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Reference No. 017390

Mr. Glenn May, CPG
NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION
270 Michigan Avenue
Buffalo, New York 14203-2999

Dear Mr. May:

Re: GM Powertrain Group – Tonawanda, New York
Endoline Area Semi-Annual Groundwater Monitoring Report
Spill Number 9875474

Conestoga Rovers & Associates (CRA) has prepared this Semi Annual Groundwater Monitoring Report on behalf of the General Motors Company (GM) in accordance with the Enhanced Attenuation Work Plan for the Endoline Area Chlorinated Solvent Plume dated February 22, 2011(Work Plan). The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) approved the Work Plan on March 14, 2011.

The second round of semi annual groundwater monitoring was completed on September 20, 2012. All samples were sent to TestAmerica Laboratories of North Canton, Ohio for analysis. Groundwater samples were collected from perimeter monitoring wells MW-1, MW-9, MW-101, MW-102, and MW-103 and analyzed for Target Compound List (TCL) volatile organic compounds (VOCs) to monitor for potential plume migration. Groundwater samples collected from MW-2, MW-11, and MW-12 were analyzed for TCL VOCs and the following natural attenuation parameters:

<i>Wet Chemistry</i>	<i>Dissolved Gases</i>
Aerobic 1,1,1-TCA specific microbial population	Ethane
Ammonia	Methane
Alkalinity, total (as CaCO ₃)	
Anaerobic 1,1,1-TCA specific microbial population	
Biochemical oxygen demand (BOD)	
Chemical oxygen demand (COD)	
Nitrate (as N)	
Nitrite (as N)	
Orthophosphate	
Phosphate, total	
Sulfate	
Sulfite	
Total microbial population - aerobic	
Total microbial population - anaerobic	
Total organic carbon (TOC)	
	<i>Field Parameters</i>
	Conductivity
	Dissolved oxygen (DO)
	Oxidation reduction potential (ORP)
	pH
	Temperature, field
	Turbidity

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Samples from monitoring wells MW-1, MW-9, MW-101, MW-102, and MW-103 were analyzed for TCL VOCs. Monitoring and injection well locations are shown on Figure 1. Figure 2 presents total chlorinated VOC (CVOC) contours. Analytical results for the chlorinated solvent plume enhanced attenuation program are summarized on Table 1. As requested, attenuation plots are provided as Attachment 1.

The data was validated by CRA. Application of quality assurance criteria was consistent with "USEPA Contract Laboratory Program National Functional Guidelines for Organic Data Review," EPA-540/R-99/008, October 1999. The data were found to exhibit acceptable levels of accuracy and precision with the qualifiers noted on the tables.

The data from second semi-annual event were reviewed to evaluate the enhanced biodegradation treatment at the Endline Area. At well MW-2, both 1,1,1-TCA and 1,1-DCA were reduced to non-detect levels accompanied by a large increase in chloroethane indicating that dechlorination has occurred at well MW-2 since March 2012. It does not appear that significant conversion of chloroethane to ethane has occurred. The next sampling should show whether chloroethane is being converted to ethane.

This increase in chloroethane, and the high detection limits for 1,1,1-TCA and 1,1-DCA used by the lab skew the data so that there appears to be an increase in total CVOC in MW-2. It is most likely that the total CVOC concentration remained about the same because there appears to have been a stoichiometric conversion of 1,1,1-TCA and 1,1-DCA to chloroethane.

Concentrations of CVOC in wells MW-11 and MW-12 remained similar to those found during the March 2012 sampling event.

The three injection wells will be sampled again at the next event to monitor the migration of the organic substrate out of the injection well area and confirm that enhanced biodegradation is occurring in the injection well area. Round 3 of the semiannual sampling will be conducted in Spring 2013.

No conclusions are being made at this time. As stated in the approved Work Plan, CRA will evaluate the effectiveness of the enhanced attenuation program after two years (four rounds) of semiannual sampling. An evaluation report will be prepared and submitted to the NYSDEC with recommendations for future sampling or additional remedial actions if necessary.



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Please contact Jim Hartnett at 315-463-2391 (GM) or Katherine Galanti at 716-856-2142 (CRA) if you should have any questions or comments.

Yours truly,

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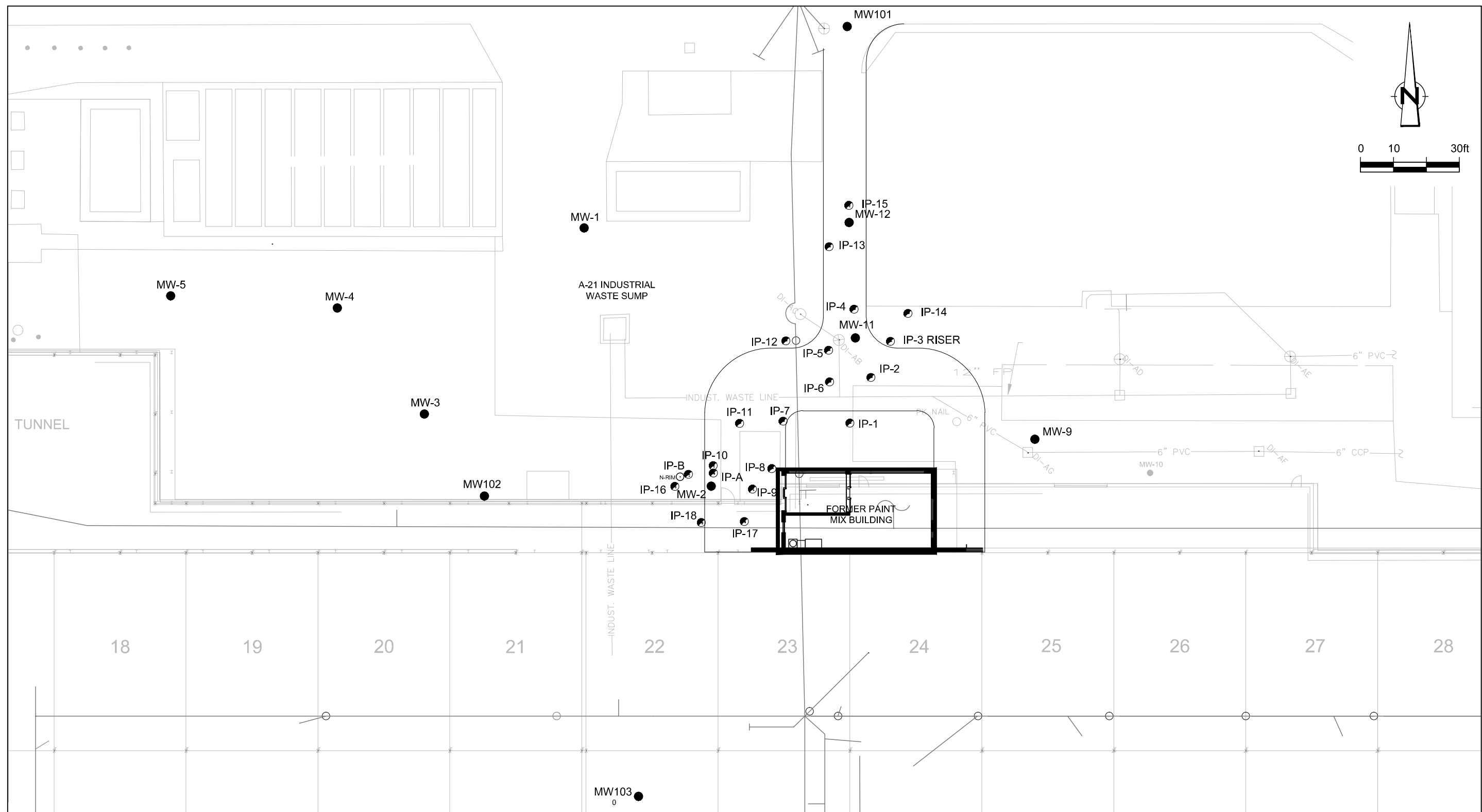
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FIGURES

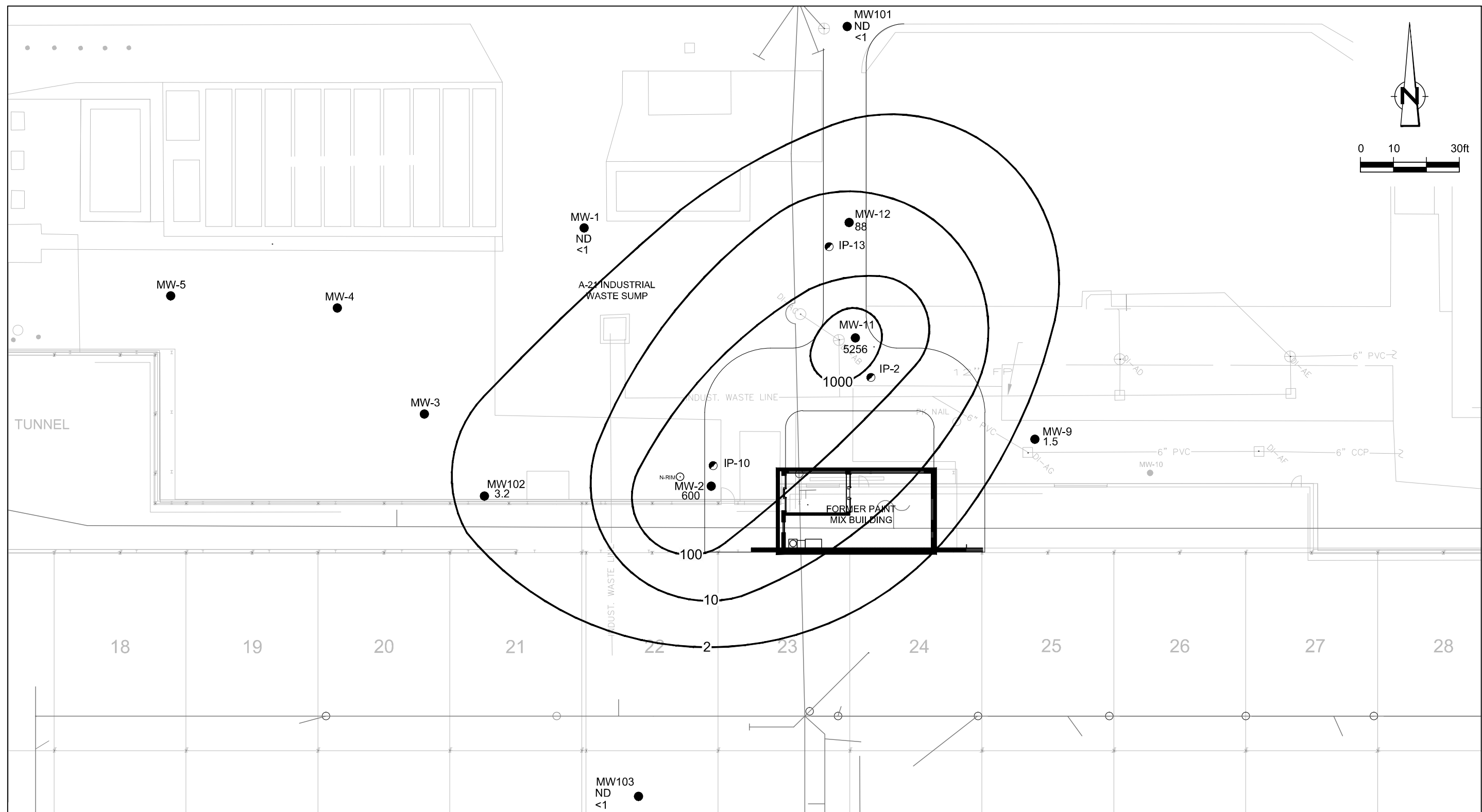


LEGEND

- MW-1 ● MONITORING WELL LOCATION
- IP-11 ○ INJECTION WELL LOCATION



figure 1
WELL LOCATIONS
ENHANCED ATTENUATION AT THE ENDOLINE AREA CHLORINATED SOLVENT PLUME
GENERAL MOTORS COMPANY TONAWANDA ENGINE PLANT
Tonawanda, New York



NOTES

THE ANALYTICAL RESULTS FOR MW-2 CVOCS WERE NON-DETECT AT AN ELEVATED DETECTION LIMIT. A VALUE OF 600 ug/L (1/2 OF THE DETECTION LIMIT FOR 1,1,1-TCA) IS USED AS THE TOTAL CVOC CONCENTRATION.

LEGEND

- MW-1 ● MONITORING WELL LOCATION
- IP-11 ● INJECTION WELL LOCATIONS
- CVOC CONCENTRATION CONTOUR
- MW-1 ● TOTAL CHLORINATED VOC CONCENTRATION IN GROUNDWATER (ppb)



figure 2

TOTAL CVOC CONTOURS - SEPTEMBER 2012
ENHANCED ATTENUATION AT THE ENDLINE AREA CHLORINATED SOLVENT PLUME
GENERAL MOTORS COMPANY TONAWANDA ENGINE PLANT
Tonawanda, New York

TABLES

TABLE 1

ANALYTICAL RESULTS SUMMARY
GROUNDWATER MONITORING
GENERAL MOTORS CORPORATION
TONAWANDA, NEW YORK
SEPTEMBER 2012

Location:	MW-1	MW-2	MW-9	MW-101	MW-101
Sample Name:	WG-17390-092112-007	WG-17390-092012-001	WG-17390-092012-002	WG-17390-092112-005	WG-17390-092112-006
Sample Date:	9/21/2012	9/20/2012	9/20/2012	9/21/2012	9/21/2012
					(Duplicate)
Units					
<i>Volatile Organic Compounds</i>					
1,1,1-Trichloroethane	µg/L	1.0 U	1300 U	1.0 U	1.0 U
1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane	µg/L	1.0 U	1300 U	1.0 U	1.0 U
1,1,2-Trichloroethane	µg/L	1.0 U	1300 U	1.0 U	1.0 U
1,1-Dichloroethane	µg/L	1.0 U	1300 U	1.5	0.39 J
1,1-Dichloroethene	µg/L	1.0 U	1300 U	1.0 U	1.0 U
1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene	µg/L	1.0 U	1300 U	1.0 U	1.0 U
1,2-Dibromo-3-chloropropane (DBCP)	µg/L	2.0 U	2500 U	2.0 U	2.0 U
1,2-Dibromoethane (Ethylene dibromide)	µg/L	1.0 U	1300 U	1.0 U	1.0 U
1,2-Dichlorobenzene	µg/L	1.0 U	1300 U	1.0 U	1.0 U
1,2-Dichloroethane	µg/L	1.0 U	1300 U	1.0 U	1.0 U
1,2-Dichloropropane	µg/L	1.0 U	1300 U	1.0 U	1.0 U
1,3-Dichlorobenzene	µg/L	1.0 U	1300 U	1.0 U	1.0 U
1,4-Dichlorobenzene	µg/L	1.0 U	1300 U	1.0 U	1.0 U
1,4-Dioxane	µg/L	50 U	63000 U	50 U	50 U
2-Butanone (Methyl ethyl ketone) (MEK)	µg/L	10 U	13000 U	10 U	10 U
2-Hexanone	µg/L	10 U	13000 U	10 U	10 U
4-Methyl-2-pentanone (Methyl isobutyl ketone) (MIBK)	µg/L	10 U	13000 U	10 U	10 U
Acetone	µg/L	1.1 J	13000 U	10 U	1.1 J
Benzene	µg/L	1.0 U	320 J	1.0 U	1.0 U
Bromodichloromethane	µg/L	1.0 U	1300 U	1.0 U	1.0 U
Bromoform	µg/L	1.0 U	1300 U	1.0 U	1.0 U
Bromomethane (Methyl bromide)	µg/L	1.0 U	1300 U	1.0 U	1.0 U
Carbon disulfide	µg/L	1.0 U	1300 U	0.87 J	1.0 U
Carbon tetrachloride	µg/L	1.0 U	1300 U	1.0 U	1.0 U
Chlorobenzene	µg/L	1.0 U	1300 U	1.0 U	1.0 U
Chloroethane	µg/L	1.0 U	42000	1.0	0.53 J
Chloroform (Trichloromethane)	µg/L	1.0 U	1300 U	1.0 U	1.0 U
Chloromethane (Methyl chloride)	µg/L	1.0 U	1300 U	1.0 U	1.0 U
cis-1,2-Dichloroethene	µg/L	1.0 U	1300 U	1.0 U	1.0 U
cis-1,3-Dichloropropene	µg/L	1.0 U	1300 U	1.0 U	1.0 U
Cyclohexane	µg/L	1.0 U	1300 U	1.0 U	1.0 U
Dibromochloromethane	µg/L	1.0 U	1300 U	1.0 U	1.0 U
Dichlorodifluoromethane (CFC-12)	µg/L	1.0 U	1300 U	1.0 U	1.0 U
Ethylbenzene	µg/L	1.0 U	1300 U	1.0 U	1.0 U
Isopropyl benzene	µg/L	1.0 U	1300 U	1.0 U	1.0 U
Methyl acetate	µg/L	10 U	13000 U	10 U	10 U

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ANALYTICAL RESULTS SUMMARY
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TONAWANDA, NEW YORK
SEPTEMBER 2012

Location:		MW-1	MW-2	MW-9	MW-101	MW-101
Sample Name:		WG-17390-092112-007	WG-17390-092012-001	WG-17390-092012-002	WG-17390-092112-005	WG-17390-092112-006
Sample Date:		9/21/2012	9/20/2012	9/20/2012	9/21/2012	9/21/2012 (Duplicate)
Units						
<i>Volatile Organic Compounds Cont'd.</i>						
Methyl cyclohexane	µg/L	1.0 U	1300 U	1.0 U	1.0 U	1.0 U
Methyl tert butyl ether (MTBE)	µg/L	1.3 J	6300 U	5.0 U	5.0 U	5.0 U
Methylene chloride	µg/L	1.0 U	1300 U	1.0 U	1.0 U	1.0 U
Styrene	µg/L	1.0 U	1300 U	1.0 U	1.0 U	1.0 U
Tetrachloroethene	µg/L	1.0 U	1300 U	1.0 U	1.0 U	1.0 U
Toluene	µg/L	1.0 U	390 J	1.0 U	1.0 U	1.0 U
trans-1,2-Dichloroethene	µg/L	1.0 U	1300 U	1.0 U	1.0 U	1.0 U
trans-1,3-Dichloropropene	µg/L	1.0 U	1300 U	1.0 U	1.0 U	1.0 U
Trichloroethene	µg/L	1.0 U	1300 U	1.0 U	1.0 U	1.0 U
Trichlorofluoromethane (CFC-11)	µg/L	1.0 U	1300 U	1.0 U	1.0 U	1.0 U
Trifluorotrichloroethane (Freon 113)	µg/L	1.0 U	1300 U	1.0 U	1.0 U	1.0 U
Vinyl chloride	µg/L	1.0 U	1300 U	1.0 U	1.0 U	1.0 U
Xylenes (total)	µg/L	2.0 U	410 J	2.0 U	2.0 U	2.0 U
<i>Wet Chemistry</i>						
Alkalinity, total (as CaCO ₃)	mg/L	-	230	-	-	-
Ammonia	mg/L	-	4.2	-	-	-
Biochemical oxygen demand (BOD)	mg/L	-	91 J	-	-	-
Chemical oxygen demand (COD)	mg/L	-	210	-	-	-
Nitrate (as N)	mg/L	-	0.10 U	-	-	-
Nitrite (as N)	mg/L	-	0.10 U	-	-	-
Orthophosphate	mg/L	-	0.040 J	-	-	-
Sulfate	mg/L	-	4.7	-	-	-
Sulfide	mg/L	-	2.1	-	-	-
Total organic carbon (TOC)	mg/L	-	78	-	-	-

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GROUNDWATER MONITORING
GENERAL MOTORS CORPORATION
TONAWANDA, NEW YORK
SEPTEMBER 2012

<i>Location:</i>		<i>MW-1</i>	<i>MW-2</i>	<i>MW-9</i>	<i>MW-101</i>	<i>MW-101</i>
<i>Sample Name:</i>		WG-17390-092112-007	WG-17390-092012-001	WG-17390-092012-002	WG-17390-092112-005	WG-17390-092112-006
<i>Sample Date:</i>		9/21/2012	9/20/2012	9/20/2012	9/21/2012	9/21/2012 (Duplicate)
<i>Units</i>						
<i>Gas</i>						
Ethane	µg/L	-	54	-	-	-
Methane	µg/L	-	1200	-	-	-
<i>Metals</i>						
Iron	µg/L	-	2100 J	-	-	-
Iron (dissolved)	µg/L	-	2800 J	-	-	-
Manganese	µg/L	-	250 J	-	-	-
Manganese (dissolved)	µg/L	-	340 J	-	-	-

Notes:

µg/L	Micrograms per Liter
mg/L	Milligrams per Liter
J	Estimated
U	Not present at or above the associated value.

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ANALYTICAL RESULTS SUMMARY
GROUNDWATER MONITORING
GENERAL MOTORS CORPORATION
TONAWANDA, NEW YORK
SEPTEMBER 2012

Location:	MW-102	MW-103	MW-11	MW-12	
Sample Name:	WG-17390-092112-008	WG-17390-092112-009	WG-17390-092112-003	WG-17390-092112-004	
Sample Date:	9/21/2012	9/21/2012	9/21/2012	9/21/2012	
Units					
Volatile Organic Compounds					
1,1,1-Trichloroethane	µg/L	1.5 U	1.0 U	640	3.3 U
1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane	µg/L	1.5 U	1.0 U	91 U	3.3 U
1,1,2-Trichloroethane	µg/L	1.5 U	1.0 U	91 U	3.3 U
1,1-Dichloroethane	µg/L	3.2	1.0 U	2500	88
1,1-Dichloroethene	µg/L	1.5 U	1.0 U	2000	3.3 U
1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene	µg/L	1.5 U	1.0 U	91 U	3.3 U
1,2-Dibromo-3-chloropropane (DBCP)	µg/L	3.1 U	2.0 U	180 U	6.7 U
1,2-Dibromoethane (Ethylene dibromide)	µg/L	1.5 U	1.0 U	91 U	3.3 U
1,2-Dichlorobenzene	µg/L	1.5 U	1.0 U	91 U	3.3 U
1,2-Dichloroethane	µg/L	1.5 U	1.0 U	91 U	3.3 U
1,2-Dichloropropane	µg/L	1.5 U	1.0 U	91 U	3.3 U
1,3-Dichlorobenzene	µg/L	1.5 U	1.0 U	91 U	3.3 U
1,4-Dichlorobenzene	µg/L	1.5 U	1.0 U	91 U	3.3 U
1,4-Dioxane	µg/L	77 U	50 U	4500 U	170 U
2-Butanone (Methyl ethyl ketone) (MEK)	µg/L	15 U	10 U	910 U	33 U
2-Hexanone	µg/L	15 U	10 U	910 U	33 U
4-Methyl-2-pentanone (Methyl isobutyl ketone) (MIBK)	µg/L	15 U	10 U	910 U	33 U
Acetone	µg/L	2.1 J	10 U	910 U	33 U
Benzene	µg/L	1.5 U	1.0 U	91 U	3.3 U
Bromodichloromethane	µg/L	1.5 U	1.0 U	91 U	3.3 U
Bromoform	µg/L	1.5 U	1.0 U	91 U	3.3 U
Bromomethane (Methyl bromide)	µg/L	1.5 U	1.0 U	91 U	3.3 U
Carbon disulfide	µg/L	1.5 U	1.0 U	91 U	3.3 U
Carbon tetrachloride	µg/L	1.5 U	1.0 U	91 U	3.3 U
Chlorobenzene	µg/L	1.5 U	1.0 U	91 U	3.3 U
Chloroethane	µg/L	1.5 U	1.0 U	91 U	3.3 U
Chloroform (Trichloromethane)	µg/L	1.5 U	1.0 U	91 U	3.3 U
Chloromethane (Methyl chloride)	µg/L	1.5 U	1.0 U	91 U	3.3 U
cis-1,2-Dichloroethene	µg/L	1.5 U	1.0 U	100	3.3 U
cis-1,3-Dichloropropene	µg/L	1.5 U	1.0 U	91 U	3.3 U
Cyclohexane	µg/L	1.5 U	1.0 U	91 U	3.3 U
Dibromochloromethane	µg/L	1.5 U	1.0 U	91 U	3.3 U
Dichlorodifluoromethane (CFC-12)	µg/L	1.5 U	1.0 U	91 U	5.2
Ethylbenzene	µg/L	1.5 U	1.0 U	91 U	3.3 U
Isopropyl benzene	µg/L	1.5 U	1.0 U	91 U	3.3 U
Methyl acetate	µg/L	15 U	10 U	910 U	33 U

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TONAWANDA, NEW YORK
SEPTEMBER 2012

<i>Location:</i>		<i>MW-102</i>	<i>MW-103</i>	<i>MW-11</i>	<i>MW-12</i>
<i>Sample Name:</i>		WG-17390-092112-008	WG-17390-092112-009	WG-17390-092112-003	WG-17390-092112-004
<i>Sample Date:</i>		9/21/2012	9/21/2012	9/21/2012	9/21/2012
<i>Units</i>					
<i>Volatile Organic Compounds Cont'd.</i>					
Methyl cyclohexane	µg/L	1.5 U	1.0 U	91 U	3.3 U
Methyl tert butyl ether (MTBE)	µg/L	45	5.0 U	450 U	17 U
Methylene chloride	µg/L	1.5 U	1.0 U	91 U	3.3 U
Styrene	µg/L	1.5 U	1.0 U	91 U	3.3 U
Tetrachloroethene	µg/L	1.5 U	1.0 U	91 U	3.3 U
Toluene	µg/L	1.5 U	1.0 U	91 U	3.3 U
trans-1,2-Dichloroethene	µg/L	1.5 U	1.0 U	91 U	3.3 U
trans-1,3-Dichloropropene	µg/L	1.5 U	1.0 U	91 U	3.3 U
Trichloroethene	µg/L	1.5 U	1.0 U	16 J	3.3 U
Trichlorofluoromethane (CFC-11)	µg/L	1.5 U	1.0 U	91 U	3.3 U
Trifluorotrichloroethane (Freon 113)	µg/L	1.5 U	1.0 U	91 U	3.3 U
Vinyl chloride	µg/L	1.5 U	1.0 U	91 U	3.3 U
Xylenes (total)	µg/L	3.1 U	2.0 U	180 U	6.7 U
<i>Wet Chemistry</i>					
Alkalinity, total (as CaCO ₃)	mg/L	-	-	450	510
Ammonia	mg/L	-	-	2.0 U	2.0 U
Biochemical oxygen demand (BOD)	mg/L	-	-	2.0 U	2.0 U
Chemical oxygen demand (COD)	mg/L	-	-	160	27
Nitrate (as N)	mg/L	-	-	0.10 U	0.10 U
Nitrite (as N)	mg/L	-	-	0.10 U	0.10 U
Orthophosphate	mg/L	-	-	R	R
Sulfate	mg/L	-	-	3900	1900
Sulfide	mg/L	-	-	1.0 U	1.0 U
Total organic carbon (TOC)	mg/L	-	-	4.0	5.7

TABLE 1

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TONAWANDA, NEW YORK
SEPTEMBER 2012

<i>Location:</i>		<i>MW-102</i>	<i>MW-103</i>	<i>MW-11</i>	<i>MW-12</i>
<i>Sample Name:</i>		WG-17390-092112-008	WG-17390-092112-009	WG-17390-092112-003	WG-17390-092112-004
<i>Sample Date:</i>		9/21/2012	9/21/2012	9/21/2012	9/21/2012
<i>Units</i>					
<i>Gas</i>					
Ethane	µg/L	-	-	1.5	0.50 U
Methane	µg/L	-	-	280	5.1
<i>Metals</i>					
Iron	µg/L	-	-	1000 J	100 U
Iron (dissolved)	µg/L	-	-	1600 J	100 U
Manganese	µg/L	-	-	290	50
Manganese (dissolved)	µg/L	-	-	310	20

Notes:

µg/L Micrograms per Liter

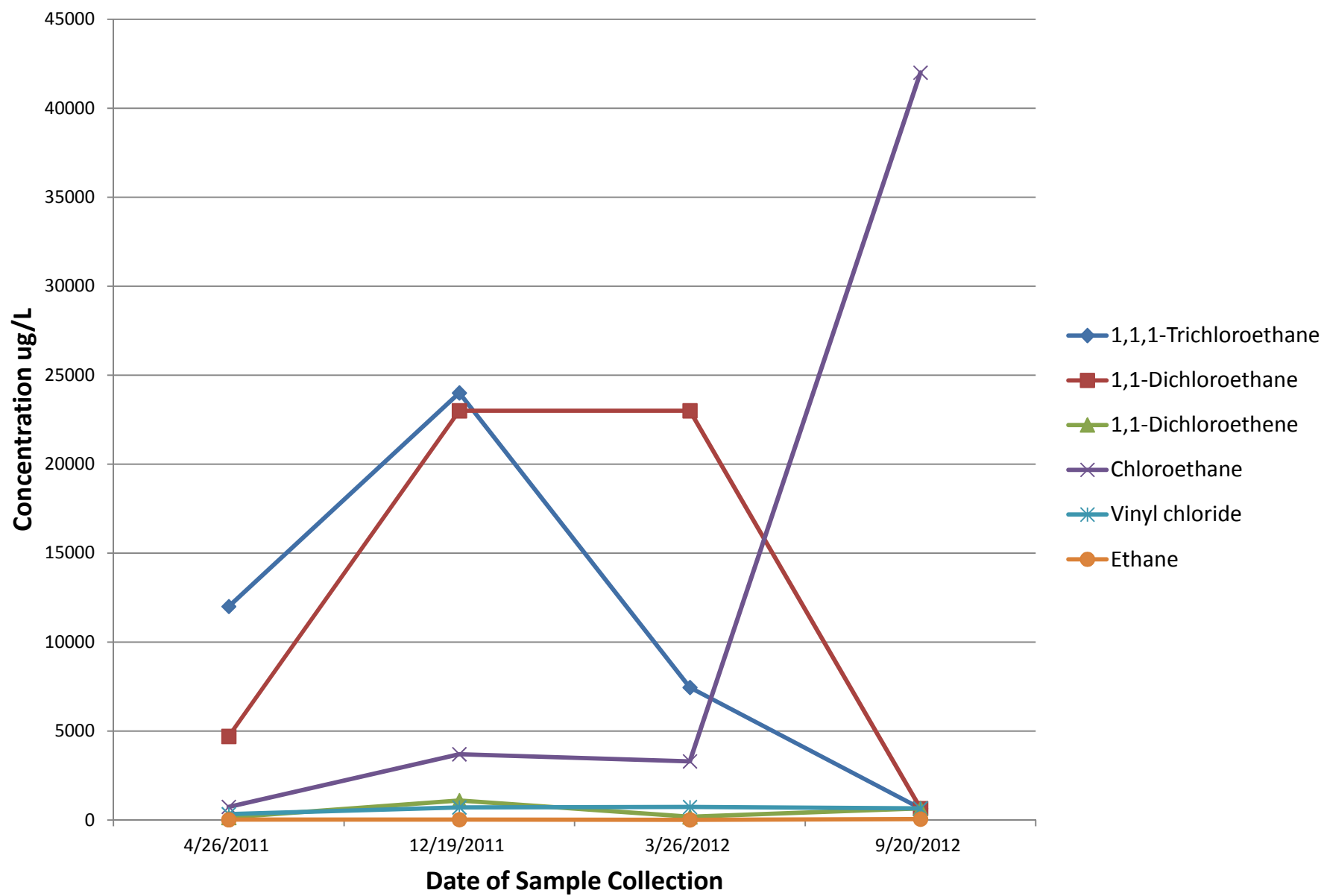
mg/L Milligrams per Liter

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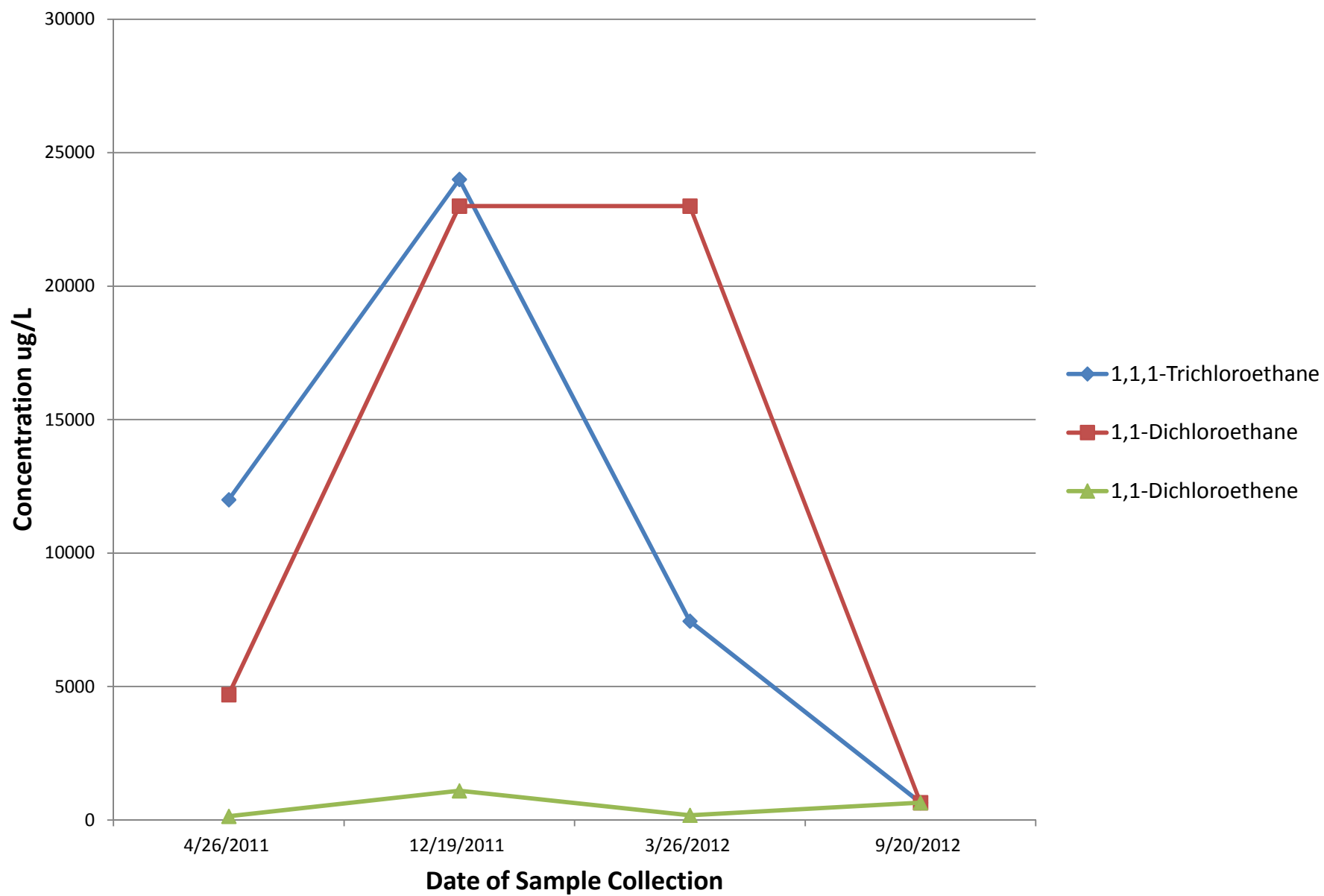
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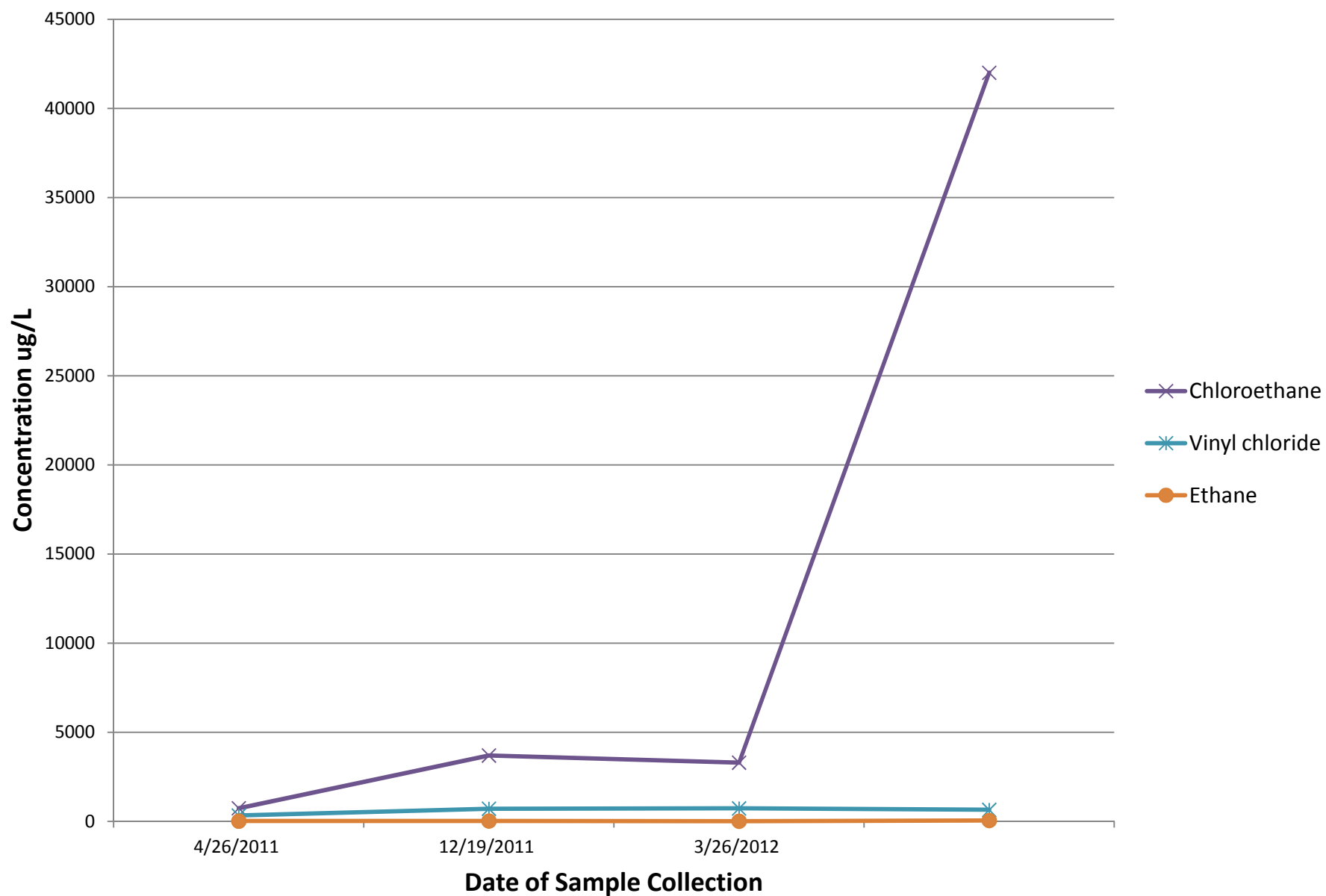
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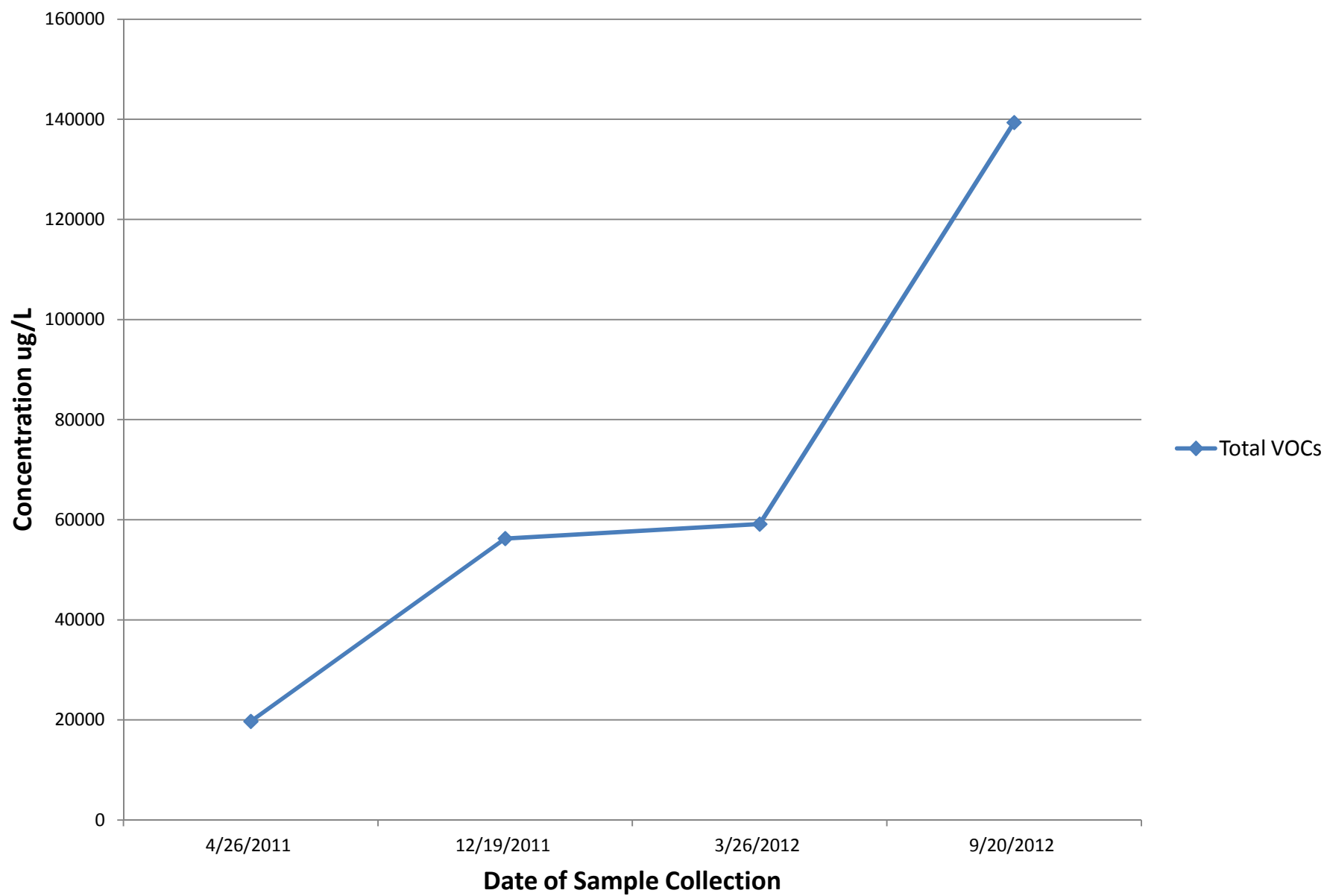
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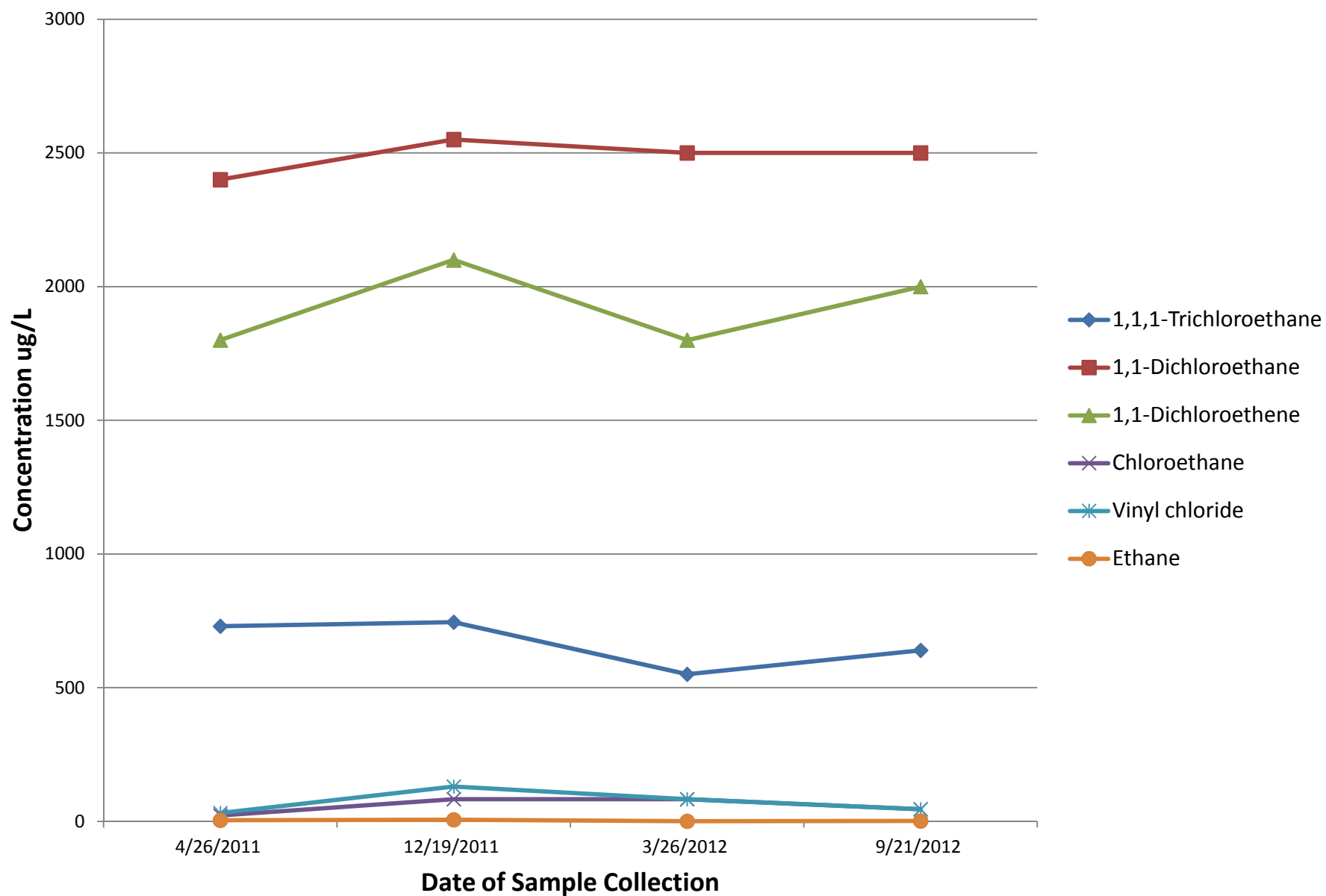
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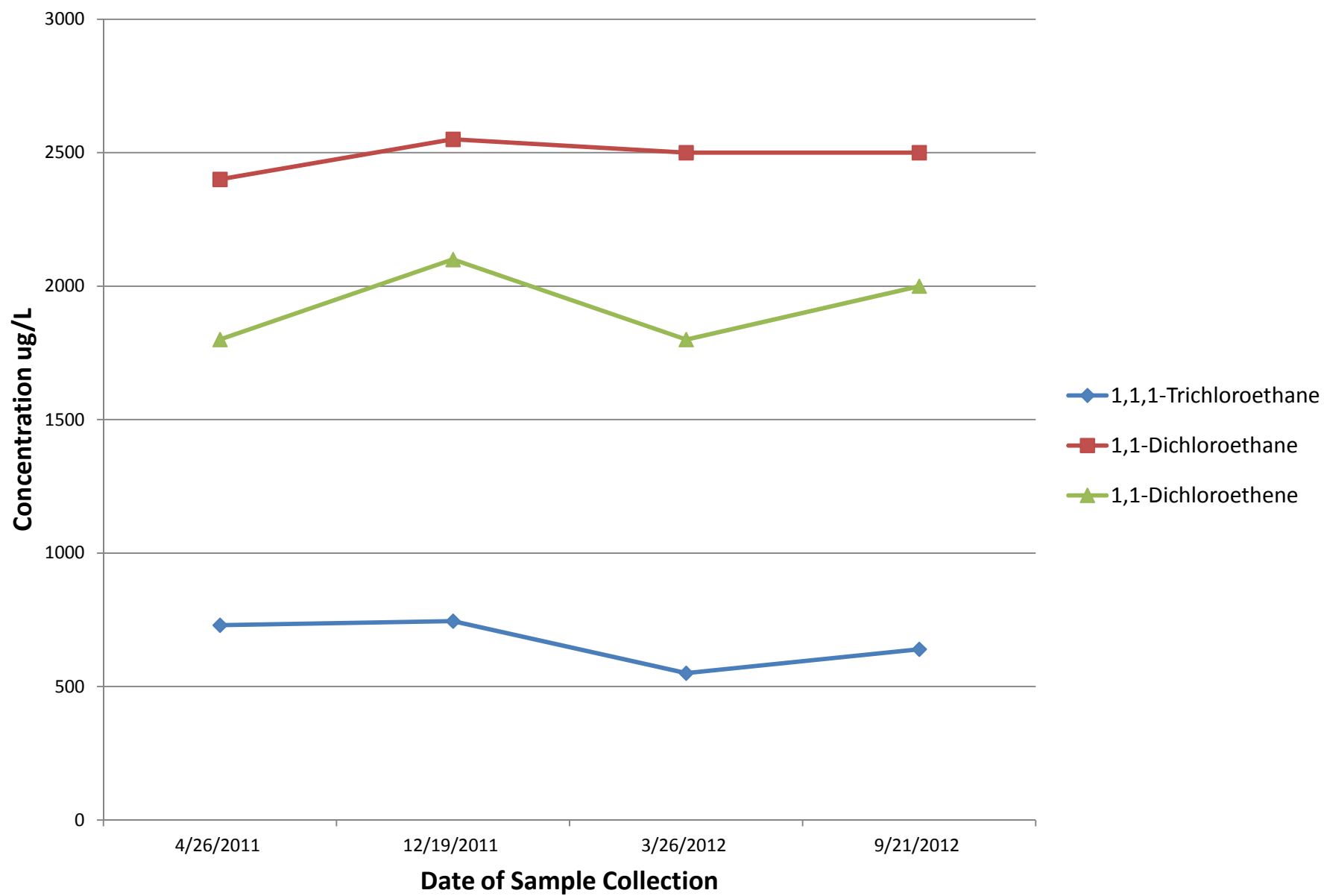
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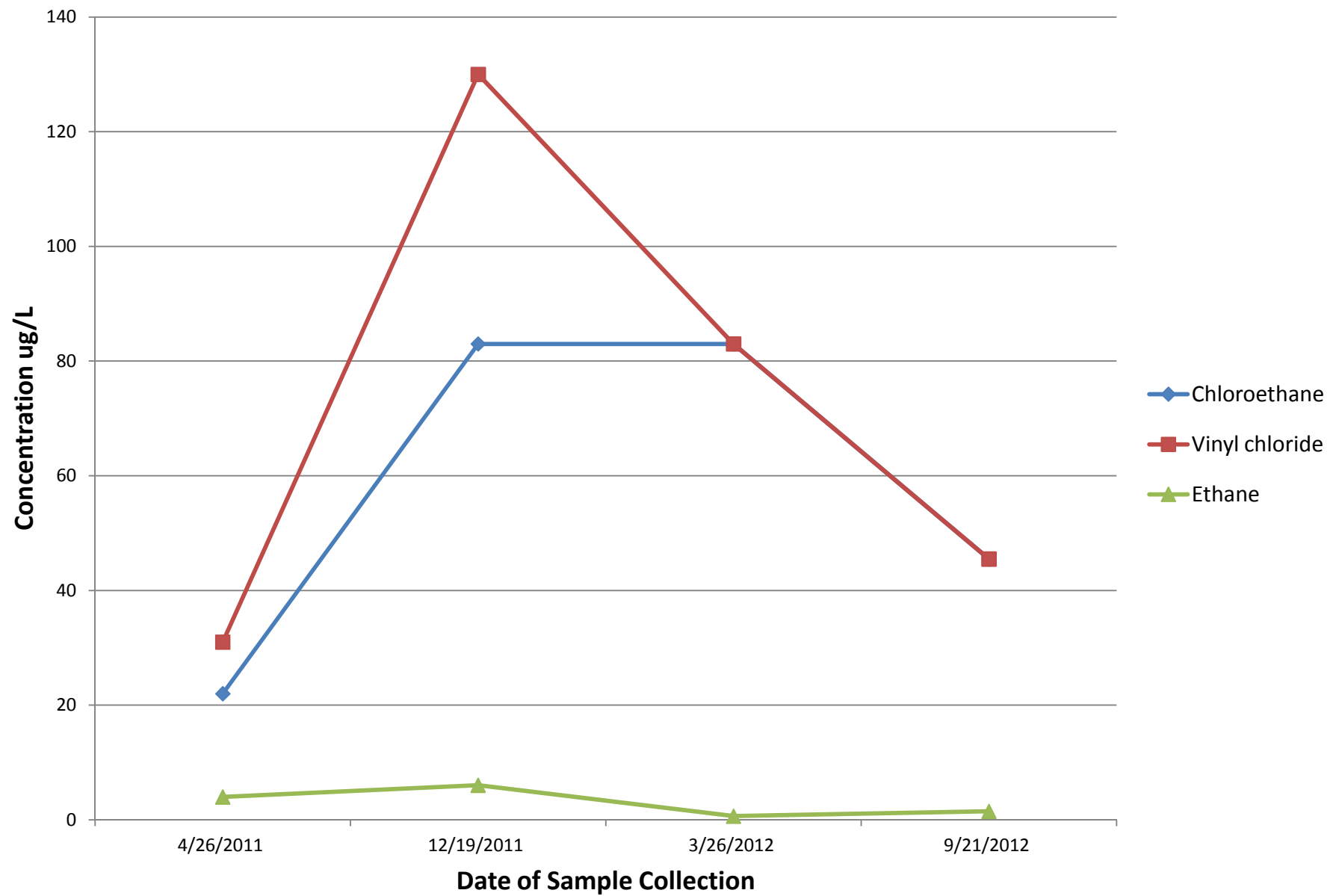
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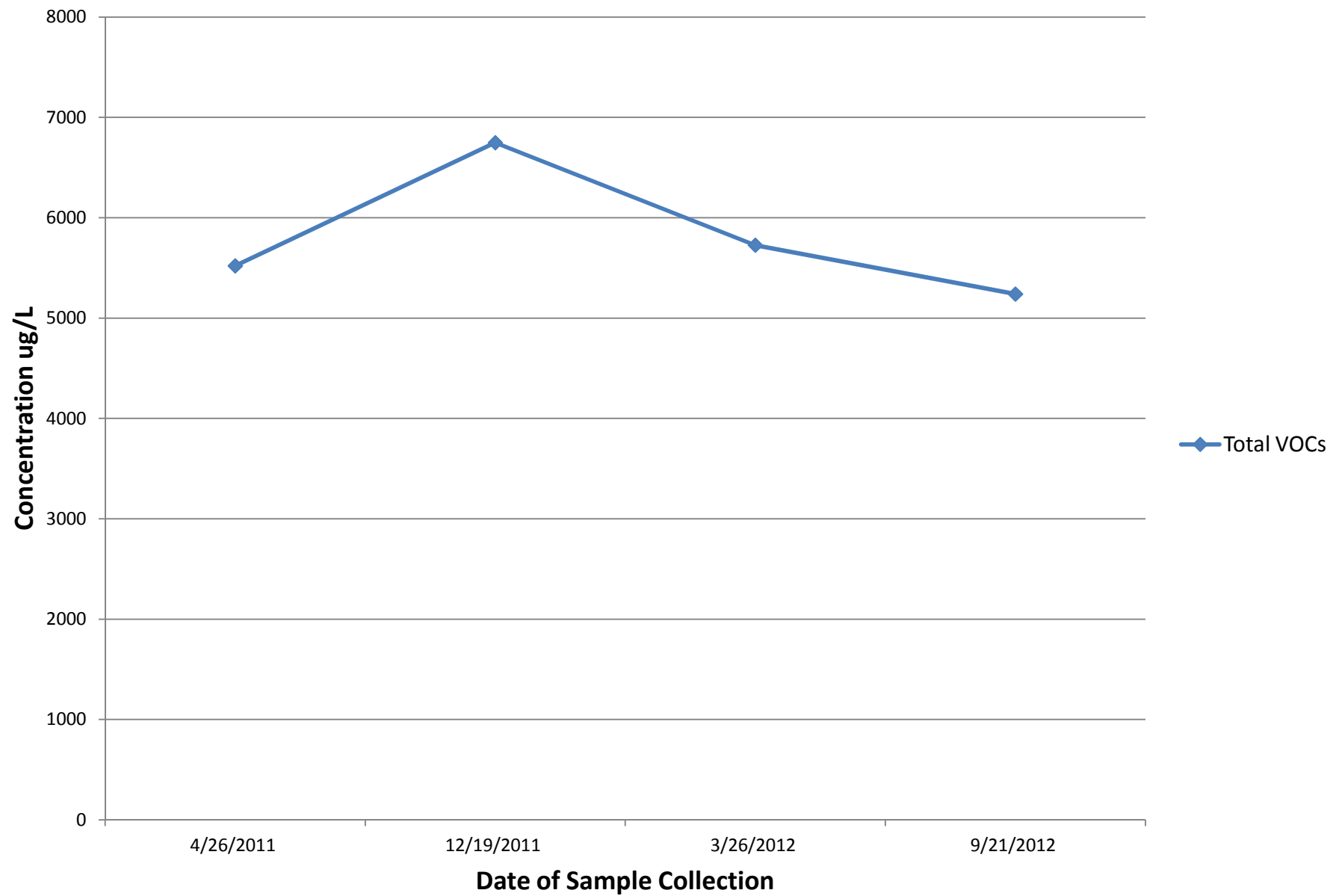
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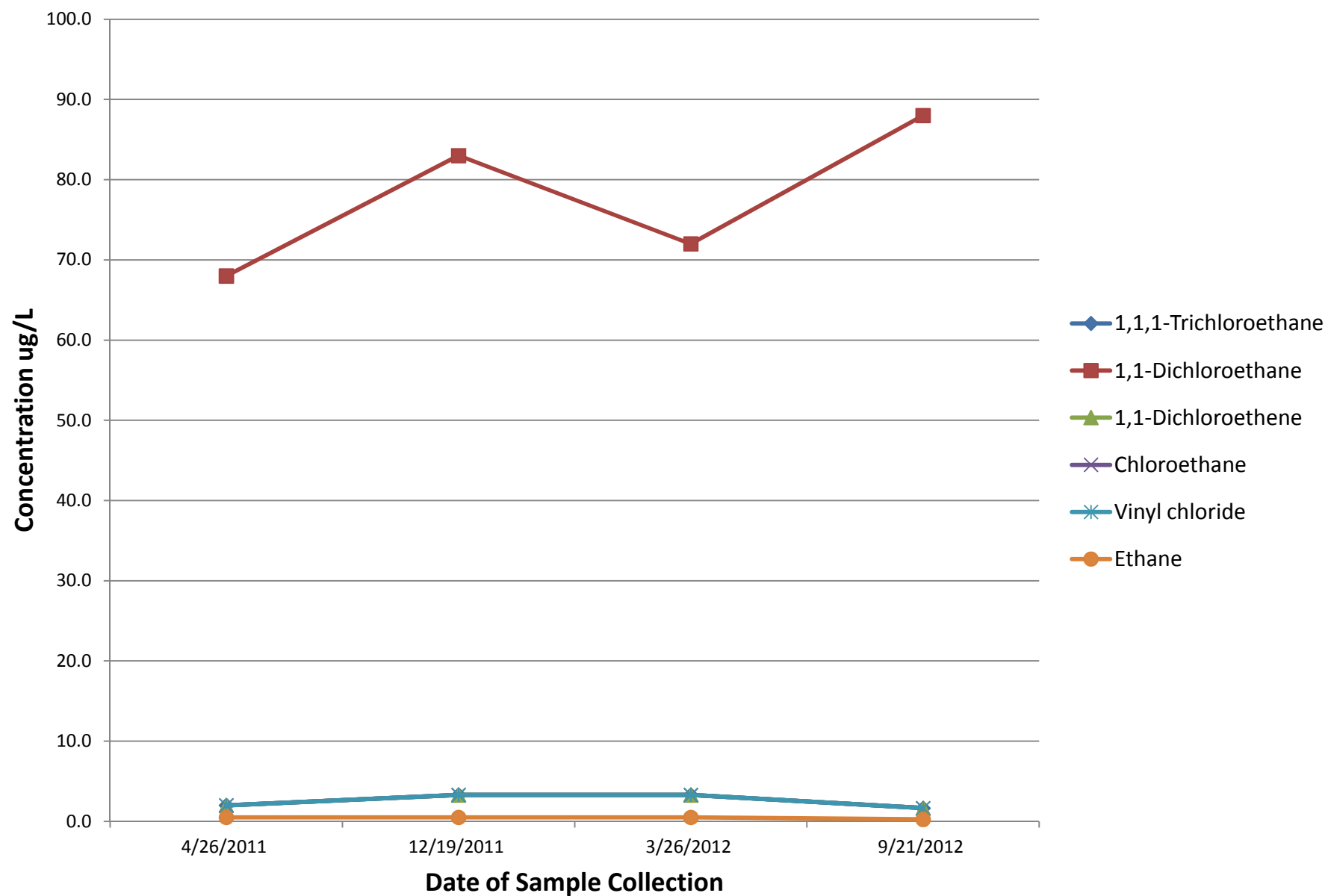
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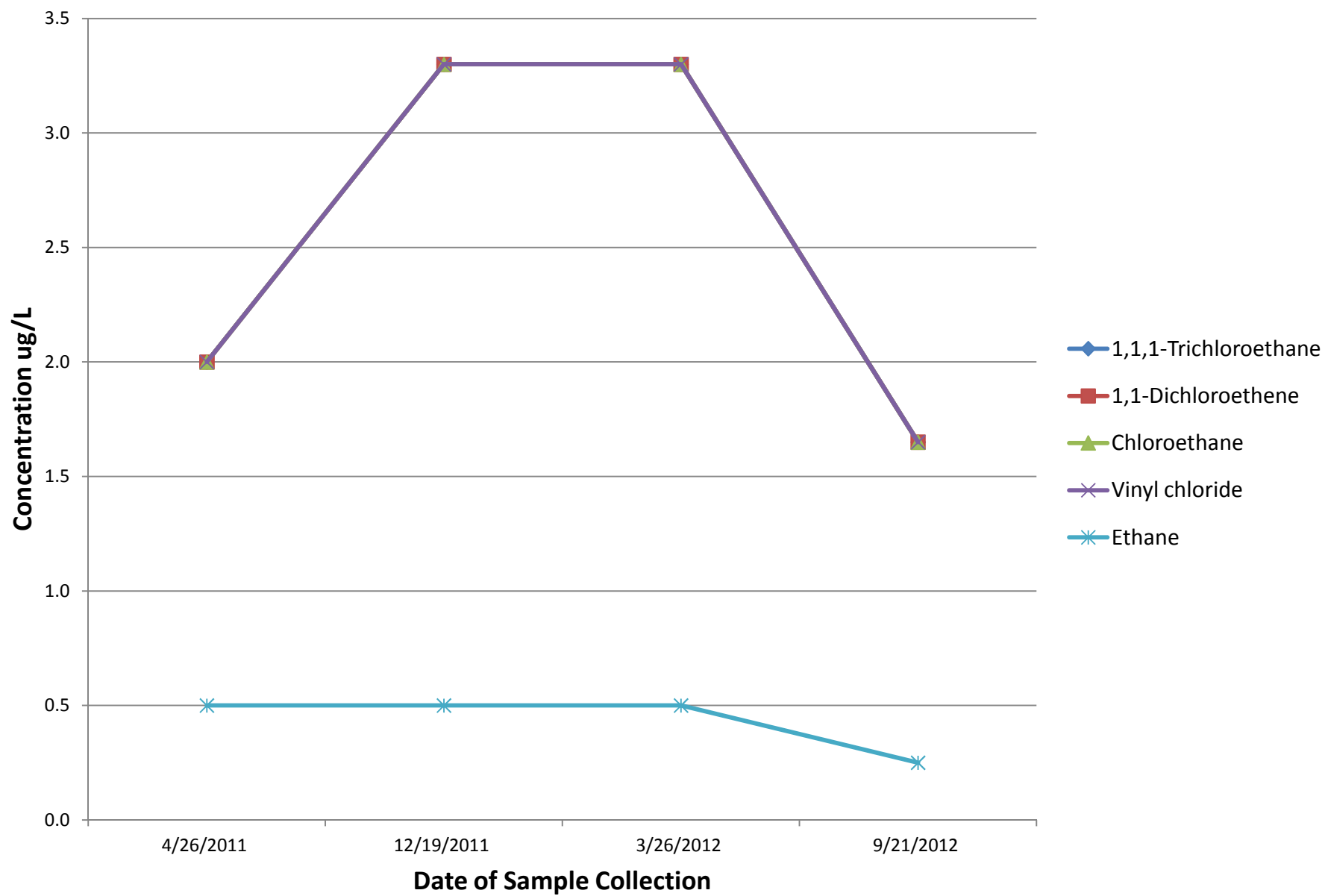
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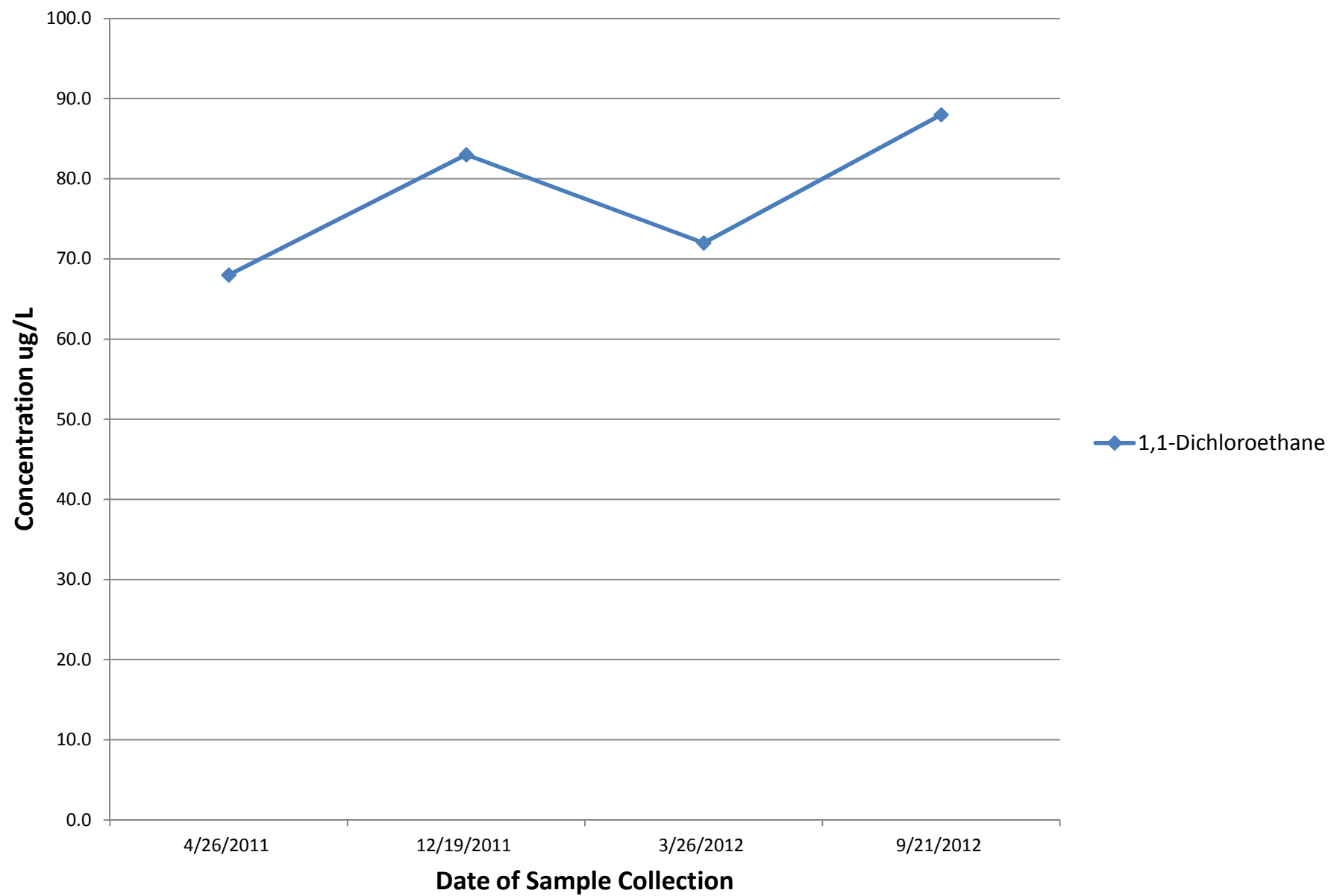
Concentration Versus Time Plot for Well MW-12



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Concentration Versus Time Plot for Well MW-12

