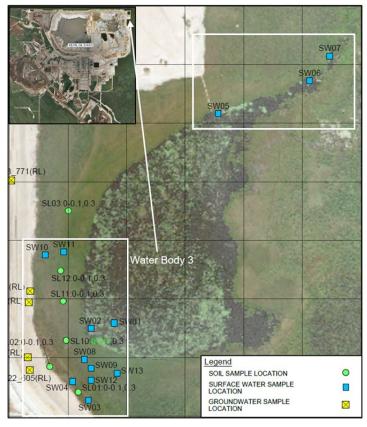
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## **Surface Water Quality**

Location	Date	PAL Guideline Exceedance*
		Receptor (Water Body 3)
SW01 (receptor-near seep)	31-May-2023	PAL: total sulphide
SW02 (receptor-near seep)	31-May-2023	PAL: total sulphide
SW05 (receptor-near outlet)	31-May-2023	PAL: total sulphide
SW06 (receptor-outlet)	31-May-2023	PAL: total sulphide
SW07 (receptor-outlet)	31-May-2023	PAL: total chromium, total cobalt, total sulphide

Source				
SW03 (source- seep)	31-May-2023	PAL: F2, total arsenic, total zinc, dissolved iron, total sulphide No guideline: naphthenic acids (1.1 mg/L)		
SW04 (source- seep)	31-May-2023	PAL: F2, total cobalt, total zinc, dissolved iron, sulphate, total sulphide No guideline: naphthenic acids (0.7 mg/L)		
SW08 (source- onshore)	31-May-2023	PAL: toluene, total zinc, total sulphide		
SW11 (source- onshore)	31-May-2023	PAL: dissolved iron, total sulphide		
SW13 (source- onshore)	31-May-2023	PAL: F2, dissolved iron, total sulphide No guideline: naphthenic acids (0.8 mg/L)		

<sup>\*</sup> 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 May 31, 2023 analyzed using the Orbitrap method is not available for this update.

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## **Surface Water Quality**

Location	Date	PAL Guideline Exceedance*		
Water Body 4				
WB4-SW01	31-May-2023	PAL: toluene, total cobalt, total lead, total zinc, total sulphide		

<sup>\*</sup>Environmental Quality Guidelines for Alberta Surface Waters, Surface Water Quality Guidelines for the Protection of Aquatic Life

### Interpretation

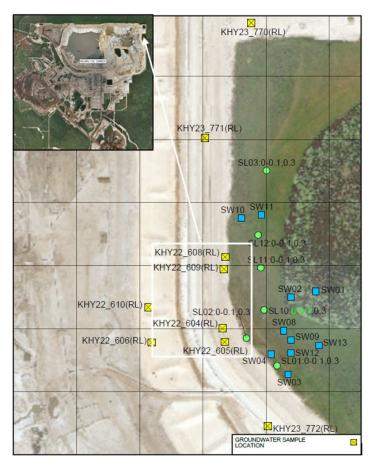
- Toluene may be biogenic (natural) in origin and is common in wetlands.
- Naphthenic acids were below detection limit based on the FTIR analytical method. Naphthenic acids sampled on May 31, 2023 analyzed using the Orbitrap method is not available for this update.

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#### Groundwater

Location	Date	AB Tier 1 Guideline Exceedance*
KHY22-604 (shallow well)	01-June-2023	AB Tier 1: TDS, sulphate, manganese, iron, No guideline: naphthenic acids (10.5 mg/L), F3 (6.7 mg/L), F4 (2.3 mg/L)
KHY-605 (deep well)	31-May-2023	AB Tier 1: manganese, iron
KHY22-608 (shallow well)	01-June-2023	AB Tier 1: TDS, sulphate, sodium, iron, manganese, aluminum, F2 No guideline: naphthenic acids (8.3 mg/L), F3 (8.7 mg/L), F4 (2.8 mg/L)
KHY22_609 (deep well)	01-June-2023	AB Tier 1: manganese, iron No guideline: F3 (0.7 mg/L), F4 (0.2 mg/L)
KHY23-772 (Shallow well)	01-June-2023	AB Tier 1: TDS, fluoride, sulphate, sodium, iron, manganese, F2 No guideline: naphthenic acids (38.6 mg/L), F3 (41.5 mg/L), F4 (35.6 mg/L)

<sup>\*</sup>Alberta Tier 1 Soil and Groundwater Remediation Guidelines

### Soils

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

#### Interpretation

- Exceedances suggest the presence of tailings seepage in shallow groundwater.
- KHY22-605 and KHY22-609 do not show impacts from tailings seepage in deeper groundwater.

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