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Dear Mr. Takaba:

**SUBJECT: RED HILL TANK COMPLEX
SOIL VAPOR SAMPLING RESULTS FOR NOVEMBER 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 NOVEMBER 29, 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 21,623 ppbv, 1,424 ppbv, and 10,240 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 345 ppbv.

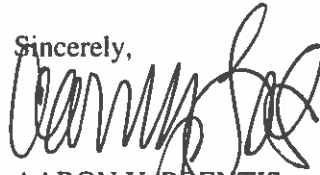
All other VOC concentrations measured in November were about 25 to 1,440 times below the action levels, with no consistent trends observed. NAVSUP FLC Pearl Harbor Causative Research Report is submitted as Enclosure 2. Possible reasons for the results are speculative and may include, but not be limited 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.

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

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

Sincerely,



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Director
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By direction of the
Commander

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

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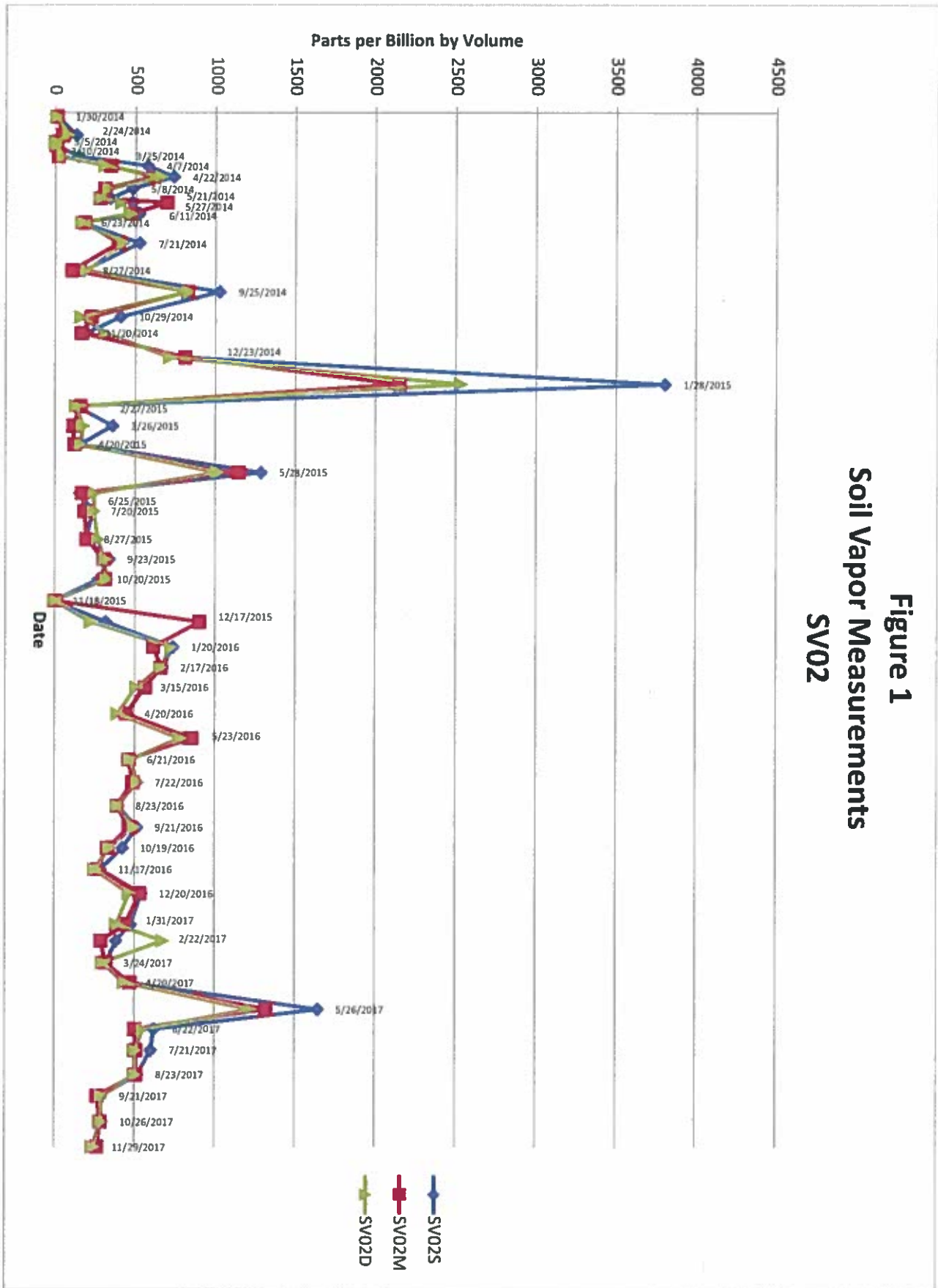


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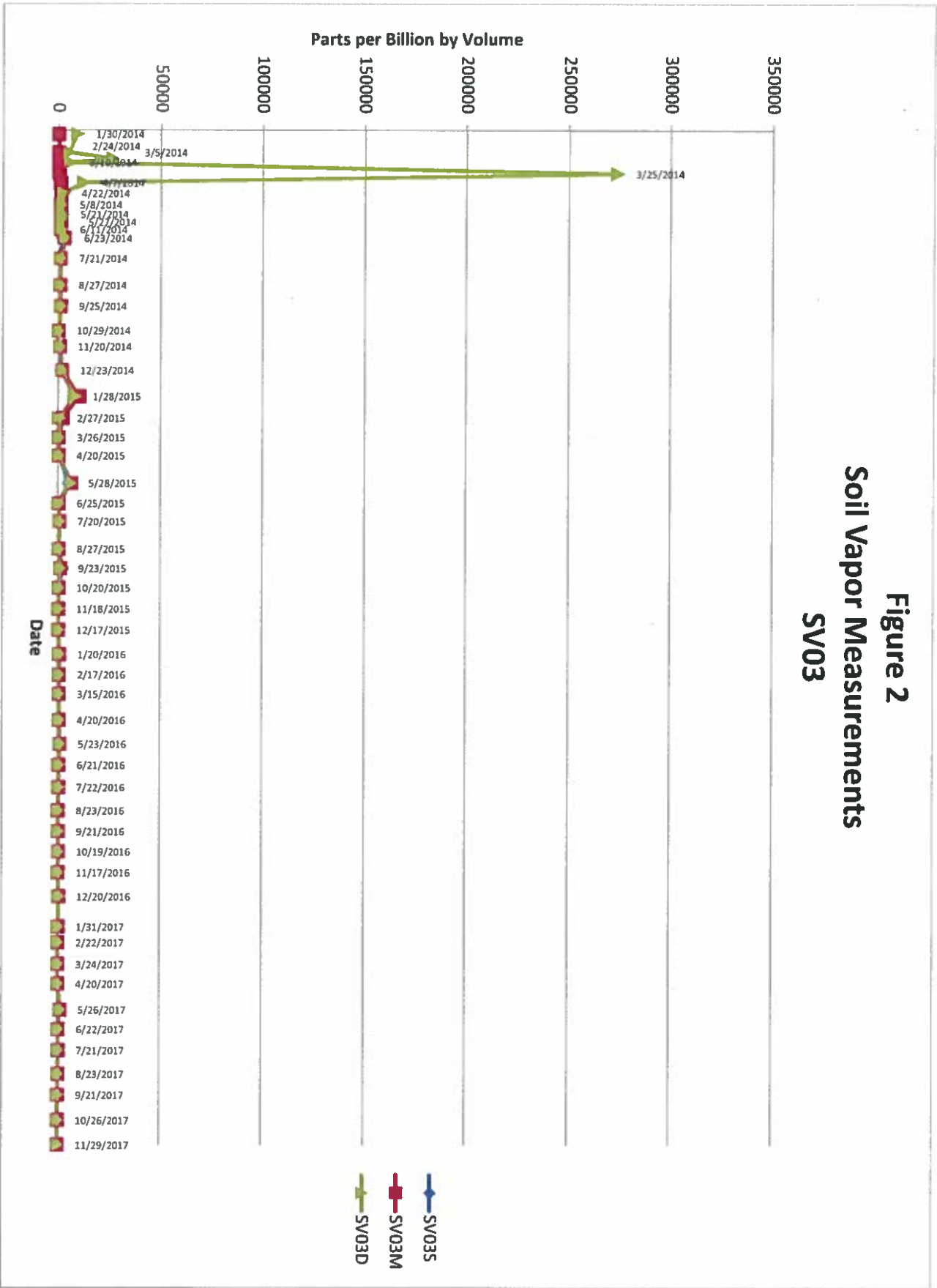


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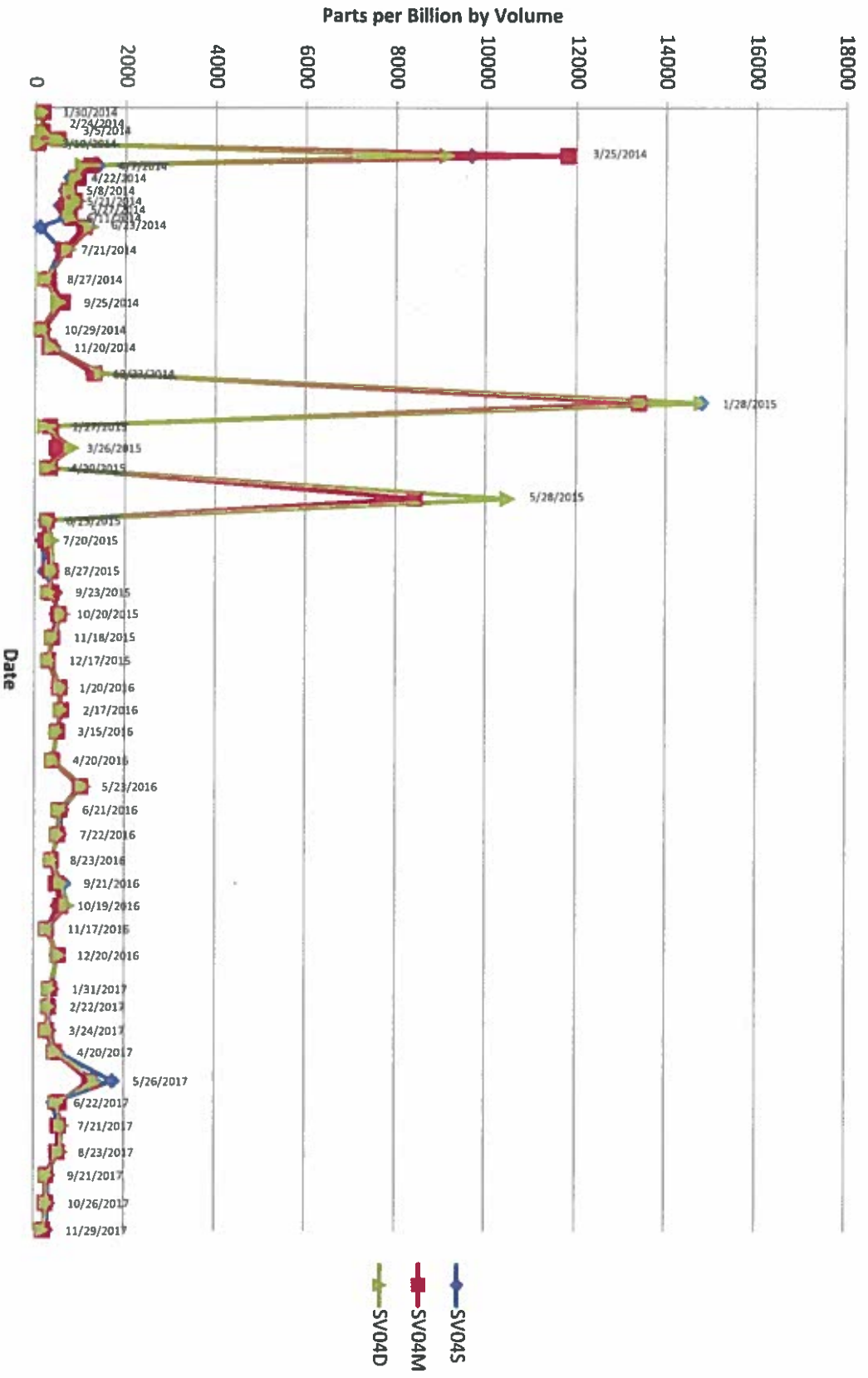
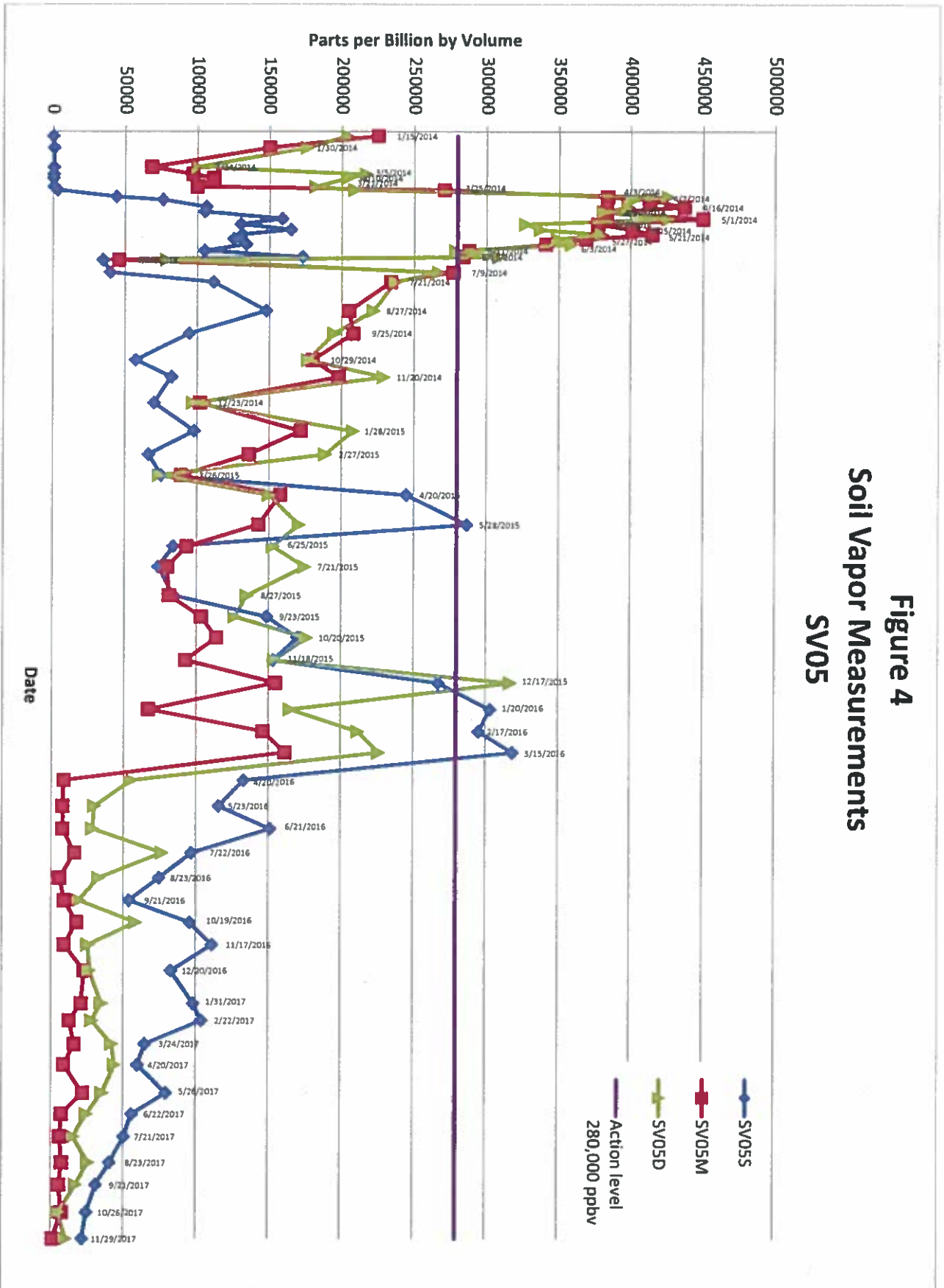


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Soil Vapor Measurements
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Soil Vapor Measurements
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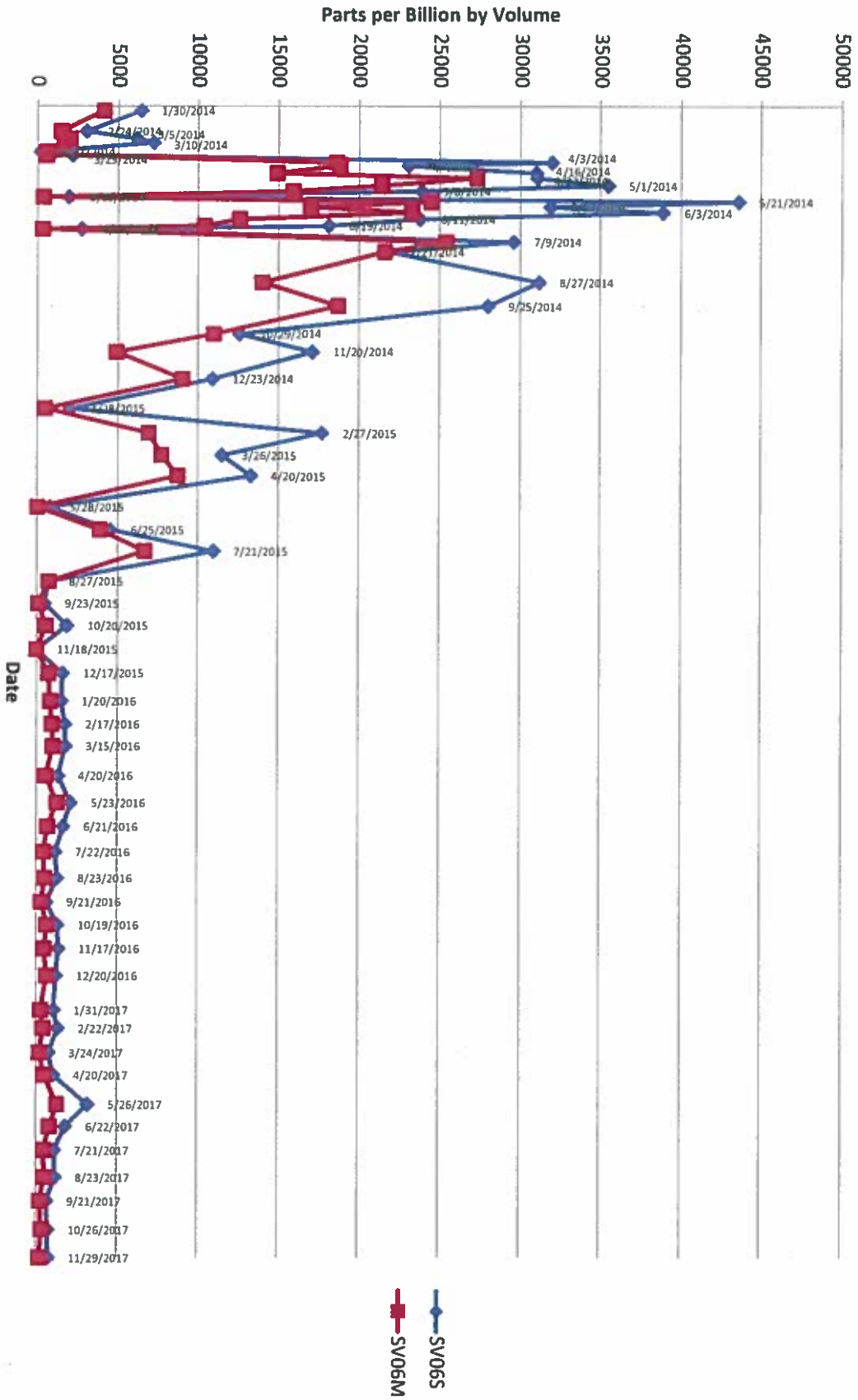
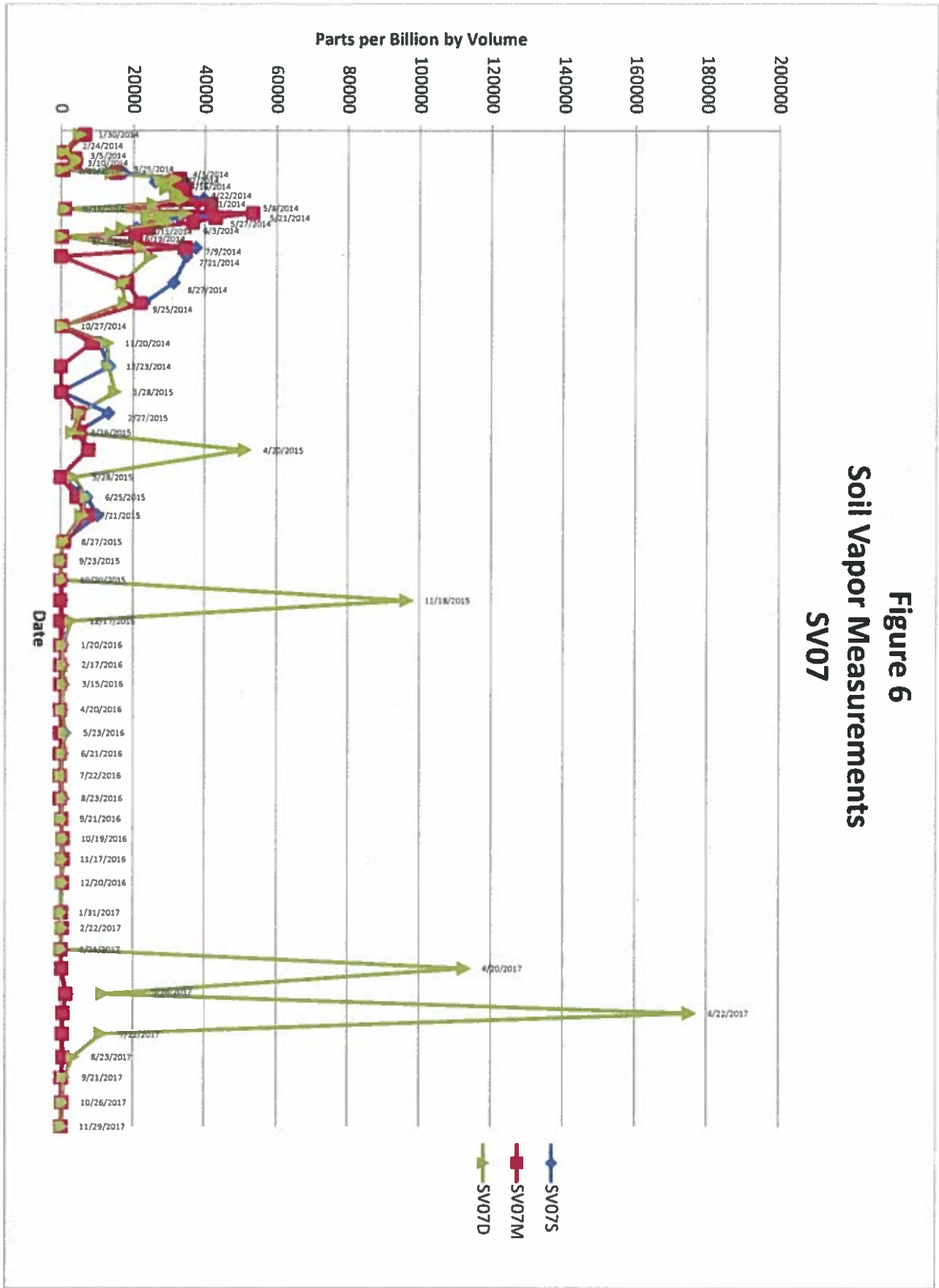


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Soil Vapor Measurements
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Soil Vapor Measurements
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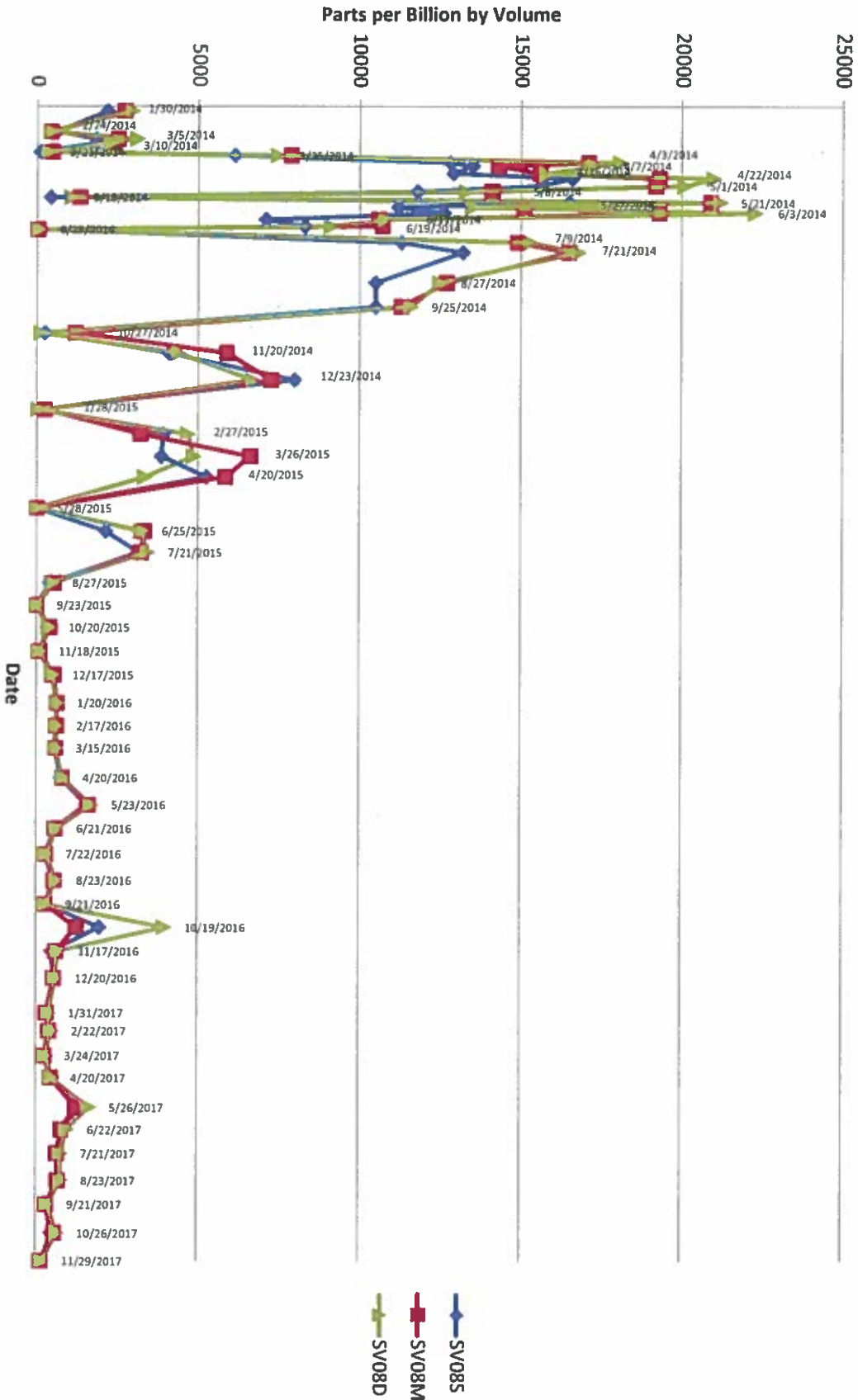


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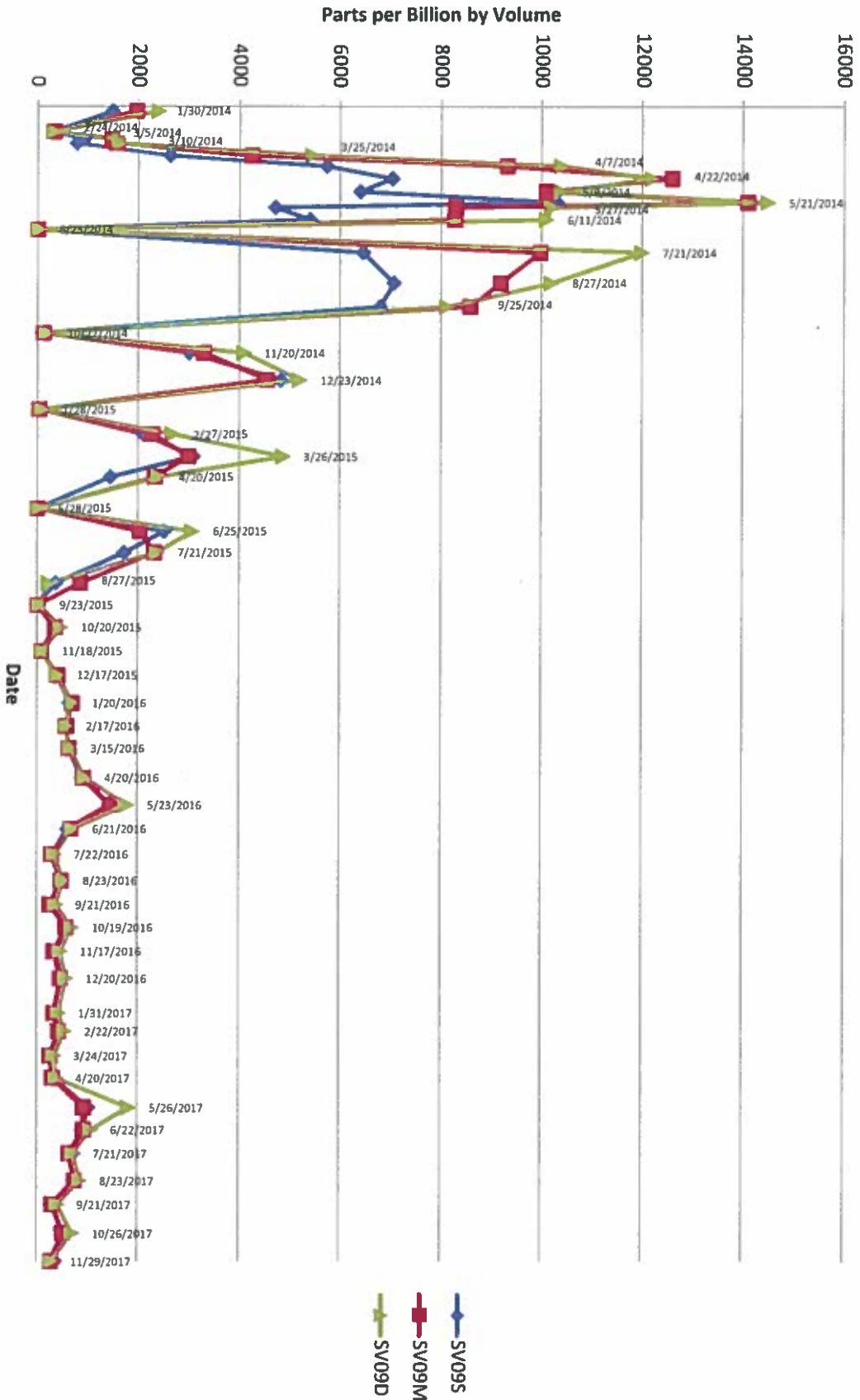


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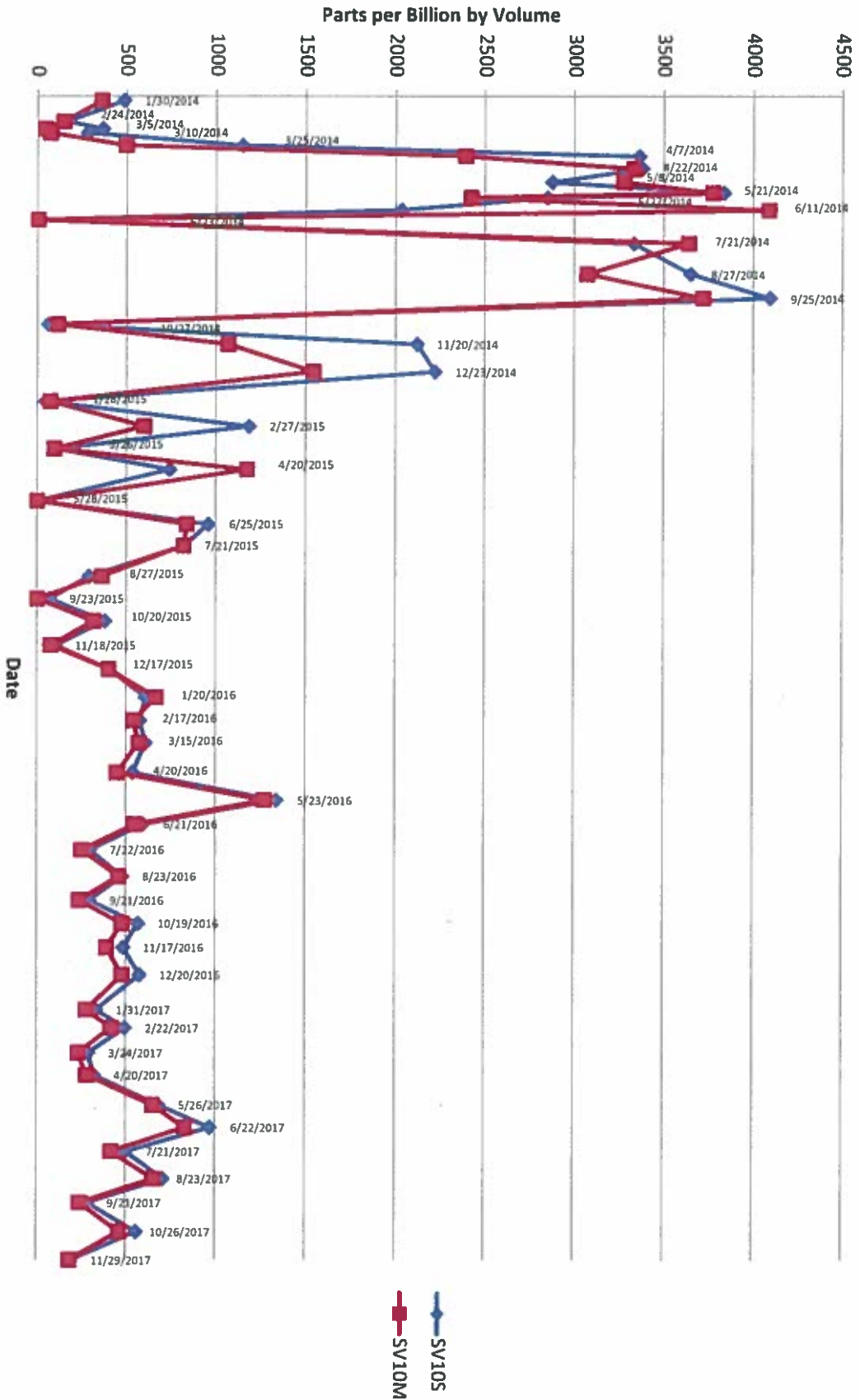


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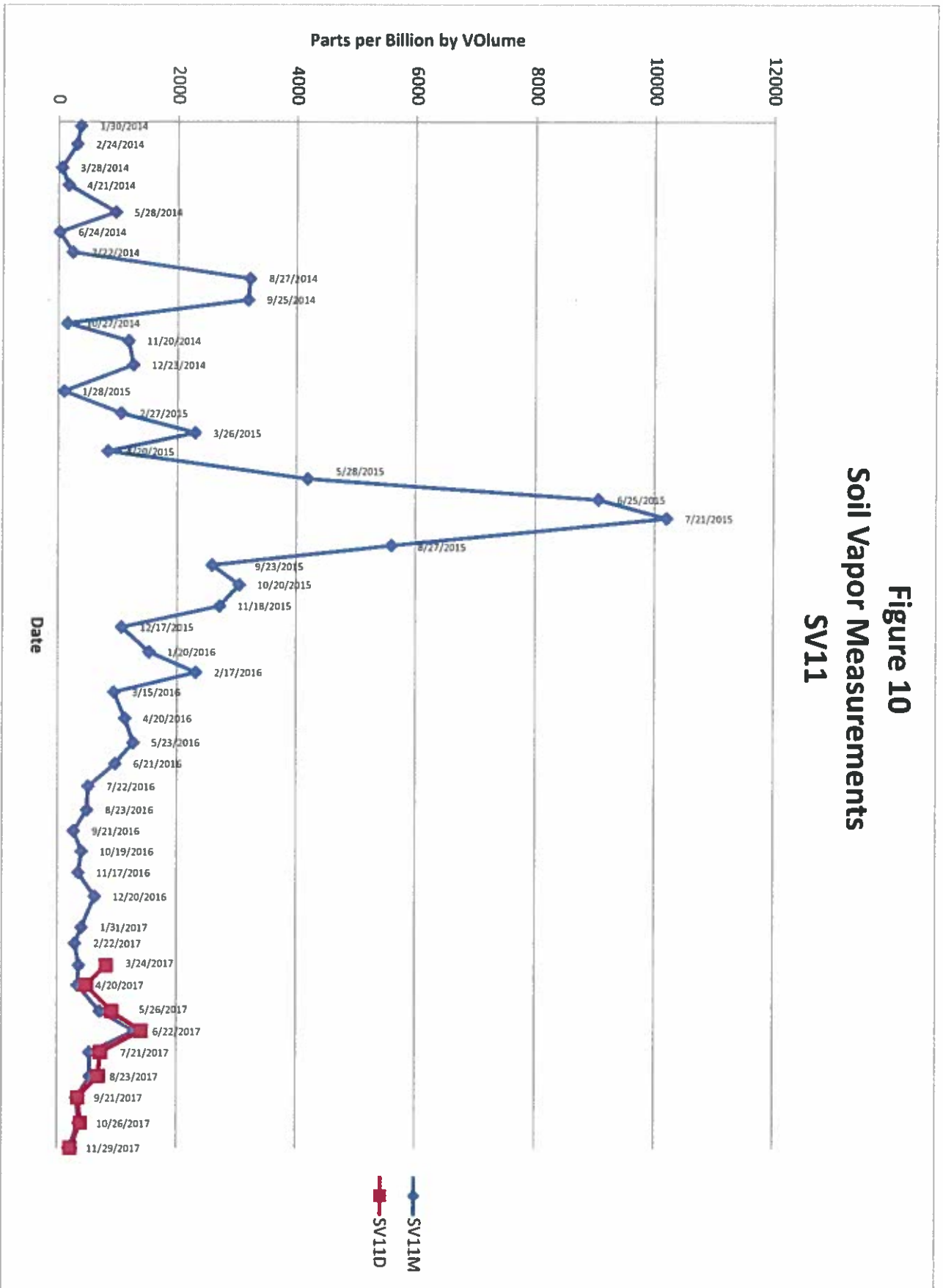


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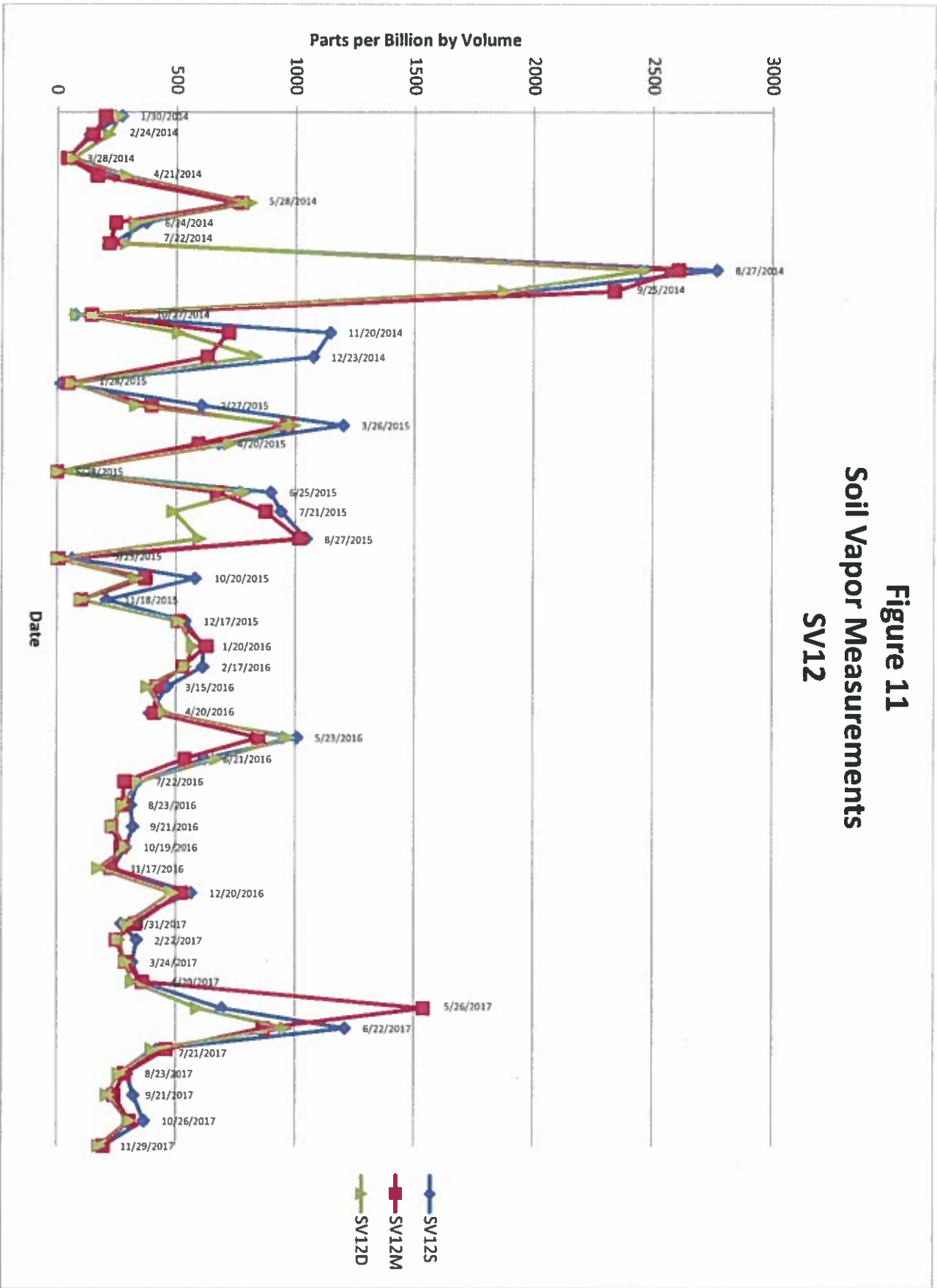
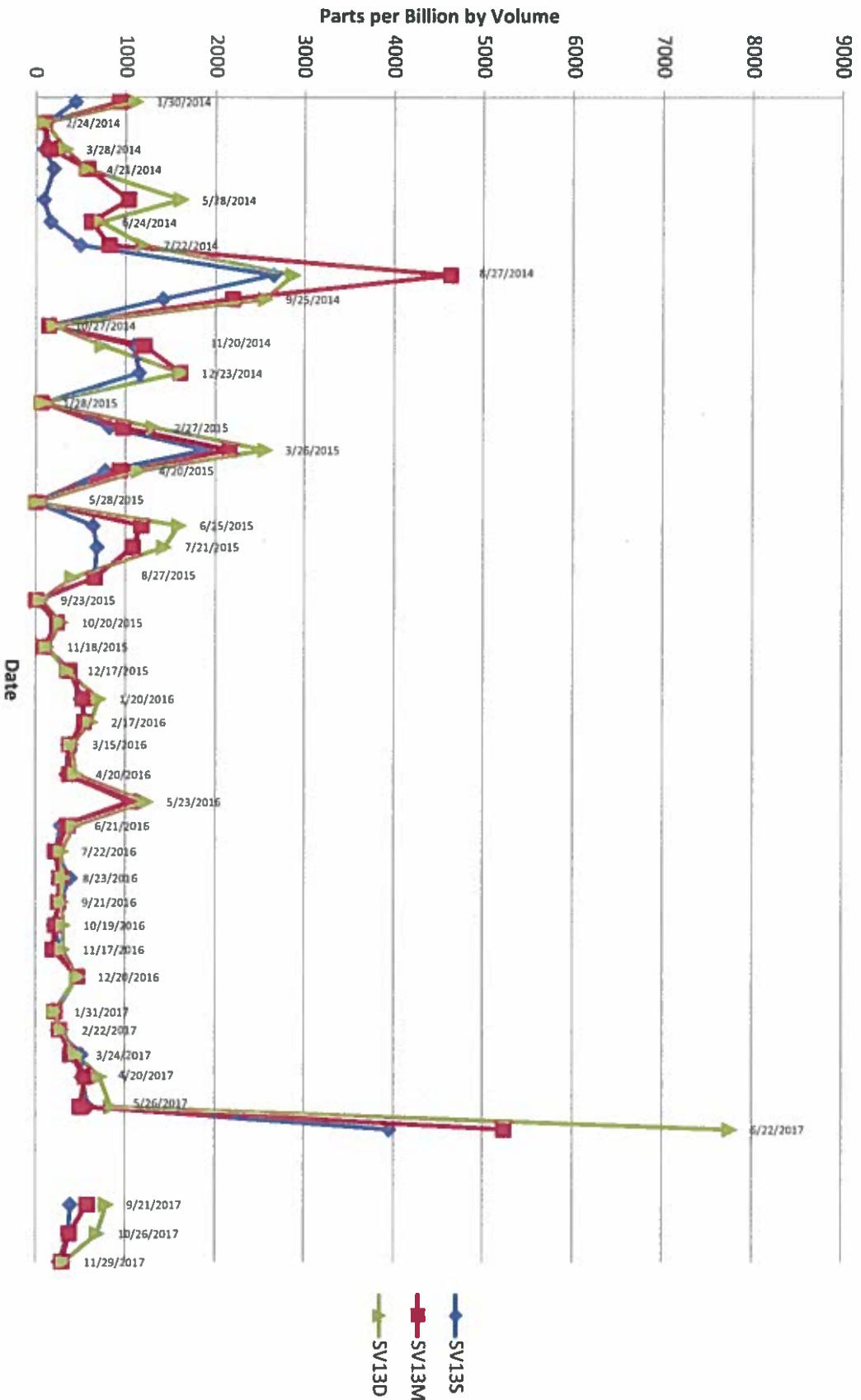


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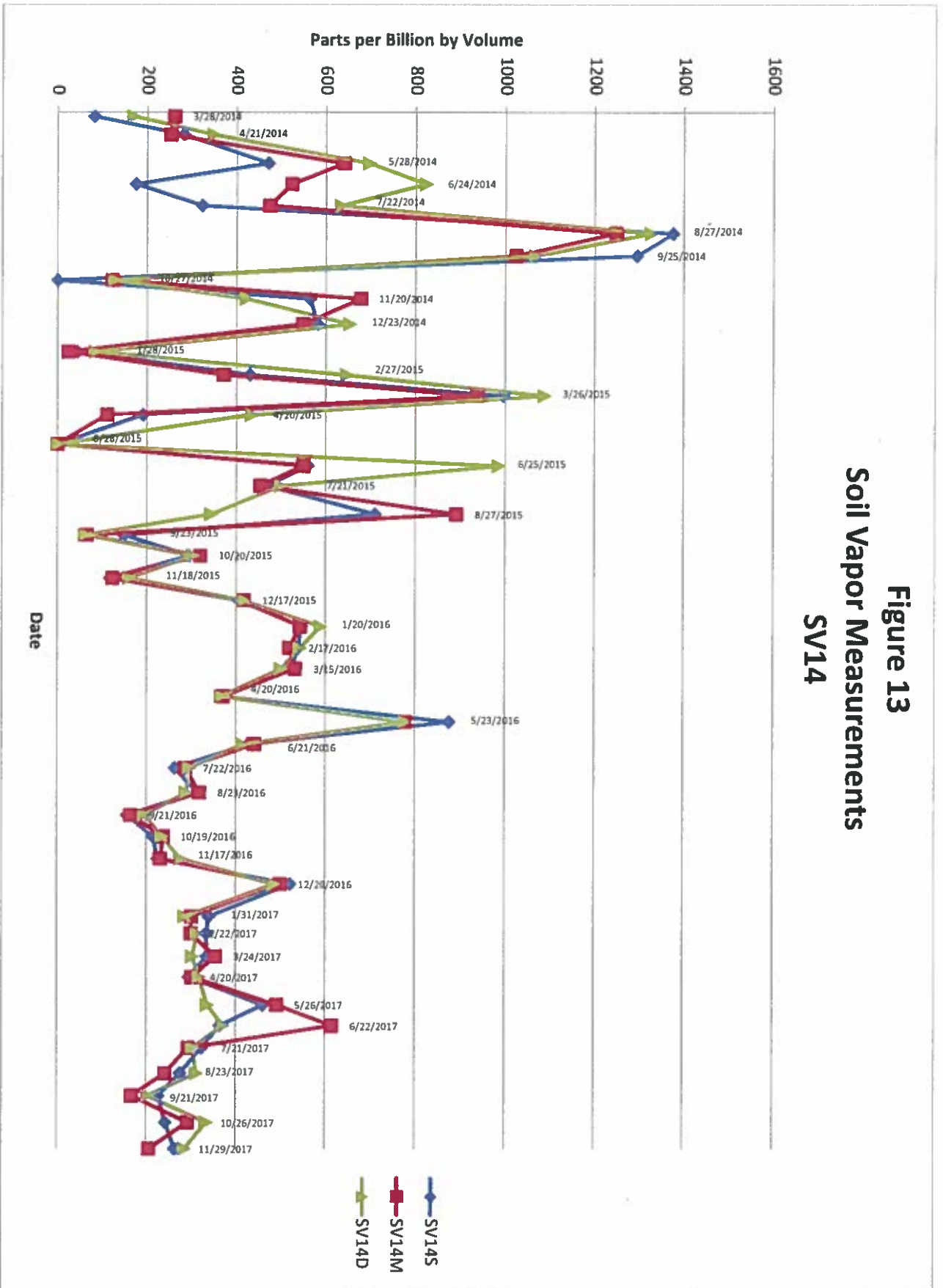


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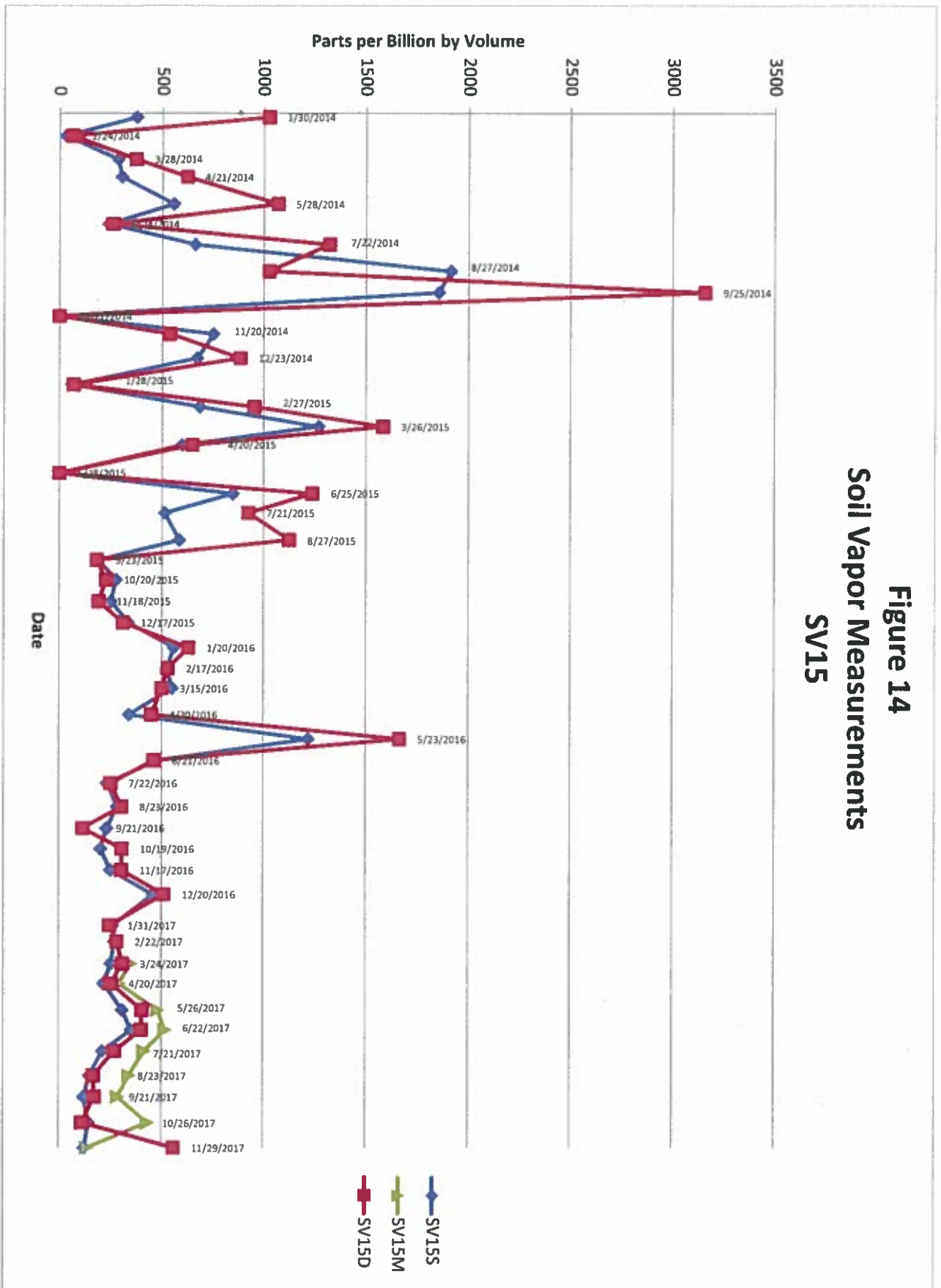
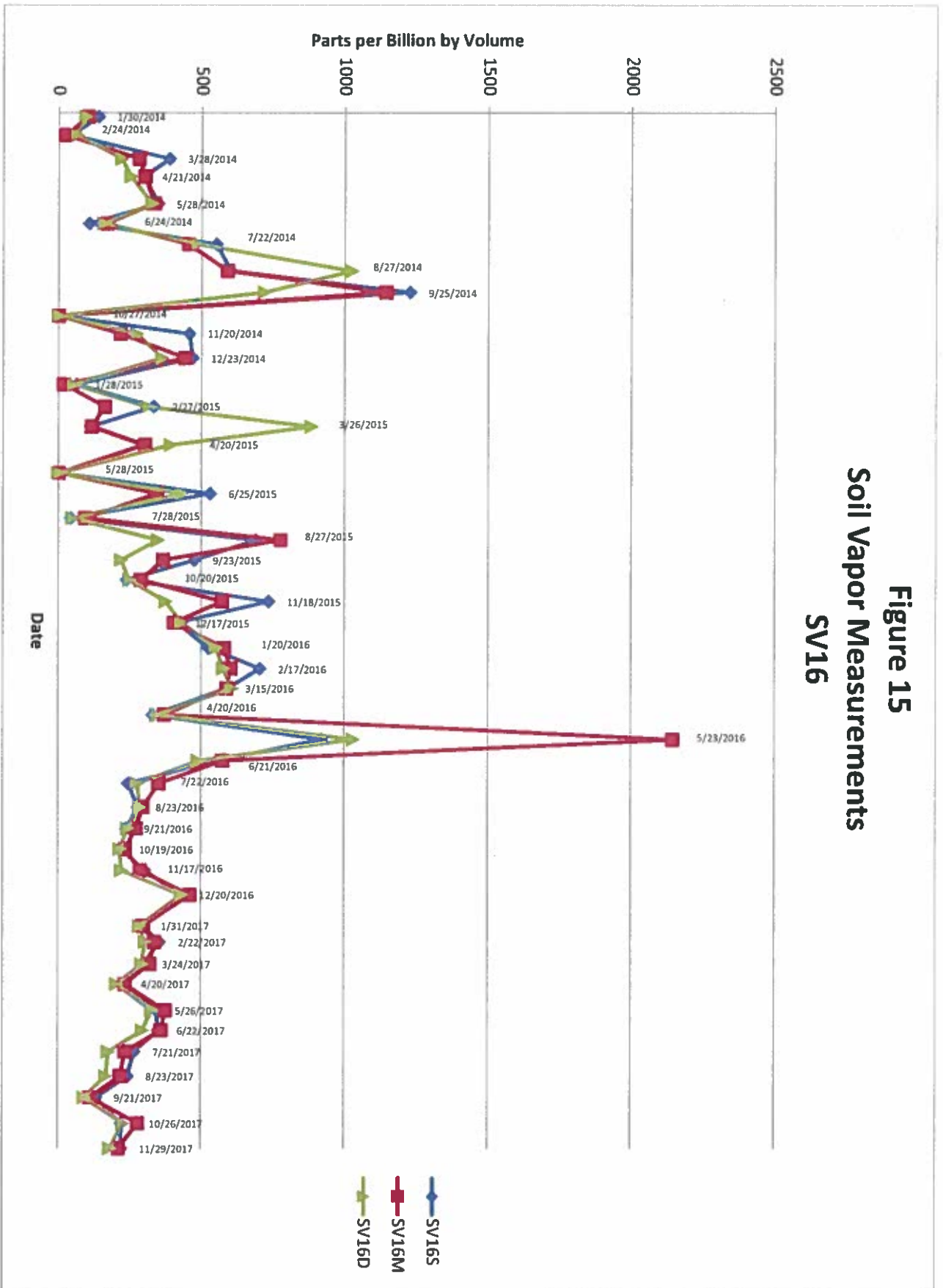


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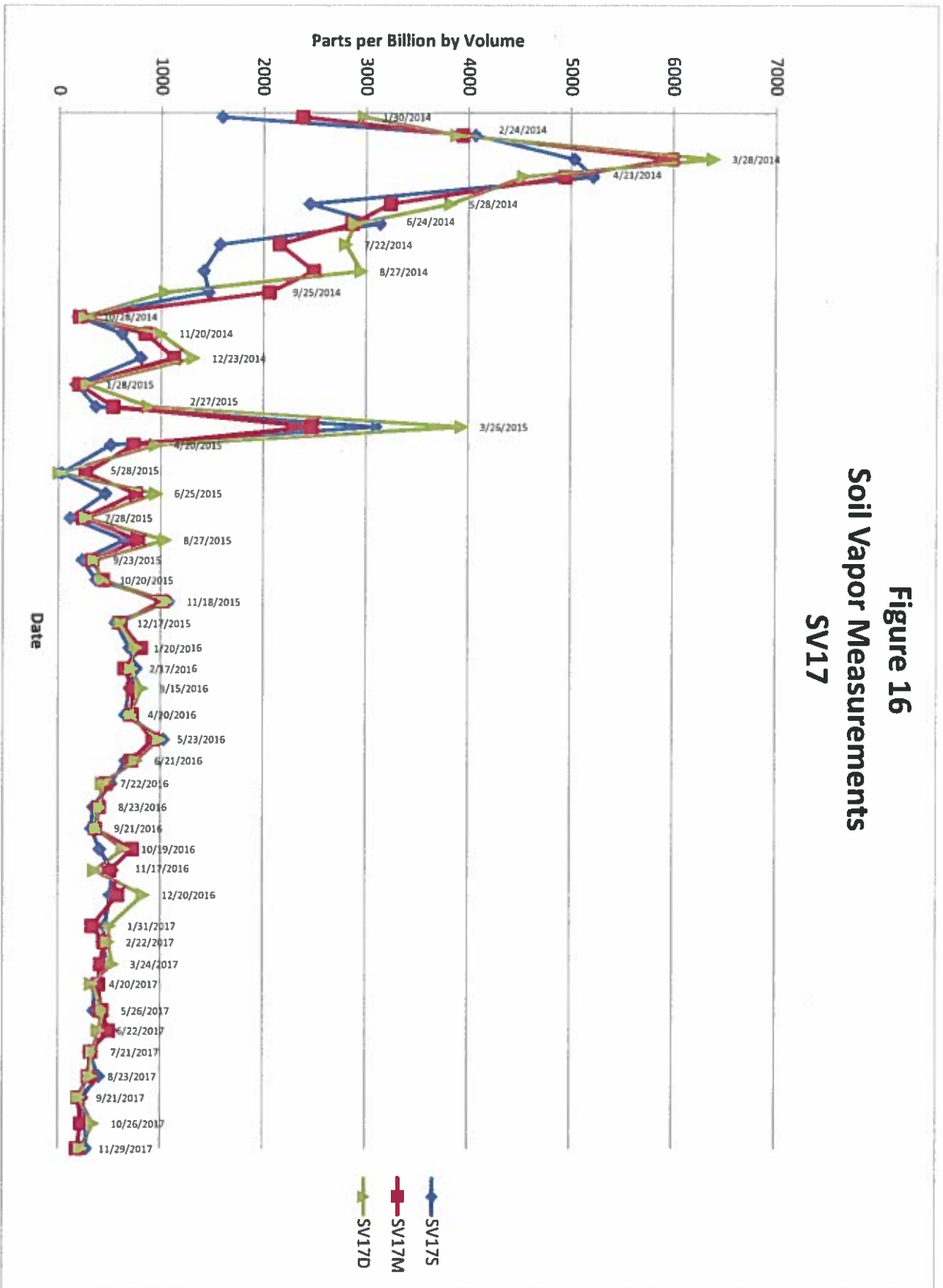


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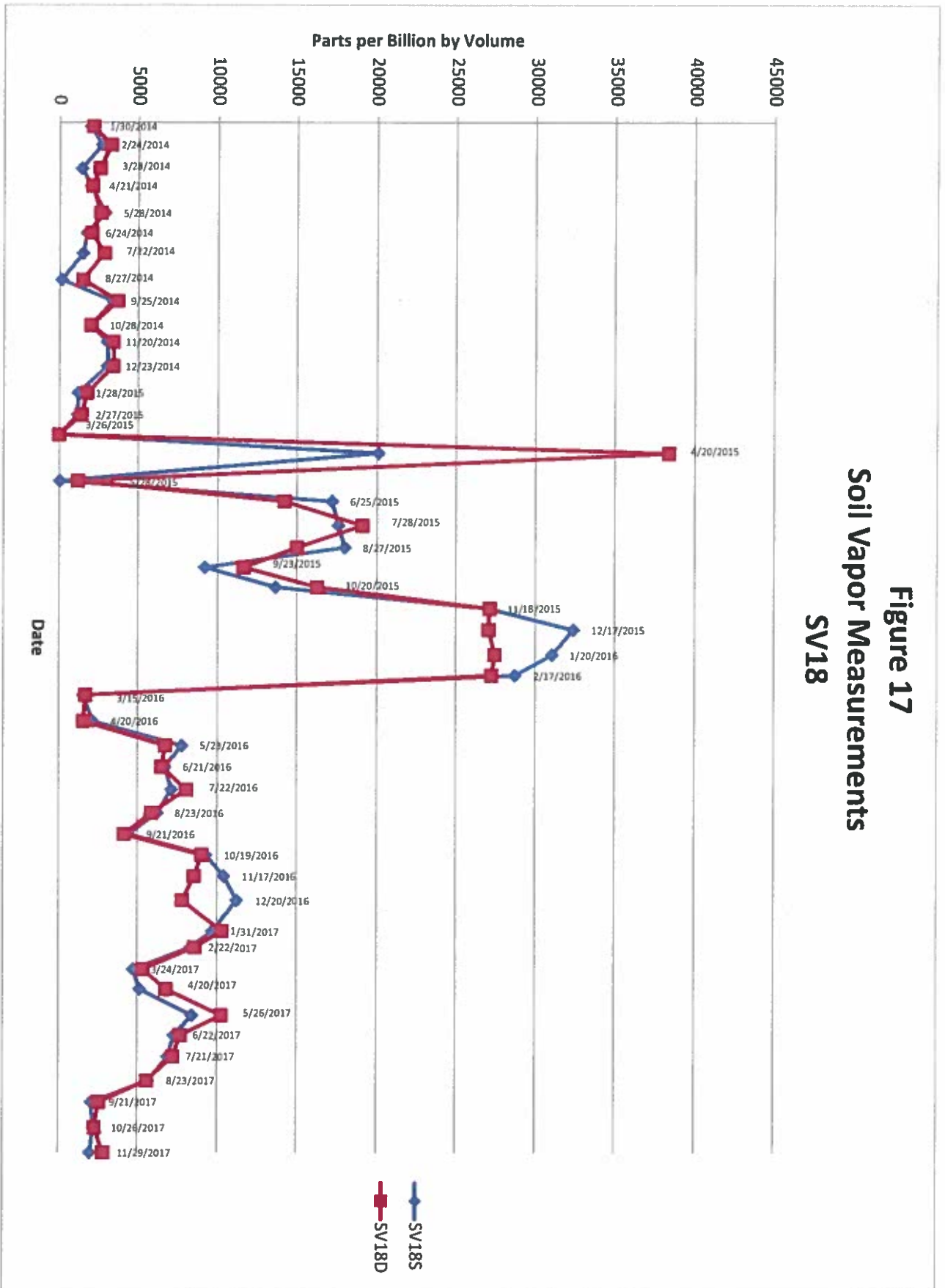


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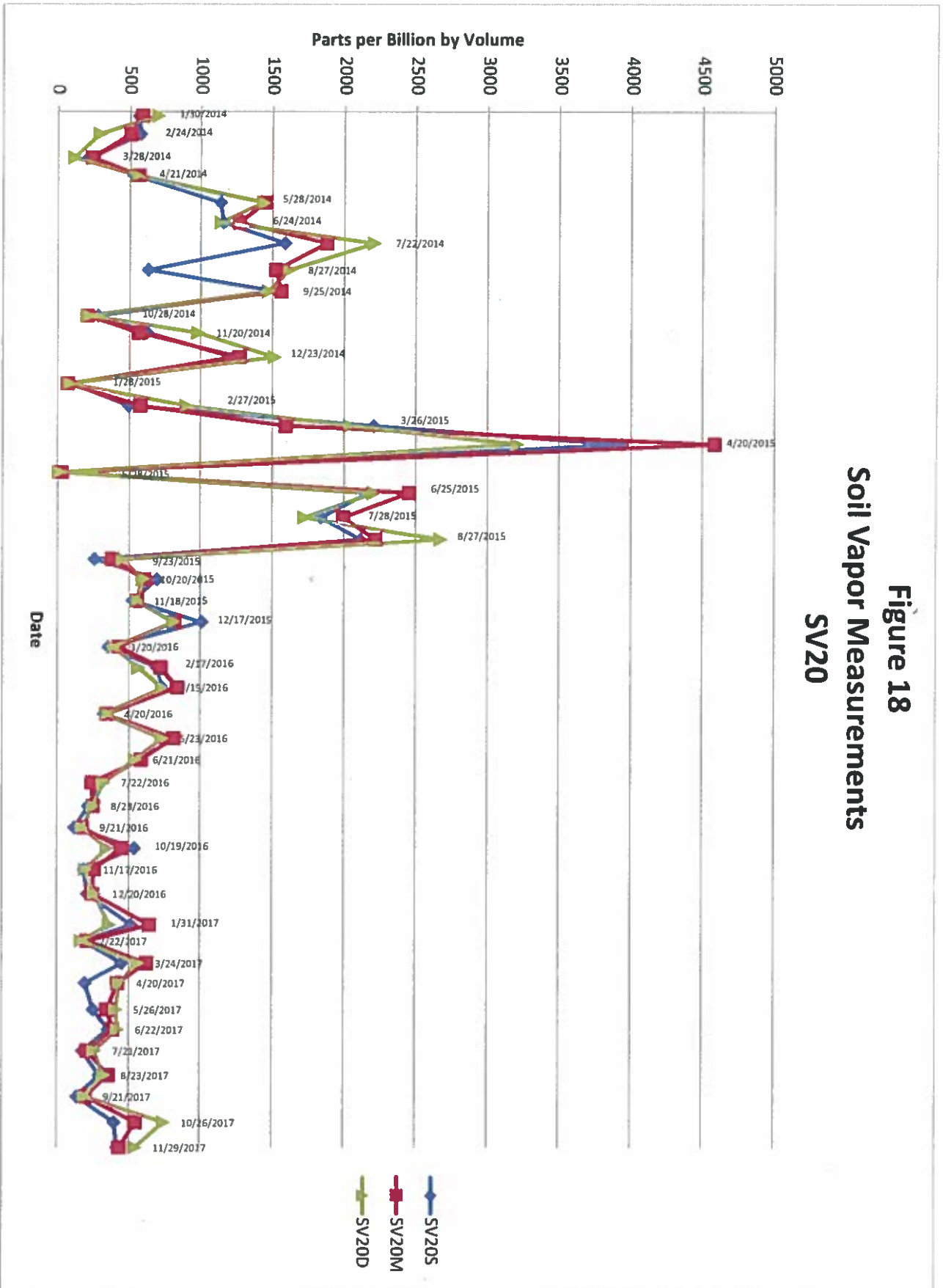


Figure 18
Soil Vapor Measurements
SV20

08 Jan 2018

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 NOV 2017

Ref: (a) Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility Groundwater Protection Plan
(b) Red Hill Soil Vapor Monitoring Report for Round 115, dtd 05 Dec 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 14, 15, 16, and 20.

2. FLCPH causative research and findings:

a. Reviewed all AFHE Unscheduled Fuel Movement (UFM) Alarm Summaries and UFM Reports. There were thirteen (13) UFM's recorded for the month of November 2017; however those UFM's were related to system malfunctions and AFHE refresh work and not the result of an unscheduled movement of fuel.

- 11/15: RH 4 UFM was caused by probe and computer malfunction. Problem self-corrected.
- 11/23: RH 2, RH 3, RH 4, RH 7, RH 8, RH 9, RH 10, RH 16, RH 18, and RH 20 UFM's were caused by the AFHE system being taken down to support refresh requirements

b. Reviewed Red Hill Inventory Trend Analysis Reports for November 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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