# ALBERTA TRANSPORTATION AND ECONOMIC CORRIDORS GRMP PEACE REGION – (PEACE RIVER DISTRICT) INSTRUMENTATION MONITORING - SPRING 2025



Site Number	Location	Name	Hwy	km
SH001	HWY 33:12 C1 9.432	Swan Hills Retaining Wall	33:12	Km 9.4
SH001A	HWY 33:12 C1 10.00	_		Km 10.0
Legal Description	):	UTM Co-ordinates		
7-5-67-9 W5		11U E 607430	N 607	70455

<b>Current Monitoring:</b>	20-June-2025	Previous Monitoring	16-May-2024
Instruments Read By:	Mr. Niraj Regmi, G.I.T.	, and Mr. Godfred Etiendem, Thurber	

	Instruments Read During This Site Visit											
Slope Inclinometers (SIs): SI-16, SI-20, SI18-5 SI18-6	Pneumatic Piezometers (PN): PN-1 to PN-4, PN01-2, PN18-4A, PN18-4B PN18-5A, PN18-5B PN18- 6A, PN18-6B PN18-7A, PN18-7B	Vibrating Wire Piezometers (VW): N/A	Standpipe Piezometers (SP): N/A									
Load Cell (LC): N/A	Strain Gauges: N/A	SAAs: N/A	Others:									

Readout Equipment Used										
Slope Inclinometers: Two RST Digital Inclinometer probes with 2 ft. wheelbases and RST Pocket PC readouts	Pneumatic Piezometers: RST C108 pneumatic piezometer readout	Vibrating Wire Piezometers:	Standpipe Piezometers:							
Load Cell:	Strain Gauges:	SAAs:	Others:							

**Note:** SI-18 was damaged and was not read; it appears to be repairable. PN-2 was found to be malfunctioning, and PN-3 showed a zero reading. These two piezometers are not considered to be reliable at this time.

	Discussion
Zones of New Movement:	None
	Slope inclinometers SI-16 and SI-20 are located about 120 m southwest of the pile wall, outside of the main slide area. SI-16 and SI-20 do not show discernible movement patterns.
Interpretation of Monitoring Results:	SI18-5 and SI18-6 are both installed between the highway and the pile wall. SI18-5 showed a rate of movement of 1.7 mm/yr over 7.9 m to 9.2 m depth since the spring of 2024 readings. This movement rate is within clay shale and is slightly below the long-term movement rate (since initialization) of 2.6 mm/yr (18.5 mm over the past 7 years). SI18-6 shows no discernible movement since installation other than some scatter in the upper 2 m.
	North of the pile wall, pneumatic piezometers PN-1 and PN-4 showed increases in groundwater level of 0.07 m since the spring of 2024 readings. PN01-2 showed a decrease in groundwater level of 1.09 m since the spring of 2024 readings. These instruments have shown overall stable groundwater levels for the past several reading cycles, and all of them show current groundwater levels within the historical levels in the instruments.

	Immediately south of the pile wall, pneumatic piezometer PN18-4A showed an increase in groundwater level of 0.97 m since the spring of 2024 reading. PN18-4B, PN18-5A, PN18-5B, PN18-6A and PN18-6B showed decreases in groundwater level of 1.23 m, 3.42 m, 4.94 m, 1.18 m, and 1.69 m, respectively, since the spring of 2024 readings. Overall, the groundwater levels in these instruments returned to readings within the historical ranges for the instruments.
	At SH001A, pneumatic piezometers PN18-7A and PN18-7B showed decreases in groundwater level of 2.19 m and 1.34 m, respectively, since the spring of 2024 readings. PN18-7A currently shows flowing artesian conditions with an above-ground groundwater level of 0.67 m. This instrument has shown artesian pressures since the spring of 2019 (about one year after installation). The groundwater level in both instruments are within historical ranges.
	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.
Future Work:	The instruments should be read again in the spring of 2026.
Instrumentation Repairs:	We recommend that repairs to slope indicator SI-18 be undertaken during the spring 2026 readings.
Additional Comments:	The groundwater levels at SH001A are very high. The site should be inspected for signs of seepage and increased slope deformation and pavement cracking.

Attachments:	<ul> <li>Table SH001-1 Spring 2025 – HWY 33:12 Swan Hills Retaining Wall, Slope Inclinometer Instrumentation Reading Summary</li> <li>Table SH001-2 Spring 2025 – HWY 33:12 Swan Hills Retaining Wall, Pneumatic Piezometer Instrumentation Reading Summary</li> <li>Table SH001-3 Spring 2025 – HWY 33:12 Swan Hills Retaining Wall, Pneumatic Piezometer Instrumentation Reading Summary (2018 Instruments)</li> <li>Statement of Limitations and Conditions</li> <li>APPENDIX A – SH001 SPRING 2025         <ul> <li>Field Inspector's report</li> <li>Site Plan Showing Approximate Instrument Locations (Drawings No. 32121-SH001-1 and 32121-SH001A-1)</li> <li>SI Reading Plots</li> <li>Figure SH001-1 (Pneumatic Piezometer Elevations)</li> <li>Figure SH001-2 (Pneumatic Piezometer Depths)</li> <li>Figure SH001-3 (Pneumatic Piezometer Depths – 2018 Instruments – SH001)</li> <li>Figure SH001-4 (Pneumatic Piezometer Depths – 2018 Instruments – SH001A)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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. Roger Skirrow, M.Sc., P.Eng. Senior Geotechnical Engineer

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Table Sh001-1 Spring 2026 – Hwy 33:12 Swan Hills Retaining Wall Slope Inclinomter Instrumentation Reading Summary

Date Monitored: June 20, 2025

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	May 16, 2024	No discernible movement	N/A	N/A
SI-18	September 20, 1994	No discernible movement	N/A	Damaged	May 16, 2024	No discernible movement	N/A	N/A
SI-20	September 20, 1994	No discernible movement	N/A	Operational	May 16, 2024	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.



Table Sh001-1 - Continued Spring 2025 - Hwy 33:12 Swan Hills Retaining Wall Slope Inclinomter Instrumentation Reading Summary

Date Monitored: June 20, 2025

INSTRUMENT #	DATE INITIALIZED	DEPTH OF			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	18.5 mm over 7.9 to 9.2 m depth in 329° direction	4.1 on September 25, 2019	Operational	May 16, 2024	1.9	1.7	-1.4
SI18-6	April 23, 2018	No discernible movement	N/A	Operational	May 16, 2024	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.



#### Table Sh001-2 Spring 2025 – Hwy 33:12 Swan Hills Retaining Wall Pneumatic Piezometer Instrumentation Reading Summary

Date Monitored: June 20, 2025

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	2.6	1135.83	1135.76	0.07
PN-2	May 22, 1990	1146.06	1149.56	Not Operational (Spring 2024)	1148.21 in October 1997	N/A N/A		N/A	N/A
PN-3	May 22, 1990	1136.15	1139.20	Not Operational (Spring 2024)	1137.56 in September 1991	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
PN-4	May 22, 1990	1132.20	1139.20	Operational	1137.61 in October 1991	29.3	1135.19	1135.12	0.07
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	1154.85 in May 2024	77.9	1153.76	1154.85	-1.09

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.



### Table Sh001-3 Spring 2025 – Hwy 33:12 Swan Hills Retaining Wall Pneumatic Piezometer Instrumentation Reading Summary (2018 Instruments)

Date Monitored: June 20, 2025

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	47.8	3.63	4.60	0.97					
PN18-4B (37832)	March 20, 2018	15.0	Operational	6.20 on May 16, 2024	74.2	7.43	6.20	-1.23					
PN18-5A (37836)	March 20, 2018	9.9	Operational	5.23 on May 16, 2024	12.3 8.65		5.23	-3.42					
PN18-5B (37834)	March 20, 2018	17.7	Operational	10.66 on May 16, 2024	20.6	15.60	10.66	-4.94					
PN18-6A (37835)	March 20, 2018	5.3	Operational	2.29 on May 16, 2024	17.9	3.47	2.29	-1.18					
PN18-6B (37833)	March 20, 2018	12.2	Operational	6.82 on May 16, 2024	36.2	8.51	6.82	-1.69					
	SH001A												
PN18-7A (37837)	March 20, 2018	6.0	Operational	-2.86* on May 16, 2024	65.4	-0.67	-2.86*	-2.19					
PN18-7B (37831)	March 20, 2018	12.0	Operational	9.91 on May 16, 2024	7.4	11.25	9.91	-1.34					

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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## ALBERTA TRANSPORTATION AND ECONOMIC CORRIDORS GRMP (CON0022164) PEACE REGION (PEACE RIVER DISTRICT) INSTRUMENTATION MONITORING RESULTS

**SPRING 2025** 

### APPENDIX A DATA PRESENTATION

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

## ALBERTA TRANSPORTATION AND ECONOMIC CORRIDORS PEACE REGION (PEACE RIVER DISTRICT) INSTRUMENTATION MONITORING FIELD SUMMARY (SH001) SPRING 2025

**Location:** Swan Hills Retaining Wall (HWY 33:12 C1 9.432) **Readout:** RST PN C108 Unit 8

File Number: 32121 Casing Size 2.75", SI 16,18 and 20 3.34"

Probe:RST SET 5R and 8RTemp: 15/ RainCable:RST SET 5R and 8RRead by: NKR/GE

#### SLOPE INCLINOMETER (SI) READINGS

SI#	GPS I	Location	Date	Stickup	Depth from top	Magn. North		Current Bottom		Probe/		Remarks	
	(UT	M 11)		(m)	of casing (ft)	A+ Groove	Depth Readings		Depth Readings		Reel		
	Easting	Northing				degree	A+	A-	B+	B-	#	Size (")	
SI-16	607430	6070455	20-Jun-25	0.45	96 to 4	345	-35	52	-135	134	8R	3.34	
SI-18	607398	6070436	-	1.05	96 to 4	320	332	-313	-82	78	8R	3.34	* Did not read
SI-20	607371	6070420	20-Jun-25	0.72	96 to 4	345	480	-466	648	-647	8R	3.34	Read opposite
SI18-5	607536	6070521	20-Jun-25	0.90	82 to 2	301	-147	156	-13	-17	5R	2.75	
SI18-6	607554	6070532	20-Jun-25	1.07	52 to 2	265	1278	-1272	-274	247	5R	2.75	

#### PNEUMATIC PIEZOMETER (PN) READINGS

PN#	GPS Locat	ion (UTM 11)	Date	Reading	Identification	
	Easting Northing			(kPa)	Number	
PN-1	607556	6070560	20-Jun-25	2.6	12871	
PN-2	607556	6070560	20-Jun-25	**	12872	
PN-3	PN-3 607542 6070600 PN-4 607542 6070600		20-Jun-25	0.0***	12291	
PN-4			20-Jun-25 29.3		12305	
PN01-2	607494	6070525	20-Jun-25	77.9	25973	
PN18-4A	607498	6070498	20-Jun-25	47.8	37838	
PN18-4B	607498	6070498	20-Jun-25	74.2	37832	
PN18-5A	607536	6070521	20-Jun-25	12.3	37836	
PN18-5B	607536	6070521	20-Jun-25	20.6	37834	
PN18-6A	607554	6070532	20-Jun-25	17.9	37835	
PN18-6B	607554	6070532	20-Jun-25	36.2	37833	
PN18-7A	607829	6070861	20-Jun-25	65.4****	37837	
PN18-7B	PN18-7B 607829 6070861		20-Jun-25	7.4	37831	

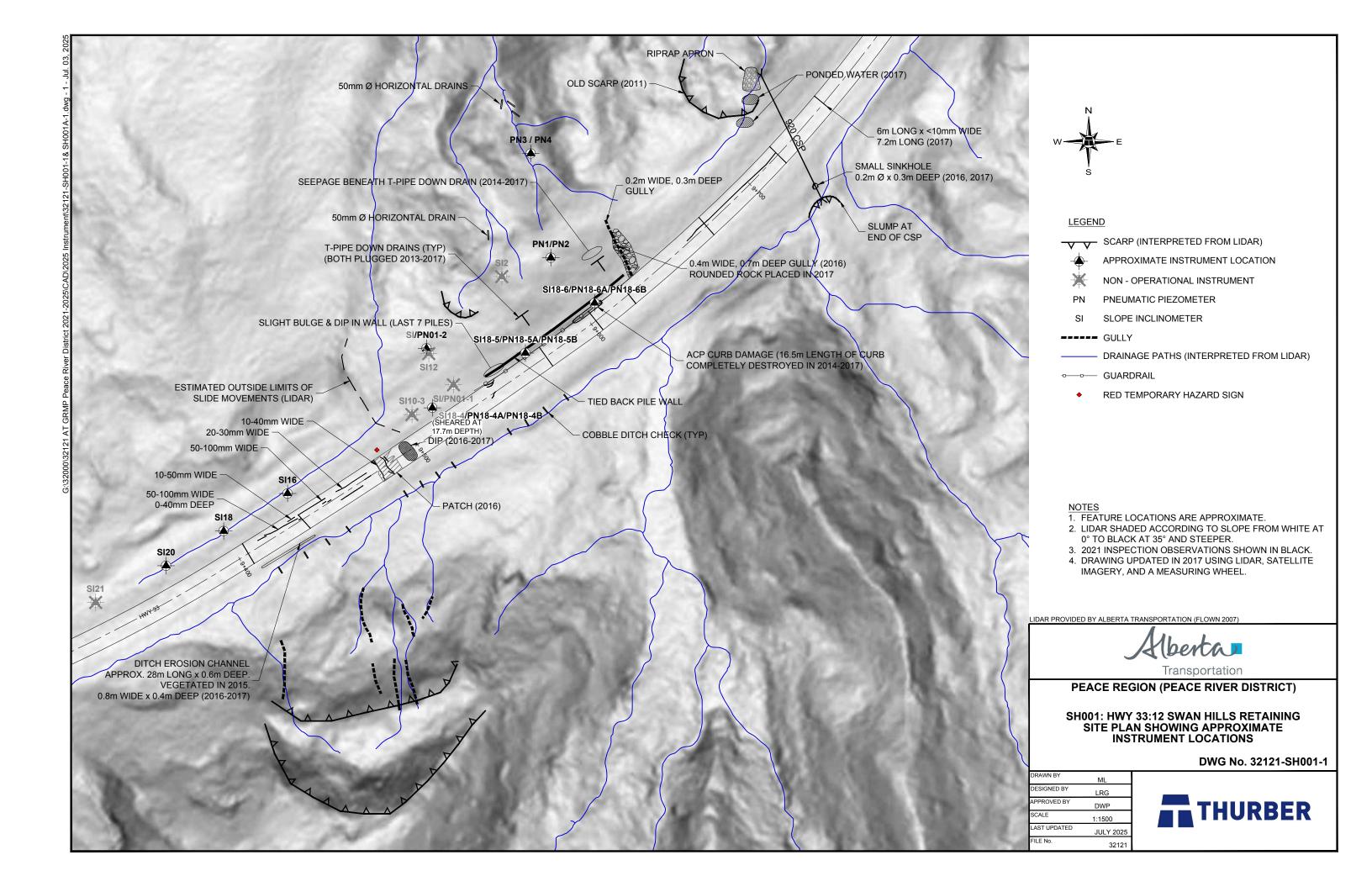
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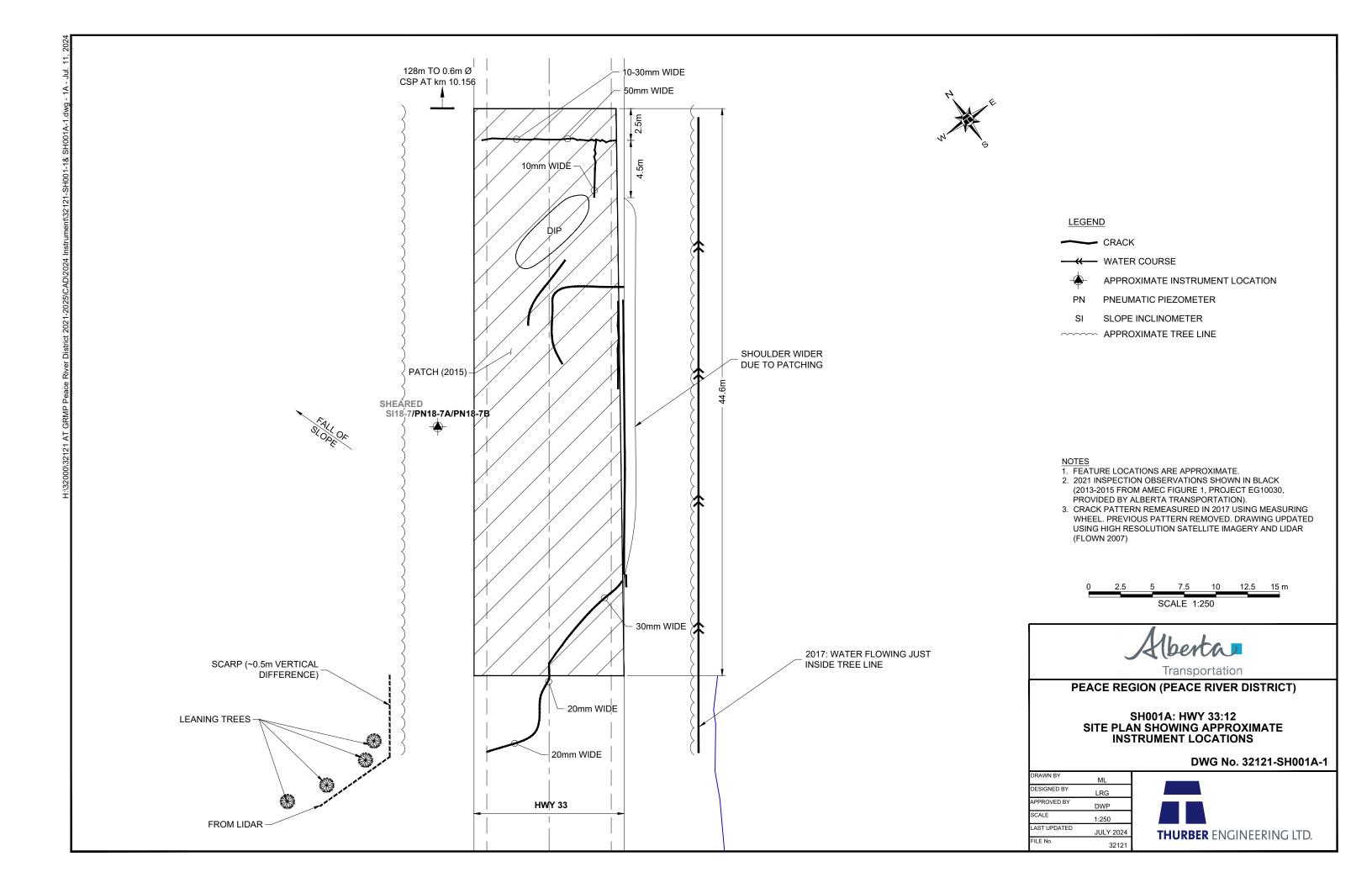
			lawn mower				

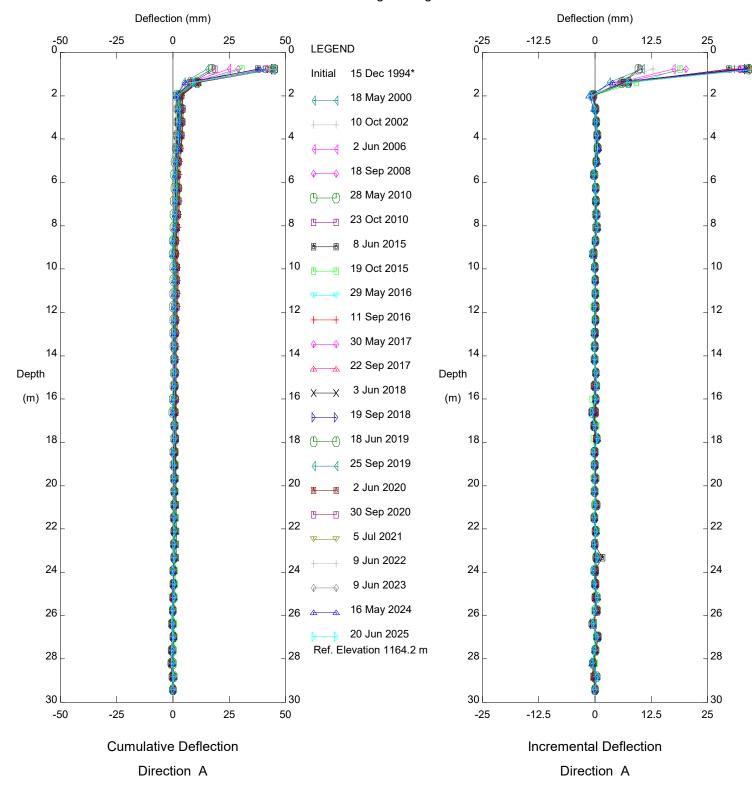
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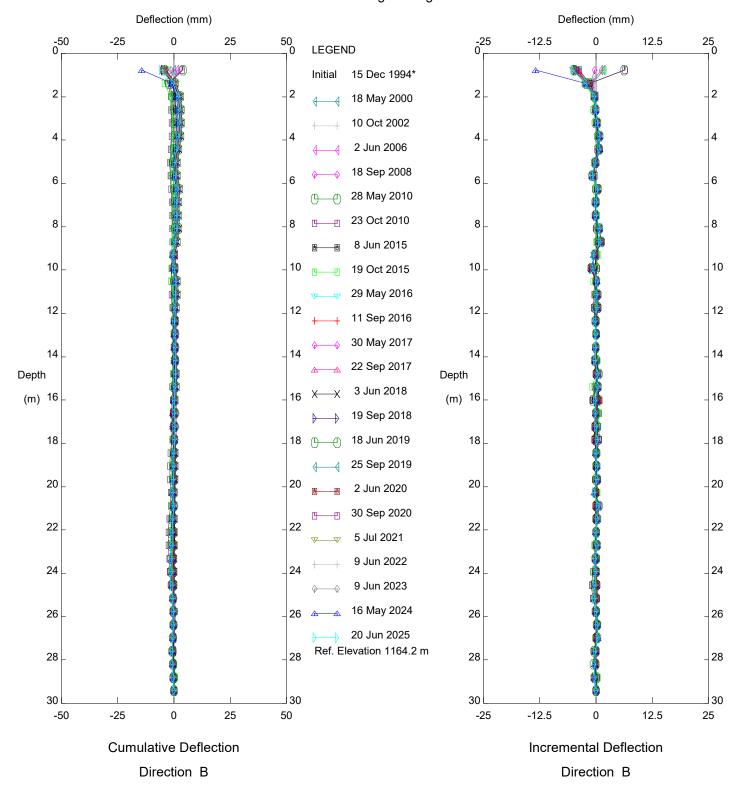






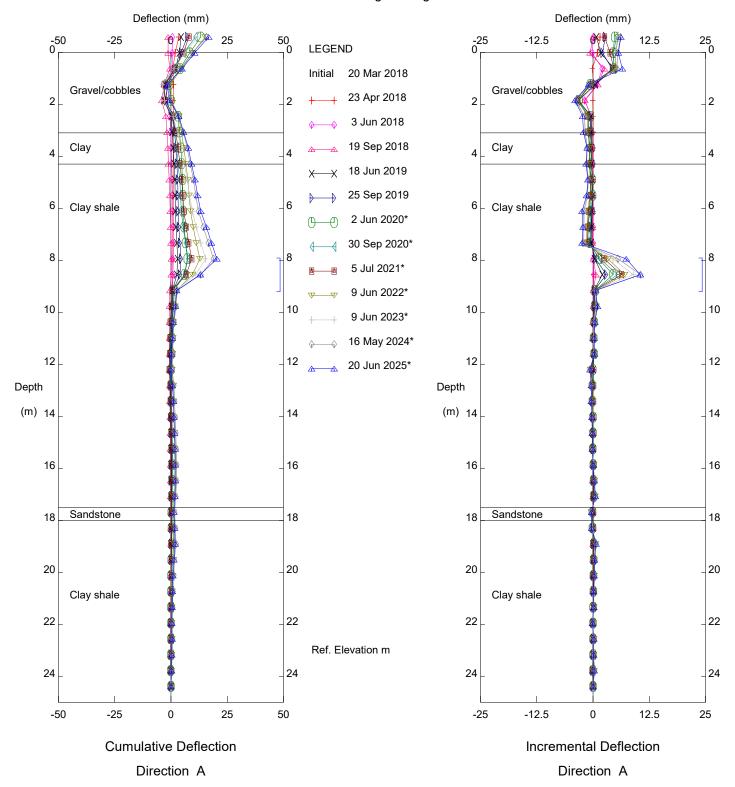
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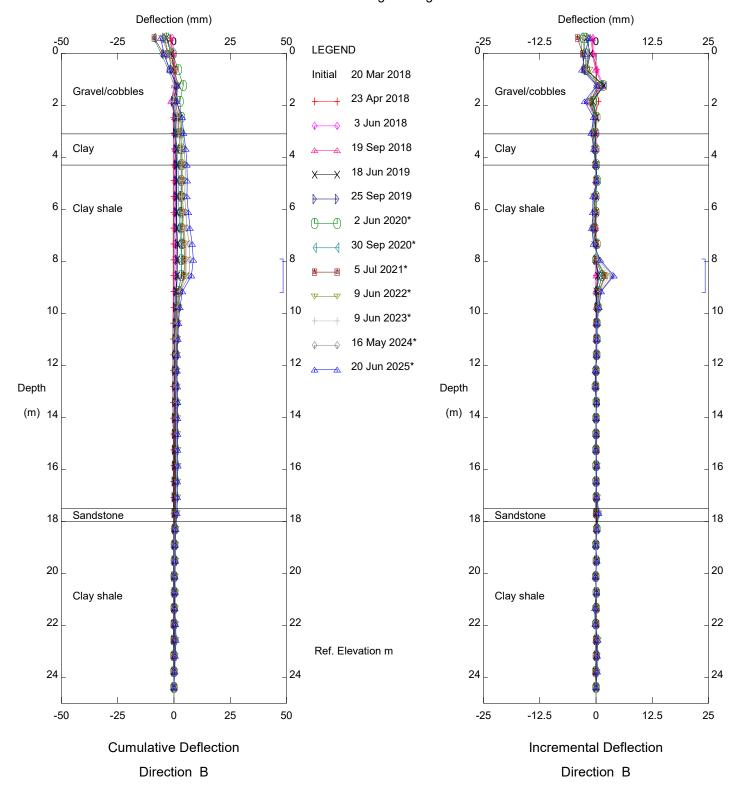
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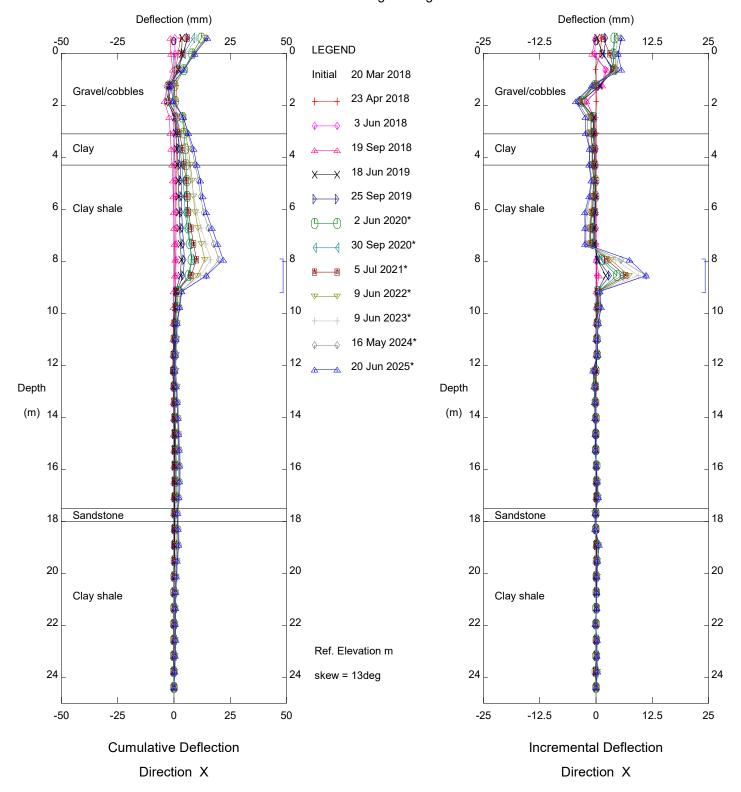
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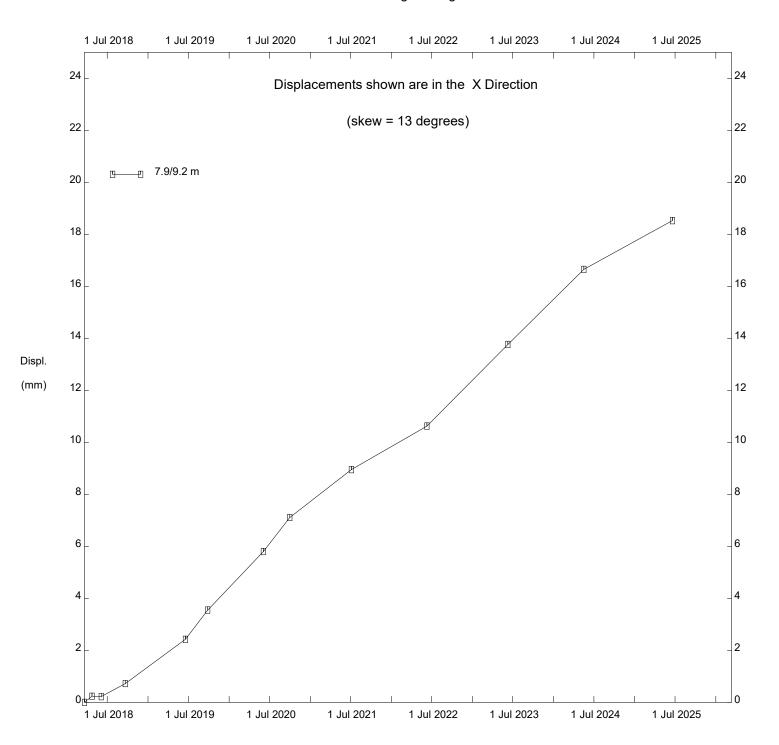
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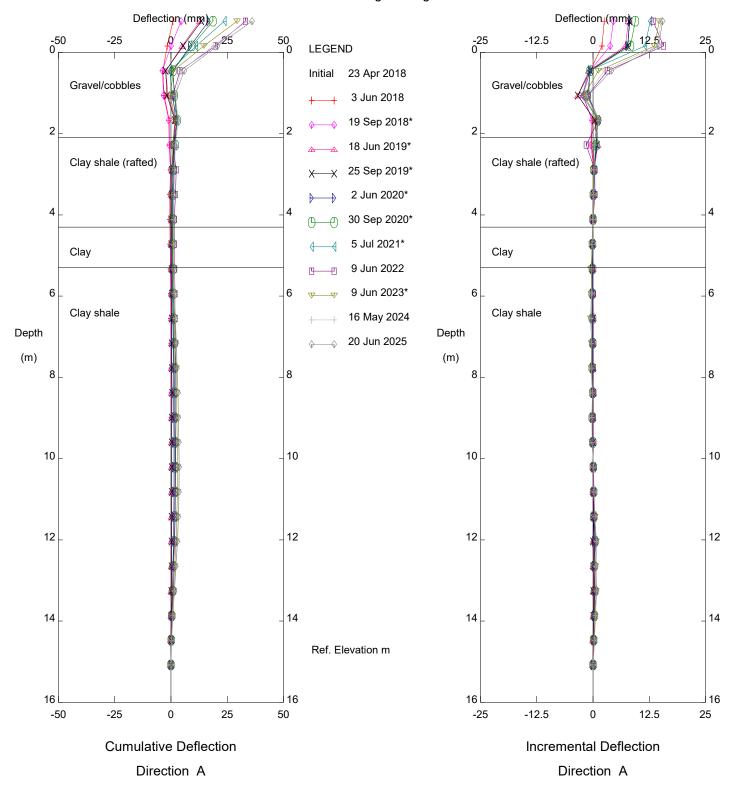
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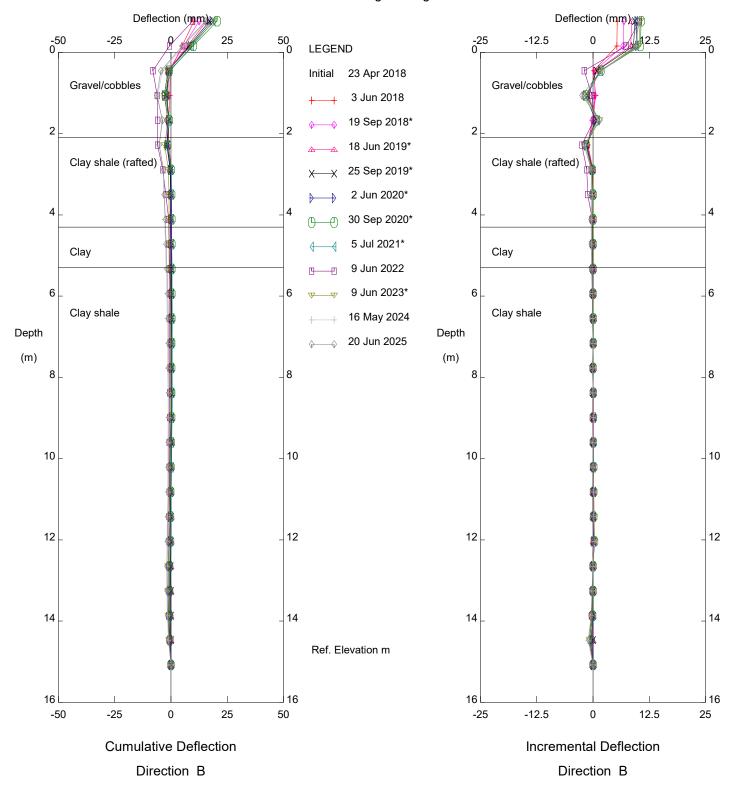
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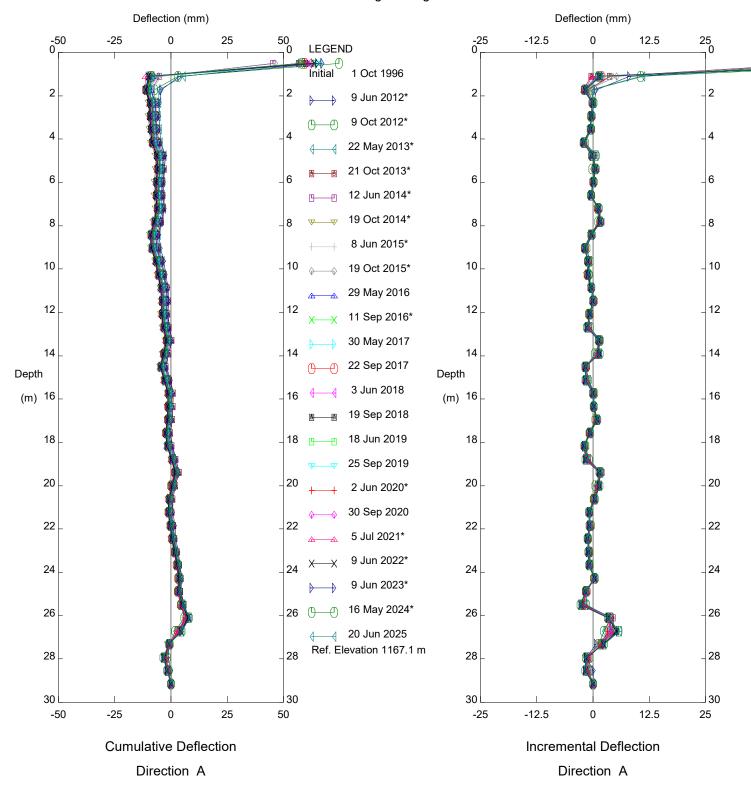
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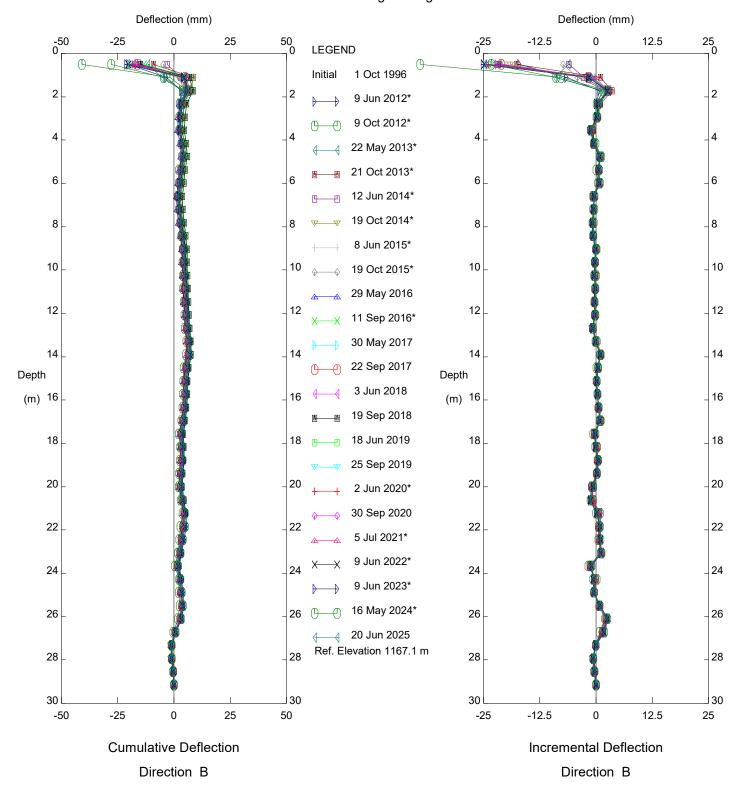


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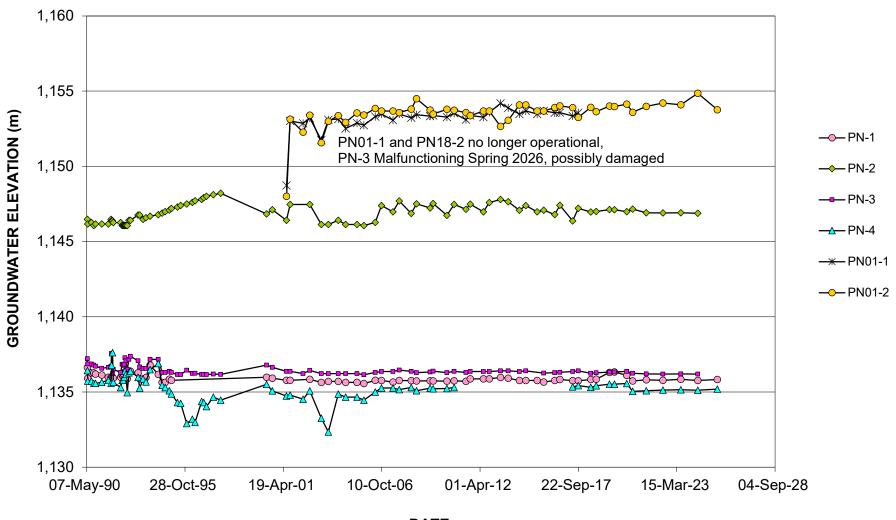


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FIGURE SH001-1
PNEUMATIC PIEZOMETER ELEVATIONS FOR
HWY 33:12 (SWAN HILLS RETAINING WA



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

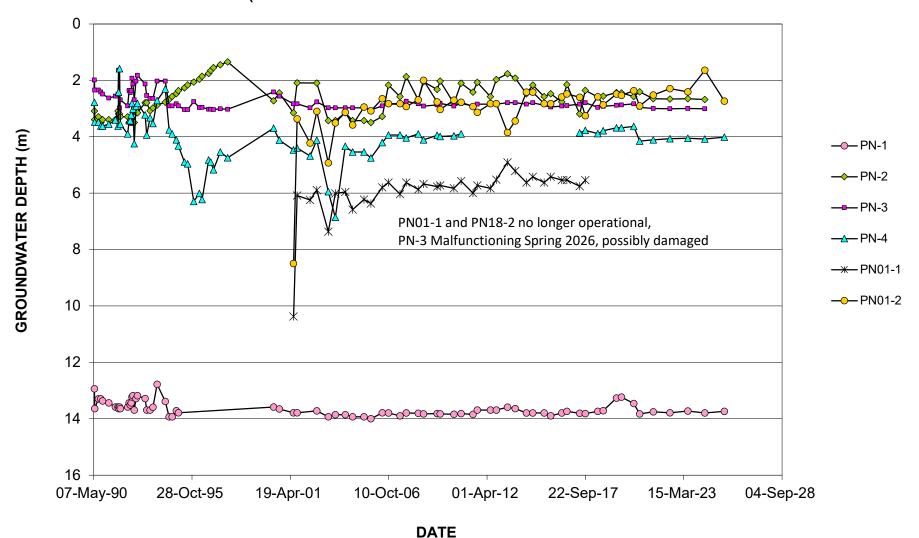


FIGURE SH001-3
PNEUMATIC PIEZOMETER DEPTHS FOR
HWY 33:12 (SWAN HILLS RETAINING WALL - 2018 INSTRUMENTS)

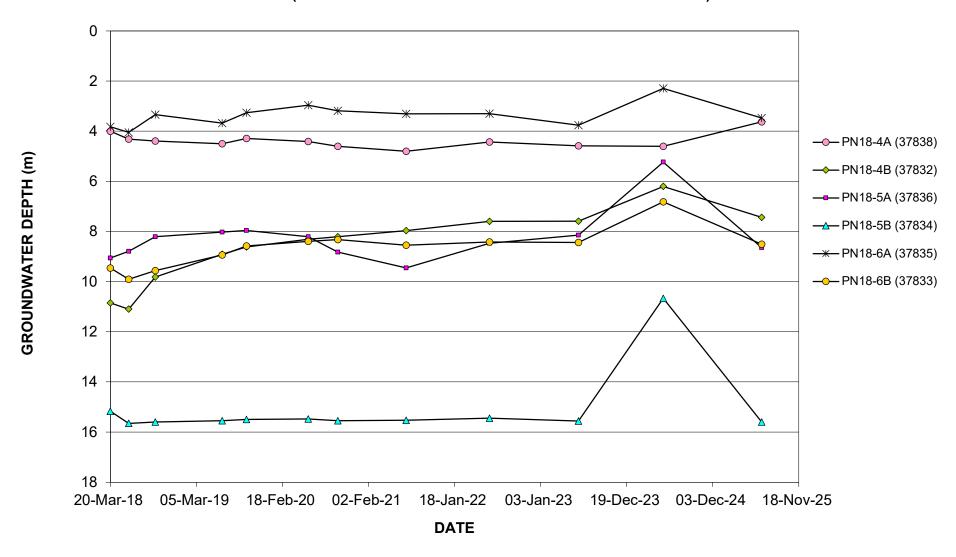


FIGURE SH001-4
PNEUMATIC PIEZOMETER DEPTHS FOR
HWY 33:12 (SWAN HILLS SITE 1A - 2018 INSTRUMENTS)

