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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Butte Fire Station #1 is a Class B (transient/noncommunity) drinking water source consisting of one well. Identified potential and current sources of contaminants for Butte Fire Station #1 include: one paved road, four gravel roads, two septic systems, a gas station with underground gas and diesel tanks and an ADEC recognized contaminate site. These existing and potential sources of contamination are considered a source of bacteria and viruses, nitrates and/or nitrites, and volatile organic chemicals. Overall, Butte Fire Station #1 public water source received a vulnerability rating of **Low** for bacteria and viruses, nitrates and/or nitrites, and **Medium** for volatile organic chemicals.

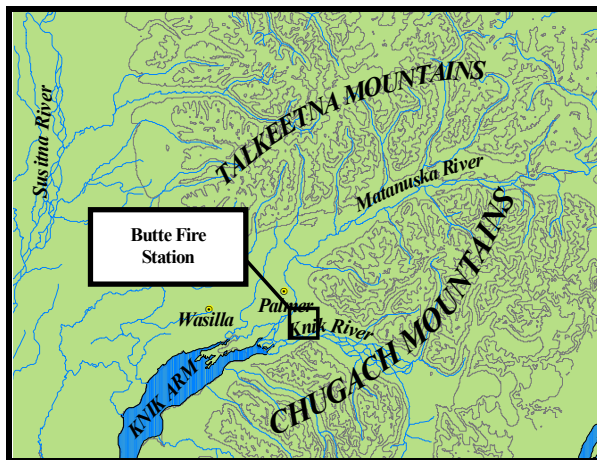


Figure 1. Index map showing the location of well assessment

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this environmental assessment is to provide public water system owners/operators, communities, and local governments with information they can use to preserve the quality of Alaska's public drinking water supplies. This assessment was

completed for the Butte Fire Station #1 source of public drinking water. This source consists of one well in the Palmer area (Figure 1). This assessment, known under the Alaska Drinking Water Protection Program as the *Source Water Assessment*, has combined a review of the natural hydrogeologic sensitivity with potential and existing contaminant risks to arrive at an overall vulnerability of the drinking water source to contamination. This assessment has been completed as a basis for local voluntary protection efforts and to assist agencies in their efforts to reduce risk to this public drinking water supply.

DESCRIPTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA VALLEY-AREA, ALASKA

Location

The Matanuska-Susitna Valley is part of the lowland lying about 50 miles north of Anchorage in south-central Alaska. The well described in this report is part of the Matanuska River Watershed. This study area is roughly bounded on the north by the Talkeetna Mountains; on the south by the Knik River; and on the east by the Chugach Mountains. The area covers approximately 150 square miles.

Climate

The climate of the Matanuska-Susitna Valley is the result of a combination of marine and continental influences. The climate is somewhat transitional in that it does not experience large daily and annual temperature fluctuations like those experienced in the interior of Alaska nor does it experience high amounts of precipitation typified by gulf coast regions. Mean annual precipitation is approximately 15 inches per year. On the average, the Valley receives a total snow accumulation of 58 inches per year. Precipitation generally increased inland toward the Talkeetna Mountains where annual precipitation may exceed 60 inches. Mean daily temperature ranges from 67° F

during July to 5° F in January [*Western Regional Climate Center*, 2000].

Physiography and Groundwater Conditions

The Matanuska-Susitna Valley is surrounded by rugged mountains that rise abruptly above the valley floor. The Chugach Mountains at the southern edge of the valley reach altitudes greater than 6300 feet. These mountains are composed primarily of metamorphosed sedimentary marine and volcanic rocks, and greenstone of Mesozoic age. Along the northern edge of the valley, peaks in the Talkeetna Mountains reach altitudes of 3000 to 5000 feet. The Talkeetna Mountains are composed mainly of igneous rocks, chiefly granitic intrusives (Mesozoic?) and subordinate lavas and tuffs; Cretaceous and Tertiary sedimentary rocks form the south flank of the mountains. Although the altitude of the valley floor ranges from sea level at Knik Arm to 1000 feet at the base of Wishbone Hill, the local relief is commonly not more than 100 to 200 feet.

The Matanuska and Knik River's drain the area. These rivers are braided glacial outwash streams having wide floodplains. Drainage is poor in many interstream tracts resulting in large areas of swampy ground with shallow lakes occupying depressions.

The Matanuska-Susitna Valley is floored with unconsolidated deposits, chiefly glacial drift, that represents several episodes of glacial advances and retreats. The drift includes till, outwash stream deposits, and estuarine and lake deposits. Physiographic features formed by these deposits in or adjacent to the study area include end moraine, lateral moraines, eskers, crevasse fillings, and other pitted features, river terraces, outwash floodplains and an extensive estuarine flat (Trainer, 1960).

The glacial till and bedrock form aquifers of minor importance. The chief hydrologic significance of the till is in confining the artesian aquifer. Generally, the till is poorly permeable, although locally thin layers of sand may yield small quantities of water. Till that is present at or near the land surface in much of the area makes the acquisition of shallow groundwater difficult. The bedrock is poorly permeable. It yields water only from fractures, whose location and frequency cannot be easily predicted.

The chief aquifers are composed of outwash sand and gravel laid down by melt-water streams or in lakes. The outwash deposits are of two chief forms. The first consists of sheetlike deposits that lie just beneath the ground surface. These deposits range in thickness from

a few feet to more than 100 feet. They typically rest on till or bedrock. The water in these deposits is unconfined. The other outwash deposits are buried beneath till. They are known to be as much as 50 to 60 feet thick, and probably are considerably thicker in some places. They commonly contain confined, or artesian, groundwater. Well logs and data from pumping tests suggest that outwash sand and gravel form a continuous or nearly continuous sheet in an area of more than 10 square miles north and west of Palmer (Jakola et al, 1991).

Recharge of the groundwater is chiefly from precipitation but it is likely that only a small proportion of the annual precipitation reaches the water body. During very dry seasons conspicuous declines in of water levels occur in many wells. Along the mountain fronts, groundwater seeps from fractures in bedrock into the sediments. At these higher elevations, rain and snowmelt also enter the sediments. Lastly, aquifers may be recharged by streams where surface water percolates into surrounding permeable sediments (losing reaches of streams). This is the case for the water-table aquifers in the terrace south of Palmer and in the Bodenbug Butte area, which receive underground flow from the Matanuska River. Groundwater flow in the confined aquifers is generally from the north and north-northwest. The direction of groundwater flow in the upper unconfined aquifer is more variable due to the influence from surficial topography as well as its close connection with surface water bodies (Trainer, 1960).

BUTTE FIRE STATION #1 PUBLIC WATER SOURCE

Butte Fire Station #1 public water source is a Class B (transient/noncommunity) water source, which is owned and operated by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough. The source consists of one well near the base of the Chugach Mountains and is at an elevation of 90 feet above sea level. The well is located in the southwest corner of the Station's lot, which is 0.5 miles east of the Old Glen Highway and Plumley Road in the Bodenbug Butte area. According to the well log, Butte Fire Station #1 does not appear to be grouted, but is functioning properly. The well penetrates gravel and silty sand to 75 feet below land surface. The well is screened for 5 feet and has a static water level of 56 feet below land surface at the time of drilling (5/10/78).

The water system from Butte Fire Station #1 consists of a hydropneumatic pressure tank, and jet pump. This water source operates year round. The Butte Fire Station #1 drinking water source collectively serves

approximately 25 residents and non-residents through its service connections.

ASSESSMENT AND PROTECTION AREA FOR BUTTE FIRE STATION #1 DRINKING WATER SOURCE

The Drinking Water Protection and Assessment Area that has been established for Butte Fire Station #1 is the area that is most sensitive to contamination. This area has served as a basis for assessing the risk of the drinking water source to contamination. This zone around the drinking water source is the most critical area for the preservation of the quality of the drinking water for this source. For simplicity, this area will be known as your Drinking Water Protection Area and will serve as the area of focus for voluntary protection efforts.

Conceptually, groundwater enters the aquifer systems along the front range of the Talkeetna Mountains and flows toward Cook Inlet. An analytical calculation was used to calculate the size and shape of the area that contributes water to the well. The input parameters describing the attributes of the aquifer in this calculation were adopted from the well log and the recent Sanitary Survey. This analytical calculation was used as a guide in establishing the protection area for Butte Fire Station #1. Additional methods were further employed to take into account any uncertainties in groundwater flow and aquifer characteristics to arrive at a meaningful and conservative protection area with respect to public health (Please refer to the Guidance Manual for Class B Public Water Systems for additional information).

The Drinking Water Protection Areas established for wells by the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) are separated into zones. These zones correspond to a time-of-travel. Time-of-travel is the time required for water to move in the saturated zone of the ground from a specific point to the well. The Drinking Water Protection Areas for Butte Fire Station #1 contains four zones, Zone A, Zone B, Zone C and Zone D (Map 1, Appendix A). Zone A corresponds to the area between the well and the distance equal to $\frac{1}{4}$ of the distance of the 2-year time-of-travel. Depending on where a contaminant source is located within Zone A, travel time for a contaminant to the well may be on the order of several days to several hours. Zone A also extends down gradient from the well to take into account the area of the aquifer that is influenced by pumping of the well.

The Zone B protection area for Butte Fire Station #1 corresponds to a time-of-travel of less than two years and extends toward base of the Chugach Mountains. Zone C protection area corresponds to a time-of-travel of greater than 2 years and less than 5 years. Zone D corresponds to a time-of-travel of greater than 5 years and less than 10 years.

INVENTORY OF POTENTIAL AND EXISTING CONTAMINANT SOURCES

The Drinking Water Protection Program has completed an inventory of potential and existing sources of contamination within Butte Fire Station #1 Drinking Water Protection Area. This survey was completed through a search of agency records and other publicly available information.

Potential sources of contamination to drinking water supplies cover a wide range of categories and types. 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 this assessment and all Class B public water system assessments, three categories of drinking water contaminants were inventoried. They include:

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

Table 1 in Appendix B lists the Contaminant Source Inventory for Butte Fire Station #1. Inventoried potential sources of contamination within Zone A were attributed to highways, gravel roads and septic systems. Zones B contained roads, septic systems, gas station with underground storage tanks and an ADEC recognized contaminated site. Zone C contained only roads. Zone D contained only natural wilderness and was not considered in determining the vulnerability of this drinking water source to contamination. Below is a summary of the contaminant sources inventoried within the Butte Fire Station #1 protection area:

- Paved Highway
- Gravel Roads
- Septic Systems
- Gas station with underground storage tanks
- ADEC recognized contaminated site.

These potential contaminant sources present risks for all three categories of drinking water contaminants for Butte Fire Station #1 drinking water source.

RANKING OF CONTAMINANT RISKS

Potential and existing sources of contamination have been identified, sorted, and ranked according to what type and level of risk they represent. Ranking of contaminant risks for a “potential” or “existing” source of contamination is a function of toxicity and volumes of specific contaminants associated with that source. Contaminant risks are further a function of the number and density of those types of contaminant sources as well as the proximity of those sources to the well (Appendices B & C).

VULNERABILITY OF BUTTE FIRE STATION #1 DRINKING WATER SOURCES

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

- Natural susceptibility; and
- Contaminant risks.

Each of the three categories of drinking water contaminants has been analyzed and an overall vulnerability score of 0 to 100 is ultimately assigned:

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

A score for the Natural Susceptibility is achieved by analyzing the properties of the well and the aquifer.

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

Butte Fire Station #1 is completed in a confined aquifer setting. The well penetrates 75 feet of sand and gravel with one five foot clay bearing layer. This clay layer, encountered at 60 feet below land surface, may provide

somewhat of a protective barrier for the movement of contaminants in the subsurface. However, near the base of the Chugach Mountains, the clay and till layers tend to be discontinuous and thin toward the mountains. However, near the base of the Chugach Mountains, the clay and till layers tend to be discontinuous and thin toward the mountains. Therefore, contaminants that enter the subsurface near the base of the mountains may enter the confined aquifer uninhibited by any protective layer. This well does not appear to be properly grouted as indicated previously from information obtained from ADEC records. The absence of grouting can promote the transport of contaminants along the well casing. Combining the susceptibilities of the wellhead and the aquifer to contamination leads to a score (0 – 50 points) and rating of overall Susceptibility (Appendix D). Table 1 shows the overall Susceptibility score and rating for Butte Fire Station #1.

Table 1. Natural Susceptibility - Susceptibility of the Wellhead and Aquifer to Contamination

	Score	Rating
Susceptibility of the Wellhead	5	Low
Susceptibility of the Aquifer	17	High
Natural Susceptibility	22	Medium

Contaminant risks to a drinking water source depend on the type, number or density, and distribution of contaminant sources. One highway, four gravel roads, septic systems, gas station with underground tanks and an ADEC recognized contaminated site which contribute to the potential contamination of the Butte Fire Station #1 source of public drinking water.

A score (0 – 50 points) and rating of Contaminant Risks (Appendix D) is assigned based on the findings of the Contaminant Source Inventory (Appendix B - Table 1 – Table 4). This portion of the analysis examines any existing or historical contamination that has been detected at the drinking water source through routine sampling. It also reviews contamination that has or may have occurred but has not arrived or been detected at the well. Table 2 summarizes the Contaminant Risks for each category of drinking water contaminants.

Table 2. Contaminant Risks

Contaminant Risks	Score	Rating
Bacteria and Viruses	12	Low
Nitrates and/or Nitrites	14	Low
Volatile Organic		

Appendix D contains eight 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 naturally occurring attributes of the water source and influences on the groundwater system that might lead to contamination. 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 contamination that has or may have occurred but has not arrived or been detected at the well. Lastly, Chart 4 contains the ‘Vulnerability Analysis for Bacteria and Viruses’. Charts 5 through 8 contain the Contaminant Risks and Vulnerability Analysis for nitrates and nitrites and volatile organic chemicals, respectively.

Vulnerability of the drinking water source to contamination is the combination of susceptibility of the aquifer and the well with contaminant risks. Table 3 contains the overall vulnerability scores (0 – 100) and ratings for each of the three categories of drinking water contaminants (Appendix D). Note: scores are rounded off to the nearest five.

Table 3. Overall Vulnerability of Butte Fire Station #1 Public Drinking Water Source to Contamination by Category

Category	Score	Rating
Bacteria and Viruses	35	Low
Nitrates and Nitrites	35	Low
Volatile Organic Chemicals	50	Medium

Tables 2 through 4 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.

The roads and septic systems in Zone A are the factors determining contaminant risks for all categories of contaminants (See “Overall Rank after Analysis” in Table 2 – 4 of Appendix B).

Bacteria and Viruses were not detected in the source waters of Butte Fire Station #1. Overall, contaminant risk for the bacteria and viruses is low. This rating combined with the susceptibility of the well yields an

overall rating of low for this category.

Sampling history of Butte Fire Station #1 source waters indicate concentrations of nitrate (See Chart 6 – Contaminant Risks for Nitrates/Nitrites in Appendix D). Existing nitrate contamination is approximately 4% of the allowable limit (MCL) for this contaminant. Due to the high solubility and weak retention by soil, nitrates are very mobile in soil, moving at approximately the same rate as water. The current nitrate concentration in Butte Fire Station #1 remains at safe levels with respect to human health.

Overall, contaminant risk for the nitrate/nitrite category is low due to the roads, and septic systems present up gradient from the well. Combining potential nitrate and/or nitrite contamination risk with the susceptibility of the well yields an overall low vulnerability to contamination in this category.

Volatile Organic Chemicals were not detected in the source waters of Butte Fire Station #1. Overall, a contaminant risk for the volatile organic chemicals category is high due to the roads, septic systems, gas station with underground storage tanks and an ADEC recognized contaminated site present up gradient from the well. Combining the contaminate risk with the susceptibility of the well yields an overall medium vulnerability to contamination for Volatile Organic Chemicals.

SUMMARY

A *Source Water Assessment* has been completed for the Butte Fire Station #1 source of public drinking water. The overall vulnerability of this source to contamination is **Low** for bacteria and viruses, nitrates and/or nitrites, and **Medium** volatile organic chemicals. 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 Butte Fire Station #1 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 public drinking water source.

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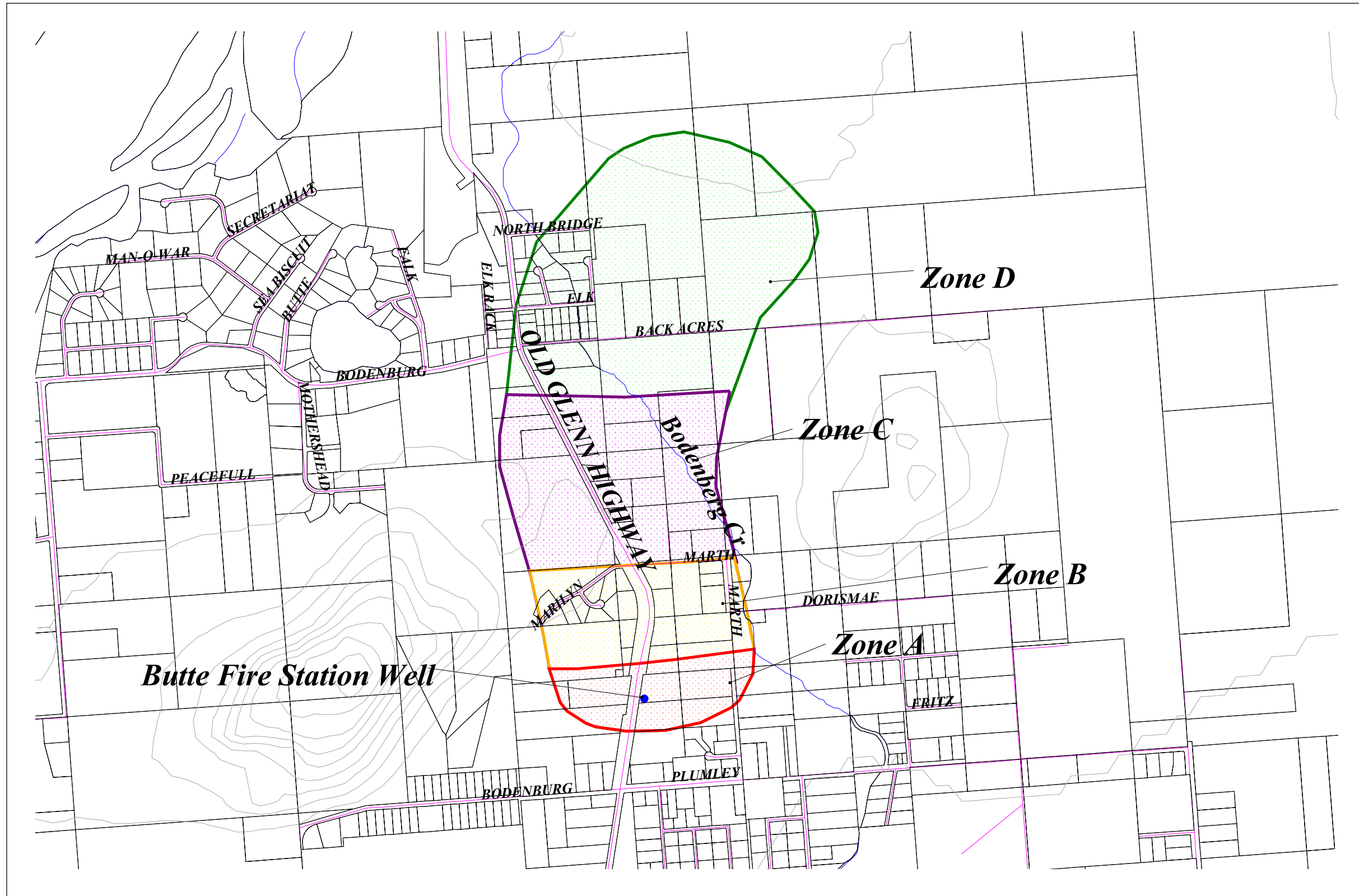
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APPENDIX A

Butte Fire Station #1 Drinking Water Protection Area

Butte Fire Station (PWSID 226062) Drinking Water Protection Areas



- Public Water System Wells
- ~ Lakes and Rivers
- Zone A Protection Area
Several Months to 2 Years
Travel Time
- Zone B Protection Area
Less Than 2 Years
Travel Time
- Zone C Protection Area
2 to 5 Years Travel Time
- Zone D Protection Area
5 to 10 Years Travel Time
- ~ Roads
- Mat-Su Borough Parcel
Boundaries
- ~ Elevation Contours

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Map 1

APPENDIX B

Contaminant Source Inventory and Risk Ranking for Butte Fire Station #1

Table 1

**Contaminant Source Inventory for
Butte Fire Station**

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Contaminate Source Category	Contaminant Source ID	CS ID Tag	Zone	Location	Map	Comments
Septic systems (serves one or more single-family homes)	R2	R2-1	A	Old Glenn Highway	3	
Septic systems (serves one or more single-family homes)	R2	R2-2	B	Fraggle Rock CT	3	
Highways and roads, dirt/gravel	X24	X24-1	C	Wickham	2	
Highways and roads, dirt/gravel	X24	X24-2	A,B,C	Marth	2	
Highways and roads, dirt/gravel	X24	X24-3	B	Marilyn	2	
Highways and roads, dirt/gravel	X24	X24-4	B	Fraggle Rock CT	2	
Highways and roads, dirt/gravel	X20	X20-1	A	Old Glenn Highway	2	
Gasoline Station (without repair shop)	C15	C15-1	B	Old Glenn Highway	2	
Underground Gasoline Storage Tank	T12	T12-1	B	Old Glenn Highway	3	
Underground Diesel Storage Tank	T8	T8-1	B	Old Glenn Highway	3	
Contaminated Site	U4	U4-1	B	Old Glenn Highway	3	ADEC recognized contamination classified as non-RCRA and non-Superfund

Table 2

**Potential and Existing Sources of Contamination for
Butte Fire Station
Bacterias and Viruses**

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Contaminant Source Category	Contaminant Source ID	CS ID Tag	Zone	Risk Ranking for Analysis	Overall Rank for Analysis	Location	Map	Comments
Septic systems (serves one or more single-family homes)	R2	R2-1	A	Very Low	1	Old Glenn Highway	3	
Septic systems (serves one or more single-family homes)	R2	R2-2	B	Very Low	2	Fraggle Rock CT	3	
Highways and roads, dirt/gravel	X20	X20-1	A	Very Low	3	Old Glenn Highway	2	
Highways and roads, dirt/gravel	X24	X24-2	A,B,C	Very Low	4	Marth	2	
Highways and roads, dirt/gravel	X24	X24-3	B	Very Low	5	Marilyn	2	
Highways and roads, dirt/gravel	X24	X24-4	B	Very Low	6	Fraggle Rock CT	2	
Highways and roads, dirt/gravel	X24	X24-1	C	Very Low	7	Wickham	2	

Table 3

**Potential and Existing Sources of Contamination for
Butte Fire Station
Nitrates and Nitrites**

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Contaminant Source Category	Contaminant Source ID	CS ID Tag	Zone	Risk Ranking for Analysis	Overall Rank for Analysis	Location	Map	Comments
Septic systems (serves one or more single-family homes)	R2	R2-1	A	Very Low	1	Old Glenn Highway	3	
Septic systems (serves one or more single-family homes)	R2	R2-2	B	Very Low	2	Fraggle Rock CT	3	
Highways and roads, dirt/gravel	X20	X20-1	A	Very Low	3	Old Glenn Highway	2	
Highways and roads, dirt/gravel	X24	X24-2	A,B,C	Very Low	4	Marth	2	
Highways and roads, dirt/gravel	X24	X24-3	B	Very Low	5	Marilyn	2	
Highways and roads, dirt/gravel	X24	X24-4	B	Very Low	6	Fraggle Rock CT	2	
Highways and roads, dirt/gravel	X24	X24-1	C	Very Low	7	Wickham	2	

Table 4

**Potential and Existing Sources of Contamination for
Butte Fire Station
Volatile Organic Chemicals (VOCs)**

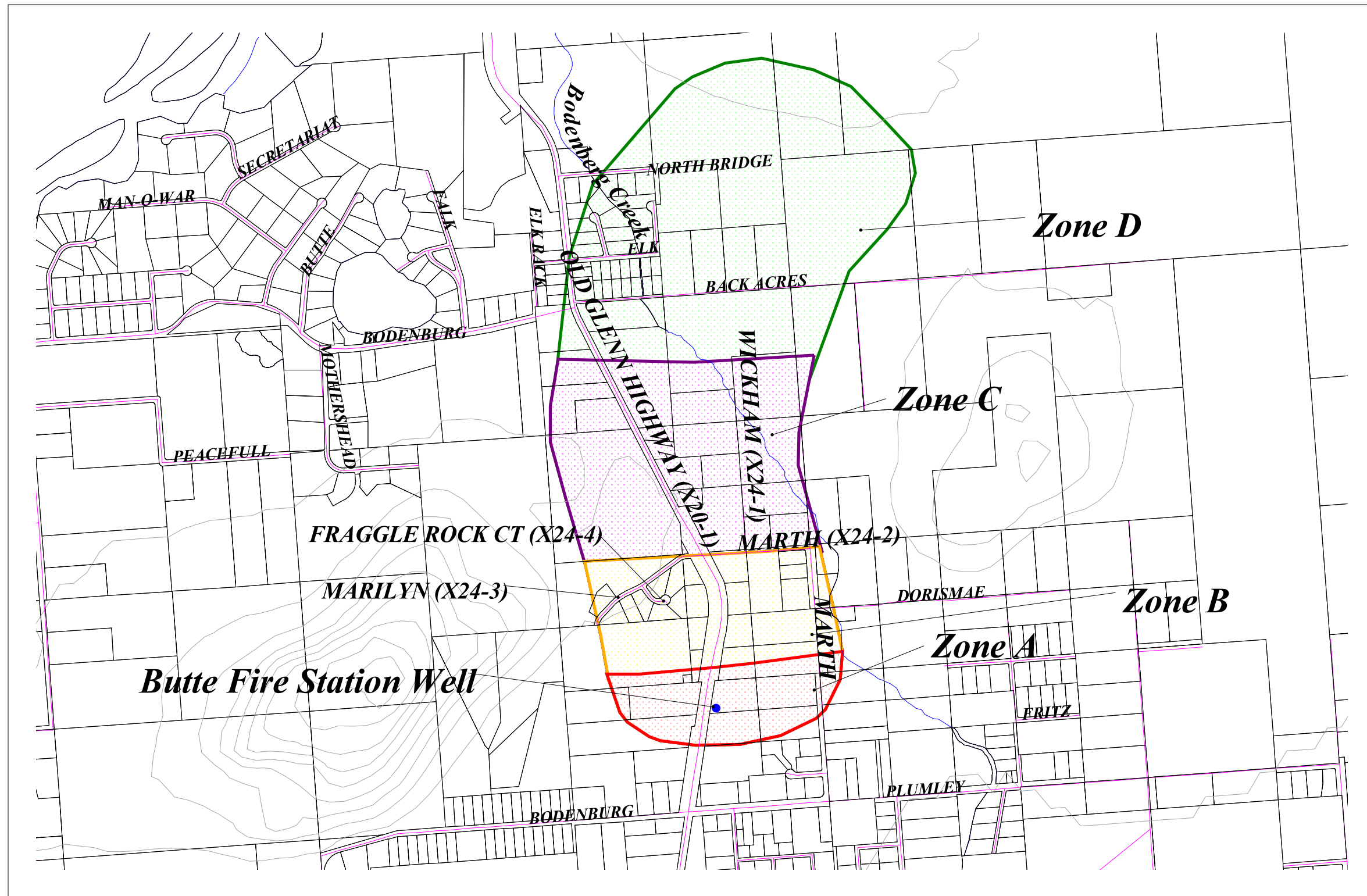
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Contaminant Source Category	Contaminant Source ID	CS ID Tag	Zone	Risk Ranking for Analysis	Overall Rank for Analysis	Location	Map	Comments
Gasoline Station (without repair shop)	C15	C15-1	B	High	1	Old Glenn Highway	3	
Contaminated Site	U4	U4-1	B	High	2	Old Glenn Highway	3	
Underground Gasoline Storage Tank	T12	T12-1	B	Low	3	Old Glenn Highway	3	
Underground Diesel Storage Tank	T8	T8-1	B	Low	4	Old Glenn Highway	3	
Septic systems (serves one or more single-family homes)	R2	R2-1	A	Very Low	5	Old Glenn Highway	3	
Septic systems (serves one or more single-family homes)	R2	R2-2	B	Very Low	6	Fraggle Rock CT	3	
Highways and roads, dirt/gravel	X20	X20-1	A	Very Low	7	Old Glenn Highway	2	
Highways and roads, dirt/gravel	X24	X24-2	A,B,C	Very Low	8	Marth	2	
Highways and roads, dirt/gravel	X24	X24-3	B	Very Low	9	Marilyn	2	
Highways and roads, dirt/gravel	X24	X24-4	B	Very Low	10	Fraggle Rock CT	2	
Highways and roads, dirt/gravel	X24	X24-1	C	Very Low		Wickham	2	

APPENDIX C

Butte Fire Station #1 Drinking Water Protection Area and Potential & Existing Contaminant Sources

Drinking Water Protection Areas Potential & Existing Sources of Contamination for Butte Fire Station



- Lakes and Rivers
- Public Water System Wells
- Zone A Protection Area
- Zone B Protection Area
- Zone C Protection Area
- Zone D Protection Area
- Roads (Paved X20)
(Gravel X24)
- Mat-Su Borough Parcel Boundaries
- Elevation Contours

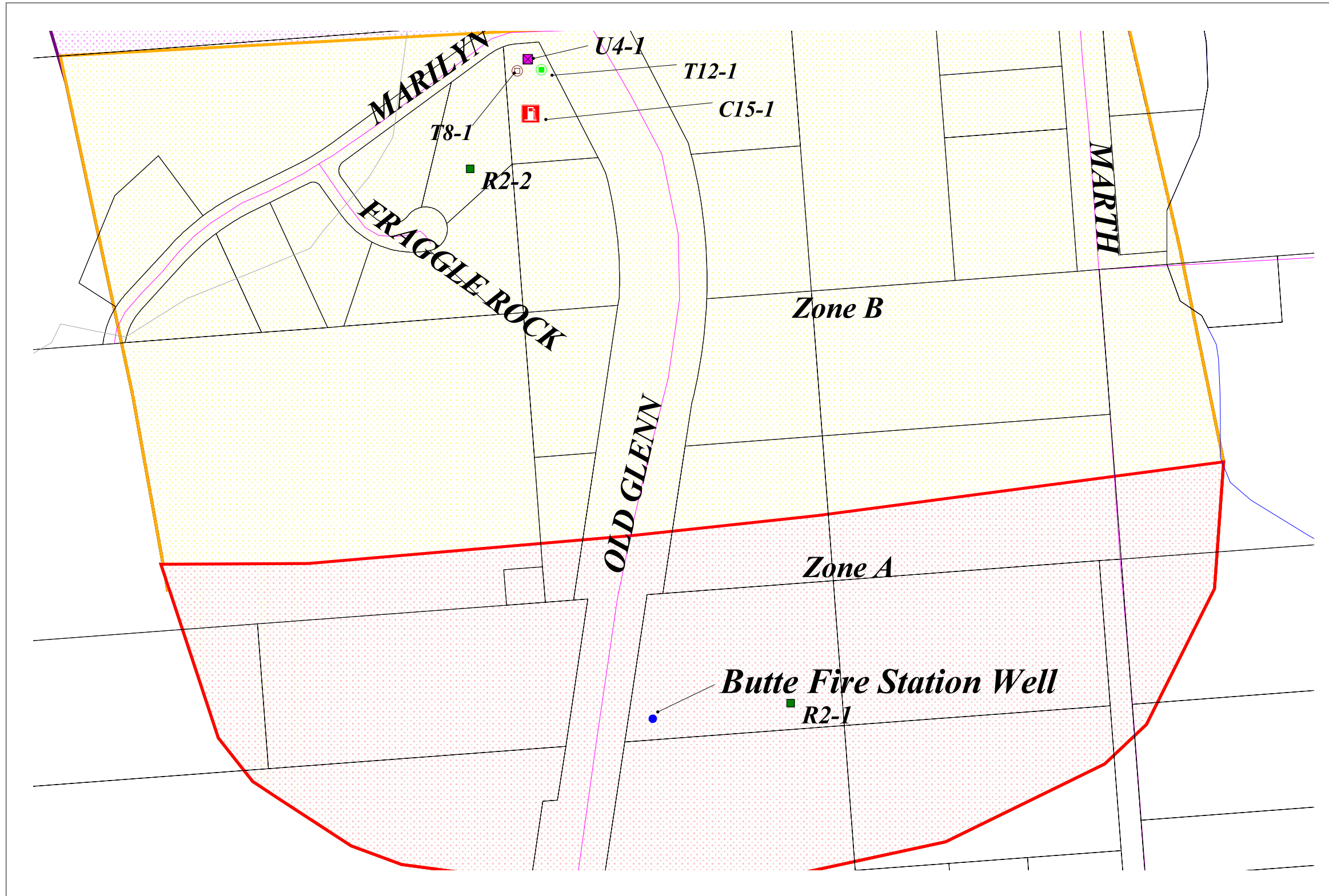
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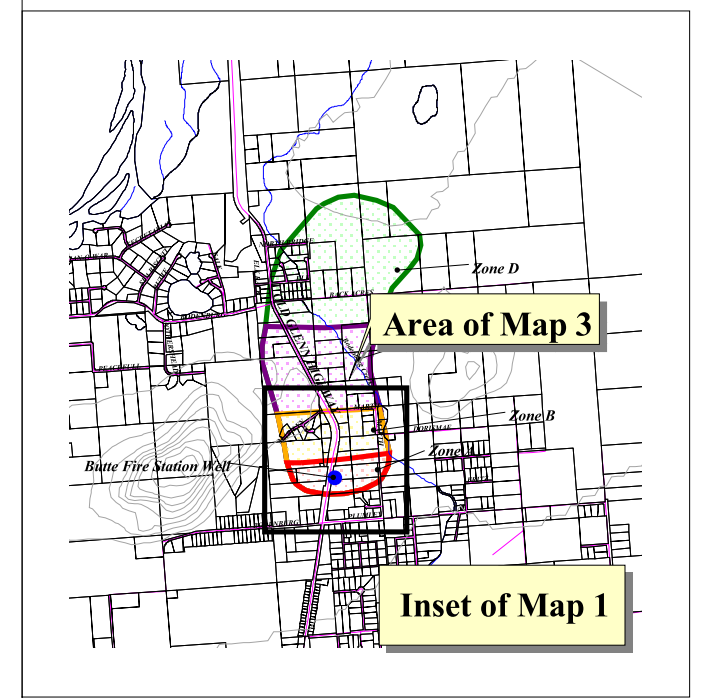
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Drinking Water Protection Area and Potential & Existing Sources of Contamination for Butte Fire Station



- Residential Well & Septic Systems (R2)
- Tanks, diesel (underground) (T8)
- Tanks, gasoline (underground) (T12)
- Previously leaky underground storage tank (U4)
- Gasoline Station (without repair shop) (C15)
- Elevation Contours
- Mat-Su Borough Parcels
- Roads (Gravel X24)
- Zone A Protection Area
- Zone B Protection Area
- Lakes and Rivers



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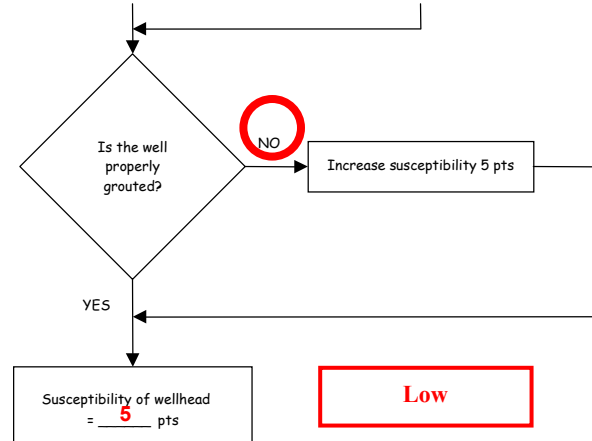
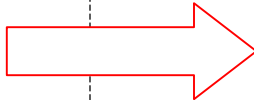
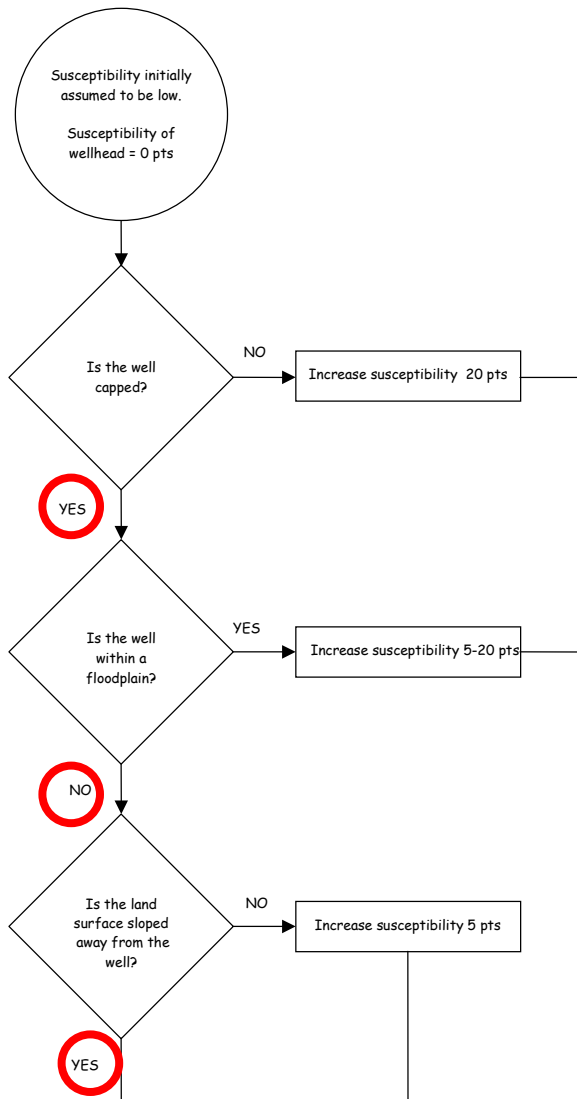
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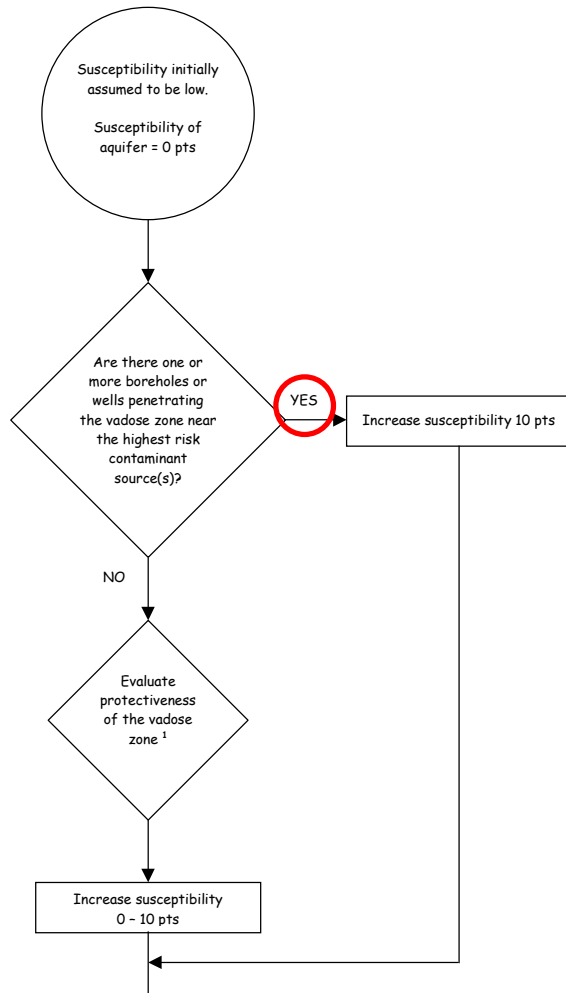
Vulnerability Analysis for Butte Fire Station #1 Public Drinking Water Source

Chart 1. Susceptibility of the wellhead – Butte Fire Station #1

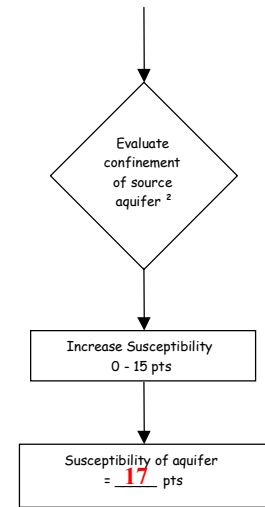
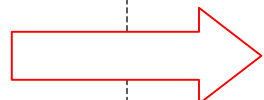


<u>Wellhead Susceptibility Ratings</u>	
20 to 25 pts	very high
15 to < 20 pts	high
10 to < 15 pts	medium
< 10	low

Chart 2. Susceptibility of the aquifer – Butte Fire Station #1



Recharge (16-20 inches per year, base of Chugach Mountains, and silty and clayey gravelly sand) 8/10= 4 Points
 Depth to bottom of confining unit (75 feet) 1/10 = 1 Point
 Protectiveness of the Vadose Zone Total = 5 Points



Confinement (75 feet of till) 3/15 = 2 Point
 Density of boreholes/wells 15/15= 5 Points
 Degree of Confinement Total = 7 Points

17 Points

High

Aquifer Susceptibility Ratings

20 to 25 pts	very high
15 to < 20 pts	high
10 to < 15 pts	medium
< 10	low

- Protectiveness of the Vadose Zone**
 - net recharge (function of precipitation, slope of land surface, & permeability of soils) [0-10 pts: 50%]
 - depth to water table (unconfined aquifer) or top of confining layer (confined aquifer) [interpolate linearly: 100' - 20', 0-5 pts; 20' - 0', 5-10 pts; 50% weight]
- Degree of Confinement**
 - confined verses unconfined aquifer [confined: $K \leq 10^{-6}$ cm/s, minimum thickness of at least one layer = 20 ft, interpolate linearly 100' - 20', 0 - 10 pts; unconfined = 15 pts; 65%]
 - density of boreholes and wells penetrating the confining layer (confined aquifer) or the water table (unconfined aquifer) [confined: 0 - 15 pts; unconfined = 15 pts; 35% weight]

Chart 3. Contaminant risks for Butte Fire Station #1 – Bacteria & Viruses

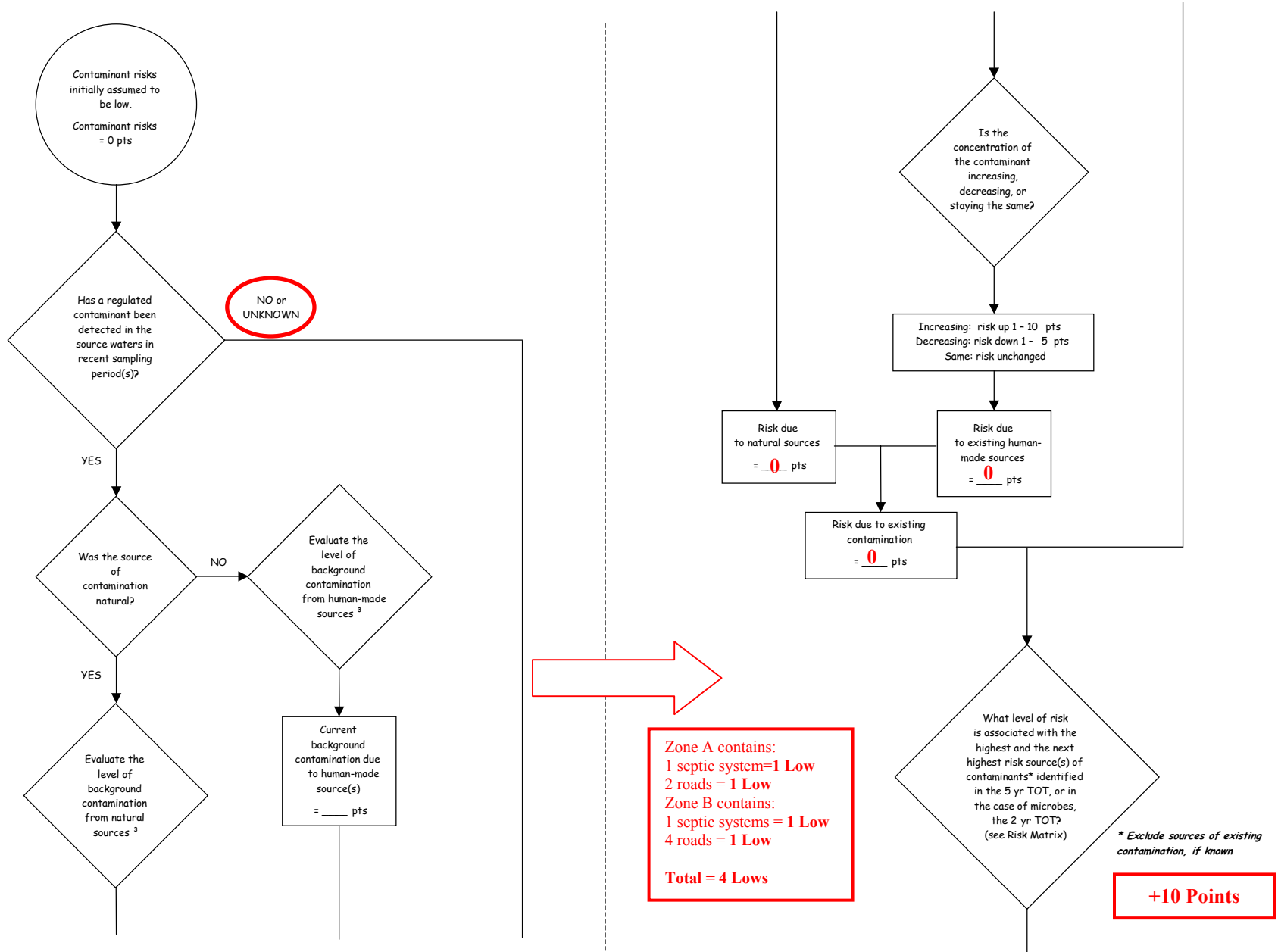


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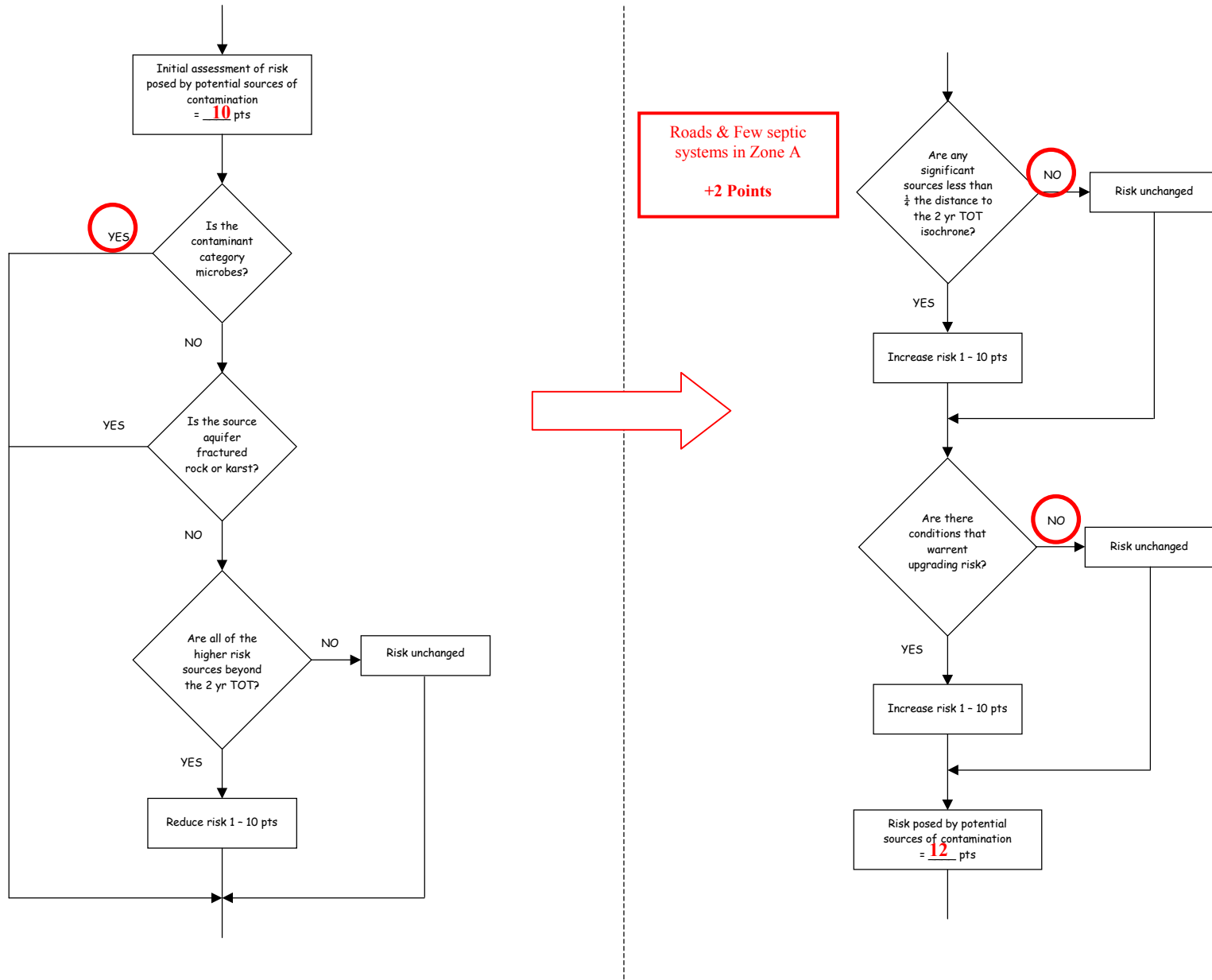


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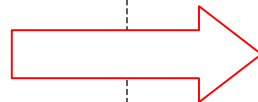
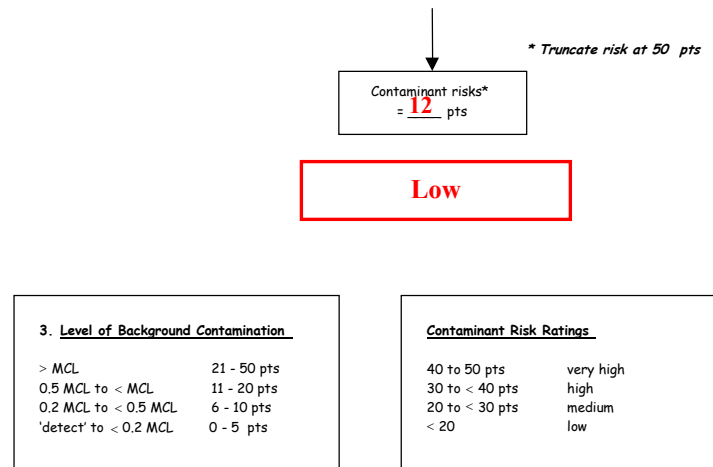
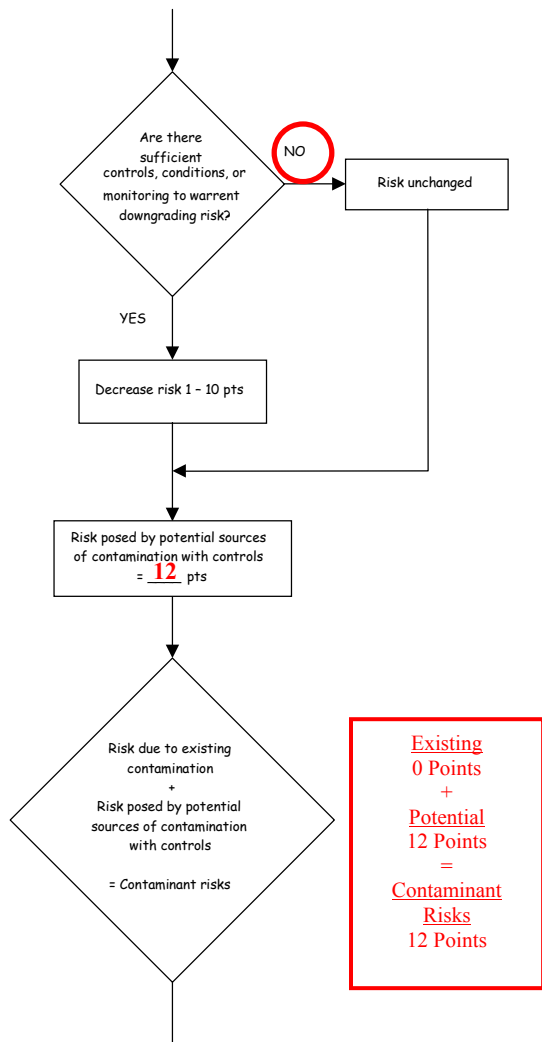


Table 1. Risk Matrix for Contaminant Sources for Butte Fire Station #1 – Bacteria & Viruses

Level of Risk Associated with the Highest Risk Sources

Next Highest Risk Sources(s)	2 septic systems, 6 roads	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

Chart 4. Vulnerability analysis for Butte Fire Station #1– Bacteria & Viruses

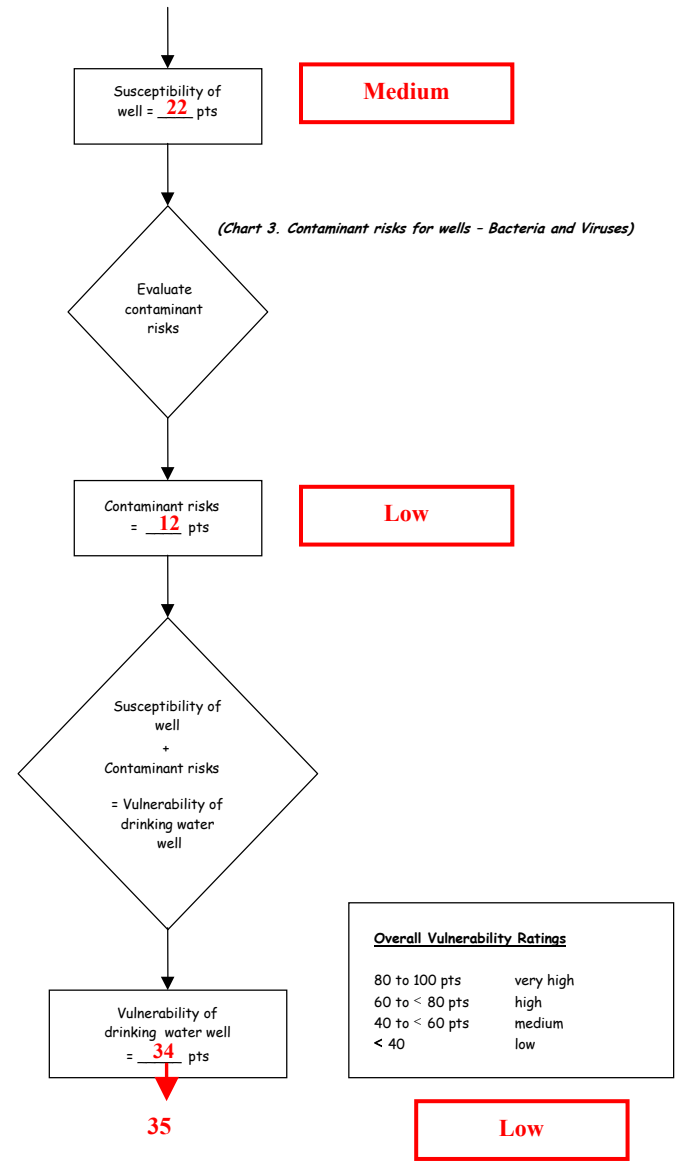
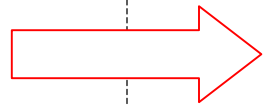
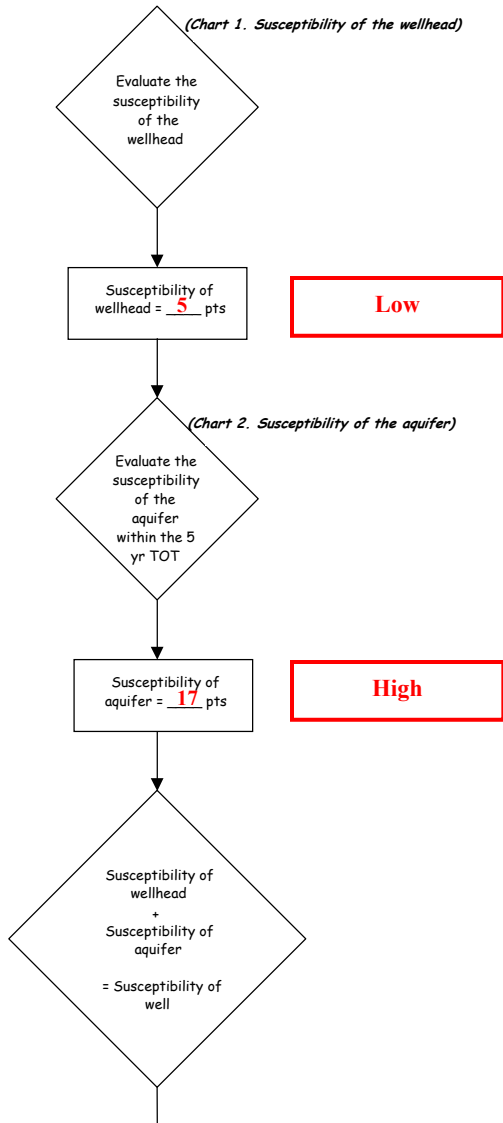


Chart 5. Contaminant risks for Butte Fire Station #1– Nitrates and Nitrites

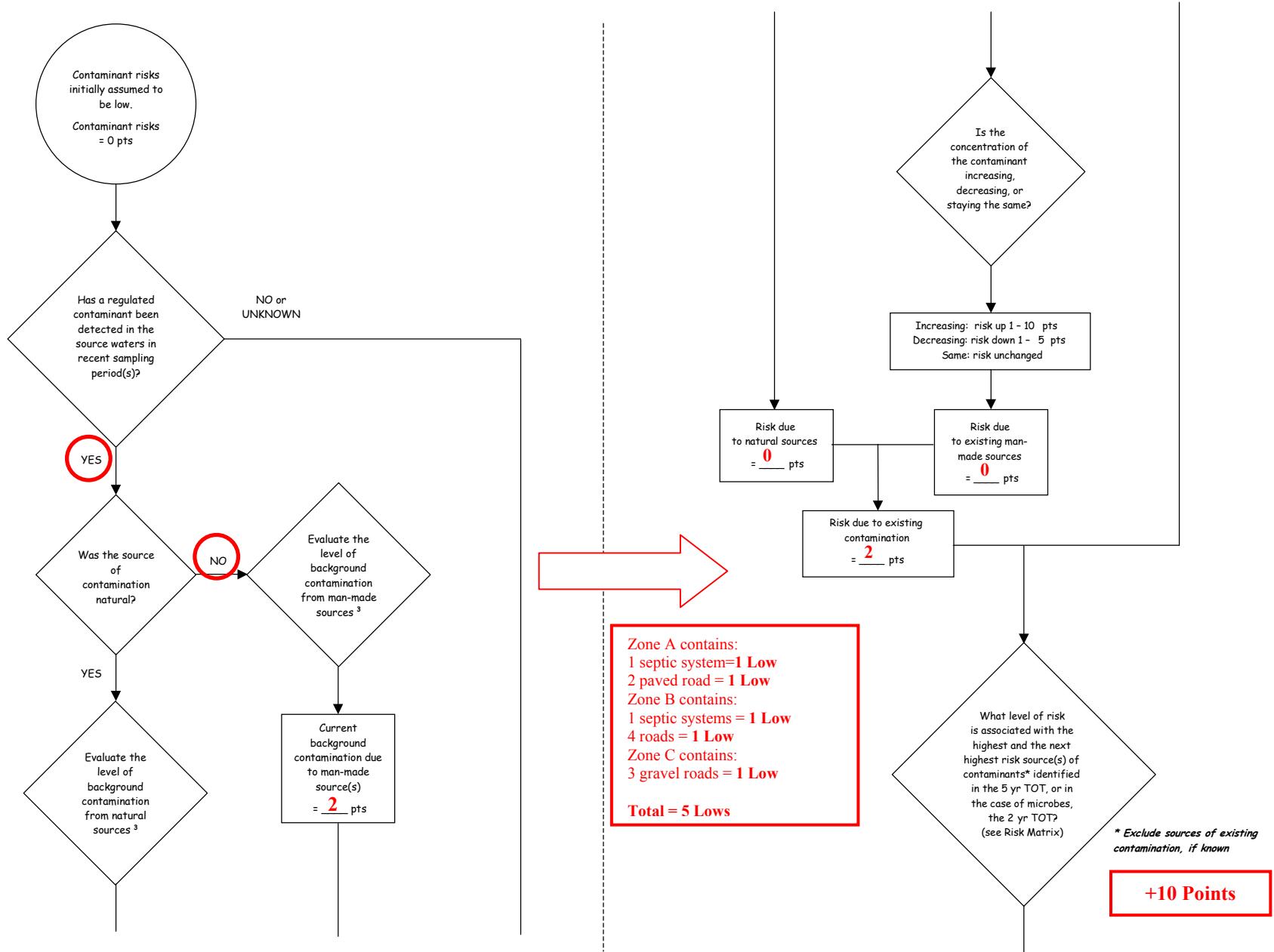


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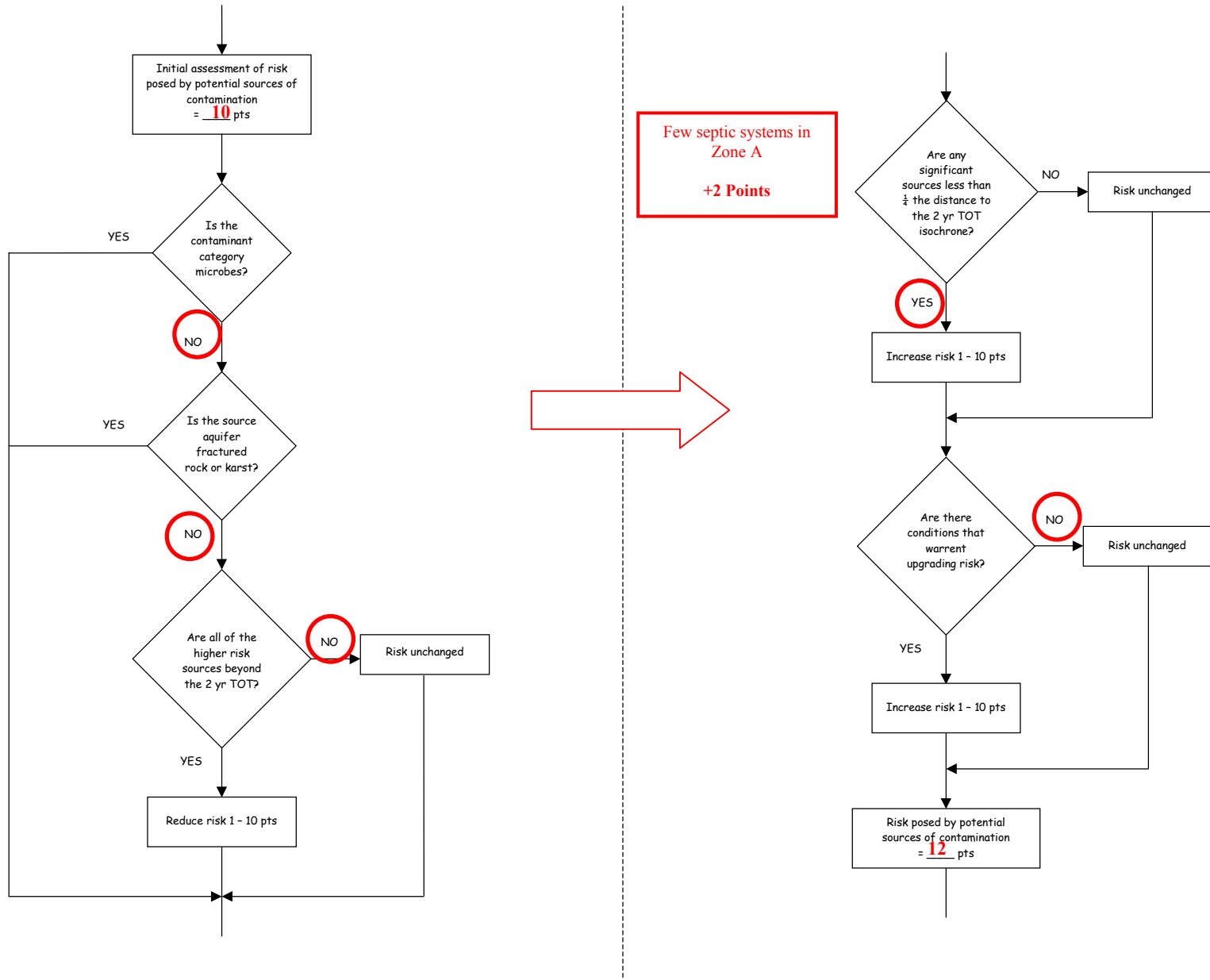


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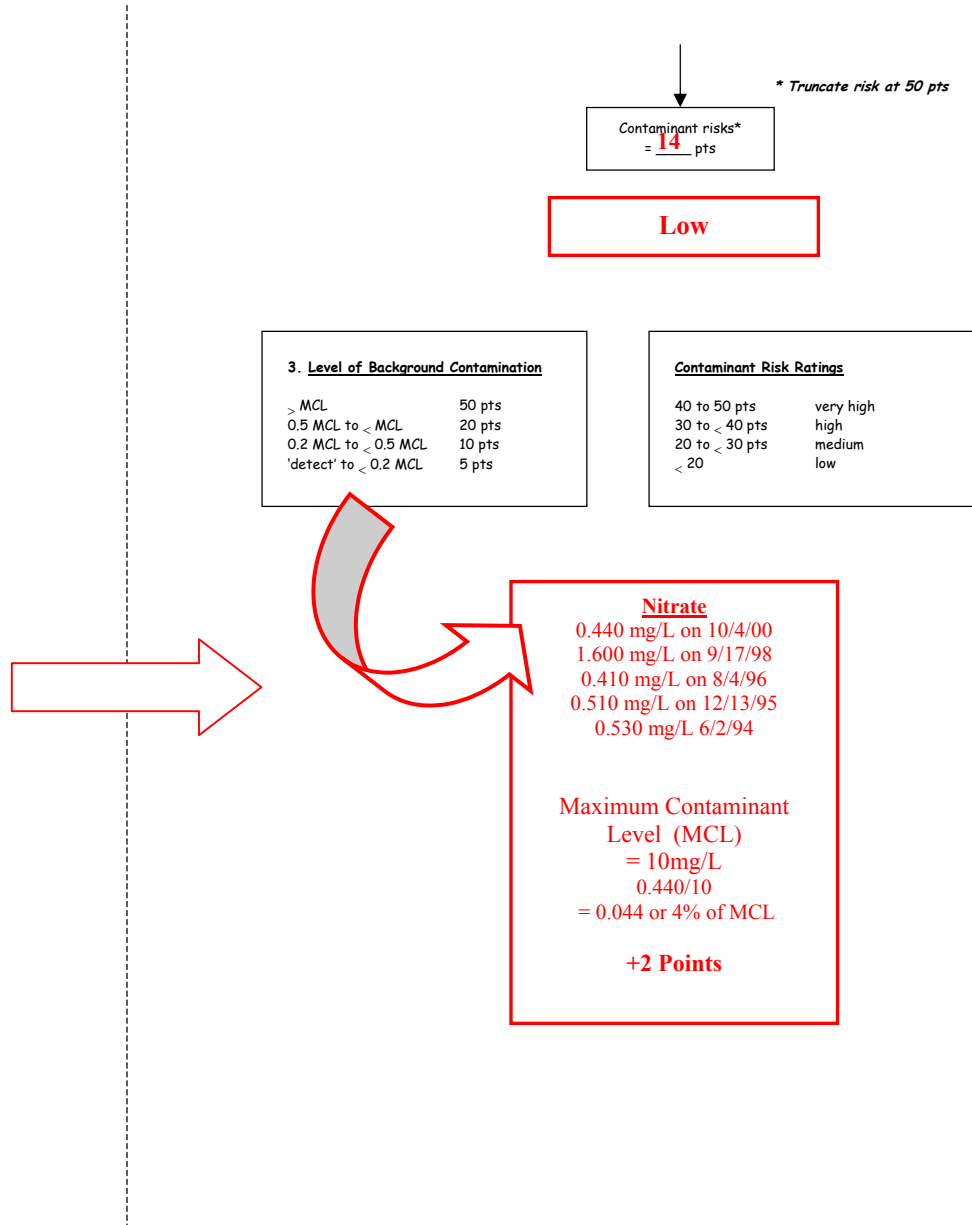
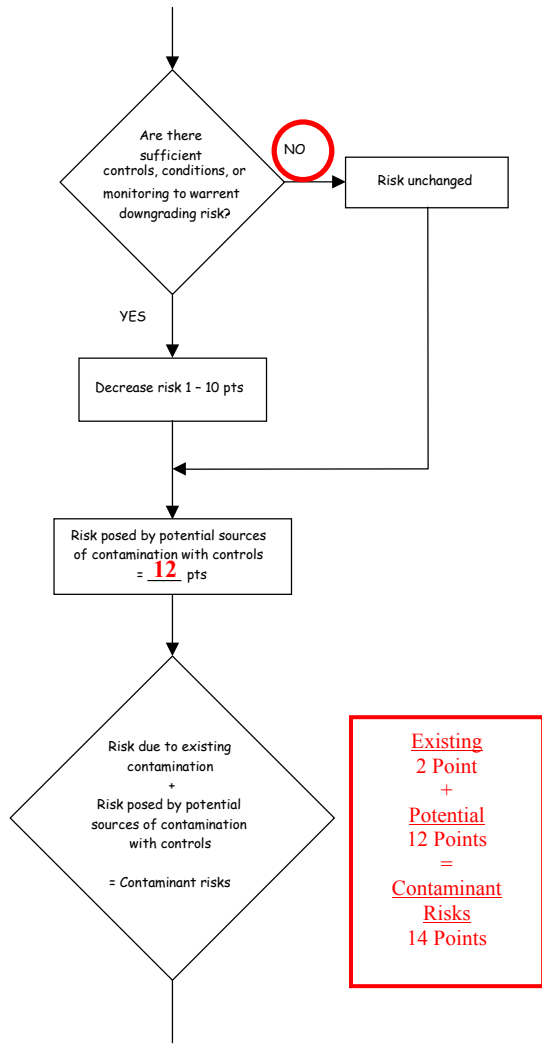


Table 2. Risk Matrix for Contaminant Sources for Butte Fire Station #1– Nitrates and Nitrites

Level of Risk Associated with the Highest Risk Sources

2 SEPTIC SYSTEMS, 5 ROADS	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

Chart 6. Vulnerability analysis for Butte Fire Station #1– Nitrates and Nitrites

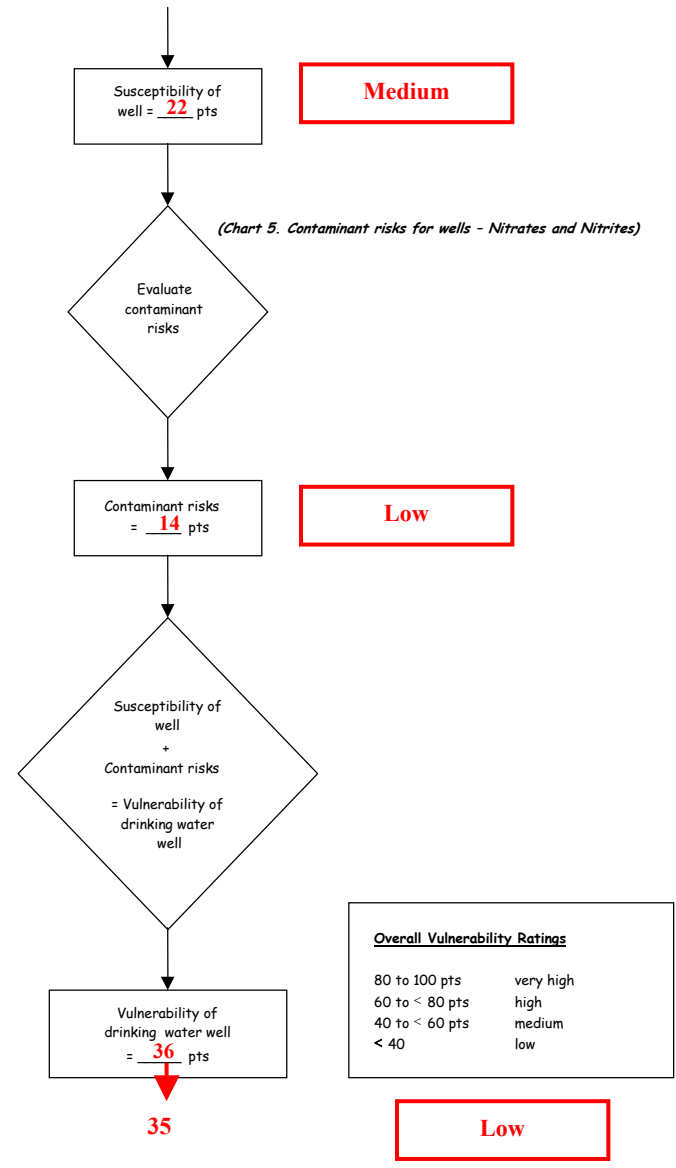
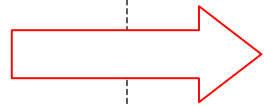
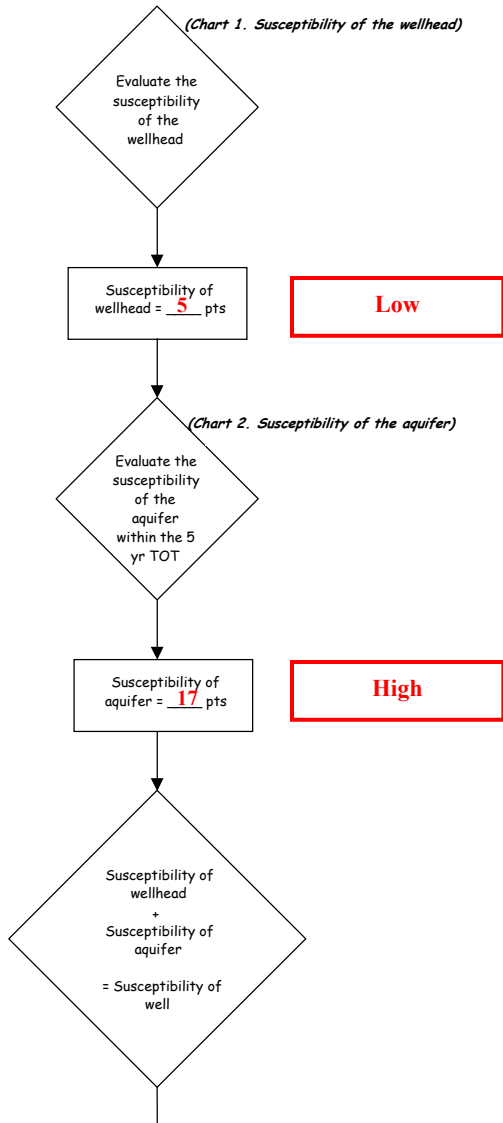


Chart 7. Contaminant risks for Butte Fire Station #1 – Volatile Organic Chemicals

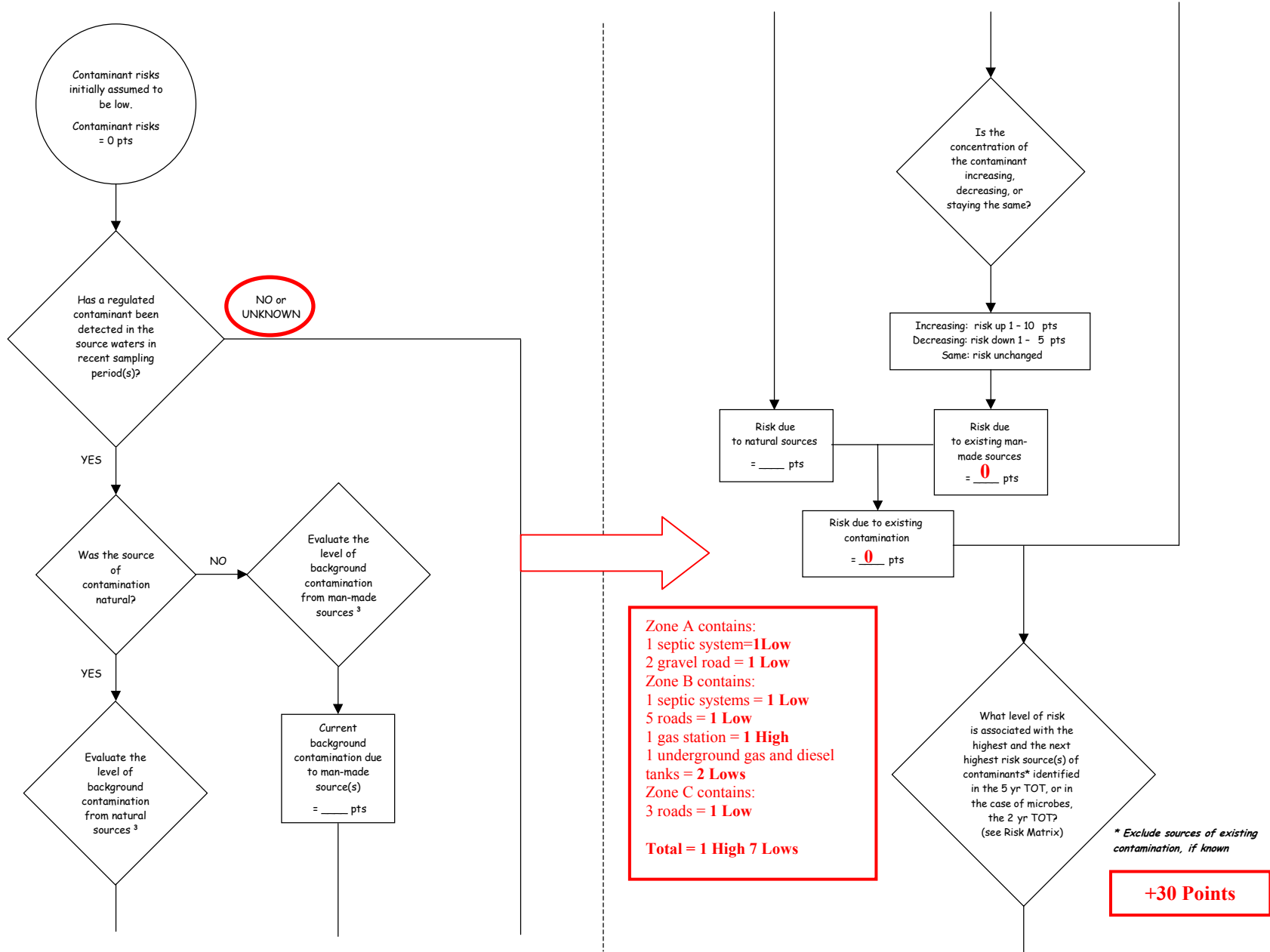


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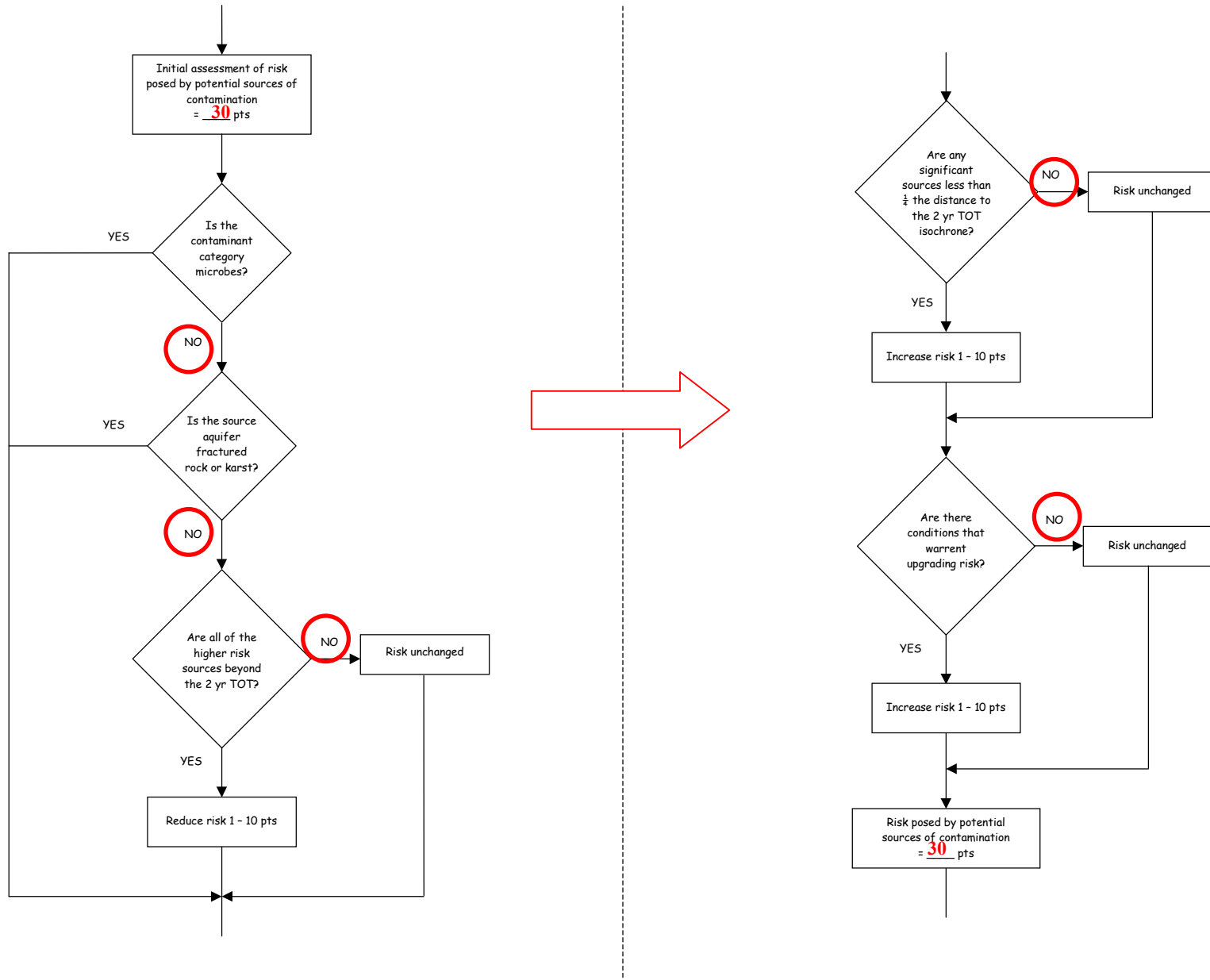


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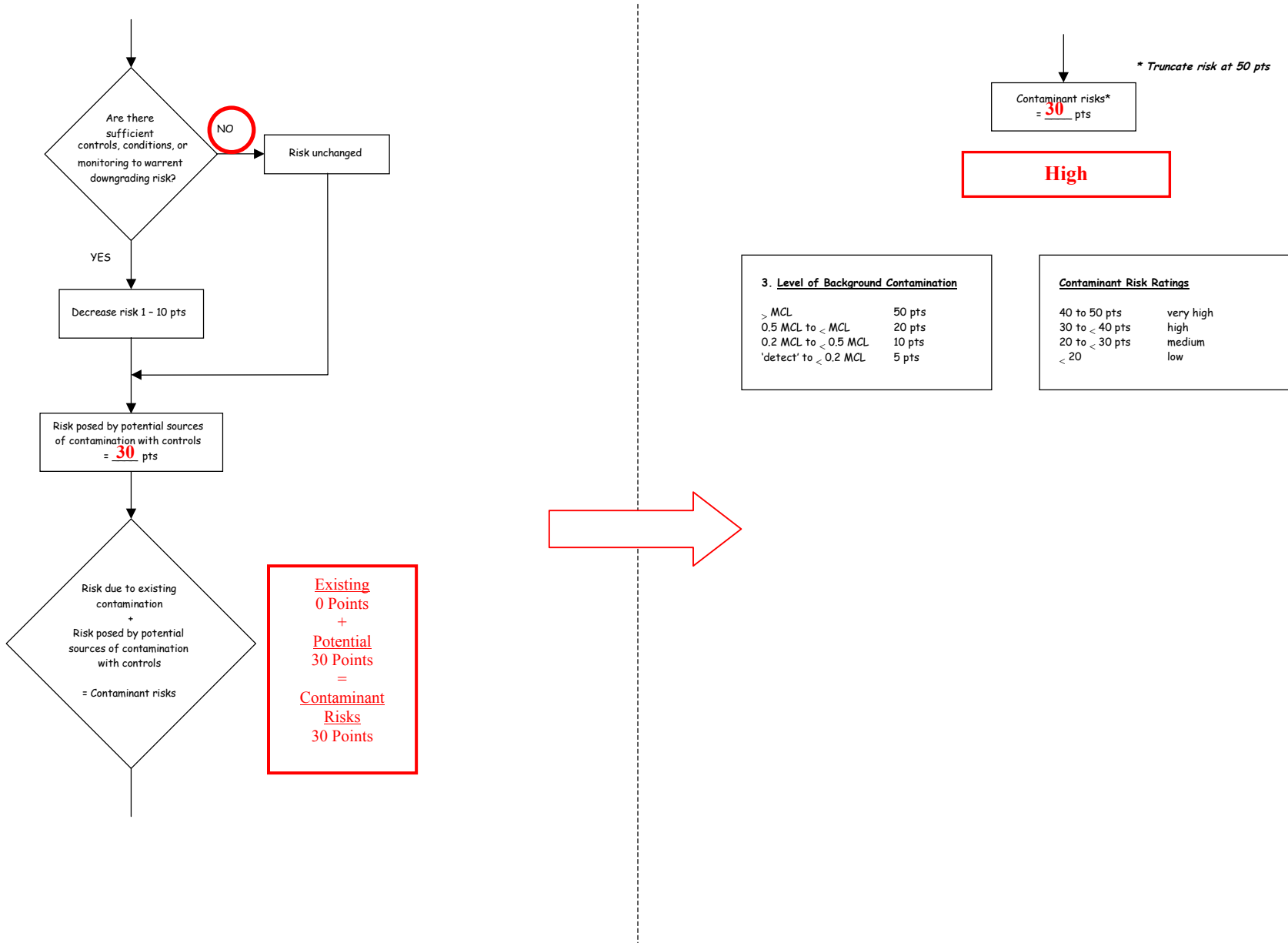


Table 3. Risk Matrix for Contaminant Sources for Butte Fire Station #1 – Volatile Organic Chemicals

Level of Risk Associated with the Highest Risk Sources

2 septic systems, 1 gas station, 2 underground gas and diesel tanks, 5 roads	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

Chart 8. Vulnerability analysis for Butte Fire Station #1– Volatile Organic Chemicals

