

ALBERTA TRANSPORTATION AND
ECONOMIC CORRIDORS GRMP
PEACE REGION – (PEACE RIVER DISTRICT)
INSTRUMENTATION MONITORING - FALL 2024



Site Number	Location	Name	Hwy
SH016	HWY 49:12	Little Smoky River, West Bank Instability	49:12
Legal Description:		UTM Co-ordinates	
10-33-74-21 W5		11U E 489600	N 6145512

Current Monitoring:	18-Sep-2024	Previous Monitoring	17-May-2024
Instruments Read By:	Mr. Niraj Regmi, G.I.T., and Mr. Nixson Mationg, Thurber		

Instruments Read During This Site Visit			
Slope Inclinometers (SIs):	Pneumatic Piezometers (PN):	Vibration Wire Piezometers (VW): VW21-7A, VW21-7B, VW21-8A, VW21-8B, VW21-9A, VW21-9B,	Standpipe Piezometers (SP):
Load Cell (LC):	Strain Gauges:	SAAs:	Others: Fibre optic strain gauges (read by others)

Readout Equipment Used			
Slope Inclinometers:	Pneumatic Piezometers:	Vibration Wire Piezometers: Three RST DT2055 dataloggers	Standpipe Piezometers:
Load Cell:	Strain Gauges:	SAAs:	Others:

Note: Dataloggers were installed in January 2023 to obtain a better understanding of seasonal or cyclical trends tied to longer term climatic triggers.

Discussion	
Zones of New Movement:	N/A
Interpretation of Monitoring Results:	<p>Vibrating wire piezometers VW21-7A and VW21-7B showed increases in groundwater level of 0.07 m and 0.05 m since the spring of 2024 readings.</p> <p>Vibrating wires VW21-8A and VW21-8B showed increases in groundwater levels of 0.11 m and 0.30 m, respectively, since the spring of 2024 readings. VW21-8B registered an all-time high groundwater level of 482.87 m on August 31, 2024. VW21-8B had shown a increasing water level trend since July 2021 (shortly after installation).</p> <p>VW21-9A and VW21-9B showed increases in groundwater level of 0.10 m and 0.13 m, respectively, since the spring of 2024 readings. VW21-9B registered an all-time high groundwater level of 492.37 m on September 4, 2024.</p> <p>There appears to be a seasonal trend to the piezometer readings. Additional readings will be required to understand the annual cycle of the</p>

	piezometers. The annual variation in groundwater level (based on one year's data) was relatively minimal.
Future Work:	The instruments should be read again in the spring of 2025.
Instrumentation Repairs:	No instrument repairs are required at this time.
Additional Comments:	The University of Alberta assessed the fibre optic cables continuity in Fall 2023, and determined the cables were still intact. At this time, TEC is not planning to undertake another reading of the cables. A program involving precise surveying of monitoring points installed at various locations on the bridge and bridge foundations was proposed to TEC's bridge group to assist in tracking bridge movements and timing for adjustments to the foundations. If this program is conducted, the tops of the three sheared SI's could also be monitored to gauge ground movements at those locations.

Attachments:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Table SH016-1 Fall 2024 – HWY 49:12 Little Smoky River Bridge, Slope Inclinator Instrumentation Reading Summary • Table SH016-2 Fall 2024 – HWY 49:12 Little Smoky River Bridge, Vibrating Wire Piezometer Instrumentation Reading Summary • Statement of Limitations and Conditions • APPENDIX A – SH016 FALL 2024 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Field Inspector's report ○ Site Plan Showing Approximate Instrument Locations (Drawing No. 32121 SH016-1) ○ Figure SH016-1 (Vibrating Wire Piezometer Elevations) ○ Figure SH016-2 (Vibrating Wire Piezometer Depths)
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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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Table SH016-1 Fall 2024 – Hwy 49:12, Little Smoky River Bridge Slope Incliner Instrumentation Reading Summary

Date Monitored: Not Monitored

INSTRUMENT #	DATE INITIALIZED	TOTAL CUMULATIVE RESULTANT MOVEMENT AT NOTED DEPTH SINCE INITIAL READING (mm)	MAXIMUM RATE OF MOVEMENT (mm/yr)	CURRENT STATUS	DATE OF PREVIOUS READING	INCREMENTAL MOVEMENT SINCE PREVIOUS READING (mm)	AVERAGE RATE OF MOVEMENT OVER MONITORING PERIOD (mm/yr)	CHANGE IN RATE OF MOVEMENT SINCE PREVIOUS READING (mm/yr)
<i>SI21-7</i>	<i>June 14, 2021</i>	<i>7.2 mm over 11.6 m to 13.5 m in 91° direction</i>	<i>25.7 in July 2021</i>	<i>Sheared at 13.4 m below top of casing</i>	<i>October 12, 2021</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>N/A</i>
<i>SI21-8</i>	<i>June 14, 2021</i>	<i>7.5 mm over 9.3 m to 11.1 m in 86° direction</i>	<i>35.6 in July 2021</i>	<i>Sheared at 11.0 m below top of casing</i>	<i>October 12, 2021</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>N/A</i>
<i>SI21-9</i>	<i>June 14, 2021</i>	<i>9.3 mm over 15.3 m to 16.5 m in 61° direction</i>	<i>32.0 in July 2021</i>	<i>Sheared at 16.5 m below top of casing</i>	<i>October 12, 2021</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>N/A</i>

Drawing 32121-SH016 in Appendix A provides a sketch of the approximate location of the monitoring instrumentation for this site.

Table SH016-2 Fall 2024 – Hwy 49:12, Little Smoky River Bridge Vibrating Wire Piezometer Instrumentation Reading Summary

Date Monitored: September 18, 2024

INSTRUMENT	DATE INITIALIZED	GROUND ELEVATION (m)	TIP DEPTH (m)	CURRENT STATUS	MAXIMUM GROUNDWATER ELEVATION (m)	CURRENT GROUNDWATER ELEVATION (m)	PREVIOUS GROUNDWATER ELEVATION* (m)	CHANGE IN WATER LEVEL SINCE PREVIOUS READING (m)
VW21-7A	June 10, 2021	492.42	5.00	Operational	490.23 on April 17, 2024	489.72	489.65	0.07
VW21-7B	June 20, 2021	492.42	12.00	Operational	489.67 on April 17, 2024	489.18	489.13	0.05
VW21-8A	June 16, 2021	493.89	5.00	Operational	492.46 on July 11, 2023	491.82	491.71	0.11
VW21-8B	June 16, 2021	493.89	14.00	Operational	482.87 on August 31, 2024	482.69	482.39	0.30
VW21-9A	June 16, 2021	500.36	9.80	Operational	494.13 on August 25, 2023	493.56	493.46	0.10
VW21-9B	June 16, 2021	500.36	19.04	Operational	492.37 on September 4, 2024	492.19	492.06	0.13

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* Previous groundwater elevation on May 17, 2024



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**ALBERTA TRANSPORTATION AND ECONOMIC CORRIDORS GRMP (CON0022164)
PEACE REGION (PEACE RIVER DISTRICT)
INSTRUMENTATION MONITORING RESULTS**

FALL 2024

**APPENDIX A
DATA PRESENTATION**

SITE SH016: HWY 49:12, LITTLE SMOKY RIVER BRIDGE

**ALBERTA TRANSPORTATION AND ECONOMIC CORRIDORS
PEACE REGION (PEACE RIVER DISTRICT)
INSTRUMENTATION MONITORING FIELD SUMMARY (SH016)
FALL 2024**

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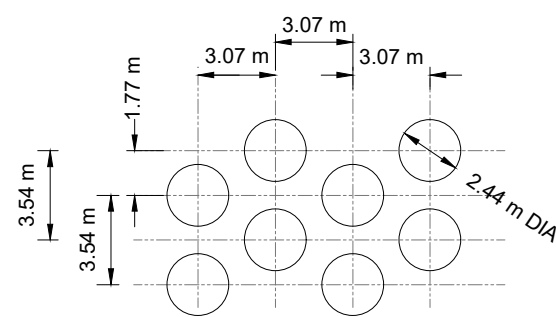
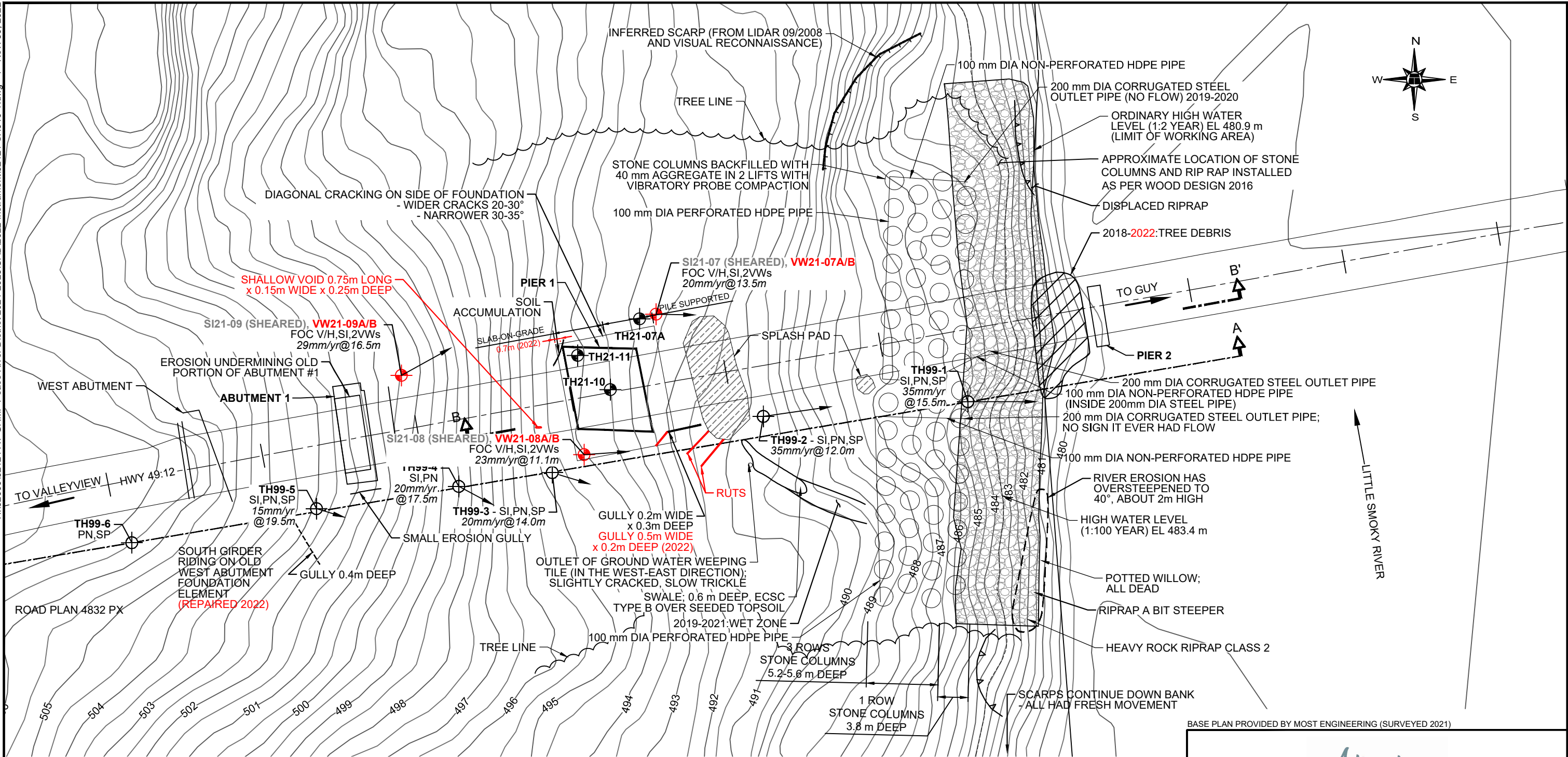
VIBRATING WIRE PIEZOMETER (VW) READINGS

Location	Serial	GPS Location (UTM 11)		Location	Date	Reading		Comments
		Easting (m)	Northing (m)			B Units	Temp °C	
VW21-7A	133742	489600	6145512	Stand Alone Location	18-Sep-24	Downloaded	Downloaded	
VW21-7A	133747	489600	6145512	Stand Alone Location	18-Sep-24	Downloaded	Downloaded	
VW21-8A	133715	489593	6145503	Attached to SI21-08	18-Sep-24	Downloaded	Downloaded	
VW21-8B	133476	489593	6145503	Attached to SI21-08	18-Sep-24	Downloaded	Downloaded	
VW21-9A	133478	489570	6145510	Attached to SI21-09	18-Sep-24	Downloaded	Downloaded	
VW21-9B	133492	489570	6145510	Attached to SI21-09	18-Sep-24	Downloaded	Downloaded	

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- Dataloggers are connected to RST DT2055 dataloggers at their respective locations - download data at each station

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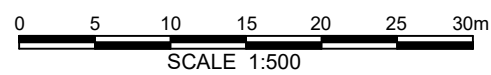
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LEGEND

- APPROXIMATE INSTRUMENTATION LOCATION
- APPROXIMATE TEST HOLE LOCATION (THURBER, 2021)
- APPROXIMATE TEST HOLE LOCATION (THURBER, 1999)
- SI SLOPE INCLINOMETER
- FOC V/H FIBRE OPTIC CABLE: VERTICAL / HELICAL ORIENTATION
- PN PNEUMATIC PIEZOMETER
- SP STANDPIPE PIEZOMETER
- VW VIBRATING WIRE PIEZOMETER
- GROUND SURFACE CONTOUR (CONTOUR INTERVAL = 0.5m)
- MOVEMENT VECTOR AND DEPTH (SCALED BY OVERALL MOVEMENT RATE)

NOTES

1. MAY 2022 OBSERVATIONS SHOWN IN RED.
2. DETAILS OF REPAIR BELOW PIER 1 PROVIDED BY AMEC FOSTER WHEELER.
3. HIGHWAY RIGHT OF WAY BOUNDARY IS 91 m FROM THE HIGHWAY CENTERLINE (OUTSIDE OF DRAWING LIMITS)



BASE PLAN PROVIDED BY MOST ENGINEERING (SURVEYED 2021)



PEACE REGION (PEACE RIVER DISTRICT)

SH016: HWY 49:12 LITTLE SMOKY RIVER APPROXIMATE INSTRUMENT LOCATIONS

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FIGURE SH016-1
HWY 49:12 LITTLE SMOKY RIVER PIEZOMETRIC ELEVATIONS

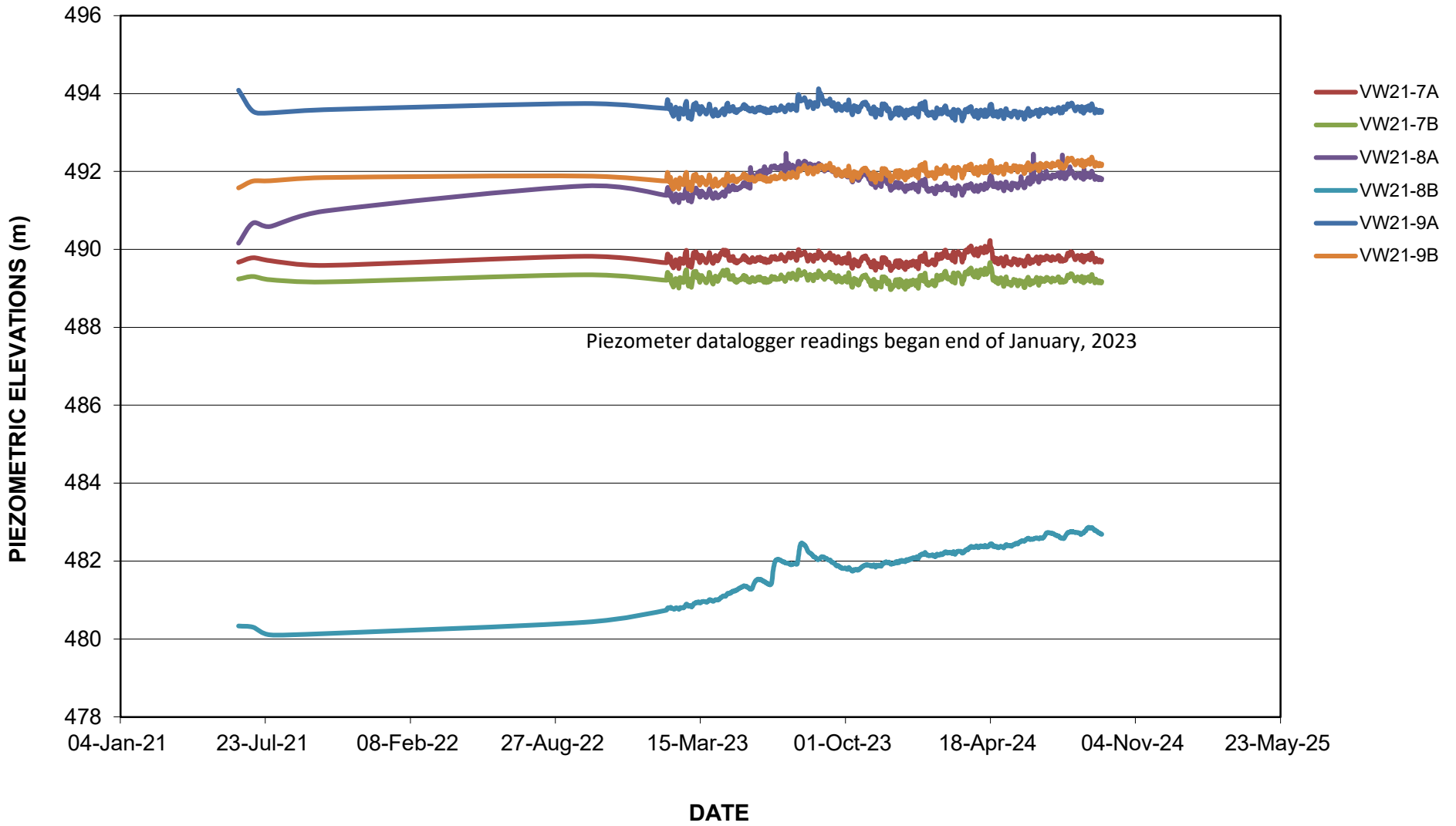


FIGURE SH016-2
HWY 49:12 LITTLE SMOKY RIVER PIEZOMETRIC DEPTHS

