 14.6 mg/l. Comparing this with the down-gradient averages for GW 5, GW 6 and GW 7 (10.1 mg/l, 7.9 mg/l and 16.2 mg/l respectively) provides further support to the assertion that landfill leachate is not have an impact on the quality of groundwater as it passes beneath the Bryn Pica Landfill Site.
- **Lead** – Groundwater samples taken at the Bryn Pica Landfill Site are subject to quarterly analysis for the presence of Lead. During the period Jan 19 to Dec 19 a total of 16 samples were analysed for concentrations of Lead. There was no positive detection of Lead in any of the 16 samples reported (i.e. at or above the minimum reporting value of 0.002 mg/l).
- **Cadmium** – Groundwater samples taken at the Bryn Pica Landfill Site are subject to quarterly analysis for the presence of Cadmium. During the period Jan 19 to Dec 19 a total of 16 samples were analysed for concentrations of Cadmium. There was no positive detection of Lead in any of the 16 samples reported (i.e. at or above the minimum reporting value of 0.0001 mg/l).

4.3.4 Groundwater on and around the Bryn Pica Landfill Site is generally of a good quality. The results from monitoring activities undertaken in 2019 appear to be reasonably static, with no apparent detrimental changes in the concentrations of key contaminants associated with landfill leachate. The results of groundwater monitoring undertaken at Bryn Pica throughout 2019 have not provided any indication that the landfill is having a detrimental impact on groundwater beneath the site.

4.4 Surface Water Quality

- 4.4.1 Throughout the period Jan 19 – Dec 19 Amgen have carried out the required surface water monitoring at 7 locations on and around the Bryn Pica landfill site, with 74 samples being collected for laboratory analysis. The results of a series of laboratory analyses carried out on the surface water samples collected at the site are presented, along with a comparison of associated EAL's.
- 4.4.2 Tables 3.7, 3.8 and 3.9 (Section 3.6) provide a comparison of annual average surface water quality monitored by AC during the period Jan 17 – Dec 17, Jan 18 – Dec 18 and Jan 19 – Dec 19, with a series of recommended Environmental Assessment Limits (EAL's).
- 4.4.3 Average annual values calculated for key surface water quality determinands (identified in relation to potential leachate contamination), suggest that surface water; on and around the Bryn Pica site is of a good quality. Throughout 2019 there has been a minimal level of detection of the key landfill leachate determinands, including ammonia (NH₄ as N). During

the period Jan 19 to Dec 19, none of the 74 surface water samples taken from around the site reported the presence of NH_4 as N, above the minimum reporting value of 0.03 mg/l.

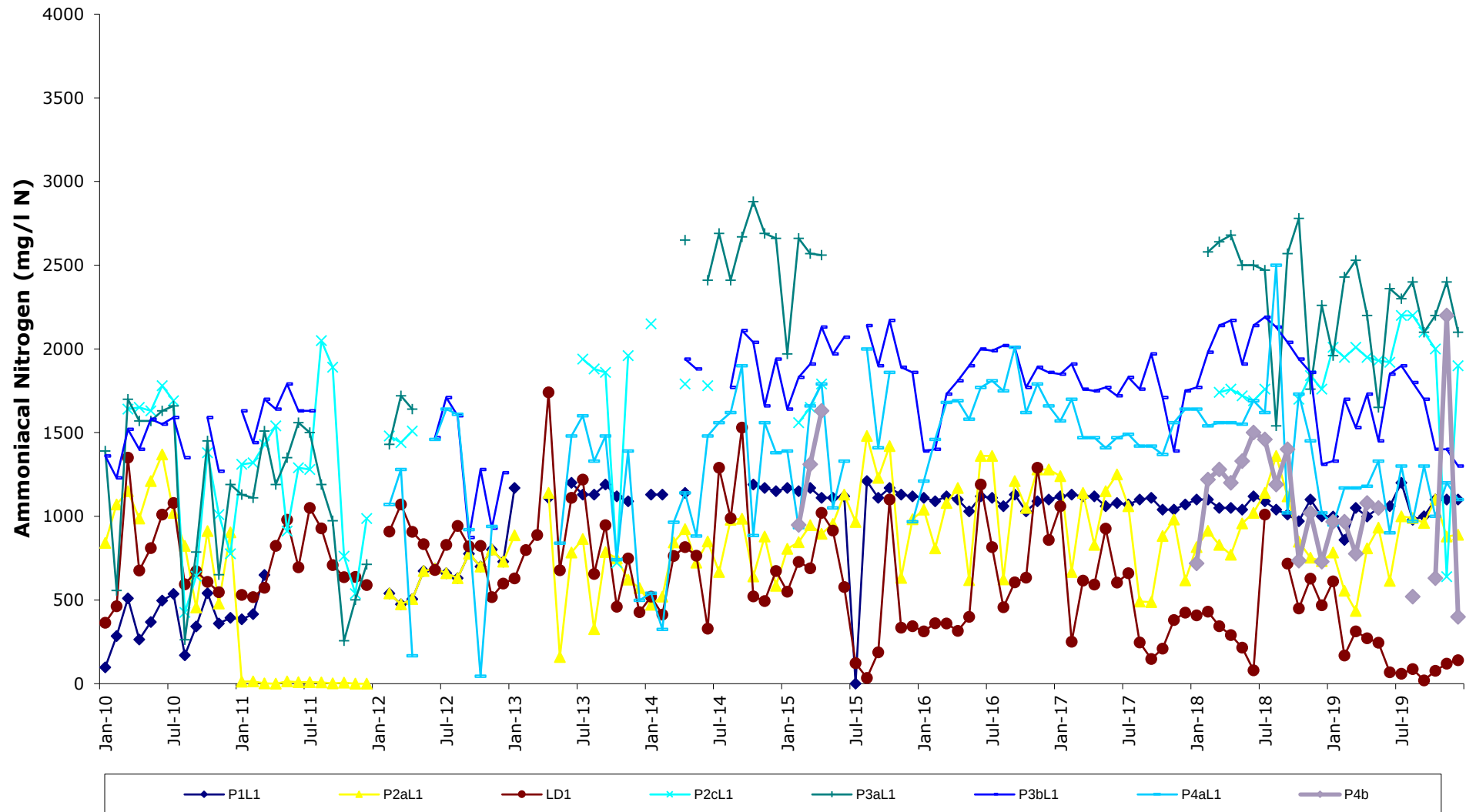
- 4.4.4 The comparison of surface water results provided in tables 3.6 - 3.8 (section 3) indicate that surface water sampled around the Bryn Pica Landfill during the period Jan 19 – Dec 19 is of a good quality. The high standard of water quality observed in surface water around the site in 2017 has been maintained over the subsequent two year period Jan 18 to Dec 19.

Appendix A - Drawings

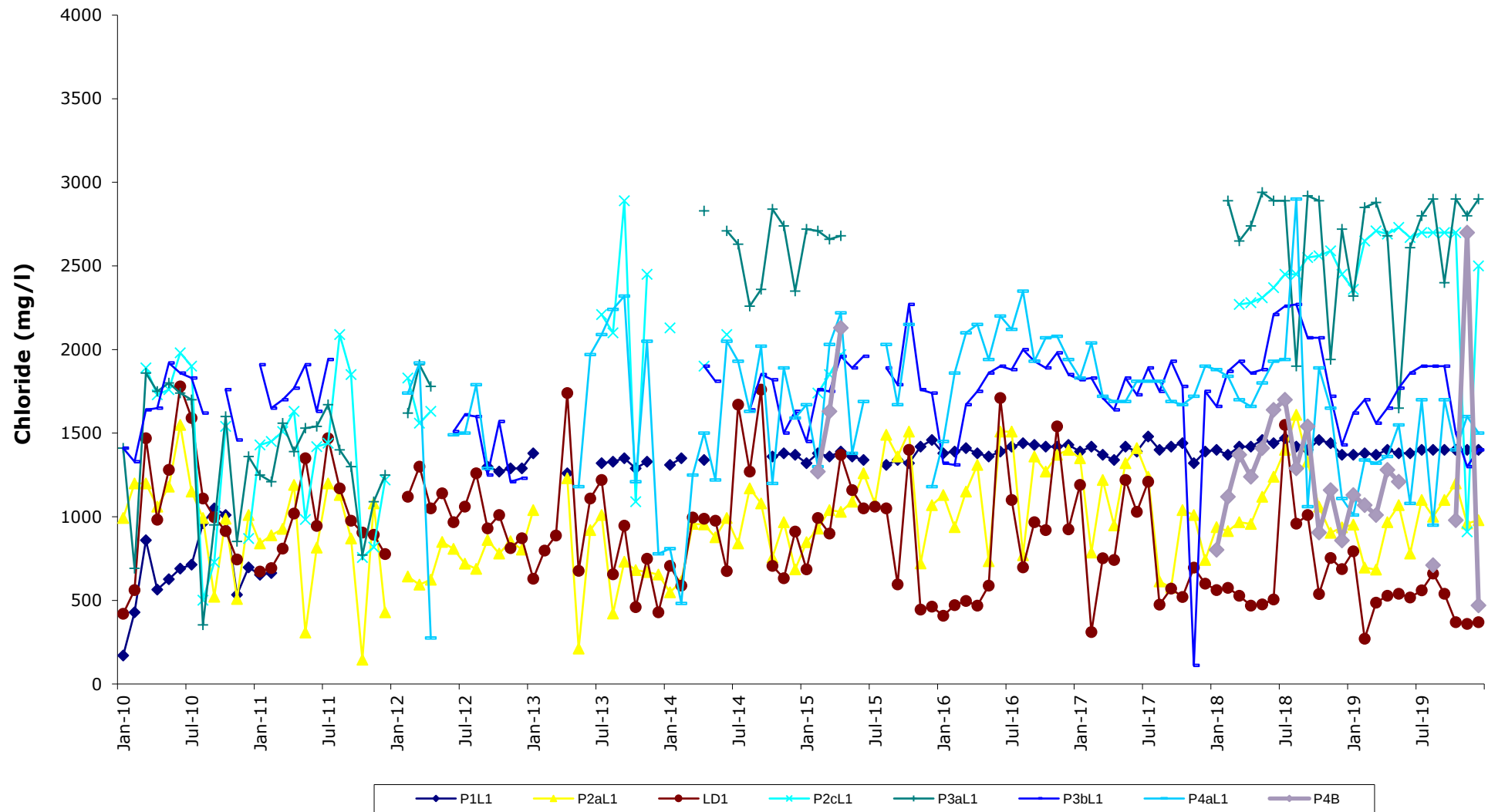
Appendix B – Table 1a, 1b and 1c showing the Monitoring Suites used by Amgen for Leachate, Groundwater and Surface Water.

Appendix C – Time Series Plots Illustrating the Results of Amgen'
Laboratory Analysis of Leachate Sampled at the Bryn Pica Landfill
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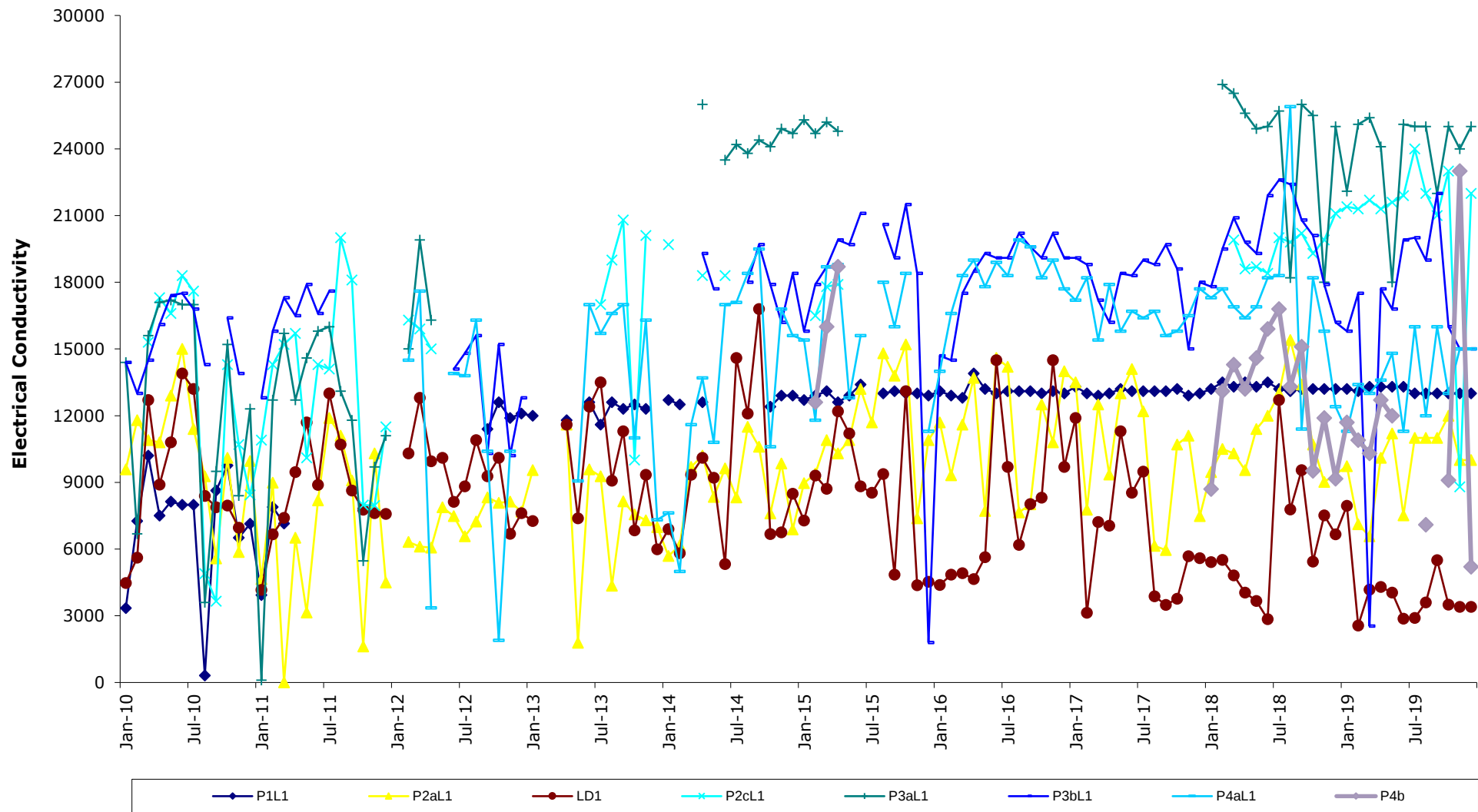
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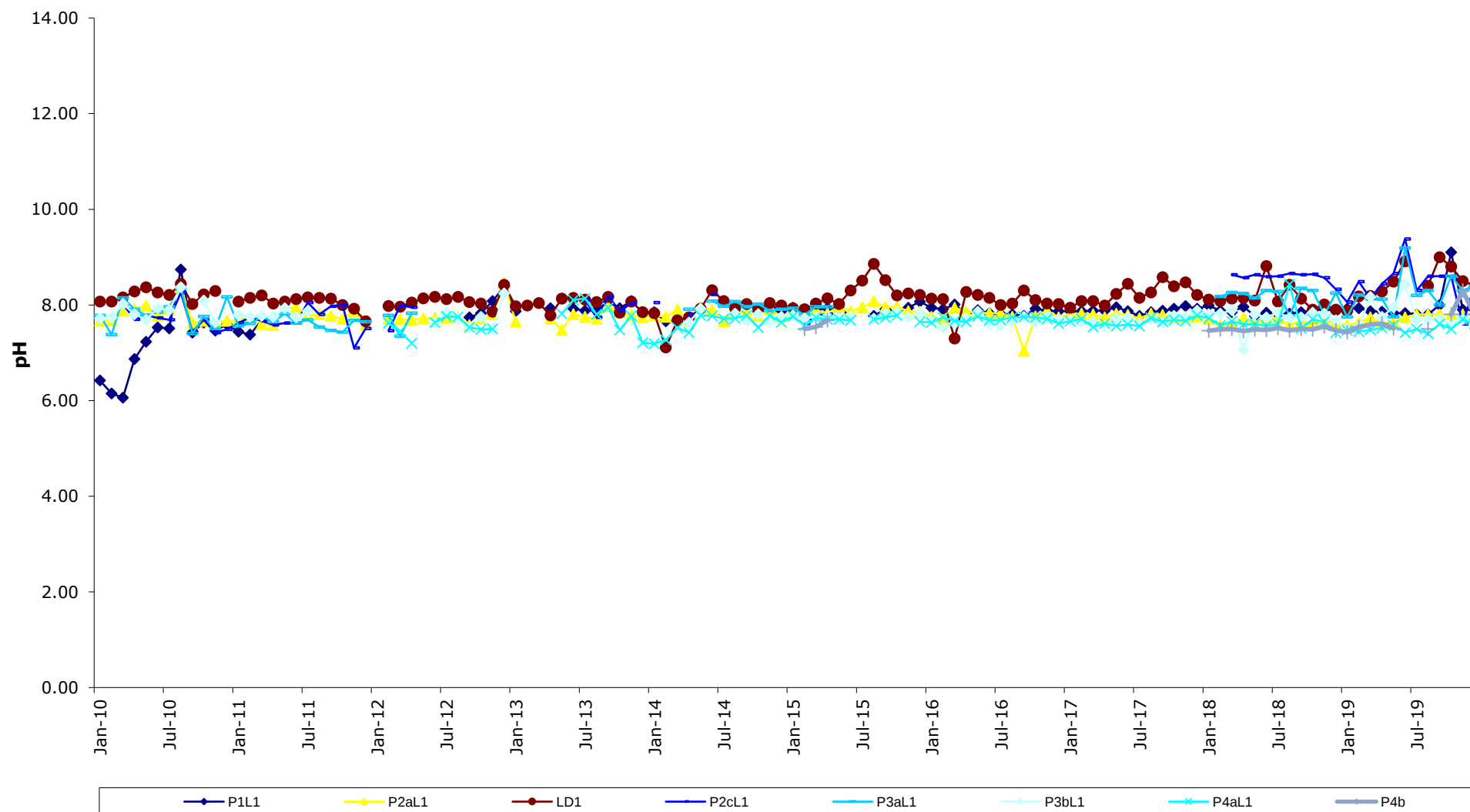
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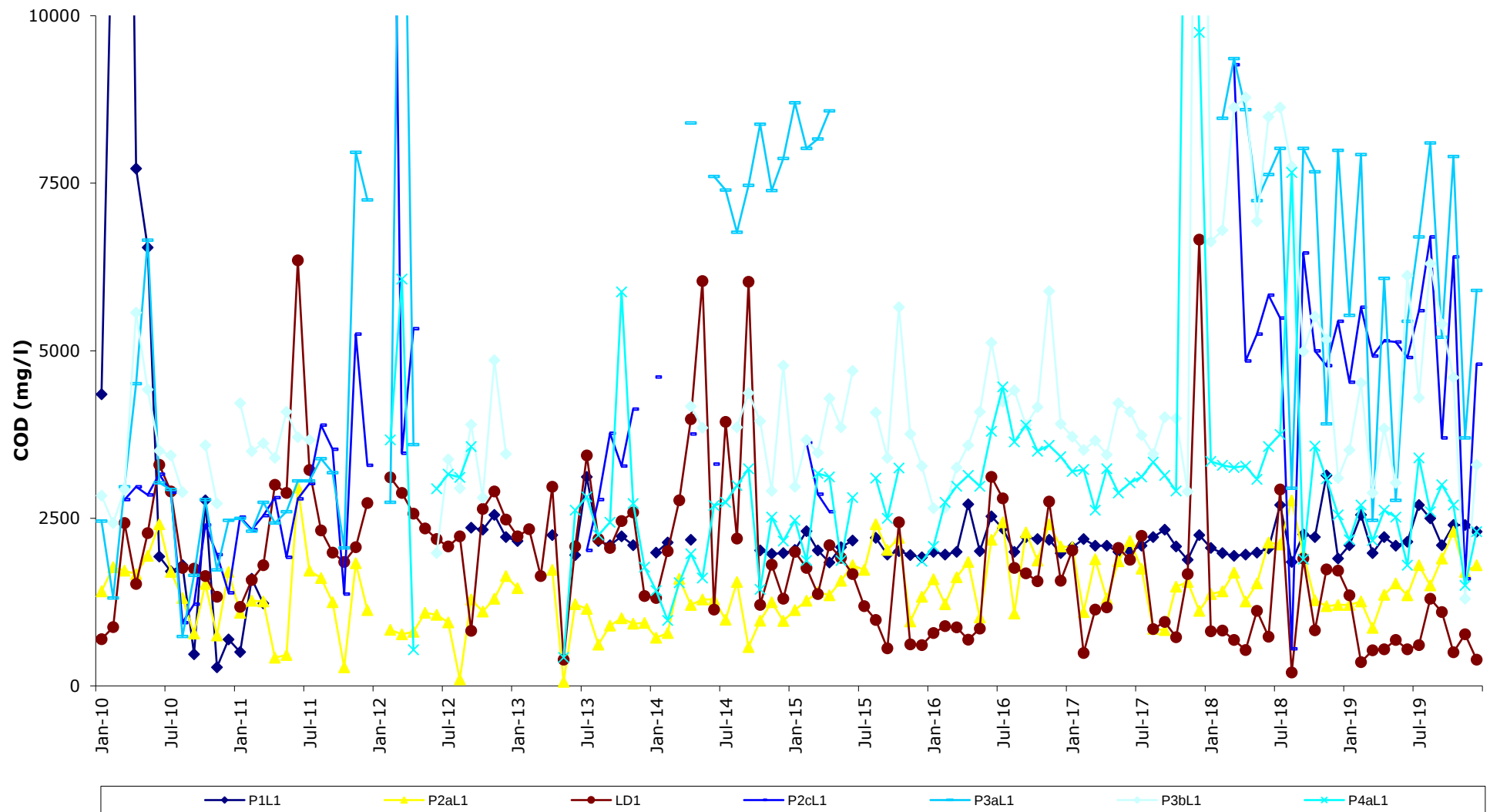
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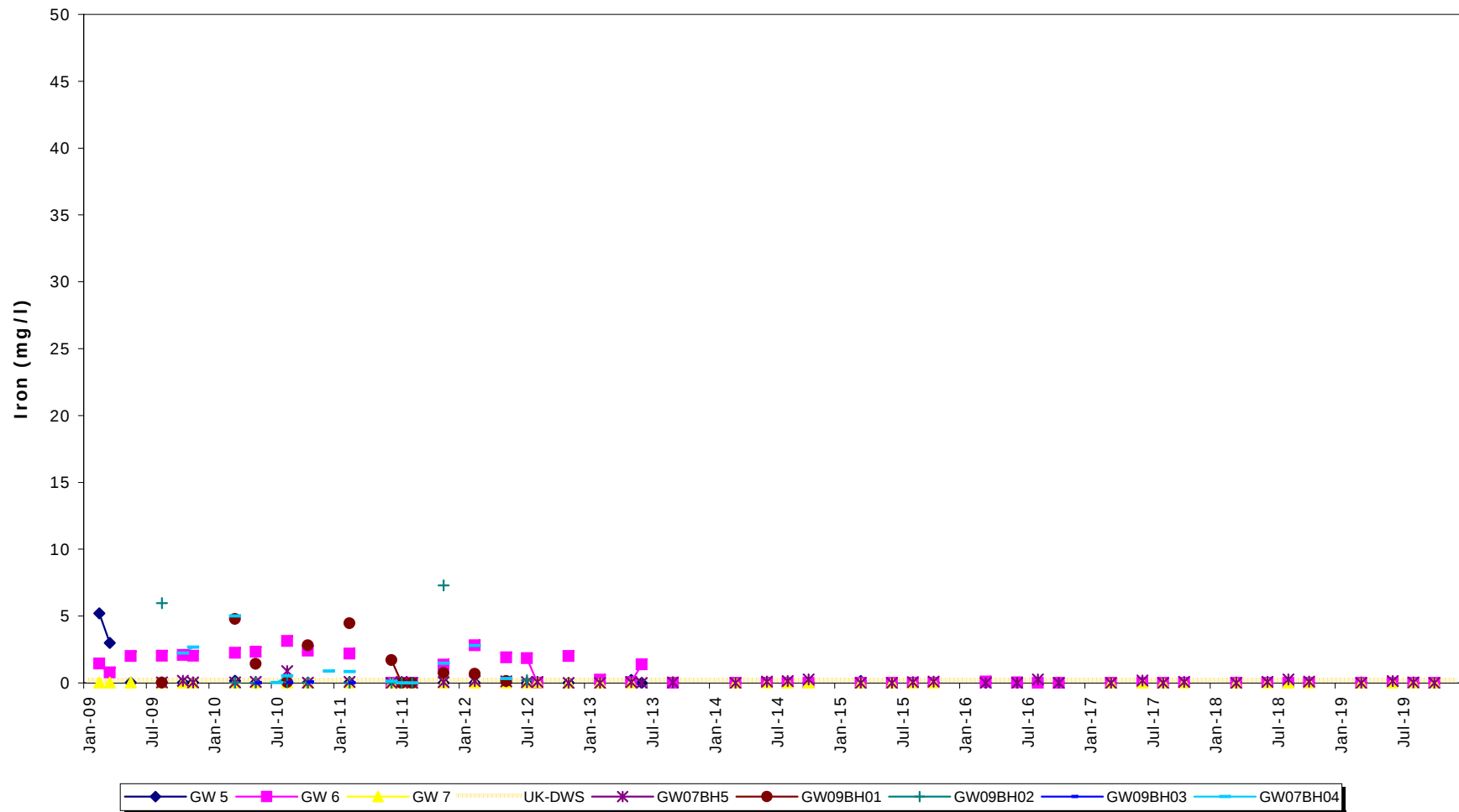


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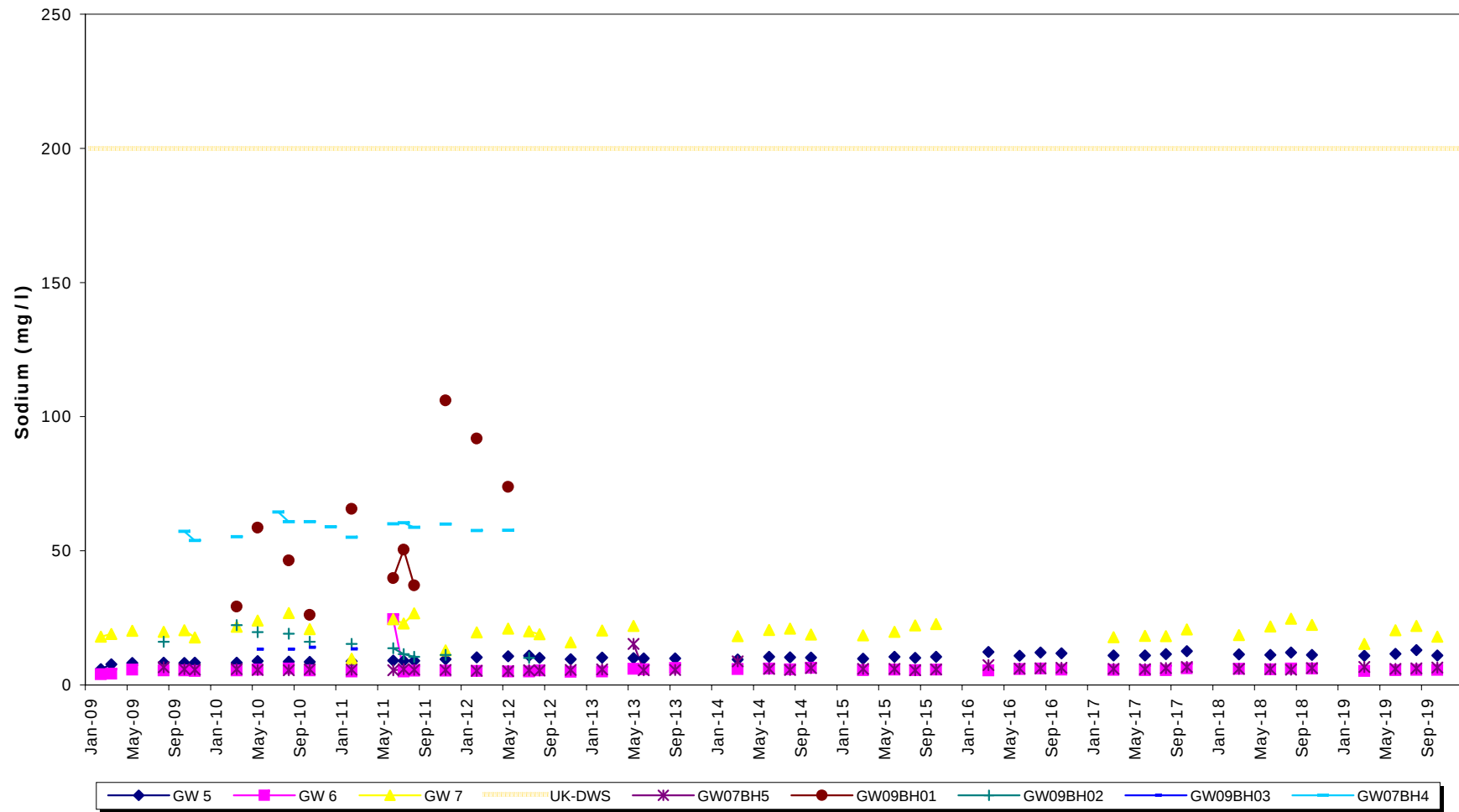


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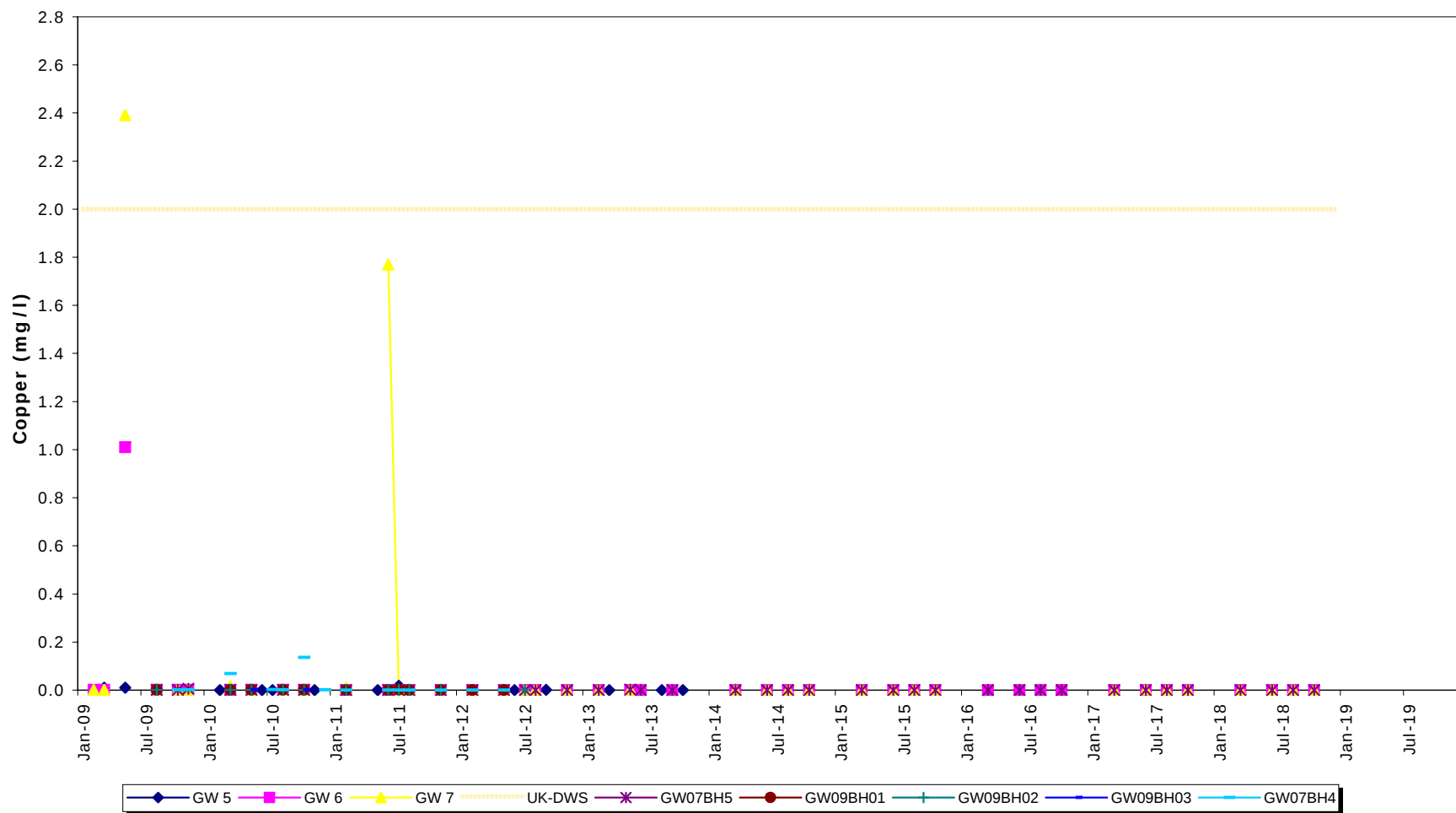
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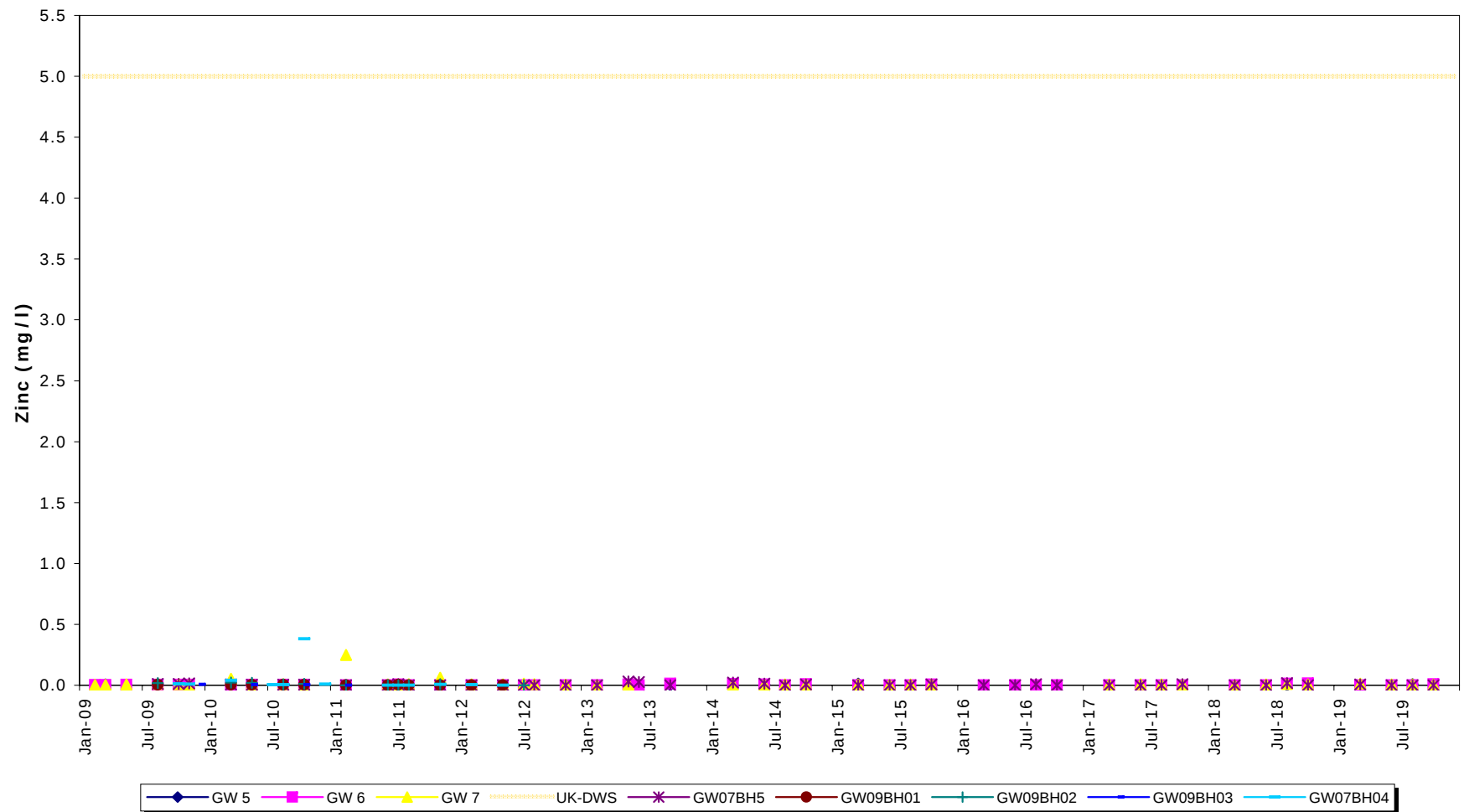
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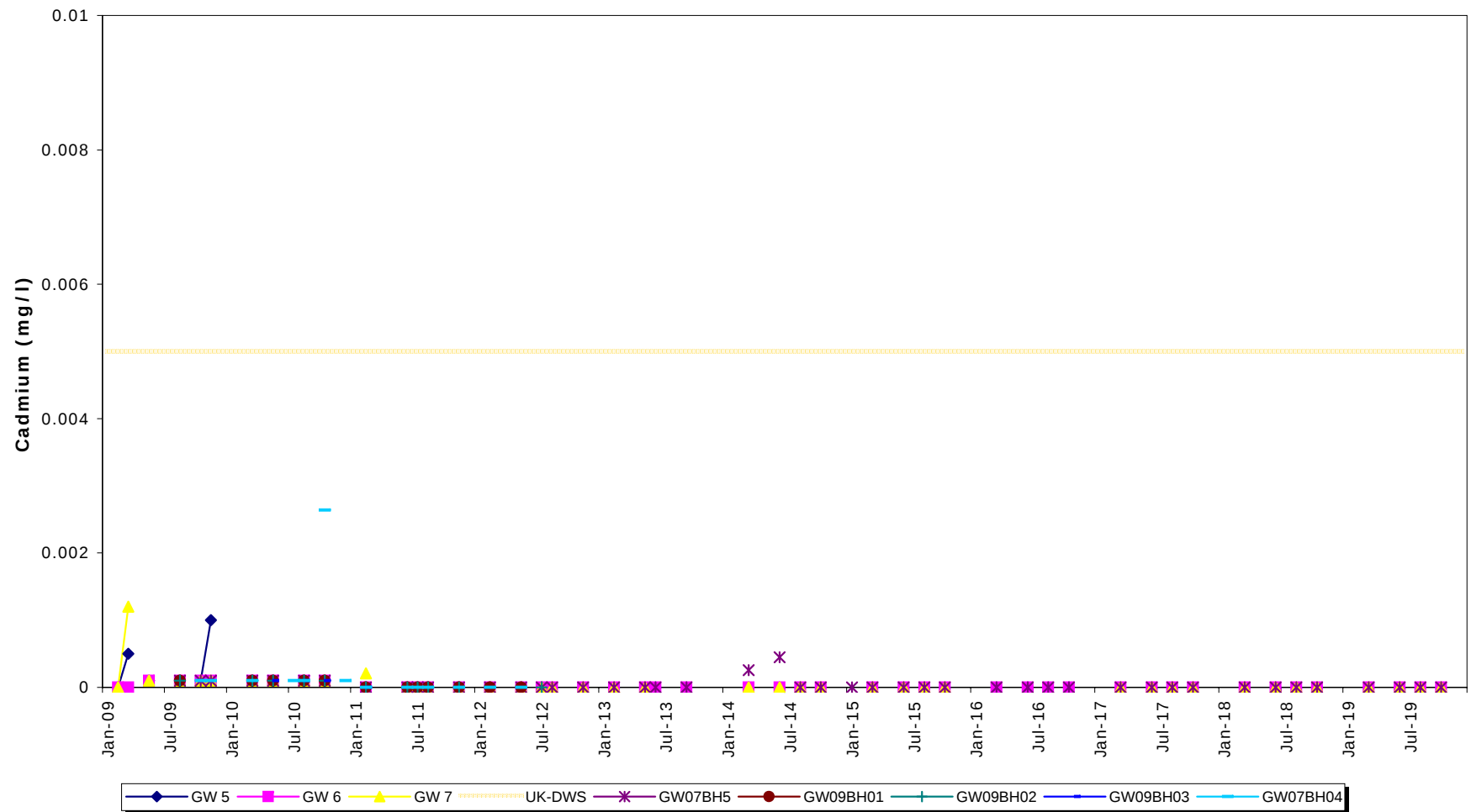
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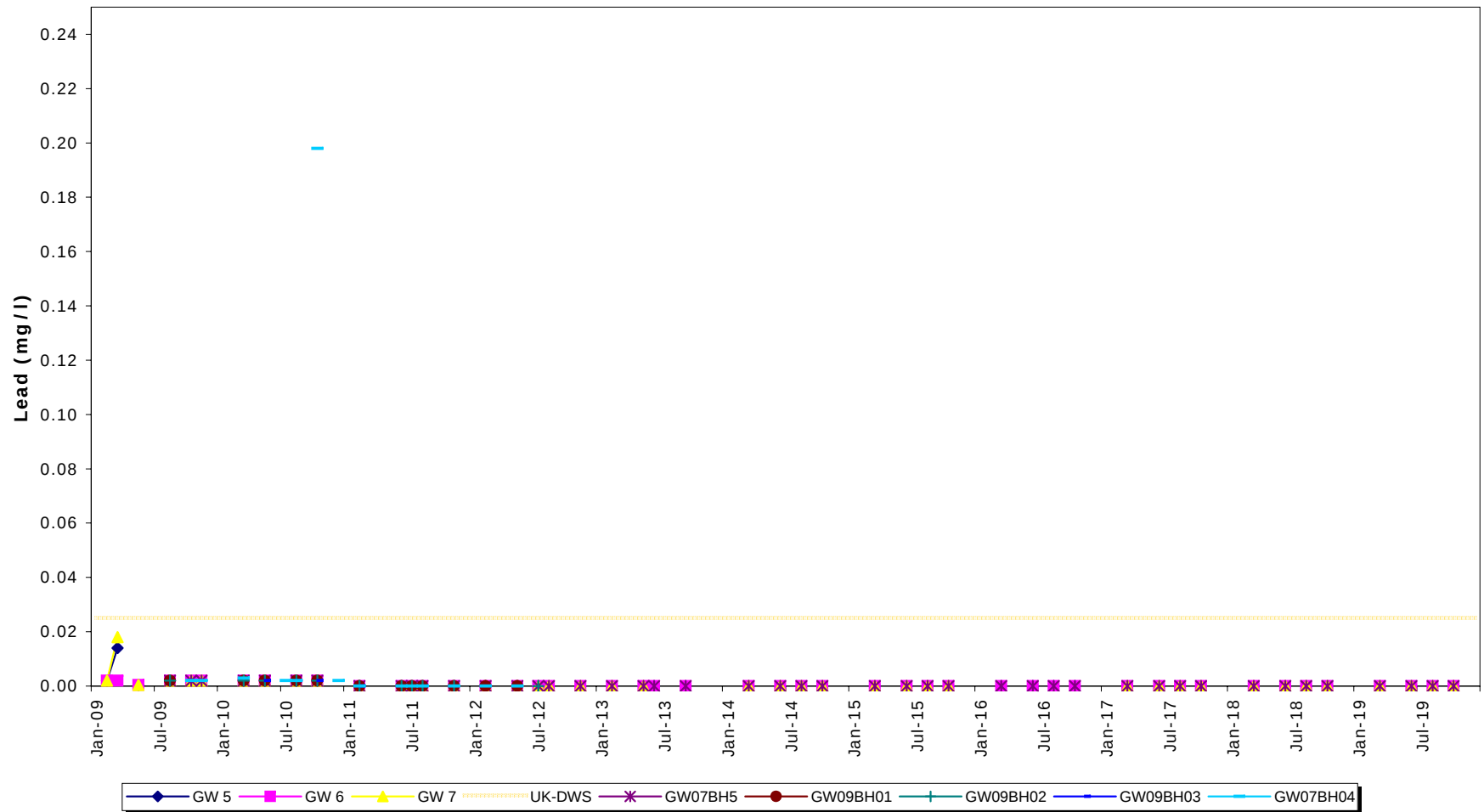
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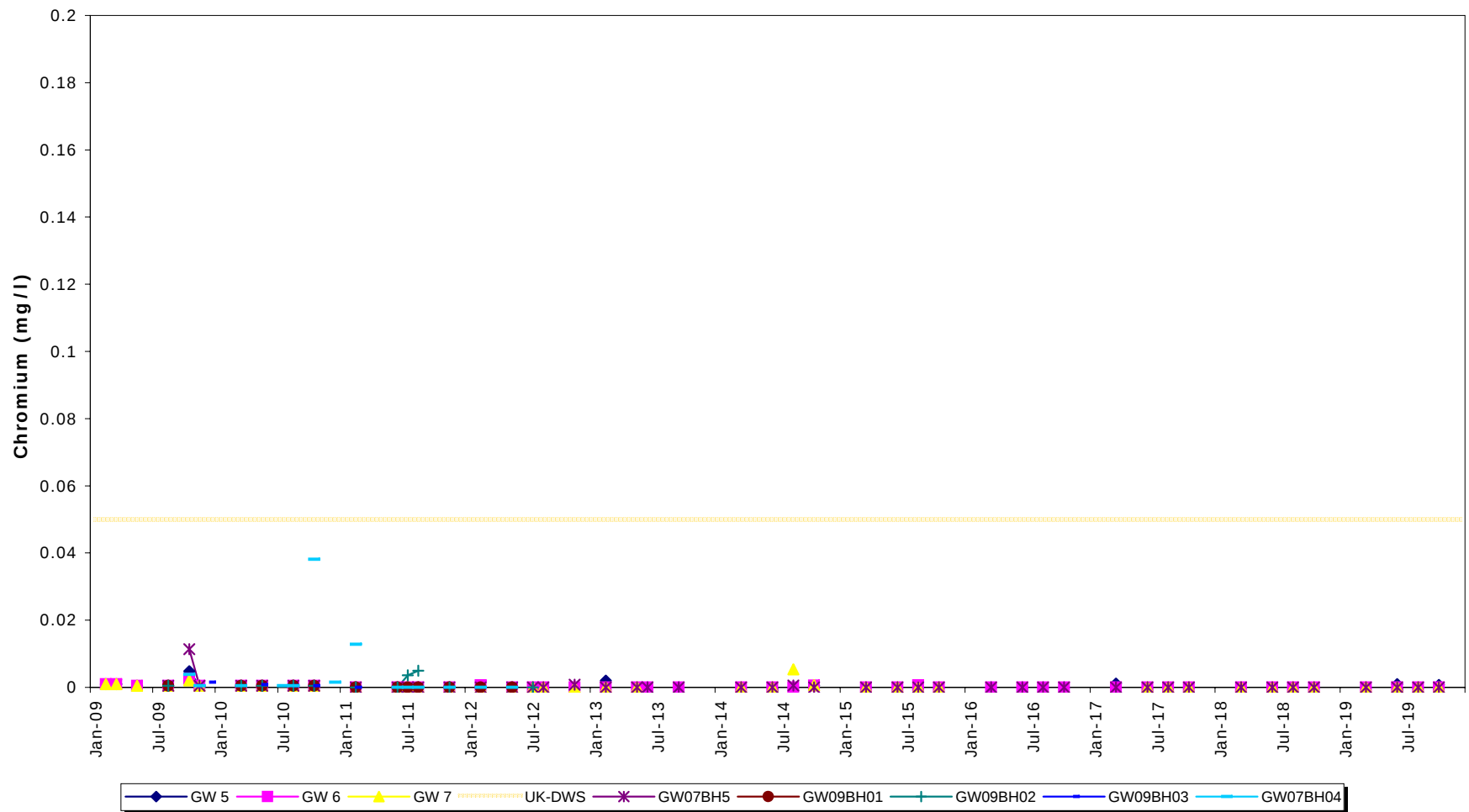
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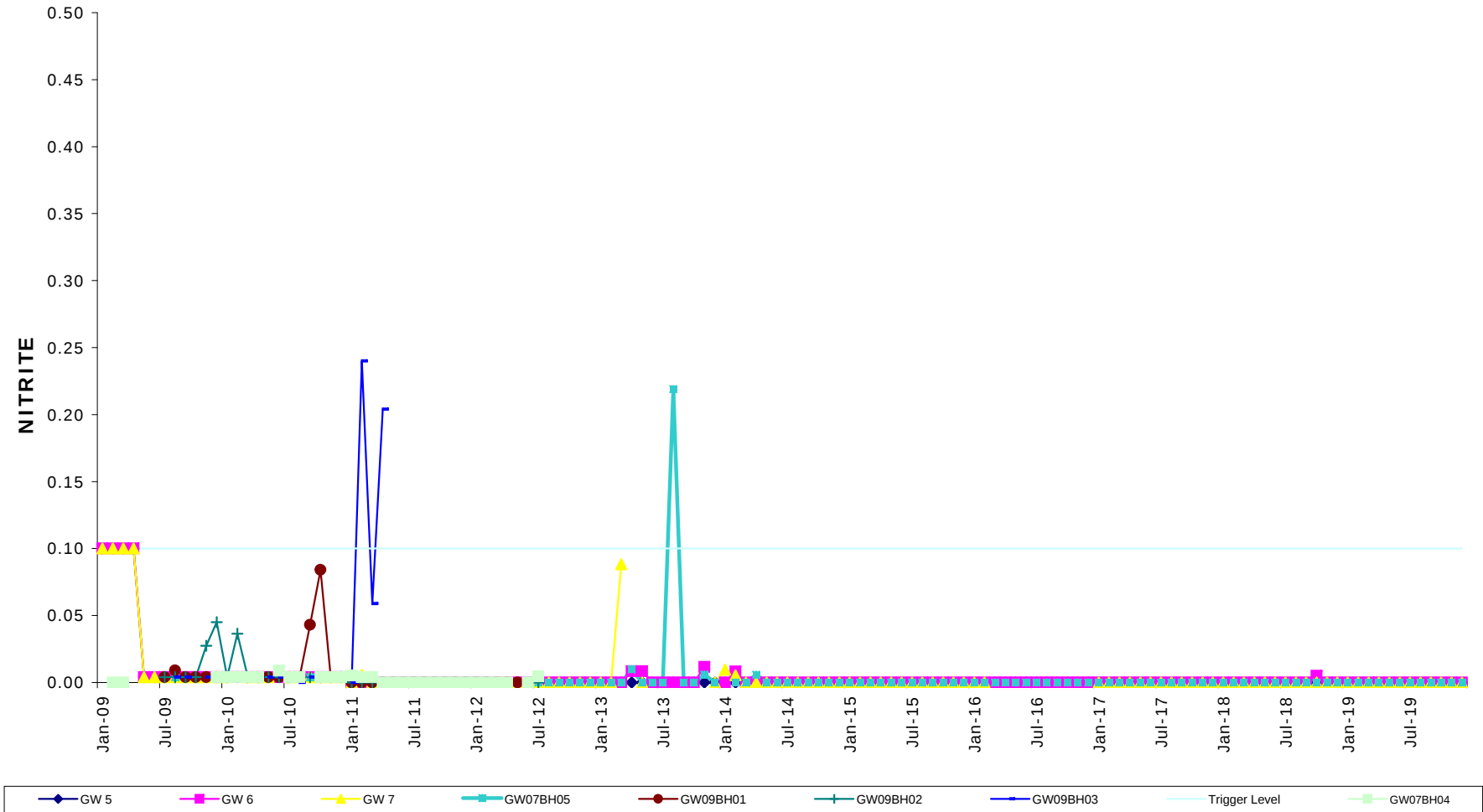
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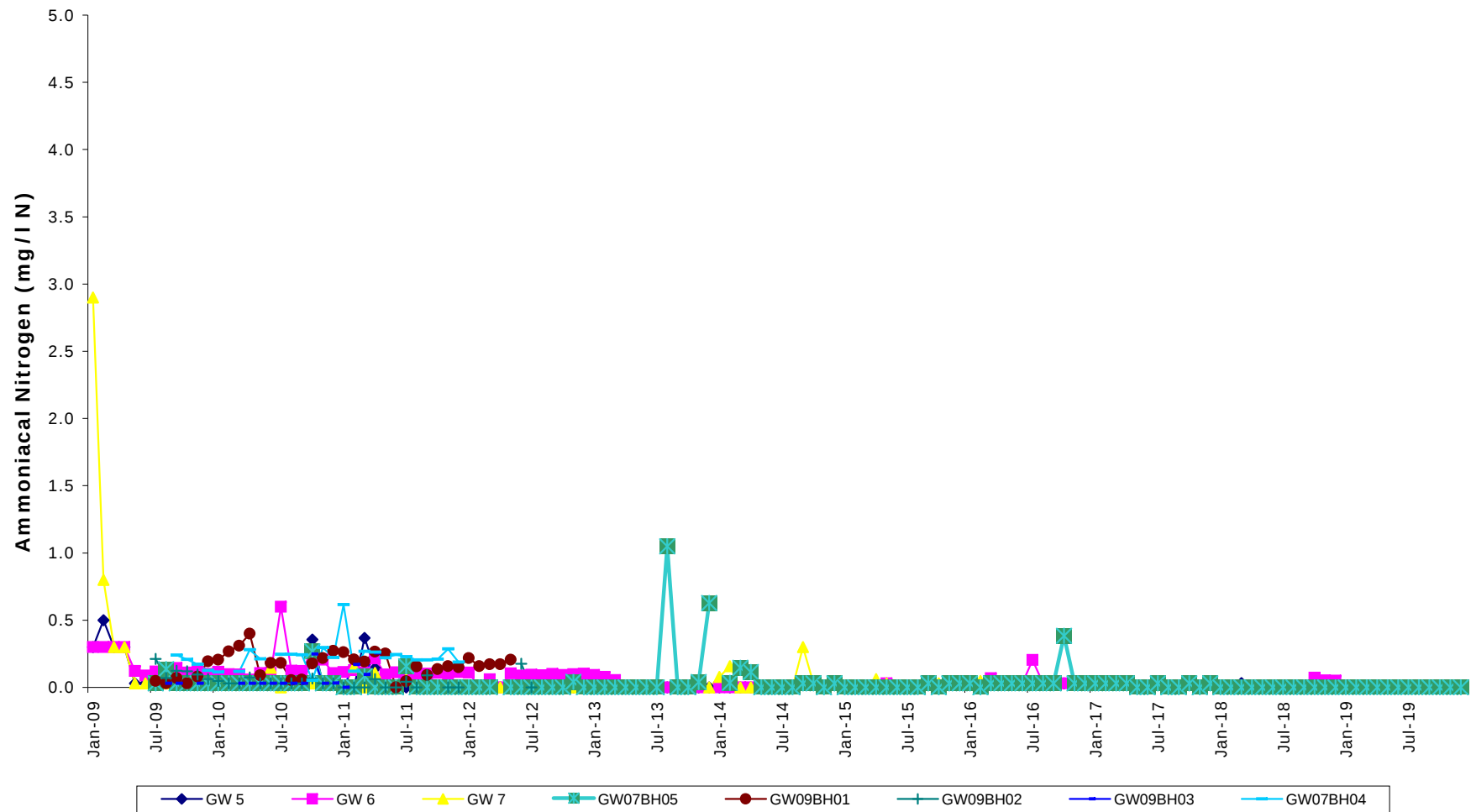
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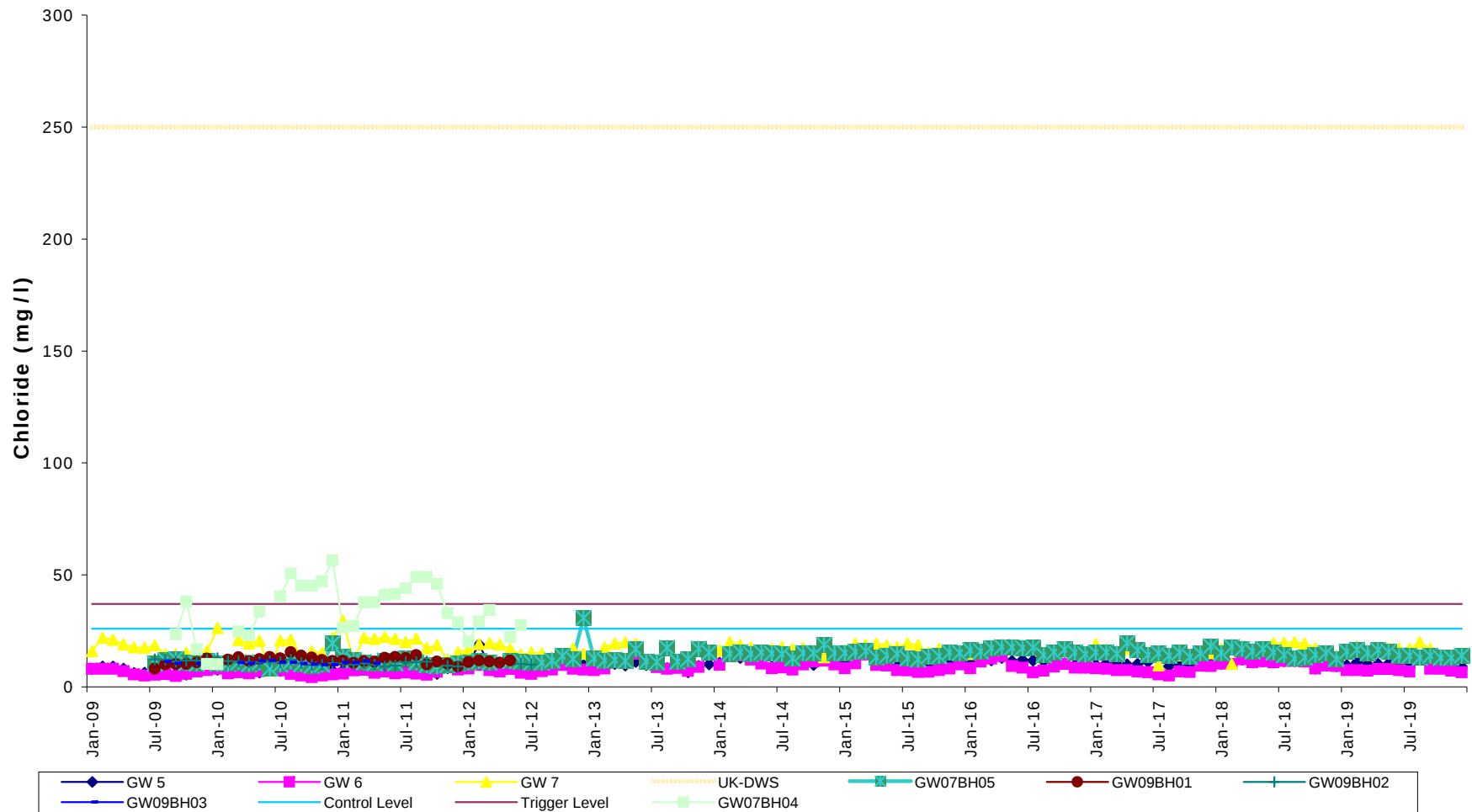
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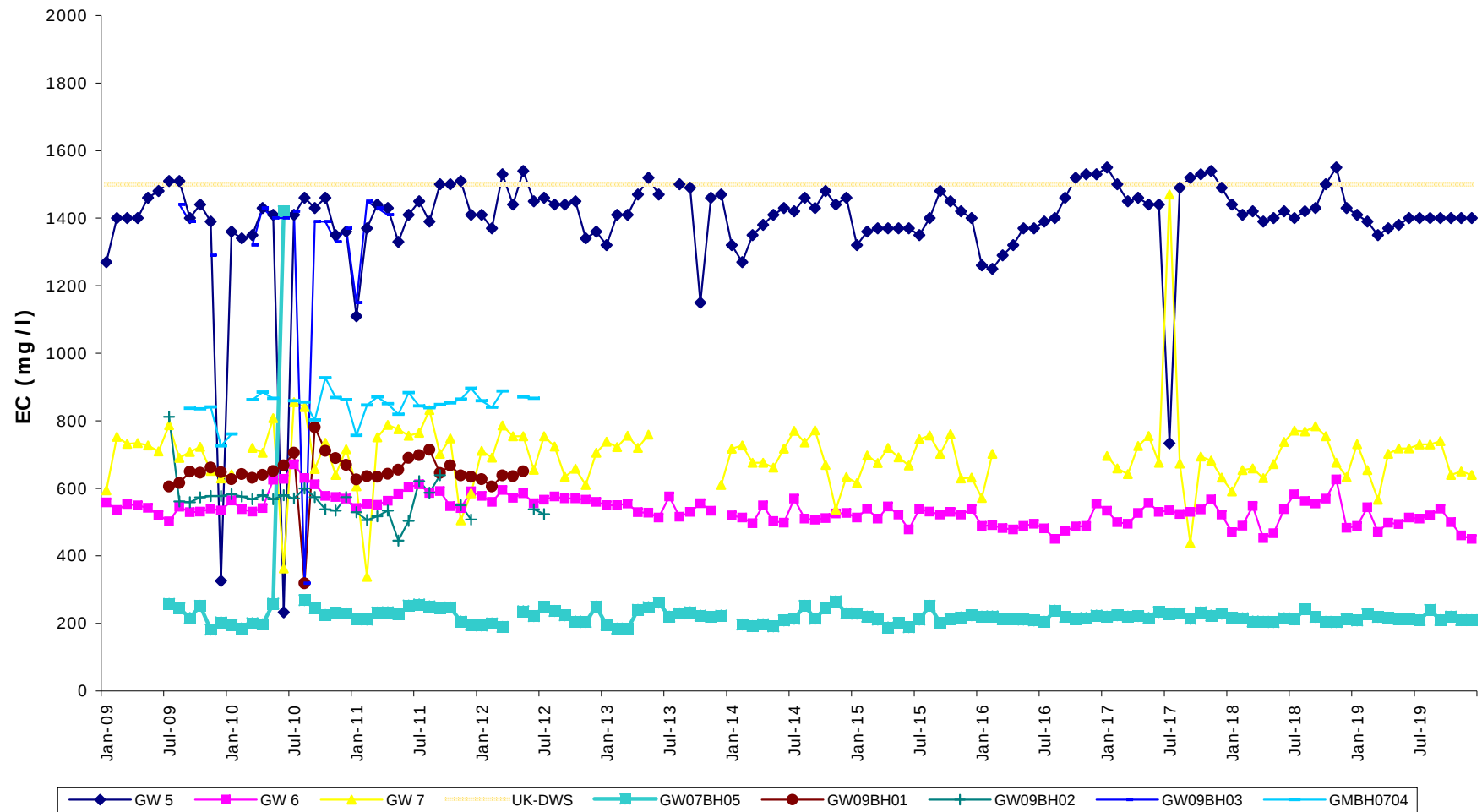
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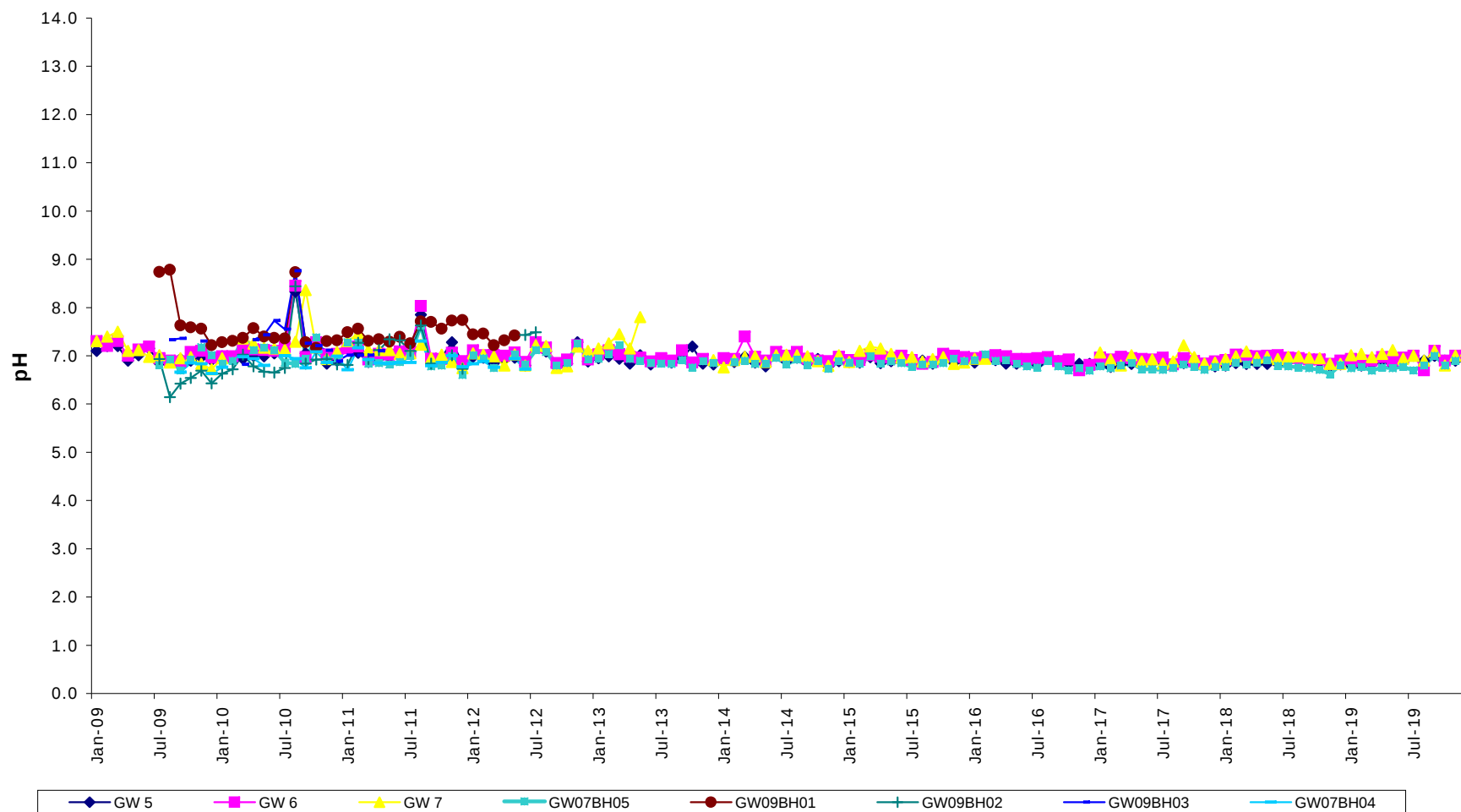
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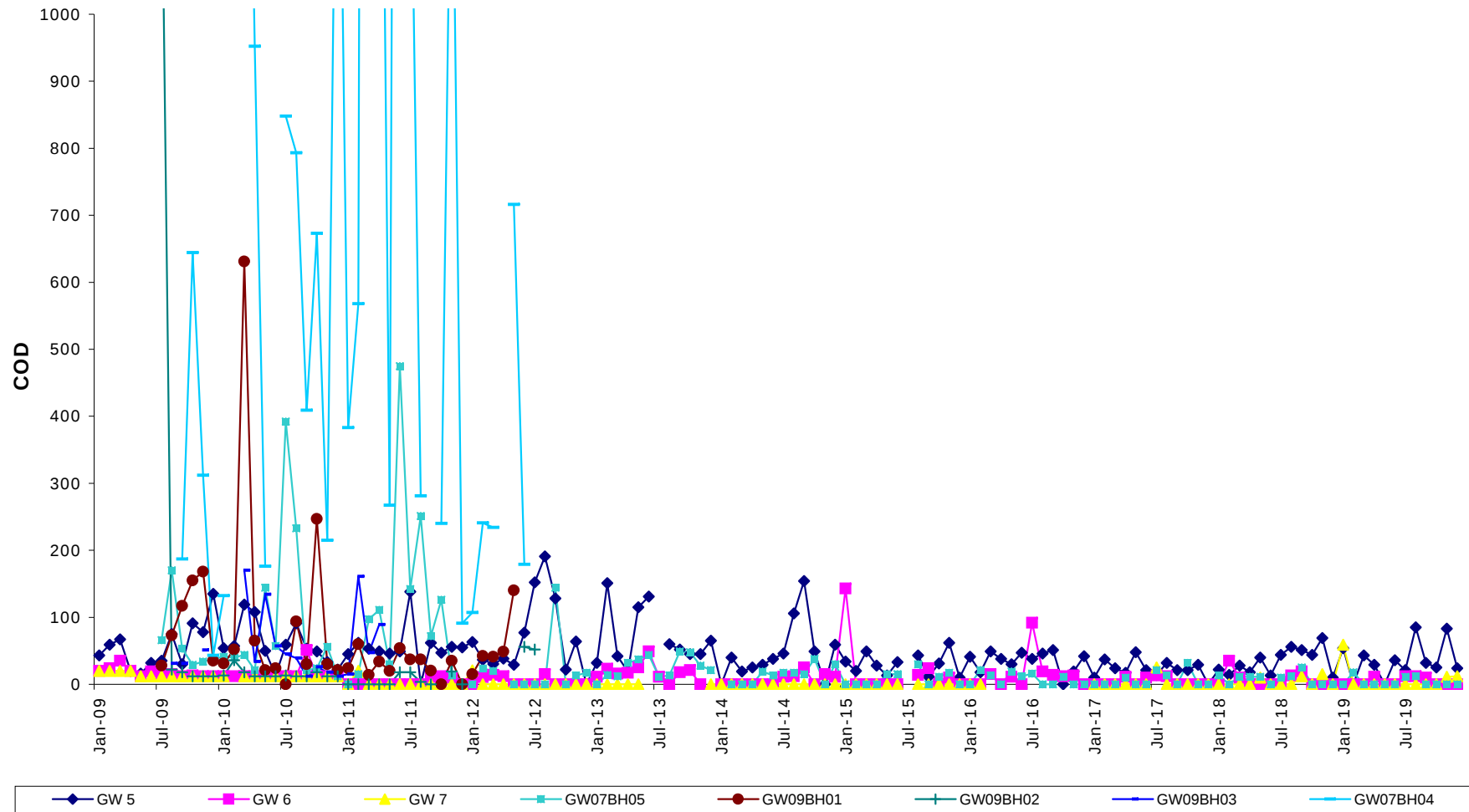
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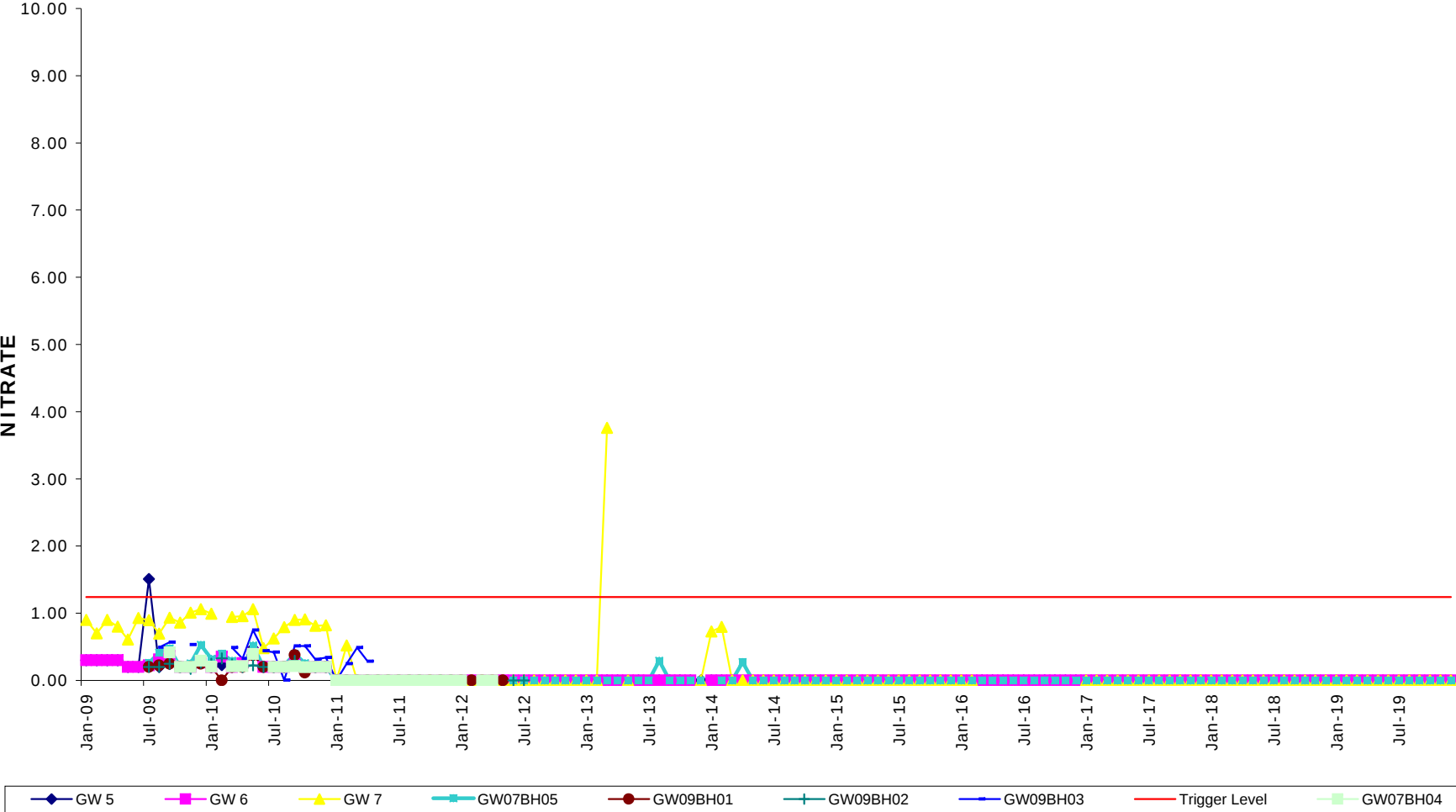
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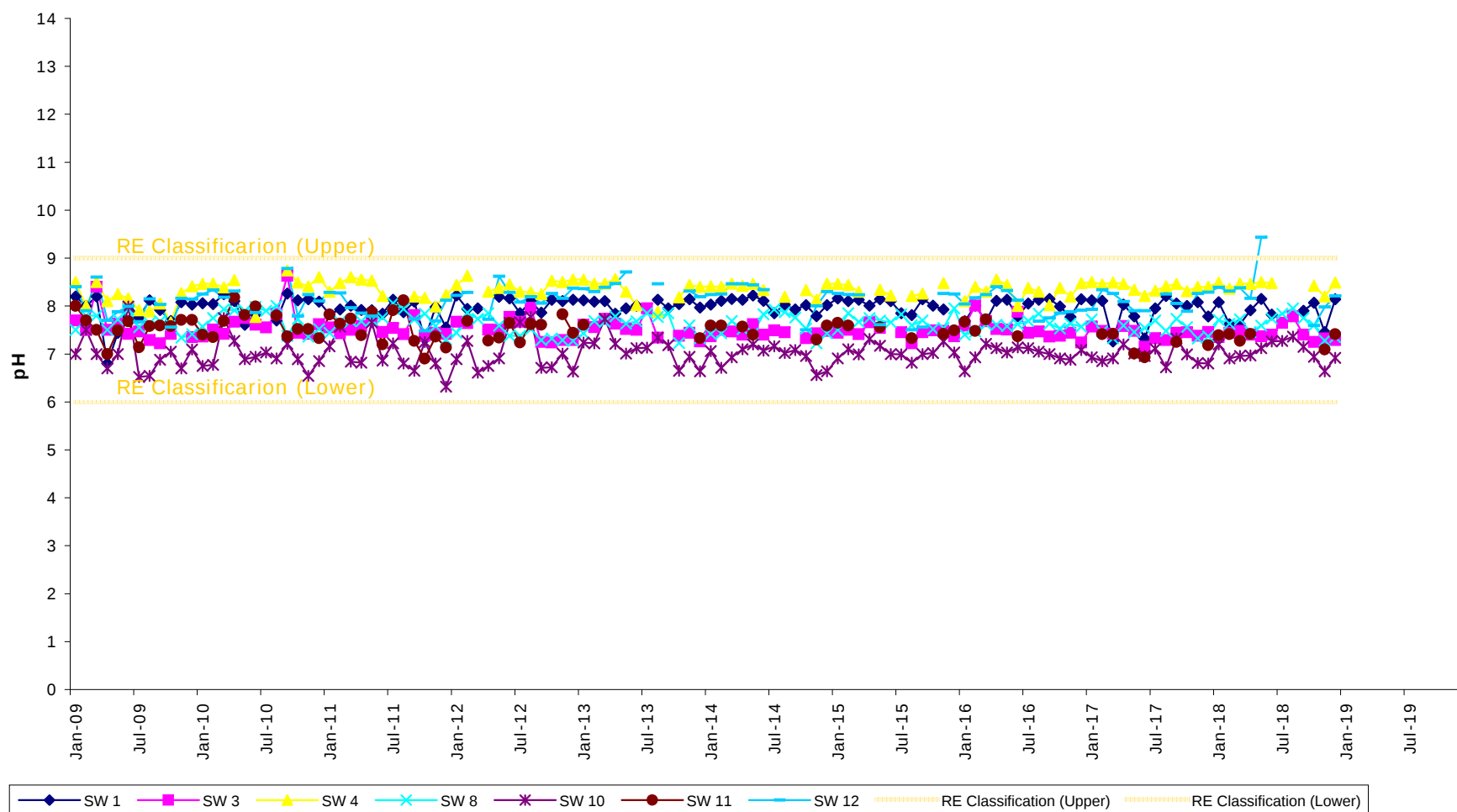


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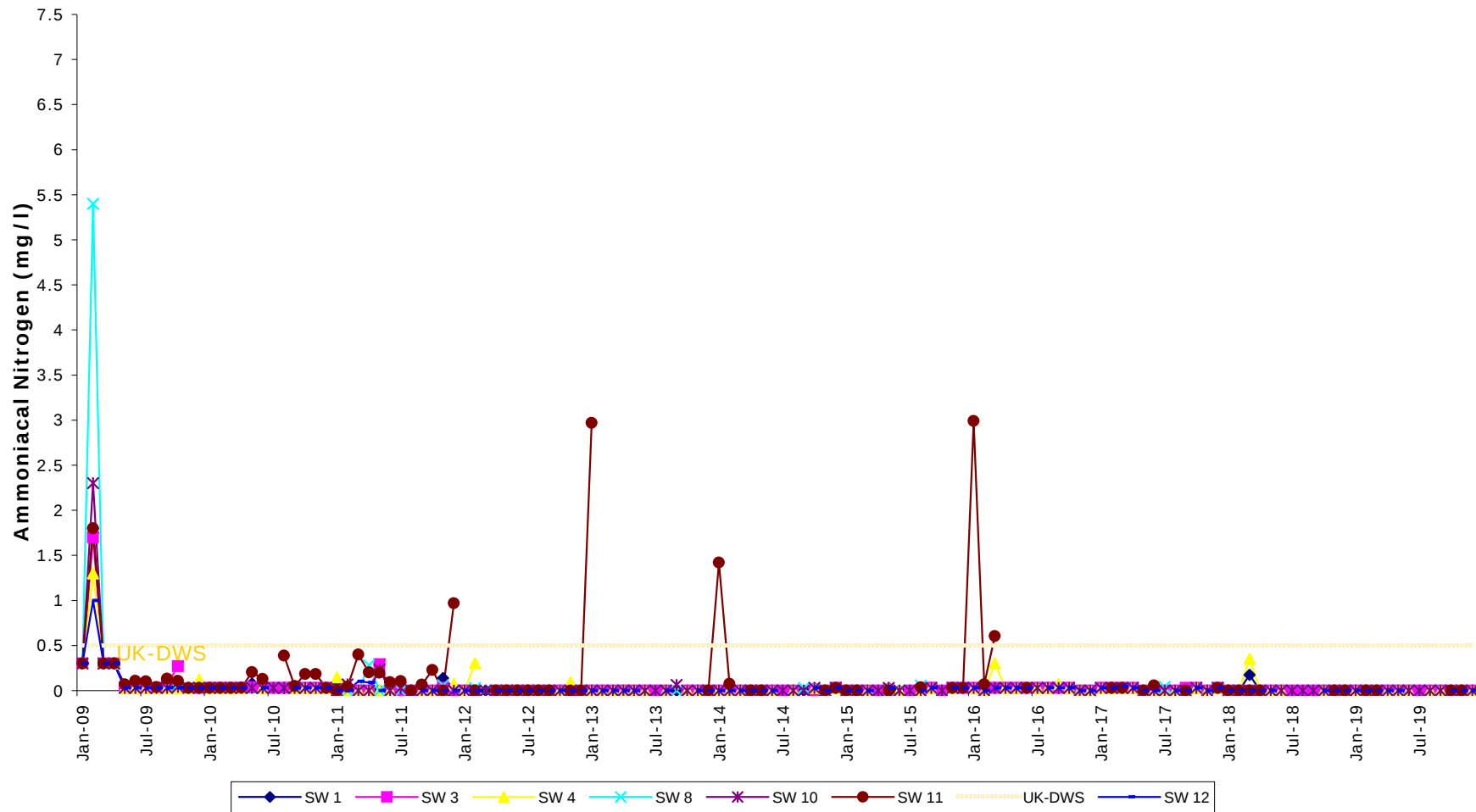


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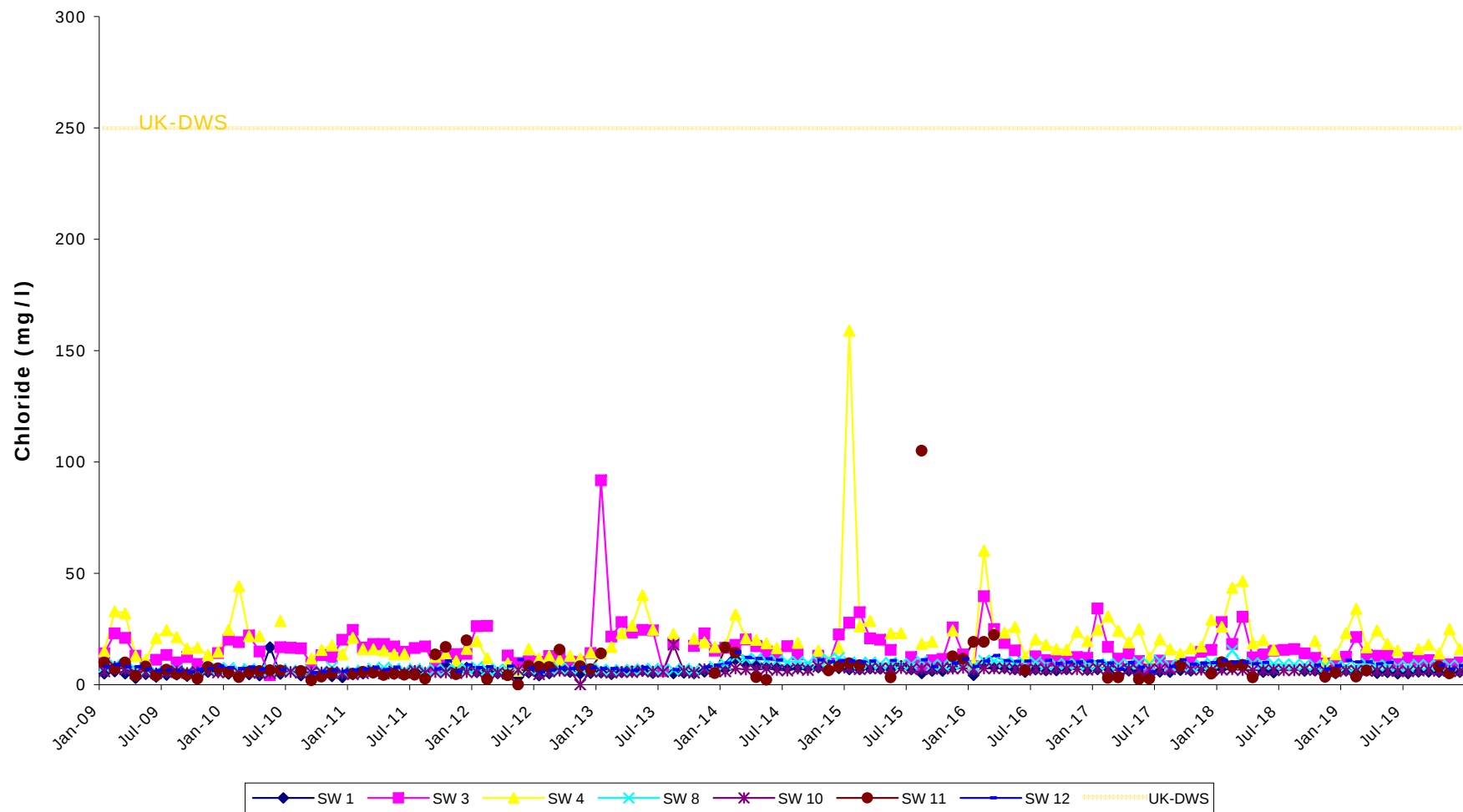
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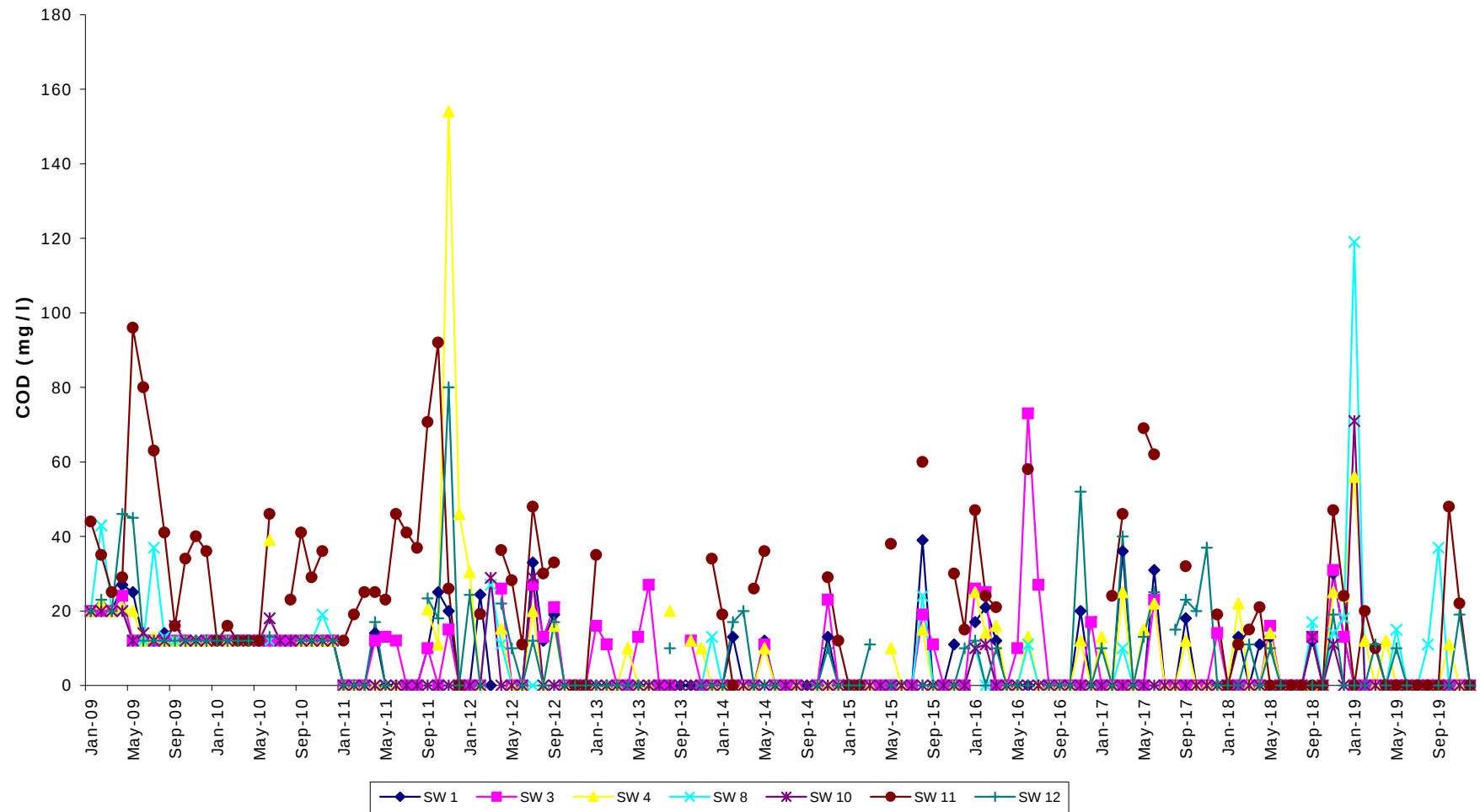
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