
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE FOR WATER ISSUES AGENDA

Notice is hereby given that the Environmental Committee for Water Issues will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, March 20, 2014, at 9:30 a.m. The meeting will be held at Rockport City Hall, 622 E. Market Street, Rockport, Texas. The following subjects will be discussed and possibly acted upon:

1. Call meeting to order.
2. Citizens to be heard.

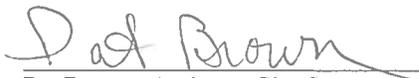
At this time, comments will be taken from the audience on any subject matter that is not on the agenda. In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, the Environmental Committee for Water Issues may not discuss or take action on any item which has not been posted on the agenda.
3. Deliberate and act on the February 20, 2014, meeting minutes.
4. Deliberate on possible changes in preparation and publication of meeting minutes.
5. Hear and deliberate on a report regarding ongoing activities of the Mission-Aransas National Estuarine Research Reserve.
6. Hear and deliberate on a report regarding ongoing activities of the Coastal Bend Bays and Estuaries.
7. Hear and deliberate on a report regarding ongoing activities of the Aransas County Navigation District.
8. Deliberate on possible involvement in the Texas Water Development Board Region N activities.
9. Deliberate on potential public outreach activities.
10. Deliberate lab results from the accelerated testing program of the Tule Creek and the Texas Beach Watch program.
11. Deliberate on possible agenda items for the April meeting.
12. Adjournment.

Special Accommodations

This facility is wheelchair accessible and accessible parking spaces are available. Requests for accommodations or interpretive services must be made 48 hours prior to this meeting. Please contact the City Secretary's office at (361) 729-2213, ext. 225, fax (361) 790-5966, or e-mail citysec@cityofrockport.com for further information. Braille is not available. The City of Rockport reserves the right to convene into Closed Session under Government Code §§551.071-551.074 and 551-086.

Certification

I certify that the above notice of meeting was posted on the bulletin board at City Hall, 622 E. Market Street, Rockport, Texas on March 13, 2014, by 5:00 p.m. and on the City's website at www.cityofrockport.com. I further certify that the following news media were properly notified of this meeting as stated above: *The Rockport Pilot*, *Coastal Bend Herald*, and *Corpus Christi Caller Times*.


Pat Brown, Assistant City Secretary

CITY OF ROCKPORT

MEETING MINUTES

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE FOR WATER ISSUES

9:30 a.m., Thursday, February 20, 2014
Rockport City Hall, 622 E. Market Street

On this the 20th day of February 2014, the Environmental Committee For Water Issues of the City of Rockport, Aransas County, Texas convened at 9:30 a.m. at the regular meeting place in City Hall, and notice of meeting giving time, place, date and subject having been posted as described in V.T.C.A., Government Code § 551.041.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairman Tom Callan
Committee Member Shawn Johnston
Committee Member Larry Hellums
Committee Member Virginia Hallinan

COMMITTEE MEMBER(S) ABSENT

Committee Member Ron Helmke

STAFF MEMBER(S) PRESENT

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Kendra Baird, Environmental Specialist

BOARD/COMMISSION MEMBER(S)

EMPLOYEE(S) PRESENT

ELECTED OFFICIAL(S) PRESENT

Councilman Patrick Rios
County Commissioner Betty Stiles

TOTAL VISITOR(S) IN AUDIENCE: 2

Opening Agenda

1. Call to order.

With a quorum of the Committee Members present, the Regular Meeting of the Environmental Committee For Water Issues was called to order by Chairman Callan at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, February 20, 2014, in the Council Chambers of the Rockport City Hall, 622 E. Market Street, Rockport, Texas.

2. Citizens to be Heard.

At this time, comments will be taken from the audience on any subject matter that is not on the agenda. In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, the Environmental Committee For Water Issues may not discuss or take action on any item which has not been posted on the agenda.

There were no audience members requesting to address the Environmental Committee For Water Issues on any subject matter not on the agenda.

3. Deliberate and act on the January 16, 2014, meeting minutes.

MOTION: Committee Member Johnston moved to approve the minutes as presented. Committee Member Hellums seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Hear and deliberate on a report concerning Water Clarity in Little Bay.

Tom Rowe has been studying the nutrient levels in Little Bay and comparing them to the same month from last year. His findings indicate that the nutrient levels have decreased and clarity has improved in Little Bay.

5. Hear and deliberate on a report regarding ongoing activities of the Mission-Aransas NERR.

Kristin Hicks from Mission-Aransas NERR reported that things around the NERR have been kind of quiet since the beginning of the year. The next meeting will be the Freshwater Inflows meeting on April 10, 2014. They will also be hosting the Texas Bays and Estuaries meeting on April 23-24 with a registration fee of \$75. She also advised the committee that the NERR has a new director by the name of Robert "Bob" Dickey.

6. Hear and deliberate on a report concerning the ongoing activities of the Coastal Bend Bays and Estuaries.

CBBE are working on numerous projects including Artificial reefs in Nueces Bay and Blue Carbon seagrass monitoring in Corpus Christi Bay. Kristin Hicks explained the process of blue carbon seagrass monitoring and how it gives a monetary value to the estuaries.

7. Deliberate on election of officers for the committee.

Chairman Callan asked for nominations for the position of Committee Chairman. Virginia Hallinan moved to elect Chairman Callan for another term. The motion was seconded by Larry Hellums. There being no discussion, Chairman Callan called for a vote which passed unanimously. Chairman Callan then called for nominations for the position of Committee Secretary. Virginia Hallinan volunteered to accept the position and so on motion by Larry Hellums seconded by Shawn Johnston, Ms. Hallinan was duly elected by unanimous vote.

8. Hear and deliberate on a report regarding ongoing activities of the Aransas County Navigation District.

Committee Member Hellums advised that the Navigation District and Harborfront LP and reached an agreement and signed a letter of intent regarding the property at the harbor including the seawall. The Navigation District will own a section of the property and Harborfront LP will own a section. The Navigation District will lease their portion to Harborfront LP. The Navigation District will retain all waterfront property. It has now gone to legal departments for review.

9. Deliberate on potential public outreach activities.

Chairman Callan advised the committee that he feels it is time to start working on public outreach activities again. He discussed the possibility of publishing stories in the paper again. He and committee member Hallinan are to get together and discuss it before the next meeting.

10. Hear and deliberate on the status of the next Report Card for Little Bay.

Kristin Hicks of Mission-Aransas NERR presented the fall edition of the Little Bay Report Card. There were no indications of significant differences between measured components of Little Bay waters compared to Aransas Bay. This is seen as good news in that Aransas is the standard for measuring water quality being accepted at this time.

11. Deliberate lab results from the accelerated testing program of the Tule Creek and the Texas Beach Watch program.

Laboratory results from testing of Tule Creek were reviewed by the Committee. Councilman Patrick Rios advised the committee that the equipment for the modifications to the blowers that will assist in the denitrification process has been ordered. The council has been given a tentative date of April 1.

Texas Beach Watch reports were normal showing no dangerous trends or causes for alarm with respect to bacterial contamination in and around water in the vicinity of the Aransas County Navigation District Beach Park.

12. Deliberate on possible agenda items for the March meeting.

Item passed

13. Adjournment.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Regular Meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

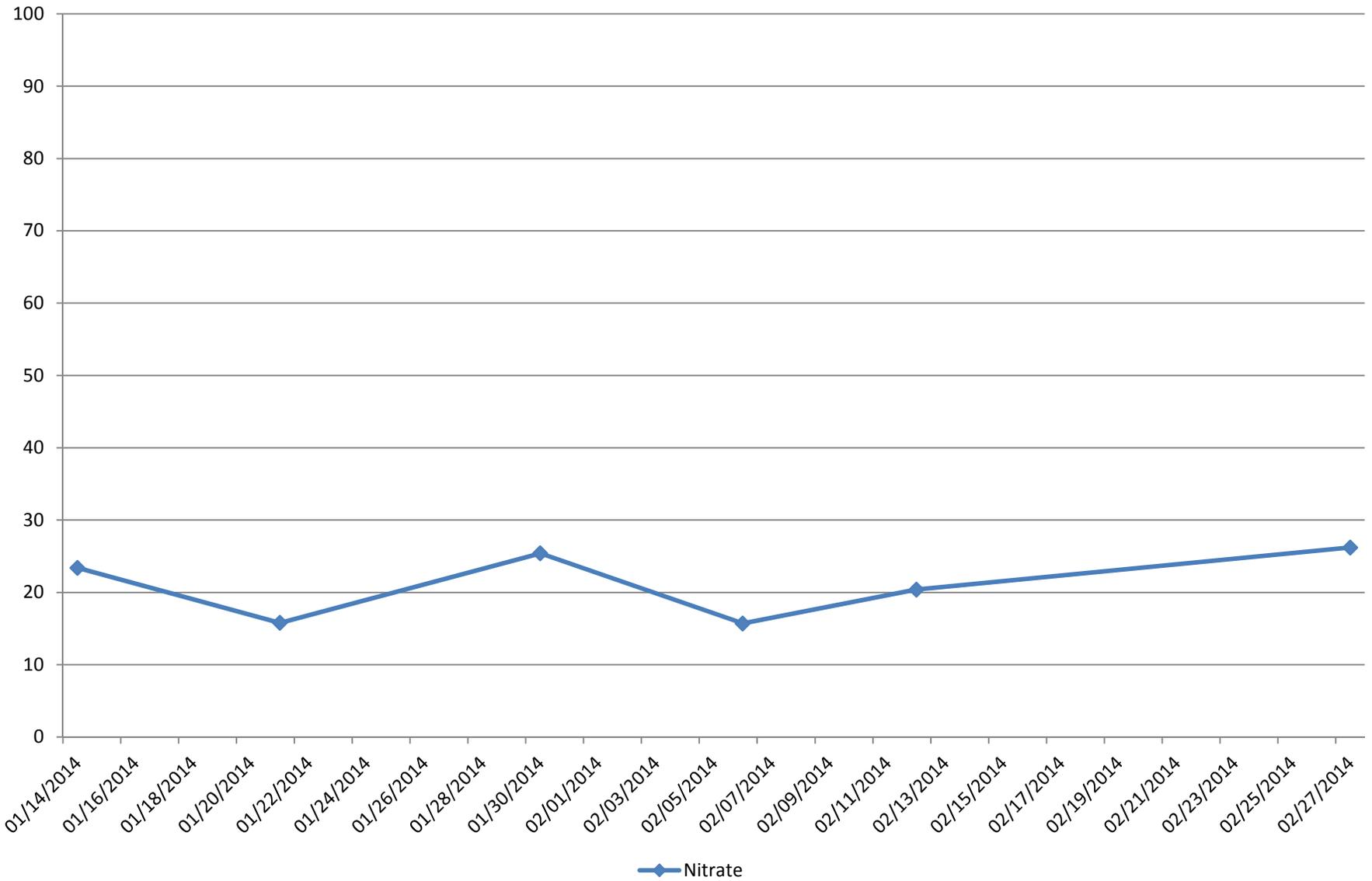
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Tom Callan, Chairman

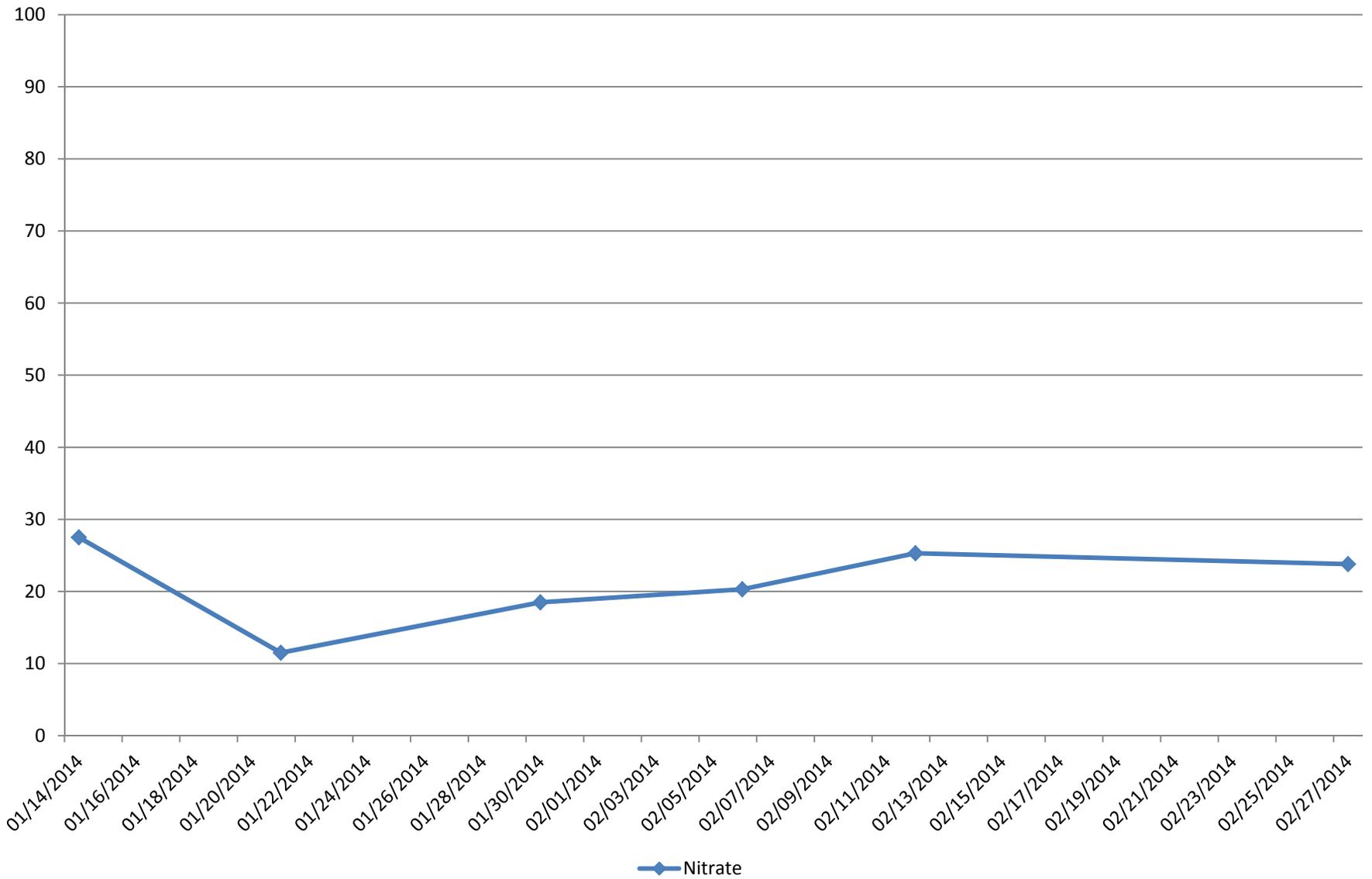
ATTEST:

Kendra Baird, Environmental Specialist
Public Works Department

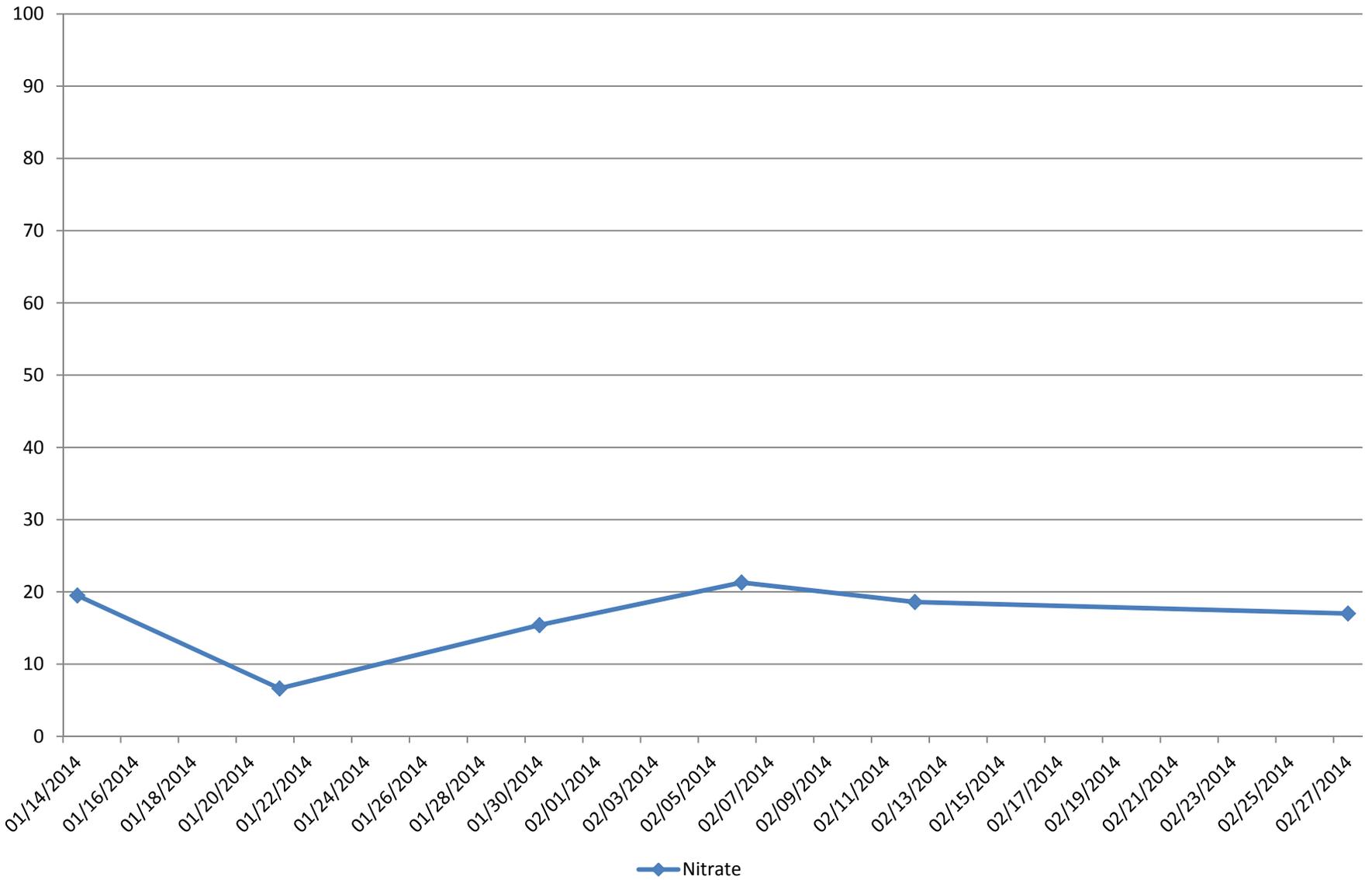
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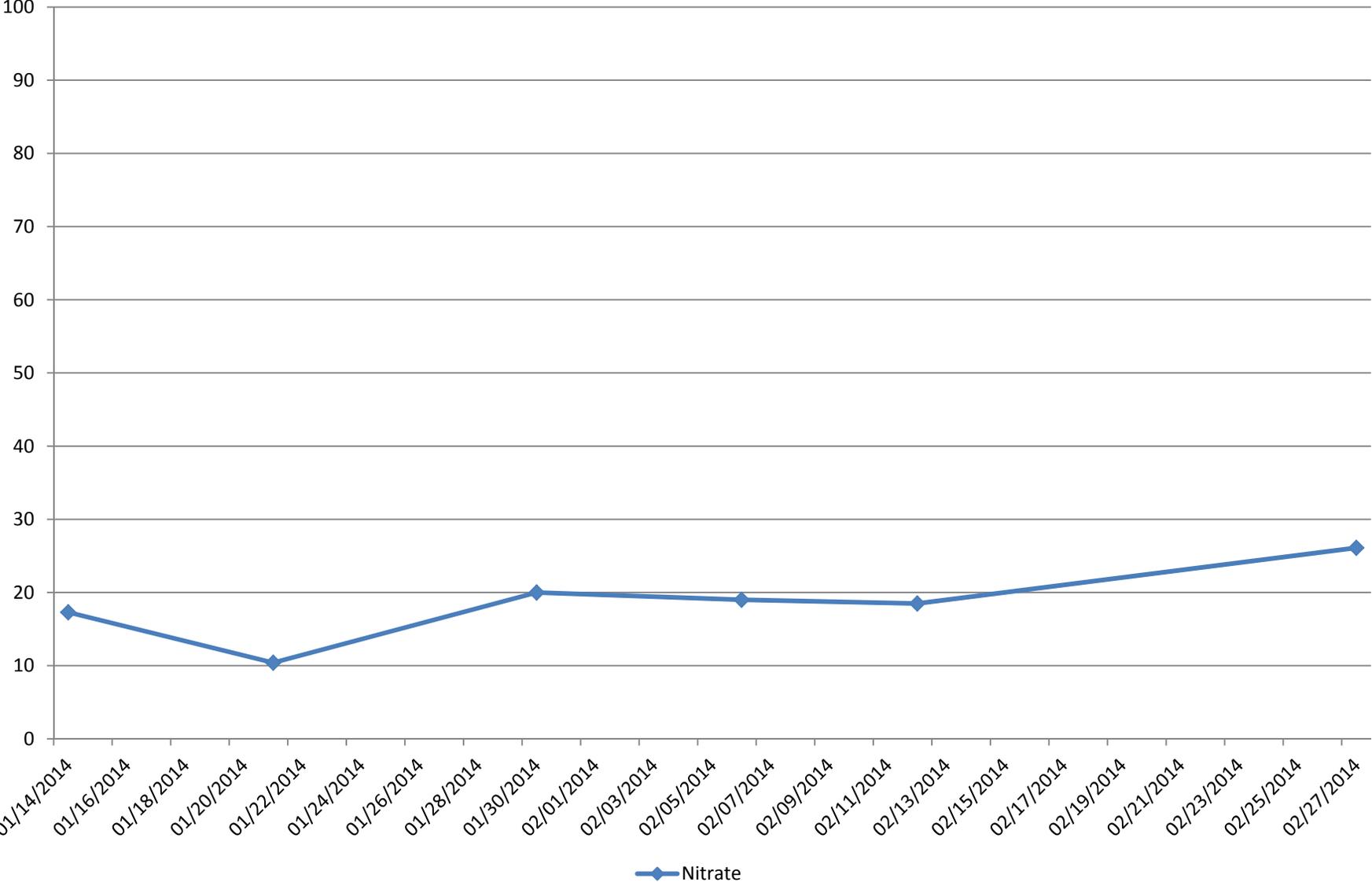
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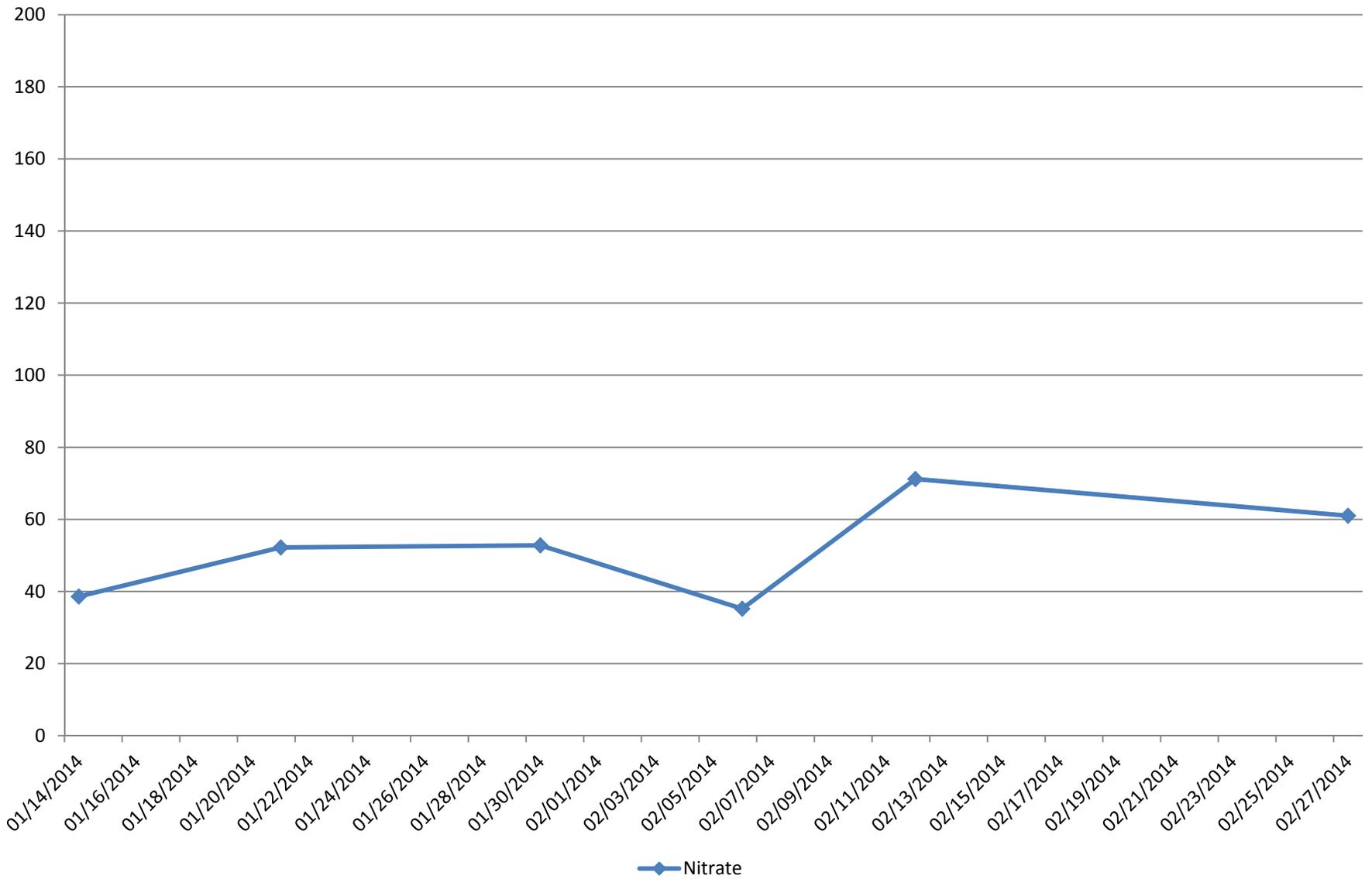
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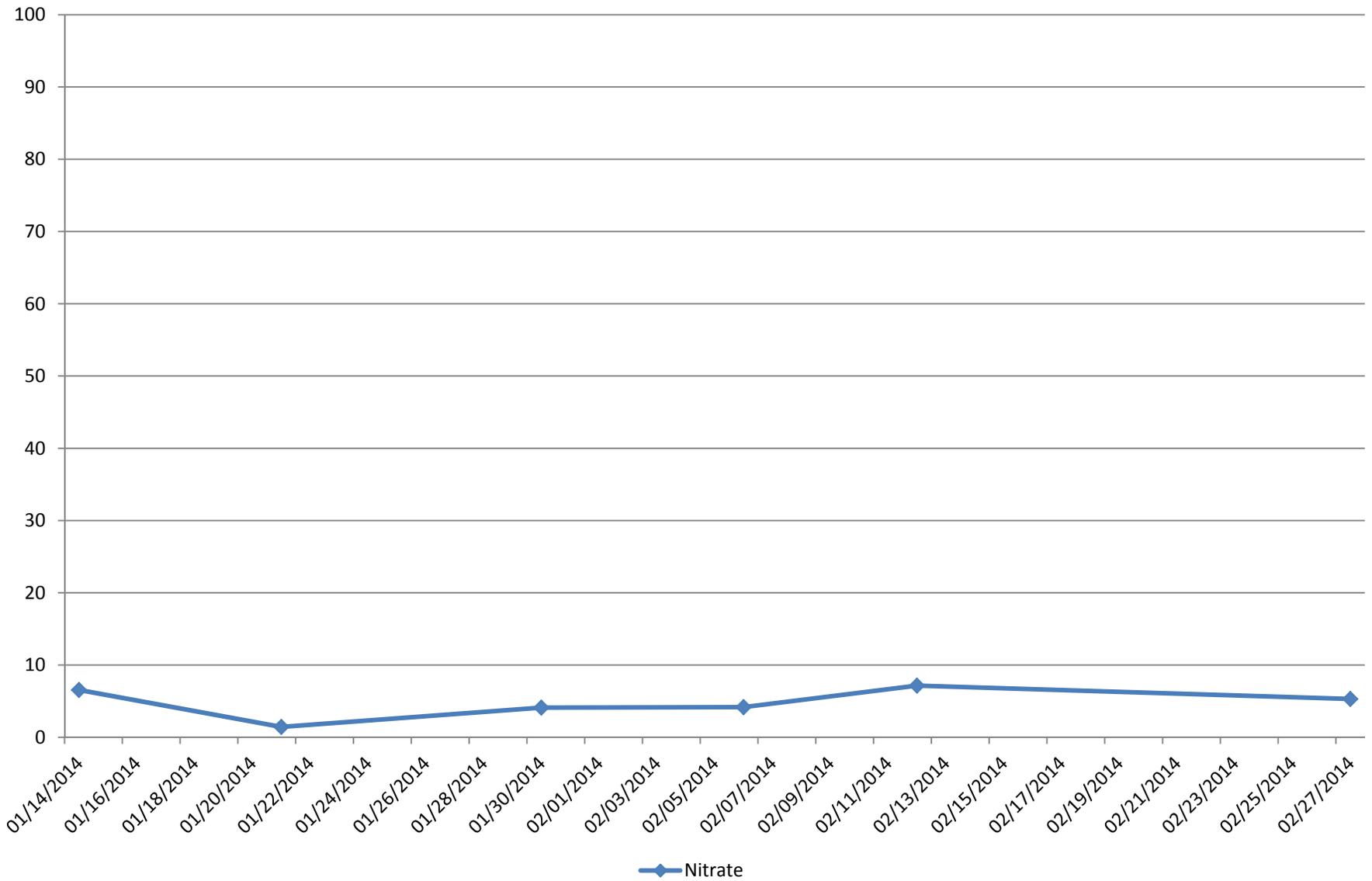
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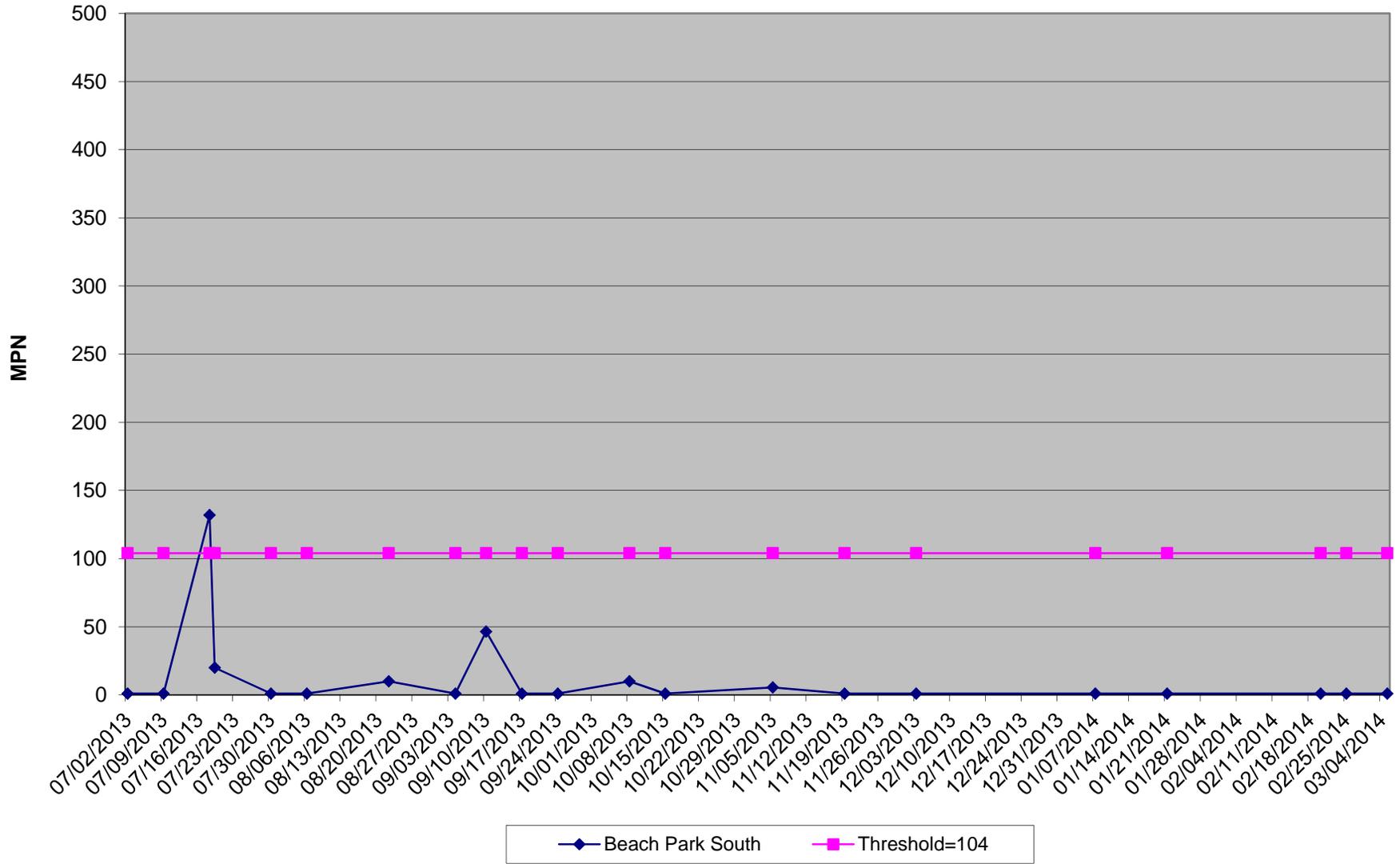
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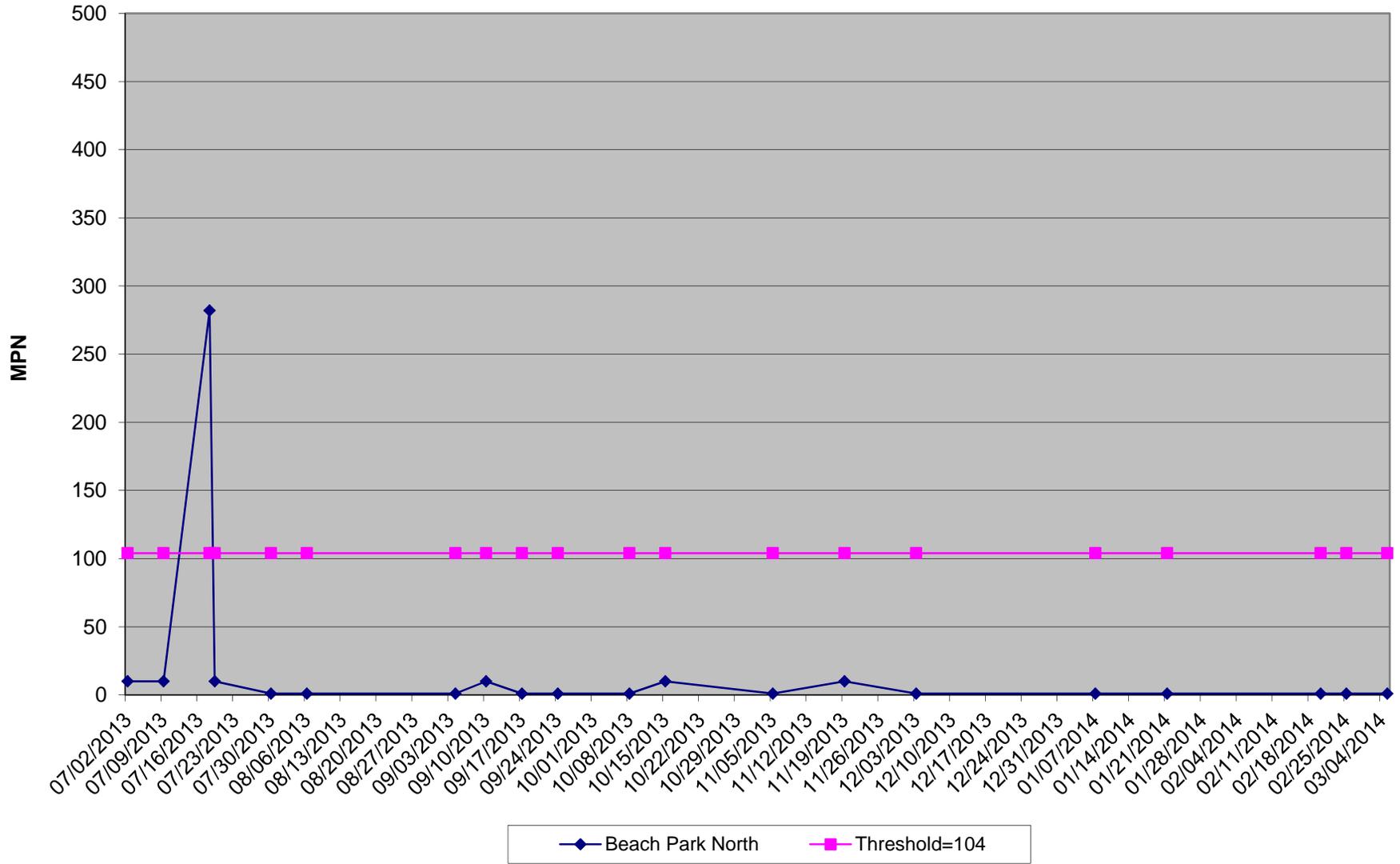
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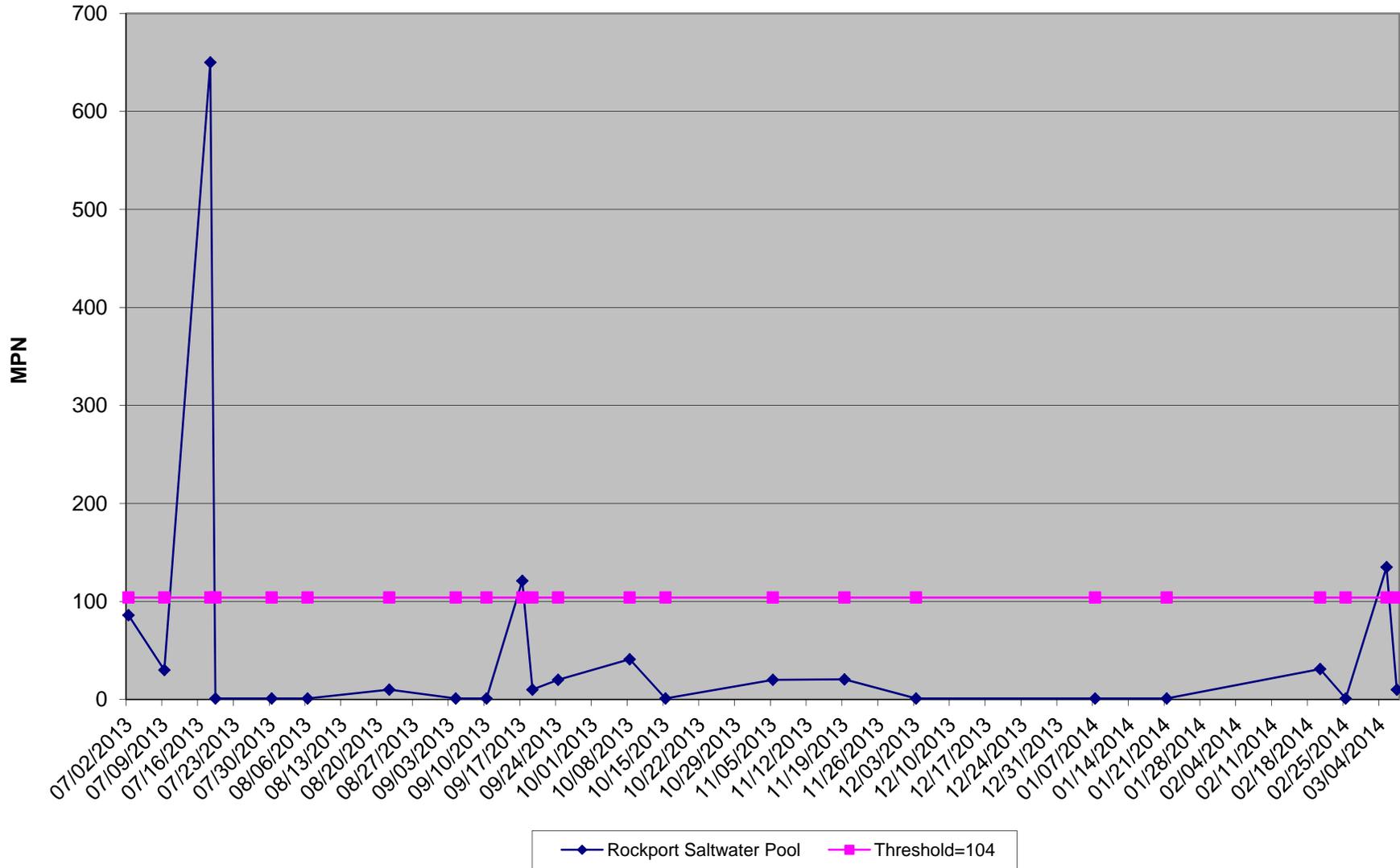
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