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# TSX/PAZ Satellite Update InSAR Subsidence May11, 2024

## **Longuist comment:**

The PAZ satellite from the TSX/PAZ constellation (4 & 7-day revisit) passed by Sulphur on Wednesday May 15. We received the dataset Friday and verified that none of the point groups within the review area are showing deviation from their respective trends. The attached report has been prepared for reference.

Regarding the TSX satellite pass that occurred on May 11, we were informed by TREA that the TSX satellite was affected by the geomagnetic storm that impacted the earth from May 7-14 and the image was not acquired. We have not been notified of any impacts on future TSX acquisitions at this time and are assuming that the TSX acquisition schedule will continue as normal going forward.



# **TSX/PAZ Satellite Update**

Continuous InSAR Monitoring of Ground Displacement At Westlake Caverns and Western Dome Flank

# **Sulphur Mines Salt Dome**

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# **Dataset**

Satellite Source

**TerraSAR-X - PAZ Constellation** 

Most Recent Image Date

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

**Analysis Report Date:** 

May 17, 2024

Dataset Information	
Satellite Source	TerraSAR-X - PAZ Constellation
Revisit Frequency	4 and 7 days
Most Recent Image Date	Wednesday, May 15, 2024
Dataset Image Count	86
Dataset Time Range	January 24, 2023 - May 15, 2024
Dataset Length	1.31 Years
Satellite Line-of-Sight (LOS)	37° East of Vertical (Viewing site from the East)

## **Analysis Methodology**

#### **Time Series Charts**

Trend lines were calculated for the averaged displacement values within each AOI. Both a nonlinear (quadratic) and linear regression were applied to each AOI point group to identify rates of change in LOS displacement. These trends are displayed in the Time Series section of this report.

#### **Contour Maps**

A nonlinear (quadratic) and linear trend was also calculated for each individual measurement point across the analysis region. Nonlinear trend values for each point were used to generate Velocity and Acceleration contour maps to convey the spatial distribution of the calculated movement. The linear trend values for each point (which lack an acceleration component) were used to generate an additional Velocity contour map. Negative velocity values indicate subsidence or westward movement and positive velocity indicates uplift or eastward movement. Negative acceleration values indicate increasing rates of subsidence, increasing westward movement, or slowing eastward movement and positive acceleration values indicate slowing rates of subsidence, slowing westward movement, or increasing eastward movement.

## **Observations**

To-date there has been <u>no material deviation</u> from established subsidence trends in the areas investigated.

The timeframe of the dataset does not allow for comparison of recent to long-term LOS displacement rates. This dataset is primarily used to monitor for acute trend deviations and benefits from a higher measurement precision in individual readings than the SNT data.

The current timeframe appears to indicate a positive acceleration of varying magnitudes across most of the AOI point groups evaluated. This magnitude began decreasing (trends became more linear) as the data approached the one-year timeframe with the reduced influence of seasonal effects. Additionally, linear velocities are calculated as positive in the western-most AOIs. Based on a separate review of 2D vertical and horizontal displacement data, this is caused by eastward horizontal movement toward the dome center and toward the



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## **InSAR Data Sources**

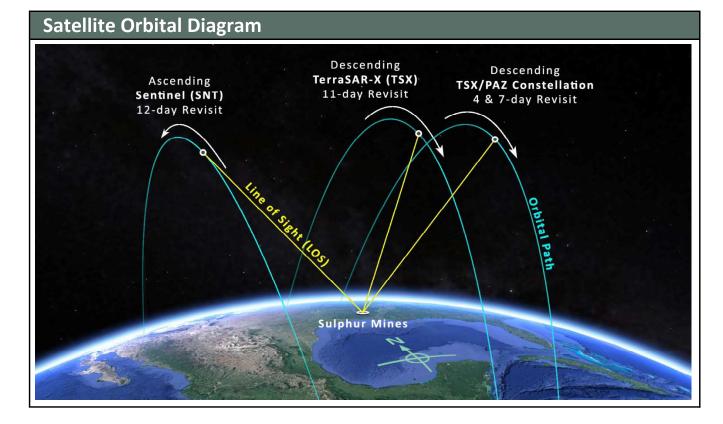
#### **InSAR Data**

Interferometric Synthetic Aperture Radar (InSAR) is the most well established method to continually evaluate small, normally undetectable, ground movement over a large area. Radar imagery collected via satellites over successive orbital passes is used to identify and define measurement points on the ground. Objects or ground features providing a stable reflection of radar energy such as buildings, roads, and infrastructure produce the highest quality measurement points. InSAR analysis identifies the change in distance between the satellite and each measurement point over time relative to a stable reference point within the imaged area.

### **Satellite Sources**

Two InSAR datasets are being used to evaluate subsidence over the Sulphur Mines Salt Dome. These datasets provide Line-of-Sight (LOS) displacment measurements from both ascending and descending orbits. An ascending orbit denotes the satellite's longitudinal course from south to north as it passes over the site, while a desceding orbit denotes the satellite is moving from north to south.

The first dataset comes from a low-resolution Sentinel-1 (SNT) satellite on an ascending orbit that captures data from the west of the site on a 12-day frequency. The second comes from a pair of high resolution satellites that share the same descending orbit and capture data from east of the site. These are a TSX satellite and the PAZ satellite (TSX/PAZ constellation), both with an 11-day revisit frequency. Their orbits are offset with the PAZ satellite passing over the site 4 days after the TSX satellite. Prior to May 2023, data was captured from a different high-resolution TerraSAR-X (TSX) satellite on a descending orbit that captured data from the east of the site on an 11-day frequency. The transition was made for the increased data frequency that resulted from a 4 and 7-day revisit period. The image below depicts the orbital paths of the satellites in relation to the Sulphur Mines Salt Dome.



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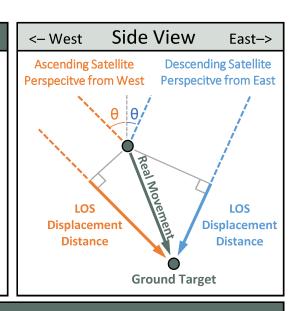
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**Data Start Date** 

Measurement error range

## InSAR Line-of-Site (LOS) Data

LOS displacement measurements refer to a change in distance between the satellite sensor and the ground target. Measurement positions on the west side of the Sulphur Dome are are known to be experiencing some eastward movement toward the dome center due to the geometry of the subsidence basin. The InSAR satellites view the site from eastward and westward positions so LOS measurements are understood to convey a movement distance that is not purely vertical. The diagram to the right illustrates the geometric relationship between the theoretical Real movement of a ground target and LOS displacement measurements from two different satellite viewing directions.



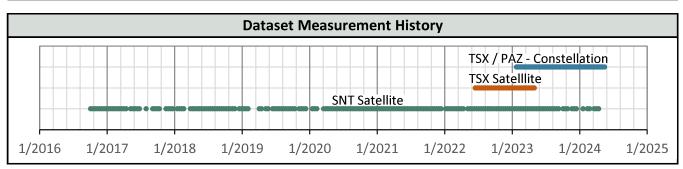
#### Satellite Properties & Image Frequency **Satellite and Data Properties SNT TSX TSX/PAZ Constellation** Band (Wavelength) X-band (1.22 in) C-band (2.20 in) X-band (1.22 in) Track T29 T136 T67 & T120 Pixel resolution 3 x 3 ft 65 x 16 ft 3 x 3 ft **Revisit frequency** 12 days 11 days 4 & 7 days Orbit (LOS Angle, $\theta$ ) Descending (17°) Ascending (43°) Descending (37°)

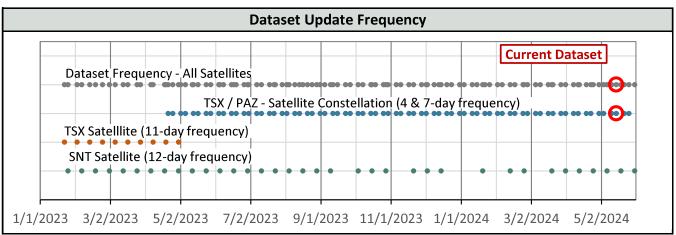
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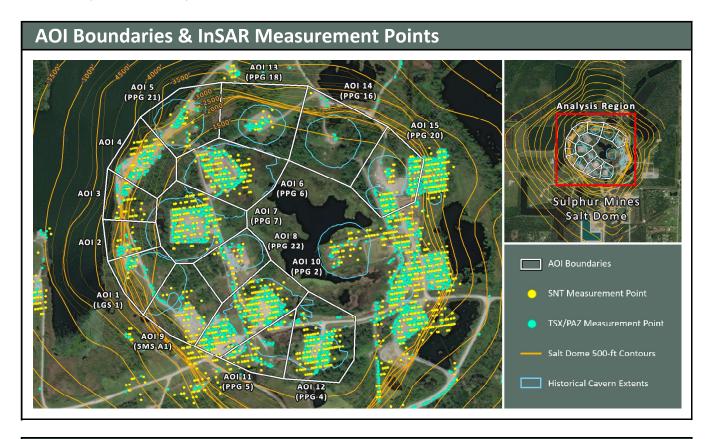
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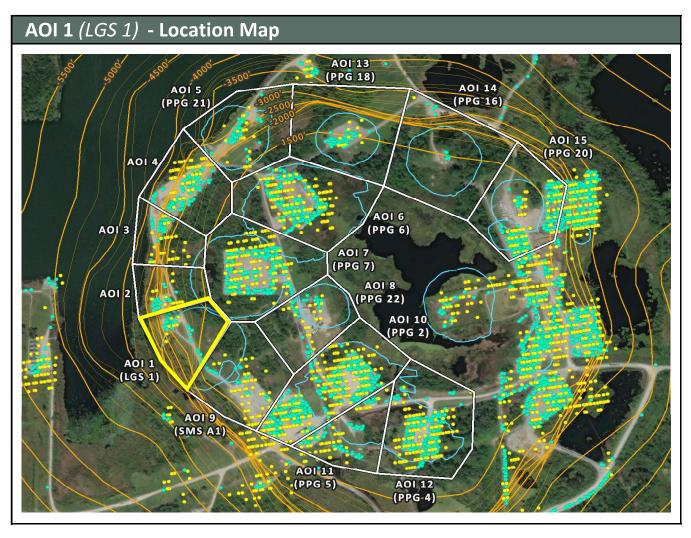


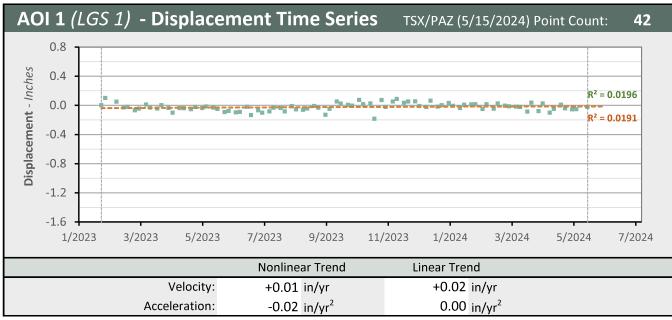


# **Subsidence Monitoring Areas of Interest (AOIs)**

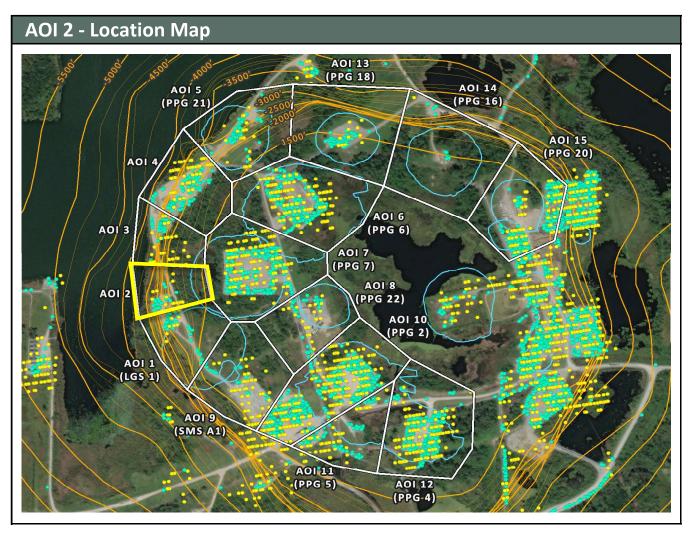
To visually convey and evaluate trend consistency for the displacement time series of each ground target, measurment points were grouped and their displacement values were averaged. The point groups are referred to as Areas of Interest (AOIs) in this analysis and their boundaries are depicted on the above map. The below table lists the trend values calculated in each AOI for the dataset evaluated in this report.

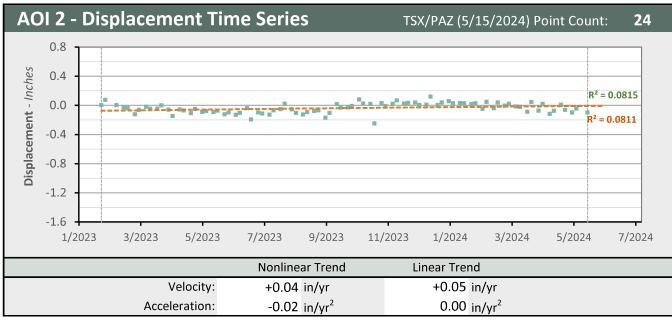
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	<b>Point Count</b>	Nonlinear	Linear	Nonlinear	Linear
<b>AOI 1</b> (LGS 1)	42	+0.01	+0.02	-0.02	0.00
AOI 2	24	+0.04	+0.05	-0.02	0.00
AOI 3	40	-0.23	+0.04	-0.42	0.00
AOI 4	102	-0.02	+0.08	-0.16	0.00
<b>AOI 5</b> (PPG 21)	47	-0.14	-0.14	-0.00	0.00
<b>AOI 6</b> (PPG 6)	212	-0.31	-0.35	+0.07	0.00
<b>AOI 7</b> (PPG 7)	216	-0.20	-0.22	+0.03	0.00
<b>AOI 8</b> (PPG 22)	36	-0.32	-0.51	+0.30	0.00
AOI 9 (SMS A1)	23	+0.21	-0.20	+0.63	0.00
<b>AOI 10</b> (PPG 2)	404	-0.47	-0.50	+0.06	0.00
<b>AOI 11</b> (PPG 5)	85	-0.20	-0.39	+0.30	0.00
<b>AOI 12</b> (PPG 4)	262	-0.64	-0.77	+0.19	0.00
<b>AOI 13</b> (PPG 18)	52	-0.26	-0.37	+0.16	0.00
<b>AOI 14</b> (PPG 16)	11	-0.15	-0.63	+0.74	0.00
<b>AOI 15</b> (PPG 20)	226	-0.76	-0.92	+0.25	0.00



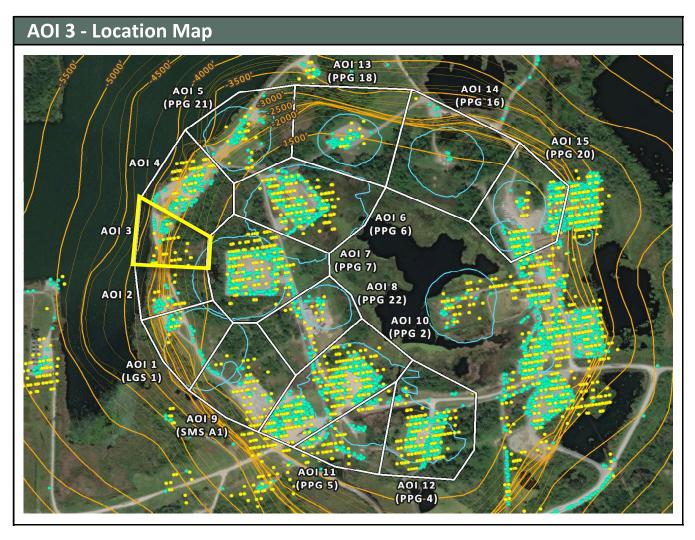


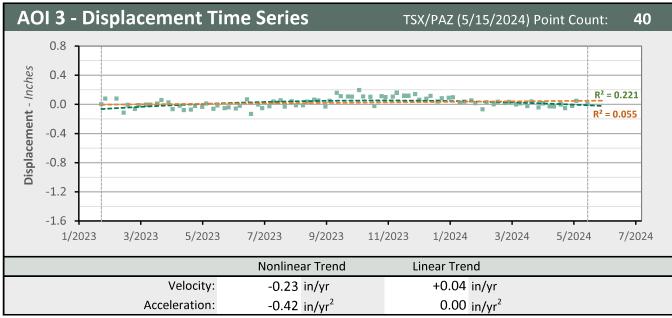


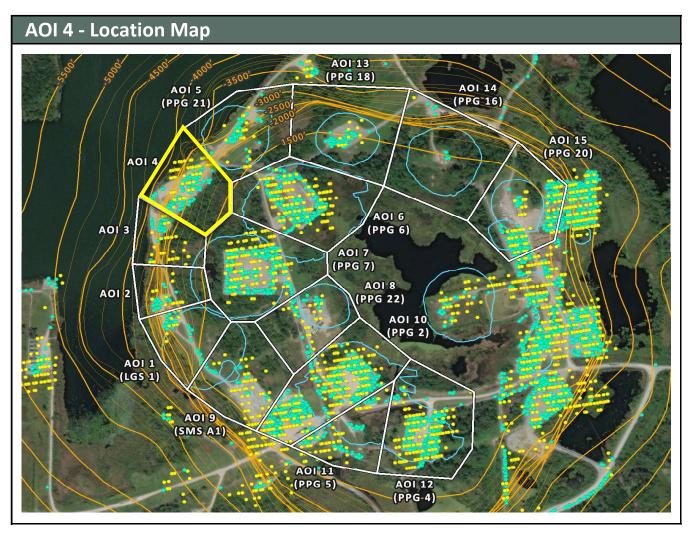


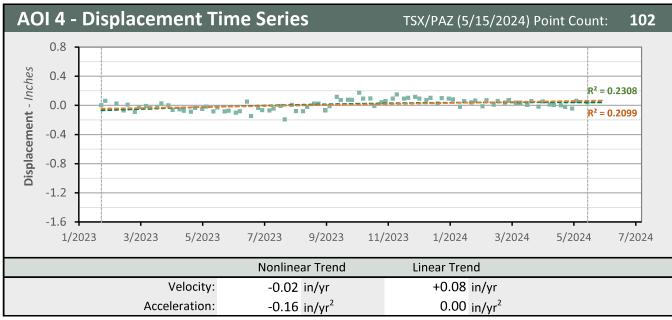




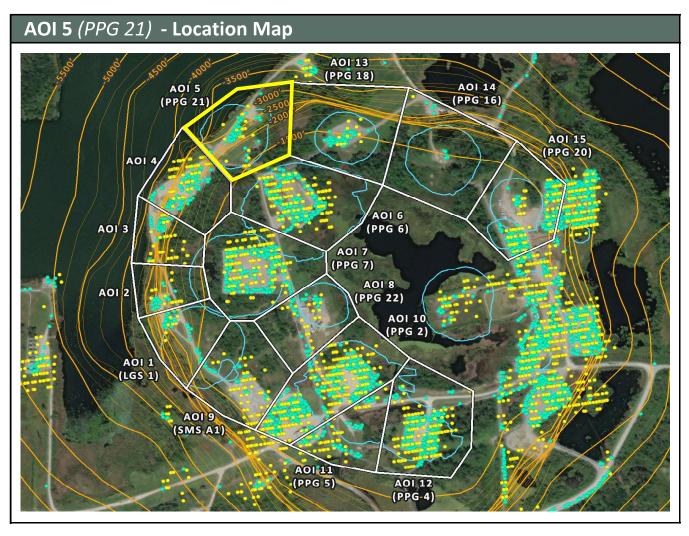


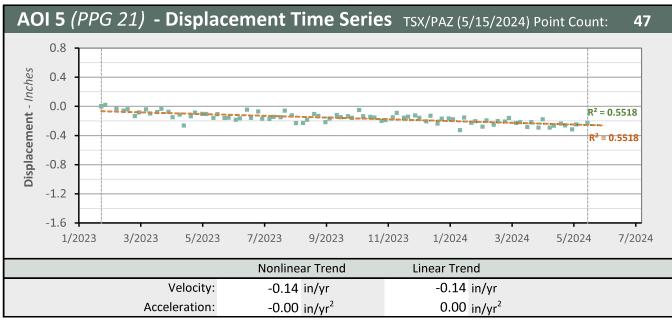




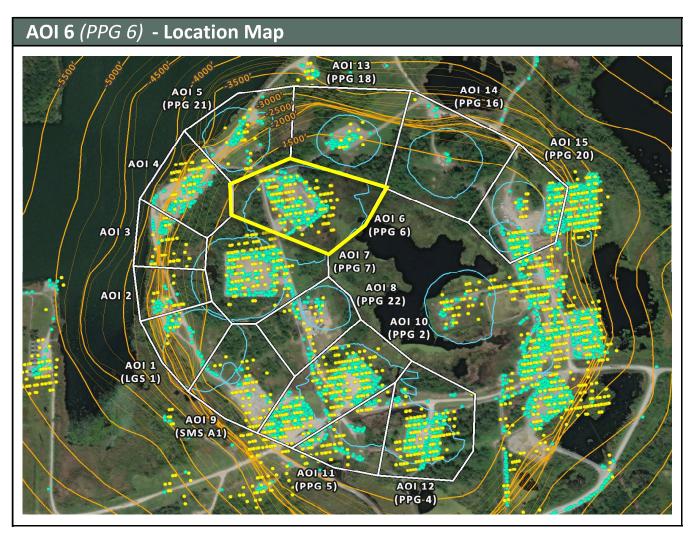


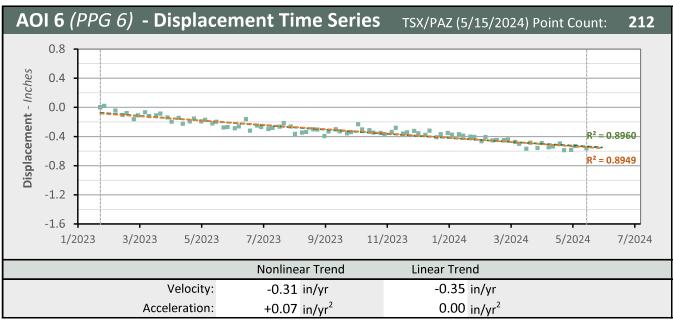


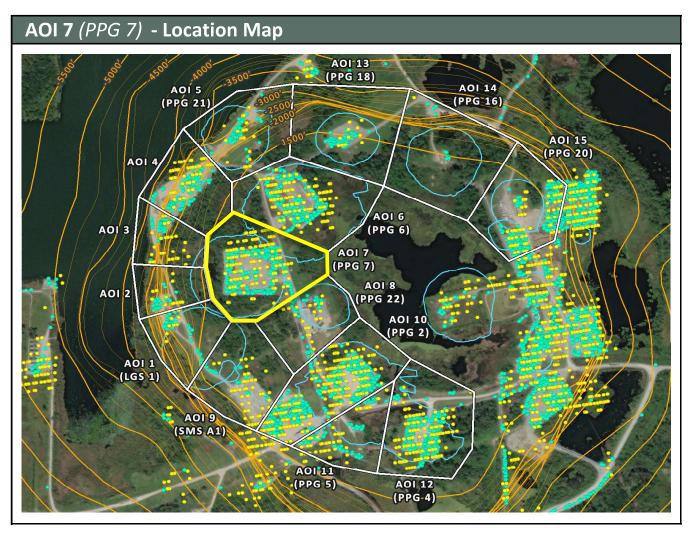


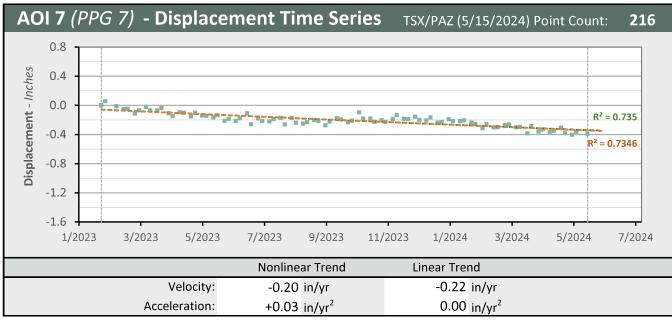


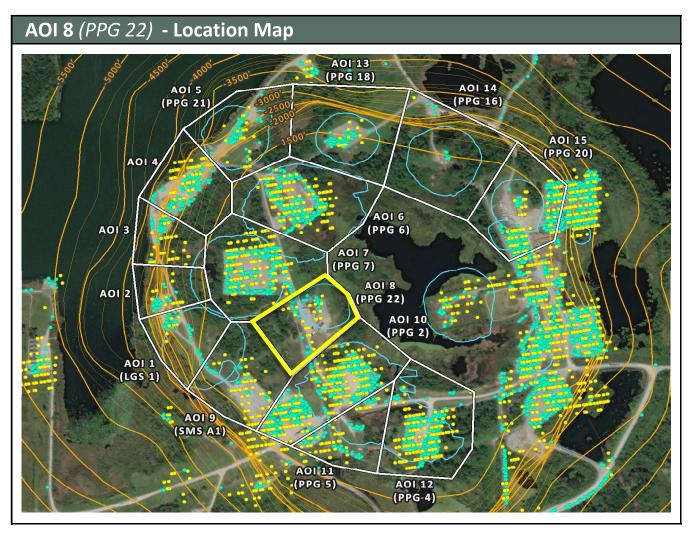
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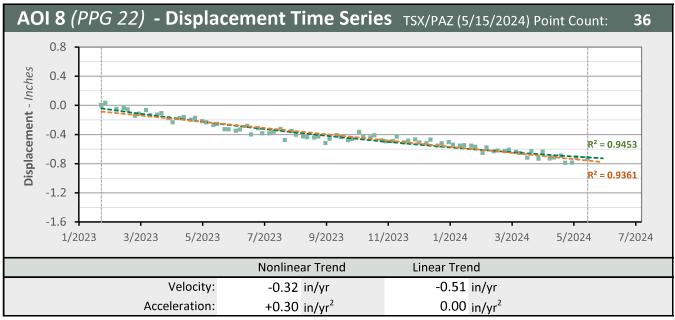




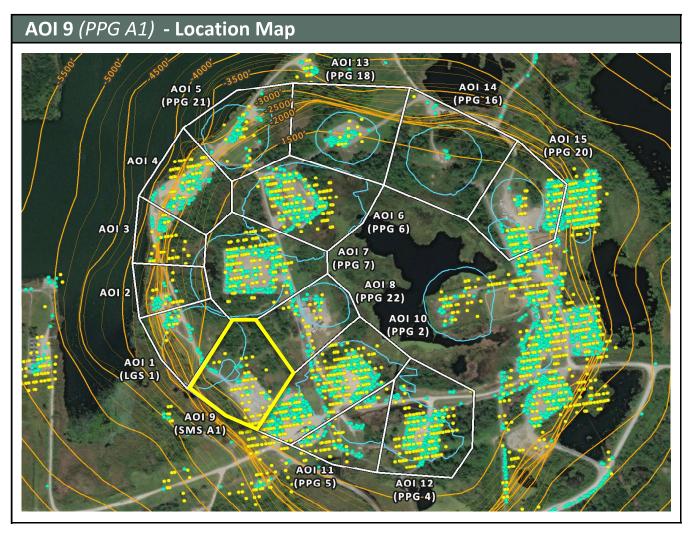


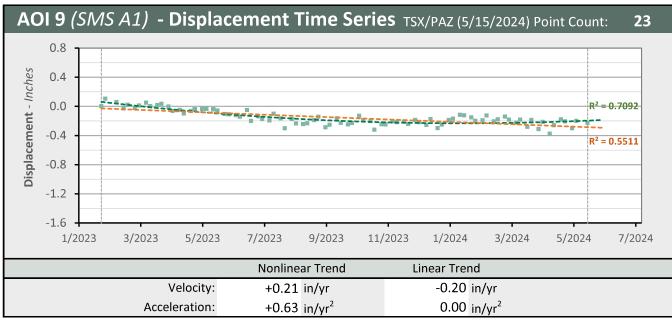




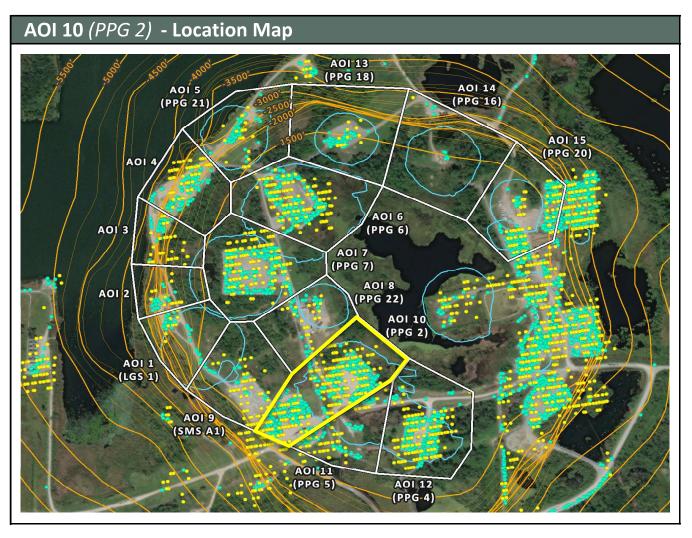


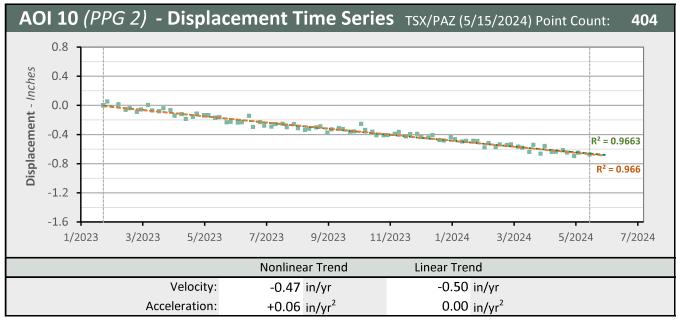


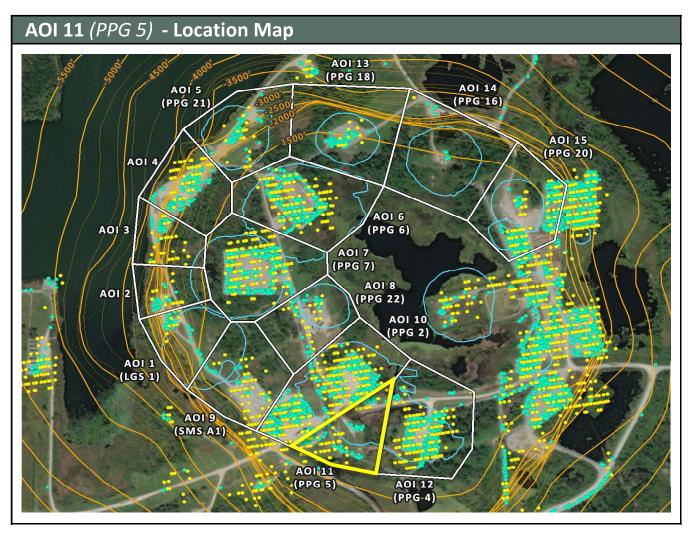


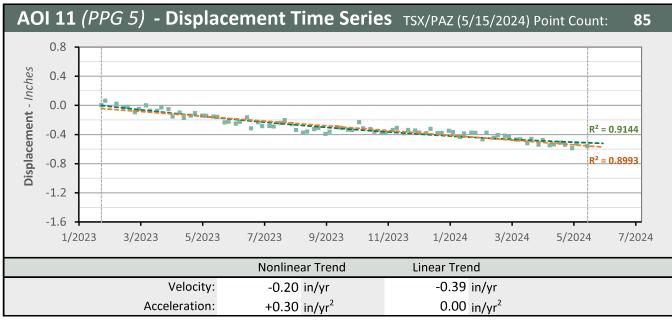


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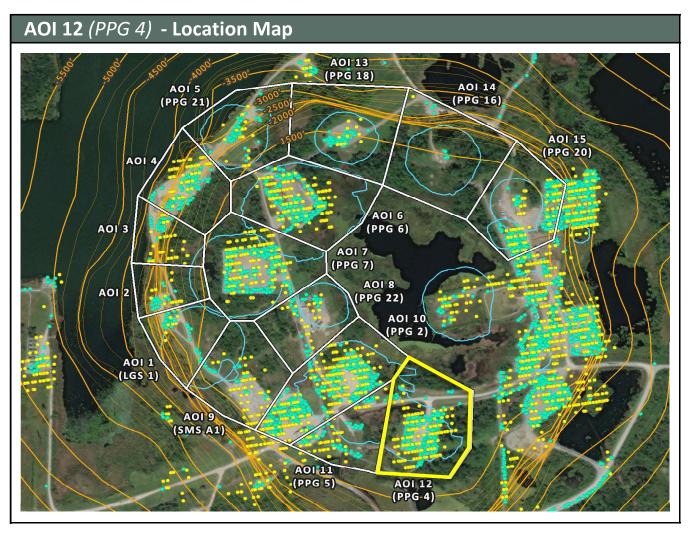


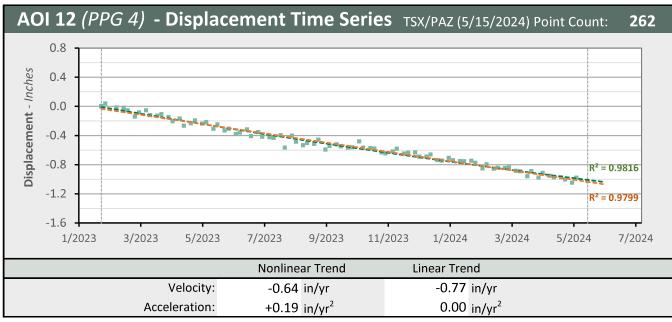




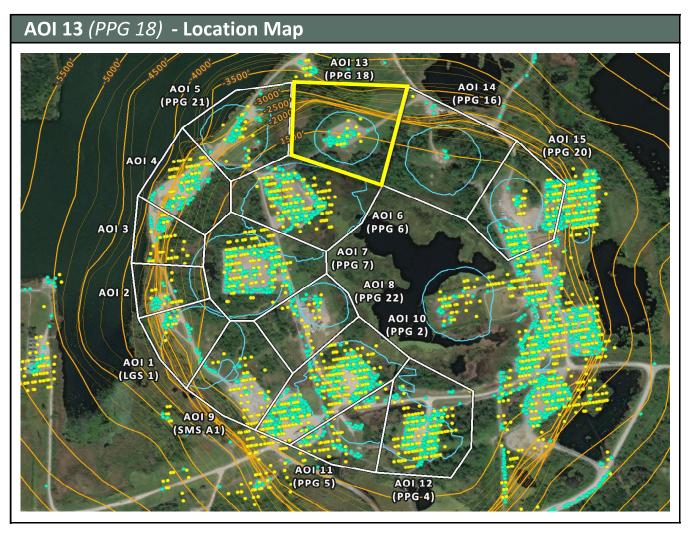


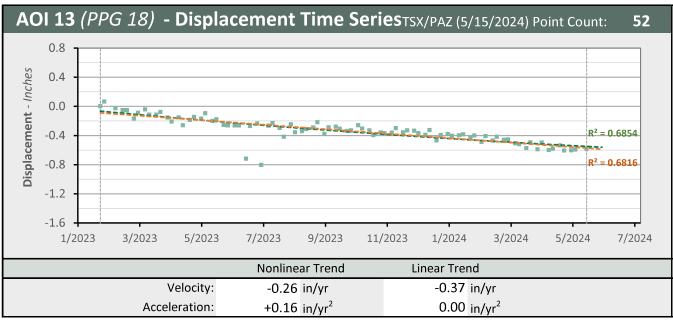
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