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Dear Jason,

Wood Environment & Infrastructure Solutions, a division of Wood Canada Limited is pleased to submit the final report documenting the 2021 Annual Performance Review for the Beaverdell Mine Tailings Storage Facilities. The embankments of the North and South Tailings Storage Facilities were reviewed and are performing satisfactorily.

Should you have any questions or comments, please contact us.

Sincerely,

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# **Executive Summary**

This Annual Facility Performance Review (AFPR) summarizes the performance of the tailings storage facilities (TSFs) at Teck Legacy Properties' Beaverdell Mine. Wood Environment & Infrastructure Solutions (Wood) prepared this AFPR report, in accordance with the requirements of the Health, Safety and Reclamation Code for Mines in British Columbia (HRSC), Ministry of Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Innovation (EMLI).

Based on Teck's operational and monitoring information and the on-site facility review, Wood considers that the performance of the tailings impoundment and water management facilities continues to be satisfactory. The following list provides the information to be included in the executive summary for facilities as required by the Health Safety and Reclamation Code Guidance Document (EMLI, 2016).

#### a) Summary of Facility Description

The Beaverdell Mine was an underground operation developed adjacent to the community of Beaverdell, BC, which is located 87 kilometers (km) from Kelowna via BC Highway 33. The mine adits were located on the mountainside on Wallace Mountain to the east of Beaverdell, the mine mill facilities and tailings storage facilities (TSFs) were located approximately 0.5 km west of the town along the east side of the West Kettle River. The TSFs are located in the valley of the West Kettle River with Cranberry Ridge to the west and the river to the east.

The TSF infrastructure is divided into the South TSF area consisting of five cells (Cells 1 through 5), and the North TSF area consisting of two cells (Cells 6 and 7). The TSF cells were constructed through use of embankments and natural topographic features (e.g., bedrock outcropping), to contain tailings generated at the mill facility. No information is available on the operation of the TSF prior to 1970. The South TSF was in operation until 1980. The North TSF was in operation from 1988 through to decommissioning of the mill in 1991.

#### b) Summary of Key Hazards

A formal assessment of credible modes of failure is planned for Q2 2022; however, an assessment of the identified credible hazards was completed based on observations during the site reconnaissance and data provided by Teck. Subsequent AFPRs will summarize the credible failure modes based on the results of the formal assessment. TSFs can experience failure by one of three failure mechanisms – instability, internal erosion and overtopping.

Failure by internal erosion has been determined to be close to non-credible for the North TSF and South TSF. This is primarily because the embankments are unsaturated based on the piezometric and cone penetration data.

Failure by overtopping is also considered to be close to non-credible. The spillway for Cell 3 was upgraded to pass the 24-hour event. Cells 6 and 7 have the storage capacity to store the IDF. In the event of a precipitation event greater than the IDF, the Cell 7 spillway will become active.

Currently, failure by instability is also considered to be close to non-credible (static drained condition) to unlikely (seismic loading condition) for both the North and South TSFs.



While not a failure mode for the entire facility, the proximity of the West Kettle River to the South TSF poses a potentially credible erosion mechanism. This is primarily based on observed flooding that occurred in 2018 that while no erosion from the facilities occurred, the potential was present. The West Kettle River poses a risk to the South TSF. Following the 2018 flooding riprap was installed to protect the TSF up to and including a 1/200-year event, At the time of the annual site reconnaissance the rip rap was in good condition though the peak flow during the reporting period was significantly less than 1/200-year event. The North TSF is well above the West Kettle River and the risk posed to it is considered to be negligible.

#### c) Classification of Failure

Teck has advised that they are aligned with the most conservative interpretation of the Global Industry Standards for Tailings Management (GISTM) and will adopt the extreme consequence case design loading for any facility with a credible flow failure mode. This is consistent with Teck's safety culture.

#### d) Summary of Significant Changes

There have not been significant changes at or around the Beaverdell TSFs.

#### e) Significant Changes in Instrumentation and/or Visual Monitoring Records

Twelve vibrating wire piezometers (VWPs) were installed at the Beaverdell TSFs in 2020. The limited data available to date suggest that piezometric levels are generally at or below the original ground surface. The data also suggest that the water levels beneath the TSFs fluctuate with the seasons which is expected.

#### f) Significant Changes to Embankment Stability and/or Surface Water Control

There have been no changes to embankment stability or surface water control during the reporting period

#### g) Summary of review of Operation, Maintenance and Surveillance Manual

The operations, maintenance and surveillance manual (OMS) for the TSFs was updated by Teck in November 2021 (Teck, 2021). The OMS manual was revised by the RTFE to reflect changes in roles and responsibilities, include the flood response protocol and updates based on the 2020 site investigation, the consolidated hydrological report and the West Kettle River armoring.

#### h) Summary of Review of Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan

The mine emergency preparedness and response plan (EPRP) was last updated in February 2018. Dam safety and EPRP MERP training was provided to the EOR as well as the deputy EOR via a PowerPoint presentation provide by Teck. A more recent update of the EPRP MERP reportedly is available but has not been finalized by Teck. A tabletop exercise of the EPRP MERP was held in September 2021.

#### i) Scheduled date for formal Dam Safety Review

A dam safety review DSR as required by the HSRC is currently underway. The site visit portion was completed in September 2021

#### j) Summary of AFPR Conclusions and Recommendations

The Beaverdell Mine TSFs are in good condition and well maintained. Stewardship is appropriate to the level of risk. Recommendations from previous annual performance reports and their status are provided in Table 8-1. Recommendations based on observations from the 2021 annual site reconnaissance and the information made available by Teck are provided in Table 8-2.

A summary of the 2021 recommendations is as follows:



- Operation and maintenance of the remote monitoring system should be included in the OMS manual. The remote monitoring system should be checked at a minimum during routine inspections. Information for accessing remote monitoring system should be outlined in the OMS. A process for responding to loss of data transmission should be outlined.
- Precipitation is based on historical data and a correction factor is used to adjust more current precipitation data available from surrounding weather stations. If site-specific climate data is required for final closure planning and execution, consideration should be given to installing an automated weather station at the site.
- There a several broken perimeter fence posts and wires that should be repaired. The road along the West Kettle River is an attractive trail and easily accessed by the public. The signage along West Kettle River should be assessed with respect to informing the public of the TSF boundaries.
- Deformation monitoring by InSAR or similar should be considered as the embankments and tailings surfaces are not monitored for deformation and/or subsidence.

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#### **List of Acronyms and Abbreviations**

- Annual Facility Performance Review AFPR
- DSR Dam Safety Review
- EOR **Engineer of Record**
- EMLI British Columbia Ministry of Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Innovation
- EPRP Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan
- GISTM Global Industry Standards for Tailings Management
- HSRC Health Safety and Reclamation Code for Mines in British Columbia
- ITRB Independent Tailings Review Board
- OMS Operations, Maintenance and Surveillance
- RTFE **Responsible Tailings Facility Engineer**
- TSF Tailings Storage Facility
- VWP Vibrating Wire Piezometer



# 1.0 Introduction

#### 1.1 Scope of Report

Teck requires all of its tailings facilities, whether active or legacy, to have a minimum level of governance that includes an Engineer of Record (EoR). One of the key responsibilities for that EoR is to have that individual create an annual report summarizing the performance of the facility over the reporting period along with recommendations for the following period in terms of continual improvement opportunities based upon observations made. Teck's requirements are mirrored in some jurisdictions, such as British Columbia, by regulatory reporting requirements for Annual Facility Performance Reviews (AFPR). In British Columbia, the regulations require that the ARPR addresses the reporting period and be submitted no later than 31 March of the following year. The scope of this report addresses the period spanning October 2020 through September 2021, which is referred to as the "reporting period". Information presented is based on observations made during site visits, analysis of instrumentation and monitoring data, reviews of construction activities and correspondence. The report generally does not address changes or conditions after the end of the reporting period unless a specific remarkable event occurred.

#### **1.2** Annual Reporting Requirements

This report was prepared in accordance with the requirements of the British Columbia Ministry of Energy, Mines and Low-Carbon Innovation (EMLI) presented in the April 2021 "Health Safety and Reclamation Code for Mines in BC" (HSRC) and the July 2016 "Guidance Document – Health, Safety and Reclamation Code (HSRC) for Mines in British Columbia" (HSRC Guidance Document).

The numbered items required for the AFPR (formerly known as Dam Safety Inspections, or DSIs) by Section 4.2 of the HSRC Guidance Document are found in the following sections of this report.

- 1. Executive Summary precedes the Table of Contents
- 2. Facility Description Section 2.0 and Appendix A
- 3. Identification of Engineer of Record (EOR) and TSF Qualified Person Section 1.3
- 4. Plan and Cross-sections ( (Golder Associates Ltd., 2021) Appendix B
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- 12. Instrumentation review Section 5.0 and Appendix E
- 13. Recommendations Sections 7.0 and 8.0.

#### **1.3** Roles and Responsibilities

The Beaverdell Mine TSFs are regulated by the HRSC. The TSFs meet the definition of mining dams as defined in the HSRC. As required by the HRSC, the Beaverdell TSFs are required to have a Responsible Tailings Facility Engineer (Tailings Storage Facility Qualified Person) and an Engineer of Record.

#### 1.3.1 Responsible Tailings Facility Engineer

The Responsible Tailings Facility Engineer (RTFE) for the Beaverdell TSF is Jason McBain, P.Eng. of Teck Resources Ltd. The RTFE is responsible for the integrity of the TSF. The RTFE is responsible for the scope of work and budget requirements for the tailings facility, including risk management.

#### 1.3.2 Engineer of Record

The Engineer of Record (EOR) for the Beaverdell TSF is Dixie Ann Simon, P.Eng. on behalf of Wood Environment & Infrastructure. Ms. Simon replaced John Cunning, P.Eng. as EOR effective 01 May 2021. The EOR is responsible for confirming that the tailings facility is designed, constructed, and decommissioned with appropriate concern for integrity of the facility, and that it aligns with and meets applicable regulations, statutes, guidelines, codes, and standards

Jason Chen, P.Eng. serves as deputy or alternative EOR also on behalf of Wood.

#### 1.3.3 Third-Party Oversight

Per the requirements of the February 2017 update to the HSRC, Teck convened an Independent Technical Review Board (ITRB) to provide on-going independent review of the Beaverdell TSF. ITRB has met yearly since it was first convened in January 2018. ITRB board members currently are Randy Knapp, Howard Plewes and Rick Rodman.

Two virtual ITRB meetings were held in 2021. A meeting specific to the work completed by the former EOR was held on 8 September 2021. A second virtual ITRB meeting was held on 22 and 23 September. Representatives of Teck and Wood as well as the ITRB members were in attendance at both virtual meetings.

#### **1.4** Authorizations

The Beaverdell TSF is operated under the following permits:

- British Columbia Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources (currently Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Innovation) Permit No. M-17, last amended 11 June 2021
- British Columbia Ministry of Environment Effluent Permit No. PE-444, last amended 22 April 2021

# 2.0 Background

#### 2.1 Elevation Datum and Coordinate System

The current global coordinate system used for surface works at the mine is the North American Datum of 1983 (NAD 83) with coordinates projected to Universal Transverse Mercator (UTM) Zone 11 and the geodetic datum is Canadian Geodetic Vertical Datum (CGVD) 2013.

#### 2.2 Tailings Storage Facility Description and Development

The Beaverdell Mine was an underground operation developed adjacent to the community of Beaverdell, BC, which is located 87 kilometers (km) from Kelowna via BC Highway 33. The location of the Beaverdell Mine is shown in Figure 1. Silver was the main ore extracted from the mine, with appreciable quantities of lead, zinc, gold, and cadmium. The Beaverdell Mine was acquired by Teck Corporation Limited in 1969 or 1970 and continued production until 1991, when the mine and ancillary operations were permanently closed. The Beaverdell Mine is now a closed facility under active care and maintenance, with no current or future planned mining activities.



While the mine adits were located in the mountainside on Wallace Mountain to the east of Beaverdell, the mine mill facilities and tailings storage facility (TSF) were located approximately 0.5 km west of the town along the east side of the West Kettle River. The TSFs are located in the valley of the West Kettle River with Cranberry Ridge to the west and the river to the east. The locations of the North and South TSFs relative to surrounding physical features are shown in Figure 2.

The TSF infrastructure is divided into the South TSF area consisting of five cells (Cells 1 through 5), and the North TSF area consisting of two cells (Cells 6 and 7). The TSF cells were constructed through use of embankments and natural topographic features (e.g., bedrock outcropping), to contain tailings generated at the mill facility. No information is available on the operation of the TSF prior to 1970. The South TSF was in operation until 1980. The North TSF was in operation from 1988 through to decommissioning of the mill in 1991.

Detailed descriptions of the North and South TSFs are provided in Sections 2.2.1 and 2.2.2. The primary source for this information is the 2020 Annual Facility Inspection (Golder Associates Ltd., 2021). Wood has not independently confirmed all of the information, specifically the detailed information contained in the tables. Facility data sheets are provided in Appendix A. As-built information is not available; however, cross-sections have been developed based on current topography and historical design reports (Golder Associates Ltd., 2021). Copies are included in Appendix B.

#### 2.2.1 Detailed Description of South Tailings Storage Facility

The South TSF consists of five cells (Cells 1 through 5). The South TSF is bounded by natural topography on the north and west sides. Embankments on east and south sides contain the tailings; specifically, the eastern embankments of Cells 3, 4, and 5, southern embankments of Cells 1 and 5 and western embankment of Cell 1.

Information on the design and construction of Cells 1 through 4 is not available. A design report is available for Cell 5 (R. F. Binnie Associates Ltd., 1973); however, construction records are not available. Cell 5 dam, if constructed as designed, likely was formed using local materials excavated from the interior of the cell and the downstream method of construction. Though no records are available for Cell 4, it is likely that it also was constructed in a manner similar to Cell 5 based on observations.

There is a decommissioned decant tower in Cell 5. The decant tower was decommissioned by filling it with foam based on observations. The location of the decant tower is shown in Figure 2. The decant tower reportedly discharged to a supernatant pond that historically existed downstream of the southwest corner of Cell 5; however, evidence or remnants of the decant discharge pipe is not visible on the downstream Cell 5 slope.

#### 2.2.1.1 Dimensions of South TSF Perimeter Embankments.

The dimensions of the South TSF perimeter embankments as determined by Golder are provided in Table 2-1 (Golder Associates Ltd., 2021). Golder estimated the dimensions based on the 2018 LiDAR survey and their observations. The maximum height is about 10 m, located on the Cell 1 dam. The total length of the perimeter embankments is about 1,010 m. The upstream slopes of Cell 1 could not be observed as they are covered with tailings. Cell 2 does not have a containment dam or a divider dyke between it and Cell 4. Cell 2 appears essentially continuous with Cell 4. The dimensions of the South TSF perimeter embankments as determined by Golder are provided in Table 2-1.



Cell	Downstream Slope (H:V)	Upstream Slope (H:V)	Exterior Crest Length <sup>1</sup> (m)	Crest Width (m)	Embankment Height (m)	Approximate Minimum Crest Elevation <sup>2</sup> (m)
1	2.0:1 to 4:1	Not known	110	1 to 3	3 to 10	785.5
2	N/A <sup>3</sup>	N/A <sup>3</sup>	N/A <sup>3</sup>	N/A <sup>3</sup>	N/A <sup>3</sup>	N/A <sup>3</sup>
3	1.5:1 to 2.4:1	1.5:1 to 3:1	360	1 to 5	2 to 3	781.1
4	1.2:1 to 1.4:1	1.5:1 <sup>4</sup>	240	3 to 3.5	7 to 8	785
5	1.3:1 to 2.5:1	1.5:1 <sup>4</sup>	300	3 to 6	7 to 9	785

1. Crest length includes only that portion of the dam that forms the TSF perimeter

2. Elevations are in CGVD2013

3. Does not form a portion of the TSF perimeter; does not appear to have a containment dam or a dyke between it and Cell 4

4. Based on original design drawings

#### 2.2.1.2 South TSF Spillways

Golder determined the dimensions of the South TSF internal spillways based on the 2018 LiDAR survey and their observations during site inspections (Golder Associates Ltd., 2021). There is a spillway through the divider dyke between Cell 3 and Cell 4 that allows water from Cell 4 to flow to Cell 3. This spillway has a base width of 3 m, a minimum depth of 1 m and side slopes of 2H:1V. The invert elevation is approximately 784.5 m. It is trapezoidal in shape and partially armored with riprap.

There is a small, partially armored spillway through the divider dyke between Cell 4 and Cell 5 that allows water to flow from Cell 5 to Cell 4. The invert elevation is approximately 785.0 m.

The Cell 3 external spillway was upgraded in 2019 (Golder Associates Ltd, 2019c). The Cell 3 spillway in trapezoidal in shape with a minimum base width of 13.6 m at the invert and a longitudinal slope of 5H:1V. The invert elevation is 780.4 m. It armored with a 0.66 m thick layer of Class 50 riprap. The spillway is capable of passing the 24-hour probable maximum flood. Construction records are available for the Cell 3 spillway upgrade (Golder Associates Limited, 2019)

#### 2.2.1.3 South TSF Tailings Storage and Water Storage Capacity

Golder estimated the current storage capacity of the South TSF cells based on the LiDAR survey completed in July 2018 and the as-built survey for the Cell 3 spillway (Golder Associates Ltd., 2019a). The storage capacity is the volume of water that could be stored above the tailings and below the lowest spillway elevation. Cells 1, 2 and 3 essentially cannot store water. The volume of the stored tailings was based on the 2018 cone penetration testing program (Golder Associates Ltd., 2019b). The storage and tailings volumes calculated by Golder are provided in Table 2-2.



Cell	Storage Volume (m <sup>3</sup> )	Storage Elevation <sup>1</sup> (m)	Overflow Discharged to	Estimated Volume of Stored Tailings (m <sup>3</sup> )
1	0	N/A	Cell 5	27.000
2	0	N/A	Cell 4	18,000
3	0	N/A	Downstream via external spillway	192,000
4	7,400	784.5	Cell 3	165,000
5	14,500	785.0	Cell 4	142,000
Total	21,900	N/A	N/A	544,000

#### Table 2-2: South TSF Tailings and Water Storage

1. Elevations are in CGVD2013

#### 2.2.2 Detailed Description of North Tailings Storage Facility

The North TSF consists of two cells (Cells 6 and 7). The North TSF is bound by natural topography to the west. Dams provide containment on the north, east and south sides contain the tailings. Design reports are available for Cells 6 and 7 (R.F. Binnie and Associates Ltd., 1980a, 1980b and 1988). Construction reports are not available. Based on observations, it appears that the Cell 6 and 7 dams were constructed in accordance with the design reports. Material for construction of Cells 6 and 7 was the natural sand and gravel materials obtained from excavation within the cell area.

There are two decommissioned decant towers present in the North TSF, one in Cell 6 and one in Cell 7. The decant towers have been decommissioned by sealing with foam based on observations. The locations of the decant towers are shown in Figure 2. The discharge pipes for both decants are present and appear to be unsealed. The Cell 6 decant tower reportedly discharged to a supernatant pond that historically existed near the southeast corner of Cell 6. A supernatant pond specific to the Cell 7 decant is not shown on the available historical drawings.

#### 2.2.2.1 Dimension of North TSF Perimeter Embankments

The dimensions of the South TSF perimeter embankments as determined by Golder are provided in Table 2-3 (Golder Associates Ltd., 2021). Golder estimated the geometry based on the 2018 LiDAR survey and their observations. The maximum height is about 12 m. The total length of the perimeter embankments is about 840 m. This length does not include the divider dyke between the two North TSF cells. The dimensions of the North TSF perimeter embankments as determined by Golder are provided in Table 2-3.

Cell	Downstream Slope (H:V)	Upstream Slope (H:V)	Exterior Crest Length <sup>1</sup> (m)	Crest Width (m)	Embankment Height (m)	Approximate Minimum Crest Elevation <sup>2</sup> (m)
1	1.4:1 to 1.9:1	1.5:1 <sup>3</sup>	510	3 to 4	10 to 12	797.5
2	1.6:1 to 2.6:1	1.5:1	330	3 to 4	8 to 10	798.0

Table 2-3: Dimensions	of North	TSF Perimeter	Embankments
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1. Crest length includes only that portion of the dam that forms the TSF perimeter

2. Elevations are in CGVD2013

3. Based on original design drawings



#### 2.2.2.2 North TSF Spillways

Golder determined the dimensions of the North TSF based on the 2018 LiDAR survey and their observations during site inspections (Golder Associates Ltd., 2021). The spillway is located on the west side of Cell 7 in natural ground. It is trapezoidal in cross-section with a base width of approximately 2m and 4H:1V side slopes. The spillway is approximately 2 m below the surrounding natural ground. The invert elevation is approximately 797.0 m which is about 0.5 m below the crest of Cell 6 and 1.0 m below the crest of Cell 7.

The crest elevation of the divider dyke between Cells 6 and 7 is about the same elevation as the invert of the spillway.

#### 2.2.2.3 TSF Tailings Storage and Water Storage Capacity

Golder estimated the current storage capacity of the North TSF cells based on the LiDAR survey completed in July 2018 (Golder Associates Ltd., 2019a). The storage capacity is the volume of water that could be stored above the tailings and below the lowest spillway elevation. The volume of the stored tailings was based on the 2018 cone penetration testing program (Golder Associates Ltd., 2019b). The storage and tailings volumes calculated by Golder are provided in Table 2-4

Cell	Storage Volume (m <sup>3</sup> )	Storage Elevation (m)	Overflow Discharged to	Estimated Volume of Stored Tailings (m <sup>3</sup> )
6	22,500	797.0	Cell 7	271.000
7	162,100	797.0	Downstream via spillway	113,000
Total	184,600	N/A	N/A	384,000

Table 2-4: South	TSF	Tailings	and	Water	Storage

1. Elevations are in CGVD2013

#### 2.3 Loading Criteria

Teck has advised that they are aligned with the most conservative interpretation of the GISTM which, in turn, is consistent with their safety culture. Commensurately, Teck has advised that consequence classification is not a part of their tailings management governance and has asked that it not be reported in this AFPR. Instead, they will adopt the extreme consequence case design loading for any facility with a credible flow failure mode. For facilities without a credible failure mode in terms of a life safety issue, Teck will reduce credible risks to As Low As Reasonably Practicable (ALARP). This consequence case applies for both earthquake and flood scenarios for all tailings facilities, consistent with the GISTM. The TSF meets current industry standards and will be reviewed against extreme loading scenarios. Adopting this approach meets or exceeds any regulatory requirements, aligns with Teck's goal to eliminate any risk for loss of life, and is consistent with the new GISTM which supports evolving beyond the conventional consequence classification system. This approach is consistent with industry-leading best practices and has an added benefit of providing accurate narratives to communities about the safety of tailings facilities that could impact them and who share Teck's approach of one life is one too many to be at risk.

The Beaverdell Mine TSFs are in Closure – Active Care which is often referred to as 'Care and Maintenance'. The HRSC loading criteria for active care are provided in Table 2-5. For comparison purposes, the loading criteria recommended in the Global Industry Standard for Tailings Management (ICMM, UNEP, PRI, 2020) also are provided.



Aspect	HRSC Guidance Document and CDA (Active Care)	GISTM Operations and Closure (Active Care)	GISTM Passive-Closure (Passive Care) and Teck for Active/Passive Care or Operations
Inflow Design Flood (IDF)	1/3 between 1/975 and PMF	1/1,000	1/10,000
Environmental Design Flood	1/50 to 1/200	Not specified	Site-Specific
Earthquake	Between 1/100 and 1/1000	1/1,000	1/10,000
Embankment Integrity Measure	Limit-Equilibrium Factors of Safety irrespective of material type: 1.5 – Static; 1.2 – Post Seismic; 1.0 – Pseudo Static	Performance Based	Performance Based
Downstream Slope	2(horizontal):1(vertical) or flatter	Performance Based	Performance Based

#### Table 2-5: Beaverdell Mine TSF Loading Criteria

Teck's use of Performance Based criteria for embankment integrity is aligned with current best practice (ICMM, 2021).

## 3.0 Water Management

#### 3.1 Climate

A weather station is no longer present at the mine site nor in the nearby community of Beaverdell. The nearest weather stations are located in Kelowna and Penticton, about 60 km and 37 km distant from the site and 430 m and 344 m in elevation, respectively. For comparison, the Beaverdell TSFs are generally at elevation 790 m.

Historical average monthly precipitation (rainfall and snowfall) was developed using historical data from the Beaverdell stations and the historical climate normals from the surrounding weather stations (Golder Associates, Ltd., 2021). Correlation factors were developed by Golder to estimate precipitation at the Beaverdell mine site from the data from the nearby weather stations. Currently, the measured precipitation at Kelowna (62 km distant from the site) is multiplied by a correlation factor of 1.206 to estimate the precipitation at the Beaverdell Mine TSFs.

The estimated monthly and precipitation at the Beaverdell Mine TSFs are shown in Figure 3-1. The composite historical monthly average also is shown (Golder Associates Ltd., 2021) and the uncorrected Kelowna station (1123939) data also are shown.



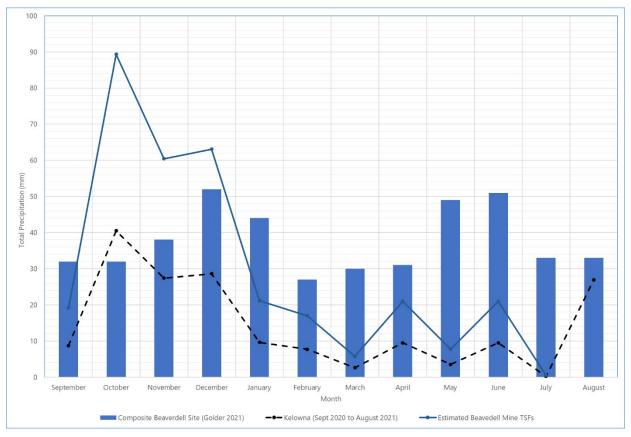


Figure 3-1: Estimated Annual Precipitation at Beaverdell Mine TSFs

The estimated total precipitation at Beaverdell for 2021 is 211 mm. The estimated total when compared to the composite historical Beaverdell precipitation of 452 mm suggests an exceptionally dry year with the exception of the last quarter of 2020. The last quarter suggests higher precipitation than the estimated historical averages for those months.

Peak freshet flow in the West Kettle River occurred 01 May 2021. The flow rate recorded at the nearest hydrometric station (30 km downstream at the Westbridge station) was 110 m<sup>3</sup>/s. This flow rate is estimated to be less than that of a 1/2-year event.

#### 3.2 Water Diversion System

A ditch along Beaverdell Station Road directs surface water runoff from Cranberry ridge away from the South TSF. The ditching is sufficient to convey the IDF (Golder Associates, Ltd., 2019d). The catchment area for the South TSF is limited to the surface area of the tailings and upstream slopes of the embankments.

Ditching along the north side of the North TSF directs water around and away from the North TSF. A portion of the ditching is not sufficient to convey the IDF and water could enter Cell 7 during an IDF (Golder Associates, Ltd., 2019d). The available reporting does not include an assessment of the AEP of the event at which the ditch becomes insufficient and water enters the North TSF.



#### 3.3 Water Balance

A yearly water balance for the Beaverdell TSFs is not particularly informative or useful as the inflows and outflows are not measured. A precipitation event exceeding the capacity of the North TSF diversion ditch (which could direct surface water runoff from Cranberry Ridge into the North TSF) did not occur during the reporting period. Inflows to the TSFs during the reporting period were limited to direct precipitation. A weather station is not present at the site and direct precipitation either in the form of snow or rainfall is not measured.

During the reporting period, the North and South TSFs spillways reportedly did not become active. Ponded water was not observed on the surface of the tailings at the time of the fall, spring or annual inspections. There were no observable signs of seepage on the downstream slopes of the TSF embankments.

As the spillways did not become active and there was no observed ponding or apparent seepage though the TSF embankments, outflows during the reporting period were limited evapotranspiration, infiltration and sublimation of the snow cover during the winter months. The distribution of the inflow (direct precipitation) to these outflows was not assessed.

The estimated annual evaporation is between 600 and 700 mm/year (Golder Associates, Ltd., 2021). Considering the estimated total annual 2021 precipitation of 211 mm, the site has an overall water deficit.

#### 3.4 Flood Storage and Freeboard

Freeboard is not measured directly; however, quantitative performance objectives (QPOs) and a trigger action response plan (TARP) have been developed based on the distance of the seasonal ponds from the upstream crest of the perimeter embankments (Teck , 2021).

The surface of the Beaverdell TSFs is generally dry; however, small seasonal ponds historically have formed on the surface of tailings in Ponds 3, 4 and 6. During the reporting period ponding was not observed during the spring, fall or annual inspections indicating that flood storage and freeboard remained within the acceptable or 'green' threshold criteria.

#### 3.5 Seepage and Water Discharge Management

Active seepage or evidence that seepage has occurred in the past was not observed on the downstream slopes of the TSF embankments at the time of the spring, fall or annual inspections. It is anticipated that infiltrating precipitation reaches the groundwater table beneath the TSFs and ultimately discharges to the West Kettle River.

Water was not discharged from the TSFs via the spillways during the reporting period based on observations during the spring, fall and annual inspections.

## 3.6 Water Quality Monitoring

Water quality results are submitted to the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy (ENV) by Teck in accordance with the requirements of PE-444.

# 4.0 Site Reconnaissance

The site reconnaissance was completed on 19 August 2021 by Dixie Ann Simon (EOR) and Jason Chen of Wood. They were accompanied by Jason McBain (RTFE). The weather at the time of the site reconnaissance was partly cloudy with periods of very light rain. The temperature ranged between 23° and 25° C. Photographs are provided in Appendix C. Inspection forms are provided in Appendix D.



The site reconnaissance included a visual inspection (on foot) of the North and South TSFs. General observations of the 2021 annual site reconnaissance are as follows:

- The embankments and spillways are in generally good condition.
- Cracking, settlement or lateral deformation of the crests and side slopes was not observed.
- The trees and shrubs limit direct observation of the downstream slopes, especially the North TSF where vegetation is generally denser. Portions of the toes of the Cell 3 and Cell 4 perimeter embankments could not be observed because of bear activity in the area in addition to vegetation.
- Seepage or evidence of seepage was not observed on the downstream slopes of the embankments.
- Several preferential erosional pathways have developed on the downstream slopes of the North TSF embankments that are likely the result of animal activity.
- Some perimeter fence posts are broken at the ground surface.
- Water was not observed in the areas of the known seasonal ponds at the time of the site reconnaissance. The surface of the tailings is partially vegetated with grasses, shrubs and small trees.
- Sinkholes or subsidence of the tailings surface was noted, though the entire tailings surface was not observed.
- The outlet pipes for the Cell 6 and 7 decants were dry.
- The protective casings for the newly installed instrumentation as well as the repeater stations and cellular gateways were in excellent condition.

In summary, there have been no significant changes in the TSFs with the exception of the riprap armoring of toe of Cells 4 and 5 where they are adjacent to the West Kettle River. The riprap installed in 2019 and 2020 was in good condition. A reserve stockpile of riprap was present at the southeast corner of the South TSF. At the time of the site reconnaissance the water level in the West Kettle River was lower than the bottom of the upper staff gauge.

## 5.0 Instrumentation and Monitoring

#### 5.1 Geotechnical Instrumentation Monitoring

Geotechnical instrumentation consists of 12 vibrating wire piezometers (VWPs) installed in 2020. The historical standpipe piezometers are undocumented, considered unreliable and not monitored. During installation, the VWPs were connected to 8-channel VWP interfaces by cable. An interface was installed at each borehole location. The interfaces act as dataloggers. Data is recorded at user specified frequencies and transmitted wirelessly to an on-site cellular gateway. The gateway transmits data from the site to a remote PC via a cellular uplink. The locations of the VWPs, repeater stations and cellular gateways are shown in Figure 2. A summary of the VWP installations is provided in Table 5-1.



Borehole ID	Teck ID	Serial Number	Sensor Depth (m)	Sensor Elevation (m)	
DU 20. 01	BEA-VWP-2020-01A	VW65308	6.62	778.50	Tailings
BH20-01	BEA-VWP-2020-01B	VW65315	10.25	774.87	Foundation
BH20-02	BEA-VWP-2020-02A	VW65307	6.16	778.42	Tailings
	BEA-VWP-2020-02B	VW65316	10.00	774.58	Foundation
BH20-03	BEA-VWP-2020-03A	VW65305	6.64	779.43	Dam Fill
	BEA-VWP-2020-03B	VW65317	10.13	775.94	Foundation
BH20-04	BEA-VWP-2020-04A	VW65306	7.23	778.13	Dam Fill
	BEA-VWP-2020-04B	VW65318	9.89	775.47	Foundation
BH20-05	BEA-VWP-2020-05A	VW65310	9.36	788.92	Dam Fill
	BEA-VWP-2020-05B	VW65314	19.90	778.38	Foundation
BH20-06	BEA-VWP-2020-06A	VW65311	6.32	791.82	Dam Fill
	BEA-VWP-2020-06B	VW65312	16.61	781.6-53	Foundation

#### Table 5-1: Summary of Vibrating wire Piezometers

The available VWP data is presented in Appendix E. Values of negative pressure head which generally correspond to piezometric levels below the instrument are plotted; however, the reader should use judgement when interpreting negative pressure heads. The data have not been corrected for atmospheric pressure.

The limited data available to date suggest that piezometric levels are generally at or below the original ground surface. The data also suggest that the water levels beneath the TSFs fluctuate with the seasons which is expected.

# 6.0 **Review of Operational Documents**

#### 6.1 **Operations, Maintenance and Surveillance Manual**

The operations, maintenance and surveillance manual (OMS) for the TSFs was updated by Teck in November 2021 (Teck, 2021). The OMS manual was revised by the RTFE to reflect changes in roles and responsibilities, and to include the flood response protocol and updates based on the 2020 site investigation, the consolidated hydrological report and the West Kettle River armoring.

#### 6.2 Mine Emergency and Response Plan

The mine emergency and response plan (MERP) was last updated by Golder in February 2018. Dam safety and MERP training was provided to the EOR as well as the deputy EOR via a PowerPoint presentation provided by Teck.

A more recent update of the MERP reportedly is available but has not been finalized by Teck. A tabletop exercise of the MERP was held in September 2021.



#### 6.3 Dam Safety Review

A dam safety review (DSR) of the Beaverdell TSFs was completed in 2012 when Golder assumed the role of EOR (Golder Associates Ltd., 2013). Golder recommended completing a follow-up DSR within 10 years which is in accordance with current CDA guidance for dams with consequence classifications of Significant.

Paragraph 10.5.4 of the Code now requires a DSR at a minimum every five years regardless of potential consequence. A DSR as required by the Code is currently underway. The site visit was completed in September 2021. The DSR report will be submitted in 2022.

# 7.0 Credible Failure Modes Assessment

The annual review of the Beaverdell Mine TSF risk register was completed by Teck and the EOR on 07 September 2021. Only minor edits were required. No new risks were identified.

Wood understands and supports Teck's long-term goal of reaching landform status for the TSF in which failure modes with catastrophic consequences would be considered non-credible. For the purpose of this and subsequent AFPRs, the term non-credible will apply to a scenario where the likelihood of a failure mechanism resulting in a catastrophic consequence is considered negligible.

A formal assessment of credible modes of failure is planned for Q2 2022; however, an assessment of the identified credible hazards was completed based on observations during the site reconnaissance and data provided by Teck. TSFs can experience failure by one of three failure mechanisms – instability, internal erosion and overtopping. Whether or not these are credible will be confirmed during the planned formal assessment.

Failure by internal erosion has been determined to be close to non-credible<sup>1</sup> or non-credible for the North TSF and South TSF. This is primarily because the embankments are unsaturated based on the piezometric and cone penetration data. There has been occasional ponding on the surface of the tailings; however, the extent and depth is not expected to provide the hydraulic gradient required to mobilize finer soil particles through the dam fill materials.

Failure by overtopping is also considered to be close to non-credible<sup>2</sup>. The spillway for Cell 3 was upgraded to pass the 24-hour PMF (Golder Associates Limited, 2018) and (Golder Associates Limited, 2019). Cells 6 and 7 have the storage capacity to store the IDF. In the event of a precipitation event greater than the IDF, the Cell 7 spillway will become active.

Currently, failure by instability is also considered to be close to non-credible (static drained condition) to unlikely<sup>3</sup> (seismic loading condition) for both the North and South TSFs. Additional investigations as recommended in the 2020 DSI have been completed. Analyses of the data also has been completed and the results presented to the Beaverdell Mine TSF ITRB. The analysis has essentially confirmed the current assessment; however, the final report was not available at the time of this annual performance report.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Close to non-credible likelihood – For a natural hazard (earthquake, flood, windstorm, etc.) the predicted return period for an event of this strength/magnitude is greater than 1/10,000 years. For failure modes such as instability and internal eroisoon that are close to non-credible.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Very rare likelihood - For a natural hazard (earthquake, flood, windstorm, etc.) the predicted return period for an event of this strength/magnitude is between 1/1,000 years and 1/10,000 years. For failure modes such as instability and internal eroisoon that are very rare.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Unlikely - For a natural hazard (earthquake, flood, windstorm, etc.) the predicted return period for an event of this strength/magnitude is between 1/10 years and 1/100 years.

None of the failure modes would be considered catastrophic in nature if a failure was to be triggered by residual credibility. Teck defines a catastrophic failure as a failure that results in uncontrolled loss of contents that will have an intolerable downstream impact. An intolerable downstream impact is further defined as a life safety impact, significant and lasting environmental impacts, significant and lasting social impacts or significant business interruption.

# 8.0 West Kettle River Erosion Potential

The proximity of the West Kettle River (WKR) to the South TSF does pose a concern because of the potential for erosion of the South TSF embankment toes, specifically Cells 4 and 5. This is primarily based on observed flooding that occurred in 2018 that did not cause any erosion but had the potential to do so. In 2020, riprap was installed along the WKR where it is in close proximity to the South TSF. The riprap was designed to protect the TSF up to and including a 1/200-year event. Greater protection is not required by regulation but as the WKR poses the greatest risk to the South TSF, Teck could elect to install additional riprap or modify the geometry of the structure to provide additional erosion protection. Teck currently is assessing closure options that will reduce the risk to the TSF posed by the WKR. include relocating tailings from the South TSF. The North TSF is well above the West Kettle River and the risk posed to it is considered to be negligible.

# 9.0 Conclusions and Recommendations

The Beaverdell Mine TSFs are in good condition and well maintained. Stewardship is appropriate to the level of risk. Recommendations from previous annual performance reports and their status are provided in Table 8-1. Recommendations based on observations from the 2021 annual site reconnaissance and the information made available by Teck are provided in Table 8-2. Descriptions of priorities and risk levels are provided in Table 8-3.



#### Table 8-1: Summary of the Status of Previous Recommendations

Structure	ID Number	Deficiency or Non-conformance	Applicable Regulation or OMS Manual Reference	Recommended Action	Priority	Status as of March 2022	Actions and Recommended Deadline
	2016-01	The South TSF would discharge through the Cell 3 spillway during a 24-hour IDF event. The consequence of potential tailings migration due to flood transport is not quantified.	Permit PE- 444	Collect tailings samples for geochemical testing and initiate the geochemical laboratory testing program in 2020	3	Complete	Geochemical testing program completed in 2020, report of results in March 2021
				Develop a contingency protocol (with TARP) to be implemented in the event that discharge through the spillway occurs.		Complete	Included in flood protocol which was updated by Teck and published 07 September 2021
	2018-03 a, b	Existing riprap along the toe of Cells 4 and 5 may not be sufficient to prevent erosion of dam fill during a large river freshet flood		Final flood response protocol of the West Kettle River including the trigger response plan prior to 2020 Freshet.	2	Complete	N/A
		event, based on observed changes in river alignment and adjacent riverbank conditions.	HRSC §10.1.8	Assess short-term and long-term requirements for riprap based on changes in river hydrology and flood statistics	3	Complete	N/A
				Document long-term plan for riprap along West Kettle River, considering larger flood events, to mitigate risk of erosion along the toe of Cells 4 and 5.		In process	End Q2 2023 To be addressed in final closure plan
South TSF	2019-01	The location and alignment of the Cell 5 decant pipe are unknown.	OMS §5.5	Determine the location and alignment of the outlet of Cell 5 decant	3	Not started	End Q2 2023 To be addressed in final closure plan
	2020-02	Results of Phase 1 investigation indicated the presence of tailings downstream of toe of Cell 3. As such, the South TSF may be founded on tailings in the area of Cell 3.	HSRC §10.1.4	Additional investigation should be planned to further delineate the extent of tailings downstream of South TSF	3	Not Started	Area to be addressed as part of the closure planning process. Q2 2023.
	2020-03	Results from the Phase 1 geotechnical site investigation indicate that tailings in Cell 4 are finer than then what was used in filter compatibility and internal stability assessment (Golder Associates Ltd., 2013)	HSRC §10.1.4	Update filter compatibility and internal stability for dam fill and foundations based on Phase 1 geotechnical investigation laboratory test results	3	Partially complete	Stability and liquefaction assessment completed by Golder. Filter compatibility assessment in process with Golder Q2 2022
	2020-04	Flood monitoring and response protocol is out of date.	N/A	Update flood monitoring and response protocol, based on completion of 1/200 AEP year riprap armoring along South TSF	3	Complete	The flood monitoring protocol was updated by Teck and published 07 September2021

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Structure	ID Number	Deficiency or Non-conformance	Applicable Regulation or OMS Manual Reference	Recommended Action	Priority	Status as of March 2022	Actions and Recommended Deadline
North TSF	2019-04	The outlet structure of the Cell 6 decant accumulates a small quality of water behind a metal weir, which may affect water chemistry when sampled.	OMS §5.5	Review collected water quality data to determine source of the accumulated water. Assess opportunity for maintaining the collection point to inform ongoing geochemistry studies. Consider upgrading to remove steel as a potential source of water contamination. Decommission the outlet if deemed of no value.	3	Partially complete	Sampling has been discontinued because the results were considered unreliable because of undocumented decant construction Final decommissioning of Cell 6 and 7 decants will be included in the final closure plan; end of Q2 2023
	2020-01	Excessive vegetation in the North TSF spillway and diversion channel may reduce flow capacity and impede access.	OMS §5.5	Clear vegetation in the North TSF spillway and diversion channel.	4	Closed	Monitor vegetation and remove fall trees that could obstruct flow. Diversion channels and ditches to be addressed in final closure plan; end of Q2 2023
	2016-05	Closure plan not updated	HSRC §10.4.1	Update the closure plan	4	In process	Closure visioning workshops in progress; Reclamation Research Program including end land use planning in progress. End of Q2 2023
North and South TSFs	2017-02 a, b	No failure runout assessment completed	HRSC §10.1.11	Complete a hypothetical failure runout evaluation	3	Closed	To be completed only if a credible, catastrophic failure is identified during CFMA scheduled for Q2 2022
	2018-02	Failure consequence requires review due to changes in downstream conditions	HRSC §10.1.7	Review failure consequence as recommended by Golder	3	Closed	Complete the planned CFMA to better understand consequences related to identified catastrophic failure modes. Q2 2022
	2018-04	Water management plan is out of date	HRSC §10.4.1 (3)	Update the existing water management plan	4	Completed	The water management plan was updated by Golder and published 06 July 2021





Structure	ID Number	Deficiency or Non-conformance	Applicable Regulation or OMS Manual Reference	Recommended Action	Priority	Status as of March 2022	Actions and Recommended Deadline
	2021-01	Remote monitoring system not addressed in OMS		Remote monitoring system should be checked at a minimum during routine inspections. Information for accessing the remote monitoring system should be outlined in the OMS. Process for responding to loss of data transmission should be outlined.	4	Not started	Q3 2022
North and South TSFs	2021-02	Precipitation is based on historical data and a correction factor to adjust more current precipitation data available from surrounding weather stations.		Install an automated weather station at the site. Connect to existing remote monitoring network.	4	Not started	Q3 2022
	2021-02	Broken perimeter fence posts and wires. Possibly insufficient signage along West Kettle River.		Repair perimeter fence and assess need for additional signage	4	Not started	Q3 2022
	2021-04	The embankments and tailings surface are not monitored for deformation and/or subsidence.		Initiate deformation monitoring using InSAR or similar.	4	Not started	Complete baseline by end of Q4 2022

#### Table 8-2: Summary of 2021 Recommendations

#### Table 8-3: Priorities and Level of Risks

Priority (Teck)	Description
1	A high probability or actual dam safety issue considered immediately dangerous to life, health or the environment, or a significant regulatory risk.
2	If not corrected could likely result in dam safety issues leading to injury, environmental impact or significant regulatory enforcement.
3	Single occurrences of deficiencies or non-conformances that alone would not be expected to result in dam safety issues.
4	Best Management Practice – Further improvements are necessary to meet industry best practices or reduce potential risks.





# **10.0 Limitations and Closing Remarks**

Recommendations presented herein are based on an evaluation of the observations made during the annual site reconnaissance and information provided by Teck. If additional information becomes available, Wood should be notified and provided the opportunity to review the additional information and revise the current recommendations as appropriate.

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**13. Limitations of site investigations:** Site exploration identifies specific subsurface conditions only at those points from which samples have been taken and only at the time of the site investigation. Site



investigation programs are a professional estimate of the scope of investigation required to provide a general profile of subsurface conditions.

The data derived from the site investigation program and subsequent laboratory testing are interpreted by trained personnel and extrapolated across the site to form an inferred geological representation and an engineering opinion is rendered about overall subsurface conditions and their likely behavior with regard to the proposed development. Despite this investigation, conditions between and beyond the borehole/test hole locations may differ from those encountered at the borehole/test hole locations and the actual conditions at the site might differ from those inferred to exist, since no subsurface exploration program, no matter how comprehensive, can reveal all subsurface details and anomalies.

Final sub-surface/bore/profile logs are developed by geotechnical engineers based upon their interpretation of field logs and laboratory evaluation of field samples. Customarily, only the final bore/profile logs are included in geotechnical engineering reports.

Bedrock, soil properties and groundwater conditions can be significantly altered by environmental remediation and/or construction activities such as the use of heavy equipment or machinery, excavation, blasting, pile-driving or draining or other activities conducted either directly on site or on adjacent terrain. These properties can also be indirectly affected by exposure to unfavorable natural events or weather conditions, including freezing, drought, precipitation and snowmelt.

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**16. Environmental and Hazardous Materials Aspects**: Unless otherwise stated, the information contained in this report in no way reflects on the environmental aspects of this project, since this aspect is beyond the Scope of Work and the Contract. Unless expressly included in the Scope of Work, this report specifically excludes the identification or interpretation of environmental conditions such as contamination, hazardous materials, wildlife conditions, rare plants or archeology conditions that may affect use or design at the site. This report specifically excludes the investigation, detection, prevention or assessment of conditions that can contribute to moisture, mold or other microbial contaminant growth and/or other moisture related deterioration, such as corrosion, decay, rot in buildings or their surroundings. Any statements in this report or on the boring logs regarding odors, colors, and unusual or suspicious items or conditions are strictly for informational purposes

**17. Sample Disposal:** Wood will dispose of all uncontaminated soil and rock samples after 30 days following the release of the final geotechnical report. Should the Client request that the samples be retained for a longer time, the Client will be billed for such storage at an agreed upon rate. Contaminated samples of soil, rock or groundwater are the property of the Client, and the Client will be responsible for the proper disposal of these samples, unless previously arranged for with Wood or a third party.

**18. Effect of iron minerals:** This report does not address issues related to the discovery or presence of iron minerals, such as pyrite, or the effects of iron minerals, if any, in the soil or to be used in concrete. Should specific information be required, additional testing may be requested by the Client for which Wood shall be entitled to additional compensation.



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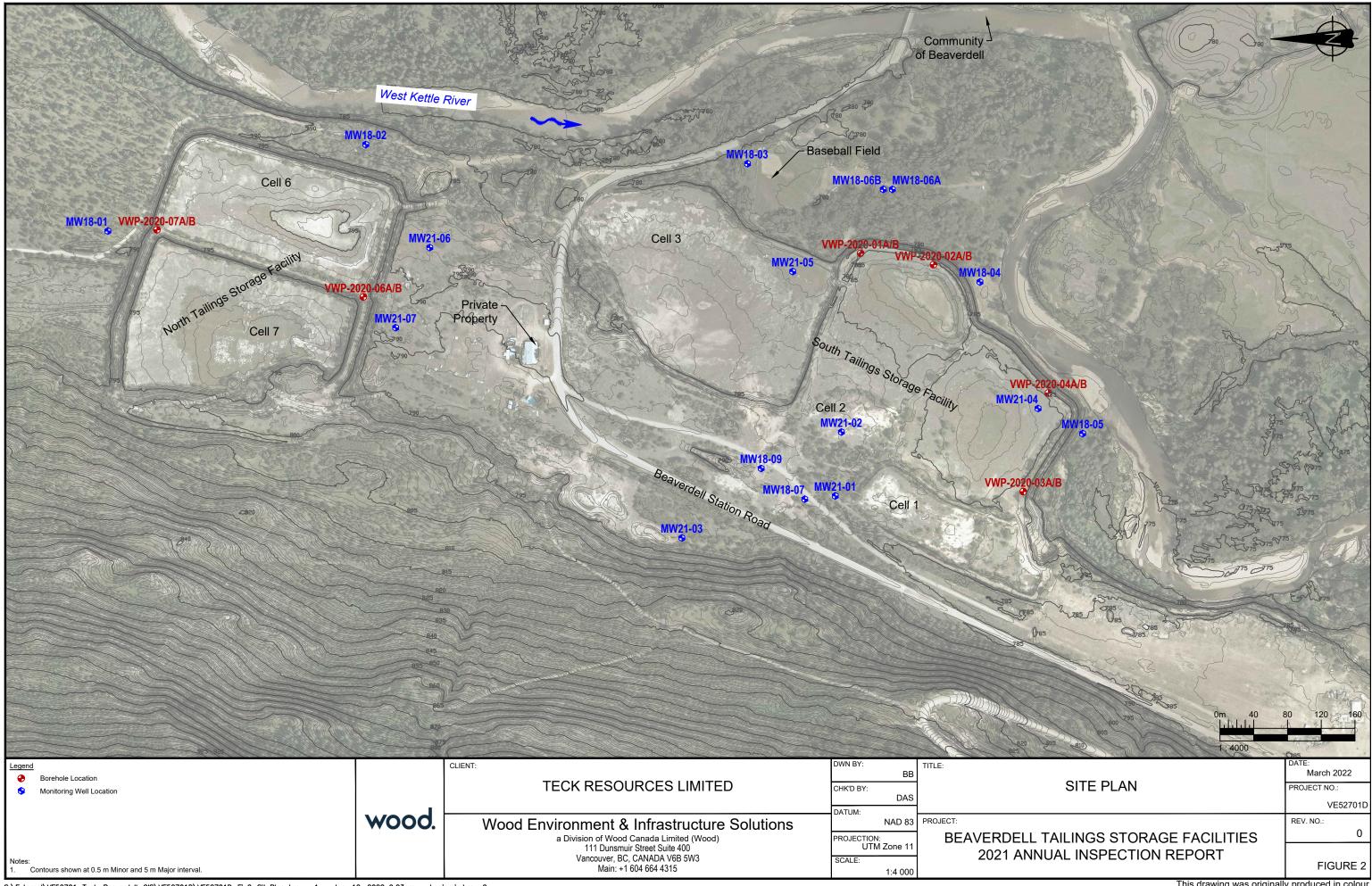
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# **Appendix A – Facility Data Sheets**

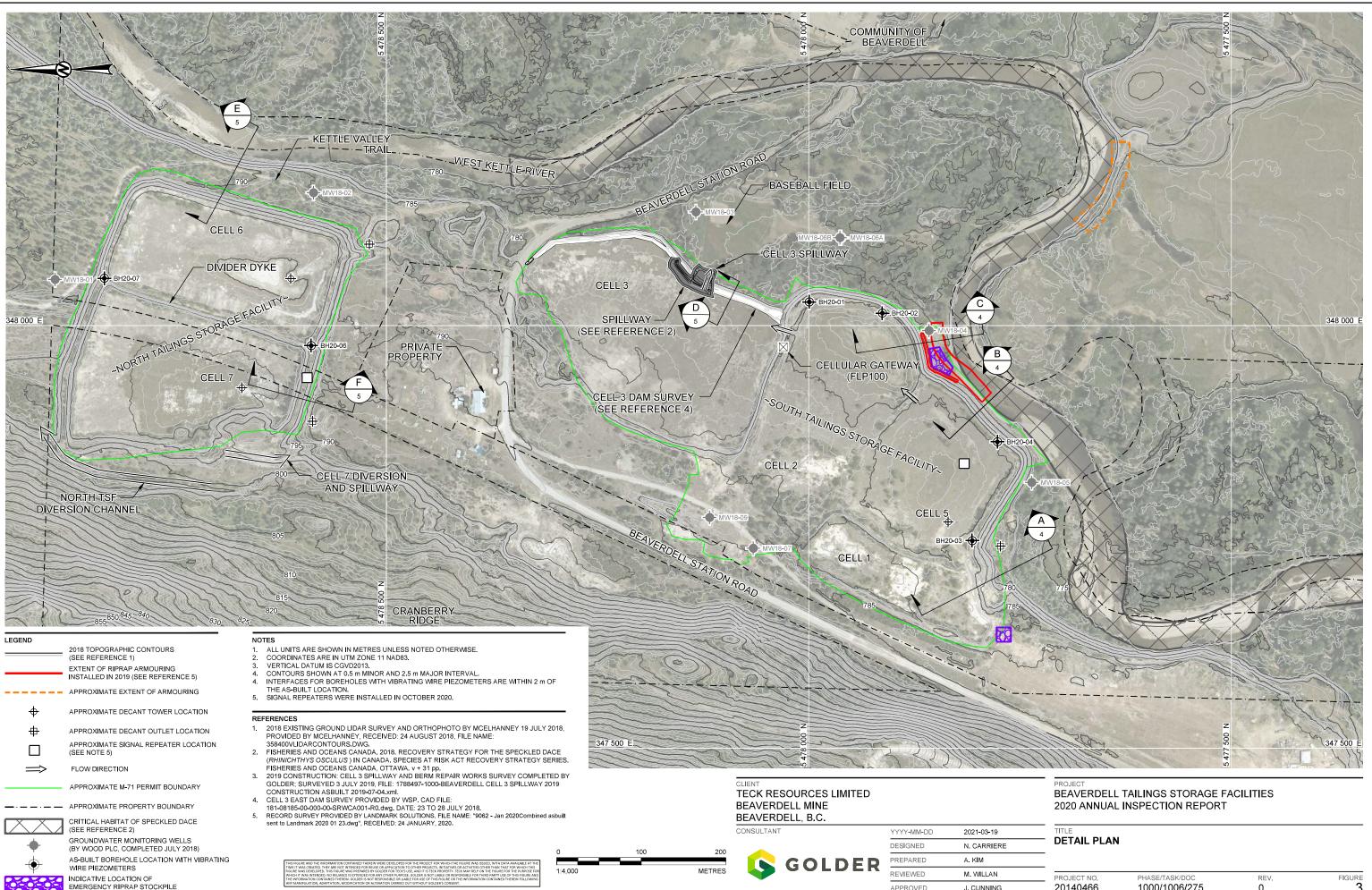


	Table 1 - SOUTH TSF – FACILITY DATA SHEET	
Impoundment Area (tailings and embankment footprint area)	150,000 m2	Measured from 2018 LiDAR Survey Data
Volume of Stored Tailings	544,000 m3	Estimated Golder (2019a)
Reservoir Capacity	21,900 m3 (in Cell 4 and 5 to internal spillway invert levels)	Calculated 2018 LiDAR Survey Data and 2019 Cell 3 spillway as-built survey
Consequence Classification	Significant	Ministry of Energy and Mines (2016) and CDA (2013)
Inflow Design Flood (IDF)	1/3 between the 1-in-975-year flood event and the PMF.	Ministry of Energy and Mines (2016)
Design Earthquake	1/2,475-year event	Ministry of Energy and Mines (2016)
Spillway Capacity	4.8 m3/s considering a design storm calculated based on 24-hour probable maximum precipitation plus snow melt plus 10% climate change factor. Includes 0.3 m of freeboard.	Calculated Golder (2019e)
Catchment Area	188,000 m2	Calculated Golder (2017a)
Embankment Type	Earthfill Dam	Assumed from Binnie (1980a, 1988). No construction record reports available.
Maximum Embankment Height	2 to 10 m	Estimated from 2018 LiDAR Survey Data
Embankment Crest Width	1 to 5 m	Estimated from 2018 LiDAR Survey Data and 2019 spillway as- built survey
Access to Facility	Permanent wire fence installed around South TSF. Access via gate located on access road from west side of Cell 3, adjacent to Cell 2. Vehicle access to dam crest not generally available.	-

	Table 1 – NORTH - TSF – FACILITY DATA SHEET	
Impoundment Area (tailings and embankment footprint area)	90,000 m2	Measured from 2018 LiDAR Survey Data
Volume of Stored Tailings	384,000 m3	Estimated Golder (2019a)
Reservoir Capacity	184,600 m3 (to Cell 7 spillway invert elevation of 797.0 m)	Calculated 2018 LiDAR Survey Data
Consequence Classification	Significant	Ministry of Energy and Mines (2016) and CDA (2013)
Inflow Design Flood (IDF)	<ul><li>1/3 between the 1-in-975-year flood event and the PMF. Available capacity to store the IDF with a duration of</li><li>72 hours.</li></ul>	Ministry of Energy and Mines (2016)
Design Earthquake	1-in-2,475-year event.	Ministry of Energy and Mines (2016)
Spillway Capacity	2 m3/s considering a design storm calculated based on 24-hour probable maximum precipitation plus snow melt plus 10% climate change factor.	Calculated Golder (2019c)
Catchment Area	Internal catchment of Cell 6 and 7 during normal precipitation events: 81,000 m2 Internal and external catchment of Cell 6 and 7 during IDF event: 171,000 m2	Calculated Golder (2017a)
Embankment Type	Earthfill Embankment	Assumed from Binnie (1980a, 1988). No construction record reports available.
Maximum Embankment Height	8 to 12 m	Measured from 2018 LiDAR Survey Data
Embankment Crest Width	3 to 4 m	Measured from 2018 LiDAR Survey Data
Access to Facility	Permanent wire fence installed around North TSF. Access via gate located on access road from downstream toe area at southeast corner of facility to crest of Cell 6 dam. Continuous narrow road around crest of North TSF perimeter, Accessible by all terrain vehicle	-

# **Appendix B – Cross Sections**





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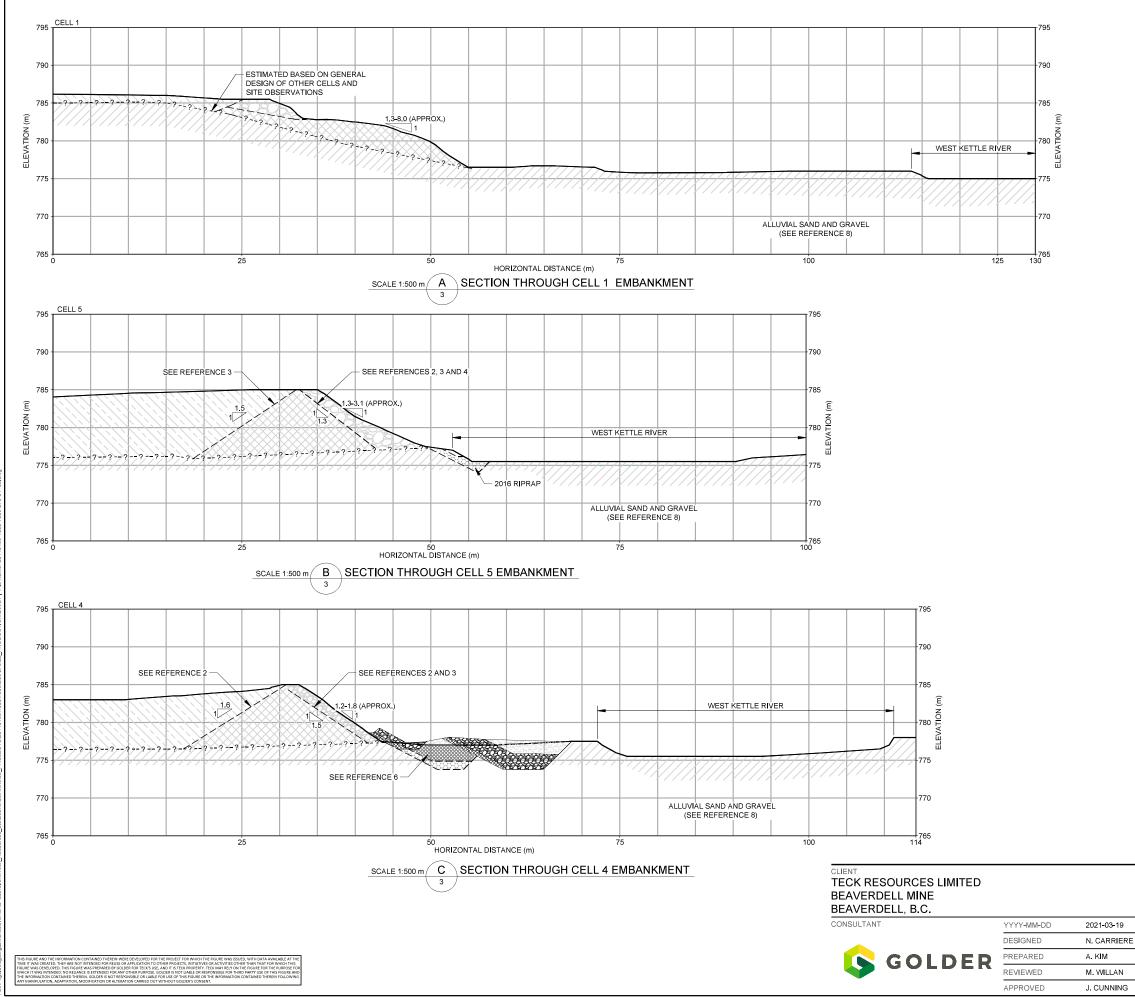
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#### LEGEND

#### - EXISTING GROUND SURFACE (SEE REFERENCE 1)

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#### ----- INFERRED MATERIAL BOUNDARY

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[[i][i][i]]	TAILINGS
	EMBANKMENT FILL
	ALLUVIAL SAND AND GRAVEL
	ALLUVIAL COBBLE COVER
030303	WASTE ROCK/ALLUVIAL COBBLES
	2016 RIPRAP MIXED WITH GRANULAR
	BACKFILLED EXCAVATED MATERIAL
	2019 RIPRAP (SEE REFERENCE 9)

16 RIPRAP MIXED WITH GRANULAR FILL

SALVAGED MATERIAL (ALLUVIAL SAND AND GRAVEL) (SEE REFERENCE 9)

FILTER MATERIAL (SEE REFERENCE 9)

#### NOTES

- ALL UNITS ARE SHOWN IN METRES UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.
   STRATIGRAPHY BENEATH ALLUVIAL SAND AND GRAVEL IS UNKNOWN
- GROUND SURFACE UNDER TAILINGS BASED ON 2018 CPT INVESTIGATION. (SEE REFERENCE 7) VERTICAL DATUM IS CGVD2013.

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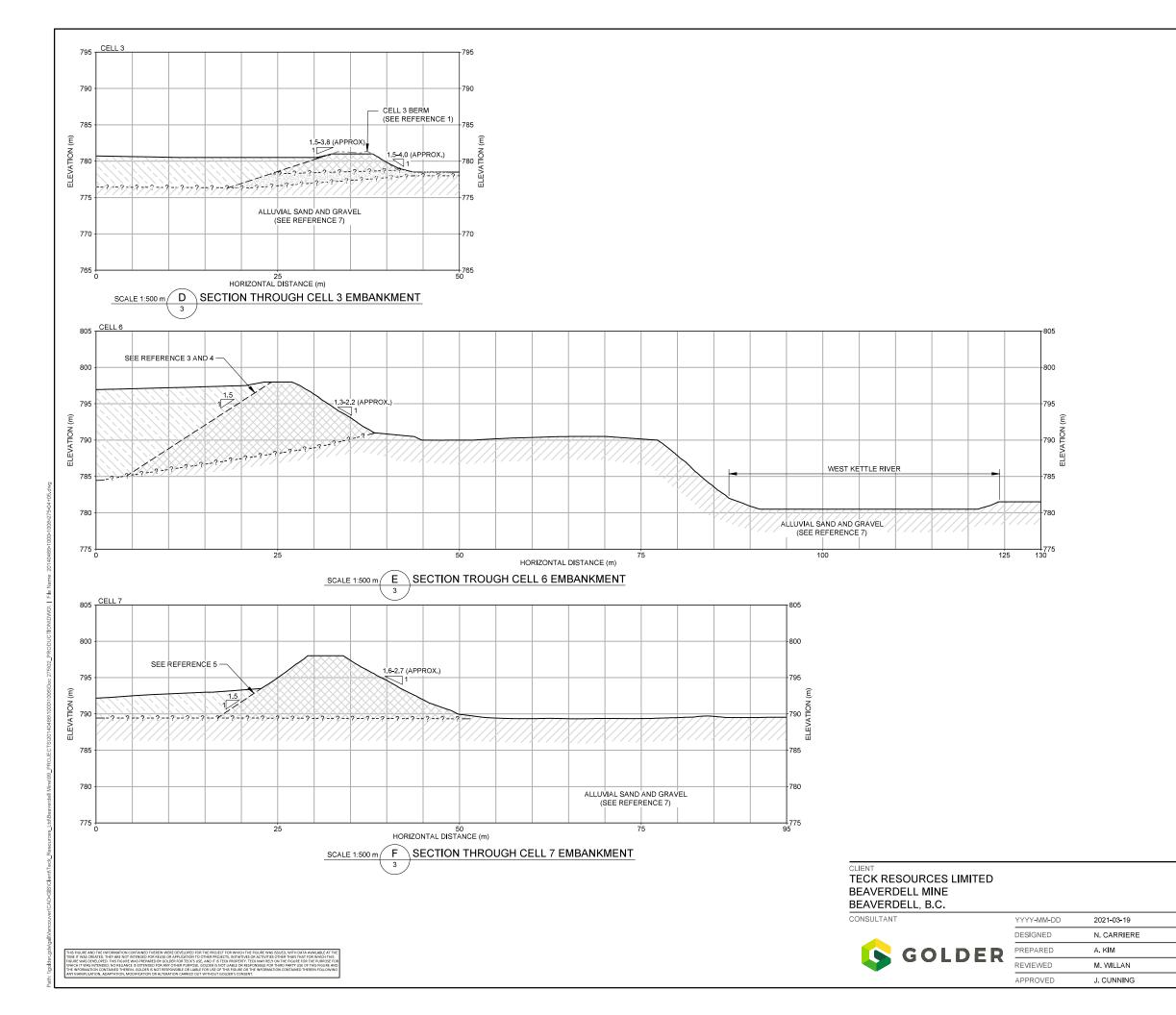


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## Appendix C – Site Inspection Photographs





Photo 1: South TSF - Cell 5 Dam Toe Erosion Protection Riprap, Looking South. Aug 19, 2021



Photo 2: South TSF –Cell 5 Southeast Corner Downstream Dam Slope, Looking Northeast. Aug 19, 2021





Photo 3: South TSF –Cell 5 Southwest Corner Downstream Slope with Rockfill, Looking West. Aug 19, 2021



Photo 4: South TSF –Cell 1 Crest and Downstream Slope, Looking Southwest. August 19, 2021





Photo 5: South TSF – Cell 1 Crest and Downstream Dam Slope, Looking East. August 19, 2021



Photo 6: South TSF –Cell 1 Upstream Ditch to Cell 5, Looking Northeast. August 19, 2021

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Photo 8: South TSF – Access Road at West Side of Cell 2, Looking South. August 19, 2021

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Photo 9: South TSF – Spillway from Cell 4 to Cell 3, Looking North at Cell 3. Aug 19, 2021



Photo 10: South TSF –Cell 3 Tailings, Looking from Cell 4. August 19, 2021





Photo 11: South TSF –Cell 4 Dam Crest and Tailings, Looking South. August 19, 2021



Photo 12: South TSF –Cell 4 Dam Crest and Tailings, Looking North. August 19, 2021

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Photo 13: South TSF -Cell 5 Crest, Looking South. August 19, 2021



Photo 14: South TSF – Decant Tower in Cell 5, Looking West. August 19, 2021





Photo 15: South TSF –View of Spillway Between Cell 3 and Cell 4, Looking South from Cell 3. August 19, 2021



Photo 16: South TSF –Cell 3 Dam Crest, Downstream Slope and Toe Area, Looking South from Cell 4. August 19, 2021





Photo 17: South TSF –Cell 3 Spillway, Looking South. August 19, 2021



Photo 18: South TSF –Cell 3 Berm to the South of Spillway, Looking Southwest. August 19, 2021





Photo 19: North TSF –Cell 6 South Dam Crest and Downstream Slope, Looking West. August 19, 2021



Photo 20: North TSF –Cell 6 Crest and Upstream Tailings, Looking West. August 19, 2021





Photo 21: North TSF -Cell 7 South Dam Crest with Signal Repeater, Looking East. August 19, 2021



Photo 22: North TSF – Cell 7 Southwest Corner Diversion and Spillway, Looking West. August 19, 2021





Photo 23: North TSF – Cell 7 Tailings and West Backslope, Looking North. August 19, 2021



Photo 24: North TSF –Cell 7 North Dam Crest and Upstream Slope, Looking East. August 19, 2021





Photo 25: North TSF –Cell 7 North Dam Downstream Slope and Toe, Looking North. August 19, 2021



Photo 26: North TSF –Cell 6 Downstream Slope and Toe, Looking East. August 19, 2021





Photo 27: North TSF -Cell 6 Downstream Slope. Looking West. August 19, 2021



Photo 28: North TSF –Cell 6 Crest and Tailings, Looking South. August 19, 2021





Photo 29: North TSF -Cell 6 Plugged Decant Tower. August 19, 2021



Photo 30: North TSF -Cell 6 Decant Outlet. August 19, 2021





Photo 31: North TSF – Cell 7 Decant Outlet. August 19, 2021



Photo 32: North TSF – Divider Dyke Between Cell 6 and Cell 7, Looking North. August 19, 2021





Photo 33: Staff Gauge Installed on Bridge Crossing at West Kettle River, Looking West. August 19, 2021



Photo 34: View of West Kettle River, Looking South from East Side of Bridge. August 19, 2021



## **Appendix D – Inspection Forms**



### Dam Surveillance Record

Dam Site:	Beaverdell Mine		
Dam Structure:	South TSF Perimeter Dams - Cells 1 through 5		
Inspection Carried Out By:	Dixie Ann Simon, P.Eng., Jason Chen, P.Eng. /Wood		
Date:	Tuesday, August 10, 2021		
Inspection Type:	Walk-over		
Weather Conditions:	Mostly sunny and warm		
Reviewed By:	M. Davachi, P.Eng./Wood		

Observed Features	Yes	No	Photo #	Comment / Note #	
1.0 Upstream Dam Slope - Photographs 6, 9, 18					
1.1 Concern with Water Level or with					
previous high water levels since the last		х		Tailing surface was dry.	
inspection					
1.2 Evidence of Wave or Other Erosion		N/A			
1.3 Unusual Accumulation of Debris/Logs		N/A			
1.4 Evidence of Sloughing/Sliding		х			
1.5 Evidence of Cracks		х			
1.6 Any Other Deformation		х			
1.7 Excessive Vegetation		х			
1.8 Other Unusual Conditions		х			
2.0 Dam Crest - Photographs 7, 8, 11, 12, 13,	16				
2.1 Evidence of Shoulder Erosion		х			
2.2 Evidence of Cracking		х			
2.3 Other Deformation/Settlement		х			
2.4 Concerns with Low Areas on the Crest		х			
2.5 Other Unusual Conditions		х			
3.0 Downstream Dam Slope - Photographs 2	though 5,	16			
3.1 Evidence of Erosion		х			
3.2 Evidence of Sloughing/Sliding		х			
3.3 Evidence of Cracking		х			
3.4 Any Other Deformation		х			
3.5 Signs of Phreatic Surface/Seepage		х			
3.6 Seepages Observed		х			
3.7 Is Seepage (if any) Turbid		N/A			
3.8 Non-Uniform Slope		х			
3.9 Excessive Vegetation		х			
3.10 Other Unusual Conditions		х			
4.0 Dam Abutments					
4.1 Seepages Observed		х			

Observed Features	Yes	No	Photo #	Comment / Note #
4.2 Is Seepage (if any) Turbid		х		
4.3 Evidence of Erosion		х		
4.4 Evidence of Cracks		х		
4.5 Other Deformation/Settlement		х		
4.6 Evidence of Repairs		х		
4.7 Concerns with Low areas at the				
Abutments		x		
4.8 Other Unusual Conditions		х		
5.0 Downstream Toe				
5.1 Seepages Observed		х		
5.2 Is Seepage (if any) Turbid		х		
5.3 Evidence of Soft Toe Condition		х		
5.4 Evidence of Boils		х		
5.5 Evidence of Contamination		х		
5.6 Excessive Vegetation	х			
5.7 Concern with Outlet of Decant Pipe		N/A	14	Not visible
5.7 Other Unusual Conditions		х		
6.0 General				
6.1 Spillway at/next to this dam	х		17	Cell 3
6.2 Pipelines at the dam		х		
6.3 Evidence of ARD		х		
6.4 Crest accessible by truck	х			
6.5 Public access to dam	х			
7.0 Other				
7.1 Other Unusual Site Conditions		х		

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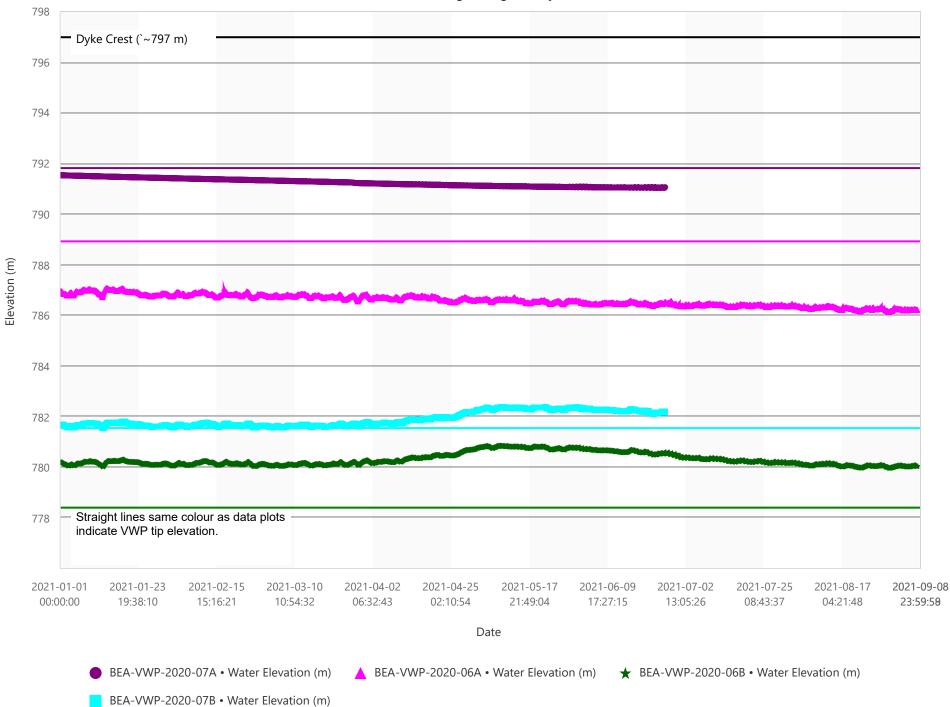
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Weather Conditions:	Mostly sunny and warm		
Reviewed By:	M. Davachi, P.Eng./Wood		

Observed Features	Yes	No	Photo #	Comment / Note #		
1.0 Upstream Dam Slope - Photographs 20, 28						
1.1 Concern with Water Level or with						
previous high water levels since the last		х		Tailing surface was dry.		
inspection						
1.2 Evidence of Wave or Other Erosion		N/A				
1.3 Unusual Accumulation of Debris/Logs		N/A				
1.4 Evidence of Sloughing/Sliding		х				
1.5 Evidence of Cracks		х				
1.6 Any Other Deformation		х				
1.7 Excessive Vegetation		х				
1.8 Other Unusual Conditions		х				
2.0 Dam Crest - Photogprahs 19, 21, 24, 28						
2.1 Evidence of Shoulder Erosion		х				
2.2 Evidence of Cracking		х				
2.3 Other Deformation/Settlement		х				
2.4 Concerns with Low Areas on the Crest		х				
2.5 Other Unusual Conditions		х				
3.0 Downstream Dam Slope - Photographs 19	9, 24, 25, 2	?6				
3.1 Evidence of Erosion	х		27	Animal activity		
3.2 Evidence of Sloughing/Sliding		х				
3.3 Evidence of Cracking		х				
3.4 Any Other Deformation		х				
3.5 Signs of Phreatic Surface/Seepage		х				
3.6 Seepages Observed		х				
3.7 Is Seepage Turbid		N/A				
3.8 Non-Uniform Slope		х				
3.9 Excessive Vegetation		х				
3.10 Other Unusual Conditions		х				
4.0 Dam Abutments				-		
4.1 Seepages Observed		х				

Observed Features	Yes	No	Photo #	Comment / Note #
4.2 Is Seepage (if any) Turbid		N/A		
4.3 Evidence of Erosion		х		
4.4 Evidence of Cracks		х		
4.5 Other Deformation/Settlement		х		
4.6 Evidence of Repairs		х		
4.7 Concerns with Low areas at the				
Abutments		х		
4.8 Other Unusual Conditions		х		
5.0 Downstream Toe				
5.1 Seepages Observed		х		
5.2 Is Seepage (if any) Turbid		N/A		
5.3 Evidence of Soft Toe Condition		х		
5.4 Evidence of Boils		х		
5.5 Evidence of Contamination		х		
5.6 Excessive Vegetation		х		
5.7 Concern with Outlet of Decant Pipe		х	29, 30, 31	Cells 6 and 7
5.7 Other Unusual Conditions		х		
6.0 General				
6.1 Spillway at/next to this dam	х			Cell 7
6.2 Pipelines at the dam		х		
6.3 Evidence of ARD		х		
6.4 Crest accessible by truck	х			
6.5 Public access to dam	х			
7.0 Other - Photographs 22				
7.1 Other Unusual Site Conditions		х		
7.2 Diversion Ditch		х		Minor vegetation

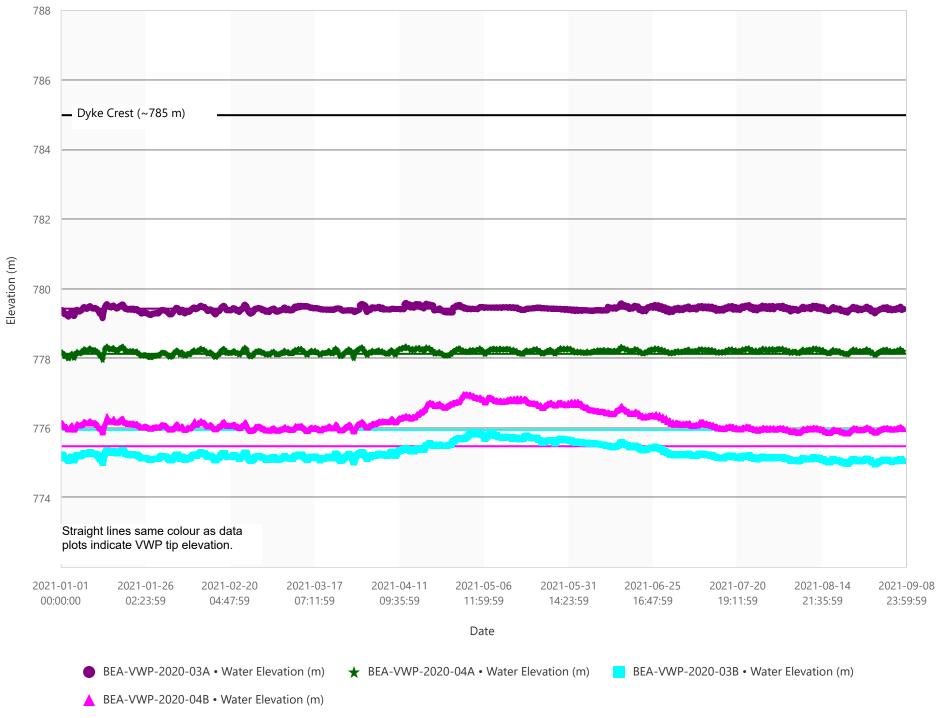
# **Appendix E – VWP Data**





North Tailings Storage Facility





South Tailings Storage Facility Cell 4

