

Source Water Assessment

A Hydrogeologic Susceptibility and Vulnerability Assessment for Kodiak Salmon Packers

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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 (EPA), the 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 that 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 Kodiak Salmon Packers Public Water System, Larsen Bay, Alaska

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The public water system (PWS) for Kodiak Salmon Packers is a Class B surface water system that obtains water from Trout Creek and Hump Creek. The river water is piped to the pump house/water treatment building where it is filtered, chlorinated, and stored in two 2,500-gallon water storage tanks.

The Kodiak Salmon Packers protection area is approximately 7-square miles in size and has 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, and volatile organic chemicals.

Known potential contaminant sources are located within the surface water protection area and include landfills, aboveground fuel tanks, petroleum product bulk stations/terminals, an airport, electric power generation, and highways and roads. These sources may affect drinking water at the source and could potentially influence sampling results. Samples were collected from post-treated water. Contaminant sources identified within the surface water protection area for this public water system have been considered in order to provide the most conservative evaluation.

This evaluation included all available water sampling data submitted to the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) by the system operator. As stated previously, the samples were collected from post-treated water. Vulnerability ratings for the water system have been determined by combining the susceptibility of the surface water source with the contaminant risks. The system received a vulnerability rating of **Very High** in all three of the source water assessment categories: bacteria and viruses, nitrates and nitrites, and volatile organic chemicals.

This assessment can be used as a foundation for local voluntary protection efforts as well as a basis for the continuous efforts on the part of Kodiak Salmon Packers to protect public health.

DRINKING WATER SYSTEM AND AREA OVERVIEW

Kodiak Salmon Packers is located in the community of Larsen Bay, on the northwest coast of Kodiak Island. Larsen Bay lies 60 miles southwest of the City of Kodiak and 283 miles southwest of Anchorage. The community has a population of 96 (ADCED, 2003). The Kodiak Salmon Packers facility operates seasonally from approximately June 1st to August 28th and serves approximately 20 residents and 180 non-residents through eight service connections. Average annual precipitation in Larsen Bay is 23 inches. Temperatures remain within a narrow range, from 32 to 62°F (ADCED, 2003).

The community of Larsen Bay obtains their water from two community water sources. Most households are served by a piped water system. A community septic tank with outfall lines serves approximately half of the households and the remainder utilizes individual septic systems (ADCED, 2003). Larsen Bay receives electrical power from the Larsen Bay Utility Company. Power generating facilities are fueled hydraulically, with a diesel fueled backup system. Refuse is collected by the City of Larsen Bay and transported to the landfill.

Information acquired from a June 2001 sanitary survey for the public water system indicated that the surface water intake is adequately constructed.

Kodiak Island is geologically an extension of the Kenai Mountains, which are located to the northeast. The rocks on Kodiak Island consist mostly of slate and greywacke. Unconsolidated deposits, as a rule, are thin and discontinuous. The unconsolidated, surficial deposits generally consist of glacial debris, alluvial and delta deposits, and beach deposits. Most of the coas t consists of rugged, rocky bluffs. Except for some of the highest peaks, most of Kodiak Island was entirely covered by ice during the last glacial period (SOA, 1968).

KODIAK SALMON PACKERS 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 pathways 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 10-11 of the "Guidance Manual for Class B Public Water Systems" for additional information.

The protection area established for surface water sources by the ADEC is usually separated into three zones. 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 Kodiak Salmon Packers water intake includes Zones A and C (See Map A 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 Kodiak Salmon Packers surface water 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 B public water system assessments, three categories of drinking water contaminants were inventoried. They include:

- Bacteria and viruses;
- Nitrates and/or nitrites; and
- Volatile organic chemicals.

Several contaminant sources were identified in the Kodiak Salmon Packers protection area as displayed on Map C of Appendix C and 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 contain the ranking of potential and existing sources of contamination with respect to bacteria and viruses, nitrates and/or nitrites, and volatile 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 7 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 7 repeat the Contaminant Risks and Vulnerability Analyses for nitrates and nitrites and volatile organic chemicals.

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
30	
0	
5	
10	
45	Very High
	30 0 5 10

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. Kodiak Salmon Packers ContaminantRisks

Category	Score	Rating
Bacteria and Viruses	50	Very High
Nitrates and/or Nitrites	50	Very High
Volatile Organic Chemicals	50	Very High

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. Kodiak Salmon Packers Water SystemOverall Vulnerability

Category	Score	Rating
Bacteria and Viruses	95	Very High
Nitrates and Nitrites	95	Very High

Volatile Organic Chemicals	95	Very High
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Bacteria and Viruses

The contaminant risk for bacteria and viruses is **Very High**. The contaminant risk for bacteria and viruses is primarily attributed to the presence of a landfill in Zone A.

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. 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).

A positive bacteria count was reported in recent (previous five years) sampling events.

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 remains **Very High**.

Nitrates and Nitrites

The contaminant risk for nitrates and nitrites is **Very High** (See Chart 4 - Contaminant Risks for Nitrates and/or Nitrites in Appendix D). Three potential contaminant risk sources for nitrates were identified in the protection area for this public water system. The contaminant risk is primarily attributed to the presence of a landfill in Zone A.

Nitrates are very mobile, moving at approximately the same rate as water. 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).

Although low concentrations of nitrates have been reported in recent sampling history, none of the concentrations exceed the MCL of 10 mg/L.

Nitrate levels are often derived from the decomposition of organic matter in soils. Although the nitrate source is unknown, such occurrences may be attributed to septic systems or other sources.

After combining the contaminant risk for nitrates and nitrites with the natural susceptibility of the source, the overall vulnerability of the source to contamination remains **Very High**.

Volatile Organic Chemicals

The contaminant risk for volatile organic chemicals is **Very High** (see Chart 6 – Contaminant Risks for Volatile Organic Chemicals in Appendix D). Nine potential contaminant sources for volatile organic chemicals were identified in the protection area for this public water system. The contaminant risk is primarily attributed to the presence of petroleum product bulk stations/terminals located in Zone A.

No recent volatile organic chemicals sampling data was available in ADEC records for this system.

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 **Very High**

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 Kodiak Salmon Packers and the community of Larsen Bay 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.

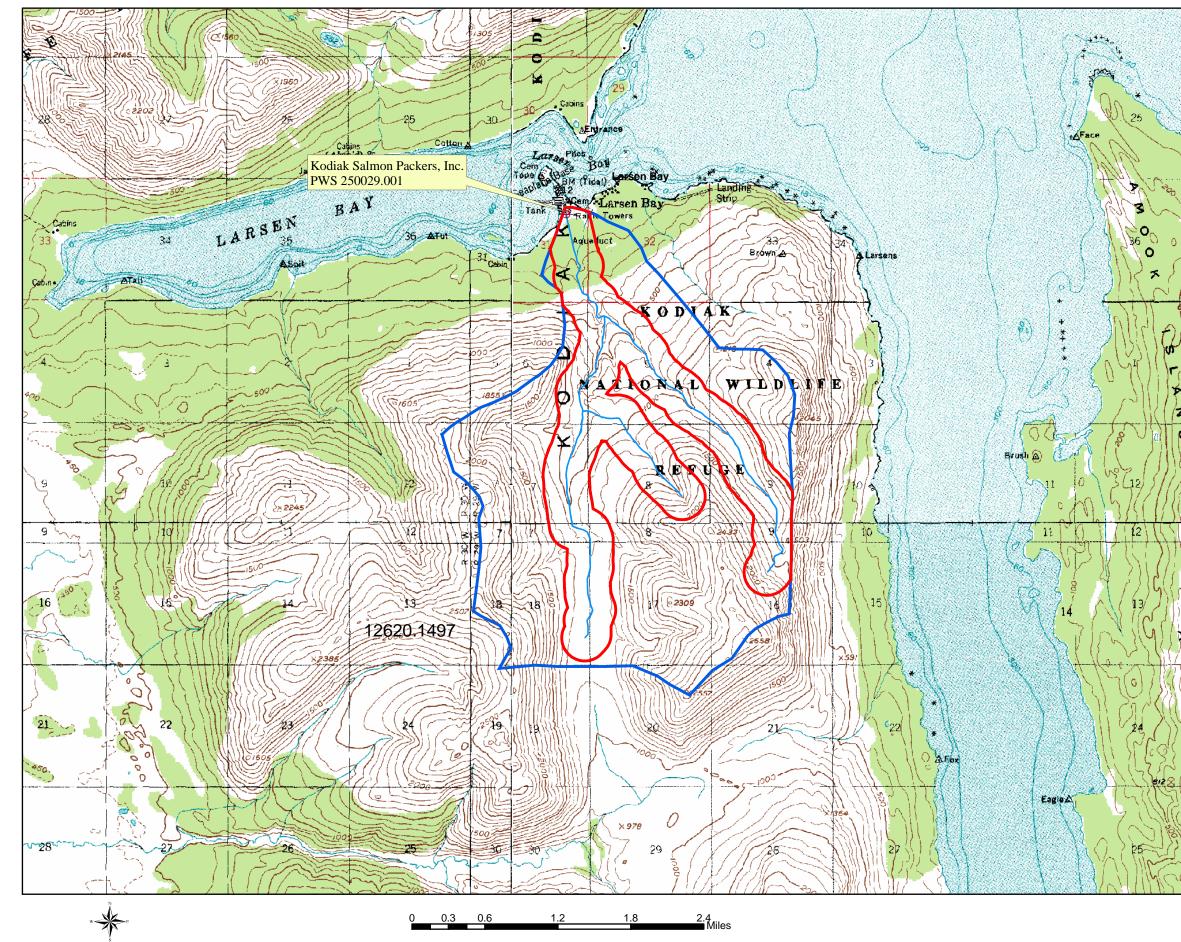
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APPENDIX A

Drinking Water Protection Area Location Map (Map A)

Public Water Well System for PWSID 250029.001 Kodiak Salmon Packers, Inc.



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+ Public Water System Well

Surfacewater Protection Zones

- Zone A 1000 feet from Surface Water
- Zone C Watershed Boundary

Hydrography/Physical

- Parcels
- ── Stream
- Lake or Pond
- ── Contours

Transportation

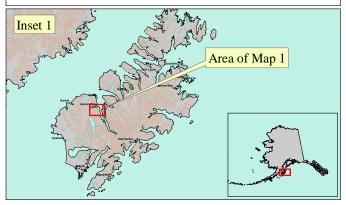
- Primary Route (Class 1)
- Secondary Route (Class 2)
- Road (Class 3)
- Road (Class 4)
- ----- Road (Class 5, Four-wheel drive)
- ---- Road Ferry Crossing

Data Sources:

Contaminant Sources, Public Water System Wells, Contours Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC)
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Kodiak Salmon Packers, Inc. PWS 250029.001 Appendix A Map A

APPENDIX B

Contaminant Source Inventory and Risk Ranking (Tables 1-4)

Contaminant Source Inventory for Kodiak Salmon Packers, Inc.

PWSID 250029.001

Contaminant Source Type	Contaminant Source ID	CS ID tag	Zone	Map Number	Comments
Landfills (municipal; Class III)	D51	D51-01	А	С	
Tanks, heating oil, nonresidential (aboveground)	T14	T14-01	А	С	Hydrolelectric Plant
Tanks, heating oil, nonresidential (aboveground)	T14	T14-02	А	С	Tsunami Shelter
Petroleum product bulk station/terminals	X11	X11-01	А	С	Buried fuel tank
Petroleum product bulk station/terminals	X11	X11-02	А	С	New Tank Farm (Under Construction)
Petroleum product bulk station/terminals	X11	X11-03	А	С	Tank Farm
Airports	X14	X14-01	А	С	
Highways and roads, dirt/gravel	X24	X24-01	А	С	Assume 1-20 roads in Zone A
Electric power generation (fossil fuels)	X36	X36-01	А	С	Hydrolelectric Plant
Electric power generation (fossil fuels)	X36	X36-01	А	С	Hydrolelectric Plant

Table 2

Contaminant Source Inventory and Risk Ranking for

Kodiak Salmon Packers, Inc. Sources of Bacteria and Viruses

Contaminant Source Type	Contaminant Source ID	CS ID tag	Zone	Risk Ranking for Analysis	Map Number	Comments
Landfills (municipal; Class III)	D51	D51-01	А	High	С	
Highways and roads, dirt/gravel	X24	X24-01	А	Low	С	Assume 1-20 roads in Zone A

Table 3

Contaminant Source Inventory and Risk Ranking for

Kodiak Salmon Packers, Inc. Sources of Nitrates/Nitrites

Contaminant Source Type	Contaminant Source ID	CS ID tag	Zone	Risk Ranking for Analysis	Map Number	Comments
Landfills (municipal; Class III)	D51	D51-01	А	Very High	С	
Airports	X14	X14-01	А	Low	С	
Highways and roads, dirt/gravel	X24	X24-01	А	Low	С	Assume 1-20 roads in Zone A

Table 4

Contaminant Source Inventory and Risk Ranking for

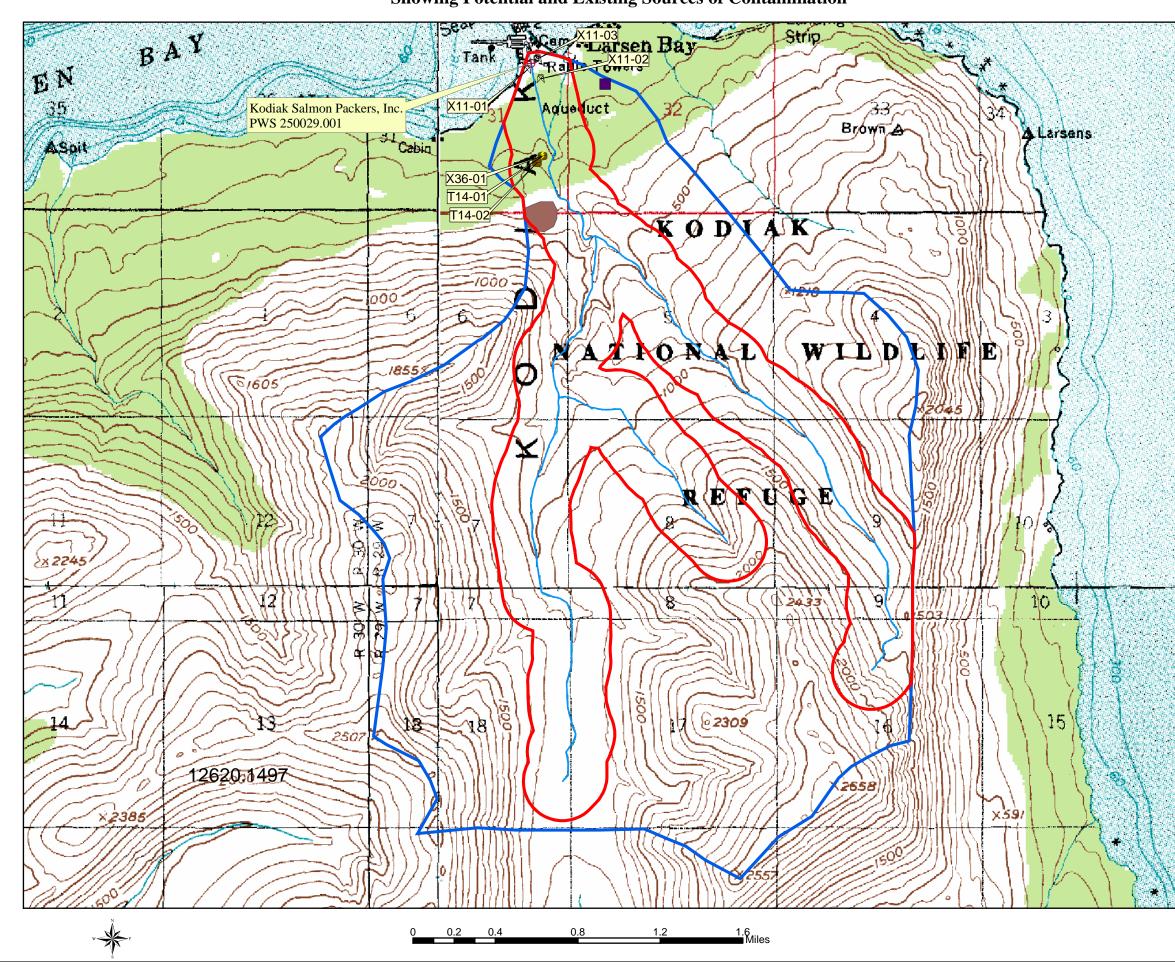
Kodiak Salmon Packers, Inc. Sources of Volatile Organic Chemicals

Contaminant Source ID	CS ID tag	Zone	Risk Ranking for Analysis	Map Number	Comments
D51	D51-01	А	Low	С	
T14	T14-01	А	Low	С	Hydrolelectric Plant
T14	T14-02	А	Low	С	Tsunami Shelter
X11	X11-01	А	Very High	С	Buried fuel tank
X11	X11-02	А	Very High	С	New Tank Farm (Under Construction)
X11	X11-03	А	Very High	С	Tank Farm
X14	X14-01	А	Medium	С	
X24	X24-01	А	Low	С	Assume 1-20 roads in Zone A
X36	X36-01	А	Low	С	Hydrolelectric Plant
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APPENDIX C

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

Public Water Well System for PWSID 250029.001 Kodiak Salmon Packers, Inc. Showing Potential and Existing Sources of Contamination





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+ Public Water System Well

Surfacewater Protection Zones

- Zone A 1000 feet from Surface Water
- Zone C Watershed Boundary

Hydrography/Physical

- Parcels
- Stream
- Lake or Pond
- Contours

Transportation

- Primary Route (Class 1)
- Secondary Route (Class 2)
- Road (Class 3)
- Road (Class 4)
- ----- Road (Class 5, Four-wheel drive)
- ----- Road Ferry Crossing

Existing or Potential Contaminant Sources

- Tanks, heating oil, nonresidential (aboveground) (T14)
- $\overline{\bowtie}$ Petroleum product bulk station/terminals (X11)
- Electric Power Generation (fossil fuels) (X36)
- Landfills (Municipal, Class III) (D51)
- Airport or landing strip (X14)

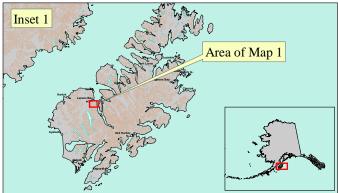
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APPENDIX D

Vulnerability Analysis for Public Drinking Water Source (Charts 1-7)

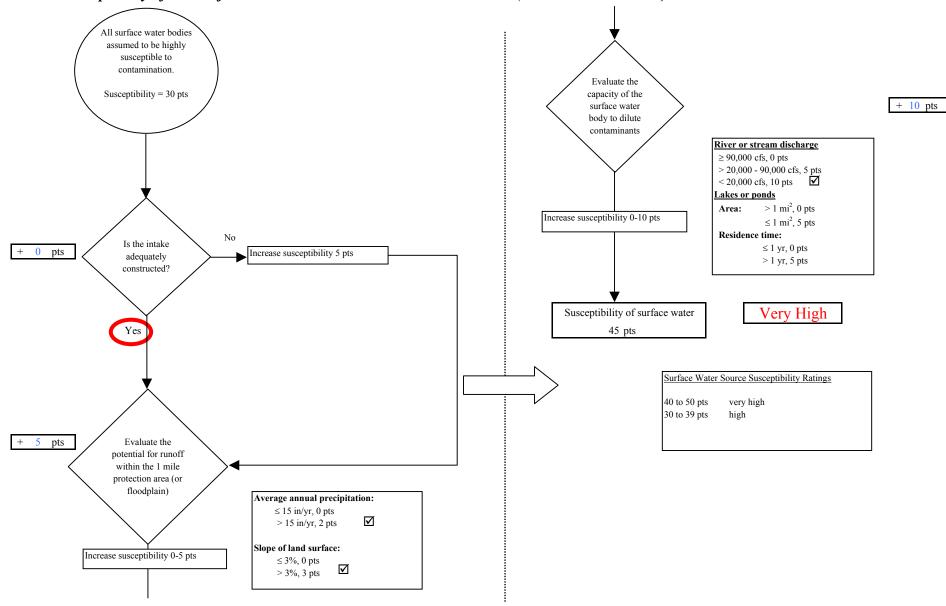
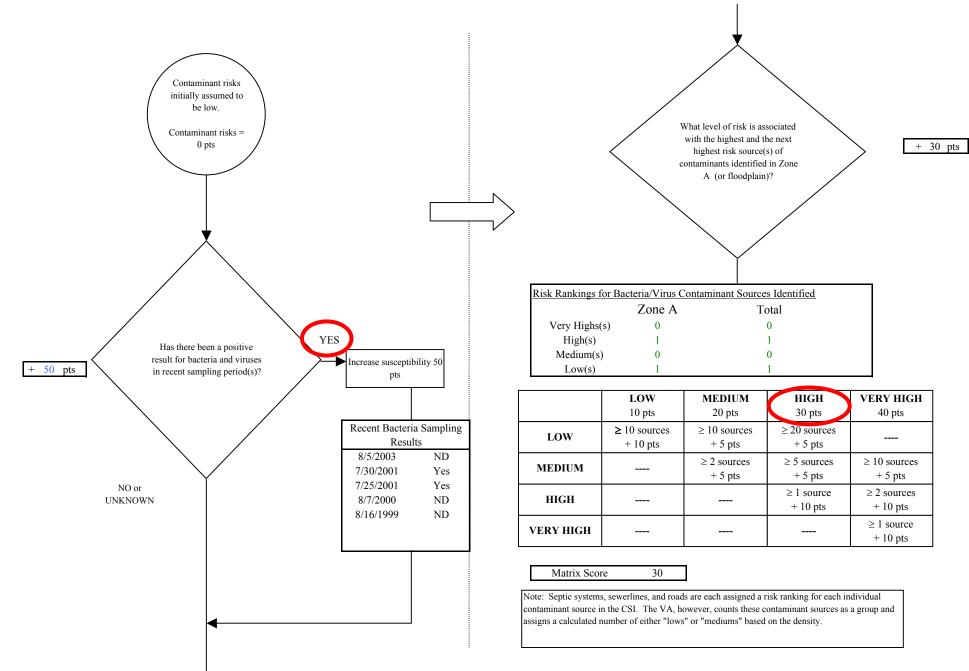
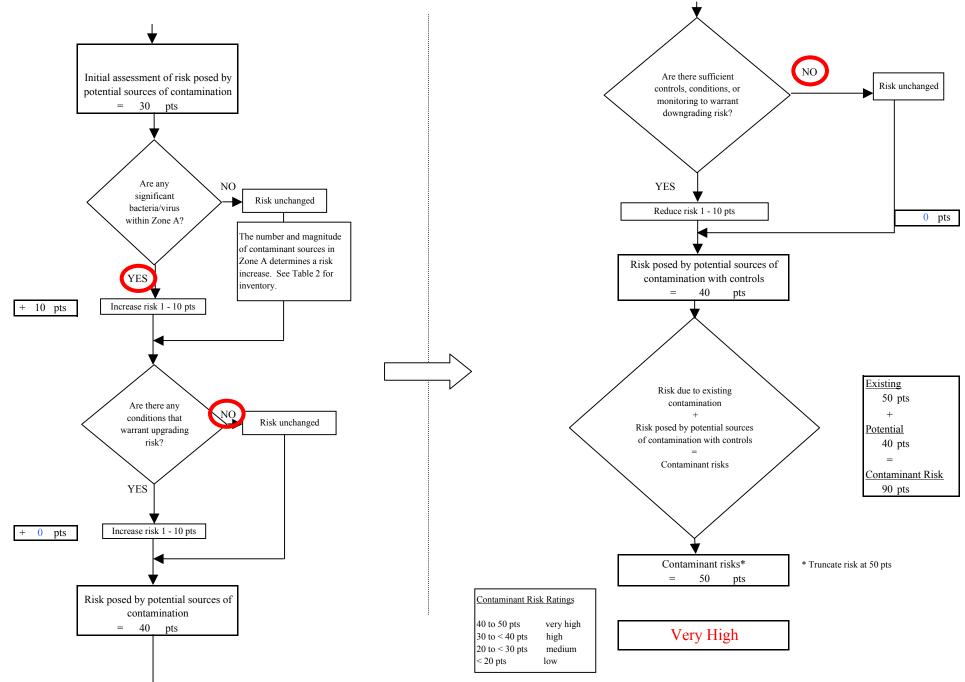


Chart 1. Susceptibility of the Surface Water Source - Kodiak Salmon Packers (PWS No. 250029.001)









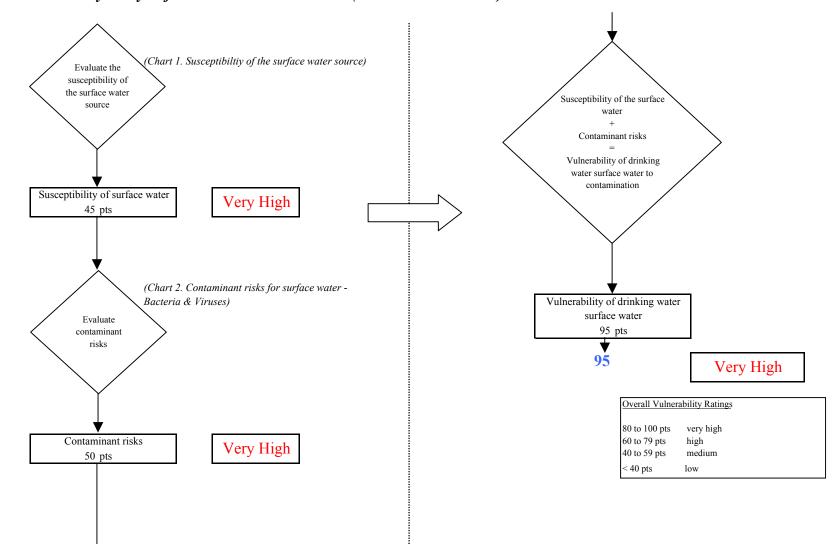
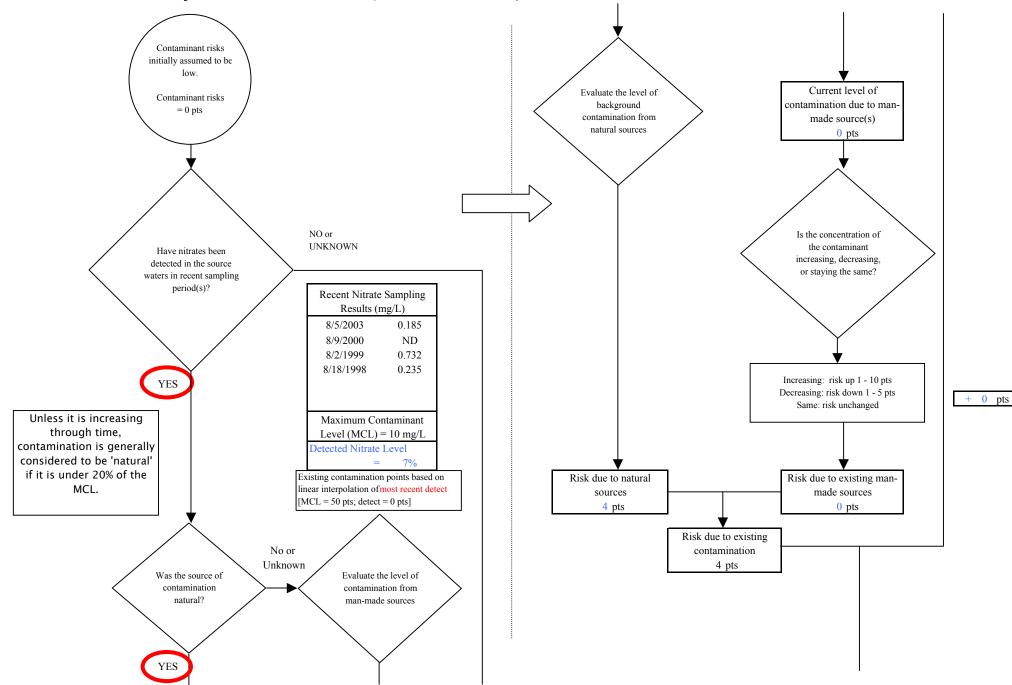


Chart 3. Vulnerability analysis for Kodiak Salmon Packers (PWS No. 250029.001) - Bacteria & Viruses

Chart 4. Contaminant risks for Kodiak Salmon Packers (PWS No. 250029.001) - Nitrates and Nitrites



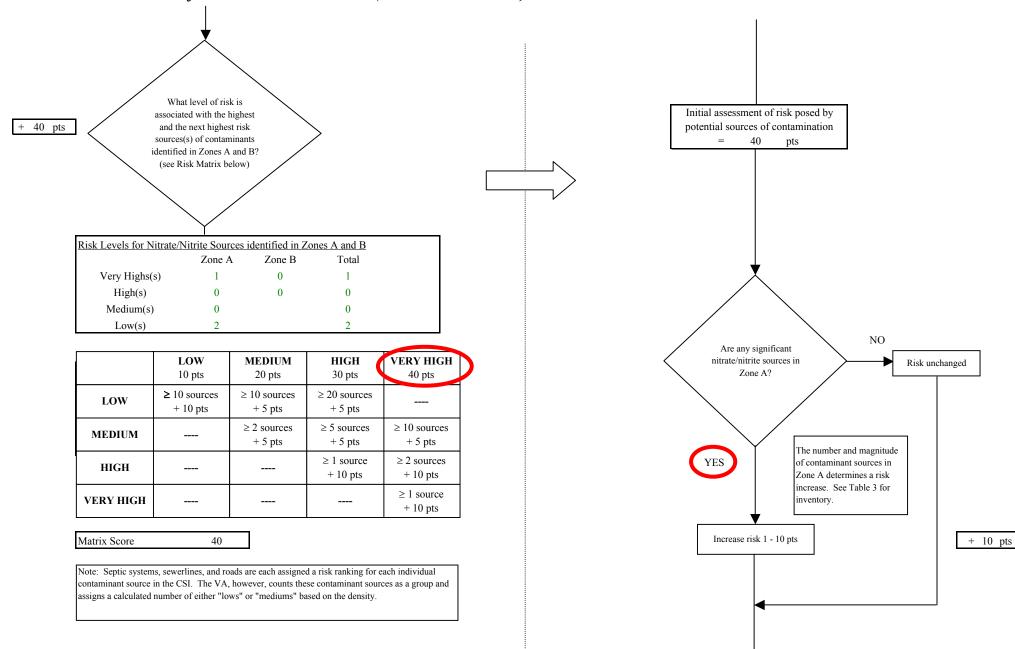
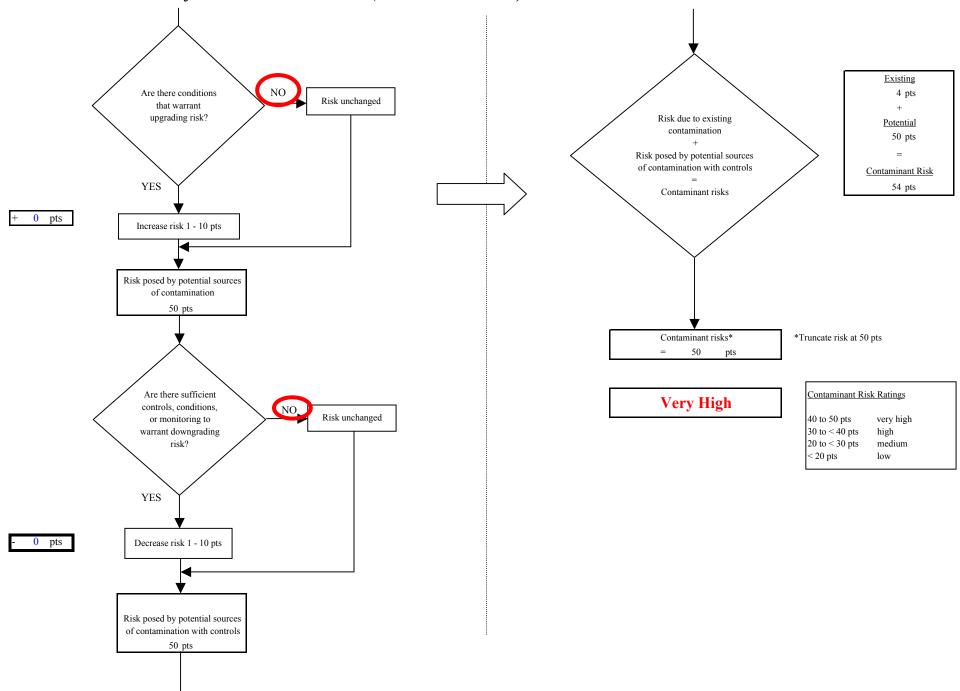


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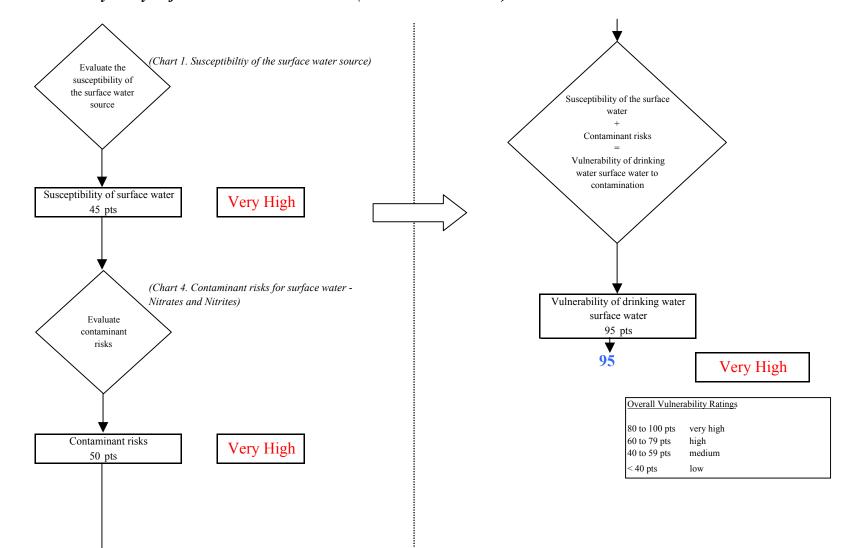
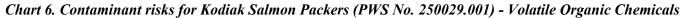
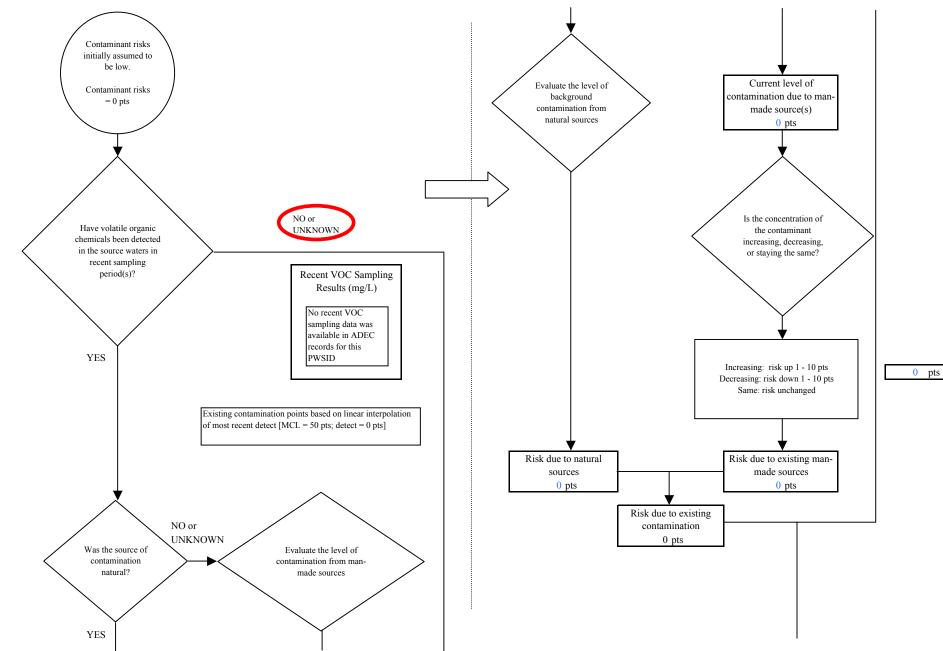


Chart 5. Vulnerability analysis for Kodiak Salmon Packers (PWS No. 250029.001) - Nitrates and Nitrites





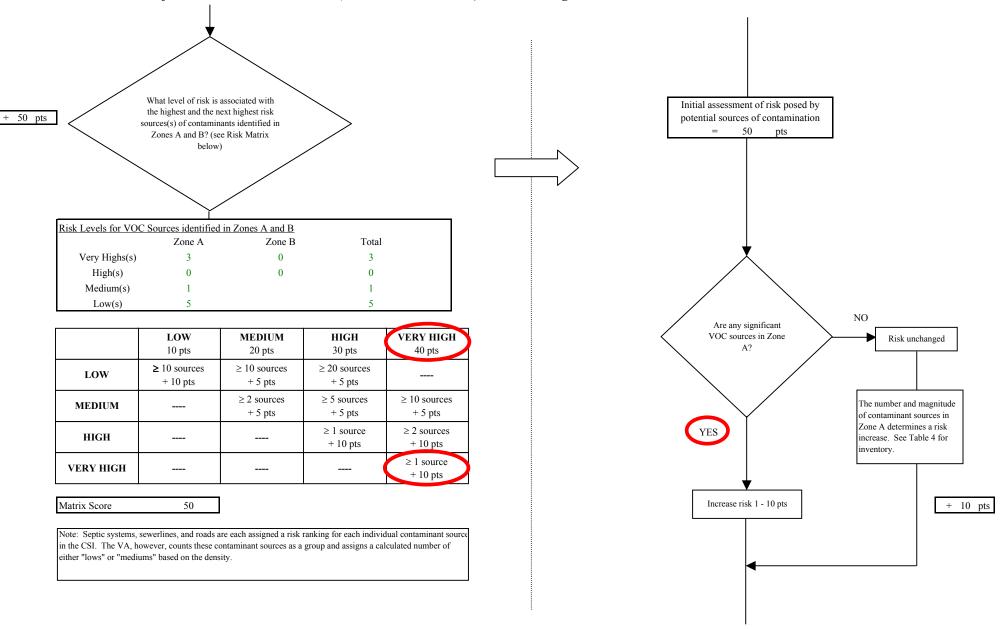


Chart 6. Contaminant risks for Kodiak Salmon Packers (PWS No. 250029.001) - Volatile Organic Chemicals

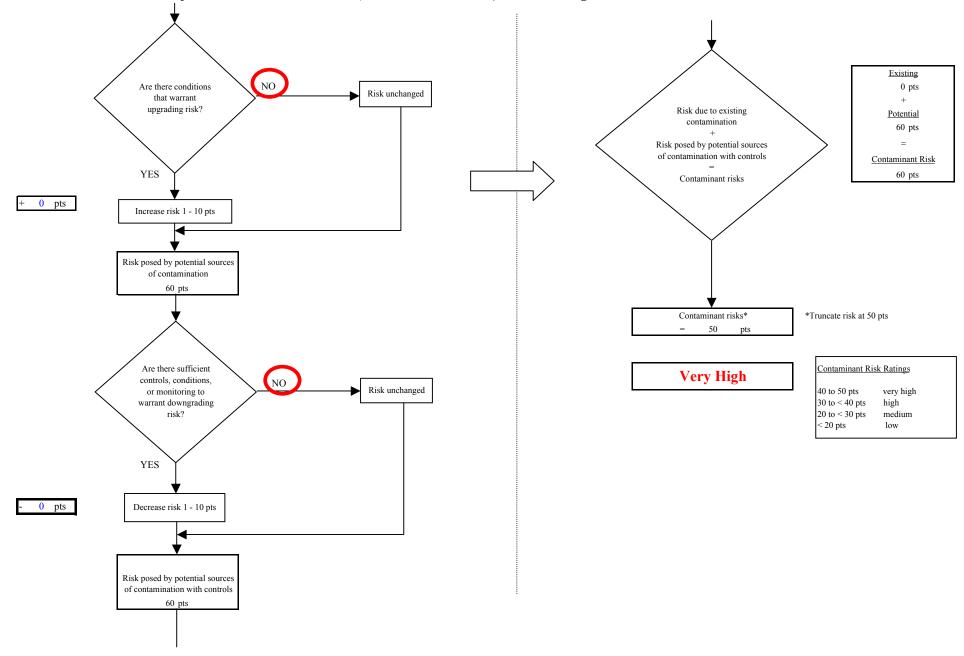


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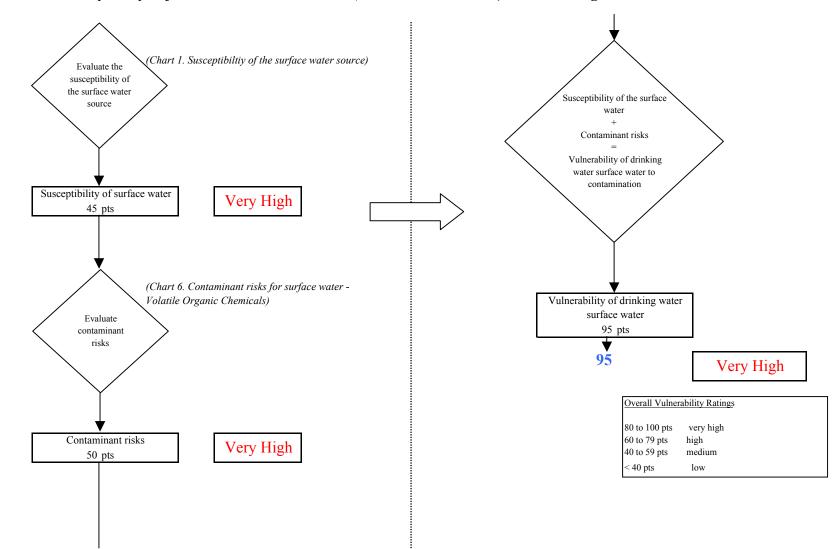


Chart 7. Vulnerability analysis for Kodiak Salmon Packers (PWS No. 250029.001) - Volatile Organic Chemicals