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Duck Pond Reclamation

ARD Water Management

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Agenda

Site Overview

- Location
- Geology
- Site Overview

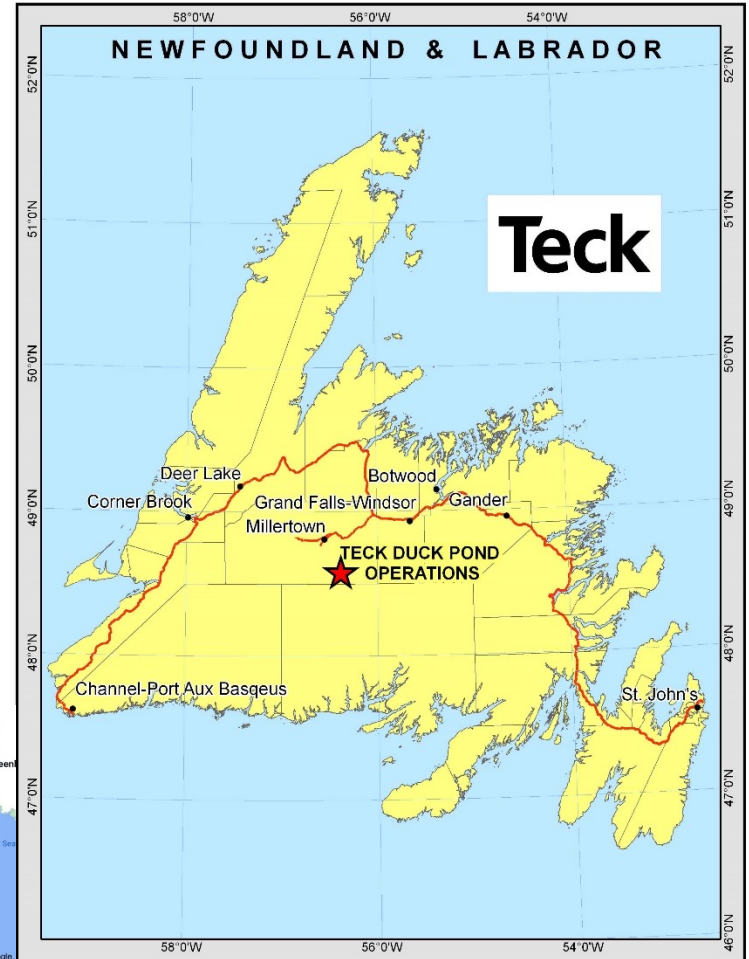
Water and ARD Management

Site Automation System

Duck Pond Cu-Zn Mine

Location

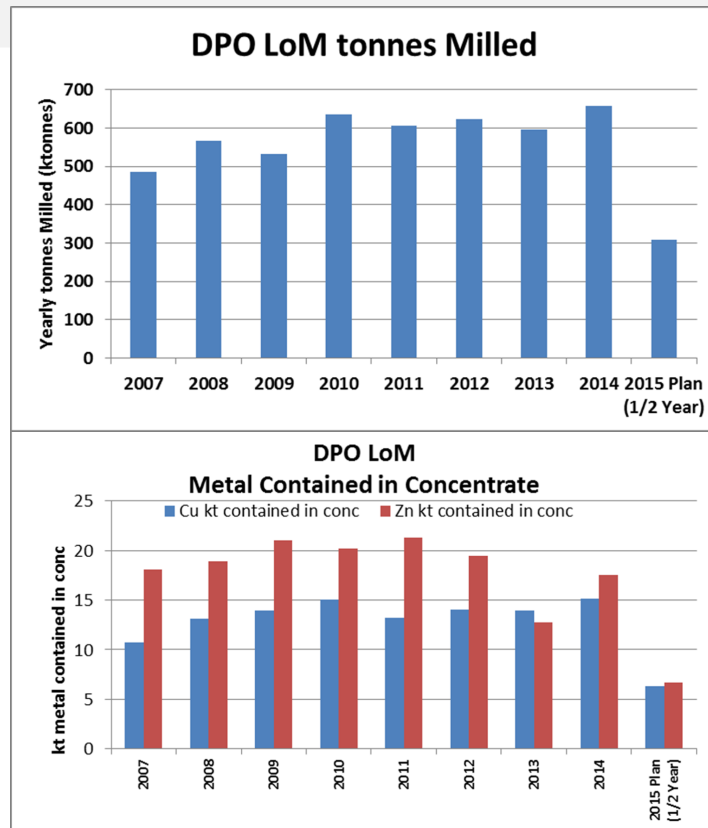
- 30km South of the town of Millertown
- 110km South of the nearest major town of Grand Falls-Windsor
- *Metal and Diamond Mine Effluent Regulations (MDMER) for the Polishing Pond outlet (DAMC)*
- *Duck Pond Closure Water Quality Monitoring Program 2015 (NL)*



Duck Pond Cu-Zn Mine

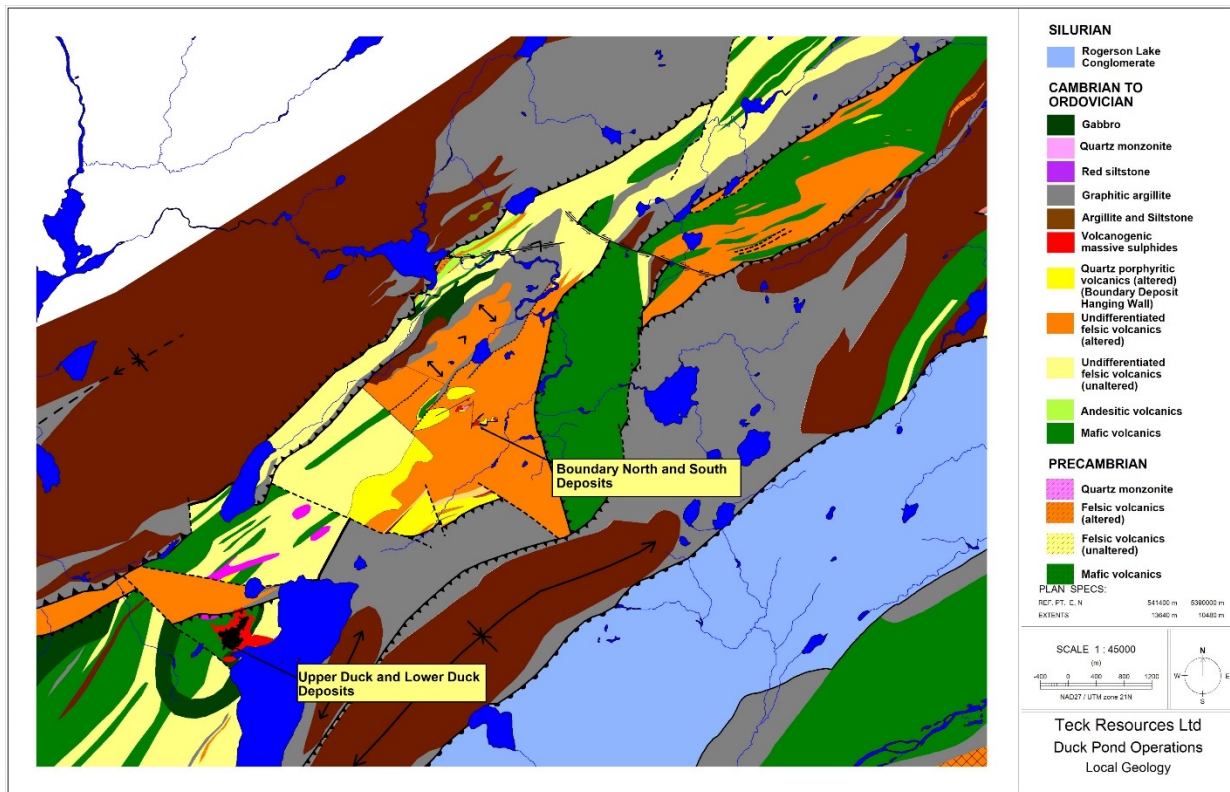
History

- Operated for 8 years:
 - Production started in 2007
 - Ceased operations in 2015
- Milled 5.01 Mt
- Produced Cu–Zn concentrate
- Underground and open pit operation
- Reclamation activities started in 2015
- Scheduled completion of active closure work Q3 2023



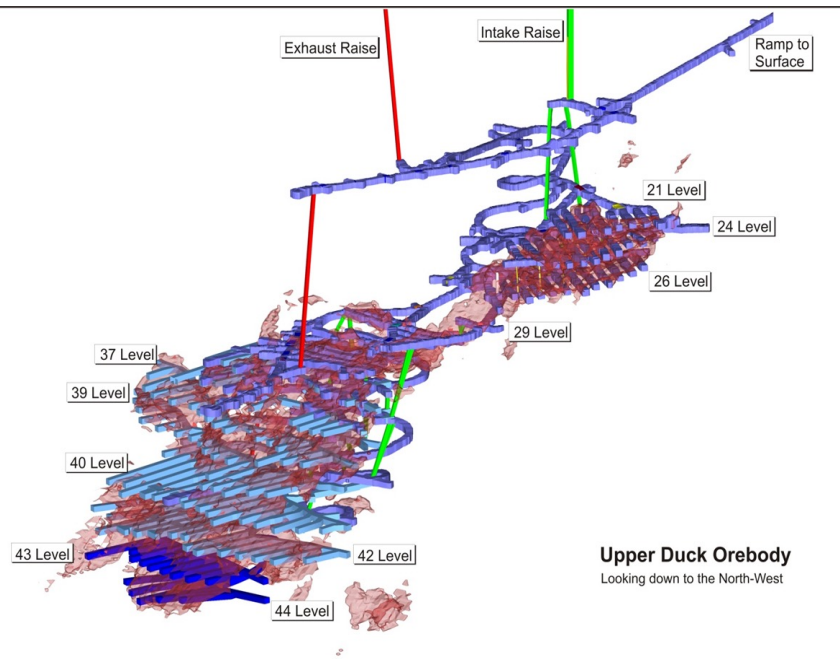
Geological Setting (Local Geology)

- Tally Pond volcanics hosts the Duck Pond and Boundary VMS deposits, and several additional base metal showings
- Massive sulphide lenses consisting mainly of pyrite, chalcopyrite, sphalerite, galena.
- Boundary Deposits are Chalcopyrite-Sphalerite rich with minor chalcocite, bornite and covellite associated within a fault zone between the two deposits.
- Hydrothermal alteration with disseminated and stringer chalcopyrite-pyrite-sphalerite mineralization.

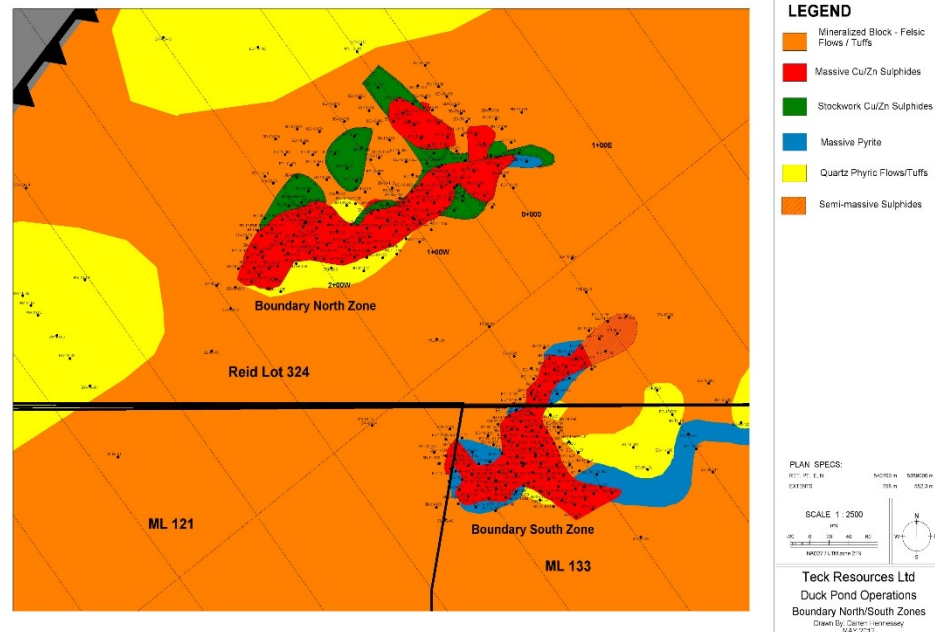


Duck Pond Deposits –Upper Duck and Boundary

Upper Duck Deposit
~5 Mt at 3.5% Cu and 6% Zn



Boundary North and South Pits
~0.5 Mt at 3.5% Cu and 4% Zn



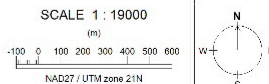
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EXTENTS	5761 m	4425 m
REF. ELEV. +/-	1143 m	2302 m



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Duck Pond Site Plan

Strategy to Manage ARD at Duck Pond

Tailings

- Considered PAG
- Closure approach is to keep tailings saturated and under a water cover
- Treat water at the TMA before transfer to the Polishing Pond
- PAG rock was used to construct three internal berms across the TMA to reduce to wave fetch to minimize risk of resuspending tailings
- Metal-impacted soils from site reclamation work were also placed in the TMA for long term storage

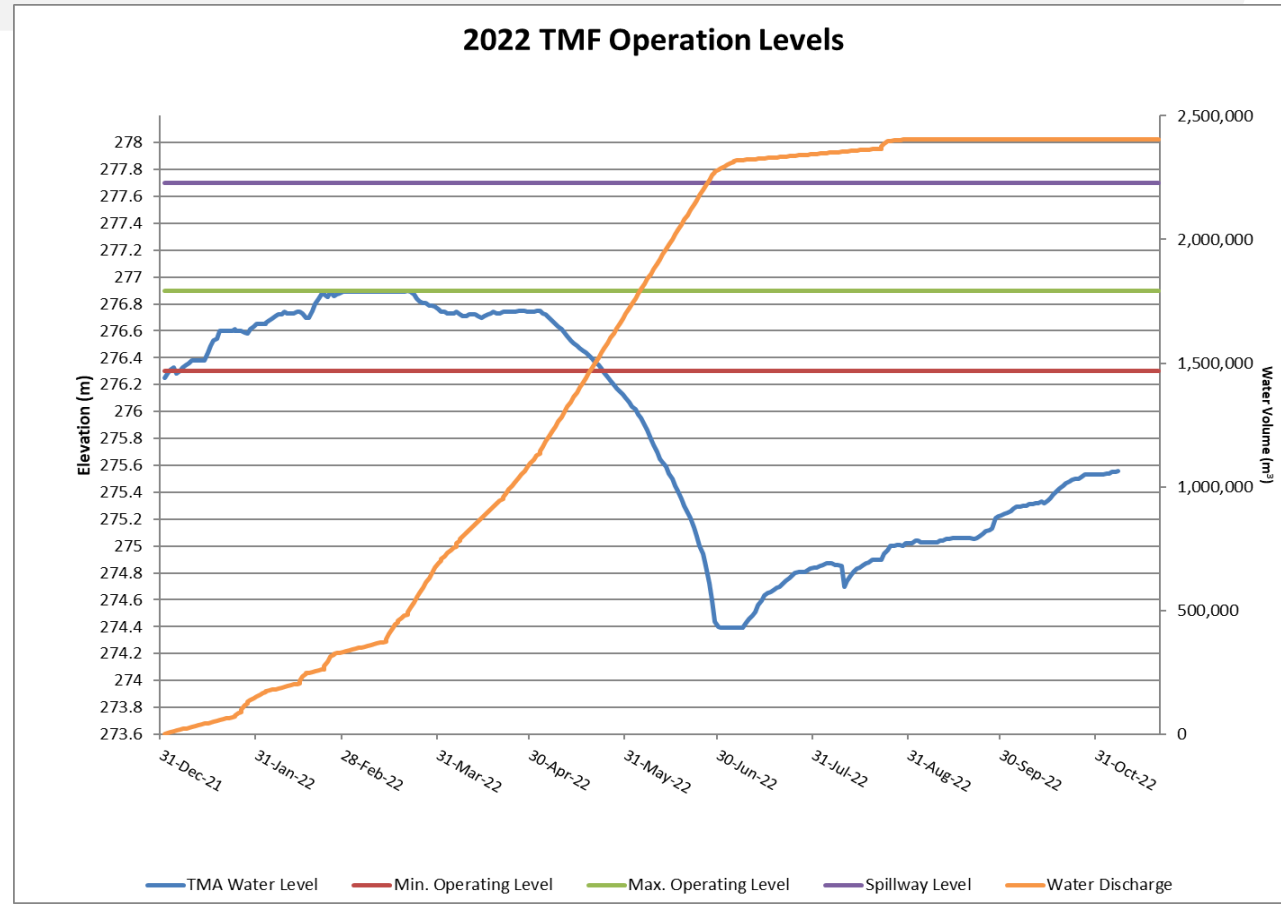
Waste Rock

- Underground waste rock remaining on surface was used to build the internal berms
- Boundary waste rock was placed in the pits with added quicklime
- Pump water from pits to the TMA to mitigate potential impacts
- A water cover is maintained in the pits
- Underground is flooded and plugged at the raises and portal

Water Management

Permitted Final Discharge Point - DAMC

- Managed 2.4M m³ of effluent
- Lowered TMA for the placement of metal impacted soils
- Exposed portion of tailings for ~6 months



Boundary Site

Water Management

- Water is pumped from three main areas to a central pumphouse, then conveyed to the TMA. These areas include:
 1. Pit surface water
 2. Pit porewater
 3. Groundwater extraction wells

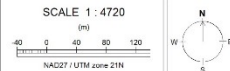


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● Boundary Groundwater Monitoring Wells

— Pipelines

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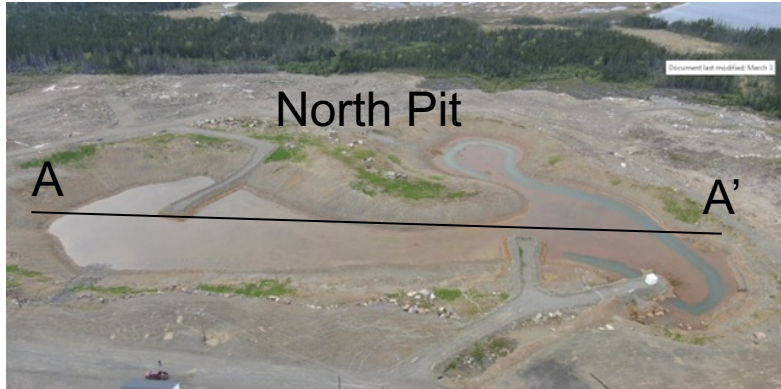


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ITRB Boundary

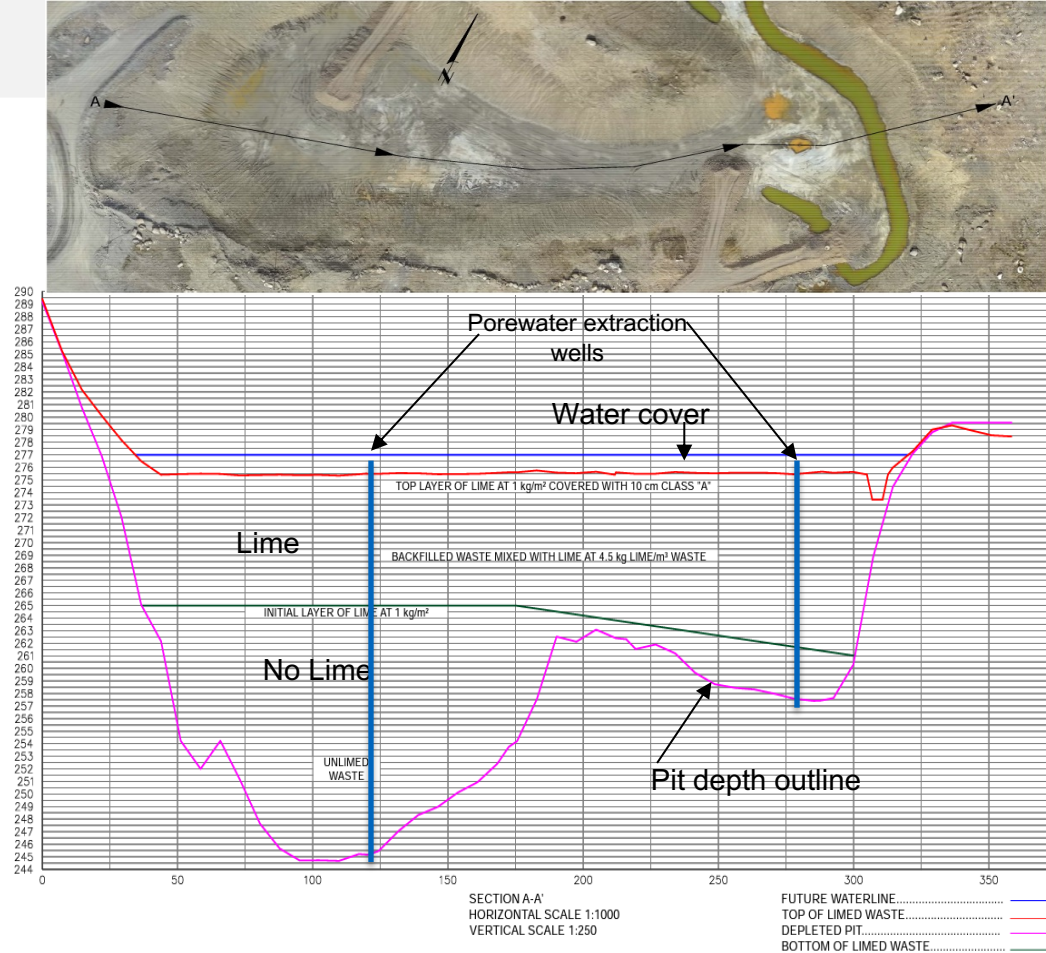
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Management of PAG waste rock (Boundary)

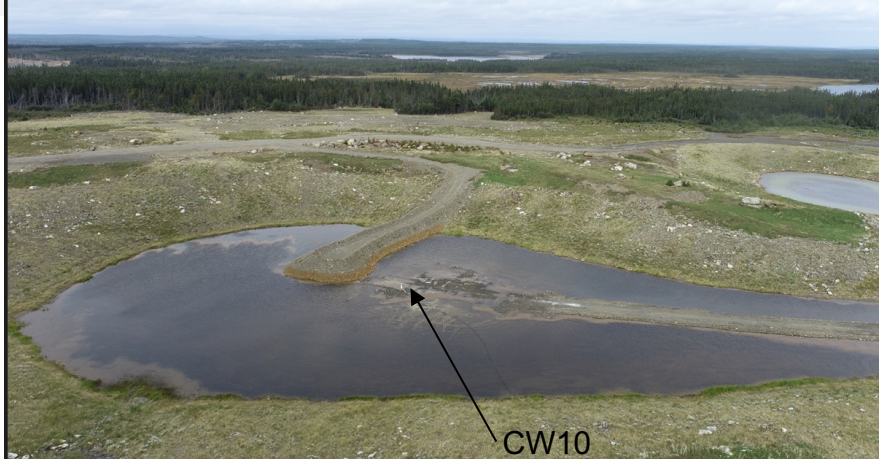
- 180,000 m³ of PAG waste rock backfilled in the North and South pits
- Pit PAG mixed with quicklime during backfilling
- Remainder of PAG waste rock was placed in the TMF for long-term storage



North Pit cross section west to east

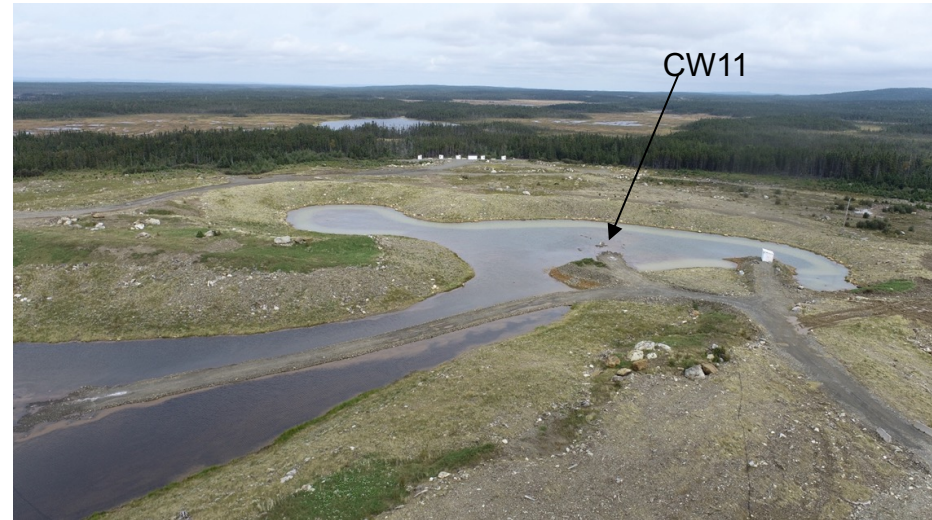


Porewater Extraction (Chimney) Wells



- CW10 drilled to 88 ft
- Continuous draw 27 GPM
- VFD controlled

- CW10 drilled to 65 ft
- Continuous draw 27 GPM
- Programmed on pit surface elevation



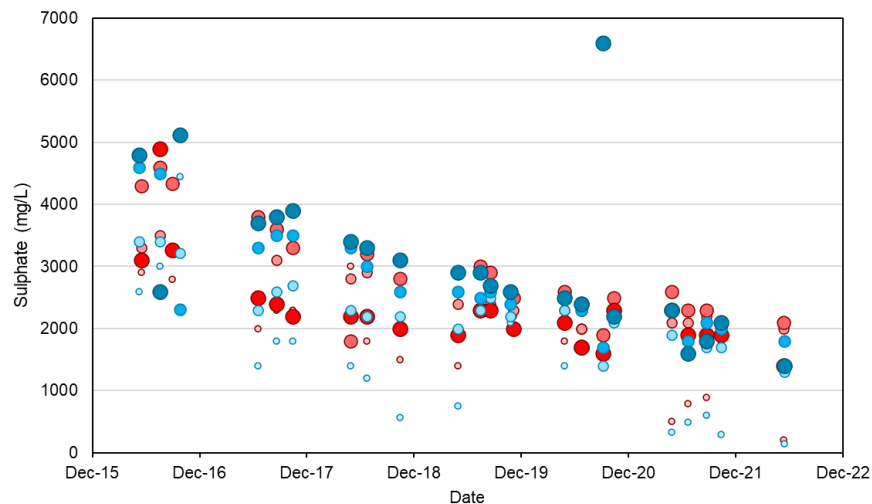
Water Quality – North Pit

Porewater

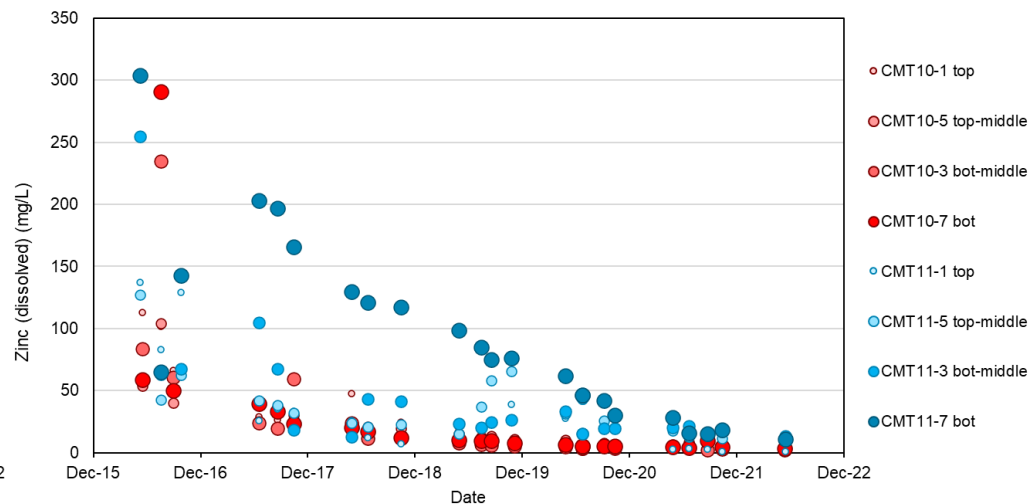
- Historical ARD evident in wells (CMT)
- Installed two pump wells to extract pit porewater at depth
- System replicated in the South Pit



Sulphate



Zinc



Boundary

North Pit

- Both pits are treated with slacked lime while extracting the pit porewater
- 0.2-0.5 m water cover is maintained
- PAG has a 0.5m NAG cap

North Pit looking north



Site Water Management Automation

- The DPO site is currently 95% automated
- DAMC weir discharge is our only manual operation (final discharge point)
- Automation implemented to:
 - Reduce human error
 - Reduce employee time to focus on other tasks
 - Optimize water quality
 - Reduce maintenance cost
 - Reduce both long and short-term risks
 - Ability to operate the site from anywhere
 - Optimize as lessons are learned




Water Treatment System

Quick Lime automated slaking system

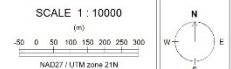
- Redesign of the water treatment distribution system
- Ability to treat each individual cell of the TMA
- Result in a more efficient water management



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-  Treatment Pipeline
-  Reclaim Pipeline
-  Transfer Pipeline

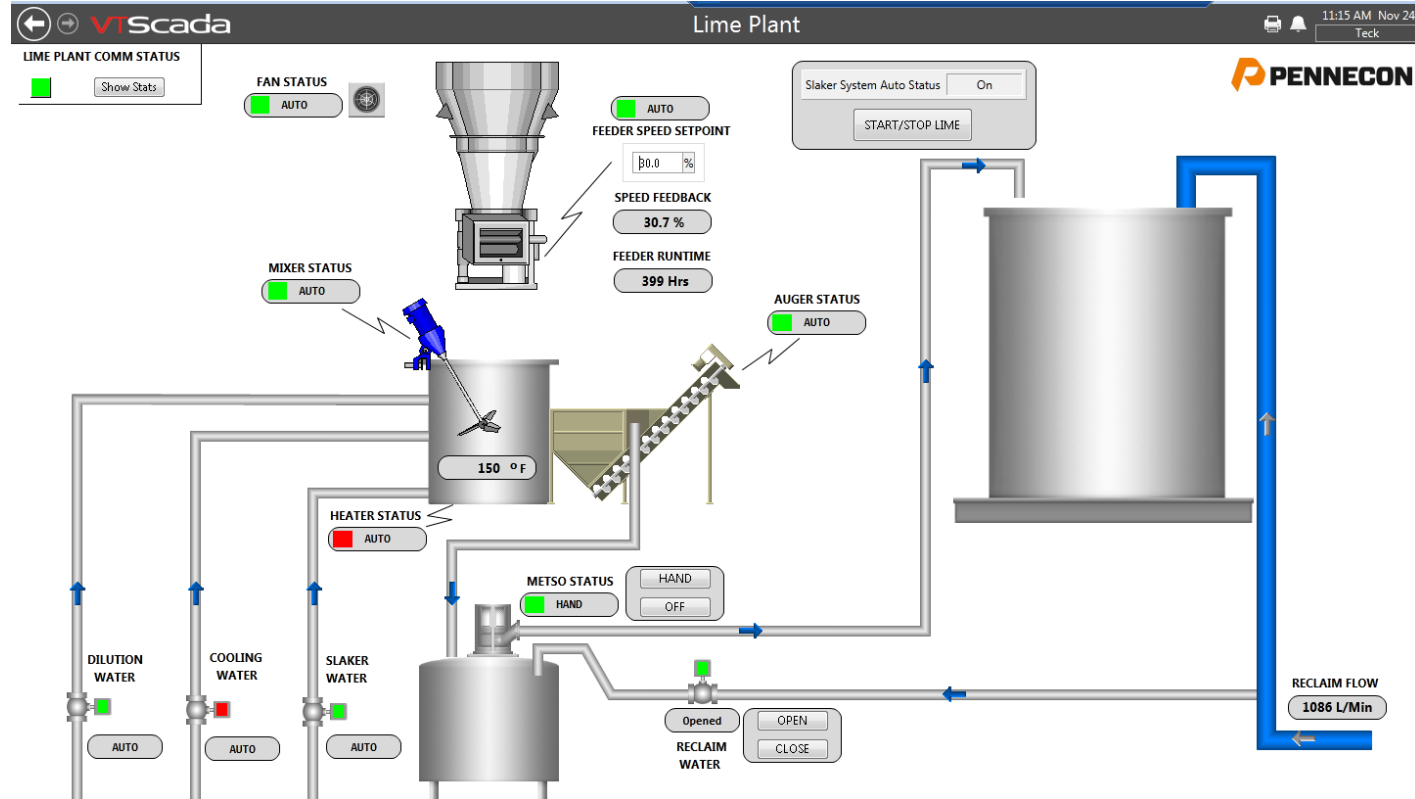
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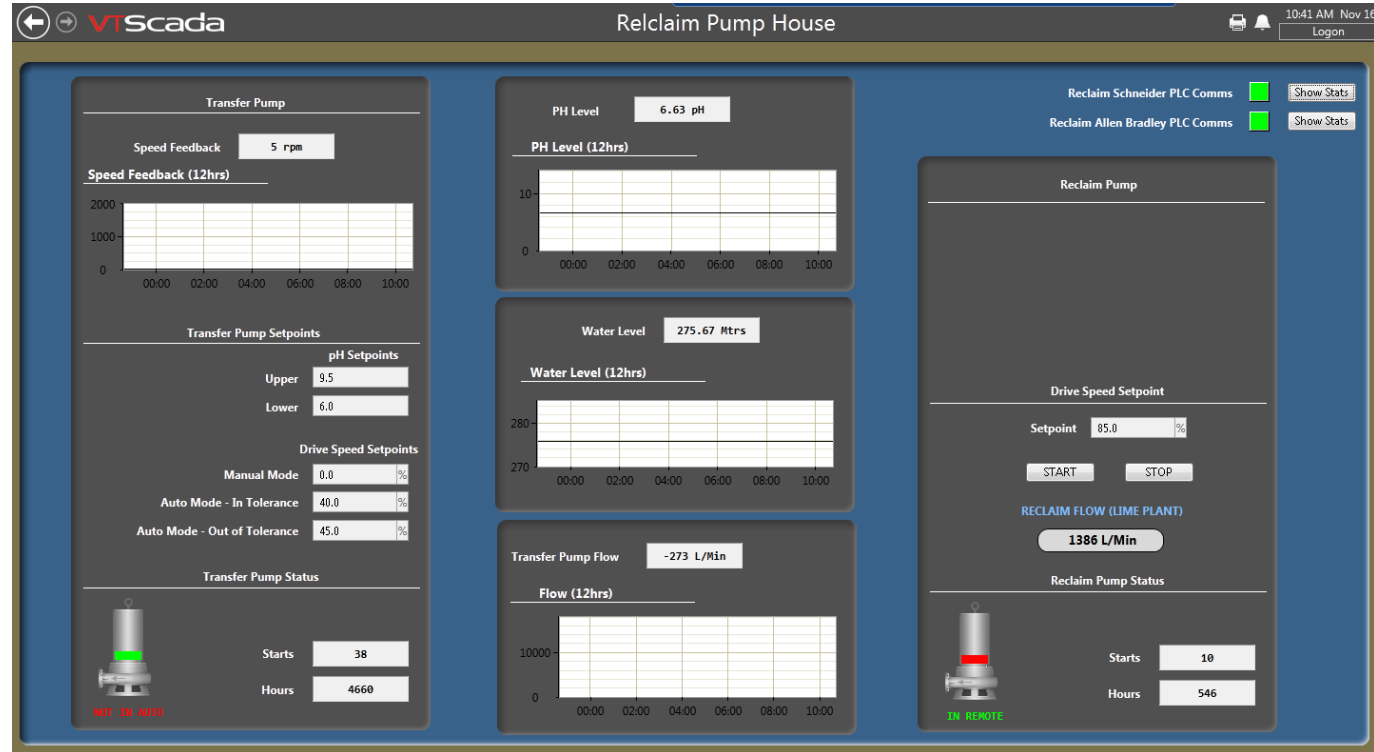
Water Treatment Plant

- Water treatment plant is fully automated and can be remotely started or shutdown
- Reduce exposure
- Monitor lime usage and water reclaim flows
- Flow treatment volumes change depending on which cell of the TMA is being treated
- Water is analyzed on site (Cu, Zn, Fe, Pb, TDS, pH, DO)



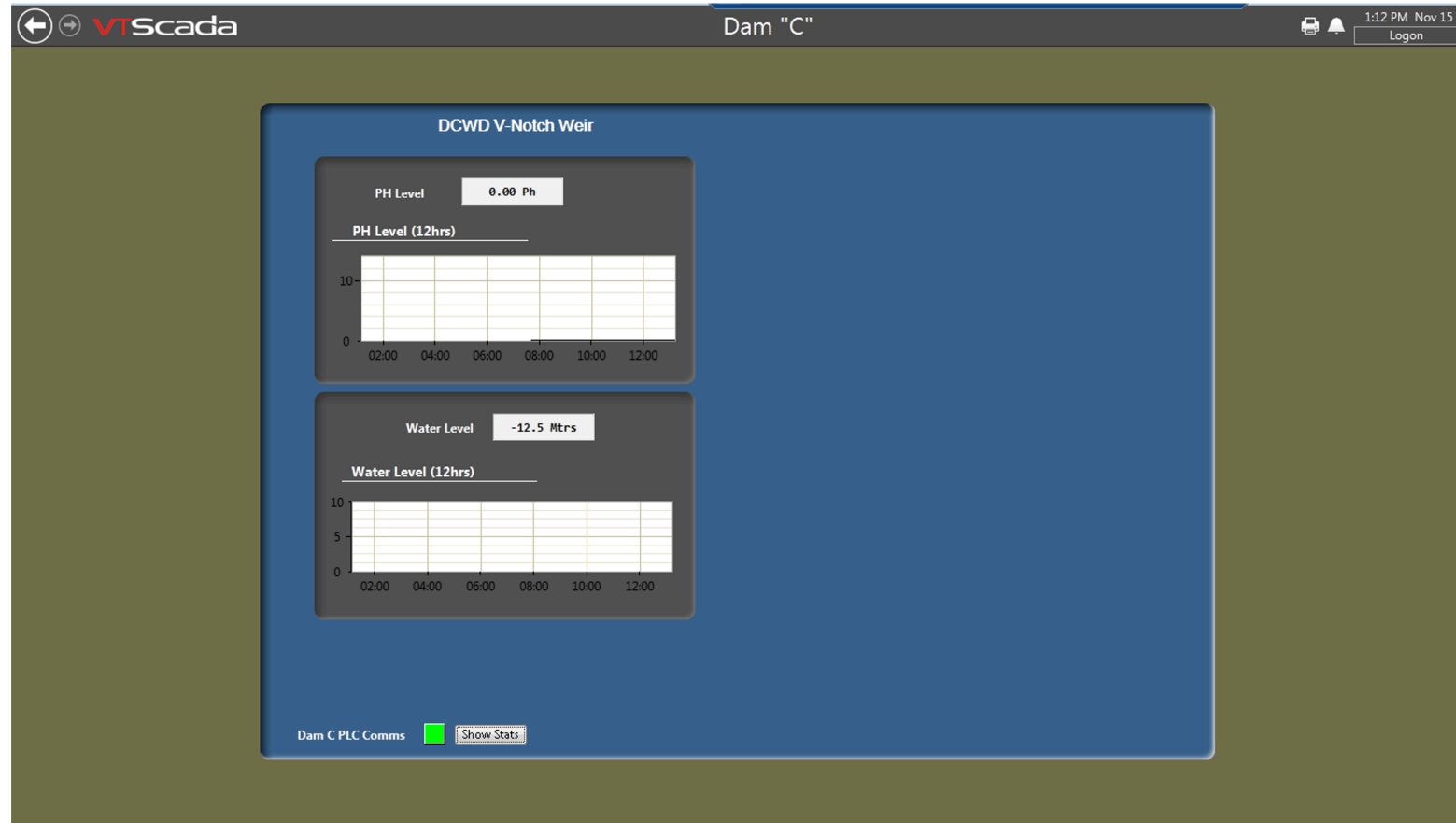
Reclaim and Transfer

- Transfer to the Polishing Pond
- VFD controlled
- PLCs monitor pH
- Pump automatically adjust flow depending on pH
- All can be controlled remotely



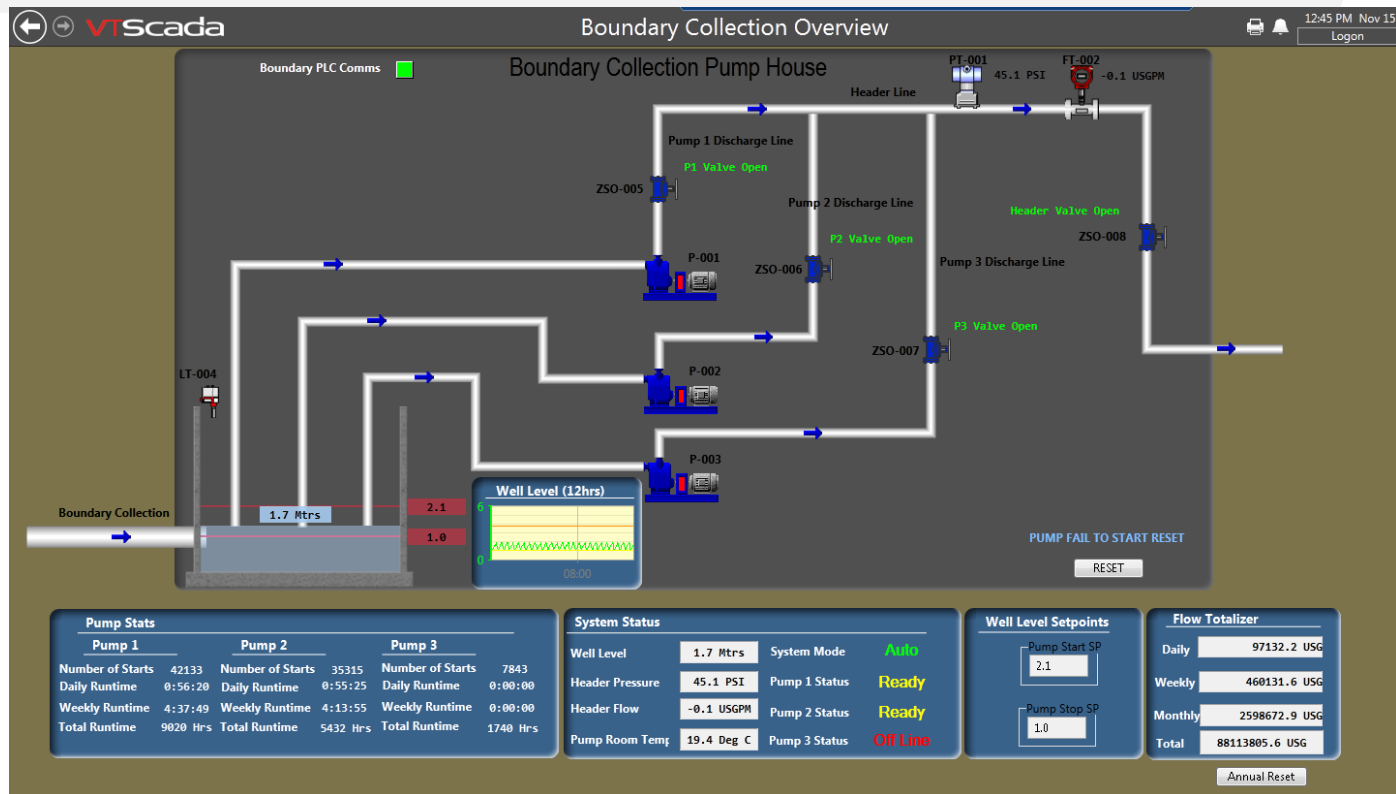
DAMC Final Discharge

- Continuous monitoring of pH at DAMC
- Optimization for more accurate discharge flow currently being reviewed for programming



Boundary Site

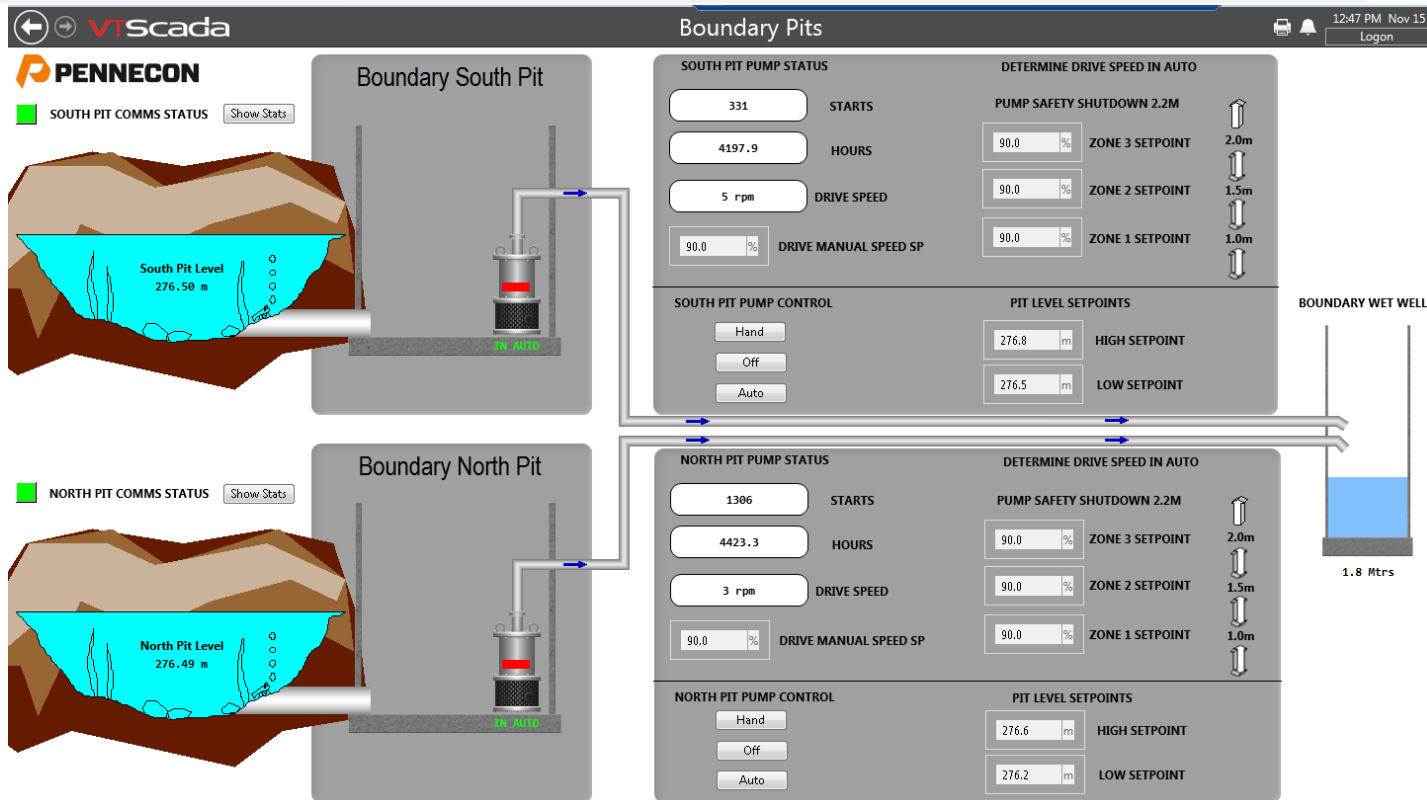
- Pits maintain a controlled elevation (user input)
- Pumped to main pumphouse to collection area where then pumped 4km back to the TMA
- All volumes are logged



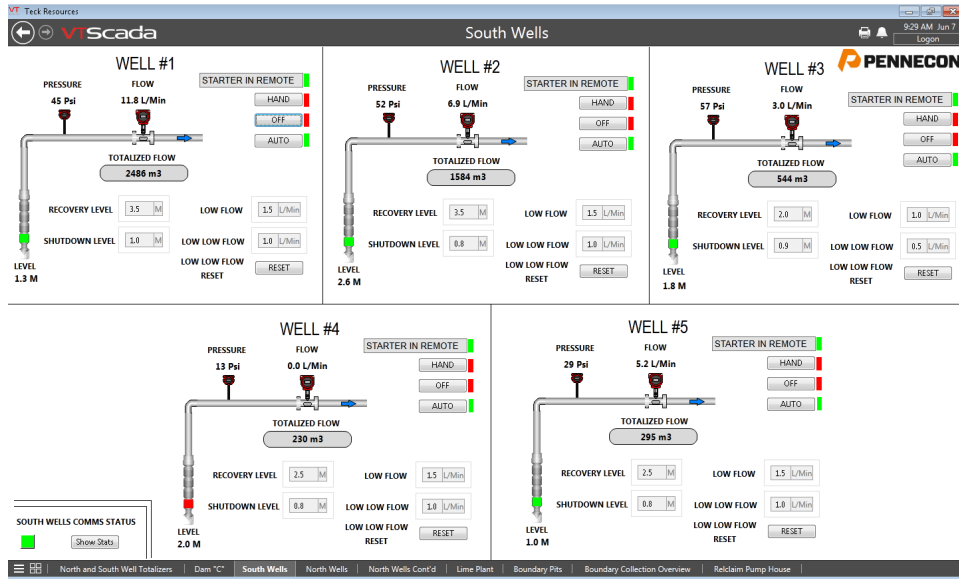
Boundary Pits



- Environmental safety features programmed



Boundary Ground Water Automation



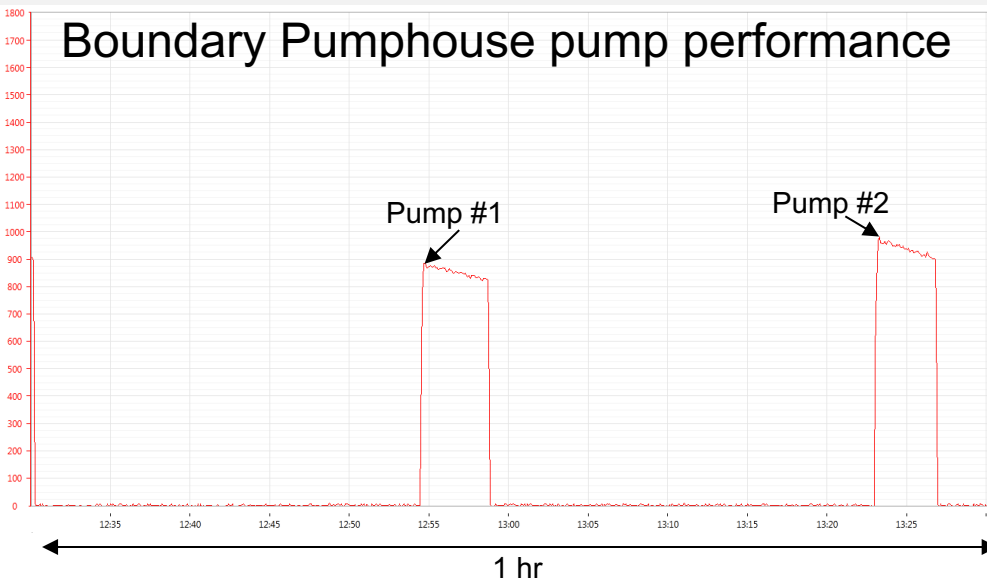
- Optimize groundwater extraction
- Reduce labour/errors
- Track maintenance and pump performance
- VFD controlled
- Maintain specific well elevations



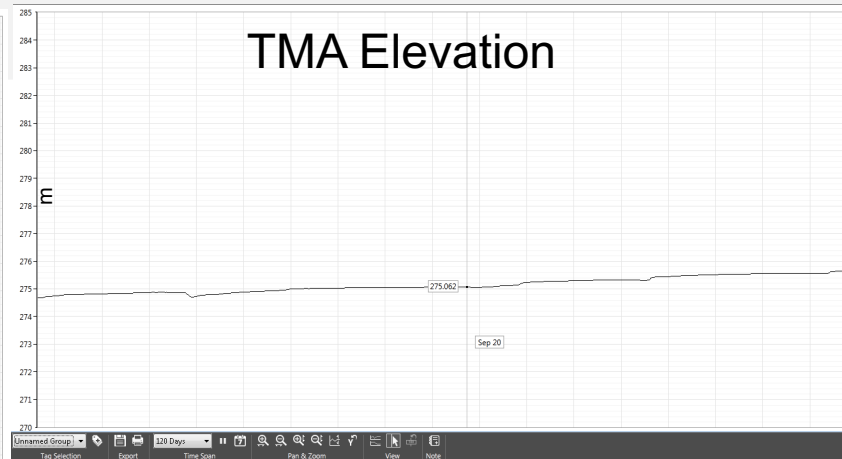
- System replicated in the north

Data Tracking and Recording

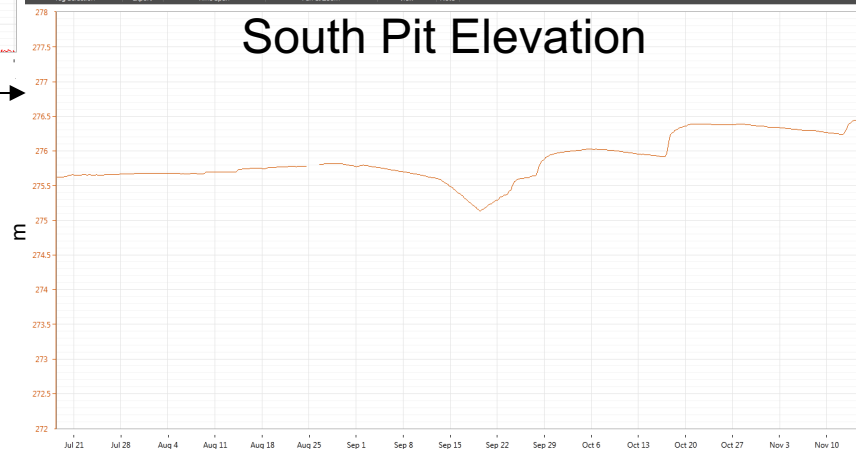
Boundary Pumphouse pump performance



TMA Elevation



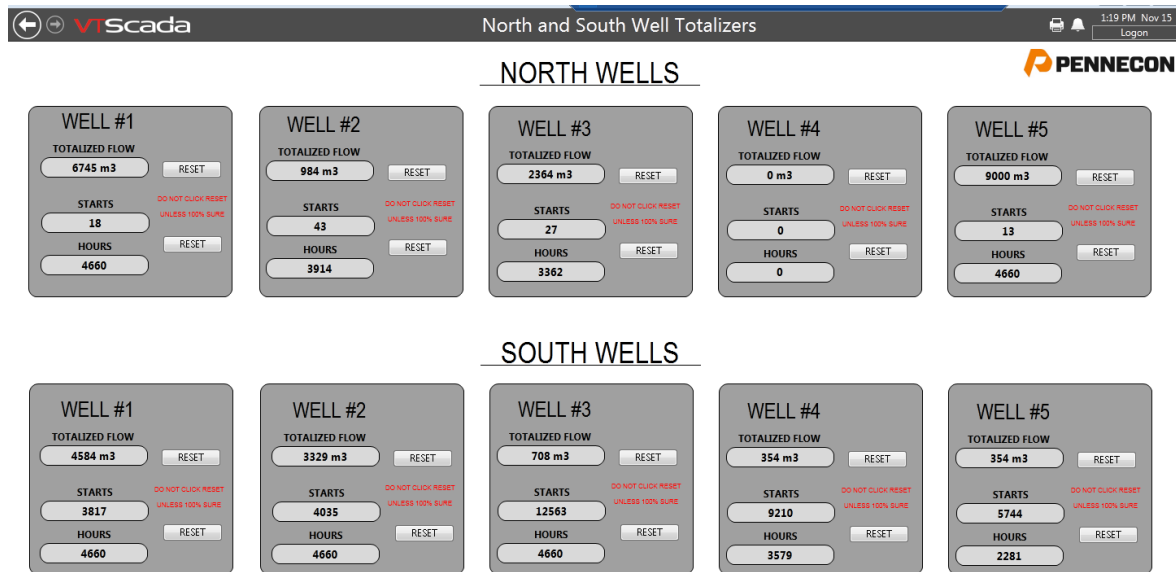
South Pit Elevation



- Data used for:
 - Maintenance planning
 - Pump performance
 - Water Balance
 - Warnings

Flow Volume Totalizers

- All pumps have volume totalizers
- Stats on startups and hrs of operation and performance for better preventative maintenance planning
- Annual reporting



Summary

- Duck Pond's long-term plan to reduce oxidation potential for PAG materials (i.e. for both tailings and waste rock) in closure is to maintain a target water cover
- In-situ treatment of the backfilled pits managing water quality in the TMA
- Automation is supporting continued good management of the site
- Continue to build on lessons learned

Questions



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Boundary reclaimed PAG pad