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1 Introduction

1.1 Background

The Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD) is managing a number of marine disposal facilities in Hong Kong waters, including the Contaminated Mud Pits (CMPs) to the East of Sha Chau (ESC) for the disposal of contaminated sediment, and various open-sea disposal grounds located to the South of Cheung Chau (SCC), East of Tung Lung Chau (ETLC) and East of Ninepins (ENP) for the disposal of uncontaminated sediment.

Environmental Permits (EPs) (Ref. No. EP-312/2008/A) was issued by the Environmental Protection Department (EPD) to the CEDD, the Permit Holder, on 28 November 2008 for the Project - Disposal of Contaminated Sediment – Dredging, Management and Capping of Sediment Disposal Facility at Sha Chau.

Under the requirements of the EP, EM&A programmes which encompass water and sediment chemistry, fisheries assessment, tissue and whole body analysis, sediment toxicity and benthic recolonisation studies as set out in the EM&A Manuals are required to be implemented. EM&A programmes have been continuously carried out during the operation of the CMPs at ESC. A review of the collection and analysis of such environmental data from the monitoring programme demonstrated that there had not been any adverse environmental impacts resulting from disposal activities. The current programme will assess the impacts resulting from dredging, disposal and capping operations of CMP V.

A proposal on the change of number of sample replication of water quality and sediment monitoring as well as combination of routine water quality monitoring and water quality monitoring during capping operation was submitted to EPD and agreed by EPD on 3 December 2020. The proposed changes have been effective for the EM&A activities since December 2020. In early 2022, after implementing the Phase 1 optimisation for at least one year, a further data review was conducted. The monitoring data has been reviewed and demonstrated that the data robustness and representativeness are maintained. Therefore, a technical note presenting the data review results served as a supplementary information was submitted to EPD and presented that Phase 2 optimization of sample replication of water quality and sediment monitoring for the Project will be implemented in 2022. EPD expressed no comment on the review and note the implementation of Phase 2 optimization of sample replication on 18 May 2022, and thus this optimization has been effective for the EM&A activities since July 2022.

The latest sampling schedule is provided in **Appendix A**.

The present EM&A programme under Agreement No. CE 59/2020 (EP) covers the dredging, disposal and capping operations of the ESC CMP V (see **Appendix A** for the EM&A programme.) Detailed works schedule for ESC CMP V is shown in **Table 1.1**. In February 2024, the following works were undertaken:

- Disposal of contaminated mud at ESC CMP Vb; and
- Capping operations at ESC CMP Vd.

¹ ERM (2013) Final Report. Submitted under Agreement No. CE 4/2009 (EP) Environmental Monitoring and Audit for Contaminated Mud Pit at East Sha Chau. For CEDD.

² ERM (2017) Final Report. Submitted under Agreement No. CE 23/2012 (EP) Environmental Monitoring and Audit for Contaminated Mud Pits to the South of The Brothers and at East Sha Chau (2012 - 2017). For CEDD.

Table 1.1: Works Schedule for ESC CMP V



1.2 Reporting Period

This Monthly EM&A Report for Contaminated Mud Pits to the East of Sha Chau – February 2024 covers the EM&A activities for the reporting period of February 2024 (from 1 to 29 February 2024).

1.3 Details of Sampling and Laboratory Testing Activities

The following monitoring activities were undertaken for ESC CMP V during the reporting period:

- Water Column Profiling of ESC CMP Vb;
- Routine Water Quality Monitoring of ESC CMPs;
- Pit Specific Sediment Chemistry of ESC CMP Vb;
- Cumulative Impact Sediment Chemistry of ESC CMPs;
- Sediment Toxicity Tests of ESC CMPs; and
- Demersal Trawling for ESC CMPs.

1.4 Details of Outstanding Sampling or Analysis

No outstanding sampling remained for the reporting month (February 2024). The following analyses are in progress and will be presented in the corresponding quarterly report:

- Species identification of the biota samples collection from Demersal Trawling for ESC CMPs in February 2024; and
- Sediment Toxicity Tests of ESC CMPs in February 2024.

2 Brief Discussion of Monitoring Results for ESC CMP V

2.1 Introduction

This section presents a brief discussion of the results obtained from the following monitoring activities for ESC CMP V during the reporting period:

- Water Column Profiling of ESC CMP Vb;
- Routine Water Quality Monitoring of ESC CMPs;
- Pit Specific Sediment Chemistry of ESC CMP Vb;
- Cumulative Impact Sediment Chemistry of ESC CMPs;
- Sediment Toxicity Tests of ESC CMPs; and
- Demersal Trawling for ESC CMPs.

2.2 Water Column Profiling of ESC CMP Vb – in February 2024

Water Column Profiling was undertaken at a total of two sampling stations (Upstream and Downstream stations) on 5 February 2024. The monitoring results have been assessed for compliance with the Water Quality Objectives (WQOs) set by Environmental Protection Department (EPD). This consists of a review of the EPD routine water quality monitoring data for the dry season period (November to March) of 2013 – 2022 from stations in the North Western Water Control Zone (WCZ), where the ESC CMPs are located.³ For Salinity, the averaged value obtained from the Reference (Upstream) station was used for the basis as the WQO. Levels of Dissolved Oxygen (DO) and Turbidity were also assessed for compliance with the Action and Limit Levels (see **Table B1** of **Appendix B** for details).

2.2.1 In-situ Measurements

Analyses of results for February 2024 indicated that levels of Salinity, pH and DO complied with the WQOs at both Downstream and Upstream stations (**Table B2** of **Appendix B**). Levels of DO and Turbidity at all stations complied with the Action and Limit Levels (**Tables B1 and B2** of **Appendix B**).

2.2.2 Laboratory Measurements for Suspended Solids (SS)

Analyses of results for February 2024 indicated that the SS level at both Upstream and Downstream stations complied with the WQO and the Action and Limit Levels (**Tables B1 and B2** of **Appendix B**).

Overall, the monitoring results indicated that the mud disposal operation at ESC CMP Vb did not appear to cause any deterioration in water quality during this reporting period.

2.3 Routine Water Quality Monitoring of ESC CMPs – in February 2024

Routine Water Quality Monitoring of ESC CMPs was undertaken on 7 February 2024. The monitoring results have been assessed for compliance with the WQOs (see **Section 2.2** above for details). The monitoring results are shown in **Tables B3**, **B4 and B5** of **Appendix B** and

³ http://epic.epd.gov.hk/EPICRIVER/marine/?lang=en

Figures 1 to 11 of **Appendix C**. A total of ten (10) monitoring stations were sampled in February 2024 as shown in **Figure 2.1**.

2.3.1 In-situ Measurements

Graphical presentation of the monitoring results (Temperature, DO, pH, Salinity and Turbidity) is shown in **Figures 1 to 6** of **Appendix C**. Analyses of results indicated that the levels of pH, Salinities and DO complied with the WQOs at all stations in February 2024. The levels of DO and Turbidity complied with the Action and Limit Levels at all stations (**Table B3** of **Appendix B**; **Figures 3 and 6** of **Appendix C**).

Overall, *in-situ* measurement results of the Routine Water Quality Monitoring indicated that the disposal and capping operation at ESC CMPs did not appear to cause any unacceptable impacts in water quality in February 2024.

2.3.2 Laboratory Measurements

Laboratory analysis of samples obtained during the reporting period indicated that the concentrations of Arsenic, Cadmium, Chromium, Mercury, Copper, Nickel and Zinc were detected in the samples at some/ all stations and their concentrations were generally similar across stations; except the concentrations of Nickel were slightly higher at Impact (IPF) and Intermediate (INF) stations. (Table B4 of Appendix B; Figure 7 and 8 of Appendix C).

For nutrients, concentrations of Total Inorganic Nitrogen (TIN) were lower than the WQO (0.5 mg/L) at all stations (**Table B5** of **Appendix B**; **Figure 9** of **Appendix C**). The concentration of Ammonia Nitrogen (NH₃-N) and Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD₅) were generally similar across all stations; except the concentrations of Ammonia Nitrogen were higher at Ma Wan station while the concentrations of BOD₅ were lower at Ma Wan station.(**Table B5** of **Appendix B**; **Figure 10** of **Appendix C**).

Analyses of results for the reporting period indicated that the SS levels complied with the dry season WQO (13.2 mg/L) and Action and Limit Levels at all stations. (**Tables B1 and B5** of **Appendix B**; **Figure 11** of **Appendix C**).

Based on the available results of the Routine Water Quality Monitoring which indicated that the disposal and capping operation at ESC CMPs did not appear to cause any unacceptable deterioration in water quality during the reporting period. Detailed statistical analysis will be presented in the Quarterly EM&A Report to investigate any spatial and temporal trends of potential concern.

2.4 Pit Specific Sediment Chemistry of ESC CMP Vb – in February 2024

Monitoring locations for Pit Specific Sediment Chemistry for ESC CMP Vb are shown in **Figure 2.2**. A total of six (6) monitoring stations were sampled on 1 February 2024.

The concentrations of most inorganic contaminants were lower than the Lower Chemical Exceedance Levels (LCELs) and Upper Chemical Exceedance Levels (UCELs) at all stations, except for Silver, Copper and Mercury at Active-Pit stations, and Arsenic at Near-Pit and Pit-Edge stations (**Figures 12 and 13** of **Appendix C**). The concentrations of Silver were higher than the LCELs at Active-Pit stations ESC-NPCA and ESC-NPCB. The concentrations of Copper were higher than the LCELs at Active-Pit stations ESC-NPCA and higher than Upper Chemical Exceedance Levels (UCELs) at Active-Pit station ESC-NPCB. The concentration of Mercury is higher than UCELs at Active-Pit station ESC-NPCB. (**Figures 12 and 13** of **Appendix C**).

Considering that the higher levels of Silver, Copper and Mercury occurred within Active-Pit stations only but not at the Pit-Edge and Near-Pit stations, there is no evidence indicating any

unacceptable environment impacts to sediment quality as a result of the contaminated mud disposal operation at ESC CMP Vb in February 2024.

The concentrations of Arsenic were higher than the LCEL at Near-Pit station ESC-NNCA and Pit-Edge station ESC-NECA. (**Figures 12 and 13** of **Appendix C**).

Whilst the average concentration of Arsenic in the Earth's crust is generally ~2mg/kg, significantly higher Arsenic concentrations (median = 14 mg/kg) have been recorded in Hong Kong's onshore sediments.⁴ It is presumed that the natural concentrations of Arsenic are similar in onshore and offshore sediments,⁵ and relatively high Arsenic levels may thus occur throughout Hong Kong. Therefore, the LCEL exceedances of Arsenic are unlikely to be caused by the disposal operations at ESC CMP Vb but rather as a result of naturally occurring deposits.

For organic contaminants, the concentrations of Total Organic Carbon (TOC) were higher at Active-Pit stations ESC-NPCA and ESC-NPCB. (**Figure 14** of **Appendix C**). The concentrations of Low Molecular Weight Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAHs) were higher than LCEL (Lower Chemical Exceedance Level) at Pit-Edge station ESC-NECA, and were higher than UCEL at Active-Pit stations ESC-NPCA and ESC-NPCB. (**Figures 15a and Figures 15b** of **Appendix C**).

For High Molecular Weight Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAHs), the concentrations were higher than LCEL at Pit-Edge station ESC-NECA, and were higher than UCEL at Active-Pit stations ESC-NPCA and ESC-NPCB. (**Figures 15a and 15b** of **Appendix C**).

The concentrations of Tributyltin (TBT) were higher at Active-Pit stations ESC-NPCA and ESC-NPCB. (**Figure 16** of **Appendix C**) The concentrations of Total Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs), Total dichloro-diphenyl-trichloroethane (DDT) and 4,4'-dichlorodiphenyldichloroethylene (DDE) were below the limit of reporting at all stations during the reporting period.

Noting that higher levels (i.e. concentrations higher than UCEL) of Low Molecular Weight and High Molecular Weight PAHs are only occurred within Active-Pit station ESC-NPCA and ESC-NPCB. While only concentrations of Low Molecular Weight PAH and High Molecular Weight PAH at Pit-Edge stations were higher than LCELs but the concentrations of most inorganic contaminants were lower than the LCELs at Pit-Edge stations.

The slightly elevated level of Low Molecular Weight PAH and High Molecular Weight PAH at Pit-Edge stations are possible induced by external factors rather than disposal operations. Therefore, there is no evidence indicating any unacceptable environmental impacts to sediment quality outside the pit area as a result of the contaminated mud disposal operations at ESC CMP Vb during the reporting period.

Statistical analysis will be undertaken and presented in the corresponding Quarterly EM&A Report to investigate whether there are any unacceptable impacts in the area caused by the contaminated mud disposal.

2.5 Cumulative Impact Sediment Chemistry of ESC CMPs – in February 2024

Monitoring locations for Cumulative Impact Sediment Chemistry for ESC CMPs are shown in **Figure 2.3**. A total of nine (9) monitoring stations were sampled on 2 February 2024.

⁴ Sewell RJ (1999) Geochemical Atlas of Hong Kong. Geotechnical Engineering Office, Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region

Whiteside PGD (2000) Natural geochemistry and contamination of marine sediments in Hong Kong. In: The Urban Geology of Hong Kong (ed. Page A & Reels SJ). Geological Society of Hong Kong Bulletin No. 6, p109-121

Analyses of results for the Cumulative Impact Sediment Chemistry Monitoring indicated that the concentrations of most inorganic contaminants were below the LCEL at most stations during the reporting period, except concentrations of Arsenic were higher than the LCEL at Near-field station ESC-RNB1, Mid-field stations ESC-RMA, ESC-RMB and Far-field station ESC-RFB, as well as concentrations of Silver were higher than the LCEL at Ma Wan station MW1. (**Figures 17** and **18** of **Appendix C**). For Arsenic, as discussed in **Section 2.4**, the LCEL exceedances of Arsenic are unlikely to be caused by the disposal operations at ESC CMP Vb but rather as a result of naturally occurring deposits. For Silver, Ma Wan station is comparatively apart from the ESC CMP. In addition, no exceedance of LCEL in Silver concentrations being observed at the Near-field, Midfield, Far-field and Capped pits stations. Considering the aforementioned factors, there is no evidence indicating the exceedances of Silver to be caused by the disposal operations at ESC CMP Vb.

For organic contaminants, the concentration of TOC was higher at Capped Pit stations ESC-RCA1 and ESC-RCB1. (**Figure 19** of **Appendix C**). The concentrations of High Molecular Weight PAHs and Low Molecular Weight PAH were higher at Far-field ESC-RFA and Capped Pit ESC-RCB1 stations. (**Figure 20** of **Appendix C**)

The concentrations of TBT were higher at Ma Wan station MW1. (**Figure 21** of **Appendix C**). The concentrations of Total PCBs, Total DDT, 4,4'-DDE, 2,4'-DDT, 4,4'-DDT were below the limit of reporting at all stations during the reporting period.

Overall, there is no evidence indicating any unacceptable environmental impacts to sediment quality as a result of the contaminated mud disposal operations at ESC CMP Vb during the reporting period. Statistical analysis will be undertaken and presented in the corresponding Quarterly EM&A Report to investigate whether there are any unacceptable impacts in the area caused by the contaminated mud disposal.

3 Future Key Issues

3.1 Activities Scheduled for the Next Reporting Period

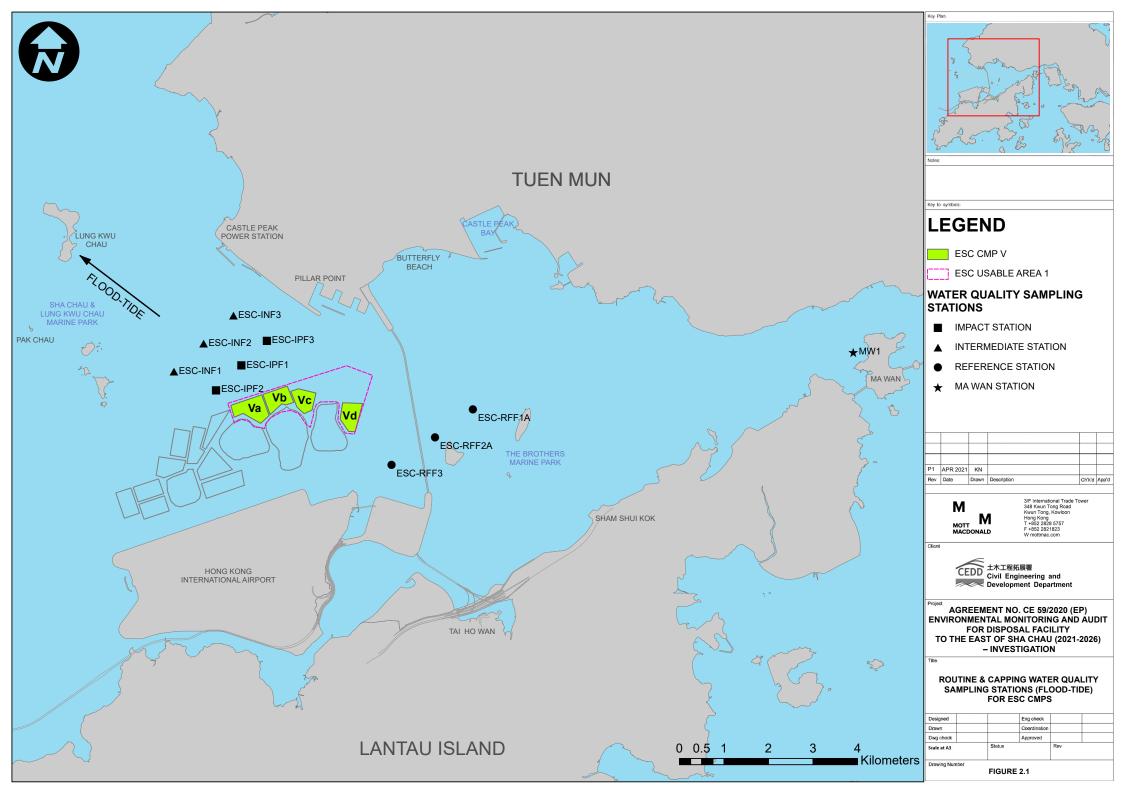
The following monitoring activities will be conducted in the next reporting period of March 2024 for ESC CMP V (see **Appendix A** for the sampling schedule):

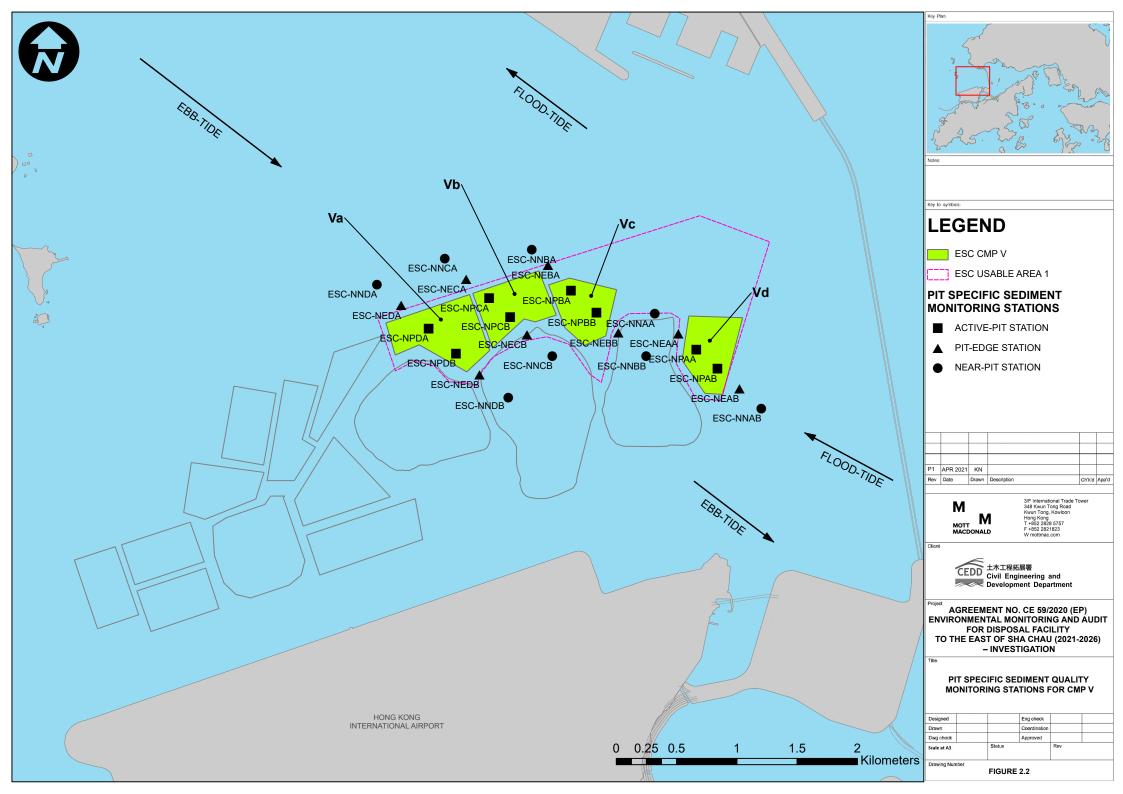
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- Pit Specific Sediment Chemistry of ESC CMP Vb.

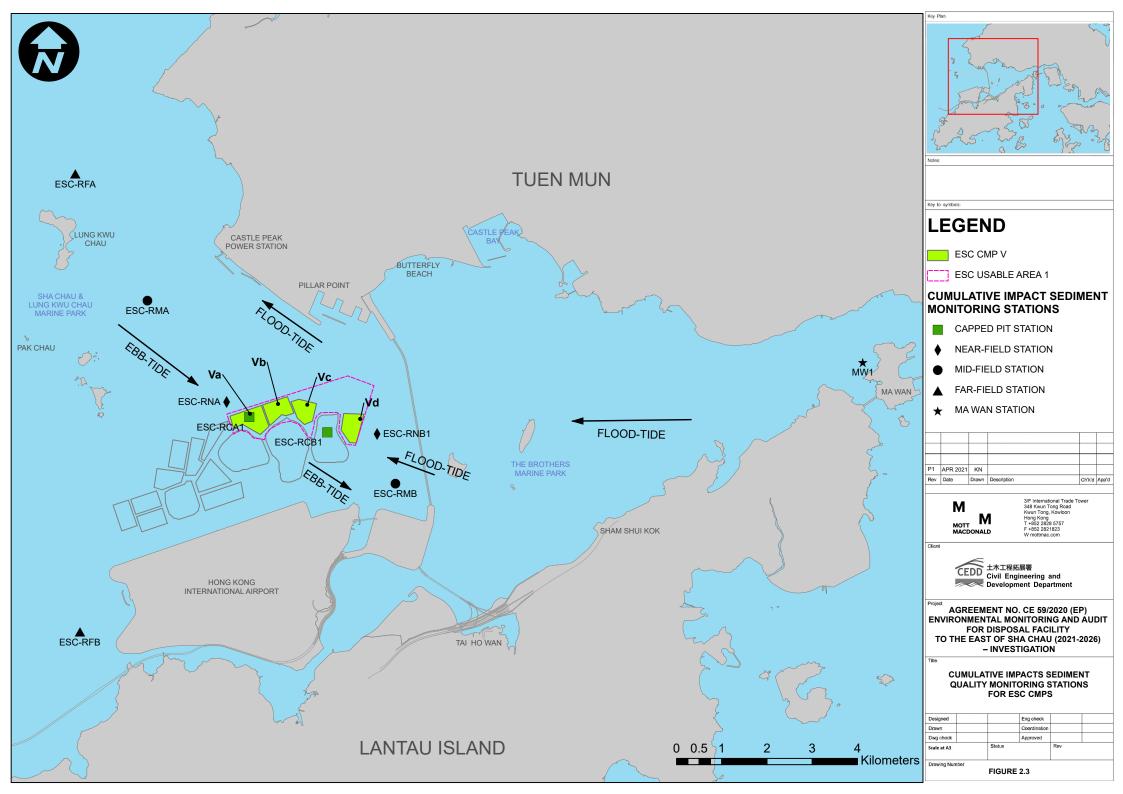
3.2 Study Programme

A summary of the Study Programme is presented in **Appendix D**.

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Appendix A. Sampling Schedule

East of Sha Chau CMPs Environmental Monitoring and Audit Sampling Schedule (January 2021 - March 2026)

Parameter / Station Type	Station ID	Frequency	2021 2022 2023 2024 2025 2026
Pit Specific Sediment Cl Active-Pit			An Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jun Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jun Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jun Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jun Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jun Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jun Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jun Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jun Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jun Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jun Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jun Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jun Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jun Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jun Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jun Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jun Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jun Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jun Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jun Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jun Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jun Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jun Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jun Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jun Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jun Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jun Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jun Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jun Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jun Aug Sep Oct Nov
Pit-Edge	ESC-NPAB	Monthly	6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6
Near-Pit	ESC-NEAA ESC-NEAB	Monthly Monthly	6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6
	ESC-NNAA ESC-NNAB	Monthly Monthly	6 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2
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Mid-field Stations		4 times per year 4 times per year	6 6 6 6 6 6 6 2
Capped Pit Stations	ESC-RMA ESC-RMB	4 times per year 4 times per year	6 6 6 6 6 6 6 2
	ESC-RCA1 ESC-RCB1	4 times per year 4 times per year	6 6 6 6 6 2
Far-field Stations	ESC-RFA ESC-RFB	4 times per year 4 times per year	6 6 6 6 6 6 2 2 2 2
Ma Wan Station	MW1	4 times per year	6 6 6 6 6 6 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2
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	ESC-TDA ESC-TDB1	2 times per year 2 times per year	6 5
Reference Stations	ESC-TRA ESC-TRB	2 times per year 2 times per year	5 5
Ma Wan Station	MW1	2 times per year	5 5 5 5 5
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	ESC-INA ESC-INB	2 times per year 2 times per year	
Reference North	TNA TNB	2 times per year 2 times per year	
Reference South	TSA TSB	2 times per year	
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Near-pit Stations	ESC-INA ESC-INB	4 times per year 4 times per year	5 5
Reference North	TNA	4 times per year	5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5
Reference South	TNB	4 times per year 4 times per year	5 5 5 5
	TSB	4 times per year	5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5
Capping * Ebb Tide Impact Station Downcur	rent		Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Au
		4 times per year * 4 times per year * 4 times per year *	
	ESC-IPE4 ESC-IPE5	4 times per year * 4 times per year *	
Intermediate Station Do	ESC-INE1A	4 times per year * 4 times per year *	
	ESC-INE3A ESC-INE4A	4 times per year * 4 times per year *	
Reference Station Upcu	rrent ESC-RFE1	4 times per year * 4 times per year *	
	ESC-RFE3	4 times per year * 4 times per year * 4 times per year *	
Ma Wan Station	ESC-RFE5	4 times per year *	
Flood Tide	MW1	4 times per year *	
Impact Station Downcur	ESC-IPF1	4 times per year * 4 times per year *	
Intermediate Station Do	ESC-IPF3 wncurrent	4 times per year *	
	ESC-INF1 ESC-INF2 ESC-INF3	4 times per year * 4 times per year * 4 times per year *	
Reference Station Upcu	ESC-RFF1A	4 times per year * 4 times per year *	
Ma Wan Station	ESC-RFF3	4 times per year *	
Routine Water Quality M	MW1	4 times per year *	Jan Febi Mari Apri May Jun Jul Aug Sepi Octi Nov Dec Jan Febi Mari Apri May Jun Jul A
Ebb Tide Impact Station Downcur	rent	Manushika	
	ESC-IPE1A ESC-IPE2A ESC-IPE3	Monthly* Monthly*	4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 2
Intermediate Station Do	ESC-IPE4 ESC-IPE5	Monthly* Monthly*	4 4
	ESC-INE1A ESC-INE2A	Monthly* Monthly*	4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 2
	ESC-INE4A	Monthly* Monthly* Monthly*	4 4
Reference Station Upcu	ESC-RFE1 ESC-RFE2	Monthly*	4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 2
	ESC-RFE3 ESC-RFE4	Monthly* Monthly*	4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4
Ma Wan Station	ESC-RFE5	Monthly* Monthly*	
Flood Tide Impact Station Downcur	rent		
	ESC-IPF1 ESC-IPF2 ESC-IPF3	Monthly* Monthly* Monthly*	4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 2
Intermediate Station Do	wncurrent ESC-INF1	Monthly*	4 4 4 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9
Reference Station Upcu	ESC-INF2 ESC-INF3 rrent	Monthly* Monthly*	4 4
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Ma Wan Station	MW1	Monthly* Monthly*	4 4
Water Column Profiling Plume Stations	•		Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May May May Ma
	WCP1 WCP2	Monthly* Monthly*	2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2
Benthic Recoloinisation Capped Stations at CMF			Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Au
	ESCV-CPA ESCV-CPB	2 times per year 2 times per year 2 times per year	
Reference Stations	ESCV-CPD	2 times per year	
	RBA RBB RBC1	2 times per year 2 times per year 2 times per year	
Impact Monitoring for D		year	Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Au
Upstream Stations	US1 US2	3 times per week 3 times per week	
Downstream Stations	DS1	3 times per week	
	DS2 DS3 DS4	3 times per week 3 times per week 3 times per week	
Ma Wan Station	DS5 MW1	3 times per week 3 times per week	

Notes:
(1) The number shown in each cell represents the numbers of replicates per monitoring station. The number shown in green boided text represented monitoring works have been conducted before/ during the reporting period of this Monthly EM&A Report, while the number shown in black represent planned monitoring works after the reporting period of this Monthly EM&A Report, while the number shown in black represent planned monitoring works after the reporting period of this Monthly EM&A Report.

⁽²⁾ For the planned Routine Water Quality Monitoring (i.e. the numbers of replicates per monitoring station shown in black), the monitoring will be conducted at mid-ebb OR mid-flood tide. The yearly tidal selection of this monitoring will be based on a principle to obtain 6 months monitoring data at mid-ebb, and 6 months monitoring data at mid-flood.

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(4) Benthic Recolonisation Studies for CMP V will be scheduled when capping operation for CMP V is completed.

Remarks:

* A proposal on the change of number of sample replication of water quality & sediment monitoring and combination of routine water quality monitoring during capping operation was submitted to EPD and agreed by EPD on 3 December 2020. The proposed changes have been implemented for the EM&A activities since December 2020. Water Quality Monitoring during Capping Operation and Routine Water Quality Monitoring have been conducted monthly starting in December 2020. A technical note presenting the data review results served as a supplementary information was submitted to EPD and presented that Phase 2 optimization of sample replication of water quality and sediment monitoring for the Project will be implemented in 2022 was provided to EPD in April 2022. Phase 2 optimization of sample replication in discussion of sample replication in discussion of sample replication in discussion of sample replication of water quality and adversely affecting the supply of international species adopted in testing programme of Sediment Toxicity! Tests, as such, Sediment Toxicity! Tests as such, Sediment Toxicity! Tests, as such, Sediment Toxicity! Tests, as such, Sediment Toxicity! Tests as such that Toxicity Tests, as such that Toxicity Tests as such that Toxicity Tests as such th

Appendix B. Water Quality Monitoring Results



Table B1: Action and Limit Levels of Water Quality for Dredging, Disposal and Capping Activities at ESC CMP V

Parameters	Action	Limit		
Dissolved Oxygen (DO)	Surface and Middle Depth ⁽²⁾	Surface and Middle Depth ⁽²⁾		
in mg L ⁻¹ (Surface, Middle & Bottom) ⁽¹⁾	5%-ile of baseline data for surface and middle layer = 3.76	1%-ile of baseline data for surface and middle layer = 3.11 ⁽³⁾		
	and	and		
	Significantly less than the reference station's mean DO (at the same tide of the same day)	Significantly less than the reference station's mean DO (at the same tide of the same day)		
	Bottom	Bottom		
	5%-ile of baseline data for surface and middle layer = 2.96	The average of the impact station readings are < 2		
	and	and		
	Significantly less than the reference station's mean DO (at the same tide of the same day)	Significantly less than the reference station's mean DO (at the same tide of the same day)		
Suspended Solids (SS) in mg L ⁻¹	95%-ile of baseline data for depth- averaged = 37.88	99%-ile of baseline data for depth- averaged = 61.92		
(depth-averaged) ⁽⁵⁾	and	and		
	120% of control station's SS at the same tide of the same day	130% of control station's SS at the same tide of the same day		
Turbidity	95%-ile of baseline data = 28.14	99%-ile of baseline data = 38.32		
in NTU	and	and		
(depth-averaged) ⁽⁴⁾⁽⁵⁾	120% of control station's Turbidity at the same tide of the same day	130% of control station's Turbidity at the same tide of the same day		

Notes:

- 1. For DO, non-compliance of the water quality limits occurs when monitoring result is lower than the limits.
- 2. Action and Limit Levels for DO for Surface and Middle layers were calculated from the combined pool of baseline surface layer data and baseline middle layer data.
- Given the Action Level for DO for Surface and Middle layers has already been lower than 4 mg L⁻¹, it is proposed to set the Limit Level at 3.11 mg L⁻¹ which is the first percentile of the baseline data.
- 4. "Depth-averaged" is calculated by taking the arithmetic means of reading of all three depths.
- 5. For turbidity and SS, non-compliance of the water quality limits occurs when monitoring result is higher than the limits.



Table B2: Water Column Profiling Results for ESC CMP Vb in February 2024

Station	Temp.	Salinity	Turbidity	Dissolved Oxygen		рН	Suspended Solids	
	(°C)	(ppt)	(NTU)	(%)	(mg L ⁻¹)		(mg L ⁻¹)	
WCP 1 (Downstream)	19.75	31.26	1.33	96.33	7.32	8.17	3.5	
WCP 2 (Upstream)	19.74	31.31	1.65	97.32	7.39	8.17	7.5	
WQO (Dry Season)	N/A	28.18-34.44#	N/A	N/A	>4	6.5-8.5	13.2	

Notes:

- 1. *Not exceeding 10% of natural ambient level which is the result obtained from the Reference Station.
- 2. Cell shaded yellow / red indicates value exceeding the Action/Limit levels.
- 3. Cell shaded grey indicates value exceeding the WQO.

Table B3: In-situ Monitoring Results for Routine Water Quality Monitoring of ESC CMPs in February 2024

Station	Temp.	Salinity	Turbidity	Dissolved Oxygen		рН
	(°C)	(ppt)	(NTU)	(%)	(mg L ⁻¹)	
RFF (Reference)	19.83	31.81	1.76	91.31	6.90	8.10
IPF (Impact)	19.86	31.70	1.54	91.29	6.91	8.12
INF (Intermediate)	19.85	31.52	1.60	92.12	6.98	8.12
Ma Wan	19.97	33.77	2.04	83.04	6.19	8.05
WQO (Dry Season)	N/A	28.63-34.99#	N/A	N/A	>4	6.5-8.5

Notes:

- 1. # Not exceeding 10% of natural ambient level which is the result obtained from the Reference Station.
- 2. Cell shaded yellow / red indicates value exceeding the Action/Limit levels.
- 3. Cell shaded grey indicates value exceeding the WQO.



Table B4: Laboratory Results for Dissolved Metals and Metalloid in Routine Water Quality Monitoring of ESC CMPs in February 2024

Station	As	Cd	Cr	Cu	Pb	Hg	Ni	Ag	Zn
	(µg/L)								
RFF	1.72	0.02	0.12	0.59	ND	0.001	0.82	ND	0.15
IPF	1.57	0.03	0.13	0.64	ND	0.001	0.99	ND	0.07
INF	1.73	0.02	0.11	0.58	ND	0.001	1.01	ND	0.07
Ma Wan	1.58	0.01	0.12	0.38	ND	ND	0.51	ND	0.27

Note:

Table B5: Laboratory Results for Nutrients and Suspended Solid in Routine Water Quality Monitoring of ESC CMPs in February 2024

Station	NH ₃	NH ₃ TIN BOD₅		SS
	(mg/L)	(mg/L)	(mg/L)	(mg/L)
RFF	0.17	0.42	0.83	1.8
IPF	0.16	0.47	0.92	3.0
INF	0.13	0.45	0.85	2.0
Ma Wan	0.26	0.35	0.60	2.0

WQO of TIN: 0.5 mg/L Dry Season WQO of SS: 13.2 mg/L

Notes:

- 1. "<LOR" indicates the concentrations of contaminants are below the limit of reporting.
- 2. Cell shaded yellow / red indicates value exceeding the Action/Limit levels.
- 3. Cell shaded grey indicates value exceeding the WQO.

^{1. &}quot;ND" indicates the concentrations of metals and metalloids are not detected.

Appendix C. Graphical Presentations



Routine Water Quality Monitoring for ESC CMP V - February 2024

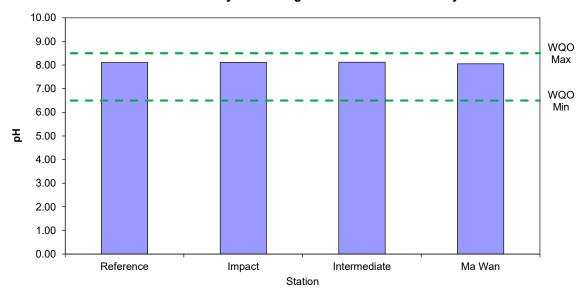


Figure 1: Level of pH recorded during Routine Water Quality Monitoring for disposal operations at ESC CMP V in February 2024

Routine Water Quality Monitoring for ESC CMP V - February 2024

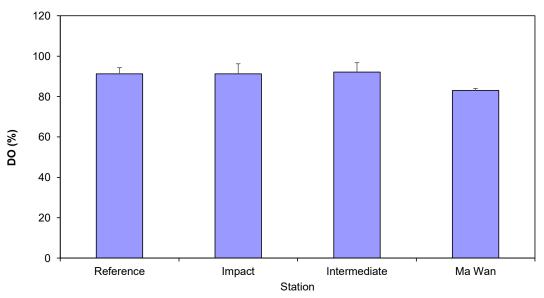


Figure 2: Level of Dissolved Oxygen (DO) (% saturation; mean + SD) recorded during Routine Water Quality Monitoring for disposal operations at ESC CMP V in February 2024

The mean and standard deviation (SD) for in-situ data are the mean and SD for water columns within the area.

Routine Water Quality Monitoring for ESC CMP V - February 2024

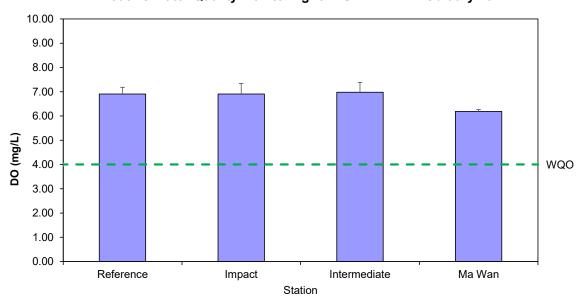


Figure 3: Concentration of Dissolved Oxygen (DO) (mg/L; mean + SD) recorded during Routine Water Quality Monitoring for disposal operations at ESC CMP V in February 2024

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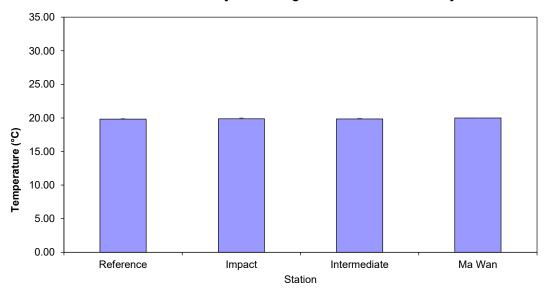
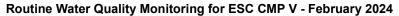


Figure 4: Level of Temperature (°C; mean + SD) recorded during Routine Water Quality Monitoring for disposal operations at ESC CMP V in February 2024

¹ The mean and standard deviation (SD) for in-situ data are the mean and SD for water columns within the area.



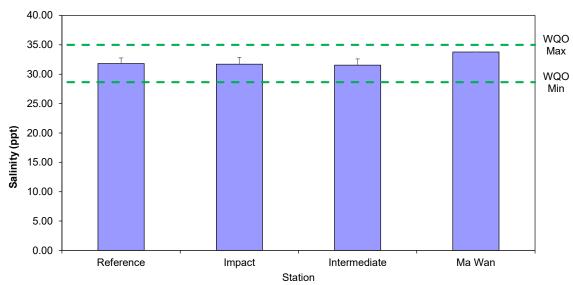


Figure 5: Level of Salinity (ppt; mean + SD) recorded during Routine Water Quality Monitoring for disposal operations at ESC CMP V in February 2024

Routine Water Quality Monitoring for ESC CMP V - February 2024

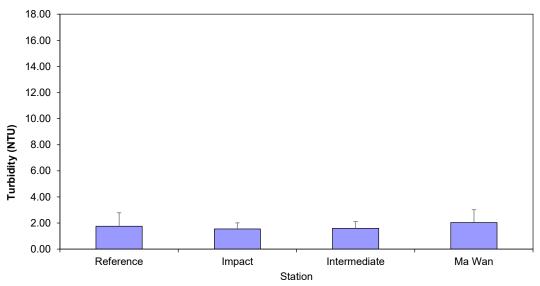


Figure 6: Level of Turbidity (NTU; mean + SD) recorded during Routine Water Quality Monitoring for disposal operations at ESC CMP V in February 2024

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Routine Water Quality Monitoring for ESC CMP V February 2024

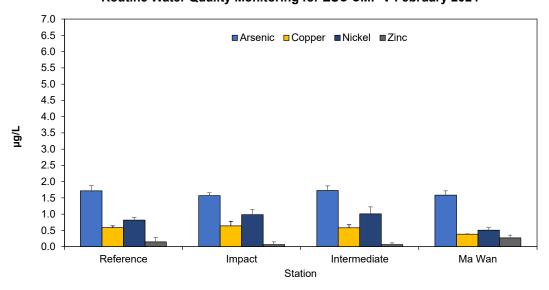


Figure 7: Concentration of Arsenic, Copper, Nickel, and Zinc (μg/L; mean + SD) in water samples collected from Routine Water Quality Monitoring for disposal operations at ESC CMP V in February 2024

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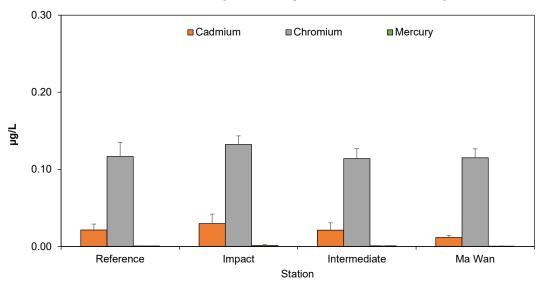
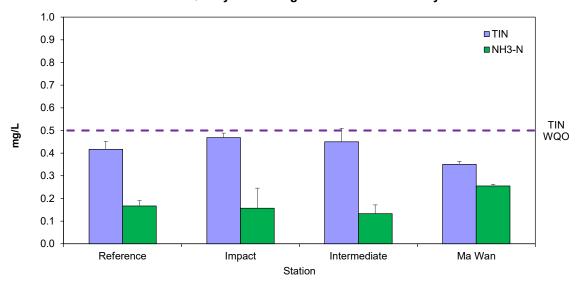


Figure 8: Concentration of Cadmium, Chromium, Mercury (μg/L; mean + SD) in water samples collected from Routine Water Quality Monitoring for disposal operations at ESC CMP V in February 2024



Routine Water Quality Monitoring for Nutrients - February 2024



Concentration of Total Inorganic Nitrogen (TIN) and Ammonia Nitrogen (NH3-N) (mg/L; mean + SD) in water samples collected from Routine Water Quality Monitoring for disposal operations at ESC CMP V in February 2024 Figure 9:

Routine Water Quality Monitoring for Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD5) -February 2024 1.5 1.0 BOD₅ (mg/L) 0.5 0.0 Reference Impact Intermediate Ma Wan Station

Level of Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD5) (mg/L; mean + SD) in water samples Figure 10: collected from Routine Water Quality Monitoring for disposal operations at ESC CMP V in February 2024

Routine Water Quality Monitoring for Suspended Solids - February 2024

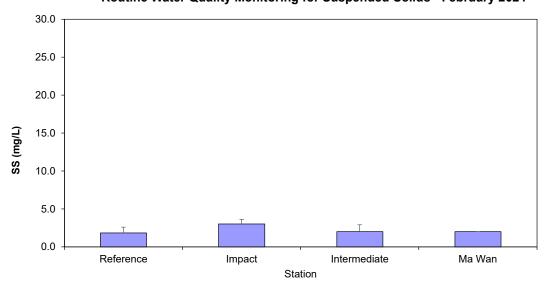


Figure 11 Concentration of Suspended Solids (SS) (mg/L; mean + SD) in water samples collected from Routine Water Quality Monitoring for disposal operations at ESC CMP V in February 2024

Pit Specific Sediment Chemistry for Metal and Metalloid Contaminants at ESC CMP Vb - February 2024

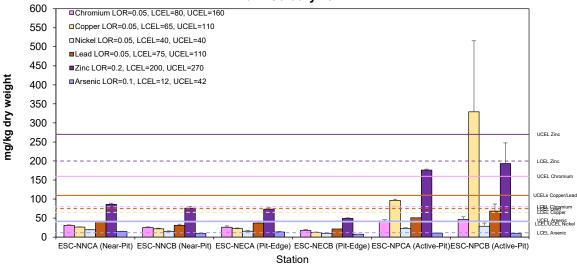


Figure 12: Concentration of Metals and Metalloid (Cr, Cu, Ni, Pb, Zn, As; mg/kg dry weight; mean + SD) in sediment samples collected from Pit Specific Sediment Chemistry Monitoring for ESC CMP Vb in February 2024



Pit Specific Sediment Chemistry for Metal Contaminants at ESC CMP Vb - February 2024

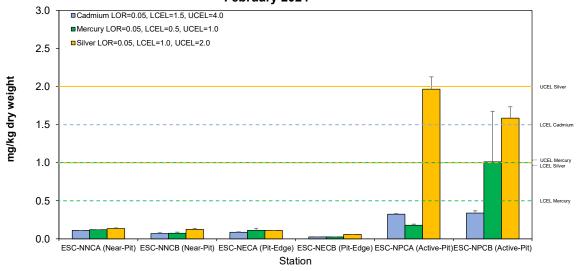


Figure 13: Concentration of Metals (Cd, Hg, Ag; mg/kg dry weight; mean + SD) in sediment samples collected from Pit Specific Sediment Chemistry Monitoring for ESC CMP Vb in February 2024

Pit Specific Sediment Chemistry for Total Organic Carbon (TOC) at ESC CMP Vb - February 2024

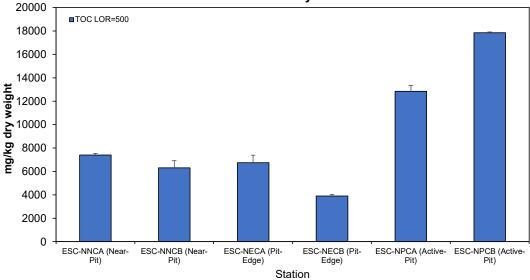


Figure 14: Concentration of Total Organic Carbon (TOC) (mg/kg dry weight; mean + SD) in sediment samples collected from Pit Specific Sediment Chemistry Monitoring for ESC CMP Vb in February 2024



Pit Specific Sediment Chemistry for Low and High Molecular Weight Polycyclic Aromatics Hydrocarbons (PAHs) at ESC CMP Vb - February 2024

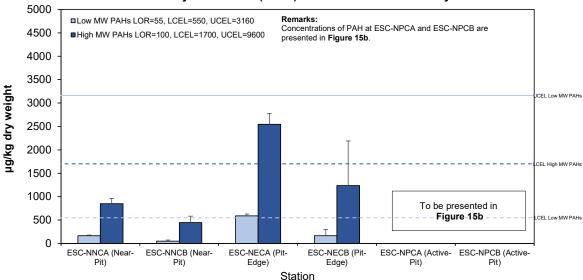


Figure 15a Concentration of Low and High Molecular Weight Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (μg/kg dry weight; mean + SD) in sediment samples collected from Pit Specific Sediment Chemistry Monitoring for ESC CMP Vb in February 2024

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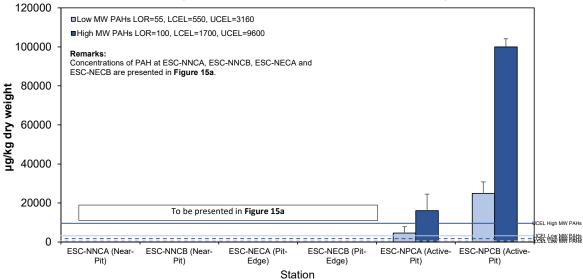


Figure 15b Concentration of Low and High Molecular Weight Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (μg/kg dry weight; mean + SD) in sediment samples collected from Pit Specific Sediment Chemistry Monitoring for ESC CMP Vb in February 2024

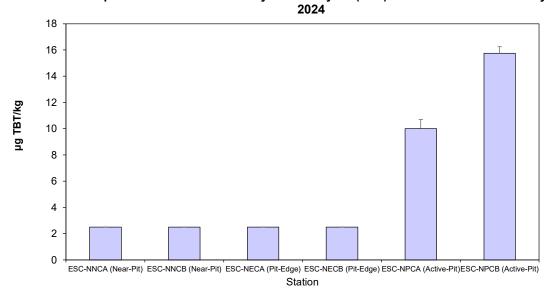


Figure 16: Concentration of Tributyltin (TBT) (μg TBT/kg; mean + SD) in sediment samples collected from Pit Specific Sediment Chemistry Monitoring for ESC CMP Vb in February 2024

Cumulative Impact Sediment Chemistry for Metal and Metalloid Contaminants at ESC CMPs - February 2024

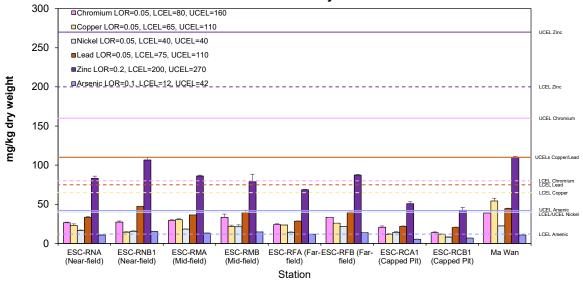


Figure 17: Concentration of Metals and Metalloid (Cr, Cu, Ni, Pb, Zn, As; mg/kg dry weight; mean + SD) in sediment samples collected from Cumulative Impact Sediment Chemistry Monitoring for ESC CMPs in February 2024

Cumulative Impact Sediment Chemistry for Metal Contaminants at ESC CMPs - February 2024

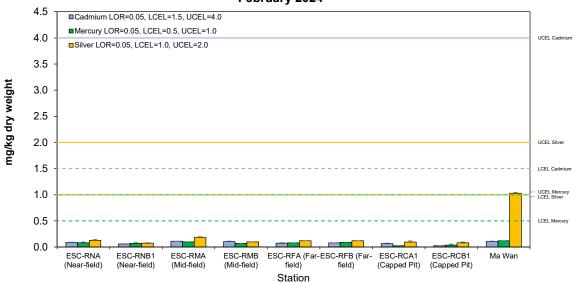


Figure 18: Concentration of Metals (Cd, Hg, Ag; mg/kg dry weight; mean + SD) in sediment samples collected from Cumulative Impact Sediment Chemistry Monitoring for ESC CMPs in February 2024

Cumulative Impact Sediment Chemistry for Total Organic Carbon (TOC) at ESC CMPs - February 2024

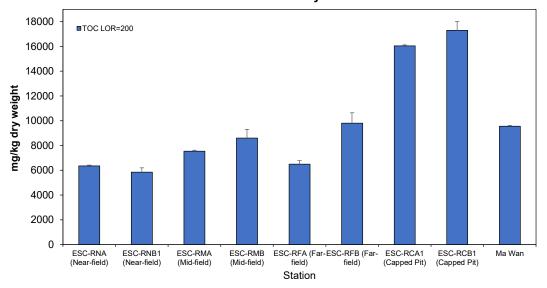


Figure 19: Concentration of Total Organic Carbon (TOC) (mg/kg dry weight; mean + SD) in sediment samples collected from Cumulative Impact Sediment Chemistry Monitoring for ESC CMPs in February 2024

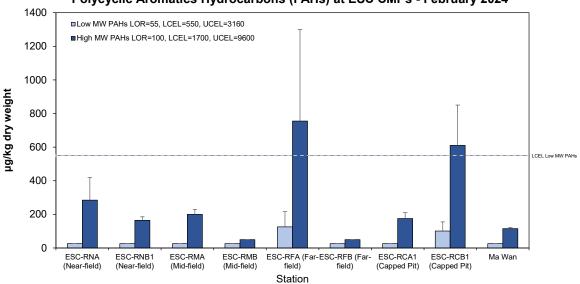


Figure 20: Concentration of Low and High Molecular Weight Polycyclic Aromatics (mg/kg dry weight; mean + SD) in sediment samples collected from Cumulative Impact Sediment Chemistry Monitoring for ESC CMPs in February 2024

Cumulative Impact Sediment Chemistry for Tributyltin (TBTs) at ESC CMPs - February 2024

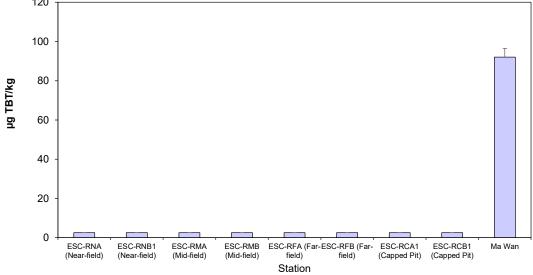


Figure 21: Concentration of Tributyltin (TBT) (μg/kg dry weight; mean + SD) in sediment samples collected from Cumulative Impact Sediment Chemistry Monitoring for ESC CMPs in February 2024

Appendix D. Study Programme

Study Programme

Agreement No. CE 59/2020 (EP) Environmental Monitoring and Audit for Disposal Facility to the East of Sha Chau (2021-2026) - Investigation

Mott MacDonald Hong Kong Limited

