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Foreword

This report presents a case study-based assessment of the potential cumulative impacts on groundwater from shale gas production in England. It considers a range of potential industry development scenarios and a range of potential contaminants. Specifically, it considers how the cumulative risks to groundwater might evolve over a geographical area targeted for shale gas development. It is not designed to recommend a regulatory position or establish formal guidance, but aims to provide evidence and information to inform future decision making by regulators, operators and government.

The shale gas sector is an emerging extractive industry in the UK. Over the past 20 years the shale gas sector has developed hugely in the United States of America (USA), but the issue of regional groundwater quality impacts has received relatively limited attention. The present work is am initial study that starts to address the potential impacts of the development of the industry in the UK (England, specifically) and the need for UK-specific information.

Our approach included a review and evaluation of relevant published reports covering development scenarios, impacts, risk mitigation measures and best available techniques. Potential regional groundwater quality impacts have been evaluated using readily available, and widely used, risk assessment tools.

In the case of shale gas development in England, there are major uncertainties about if or how the sector will develop over time and geographically. These complexities and uncertainties mean that it is not possible to make a definitive assessment of impacts due to shale gas. However, a preliminary and indicative assessment is possible to show how the issue can be explored and highlight where concerns might be significant and further information required.

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1 Introduction

1.1 CONTEXT

The UK shale gas industry might see significant growth in the near future, with many energy companies already having gained approval and others in the stages of seeking approval for exploration. Exploratory boreholes have been in place in the Vale of Pickering, North Yorkshire, and the Fylde Basin, Lancashire, since 2013 and 2010 respectively. Since then, several other sites around the UK have been earmarked for future exploration.

The current absence of producing shale gas wells within the UK means it is too early to assess any actual impact of these operations at the local, regional and national scale. However, international analogues may provide some indications based on areas elsewhere in the world where a shale gas industry is more developed (e.g. the Marcellus Shale, USA) albeit with obvious limitations due to differences in geology and setting. While regulation and compliance of shale gas operations varies between countries, the process and method of extraction and the environmental risks are comparable. The general requirements for water, drilling mud/fluids, hydraulic fracturing fluids ("frac fluids") and the design of wells and well pads can all be extracted from an already mature international experience. However, the requirements in the UK will be modified by the regulatory requirements and restrictions that exist.

There are ongoing discussions within the UK to determine whether shale gas is beneficial, economically viable and environmentally safe. In this report, the impact on land use, groundwater quality and water resources of one well in a selection of approved Petroleum Exploration and Development Licence (PEDL) areas will be considered, followed by an estimation of the cumulative impacts that may result from multiple extraction sites within these areas. The exercise will depend on ranges of input parameters informed by international analogues applied in a UK geo-environmental setting. To recognise the variability in parameters and uncertainty in UK industry development, a range of impact scenarios - low, moderate and high – have been considered.

1.2 OBJECTIVES

The overall objective of this study is to evaluate how any cumulative risks to groundwater may evolve in an area that is being developed for shale gas production. This has been achieved by a two-fold approach: an initial literature study into the impacts of shale gas extraction on groundwater, followed by a case study to determine the effects of expansion and growth of shale gas extraction within three defined PEDL areas. Examples from three onshore licence blocks where unconventional shale gas development has been initiated have been used (located in the Fylde Basin, and the Vale of Pickering). A geospatial analysis of potential scope for developments provides the foundation for further conclusions of possible low, moderate and high impact scenarios, developed from the literature review.

The potential cumulative impacts on groundwater resources and groundwater quality in the Vale of Pickering and Fylde Basin have focused on the following list of possible issues, informed by the literature review:

- The volumes of drilling mud and cuttings generated for disposal,
- Water requirements for hydraulic fracturing programmes, and the volumes of waste water generated,
- Well failure scenarios, including blowouts and leakage of contaminants,

• On-site and off-site spill events and possible volumes of material released to the environment.

1.3 METHOD

The terms used throughout the assessment are defined as follows:

- Low impact/pressure scenario: The scenario generated by the lowest calculated number of well pads multiplied by the lowest value for a variable obtained from literature. E.g Lowest number of well pads (2) x lowest required volume of fracture fluid (5,000 m³)
- Moderate impact/pressure scenario: The scenario generated by the median of the calculated number of well pads multiplied by the median value for a variable obtained from literature. E.g Median of number of well pads (4) x median of required volume of fracture fluid (41,000 m³)
- High impact/pressure scenario: The scenario generated by the highest calculated number of well pads multiplied by the highest value for a variable obtained from literature. E.g Highest number of well pads (11) x highest required volume of fracture fluid (77,000 m³)
- Local Scale: The circular area around a shale gas well pad which covers the extent of a lateral well. E.g. For a well that has a 3000 m lateral, the area has a radius of 3000 m with the well/well pad at its centre.
- District Scale: The area encompassed by local authority districts E.g. Ryedale, North Yorkshire or Fylde, Lancashire.
- Regional Scale: The area encompassed by counties in England. E.g. North Yorkshire or Lancashire.

1.3.1 Overall Approach

The approach taken to achieve the project's objective included a systematic review and evaluation of relevant published reports covering impacts, risk mitigation measures and best available techniques (BAT) following the work undertaken by Olsen et al. (2016). The methodology of this project is divided into two distinct sections: a geospatial assessment to determine possible development scenarios; and a cumulative impact assessment to quantify the potential risks and impacts to groundwater. This method has been directed towards the following three case study areas:

- (SD33a, SD34a, SD43b) PEDL licence area, Lancashire
- (SE77c, SE77d, SE87a) PEDL licence area, Yorkshire
- (SE78b, SE88e) PEDL licence area, Yorkshire

The geospatial assessment has been adapted from the approach used in Clancy et al. (2017). Features of interest (including roads, rivers, English Natural Heritage designated sites, and Source Protection Zones) provide the basis for restrictions on the surface development of shale gas extraction sites. In conjunction, the limitations of lateral drilling techniques also provides a subsurface constraint on the extent of these extraction sites. Together, these two sets of restrictions have allowed the determination of a range of possible development scenarios across each study area.

The geospatial assessment provides the basis for the cumulative impact assessment that constitutes the main part of this report. For a range of possible impacts, three different scenarios have been considered; low, moderate, and high potential impact as defined in section 1.3. These have been developed from consideration of the data in Table 1-1 which has been adapted from Olsen et al. (2016). The parameters listed show typical ranges presented in literature from previous shale gas operations from which low, moderate and high potential impact scenarios were developed. As far

as possible, they do not include extreme values associated with some site-specific scenarios identified in other countries.

| Parameter | | Number | Unit | Source of data or assumptions | References |
|-----------|---|-------------------|-----------------------|---|--|
| 1 | Total length of lateral well | 1,200–3,000 | m | Typical range | AEA (2012a) and AMEC (2014) in Olsen et al., (2016); Kondash et al., (2018); Zou et al (2018); Nicot et al., (2014) in Butkovskyi et al., (2019) |
| 2 | Number of wellheads per well pad | 2–16 | Units/well pad | High range based on industry average and US analogues | NYSDEC (2011), JRC (2013b), AMEC (2014) and Council of Canadian Academies (2014) in Olsen et al., 2016. Clancy et al (2017). |
| 3 | Mud and drill cuttings generated | 1500-2500 | m ³ /well | Typical range | AMEC (2014) and Cuadrilla (2014a) in Olsen et al., (2016). |
| 4 | Number of fracturing phases per well during lifetime | 1 | Times | Typical commercial scenario | NYSDEC (2011) in Olsen et al., (2016). |
| 5 | Required volume of fracture fluid per fracture programme | 5,000– 77,000 | m ³ / well | Previous international shale gas operations | Wood et al., (2011); Johnson and Johnson (2012);; Jiang et al., (2013); JRC (2013b); Vengosh et al., (2014); Ziemkiewicz et al., (2014); Gallegos et al., (2015); AMEC (2014) in Olsen et al., (2016); BCOGC (2016) in Edwards and Celia (2018); Cuadrilla (2018); Kondash et al., (2018). |
| 6 | Percentage flowback of fracture fluid per fracture programme | 10–40 | Percentage | Typical range | JRC (2013b), AMEC (2014) and Cuadrilla (2014a) in Olsen et al., (2016); Mohammad-Pajooh et al., (2018). |
| 7 | Estimated flowback and produced water volume | 1,300 – 74,500 | m ³ / well | Ranges recorded or estimated for international shale gas operations (USA and China) | Kondash et al., (2017), Kondash et al., (2018); Zou et al., (2018) |
| 8 | Percentage flowback recycle rate | 40-80 | Percentage | Reasonable range based on experience in the EU | JRC (2013b), AMEC (2014) and Cuadrilla (2014a) in Olsen et al., (2016). |
| 9 | Required volume of water per fracture programme | 1,000 – 42,500 | m ³ | Literature values from previous shale gas operations | Clark et al., (2013); DECC (2014); Yang et al., (2015); Kondash and Vengosh (2015); Olsen et al., (2016); Nicot and Scanlon (2012); Kondash et al., (2018); Zou et al., (2018) |
| 10 | Storage capacity per truck | 25 | m ³ | Typical truck capacity | AEA (2012a) and AMEC (2014) in Olsen et al., (2016). |
| 11 | No. of truck movements to manage fresh water per fracture programme | 180–580 | Trucks | Reasonable range based on capacity of truck and some water source availability on site | Olsen et al., (2016). Discussed further in Section 4.3.3. |

Table 1-1 Potential Commercial Scenarios and development parameters for shale gas development in the England (adapted from Olsen et al., 2016)

| Parameter | | Number Unit | | Source of data or assumptions | References |
|-----------|----------------------------|------------------------|------|---|---|
| 12 | Salinity of produced water | > 8000 to > 400,000 | mg/L | Literature values from the Marcellus Shale | Ziemkiewicz and Thomas (2015), Stuart (2011), Haluszcack (2012), Benko and Drewes (2008) |
| 13 | Well Failure Rate | 1.88 - 9.14 | % | Failure rates recorded from Marcellus Shale | Vidic et al., (2013); Ingraffea, (2012) and Considine et al., (2013) in Davies et al., (2014); Davies et al., (2014); Ingraffea et al., (2014). |

2 Shale Gas Exploration and Extraction

2.1 BACKGROUND

Shale gas is termed an unconventional gas resource because of its "relative difficulty of extraction" (Grant & Chrisholm, 2014). However, these resources are now being exploited as technological breakthroughs have allowed them to be more readily accessed and more commercially viable. Figure 2.1 shows the onshore PEDL licences for part of the UK in 2018, alongside the prospective regions for shale gas exploration in England.



Figure 2.1 Map of UK showing onshore OGA PEDL blocks (black outlines), and BGS prospective shale gas regions (grey). Green highlighted areas on both maps are the locations of the study areas used in this assessment (Section 3). (BGS & OGA, 2018; OGA 2018).

2.1.1 Hydraulic fracturing and shale gas project phases

Hydraulic fracturing is used to create new fractures and open any existing natural fractures within a rock formation. It is typically undertaken by pumping quantities of fluids (water containing a proppant, to hold the fractures open, and other components) down a well at high pressure. The intention of the fracturing is to generate an interconnected, open network of fractures within the rock formation that stimulates the flow of gas and/or fluid to the drilled well(s) or "wellbore(s)", thereby increasing the volumes of oil or gas that can be recovered.

In overall terms, shale gas projects follow the phases described below:

• *Exploratory phase*. This phase includes (not in sequential order): preliminary site identification and selection; site characterisation of the proposed site; and establishment of baseline conditions for air, water, land, geology and deep-ground conditions. This will be

followed by an initial development of a geological conceptual model; geological risk assessment; exploratory boreholes for evaluation of geology and the resource; seismic surveys; initial evaluation of potential environmental impacts; and securing necessary development and operation permits. This phase also includes pad construction and site preparation including construction of roads and any water containment structures.

- *Appraisal Phase*. This stage includes pilot well drilling; drilling initial horizontal wells to determine reservoir properties and required well completion techniques; further development of the geological conceptual model following test fractures; wellhead and well design construction (drilling, casing, cementing, integrity testing); multi-stage hydraulic fracturing (injection of fracture fluid and management of flowback and produced water and emissions); and well completion.
- *Production.* The well pad is expanded and the necessary facilities constructed, including storage tanks, impoundments and secondary containment structures and the commercial production of shale gas takes place.
- *Project cessation (decommissioning/abandonment).* Once economic extraction of gas from the well is no longer viable then the well is decommissioned. The following regulations and guidelines must be followed when decommissioning a well (UKOOG, 2016);
 - "Oil and Gas UK Guidelines on Qualification of Materials for the Suspension and Abandonment of Wells",
 - "Oil and Gas UK Well Suspension and Abandonment Guidelines", and
 - "The Offshore Installations and Wells (Design and Construction, etc.) Regulations 1996".

Cement is poured into sections of the well to prevent gas flowing into water-bearing zones or up to the surface. A cap is welded into place and then buried, and work is carried out on site to return it to a satisfactory state and to obtain approval for environmental permit surrender.

2.2 WELL CONSTRUCTION, COMPLETION AND OPERATION

Well construction for shale gas exploration and extraction wells must follow current industry and Health and Safety Executive (HSE) standards including the Offshore Installations and Well (Design and Construction) Regulations (1996). The fundamental principle of well design is to "ensure there is no unplanned release of fluids, so far as is reasonably practicable" (HSE, 2015). This is achieved through maximising the efficiency of mud removal, casing installation and cementation all of which are designed to inhibit fluid leakage from the well and into the surrounding formation.

The drilling for a shale gas extraction well comprises successive drilling stages, each reducing the diameter of the well in steps. Within each step, permanent casing is emplaced and cemented, to ensure isolation from groundwater resources, aid well bore stability during drilling, and to provide well integrity during fracturing operations. An initial "conductor" casing is installed first at a large diameter, which forms the foundation of the well. Decreasing casing sizes are used to the required depths, depending on zones of groundwater and structural integrity of the rock mass. This cycle continues until the required number of casing which extends form the surface to the oil/gas source rock is the production casing. The casing must be designed to withstand tensional, compressive and bending forces during well construction and well lifetime and lengths of casing must be screwed tightly together. Acoustic, temperature and pressure testing can be used to check the integrity and presence of the cement, and are an important part of any permit requirements (Environment Agency, 2015; Environment Agency, 2016a; UKOOG 2016).

Initial vertical wells are drilled across an area for exploration, to determine geology, drilling conditions and quality of the shale gas resource at depth. For a production well, following completion of the vertical drilling phase, the drill bit is gradually rotated from a "kick-off point" at a specified depth producing a curved section which eventually becomes horizontal. Once a sufficient length of horizontal drilling has occurred the operation/production phase of shale gas extraction can begin. This will include initial flow testing to determine the quality and ease of extraction of the shale gas.

During the installation and operation of a shale gas well, mitigation strategies are implemented to minimise risk. Within the UK, any mitigation strategies must follow the UK Onshore Shale Gas Well Guidelines (UKOOG, 2016) to ensure the following risks are addressed:

- *Groundwater isolation*. Groundwater and any permeable zones are isolated from the shale gas extraction well. Groundwater and surface water baseline surveys are completed before the construction phase and continued monitoring is undertaken during the appraisal, production and cessation phases. All samples must be analysed by a suitably qualified third party organisation using recognised sampling and analytical methods. Any anomalies detected during the operational phase monitoring must be directly reported to the Environment Agency.
- *Fracture containment*. A Hydraulic Fracturing Plan (HFP) is prepared which describes the geometry of the proposed induced fracture network and highlights the target zones and any related aquifers. Hydraulic fractures are monitored during implementation using microseismic and seismic surveys. The presence of any faults within the extraction area must be included within the HFP.
- Seismicity induced by hydraulic fracturing. A risk assessment as part of the HFP is developed using geological maps, field experience and the depth of the proposed fracturing operations prior to drilling. Within this assessment local stresses are characterised using seismic reflection data and background seismicity data and are further refined using stress data from nearby boreholes, including, but not limited to; core data, borehole imaging, caliper logs and evidence of borehole losses. Seismicity is monitored throughout the operation phase as part of the HFP which is approved by the Oil and Gas Authority (OGA) with input from the EA. The seismic monitoring uses equipment which must be able to detect seismic activity of magnitude >0.0 M_L. The OGA has established a traffic light system in which the red light corresponds to a magnitude of 0.5M_L. If a red light or greater is detected, injection is immediately suspended and activities are reviewed. An amber light is currently set at magnitudes between 0.0 and 0.5M_L. If magnitudes are detected within this range injection of fracturing fluid may continue at a reduced rate and monitoring is intensified. The risks associated with the construction and operation phase are summarised in Table 2-1.

| Issues | Mitigation Measure | | | |
|--|---|--|--|--|
| | Ensure casing connections are tight | | | |
| Fluid Leakage | Use the correct casing material for the formation/groundwater chemistry | | | |
| | Casing permanently installed with impermeable cement | | | |
| | Cement installed to protect the casing from corrosion | | | |
| Well Stability | Acoustic, temperature and pressure testing to check the integrity of cement | | | |
| | The intermediate casing protects the well from the surrounding formation | | | |
| Crown dwyster Isolation | Surface casing and production casing isolates well from the surrounding formation | | | |
| Groundwater Isolation | Baseline survey and continued monitored surveys completed to detect any anomalies | | | |
| | Hydraulic Fracture Plan | | | |
| Fracture Containment | Seismic Monitoring | | | |
| | Characterise local stresses before drilling | | | |
| Seismicity induced by hydraulic fracturing | Seismicity monitored throughout the operation phase | | | |
| | Traffic light system in accordance with OGA guidance | | | |

Table 2-1 Risks and mitigation measures associated with the product and operation phase of shale gas extraction

2.2.1 Chemicals used during shale gas operations

Shale gas operations require three main groups of chemicals on site. These are: 1) the chemical additives to engineer the hydraulic fracturing fluid to the necessary specification, 2) compounds such as fuel oils and maintenance chemicals required for equipment operation on site and 3) chemicals used within drilling muds, which are always water based systems when drilling onshore in the UK (UKOOG, 2016). Chemical additives for hydraulic fracturing fluids are subdivided into two main groups: additives that affect the viscosity and performance of the fluid, and additives that keep the well clean and minimise damage to the steel casing. The list of common additives used in fracturing fluids is shown in Table 2-2.

Additives that affect viscosity are required to achieve a fluid with an initial low viscosity and friction, which is later increased in order to aid in transporting the sand (proppant) within the fluid. These include guar gum, potassium chloride salt, ammonium persulfate and polyacrylamide, which also have everyday uses in cosmetics and foodstuffs (Ineos, 2015; FracFocus, n.d.). Additives that keep the well clean typically limit the growth of bacteria, scale and iron oxide compounds inside the well, which can corrode the steel casing. These too, including chemicals such as acetic acid, ethylene glycol and glutaraldehyde, have common everyday uses.

Alongside the chemical additives, petroleum fuels (diesel) and maintenance products like grease and oil will be present on the site. These will be used for the operation and maintenance of equipment on site, and are familiar compounds to any drilling or operational site.

2.2.2 Quantities of chemicals used for hydraulic fracturing

Hydraulic fracturing fluid consists typically of 99.5% water and sand (proppant), and 0.5% chemical additives (Stuart, 2011, INEOS, 2015). A typical fracturing operation will require between 5,000 m³ and 77,000 m³ of fluid (Table 1-1, row 5), which would therefore equate to 25

 m^3 and 385 m^3 of additives respectively (by volume). The breakdown of the relative percentages of some typical additives is provided in Table 2-3.

The Environment Agency (EA), and other UK agencies that form JAGDAG (Joint Agencies Groundwater Directive Advisory Group) along with industry representatives, considers that the chemicals listed in Table 2-3 are 'non-hazardous pollutants' in respect of groundwater, for the purposes of the Water Framework Directive (WFD) (INEOS, 2015; JAGDAG, 2017). All substances proposed for use as a component of 'frac fluid' will be initially screened by the EA, against the JAGDAG Confirmed Hazardous Substances list or using the JAGDAG assessment methodology, and additionally a risk assessment addressing the proposed use of the chemical (WFD list, DECC, 2014; EA, 2016; JAGDAG, 2017). These chemical additives will be stored on site in a concentrated form and mixed prior to and during injection of the frac fluid.

| Additive | Purpose | Example chemical | Other common uses |
|-----------------------------|---|--|---|
| Acids | Dissolve rock, ease fracture generation | Hydrochloric acid | Water treatment |
| Acid Corrosion Inhibitor | Prevents corrosion of steel casing | Acetone | Pharmaceuticals |
| Biocides | Kill bacteria in well/water, which could otherwise lead to corrosion by-products | Glutaraldehyde | Disinfectant of medical equipment |
| Breakers | Used to break cross-linkers, decrease viscosity, degrade fracturing fluid | Ammonium persulfate | Bleaching agent in detergents |
| Clay Control | Prevents clay from swelling/shifting | Sodium chloride/choline chloride | Table salt/animal feed |
| Cross-linker | Maintains fluid consistency at increasing temperatures. Aids transport of proppants | Borate | Cosmetics |
| Foamed Gels | Generate bubbles to aid in transporting proppant to fractures | Nitrogen/carbon dioxide w/ alcohols (e.g. ethanol) | Shaving foams, shampoo |
| Fluid loss additives | Restrict leak-off of fluid into the rock at fracture face(s) | Natural Gums | N/A |
| Friction reducers | Minimise friction of fluid | Polyacrylamide | Water treatment |
| Gels | Increase viscosity to aid in transporting proppant | Guar gum | Foodstuffs, cosmetics |
| Iron Control | Prevents precipitation of metal oxides | Citric or acetic acid | Foodstuffs |
| Oxygen Scavenger | Deoxygenates the water (removing free oxygen), minimises corrosion | Ammonium bisulphate | Cosmetics |
| pH adjusting agent | Maintains effectiveness of additives | Sodium/potassium carbonate | Detergents, soap |
| Proppant | Holds/props open induced fractures | Quartz sand | Water filtration |
| KCl Salt | Increases viscosity and proppant transport capacity | Potassium chloride | Low-sodium table salt |
| Surfactant | Increases the stability of the fracture fluid | Isopropyl alcohol | Glass cleaner |
| Scale Inhibitor | Prevents build-up of scale on the borehole | Ethylene glycol | Anti-freeze |

Table 2-2 List of common additives to hydraulic fracturing fluids (adapted from PubChem, n.d; Stuart, 2011;INEOS, 2015)

| Compound | % | Equivalent volume m ³ (Min) | Equivalent Mass (Min) (kg) | Equivalent Mass (Min) (tonnes) | Max Volume m ³ (Min) | Equivalent mass (Max) (kg) | Equivalent Mass (Max) (tonnes) |
|---|--------|--|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Gellant (Guar gum) | 0.32 | 16 | 16000.00 | 16.00 | 48 | 48000.00 | 48.00 |
| Acid (HCl) | 0.044 | 2.2 | 2618.00 | 2.62 | 6.6 | 7854.00 | 7.85 |
| Corrosion inhibitor (methanol) | 0.032 | 1.6 | 1267.20 | 1.27 | 4.8 | 3801.60 | 3.80 |
| Friction reducer (polyacrylamide) ¹ | 0.032 | 1.6 | 1776.00 | 1.78 | 4.8 | 5328.00 | 5.33 |
| Clay control (Choline chloride) | 0.022 | 1.1 | 2376.00 | 2.38 | 3.3 | 7128.00 | 7.13 |
| Crosslinker (Potassium metaborate) | 0.02 | 1 | 2300.00 | 2.30 | 3 | 6900.00 | 6.90 |
| Scale Inhibitor (Ethylene glycol) | 0.015 | 0.75 | 832.50 | 0.83 | 2.25 | 2497.50 | 2.50 |
| Breaker (Ammonium persulfate) | 0.013 | 0.65 | 1287.00 | 1.29 | 1.95 | 3861.00 | 3.86 |
| Iron Control (Acetic acid) | 0.003 | 0.15 | 157.50 | 0.16 | 0.45 | 472.50 | 0.47 |
| Biocide (Glutaraldehyde) | 0.0006 | 0.03 | 31.80 | 0.03 | 0.09 | 95.40 | 0.10 |

 Table 2-3 Percentages of some typical additives in fracturing fluids

Sources: (PubChem, n.d.; Ineos, 2015). ¹Residual concentrations of acrylamide may exist in association with polyacrylamide. Acrylamide is a hazardous substance, while polyacrylamide is not. Very low residual concentrations of acrylamide (e.g. less than 0.1%) can be shown through hydrogeological risk assessments not to pose a significant risk to groundwater when used in hydraulic fracturing at significant depth.

2.2.3 Flowback fluid and produced water (waste waters)

Waste waters that return to the surface during and after hydraulic fracturing include flowback fluid and produced water. Flowback fluid is primarily composed of the hydraulic fracturing fluid that returns to the surface following a fracturing event. The flowback lasts for a relatively short period of time before transitioning into produced water. Produced water comprises principally the highly saline/mineralised formation waters that are released following hydraulic fracturing and will continue to be produced during the lifetime of the well. Hydraulic fracturing fluid mixes with the produced water, resulting in elevated concentrations of total dissolved solids (TDS, Table 1-1, row 11) within the returned water. Flowback fluid is classified by waste code "01 01 02" in the Waste Framework Directive (2008/98/EC), and is determined to be a non-hazardous waste stream (EA, 2016; SEPA & Natural Scotland, 2015).

The chemical composition of the produced water is largely dependent on the source rock. Deep gas-bearing organic shale formations produce waters containing concentrations of hazardous organic chemicals such as benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene and xylenes (BTEX), (Shores et al., 2017) and Naturally Occurring Radioactive Materials (NORM) such as uranium, thorium and their daughter isotopes (²²⁶Ra and ²²⁸Ra) (Stuart, 2011). The composition of fracturing fluid will also vary during shale gas operations depending on the stage of development to ensure maximum efficiency is achieved in both development and extraction.

A proportion (up to 90%) of the hydraulic fracturing fluid (Liu et al., 2015) can be lost to the formation along the open horizontal section of the well where hydraulic fracturing is being

undertaken. From records of existing shale gas operations in the USA, any flowback fluid returned to the surface is stored within open holding tanks or ponds, analysed, treated and reused or disposed of in deep injection wells. Within the UK, regulations require that flowback fluid and produced water are stored in sealed tanks to minimise the risk of spillages or leaks, and to allow for safe disposal and/or recycling in future fracturing operations (Cuadrilla, 2017).

A range of chemicals detected within produced water is shown in Table 2-4.

| Chemical Concentration | | Unit | Reference |
|---|------------------|---------------------|--|
| Total Radium (²²⁶ Ra and ²²⁸ Ra) | 6,450,000 | piC m ⁻³ | Haluszcack et al (2012) |
| Total Dissolved Solids | 8,840 - >400,000 | mg l ⁻¹ | Ziemkiewicz and Thomas (2015), Stuart (2011), Haluszcack (2012), Benko and Drewes (2008) |
| Benzene | 27 | mg l ⁻¹ | |
| Toluene | 37 | mg l ⁻¹ | Benko and Drewes (2008) in Shores et al |
| Ethylbenzene | 19 | mg 1 ⁻¹ | (2017) |
| Xylene | 0.611 | mg l ⁻¹ | |
| Strontium (⁸⁷ Sr/ ⁸⁶ Sr) | 3,000 | mg l ⁻¹ | Capo et al (2014) |

Table 2-4 Chemicals identified in produced water from previous shale gas extraction operations

3 Potential Development Scenarios for Shale Gas Extraction across three case study areas

In order to assess the potential cumulative impacts of any shale gas development, an assessment was undertaken using three case study sites to explore the scenario if shale gas extraction was increased. This consisted of a geospatial assessment, using a modified methodology from Clancy et al. (2017), to determine surface and subsurface spatial restrictions on the location of well pads. This generated a number of possible scenarios for the number of well pads across these areas. The following section describes the methodology and summarises the results from the investigation.

3.1 BACKGROUND

Well pads for the exploration and exploitation of shale gas are limited in their location by a number of factors. Sites firstly have to be situated on flat land, assumed to be an incline of less than 5 degrees. Additional spatial constraints on site locations consist of infrastructure and protected land designations, including:

- Roads and rail networks
- Rivers/water courses
- Urban areas
- Public water sources/supply and source protection zones (SPZ)
- English Natural Heritage (ENH) designations
 - AONB (Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty)
 - SPA (Special Protection Areas)
 - SAC (Special Area of Conservation)
 - SSSI (Special Site of Scientific Interest)

The features of interest suggested above restrict the location of the site at the planning application stage. In the UK, there are no designated minimum distances for shale gas well heads from any of these features of interest. Each site's suitability is agreed on a case-by-case basis with the local planning authority (Cave, 2015 in Clancy, 2017). Clancy et al. (2017) found that existing onshore well heads in the UK were located a minimum of 21 m from non-residential properties and 46 m from residential properties, whilst mean distances were 329 m and 447 m respectively for each property type.

Clancy et al (2017) reported that between 2 - 5 wells on average are sited on pads in the US (Johnson et al, 2010; Drohan et al, 2012; Jantz et al, 2014), whilst Regeneris Consulting (2011) and Taylor & Lewis (2013) report that up to 10 wells could exist per pad in the UK. It is possible that a shale gas exploration and production site in the UK may contain more than one well to enable economic extraction of the resource.

In order to simplify the initial calculations, a site will be assumed to have only one well head. However, since multiple well heads can be assumed to be in close proximity, and laterals will radiate away from each other, multiple wellheads could be present at the number of determined sites. This will be factored into the cumulative impact assessment in the following sections.

3.2 METHODOLOGY

The following methodology was applied to the licence areas listed in section 1.3.1 and below:

- (SD33a, SD34a, SD43b) Fylde basin, Lancashire
- (SE77c, SE77d, SE87a) Vale of Pickering, Yorkshire
- (SE78b, SE88e) Vale of Pickering, Yorkshire

These areas have been chosen based on the proximity to ongoing shale gas developments within the UK.

Suitable areas were first highlighted where the slope angle was less than 5° , using the NextMapTM DTM dataset, and the derived slope model held by the BGS. Buffers around features of interest, which are listed in Table 3-1, defined unsuitable areas for locating a wellhead. OS MasterMap 2015 data was used to delineate road and rail networks, and rivers and water bodies. Buffer distances were simplified from the values proposed by Eshleman & Elsmore (2013, in Clancy et al., 2017). Buffer zones were subtracted from the suitable slope areas to provide a final map of theoretical potential locations for well pad development, and clipped to the defined licence area. This was carried out for all three study areas.

| Feature of interest | Buffer distance (simplified from Eshleman & Elsmore, 2013) |
|---|--|
| Road and Rail networks | 150 m |
| Urban centres | 150 m |
| Rivers and water bodies | 150 m |
| English Natural Heritage designated sites | 150 m |
| Source Protection Zones | 600 m |

Table 3-1 List of Features of interest, and associated buffer distances

To assess the average and maximum number of well pads that could be located across the study areas, a random point generation tool (Broad, 2015) was used to generate multiple hypothetical scenarios for the possible number of sites distributed across the area remaining outside the buffered zones. Using the guidance in Table 1-1 (row 1), a fixed minimum distance between points was implemented, which was double the distance of the lateral. This was used since laterals cannot intersect, and is therefore a further subsurface constraint on the surface location of the well pad. Values of 1200 m, 2100 m and 3000 m were chosen as lateral lengths (Table 1-1, row 1). While the lateral length within the data sets was generally between 1,000 m and 1,500 m (Kondash et al., 2018; Zou et al; 2018), lateral length is increasing (Kondash et al., 2018) and can reach up to 3000 m (Nicot et al., 2014 in Butovskyi et al., 2019). Incorporating longer laterals allowed for this potential future impact to be assessed.

A sample size of 100 wells was chosen to be fitted within the area, as this would likely exceed the actual number of sites that could be distributed within the determined remaining areas. The tool was run 50 times for each area, to provide a suitable statistical distribution, and to ensure that an absolute maximum could be found. The maximum would represent the highest-impact scenario for each study area.

3.3 RESULTS

3.3.1 Land area outside of setbacks/buffers from features of interest

The available surface area for each case study area, after exclusion using the setbacks and buffers described in section 3.2, is shown in Table 3-2. The remaining surface space across the study areas is less than 15%, on surface constraints alone. Case study area "SE77c, SE77d, SE87a" has the largest remaining surface space of all three of the case study areas (361 ha). "SD33a, SD34a, SD43b" has the second largest remaining surface space, but the lowest percentage of the total area. "SE78b, SE88e" has the largest percentage of the total area, whilst having the smallest remaining surface space.

| Case Study Licence Blocks | Area of Licence block | Remaining surface area after setback exclusion | Percentage of total area |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|--|--------------------------|
| SE78b, SE88e | 2,000 ha | 287 ha | 14% |
| SE77c, SE77d, SE87a | 3,535 ha | 361 ha | 10% |
| SD33a, SD34a, SD43b | 5,450 ha | 353 ha | 6% |

 Table 3-2 Area of each case study site, and remaining surface area from setback analysis

Figures 3.1 to 3.3 display the determined area remaining after subtracting the buffered zones from the areas of land with less than 5° slope. The remaining area has been used to determine a possible number of well pads, providing initial surface constraints to their location. The results of this assessment are detailed in section 3.3.2.

The remaining area for "SE78b, SE88e" is predominantly distributed in the SW corner of the study area with large uninterrupted units. For "SE77c, SE77d, SE87a" and "SD33a, SD34a, SD43b", the remaining area is more widely distributed, owing to the dense road network across the study areas. This results, especially in the case of "SD33a, SD34a, SD43b", in smaller regions of remaining land widely distributed across the study area.



Figure 3.1 Area remaining following buffer exclusion for study area "SE78b, SE88e". Remaining land is typically distributed across the central-to-south areas of the study area. © Crown copyright and database rights [2018] Ordnance Survey [100021290 EUL]. Use of this data is subject to terms and conditions. Additional data from OS MasterMap 2015 © and OGA Opendata (OGA, 2018).



Figure 3.2 Area remaining following buffer exclusion for study area "SE77c, SE77d, SE87a". Remaining land is widely distributed across the study area. The urban centre in the SW corner represents a large area of no development. © Crown copyright and database rights [2018] Ordnance Survey [100021290 EUL]. Use of this data is subject to terms and conditions. Additional data from OS MasterMap 2015 © and OGA Opendata (OGA, 2018).



Figure 3.3 Area remaining following buffer exclusion for study area "SD33a, SD34a, SD43b". Remaining land is widely distributed, with minor concentrations in the West and North. The dense road network significantly limits the potential surface development locations. © Crown copyright and database rights [2018] Ordnance Survey [100021290 EUL]. Use of this data is subject to terms and conditions. Additional data from OS MasterMap 2015 © and OGA Opendata (OGA, 2018).

3.3.2 Determination of potential number of well pads

Table 3-3 shows the summary statistics for the possible number of wells pads determined by the random point generation tool, based on subsurface and surface constraints alone. They do not factor in additional constraints such as land agreements, or social influences from the local community and planning authority.

| Case Study Licence Blocks | Lateral Length (m) | Mean ¹ | Max | Min | Range | Standard Deviation | Variance |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-----|-----|-------|-----------------------|----------|
| SE796 | 1200 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 0.67 | 0.45 |
| SE780, SE88e | 2100 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0.50 | 0.25 |
| | 3000 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| SE77c, SE77d, SE87a | 1200 | 7 | 10 | 6 | 4 | 1.03 | 1.05 |
| | 2100 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 0.65 | 0.43 |
| | 3000 | 3 | 6 | 1 | 5 | 0.91 | 0.83 |
| SD33a, SD34a, | 1200 | 9 | 11 | 8 | 3 | 0.76 | 0.57 |
| | 2100 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 0.70 | 0.50 |
| 5D430 | 3000 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0.50 | 0.25 |

Table 3-3 Summary statistics from Random Point Generation across each case study area

¹Rounded to lowest whole number

Both case study licence blocks "SE77c, SE77d, SE87a" and "SD33a, SD34a, SD43b" have the greatest maximum number of well pads across the remaining surface after setback exclusion with a 1200 m lateral. For all blocks, the number of well pads decreases with increasing lateral distance. Variance, standard deviation and range decrease with lateral length in all instances except for a 3000 m lateral for "SE77c, SE77d, SE87a", where there is an increase in all three compared to the 2100 m lateral results.

"SE78b, SE88e" has the lowest number of maximum and average sites across the area for a 1200 m lateral. It also has the smallest standard deviation and variance for each lateral distance, with a zero standard deviation and variance value for a 3000 m lateral. This indicates that a 3000 m lateral would only allow for one well pad in the calculated available surface area after setback exclusion.

3.3.3 Cumulative Impact Assessment: scenarios for number of wells in study areas

Using the maximum number of sites for each study area determined in section 3.3.2, Table 3-3, a range of low, moderate and high impact scenarios have been generated for the assessment for section 4 onwards. Table 3-4 displays the number of well heads that could potentially exist across the study areas. The low, moderate and high impact scenarios have been chosen from the range of values listed in Table 1-1 (row 2). The most likely scenario, going by estimates from Taylor & Lewis (2013) and Regeneris Consulting (2011) of 10 wells per pad, is the moderate scenario.

| Licence area | | Available area per study area | Max. number of well pads | Wells per pad | | Wells per Licence area | | | |
|--------------|------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------|---|------------------------|-----|----|-----|
| | | ha | | No. | | | No. | | |
| | | na | NO. | L | Μ | Н | L | М | Н |
| | SE78b, SE88e | 287 | 4 | 2 | 9 | 16 | 8 | 36 | 64 |
| | SE77c, SE77d, SE87a | 361 | 10 | 2 | 9 | 16 | 20 | 90 | 160 |
| | SD33a, SD34a, SD43b | 353 | 11 | 2 | 9 | 16 | 22 | 99 | 176 |

Table 3-4 Table showing low, moderate and high impact scenarios number of wells per study area for calculations in section 4

3.4 DISCUSSION

Comparisons with previous studies and industry estimates

From the results in section 3.3, it can be seen that a defined setback distance from features of interest greatly limits the location of surface works for shale gas developments within a licence area. Less than 20% of land remains for case study areas "SE78b, SE88e" and "SE77c, SE77d, SE87a", and less than 10% remains for "SD33a, SD34a, SD43b". This shows that a setback approach would significantly reduce the potential for surface locations across a PEDL licence area. However, as discussed in section 3.1, there is no defined distance in England for setbacks of well heads from features of interest, with approval for site locations assessed on a case-by-case basis. The number of sites determined from this study may deviate from what a local planning authority may allow, or may be possible due to geological (e.g. faulting) or economic constraints, which is difficult to estimate.

Whilst the setbacks provide one significant restriction, the subsurface constraint of well laterals is even more significant. Without the constraint of laterals, and assuming a well pad size of 1-2 ha, a significant number of sites could theoretically be situated at the surface (Table 3-5). However, the inclusion of laterals reduces this number by a factor of 16 to 70, depending on the site footprint and the study area. This therefore shows that access to the resource is considerably restricted by surface and subsurface constraints and as such there would not be significant numbers of shale gas well pads all in one location.

| Study area | Number of 1 ha well pads | Number of 2 ha well pads | | |
|---------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|--|
| SE78b, SE88e | 287 | 143 | | |
| SE77c, SE77d, SE87a | 361 | 180 | | |
| SD33a, SD34a, SD43b | 353 | 176 | | |

Table 3-5 Number of well pads (of 1 ha and 2 ha) that could be located in the remaining area for each case study area, ignoring subsurface restrictions from laterals.

Clancy et al. (2017) further demonstrated this with their assessment of the footprint and carrying capacity of randomly selected 100 km² licence blocks. Using a Buffon's needle approach (probability assessment of chance of intersecting with a feature of interest), they determined values for the number of sites that could be situated within these licence blocks, shown in Table 3-6. Both the assessment detailed in this report, and the study carried out by Clancy et al. (2017) used the Eshleman and Elsmore (2013) guidance for setbacks, but Clancy et al. (2017) assumed a 500 m

lateral would be representative of the UK industry. From Table 1-1, this value is well under half of what this assessment has considered likely.

| Block Number | Number of well sites |
|--------------|----------------------|
| SD33 | 18 |
| SD52 | 5 |
| SE70 | 34 |
| SE77 | 35 |
| SE88 | 27 |
| SE91 | 32 |
| SE93 | 42 |
| SJ33 | 21 |
| SJ34 | 13 |
| SJ44 | 23 |
| SJ79 | 9 |
| SK63 | 26 |
| SK68 | 32 |
| SK77 | 31 |
| SK79 | 28 |
| SK83 | 31 |
| SK84 | 36 |
| SK97 | 34 |
| TA20 | 28 |
| TA3 | 24 |

Table 3-6 Results from Clancy et al. (2017) assessment using Buffon's Needle approach. Setback used; 152 m. Lateral used; 500 m

When scaled up, the number of sites calculated for each study area approximate the results found by Clancy et al. (2017); these are shown in Table 3-7. The number of sites determined from this assessment is moderately lower than those found by Clancy et al. (2017), but this is most certainly down to the difference in the laterals used. Clancy et al. (2017) use study areas of 100 km² (10,000 ha) and 500 m laterals, and therefore tend to estimate a greater number of well pads per study area. They also use square outlines for setbacks from the wellhead, rather than buffer from features of interest and radial laterals used throughout this study.

| Table 3-7 Results from section 3.3.2, scaled to 10,000 ha sites used in Clancy et al. (2017) study. Comparison |
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| with Table 3-6 shows that numbers are moderately lower, but this is due to the significantly greater lateral |
| length used in this assessment. Results are rounded to the lowest whole number. |

| Case Study Licence Blocks | Lateral Length (m) | Mean number of sites ¹ | Mean scaled to 10,000 ha site ¹ | Max number of sites | Max scaled to 10,000 ha site ¹ | Min number of sites | Min scaled to 10,000 ha site ¹ |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|---|--|---------------------------|---|---------------------------|---|
| | 1200 | 3 | 15 | 4 | 20 | 2 | 10 |
| SE78b, SE88e | 2100 | 1 | 5 | 2 | 10 | 1 | 5 |
| | 3000 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 5 |
| | 1200 | 7 | 19 | 10 | 28 | 6 | 16 |
| SE77c, SE77d, SE87a | 2100 | 4 | 11 | 5 | 14 | 3 | 8 |
| | 3000 | 3 | 8 | 6 | 16 | 1 | 2 |
| SD33a. | 1200 | 9 | 16 | 11 | 20 | 8 | 14 |
| SD33a, SD34a, | 2100 | 3 | 5 | 5 | 9 | 3 | 5 |
| SD43b | 3000 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 2 | 3 |

¹Rounded to lowest whole number

Further to the geospatial assessments seen in this study and that of Clancy et al. (2017), the Irish EPA (Olsen et al., 2016) have also conducted their own cumulative impact assessment of shale gas developments for two distinct area along the Northern Ireland border. Looking at two concession areas (equivalent to PEDL blocks within the UK), the Northern Carboniferous Basin (NCB – 222,000 ha total) and the Claire Basin (CB – 50,000 ha total), they estimated that a hypothetical maximum of 60 shale gas pads could be situated within the NCB and 50 pads within the CB. Considering the size of the concession areas, this is a considerably lower distribution density (0.00027 pads/ha for NCB, 0.001 pads/ha for CB), and is significantly lower than estimates from both this study and the study conducted by Clancy et al. (2017). The methodology used by Olsen et al. (2016) was "approximately the number of 1000-m diameter circles per lease area".

When the results from both this assessment and the study carried out by Clancy et al. (2017) are compared with wider industry estimates, there is a notable difference. An Institute of Directors (IoD) study written by Taylor & Lewis (2013), used a hypothetical scenario of 100 shale gas sites by 2028, each consisting of 40 laterals (10 wells per pad, 4 laterals per well). Considering the estimates from both this report, and Clancy et al. (2017), it is a significant reduction compared to what is geospatially possible. However, factors outside of geospatial and subsurface constraints, such as financing and economics, social resistance, environmental regulation and the planning process required to instigate the development and operation of a shale gas site may further limit the number of sites that would be located within a licence block.

Recently revealed, yet unpublished, estimates from the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) highlight this difference in the expectation even further. Hayhurst (2018a) summarises unpublished material from BEIS 2016 Cabinet Office report, that 30-35 unconventional oil and gas sites are expected to be constructed by 2022, with a total of 155 wells by 2025. These figures were however considered out of date (as of 27th of February, 2018) by the cabinet, and there is no up to date government estimate in publication (Hayhurst, 2018b).

From this study, it can therefore be assumed that the results listed in section 3.3 may be an overestimate for the likely scope of the industry in the UK. However, without significant comparative data, there is not a clear way to define how many of the estimated number of sites per licence block may actually progress, and this is perhaps an aspect for further research. However, for the purpose of this report the results calculated in section 3 will be carried forward into sections 4 and 5 for the cumulative impact assessment.

3.4.1 Future modifications to the methodology

The methodology described in section 3.2 relies directly on the use of defined setbacks/buffers from features of interest, and a random point tool to determine various random scenarios for the number of sites located across a licence area. Of these two, the setbacks are easily modified from possible future defined values, if Government legislation was to introduce fixed distances. At this point in time, geospatial assessments rely on estimates of setbacks, and estimates of possible numbers for shale gas sites will carry this uncertainty.

The second aspect of using the random point tool could be replaced by a program to optimise the distribution of sites across these complex remaining areas (Figures 3.1 to 3.3) to determine a maximum number of sites. This is an optimisation problem, and would require an iterative solution or program to find this result. Otherwise, the random tool could be run for considerably more iterations, but still runs the risk of producing duplicate results, or never achieving the true maximum.

4 Potential Impacts on groundwater quality in the Case Study Areas

4.1 **OBJECTIVES**

The overall objective of this study is to consider the potential for impacts on groundwater resources arising from multiple shale gas wells across an area, i.e. the cumulative impact. The following section presents the findings of this initial cumulative impact assessment, based on the geospatial assessment results from section 3.

The assessment draws on much of the experience and evidence from jurisdictions where shale gas is at a well-developed stage of production, such as the USA. European analogues and experiences are lacking, with no operational wells and only 50 exploratory wells as of February 2014 (Spencer et al., 2014) with a small number of exploratory wells drilled after this date.

The potential for impacts on groundwater have been evaluated in the context of the following activities:

- Surface chemical and fuel spills and leaks during transport, storage at well pads during drilling and hydraulic fracturing;
- Improper well construction or operation, including failures during drilling, hydraulic fracturing and production;
- Leakage of on-site stored flowback fluids, produced water, drilling muds and cuttings; and
- Leaks, spills or improper disposal of flowback water, produced water, drilling muds and cuttings during off-site treatment, transport and disposal.

4.2 OVERALL METHODOLOGY

The methodology for identifying and assessing potential impacts involved:

- Defining the potential pollutant sources associated with shale gas (e.g. drilling muds, flowback water, produced water, etc.),
- Identifying the leakage pathways to groundwater, and
- Evaluation of potential cumulative impacts in three case study areas.

Potential impacts are initially divided into one of three categories: low, moderate and high impact, which are defined in section 1.3. When multiplying the impact scenarios to another further variable, e.g. varying numbers of wells per pad, and varying numbers of volumes for surface spills, a matrix of scenarios is generated which contains a range of impacts. Table 4-1 provides an example of how each impact scenario is used to create the matrix from the lowest impact scenario (low-low) to the highest impact scenario (high-high).

Certain potential impact scenarios, such as "flowback fluid not recycled" (section 4.6), required a series of matrices to be developed, as they were dependent upon multiple sequential variables. Other impact scenarios, such as the "volume of fluid used per fracturing operation", required only one input variable, resulting in less complex matrices. The following subsections address in-turn the individual input variables for each aspect of the cumulative impact assessment, with respect to water quality.

| Input Parameter 1 | | Variable 1 | Impact Scenario Matrix | | | |
|-------------------|----------------------------|-------------|------------------------|----------|----------|-----------|
| | | | L | Μ | Н | |
| Low Impact | Moderate Impact High Impac | High Impact | Low Impact | Low-Low | Mod-Low | High-Low |
| | | | Moderate Impact | Low-Mod | Mod-Mod | High-Mod |
| | | | High Impact | Low-High | Mod-High | High-High |

 Table 4-1 Example for impact assessment methodology. A combination of Input Parameter 1 and Variable 1

 results in the impact scenario matrix displayed on the right.

4.3 IMPACT SCENARIOS FOR VOLUMES OF HYDRAULIC FRACTURING, DRILLING MUD AND FLOWBACK FLUID REQUIRED AND PRODUCED

4.3.1 Methodology

The values shown in Table 4-2 represent the low, moderate and high impact scenarios described in section 4.2, for the following list of calculations:

- Volume of fracture fluid required per study area,
- Volume of mud and drill cuttings generated per study area,
- Volume of flowback fluid not recycled per study area

The values in Table 4-2 have been derived from information collated in Table 1-1, and the statistical results obtained in Table 3-3.

Table 4-2 List of input variables for the determination of fracture fluid required, and the volume of mud, drill cuttings and flowback fluid generated

| Voriable | | Sauraa | | |
|--|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|
| variable | Low | Moderate | High | Source |
| No. of wells per pad | 2 | 9 | 16 | Table 1-1, row 2 |
| No. of well pads | Min for 3000 m | Mean for 2100 m | Max for 1200 m | Table 3-3 |
| Required volume of fracture fluid per fracture programme | 5,000 m ³ | 41,000 m ³ | 77,000 m ³ | Table 1-1, row 5 |
| Mud and drill cuttings generated | 1,500 m ³ / well pad | 2,000 m ³ / well pad | 2,500 m ³ / well pad | Table 1-1, row 3 |
| Percentage flowback of fracture fluid per fracture programme | 10% | 25% | 40% | Table 1-1, row 6 |
| Percentage flowback recycle rate | 40% | 60% | 80% | Table 1-1, row 8 |

The following equations were used to determine the scenario matrices for each of the potential scenarios:

Equation 4-1 – Determination of the number of well pads per study area:

Number of wells per pad \times number of well pads = 3 by 3 matrix

Equation 4-2 – Determination of the required volume of fracture fluid per study area:

Equation 4-3 – Determination of the volume of drilling mud and cuttings generated per study area: Number of well pads per study area × mud and drilling cuttings generated = 3 by 3 matrix

Equation 4-4 – Determination of the volume of flowback fluid not recycled per study area:

(Volume of Fracture Fluid per study area × Percentage flowback of fracture fluid per fracture programme)

 \times (100% – Percentage flowback recycle rate) = 3 by 27 cell matrix (81 cells)

4.3.2 Results of impact scenarios for volumes of fracture fluid required, and volumes of drilling mud, cuttings, and flowback fluid produced

The results shown in tables 4-3 to 4-5 are presented in the following format. For the lowest returned result, this is the "low-low" scenario (Table 4-1) or equivalent for each matrix. The moderate scenario is the "mod-mod" or equivalent scenario. Lastly, the highest returned result is the "high-high" or equivalent scenario.

The results for each study area are shown in Tables 4-3 to 4-5. The complete matrices for each impact scenario are listed in Appendix 1.

| Description | Unit | Low | Moderate | High |
|--|----------------|--------|----------|-----------|
| Well pads | No. | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| Wells per pad | No. | 2 | 9 | 16 |
| Total wells per study area | No. | 2 | 9 | 64 |
| | | | | |
| Required volume of fracture fluid per study area | m ³ | 10,000 | 369,000 | 4,928,000 |
| Mud and drill cuttings generated per study area | m ³ | 1,500 | 2,000 | 10,000 |
| Flowback of fracture fluid per study area programme not recycled | m ³ | 200 | 55,350 | 1,576,720 |

Table 4-3 Results from section 4.3.1 for the "SE78b, SE88e" study area impact scenarios

Table 4-4 Results from section 4.3.1 for the "SE77c, SE77d, SE87a" study area impact scenarios

| Description | Unit | Lowest | Moderate | Highest |
|--|----------------|--------|-----------|------------|
| Well pads | No. | 1 | 4 | 10 |
| Wells per pad | No. | 2 | 9 | 16 |
| Total wells per study area | No. | 2 | 36 | 160 |
| | | | | |
| Required volume of fracture fluid per study area | m ³ | 10,000 | 1,476,000 | 12,320,000 |
| Mud and drill cuttings generated per study area | m ³ | 1,500 | 8,000 | 25,000 |
| Flowback of fracture fluid per study area programme not recycled | m ³ | 200 | 221,400 | 3,942,400 |

Table 4-5 Results from section 4.3.1 for the "SD33a, SD34a, SD43b" study area impact scenarios

| Description | Unit | Lowest | Moderate | Highest |
|--|----------------|--------|-----------|------------|
| Well pads | No. | 2 | 3 | 11 |
| Wells per pad | No. | 2 | 9 | 16 |
| Total wells per study area | No. | 4 | 27 | 176 |
| | | | | |
| Required volume of fracture fluid per study area | m ³ | 20,000 | 1,107,000 | 13,552,000 |
| Mud and drill cuttings generated | m ³ | 3,000 | 6,000 | 27,500 |
| Flowback of fracture fluid per study area programme not recycled | m ³ | 400 | 166,050 | 4,336,640 |

The results suggest that potential volumes of fracture fluid per study area range from 10,000 m³ for the lowest impact scenarios in SE78e, SE88e and SE77c, SE77d, SE87a to approximately 13,500,000 m³ for the highest impact scenario in study area SD33a, SD34a, SD43b. All moderate impact scenarios estimate that less than 1,500,000 m³ of fracture fluid would be required per study area assuming a moderate number of well pads were present, with less than 400,000 m³ suggested for study area SE78e, SE88e.

The largest volumes of mud and drill cuttings generated is associated with study area SD33a SD34a, SD43b and SE77c, SE77d, SE87a at approximately 27,000 m³ for the highest impact scenario. In contrast, only 10,000 m³ is suggested for the highest impact scenario in study area SE78e, SE88e. The moderate impact scenarios suggest that between 2,000 m³ to 8,000 m³ of mud and drilling cuttings could be generated by each study area.

The volume of fracture fluid lost to formation (i.e. not recycled) is less than 500 m³ across all study areas for the lowest impact scenario. The largest volume of fracture fluid not recycled is approximately 4,500,000 m³ in study area SD33a, SD34a, SD43b. The moderate impact scenarios range from approximately 55,000 m³ in study area SE78e, SE88e to approximately 200,000 m³ in study area SE77e, SE77d, SE87a.

4.3.3 Discussion

With respect to the results shown in section 4.3.2, the following points should be noted. The 'High' scenario for each study area is the least likely to occur, as it exceeds both industry expectations and government expectations for the future development of the shale gas industry in the UK for number of wells and well pads. It represents a maximum exploitation scenario, if the industry were

to make maximum use of surface and subsurface space (section 3.3.1), ignoring other constraining factors such as planning and legislation discussed in Section 3.4.1.

Estimates for number of well pads and wells per pad, discussed in section 3.4.1, provided by Taylor & Lewis (2013), Regeneris Consulting (2011) and Olsen et al. (2016) are more in line with the moderate scenarios. The moderate scenario could therefore be considered as being more representative of the industry's expectation of the future development of shale gas extraction across the UK. The lowest scenario is far more akin to the expectations suggested by Hayhurst (2018a; b).

The results show that of the three study areas examined, "SD33a, SD34a, SD43b" could potentially have the greatest number of wells. The initial scenarios for the number of wells per study area, and the number of well pads per study area, have the greatest influence on the further calculations defined in Equations 4-2 to 4-4 (section 4.3.1).

With respect to the volume of fracture fluid required per drilling programme, it can be observed that study area "SE77c, SE77d, SE87a" (Table 4-5) has the greatest potential volumetric requirement, with study area "SD33a, SD34a, SD43b" (Table 4-4) close behind for a moderate scenario. The volume of fracture fluid used for a moderate scenario (41,000 m³) is slightly overestimated when compared to the planned use for shale gas production at Preston New Road, Lancashire of approximately 34,000 m³ (Cuadrilla, 2018).

By far the most significant factor related to these scenarios is the resulting effects on water supply and truck movements. Table 1-1 (row 10) provides some initial estimates for the truck requirements per fracture programme. Table 4-6 provides a summary of the potential number of truck movements for each scenario, using the storage capacity of one truck (25 m^3 ; Table 1-1, row 9). It is assumed, from Table 1-1 (row 4), that there is only one fracture programme per well over the duration of the lifetime of the well.

| | Number of truck movements for each impact scenario (25 m ³ / truck) | | | |
|---------------------|--|----------|---------|--|
| Study Area | Lowest | Moderate | Highest | |
| SE78b, SE88e | 400 | 14,760 | 197,120 | |
| SE77c, SE77d, SE87a | 400 | 59,040 | 492,800 | |
| SD33a, SD34a, SD43b | 800 | 44,280 | 542,080 | |

Table 4-6 Estimated number of truck movements required per study area

For a moderate impact scenario a maximum number of approximately 59,000 truck movements is suggested for study area SE77c, SE77d, SE87a over the lifetime of a well. It is assumed that most of the truck movements would be in the early stages of development as water is not required while the well is producing. If freshwater was to be abstracted locally, at each site, this would reduce the number of tankers journeys required but place stress on the water resources within each study area if permitted. This potential impact on water resources is further addressed in section 6, which explores the water resources impacts and requirements of shale gas operations.

The significance of the results from the volume of mud and drill cuttings generated, and the volume of flowback fluid not recycled, highlight the issue of waste stream management, storage and disposal. Prior to disposal off-site, these materials will have to be stored at surface on site.

4.4 IMPACT SCENARIOS FOR WELL FAILURE

It is difficult to predict the likelihood of a well failure in any shale gas production operation. Regulations are in place to mitigate the risk of well integrity issues and these apply throughout the lifetime of the well. The design, construction and operation of wells utilise prevention measures as far as is reasonably practicable to reduce the risk of well failure (Section 2.2.). Therefore when attempting to provide insight on well failure rates for an emerging shale gas industry in England, these factors must be taken into account and also discussions must consider the fact that each operation is different (geological and environmental setting, etc.). Furthermore, data for failure rates of onshore unconventional shale gas wells are relatively sparse, especially within a UK setting (Davies et al., 2014).

However, in the interests of completeness there is merit in evaluating potential failure rates and the potential impacts. Thorogood and Younger (2014), suggest that applying international data sets to England is unjustifiable due to the differences across operations and nations, as previously highlighted. But, as well failure rates for onshore unconventional shale gas wells in England are unavailable, analogous data sets must be used. However, it is important that their limitations are taken into consideration.

For this impact assessment multiple data sets have been examined (Vidic et al., 2013; Ingraffea, 2012 and Considine et al., 2013 in Davies et al., 2014; Davies et al., 2014; Ingraffea et al., 2014) to identify the most applicable setting to an unconventional shale gas industry in England. Firstly, data associated with conventional oil and gas wells were dismissed due to their different reservoir characteristics (Thorogood and Younger, 2014). Secondly modern unconventional shale gas data sets were preferred such as in Vidic et al., 2013 and Ingraffea et al., 2014, which detail failure rates for the Marcellus Shale, Pennsylvania, between 2000 and 2012. The former data set was dismissed as it accounts for notice of violations (NOVs) only and is suggested to be an underestimate (Ingraffea et al., 2014). As such, the data selected was for failure rates between 2009 and 2012 (Ingraffea et al., 2014) of 1.88% to 9.14% (Table 1-1, row 12). However, it is important to note that USA shale gas environmental regulations are different to England and are generally considered to be less stringent.

4.4.1 Methodology

In order to determine an initial estimate of well failures per study area, the methodology described in section 4.2 was used to develop scenario matrices. Table 4-7 summarises the list of input parameters for the well failure scenario calculations.

| Variable | | Common | | | |
|---|-------------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------------|--|
| variable | Low | Moderate | High | Source | |
| Number of wells per pad | 2 | 9 | 16 | Table 1-1, row 2 | |
| No. of well pads | Min for 3000 m | Mean for 2100 m | Max for 1200 m | Table 3-3 | |
| Percentage of well failures per study area | 1.88% | 5.51% | 9.14% | Table 1-1, row 13 | |

Table 4-7 Input parameters for well failure scenarios

The following equation was used to determine the range in the number of wells that might fail per study area.

Equation 4-5 – Determination of the number of wells per study area that could fail:

Number of wells per pad × Number of well pads per study area × % rates of well failures per study area = 3 by 9 matrix (27 cells)
4.4.2 Well Failure Results

The results in tables 4-8 to 4-10 shown are presented in the following format. For the lowest returned result, this is the "low-low" scenario (Table 4-1) for each impact scenario matrix. The moderate scenario is the "mod-mod" result. Lastly, the highest impact scenario is the "high-high" result.

The complete matrices for each impact scenario are listed in Appendix 2.

| Description | Unit | Lowest | Moderate | Highest |
|--|------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Well pads | No. | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| Wells per pad | No. | 2 | 9 | 16 |
| Total wells per study area | No. | 2 | 9 | 64 |
| | | | | |
| Number of wells that could potentially fail per study area (rounded to the nearest whole number) | No. | 0.038 (0) | 0.496 (0) | 5.850 (6) |

Table 4-8 Results from section 4.4.1 for the "SE78b, SE88e" study area well failure scenarios

Table 4-9 Results from section 4.3.1 for the "SE77c, SE77d, SE87a" study area well failure scenarios

| Description | Unit | Lowest | Moderate | Highest |
|--|------|-----------|-----------|-------------|
| Well pads | No. | 1 | 4 | 10 |
| Wells per pad | No. | 2 | 9 | 16 |
| Total wells per study area | No. | 2 | 36 | 160 |
| | | | | |
| Number of wells that could potentially fail per study area (rounded to the nearest whole number) | No. | 0.038 (0) | 0.169 (0) | 14.624 (15) |

Table 4-10 Results from section 4.3.1 for the "SD33a, SD34a, SD43b" study area well failure scenarios

| Description | Unit | Lowest | Moderate | Highest |
|--|------|-----------|-----------|-------------|
| Well pads | No. | 2 | 3 | 11 |
| Wells per pad | No. | 2 | 9 | 16 |
| Total wells per study area | No. | 10 | 27 | 176 |
| | | | | |
| Number of wells that could potentially fail per study area (rounded to the nearest whole number) | No. | 0.075 (0) | 1.488 (1) | 16.086 (16) |

For the majority of lowest and moderate impact scenarios it is estimated that no wells will fail, with the exception of study area SD33a, SD34a, SD43b that suggest one well could fail based on a moderate number of well pads and a moderate failure rate of 5.51%.

4.4.3 Discussion

As discussed in section 4.3.3, the results from Table 3-3 significantly impact on the results obtained for the potential number of wells that could fail per study area, with the highest impact scenario considered the most unlikely to occur. As can be seen from tables 4-8 to 4-10, and the

input variables in Table 4-7, the well failure percentages are low, resulting in very few potential well failures per study area. It should be noted that the percentages used have been derived from considerably larger datasets, in excess of 3000 documented wells. However, in the absence of more local data, analogues derived from the Marcellus Shale have been used to provide a preliminary estimate for a UK setting.

A well failure does not necessarily lead to adverse environmental impacts. There are additional factors that must be considered when assessing risk to the environment or human health. These factors are discussed throughout section 4.5 and section 5. Furthermore, the risks of well failures are mitigated by the adherence to strict controls required by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE), which consist of the "Borehole Sites and Operations Regulations 1995" and "Offshore Installations and Wells (Design and Construction etc.) Regulations 1996" (HSE, n.d.) and "Control of Major Accident Hazards Regulations 2015" (HSE, 2015). All installations must ensure the protection of the natural environment, the nearby public, and the workforce in proximity to the operation. Further conditions are imposed by the Environment Agency, under separate regulations (Water Resources Act, 1991; Environmental Permitting Regulations (England and Wales), 2010) and the Oil and Gas Authority, who provide the final consent for the operation once the regulators' conditions have been satisfied by the operator (BEIS, 2017).

As described in section 2.2, the use of multiple casing completions is one such method to mitigate the risk of leaks. These provide multiple barriers to prevent the contact of borehole fluids with groundwater. The casing must be tested to confirm its integrity using well-integrity tests. These conditions can be defined in the Environment Agency permit as part of an operator's application (Environment Agency, 2015).

4.5 CHEMICAL SPILLS AND LEAKS

Failures during shale gas extraction, associated with equipment, well integrity or tanker spills ultimately lead to the release of chemicals at the point of the failure. At the surface, mitigation measures are in place to capture these spills such as low permeability/impermeable geotextile membranes around the well pad. However, there is still a potential risk of polluting the environment if the mitigation measures are not sufficient or fail (e.g. Ziemkiewicz et al., 2014). In the subsurface these mitigation measures are absent and a well failure could produce a release of chemicals into the subsurface rock formation or aquifer depending on depth.

The potential for chemical spills is dependent on many factors and can be reviewed using the Source Pathway Receptor (SPR) model (Gormley et al. 2011). A simple overview in terms of shale gas extraction is described below.

- Source (the chemical spill/leak). In this impact assessment, a spill/leak refers to the release of chemicals from flow back fluid, produced water and drilling fluid, or from storage in a concentrated form. They may occur due to equipment failure, during transport to and from the site or due to failures in well integrity.
- Pathway (geology, soil, topography). Factors that encourage or inhibit the migration of a chemical spill include; permeability of rock formation and soil/superficial deposits, topography of the land, presence of mitigation measures e.g. engineered impermeable geotextile at the surface and weather conditions at the time of the spill.
- Receptor (aquifer, private/public drinking water supply, streams or rivers, humans). The closest proximity of these receptors to the chemical spill will affect the significance of a hazardous chemical spill.

Using published data the number of spills and cumulative volumes of spills have been examined and applied to the three study areas. For this assessment, it is assumed the volume of spill not recovered is equivalent to the volume of spilled material that enters the environment and can reach a sensitive receptor.

A conceptual "source, pathway, receptor" model for a single shale gas extraction well and pad is shown in Figure 4.1.

4.5.1 On-site spills methodology

In order to determine an estimate of the volume of spill/leak not recovered, the methodology described in section 4.2 was applied to develop scenario matrices. Table 4-11 summarises the list of input parameters for the on-site spill scenario calculations.

| Variable | | Impact | Correct | |
|---|-----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| variable | Low Moderate High | | High | Source |
| No. of wells per pad | 2 | 9 | 16 | Table 1-1, row 2 |
| No. of well pads | Min for 3000 m | Mean for 2100 m | Max for 1200 m | Table 3-3 |
| | | | | |
| Spills per well | 7.7 x10 ⁻³ | 9.9 x 10 ⁻³ | 1.2 x 10 ⁻² | Derived from Clancy et al. (2018) |
| Volume of material per spill | | 3 m ³ | | Derived from Clancy et al. (2018) |
| Percentage recovery of spilled material | 90% | 55% | 20% | Derived from Clancy et al. (2018) |

Table 4-11 Input parameters and variables for volume of on-site spills not recovered

The three required initial input parameters were obtained from Clancy et al. (2018). In 2015, The Texas Railroad Commission reported that 1485 spills were associated with 193,807 production wells and that $4441m^3$ of fluid was cumulatively spilt. This data shows that there were 7.7 x 10^{-3} spills per well which equates to an average volume of 2.99 m³ per spill. Recovery rates of spills ranged from 20% to 91% between 2009 and 2015. The Colorado Oil and Gas Commission reported that there were 623 spills in 2015 for 53,054 production wells equating to 1.2×10^{-2} spills per well. These two values have been used to provide the maximum and minimum values for the impact scenario range, with the value of $9.9x10^{-3}$ representing a middle value.

The following equations were used to determine the scenario matrices for each of the potential impacts:

Equation 4-6 – Number of spills per study area

((wells per pad \times well pads per study area) \times spills per well) = 3 by 9 matrix (27 cells)

Equation 4-6 – Volume of material spilled per study area

Number of spills per study area \times volume of material per spill = 3 by 9 matrix (27 cells)

Equation 4-7 – Volume of spill not recovered per study area

Volume of material spilled per study area × (100% – percentage recovery of spilled material) = 3 by 27 matrix (81 cells)



Figure 4.1 3D Conceptual Model demonstrating Sources, Pathways and Receptors in the vicinity of shale gas operations

4.5.2 On-site spills results

The results in tables 4-12 are presented in the following format. For the lowest returned result, this is the "low-low" scenario (Table 4-1) or equivalent for each return matrix. The moderate scenario is the "mod-mod" or equivalent scenario. Lastly, the highest returned result is the "high-high" or equivalent scenario.

The complete matrices for each impact scenario are listed in Appendix 3.

| | Spills Per study area ¹ | | | Volume spilt per study area | | | Volume not recovered per study area | | | |
|------------------------|------------------------------------|----------|----------|--------------------------------|----------|---------|-------------------------------------|----------|---------|--|
| Study Area | No. | | | m ³ | | | m ³ | | | |
| | Lowest | Moderate | Highest | Lowest | Moderate | Highest | Lowest | Moderate | Highest | |
| SE78b, SE88e | 0.02 (0) | 0.09 (0) | 0.77 (1) | 0.05 | 0.27 | 2.30 | 0.005 | 0.12 | 1.84 | |
| SE77c, SE77d, SE87a | 0.02 (0) | 0.35 (0) | 1.92 (2) | 0.05 | 1.06 | 5.76 | 0.005 | 0.479 | 4.608 | |
| SD33a, SD34a, SD43b | 0.03 (0) | 0.27 (0) | 2.11 (2) | 0.09 | 0.80 | 6.34 | 0.01 | 0.36 | 5.07 | |

Table 4-12 On-site chemical spills for each of the three study areas

¹Rounded to the nearest whole number

The results for the on-site spill cumulative impact assessment are shown in Table 4-12. The largest number of spills was associated with study area "SD33a, SD34a, SD43b" and "SD77c, SE77d, SE87a" with approximately 2 spills for the highest impact scenario. The lowest and moderate impact scenarios suggest that no spills would occur across all study areas. If a spill was to occur for a moderate impact scenario it is suggested between 0.1 m³ and 0.5 m³ would not be recovered across all study areas.

4.5.3 Off-site spills methodology

In order to determine an estimate of volume of spill not recovered off-site, the methodology described in section 4.2 was used to develop scenario matrices. Table 4-13 summarises the list of input parameters for the off-site spill scenario calculations.

| Variable | | Impact | Samuel | |
|--|--|--|-----------------------------------|--|
| variable | Low Moderate High | | High | Source |
| No. of wells per pad | 2 | 9 | Table 1-1, row 2 | |
| No. of well pads | Min for 3000 mMean for 2100 mMax for 1200 m | | Table 3-3 | |
| | | | | |
| Number of road spills per number of wells | 1 spill per 19 wells (divide by 19) | | Derived from Clancy et al. (2018) | |
| Volume of material per spill | 12.50 m ³ | 18.75 m ³ 25 m ³ | | Table 1-1, row 10; 50%, 75%, 100% of volume lost |

Table 4-13 Variables for the determination of the volume of material potentially spilled off-site per study area

The volume of material per spill has been estimated on the following grounds. Using the value from Table 1-1 (row 10), a typical tanker can hold 25 m^3 . The following estimation assumes that a range between 50% - 100% of the tanker's contents could be lost to the environment as a result of a spill. A 100% loss scenario may be a major road traffic accident (RTA) resulting in significant damage to the storage unit. The 50% loss scenario may comprise a minor RTA, tampering, or a leak over the duration of the transport.

The following equations were used to determine the volume of material that could be spilled from an off-site source:

Equation 4-8 – Potential number of off-site spills per study area

No. of wells per pad × No. of well pads Number of road spills per number of wells (19) = 3 by 3 matrix (9 cells)

Equation 4-9 – Potential volume of material released from off-site spills per study area

Potential number of off-site spills per study area \times volume of material per spill = 3 by 9 matrix (27 cells)

4.5.4 Off-site spills results

The results for estimated off-site spills is shown in Table 4-14. The complete matrices for each impact scenario are listed in Appendix 4.

| | Sp | ills Per Study Aı | rea ¹ | Cumulative Volume Spilt | | | | |
|------------------------|----------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------------|----------|---------|--|--|
| Study Area | | No. | | m ³ | | | | |
| | Lowest | Moderate | Highest | Lowest | Moderate | Highest | | |
| SE78b, SE88e | 0.11 (0) | 0.47 (0) | 3.37 (3) | 1.3 | 8.9 | 84.2 | | |
| SE77c, SE77d, SE87a | 0.11 (0) | 1.89 (2) | 8.42 (8) | 1.3 | 35.5 | 210.5 | | |
| SD33a, SD34a, SD43b | 0.21 (0) | 1.42 (1) | 9.26 (9) | 2.6 | 26.6 | 231.6 | | |

Table 4-14 Cumulative volumes of spills off-site for each study area

¹Rounded to the nearest whole number

Study areas "SD33a, SD34a, SD43b" and "SE77c, SE77d, SE87a" again suggest the largest number of spills, with moderate scenarios suggesting one or two off-site spills, respectively. This results in a spilt volume of approximately 25 m³ and 35 m³.

4.5.5 Chemical spills discussion

As an initial estimate, the cumulative volumes of chemical spills provide insight into potential scenarios for a UK shale gas industry. As there are multiple input parameters that may vary significantly between sites and over time, the volumes should only be considered as indicative.

There are many factors which the estimates do not account for. For example, the type of spill/leak is not stated and could either be flow back fluid, produced water, fracturing fluid or fuel. The composition of the spill is a significant factor when considering the potential environmental and health impact. The number of spills is also derived from a data set, which is suggested to be an

underestimate as certain spills go unreported due to either being unnoticed or unregulated (Clancy et al., 2018).

The 'clean-up' rate of off-site spills is also unknown, but are likely lower than those recorded onsite for multiple reasons. The mitigation measures off-site are significantly reduced as no capture points or other spill recovery procedures are available. A spill occurring off-site is also likely to be mobilised more quickly as it interacts with low permeability road surfacing which encourages run-off, subsequently infiltrating through soil or entering surface water bodies.

However, based on values given by Clancy et al (2018) using data from the US shale gas industry for on-site spills and data associated with the number of off-site spills from milk and fuel tankers in the UK, the estimates generated are using the most reliable available data.

5 Preliminary Hydrogeological Risk Assessment

The following section investigates the risk to groundwater resources, in the vicinity of proposed shale gas developments, which are protected under the Water Framework Directive (WFD). It assesses the potential for deterioration from 'good' groundwater body chemical status as part of the UK's River Basin Management Plans (RBMPs) (Environment Agency, 2016b) by screening contaminant concentrations against WFD Threshold Values.

WFD environmental objectives for groundwater include preventing or limiting inputs of pollutants and preventing deterioration of status (EA, 2016c). In this context, an emerging shale gas industry introduces a new pressure that needs to be considered as part of the risk assessment and compliance process. The release of chemicals into groundwater that is evaluated in the following section is hypothetical, and is assumed to result from an unexpected or unintended incident such as well failure in the subsurface. Many controls are in place to ensure that release of pollutants to the environment does not occur and does not adversely impact WFD environmental objectives, including:

- Local governments and/or the EA review operator plans to assess the environmental impacts under the England and Wales Environmental Permitting Regulations (Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016);
- Governments and agencies restrict the use of hazardous substances for hydraulic fracturing; and
- The WFD states that hazardous substances must be prevented from entering groundwater and non-hazardous pollutants limited so as not cause pollution ('prevent or limit', Environment Agency, 2017). Therefore control measures are selected to achieve this objective, as described in Section 2.2 and within Section 4.

Throughout this assessment it is assumed all pollution prevention measures have been undertaken prior to and during shale gas operation and a rare incident (e.g. well failure or leak) has produced an unplanned release of pollutants into the sub-surface which enters groundwater. In terms of a shale gas well, this represents a leak which goes unnoticed and continually adds contaminants into an aquifer. However in reality, any leak which is detected would be fixed as soon as possible to limit any further release. As such, a continuous leak is considered the 'worst case scenario'.

Using the analytical Environment Agency Remedial Targets Methodology (RTM) (Carey et al., 2006) and the Ogata-Banks equation (Ogata and Banks, 1961), the risk associated with this incident is assessed to provide a preliminary assessment of the impact on local, district and regional scales as defined in section 1.3. Chemical spills at the surface were not assessed within this risk assessment.

5.1 METHODOLOGY

Three aquifers were selected based on their proximity to the areas where shale gas exploration activity has started. Two aquifers were selected in the Fylde Basin, Lancashire; a glacial sand and gravel aquifer which forms a Secondary Aquifer and the Sherwood Sandstone Group which forms a Principal Aquifer. The sand and gravel aquifer is utilised for private supply and the Sherwood Sandstone is used for public supply where it is close to the surface, although this groundwater is primarily anoxic (Ward et al., 2018).

For the Vale of Pickering, the main aquifer in the region is the Corallian Group which is currently utilised for public supply around the margins of the Vale where it crops out. In the centre of the Vale, the Corallian Group is much deeper and is overlain by the West Walton, Ampthill Clay and Kimmeridge Clay Formations (Reeves et al, 1978; Bearcock et al, 2016). Here the groundwater is anoxic (Ward et al., 2017) due to the confined nature of the aquifer.

To assess the hydrogeological risk associated with a pollutant release, the following conditions were assumed. The release occurs due to a well failure at the depth at which the aquifer is present, therefore modelling a release which directly enters groundwater. Under this assumption the release does not interact with unsaturated or saturated soil. As the soil pathway is not relevant, only the "level three groundwater" assessment within the RTM was completed.

5.1.1 Aquifers

Aquifer specific data were selected from published literature where available (Allen et al., 1997; Bishop and Lloyd 1990 in Steventon-Barnes; 2001; Steventon-Barnes, 2001; Wang et al., 2013; Bearcock et al., 2016; Ward et al., 2018). However, where data for specific aquifers was unavailable, more general data was selected (Lewis, 1989) or calculated where appropriate. For example, the geometric mean for hydraulic conductivity of the Corallian Oolite Formation, based on 25 core plug samples, was $1.8 \times 10^{-4} \text{ md}^{-1}$ (Allen et al., 1997). This is relatively low, and is thought not to represent the fractured nature of the Corallian Group, which can dominate groundwater flow, and lead to transmissivity values of $3500 \text{ m}^2 \text{ d}^{-1}$ (Allen et al., 1997). Previously measured high flow rates, coupled with the limited number of samples and lack of field tests suggest that the hydraulic conductivity value may be unrepresentative of the wider aquifer, and therefore was omitted from the risk assessment.

Using the thickness of the Corallian Group (168 m, in Bearcock et al., 2015) and the geometric mean of measured transmissivity (318 m² d⁻¹ in Allen et al., 1997) and assuming T = Kb, where b is aquifer thickness, the calculated hydraulic conductivity is approximately 1.89 m d⁻¹. This is also in the range for a karstic limestone (Lewis, 1989) and given the Corallian Group is likely karstic (Lewis et al., 2006), the calculated hydraulic conductivity was used within the RTM.

The conceptual model for the Corallian group differs from the aquifers of the Fylde Basin. It is assumed that the Corallian Group is a dual domain aquifer, with matrix porosity assumed to be zero (immobile domain). As such, all flow is assumed to occur through the fracture porosity (mobile domain) with advection being the sole transport mechanism. Diffusion between the matrix and fractures is assumed to be negligible. By using this approach, the transmissivity values given by Allen et al., (1997) are satisfied and fracture flow can be modelled.

Fracture porosity is unavailable for the Corallian Group in Yorkshire, therefore the following assumptions are made. It is assumed that all fractures are linear, laterally continuous and all have the same aperture size and fracture spacing. All fracture dimensions and properties are validated by the following criteria:

- 1. Most fracture porosity is within the range of 0.001 1% (Freeze and Cherry, 1979 in Worthington, 2015);
- 2. Common fracture spacing in bedrock aquifers is around 10 m (Buckley, 2000, Marice et al, 2012, Paillet, 2004 in Worthington 2015); and
- 3. Geometric mean for transmissivity of the Corallian Group is around 320 m² d⁻¹ (Allen et al., 1997).

Using the equation 5-1, where ρ is the density of water, g is acceleration due to gravity, a is fracture aperture and μ is dynamic viscosity (1.3×10⁻³ Pa s at 10°C) a fracture aperture of 2 mm gives a transmissivity of approximately 435 m² d, close to criteria number 3, listed above.

Equation 5-1 – Fracture Transmissivity

$$T = \frac{\rho g a^3}{12\mu}$$

Therefore an aperture of 2 mm and a fracture spacing of 10 m was selected to estimate effective porosity. Fracture porosity, (f_n) was calculated from the number of fractures present (equation 5-2, f_D) and the resultant void space (equation 5-3, V_v) as a fraction of the effective aquifer width (equation 5-4), where b is aquifer thickness (168 m) and d is fracture spacing (10 m).

Equation 5-2 – Number of fractures

$$f_D = \frac{b}{(a+d)}$$

Equation 5-3-Void volume

$$V_{\nu} = a \times f_D$$

Equation 5-4 – Fracture porosity

$$f_n = \left(\frac{V_v}{b}\right) \times 100$$

From the assumptions regarding fracture properties and using the equations above, a fracture porosity of 0.02% was calculated for the Corallian Group. This is within the range given by Freeze and Cherry (1979), with an aperture which yields a similar transmissivity to the geometric mean given by Allen et al., (1997).

It was assumed the aquifer is homogenous and isotropic with steady state flow. The aquifer specific parameters (hydraulic conductivity, porosity, f_{oc}) are constant over the length of the flow path.

5.1.2 Contaminants and Guidance Values

The chemicals assessed were selected based on their detrimental effect to human health or the environment and due to their presence in produced water and/or flowback water from previous shale gas operations in North America. BTEX (benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene and xylene), chloride anions (Cl⁻) and sodium cations (Na⁺) have all been detected at elevated concentrations. BTEX is toxic to human health (WHO, 2003a; WHO, 2003b, WHO, 2003c, WHO 2003d) and the environment, whereas chloride within groundwater is generally more of a concern to the environment only (WHO, 2003e, WHO, 2013f). At elevated concentrations chloride is toxic to aquatic life (Collins and Russel, 2009; Corsi et al., 2010; Elphick et al., 2011) and can corrode pipes leaching metals into groundwater (WHO, 2003e). Elevated sodium has also been linked to hypertension in humans (e.g. Sung Kyu Ha, 2014) which overtime may cause cardiovascular diseases.

The initial concentrations of BTEX were chosen based on Benko and Drewes (2008, in Shores et al., 2017), which are displayed in Table 2-4. For chloride and sodium, a value of 200,000 mg/L was selected which is within the range given in Table 1-1 (>8,000 - >400,000 mg/L). Half-life and organic carbon partition coefficients were selected from literature (Thierrin et al., 1993; Aronson and Howard, 1997; Poulson et al., 1997; Lui and Mao, 2000; CL:AIRE, 2011; EPA, 2014). Half-

life for anaerobic degradation in groundwater was selected due to the presence of anoxic groundwater.

An accurate half-life was not assigned to the chloride or sodium cation spreadsheets as chloride does not naturally degrade in groundwater or adsorb onto surfaces. However in order for the spreadsheets to function a value must be entered. Therefore to simulate a lack of degradation, the half-life for chloride and sodium cations was set at 9.99×10^{99} days.

To simulate a release through a well failure at aquifer depth, it was assumed a two metre section of casing failed producing a constant plume of 0.15 m width perpendicular to the flow direction. Dispersivity was modelled in two directions and values were based on percentages of the flow path length (Table 5-1).

The set of guidance values selected for the hydrogeological risk assessment were the WFD threshold values for the general chemical (status) test (UKTAG, 2012). Whilst it is acknowledged that a release might impact on drinking water sources and/or surface waters, the groundwater body is the initial receptor following a release of pollutants and development of a plume within the scenario considered here.

5.1.3 Compliance Point

For each of the aquifers considered, the compliance point was gradually increased from 10 m to 250 m allowing concentration changes to be investigated. The compliance point was then adjusted to find the distance at which the concentration of the pollutant fell below the relevant WFD threshold value. If concentrations were below their respective threshold values before 250 m than the modelling exercise was stopped.

The input parameters used across the RTM is shown in Table 5-1. Conceptual models for each aquifer are shown in Figures 5.1 to 5.3.

| Properties | Parameter | Value | Units | Reference/Justification |
|---|---|-------|--------------------|---|
| | Saturated aquifer thickness | 200 | m | Allen et al (1997) state the actual thickness of the Fylde PTS is 200m. The effective aquifer thickness depends on the maximum depth of a pumping well due to the presence of anisotropy in the form of low permeability clay layers. However, as local site specific data is limited 200m was selected. |
| Fylde Permo-Triassic Sandstone Aquifer | Hydraulic conductivity (K) | 5.3 | m d ⁻¹ | Geometric mean of pumping test data for the Fylde PT-Sst (Allen et al., 1997). Pumping test data was selected over core data as the whole aquifer is being tested. The high hydraulic conductivity is reflecting the fractured nature of the sandstone. |
| | Effective porosity (n) | 23 | % | Geometric mean for core porosity data in the Fylde sandstone (Allen et al., 1997) |
| | Fraction of organic carbon (f _{oc}) | 0.08 | fraction | Within range in Steventon-Barnes (2001) for Triassic Sandstone |
| | Bulk density (ρ) | 2.65 | g cm ⁻³ | Density of sandstone |
| | Hydraulic gradient | 0.001 | - | Value selected for a decrease in 1 m per 1000 m (R. Ward, pers. comm. Dec 2018) |

| Fable 5-1 Input parameters and | justification for | the hydrogeological ri | isk assessment ι | using the EA RTM |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|------------------|------------------|
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|------------------|------------------|

| Properties | Parameter | Value | Units | Reference/Justification | | |
|----------------------------------|---|---------------------|--------------------|---|--|--|
| | Saturated aquifer thickness | 30 | m | Estimated from cross-section in Ward et al (2018) | | |
| | Hydraulic conductivity (K) | 10 | m d ⁻¹ | Within range for sand and gravel (Lewis, 1989). | | |
| | Effective porosity (n) | 30 | % | Within range for porosity of sand and gravel (Fetter, 1994) | | |
| Fylde Sand and Gravel Aquifer | Fraction of organic carbon (f _{oc}) | 0.0005 | fraction | Measured for sand and gravel (Wang et al., 2013). | | |
| | Bulk density (ρ) | 1.68 | g cm ⁻³ | Within range for bulk density of sand and gravel | | |
| | Hydraulic gradient | 0.001 | - | Value selected for a decrease in 1 m per 1000 m (R. Ward, pers. comm. Dec 2018) | | |
| | Saturated aquifer thickness | 168 | m | Thickness of Corallian Group (Bearcock et al., 2016) | | |
| | Hydraulic conductivity (K) | 1.89 | m d ⁻¹ | Calculated using T=kb. T = $318 \text{ m}^2/\text{d}$ (Allen et al., 1997), b = 168 m (Bearcock et al., 2016) | | |
| | Effective porosity (n) | 0.02 | % | Estimated based on assumptions regarding fracture aperture and spacing over the aquifer thickness | | |
| Corallian Limestone Aquifer | Fraction of organic carbon (f _{oc}) 0.45 | | fraction | Within range for Lincolnshire Limestone (Bishop and Lloyd, 1990 in Steventon- Barnes, 2001). F _{oc} for Corallian unavailable | | |
| | Bulk density (p) | 2.71 | g cm ⁻³ | Bulk density of limestone | | |
| | Hydraulic gradient | 0.001 | - | Value selected for a decrease in 1 m per 1000 m (R. Ward, pers. comm. Dec 2018) | | |
| | Fracture Aperture | 0.0002 | m | Estimated using Equation 5-1. | | |
| | Fracture Spacing | 10 | m | Assumed (Buckley, 2000, Marice et al, 2012, Paillet, 2004 in Worthington 2015) | | |
| Source Zone | Width of plume in aquifer in aquifer at source | 0.15 | m | Simulating perforation of 2.0 m of well screen and estimating the volume likely | | |
| Dimensions | Plume thickness at source | 2.0 | m | to be released. | | |
| - | Time since pollutant entered groundwater | $1 x 10^{100}$ | days | Recommended time within RTM spreadsheets. | | |
| | Longitudinal | 10% of flow path | m | Standard method in RTM spreadsheets. | | |
| Dispersivities | Transverse | 1% of flow path | m | No other data available. | | |
| Benzene | Half-life (t _{1/2}) | 210 | days | Mean value for measured anaerobic degradation (Aronson and Howard, 1997) | | |
| | Organic carbon partition coefficient (K _{oc}) | 67.61 | l kg ⁻¹ | Literature value (CL:AIRE, 2011) | | |
| | Threshold Value | 0.75 | μg l ⁻¹ | Water Framework Directive (2015) | | |
| | Concentration 27 | | mg l ⁻¹ | Benko and Drewes (2008) in Shores et al (2017) (Table 2-4) | | |

| Properties | Parameter | Value | Units | Reference/Justification |
|----------------------------------|---|------------------------|--------------------|--|
| | Half-life (t _{1/2}) | 100 | days | Anaerobic degradation rates in groundwater (Thierrin et al., 1993) |
| Toluene | Organic carbon partition coefficient (K _{oc}) | 166 | 1 kg-1 | Literature value (Poulson et al., 1997) |
| | Threshold Value | 4.0 | μg/l | UKTAG (2013) |
| | Concentration | 37 | mg l ⁻¹ | Benko and Drewes (2008) in Shores et al (2017) (Table 2-4) |
| | Half-life (t _{1/2}) | 230 | days | Anaerobic degradation rates in groundwater (Thierrin et al., 1993) |
| Ethylbenzene | Organic carbon partition coefficient (K _{oc}) | 295 | 1 kg-1 | Literature value (Poulson et al., 1997) |
| | Threshold Value | 0.75 | μg l ⁻¹ | Water Framework Directive (2015), value for benzene used |
| | Concentration | 19 | mg l ⁻¹ | Benko and Drewes (2008) in Shores et al (2017) (Table 2-4) |
| Xvlene | Half-life (t _{1/2}) | 225 | days | Anaerobic degradation rates in groundwater (Thierrin et al., 1993) |
| | Organic carbon partition coefficient (K _{oc}) | 158 | 1 kg ⁻¹ | Within range of literature values for m-p- and-o-Xylene. |
| , i | Threshold Value | 15.5 | μg/l | Water Framework Directive (2015) |
| | Concentration | 0.611 | mg l ⁻¹ | Benko and Drewes (2008) in Shores et al (2017) (Table 2-4) |
| | Half-life (t _{1/2}) | 9.9 x 10 ⁹⁹ | days | Simulate lack of degradation. |
| Chloride (Cl ⁻) | Organic carbon partition coefficient (K _{oc}) | - | 1 kg ⁻¹ | Unavailable / N/A |
| | Threshold Value | 188 | mg/l | Water Framework Directive (2015) |
| | Concentration | 200,000 | mg/l | Within range given in table 1-1 (Adapted from Olsen et al., 2016) |
| | Half-life (t _{1/2}) | 9.9 x 10 ⁹⁹ | days | Simulate lack of degradation. |
| Sodium Cation (Na ⁺) | Organic carbon partition coefficient (K _{oc}) | - | 1 kg-1 | Unavailable / N/A |
| | Threshold Value | 150 | mg/l | Water Framework Directive (2015) |
| | Concentration | 200,000 | mg/l | Within range given in table 1-1 (Adapted from Olsen et al., 2016) |



Figure 5.1 Conceptual Model for Fylde Permo-Triassic Sandstone Aquifer showing a continuous release of contaminants. Shown is a snapshot in time where the plume has migrated towards the compliance point, at which concentration is below the threshold value.



Figure 5.2 Conceptual Model for Fylde Sand and Gravel Aquifer showing a continuous release of contaminants. Shown is a snapshot in time where the plume has migrated towards the compliance point, at which concentration is below the threshold value.



Not to scale

Figure 5.3 Conceptual Model for the Corallian Group Aquifer showing a continuous release of contaminants. Shown is the set-up of the model. Flow occurs only through fractures, with matrix porosity assumed to be zero (immobile domain).

5.2 **RESULTS**

The results from the three modelled aquifers is shown in table 5-2.

Table 5-2 Results from the RTM spreadsheets showing concentrations of BTEX, Cl⁻ and Na⁺ at different compliance points for the three modelled aquifers. (Abbreviations: C_0 = Initial Concentration, TV = Threshold Value, PT Sst = Permo-Triassic Sandstone, SG = Sand and Gravel, CG = Corallian Group, B = Benzene, T = Toluene, X = Xylene,). The WFD threshold value for ethylbenzene is unavaible. *Threshold value for benzene used.

| Rele | Release Concentration at set distance away from spill (µg/L) | | | | | | WFD TV | Distance where concentration < TV | | |
|------|--|-------------|-----------|---------|---------|---------|-----------|---|---------|-----|
| | | µg/L | 25m | 50m | 75m | 100 m | 250 m | 500 m | (µg/L) | (m) |
| | В | 27,000 | 17.50 | 0.63 | - | - | - | - | 0.75 | 49 |
| | Т | 37,000 | 2.63 | - | - | - | - | - | 4.0 | 24 |
| PTS | Е | 19,000 | 15.10 | 0.612 | - | - | - | - | 0.75 | 49 |
| 115 | Х | 611 | 0.462 | - | - | - | - | - | 15.5 | 8 |
| | Cl- | 200,000,000 | 2,130,000 | 584,000 | 264,000 | 150,000 | | - | 188,000 | 90 |
| | Na ⁺ | 200,000,000 | 2,130,000 | 584,000 | 264,000 | 150,000 | - | - | 150,000 | 101 |
| | | | | | | r | r | | | |
| | В | 27,000 | 36.90 | 2.09 | 0.25 | - | - | - | 0.75 | 62 |
| | Т | 37,000 | 9.04 | 0.18 | | - | - | - | 4.0 | 30 |
| SG | Е | 19,000 | 30.30 | 1.89 | 0.24 | - | - | - | 0.75 | 61 |
| 50 | Х | 611 | 0.94 | - | - | - | - | - | 15.5 | 9 |
| | Cl- | 200,000,000 | 2,130,000 | 584,000 | 264,000 | 150,000 | | - | 188,000 | 90 |
| | Na ⁺ | 200,000,000 | 2,130,000 | 584,000 | 264,000 | 150,000 | - | - | 150,000 | 101 |
| | | | | | | | | - | | |
| | В | 27,000 | 285.00 | 77.5 | 34.800 | 19.5 | 2.99 | 0.69 | 0.75 | 481 |
| | Т | 37,000 | 387 | 104 | 46.3 | 25.8 | 3.73 | - | 4.0 | 243 |
| CG | Е | 19,000 | 201.00 | 54.6 | 24.5 | 13.8 | 2.12 | 0.49 | 0.75 | 411 |
| | Х | 611 | 6.45 | - | - | - | - | - | 15.5 | 16 |
| | Cl- | 200,000,000 | 2,130,000 | 584,000 | 264,000 | 150,000 | - | - | 188,000 | 90 |
| | Na ⁺ | 200,000,000 | 2,130,000 | 584,000 | 264,000 | 150,000 | | | 150,000 | 101 |

For both aquifers in the Fylde, BTEX concentrations are below their respective threshold value at distances less than 65 m and less than 10 m for xylene. In the Corallian Group, BTEX concentrations were above threshold values at a significantly greater distance with benzene present at elevated concentrations up to 481 m. Out of all the BTEX chemicals, benzene and ethylbenzene were above their threshold values over the greatest distance, with elevated concentrations still present at 400 m and beyond within the Corallian Group aquifer. The Permo-Triassic Sandstone aquifer had the shortest compliance point distance for BTEX with all concentrations below threshold values before 50 m.

Chloride and sodium behaved identically in all models and was consistently below its threshold value at 90 m and 101 m, respectively.

The change in contaminant concentrations between each compliance point for all aquifers and distances is shown in Table 5-3. The RTM spreadsheets are included as Appendix 6.

| Aquifer | Spill | C ₀ | Change in contaminant concentrations between each compliance point (μ g/L) | | | | | | |
|---------|-----------------|----------------|---|-----------|----------|----------|-------|-------|--|
| | | μg/L | 25m | 50m | 75m | 100 m | 250 m | 500 m | |
| | В | 27,000 | 26,983 | 16.9 | - | - | - | - | |
| | Т | 37,000 | 36,997 | - | - | - | - | - | |
| PTS | Е | 19,000 | 18,985 | 14.5 | - | - | - | - | |
| 115 | Х | 611 | - | - | - | - | - | - | |
| | Cl- | 200,000,000 | 197,870,000 | 1,546,000 | 320,000 | 114,000 | - | - | |
| | Na ⁺ | 200,000,000 | 197,870,000 | 1,546,000 | 320,000 | 114,000 | - | - | |
| | | 1 | | 1 | - | F | 1 | | |
| | В | 27,000 | 26,963 | 34.8 | 1.8 | - | - | - | |
| | Т | 37,000 | 36,991 | 9 | 0 | - | - | - | |
| SG | Е | 19,000 | 18,970 | 28.4 | 1.7 | - | - | - | |
| 50 | Х | 611 | - | - | - | - | - | - | |
| | Cl- | 200,000,000 | 197,870,000 | 1,546,000 | 320,000 | 114,000 | - | - | |
| | Na ⁺ | 200,000,000 | 197,870,000 | 1,546,000 | 320,000 | 114,000 | - | - | |
| | r | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | | | |
| | В | 27,000 | 26,715 | 208 | 43 | 15.3 | 16.5 | 2.3 | |
| | Т | 37,000 | 36,613 | 283 | 58 | 20.5 | 22.1 | - | |
| CG | Е | 19,000 | 18,799 | 146 | 30 | 10.7 | 11.7 | 1.6 | |
| CU | Х | 611 | 605 | - | - | - | - | - | |
| | Cl | 200,000,000 | 197,870,000 | 1,546,000 | 320,000 | 114,000 | - | - | |
| | Na ⁺ | 200,000,000 | 197,870,000 | 1,546,000 | 320,000 | 114,000 | - | - | |

Table 5-3 Change in contaminant concentrations between each compliance point for all three modelled aquifers

5.2.1 Scenario Analysis

Within the hydrogeological risk assessment a specific set of values are inputted into the RTM spreadsheets. They are based on measured data where available, but in essence only provide insight into one unique scenario, for example one measurement of BTEX concentrations in produced water. There is also uncertainty regarding the aquifer property parameters used within the assessment. In some instances data is readily available for porosity and hydraulic conductivity (Allen et al., 1997), in others, data was selected from typical ranges of values (Lewis, 1989) or calculated from other measured parameters such as transmissivity. With the latter, there are increased underlying uncertainties and as such, different scenarios must be investigated to further understand any potential risk.

Two new scenarios are generated and termed as 'low' and 'high', with the moderate scenario considered to be the main assessment used to produce the results in section 5.2. Both scenarios are selected to test the range of values in any data sets selected, if available. Where a range of reference values was unavailable, arbitrary values were selected to produce one of two outputs. The low scenario is designed to produce a leak containing a low concentrations of BTEX, chloride and sodium which has mobility restricted by unfavourable aquifer transport conditions. The high scenario investigated the opposite; a leak containing a significantly high concentration of all chemical species which enters an aquifer with favourable transport conditions. The input parameters used for each scenario are shown in Table 5-3.

| Aquifan | Doromotor | Scenario | | | Unita | Poforanco | |
|-----------------|-----------------|----------|----------|---------|--------------------|--|--|
| Aquiler | Parameter | Low | Moderate | High | Units | Reference | |
| Permo-Triassic | K | 3.4 | 5.3 | 7.4 | m d ⁻¹ | Panga giyan in Allan at al. (1997) | |
| Sandstone | n _e | 5.4 | 23 | 31 | % | Kange given in Anen et al., (1997) | |
| Sand and | К | 5 | 10 | 100 | m d ⁻¹ | Range given in Lewis (1989) | |
| Gravel | n _e | 20 | 30 | 50 | % | Range in Fetter (1994) | |
| | К | 0.1 | 1.89 | 100 | m d ⁻¹ | Within range given by Lewis (1998) for Karstic Limestone | |
| Corallian Group | α | 1 | 2 | 3.5 | mm | Calculated from transmissivity data (Allen et al., 1997) using equation 5-1. | |
| | n _e | 0.01 | 0.02 | 0.035 | % | Calculated using equation 5-2 to 5-4. | |
| | i | 0.0001 | 0.001 | 0.01 | N/A | Arbitrary | |
| | Benzene | 1 | 27 | 100 | mg l ⁻¹ | | |
| All | Toluene | 1 | 37 | 100 | mg l ⁻¹ | Arbitrony low and high values | |
| | Ethylbenzene | 1 | 19 | 100 | mg l ⁻¹ | Arbitrary low and high values | |
| | Xylene | 0.1 | 0.661 | 50 | mg 1 ⁻¹ | | |
| | Cl | 8,000 | 200,000 | 400,000 | mg 1 ⁻¹ | Table 1-1 (adapted from Olsen et | |
| | Na ⁺ | 8,000 | 200,000 | 400,000 | mg 1 ⁻¹ | al., 2016) | |

Table 5-4 Input values for the low and high scenario analysis. The moderate scenario was within the initial assessment.

For the Corallian Group, as a range of fracture apertures and fracture porosity are not available, input variables were calculated using equations 5-1 to 5-4 and were constrained by transmissivity data for the area (Allen et al., 1997). In the Corallian Group, the lowest and highest transmissivity values are given as $38 \text{ m}^2 \text{ d}^{-1}$ and $2249 \text{ m}^2 \text{ d}^{-1}$, respectively (noted as the 25^{th} and 75^{th} percentile). Using a fracture aperture of 1 mm for the low scenario and 3.5 mm for the high scenario produces transmissivity values of approximately $50 \text{ m}^2 \text{ d}^{-1}$ and $2,300 \text{ m}^2 \text{ d}^{-1}$ and equates to a fracture porosity of 0.01% and 0.035%.

Parameters associated with retardation were not altered for each new scenario as the spreadsheets are modelling steady state conditions with the pollutant present in groundwater for 1×10^{100} years. All contaminant concentrations eventually reaches the compliance point and retardation has no effect on the results.

The results of the scenario analysis are shown in Figure 5-4



Figure 5.4 Results for all chemical species for the Scenario Analysis (Grey line represents the Corallian, the Orange line Sand and Gravel and the blue line represents the Permo-Triassic Sandstone Aquifer)

The results for the low scenario shows that all concentrations were below their threshold values before 100 m, with the highest compliance point distance associated with benzene in the Corallian Group which was above threshold values up to 99 m. The Permo-Triassic sandstone aquifer showed the smallest increase in compliance point distance when compared to the other two aquifers even under the high scenario. Here, all concentrations were below threshold values before 150 m, with the exception of benzene and ethylbenzene which fell below their respective values at 254 m and 267 m.

The sand and gravel aquifer showed a large increase in compliance point distance with an order of magnitude increase associated with benzene and ethylbenzene at around 620 m and 640 m, respectively. The compliance point for toluene increased significantly under the high scenario, but was below threshold values at 280 m. Xylene, chloride and sodium were all below their threshold values before 150 m.

In the Corallian Group under a high scenario, the largest increases in compliance point distance was encountered on average, with benzene and ethylbenzene still above threshold values at 1,000 m. Toluene, chloride and sodium were also above threshold values at 450 m.

5.3 **DISCUSSION**

The results of the preliminary hydrogeological risk assessment suggest that a risk from an unplanned release of BTEX, chloride and sodium from a single shale gas well is not significant at a district or regional scale due to the size of a release and attenuation processes. At a local scale and on the basis of the moderate scenario considered, an impact could be observed a distance of up to approximately 90 m for chloride and between maximum distances of 62 m (sand and gravel aquifer) and 481 m (Corallian Group) for BTEX.

In aquifers in which groundwater has a lower mean advective velocity (\bar{v}) , the risk is reduced further due to slower travel times allowing for increased attenuation (degradation) over shorter distances. The relationship between mean advective velocity, specific discharge (Darcy flux) (q) and effective porosity (n_e) is given in equation 5-5.

Equation 5-5 Linear Velocity

$$\overline{v} = \frac{q}{n_e}$$

Accordingly, any aquifer with a low porosity is likely to produce high velocities within groundwater making it more difficult for degradation processes to occur.

In the Permo-Triassic Sandstone aquifer the porosity is moderately sized at 23%. As a result a low mean advective velocity is produced, allowing contaminants to become degraded and fall below threshold values over a shorter distance. In comparison, the Corallian Group has elevated concentrations of contaminants over the largest distance and the lowest degradation of all three aquifers (Table 5-3), due to a low effective porosity (0.02%) and hence slower degradation rates. This is evident, for example, as benzene is below its threshold value after an additional 485 m in the Corallian, when compared to the sandstone and sand and gravel aquifer. It is also shown in Table 5-3.

The scenario analysis indicated that the risk associated with the Permo-Triassic sandstone aquifer is lower when compared to the sand and gravel or the Corallian aquifer. Even under a high scenario, with large concentrations of BTEX, compliance point distances were all below 300 m due to the low intergranular hydraulic conductivity within this aquifer (Allen et al., 1997). The risk is suggested to be higher in the remaining two aquifers which saw compliance point distances increase by 600 m in some instances. These aquifers have a large range of potential hydraulic conductivities and porosities, especially in the fractures of the Corallian Group, and even though input variables were constrained using references, there is a large underlying uncertainty. However, as many arbitrary values are used for the high scenario, it is considered to be unrepresentative of actual conditions within these areas and included for illustrative purposes only. The moderate scenario is considered to be the most representative of risk within the assessment.

Of course there are many additional factors which must be considered when assessing the contaminant risk to the environment and human health. By examining the source pathway receptor model discussed in section 4.5, this risk can be further examined. For example, the source of elevated BTEX concentrations originates in the shale gas source rock which can have variable effects on produced water chemistry. High BTEX concentrations within source rocks elevate the risk as contaminants are leached into produced water at higher concentrations. The high scenario analysis attempted to investigate this by including an initial concentration of BTEX between 50 and 100 mg L^{-1} . Conversely, if BTEX are absent, or exist at low concentrations, the risk is

significantly reduced, shown by the low scenario analysis with BTEX concentrations at 1 mg L^{-1} or lower.

In most cases the pathway expressed in the methodology will not exist. A well failure is an unplanned incident with preventative measures in place to inhibit fluid loss. Predicting well failures as a result, is difficult, as previously discussed (Section 4.4). However, in the event of a well failure the magnitude of the incident and hence the mass of fluid released, as well as transport mechanisms and ease of flow within any aquifer, will govern any associated risk.

The final link to consider is the receptor. The presence, as well as nature, of a sensitive receptor in proximity to a shale gas well must be considered in any risk assessment. If sensitive receptors are present within 65 m to 485 m then, suggested by the modelled results, a risk associated with BTEX, sodium and chloride exists. If a sensitive receptor is absent, the risk is automatically mitigated.

Given the modelled concentrations, a well failure at aquifer depth is thought to present an acute high level impact up to 65 m away for the Fylde and 485 m for the Vale of Pickering. It is expected that a chronic low level impact to aquifers on a district or regional scale would not be produced even if a moderate number of wells fail, given the large area of land covered by each of the RBMPs. The best case scenario, i.e. no failures or release of contaminants, is the most likely to occur due to strict regulations within the UK. However if a failure was to occur, it is suggested by the modelled results, that there is a possibility of a very rare acute and high level impact on local scales in the vicinity of the modelled loss.

The results from the Corallian Group identify that a more persistent risk is associated with a contaminant spill within an aquifer with significant fracture flow. Analogous settings, with fractures of a similar aperture and spacing, are likely to experience a similar circumstance, with contaminant concentrations above threshold values over larger distances when compared to a sandstone, a sand and gravel or other matrix flow dominated aquifer settings.

Further evidence is required to assess the risk on district or regional scales and to assess the impact if multiple wells fail simultaneously.

6 Impacts on Groundwater Resources in the Case Study Areas

6.1 BACKGROUND

Shale gas operations require water for several purposes, including drilling and well construction operations, hydraulic fracturing, sanitation and equipment washing. As stated in Section 1 and 2 definitive plans for, and details of, future shale gas operations in England are as yet unknown. Site-specific circumstances will determine the actual demand for water at any given well pad.

For this study, the range of requirements of water for shale gas operations was informed by published literature.

6.2 WATER USE FOR HYDRAULIC FRACTURING

6.2.1 Methodology

The following methodology is described in section 4.2. A low, moderate and high pressure/impact scenario was applied to estimate probable volumes of water that would be required at different scales, for each of the three case study areas. The volume of water per well was selected from Table 1-1 and three impact scenarios were generated accordingly, shown in Table 6-1.

| Variable | | Common | | | |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------|--|
| variable | Low | ow Moderate High | | Source | |
| No. of wells per pad | 2 | 9 | 16 | Table 1-1, row 2 | |
| No. of well pads | Min for 3,000 m | Mean for 2,100 m | Max for 1,200 m | Table 3-3 | |
| | | | | | |
| Volume of water required per fracture programme per well | 10,000 m ³ | 26,250 m ³ | 42,500 m ³ | Table 1-1, Row 9 | |

 Table 6-1 Input parameters and variables for volume of water consumed during fracturing

The lower limit of water volume usage in Table 1-1 of $1,000 \text{ m}^3$ was dismissed. A lower limit of $10,000 \text{ m}^3$ was selected instead which is more in line with previous operations (DECC, 2014; Yang et al., 2015; Kondash et al., 2018).

6.2.2 Water Use Results

The results of the water use cumulative pressure scenarios are given in Table 6-2 for all three licence areas. As shown in Table 6-2 the maximum theoretical volume of water used is associated with SD33a, SD34a, SD43b at approximately 7,500,000 m³ per well for a high pressure scenario. The moderate pressure scenarios suggested water volume usage of between approximately 235,000 m³ in study area SE78b, SE88e to approximately 945,000 m³ in study area SD77c, SE77d, SE87a, assuming a water use per well of 26,250 m³. All low pressure scenarios suggested water consumption volumes of less than 50,000 m³ for two to four wells within a licence area, assuming a water use of 10,000 m³ per well.

The water use results and matrices are included as Appendix 5.

| Description | Unit | Low | Moderate | High |
|---|----------------|--------|----------|-----------|
| SE78b, SE88e | | | | |
| Well pads | No. | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| Wells per pad | No. | 2 | 9 | 16 |
| Total wells per study area | No. | 2 | 9 | 64 |
| Total volume of water for fracture programme's for study area | m ³ | 20,000 | 236,250 | 2,720,00 |
| SE77c, SE77d, SE87a | | | | |
| Well pads | No. | 1 | 4 | 10 |
| Wells per pad | No. | 2 | 9 | 16 |
| Total wells per study area | No. | 2 | 36 | 160 |
| Total volume of water for fracture programmes for study area | m ³ | 20,000 | 945,000 | 6,800,000 |
| SD33a, SD34a, SD43b | | | | |
| Well pads | No. | 2 | 3 | 11 |
| Wells per pad | No. | 2 | 9 | 16 |
| Total wells per study area | No. | 4 | 27 | 176 |
| Total volume of water for fracture programmes for study area | m ³ | 40,000 | 708,750 | 7,480,000 |

Table 6-2 Water use scenarios for each study area

6.2.3 Water Use Discussion

As previously stated in Section 4 the highest pressure scenario within this assessment is unlikely, with the moderate pressure scenarios representing the most representative case.

In order to assess the pressure that water demand may have within an area of shale gas production, the generated estimates were compared to national water usage data. To provide an initial comparison, the required water for all wells in the individual regions have been compared with DEFRA estimated groundwater abstraction in 2016. Within the estimate the Environment Agency Regions are used which combine the North East and Yorkshire as one region (EA, 2014) (Figure 6-1). Water volumes for study areas SE78b, SE88e and SE77c, SE77d, SE87a have been combined as they are both within the same region. The comparison of water volume usage is shown in Table 6-3.



Figure 6.1 Environment Agency Regional Areas for estimated groundwater abstractions in England in 2016. (EA, 2014; BGS & OGA, 2018; OGA 2018; DEFRA, 2018) Rectangles show PEDL areas, while the grey highlighted areas show the extent of the Bowland Shale.

Table 6-3 Comparison between water use estimated for a moderate pressure scenario (m³) with estimated yearly groundwater abstractions for England (DEFRA, 2018).

| Study Area | Water use for a moderate pressure scenario (Table 6-1) | Estimated total groundwater abstractions in England in 2016 (DEFRA, 2018) | Required water use compared to DEFRA abstraction estimates. | |
|---|--|--|---|--|
| | m ³ | m ³ per region | % | |
| SE78b, SE88e and SE77c, SE77d, SE87a | SE78b, SE88e and SE77c, SE77d, SE87a 1.18 x 10 ⁶ | | 0.78 | |
| SD33a, SD34a and SD43b | 7.08 x 10 ⁵ | 8.90 x 10 ⁷ (North West) | 0.79 | |

This comparison suggests that the water required locally for a shale gas well is not significant on the regional scale with required water volumes less than 0.8% of yearly abstraction estimates. But, two vastly different areas of land are being compared here. The study areas cover around 55 km² each (if study areas SE78b, SE88e and SE77c, SE77d, SE87a are combined) (Table 3-2), while the North West region alone covers approximately 15,000 km². To provide a clearer insight into the pressure generated from potential water volumes, the water use based on land area is presented in Table 6-4 and 6-5.

Table 6-4 Estimated water use for a moderate pressure scenario based on land area of each study area.

| Liconce block | Estimated Water Consumption | Area (km ²) | Water Required | |
|---|-----------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| Licence block | m ³ | | m ³ km ⁻² | |
| SE78b, SE88e and SE77c, SE77d, SE87a | 1,181,250 | 55.35 | 21,341 | |
| SD33a, SD34a, SD43b | 708,750 | 54.5 | 13,005 | |

| Table 6-5 Estimated | groundwater : | abstraction | volumes | (DEFRA. | 2018) | based or | n land a | rea of e | ach region |
|---------------------|---------------|-------------|---------|----------|---------------|----------|----------|----------|------------|
| Labic 0-5 Estimateu | Sivullawater | abstraction | volumes | (DEI MI, | A 010) | baseu o | n nanu a | | ach region |

| Region | Groundwater Abstraction 2016 (DEFRA, 2018) | Area | Water Abstracted | |
|--------------------------------|--|-----------------|---------------------------------|--|
| | m ³ | km ² | m ³ km ⁻² | |
| North East (inc. Yorkshire) | 1.52 x 10 ⁸ | 22,637 | 6,715 | |
| North West | 8.90 x 10 ⁷ | 14,838 | 5,998 | |

When assessing the water consumption for a moderate pressure scenario based on land area within each study area, it is evident that a fully formed shale gas industry in England will be water intensive with the total volume of water used per land area greater than the volume of groundwater abstracted per land area on local scales. This has the potential to lead to a deficit of water resources if local groundwater resources are used for multiple shale gas developments simultaneously. The probability of this deficit occurring depends on the speed of development. In order to achieve the number of wells suggested for a moderate pressure scenario (9 to 36), development will naturally be staggered, with total water use spread over multiple years as new wells begin production, lessening any associated pressures. The majority of water use will be in the early stages of a well development, probably the first two years, as shale gas well are not water intensive once production has started. In addition, and as highlighted in section 4.3.3, pressure on local water resources can be alleviated by the use of tankers that source water from wider regions or alternative suppliers and transport it to the well pad.

Although shale gas activity is water intensive, a water supplier in the region of development may be able to provide the required water resources. Yorkshire Water and United Utilities estimate a total deployable output of approximately $5.0 \times 10^8 \text{ m}^3$ and $7.5 \times 10^8 \text{ m}^3$, respectively, for the year 2015 into 2016. When compared to water consumption for a moderate pressure scenario, the resultant pressure on local utility companies are again, minimal, with all study areas requiring less than 0.25% of total deployable output (Table 6-6). However, as shown in Figure 6-2, the study areas used throughout this assessment contribute a limited area to the total PEDL blocks in both regions. A more distinct analogy would be produced if two regional scales are compared, for example, by scaling up the moderate pressure scenario to all PEDL blocks in their respective region.

Using the water required per land area calculated in Table 6-4, the total water use for all PEDL blocks in both regions is generated and compared to Yorkshire Water and United Utilities deployable output estimates. The results are presented in Table 6-7.



Figure 6.2 PEDL Blocks within each of their respective Environment Agency Regions (EA, 2014; BGS & OGA, 2018; OGA 2018; DEFRA, 2018). Rectangles show PEDL areas, Green rectangles show study areas used within this assessment, while grey highlighted areas show the extent of the Bowland Shale.

Table 6-6 Comparison between required water estimated for a moderate pressure scenario (m³) with utility companies deployable output.

| Study Area | Water use for a moderate pressure scenario (Table 6-1) | Deployable output | Required water use compared to deployable output | Reference |
|---|--|------------------------|--|----------------------------|
| | m ³ | m ³ | % | |
| SE78b, SE88e and SE77c, SE77d, SE87a | 1.18 x 10 ⁶ | 5.13 x 10 ⁸ | 0.23 | Yorkshire Water (2018) |
| SD33a, SD34a and SD43b | 7.09 x 10 ⁵ | 7.71 x 10 ⁸ | 0.09 | United Utilities (2018) |

Table 6-7 Water use required for all of the PEDL blocks within a region, assuming they are all developed for shale gas

| Licence block | Water Required | Area of all PEDL blocks in Region | Water required for all PEDL blocks | Deployable Output | Required water use compared to deployable output |
|--|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|------------------------|--|
| | m ³ km ⁻² | (km ²) | m ³ | m ³ | % |
| SE78b, SE88e and SE77c, SE77d, SE87a | 21,341 | 5,074 | 1.08 x 10 ⁸ | 5.13 x 10 ⁸ | 21.1 |
| SD33a, SD34a, SD43b | 13,005 | 4,752 | 6.18 x 10 ⁷ | 7.71 x 10 ⁸ | 8.0 |

By scaling up required water volumes across all PEDL blocks in both regions, the pressure put on regional water suppliers is significant with 21% of Yorkshire Waters deployable output being used by shale gas wells in every PEDL block. Case by case assessments with the Environment Agency would be undertaken to determine whether regional supplies would accommodate the number of wells proposed by this assessment, with water demands spread over several years, significantly reducing this percentage. While water demands are not this intensive simultaneously, it is however important to highlight that total water volumes required by a fully realised shale gas industry are significant, with shale gas wells being water intensive based on the area of land they occupy.

7 Summary

The cumulative impact of a UK shale gas industry, which complies with current UK industry guidelines, is largely dependent on the number of wells present and the rate of failure/pollutant release that occurs. The assessment is based on datasets from previous shale gas operations, mainly in the USA, and has examined many sources when deciding which data was suitable for this assessment. The number of well pads used for the scenario modelling in this report, based on the case studies considered, ranged from 1 pad (SE78b, SE88e) to 11 pads (SD33a, SD34a and SD43b). This reflects available land use and placement conditions only within the licence blocks. Social factors were not considered which may reduce the number of well pads placed within an area.

The arrangement of wells per pad and laterals per well can be optimised to fit available land space; however, these are still limited by placement conditions such as a 1200 m distance between lateral sections and well pads. Industry studies have previously used 4 laterals per well for a high impact scenario whereas only one lateral per well, but with increased well numbers, was chosen in this assessment. The generated number of wells for each licence area allowed the volumes of water and fluid required across all licence areas to be assessed.

The volumes of fracture fluid required varied from $1.0 \times 10^4 \text{ m}^3$ for a low impact scenario and $1.3 \times 10^7 \text{ m}^3$ for a high impact scenario. Most of this fracture fluid is lost to formation with data ranging from 40% to 80% lost/non-recovered. This equates to between 200 m³ to 4.3 x 10⁶ m³ of flowback fluid returned to the surface or lost to formation (not recovered or not recycled). There is potential for fracture fluid to enter the environment through leaks or spills at the surface or in the subsurface due to well failure. It was estimated that, for a moderate impact scenario, using a well failure rate of approximately 5.5%, there may be one failure across all study areas associated with cement or casing barriers. The magnitude and risk of this failure was not assessed and results were calculated using failure rates for the Marcellus Shale, Pennsylvania between 2009 and 2012. It was suggested that failure rates may be much lower in the UK due to stricter regulations.

An assessment of the potential risk of contamination to groundwater from a spill containing BTEX, chloride and sodium was undertaken using the EA Remedial Targets Methodology (RTM). The aquifers used within this assessment were based on their proximity to the locations of shale gas activity in the Fylde Basin, Lancashire and Vale of Pickering, Yorkshire. For both aquifers in the Fylde, the results indicated that all concentrations of BTEX were below Water Framework Directive threshold values at distances less than 65 m away from the projected point of chemical release (i.e. the well failure in the subsurface). Within the Corallian Group aquifer in Yorkshire, elevated concentrations of BTEX were present over larger distances. The results suggested that concentrations were below threshold values at a maximum distance of approximately 480 m. In all aquifers sodium and chloride were below their respective threshold values at distances less than 105 m. All results suggested that a risk to groundwater could exist up to approximately 60 m or 480 m away for BTEX, depending on local geology and additional risk factors which must be further quantified on a site-by-site basis using a detailed source pathway risk assessment.

The cumulative estimated water volumes required over the entirety of shale gas operations for all study areas ranged from $2.0 \times 10^4 \text{ m}^3$ to $7.4 \times 10^6 \text{ m}^3$. The high pressure scenario was considered unlikely with the moderate pressure scenario being carried forward for analysis and further discussion. Moderate pressure scenarios were compared to regional estimates of water abstraction using the Environment Agency Regions and estimates from DEFRA. Comparisons suggested that water use required for shale gas wells within the study areas comprised less than 0.8% of yearly abstractions in 2016 for the North East and North West of England. As vastly different areas of land were being compared, water volumes were examined based on their land use. Shale gas wells were identified as being water intensive, with greater volumes of water required per land area than that being abstracted across one year. Further comparisons examined the deployable output from

water suppliers in the region. The moderate pressure scenario was extrapolated over the entirety of all PEDL blocks within both regions to reveal the amount of water required is significant, at around 20% for Yorkshire (i.e. PEDL blocks in Yorkshire Water's territory). It was highlighted that water use would be spread out over the development cycle of an emerging industry as all wells would not all be developed simultaneously and additionally, water is not required when a well is producing further reducing the yearly volumes required. The water requirements per well pad must each be examined to determine how best to manage the required water sources.

The cumulative impact assessment has assessed potential factors that could have an adverse effect on groundwater quality and groundwater resources in the area of potential shale gas developments. It has highlighted potential local associated with groundwater contamination (that are similar to hydrocarbon contamination associated with leaking underground tanks at petrol stations or from spills and leaks in industry) and illustrated that select water use scenarios do exist. Yet, as there are no data currently available to date within the UK for a producing unconventional shale gas well, international analogies must be used as a placeholder. Previous operations, within the USA for example, are under different jurisdiction and regulation, as well as geological setting. With this in mind, it is clear that data produced from a shale gas industry within England may vary significantly when compared to previous operations. However, regulations are considered much more stringent within the UK.

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Appendix 1 Impact scenarios for volumes of fracture fluid, volumes of drilling mud cuttings and flowback fluid produced
A1.1 SE78B, SE88E

Volume of fracture fluid

| License area | Max. number of well pads | w | ells per | r pad | Wel | ls per Lice area | ense | Volume of Fracture Fluid | Volume | e of fracture flu | iid per Pad | Volume of | fracture fluid pe | r licence area | Impact Scenario |
|-----------------|-----------------------------|-----|----------|--------|---------|-----------------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-----------|-------------------|----------------|-----------|-------------------|----------------|--------------------|
| | Ne | No. | | No. | | m ³ / mall | | m ³ | | | m ³ | | | | |
| | INO. | L | М | Н | L | М | Н | m ² / wen | L | М | Н | L | М | Н | |
| | | | | | | | | 5,000 | 10,000 | 45,000 | 80,000 | 40,000 | 180,000 | 320,000 | Low |
| SE78b, SE88e | 4 | 2 | 9 | 16 | 8 | 36 | 64 | 41,000 | 82,000 | 369,000 | 656,000 | 328,000 | 1,476,000 | 2,624,000 | Moderate |
| 52000 | | | | 77,000 | 154,000 | 693,000 | 1,232,000 | 616,000 | 2,772,000 | 4,928,000 | High | | | | |

Drilling mud and cutting

| License area | Max. 1 | number of well p | bads | Volume of Drilling mud and cuttings | Volume of p | drilling mud a er Licence are | and cuttings ea | Impact Scenario |
|-----------------|--------|------------------|------|---|-------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| | | No. | | m ³ / wall nod | | m ³ | | |
| | L | М | Н | iir / weii pau | L | М | Н | |
| | | | | 1,500 | 1,500 | 1,500 | 6,000 | Low |
| SE78b, SE88e | 1 | 1 | 4 | 2,000 | 2,000 | 2,000 | 8,000 | Moderate |
| 52000 | | | | 2,500 | 2,500 | 2,500 | 10,000 | High |

Fluid flow back

| License area | Max. number of well pads | N | Vells _I pad | per | Wel | lls per Li area | icense | Flowb | back of Fr Fluid | racture | Volume of fracture fluid per licence area | Fluid flo | w back per li | cence area | |
|-----------------|--------------------------|---|---------------------------|-----|-----|--------------------|--------|-------|---------------------|---------|--|-----------|----------------|------------|-----------------|
| | No | | No. | | | No. | | | % | | m ³ | | m ³ | | |
| | INO. | L | М | Н | L | М | Н | L | М | Н | | L | М | Н | Impact Scenario |
| | | | | | | | | | | | 40,000 | 4,000 | 10,000 | 16,000 | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | 328,000 | 32,800 | 82,000 | 131,200 | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | 616,000 | 61,600 | 154,000 | 246,400 | Low |
| 07501 | | | | | | | | | | | 180,000 | 18,000 | 45,000 | 72,000 | |
| SE/8b, SE88e | 4 | 2 | 9 | 16 | 8 | 36 | 64 | 10 | 25 | 40 | 1,476,000 | 147,600 | 369,000 | 590,400 | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | 2,772,000 | 277,200 | 693,000 | 1,108,800 | Medium |
| | | | | | | | | | | | 320,000 | 32,000 | 80,000 | 128,000 | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | 2,624,000 | 262,400 | 656,000 | 1,049,600 | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | 4,928,000 | 492,800 | 1,232,000 | 1,971,200 | High |

Fluid Flow back not recycled

| License area | Max. number of well pads | V | Vells pac | per l | Li | Wells j cense | per area | Pe of : rec | ercenta flow b cycle i | age back rate | Fluid flow back per licence area | Fluid Flo pao | w back recy d licence are | vcled per ea | Impact Scenario | Fluid Flo | w back not re licence area | cycled per |
|-----------------|-----------------------------|---|--------------|----------|----|------------------|-------------|-------------------|------------------------------|---------------------|--|------------------|------------------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|-------------------------------|------------|
| | No | | No | | | No. | | | % | | m ³ | | m ³ | | | | m ³ | |
| | 110. | L | Μ | Η | L | Μ | Η | L | Μ | Н | | L | М | Н | | L | М | Н |
| | | | | | | | | | | | 4,000 | 3,200 | 1,600 | 800 | | 800 | 2,400 | 3,200 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | 10,000 | 8,000 | 4,000 | 2,000 | | 2,000 | 6,000 | 8,000 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | 16,000 | 12,800 | 6,400 | 3,200 | | 3,200 | 9,600 | 12,800 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | 32,800 | 26,240 | 13,120 | 6,560 | | 6,560 | 19,680 | 26,240 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | 82,000 | 65,600 | 32,800 | 16,400 | Low | 16,400 | 49,200 | 65,600 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | 131,200 61 600 | 104,960 | 52,480 24,640 | 20,240 | | 20,240 | 78,720 | 104,960 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | 154,000 | 49,200 | 24,040 | 20,800 | | 20,800 | 02,400 | 122 200 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | 134,000 | 125,200 | 01,000 | 30,800 40,280 | | 30,800 40,280 | 92,400 | 125,200 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | 18,000 | 14 400 | 7 200 | 3 600 | | 3 600 | 10 800 | 14 400 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | 15,000 | 26,000 | 18,000 | 0,000 | | 0,000 | 27,000 | 26,000 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | 45,000 | 36,000 | 18,000 | 9,000 | | 9,000 | 27,000 | 30,000 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | 72,000 | 57,600 | 28,800 | 14,400 | | 14,400 | 43,200 | 57,600 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | 147,600 | 118,080 | 59,040 | 29,520 | | 29,520 | 88,560 | 118,080 |
| SE78b | | | | | | | | | | | 369,000 | 295,200 | 147,600 | 73,800 | Medium | 73,800 | 221,400 | 295,200 |
| SE780, SE88e | 4 | 2 | 9 | 16 | 8 | 36 | 64 | 80 | 40 | 20 | 590,400 | 472,320 | 236,160 | 118,080 | | 118,080 | 354,240 | 472,320 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | 277,200 | 221,760 | 110,880 | 55,440 | | 55,440 | 166,320 | 221,760 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | 693,000 | 554,400 | 277,200 | 138,600 | | 138,600 | 415,800 | 554,400 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | 1,108,800 | 887,040 | 443,520 | 221,760 | | 221,760 | 665,280 | 887,040 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | 32,000 | 25,600 | 12,800 | 6,400 | | 6,400 | 19,200 | 25,600 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | 80,000 | 64,000 | 32,000 | 16,000 | | 16,000 | 48,000 | 64,000 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | 128,000 | 102,400 | 51,200 | 25,600 | | 25,600 | 76,800 | 102,400 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | 262,400 | 209,920 | 104,960 | 52,480 | | 52,480 | 157,440 | 209,920 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | 656,000 | 524,800 | 262,400 | 131,200 | High | 131,200 | 393,600 | 524,800 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | 1,049,600 | 839,680 | 419,840 | 209,920 | mgn | 209,920 | 629,760 | 839,680 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | 492,800 | 394,240 | 197,120 | 98,560 | | 98,560 | 295,680 | 394,240 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | 1,232,000 | 985,600 | 492,800 | 246,400 | | 246,400 | 739,200 | 985,600 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | 1,971,200 | 1,576,960 | 788,480 | 394,240 | | 394,240 | 1,182,720 | 1,576,960 |

A1.2 SE77C, SE77D, SE87A

Volume of fracture fluid

| License area | Max. number of well pads | v | Vells pad | per | Wel | ls per L area | icense | Volume of Fracture Fluid | Volum | e of fracture Pad | e fluid per | Volume of | f fracture fluid area | l per licence | Impact Scenario |
|------------------------|--------------------------|---|-----------|-----|-----|------------------|--------|-----------------------------|---------|----------------------|-------------|-----------|--------------------------|---------------|--------------------|
| | No | | No. | | | No. | | m ³ / wall | | m ³ | | | m ³ | | |
| | INO. | L | М | Н | L | М | Н | m [*] / wen | L | М | Н | L | М | Н | |
| | | | | | | | | 5,000 | 10,000 | 45,000 | 80,000 | 100,000 | 450,000 | 800,000 | Low |
| SE77c, SE77d, SE87a | 10 | 2 | 9 | 16 | 20 | 90 | 160 | 41,000 | 82,000 | 369,000 | 656,000 | 820,000 | 3,690,000 | 6,560,000 | Moderate |
| 22074 | | | | | | | | 77,000 | 154,000 | 693,000 | 1,232,000 | 1,540,000 | 6,930,000 | 12,320,000 | High |

Drilling mud and cuttings

| License area | Max. | number of v | well pads | Volume of Drilling mud and cuttings | Volume of dr | illing mud and cuttings | per Licence area | Impact Scenario |
|---------------------|------|-------------|-----------|-------------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| | | No. | | m ³ / well nod | | m ³ | | |
| | L | М | Н | iii 7 wen pau | L | М | Н | |
| | | | | 1,500 | 1,500 | 6,000 | 15,000 | Low |
| SE77c, SE77d, SE87a | 1 | 4 | 10 | 2,000 | 2,000 | 8,000 | 20,000 | Moderate |
| | | | | 2,500 | 2,500 | 10,000 | 25,000 | High |

Fluid flow back

| License area | Max. number of well pads | v | Vells pad | per | Well | ls per I area | License | Fl Fra | owback acture F | c of Iluid | Volume of fracture fluid per Pad | Volume of fracture fluid per licence area | Fluid flov | w back per lic | cence area | |
|--------------|--------------------------|---|--------------|-----|------|------------------|---------|-----------|--------------------|---------------|-------------------------------------|--|------------|----------------|------------|-----------------|
| | No | | No. | • | | No. | • | | % | | m ³ | m ³ | | m ³ | | |
| | 140. | L | М | Н | L | М | Н | L | М | Н | | | L | М | Н | Impact Scenario |
| | | | | | | | | | | | 10,000 | 100,000 | 10,000 | 25,000 | 40,000 | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | 20,000 | 820,000 | 82,000 | 205,000 | 328,000 | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | 30,000 | 1,540,000 | 154,000 | 385,000 | 616,000 | Low |
| SE77c. | | | | | | | | | | | 45000 | 450,000 | 45,000 | 112,500 | 180,000 | |
| SE77d, | 10 | 2 | 9 | 16 | 20 | 90 | 160 | 10 | 25 | 40 | 90000 | 3,690,000 | 369,000 | 922,500 | 1,476,000 | |
| SE87a | | | | | | | | | | | 135000 | 6,930,000 | 693,000 | 1,732,500 | 2,772,000 | Medium |
| | | | | | | | | | | | 80000 | 800,000 | 80,000 | 200,000 | 320,000 | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | 160000 | 6,560,000 | 656,000 | 1,640,000 | 2,624,000 | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | 240000 | 12,320,000 | 1,232,000 | 3,080,000 | 4,928,000 | High |

Fluid flow back not recycled

| License area | Max. number of well pads | v | Vells pad | per | Li | Wells j cense | per area | Pe of f rec | rcenta low b sycle 1 | age back rate | Fluid flow back per licence area | Fluid Flow | back recycled area | per licence | Impact Scenario | Fluid Flo | w back not realicence area | cycled per |
|-----------------|-----------------------------|---|--------------|-----|----|------------------|-------------|-------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|--|------------|-----------------------|-------------|--------------------|-----------|----------------------------|------------|
| | No | | No. | | | No. | | | % | | m ³ | | m ³ | | | | m ³ | |
| | 110. | L | Μ | Η | L | Μ | Н | L | Μ | Η | | L | М | Н | | L | М | Н |
| | | | | | | | | | | | 10,000 | 8,000 | 4,000 | 2,000 | | 2,000 | 6,000 | 8,000 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | 25,000 | 20,000 | 10,000 | 5,000 | | 5,000 | 15,000 | 20,000 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | 40,000 | 32,000 | 16,000 | 8,000 | | 8,000 | 24,000 | 32,000 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | 82,000 | 65,600 | 32,800 | 16,400 | | 16,400 | 49,200 | 65,600 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | 205,000 | 164,000 | 82,000 | 41,000 | Low | 41,000 | 123,000 | 164,000 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | 328,000 | 262,400 | 131,200 | 65,600 | | 65,600 | 196,800 | 262,400 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | 154,000 | 123,200 | 61,600 | 30,800 | | 30,800 | 92,400 | 123,200 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | 385,000 | 308,000 | 154,000 | 77,000 | | 77,000 | 231,000 | 308,000 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | 616,000 | 492,800 | 246,400 | 123,200 | | 123,200 | 369,600 | 492,800 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | 45,000 | 36,000 | 18,000 | 9,000 | | 9,000 | 27,000 | 36,000 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | 112,500 | 90,000 | 45,000 | 22,500 | | 22,500 | 67,500 | 90,000 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | 180,000 | 144,000 | 72,000 | 36,000 | | 36,000 | 108,000 | 144,000 |
| SE77c, | | | | | | | | | | | 369,000 | 295,200 | 147,600 | 73,800 | | 73,800 | 221,400 | 295,200 |
| SE77d, | 10 | 2 | 9 | 16 | 20 | 90 | 160 | 80 | 40 | 20 | 922,500 | 738,000 | 369,000 | 184,500 | Medium | 184,500 | 553,500 | 738,000 |
| SE87a | | | | | | | | | | | 1,476,000 | 1,180,800 | 590,400 | 295,200 | | 295,200 | 885,600 | 1,180,800 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | 693,000 | 554,400 | 277,200 | 138,600 | | 138,600 | 415,800 | 554,400 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | 1,732,500 | 1,386,000 | 693,000 | 346,500 | | 346,500 | 1,039,500 | 1,386,000 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | 2,772,000 | 2,217,600 | 1,108,800 | 554,400 | | 554,400 | 1,663,200 | 2,217,600 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | 80,000 | 64,000 | 32,000 | 16,000 | | 16,000 | 48,000 | 64,000 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | 200,000 | 160,000 | 80,000 | 40,000 | | 40,000 | 120,000 | 160,000 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | 320,000 | 256,000 | 128,000 | 64,000 | | 64,000 | 192,000 | 256,000 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | 656,000 | 524,800 | 262,400 | 131,200 | | 131,200 | 393,600 | 524,800 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | 1,640,000 | 1,312,000 | 656,000 | 328,000 | High | 328,000 | 984,000 | 1,312,000 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | 2,624,000 | 2,099,200 | 1,049,600 | 524,800 | | 524,800 | 1,574,400 | 2,099,200 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | 1,232,000 | 985,600 | 492,800 | 246,400 | | 246,400 | 739,200 | 985,600 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | 3,080,000 | 2,464,000 | 1,232,000 | 616,000 | | 616,000 | 1,848,000 | 2,464,000 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | 4,928,000 | 3,942,400 | 1,971,200 | 985,600 | | 985,600 | 2,956,800 | 3,942,400 |

A1.3 SD33A, SD34, SD43B

Volume of Fracture Fluid

| License area | Max. number of well pads | v | Vells pad | per | Wel | ls per L area | icense | Volume of Fracture Fluid | Volum | e of fracture Pad | e fluid per | Volume o | f fracture fluic area | l per licence | Impact Scenario |
|------------------------|--------------------------|---|-----------|-----|-----|------------------|--------|-----------------------------|---------|----------------------|-------------|-----------|--------------------------|---------------|--------------------|
| | No | | No. | | | No. | | m ³ / mall | | m ³ | | | m ³ | | |
| | NO. | L | М | Η | L | М | Н | m ² / wen | L | М | Н | L | М | Н | |
| | | | | | | | | 5,000 | 10,000 | 45,000 | 80,000 | 110,000 | 495,000 | 880,000 | Low |
| SD33a, SD34a, SD43b | 11 | 2 | 9 | 16 | 22 | 99 | 176 | 41,000 | 82,000 | 369,000 | 656,000 | 902,000 | 4,059,000 | 7,216,000 | Moderate |
| ~~ 100 | | | | | | | | 77,000 | 154,000 | 693,000 | 1,232,000 | 1,694,000 | 7,623,000 | 13,552,000 | High |

Drilling mud and cuttings

| License area | Max. | number of v | vell pads | Volume of Drilling mud and cuttings | Volume of dri | lling mud and cutting | s per Licence area | Impact Scenario |
|---------------------|------|-------------|-----------|-------------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| | | No. | | m ³ / well pad | | m ³ | | |
| | L | М | Н | iii 7 wen pau | L | М | Н | |
| | | | | 1,500 | 3,000 | 4,500 | 16,500 | Low |
| SD33a, SD34a, SD43b | 2 | 3 | 11 | 2,000 | 4,000 | 6,000 | 22,000 | Moderate |
| | | | | 2,500 | 5,000 | 7,500 | 27,500 | High |

Fluid flow back

| License area | Max. number of well pads | W | ells pe | r pad | Wel | ls per L area | icense | Flowb | back of Frac | ture Fluid | Volume of fracture fluid per Pad | Volume of fracture fluid per licence area | Fluid flo | ow back per lice | nce area | |
|-----------------|-----------------------------|---|---------|-------|-----|------------------|--------|-------|--------------|------------|--|--|-----------|------------------|-----------|-----------------|
| | No | | No. | _ | | No. | | | % | | m ³ | m ³ | | m ³ | | |
| | 110. | L | М | Н | L | М | Н | L | М | Н | | | L | М | Н | Impact Scenario |
| | | | | | | | | | | | 10,000 | 110,000 | 11,000 | 27,500 | 44,000 | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | 20,000 | 902,000 | 90,200 | 225,500 | 360,800 | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | 30,000 | 1,694,000 | 169,400 | 423,500 | 677,600 | Low |
| SD33a, | | | | | | | | | | | 45000 | 495,000 | 49,500 | 123,750 | 198,000 | |
| SD34a, | 11 | 2 | 9 | 16 | 22 | 99 | 176 | 10 | 25 | 40 | 90000 | 4,059,000 | 405,900 | 1,014,750 | 1,623,600 | |
| SD43b | | | | | | | | | | | 135000 | 7,623,000 | 762,300 | 1,905,750 | 3,049,200 | Medium |
| | | | | | | | | | | | 80000 | 880,000 | 88,000 | 220,000 | 352,000 | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | 160000 | 7,216,000 | 721,600 | 1,804,000 | 2,886,400 | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | 240000 | 13,552,000 | 1,355,200 | 3,388,000 | 5,420,800 | High |

| Fluid flow | back not | recycled |
|------------|----------|----------|
|------------|----------|----------|

| License area | Max. number of well pads | v | Vells pad | per | Li | Wells j cense | per area | Pe of t rec | ercenta flow t cycle i | age back rate | Fluid flow back per licence area | Fluid Flov | v back recycl licence area | ed per pad | Impact Scenario | Fluid Flo | w back not re licence area | cycled per |
|-----------------|-----------------------------|---|--------------|-----|----|------------------|-------------|-------------------|------------------------------|---------------------|--|------------|-------------------------------|------------|--------------------|-----------|-------------------------------|------------|
| | No | | No. | | | No. | | | % | | m ³ | | m ³ | | | | m ³ | |
| | 110. | L | Μ | Η | L | Μ | Н | L | Μ | Η | | L | М | Н | | L | М | Н |
| | | | | | | | | | | | 11,000 | 8,800 | 4,400 | 2,200 | | 2,200 | 6,600 | 8,800 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | 27,500 | 22,000 | 11,000 | 5,500 | | 5,500 | 16,500 | 22,000 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | 44,000 | 35,200 | 17,600 | 8,800 | | 8,800 | 26,400 | 35,200 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | 90,200 | 72,160 | 36,080 | 18,040 | | 18,040 | 54,120 | 72,160 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | 225,500 | 180,400 | 90,200 | 45,100 | Low | 45,100 | 135,300 | 180,400 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | 360,800 | 288,640 | 144,320 | 72,160 | | 72,160 | 216,480 | 288,640 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | 169,400 | 135,520 | 67,760 | 33,880 | | 33,880 | 101,640 | 135,520 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | 423,500 | 338,800 | 169,400 | 84,700 | | 84,700 | 254,100 | 338,800 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | 677,600 | 542,080 | 271,040 | 135,520 | | 135,520 | 406,560 | 542,080 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | 49,500 | 39,600 | 19,800 | 9,900 | | 9,900 | 29,700 | 39,600 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | 123,750 | 99,000 | 49,500 | 24,750 | | 24,750 | 74,250 | 99,000 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | 198,000 | 158,400 | 79,200 | 39,600 | | 39,600 | 118,800 | 158,400 |
| SD220 | | | | | | | | | | | 405,900 | 324,720 | 162,360 | 81,180 | | 81,180 | 243,540 | 324,720 |
| SD35a, SD34a | 11 | 2 | 9 | 16 | 22 | 99 | 176 | 80 | 40 | 20 | 1,014,750 | 811,800 | 405,900 | 202,950 | Medium | 202,950 | 608,850 | 811,800 |
| SD34a, SD43b | 11 | 2 | Í | 10 | 22 | ,,, | 170 | 00 | 40 | 20 | 1,623,600 | 1,298,880 | 649,440 | 324,720 | | 324,720 | 974,160 | 1,298,880 |
| ~ | | | | | | | | | | | 762,300 | 609,840 | 304,920 | 152,460 | | 152,460 | 457,380 | 609,840 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | 1,905,750 | 1,524,600 | 762,300 | 381,150 | | 381,150 | 1,143,450 | 1,524,600 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | 3,049,200 | 2,439,360 | 1,219,680 | 609,840 | | 609,840 | 1,829,520 | 2,439,360 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | 88,000 | 70,400 | 35,200 | 17,600 | | 17,600 | 52,800 | 70,400 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | 220,000 | 176,000 | 88,000 | 44,000 | | 44,000 | 132,000 | 176,000 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | 352,000 | 281,600 | 140,800 | 70,400 | | 70,400 | 211,200 | 281,600 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | 721,600 | 577,280 | 288,640 | 144,320 | | 144,320 | 432,960 | 577,280 |
| | | | | | | | 1 | | | | 1,804,000 | 1,443,200 | 721,600 | 360,800 | High | 360,800 | 1,082,400 | 1,443,200 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | 2,886,400 | 2,309,120 | 1,154,560 | 577,280 | 8 | 577,280 | 1,731,840 | 2,309,120 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | 1,355,200 | 1,084,160 | 542,080 | 271,040 | | 271,040 | 813,120 | 1,084,160 |
| | | | | | | | 1 | | | | 3.388.000 | 2.710.400 | 1.355.200 | 677,600 | | 677,600 | 2.032.800 | 2.710.400 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | 5,420,800 | 4,336,640 | 2,168,320 | 1,084,160 | | 1,084,160 | 3,252,480 | 4,336,640 |

Appendix 2 Well Failure Result

A2.1 SE78B, SE88E

| License | Max. number of well pads | v | Vells j pad | per | W I | Vells p Licens block | ber se | Well Failure Rate | Wel Lic | l failures cense Blo | s per ock | Well Failure | Well Pad |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------|---|----------------|-----|--------|----------------------------|-----------|-------------------------|------------|-------------------------|--------------|-----------------|----------|
| DIOCK | No | | No. | | | No. | | 0/ | | No. | | Scenario | Sechario |
| | INO. | L | М | Η | L | М | Н | %0 | L | М | Н | | |
| | | | | | | | | 1.88 | 0.038 | 0.169 | 0.301 | Low | |
| | 1 | 2 | 9 | 16 | 2 | 9 | 16 | 5.51 | 0.110 | 0.496 | 0.882 | Moderate | Low |
| | | | | | | | | 9.14 | 0.183 | 0.823 | 1.462 | High | |
| | | | | | | | | 1.88 | 0.038 | 0.169 | 0.301 | Low | |
| SE78b, SE88e | 1 | 2 | 9 | 16 | 2 | 9 | 16 | 5.51 | 0.110 | 0.496 | 0.882 | Moderate | Moderate |
| | | | | | | | | 9.14 | 0.183 | 0.823 | 1.462 | High | |
| | | | | | | | | 1.88 | 0.150 | 0.677 | 1.203 | Low | |
| | 4 | 2 | 9 | 16 | 8 | 36 | 64 | 5.51 | 0.441 | 1.984 | 3.526 | Moderate | High |
| | | | | | | | | 9.14 | 0.731 | 3.290 | 5.850 | High | |

A2.2 SE77C, SE77D, SE87A

| License | Max. number of well pads | W | Vells j pad | per | V Lic | Vells I ense t | per block | Well Failure Rate | We Li | ll failure cense Bl | s per ock | Well Failure | Well Pad |
|---------|-----------------------------------|---|----------------|-----|----------|-------------------|--------------|-------------------------|----------|------------------------|--------------|-----------------|----------|
| DIOCK | No | | No. | | | No. | | 0/ | | No. | | Scenario | Sechario |
| | NO. | L | М | Н | L | М | Н | %0 | L | М | Н | | |
| | | | | | | | | 1.88 | 0.038 | 0.169 | 0.301 | Low | |
| | 1 | 2 | 9 | 16 | 2 | 9 | 16 | 5.51 | 0.110 | 0.496 | 0.882 | Moderate | Low |
| | | | | | | | | 9.14 | 0.183 | 0.823 | 1.462 | High | |
| SE77c. | | | | | | | | 1.88 | 0.150 | 0.677 | 1.203 | Low | |
| SE77d, | 4 | 2 | 9 | 16 | 8 | 36 | 64 | 5.51 | 0.441 | 1.984 | 3.526 | Moderate | Moderate |
| SE87a | | | | | | | | 9.14 | 0.731 | 3.290 | 5.850 | High | |
| | | | | | | | | 1.88 | 0.376 | 1.692 | 3.008 | Low | |
| | 10 | 2 | 9 | 16 | 20 | 90 | 160 | 5.51 | 1.102 | 4.959 | 8.816 | Moderate | High |
| | | | | | | | | 9.14 | 1.828 | 8.226 | 14.624 | High | |

A2.3 SD33A, SD34A, SD43B

| Licence | Max. number of well pads | v | Vells j pad | per | V Lice | Vells j ense t | per block | Well Failure Rate | We Li | ell failure cense Bl | s per ock | Well Failure | Well Pad |
|---------|-----------------------------------|---|----------------|-----|-----------|-------------------|--------------|-------------------------|----------|-------------------------|--------------|-----------------|----------|
| | No | | No. | | | No. | | 0/ | | No. | | Scenario | Sechario |
| | INO. | L | М | Н | L | М | Н | 70 | L | М | Н | | |
| | | | | | | | | 1.88 | 0.075 | 0.338 | 0.602 | Low | |
| | 2 | 2 | 9 | 16 | 4 | 18 | 32 | 5.51 | 0.220 | 0.992 | 1.763 | Moderate | Low |
| | | | | | | | | 9.14 | 0.366 | 1.645 | 2.925 | High | |
| SD33a. | | | | | | | | 1.88 | 0.113 | 0.508 | 0.902 | Low | |
| SD34a, | 3 | 2 | 9 | 16 | 6 | 27 | 48 | 5.51 | 0.331 | 1.488 | 2.645 | Moderate | Moderate |
| SD43b | | | | | | | | 9.14 | 0.548 | 2.468 | 4.387 | High | |
| | | | | | | | | 1.88 | 0.414 | 1.861 | 3.309 | Low | |
| | 11 | 2 | 9 | 16 | 22 | 99 | 176 | 5.51 | 1.212 | 5.455 | 9.698 | Moderate | High |
| | | | | | | | | 9.14 | 2.011 | 9.049 | 16.086 | High | |

Appendix 3 On-Site Spill Results

A3.1 SE78B, SE88E

| License area | Max. number of well pads | W | /ells j pad | per | W I | Vells p Licens area | per se | Spills per well | Spil | lls per L Area | icence | Volume per spill | Volu lic | ime spilt cence are | per a | Volume Recovered | Volume | e not recov licence are | ered per a | Impact Scenario |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------|---|----------------|-----|--------|---------------------------|-----------|--------------------|------|-------------------|--------|---------------------|-------------|------------------------|----------|---------------------|--------|----------------------------|---------------|--------------------|
| | | | No. | | | No. | | No. | | No | | m ³ | | m ³ | | % | | m ³ | | |
| | No. | L | М | Н | L | Μ | Н | No. | L | М | Н | | L | М | Н | | L | М | Н | |
| | | | | | | | | 0.0077 | 0.02 | 0.07 | 0.12 | | 0.05 | 0.21 | 0.37 | | 0.00 | 0.02 | 0.04 | |
| | 1 | 2 | 9 | 16 | 2 | 9 | 16 | 0.0099 | 0.02 | 0.09 | 0.16 | | 0.06 | 0.27 | 0.47 | | 0.01 | 0.03 | 0.05 | |
| | | | | | | | | 0.0120 | 0.02 | 0.11 | 0.19 | | 0.07 | 0.32 | 0.58 | | 0.01 | 0.03 | 0.06 | |
| SE78h | | | | | | | | 0.0077 | 0.02 | 0.07 | 0.12 | | 0.05 | 0.21 | 0.37 | | 0.00 | 0.02 | 0.04 | |
| SE760, | 1 | 2 | 9 | 16 | 2 | 9 | 16 | 0.0099 | 0.02 | 0.09 | 0.16 | 3 | 0.06 | 0.27 | 0.47 | 90 | 0.01 | 0.03 | 0.05 | Low |
| SEOOE | | | | | | | | 0.0120 | 0.02 | 0.11 | 0.19 | | 0.07 | 0.32 | 0.58 | | 0.01 | 0.03 | 0.06 | |
| | | | | | | | | 0.0077 | 0.06 | 0.28 | 0.49 | | 0.18 | 0.83 | 1.48 | | 0.02 | 0.08 | 0.15 | |
| | 4 | 2 | 9 | 16 | 8 | 36 | 64 | 0.0099 | 0.08 | 0.35 | 0.63 | | 0.24 | 1.06 | 1.89 | | 0.02 | 0.11 | 0.19 | |
| | | | | | | | | 0.0120 | 0.10 | 0.43 | 0.77 | | 0.29 | 1.30 | 2.30 | | 0.03 | 0.13 | 0.23 | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 0.02 | 0.09 | 0.17 | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 0.03 | 0.12 | 0.21 | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 0.03 | 0.15 | 0.26 | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 0.02 | 0.09 | 0.17 | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 55 | 0.03 | 0.12 | 0.21 | Moderate |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 0.03 | 0.15 | 0.26 | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 0.08 | 0.37 | 0.67 | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 0.11 | 0.48 | 0.85 | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 0.13 | 0.58 | 1.04 | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 0.04 | 0.17 | 0.30 | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 0.05 | 0.21 | 0.38 | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 0.06 | 0.26 | 0.46 | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 20 | 0.04 | 0.17 | 0.30 | TT' 1 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 20 | 0.05 | 0.21 | 0.38 | High |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 0.06 | 0.26 | 0.46 | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 0.15 | 0.67 | 1.18 | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 0.19 | 0.85 | 1.51 | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 0.23 | 1.04 | 1.04 | |

A3.2 SE77C, SE77D, SE87A

| License | Max. number of well pads | W | Vells j pad | per | W Lic | Vells j cense | per area | Spills per well | Spi | lls per L Area | icence | Volume per spill | Vol li | ume sp icence a | ilt per rea | Volume Recovered | Volum per | ne not reco licence a | overed rea | Impact |
|---------|--------------------------------|---|----------------|-----|----------|------------------|-------------|--------------------|------|-------------------|--------|---------------------|-----------|--------------------|----------------|---------------------|--------------|--------------------------|---------------|-----------|
| alea | No | | No. | | | No. | | No. | | No | | m ³ | | m ³ | | % | | m ³ | | Scellario |
| | 110. | L | Μ | Н | L | Μ | Н | No. | L | М | Н | | L | М | Н | | L | М | Н | |
| | | | | | | | | 0.008 | 0.02 | 0.07 | 0.12 | | 0.05 | 0.21 | 0.37 | | 0.00 | 0.02 | 0.04 | |
| | 1 | 2 | 9 | 16 | 2 | 9 | 16 | 0.010 | 0.02 | 0.09 | 0.16 | | 0.06 | 0.27 | 0.47 | | 0.01 | 0.03 | 0.05 | |
| | | | | | | | | 0.012 | 0.02 | 0.11 | 0.19 | | 0.07 | 0.32 | 0.58 | | 0.01 | 0.03 | 0.06 | |
| SE77c, | | | | | | | | 0.008 | 0.06 | 0.28 | 0.49 | | 0.18 | 0.83 | 1.48 | | 0.02 | 0.08 | 0.15 | |
| SE77d, | 4 | 2 | 9 | 16 | 8 | 36 | 64 | 0.010 | 0.08 | 0.35 | 0.63 | 3 | 0.24 | 1.06 | 1.89 | 90 | 0.02 | 0.11 | 0.19 | Low |
| SE87a | | | | | | | | 0.012 | 0.10 | 0.43 | 0.77 | | 0.29 | 1.30 | 2.30 | | 0.03 | 0.13 | 0.23 | |
| | | - | _ | | | | | 0.008 | 0.15 | 0.69 | 1.23 | | 0.46 | 2.08 | 3.70 | | 0.05 | 0.21 | 0.37 | |
| | 10 | 2 | 9 | 16 | # | 90 | ## | 0.010 | 0.20 | 0.89 | 1.58 | | 0.59 | 2.66 | 4.73 | | 0.06 | 0.27 | 0.47 | |
| | | | | | | | | 0.012 | 0.24 | 1.08 | 1.92 | | 0.72 | 3.24 | 5.76 | | 0.07 | 0.32 | 0.58 | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 0.02 | 0.09 | 0.17 | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 0.03 | 0.12 | 0.21 | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 0.03 | 0.15 | 0.26 | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 0.08 | 0.37 | 0.67 | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 55 | 0.11 | 0.48 | 0.85 | Moderate |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 0.13 | 0.58 | 1.04 | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 0.21 | 0.94 | 1.66 | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 0.27 | 1.20 | 2.13 | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 0.32 | 1.46 | 2.59 | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 0.04 | 0.17 | 0.30 | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 0.05 | 0.21 | 0.38 | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 0.06 | 0.26 | 0.46 | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 0.15 | 0.67 | 1.18 | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 20 | 0.19 | 0.85 | 1.51 | High |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 0.23 | 1.04 | 1.84 | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 0.37 | 1.66 | 2.96 | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 0.47 | 2.13 | 3.78 | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 0.58 | 2.59 | 4.61 | |

A3.3 SD33A, SD34A, SD43B

| License | Max. number of well pads | V | Vells pad | per l | V Lio | Vells j cense | per area | Spills per well | Spi | lls per L Area | icence | Volume per spill | Vol li | lume spi icence a | lt per rea | Volume Recovered | Volum per | ne not reco licence a | overed rea | Impact |
|----------------|--------------------------------|---|--------------|----------|----------|------------------|-------------|--------------------|------|-------------------|--------|---------------------|-----------|----------------------|---------------|---------------------|--------------|--------------------------|---------------|----------|
| area | No | | No. | | | No. | | No | | No | | m ³ | | m ³ | | 0% | | m ³ | | Scenario |
| | 110. | L | М | Η | L | Μ | Η | 140. | L | М | Н | | L | М | Н | /0 | L | М | Н | |
| | | | | | | | | 0.008 | 0.03 | 0.14 | 0.25 | | 0.09 | 0.42 | 0.74 | | 0.01 | 0.04 | 0.07 | |
| | 2 | 2 | 9 | 16 | 4 | 18 | 32 | 0.010 | 0.04 | 0.18 | 0.32 | | 0.12 | 0.53 | 0.95 | | 0.01 | 0.05 | 0.09 | |
| | | | | | | | | 0.012 | 0.05 | 0.22 | 0.38 | | 0.14 | 0.65 | 1.15 | | 0.01 | 0.06 | 0.12 | |
| SD33a, | | | | | | | | 0.008 | 0.05 | 0.21 | 0.37 | | 0.14 | 0.62 | 1.11 | | 0.01 | 0.06 | 0.11 | |
| SD34a, | 3 | 2 | 9 | 16 | 6 | 27 | 48 | 0.010 | 0.06 | 0.27 | 0.47 | 3 | 0.18 | 0.80 | 1.42 | 90 | 0.02 | 0.08 | 0.14 | Low |
| SD43b | | | | | | | | 0.012 | 0.07 | 0.32 | 0.58 | | 0.22 | 0.97 | 1.73 | | 0.02 | 0.10 | 0.17 | |
| | | | | | | | | 0.008 | 0.17 | 0.76 | 1.36 | | 0.51 | 2.29 | 4.07 | | 0.05 | 0.23 | 0.41 | |
| | 11 | 2 | 9 | 16 | # | 99 | ## | 0.010 | 0.22 | 0.98 | 1.73 | | 0.65 | 2.93 | 5.20 | | 0.07 | 0.29 | 0.52 | |
| | | | | | | | | 0.012 | 0.26 | 1.19 | 2.11 | | 0.79 | 3.56 | 6.34 | | 0.08 | 0.36 | 0.63 | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 0.04 | 0.19 | 0.33 | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 0.05 | 0.24 | 0.43 | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 0.06 | 0.29 | 0.52 | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 0.06 | 0.28 | 0.50 | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 55 | 0.08 | 0.36 | 0.64 | Moderate |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 0.10 | 0.44 | 0.78 | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 0.23 | 1.03 | 1.83 | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 0.29 | 1.32 | 2.34 | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 0.36 | 1.60 | 2.85 | ļ |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 0.07 | 0.33 | 0.59 | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 0.09 | 0.43 | 0.76 | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 0.12 | 0.52 | 0.92 | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | • | 0.11 | 0.50 | 0.89 | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 20 | 0.14 | 0.64 | 1.13 | High |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | 0.17 | 0.78 | 1.38 | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 0.41 | 1.83 | 3.25 | |
| 0.52 2.34 4.16 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 0.63 | 2.85 | 5.07 | 1 |

Appendix 4 Off-Site Spill Results

A4.1 SE78B, SE88E

| License | Max. number of well pads | v | Vells j pad | per | Wel | ls per L area | icense | Road spill for every 19 well pads | Spil | ls per lic area | ence | Volume released per spill | Volume | released pe area | er licence | Impact Scenario |
|---------|--------------------------|---|----------------|-----|-----|------------------|--------|--------------------------------------|------|--------------------|------|---------------------------|--------|---------------------|------------|-----------------|
| area | No. | | No. | | | No. | | | | No. | | m ³ | | m ³ | | Number of well |
| | | L | М | Н | L | М | Н | No. | L | М | Н | | L | М | Н | pads |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1.3 | 5.9 | 10.5 | |
| | 1 | 2 | 9 | 16 | 2 | 9 | 16 | 19 | 0.11 | 0.47 | 0.84 | 12.5 | 1.3 | 5.9 | 10.5 | Low |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | 5.3 | 23.7 | 42.1 | |
| SE78b. | | | | | | | | | | | | | 2.0 | 8.9 | 15.8 | |
| SE88e | 1 | 2 | 9 | 16 | 2 | 9 | 16 | 19 | 0.11 | 0.47 | 0.84 | 18.75 | 2.0 | 8.9 | 15.8 | Moderate |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | 7.9 | 35.5 | 63.2 | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | 2.6 | 11.8 | 21.1 | |
| | 4 | 2 | 9 | 16 | 8 | 36 | 64 | 19 | 0.42 | 1.89 | 3.37 | 25 | 2.6 | 11.8 | 21.1 | High |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | 10.5 | 47.4 | 84.2 | |

A4.2 SE77C, SE77D, SE87A

| License | Max. number of well pads | | Wells per | pad | Wells | per Licens | e area | Road spill for every 19 well pads | Spill | s per licence | e area | Volume released per spill | Volume | released per area | r licence | Impact Scenario |
|---------|-----------------------------------|---|-----------|-----|-------|------------|--------|--------------------------------------|-------|---------------|--------|---------------------------------|--------|----------------------|-----------|--------------------|
| area | No | | No. | | | No. | | | | No. | | m ³ | | m ³ | | Number |
| | INO. | L | М | Н | L | М | Н | No | L | М | Н | III | L | М | Н | pads |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1.3 | 5.9 | 10.5 | |
| | 1 | 2 | 9 | 16 | 2 | 9 | 16 | 19 | 0.11 | 0.47 | 0.84 | 12.5 | 5.3 | 23.7 | 42.1 | Low |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | 13.2 | 59.2 | 105.3 | |
| SE77c. | | | | | | | | | | | | | 2.0 | 8.9 | 15.8 | |
| SE77d, | 4 | 2 | 9 | 16 | 8 | 36 | 64 | 19 | 0.42 | 1.89 | 3.37 | 18.75 | 7.9 | 35.5 | 63.2 | Moderate |
| SE87a | | | | | | | | | | | | | 19.7 | 88.8 | 157.9 | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | 2.6 | 11.8 | 21.1 | |
| | 10 | 2 | 9 | 16 | 20 | 90 | 160 | 19 | 1.05 | 4.74 | 8.42 | 25 | 10.5 | 47.4 | 84.2 | High |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | 26.3 | 118.4 | 210.5 | |

A4.3 SD33A, SD34A, SD43B

| License | Max. number of well pads | | Wells per | pad | Wells | per Licens | e area | Road spill for every 19 well pads | Spill | s per licence | e area | Volume released per spill | Volume | released per area | r licence | Impact Scenario |
|---------|-----------------------------------|---|-----------|-----|-------|------------|--------|--------------------------------------|-------|---------------|--------|---------------------------------|--------|----------------------|-----------|--------------------|
| area | No | | No. | | | No. | | | | No. | | m ³ | | m ³ | | Number |
| | INO. | L | М | Н | L | М | Н | No | L | М | Н | 111- | L | М | Н | pads |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | 2.6 | 11.8 | 21.1 | |
| | 2 | 2 | 9 | 16 | 4 | 18 | 32 | 19 | 0.21 | 0.95 | 1.68 | 12.5 | 3.9 | 17.8 | 31.6 | Low |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | 14.5 | 65.1 | 115.8 | |
| SD33a. | | | | | | | | | | | | | 3.9 | 17.8 | 31.6 | |
| SD34a, | 3 | 2 | 9 | 16 | 6 | 27 | 48 | 19 | 0.32 | 1.42 | 2.53 | 18.75 | 5.9 | 26.6 | 47.4 | Moderate |
| SD43b | | | | | | | | | | | | | 21.7 | 97.7 | 173.7 | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | 5.3 | 23.7 | 42.1 | |
| | 11 | 2 | 9 | 16 | 22 | 99 | 176 | 19 | 1.16 | 5.21 | 9.26 | 25 | 7.9 | 35.5 | 63.2 | High |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | 28.9 | 130.3 | 231.6 | |

Appendix 5 Groundwater Resources Results

A5.1 SE78B, SE88E

| License area | Max. number of well pads | v | Vells j pad | per | We | lls per Li area | icense | Volume of water per fracture programme | Volun | ne of water per programme | fracture | Volur | ne of water per programme | fracture |
|--------------|--------------------------|---|----------------|-----|----|--------------------|--------|---|--------|------------------------------|----------|---------|------------------------------|-----------|
| | No | | No. | | | No. | | m ³ / mall | | m^3 / pad | | | m ³ / licence are | ea |
| | INO. | L | М | Η | L | М | Н | m ⁻ / wen | L | М | Н | L | М | Н |
| | | | | | | | | 10000 | 20,000 | 90,000 | 160,000 | 80,000 | 360,000 | 640,000 |
| SE78b, | 4 | 2 | 9 | 16 | 8 | 36 | 64 | 26250 | 52,500 | 236,250 | 420,000 | 210,000 | 945,000 | 1,680,000 |
| | | | | | | | | 42500 | 85,000 | 382,500 | 680,000 | 340,000 | 1,530,000 | 2,720,000 |

A5.2 SE77C, SE77D, SE87A

| License area | Max. number of well pads | v | Vells p pad | per | Well | ls per L area | icense | Volume of water per fracture programme | Volum | ne of water per programme | fracture | Volur | ne of water per programme | fracture |
|------------------------|--------------------------|---|----------------|-----|------|------------------|--------|--|--------|------------------------------|----------|---------|------------------------------|-----------|
| | No | | No. | | | No. | | m ³ / mall | | m^3 / pad | | | m ³ / licence ar | ea |
| | INO. | L | М | Н | L | М | Н | III" / well | L | М | Н | L | М | Н |
| | | | | | | | | 10000 | 20,000 | 90,000 | 160,000 | 200,000 | 900,000 | 1,600,000 |
| SE77c, SE77d, SE87a | 10 | 2 | 9 | 16 | 20 | 90 | 160 | 26250 | 52,500 | 236,250 | 420,000 | 525,000 | 2,362,500 | 4,200,000 |
| 22074 | | | | | | | | 42500 | 85,000 | 382,500 | 680,000 | 850,000 | 3,825,000 | 6,800,000 |

A5.3 SD33A, SD34A, SD43B

| License area | Max. number of well pads | v | Vells pad | per | Wells | s per Lic | ense area | Volume of water per fracture programme | Volume of water per fracture programme Programme | | | Volume of water per fracture programme | | |
|-----------------|--------------------------|---|--------------|-----|-------|-----------|-----------|---|---|---------|---------|---|-----------|-----------|
| | No | | No. | | | No. | | m^3 (wall | m ³ / pad | | | m ³ / licence area | | |
| | 110. | L | М | Η | L | М | Н | iii / weii | L | М | Н | L | М | Н |
| SD33a | | | | | | | | 10000 | 20,000 | 90,000 | 160,000 | 200,000 | 900,000 | 1,600,000 |
| SD34a, | 10 | 2 | 9 | 16 | 20 | 90 | 160 | 26250 | 52,500 | 236,250 | 420,000 | 525,000 | 2,362,500 | 4,200,000 |
| SD43b | | | | | | | | 42500 | 85,000 | 382,500 | 680,000 | 850,000 | 3,825,000 | 6,800,000 |

Appendix 6 RTM Spreadsheets

6i) Permo-Triassic Sandstone Aquifer





after Care should be used when calculating remedial targets using the time variant options as this may result in an overestimate of the remedial target.

7.05E-04

1.0E+100

mg/I Ogata Banks

days

The recommended value for time when calculating the remedial target is 9.9E+99.

Concentration of contaminant at compliance point C_{ED}/C_0





| Ogata Banks | | | | |
|---|---------------------------------|----------------------|--------------|-------------|
| Distance to compliance point | | 24 | m | |
| Concentration of contaminant at compliance point after | C _{ED} /C ₀ | 3.28E-03 1.0E+100 | mg/l days | Ogata Banks |





| I or companson with measured groundwar | mg/i | 2.036401 | | itemediai raiget |
|--|--------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|---|
| - | | | | Ogata Banks |
| | m | 49 | | Distance to compliance point |
| Ogata Banks | mg/l days | 6.82E-04 1.0E+100 | C _{ED} /C ₀ | Concentration of contaminant at compliance point after |





| Distance to compliance point | | 9 | m | |
|--|---------------------------------|----------------------|--------------|-------------|
| Concentration of contaminant at compliance point after | C _{ED} /C ₀ | 9.57E-03 1.0E+100 | mg/l days | Ogata Banks |





| Distance to compliance point | | 90 | m | |
|--|---------------------------------|----------------------|--------------|-------------|
| Concentration of contaminant at compliance point after | C _{ED} /C ₀ | 1.85E+02 1.0E+100 | mg/l days | Ogata Banks |





Cogata Banks
Distance to compliance point 101 m
Concentration of contaminant at compliance point C_{E2}/C₀ 1.47E+02 mg/l Ogata Banks
after 1.0E+100 days

6ii) Sand and Gravel Aquifer





| | | | | |
|-------------|--------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|---|
| | | | | Ogata Banks |
| | m | 62 | | Distance to compliance point |
| Ogata Banks | mg/l days | 7.08E-04 1.0E+100 | C _{ED} /C ₀ | Concentration of contaminant at compliance point after |





| Ogata Bariks | | | | | |
|--|---------------------------------|----------------------|--------------|-------------|--|
| Distance to compliance point | | 30 | m | | |
| Concentration of contaminant at compliance point after | C _{ED} /C ₀ | 3.67E-03 1.0E+100 | mg/l days | Ogata Banks | |





| Ogata Banks | | | | |
|---|---------------------------------|----------------------|--------------|-------------|
| Distance to compliance point | | 61 | m | |
| Concentration of contaminant at compliance point after | C _{ED} /C ₀ | 7.24E-04 1.0E+100 | mg/l days | Ogata Banks |





| Ogata Banks | | | | |
|--|---------------------------------|----------------------|--------------|-------------|
| Distance to compliance point | | 9 | m | |
| Concentration of contaminant at compliance point after | C _{ED} /C ₀ | 1.31E-02 1.0E+100 | mg/l days | Ogata Banks |





| Ogata Banks | | | | - |
|---|---------------------------------|----------------------|--------------|-------------|
| Distance to compliance point | | 90 | m | |
| Concentration of contaminant at compliance point after | C _{ED} /C ₀ | 1.85E+02 1.0E+100 | mg/l days | Ogata Banks |





| Ogata Banks | | | | |
|---|---------------------------------|----------------------|--------------|-------------|
| Distance to compliance point | | 101 | m | |
| Concentration of contaminant at compliance point after | C _{ED} /C ₀ | 1.47E+02 1.0E+100 | mg/l days | Ogata Banks |
6iii) Corallian Group Aquifer





| Distance to compliance point | | 481 | m | |
|--|---------------------------------|----------------------|--------------|-------------|
| Concentration of contaminant at compliance point after | C _{ED} /C ₀ | 7.47E-04 1.0E+100 | mg/l days | Ogata Banks |





| Distance to compliance point | 243 | m | |
|--|--|------|-------------|
| Concentration of contaminant at compliance point c | C _{ED} /C ₀ 3.96E-03 | mg/l | Ogata Banks |
| after | 1.0E+100 | days | |





after 1.0E+100 days
Care should be used when calculating remedial targets using the time variant options as this may result in an overestimate of the remedial targets

7.46E-04

mg/I Ogata Banks

The recommended value for time when calculating the remedial target is 9.9E+99.

Concentration of contaminant at compliance point C_{ED}/C_0





| Ogata Banks | | | | |
|--|---------------------------------|----------------------|--------------|-------------|
| Distance to compliance point | | 16 | m | |
| Concentration of contaminant at compliance point after | C _{ED} /C ₀ | 1.35E-02 1.0E+100 | mg/l days | Ogata Banks |





| Distance to compliance point | | 90 | m | |
|--|---------------------------------|----------------------|--------------|-------------|
| Concentration of contaminant at compliance point after | C _{ED} /C ₀ | 1.85E+02 1.0E+100 | mg/l days | Ogata Banks |





Ogata Banks Distance to compliance point 101 m Concentration of contaminant at compliance point C_{ED}/C₀ 1.47E+02 mg/l Ogata Banks after 1.0E+100 days