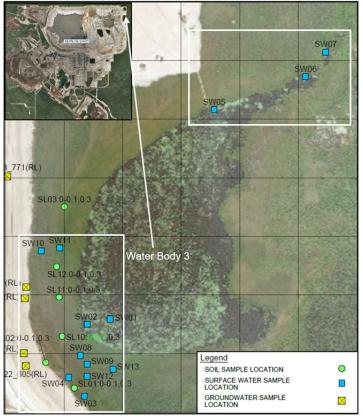
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Surface Water Quality

Location	Date	PAL Guideline Exceedance*
		Receptor (Water Body 3)
SW01 (receptor-near seep)	26-July-2023	PAL: No exceedances
SW02 (receptor-near seep)	26-July-2023	PAL: No exceedances
SW05 (receptor-near outlet)	26-July-2023	PAL: No exceedances
SW06 (receptor-outlet)	26-July-2023	PAL: No exceedances
SW07 (receptor-outlet)	26-July-2023	PAL: No exceedances

Source				
SW03 (source- seep)	26-July-2023	PAL: F2, total arsenic, total cobalt, total copper, dissolved iron No guideline: naphthenic acids (1.6 mg/L)		
SW04 (source- seep)	26-July-2023	PAL: F2, total arsenic, total cobalt, total zinc, dissolved iron, ammonia No guideline: naphthenic acids (2.2 mg/L)		
SW08 (source- onshore)	26-July-2023	PAL: F2, toluene, total cobalt, ammonia No guideline: naphthenic acids (0.9 mg/L)		
SW11 (source- onshore)	26-July-2023	PAL: toluene, total arsenic, total cobalt, total copper, total zinc, ammonia		
SW13 (source- onshore)	26-July-2023	PAL: toluene, dissolved iron		

^{*} Environmental Quality Guidelines for Alberta Surface Waters, Surface Water Quality Guidelines for the Protection of Aquatic Life.

Interpretation

- Several metals and major ions exceed guidelines in the area prior to Kearl mine development, based on 2003-2004 baseline sampling. This includes iron, sulphide, zinc.
- Naphthenic acids were analyzed using the FTIR method. Naphthenic acids sampled on July 26, 2023 analyzed using the Orbitrap method is not available for this update.
- Total and dissolved sulphide samples were analyzed by a different lab. Therefore, July 26, 2023 data is not available for this update.

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Location	Date	PAL Guideline Exceedance*		
Water Body 4				
WB4-SW01	26-July-2023	PAL: toluene, total lead, dissolved aluminum		

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Interpretation

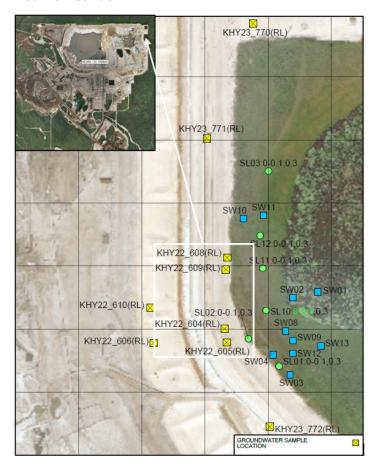
- Toluene may be biogenic (natural) in origin and is common in wetland areas.
- Naphthenic acids sampled on July 26, 2023 analyzed using the Orbitrap method is not available for this update.
- Total and dissolved sulphide samples were analyzed by a different lab. Therefore, July 26, 2023 data is not available for this update.

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Groundwater

		Source
KHY22-604 (shallow well)	27-July-2023	AB Tier 1: TDS, sulphate, manganese, iron No guideline: naphthenic acids (5.4 mg/L)
KHY22-605 (deep well)	27-July-2023	AB Tier 1: iron, manganese
KHY22-608 (shallow well)	27-July-2023	AB Tier 1: TDS, sulphate, iron, manganese No guideline: naphthenic acids (6.2 mg/L)
KHY22-609 (deep well)	27-July-2023	AB Tier 1: manganese, iron
KHY23-771 (shallow well)	27-July-2023	AB Tier 1: iron, manganese No guideline: naphthenic acids (0.7 mg/L)
KHY23-772 (shallow well)	27-July-2023	AB Tier 1: TDS, sulphate, iron, manganese, aluminum, arsenic, boron. No guideline: naphthenic acids (43.5 mg/L)

^{*} Alberta Tier 1 Soil and Groundwater Remediation Guidelines

Soil

Last sampled on April 22, 2023. Refer to previous update.

Interpretation

- Exceedances suggest the presence of tailings seepage in shallow groundwater.
- Results from KHY22-605 appeared anomalous based on June 28, 2023 sampling. KHY22-605 and KHY22-609 do not show impacts from tailings seepage in deeper groundwater based on the most recent sampling.

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