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Alberta Transportation Provincial Building 9621-96 Avenue Peace River, Alberta T8S 1T4

Attention: Mr. Max Shannon

ALBERTA TRANSPORTATION GRMP (CON0022164) PEACE REGION (PEACE RIVER DISTRICT) INSTRUMENTATION MONITORING RESULTS – SPRING 2022

SECTION C

SITE SH001/SH001A: HWY 33:12 (SWAN HILLS RETAINING WALL)

Dear Mr. Shannon:

This report provides the results of the annual geotechnical instrumentation monitoring for the above-mentioned site as part of Alberta Transportation's Geohazard Risk Management Program (GRMP) for Peace Region – Peace River District (CON0022164).

It is a condition of this letter report that Thurber's performance of its professional services will be subject to the attached Statement of Limitations and Conditions.

1. FIELD PROGRAM AND INSTRUMENTATION STATUS

Five slope inclinometers (SI-16, SI-18, SI-20 SI18-5, and SI18-6) and thirteen pneumatic piezometers (PN-1 to PN-4, PN01-2, PN18-4A, PN18-4B, PN18-5A, PN18-5B, PN18-6A, PN18-6B, PN18-7A, and PN18-7B) were read at the SH001-1 Hwy 33:12 Swan Hills Retaining Wall sites on June 9, 2022, by Mr. Niraj Regmi, G.I.T., and Mr. Jayden Del Cid, both of Thurber Engineering Ltd.

The SIs were read using two RST Digital Inclinometer probes with 2 ft. wheelbases and RST Pocket PC readouts. Inclinometer reading depths were defined as per cable markings with respect to the top of the inclinometer casing. The pneumatic piezometers were read using an RST C108 pneumatic piezometer readout.

2. DATA PRESENTATION

2.1 General

SI plots for A and B directions are included in in Appendix A. Where movement has been recorded the resultant plot (X direction, if applicable) and rate of movement have also been provided.



Slope inclinometer and piezometer reading summary tables are provided below. These tables also include instruments deleted from the GRMP program, for reference.

2.2 Zones of Movement

Zones of new movement were not observed in the SIs since the previous readings in the spring of 2021.

Zones of movements are summarized in Table SH001-1 below. Table SH001-1 below also provides a historical account of the total movement, the depth of movement and the maximum rate of movement that has occurred in the SIs since initialization.

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TABLE SH001-1 SPRING 2022 – HWY 33:12 SWAN HILLS RETAINING WALL SLOPE INCLINOMTER INSTRUMENTATION READING SUMMARY

Date Monitored: June 9, 2022

INSTRUMENT #	DATE INITIALIZED	TOTAL CUMULATIVE RESULTANT MOVEMENT AT NOTED DEPTH SINCE INITIAL READING (mm)	MAXIMUM RATE OF MOVEMENT (mm/yr)	CURRENT STATUS	DATE OF PREVIOUS READING	INCREMENTAL MOVEMENT SINCE PREVIOUS READING (mm)	CURRENT RATE OF MOVEMENT (mm/yr)	CHANGE IN RATE OF MOVEMENT SINCE PREVIOUS READING (mm/yr)
SI-16	September 20, 1994	No discernible movement	N/A	Operational	July 5, 2021	No discernible movement	N/A	N/A
SI-18	September 20, 1994	No discernible movement	N/A	Operational	July 5, 2021	No discernible movement	N/A	N/A
SI-20	September 20, 1994	No discernible movement	N/A	Operational	July 5, 2021	No discernible movement	N/A	N/A
SI-21	September 20, 1994	24.0 mm over 4.2 m to 6.7 m in 14° direction	3.2 mm/yr between Sep 2001 and Oct 2001	Damaged	October 23, 2010	N/A	N/A	N/A

Drawings 32121-SH001-1 and 32121-SH001A-1 in Appendix A provides a sketch of the approximate location of the monitoring instrumentation for this site.

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TABLE SH001-1 - CONTINUED SPRING 2022 - HWY 33:12 SWAN HILLS RETAINING WALL SLOPE INCLINOMTER INSTRUMENTATION READING SUMMARY

Date Monitored: June 9, 2022

INSTRUMENT #	DATE INITIALIZED	TOTAL CUMULATIVE RESULTANT MOVEMENT AND DEPTH OF MOVEMENT TO DATE (mm) MAXIMUM RATE OF MOVEMENT (mm/yr)		CURRENT STATUS OF SI	DATE OF PREVIOUS READING	INCREMENTAL MOVEMENT SINCE PREVIOUS READING (mm)	CURRENT RATE OF MOVEMENT (mm/yr)	CHANGE IN RATE OF MOVEMENT SINCE PREVIOUS READING (mm/yr)		
	SH001									
SI18-4	March 20, 2018	36.5 mm over 15.8 to 17.0 m depth in 346° direction	51.1 on September 25, 2019	Sheared at 17.7 m below top of casing	September 25, 2020	N/A	N/A	N/A		
SI18-5	March 20, 2018	10.6 mm over 7.9 to 9.2 m depth in 329° direction	4.1 on September 25, 2019	Operational	July 5, 2021	1.7	1.8	-0.6		
SI18-6	April 23, 2018	No discernible movement	N/A	Operational	July 5, 2021	N/A	N/A	N/A		
	SH001A									
SI18-7	April 23, 2018	50.1 mm over 6.1 to 7.9 m depth in 316° direction	79.2 on June 3, 2018	Sheared at 8.5 m depth	June 18, 2019	N/A	N/A	N/A		

Drawings 32121-SH001-1 and 32121-SH001A-1 in Appendix A provides a sketch of the approximate location of the monitoring instrumentation for this site.

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TABLE SH001-2 SPRING 2022 – HWY 33:12 SWAN HILLS RETAINING WALL PNEUMATIC PIEZOMETER INSTRUMENTATION READING SUMMARY

Date Monitored: June 9, 2022

INSTRUMENT #	DATE INITIALIZED	TIP ELEV. (m)	GROUND ELEV. (m)	CURRENT STATUS	MAXIMUM GROUNDWATER ELEVATION (m)	MEASURED PORE PRESSURE (kPa)	CURRENT GROUNDWATER ELEVATION (m)	PREVIOUS GROUNDWATER ELEVATION (m)	CHANGE IN WATER LEVEL SINCE PREVIOUS READING (m)
					SH001				
PN-1	May 22, 1990	1135.56	1149.56	Operational	1136.78 in November 1993	2.1	1135.77	1135.80	-0.03
PN-2	May 22, 1990	1146.06	1149.56	Operational	1148.21 in October 1997	8.2	1146.90	1146.91	-0.01
PN-3	May 22, 1990	1136.15	1139.20	Operational	1137.56 in September 1991	0.4	1136.19	1136.20	-0.01
PN-4	May 22, 1990	1132.20	1139.20	Operational	1137.61 in October 1991	28.7	1135.13	1135.09	0.04
PN01-1	June 20, 2001	1145.42	1159.10	Not Operational (Spring 2018)	1154.19 in May 2013	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
PN01-2	June 20, 2001	1145.82	1156.50	Operational	1154.50 in September 2008	82.2	1154.20	1153.98	0.22

Drawings 32121-SH001-1 and 32121-SH001A-1 in Appendix A provides a sketch of the approximate location of the monitoring instrumentation for this site. Notes:

PN - pneumatic piezometer.

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TABLE SH001-3 SPRING 2022 - HWY 33:12 SWAN HILLS RETAINING WALL PNEUMATIC PIEZOMETER INSTRUMENTATION READING SUMMARY (2018 INSTRUMENTS)

Date Monitored: June 9, 2022

INSTRUMENT #	DATE INITIALIZED	TIP DEPTH (m)	CURRENT STATUS	MAXIMUM GROUNDWATER LEVEL (mBGS)	MEASURED PORE PRESSURE (kPa)	CURRENT GROUNDWATER DEPTH (mBGS)	PREVIOUS GROUNDWATER DEPTH (mBGS)	CHANGE IN WATER LEVEL SINCE PREVIOUS READING (m)		
				SH0	01					
PN18-4A (37838)	March 20, 2018	8.5	Operational	4.00 on March 20, 2018	39.9	4.43	4.80	0.37		
PN18-4B (37832)	March 20, 2018	15.0	Operational	7.60 on June 9, 2022	72.6	7.60	7.96	0.36		
PN18-5A (37836)	March 20, 2018	9.9	Operational	7.96 on Sep. 25, 2019	14.0	8.47	9.45	0.98		
PN18-5B (37834)	March 20, 2018	17.7	Operational	15.17 on March 20, 2018	22.1	15.45	15.53	0.08		
PN18-6A (37835)	March 20, 2018	5.3	Operational	2.96 on June 2, 2020	19.6	3.30	3.31	0.01		
PN18-6B (37833)	March 20, 2018	12.2	Operational	8.33 on September 30, 2020	37.1	8.42	8.55	0.13		
	SH001A									
PN18-7A (37837)	March 20, 2018	6.0	Operational	-2.21* on June 9, 2022	80.5	-2.21*	-1.88*	0.33		
PN18-7B (37831)	March 20, 2018	12.0	Operational	10.44 on September 19, 2018	8.1	11.17	11.32	0.15		

Drawings 32121-SH001-1 and 32121-SH001A-1 in Appendix A provides a sketch of the approximate location of the monitoring instrumentation for this site.

* Negative (-) values indicate an above ground (artesian) groundwater level. BGS = Below Ground Surface

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3. INTERPRETATION OF MONITORING RESULTS

Slope inclinometers SI-16, SI-18 and SI-20 continued to show no discernible movement.

SI18-5, installed behind the retaining wall, showed a rate of movement of 1.8 mm/yr over 7.9 m to 9.2 m depth since the spring of 2021 readings. The rate of movement in SI18-5 is similar to movement rates shown during previous readings cycles as the overall rate (since initialization) was 2.5 mm/year.

SI18-6, also installed behind the retaining wall, has shown no discernible movement since installation other than some scatter in the upper 2 m.

Pneumatic piezometers PN-1, PN-2, and PN-3 showed decreases in groundwater level of 0.03 m, 0.01 m, and 0.01 m, respectively, since the spring of 2021 readings. PN-4, and PN01-2 showed increases in groundwater level of 0.04 m and 0.22 m, respectively, since the spring of 2021 readings. There does not appear to be a clear trend at these instruments; however, the water levels are all within their respective historical ranges.

Pneumatic piezometers PN18-4A, PN18-4B, PN18-5A, PN18-5B, PN18-6A, and PN18-6B showed increases in groundwater level of 0.37 m, 0.36 m, 0.98 m, 0.08 m, 0.01 m, and 0.13 m, respectively, since the spring of 2021 readings. Other than PN18-4B where the water level has been trending upward and the current level is the highest recorded in the instrument since initialization, there is no apparent trend to the water levels, and all are within their respective historical ranges.

Pneumatic piezometer PN18-7A, located west of the pavement distress at site SH001A, showed an increase in groundwater level of 0.33 m since the spring of 2021 readings. PN18-7A currently shows an above-ground (flowing artesian) groundwater level of 2.21 m, which is the highest water level since the instrument was initialized. This instrument has been showing artesian pressures since the spring of 2019 (about one year after installation). PN18-7B, also at the SH001A site, showed an increase in groundwater level of 0.15 m compared to the spring of 2021 readings.

Tables SH001-2 and SH001-3 summarize the pneumatic piezometer readings. The pneumatic piezometer results are plotted on Figures SH001-1, SH001-2, SH001-3, and SH001-4 in Appendix A.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

4.1 Future Work

The instruments should be read again in the spring of 2023.

4.2 Instrumentation Repairs

No instrument repairs are required at this time.

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5. CLOSURE

We trust this report meets your requirements at present. If you have any questions, please contact the undersigned at your convenience.

Yours very truly, Thurber Engineering Ltd. Tarek Abdelaziz, Ph.D., P. Eng. Principal | Senior Geotechnical Engineer

Bruce Nestor, P.Eng. Geotechnical Engineer

Attachments:

- Statement of Limitations and Conditions
- Appendix A
 - Field Inspector's report
 - Site Plan Showing Approximate Instrument Locations (Drawings No. 32121-SH001-1 and 32121-SH001A-1)
 - SI Reading Plots
 - Figure SH001-1 (Pneumatic Piezometer Elevations)
 - Figure SH001-2 (Pneumatic Piezometer Depths)
 - Figure SH001-3 (Pneumatic Piezometer Depths 2018 Instruments SH001)
 - Figure SH001-4 (Pneumatic Piezometer Depths 2018 Instruments SH001A)

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APPENDIX A
DATA PRESENTATION

SITE SH001/SH001A: HWY 33:12 (SWAN HILLS RETAINING WALL)

ALBERTA TRANSPORTATION PEACE REGION (PEACE RIVER DISTRICT) INSTRUMENTATION MONITORING FIELD SUMMARY (SH001) SPRING 2022

Location: Swan Hills Retaining Wall (HWY 33:12 C1 9.432) Readout: RST PN C108 Unit 4

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Probe: RST Set 8R
Cable: RST Set 8R
Read by: NKR/JD

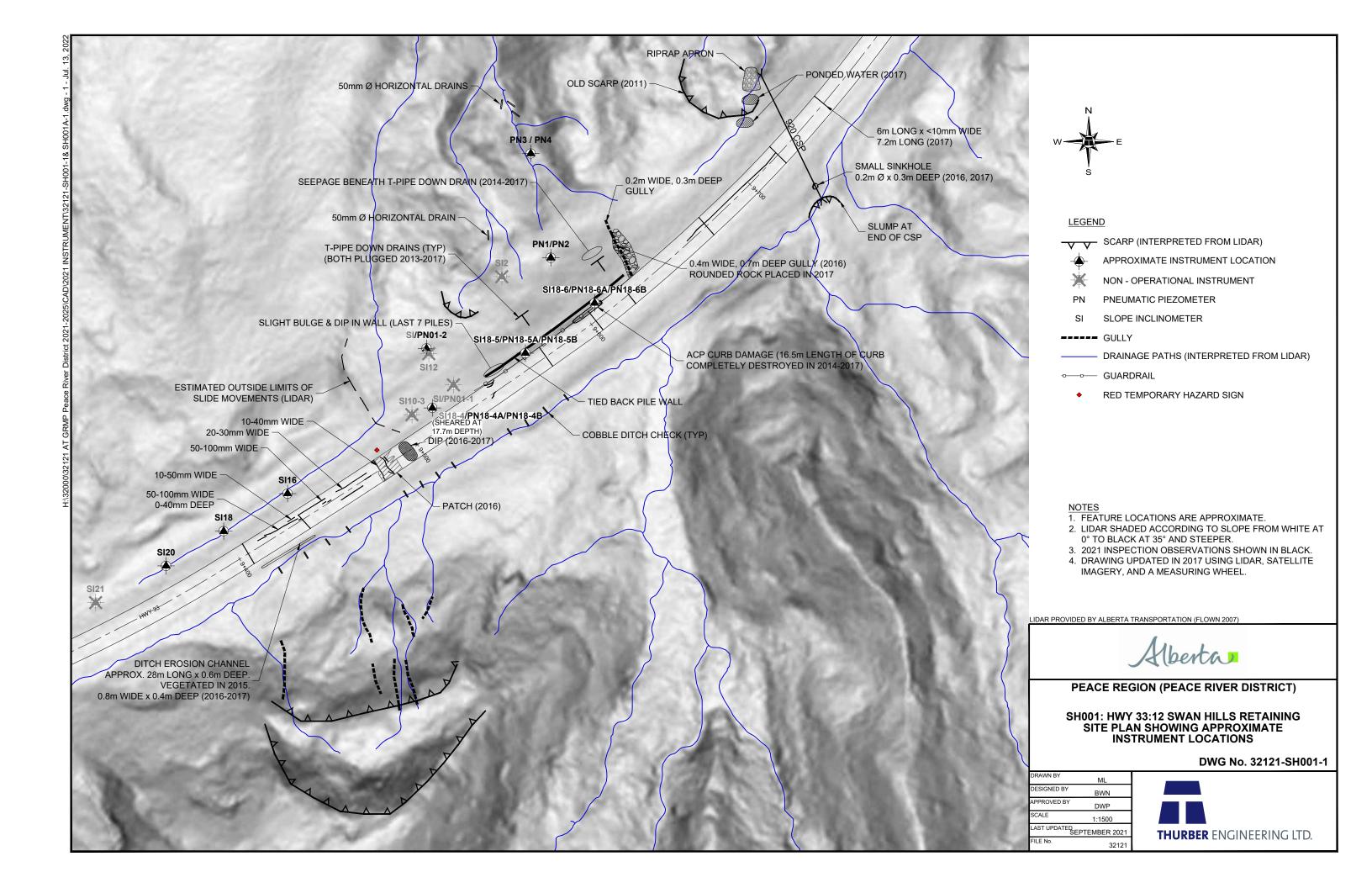
SLOPE INCLINOMETER (SI) READINGS

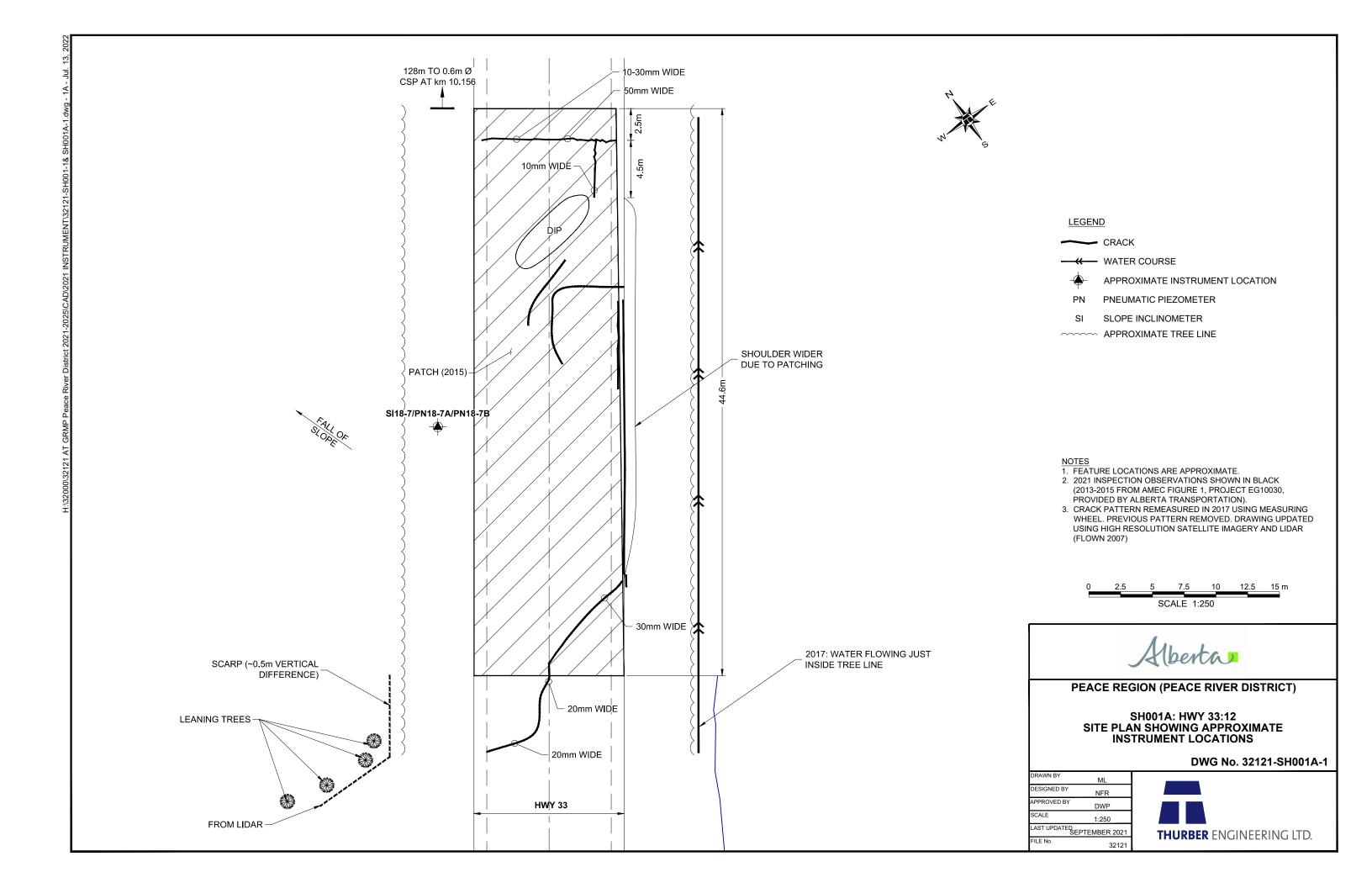
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	(UT	M 11)		(m)	of casing (ft)	A+ Groove		Depth R	Readings		Reel	
	Easting	Northing				degree	A+	A-	B+	B-	#	
SI-16	607430	6070455	9-Jun-22	0.45	96 to 4	345	-50	63	-130	141	8R	
SI-18	607398	6070436	9-Jun-22	1.05	96 to 4	320	328	-311	-61	67	8R	
SI-20	607371	6070420	9-Jun-22	0.72	96 to 4	345	484	-466	656	-648	8R	
SI18-5	607536	6070521	9-Jun-22	0.90	82 to 2	301	-142	162	-9	7	5R	
SI18-6	607554	6070532	9-Jun-22	1.07	52 to 2	265	1286	-1264	-274	250	5R	

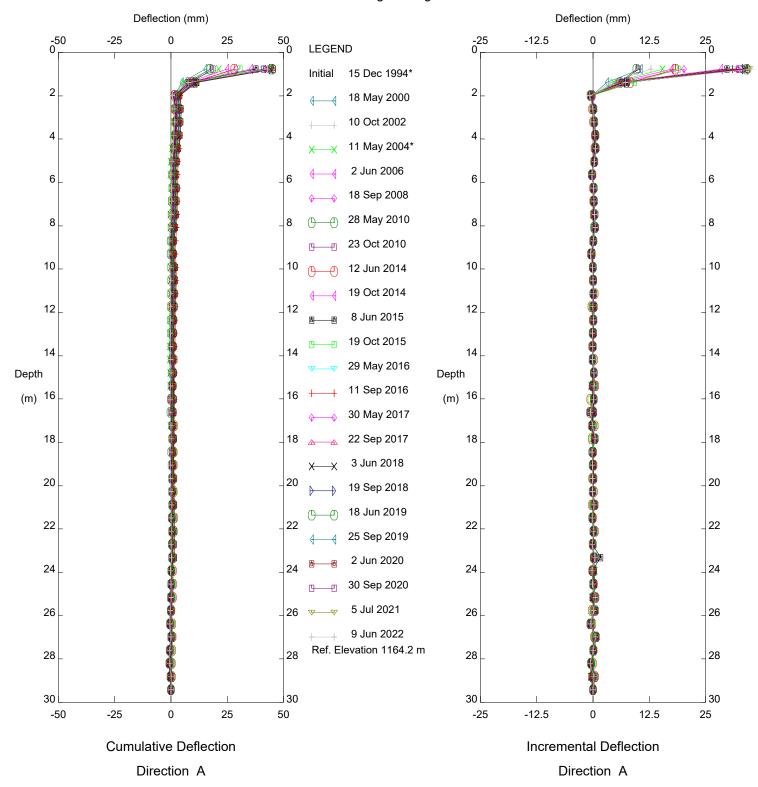
PNEUMATIC PIEZOMETER (PN) READINGS

PN#	GPS Locat	ion (UTM 11)	Date	Reading	Identification
	Easting	Northing		(kPa)	Number
PN-1	607556	6070560	9-Jun-22	2.1	12871
PN-2	607556	6070560	9-Jun-22	8.2	12872
PN-3	607542	6070600	9-Jun-22	0.4	12291
PN-4	607542	6070600	9-Jun-22	28.7	12305
PN01-2	607494	6070525	9-Jun-22	82.2	25973
PN18-4A	607498	6070498	9-Jun-22	39.9	37838
PN18-4B	607498	6070498	9-Jun-22	72.6	37832
PN18-5A	607536	6070521	9-Jun-22	14	37836
PN18-5B	607536	6070521	9-Jun-22	22.1	37834
PN18-6A	607554	6070532	9-Jun-22	19.6	37835
PN18-6B	607554	6070532	9-Jun-22	37.1	37833
PN18-7A	607829	6070861	9-Jun-22	80.5	37837
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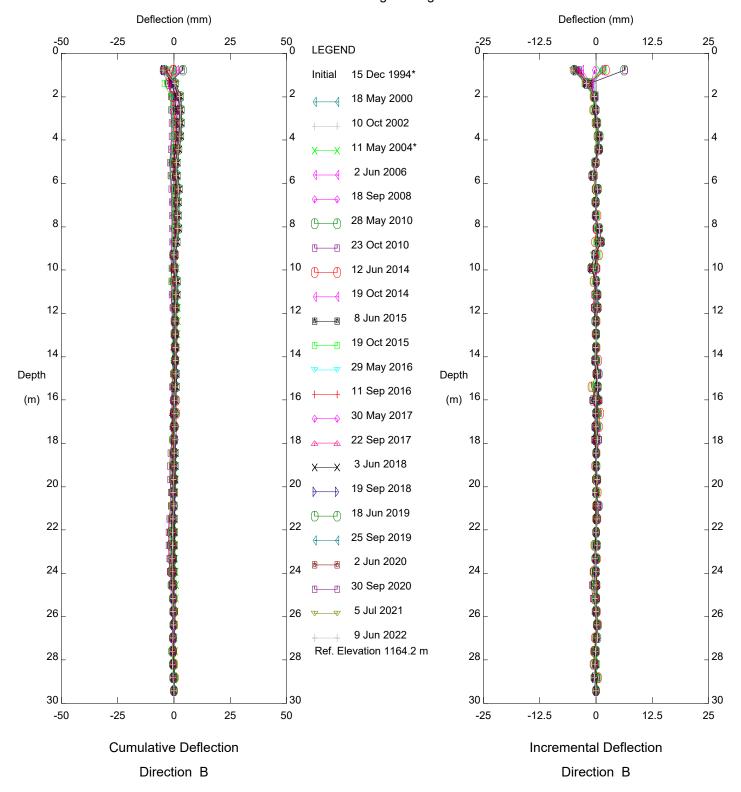






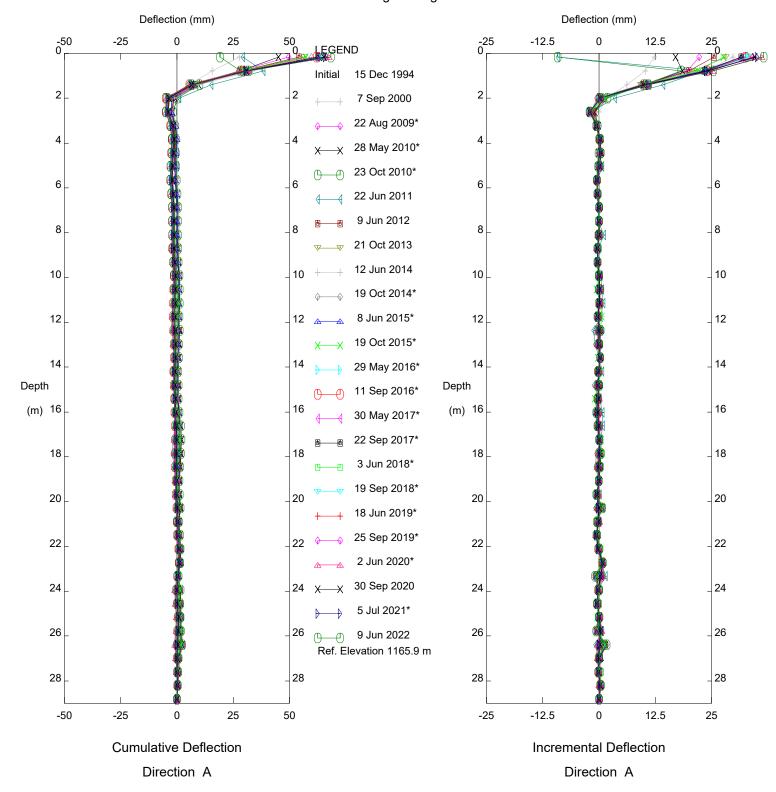
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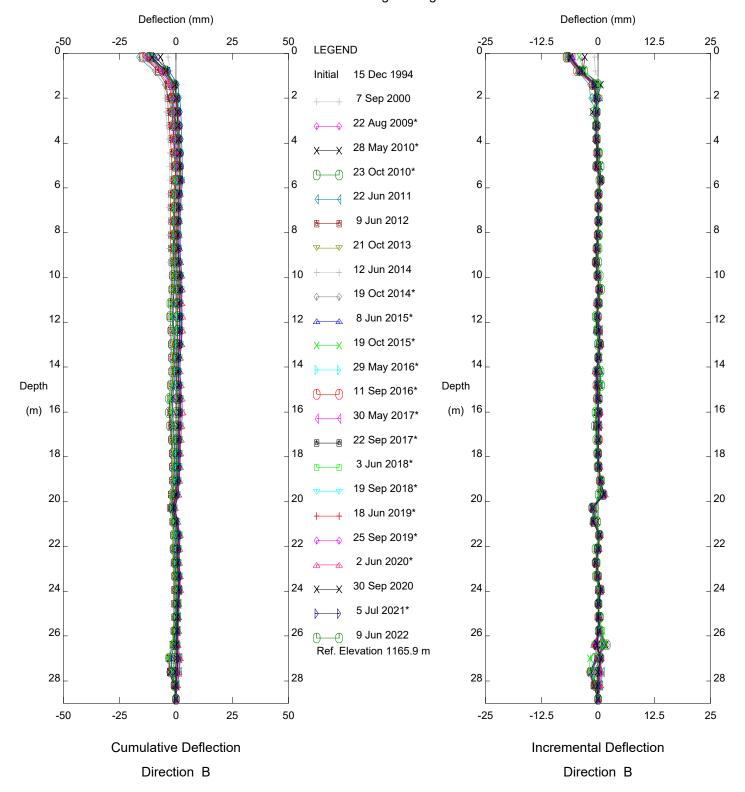
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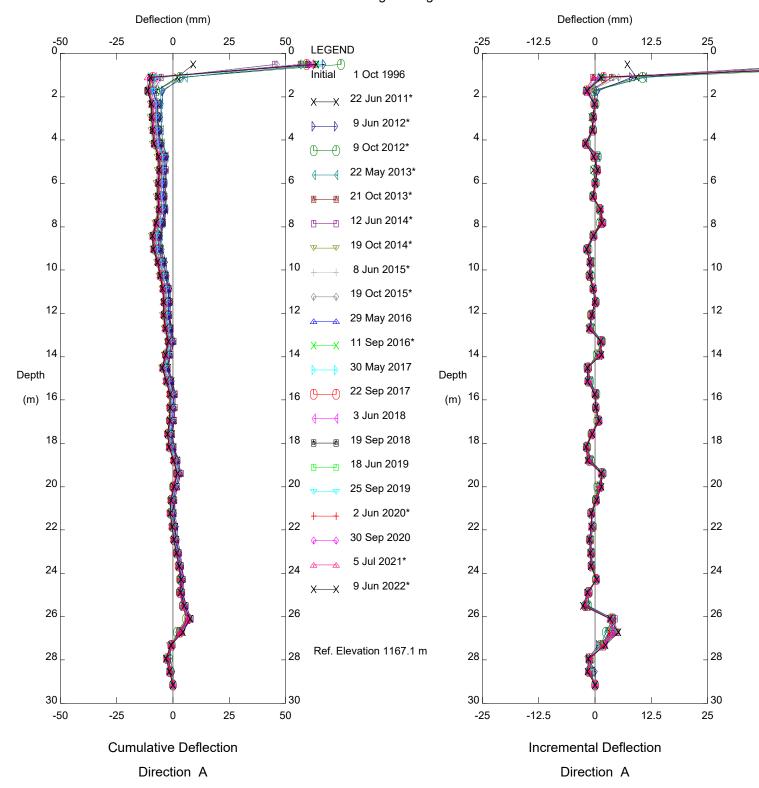
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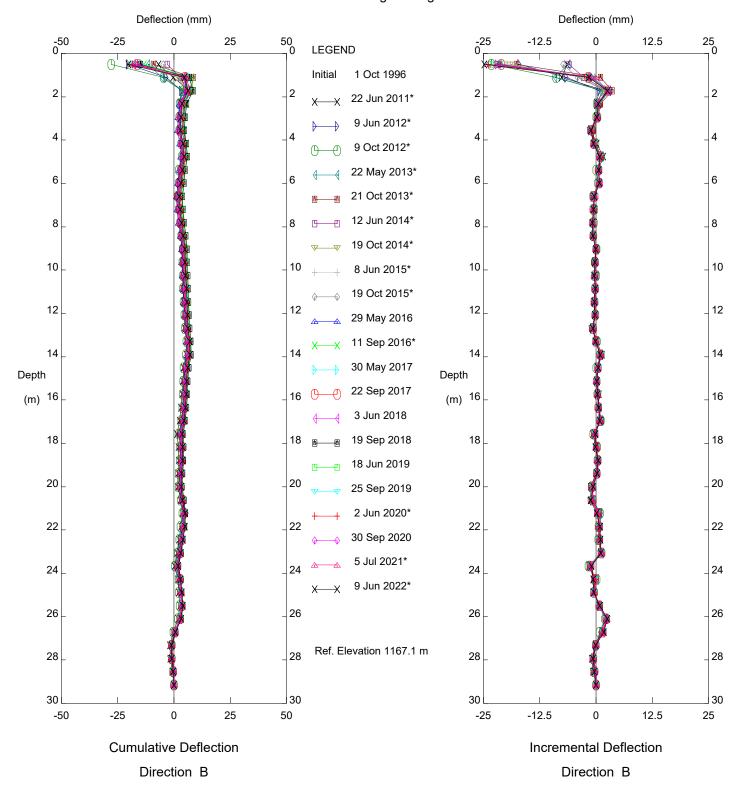
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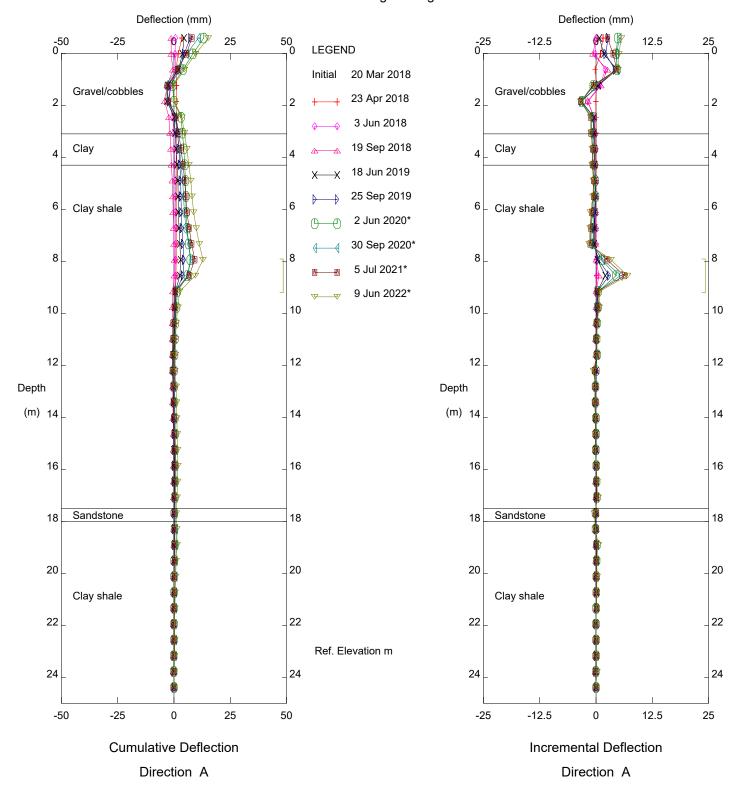
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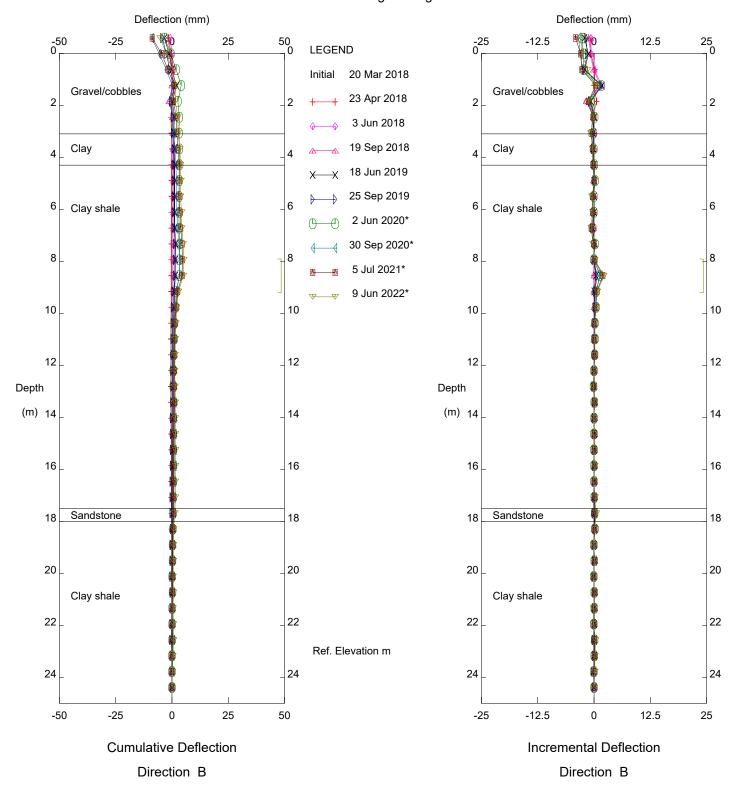
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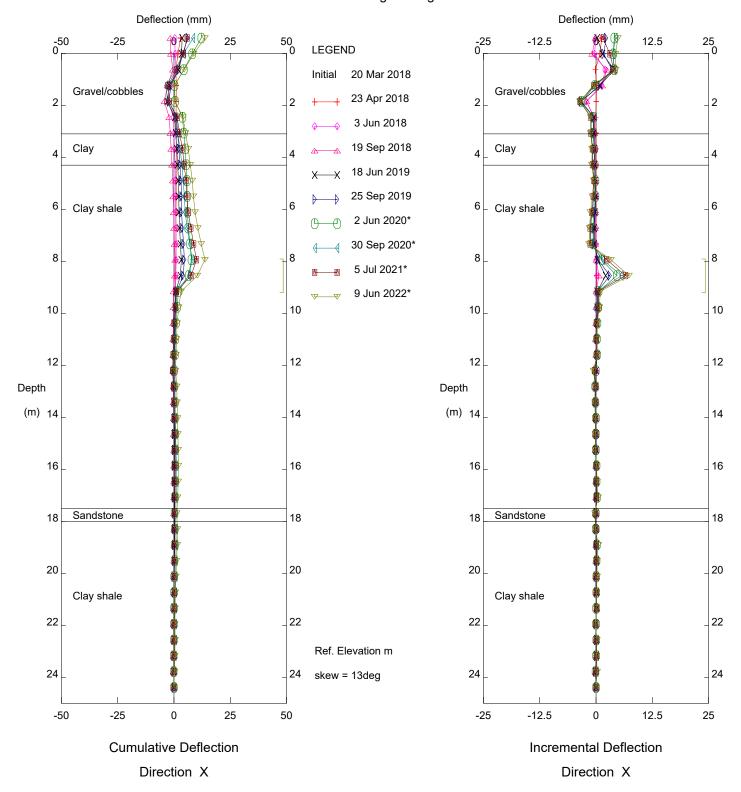
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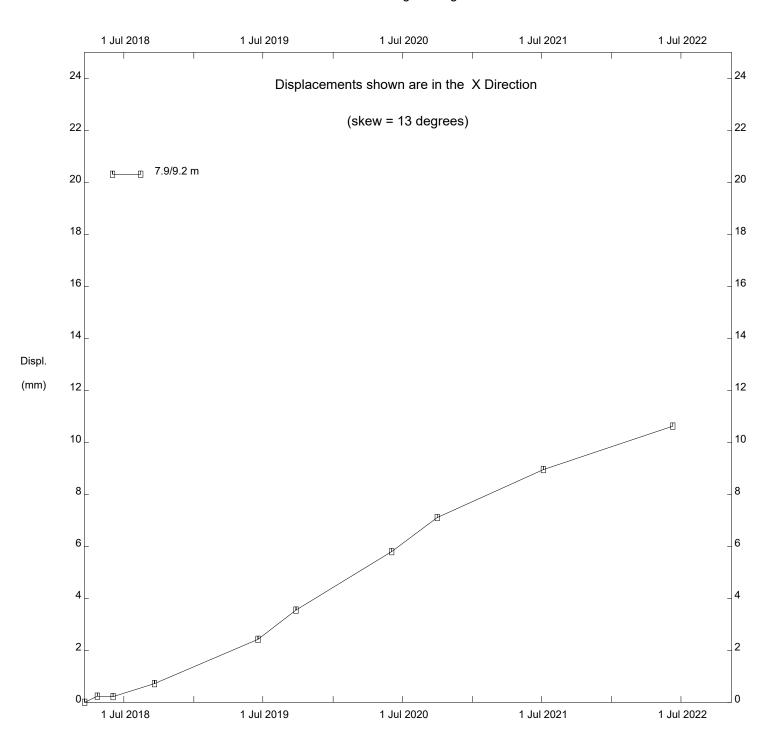
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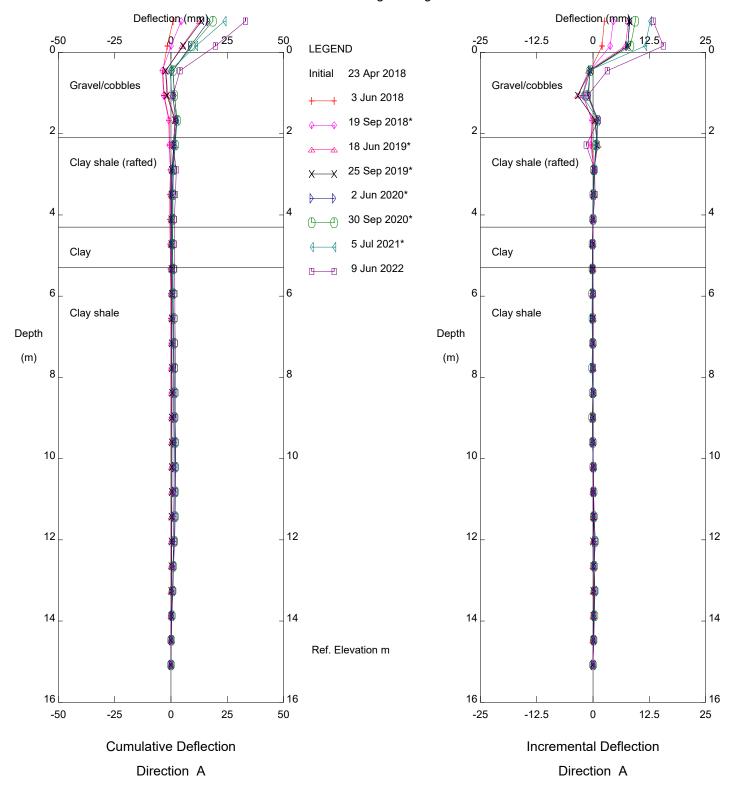
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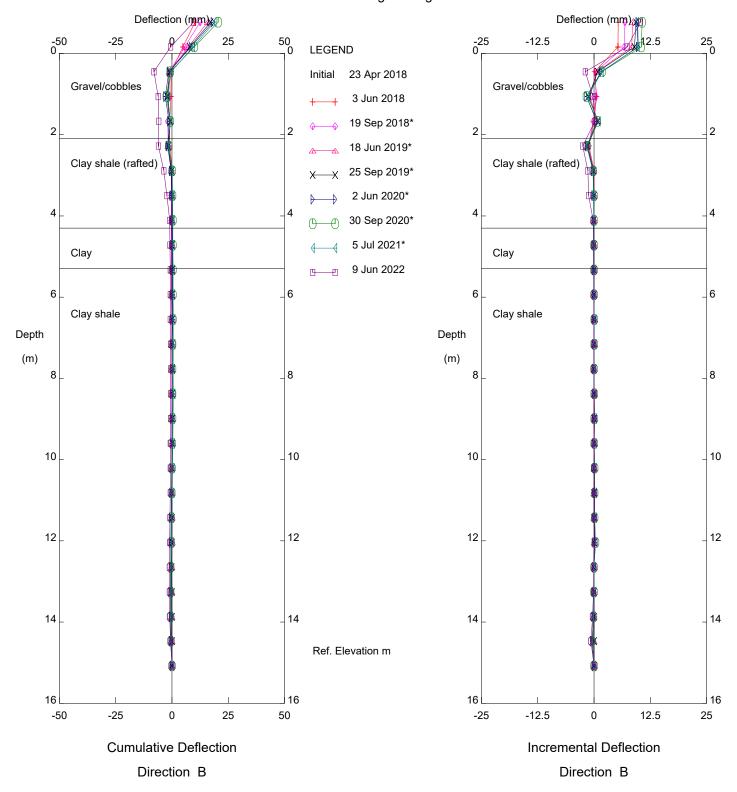
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FIGURE SH001-1
PNEUMATIC PIEZOMETER ELEVATIONS FOR
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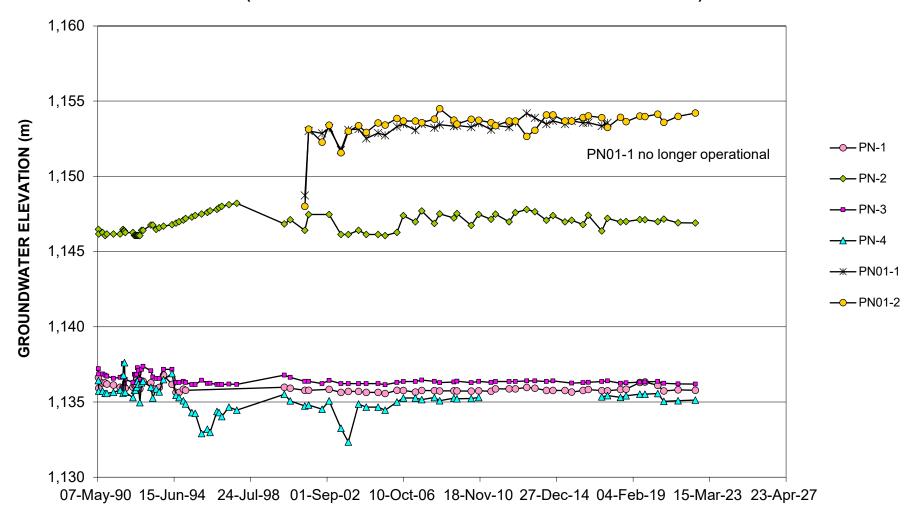


FIGURE SH001-2
PNEUMATIC PIEZOMETER DEPTHS FOR
HWY 33:12 (SWAN HILLS RETAINING WALL - PRE-2018 INSTRUMENTS)

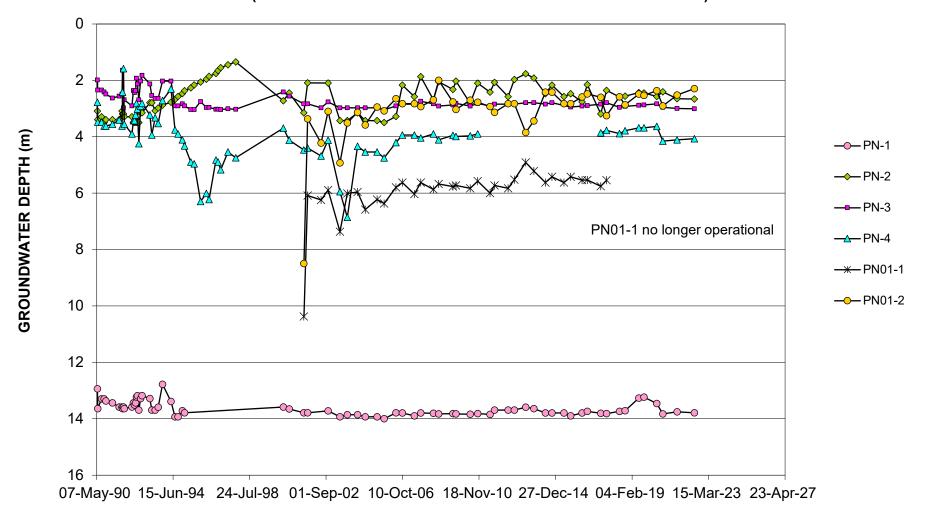


FIGURE SH001-3
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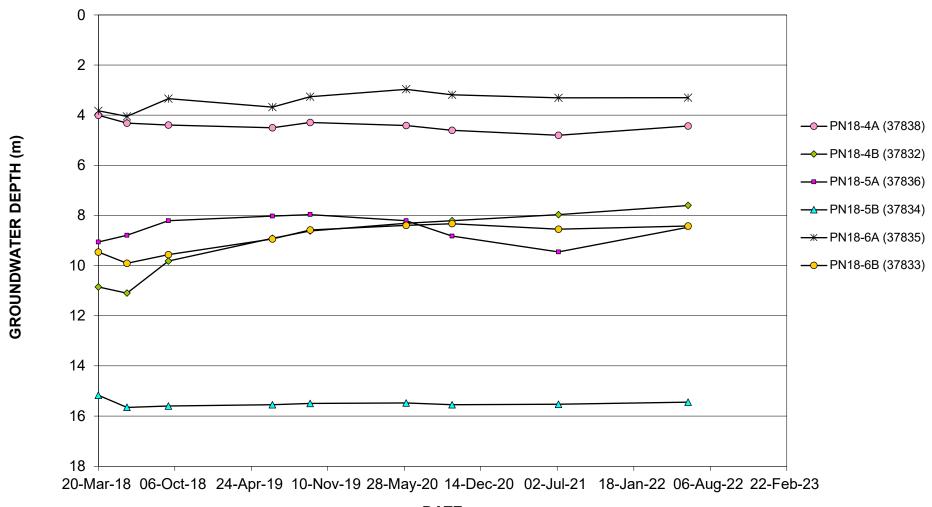


FIGURE SH001-4
PNEUMATIC PIEZOMETER DEPTHS FOR
HWY 33:12 (SWAN HILLS SITE 1A - 2018 INSTRUMENTS)

