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# Source Water Assessment

A Hydrogeologic Susceptibility and  
Vulnerability Assessment for  
Valley Water Company Drinking Water  
System,

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The Drinking Water Protection Program (DWPP) is producing Source Water Assessments in compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments of 1996. Each assessment includes a delineation of the source water area, an inventory of potential and existing contaminant sources that may impact the water, a risk ranking for each of these contaminants, and an evaluation of the potential vulnerability of these drinking water sources.

These assessments are intended to provide public water systems owners/operators, communities, and local governments with the best available information that may be used to protect the quality of their drinking water. The assessments combine information obtained from various sources, including the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC), public water system owners/operators, and other public information sources. The results of this assessment are subject to change if additional data becomes available. It is anticipated this assessment will be updated every five years to reflect any changes in the vulnerability and/or susceptibility of public drinking water source. If you have any additional information that may affect the results of this assessment, please contact the Program Coordinator of DWPP, (907) 269-7521.

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### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This source water assessment provides an evaluation of the vulnerability of the public water system serving the Valley Water Company to potential contamination. This Class A (non-community) water system consists of two wells on Lakloey Drive approximately 7 miles northwest of North Pole, Alaska. The wells received a natural susceptibility rating of **High**. This rating is a combination of a susceptibility rating of **Low** for the actual wellhead and a **Very High** rating for the aquifer in which the well is drawing water from. Identified potential and current sources of contamination for the Valley Water Company public water system include: residential heating oil storage tanks, residential septic systems, roads, residential area, fireworks sales, and cropland. These are considered as sources of bacteria and viruses, nitrates and/or nitrites, volatile organic chemicals (VOCs), heavy metals, cyanide, and other inorganic chemicals, synthetic organic chemicals (SOCs), and other organic chemicals (OOCs). Combining the natural susceptibility of the well with the contaminant risk, the public water system for Valley Water Company received an overall vulnerability rating of **High** for VOCs and heavy metals, cyanide, and other inorganic chemicals; **Medium** for bacteria and viruses, nitrates and/or nitrites, SOCs, and OOCs..

### VALLEY WATER COMPANY PUBLIC DRINKING WATER SYSTEM

Valley Water Company public water system is a Class A (community) water system. The system consists of two wells on Lakloey Drive approximately 7 miles northwest of North Pole, Alaska (T1S, R1E, Section 15) (See Map 1 of Appendix A). North Pole is located southeast of Fairbanks in the Fairbanks North Star Borough which is near the center of Alaska (Please see the inset of Map 1 in Appendix A for location). The Borough's current population is 82,840 making it the second-largest population center in the state (ADCED, 2002). Communities located within the Borough include : College, Eielson Air Force Base, Ester, Fairbanks, Fox, Harding Lake, Moose Creek, North Pole, Pleasant Valley, Salcha, and Two Rivers.

The majority of residents located in the area surrounding the city of Fairbanks use individual water wells or hauled water, and septic systems (ADCED,

2002). Heating oil (typically stored in both above and below ground 275 to 500-gallon tanks) is used for heating homes and buildings. Refuse is transported to the Fairbanks North Star Borough landfill.

The Fairbanks area includes two distinct topographic areas: the alluvial plain between the Tanana River and the Chena River, and the uplands north of this alluvial plain. The Valley Water Company water system is located in the alluvial plain at an elevation of approximately 425 feet above sea level.

According to the most recent sanitary survey (7/11/97) for this water system, the depth of the well is 135 feet below the ground surface. Other wells in this area are screened in a combination of sand and gravel and it is assumed that this one is also. The alluvial plain consists of alternating layers of sand and gravel up to over 500 feet thick, in some locations overlain by 1 to 10 feet of silt or sandy silt or a few feet of peat (Glass and others, 1996).

Primarily the Tanana River, but also the Chena River contribute water to this alluvial aquifer. The Chena River typically only contributes water when its stage is high and the Tanana is low (Nelson, 1978). The Tanana River gets approximately 85% of its water from snowmelt of the Alaska Range and 15% from the Yukon-Tanana uplands (Anderson, 1970).

The Valley Water Company public water system serves 700 residents and 200 non-residents through 300 service connections.

### VALLEY WATER COMPANY DRINKING WATER PROTECTION AREA

The pathways most likely for surface contamination to reach the groundwater are identified as the first step in determining a drinking water system's risk. These areas are determined by looking at the characteristics of the soil, groundwater, aquifer, and well.

The most probable area for contamination to reach the drinking water well is the area that contributes water to the well, the groundwater capture zone. The groundwater capture zone is located in the area circling the well (the area influenced by pumping) and also the area of the water table upgradient of the well, usually forming a parabola shape.

The shape of the capture zone is calculated using a combination of two simple groundwater flow equations, the Thiem and uniform flow equations. The orientation of the capture zone is drawn using a water table elevation map of the area.

The parameters used to calculate the shape of the capture zone were obtained from various United State Geological Survey (USGS) reports, well logs in the area, and the Groundwater textbook by Freeze and Cherry (Freeze and Cherry, 1979).

The water table in the area of the Valley Water Company, the area between the Tanana and the Chena Rivers, is primarily influenced by the level of water flow in each river. The capture zones were drawn based on three separate configurations of the water table during various stages of the rivers: a period of high stage in the Chena River (October 14-17, 1986), high stage in the Tanana River (July 16-17, 1987), and low stages in both rivers (March 30-April 3, 1988) (Glass and others, 1996). High water levels in the Chena usually occur in the spring due to runoff from the uplands and in late summer due to rainstorms (Nelson, 1978). The Tanana usually experiences high flow during the hot, dry periods of mid-summer when maximum snowmelt from the Alaska Range occurs (Nelson, 1978). Groundwater in this area generally flows toward the northwest, from the Tanana River to the Chena River, however flow is reversed very near the Chena River during its high stage periods (Glass and others, 1996).

Because of uncertainties and changing site conditions, a factor of safety is added to the groundwater capture zone to form the drinking water protection area for the well.

The protection areas established for wells are usually separated into four zones, limited by the watershed. These zones correspond to times-of-travel (TOT) of the water moving through the aquifer to the well (plus the factor of safety).

The following is a summary of the four zones for wells and the calculated time-of-travel for each:

**Table 1. Definition of Zones**

<b>Zone</b>	<b>Definition</b>
A	¼ the distance for the 2-yr. time-of-travel
B	Less than 2 years time-of-travel
C	Less than 5 years time-of-travel
D	Less than 10 years time-of-travel

The time of travel for contaminants within the water varies with their unique physical and chemical characteristics.

The drinking water protection area outlined for the Valley Water Company on Map 1 of Appendix A will serve as the focus for voluntary protection efforts.

**INVENTORY OF POTENTIAL AND EXISTING CONTAMINANT SOURCES**

The Drinking Water Protection Program (DWPP) has completed an inventory of potential and existing sources of contamination within the Valley Water Company protection area. This inventory was completed through a search of agency records and other publicly available information. Potential drinking water contaminants are found within agricultural, residential, commercial, and industrial areas, but can also occur within areas that have little or no development.

For the basis of all Class A public water system assessments, six categories of drinking water contaminants were inventoried. They include:

- Bacteria and viruses;
- Nitrates and/or nitrites;
- Volatile organic chemicals;
- Heavy metals, cyanide, and other inorganic chemicals;
- Synthetic organic chemicals; and
- Other organic chemicals.

The sources are displayed on Map 2 of Appendix C and summarized in Table 1 of Appendix B.

**RANKING OF CONTAMINANT RISKS**

Once the potential and existing sources of contamination have been identified, they are each assigned a ranking according to what type and level of risk they represent. Ranking of contaminant risks for a “potential” or “existing” source of contamination is a combination of toxicity and volume associated with that source. Rankings include:

- Low;
- Medium;
- High; and
- Very High.

Bacteria and Viruses are only inventoried in Zones A and B because of their short life span. Only “Very High” and “High” rankings are inventoried within the outer Zone D due to the probability of contaminant dilution by the time the contaminants get to the well.

Tables 2 through 7 in Appendix B contain the ranking of inventoried potential and existing sources of contamination with respect to bacteria and viruses, nitrates and/or nitrites, volatile organic chemicals.

## VULNERABILITY OF VALLEY WATER COMPANY DRINKING WATER SYSTEM

Vulnerability of a drinking water source to contamination is a combination of two factors:

- Natural susceptibility; and
- Contaminant risks.

Appendix D contains fourteen charts, which together form the ‘Vulnerability Analysis’ for a source water assessment for a public drinking water source. Chart 1 analyzes the ‘Susceptibility of the Wellhead’ to contamination by looking at the construction of the well and its surrounding area. Chart 2 analyzes the ‘Susceptibility of the Aquifer’ to contamination by looking at the properties of the aquifer and the presence of other wells or boreholes in the area. Chart 3 analyzes ‘Contaminant Risks’ for the drinking water source with respect to Bacteria and Viruses. The ‘Contaminant Risks’ portion of the analysis considers potential sources of contaminants as well as a review of the water system’s contaminant sample results. Lastly, Chart 4 combines the results of the first three charts to produce the ‘Vulnerability Analysis for Bacteria and Viruses’. Charts 5 through 14 contain the Contaminant Risks and Vulnerability Analyses for nitrates and nitrites, volatile organic chemicals, heavy metals, cyanide, and other inorganic chemicals, synthetic organic chemicals, and other organic chemicals, respectively.

A score for the Natural Susceptibility is reached by considering the properties of the well and the aquifer.

$$\begin{array}{r}
 \text{Susceptibility of the Wellhead (0 – 25 Points)} \\
 \text{(Chart 1 of Appendix D)} \\
 + \\
 \text{Susceptibility of the Aquifer (0 – 25 Points)} \\
 \text{(Chart 2 of Appendix D)} \\
 = \\
 \text{Natural Susceptibility (Susceptibility of the Well)} \\
 \text{(0 – 50 Points)}
 \end{array}$$

A ranking is assigned for the Natural Susceptibility according to the point score:

Natural Susceptibility Ratings	
40 to 50 pts	Very High
30 to < 40 pts	High
20 to < 30 pts	Medium
< 20 pts	Low

The wellhead for the Valley Water Company received a Low Susceptibility rating. The most recent sanitary survey (12/10/02) indicates the well is capped with a sanitary seal and the land surface is sloped away from the well, however, the well is not grouted. A sanitary seal prevents potential contaminant from entering the well while sloping of the land surface and grouting help to prevent potential contaminants from traveling down the outside of the well casing.

The aquifer the Valley Water Company well is in received a Very High Susceptibility rating. The highly transmissive aquifer material and the high water table in the area allow contaminants to travel downward from the surface with the precipitation and surface water runoff. Table 2 summarizes the Susceptibility scores and ratings for Valley Water Company.

**Table 2. Susceptibility**

	Score	Rating
Susceptibility of the Wellhead	5	Low
Susceptibility of the Aquifer	25	Very High
Natural Susceptibility	30	High

The Contaminant Risk has been derived from an evaluation of the routine sampling results of the water system and the presence of potential sources of contamination. Contaminant risks to a drinking water source depend on the type and distribution of contaminant sources. Flow charts are used to assign a point score, and ratings are assigned in the same way as for the natural susceptibility:

Contaminant Risk Ratings	
40 to 50 pts	Very High
30 to < 40 pts	High
20 to < 30 pts	Medium
< 20 pts	Low

Table 3 summarizes the Contaminant Risks for each category of drinking water contaminants.

**Table 3. Contaminant Risks**

Category	Score	Rating
Bacteria and Viruses	23	Medium
Nitrates and/or Nitrites	26	Medium
Volatile Organic Chemicals	33	High
Heavy Metals, Cyanide, and Other Inorganic Chemicals	35	High
Synthetic Organic Chemicals	12	Low
Other Organic Chemicals	25	Medium

Finally, an overall vulnerability score is assigned for each water system by combining each of the contaminant risk scores with the natural susceptibility score:

$$\begin{array}{r}
 \text{Natural Susceptibility (0 – 50 points)} \\
 + \\
 \text{Contaminant Risks (0 – 50 points)} \\
 = \\
 \text{Vulnerability of the} \\
 \text{Drinking Water Source to Contamination (0 – 100)}.
 \end{array}$$

Again, rankings are assigned according to a point score:

Overall Vulnerability Ratings	
80 to 100 pts	Very High
60 to < 80 pts	High
40 to < 60 pts	Medium
< 40 pts	Low

Table 4 contains the overall vulnerability scores (0 – 100) and ratings for each of the six categories of drinking water contaminants. Note: scores are rounded off to the nearest five.

**Table 4. Overall Vulnerability**

Category	Score	Rating
Bacteria and Viruses	55	Medium
Nitrates and Nitrites	55	Medium
Volatile Organic Chemicals	65	High
Heavy Metals, Cyanide, and Other Inorganic Chemicals	65	High
Synthetic Organic Chemicals	40	Medium
Other Organic Chemicals	55	Medium

**Bacteria and Viruses**

The septic systems in the protection area represent the greatest risk for bacteria and viruses to the drinking water well.

Only a small amount of bacteria and viruses are required to endanger public health. Coliforms are found naturally in the environment and although they aren't necessarily a health threat, it is an indicator of other potentially harmful bacteria in the water, more specifically, fecal coliforms and E. coli which only come from human and animal fecal waste (EPA, 2002). Harmful bacteria can cause diarrhea, cramps, nausea, headaches, or other symptoms (EPA, 2002). Coliforms have been detected in this water system, although fecal coliforms and E. Coli have not.

After combining the contaminant risk for bacteria and viruses with the natural susceptibility of the well, the overall vulnerability of the well to contamination is medium.

**Nitrates and Nitrites**

The septic systems in the protection area also represent the greatest risk to nitrates and nitrites for this source of public drinking water.

Nitrates are very mobile, moving at approximately the same rate as water. Nitrates have not been detected in significant quantities in recent sampling history for the Valley Water Company well.

After combining the contaminant risk for nitrates and nitrites with the natural susceptibility of the well, the overall vulnerability of the well to contamination is medium.

**Volatile Organic Chemicals**

The residential heating oil tanks along with the motor vehicle dealership represent the greatest risk for volatile organic chemical contamination to the well.

Both underground and above ground heating oil storage tanks are the standard way of heating homes and businesses in the area surrounding Fairbanks. The most common causes of fuel leaks of these heating oil systems are overfilling the tank, ruptured fuel lines, leaking storage tanks, damaged or faulty valves and vandalism. Regular system maintenance can help prevent many of these harmful fuel leaks.

Volatile Organic Chemicals were sampled on 12/27/00, 4/17/97, and 7/1/96 in the Valley Water Company public water system. Tetrachloroethylene and toluene were detected in very low concentrations during the 4/17/97 sampling event. After combining the contaminant risk for volatile organic chemicals with the natural susceptibility of the well, the overall vulnerability of the well to contamination is high.

## **Heavy Metals, Cyanide, and Other Inorganic Chemicals**

The septic systems represent the greatest risk for inorganic chemicals to the well.

Inorganic chemicals were sampled on 10/28/98, 10/10/95, and 4/29/93. Arsenic (0.007 mg/L on 12/13/02), barium (0.084 mg/L on 4/29/93), cadmium (0.0016 on 4/29/93), fluoride (0.180 on 4/29/93), and thallium (0.001 on 10/28/98) have all been detected well below their respective maximum contaminant levels (MCLs). Thallium was detected at a concentration of 50% with respect to its MCL of 0.002 mg/L (EPA, 2002). The major source of elevated thallium concentrations in water is the leaching of thallium from ore processing operations. In greater quantities, thallium is thought to cause gastrointestinal disturbances and nerve damage. Thallium has also been shown to potentially cause changes in blood chemistry; damage to liver, kidney, intestinal and testicular tissues; and hair loss after long term exposure to concentrations greater than the MCL (EPA, 2002).

After combining the contaminant risk for heavy metals, cyanide and other inorganic chemicals with the natural susceptibility of the well, the overall vulnerability of the well to contamination is high.

## **Synthetic Organic Chemicals**

The residential septic systems represent the greatest risk for synthetic organic chemicals to the well.

Synthetic organic chemicals have not been sampled for in this water system.

After combining the contaminant risk for synthetic organic chemicals with the natural susceptibility of the well, the overall vulnerability of the well to contamination is medium.

## **Other Organic Chemicals**

The motor vehicle dealership represents the greatest risk for other organic chemicals to the well.

Other organic chemicals have not been sampled for in this water system.

After combining the contaminant risk for synthetic organic chemicals with the natural susceptibility of the well, the overall vulnerability of the well to contamination is medium.

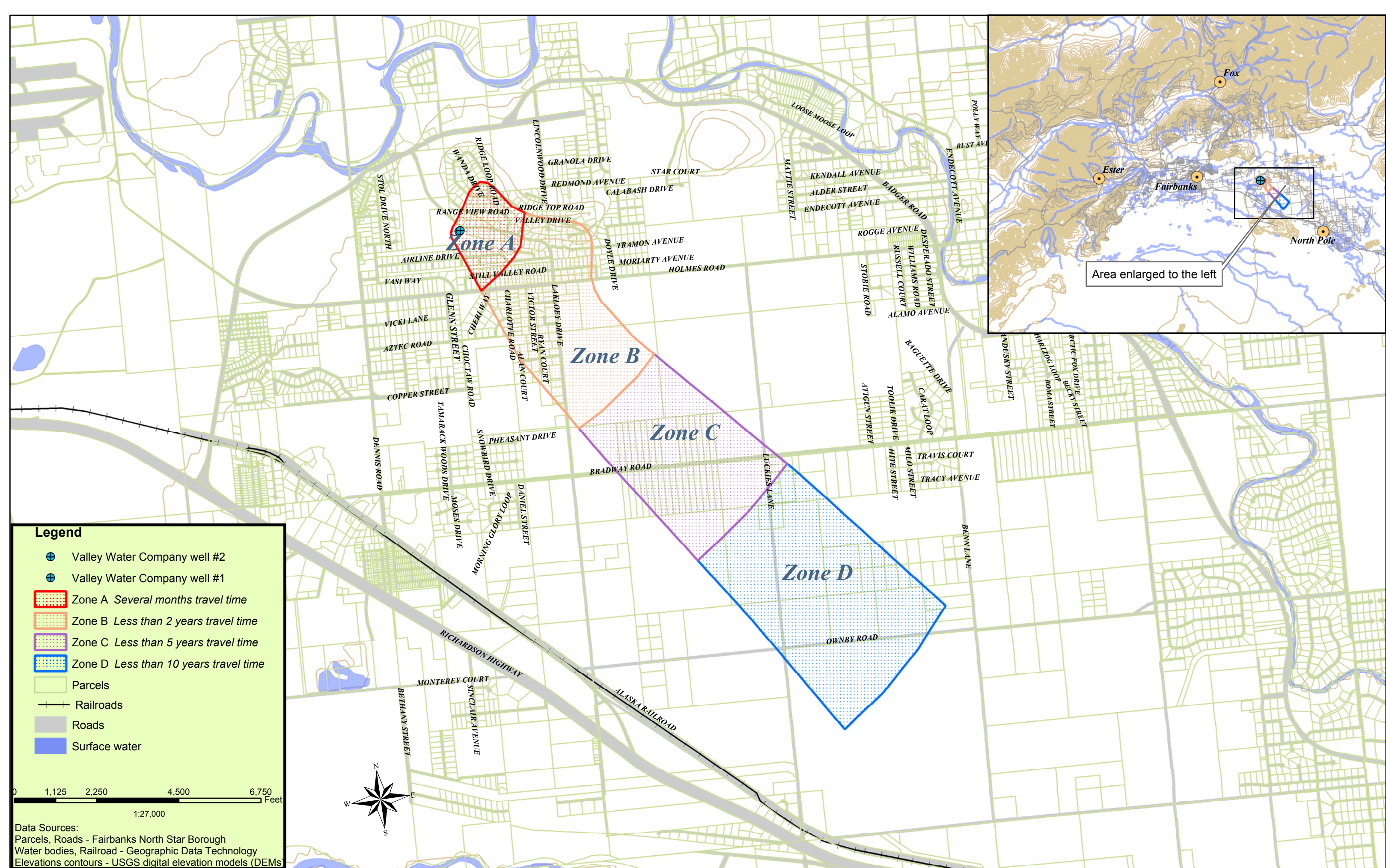


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## **APPENDIX A**

### **Valley Water Company Drinking Water Protection Area Location Map (Map 1)**



**Legend**

- Valley Water Company well #2
- Valley Water Company well #1
- Zone A *Several months travel time*
- Zone B *Less than 2 years travel time*
- Zone C *Less than 5 years travel time*
- Zone D *Less than 10 years travel time*
- Parcels
- Railroads
- Roads
- Surface water

0 1,125 2,250 4,500 6,750 Feet

1:27,000

Data Sources:  
 Parcels, Roads - Fairbanks North Star Borough  
 Water bodies, Railroad - Geographic Data Technology  
 Elevations contours - USGS digital elevation models (DEMs)

## **APPENDIX B**

### **Contaminant Source Inventory and Risk Ranking for Valley Water Company (Tables 1-7)**

**Table 1**

**Contaminant Source Inventory for  
Valley Water Company**

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<b>Contaminant Source Type</b>	<b>Contaminant Source ID</b>	<b>CS ID tag</b>	<b>Zone</b>	<b>Map Number</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Fireworks sales and distribution	C11	C11-1	A	2	1316 Cordelia Way
Motor vehicle dealerships - cars, trucks, motor cycles, ATV's, snow machines, boats (with service department)	C27	C27-1	A	2	1233 Range View Road
Residential Areas	R01	R01-1	A	2	Approximately 50 acres of residential area in Zone A
Septic systems (serves one single-family home)	R02		A	2	Assumed 62 septic systems based on tax parcels designated as residential
Tanks, heating oil, residential (above ground)	R08		A	2	Assumed 62 tanks based on tax parcels designated as residential
Highways and roads, paved (cement or asphalt)	X20		A	2	5 roads in Zone A
Construction trade areas and materials	C09	C09-1	B	2	989 Lakloey Dr
Residential Areas	R01	R01-2	B	2	Approximately 100 acres of residential area in Zone B
Septic systems (serves one single-family home)	R02		B	2	Assumed 91 septic systems based on tax parcels designated as residential
Tanks, heating oil, residential (above ground)	R08		B	2	Assumed 91 tanks based on tax parcels designated as residential
Highways and roads, paved (cement or asphalt)	X20		B	2	12 roads in Zone B
Highways and roads, paved (cement or asphalt)	X20		C	2 inset	1 road in Zone C
Cropland	A02		D	2 inset	1480 Milo Street

**Table 2**

*Contaminant Source Inventory and Risk Ranking for  
Valley Water Company  
Sources of Bacteria and Viruses*

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<i>Contaminant Source Type</i>	<i>Contaminant Source ID</i>	<i>CS ID tag</i>	<i>Zone</i>	<i>Risk Ranking for Analysis</i>	<i>Map Number</i>	<i>Comments</i>
Highways and roads, paved (cement or asphalt)	X20		A	Low	2	5 roads in Zone A
Septic systems (serves one single-family home)	R02		A	Low	2	Assumed 62 septics based on tax parcels designated as residential
Residential Areas	R01	R01-1	A	Low	2	Approximately 50 acres of residential area in Zone A
Highways and roads, paved (cement or asphalt)	X20		B	Low	2	12 roads in Zone B
Septic systems (serves one single-family home)	R02		B	Low	2	Assumed 91 septics based on tax parcels designated as residential
Residential Areas	R01	R01-2	B	Low	2	Approximately 100 acres of residential area in Zone B

**Table 3**

*Contaminant Source Inventory and Risk Ranking for  
Valley Water Company  
Sources of Nitrates/Nitrites*

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<i>Contaminant Source Type</i>	<i>Contaminant Source ID</i>	<i>CS ID tag</i>	<i>Zone</i>	<i>Risk Ranking for Analysis</i>	<i>Map Number</i>	<i>Comments</i>
Highways and roads, paved (cement or asphalt)	X20		A	Low	2	5 roads in Zone A
Septic systems (serves one single-family home)	R02		A	Low	2	Assumed 62 septics based on tax parcels designated as residential
Fireworks sales and distribution	C11	C11-1	A	Low	2	1316 Cordelia Way
Residential Areas	R01	R01-1	A	Low	2	Approximately 50 acres of residential area in Zone A
Highways and roads, paved (cement or asphalt)	X20		B	Low	2	12 roads in Zone B
Septic systems (serves one single-family home)	R02		B	Low	2	Assumed 91 septics based on tax parcels designated as residential
Residential Areas	R01	R01-2	B	Low	2	Approximately 100 acres of residential area in Zone B
Highways and roads, paved (cement or asphalt)	X20		C	Low	2 inset	1 road in Zone C
Cropland	A02		D	High	2 inset	1480 Milo Street

Table 4

*Contaminant Source Inventory and Risk Ranking for  
Valley Water Company  
Sources of Volatile Organic Chemicals*

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<i>Contaminant Source Type</i>	<i>Contaminant Source ID</i>	<i>CS ID tag</i>	<i>Zone</i>	<i>Risk Ranking for Analysis</i>	<i>Map Number</i>	<i>Comments</i>
Tanks, heating oil, residential (above ground)	R08		A	Medium	2	Assumed 62 tanks based on tax parcels designated as residential
Highways and roads, paved (cement or asphalt)	X20		A	Low	2	5 roads in Zone A
Septic systems (serves one single-family home)	R02		A	Low	2	Assumed 62 septic systems based on tax parcels designated as residential
Motor vehicle dealerships - cars, trucks, motor cycles, ATV's, snow machines, boats (with service department)	C27	C27-1	A	Medium	2	1233 Range View Road
Residential Areas	R01	R01-1	A	Low	2	Approximately 50 acres of residential area in Zone A
Highways and roads, paved (cement or asphalt)	X20		B	Low	2	12 roads in Zone B
Tanks, heating oil, residential (above ground)	R08		B	Medium	2	Assumed 91 tanks based on tax parcels designated as residential
Septic systems (serves one single-family home)	R02		B	Low	2	Assumed 91 septic systems based on tax parcels designated as residential
Construction trade areas and materials	C09	C09-1	B	Low	2	989 Lakloey Dr
Residential Areas	R01	R01-2	B	Low	2	Approximately 100 acres of residential area in Zone B
Highways and roads, paved (cement or asphalt)	X20		C	Low	2 inset	1 road in Zone C



Table 5

*Contaminant Source Inventory and Risk Ranking for  
Valley Water Company*

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*Sources of Heavy Metals, Cyanide and Other Inorganic Chemicals*

<i>Contaminant Source Type</i>	<i>Contaminant Source ID</i>	<i>CS ID tag</i>	<i>Zone</i>	<i>Risk Ranking for Analysis</i>	<i>Map Number</i>	<i>Comments</i>
Highways and roads, paved (cement or asphalt)	X20		A	Low	2	5 roads in Zone A
Septic systems (serves one single-family home)	R02		A	Low	2	Assumed 62 septic based on tax parcels designated as residential
Fireworks sales and distribution	C11	C11-1	A	Low	2	1316 Cordelia Way
Motor vehicle dealerships - cars, trucks, motor cycles, ATV's, snow machines, boats (with service department)	C27	C27-1	A	Low	2	1233 Range View Road
Residential Areas	R01	R01-1	A	Low	2	Approximately 50 acres of residential area in Zone A
Septic systems (serves one single-family home)	R02		B	Low	2	Assumed 91 septic based on tax parcels designated as residential
Highways and roads, paved (cement or asphalt)	X20		B	Low	2	12 roads in Zone B
Construction trade areas and materials	C09	C09-1	B	Low	2	989 Lakloey Dr
Residential Areas	R01	R01-2	B	Low	2	Approximately 100 acres of residential area in Zone B
Highways and roads, paved (cement or asphalt)	X20		C	Low	2 inset	1 road in Zone C

**Table 6**

*Contaminant Source Inventory and Risk Ranking for  
Valley Water Company  
Sources of Synthetic Organic Chemicals*

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<i>Contaminant Source Type</i>	<i>Contaminant Source ID</i>	<i>CS ID tag</i>	<i>Zone</i>	<i>Risk Ranking for Analysis</i>	<i>Map Number</i>	<i>Comments</i>
Septic systems (serves one single-family home)	R02		A	Low	2	Assumed 62 septic systems based on tax parcels designated as residential
Residential Areas	R01	R01-1	A	Low	2	Approximately 50 acres of residential area in Zone A
Septic systems (serves one single-family home)	R02		B	Low	2	Assumed 91 septic systems based on tax parcels designated as residential
Residential Areas	R01	R01-2	B	Low	2	Approximately 100 acres of residential area in Zone B
Cropland	A02		D	High	2 inset	1480 Milo Street

**Table 7**

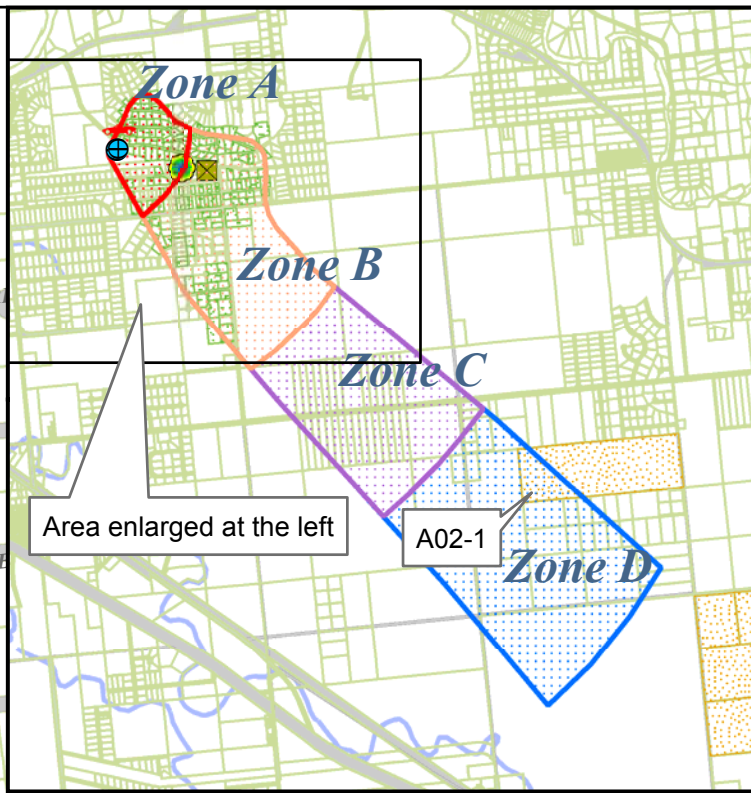
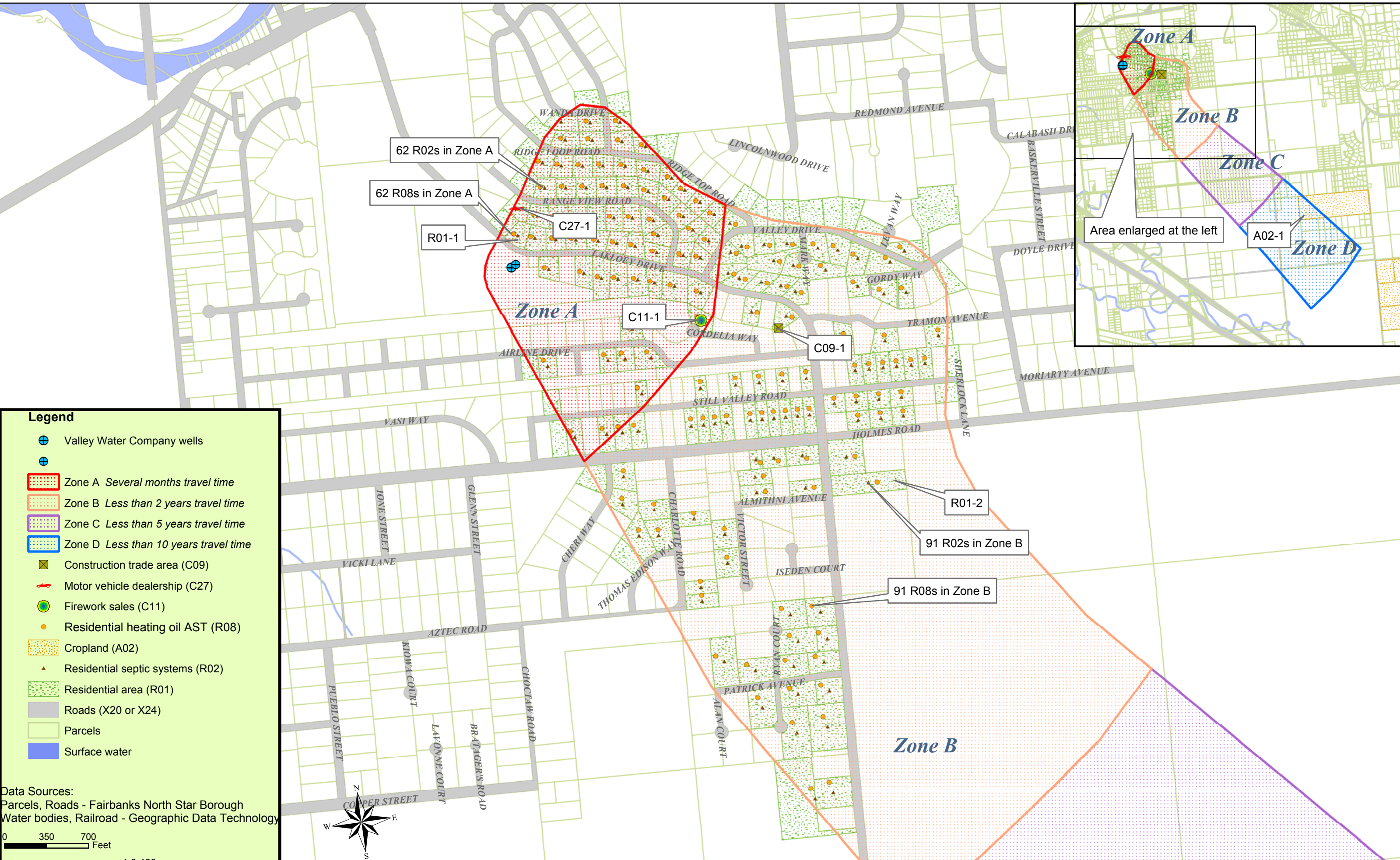
*Contaminant Source Inventory and Risk Ranking for  
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Sources of Other Organic Chemicals*

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<i>Contaminant Source Type</i>	<i>Contaminant Source ID</i>	<i>CS ID tag</i>	<i>Zone</i>	<i>Risk Ranking for Analysis</i>	<i>Map Number</i>	<i>Comments</i>
Septic systems (serves one single-family home)	R02		A	Low	2	Assumed 62 septics based on tax parcels designated as residential
Highways and roads, paved (cement or asphalt)	X20		A	Low	2	5 roads in Zone A
Motor vehicle dealerships - cars, trucks, motor cycles, ATV's, snow machines, boats (with service department)	C27	C27-1	A	Medium	2	1233 Range View Road
Residential Areas	R01	R01-1	A	Low	2	Approximately 50 acres of residential area in Zone A
Septic systems (serves one single-family home)	R02		B	Low	2	Assumed 91 septics based on tax parcels designated as residential
Highways and roads, paved (cement or asphalt)	X20		B	Low	2	12 roads in Zone B
Construction trade areas and materials	C09	C09-1	B	Low	2	989 Lakloey Dr
Residential Areas	R01	R01-2	B	Low	2	Approximately 100 acres of residential area in Zone B
Highways and roads, paved (cement or asphalt)	X20		C	Low	2 inset	1 road in Zone C

## **APPENDIX C**

### **Valley Water Company Drinking Water Protection Area and Potential and Existing Contaminant Sources (Map 2)**

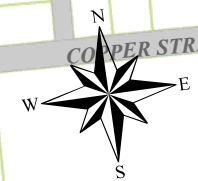


**Legend**

- Valley Water Company wells
- Zone A Several months travel time
- Zone B Less than 2 years travel time
- Zone C Less than 5 years travel time
- Zone D Less than 10 years travel time
- Construction trade area (C09)
- Motor vehicle dealership (C27)
- Firework sales (C11)
- Residential heating oil AST (R08)
- Cropland (A02)
- Residential septic systems (R02)
- Residential area (R01)
- Roads (X20 or X24)
- Parcels
- Surface water

Data Sources:  
 Parcels, Roads - Fairbanks North Star Borough  
 Water bodies, Railroad - Geographic Data Technology

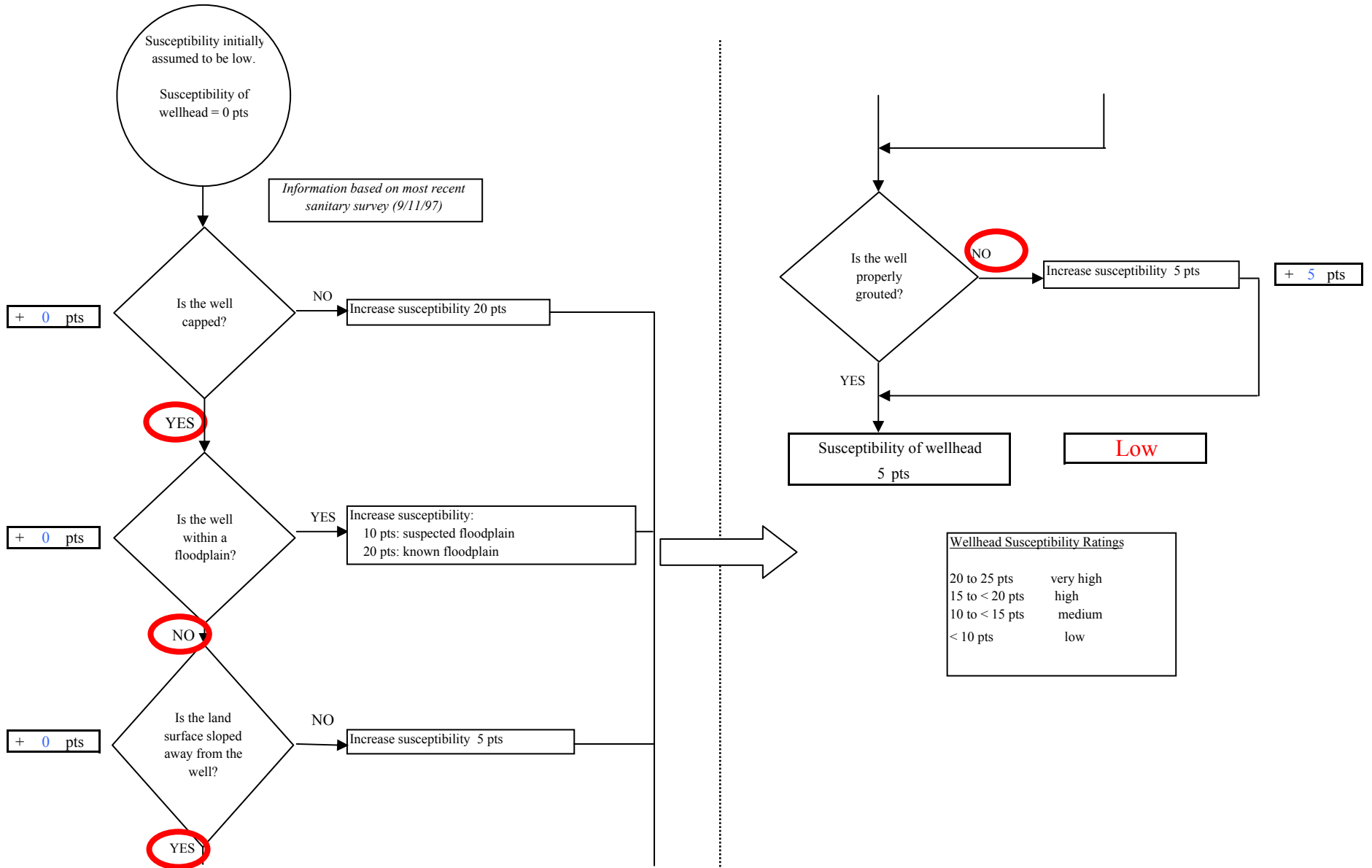
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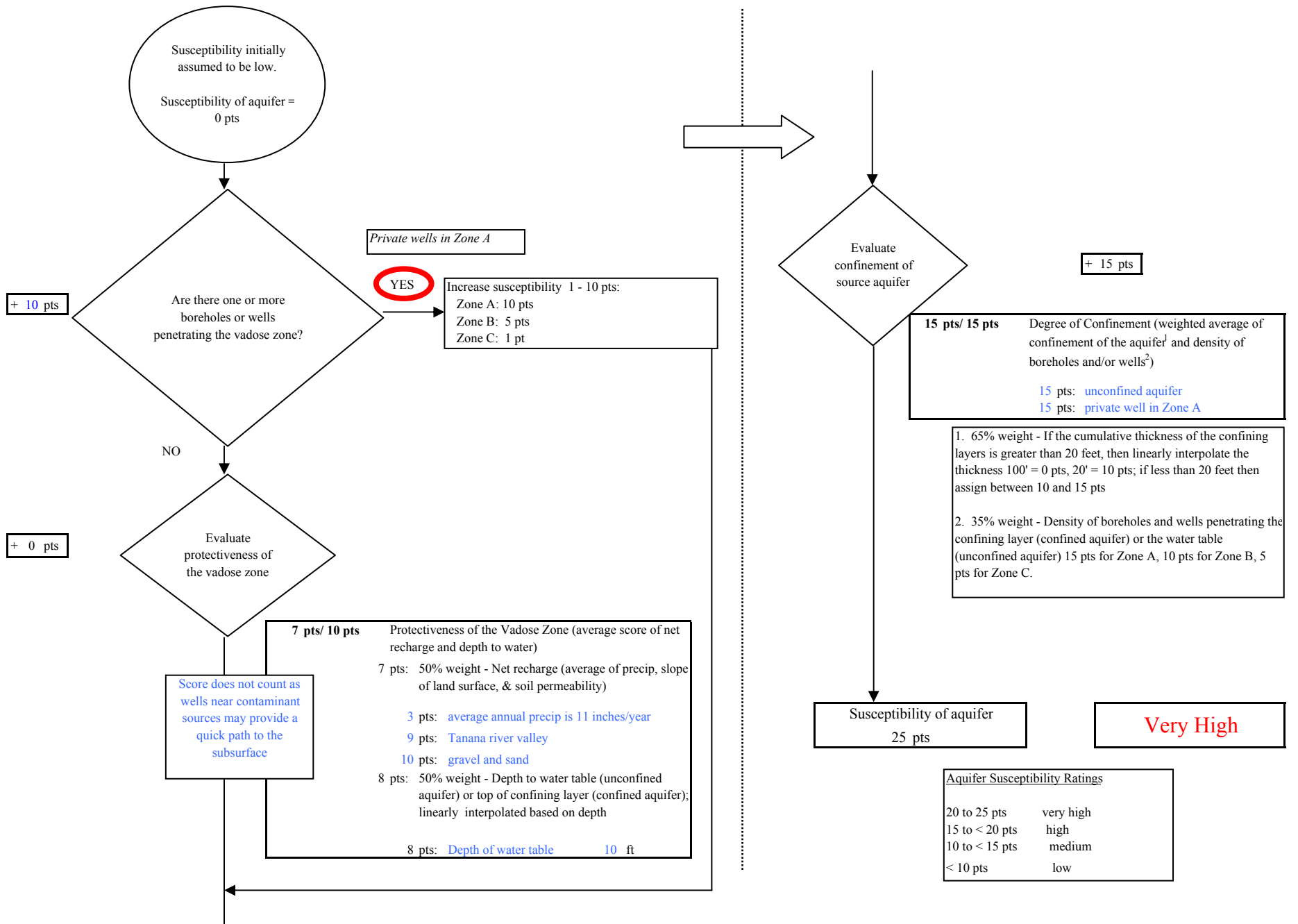
## **APPENDIX D**

### **Vulnerability Analysis for Valley Water Company Public Drinking Water Source (Charts 1-14)**

**Chart 1. Susceptibility of the wellhead - Valley Water Company**

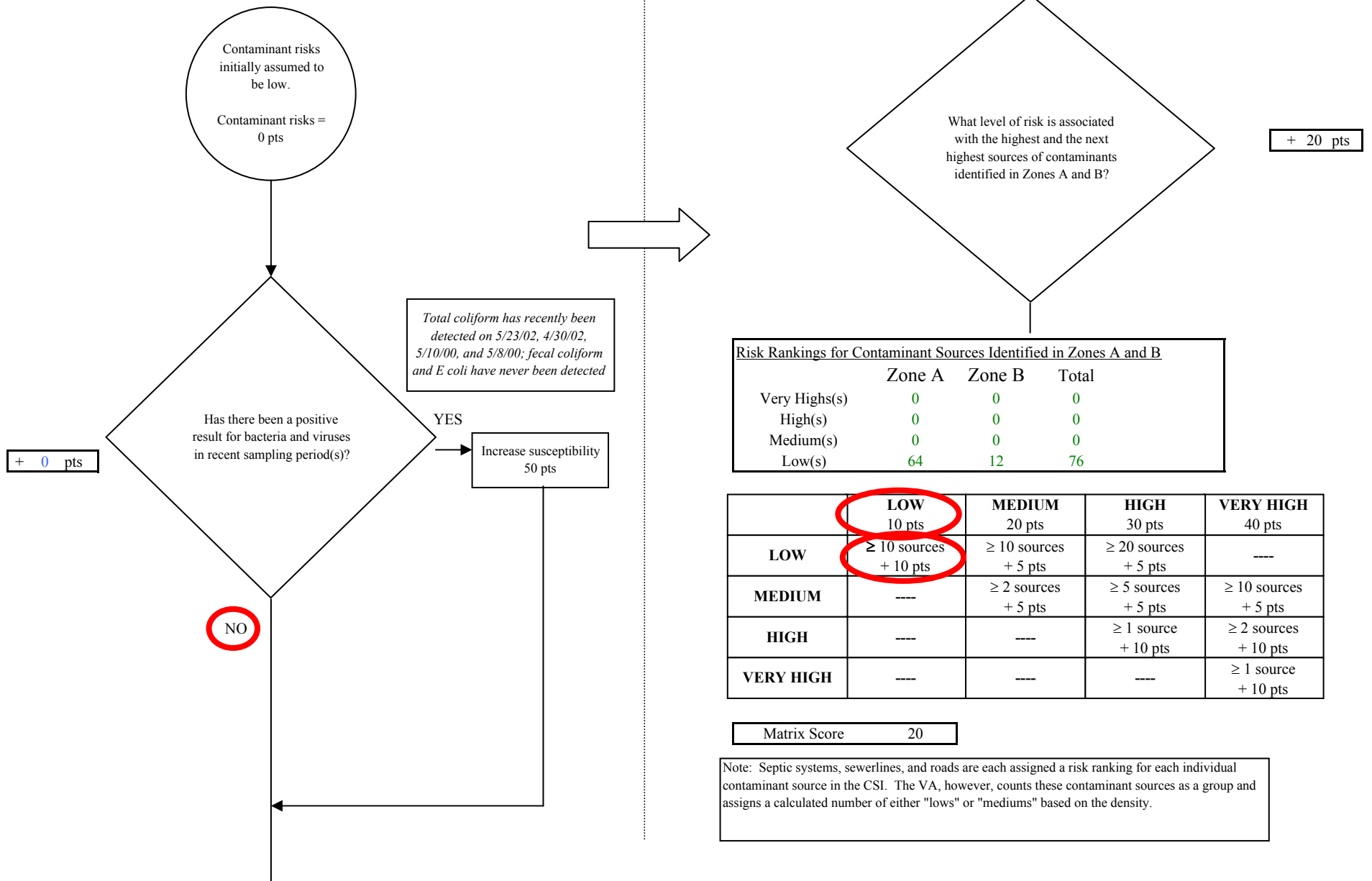


**Chart 2. Susceptibility of the aquifer - Valley Water Company**

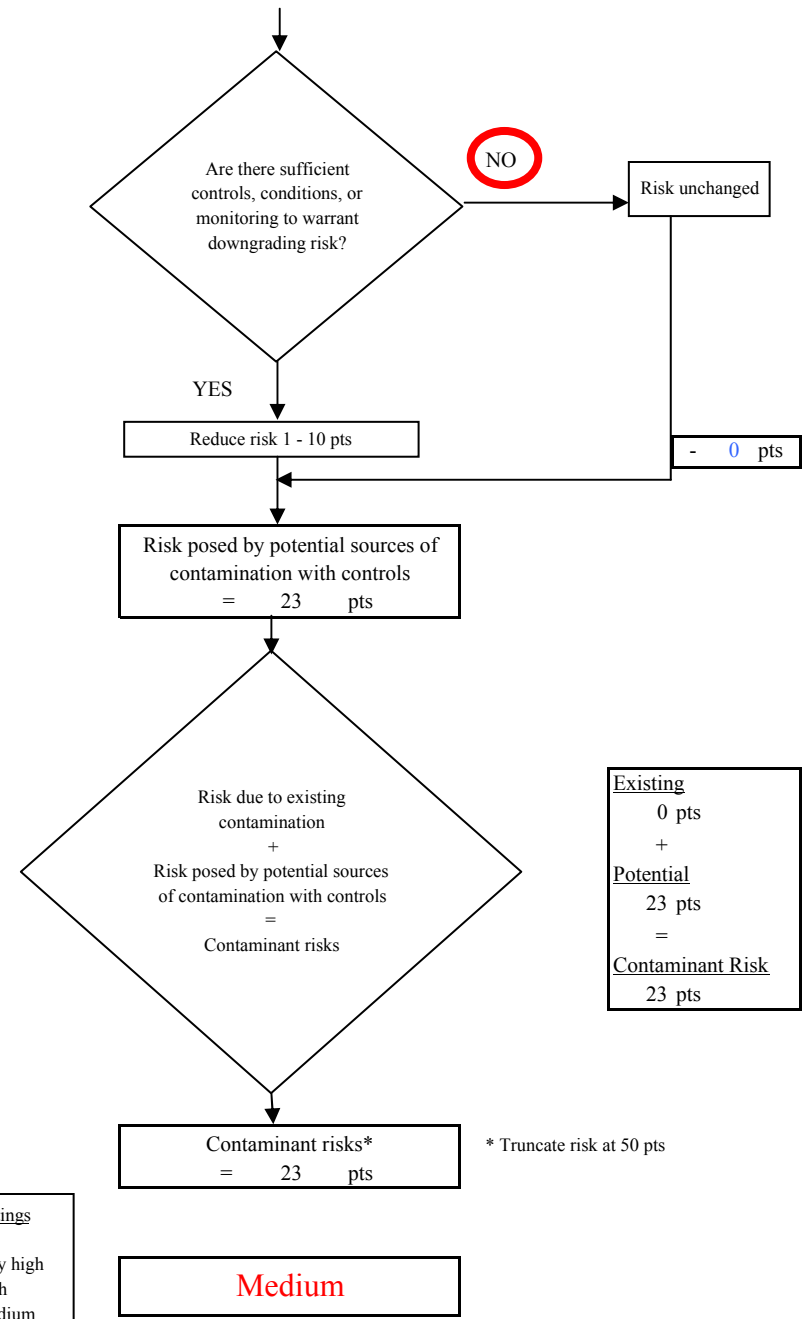
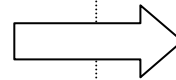
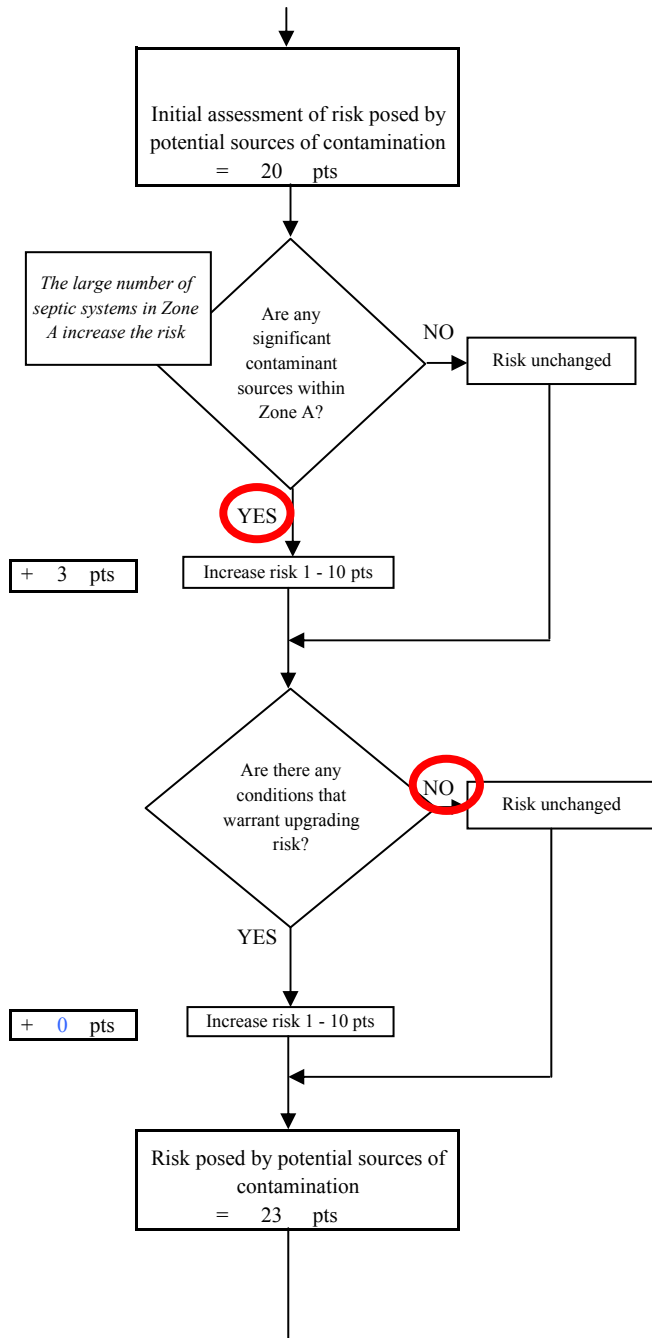




**Chart 3. Contaminant risks for Valley Water Company - Bacteria & Viruses**



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Existing	0 pts
+	
Potential	23 pts
=	
Contaminant Risk	23 pts

Contaminant Risk Ratings	
40 to 50 pts	very high
30 to < 40 pts	high
20 to < 30 pts	medium
< 20 pts	low

\* Truncate risk at 50 pts

**Chart 4. Vulnerability analysis for Valley Water Company - Bacteria & Viruses**

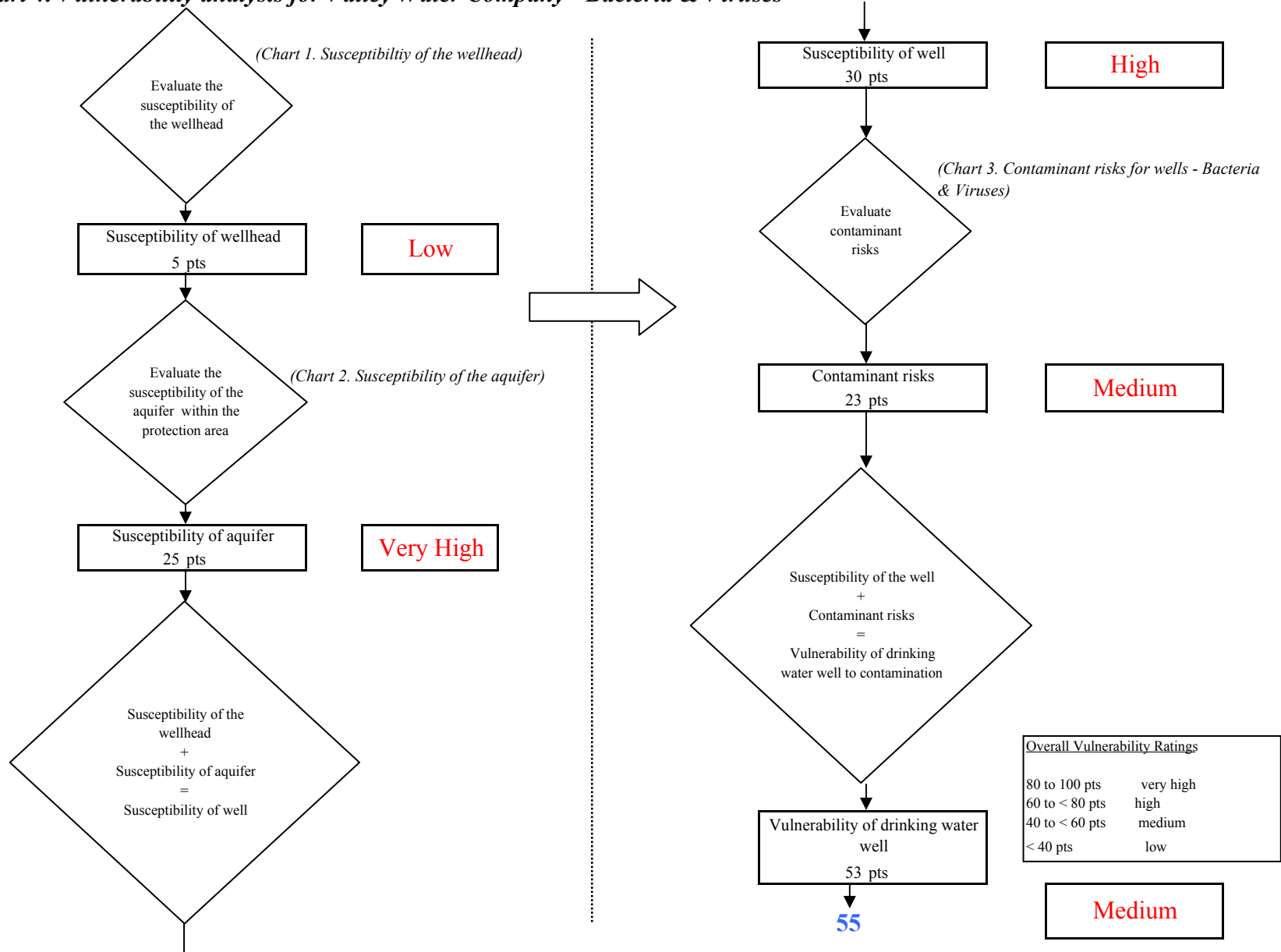
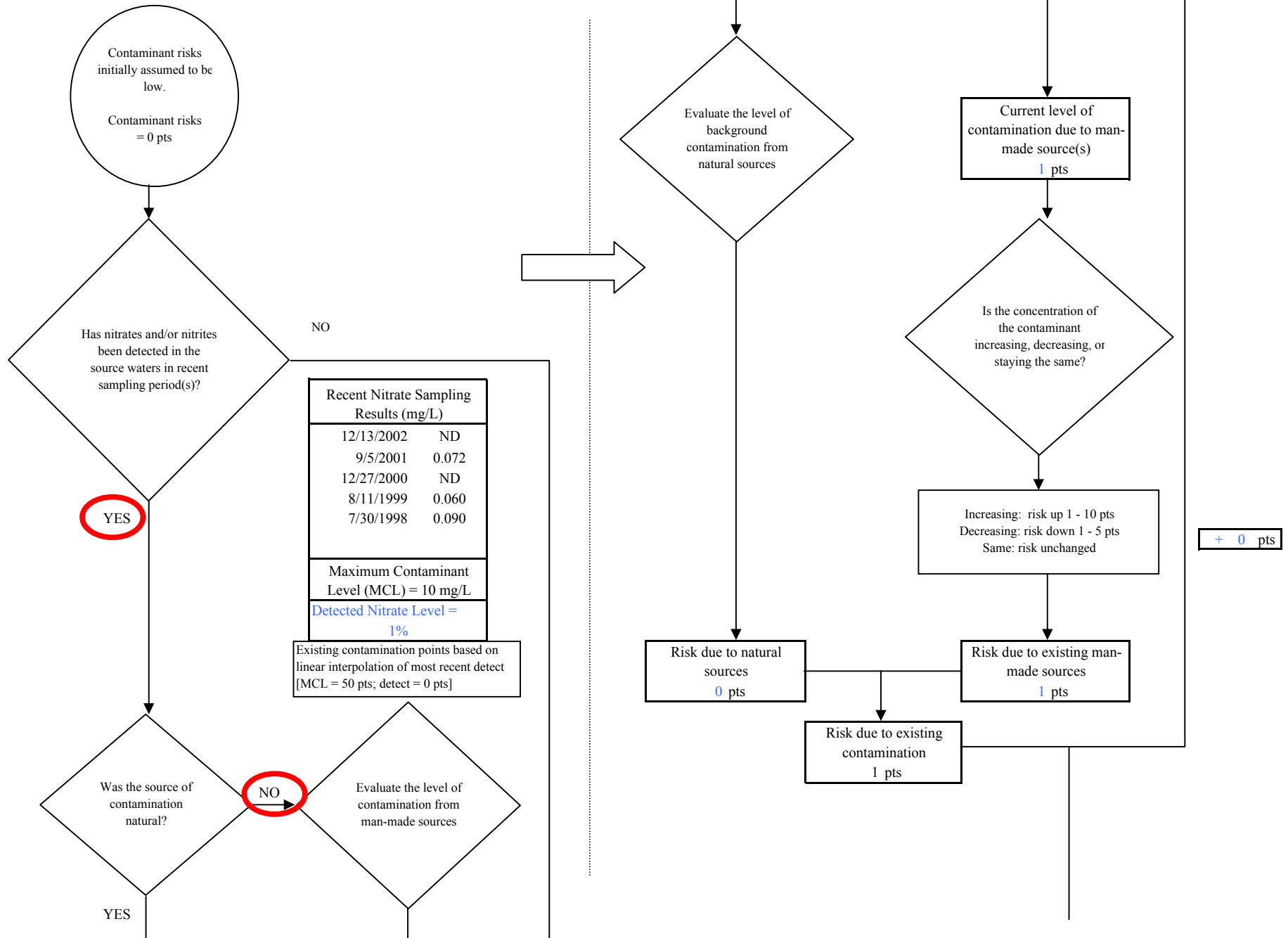
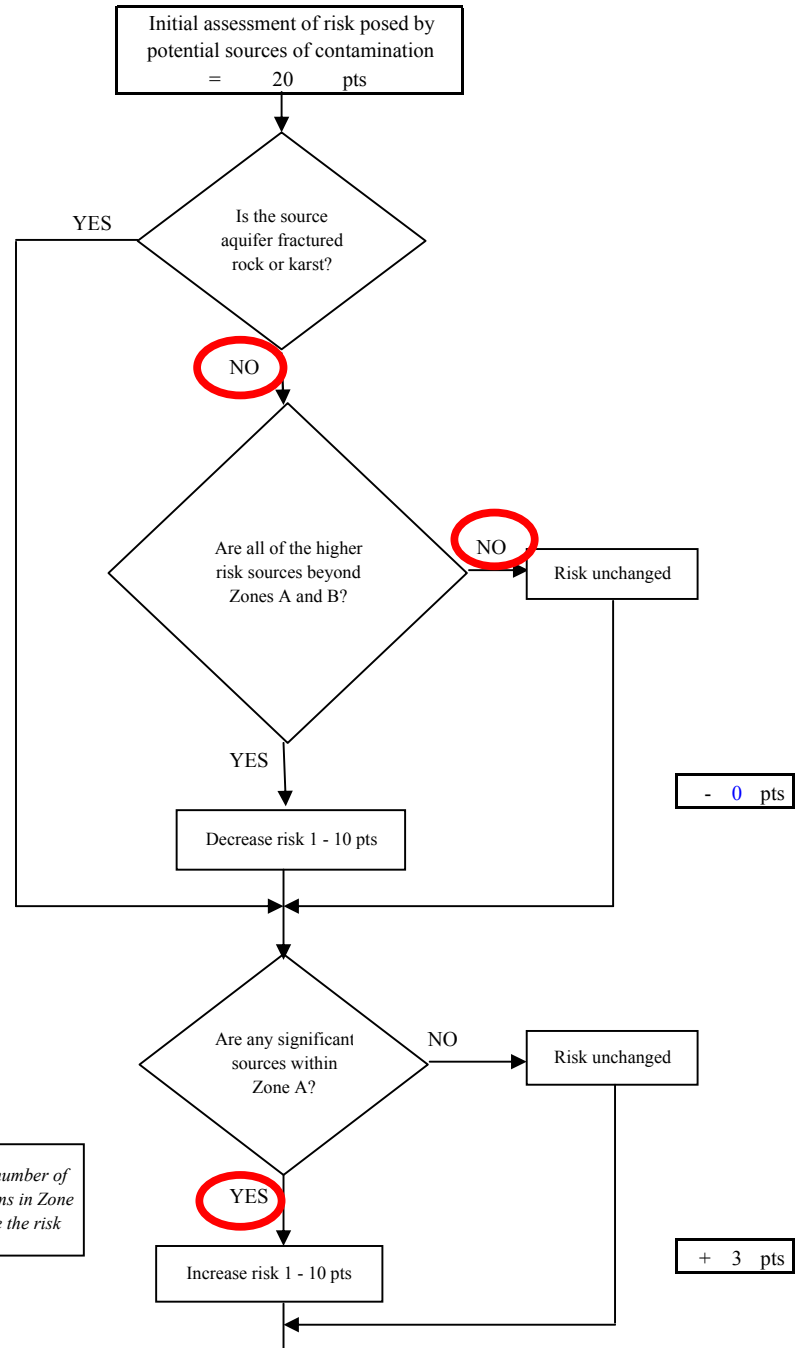
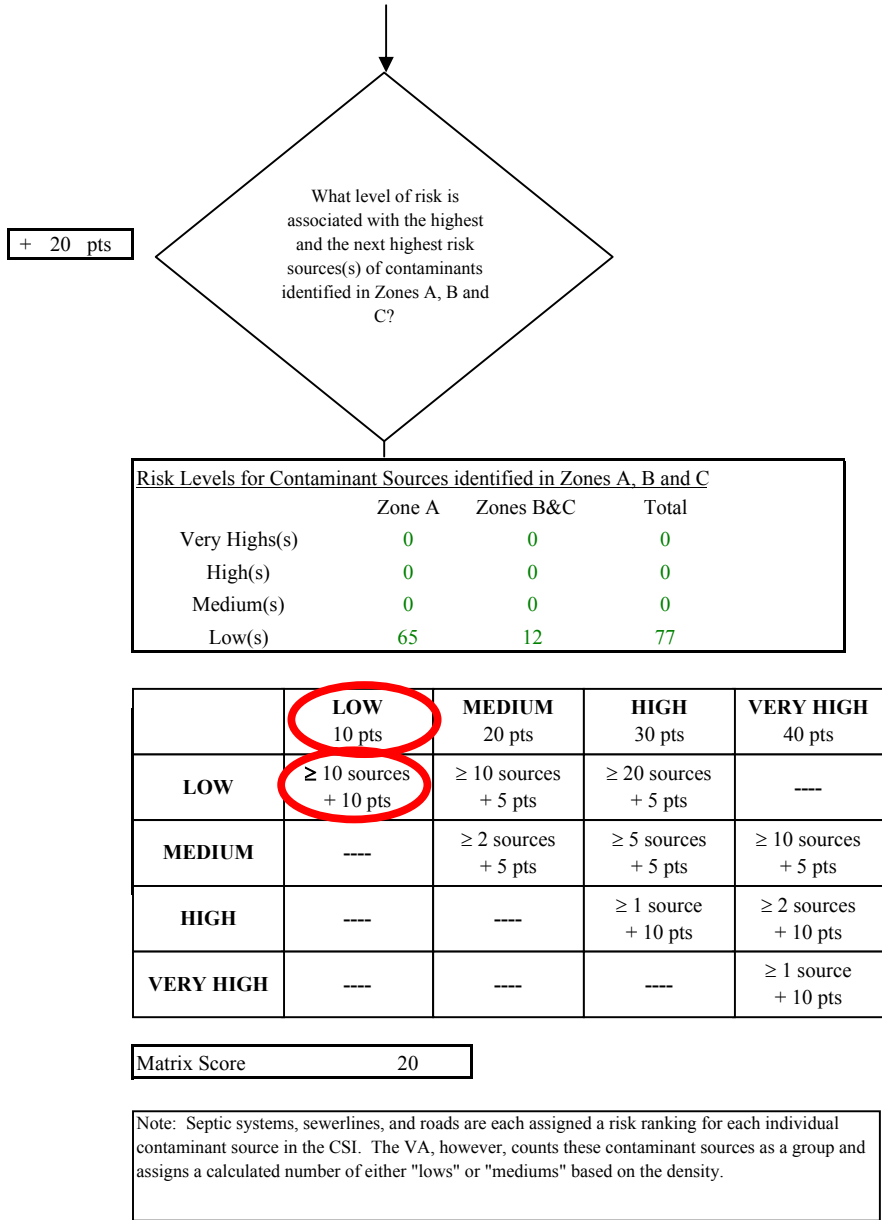


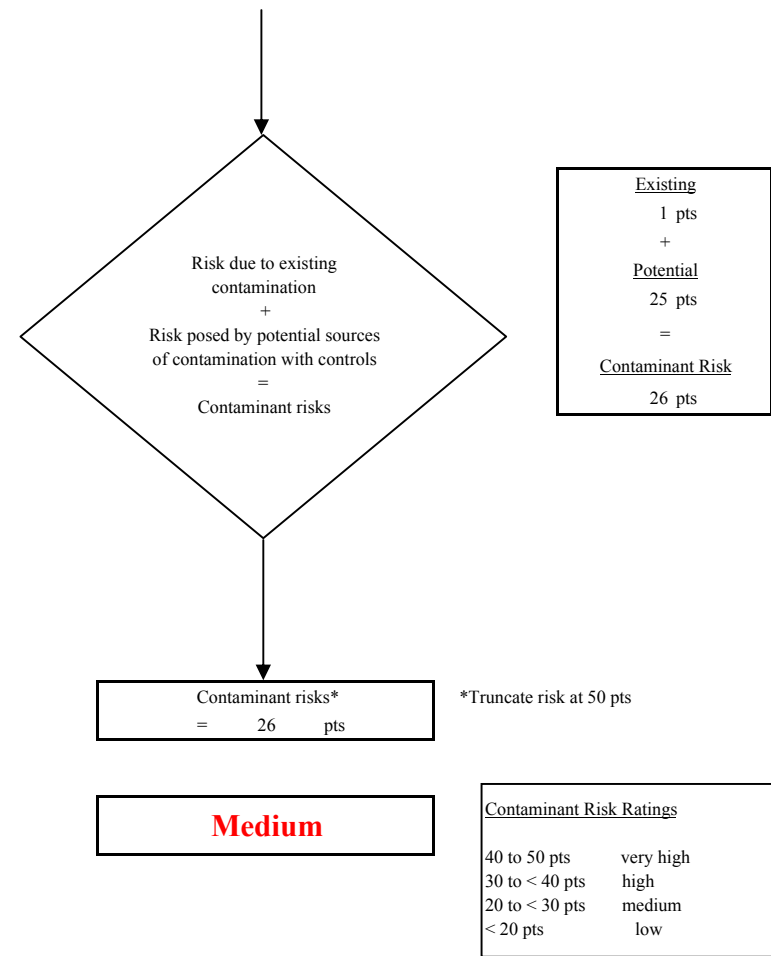
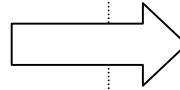
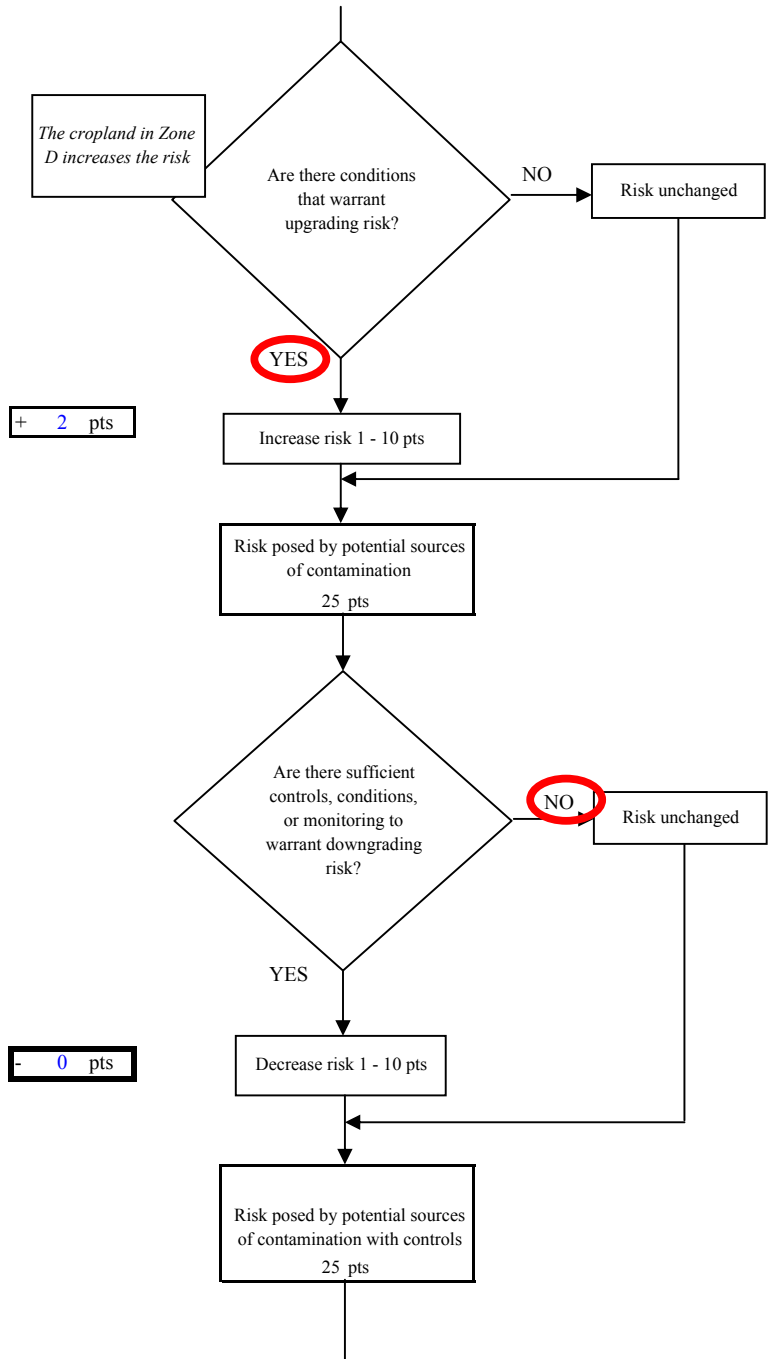
Chart 5. Contaminant risks for Valley Water Company - Nitrates and Nitrites



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**Chart 6. Vulnerability analysis for Valley Water Company - Nitrates and Nitrites**

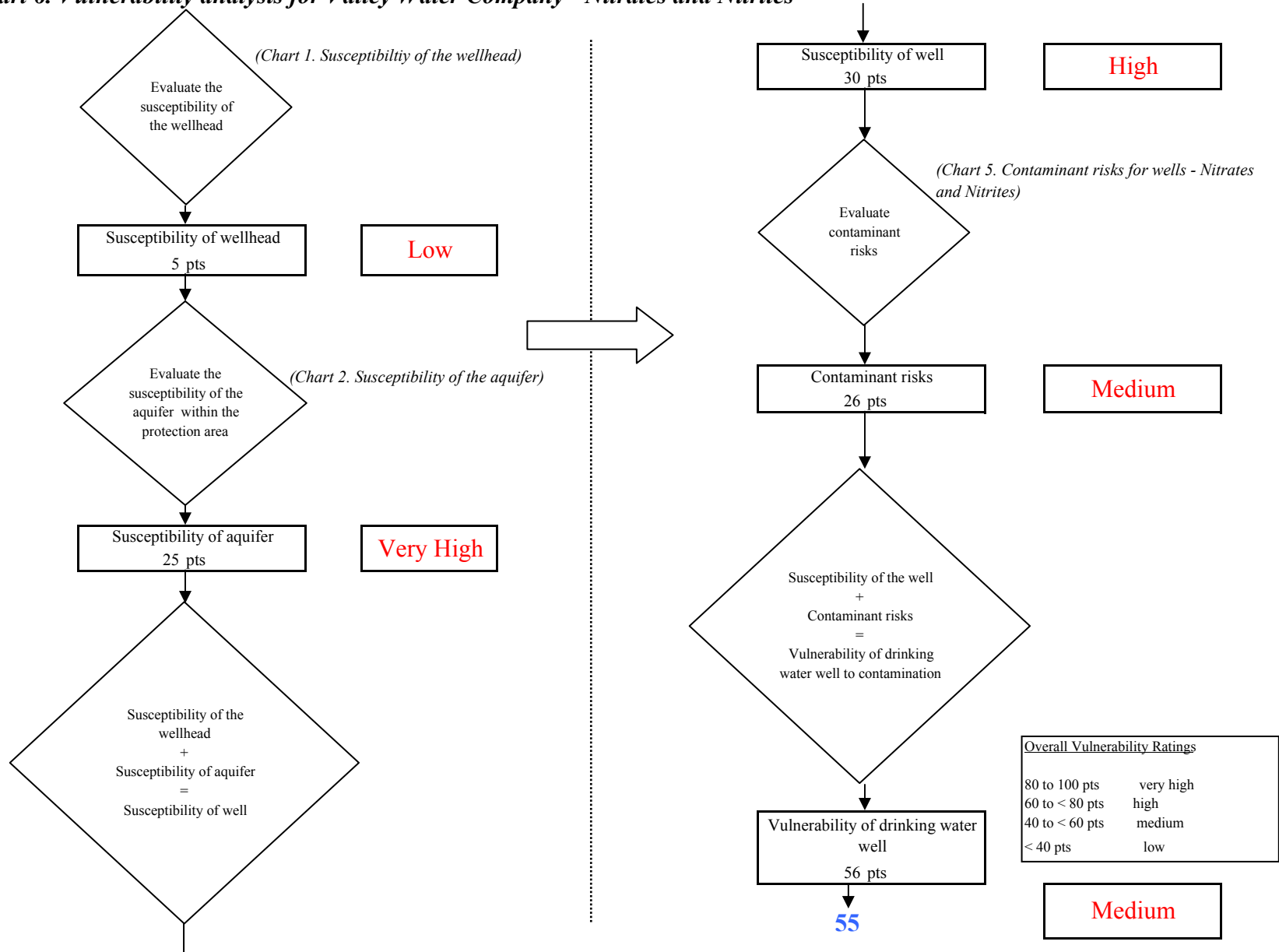
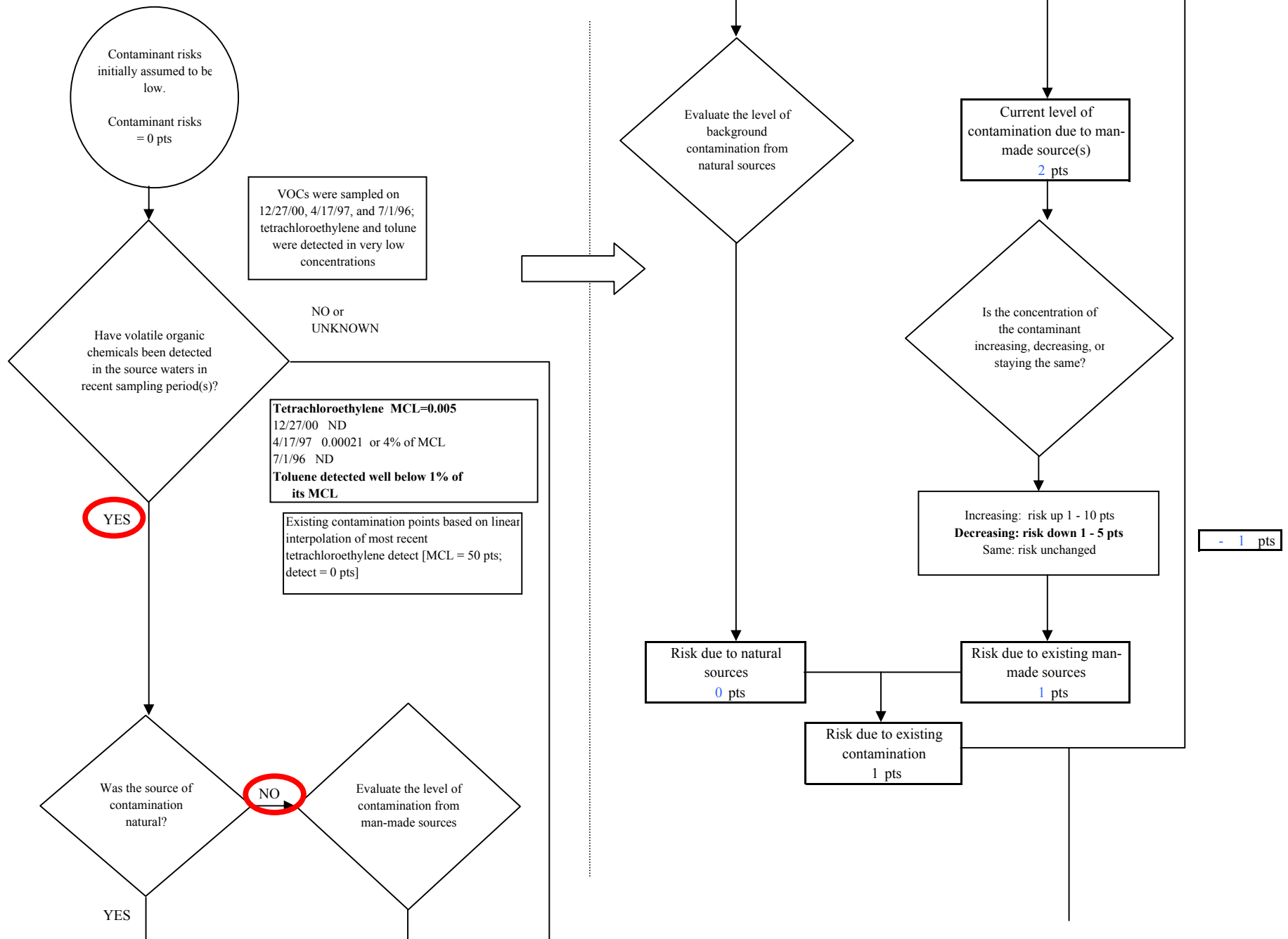
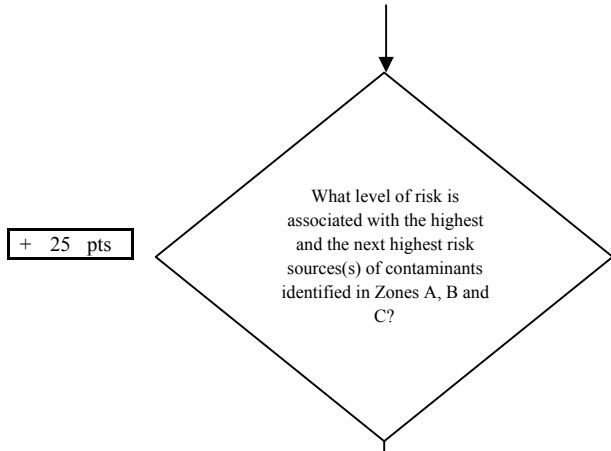


Chart 7. Contaminant risks for Valley Water Company - Volatile Organic Chemicals





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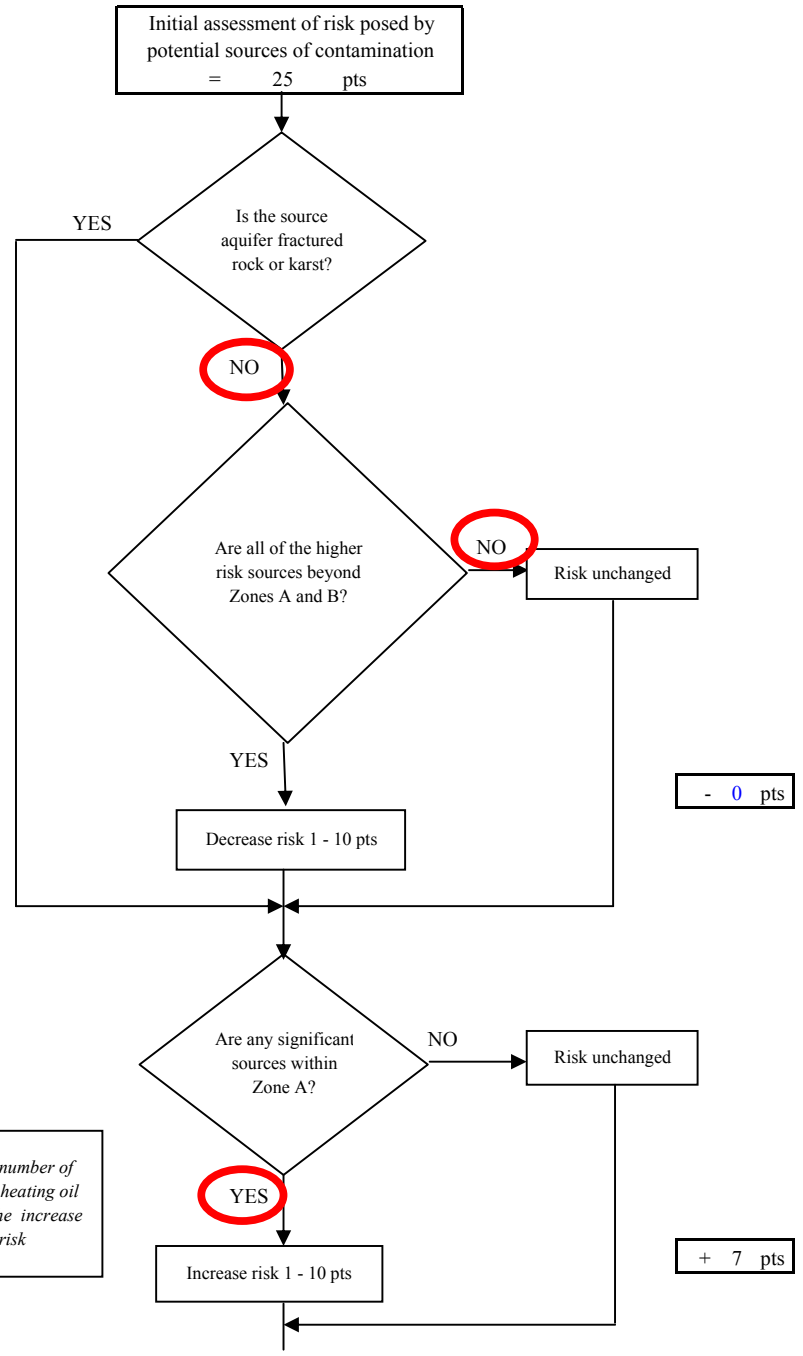


Risk Levels for Contaminant Sources identified in Zones A, B and C			
	Zone A	Zones B&C	Total
Very High(s)	0	0	0
High(s)	0	0	0
Medium(s)	64	92	156
Low(s)	6	4	10

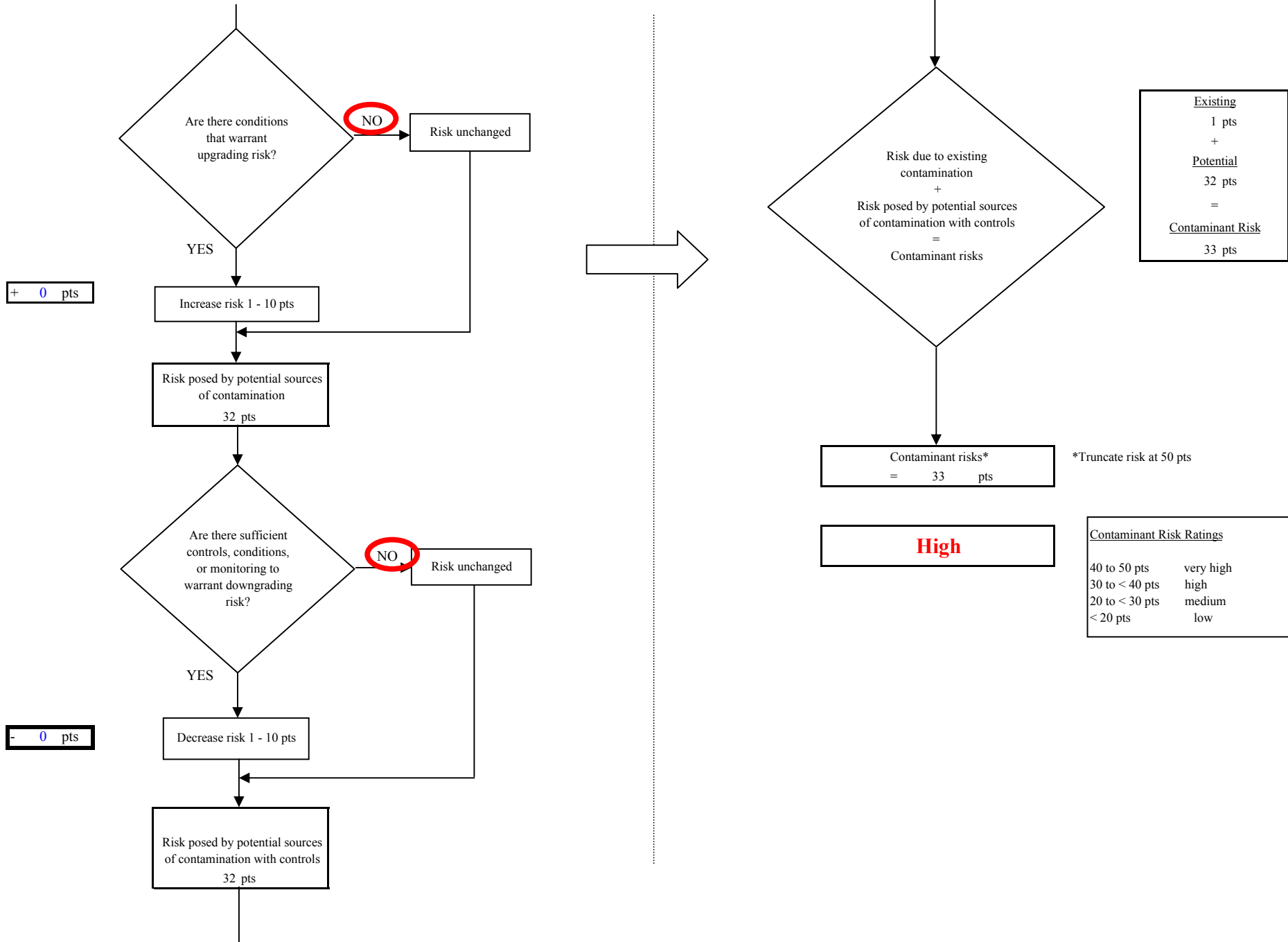
	LOW 10 pts	<b>MEDIUM 20 pts</b>	HIGH 30 pts	VERY HIGH 40 pts
<b>LOW</b>	≥ 10 sources + 10 pts	≥ 10 sources + 5 pts	≥ 20 sources + 5 pts	----
<b>MEDIUM</b>	----	<b>≥ 2 sources + 5 pts</b>	≥ 5 sources + 5 pts	≥ 10 sources + 5 pts
<b>HIGH</b>	----	----	≥ 1 source + 10 pts	≥ 2 sources + 10 pts
<b>VERY HIGH</b>	----	----	----	≥ 1 source + 10 pts

Matrix Score 25

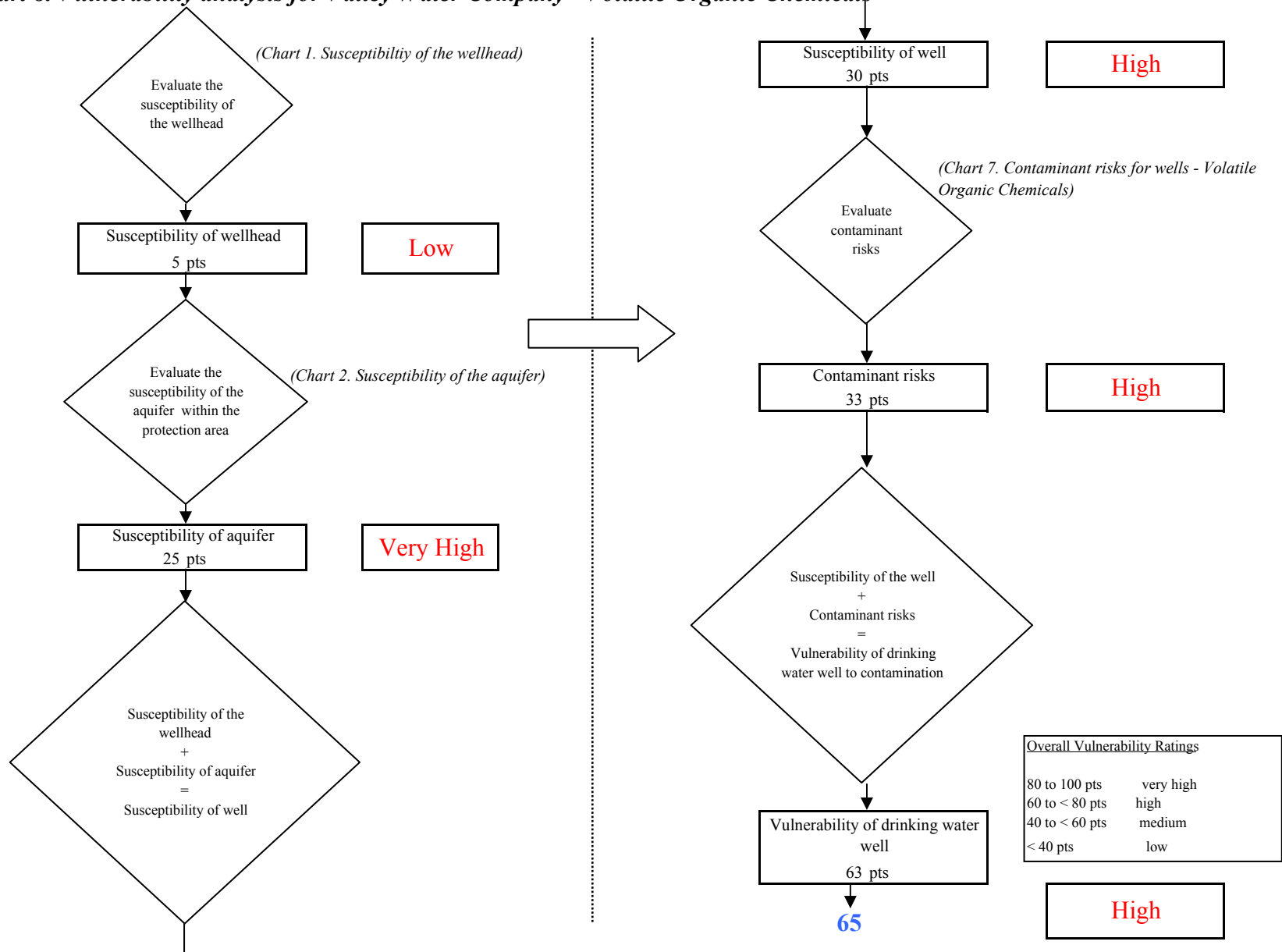
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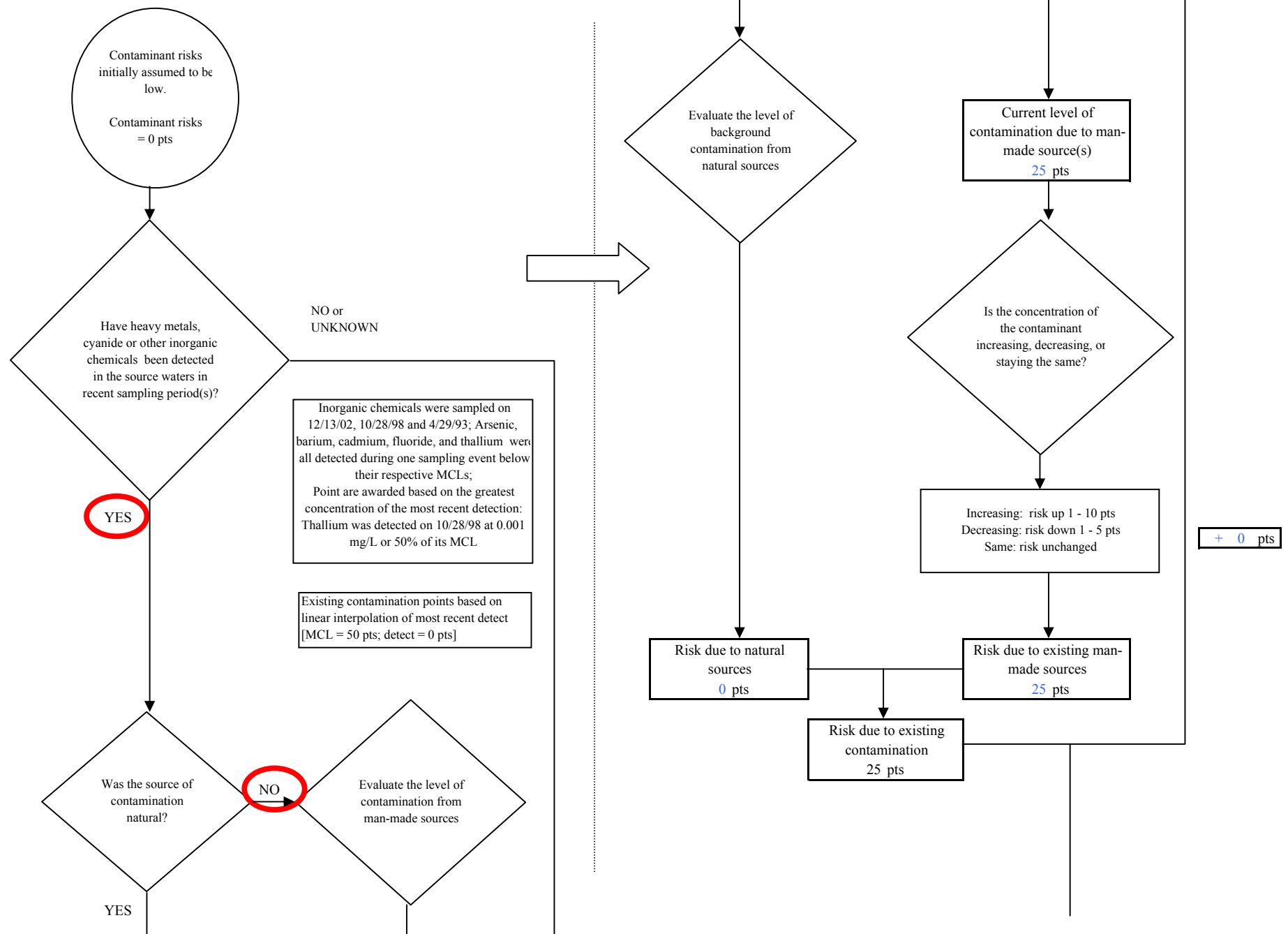
**Chart 7. Contaminant risks for Valley Water Company - Volatile Organic Chemicals**



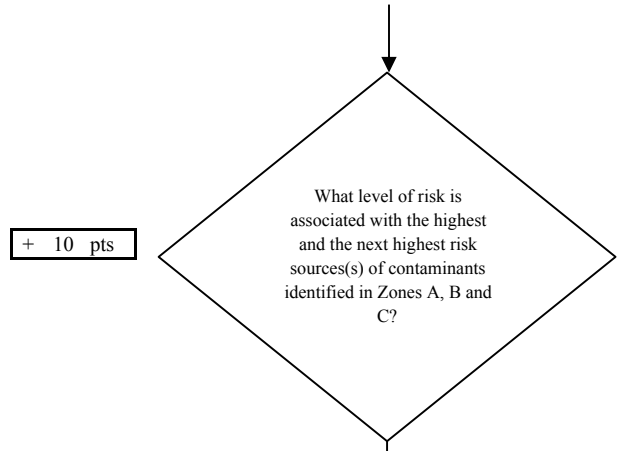
**Chart 8. Vulnerability analysis for Valley Water Company - Volatile Organic Chemicals**



**Chart 9. Contaminant risks for Valley Water Company - Heavy Metals, Cyanide and Other Inorganic Chemicals**



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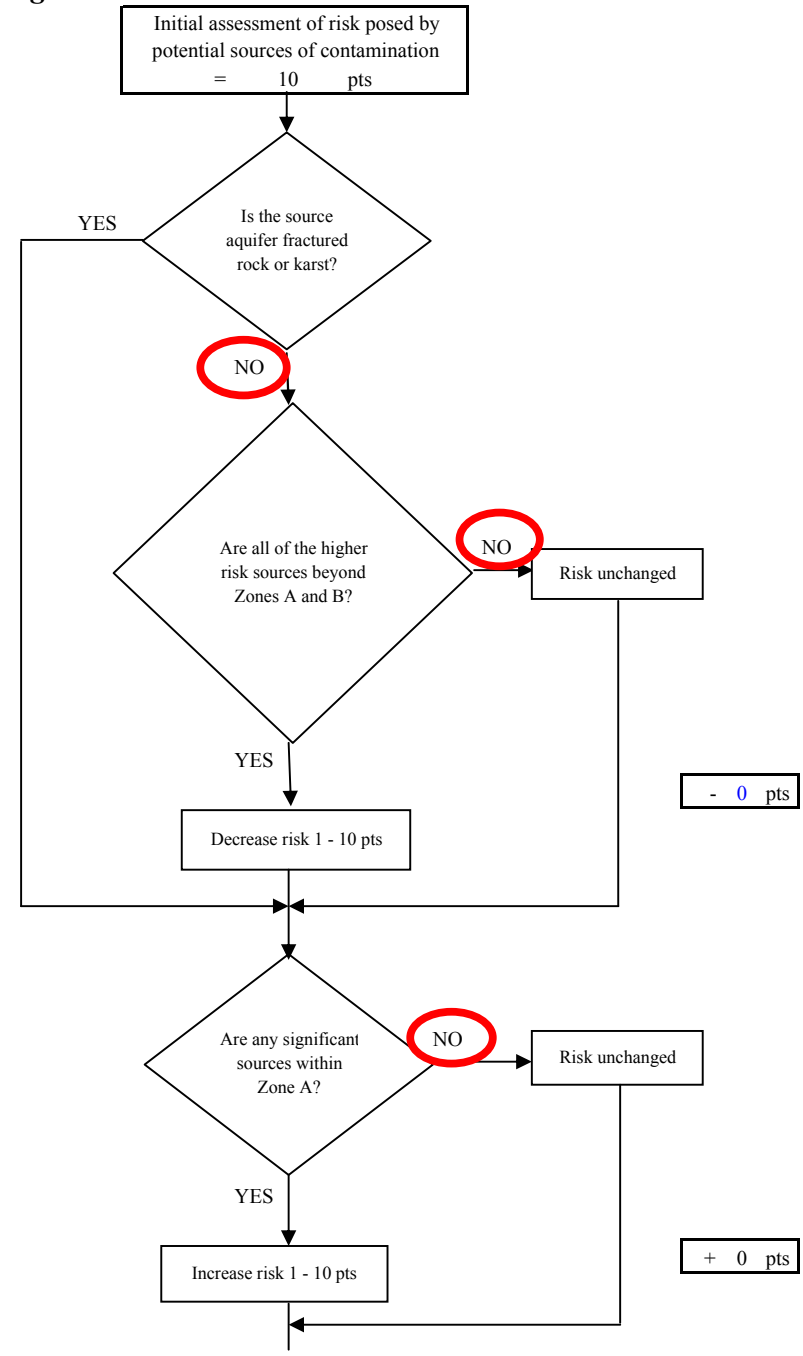
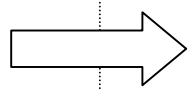


Risk Levels for Contaminant Sources identified in Zones A, B and C			
	Zone A	Zones B&C	Total
Very High(s)	0	0	0
High(s)	0	0	0
Medium(s)	0	0	0
Low(s)	6	4	10

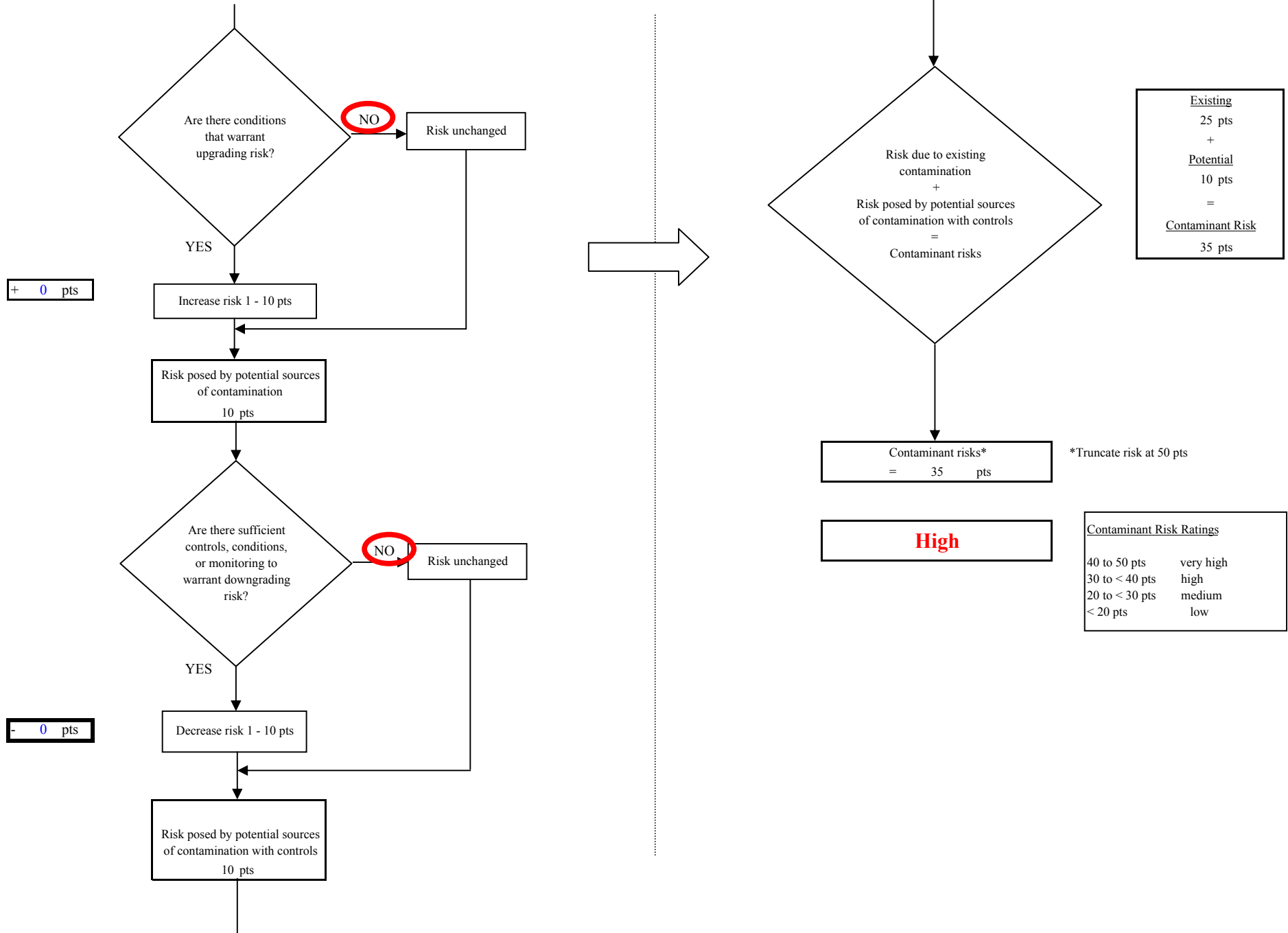
	LOW 10 pts	MEDIUM 20 pts	HIGH 30 pts	VERY HIGH 40 pts
LOW	≥ 10 sources + 10 pts	≥ 10 sources + 5 pts	≥ 20 sources + 5 pts	----
MEDIUM	----	≥ 2 sources + 5 pts	≥ 5 sources + 5 pts	≥ 10 sources + 5 pts
HIGH	----	----	≥ 1 source + 10 pts	≥ 2 sources + 10 pts
VERY HIGH	----	----	----	≥ 1 source + 10 pts

Matrix Score      10

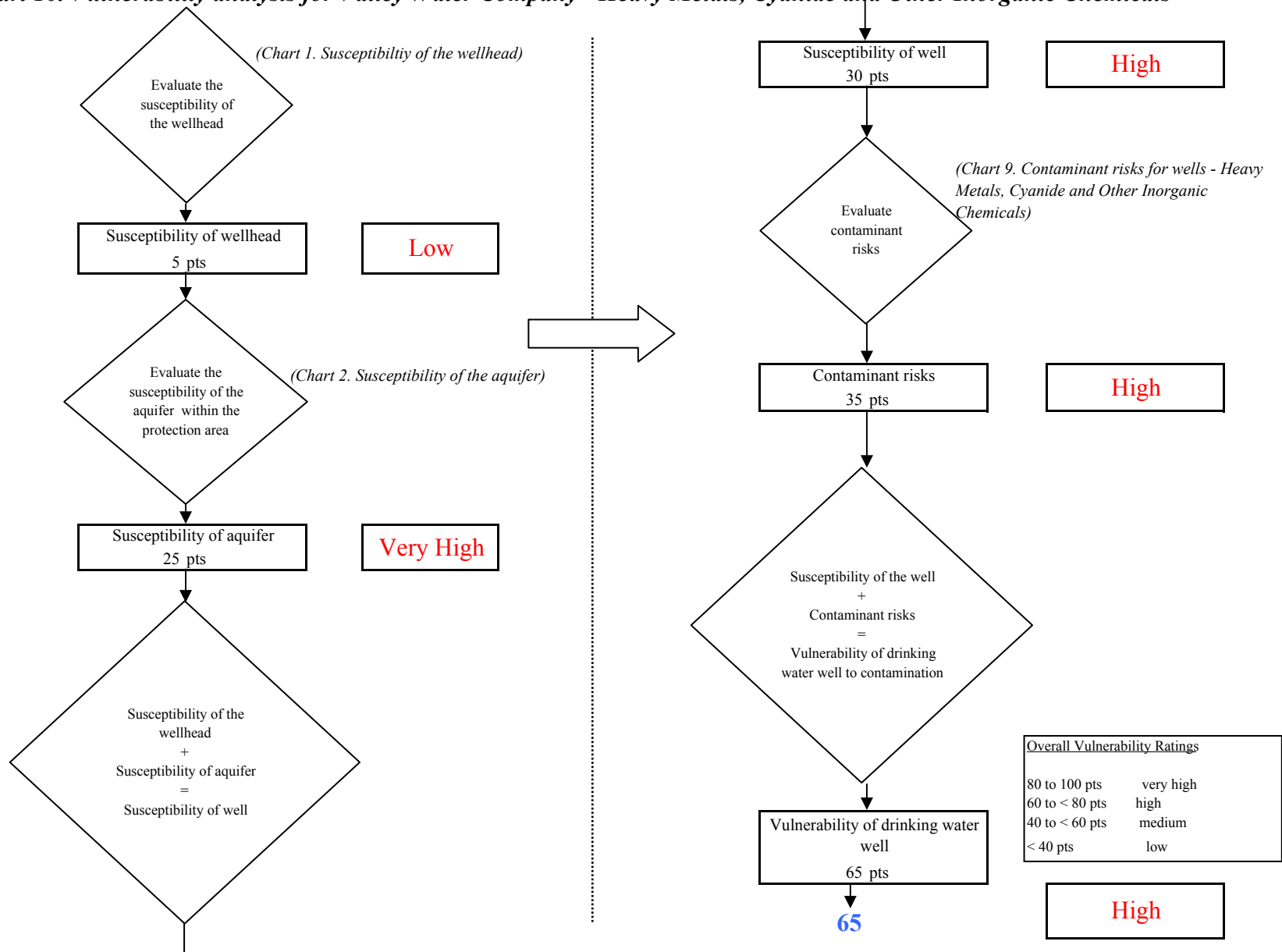
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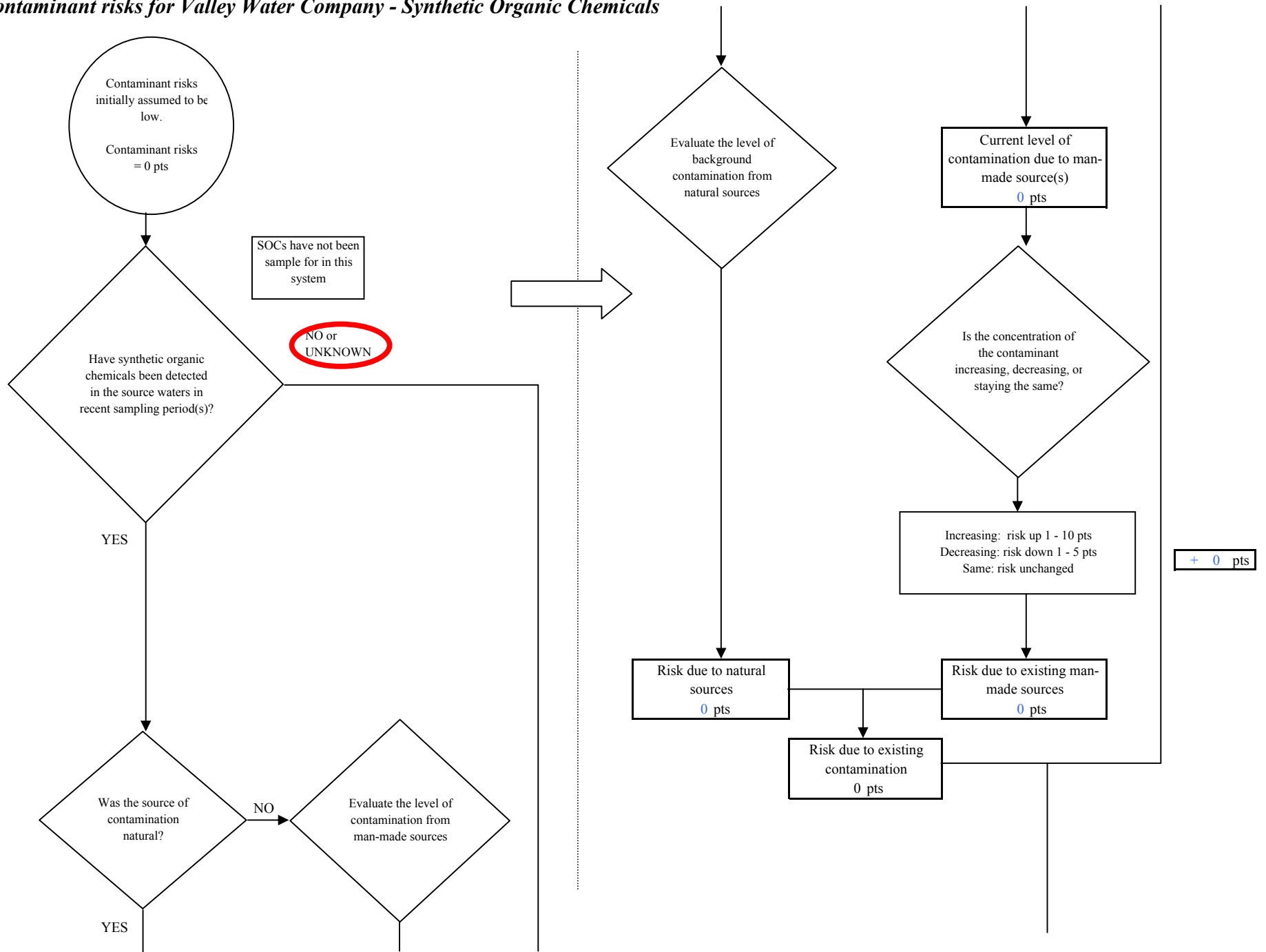
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**Chart 10. Vulnerability analysis for Valley Water Company - Heavy Metals, Cyanide and Other Inorganic Chemicals**

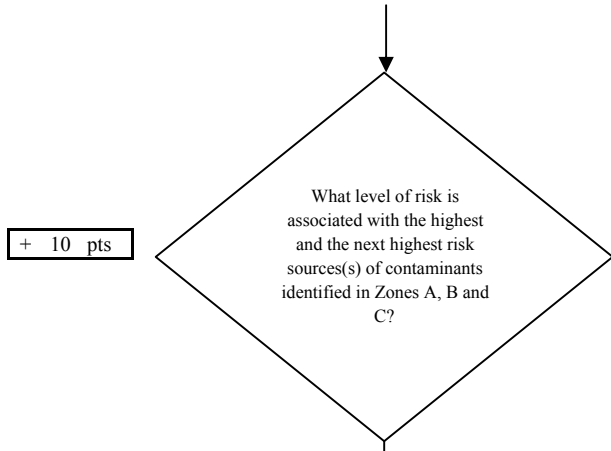


**Chart 11. Contaminant risks for Valley Water Company - Synthetic Organic Chemicals**





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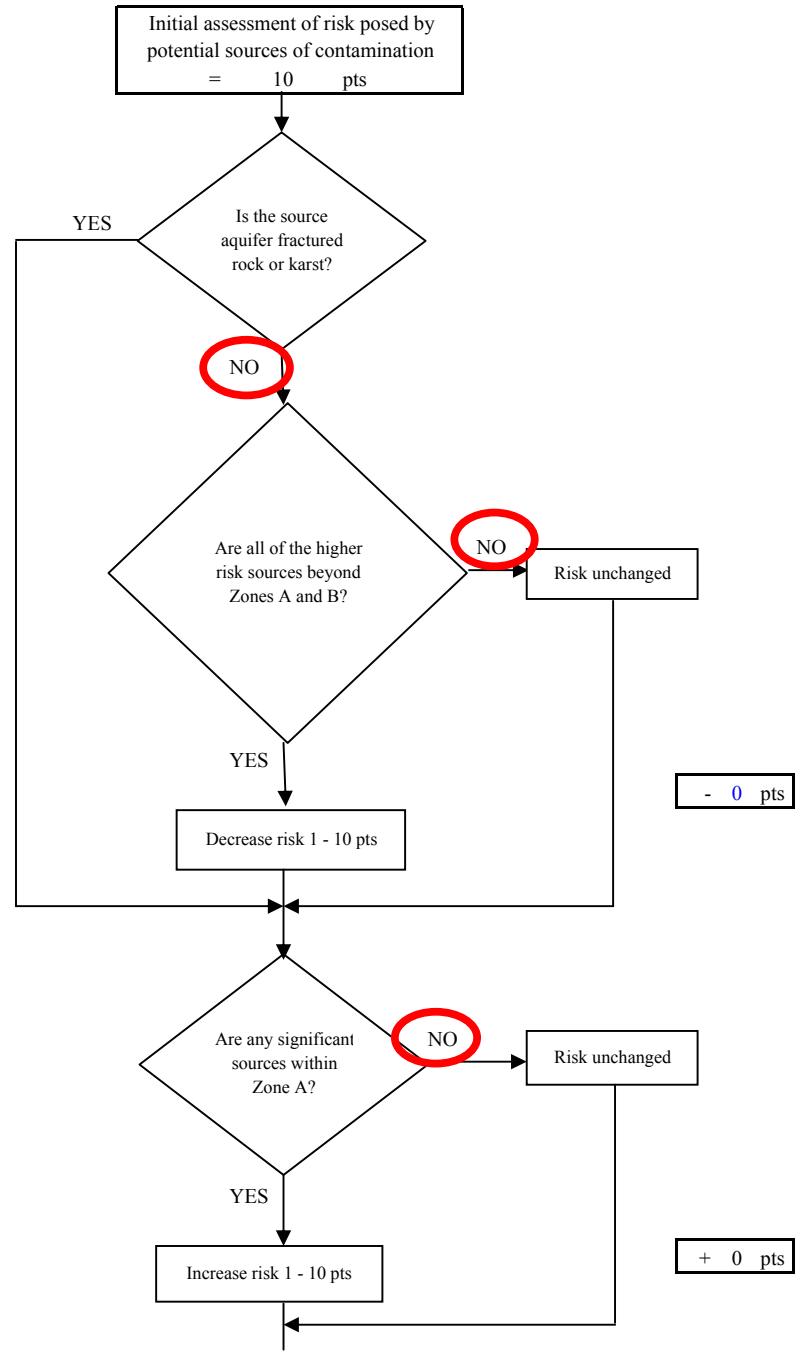
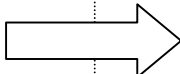


Risk Levels for Contaminant Sources identified in Zones A, B and C			
	Zone A	Zones B&C	Total
Very High(s)	0	0	0
High(s)	0	0	0
Medium(s)	0	0	0
Low(s)	2	2	4

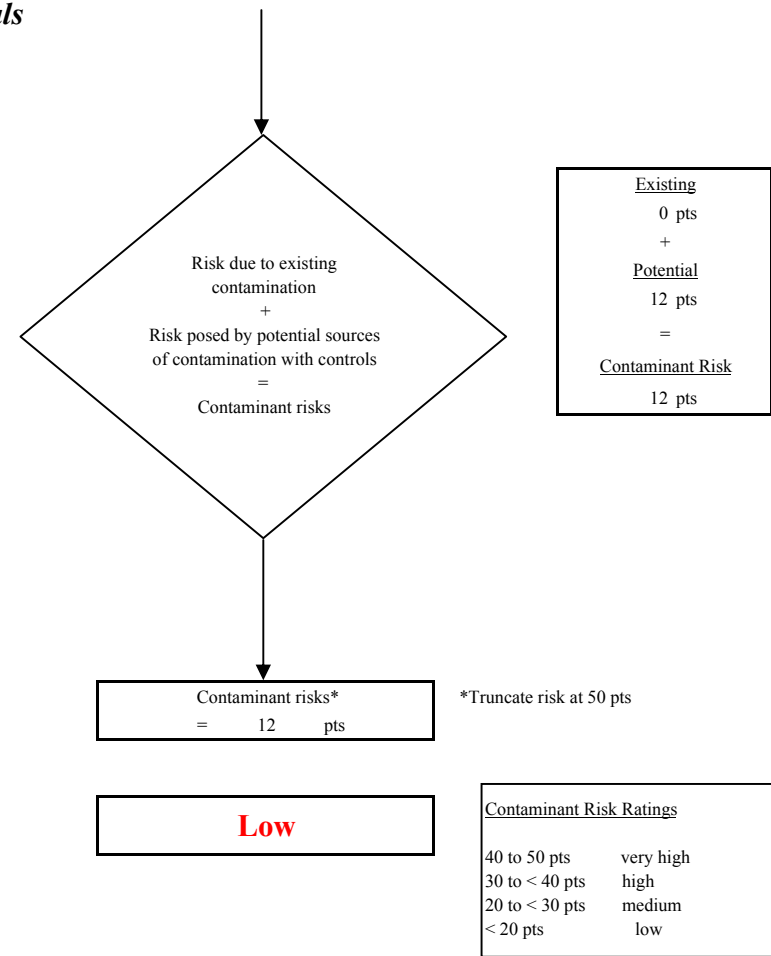
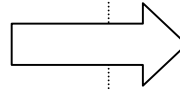
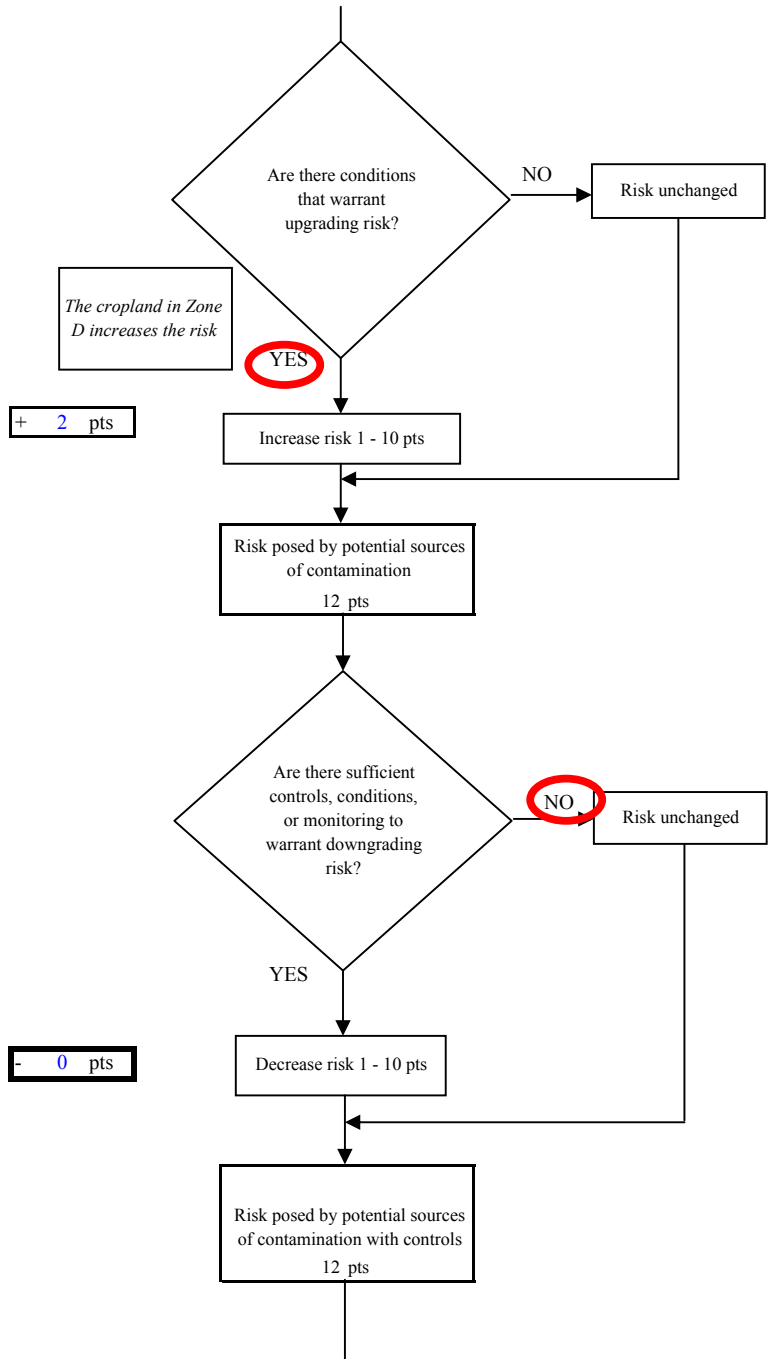
	LOW 10 pts	MEDIUM 20 pts	HIGH 30 pts	VERY HIGH 40 pts
LOW	≥ 10 sources + 10 pts	≥ 10 sources + 5 pts	≥ 20 sources + 5 pts	----
MEDIUM	----	≥ 2 sources + 5 pts	≥ 5 sources + 5 pts	≥ 10 sources + 5 pts
HIGH	----	----	≥ 1 source + 10 pts	≥ 2 sources + 10 pts
VERY HIGH	----	----	----	≥ 1 source + 10 pts

Matrix Score 10

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**Chart 12. Vulnerability analysis for Valley Water Company - Synthetic Organic Chemicals**

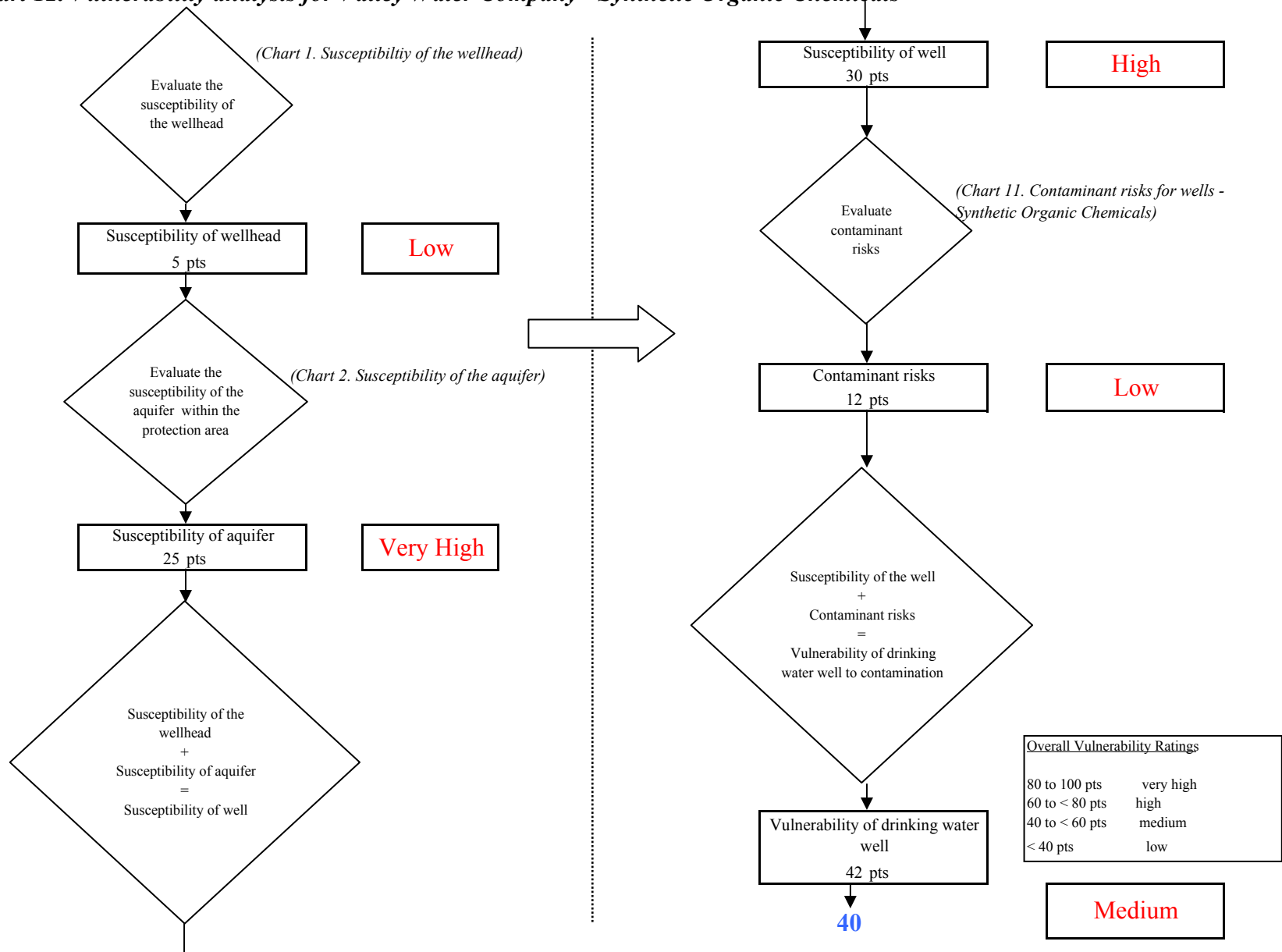


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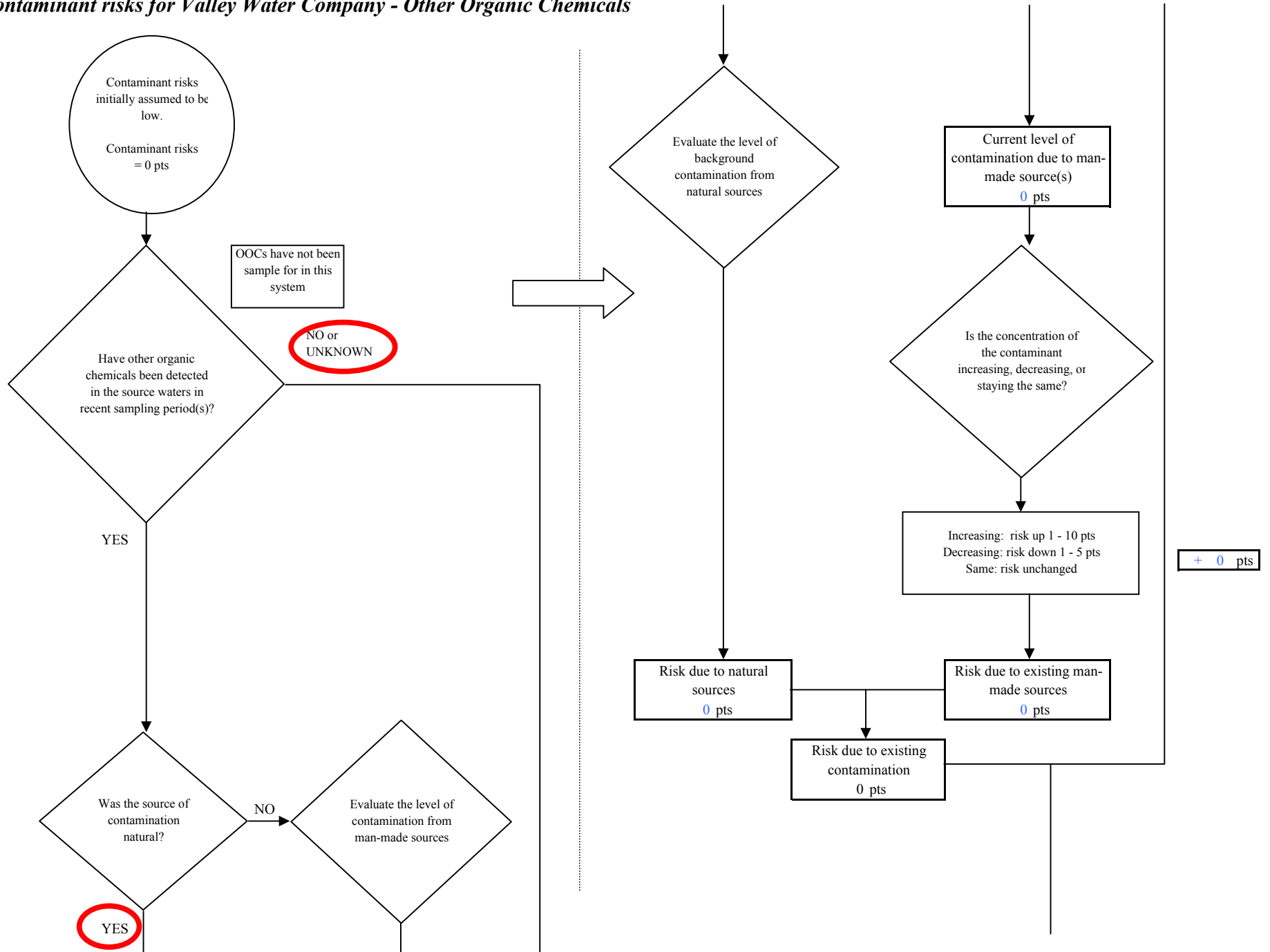
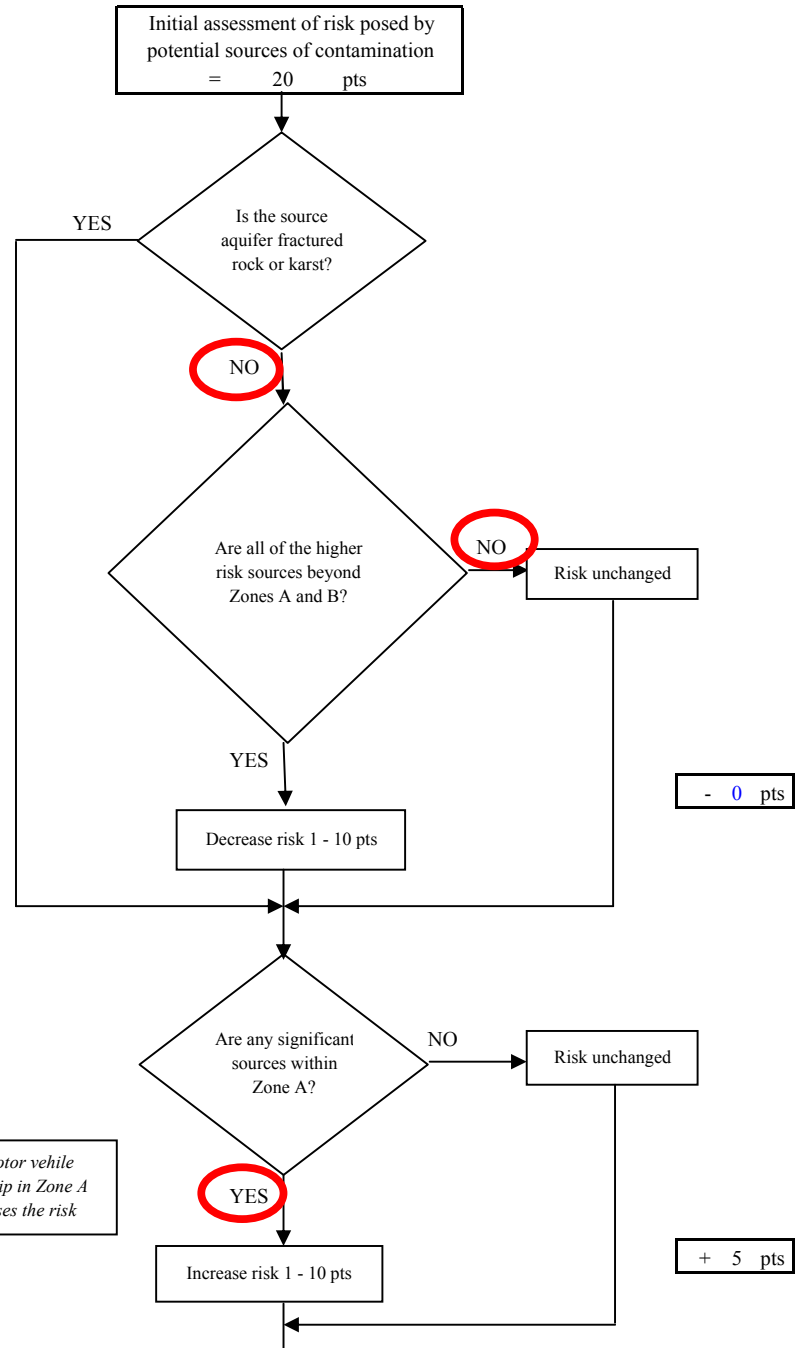
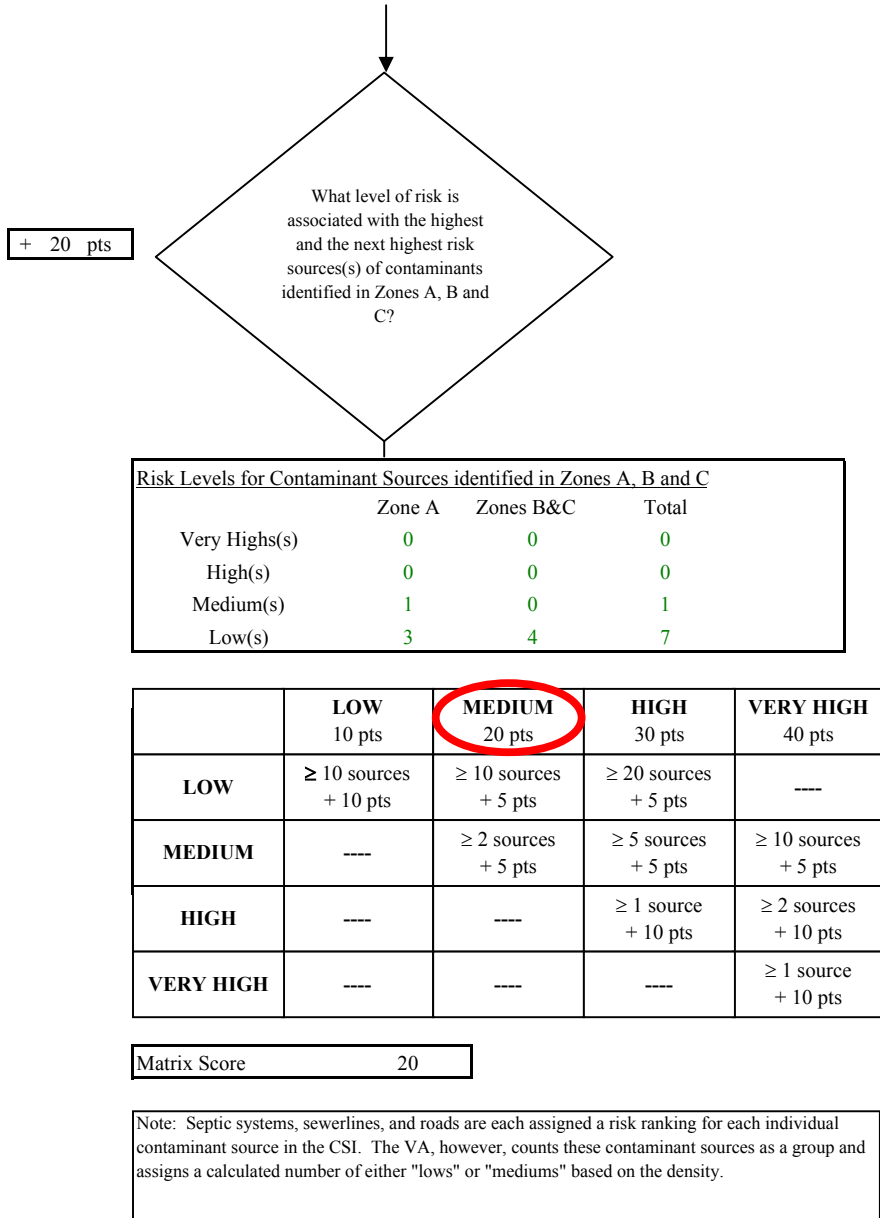
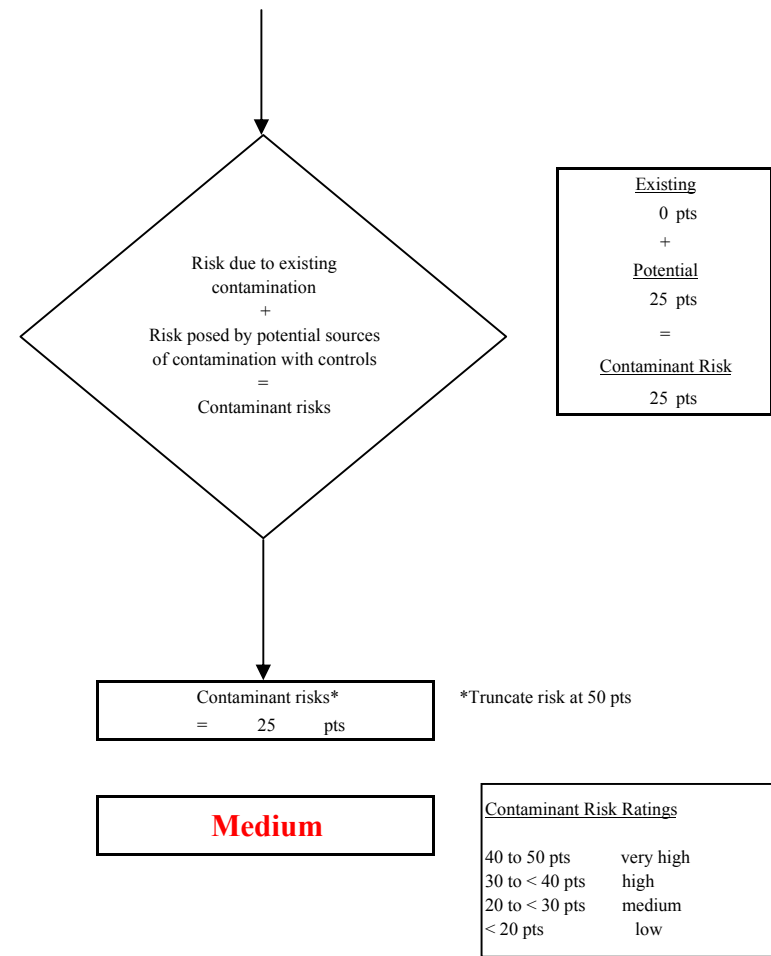
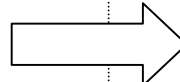
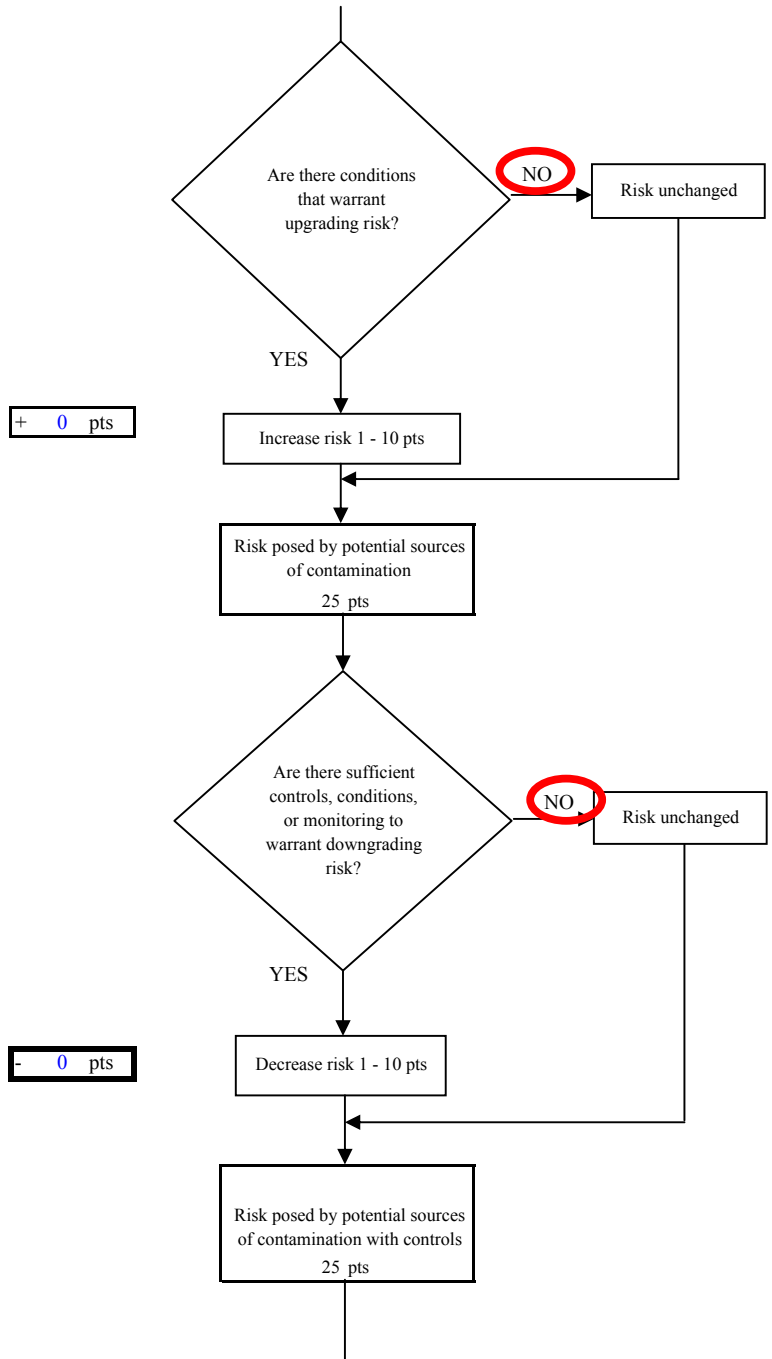


Chart 13. Contaminant risks for Valley Water Company - Other Organic Chemicals



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**Chart 14. Vulnerability analysis for Valley Water Company - Other Organic Chemicals**

