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Please find attached the report entitled "Thornton Composite Reservoir Groundwater Monitoring Report Second Quarter 2019" transmitted electronically. The report is prepared for transmittal to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) in accordance with the Thornton Composite Reservoir Groundwater Monitoring Plan. Also attached is the Excel spreadsheet of the Thornton Composite Reservoir raw data as required by the IEPA.

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LIST	OF.	ACRO	NYMS

Acronym	Definition
CCD	Chicago City Datum
CFU	Colony Forming Unit
CSF	Combined Sewer Flow
FC	Fecal Coliform
GMP	Groundwater Monitoring Plan
GPS	Groundwater Protection System
IAC	Illinois Administrative Code
M&R	Monitoring and Research
QC	Quality Control
TCR	Thornton Composite Reservoir
TDS	Total Dissolved Solids
TOC	Total Organic Carbon

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Mention of proprietary equipment and chemicals in this report does not constitute endorsement by the District.

INTRODUCTION

A Groundwater Protection System (GPS) was constructed for the Thornton Composite Reservoir (TCR) to protect against the exfiltration of combined sewer flow (CSF) into the surrounding dolomite aquifers. The CSF and minimal amounts of stormwater are stored in the reservoir during and after large storm events. To monitor the performance of the GPS, a network of monitoring wells located outside the perimeter of the GPS is being monitored as discussed in the Revised Groundwater Monitoring Plan (GMP) (Black & Veatch, 2016). As explained in the Revised GMP, one sample of reservoir water, one of the Main Quarry Sump, and one from each of the seven wells are collected annually and analyzed for the Illinois Administrative Code (IAC) Title 35 Part 620 Class I groundwater constituents. In addition, following a reservoir fill event or during a routine quarterly event, groundwater is sampled from the seven wells and the Main Quarry Sump and tested for a targeted list of parameters that are more likely to be detected in CSF water.

The monitoring well system consists of one deep well, TB-124, which monitors the underlying Galena Aquifer, and six vertical Westbay multi-level monitoring wells: TB-118, TB-119, TB-120, TB-121, TB-122, and TB-123, which monitor the Silurian Dolomite aquifers. As discussed in the Revised GMP, following a reservoir fill event, bi-weekly sampling is required while the water in the reservoir remains above an elevation of -280 ft Chicago City Datum (CCD). Groundwater is sampled from each well at the first sample interval port immediately below the reservoir water elevation. Each of the multi-level monitoring wells is capable of monitoring four distinct 20-ft intervals in the Silurian Dolomite aquifer.

The locations of monitoring wells, quarry sump, TCR, and the GPS are presented in <u>Figure 1</u>. The Main Quarry Sump is located beyond the south boundary of the GPS and is not a component of the TCR but is an integral part of the Hanson Material Services mining quarry to the south of the TCR. This sump facilitates mining operations by minimizing the water level at the bottom of the quarry. It is possible that the bottom of this sump could extend beyond the lowest depth of the TCR (-297.5 CCD) ft. The sump contains mainly groundwater and small quantities of surface runoff, and it is sampled quarterly and during fill events, along with the wells, to evaluate the potential migration of contaminants from the TCR to the sump.

<u>Table 1</u> lists the characteristics of all wells at the TCR site (well location coordinates, elevations and depths, and the sampling port interval elevations).

Prior to the TCR becoming operational in November 2015, eight (8) sampling events were conducted on a quarterly basis for two years (May 2012 through March 2014) to provide background data on the existing groundwater quality. In order to evaluate the effectiveness of the grout curtain and the GPS, the Revised GMP (2016) presents the analysis of data for all samples collected during the background monitoring period and provides a baseline for comparison with routine monitoring data. Changes over time in groundwater calcium and magnesium concentrations would also be useful in tracking the occurrence of infiltration/exfiltration. Groundwater analytical data routinely generated for the monitoring wells, reservoir, and sump



FIGURE 1: MONITORING WELL AND MAIN QUARRY SUMP LOCATIONS

	Coord	nates1	Ground	Top of	Depth	San	npling Port	Interva (ft, C	CCD)
Well ID	Northing (ft)	Easting (ft)	Surface El (ft, CCD ²)	Riser El (ft, CCD ²)	of Well (ft)	Interval 1	Interval 2	Interval 3	Interval 4
TB-118	1,791,110.38	693,560.44	38.5	41.5	532	-85	-212	-283	-392
						to -105	to -232	to -303	to -412
TB-119	1,792,316.63	695,509.39	27.9	29.5	529	-85	-212	-283	-392
						to -105	to -232	to -303	to -412
TB-120	1,790,782.31	696,888.93	40.0	42.1	540	-86	-213	-284	-393
						to -106	to -233	to -304	to -413
TB-121	1,792,193.10	696,044.98	29.4	30.4	461	-84	-211	-282	-391
						to -104	to -231	to -302	to -411
ГВ-122	1,790,288.61	693,549.38	48.8	51.7	480	-85	-212	-283	-392
						to -105	to -232	to -303	to -412
ГВ-123	1,792,185.60	693,685.69	28.9	31.8	460	-84	-211	-282	-391
						to -104	to -231	to -302	to -411
ГВ-124	1,792,200.77	695,591.56	29.6	29.2	728		-663 to	-698	

TABLE 1: CHARACTERISTICS OF MONITORING WELLS TB-118 THROUGH TB-124AT THE THORNTON COMPOSITE RESERVOIR SITE

¹Illinois State Plane Coordinate System (NAD 1927). ²Chicago City Datum (CCD). will also be compared with the IAC Title 35 Part 620 Class I Groundwater Standards (IPCB, IEPA, 2013) to evaluate any exceedances in groundwater standards.

There was one fill event during the second quarter of 2019, beginning on April 29. This was the second fill event of 2019. One complete set of samples was collected at the Main Quarry Sump and all monitoring wells during this event on May 1 - 3, 2019. Water elevation in the reservoir remained above -280 ft CCD continuously through the end of the quarter. However, further samples could not be collected this quarter due to the equipment breakdown, which occurred at the completion of four monitoring wells sampling for the first subsequent bi-weekly fill event sampling, beginning on May 15, 2019. A quarterly sample was collected from the Main Quarry Sump and all monitoring wells from April 16 - April 18, 2019, while the reservoir was not experiencing a fill event.

This report presents field activities, observations, and analytical data for surface and groundwater monitoring samples taken at the Main Quarry Sump and at all monitoring wells during quarterly and fill event sampling conducted from April 16 to May 15, 2019.

FIELD ACTIVITIES

For this report period, a complete set of samples was collected at the sump, the deep well, and at sampling port interval 3 of all multi-level wells as part of a quarterly monitoring collection during a non-fill event from April 16 – 18, 2019 (Table 2). Another complete set of samples was collected at the sump, the deep well, and at sampling port interval 3 of all multi-level wells for fill event sampling from May 1 - 3, 2019. Four multi-level wells were sampled during bi-weekly fill event monitoring on May 15, but a sampling equipment malfunction prevented collection of any further samples during this quarter.

Using a WTW Multi 3400i pH/conductivity/temperature meter, the pH, electrical conductivity (EC), and temperature of each sample were measured and recorded immediately after collection.

Prior to sampling the multi-level wells, hydrostatic pressure was measured to calculate the groundwater elevation at Port 3 of each well. <u>Table 3</u> lists the elevations at Port 3 of each well and the corresponding groundwater elevations during the quarterly sampling in April 2019. <u>Table 4</u> lists the elevations at Port 3 of each well and the corresponding groundwater elevations during the fill event sampling in May 2019.

All samples were packed in ice and shipped to the District's Analytical Laboratories Division for the analysis of selected inorganic constituents (IAC Title 35 Part 620 Class I Groundwater Standards) in accordance with the revised GMP. Additional aliquots were also prepared in the field and shipped in ice to the District's Analytical Microbiology and Biomonitoring Laboratory for fecal coliform analysis.

TABLE 2: DEVICES AND CORRESPONDING DATES OF SAMPLING DURING FILLEVENT SAMPLING IN APRIL AND MAY 2019

Date of Sampling	Event	Device/Structure Sampled
04/16/2019	Quarterly	TB-122, TB-122 Dup
04/17/2019	Quarterly	TB-118, TB-120, TB-121, TB-123
04/18/2019	Quarterly	TB-119, TB-124, Sump
05/01/2019	Fill Event #2, Sampling #1	TB-118, TB-122, TB-123
05/02/2019	Fill Event #2, Sampling #1	TB-119, TB-120, TB-120 Dup, TB-121
05/03/2019	Fill Event #2, Sampling #1	TB-124, Sump
05/15/2019	Fill Event #2, Sampling #2 ¹	TB-118, TB-120, TB-121, TB-122

¹ Further sampling during this fill event was not possible due to equipment malfunction.

TABLE 3: SUMMARY OF GROUNDWATER ELEVATIONS AT SAMPLING PORT3 OF EACH WELL AND CORRESPONDING GROUNDWATER ELEVATIONSDURING QUARTERLY MONITORING IN APRIL 2019

Sample Date	Well ID	Sampling Port 003 Elevation	Groundwater Elevation
		(ft CC	D ¹)
04/17/2019	TB-118	-289	-90
04/18/2019	TB-119	-289	-164
04/17/2019	TB-120	-290	-210
04/17/2019	TB-121	-288	-171
04/16/2019	TB-122	-288	-162
04/17/2019	TB-123	-288	-50
04/18/2019	TB-124 ²	NA ³	-342

¹Chicago City Datum.

²TB-124 is a conventional well screened from -663 to -698 ft CCD. During April, one sample was taken at approximately 650 ft below ground surface.

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 $^{3}NA = Not Applicable.$

Fill Event	Sample Date Well		Sampling Port 003 Elevation	Groundwater Elevation
			(ft CC)	D ¹)
2-1	05/01/2019	TB-118	-289	-90
	05/02/2019	TB-119	-289	-164
	05/02/2019	TB-120	-290	-177
	05/02/2019	TB-121	-288	-171
	05/01/2019	TB-122	-288	-161
	05/01/2019	TB-123	-288	-48
	05/03/2019	TB-124 ²	NA^3	-339
2-2	05/15/2019	TB-118	ND^4	ND
	05/15/2019	TB-120	ND	ND
	05/15/2019	TB-121	ND	ND
	05/15/2019	TB-122	ND	ND

TABLE 4: SUMMARY OF GROUNDWATER ELEVATIONS AT SAMPLING PORT 3 OF EACH WELL AND CORRESPONDING GROUNDWATER ELEVATIONS DURING FILL EVENT MONITORING IN MAY 2019

¹Chicago City Datum.

²TB-124 is a conventional well screened from -663 to -698 ft CCD. During May, one sample was taken at approximately 650 ft below ground surface.

 $^{3}NA = Not Applicable.$

⁴Not determined. Field data reporting inadvertently terminated following equipment malfunction.

ANALYTICAL RESULTS

<u>Table 5</u> lists the analytical methods used by the laboratory for various parameters. Analytical results were reviewed to identify any analytes that exceeded the Illinois Class I Groundwater Standards (35 IAC Part 620).

The analytical data for all well samples and the Main Quarry Sump sample collected during quarterly monitoring from April 16 – April 18 are presented in <u>Table 6</u>. There were a few exceedances of the Part 620 groundwater standards, including pH, total dissolved solids (TDS), chloride, sulfate, and boron as indicated in bold font in <u>Table 6</u>. However, among these parameters, only pH showed a value higher than the background maximum.

The analytical data for all well samples and the Main Quarry Sump sample collected during the first sampling of fill event monitoring this quarter, from May 1 – May 3, are presented in <u>Table 7</u>. There were a few exceedances of the Part 620 groundwater standards, including pH, TDS, chloride, sulfate, and boron as indicated in bold font in <u>Table 7</u>. Again, among these parameters, only pH showed a value higher than the background maximum.

The analytical data for the four multi-level wells collected on May 15 prior to equipment breakdown during the second bi-weekly sampling of fill event monitoring this quarter are presented in <u>Table 8</u>. There were a few exceedances of the Part 620 groundwater standards, including TDS, chloride, and boron as indicated in bold font in <u>Table 8</u>. However, none of these parameters exceeded the background maximum.

Fecal coliform (FC) populations were detected at the Main Quarry Sump with low density, 3 CFU/100 mL at quarterly sampling in April (<u>Table 6</u>) and 22 CFU/100 mL at the first May fill event sampling (<u>Table 7</u>). FC populations were undetected in all monitoring wells except for TB-119 at the first May fill event sampling at 5 CFU/100 mL (<u>Table 7</u>).

TABLE 5: ANALYTICAL METHODS USED FOR REQUIRED PARAMETERS

Inorganic Chemical Parameters	Analytical Method	
Chloride	SM 4500-C1- D	
Alkalinity, Bicarbonate	SM 4300-CI- D SM 2320 B	
Total Dissolved Solids	SM 2540 C	
Sulfate	USEPA 375.2R2.0,1993	
TAL metals	SM3120B,1999	
Ammonia (as N)	EPA 350.1	
Hardness	SM 2340B,1997	
TOC	SM 5310-C	
Others:		
Phenols	EPA 420.4	
Fecal Coliform	SM 9221E	

		Part 620 Groundwater	Maximum					W	ell				
Parameter	Unit	Standard	Background	Lab RL ¹	TB-118	TB-119	TB-120	TB-121	TB-122	TB-122-D ²	TB-123	TB-124	Sump
pН		6.5 - 9.0	8.4	NL ³	8.3	9.6	10.0	8.8	8.0	8.0	9.9	9.2	8.7
EC	mS/m	NL	415	NL	1008	832	984	980	452	452	738	695	1,062
TDS	mg/L	1,200	2,960	25	1,436	500	786	1140	888	888	578	1,620	1,446
TOC		NL	1	1	2.5	1.4	1.7	1.6	1.9	1.9	1.6	1	1.2
Chloride		200	1,230	1	420	58	152	265	219	217	56	268	207
Sulfate		400	890	1	217	99	102	190	90	89	128	583	514
Ammonia as N		NL	ND^4	0.30	0.501	0.436	0.35	0.614	0.566	0.545	0.662	1.143	< 0.300
Total Phenol		0.1	0.06	0.005	0.008	0.006	0.007	0.005	0.009	< 0.005	< 0.005	0.006	< 0.005
Fecal Coliform	CFU/100 mL	NL	<1	1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	3
Ag	mg/L	0.05	0.003	0.002	< 0.002	< 0.002	< 0.002	< 0.002	< 0.002	< 0.002	< 0.002	< 0.002	< 0.002
В		2	3.8	0.005	0.736	0.868	1.080	1.030	2.357	2.211	1.896	0.899	0.377
Be		0.004	0.002	0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001
Co		1	0.035	0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	0.011
Cr		0.1	86.4	0.002	< 0.002	< 0.002	< 0.002	< 0.002	0.010	< 0.002	< 0.002	< 0.002	< 0.002
Cu	н	0.65	0.004	0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001
Mn	**	0.15	0.183	0.001	0.005	< 0.005	< 0.005	0.005	< 0.005	< 0.005	< 0.005	< 0.005	< 0.005
Se		0.05	0.008	0.002	< 0.002	< 0.002	< 0.002	< 0.002	< 0.002	< 0.002	< 0.002	0.00257	
V		0.049	ND	0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001
Zn		5	10	0.005	0.031	0.026	0.041	0.050	0.040	0.021	0.035	0.377	0.006
Ca		NL	276	0.5	178	87.1	101	135	68.1	67.5	78.4	67.8	152
Mg	-	NL	153	0.5	87.1	44.5	50.0	69.2	35.4	34.4	41.3	49.9	113

TABLE 6: ANALYSIS OF GROUNDWATER SAMPLED FROM MONITORING WELLS TB-118 THROUGH TB-124 AND THE MAIN QUARRY SUMP AT THE THORNTON COMPOSITIE RESERVOIR SITE DURING QUARTERLY MONITORING IN APRIL 2019

¹Lab reporting limit. ²Duplicate sample. ³No existing limit. ⁴Not determined.

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		Part 620 Groundwater	Maximum					Wel	1				
Parameter	Unit	Standard	Background	Lab RL ¹	TB-118	TB-119	TB-120	TB-120-D ²	TB-121	TB-122	TB-123	TB-124	Sump
pН		6.5 - 9.0	8.4	NL ³	7.9	8.7	8.6	8.6	9.3	8.5	8.6	8.6	7.6
EC	mS/m	NL	415	NL	238	84.9	133	133	133	599	92.8	270	208
TDS	mg/L	1,200	2,960	25	1,346	526	686	736	952	854	584	1,482	1,046
TOC	"	NL	1	1	2.3	1.3	1.6	1.6	1.4	1.8	1.4	<1.0	1.2
Chloride	"	200	1,230	1	426	58	151	151	262	199	57	268	162
Sulfate		400	890	1	218	98	104	104	191	83	129	579	436
Ammonia as N	u	NL	ND^4	0.30	0.50	0.50	0.37	0.38	0.62	0.54	0.65	1.34	< 0.30
Total Phenol		0.1	0.06	0.005	< 0.005	< 0.005	< 0.005	< 0.005	< 0.005	< 0.005	< 0.005	0.006	< 0.005
Fecal Coliform	CFU/100 ml	NL	<1	1	<1	5	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	22
Ag	mg/L	0.05	0.003	0.002	< 0.002	< 0.002	< 0.002	< 0.002	< 0.002	< 0.002	< 0.002	< 0.002	< 0.002
в	"	2	3.8	0.005	0.690	0.843	0.958	0.922	0.910	2.454	1.708	0.965	0.315
Be		0.004	0.002	0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001
Co		1	0.035	0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	0.012
Cr		0.1	86.4	0.002	< 0.002	< 0.002	< 0.002	0.004	< 0.002	0.003	< 0.002	0.0022	< 0.002
Cu		0.65	0.004	0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001
Mn		0.15	0.183	0.001	< 0.005	< 0.005	< 0.005	< 0.005	< 0.005	< 0.005	< 0.005	< 0.005	< 0.005
Se	-	0.05	0.008	0.002	< 0.002	< 0.002	< 0.002	< 0.002	< 0.002	< 0.002	< 0.002	0.00249	< 0.002
V	40 H	0.049	ND	0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001
Zn		5	10	0.005	0.041	0.120	0.019	0.079	0.060	0.030	0.059	0.511	0.009
Ca		NL	276	0.5	185	81.8	99.5	96.6	131	72.6	82.3	86.7	125
Mg		NL	153	0.5	88.9	41.3	49.8	48.4	67.3	36.7	43.4	56.3	92.2

TABLE 7: ANALYSIS OF GROUNDWATER SAMPLED FROM MONITORING WELLS TB-118 THROUGH TB-124 AND THE MAIN QUARRY SUMP AT THE THORNTON COMPOSITIE RESERVOIR SITE FOR THE FIRST SAMPLING OF FILL EVENT **MONITORING IN MAY 2019**

¹Lab reporting limit. ²Duplicate sample. ³No existing limit. ⁴Not determined.

TABLE 8: ANALYSIS OF GROUNDWATER SAMPLED FROM MONITORING WELLS TB-118 THROUGH TB-124 AND THE MAIN QUARRY SUMP AT THE THORNTON COMPOSITIE RESERVOIR SITE FOR THE SECOND SAMPLING OF FILL EVENT MONITORING IN MAY 2019

Parameter	Unit	Part 620 Groundwater Standard	Maximum Background	Well									
				Lab RL ¹	TB-118	TB-119	TB-120	TB-121	TB-122	TB-123	TB-124	Sump	
pН		6.5 - 9.0	8.4	NL ²	NA ³	NC ⁴	NA	NA	NA	NC	NC	NC	
EC	mS/m	NL	415	NL	NA	NC	NA	NA	NA	NC	NC	NC	
TDS	mg/L	1,200	2,960	25	1,578	NC	784	1072	970	NC	NC	NC	
TOC		NL	1	1	1.5	NC	1.3	<1.0	1.2	NC	NC	NC	
Chloride		200	1,230	1	444	NC	154	268	229	NC	NC	NC	
Sulfate		400	890	1	219	NC	104	192	94	NC	NC	NC	
Ammonia as N	**	NL	ND ⁵	0.30	0.488	NC	0.339	0.582	0.459	NC	NC	NC	
Total Phenol	"	0.1	0.06	0.005	0.005	NC	< 0.005	< 0.005	< 0.005	NC	NC	NC	
Fecal Coliform	CFU/100 mL	NL	<1	1	NC	NC	<1	NC	NC	NC	NC	NC	
Ag	mg/L	0.05	0.003	0.002	< 0.002	NC	< 0.002	< 0.002	< 0.002	NC	NC	NC	
B		2	3.8	0.005	0.726	NC	0.981	1.004	2.389	NC	NC	NC	
Be		0.004	0.002	0.001	< 0.001	NC	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	NC	NC	NC	
Со		1	0.035	0.001	< 0.001	NC	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	NC	NC	NC	
Cr	"	0.1	86.4	0.002	< 0.002	NC	< 0.002	< 0.002	0.002	NC	NC	NC	
Cu		0.65	0.004	0.001	< 0.001	NC	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	NC	NC	NC	
Mn	"	0.15	0.183	0.001	< 0.005	NC	< 0.005	< 0.005	< 0.005	NC	NC	NC	
Se	"	0.05	0.008	0.002	< 0.002	NC	< 0.002	< 0.002	< 0.002	NC	NC	NC	
V		0.049	ND	0.001	< 0.001	NC	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	NC	NC	NC	
Zn		5	10	0.005	0.038	NC	0.039	0.035	0.034	NC	NC	NC	
Ca		NL	276	0.5	179	NC	98.6	136	69.2	NC	NC	NC	
Mg		NL	153	0.5	85.6	NC	48.0	68.6	34.6	NC	NC	NC	

¹Lab reporting limit.

²No existing limit.

³Not available. Field data reporting inadvertently terminated following equipment breakdown. ⁴Samples not collected due to equipment breakdown.

⁵Not determined.

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