Source Water Assessment

A Hydrogeologic Susceptibility and Vulnerability Assessment for the Valdez Southcentral Drinking Water System, Valdez, Alaska

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

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

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Valdez Southcentral Public Water System (PWS) has two wells. This well (PWS No. 291229.001) has been used as drinking water source since it was drilled in November of 1981. This report contains information exclusively for PWS No. 291229.001.

The well is a Class A (community and non-transient non-community) water system located 4 miles east of Valdez on Airport Road in Valdez, Alaska. The 1998 sanitary survey indicates that there is no secondary storage. Records also indicate that the drinking water is not treated. This system operates year round and serves approximately 612 residents through 175 service connections. The wellhead received a susceptibility rating of **Low** and the aquifer received a susceptibility rating of **Very High**. Combining these two ratings produce a **Medium** rating for the natural susceptibility of the well.

Identified potential and current sources of contaminants for the public drinking water source include: a landfill, a large-capacity septic system and fuel storage tanks. A detailed inventory can be found in Table 1 of Appendix B. These identified potential and existing sources of contamination are considered sources of bacteria and viruses, nitrates and/or nitrites, volatile organic chemicals, heavy metals, cyanide and other inorganic chemicals, synthetic organic chemicals, and other organic chemicals contaminant categories.

Overall, the well received a vulnerability rating of **High** for bacteria and viruses, nitrates and nitrites, volatile organic chemicals, heavy metals, cyanide and other inorganic chemicals, and other organic chemicals and a vulnerability rating of **Medium** for and synthetic organic chemicals.

PUBLIC DRINKING WATER SYSTEM

The Valdez Southcentral PWS well is a Class A (community/non-transient/non-community) public water system. The system is located 4 miles east of Valdez on Airport Road in Valdez, Alaska (Sec. 32, T008S, R006W, Copper River Meridian, see Map A of Appendix A). Valdez is located on the north shore of Port Valdez in Prince William Sound. The community has a population of 4060 (ADCED, 2003). Total annual precipitation in Valdez is 62 inches, including approximately 325 inches of snowfall. Average temperatures range from 21 to 30°F in January and 46 to 61°F in July.

A piped water and sewer distribution system serves the majority of homes. Over 95% of households are fully plumbed (ADCED, 2003). The remaining community residents haul water and utilize individual wells and septic tanks (ADCED, 2003). Valdez receives electrical power from Copper Valley Electric Association, a REA Cooperative. Power generating facilities are hydro-powered with diesel backup. Refuse is collected by the City and disposed of at the community landfill, also operated by the City.

According to information supplied by ADEC for the Valdez Southcentral PWS, the depth of the well is 98 feet below the ground surface. Based on available well construction details, the well is screened from 73 feet to 93 feet. The well is completed in a confined aquifer and is not located within a floodplain.

The May 1998 sanitary survey indicates that the land surface was sloped away from the well. Generally, land surfaces that slope away from the wellhead promote surface water drainage, which reduces the potential of contaminant migration down the well casing annulus. Records also indicate that the well is grouted according to ADEC regulations. Proper grouting provides added protection against contaminants traveling along the well casing annulus and into source waters.

Valdez is a narrow, steep-walled fjord in the Chugach Mountains and is the northeastern-most extension of Price William Sound. The topography and drainage of Valdez are directly related to past and present alpine glacial activity. Valdez Glacier has scoured and shaped the valley. In the past, other smaller

glaciers have filled the valleys and coalesced with Valdez Glacier to completely cover the area. All of the glaciers have been receding during historical time and continue their retreat. The resultant topography is comprised of a gently sloping glacial outwash apron, which laps up against the ice scoured bedrock spurs. Valdez Glacier extends down to the City of Valdez from the northeast, and its delta coalesces with the delta deposited by Lowe River flowing from the east (NTS, 1978).

Deposits in the Valdez area consist of two main units including bedrock and glacio-fluvial outwash. The bedrock consists of interbedded slate, phillite, and greywacke prevailing in thick beds. The bedrock sequence also includes minor amounts of argillite and some arkosic sandstone that grades locally in to conglomerate (NTS, 1978).

Glacio-fluvial materials constitute the deposits in the river valleys leading into Valdez. The outwash plains of the Robe River, the Lowe River, and the stream from Valdez Glacier coalesce to from a broad delta at the eastern end of Valdez. The grain size of the alluvium ranges from silt, sand, and gravel near the tidewater and becomes increasingly coarse upstream (NTS, 1978).

DRINKING WATER PROTECTION AREA

In order to evaluate whether a drinking water source is at risk, we must first evaluate what are the most likely pathways for surface contamination to reach the groundwater. These areas are determined by looking at the characteristics of the soil, groundwater, aquifer, and well.

The most probable area for contamination to reach the drinking water well is the area that contributes water to the well, the groundwater recharge area. This area is designated as the drinking water protection area (DWPA). Because releases of contaminants within the protection area are most likely to impact the drinking water well, this area will serve as the focus for voluntary protection efforts. An analytical calculation was used to determine the size and shape of the DWPA for the Valdez Southcentral PWS. The input parameters describing the attributes of the aquifer in this calculation were adopted from Groundwater (Freeze and Cherry, 1979). Available geology and groundwater contours were also considered to take into account any uncertainties in groundwater flow and aquifer characteristics to arrive at a meaningful protection area.

The protection areas established for wells by the ADEC are usually separated into four zones, limited by the watershed. These zones correspond to differences in the time-of-travel (TOT) of the water moving through the aquifer to the well (Please refer to the Guidance Manual for Class A Public Water Systems for additional information).

The time of travel for contaminants within the water varies and is dependent on the physical and chemical characteristics of each contaminant. The following is a summary of the four protection area zones for wells and the calculated time-of-travel for each:

Table 1. Definition of Zones

Zone	Definition
A	¼ the distance for the 2-yr. time-of-travel
B	Less than the 2 year time-of-travel
C	Less Than the 5 year time-of-travel
D	Less than the 10 year time-of-travel

The DWPA for the Valdez Southcentral PWS was determined using an analytical calculation and includes Zones A, B, and D (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 Valdez Southcentral PWS DWPA. This inventory was completed through a search of agency records and other publicly available information. Potential sources of contamination to the drinking water aquifer include 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 all Class A public water system assessments, six categories of drinking water contaminants were inventoried. They include:

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

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

RANKING OF CONTAMINANT RISKS

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

- Low,
- Medium,
- High, and
- Very High.

The time-of-travel for contaminants within the water varies and is dependent on the physical and chemical characteristics of each contaminant. Bacteria and Viruses are only inventoried in Zones A and B because of their short life span. Only "Very High" and "High" rankings are inventoried within the outer Zone D due to the probability of contaminant dilution by the time the contaminants get to the well. Tables 2 through 7 in Appendix B contain the ranking of 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:

- Natural susceptibility, and
- Contaminant risks.

Appendix D contains fourteen charts, which together form the 'Vulnerability Analysis' for a source water assessment for a public drinking water source. Chart 1 analyzes the 'Susceptibility of the Wellhead' to contamination by looking at the construction of the well and its surrounding area. Chart 2 analyzes the 'Susceptibility of the Aquifer' to contamination by looking at the 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. Chart 4 contains the 'Vulnerability Analysis for Bacteria and Viruses'. Charts 5 through 14 contain the Contaminant Risks and Vulnerability Analyses for nitrates and nitrites, volatile organic chemicals, heavy metals, cyanide and other inorganic chemicals, synthetic organic chemicals, and other organic chemicals, respectively.

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

Susceptibility of the Wellhead (0 – 25 Points)
(Chart 1 of Appendix D)

+

Susceptibility of the Aquifer (0 – 25 Points)
(Chart 2 of Appendix D)

=

Natural Susceptibility (Susceptibility of the Well)
(0 – 50 Points)

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

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

The Valdez Southcentral PWS's water well is completed in a confined aquifer. Confined aquifers are less susceptible to potential groundwater quality impacts posed by the migration of surface water contaminants downward from the surface. Table 2 shows the susceptibility scores and ratings for this PWS.

Table 2. Susceptibility

	Score	Rating
Susceptibility of the Wellhead	0	Low
Susceptibility of the Aquifer	23	Very High
Natural Susceptibility	23	Medium

Contaminant risks to a drinking water source depend on the type, number or density, and distribution of contaminant sources. This score has been derived from an examination of existing and historical contamination that has been detected at the drinking water source 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 for the natural susceptibility:

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

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

Table 3. Contaminant Risks

Category	Score	Rating
Bacteria and Viruses	40	Very High
Nitrates and/or Nitrites	41	Very High
Volatile Organic Chemicals	45	Very High
Heavy Metals, Cyanide and Other Inorganic Chemicals	40	Very High
Synthetic Organic Chemicals	25	Medium
Other Organic Chemicals	50	Very High

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

Natural Susceptibility (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 (0 – 100) and ratings for each of the six categories of drinking water contaminants. Note: scores are rounded off to the nearest five.

Table 4. Overall Vulnerability

Category	Score	Rating
Bacteria and Viruses	65	High
Nitrates and Nitrites	65	High
Volatile Organic Chemicals	70	High
Heavy Metals, Cyanide and Other Inorganic Chemicals	65	High
Synthetic Organic Chemicals	50	Medium
Other Organic Chemicals	75	High

Bacteria and Viruses

The contaminant risk for bacteria and viruses is **Very High**. The risk is primarily attributed to the presence of a large capacity septic system located in Zone A. Numerous other potential contaminant sources are also found within the protection area (see Table 2 – Appendix B).

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, 2002). 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 reported in recent (within five years) sampling events (See Chart 3 – Contaminant Risks for Bacteria and Viruses in Appendix D). Only a small amount of bacteria and viruses are required to endanger public health.

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

Nitrates and Nitrites

The contaminant risk for nitrates and nitrites is **Very High**. The risk to this source of public drinking water is primarily attributed to the presence of a large capacity septic system located in Zone A. Numerous other potential contaminant sources are also found within the protection area (see Table 3 – Appendix

B).

Nitrates are very mobile, moving at approximately the same rate as water. The sampling history for this well indicates that nitrates have been detected in recent sampling events, however they did not exceed the MCL of 10 mg/L. Nitrate concentrations in uncontaminated groundwater are typically less than 2 mg/L; therefore, nitrate concentrations above 2 mg/L may be indicative of man-made sources (See Chart 5 - Contaminant Risks for Nitrates and/or Nitrites in Appendix D).

Nitrate levels are often derived from the decomposition of organic matter in soils. Although the nitrate source in 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 well, the overall vulnerability of the well to nitrate and nitrite contamination is **High.**

Volatile Organic Chemicals

The contaminant risk for volatile organic chemicals is **Very High**. The risk is primarily attributed to the presence of fuel storage tanks located in Zone A. Numerous other potential contaminant sources are also found within the protection area (see Table 4 – Appendix B).

All recent sampling data for Volatile Organic Chemicals reported results below detection levels (See Chart 7 – Contaminant Risks for Volatile Organic Chemicals in Appendix D).

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

Heavy Metals, Cyanide and Other Inorganic Chemicals

The contaminant risk for heavy metals, cyanide and other inorganic chemicals is **Very High**. The risk is primarily attributed to the presence of a junk yard in Zone A. Numerous other potential contaminant sources are also found within the protection area (see Table 5 – Appendix B).

Based on review of recent sampling records for this public water system, low levels of copper have been detected in recent sampling history, however the analyte did not exceeded the MCL of 1.3 mg/L (see Chart 9 – Contaminant Risks for Heavy Metals, Cyanide, and Other Inorganic Chemicals in Appendix D).

The reported concentrations of copper are likely attributed to the water treatment/conveyance system. After combining the contaminant risk for heavy metals, cyanide and other inorganic chemicals with the natural susceptibility of the well, the overall vulnerability of the well to contamination is **High**.

Synthetic Organic Chemicals

The contaminant risk for synthetic organic chemicals is **Medium**. The risk is primarily attributed to an airport and a junk yard located in Zone A. Numerous other potential contaminant sources are also found within the protection area (see Table 6 – Appendix B).

All recent sampling data was below detection levels for the Valdez Southcentral PWS (See Chart 11 – Contaminant Risks for Synthetic Organic Chemicals in Appendix D).

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

Other Organic Chemicals

The contaminant risk for other organic chemicals is **Very High**. The risk is primarily attributed to the presence of a landfill located in Zone A. Several other potential contaminant sources are also found within the protection area (see Table 7 – Appendix B).

All recent sampling data was below detection levels for the Valdez Southcentral PWS (See Chart 13 – Contaminant Risks for Other Organic Chemicals in Appendix D).

After combining the contaminant risk for other organic chemicals with the natural susceptibility of the well, the overall vulnerability of the well to contamination is **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 the community of Valdez 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)

APPENDIX B

Contaminant Source Inventory and Risk Ranking (Tables 1-7)

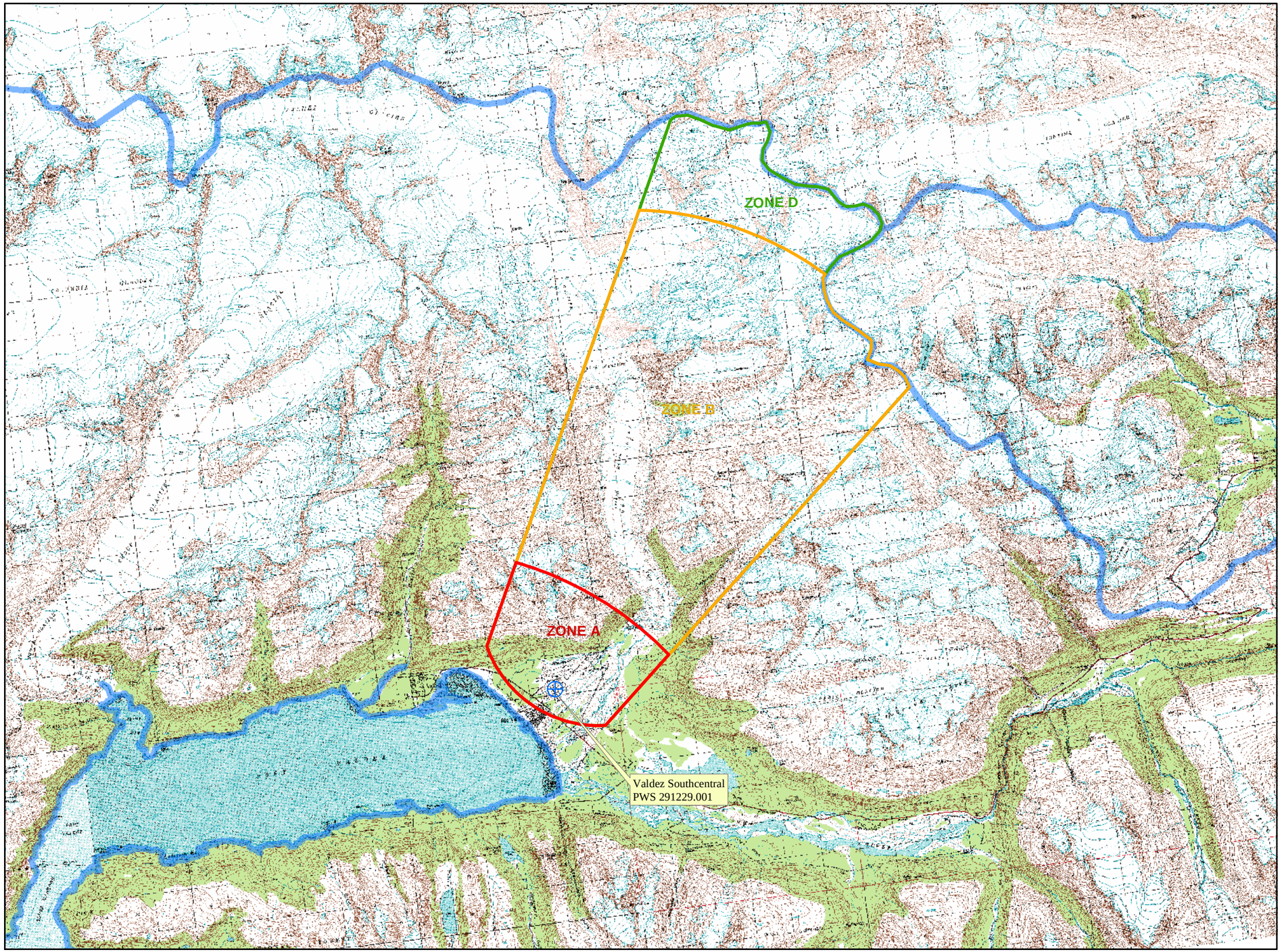
APPENDIX C

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

APPENDIX D

Vulnerability Analysis for Public Drinking Water Source (Charts 1-14)

Public Water Well System for PWS #291229.001 Valdez Southcentral



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Public Water System Well

Hydrography/Physical

- Parcels
- Stream
- Lake or Pond
- Contours
- Watershed Boundary

Transportation

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

Groundwater Protection Zones

- Zone A Protection Area– Several Months Travel Time
- Zone B Protection Area– 2 Years Travel Time
- Zone D Protection Area– 10 Years Travel Time or Watershed Boundary

Data Sources:
- Contaminant Sources, Public Water System Wells, Contours Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC)
- Critical Facilities, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

All other data:
- United States Geological Survey (USGS)
- Drinking Water Protection Areas based on "Alaska Drinking Water Protection Program - Guidance Manual for Class A Public Water Systems" published by ADEC

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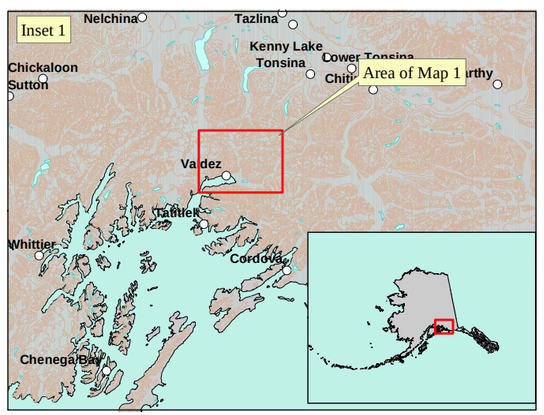

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Valdez Southcentral
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Appendix A Map A

Table 1

Contaminant Source Inventory for ***Valdez Southcentral***

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Contaminant Source Type	*Contaminant Source ID*	*CS ID tag*	*Zone*	*Map Number*	*Comments*
Domestic wastewater collection systems (sewer lines or lift stati	D01	D01-01	A	C	
Injection wells (Class V) Large-Capacity Septic System (Drainfie Disposal Method)	D10	D10-01	A	C	
Landfills (industrial; type of industrial waste?)	D52	D52-01	A	C	Valdez Construction, Landfill
Scrap, salvage, or junk yards	D59	D59-01	A	C	CBM Towing and Salvage
Quarries (sand, gravel, rock, other?)	E10	E10-03	A	C	GLACIER STREAM PIT
Quarries (sand, gravel, rock, other?)	E10	E10-04	A	C	GOLD STANDARD
Quarries (sand, gravel, rock, other?)	E10	E10-06	A	C	JOHNSON PIT
Tanks, heating oil, residential (above ground)	R08	R08-01	A	C	Assume 75 or less residential heating oil tanks
Tanks, heating oil, nonresidential (aboveground)	T14	T14-01	A	C	As indicated in SOC/OOC application, exact location unknown
Airports	X14	X14-01	A	C	VALDEZ AIRPORT
Highways and roads, paved (cement or asphalt)	X20	X20-01	A	C	Assume 1 - 20 roads in Zone A
Quarries (sand, gravel, rock, other?)	E10	E10-01	B	C	DONOHUE
Quarries (sand, gravel, rock, other?)	E10	E10-02	B	C	GLACIER PIT & PORTABLE MILL
Quarries (sand, gravel, rock, other?)	E10	E10-05	B	C	IBEX
Quarries (sand, gravel, rock, other?)	E10	E10-07	B	C	PINOCHLE
Quarries (sand, gravel, rock, other?)	E10	E10-08	B	C	RAMSAY-RUTHERFORD
Quarries (sand, gravel, rock, other?)	E10	E10-09	B	C	ROSE JOHNSON
Quarries (sand, gravel, rock, other?)	E10	E10-10	B	C	VALDEZ BONANZA

Table 2

Contaminant Source Inventory and Risk Ranking for Valdez Southcentral Sources of Bacteria and Viruses

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Contaminant Source Type	*Contaminant Source ID*	*CS ID tag*	*Zone*	*Risk Ranking for Analysis*	*Map Number*	*Comments*
Domestic wastewater collection systems (sewer line or lift stations)	D01	D01-01	A	Medium	C	
Injection wells (Class V) Large-Capacity Septic System (Drainfield Disposal Method)	D10	D10-01	A	High	C	
Highways and roads, paved (cement or asphalt)	X20	X20-01	A	Low	C	Assume 1 - 20 roads in Zone A

Table 3

Contaminant Source Inventory and Risk Ranking for Valdez Southcentral Sources of Nitrates/Nitrites

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Contaminant Source Type	*Contaminant Source ID*	*CS ID tag*	*Zone*	*Risk Ranking for Analysis*	*Map Number*	*Comments*
Domestic wastewater collection systems (sewer line or lift stations)	D01	D01-01	A	Medium	C	
Injection wells (Class V) Large-Capacity Septic System (Drainfield Disposal Method)	D10	D10-01	A	High	C	
Quarries (sand, gravel, rock, other?)	E10	E10-03	A	Low	C	GLACIER STREAM PIT
Quarries (sand, gravel, rock, other?)	E10	E10-04	A	Low	C	GOLD STANDARD
Quarries (sand, gravel, rock, other?)	E10	E10-06	A	Low	C	JOHNSON PIT
Airports	X14	X14-01	A	Low	C	VALDEZ AIRPORT
Highways and roads, paved (cement or asphalt)	X20	X20-01	A	Low	C	Assume 1 - 20 roads in Zone A
Quarries (sand, gravel, rock, other?)	E10	E10-01	B	Low	C	DONOHUE
Quarries (sand, gravel, rock, other?)	E10	E10-02	B	Low	C	GLACIER PIT & PORTABLE MILL
Quarries (sand, gravel, rock, other?)	E10	E10-05	B	Low	C	IBEX
Quarries (sand, gravel, rock, other?)	E10	E10-07	B	Low	C	PINOCHLE
Quarries (sand, gravel, rock, other?)	E10	E10-08	B	Low	C	RAMSAY-RUTHERFORD
Quarries (sand, gravel, rock, other?)	E10	E10-09	B	Low	C	ROSE JOHNSON
Quarries (sand, gravel, rock, other?)	E10	E10-10	B	Low	C	VALDEZ BONANZA

Table 4

Contaminant Source Inventory and Risk Ranking for Valdez Southcentral
Sources of Volatile Organic Chemicals

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Contaminant Source Type	*Contaminant Source ID*	*CS ID tag*	*Zone*	*Risk Ranking for Analysis*	*Map Number*	*Comments*
Domestic wastewater collection systems (sewer line or lift stations)	D01	D01-01	A	Low	C	
Injection wells (Class V) Large-Capacity Septic System (Drainfield Disposal Method)	D10	D10-01	A	Low	C	
Scrap, salvage, or junk yards	D59	D59-01	A	Low	C	CBM Towing and Salvage
Quarries (sand, gravel, rock, other?)	E10	E10-03	A	Low	C	GLACIER STREAM PIT
Quarries (sand, gravel, rock, other?)	E10	E10-04	A	Low	C	GOLD STANDARD
Quarries (sand, gravel, rock, other?)	E10	E10-06	A	Low	C	JOHNSON PIT
Tanks, heating oil, residential (above ground)	R08	R08-01	A	Medium	C	Assume 75 or less residential heating oil tanks
Tanks, heating oil, nonresidential (aboveground)	T14	T14-01	A	Low	C	As indicated in SOC/OOC application, exact location unknown
Airports	X14	X14-01	A	High	C	VALDEZ AIRPORT
Highways and roads, paved (cement or asphalt)	X20	X20-01	A	Low	C	Assume 1 - 20 roads in Zone A
Quarries (sand, gravel, rock, other?)	E10	E10-01	B	Low	C	DONOHUE
Quarries (sand, gravel, rock, other?)	E10	E10-02	B	Low	C	GLACIER PIT & PORTABLE MILL
Quarries (sand, gravel, rock, other?)	E10	E10-05	B	Low	C	IBEX
Quarries (sand, gravel, rock, other?)	E10	E10-07	B	Low	C	PINOCHLE
Quarries (sand, gravel, rock, other?)	E10	E10-08	B	Low	C	RAMSAY-RUTHERFORD
Quarries (sand, gravel, rock, other?)	E10	E10-09	B	Low	C	ROSE JOHNSON
Quarries (sand, gravel, rock, other?)	E10	E10-10	B	Low	C	VALDEZ BONANZA

Table 5

Contaminant Source Inventory and Risk Ranking for Valdez Southcentral

Sources of Heavy Metals, Cyanide and Other Inorganic Chemicals

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Contaminant Source Type	*Contaminant Source ID*	*CS ID tag*	*Zone*	*Risk Ranking for Analysis*	*Map Number*	*Comments*
Domestic wastewater collection systems (sewer line or lift stations)	D01	D01-01	A	Low	C	
Injection wells (Class V) Large-Capacity Septic System (Drainfield Disposal Method)	D10	D10-01	A	Low	C	
Scrap, salvage, or junk yards	D59	D59-01	A	High	C	CBM Towing and Salvage
Tanks, heating oil, nonresidential (aboveground)	T14	T14-01	A	Low	C	As indicated in SOC/OOC application, exact location unknown
Airports	X14	X14-01	A	Low	C	VALDEZ AIRPORT
Highways and roads, paved (cement or asphalt)	X20	X20-01	A	Low	C	Assume 1 - 20 roads in Zone A

Table 6

Contaminant Source Inventory and Risk Ranking for Valdez Southcentral Sources of Synthetic Organic Chemicals

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Contaminant Source Type	*Contaminant Source ID*	*CS ID tag*	*Zone*	*Risk Ranking for Analysis*	*Map Number*	*Comments*
Domestic wastewater collection systems (sewer line or lift stations)	D01	D01-01	A	Low	C	
Injection wells (Class V) Large-Capacity Septic System (Drainfield Disposal Method)	D10	D10-01	A	Low	C	
Scrap, salvage, or junk yards	D59	D59-01	A	Medium	C	CBM Towing and Salvage
Airports	X14	X14-01	A	Medium	C	VALDEZ AIRPORT

Table 7

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

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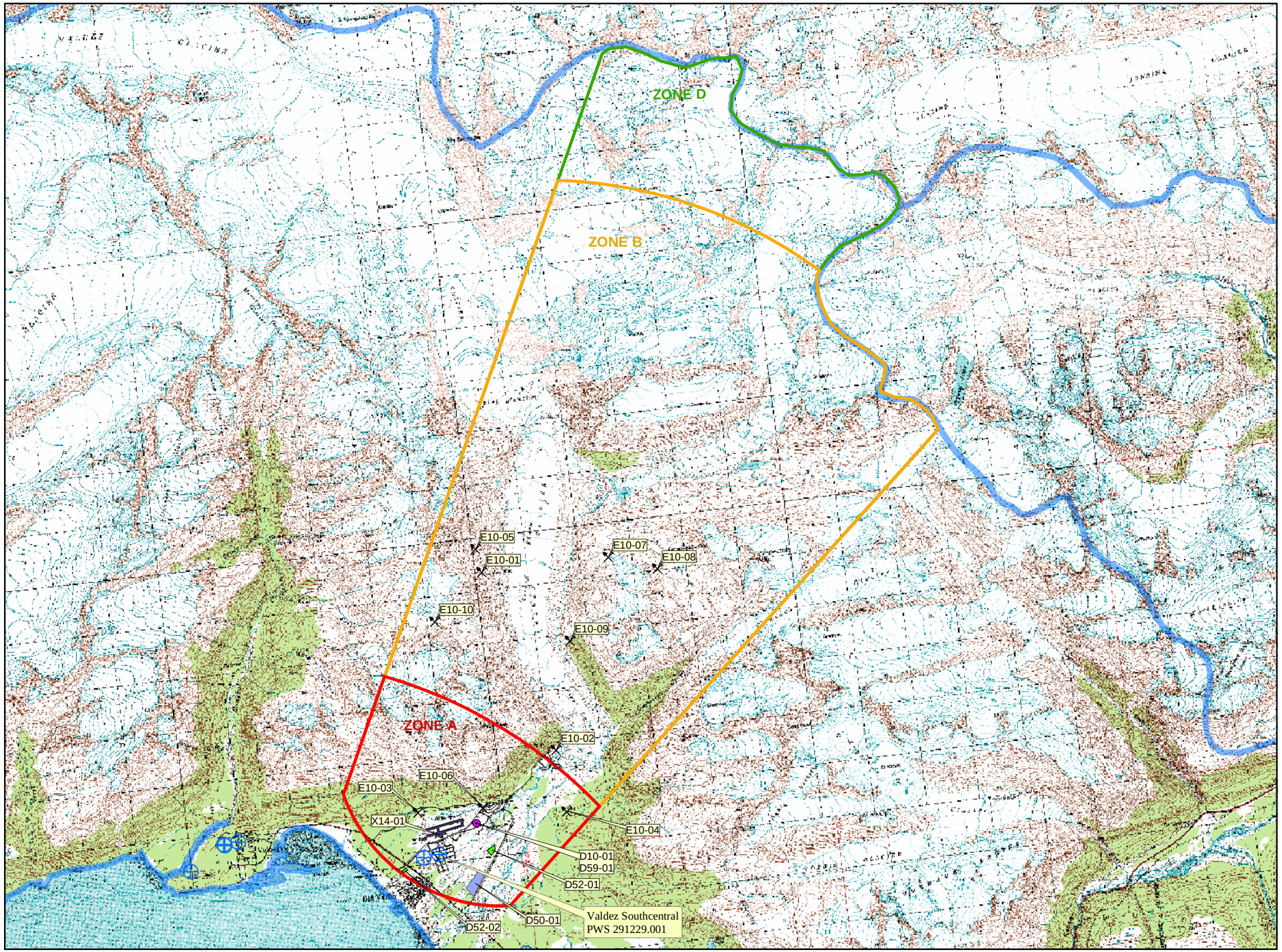
Contaminant Source Type	*Contaminant Source ID*	*CS ID tag*	*Zone*	*Risk Ranking for Analysis*	*Map Number*	*Comments*
Domestic wastewater collection systems (sewer line or lift stations)	D01	D01-01	A	Low	C	
Injection wells (Class V) Large-Capacity Septic System (Drainfield Disposal Method)	D10	D10-01	A	Low	C	
Landfills (industrial; type of industrial waste?)	D52	D52-01	A	Very High	C	Valdez Construction, Landfill
Scrap, salvage, or junk yards	D59	D59-01	A	High	C	CBM Towing and Salvage
Quarries (sand, gravel, rock, other?)	E10	E10-03	A	Low	C	GLACIER STREAM PIT
Quarries (sand, gravel, rock, other?)	E10	E10-04	A	Low	C	GOLD STANDARD
Quarries (sand, gravel, rock, other?)	E10	E10-06	A	Low	C	JOHNSON PIT
Airports	X14	X14-01	A	Medium	C	VALDEZ AIRPORT
Highways and roads, paved (cement or asphalt)	X20	X20-01	A	Low	C	Assume 1 - 20 roads in Zone A
Quarries (sand, gravel, rock, other?)	E10	E10-01	B	Low	C	DONOHUE
Quarries (sand, gravel, rock, other?)	E10	E10-02	B	Low	C	GLACIER PIT & PORTABLE MILL
Quarries (sand, gravel, rock, other?)	E10	E10-05	B	Low	C	IBEX
Quarries (sand, gravel, rock, other?)	E10	E10-07	B	Low	C	PINOCHLE
Quarries (sand, gravel, rock, other?)	E10	E10-08	B	Low	C	RAMSAY-RUTHERFORD
Quarries (sand, gravel, rock, other?)	E10	E10-09	B	Low	C	ROSE JOHNSON
Quarries (sand, gravel, rock, other?)	E10	E10-10	B	Low	C	VALDEZ BONANZA

Public Water Well System for PWS #291229.001 Valdez Southcentral
Potential and Existing Sources of Contamination



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Public Water System Well

Hydrography/Physical

- Parcels
- Stream
- Lake or Pond
- Contours
- Watershed Boundary

Transportation

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

Groundwater Protection Zones

- Zone A Protection Area– Several Months Travel Time
- Zone B Protection Area– 2 Years Travel Time
- Zone D Protection Area– 10 Years Travel Time or Watershed Boundary

Existing or Potential Contaminant Sources

- Injection wells (Class V) Large-Capacity Septic System (Drainfield Disposal Method) (D10)
- Scrap, salvage or junk yards (D59)
- Other Mine or Quarry (E10)
- Landfills, municipal (Class II) (D50)
- Landfill, industrial (D52)
- Airport or landing strip (X14)

Data Sources:
- Contaminant Sources, Public Water System Wells, Contours Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC)
- Critical Facilities, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

All other data:
- United States Geological Survey (USGS)
- Drinking Water Protection Areas based on "Alaska Drinking Water Protection Program - Guidance Manual for Class A Public Water Systems" published by ADEC

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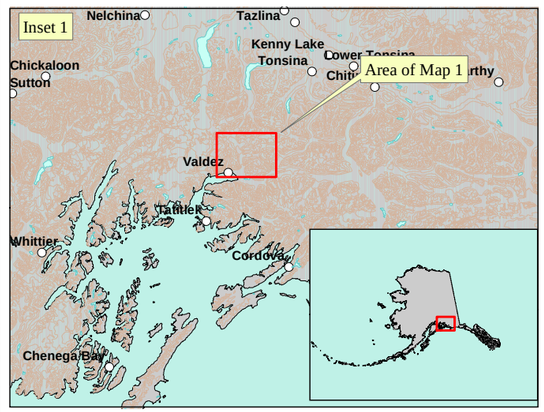

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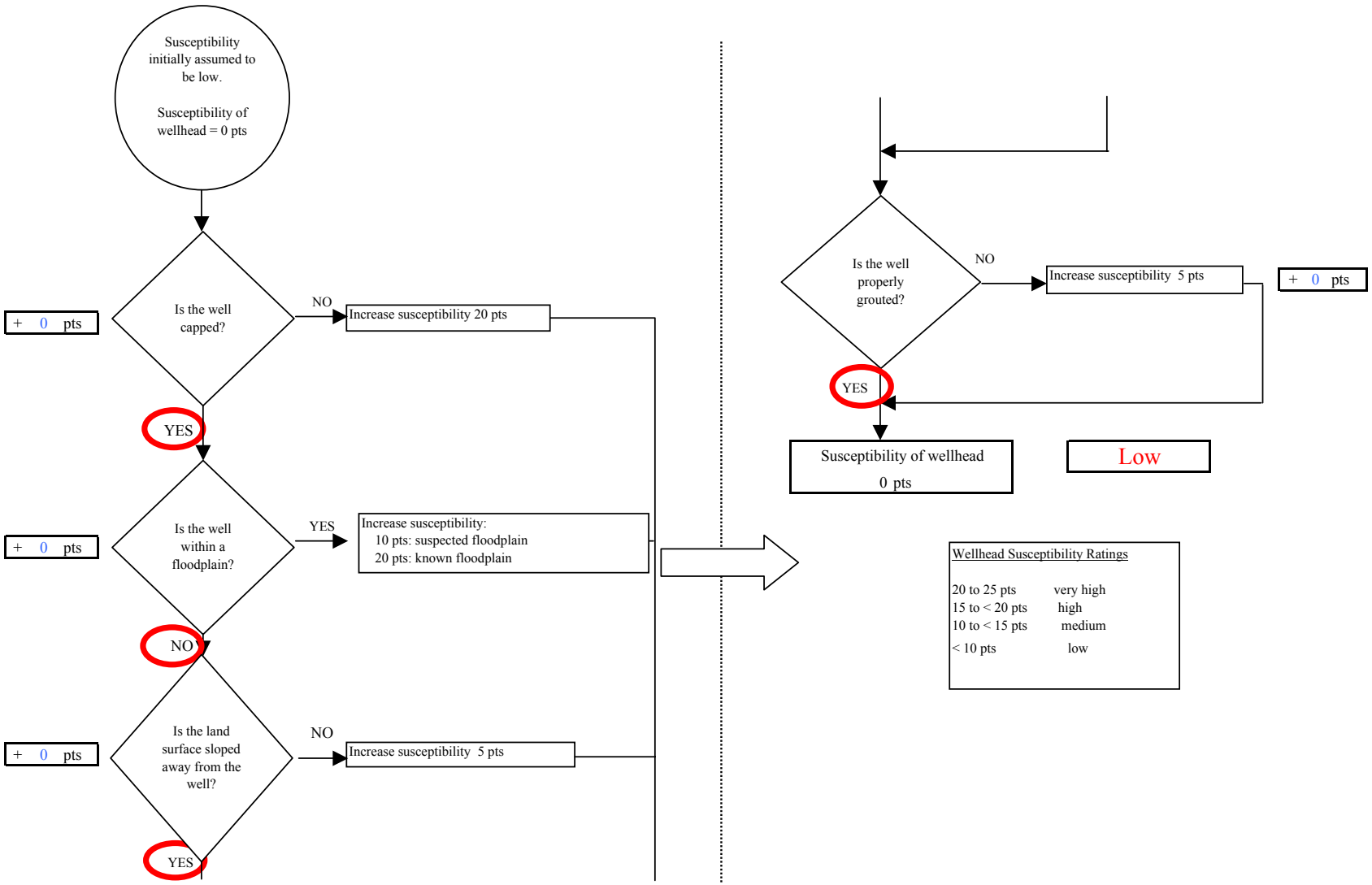
Appendix C Map C

Chart 1. Susceptibility of the wellhead - Valdez Southcentral (PWS No. 291229.001)



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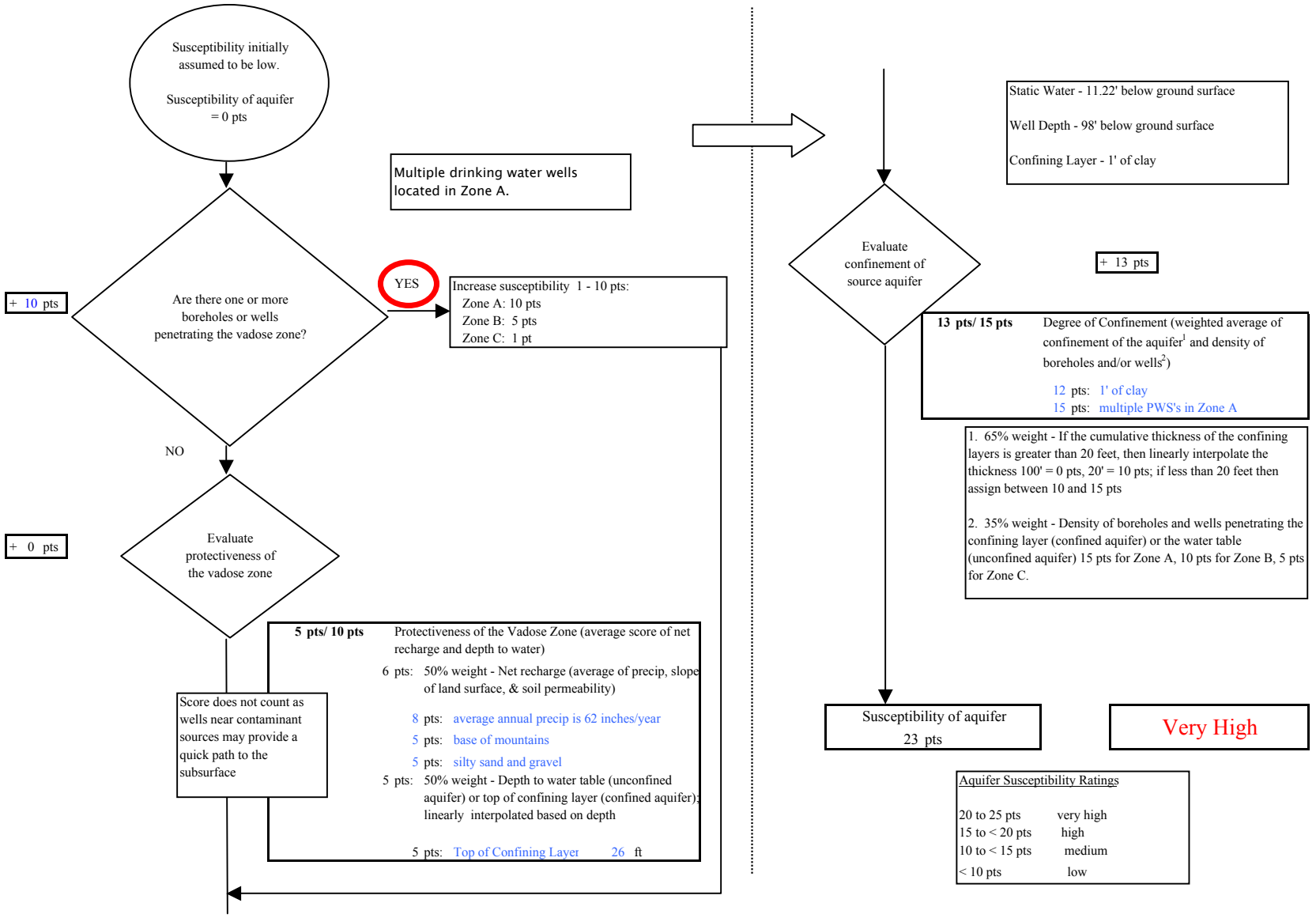
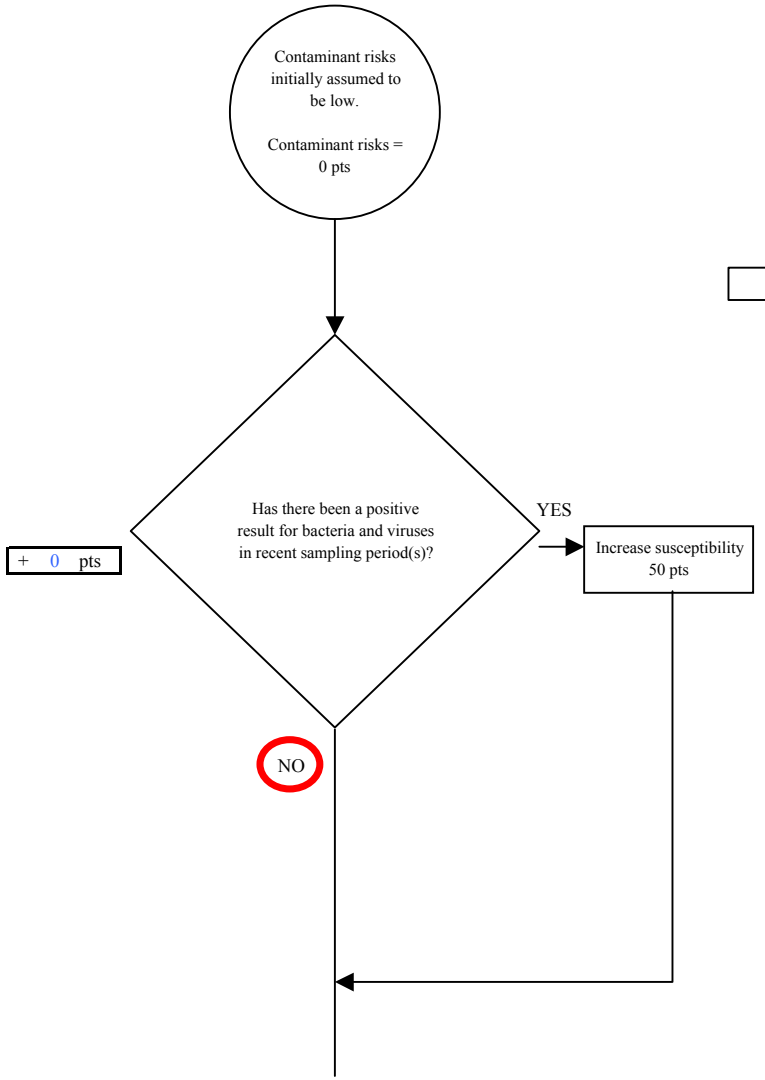
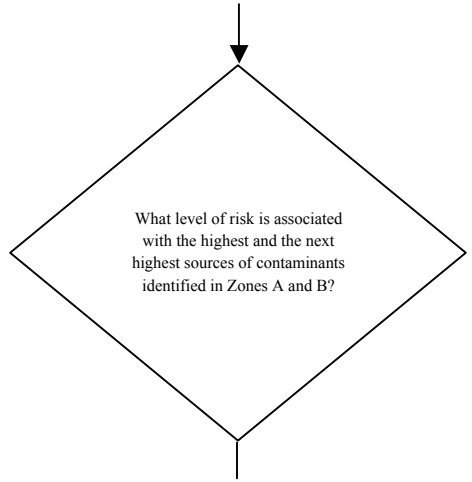


Chart 3. Contaminant risks for Valdez Southcentral (PWS No. 291229.001) - Bacteria & Viruses





+ 30 pts

Risk Rankings for Contaminant Sources Identified in Zones A and B

	Zone A	Zone B	Total
Very Highs(s)	0	0	0
High(s)	1	0	1
Medium(s)	1	0	1
Low(s)	1	0	1

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

Matrix Score 30

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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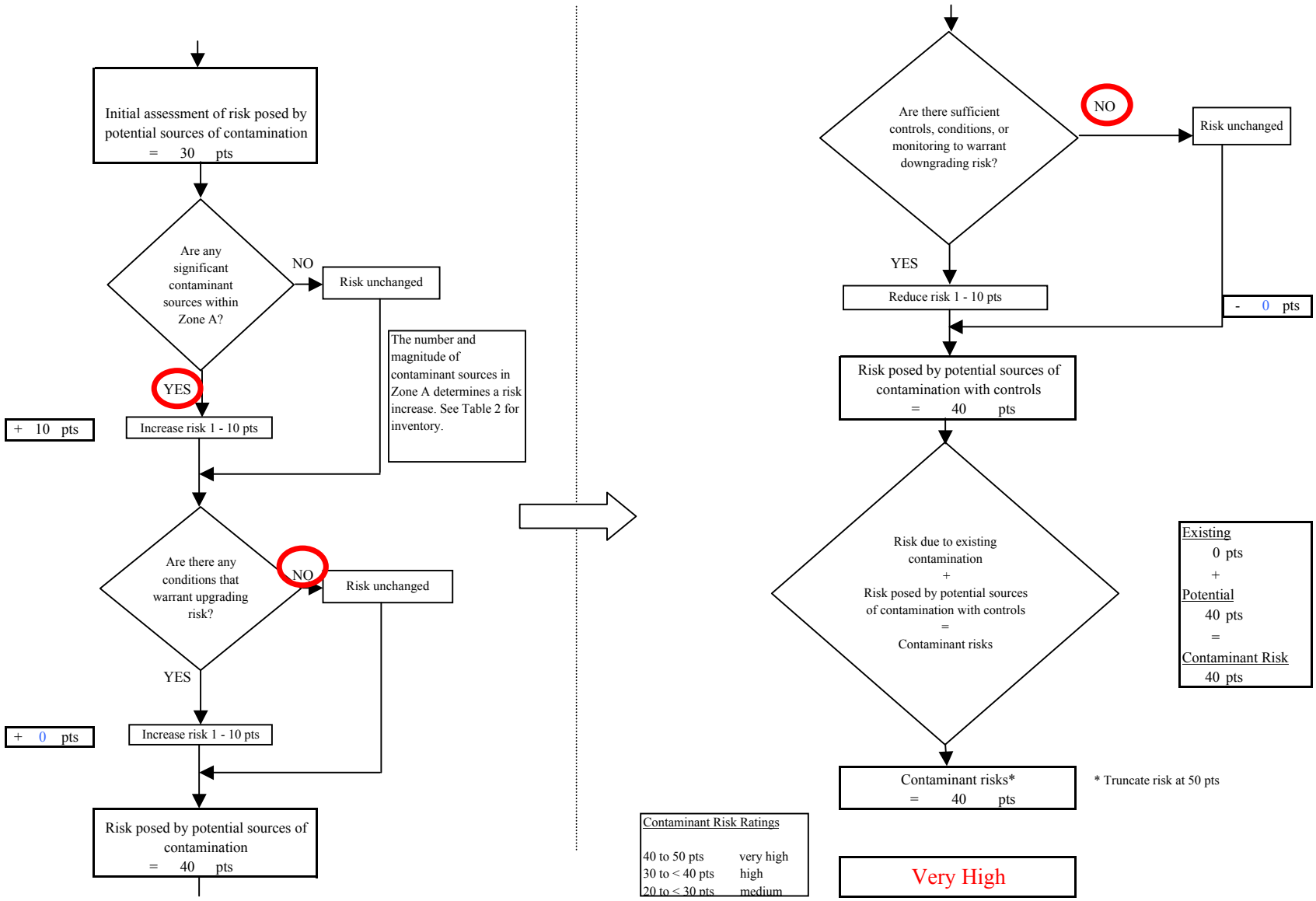

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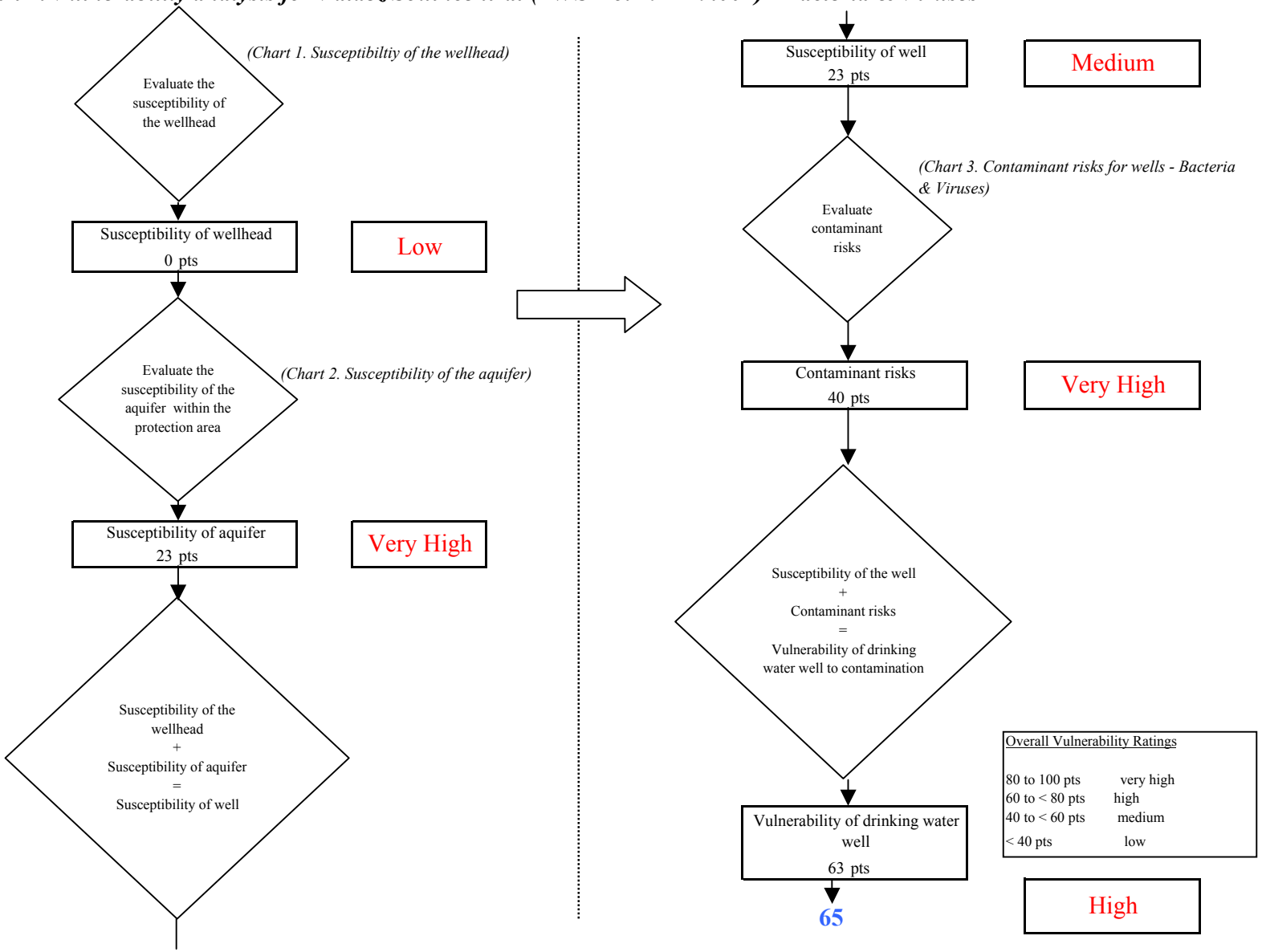

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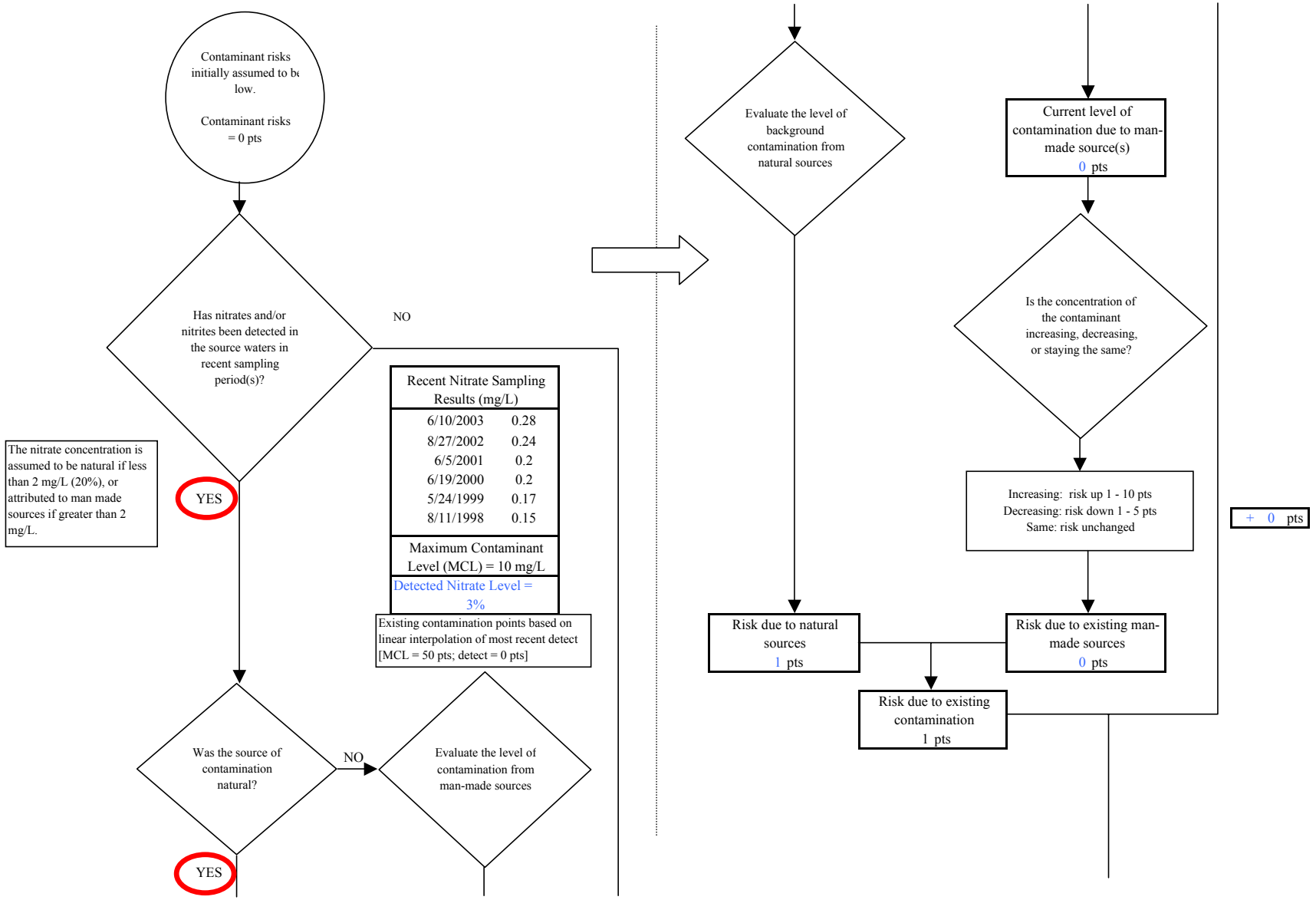

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+ 30 pts

What level of risk is associated with the highest and the next highest risk sources(s) of contaminants identified in Zones A, B and C?

Risk Levels for Contaminant Sources identified in Zones A, B and C

	Zone A	Zones B&C	Total
Very Highs(s)	0	0	0
High(s)	1	0	1
Medium(s)	1	0	1
Low(s)	5	7	12

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

Matrix Score 30

Note: Septic systems, sewerlines, and roads are each assigned a risk ranking for each individua 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.

Initial assessment of risk posed by potential sources of contamination = 30 pts

Is the source aquifer fractured rock or karst?

YES

NO

Are all of the higher risk sources beyond Zones A and B?

NO

Risk unchanged

YES

Decrease risk 1 - 10 pts

- 0 pts

Are any significant sources within Zone A?

NO

Risk unchanged

YES

Increase risk 1 - 10 pts

+ 10 pts

The number and magnitude of contaminant sources in Zone A determines a risk increase. See Table 3 for inventory.

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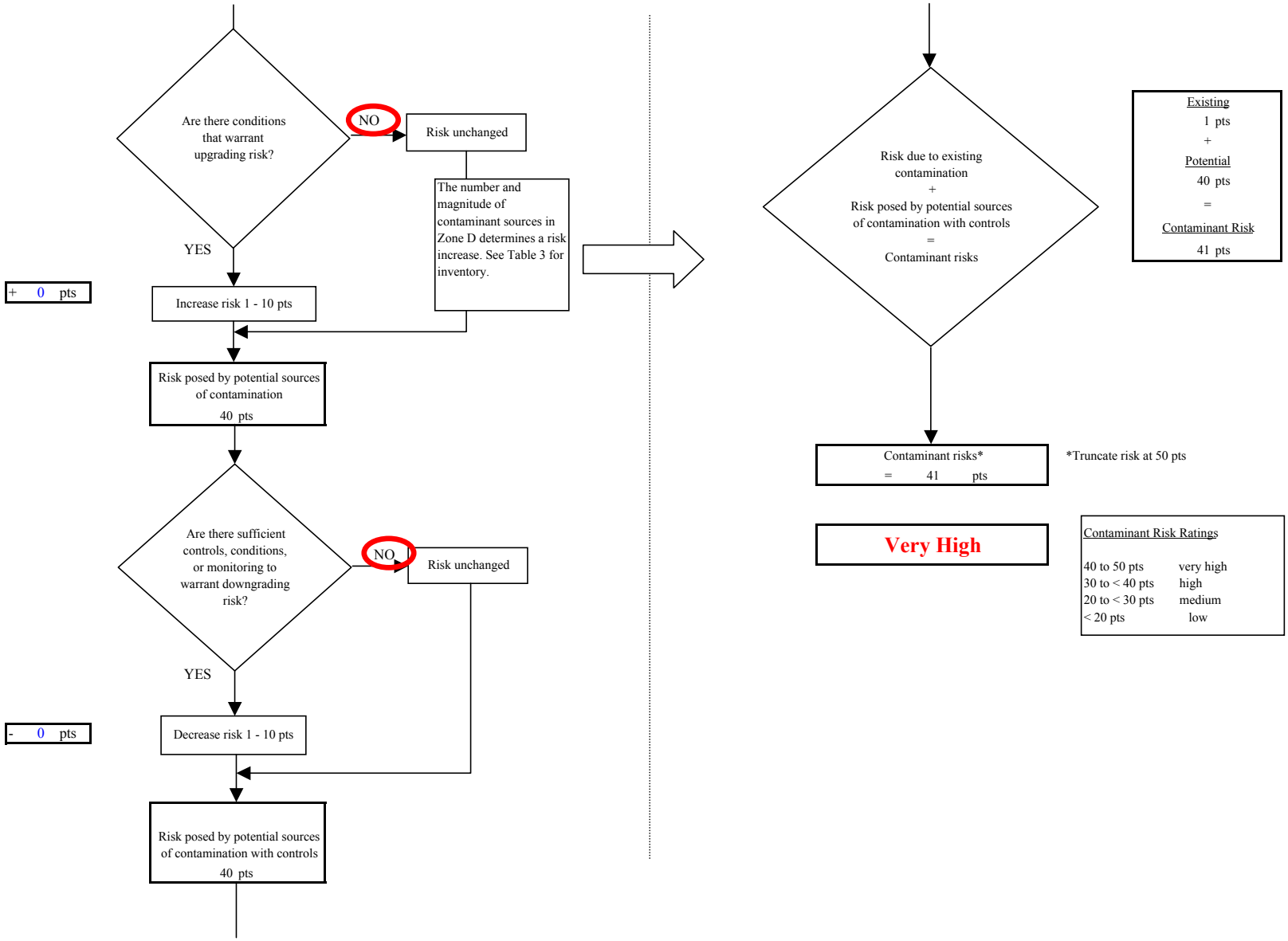

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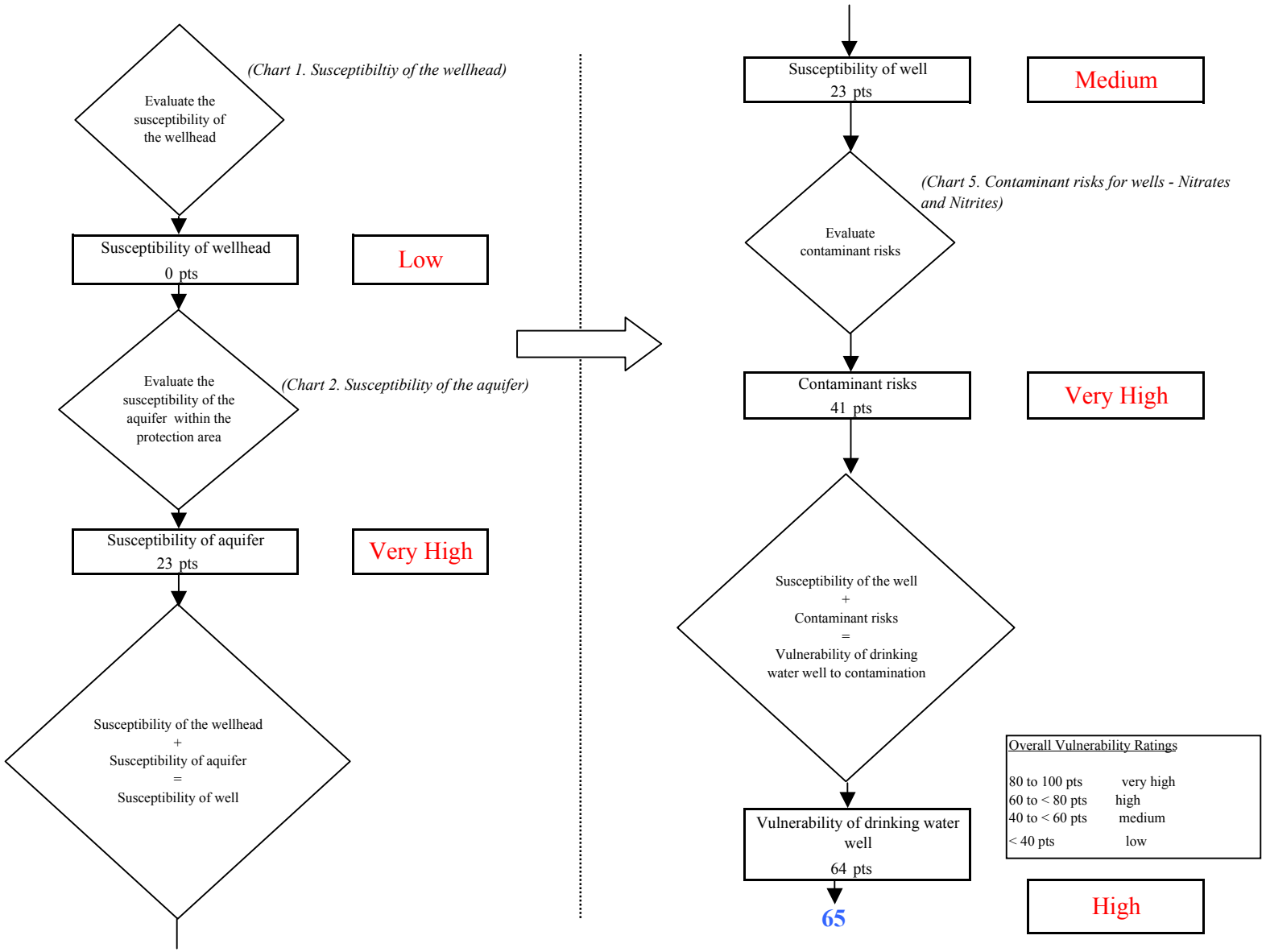

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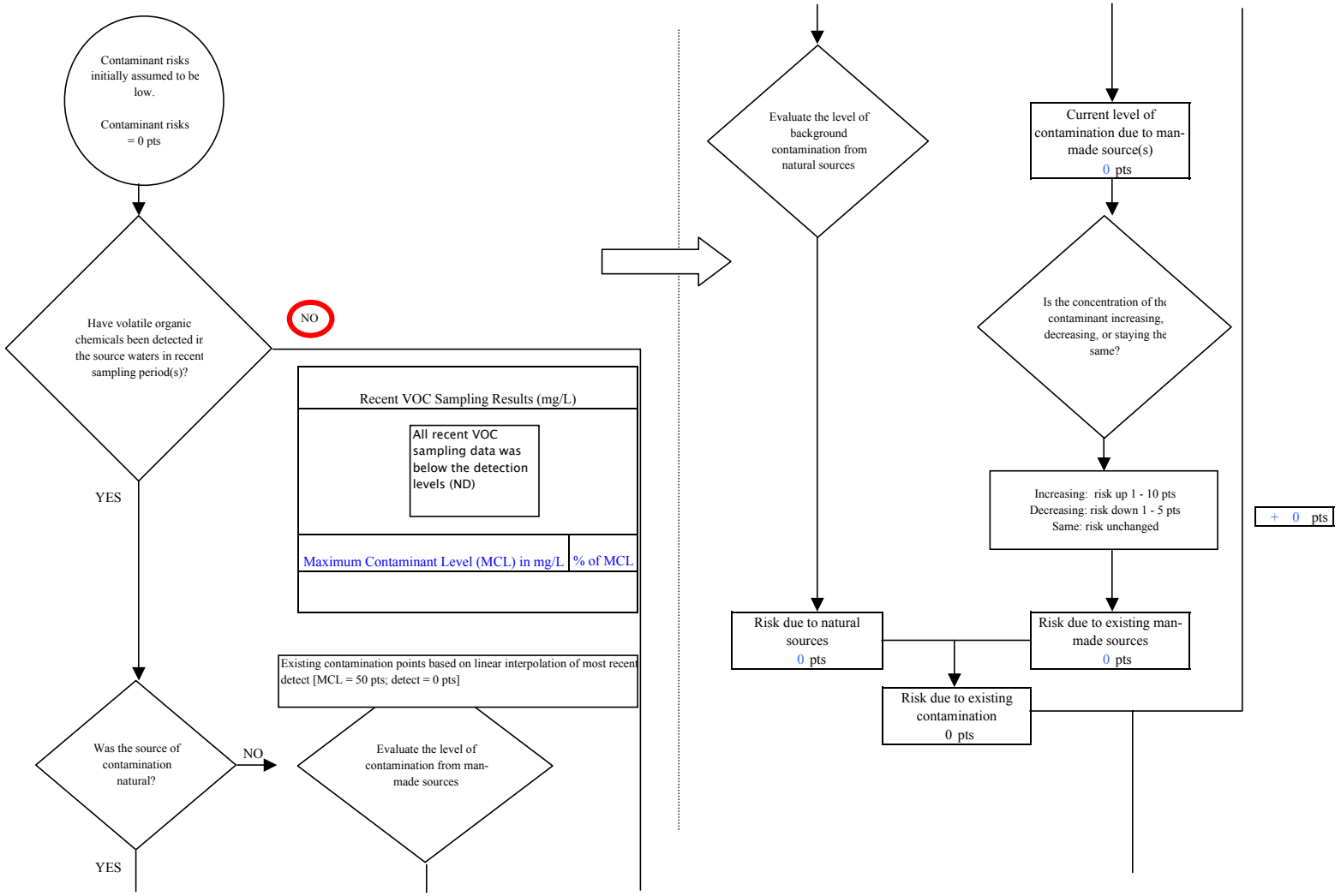

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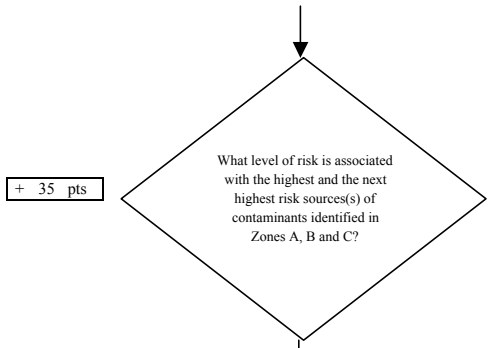


+ 35 pts

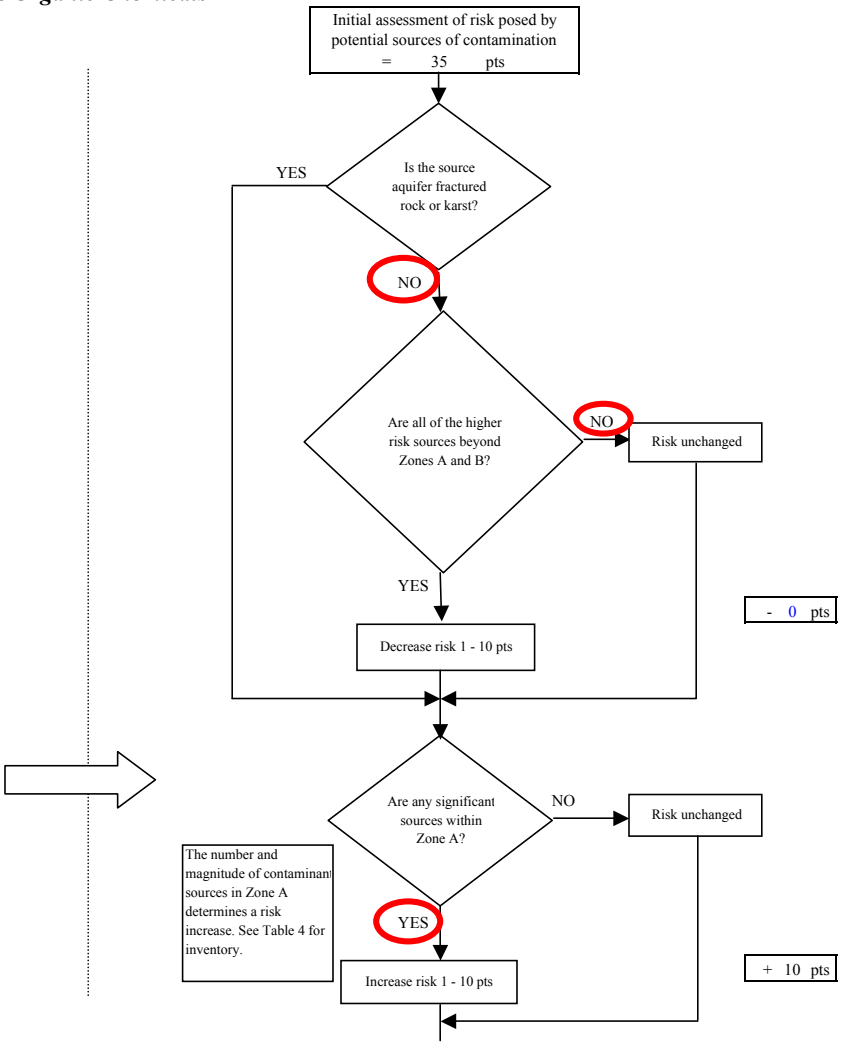
Risk Levels for Contaminant Sources identified in Zones A, B and C

	Zone A	Zones B&C	Total
Very Highs(s)	0	0	0
High(s)	1	0	1
Medium(s)	75	0	75
Low(s)	8	7	15

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

Matrix Score 35

Note: Septic systems, sewerlines, and roads are each assigned a risk ranking for each individual contaminant source in tl 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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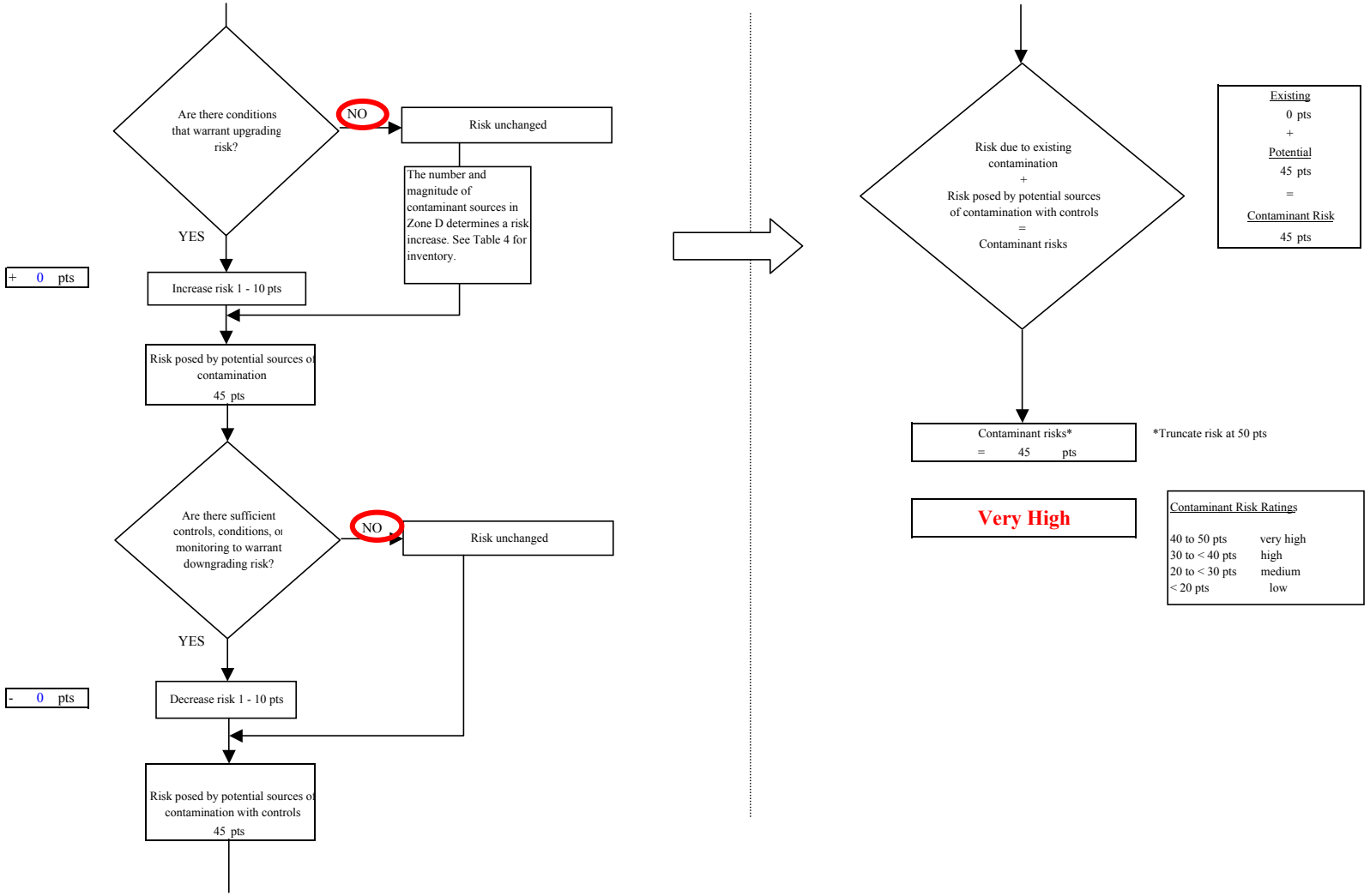

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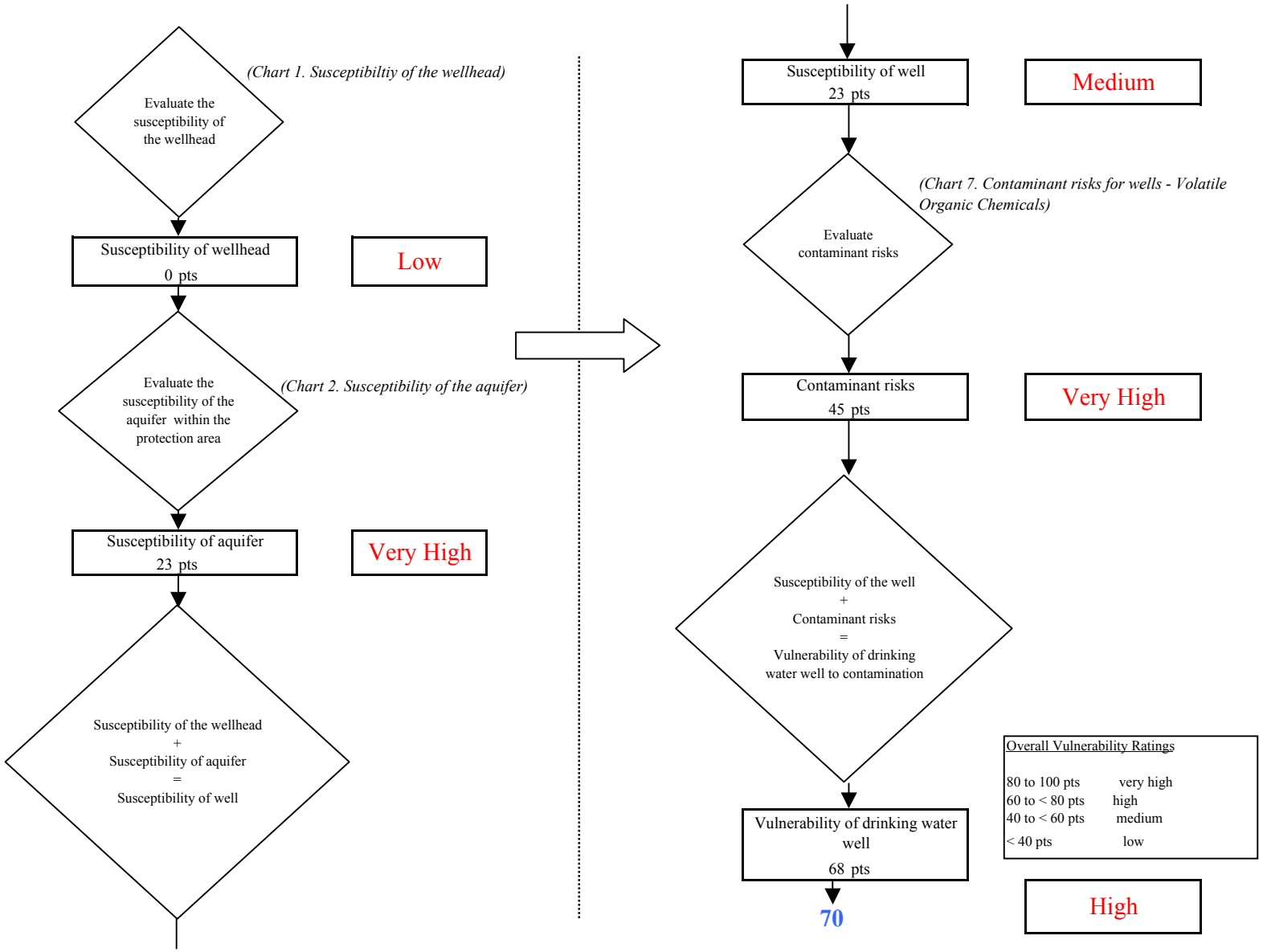

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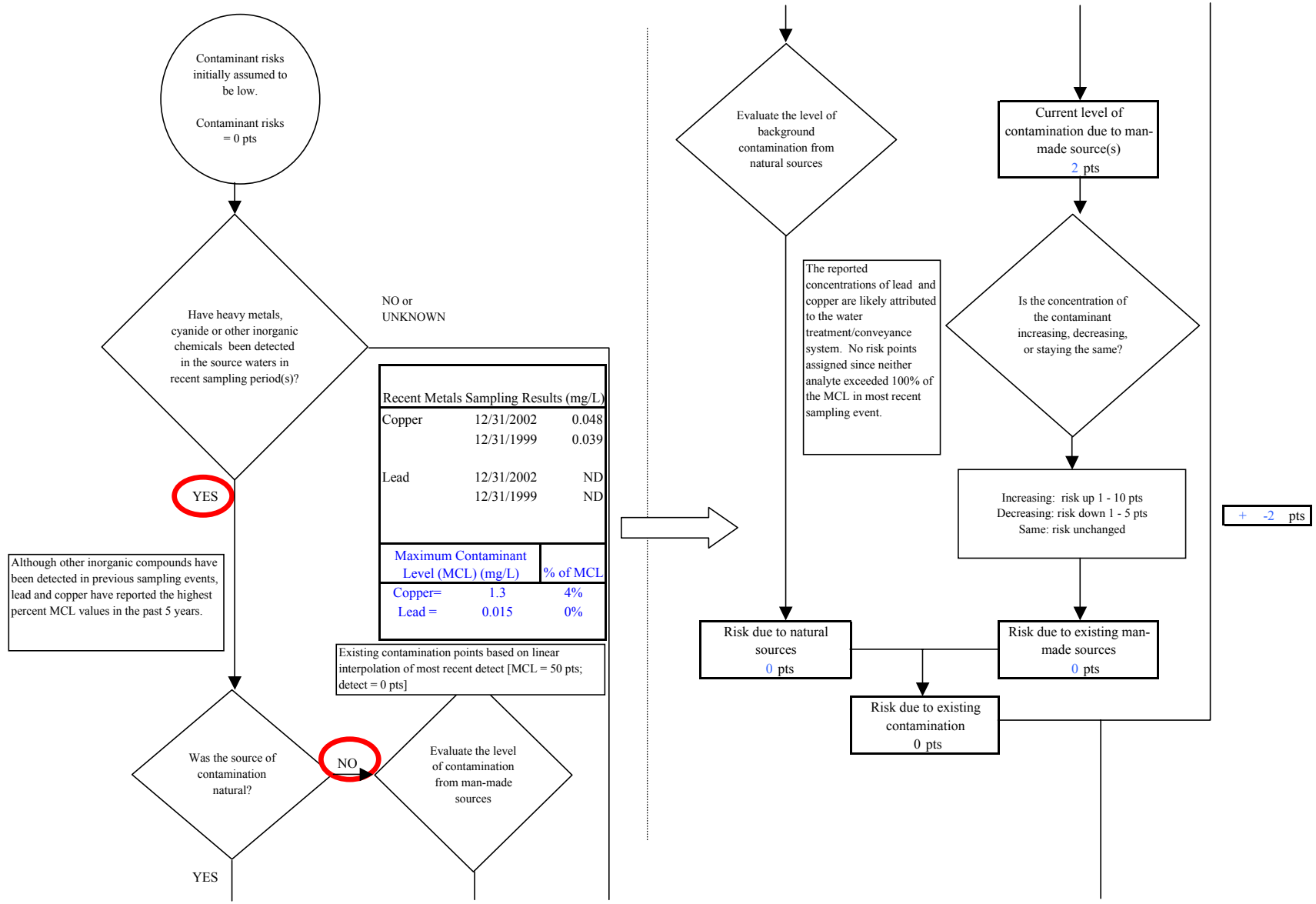

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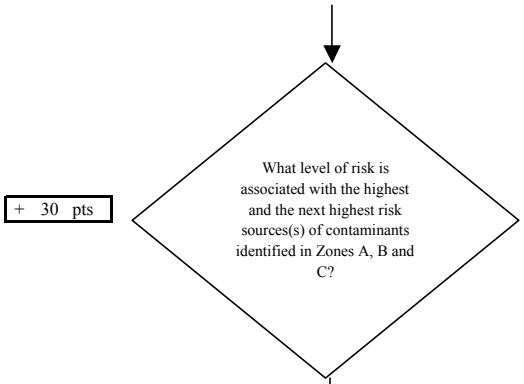


+ 30 pts

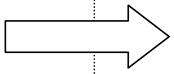
Risk Levels for Contaminant Sources identified in Zones A, B and C

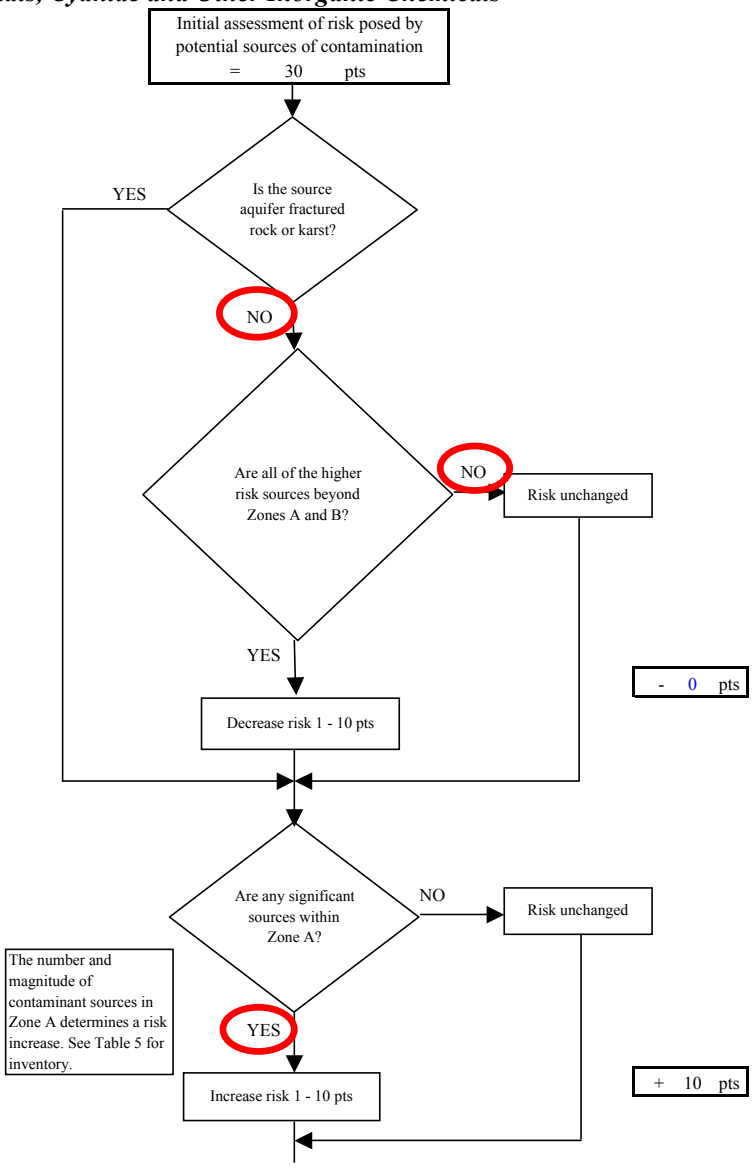
	Zone A	Zones B&C	Total
Very Highs(s)	0	0	0
High(s)	1	0	1
Medium(s)	0	0	0
Low(s)	5	0	5

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

Matrix Score 30

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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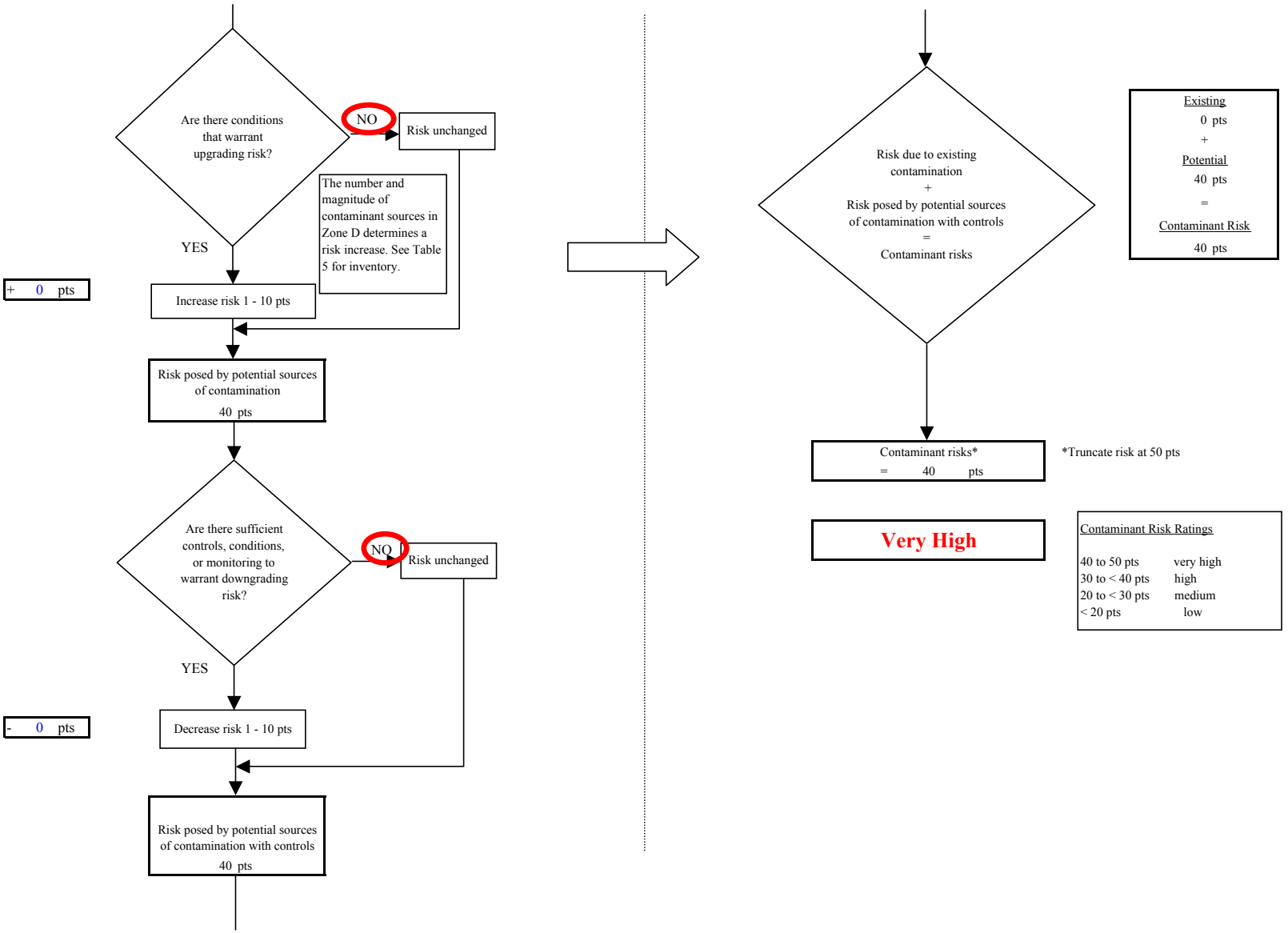

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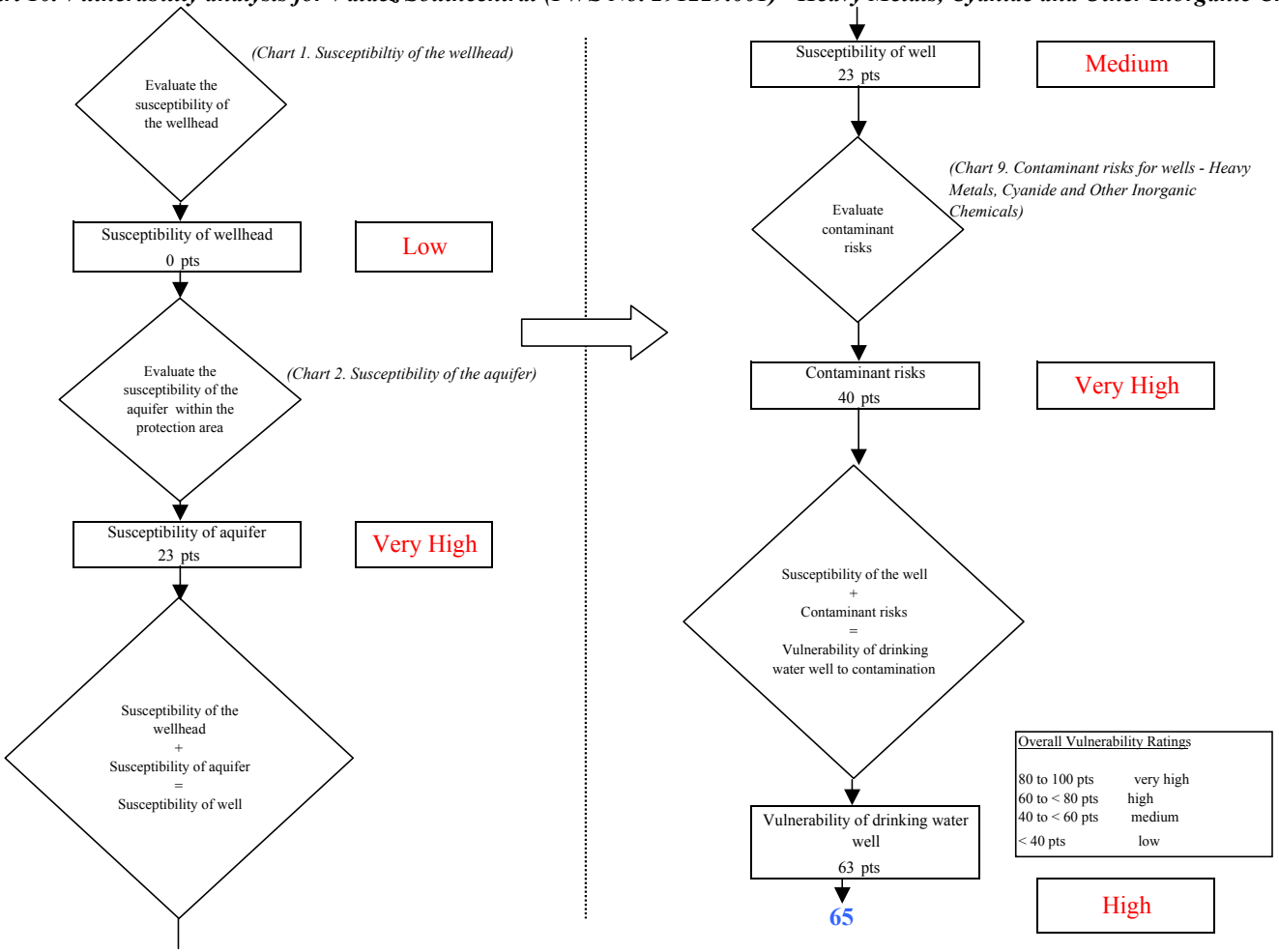

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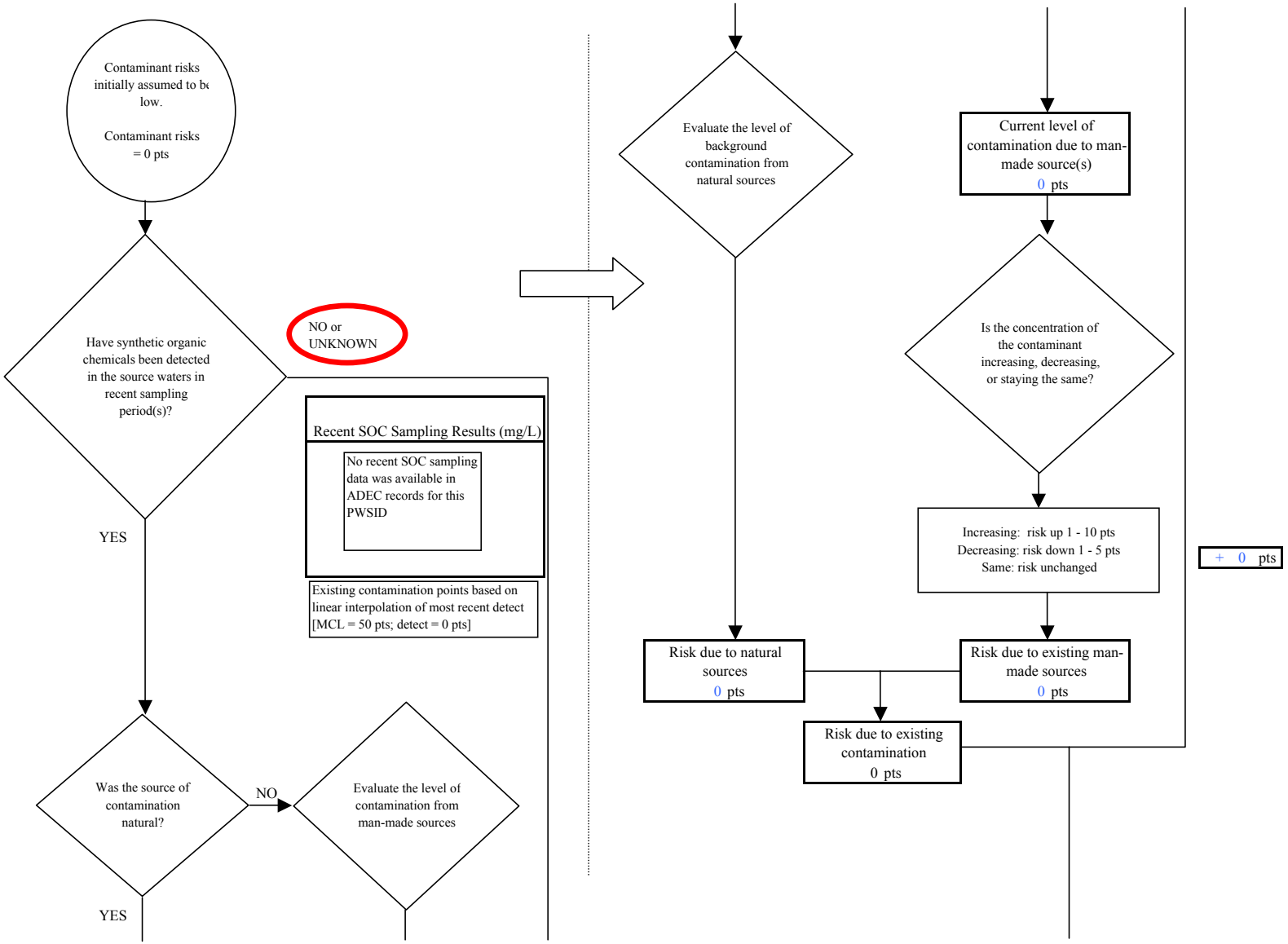

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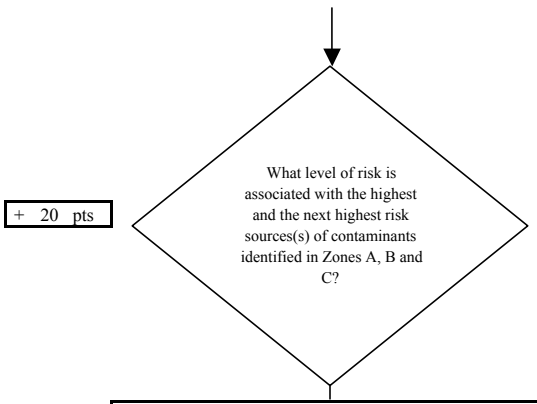


+ 20 pts

Risk Levels for Contaminant Sources identified in Zones A, B and C

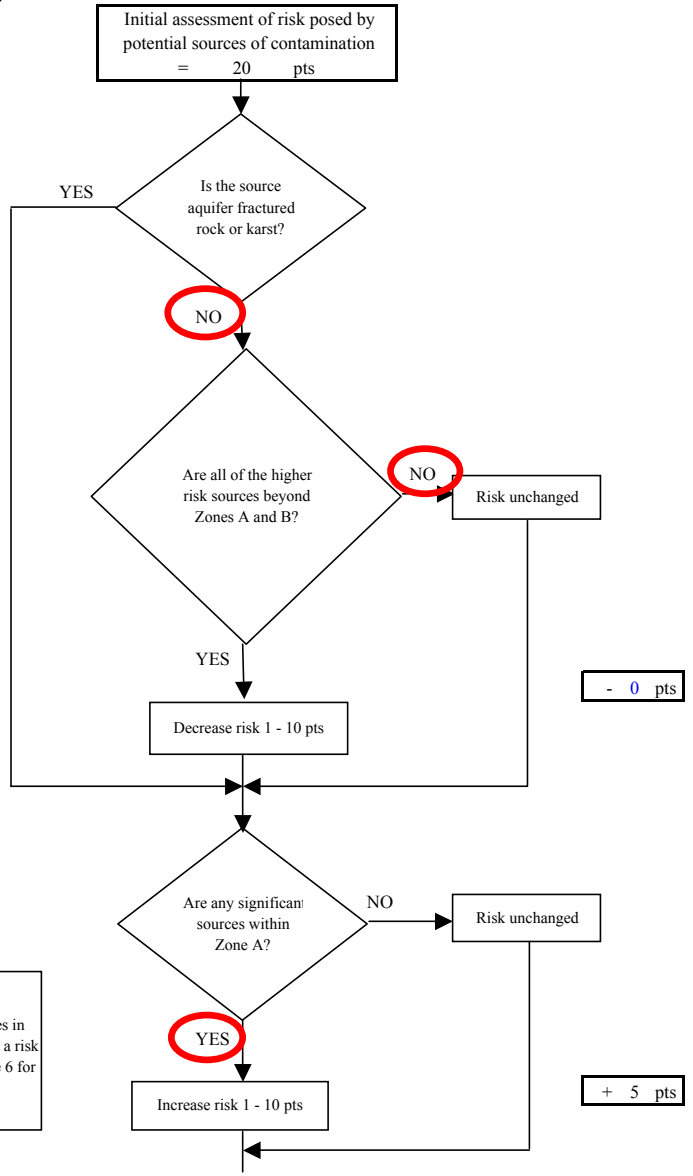
	Zone A	Zones B&C	Total
Very Highs(s)	0	0	0
High(s)	0	0	0
Medium(s)	2	0	2
Low(s)	2	0	2

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

Matrix Score 20

Note: Septic systems, sewerlines, and roads are each assigned a risk ranking for each individua 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.

The number and magnitude of contaminant sources in Zone A determines a risk increase. See Table 6 for inventory.



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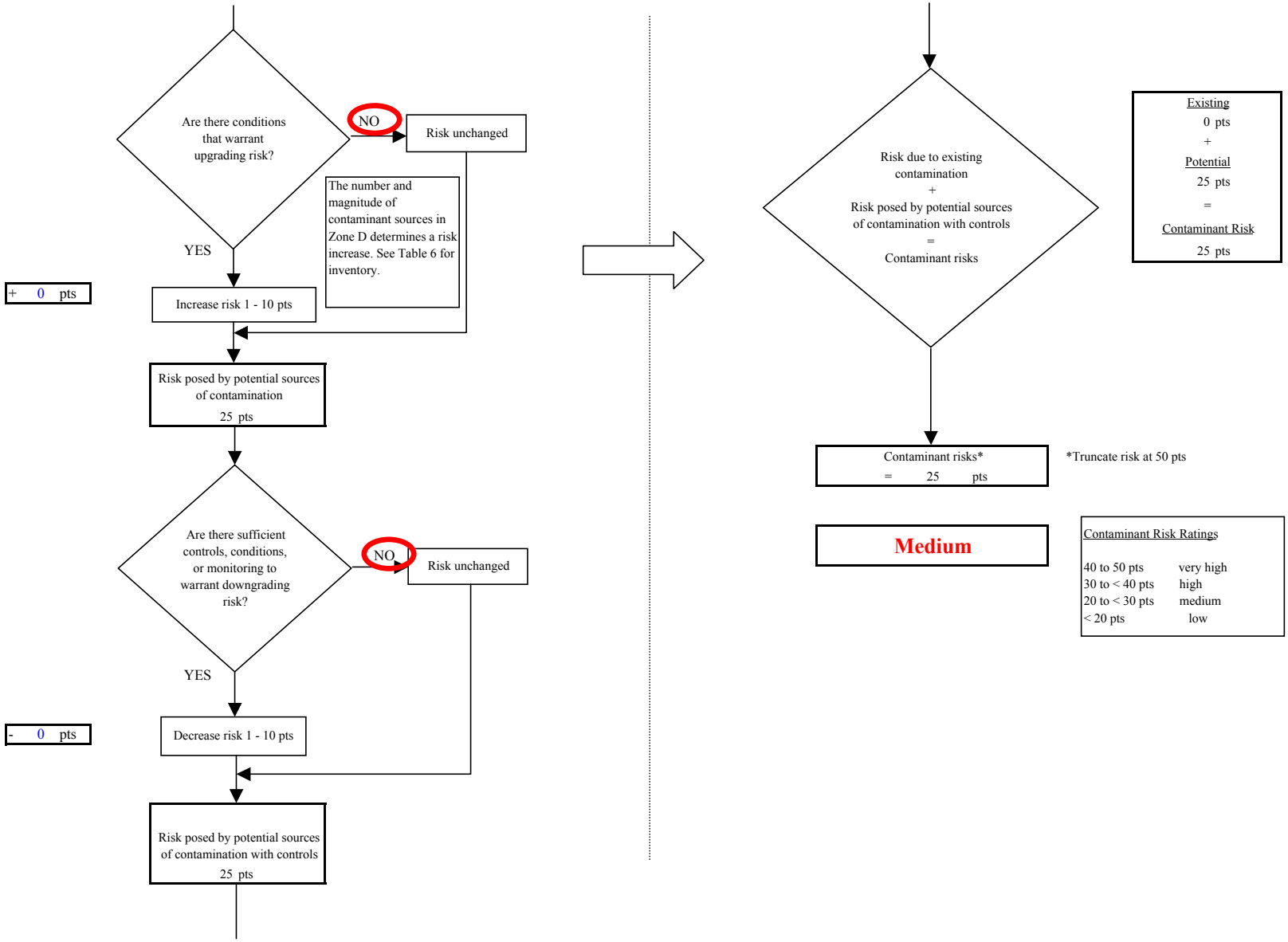

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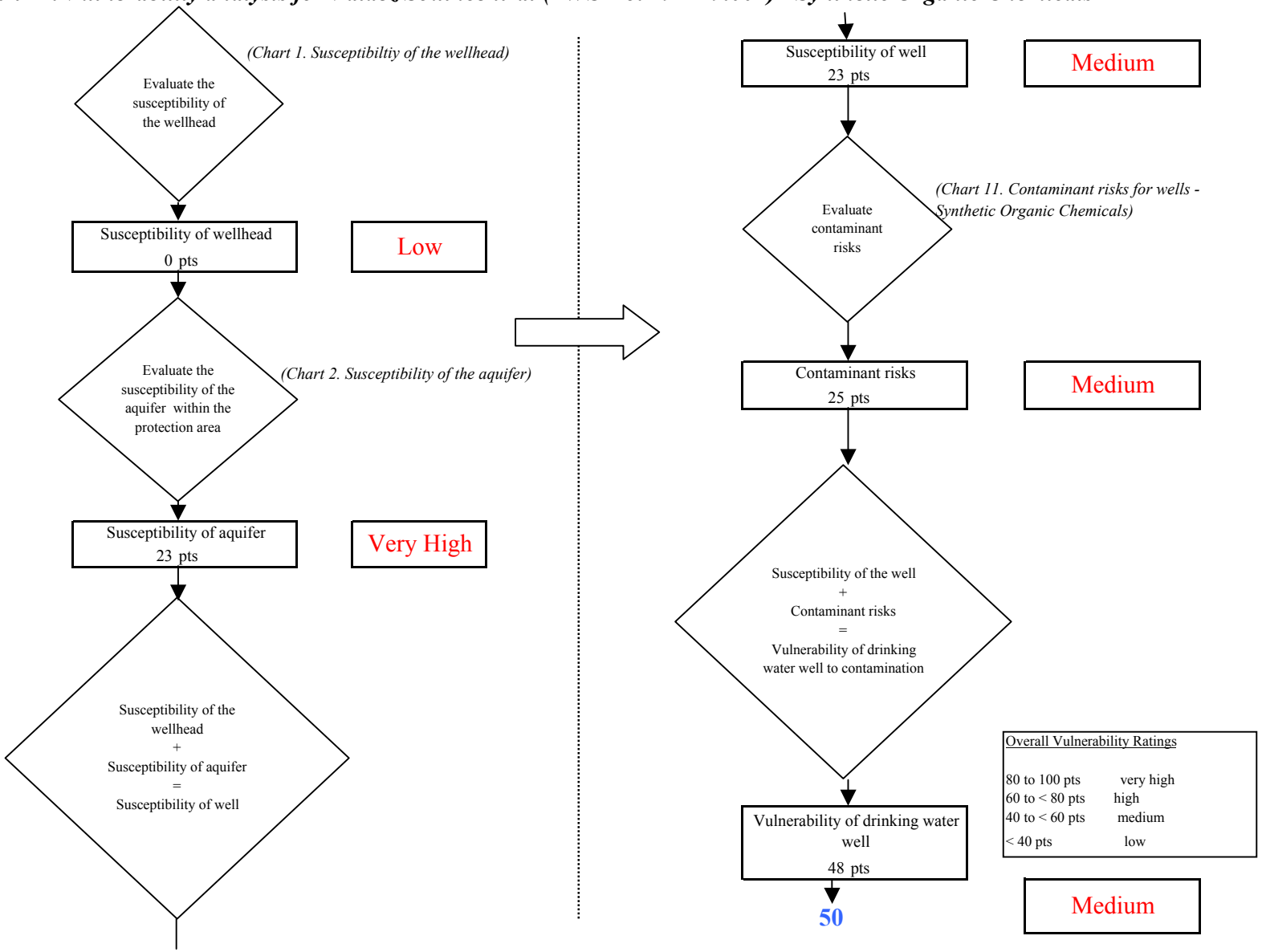

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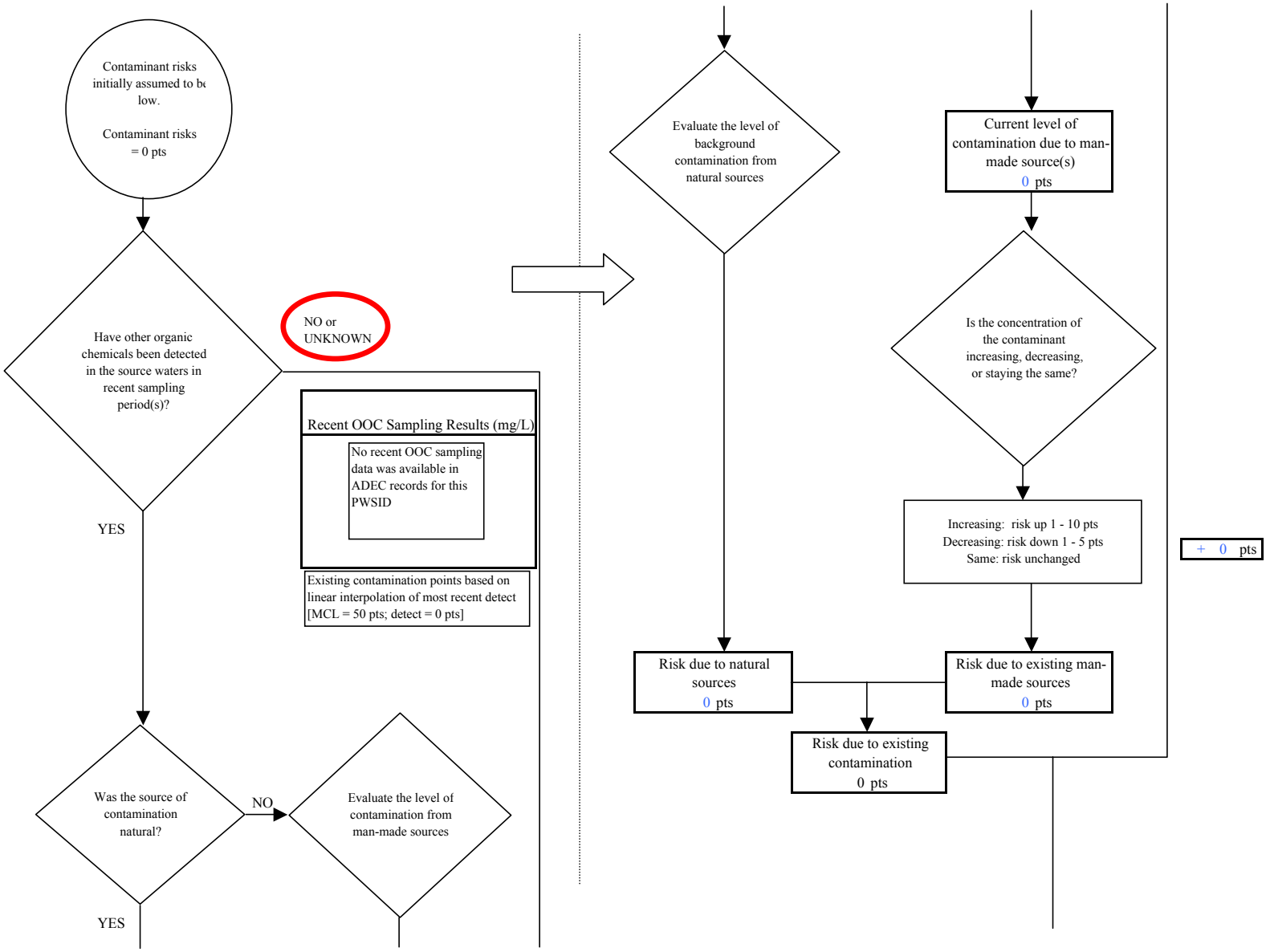

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+ 40 pts

What level of risk is associated with the highest and the next highest risk sources(s) of contaminants identified in Zones A, B and C?

Risk Levels for Contaminant Sources identified in Zones A, B and C

	Zone A	Zones B&C	Total
Very Highs(s)	1	0	1
High(s)	1	0	1
Medium(s)	1	0	1
Low(s)	6	7	13

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

Matrix Score 40

Note: Septic systems, sewerlines, and roads are each assigned a risk ranking for each individua 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.

Initial assessment of risk posed by potential sources of contamination = 40 pts

Is the source aquifer fractured rock or karst?

YES

NO

Are all of the higher risk sources beyond Zones A and B?

NO

Risk unchanged

YES

Decrease risk 1 - 10 pts

- 0 pts

Are any significant sources within Zone A?

NO

Risk unchanged

YES

Increase risk 1 - 10 pts

+ 10 pts

The number and magnitude of contaminant sources in Zone A determines a risk increase. See Table 7 for inventory.

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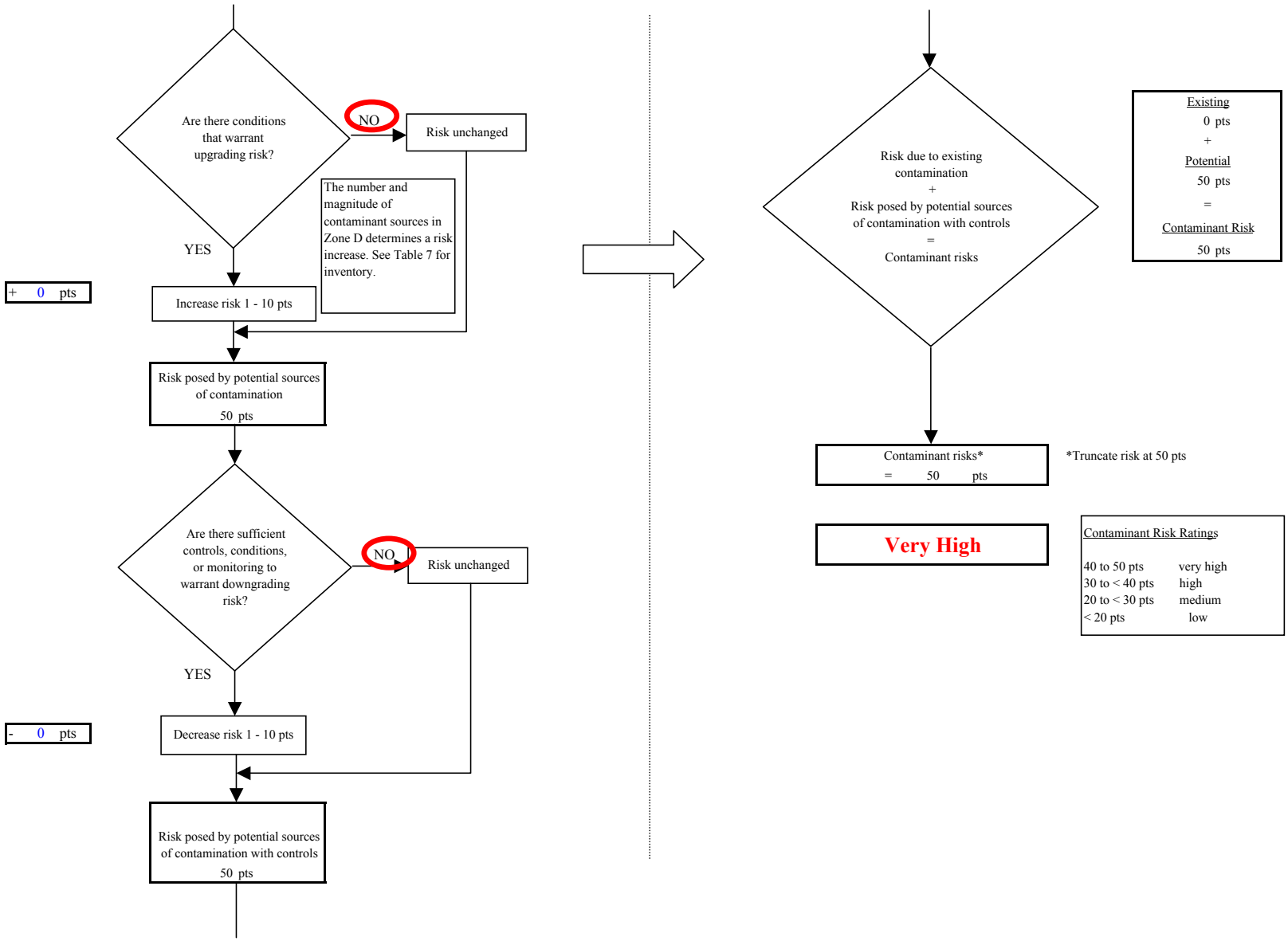

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