

# **Presentation Topics**

- Sources of heavy metals found in stormwater
- Initial laboratory and field tests for metal and selected organic releases from building roof materials
- Outdoor asphalt aging tests
- Laboratory material leaching tests
- Conclusions and recommendations
- Acknowledgements

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# Sources of Heavy Metals found in Stormwater

Galvanized (Galvalume) Roofing – Airport Facility

- 7 storms sampled of direct roof runoff
- Zinc

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 $\Box$  0.42 to 14.7 mg/L (average 88% dissolved; COV = 7%).

Copper

 $\Box$  0.01 to 1.4 mg/L (average 75% dissolved; COV = 24%).

Lead

Not detected

From: Tobiason, S. (2004). Stormwater Metals Removal by Media Filtration: Field Assessment Case Study. *Proceedings of the Watershed 2004 Conference*. Water Environment Federation.

### Scrapyard Stormwater (Filterable Concentrations)

Pollutant	Concentration (mg/L)
Phosphate	0.05 – 0.35
Copper	0.1 - 0.3
Lead	0.1 - 0.3
Zinc	0.1 - 6.7
Calcium	8 – 200
Magnesium	1.8 - 12





Galvalume roofing panels used on a building in Denali, Alaska



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Initial Laboratory and Field Tests for Metal and Selected Organic Releases from Building Roof Materials Conducted at Penn State -Harrisburg

# **Literature Review Major Findings**

- The composition of roofing materials and the drainage system pipes can significantly affect the amounts of pollutants, such as heavy metals, released into the runoff, especially for roof runoff.
- Water chemistry and time of contact may also affect the release of the contaminants into the stormwater.
- Metal corrosion and paint have been identified as copper, lead, zinc, and chromium potential sources of stormwater contamination.
- Researchers have determined these heavy metals are common contaminants in roof runoff at potentially high concentrations.
- Factors that affect material deterioration include the chemical composition of water and the time of contact with it.

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## Categories of Roofing Materials Investigated

- galvanized metal
- aluminum gutters/siding
- vinyl siding
- asphalt roofing shingles
- roofing tar and felt

- membrane roofing
- faux slate shingles (made from recycled materials)
- untreated wood (with and without paint)
- treated wood (with and without paint

## Methodology

- Summer 2002: Laboratory TCLP (acid rain simulation)
- Fall/Winter 2002 and Spring 2003: Laboratory investigation of selected materials using rainfall
- Spring 2003 Fall 2004: Long-term, outdoor investigation from intact installations on test frames. Destroyed in Hurricane Ivan.
- Winter 2004 Laboratory-testing of 60-year-old outdoor (painted) metal roofing panels.
- Spring 2005: Reconstruction of test frames at PSH and UAB. Slight design modifications resulting in larger surface area and decreased angle of roofing section to match typical construction guidelines.
- Summer 2005 indefinite: Long-term, outdoor investigation from intact installations on test frames. Runoff samples analyzed regularly (every storm first two months; at least one storm per month after first two months).

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#### **Roofing Compound Components**

- Leak Stopper Rubberized Roof Patch
  - Petroleum Distillate
  - Liquid Rubber
  - □ Penetrex<sup>™</sup> (a penetrating oil)
- Silver Dollar Fibered Aluminum Roof Coating
  - Aluminum Flakes
  - Calcium Carbonate
  - Cellulose Fiber
  - Stoddard Solvent
  - Asphalt
- Gardner Wet-R-Dri<sup>™</sup> All Weather Plastic Roof Cement
  - Petroleum Distillate
  - Asphalt
  - Cellulose Fiber
  - Silicate Mineral
  - Chrysotile Mineral Fiber

# Laboratory Testing: Roofing Shingles (Asphalt)









# Laboratory Testing: Roofing Panels





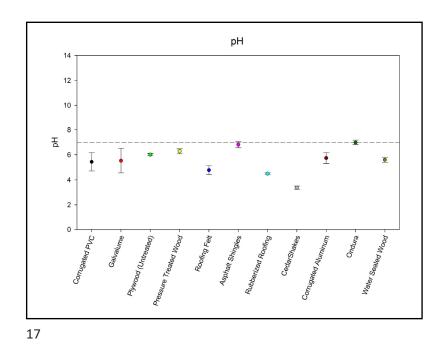
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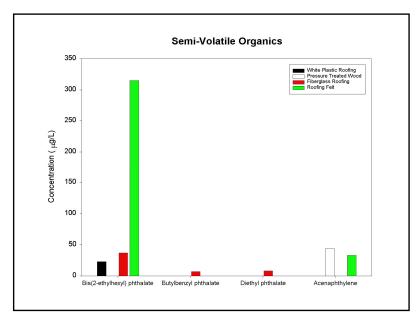
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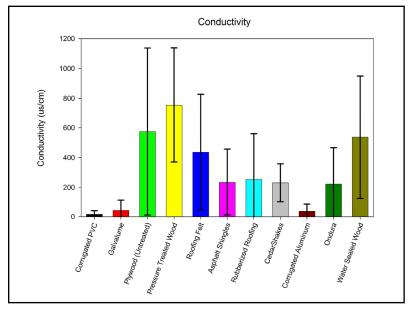
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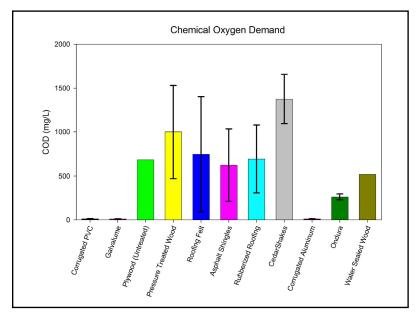
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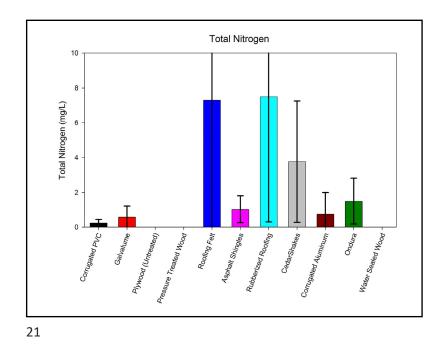
- ∎ pH
- Conductivity
- Chemical oxygen demand
- Semi-volatile organics (EPA Method 8270 and 608) – laboratory testing only
- Heavy metals and major cations (copper, chromium, cadmium, lead, zinc, arsenic, calcium, magnesium, sodium, potassium) [by ICP at UAB and by GF-AA at PSH]
- Nutrients (nitrate, ammonia, total nitrogen, phosphate, total phosphorus)
- Toxicity (Microtox<sup>™</sup>) on periodic PSH field samples

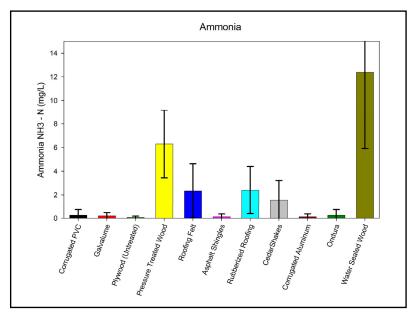


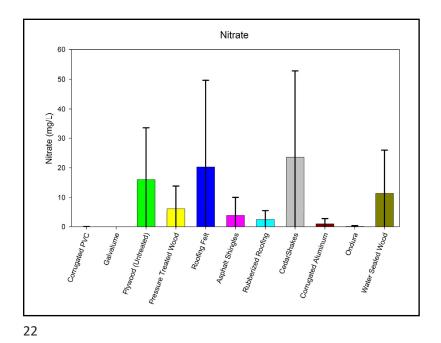


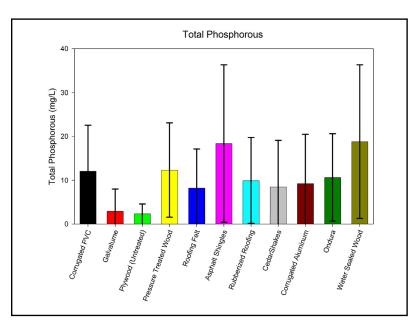


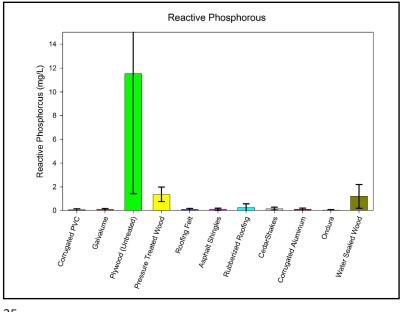


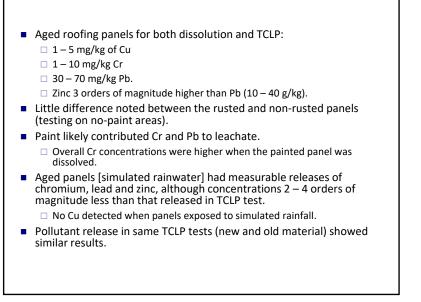












# Summary of Initial Laboratory TCLP Tests

#### Organics:

- $\hfill\square$  Most non-detects. Highest: roofing felt [bis(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate = 315  $\hfill \mu g/L].$
- COD: Pressure-treated wood > Silver Dollar Aluminum Roofing Coating > Roofing felt.

#### Nutrients:

- □ Nitrate highest: roofing felt, the two woods, and Leak Stopper.
- $\hfill\square$  Ammonia high: galvanized metal and roofing felt.
- Phosphate elevated: galvanized metal and Gardner Wet-R-Dri.

#### Metals:

- Copper highest in the two woods, followed by shingles and Silver Dollar Aluminum Coating (order of magnitude lower).
- Lead highest: Leak Stopper.
  - Others high: Silver Dollar Coating and galvanized metal.
- $\hfill\square$  Zinc highest: galvanized metal (Zn is sacrificial cation).
- □ Others elevated but four orders of magnitude less: waterproof wood, Leak Stopper, faux slate, and Kool-Seal White Acrylic.

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## **Results: Field Testing**

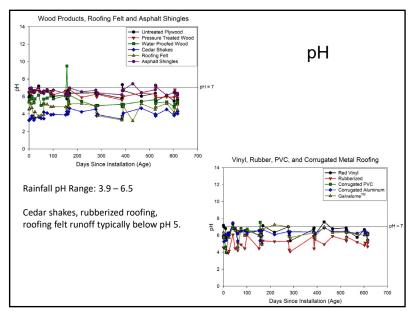
- pH, conductivity, and COD values showed little variability between storms).
- Physical degradation of roofing panels, particularly the metal panels, is visible after two weeks of exposure.

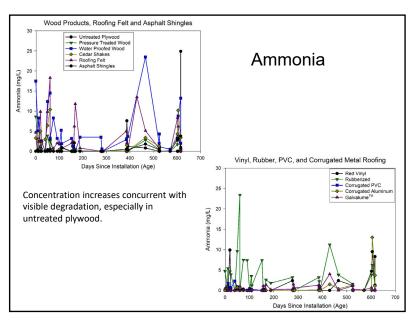


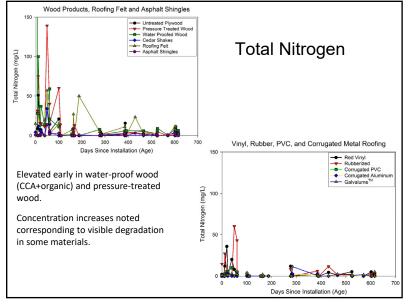


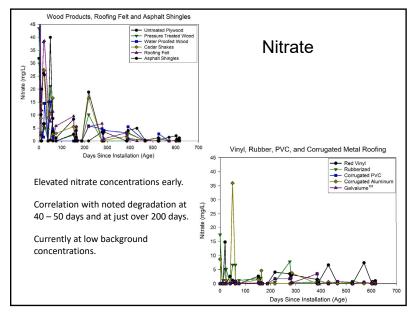


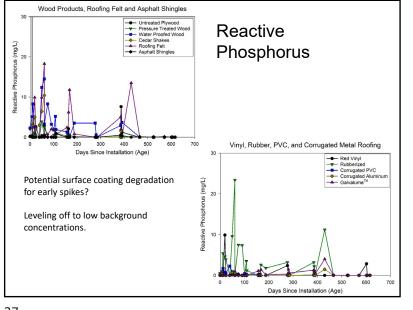




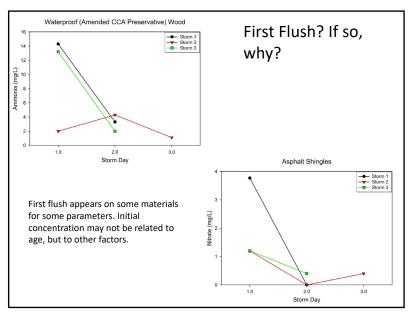


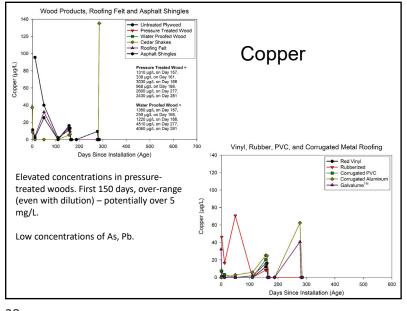






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# Summary of Results of Outdoor Testing of Roofing Materials

- Minimal acid rain buffering in some materials.
- Nutrients continuous release of nitrogen compounds; phosphorus release early but leveling off to background
- High early release of nitrogen may be washoff or surface coating release
- Metals lead and arsenic are very low, near background concentrations.
  - □ Arsenic was anticipated to be higher since copper is higher in the woods.
  - Copper elevated early in woods, possibly due to washoff of preservatives left on surface.
- First flush seen for some parameters and some materials.

# **Outdoor Asphalt Aging Tests**

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- In 2005, parking lot sealants were identified as a major source of PAHs in Austin, TX runoff. Parking lots with coal tar based sealants were found to contribute 65 times more PAH mass in the runoff compared to unsealed parking lots.
- The sealing layer on these parking lots tends to wear off by vehicle use, with the crumbled seal coat losses producing up to 2,200 mg PAH/kg sediment of 12 PAHs, compared with 27 mg/kg from unsealed parking lots. Parking Lot Sealant Identified as Major Contaminant (USGS 2005) (http://www.usgs.gov/newsroom/article.asp?ID=718).
- This lead to various bans on coal tar based sealants in different areas of the US (Austin, TX, State of Washington).
- Most PAHs have a several year half-life for degradation in streams so immediate sediment quality improvement will not occur.

### Literature Review

In a study conducted by National Cooperative Highway Research Program on the impact of construction materials (asphalt and its additives) on surface and groundwater, individual components and the aggregates of the pavements were subjected to exposure and aging tests. Their conclusions were that:

- Although some construction materials caused high toxicity levels, this was reduced or eliminated when they were incorporated into the complete pavement assemblage.
- Leachate from short term aging and long term aging did not show any significant differences.
- Leaching reduces with time and that it is a function of wet weather hours, independent of dry weather. The toxicity of the leachate was found to reduce by photolysis, volatilization and degradation.

Azizian F. Mohammad et al., "Environmental impact of highway construction and repair materials on surface and groundwater", 2003.

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# Asphalt Characteristics and Aging

- Asphalt is a viscoelastic material, a crude oil derivative and is obtained by controlled distillation of crude oil.
- It's a high molecular weight compound with complex structure and properties and its composition varies with the source of the crude oil. However, most asphalt contains about:
- > Carbon 82-88%
- Hydrogen 8-11%
- > Sulfur 0-6%
- Oxygen 0-1.5%
- Nitrogen 0-1%

The Shell Bitumen Handbook, Fifth Edition, Thomas Telford Publishing Itd, London, 2003.

- Asphalt provides cohesion between the aggregate particles to maintain the integrity of the mixture in the road bed construction.
- Asphalt coats the aggregate particles and can also enter the pores and crevices of the aggregate.
- Aggregates have active sites for binding asphalt molecules at different levels. Their surface is frequently either fully charged or partially charged. Asphalt being a mixture of hydrocarbons that is organomettalic (contains nickel, vanadium and iron) and polar in nature gets attracted to the active sites on the aggregate surface.
- The bonds formed may include hydrostatic, electrostatic or Vander-Waal's forces.

Fundamental Properties of Asphalt-Aggregate Interactions Including Adhesion and Absorption, Strategic Highway Research Program, National Research Council, Washington DC, 1993

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#### Method

- Three square pavement slabs were examined during this project.
- > A Hot-mix asphalt pavement, freshly constructed and unsealed.
- A Warm-mix asphalt pavement, freshly constructed and unsealed.
- A Hot-mix asphalt pavement (two years old), freshly coated with asphalt sealant (coal tar sealant was to be tested also, but was not available for purchase in Alabama).
  - "Most consumer-grade sealers are water-based emulsions containing water, clay fillers, latex, polymers, additives and either coal tar (a byproduct of baking coal to make coke) or asphalt (a byproduct of petroleum refining). Some so-called "asphalt" emulsions also contain some coal tar" (http://www.naturalhandyman.com/iip/infdrivewaysealer/inf drivewaysealer.html).

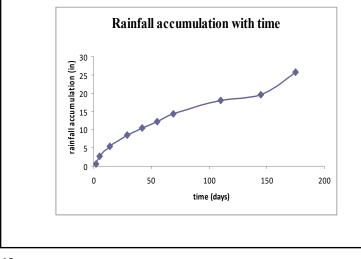
- Oxidation on the exposed surface of asphaltic pavements causes aging and the extent of aging is proportional to the surface area exposed (the surface and voids) to the atmosphere and the rate of diffusion of air into the pavement.
- The effect of aging is more rapid in the presence of light and air.
- The insoluble, condensation products formed as a result of the oxidation and the loss of volatile compounds from the pavements may effect the composition and the concentration of contaminants that leaches into the runoff with aging.

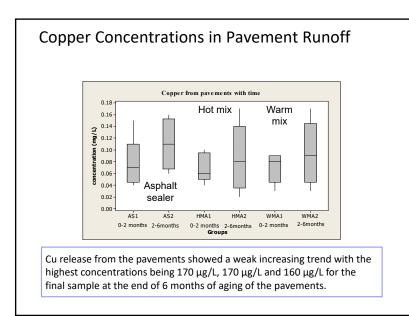
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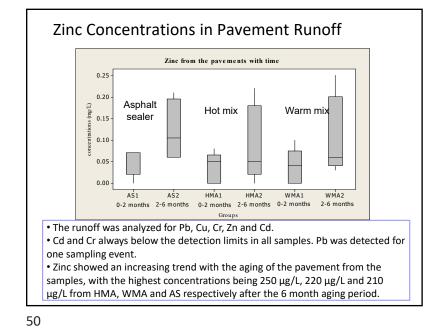
- The standard test slabs have a surface area of 0.25 m<sup>2</sup> and are 5 cm thick, prepared for this project by the National Center for Asphalt Technology (NCAT), at Auburn University, in Auburn, AL.
- The pavement slabs were set up outdoors and exposed to sun and rains, therefore being aged under natural conditions.
- An equivalent 0.5 in rain (using prior collected roof runoff) was used to obtain runoff on each of the pavement slabs periodically during the exposure perios.
- The resulting runoff was analyzed for contaminants and toxicity levels.

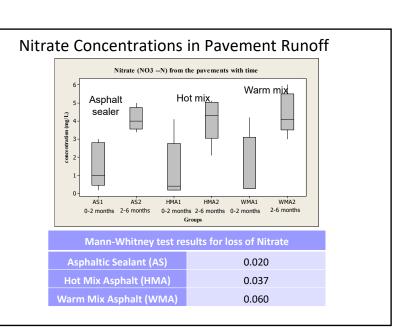


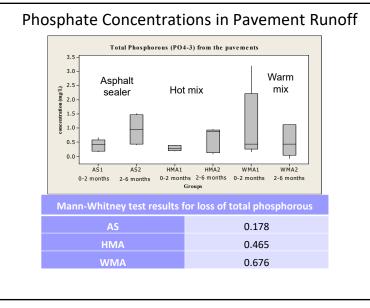
Natural rainfall accumulation during the project period



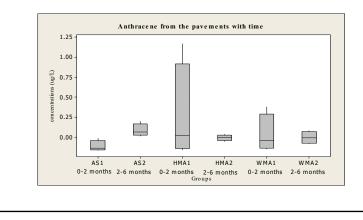


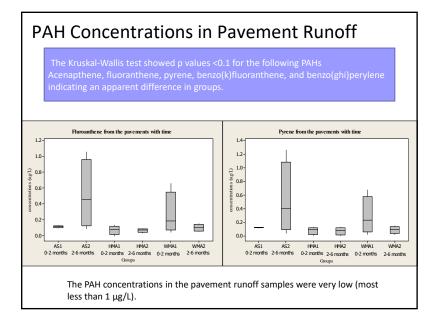






No significant differences were observed for the remainder of the PAHs analyzed based on the Kruskal-Wallis one-way ANOVA tests. However a Mann-Whitney test on the two exposure periods showed a significant difference for Anthracene.





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# Laboratory Material Leaching Tests

# Objectives

- The purpose of this research was to investigate how the range of drainage system and tank materials, water characteristics, and exposure times affect heavy metal releases during controlled tests examining the expected range of these contaminants, and their toxicity.
- This research quantified the concentrations of these contaminants from different pipe and gutter materials for different conditions and predicted the forms of the leached metals.
- To determine which materials can be used during long exposures, such as for storage tanks, and which are suitable for drainage components (short exposures) and to identify conditions under which certain materials are to be avoided.

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- During the second testing stage, materials were immersed into un-buffered waters from Mobile Bay (saline) and the Black Warrior River (fresh water).
   DH values approximately 8.
- These experiments were performed to investigate the metal releases under natural pH conditions with varying salinity values associated with natural brackish bay water and river water.

#### **Materials and Methods**

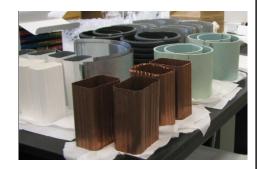
- Two series of long-term leaching laboratory tests were conducted.
  - □ Eight gutter and pipe materials
- First series of experiments were conducted to investigate the heavy metal releases under two different controlled pH conditions.
  - Roof runoff and parking lot runoff were collected in the city of Tuscaloosa and adjusted to pH 5 and pH 8 values.
  - Disodium phosphate dehydrate and potassium phosphate monobasic (Na<sub>2</sub>HPO<sub>4</sub> \* 2H<sub>2</sub>O and KH<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>) were used to create buffers.
  - Waters had high phosphate and high conductivity values from the buffers.

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# **Gutter and Pipe Materials**

- Gutter Materials: vinyl, aluminum, copper, and galvanized steel.
- Pipe Materials: concrete, HDPE, PVC, and galvanized steel.





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# **Quality Control/Quality Assurance**

- pH values with time in the containers were monitored.
- Metal analysis and associated laboratory quality control procedures were performed by Stillbrook Environmental Lab, in Fairfield, AL using inductively coupled plasma mass spectroscopy (ICP-MS).
- The labware preparation and sample storage and preservations requirements that were followed were from Eaton, et al. (2005) and Burton and Pitt (2002).
- The UA instruments were calibrated prior to each data collection (pH meter, conductivity meter).
- At UA, standards were run simultaneously with the samples for nutrient and toxicity analyses to confirm the instrument performance, and methods blanks were used.

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# **Materials and Methods**

#### Sampling times:

- First testing stage: time zero (buffered water without pipes), 0.5 hr, 1 hr, 27 hr, 1 mo, 2 mo, 3 mo
- Second testing stage: time zero (un-buffered water without pipes), 1 hr, 27 hr, 1 week, 1 mo, 2 mo, 3 mo

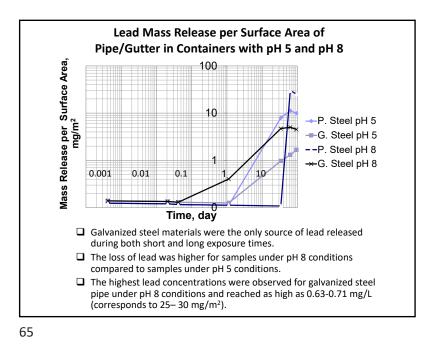
#### Measured Constituents:

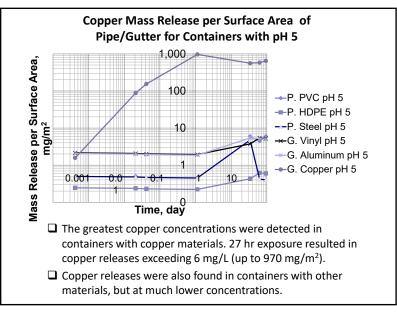
- □ Metals (cadmium, chromium, lead, copper, zinc)
- Toxicity (Microtox)
- pH, conductivity, Eh
- Selected samples were also analyzed for nitrogen compounds (ammonia nitrogen, total nitrogen, nitrate), aluminum, iron, phosphorus (only for non-buffered 2<sup>nd</sup> test series), sulfates, chlorides, and COD.
- Number of Analyses:

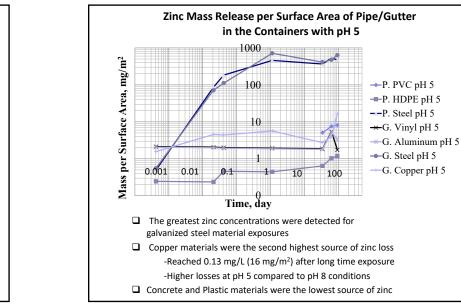
16 test chambers \* 2 test phases \* 6 time periods = 192 samples

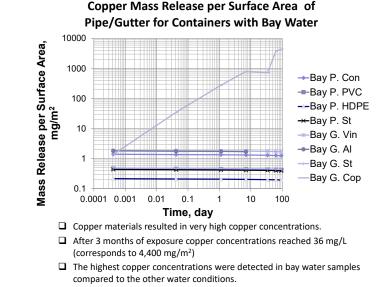
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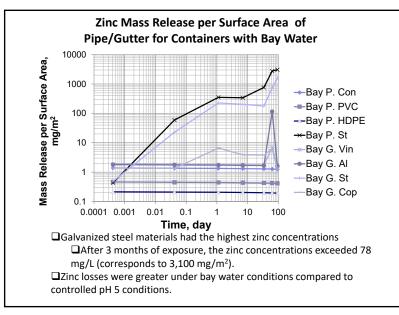
#### **Statistical Analysis Components for Model Development** Time Series plots To illustrate metal release with exposure time. Spearman Correlation • To identify simple relationships between water quality parameters and contaminants · Principal Component and Cluster Analysis • To evaluate complex associations between water quality parameters and contaminant releases and to identify groupings of samples with similar characteristics Full Factorial Analyses • To determine significant factors and their interactions on pollutant releases Empirical models were developed · to predict pollutant releases for different materials and uses, water types and exposure times. Chemical Modeling · To identify different chemical speciation and associations under different conditions and exposure periods 64









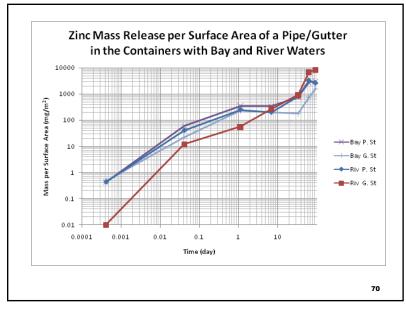




# Spearman Correlation Tests

Examined correlations between:

- pH and metal releases
- pH and toxicity
- Metal releases and toxicity
- Conductivity and metal releases
- Conductivity and toxicity
- Exposure time and metal releases
- Exposure time and toxicity
- Were used to identify factors to include into factorial analyses.



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## **Spearman Correlation Matrices**

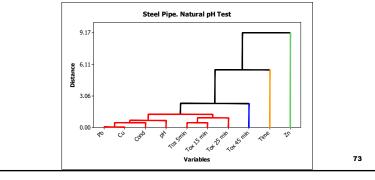
- Determine the associations between the constituents for the samples collected during controlled and natural pH tests.
  - Pb, Cu, and Zn concentrations
  - 🗆 pH
  - Conductivity
  - $\hfill\square$  Toxicity of the samples at 5, 15, 25, and 45 min of bacteria exposure
  - Time of material exposure to the experimental water
  - For each pipe and gutter material.

#### Example: Galvanized steel pipe during the natural pH tests

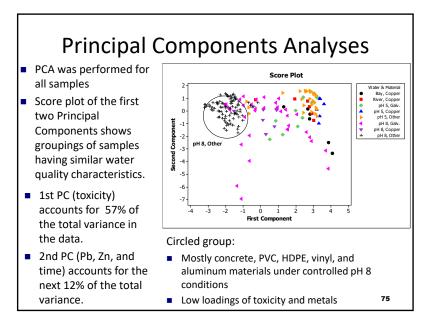
	Pb	Zn	pH	Cond.	Tox.	Tox.	Tox.	Tox.	Time
					5min	15min	25min	45min	
Pb		-0.175	0.413	-0.406	-0.508	-0.462	-0.462	-0.427	-0.496
Zn			-0.0699	0.000	0.853	0.846	0.846	0.860	0.905
pН				-0.902	-0.399	-0.399	-0.399	-0.413	-0.0283
Cond.					0.392	0.399	0.399	0.399	0.000
Tox. 5min						0.986	0.986	0.972	0.862
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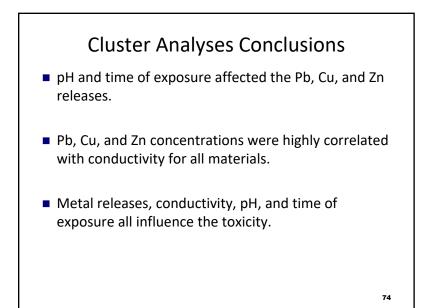
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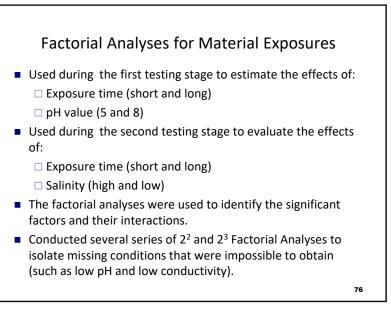
- For each pipe and gutter material using the data for buffered and natural pH tests.
- For the same data that were used to compute the correlation matrices
- To identify more complex relationships between the parameters.

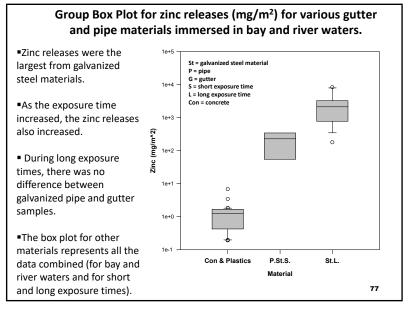


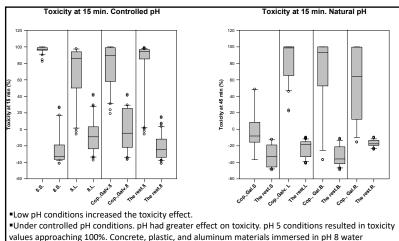
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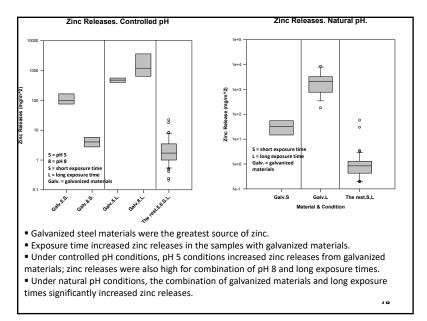






produced conditions that were the least toxic.

 Under natural pH conditions (pH ranged between 6.93 and 9.33), material had greater effect on toxicity. Copper and galvanized materials resulted in significant toxicity increases. Concrete, plastic, and aluminum materials resulted in the least toxic conditions.



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# Model Fitting using Linear Regression

Objective:

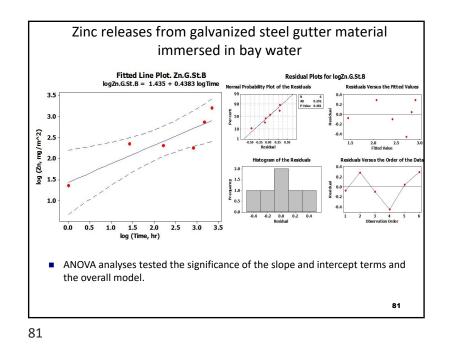
- To predict metal releases from the exposure times for all test conditions.
- The regression requirements (normally distributed, zero mean, constant variance, independent) revealed that first order polynomials can be fitted to the log of metal releases vs. log of time.

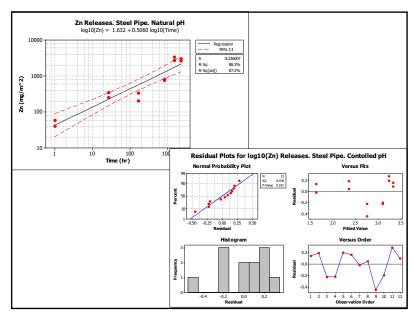
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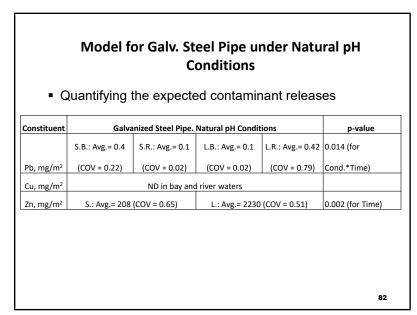
• For different pipe and gutter materials under controlled and natural pH conditions.

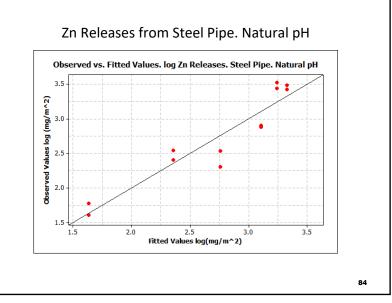
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Metals: Cu, Zn, Pb





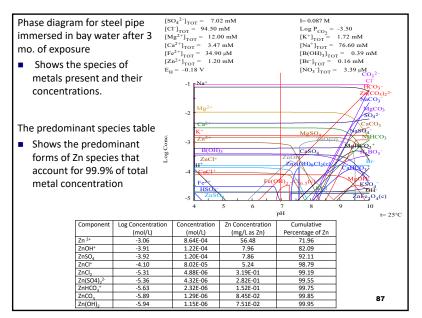




## Water Chemistry Modeling using Medusa Software

- The Langelier Index
  - To determine whether the water was in equilibrium with CaCO<sub>3(s)</sub> and to detect the presence of protective calcium coatings.
- Log Concentration- pH, Fraction, and Eh-pH Diagrams and Medusa Modeling
  - To determine the forms of the metal species

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# **Chemical Speciation Modeling**

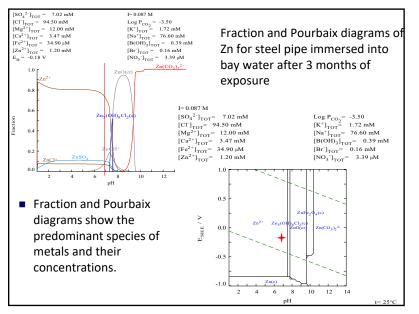
#### Objective:

 To predict the forms of the measured metals and to predict the relative toxicities and treatabilities of the different metallic compounds and ionic species likely present.

#### Performed for:

- Time zero (without sample), 1 day of exposure (representing rain storm event and applicable to gutter and pipe materials), and 3 months of exposure (for tank materials).
- For different pipe and gutter materials under controlled and natural pH conditions.
- Diagrams and summary tables were made for the Zn, Cu, and Pb contaminants

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#### Water Chemistry Modeling Conclusions. Heavy Metal Treatability

- Medusa results showed that the valence states of the modeled metal species varied widely from being strongly charged (-2 to +2) to zero valence.
- As an example, for the predominant Zn<sup>+2</sup> species, ion exchange may be an effective treatment method.
- Strong cation exchange materials include peat.

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# Conclusions and Recommendations

# The Langelier Index

Calculated to determine:

- Whether the leaching water for the concrete materials was in equilibrium, oversaturated, or undersaturated with respect to CaCO<sub>3(s)</sub>. Langelier Index indicates whether concrete samples will deteriorate as a result of CaCO<sub>3(s)</sub> dissolution from the concrete.
- Whether CaCO<sub>3(s)</sub> that is present in the water will precipitate and form scale that may protect most type of material from corrosion.
- The waters in the containers with concrete pipes under pH 5 and pH 8 conditions were undersaturated with respect to CaCO<sub>3(s)</sub>
  - $\hfill\square$  the waters would have a tendency to dissolve  $CaCO_{3(s)}$  from the concrete. Minor pitting of concrete pipes at pH 5 was observed.
- The waters in the containers with concrete pipes under natural pH conditions were oversaturated with respect to CaCO<sub>3(s)</sub>
  - □ waters in these samples had a tendency to precipitate CaCO<sub>3(s)</sub> from the solution and there was no degradation of the concrete pipe after 3 months of exposure.
  - $\Box$  For bay and river waters, all the samples were oversaturated with respect to CaCO<sub>3(s)</sub> with the exception of steel pipe and gutter samples.

## **Roofing Material Test Conclusions**

- Materials with metallic preservatives or metal skin coatings leached more of the measured metals. Treated woods contributed Cu significantly more than any other material.
- Nutrient concerns are primarily from organic products, unless it is known that there are concerns due to specific ingredients (such as a binder that contains nitrogen or phosphorus).
- Installation practices such as exposing cut edges and use of sealers may impact the temporal pattern of pollutant release from these materials.

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 pH: All samples had runoff pH between 5 – 6.5, except for roofing felt, rubberized roofing, and cedar shakes (all of which had runoff pH < 5).</li>

- Wood panels, both treated and untreated, had high conductivity and COD levels.
- Roofing felt, cedar shakes, and water-proof wood highest nitrate concentrations. Water-proof wood also had high ammonia releases.
- Asphalt shingles yield total phosphorous levels four times greater than any other roofing panels, whereas untreated plywood generated elevated average phosphate levels.

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- No obvious patterns were observed for the detergent concentrations (ranged between 0.25 to 1 mg/L).
- The apparent concentration changes observed were all increases with exposure time (most evident with the asphaltic sealer sample), while most literature indicated concentration decreases with aging. The six month test period was relatively short compared to pavement life and these results may indicate an initial increase in these contaminant releases before subsequent decreases in runoff concentrations.

## Asphalt Exposure Test Conclusions

- Zn and Cu were the only heavy metals that were detected in the runoff. They both had apparent concentration **increases** with exposure time for all samples. Pb was detected at only one sampling point. (Cr, Cd were not detected in any of the pavement runoff samples).
- Nitrates also had apparent concentration increases with exposure time for all samples. The phosphate changes were mixed and not very apparent.
- The PAH concentrations were very low (generally <1 µg/L). The asphaltic sealed pavement sample was the only sample showing apparent PAH concentration changes (increases) with time.</p>

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## **Asphalt Degradation Test Recommendations**

- Further research could be conducted with aged materials in order to investigate metal releases and toxicity under different water conditions for comparison with the results with the new drainage and piping materials.
- For the factorial analysis, midpoints could be used to determine the shape of the resulting response surface.
- Many other building materials also need similar testing to identify the role of material selection on stormwater quality (such as asphalt, along with building siding and fencing materials, for example). The benefits of coatings on the materials to reduce pollutant degradation and material damage should also be investigated.

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## **Drainage Material Exposure Test Conclusions**

- Copper materials are not advised for drainage system applications, especially when acidic rain conditions are expected, due to high copper releases and associated high toxicity.
- Galvanized materials should also be avoided as gutter and pipe materials as they release high zinc concentrations under all pH and exposure conditions.
- For stormwater drainage systems (gutters and pipes) exposed at pH
  5 and pH 8 conditions, plastic and concrete materials can be safely used for most conditions.
- Galvanized steel and copper materials also should be avoided for storage tanks applications due to very high metal releases and toxicities.
- For stormwater storage applications, concrete, HDPE, and vinyl materials can be safely used due to their small, or non-detected metal releases and toxicities.

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