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Dear Sir,

RE: CONTRACT No. CM 13/2016

INDEPENDENT ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKER FOR OPERATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING AND AUDIT FOR SIU HO WAN SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS (SHWSTW) QUARTERLY ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING AND AUDIT (EM&A) REPORT (MAY TO JULY 2018)

Reference is made to the submission of Quarterly Environmental Monitoring and Audit (EM&A) Report (May to July 2018) (Report No.: 0041/17/ED/0347A) received from the Environmental Team (ET), Messrs. Fugro Technical Services Ltd., on 31 August 2018 via email.

We would like to inform you that we have no adverse comment on the captioned submission and hereby verify the same in accordance with Condition 4.3 of the Environmental Permit (EP) for the captioned Project (Permit No.: EP-076/2000).

Notwithstanding, please be reminded that the ET shall strictly follow Condition 4.3 of the EP to submit EM&A report within two weeks after the completion of each reporting period and the report shall be certified by the Independent Environmental Checker (IEC) before depositing with the Environmental Protection Department.

Should you have any queries, please feel free to contact the undersigned, or our Mr. Rodney IP at 2815 7028.

Yours faithfully,

For and on behalf of

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Independent Environmental Checker

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#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Drainage Services Department (DSD) of Hong Kong Special Administrative Region has appointed Fugro Technical Services Limited (FTS) to undertake the Environmental Team services for the Project and implement the EM&A works.

This is the fourth Quarterly EM&A Report presents the environmental monitoring and audit works for the period between 1 May 2018 and 31 July 2018. As informed by the Contractor, major activities in the reporting period included:

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- Perform comprehensive operation and maintenance services for the electrical, mechanical and electronic systems/equipment at Siu Ho Wan Sewage Treatment Works (SHWSTW).
- Alleviate as far as practicable the impact that the facilities and sewage systems imposed on the environment of Hong Kong.

#### **Breaches of Action and Limit Levels**

No exceedances of Action/Limit levels at Air Sensitive Receiver (ASR) were recorded and no non-compliance of odour monitoring at ASR were recorded in the reporting period.

#### **Compliant Log**

There was no complaint received in relation to the environmental impact during the report period.

#### **Notifications of Summons and Successful Prosecutions**

There were no notifications of summons or prosecutions received during the reporting period.

## **Summary of the Environmental Mitigations Measures**

Mitigation measures specified in the EP and EIA Report such as aeration, chemical dosing system, covering or enclosing the pressing and sludge thickening facilities and ventilating air to a biological treatment unit prior to stack exhaust was implemented during the reporting period.

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#### 1. INTRODUCTION

#### 1.1 Background

- 1.1.1 The Project "Upgrading of Siu Ho Wan Sewage Treatment Works" is to upgrade Siu Ho Wan Sewage Treatment Works (SHWSTW) from the preliminary treatment level to Chemically Enhanced Primary Treatment (CEPT) level with Ultraviolet (UV) disinfection facilities. The Project is required to comply with the Environmental Permit (EP) in respect of the construction and operation phases of the Plant.
- 1.1.2 Under the Environmental Impact Assessment Ordinance (EIAO), the Project was classified as "Designated Project". The Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) study was completed in September 1997 with the EIA Report of Register No. EIAR-124BC, Operational EM&A Plan and the EP of No. EP-076/2000 was issued in August 2000 to Drainage Services Department (DSD).
- 1.1.3 The CEPT part has been completed and was put into operation in March 2005. The UV disinfection works were substantially completed in December 2006. It is considered that the operation of the Project shall be deemed to start when the UV disinfection facilities have been completely installed and tested.
- 1.1.4 This Quarterly EM&A report is required under Section 8.5 of the OEM&A Plan. It is to report the results and findings of the EM&A programme required in the OEM&A Plan.
- 1.1.5 This is the fourth quarterly OEM&A Report which summaries the impact monitoring results and audit findings for the Project within the period between 1 May 2018 and 31 July 2018.

#### 1.2 Project Description

1.2.1 The project proponent was DSD. AECOM was commissioned by DSD as the Engineer for the Project. Allied Environmental Consultants Limited (AEC) was commissioned by DSD as the Independent Environmental Checker (IEC) in the operation phase of the Project. FTS was appointed as the ET by DSD to implement the EM&A programme for the operation phase of the Project including air quality monitoring, water quality monitoring, sediment quality and benthic survey and Chinese white dolphin (CWD) monitoring.

## 1.3 Project Organization

1.3.1 The project organization for environmental works is shown in **Appendix A**. The contact person and telephone numbers of key personnel for the captioned project are shown in **Table 1.1**.

Table 1.1 Contact Persons and Telephone Numbers of Key Personnel

Organization	Role	Contact Person	Telephone No.	Fax No.
DSD	Project Proponent Representative	Mr. Romeo Chung	2594 7266	3104 6426
AECOM	Engineer Representative (ER)	Ms. Joanne Tsoi	3922 9423	3922 9797

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AEC	Independent Environmental Checker (IEC)	Ms. Grace Kwok	2815 7028	2815 5399
FTS	ET Leader (ETL)	Mr. Colin Yung	3565 4114	2450 8032

## 1.4 Work Undertaken during the Report Period

1.4.1 During this reporting period, the principal work activities included:

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- Perform comprehensive operation and maintenance services for the electrical, mechanical and electronic systems/equipment at SHWSTW.
- Alleviate as far as practicable the impact that the facilities and sewage systems imposed on the environment of Hong Kong.

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#### 2. SUMMARY OF EM&A REQUIREMENTS AND MONITORING RESULTS

#### 2.1 Monitoring Requirement

2.1.1 In accordance with the approved OEM&A Plan, air quality monitoring (odour patrol monitoring, H<sub>2</sub>S measurement and olfactometry analysis), water quality monitoring (onsite measurement and laboratory analysis), sediment quality & benthic survey at the designated monitoring stations are required. Data interpretation for the distribution and abundance of Chinese white dolphin (CWD) from the survey undertaken by the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) is also required for CWD monitoring. Air quality monitoring (H<sub>2</sub>S concentration monitoring and Odour patrol) should be conducted on a weekly basis for six months while the odour sampling for olfactometry analysis should be conducted on the first week of the odour patrol monitoring. For water quality monitoring, sediment quality & benthic survey and CWD monitoring should be carried out once per two months for a period of five years. The Action and Limit Levels of the air quality monitoring are given in **Appendix B**.

## 2.2 Monitoring Locations

- 2.2.1 According to the OEM&A Plan, one Air Sensitive Receiver (ASR) was identified and required to conduct air quality monitoring. The location (ASR) for air quality monitoring is shown in **Figure 1**.
- 2.2.2 In accordance with Section 5 of the EM&A Plan, water quality monitoring should be carried out at 8 designated monitoring locations (2 impact stations and 6 control stations). The monitoring locations shall be the same monitoring locations that were used for the baseline monitoring programme and have been approved by EPD. The coordinates of the monitoring location is shown in **Table 2.1**. The monitoring locations of water quality monitoring, Sediment Quality Monitoring and Benthic Survey are also shown in **Figure 2**.

Table 2.1 Location of Water Quality Monitoring, Sediment Quality Monitoring and Benthic Survey

	Sampling Location	Easting	Northing
Α	The Brothers, Control Station	816 100	822 500
В	The Brothers, Control Station	816 680	822 440
С	Siu Ho Wan Outfall, Impact Station	816 800	820 180
D	Siu Ho Wan Outfall, Impact Station	817 160	820 360
Е	Cheung Sok, Control Station	819 817	821 655
F	Cheung Sok, Control Station	820 158	821 922
G	Tai Ching Chau, Control Station	822 214	822 692
Н	Tai Ching Chau, Control Station	822 494	822 939

#### 2.3 Monitoring Parameter

2.3.1 The durations and frequencies of H2S concentration measurement, odour patrolling and odour sampling are summarized in **Table 2.2** below.

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Table 2.2 Durations and Frequencies of Air Quality Monitoring Programme

	Duration	Frequency							
H <sub>2</sub> S concentration monitoring Odour patrol	15 minutes	<sup>1</sup> Weekly basis for 6 months during the initial operation stage							
Odour sampling for olfactometry analysis	<sup>3</sup> 15 minutes	<sup>2</sup> First week of the odour patrol monitoring							

#### Remark:

- 1) In case excessive odour nuisance was detected during the odour patrol monitoring or the standard of the 5 odour units cannot be complied with during the odour panel monitoring, the odour patrol monitoring and  $H_2S$  concentration monitoring shall be extended for a period of three months to cater for the warm-up period of the functioning of the additional mitigation measures.
- 2) In case the relationship between H<sub>2</sub>S concentration (ppb) with the odour unit (OU/m3) cannot conclude from the correlation study carried out at the first week of the odour patrol monitoring due to invalid data, additional odour sampling for olfactometry analysis shall be carried out for the correlation study.
- 3) Sufficient air samples (approximate 60L) may be collected in less than 15 minutes during odour sampling.
- 2.3.2 The monitoring parameters for water quality monitoring are summarized in **Table 2.3**.

Table 2.3 Parameters for Water Quality Monitoring

Table 2.5 I arameters for water equality Monitoring						
Monitoring Parameters						
In-situ Measurement Laboratory Analysis						
Dissolved oxygen (mg/L)	E. coli (cfu/100ml)					
Temperature (degree Celsius)	5-day BOD (mg/l)					
pH value	Suspended Solids (mg/l)					
Water depth (m)	Ammonia as N (mg/l)					
Salinity (ppt)	Nitrate as N (mg/l)					
Turbidity (NTU)	Nitrite as N (mg/l)					
Current Speed (m/s)	Total inorganic nitrogen (mg/l)					
Current Direction (degree magnetic)	Total phosphorus (soluble and particulate) (mg/l)					

2.3.3 The monitoring parameters for sediment quality monitoring and benthic survey are summarized in **Table 2.4**.

Table 2.4 Parameters for Sediment Quality Monitoring and Benthic Survey

Monitoring Parameters							
Sediment Quality Monitoring	Rinsate Blank for Benthic Survey						
Grain size profile* (i.e. Particle Size Distribution) (%)	Cadmium (µg/L)						
Total organic carbon* (%)	Chromium (µg/L)						
pH value	Copper (µg/L)						
Ammonia as N (mg-N/kg)	Lead (µg/L)						
Total nitrogen (mg-N/kg)	Mercury ((μg/L)						
Total phosphorus (mg-N/kg)	Nickel (µg/L)						
Cadmium (mg/kg)	Zinc (µg/L)						
Chromium (mg/kg)	Arsenic (µg/L)						
Copper (mg/kg)	Silver (µg/L)						

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Monitoring Parameters							
Sediment Quality Monitoring	Rinsate Blank for Benthic Survey						
Lead (mg/kg)							
Mercury (mg/kg)							
Nickel (mg/kg)							
Zinc (mg/kg)							
Arsenic (mg/kg)							
Silver (mg/kg)							

<sup>\*</sup>Grain size profile and total organic carbon is determined from the sediment sampled collected for benthic survey.

- 2.3.4 Apart from the parameters listed in the **Table 2.3** and **Table 2.4**, other relevant supplementary information such as monitoring location, time, weather conditions and any special phenomena shall be also recorded.
- 2.3.5 The tidal data will be obtained from the tide gauge installed in Ma Wan Marine Traffic Station, managed by the Hydrographic Office of Marine Department. Location of the tide gauge is shown in **Figure 3**. The predicted tidal data is present in **Appendix E**.

#### 2.4 Results and Observations

- 2.4.1 No Action and Limit Level exceedance for air quality monitoring (odour patrol monitoring, H<sub>2</sub>S measurement and olfactometry analysis) was recorded in the reporting period at ASR since no complaint on odour was received in the reporting period.
- 2.4.2 The monitoring data was summarized in **Table 2.5**. Graphical plots of results of monitoring data are shown in **Appendix C**.

Table 2.5 Summary of Air Quality Monitoring Data in Reporting Period

		Monitoring Parameter					
Monitoring Location	Reporting Month	H <sub>2</sub> S concentration* (ppb)		Odour Patrol^ (Odour Level)	Olfactometry Analysis of odour (OU/m³)		
		Range Average		Range	Range	Average	
ASR	May 2018	<1 - 3 2.0		1 - 1	13 - 17	15.0	

Remark:

2.4.3 Based on record of onsite odour patrol monitoring, other dominant odour or non-ideal wind directions was recorded which indicated the measurements was interfered by other dominant odours (e.g. gasoline) or the wind direction during the measurement was not from SHWSTW towards ASR (e.g. N). Therefore, during this reporting period, H<sub>2</sub>S data collected (total 2 measurements) could not be considered as representative data to reflect the odour impact from SHWSTW and not suitable for correlation establishment with the exceeded results of the olfactometry due to interference by other dominant odour (1 measurements) or record of non-ideal wind directions (1 measurements) during measurements. Although results of olfactometry analysis from the odour sampling during the reporting period exceeded the criterion of 5 odour units (based on averaging time of 5 seconds at the nearest ASR), the exceedances from the olfactometry analysis were considered as not project-related by the

<sup>\*</sup>The value of H₂S Concentration was taken in average of 15 min for each measurement.

<sup>^</sup>Odour Level: 0 - Not detected, 1 - Slight, 2 - Moderate, 3 - Strong, 4 - Extreme

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results of onsite odour patrol monitoring and the records of wind direction. Therefore, no non-compliance of odour monitoring at ASR were recorded in the reporting period. As inadequacy of representative data was result between August 2017 and May 2018, current  $H_2S$  measurement and olfactometry analysis was considered as unlikely way to establish the relationship of  $H_2S$  concentration (ppb) with the odour unit (OU/ $m^3$ ). Alternative methods shall be proposed and submitted for EPD's approval. In order to assess whether SHWSTW is the major  $H_2S$  source to ASR, three additional air quality monitoring events were conducted on February 2018. The data showed that site boundary of SHWSTW and the location of ASR is not appropriate for the correlation study as the change of both odour level and  $H_2S$  concentrations at ASR were not sensitive to that at site boundary of SHWSTW. Since six months air quality monitoring and additional three months air quality monitoring had been conducted according to Section 2.2 of OEM&A Plan without any complaint or non-compliance recorded, air quality monitoring was temporarily suspended until alternative methods of correlation study was approved by EPD. The temporary suspension was approved by EPD's memo dated 14 May 2018.

2.4.4 Water quality monitoring, sediment quality monitoring and benthic survey were conducted on 14 June 2018 to collect data for future reference in accordance with Section 5.5 and 6.5 of the Operational EM&A Plan. No special phenomena were observed during the monitoring. The summaries of results collected of the monitoring were presented in the below tables. The graphical presentation of water quality monitoring results, sediment quality monitoring and benthic survey results are given in **Appendix D** and **Appendix F** respectively.

Table 2.6 Summary of In-situ Monitoring Results (Depth – Average)

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Monitor	ing	рН	Salinity	Temperature	Dissolved	Turbidity	Current	Current	
Station			(ppt)	(degree	oxygen	(NTU)	speed	velocity	
				Celsius)	(mg/L)		(m/s)	(degree	
								magnetic)	
^	Е	7.85	22.88	28.75	5.21	11.3	0.41	246.4	
Α	F	8.09	28.25	28.05	4.80	2.6	0.45	229.2	
В	Е	7.98	25.52	28.26	5.48	6.5	0.44	212.6	
Ь	F	8.08	28.02	28.44	4.79	3.1	0.26	264.1	
	Е	8.04	21.22	28.64	5.31	5.1	0.16	186.6	
С	F	8.05	28.38	27.87	4.90	5.6	0.25	244.8	
D	Е	7.96	26.21	27.56	5.03	8.0	0.29	177.5	
	F	8.06	28.46	27.78	5.01	7.1	0.40	239.7	
Е	Е	7.99	21.09	28.34	5.14	8.0	0.18	177.4	
	F	8.06	27.69	27.96	4.87	7.3	0.36	231.0	
F	Е	8.00	19.24	27.92	5.70	9.9	0.17	215.3	
Г	F	8.06	27.19	27.96	4.89	6.4	0.28	242.7	
	Е	8.03	22.57	27.65	5.47	7.2	0.40	213.5	
G	F	8.01	23.47	27.96	5.11	5.1	0.31	158.3	
ы	Е	8.03	22.20	28.13	5.23	3.8	0.45	209.8	
Н	F	7.99	21.22	27.58	5.21	4.4	0.40	162.7	

Table 2.7 Summary of Laboratory Analysis Results (Depth – Average)

Monitori Station	ng	TSS (mg/L)	NH <sub>3</sub> as N (mg/L)	NO <sub>2</sub> as N (mg/L)	NO <sub>3</sub> as N (mg/L)	TIN (mg/L)	E.coli (cfu/100mL)	Total P (mg/L)	BOD₅ (mg/L)
Α	Ε	8.9	0.134	0.281	0.750	1.165	56.7	0.05	1.8

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						I			
Monitori	ng	TSS	$NH_3$	$NO_2$	$NO_3$	TIN	E.coli	Total P	$BOD_5$
Station	Station		as N	as N	as N	(mg/L)	(cfu/100mL)	(mg/L)	(mg/L)
		(mg/L)	(mg/L)	(mg/L)	(mg/L)		,		, ,
	F	8.0	0.146	0.210	0.743	1.098	52.2	0.05	1.0
В	Е	7.9	0.132	0.225	0.602	0.958	148.3	0.05	1.0
B	F	5.8	0.132	0.147	0.451	0.730	9.7	0.04	1.0
С	Е	7.9	0.151	0.296	0.753	1.200	25.0	0.05	1.1
	F	6.2	0.123	0.271	0.706	1.097	44.5	0.05	1.0
D	Е	6.1	0.114	0.297	0.752	1.162	98.3	0.05	1.0
	F	7.7	0.143	0.295	0.760	1.197	75.5	0.05	1.0
Е	Е	6.4	0.133	0.299	0.785	1.217	48.5	0.06	1.4
	F	7.1	0.141	0.208	0.599	0.949	97.2	0.04	1.2
F	Е	5.7	0.118	0.290	0.767	1.173	50.0	0.05	1.1
Г	F	7.0	0.129	0.228	0.643	1.000	120.0	0.05	1.1
G	Е	6.2	0.133	0.268	0.727	1.130	50.5	0.05	1.1
٦	F	6.1	0.171	0.252	0.713	1.135	93.8	0.05	1.6
Н	Е	6.7	0.117	0.284	0.750	1.150	118.3	0.05	1.0
П	F	5.8	0.279	0.296	0.789	1.363	49.5	0.05	1.8

Table 2.8 Summary of laboratory analysis results for sediment monitoring

Monitoring	рН	NH <sub>3</sub>	Total	Total	Cď	Cr	Cu	Pb	Hg	Ni	Zn	As	Ag
Station	value	as N	N	P	(mg/k	(mg	(mg	(mg	(mg/	(mg	(mg	(mg	(mg/k
		(mg/L)	(mg-	(mg-	g)	/kg)	/kg)	/kg)	kg)	/kg)	/kg)	/kg)	g)
			N/kg)	P/kg)									
Α	8.7	6.9	740	454	0.12	31.1	24.8	30.2	0.08	17.9	84.6	17.1	0.11
В	8.7	5.2	840	419	<0.10	42.2	38.4	39.1	0.13	24.3	112	14.9	0.34
С	8.7	8.9	1040	488	<0.10	50.9	43.2	46.4	0.14	31.2	139	14.3	0.24
D	8.6	8.4	1080	514	<0.10	48.6	39.9	44.6	0.12	29.2	130. 0	13.5	0.23
Е	8.6	6.9	1140	514	<0.10	49.3	44.8	44.0	0.12	29.6	133	12.8	0.30
F	8.8	2.6	620	408	<0.10	15.6	169. 0	21.6	<0.0 5	10.6	53.1	9.9	<0.10
G	8.7	3.8	980	439	0.12	53.0	48.2	42.8	0.10	30.5	126	14.9	0.23
Н	8.5	7.4	1350	567	<0.10	52.6	47.4	47.6	0.14	32.2	146	13.3	0.29

Table 2.9 Summary of laboratory analysis results for benthic survey

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Monitoring Station	Total organic	Grai	n size pr	ofile (%	%)	Description	
Station	carbon (%)	Gravel	Sand	Silt	Clay		
А	0.79	1	14	49	36	Dark grey, slightly sandy SILT/CLAY with shell fragments	
В	0.70	1	23	48	28	Dark grey, slightly sandy SILT/CLAY with shell fragments	
С	0.86	0	4	61	35	Dark grey, slightly sandy SILT/CLAY with shell fragments	
D	0.69	0	14	53	33	Dark grey, slightly sandy SILT/CLAY with shell fragments	
E	0.97	0	5	58	37	Dark grey, slightly sandy SILT/CLAY with shell fragments	
F	1.03	0	3	60	37	Dark grey, slightly sandy SILT/CLAY with shell fragments	

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Monitoring Station Total organic		Grai	n size pr	ofile (%	%)	Description
Station	carbon (%)	Gravel	Sand	Silt	Clay	
G	0.47	21	36	23	20	Dark grey, sandy SILT/CLAY with shell fragments
Н	0.84	0	11	53	36	Dark grey, slightly sandy SILT/CLAY with shell fragments

#### 2.4.5 The benthic survey results are analyzed and presented as below:

#### i) Abundance

A total of 249 macrobenthic organisms were collected from the eight monitoring stations during the June 2018 monitoring period. Results of the current monitoring remained to be lower compared to the baseline data (August 2004) and showed a decrease in total abundance by 82 individuals (ind.) compared to the April 2018 monitoring results. The current decrease might be attributed to tropical storm Ewiniar that hit Hong Kong about one week before the sampling activities. Wave action brought about by the typhoon might have caused intermediate disturbance in the sampling stations, particularly that these are characteristically shallow waters (11m to 23m) as wave action may affect bottom sediments up to 50m in depth based on studies conducted by Coleman et al. (1997). Bivalves in this monitoring were specifically affected by the perturbations as shown in the significant decrease in their abundance from 167 ind. (April 2018) to only 47 ind. (June 2018).

Highest abundance (62 ind.) was recorded at Station G while the lowest (14 ind.) was at Station F. Relatively high abundance at Station G might be attributed to the moderately sorted sediments characterized by the varying grain sizes at this station. Varying percentages of gravel (21%), sand (36%), silt (23%), and clay (20%) can provide a wide range of niches for benthic organisms to exploit. Furthermore, moderately sorted sediments were observed at Station A where high abundance (43 ind.) was also recorded. On the other hand, the relatively low abundance observed at Station F might be due to the high percentages of silt (60%) and clay (37%) in the substrate indicative of well-sorted sediments. Well-sorted sediments can only offer a smaller range of grain sizes and of interstitial spaces limiting the niches for benthic organisms (Gray 1974); thus, the lower abundances at stations with relatively homogenous grain size distribution. The impact stations (Station C and Station D) remained to have lower abundances compared to the reference stations except for Station F. Similar to Station F, sediments in Stations C and D were characterized by higher percentages of silt and clay.

#### ii) Biomass

The total wet biomass for all the eight monitoring stations during the June 2018 monitoring period was 125.11 g, which is 106.06 g less than the biomass recorded during the April 2018 monitoring period but remained higher compared to the baseline data. The decrease in biomass (from April 2018 to June 2018) might be attributed to the parallel decline in the abundance of bivalves.

The highest and lowest total biomass continued to be observed in Station A (55.00 g) and Station C (0.35 g), respectively. Highest biomass remained at Station A because the bivalve, *Ruditapes philippinarum*, continued to contribute significantly in the total

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biomass due to their larger sizes despite the decline in their abundance. Biomass at impact stations (Stations C and D) remained to be low together with Station F (2.6 g), Station B (3.3 g), and Station G (5.1 g) as these stations were dominated by smaller organisms (i.e. annelids).

#### iii) Taxonomic Composition

A total of eight phyla comprised of 41 families and 53 taxa were identified during the June 2018 monitoring period. Compared to the April 2018 monitoring period, there was an increase (12 taxa) in the total number of taxa identified. This can be attributed to the increase in the number of annelid species that have been identified. With the increase in the number of their species and abundance and the decrease in the abundance of bivalves, annelids (polychaetes) dominated the current benthic assemblages comprising about 53.01% of sampled population (Figure 3). The intermediate disturbance in the form of wave action generated by the typhoon might have cleared existing habitats providing opportunities for smaller benthic organisms such as polychaetes to colonize the area. A study shows that disturbance generated by episodic strong currents ('benthic storms') was linked to high species dominance by polychaetes (58-64% ampharetids), bivalves, isopods and tanaids (Thistle et al.1985).

The current benthic assemblage is observed to be similar with the baseline data (August 2004) which were both dominated by polychaetes. However, during the baseline study capitellid and cirratulid were the dominant polychaetes which indicates unbalanced and organically enriched habitats (Pearson and Rosenberg 1978; Borja et al. 2000). For the present monitoring period Nepthyidae were the most abundant group.

Station G had the highest number of taxa (26) identified and the most number of polychaete taxa. As aforementioned, the more distributed grain sizes in this station provided a wide range of habitat for the organisms to colonize, particularly after an intermediate disturbance. Impact stations (Station C and D) remained to harbour relatively fewer taxa.

#### iv) Diversity

Diversity indices (H') for the June 2018 monitoring period ranged from very low (1.53 at Station A) to moderate (2.88 at Station G). Compared to the baseline and April 2018 monitoring periods, increase in diversity was observed. The slight improvement in diversity as aforementioned might be due to the colonization of opportunistic species of the cleared habitats due to the natural disturbance brought about by the typhoon.

Station G showed moderate diversity as it has the most variable substrate type which can support a diverse benthic community as shown by the highest number of taxa identified in this station. Station E also exhibited moderate diversity. The very low diversity, on the other hand in Station A, might be attributed to the dominance of the bivalve, *R. philippinarum*, which also explains the low Evenness (J) index at this station. *R. philippinarum* was most abundant in Station A as this species prefers sandy substrate, which is the natural characteristic of this station prior to the reworking of sediments of typhoon Ewiniar. The remaining stations, including the impact Stations C and D, remained to have low diversity. Furthermore, all stations

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but Station A showed homogenous benthic communities as showed by their high Evenness (J) Index.

Table 2.10 Summary of Benthic Survey Data

Station	Abundance (ind.)	Total Biomass (g)	Number of Taxa	Diversity (H')	Evenness (J)
Α	43	55.00	12	1.53	0.62
В	34	3.33	13	2.20	0.86
C*	27	0.35	13	2.39	0.93
D*	18	15.44	11	2.27	0.95
Е	30	18.80	19	2.64	0.90
F	14	2.64	10	2.17	0.94
G	62	5.05	26	2.88	0.88
Н	21	24.48	10	2.15	0.93
TOTAL	249	125.11	53 **		

<sup>\*</sup>Impact Sites, \*\*Total count of different identified Taxa

2.4.6 The latest AFCD's report dated 10 July 2018, "Monitoring of Marine Mammals in Hong Kong Waters (2017-18)" in terms of the distribution and abundance of CWDs was reviewed in the Monthly EM&A report in July 2018. Only one sighting of CWD was made in Northeast Lantau (NEL) in 2018. CWD occurence in NEL has plummeted starting from 2013 to the lowest point in 2015-17 when no dolphin was sighted. Even the marine works of HZMB has been mostly completed in 2017, it is reported that there is still no sign of recovery. The potential impact of increased effluent discharged from SHWSTW on CWDs is not mentioned in this AFCD report. However, anthropogenic disturbances such as increasing level of vessel traffic, construction of HZMB and expansion of Hong Kong International Airport are perceived as causes of decline in local abundance of CWDs in NEL. Continued systematic dolphin surveying in Lantau Island is necessary to further study this issue.

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## 3. ADVICE ON IMPLEMENTATION STATUS OF ENVIRONMENTAL MITGATION MEASURES

## 3.1 Implementation Status

3.1.1 Although no site inspection is prescribed during the operation of the Plant in accordance with the approved EM&A Plan, SHWSTW is reminded to fully and properly implement mitigation measures specified in the EP and EIA Report. Mitigation measures such as aeration, chemical dosing system, covering or enclosing the pressing and sludge thickening facilities and ventilating air to a biological treatment prior to stack exhaust was implemented in the reporting period. A summary of mitigation measures implementation schedule is provided in **Appendix G**.

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### 4. ADVICE ON THE SOLID AND LIQUID WASTE MANAGEMENT STATUS

- 4.1.1 SHWSTW is reminded to fully comply with EP conditions. All measures and recommendations in the EP, EIA Report and approved waste management plan shall be fully and properly implemented. During the reporting period, following measures in related to solid and liquid waste management was implemented:
  - The influent of waste water shall be treated by CEPT with UV disinfection;
  - Trip-ticket system shall be implemented for sludge and sediment;
  - The acceptance criteria for Landfill disposal should be followed;
  - Chemical waste should be properly handled and stored temporarily in designated chemical waste storage area on site in accordance with the Code of Practice on the Packaging, Labelling and Storage of Chemical Wastes.
- 4.1.2 A summary of mitigation measures implementation schedule is provided in **Appendix G**.

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## 5. SUMMARY OF EXCEEDANCE OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY PERFORMANCE LIMITS

- 5.1.1 Air quality monitoring i.e. H<sub>2</sub>S concentration monitoring, odour patrol monitoring and olfactometry analysis was carried out in the reporting period. No exceedances of Action/Limit levels at ASR were recorded.
- 5.1.2 During this reporting period, H<sub>2</sub>S data collected (total 2 measurements) could not be considered as representative data to reflect the odour impact from SHWSTW and unsuitable for correlation establishment with the exceeded results of the olfactometry due to interference by other dominant odour (1 measurements) or record of non-ideal wind directions (1 measurements). Although results of olfactometry analysis from the odour sampling during the reporting period exceeded the criterion of 5 odour units (based on averaging time of 5 seconds at the nearest ASR), based on the onsite odour patrol monitoring and the records of wind direction, the exceedances from the olfactometry analysis were not project-related. Therefore, no non-compliance of odour monitoring at ASR were recorded in the reporting period.

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## 6. SUMMARY OF ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLAINTS

6.1.1 No complaint (written or verbal), inspection notice, notification of summons or prosecution was received in relation to the environmental impact during the report period. Summaries of complaints, notification of summons and successful prosecutions are presented in **Table 9.1** and **Table 9.2**.

**Table 9.1 Cumulative Statistics on Complaints** 

Environmental Parameters	Cumulative No. Brought Forward	No. of Complaints This Month	Cumulative Project- to-Date
Air	0	0	0
Noise	0	0	0
Water	0	0	0
Waste	0	0	0
Others	0	0	0
Total	0	0	Ō

Table 9.2 Cumulative Statistics on Notification of Summons and Successful Prosecutions

Environmental Parameters	Cumulative No. Brought Forward	No. of Notification of Summons and Prosecutions This Month	Cumulative Project- to-Date
Air	0	0	0
Noise	0	0	0
Water	0	0	0
Waste	0	0	0
Others	0	0	Ō
Total	0	0	0

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#### 7. CONCLUSION

- 7.1.1 No Action and Limit Level exceedance for air quality monitoring (odour patrol monitoring, H<sub>2</sub>S measurement and olfactometry analysis) was recorded in the reporting period at ASR. Although results of olfactometry analysis from the odour sampling during the reporting period exceeded the criterion of 5 odour units (based on averaging time of 5 seconds at the nearest ASR), the exceedances from the olfactometry analysis were considered as not project-related by the results of onsite odour patrol monitoring and the records of wind direction. Therefore, no non-compliance of odour monitoring at ASR were recorded in the reporting period.
- 7.1.2 Due to non-ideal wind direction (e.g. S, N, SW, NW and SE) or domination of non-target smell (e.g. gasoline, seawater and vegetation) during the measurements conducted between August 2017 and May 2018, inadequacy of representative data was result between August 2017 and May 2018. Current H<sub>2</sub>S measurement and olfactometry analysis was considered as unlikely way to establish the relationship of H<sub>2</sub>S concentration (ppb) with the odour unit (OU/m<sup>3</sup>). Alternative methods shall be proposed and submitted for EPD's approval. In order to assess whether SHWSTW is the major H2S source to ASR, three additional air quality monitoring events were conducted on February 2018. The data showed that site boundary of SHWSTW and the location of ASR is not appropriate for the correlation study as the change of both odour level and H<sub>2</sub>S concentrations at ASR were not sensitive to that at site boundary of SHWSTW. Since six months air quality monitoring and additional three months air quality monitoring had been conducted according to Section 2.2 of OEM&A Plan without any complaint or non-compliance recorded, air quality monitoring was temporarily suspended until alternative methods of correlation study was approved by EPD. The temporary suspension was approved by EPD's memo dated 14 May 2018.
- 7.1.3 Water quality monitoring, sediment quality monitoring and benthic survey were conducted on 14 June 2018 to collect data for future reference in accordance with Section 5.5 and 6.5 of the Operational EM&A Plan. The details of methodology and results collected of the monitoring were presented in Section 2. No special phenomena were observed during the monitoring.
- 7.1.4 The latest AFCD's report dated 10 July 2018, "Monitoring of Marine Mammals in Hong Kong Waters (2017-18)" in terms of the distribution and abundance of CWDs was reviewed. Only one sighting of CWD was made in NEL in 2018. CWD occurence in NEL has plummeted starting from 2013 to the lowest point in 2015-17 when no dolphin was sighted. Even the marine works of HZMB has been mostly completed in 2017, it is reported that there is still no sign of recovery. The potential impact of increased effluent discharged from SHWSTW on CWDs is not mentioned in this AFCD report. However, anthropogenic disturbances such as increasing level of vessel traffic, construction of HZMB and expansion of Hong Kong International Airport are perceived as causes of decline in local abundance of CWDs. Continued systematic dolphin surveying in Lantau Island is necessary to further study this issue.
- 7.1.5 SHWSTW is reminded to fully *comply with EP conditions*. *All environmental mitigation measures* and recommendations in the EP, EIA Report and approved waste management plan shall be fully and properly implemented.
- 7.1.6 No complaint (written or verbal), inspection notice, notification of summons or prosecution was received in relation to the environmental impact during the report period.

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#### 7.2 Comment and Recommendations

- 7.2.1 The recommended environmental mitigation measures, as proposed in the EIA reports and OEM&A Plan were effectively and efficiently minimize the potential environmental impacts from the Project. Therefore, no complaint or non-compliance of monitoring were recorded during the reporting period. As inadequacy of representative data was result between August 2017 and May 2018, current H<sub>2</sub>S measurement and olfactometry analysis was considered as unlikely way to establish the relationship of H<sub>2</sub>S concentration (ppb) with the odour unit (OU/m³). Alternative methods shall be proposed and submitted for EPD's approval to ensure that EM&A programme could effectively monitor the environmental impacts generated from the site and ensure the proper implementation of mitigation measure.
- 7.2.2 According to the environmental monitoring performed in the reporting period, the following recommendations were made:

#### Air Quality Monitoring

• In order to assess whether SHWSTW is the major H2S source to ASR, three additional air quality monitoring events were conducted on February 2018. The data showed that site boundary of SHWSTW and the location of ASR is not appropriate for the correlation study as the change of both odour level and H<sub>2</sub>S concentrations at ASR were not sensitive to that at site boundary of SHWSTW. Since six months air quality monitoring and additional three months air quality monitoring had been conducted according to Section 2.2 of OEM&A Plan without any complaint or non-compliance recorded, air quality monitoring was temporarily suspended until alternative methods of correlation study was approved by EPD. The temporary suspension was approved by EPD's memo dated 14 May 2018.

#### Water Quality Monitoring

No specific observation was identified in the reporting period.

#### Sediment Quality Monitoring and Benthic Survey

No specific observation was identified in the reporting period.

#### Chinese White Dolphin Monitoring

No specific observation was identified in the reporting period.

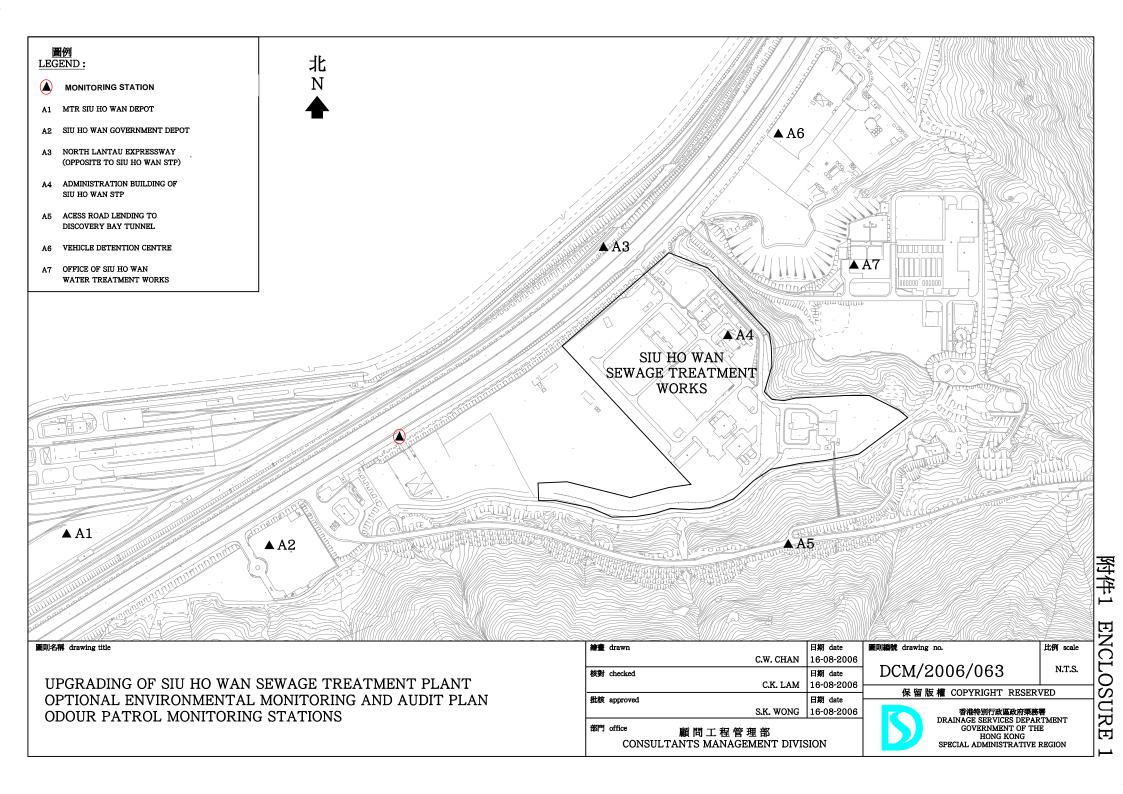
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Figure 1

Monitoring Location of Air Sensitive Receiver



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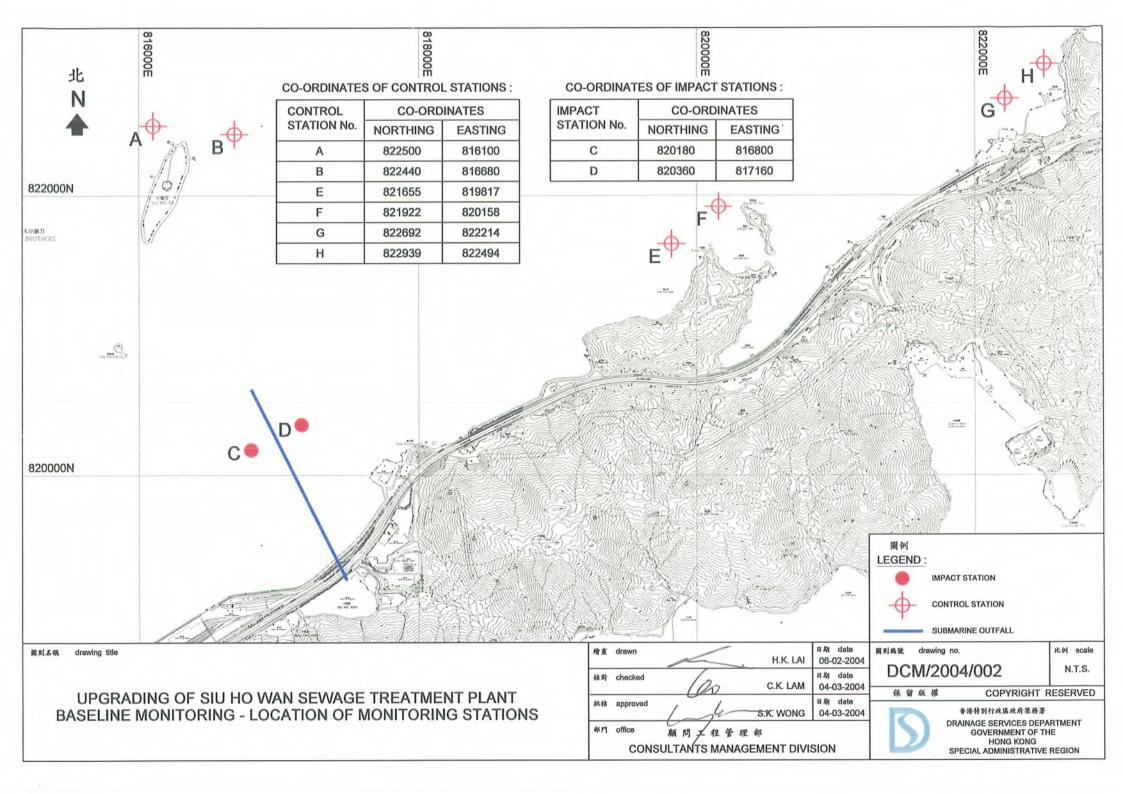
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## Figure 2

Monitoring Location of Water Quality Monitoring, Sediment Quality Monitoring and Benthic Survey



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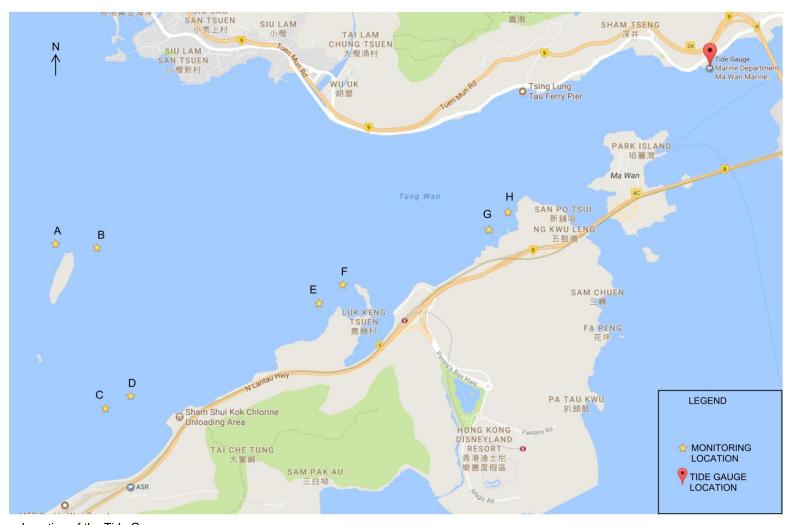
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Figure 3

Location of the Tide Gauge

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Location of the Tide Gauge

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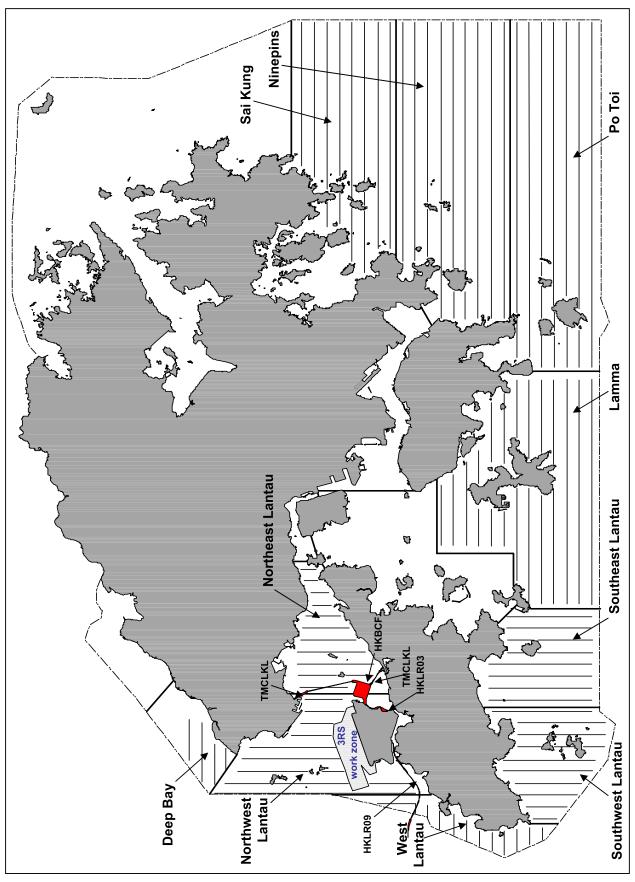
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## Figure 4

Location of Survey Areas of Chinese White Dolphins



Source: Monitoring of Marine Mammals in Hong Kong Waters (2017-18), AFCD

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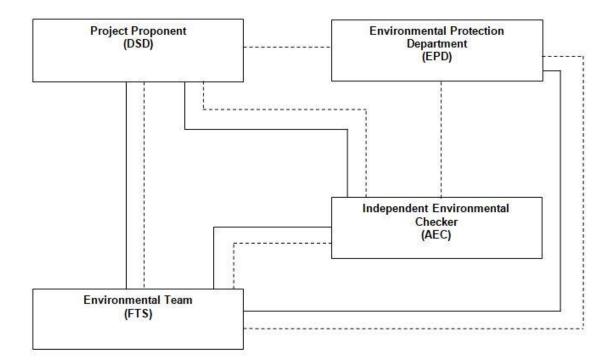
Appendix A

**Project Organization Chart** 

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## Appendix B

Action and Limit Levels for Air Quality Monitoring

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**Action and Limit Levels for Air Quality Monitoring** 

Parameter	Action	Limit
Odour	One complaint received for specific odour event	Two or more independent complaints receive for specific odour event

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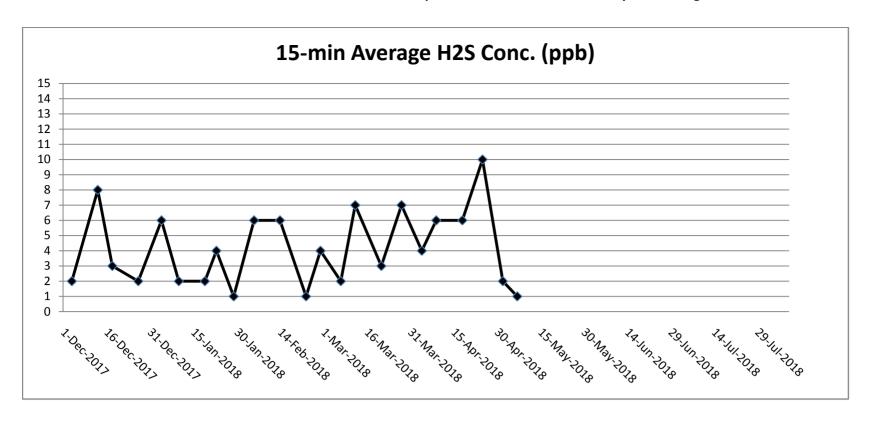
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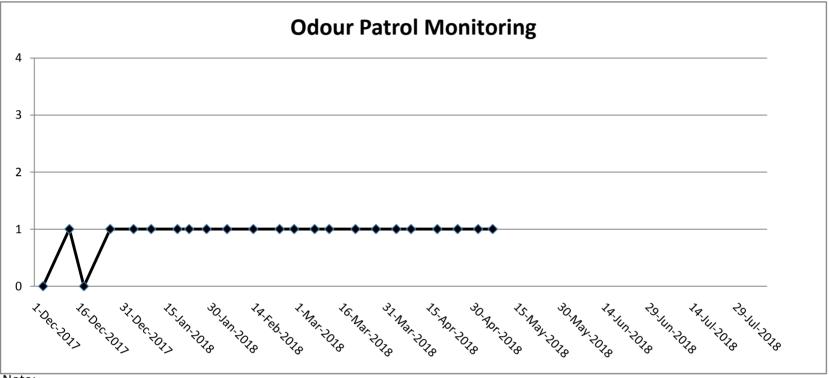


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## Appendix C

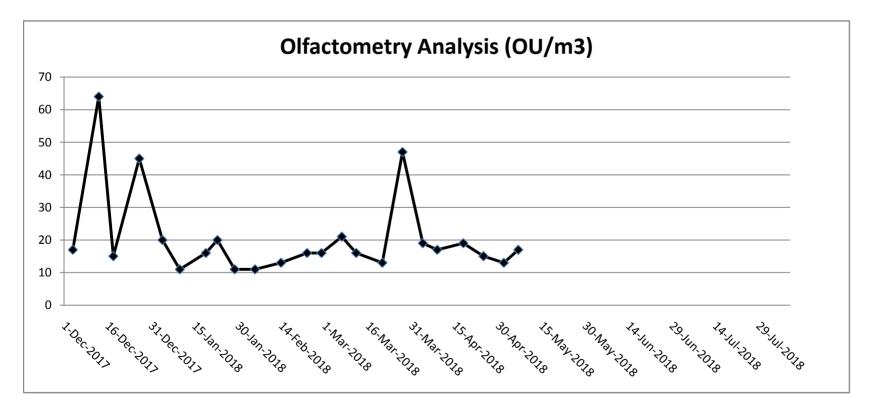
Graphical Presentation of Air Quality Monitoring





Note:

Y-axis refers to the Odour Level: 0 - Not Detected; 1- Slight; 2 - Moderate; 3 - Strong; 4 - Extreme



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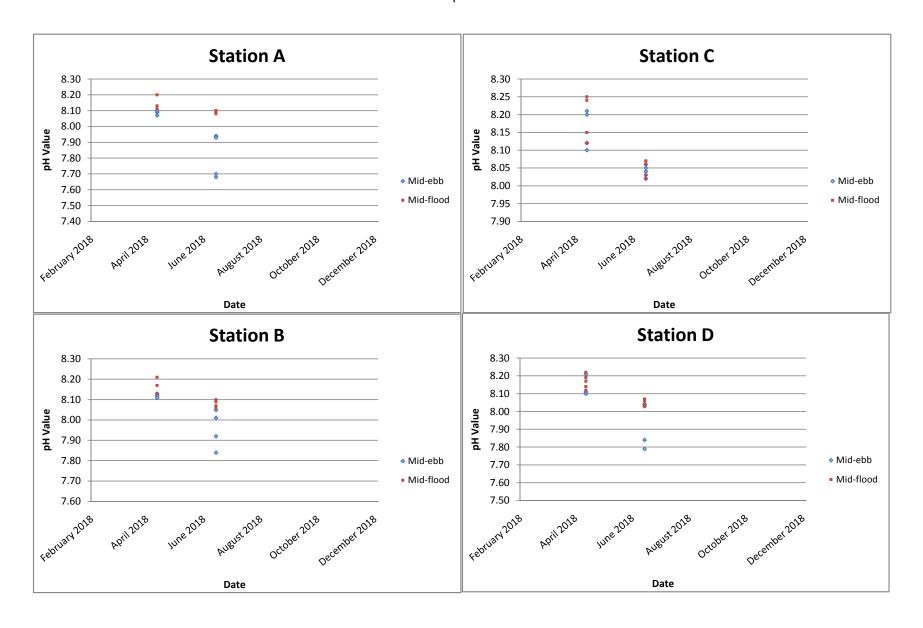
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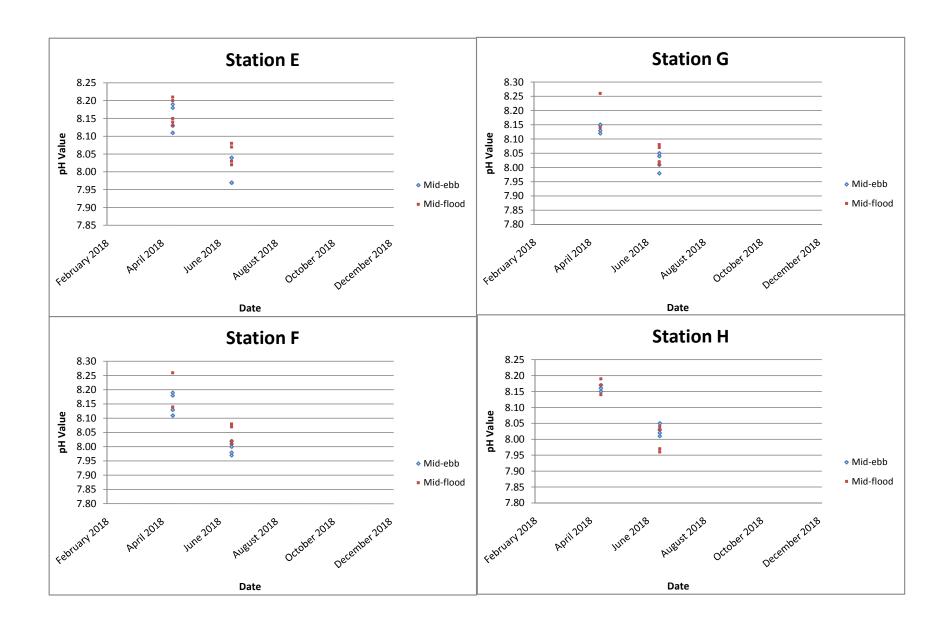


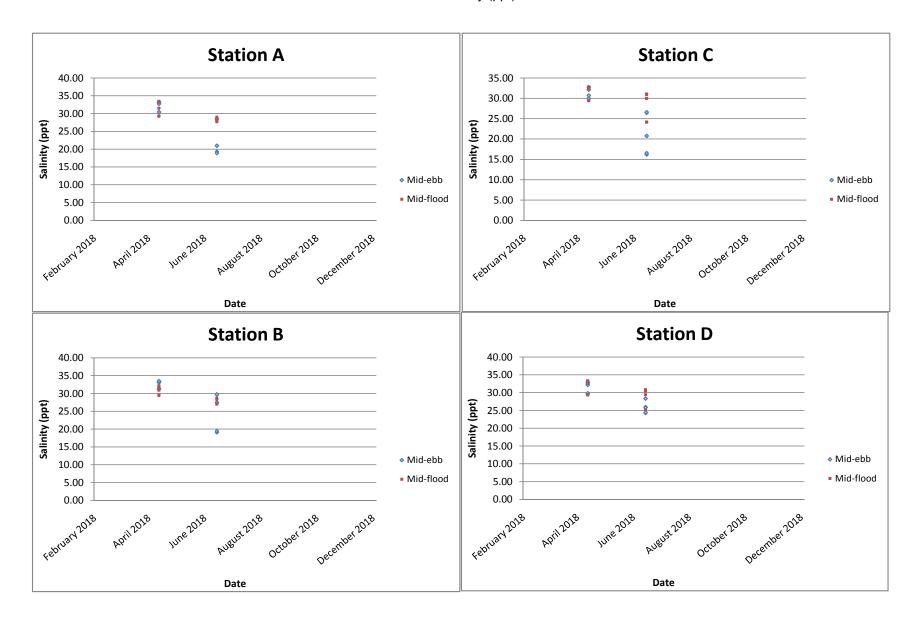
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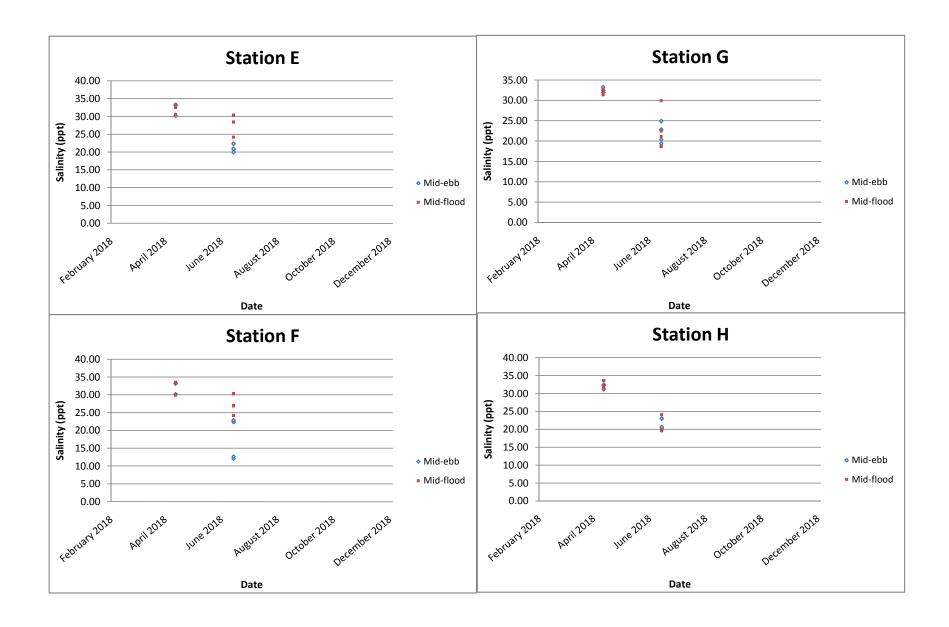
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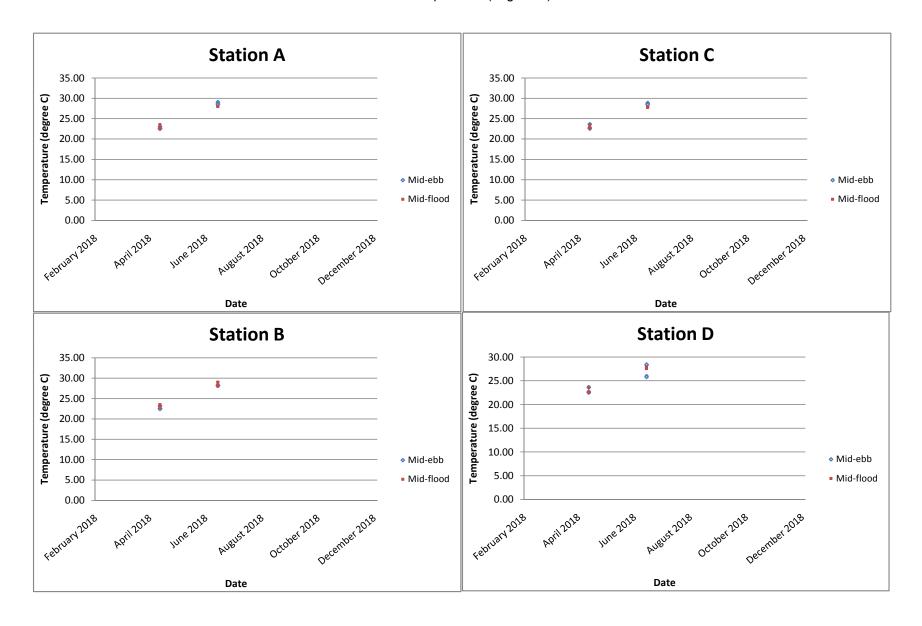
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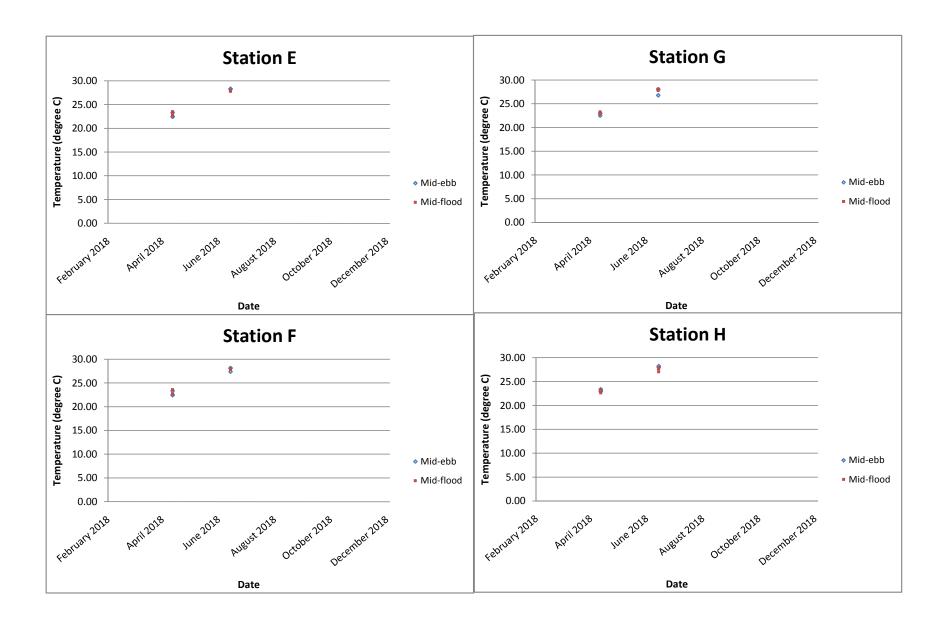


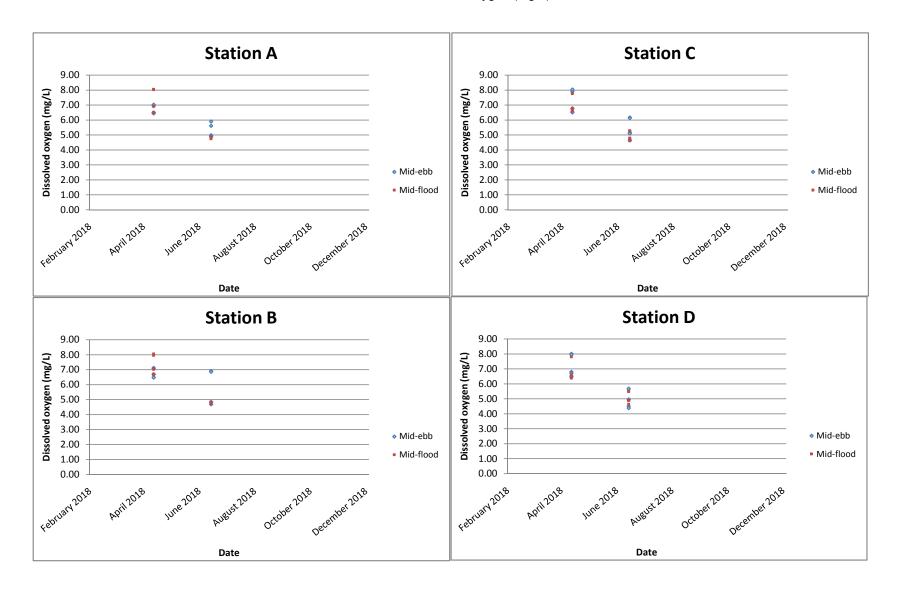


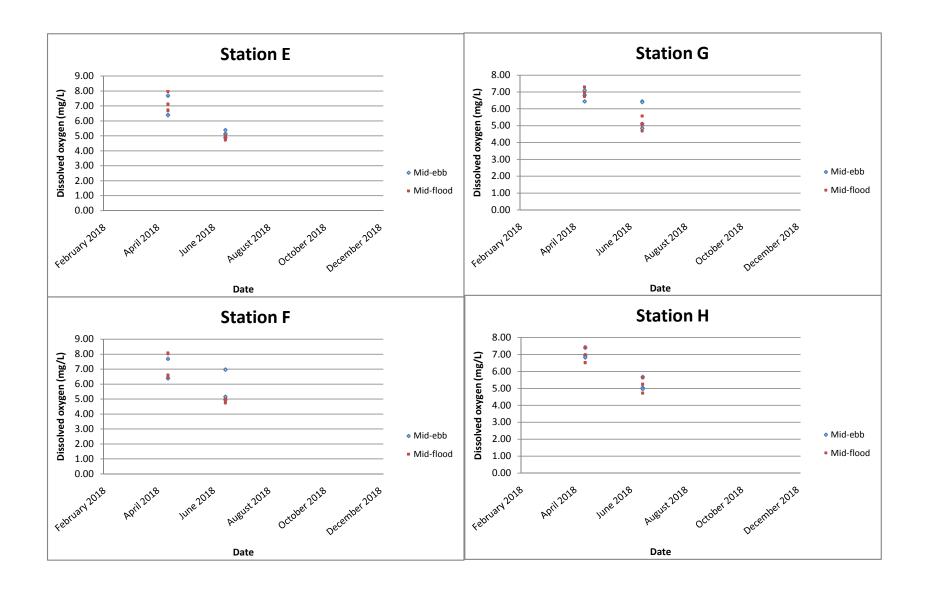


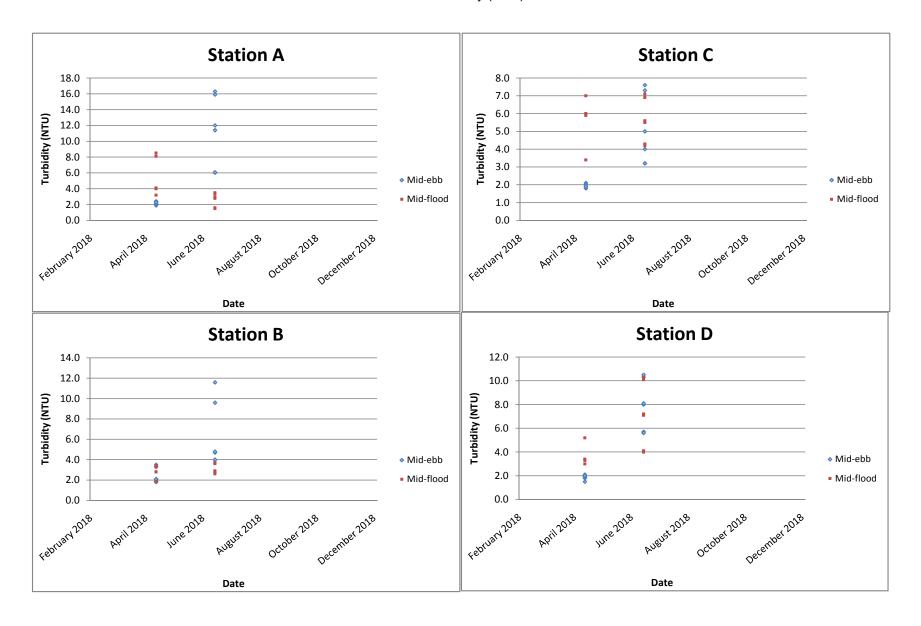


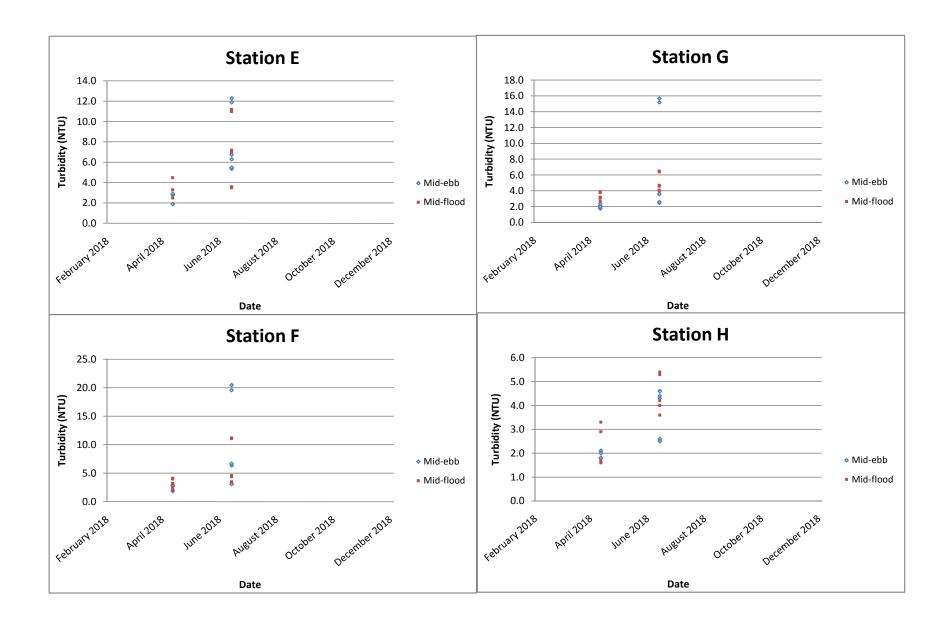


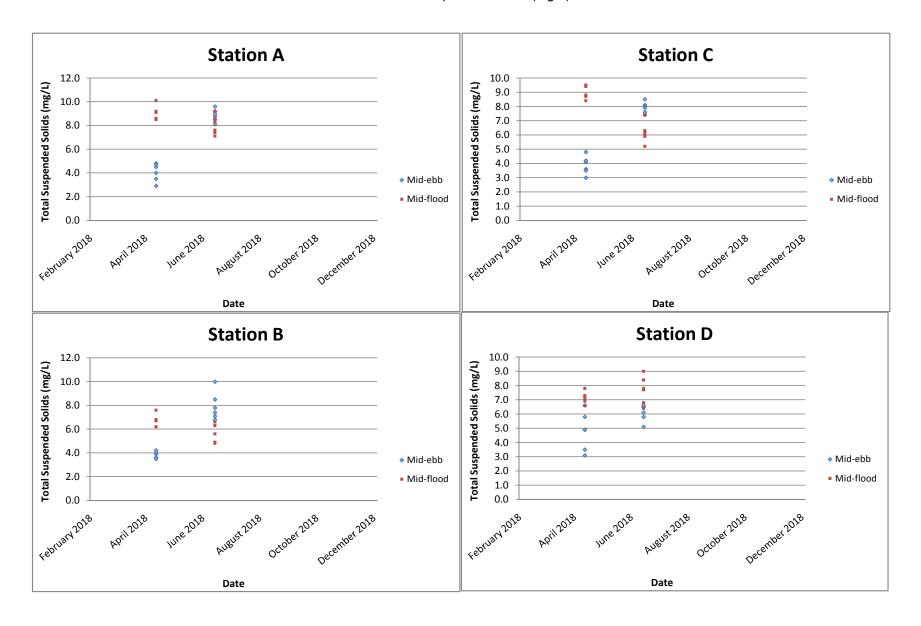


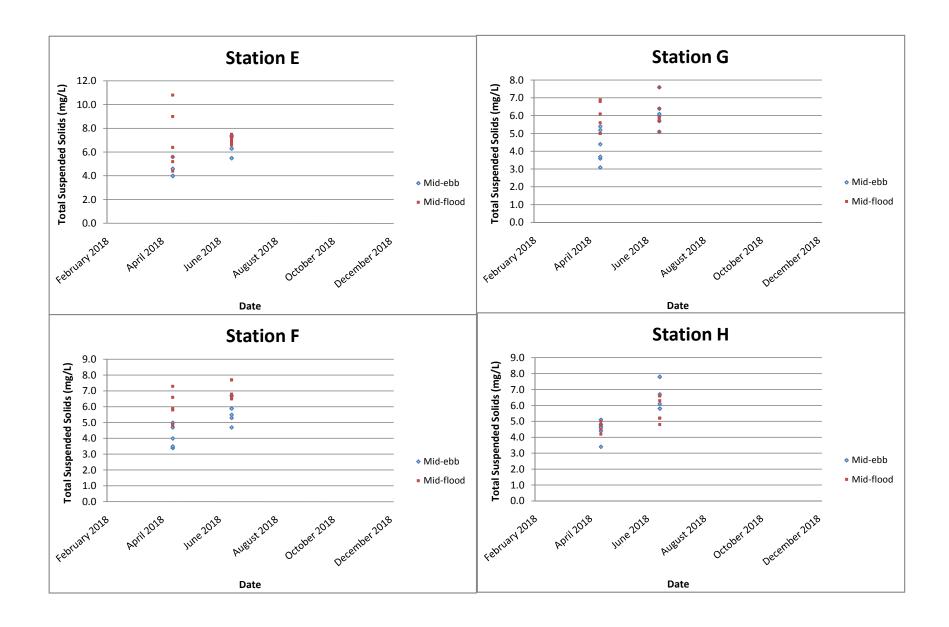


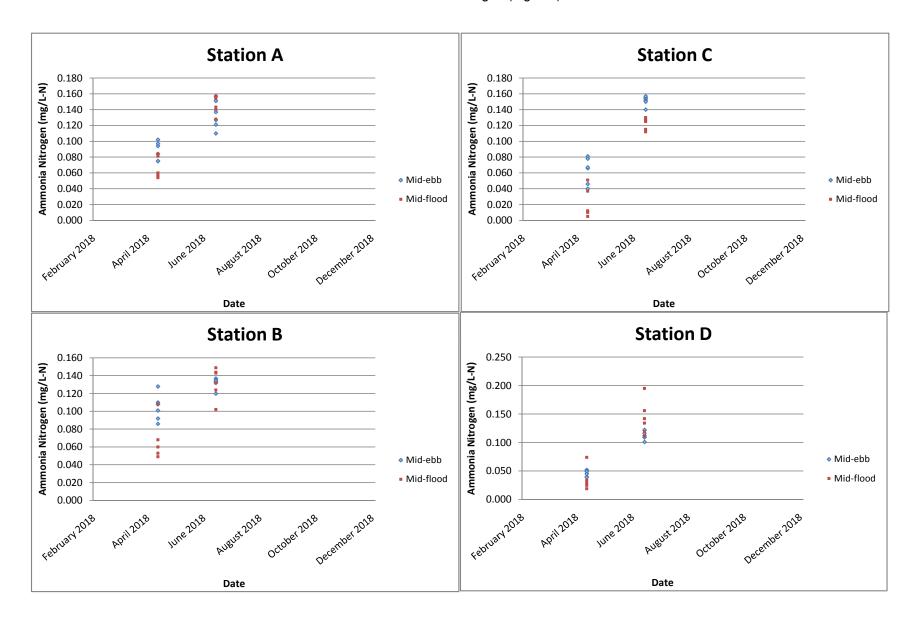


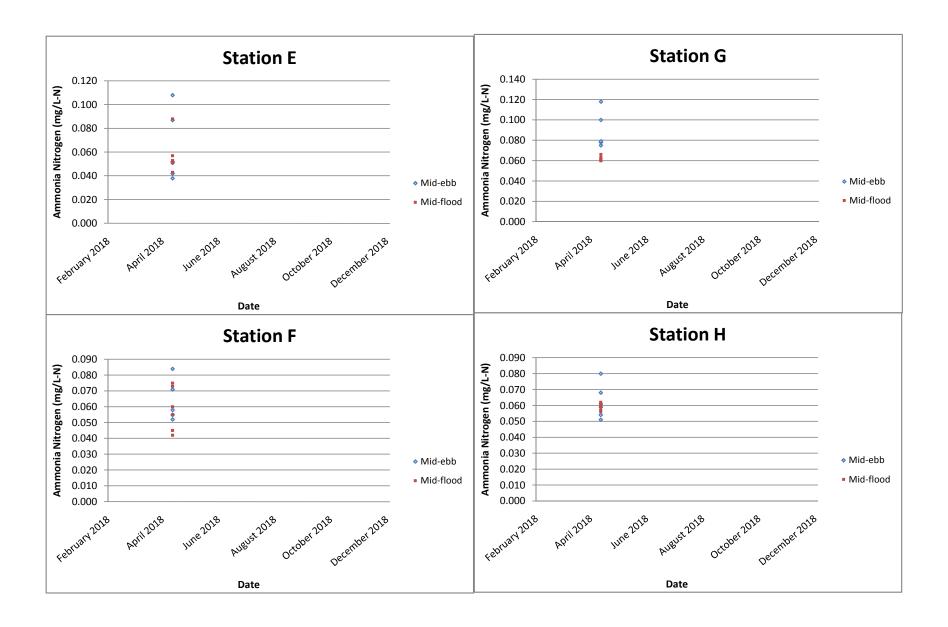


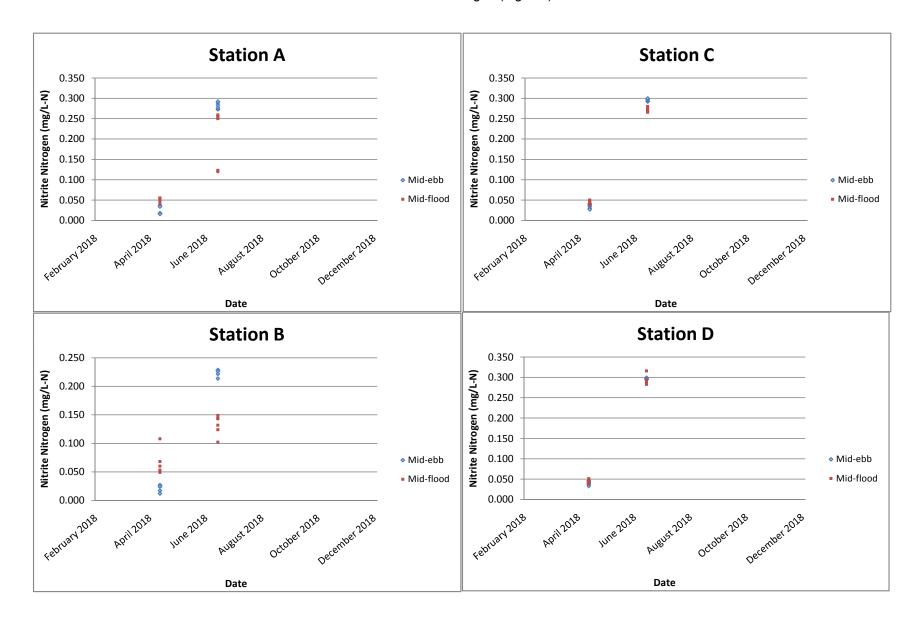


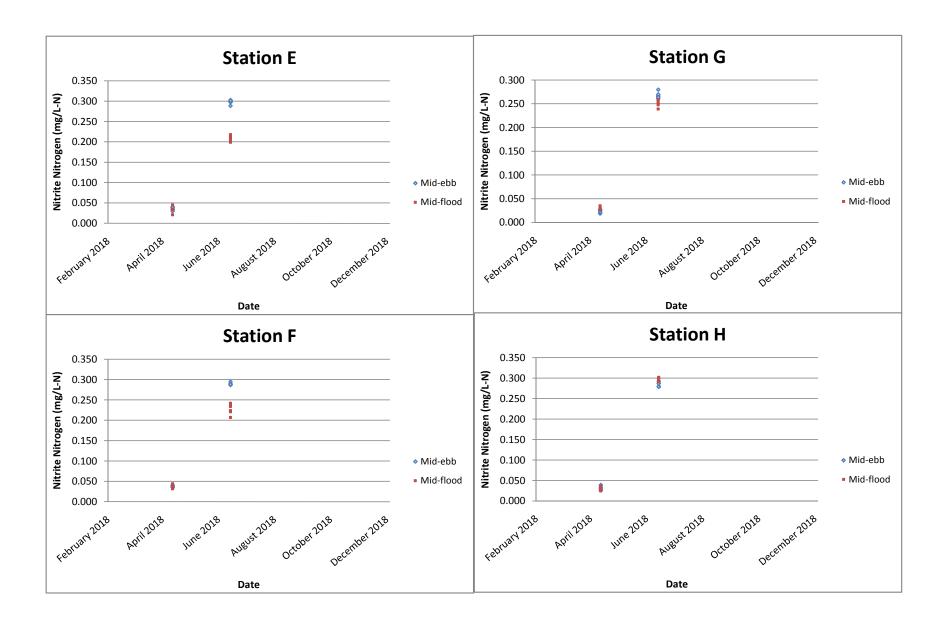


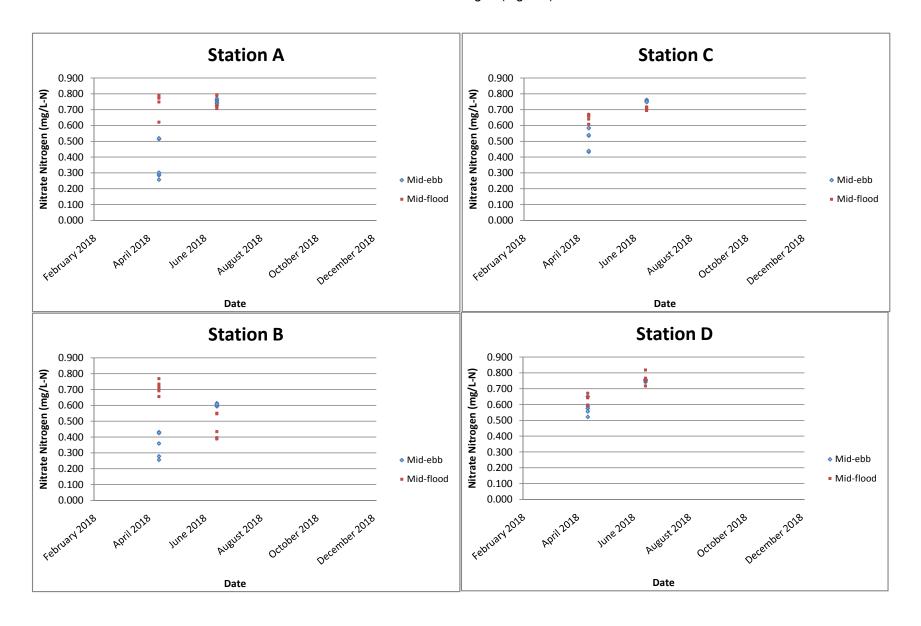


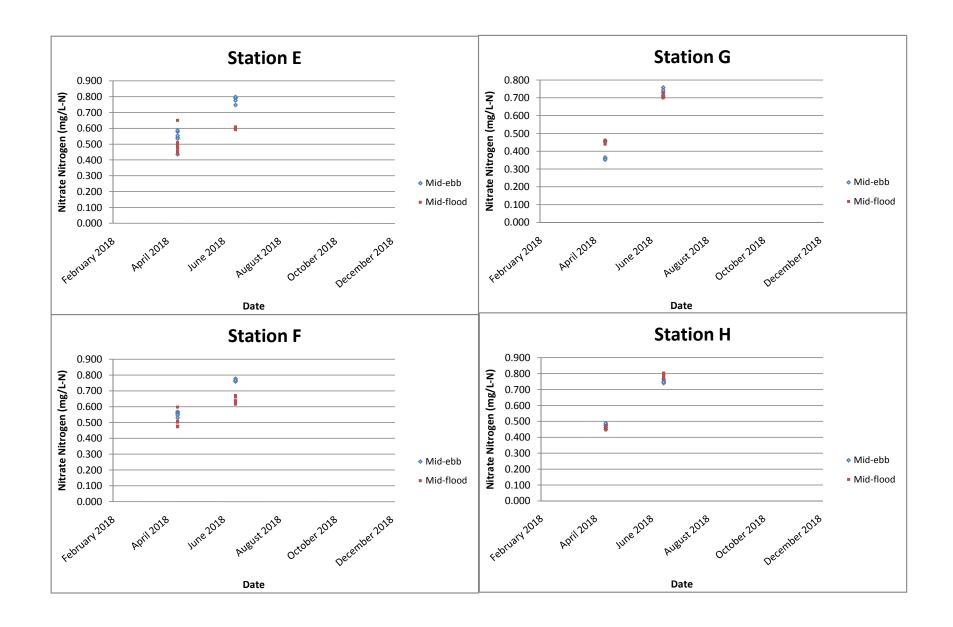


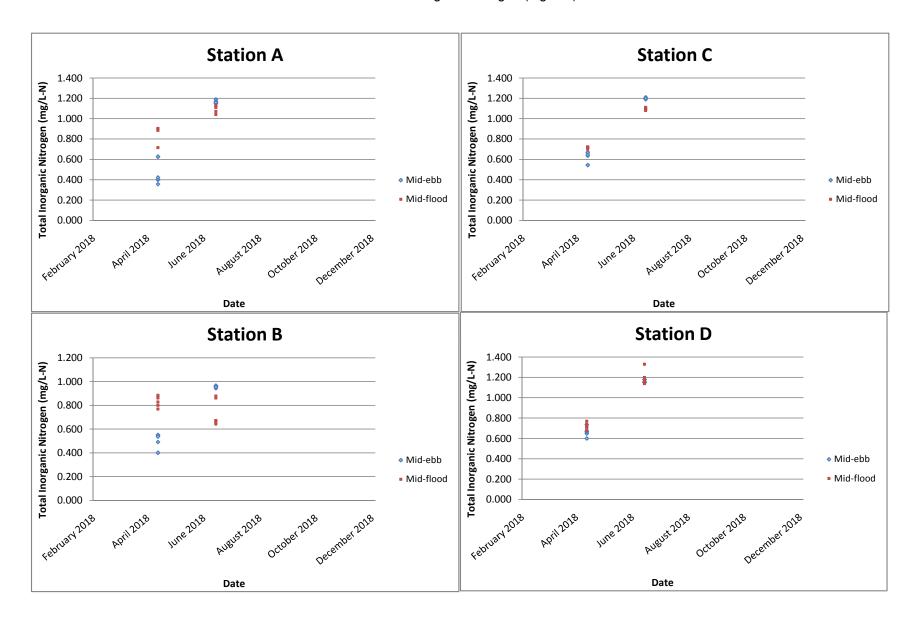


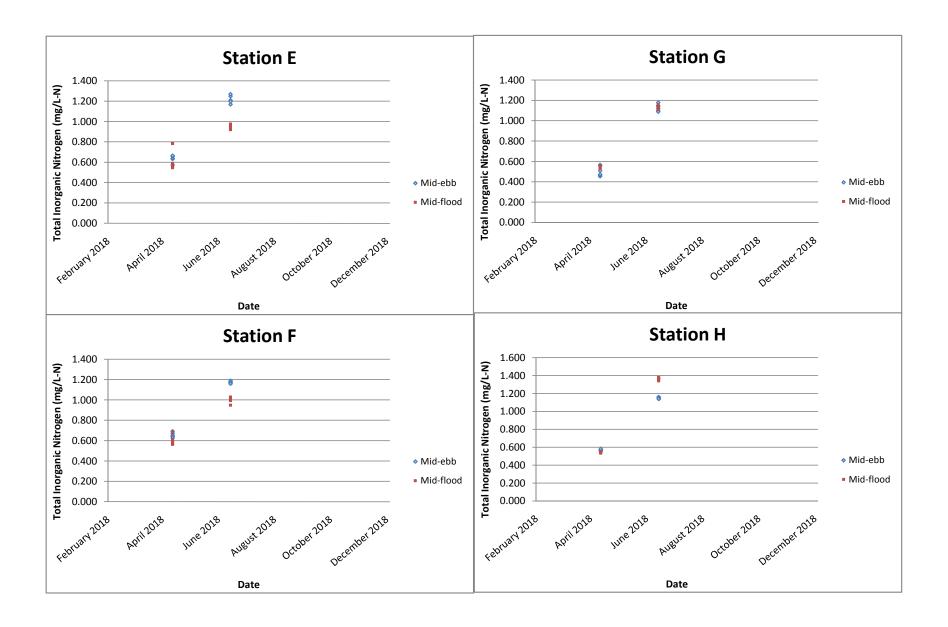


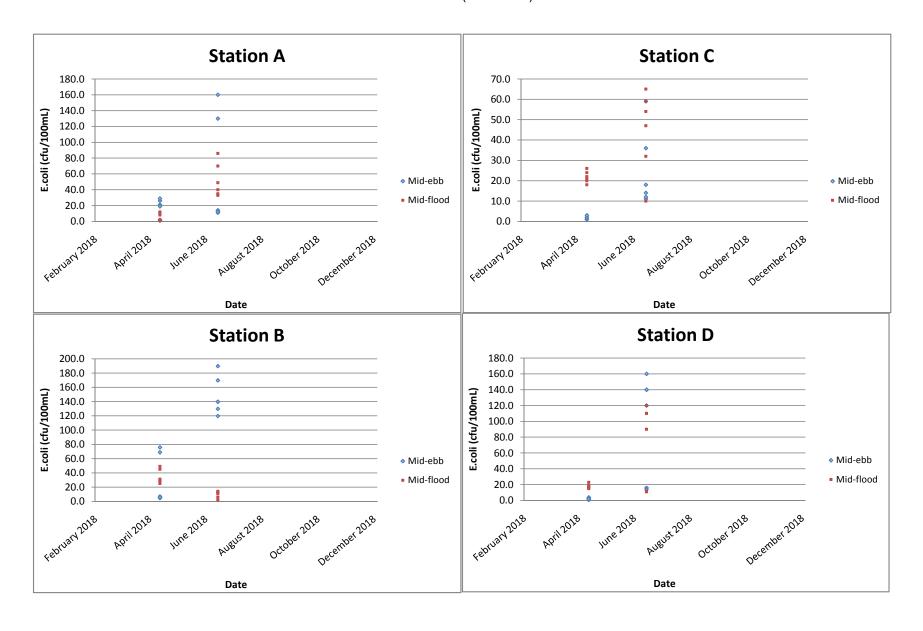


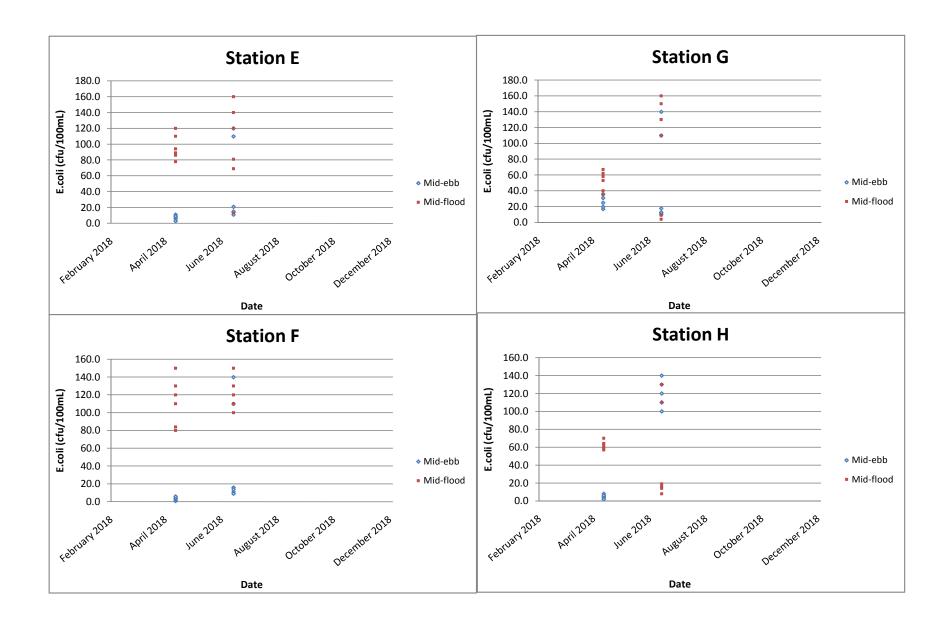


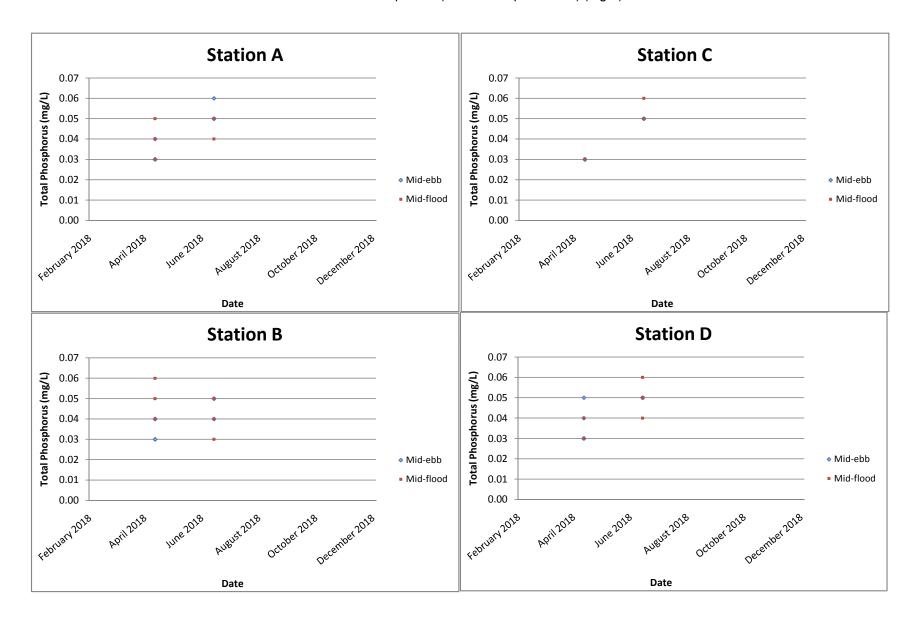


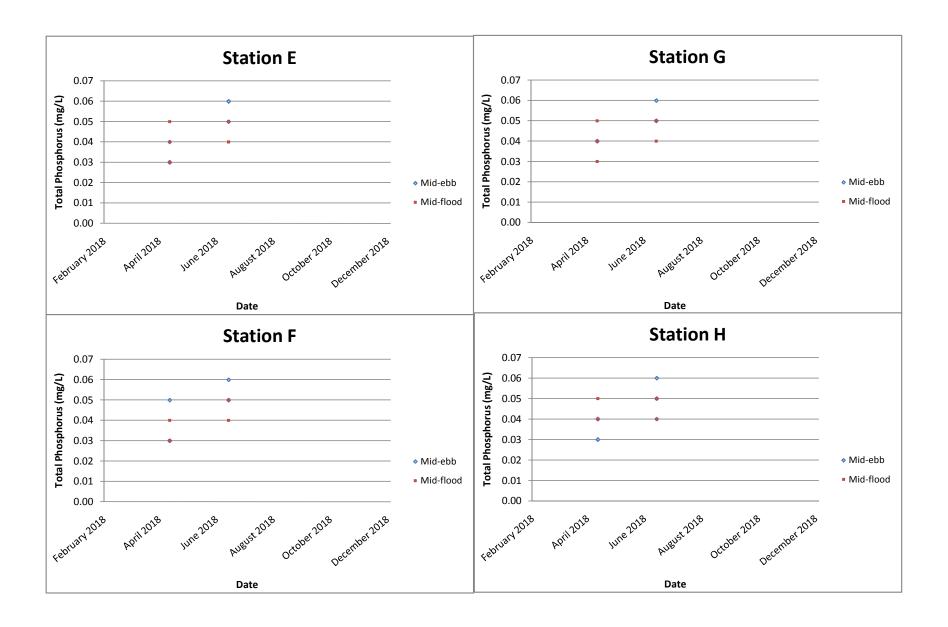


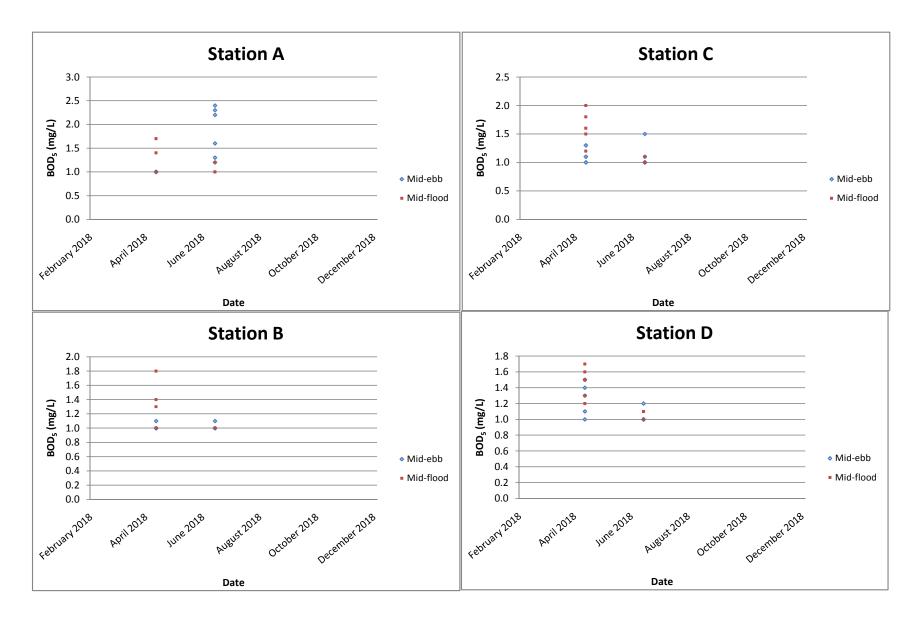


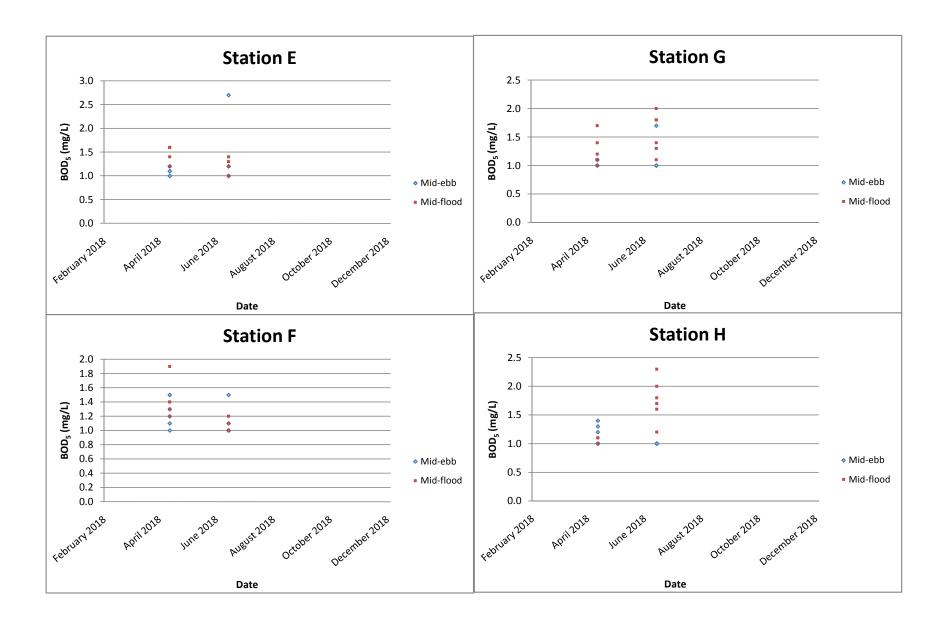












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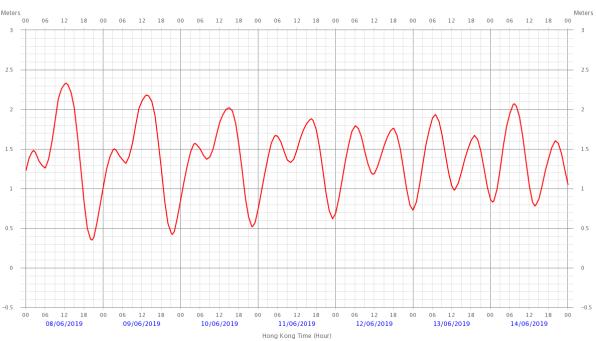
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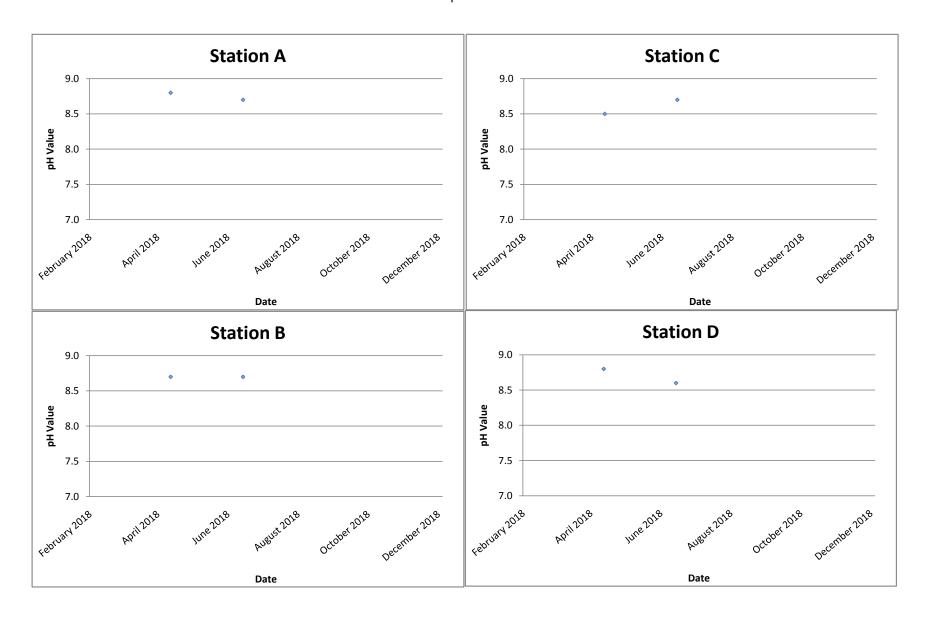
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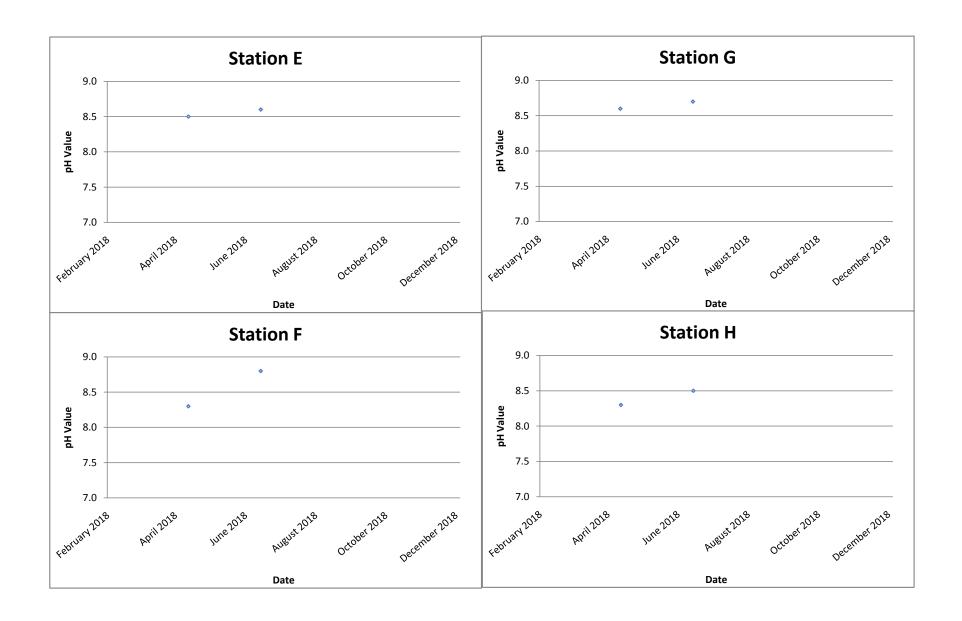


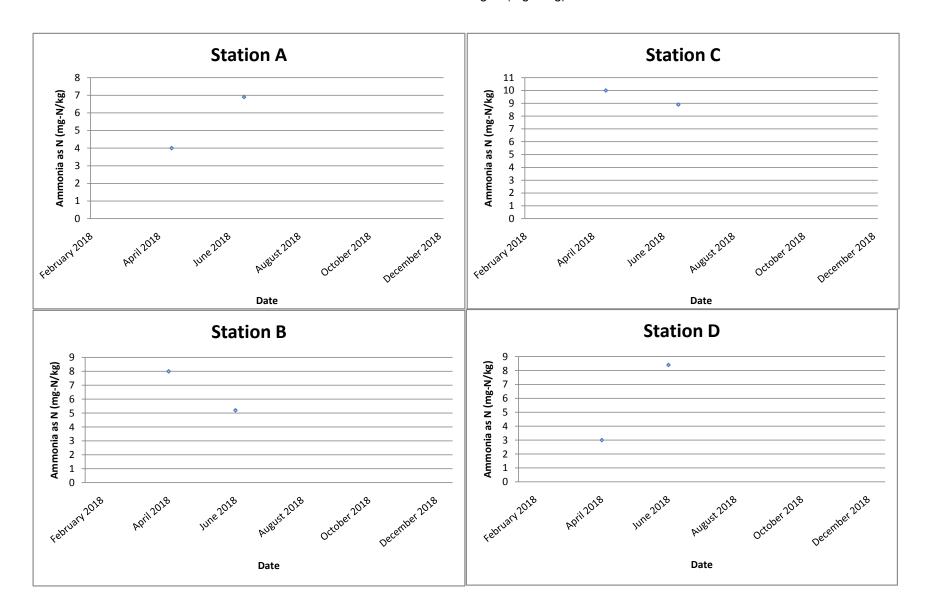
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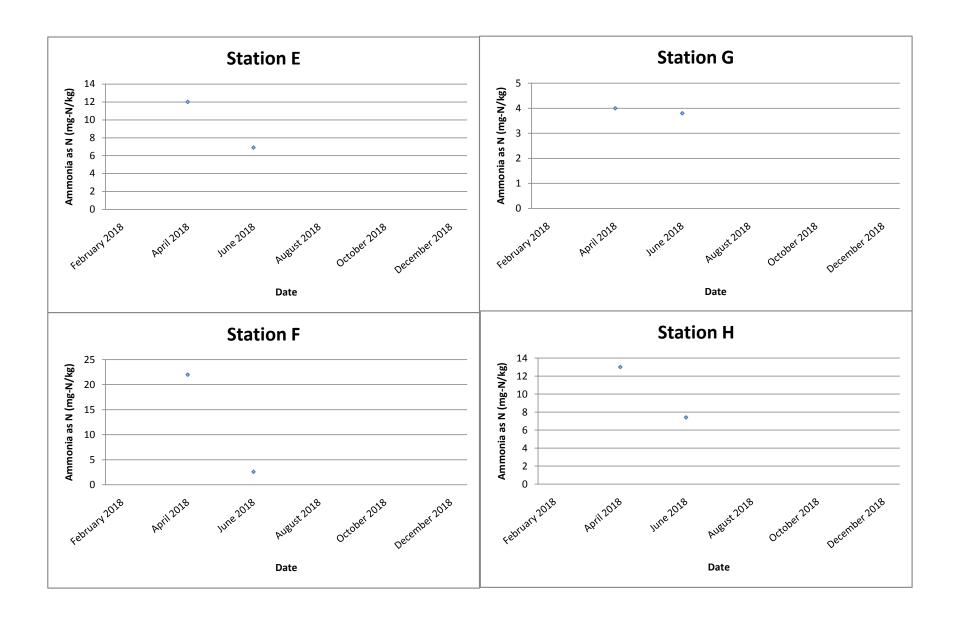
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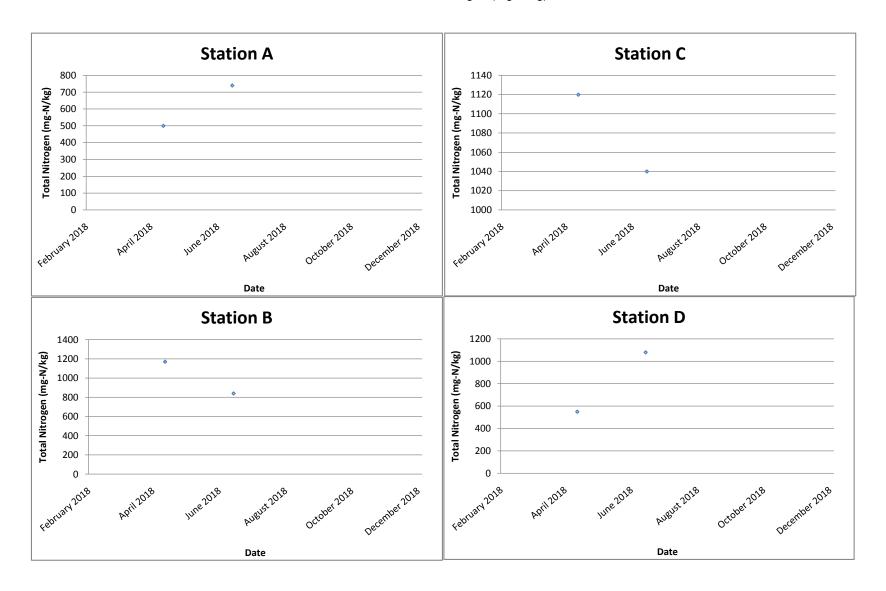
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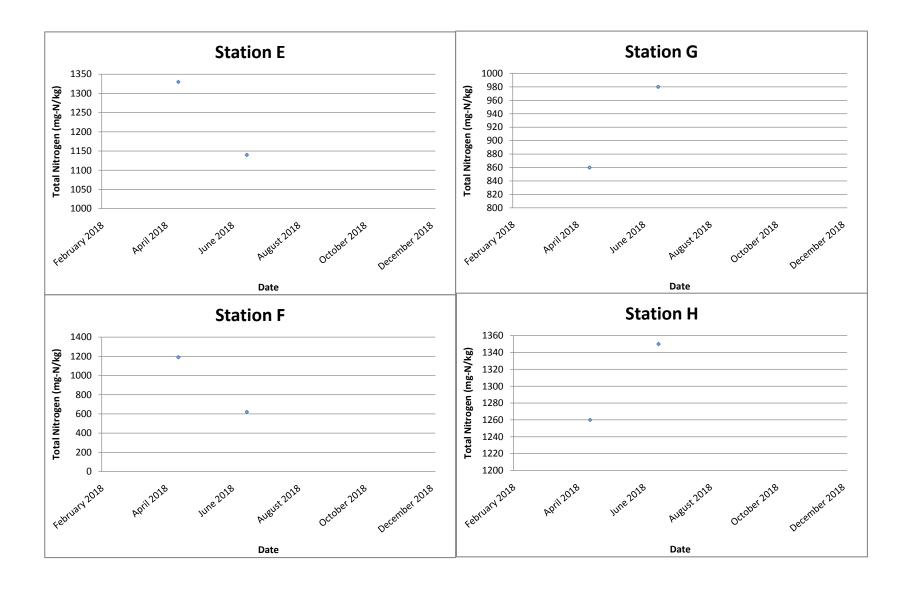


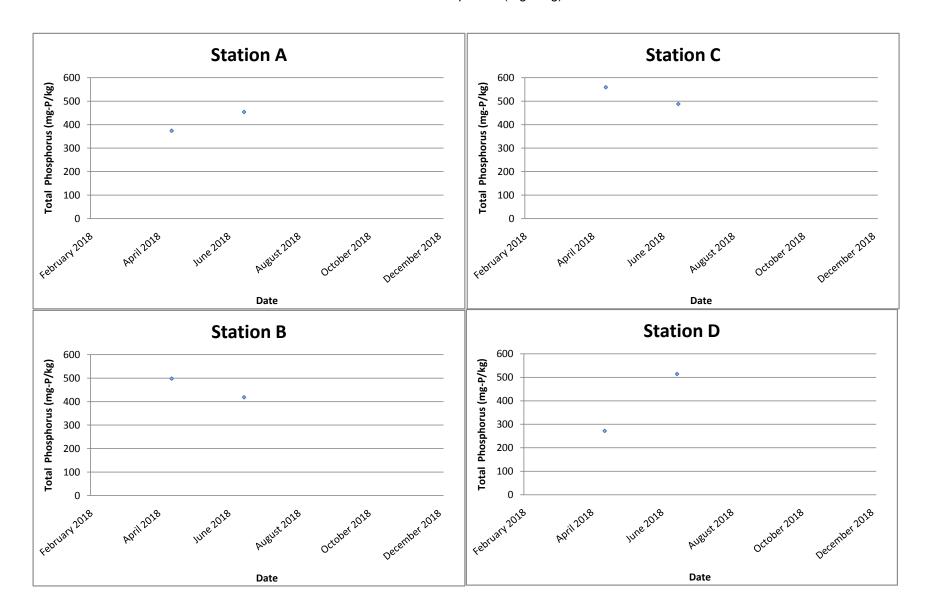


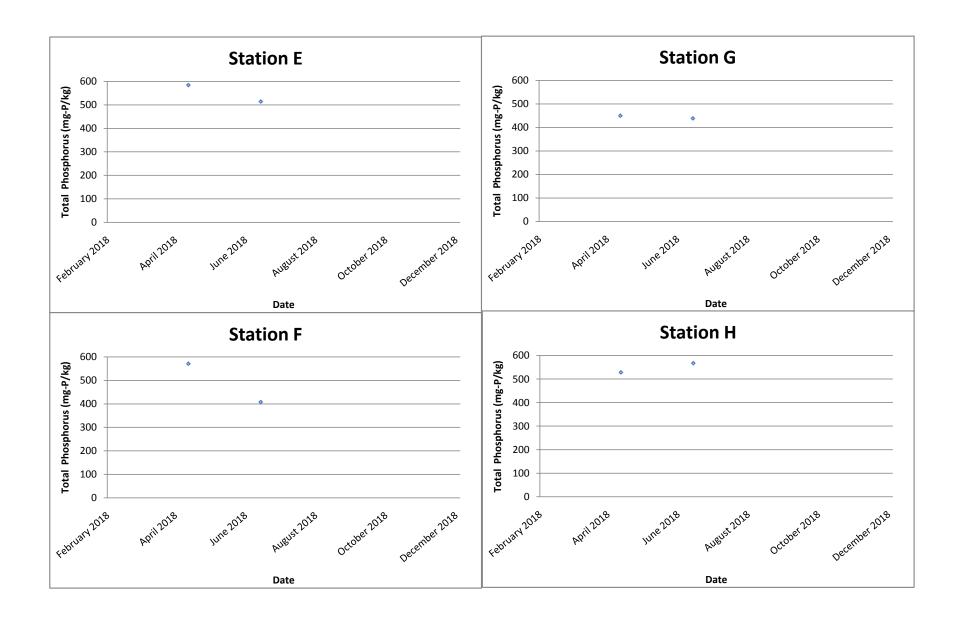


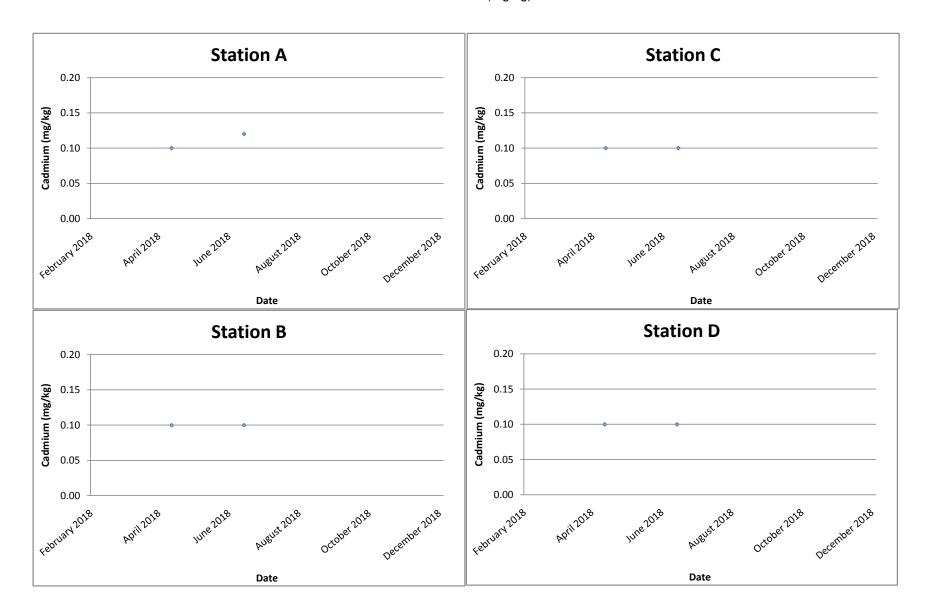


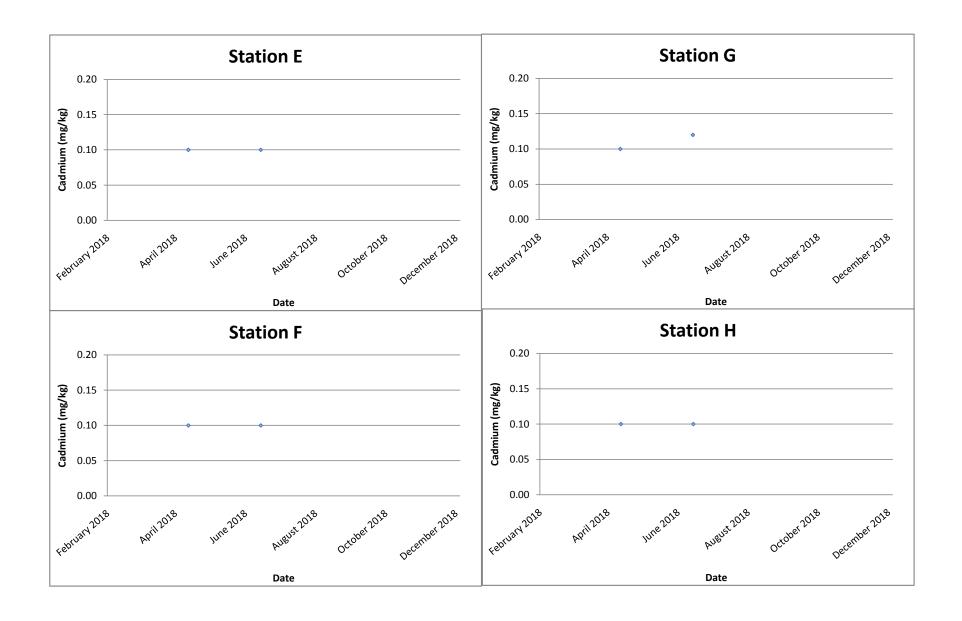


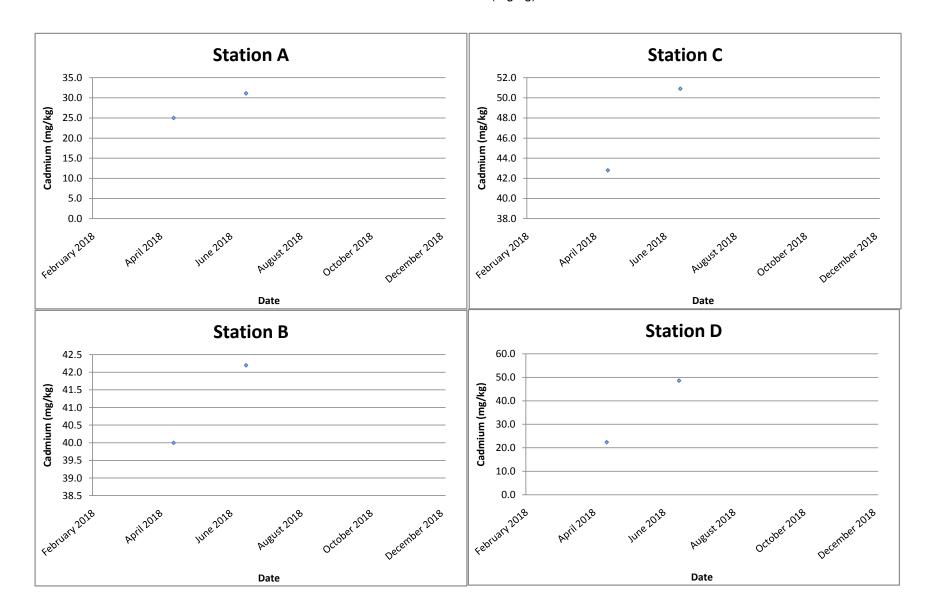


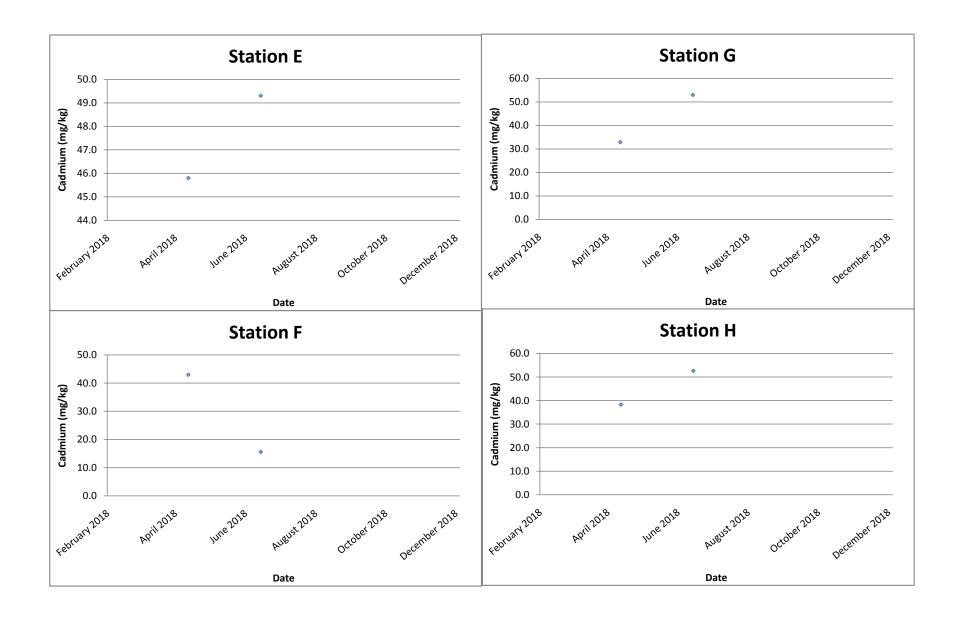


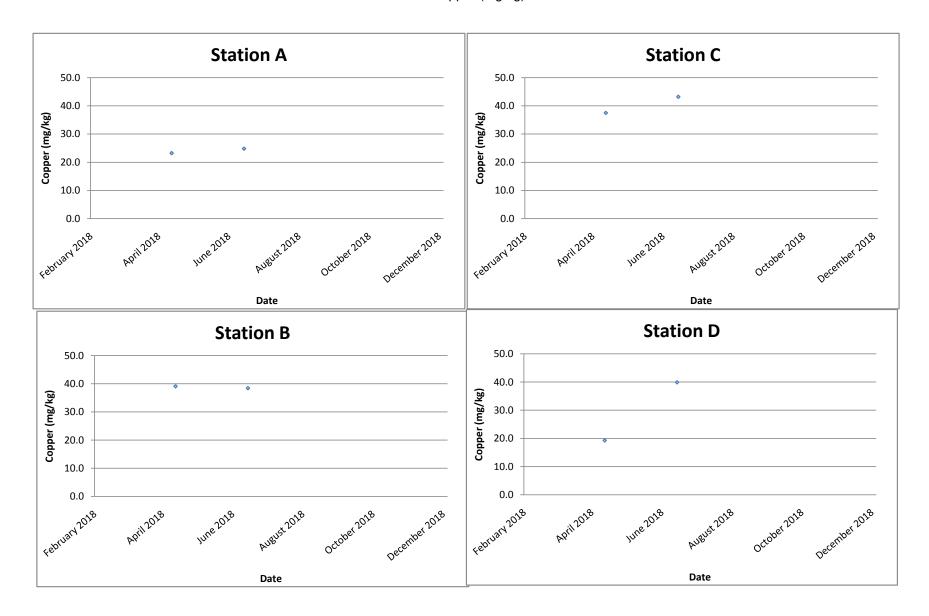


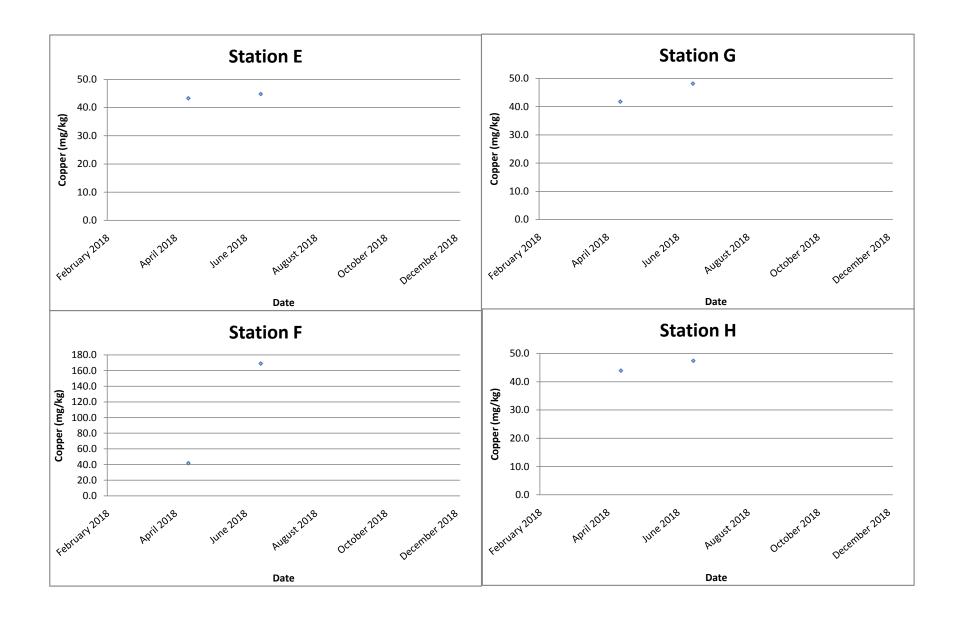


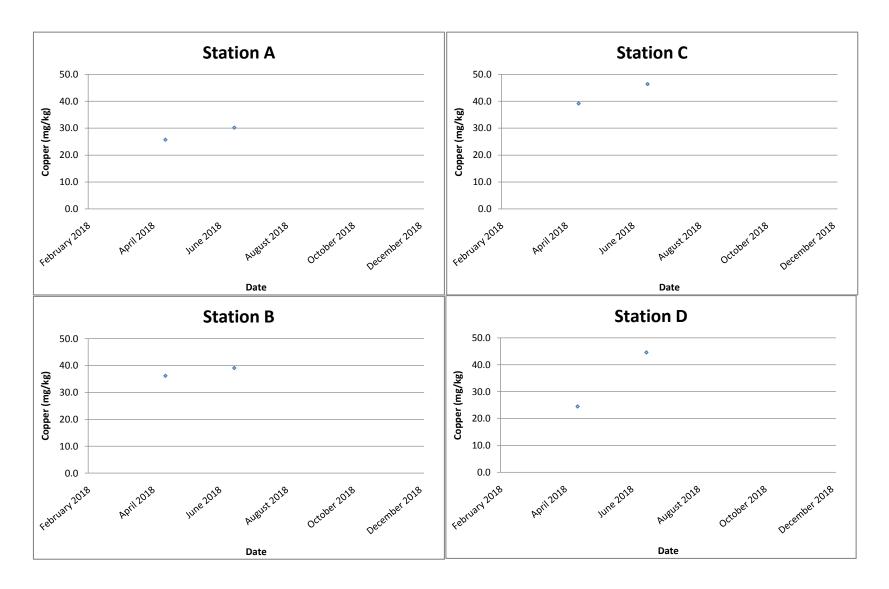


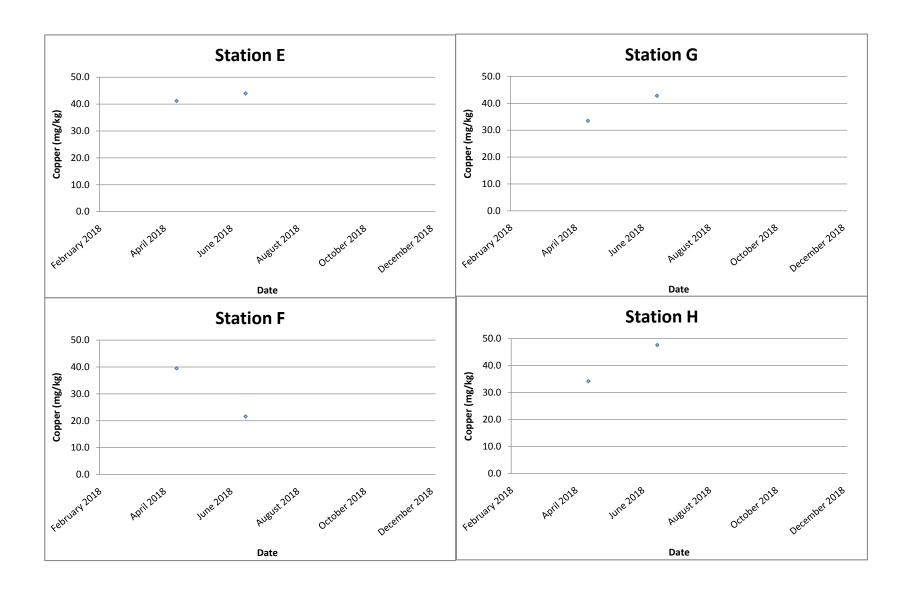


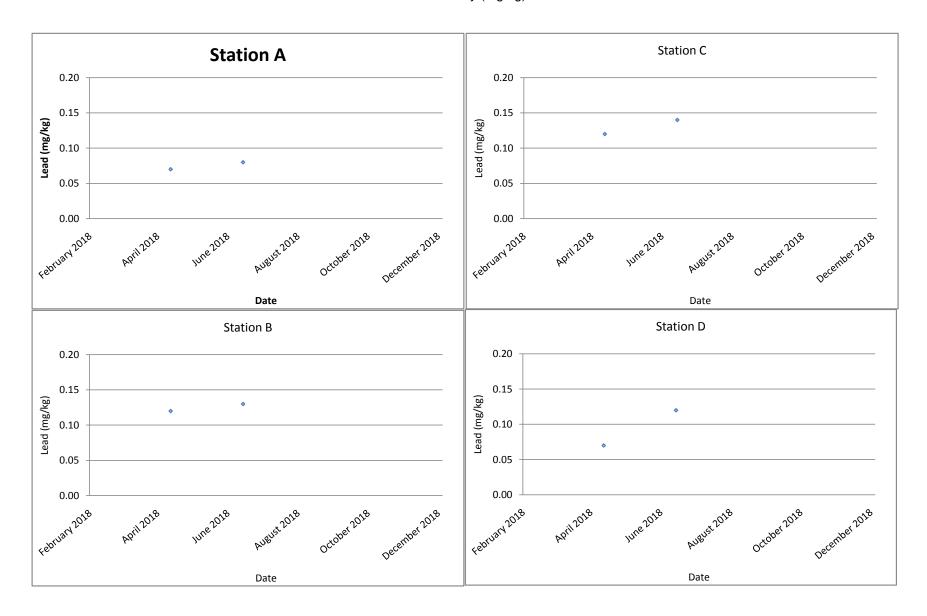


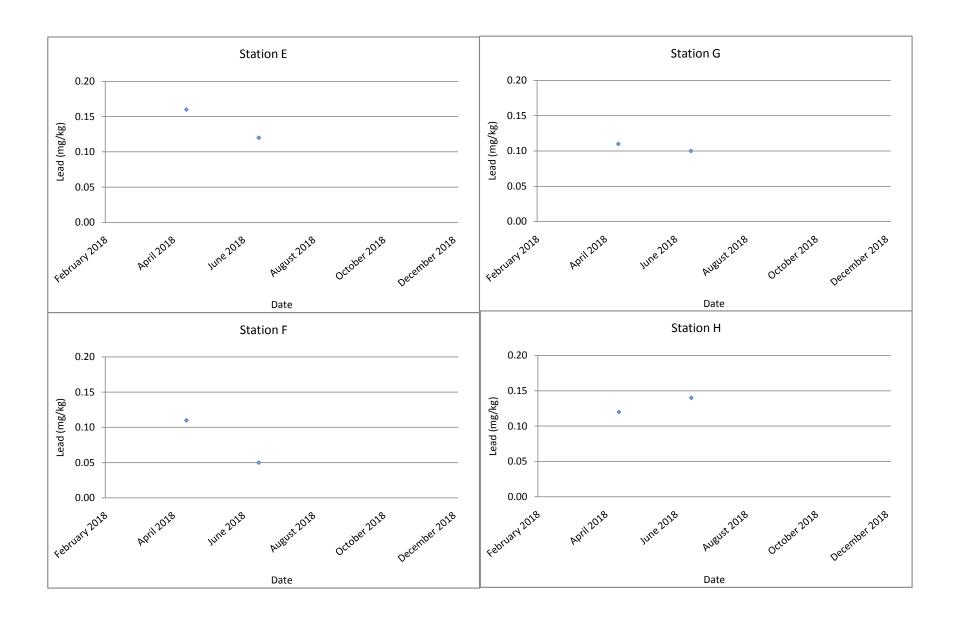


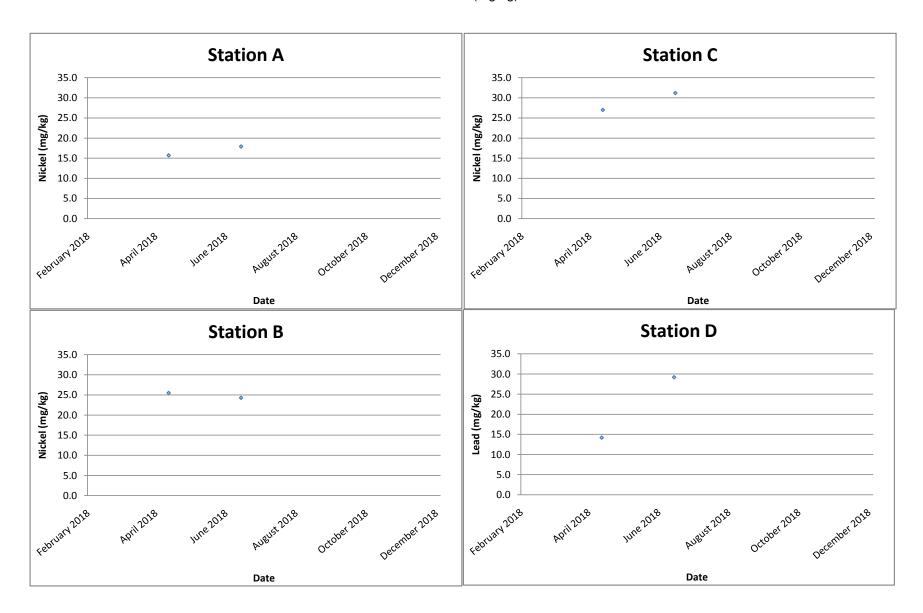


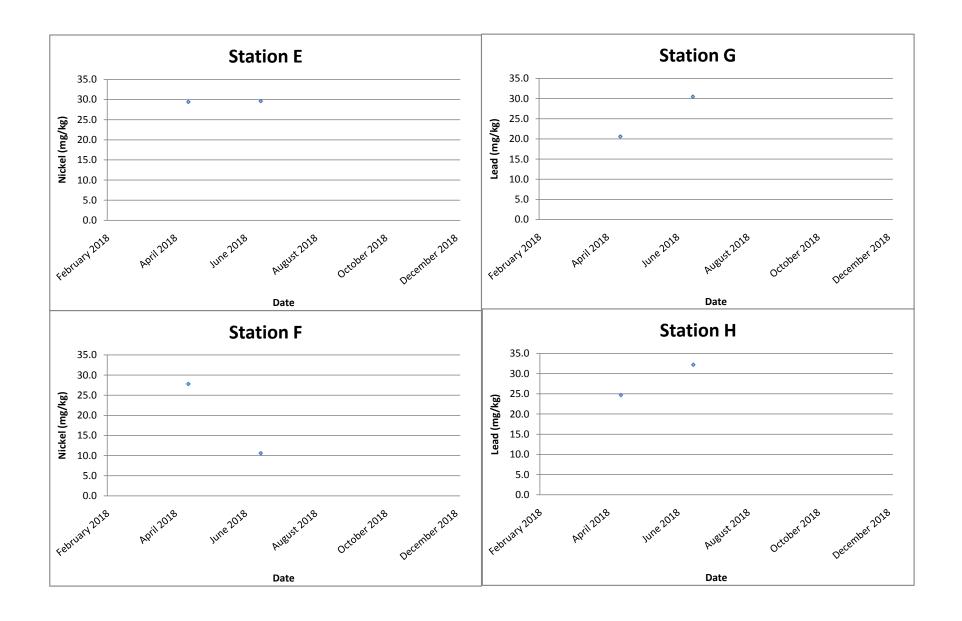


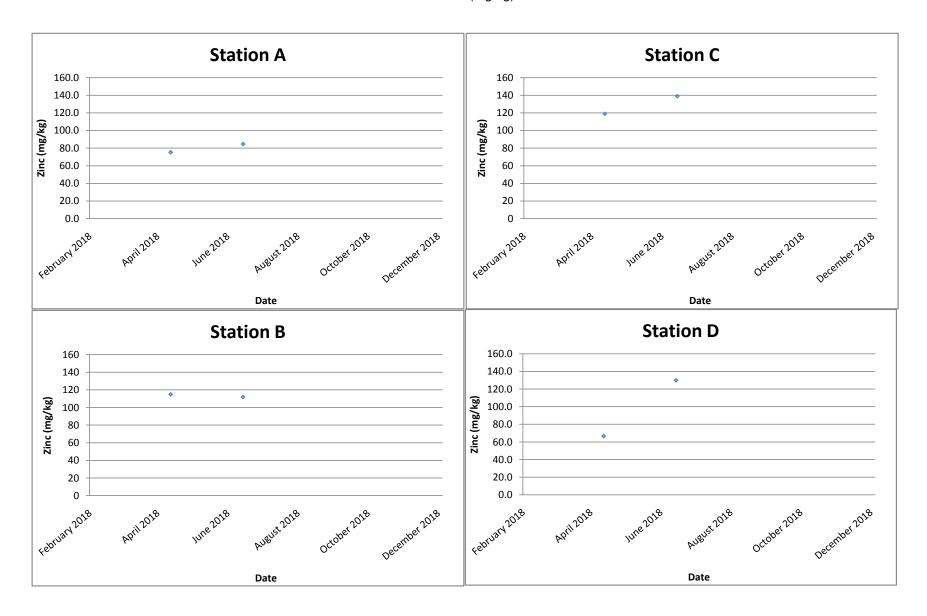


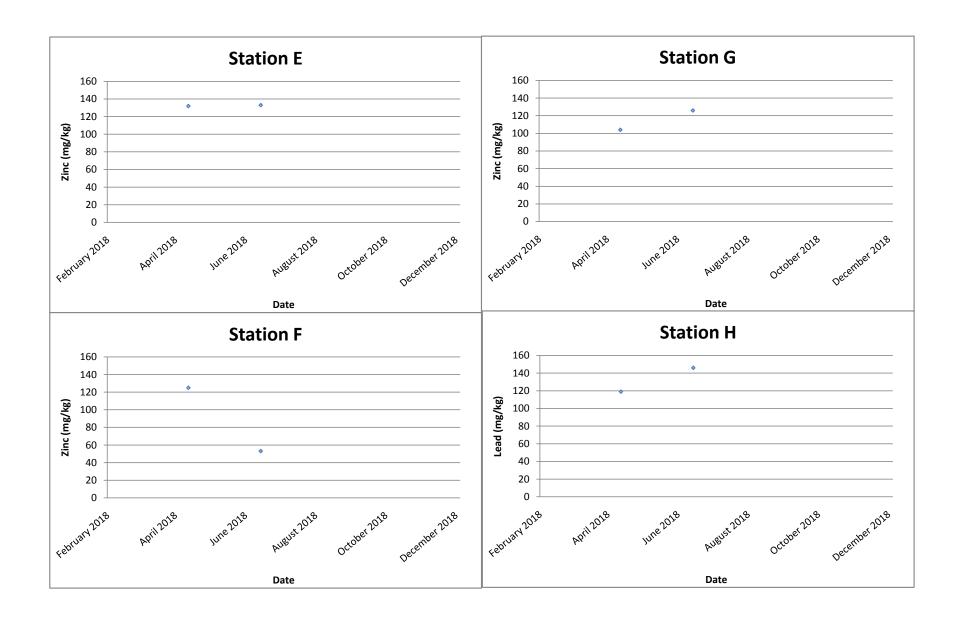


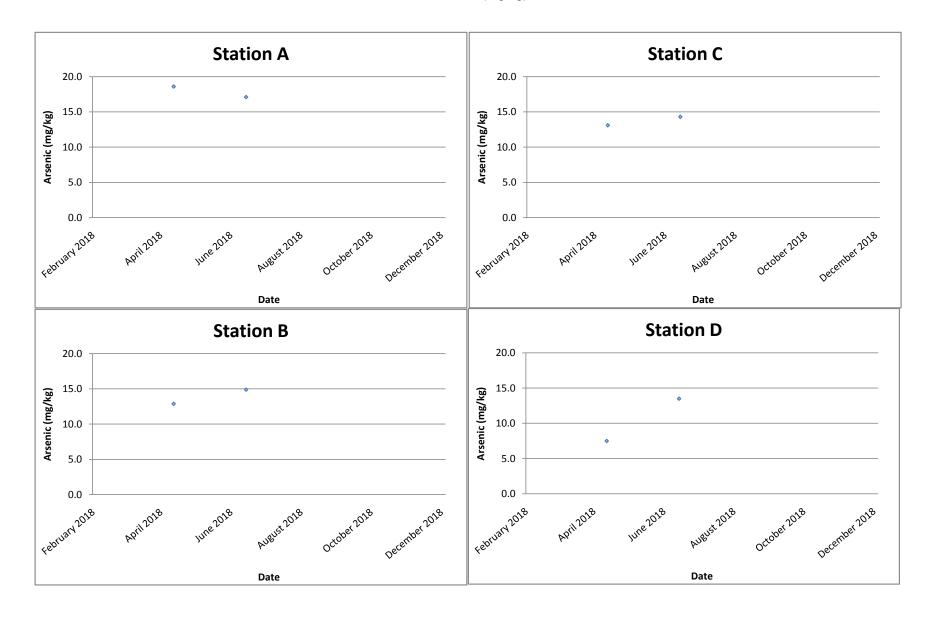


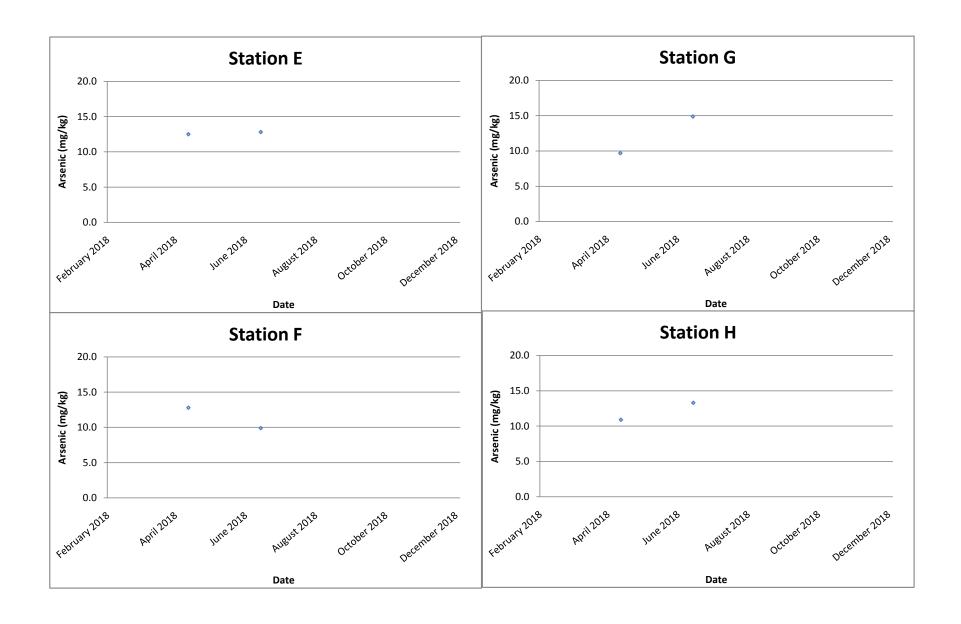


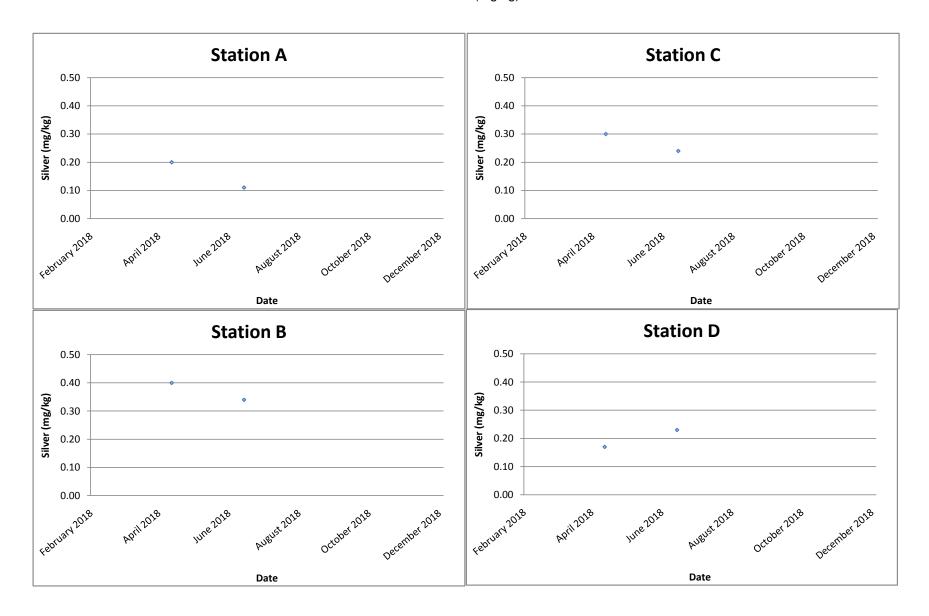


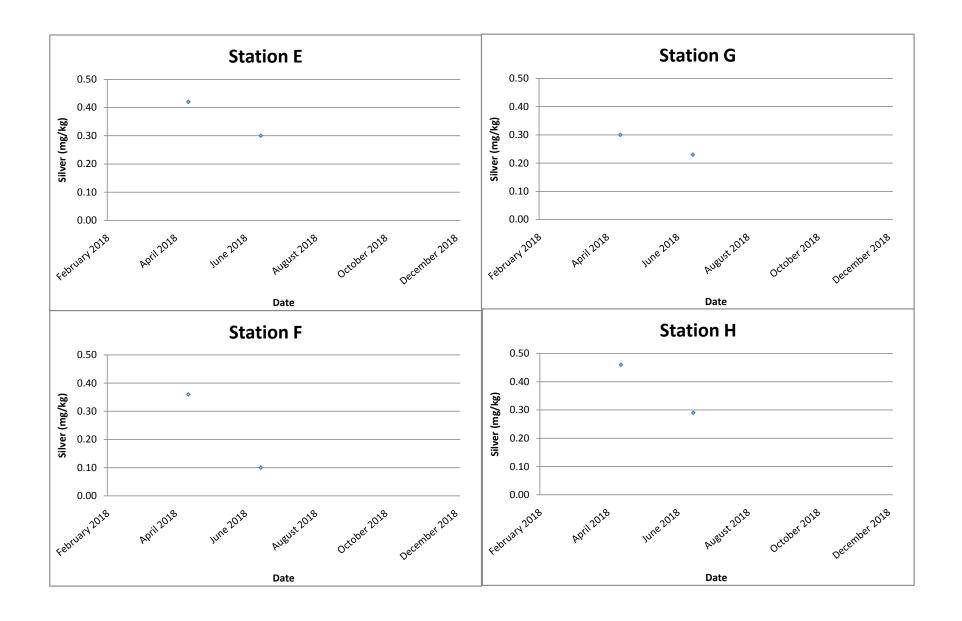












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# Appendix G

Environmental Mitigation Implementation Schedule (EMIS)

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EP Ref.	EIA Ref.	WMP Ref.	Environmental Protection Measures	Location of the measures	Implementation Status
Air Qu	ıality				
NA	4.5	NA	Odour reduction measures like aeration, chemical dosing system shall be implemented to reduce any odour impacts to an acceptable level.	SHWSTW	Implemented
3.4	4.5	NA	Sewage treatment works including sludge thickening tanks, the sludge pump house and sludge press house shall be completely enclosed.	SHWSTW	Implemented
3.4	4.5	NA	Exhaust air shall be ventilated to an odour scrubber prior to discharge. Ventilating air to a biological treatment unit with 95% odour removal efficiency prior to stack exhaust shall be implemented	SHWSTW	Implemented
Water	Quality				
3.3	NA	4.01	To avoid impacts on the marine ecology due to effluent discharge, the disinfection facility as in Part B of the EP shall be equipped with an UV disinfection system capable of removing at least 99.9% of E.coli from the sewage	SHWSTW	Implemented
Waste	Managen	nent	-	•	•
3.6	NA	NA	Transportation of sludge shall be carried out in fully enclosed containers, or be placed in sludge skips with tarpaulin covers	SHWSTW	Implemented
NA	NA	5.02	Trip-ticket system mentioned shall be implemented. Trip-ticket is required for each truckload delivered to the landfills facilities according to WBTC No. 31/2004.	SHWSTW	Implemented
NA	NA	5.02	The acceptance criteria for Landfill disposal shoula be followed, i.e. solid content of sludge waste should be more than 30%.	SHWSTW	Implemented
NA	NA	5.02	The disposal of grit & debris (if any) generated during primary screening works should follow the requirement set in the WMP Section 4.05.	SHWSTW	Implemented
NA	NA	5.03	The wet sludge should be temporarily stored at the sludge buffer tank. It should then be transported to the centrifuge building for dewatering and discharged to the container for disposal. The whole process should be managed by the automatic electronic electronic system and monitored by the operators during operation.	SHWSTW	Implemented
NA	NA	5.04	The other solid waste material such as sediment and grit, refuse containers or collection bags should be temporarily stored in slips at designated area. Operators should ensure sufficient space is identified and provided for temporary storage of waste materials to facilitate collection. Storage of waste material on site will be kept to a minimum to avoid nuisance to local residents.	SHWSTW	Implemented
NA	NA	5.05	Chemical wastes which likely to be generated by activities arise from the maintenance, shall followed the Waste Disposal (Chemical Waste) (General) Regulation, includes Schedule 1 of the Regulation.	SHWSTW	Implemented
NA	NA	5.06	In case of unlikely occurred chemical spillage, procedures should be followed as according to the WMP Section 5.06.	SHWSTW	Implemented
NA	NA	5.07	Temporary storage aareas should be identify and provided for the temporary storage of general	SHWSTW	Implemented

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EP Ref.	EIA Ref.	WMP Ref.	Environmental Protection Measures	Location of the measures	Implementation Status
			refuse to facilitate collection		
NA	NA	5.07	Domestics wastes refuse generated on-site will be stored in enclosed bins or compaction units separately	SHWSTW	Implemented
NA	NA	5.07	Sufficient dustbins should be provided for domestic waste if required.	SHWSTW	Implemented
NA	NA	5.07	Domestics wastes should be cleared daily and will be disposed off to the nearest licensed landfill or refuse transfer station.	SHWSTW	Implemented
NA	NA	5.07	Spearate labeled bins should be provided to segregate the waste generated by workforce. Waste recycle collector should be employed to collect the segregated waste	SHWSTW	Implemented
NA	NA	5.07	Cardboard and paper packaging (for plant, equipment and materials) should be recovered on site, properly stockpiled in dry condition and covered to prevent cross contamination by other materials.	SHWSTW	Implemented
NA	NA	5.07	Office waste should be minimized through using papers on both sides. Communication by electronic means should be used as far as possible.	SHWSTW	Implemented
NA	NA	5.07	The burning of refuse on-site is prohibited by law and shall not be undertaken	SHWSTW	Implemented
NA	NA	5.07	Toilet wastewater shall be transported to the STW for treatment	SHWSTW	Implemented
NA	NA	5.07	Arrangement for collection of recyclable materials by recycling contractors should be followed as according to the WMP Section 5.07.	SHWSTW	Implemented
NA	NA	5.08	All recycling materials removed by the recycling contractors should be properly recorded before the removal. The natures and quantities of the recycling materials, the date of removal and the name of the recycling contractor should be recorded.	SHWSTW	Implemented
NA	NA	5.09	To maintain the site in a clean and tidy condition during the operation, general measures specified in the WMP should be implemented on site at all times. Regular site inspections shall be undertaken by the management team to ensure the measures are implemented.	SHWSTW	Implemented
NA	NA	5.10	Daily cleaning should be performed daily after work within the plant and the public areas immediately next to the site.	SHWSTW	Implemented
NA	NA	5.11	The work officer in charge of the corresponding area should perform daily inspection on the items mentioned in the WMP Section 5.10. If observations were discovered, the work officer should record the result of the inspection on an inspection checklist with photos taken and submitted to the inspectors or Chief Technical Officer for review on the following day. Any deficieny should be rectified promptly.	SHWSTW	Implemented
NA	NA	5.12	Weekly tidying should be performed weekly within the site.	SHWSTW	Implemented
NA	NA	5.13	The inspector should perform Weekly Inspection on the items mentioned in the WMP Section 5.12. If observations were discovered, the work officer should record the result on an inspection checklist and submitted to the Chief Technical Officer for review on the following day. Any deficient should be rectified promptly.	SHWSTW	Implemented

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EP Ref.	EIA Ref.	WMP Ref.	Environmental Protection Measures	Location of the measures	Implementation Status
NA	NA	5.14	All wastes generated through the operational phase will be manages in accordance with the	SHWSTW	Implemented
			protocols set out in the WMP Section 5.14.		