

# **Source Water Assessment**

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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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### Source Water Assessment for the City of Haines Public Water System – Lilly Lake Intake

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### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The City of Haines public water system is a Class A (community) water system that obtains water from both Lilly Lake and the Piedad Springs. The Lilly Lake intake is located approximately 3-miles southeast of Haines at the southern end of Lilly Lake. The intake is accessible via a gated ATV trail. The Lilly Lake protection area is approximately 0.8 square miles in size and received a susceptibility rating of "very high". A rating of high to very high is typical for all systems with surface water intakes. Potential and existing sources of the following contaminants were evaluated for the Source Water Assessment: bacteria and viruses, nitrates and/or nitrites, heavy metals, cyanide, and other inorganic chemicals, synthetic organic chemicals, volatile organic chemicals, and other organic chemicals. A gated ATV trail and foot trails were identified as potential sources of contaminants for the drinking water source. This evaluation included all available water sampling data submitted to ADEC by the system operator. The samples may have been collected from either raw water or post-treated water. Combining the susceptibility of the surface water source with the contaminant risks, this water system has received a vulnerability rating of "medium" for bacteria and viruses, nitrates and/or nitrites, volatile organic chemicals, other organic chemicals, synthetic organic chemicals, and heavy metals, cyanide, and other inorganic chemicals.

## DRINKING WATER SYSTEM AND AREA OVERVIEW

Haines (Sec. 34, T030S, R059E, Copper River Meridian) is located on the western shore of Lynn Canal, between the Chilkoot and Chilkat Rivers. By road, it is 775 miles from Anchorage. (Please see the inset of Map 1 in Appendix A for location). The current population is approximately 1,714 (ADCED, 2003). The Haines water system is a Class A (community) water system that operates year round and obtains water from both Lilly Lake and the Piedad Loop Springs. The Lilly Lake intake is located approximately 3-miles southeast of Haines at the southern end of Lilly Lake. The intake is accessible via a gated ATV trail. (See Map 1 of Appendix A). Most homes are fully plumbed and connected the piped water and sewage systems. Sewage receives primary treatment and is discharged via two ocean outfalls. Haines Sanitation Inc., a privately-held firm, collects refuse and owns the permitted landfill. (ADCED, 2003).

The geography and vegetation of the Haines area is generally composed of cottonwood trees along low lying rivers and streams within the floodplain areas. Hemlock and spruce dominate around valley floors and colluvial toeslopes. Scouler's willow and Sitka alder are abundant. (USDA, 2001).

Haines has a maritime climate characterized by cool summers and mild winters. Summer temperatures range from 46 to 66; winters range from 10 to 36. Temperature extremes have been recorded from -16 to 90. Total precipitation averages 52 inches a year, with 133 inches of snowfall.

The "Lilly Lake Preliminary Source Water Survey" of 1984 states that the lake is up to 20-ft deep in spots with an average depth of approximately 10-ft. Combining this information with a surface area estimate of 1-million  $ft^2$  provides an estimated total volume of 10 million  $ft^3$ .

### LILLY LAKE DRINKING WATER PROTECTION AREA

Identifying the pathways most likely for surface contamination to reach water intake areas is the first step in determining the water system's risk. These are initially determined by looking at the drainage area contributing overland water flow to a surface water source intake. The entire drainage area is also known as the "drinking water protection area". Please refer to pages 10-11of the "Guidance Manual for Class A Public Water Systems" for additional information.

The protection area established for surface water sources by the ADEC is usually separated into three zones, limited by the watershed boundary. These zones correspond to the overland-flow distance that water travels to get to the source. The ADEC Drinking Water Protection Program's Technical Advisory Committee developed guidelines for derivation of these zones in 1998. The following is a summary of the three protection area zones:

Table 1.Definition of Zones

Zone	Definition
А	Areas within 1000-ft of lakes or streams
В	Areas within 1-mile of lakes or streams
С	The watershed boundary

The protection area for the Lilly Lake intake includes each of these Zones (See Map 1 of Appendix A).

## INVENTORY OF POTENTIAL AND EXISTING CONTAMINANT SOURCES

The Drinking Water Protection Program has completed an inventory of potential and existing sources of contamination within the Lilly Lake protection area. This inventory was completed through a search of agency records and other publicly available information. There is a wide array of potential contamination sources to surface water. These contaminants are found within agricultural, residential, commercial, and industrial areas, but *can also occur within areas that have little or no development.* 

For 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.

Sources identified in the Lilly Lake protection area are displayed on Map 2 of Appendix C and summarized in Table 1 of Appendix B.

### **RANKING OF CONTAMINANT RISKS**

Once potential and existing sources of contamination have been identified, they are assigned a ranking according to what category and level of risk they represent. Ranking of contaminant risks for "potential" or "existing" sources of contamination is a function of the toxicity and the volume of specific contaminants associated with that source. Rankings include:

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

The time-of-travel for contaminants within the water is dependent on the physical and chemical characteristics of each contaminant. Bacteria and Viruses are only inventoried in Zone A because of their short life span. Only "Very High" and "High" rankings are inventoried within Zones B and C due to the probability of contaminant dilution by the time the contaminants reach the water intake.

The remaining tables in Appendix B (if necessary) contain the ranking of potential and existing sources of contamination with respect to bacteria and viruses, nitrates and/or nitrites, volatile organic chemicals, heavy metals, cyanide, and other inorganic chemicals, synthetic organic chemicals, and other organic chemicals.

## VULNERABILITY OF THE DRINKING WATER SYSTEM

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

- Surface Water Susceptibility; and
- Contaminant risks.

Appendix D contains 13 charts, which together form the 'Vulnerability Analysis' for the public drinking water Source Water Assessment. Chart 1 analyzes the 'Susceptibility of the Surface Water Source' to contamination by looking at the climate, terrain, and intake location. Chart 2 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 contamination that has or may have occurred, but has not arrived or been detected at the intake area. Chart 3 contains the 'Vulnerability Analysis for Bacteria and Viruses', which is a composite score of the Vulnerability Analysis and the overall Susceptibility. Charts 4 through 13 repeat 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 Surface Water Susceptibility of the source is reached by considering the properties of the water intake and the surrounding area. The derivation of this information is presented below and the data for this source is shown in Chart 1 of Appendix D.

Susceptibility of the Surface Water Source – always considered to be "high" (30 points)

Adequate Construction of the Intake (0 - 5 Points)

Runoff Potential Within Zone B (0 - 5 Points)

Dilution Capacity of the Surface Water (0 - 10 Points)

Natural Susceptibility (0 - 50 Points)

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

Surface Water Source Susceptibility Ratings

 $\begin{array}{ll} 40 \text{ to } 50 \text{ pts} & \text{Very High} \\ 30 \text{ to} < 40 \text{ pts} & \text{High} \end{array}$ 

### Table 2. Susceptibility of the Water Source

	Score	Rating
Minimum Allowable	30	
Susceptibility		
Intake Construction	0	
Adequate		
Runoff Potential	5	
Dilution Capacity	5	
Overall Susceptibility	40	Very High

For contaminants, risks to a drinking water source depend on the type, number or density, and distribution of the contaminant sources. The Contaminant Risk score has been derived from an examination of existing, and historical contamination sources that have been detected in the protection area through routine sampling. It also evaluates potential sources of contamination. Flow charts are used to assign a point score, and ratings are assigned in the same way as the 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. Lilly Lake Contaminant Risks

Category	Score	Rating
Bacteria and Viruses	12	Low
Nitrates and/or Nitrites	12	Low
Volatile Organic Chemicals	12	Low
Heavy Metals, Cyanide, and		
Other Inorganic Chemicals	12	Low
Synthetic Organic Chemicals	0	Low
Other Organic Chemicals	0	Low

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

Susceptibility of the Surface Water Source

(0 – 50 points) +

Contaminant Risks (0 - 50 points)

=

Vulnerability of the Drinking Water Source to Contamination (0 - 100).

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 and ratings for each of the six categories of drinking water contaminants. Note: scores are rounded off to the nearest five.

### Table 4. Lilly Lake Overall Vulnerability

Category	Score	Rating
Bacteria and Viruses	50	Medium
Nitrates and Nitrites	50	Medium
Volatile Organic Chemicals	50	Medium
Heavy Metals, Cyanide, and		
Other Inorganic Chemicals	50	Medium
Synthetic Organic Chemicals	40	Medium
Other Organic Chemicals	40	Medium

### **Bacteria and Viruses**

The contaminant risk for bacteria and viruses is "low". Typically, coliform detection in raw water samples collected from surface water sources is normal. (See Chart 2 – Contaminant Risks for Bacteria and Viruses in Appendix D).

Coliforms (a bacteria) are found naturally in the environment and although they aren't necessarily a health threat, they are 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. Harmful bacteria can cause diarrhea, cramps, nausea, headaches, or other symptoms (EPA, 2003). Positive samples increase the overall vulnerability of the drinking water source, indicating that the source is susceptible to bacteria and virus contamination.

No two consecutive positive bacteria counts have been detected in the sampling period January 1999 - May 2003. A possible source of bacteria could be from hiking/dog activity or ATV activity.

After combining the contaminant risk for bacteria and viruses with the natural susceptibility of the source, the overall vulnerability of the source to bacteria and virus contamination becomes "medium".

### Nitrates and Nitrites

The contaminant risk for nitrates and nitrites is "low" (See Chart 4 - Contaminant Risks for Nitrates and/or Nitrites in Appendix D). Nitrates are very mobile, moving at approximately the same rate as water.

Sampling history for the water source indicates that no nitrates have been detected in the period 2002 – 2003 detected. The Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) for nitrates is 10 milligrams per liter (mg/L). The MCL is the maximum level of contaminant that is allowed to exist in drinking water and still be consumed by humans without harmful health effects (EPA, 2003).

A possible source of nitrate/nitrites is hiking/dog activity or ATV activity.

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

### **Volatile Organic Chemicals**

The contaminant risk for volatile organic chemicals is "low" (See Chart 6 – Contaminant Risks for Volatile Organic Chemicals in Appendix D).

Chloroform and trihalomethanes were detected at levels below the MCL during sampling in 2000-2002, although both of these chemicals typically originate during the process of water treatment and not from the source waters. The MCL for chloroform is 0.2 milligrams per liter (mg/L) and the MCL for total trihalomethanes is 0.1 mg/L.

Another possible source for volatile organic compound could be ATV activity.

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

## Heavy Metals, Cyanide, and Other Inorganic Chemicals

The contaminant risk for heavy metals is "low". Copper and lead were detected in samples collected during 1998-2000 (See Chart 8 – Contaminant Risks for Heavy Metals, Cyanide, and Other Inorganic Chemicals in Appendix D). The MCL for copper is 1.3 mg/l. and the MCL for lead is 0.015 mg/l.

The most common source of these chemicals is the infrastructure of the distribution system following the treatment process. ATV activity can also contribute heavy metals.

After combining the contaminant risk for heavy metals with the natural susceptibility of the source, the overall vulnerability of the well to contamination is "medium".

### Synthetic Organic Chemicals

The contaminant risk for synthetic organic chemicals is "low". After combining the contaminant risk with the natural susceptibility of the source, the overall vulnerability to synthetic organic chemicals of the source is "medium" (See Chart 11 – Contaminant Risks for Synthetic Organic Chemicals in Appendix D).

Review of the historical sampling data indicates that test results for ethylene dibromide and dibromochloropropane in 2002 were negative.

### **Other Organic Chemicals**

The contaminant risk for other organic chemicals is "low". After combining the contaminant risk with the natural susceptibility of the source, the overall vulnerability to other organic chemicals of the source is "medium" (See Chart 13 – Contaminant Risks for Other Organic Chemicals in Appendix D).

Review of the historical sampling data indicates that no other organic chemicals have been sampled recently.

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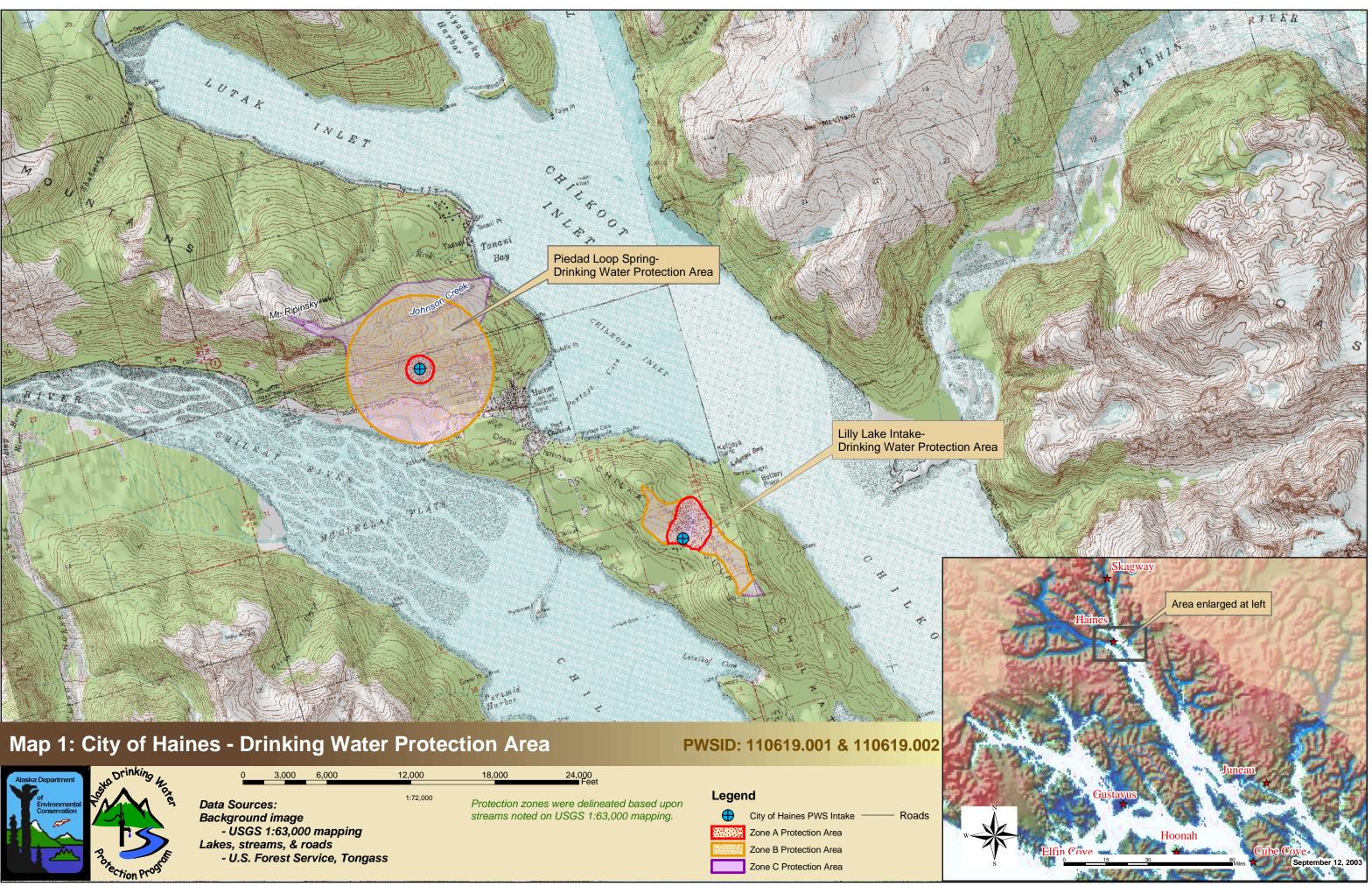
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## **APPENDIX A**

## Lilly Lake Drinking Water Protection Area Location Map (Map 1)



Alaska Department	0 3,000 6,000	12,000	18,000	24,000 Feet		
Conservation Co	Data Sources: Background image - USGS 1:63,000 mapping Lakes, streams, & roads - U.S. Forest Service, Tongass	1:72,000		nes were delineated based upon d on USGS 1:63,000 mapping.	LegendImage: City of Haines PWS IntakeRoadsImage: City of A Protection AreaImage: City of B Protection Area	W Z

## **APPENDIX B**

## Contaminant Source Inventory and Risk Rankings (Tables 1 - 5)

## Contaminant Source Inventory for City of Haines

Contaminant Source Type	Contaminant Source ID	CS ID tag	Zone	Map Number	Comments
RV, ATV, or dogsled trails	X33	X33 - 1	А	2	From IKONOS Image and operator information
Dog walking areas/foot trails	X46	X46 - 1	А	2	Assumed by DWPP that these exist within the Chilkat State Park Area.

## Contaminant Source Inventory and Risk Ranking for

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## *City of Haines Sources of Bacteria and Viruses*

Contaminant Source Type	Contaminant Source ID	CS ID tag	Zone	Risk Ranking for Analysis	Map Number	Comments
RV, ATV, or dogsled trails	X33	X33 - 1	А	Low	2	From IKONOS Image and operator information
Dog walking areas/foot trails	X46	X46 - 1	А	Low	2	Assumed by DWPP that these exist within the Chilkat State Park Area.

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## *City of Haines* Sources of Nitrates/Nitrites

Contaminant Source Type	Contaminant Source ID	CS ID tag	Zone	Risk Ranking for Analysis	Map Number	Comments
RV, ATV, or dogsled trails	X33	X33 - 1	А	Low	2	From IKONOS Image and operator information
Dog walking areas/foot trails	X46	X46 - 1	А	Low	2	Assumed by DWPP that these exist within the Chilkat State Park Area.

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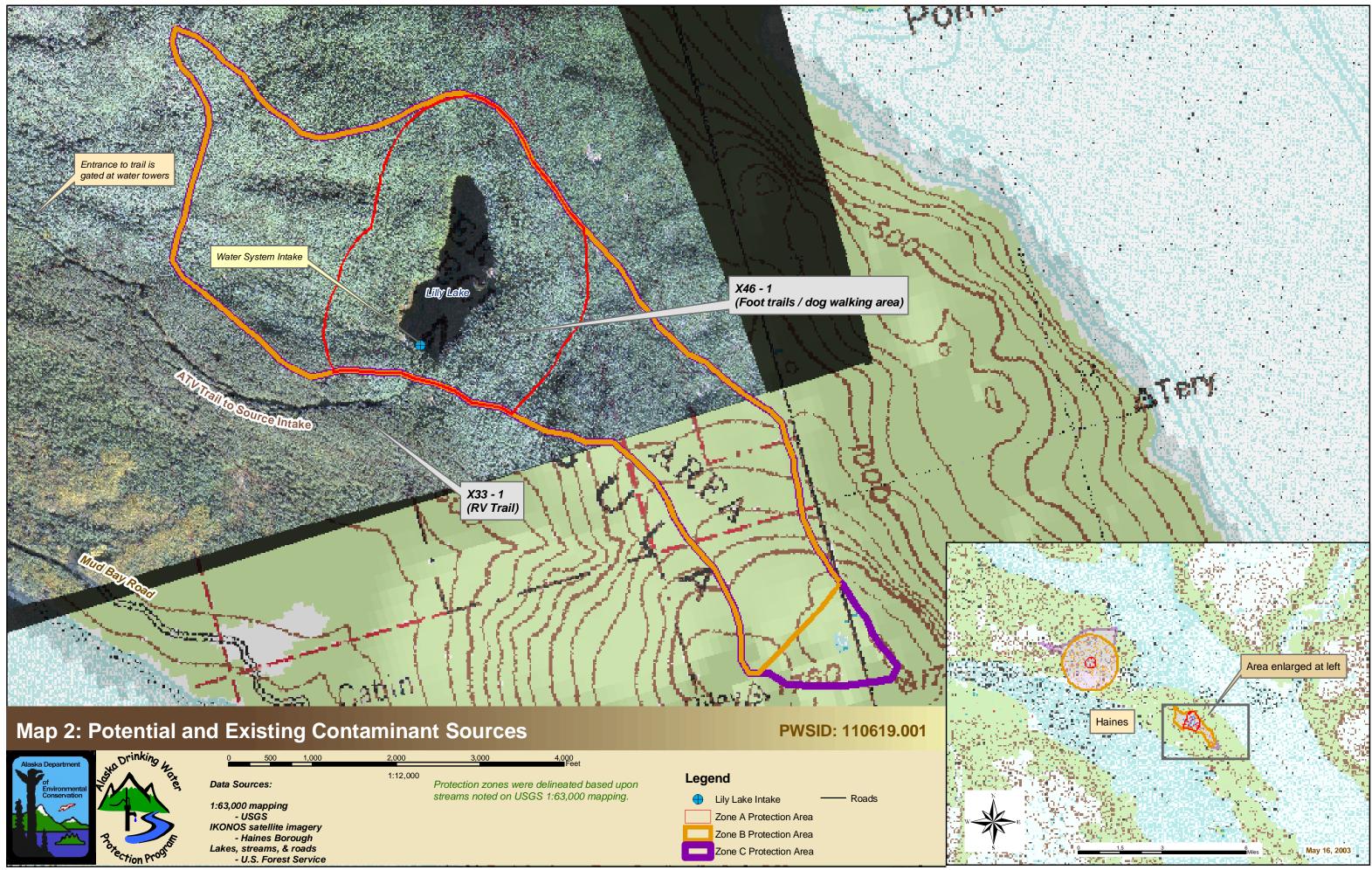
## *City of Haines* Sources of Volatile Organic Chemicals

Contaminant Source Type	Contaminant Source ID	CS ID tag	Zone	Risk Ranking for Analysis	Map Number	Comments
RV, ATV, or dogsled trails	X33	X33 - 1	А	Low	2	From IKONOS Image and operator information

Contaminant Source Inventory and Risk Ranking for PWSID 110619.001 Table 5 City of Haines Sources of Heavy Metals, Cyanide and Other Inorganic Chemicals Risk Ranking Contaminant Мар Contaminant Source Type CS ID tag Zone **Comments** Source ID for Analysis Number X33 X33 - 1 RV, ATV, or dogsled trails 2 From IKONOS Image and operator information А Low

## **APPENDIX C**

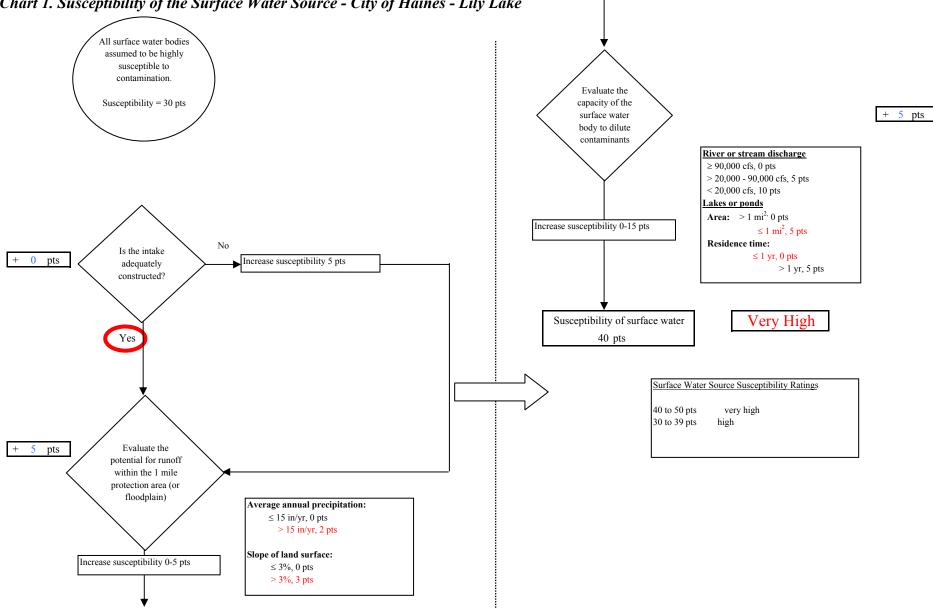
Lilly Lake Drinking Water Protection Area and Potential and Existing Contaminant Sources (Map 2)



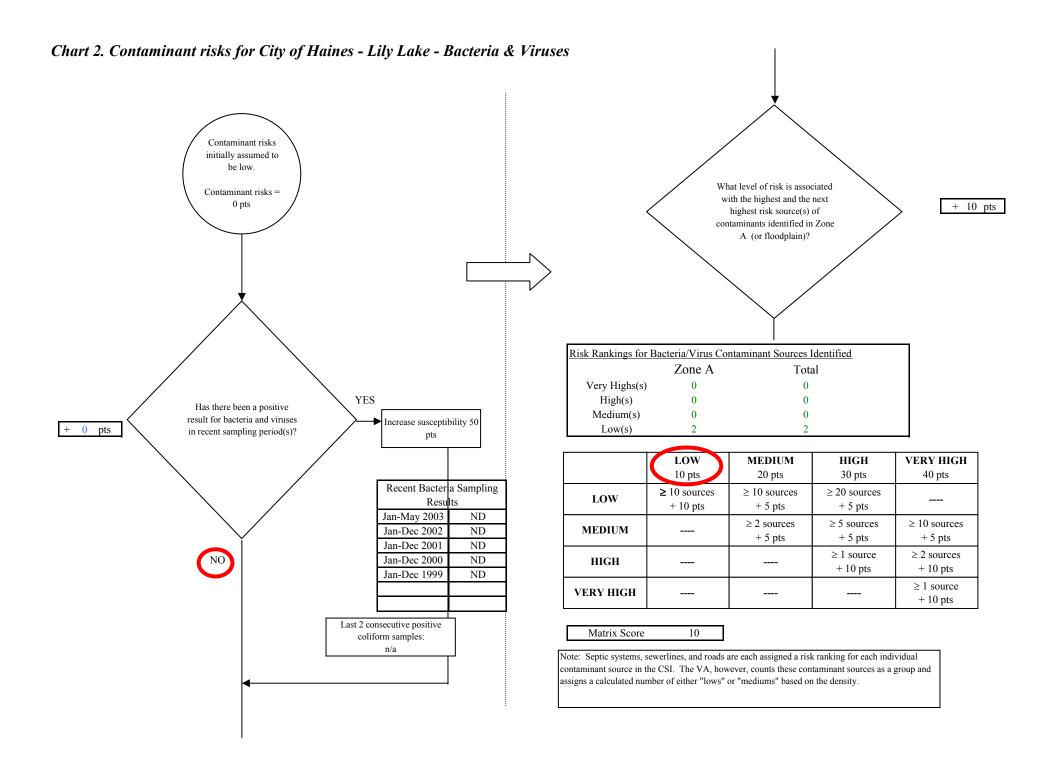


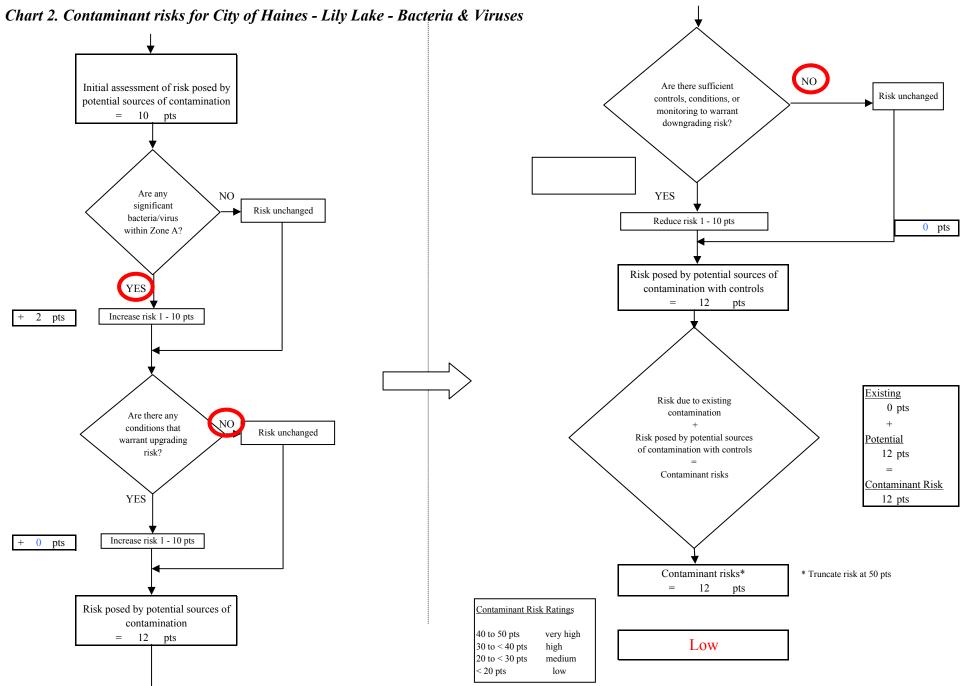
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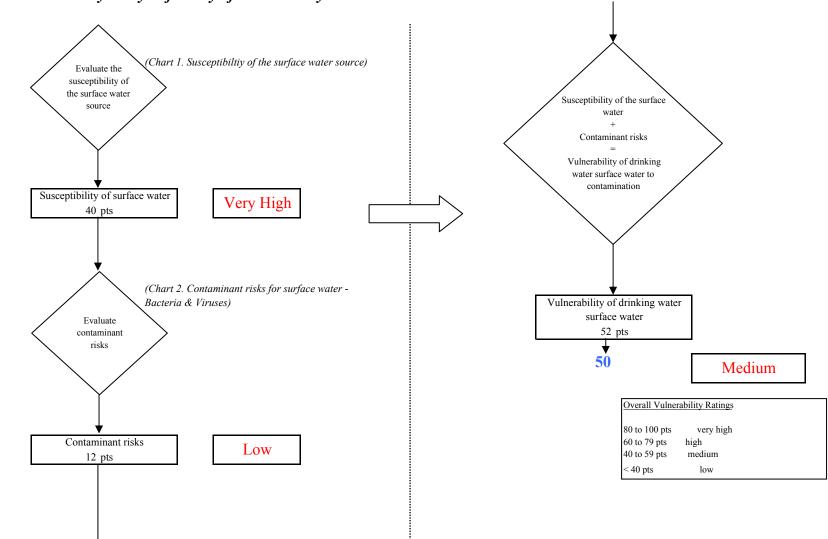
Vulnerability Analysis and Contaminant Risks (Charts 1-13)



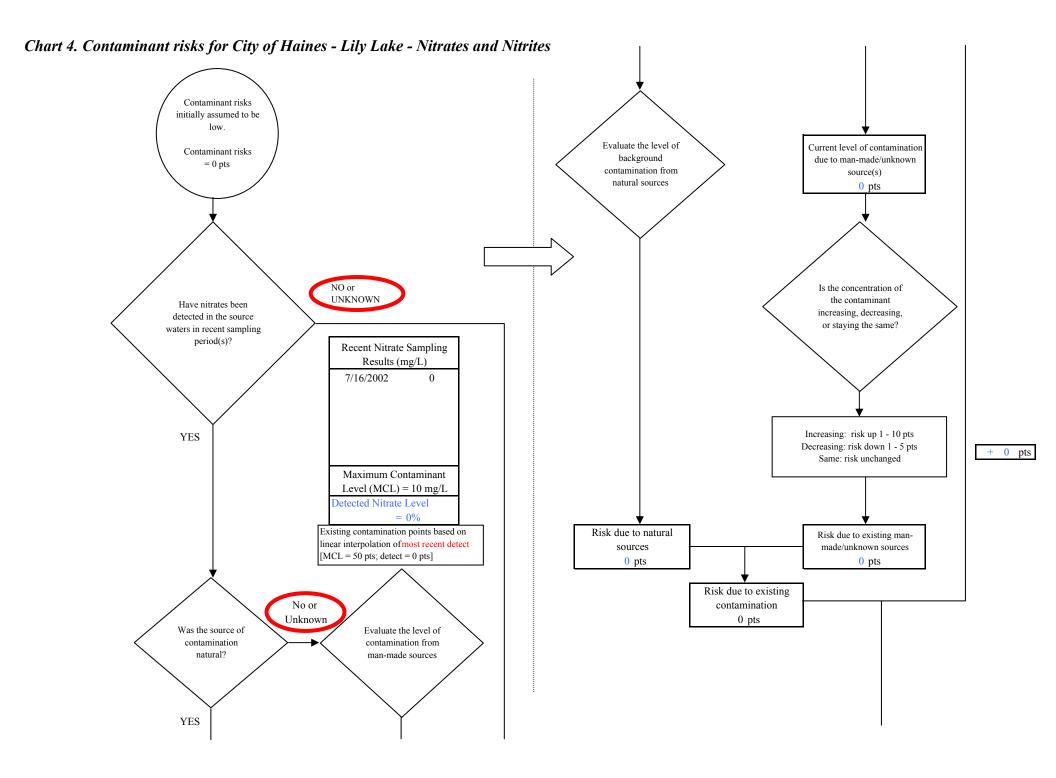
### Chart 1. Susceptibility of the Surface Water Source - City of Haines - Lily Lake



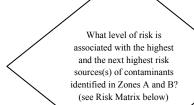




## Chart 3. Vulnerability analysis for City of Haines - Lily Lake - Bacteria & Viruses







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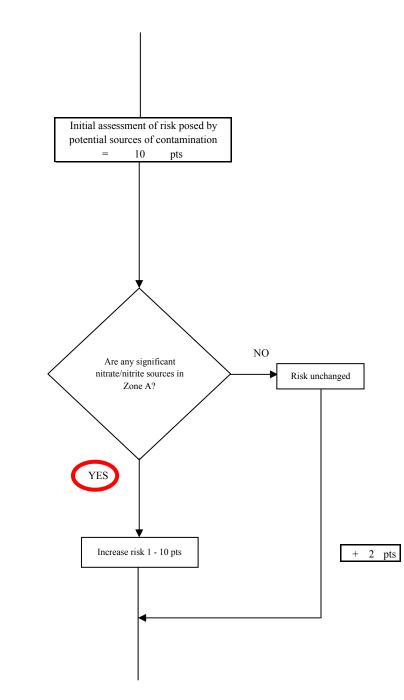
Risk Levels for Nitrate/Nitrite Sources identified in Zones A and B						
	Zone A	Zone B	Total			
Very Highs(s)	0	0	0			
High(s)	0	0	0			
Medium(s)	0		0			
Low(s)	2		2			

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

Matrix Score

Note: Septic systems, sewerlines, and roads are each assigned a risk ranking for each individual contaminant source in the CSI. The VA, however, counts these contaminant sources as a group and assigns a calculated number of either "lows" or "mediums" based on the density.

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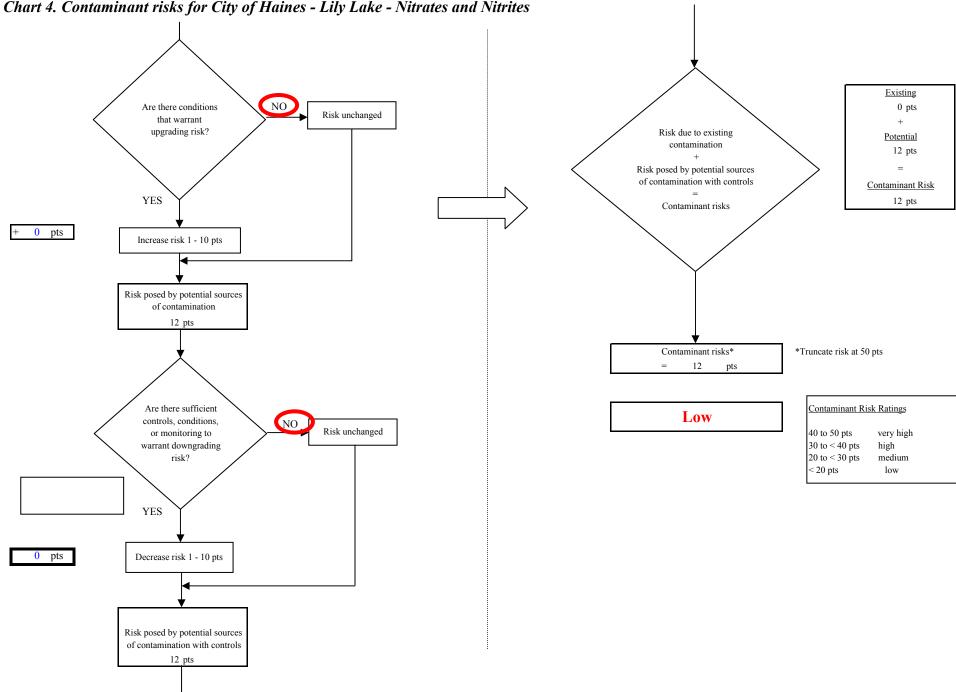
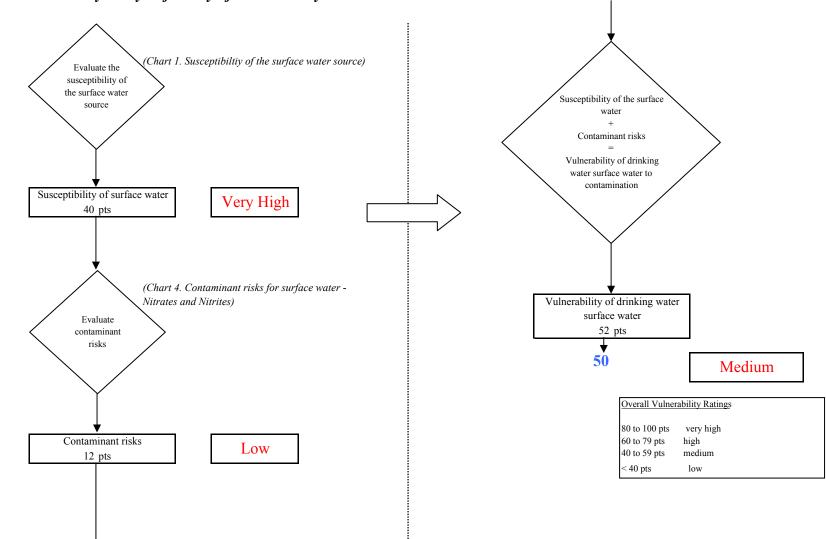
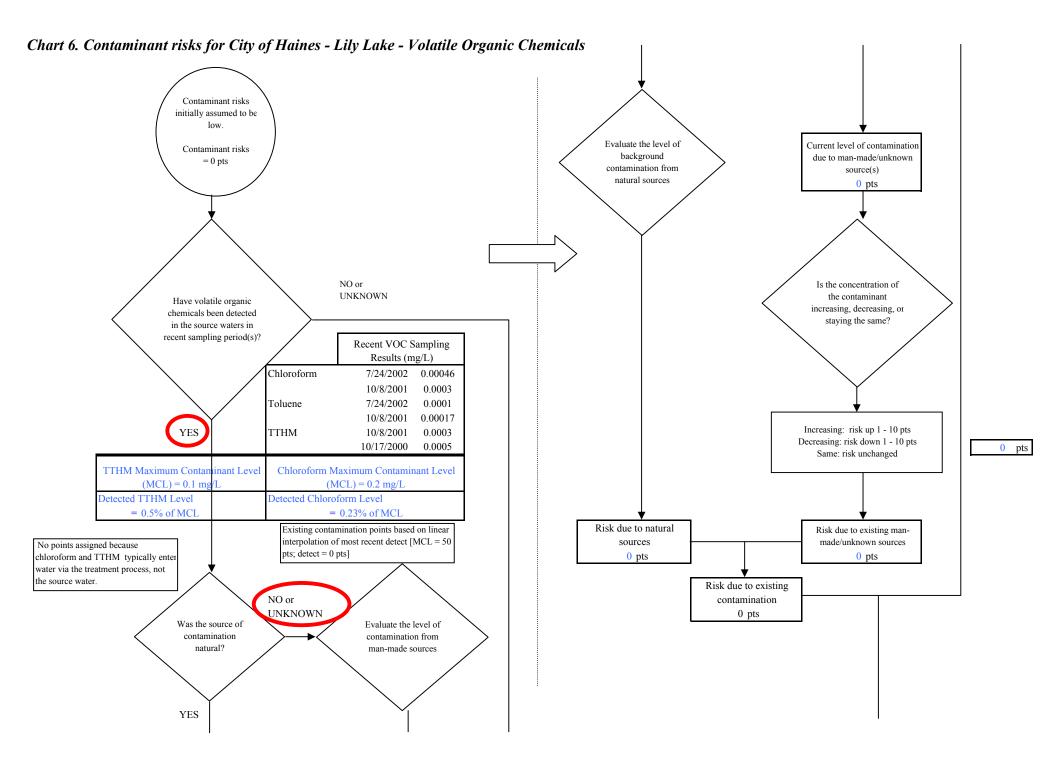
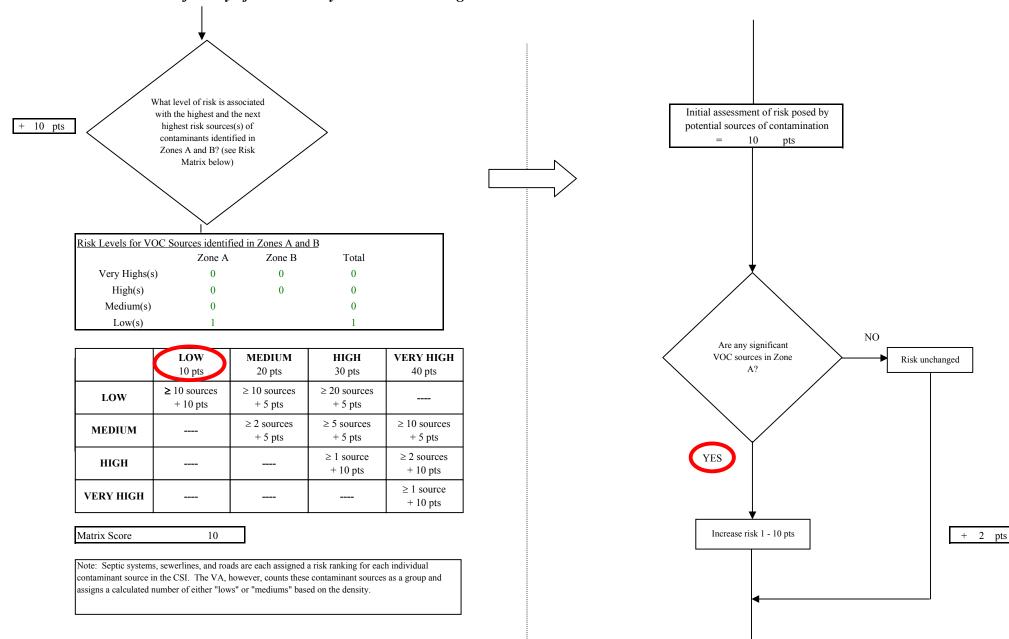


Chart 4. Contaminant risks for City of Haines - Lily Lake - Nitrates and Nitrites

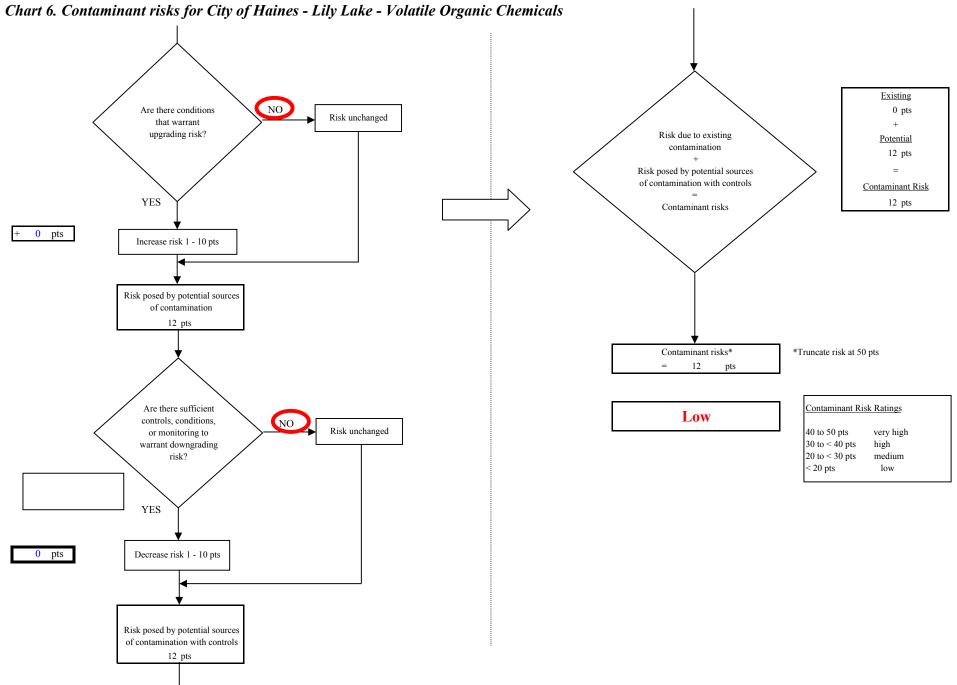


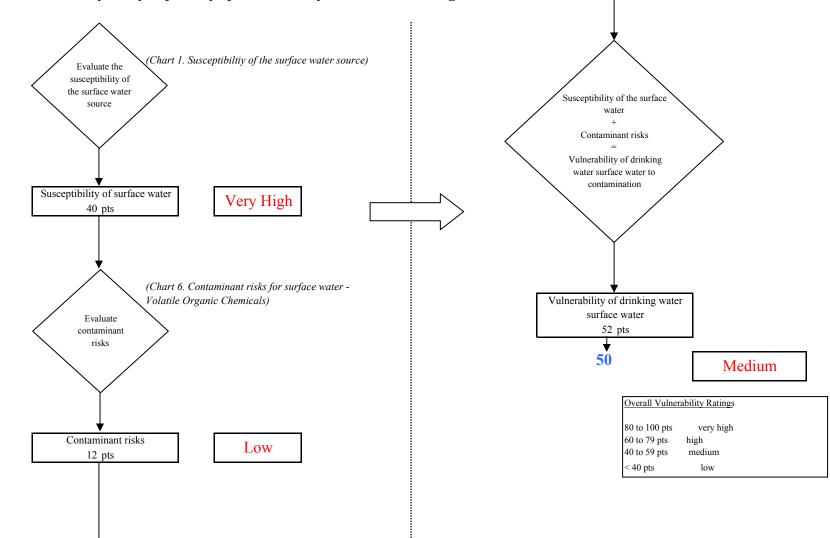
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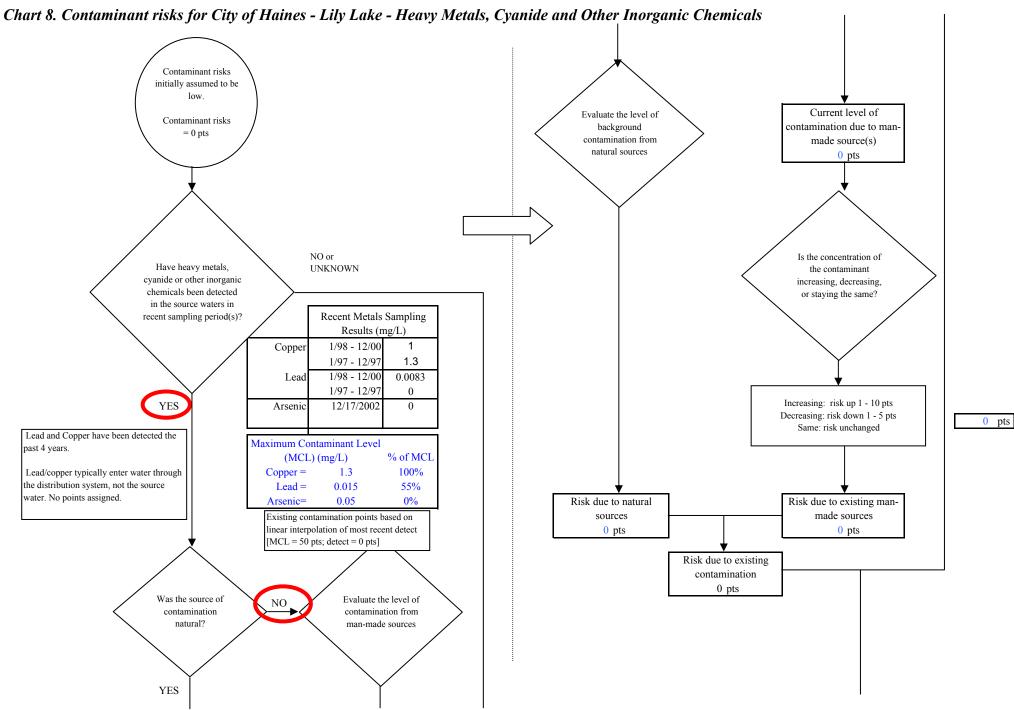


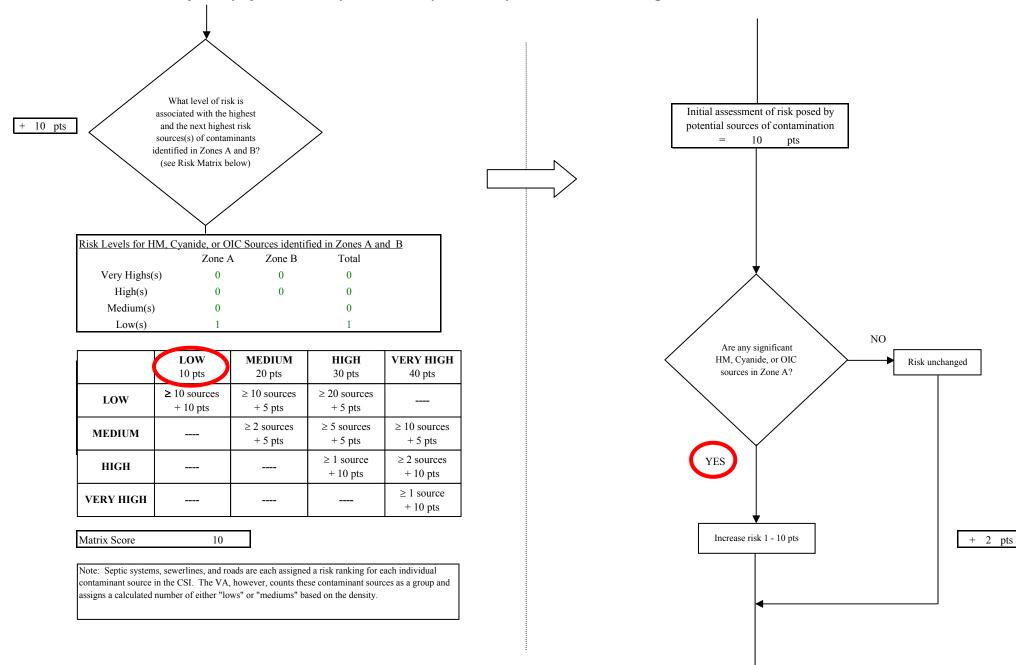
### Chart 6. Contaminant risks for City of Haines - Lily Lake - Volatile Organic Chemicals





## Chart 7. Vulnerability analysis for City of Haines - Lily Lake - Volatile Organic Chemicals





### Chart 8. Contaminant risks for City of Haines - Lily Lake - Heavy Metals, Cyanide and Other Inorganic Chemicals

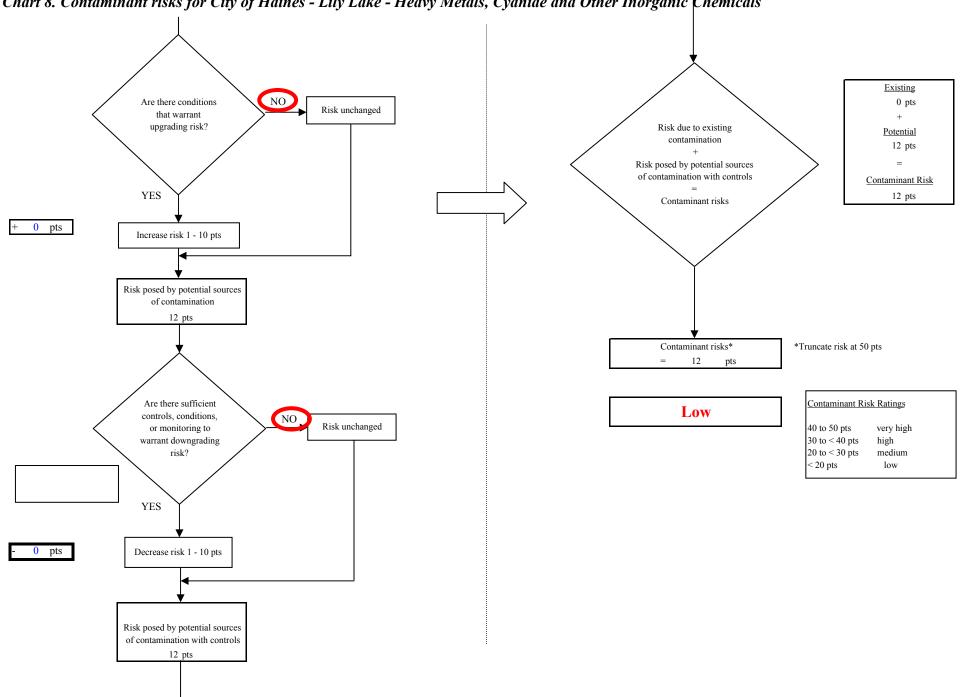


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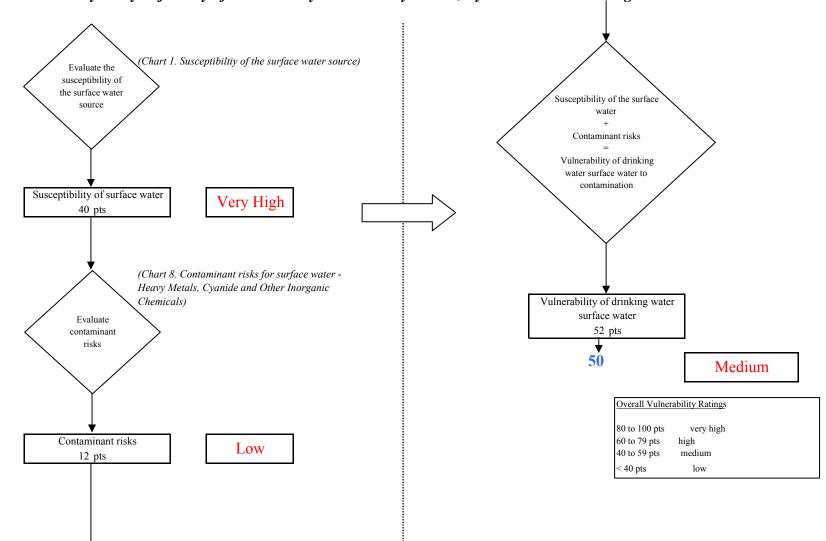
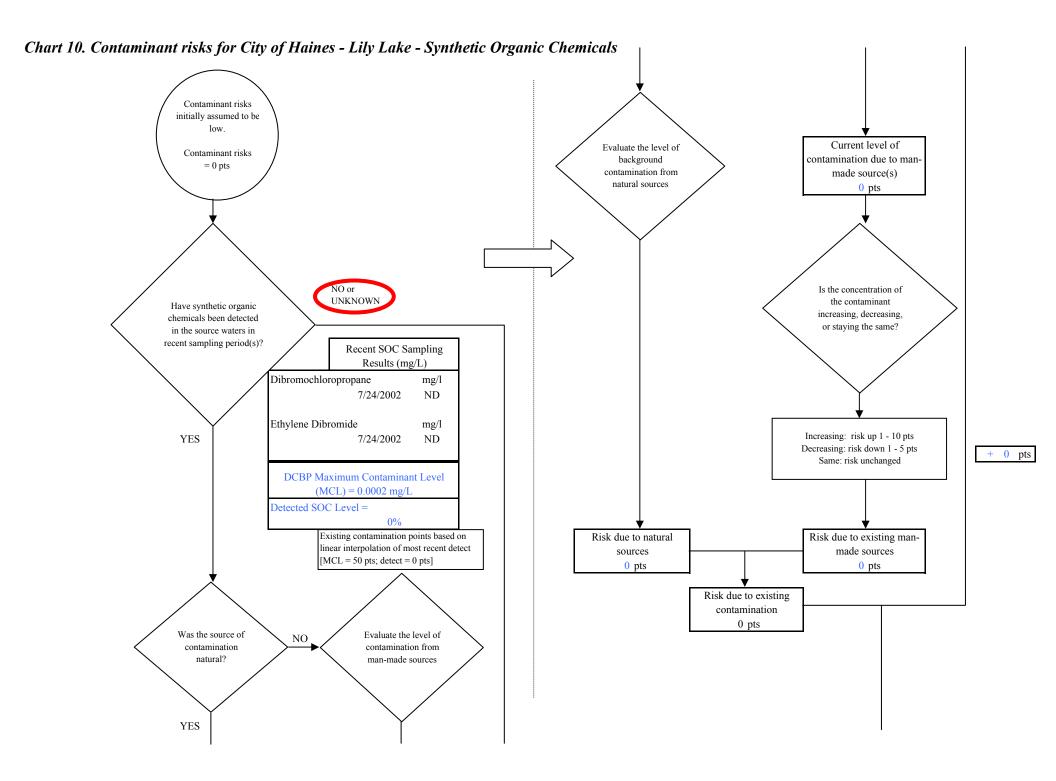
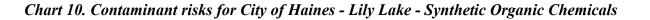
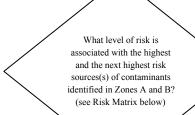


Chart 9. Vulnerability analysis for City of Haines - Lily Lake - Heavy Metals, Cyanide and Other Inorganic Chemicals







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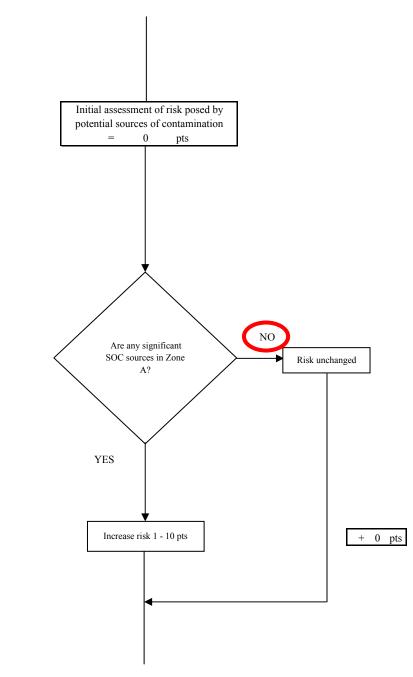
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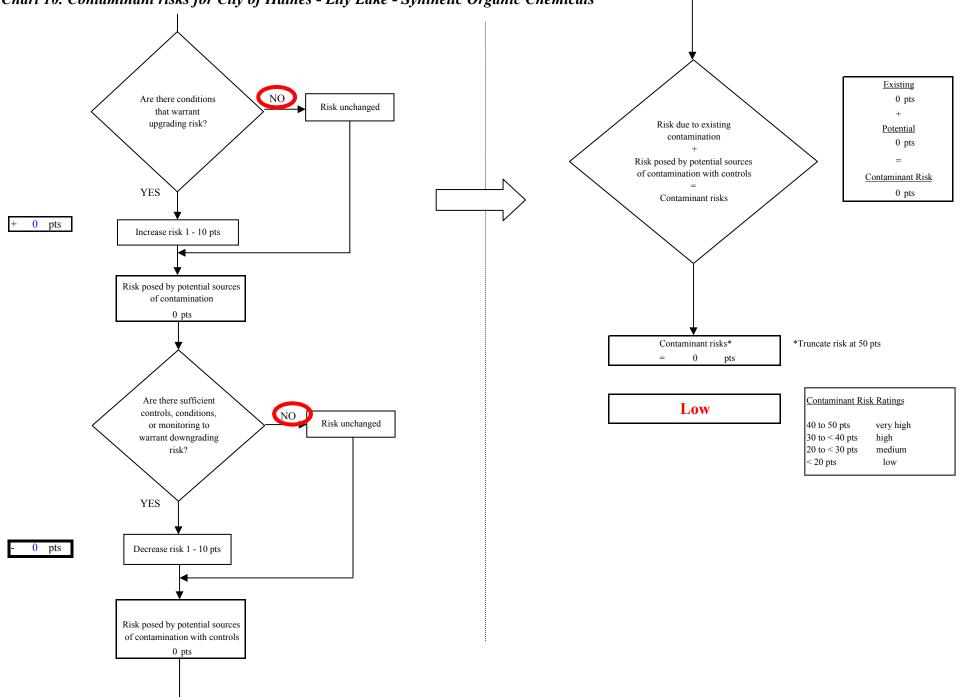
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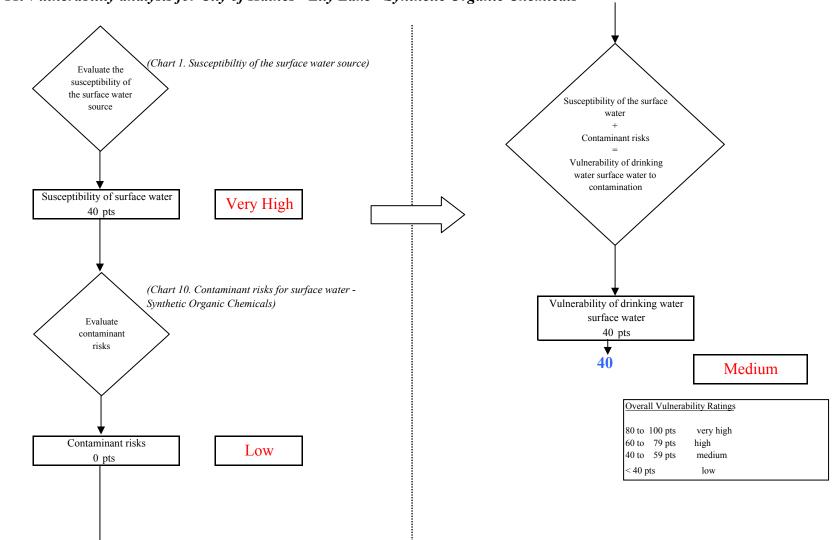
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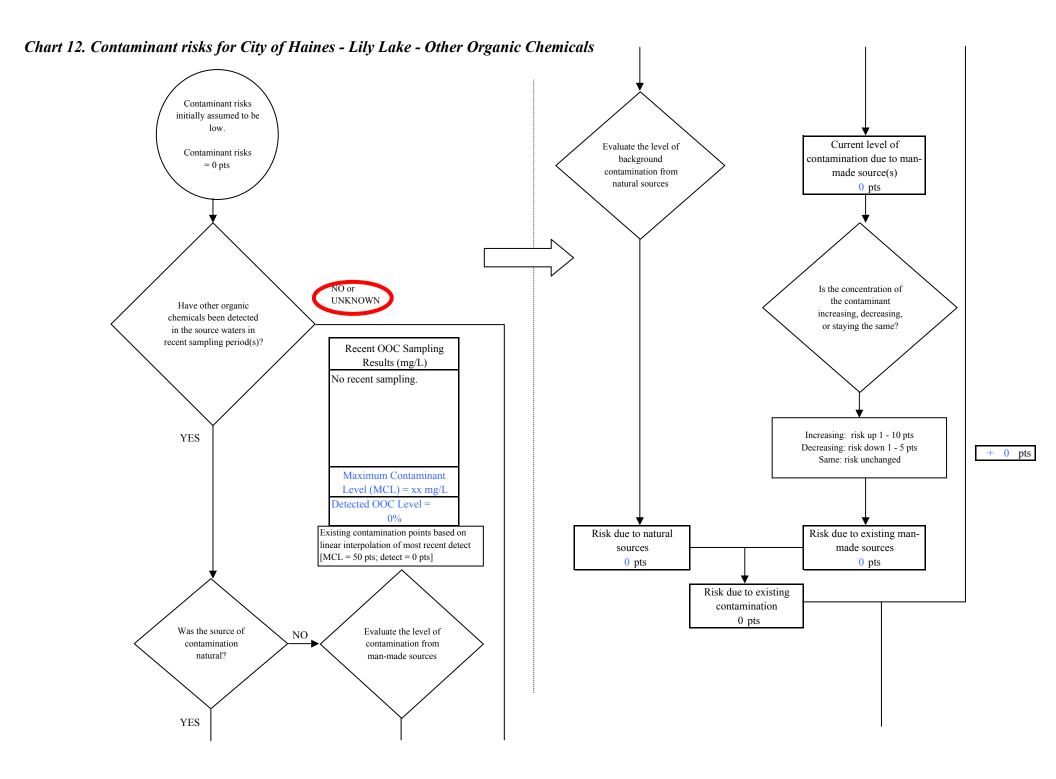




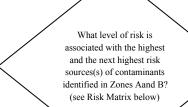




## Chart 11. Vulnerability analysis for City of Haines - Lily Lake - Synthetic Organic Chemicals







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Risk Levels for OOC S	ources identified	l in Zones A and	<u>1 B</u>	
	Zone A	Zone B	Total	
Very Highs(s)	0	0	0	
High(s)	0	0	0	
Medium(s)	0	0	0	
Low(s)	0	0	0	

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VERY HIGH				$\geq$ 1 source + 10 pts

Matrix Score

Note: Septic systems, sewerlines, and roads are each assigned a risk ranking for each individual contaminant source in the CSI. The VA, however, counts these contaminant sources as a group and assigns a calculated number of either "lows" or "mediums" based on the density.

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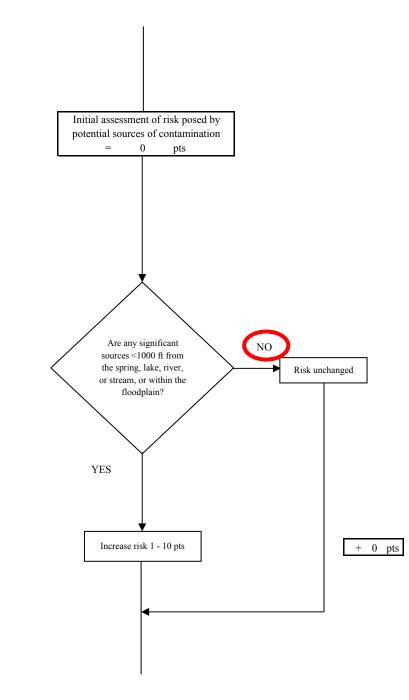
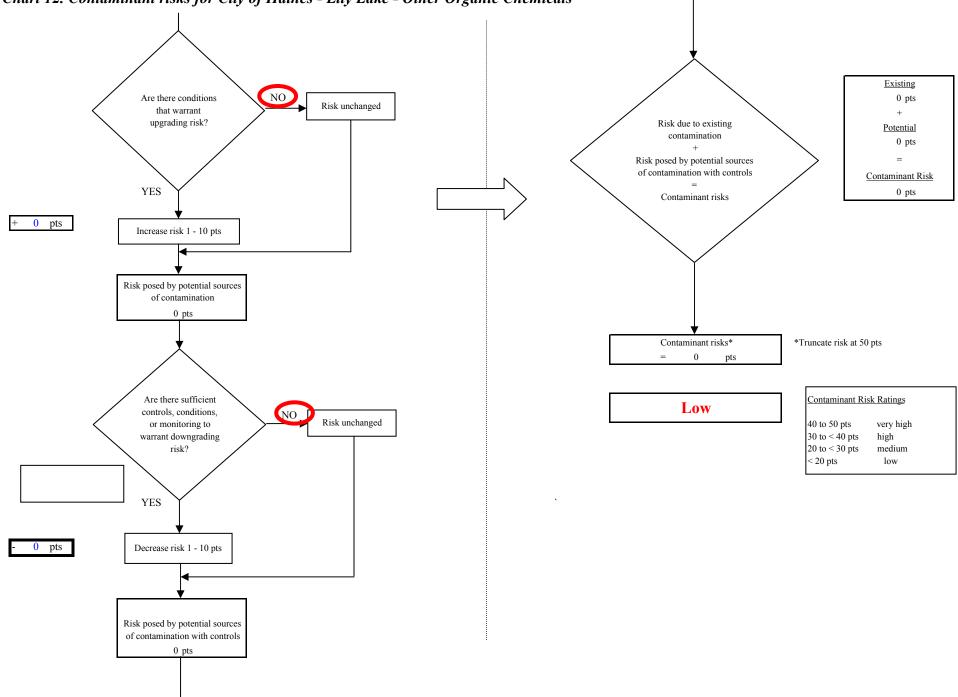
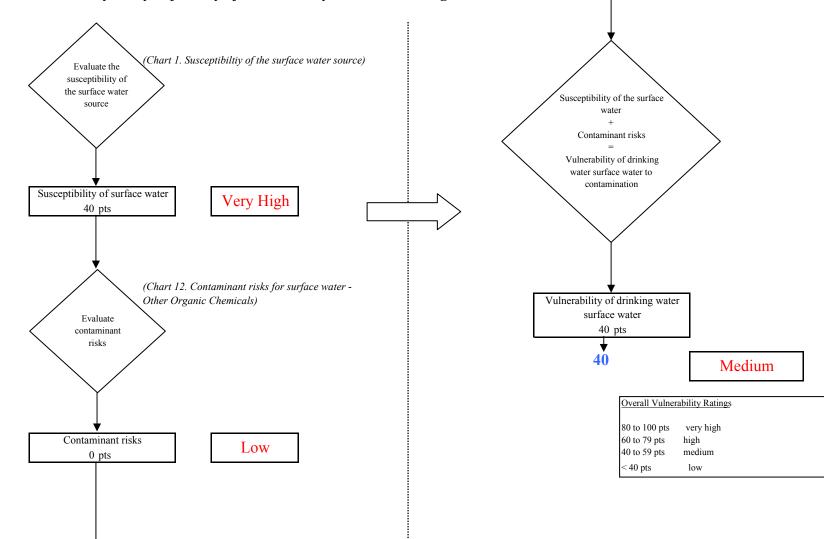


Chart 12. Contaminant risks for City of Haines - Lily Lake - Other Organic Chemicals





## Chart 13. Vulnerability analysis for City of Haines - Lily Lake - Other Organic Chemicals