

# **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 Ouzinkie Water System

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#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The City of Ouzinkie water system is a Class A (community) water system that obtains water from Mahoona Lake, approximately 1.5-miles east of the community. Access to the intake area is not restricted. The overall protection area is approximately 500 acres 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. No existing or potential sources of contaminants were identified 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 all 6 contaminant This assessment can be used as a categories. foundation for local voluntary protection efforts as well as a basis for the continuous efforts on the part of the City of Ouzinkie to protect public health.

## DRINKING WATER SYSTEM AND AREA OVERVIEW

Ouzinkie (Sec. 15, T026S, R020W, Seward Meridian) is located on the west coast of Spruce Island, adjacent to Kodiak Island. It lies northwest of the City of Kodiak and 247 air miles southwest of Anchorage (Please see the inset of Map 1 in Appendix A for location). The current population of Ouzinkie is approximately 170 (ADCED, 2003).

The Ouzinkie water system is a Class A (community) water system that serves the entire community yearround. The intake is located on Mahoona Lake, approximately 1.5-miles east of Ouzinkie. On rare occasions, Spruce Creek is used as an emergency intake. Treated water is piped throughout the City. The system serves 80 homes and commercial facilities. Access to the intake area is not restricted (See Map 1 of Appendix A). The climate of the Kodiak Islands is dominated by a strong marine influence. There is little or no freezing weather, moderate precipitation, and frequent cloud cover and fog. Annual precipitation is 60 inches, with 87 inches of snowfall. Temperatures remain within a narrow range, from 32 to 62 (ADCED, 2003).

The 1998 sanitary survey indicates that the water intake is screened, maintained, inspected regularly, and protected from ice buildup and siltation. System operators indicate that the volume of Mahoona Lake is normally 305-acre-feet with a maximum volume of 400-acre-feet.

## OUZINKIE 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 City of Ouzinkie water intake includes each of these Zones, although due to the small size of the watershed, Zones B and C cover the same area (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 Ouzinkie 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 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							
40 to 50 pts	Very High						
30 to < 40 pts	High						

Table 2. Susceptibility of the Water Source

	Score	Rating
Minimum Allowable	30	
Susceptibility		
Intake Construction	0	
Adequate		
Runoff Potential	5	
Dilution Capacity	5	
<b>Overall Susceptibility</b>	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. Ouzinkie Contaminant Risks

Category	Score	Rating
Bacteria and Viruses	0	Low
Nitrates and/or Nitrites	1	Low
Volatile Organic Chemicals	0	Low
Heavy Metals, Cyanide, and		
Other Inorganic Chemicals	0	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

$$(0-50 \text{ points})$$

+

Contaminant Risks (0 - 50 points)

=

	Vulne	erability c	of the	
Drinking	Water Sourc	ce to Con	tamination	(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. Ouzinkie Overall Vulnerability

Category	Score	Rating
Bacteria and Viruses	40	Medium
Nitrates and Nitrites	40	Medium
Volatile Organic Chemicals	40	Medium
Heavy Metals, Cyanide, and		
Other Inorganic Chemicals	40	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 positive bacteria counts have been detected in samples collected in 1999-2003.

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 is "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 nitrates have been detected at levels below the MCL in samples collected in 1999 through 2002. 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).

Possible sources of nitrates/nitrites could be from human/animal activity along roads, ATV trails, or snowmachine trails located within the protection area.

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).

Trihalomethanes and chloroform were detected at levels below the MCL during sampling in 2002 and 2003, although 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.

Possible sources of volatile organic chemicals could be from human/animal activity along roads, ATV trails, or snowmachine trails located within the protection area.

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 have been detected in samples collected during 2000-2002, but at levels below the MCL (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 and not from the source waters. Additional sources of heavy metals could be from activity along roads, ATV trails, or snowmachine trails located within the protection area.

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".

Review of the historical sampling data indicates that test results for dibromacetic acid in 2003 and ethylene dibromide in 2001-2002 were negative.

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).

#### **Other Organic Chemicals**

The contaminant risk for other organic chemicals is "low".

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

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).

#### Using the Source Water Assessment

This assessment of contaminant risks can be used as a foundation for local voluntary protection efforts as well as a basis for the continuous efforts on the part of the City of Ouzinkie to protect public health. It is anticipated that Source Water Assessments will be updated every five years to reflect any changes in the vulnerability and/or susceptibility of the drinking water source.

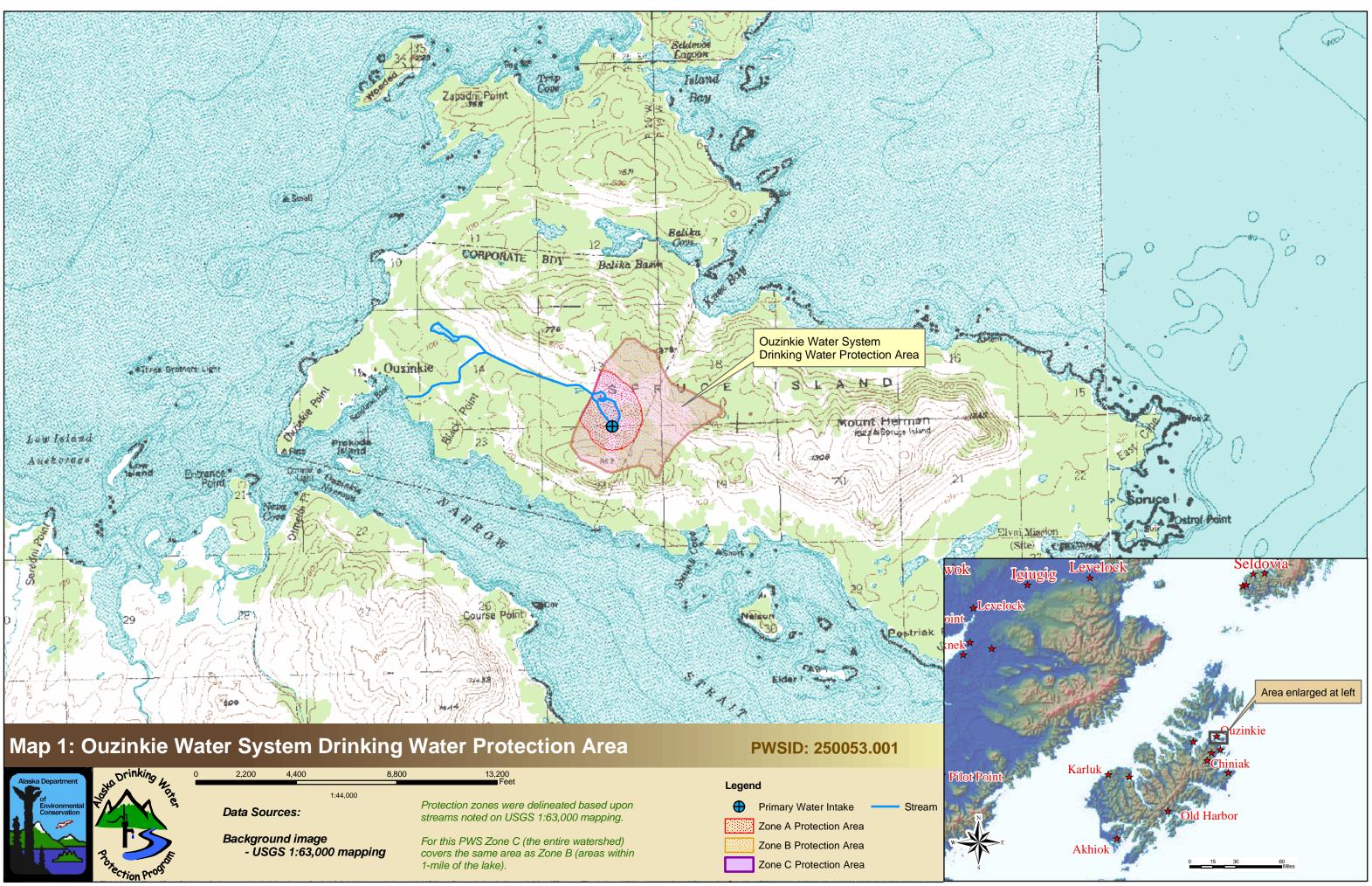
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## **APPENDIX A**

Ouzinkie Drinking Water Protection Area Location Map (Map 1)



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## **APPENDIX B**

## Contaminant Source Inventory and Risk Rankings (Table 1)

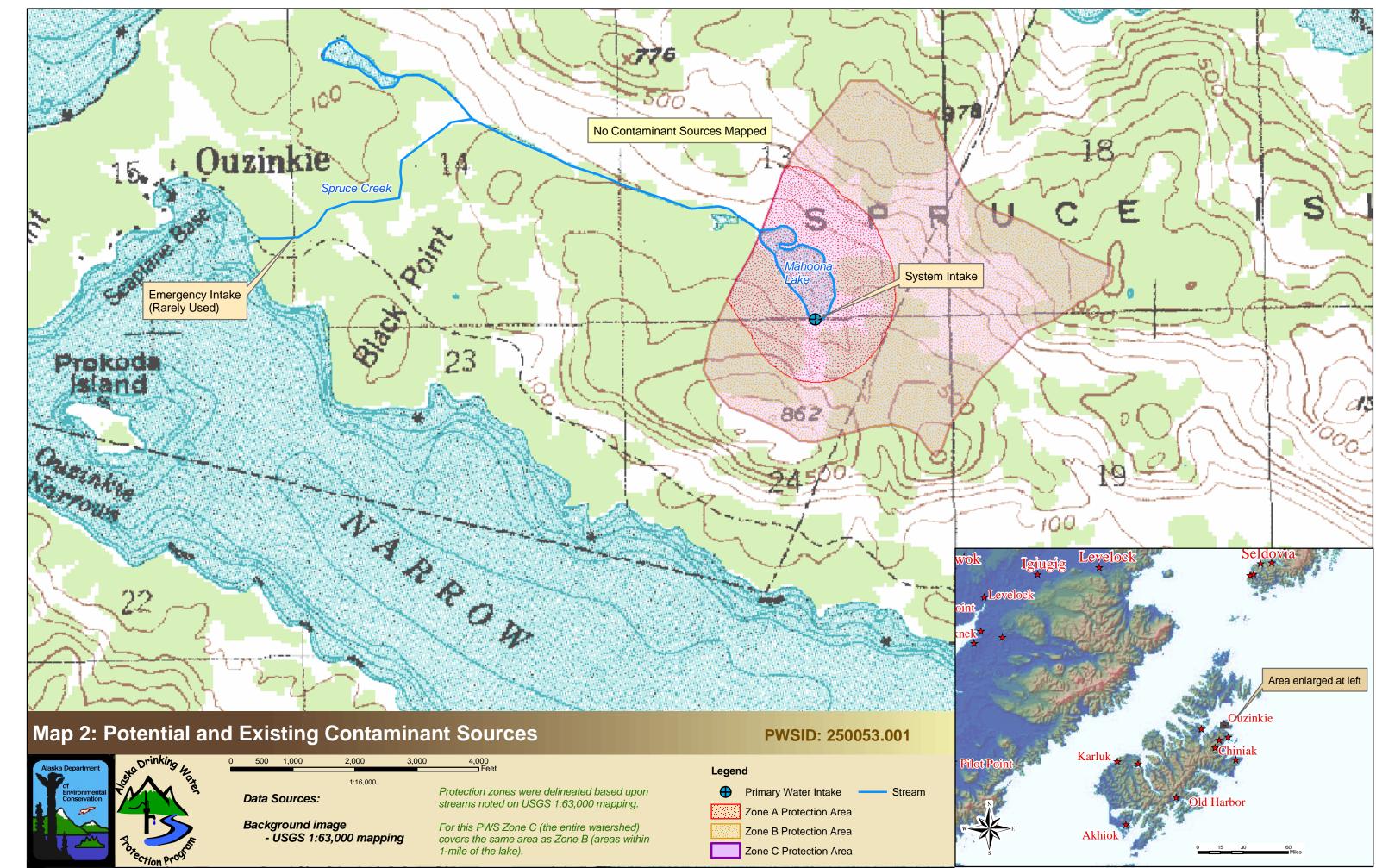
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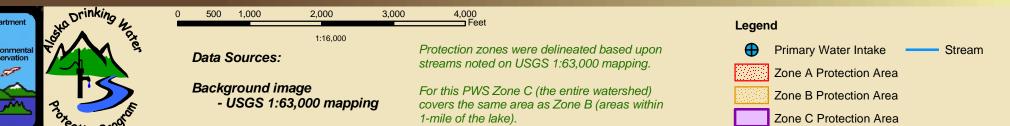
## Contaminant Source Inventory for Ouzinkie Water System

Contaminant Source Type	Contaminant Source ID	CS ID tag	Zone	Map Number	Comments
					No contaminant sources currently mapped at primary intake on Mahoona Lake.

## **APPENDIX C**

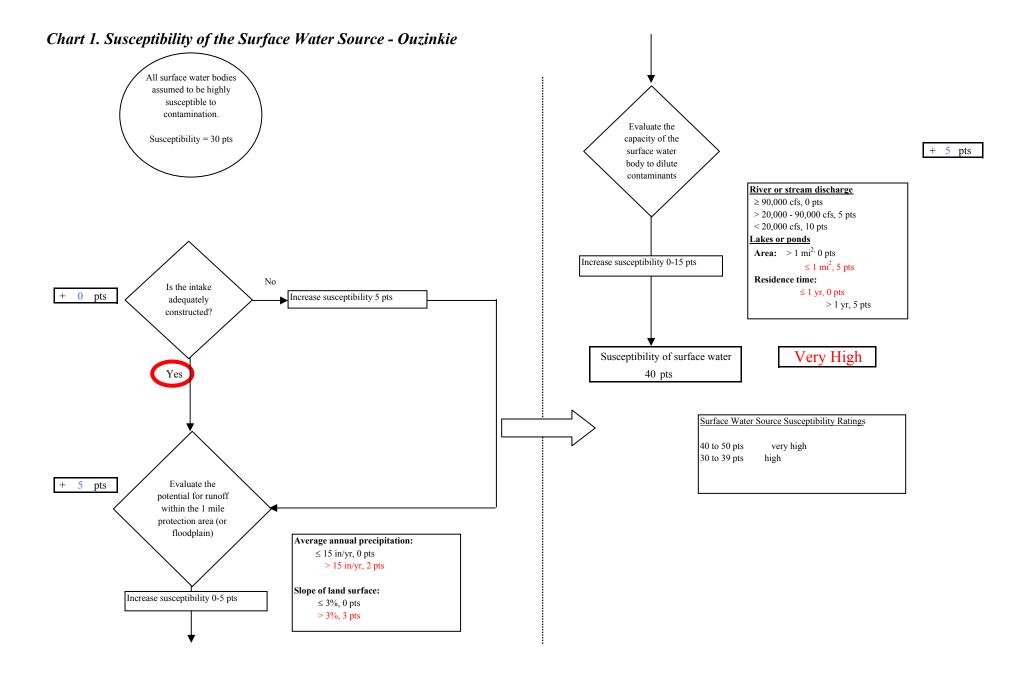
Ouzinkie Drinking Water Protection Area and Potential and Existing Contaminant Sources (Map 2)



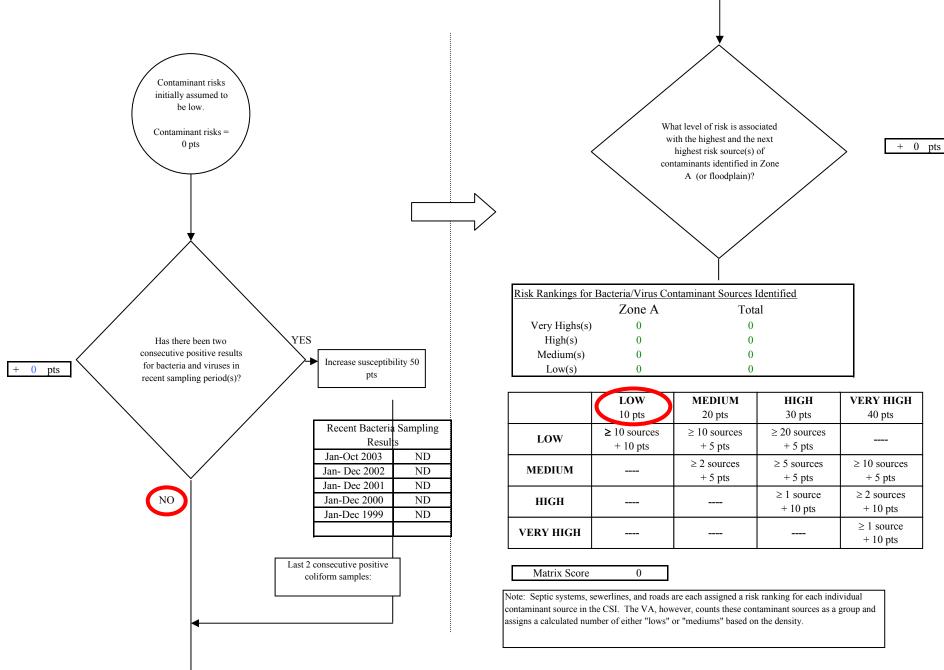


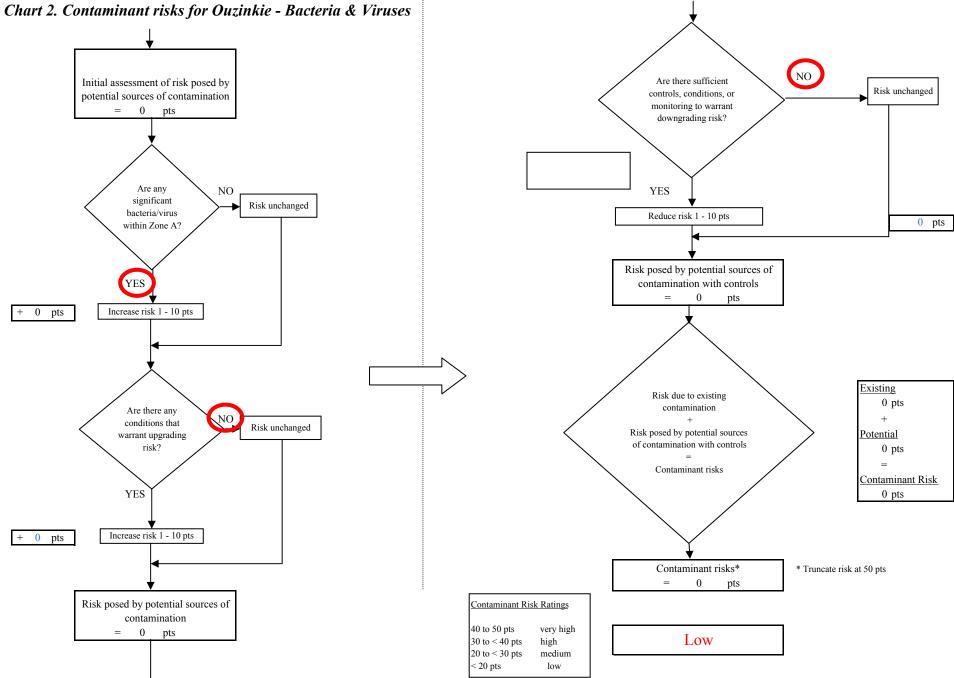
## **APPENDIX D**

Vulnerability Analysis and Contaminant Risks (Charts 1-13)









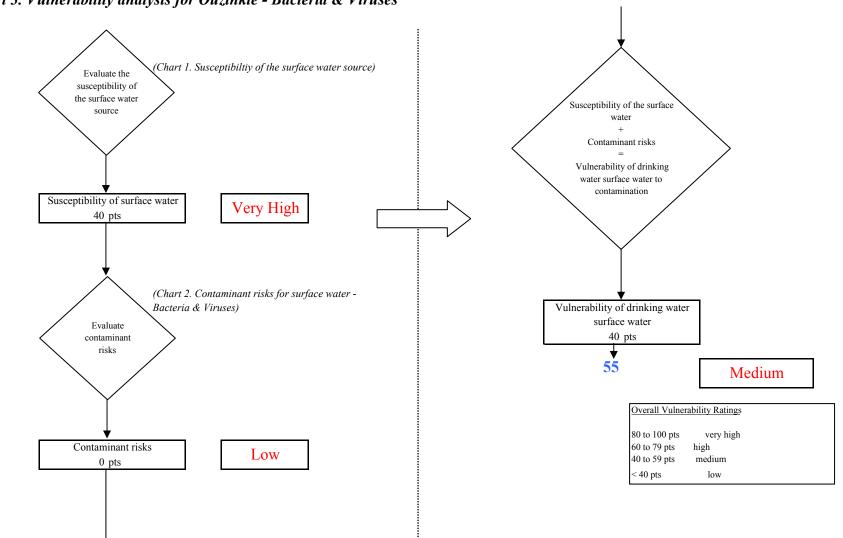


Chart 3. Vulnerability analysis for Ouzinkie - Bacteria & Viruses

Chart 4. Contaminant risks for Ouzinkie - Nitrates and Nitrites

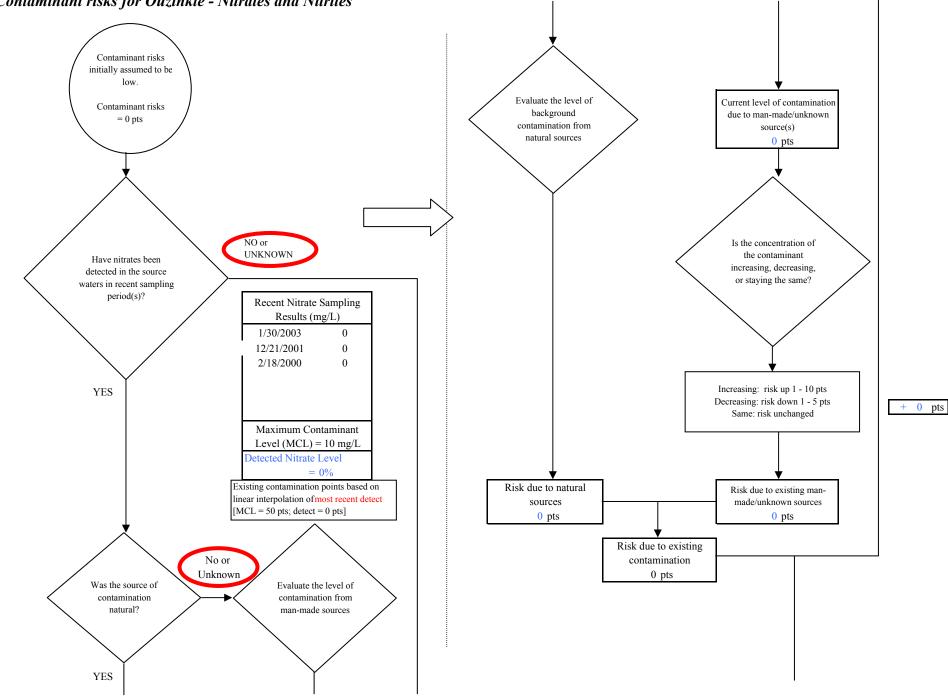
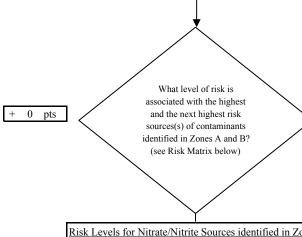


Chart 4. Contaminant risks for Ouzinkie - Nitrates and Nitrites



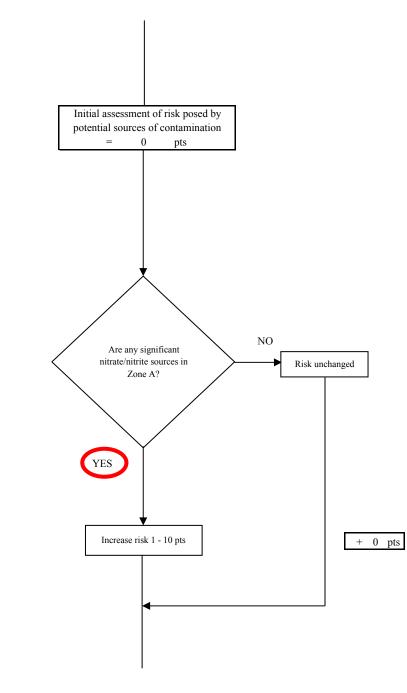
Risk Levels for Nitrate/	sk Levels for Nitrate/Nitrite Sources identified in Zones A and B					
Zone A Zone B Total						
Very Highs(s)	0	0	0			
High(s)	0	0	0			
Medium(s)	0		0			
Low(s)	0		0			

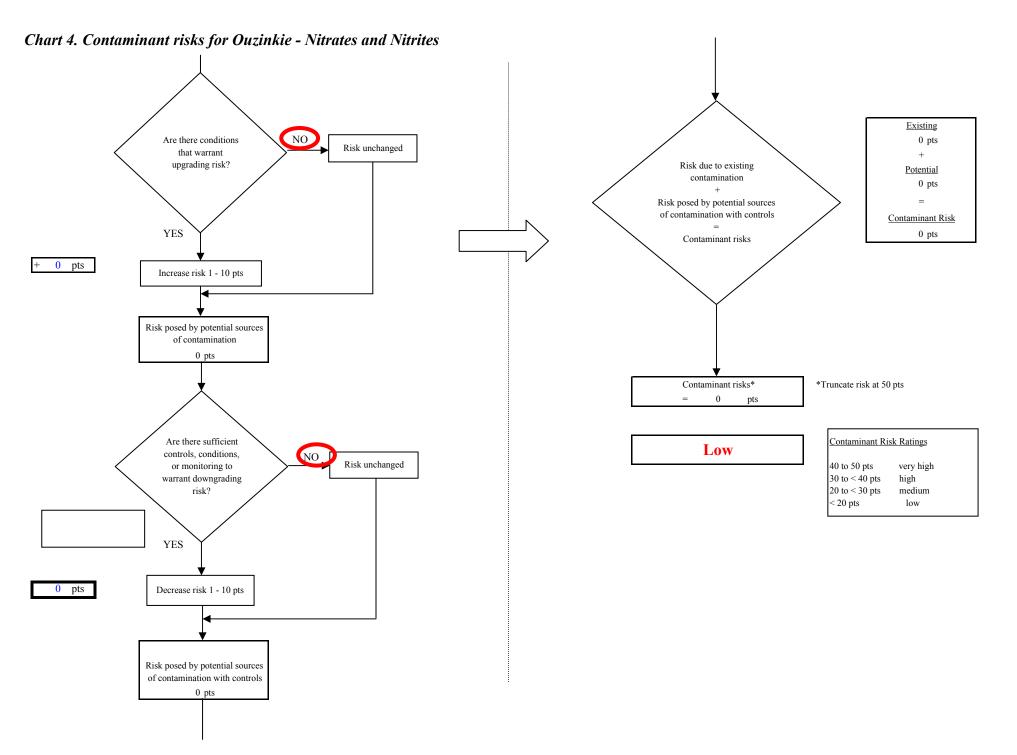
	LOW 10 pts	MEDIUM 20 pts	HIGH 30 pts	VERY HIGH 40 pts
LOW	≥ 10 sources + 10 pts	$\geq 10 \text{ sources}$ + 5 pts	≥ 20 sources + 5 pts	
MEDIUM		≥ 2 sources + 5 pts	≥ 5 sources + 5 pts	$\geq 10 \text{ sources}$ + 5 pts
HIGH			$\geq$ 1 source + 10 pts	≥ 2 sources + 10 pts
VERY HIGH				$\geq$ 1 source +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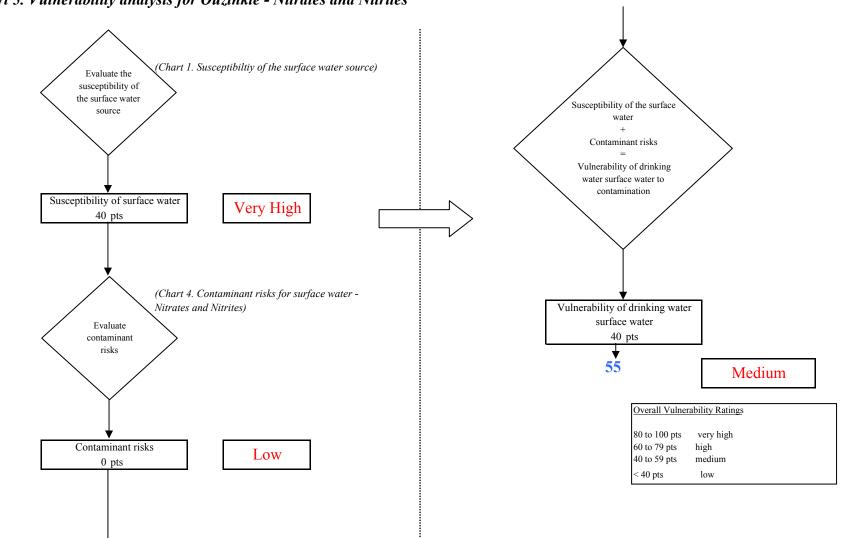


Chart 5. Vulnerability analysis for Ouzinkie - Nitrates and Nitrites

Chart 6. Contaminant risks for Ouzinkie - Volatile Organic Chemicals

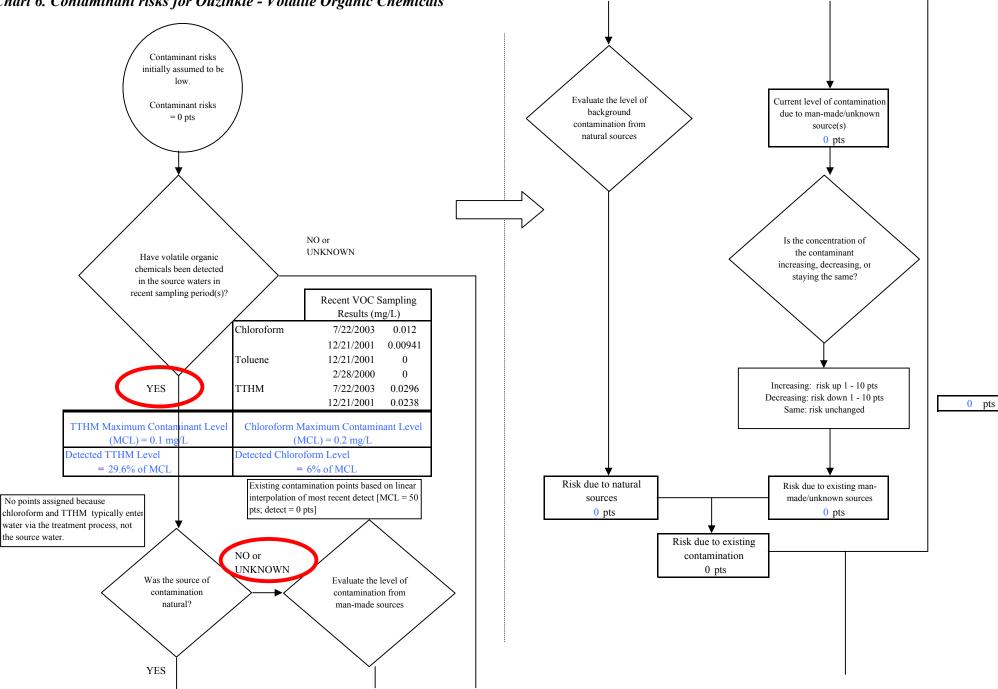
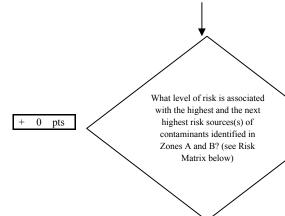


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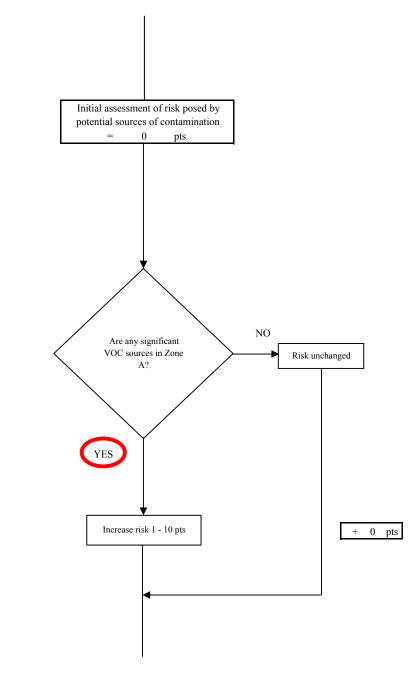
Risk Levels for VOC Sources identified in Zones A and B					
	Zone A	Zone B	Total		
Very Highs(s)	0	0	0		
High(s)	0	0	0		
Medium(s)	0		0		
Low(s)	0		0		

	LOW 10 pts	MEDIUM 20 pts	HIGH 30 pts	VERY HIGH 40 pts
LOW	≥ 10 sources + 10 pts	$ \begin{array}{c c} \geq 10 \text{ sources} \\ + 5 \text{ pts} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \geq 20 \text{ source} \\ + 5 \text{ pts} \end{array} $		
MEDIUM		≥ 2 sources + 5 pts	≥ 5 sources + 5 pts	$\geq$ 10 sources + 5 pts
HIGH			≥ 1 source + 10 pts	≥ 2 sources + 10 pts
VERY HIGH				$\geq$ 1 source + 10 pts

Matrix Score

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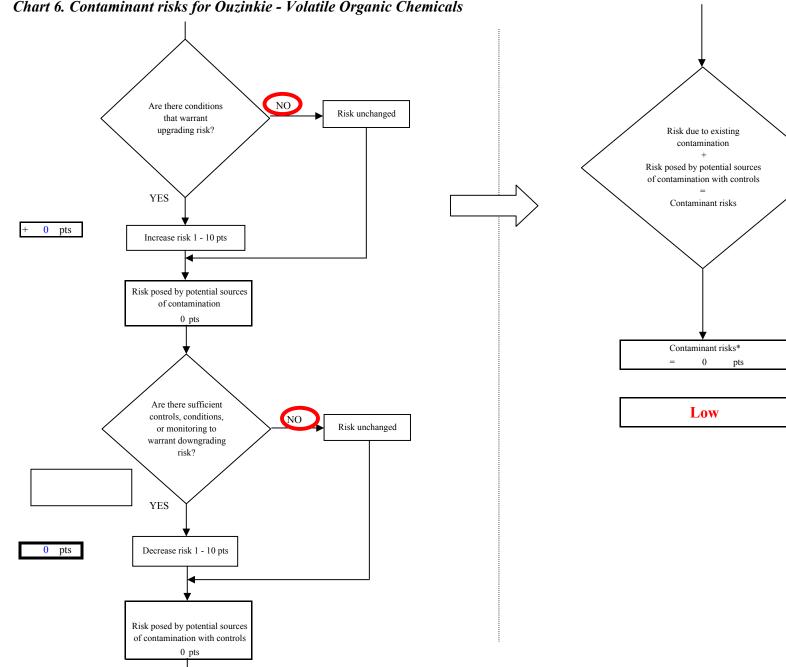


Chart 6. Contaminant risks for Ouzinkie - Volatile Organic Chemicals

Existing

+

Potential

=

Contaminant Risk

\*Truncate risk at 50 pts

40 to 50 pts

30 to < 40 pts

20 to < 30 pts

< 20 pts

Contaminant Risk Ratings

very high

medium

low

high

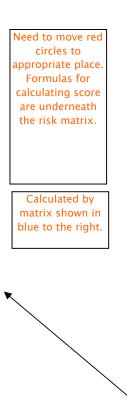
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## detect % > MCL

List ~ past 5 years of sampling history. Divide most recent detect by MCL to get "Detected ???? Level %". This % is interpolated into points in the blue to the right of this page.





Risk matrix to the right of this page calculates points assigned for highs and very highs in zone C. Can also add points for other conditions.

Extra liners in landfills, extra leak protection for fuel storage tanks etc....

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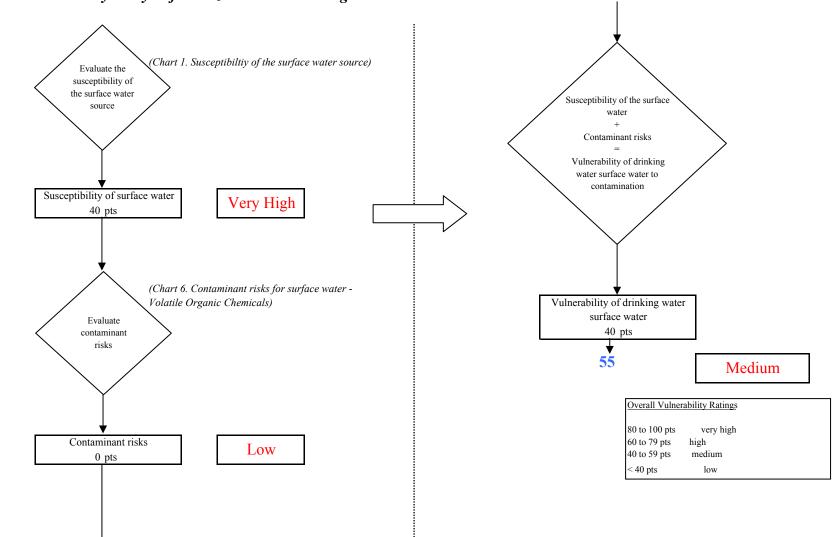
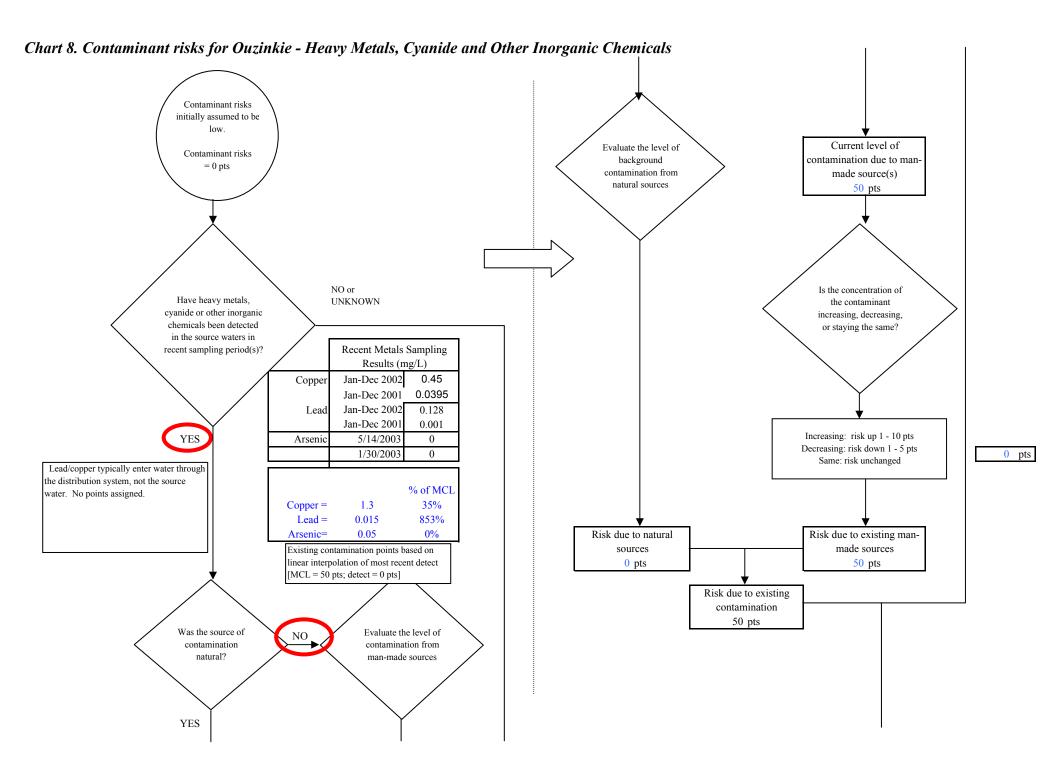
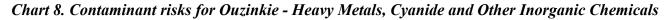
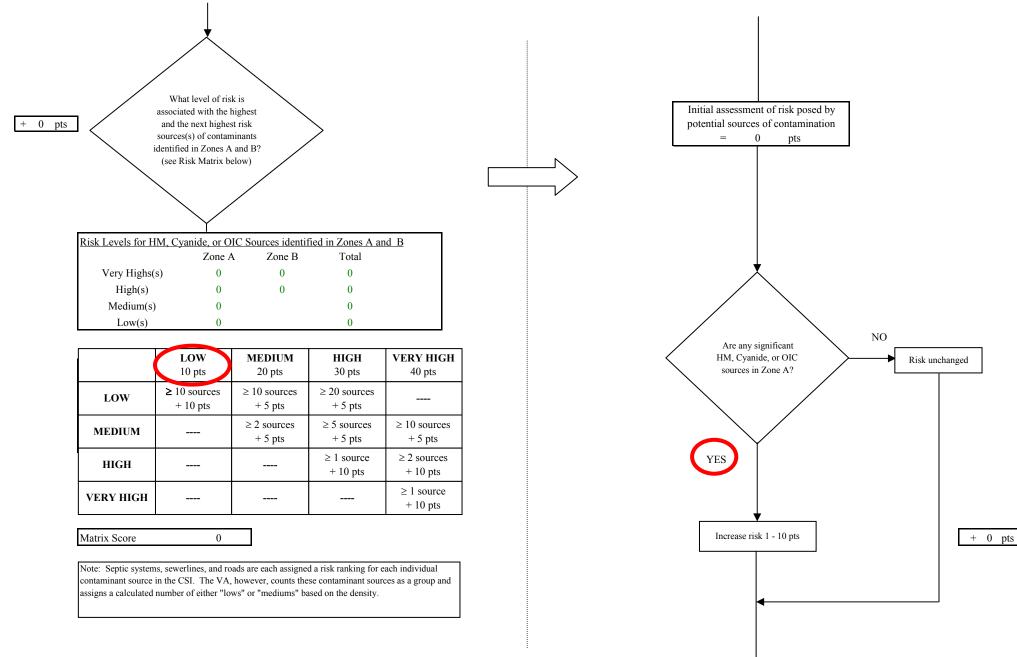


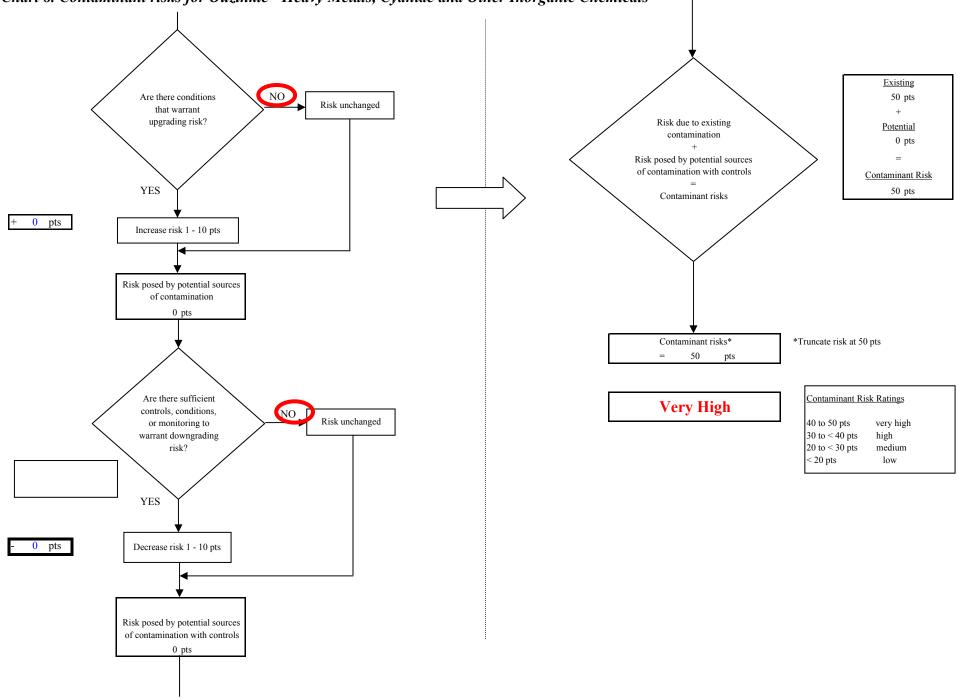
Chart 7. Vulnerability analysis for Ouzinkie - Volatile Organic Chemicals

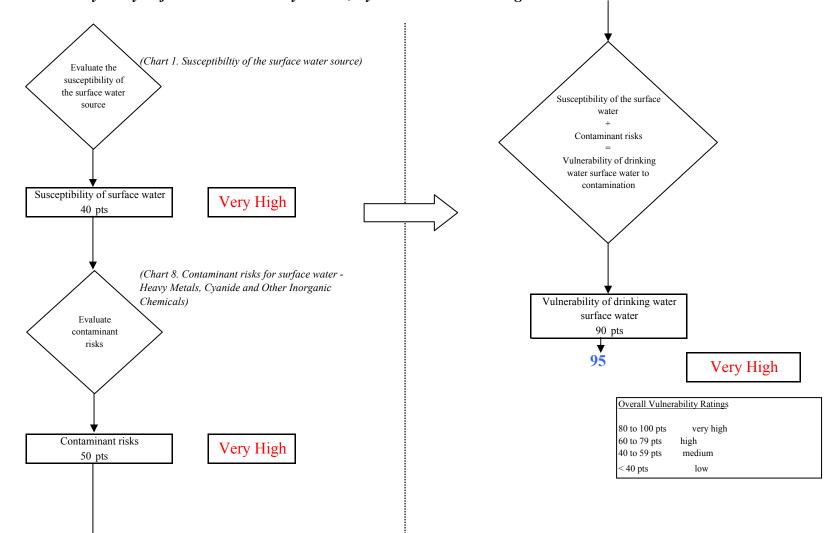












### Chart 9. Vulnerability analysis for Ouzinkie - Heavy Metals, Cyanide and Other Inorganic Chemicals



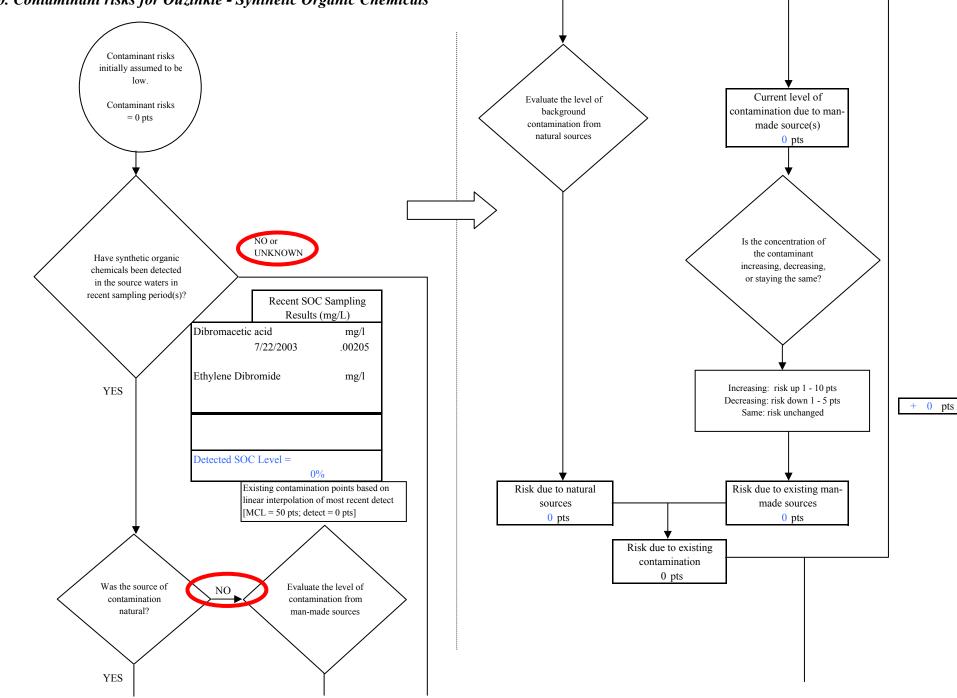
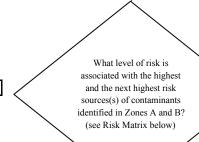


Chart 10. Contaminant risks for Ouzinkie - Synthetic Organic Chemicals



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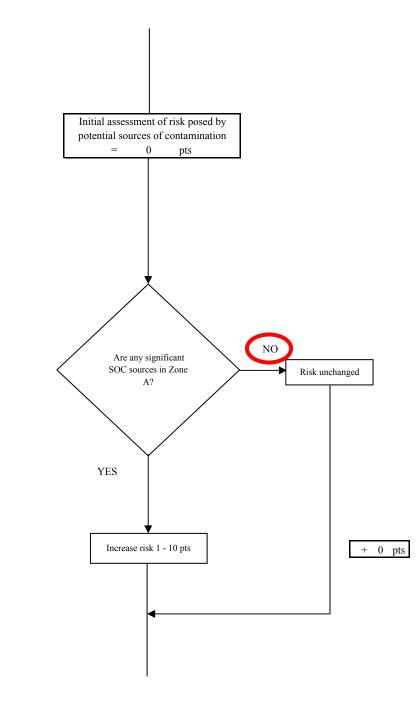
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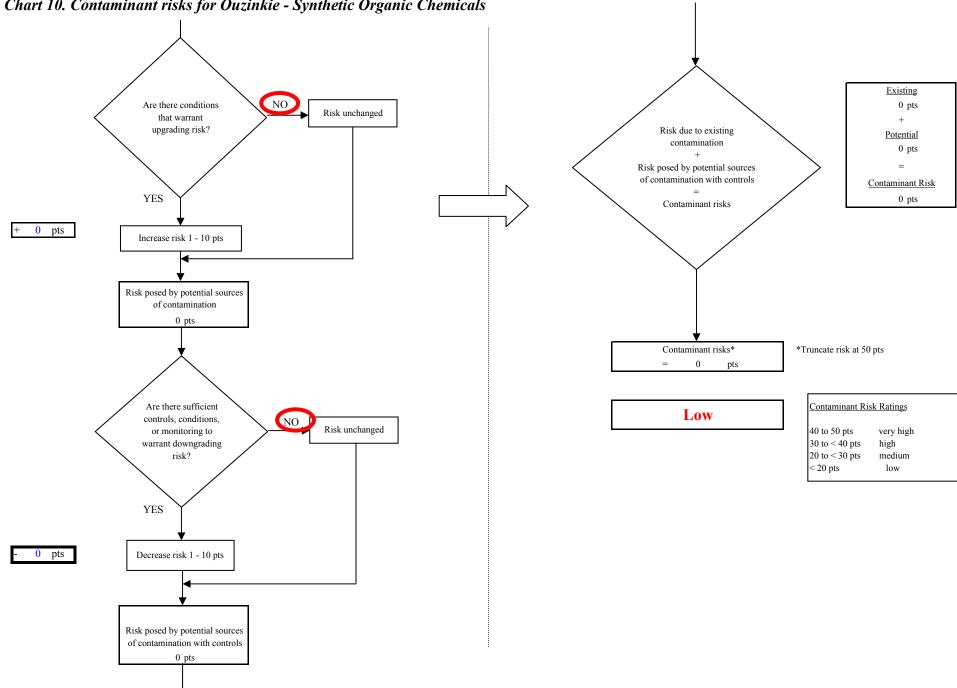


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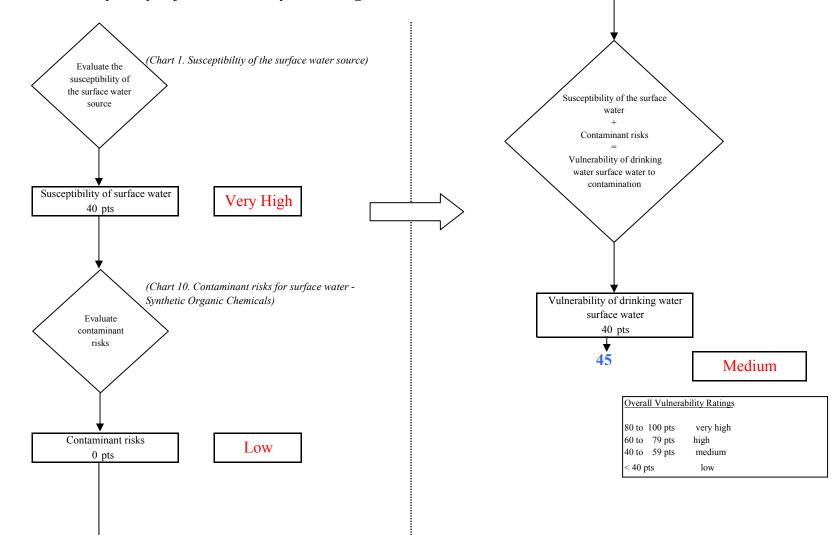


Chart 11. Vulnerability analysis for Ouzinkie - Synthetic Organic Chemicals

Chart 12. Contaminant risks for Ouzinkie - Other Organic Chemicals

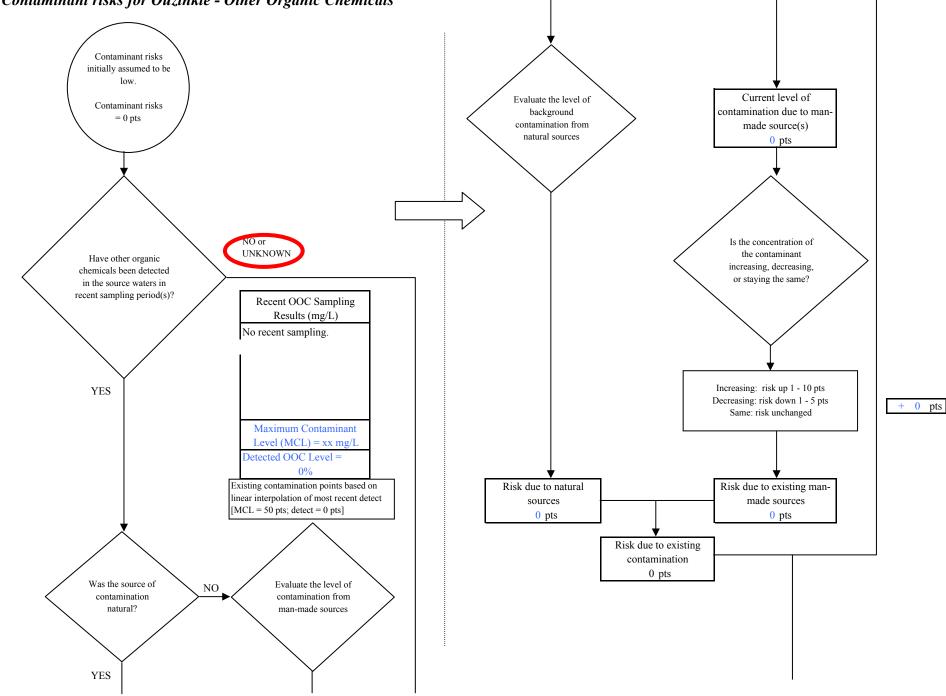
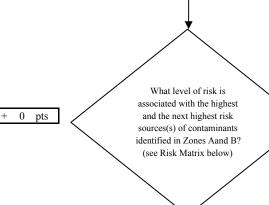


Chart 12. Contaminant risks for Ouzinkie - Other Organic Chemicals



Risk Levels for OOC 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	0			
Low(s)	0	0	0			

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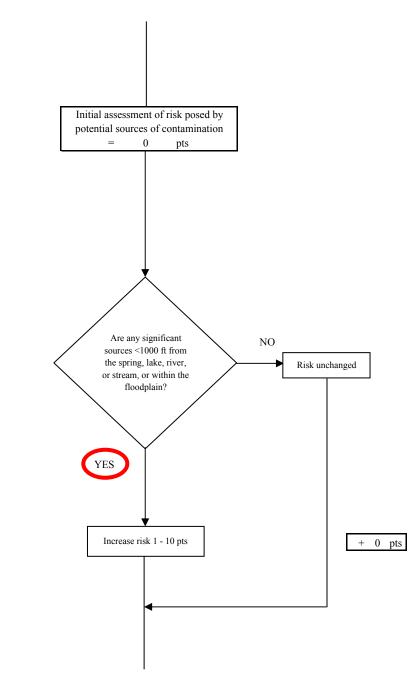
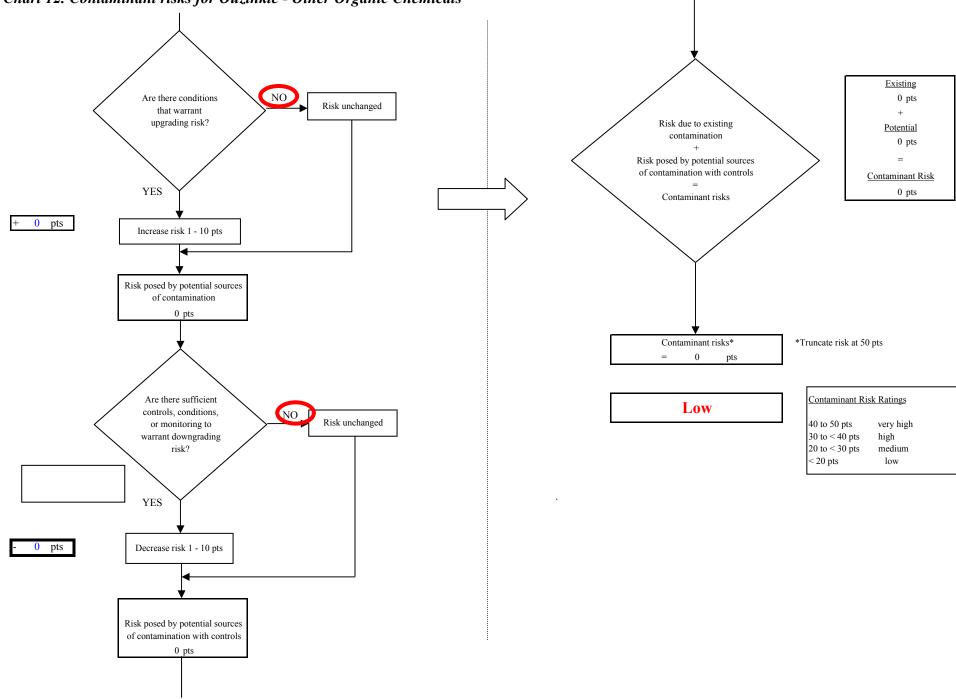


Chart 12. Contaminant risks for Ouzinkie - Other Organic Chemicals



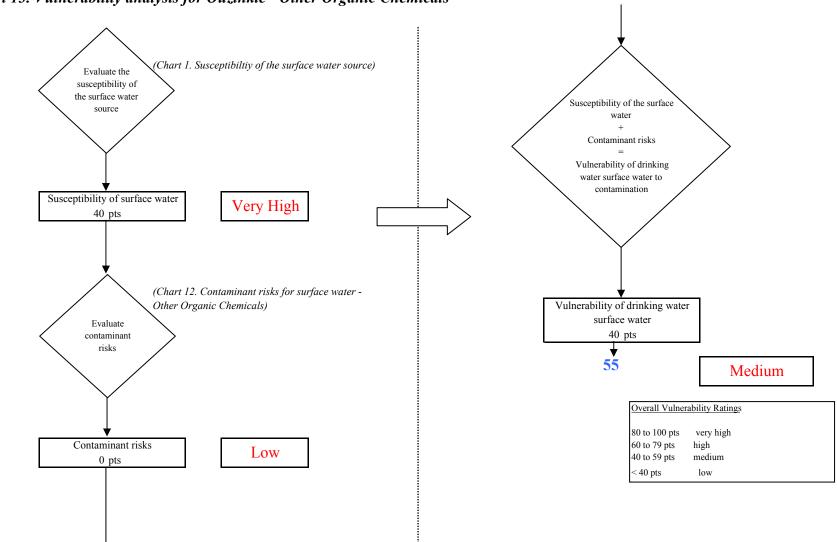


Chart 13. Vulnerability analysis for Ouzinkie - Other Organic Chemicals