Westlake US 2 Received 6/20/2024

TSX/PAZ Satellite
Update InSAR
Subsidence June 13,
2024

Lonquist comment:

The TSX satellite from the TSX/PAZ constellation (4 & 7-day revisit) passed by Sulphur on Thursday June 13. We received the dataset Saturday and verified that none of the point groups within the review were showing deviation from their respective trends.



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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

Thursday, June 13, 2024

Analysis Report Date:

June 19, 2024

Dataset Information					
Satellite Source	TerraSAR-X - PAZ Constellation				
Revisit Frequency	4 and 7 days				
Most Recent Image Date	Thursday, June 13, 2024				
Dataset Image Count 90					
Dataset Time Range	January 24, 2023 - June 13, 2024				
Dataset Length	1.39 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.

Recent data has begun to indicate a negative acceleration of varying magnitudes across most of the AOI point groups evaluated. Seasonal effects are believed to contribute to fluctuations above and below the trend lines for each AOI and may play a siginficant role in the more gradual changes that have been observed. 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 satellite viewing direction (positive displacement).



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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

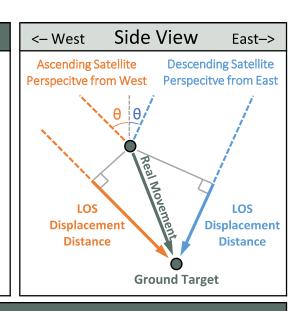
Two InSAR datasets are being used to evaluate subsidence over the Sulphur Mines Salt Dome. These datasets provide Line-of-Sight (LOS) displacment measurements from both ascending and descending orbits. An ascending orbit denotes the satellite's longitudinal course from south to north as it passes over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

Ascending Sentinel (SNT) 12-day Revisit Sulphur Mines Descending TerraSAR-X (TSX) 11-day Revisit Descending TerraSAR-X (TSX) 11-day Revisit Sulphur Mines

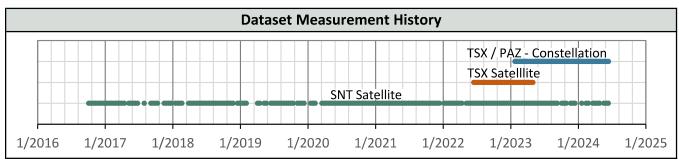
InSAR Line-of-Site (LOS) Data

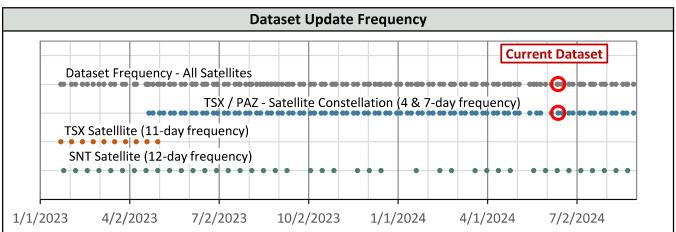
LOS displacement measurements refer to a change in distance between the satellite sensor and the ground target. Measurement positions on the west side of the Sulphur Dome are are known to be experiencing some eastward movement toward the dome center due to the geometry of the subsidence basin. The InSAR 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.

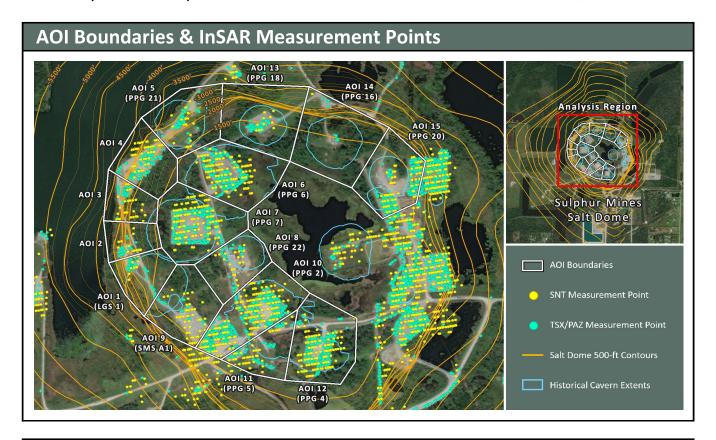


Satellite Properties & Image Frequency

Satellite and Data Properties	SNT	TSX	TSX/PAZ Constellation
Band (Wavelength)	C-band (2.20 in)	X-band (1.22 in)	X-band (1.22 in)
Track	T136	T29	T67 & T120
Pixel resolution	65 x 16 ft	3 x 3 ft	3 x 3 ft
Revisit frequency	12 days	11 days	4 & 7 days
Orbit (LOS Angle, $ heta$)	Ascending (43°)	Descending (17º)	Descending (37°)
Data Start Date	10/4/2016	6/16/2022	1/24/2023
Measurement error range	± 0.20 in	± 0.03 in	± 0.03 in



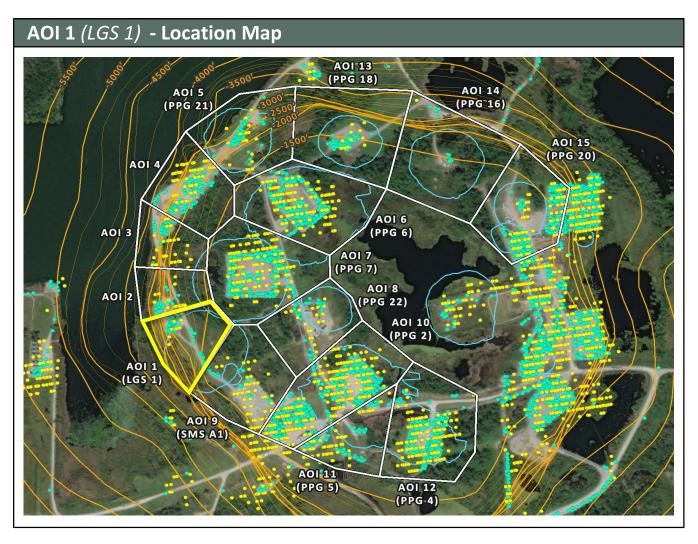


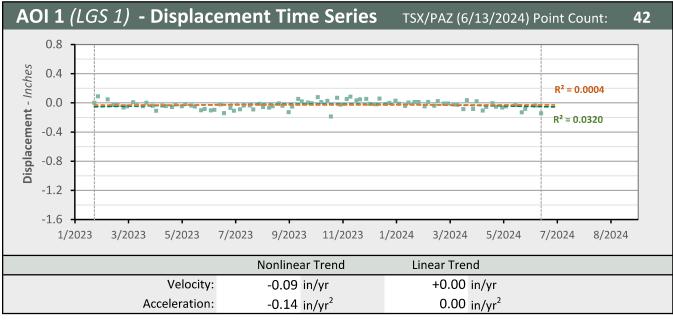


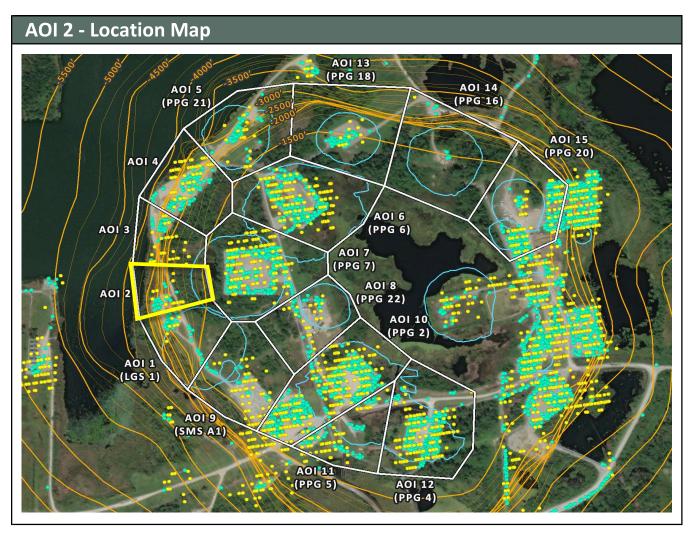
Subsidence Monitoring Areas of Interest (AOIs)

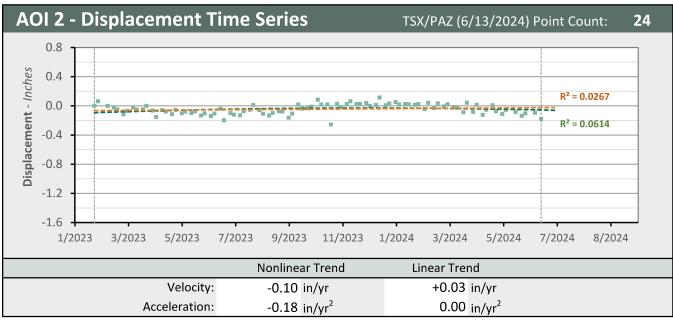
To visually convey and evaluate trend consistency for the displacement time series of each ground target, measurment points were grouped and their displacement values were averaged. The point groups are referred to as Areas of Interest (AOIs) in this analysis and their boundaries are depicted on the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

AOI Name	TSX/PAZ (6/13/2024)	LOS Velocity (in/yr)		LOS Acceleration (in/yr²)	
	Point Count	Nonlinear	Linear	Nonlinear	Linear
AOI 1 (LGS 1)	42	-0.09	+0.00	-0.14	0.00
AOI 2	24	-0.10	+0.03	-0.18	0.00
AOI 3	40	-0.35	+0.01	-0.52	0.00
AOI 4	102	-0.13	+0.06	-0.27	0.00
AOI 5 (PPG 21)	47	-0.23	-0.16	-0.10	0.00
AOI 6 (PPG 6)	212	-0.40	-0.37	-0.05	0.00
AOI 7 (PPG 7)	216	-0.32	-0.24	-0.12	0.00
AOI 8 (PPG 22)	36	-0.42	-0.52	+0.15	0.00
AOI 9 (SMS A1)	23	+0.13	-0.20	+0.47	0.00
AOI 10 (PPG 2)	404	-0.53	-0.51	-0.02	0.00
AOI 11 (PPG 5)	85	-0.29	-0.40	+0.16	0.00
AOI 12 (PPG 4)	262	-0.72	-0.77	+0.08	0.00
AOI 13 (PPG 18)	52	-0.40	-0.39	-0.02	0.00
AOI 14 (PPG 16)	11	-0.20	-0.62	+0.61	0.00
AOI 15 (PPG 20)	224	-0.82	-0.92	+0.15	0.00

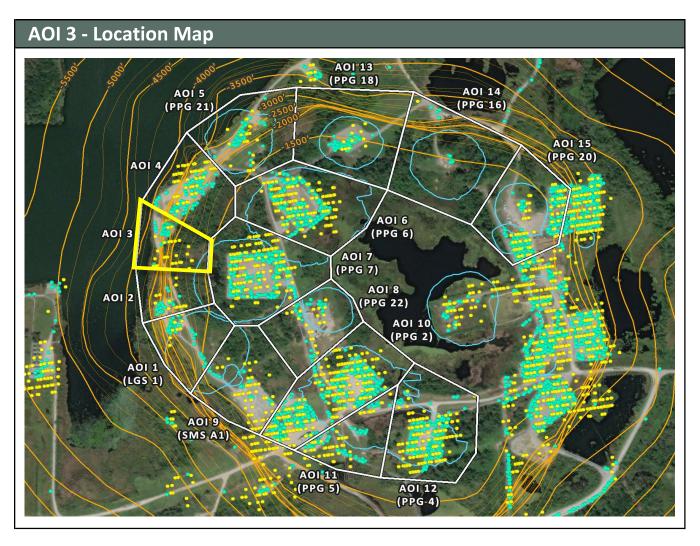


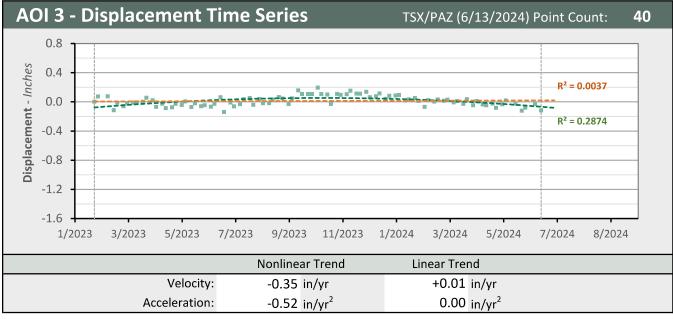


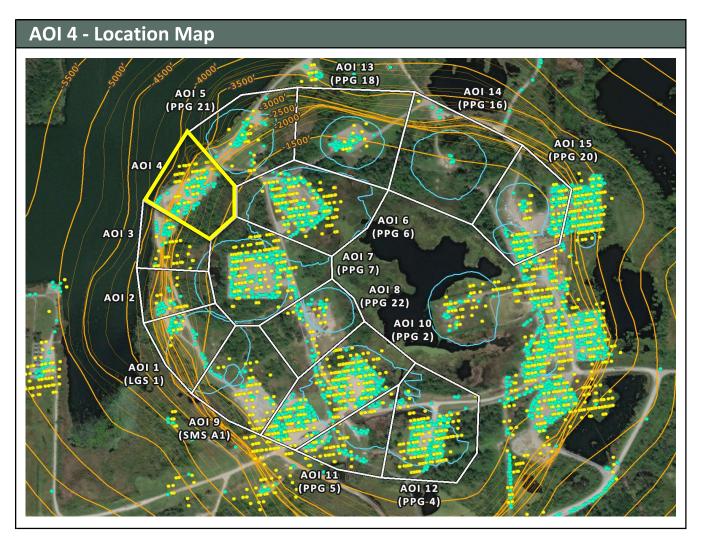


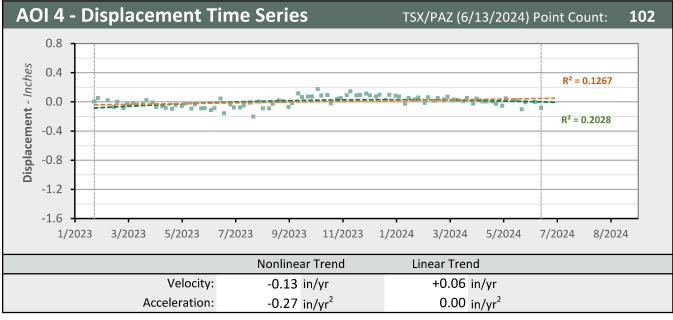


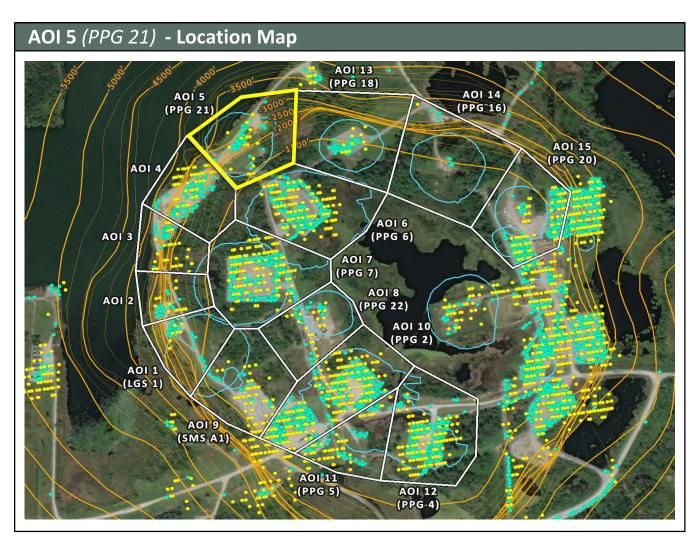


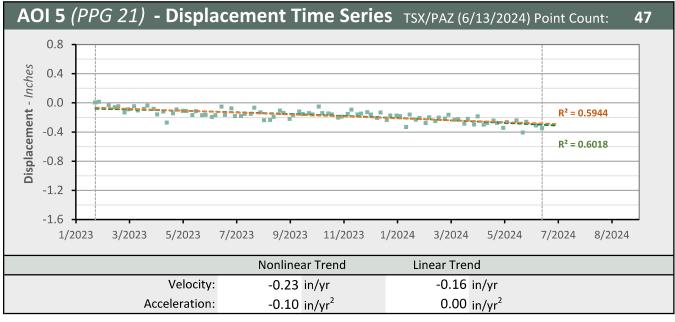


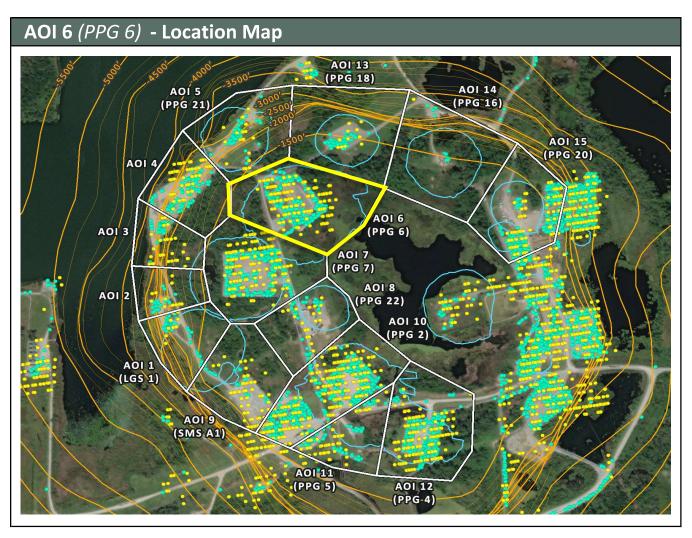


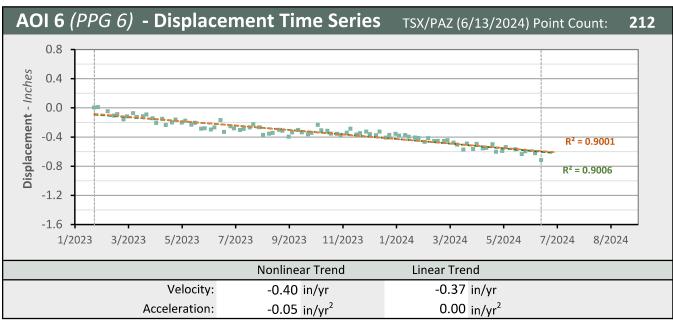


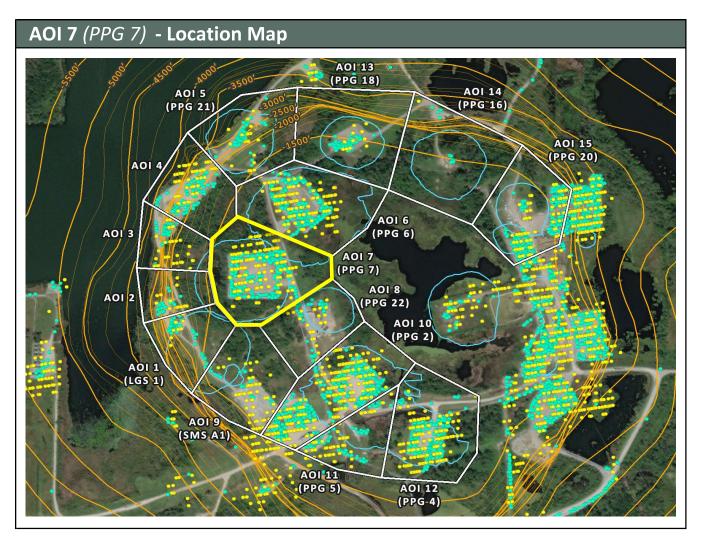


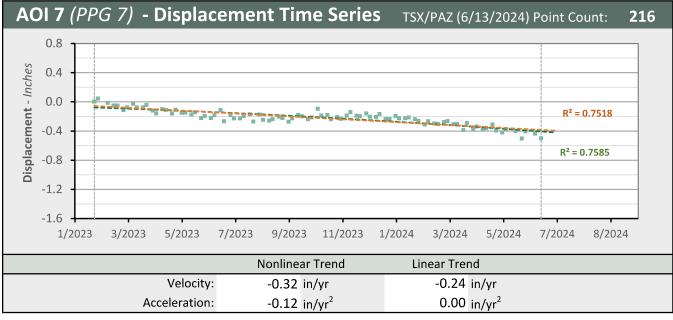


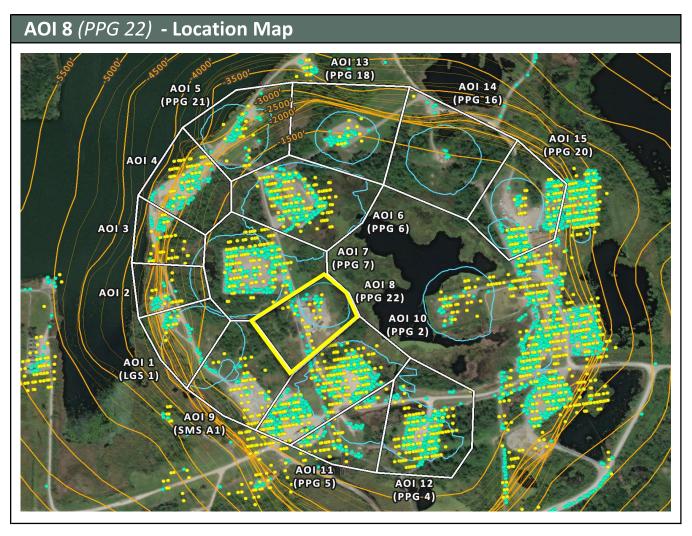


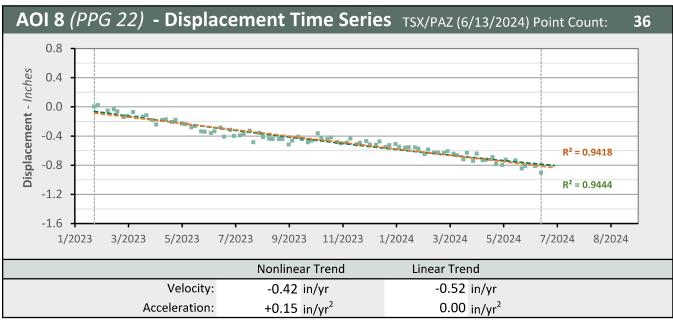




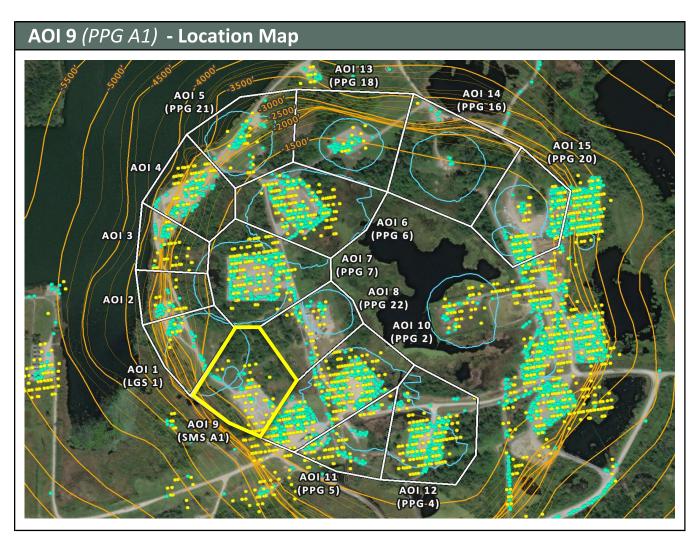


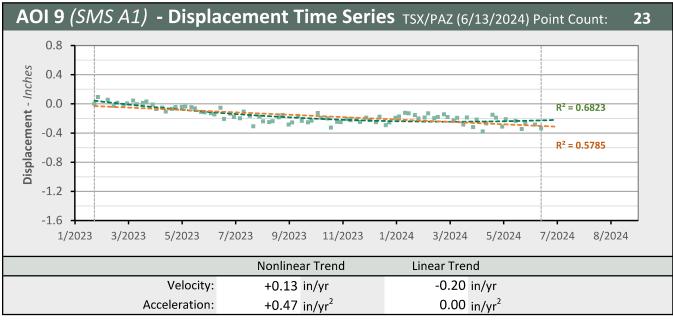


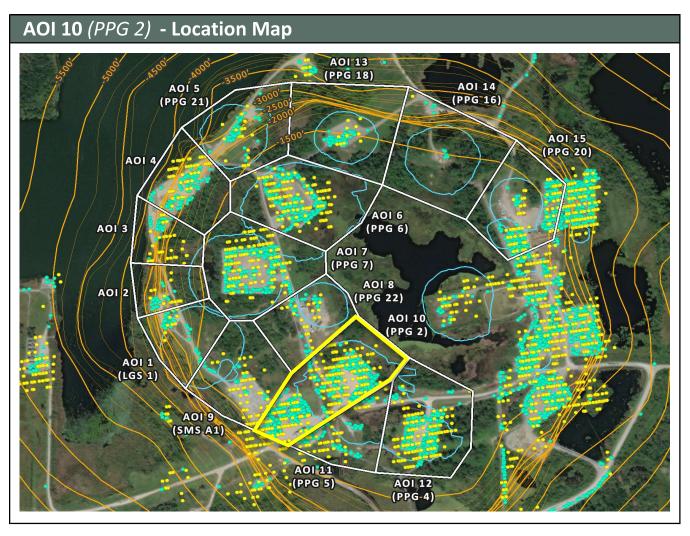


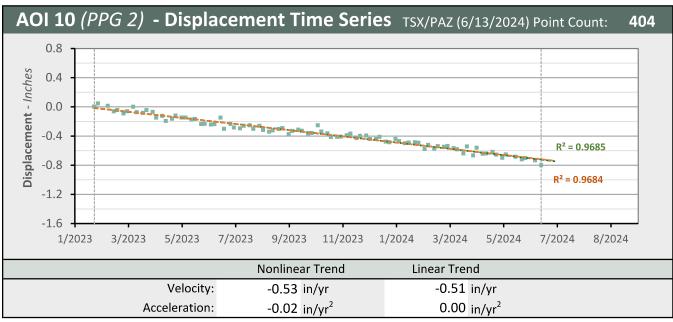












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