

Expected Performance of Stormwater Controls

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Presentation Topics

- Stormwater control performance as reported by the International BMP Database
- Wet detention pond expected performance
- Monitored biofilter performance to meet strict Numeric Effluent Limits as demonstrated at a large industrial site
- Biofilter underdrain monitoring at Kansas City Green Infrastructure demonstration project to quantify performance by particle size
- Conclusions
- Acknowledgements

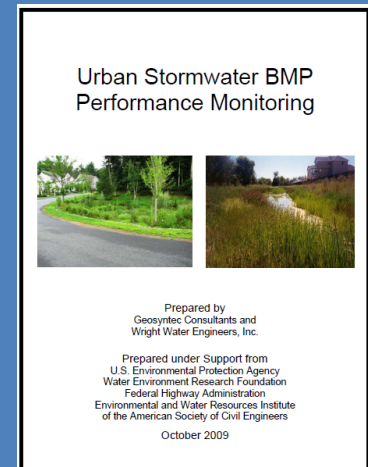
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Stormwater Control Performance as Reported by the International BMP Database

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International BMP Database Overview

- The International BMP Database includes about 600 stormwater control monitoring studies
- Database and analysis available at www.bmpdatabase.org
- Since 2008, a key focus has been to better integrate green infrastructure through:
 - Monitoring Guidance
 - Reporting Protocols
 - Updated Analysis Protocols



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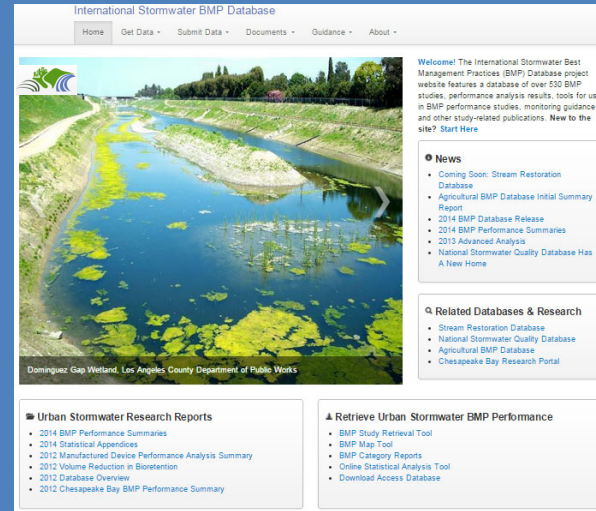
International BMP Database Summary

- 17 general stormwater control categories
- Most recent version posted December 2014
- Most recent categorical analysis July 2012
- 20-30 more study entries entered during 2015-2016
- Over 200 Green Infrastructure stormwater control studies

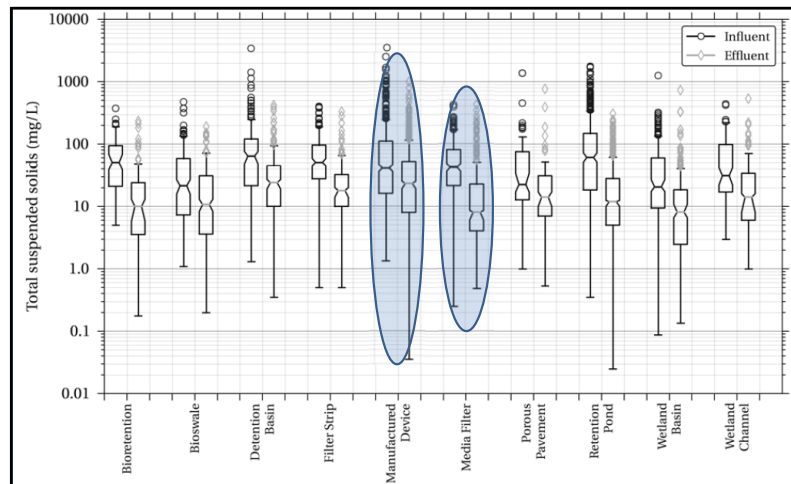
BMP Category		Count
BR	Bioretention	43
BI	Biofilter - Grass Strip	45
BS	Biofilter-Grass Swale	44
CO	Composite	26
DB	Detention Basin/Vault	43
GR	Green Roof	17
IB	Infiltration Basin	2
LD	LID Site (multiple BMPs)	4
MD	Manufactured Device	104
MF	Media Filter	39
MP	Maintenance Practice	29
OT	Other	6
PP	Porous Pavement/PFC	41
PT	Percolation Trench	13
RP	Retention Pond	77
WB	Wetland Basin	35
WC	Wetland Channel	19
Total BMPs		587
CX	Control/Ref. Sites	22

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Website (www.bmpdatabase.org)

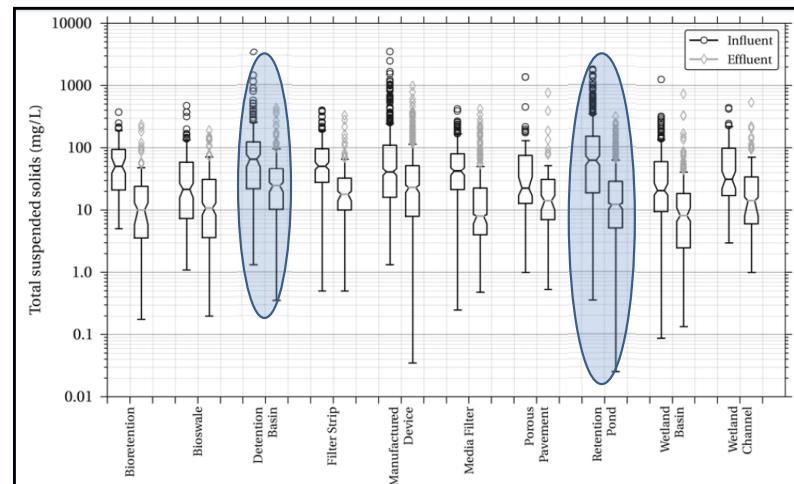


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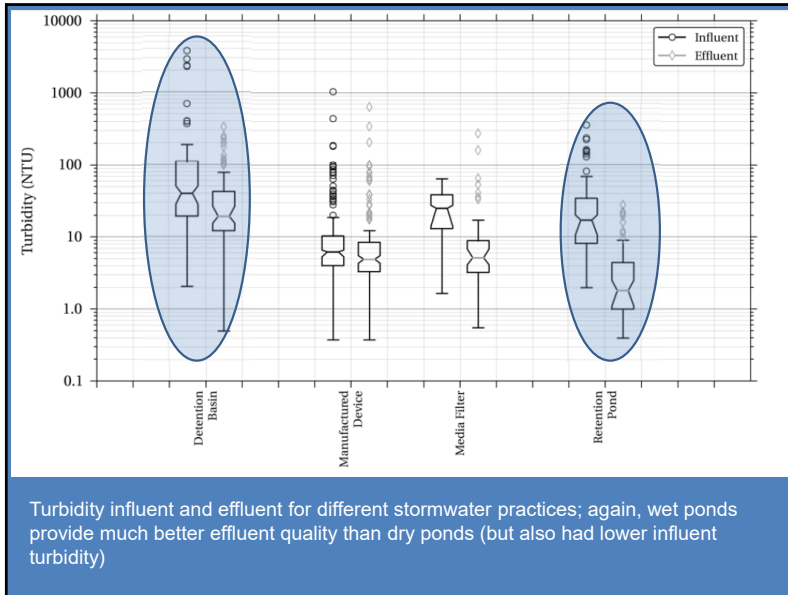
- TSS influent and effluent for different stormwater practices: International Stormwater BMP Database
- Manufactured devices (hydrodynamic devices) and media filters had about the same median influent TSS concentrations, but the media filters had substantially lower effluent TSS concentrations.

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- TSS influent and effluent for different stormwater practices; retention (wet) ponds provided much better effluent quality than detention (dry) ponds, with similar influent quality.

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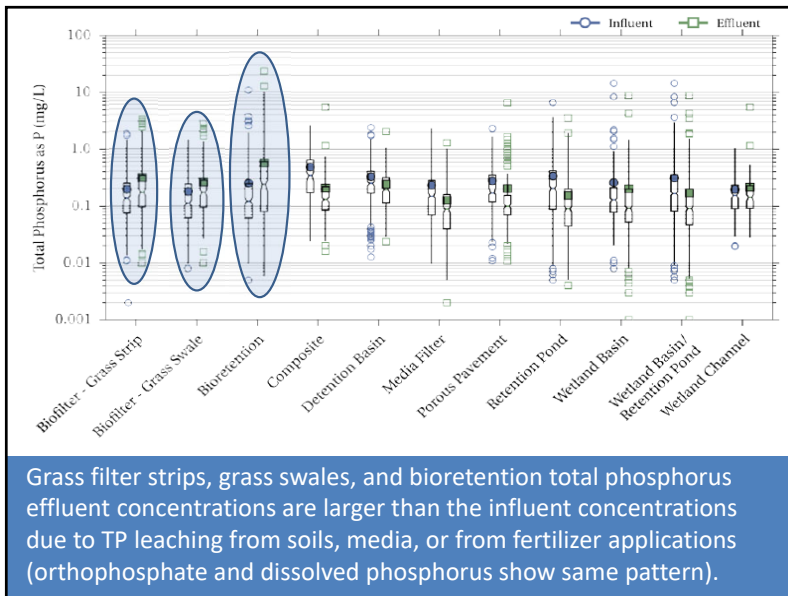


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Why is there such a large difference in performance between a dry and a wet pond?

- Usually due to scour
 - Need at least 3 ft for wet ponds to protect previously captured silt
 - Grass filters may look like dry ponds (and the grass filters can work well, but require lengthy sheetflows with level spreaders, low slopes, good grass stands, no pilot channels, etc.)
 - Terminology issues (in many areas, dry ponds are actually percolation ponds or infiltration ponds with no surface discharges), HIGs

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The High P Index Lesson (soil and media having high P leach to underdrain flows); Wisconsin DNR now recommending sand media with no compost or soil additions (maybe peat additions)

BASIC STATISTICS				HYPOTHESIS TESTING:				
PERFORMANCE METRIC	INFLOW	OUTFLOW	COMPARISON	STATISTICAL TEST	DATA	NULL HYPOTHESIS	p-value	Reject Null Hypothesis?
Number of EMCs:	15	18	---	Mann-Whitney:	Raw	The inflow and outflow median EMCs are equal.	0	YES
Percent Non-Detects:	0%	0%	---	t-Test:	Raw	The inflow and outflow mean EMCs are equal.	0.008	YES
Median:	0.13	1.85	Increased*	Log	Raw	The inflow and outflow mean EMCs are equal.	0	YES
Mean:	0.21	4.45	Increased	t-Test:	Raw	The inflow and outflow mean EMCs are equal.	0.006	YES
Standard Deviation:	0.27	5.63	---	Log	Raw	The inflow and outflow mean EMCs are equal.	0	YES
25th Percentile:	0.11	1.35	Increased	Levene (Raw Data):	Raw	The two variances are equal.	0.039	YES
75th Percentile:	0.19	3.77	Increased	Log	Raw	The two variances are equal.	0.333	NO
Well-fit to normal distribution?	No	No	---					NO
Well-fit to lognormal distribution?	Yes	Yes	---					NO
*Statistically Significant Difference in Median?			YES					

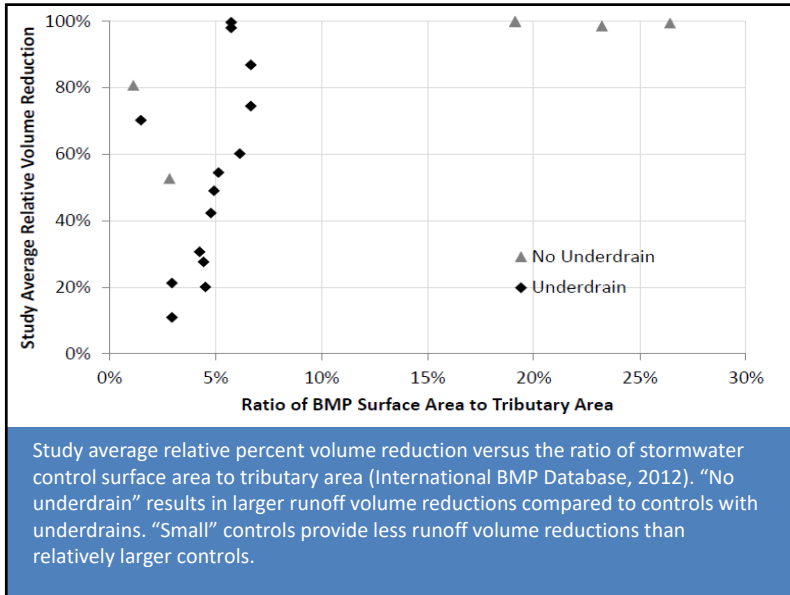
TIME SERIES PLOT

NOTCHED BOX-AND-WHISKER PLOT

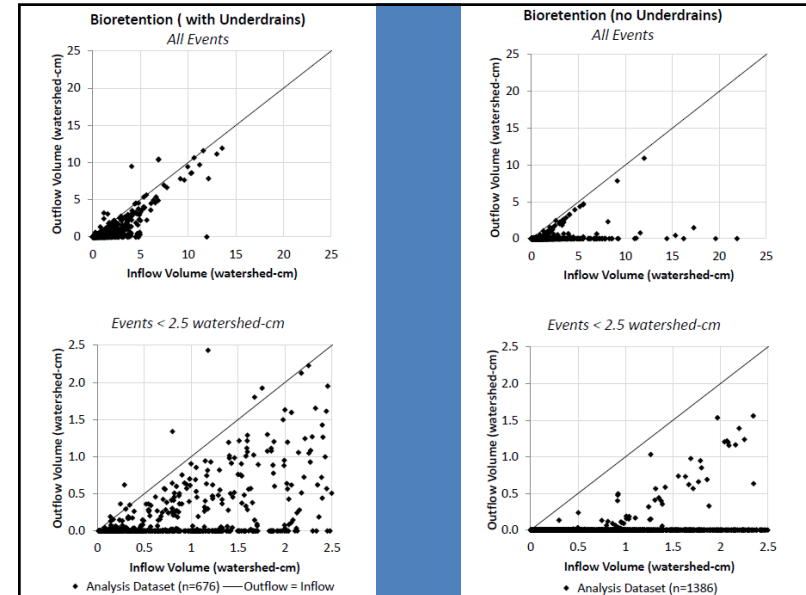
LOGNORMAL PROBABILITY PLOT

Also see: Hunt et al. (2006): Evaluating Bioretention Hydrology and Nutrient Removal at Three Field Sites in North Carolina http://psprchives.com/publications/our_work/stormwater/lid/bio_docs/Nutrient%20Removal%20in%20Bioretention-Hunt%20etal%202006.pdf

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Wet Detention Pond Performance

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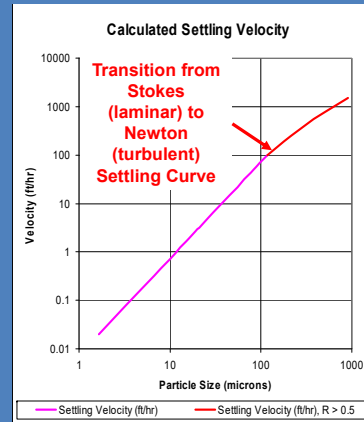
Three Categories of Data Needed for Calculating Wet Detention Ponds

1. Pond Geometry
2. Flow, Initial Stage and Particle Size Data
3. Outlet Information

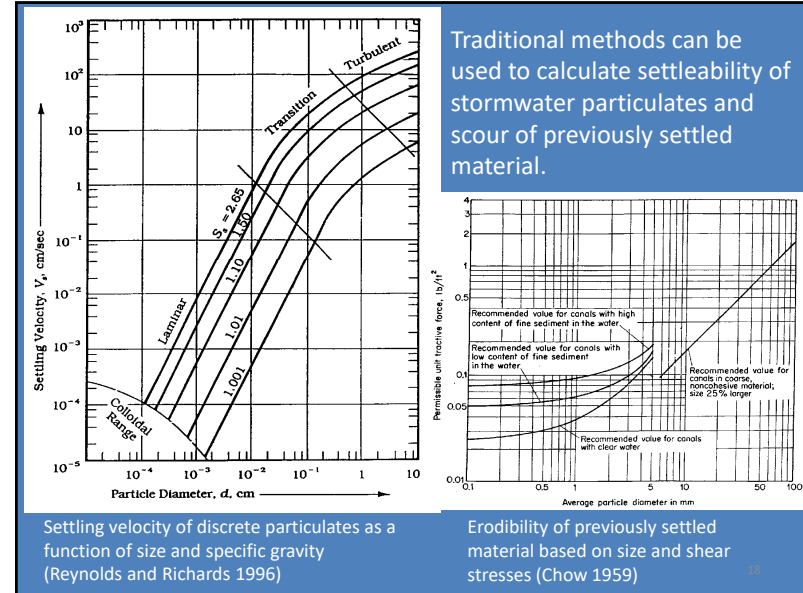
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Particulate Settling

- Ideal settling can be modeled
 - Using Stokes Law (laminar flow) for smaller particles
 - Settling velocity as a function of Reynolds number and particle size for larger particles under turbulent flow conditions
 - Water temperature and particle density also affect settling rates



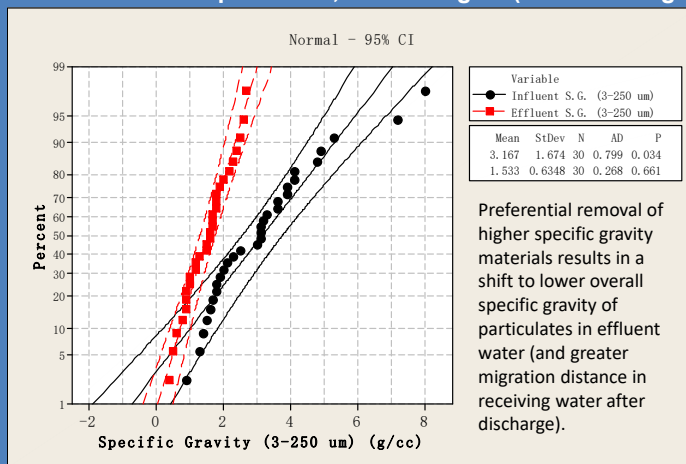
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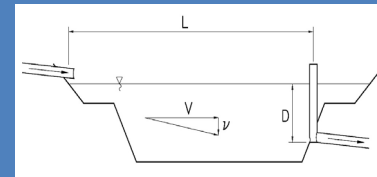
Changes in Specific Gravity with Sedimentation Treatment at an Industrial Site

Influent: 5th to 95th percentile, 1.3 to 6 g/cc (median: 3.2 g/cc)
 Effluent: 5th to 95th percentile, 0.5 to 2.3 g/cc (median: 1.5 g/cc)



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Particulate Settling



- Ideal Settling: Particle path is vector sum of particle velocity through pond and settling (upflow) velocity

$$\frac{V}{v} = \frac{L}{D} \rightarrow v = \frac{Q_{out}}{A}$$

- L = Pond Length
- D = Outlet Depth
- V = Water Velocity through Pond
- v = Settling Velocity
- Q_{out} = Outflow from Pond
- A = Pond Surface Area

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Particle Settling Derivation

$$\frac{V}{v} = \frac{L}{D}$$

$$V = \frac{Q}{a}$$

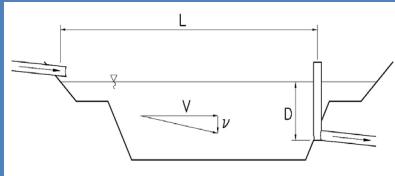
$$V = \frac{Q_{out}}{DW}$$

Substituting this relationship of V into the first equation:

$$\frac{Q_{out}}{DWv} = \frac{L}{D}$$

$$\frac{Q_{out}}{Wv} = L$$

- L = Pond length
- D = Outlet depth
- V = Water velocity through pond
- v = Settling velocity
- Q_{out} = Outflow from pond
- a = Pond cross sectional area
- W = pond width



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Particle Settling Derivation (cont.)

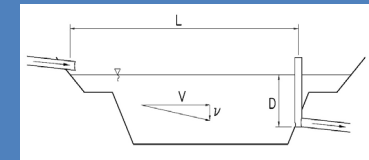
$$\frac{Q_{out}}{v} = LW$$

$$\frac{Q_{out}}{v} = A \quad \text{where } A = \text{Pond Surface Area, } LW$$

$$v = \frac{Q_{out}}{A} \quad \text{where } Q_{out} = \text{Pond Outflow Rate (ft}^3\text{/s)}$$

$$v = \text{Particle Settling Velocity (ft/s)}$$

Therefore, particle settling is a function of the pond outflow rate and the pond surface area only. Applied to each flow entering the pond during continuous modeling.



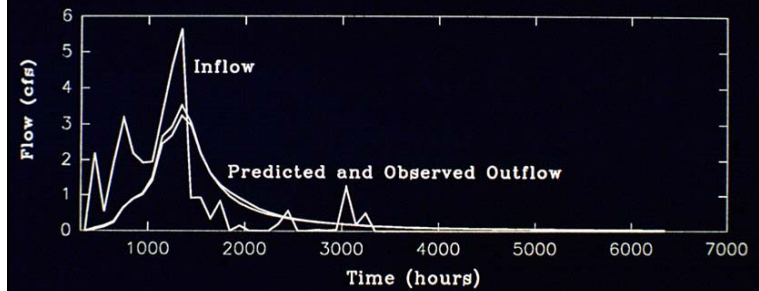
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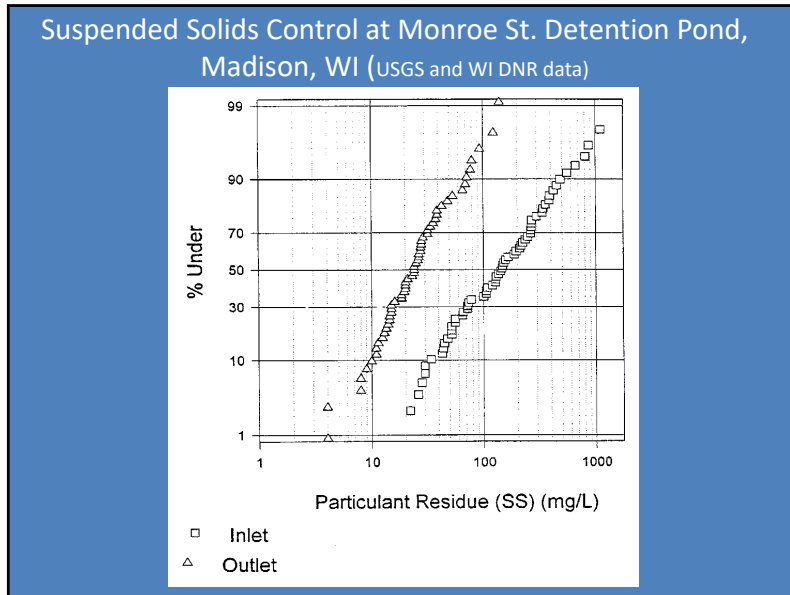
The Monroe St. detention pond in Madison has been monitored by the WI DNR and USGS for many years. The data have been used to verify the wet detention pond routines in WinSLAMM and Detpond (amongst other ponds). Retrofitted to result in 90% SS control, the long-term monitored results were 87%.

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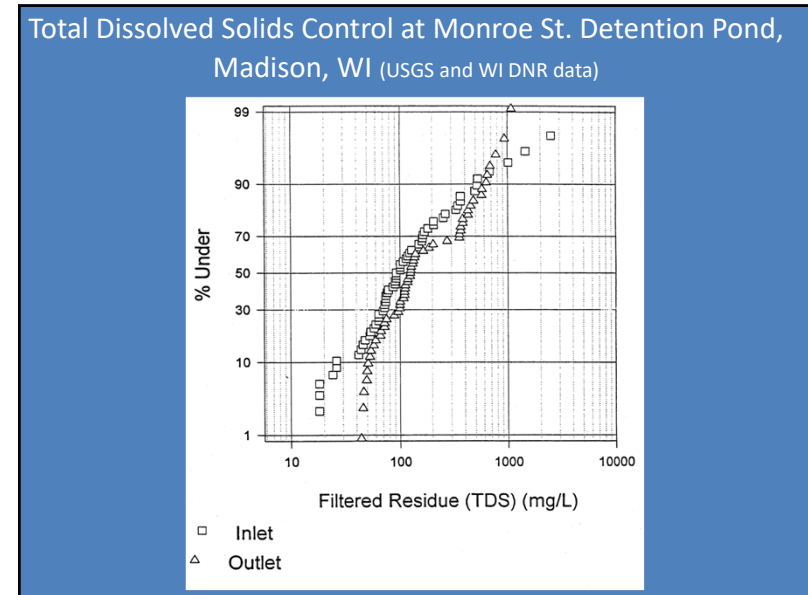
Storm 25.1: Predicted versus Observed Outflow



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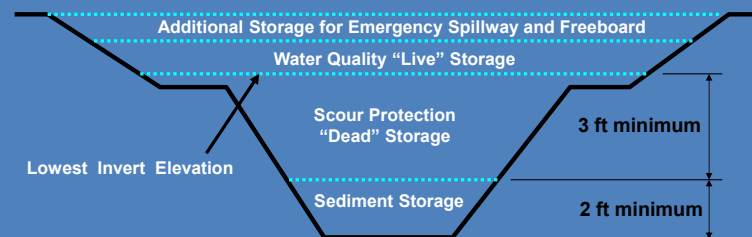
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Wet Detention Pond Performance Calculation Data Requirements

- Surface area of pond
- Water quality volume (live storage above lowest pond water surface elevation, usually the pond volume between the water quality outlet and the emergency spillway)
- Depth of water over the sediment to prevent scour
- Stage-discharge relationship for all outlets
- Particle size distribution of inflowing particulates
- Hydrograph of influent flows

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Conceptual Issues – Pond Geometry and Scour



The “dead” storage is needed to prevent scour of previously deposited material and should be at least 3 ft. deep over the sediment. Sediment storage volume is also needed and can be estimated using the program, or should be at least 2 ft. deep.

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Monitored Biofilter Performance to Meet Strict Numeric Effluent Limits

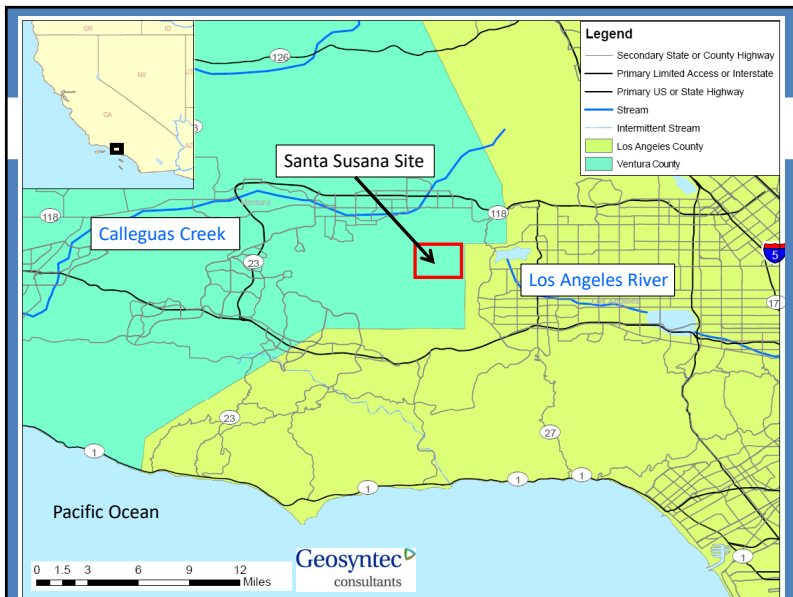
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Santa Susana Field Laboratory Site Introduction

- 2800-acre former federal government rocket engine testing and energy research facility (1950-1988)
- Owned by the Boeing Company (post-1966) and the U.S. Government
- Activities currently limited to demolition, remediation, and restoration
- Future parkland and open space

Astronaut Buzz Aldrin at SSFL
(Ref: Rocketdyne Archives)

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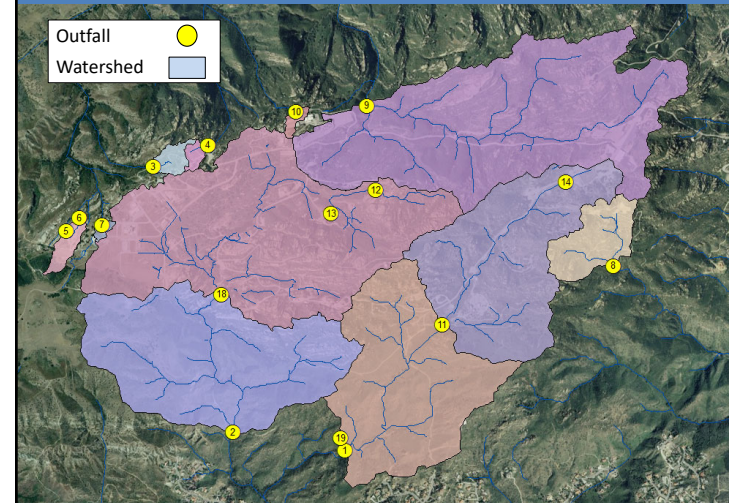
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Regulation of SSFL Stormwater

- Stormwater discharges are regulated by the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (LARWQCB) through an individual NPDES permit, which requires:
 - Composite discharge sampling during storms, and
 - Compliance with very protective Numeric Effluent Limits (NELs)
- NELs for a wide range of constituents, including:
 - Dioxins (TCDD TEQ): 2.8×10^{-8} $\mu\text{g/L}$
 - Total Lead: 5.2 $\mu\text{g/L}$
 - Total Copper: 14 $\mu\text{g/L}$

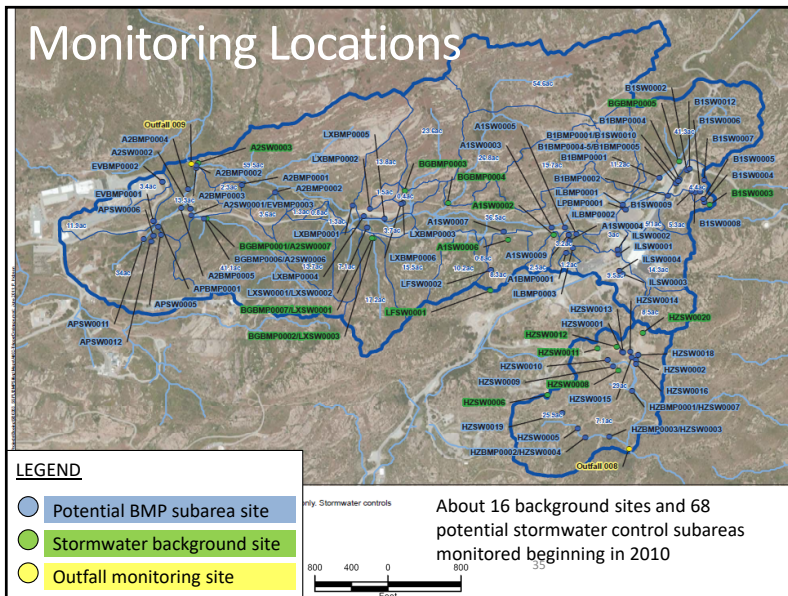
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Outfalls 008/009



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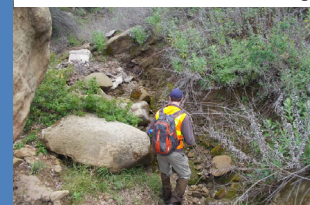
Monitoring Locations



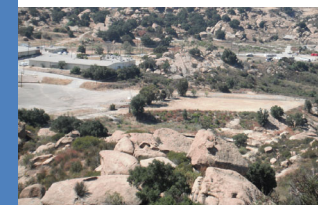
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Outfalls 008/009

Watershed 009 - Northern Drainage



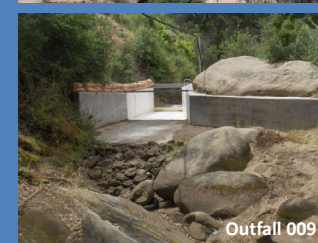
Watershed 009 - Lower Lot



Outfall 008



Outfall 009



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Source Controls

- NPDES pollutant sources include impacted surface soils, impervious areas, and natural background soils.
- ISRA, pavement/building removal, and erosion controls address all three sources.



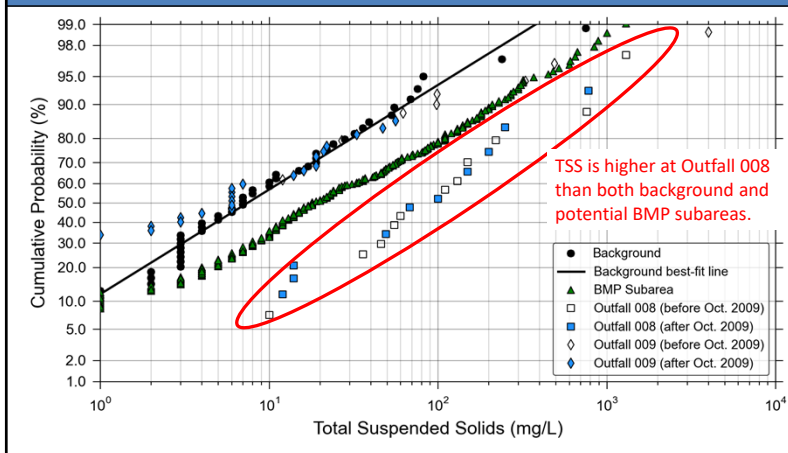
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Erosion Controls



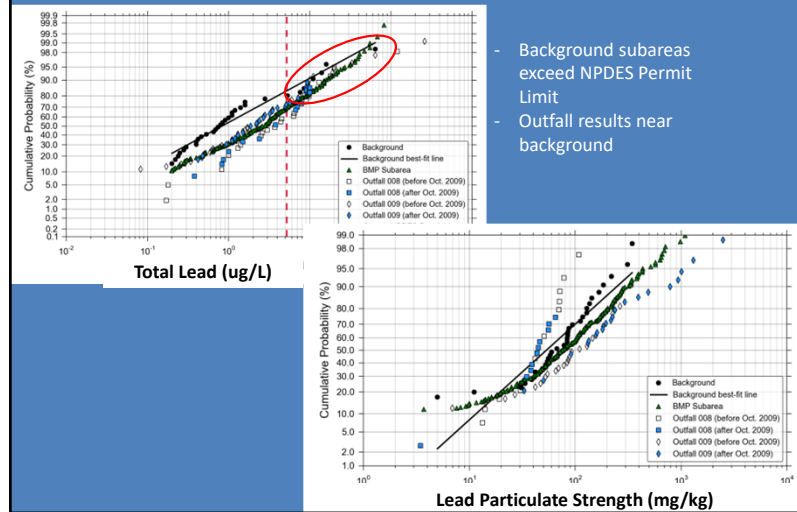
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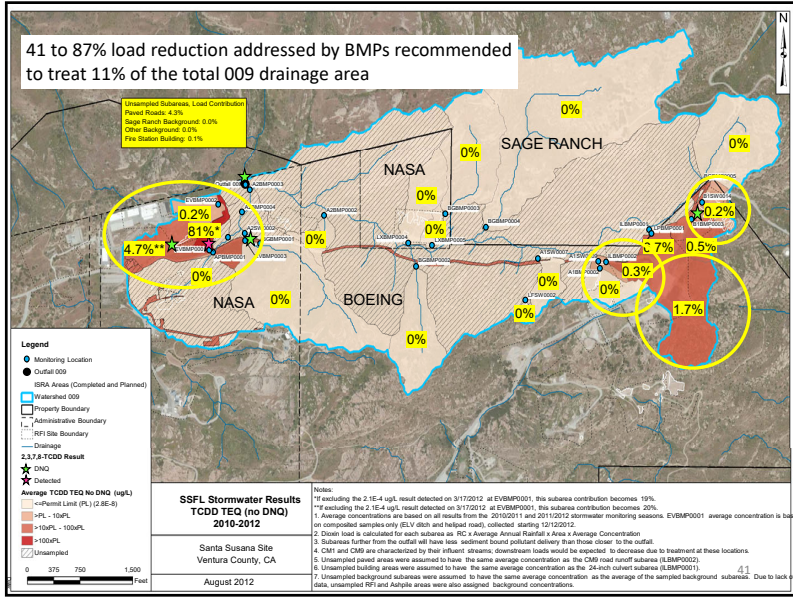


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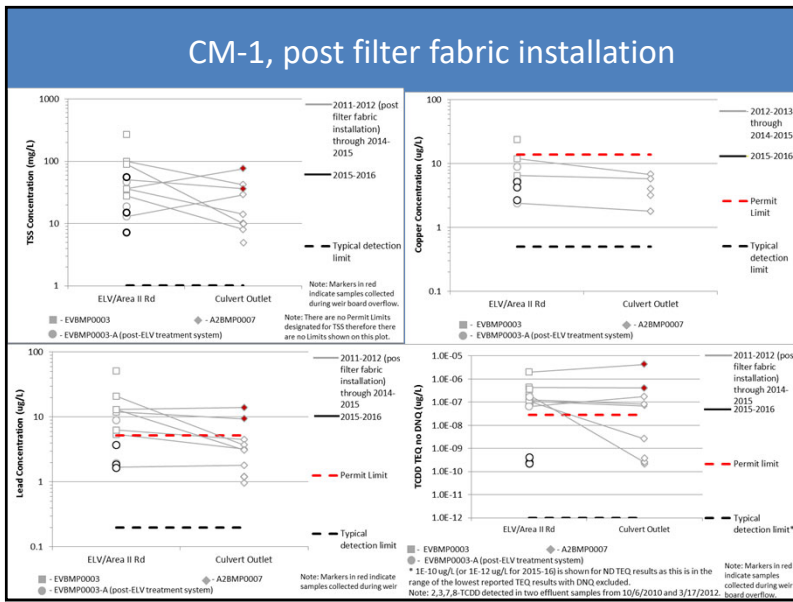


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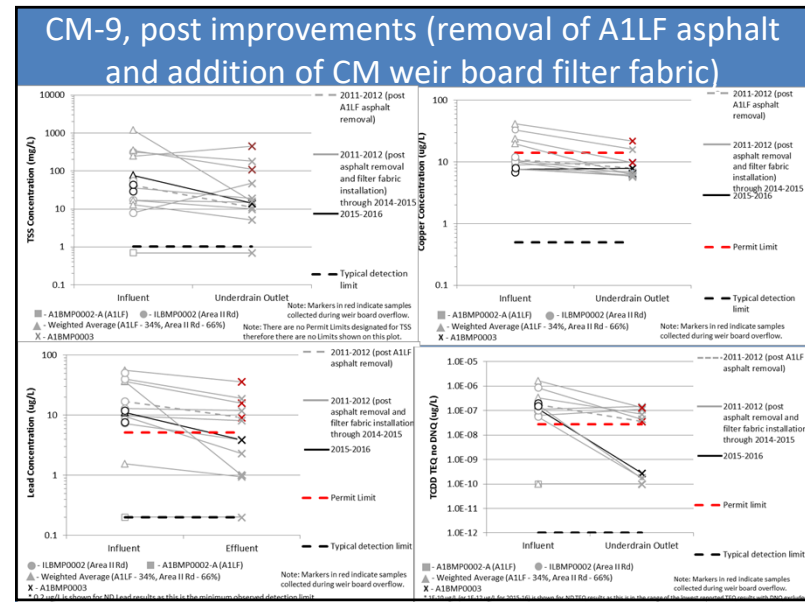
Treatment Controls

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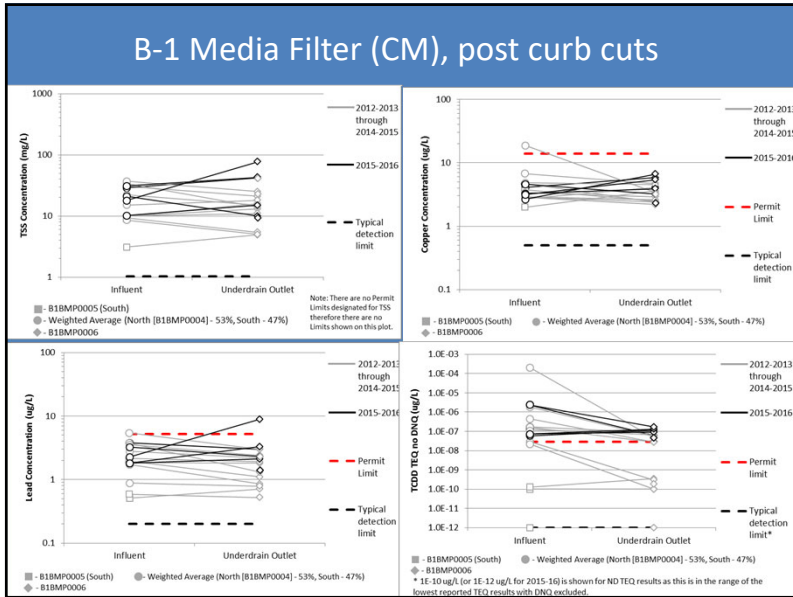
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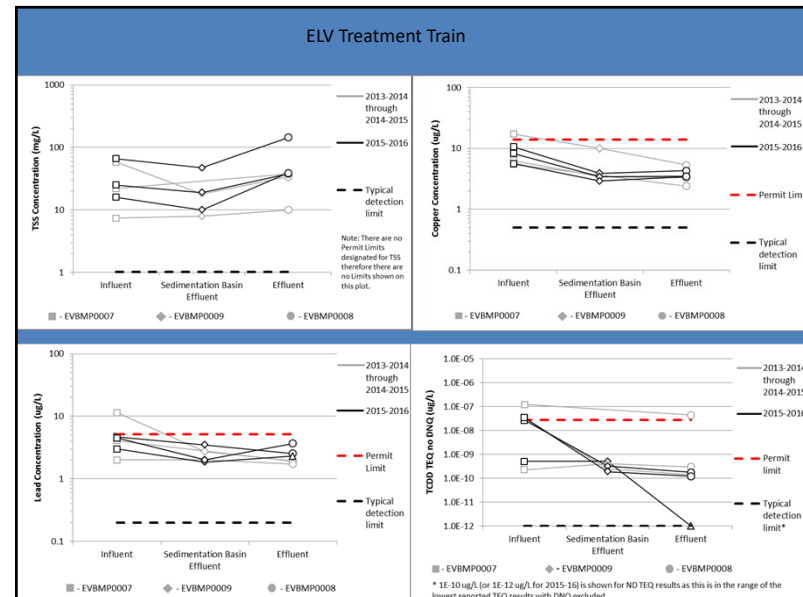
Basic Culvert Modifications (typically under-sized biofilters): CM-1, CM-9, and B-1 Statistical Analysis

	TSS (mg/L)		Dioxin (ug/L)		Lead (ug/L)	
	Influent	Effluent	Influent	Effluent	Influent	Effluent
Average	82	37	5.2E-06	2.7E-07	7.5	4.4
Total pairs of observations	52		45		52	
Number of influent samples having larger concentrations than effluent samples	31		30		37	
p-value by paired nonparametric sign test	0.059		0.0011		<0.001	
Average percent change	55%		95%		42%	

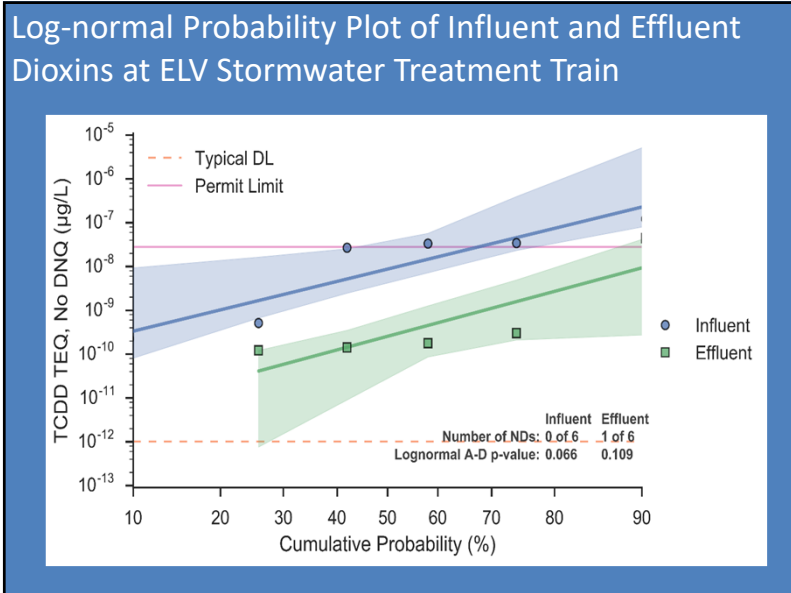
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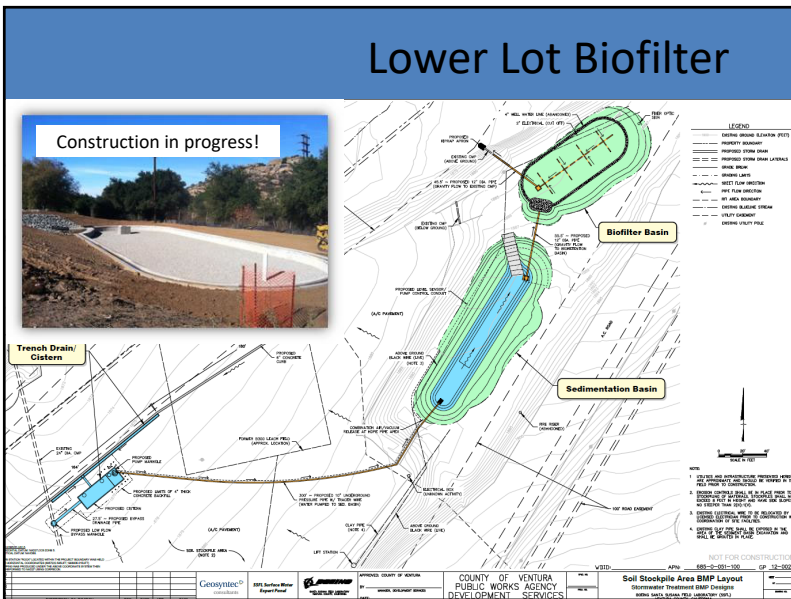
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ELV Treatment Train Performance Data – Influent to Final Media Tank Effluent

	TSS (mg/L)		Dioxin (µg/L)		Lead (µg/L)	
	Influent	Effluent	Influent	Effluent	Influent	Effluent
Average	32	51	3.6E-08	7.5E-09	5.0	2.4
Total pairs of observations	6		6		6	
Number of influent samples having larger concentrations than effluent samples	1		5		6	
p-value by paired nonparametric sign test	0.11		0.11		0.016	
Average percent change (minus sign indicating higher effluent results)	-56% (washout of media during initial events)		79%		53%	

P values relatively high due to few data collected so far at this location (new control)

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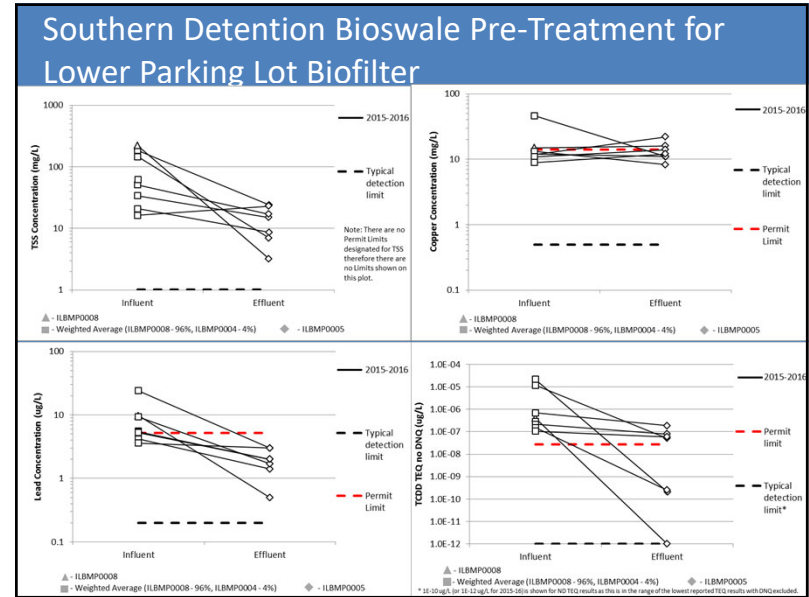
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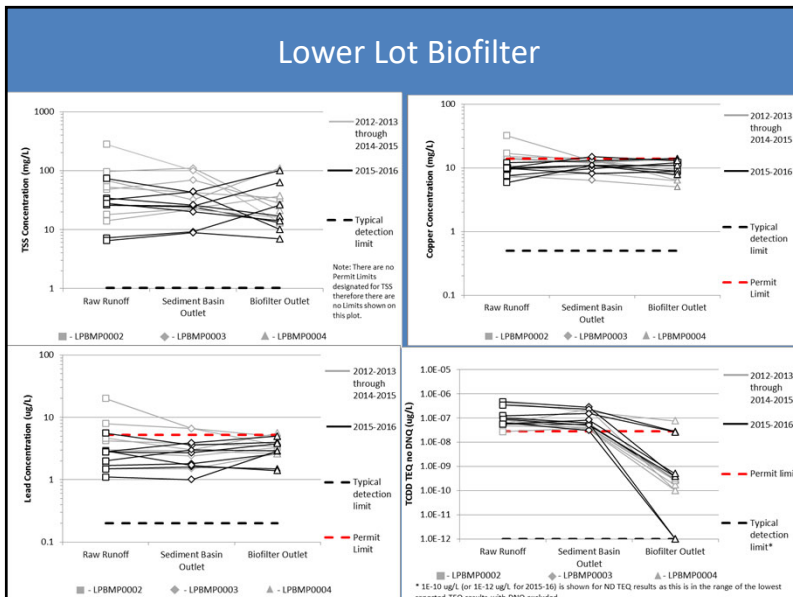
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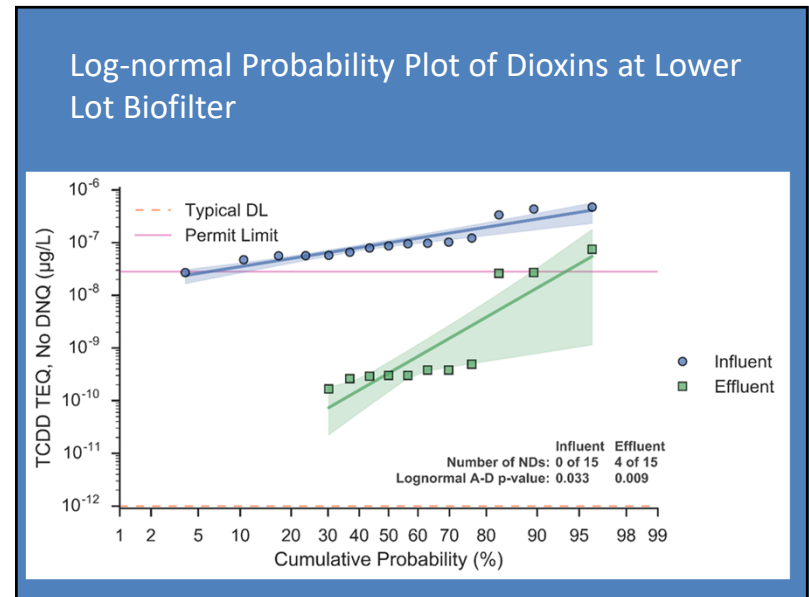
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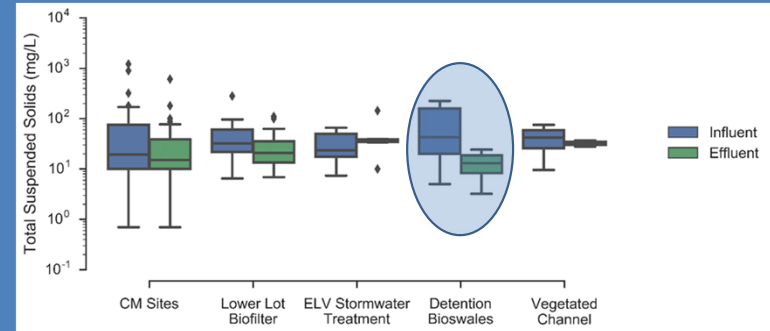
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Lower Lot Biofilter Performance Data – Influent Runoff to Biofilter Outlet

	TSS (mg/L)		Dioxin (µg/L)		Lead (µg/L)	
	Influent	Effluent	Influent	Effluent	Influent	Effluent
Average	54	34	1.4E-07	8.7E-09	4.3	3.3
Total pairs of observations	15		15		15	
Number of influent samples having larger concentrations than effluent samples	8		15		6	
p-value by paired nonparametric sign test	0.50		<0.001		0.40	
Average percent change	37%		94%		22%	

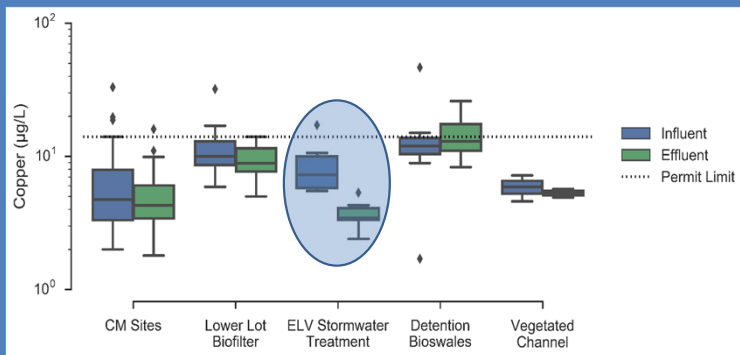
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SSFL Stormwater Controls Multiple Box Plot for TSS



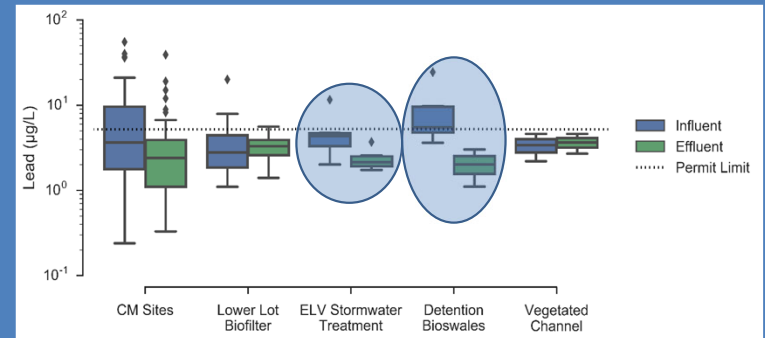
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SSFL Stormwater Controls Multiple Box Plot for Copper



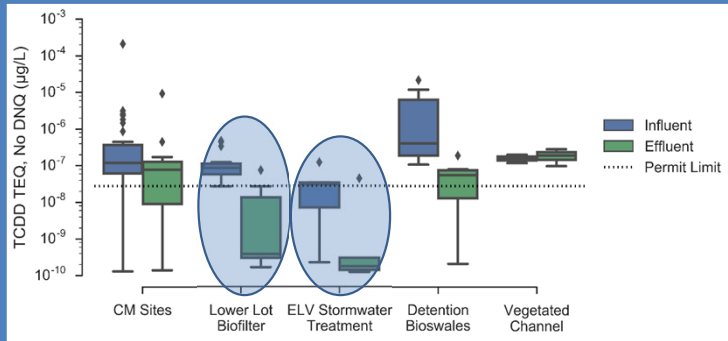
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SSFL Stormwater Controls Multiple Box Plot for Lead



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SSFL Stormwater Controls Multiple Box Plot for Dioxins



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Influent and Effluent Summary as compared to the Outfall 009 Permit Limits (B-1, CM-9, and CM-1), 2009-2016

Parameter	% of Samples Greater than Permit Limits		Average Exceedance Ratio (Result: Permit Limit)	
	Influent	Effluent	Influent	Effluent
Lead	38%	21%	3.2	2.6
TCDD TEQ no DNQ	78%	57%	230	17

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Influent and Effluent Summary as compared to the Outfall 009 Permit Limits (Lower Lot Biofilter), 2012-2016

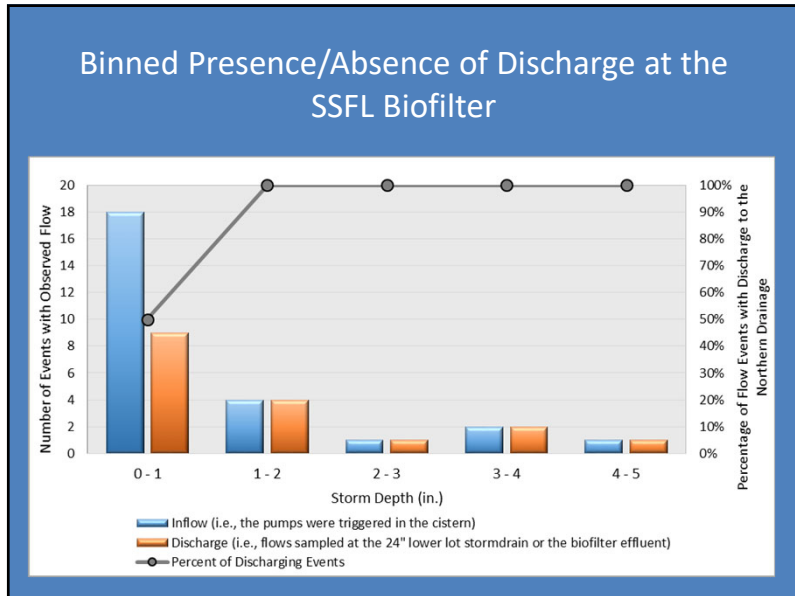
Parameter	% of Samples Greater than Permit Limits		Average Exceedance Ratio (Result: Permit Limit)	
	Influent	Effluent	Influent	Effluent
Lead	20%	6.7%	2.1	1.1
TCDD TEQ no DNQ	93%	6.7%	5.4	2.7

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Influent and Effluent Summary as compared to the Outfall 009 Permit Limits (ELV Stormwater Treatment Train), 2013-2016

Parameter	% of Samples Greater than Permit Limits		Average Exceedance Ratio (Result: Permit Limit)	
	Influent	Effluent	Influent	Effluent
Lead	17%	0%	2.2	N/A
TCDD TEQ no DNQ	50%	17%	2.3	1.6

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Percent of Cumulative Sediment Loading until Clogging

BMP	Cumulative TSS load (kg)	Cumulative TSS load per media area (kg/m ²)	% of "sediment load to the media until initial maintenance is needed"	TSS load per media area in average rainfall year (kg/m ²)	Number of average years until media replacement is expected
ELV Treatment Train	44.7	2.2	4.5%	2.7	17
Lower Lot Biofilter	674	3.1	6.2%	2.0	23
B-1	219	12	24%	4.8	7.8
CM-1	387	65	132%	9.3	N/A
CM-9	215	36	74%	8.7	1.5

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Other Site Controls Included Stream Stabilization: Northern Drainage Restoration, Mitigation and Monitoring Plan: Channel Stabilization Measures

Vegetated riprap suggested for locations where armored toe protection is necessary.

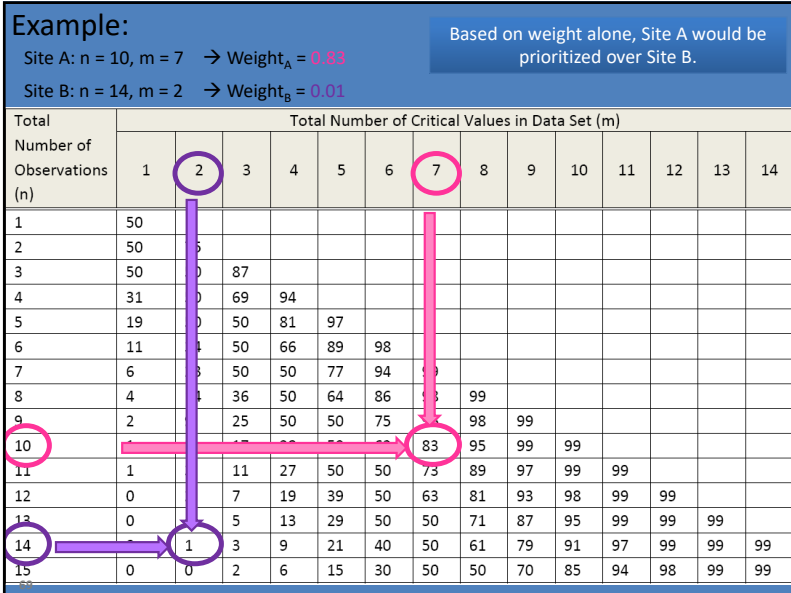
Check structures within main and side channels for sediment control.

Energy dissipation aprons at erosive culvert outlets.

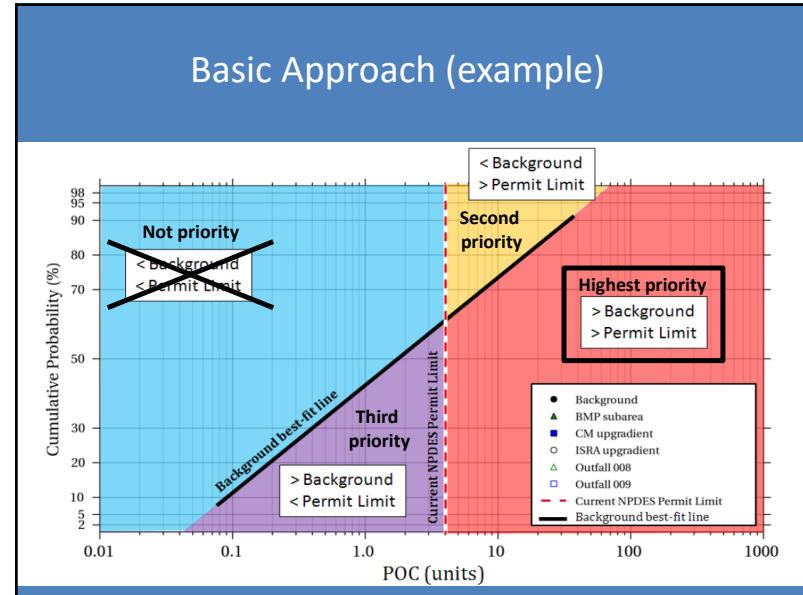
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- ### Subarea Ranking Methodology to Select Locations for Additional Subarea Stormwater Controls
- Innovative, statistically rigorous approach
 - Rank potential subarea monitoring sites based on comparisons of:
 - Stormwater subarea concentrations with NPDES permit limits
 - Stormwater subarea particulate strengths with stormwater background particulate strengths
 - Monitoring locations were scored based on number and percent of samples above NPDES permit limits and/or background
 - Locations then ranked based on scores, and top locations identified
 - Process to be repeated annually

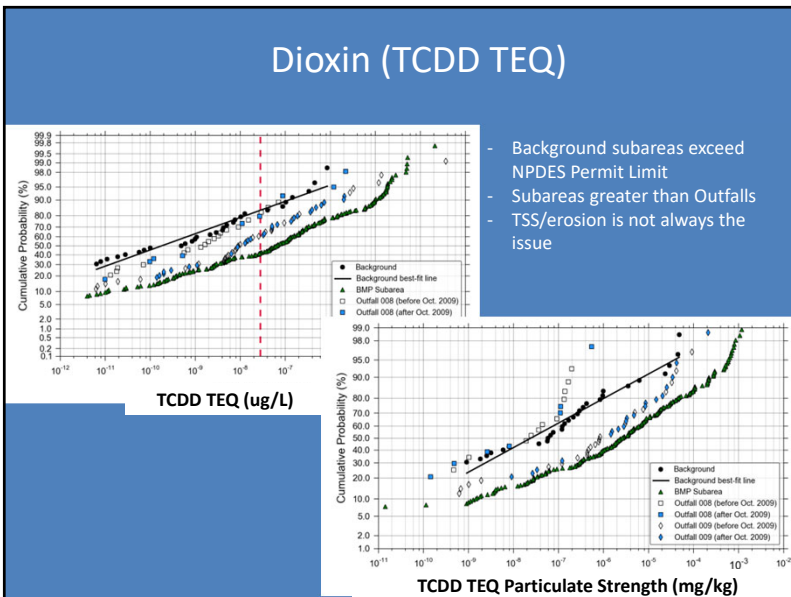
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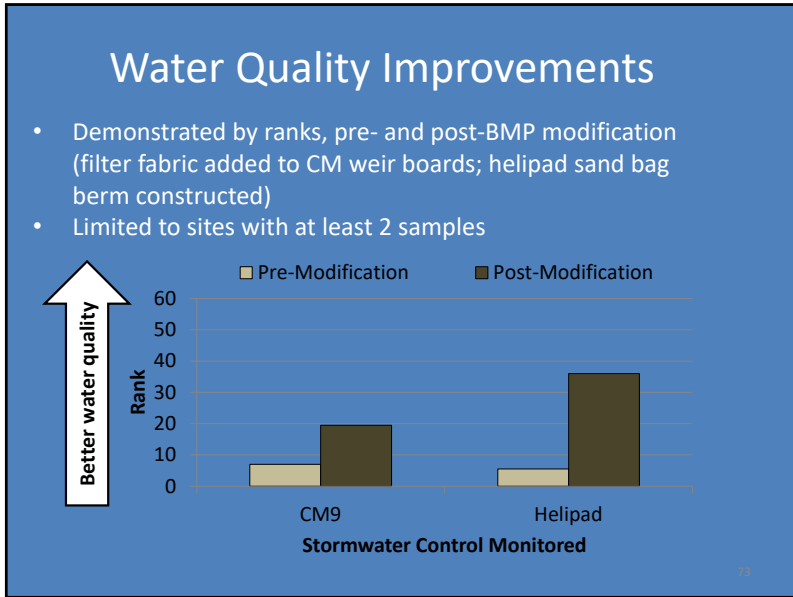
Example Ranking Results

Rank from Average Weights	Potential BMP Subarea (Co-location)	Watershed	Description	Approx. Upstream DA (ac)	Events Sampled	Multi-constituent Score	Rank from Max Metal Weight	Rank from Max Dioxin Weight	Rank from TSS Weight
1	EVBMPO003 (A2SW001)*	Outfall 009	ELV road runoff/CM-1 upstream west	11.8	14	0.94	1	1	32
2	B1BMP0004 (B1SW0015)*	Outfall 009	B-1 media filter inlet north	3.7	2	0.72	9	5	74
3	ILBMP0001*	Outfall 009	Lower parking lot 24" stormdrain	23	10	0.68	14	4	39.5
4	EVBMPO001-A*	Outfall 009	ELV culvert inlet (helpaid road and ELV ditch, composite)	2.5	5	0.67	16.5	3	15
5.5	EVBMPO002*	Outfall 009	Helpaid (pre-sandbag berms)	4.1	6	0.66	15	6	31
5.5	ILBMP0002*	Outfall 009	Road runoff to CM-9	2.5	7	0.66	3	12	15
7	A1SW0009-A	Outfall 009	CM-9 downstream-underdrain outlet (post-building 1324 parking lot asphalt removal, pre-filter fabric over weir boards)	16.4	1	0.63	2	19.5	74
8	APBMP0001	Outfall 009	Adipic culvert inlet / road runoff	34	2	0.60	4	19.5	74
9	LPBMP0001-A*	Outfall 009	Lower Parking Lot sheetflow (post-gravel bag berms)	5.1	6	0.52	30	2	27
12.5	LPBMP0001*	Outfall 009	Lower Parking Lot sheetflow (pre-gravel bag berms)	5.1	2	0.50	9	19.5	15
15.5	A2SW0002-A	Outfall 009	CM-1 effluent (post-filter fabric over weir boards)	52.8	4	0.48	18.5	19.5	28.5
15.5	A1SW0009-B	Outfall 009	CM-9 downstream-underdrain outlet (post-filter fabric over weir boards, post-building 1324 parking lot asphalt removal)	16.4	4	0.48	18.5	19.5	15
17	B1BMP0003 (B1BMP0002)	Outfall 009	B-1 parking lot / road runoff to culvert inlet	5.2	12	0.43	38	7	33
27	ILBMP0014-B	Outfall 009	B-1 media filter effluent (post-media filter reconstruction)	4.7	4	0.27	32.5	19.5	74
28	LBMP0004*	Outfall 009	LOX southwest downstream of sandbag berm	10.6	5	0.26	9	40.5	1
34	EVBMPO001*	Outfall 009	ELV culvert inlet (helpaid road gutter)	1.8	3	0.11	25	31.5	15
35	EVBMPO002-A*	Outfall 009	Helpaid (post-sandbag berms)	4.1	5	0.09	40	29.5	74

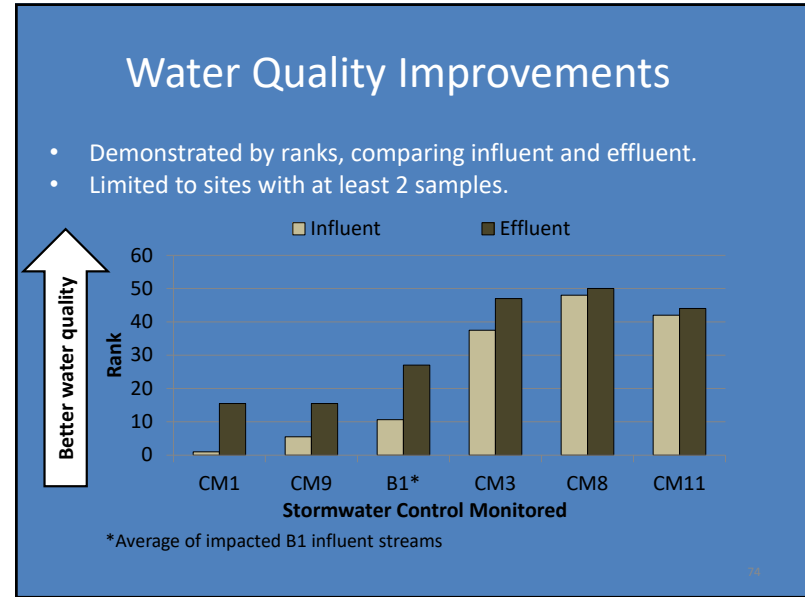
Notes:

- 1) Potential BMP subareas sorted by multi-constituent score, computed as described in Section 5.
- 2) (*) These potential BMP subarea monitoring subareas are upstream of existing stormwater quality treatment controls.
- 3) (**) These potential BMP subarea monitoring subareas have new planned (i.e., designed and ready for construction) stormwater quality treatment controls.
- 4) (***) NPDES outfalls are included for comparison and method testing purposes only; stormwater controls are not being contemplated at these locations.
- 5) The rounding of weights may account for similar weights being ranked differently.
- 6) Approximate drainage areas based on the cumulative drainage area of the SWMM catchment in which the monitoring location is located (Geosyntec, 2011). At locations where the monitoring point is upstream of the catchment outfall a "<" sign is used.
- 7) Bolded locations indicate that both the NPDES permit limit and 95th percentile background particulate strength threshold were exceeded for any one COD.

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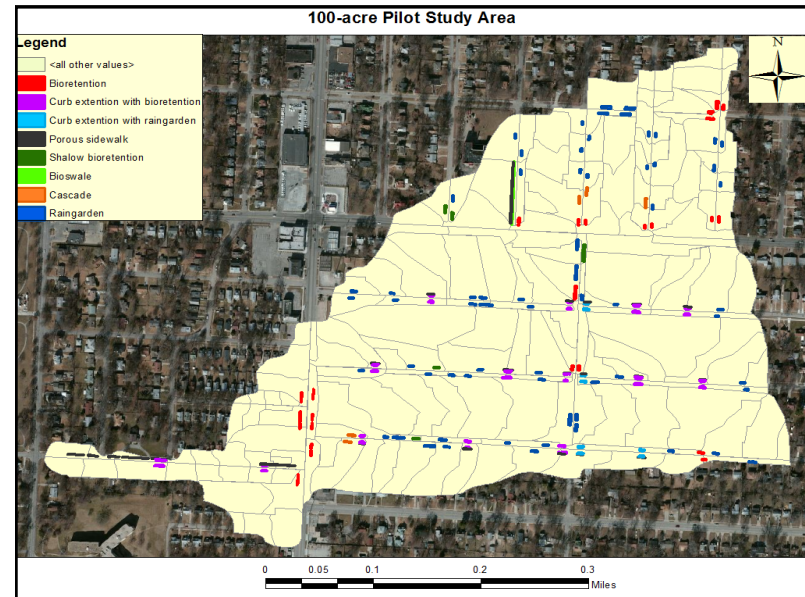
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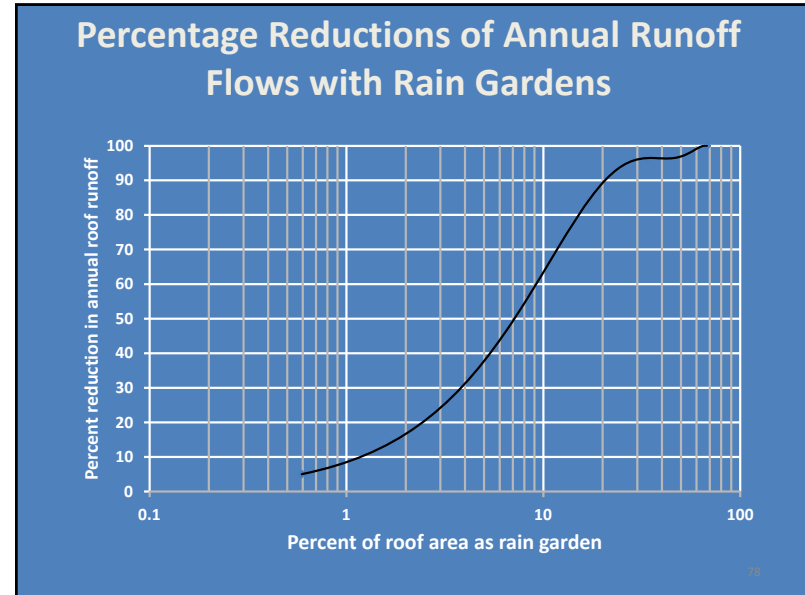
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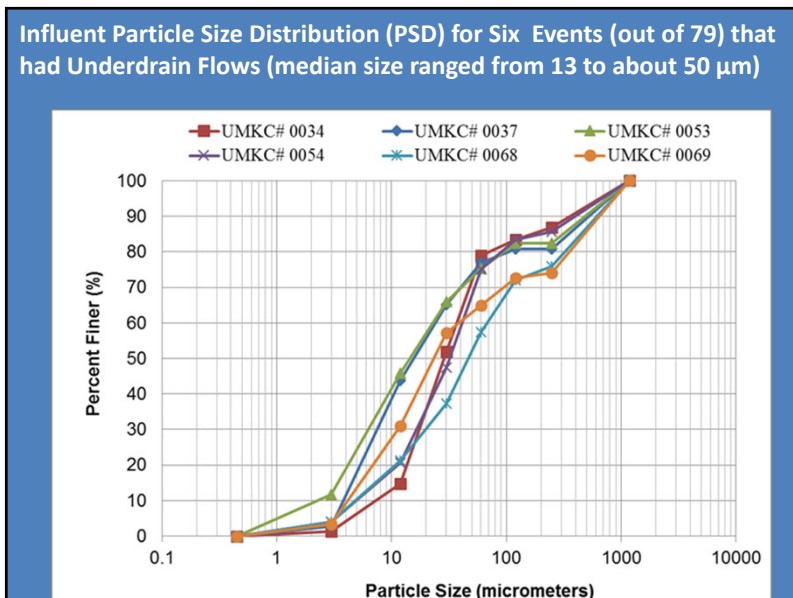
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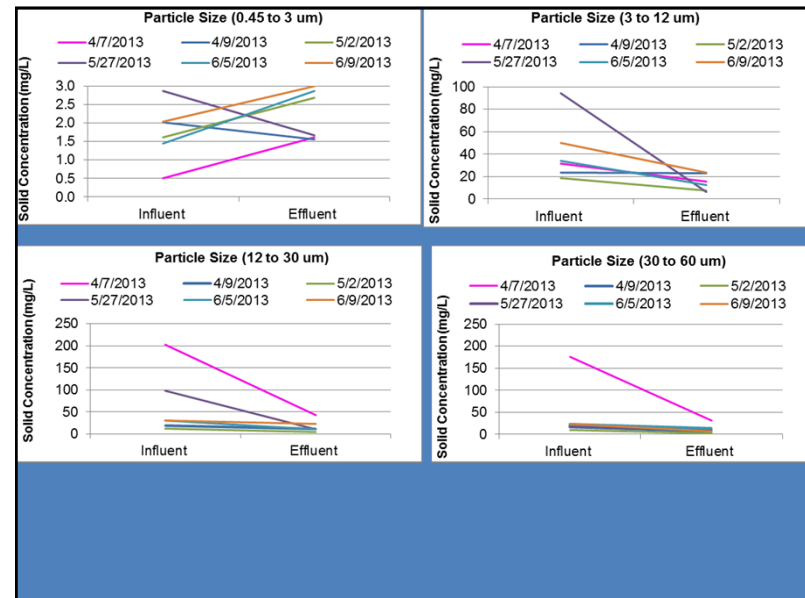
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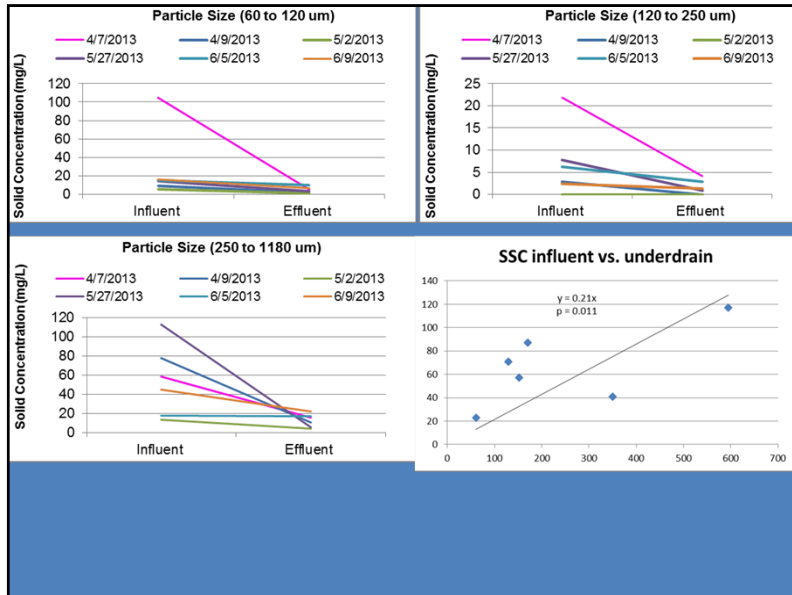
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Conclusions

- The International BMP Database contains an excellent summary of monitored performance of many categories of stormwater controls.
- Robust statistical stormwater control ranking methodology applicable to other sites!
- NEL compliance is a significant challenge with complications
 - Ubiquitous background sources (atmospheric inventory and soils)
 - Multiple landowners (NASA and Boeing)
 - Multiple jurisdictions and agency involvement (often hinders progress)
 - Unknown/variable performance of passive treatment systems
 - Implementability at point of compliance

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- Bioretention with underdrains hinders infiltration potential, but may be necessary to prevent extensive ponding of water in areas having health risks associated with mosquitoes.
- Sedimentation is a robust stormwater control.
- Complementary controls and treatment trains provide the best overall performance at complex sites having numerous and challenging numeric discharge limits.
- Performance of stormwater controls is dependent on treatment flow rate, influent concentrations, and particle size distributions.

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