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Real Time Water Quality Monitoring

- Staff with the Department of Environment and Climate Change monitor real-time water quality data on a regular basis.
- This deployment report discusses water quality related events occurring at four stations on the Lower Churchill River: Churchill River below Metchin River, Churchill River above Grizzle Rapids, Churchill River below Muskrat Falls and Churchill River at English Point.
- Real-time water quality monitoring instruments were deployed at Churchill River above Grizzle Rapids, Churchill River below Muskrat Falls and Churchill River at English Point on September 27th.
- These instruments were all removed on October 30th, for a deployment period of 33 days.
- The instrument at Churchill River below Metchin River was not deployed on September 27th; however, for the purposes of this report, data from this station will be reported as if it had been. The instrument at this station was deployed continuously from August 21st through October 30th. A deployment period of 33 days will be used for reporting purposes.

Quality Assurance and Quality Control

- As part of the Quality Assurance and Quality Control protocol (QA/QC), an assessment of the reliability of data recorded by an instrument is made at the beginning and end of the deployment period. This procedure is based on the approach used by the United States Geological Survey.
- At deployment and removal, a QA/QC instrument is temporarily deployed alongside the field instrument. Values for temperature, pH, conductivity, dissolved oxygen and turbidity are compared between the two instruments**.** Based on the degree of difference between parameters recorded by the field instrument and QA/QC instrument at deployment and at removal, a qualitative statement is made on the data quality (Table 1).

Table 1: Instrument Performance Ranking classifications for deployment and removal

	Rank				
Parameter	**Excellent**	**Good**	**Fair**	**Marginal**	**Poor**
Temperature (C)	<=+/-0.2	>+/-0.2 to 0.5	>+/-0.5 to 0.8	>+/-0.8 to 1	<+/-1
pH (unit)	<=+/-0.2	>+/-0.2 to 0.5	>+/-0.5 to 0.8	>+/-0.8 to 1	>+/-1
Sp. Conductance (µS/cm)	<=+/-3	>+/-3 to 10	>+/-10 to 15	>+/-15 to 20	>+/-20
Sp. Conductance > 35µS/cm (%)	<=+/-3	>+/-3 to 10	>+/-10 to 15	>+/-15 to 20	>+/-20
Dissolved Oxygen (mg/l) (% Sat)	<=+/-0.3	>+/-0.3 to 0.5	>+/-0.5 to 0.8	>+/-0.8 to 1	>+/-1
Turbidity <40 NTU (NTU)	<=+/-2	>+/-2 to 5	>+/-5 to 8	>+/-8 to 10	>+/-10
Turbidity > 40 NTU (%)	<=+/-5	>+/-5 to 10	>+/-10 to 15	>+/-15 to 20	>+/-20

- It should be noted that the temperature sensor on any instrument is the most important. All other parameters can be broken down into three groups: temperature dependent, temperature compensated and temperature independent. Because the temperature sensor is not isolated from the rest of the instrument, the entire instrument must be at the same temperature before the sensor will stabilize. The values may take some time to climb to the appropriate reading; if a reading is taken too soon it may not accurately portray the water body.

- Deployment and removal comparison rankings for the Lower Churchill River stations deployed from September 27 to October 30, 2024 are summarized in Table 2.

Table 2: Comparison rankings for Lower Churchill River stations September 27 to October 30, 2024

Churchill River Station	Date	Action	Comparison Ranking				
			Temperature	pH	Conductivity	Dissolved Oxygen	Turbidity
Below Metchin River	September 27, 2024	Deployment	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	October 30, 2024	Removal	Excellent	Good	Good	Excellent	Excellent
Above Grizzle Rapids	September 27, 2024	Deployment	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Fair	Excellent
	October 30, 2024	Removal	Excellent	Fair	Good	Good	Excellent
Below Muskrat Falls	September 27, 2024	Deployment	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Fair	Poor
	October 30, 2024	Removal	Excellent	Good	Excellent	Good	Good
At English Point	September 27, 2024	Deployment	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
	October 30, 2024	Removal	Excellent	Good	Good	Excellent	Fair

- **Churchill River below Metchin River**
  - Comparison rankings are not available for deployment since this instrument was not physically deployed on the date in question.
  - At removal, all parameters ranked as either ‘excellent’ or ‘good’.
- **Churchill River above Grizzle Rapids**
  - At deployment, all parameters were ‘excellent’, while dissolved oxygen was ‘fair’.
  - At removal, all parameters were ‘excellent’ or ‘good’, while pH was ‘fair’.
- **Churchill River below Muskrat Falls**
  - At deployment, temperature, pH and conductivity were ‘excellent’, dissolved oxygen was ‘fair’, while turbidity was ‘poor’. This discrepancy may be due to the QA/QC sonde not being placed in close enough proximity to the field sonde or not being given sufficient time to acclimate.
  - At removal, all parameters ranked as either ‘excellent’ or ‘good’.
- **Churchill River at English Point**
  - At deployment, all parameters ranked as ‘excellent’.
  - At removal, all parameters again ranked as either ‘excellent’ or ‘good’, while turbidity was ‘fair’.

Data Interpretation

- The following graphs and discussion illustrate water quality related events occurring from September 27 to October 30, 2024 on the Lower Churchill River Network.
- With the exception of water quantity data (stage & flow), all data used in the preparation of the graphs and subsequent discussion below adhere to stringent QA/QC protocol. Water Survey of Canada is responsible for QA/QC of water quantity data. Corrected data can be obtained upon request.

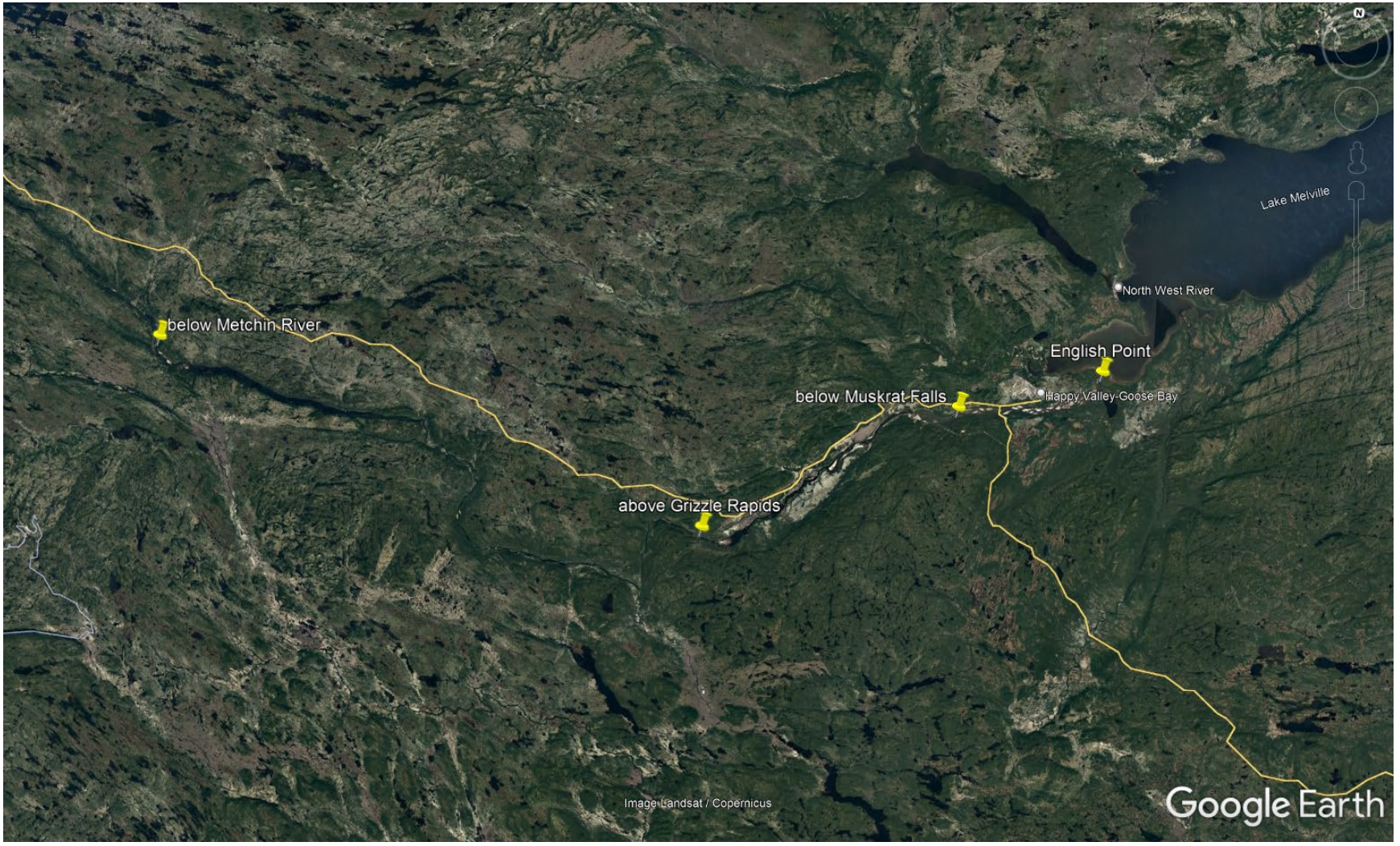

Figure 1: Lower Churchill Network of Real-Time Water Quality Stations

Churchill River below Metchin River

Water Temperature

- Over the deployment period, water temperature ranged from -1.1°C to 20.5°C, with a median value of 5.7°C (Figure 2). Air temperature data was obtained from the Metchin River near TLH Weather Station.
- Water temperature was slowly decreasing over the course of deployment, which is to be expected as air temperatures were also slowly decreasing through the fall season. Water temperature data exhibits a diurnal pattern as expected, and closely correlates with ambient air temperatures.
- Increased fluctuations in water temperature data until October 18 are likely attributable to the instrument being located out of, or in very little, water.
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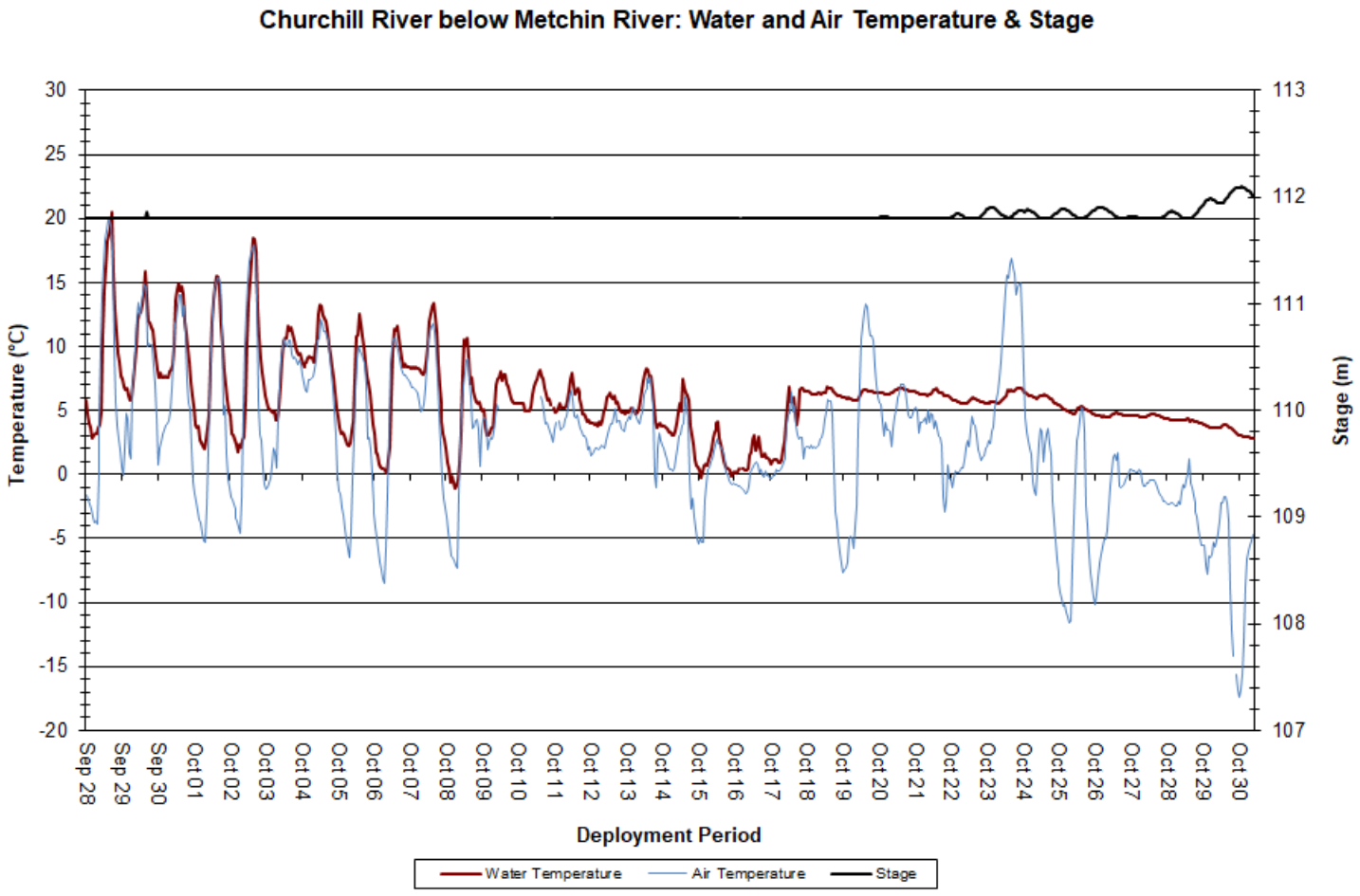

Figure 2: Water and Air Temperature & Stage at Churchill River below Metchin River

pH

- Over the deployment period, pH values ranged from 0 to 9.14 pH units, with a median value of 6.545 (Figure 3).
- Increased fluctuations in pH data until October 18 are likely attributable to the instrument being located out of, or in very little, water.
- pH values were relatively stable from October 18 onwards, remaining within the CCME's Guidelines for the Protection of Aquatic Life for the remainder of deployment.
- Photosynthesis uses up hydrogen molecules; this causes the concentration of hydrogen ions to decrease, which in turn causes pH to increase. For this reason, pH may be higher during daylight hours and during the growing season when photosynthesis is at a maximum. This is illustrated by the diurnal fluctuations in pH values (Figure 3).
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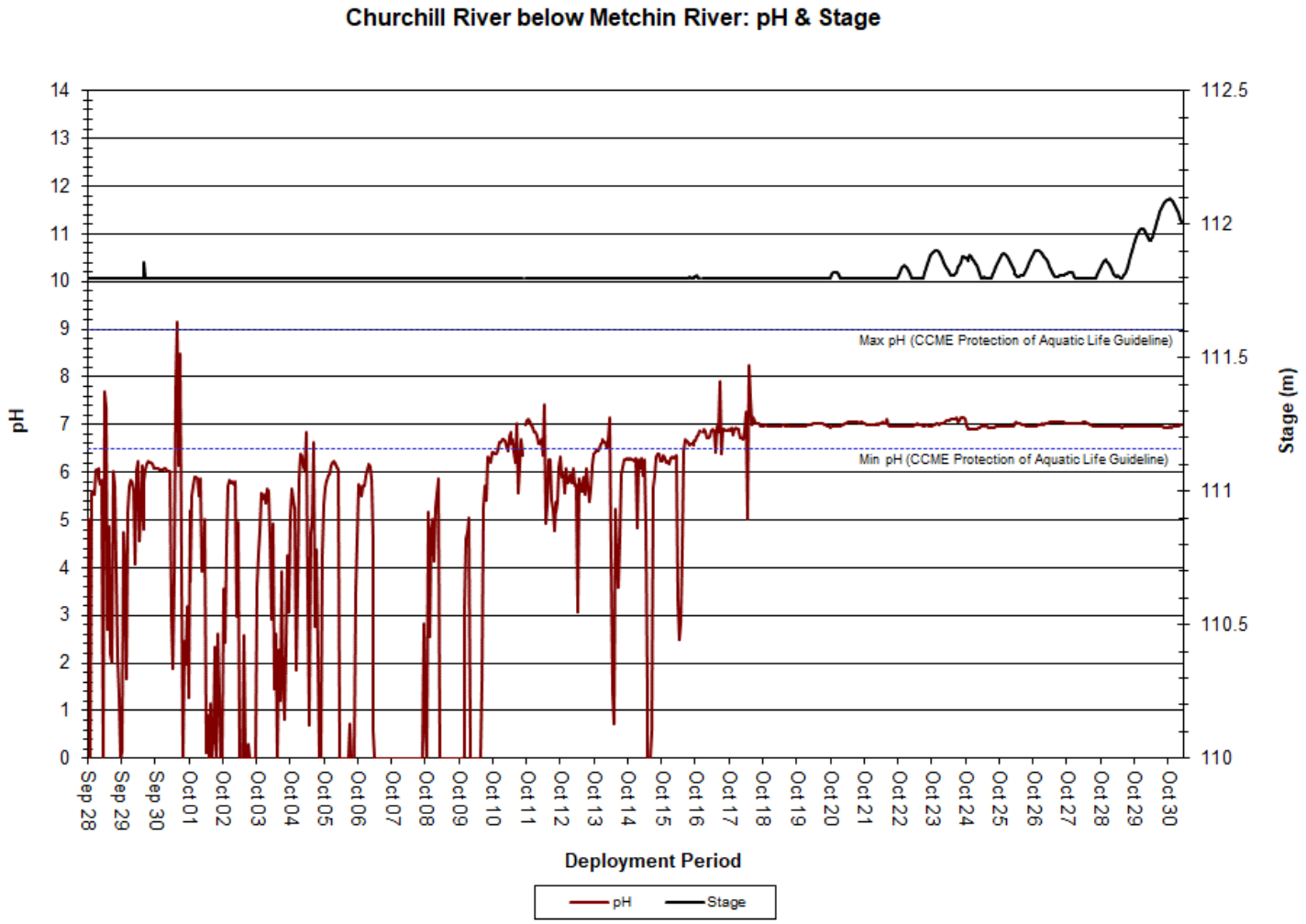

Figure 3: pH & Stage at Churchill River below Metchin River

Specific Conductivity

- Over the deployment period, specific conductivity ranged from 0µS/cm to 24.1µS/cm, with a median value of 0µS/cm (Figure 4).
- The relationship between conductivity and stage is generally inversed. When stage levels increase, specific conductivity levels decrease as the increased amount of water in the river system dilutes solids that are present. This relationship is not always evident at this station.
- Zero and near-zero readings for specific conductivity until October 18 are likely attributable to the instrument being located out of, or in very little, water.
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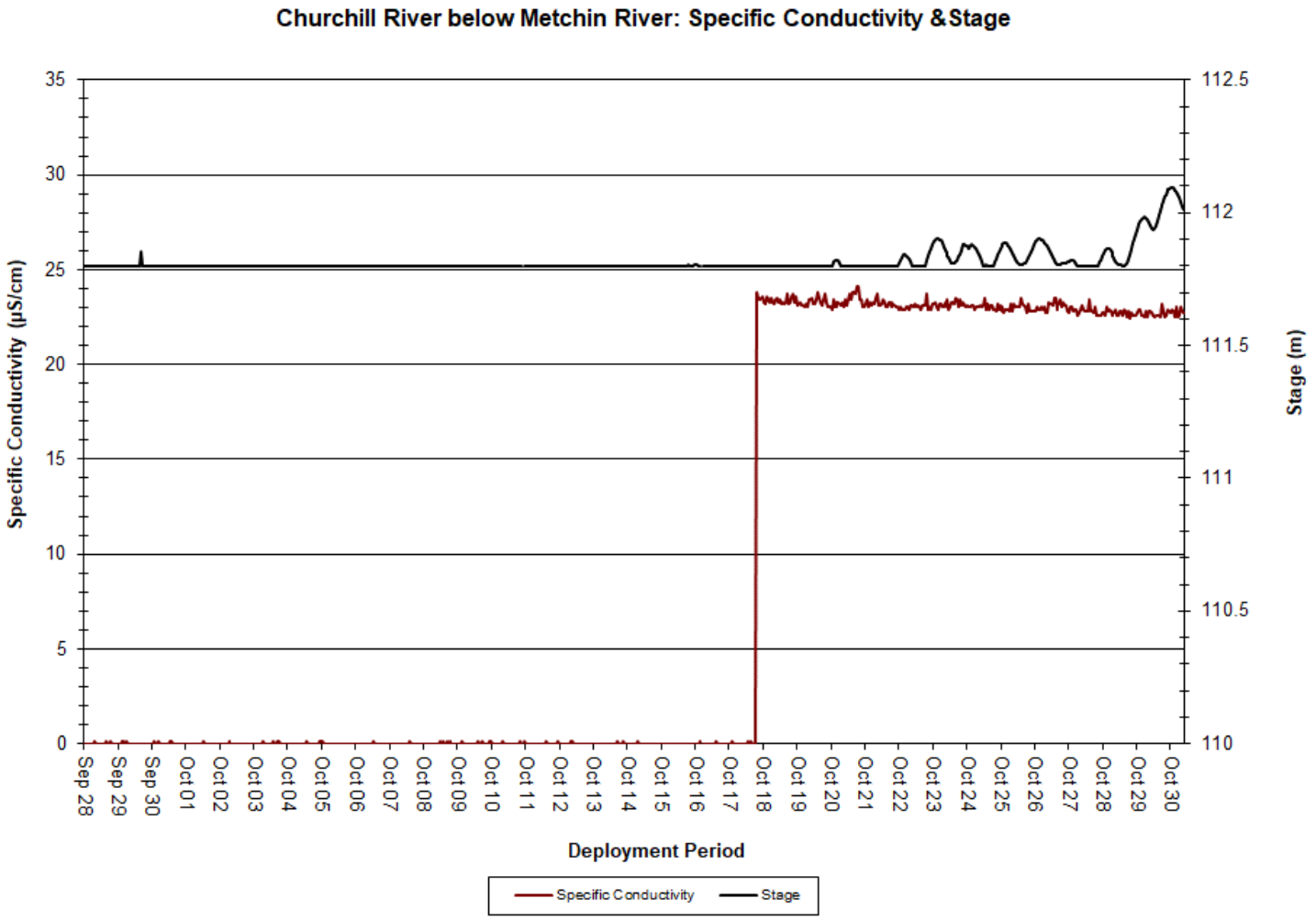

Figure 4: Specific Conductivity & Stage at Churchill River below Metchin River

Dissolved Oxygen

- Over the deployment period, dissolved oxygen content ranged from 0mg/L to 15.06mg/L, with a median value of 12.12mg/L. Saturation of dissolved oxygen ranged from 0% to 104.7%, with a median value of 98.2% (Figure 5).
- Increased fluctuations in dissolved oxygen data until October 18 are likely attributable to the instrument being located out of, or in very little, water.
- There is an evident relationship between water temperature and dissolved oxygen. From October 18, dissolved oxygen levels were steadily increasing, as water temperatures were steadily decreasing. Dissolved oxygen also follows a diurnal pattern as water temperatures rise and fall under the influence of ambient air temperatures. Generally, dissolved oxygen levels are higher in a waterbody during cooler temperatures.
- Dissolved oxygen levels were above the CCME's Guidelines for the Protection of Early and Other Life Stages for the majority of deployment.

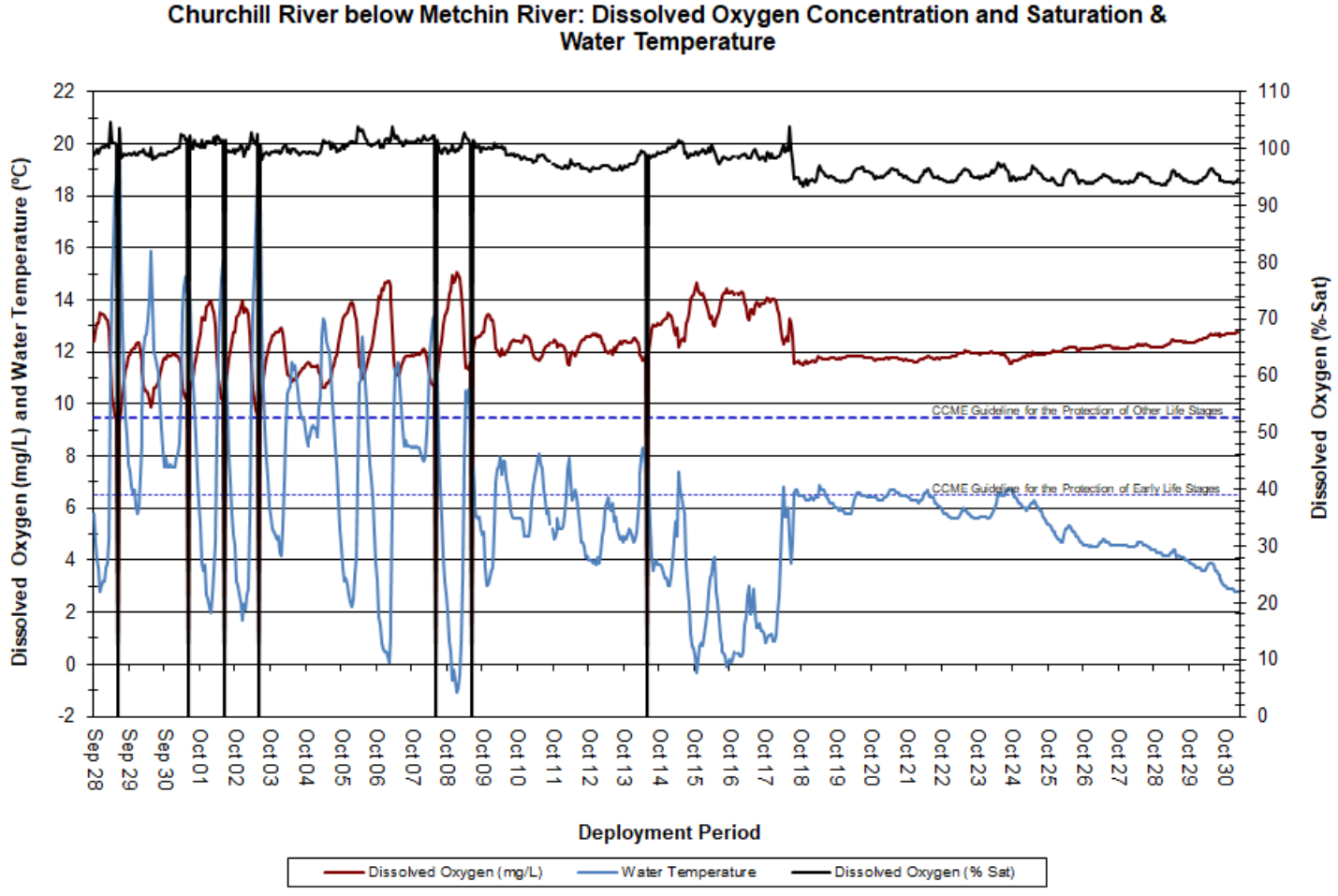

Figure 5: Dissolved Oxygen & Water Temperature at Churchill River below Metchin River

Turbidity

- Over the deployment period, turbidity ranged from 0.0NTU to 3000NTU, with a median value of 0.0NTU (Figure 6). A median value of 0.0NTU indicates a very low level of natural background turbidity in the waterbody. Precipitation data was obtained from the Metchin River near TLH Weather Station.
- This station is located at a wide and deep section of the Churchill River and therefore turbidity levels are typically less susceptible to precipitation events as compared to other areas.
- Zero readings for turbidity until October 18 are likely attributable to the instrument being located out of, or in very little, water.
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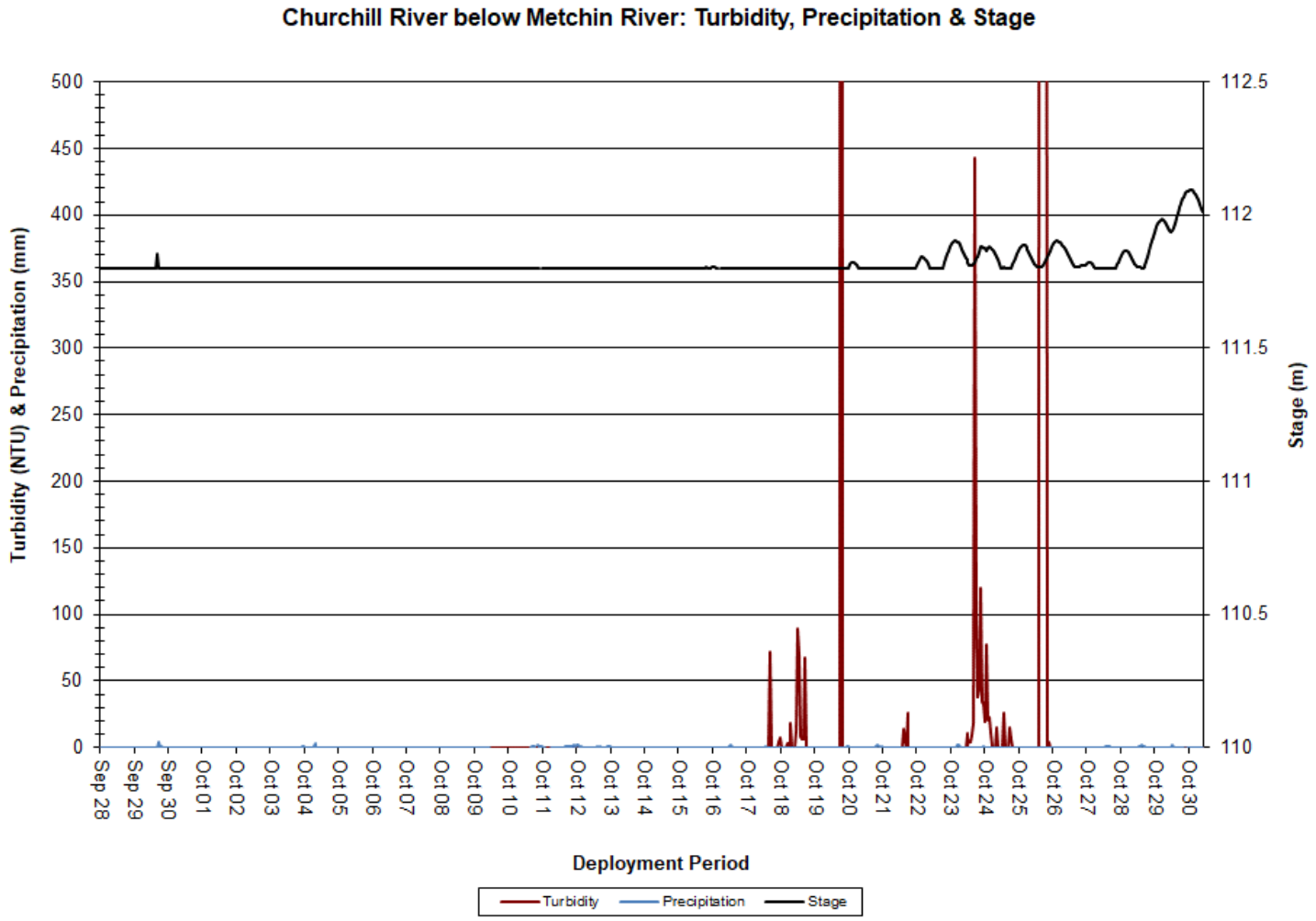

Figure 6: Turbidity, Precipitation & Stage at Churchill River below Metchin River

Stage and Flow

- Over the deployment period, stage levels ranged from 111.797m to 112.095m, with a median value of 111.798m. Flow ranged from 759.843m^3/s to 933.301m^3/s, with a median value of 759.843m^3/s (Figure 7). Precipitation data was obtained from the Metchin River near TLH Weather Station.
- Stage and flow were relatively stable over the course of deployment. Precipitation events across the same period somewhat correlate with increases in both stage and flow (Figure 8).
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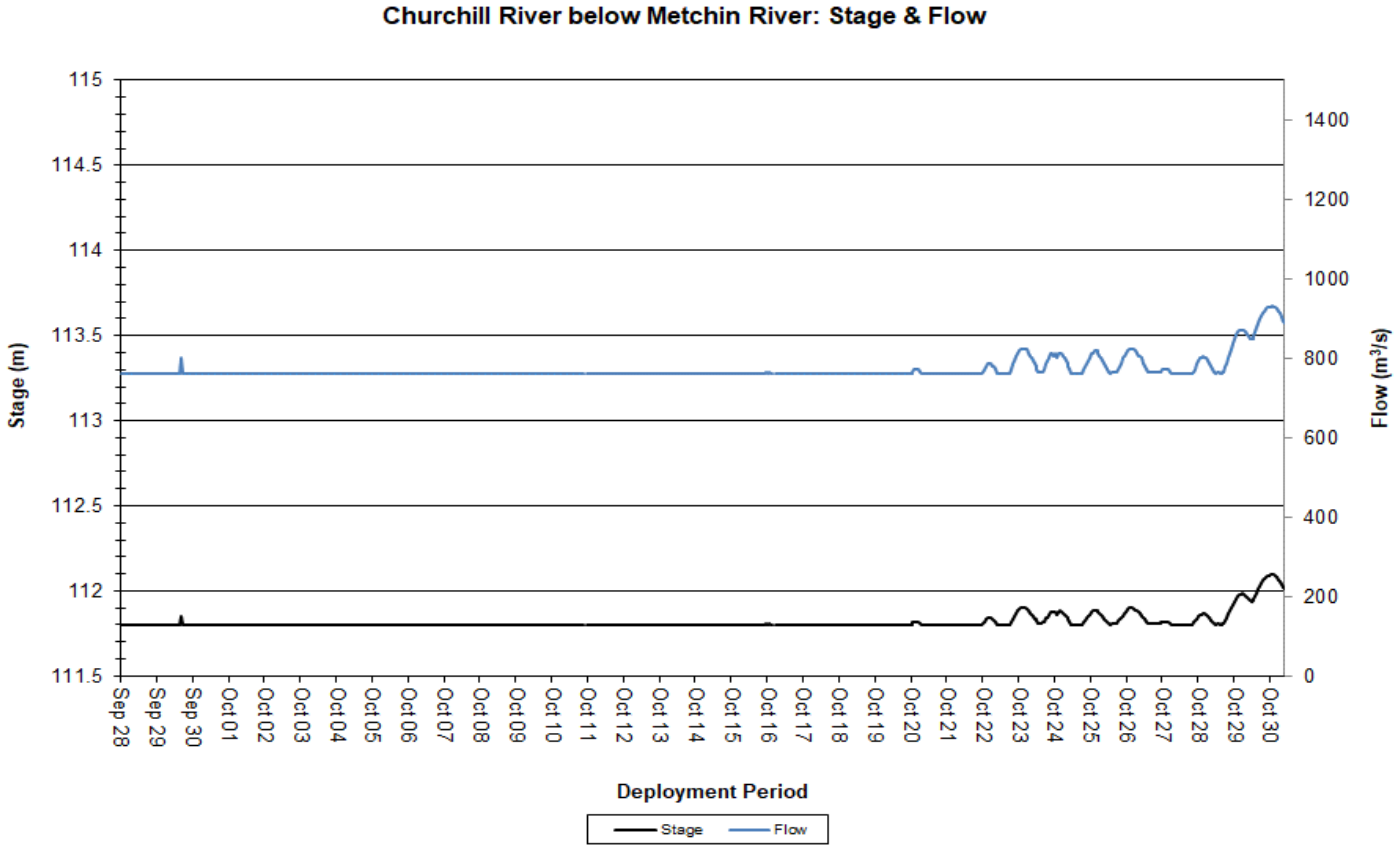

Figure 7: Stage & Flow at Churchill River below Metchin River

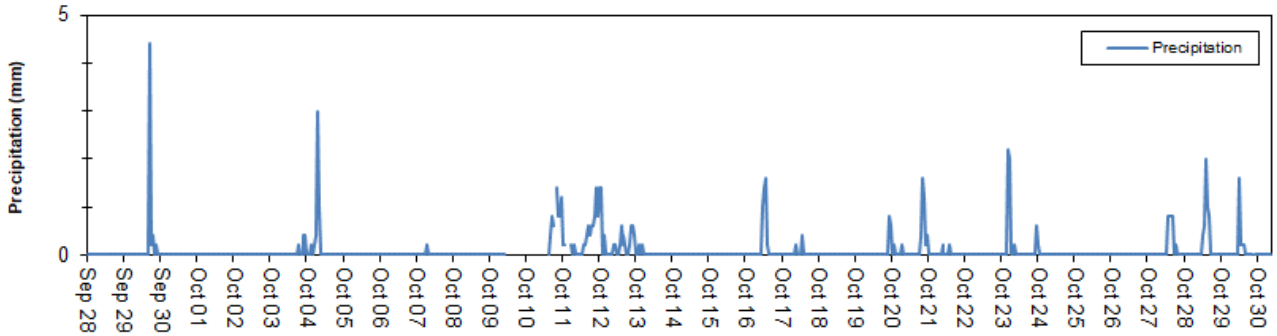

Figure 8: Precipitation at Churchill River below Metchin River

Churchill River above Grizzle Rapids

Water Temperature

- Over the deployment period, water temperature ranged from 5.6°C to 13.5°C, with a median value of 9.3°C (Figure 9). Air temperature data was obtained from the Metchin River near TLH Weather Station.
- Water temperature steadily decreased across the deployment period. This trend is to be expected as air temperatures also decreased through October. Water temperature data exhibits a diurnal pattern, and closely correlates with ambient air temperatures.
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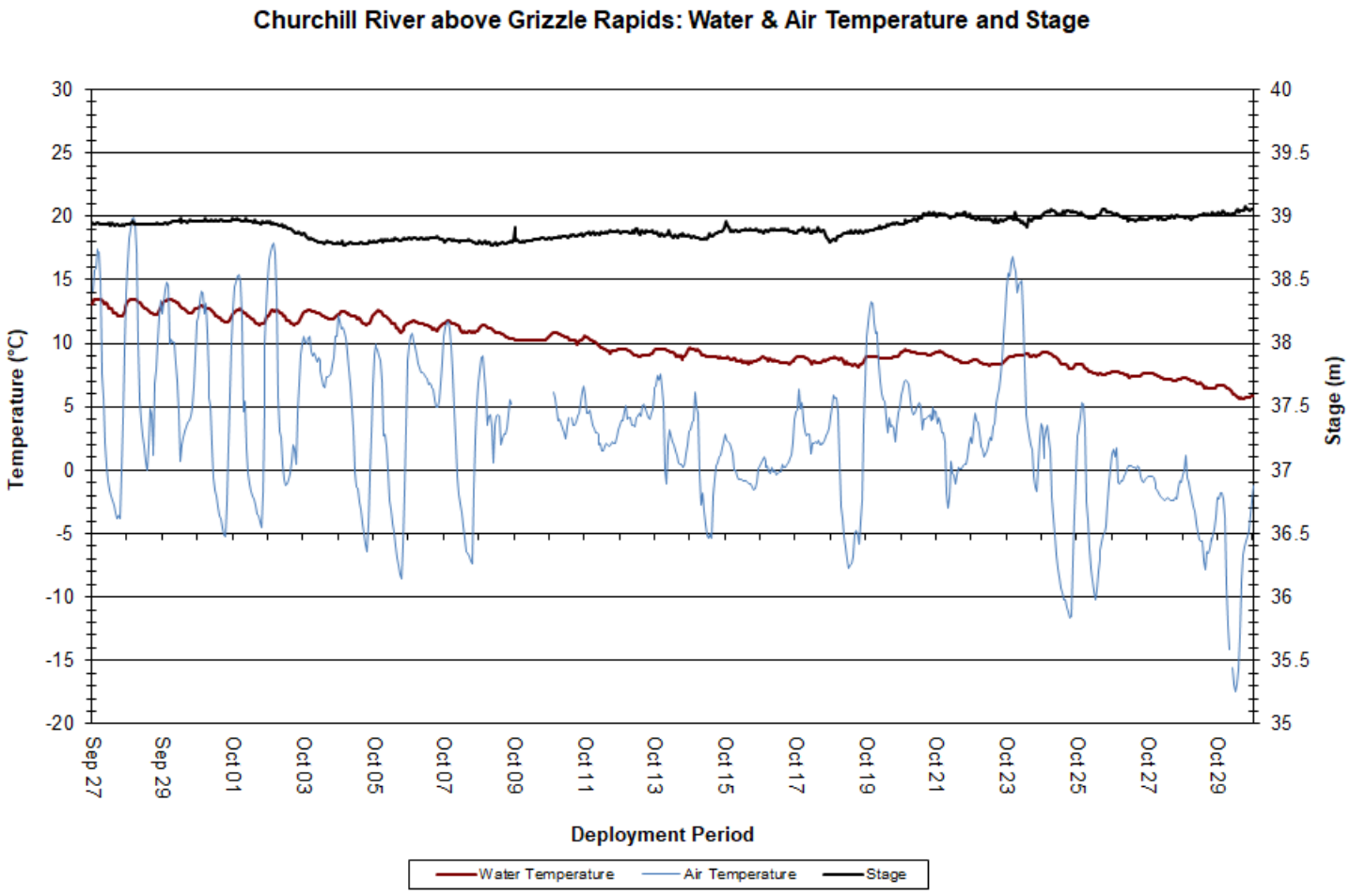

Figure 9: Water and Air Temperature & Stage at Churchill River above Grizzle Rapids

pH

- Over the deployment period, pH values ranged from 6.84 pH units to 7.16 pH units, with a median value of 6.99 (Figure 10).
- pH values were quite stable and remained within the CCME's Guidelines for the Protection of Aquatic Life for the duration of deployment.
- Photosynthesis uses up hydrogen molecules; this causes the concentration of hydrogen ions to decrease, which in turn causes pH to increase. For this reason, pH may be higher during daylight hours and during the growing season when photosynthesis is at a maximum. This is illustrated by the diurnal fluctuations in pH values (Figure 10).
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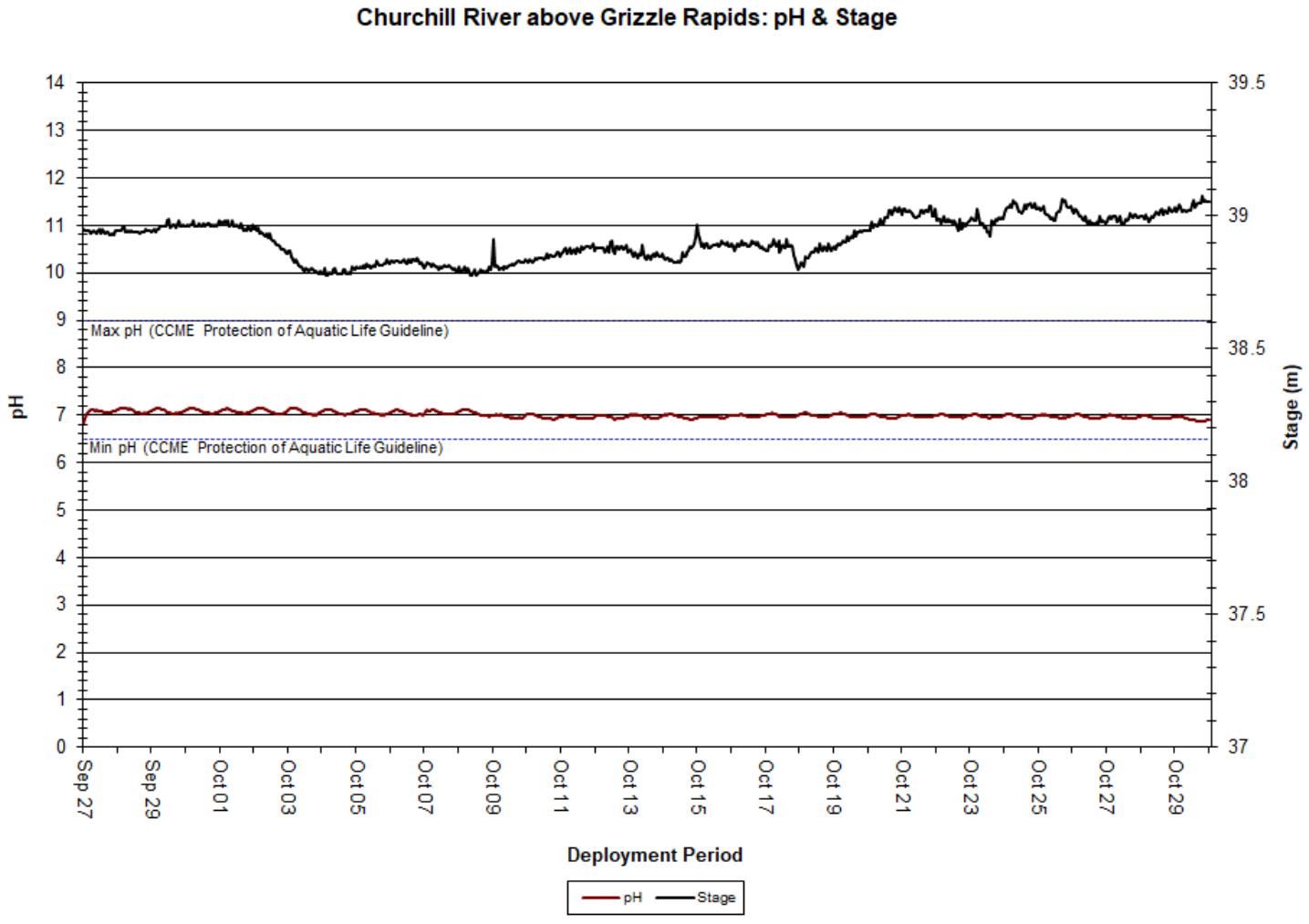

Figure 10: pH & Stage at Churchill River above Grizzle Rapids

Specific Conductivity

- Over the deployment period, specific conductivity ranged from 18.9µS/cm to 23.0µS/cm, with a median of 21.1µS/cm (Figure 11).
- The relationship between conductivity and stage is generally inversed. When stage levels increase, specific conductivity levels generally decrease as the increased amount of water in the river system dilutes solids that are present. This relationship is only somewhat evident in the graph below, likely because this station is located at a deep and wide section of the Churchill River and other factors in the water column influence conductivity levels.
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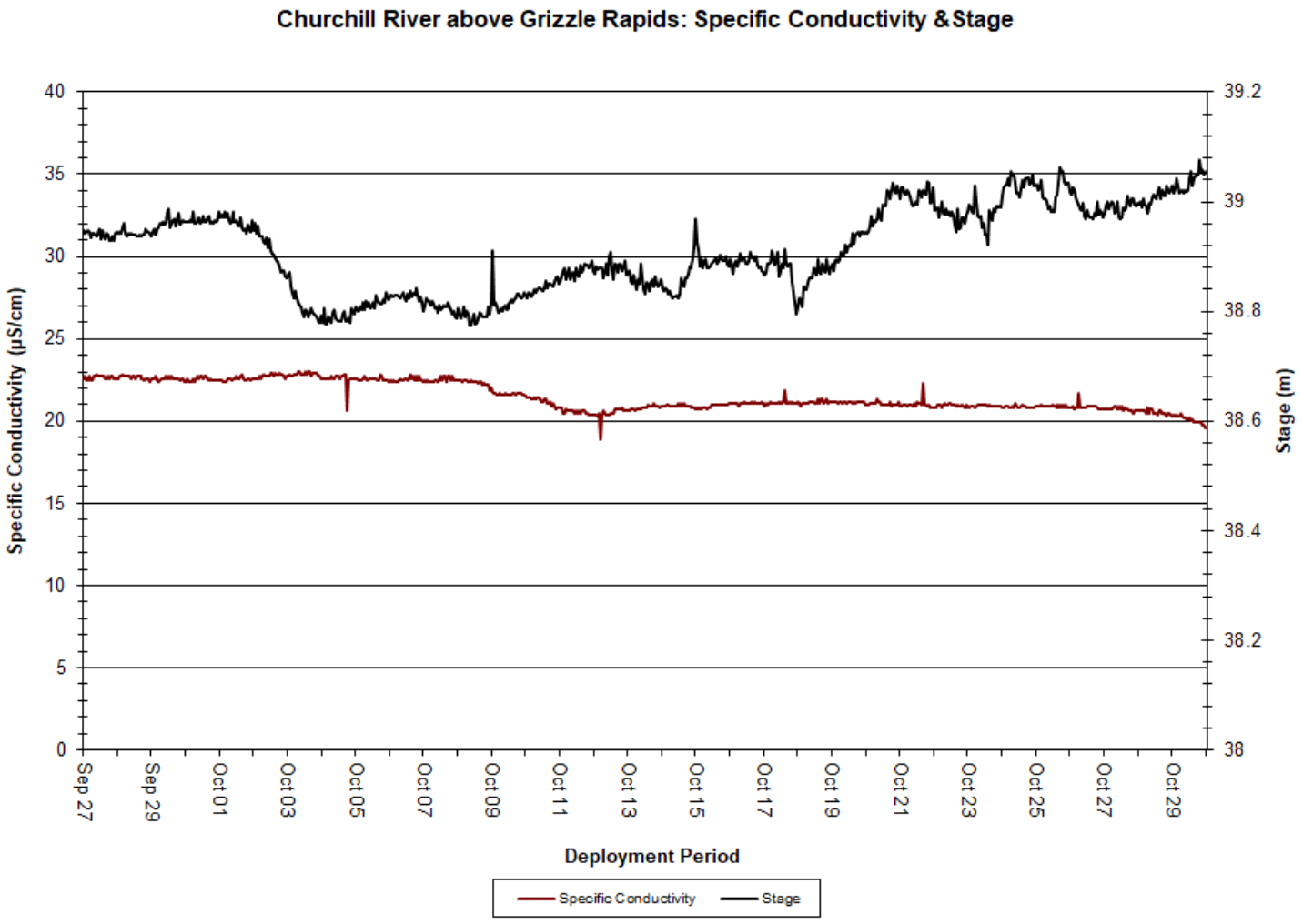

Figure 11: Specific Conductivity & Stage at Churchill River above Grizzle Rapids

Dissolved Oxygen

- Over the deployment period, dissolved oxygen content ranged from 9.94mg/L to 11.86mg/L, with a median value of 10.73mg/L. Saturation of dissolved oxygen ranged from 90.5% saturation to 99.6% saturation, with a median value of 94.5% (Figure 12).
- There is an evident relationship between water temperature and dissolved oxygen. Over the deployment period, dissolved oxygen levels gradually increased as water temperatures decreased through October. Dissolved oxygen also follows a diurnal pattern as water temperatures rise and fall under the influence of ambient air temperatures. Generally, dissolved oxygen levels are higher in a waterbody during cooler temperatures.
- Dissolved oxygen levels were above the CCME's Guidelines for the Protection of Early and Other Life Stages for the duration of deployment.

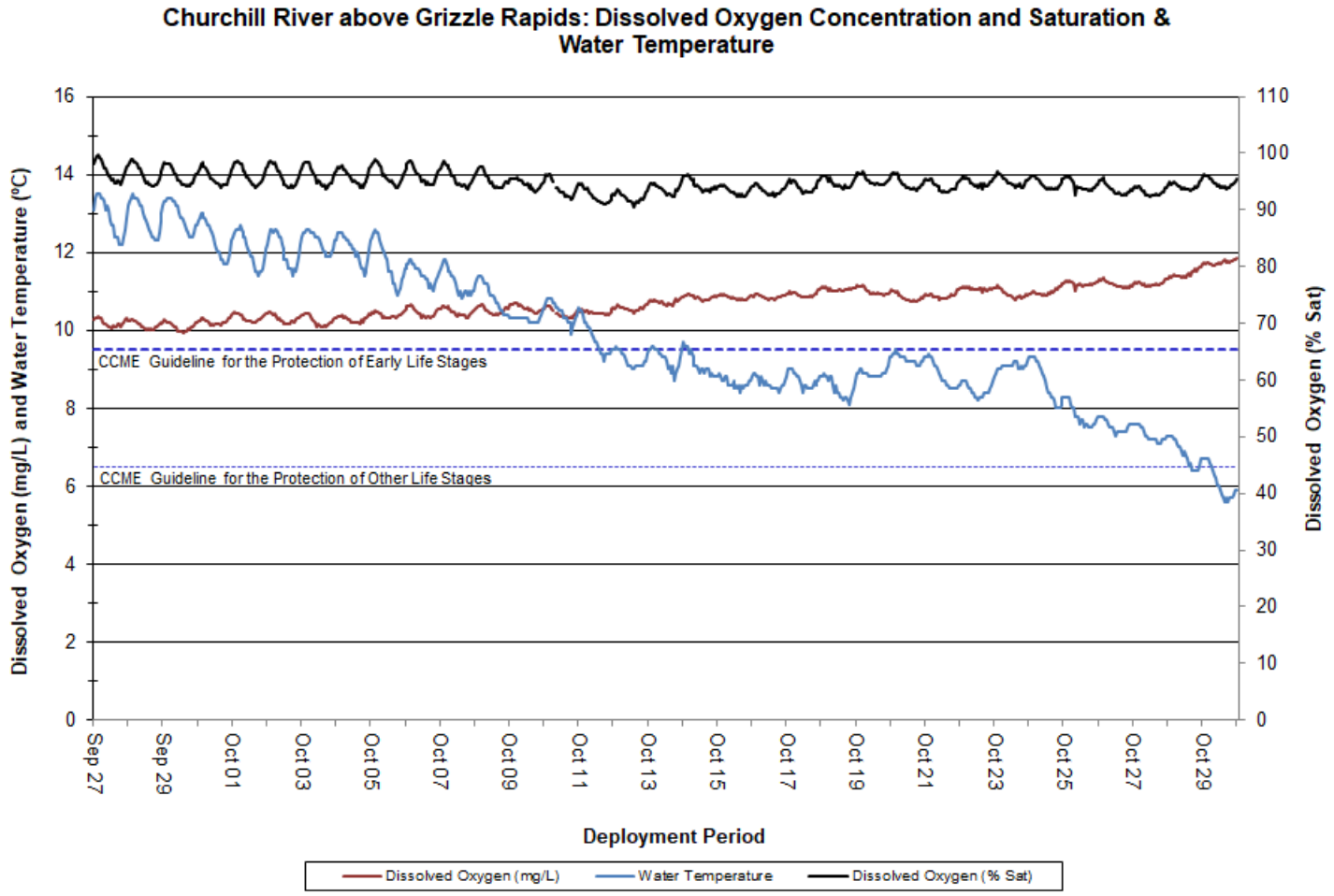

Figure 12: Dissolved Oxygen & Water Temperature at Churchill River above Grizzle Rapids

Turbidity

- Over the deployment period, turbidity remained unchanged at 0.0NTU (Figure 13). This indicates a very low level of natural background turbidity in the waterbody. Precipitation data was obtained from the Metchin River near TLH Weather Station.
- It is not uncommon for this station to see very limited fluctuation in turbidity levels, even with the occurrence of precipitation events (Figure 13). This station is located at a wide and deep section of the Churchill River and therefore turbidity levels are likely less susceptible to precipitation events as compared to other areas.
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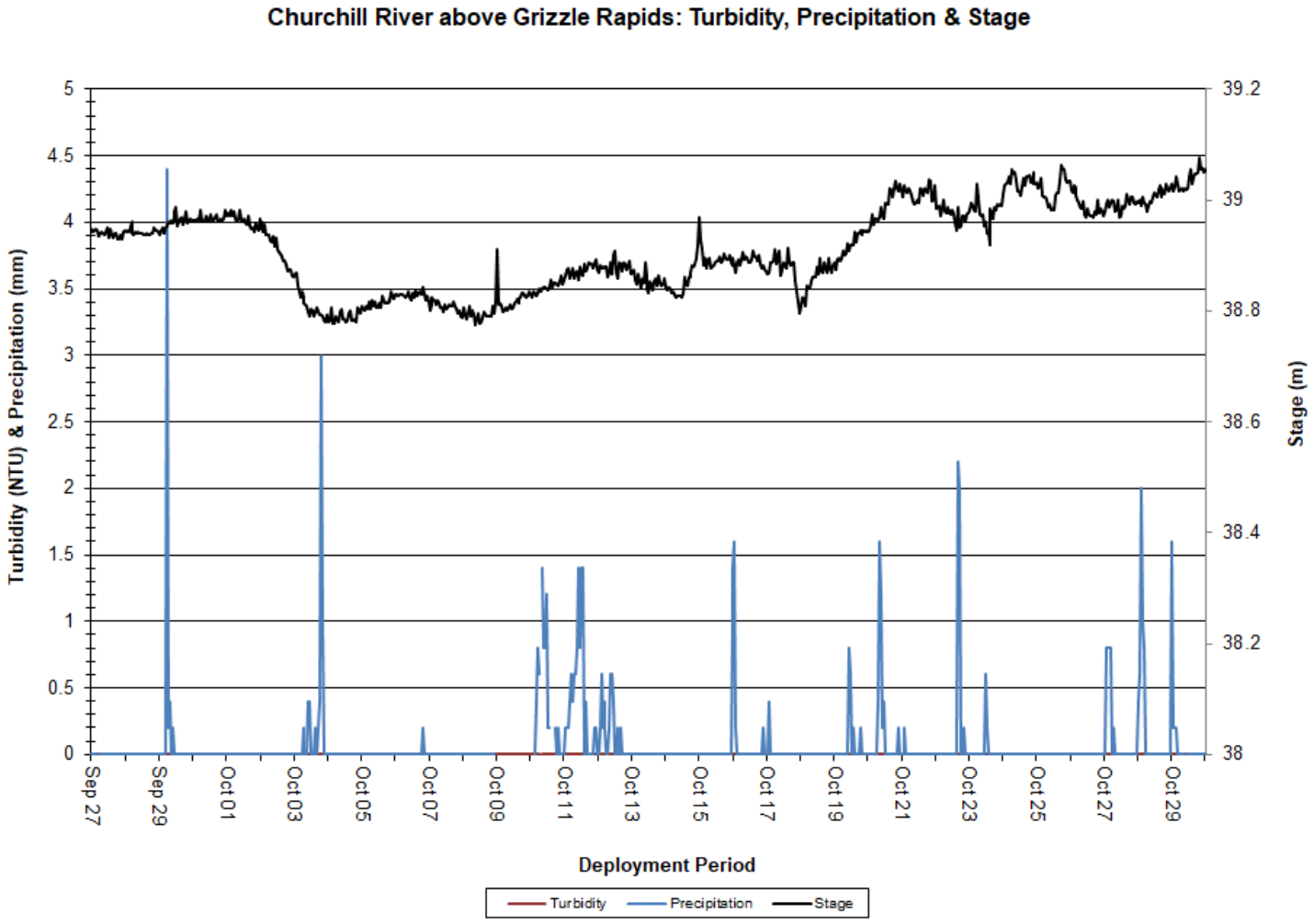

Figure 13: Turbidity, Precipitation & Stage at Churchill River above Grizzle Rapids

Stage

- Over the deployment period, stage ranged from 38.775m to 39.076m, with a median value of 38.909m (Figure 14). Precipitation data was obtained from the Metchin River near TLH Weather Station.
- Stage was relatively stable across the deployment period, with precipitation events often correlating with slight increases in stage (Figure 14).
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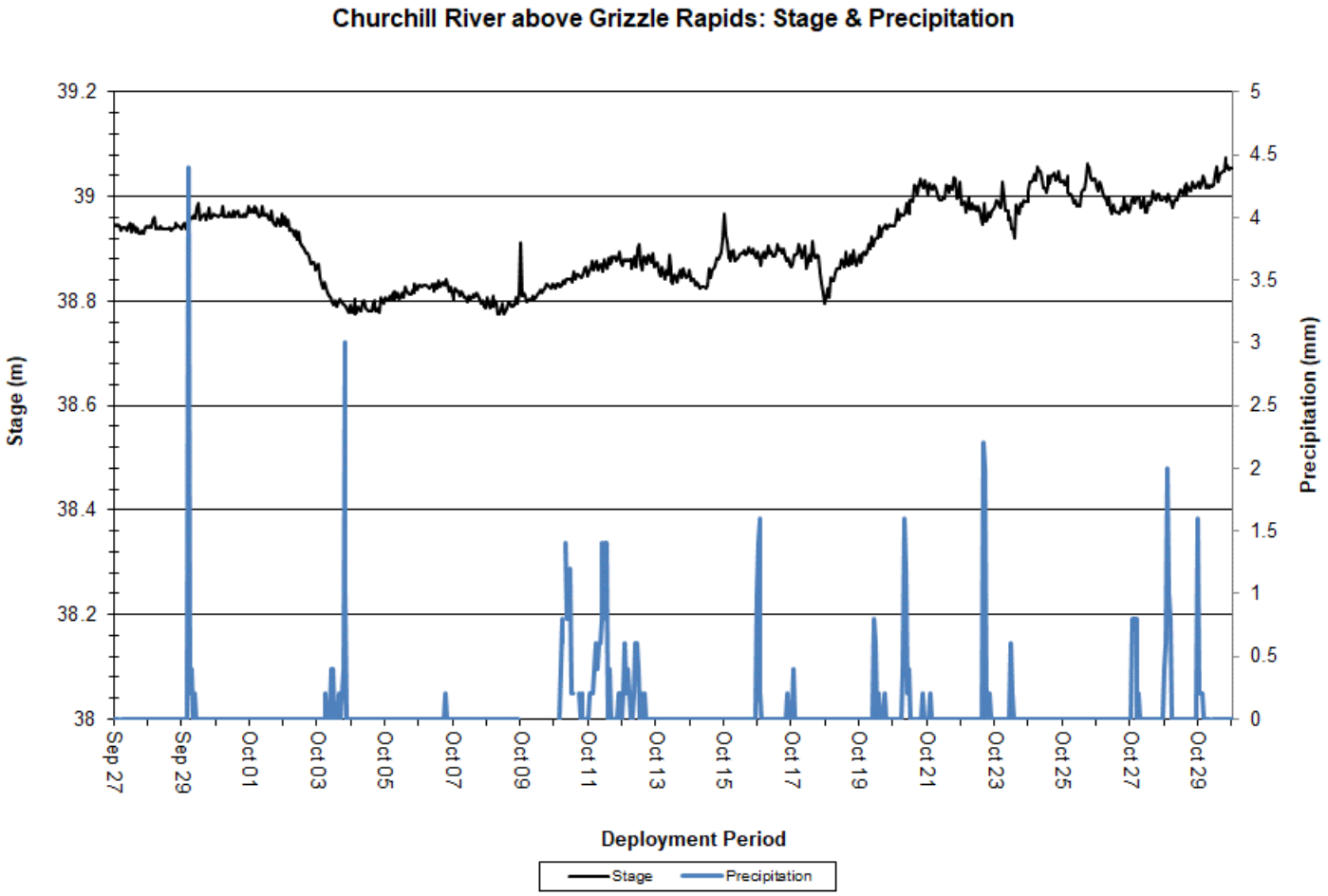

Figure 14: Stage & Precipitation at Churchill River above Grizzle Rapids

Churchill River below Muskrat Falls

Water Temperature

- Over the deployment period, water temperature ranged from 4.3°C to 17.0°C, with a median value of 10.9°C (Figure 15). Air temperature data was obtained from the Muskrat Falls MET Station.
- Water temperature slowly decreased over the course of the deployment period. This is to be expected as ambient air temperatures also decreased through October.
- Increased fluctuations in water temperature data between October 4th and October 11th are likely attributable to the instrument being located out of, or in very little, water.
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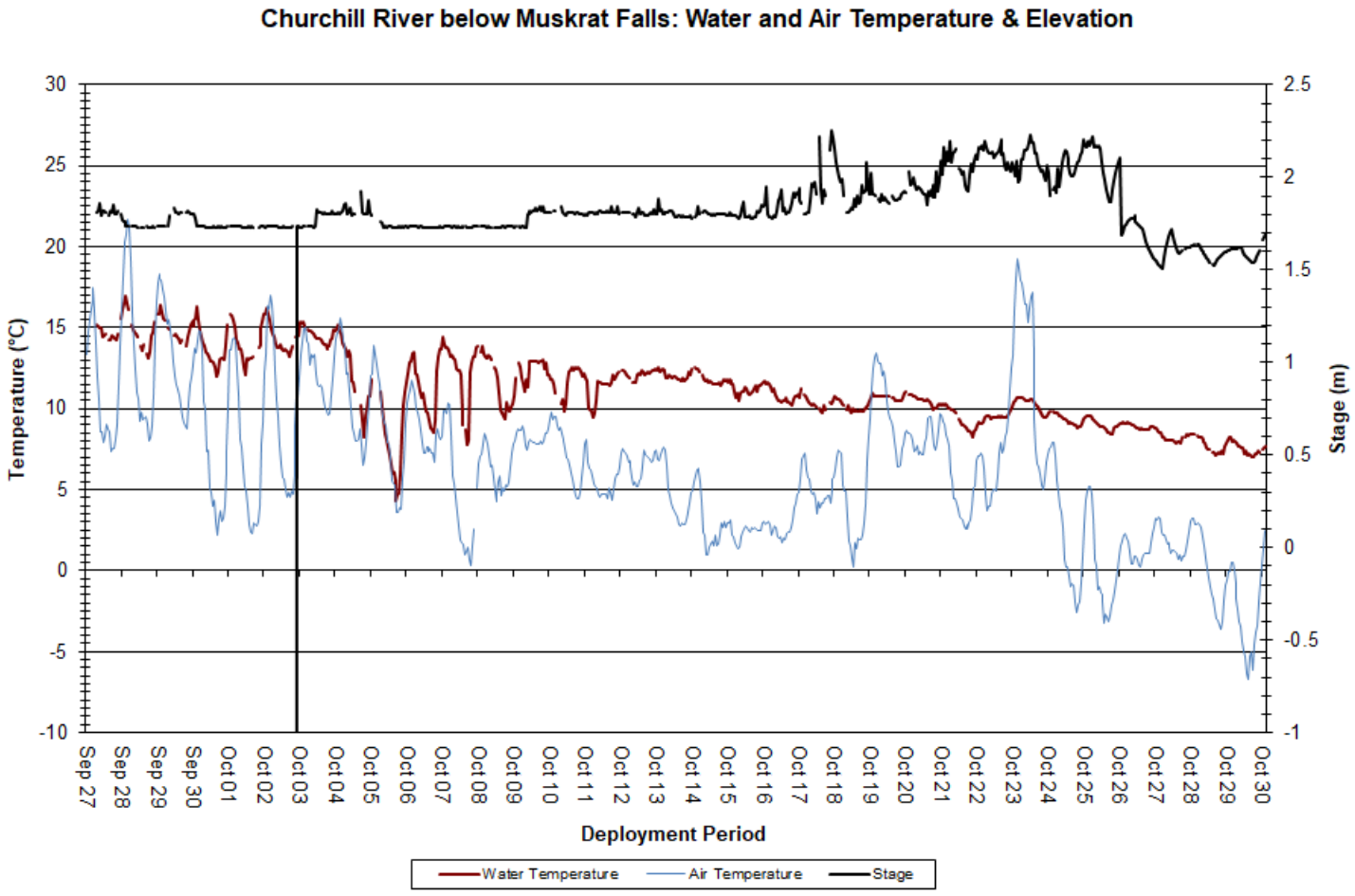

Figure 15: Water and Air Temperature & Stage at Churchill River below Muskrat Falls

pH

- Over the deployment period, pH ranged from 0 pH units to 9.90 pH units, with a median value of 7.03 (Figure 16).
- pH values were quite stable over the course of deployment and remained within the CCME's Guidelines for the Protection of Aquatic Life for the majority of the deployment period (Figure 16).
- Increased fluctuations in pH data between October 4th and October 11th are likely attributable to the instrument being located out of, or in very little, water.
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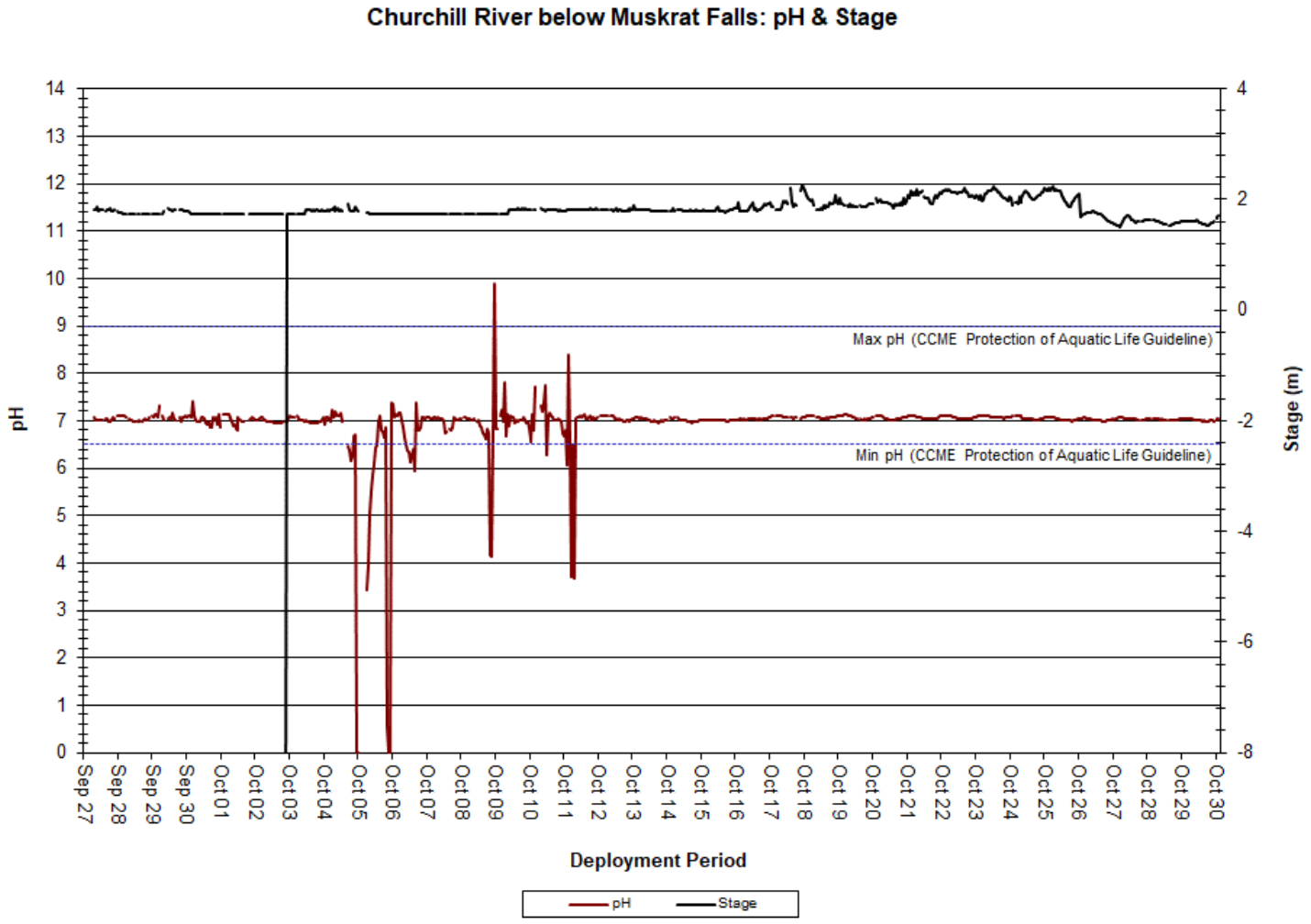

Figure 16: pH & Stage at Churchill River below Muskrat Falls

Specific Conductivity

- Over the deployment period, specific conductivity ranged from 0µS/cm to 27.7µS/cm, with a median value of 24.6µS/cm (Figure 17).
- The relationship between conductivity and stage is generally inversed. When stage decreases, specific conductivity increases as the decreased amount of water in the river system concentrates solids that are present, and vice versa. This relationship is only somewhat evident in the graph below, likely because this station is located at a deep and wide section of the Churchill River and other factors in the water column influence conductivity levels (Figure 17).
- Increased fluctuations in specific conductivity data between October 4th and October 11th are likely attributable to the instrument being located out of, or in very little, water.
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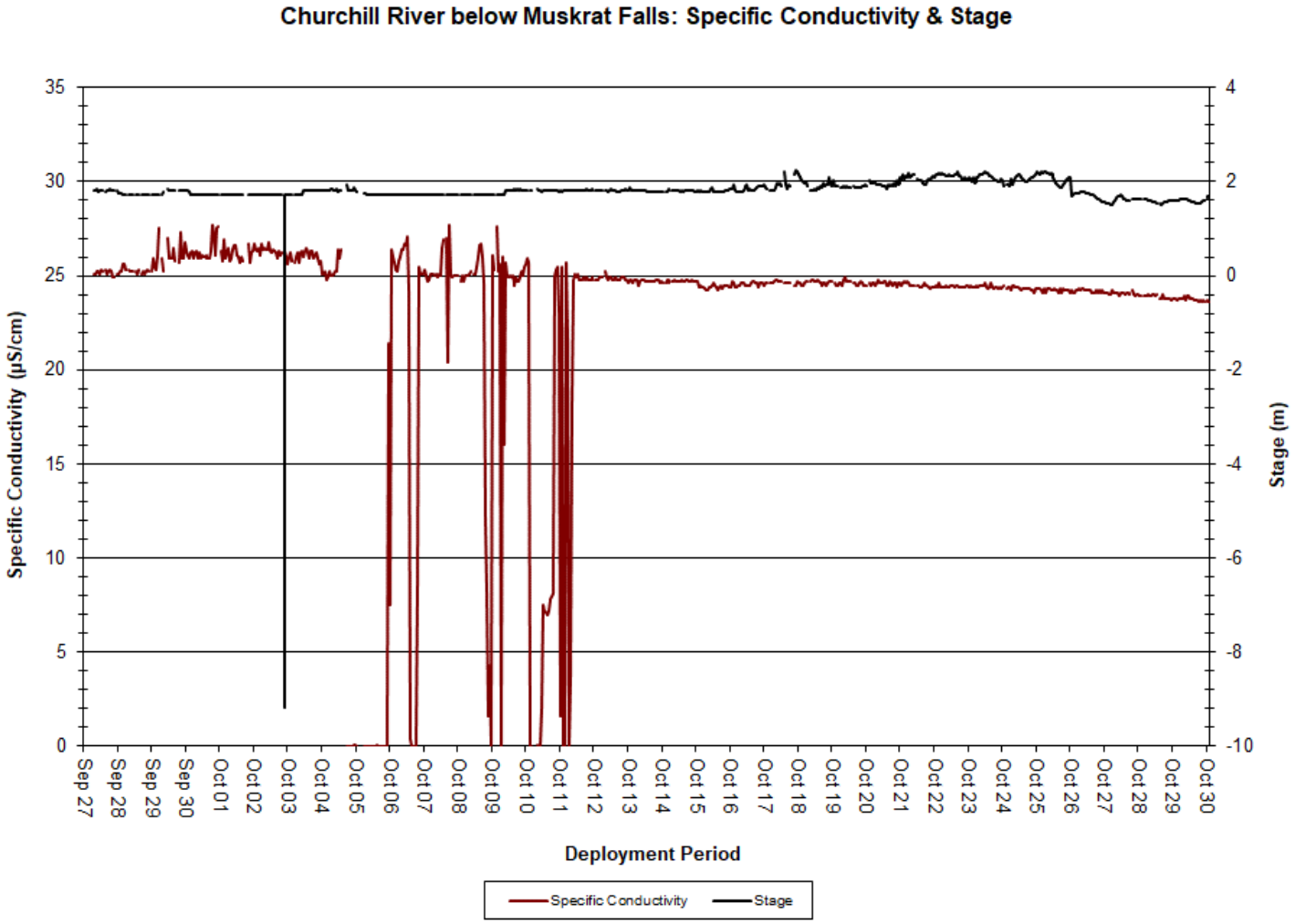

Figure 17: Specific Conductivity & Stage at Churchill River below Muskrat Falls

Dissolved Oxygen

- Over the deployment period, dissolved oxygen concentration ranged from 0.02mg/L to 11.58mg/L, with a median value of 10.10mg/L. Saturation of dissolved oxygen ranged from 0.2% to 98.6%, with a median value of 92.1% (Figure 18).
- Dissolved oxygen and water temperature exhibit an inverse relationship: as one parameter increases, the other decreases, and vice versa. Dissolved oxygen levels steadily increased over the course of deployment. This is to be expected since water temperatures were decreasing over the same period. Dissolved oxygen also follows a diurnal pattern as water temperatures rise and fall under the influence of ambient air temperatures.
- Dissolved oxygen levels were above the CCME's Guidelines for the Protection of Early and Other Life Stages for the majority of deployment.
- Increased fluctuations in dissolved oxygen data between October 4th and October 11th are likely attributable to the instrument being located out of, or in very little, water.

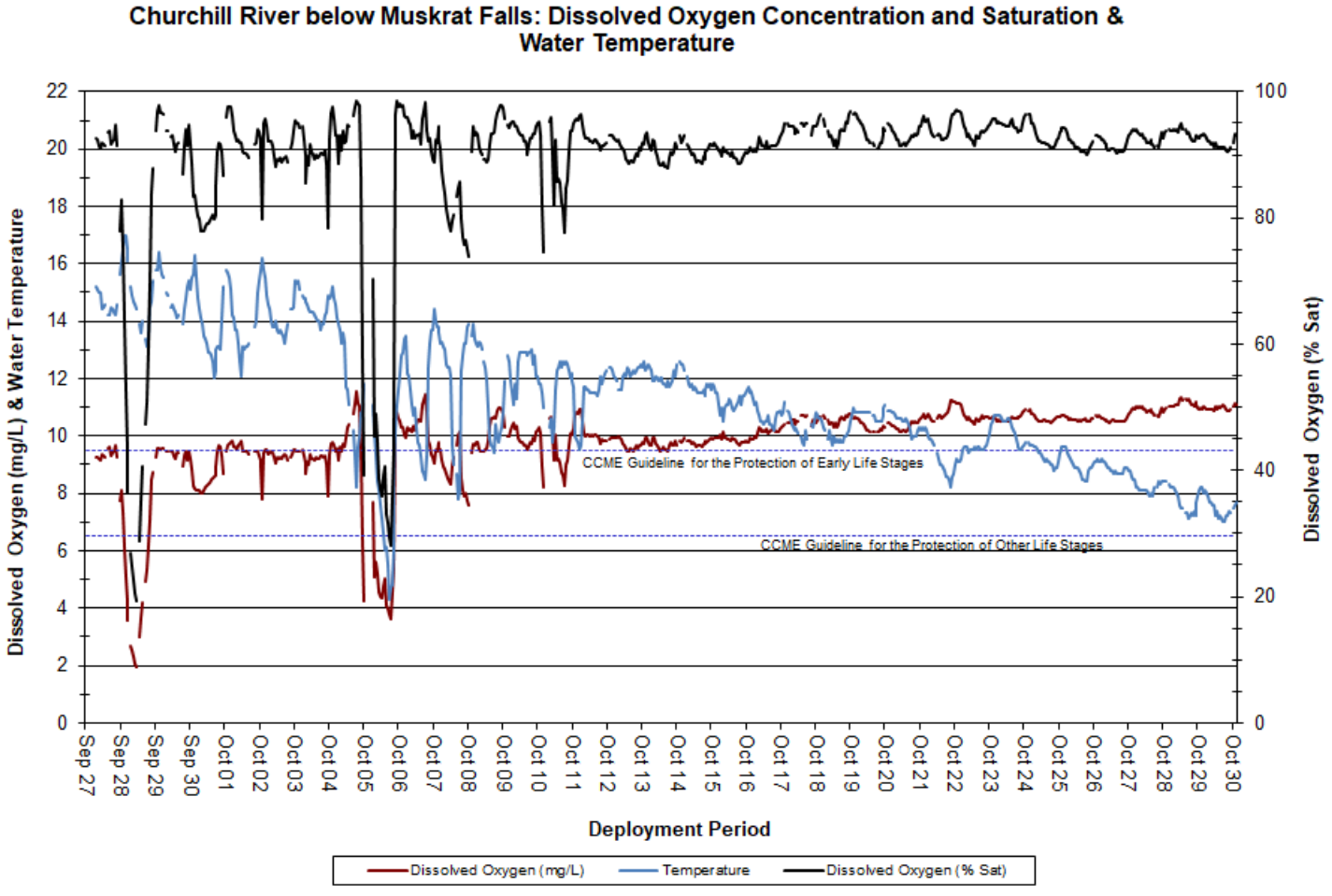

Figure 18: Dissolved Oxygen & Water Temperature at Churchill River below Muskrat Falls

Turbidity

- Over the deployment period, turbidity ranged from 0.0NTU to 3000NTU, with a median value of 0.0NTU. A median value of 0.0NTU indicates a low level of natural background turbidity in the waterbody, which is typical of this station. Precipitation data was obtained from the Muskrat Falls MET Station.
- There was relatively good correlation between turbidity and precipitation events across the deployment period (Figure 19). Turbidity levels are often quite variable at this station, and do not always correlate with precipitation events given that this station is located on a wide and deep section of the Churchill River.
- Increased fluctuations in turbidity data between October 4th and October 11th are likely attributable to the instrument being located out of, or in very little, water.
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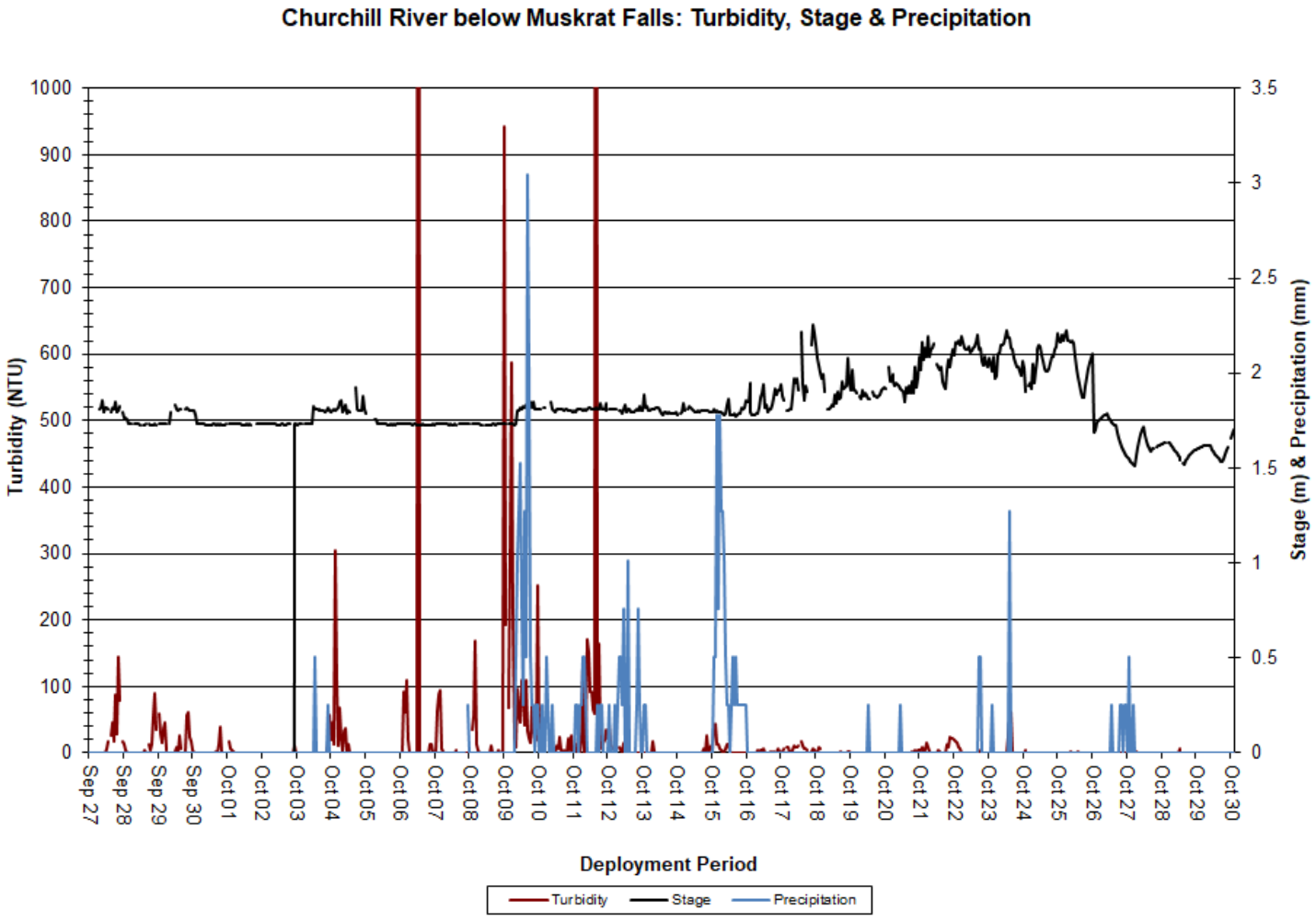

Figure 19: Turbidity, Precipitation & Stage at Churchill River below Muskrat Falls

Stage & Flow

- Over the deployment period, stage ranged from -9.191m to 2.254m, with a median value of 1.8m. Flow ranged from 701.868m^3/s to 1250.038m^3/s, with a median value of 868.348m^3/s (Figure 20). Precipitation data was obtained from the Muskrat Falls MET Station.
- Stage and flow were low and somewhat variable over the course of deployment, and occasionally correlated with precipitation events. This is partly related to the fact that this station is located on a very wide section of the Churchill River and therefore is not as easily influenced by smaller precipitation events. Stage and flow at this station are also influenced by upstream activities at the Muskrat Falls hydroelectric project.
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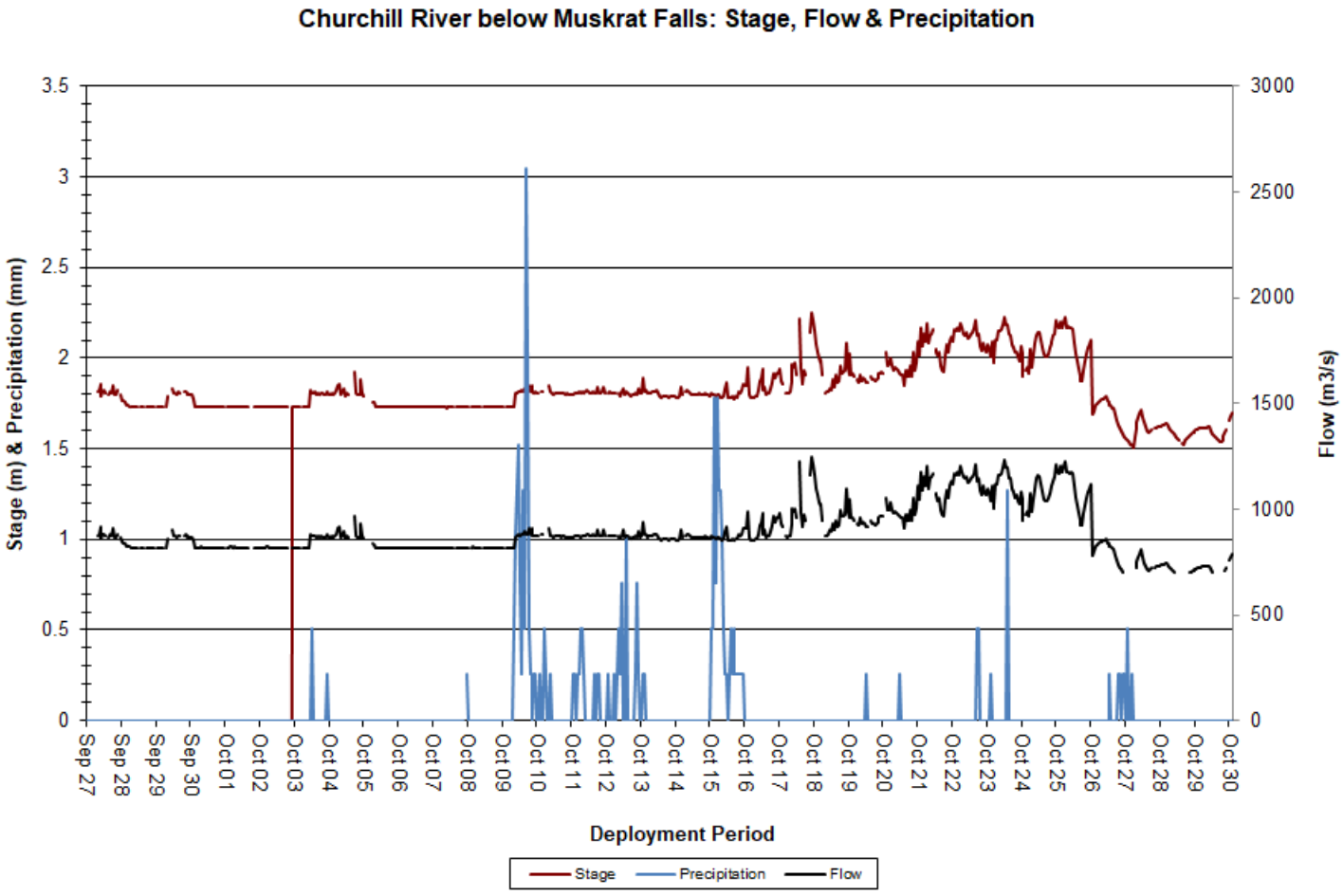

Figure 20: Stage, Flow & Precipitation at Churchill River below Muskrat Falls

Churchill River at English Point

Water Temperature

- Water temperature ranged from 4.3°C to 16.6C, with a median value of 10.3°C (Figure 21). Air temperature data was obtained from the Churchill River at End of Mud Lake Road Weather Station.
- Water temperature decreased steadily across the deployment period. Water temperatures closely correlated with ambient air temperatures, which followed a similar trend across the same period.
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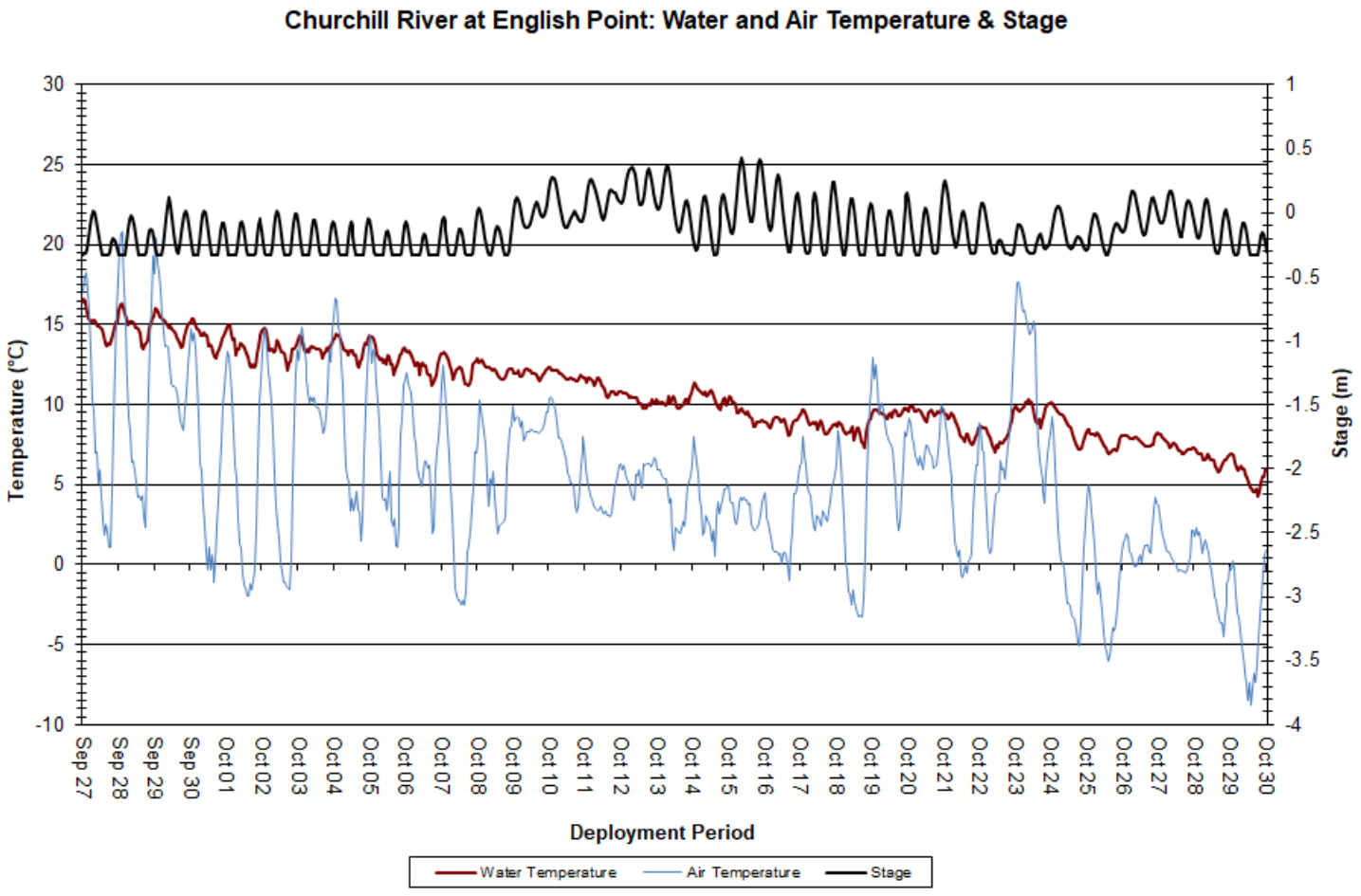

Figure 21: Water and Air Temperature & Stage at Churchill River at English Point

pH

- Over the deployment period, pH ranged from 6.95 pH units to 8.07 pH units, with a median value of 7.19 (Figure 22).
- pH values were relatively stable and stayed within the CCME's Guidelines for the Protection of Aquatic Life for the duration of deployment (Figure 22).
- Water Survey of Canada (Environment and Climate Change Canada) is responsible for QA/QC of water quantity data. Corrected data can be obtained upon request.

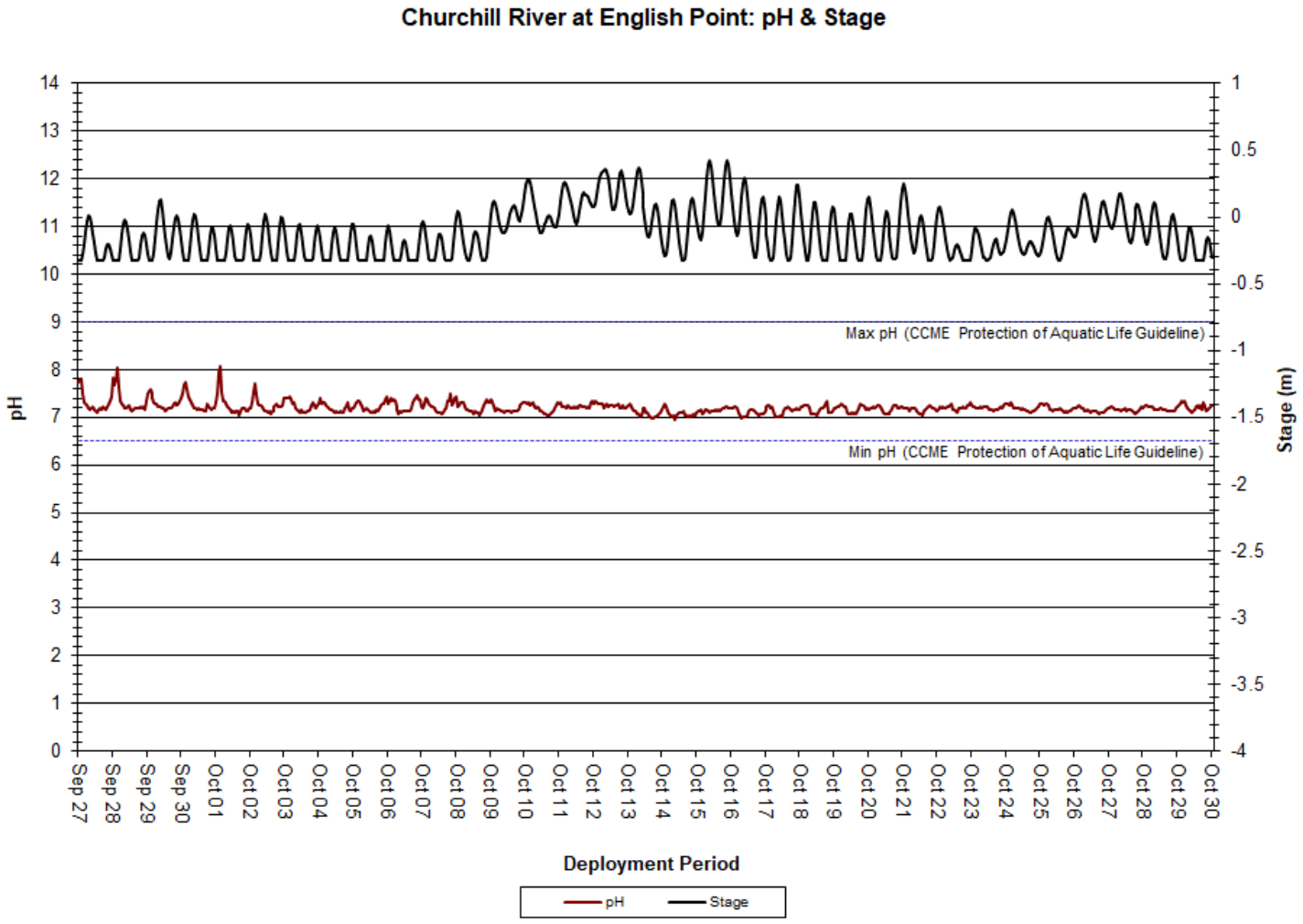

Figure 22: pH & Stage at Churchill River at English Point

Specific Conductivity

- Over the deployment period, specific conductivity ranged from 27.04µS/cm to 78.12µs/cm, with a median value of 36.89µS/cm (Figure 23).
- Specific conductivity fluctuates considerably at this location due to the tidal influences of the Atlantic Ocean on Lake Melville. As the tide comes in, specific conductivity increases as dissolved solids and salinity increase, and vice versa as the tide goes out. This increase and decrease in specific conductivity and stage occurs twice daily. This pattern is generally consistent throughout the deployment period (Figure 23).
- Water Survey of Canada (Environment and Climate Change Canada) is responsible for QA/QC of water quantity data. Corrected data can be obtained upon request.

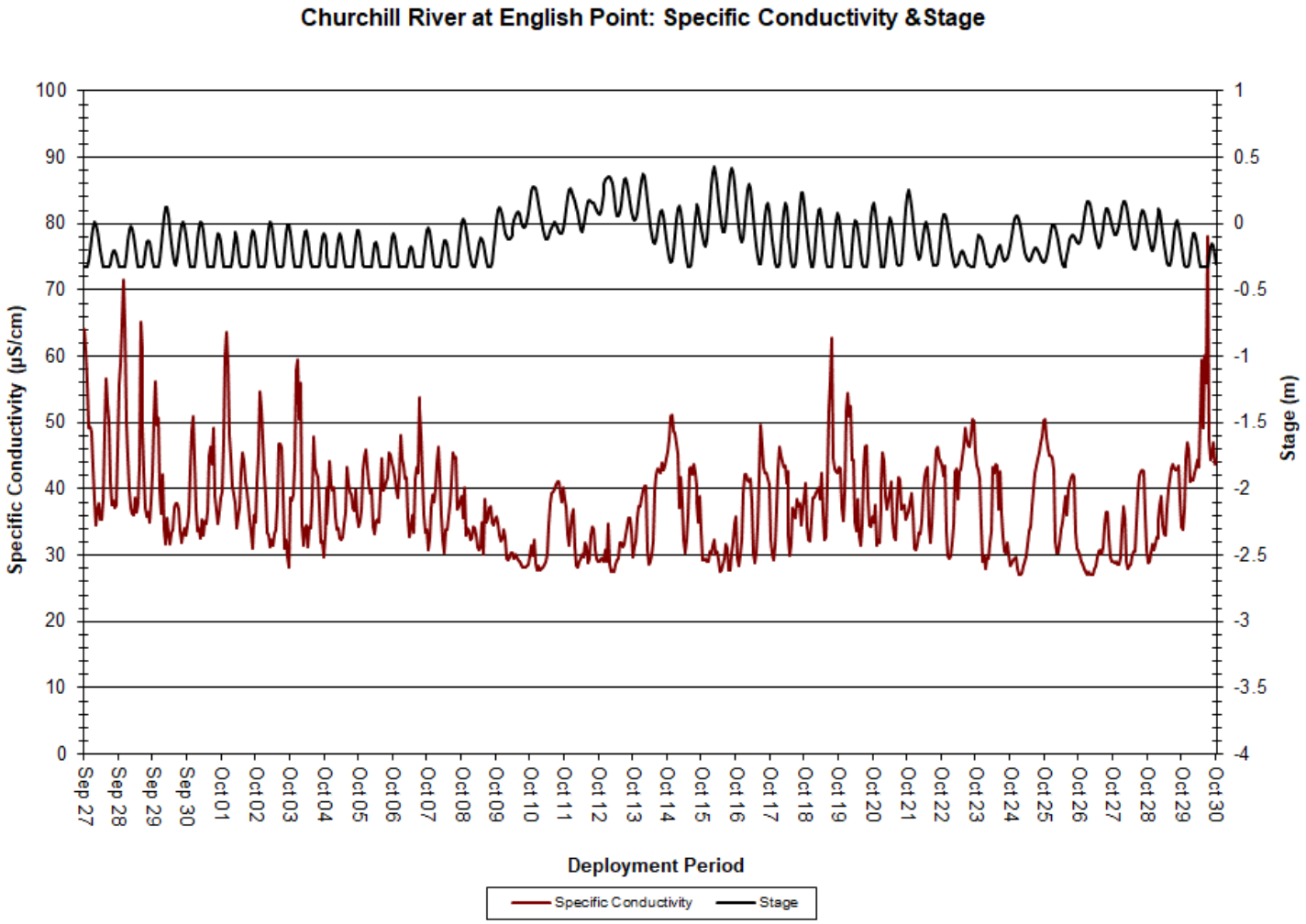

Figure 23: Specific Conductivity & Stage at Churchill River at English Point

Dissolved Oxygen

- Over the deployment period, dissolved oxygen concentration ranged from 9.57mg/L to 12.39mg/L, with a median value of 10.79mg/L. Saturation of dissolved oxygen ranged from 91.3% to 109.8% saturation, with a median value of 96.9% (Figure 24).
- There is an evident relationship between water temperature and dissolved oxygen. As water temperatures decreased over the deployment period, dissolved oxygen levels increased. Dissolved oxygen levels also follow a diurnal pattern as water temperatures rise and fall under the influence of ambient air temperatures. Generally, dissolved oxygen levels are higher in a waterbody during cooler temperatures.
- Dissolved oxygen levels were above the CCME's Guidelines for the Protection of Early and Other Life Stages for the duration of deployment (Figure 24).

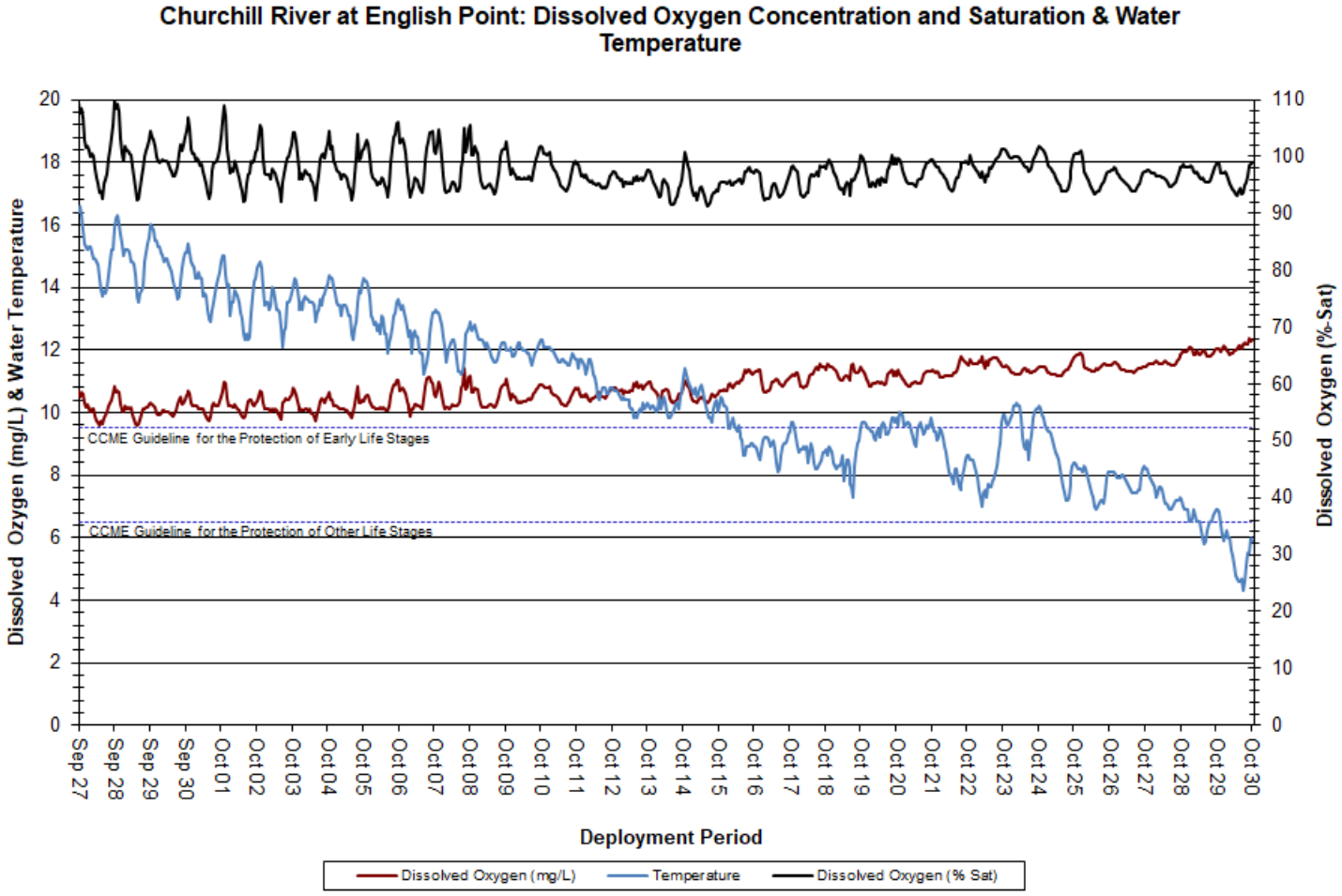

Figure 24: Dissolved Oxygen & Water Temperature at Churchill River at English Point

Turbidity

- Over the deployment period, turbidity ranged from 0.7 NTU to 112.9 NTU, with a median value of 2.3 NTU (Figure 25). A median value of 2.3 NTU indicates a low level of background turbidity; which is typical considering the sandy river bed and tidal influences present at this station. Precipitation data was obtained from the Muskrat Falls MET Station.
- Turbidity events often correlate with precipitation events, as these can increase the presence of suspended material in water. High winds and tidal influences also contribute to turbidity events at this station by disturbing sediment from the river bed (Figure 25). Wind speed data was obtained from the Churchill River at End of Mud Lake Road Weather Station.
- Water Survey of Canada (Environment and Climate Change Canada) is responsible for QA/QC of water quantity data. Corrected data can be obtained upon request.

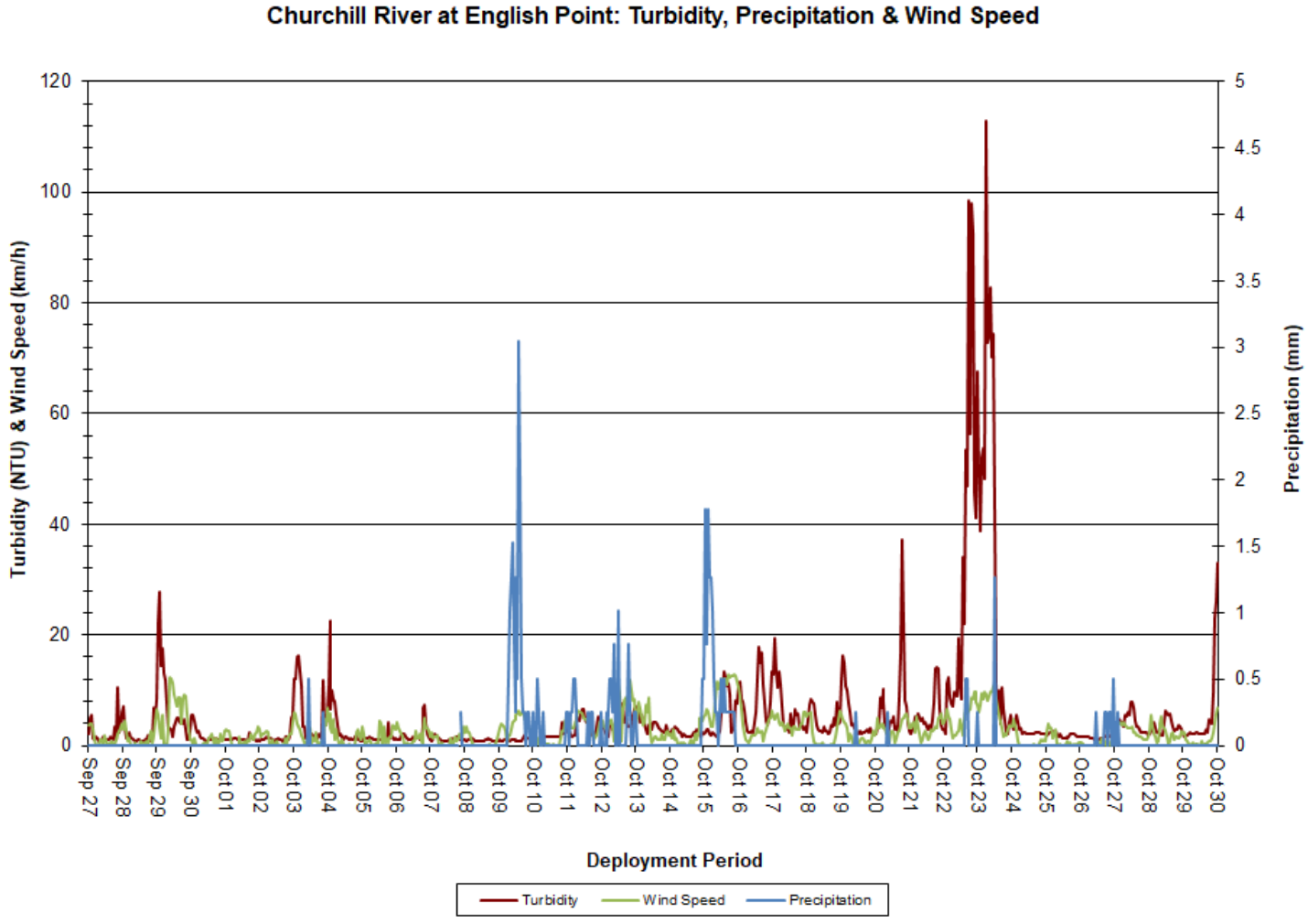

Figure 25: Turbidity, Precipitation & Wind Speed at Churchill River at English Point

Stage

- Over the deployment period, stage ranged from -0.33m to 0.426m, with a median value of -0.141m (Figure 26). Precipitation data was obtained from the Muskrat Falls MET Station.
- Stage fluctuates considerably at this location due to the tidal influences of the Atlantic Ocean. This pattern is consistent over the deployment period. Increases in stage often correlate with precipitation events.
- Water Survey of Canada (Environment and Climate Change Canada) is responsible for QA/QC of water quantity data. Corrected data can be obtained upon request.

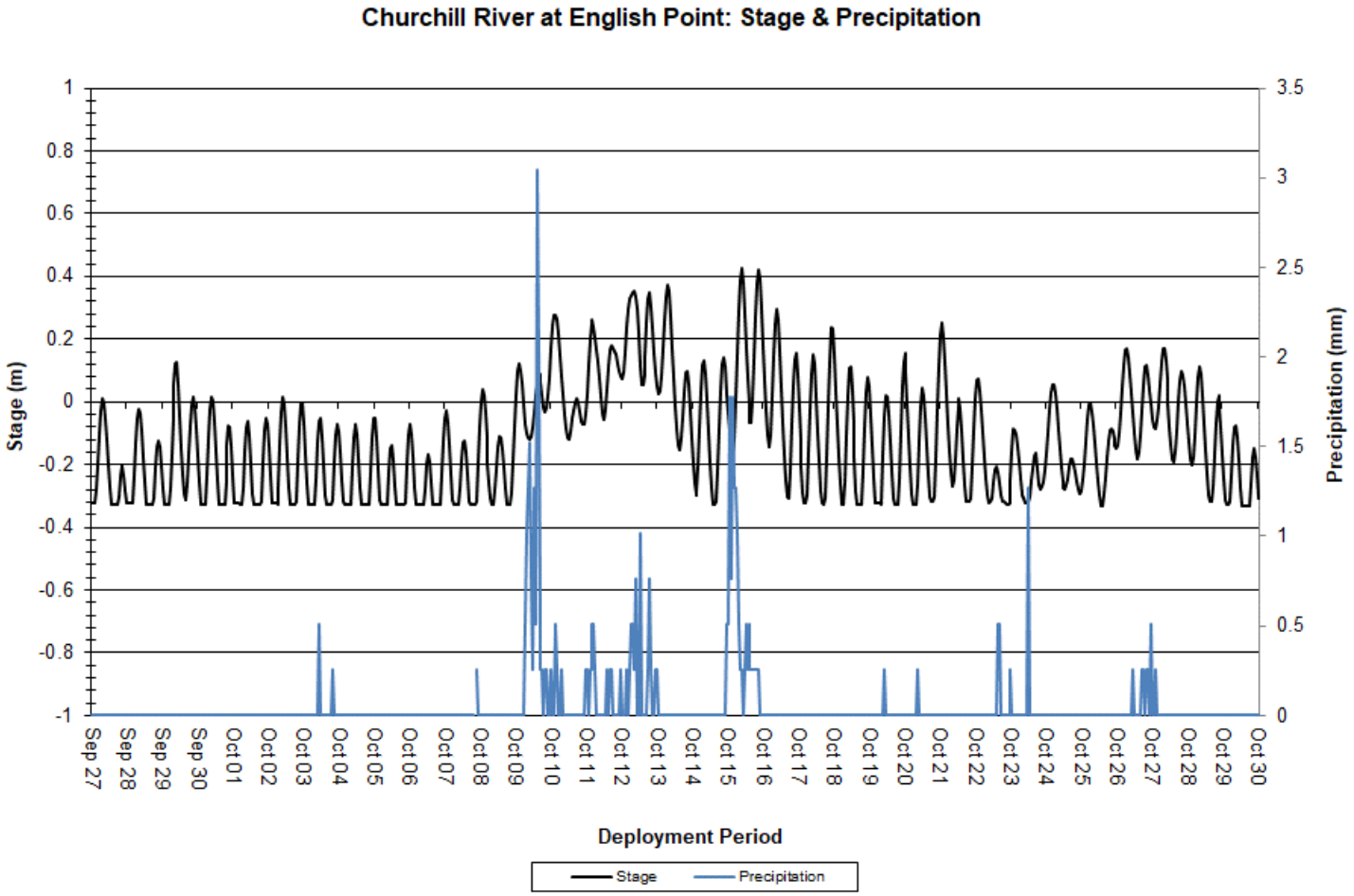

Figure 26: Stage & Precipitation at Churchill River at English Point

Conclusions

- Instruments at four water quality monitoring stations on the Lower Churchill River were deployed from September 27 through October 30, 2024.
- Water temperature decreased steadily at all stations over the course of deployment. This is to be expected based on ambient air temperature trends during the same period through September and October.
- pH was relatively stable at all stations over the course of deployment. pH was within the CCME's Guidelines for the Protection of Aquatic Life for the duration of deployment at all stations, except where instruments were temporarily located out of, or in very little, water.
- Specific conductivity was generally stable over the course of deployment at all stations. Since English Point is influenced by tides in Lake Melville, specific conductivity values at the Churchill River at English Point station had a much wider range, which is comparable to other deployments at this location.
- Dissolved oxygen levels slowly increased over the course of deployment at all stations as water temperatures decreased into the fall. Dissolved oxygen levels are generally higher in water at cooler temperatures. Dissolved oxygen levels were above the CCME's Guidelines for the Protection of Early and Other Life Stages for the duration of deployment at all stations, except where instruments were temporarily located out of, or in very little, water.
- Turbidity events occurred at three stations and were somewhat related to precipitation, wind or tidal events.

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APPENDIX A

Water Parameter Description

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Dissolved Oxygen - The amount of Dissolved Oxygen (DO) (mg/l or % saturation) in the water is vital to aquatic organisms for their survival. The concentration of DO is affected by such things as water temperature, water depth and flow (e.g., aeration by rapids, riffles etc.), consumption by aerobic organisms, consumption by inorganic chemical reactions, consumption by plants during darkness, and production by plants during the daylight (USGS, 2017).

Flow - Flow (m3/s) is a measure of how quickly a volume of water is displaced in streams, rivers, and other channels.

pH - pH is a measure of the relative amount of free hydrogen and hydroxyl ions in water. pH is an important indicator of chemically changing water, and determines the solubility and biological availability of nutrients and heavy metals in the water (USGS, 2017).

Specific conductivity - Specific conductivity (µs/cm) is a measure of water's ability to conduct electricity, with values normalized to a water temperature of 25°C. Specific conductance indicates the concentration of dissolved solids (such as salts) in the water, which can affect the growth and reproduction of aquatic life. Specific conductivity is affected by rainfall events, the composition of inflowing tributaries and their associated geology, saline inflow (e.g., road salt), agricultural run-off and industrial inputs (Fondriest Environmental Inc, 2016).

Stage - Stage (m) is the elevation of the water surface and is often used as a surrogate for the more difficult to measure flow.

Temperature - Essential to the measurement of most water quality parameters, temperature (°C) controls most aquatic processes. Water temperature is influenced by such things as ambient air temperature, solar radiation, meteorological events, industrial effluence, wastewater, inflowing tributaries, as well as water body size and depth. In turn, water temperature has an influence on the metabolic rates and biological activity of aquatic organisms (Fondriest Environmental Inc, 2016b).

Total Dissolved Solids - Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) (g/l) is a measure of alkaline salts dissolved in water or in fine suspension and can affect the growth and reproduction of aquatic life. It is affected by rainfall events, the composition of inflowing tributaries and their associated geology, saline inflow (e.g., road salt), agricultural run-off and industrial inputs (Swenson and Baldwin, 1965).

Turbidity - Turbidity (NTU) is a measure of the translucence of water and indicates the amount of suspended material in the water. Turbidity is caused by any substance that makes water cloudy (e.g., soil erosion, micro-organisms, vegetation, chemicals, etc.) and can correspond to precipitation events, high stage, and floating debris near the sensor (Swenson and Baldwin 1965).

APPENDIX B

Grab Sample Results

Bureau Veritas Job #: C4U9802
Report Date: 2024/10/16

NL Department of Environment, Climate Change and Municipalities
Your P.O. #: 224006869-3

Sample Details/Parameters	A	Result	RDL	UNITS	Extracted	Analyzed	By	Batch
AERY74 CR ABOVE GR								
Sampling Date 2024/09/27 12:10								
Matrix W								
Sample # 2024-6331-00-SI-SP								
Registration # SA-0000								
RESULTS OF ANALYSES OF WATER								
Calculated Parameters								
Hardness (CaCO3)	-	11	1.0	mg/L	N/A	2024/10/08		9678287
Nitrate (N)	-	ND	0.050	mg/L	N/A	2024/10/09		9678290
Total dissolved solids (calc., EC)	-	14	1.0	mg/L	N/A	2024/10/08		9679131
Inorganics								
Conductivity	-	25	1.0	uS/cm	N/A	2024/10/07	M2C	9682535
Chloride (Cl-)	-	ND	1.0	mg/L	N/A	2024/10/08	LKH	9687843
Bromide (Br-)	-	ND	1.0	mg/L	N/A	2024/10/08	LKH	9687843
Sulphate (SO4)	-	ND	1.0	mg/L	N/A	2024/10/08	LKH	9687843
Total Alkalinity (Total as CaCO3)	-	9.8	2.0	mg/L	N/A	2024/10/07	M2C	9682566
Colour	-	12	5.0	TCU	N/A	2024/10/08	EMT	9685358
Dissolved Fluoride (F-)	-	ND	0.10	mg/L	N/A	2024/10/07	M2C	9682580
Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen (TKN)	-	0.10	0.10	mg/L	2024/10/10	2024/10/11	RTY	9694006
Nitrate + Nitrite (N)	-	ND	0.050	mg/L	N/A	2024/10/08	EMT	9685365
Nitrite (N)	-	ND	0.010	mg/L	N/A	2024/10/08	EMT	9685366
Nitrogen (Ammonia Nitrogen)	-	ND	0.050	mg/L	N/A	2024/10/07	MCN	9685911
Dissolved Organic Carbon (C)	-	3.2	0.50	mg/L	N/A	2024/10/05	ACK	9682279
Total Organic Carbon (C)	-	3.3	0.50	mg/L	N/A	2024/10/05	ACK	9682294
pH	-	7.28		pH	N/A	2024/10/07	M2C	9682510
Total Phosphorus	-	0.007	0.004	mg/L	2024/10/10	2024/10/12	VKH	9694033
Total Suspended Solids	-	8.4	2.0	mg/L	2024/10/04	2024/10/04	RD4	9681267
Turbidity	-	1.2	0.10	NTU	N/A	2024/10/08	M2C	9688119
MERCURY BY COLD VAPOUR AA (WATER)								
Metals								
Total Mercury (Hg)	-	ND	0.000013	mg/L	2024/10/09	2024/10/09	JEP	9688448
ELEMENTS BY ICP/MS (WATER)								
Metals								
Total Aluminum (Al)	-	0.036	0.0050	mg/L	2024/10/04	2024/10/08	MTZ	9681770
Total Antimony (Sb)	-	ND	0.0010	mg/L	2024/10/04	2024/10/08	MTZ	9681770
Total Arsenic (As)	-	ND	0.0010	mg/L	2024/10/04	2024/10/08	MTZ	9681770
Total Barium (Ba)	-	0.0075	0.0010	mg/L	2024/10/04	2024/10/08	MTZ	9681770
Total Boron (B)	-	ND	0.050	mg/L	2024/10/04	2024/10/08	MTZ	9681770
Total Cadmium (Cd)	-	ND	0.000010	mg/L	2024/10/04	2024/10/08	MTZ	9681770
Total Calcium (Ca)	-	2.8	0.10	mg/L	2024/10/04	2024/10/08	MTZ	9681770
Total Chromium (Cr)	-	ND	0.0010	mg/L	2024/10/04	2024/10/08	MTZ	9681770
Total Copper (Cu)	-	ND	0.00050	mg/L	2024/10/04	2024/10/08	MTZ	9681770
Total Iron (Fe)	-	0.16	0.050	mg/L	2024/10/04	2024/10/08	MTZ	9681770
Total Lead (Pb)	-	ND	0.00050	mg/L	2024/10/04	2024/10/08	MTZ	9681770
Total Magnesium (Mg)	-	1.1	0.10	mg/L	2024/10/04	2024/10/08	MTZ	9681770
Total Manganese (Mn)	-	0.014	0.0020	mg/L	2024/10/04	2024/10/08	MTZ	9681770
Total Nickel (Ni)	-	ND	0.0020	mg/L	2024/10/04	2024/10/08	MTZ	9681770

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Report Date: 2024/10/16

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Sample Details/Parameters	A	Result	RDL	UNITS	Extracted	Analyzed	By	Batch
AERY74 CR ABOVE GR Sampling Date 2024/09/27 12:10 Matrix W Sample # 2024-6331-00-SI-SP Registration # SA-0000								
ELEMENTS BY ICP/MS (WATER)								
Metals								
Total Phosphorus (P)	-	ND	0.10	mg/L	2024/10/04	2024/10/08	MTZ	9681770
Total Potassium (K)	-	0.31	0.10	mg/L	2024/10/04	2024/10/08	MTZ	9681770
Total Selenium (Se)	-	ND	0.00050	mg/L	2024/10/04	2024/10/08	MTZ	9681770
Total Sodium (Na)	-	0.67	0.10	mg/L	2024/10/04	2024/10/08	MTZ	9681770
Total Strontium (Sr)	-	0.013	0.0020	mg/L	2024/10/04	2024/10/08	MTZ	9681770
Total Uranium (U)	-	ND	0.00010	mg/L	2024/10/04	2024/10/08	MTZ	9681770
Total Zinc (Zn)	-	ND	0.0050	mg/L	2024/10/04	2024/10/08	MTZ	9681770

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Sample Details/Parameters	A	Result	RDL	UNITS	Extracted	Analyzed	By	Batch
AERY75 CR BELOW MF								
Sampling Date 2024/09/27 13:20								
Matrix W								
Sample # 2024-6332-00-SI-SP								
Registration # SA-0000								
RESULTS OF ANALYSES OF WATER								
Calculated Parameters								
Hardness (CaCO3)	-	11	1.0	mg/L	N/A	2024/10/07		9678287
Nitrate (N)	-	ND	0.050	mg/L	N/A	2024/10/09		9678290
Total dissolved solids (calc., EC)	-	14	1.0	mg/L	N/A	2024/10/08		9679131
Inorganics								
Conductivity	-	25	1.0	uS/cm	N/A	2024/10/07	M2C	9682535
Chloride (Cl-)	-	ND	1.0	mg/L	N/A	2024/10/08	LKH	9687843
Bromide (Br-)	-	ND	1.0	mg/L	N/A	2024/10/08	LKH	9687843
Sulphate (SO4)	-	1.0	1.0	mg/L	N/A	2024/10/08	LKH	9687843
Total Alkalinity (Total as CaCO3)	-	11	2.0	mg/L	N/A	2024/10/07	M2C	9682566
Colour	-	16	5.0	TCU	N/A	2024/10/08	EMT	9685358
Dissolved Fluoride (F-)	-	ND	0.10	mg/L	N/A	2024/10/07	M2C	9682580
Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen (TKN)	-	ND	0.10	mg/L	2024/10/10	2024/10/11	RTY	9694006
Nitrate + Nitrite (N)	-	ND	0.050	mg/L	N/A	2024/10/08	EMT	9685365
Nitrite (N)	-	ND	0.010	mg/L	N/A	2024/10/08	EMT	9685366
Nitrogen (Ammonia Nitrogen)	-	ND	0.050	mg/L	N/A	2024/10/08	MCN	9685902
Dissolved Organic Carbon (C)	-	3.2	0.50	mg/L	N/A	2024/10/05	ACK	9682279
Total Organic Carbon (C)	-	3.4	0.50	mg/L	N/A	2024/10/05	ACK	9682294
pH	-	7.22		pH	N/A	2024/10/07	M2C	9682510
Total Phosphorus	-	0.015	0.004	mg/L	2024/10/10	2024/10/12	VKH	9694033
Total Suspended Solids	-	5.0	1.0	mg/L	2024/10/04	2024/10/04	RD4	9681267
Turbidity	-	5.0	0.10	NTU	N/A	2024/10/09	M2C	9690490
MERCURY BY COLD VAPOUR AA (WATER)								
Metals								
Total Mercury (Hg)	-	ND	0.000013	mg/L	2024/10/09	2024/10/09	JEP	9688448
ELEMENTS BY ICP/MS (WATER)								
Metals								
Total Aluminum (Al)	-	0.092	0.0050	mg/L	2024/10/07	2024/10/07	MTZ	9685401
Total Antimony (Sb)	-	ND	0.0010	mg/L	2024/10/07	2024/10/07	MTZ	9685401
Total Arsenic (As)	-	ND	0.0010	mg/L	2024/10/07	2024/10/07	MTZ	9685401
Total Barium (Ba)	-	0.0084	0.0010	mg/L	2024/10/07	2024/10/07	MTZ	9685401
Total Boron (B)	-	ND	0.050	mg/L	2024/10/07	2024/10/07	MTZ	9685401
Total Cadmium (Cd)	-	ND	0.000010	mg/L	2024/10/07	2024/10/07	MTZ	9685401
Total Calcium (Ca)	-	2.7	0.10	mg/L	2024/10/07	2024/10/07	MTZ	9685401
Total Chromium (Cr)	-	ND	0.0010	mg/L	2024/10/07	2024/10/07	MTZ	9685401
Total Copper (Cu)	-	0.00067	0.00050	mg/L	2024/10/07	2024/10/07	MTZ	9685401
Total Iron (Fe)	-	0.19	0.050	mg/L	2024/10/07	2024/10/07	MTZ	9685401
Total Lead (Pb)	-	ND	0.00050	mg/L	2024/10/07	2024/10/07	MTZ	9685401
Total Magnesium (Mg)	-	0.95	0.10	mg/L	2024/10/07	2024/10/07	MTZ	9685401
Total Manganese (Mn)	-	0.018	0.0020	mg/L	2024/10/07	2024/10/07	MTZ	9685401
Total Nickel (Ni)	-	ND	0.0020	mg/L	2024/10/07	2024/10/07	MTZ	9685401

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AERY75 CR BELOW MF Sampling Date 2024/09/27 13:20 Matrix W Sample # 2024-6332-00-SI-SP Registration # SA-0000								
ELEMENTS BY ICP/MS (WATER)								
Metals								
Total Phosphorus (P)	-	ND	0.10	mg/L	2024/10/07	2024/10/07	MTZ	9685401
Total Potassium (K)	-	0.34	0.10	mg/L	2024/10/07	2024/10/07	MTZ	9685401
Total Selenium (Se)	-	ND	0.00050	mg/L	2024/10/07	2024/10/07	MTZ	9685401
Total Sodium (Na)	-	0.72	0.10	mg/L	2024/10/07	2024/10/07	MTZ	9685401
Total Strontium (Sr)	-	0.013	0.0020	mg/L	2024/10/07	2024/10/07	MTZ	9685401
Total Uranium (U)	-	ND	0.00010	mg/L	2024/10/07	2024/10/07	MTZ	9685401
Total Zinc (Zn)	-	ND	0.0050	mg/L	2024/10/07	2024/10/07	MTZ	9685401

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Sample Details/Parameters	A	Result	RDL	UNITS	Extracted	Analyzed	By	Batch
AERY76 ENGLISH POINT								
Sampling Date 2024/09/27 14:15								
Matrix W								
Sample # 2024-6333-00-SI-SP								
Registration # SA-0000								
RESULTS OF ANALYSES OF WATER								
Calculated Parameters								
Hardness (CaCO3)	-	13	1.0	mg/L	N/A	2024/10/08		9678287
Nitrate (N)	-	ND	0.050	mg/L	N/A	2024/10/09		9678290
Total dissolved solids (calc., EC)	-	27	1.0	mg/L	N/A	2024/10/08		9679131
Inorganics								
Conductivity	-	49	1.0	uS/cm	N/A	2024/10/07	M2C	9682535
Dup.Conductivity	-	49	1.0	uS/cm	N/A	2024/10/07	M2C	9682535
Chloride (Cl-)	-	6.1	1.0	mg/L	N/A	2024/10/08	LKH	9687843
Bromide (Br-)	-	ND	1.0	mg/L	N/A	2024/10/08	LKH	9687843
Sulphate (SO4)	-	1.3	1.0	mg/L	N/A	2024/10/08	LKH	9687843
Total Alkalinity (Total as CaCO3)	-	12	2.0	mg/L	N/A	2024/10/07	M2C	9682566
Dup.Total Alkalinity (Total as CaCO3)	-	12	2.0	mg/L	N/A	2024/10/07	M2C	9682566
Colour	-	26	5.0	TCU	N/A	2024/10/08	EMT	9685358
Dissolved Fluoride (F-)	-	ND	0.10	mg/L	N/A	2024/10/07	M2C	9682580
Dup.Dissolved Fluoride (F-)	-	ND	0.10	mg/L	N/A	2024/10/07	M2C	9682580
Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen (TKN)	-	0.12	0.10	mg/L	2024/10/10	2024/10/11	RTY	9694006
Nitrate + Nitrite (N)	-	ND	0.050	mg/L	N/A	2024/10/08	EMT	9685365
Nitrite (N)	-	ND	0.010	mg/L	N/A	2024/10/08	EMT	9685366
Nitrogen (Ammonia Nitrogen)	-	ND	0.050	mg/L	N/A	2024/10/08	MCN	9685902
Dissolved Organic Carbon (C)	-	3.8	0.50	mg/L	N/A	2024/10/07	ACK	9685642
Total Organic Carbon (C)	-	3.9	0.50	mg/L	N/A	2024/10/05	ACK	9682294
pH	-	7.32		pH	N/A	2024/10/07	M2C	9682510
Dup.pH	-	7.30		pH	N/A	2024/10/07	M2C	9682510
Total Phosphorus	-	0.035	0.004	mg/L	2024/10/10	2024/10/12	VKH	9694033
Dup.Total Phosphorus	-	0.031	0.004	mg/L	2024/10/10	2024/10/12	VKH	9694033
Total Suspended Solids	-	15	2.0	mg/L	2024/10/04	2024/10/04	RD4	9681267
Turbidity	-	3.3	0.10	NTU	N/A	2024/10/09	M2C	9690490
MERCURY BY COLD VAPOUR AA (WATER)								
Metals								
Total Mercury (Hg)	-	ND	0.000013	mg/L	2024/10/09	2024/10/09	JEP	9688448
ELEMENTS BY ICP/MS (WATER)								
Metals								
Total Aluminum (Al)	-	0.14	0.0050	mg/L	2024/10/04	2024/10/07	MTZ	9681770
Total Antimony (Sb)	-	ND	0.0010	mg/L	2024/10/04	2024/10/07	MTZ	9681770
Total Arsenic (As)	-	ND	0.0010	mg/L	2024/10/04	2024/10/07	MTZ	9681770
Total Barium (Ba)	-	0.0091	0.0010	mg/L	2024/10/04	2024/10/07	MTZ	9681770
Total Boron (B)	-	ND	0.050	mg/L	2024/10/04	2024/10/07	MTZ	9681770
Total Cadmium (Cd)	-	ND	0.000010	mg/L	2024/10/04	2024/10/07	MTZ	9681770
Total Calcium (Ca)	-	2.8	0.10	mg/L	2024/10/04	2024/10/07	MTZ	9681770
Total Chromium (Cr)	-	ND	0.0010	mg/L	2024/10/04	2024/10/07	MTZ	9681770
Total Copper (Cu)	-	0.0010	0.00050	mg/L	2024/10/04	2024/10/07	MTZ	9681770

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Sample Details/Parameters	A	Result	RDL	UNITS	Extracted	Analyzed	By	Batch
AERY76 ENGLISH POINT Sampling Date 2024/09/27 14:15 Matrix W Sample # 2024-6333-00-SI-SP Registration # SA-0000								
ELEMENTS BY ICP/MS (WATER)								
Metals								
Total Iron (Fe)	-	0.34	0.050	mg/L	2024/10/04	2024/10/07	MTZ	9681770
Total Lead (Pb)	-	ND	0.00050	mg/L	2024/10/04	2024/10/07	MTZ	9681770
Total Magnesium (Mg)	-	1.4	0.10	mg/L	2024/10/04	2024/10/07	MTZ	9681770
Total Manganese (Mn)	-	0.016	0.0020	mg/L	2024/10/04	2024/10/07	MTZ	9681770
Total Nickel (Ni)	-	ND	0.0020	mg/L	2024/10/04	2024/10/07	MTZ	9681770
Total Phosphorus (P)	-	ND	0.10	mg/L	2024/10/04	2024/10/07	MTZ	9681770
Total Potassium (K)	-	0.56	0.10	mg/L	2024/10/04	2024/10/07	MTZ	9681770
Total Selenium (Se)	-	ND	0.00050	mg/L	2024/10/04	2024/10/07	MTZ	9681770
Total Sodium (Na)	-	4.9	0.10	mg/L	2024/10/04	2024/10/07	MTZ	9681770
Total Strontium (Sr)	-	0.021	0.0020	mg/L	2024/10/04	2024/10/07	MTZ	9681770
Total Uranium (U)	-	ND	0.00010	mg/L	2024/10/04	2024/10/07	MTZ	9681770
Total Zinc (Zn)	-	ND	0.0050	mg/L	2024/10/04	2024/10/07	MTZ	9681770

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