

**ALBERTA TRANSPORTATION AND  
ECONOMIC CORRIDORS GRMP  
GRANDE PRAIRIE REGION –  
(GRANDE PRAIRIE NORTH)  
INSTRUMENTATION MONITORING - SPRING 2024**



Site Number	Location	Name	Hwy	km
GP040	Hwy 2:68 km 29.41, 5 km North of Rycroft	Spirit River Bridge	2:68	29.41
<b>Legal Description:</b> 16-4-77-5 W6		<b>UTM Co-ordinates</b>		
		11U E 394305	N	6184771

<b>Current Monitoring:</b>	26-May-2024	<b>Previous Monitoring</b>	29-Apr-2021
<b>Instruments Read By:</b>	Mr. Niraj Regmi, G.I.T and Mr. Nixson Mationg, of Thurber		

Instruments Read During This Site Visit			
<b>Slope Inclinometers (SIs):</b> SI17-3 and SI20-1	<b>Pneumatic Piezometers (PN):</b> N/A	<b>Vibration Wire Piezometers (VW):</b> N/A	<b>Standpipe Piezometers (SP):</b> N/A
<b>Load Cell (LC):</b> N/A	<b>Strain Gauges:</b> N/A	<b>SAA's:</b> N/A	<b>Others:</b>

Readout Equipment Used			
<b>Slope Inclinometers:</b> RST Digital Inclinometer probe with a 2 ft. wheelbase and a RST Pocket PC readout	<b>Pneumatic Piezometers:</b>	<b>Vibration Wire Piezometers:</b>	<b>Standpipe Piezometers:</b>
<b>Load Cell:</b>	<b>Strain Gauges:</b>	<b>SAA's:</b>	<b>Others:</b>
<b>Notes:</b>			

Discussion	
<b>Zones of New Movement:</b>	None
<b>Interpretation of Monitoring Results:</b>	<p>Slope inclinometer SI17-3 was blocked or sheared at 3.27 m below the top of casing. SI17-3 is located east of the repaired headslope and just north of the pile wall installed in 2020/21. Continued slope movement at this location may expose more of the pile wall. This situation should be monitored.</p> <p>SI20-1 showed a rate of movement of 3.2 mm/yr over 0.2 m to 14.2 m depth since the previous reading on April 29, 2021. This corresponds to a decrease in rate of movement of 21.5 mm/yr since the previous reading. The movement pattern indicates a gradual tilting of the pile the SI is installed in; this should continue to be monitored. The reduced rate of movement suggests the mitigation work (soil nails and pile walls) is performing satisfactorily.</p> <p>All of the pneumatic piezometers on this site were previously damaged. Historical piezometer plots are provided in the Appendix.</p>

<b>Future Work:</b>	<p>Due to there being only one active instrument left on the site, we recommend reading this site once annually. The instrument should be read again in the spring of 2025.</p> <p>The pile head deflections in SI20-1 should be monitored to ensure that they are within the design limits. If these limits are exceeded it may be necessary to reinforce the pile wall with tie-back anchors or other remedial measures.</p>
<b>Instrumentation Repairs:</b>	No instrument repairs are required at this time.
<b>Additional Comments:</b>	

<b>Attachments:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Table GP040-1 Spring 2024 – Hwy 2, 5 km North of Rycroft – Spirit River Head Slope Slide Slope Inclinometer Instrumentation Reading Summary</li> <li>▪ Table GP040-2 Spring 2024 – Hwy 2, 5 km North of Rycroft – Spirit River Head Slope Slide Pneumatic Piezometer Instrumentation Reading Summary</li> <li>▪ Statement of Limitations and Conditions</li> <li>▪ APPENDIX A – GP040-1 SPRING 2024 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ Field Inspector's report</li> <li>□ Site Plan Showing Approximate Instrument Locations (Drawing No. GP040-1)</li> <li>□ SI Reading Plots</li> <li>□ Figure GP040-1 (Piezometric Elevations)</li> <li>□ Figure GP040-2 (Piezometric Depths)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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We trust this report meets your requirements at present. If you have any questions, please contact the undersigned at your convenience.

Yours very truly,  
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Senior Geotechnical Engineer

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Geotechnical Engineer

**Table GP040-1: Spring 2024 – Hwy 2, 5 km North of Rycroft – Spirit River Head Slope Slide Slope Inclinometer Instrumentation Reading Summary**

Date Monitored: May 26, 2024

<b>INSTRUMENT #</b>	<b>DATE INITIALIZED</b>	<b>TOTAL CUMULATIVE RESULTANT MOVEMENT AT NOTED DEPTH SINCE INITIAL READING (mm)</b>	<b>MAXIMUM RATE OF MOVEMENT (mm/yr)</b>	<b>CURRENT STATUS</b>	<b>DATE OF PREVIOUS READING</b>	<b>INCREMENTAL MOVEMENT SINCE PREVIOUS READING (mm)</b>	<b>RATE OF MOVEMENT (mm/yr)</b>	<b>CHANGE IN RATE OF MOVEMENT SINCE PREVIOUS READING (mm/yr)</b>
SI17-1	July 18, 2017	5.3 mm over 0.5 to 2.9 m depth in 316 ° direction	43.36 in August 2017	Sheared	September 6, 2017	N/A	31.8 mm/yr (September 2017)	N/A
		76.7 mm over 2.9 to 4.8 m depth in 316 ° direction	567.4 in August 2017				554.1 mm/yr (September 2017)	
SI17-2	July 18, 2017	84.2 over 1.8 m to 4.2 m depth in 34° direction	994.4 in July 2017	Sheared	August 18, 2017	N/A	994.4 mm/yr (August 2017)	N/A
SI17-3	July 18, 2017	37.9 over 0.2 m to 3.9 m depth in 341° direction	38.5 in January 2018	Sheared / Blocked at 3.27 m	June 22, 2020	N/A	19.4 mm/yr (June 2020)	N/A
SI20-1	October 22, 2020	22.5 over 0.2 m to 14.2 m depth in 250° direction	24.7 in April 2021	Operational	April 29, 2021	9.8	3.2	-21.5

Drawing GP040-1 in Appendix A provides a sketch of the approximate location of the monitoring instrumentation for this site.

**Table GP040-2 Spring 2024 – Hwy 2, 5 km North of Rycroft – Spirit River Head Slope Slide Pneumatic Piezometer Instrumentation Reading Summary**

Date Monitored: Not Monitored

<b>INSTRUMENT #</b>	<b>DATE INITIALIZED</b>	<b>TIP ELEV. (m)</b>	<b>GROUND ELEV. (m)</b>	<b>CURRENT STATUS</b>	<b>HIGHEST MEASURED WATER ELEVATION (m)</b>	<b>MEASURED PORE PRESSURE (kPa)</b>	<b>CURRENT WATER ELEVATION (m)</b>	<b>PREVIOUS WATER ELEVATION (m)</b>	<b>CHANGE IN WATER LEVEL SINCE PREVIOUS READING (m)</b>
<i>PN17-1A</i>	<i>July 6, 2017</i>	<i>841.96</i>	<i>865.43</i>	<i>Damaged</i>	<i>863.05 in July 2017</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>857.78 (August 18, 2017)</i>	<i>N/A</i>
<i>PN17-1B</i>	<i>July 6, 2017</i>	<i>852.48</i>	<i>865.43</i>	<i>Damaged</i>	<i>864.92 in July 2017</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>861.83 (June 22, 2020)</i>	<i>N/A</i>
<i>PN17-2</i>	<i>July 5, 2017</i>	<i>856.89</i>	<i>865.89</i>	<i>Damaged</i>	<i>866.59 in July 2017</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>858.58 (June 22, 2020)</i>	<i>N/A</i>
<i>PN17-3</i>	<i>July 5, 2017</i>	<i>837.23</i>	<i>851.56</i>	<i>Damaged</i>	<i>843.14 in July 2017</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>838.64 (October 5, 2017)</i>	<i>N/A</i>

Drawing GP040-1 in Appendix A provides a sketch of the approximate location of the monitoring instrumentation for this site.



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PEACE REGION (GRANDE PRAIRIE DISTRICT – NORTH)  
INSTRUMENTATION MONITORING RESULTS**

**SPRING 2024**

**APPENDIX A  
DATA PRESENTATION**

**SITE GP040: HWY 2, 5 km NORTH OF RYCROFT – SPIRIT RIVER HEAD SLOPE SLIDE**

ALBERTA TRANSPORTATION  
 PEACE REGION - GRANDE PRAIRIE AREA  
 SLOPE INCLINOMETER MONITORING FIELD SUMMARY  
 SPRING 2024

<b>Location:</b> Spirit River Bridge 5KM North of Rycroft <b>File Number:</b> 32123 <b>Probe:</b> RST Set 8R / 10 <b>Cable:</b> RST Set 8R / 10	<b>Readout:</b> RST PN C108 Unit 7 <b>Casing Size:</b> 2.75 <b>Temp:</b> 19 <b>Read by:</b> NKR/NRM
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**SLOPE INCLINOMETER (SI) READINGS**

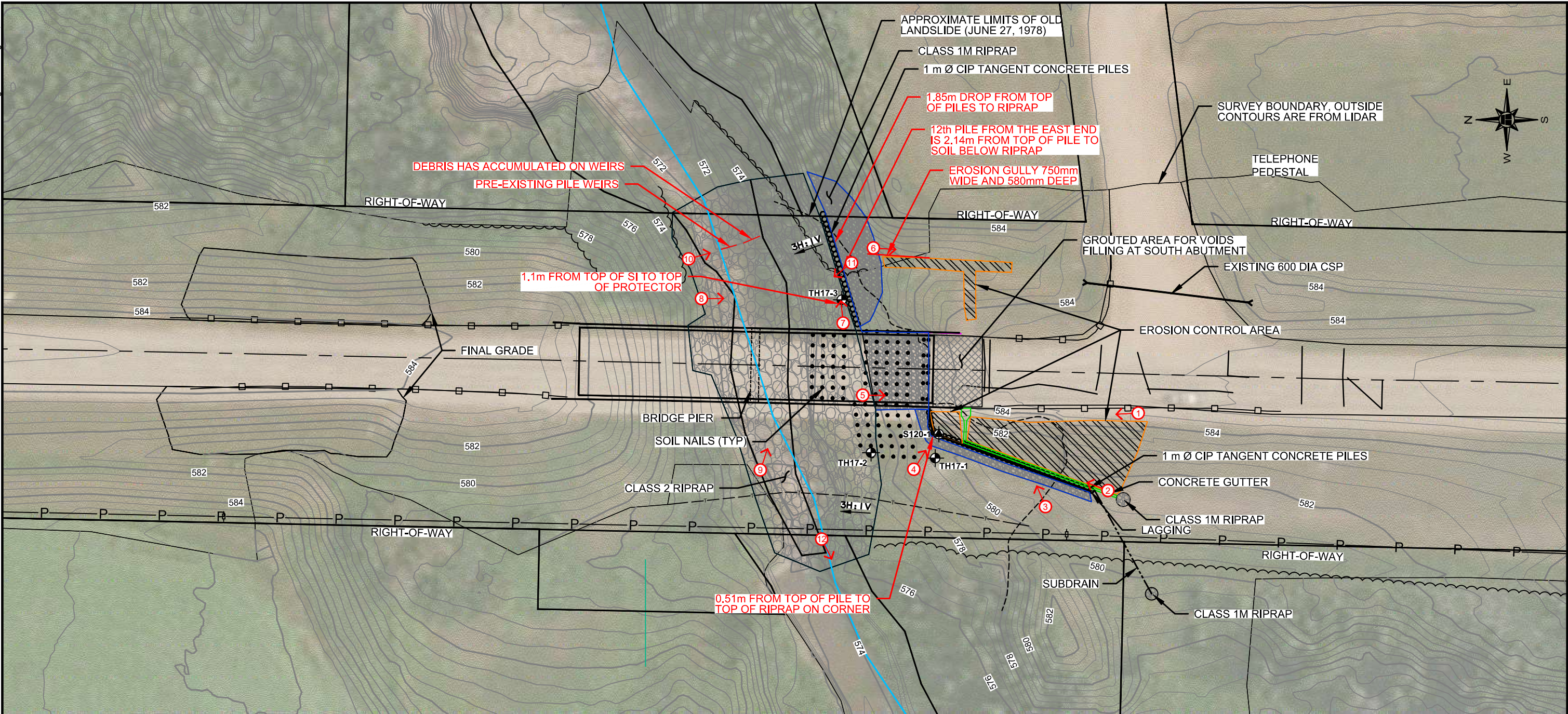
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	(N)	(E)					A+	A-	B+	B-			
SI17-3	6184771	394305	26-May-24	0.69	48 to 2	330	290	-275	-754	758	8R/8R	2.75	
SI20-1	6184691	394281	26-May-24	0.76	48 to 2	219	-568	577	279	-278	10/10	2.75	

**INSPECTOR REPORT**

SI17-3 BLOCKED @ 109"(NOT READ)
PN Piezometers on site DAMAGED



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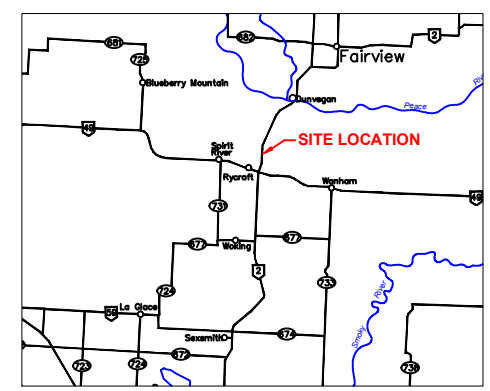
**LEGEND**

- APPROXIMATE TEST HOLE LOCATION(2017)
- APPROXIMATE SLOPE INCLINOMETER LOCATION (2020)
- TELUS CABLE
- OVERHEAD POWER LINE
- GUARD RAIL
- TREE LINE
- SOIL NAIL
- SUBDRAIN
- CONTROL POINT
- DIRECTION AND NUMBER OF PHOTO

- NOTES:**
1. MAY 29, 2023 FEATURES SHOWN IN RED
  2. BASE PLAN PROVIDED BY WSP, SITE SURVEYED ON SEPTEMBER 5, 2017.
  3. CONTOURS OUTSIDE SURVEY LIMIT ARE FROM 2015 LIDAR DATA.
  4. NAD83 UTM 11 COORDINATE SYSTEM.
  5. CONTOUR INTERVALS 0.5m.



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**KEY PLAN**  
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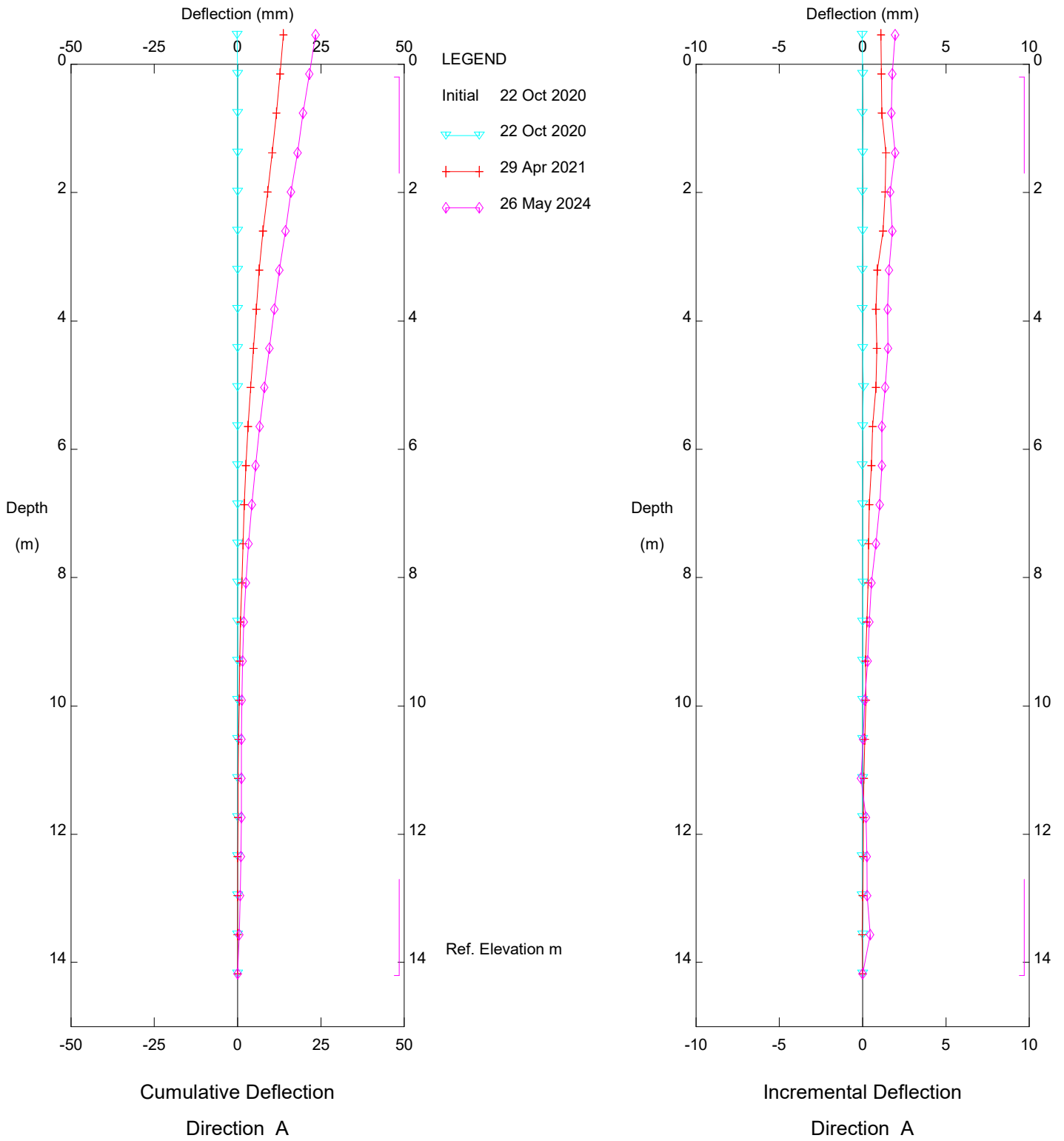
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2023 INSPECTION PLAN**

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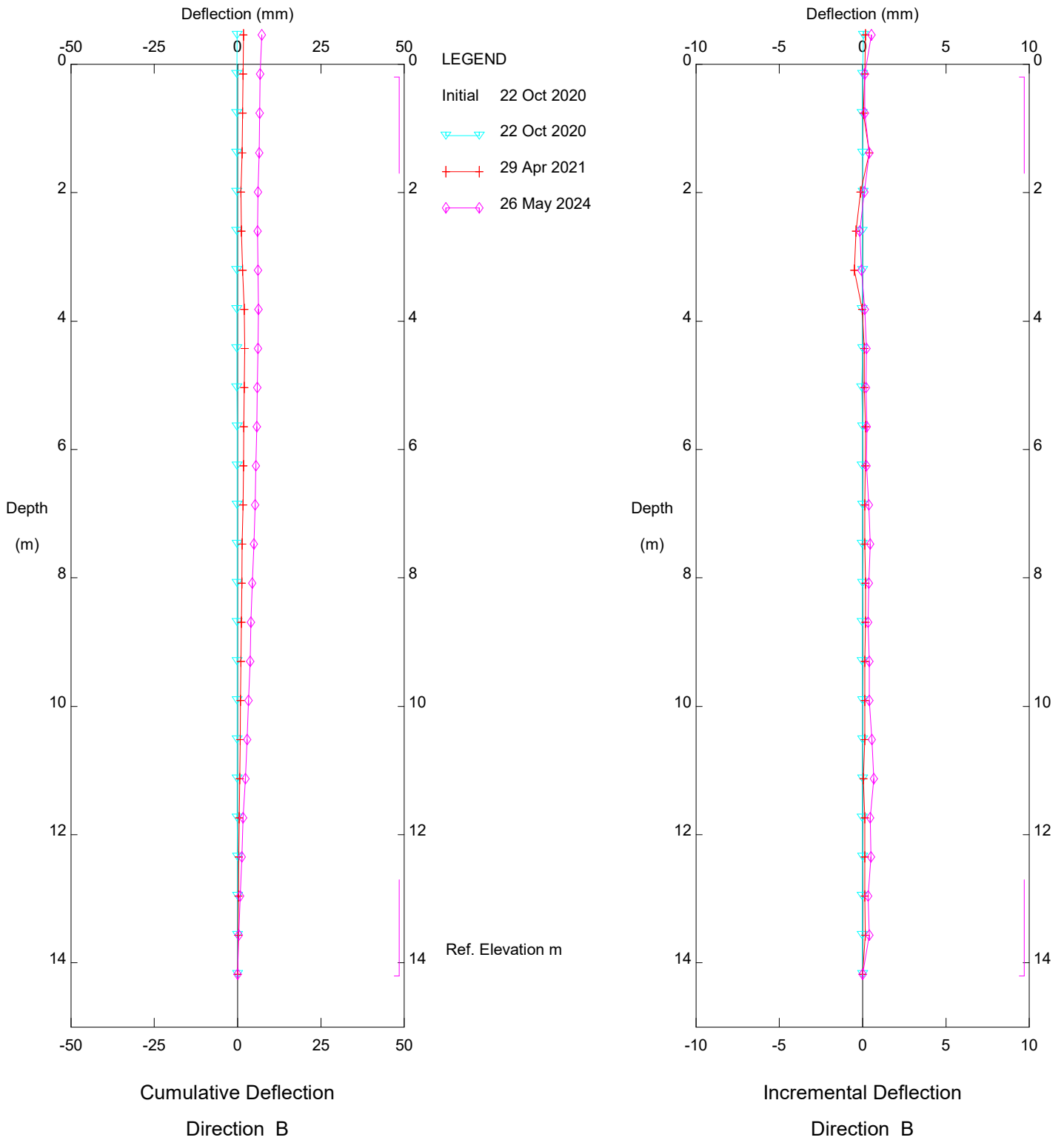






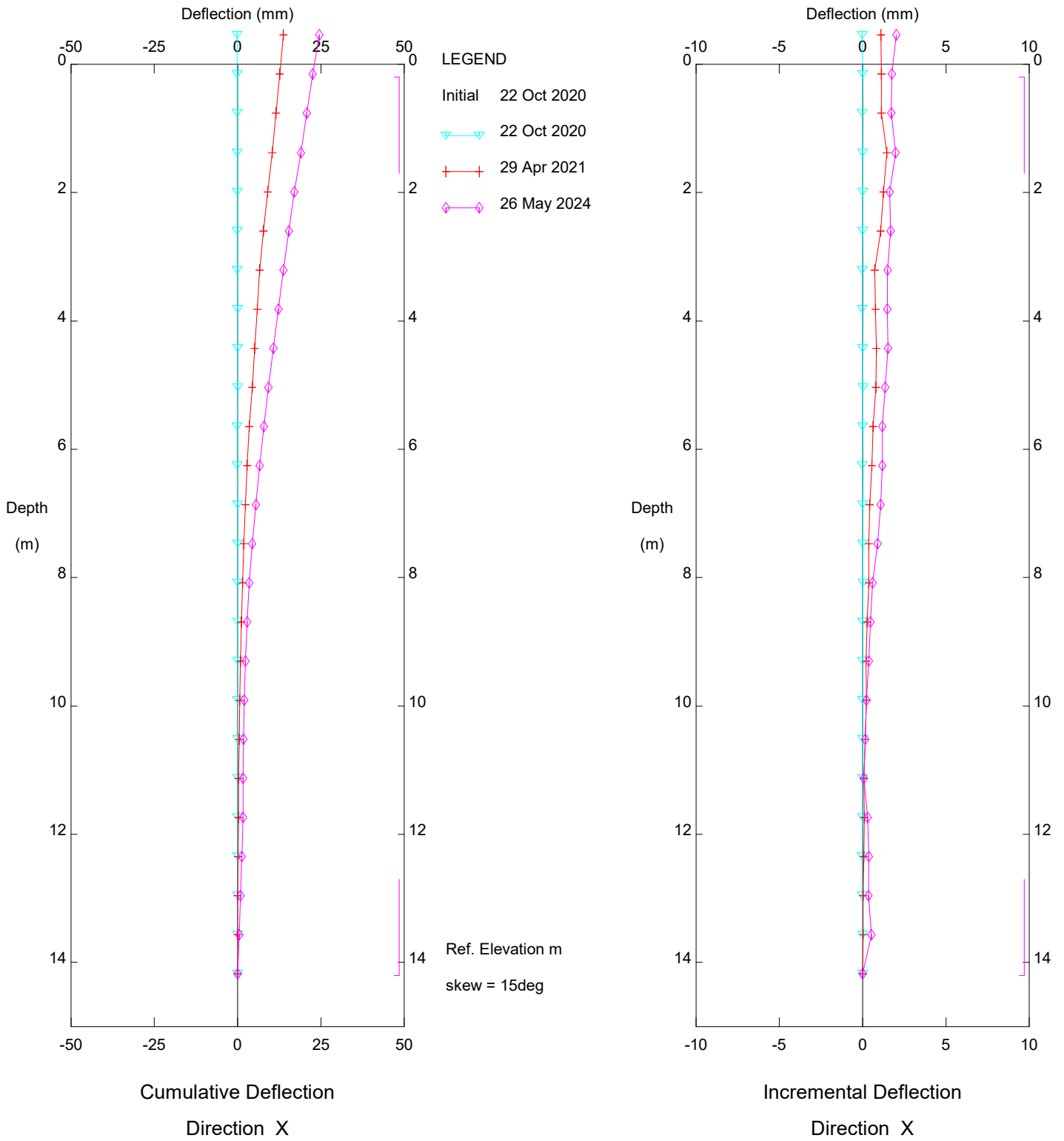
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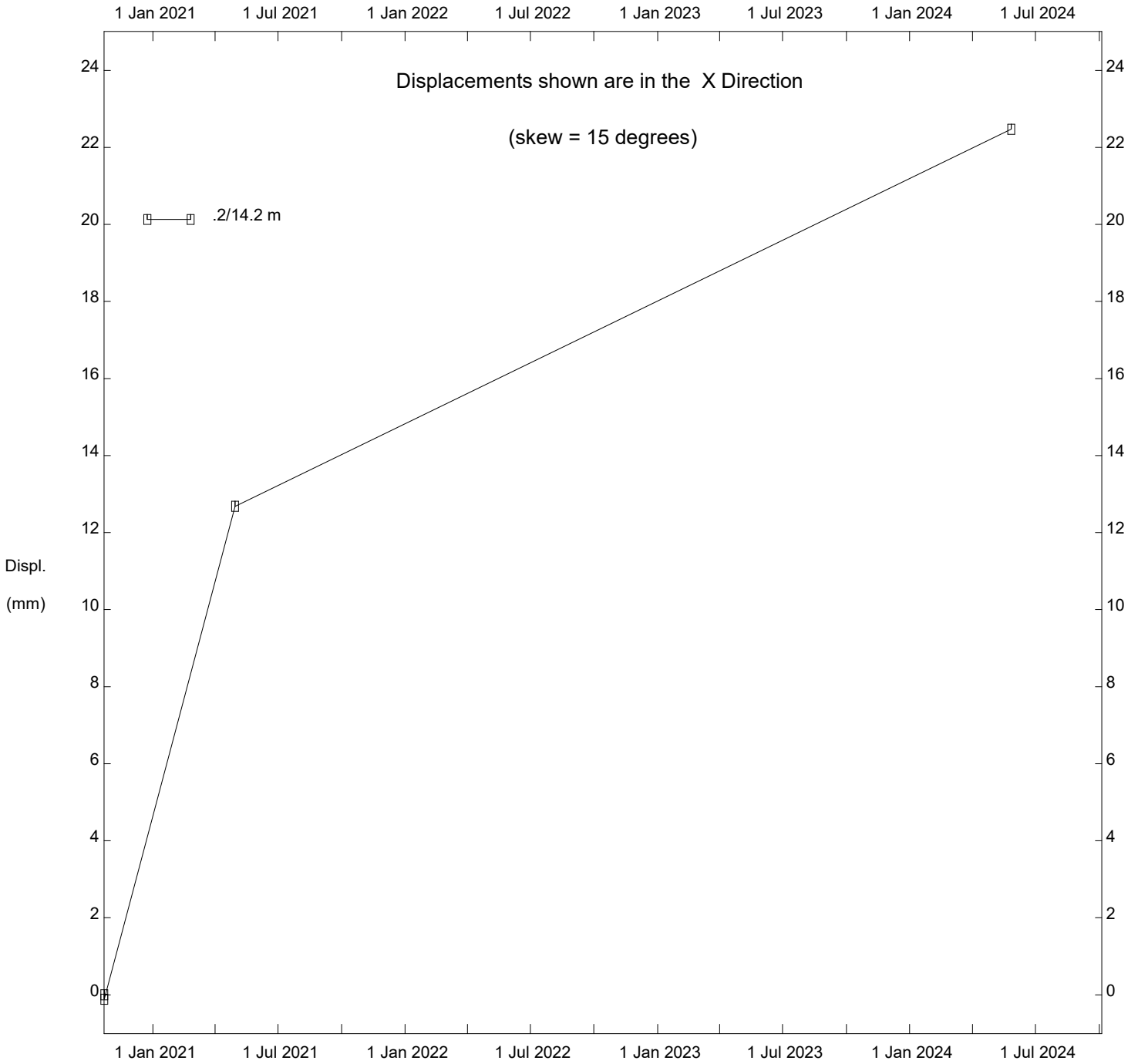
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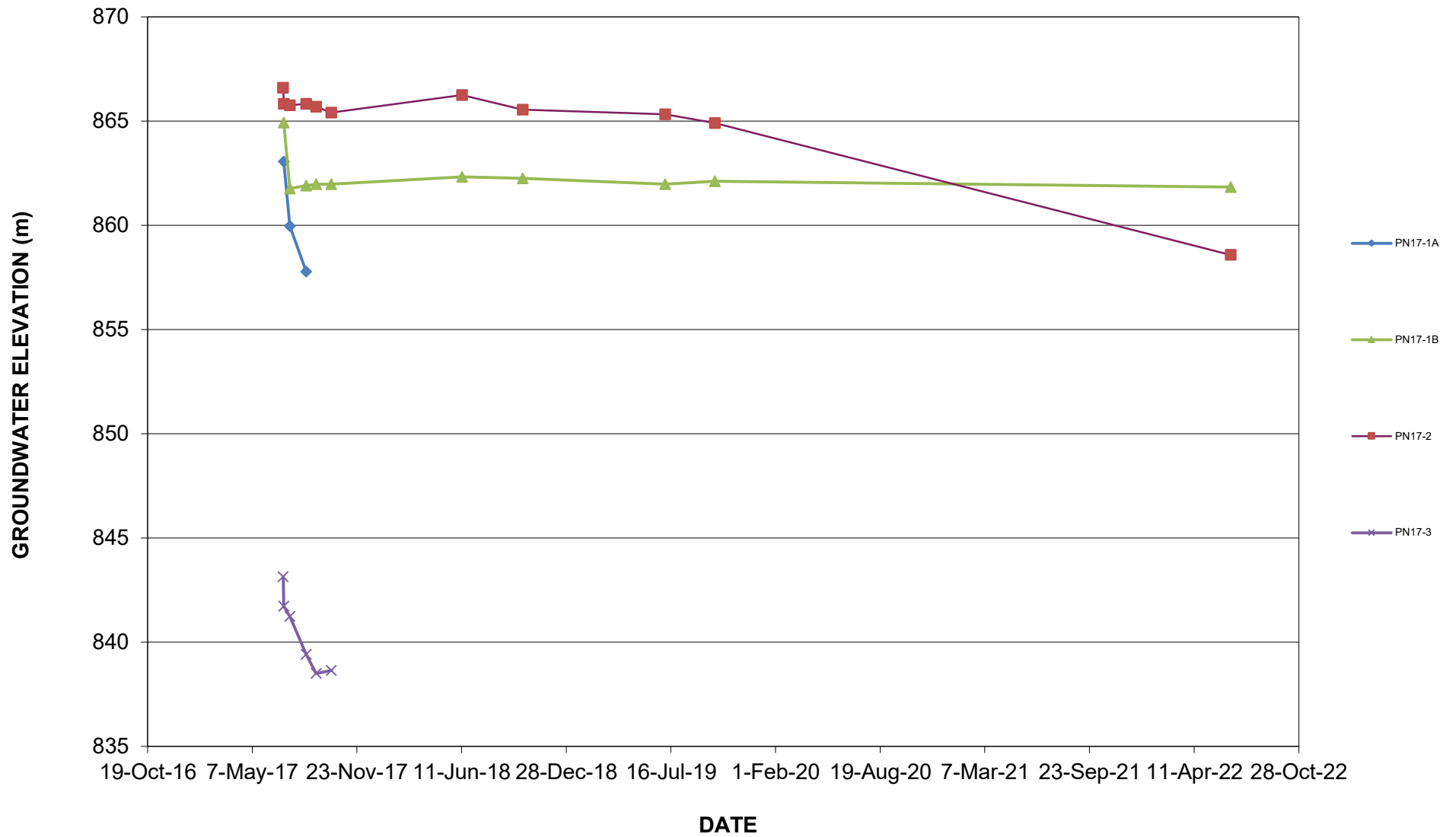


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**FIGURE GP040-1  
PIEZOMETRIC ELEVATIONS FOR HWY 2:68 4.7 km NORTH OF RYCROFT**



**FIGURE GP040-2**  
**PIEZOMETRIC DEPTHS FOR HWY 2:68 4.7 km NORTH OF RYCROFT**

