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Porcupine Mining District, Alaska

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Location and Activity Description

Location

The Palmer Project is a copper-zinc-gold-silver (barite) exploration project located 34 miles northwest of the town of Haines in Southeast Alaska, USA. The Palmer Project is being advanced as a joint venture partnership, Constantine Mining LLC, between American Pacific Mining Corp, incorporated in Alaska (a wholly owned subsidiary of American Pacific Mining Corp) and Dowa Metals & Mining Alaska Ltd. (Dowa) incorporated in Alaska (a wholly owned subsidiary of Dowa Metals and Mining Co. Ltd. of Japan), with Constantine North Inc. as operator.

The Project is in the Porcupine Mining District on the eastern margin of the Saint Elias mountain range. Figure 1 shows the location of the Project. The western boundary of the Project is the international border with the Canadian province of British Columbia. The Project is located proximal to the paved Haines Highway (Alaska Hwy 7), which leads to the town of Haines, Alaska, to the southeast. A secondary gravel logging road connects the project area to the Alaska Hwy 7 via a bridge across the Klehini River at 26-mile. Drill core storage and camp facilities are located on privately-owned land at the Big Nugget Camp located on Porcupine Creek, approximately 7 miles from the 26-mile bridge.

Project Activity

2023 Summary and Background

Constantine had a surface exploration drill program in 2023, with three diamond drills onsite drilling a total of ~10,500 m. Existing access to the Glacier Creek valley is via a gravel road that extends approximately 4 miles from existing logging roads on State and BLM lands. The road extension and disturbance associated with surface drilling are bonded through a state-wide pool and is addressed under a separate annual reclamation report, submitted to DNR under APMA 5960 (CNI, 2022).

Constantine has proposed the development of an underground exploration ramp to support underground drilling. The underground development includes the construction of the supporting surface infrastructure and operation of the wastewater disposal system (Land Application Disposal system or LAD). Works associated with underground exploration are on fee simple and split estate Mental Health Trust (MHT) lands. The MHT lands are leased to Constantine under MHT Upland Mining Lease No. 9100759 (Figure 1).

Construction supporting the underground exploration is bonded through RPA J20185690, originally issued in 2018 (Phase I) and amended in 2019 (Phase II). Surface construction was initiated in 2018 and then paused from 2019 to 2021 while Constantine updated the LAD and road design. Approval for the updated design was obtained in May 2022 with a modification to the Reclamation Plan and associated financial assurance (J20185690.1).

Construction activities in 2022 focused on surface facilities to support future underground development. Construction continued on the road switchbacks and the avalanche deflection structures. Earthworks associated with the Land Application Disposal (LAD) system were initiated

and included the partial excavation of the sediment ponds and grubbing for pipelines. The access road for the portal was 60% complete at the end of the 2022 field season.

No additional work was completed in 2023. Only maintenance work was completed to account for maintaining stormwater control features.

This report summarizes disturbance as of the end of 2022 (the most recent year disturbance occurred) associated with the Phase II Plan of Operations and fulfills the annual reporting requirements for the ADNR Reclamation Plan Approval (no. J20185690.1 RPA).

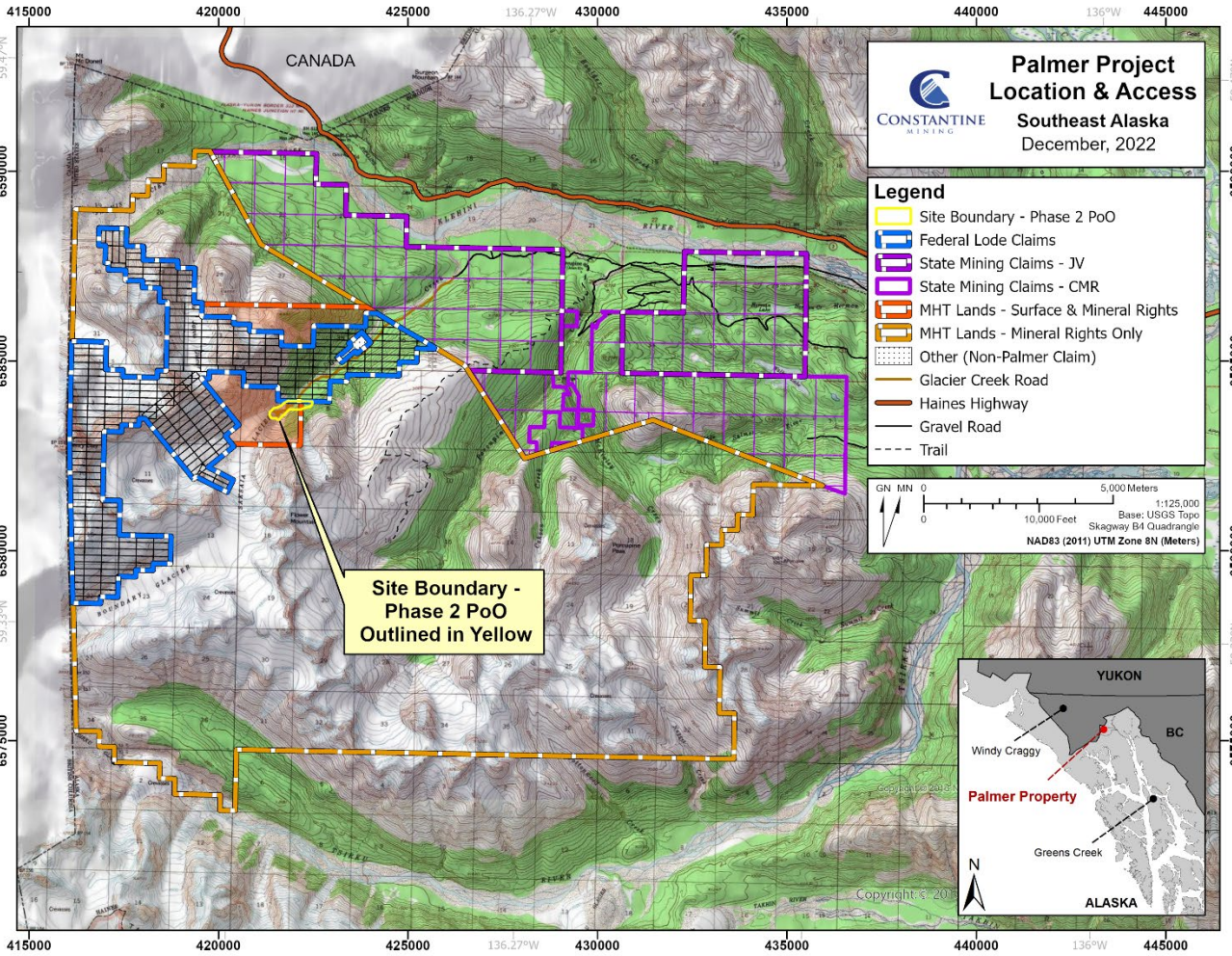


Figure 1 Palmer Project Property Map showing Site Boundary area under J20185690.1.

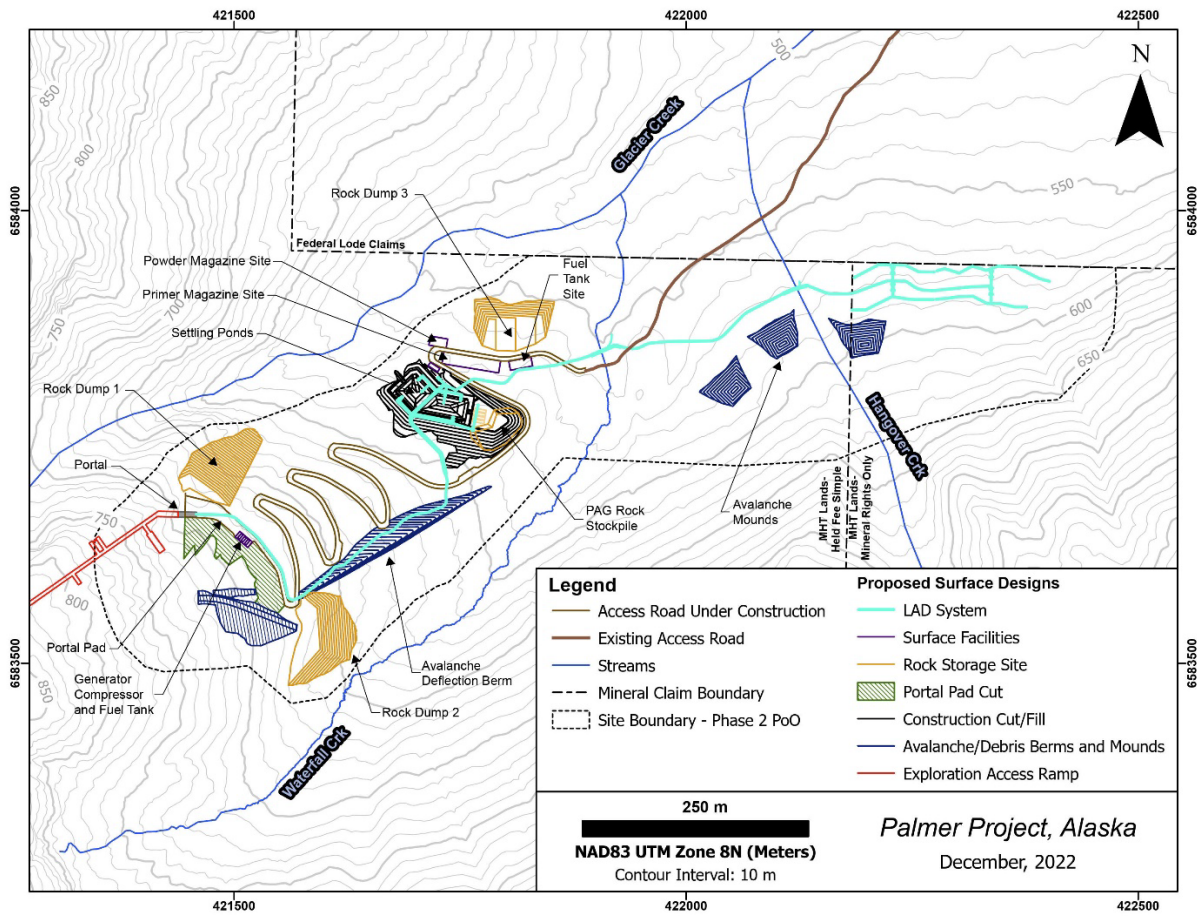


Figure 2 Conceptual designs for site facilities approved under J2015690RPA.1.

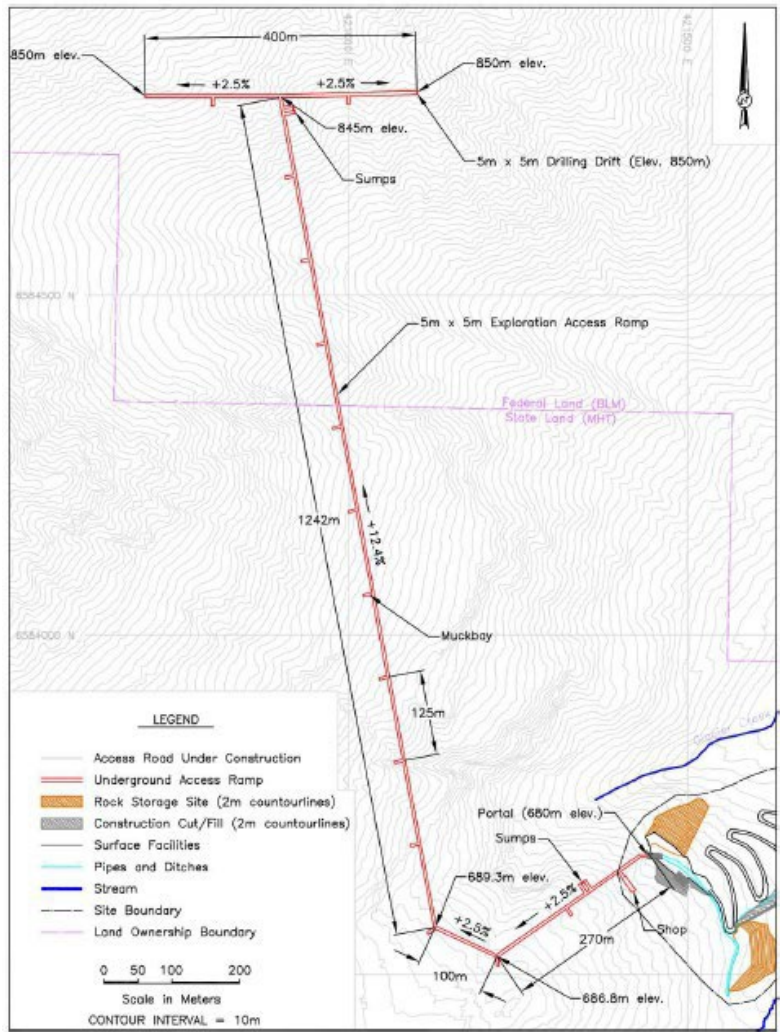


Figure 3 Conceptual design for Phase II exploration access ramp.

Site Disturbance

Constantine has prepared reclamation plans for both temporary closure and permanent closure scenarios, approved by the ADNR. The access road on Trust lands will be left in-place at closure per an understanding with the Trust.

No additional construction work was completed in 2023. The following is a summary of the most recent construction work completed in 2022. In 2022, construction on the proposed portal access road switchbacks and planned infrastructure area occurred. The Phase II site boundary was updated to account for disturbance related to the revised LAD, and the boundary now reaches into MHT Parcel C81210 (Subsurface Rights Only). Due to the expanded boundary, **0.42 acres** of surface disturbance from 2021 overburden drilling are now added to the total disturbance covered in this report (Figure 4). An estimated total of **3.71 acres** were disturbed in 2022 within the modified Phase II site boundary, of which **1.22 acres** were associated with access road work. New disturbance was created along and around the portal access road and switchbacks, the portal pad area, the avalanche berm and mounds area, the sediment pond and PAG storage area, and the LAD clearing area. Total disturbance increased to an estimated total of **10.54 acres** (excluding the road), approximately 2.49 acres greater than 2021. Disturbances are tabulated below and shown on Figure 5.

Table 1 Summary of Disturbance Components and Associated Acreage of Disturbance, 2022

Item	Acreage
Road	11.05
Portal Pad	1.53
Avalanche Berm and Mounds	3.52
Sediment Pond and PAG Storage	3.08
LAD Clearing	1.96
2021 Overburden Drilling	0.42
Monitoring Wells	0.03
TOTAL	21.59
TOTAL (Excluding Road)	10.54

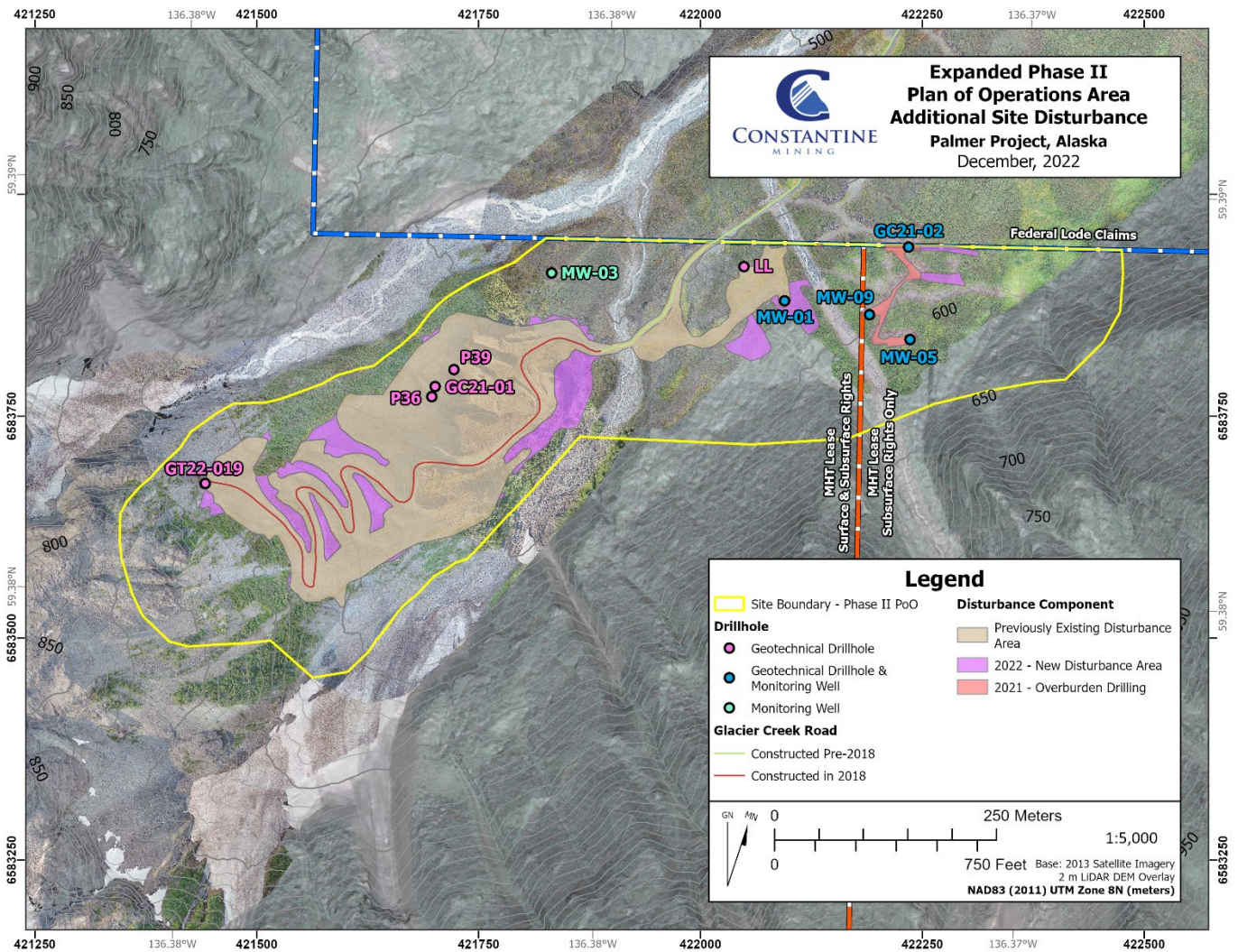


Figure 4 Location map of disturbance created during 2022 and of 2021 overburden drilling disturbance added to the Phase II Plan of Operations area. 2.49 acres of additional non-road related disturbance was created in 2022.

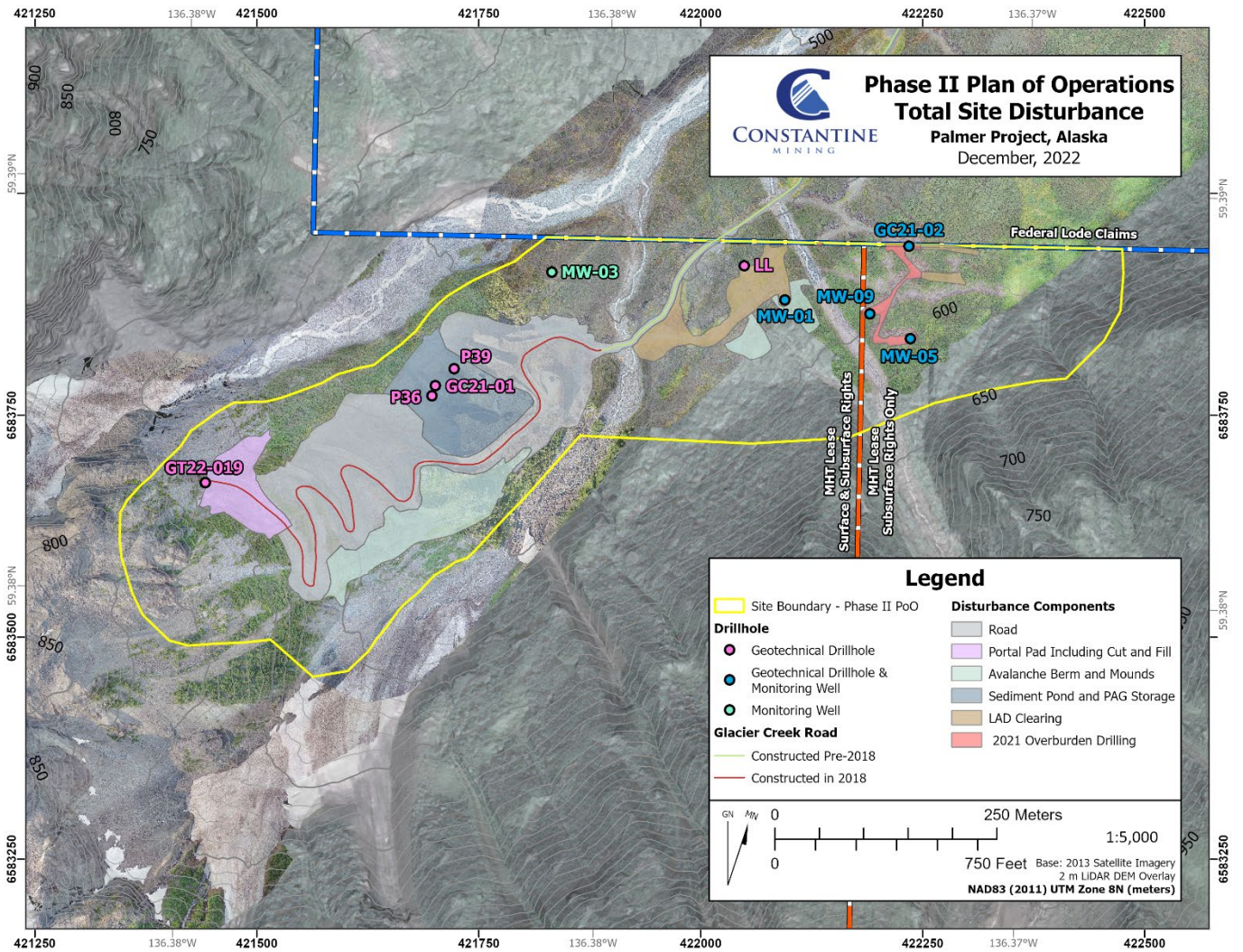


Figure 5 Location map of all disturbance components as of 2022.



Photo 1 Disturbance from 2021 overburden drilling included in expanded Phase II Plan of Operations Boundary (upper). Aerial photo (taken August 16 2022), looking SE, showing land clearing associated with Phase I & II Plan of Operations on MHT Lands (lower)

Reclamation

No permanent reclamation was performed in 2023.

Financial Responsibility

No additional financial responsibility was incurred as no additional construction occurred in 2023. A total financial assurance amount of \$1,074,000 was approved by ADNR for the Palmer Project. On June 13, 2022, Constantine requested a phased approach to the financial assurance. Constantine proposed providing an initial financial assurance in the amount of \$392,000 for the existing disturbance and the proposed surface disturbance for the 2022 season. Prior to the construction of the remaining work outlined by the WMP (i.e. underground development), Constantine would further amend the financial assurance to the full amount of the approved Cost Estimate. Constantine provided financial assurance for the initial \$392,000 for the 2022 season on June 21st and maintained this financial assurance amount throughout the 2023 season.

Monitoring

Compliance Monitoring – Waste Management Permit

The Waste Management Permit #2019DB0001 (WMP) was issued to Constantine Mining LLC by the State of Alaska, Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) on July 17th, 2019. The WMP authorizes the management and disposal of underground seepage water and waste rock associated with Phase II.

The WMP was remanded by ADEC in September 2019 for an informal review largely due to the Maui v. Hawaii Wildlife Case which challenged the permitting authority for disposal of wastewater to groundwater. In August 2020 Constantine notified ADEC that an evaluation and re-design of the LAD system was underway to ensure that the LAD was compliant with the changing legal environment. Constantine collected additional information on site hydrogeology to inform the LAD re-design. The re-designed LAD and results of supporting hydrogeological studies were submitted to the ADEC on April 14th, 2022 (available from ADEC upon request). Subsequently, conditional approval for construction of the LAD was provided by the ADEC on May 27th, 2022. The approval was withdrawn on September 6 to account for new information submitted by a third party. On October 4th the conditional approval for the LAD construction was re-issued and the WMP remand was lifted. Since that time, the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Conservation made a decision on the challenge to the WMP in August of 2023. That Decision is now under challenge in the superior court system.

During 2023, Constantine has continued to meet the monitoring requirements outlined in the WMP. Quarterly sampling has been conducted on surface water (4 stations) and groundwater (2 stations) as required by the WMP. This sampling is summarized in the 2023 Annual (4th Quarter) Monitoring Report submitted to the ADEC in February 2023. The annual report is included as Appendix A: Waste Management Permit - 2023 Annual Monitoring Report.

Other Monitoring and Studies

Other environmental monitoring activities conducted in 2023 are summarized in Appendix A: Waste Management Permit - 2023 Annual Monitoring Report, and include:

- Hydrometric surveys of surface water (voluntary)
- Groundwater level and temperature monitoring (voluntary)
- Meteorological monitoring (voluntary)

Appendix A: Waste Management Permit – 2023 Annual Monitoring Report

*Note: appendices of the Waste Management Permit annual report are available from the
ADEC*

2023 Annual (4th Quarter) Monitoring Report

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Waste Management Permit 2019DB0001



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1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 BACKGROUND

The Waste Management Permit #2019DB0001 (WMP) was issued to Constantine Mining LLC (Constantine) by the State of Alaska, Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) on July 17th, 2019. The WMP authorizes the management and disposal of underground seepage water and waste rock associated with advanced exploration at the Palmer Project (the Project) and is effective until July 16th, 2024.

On August 10th, 2020, Constantine submitted a letter informing the DEC of their intent to modify the Wastewater Discharge System Design as set out in Appendix A of the WMP. On August 31st, 2020, the DEC accepted a redesign with the condition that no construction can commence until the design is complete. Constantine collected additional hydrogeological information in 2020 and 2021 to support the new Wastewater Discharge System Design. The revised design was submitted to DEC on April 14th, 2022, with minor revisions submitted on May 24th, 2022. The revised design was conditionally approved by DEC on May 27, 2022, allowing construction of the revised Wastewater Discharge System. Approval was briefly vacated from September 6th – October 4th, 2022. On June 2nd 2023, DEC approved the amendment to update monitoring sites in response to the updated LAD design which removed MW-01 and MW-02 from monitoring plan and replaced them with MW-04-S and MW-05.

The WMP outlines monitoring and reporting requirements (Sections 2.5 and 2.6). This report includes the monitoring period for the fourth quarter of 2023 and satisfies Section 2.6.3, which requires annual reporting on monitoring activities. This is the fifth annual reporting period since the issuance of the WMP in July 2019, and includes data collected in 2023.

1.2 PROJECT ACTIVITIES

The surface construction described in the WMP and Plan of Operations (approved by DNR under J20185690RPA) has commenced. Underground development has not yet commenced therefore waste authorized by the WMP has not been generated to date. As a result, monitoring associated with operating site infrastructure is not included in this report (as described in Sections 2.5.1, 2.5.2, 2.5.3, 2.5.4, 2.5.5.3, and 2.5.5.4 of the WMP) and data presented in this report continues to characterize near baseline conditions.

A road construction crew was mobilized on June 20th, 2022, to begin working on the switchbacks to the proposed portal site. Two diamond drills were mobilized during the first half of August 2022. Activities related to diamond drilling and switchback construction are not expected to impact the water quality presented in this report. Excavation of the LAD system sediment pond #1 began in late August 2022 and is 80% complete. No other work has been done on the LAD system. Diamond drilling and construction activities ended at the end of beginning of October.

2.0 ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING

2.1 Surface Water Monitoring

2.1.1 BACKGROUND

Four surface water stations in the Project area have been monitored since as early as 2008: P01 (Glacier Creek upstream), P27 (Glacier Creek midpoint), P25 (Waterfall Creek), and P26 (Hangover Creek; see Figure 1 and Table 1). Water quality sampling and analytical procedures are performed in accordance with Constantine’s Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP), prepared by Integral Consulting in 2018 and revised by HDR in October 2019 (as per Section 2.5.5.6 of the WMP). Samples are analyzed by ALS Environmental Laboratory for conventional parameters, settleable solids, cations/anions, total/dissolved metals following SM and EPA methods. Field parameters including pH are also collected at each site during the sampling event (more detail is available in the Project QAPP).

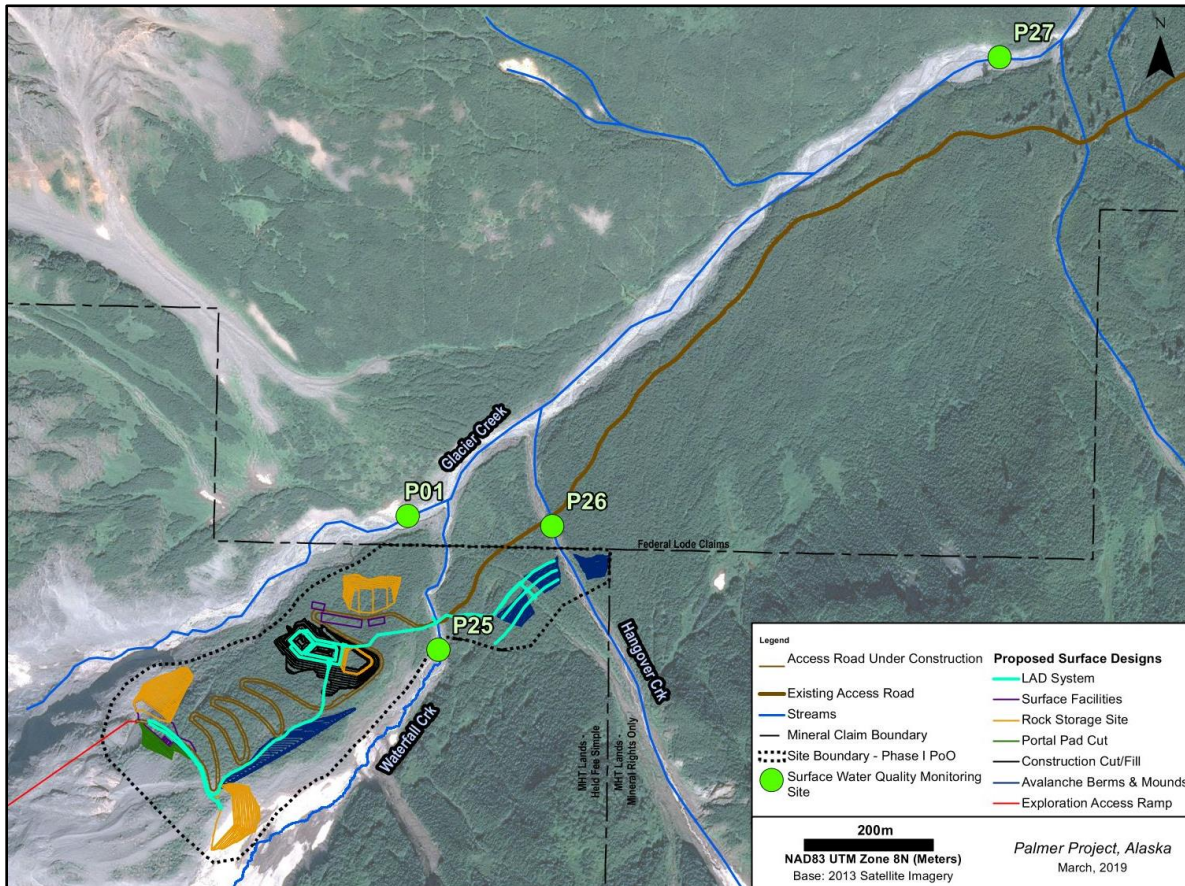


Figure 1 WMP Surface water quality monitoring stations

Table 1 Surface water monitoring stations

Station	Station Location	Description	Date sampling initiated	No. of water quality sampling events
P01	Upper Glacier Creek	Upstream of exploration impacted area; near source of Glacier Creek	September, 2008	38
P27	Midpoint of Glacier Creek	Below exploration impacted area	February, 2017	38
P25	Waterfall Creek	Downgradient of the proposed LAD upper diffuser	February, 2017	27
P26	Hangover Creek	Downgradient of the proposed LAD lower diffuser	July, 2017	26

2.1.2 WATER QUALITY

As per the WMP (Section 2.5.5.2), surface water is monitored on a quarterly basis at four sites: P01, P27, P25, and P26 (see Figure 1 and Table 1). All sites were sampled in the fourth quarter of 2023 (Table 2).

Trigger limits are defined in the WMP for P27, P25, and P26. Water quality parameters fell below the defined trigger limits during the fourth quarter of 2023 for all surface water monitoring stations (See Table 3).

P01, the upper sampling station on Glacier Creek, was sampled during all four quarters. Metal exceedances of AWQS were observed in the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Quarter of 2023 for Total Aluminum, Total Iron, Total Manganese, Total Vanadium and DO saturation (see Table 4)

P25 is located on Waterfall Creek, a tributary of Glacier Creek's uppermost headwaters and was sampled during all four quarters. As in previous years, exceedances of AWQS occurred for selenium, sulfate, and TDS (Table 4). Concentrations of selenium, sulfate and TDS were similar to previous years with concentrations being slightly above AWQS. None of the AWQS exceedances for P25 were above the WMP triggers in 2023.

P26 is located on Hangover Creek, a tributary of Glacier Creek. P26 was sampled during all four quarters. Exceedances occurred in the 2nd and 3rd quarter. Similar to 2022 for this site, total manganese was just slightly above AWQS limits but not above WMP triggers.

P27 is located at the midpoint of Glacier Creek and below exploration activities. P27 was sampled during all four quarters. Exceedances occurred in the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th quarters. Concentrations of iron and lead exceeded WMP trigger limits in the 2nd quarter of 2023.

Concentrations of water quality parameters at each surface water monitoring station over time are presented graphically in Appendix A, and raw water quality data is digitally available in Appendix B.

Table 2 Surface water monitoring stations sampled in 2023

Station	Quarters Sampled
P01	1, 2, 3 & 4
P25	1, 2, 3 & 4
P26	1, 2, 3 & 4
P27	1, 2, 3 & 4

Table 3 Q4 2023 Surface water quality results compared to WMP trigger limits

Parameter	Units	P25		P26		P27	
		Result	Trigger	Result	Trigger	Result	Trigger
aluminum	mg/L	0.0629	10	0.0427	21	1.18	43
arsenic	µg/L	<0.10 U	10	0.11	10	0.18	10
cadmium	µg/L	0.0343	0.37	0.0188	0.79	0.187	0.39
calcium	mg/L	162	NA	95.8	NA	65.3	NA
copper	µg/L	<0.50 U	24	<0.50 U	70	4.40	133
iron	mg/L	0.118	16	0.061	39	2.25	16
lead	µg/L	<0.05 U	4.3	<0.05 U	4.3	1.36	6.4
magnesium	mg/L	20.8	NA	7.55	NA	9.78	NA
manganese	µg/L	5.62	290	2.40	970	116	2200
mercury	µg/L	<0.0050 U	0.012	<0.0050 U	0.012	<0.0050 U	0.012
nitrate as N	mg/L	0.146 J	10	0.0325 J	10	0.121 J	10
pH	s.u.	8.25	<6.5 or >8.5	8.22	<6.5 or >8.5	7.99	<6.5 or >8.5
selenium	µg/L	5.18	8.2	3.58	5	1.67	5
sulfate	mg/L	408	650	207	299	141	268
total dissolved solids	mg/L	683	1037	379	573	279	500
zinc	µg/L	<3.0 U	146	<3.0 U	147	113	470

Table 4 2023 Annual surface water quality results compared to AWQS

Station ID	Parameter	Date of Exceedance	Concentration (mg/L, STD)	AWQS (mg/L)
P01	Aluminum- Total	6/21/2023	34.9	0.75
		9/2/2023	10.3	
		10/2/2023	2.11, 1.10	
	DO Saturation	6/21/2023	116.7	110
	Iron- Total	6/21/2023	56.8	1
		9/2/2023	19.2	
		10/2/2023	3.83, 2.18	
	Manganese- Total	6/21/2023	1.25	0.05
9/2/2023		0.503		
10/2/2023		.170, .135		
Vanadium- Total	6/21/2023	0.155	0.1	
P25	DO Saturation	6/21/2023	117.4, 117.4	110
	Selenium- Total	9/2/2023	0.00528	0.005
		10/2/2023	0.00518	
	Sulfate (SO4)	2/23/2023	310	250
		9/2/2023	426,430	
		10/2/023	408	
	Total Dissolved Solids	2/23/2023	525	500
		9/2/2023	737, 738	
10/2/2023		683		
P26	Aluminum- Total	6/21/2023	1.12	0.75
		9/2/2023	1.38	
	DO Saturation	6/21/2023	115.8	110
	Iron- Total	6/21/2023	1.94	1
		9/2/2023	2.44	
Manganese- Total	9/2/2023	0.0561	0.05	
P27	Aluminum- Total	6/21/2023	14.2	0.75
		9/2/2023	12.2	
		10/2/2023	1.18	
	DO Saturation	6/21/2023	116.7	110
	Iron- Total	6/21/2023	24.1	1
		9/2/2023	22.6	
		10/2/2023	2.25	
	Manganese- Total	6/21/2023	0.54	0.05
9/2/2023		0.582		
10/2/2023		0.116		

2.1.3 WATER QUANTITY

Constantine voluntarily collects hydrometric data from the monitoring stations, when safe to do so. Data was collected at surface water sites P25 and P27 in the first quarter of 2023. Due to high waters in Q2, data was only collected at P01 and P27 (see Figure 2). Hydrometric data was not collected for these sites during Q4.

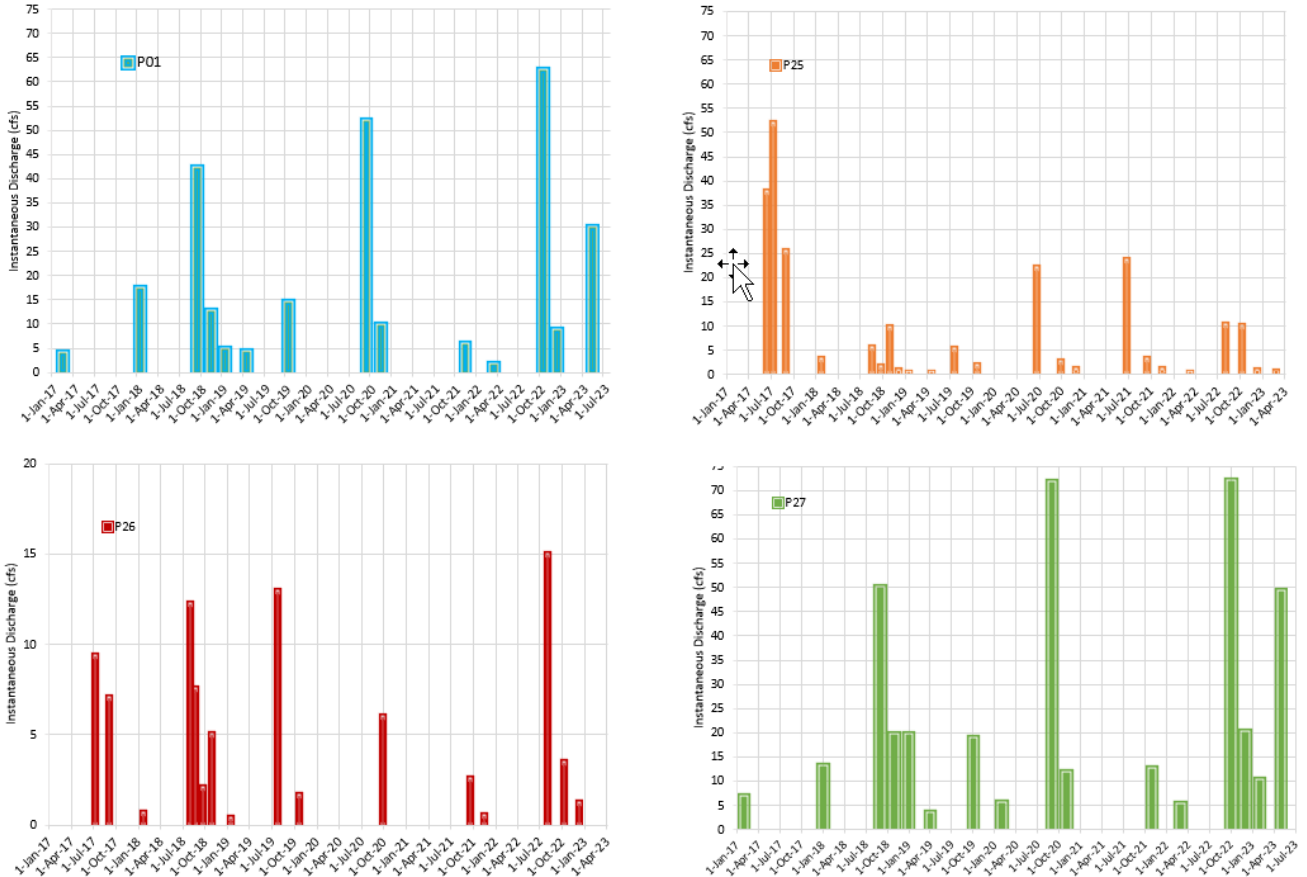


Figure 2 Flow measurements collected from surface water monitoring stations over time

2.2 Groundwater Monitoring

2.2.1 Background

In 2018 Constantine developed two groundwater monitoring wells above and below the proposed LAD lower diffuser site (MW-01 and MW-02, respectively), and began sampling on a quarterly basis. Groundwater monitoring sites are depicted in Figure 3. On June 2nd 2023, DEC approved the amendment to update monitoring sites in response to the updated LAD design which removed MW-01 and MW-02 from monitoring plan and replaced them with MW-04-S and MW-05. Because the amendment occurred during the second quarter, Constantine reported on all four groundwater sites during Q2. During Q4 reporting for groundwater was meant to report on MW-04-S and MW-05 depicted in Figure 4 but, due to low water levels, MW-05 was not able to be collected.

Water quality sampling and analytical procedures have been performed in accordance with Constantine's QAPP, prepared by Integral Consulting in 2018 and revised by HDR in October 2019 (as per Section 2.5.5.6 of the WMP). Samples are analyzed by ALS Environmental Laboratory for conventional parameters, settleable solids, cations/anions, total/dissolved metals following SM and EPA methods. Field parameters including pH are also collected at each site during the sampling event (more detail is available in the Project QAPP).

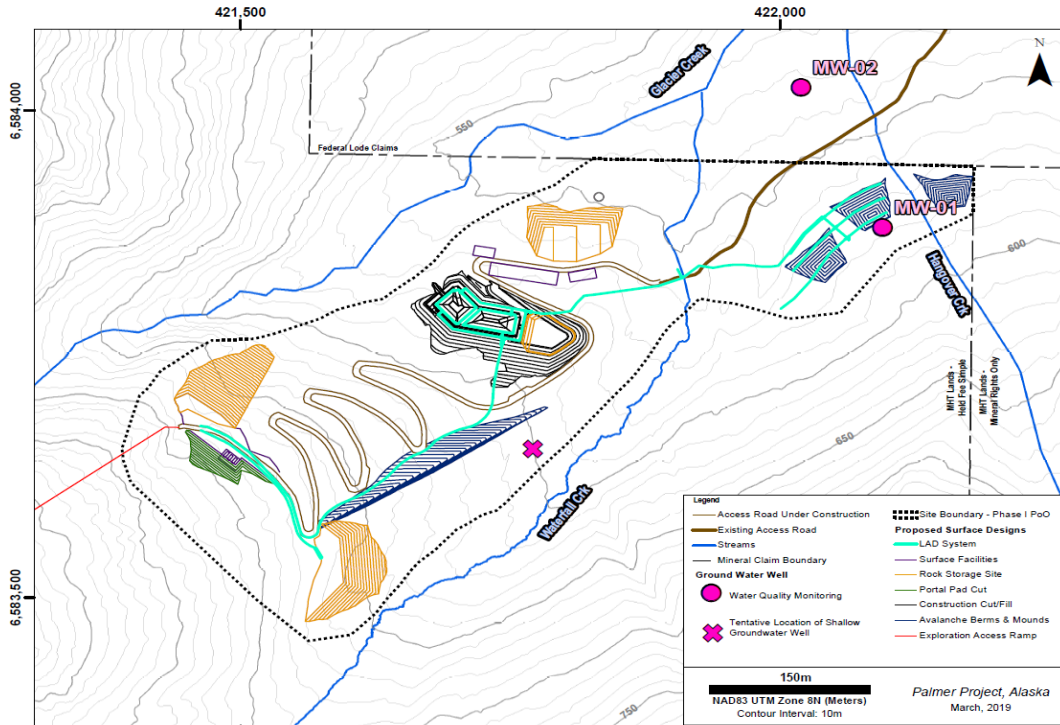


Figure 3 WMP Groundwater quality monitoring stations MW-01 & MW-02

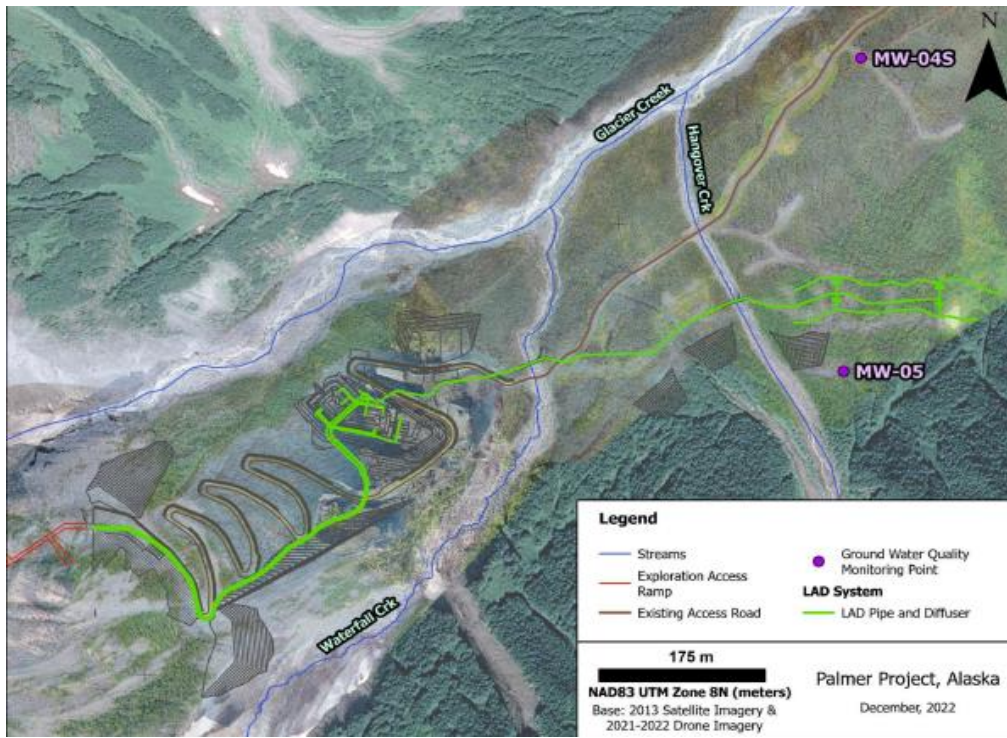


Figure 4 WMP Groundwater quality monitoring stations MW-05 & MW-04-S

Table 5 Groundwater Monitoring Stations

Station	Description	Date sampling initiated	No. of water quality sampling events
MW-04-S	Upgradient of proposed LAD lower diffuser	November, 2021	16
MW-05	Downgradient of proposed LAD lower diffuser	November, 2021	15

2.2.2 Water Quality

As per the amended WMP (Section 2.5.5.1), groundwater is to be monitored on a quarterly basis at two well sites: MW-04-S and MW-05 (Figure 4 and Table 5). During Q4 2023, well MW-05 was dry so samples couldn't be collected. Trigger limits have been defined in the WMP for MW-04-S. Parameters fell below permit trigger limits besides copper, cadmium and mercury during the fourth quarter of 2023 (See Table 6).

MW-04-S was sampled in all four quarters of 2023 (Table 6). There were exceedances of AWQS in Total Aluminum, Iron and Manganese at this location in every quarter this year (See Table 8)

MW-05 was only sampled in quarters one and two; during quarters three and four water levels were too low to gather sufficient data (Table 6). There was one exceedance of AWQS in total aluminum during the second quarter of 2023, which can also be seen in Table 8.

Concentrations of water quality parameters at groundwater monitoring stations over time are presented graphically in Appendix A, and raw water quality data is digitally available in Appendix B.

Table 6 Groundwater monitoring stations sampled in 2023

Station	Quarters Sampled
MW-05	1,2
MW-04-S	1,2, 3 & 4

Table 7 MW-04-S Q2 Water Quality Results Compared to WMP Trigger Limits

MW-04-S	Result	Trigger	Label
aluminum	10.4	15	mg/L
arsenic	2.18	10	µg/L
cadmium	<u>0.471</u>	0.4	µg/L
calcium	52.4	NA	mg/L
copper	<u>75.1</u>	53	µg/L
iron	20.9	29	mg/L
lead	<u>8.51</u>	6.2	µg/L
magnesium	11.8	NA	mg/L
manganese	542	550	µg/L
mercury	<u>0.0143</u>	0.012	µg/L
nitrate as N	0.819 J	10	mg/L
pH	7.53	<6.5 or >8.5	s.u.
selenium	2.82	5	µg/L
sulfate	27.4	250	mg/L
total dissolved solids	218	500	mg/L
zinc	125	186	µg/L

Table 8 Annual groundwater quality results compared to AWQS

Station ID	Parameter	Date of Exceedance	Concentration (mg/L, STD)	AWQS (mg/L)
MW-04-S	Aluminum- Total	2/24/2023	1.88	0.75
		6/21/2023	5.92	
		9/1/2023	3.12	
		10/1/2023	10.4	
	Iron- Total	2/24/2023	4.04	1
		6/21/2023	11.7	
		9/1/2023	6.13	
		10/1/2023	20.9	
	Manganese- Total	2/24/2023	0.125	0.05
		6/21/2023	0.289	
		9/1/2023	0.156	
		10/1/2023	0.542	
MW-05	Aluminum- Total	6/25/2023	0.223	0.087

2.2.3 Groundwater Level and Temperature

Groundwater depth and temperature has been voluntarily collected since well installation in August 2018 and November 2021. Groundwater level is measured in each groundwater monitoring well once every 6 hours, using transducers installed at the bottom of each well. Pressure transducer depth is compensated using barometric pressure, and depths are verified with manual measurements of the water level recorded during each sampling event.

Groundwater level data was downloaded at MW-04-S and MW-05 during the third quarter sampling event of 2023 but was not collected during fourth quarter (See Figure 5 & Figure 6).

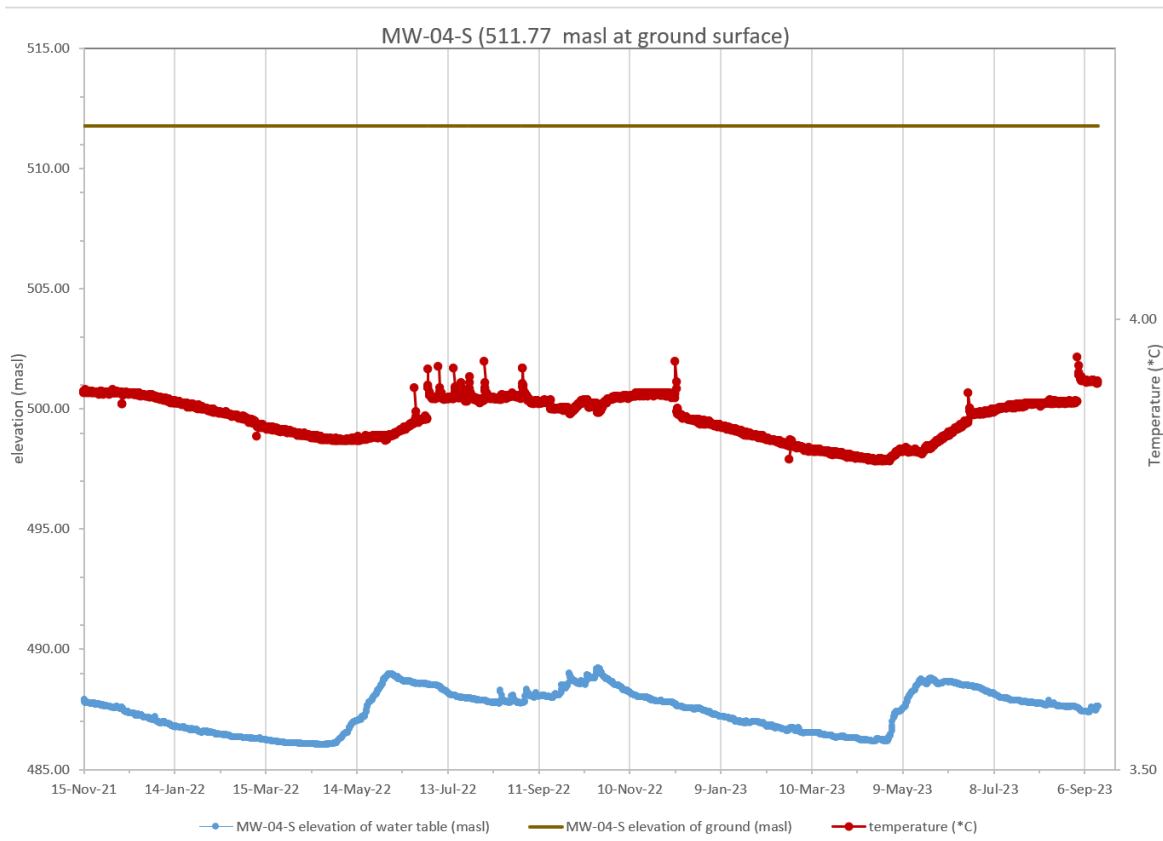


Figure 5 MW-04-S : Groundwater level and temperature over time

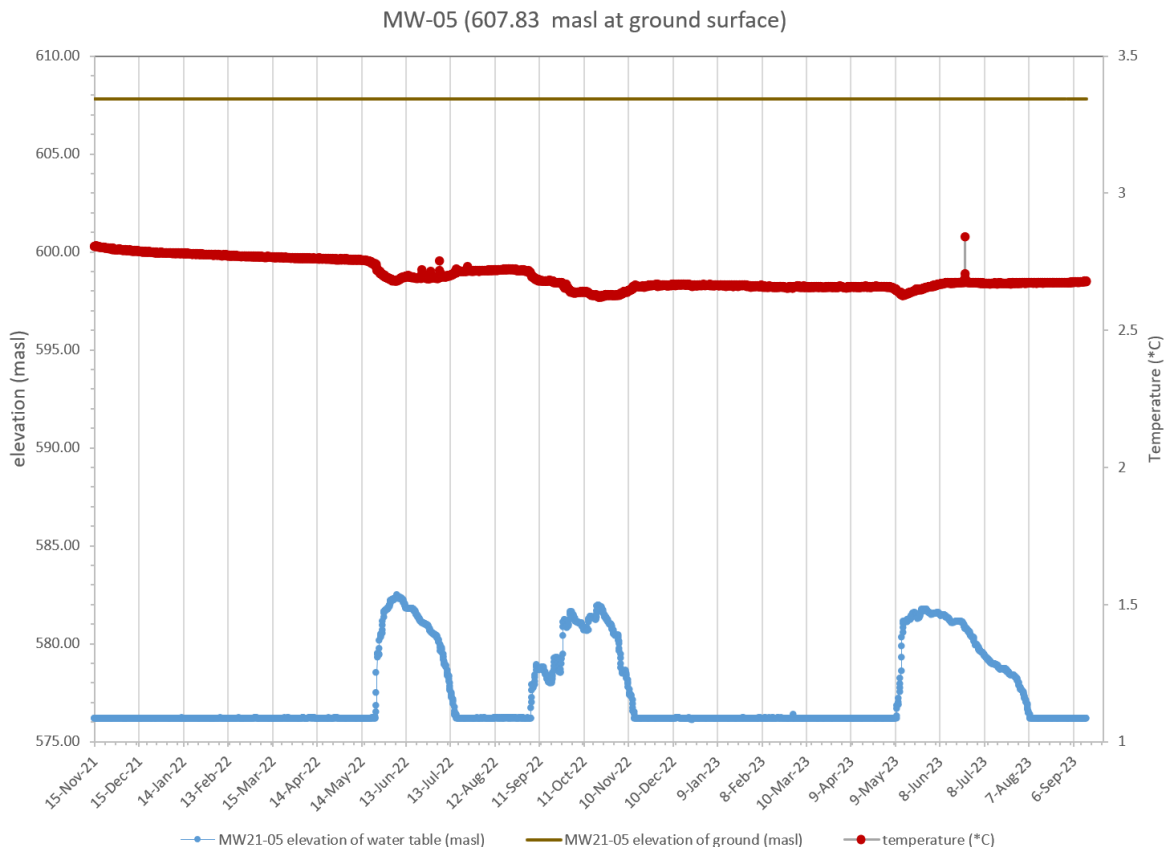


Figure 6 MW-05: Groundwater level and temperature over time

2.3 Meteorological Monitoring

Constantine voluntarily collects hourly meteorological data from two stations in the Project Area. The Annual Meteorological Report (2022/2023) is available to State regulators upon request.

3.0 OTHER COMPLIANCE ITEMS, UPDATES AND STUDIES

3.1 WMP COMPLIANCE

The following deliverables have been completed in compliance with the Waste Management Permit:

	WMP Section	Detail
1	Section 2.5	The monitoring plan (initially submitted in March 2019) was updated and submitted to the DEC on October 15, 2019.
2	Section 2.5.5.6	An updated QAPP was finalized by HDR and submitted to DEC on October 15, 2019.
3	Section 2.6.2	A quarterly report summarizing monitoring activities for Q3 was submitted to DEC on November 29, 2019. This report included historical data; all stations were successfully sampled.

	WMP Section	Detail
4	Section 2.6.3	An annual report summarizing 2019 monitoring activities (Q3 and Q4) was submitted to DEC on February 29 th , 2020. This report included historical data.
5	Section 2.6.2	A quarterly report summarizing monitoring activities for Q1 was submitted to DEC on May 28, 2020. This report included historical data. Note that despite several attempts, only P27 was collected during the Q1 sampling event due to safety issues (avalanche and evolving COVID-19 situation)
6	Section 2.6.2	A quarterly report summarizing monitoring activities for Q2 was submitted to DEC on Aug 29, 2020. This report included historical data; all stations were successfully sampled.
7	Section 2.6.2	A quarterly report summarizing monitoring activities for Q3 was submitted to DEC on Nov 20, 2020. This report included historical data; all stations were successfully sampled.
8	Section 2.6.2	An annual report summarizing 2020 monitoring activities was submitted to DEC on February 27 th , 2021. This report included historical data.
9	Section 2.6.2	A quarterly report summarizing monitoring activities for Q1 was submitted to DEC on May, 28, 2021. This report included historical data. Note that sampling for the first quarter of 2021 was not completed due to health and safety concerns in the field and complications due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.
10	Section 2.6.2	A quarterly report summarizing monitoring activities for Q2 was submitted to DEC on August 28, 2021. This report included historical data; all stations were successfully sampled.
11	Section 2.6.2	A quarterly report summarizing monitoring activities for Q3 was submitted to DEC on November 4, 2021. This report included historical data; all stations were successfully sampled.
12	Section 2.6.3	An annual report summarizing 2021 monitoring activities was submitted to DEC on February 28 th , 2022. This report included historical data.
13	Section 2.6.2	A quarterly report summarizing monitoring activities for Q1 was submitted to DEC on May 30, 2022. This report included historical data; all stations were successfully sampled.
14	Section 2.6.2	A quarterly report summarizing monitoring activities for Q2 was submitted to DEC on August 30, 2022. This report included historical data; all stations were successfully sampled.
15	Section 2.6.2	A quarterly report summarizing monitoring activities for Q3 was submitted to DEC on November 30, 2022. This report included historical data; all stations were successfully sampled.
16	Section 2.6.3	An annual report summarizing 2022 monitoring activities was submitted to DEC on February 24, 2022. This report included historical data; all stations were successfully sampled.
17	Section 2.6.3	A quarterly report summarizing monitoring activities for Q1 was submitted to DEC on May 30, 2023. This report included historical data; all stations were successfully sampled.
18	Section 2.6.3	A quarterly report summarizing monitoring activities for Q2 was submitted to DEC on August 30, 2023. This report included historical data; all stations were successfully sampled.
19	Section 2.6.3	A quarterly report summarizing monitoring activities for Q3 was submitted to DEC on November 30, 2023. This report included historical data; MW-04-S was successfully sampled, MW-05 was not because the well was dry.
20	Section 2.6.3	An annual report summarizing monitoring activities for Q4 and the 2023 season was submitted to DEC on February 14 th , 2024 This report included historical data; MW-04-S was successfully sampled, MW-05 was not because the well was dry.

3.2 HYDROGEOLOGY WORK

Constantine conducted hydrogeological work in 2020 and 2021 to support the redesign of the Wastewater Discharge System. On April 14, 2022, Constantine formally requested an ADEC Nondomestic Wastewater System Plan Review of the updated design for the entire wastewater discharge system, including the design for the water treatment plant. On May 27, 2022, ADEC granted conditional approval to construct the redesigned Wastewater Discharge System. During the 2023 field season Constantine continued to monitor ground water level and temperature to build upon the hydrogeological dataset in the vicinity of the Wastewater Discharge System. In addition to the wells in the vicinity of the Wastewater Discharge System, Constantine monitored water level and temperature in wells throughout the Project area.

4.0 FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Addressing Annual Reporting Section 2.6.3.3: Financial responsibility was updated in 2022 with the modification of the Reclamation Plan Approval, issued on May 13, 2022. A total financial assurance amount of \$1,074,000 was approved by ADNR for the Palmer Project. On June 13, 2022 Constantine requested a phased approach to the financial assurance, with Constantine providing an initial financial assurance in the amount of \$392,000 for the existing disturbance and the proposed surface disturbance for the 2022 season. ADNR approved this proposal on May 13, 2022. Constantine provided financial assurance for the initial \$392,000 on June 21 2022. As the WMP Permit is set to expire in July of 2024, and a re-application is due 120 days prior to expiration, Constantine will be revising the financial assurance to reflect updated costs to reclaim given the time that has elapsed since the initial estimate.

Construction of the revised Wastewater Discharge System, approved by the DEC was initiated in Q3 2022, with 80% of pond #1 excavated and minor grubbing and earthworks to prepare for pipeline installation. No other earthworks related to the LAD construction were conducted.

Prior to the initiation of any underground development of the approved exploration ramp, Constantine will provide a new Financial Assurance that reflects the complete cost estimate for surface and underground reclamation as proposed and subject to any adjustments (\$1,074,000).

5.0 SUMMARY

Construction of the revised Wastewater Discharge System, approved by the DEC was initiated in Q3 2022, with 80% of pond #1 excavated and minor grubbing and earthworks to prepare for pipeline installation. No other earthworks related to the LAD construction were conducted. Therefore, visual, development rock, and water quality monitoring associated with proposed Project infrastructure has not yet begun.

Quarterly sampling was successfully completed in 2023 at all four Surface Water Monitoring locations and MW-04-S but, because of low water levels at MW-05, samples were collected only during quarters one and two.

Additional monitoring in 2023 included groundwater level and temperature measurement and the ongoing collection of meteorological data.

6.0 REFERENCES

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