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## **SECTION 1 – SURFACE AND GROUND WATER DATA**

### **RULE REQUIREMENT**

#### Rule 4.05.13(4)(c) Monitoring Report Requirements

(i) Water quantity data for the monitoring sites is presented in Exhibit 1A and 1C of this report.

(ii) Water quality data obtained from the monitoring sites is presented in Exhibit 1A through 1D of this report. Discharge monitoring reports are submitted to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment on a monthly basis. A copy is forwarded to the Division each month.

(iii) A written interpretation of the data was requested by the Division in a letter to Colowyo dated September 30, 2013. Colowyo has been providing a written interpretation of the data annually, beginning with the submittal of the 2013 annual hydrology report; therefore, compliance has been met for this Rule as requested by the Division.

All analytical results from surface and ground water monitoring have been tabulated and are kept on file at the Colowyo mine site. Historical data is presented in past annual hydrology reports. The monitoring timeframe for this annual hydrology report (water year) is from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.

A description of the surface and ground water monitoring plan is located in Colowyo's Permit No. C-1981-008, Volume 15, Section 4.05.13. Please see Map 10A in the permit for monitoring locations. Monitoring of each location occurs on a quarterly basis

### **SURFACE WATER**

Colowyo currently samples each surface water monitoring location for a variety of quality parameters. Of all the parameters that are analyzed for, several key indicator parameters are identified and analyzed in more depth within this report. These are lab pH, lab conductivity, TDS, sulfate, calcium, iron, magnesium, sodium, and flow rate. Summary of the indicator parameters for each surface water monitoring location is provided in a table format. Surface water monitoring sites within each corresponding drainage have been compiled together and analyzed together as up gradient and down gradient conditions where applicable.

Sampling results acquired during the water year from each surface water monitoring location are presented in Exhibit 1A. Exhibit 1B presents a graphical statistical analysis of the up and down gradient surface monitoring locations (where applicable) for each



drainage potentially impacted by Colowyo's mining operations. These drainages include Good Spring Creek, Taylor Creek, Jubb Creek, Little Collom Gulch, and Collom Gulch.

### **Good Spring Creek**

Five surface water-monitoring locations have been established along Good Spring Creek.

New Upper Good Springs Creek (NUGSC) is a downstream site, located south of the mine along State Highway 13. Monitoring has occurred from 1992 to 2021.

Lower Good Spring Creek (LGSC) is a downstream site below NUGSC, located below active mining conditions along State Highway 13. Monitoring has occurred from 1982 to 2021.

Upper West Fork Good Spring Creek (UWFGSC) is an upstream site, located southwest of the mine along State Highway 13. Monitoring has occurred from the fourth quarter of 2007 to 2021.

The final two monitoring locations, EFGSC and LWFGSC are flow measurements only. The flows from these two locations are applied to create the actual flow for NUGSC.

NUGSC:

<b>Parameter</b>	<b>Mean</b>	<b>Std dev</b>	<b>Range</b>	<b>Max.</b>	<b>Min.</b>	<b>Max at</b>	<b>Min at</b>
Lab pH	8.18	0.25	1.1	8.6	7.5	04/27/98	10/24/02
Lab Cond.	1506	294	2842	3600	758	03/06/98	05/27/93
TDS	1136	231	1250	1610	360	7/8/2002	05/08/02
Sulfate	498	138	760	930	170	7/8/2002	05/20/97
Calcium	126	19	166	169	3.4	08/02/02	06/01/93
Iron	0.78	1.5	8.53	8.54	0.01	05/17/99	02/11/02
Magnesium	122.7	29.1	226.9	228	1.1	08/02/02	04/27/98
Sodium	48.1	15.7	121.1	138	16.9	11/10/08	04/27/98
Flow rate	2.90	3.24	19.94	20	0.06	04/27/98	07/30/13

### **NUGSC Water Year Review**

There were not any minimum or maximum values from sampling in 2021 at NUGSC. All sampling results for 2020 tracked similar to historical analysis. For the indicator parameters most are staying very stable with no trends apparent. Laboratory pH is

slightly trending upward, and sulfate is showing a minor trend downward over time. Data for the water year for NUGSC is provided in Exhibit 1A.

LGSC:

Parameter	Mean	Std dev	Range	Max.	Min.	Max at	Min at
Lab pH	8.08	0.26	2.5	8.6	6.1	08/19/91	05/14/91
Lab Cond.	1727	331	3139	3300	161	08/21/18	06/23/92
TDS	1381	351	3420	4050	630	11/08/00	05/23/95
Sulfate	655	161	815	1050	235	08/21/18	05/20/97
Calcium	141	24	198	208	10	12/28/89	3/13/84
Iron	0.63	0.88	8.81	8.84	0.03	08/13/08	04/08/15
Magnesium	144.7	29.2	225.3	226.0	0.7	12/04/89	05/20/97
Sodium	87.4	47.9	323.3	343	19.7	08/21/18	04/17/00
Flow rate	4.01	5.09	46.94	47.0	0.06	04/27/98	12/06/99

#### LGSC Water Year Review

No results from 2021 sampling were minimum or maximum values for any parameters listed above during the monitoring period. All sampling results for 2021 tracked consistent with historical analyses. For the indicator parameters most are staying very stable. Laboratory conductivity, TDS, pH, and sodium are trending upward, while sulfate is showing a minor trend downward over time. Flows for Good Spring Creek are trending down also. Data for the water year for LGSC is provided in Exhibit 1A.

UWFGSC:

Parameter	Mean	Std dev	Range	Max.	Min.	Max at	Min at
Lab pH	8.5	0.1	0.5	8.6	8.1	06/18/08	11/2/09
Lab Cond.	960	214	1027	1330	303	03/19/14	04/15/08
TDS	699	151	620	930	310	9/15/21	5/15/19
Sulfate	220	76	290	358	68	9/15/21	5/15/19
Calcium	97	16	66	121	55	11/10/11	5/15/19
Iron	1.47	2.07	9.81	9.86	0.05	04/27/16	10/31/12
Magnesium	77	20	90	120	30	9/15/21	5/15/19
Sodium	9	3	15	19	4	2/23/10	5/15/19
Flow rate	1.09	1.82	8.92	8.94	0.02	5/15/19	10/31/12

### UWFGSC Water Year Review

For the 2021 water year, maximum values for TDS, sulfate and magnesium occurred. All other sampling results for 2021 tracked similar to historical analysis. For the indicator parameters most are staying very stable with no trends apparent. Data for the water year for UWFGSC is provided in Exhibit 1A.

### Good Spring Creek Impact Assessment

As shown on the graphs in Exhibit 1B for the indicator parameters, when comparing the up gradient and down gradient locations, LGSC tends to be historically higher for some the indicator parameters including calcium, laboratory conductivity, magnesium, sodium, sulfate, and TDS. As discussed in Volume 1, Section 2.04.7, TDS concentrations showed an incremental increase (pre-mine) of 40 mg/l to 50 mg/l per mile of flow for Wilson and Good Spring Creeks. Therefore, the increase in the indicator parameters tracks similar to surface water conditions found on Good Spring Creek prior to mining occurring.

Overall, the indicator parameters up gradient versus down gradient of mining are typically stable including calcium, iron, magnesium, and sulfate. Sodium, electrical conductivity, and TDS at LGSC are trending upward over time compared to the up-gradient locations, while pH at all up gradient and down gradient locations is increasing. pH at the down gradient location LGSC is lower overall than NUGSC and UWFGSC.

TDS concentrations were predicted to increase in surface water during the post-mining period [Volume 1 Section 2.04.7 and Volume 12 Section 2.05.6(3)(b)(iii)] with sulfate being the dominate increasing ion. This impact would be due to infiltration through mine spoil material. Water flowing through the backfill spoil areas is expected to exhibit a temporary increase in TDS owing to rapid dissolution of relatively soluble minerals such as gypsum and calcite. The increase in TDS and major ions is predicated to be followed by a gradual decrease over time. Data from the down gradient location LGSC is showing increases in TDS as predicted. Please refer to Exhibit 1B for graphs presenting the long-term trends for LGSC in comparison to the up-gradient monitoring locations NUGSC and UWFGSC. The trends in the data presented including an increase in TDS due to mining are as predicated to occur within the Good Spring Creek watershed.

Base flows in Good Spring Creek were also anticipated to be decreased by approximately 7% for approximately 45 years due to mining [Volume 12 Section 2.05.6(3)(b)(iii)]. Data from the down gradient location LGSC is trending downward, while the up-gradient locations are remaining stable or slightly increasing (Exhibit 1B). However, the Colowyo Mine area has experienced drought conditions for many years and decreased flows in Good Spring Creek cannot fully be contributed to mining activities from Colowyo specifically, as overall precipitation over the long term in the area of Colowyo has been

trending down. This predicted impact in decreased flows from mining activities has been minimized overall.

### **Taylor Creek**

One surface water-monitoring location, Lower Taylor Creek (LTC) has been established along Taylor Creek and is a downstream site, located below active mining conditions near Moffat County Road 17. Monitoring has occurred from 1983 to 2021. Colowyo's mining area extends into the headwaters of Taylor Creek; therefore, no upstream monitoring location has been established for comparison of data to the down gradient LTC location.

LTC:

<b>Parameter</b>	<b>Mean</b>	<b>Std dev</b>	<b>Range</b>	<b>Max.</b>	<b>Min.</b>	<b>Max at</b>	<b>Min at</b>
Lab pH	8.2	0.3	1.7	8.7	7	09/13/16	02/22/89
Lab Cond.	1811	653	3550	3750	200	11/30/17	02/28/90
TDS	1481	629	2776	2920	144	11/10/11	02/28/90
Sulfate	698	354	1591	1610	19	11/10/11	02/28/90
Calcium	96	25	133	159	26	11/10/11	02/05/01
Iron	3.6	15.4	132.0	132.0	0.01	02/28/90	09/13/95
Magnesium	126	41	230	238	8	10/12/88	02/28/90
Sodium	201	168	694	700	6	11/12/19	02/28/90
Flow rate	0.35	0.78	6.3	6.3	0	04/29/86	12/13/02

### **LTC Water Year Review**

Sampling results for the 2021 water year track within all previous acquired results and no minimum or maximum values were noted. For the indicator parameters, some are increasing including laboratory conductivity, TDS, sulfate, pH, and sodium. Data for the water year for LTC is provided in Exhibit 1A.

### **Taylor Creek Impact Assessment**

TDS concentrations were predicted to increase in surface water during the post-mining period [Volume 1 Section 2.04.7 and Volume 12 Section 2.05.6(3)(b)(iii)] with sulfate being the dominate increasing ion. This impact would be due to infiltration through mine spoil material. Water flowing through the backfill spoil areas is expected to exhibit a temporary increase in TDS owing to rapid dissolution of relatively soluble minerals such as gypsum and calcite. The increase in TDS and major ions is predicated to be followed by a gradual decrease over time. A significant acreage of reclamation has occurred in the

Taylor Creek watershed, and data from LTC is showing increases in TDS as predicted. Please refer to Exhibit 1B for graphs presenting the long-term trends for LTC. The trends in the data presented, including an increase in TDS, confirm predictions from mining activities occurring within the Taylor Creek watershed.

Base flows in Taylor Creek were also anticipated to be decreased by approximately 2% [Volume 12 Section 2.05.6(3)(b)(iii)] from mining activities in the South Taylor Pit. Data from LTC is trending downward (Exhibit 1B). The notable part of this downward trend is an extended period of minimal to zero flows recorded in at LTC. Prior to mining activities Taylor Creek was an ephemeral drainage at best, and Colowyo uses water from Taylor Creek as part of a water right held by Colowyo on Taylor Creek above LTC. In approximately 2011, flows from Taylor Creek became more consistent than was recorded from 2002, and have been more consistent than the previous years of minimal or no flow. If the years of low to zero flow were removed, the base flows in Taylor Creek would be consistent or increasing. Given this, the predicted impact of decreased flows has not occurred overall as flows in Taylor Creek have increased or have been more consistent since approximately 2011.

### **Jubb Creek**

Two surface water-monitoring locations have been established along Jubb Creek. Confluence of Jubb Creek (CJC) represents the aggregate water quality in the Jubb Creek basin, downstream of mining impacted areas. Monitoring has occurred from the first quarter of 2011 to 2021.

West Fork of Jubb Creek (WFJC) represents conditions in the Jubb Creek watershed adjacent to the mining disturbance. Monitoring has occurred from the first quarter of 2011 to 2021.

CJC:

Parameter	Mean	Std dev	Range	Max.	Min.	Max at	Min at
Lab pH	8.4	0.1	0.4	8.6	8.2	08/18/11	03/14/12
Lab Cond.	1991	255	1460	2380	920	11/26/16	03/22/11
TDS	1544	189	1150	1820	670	08/01/12	03/22/11
Sulfate	637	112	680	859	179	11/21/16	03/22/11
Calcium	141	16	77	178	101	08/01/12	3/6/19
Iron	0.83	1.48	8.88	8.93	0.05	9/4/19	08/18/11
Magnesium	156	21	130	199	69	11/21/16	03/22/11
Sodium	137	23	140	167	27	08/01/12	03/22/11
Flow rate	0.09	0.13	0.79	0.8	0.01	9/4/19	08/20/18

#### CJC Water Year Review

No minimum or maximum value were recorded in 2021 for CJC. For the indicator parameters most are stable over time at CJC except for iron, which is increasing. Data for the water year for CJC is provided in Exhibit 1A.

WFJC:

Parameter	Mean	Std dev	Range	Max.	Min.	Max at	Min at
Lab pH	8.44	0.10	0.6	8.6	8	11/19/13	03/14/12
Lab Cond.	1230.7	133.5	858	1740	882	03/22/11	05/04/11
TDS	901.8	115.0	680	1450	770	03/22/11	05/04/11
Sulfate	326.5	65.8	415	651	236	03/22/11	11/08/11
Calcium	119.2	8.2	39	135	96	11/05/14	09/18/17
Iron	0.36	0.60	3.52	3.57	0.05	05/04/11	08/18/11
Magnesium	99.4	11.0	64	143	79	03/22/11	05/04/11
Sodium	18.7	21.2	126	139	13	03/22/11	11/29/17
Flow rate	0.03	0.03	0.13	0.13	0.00	05/15/11	08/20/18

#### WFJC Water Year Review

No maximum or minimum values were recorded in 2021 as WFJC was dry at for all sampling events during the water year 2021. For the indicator parameters, all have been stable overtime at WFJC. Data for the water year for WFJC is provided in Exhibit 1A.

#### Jubb Creek Impact Assessment

A complete data set from March of 2011 to December of 2021 is presented on the graphs in Exhibit 1B, which provides WFJC and CJC indicator parameters together on one

graph. While reviewing this data, it needs to be noted that the Jubb Creek Haul Road disturbance commenced in 2017, and mining in the Collom Pit commenced in 2018; therefore, data acquired prior to 2017 represents the background condition prior to mining occurring.

Data results as shown for the indicator parameters establishes the down gradient location CJC tends to be higher overall than WFJC, except for pH. Iron is trending upward at the CJC. All the remaining indicator parameters tend to track along with baseline conditions of Jubb Creek for both CJC and WFJC.

Potential mining impacts to Jubb Creek as described in Colowyo's permit were not anticipated to be statistically significant [Volume 15 Section 2.05.6(3)(b)(i & ii)]. To date, the data acquired and presented in this report indicates all the indicator parameter are tracking similar to pre-mine conditions except for iron at CJC. This suggests that iron may be potentially affecting Jubb Creek. The remaining indicator parameters track similar to pre-mining conditions, which indicates that surface water impacts from the Jubb Creek Haul Road and Collom mining operations are being minimized on Jubb Creek.

### **Collom Gulch**

Two surface water-monitoring locations have been established along Collom Gulch. Upper Collom Gulch (UCG) represents the water quality conditions in Collom Gulch upstream of the Collom mining area. Monitoring has occurred from the first quarter of 2011 through 2021.

Lower Collom Gulch (LCG) represents the conditions in Collom Gulch downstream of mining impacts. Monitoring has occurred from the first quarter of 2011 through 2021.

UCG:

Parameter	Mean	Std dev	Range	Max.	Min.	Max at	Min at
Lab pH	8.6	0.1	0.4	8.7	8.3	08/01/12	03/22/11
Lab Cond.	679	159	726	1140	414	03/18/11	5/13/19
TDS	461	122	550	820	270	03/22/11	5/13/19
Sulfate	107	67	272	273	1	03/22/11	11/08/11
Calcium	73	16	70	118	48	03/22/11	5/13/19
Iron	1.6	2.1	8.95	9.0	0.05	04/26/16	08/18/11
Magnesium	45	15	74	97	23	03/22/11	05/19/14
Sodium	12	3	12	18	6	07/31/13	5/13/19
Flow rate	0.25	0.44	1.57	1.57	0	04/26/16	03/13/13

UCG Water Year Review

No maximum or minimum values were recorded in 2021. For the indicator parameters all demonstrate a consistent stability over time. Data acquired in 2021 tracked within previously analysis acquired from this UCG. Data for the water year for UCG is provided in Exhibit 1A.

LCG:

Parameter	Mean	Std dev	Range	Max.	Min.	Max at	Min at
Lab pH	8.4	0.1	0.6	8.7	8.1	08/20/18	03/14/12
Lab Cond.	996	175	1139	1830	691	5/13/19	05/04/11
TDS	685	156	1100	1540	440	5/13/19	05/24/17
Sulfate	203	81	558	658	100	5/13/19	05/24/17
Calcium	100	12	63	138	75	5/13/19	05/24/17
Iron	0.93	1.39	7.12	7.17	0.05	04/26/16	08/18/11
Magnesium	67	17	119	159	40	5/13/19	05/24/17
Sodium	29	17	119	133	14	5/13/19	03/22/11
Flow rate	0.26	0.42	1.57	1.57	0.00	05/04/11	10/20/15

LCG Water Year Review

No maximum or minimum values were recorded in 2020/21. The indicator parameters at LCG have been stable over time. Data acquired in 2021 from LCG tracked within previously analysis acquired from this location. Data for the water year for LCG is provided in Exhibit 1A.



### Collom Gulch Impact Assessment

A complete data set from March of 2011 to December of 2021 is presented on the graphs in Exhibit 1B, which provides UCG and LCG indicator parameters together on one graph. While reviewing this data, it should be noted that mining in the Collom Pit commenced in 2018; therefore, data acquired prior to 2018 represents the background condition prior to mining occurring.

Data results as shown from the indicator parameters express that the down gradient location LCG and up gradient UCG trend very similar over time for all the indicator parameters. Iron is trending upward at the up-gradient location UCG, while the down gradient LCG tends to remain constant. All the remaining indicator parameters tend to track along with baseline conditions of Collom Gulch.

Potential mining impacts to Collom Gulch as described Colowyo's permit were not anticipated to be statistically significant [Volume 15 Section 2.05.6(3)(b)(i & ii)]. To date, the data acquired and presented in this report indicates all the indicator parameter are tracking similar to pre-mine conditions with influences from seasonal fluctuations. This signifies that impacts from the Collom mining operations have not occurred as predicated to date.

### **Little Collom Gulch**

One surface water monitoring location, LLCG, has been established along Little Collom Gulch and represents the conditions in Little Collom Gulch downstream of mining disturbances. The Collom mining area extends nearly to the headwaters of Little Collom Gulch; therefore, no upstream monitoring location can be established for comparison of data to the down gradient LLCG monitoring location.

### Little Collom Gulch Water Year Review

No flow has been observed at LLCG either during baseline data collection or during the ongoing monitoring that began in first quarter of 2011. Since no data has been collected from this site due to nonexistent flows, an evaluation, tabular and graphically analysis have not been completed for this monitoring location.

### Little Collom Gulch Impact Assessment

Potential mining impacts to Little Collom Gulch as described Colowyo's permit were not anticipated to be statistically significant [Volume 15 Section 2.05.6(3)(b)(i & ii)]. Since no surface water flows have been present in Little Collom Gulch, there have not been any surface water impacts to Little Collom Gulch.

## **GROUNDWATER**

Colowyo currently samples each ground water well for a variety of quality parameters. Of all the parameters that are analyzed for, several key indicator parameters are identified and analyzed in more depth within this report. These are lab pH, lab conductivity, TDS, sulfate, calcium, iron, magnesium, sodium, and water elevation. Summary of the indicator parameters, not including LGSW-1 and LWCW-1, for each ground water well is provided in a table format. Ground water wells within each corresponding drainage have been compiled together and analyzed together as up gradient and down gradient conditions where applicable.

LGSW-1 and LWCW-1 are points of compliance wells and data for each well for the water year is included in Exhibit 1C only. Indicator parameters are not analyzed nor provided for either of these wells. A data review narrative is provided for LGSW-1 and LWCW-1 in the Good Spring and Taylor Creek sections of the hydrology report.

Sampling results acquired during the water year from each ground water well are presented in Exhibit 1C. Exhibit 1D presents a graphical statistical analysis of the up and down gradient well (where applicable) for each drainage potentially impacted by Colowyo's mining operations. These drainages include Good Spring Creek, Taylor Creek, Jubb Creek, Little Collom Gulch, and Collom Gulch.

One well is located near the Gossard Loadout facility, which evaluates water quality adjacent to the Gossard Loadout facility, and another well is located down gradient of the confluence of Taylor and Wilson Creek and represents the further downstream point below all mining activities above Taylor and Wilson Creeks.

The Trout Creek well is a deep well that monitors potential impacts to the Trout Creek Sandstone, which is the only regional aquifer in the vicinity of the Colowyo Mine.

### **Good Spring Creek**

Five ground water wells have been established along Good Spring Creek.

A-6 Well (A-6) is located south of the mine along State Highway 13, and this site represents up gradient, undisturbed or background conditions. Monitoring has occurred from 1984 through 2021.

A-7 Well (A-7) is located south of the mine along State Highway 13 and represents a potential down gradient condition below the South Taylor Pit operations. Monitoring started in the second quarter of 2008 and has continued through 2021.

A-8 Well (A-8) is located south of the mine, west of State Highway 13, and represents the condition up gradient of the South Taylor mining activities. Monitoring started in the second quarter of 2008 and has continued through 2021.

North Good Springs Well (NGSW) is located along State Highway 13 and this site represents the down gradient condition below mining activities. Monitoring has occurred from 1989 to 2021.

Lower Good Spring Well 1 (LGSW-1) is located along State Highway 13 and this site represents a further down gradient condition below mining activities. It is located further downstream on Good Spring Creek than NGSW. LGSW-1 is designated as a point of compliance well. Monitoring of LGSW-1 commenced in the fourth quarter of 2021, and only one sample has been acquired to date and included in this annual hydrology report.

A-6:

Parameter	Mean	Std dev	Range	Max.	Min.	Max at	Min at
Lab pH	7.8	0.4	1.9	8.6	6.7	11/30/93	11/21/02
Lab Cond.	1110	72	512	1440	928	05/01/85	04/27/98
TDS	696	77	750	930	180	07/17/01	03/13/93
Sulfate	138	48	334	430	96	07/17/01	05/15/00
Calcium	61	16	121	169	48	11/18/97	11/13/00
Iron	0.22	0.36	1.81	1.82	0.01	09/26/98	11/18/97
Magnesium	53	15	128	169	41	11/18/97	03/21/11
Sodium	125	18	133	151	18	9/14/20	04/27/98
Elevation	6897.9	2.8	14.5	3602.5	6888.0	05/01/85	07/31/00

#### A-6 Water Year Review

No minimum or maximum value for an indicator parameter occurred in 2021. All the indicator parameters for the water year tracked within similar results as previous data acquired. The indicator parameters specify pH is slightly increasing while most of the indicator parameters are stable except for iron which is decreasing at this location. Data for the water year for monitoring location A-6 is provided in Exhibit 1C.

A-7:

Parameter	Mean	Std dev	Range	Max.	Min.	Max at	Min at
Lab pH	8.1	0.2	0.8	8.4	7.6	5/15/19	11/10/08
Lab Cond.	1513	162	1100	2260	1160	06/18/08	05/05/10
TDS	1140	209	1160	2100	940	06/18/08	9/9/17
Sulfate	422	123	794	1110	316	06/18/08	11/12/19
Calcium	125	18	112	214	102	05/03/11	11/30/17
Iron	0.05	0.01	0.05	0.1	0.05	08/17/11	06/18/08
Magnesium	119	24	151	244	93	06/18/08	11/30/17
Sodium	49	7	43	77	34	06/18/08	05/20/14
Elevation	6888.7	3.5	20.1	6904.9	6884.8	11/12/19	9/14/20

#### A-7 Water Year Review

No minimum or maximum value for an indicator parameter occurred in 2021. All the indicator parameters for the water year tracked within similar results as previous data acquired. The indicator parameters specify pH and sodium are slightly increasing while all the other indicator parameters are stable or decreasing at this location. Data for the water year for monitoring location A-7 is provided in Exhibit 1C.

A-8:

Parameter	Mean	Std dev	Range	Max.	Min.	Max at	Min at
Lab pH	8.1	0.2	0.8	8.4	7.6	05/21/13	11/10/08
Lab Cond.	1254	350	1443	2330	887	03/12/13	05/5/10
TDS	952	349	1420	2040	620	03/12/13	03/13/12
Sulfate	349	207	804	977	173	03/12/13	08/03/10
Calcium	121	31	129	219	90	03/12/13	06/18/08
Iron	0.06	0.05	0.31	0.36	0.05	11/10/08	06/18/08
Magnesium	103	36	142	214	72	03/12/13	03/13/12
Sodium	17	6	24	35	11	03/12/13	03/13/12
Elevation	7105.2	4.9	16.7	7116.9	7100.2	06/18/08	09/19/17

#### A-8 Water Year Review

No results from 2021 sampling were minimum or maximum values for any parameters listed above during the water year. All sampling results from 2021 tracked within historical analyses. For the indicator parameters most are showing a slight increase over time or are stable, while iron is indicating it is decreasing. Data for the water year for monitoring location A-8 is provided in Exhibit 1C.

NGSW:

Parameter	Mean	Std dev	Range	Max.	Min.	Max at	Min at
Lab pH	7.9	0.3	1.7	8.5	6.8	08/19/91	10/03/00
Lab Cond.	2091	299	1550	2700	1150	10/17/91	04/27/98
TDS	1708	265	1410	2190	780	04/27/16	04/27/98
Sulfate	797	157	1192	1340	148	03/17/09	05/05/10
Calcium	173	27	169	262	93	03/13/07	10/08/98
Iron	0.08	0.13	1.18	1.19	0.01	6/4/20	10/01/01
Magnesium	173	28	194	270	76	03/13/07	04/27/98
Sodium	105	31	167	199	32	5/24/21	04/27/98
Elevation	6534.9	1.8	10	6540.7	6530.7	03/13/93	05/19/99

#### NGSW Water Year Review

One sampling result for sodium was a maximum value in 2021. All other monitoring results acquired during the water year tracked within previous results. For the indicator parameters, TDS, sulfate, sodium, pH, EC, calcium, and magnesium are trending upward. Water year data for monitoring location NSGW is provided in Exhibit 1C.

LGSW-1:

LGSW-1 is designated as a point of compliance well on Good Spring Creek, and the sampling parameters for LGSW-1 can be found in Volume 2C, Exhibit 7, Item 19, Table 16, and are also included in Exhibit 1C.

One sample has been obtained from LGSW-1 on December 14, 2021. As provided in Exhibit 1C, TDS exceeded the Table 6 standard. This was reported to the Division on January 7, 2022 as required by Rule 4.05.13(1)(c)(i).

#### Good Spring Creek Impact Assessment

For the indicator parameters, please see Exhibit 1D, when comparing the up gradient and down gradient locations, for all the indicator parameters, NSGW is trending higher than the up-gradient wells except for iron which is stable at NSGW.

Ground water impacts are not anticipated to be affected by mining, primarily because there is not a continuous, regional ground water system within the stratigraphic section that was or is mined [Volume 1 Sections 2.04.7, 4.05.11 and Volume 12 Sections 2.04.7(1), 2.05.6(3)(b)(iii)]. As discussed in Volume 1, Section 2.04.7, TDS

concentrations showed an incremental increase (pre-mine) of 40 mg/l to 50 mg/l per mile of flow for Wilson and Good Spring Creeks. This predication could be apparent within the alluvial aquifer along Good Spring Creek and TDS value found farther down gradient along Good Spring Creek. Other contributing factors to the alluvial aquifer along Good Spring Creek are the ranching operation that Good Spring Creek runs through the entire private property, and possibly discharges from Colowyo's sediment ponds. However, Streeter Pond is the only sediment pond that discharges in a consistent manner, and it has been released from monitoring requirements in Colowyo's Industrial Wastewater Permit by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment Water Quality Division.

### **Taylor Creek**

One ground water well, MT-95-02, has been established along Taylor Creek and represents the down gradient condition below mining activities. Monitoring started in the first quarter of 2008 and has continued through 2021. An up gradient well location is not established for Taylor Creek as mining occurs in the headwaters of the Taylor Creek watershed.

MT-95-02:

<b>Parameter</b>	<b>Mean</b>	<b>Std dev</b>	<b>Range</b>	<b>Max.</b>	<b>Min.</b>	<b>Max at</b>	<b>Min at</b>
Lab pH	8.0	0.2	1.0	8.4	7.4	5/15/19	11/10/08
Lab Cond.	2789	273	1400	3470	2070	12/14/21	05/05/10
TDS	2275	188	790	2720	1930	12/14/21	12/10/20
Sulfate	922	88	412	1170	758	3/9/20	05/14/12
Calcium	206	17	112	233	121	9/14/20	11/10/11
Iron	0.05	0.00	0.01	0.06	0.05	11/10/08	11/02/09
Magnesium	200	13	80	227	147	6/4/20	11/10/11
Sodium	195	56	277	371	94	12/14/21	08/13/08
Elevation	6435.4	0.6	3.4	6437.9	6434.5	05/03/11	3/5/19

### **MT-95-02 Water Year Review**

Maximum values for lab conductivity, TDS, and sodium were recorded during 2021. Water year data for monitoring location MT-95-02 is provided in Exhibit 1C.

LWCW-1:

LWCW-1 is designated as a point of compliance well below the confluence of Taylor and Wilson Creeks. The sampling parameters for LWCW-1 can be found in Volume 2C, Exhibit 7, Item 19, Table 16, and are also included in Exhibit 1C.

One sample has been obtained from LWCW-1 on December 14, 2021. As provided in Exhibit 1C, manganese exceeded the Table 6 standard. This was reported to the Division on January 7, 2022 as required by Rule 4.05.13(1)(c)(i).

#### Taylor Creek Impact Assessment

A complete data set for MT-95-02 from 2008 to December of 2021 is presented on the graphs in Exhibit 1D. For the indicator parameters, laboratory conductivity, pH, sodium, sulfate, and TDS are showing an increase over time, while calcium, iron, and magnesium are indicating downward trends or remaining constant. TDS values were previously elevated (above 2,000 mg/l) when monitoring commenced at this location in 2008.

Ground water impacts are not anticipated to be affected by mining, primarily because there is not a continuous, regional ground water system within the stratigraphic section that was or is mined [Volume 1 Sections 2.04.7, 4.05.11 and Volume 12 Sections 2.04.7(1), 2.05.6(3)(b)(iii)]. TDS and other indicator parameters that are trending higher at MT-95-02 can be attributed to discharges from the East Taylor Pond which are being addressed with the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment – Water Quality Division through compliance with Colowyo’s Industrial Wastewater Discharge Permit.

#### Gossard Loadout

One ground water well has been established along the Gossard Loadout facility. The Gossard Well is located within the rail loop facility and represents the condition of groundwater associated with the Gossard Loadout Facility. Monitoring has occurred from 1983 to 2021.

Gossard:

Parameter	Mean	Std dev	Range	Max.	Min.	Max at	Min at
Lab pH	8.0	0.3	1.6	8.6	7	10/08/98	10/21/02
Lab Cond.	2002	264	1310	2670	1360	11/22/16	03/29/85
TDS	1494	268	1238	2200	962	09/13/16	03/13/93
Sulfate	583	178	1025	1030	5	11/22/16	05/20/14
Calcium	115	25	190	202	12	11/10/11	11/30/93
Iron	0.74	2.94	28.99	29	0.01	10/08/98	10/21/02
Magnesium	138	27	202	217	15	10/08/98	11/30/93
Sodium	169	26	221	240	19	10/08/98	11/30/93
Elevation	6330.0	2.8	14	6339.1	6325.1	10/03/00	03/28/91

### Gossard Water Year Review

No results from 2021 sampling were minimum or maximum values for any parameters listed above during the monitoring period. All sampling results tracked within previous analysis. Water year data for the Gossard well is provided in Exhibit 1C.

### Gossard Impact Assessment

A complete data set for the Gossard well from 1983 to December of 2021 is presented on the graphs in Exhibit 1D. For the indicator parameters, laboratory conductivity, calcium, sodium, magnesium, sulfate, and TDS are showing an increase over time, iron is trending down, and pH remains relatively constant. The water level in the Gossard well is also trending upward overtime.

Ground water impacts are not anticipated to be affected by mining, primarily because there is not a continuous, regional ground water system within the stratigraphic section that was or is mined [Volume 1 Sections 2.04.7, 4.05.11 and Volume 12 Sections 2.04.7(1), 2.05.6(3)(b)(iii)]. TDS and other indicator parameters that are trending higher at the Gossard may be attributed to the conditions described for Taylor Creek in the *Taylor Creek Impact Assessment* for Surface Water provided previously in this hydrology report.

However, it is also possible that the alluvial aquifer along Wilson Creek is increasing in water since the mass wasting event that occurred in the spring of 1984 along the entire length Wilson Creek above and below mining including the Gossard Loadout facility. This increase in alluvial aquifer water level in Wilson Creek is shown in the Gossard well water elevation (Exhibit 1D). As discussed in Volume 1, Section 2.04.7, TDS concentrations showed an incremental increase (pre-mine) of 40 mg/l to 50 mg/l per mile of flow for Wilson and Good Spring Creeks. Since Wilson Creek is not impacted by mining activities the trending upward values for TDS and the major ions may be attributed to this natural phenomenon rather than impacts from mining.

### Little Collom Gulch

One ground water well, MLC-04-01, has been established along Little Collom Gulch. This site represents the down gradient condition below the Collom Pit. Monitoring started in the first quarter of 2011 and has continued through 2021.



MLC-04-01:

Parameter	Mean	Std dev	Range	Max.	Min.	Max at	Min at
Lab pH	8.13	0.20	1.2	8.4	7.20	03/13/13	03/22/11
Lab Cond.	1107	394	1309	1610	301	03/18/14	5/13/19
TDS	783	294	1080	1280	200	5/24/21	5/13/19
Sulfate	249	119	502	505	3	05/15/12	03/22/11
Calcium	111	39	130	161	31	05/19/14	5/13/19
Iron	0.05	0.04	0.25	0.25	0.0006	03/14/12	9/14/2020
Magnesium	65	25	86	95	9	05/19/14	03/22/11
Sodium	41	17	73	78	5	11/27/18	03/22/11
Elevation*	45.1	4.9	27.4	50.2	22.8	11/28/18	03/13/18

\*Water elevation is static water level depth from the top of casing.

#### MLC-04-01 Water Year Review

One maximum value for TDS occurred in 2021. that was a non-detect in the analysis. All the other indicator parameters from sampling results in 2021 track within previous analytical results. Water year data for monitoring location MLC-04-01 is provided in Exhibit 1C.

#### Little Collom Gulch Impact Assessment

A complete data set from March of 2011 to December of 2021 is presented on the graphs in Exhibit 1D. While reviewing this data, it needs to be noted that the mining in the Collom Pit commenced in 2018; therefore, data acquired prior to 2017 represents the background condition prior to mining occurring.

Data results as shown for the indicator parameters (Exhibit 1D) establishes that MLC-04-01 historically trends down for all the indicator parameters except for pH that is slight trending upward.

Impacts to ground water in Little Collom Gulch valley fill deposits were not anticipated to occur as described in Colowyo's permit [Volume 15 Section 2.05.6(3)(b)(i & ii)]. To date, the data acquired and presented in this report (Exhibit 1C and Exhibit 1D) indicates all the indicator parameter are tracking similar to pre-mine conditions. This demonstrates that ground water impacts to the Little Collom Gulch valley fill deposits have not occurred to date as predicted.

### **Collom Gulch**

Two ground water wells have been established along Collom Gulch. MC-04-01 is located in Collom Gulch, and this site represents the condition adjacent to the Collom Pit. Monitoring started in the first quarter of 2011 and has continued through 2020.

MC-04-02 is located in Collom Gulch, and this site represents the down gradient condition below the Collom Pit.

MC-04-01:

<b>Parameter</b>	<b>Mean</b>	<b>Std dev</b>	<b>Range</b>	<b>Max.</b>	<b>Min.</b>	<b>Max at</b>	<b>Min at</b>
Lab pH	8.1	0.2	0.8	8.4	7.6	11/27/18	11/05/14
Lab Cond.	894	147	889	1270	381	6/4/20	9/14/20
TDS	620	143	990	1240	250	6/4/20	9/14/20
Sulfate	177	57	253	308	55	05/19/14	9/14/20
Calcium	89	15	95	133	38	6/4/20	9/14/20
Iron	0.05	0.02	0.13	0.18	0.05	03/14/12	03/22/11
Magnesium	58	12	62	80	18	05/23/13	9/14/20
Sodium	17	5	36	46	10	6/4/20	9/14/20
Elevation*	25.0	4.4	31.3	48.8	17.5	03/13/18	5/13/19

\*Water elevation is static water level depth from the top of casing.

#### **MC-04-01 Water Year Review**

No minimum or maximum values were recorded in 2021 for MC-04-01. The indicator parameters for MC-04-01 indicate that calcium, electrical conductivity, iron, magnesium sulfate, and TDS are trending down, sodium is stable, and pH is slight increasing over time. Water year data for monitoring location MC-04-01 is provided in Exhibit 1C.

MC-04-02:

Parameter	Mean	Std dev	Range	Max.	Min.	Max at	Min at
Lab pH	8.1	0.2	0.8	8.4	7.6	11/27/18	11/05/14
Lab Cond.	1284	144	844	1490	646	08/27/14	08/20/18
TDS	868	106	630	1010	380	11/01/12	08/20/18
Sulfate	253	45	221	321	100	11/01/12	12/10/20
Calcium	122	18	67	148	81	08/27/14	11/27/18
Iron	0.07	0.12	0.77	0.82	0.05	03/14/12	03/22/11
Magnesium	76	12	43	92	49	08/27/14	12/14/21
Sodium	64	29	147	160	13	03/13/13	11/27/18
Elevation*	11.4	1.0	4.5	14.1	9.6	01/12/15	05/24/17

\*Water elevation is static water level depth from the top of casing.

#### MC-04-02 Water Year Review

One minimum value for magnesium occurred in 2021 at MC-04-02. All other sampling results tracking within previous values acquired, including data acquired prior to mining commencing in 2018. The indicator parameters for MC-04-02 indicate that calcium, electrical conductivity, iron, magnesium sulfate, and TDS are trending down, sodium is stable, and pH is slight increasing over time. Water year data for monitoring location MC-04-02 is provided in Exhibit 1C.

#### Collom Gulch Impact Assessment

A complete data set from March of 2011 to December of 2021 is presented on the graphs in Exhibit 1D. The graphs provided include MC-04-01 and MC-04-02 indicator parameters together on one graph for comparisons of both monitoring locations. While reviewing this data, it needs to be noted that the mining in the Collom Pit commenced in 2018; therefore, data acquired prior to 2017 represents the background condition prior to mining occurring.

Data results as shown for the indicator parameters (Exhibit 1D) establishes that MC-04-02 historically tracks higher for most of the indicator parameters, while both monitoring locations trend similar in regard to iron and pH. Overall, all the indicator parameters from both monitoring locations tend to track consistently over time showing consistent or decreasing values over time except for pH, which is showing a minor increase.

Impacts to ground water in the Collom Gulch valley fill deposits were not anticipated to occur as described in Colowyo's permit [Volume 15 Section 2.05.6(3)(b)(i & ii)]. To date, the data acquired and presented in this report (Exhibit 1C and Exhibit 1D) indicates all the indicator parameter are tracking similar to pre-mine conditions with most values

are overall decreasing. This demonstrates that ground water impacts to the Collom Gulch valley fill deposits have not occurred to date as predicated.

### **Jubb Creek**

Two ground water wells have been established along Jubb Creek. MJ-95-01 is located in the West Fork Jubb Creek, and this site represents the down gradient condition below the Collom Pit. Monitoring started in the first quarter of 2011 and has continued through 2021.

MJ-95-03 is located in the Jubb Creek just downstream of the confluence of the West and East Forks of Jubb Creek, and this site represents the condition down gradient of the Collom Pit.

MJ-95-01:

<b>Parameter</b>	<b>Mean</b>	<b>Std dev</b>	<b>Range</b>	<b>Max.</b>	<b>Min.</b>	<b>Max at</b>	<b>Min at</b>
Lab pH	8.0	0.2	1.0	8.3	7.3	11/27/18	11/05/14
Lab Cond.	1285	79	350	1420	1070	08/27/14	05/04/11
TDS	863	76	520	940	720	08/18/11	09/18/17
Sulfate	241	36	245	277	32	08/18/11	12/14/21
Calcium	121	4	18	131	113	05/19/14	05/24/17
Iron	0.07	0.05	0.25	0.30	0.05	03/14/12	03/22/11
Magnesium	93	4	14	101	87	05/19/14	03/14/12
Sodium	29	2	11	34	23	9/14/20	05/24/17
Elevation*	13.9	3.2	17.0	24.3	7.3	11/08/11	04/30/18

\*Water elevation is static water level depth from the top of casing.

#### **MJ-95-01 Water Year Review**

One minimum value for sulfate was recorded during 2021. Indicator parameters for MJ-95-01 are trending along the same path as pre-mining conditions with all indicator parameters trending in a stable manner except for pH, which is slightly increasing. Water year data for monitoring location MJ-95-01 is provided in Exhibit 1C.

MJ-95-03:

Parameter	Mean	Std dev	Range	Max.	Min.	Max at	Min at
Lab pH	8.2	0.1	0.7	8.4	7.7	11/27/18	11/05/14
Lab Cond.	2245	147	700	2460	1760	08/20/18	05/04/11
TDS	1805	82	340	1920	1600	08/18/11	05/24/17
Sulfate	798	47	205	891	686	05/04/11	11/08/11
Calcium	146	7	26	161	135	9/14/20	11/19/13
Iron	0.06	0.03	0.17	0.22	0.05	03/14/12	03/22/11
Magnesium	192	10	39	217	178	03/22/11	11/29/17
Sodium	140	12	55	166	111	03/22/11	12/10/20
Elevation*	20.2	0.8	5.8	21.6	15.8	09/13/16	11/08/11

\*Water elevation is static water level depth from the top of casing.

#### MJ-95-03 Water Year Review

No maximum or minimum values were recorded in 2021 at MJ-95-03. Indicator parameters for MJ-95-03 are trending along the same path as pre-mining conditions with all indicator parameters trending in a stable manner except for pH, which is slightly increasing. Water year data for monitoring location MJ-95-03 is provided in Exhibit 1C.

#### Jubb Creek Impact Assessment

A complete data set from March of 2011 to December of 2021 is presented on the graphs in Exhibit 1D. The graphs provided include MJ-95-01 and MJ-95-03 indicator parameters together on one graph for comparisons of both monitoring locations. While reviewing this data, it needs to be noted that the Jubb Creek Haul Road disturbance commenced in 2017, and mining in the Collom Pit commenced in 2018; therefore, data acquired prior to 2017 represents the background condition prior to mining occurring.

Data results as shown for the indicator parameters (Exhibit 1D), establishes that MJ-95-03 historically tracks higher for all indicator parameters, while both monitoring locations trend similar in regard to iron. Overall, all the indicator parameters from both monitoring locations tend to track consistently over time, which pH showing a minor increase.

Potential mining impacts to Jubb Creek as described in Colowyo's permit were not anticipated to be statistically significant [Volume 15 Section 2.05.6(3)(b)(i & ii)]. To date, the data acquired and presented in this report indicates all the indicator parameter are tracking similar to pre-mine conditions, which indicates that ground water impacts within the Jubb Creek watershed are being minimized.

### **Trout Creek Sandstone Aquifer**

One deep ground water well has been established into the Trout Creek Sandstone and is located on the northeastern edge of the Collom Pit. This well represents the regional aquifer condition of the Trout Creek Sandstone aquifer. Monitoring started in the first quarter of 2017 and has continued through 2021.

Trout Creek Well:

<b>Parameter</b>	<b>Mean</b>	<b>Std dev</b>	<b>Range</b>	<b>Max.</b>	<b>Min.</b>	<b>Max at</b>	<b>Min at</b>
Lab pH	9.3	0.3	0.9	9.5	8.6	08/20/18	3/6/19
Lab Cond.	1106	45	210	1220	1010	03/15/17	3/6/19
TDS	696	31	140	800	660	03/15/17	3/9/20
Sulfate	237	24	96	309	213	03/15/17	9/4/19
Calcium	6	3	12	16	4	03/15/17	12/10/20
Iron	0.07	0.04	0.17	0.22	0.05	03/13/18	11/29/17
Magnesium	22	5	23	38	15	03/15/17	5/24/21
Sodium	215	20	73	253	180	5/24/21	11/29/17
Elevation*	589.1	1.3	3.4	591.0	587.6	09/18/17	12/14/21

\*Water elevation is static water level depth from the top of casing.

### **Trout Creek Well Water Year Review**

Two minimum values occurred in 2021 for magnesium and water elevation (depth). One maximum occurred for sodium. All other indicator parameters tracked within previous analytical results. Water year data for the Trout Creek well is provided in Exhibit 1C.

### **Trout Creek Well Impact Assessment**

A complete data set from the first quarter of 2017 to December of 2021 is presented on the graphs in Exhibit 1D. Impacts to Trout Creek Sandstone aquifer were not anticipated to occur as described in Colowyo's permit [Volume 15 Section 2.05.6(3)(b)(i & ii)]. To date, the data acquired and presented in this report indicates all the indicator parameter are tracking similar to pre-mine conditions (in this case only data from 2017), which demonstrates that ground water impacts to the Trout Creek Sandstone aquifer have not occurred to date as predicated.

### **SPOIL SPRING DEVELOPMENT**

Several springs have been identified on the reclaimed surface at the Colowyo Mine. These springs are the result of groundwater movement from groundwater complexes that were present pre-mining, whose waters pass through regraded overburden subsurface from the highwall (non-mined areas) and emerge at a location down gradient in the

reclaimed surface. Colowyo has detected three springs that originate from non-mined areas in the highwall and percolate through the regraded spoil and emerge on the reclaimed surface. One spring is located just south of the East Taylor Pond in reclamation parcel WP014. Two additional springs have been located in the East Pit reclamation parcel EP057, south of the Final East Pit Ditch where the final highwall was regraded to PMT.

**Exhibit 1A**  
**Surface Water Data**  
**Water Year January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021**



**Colowyo Mine****Site - CJC****Water Year 1/1/2021 - 12/31/2021**

	Sample Date			
	3/23/2021	5/24/2021	9/15/2021	12/14/2021
As, tot rec, mg/L	<0.003	<0.003	Dry	<0.003
Ca, diss, mg/L	123	136		154
Fe, tot, mg/L	0.59	2.71		0.90
FlowStreamInst, cfs	0.010	0.02		0.020
HCO <sub>3</sub> , mg/L	611	695		639
Hg, tot rec, ug/L	<0.001	<0.001		<0.001
Mg, diss, mg/L	136	147		163
Mn, tot rec, mg/L	0.07	0.19		0.08
Na, diss, mg/L	134	157		158
NH <sub>3</sub> as N, diss, mg/L	<0.029	<0.029		<0.029
NO <sub>2</sub> + NO <sub>3</sub> , diss, mg/L	<0.16	<0.16		<0.16
NO <sub>2</sub> , diss, mg/L	<0.012	<0.036		<0.036
NO <sub>3</sub> , diss, mg/L	<0.0060	<0.018		<0.018
P, tot, mg/L	<0.0085	0.10		<0.0085
Pb, tot rec, mg/L	<0.20	<0.20		<0.20
pH (field)	7.6	7.7		8.1
pH (lab)	8.3	8.4		8.5
Se, tot rec, ug/L	<0.005	<0.005		<0.005
SO <sub>4</sub> , diss, mg/L	580	650		722
Spec. Cond. (field), umhos/cm	1940	1870		2450
Spec. Cond. (lab), umhos/cm	1730	1920		2210
TDS, mg/L	1460	1520		1690
Temp (Celcius), degrees C	3.9	13.4		2.7
TSS, mg/L	9	60		6
Zn, tot rec, mg/L	<0.05	<0.05		<0.05

**Colowyo Mine****Site - LCG****Water Year 1/1/2020 - 12/31/2020**

	Sample Date			
	3/23/2021	5/24/2021	9/15/2021	12/14/2021
As, tot rec, mg/L	<0.003	<0.003	<0.003	<0.003
Ca, diss, mg/L	94	96	91	107
Fe, tot, mg/L	0.91	3.91	0.11	0.40
FlowStreamInst, cfs	0.030	0.05	0.030	0.020
HCO <sub>3</sub> , mg/L	460	427	416	465
Hg, tot rec, ug/L	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001
Mg, diss, mg/L	59	69	69	64
Mn, tot rec, mg/L	0.25	0.28	<0.03	0.13
Na, diss, mg/L	27	30	25	29
NH <sub>3</sub> as N, diss, mg/L	<0.029	<0.029	<0.029	0.1
NO <sub>2</sub> + NO <sub>3</sub> , diss, mg/L	0.8	0.3	<0.052	0.3
NO <sub>2</sub> , diss, mg/L	<0.012	<0.012	<0.024	<0.024
NO <sub>3</sub> , diss, mg/L	0.8	0.3	<0.012	0.3
P, tot, mg/L	0.05	0.19	<0.05	<0.05
Pb, tot rec, mg/L	<0.20	<0.20	<0.20	<0.20
pH (field)	7.7	7.4	7.5	7.9
pH (lab)	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.5
Se, tot rec, ug/L	<0.005	<0.005	<0.005	<0.005
SO <sub>4</sub> , diss, mg/L	194	176	184	186
Spec. Cond. (field), umhos/cm	1030	970	930	1140
Spec. Cond. (lab), umhos/cm	954	976	881	1020
TDS, mg/L	690	650	640	710
Temp (Celcius), degrees C	3.6	8.4	10.2	2.4
TSS, mg/L	35	164	<5.0	14
Zn, tot rec, mg/L	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05

**Colowyo Mine**  
**Site - LGSC**  
**Water Year 1/1/2021 - 12/31/2021**

	Sample Date			
	3/23/2021	5/24/2021	9/15/2021	12/14/2021
As, tot rec, mg/L	<0.003	<0.003	<0.003	<0.003
Ca, diss, mg/L	150	160	160	180
Fe, tot, mg/L	0.19	0.43	0.35	0.23
FlowStreamInst, cfs	2.65	5.2	0.3	0.14
HCO <sub>3</sub> , mg/L	620	630	840	790
Hg, tot rec, mg/L	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001
Mg, diss, mg/L	150	180	180	180
Mn, tot rec, mg/L	0.11	0.13	0.13	0.19
Na, diss, mg/L	140	170	290	270
NH <sub>3</sub> as N, diss, mg/L	<0.029	<0.029	<0.029	<0.029
NO <sub>2</sub> + NO <sub>3</sub> , diss, mg/L	1.0	0.30	<0.16	0.50
NO <sub>2</sub> , diss, mg/L	<0.012	<0.036	<0.072	<0.072
NO <sub>3</sub> , diss, mg/L	1.0	0.30	<0.036	0.50
P, tot, mg/L	<0.0085	<0.0085	0.060	<0.0085
Pb, tot rec, mg/L	<0.20	<0.20	<0.20	<0.20
pH (field)	8.0	8.1	8.1	*
pH (lab)	8.3	8.4	8.4	8.4
Se, tot rec, mg/L	0.006	<0.005	<0.005	<0.005
SO <sub>4</sub> , diss, mg/L	700	770	900	950
Spec. Cond. (field), umhos/cm	2090	2070	2480	*
Spec. Cond. (lab), umhos/cm	1900	2110	2130	2690
TDS, mg/L	1650	1720	2090	2120
Temp (Celcius), degrees C	5.3	11.6	13.4	*
TSS, mg/L	<5.0	7.0	6.0	<5.0
Zn, tot rec, mg/L	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05

\*Due to a field error field parameters for the 12/14/2021 sample were not acquired.

**Colowyo Mine**  
**Site - LLCG**  
**Water Year 1/1/2021 - 12/31/2021**

	Sample Date			
	3/23/2021	5/24/2021	9/15/2021	12/14/2021
As, tot rec, mg/L	Dry	Dry	Dry	Dry
Ca, diss, mg/L				
Fe, tot, mg/L				
FlowStreamInst, cfs				
HCO3, mg/L				
Hg, tot rec, ug/L				
Mg, diss, mg/L				
Mn, tot rec, mg/L				
Na, diss, mg/L				
NH3 as N, diss, mg/L				
NO2 + NO3, diss, mg/L				
NO2, diss, mg/L				
NO3, diss, mg/L				
P, tot, mg/L				
Pb, tot rec, mg/L				
pH (field)				
pH (lab)				
Se, tot rec, ug/L				
SO4, diss, mg/L				
Spec. Cond. (field), umhos/cm				
Spec. Cond. (lab), umhos/cm				
TDS, mg/L				
Temp (Celcius), degrees C				
TSS, mg/L				
Zn, tot rec, mg/L				

**Colowyo Mine****Site - LTC****Water Year 1/1/2021 - 12/31/2021**

	Sample Date			
	3/23/2021	5/24/2021	9/15/2021	12/14/2021
As, tot rec, mg/L	<0.003	<0.003	Dry	Dry
Ca, diss, mg/L	103	101		
Fe, tot, mg/L	0.070	0.06		
FlowStreamInst, cfs	0.01	0.02		
HCO <sub>3</sub> , mg/L	593	560		
Hg, tot rec, mg/L	<0.001	<0.001		
Mg, diss, mg/L	130	170		
Mn, tot rec, mg/L	<0.03	<0.03		
Na, diss, mg/L	430	563		
NH <sub>3</sub> as N, diss, mg/L	<0.029	<0.029		
NO <sub>2</sub> + NO <sub>3</sub> , diss, mg/L	0.20	<0.16		
NO <sub>2</sub> , diss, mg/L	<0.012	<0.072		
NO <sub>3</sub> , diss, mg/L	0.20	<0.036		
P, tot, mg/L	<0.0085	<0.0085		
Pb, tot rec, mg/L	<0.20	<0.20		
pH (field)	7.7	7.7		
pH (lab)	8.4	8.6		
Se, tot rec, mg/L	<0.005	<0.005		
SO <sub>4</sub> , diss, mg/L	875	1300		
Spec. Cond. (field), umhos/cm	2750	3070		
Spec. Cond. (lab), umhos/cm	2420	3150		
TDS, mg/L	2050	2540		
Temp (Celcius), degrees C	2.8	8.8		
TSS, mg/L	<5.0	<5.0		
Zn, tot rec, mg/L	<0.05	<0.05		

**Colowyo Mine**  
**Site - NUGSC**  
**Water Year 1/1/2021 - 12/31/2021**

	Sample Date			
	3/23/2021	5/24/2021	9/15/2021	12/14/2021
As, tot rec, mg/L	<0.003	<0.003	<0.003	<0.003
Ca, diss, mg/L	130	120	130	140
Fe, tot, mg/L	0.13	1.8	1.4	1.9
FlowStreamInst, cfs	0.52	2.38	0.12	0.07
HCO <sub>3</sub> , mg/L	480	460	520	530
Hg, tot rec, mg/L	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001
Mg, diss, mg/L	130	120	170	130
Mn, tot rec, mg/L	<0.03	0.1	0.09	0.08
Na, diss, mg/L	57	55	77	76
NH <sub>3</sub> as N, diss, mg/L	<0.029	<0.029	<0.029	<0.029
NO <sub>2</sub> + NO <sub>3</sub> , diss, mg/L	3.3	3.2	4.1	2.8
NO <sub>2</sub> , diss, mg/L	<0.012	<0.024	<0.036	<0.036
NO <sub>3</sub> , diss, mg/L	3.3	3.2	4.1	2.8
P, tot, mg/L	<0.0085	0.14	0.090	0.14
Pb, tot rec, mg/L	<0.20	<0.20	<0.20	<0.20
pH (field)	7.8	7.9	8.2	8.1
pH (lab)	8.3	8.4	8.4	8.5
Se, tot rec, mg/L	0.017	0.012	0.016	0.013
SO <sub>4</sub> , diss, mg/L	500	440	640	570
Spec. Cond. (field), umhos/cm	1620	1450	1740	1920
Spec. Cond. (lab), umhos/cm	1480	1460	1550	1780
TDS, mg/L	1300	1100	1500	1300
Temp (Celcius), degrees C	4.2	12.1	12	6.3
TSS, mg/L	6.0	120	68	79
Zn, tot rec, mg/L	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05

**Colowyo Mine****Site - UCG****Water Year 1/1/2021 - 12/31/2021**

	Sample Date			
	3/23/2021	5/24/2021	9/15/2021	12/14/2021
As, tot rec, mg/L	Dry	<0.25	Dry	Dry
Ca, diss, mg/L		67		
Fe, tot, mg/L		0.22		
FlowStreamInst, cfs		0.02		
HCO <sub>3</sub> , mg/L		318		
Hg, tot rec, ug/L		<0.001		
Mg, diss, mg/L		37		
Mn, tot rec, mg/L		<0.03		
Na, diss, mg/L		11		
NH <sub>3</sub> as N, diss, mg/L		<0.1		
NO <sub>2</sub> + NO <sub>3</sub> , diss, mg/L		0.2		
NO <sub>2</sub> , diss, mg/L		0.2		
NO <sub>3</sub> , diss, mg/L		<0.1		
P, tot, mg/L		<0.05		
Pb, tot rec, mg/L		<0.2		
pH (field)		7.4		
pH (lab)		8.6		
Se, tot rec, ug/L		<0.005		
SO <sub>4</sub> , diss, mg/L		50		
Spec. Cond. (field), umhos/cm		590		
Spec. Cond. (lab), umhos/cm		587		
TDS, mg/L		360		
Temp (Celcius), degrees C		5.8		
TSS, mg/L		<5		
Zn, tot rec, mg/L		<0.05		

**Colowyo Mine**  
**Site - UWFGSC**  
**Water Year 1/1/2021 - 12/31/2021**

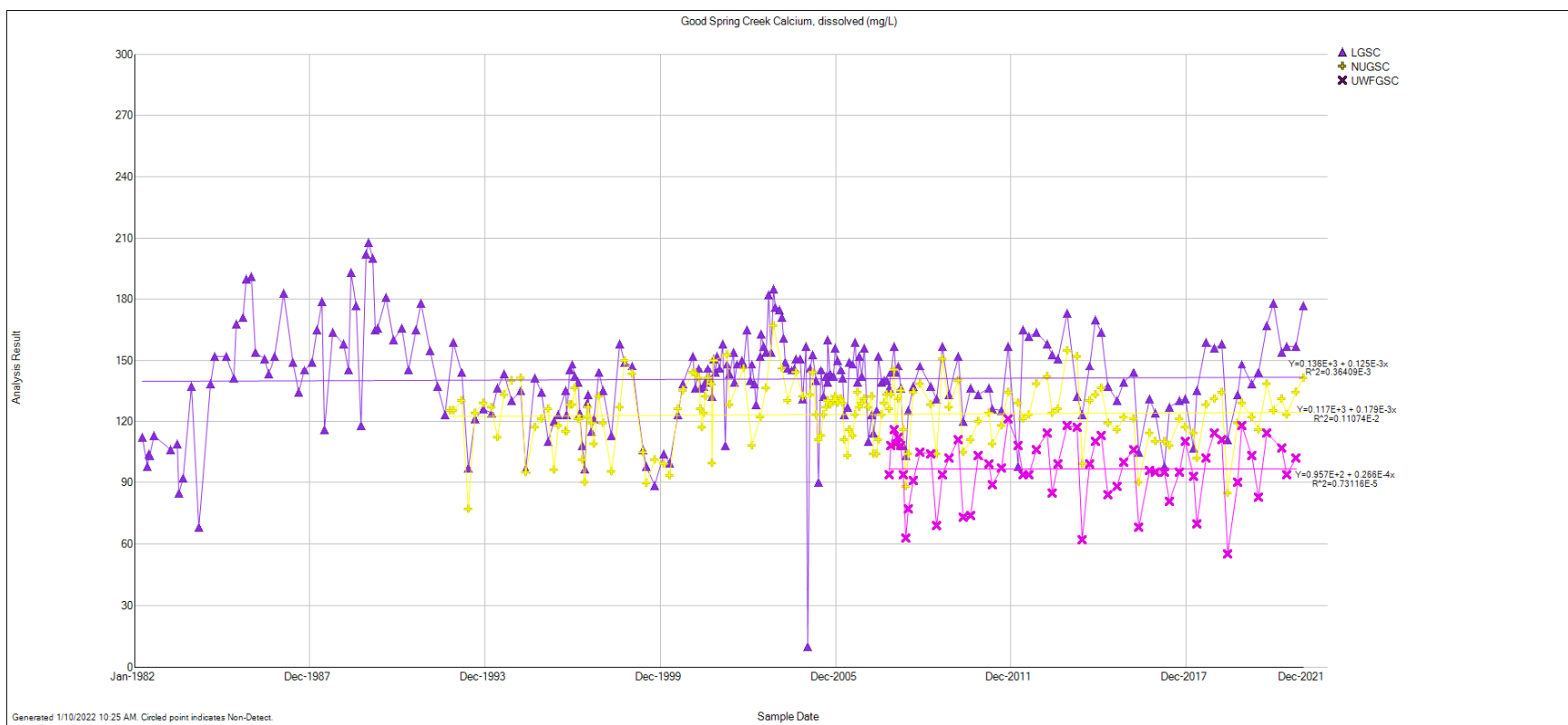
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	3/23/2021	5/24/2021	9/15/2021	12/14/2021
As, tot rec, mg/L	<0.003	<0.003	<0.003	Dry
Ca, diss, mg/L	110	94	100	
Fe, tot, mg/L	0.31	3.56	0.08	
FlowStreamInst, cfs	0.09	0.12	0.04	
HCO <sub>3</sub> , mg/L	410	340	380	
Hg, tot rec, ug/L	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	
Mg, diss, mg/L	84	75	120	
Mn, tot rec, mg/L	0.04	0.19	<0.03	
Na, diss, mg/L	9	8	11	
NH <sub>3</sub> as N, diss, mg/L	<0.029	<0.029	<0.029	
NO <sub>2</sub> + NO <sub>3</sub> , diss, mg/L	3.4	2.3	3.1	
NO <sub>2</sub> , diss, mg/L	<0.012	0.10	<0.024	
NO <sub>3</sub> , diss, mg/L	3.4	2.1	3.1	
P, tot, mg/L	<0.0085	0.27	<0.0085	
Pb, tot rec, mg/L	<0.20	<0.20	<0.20	
pH (field)	7.9	8.1	8.1	
pH (lab)	8.4	8.6	8.6	
Se, tot rec, mg/L	0.009	0.008	0.0011	
SO <sub>4</sub> , diss, mg/L	256	190	358	
Spec. Cond. (field), umhos/cm	1120	890	1110	
Spec. Cond. (lab), umhos/cm	1020	903	1100	
TDS, mg/L	790	640	930	
Temp (Celcius), degrees C	1.4	11.6	12.1	
TSS, mg/L	15	233	<5.0	
Zn, tot rec, ug/L	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	

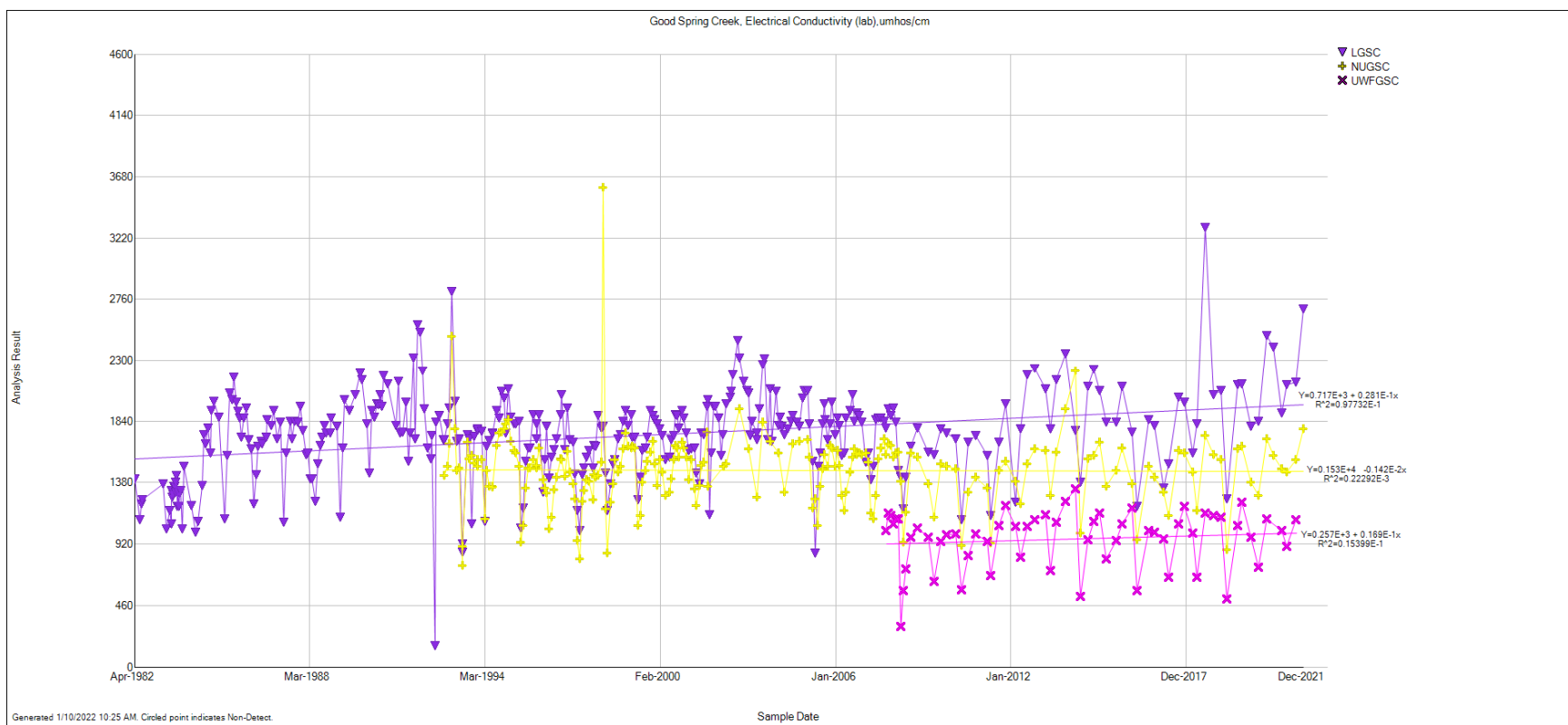


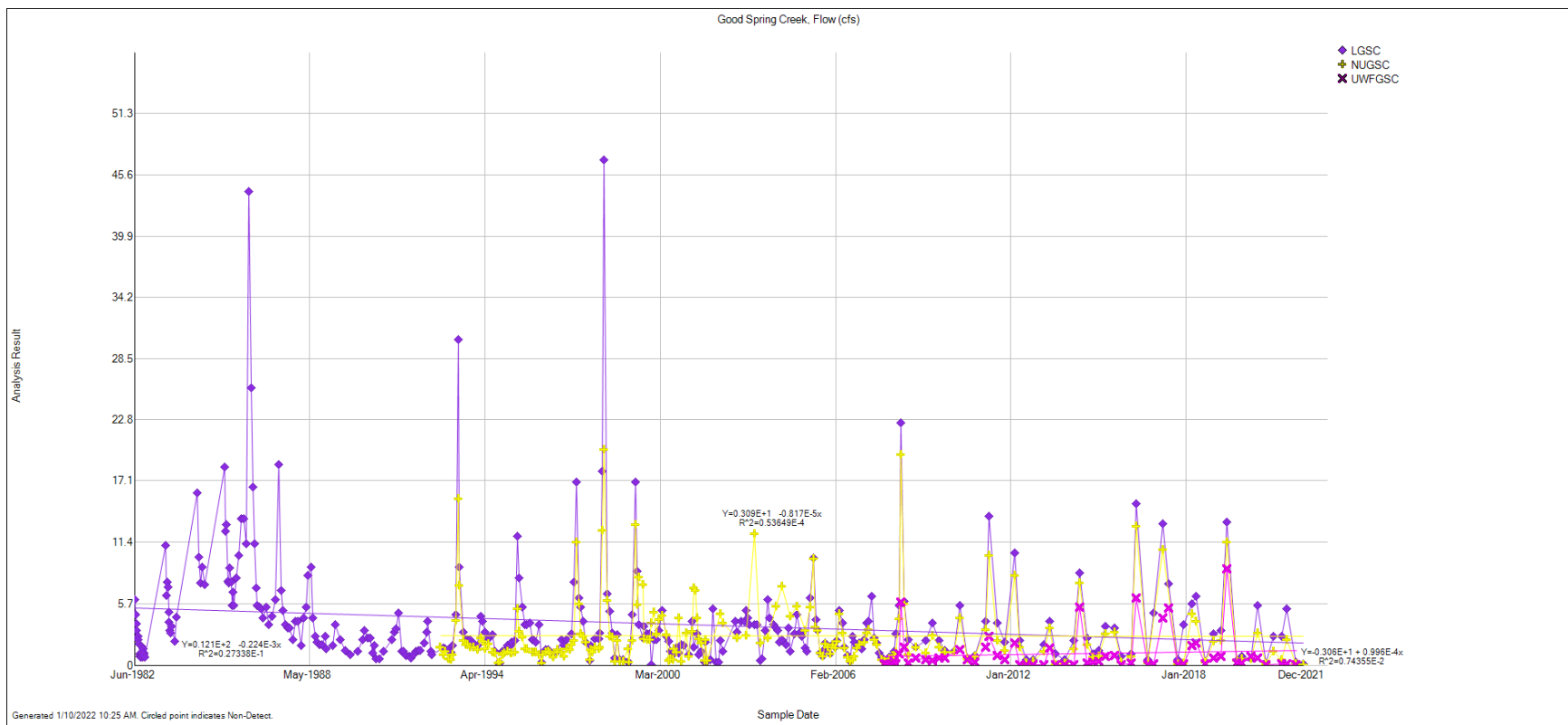
**Colowyo Mine**  
**Site - WFJC**  
**Water Year 1/1/2021 - 12/31/2021**

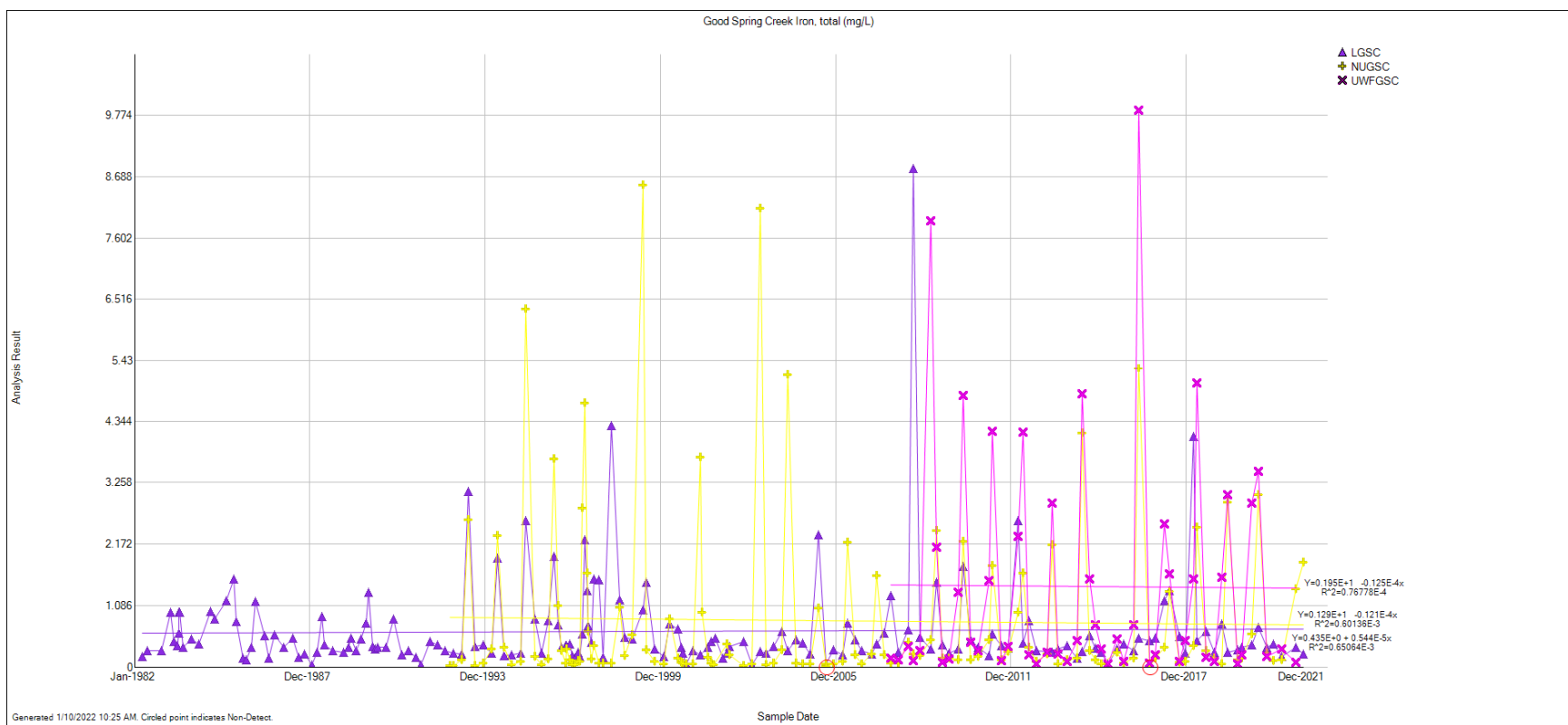
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As, tot rec, mg/L	Dry	Dry	Dry	Dry
Ca, diss, mg/L				
Fe, tot, mg/L				
FlowStreamInst, cfs				
HCO3, mg/L				
Hg, tot rec, ug/L				
Mg, diss, mg/L				
Mn, tot rec, mg/L				
Na, diss, mg/L				
NH3 as N, diss, mg/L				
NO2 + NO3, diss, mg/L				
NO2, diss, mg/L				
NO3, diss, mg/L				
P, tot, mg/L				
Pb, tot rec, mg/L				
pH (field)				
pH (lab)				
Se, tot rec, ug/L				
SO4, diss, mg/L				
Spec. Cond. (field), umhos/cm				
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TDS, mg/L				
Temp (Celcius), degrees C				
TSS, mg/L				
Zn, tot rec, mg/L				

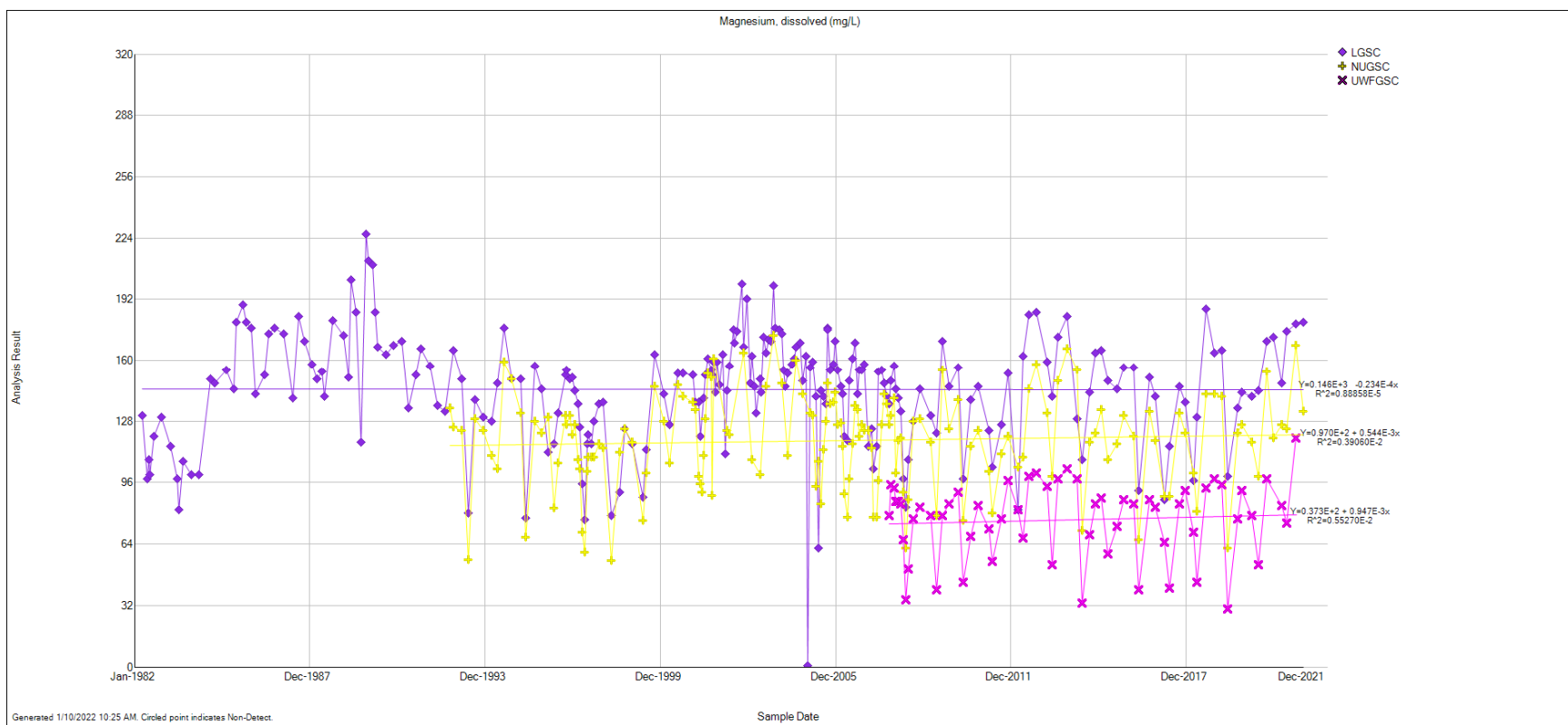
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**Surface Water Graphs**

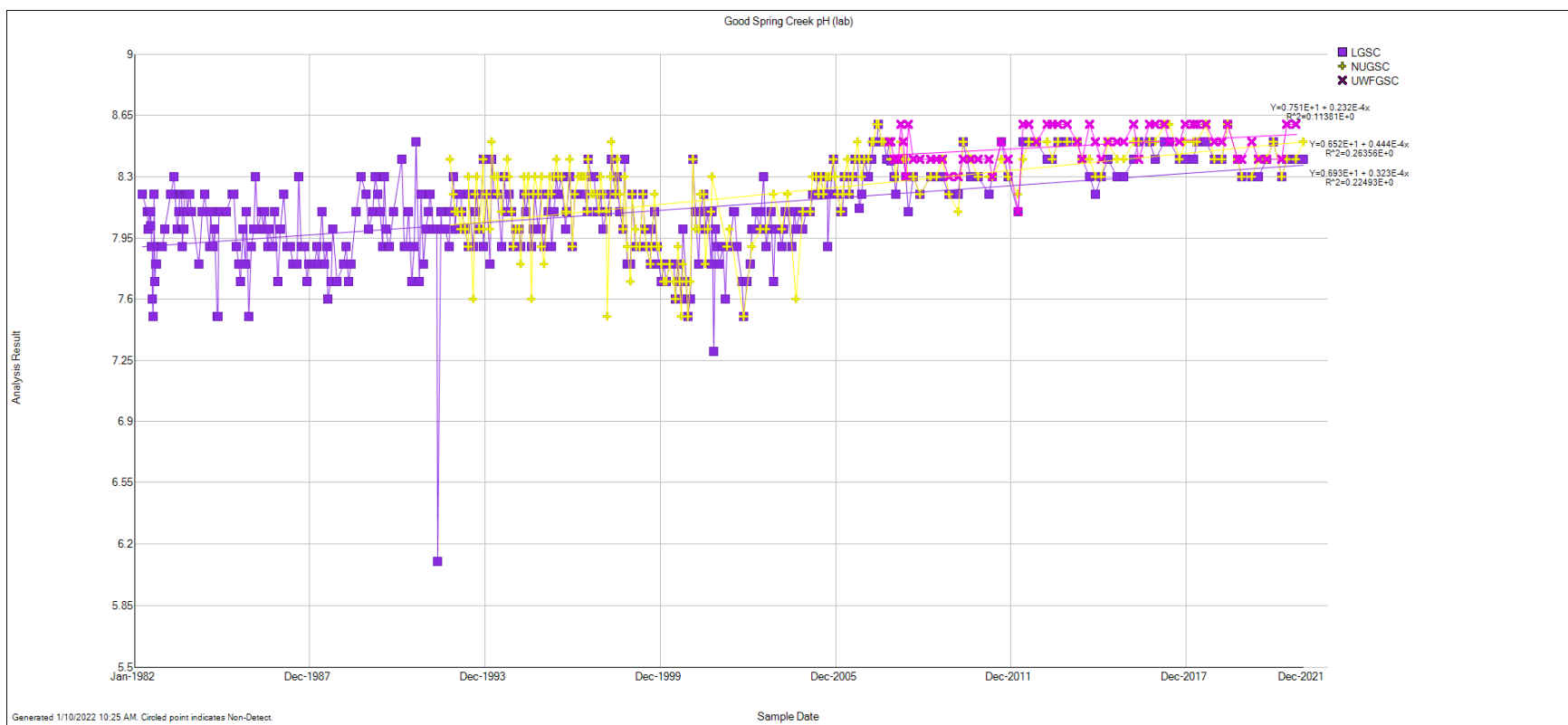




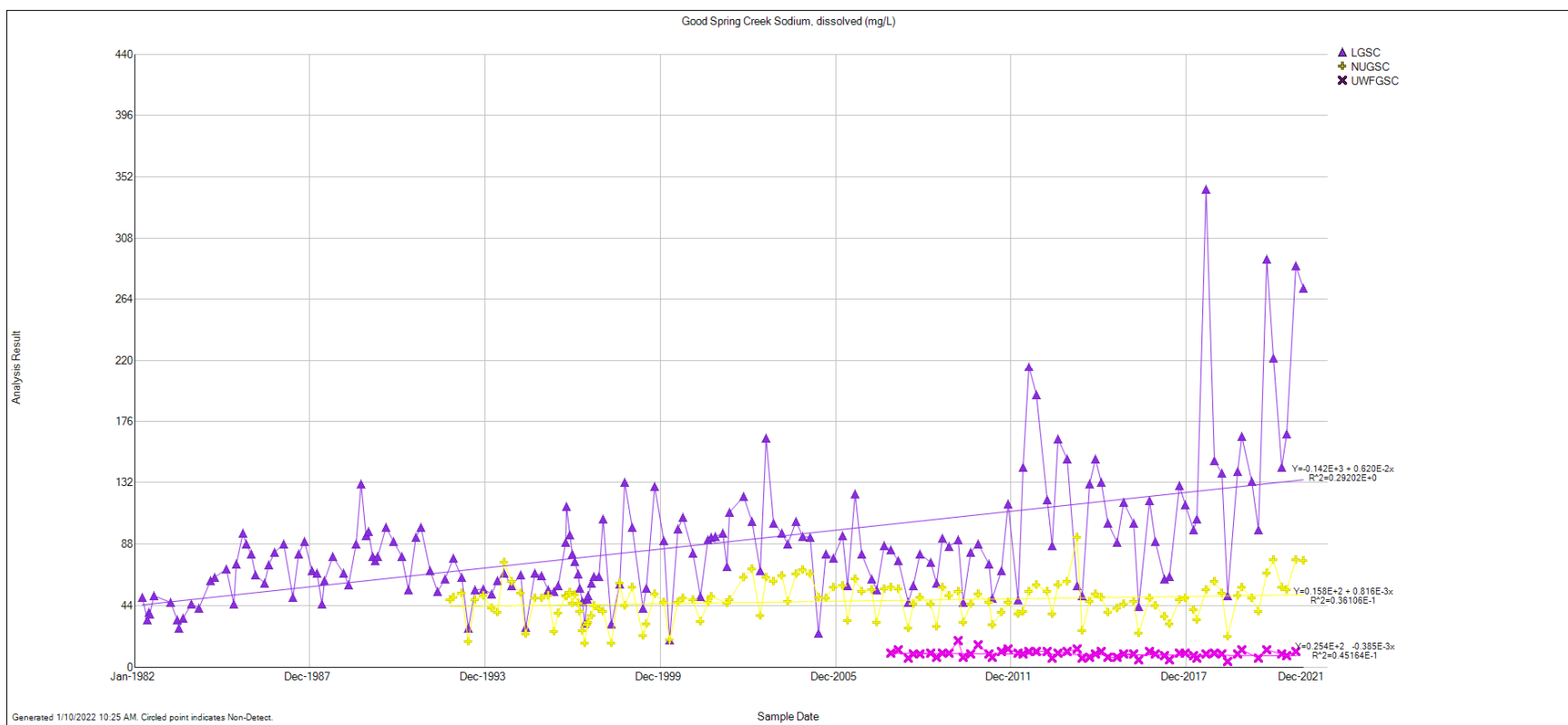


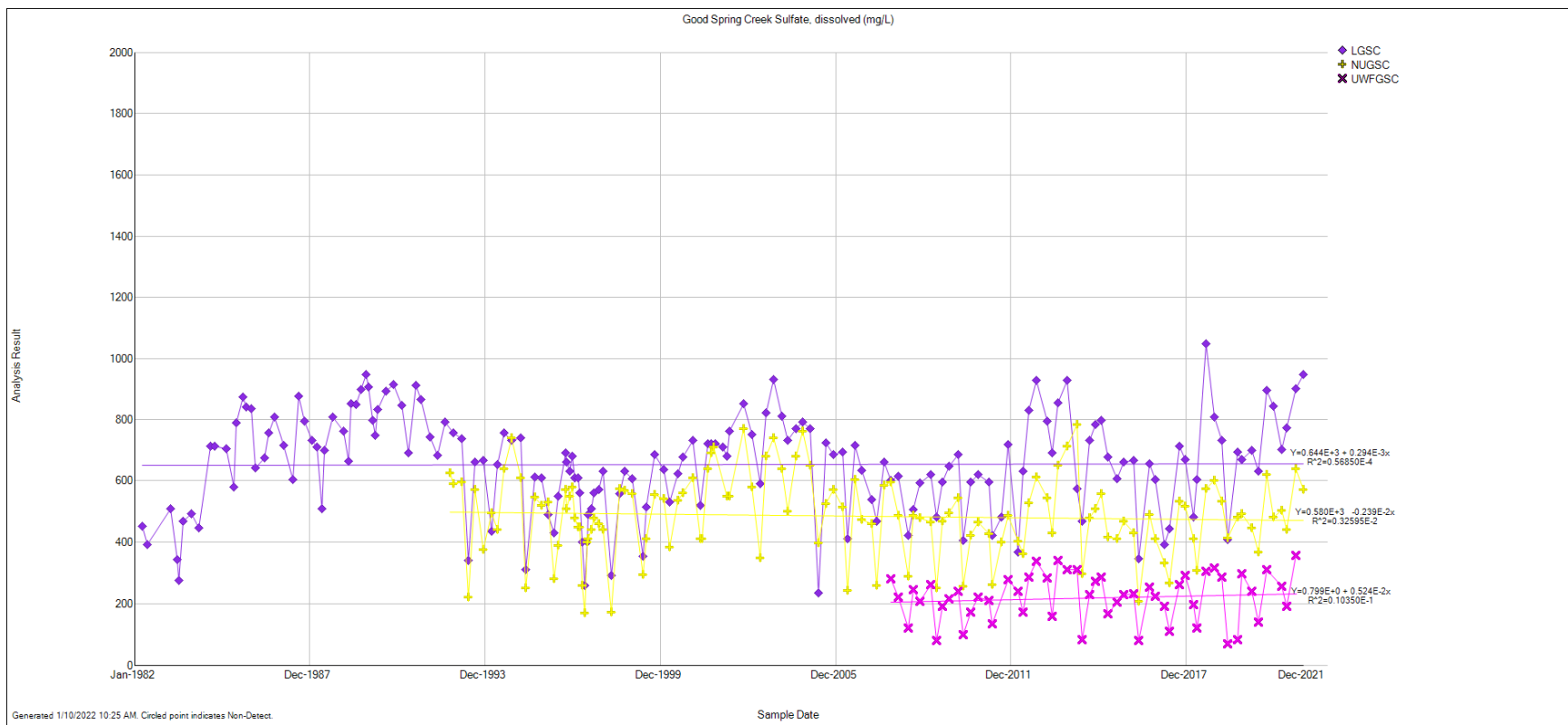


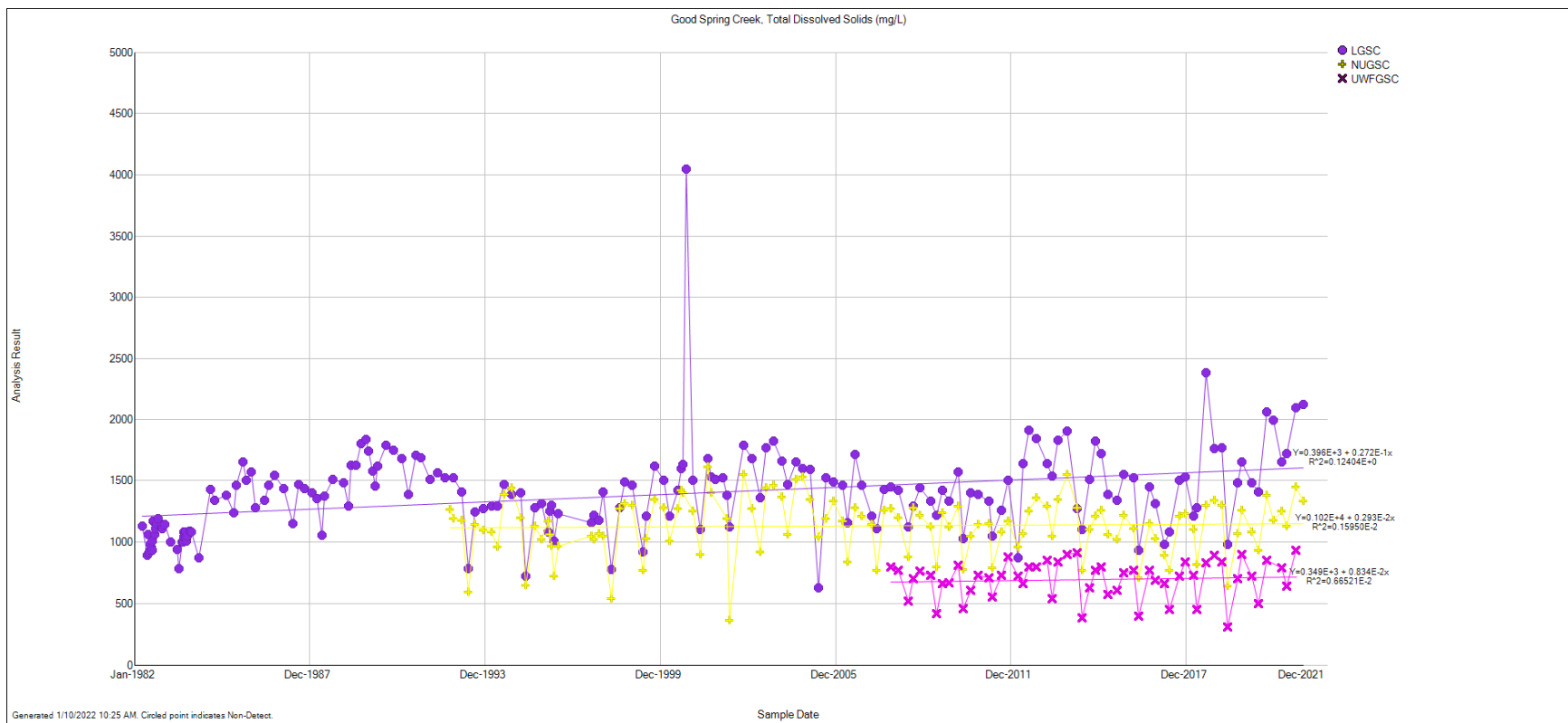


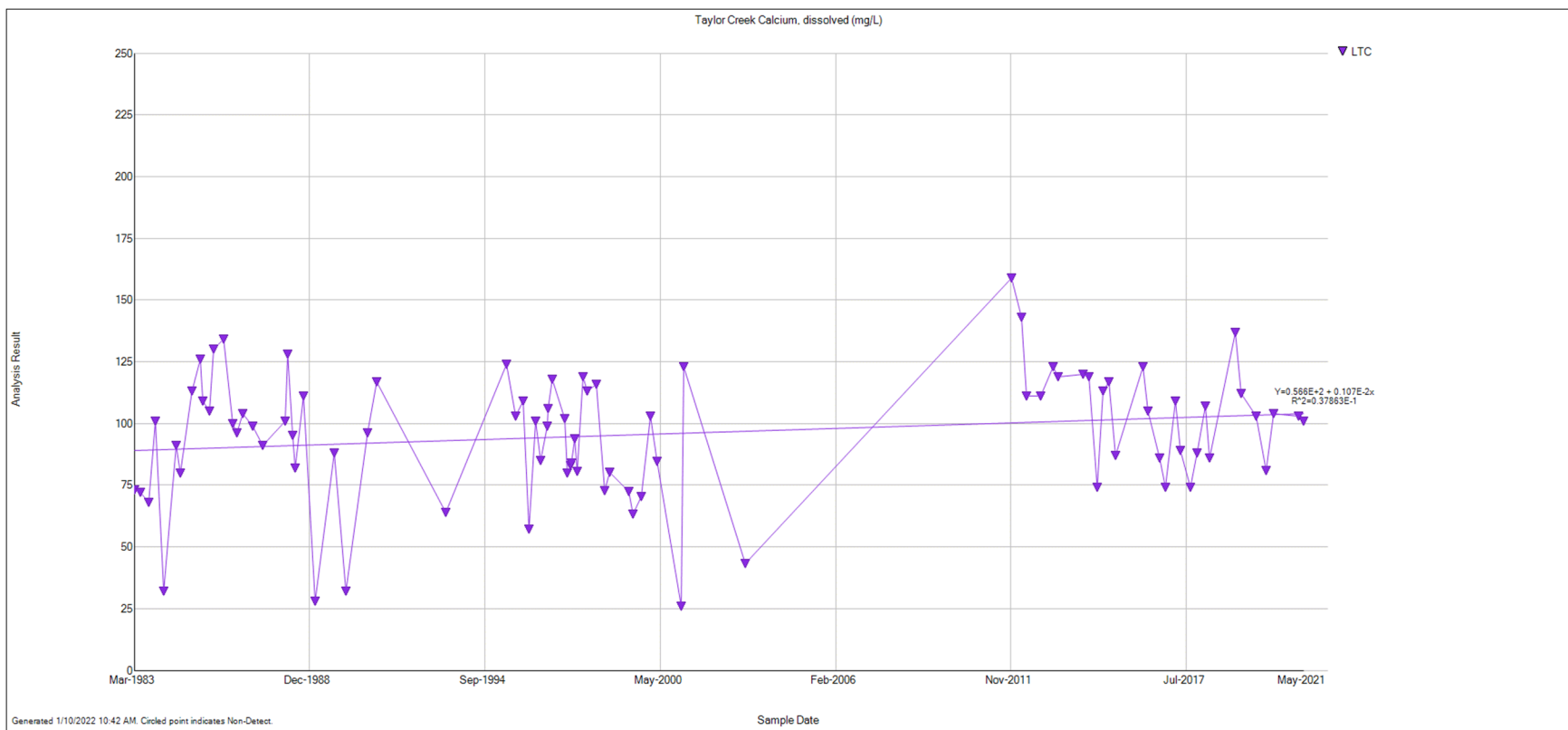


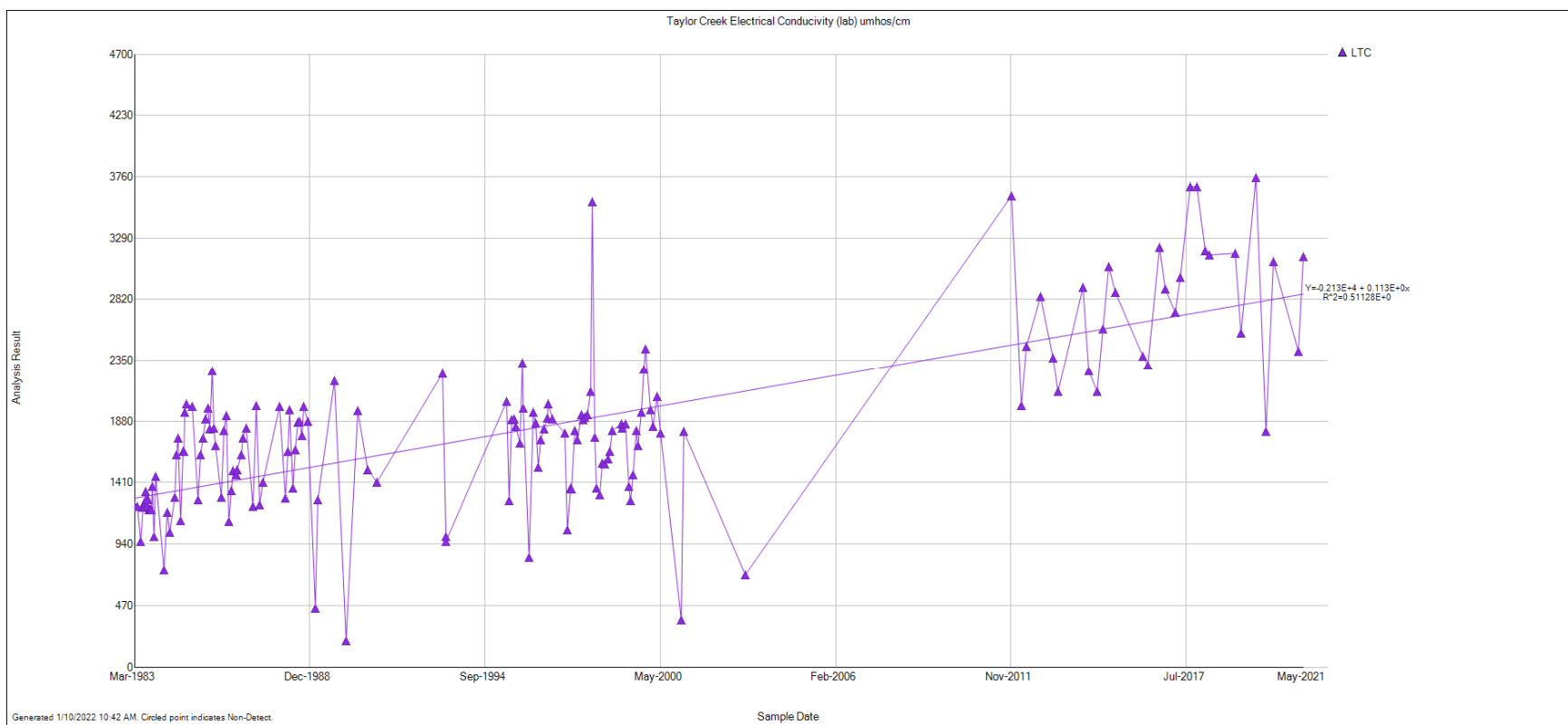


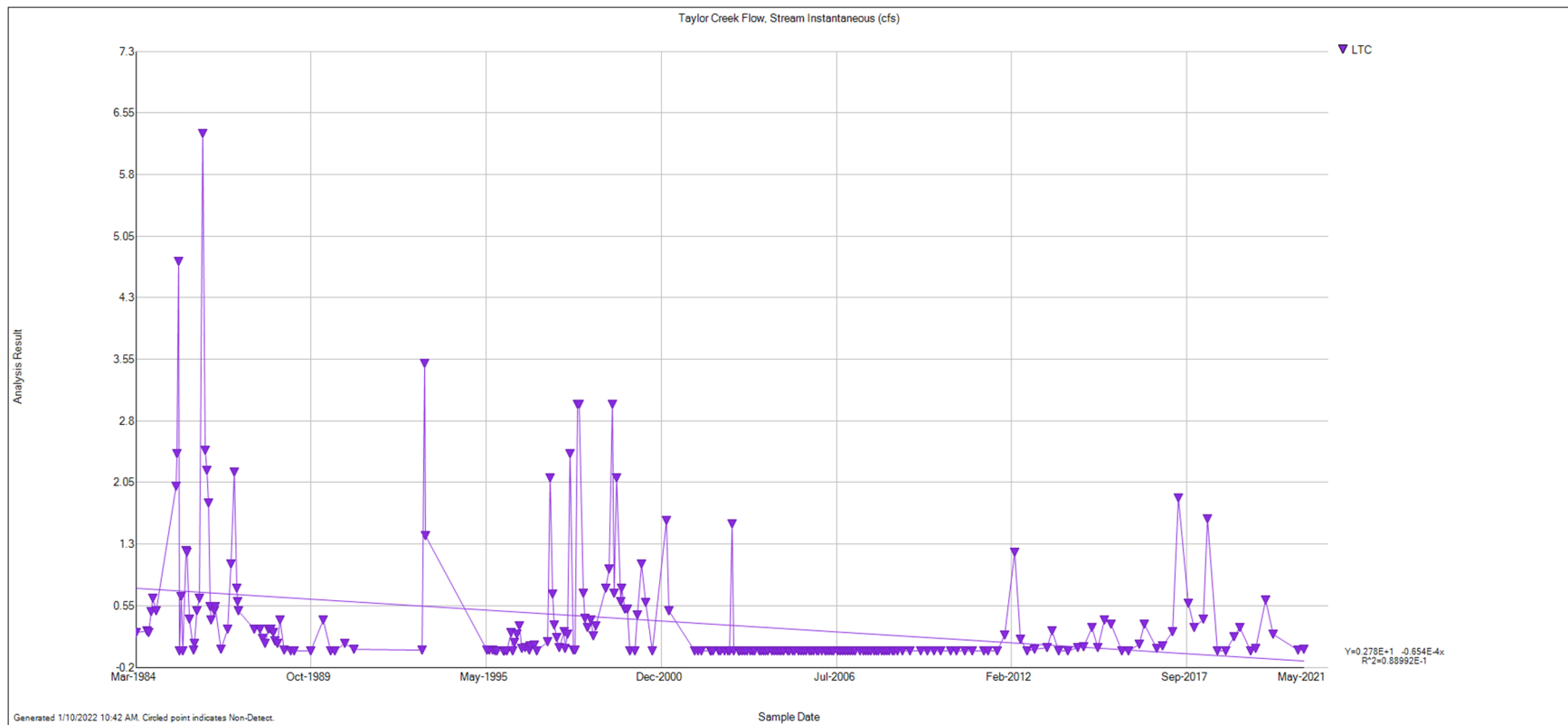


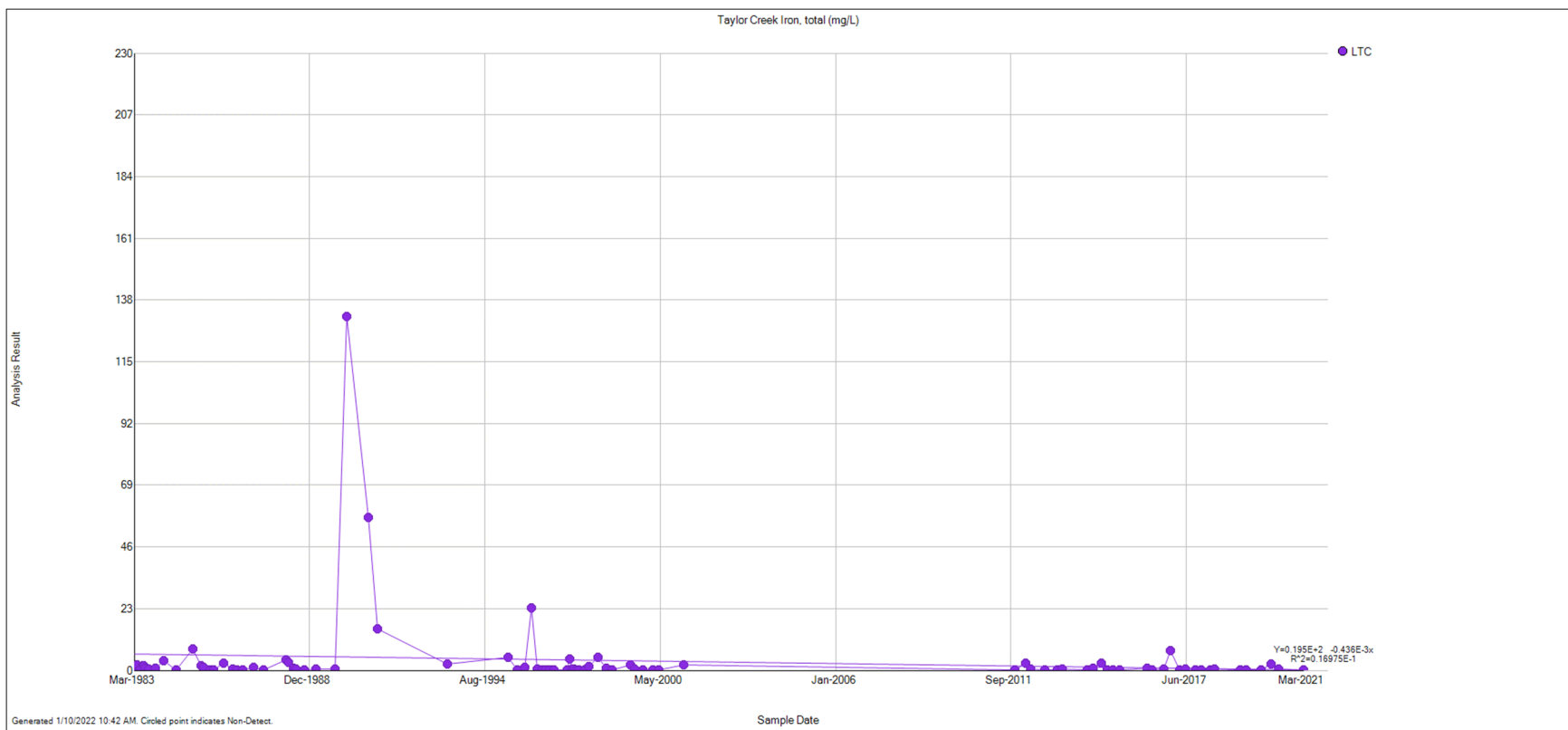


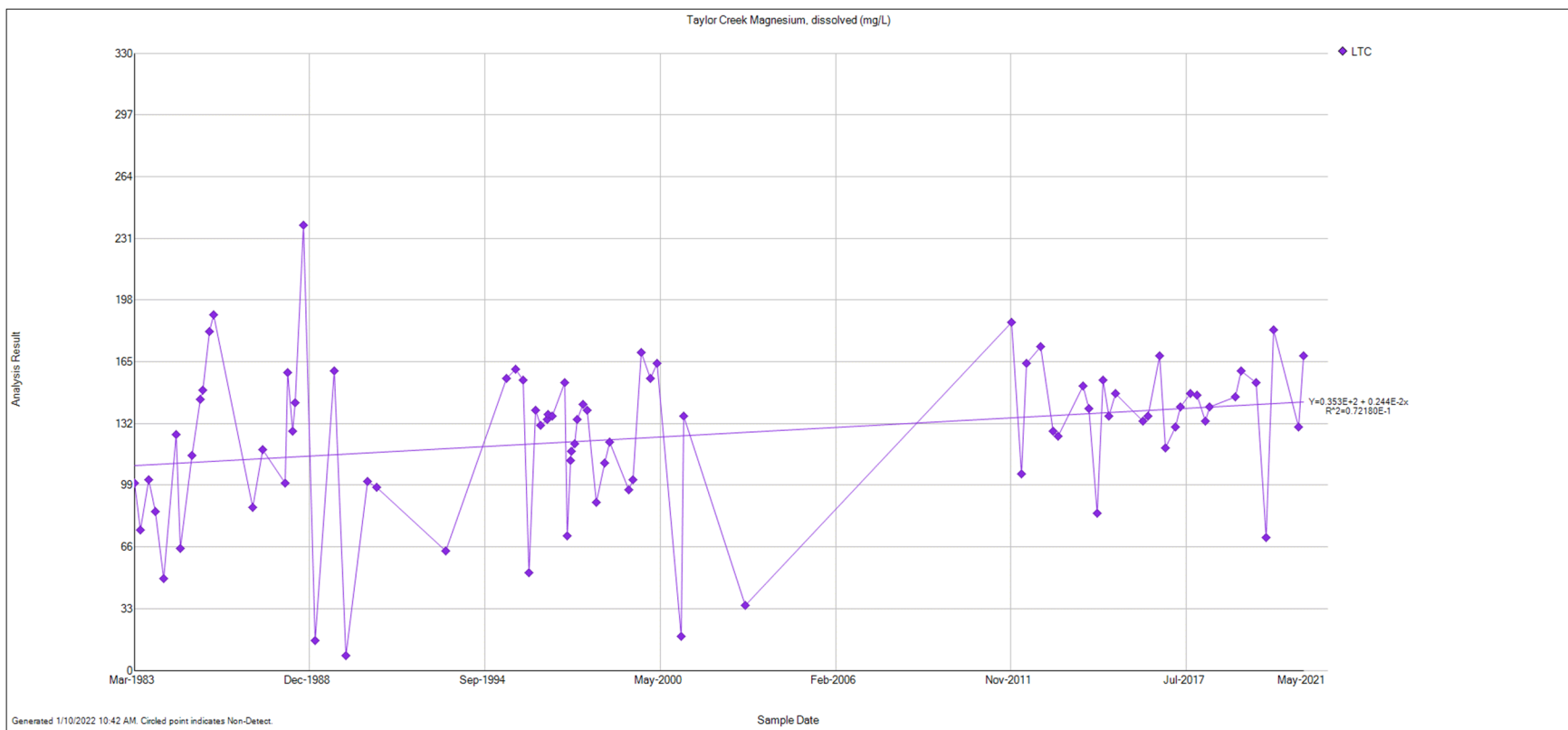




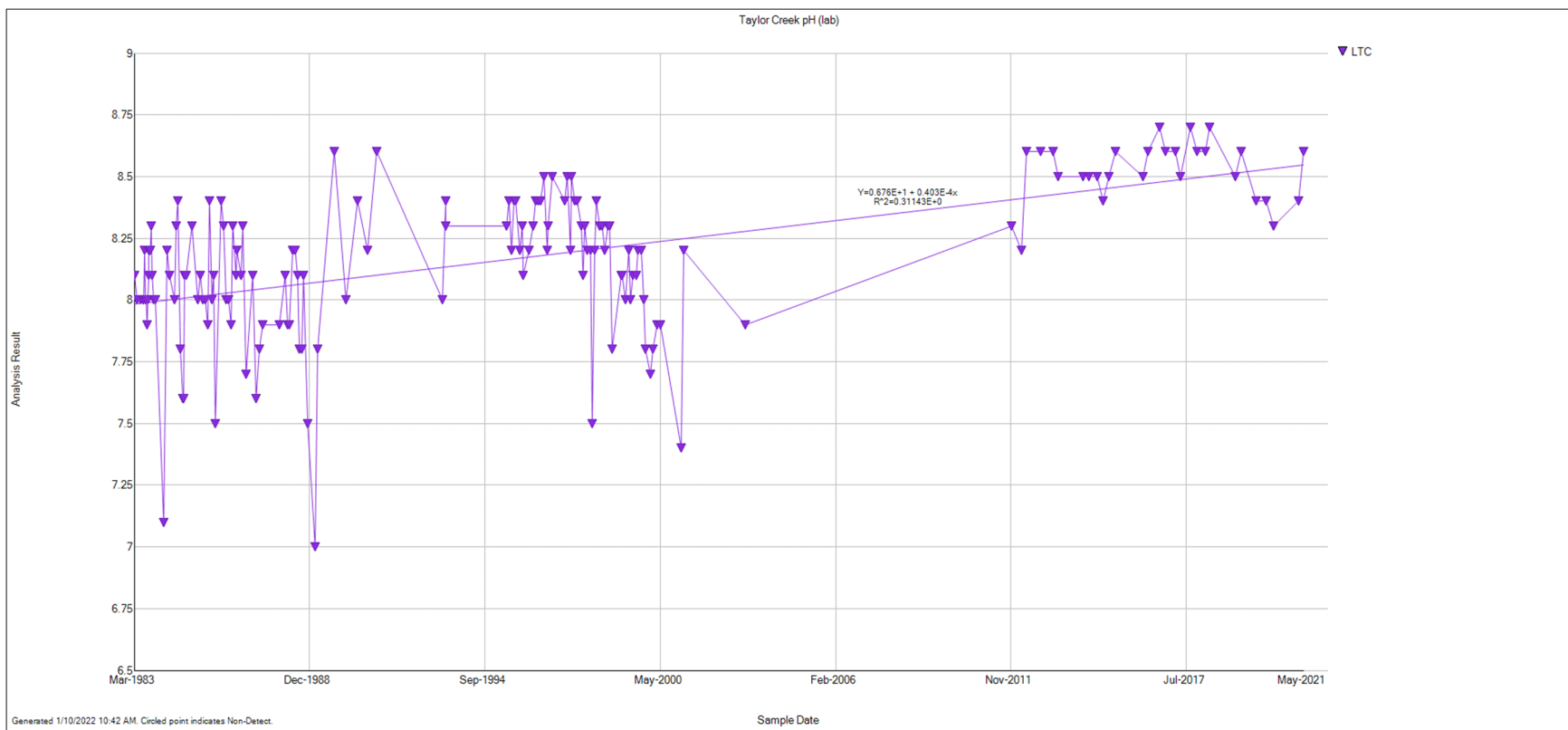


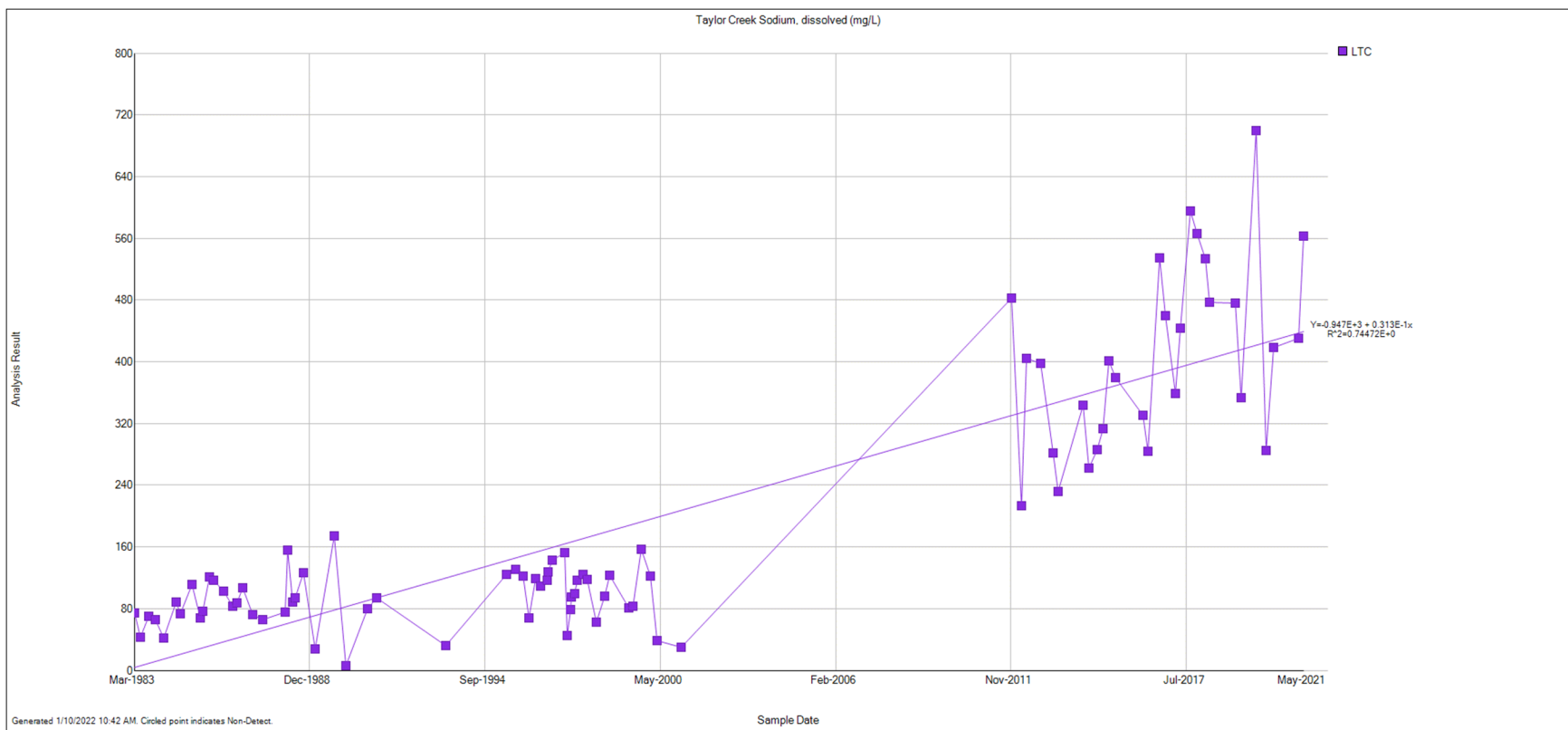


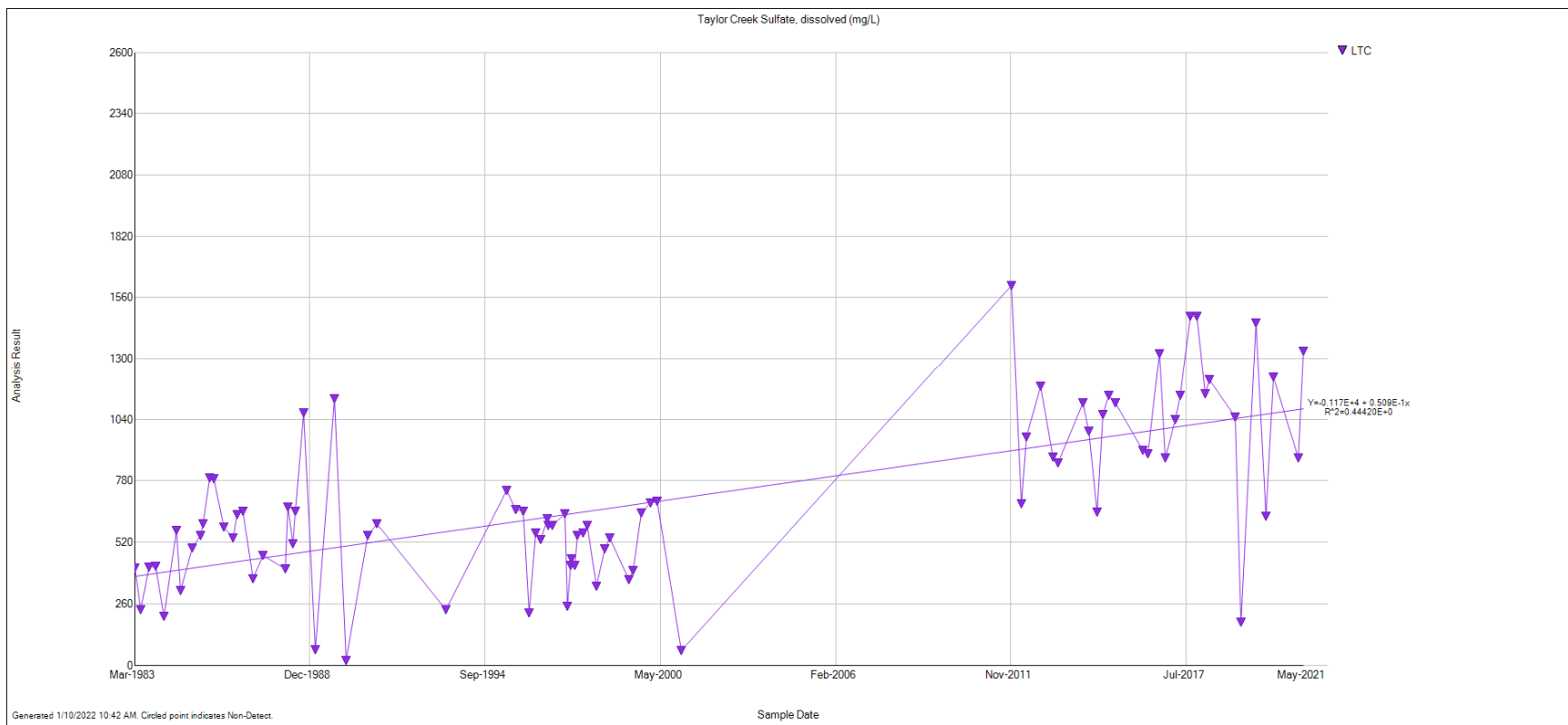




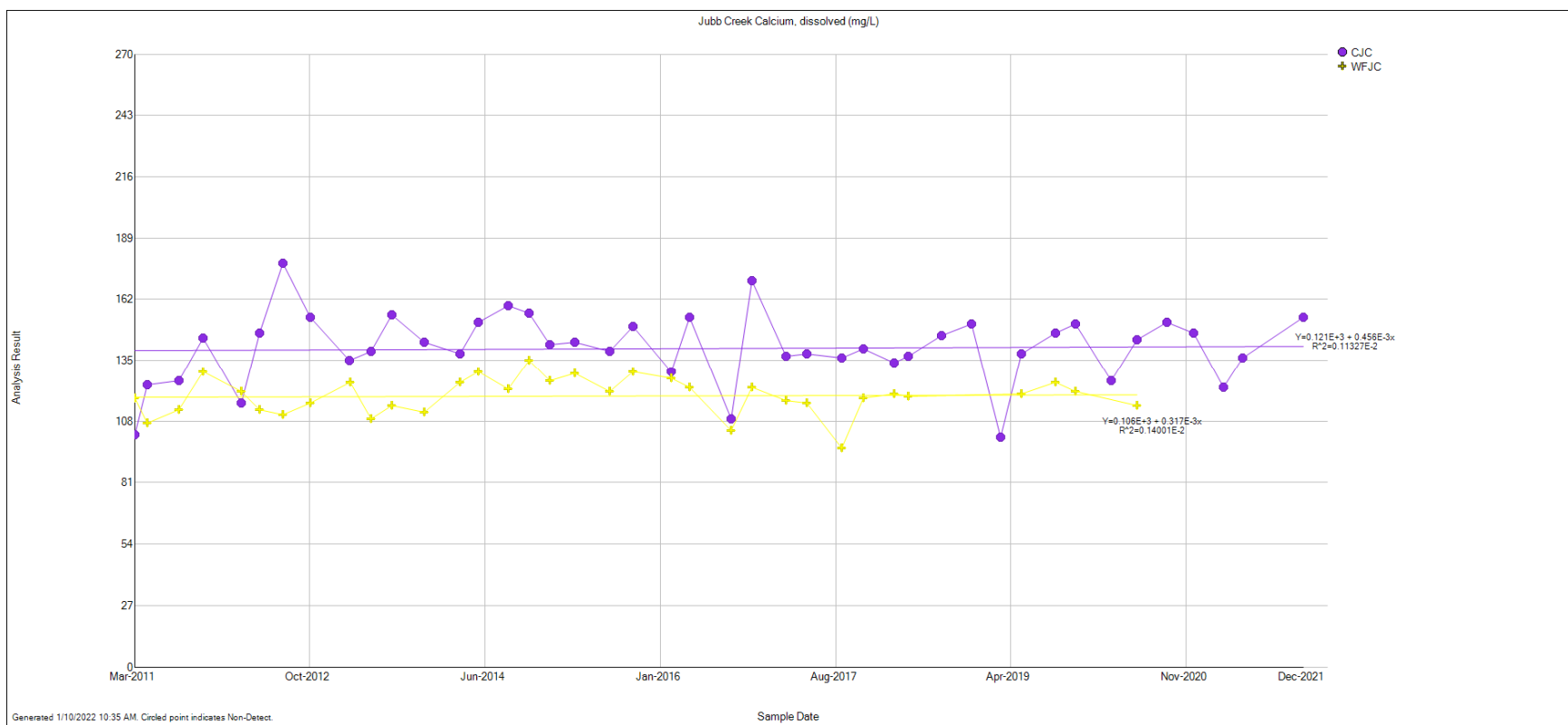


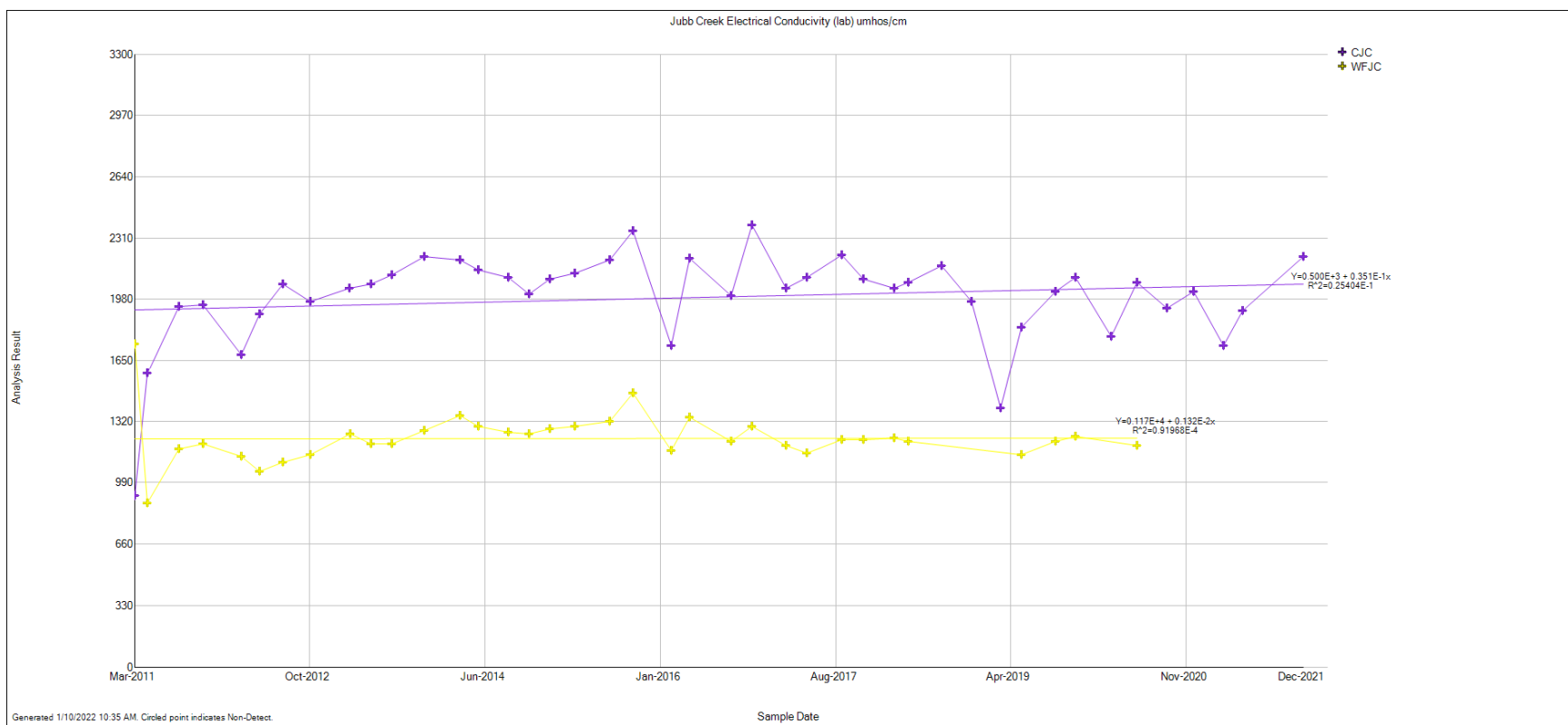


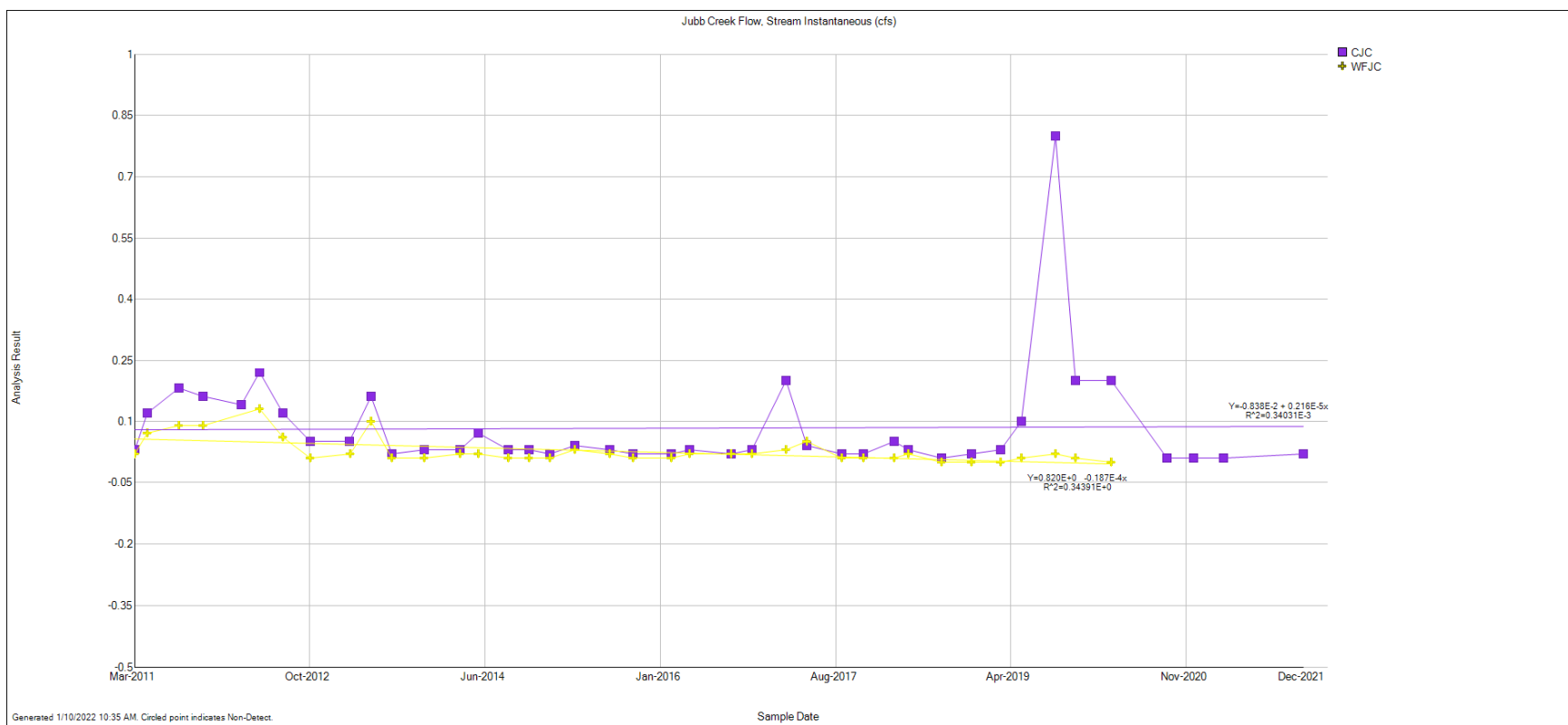


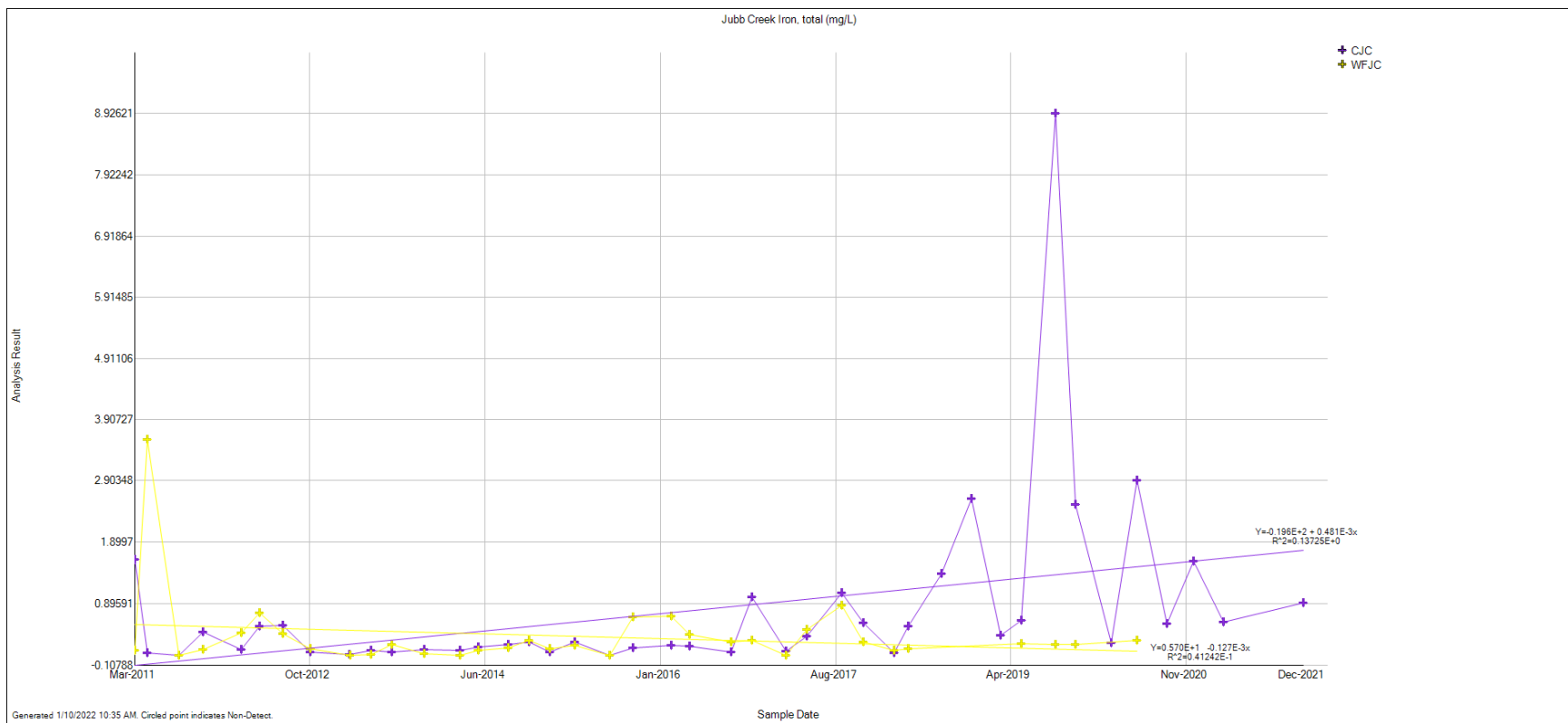




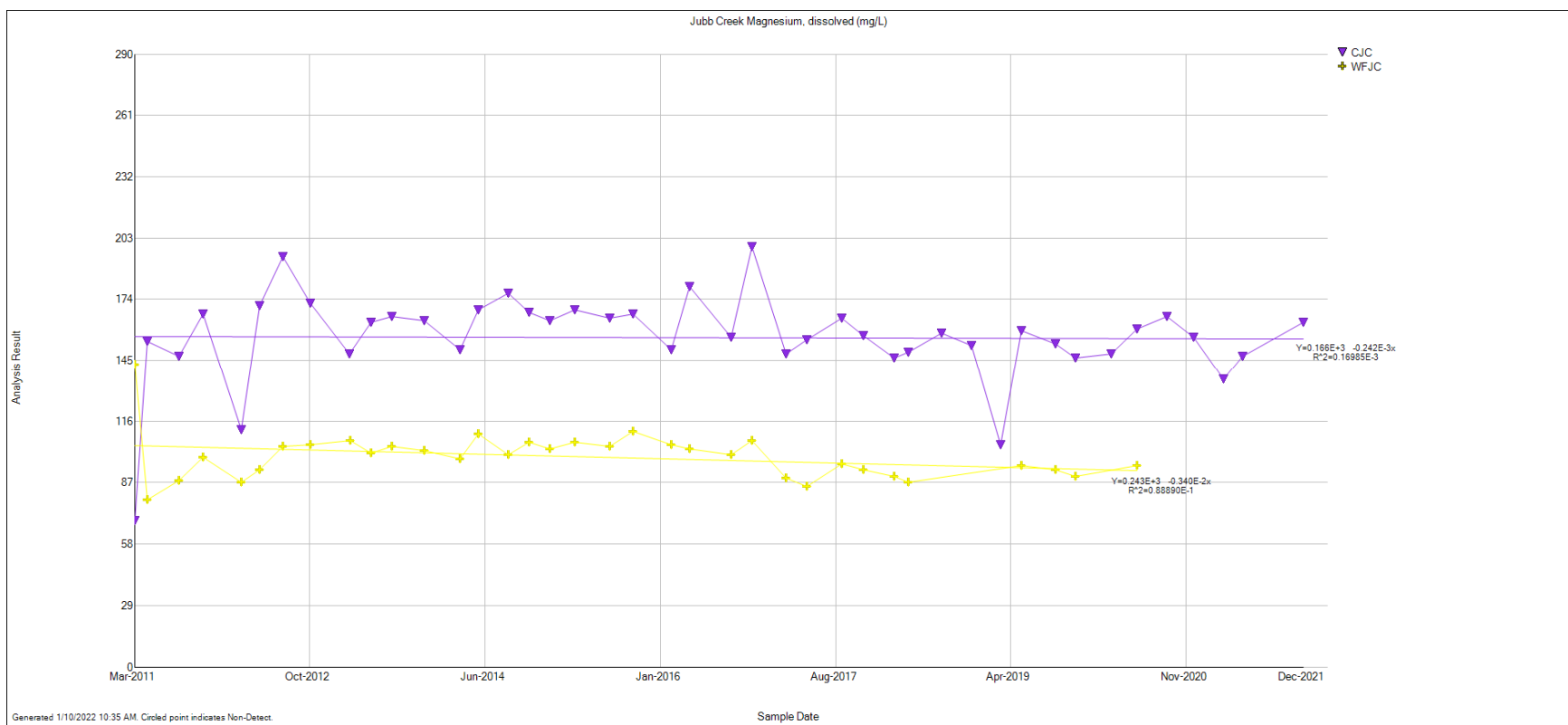


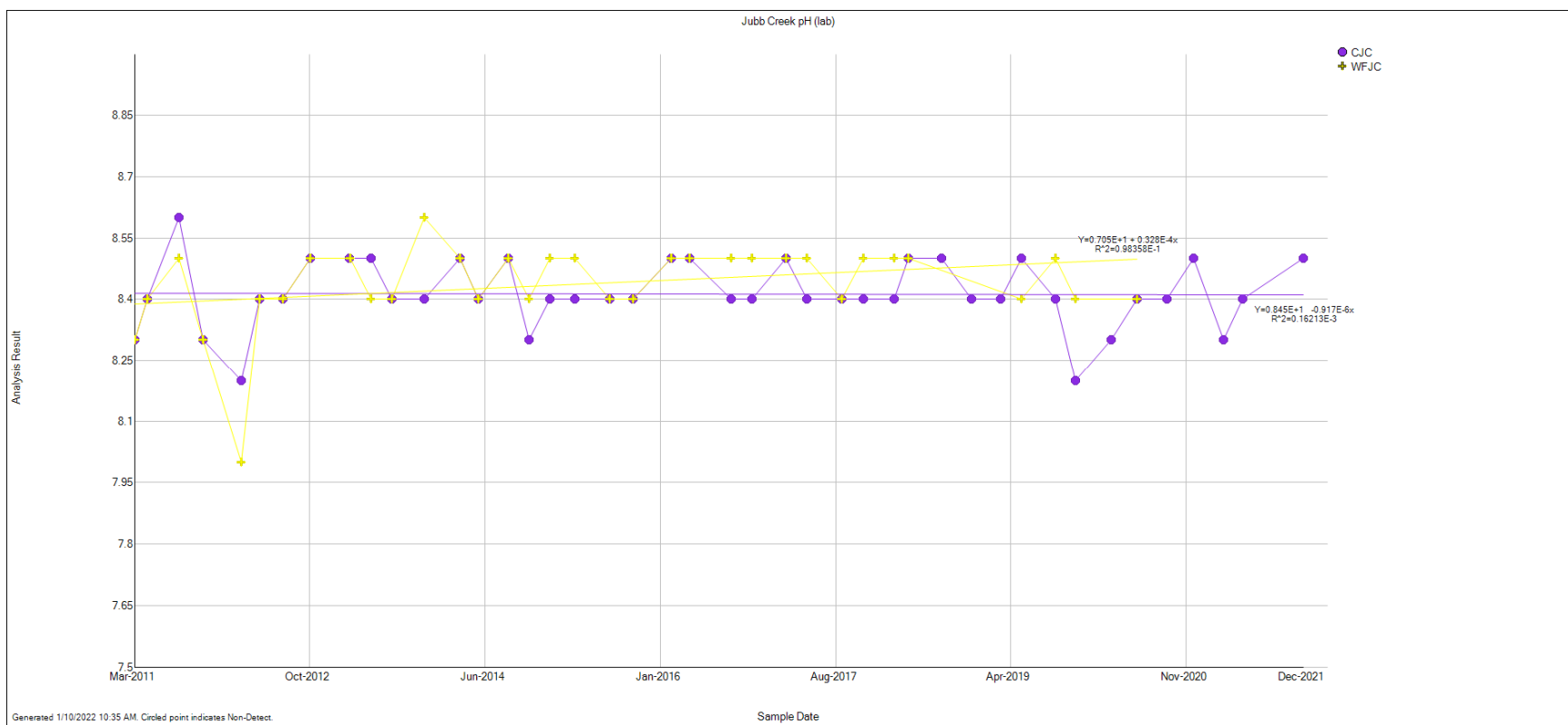


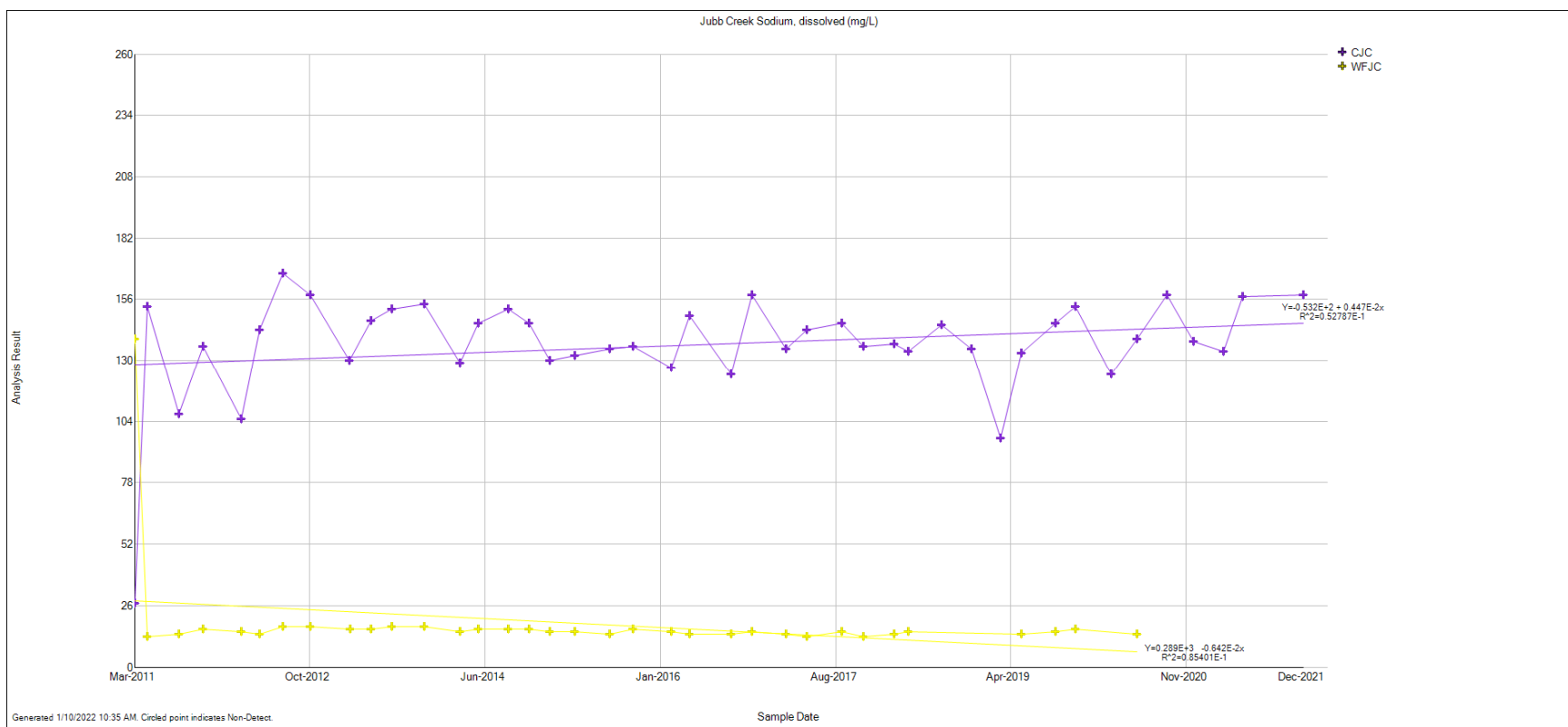


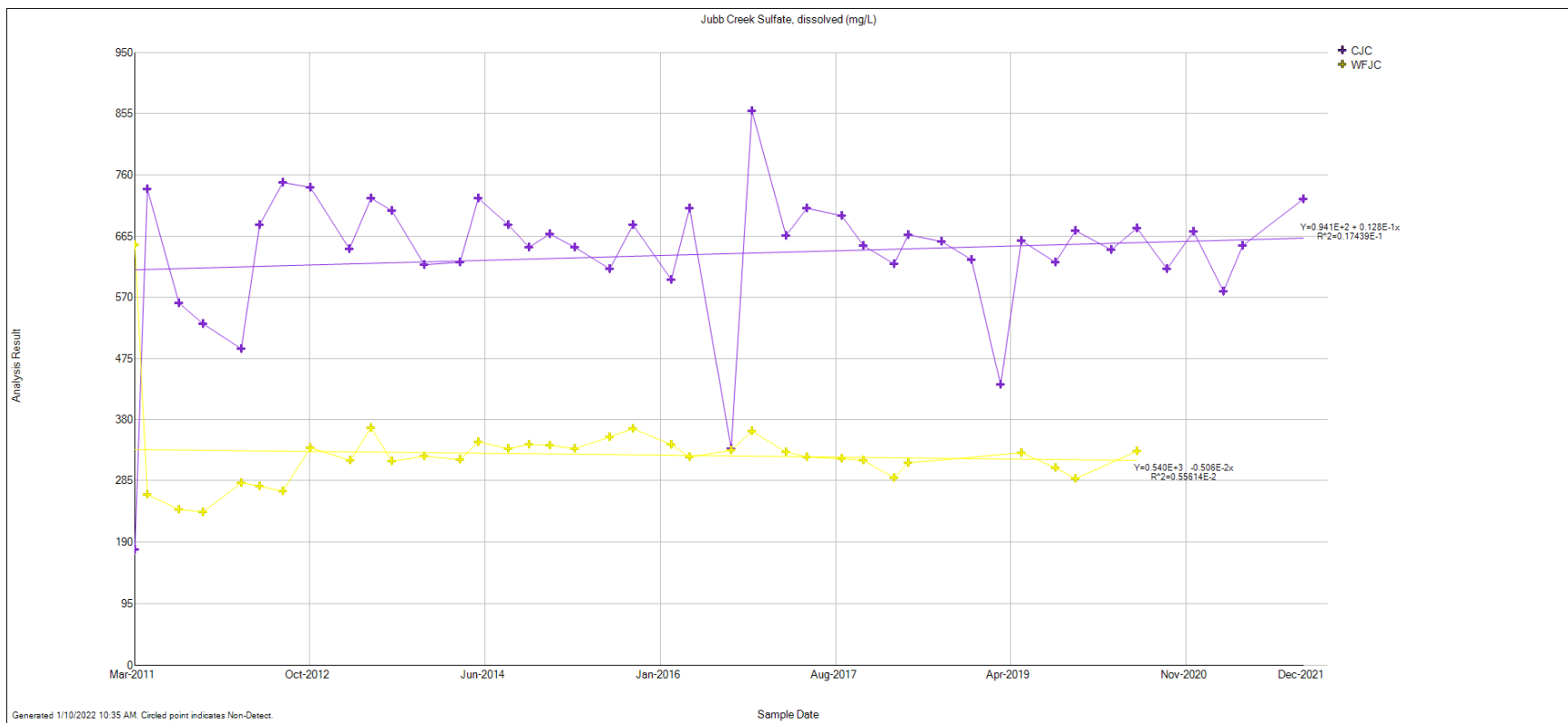


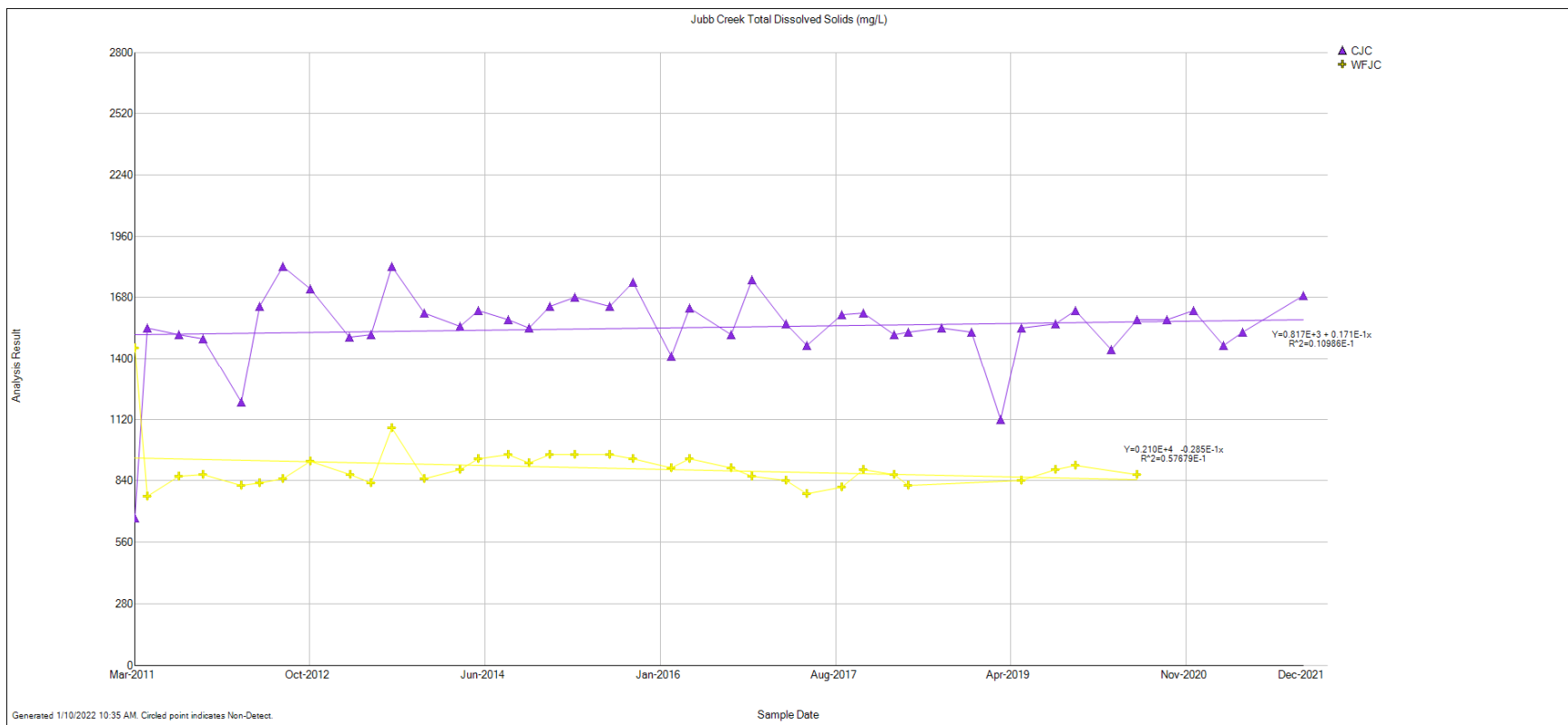


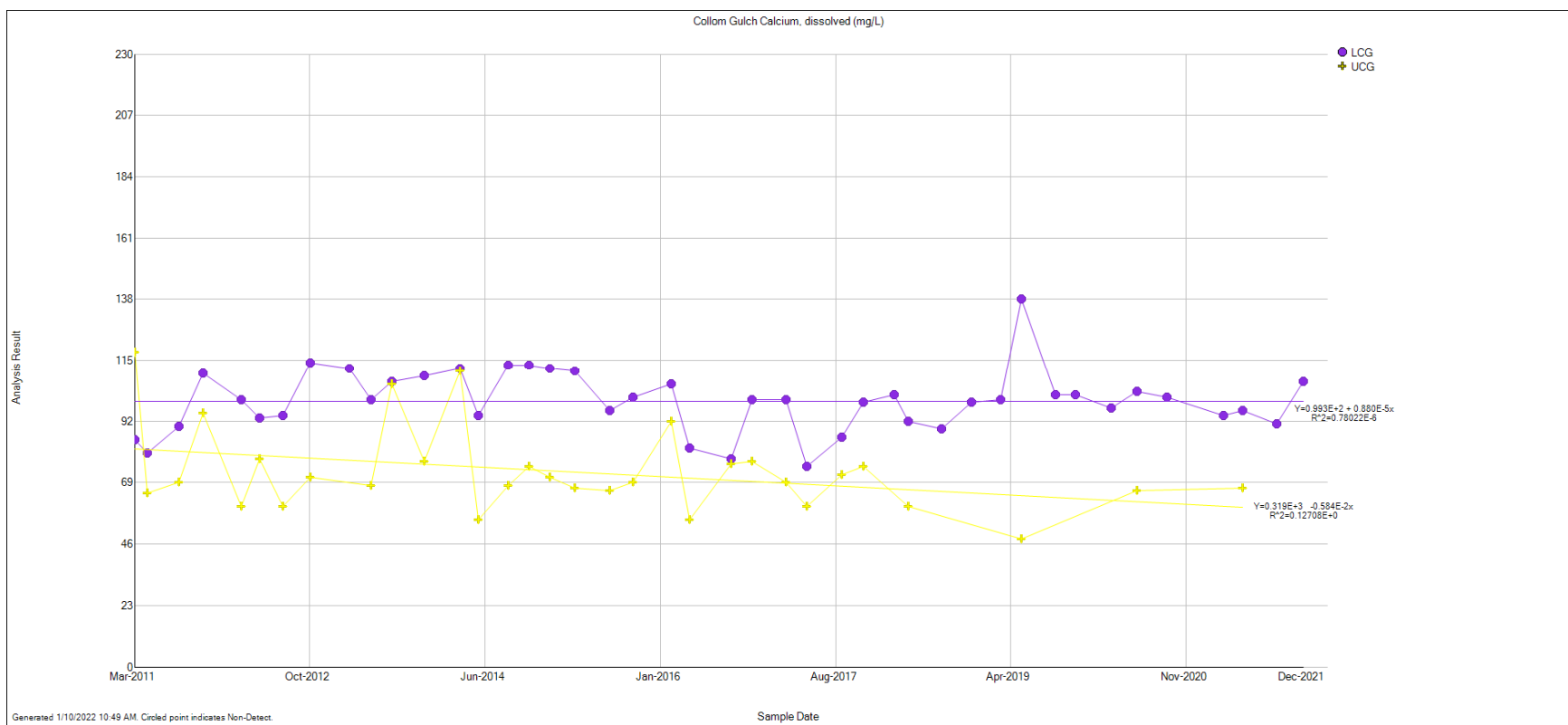


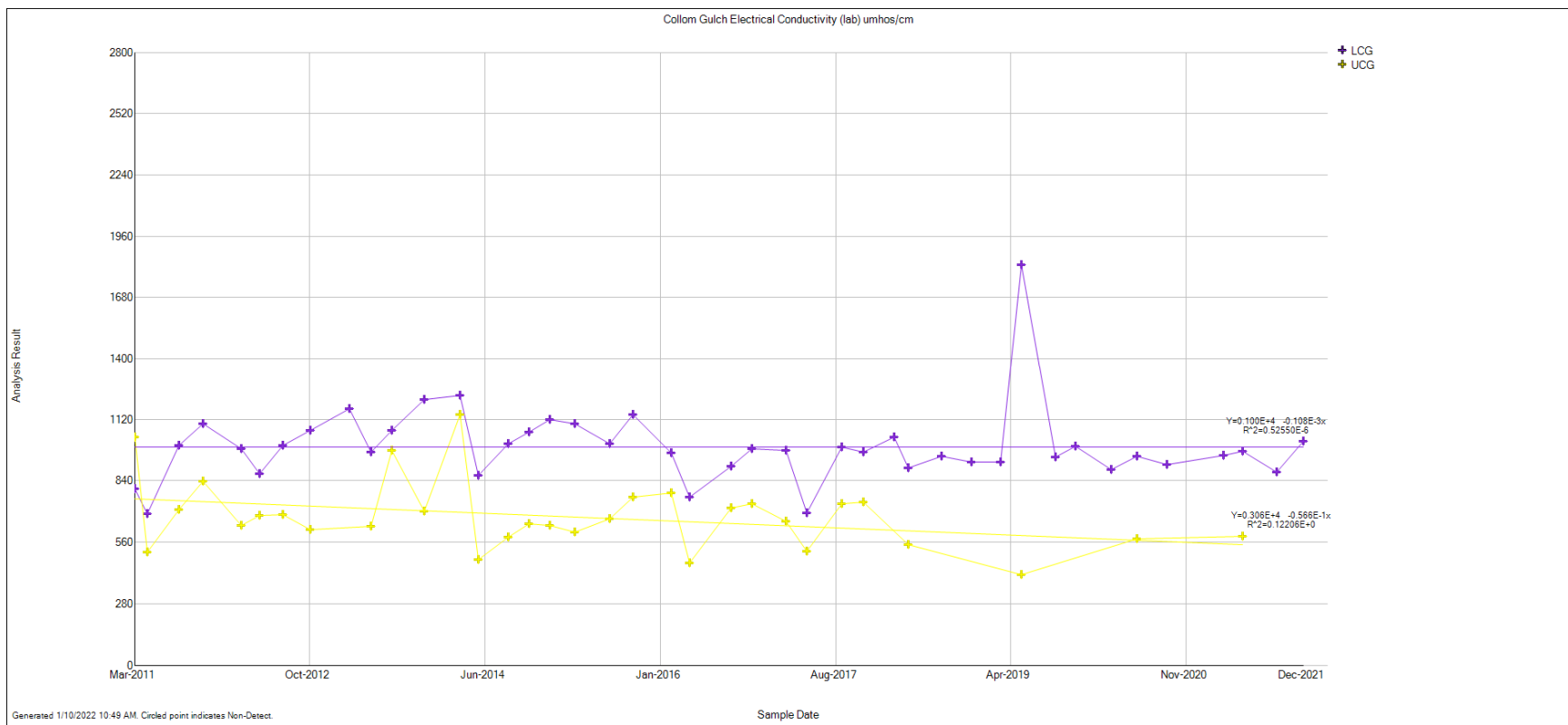




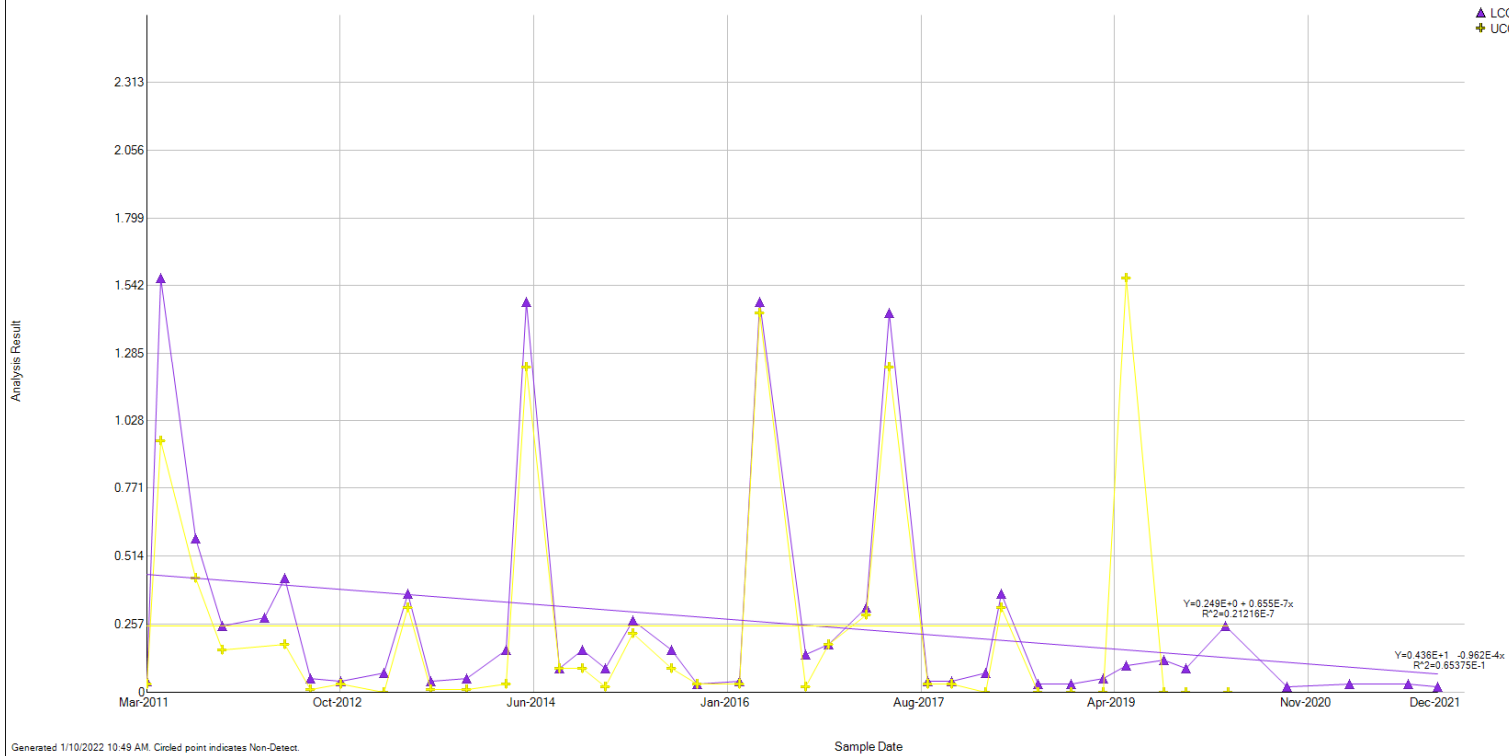




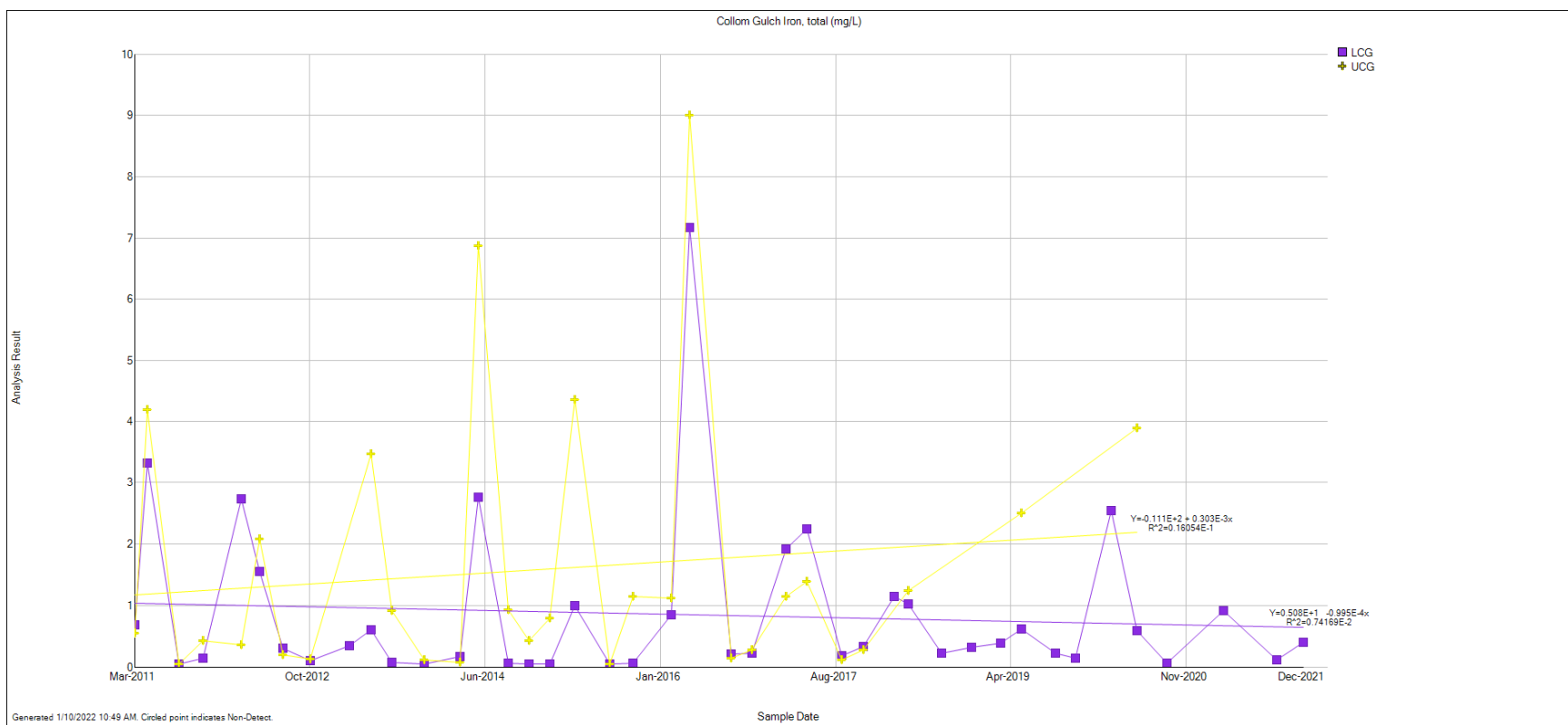


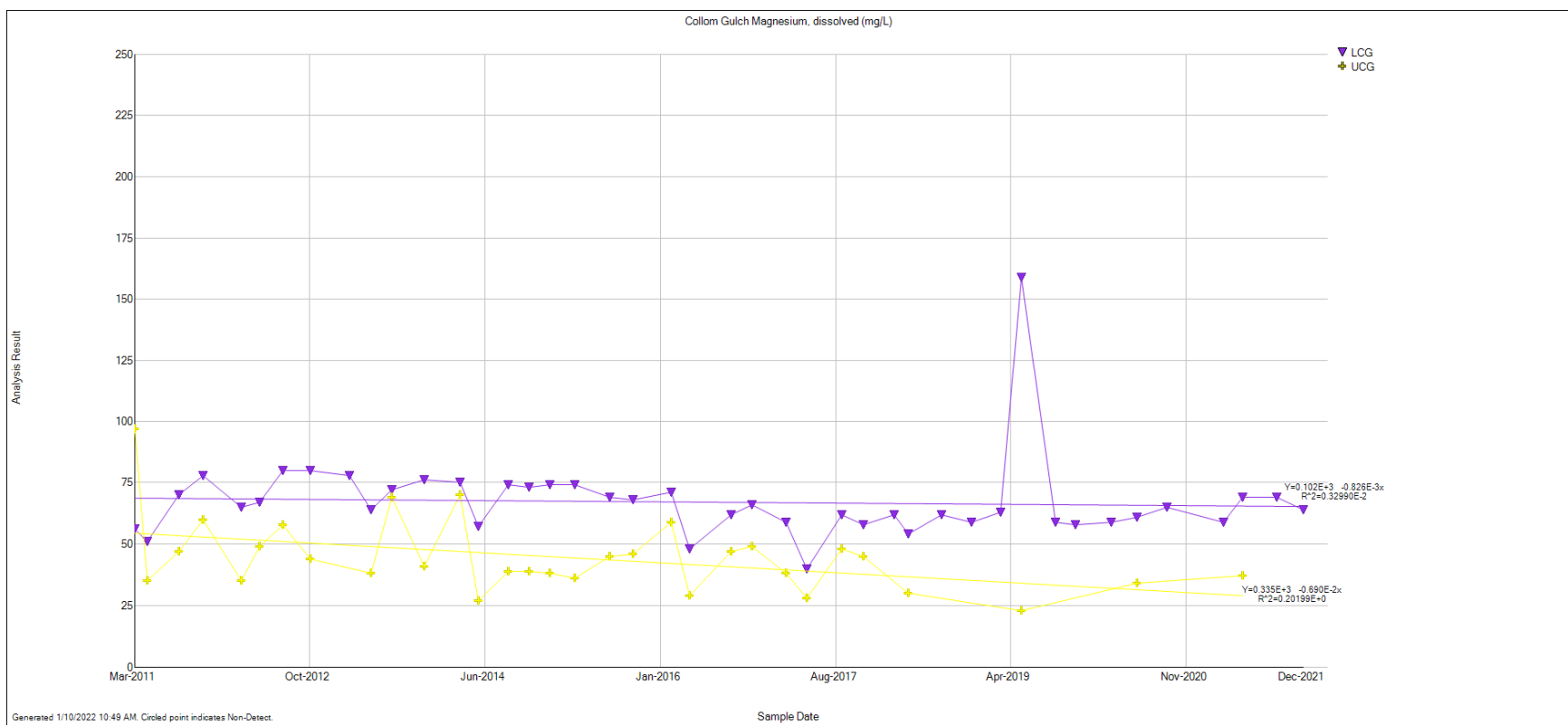


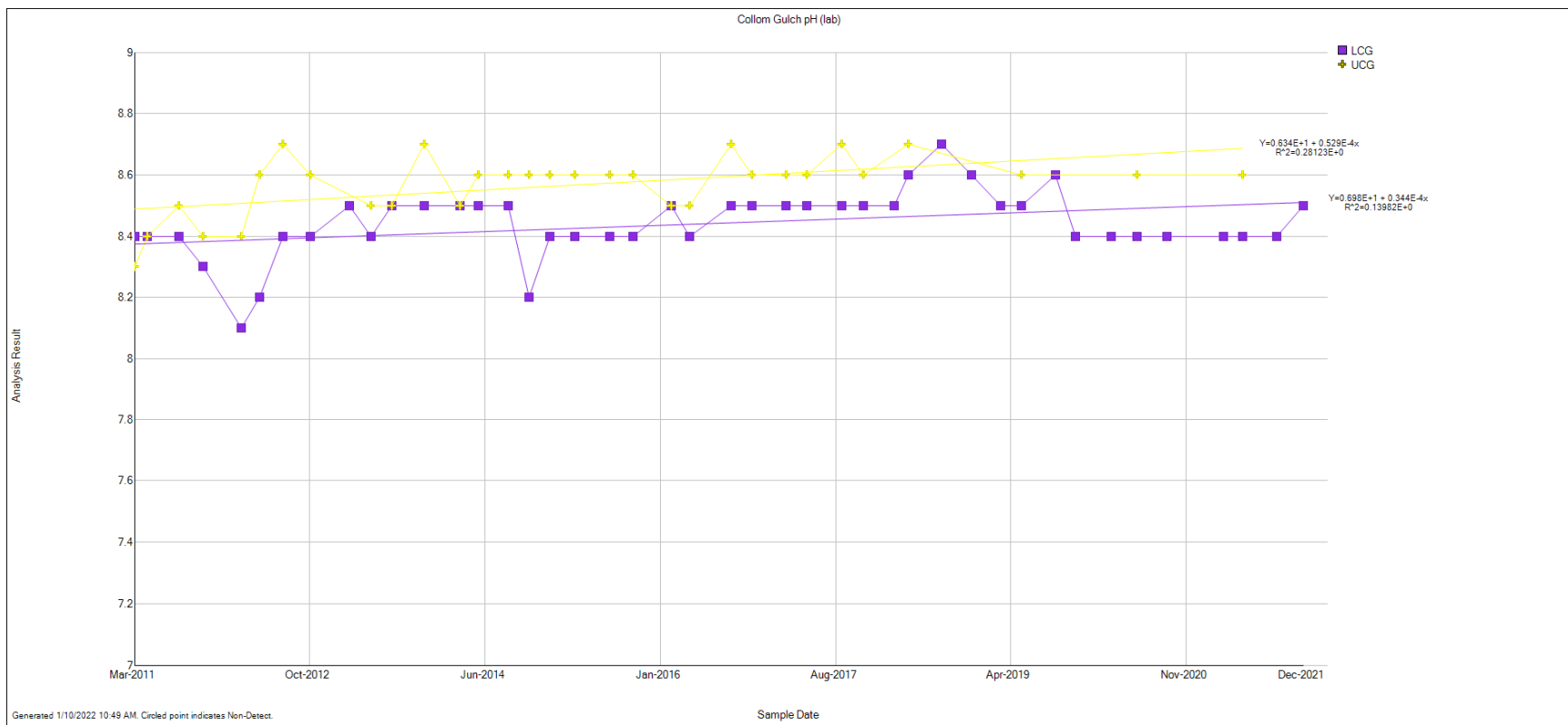
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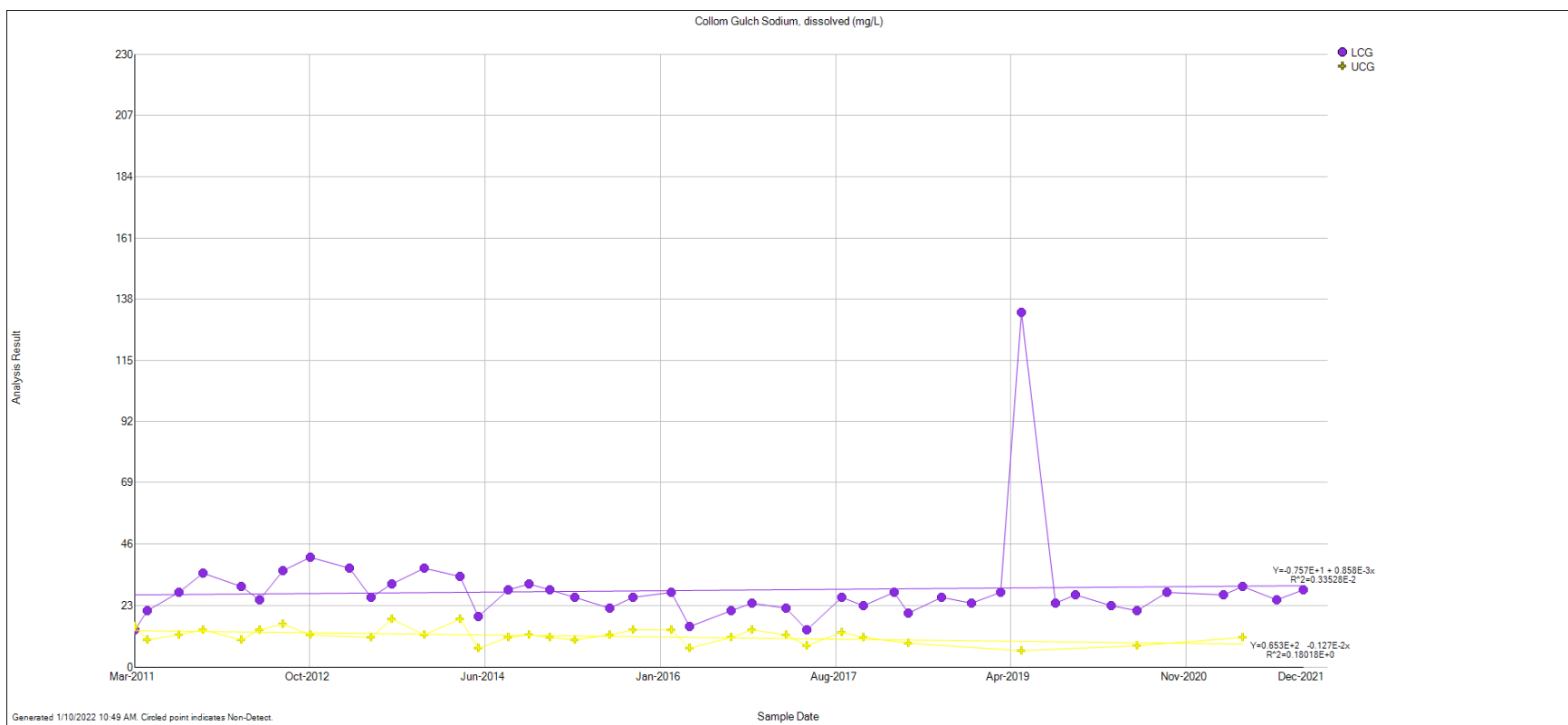


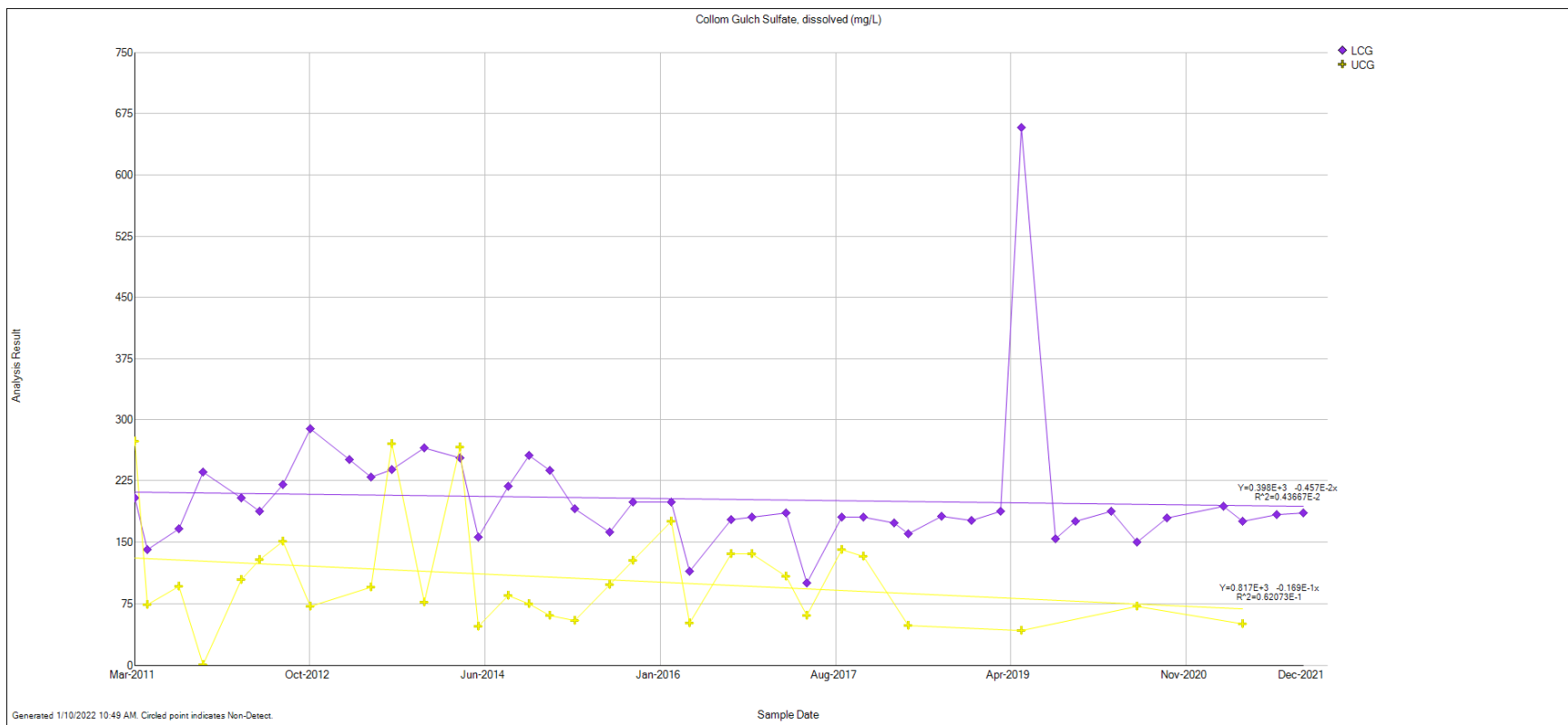


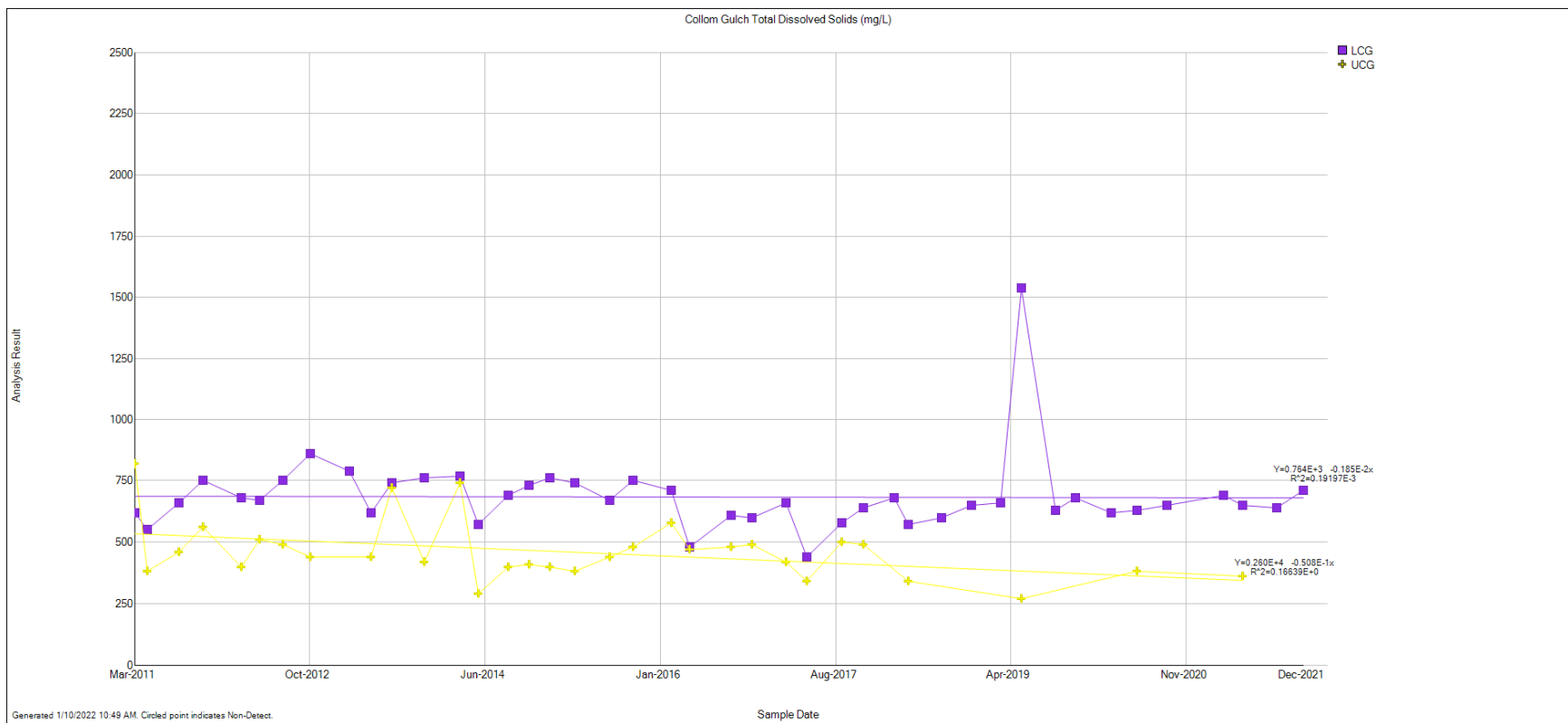












**Exhibit 1C**  
**Ground Water Data**  
**Water Year January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021**

**Colowyo Mine****Well A-6****Water Year 1/1/2021 - 12/31/2021**

	Sample Date			
	3/23/2021	5/24/2021	9/15/2021	12/14/2021
As, diss, mg/L	<0.003	<0.003	<0.003	<0.003
Ca, diss, mg/L	54	55	56	58
Fe, diss, mg/L	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05
Elevation SWL, ft MSL	6900.5	6899.6	6894.1	6897.6
HCO <sub>3</sub> , mg/L	646	635	645	667
Hg, diss, mg/L	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001
Mg, diss, mg/L	46	50	51	48
Mn, diss, mg/L	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.05
Na, diss, mg/L	140	149	136	148
NH <sub>3</sub> as N, diss, mg/L	1.7	1.5	1.5	1.6
NO <sub>3</sub> , diss, mg/L	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1
Ortho PO <sub>4</sub> as P, mg/l	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1
Pb, diss, mg/L	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05
pH (field)	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.3
pH (lab)	8.0	8.0	8.3	8.3
Se, diss, mg/L	<0.005	<0.005	<0.005	<0.005
SO <sub>4</sub> , diss, mg/L	123	136	131	139
Spec. Cond. (field), umhos/cm	1150	1110	1120	1240
Spec. Cond. (lab), umhos/cm	1070	1130	1040	1130
TDS, mg/L	700	730	690	710
Temp (Celcius), degrees C	9.1	9.2	10.1	10.2
Zn, diss, mg/L	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01



**Colowyo Mine****Well A-7****Water Year 1/1/2021 - 12/31/2021**

	Sample Date			
	3/23/2021	5/24/2021	9/15/2021	12/14/2021
As, diss, mg/L	<0.003	<0.003	<0.003	<0.003
Ca, diss, mg/L	137	128	128	145
Fe, diss, mg/L	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05
Elevation SWL, ft MSL	6889.1	6889.0	6884.8	6885.1
HCO <sub>3</sub> , mg/L	510.	509	554	588
Hg, diss, mg/L	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001
Mg, diss, mg/L	123	125	123	122
Mn, diss, mg/L	<0.02	<0.02	<0.02	<0.02
Na, diss, mg/L	54	58	57	61
NH <sub>3</sub> as N, diss, mg/L	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5
NO <sub>3</sub> , diss, mg/L	3.9	2.6	1.5	3.1
Ortho PO <sub>4</sub> as P, mg/l	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1
Pb, diss, mg/L	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05
pH (field)	7.3	7.1	7.1	7.4
pH (lab)	8.0	8.0	8.1	8.2
Se, diss, mg/L	0.012	0.011	0.0070	0.013
SO <sub>4</sub> , diss, mg/L	475	443	489	526
Spec. Cond. (field), umhos/cm	1620	1520	1510	1820
Spec. Cond. (lab), umhos/cm	1520	1540	1450	1690
TDS, mg/L	1270	1190	1240	1290
Temp (Celcius), degrees C	7.9	7.9	9.1	8.4
Zn, diss, mg/L	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01

**Colowyo Mine****Well A-8****Water Year 1/1/2021 - 12/31/2021**

	Sample Date			
	3/23/2021	5/24/2021	9/15/2021	12/14/2021
As, diss, mg/L	<0.003	Dry	Dry	Dry
Ca, diss, mg/L	90			
Fe, diss, mg/L	<0.05			
Elevation SWL, ft MSL	7103.5			
HCO <sub>3</sub> , mg/L	454			
Hg, diss, mg/L	<0.001			
Mg, diss, mg/L	73			
Mn, diss, mg/L	<0.03			
Na, diss, mg/L	14			
NH <sub>3</sub> as N, diss, mg/L	<0.5			
NO <sub>3</sub> , diss, mg/L	2.4			
Ortho PO <sub>4</sub> as P, mg/l	<0.1			
Pb, diss, mg/L	<0.05			
pH (field)	7.4			
pH (lab)	8.0			
Se, diss, mg/L	0.006			
SO <sub>4</sub> , diss, mg/L	187			
Spec. Cond. (field), umhos/cm	1050			
Spec. Cond. (lab), umhos/cm	986			
TDS, mg/L	700			
Temp (Celcius), degrees C	9.1			
Zn, diss, mg/L	<0.05			

**Colowyo Mine**  
**Well NGSW**  
**Water Year 1/1/2021 - 12/31/2021**

	Sample Date			
	3/23/2021	5/24/2021	9/15/2021	12/14/2021
As, diss, mg/L	<0.003	<0.003	<0.003	<0.003
Ca, diss, mg/L	182	194	190	201
Fe, diss, mg/L	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05
Elevation SWL, ft MSL	6535.9	6534.5	6531.2	6532.4
HCO <sub>3</sub> , mg/L	785	746	779	895
Hg, diss, mg/L	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001
Mg, diss, mg/L	172	204	195	184
Mn, diss, mg/L	0.09	0.38	1.02	1.01
Na, diss, mg/L	191	199	166	172
NH <sub>3</sub> as N, diss, mg/L	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5
NO <sub>3</sub> , diss, mg/L	0.30	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1
Ortho PO <sub>4</sub> as P, mg/l	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1
Pb, diss, mg/L	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05
pH (field)	7.5	7.7	7.8	7.2
pH (lab)	8.0	8.0	8.1	8.2
Se, diss, mg/L	<0.005	<0.005	<0.005	<0.005
SO <sub>4</sub> , diss, mg/L	995	926	920	905
Spec. Cond. (field), umhos/cm	2520	2430	2410	2690
Spec. Cond. (lab), umhos/cm	2270	2480	2050	2540
TDS, mg/L	2120	2100	2110	2100
Temp (Celcius), degrees C	8.9	9.7	10.4	10.6
Zn, diss, mg/L	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01

**Colowyo Mine**  
**Well MT-95-02**  
**Water Year 1/1/2021 - 12/31/2021**

	Sample Date			
	3/23/2021	5/24/2021	9/15/2021	12/14/2021
As, diss, mg/L	<0.003	<0.003	<0.003	<0.003
Ca, diss, mg/L	210	207	202	221
Fe, diss, mg/L	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05
Elevation SWL, ft MSL	6435.6	6435.4	6434.9	6435.4
HCO <sub>3</sub> , mg/L	807	861	835	861
Hg, diss, mg/L	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001
Mg, diss, mg/L	197	207	210	208
Mn, diss, mg/L	<0.02	<0.02	<0.02	<0.02
Na, diss, mg/L	325	361	301	371
NH <sub>3</sub> as N, diss, mg/L	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5
NO <sub>3</sub> , diss, mg/L	0.60	0.50	0.50	0.50
Ortho PO <sub>4</sub> as P, mg/l	<0.018	<0.11	<0.11	<0.11
Pb, diss, mg/L	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1
pH (field)	7.5	7.7	7.8	7.3
pH (lab)	7.9	8.0	8.0	8.2
Se, diss, mg/L	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05
SO <sub>4</sub> , diss, mg/L	947	105	1010	1070
Spec. Cond. (field), umhos/cm	3160	3120	3190	3710
Spec. Cond. (lab), umhos/cm	2860	3230	2600	3470
TDS, mg/L	2690	271	2670	2720
Temp (Celcius), degrees C	10.8	2710	13.2	11.8
Zn, diss, mg/L	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01

**Colowyo Mine**  
**Well Gossard**  
**Water Year 1/1/2021 - 12/31/2021**

	Sample Date			
	3/23/2021	5/24/2021	9/15/2021	12/14/2021
As, diss, mg/L	<0.003	<0.003	<0.003	<0.003
Ca, diss, mg/L	145	128	94	94
Fe, diss, mg/L	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05
Elevation SWL, ft MSL	6331.8	6331.9	6331.9	6330.7
HCO <sub>3</sub> , mg/L	600	611	622	611
Hg, diss, mg/L	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001
Mg, diss, mg/L	159	160	116	108
Mn, diss, mg/L	<0.03	<0.03	<0.03	<0.03
Na, diss, mg/L	209	208	166	182
NH <sub>3</sub> as N, diss, mg/L	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5
NO <sub>3</sub> , diss, mg/L	0.50	<0.1	0.70	0.70
Ortho PO <sub>4</sub> as P, mg/l	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1
Pb, diss, mg/L	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05
pH (field)	7.5	7.8	7.8	7.7
pH (lab)	8.0	8.2	8.3	8.3
Se, diss, mg/L	0.0050	0.0050	<0.005	<0.005
SO <sub>4</sub> , diss, mg/L	794	732	441	450
Spec. Cond. (field), umhos/cm	2320	2190	1940	1990
Spec. Cond. (lab), umhos/cm	2110	2190	1570	1820
TDS, mg/L	1880	1690	1250	1260
Temp (Celcius), degrees C	10.8	11.2	12.8	11.2
Zn, diss, mg/L	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01

**Colowyo Mine**  
**Well MLC-04-01**  
**Water Year 1/1/2021 - 12/31/2021**

	Sample Date			
	3/23/2021	5/24/2021	9/15/2021	12/14/2021
As, diss, mg/L	<0.003	<0.003	<0.003	<0.003
Ca, diss, mg/L	99	139	107	90
Fe, diss, mg/L	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05
Elevation SWL, ft MSL	47.9	48.1	48.7	48.8
HCO <sub>3</sub> , mg/L	386	534	428	368
Hg, diss, mg/L	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001
Mg, diss, mg/L	53	87	67	48
Mn, diss, mg/L	<0.03	<0.03	<0.03	<0.03
Na, diss, mg/L	36	56	40	34
NH <sub>3</sub> as N, diss, mg/L	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5
NO <sub>3</sub> , diss, mg/L	0.5	0.6	0.6	1.2
Ortho PO <sub>4</sub> as P, mg/l	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1
Pb, diss, mg/L	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05
pH (field)	7.5	7.6	7.6	7.5
pH (lab)	8.1	8.0	8.2	8.3
Se, diss, mg/L	<0.005	0.007	0.005	<0.005
SO <sub>4</sub> , diss, mg/L	196	287	230	181
Spec. Cond. (field), umhos/cm	620	1350	1240	1030
Spec. Cond. (lab), umhos/cm	976	1400	1010	920
TDS, mg/L	700	1280	770	610
Temp (Celcius), degrees C	10.1	10.9	11.3	10.3
Zn, diss, mg/L	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	0.01

**Colowyo Mine**  
**Well MC-04-01**  
**Water Year 1/1/2021 - 12/31/2021**

	Sample Date			
	3/23/2021	5/24/2021	9/15/2021	12/14/2021
As, diss, mg/L	<0.003	<0.003	<0.003	<0.003
Ca, diss, mg/L	84	87	83	86
Fe, diss, mg/L	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05
Elevation SWL, ft MSL	24.5	22.5	25.5	28.4
HCO <sub>3</sub> , mg/L	389	379	414	411
Hg, diss, mg/L	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001
Mg, diss, mg/L	52	60	59	51
Mn, diss, mg/L	<0.03	<0.03	<0.03	<0.03
Na, diss, mg/L	16	20	24	18
NH <sub>3</sub> as N, diss, mg/L	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5
NO <sub>3</sub> , diss, mg/L	1.7	1.5	1.1	2.0
Ortho PO <sub>4</sub> as P, mg/l	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1
Pb, diss, mg/L	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05
pH (field)	7.6	7.7	7.8	7.5
pH (lab)	8.0	8.0	8.1	8.3
Se, diss, mg/L	<0.005	<0.005	<0.005	<0.005
SO <sub>4</sub> , diss, mg/L	131	192	153	148
Spec. Cond. (field), umhos/cm	840	950	910	950
Spec. Cond. (lab), umhos/cm	784	875	814	841
TDS, mg/L	550	660	590	570
Temp (Celcius), degrees C	9.7	9.1	9.2	7.1
Zn, diss, mg/L	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01

**Colowyo Mine**  
**Well MC-04-02**  
**Water Year 1/1/2021 - 12/31/2021**

	Sample Date			
	3/23/2021	5/24/2021	9/15/2021	12/14/2021
As, diss, mg/L	<0.003	<0.003	<0.003	<0.003
Ca, diss, mg/L	88	128	128	83
Fe, diss, mg/L	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05
Elevation SWL, ft MSL	12.6	12.8	12.8	12.9
HCO <sub>3</sub> , mg/L	592	599	620	620
Hg, diss, mg/L	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001
Mg, diss, mg/L	50	84	84	49
Mn, diss, mg/L	<0.03	0.49	0.36	0.23
Na, diss, mg/L	130	53	38	160
NH <sub>3</sub> as N, diss, mg/L	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5
NO <sub>3</sub> , diss, mg/L	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1
Ortho PO <sub>4</sub> as P, mg/l	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1
Pb, diss, mg/L	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05
pH (field)	7.5	7.5	7.7	7.6
pH (lab)	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.3
Se, diss, mg/L	<0.005	<0.005	<0.005	<0.005
SO <sub>4</sub> , diss, mg/L	203	254	237	219
Spec. Cond. (field), umhos/cm	1280	1260	1260	1380
Spec. Cond. (lab), umhos/cm	1170	1280	1130	1260
TDS, mg/L	840	880	880	830
Temp (Celcius), degrees C	9.1	10.2	10.5	9.6
Zn, diss, mg/L	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01



**Colowyo Mine**  
**Well MJ-95-01**  
**Water Year 1/1/2021 - 12/31/2021**

	Sample Date			
	3/23/2021	5/24/2021	9/15/2021	12/14/2021
As, diss, mg/L	<0.003	<0.003	<0.003	<0.003
Ca, diss, mg/L	117	117	120	122
Fe, diss, mg/L	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	0.08
Elevation SWL, ft MSL	12.8	10.34	13.8	16.5
HCO <sub>3</sub> , mg/L	644	590	654	671
Hg, diss, mg/L	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001
Mg, diss, mg/L	87	97	98	90
Mn, diss, mg/L	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.05
Na, diss, mg/L	30	30	30	32
NH <sub>3</sub> as N, diss, mg/L	1.8	1.7	1.8	1.8
NO <sub>3</sub> , diss, mg/L	0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1
Ortho PO <sub>4</sub> as P, mg/l	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1
Pb, diss, mg/L	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05
pH (field)	7.4	7.6	7.5	7.5
pH (lab)	8.0	7.9	8.0	8.2
Se, diss, mg/L	<0.005	<0.005	<0.005	<0.005
SO <sub>4</sub> , diss, mg/L	224	262	232	32
Spec. Cond. (field), umhos/cm	1310	1290	1280	1310
Spec. Cond. (lab), umhos/cm	1220	1240	1160	1330
TDS, mg/L	860	1240	860	860
Temp (Celcius), degrees C	9.3	9.0	10.4	10.5
Zn, diss, mg/L	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01

**Colowyo Mine**  
**Well MJ-95-03**  
**Water Year 1/1/2021 - 12/31/2021**

	Sample Date			
	3/23/2021	5/24/2021	9/15/2021	12/14/2021
As, diss, mg/L	<0.003	<0.003	<0.003	<0.003
Ca, diss, mg/L	149	144	147	154
Fe, diss, mg/L	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05
Elevation SWL, ft MSL	20.2	20.3	20.5	21.5
HCO <sub>3</sub> , mg/L	696	687	729	814
Hg, diss, mg/L	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001
Mg, diss, mg/L	179	189	204	188
Mn, diss, mg/L	<0.03	<0.03	<0.03	0.03
Na, diss, mg/L	148	159	142	154
NH <sub>3</sub> as N, diss, mg/L	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5
NO <sub>3</sub> , diss, mg/L	0.3	0.6	0.2	<0.1
Ortho PO <sub>4</sub> as P, mg/l	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1
Pb, diss, mg/L	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05
pH (field)	7.5	7.8	7.9	7.4
pH (lab)	8.1	8.1	8.2	8.2
Se, diss, mg/L	<0.005	<0.005	<0.005	<0.005
SO <sub>4</sub> , diss, mg/L	774	821	799	803
Spec. Cond. (field), umhos/cm	2320	2260	2110	2550
Spec. Cond. (lab), umhos/cm	2110	2270	1910	2350
TDS, mg/L	1940	1840	1900	1840
Temp (Celcius), degrees C	10.8	10.9	12.1	11.2
Zn, diss, mg/L	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01

**Colowyo Mine**  
**Well Trout Creek**  
**Water Year 1/1/2021 - 12/31/2021**

	Sample Date			
	3/23/2021	5/24/2021	9/15/2021	12/14/2021
As, diss, mg/L	<0.003	<0.003	<0.003	<0.003
Ca, diss, mg/L	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0
Fe, diss, mg/L	<0.05	0.09	0.06	0.06
Elevation SWL, ft MSL	587.7	587.7	587.6	587.6
HCO <sub>3</sub> , mg/L	278	255	272	308
Hg, diss, mg/L	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001
Mg, diss, mg/L	17	15	17	16
Mn, diss, mg/L	<0.03	<0.03	<0.03	<0.03
Na, diss, mg/L	226	253	226	248
NH <sub>3</sub> as N, diss, mg/L	1.9	1.9	1.8	1.9
NO <sub>3</sub> , diss, mg/L	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1
Ortho PO <sub>4</sub> as P, mg/l	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1
Pb, diss, mg/L	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05
pH (field)	9.2	9	9.2	9.5
pH (lab)	9.2	9.5	9.4	9.3
Se, diss, mg/L	<0.005	<0.005	<0.005	<0.005
SO <sub>4</sub> , diss, mg/L	226	260	213	224
Spec. Cond. (field), umhos/cm	1090	1080	1090	1240
Spec. Cond. (lab), umhos/cm	1080	1110	1060	1120
TDS, mg/L	690	690	680	690
Temp (Celcius), degrees C	11.5	12.4	15.2	10.1
Zn, diss, mg/L	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01

**Colowyo Mine****LGSW-1****Water Year 1/1/2021 - 12/31/2021**

	Sample Date		
	N/A*	N/A*	N/A*
			12/14/2021
As, diss, mg/L			0.008
Fe, diss, mg/L			<0.05
Hg, diss, mg/L			<0.001
Mn, diss, mg/L			0.47
NO <sub>2</sub> + NO <sub>3</sub> , diss, mg/L			<0.1
NO <sub>2</sub> , diss, mg/L			<0.1
NO <sub>3</sub> , diss, mg/L			<0.1
pH (field), SU			7.5
Se, diss, mg/L			<0.005
SO <sub>4</sub> , diss, mg/L			817
TDS, mg/L			1960**
Zn, diss, mg/L			<0.01

\*Well sampling commenced in the 4th quarter of 2021.

\*\*Exceeded Table 16 Value (Volume 2C, Exhibit 7, Item 19)

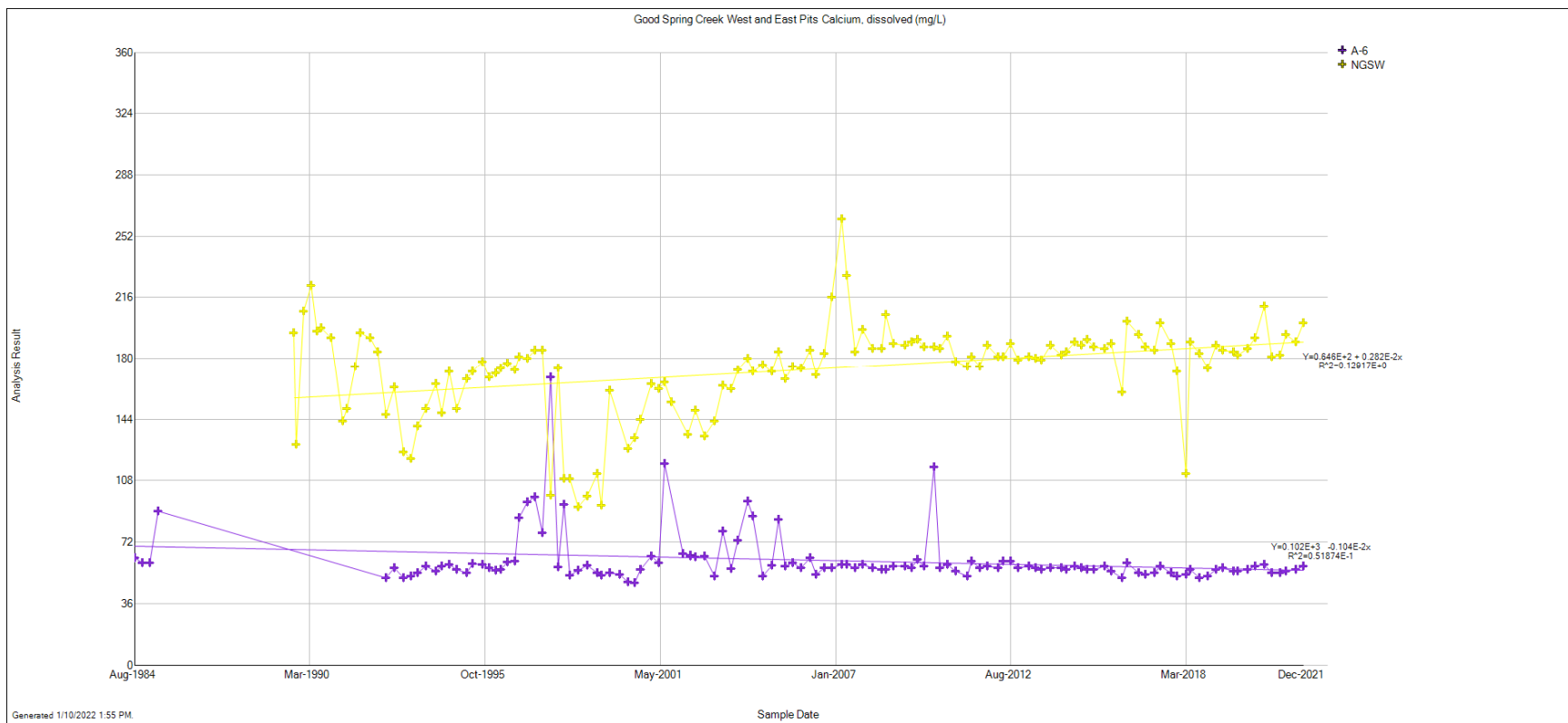
**Colowyo Mine****LWCW-1****Water Year 1/1/2021 - 12/31/2021**

	Sample Date		
	N/A*	N/A*	N/A*
			12/14/2021
As, diss, mg/L			<0.003
Fe, diss, mg/L			<0.05
Hg, diss, mg/L			<0.001
Mn, diss, mg/L			1.71**
NO <sub>2</sub> + NO <sub>3</sub> , diss, mg/L			0.2
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NO <sub>3</sub> , diss, mg/L			0.2
pH (field), SU			7.5
Se, diss, mg/L			<0.005
SO <sub>4</sub> , diss, mg/L			639
TDS, mg/L			1540
Zn, diss, mg/L			<0.01

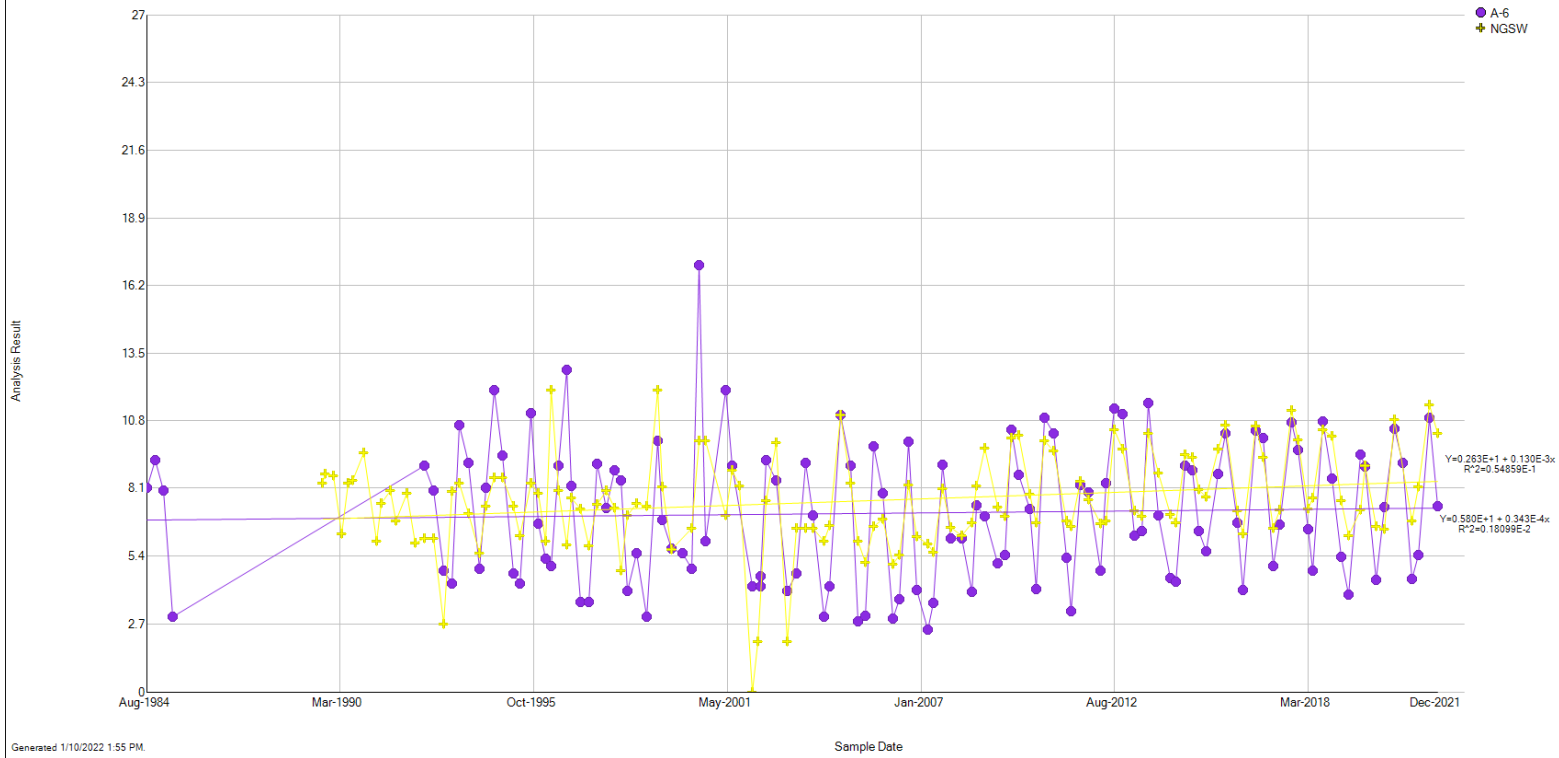
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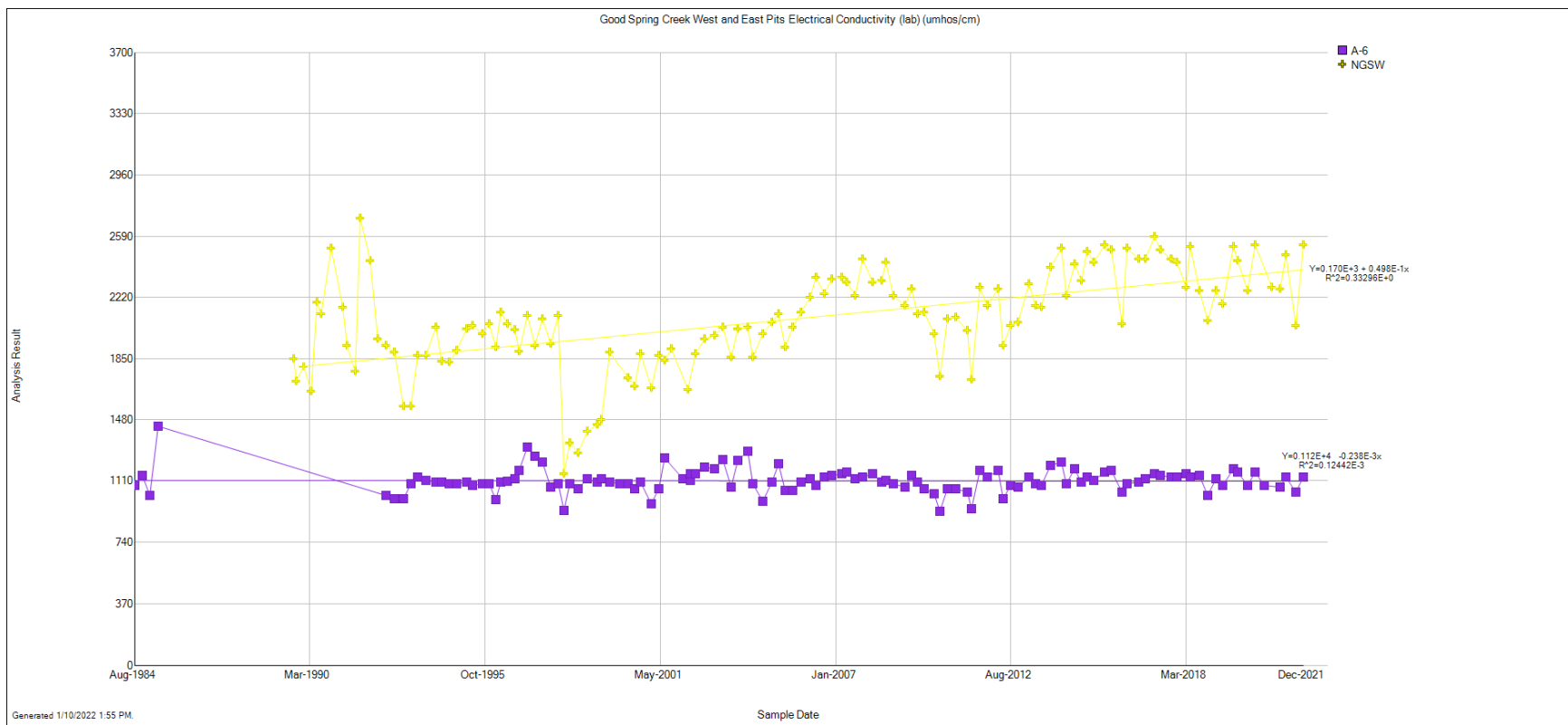
**Exhibit 1D**  
**Ground Water Graphs**



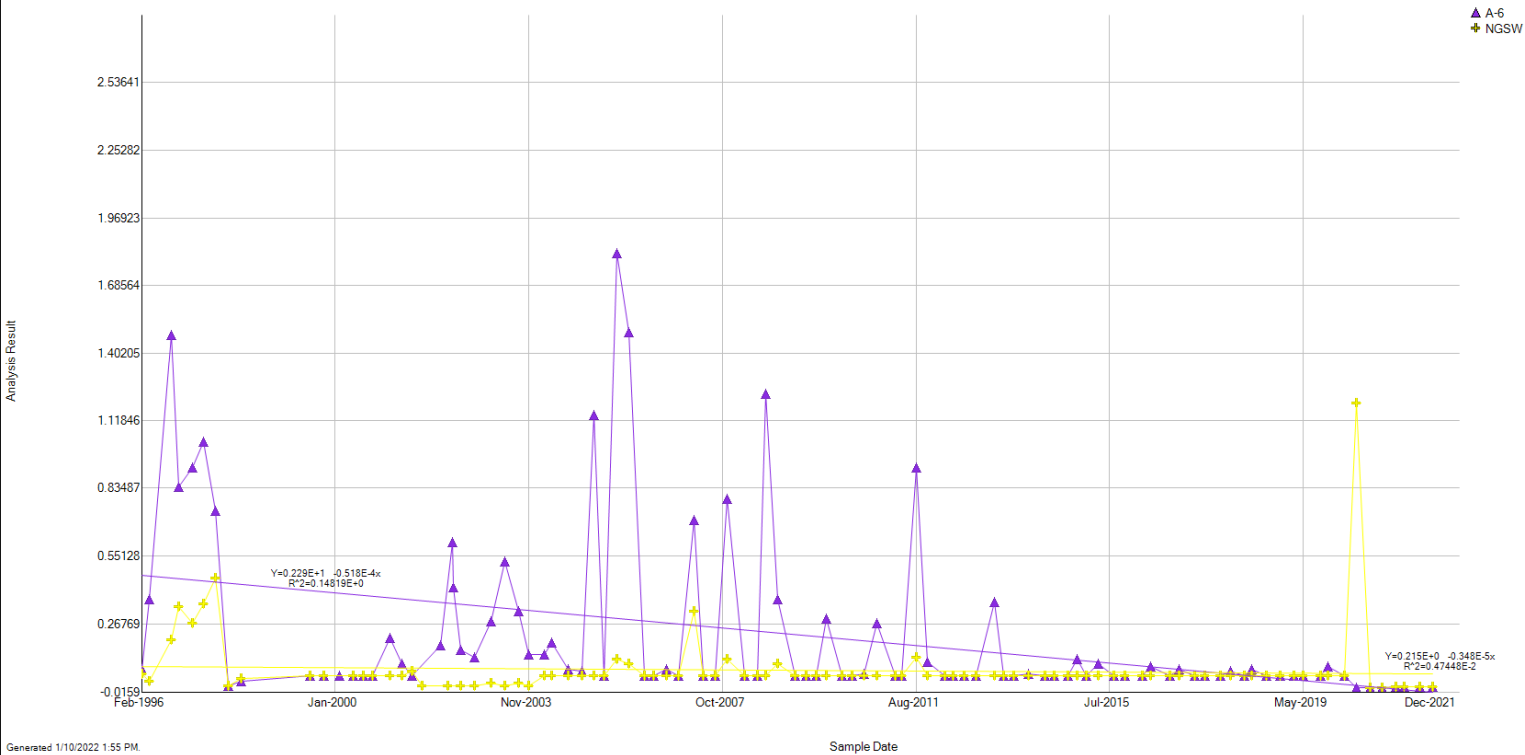
Good Spring Creek West and East Pits Groundwater, depth from TOC (ft)

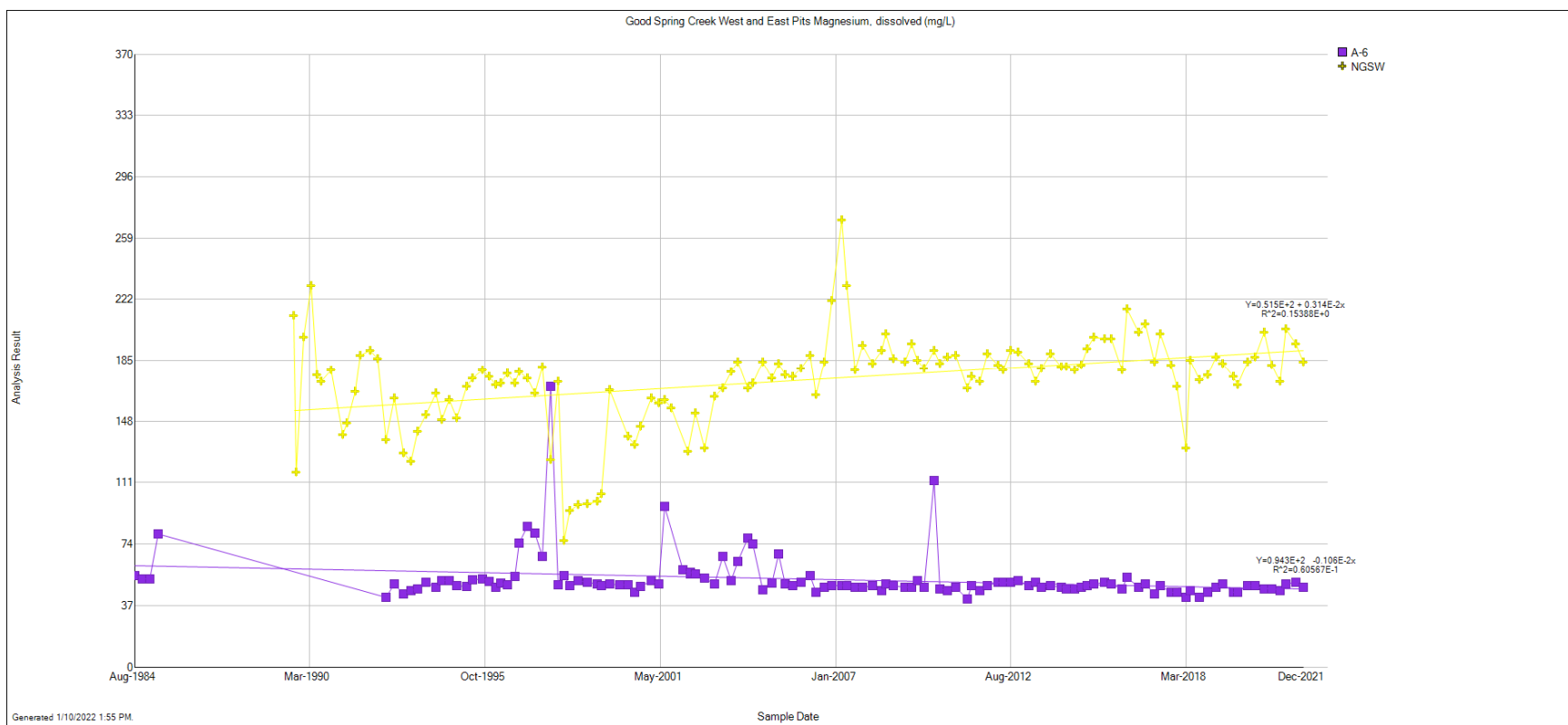




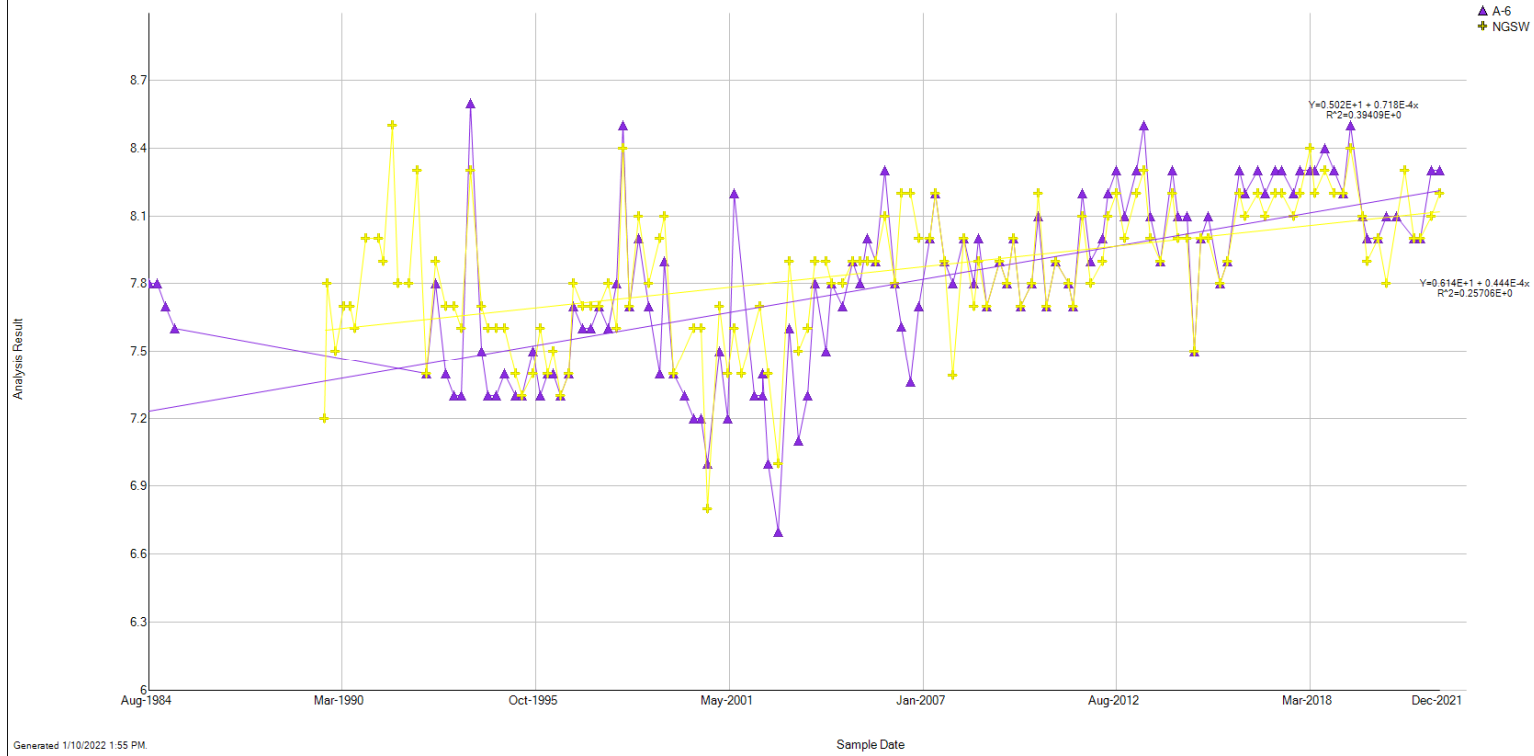


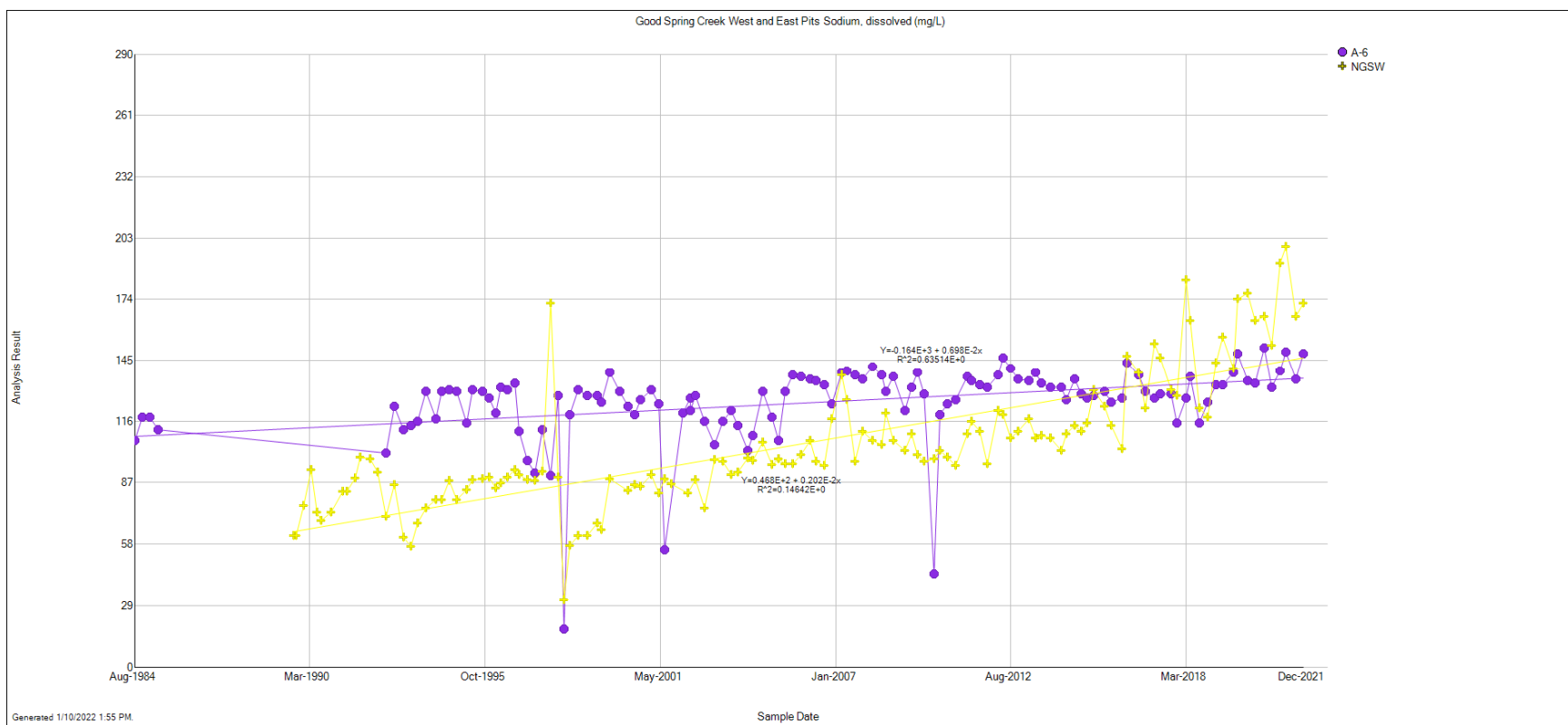
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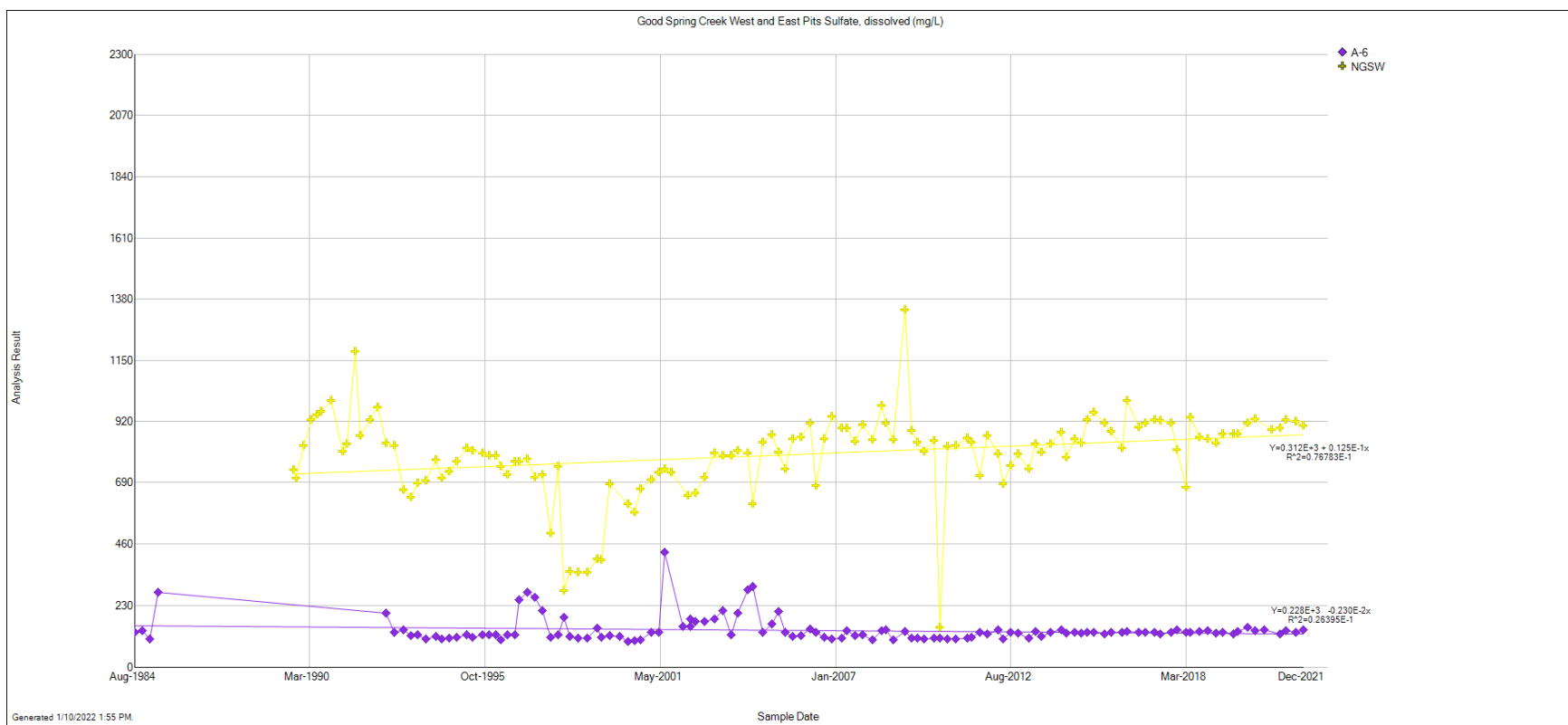




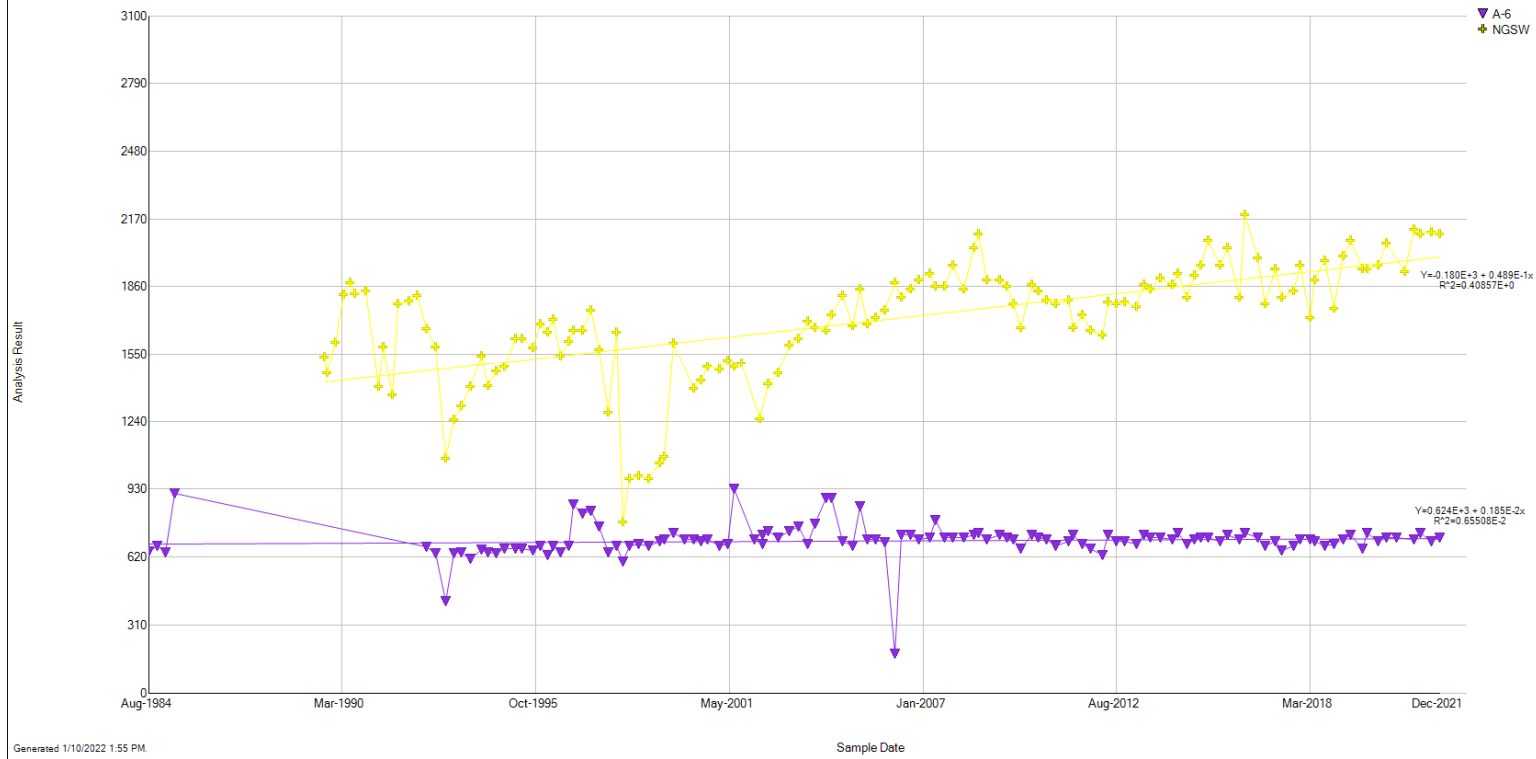
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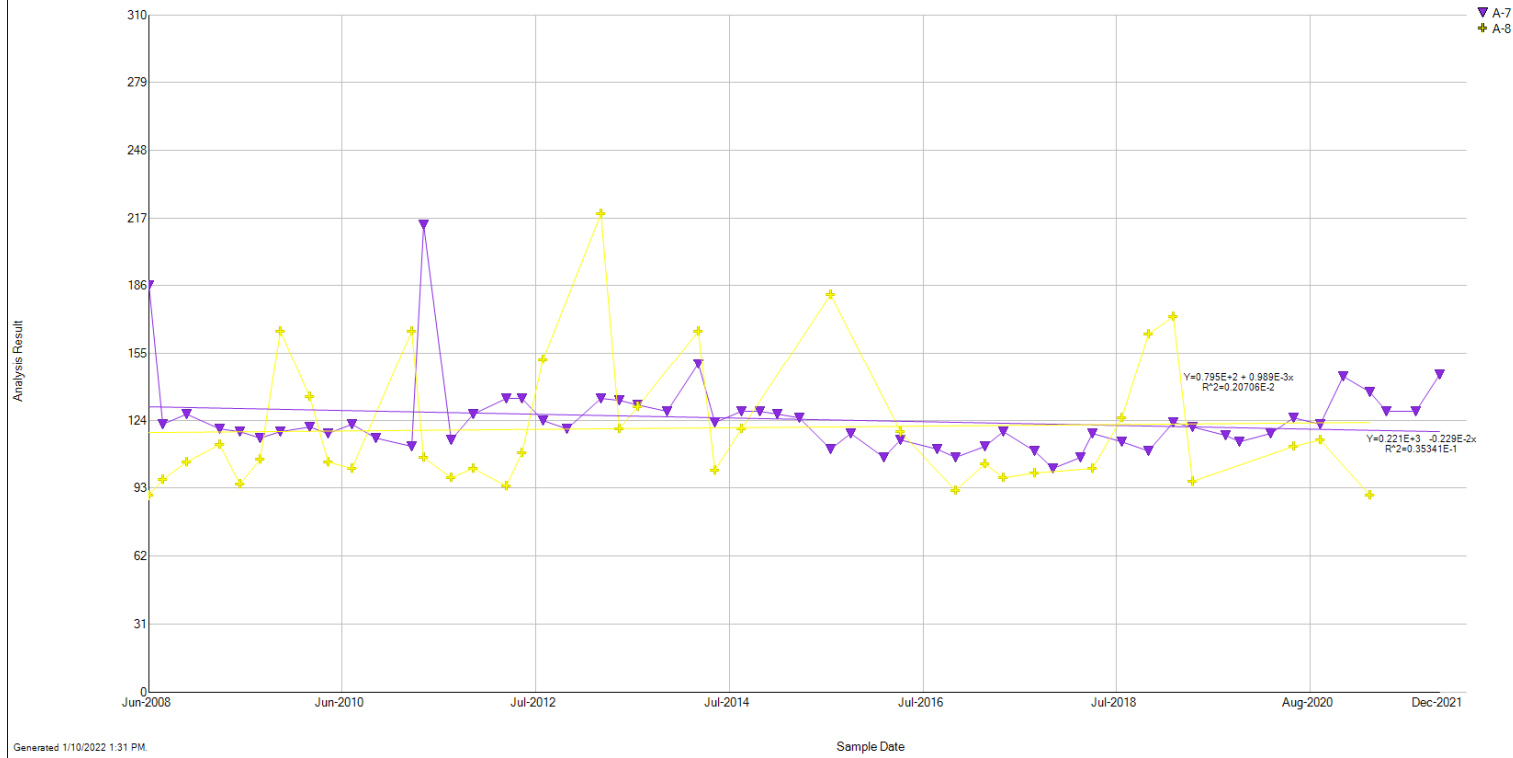




Good Spring Creek West and East Pits Total Dissolved Solids (mg/L)

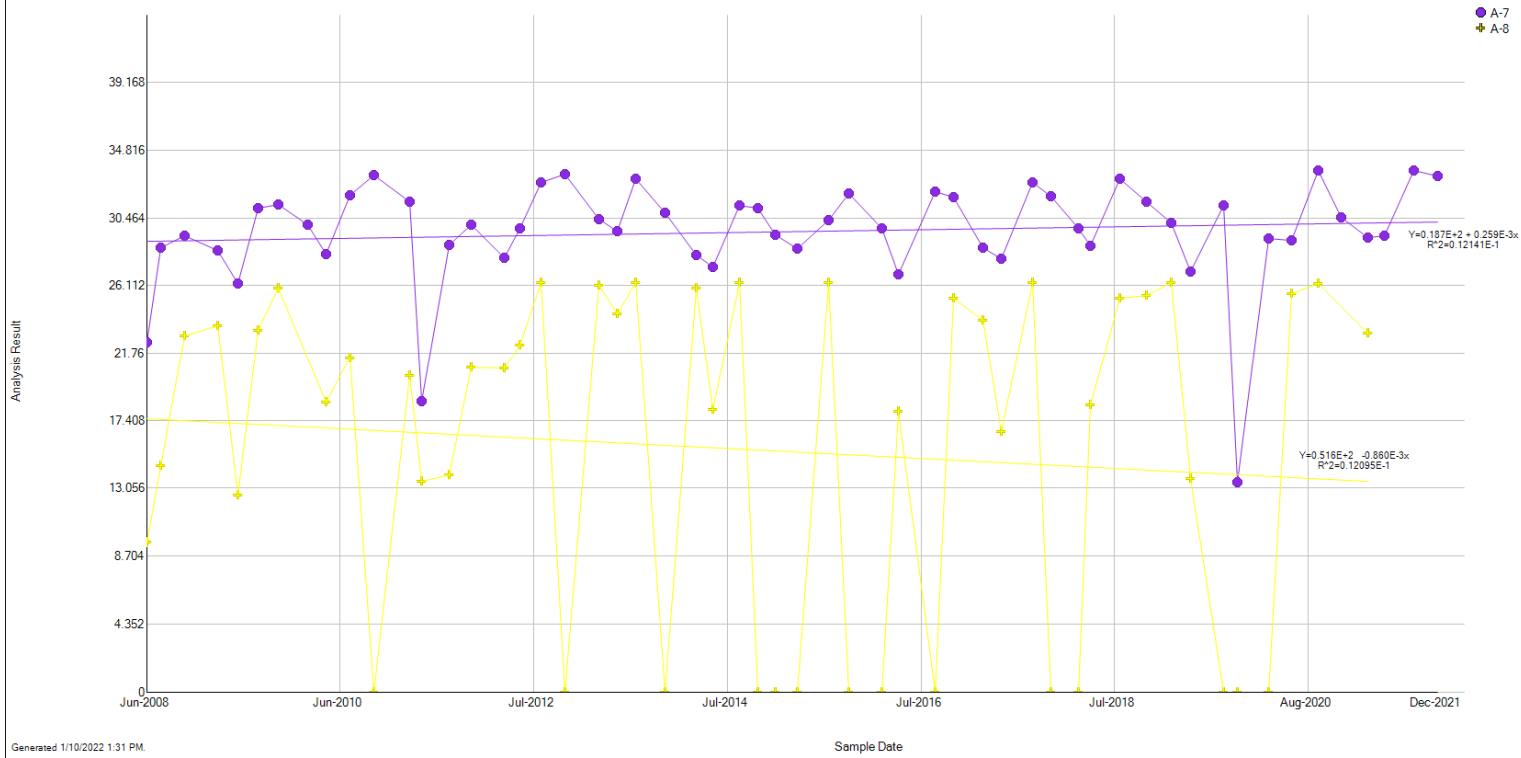


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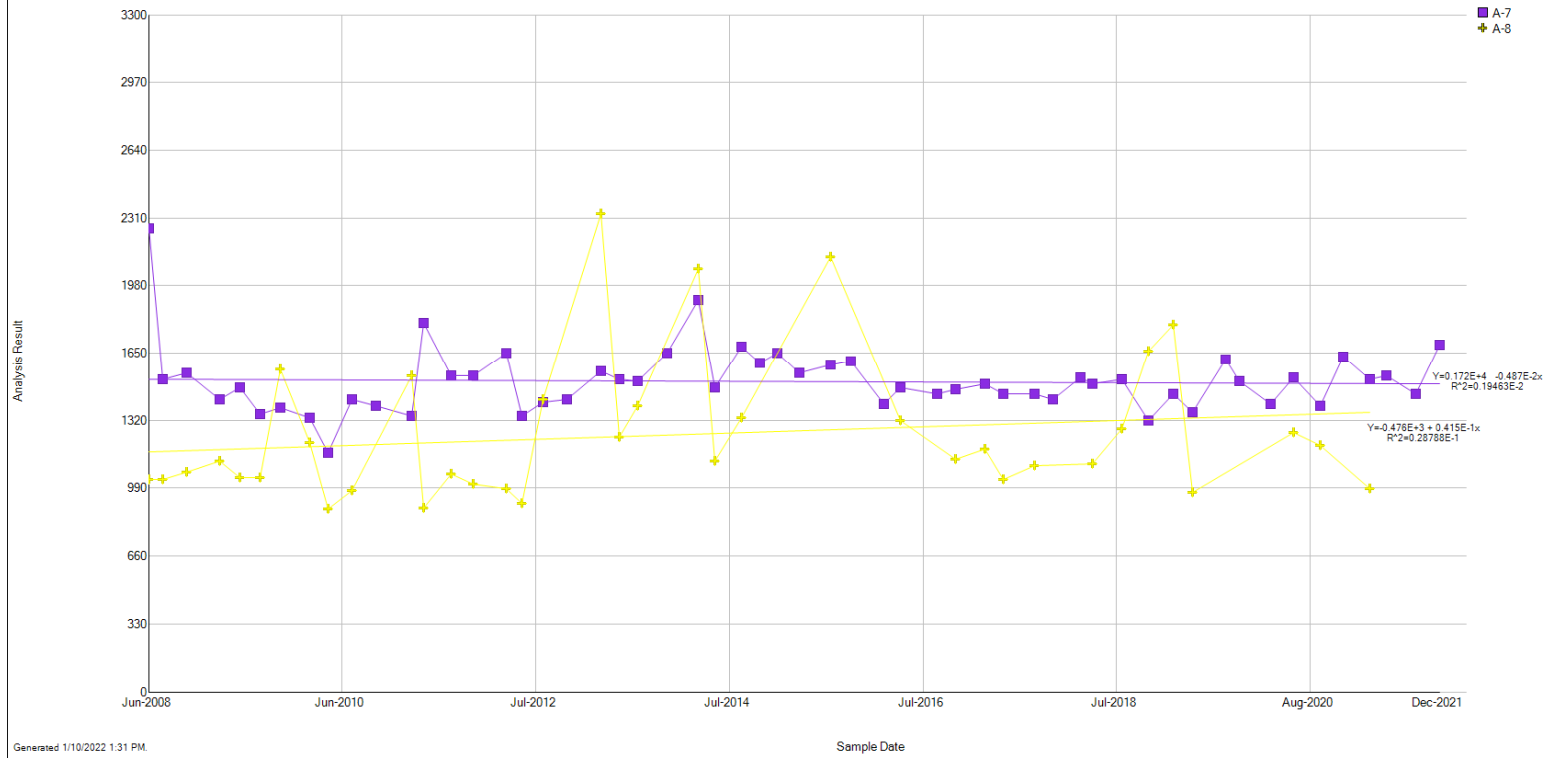


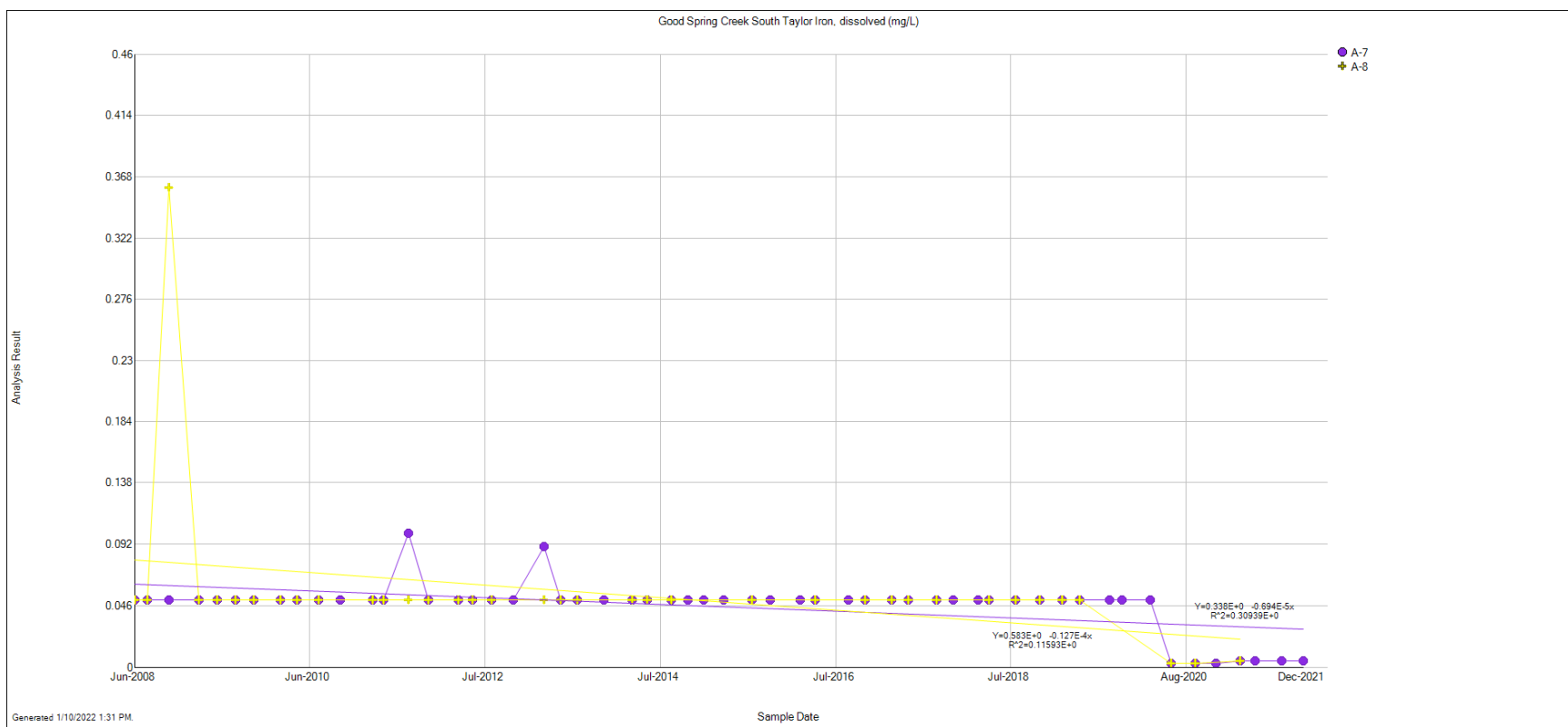


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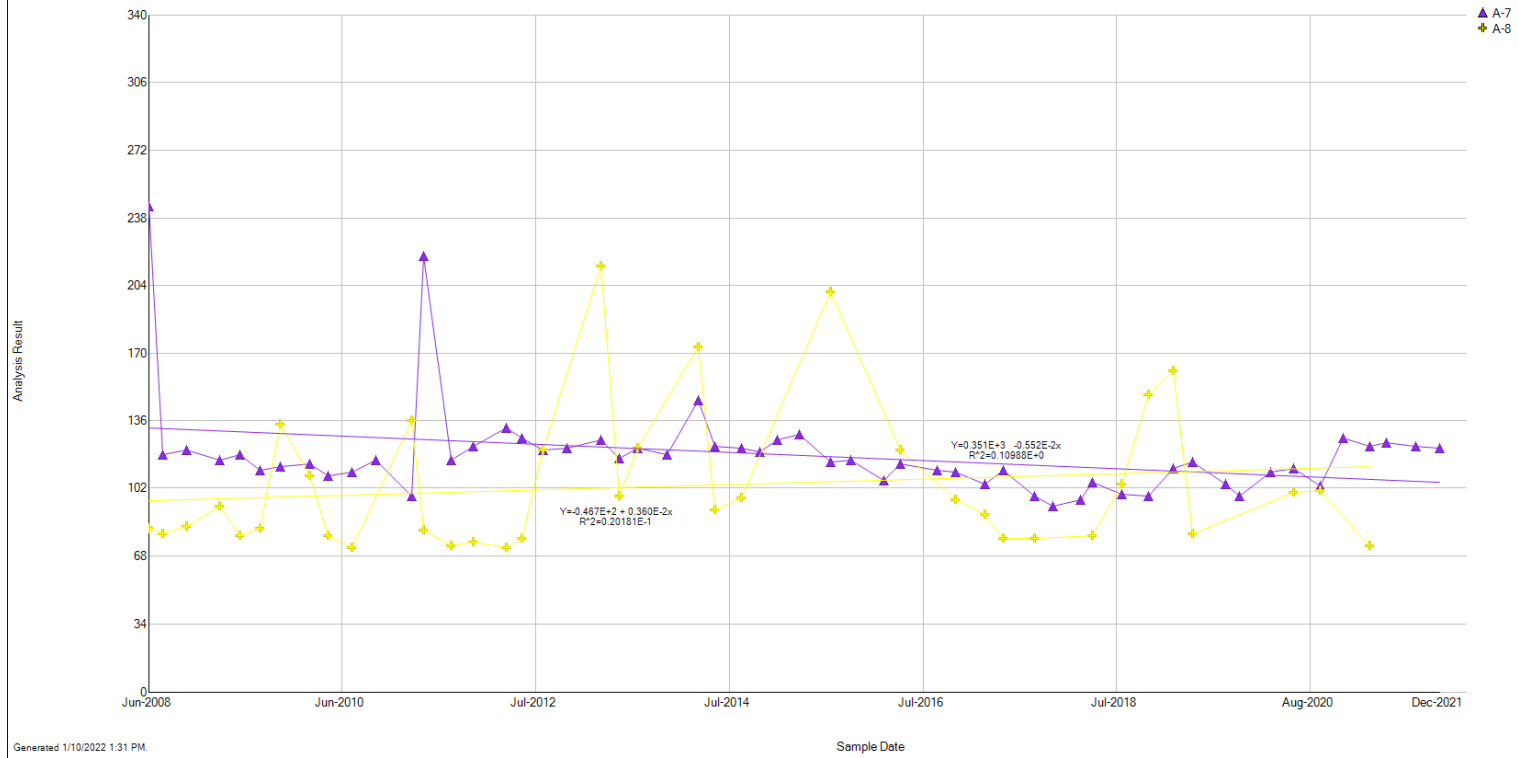


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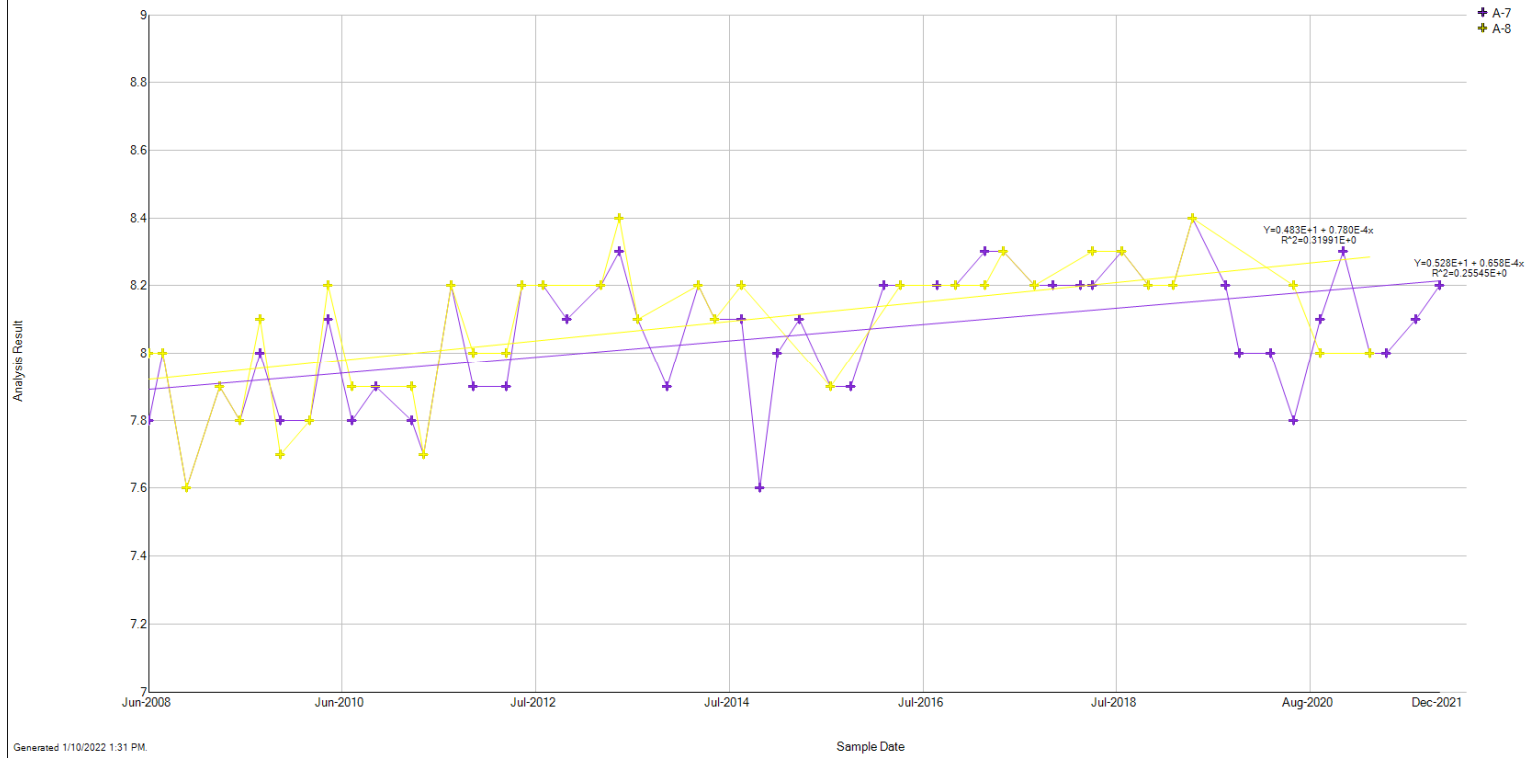




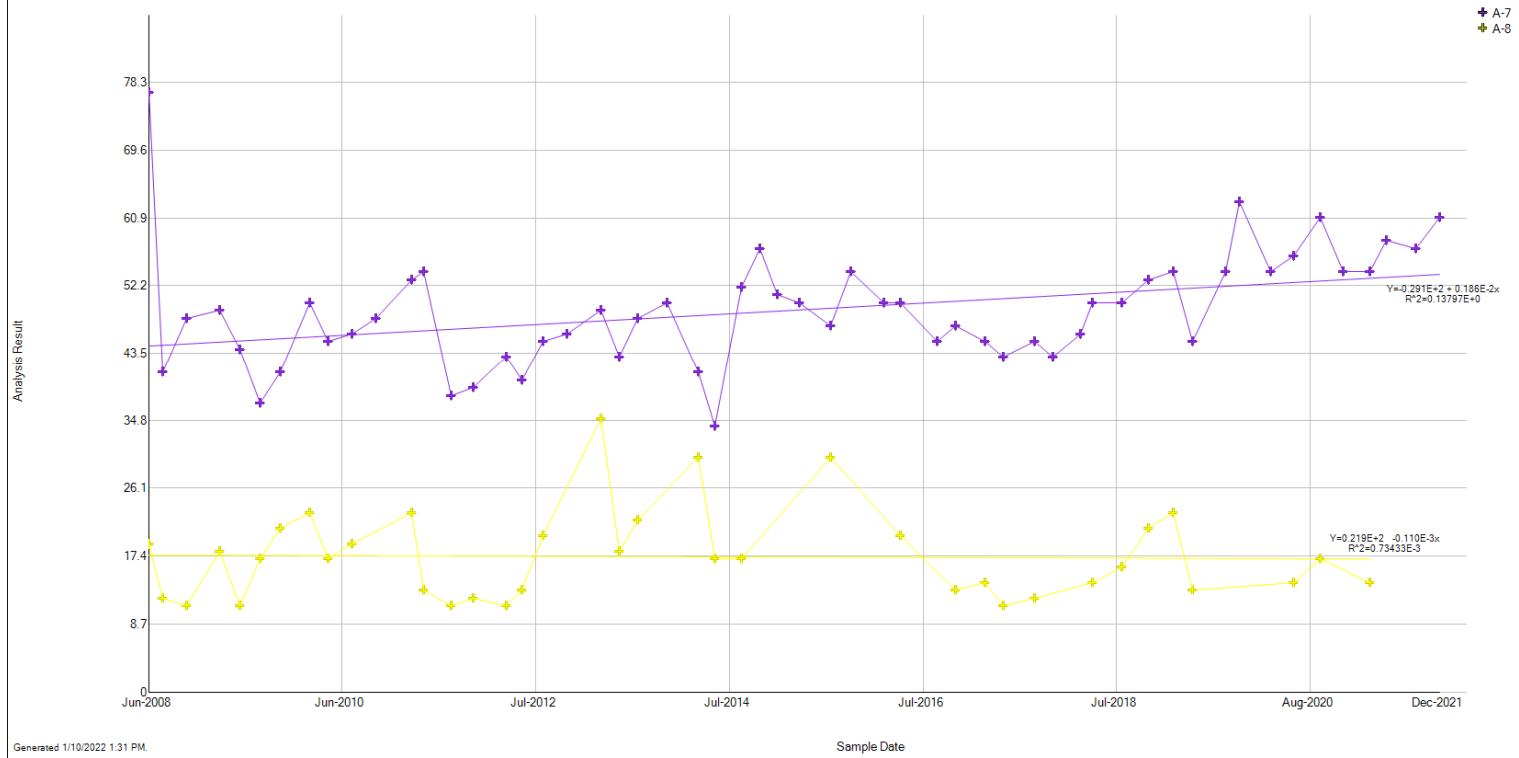
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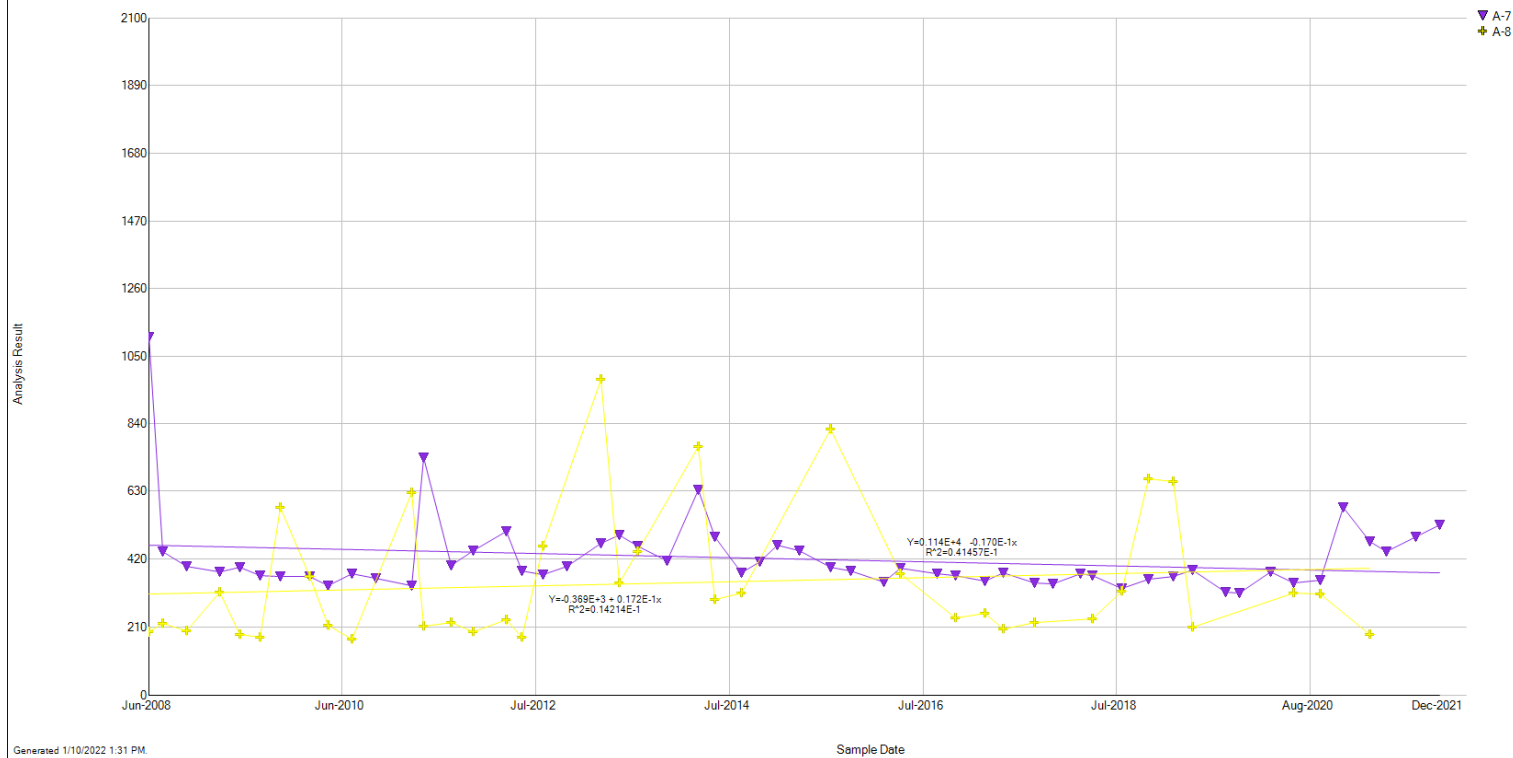
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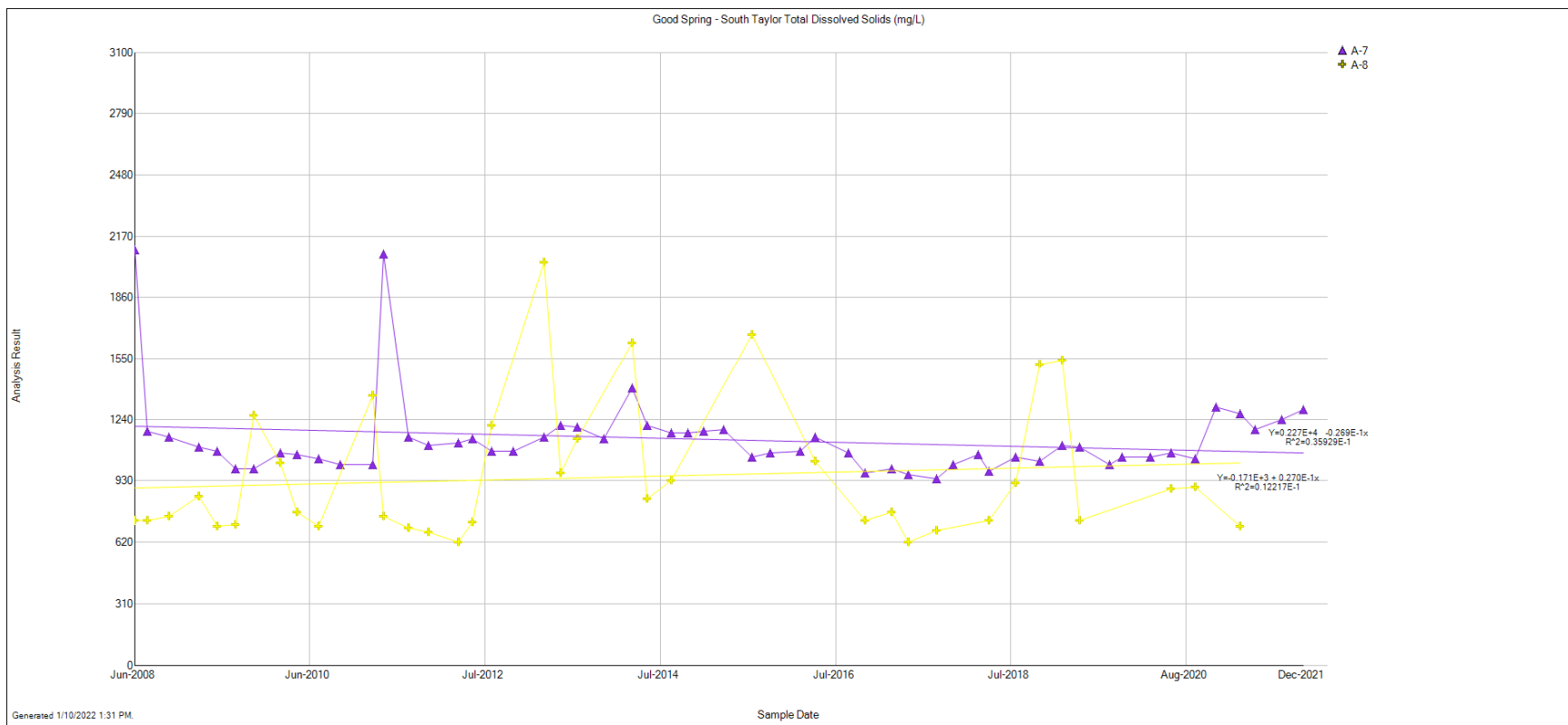


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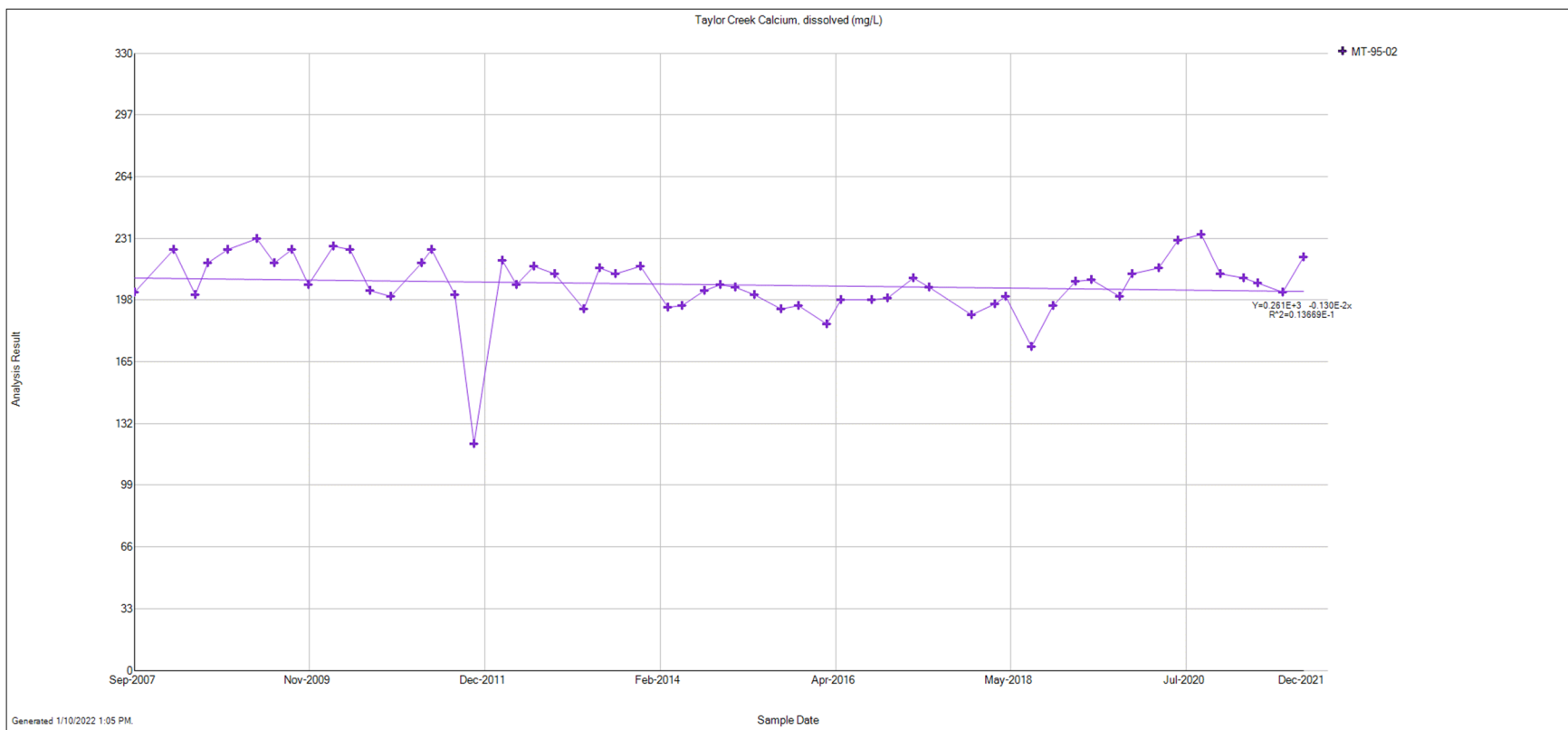


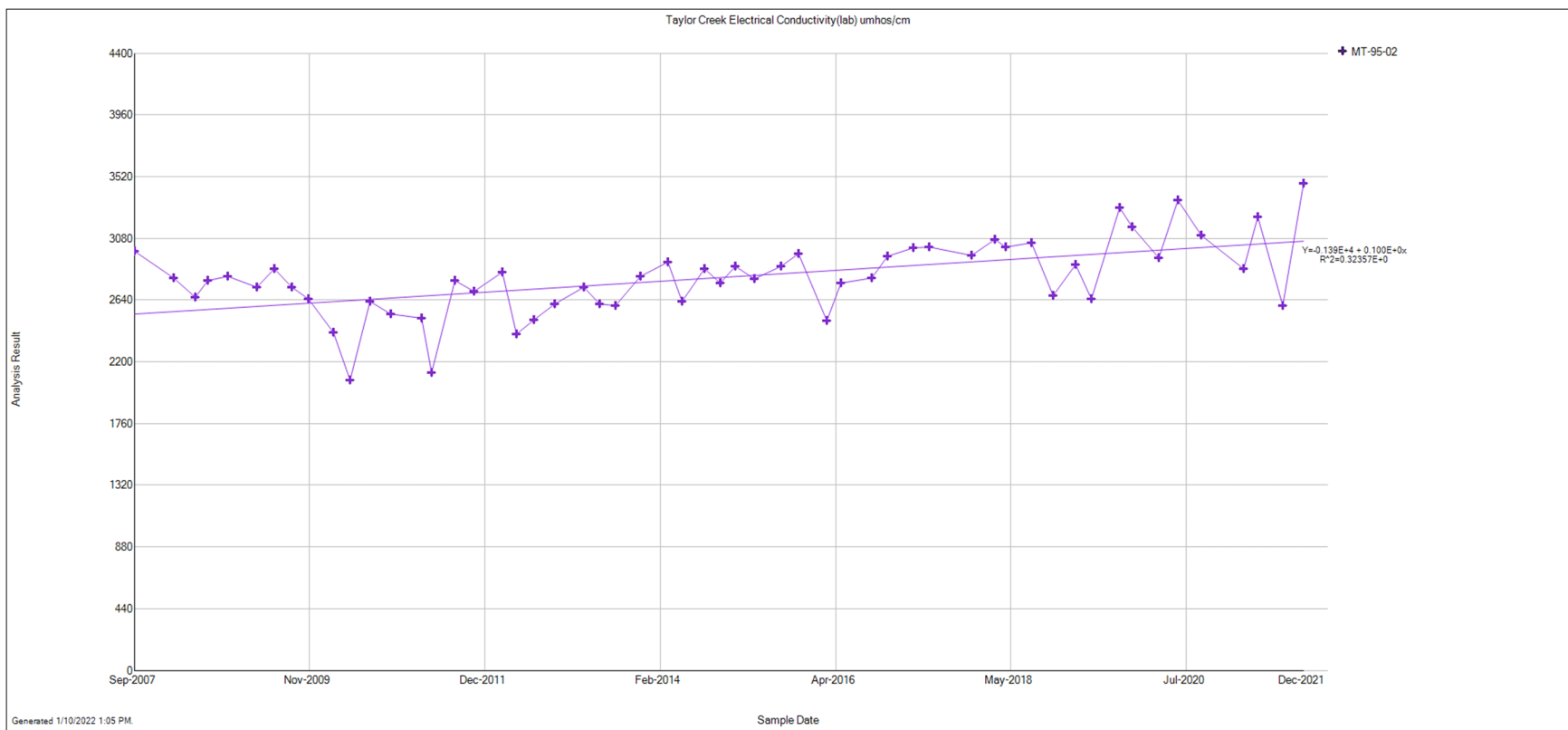
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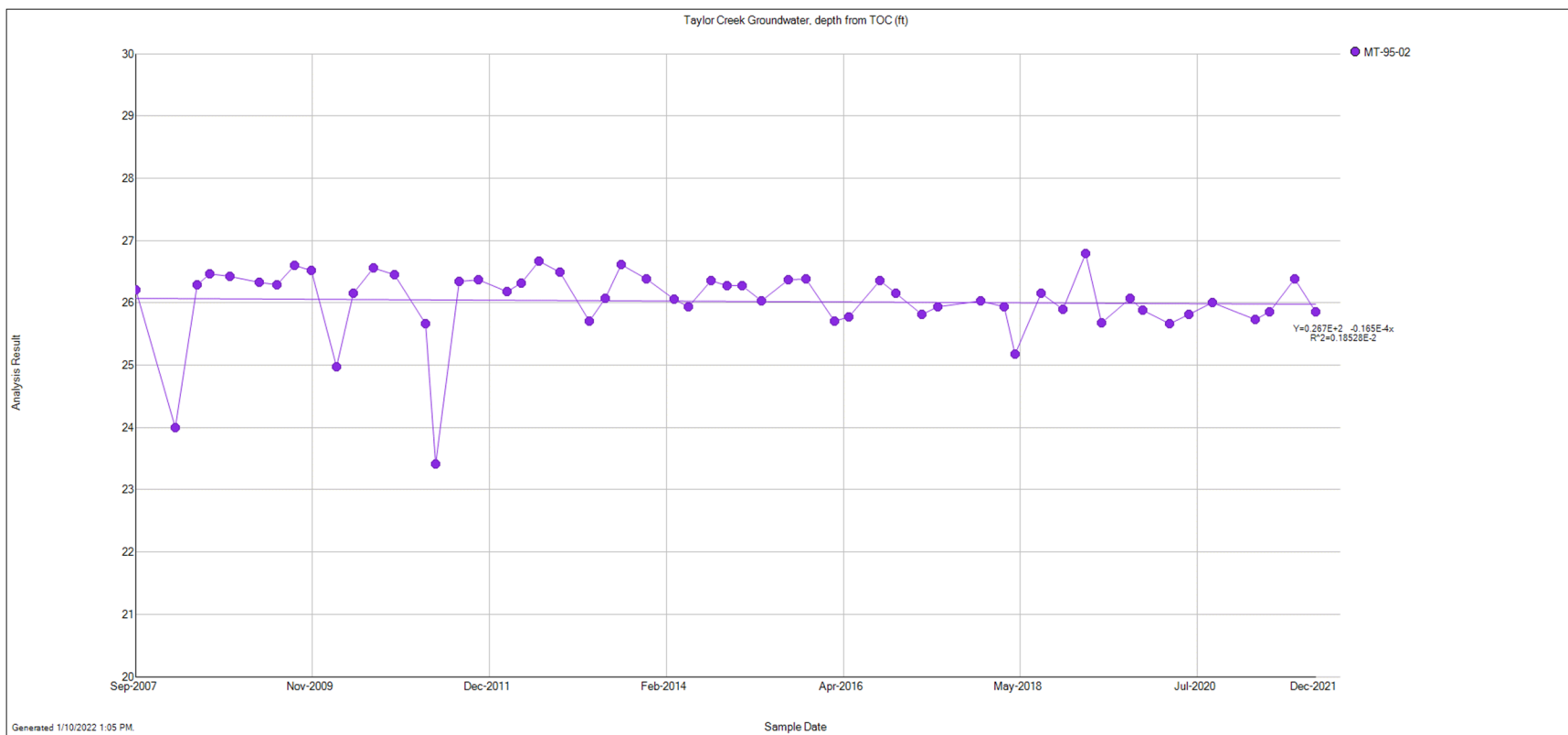


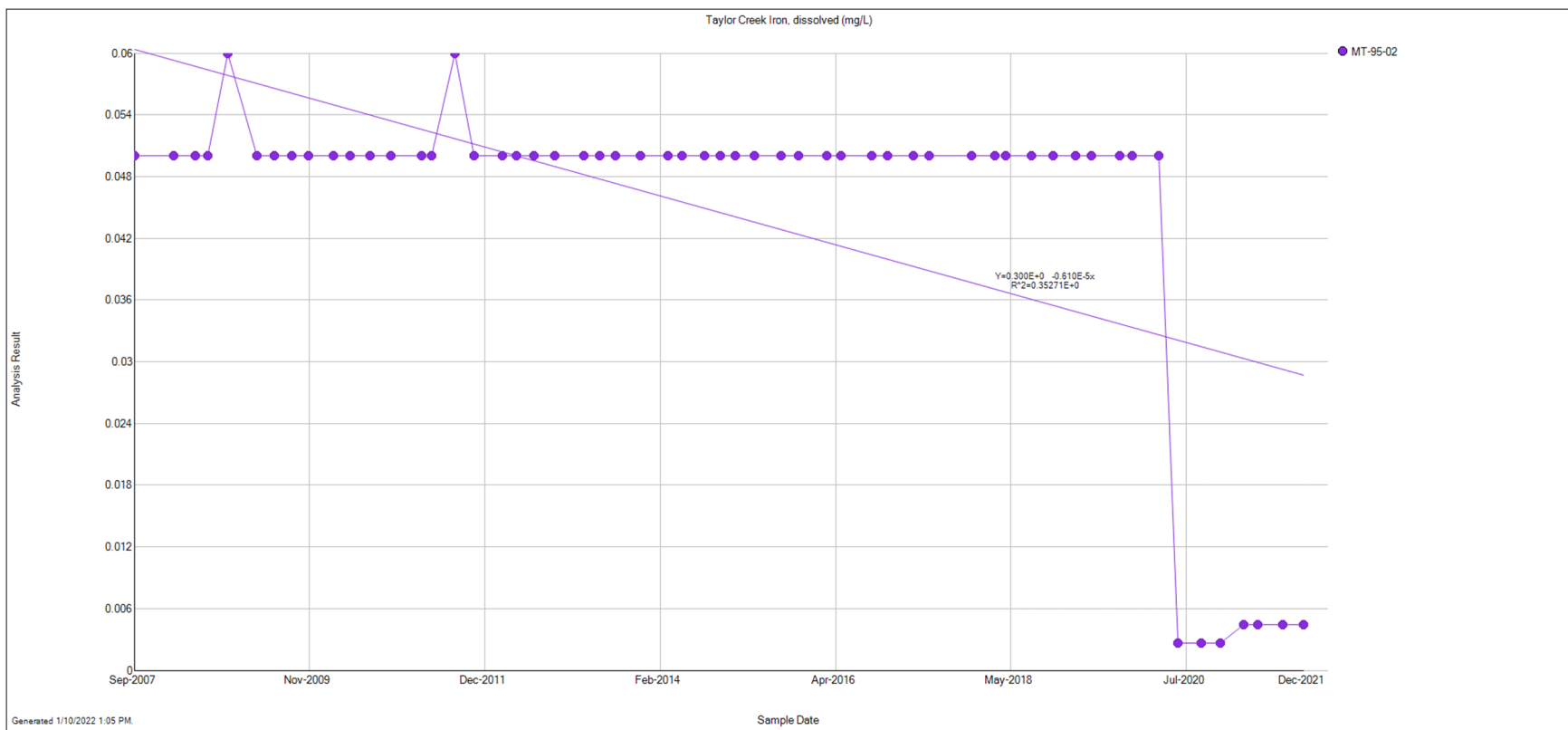


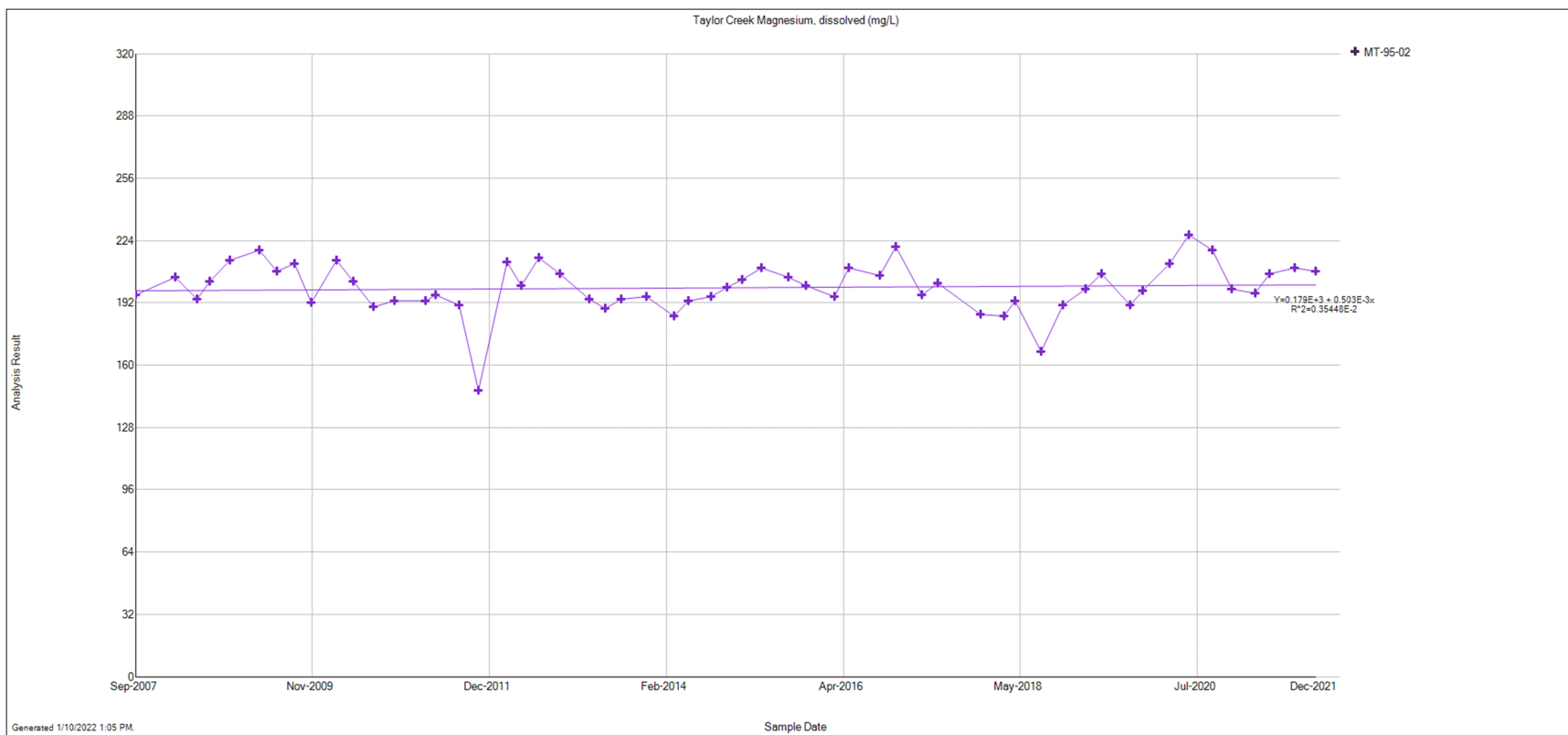


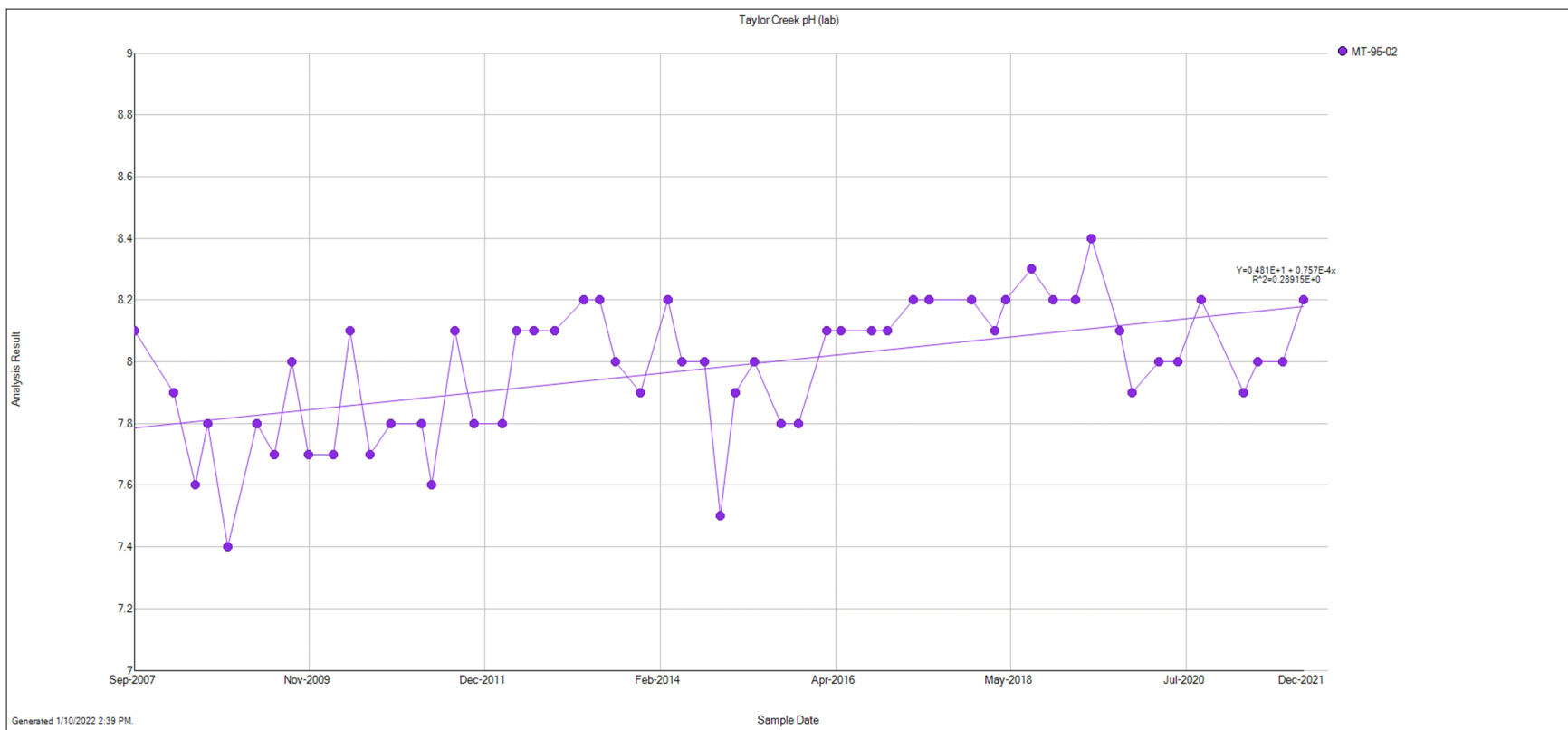


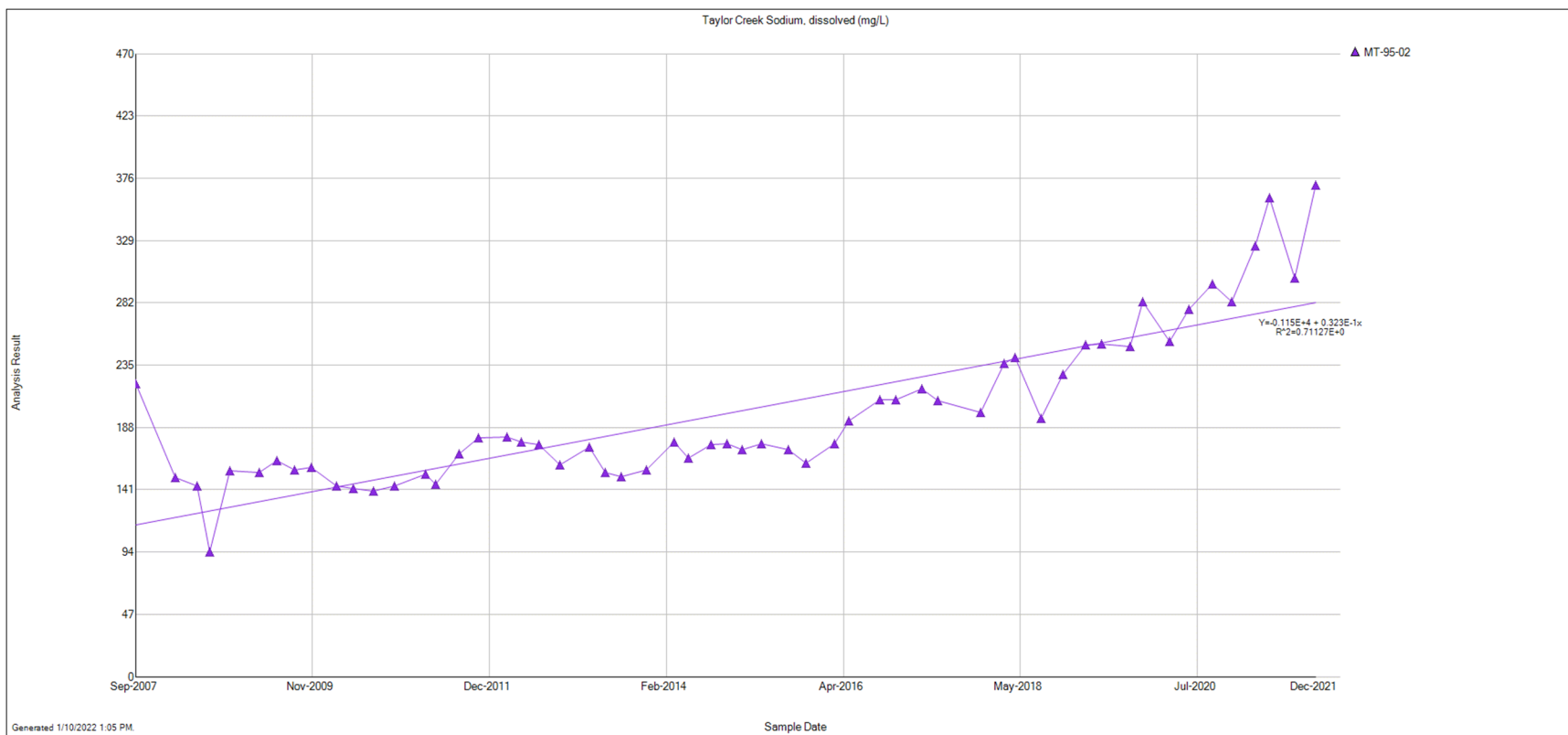


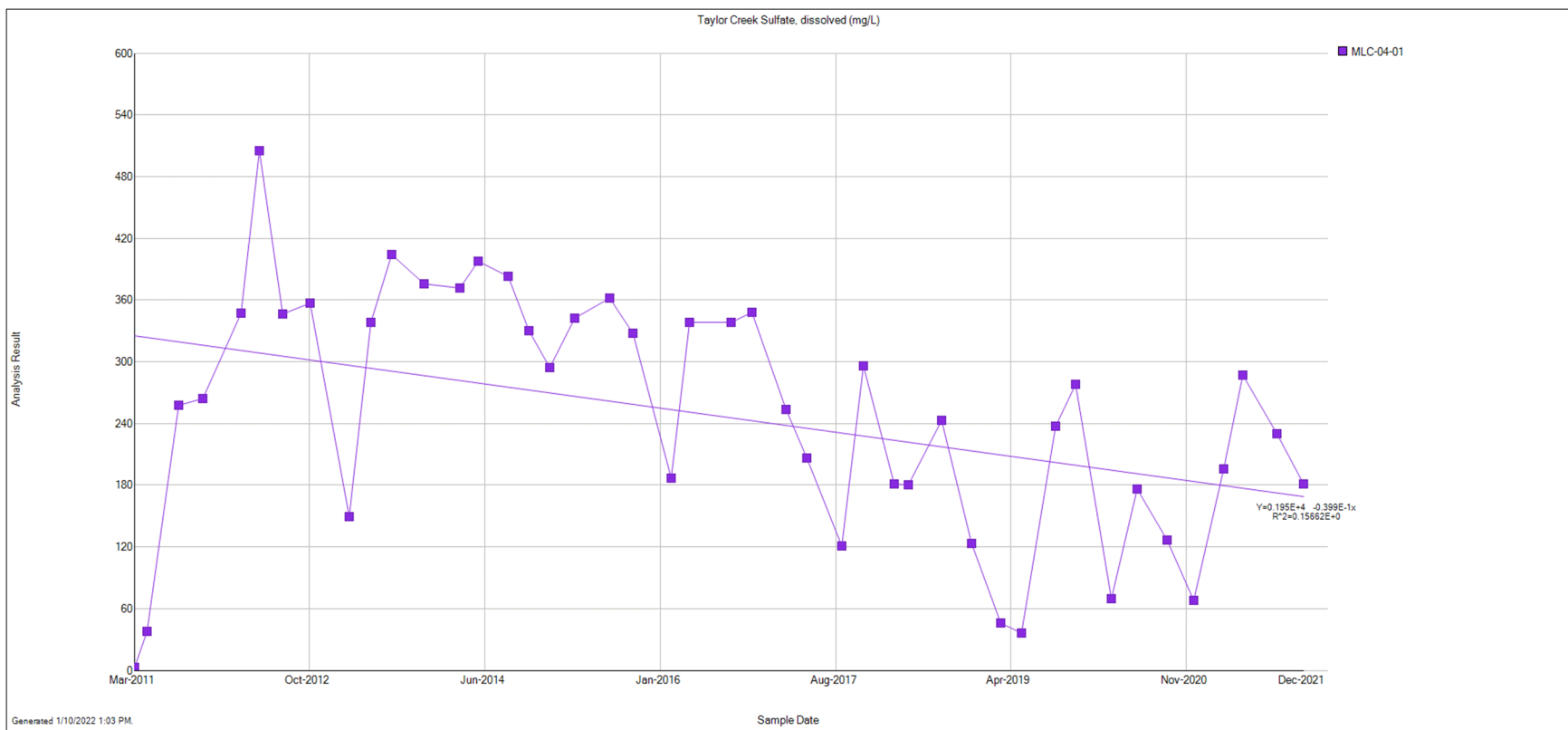




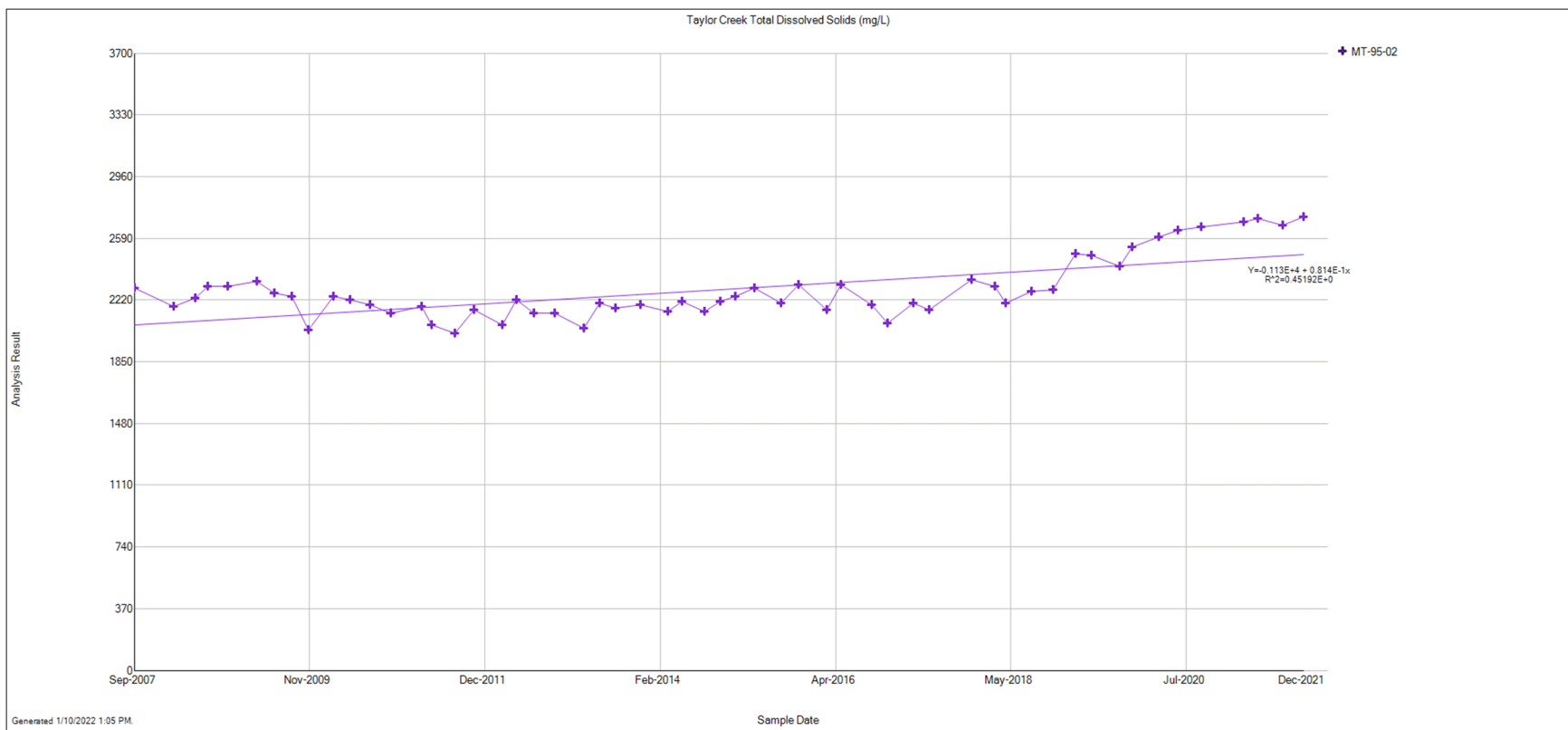


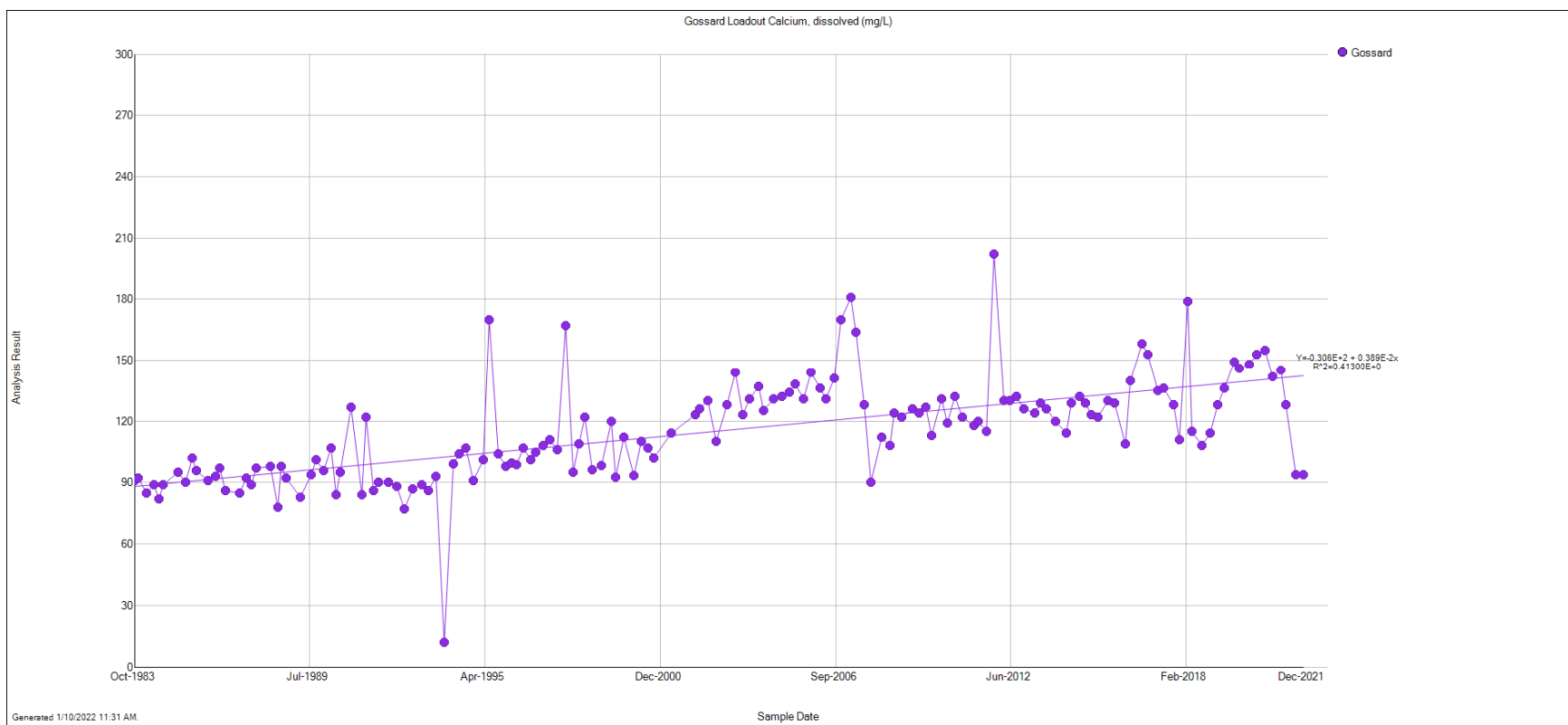


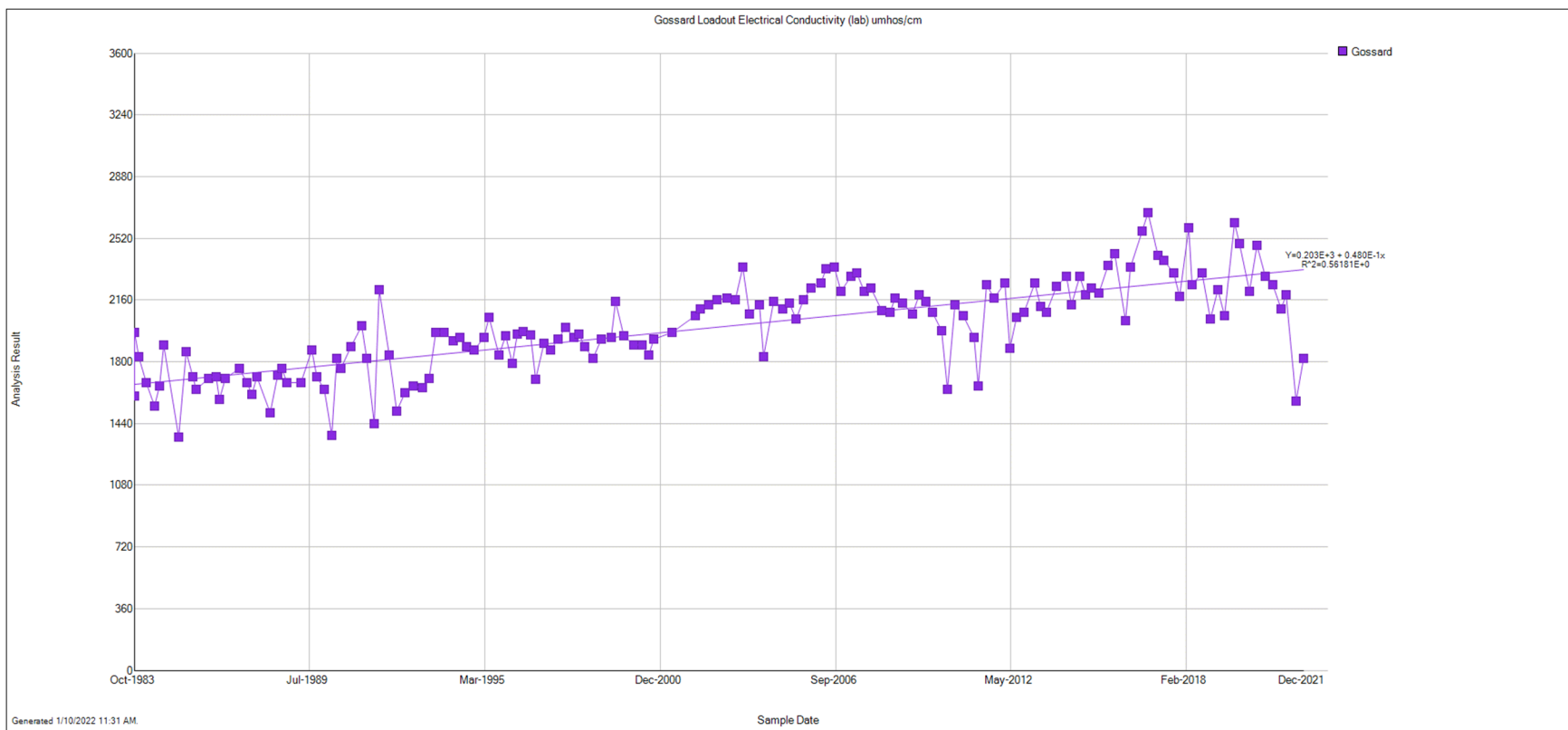


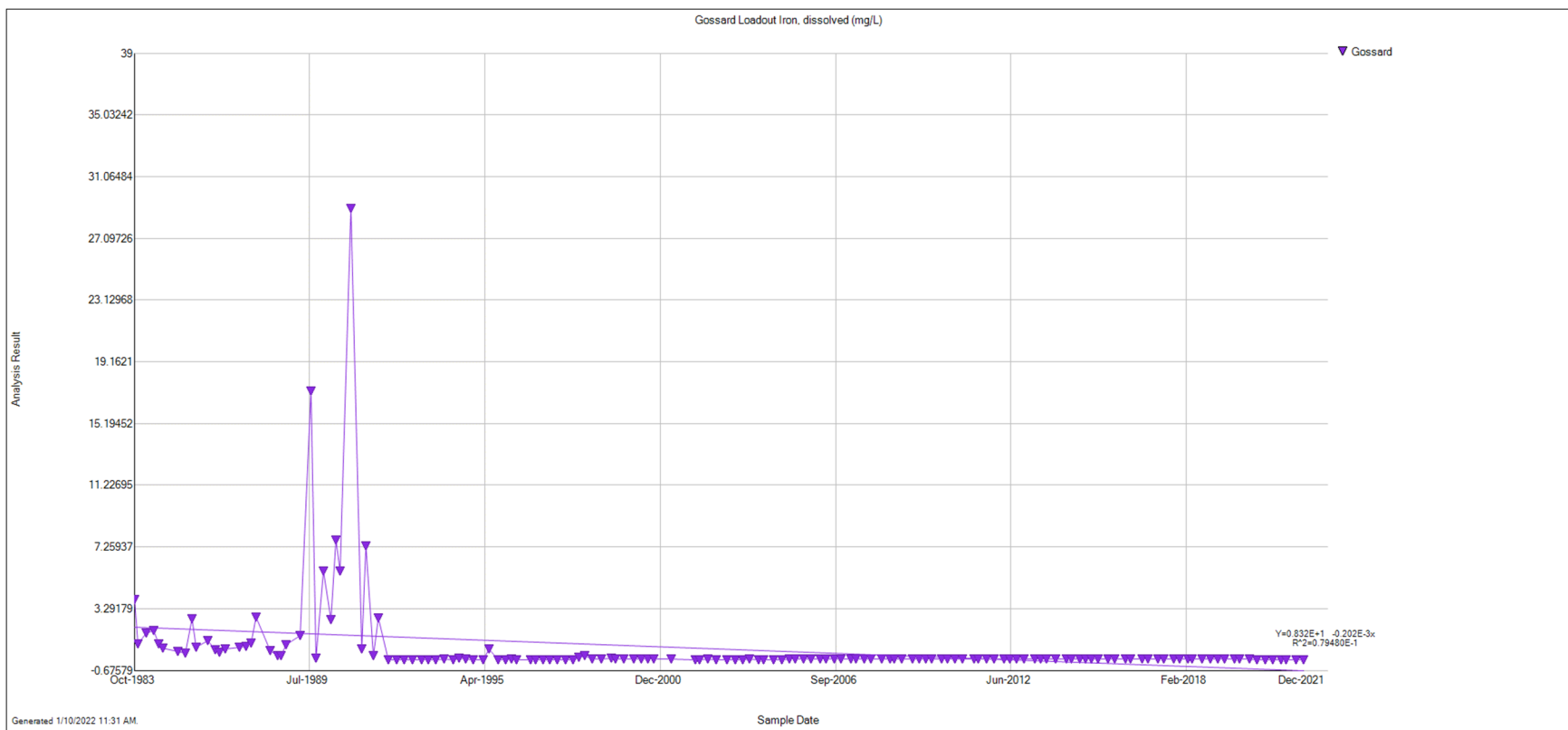


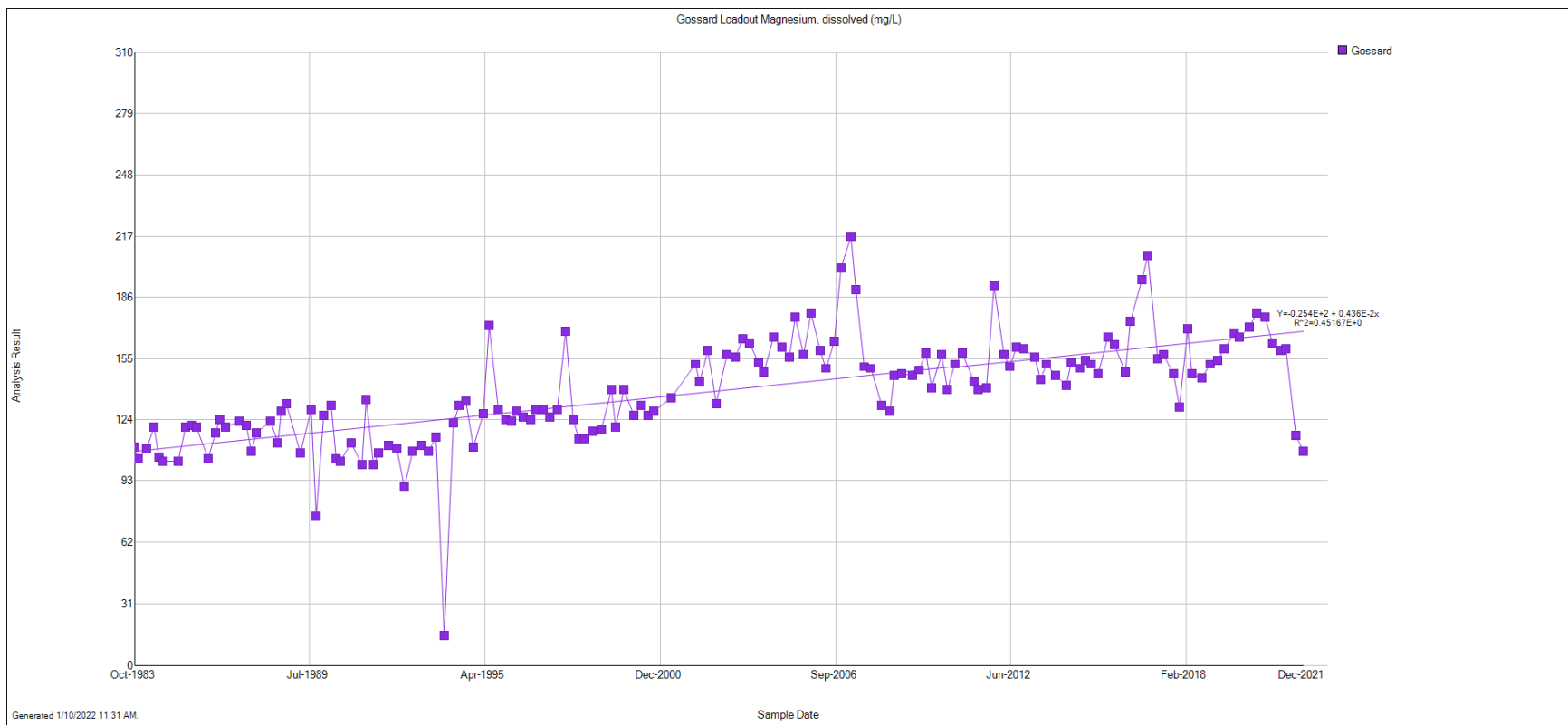


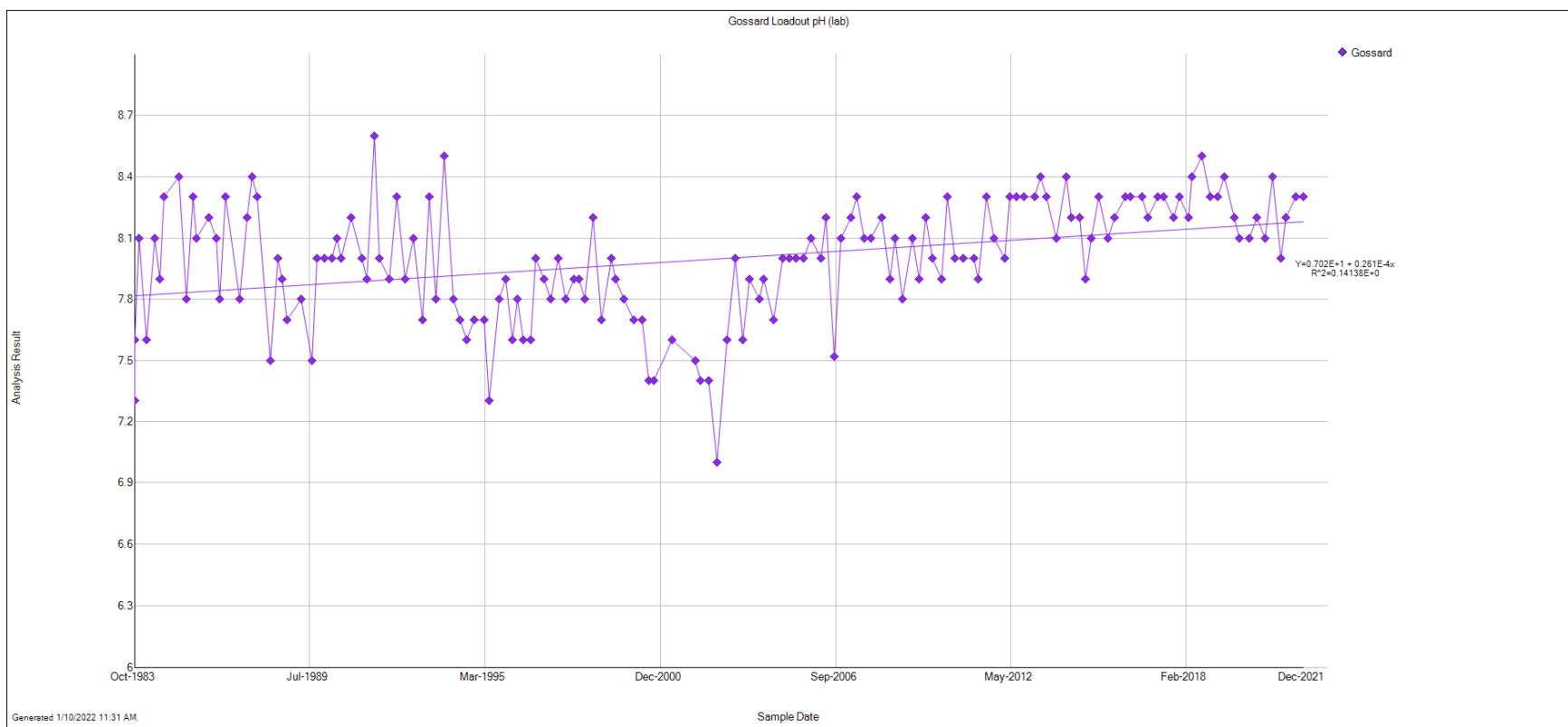


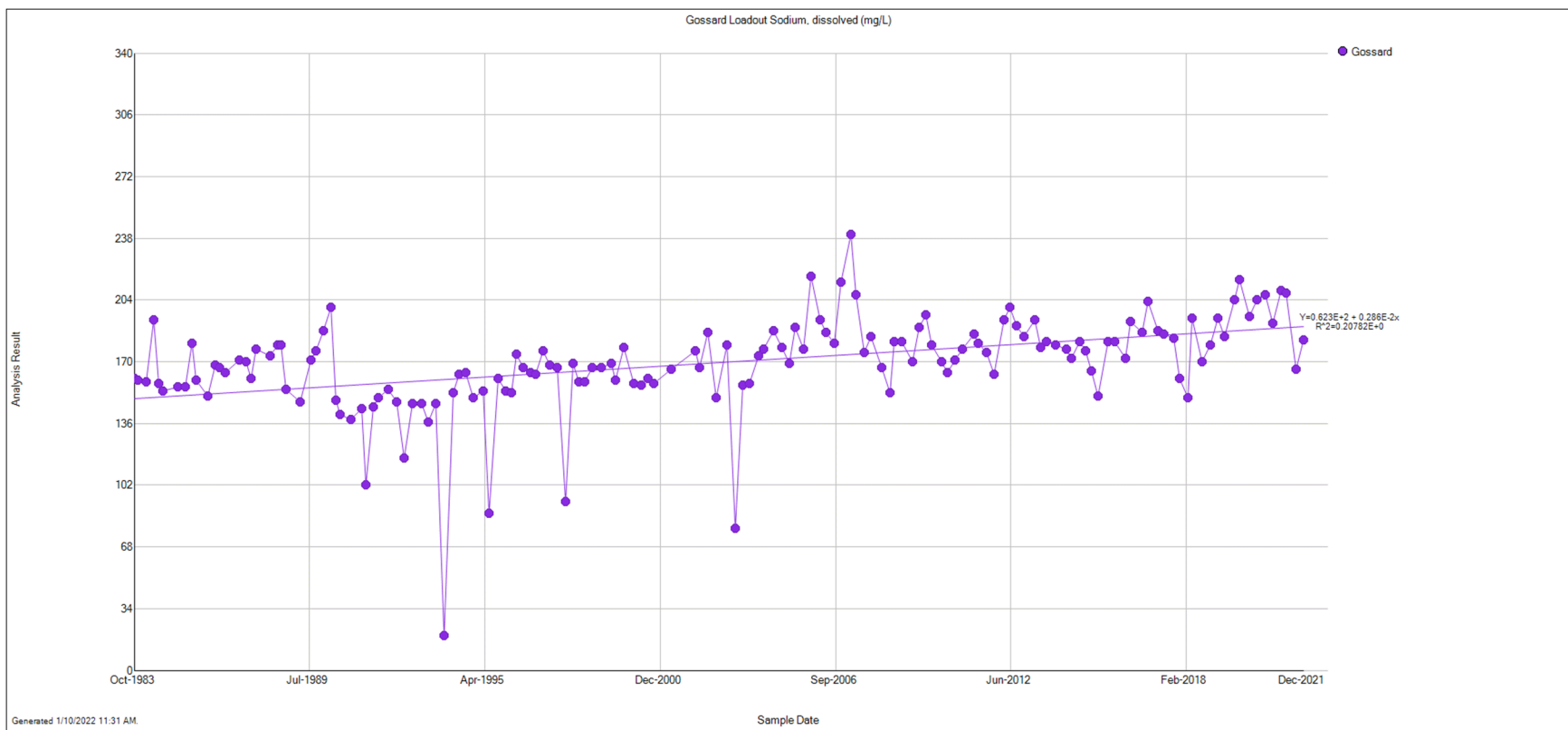


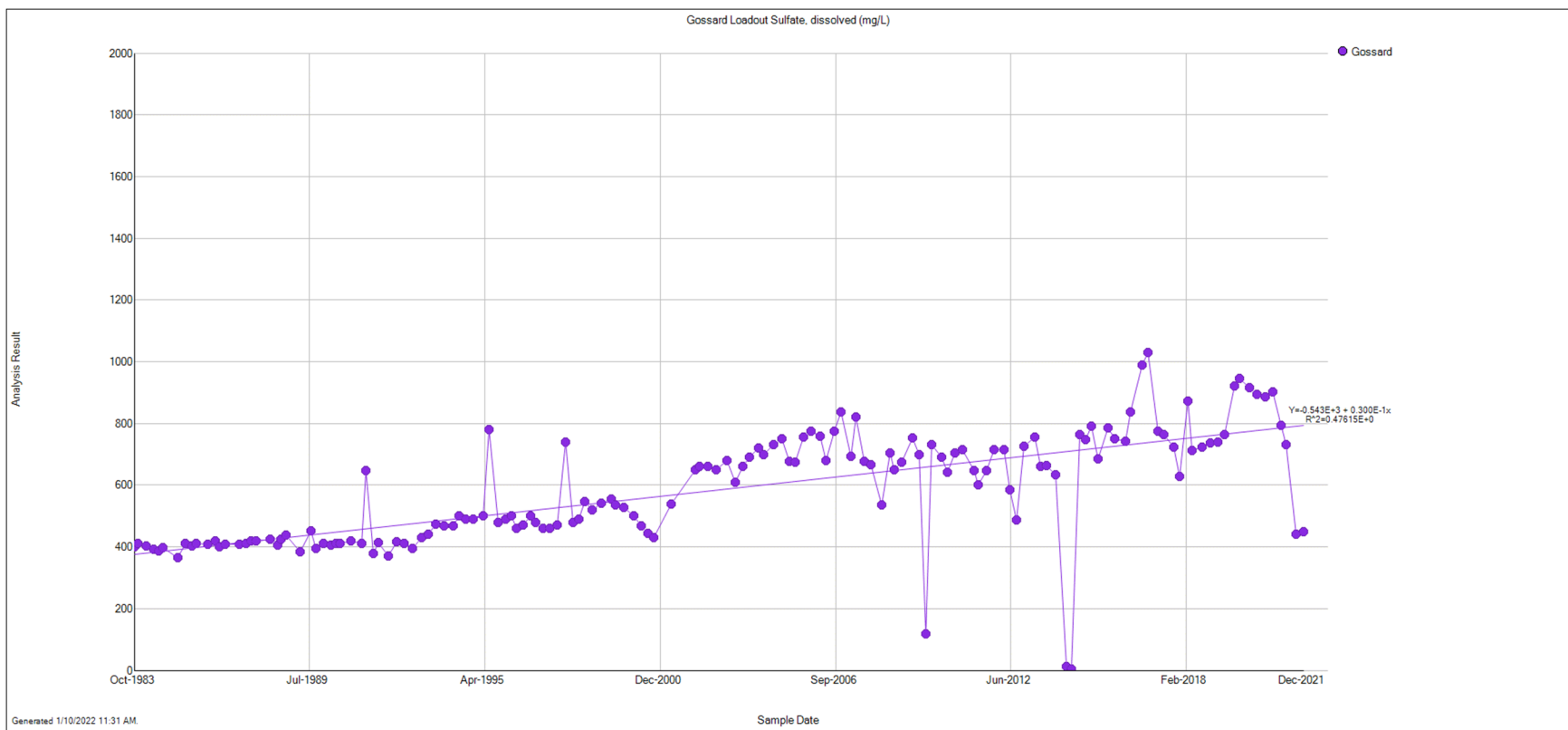




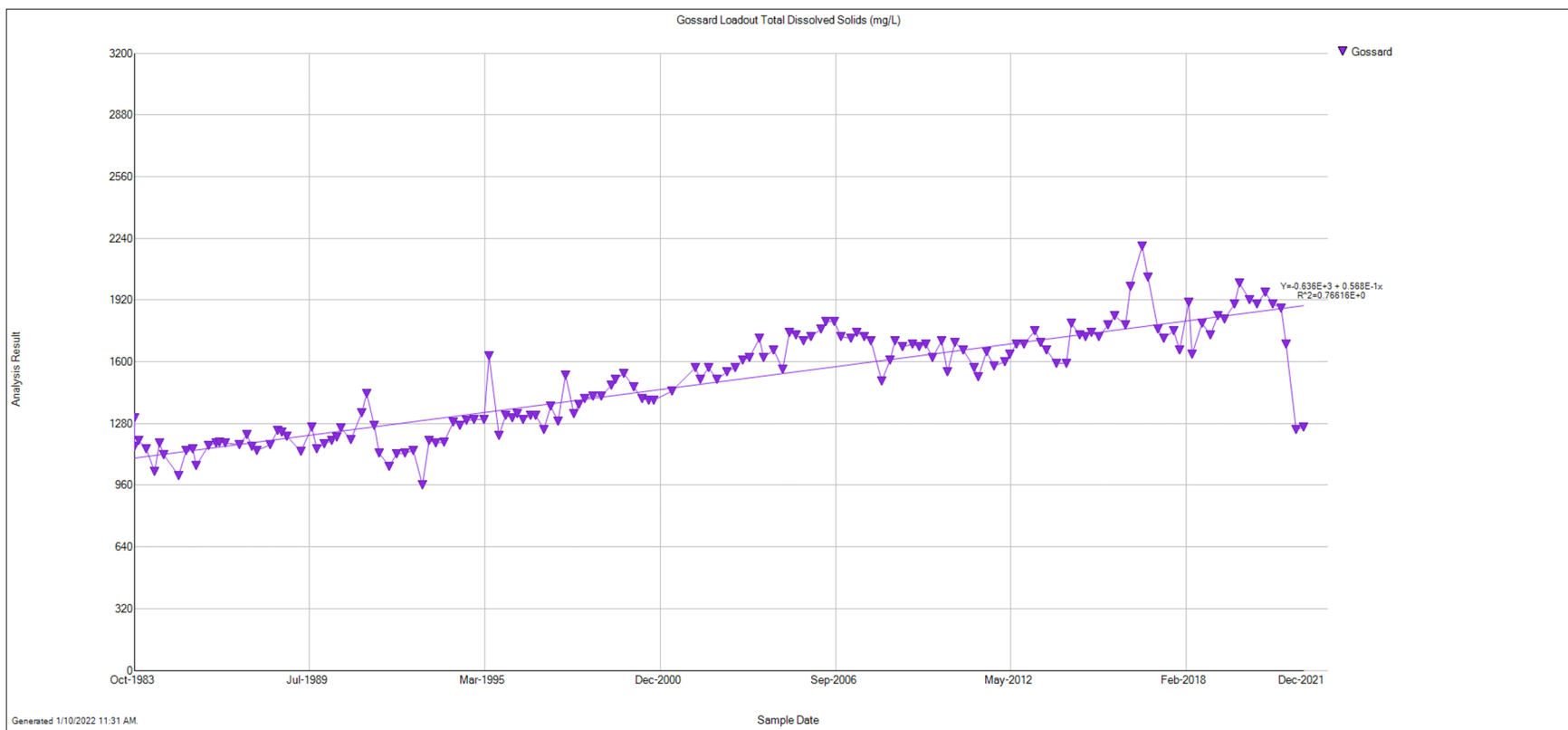


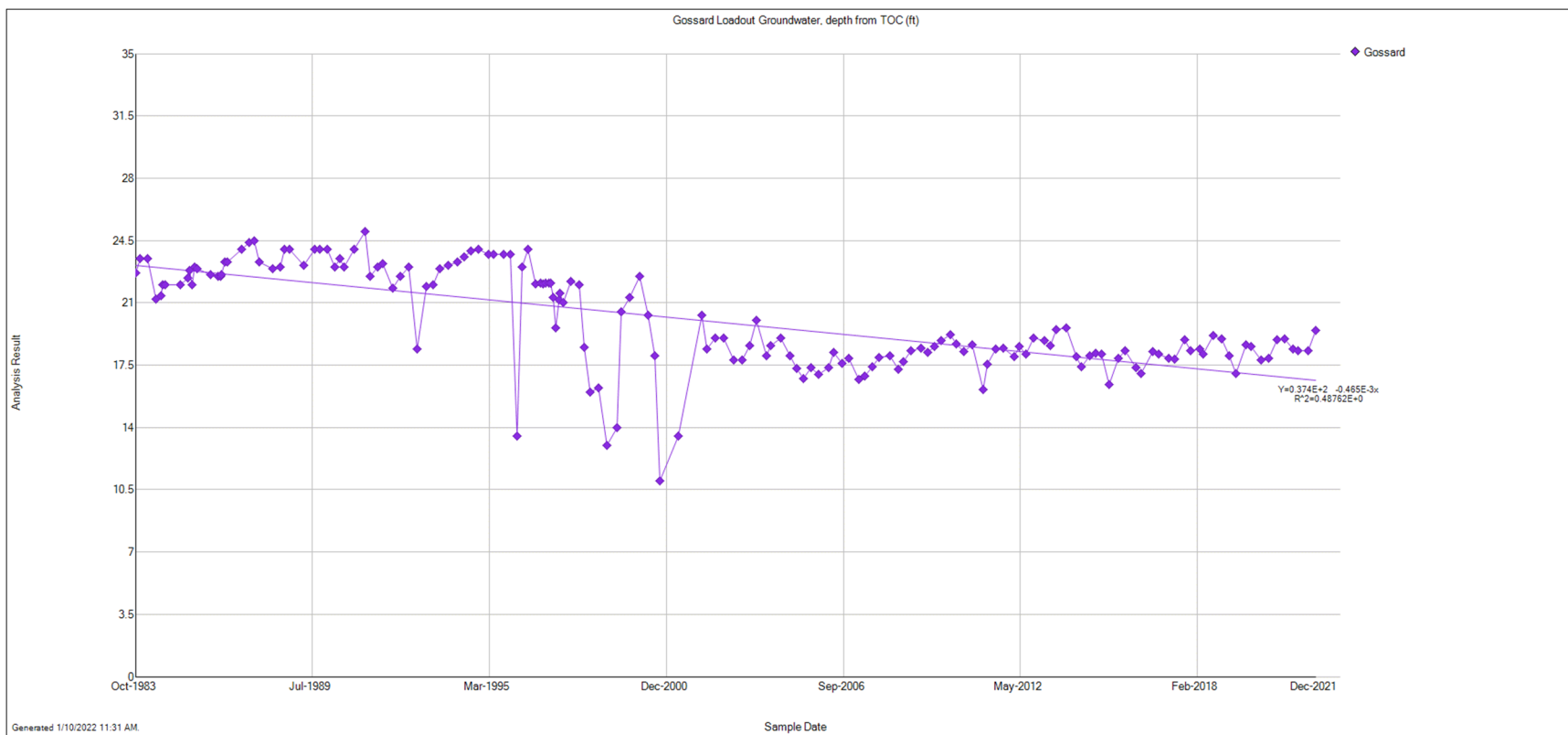


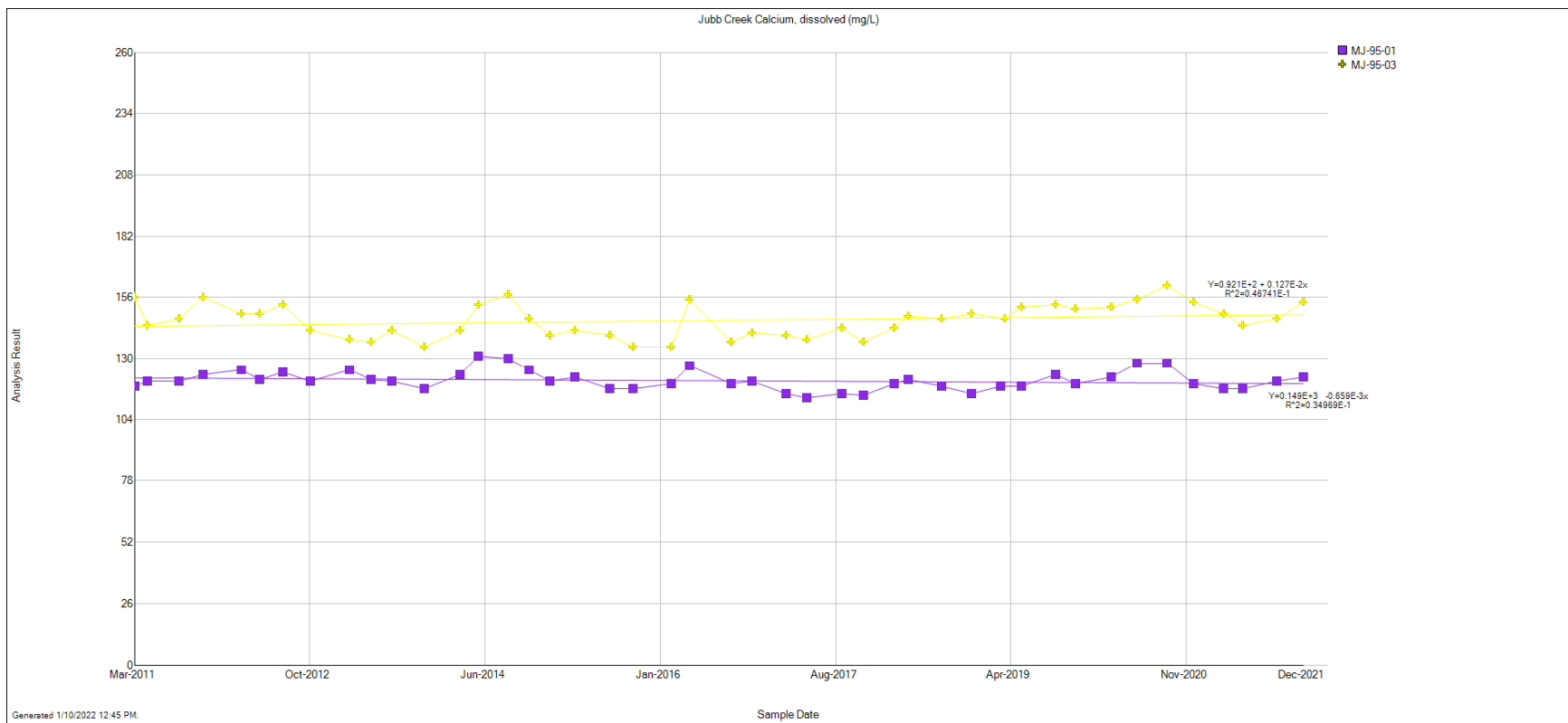


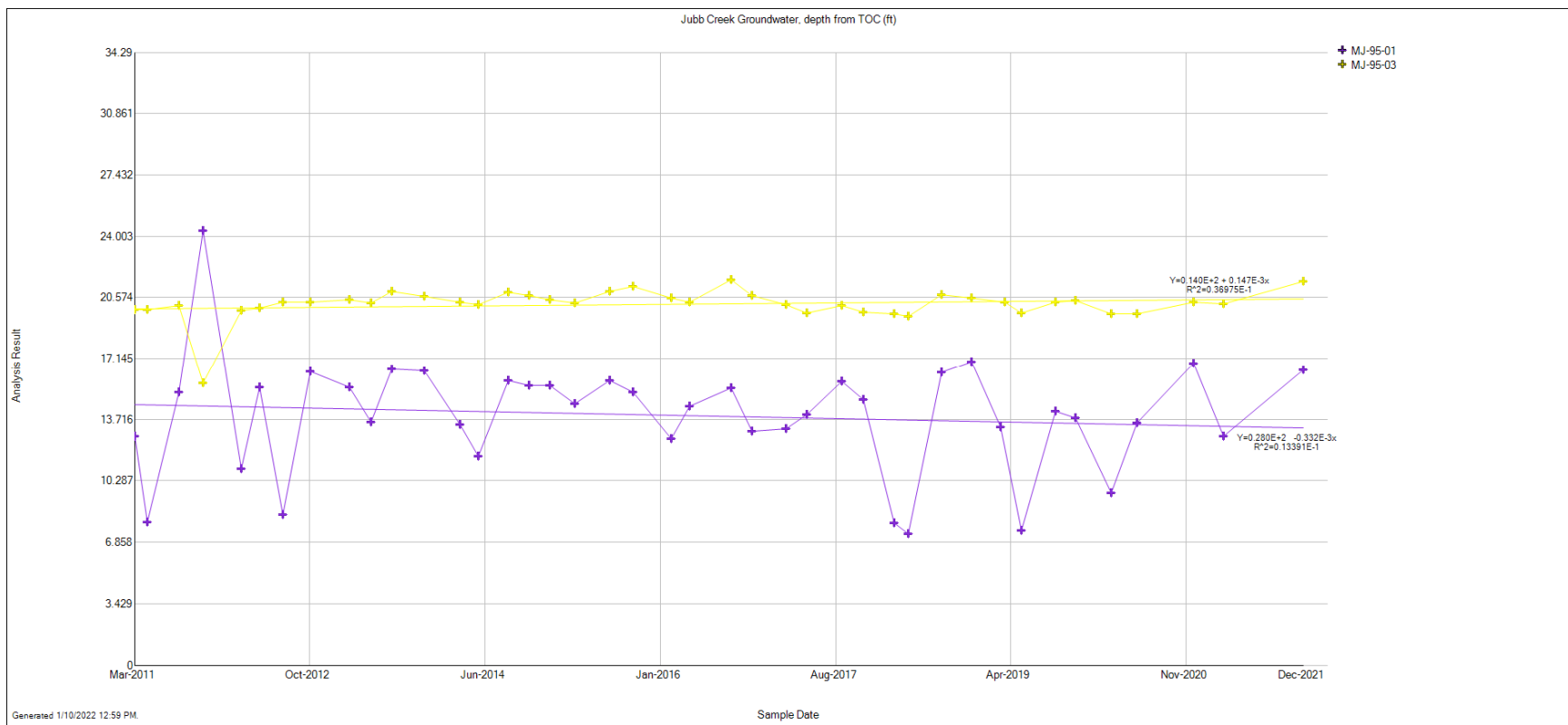


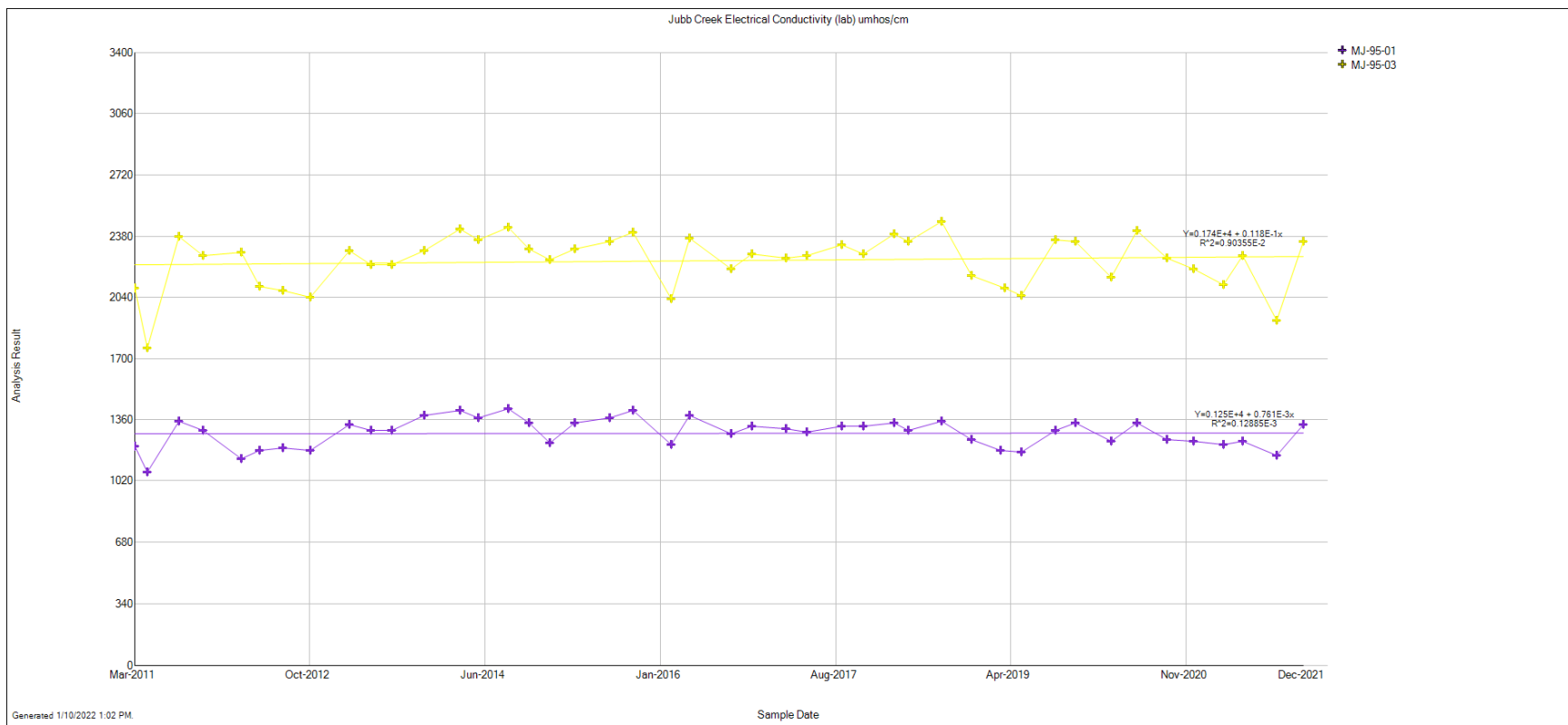


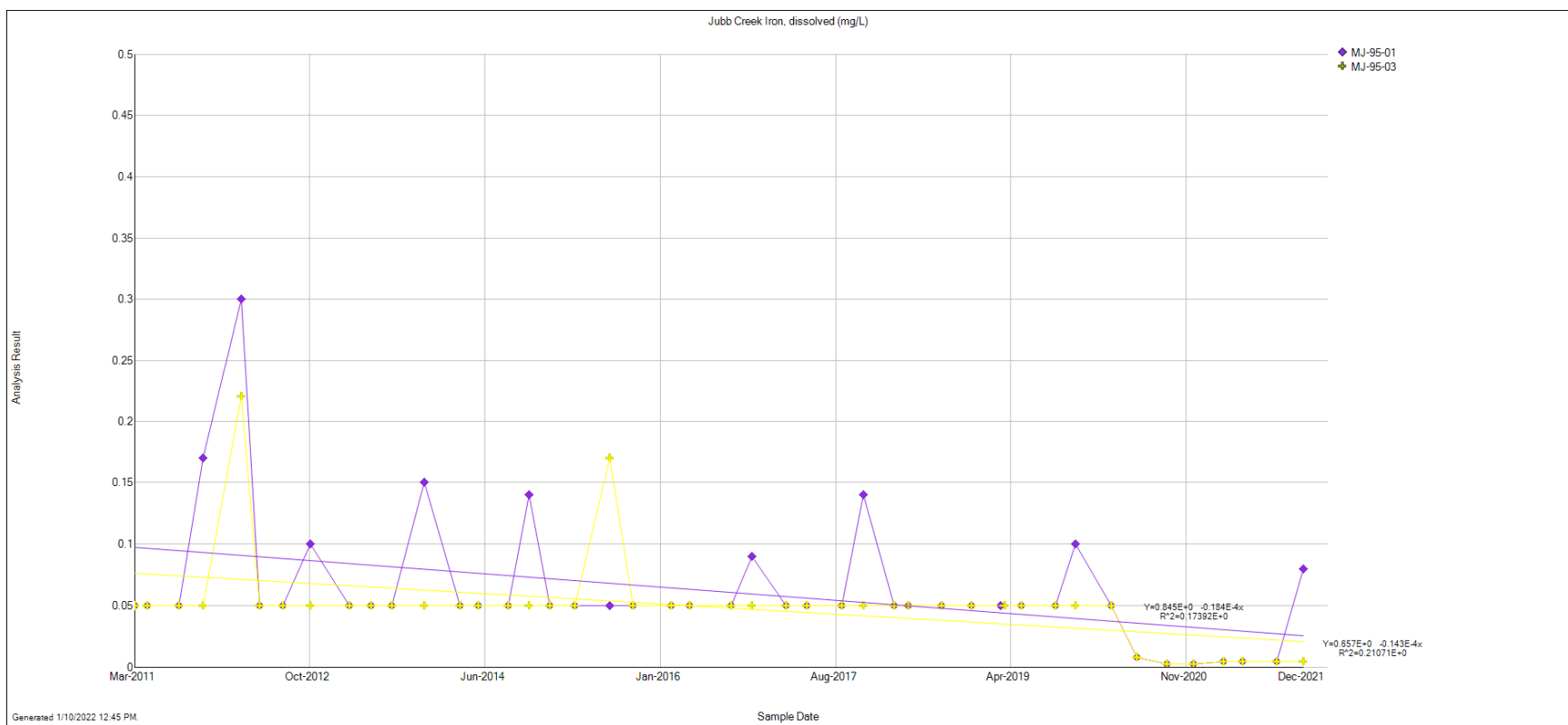


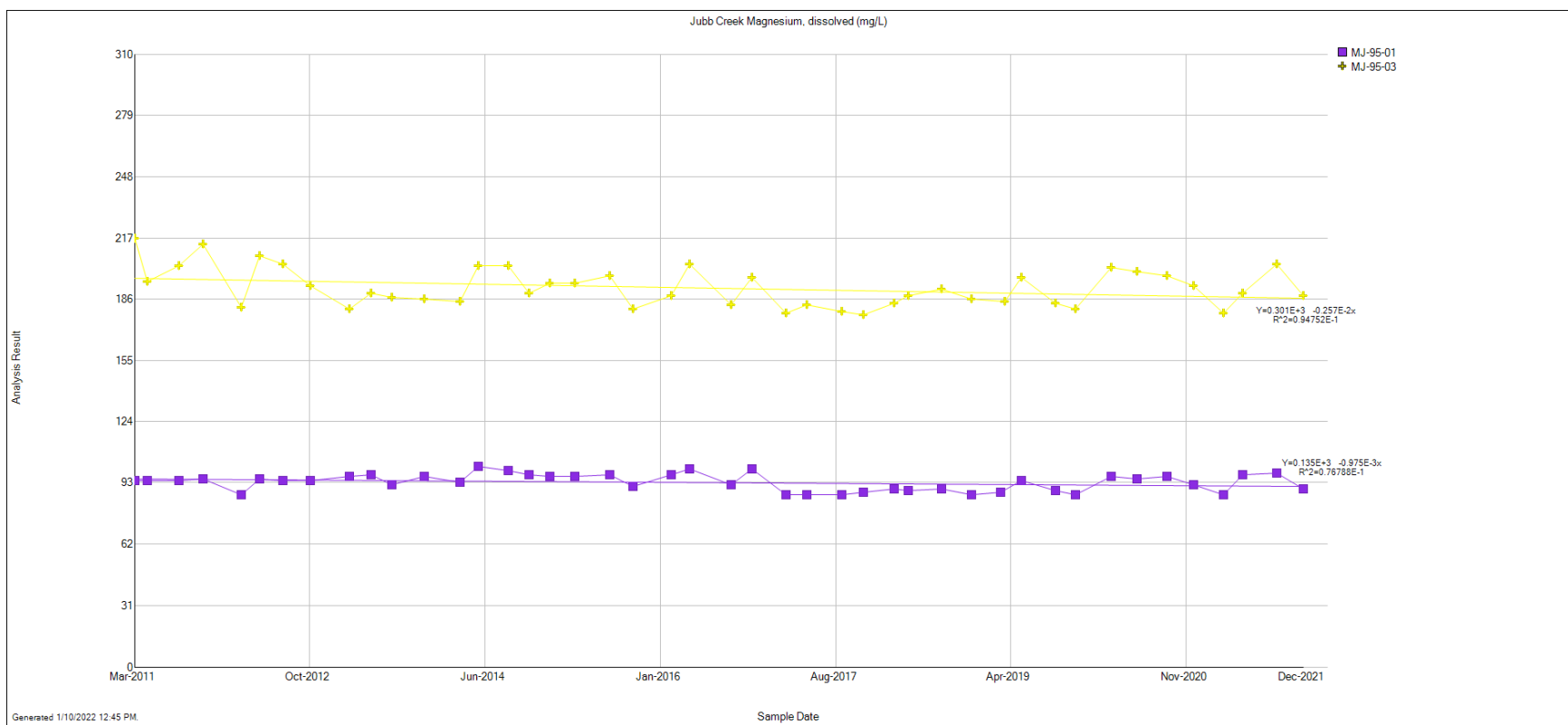


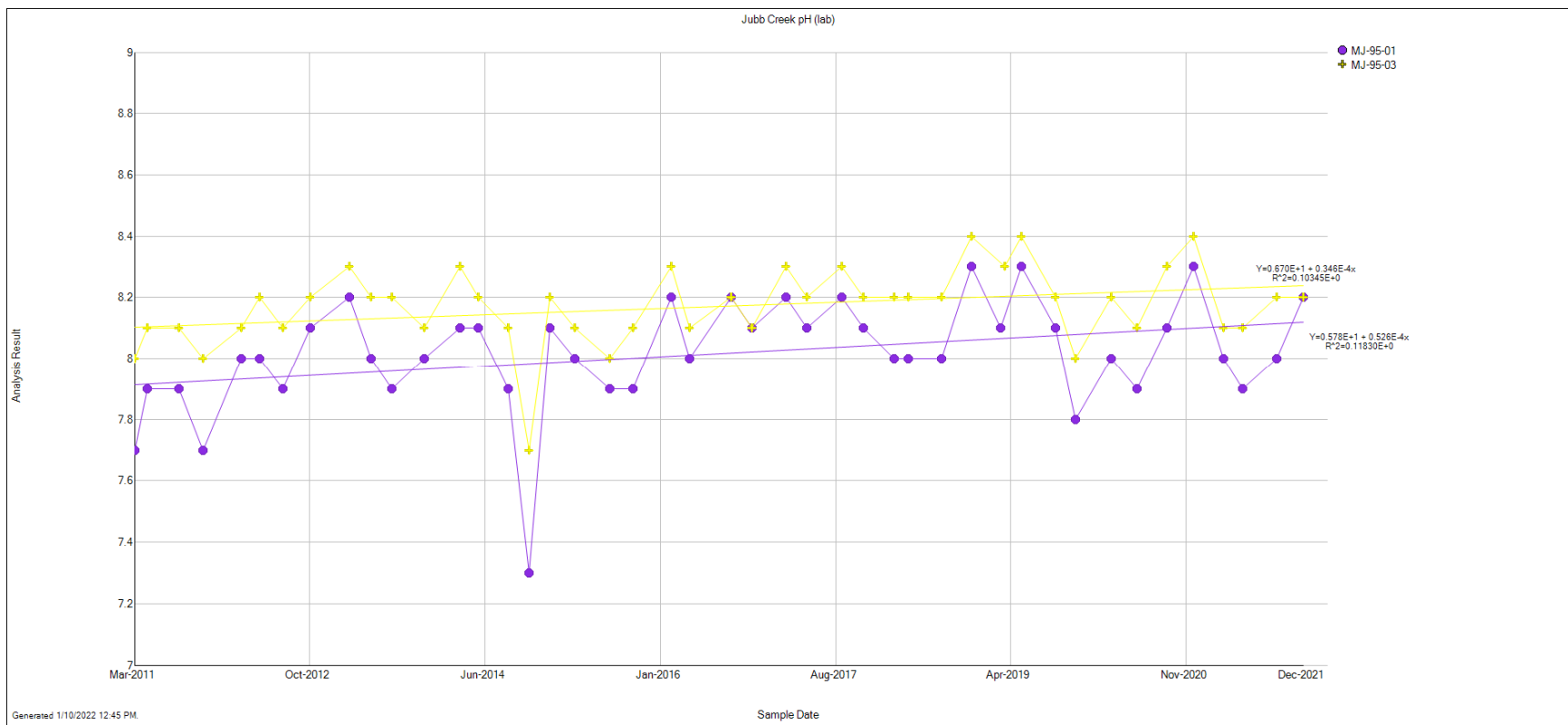




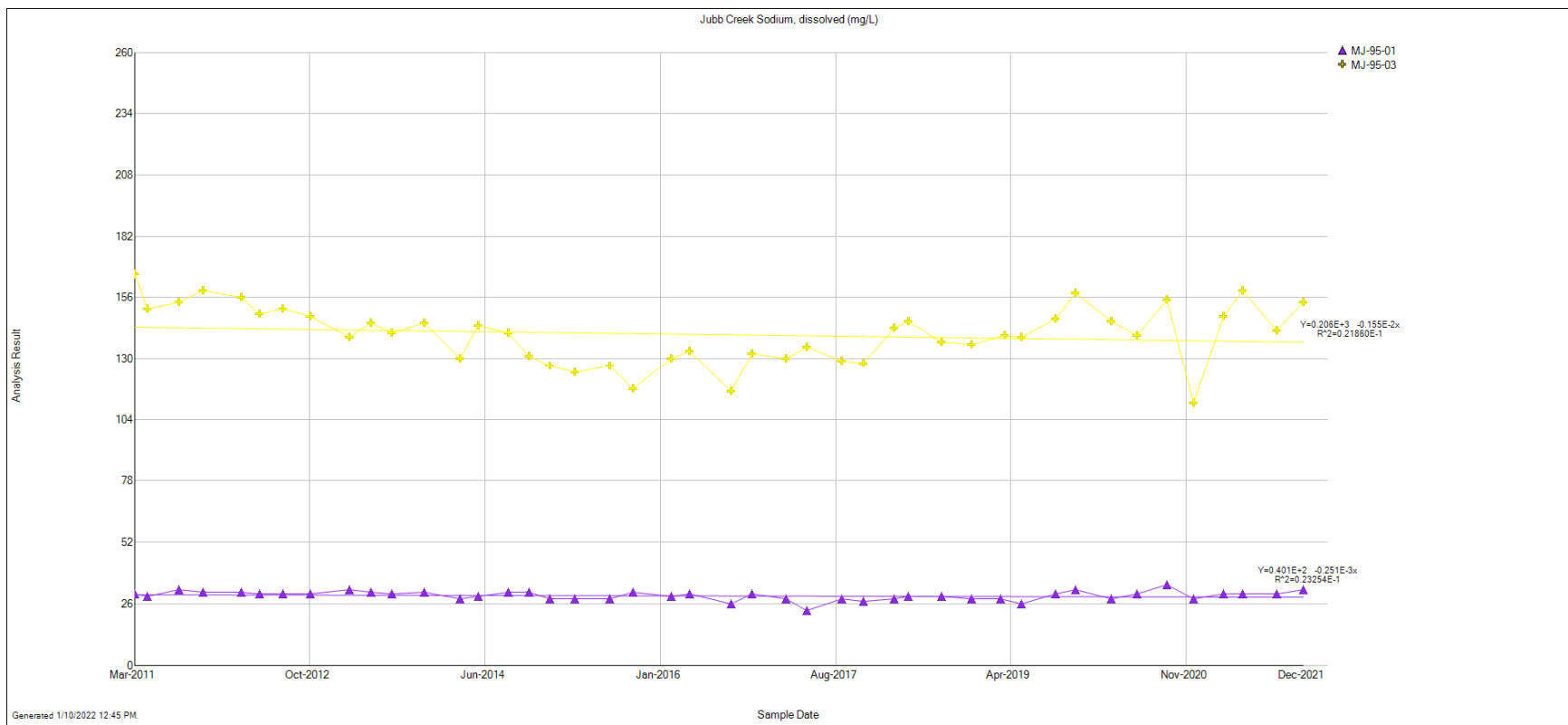


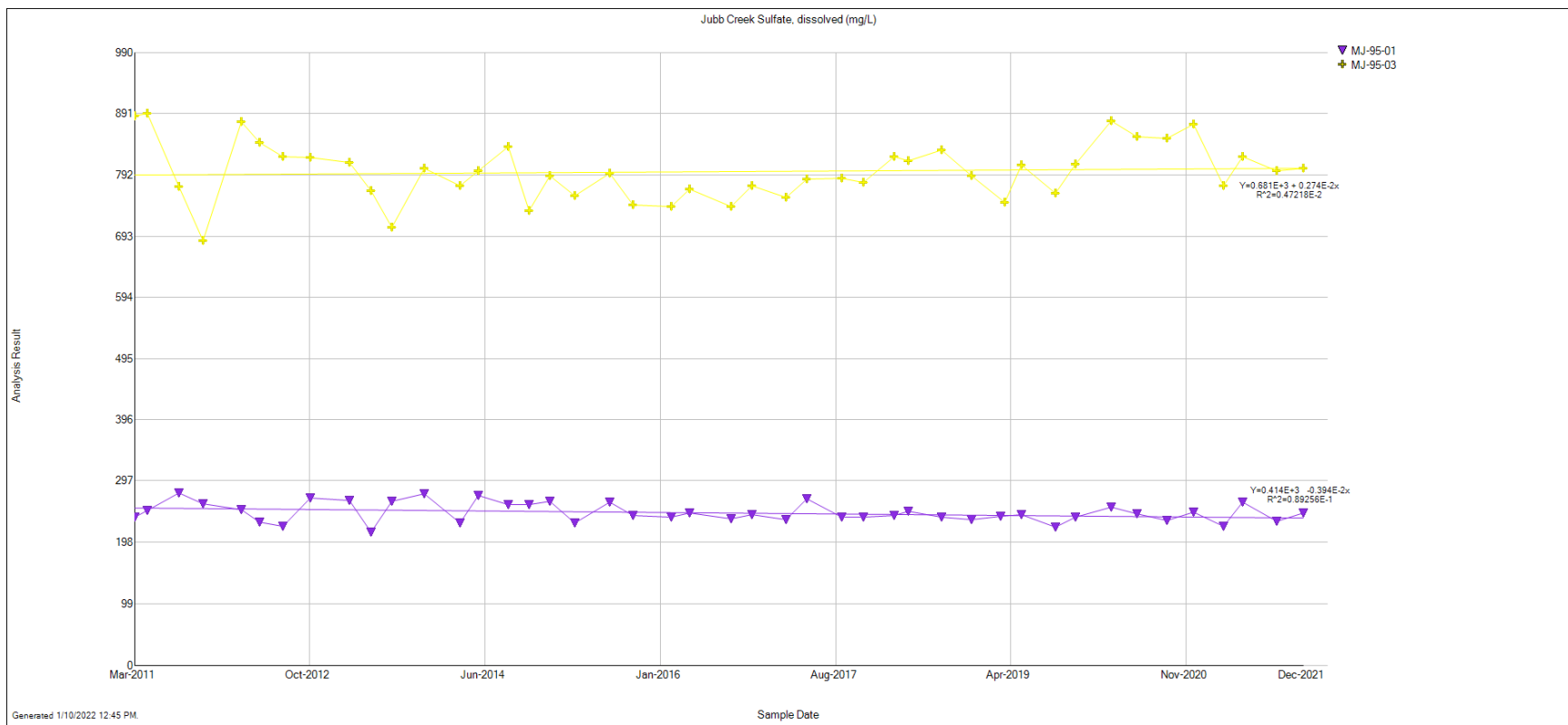


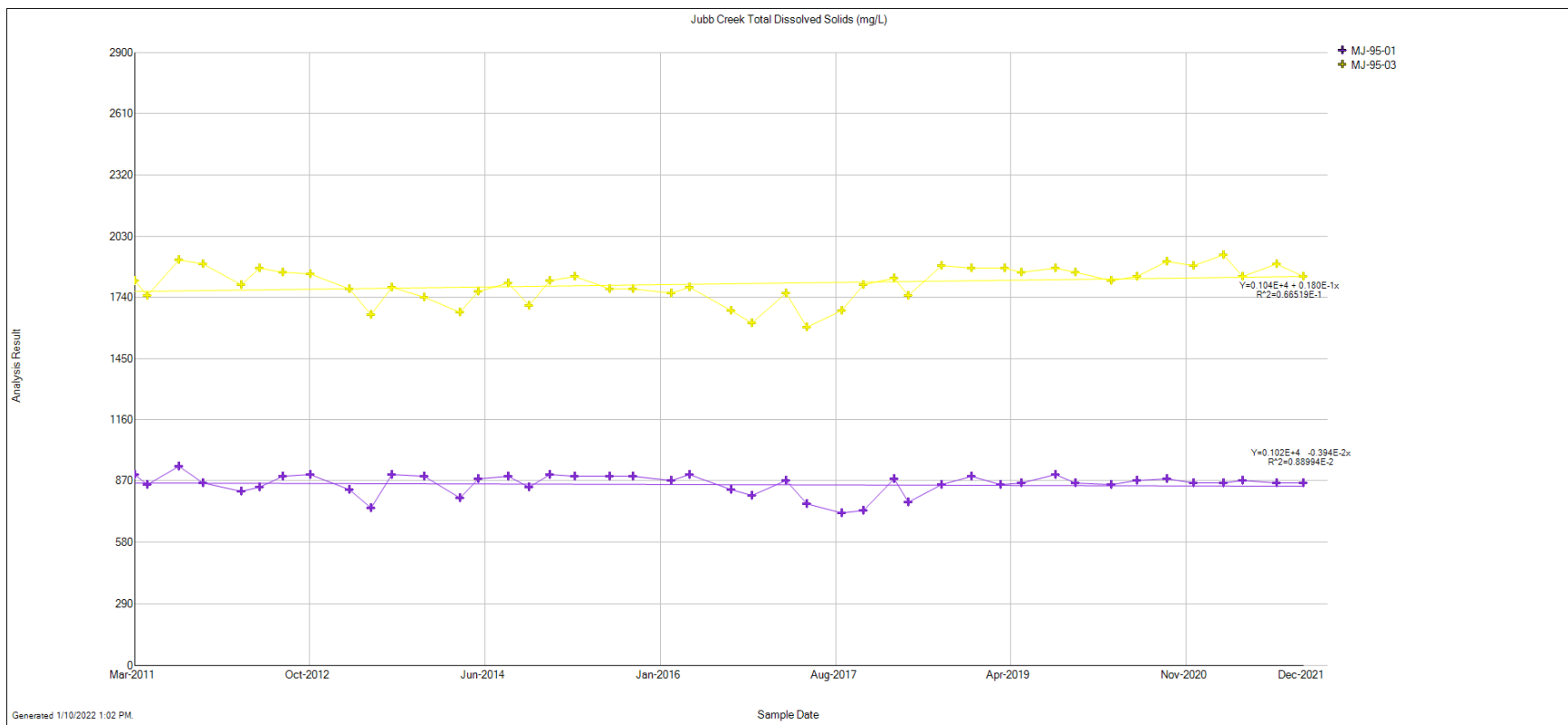


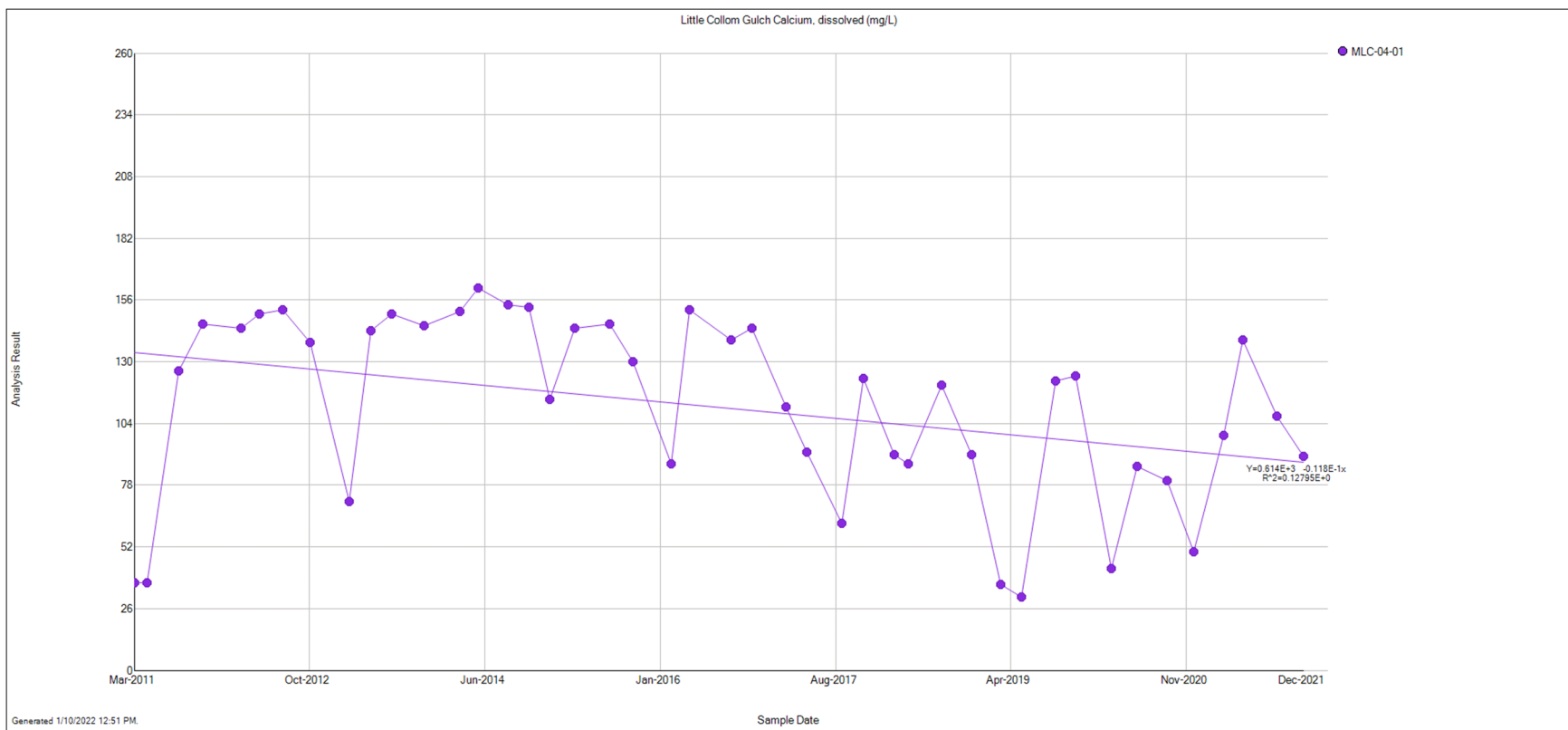


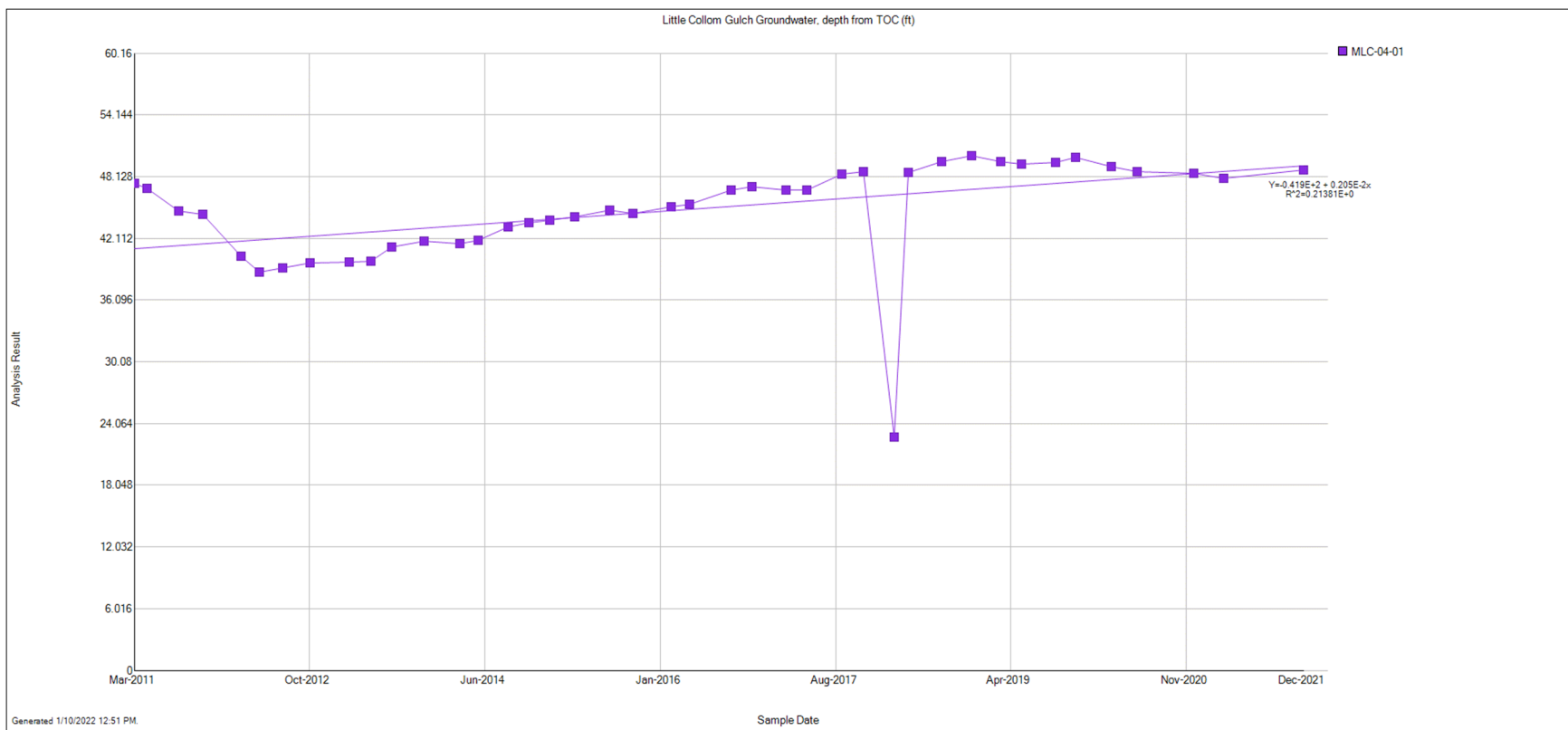


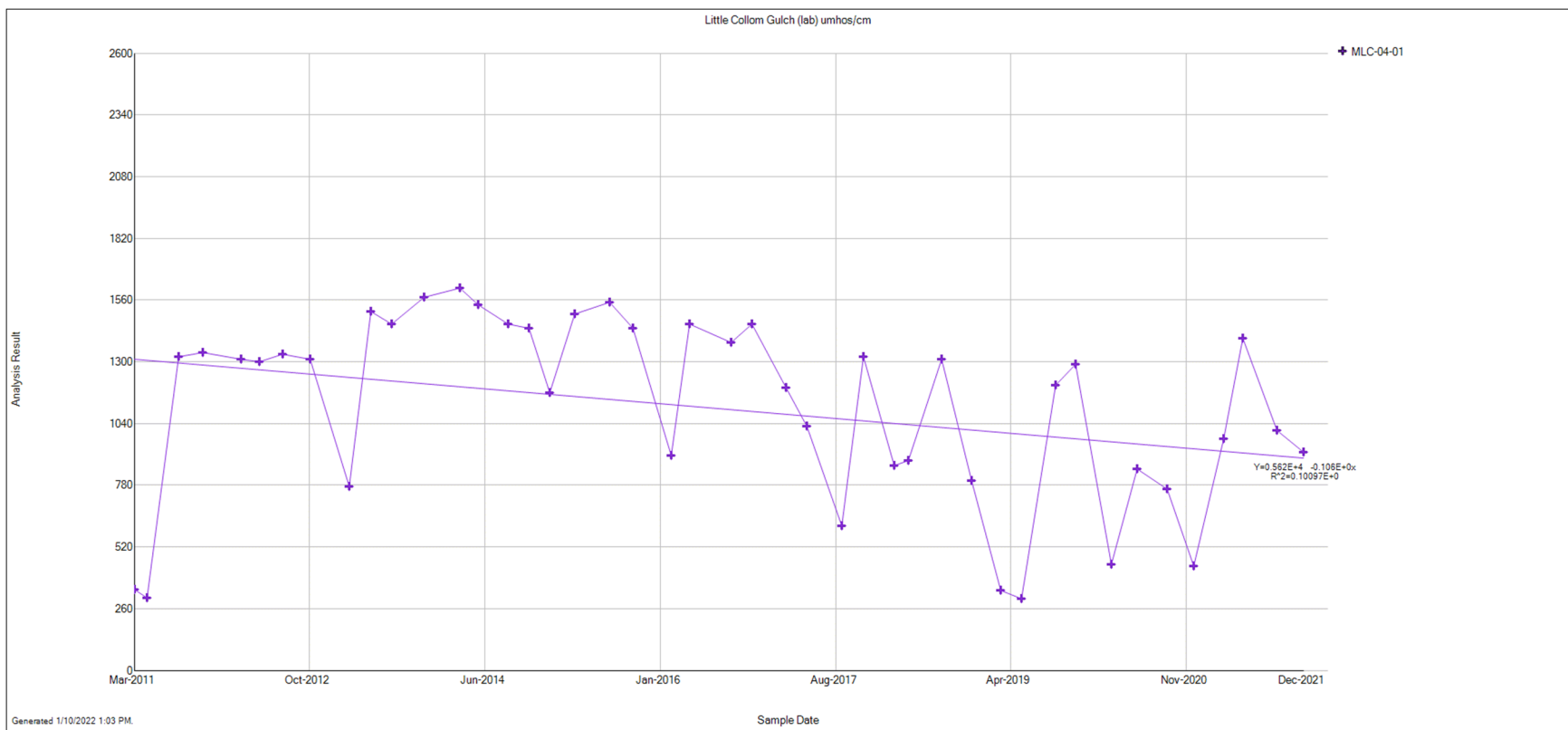


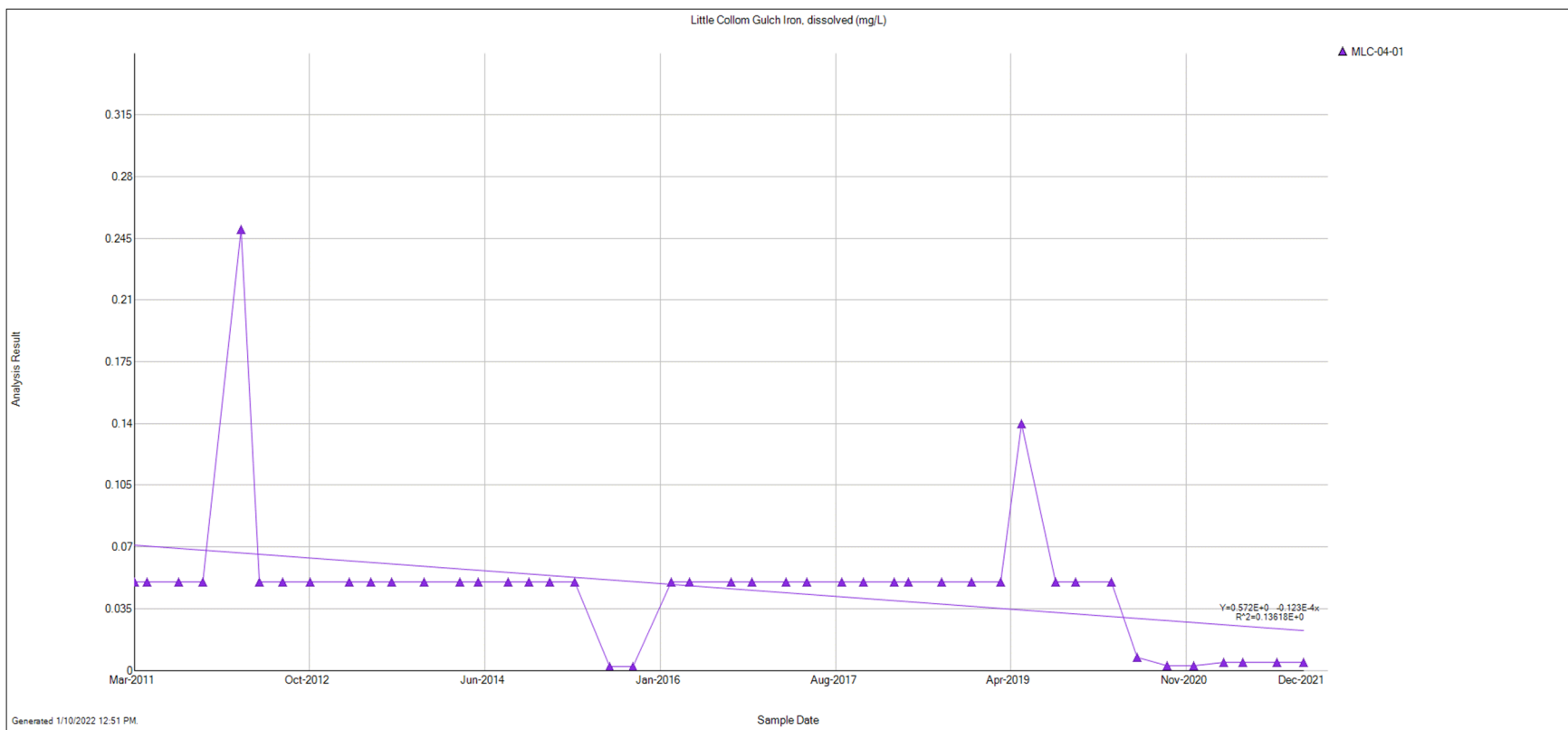


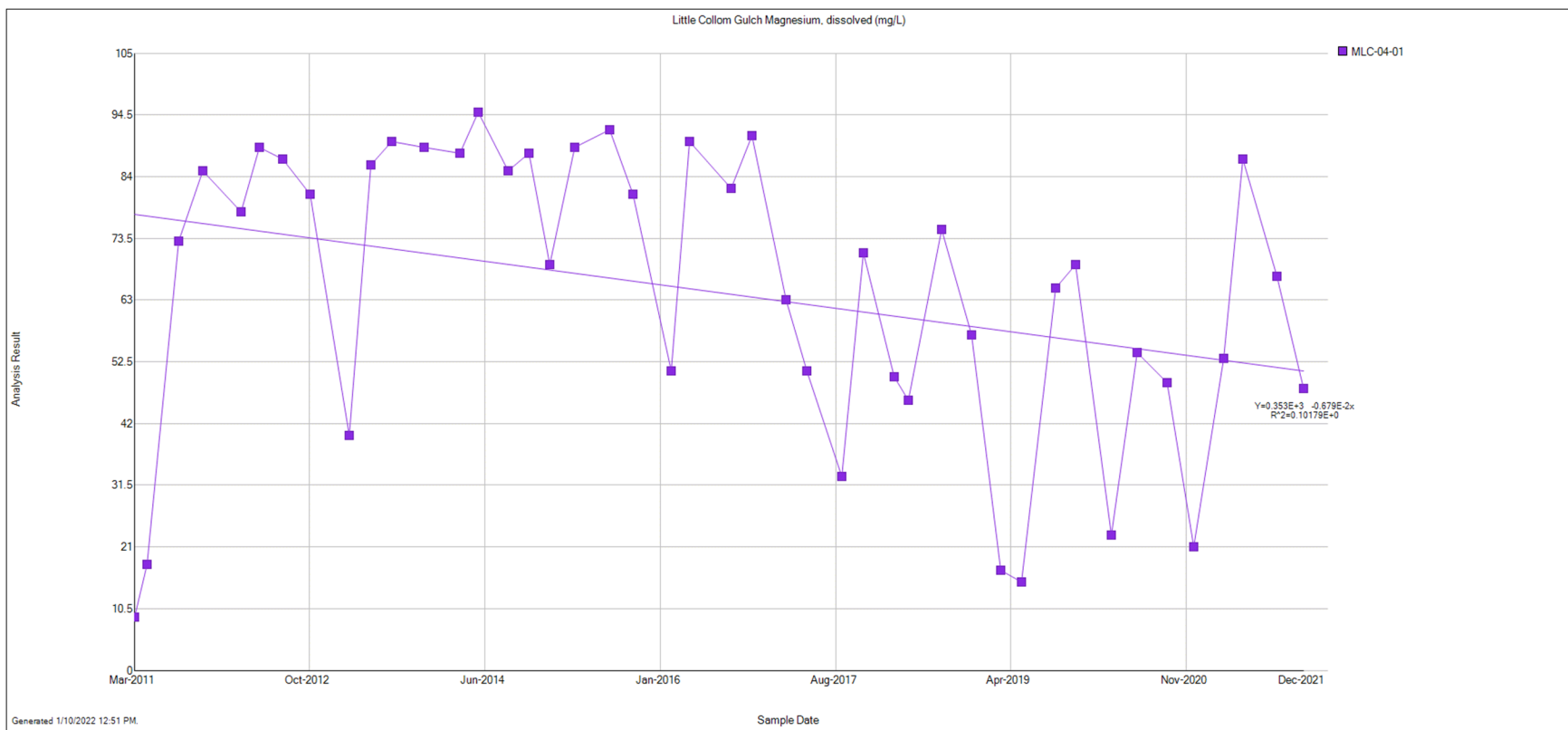




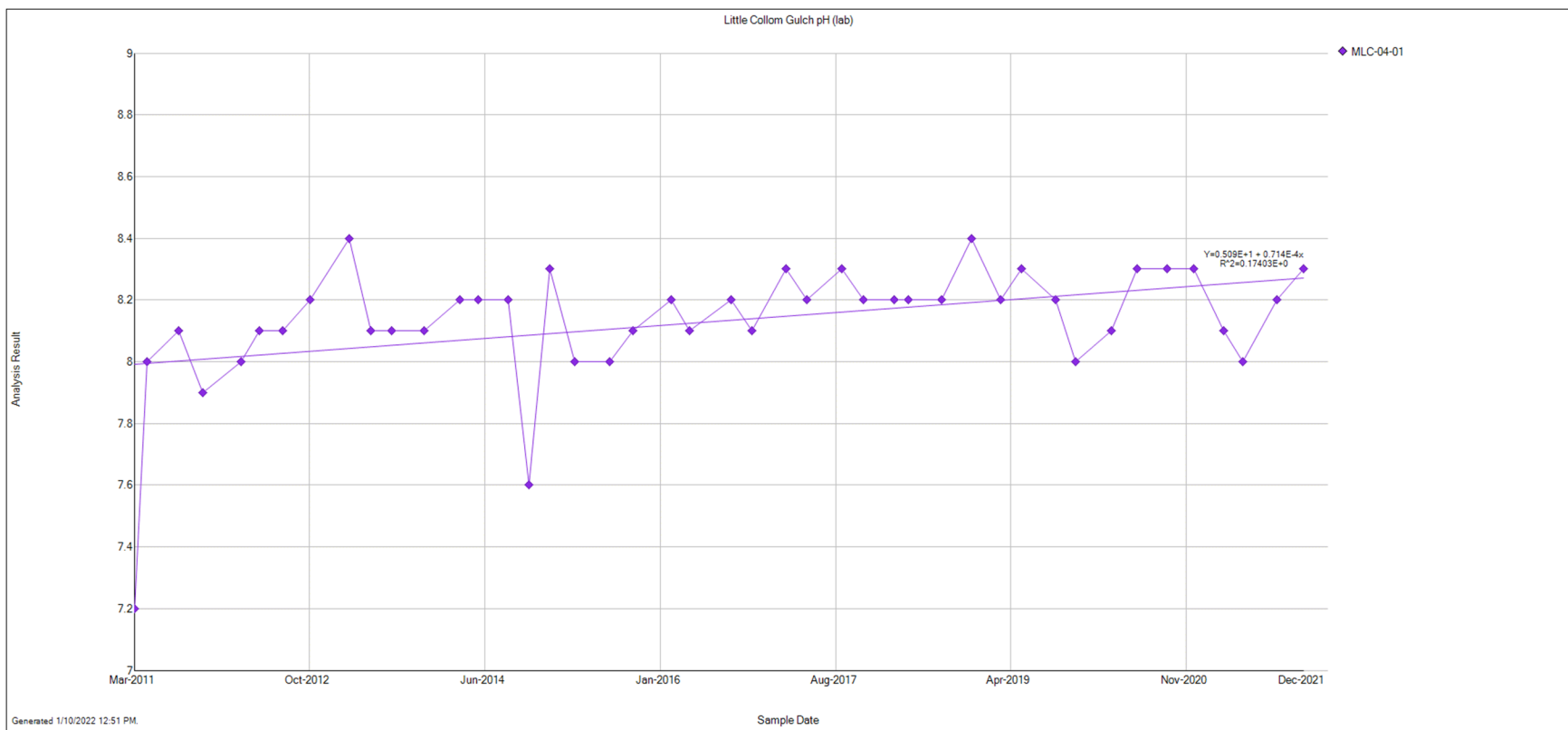


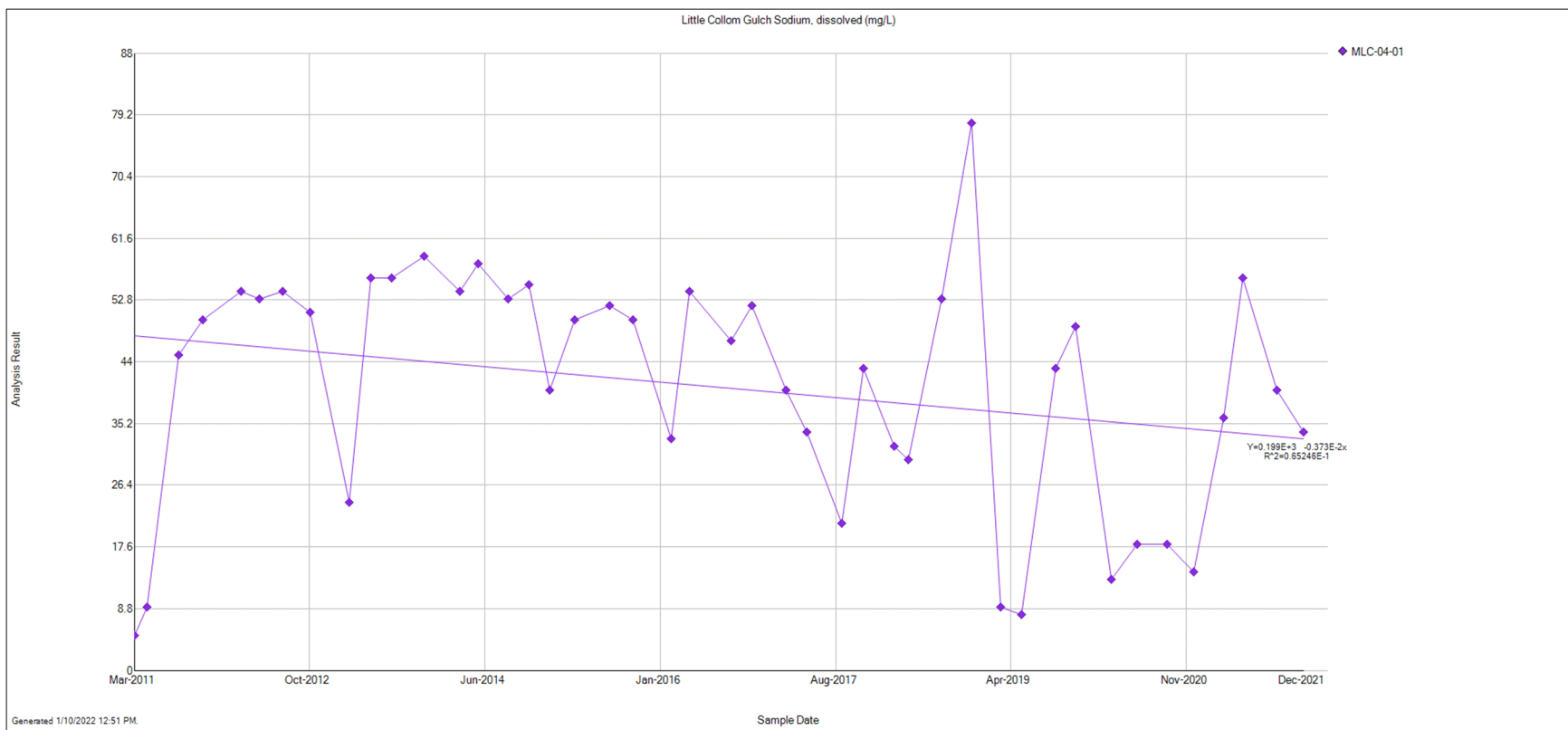


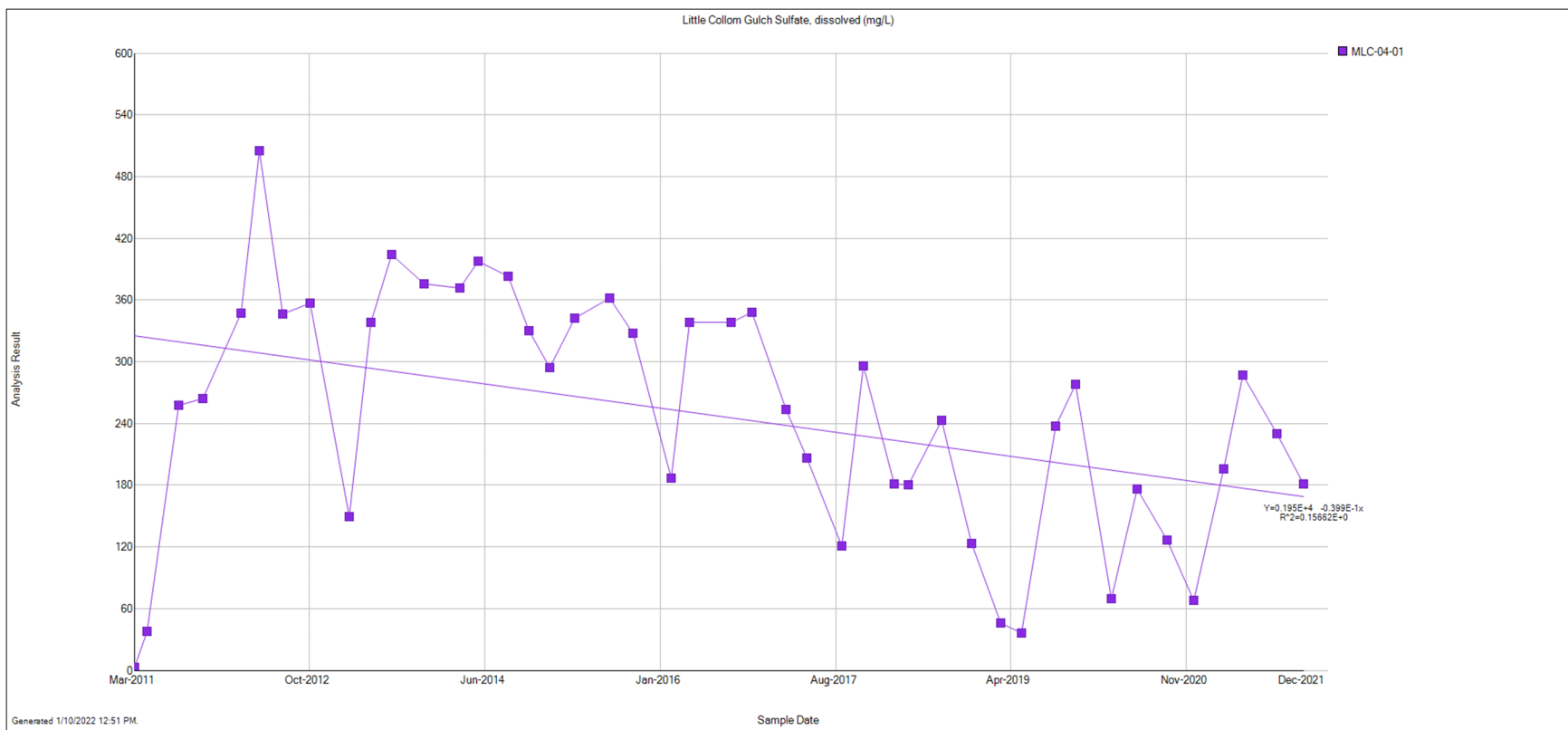


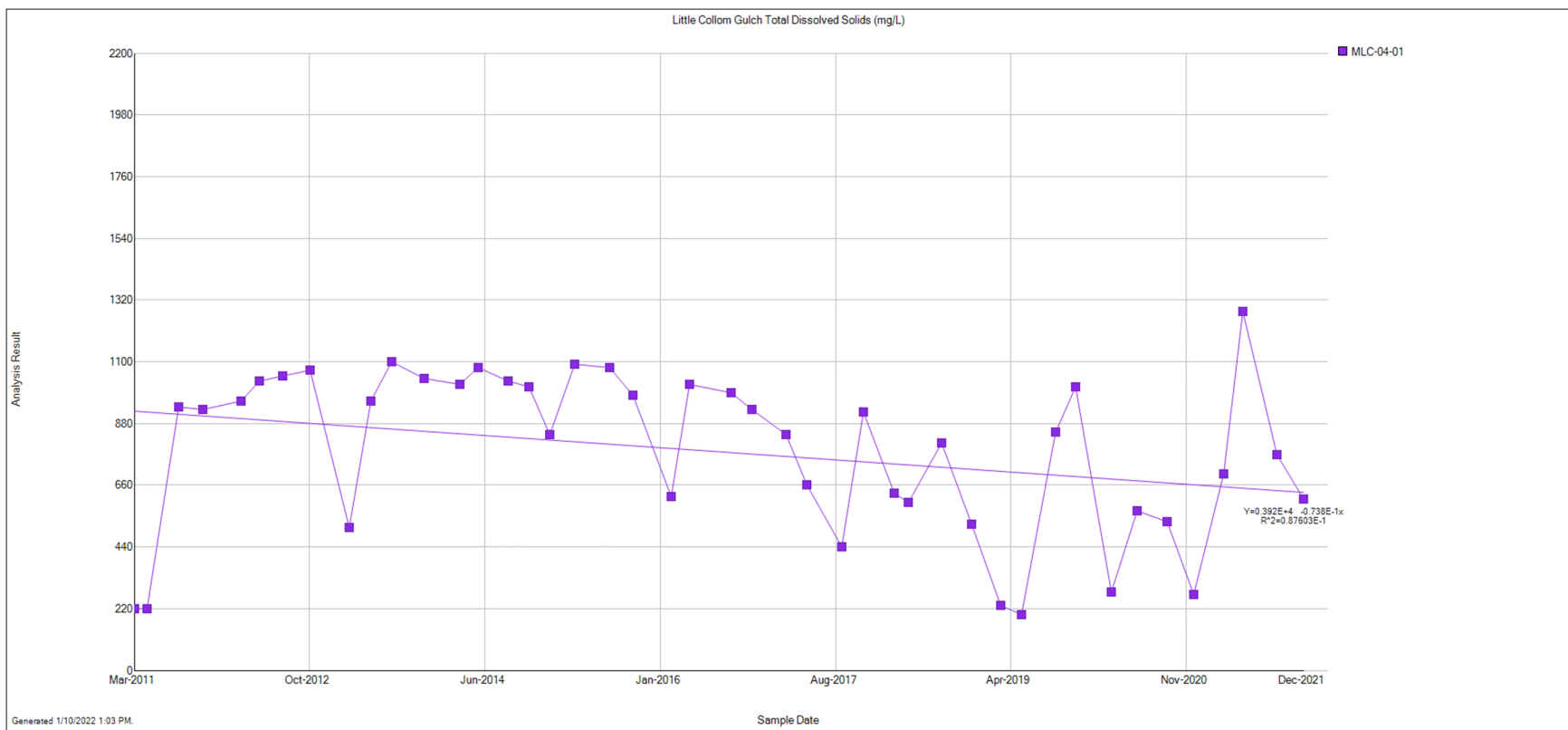


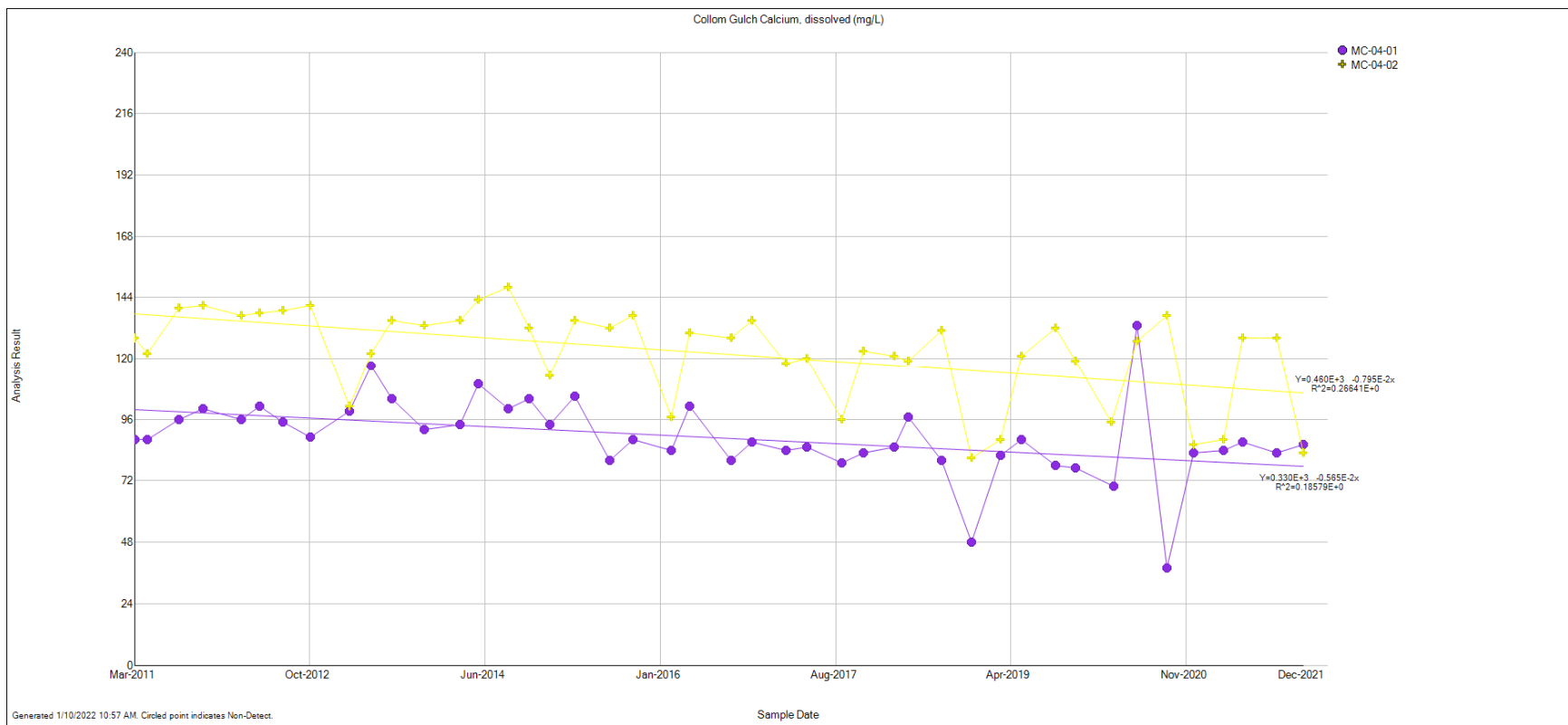


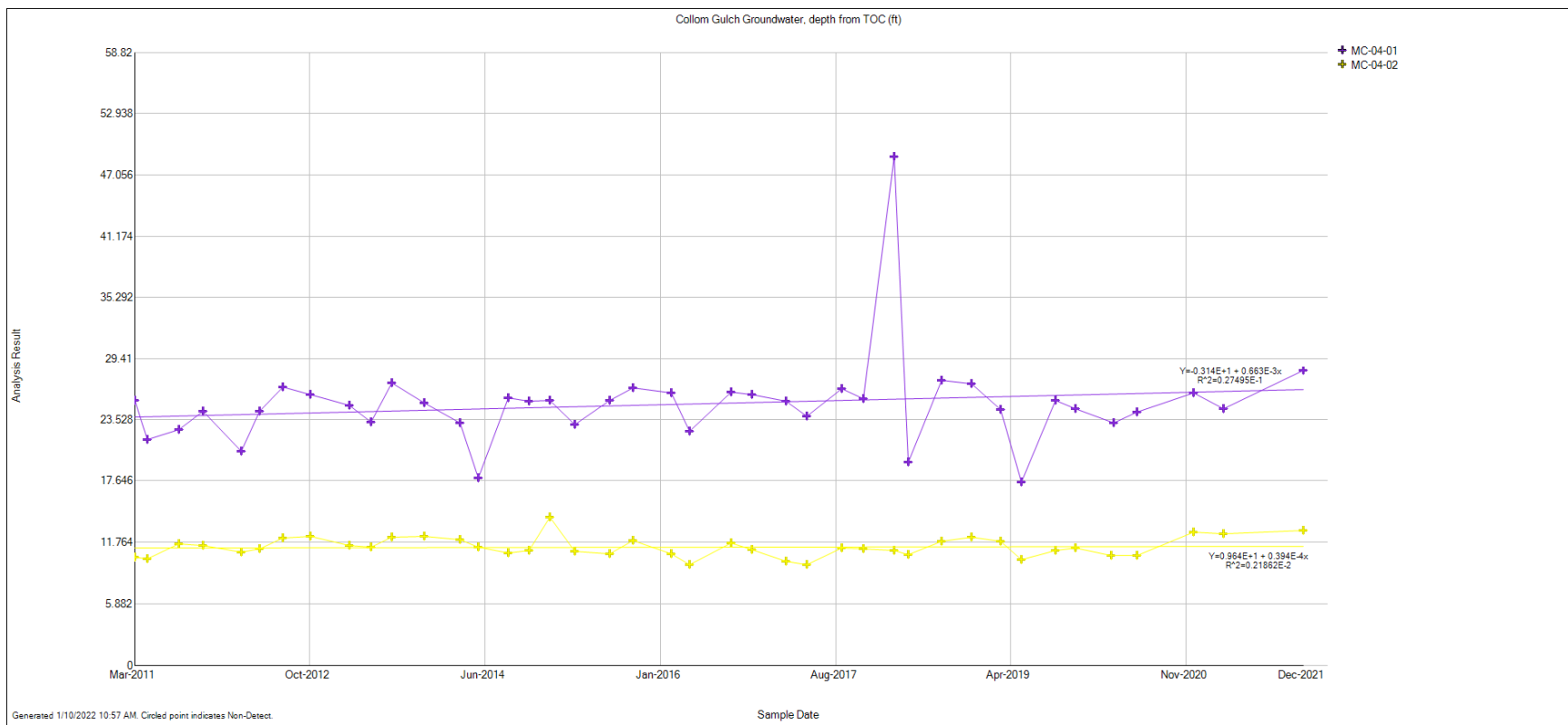


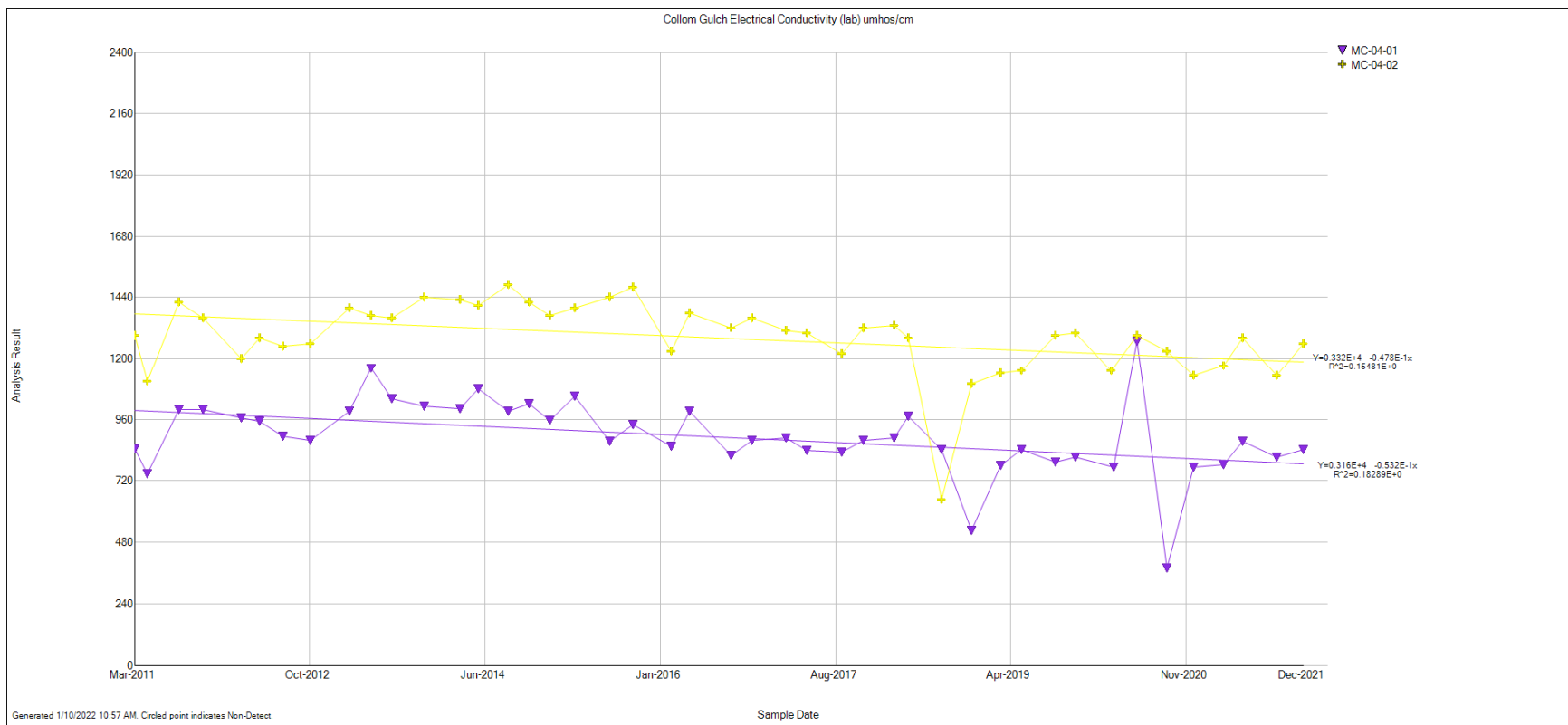


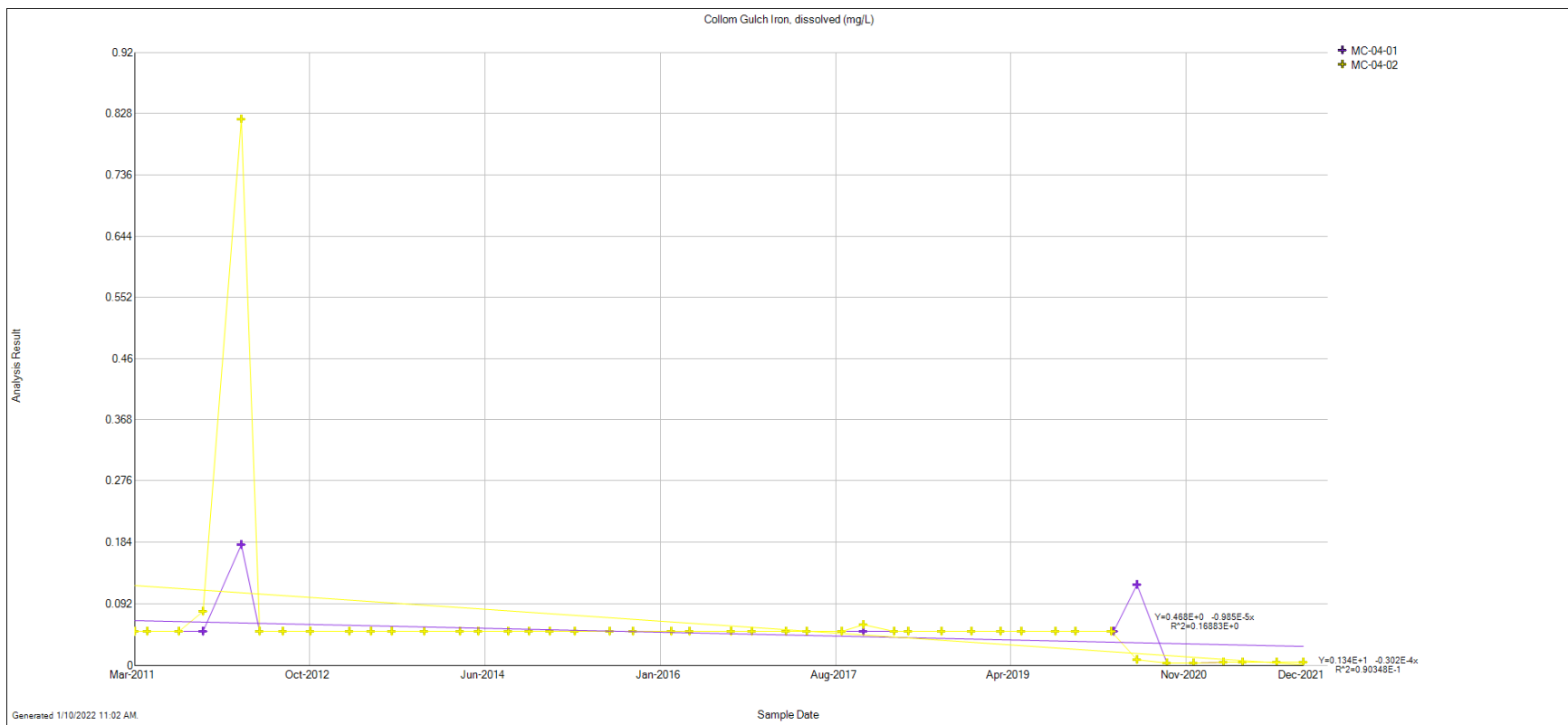




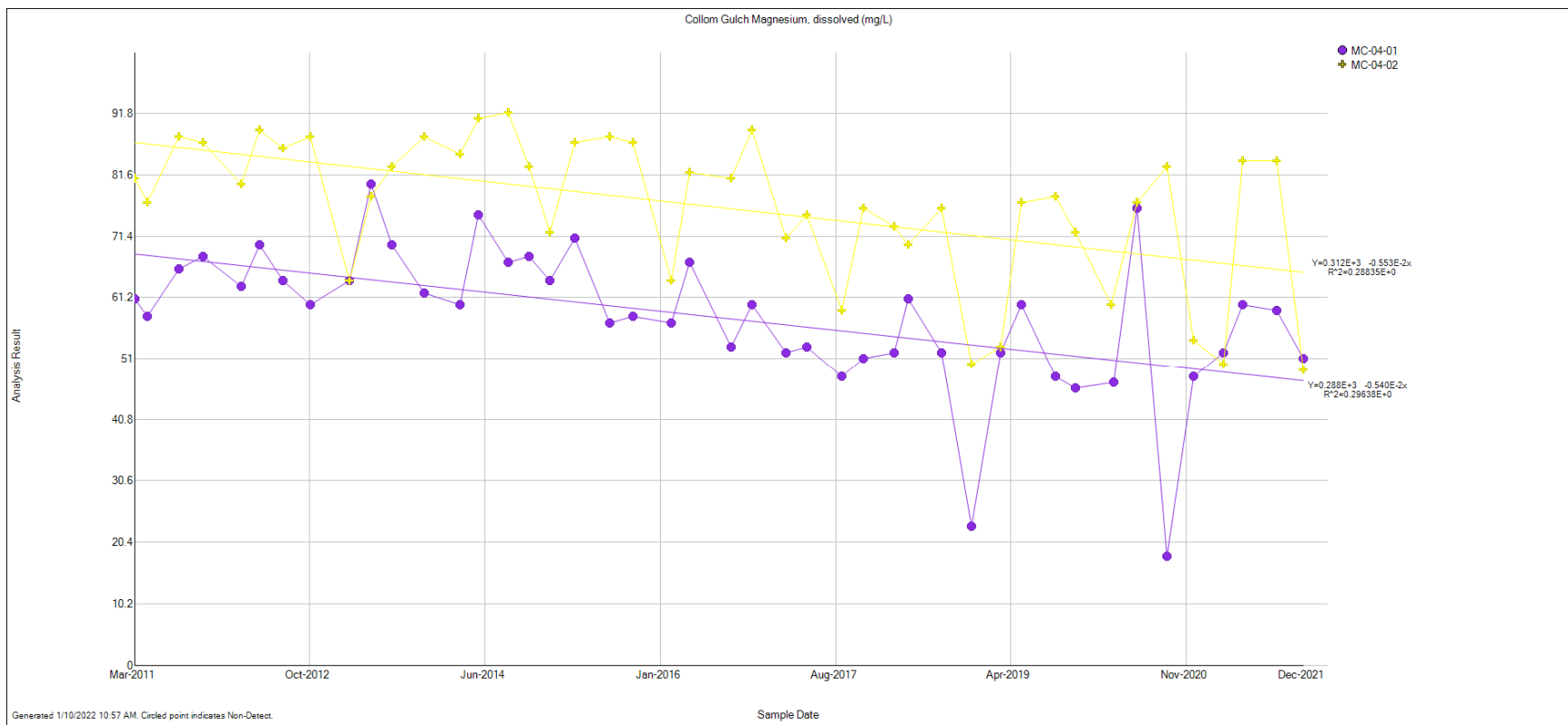


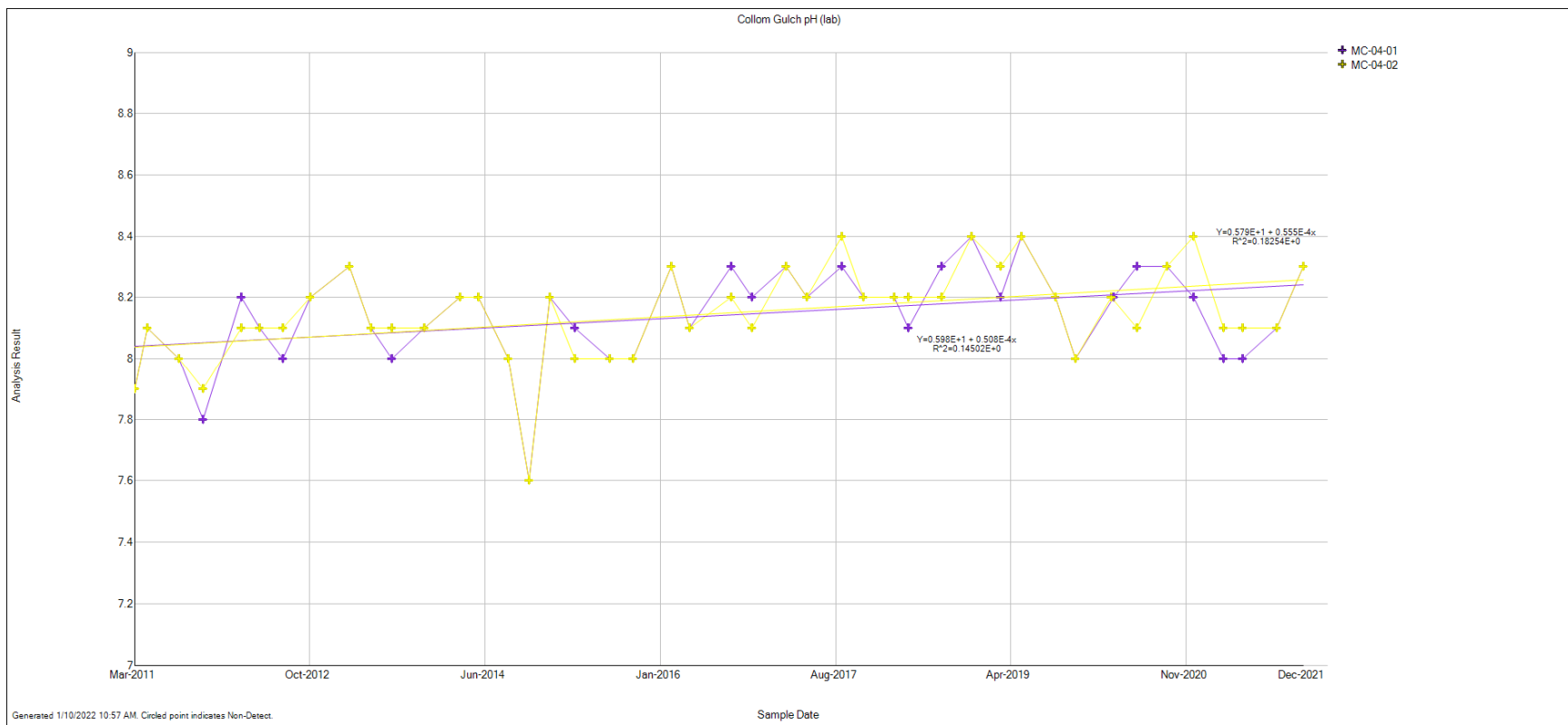


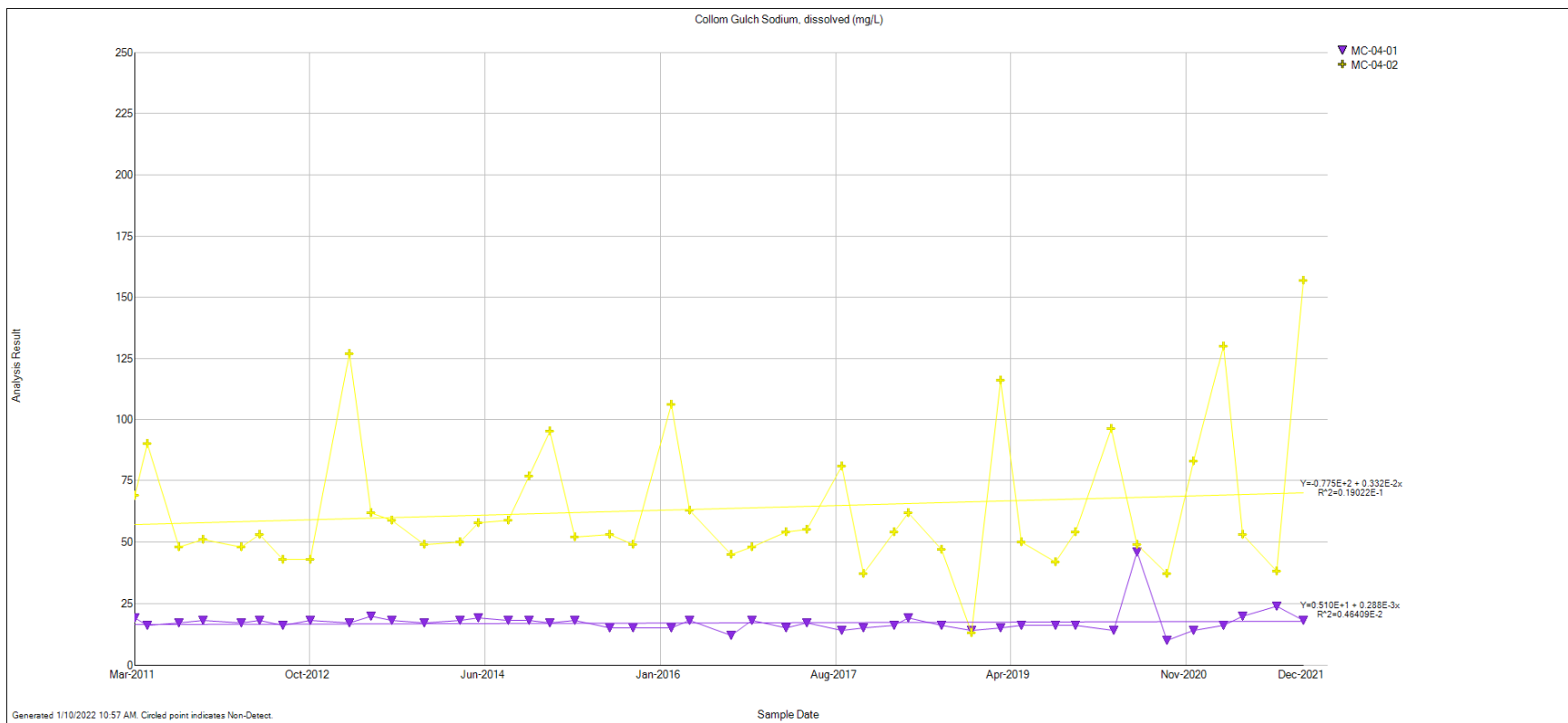


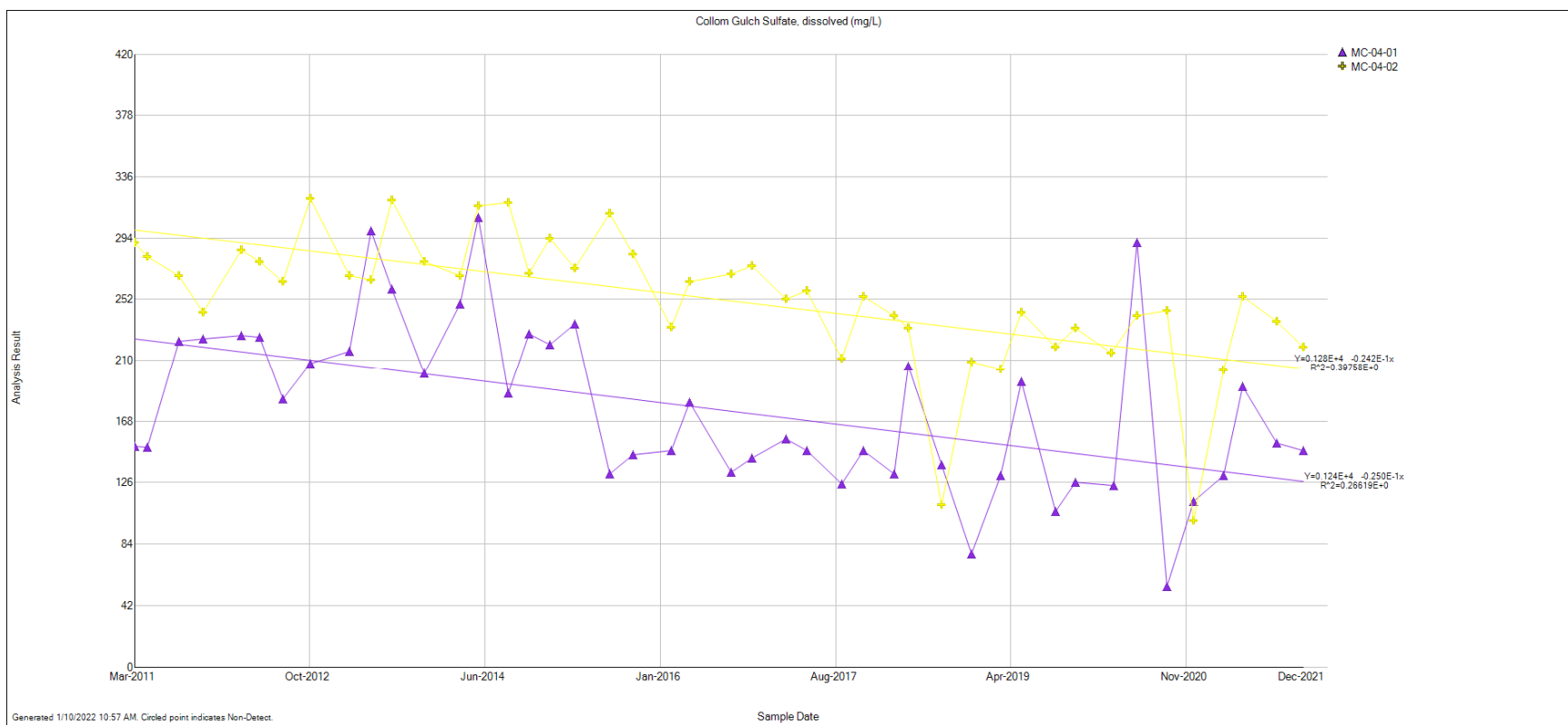


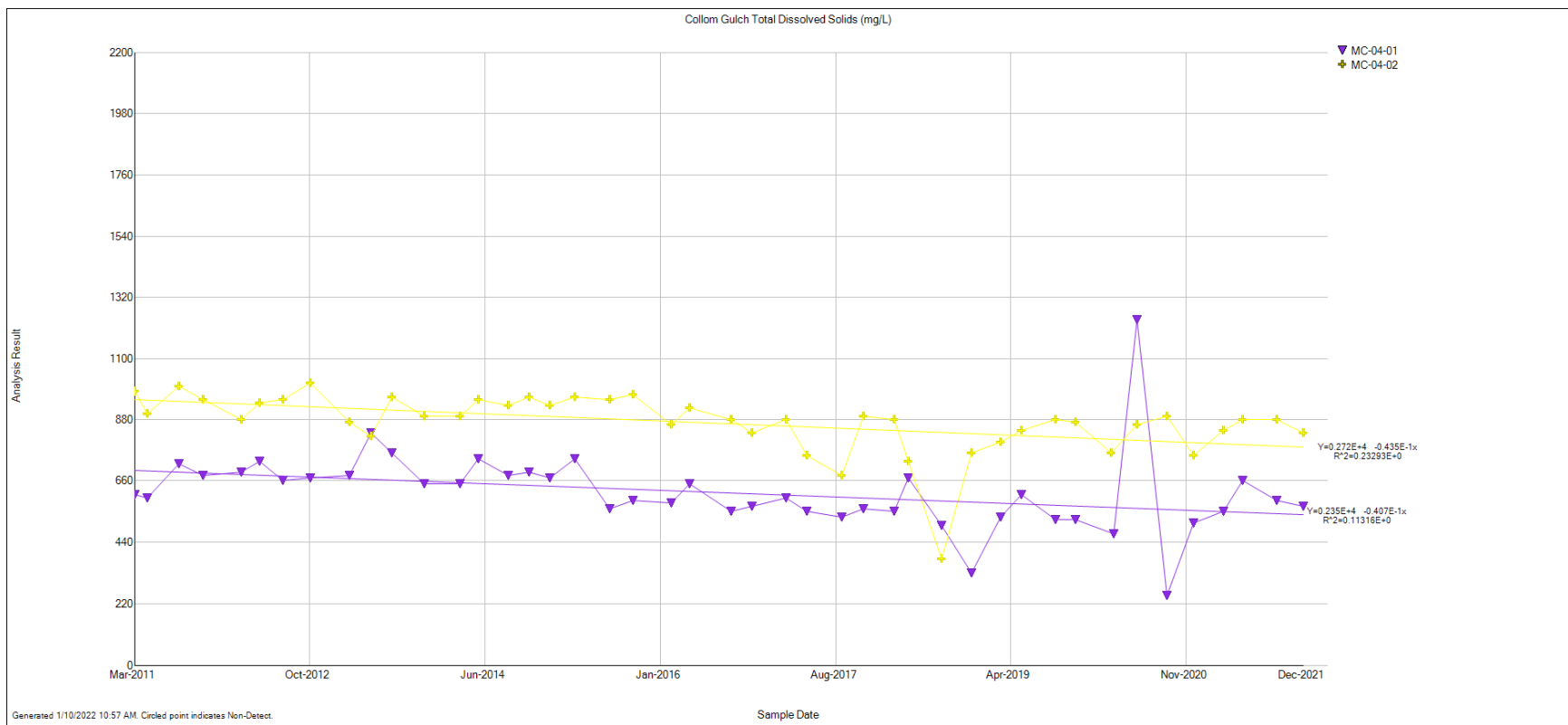


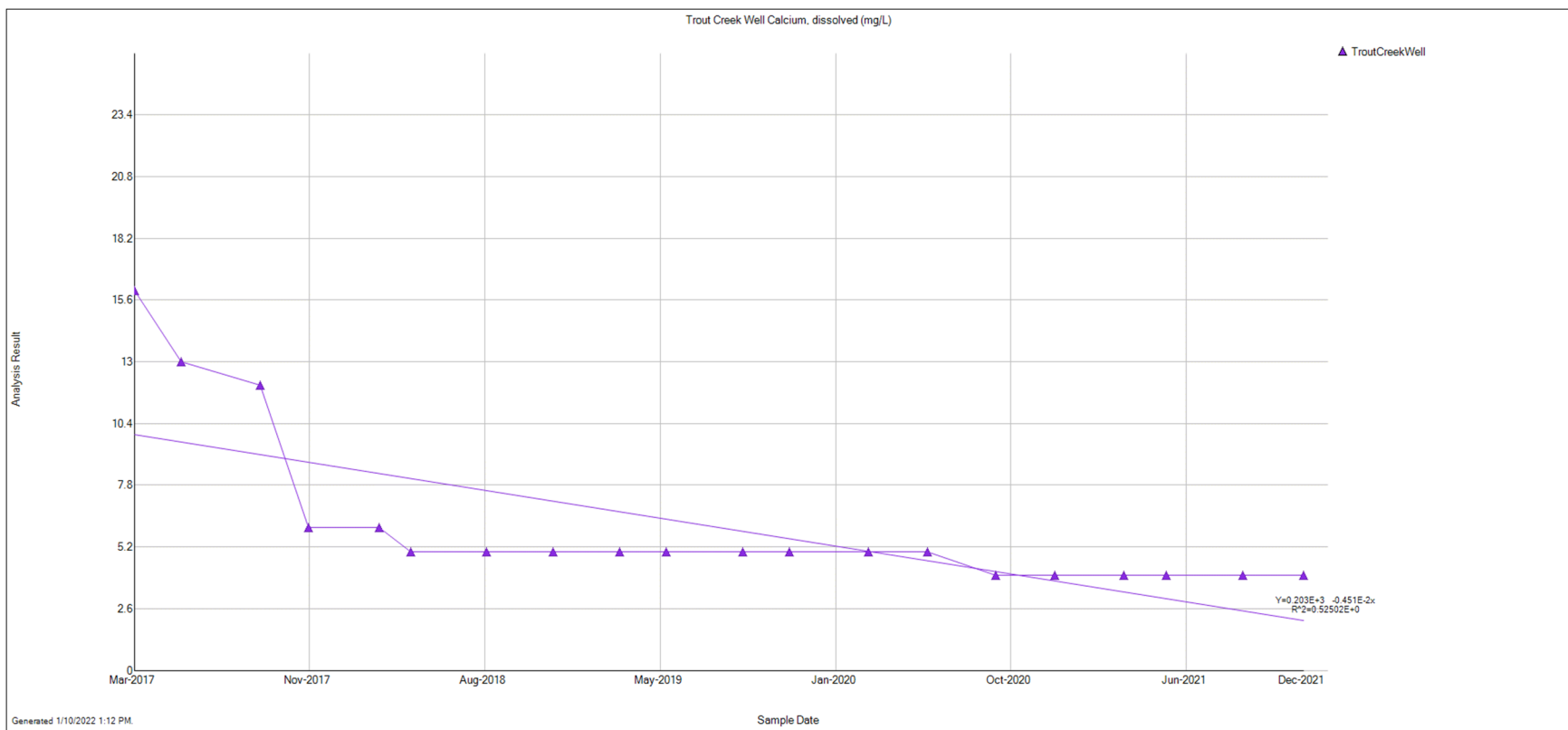


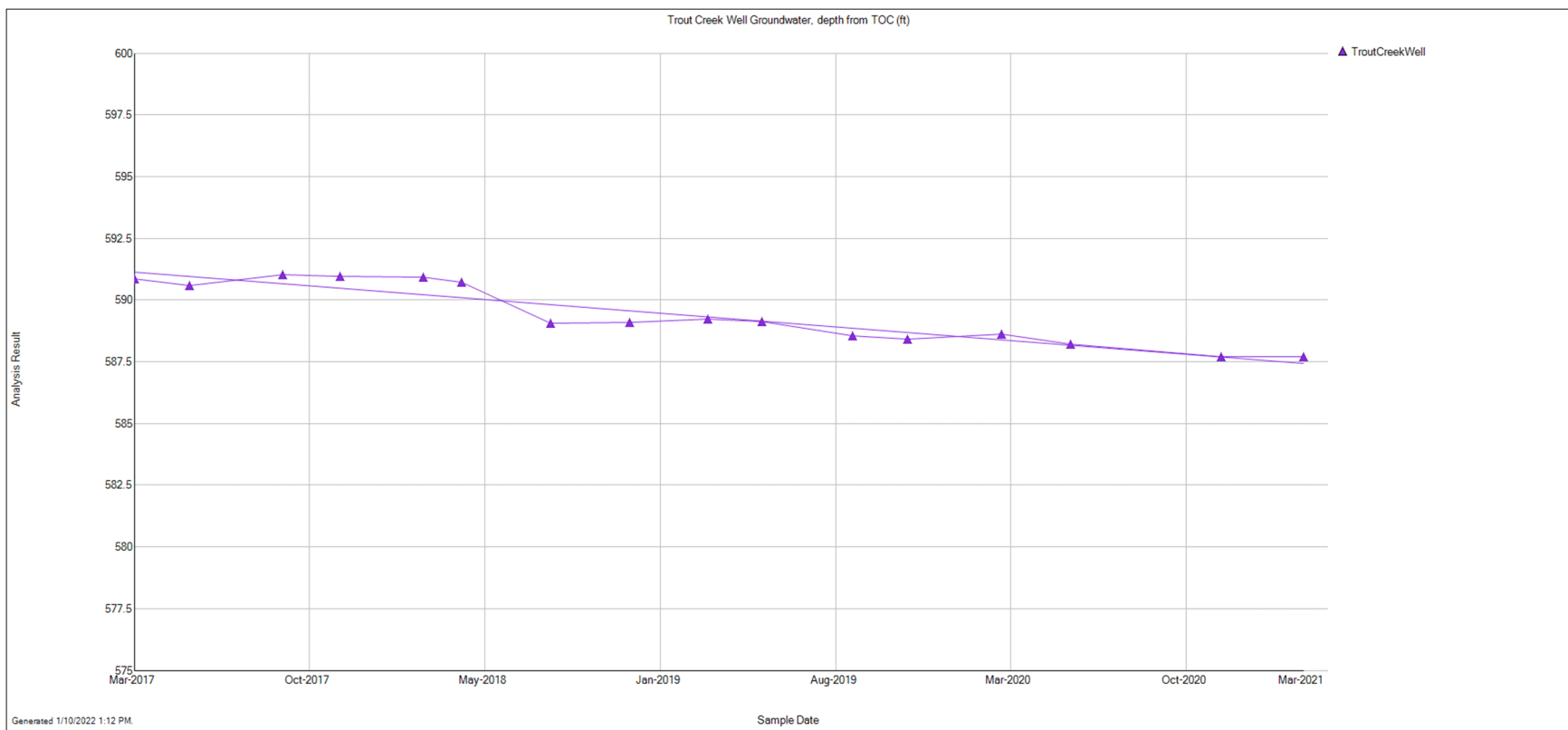


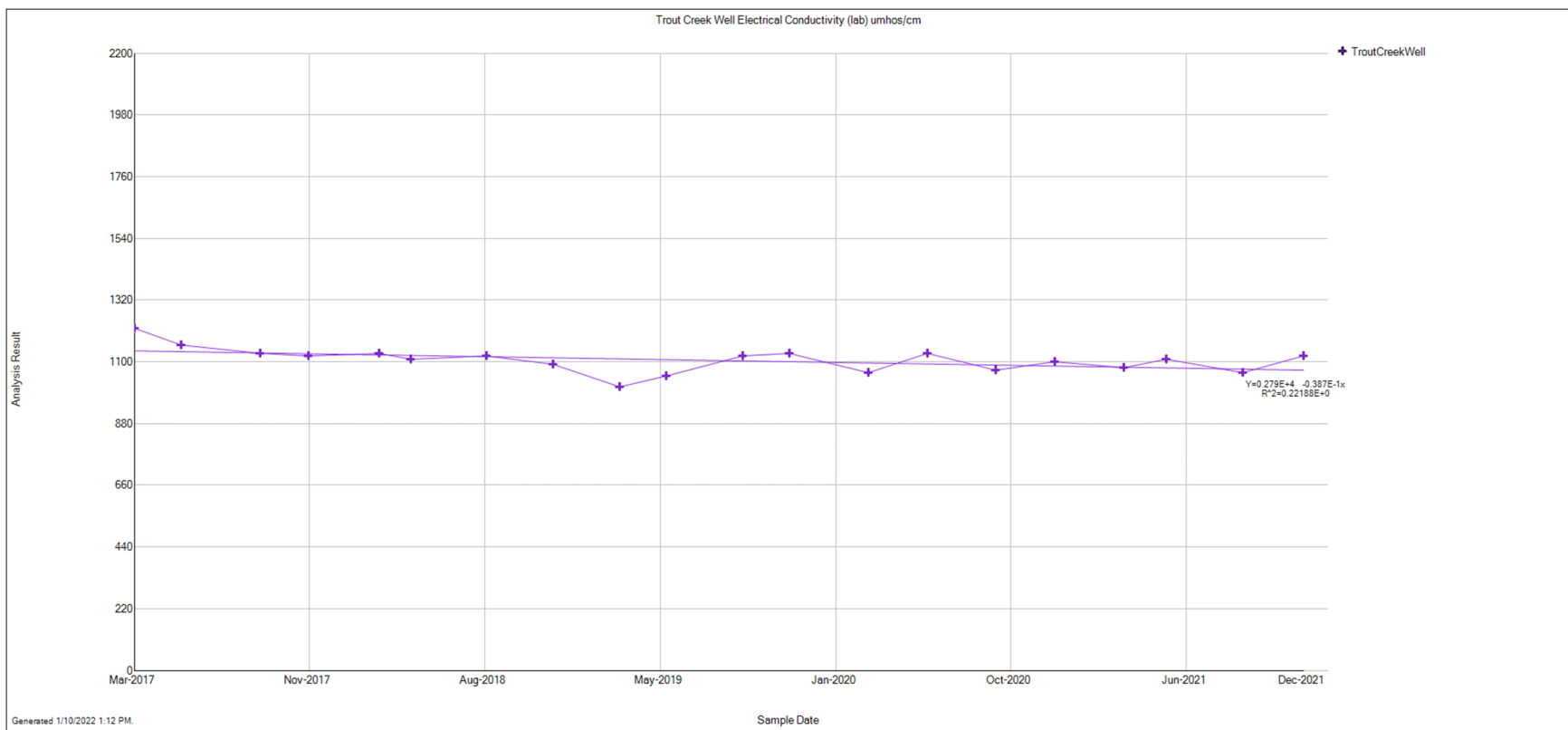




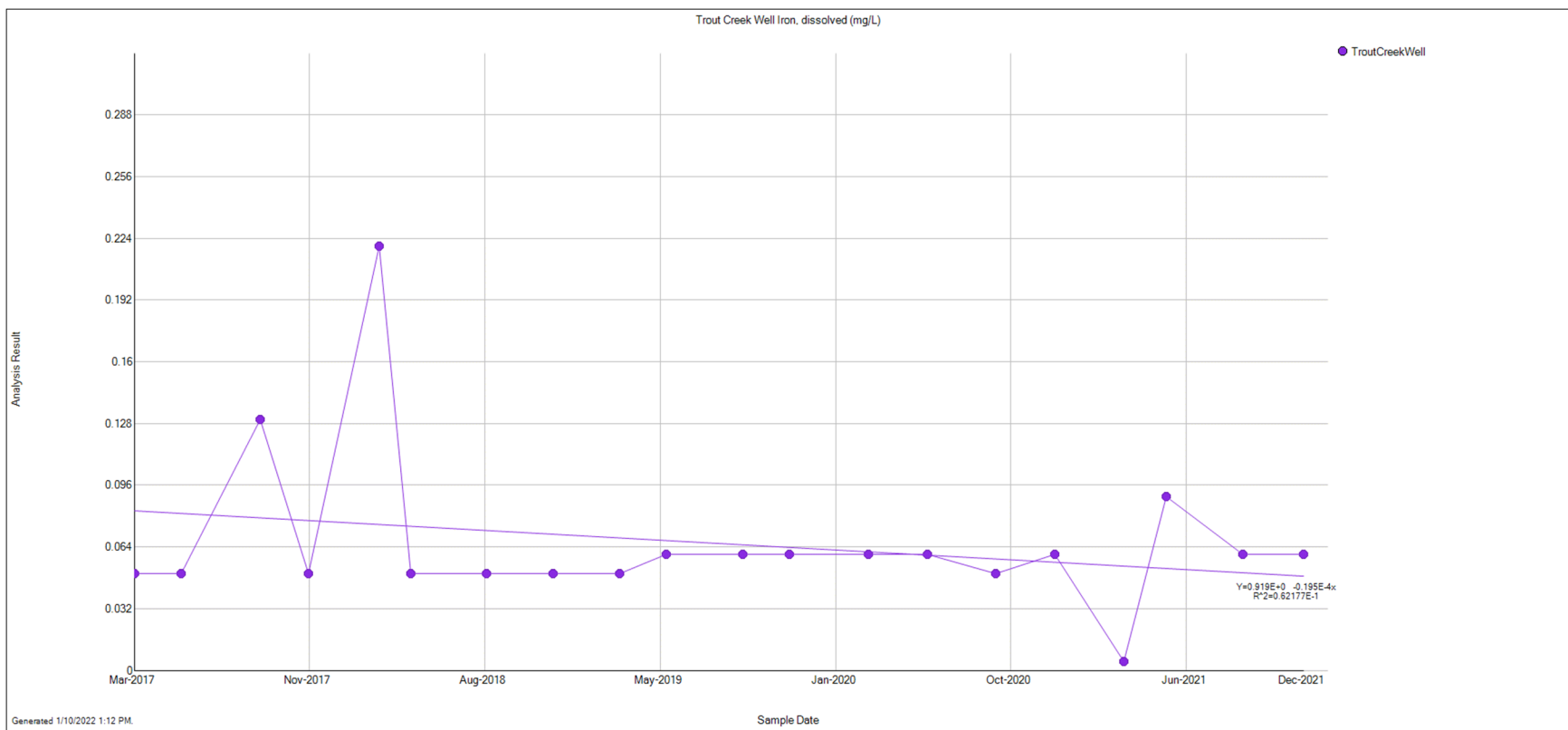


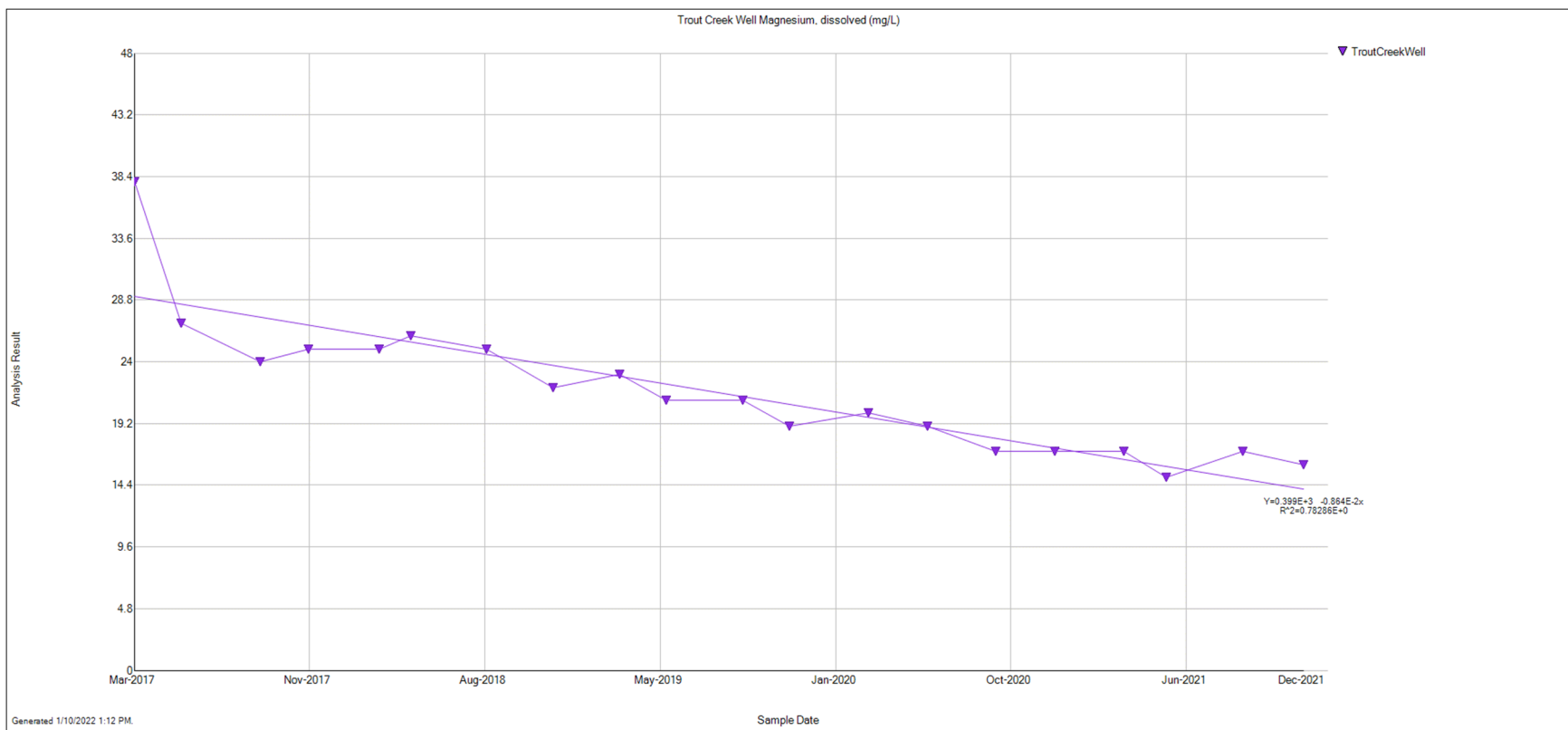


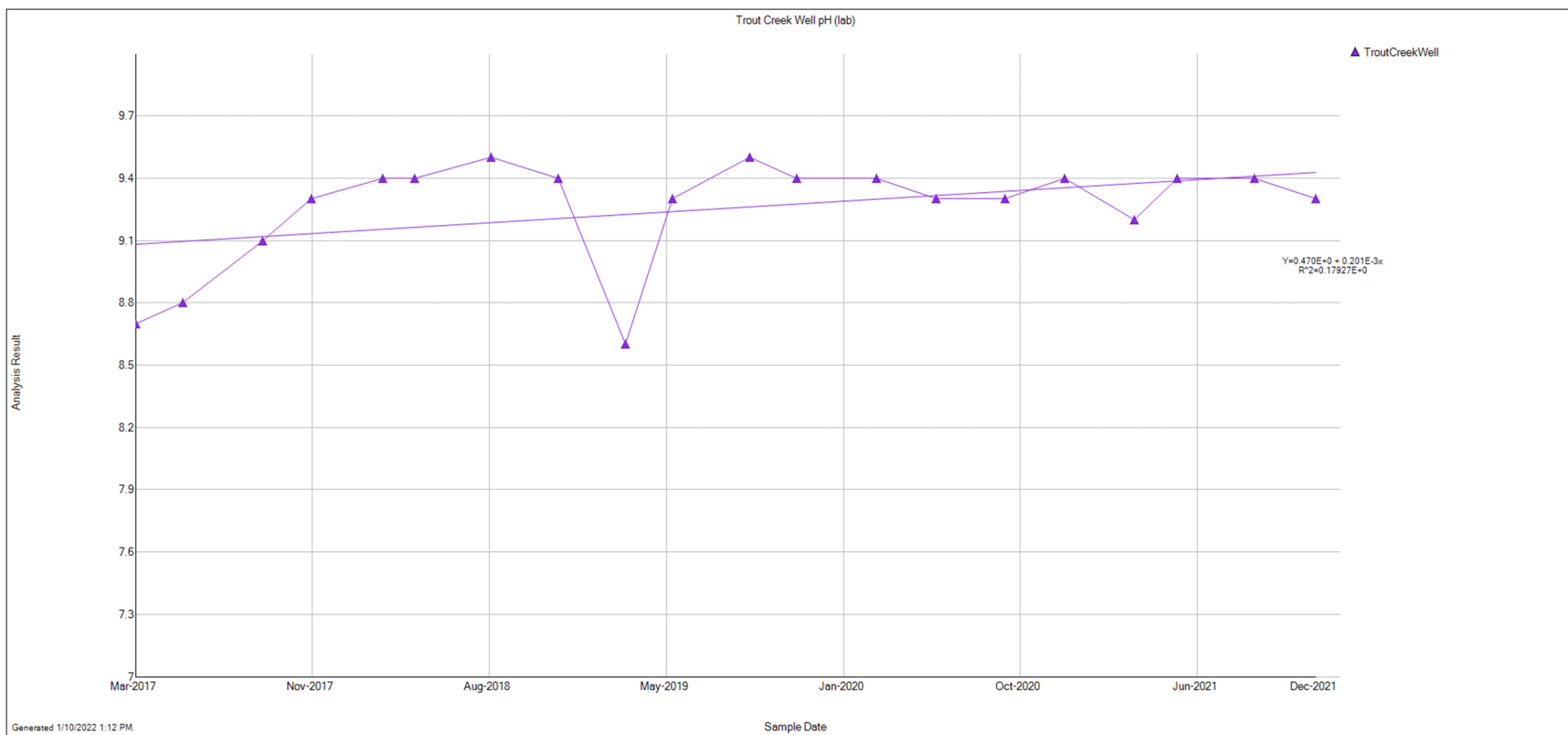


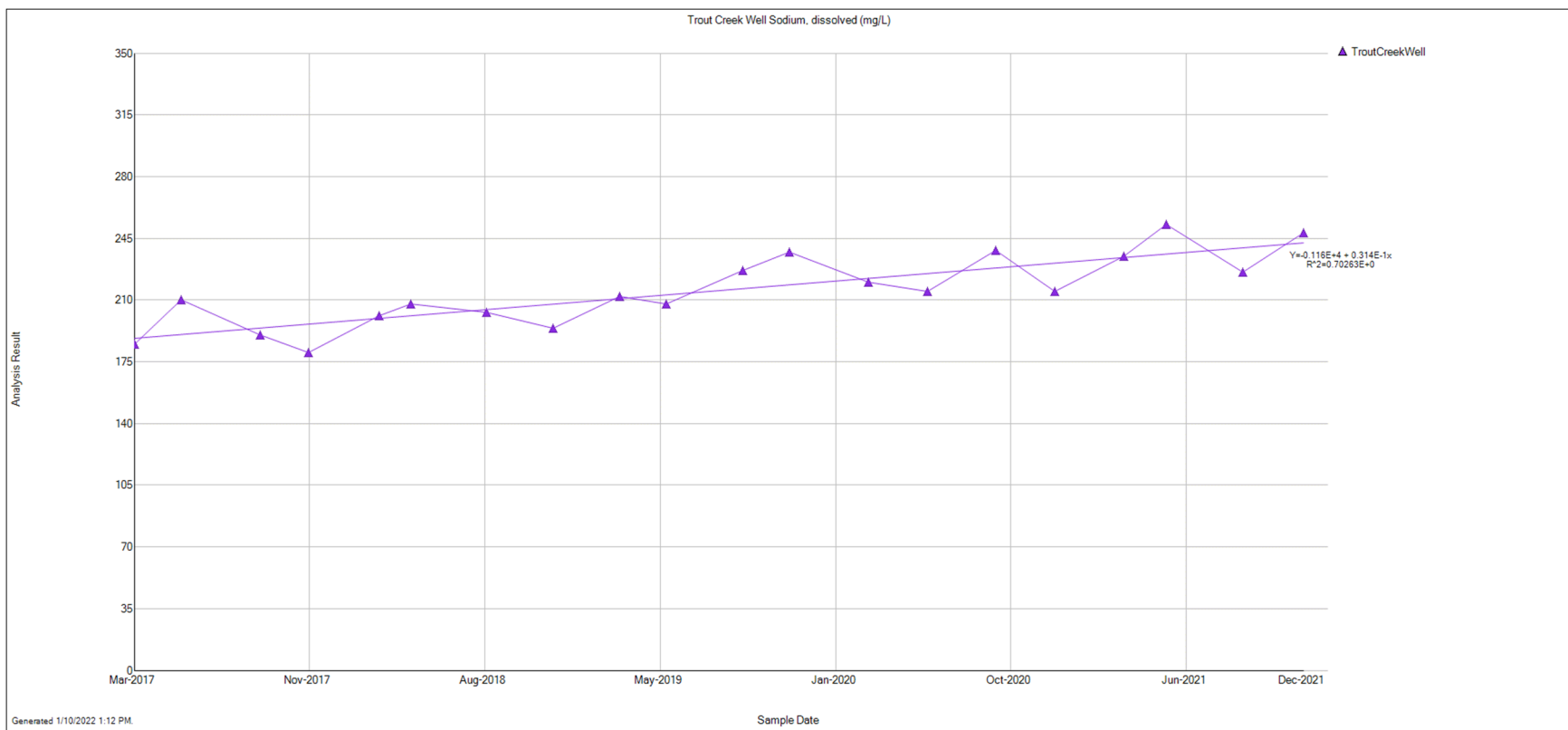


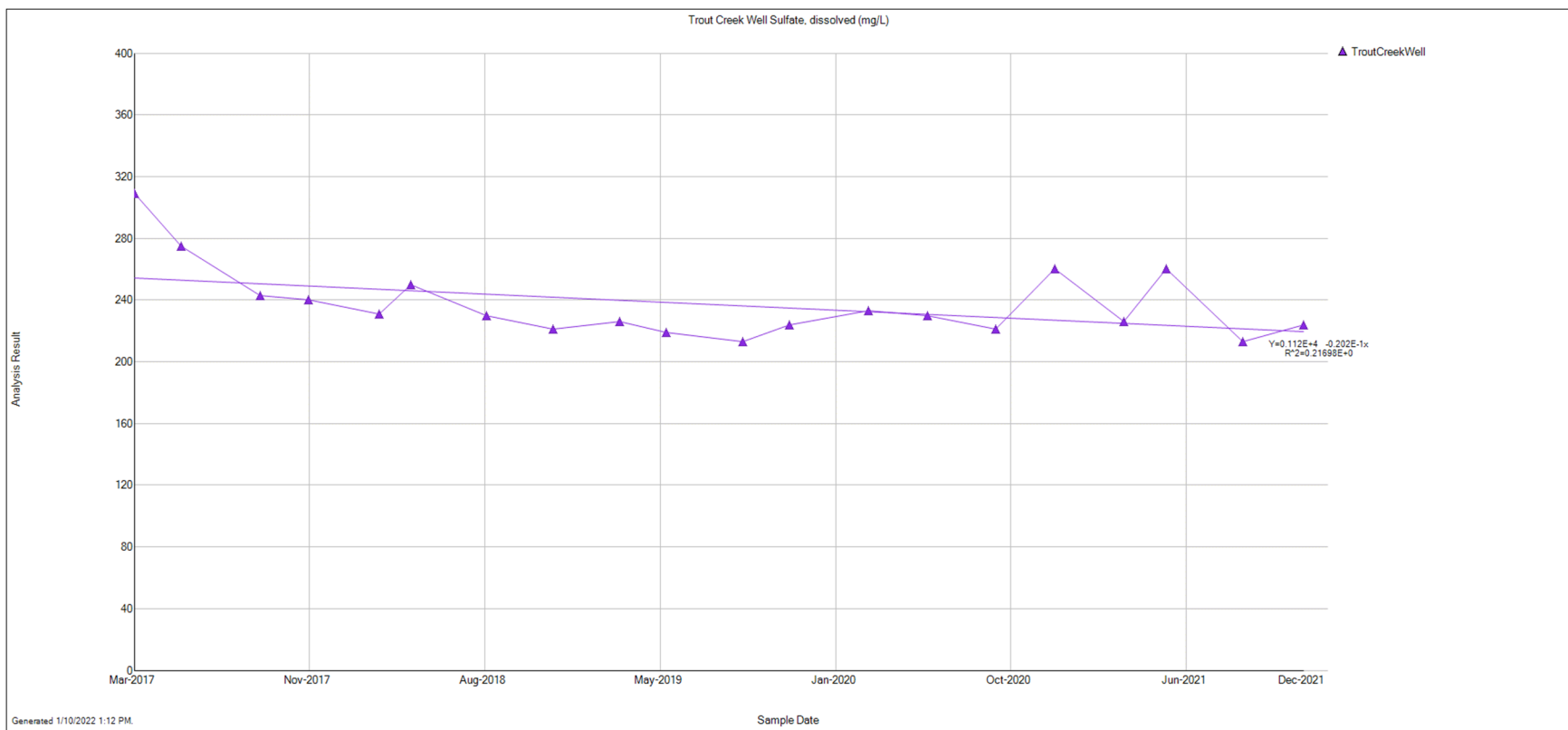












## **SECTION 2 – CDRMS ARR FORM AND SUPPORT DOCUMENTS**

### **RULE REQUIREMENT**

Rule 2.04.13(1) (a-f)

2.04.13(1) by April 1, or other such date as agreed on, each permittee shall file an annual reclamation report covering the previous calendar year for all areas under bond. The report shall include, but not be limited to, text, discussion and maps which address:

- the name and address of the permittee and permit number
- location and number of acres disturbed during that year
- location and number of acres backfilled and graded during that year
- location and number of acres topsoiled during that year
- the species, location and number of acres of vegetation planted during that year, including any augmented seeding or cultural practices
- location, number of acres and date of planting for all previously re-vegetated areas

### **PERMITTEE**

Colowyo Coal Company L.P.  
5731 State Highway 13  
Meeker, CO 81647

### **DISTURBED ACRES**

During 2021, 96.9 acres of additional disturbance occurred onsite. Please see Exhibit 2 for the locations of areas disturbed during 2021.

At the end of 2021, the total disturbance was 5,358.4 acres. Of this, 1,228.1 acres are in long-term facilities, and the active mining area comprised of 1,741.4 acres.

### **BACKFILLAND GRADED ACRES**

During 2021, 13.3 acres were backfilled and graded. To date, 2,287.8 acres have been backfilled and graded. Please see Exhibit 2 for the locations of all areas that have been backfilled and graded to date.

### **TOPSOIL REPLACEMENT & SEEDING ACRES**

During 2021, 13.3 acres were topsoiled, and 13.3 acres were permanently seeded. Please see Exhibit 2 for all locations that have been topsoiled and seeded to date at Colowyo, Figure 2-2 for more detailed description of each reclamation area at Colowyo, and Figure 2-3 for the seed mixture planted in 2021.

The species seeded on Colowyo's reclamation areas follow the approved seed mixtures located in Volume 1.

Figure 2-1 Annual Reclamation Report Form provides a detailed description of the acreages presented above.

**Figure 2-1 –Annual Reclamation Report Form**

**Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety**

Annual Reclamation Report for Calendar Year – 2021

Colowyo Mine	C-1981-019	Colowyo Coal Company L.P.
Mine Name	Permit Number	Permittee
5731 State Highway 13 Meeker, CO 81641		

Address

This report, required by Rule 2.04.13, is due by February 15 of each year, or other date, as agreed upon by the Division. It should include text, discussion, and maps, at a minimum, in addition to any other reclamation monitoring data as required by the approved permit. The location of the acreage reported under each land status category and year of seeding (if applicable) should be clearly identified on a map included with the report.

Land Category	Last Year's Cumulative Total (from last year's ARR)	This Calendar Year			Cumulative Total
		Acres Added (+)	Acres Subtracted (-)		
Acreage in Active Mining Areas <sup>1</sup>	1,662.9	91.8	13.3	=	1,741.4

Land Category	Last Year's Cumulative Total (from last year's ARR)	This Calendar Year			Cumulative Total
		Acres Added (+)	Acres Subtracted (-)		
Acres Disturbed <sup>2</sup>	5,261.5	96.9	0	=	5,358.4
Acres Backfilled and Graded	2,274.5	13.3	0	=	2,287.8
Acres Topsoiled	2,099.3	13.3	0	=	2,112.6

Acreage in Long-term Facilities <sup>3</sup>	Last Year's Cumulative Total (from last year's ARR)	This Calendar Year			Cumulative Total
		Acres Added (+)	Acres Subtracted (-)		
Non-Permanent Facilities	1,175.3	52.8	0	=	1,228.1
Permanent Facilities (permitted)	3.7	0	0	=	3.7
Totals	1,179.0			=	1,231.8

Acres Seeded (permanent)	Last Year's Cumulative Total (from last year's ARR)	This Calendar Year			Cumulative Total
		Acres Added (+)	Acres Subtracted (-)		
9 Years and Less	979.0	0	213.1	=	765.9
10 Years and Greater	263.1	213.1	0.0	=	476.2
Totals	1,242.1			=	1,242.1

Bond Release	Last Year's Cumulative Total (from last year's ARR)	This Calendar Year			Cumulative Total
		Acres Added (+)	Acres Subtracted (-)		
Phase I Released	1,973.9	18.0	0	=	1,991.9
Phase II Released	1,682.7	0	0	=	1,682.7
Phase III Released	722.5	0	0	=	722.5



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<sup>1</sup>Includes pits, topsoil stripped areas in advance of pits, and spoil not backfilled and graded

<sup>2</sup>Surface Mine Acres Disturbed = B&G + Long-Term Facilities + Active Mining Areas; Underground Mine Acres Disturbed = B&G + Long-Term Facilities; Separately-permitted Loadouts = B&G + Long-Term Facilities

<sup>3</sup>Includes haul, access and light-use roads, temporary dams and impoundments; permanent dams and impoundments; diversion and collector ditches, water and air monitoring sites; topsoil stockpiles; overburden stockpiles; repair, storage and construction areas; office area, repair shops, and parking; coal stockpiles, loading, and processing areas; railroads; coal conveyors; refuse piles and coal mine waste impoundments; head-of-hollow fills; valley fills; ventilation shafts and entryways; and non-coal waste disposal area (garbage dumps and coal combustion by-products disposal areas).

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**Figure 2-2 – Colowyo Reclamation Table**

Colowyo Reclamation Table										
Area	Reclamation Period		Revegetated Years	Status					Notes	
	Year	Acreage		Bond Release		Reclaimed (Seeded)	Topsoiled	Backfilled & Graded		
				Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3				
<b>East Pit</b>										
EP010	1988	1.7	33	Apr-98	Aug-01	Aug-12	1.7	1.7	1.7	Phase III Released - Unit was originally 46 acres 1.7 remain inside permit boundary.
EP011	1989	7.8	32	Apr-98	Aug-01	Aug-12	7.8	7.8	7.8	Phase III Released - Unit was originally 50 acres 7.8 remain inside permit boundary.
EP012	1990	5.9	31	Apr-98	Aug-01	Aug-12	5.9	5.9	5.9	Phase III Released - Unit was originally 8.2 acres 5.9 remain inside permit boundary.
EP014	1991	11.5	30	Apr-98	Aug-01	Aug-12	11.5	11.5	11.5	Phase III Released - Unit was originally 24.3 acres 11.5 remain inside permit boundary.
EP015	1991	7.9	30	Apr-98	Aug-01	Aug-12	7.9	7.9	7.9	Phase III Released - Unit was originally 43.7 acres 7.9 remain inside permit boundary.
EP020	1993	3.8	28	Apr-98	Aug-01	Aug-12	3.8	3.8	3.8	Phase III Released - Unit was originally 27.0 acres 3.8 remain inside permit boundary.
EP025	1994	23.6	27	Apr-98	Aug-01	Aug-12	23.6	23.6	23.6	Phase III Released - Unit was originally 54.0 acres 23.6 remain inside permit boundary.
EP026	1995	15.6	26	Apr-98	Aug-01	Aug-12	15.6	15.6	15.6	Phase III Released - Unit was originally 20.0 acres 15.6 remain inside permit boundary.
EP030	1997	3.9	24	Jun-11	Jun-11	Aug-12	3.9	3.9	3.9	Phase III Released - Unit was originally 17.0 acres 3.9 remain inside permit boundary.
EP032	1998	13.9	23	Jun-11	Jun-11	Aug-12	13.9	13.9	13.9	Phase III Released - Unit was originally 17.0 acres 3.9 remain inside permit boundary.
EP034	1999	6.9	22	Jun-11	Jun-11	Aug-12	6.9	6.9	6.9	Phase III Released
EP038	2001	3.2	20	Jun-11	Jun-11	Feb-17	3.2	3.2	3.2	Phase III Released - Unit was originally 4.08 acres 3.2 remain inside permit boundary.
EP039	2003	4.1	18	Jun-11	Jun-11	Feb-17	4.1	4.1	4.1	Phase III Released
EP040	2003	10.3	18	Jun-11	Jun-11	Feb-17	10.3	10.3	10.3	Phase III Released
EP041	2003	29.3	18	Jun-11	Jun-11	Nov-18	29.3	29.3	29.3	Phase III Released - Unit was originally 35.7 acres 29.3 remain inside permit boundary.
EP042	2002	9.6	19	Jun-11	Jun-11	Feb-17	9.6	9.6	9.6	Phase III Released - Unit was originally 21.03 acres 9.6 remain inside permit boundary.
EP043	2002	10.2	19	Jun-11	Jun-11	Feb-17	10.2	10.2	10.2	Phase III Released - Unit was originally 13.89 acres 10.2 remain inside permit boundary.
EP044	2003	6.0	18	Jun-11	Jun-11	Feb-17	6.0	6.0	6.0	Phase III Released - Unit was originally 24.64 acres 6.0 remain inside permit boundary.
EP045	2003	6.1	18	Apr-12	Nov-18	Nov-18	6.1	6.1	6.1	Phase III Released - Unit was originally 7.2 acres 6.1 remain inside permit boundary.
EP046	2005	96.7	16	Apr-12	Nov-18	Nov-18	96.7	96.7	96.7	Phase III Released
EP047	2005	0.0	16	Apr-12	Nov-18	Nov-18	0.0	1.9	1.9	Phase III Released
EP047	2006	1.9	15	Apr-12	Nov-18	Nov-18	1.9	0.0	0.0	Phase III Released
EP049	2006	0.8	15	Apr-12	Nov-18	Nov-18	0.8	0.8	0.8	Phase III Released - Unit was originally 4.0 acres 0.8 remain inside permit boundary.
EP050	2006	0.0	15	Apr-12	Nov-18	Nov-18	0.0	18.0	18.0	Phase III Released - Unit was originally 85.6 acres 77.5 remain inside permit boundary.
EP050	2007	77.5	14	Apr-12	Nov-18	Nov-18	77.5	59.5	59.5	Phase III Released - Unit was originally 85.6 acres 77.5 remain inside permit boundary.
EP051	2009	32.0	12	Apr-12	Nov-18	Nov-18	32.0	32.0	32.0	8.0 ac Redisturbed in 2010 Reseeded in 2010
EP052	2010	37.0	11	Apr-12	Nov-18	Nov-18	37.0	37.0	37.0	37.0 Acres Seeded in 2011
EP053	2010	17.4	11	Apr-12	Nov-18	Nov-18	17.4	17.4	17.4	17.4 Acres Seeded 2011
EP054	2010	17.4	11	Apr-12	Nov-18	Nov-18	17.4	17.4	17.4	
EP055	2010	8.8	11	Apr-12	Nov-18	Nov-18	8.8	8.8	8.8	Old R3 stockpile
EP056	2011	34.8	10	Apr-12	Nov-18	Nov-18	34.8	34.8	34.8	34.8 acres seeded as grassland
EP057	2012	70.7	9	Aug-13	Nov-18	Nov-18	62.7	62.7	70.7	1.6 ac regrade only 62.7 topsoiled seeded
EP058	2014	33.4	7	Jan-16	Oct-19	Oct-19	33.4	33.4	33.4	33.8 acres seeded as grassland
EP059	2016	48.9	5	Jan-18	Oct-20	Oct-20	30.9	30.9	48.9	30.9 acres seeded as grassland. Reseeded 30.9 acres in the fall of 2020.
EP060	2017	5.5	4	Aug-18	Oct-20	Oct-20	5.5	5.5	0.0	Redisturbance Topsoil Pile and Road No Backfill Sagebrush Steppe. 0.9 acres
EP061	2018	14.5	3	Sep-19			14.5	14.5	0.0	All Regrade occurred with EP057 and EP059. Sagebrush Steppe 14.5 acres.
EP062	2019	7.0	2	Jun-21			7.0	7.0	7.0	Topsoil pile footprint reclaimed. 7.0 acres Sagebrush Steppe. Reseeded 7.0 acres in fall of 2020.
<b>Grand Totals</b>		<b>327.4</b>					<b>301.4</b>	<b>301.4</b>	<b>307.4</b>	Remove Phase III acreage from Grand Totals.
<b>West Pit</b>										
WP001	1995	6.2	26	Apr-98	Aug-01	Aug-12	6.2	6.2	6.2	Phase III Released
WP002	1995	32.7	26	Apr-98	Aug-01	Aug-12	32.7	32.7	32.7	Phase III Released
WP003	1995	7.0	26	Jun-11	Jun-11	Nov-18	7.0	7.0	7.0	Phase III Released
WP004	1996	8.9	25	Jun-11	Jun-11	Nov-18	8.9	8.9	8.9	Phase III Released
WP005	1997	6.1	24	Jun-11	Jun-11	Aug-12	6.1	6.1	6.1	Phase III Released
WP006	1998	2.0	23	Jun-11	Jun-11	Aug-12	2.0	2.0	2.0	Phase III Released
WP007	1999	7.9	22	Jun-11	Jun-11	Aug-12	7.9	7.9	7.9	Phase III Released
WP008	2000	10.1	21	Jun-11	Jun-11	Feb-17	10.1	10.1	10.1	Phase III Released
WP009	2001	0.5	20	Jun-11	Jun-11	Feb-17	0.5	0.5	0.5	Phase III Released
WP010	2001	5.2	20	Jun-11			5.2	5.2	5.2	August 2021 - Sprayed Entire Unit with Esplanade Herbicide
WP011	2001	1.7	20	Jun-11	Jun-11	Feb-17	1.7	1.7	1.7	Phase III Released
WP012	2002	0.0	19	Apr-12	Nov-18	Nov-18	0.0	4.0	4.0	Phase III Released
WP013	2006	4.0	15	Apr-12	Nov-18	Nov-18	3.9	0.0	0.0	Phase III Released
WP014	2009	47.3	12	Apr-12	Nov-18	Nov-18	51.3	51.3	51.3	6 Acres Redisturbed in 2010 Reseeded in 2010. Moved 4.4 acres to WP019.
WP015	2010	94.0	11	Apr-12	Nov-18	Nov-18	94.0	94.0	127.2	69.7 acres re-seeded in 2013/1.6 acres moved to WP023/23.3 acres moved to WP025 in 2017. Moved 9.8 acres to WP015.
WP016	2011	146.1	10	Apr-12	Nov-18	Nov-18	132.2	132.2	146.1	34.1 Acres Seeded in 2012/17.7 acres regraded 2011/3.7 acres moved to WP023
WP017	2013	12.6	8	Apr-12	Nov-18	Nov-18	12.6	12.6	12.6	12.6 ac Grassland - Regraded in 2011/Seeded in 2013
WP018	2013	31.2	8	Aug-13	Nov-18	Nov-18	31.2	31.2	31.2	24.1 ac Grassland/7.1 Sagebrush Steppe
WP019	2013	35.9	8	Jan-16	Nov-18	Nov-18	22.1	22.1	22.1	1.5 ac Sagebrush Steppe/20.6 acres Grassland - Added 4.0 acres from WP014 and 9.9 acres from WP015. WP014 acreage was seeded in 2009 and WP015 acreage was seeded in 2010.
WP020	2013	95.8	8	Jan-16	Nov-18	Nov-18	95.8	95.8	95.8	9.2 acres Grassland/86.6 Sagebrush Steppe
WP021	2015	75.4	6	Sep-16	Oct-20	Oct-20	64.4	74.9	75.4	2.1 acres regrade only - 74.9 acres Grassland/15.2 acres moved to unit WP023. 10.5 acres (seeded only) moved to WP032. 10.5 acres not Phase II released due to Musk Thistle.
WP022	2016	0.5	5	Aug-18	Oct-20	Oct-20	0.5	0.0	0.0	This was surface disturbance only or an access road. No topsoil stripping or regrade occurred. Planted with Sagebrush Steppe.
WP023	2016	105.4	5	Jan-18	Oct-20	Oct-20	105.4	105.4	107.1	103.9 acres seeded as grassland.
WP024	2017	98.2	4	Aug-18	Oct-20	Oct-20	17.3	17.3	98.2	17.3 acres seeded as Sagebrush Steppe
WP025	2017	23.3	4	Apr-12	Oct-20	Oct-20	23.3	23.3	0.0	Originally part of WP015 Topsoiled 23.3 acres seeded as Sagebrush Steppe.
WP026	2018	54.2	3	Aug-18			54.2	54.2	1.8	52.4 acres regraded in 2017.
WP027	2018	17.8	3	Aug-18			17.8	17.8	0.0	17.8 acres regrade occurred in 2017.
WP028	2018	17.9	3	Sep-19			17.9	17.9	15.3	2.6 acres regraded in 2017.
WP029	2018	36.2	3	Sep-19			36.2	36.2	32.6	5.6 acres regraded in 2017.
WP030	2019	12.1	2	Jun-21			12.1	12.1	12.1	12.1 Acres Sagebrush Steppe - Reclaimed Topsoil pile footprint. Reseeded 12.1 acres in the fall of 2020.
WP031	2019	45.8	2	Jul-20			45.8	45.8	66.6	13.3 acres Sagebrush Steppe - 32.5 acres Grassland - Reseeded 10 Acres in the fall of 2020.
WP032	2015	10.5	6	Sep-16			10.5	0.0	0.0	This was originally part of WP021 - removed during Phase II due to noxious weeds. Topsoil and backfilled acres are still part of WP021.
WP033	2021	3.3	0				3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3 Acres seeded as grazingland.
WP034	2021	10.0	0				10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0 Acres seeded as grazingland.
<b>Grand Totals</b>		<b>980.7</b>					<b>865.1</b>	<b>864.6</b>	<b>917.9</b>	Remove Phase III acreage from Grand Totals.

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**Figure 2-2 – Colowyo Reclamation Table Continued**

Colowyo Reclamation Table										
Area	Reclamation Period		Revegetated Years	Status						
	Year	Acreage		Bond Release			Reclaimed (Seeded)	Topsoiled	Backfilled & Graded	Notes:
				Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3				
Section 16 Pit										
16002	1993	6.2	28	Jun-11	Jan-18	Jan-18	6.2	6.2	6.2	Acres seeded as grazingland.
16003	1993	25.9	28	Apr-98	Aug-01	Jan-18	25.9	25.9	25.9	Phase III Released
16005	1994	3.9	27	Jun-11	Jan-18	Jan-18	3.9	3.9	3.9	Phase III Released
16006	1994	50.5	27	Apr-98	Aug-01	Jan-18	50.5	50.5	50.5	Phase III Released
16008	1995	41.2	26	Apr-98	Aug-01	Jan-18	41.2	41.2	41.2	Phase III Released
16009	1996	1.3	25	Jun-11	Jan-18	Jan-18	1.3	1.3	1.3	Phase III Released
16010	1996	10.0	25	Jun-11	Jun-11	Jan-18	10.0	10.0	10.0	Phase III Released
16011	1997	6.2	24	Jun-11	Jan-18	Jan-18	6.2	6.2	6.2	Phase III Released
16012	1997	2.0	24	Jun-11	Jan-18	Jan-18	2.0	2.0	2.0	Phase III Released
16013	1997	3.2	24	Jun-11	Jan-18	Jan-18	3.2	3.2	3.2	Phase III Released
16014	1998	7.4	23	Jun-11	Jun-11	Jan-18	7.4	7.4	7.4	Phase III Released
16015	1998	2.0	23	Jun-11	Jan-18	Jan-18	2.0	2.0	2.0	Phase III Released
16016	1999	22.7	22	Jun-11	Jan-18	Jan-18	22.7	22.7	22.7	Phase III Released
Grand Totals		182.5					182.5	182.5	182.5	182.5 Acres seeded as grazingland.
South Taylor Pit										
ST001	2011	46.1	10	Jan-16			46.1	46.1	46.1	Acres seeded as grazingland.
ST002	2012	6.3	9	Aug-13	Oct-19		6.3	6.3	6.3	Only 44.8 acres Phase I released in 2016-19.1 ac Sagebrush Steep/3.3 acres study area/23.7 ac Grassland
ST003	2013	1.2	8	Jan-16	Oct-19		1.2	1.2	1.2	6.3 Grassland acres seeded in 2012
ST004	2014	12.2	7	Jan-16			12.2	12.2	12.2	1.2 acres Grassland
ST005	2016	1.4	5	Aug-18			1.4	0.0	0.0	Only 4.5 acres Phase I released in 2016 - 12.2 acres Grassland
Grand Totals		67.2					67.2	65.8	65.8	Wildland Fire Area no backfill and grading occurred or topsoil stripping
										67.2 Acres seeded as grazingland.
Gossard Loadout/Facilities Areas										
GF01	2016	3.4	5	Aug-18	Oct-20		3.4	3.4	3.4	Acres seeded as grazingland.
GF03	2017	17.7	4				17.7	17.7	17.7	Lower Admin Building - 3.4 acres Sagebrush Steppe
GF04	2017	10.4	4				10.4	10.4	10.4	This was the raw water pipeline. Seeded sagebrush steppe.
Grand Total		31.5					31.5	31.5	31.5	10.4 Acres seeded as grazingland.
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C01	2016	0.3	5	Aug-18			0.3	0.0	0.0	Acres seeded as grazingland.
C02	2016	0.2	5	Aug-18			0.2	0.0	0.0	This was brushing only. Seeded sagebrush steppe. Previous total was 0.4 acres. 0.1 acres redistributed in 2017.
C03	2016	0.1	5				0.1	0.0	0.0	This was brushing only. Seeded sagebrush steppe.
C05	2016	0.1	5	Aug-18			0.1	0.0	0.0	This was brushing only. Seeded sagebrush steppe. Previous total was 0.3 acres. 0.2 acres redistributed in 2017.
Grand Total		0.7					0.7	0.0	0.0	This was brushing only. Seeded sagebrush steppe.
										0.7 Acres seeded as grazingland.

### Figure 2-3 – Colowyo Seed Tag Documentation

Granite Seed - Denver  
From: 490 East 76th Ave., Unit A  
Denver, CO 80229

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Mix Name: **Table 2.05-7 Grassland-Broadcast only** **3-55519**

Mix #: **221792** **Table 2.05-7 Grassland-Broadcast only**

% Pure	Common Name	Variety	G + D or H	Origin
27.80	SAGEBRUSH, MOUNTAIN BIG	VNS	77 - TZ	UT
22.53	FESCUE, ROCKY MOUNTAIN	VNS	95 - TZ	CAN
11.03	PENSTEMON, ROCKY MOUNTAIN	Bandera	67 + 30 = 97	OR
5.80	YARROW, WESTERN	Eagle	86 - TZ	WA

0.00 Other Crop

Date Tested: 02-Dec-20

32.82 Inert Matter

Hard Seed: 3.33

0.01 Weed Seed

Noxious Weed: NONE FOUND

Net Weight 21.01 Lbs. PLS 36.34 Lbs. Bulk

Coverage: 36.344 Bulk #

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**Figure 2-3 – Colowyo Seed Tag Documentation Continued**

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From: 490 East 76th Ave., Unit A  
Denver, CO 80229

Mix Name: **Table 2.05-7 Grassland-Drill only**

Mix # **221793**

**3-55520**

**Table 2.05-7 Grassland-Drill only**

% Pure	Common Name	Variety	G + D or H	Origin
25.50	SALT BUSH, FOURMING	VNS	45-TZ	NM
15.88	WESTERN WHEATGRASS	Rosana	46 + 20 = 68	CAN
15.31	BLUEBUNCH WHEATGRASS BEARLESS	Whitmar	91 + 3 = 94	WA
9.18	THICKSPICE WHEATGRASS	Coliana	92 + 0 = 92	MT
7.42	BROMEGRASS, MOUNTAIN	UP Cold Springs	90 + 7 = 97	CO
5.51	SLENDER WHEATGRASS	Revenue	92 + 0 = 92	CAN
5.45	GREEN NEEDLEGRASS	Lodoni	86 + 43 = 90	MT
3.78	WILDRYE, GREAT BASIN	Trailhead	85 + 0 = 85	MT
3.64	SKUNKBUSH	VNS	99-TZ	UT
2.27	MILKVETCH, CICER	Lutana	13 + 82 = 95	MT
1.98	LEWIS FLAX	Maple Grove	71 + 21 = 92	WA

0.20 Other Crop  
3.74 Inert Matter  
0.06 Weed Seed

Date Tested: 21-Jan-21  
Hard Seed: 9.03  
Noxious Weed: NONE FOUND

Net Weight: 10.40 Lbs. PLS  
Coverage: 1.000 Acre  
13.89 Lbs. Bulk

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### **SECTION 3 – REGRADED OVERBURDEN SAMPLING**

#### **RULE REQUIREMENT**

Rule 2.04.13(2) the Permittee may provide additional monitoring information as required by the approved permit.

Specific overburden sample suspect levels can be referenced in Volume 1 Section 2.05.3.

#### **GENERAL DISCUSSION**

Colowyo sampled two locations of regraded overburden during 2021. Results from both samples did not exceeded parameter thresholds. Please see Figure 3-1 for analytical results for all samples taken in 2021.

**Figure 3-1 – Regraded Overburden Analytical Results**

GRID #	DATE	EC (mmhos/ cm)	pH	SAR
<b>BB22</b>	20-Oct-21	2.15	7.4	3.71
<b>BB23</b>	20-Oct-21	2.28	7.4	3.35



## **SECTION 4 – INTERIM REVEGETATION MONITORING REPORT**

### **RULE REQUIREMENT**

Rule 2.04.13(2) the Permittee may provide additional monitoring information as required by the approved permit.

### **GENERAL DISCUSSION**

The Interim Revegetation Monitoring Report can be found in Exhibit 4.

## Exhibit 4

### Interim Vegetation Report

# **Colowyo Mine**

Permit No. C-1981-019

## **2021 REVEGETATION MONITORING REPORT**

February, 2022



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**Permit Number: C-1981-019**

## 2021 Revegetation Monitoring Report

Revegetation Units:	Reference Areas:
EP058 WP030 ST004 EP062 WP031	Mountain Shrub Sagebrush

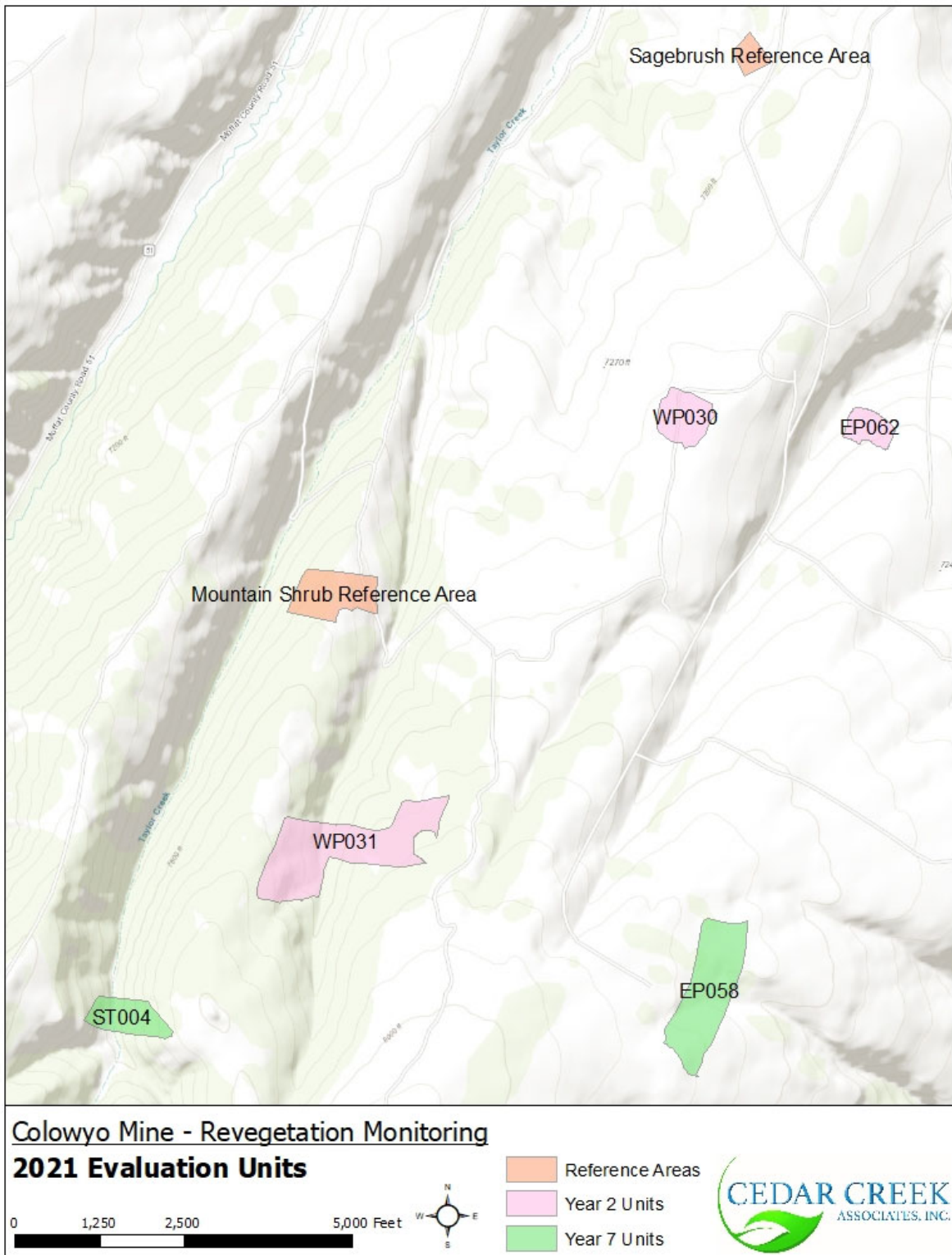
### 1.0 INTRODUCTION

Cedar Creek Associates, Inc. (Cedar Creek) was contracted in 2021 by Colowyo Coal Company (Colowyo) to implement a revegetation monitoring program within selected revegetated units at the Colowyo Mine. Monitoring was performed in the interest of ascertaining progress toward revegetation success in general accordance with Rule 3.03, Release of Performance Bonds. The revegetated areas evaluated in 2021 consisted of two units within the East Pit, two units within the West Pit, and one South Taylor Pit unit. Units evaluated in 2021 range in size from less than seven to 46 acres. At the time of sampling, revegetation within evaluated units had experienced either 2 or 7 growing seasons following completion of seeding. In addition, two reference areas (Mountain Shrub – 1980 and Sagebrush – 1981) were sampled to provide cover and production comparison values to facilitate an evaluation of progress toward success for the reclaimed units. The location of each unit and associated reference areas evaluated in 2021 are indicated on Map 1, and the sample points within each area are provided on “in-text” maps for each unit in Section 3.0.

Field sampling for the directly measurable variables of ground cover, woody plant density, current annual production (seventh growing season units only) and seedling density (first growing season units only) was systematically conducted within the designated units from August 2<sup>nd</sup> through August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021. Field efforts in 2021 were conducted under the direct supervision of Cedar Creek’s Senior Reclamation Ecologist and Soil Specialist, Mr. Jesse H. Dillon.

The remainder of this document is divided into logical sections. Section 2.0 describes the revegetation performance standards. Section 3.0 provides results separated first by mine area (East Pit, West Pit, and South Taylor Pit) and then by revegetation unit. Each unit and resulting data/mapping are presented separately, along with a brief discussion of pertinent observations and/or recommendations. Section 4.0

presents conclusions and recommendations. Descriptions of vegetation sampling methodologies utilized in 2021 are presented in the Colowyo permit (Volume 1, section 4.15.11). Raw data tables and summaries are presented in Appendix A. In this manner, only the most salient information is provided in the main body of this document. Acreages presented in this document were determined by Colowyo's technical services department.



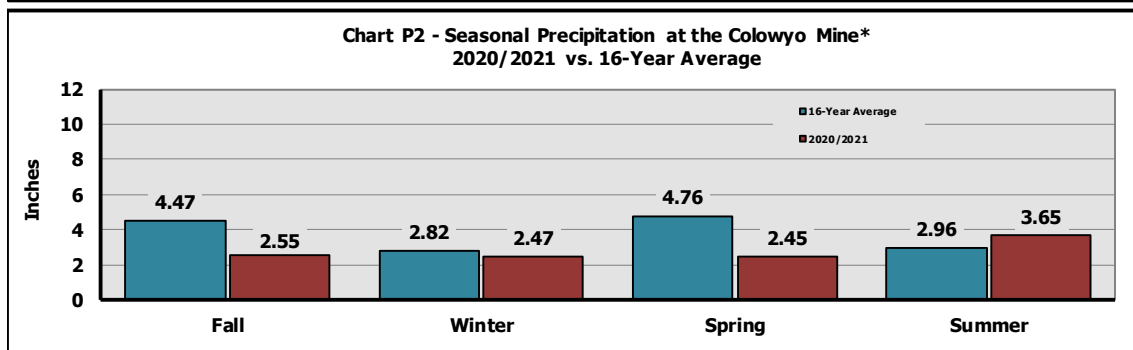
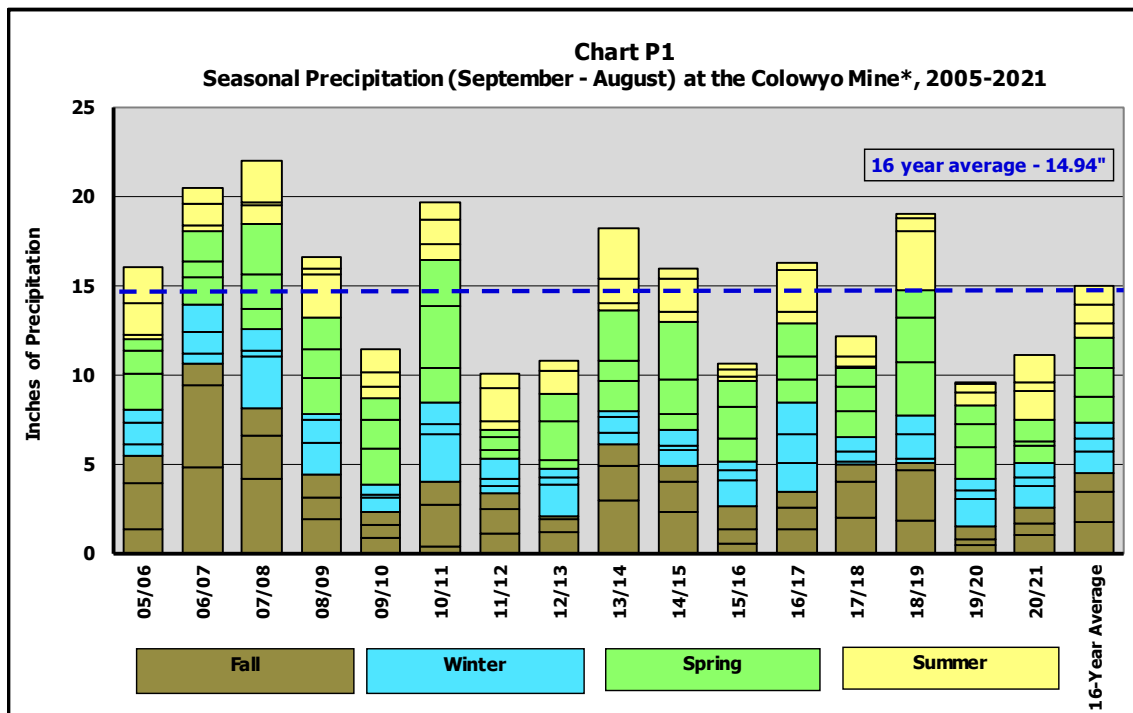
## **1.1 Climate Data**

Precipitation data presented on Table P and Charts P1 and P2 is the average of two weather stations at the Colowyo Mine (SCN16 and SCN34 from 2009 to present). Table P presents precipitation accumulated annually at the Colowyo Mine over the past 16 years. Charts P1 and P2 display historical precipitation data organized by growing season. Precipitation in the project area for the 2020/2021 growing season (September 2020 through August 2021) was determined to be 74% of average when compared to the 16-year average (11.12in. vs. 15.00 in.).

Perusal of Chart P2 indicates that 2020 fall precipitation was well-below average with 2.55 inches, 57% of the 16-year average. Winter of 2020 saw approximately average levels with 2.47 inches, 88% of average. Spring of 2021 received well-below average precipitation with 2.45 inches (52% of average) while summer of 2020 received above average levels with 3.65 inches (123% of average). Since growing season precipitation were well-below average in 2020 and 2021, collected data are reflective of below average vegetative vigor and production.



Table P - Annual Precipitation at the Colowyo Mine*, 2006-2021													
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2006	1.19	0.71	2.01	1.33	0.64	0.25	1.77	2.02	4.83	4.62	1.15	0.63	21.15
2007	1.21	1.50	1.54	0.92	1.67	0.30	1.27	0.84	4.18	2.38	1.60	2.84	20.22
2008	0.35	1.24	1.14	1.94	2.79	1.08	0.17	2.32	1.94	1.16	1.28	1.81	17.19
2009	1.32	0.31	1.99	1.67	1.79	2.42	0.33	0.59	0.85	0.71	0.78	0.81	13.54
2010	0.16	0.51	2.05	1.64	1.20	0.64	0.78	1.35	0.34	2.34	1.30	2.73	15.01
2011	0.55	1.18	1.96	3.45	2.59	0.93	1.38	0.96	1.09	1.38	0.90	0.38	16.74
2012	0.40	1.17	0.46	0.73	0.42	0.48	1.85	0.79	1.15	0.73	0.22	1.77	10.13
2013	0.43	0.45	0.45	2.25	1.54	0.00	1.26	0.60	2.93	1.96	1.24	0.60	13.69
2014	0.91	0.36	1.66	1.14	2.81	0.46	1.30	2.86	2.31	1.68	0.91	0.86	17.26
2015	0.27	0.93	0.88	1.91	3.24	0.59	1.87	0.57	0.52	0.79	1.29	1.51	14.34
2016	0.56	0.50	1.23	1.81	1.48	0.22	0.44	0.33	1.32	1.24	0.85	1.63	11.58
2017	1.63	1.80	1.31	1.31	1.79	0.69	2.34	0.38	1.95	2.03	1.02	0.14	16.36
2018	0.60	0.75	1.46	1.45	1.04	0.07	0.53	1.16	1.81	2.84	0.42	0.28	12.36
2019	1.37	1.02	2.98	2.47	1.55	3.30	0.78	0.22	0.44	0.30	0.78	1.49	16.68
2020	0.49	0.70	1.77	1.25	1.03	0.73	0.48	0.08	1.04	0.59	0.92	1.19	10.24
2021	0.48	0.80	1.04	0.25	1.17	1.65	0.50	1.50	1.28	1.80	0.25	1.90	12.60
2006-2021 Avg.	0.74	0.87	1.49	1.59	1.67	0.86	1.06	1.03	1.75	1.66	0.93	1.28	14.94



\* An average of data collected by Colowyo Weather Stations SCN16 and WSTPT prior to 2009, and then from stations SCN16 and SCN34 due to the relocation of WSTPT.

## 2.0 REVEGETATION SUCCESS STANDARDS

Colowyo has made the commitment to establish reclaimed plant communities that meet the designated post mining land use of rangeland, with the subcomponents of grazingland and wildlife habitat [Volume 1, Section 2.05.5]. Areas designated as grazingland for the post mining land use will aim to establish vegetation communities comprised of species primarily selected for palatability and production, with incidental wildlife habitat, implemented on those lands with slopes greater than 10%. Areas designated for wildlife habitat as the post mining land use will aim to establish a sagebrush steppe vegetation community and will be limited to those lands with slopes less than 10%.

Three reference areas selected to represent the three major vegetative communities are utilized to evaluate revegetation success at Colowyo; the Mountain Shrub reference area, Sagebrush reference area, and Collom Aspen reference area. The comparison between the reclamation area and the reference area occurs as follows:

East and West Pit (Including Gossard Facilities) Reclamation Areas - Reclaimed areas shall be compared to weighted parameters from the Mountain Shrub reference area (55% weight) and the Sagebrush reference area (45% weight) in accordance with Rule 4.15.7(4)(b).

South Taylor Pit Reclamation Areas - Areas reclaimed to grazing land shall be compared to weighted parameters from the Mountain Shrub reference area (52% weight), the Sagebrush reference area (25% weight), and the Collom Aspen reference area (23% weight) in accordance with Rule 4.15.7(4)(b).

The Collom Aspen reference area was not sampled in 2021, so for the purposes of this monitoring effort, the South Taylor Pit reclamation area (ST004) will be compared to the standard used for East and West Pit reclamation areas; which is generally a higher standard.

Reference areas are utilized to test revegetation success for the metrics of herbaceous cover and herbaceous production, while woody plant density and diversity metrics are compared against technical standards. In addition, South Taylor reclamation areas require the establishment of aspens and tall shrubs, but establishment is not addressed in the monitoring efforts. The success criteria for each revegetation metric are described below:

Herbaceous Cover - For revegetation targeting (and achieving) the rangeland land use subcomponents of grazingland and wildlife habitat, herbaceous cover of the revegetated area will be considered adequate for final bond release if it is not less than 90% of the herbaceous cover as

determined from the reference areas with a 90% statistical confidence utilizing a standard students statistical t-test comparison of the means, as described in Rule 4.15.8 (3) (a).

Herbaceous Production - For revegetation targeting the rangeland land use subcomponents of grazingland and wildlife habitat, herbaceous production of the revegetated area will be considered adequate for final bond release if it is not less than 90% of the herbaceous production, as determined from the reference areas with a 90% statistical confidence utilizing a standard students statistical t-test comparison of the means, as described in Rule 4.15.8 (4).

Woody Plant Density - Where shrubs establish to form wildlife habitat, they will be segregated into low and high-density areas, each with a separate woody plant density success criterion. On high-density areas (areas of shrub concentration), the standard shall be 375 live woody plants per acre. At least one-half of these totals shall be sagebrush species. In low-density areas, the standard shall be 200 plants per acre. Furthermore, Colowyo will establish wildlife habitat areas, comprised of both low and high-density areas, on approximately 20% of the acres in each bond release evaluation, with at least 50% of those acres representing high-density areas. The grazingland acres will not be subject to woody plant density standards.

Diversity - The revegetation objective for diversity will be to establish at least four native\* perennial species, each more than 3% composition, minimum of two of which are grasses and a minimum of one which is a forb, with the following caveat; If no single forb species exceeds 3% composition, the forb requirement can be met if:

- a) at least two native\* perennial forbs combined comprise at least 2% composition, or;
- b) at least four native\* perennial forbs combined comprise at least 1% composition.

The dominant species will contribute to the appropriate structure and stability of the post-mining vegetative community.

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\* The limitation to native status will not apply to introduced (and CDRMS approved taxa) specifically planted for an approved use such as Orchard grass or Cicer milkvetch.

### **3.0 RESULTS**

In 2021, two evaluated units have existed for seven years and were assessed with ground cover, diversity, woody plant density, and production sampling protocols. Three evaluated units have existed for two growing seasons; these units were assessed with ground cover, diversity, and woody plant density sampling protocols. Summaries of the results from the seven- and two-year-old units are presented in in-text compendia, with additional summaries and raw data presented in Appendix A. Reference Area results are summarized in Appendix A along with additional raw data.

Considering the 2021 evaluation effort as a whole, observed revegetation at Colowyo is generally in fair condition and on a path to demonstrate success. As seems to be normal for Colowyo revegetation, a few younger units exhibit elevated levels of early seral taxa (annual weedy species). However, based on past history it is unlikely these units will need remediation (herbicide treatment), except in rare occasions, given that precipitation patterns in the area tend to favor seeded perennials over time. The unfavorable precipitation in the fall of 2019 which continued through 2020 and 2021 has likely delayed the progress of the younger units, which should be closely monitored moving forward. As revegetated communities continue to mature, the older units evaluated in 2021 should readily meet both land-use goals and bond release success criteria.

The following sections (Sections 3.1 to 3.6) provide a brief narrative of the results from each individual unit evaluated by Cedar Creek. Also included for each unit is a map indicating the 2021 sample points and a one-page summary (compendium) of all pertinent data collected from the unit in 2021 and previous years, if applicable.

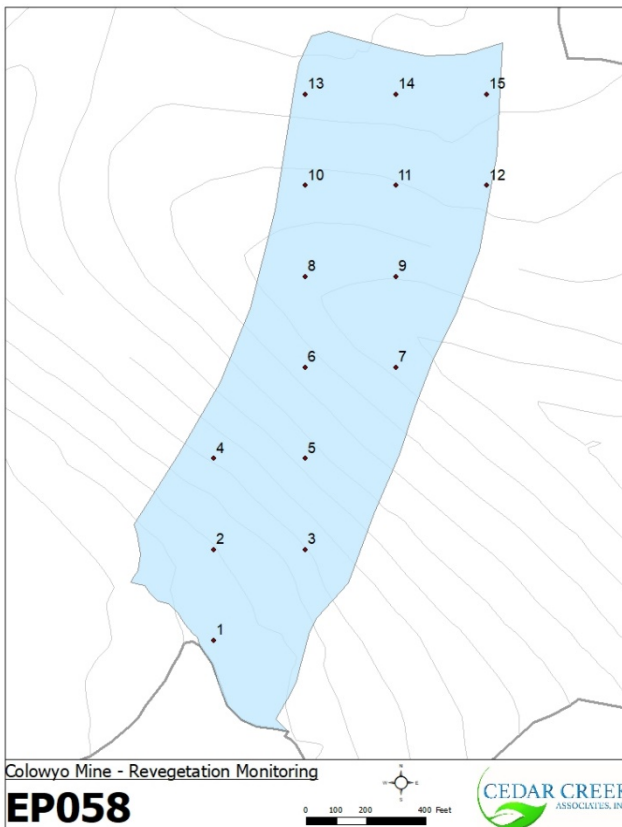
### 3.1 East Pit

#### 3.1.1 EP058 – Year 7 Unit

EP058 is comprised of approximately 33.40 acres of moderate to steep sloping revegetation. This unit was seeded in 2015 and therefore, was undergoing its seventh growing season in 2021 (Compendium 1). A representative photo for 2021 is presented below.

Ground cover was determined from 15 transects. Desirable perennial plants in 2021 averaged 16.1% which is a decrease from Year 4 sampling (24.5%). Annual forbs initially exhibited elevated cover in Year 2, but have decreased substantially in 2021 with 3.9% average cover. Noxious weeds has remained below 0.5% average cover in years 2, 4, and 7, but reached the highest point in 2021. Cheatgrass exhibited a high of 23.1% average cover in Year 4 and has since dropped significantly to 4.0% in 2021. Annual forbs and grasses tend to decrease on Colowyo's reclamation as perennial plant communities develop. There were 17 species observed on this unit in 2021. Woody plant density was determined from 15 belt transects and indicated 21.6 stems per acre in 2021 consisting of big sagebrush and roundleaf snowberry. Perennial herbaceous production was 664.8 pounds per acre, significantly above the success criteria of 197.8 pounds per acre. Perennial grasses comprise the majority of production while noxious weeds and cheatgrass comprised 6% of the total production with 44.9 pounds per acre (Appendix A - Chart 4 and Table 16).

Unit EP058 exhibited exceptional perennial cover in Year 4, and it is likely that the drop seen in 2021 is due to the recent drought conditions. Even with the decreased cover in 2021, Unit EP058 meets the success criteria. It is likely that perennial cover in this unit will re-bound with the return of average precipitation. It is recommended that this unit be evaluated in 2023 for Year-9 bond release sampling.



**Compendium 1 2021**
**EP058**

Location: **East Pit** Targeted Post-Mining **Grazingland**  
 Acres: **33.4** Community: **Sagebrush Steppe**  
 First Growing Season: **2015**

**Ground Cover Results**

Number of Ground Cover Transects = 15

	Average Ground Cover (%)			Relative Ground Cover (%)			Species Observed (#)		
	Year 2	Year 4	Year 7	Year 2	Year 4	Year 7	Year 2	Year 4	Year 7
Perennial Grasses	15.6	24.4	15.9	39.3	50.8	64.6	14	10	7
Perennial Forbs	0.1	-	0.2	0.3	-	0.8	3	-	1
Sub-shrubs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Shrubs & Trees	-	0.1	-	-	0.1	-	-	1	-
Annual Grass	7.0	-	0.2	17.6	-	0.8	1	1	1
Annual / Biennial Forbs	16.8	0.5	3.9	42.3	1.0	15.9	7	4	6
Noxious Weeds - Cheatgrass	-	23.1	4.0	-	48.0	16.2	-	1	1
Noxious Weeds - Other	0.2	0.1	0.4	0.5	0.1	1.6	1	1	1
Litter	12.0	20.3	31.5						
Rock	5.5	1.1	2.1						
Bareground	42.8	30.5	41.7						
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Total Plant Cover</b>	<b>39.7</b>	<b>48.1</b>	<b>24.7</b>						
<b>Total Perennial Cover</b>	<b>15.7</b>	<b>24.5</b>	<b>16.1</b>	<b>39.6</b>	<b>50.9</b>	<b>65.4</b>			
<b>Allowable Perennial Herbaceous Cover</b>	<b>15.7</b>	<b>24.4</b>	<b>16.1</b>	<b>39.6</b>	<b>50.8</b>	<b>65.4</b>			

**Woody Plant Density Results**

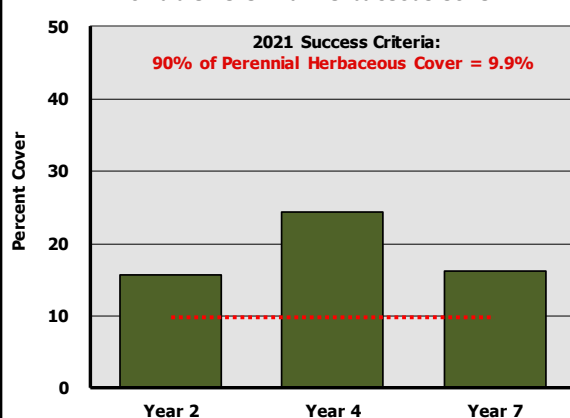
Number of Woody Plant Density Belts = 15

		Stems per Acre		
		Year 2	Year 4	Year 7
<i>Artemisia tridentata</i>	Big Sagebrush	2.7	37.8	16.2
<i>Rosa woodsii</i>	Woods Rose	2.7	-	-
<i>Symphoricarpos rotundifolius</i>	Roundleaf Snowberry	-	-	5.4
<b>Total</b>		<b>5.4</b>	<b>37.8</b>	<b>21.6</b>
Sagebrush Contribution (%)		50%	100%	75%
Percent of Transects Exceeding High-Density Standard (375 Stems per acre)		0%	0%	0%
Percent of Transects Exceeding Low-Density Standard (Between 200 and 375 Stems per acre)		0%	7%	0%

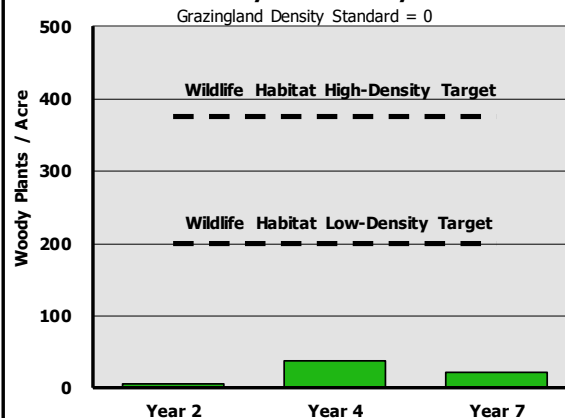
**Production Results**

		lbs per Acre
		Year 7
Perennial Grasses		657.7
Perennial Forbs		7.1
Sub-shrubs		-
Annual Grasses		-
Annual / Biennial Forbs		8.2
Noxious Weeds	Cheatgrass	44.9
	Other	-
<b>Total Production</b>		<b>717.9</b>
<b>Total Perennial Production</b>		<b>664.8</b>
<b>Allowable Perennial Herb. Production</b>		<b>664.8</b>

\* Evolving post-mining vegetation communities (Grazingland or Sagebrush Steppe) will be delineated after Year 7 evaluation, in preparation for bond release evaluation.

**Allowable Perennial Herbaceous Cover**

**Woody Plant Density**

Grazingland Density Standard = 0

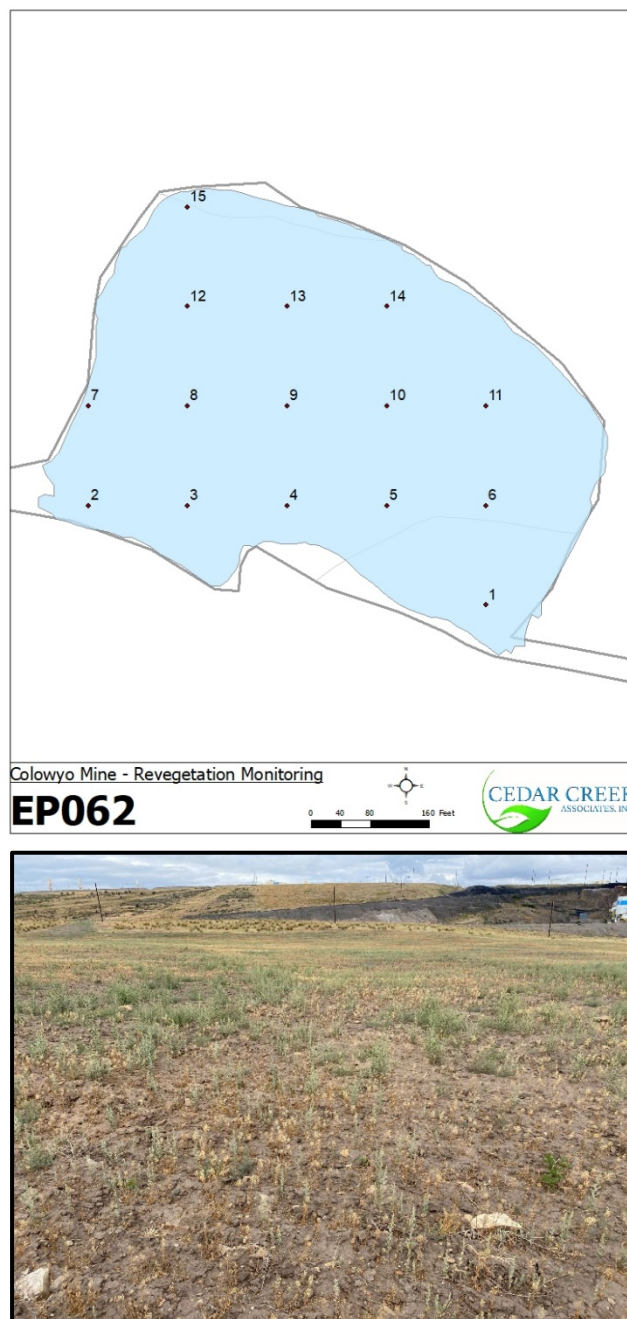


### 3.1.2 EP062 – Year 2 Unit

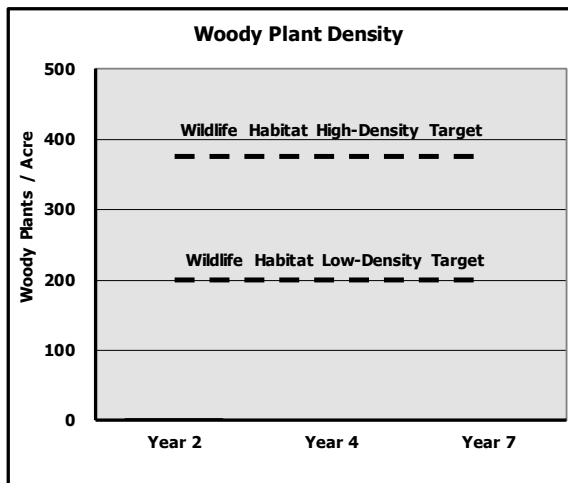
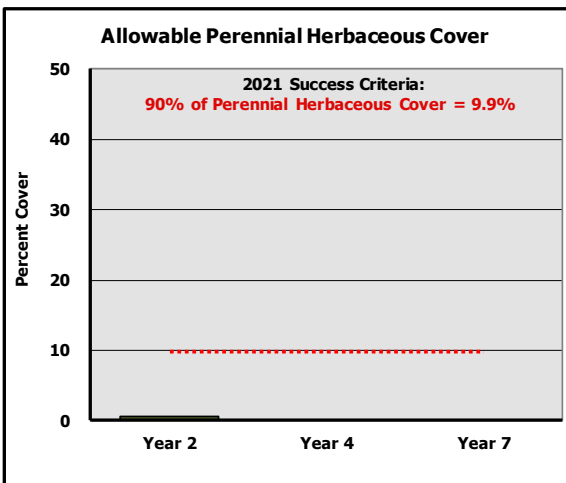
EP062 is comprised of approximately 7.0 acres of gently sloping north-facing revegetation. This unit was seeded in 2019 and therefore, was undergoing its second growing season in 2021 (Compendium 2). A representative photo for 2021 is presented below.

Ground cover was determined from 15 transects. Desirable perennial plants in Unit EP062 average 0.5% in 2021. Annual forbs exhibit elevated cover in 2021 with 18.5% average cover. Cheatgrass did not contribute to cover in 2021. Annual forbs and grasses tend to decrease on Colowyo's reclamation as perennial plant communities develop. There were 8 species observed on this unit in 2021. Woody plant density was determined from 15 belt transects and indicated 2.7 stems per acre in 2021 consisting entirely of antelope bitterbrush.

Unit EP062 exhibits poor perennial cover for two-year-old revegetation. It is recommended that this unit be evaluated in 2023 for ground cover and woody plant density in accordance with Colowyo's monitoring schedule.



Compendium 2 2021											
EP062											
Location: East Pit		Targeted Post-Mining Community:				Grazingland					
Acres: 7											
First Growing Season: 2020											
<b>Ground Cover Results</b>											
Number of Ground Cover Transects = 15		Average Ground Cover (%)			Relative Ground Cover (%)			Species Observed (#)			
		Year 2	Year 4	Year 7	Year 2	Year 4	Year 7	Year 2	Year 4	Year 7	
Perennial Grasses		0.5			2.8			1			
Perennial Forbs		-			-			-			
Sub-shrubs		-			-			-			
Shrubs & Trees		-			-			-			
Annual Grass		-			-			-			
Annual / Biennial Forbs		18.5			97.2			7			
Noxious Weeds - Cheatgrass		-			-			-			
Noxious Weeds - Other		-			-			-			
Litter		8.1									
Rock		2.5									
Bareground		70.3									
Total		100.0			100.0			8			
Total Plant Cover		19.0									
Total Perennial Cover		0.5									
Allowable Perennial Herbaceous Cover		0.5									
<b>Woody Plant Density Results</b>										<b>Production Results</b>	
Number of Woody Plant Density Belts = 15		Stems per Acre								lbs per Acre	
		Year 2	Year 4	Year 7						Year 7	
Purshia tridentata	Antelope Bitterbrush	2.7									
Total		2.7									
Sagebrush Contribution (%)		100%									
Percent of Transects Exceeding High-Density Standard (375 Stems per acre)		0%									
Percent of Transects Exceeding Low-Density Standard (Between 200 and 375 Stems per acre)		0%									
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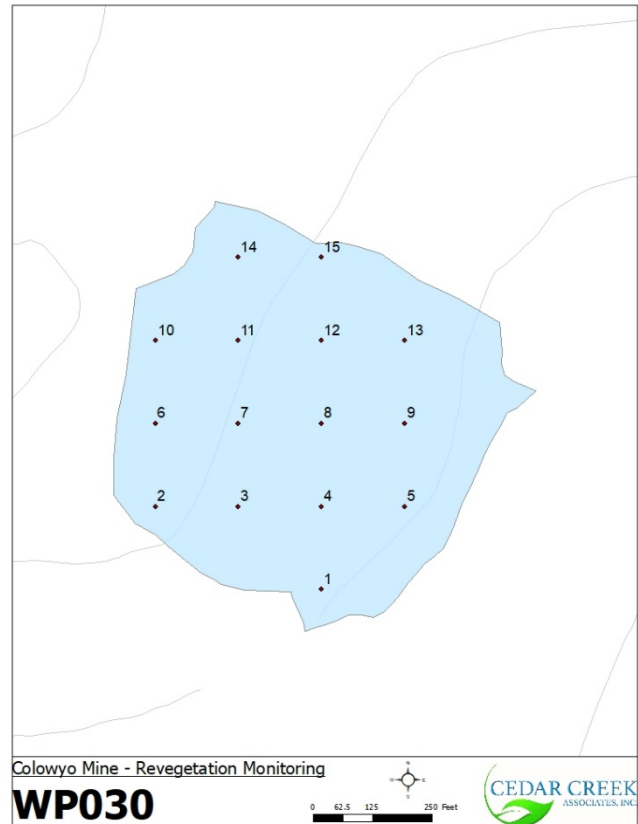
## 3.2 West Pit

### 3.2.1 WP030 – Year 2 Unit

WP030 is comprised of approximately 12.1 acres of generally flat revegetation. This unit was seeded in 2019, and therefore, was undergoing its second growing season in 2021 (Compendium 3). A representative photo for 2021 is presented below.

Ground cover was determined from 15 transects. Desirable perennial plants averaged 2.4% cover in 2021. Annual forbs exhibit elevated cover in 2021 with 19.5% average cover. Cheatgrass exhibits 0.9% average cover. A total of 11 species were observed in 2021. Woody plant density was determined from 15 belt transects and indicated 13.5 stems per acre in 2021, consisting entirely of big sagebrush.

Unit WP030 exhibits poor perennial cover for two-year-old revegetation, likely due to recent drought conditions. It is recommended that this unit be evaluated in 2023 for ground cover and woody plant density in accordance with Colowyo's monitoring schedule.



**Compendium 3 2021**
**WP030**

Location: **West Pit** Targeted Post-Mining Community: **Grazingland**  
 Acres: **12.1**  
 First Growing Season: **2020**

**Ground Cover Results**

Number of Ground Cover Transects = 15

	Average Ground Cover (%)			Relative Ground Cover (%)			Species Observed (#)		
	Year 2	Year 4	Year 7	Year 2	Year 4	Year 7	Year 2	Year 4	Year 7
Perennial Grasses	2.4			10.5			6		
Perennial Forbs	-			-			-		
Sub-shrubs	-			-			-		
Shrubs & Trees	-			-			-		
Annual Grass	-			-			-		
Annual / Biennial Forbs	19.5			85.7			5		
Noxious Weeds - Cheatgrass	0.9			3.8			-		
Noxious Weeds - Other	-			-			-		
Litter	16.2								
Rock	3.7								
Bareground	57.3								
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>			<b>100.0</b>			<b>11</b>		
<b>Total Plant Cover</b>	<b>22.8</b>								
<b>Total Perennial Cover</b>	<b>2.4</b>								
<b>Allowable Perennial Herbaceous Cover</b>	<b>2.4</b>								

**Woody Plant Density Results**

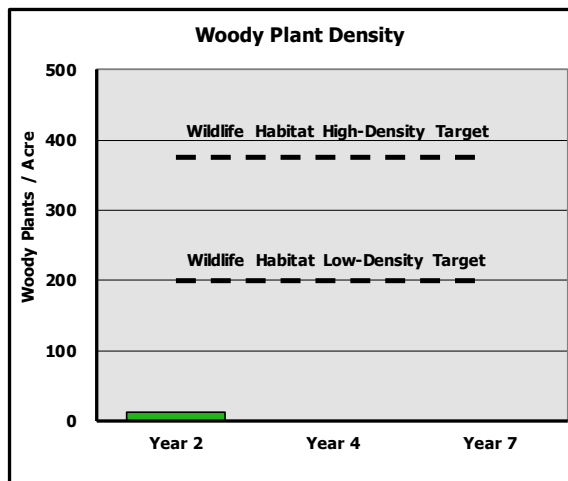
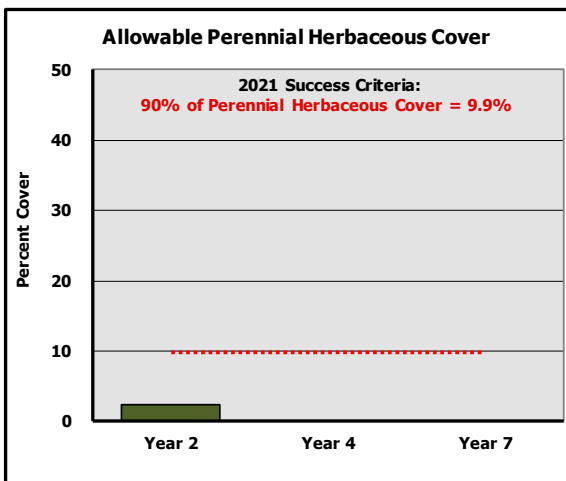
Number of Woody Plant Density belts = 15

	Stems per Acre		
	Year 2	Year 4	Year 7
<i>Artemisia tridentata</i> Big Sagebrush	13.5		
<b>Total</b>	<b>13.5</b>		
Sagebrush Contribution (%)	100%		
Percent of Transects Exceeding High-Density Standard (375 Stems per acre)	0%		
Percent of Transects Exceeding Low-Density Standard (Between 200 and 375 Stems per acre)	0%		

**Production Results**

	lbs per Acre
	Year 7
Perennial Grasses	
Perennial Forbs	
Sub-shrubs	
Annual Grasses	
Annual / Biennial Forbs	
Noxious Weeds	
<b>Total Production</b>	
<b>Total Perennial Production</b>	
<b>Allowable Perennial Herb. Production</b>	

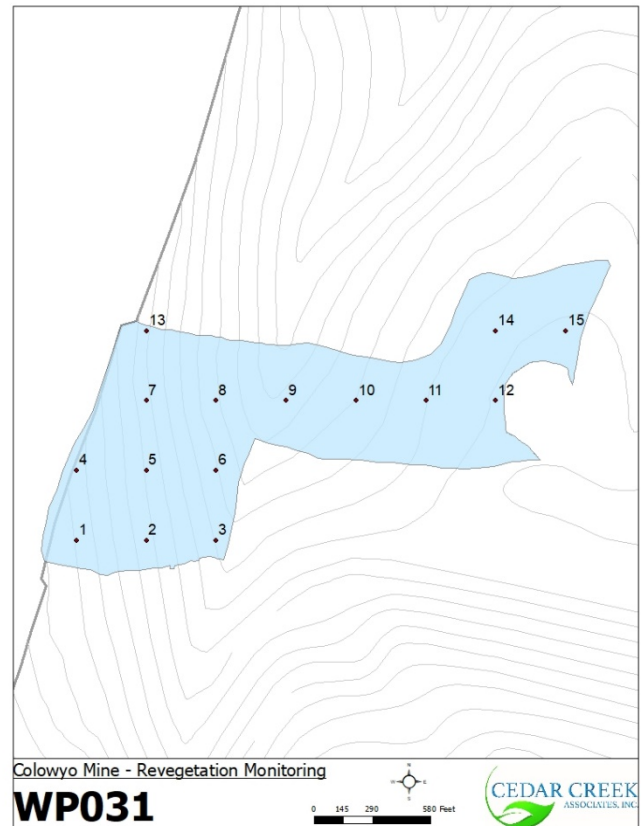
\* Evolving post-mining vegetation communities (Grazingland or Sagebrush Steppe) will be delineated after Year 7 evaluation, in preparation for bond release evaluation.



### 3.2.2 WP031 – Year 2 Unit

WP031 is comprised of approximately 45.8 acres of moderately sloping revegetation. This unit was seeded in 2019, and therefore, was undergoing its second growing season in 2021 (Compendium 4). A representative photo for 2021 is presented below.

Ground cover was determined from 15 transects. Desirable perennial plants averaged 0.2% cover in 2021. Annual forbs exhibit elevated cover in 2021 with 27.5% average cover. Cheatgrass exhibits minor cover with 0.1% average cover. Annual grasses tend to decrease on Colowyo's reclamation as perennial plant communities develop. A total of 8 species were observed in 2021. Woody plant density was determined from 15 belt transects and indicated 2.7 stems per acre in 2021, consisting entirely of four-wing saltbush.



Unit WP031 exhibits poor perennial cover for two-year-old revegetation, likely due to recent drought conditions. It is recommended that this unit be evaluated in 2023 for ground cover and woody plant density in accordance with Colowyo's monitoring schedule.



**Compendium 4 2021****WP031**

Location: **West Pit** Targeted Post-Mining **Grazingland**  
 Acres: **45.8** Community:  
 First Growing Season: **2020**

**Ground Cover Results**

Number of Ground Cover Transects = 15

	Average Ground Cover (%)			Relative Ground Cover (%)			Species Observed (#)		
	Year 2	Year 4	Year 7	Year 2	Year 4	Year 7	Year 2	Year 4	Year 7
Perennial Grasses	0.2			0.7			1		
Perennial Forbs	-			-			-		
Sub-shrubs	-			-			-		
Shrubs & Trees	0.1			0.2			1		
Annual Grass	-			-			-		
Annual / Biennial Forbs	27.5			98.6			6		
Noxious Weeds - Cheatgrass	0.1			0.5			-		
Noxious Weeds - Other	-			-			-		
Litter	8.9								
Rock	3.5								
Bareground	59.7								
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>			<b>100.0</b>			<b>8</b>		
<b>Total Plant Cover</b>	<b>27.9</b>								
<b>Total Perennial Cover</b>	<b>0.3</b>								
<b>Allowable Perennial Herbaceous Cover</b>	<b>0.2</b>								

**Woody Plant Density Results**

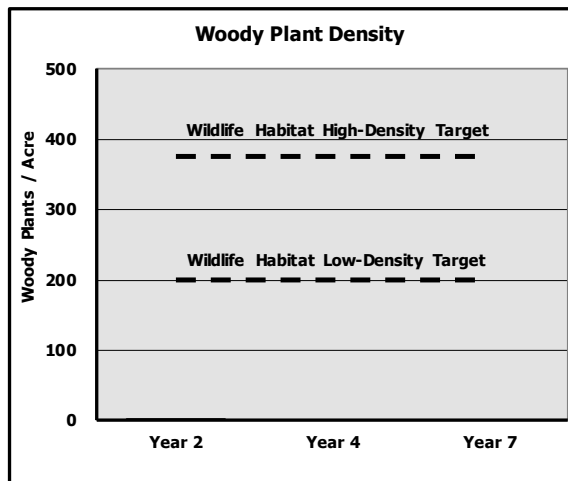
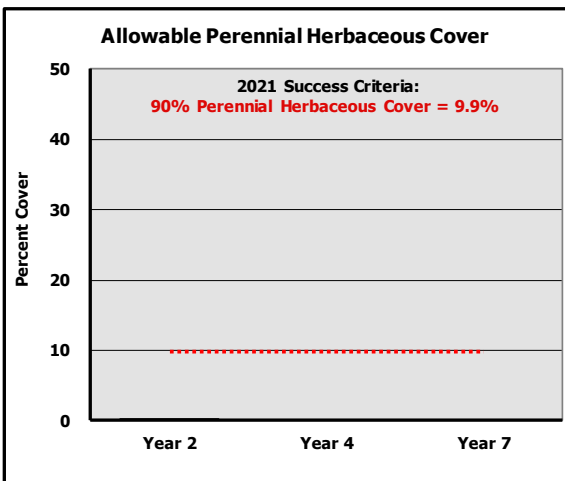
Number of Woody Plant Density belts = 15

	Stems per Acre		
	Year 2	Year 4	Year 7
<i>Atriplex canescens</i> Four-wing Saltbush	2.7		
<b>Total</b>	<b>2.7</b>		
Sagebrush Contribution (%)	0%		
Percent of Transects Exceeding High-Density Standard (375 Stems per acre)	0%		
Percent of Transects Exceeding Low-Density Standard (Between 200 and 375 Stems per acre)	0%		

**Production Results**

	lbs per Acre
	Year 7
Perennial Grasses	
Perennial Forbs	
Sub-shrubs	
Annual Grasses	
Annual / Biennial Forbs	
Noxious Weeds	
<b>Total Production</b>	
<b>Total Perennial Production</b>	
<b>Allowable Perennial Herb. Production</b>	

\* Evolving post-mining vegetation communities (Grazingland or Sagebrush Steppe) will be delineated after Year 7 evaluation, in preparation for bond release evaluation.



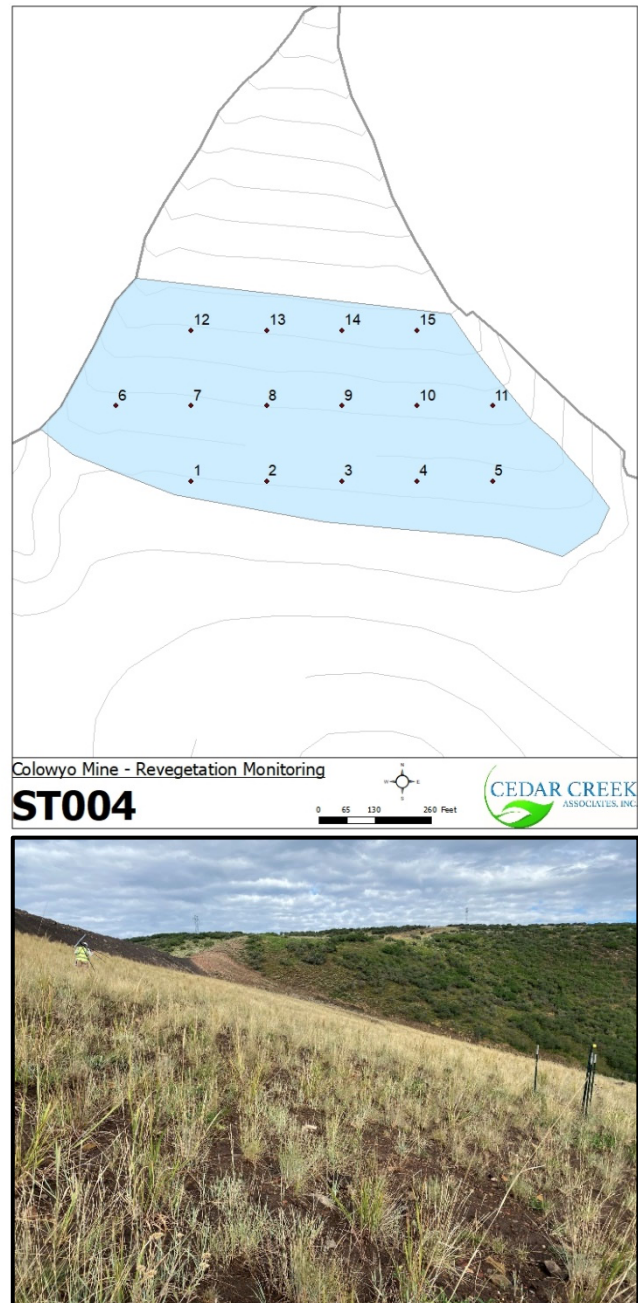
### 3.3 South Taylor

#### 3.3.1 ST004 – Year 7 Unit

ST004 is comprised of approximately 12.2 acres of steeply sloping north-facing revegetation. This unit was seeded in 2014 and therefore, was undergoing its seventh growing season in 2021 (Compendium 5). A representative photo for 2021 is presented below.

Ground cover was determined from 15 transects. Desirable perennial plants have decreased slightly in Year 7 to 22.2%, likely due to recent drought conditions. Annual forbs increased slightly since Year 4 but remain under 1.0% average cover. Noxious weeds have decrease in year 7 with 1.1% average cover. Annual forbs and grasses tend to decrease on Colowyo's reclamation as perennial plant communities develop. Cheatgrass has decreased to 0.6% average cover in Year 7. A total of 22 species were observed in Year 7. Woody plant density was determined from 15 belt transects. Woody plant density on ST004 indicated 407.4 stems per acre in Year 7, primarily from big sagebrush. Perennial herbaceous production was 547.6 pounds per acre, significantly above the success criteria of 197.8 pounds per acre. Perennial grasses comprise the majority of production while noxious weeds and cheatgrass comprised less than 0.1% of the total production with 1.8 pounds per acre (Appendix A - Chart 4 and Table 16).

Unit ST004 exhibited exceptional perennial cover during Year 4, and it is likely that the drop seen in 2021 is due to the recent drought conditions. Even with the decreased cover in 2021, Unit EP058 meets the success criteria. It is likely that perennial cover in this unit will re-bound with the return of average precipitation. It is recommended that this unit be evaluated in 2023 for Year-9 bond release sampling.



# Compendium 5 2021

## ST004

Location: **South Taylor Pit** Targeted Post-Mining Community: **Grazingland**  
 Acres: **12.2**  
 First Growing Season: **2015**

### Ground Cover Results

Number of Ground Cover Transects = 15

	Average Ground Cover (%)			Relative Ground Cover (%)			Species Observed (#)		
	Year 2	Year 4	Year 7	Year 2	Year 4	Year 7	Year 2	Year 4	Year 7
Perennial Grasses	11.1	25.3	19.9	49.0	84.6	80.3	12	8	10
Perennial Forbs	0.5	1.5	2.0	2.4	5.1	8.1	4	3	3
Sub-shrubs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Shrubs & Trees	-	-	0.3	-	-	1.3	-	-	1
Annual Grass	0.1	-	-	0.3	-	-	1	1	-
Annual / Biennial Forbs	10.4	0.2	0.8	46.0	0.7	3.2	8	2	6
Noxious Weeds - Cheatgrass	-	1.4	0.6	-	4.7	2.4	-	1	-
Noxious Weeds - Other	0.5	1.5	1.1	2.4	4.9	4.6	3	2	2
Litter	4.3	11.8	19.0						
Rock	5.7	16.9	12.5						
Bareground	67.4	41.3	43.7						
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>Total Plant Cover</b>	<b>22.6</b>	<b>29.9</b>	<b>24.7</b>						
<b>Total Perennial Cover</b>	<b>11.6</b>	<b>26.9</b>	<b>22.2</b>						
<b>Allowable Perennial Herbaceous Cover</b>	<b>11.6</b>	<b>26.9</b>	<b>21.9</b>						

### Woody Plant Density Results

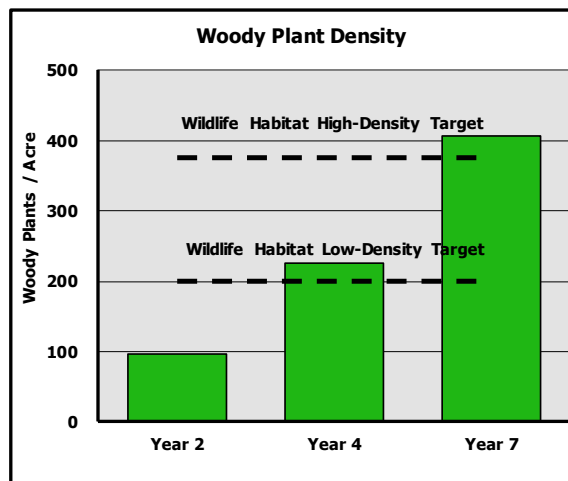
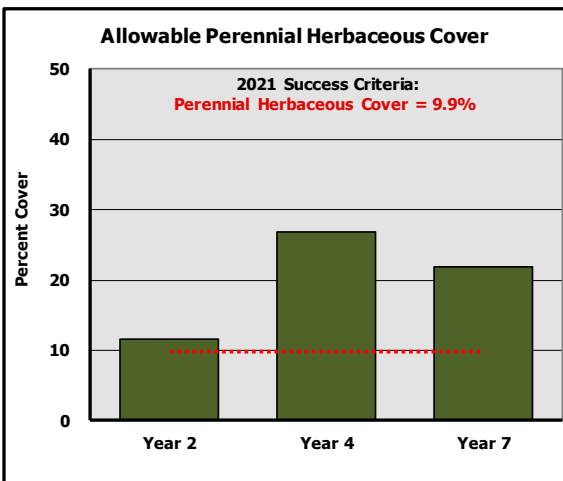
Number of Woody Plant Density Belts = 15

		Stems per Acre		
		Year 2	Year 4	Year 7
<i>Artemisia tridentata</i>	Big Sagebrush	97.1	221.2	369.6
<i>Purshia tridentata</i>	Antelope Bitterbrush	-	5.4	8.1
<i>Symphoricarpos rotundifolius</i>	Roundleaf Snowberry	-	-	29.7
<b>Total</b>		<b>97.1</b>	<b>226.6</b>	<b>407.4</b>
Sagebrush Contribution (%)		100%	98%	91%
Percent of Transects Exceeding High-Density Standard (375 Stems per acre)		7%	20%	40%
Percent of Transects Exceeding Low-Density Standard (Between 200 and 375 Stems per acre)		27%	33%	13%

### Production Results

	lbs per Acre
Perennial Grasses	488.8
Perennial Forbs	58.8
Sub-shrubs	-
Annual Grasses	-
Annual / Biennial Forbs	6.8
Noxious Weeds	
Cheatgrass	0.7
Other	1.1
<b>Total Production</b>	<b>556.2</b>
<b>Total Perennial Production</b>	<b>547.6</b>
<b>Allowable Perennial Herb. Production</b>	<b>547.6</b>

\* Evolving post-mining vegetation communities (Grazingland or Sagebrush Steppe) will be delineated after Year 7 evaluation, in preparation for bond release evaluation.



\* Aspen Reference Area not Sampled in 2021. East Pit Success Criteria are used as a comparison

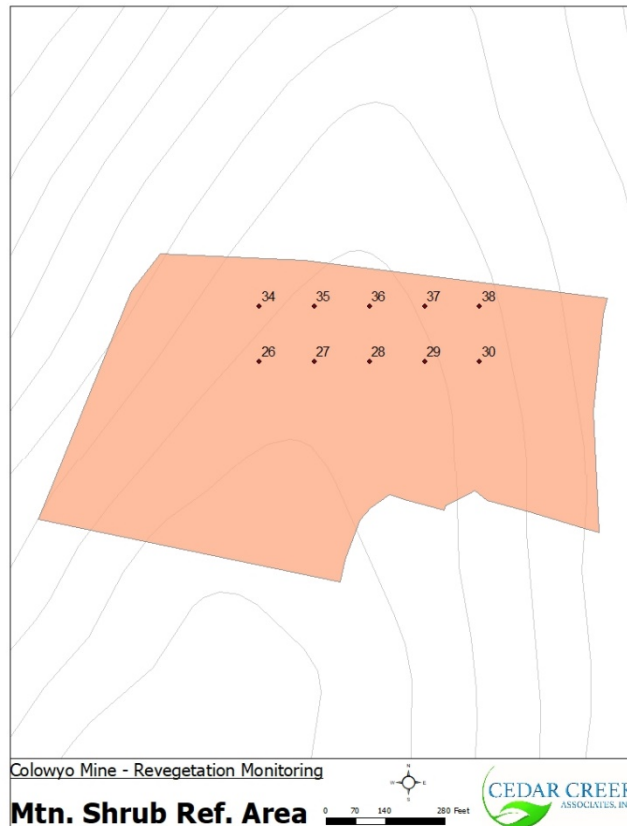


### 3.4 Reference Areas

#### 3.4.1 Mountain Shrub Reference Area

The Mountain Shrub Reference Area is comprised of approximately 18 acres of gently to moderately sloping vegetation with a predominately northwestern aspect (mesic) and eastern aspect (xeric). Rationale for the larger reference area with two dominant aspects is to provide a better representation of the distribution of Mountain Shrub communities located on and around Colowyo Coal Mine properties. The xeric exposure tends to exhibit more elevated herbaceous parameters, given a modest reduction in the overstory. This reference area is located on the undisturbed ridge immediately west of the West Pit Area (Map 1). A representative photo for 2021 is presented below.

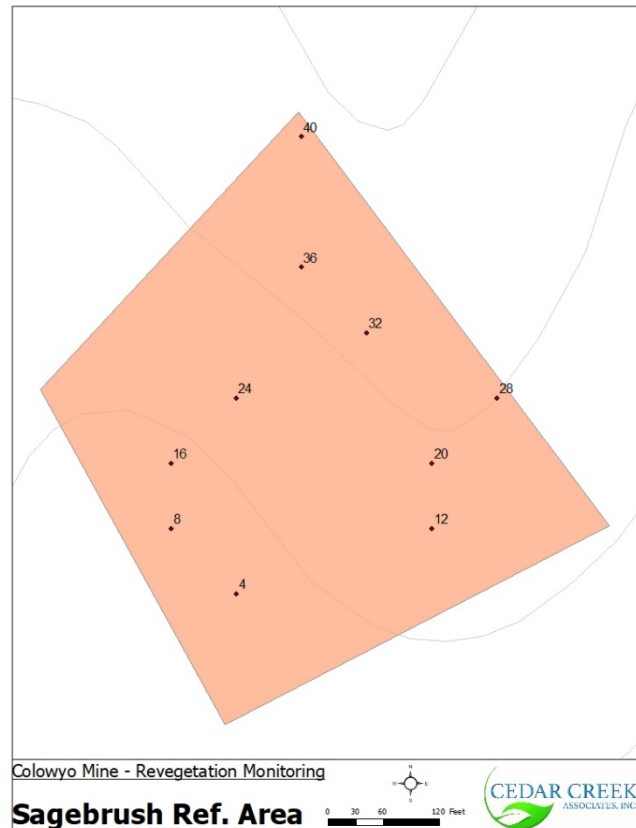
Ground cover in the Mountain Shrub Reference Area (Appendix A - Chart 1 and 2; and Table 1 and 2) consisted of 43.6% live vegetation, 0.2% rock, 47.0% litter, and bare soil exposure of 9.2%. Perennial cover across the unit averaged 43.4% with annual and biennial cover averaging 0.2%. There were no contributions to cover by noxious species (including cheatgrass) in 2021. Current annual production across the area averaged 321.0 pounds per acre in 2021 with perennial grasses the dominant category, followed by perennial forbs and sub-shrubs. Total perennial production was 313.2 pounds per acre (Appendix A - Chart 4 and Table 16).



### 3.4.2 Sagebrush Reference Area

The Sagebrush Reference Area is comprised of approximately 4.7 acres of gentle to moderately sloping topography that has a predominately northern aspect. This reference area is located on a gently sloping ridge north of the Administration / Facilities Area (Map 1). A representative photo from 2021 is presented below.

Ground cover in the Sagebrush Reference Area consisted of 30.8% live vegetation, 2.2% rock, 43.8% litter, and bare soil exposure of 23.2% (Appendix A - Chart 1 and 2; and Table 1 and 2). Perennial cover across the unit averaged 30.1%, with annual and biennial cover of 0.6%, noxious cheatgrass cover of 0.1%, and no other noxious weed cover. Current annual herbaceous production across the area averaged 205.6 pounds per acre in 2021 with sub-shrubs the dominant category, followed by perennial grasses and perennial forbs. Total perennial production was 201.3 pounds per acre (Appendix A - Chart 4 and Table 16).





#### **4.0 CONCLUSIONS and RECOMMENDATIONS**

Overall, the revegetation at Colowyo evaluated by Cedar Creek in 2021 can generally be considered in fair to good condition and is typical of reclamation efforts at most western coal mines. As revegetation units age, they typically “thicken” with desirable (seeded) perennial species and exhibit increased diversity, cover, and production. Recent unfavorable precipitation conditions have occurred at Colowyo. Aside from the above-average precipitation in 2019, consecutive low-rainfall years occurred in 2012 and 2013 as well as 2018, 2020, and 2021, which can result in stressed and/or poor revegetation conditions. Units planted during or just prior to the drought will take time to recover. Given the updated comparisons for vegetation parameters presented in the permit (Volume 1, Section 4.15.8; and Volume 15, Section 4.15.8), most areas at Colowyo appear to be progressing along expected pathways whereby success criteria should be achieved at or near the conclusion of the 10-year bond responsibility period.

The East Pit and South Taylor seven-year-old units (EP058 and ST004) have developed enough desirable perennial cover and are passing the bond release standards. In previous years, these unit have performed well above the desirable cover standards, but recent drought conditions have resulted in decreased ground cover. These units should rebound once favorable precipitation returns. The East Pit and West Pit two-year old units (EP062, WP030, and WP031) exhibiting low desirable perennial cover is not unexpected considering these areas have received very little precipitation since seeding in 2019. It is possible that these units may rebound with the return of precipitation and should be reevaluated in 2023 for year 4 monitoring.

# **Appendix A**

## **Charts, Tables, and Raw Data**

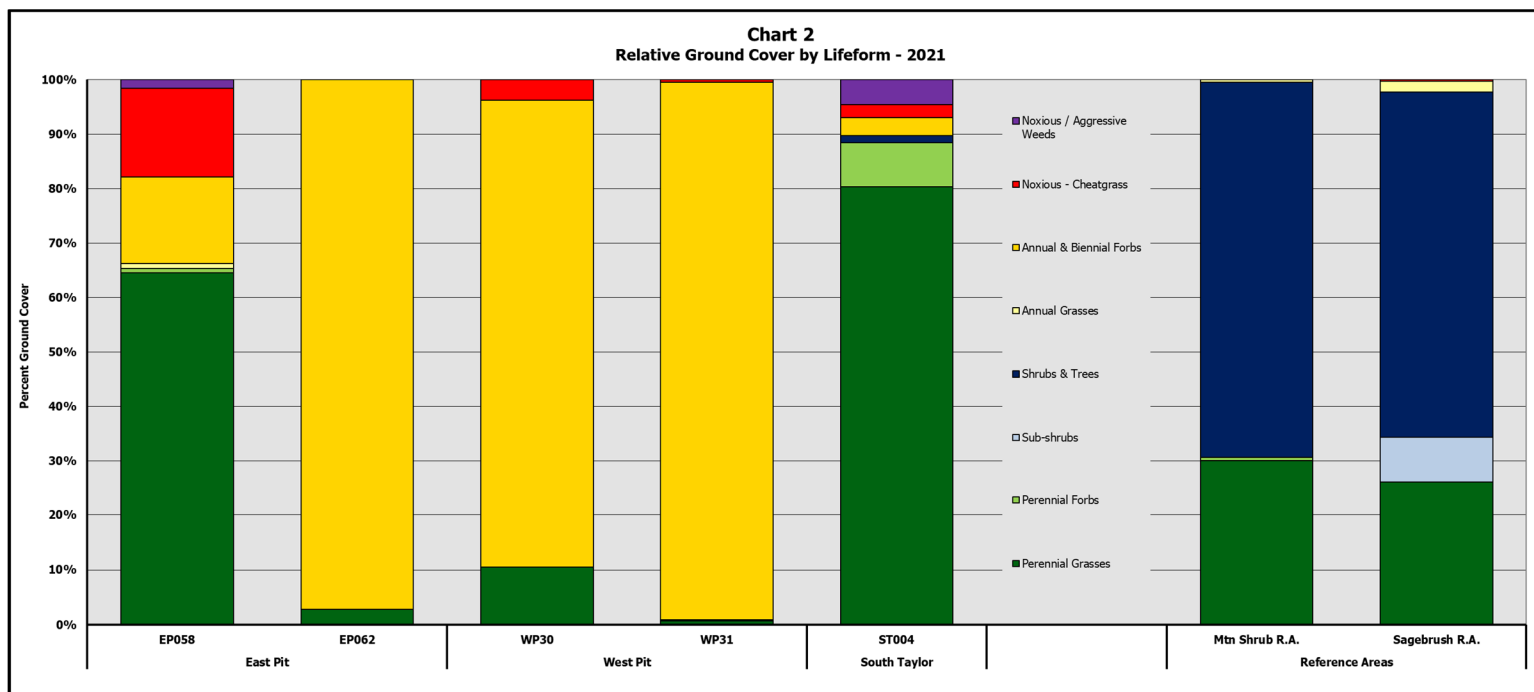
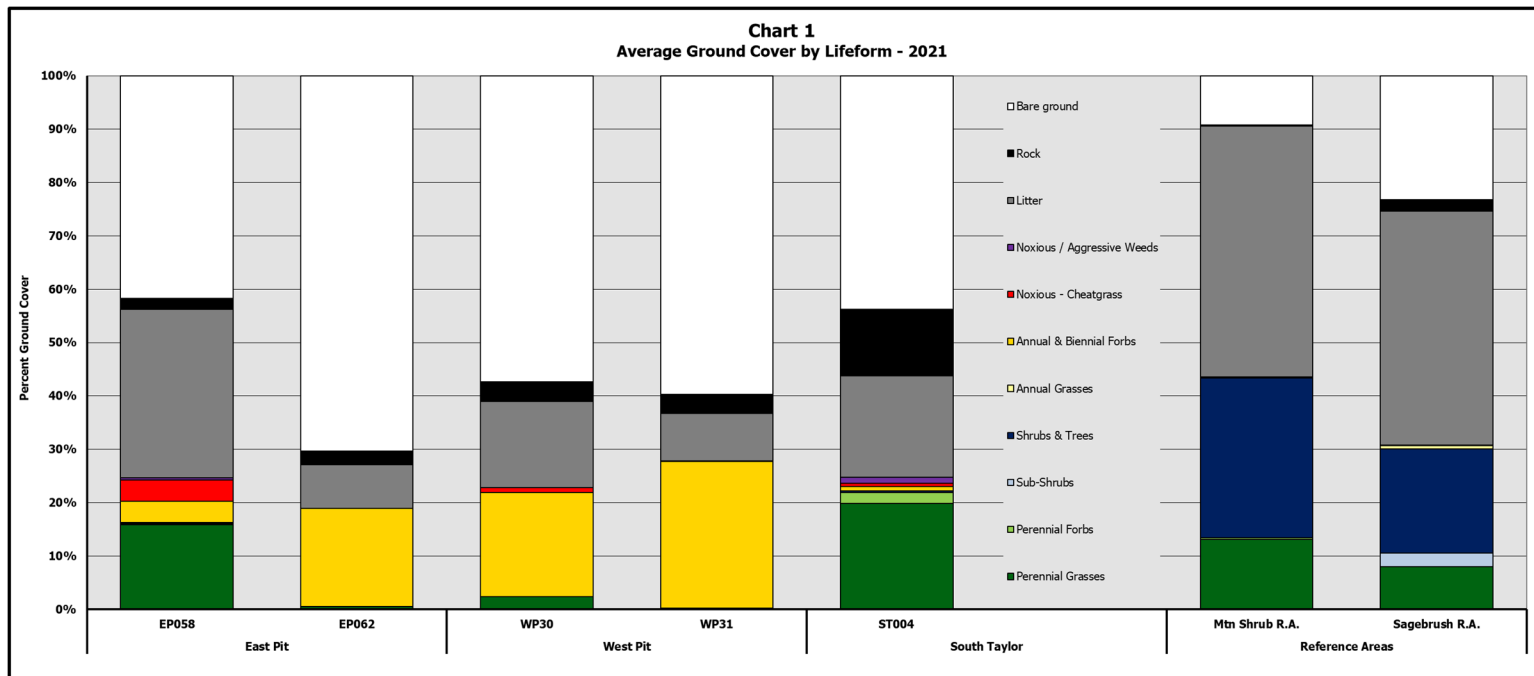


Table 1 Colowyo - Vegetation Cover - 2021								
Average Ground Cover Summary								
East Pit, West Pit, South Taylor*								
Percent Ground Cover Based on Point-Intercept Sampling								
Area —>	EP058	EP062	WP30	WP31	ST004	Mtn Shrub R.A.	Sagebrush R.A.	Weighted Reference Values
Weight —>	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	55%	45%	
<b>Total Plant Cover</b>	<b>24.67</b>	<b>19.00</b>	<b>22.80</b>	<b>27.87</b>	<b>24.73</b>	<b>43.60</b>	<b>30.80</b>	<b>37.84</b>
Rock	2.13	2.53	3.67	3.53	12.53	0.20	2.20	1.10
Litter	31.53	8.13	16.20	8.87	19.00	47.00	43.80	45.56
Bare ground	41.67	70.33	57.33	59.73	43.73	9.20	23.20	15.50
<b>Total Perennial Cover</b>	<b>16.13</b>	<b>0.53</b>	<b>2.40</b>	<b>0.27</b>	<b>22.20</b>	<b>43.40</b>	<b>30.10</b>	<b>37.42</b>
Total Annual Cover (Non-noxious)	4.13	18.47	19.53	27.47	0.80	0.20	0.60	0.38
<b>Summary by Lifeform:</b>								
<b>Perennial Grasses</b>	<b>15.93</b>	<b>0.53</b>	<b>2.40</b>	<b>0.20</b>	<b>19.87</b>	<b>13.10</b>	<b>8.00</b>	<b>10.81</b>
Annual Grasses	0.20	-	-	-	-	0.20	0.60	0.38
Noxious - Cheatgrass	4.00	-	0.87	0.13	0.60	-	0.10	
<b>Perennial Forbs</b>	<b>0.20</b>	-	-	-	<b>2.00</b>	<b>0.30</b>	-	<b>0.17</b>
Annual & Biennial Forbs	3.93	18.47	19.53	27.47	0.80	-	-	-
Noxious / Aggressive Weeds	0.40	-	-	-	1.13	-	-	-
<b>Sub-Shrubs</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>2.60</b>	<b>1.17</b>
<b>Shrubs &amp; Trees</b>	-	-	-	<b>0.07</b>	<b>0.33</b>	<b>30.00</b>	<b>19.50</b>	<b>25.28</b>
<b>Sample Adequacy Calculations</b>								
<b>Mean=</b>	24.67	19.00	22.80	27.87	24.73	43.60	30.80	
<b>Variance=</b>	66.24	50.29	99.89	107.27	111.92	175.16	74.62	
<b>n=</b>	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	
<b>n<sub>min</sub>=</b>	19.69	25.20	34.76	24.99	33.10	16.67	14.23	

N=Native, I=Introduced, X=Noxious A=Annual, B=Biennial, P=Perennial

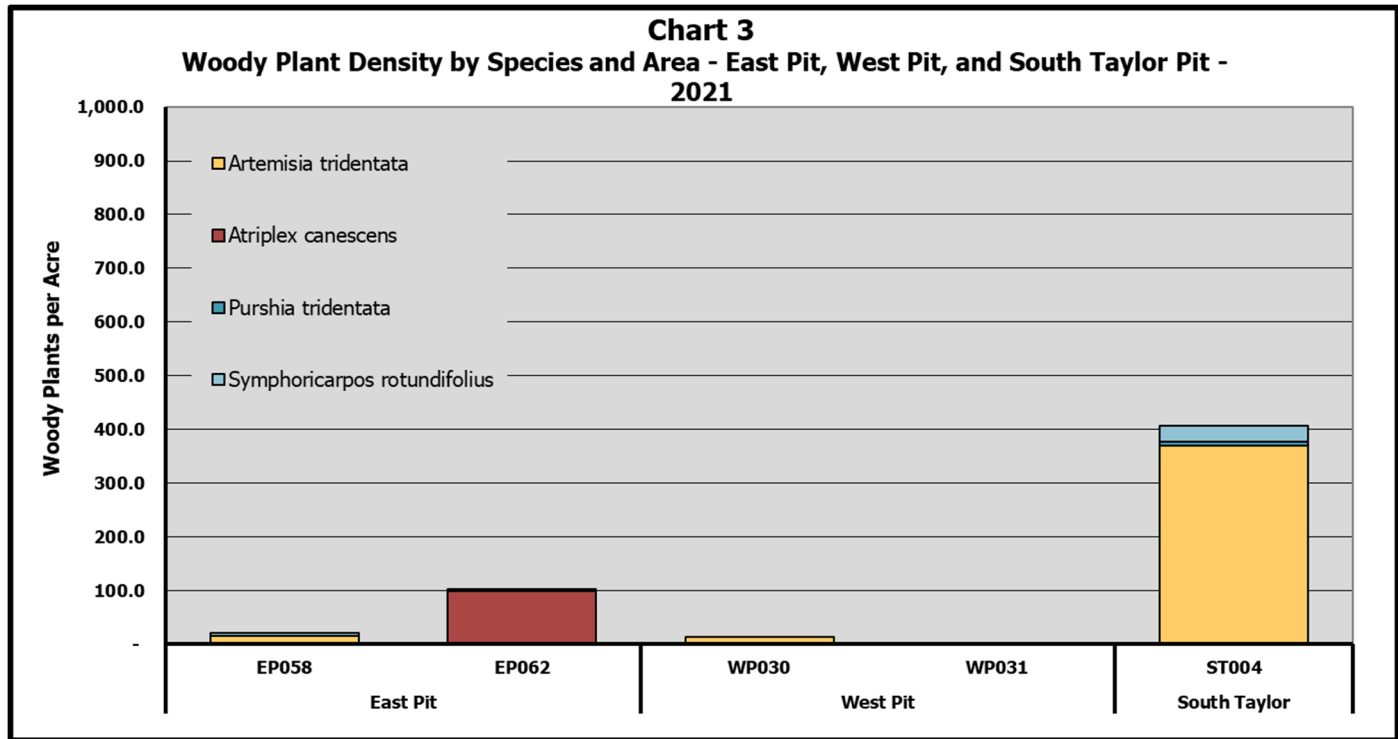
\* Aspen Reference Area not Sampled in 2021. East Pit Success Criteria are used as a comparison for South Taylor Pit Units.

<b>Table 2 Colowyo - Vegetation Cover - 2021</b>							
<b>Relative Ground Cover Summary (Post-2008)</b>							
<b>East Pit, West Pit, South Taylor Pit*</b>							
<i>Area</i> —>	EP058	EP062	WP30	WP31	ST004	Mtn Shrub R.A.	Sagebrush R.A.
<i>Weight</i> —>	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	55%	45%
<b>Summary by Lifeform:</b>							
<b>Perennial Grasses</b>	<b>64.59</b>	<b>2.81</b>	<b>10.53</b>	0.72	<b>80.32</b>	<b>30.05</b>	<b>25.97</b>
Annual Grasses	0.81	-	-	-	-	0.46	1.95
Noxious - Cheatgrass	<b>16.22</b>	-	<b>3.80</b>	0.48	<b>2.43</b>	-	0.32
<b>Perennial Forbs</b>	0.81	-	-	-	<b>8.09</b>	0.69	-
Annual & Biennial Forbs	<b>15.95</b>	<b>97.19</b>	<b>85.67</b>	<b>98.56</b>	<b>3.23</b>	-	-
Noxious / Aggressive Weeds	1.62	-	-	-	<b>4.58</b>	-	-
<b>Sub-Shrubs</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>8.44</b>
<b>Shrubs &amp; Trees</b>	-	-	-	0.24	1.35	<b>68.81</b>	<b>63.31</b>
<b>Diversity (Number of Perennial Grasses with between 3% - 50% Relative Cover)</b>							
<b>(Forb Relative Cover with between 1% - 50%):</b>							
<b>Number of Perennial Grasses =</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Forb Relative Cover =</b>	<b>16.76</b>	<b>97.19</b>	<b>85.67</b>	<b>98.56</b>	<b>11.32</b>	<b>0.69</b>	<b>0.00</b>

N=Native, I=Introduced, X=Noxious      A=Annual, B=Biennial, P=Perennial

\* Aspen Reference Area not Sampled in 2021. East Pit Success Criteria are used as a comparison for South Taylor Pit Units.

Table 3 Colowyo - Woody Plant Density - 2021					
East Pit, West Pit, and South Taylor Pit Reclamation Units					
Woody Plants per Acre					
	East Pit		West Pit		South Taylor
Unit -->	EP058	EP062	WP030	WP031	ST004
Growing Seasons -->	7	2	2	2	7
N P <i>Artemisia tridentata</i> Big Sagebrush	16.2	-	13.5	-	369.6
N P <i>Atriplex canescens</i> Four-wing Saltbush	-	-	-	2.7	-
N P <i>Purshia tridentata</i> Antelope Bitterbrush	-	2.7	-	-	8.1
N P <i>Symphoricarpos rotundifolius</i> Roundleaf Snowberry	5.4	-	-	-	29.7
<b>Total Per Acre</b>	<b>21.6</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>13.5</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>407.4</b>



**Table 4 Colowyo - Vegetation Cover - 2021**

EP058 - Raw Data																				
Percent Ground Cover Based on Point-Intercept Sampling																				
Transect No.——>			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	Average Cover	Relative Cover	Freq.
Grasses and Grass-likes																				
N	P	Agropyron dasystachyum	Thickspike Wheatgrass						1	8	8	3	3			6	3	2.13	8.65	47
N	P	Agropyron smithii	Western Wheatgrass						1	11	12	6	2	2	4	2	5	3.00	12.16	60
N	P	Agropyron spicatum	Bluebunch Wheatgrass	3	16	7	6	21	4	9	9	7		1	6	4	4	7.07	28.65	93
I	A	Bromus japonicus	Japanese Brome									1		1			1	0.20	0.81	20
X		Bromus tectorum	Cheatgrass			1						5	23	12	16	3		4.00	16.22	40
N	P	Elymus cinereus	Basin Wildrye	2		3	6	6	7	6		2	1	5		1	1	2.80	11.35	80
N	P	Nassela viridula	Green Needlegrass		1			2		2					1	1		0.73	2.97	40
I	P	Poa pratensis	Kentucky Bluegrass														2	0.13	0.54	7
N	P	Sitanion hystrix	Bottlebrush Squirreltail								1							0.07	0.27	7
Forbs																				
N	P	Achillea millefolium	Common Yarrow						1		2							0.20	0.81	13
I	A	Chenopodium album	Lambsquarter										1					0.07	0.27	7
X		Cirsium arvense	Canada Thistle					6										0.40	1.62	7
N	A	Epilobium brachycarpum	Tall Annual Willowherb								2							0.13	0.54	7
I	B	Lactuca serriola	Prickly Lettuce		1		1		3				2					0.47	1.89	27
I	A	Pocilla biloba	Twolobed Speedwell		1	6	2			6	1	5					1	1.47	5.95	47
I	A	Salsola tragus	Russian Thistle	12	7													1.27	5.14	13
I	A	Sisymbrium altissimum	Tumble Mustard										3		4	1		0.53	2.16	20
Sub-Shrubs																				
none																		0.00	0.00	0
Shrubs & Trees																				
none																		0.00	0.00	0
																	Mean			
Total Plant Cover			17	26	17	15	29	20	26	29	41	23	39	17	32	17	22	24.67		
Rock			2	2	5	0	3	7	3			2	3	4		1		2.13		
Litter			13	39	22	21	44	20	35	29	46	42	45	26	28	40	23	31.53		
Bare ground			68	33	56	64	24	53	36	42	13	33	13	53	40	42	55	41.67		
Total Perennial Cover			5	17	10	12	29	11	20	28	34	17	10	4	12	13	20	16.13		
Diversity			No. of Perennial Grasses (3% - 50% Rel. Cover) = 4 Forb Relative Cover = 16.76																	
Sample Adequacy Calculations			Plant Cover Mean = 24.67                      t= 1.35                      n = 15 Variance = 66.24                      n_min = 19.69																	

N=Native, I=Introduced, X=Noxious, A=Annual, B=Biennial, P=Perennial

Table 5 Colowyo - Vegetation Cover - 2021																					
EP062 - Raw Data																					
Percent Ground Cover Based on Point-Intercept Sampling																					
Transect No.——>		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	Average Cover	Relative Cover	Freq.		
Grasses and Grass-likes																					
I	P	Agropyron cristatum	Crested Wheatgrass						3	4				1			0.53	2.81	20		
Forbs																					
I	A	Chenopodium album	Lambsquarter	1	2	5	2	1	1	2	3	5	4	2	5	4	3	15	3.67	19.30	100
N	A	Descurainia pinnata	Pinnate Tansymustard													1		0.07	0.35	7	
I	A	Pocilla biloba	Twolobed Speedwell							2				1			1	0.27	1.40	20	
I	A	Polygonum aviculare	Prostrate Knotweed			1												0.07	0.35	7	
I	A	Salsola tragus	Russian Thistle	29	5	11	1		9	10	2	1	5	3	8	3		8	6.33	33.33	87
I	A	Sisymbrium altissimum	Tumble Mustard														1	3	0.27	1.40	13
I	A	Thlaspi arvense	Field Pennycress		7	7	8	7	6	7	17	8	6	7	6	7	23	1	7.80	41.05	93
Sub-Shrubs																					
none																		0.00	0.00	0	
Shrubs & Trees																					
none																		0.00	0.00	0	
																	Mean				
Total Plant Cover				30	14	24	11	8	16	24	26	14	15	13	20	14	28	28	19.00		
Rock				1	4	3	0	4	5	1	3	4	3	1	1	4	2	2	2.53		
Litter				4	8	5	5	21	7	15	17	19	4	4	2	5	4	2	8.13		
Bare ground				65	74	68	84	67	72	60	54	63	78	82	77	77	66	68	70.33		
Total Perennial Cover				0	0	0	0	0	0	3	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.53		
Diversity				No. of Perennial Grasses (3% - 50% Rel. Cover) = 0 Forb Relative Cover = 97.19																	
Sample Adequacy Calculations				Plant Cover Mean = 19.00                      t= 1.35                      n = 15 Variance = 50.29                      n_min = 25.20																	

N=Native, I=Introduced, X=Noxious, A=Annual, B=Biennial, P=Perennial



**Table 6 Colowyo - Vegetation Cover - 2021**

WP030 - Raw Data																				
Percent Ground Cover Based on Point-Intercept Sampling																				
Transect No.——>		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	Average Cover	Relative Cover	Freq.	
Grasses and Grass-like																				
I	P	Agropyron cristatum	Crested Wheatgrass	1												2	0.20	0.88	13	
N	P	Agropyron dasystachyum	Thickspike Wheatgrass	2							4					5	0.73	3.22	20	
X		Bromus tectorum	Cheatgrass			1	1	1		1	8					1	0.87	3.80	40	
N	P	Elymus cinereus	Basin Wildrye													17	1.13	4.97	7	
N	P	Nassela viridula	Green Needlegrass		2												0.13	0.58	7	
I	P	Poa bulbosa	Bulbous Bluegrass	1													0.07	0.29	7	
I	P	Poa pratensis	Kentucky Bluegrass													2	0.13	0.58	7	
Forbs																				
I	A	Chenopodium album	Lambsquarter		2		1	4		1		3		1		5	1.13	4.97	47	
I	B	Lactuca serriola	Prickly Lettuce		1											3	0.27	1.17	13	
I	A	Pocilla biloba	Twolobed Speedwell				1	1									0.13	0.58	13	
I	A	Salsola tragus	Russian Thistle	11	17	11	8		3	15	4	12		17	6	20	16	9.33	40.94	80
I	A	Thlaspi arvense	Field Pennycress	13	11	5	19	21	2	3	13	27		1	3	2	10	8.67	38.01	87
Sub-Shrubs																				
none																	0.00	0.00	0	
Shrubs & Trees																				
none																	0.00	0.00	0	
																	Mean			
Total Plant Cover				28	33	17	30	27	5	19	18	42	12	19	9	22	31	30	22.80	
Rock				3	1	4	4	9	4	3	3	9	1	5	8	1	0	0	3.67	
Litter				22	14	4	9	10	9	28	12	12	28	8	14	10	13	50	16.20	
Bare ground				47	52	75	57	54	82	50	67	37	59	68	69	67	56	20	57.33	
Total Perennial Cover				4	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	26	2.40	
Diversity				No. of Perennial Grasses (3% - 50% Rel. Cover) = 2																
				Forb Relative Cover = 85.67																
Sample Adequacy Calculations				Plant Cover Mean = 22.80                      t= 1.35                      n = 15																
				Variance = 99.89                      n <sub>min</sub> = 34.76																

N=Native, I=Introduced, X=Noxious, A=Annual, B=Biennial, P=Perennial

Table 7 Colowyo - Vegetation Cover - 2021																			
WP031 - Raw Data																			
															Percent Ground Cover Based on Point-Intercept Sampling				
		Transect No. —>															Average Cover	Relative Cover	Freq.
Grasses and Grass-likes																			
N	P	<i>Agropyron dasystachyum</i>	Thickspike Wheatgrass									3					0.20	0.72	7
X		<i>Bromus tectorum</i>	Cheatgrass	1		1											0.13	0.48	13
Forbs																			
I	A	<i>Chenopodium album</i>	Lambsquarter		3	5	1	13		1	4					1	1.93	6.94	53
I	A	<i>Pocilla biloba</i>	Twolobed Speedwell	1		3	2	1		2		3				1	0.87	3.11	47
I	A	<i>Polygonum aviculare</i>	Prostrate Knotweed	1													0.07	0.24	7
I	A	<i>Salsola tragus</i>	Russian Thistle		2	2			2	2	1	2		2	2	5	1.93	6.94	73
I	A	<i>Sisymbrium altissimum</i>	Tumble Mustard		1					2						1	0.27	0.96	20
I	A	<i>Thlaspi arvense</i>	Field Pennycress	18	39	21	25	9	36	32	28	18	40	18	7	24	22.40	80.38	100
Sub-Shrubs																			
		none															0.00	0.00	0
Shrubs & Trees																			
N	P	<i>Atriplex canescens</i>	Four-wing Saltbush								1						0.07	0.24	7
																	Mean		
Total Plant Cover				21	45	32	28	23	38	39	34	26	40	20	9	30	20	13	27.87
Rock				7	7	1	6	5	3	1	2	3	2	1	5	3	5	2	3.53
Litter				12	9	13	9	8	4	13	2	2	1	11	6	14	19	10	8.87
Bare ground				60	39	54	57	64	55	47	62	69	57	68	80	53	56	75	59.73
Total Perennial Cover				0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.27
Diversity				No. of Perennial Grasses (3% - 50% Rel. Cover) = 0															
				Forb Relative Cover = 98.56															
Sample Adequacy Calculations				Plant Cover Mean = 27.87      t = 1.35      n = 15															
				Variance = 107.27      n <sub>min</sub> = 24.99															

N=Native, I=Introduced, X=Noxious, A=Annual, B=Biennial, P=Perennial

**Table 8 Colowyo - Vegetation Cover - 2021**

ST004 - Raw Data		Percent Ground Cover Based on Point-Intercept Sampling																			
Transect No.——>		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	Average Cover	Relative Cover	Freq.		
Grasses and Grass-likes																					
I	P	Agropyron cristatum	Crested Wheatgrass													2	0.13	0.54	7		
N	P	Agropyron dasystachyum	Thickspike Wheatgrass	9	3		5	8		5		6	6		8	3	2	1	3.73	15.09	73
N	P	Agropyron smithii	Western Wheatgrass							23	6	6	3	13	4	7	1		4.20	16.98	53
N	P	Agropyron spicatum	Bluebunch Wheatgrass	2	23	23	7			8	7	5	2	5	9	7	3		6.73	27.22	80
X		Bromus tectorum	Cheatgrass	1				8											0.60	2.43	13
N	P	Elymus cinereus	Basin Wildrye	1	5	5	5	1		3	10		1		2	7		6	3.07	12.40	73
I	P	Festuca ovina/saximontana	Hard Fescue											1					0.07	0.27	7
N	P	Nassella viridula	Green Needlegrass													1			0.07	0.27	7
I	P	Poa pratensis	Kentucky Bluegrass	2				1			7	3		5			2		1.33	5.39	40
N	P	Poa secunda	Sandberg Bluegrass											1					0.07	0.27	7
N	P	Sitanion hystrix	Bottlebrush Squirreltail					5					1	1					0.47	1.89	20
Forbs																					
N	P	Achillea millefolium	Common Yarrow									1							0.07	0.27	7
I	P	Astragalus cicer	Cicer Milkvetch			1							3	5	4	3			1.07	4.31	33
X		Carduus nutans	Musk Thistle	1			1	3	2			1	3	1		2	1		1.00	4.04	60
X		Cirsium arvense	Canada Thistle							1				1					0.13	0.54	13
N	A	Epilobium brachycarpum	Tall Annual Willowherb					1				1							0.07	0.27	7
N	A	Gayophytum ramosissimum	Groundsmoke					1											0.07	0.27	7
I	B	Lactuca serriola	Prickly Lettuce						1										0.07	0.27	7
N	P	Linum lewisii	Lewis Flax		3	3	1				1				2	1	2		0.87	3.50	47
I	A	Pocilla biloba	Twolobed Speedwell		2			1	2										0.33	1.35	20
I	A	Thlaspi arvense	Field Pennycress						2										0.13	0.54	7
I	B	Tragopogon dubius	False Salsify									1				1			0.13	0.54	13
Sub-Shrubs																					
none																			0.00	0.00	0
Shrubs & Trees																					
N	P	Artemisia tridentata	Big Sagebrush												1		4		0.33	1.35	13
																	Mean				
Total Plant Cover				16	36	32	19	20	14	9	50	22	22	15	35	31	25	25	24.73		
Rock				9	8	3	16	8	0	21	6	24	23	18	12	16	15	9	12.53		
Litter				11	24	14	7	15	12	7	32	29	23	40	25	23	8	15	19.00		
Bare ground				64	32	51	58	57	74	63	12	25	32	27	28	30	52	51	43.73		
Total Perennial Cover				14	34	32	18	15	0	8	49	22	19	12	33	31	22	24	22.20		
Diversity				No. of Perennial Grasses (3% - 50% Rel. Cover) = 5 Forb Relative Cover = 11.32																	
Sample Adequacy Calculations				Plant Cover Mean = 24.73                      t= 1.35                      n = 15 Variance = 111.92                                      n_min = 33.10																	

N=Native, I=Introduced, X=Noxious, A=Annual, B=Biennial, P=Perennial

Table 9 Colowyo - Vegetation Cover - 2021																
Mountain Shrub Reference Area - Raw Data																
Percent Ground Cover Based on Point-Intercept Sampling																
Transect No. —>				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Average Cover	Relative Cover	Freq.
Grasses and Grass-likes																
N	P	Agropyron dasystachyum	Thickspike Wheatgrass								4	3	4	1.10	2.52	30
N	P	Agropyron smithii	Western Wheatgrass				1	1						0.20	0.46	20
I	P	Bromus inermis	Smooth Brome	17					5	13	1	20		5.60	12.84	50
I	A	Bromus japonicus	Japanese Brome		2									0.20	0.46	10
N	P	Carex geyeri	Geyer's Sedge	2	2	3	7	7					8	2.90	6.65	60
N	P	Hesperostipa comata	Needla and Thread	5										0.50	1.15	10
N	P	Nassela viridula	Green Needlegrass		5	1	7							1.30	2.98	30
I	P	Poa pratensis	Kentucky Bluegrass	3					1		2	5		1.10	2.52	40
N	P	Poa secunda	Sandberg Bluegrass										4	0.40	0.92	10
Forbs																
N	P	Erigeron engelmannii	Engelmann;s Fleabane					1						0.10	0.23	10
N	P	Lupinus caudatus	Tailcup Lupine					1						0.10	0.23	10
N	P	Phlox longifolia	Longleaf Phlox							1				0.10	0.23	10
Sub-Shrubs																
none														0.00	0.00	0
Shrubs & Trees																
N	P	Artemisia tridentata	Big Sagebrush	9	12		5		8		5	19	11	6.90	15.83	70
N	P	Mahonia repens	Creeping Barberry				1	2						0.30	0.69	20
N	P	Quercus gambellii	Gambel Oak		12	33		15	39	46	40	12	2	19.90	45.64	80
N	P	Symphoricarpos rotundifolius	Roundleaf Snowberry	5	3	11	4	3			1	2		2.90	6.65	70
														Mean		
Total Plant Cover				41	36	48	25	30	53	60	53	61	29	43.60		
Rock				0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0.20		
Litter				54	55	44	65	60	34	35	35	36	52	47.00		
Bare ground				5	9	8	10	10	13	5	12	3	17	9.20		
Total Perennial Cover				41	34	48	25	30	53	60	53	61	29	43.40		
Diversity				No. of Perennial Grasses (3% - 50% Rel. Cover) = 2 Forb Relative Cover = 0.69												
Sample Adequacy Calculations				Plant Cover Mean = 43.60                      t= 1.35                      n = 15 Variance = 175.16                      n_min = 16.67												

N=Native, I=Introduced, X=Noxious, A=Annual, B=Biennial, P=Perennial

Table 10 Colowyo - Vegetation Cover - 2021																
Sagebrush Reference Area - Raw Data																
Percent Ground Cover Based on Point-Intercept Sampling																
Transect No.——>			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Average Cover	Relative Cover	Freq.	
Grasses and Grass-likes																
N	P	Agropyron dasystachyum	Thickspike Wheatgrass							4	1		0.50	1.62	20	
I	P	Agropyron intermedium	Intermediate Wheatgrass	2	1		4						0.70	2.27	30	
N	P	Agropyron smithii	Western Wheatgrass	1				1					0.20	0.65	20	
N	P	Agropyron spicatum	Bluebunch Wheatgrass					4			3	2	0.90	2.92	30	
I	P	Bromus inermis	Smooth Brome	4	4	5							1.30	4.22	30	
I	A	Bromus japonicus	Japanese Brome		1		1	4					0.60	1.95	30	
X		Bromus tectorum	Cheatgrass						1				0.10	0.32	10	
N	P	Koeleria macrantha	Prairie Junegrass		1	4	4		4	4	3	1	2.10	6.82	70	
N	P	Nassella viridula	Green Needlegrass				2						0.20	0.65	10	
N	P	Poa secunda	Sandberg Bluegrass			3		3	8	7			2.10	6.82	40	
Forbs																
none													0.00	0.00	0	
Sub-Shrubs																
N	P	Gutierrezia sarothrae	Snakeweed		2		1	3	3	7	9	1	2.60	8.44	70	
Shrubs & Trees																
N	P	Amelanchier alnifolia	Serviceberry			2					5	1	0.80	2.60	30	
N	P	Artemisia tridentata	Big Sagebrush	12	16	25	25	16	10	6	7	17	39	17.30	56.17	100
N	P	Symphoricarpos rotundifolius	Roundleaf Snowberry				3	2				6	3	1.40	4.55	40
													Mean			
Total Plant Cover			19	25	39	40	33	26	24	23	34	45	30.80			
Rock				3		2	2	4	2	3	4	2	2.20			
Litter			69	43	42	48	54	44	29	23	42	44	43.80			
Bare ground			12	29	19	10	11	26	45	51	20	9	23.20			
Total Perennial Cover			19	24	39	39	29	25	24	23	34	45	30.10			
Diversity				No. of Perennial Grasses (3% - 50% Rel. Cover) = 3 Forb Relative Cover = 0.00												
Sample Adequacy Calculations				Plant Cover Mean = 30.80                      t= 1.35                      n = 15 Variance = 74.62                      n_min = 14.23												

N=Native, I=Introduced, X=Noxious, A=Annual, B=Biennial, P=Perennial

**Table 11 Colowyo - Woody Plant Density - 2021**

## EP058 - Raw Data

### Sampling by 2m x 50m Belt Transects

<i>Transect No.</i> —>		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	Count	Per Acre
Shrubs & Trees																		
N P	<i>Artemisia tridentata</i>	Big Sagebrush				2			2	2							6	16.2
N P	<i>Symphoricarpos rotundifolius</i>	Roundleaf Snowberry					1		1								2	5.4
Total		0	0	2	0	1	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	21.6
Sample Adequacy Calculations		Mean = 0.53																
		Variance = 0.98																
		t= 1.35																
		n = 15																
		n <sub>min</sub> = 623.90																

**Table 12 Colowyo - Woody Plant Density - 2021**

## EP062 - Raw Data

### Sampling by 2m x 50m Belt Transects

Transect No.——>																	Count	Per Acre				
Shrubs & Trees																						
N P	Purshia tridentata	Antelope Bitterbrush	1														1	2.7				
Total			1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2.7				
Sample Adequacy Calculations		Mean = 0.07																	t= 1.35		n = 15	
		Variance = 0.07																	n <sub>min</sub> = 2713.66			

**Table 13      Colowyo - Woody Plant Density - 2021**

## WP030 - Raw Data

### Sampling by 2m x 50m Belt Transects

Transect No.——>		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	Count	Per Acre	
Shrubs & Trees																			
N P	Artemisia tridentata	Big Sagebrush					2				3						5	13.5	
Total			0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	5	13.5
Sample Adequacy Calculations		Mean = 0.33																	
		t= 1.35																	
		Variance = 0.81																	
		n <sub>min</sub> = 1,318.06																	
		n = 15																	

**Table 14      Colowyo - Woody Plant Density - 2021**

## WP031 - Raw Data

### Sampling by 2m x 50m Belt Transects

Transect No. —>		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	Count	Per Acre
Shrubs & Trees																		
N P	<i>Atriplex canescens</i>	Four-wing Saltbush								1							1	2.7
Total		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2.7
Sample Adequacy Calculations		Mean = 0.07																
		t= 1.35 n = 15																
		Variance = 0.07 n <sub>min</sub> = 2,713.66																

**Table 15      Colowyo - Woody Plant Density - 2021**

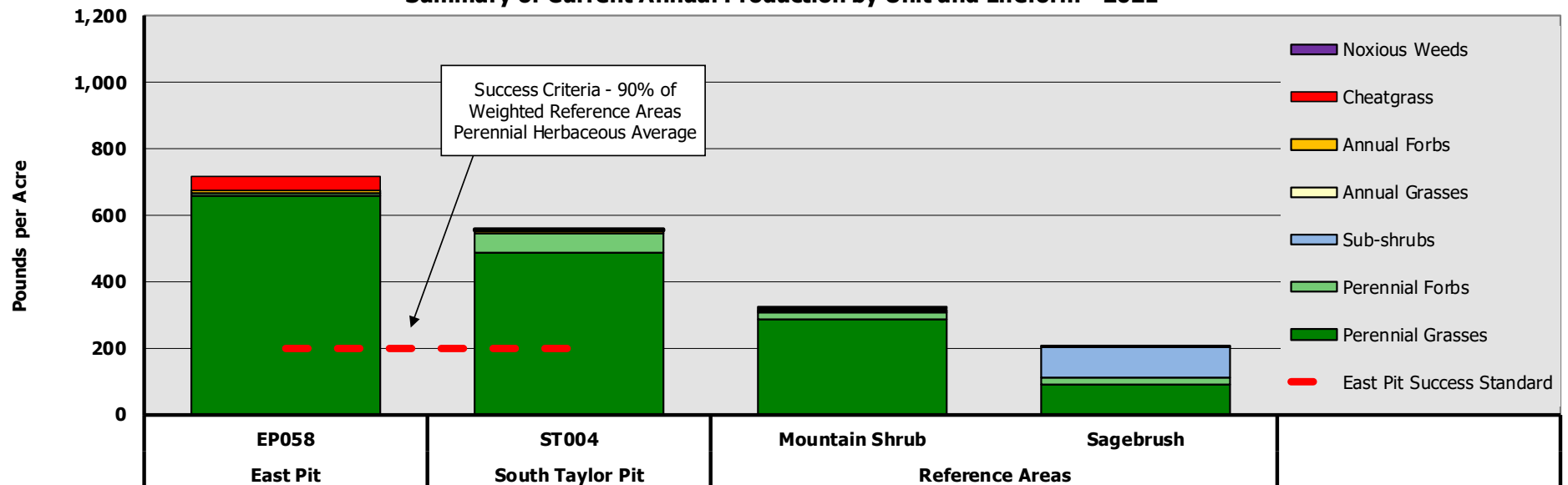
## ST004 - Raw Data

### Sampling by 2m x 50m Belt Transects

		<i>Transect No.</i> →	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	Count	Per Acre
<b>Shrubs &amp; Trees</b>																			
N P	<i>Artemisia tridentata</i>	Big Sagebrush		8	23	18		3	2		1	1	2	8	27	18	26	<b>137</b>	<b>369.6</b>
N P	<i>Purshia tridentata</i>	Antelope Bitterbrush				2					1							<b>3</b>	<b>8.1</b>
N P	<i>Symphoricarpos rotundifolius</i>	Roundleaf Snowberry						4						2		5		<b>11</b>	<b>29.7</b>
<b>Total</b>			<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>407.4</b>
<b>Sample Adequacy Calculations</b>		<b>Mean = 10.07</b> <b>t= 1.35</b> <b>n = 15</b>																	
		<b>Variance = 112.07</b> <b>n<sub>min</sub> = 200.06</b>																	

**Table 16 Colowyo - Vegetation Production - 2021**

<b>Summary of Areas Sampled</b>											
<b>Pounds (lbs) per Acre</b>											
	Area	Weight	Perennial Grasses	Perennial Forbs	Sub-shrubs	Annual Grasses	Annual Forbs	Noxious Weeds		TOTAL	
								Cheatgrass	Other	lbs / ac	Perennial lbs / ac
Reclamation Units	EP058	100%	657.7	7.1	-	-	8.2	44.9	-	717.9	664.8
	ST004	100%	488.8	58.8	-	-	6.8	0.7	1.1	556.2	547.6
Reference Areas	Mountain Shrub	55%	288.2	20.7	4.3	-	1.4	5.3	1.1	321.0	313.2
	Sagebrush	45%	89.4	21.4	90.5	-	3.2	1.1	-	205.6	201.3
Weighted Averages	East Pit Comparison	55%/45%	198.8	21.0	43.1	-	2.2	3.4	0.6	269.1	262.8

**Chart 4****Summary of Current Annual Production by Unit and Lifeform - 2021**

\* Aspen Reference Area not Sampled in 2021. East Pit Success Criteria are used as a comparison



**Table 17 Colowyo - Vegetation Production - 2021**

## EP058 - Raw Data

**Oven Dry Weight (grams per 1/2 square meter)**

Sample No.	Perennial Grasses	Perennial Forbs	Sub-shrubs	Annual Grasses	Annual / Biennial Forbs	Noxious Weeds		TOTAL	
						Cheatgrass	Other	g/0.5m <sup>2</sup>	lbs / ac
1	32.5	2.0			0.5	11.9		33.0	587.9
2	2.2				16.1			286.8	
3	47.3				48.5			864.0	
4	60.4				61.0			1,086.7	
5	42.2				42.9			764.2	
Average	36.9	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.5	2.5	0.0	40.3	717.9

Sampling Adequacy:		<b>t = 1.533</b>	<b>var. = 285.355</b>
	<b>n = 5</b>	<b>Mean = 40.30</b>	<b>n<sub>min</sub> = 41.303</b>

**Table 18 Colowyo - Vegetation Production - 2021**

## ST004 - Raw Data

**Oven Dry Weight (grams per 1/2 square meter)**

Sample No.	Perennial Grasses	Perennial Forbs	Sub-shrubs	Annual Grasses	Annual / Biennial Forbs	Noxious Weeds		TOTAL	
						Cheatgrass	Other	g/0.5m <sup>2</sup>	lbs / ac
1	18.9	8.1			1.0			28.0	498.8
2	19.9				0.1		0.3	20.3	361.6
3	24.7	7.5						32.2	573.6
4	36.9	0.9			0.4			38.2	680.5
5	36.8				0.4	0.2		37.4	666.2
Average	27.4	3.3	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.1	31.2	556.2

Sampling Adequacy:		t = 1.533	var. = 54.372
	n= 5	Mean = 31.22	n <sub>min</sub> = 13.113

<b>Table 19 Colowyo - Vegetation Production - 2021</b>									
<b>Mountain Shrub Reference Area - Raw Data</b>									
Oven Dry Weight (grams per 1/2 square meter)									
Sample No.	<i>Perennial Grasses</i>	<i>Perennial Forbs</i>	<i>Sub-shrubs</i>	<i>Annual Grasses</i>	<i>Annual / Biennial Forbs</i>	<i>Noxious Weeds</i>		TOTAL	
						<i>Cheatgrass</i>	<i>Other</i>	g/0.5m <sup>2</sup>	lbs / ac
1	30.4							30.4	541.5
2	14.3		1.2					15.5	276.1
3	8.0	4.1			0.4		0.3	12.8	228.0
4	10.6	1.2						11.8	210.2
5	17.6	0.5				1.5		19.6	349.2
<b>Average</b>	<b>16.2</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>18.0</b>	<b>321.0</b>
Sampling Adequacy:		n= 5		t = 1.533 Mean = 18.02		var. = 57.012 n <sub>min</sub> = 41.272			

<b>Table 20 Colowyo - Vegetation Production - 2021</b>									
<b>Sagebrush Reference Area - Raw Data</b>									
Oven Dry Weight (grams per 1/2 square meter)									
Sample No.	<i>Perennial Grasses</i>	<i>Perennial Forbs</i>	<i>Sub-shrubs</i>	<i>Annual Grasses</i>	<i>Annual / Biennial Forbs</i>	<i>Noxious Weeds</i>		TOTAL	
						<i>Cheatgrass</i>	<i>Other</i>	g/0.5m <sup>2</sup>	lbs / ac
1	8.5	1.1	4.7		0.3			14.6	260.1
2	1.4	3.3						4.7	83.7
3	10.3		4.4			0.3		15.0	267.2
4	2.1		16.3					18.4	327.8
5	2.8	1.6			0.6			5.0	89.1
<b>Average</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>11.5</b>	<b>205.6</b>
Sampling Adequacy:		n= 5		t = 1.533 Mean = 11.54		var. = 39.488 n <sub>min</sub> = 69.704			

## **SECTION 5 – TOPSOIL**

### **RULE REQUIREMENT**

Rule 2.04.13(2) the Permittee may provide additional monitoring information as required by the approved permit.

### **GENERAL DISCUSSION**

In 2021, Colowyo removed topsoil and placed it in stockpile for advancement of the Collom Pit. Figure 5-1 provides the topsoil pile location for all topsoil that was removed.

In 2021, topsoil replacement occurred on reclamation areas WP033 and WP034. Please see Exhibit 2 for locations of both reclamation units where topsoil was replaced. Topsoil replacement depths were verified after laydown occurred and the locations sample and depths encountered are presented on Exhibit 5.

One topsoil exemption area (2.5 acres total) was granted in the Collom Pit in 2021. The D2 coal seam wall and bench were developed to provide a coal face for highwall mining. This wall was developed along the estimated oxidation line as well as 50' depth-of-cover contour using the available geologic model. Following excavation of the highwall mining wall, it was discovered that the D2 seam was oxidized/burned and that the D2 seam did not exist at the current face of the excavated wall. Following the initial excavation of the wall, the topsoil stripping boundary was extended outward to allow for wall advancement to the east. This resulted in an area approximately 50' wide area that topsoil was not removed and is located above a wall that is approximately 50' high. The surface grades above the wall ranged from 2.5:1 -3.0:1. Due to the steep grades as well as the heavily fractured, oxidized/burned wall, it is determined that topsoil removal within this narrow corridor presented a working hazard.

As such, Colowyo was granted a topsoil removal exemption (email from Mr. Jason Musick on November 6, 2021) for the area which contains approximately 2,032 cubic yards of topsoil. Please see Exhibit 2 for the location of the topsoil removal exemption area.

Figure 5-2 provides each topsoil stockpile and the corresponding volume of material contained within each pile. Figure 5-3 provides the overall topsoil balance at the end of the year 2020 for the entire Colowyo mine site.

**Figure 5-1 – Topsoil Movements During Report Period**

**Topsoil Removal**

<b>Task</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Topsoil Placement Area</b>
1	Removed Topsoil for advancement of the Collom Pit	Pile 26A

**Topsoil Replacement**

<b>Task</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Topsoil Pile Mined</b>
1	Topsoil Replacement on WP033 and WP034	Topsoil Pile 16E

**Areas Exempt from Topsoil Stripping Due to Conditions**

<b>Task</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Acres Exempt</b>
1	Topsoil Removal Exemption Little Collom Gulch - Collom Pit See Exhibit 2 for Location of Exemption	2.5

**Figure 5-2 - Topsoil Stockpile for Report Year**

<b>Stockpile Number</b>	<b>Change in 2021 (cubic yards)</b>	<b>End of Year, 2021 (cubic yards)</b>
9A		416
9B		26,612
15A		1,130,663
15E		3,201
15F		8,119
15G		24,656
15I		9,362
16A		77,392
16C		141,291
16D		923,289
16E	(19,244)	768,122
17A		1,686
17B		3,673
17C		1,396
17D		1,310
17E		735
18		458,707
17F		1,460
20A		24,968
21A		25,615
21B		42,433
21C		19,262
21D		53,537
22A		50,264
25A		533,961
26A	223,652	882,581
26B		0
27A		12,316
Windrow 1		3,410
Windrow 2		298
Windrow 3		3,892
Windrow 4		2,189
Windrow 6		120
Windrow 8		1,490
Windrow 9		9,781
Windrow 12		9,960
Windrow 13		5,348
Windrow 14		2,135
Windrow 15		3,392
28A		1,059
29A		29,042
30A		31,806
30B		21,631
36A		66,417
Collom Drill Pad Windrows		16,131
<b>Total</b>	<b>204,408</b>	<b>5,500,099</b>

\*Revised Volume Based on Survey Conducted in November of 2021

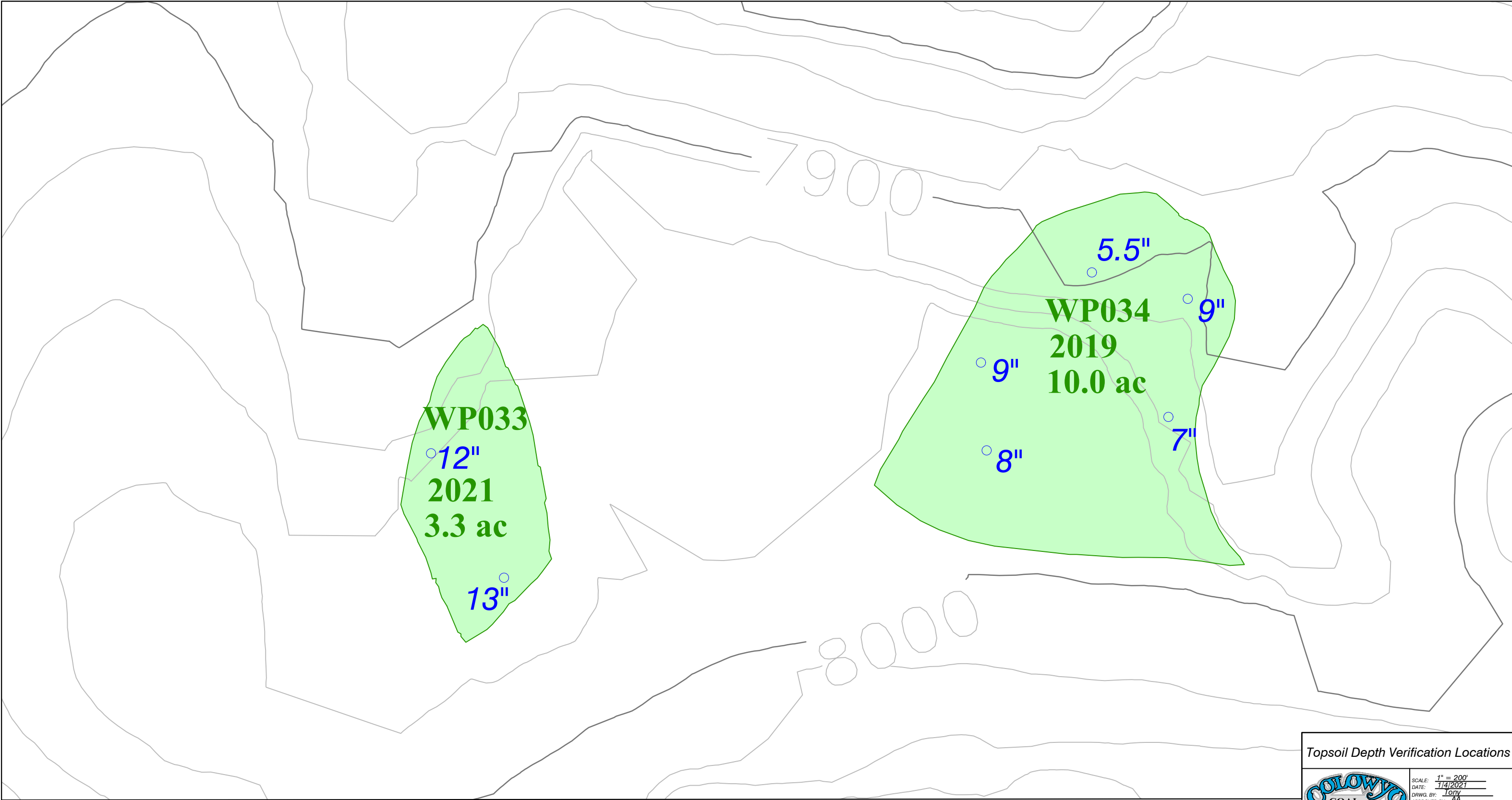
**Figure 5-3 –Topsoil Balance**

Topsoil Balance As of December 2021

<b>1</b>	Disturbed Lands (See Figure 2-1)	4,635.9 acres*
<b>2</b>	Lands with Redistributed Topsoil (See Figure 2-1)	1,390.1 acres*
<b>3</b>	Lands Yet to be Retopsoiled (Line 1 Minus 2)	3,245.8 acres
<b>4</b>	Lands Yet to be Retopsoiled	141,387,000.0 sq. feet
<b>5</b>	Volume of Topsoil in Stockpiles (From Figure 5-2)	5,500,099.1 cu. yards*
<b>6</b>	Line 5 times 27	148,503,000.0 cu. ft
<b>7</b>	Average Replacement Depth Available (Line 6 divided by Line 4)	1.1 feet
<b>8</b>	Average Replacement Depth Available	12.6 inches

\* All Phase III released acres have been removed.

Note: Values presented above represent an estimate of areas and volumes as of the date shown above.  
Stockpile inventories change frequently as mining plans vary.



Legend



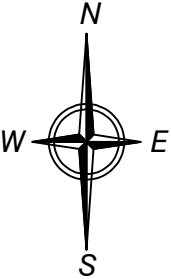
RECLAIMED AREAS



TOPSOIL VERIFICATION LOCATION



Contour Interval 25 FT.  
June 2021 Topography



Topsoil Depth Verification Locations



SCALE: 1" = 200'  
DATE: 1/14/2021  
DRAWN BY: Tony  
APPROVED BY: AA

DRWG NO.

Exhibit 5

No.	REVISION	DATE	BY	CHK

NOTE: PLEASE SEE EXHIBIT 2A FOR LOCATION OF RECLAMATION AREAS SHOWN ABOVE.

## **SECTION 6 –DITCH CONSTRUCTION CERTIFICATIONS**

### **RULE REQUIREMENT**

Rule 2.04.13(2) the Permittee may provide additional monitoring information as required by the approved permit.

Please see Volume 1 Section 2.04.13 for the requirement that these ditch construction certifications be included in the annual reclamation report.

### **GENERAL DISCUSSION**

During 2021, no post mine channels were constructed.



## **SECTION 7 –WEED MANAGEMENT**

### **RULE REQUIREMENT**

Rule 2.04.13(2) the Permittee may provide additional monitoring information as required by the approved permit.

Please see Volume 1 Section 2.04.13 for the requirement that weed management be included in the annual reclamation report.

### **GENERAL DISCUSSION**

Colowyo utilizes a combination of pickup mounted and UTV mounted boom/hand wand applicators to facilitate chemical control of noxious weeds within the entire permit boundary. Specifically, targeted weed species include but are not limited to thistles, Houndstongue Mullein, knapweeds, whitetop, leafy spurge, etc. The below noted reclamation parcels were specifically treated and noted as they have not been Phase III released to date. However, Colowyo makes every attempt to spray all lands within the permit boundary where noxious weeds are present. It is not practical to map each location, and many are too small of patch or individual plant and are random in nature to map out effectively.

East Pit – Units EP051 through EP054, and Units EP056 through EP061

West Pit – Units WP010 and Units WP014 through WP029, and WP032

South Taylor Pit – Units ST001-ST004

Gossard Loadout/Facilities Area – Units GF01-GF04

Please see Exhibit 2 for the reclamation units noted above.