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Inorganic Parameters						
Aluminum		100	HC, 2019 (OG)	-	-	
Antimony		6	HC, 2019	-	-	
Arsenic		10	HC, 2019 (ALARA)	-	-	
Barium		1000	HC, 2019	-	-	
Beryllium		4	MOECC, 2011	-	-	
Boron		5000	HC, 2019	-	-	
Cadmium		5	HC, 2019	-	-	
Chromium (hexavalent)		50	HC, 2019	-	-	
Chromium (total)		50	HC, 2019	-	-	
Cobalt		3.8	MOECC, 2011	-	-	
Copper		2000	HC, 2019 (MAC)	-	-	
Cyanide		200	HC, 2019	-	-	
Iron		300	HC, 2019 (AO)	-	-	
Lead		5	HC, 2019 (ALARA)	-	-	
Manganese		120	HC, 2019	-	-	
Mercury (total)		1	HC, 2019	-	-	
Molybdenum		70	MOECC, 2011	-	-	
Nickel		100	MOECC, 2011	-	-	
Selenium		50	HC, 2019	-	-	
Silver		Not required	HC, 2019	-	-	
Strontium		2400	USEPA, 2019 [5]	-	-	
Thallium		2	MOECC, 2011	-	-	
Tin		2400	USEPA, 2019 [5]	-	-	
Uranium		20	HC, 2019	-	-	
Vanadium		6.2	MOECC, 2011	-	-	
Zinc		5000	HC, 2019 (AO)	-	-	
General Chemistry Parameters						
Chloride		250 000	HC, 2019 (AO)	-	-	
Sodium		200 000	HC, 2019 (AO)	-	-	
Petroleum Hydrocarbons (PHC) Parameters						
Benzene		5	ARBCA, 2021	2700	530	ARBCA, 2021
Toluene		24	ARBCA, 2021	>Sol	>Sol	ARBCA, 2021
Ethylbenzene		1.6	ARBCA, 2021	>Sol	>Sol	ARBCA, 2021
Xylene		20	ARBCA, 2021	>Sol	38 000	ARBCA, 2021
Modified TPH (Gas)		4400	ARBCA, 2021	>Sol	>Sol	ARBCA, 2021
Modified TPH (Fuel)		3200	ARBCA, 2021	>Sol	>Sol	ARBCA, 2021
Modified TPH (Lube)		7800	ARBCA, 2021	> Sol	>Sol	ARBCA, 2021
MTBE		15	HC, 2019 (AO)	6100	340	AEP, 2019
Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAH) Parameters						
Non-Carcinogenic PAH Compounds						
Naphthalene		470	AEP, 2019	NGR	7000	AEP, 2019
1 - Methyl naphthalene		12	MOECC, 2011	-	-	MOECC, 2011
2 - Methyl naphthalene		12	MOECC, 2011	-	-	MOECC, 2011
Acenaphthene		1400	AEP, 2019	NGR	NGR	AEP, 2019
Acenaphthylene		4.5	MOECC, 2011 [4]	1200	360	MOECC, 2011 [4]
Anthracene		NGR	AEP, 2019	NGR	NGR	AEP, 2019
Fluoranthene		NGR	AEP, 2019	NGR	NGR	AEP, 2019
Fluorene		940	AEP, 2019	NGR	NGR	AEP, 2019
Phenanthrene		-	AEP, 2019	-	-	AEP, 2019
Pyrene		710	AEP, 2019	NGR	NGR	AEP, 2019
Carcinogenic PAH Compounds						
BaP Total Potency Equivalents		0.04	HC, 2019	-	-	
Benz[a]anthracene		-		-	-	
Benzo[a]pyrene		0.04	HC, 2019	-	-	
Benzo[b,j,k]fluoranthene isomers		-		-	-	
Benzo[g,h,i]perylene		-		-	-	
Chrysene		-		-	-	
Dibenz[a,h]anthracene		-		-	-	
Indeno[1,2,3-c,d]pyrene		-		-	-	

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Volatile Organic Compound (VOC) Parameters						
Bromodichloromethane		100	HC, 2019	-	-	
Bromoform		100	HC, 2019	7700	3800	MOECC, 2011 [4]
Bromomethane		51	BC CSR Schedule 3.2	56	5.6	MOECC, 2011
Carbon Tetrachloride (Tetrachloromethane)		2	HC, 2019	12	0.57	AEP, 2019
Chlorobenzene		80	HC, 2019	300	14	AEP, 2019
Chloroethane		-		-	-	
Chloroform		80	AEP, 2019	530	30	AEP, 2019
Chloromethane		38	USEPA, 2019 [5]	-	-	
Dibromochloromethane		190	AEP, 2019	26 000	1100	AEP, 2019
1,2-Dichlorobenzene		200	HC, 2019	116 000	5400	AEP, 2019
1,3-Dichlorobenzene		59	MOECC, 2011	-	-	
1,4-Dichlorobenzene		5	HC, 2019	4600	220	AEP, 2019
1,1-Dichloroethane		3700	BC CSR Schedule 3.2	3100	320	MOECC, 2011
1,2-Dichloroethane		5	HC, 2019	170	10	AEP, 2019
1,1-Dichloroethylene		14	ARBCA, 2021	4600	950	ARBCA, 2021
cis-1,2-Dichloroethylene		70	ARBCA, 2021	3900	770	ARBCA, 2021
trans-1,2-Dichloroethylene		100	ARBCA, 2021	4100	820	ARBCA, 2021
1,2-Dichloropropane		9.9	BC CSR Schedule 3.2	140	16	MOECC, 2011
1,3-Dichloropropene		6.7	BC CSR Schedule 3.2	45	5.2	MOECC, 2011
Ethylene Dibromide		0.34	BC CSR Schedule 3.2	8.3	2.5	MOECC, 2011 [4]
Methylene Chloride (Dichloromethane)		50	HC, 2019	61 000	3400	AEP, 2019
Styrene		100	MOECC, 2011	11 000	1300	MOECC, 2011
1,1,1,2- Tetrachloroethane		26	BC CSR Schedule 3.2	280	33	MOECC, 2011 [4]
1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane		3.4	BC CSR Schedule 3.2	150	32	MOECC, 2011 [4]
Tetrachloroethylene		10	ARBCA, 2021	1000	210	ARBCA, 2021
1,1,1-Trichloroethane		10 000	BC CSR Schedule 3.2	6700	640	MOECC, 2011
1,1,2-Trichloroethane		12	BC CSR Schedule 3.2	300	47	MOECC, 2011 [4]
Trichloroethylene		5	ARBCA, 2021	92	19	ARBCA, 2021
Vinyl Chloride		2	ARBCA, 2021	41	8.6	ARBCA, 2021
Pesticides						
Aldicarb		-		-	-	
Aldrin		-		-	-	
Atrazine		5	HC, 2019	-	-	
Azinphos-methyl		20	HC, 2019	-	-	
Bendiocarb		40	AEP, 2019	-	-	
Bromoxynil		5	HC, 2019	-	-	
Carbaryl		90	HC, 2019	-	-	
Carbofuran		90	HC, 2019	-	-	
Chlorothalonil		140	AEP, 2019	-	-	
Chlorpyrifos		90	HC, 2019	-	-	
Cyanazine		10	AEP, 2019	-	-	
2,4-D		100	HC, 2019	-	-	
DDT		93	AEP, 2019	-	-	
Diazinon		20	HC, 2019	-	-	
Dicamba		120	HC, 2019	-	-	
Dichlorop-methyl		-		-	-	
Dieldrin		-		-	-	
Dimethoate		20	HC, 2019	-	-	
Dinoseb		-		-	-	
Diquat		70	HC, 2019	-	-	
Diuron		150	HC, 2019	-	-	
Endosulfan		57	AEP, 2019	-	-	
Endrin		2.8	AEP, 2019	-	-	
Glyphosate		280	HC, 2019	-	-	
Heptachlor		0.052	AEP, 2019	4.3	0.24	AEP, 2019
Lindane		2.8	AEP, 2019	-	-	
Linuron		19	AEP, 2019	-	-	
Malathion		190	HC, 2019	-	-	

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MCPA		100	HC, 2019	-	-	
Methoxychlor		-		-	-	
Metolachlor		50	HC, 2019	-	-	
Metribuzin		80	HC, 2019	-	-	
Paraquat		10	HC, 2019	-	-	
Parathion		-		-	-	
Phorate		2	HC, 2019	-	-	
Picloram		190	HC, 2019	-	-	
Simazine		10	HC, 2019	-	-	
Tebuthiuron		660	AEP, 2019	-	-	
Terbufos		1	HC, 2019	-	-	
Toxaphene		0.43	AEP, 2019	6400	310	AEP, 2019
Triallate		120	AEP, 2019	-	-	
Trifluralin		45	HC, 2019	-	-	
PFAS Substances						
Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA)		0.2 [7]	HC, 2019	-	-	
Perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS)		0.6 [7]	HC, 2019	-	-	
Perfluorobutanoate (PFBA)		30	HC, 2019	-	-	
Perfluorobutane sulfonate (PFBS)		15	HC, 2019	-	-	
Perfluorohexanesulfonate (PFHxS)		0.6	HC, 2019	-	-	
Perfluoropentanoate (PFPeA)		0.2	HC, 2019	-	-	
Perfluorohexanoate (PFHxA)		0.2	HC, 2019	-	-	
Perfluoroheptanoate (PFHpA)		0.2	HC, 2019	-	-	
Perfluorononanoate (PFNA)		0.02	HC, 2019	-	-	
Other Parameters						
Polychlorinated Biphenyl (Total PCB)		9.4	AEP, 2019	150	78	MOECC, 2011 [4]
Dioxins and Furans (TEQ) [6]		0.00012	AEP, 2019	0.023	0.014	MOECC, 2011
Pentachlorophenol (PCP)		60	HC, 2019	-	-	
Organotins - Tributyltin		0.74	USEPA, 2019 [5]	-	-	
Ethylene Glycol		31 000	AEP, 2019	NGR	NGR	AEP, 2019
Propylene Glycol		-		-	-	
Phenol		570	AEP, 2019	73 000 000	3 700 000	AEP, 2019

Notes:

[1] All values in µg/L unless otherwise noted.

[2] "-" indicates no guideline available; ">SOL" means no criteria are shown as theoretical aqueous solubilities may be exceeded; "NGR" indicates no guideline required.

[3] Health Canada MAC (Maximum Acceptable Concentration), IMAC (Interim MAC), AO (Aesthetic Objectives), OG (Operational Guidance) and ALARA (As Low As Reasonably Achievable) criteria are shown for the Potable Groundwater Drinking Water pathway, where applicable. However, Health Canada AO and OG values are not considered as potential Tier I EQS values for this pathway.

[4] Value has been adjusted from its original jurisdictional value, to reflect a 1×10^{-05} Target Cancer Risk Level.

[5] Original USEPA value has been divided by 5 to adjust from a target hazard quotient of 1.0 to a target hazard quotient of 0.2.

[6] Dioxins and Furans Toxic Equivalents (TEQ), are to be calculated following the methodology shown in "Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment. 2002. Canadian soil quality guidelines for the protection of environmental and human health: Dioxins and Furans".

[7] When PFOS and PFOA co-occur in soil or groundwater, it is recommended that both chemicals be considered together when comparing to screening values. Refer to Health Canada's "Summary Table: Health Canada Draft Guidelines, Screening Values and Toxicological Reference Values (TRVs) for Perfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS). May, 2019." for specific guidance on calculating PFOS/PFOA ratios and hazard indices.