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Solid and Hazardous Waste Branch  
Underground Storage Tank Section  
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Dear Mr. Takaba:

**SUBJECT: RED HILL TANK COMPLEX  
SOIL VAPOR SAMPLING RESULTS FOR OCTOBER 2017  
DOH FACILITY ID NO. 9-102271  
DOH RELEASE ID NO. 990051, 010011, 020028, AND 140010**

Soil vapor samples were collected from beneath all active and accessible Red Hill tanks on OCTOBER 26, 2017.

Soil vapor VOC concentrations were measured in the field using a photo-ionization detector. The soil vapor sampling results are being submitted as Enclosure 1.

A conservative approach is to assess the integrity of the associated tank system if VOC concentrations exceed 280,000 ppbv in soil vapor monitoring points (SVMPs) beneath tanks containing JP-5 or JP-8, or 14,000 ppbv in SVMPs beneath tanks containing marine diesel fuel. These values are 50 percent of the calculated vapor concentration from fuel-saturated water.

At Tank 5, the concentrations of VOCs detected in the front, middle, and outer edge soil vapor monitoring probes were 24,613 ppbv, 7,342 ppbv, and 4,987 ppbv, respectively. Tank 5 was emptied in January 2014 and has not contained fuel since that time. VOC concentrations in all down-gradient soil vapor monitors were below 375 ppbv.

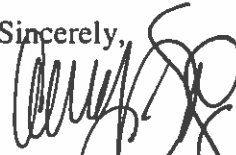
All other VOC concentrations measured in October were about 20 to 800 times below the action levels, with no consistent trends observed. NAVSUP FLC Pearl Harbor Causative Research Report is submitted as Enclosure 2. Possible reasons for the results are speculative and may include, but not be limited to, ongoing projects in the tunnel, groundwater level fluctuations, rainfall (or lack thereof), bi-product of biodegradation, and fuel movement in the tanks and piping.

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Soil vapor VOC concentration trends will continue to be monitored. The next soil vapor sampling event is scheduled for November 2017, and will include collecting samples from soil vapor monitoring probes beneath all active and accessible tanks.

If there are any questions regarding this matter, or if more information is needed, please contact Mr. Melvin Muraoka at (808) 471-3869.

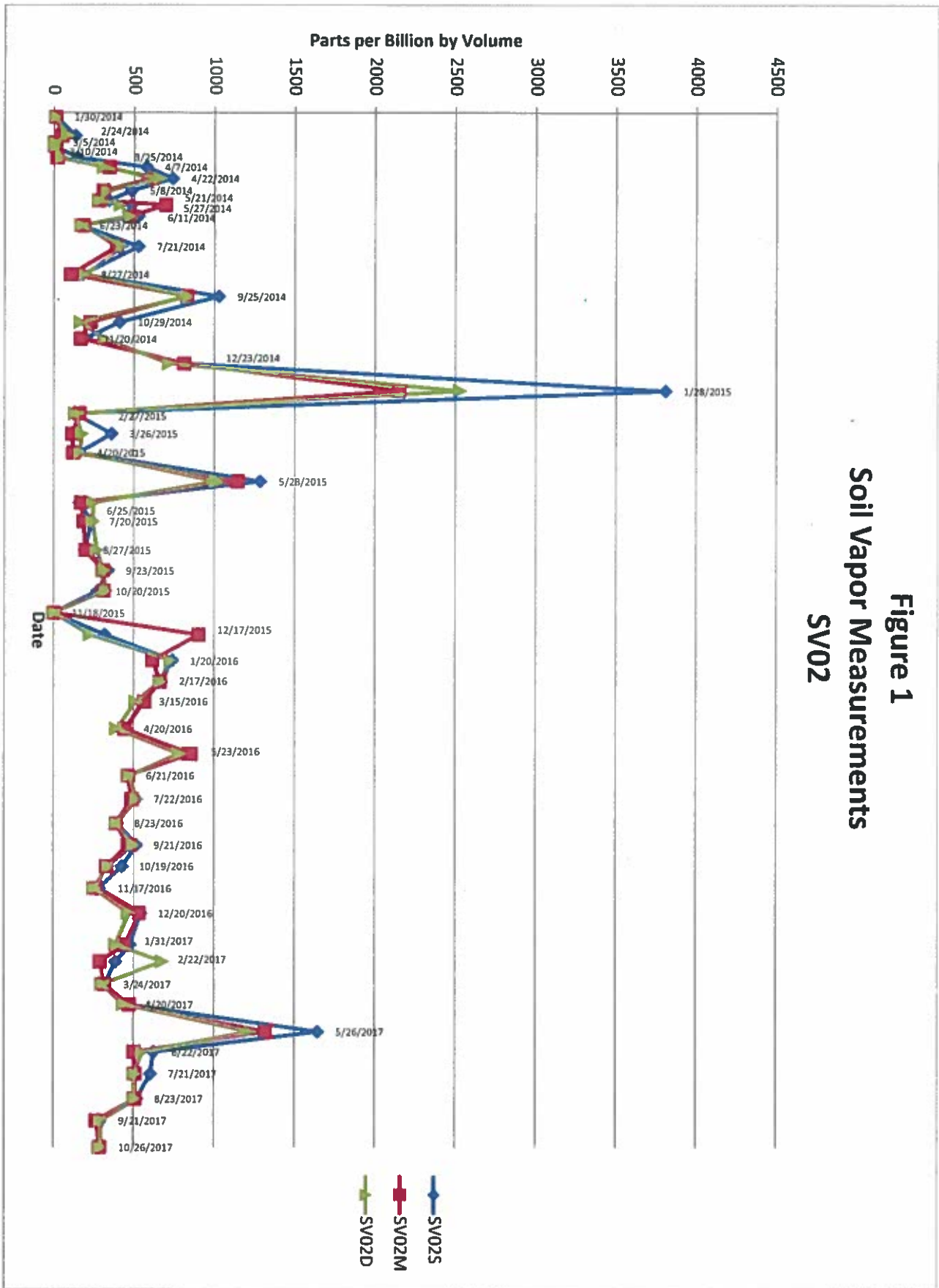
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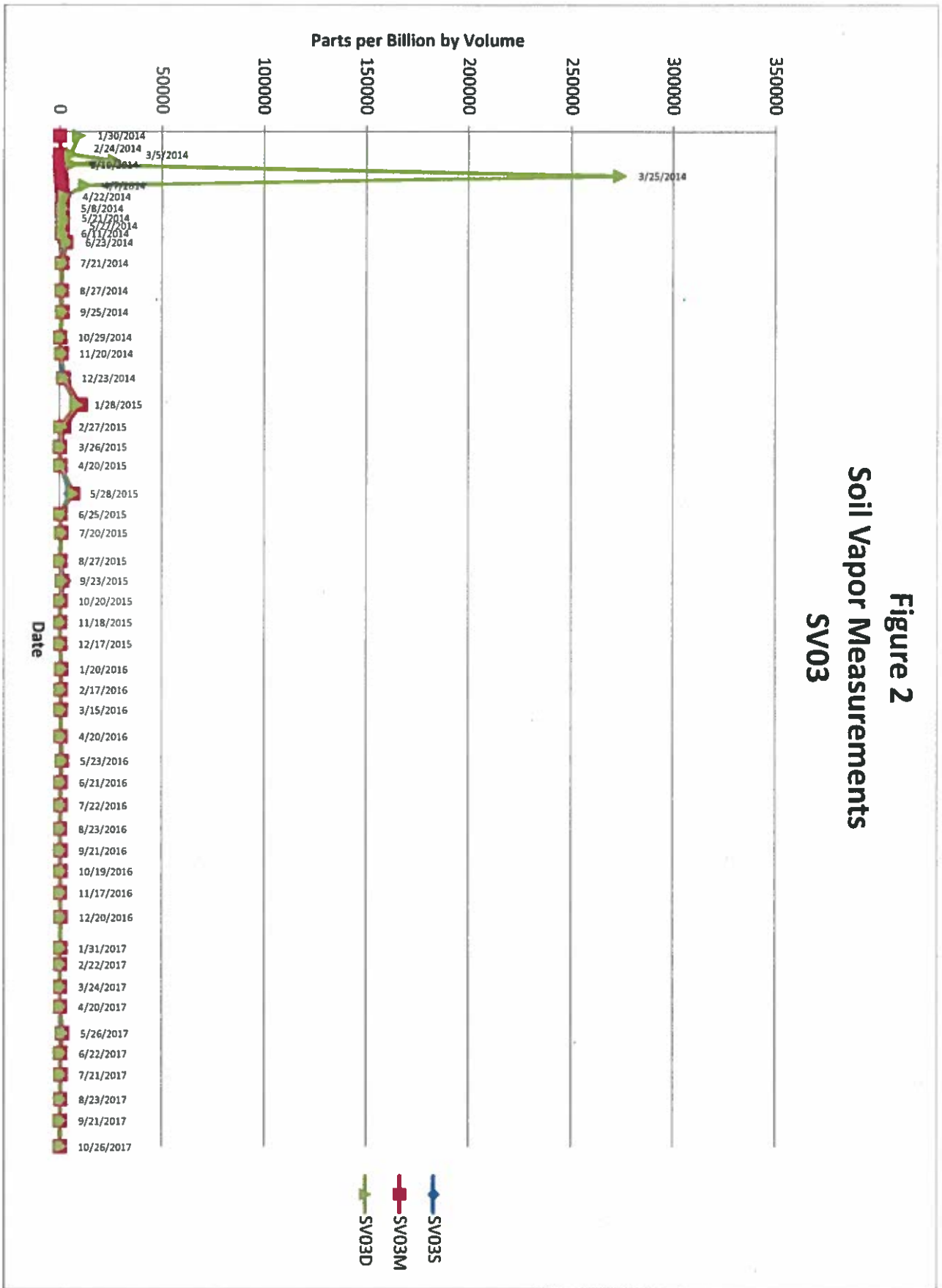


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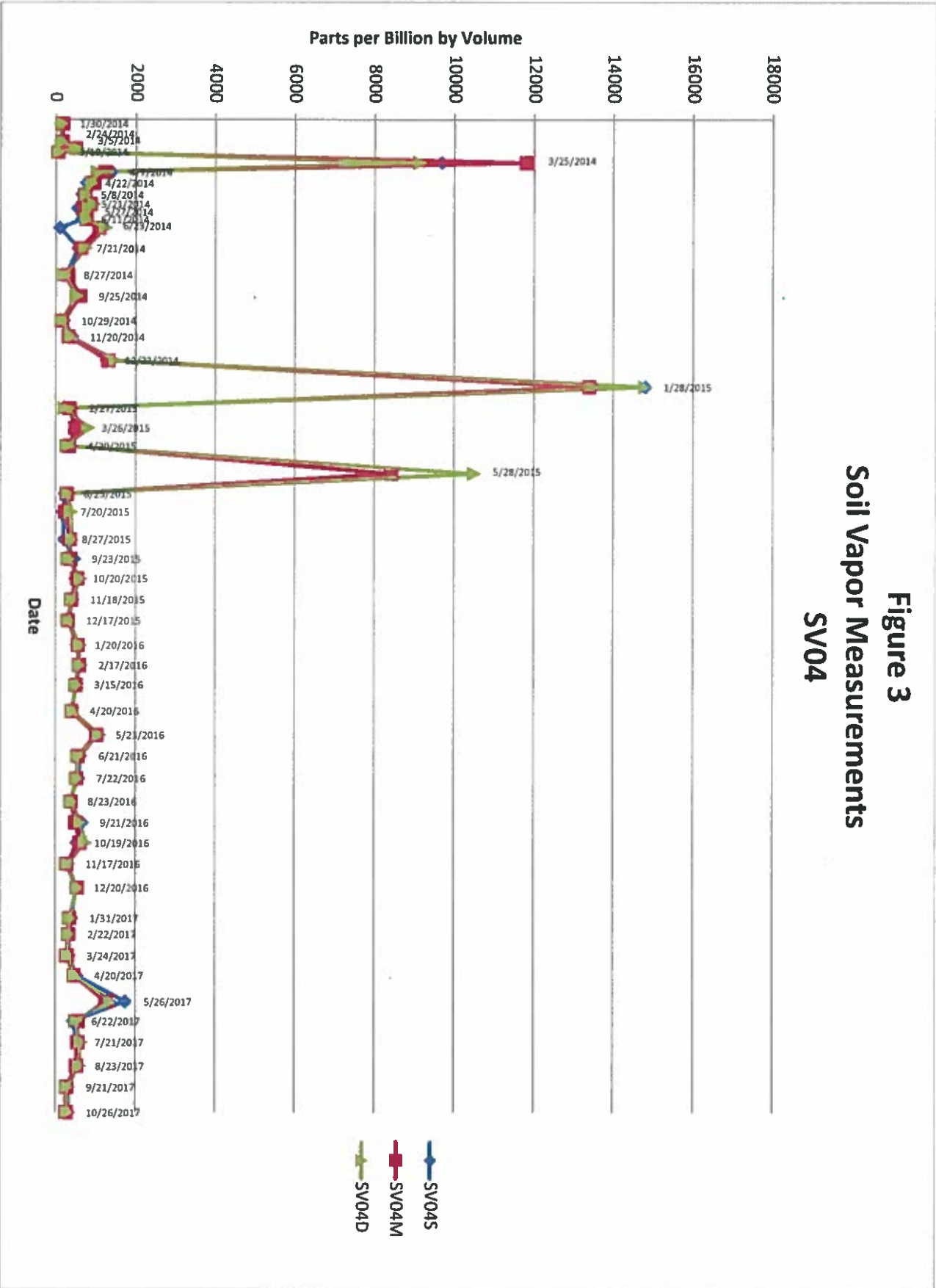
- Enclosures: 1. Summary of Soil Vapor Sampling Results for Tanks 2 through 18 and 20 through October 2017 (18 pages)  
2. NAVSUP FLC Pearl Harbor Causative Research Report IRT Red Hill Soil Vapor Monitoring Report for October 2017

Copy to: Mr. Bob Pallarino, U.S. EPA Region 9, Underground Storage Tank Program Office  
Mr. John Floyd, NAVSUP FLC Pearl Harbor  
Mr. Rockne Krill, DLA Energy Pacific



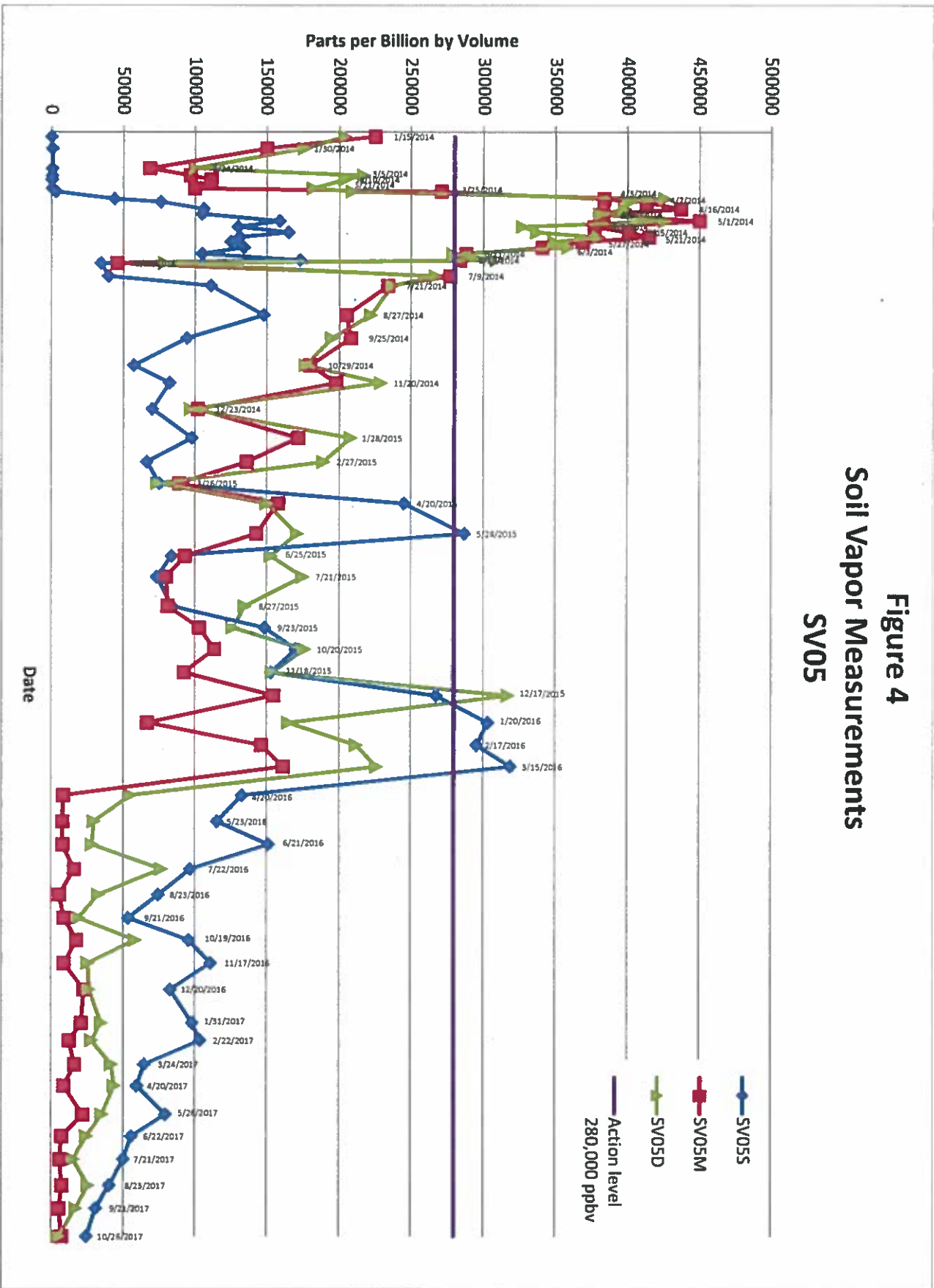


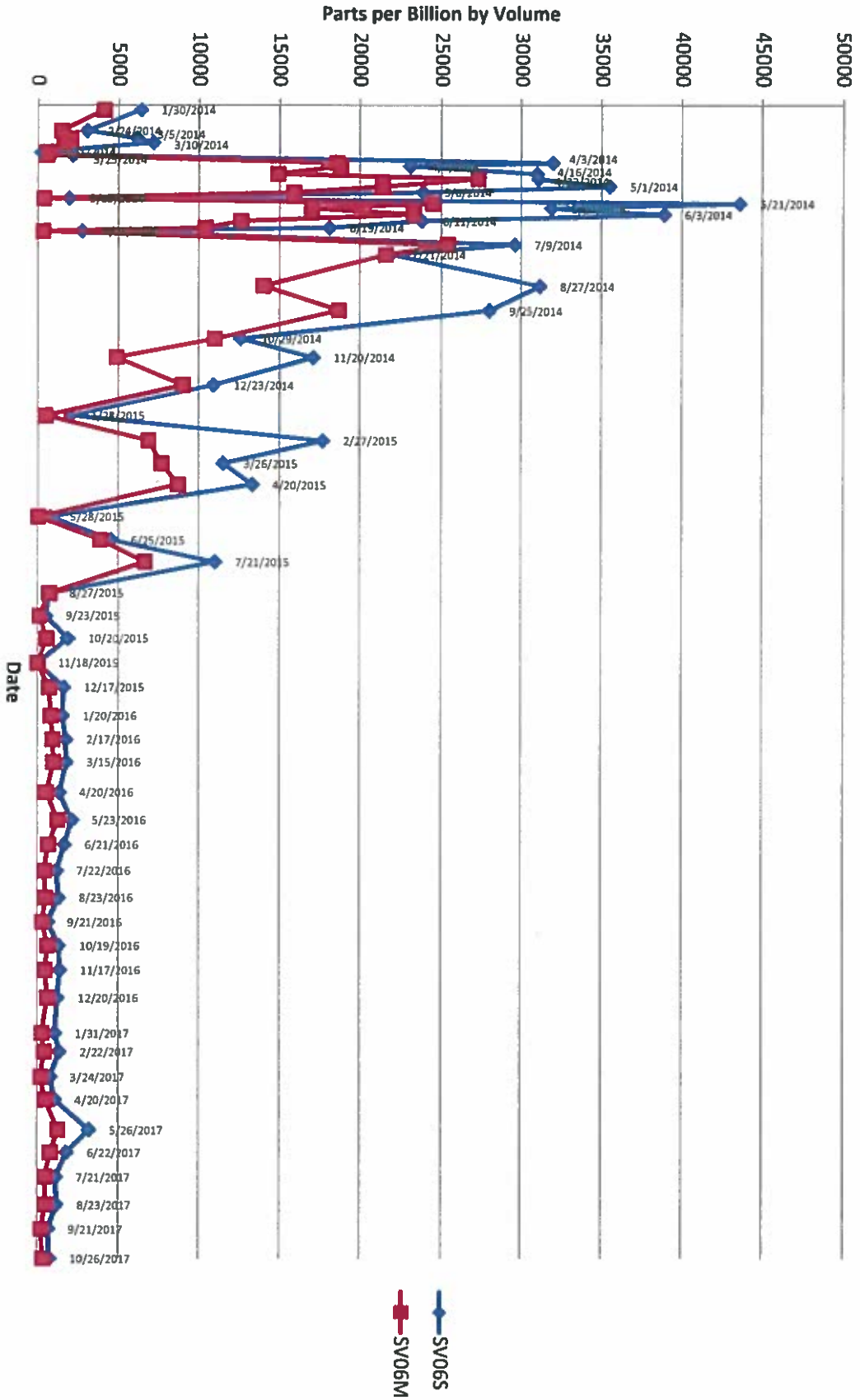
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**Figure 3**  
**Soil Vapor Measurements**  
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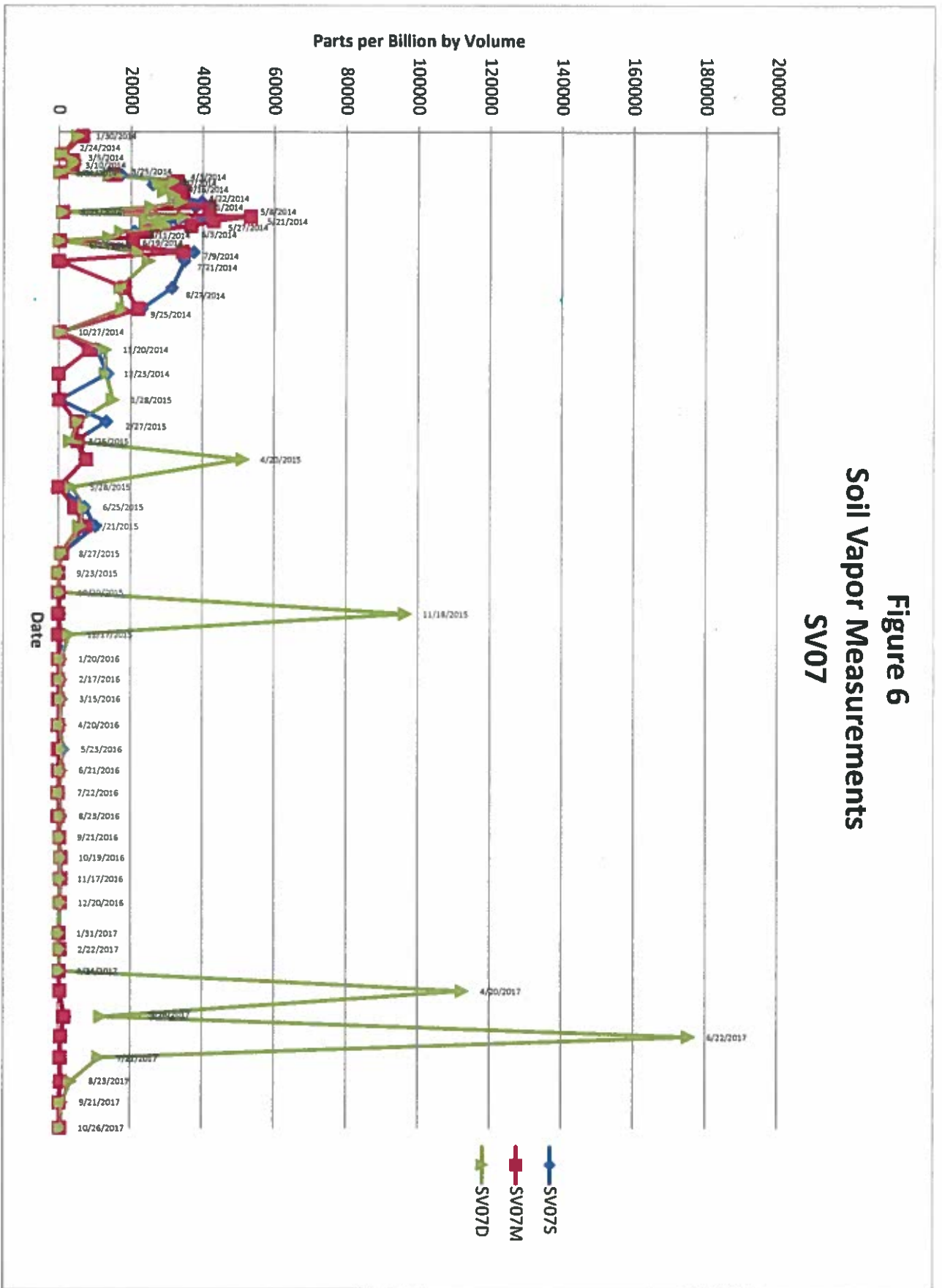
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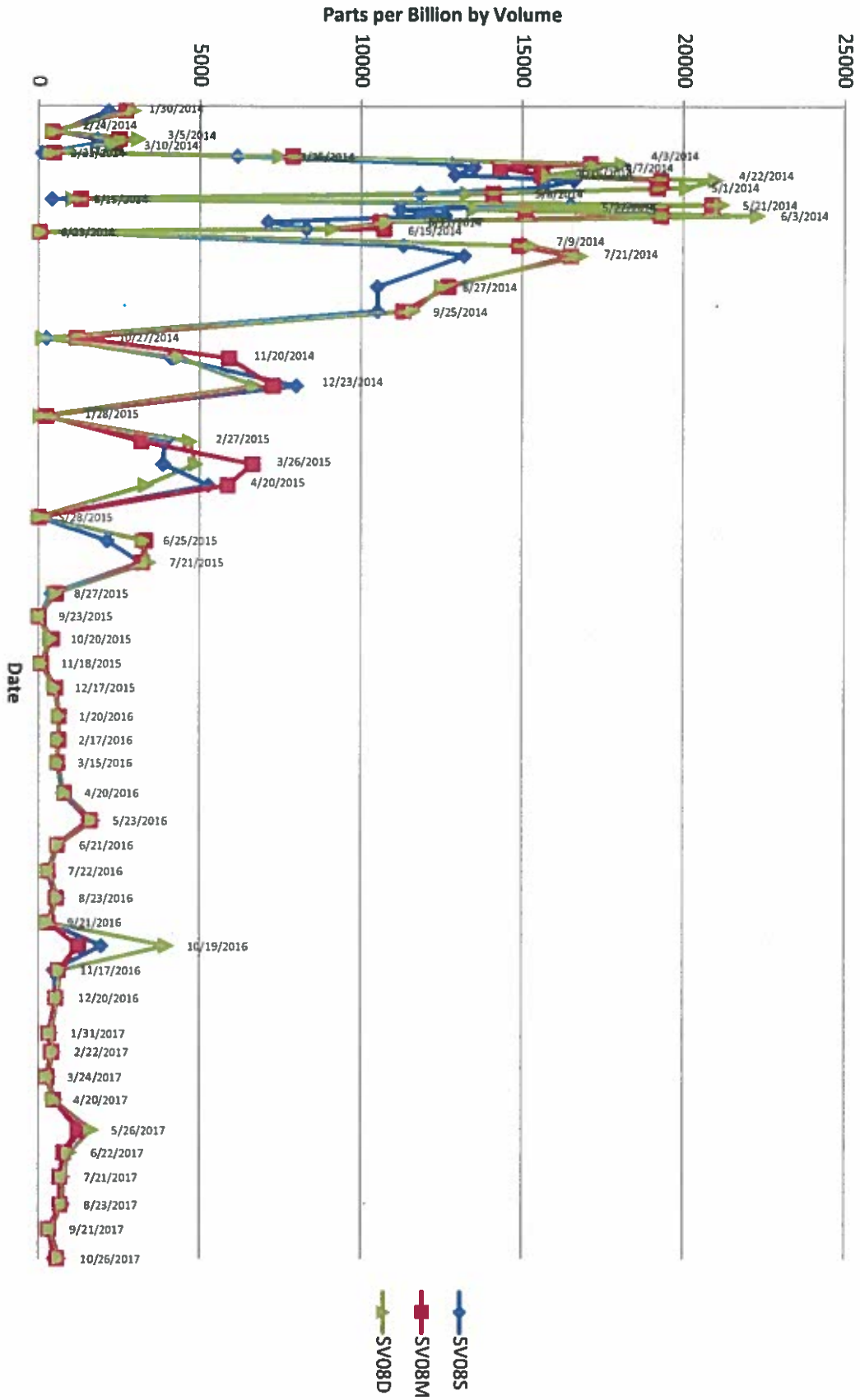


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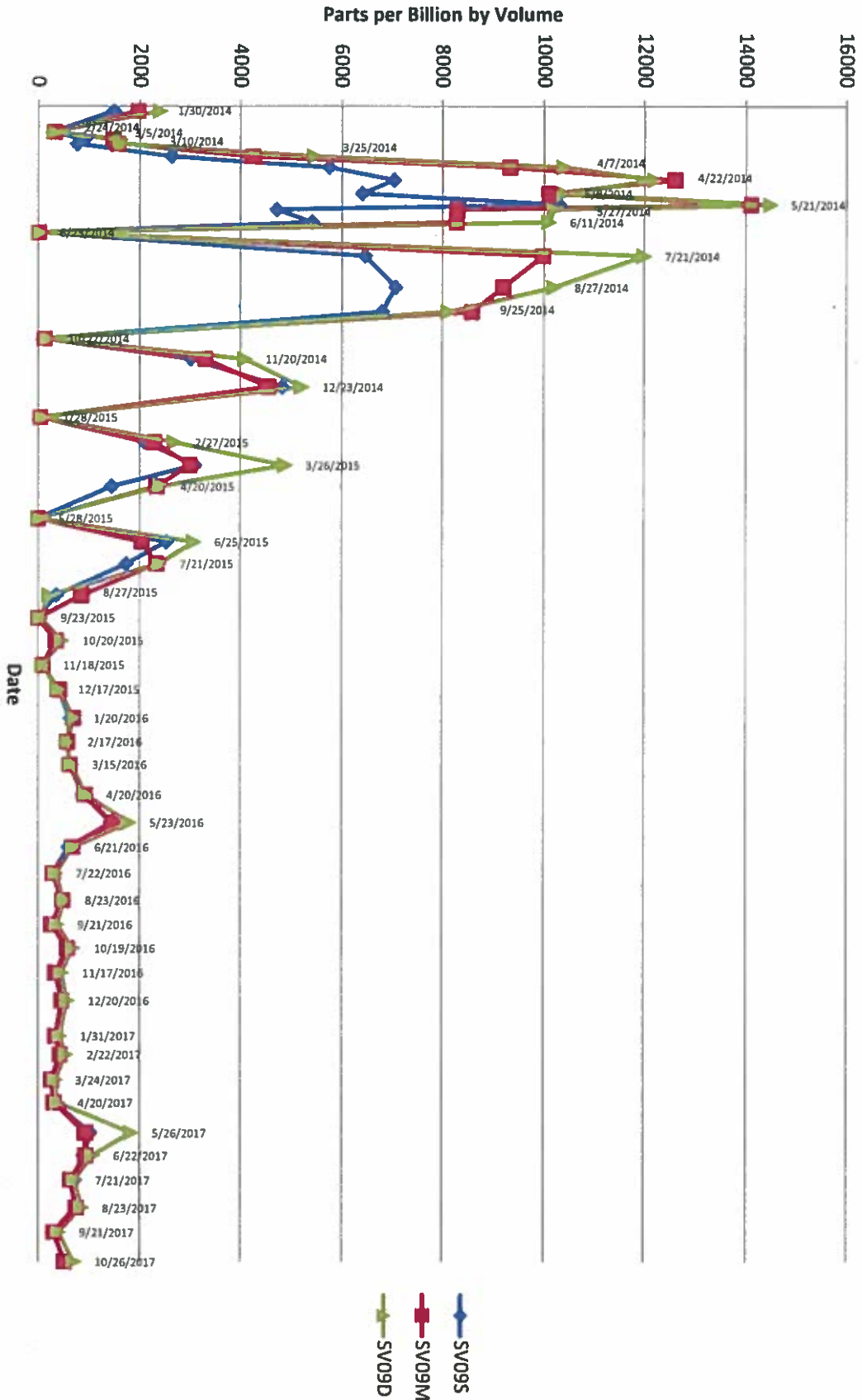
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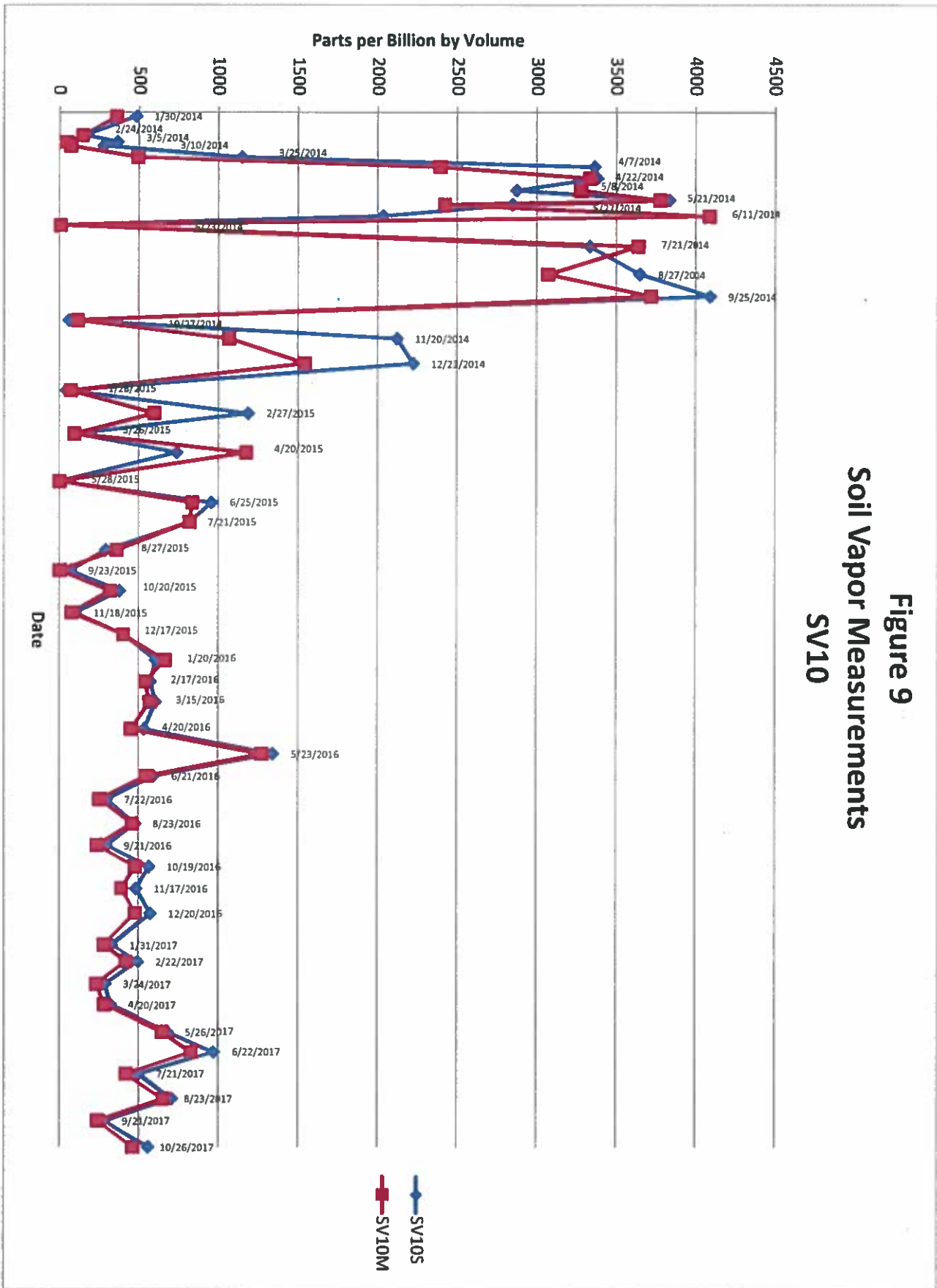




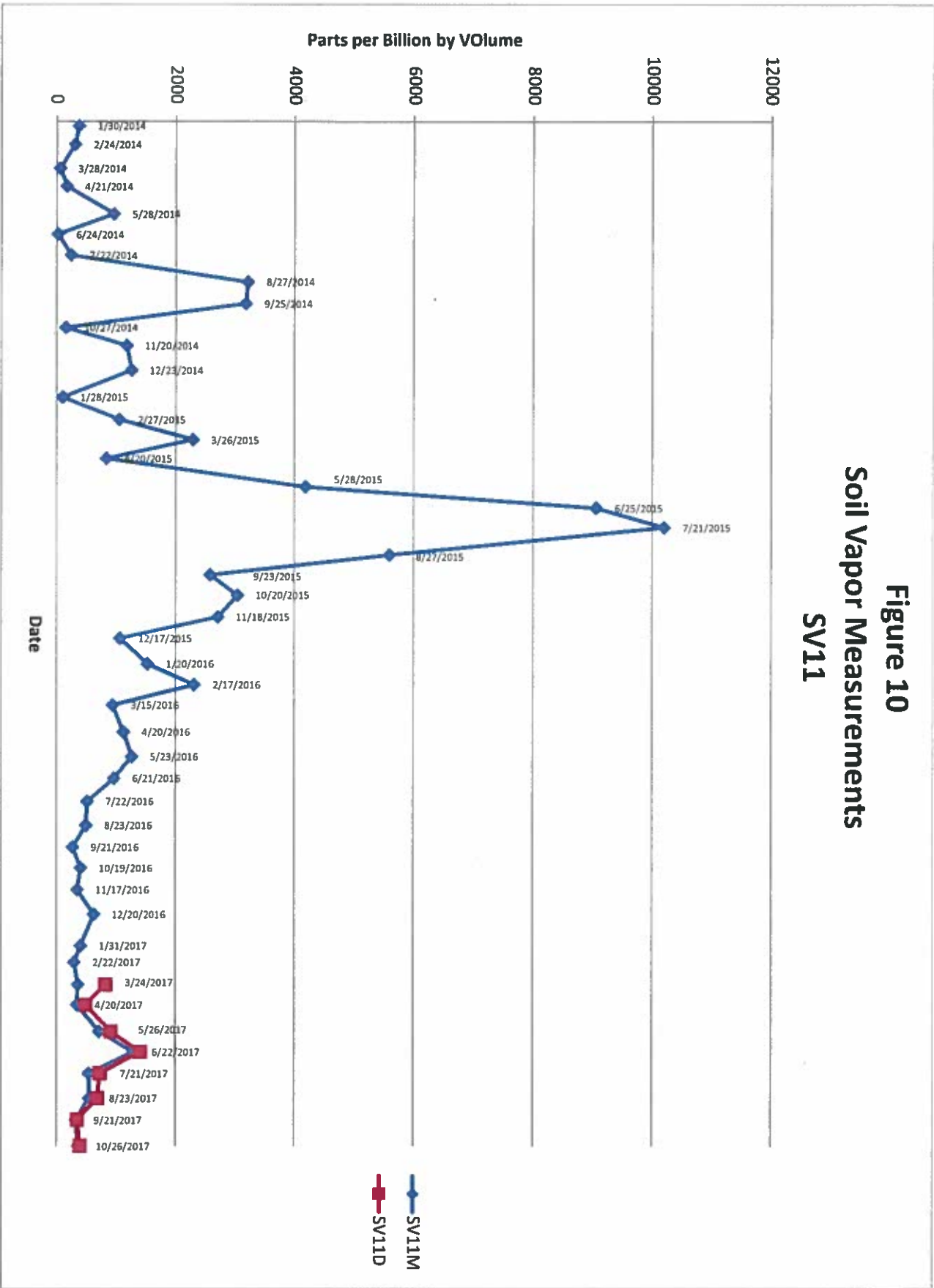
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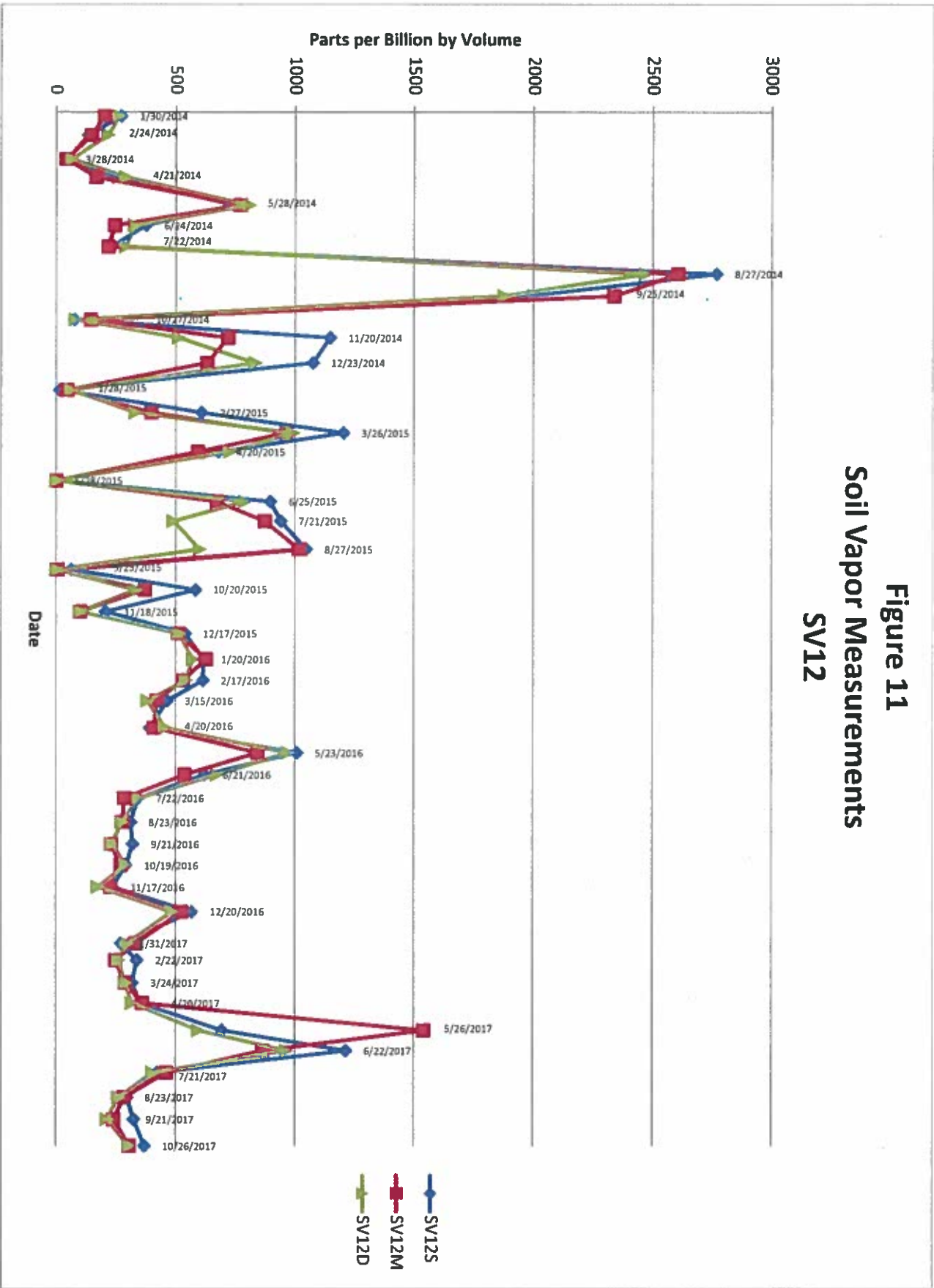


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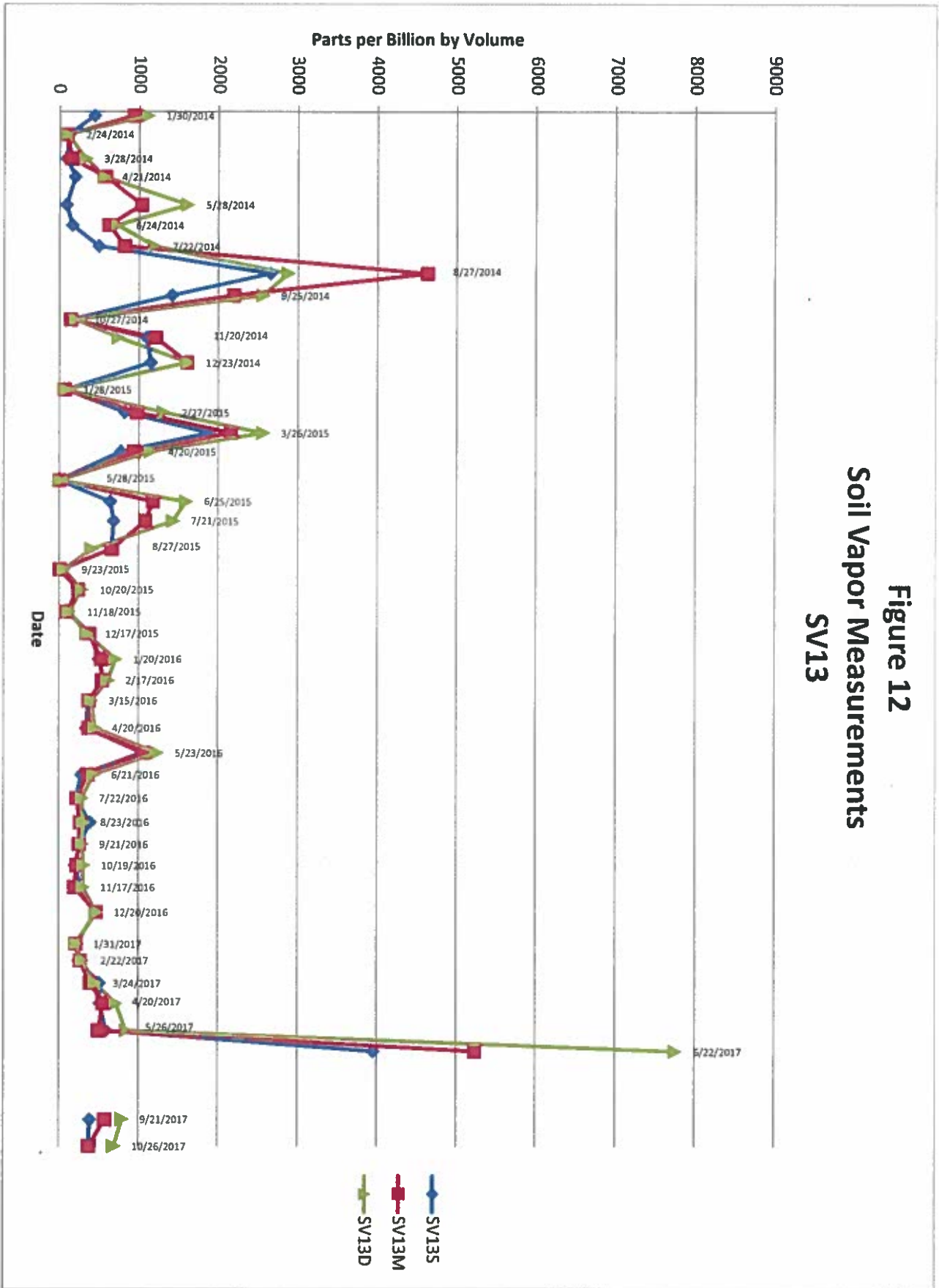
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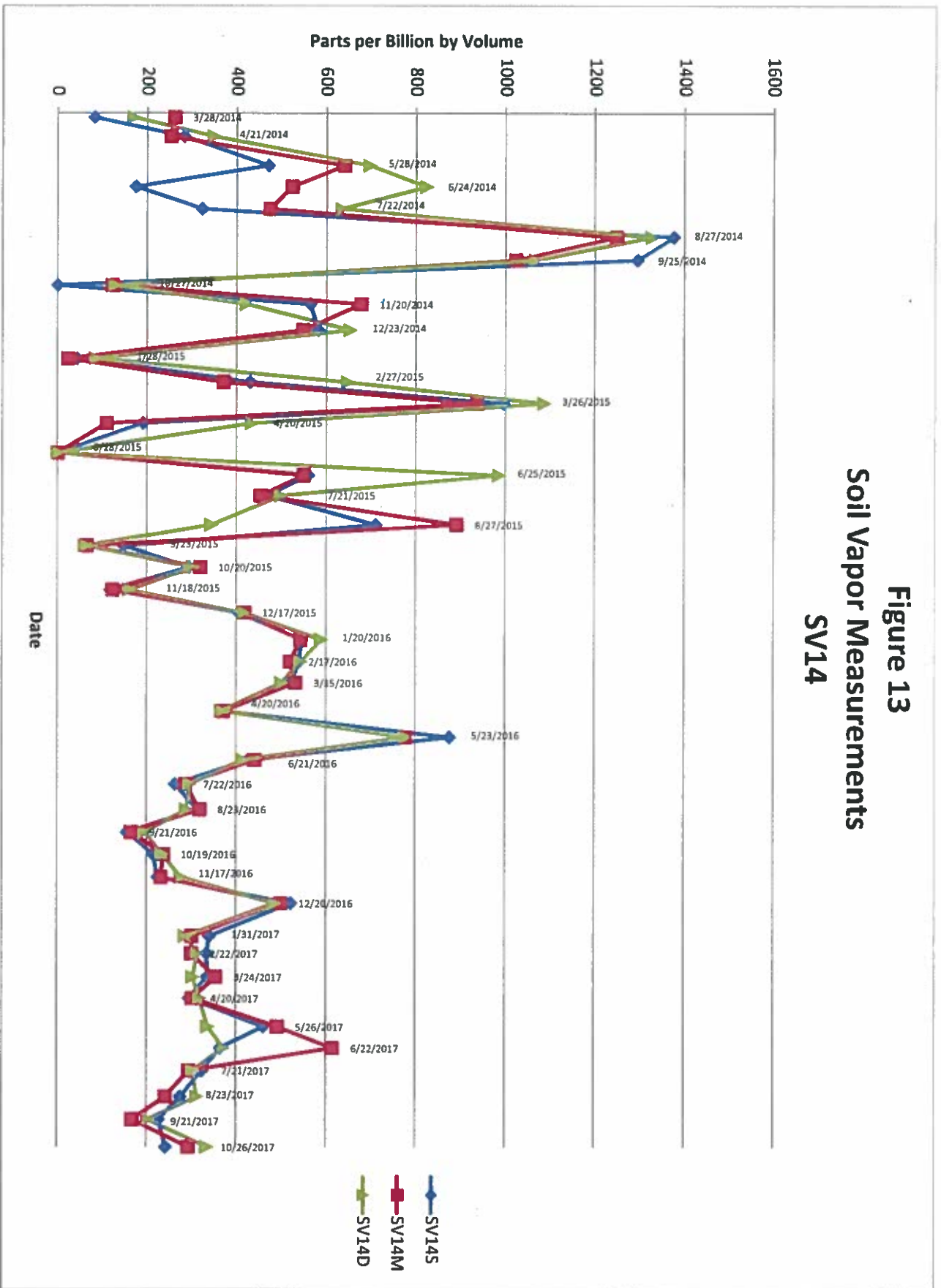




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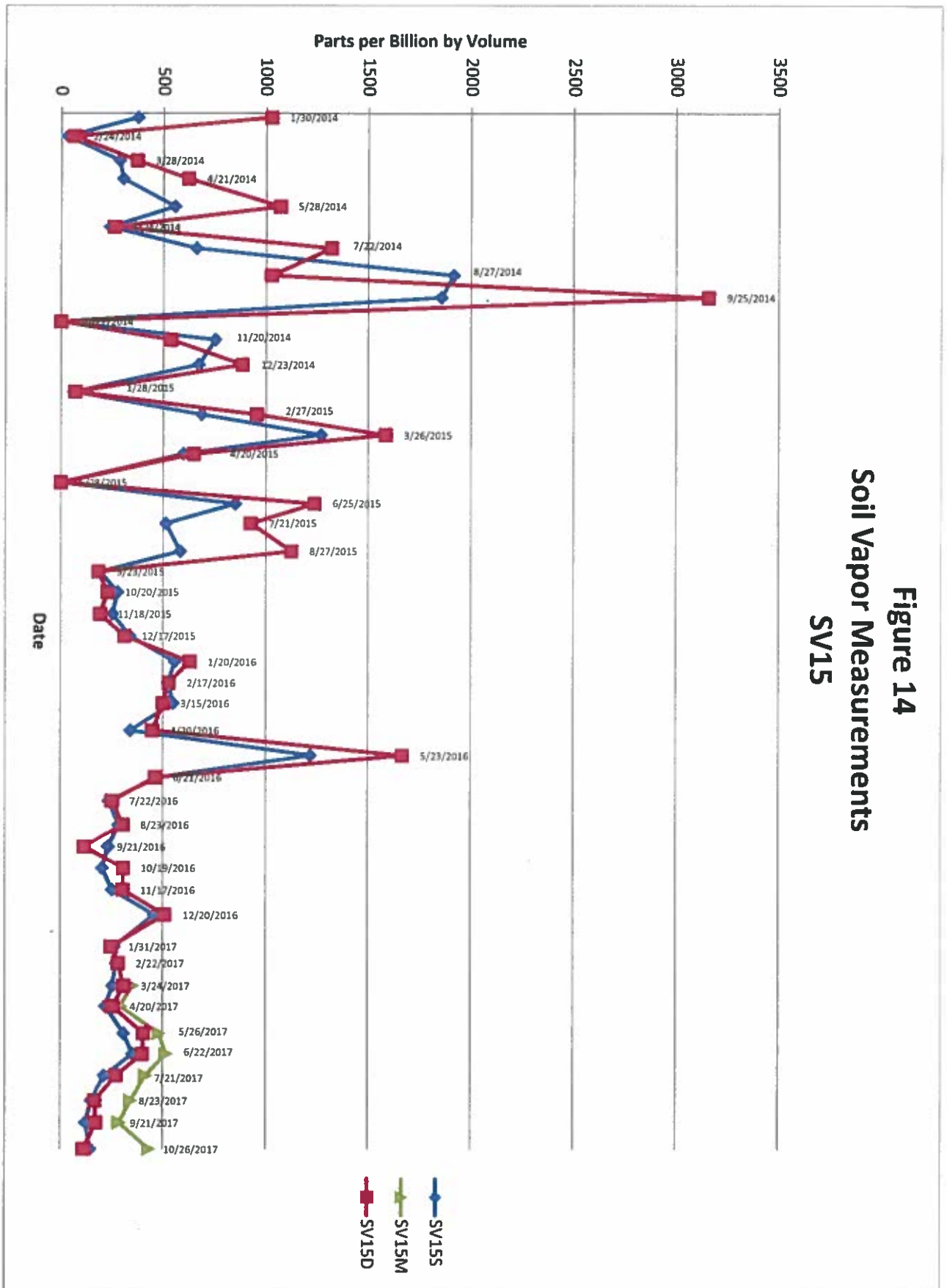
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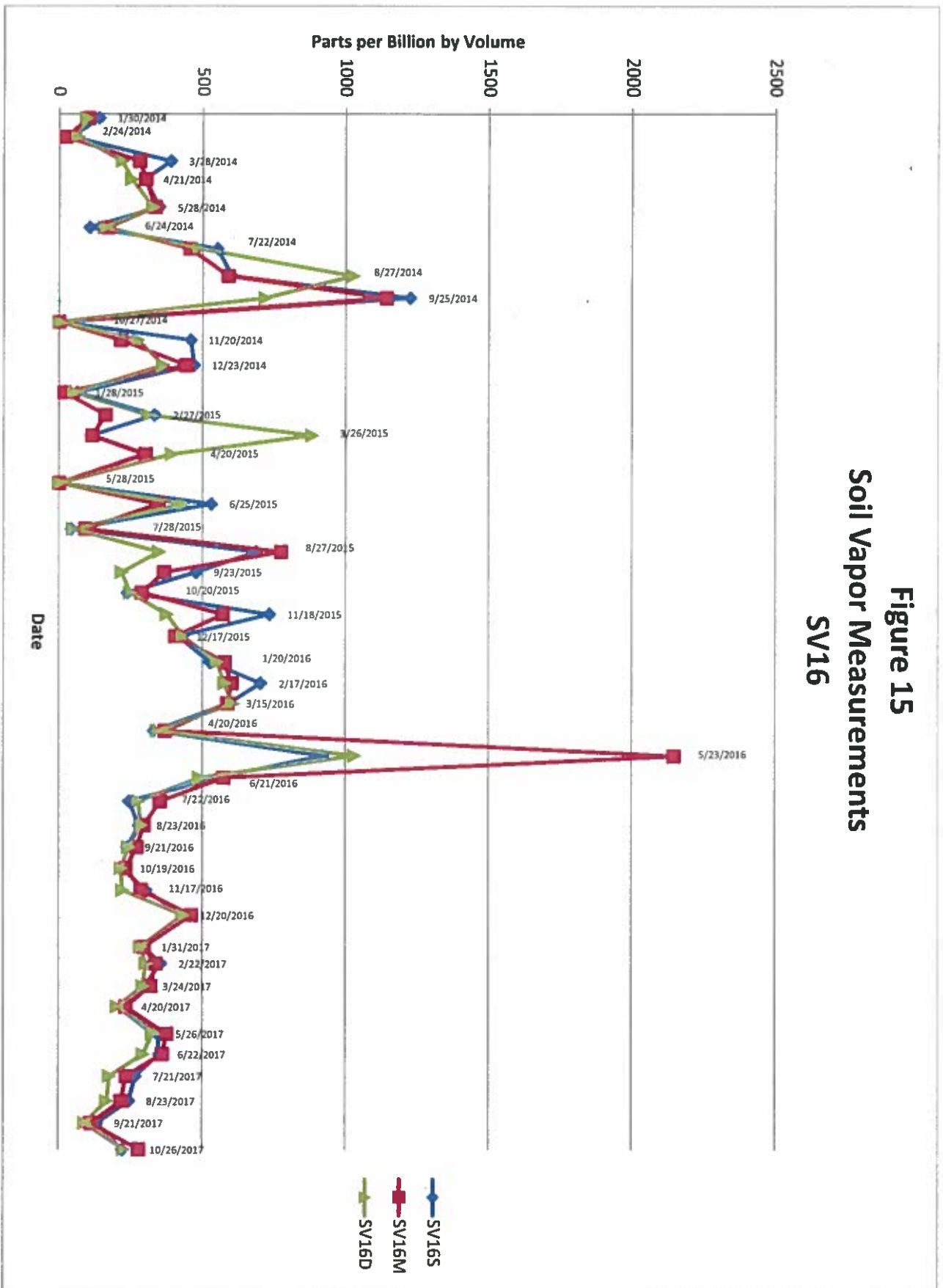


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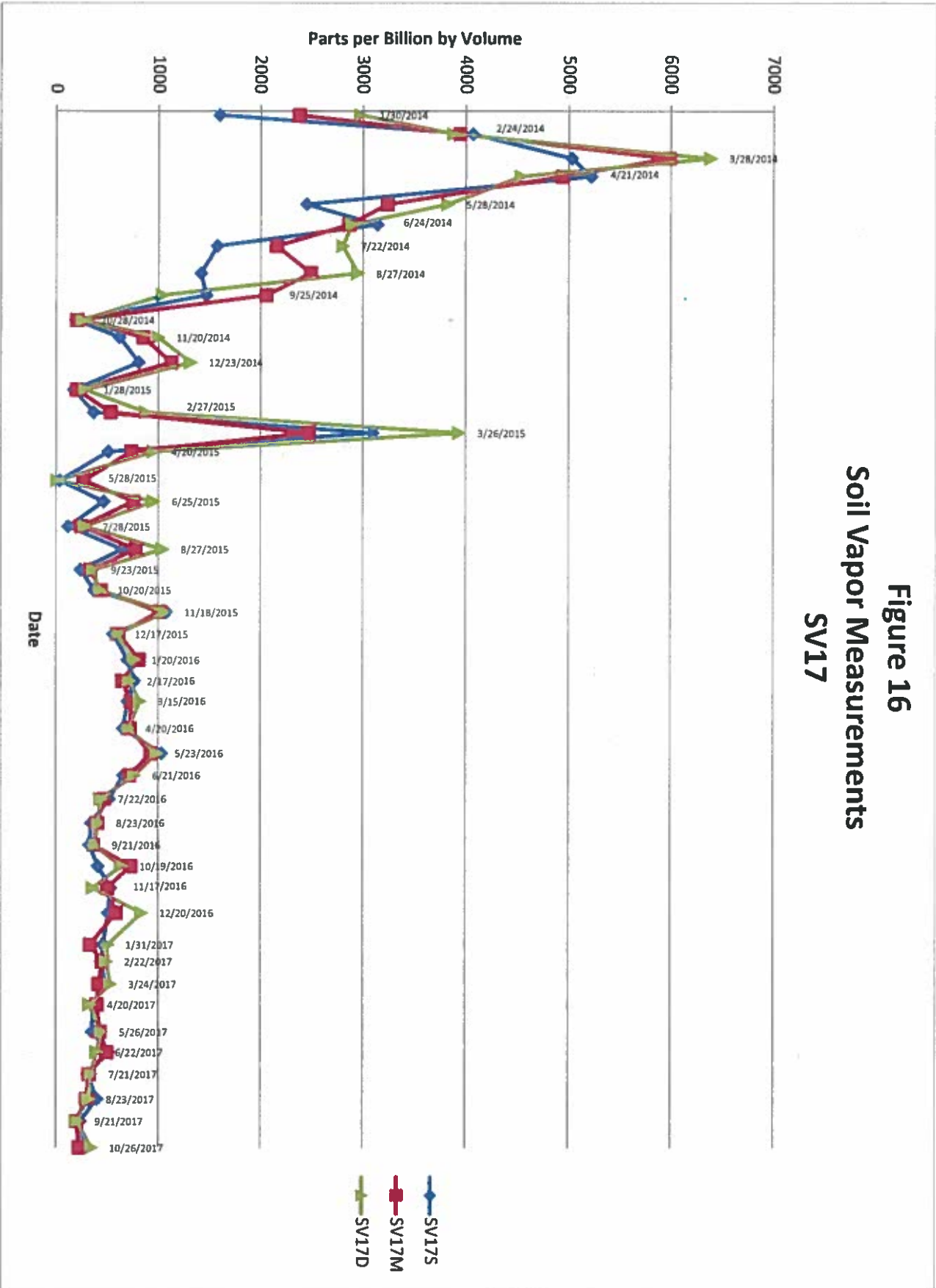
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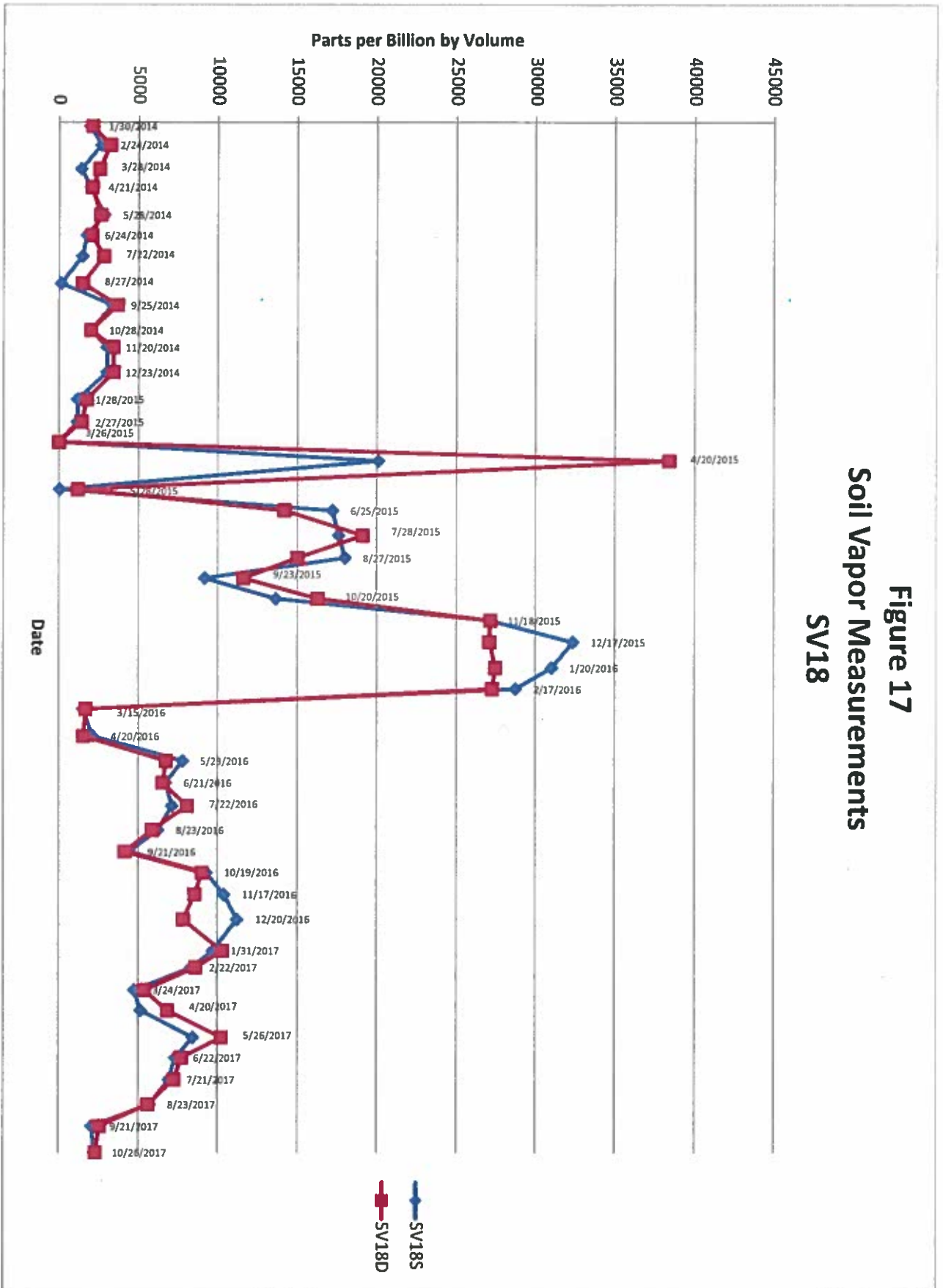




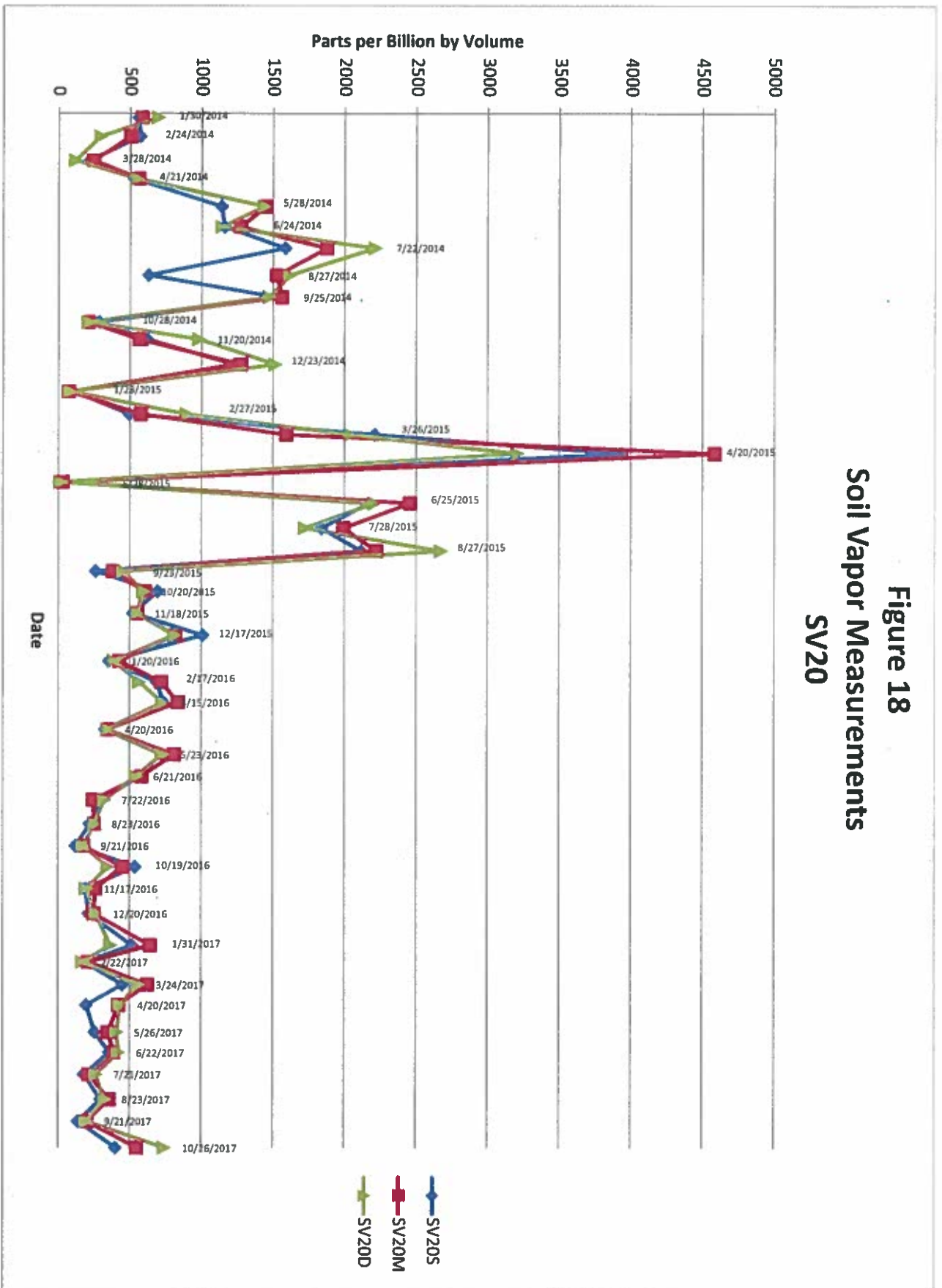
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**Figure 17**  
**Soil Vapor Measurements**  
**SV18**



**Figure 18**  
**Soil Vapor Measurements**  
**SV20**

27 Nov 2017

From: Deputy Director, Fuel Department, NAVSUP FLC Pearl Harbor, HI  
To: Environmental Department, NAVFAC Pearl Harbor, HI

Subj: NAVSUP FLC PEARL HARBOR CAUSATIVE RESEARCH REPORT IRT RED HILL  
SOIL VAPOR MONITORING REPORT FOR OCT 2017

Ref: (a) Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility Groundwater Protection Plan  
(b) Red Hill Soil Vapor Monitoring Report for Round 114, dtd 30 Oct 2017

1. Ref (a) requires NAVSUP FLCPH investigate possible fuel leaks. Refs (b) reported the following soil vapor monitoring results at the Red Hill Fuel Storage Facility:

a. A slight increase in slope trends at tanks 5, 15, 16, and 20.

2. FLCPH causative research and findings:

a. Reviewed all AFHE Unscheduled Fuel Movement (UFM) Alarm Summaries and UFM Reports. There was one (1) UFM recorded for the month of October 2017; however that UFM was related to a system malfunctions and not the result of an unscheduled movement of fuel.

- A UFM alarm occurred on RH 15 when the Operator changed the computer evolution from one tank to another tank and the tank level information had not updated. No fuel moved and the tank gauge was only 1/16" off from previous manual gauge indicating .

b. Reviewed Red Hill Inventory Trend Analysis Reports for October 2017; reports did not reveal evidence of a loss of fuel in any Red Hill tank.

c. Inspection of the area surrounding all Red Hill tanks did not show evidence of a fuel leak or evidence that fuel was spilled in the area.

d. Contractors performing work in Red Hill did not perform any work that could have caused or contributed to higher VOC concentrations at or near the affected Red Hill tanks.

e. All active tanks have passed tank tightness testing within the required periodicity.

4. There's no evidence of a leaking tank in the Red Hill Complex or evidence of a spill that may have contributed to elevated soil vapor VOC levels in the area of elevated VOC concentrations.

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