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Very good morning, Hamish, just tried to give you a call.

Just hoping to discuss the rationale behind the infiltration testing and subsequent interpretation for the project above. I have attached the initial response from yourself.

As you know, the reason the testing wasn't compliant is due to the tests not being completed 3 times (only 2) and from 75% to 25% full however, when rates are steady the testing can take a long time to undertake meaning it isn't always possible to stay the duration of the three tests. In these scenarios we quite often extrapolate providing there is a clear trend within the previous and extrapolated tests. In our experience the relevant authorities are generally understanding of this and don't expect companies to stay on site for 14 hours plus and allow us to extrapolate the data to assume a rate. In this case the site investigation team were on site for 12+ hours and to see the third test through may have taken another 4-5 hours.

We are hoping the above explanation justifies extrapolation in this case, especially as there is quite a clear trend in terms of water drop.

Happy to have a chat on the phone to discuss if easier.

Kind regards,

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