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# The National Stormwater Best Management Practices Database Project

## Progress Towards Improving the State of the Practice

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# The Problem

- Widespread use of BMPs without sufficient understanding of performance and factors leading to performance
- Inconsistent data reporting methods limit scientific comparison/evaluation of studies
- Differences in monitoring strategies and data evaluation methods result in wide range of reported “effectiveness”



# Examples of Inconsistencies In BMP Monitoring Studies

- Constituents
- Sample collection techniques
- Sampling approaches
- Data reporting
- Effectiveness estimation
- Statistical validation of results

# Several Studies Have Attempted to Summarize BMP Performance

**National Pollutant Removal Performance Database, CWP, 2000**

**Guidance Specifying Management Measures for Sources of Nonpoint Pollution In Coastal Waters –EPA 1993**

**The Use of Wetlands for SW Pollution Control – Strecker, 1992**

**Controlling Urban Runoff: A Practical Manual for Planning and Designing Urban BMPs - Schueler 1987**

**Numerous local and state efforts**

# State of the Practice: Estimated BMP Pollutant Removal Performances in BMP Manuals

BMP List	Design Rate	Range of Average TSS Removal Rates	Brief Design Requirements
Extended Detention Pond	70%	60-80%	Sediment forebay
Wet Pond (a)	70%	60-80%	Sediment forebay.
Constructed Wetland (b)	80%	65-80%	Designed to infiltrate or retain.
Water Quality Swale	70%	60-80%	Designed to infiltrate or retain.
Infiltration Trench	80%	75-80%	Pretreatment critical.
Infiltration Basin	80%	75-80% (predicted)	Pretreatment critical.
Dry Well	80%	80% (predicted)	Rooftop runoff (uncontaminated only)
Sand Filter (c)	80%	80%	Pretreatment.
Organic Filter (d)	80%	80%+	Pretreatment.
Water Quality Inlet	25%	15-35% w/ cleanout	Off-line only; 0.1" minimum Water Quality Volume (WQV) storage
Sediment Trap (Forebay)	25%	25% w/ cleanout	Storm flows for 2 year event must not cause erosion; 0.1" minimum WQV storage
Drainage Channel	25%	25%	Check dams; non-erosive for 2 yr.
Deep Sump and Hooded Catch Basin	25%	25% w/ cleanout	Deep sump general rule = 4 x pipe diameter or 4.0' for pipes 18" or less.
Street Sweeping	10%	10%	Discretionary non-structural credit, must be part of approved plan.

Source: Stormwater Management Volume One Stormwater Policy Handbook March 1997, MDEP and MCZM, Based on Scheuler, 1996 and EPA, 1993

# Estimated BMP Pollutant Removal Performances in BMP Manuals (Cont.)

	TSS	TP	COD	PB	CU	ZN
<b>Stormwater Ponds</b>						
Wet Pond	80	45	40	75	NA	60
Dry Extended Detention	45	25	20	50	NA	20
Wet Extended Detention						
<b>Stormwater Marsh</b>	-20 to 98	-140 to 98		6 to 94		
<b>Vaults/Tanks</b>	60	30	NA	30	NA	30
<b>Infiltration</b>						
Infiltration Trenches/Dry Well	75	60	65	65	NA	65
Infiltration Basins	75	60	65	65	NA	65
Porous Pavements	90	65	80	100	NA	100
<b>Filtration</b>						
Sand Filter	85	55	55	82	53	76
Vegetated Swale	83	29	NA	63-72	63-72	63-72

**Source: City of Portland, OR, Stormwater Quality Facilities:  
A Design Guidance Handbook**

# Project History

- UWRRC of ASCE identified the need to address Urban Stormwater BMP performance in a systematic and scientifically rigorous manner (Crested Butte Engineering Foundation Conference)
- The Council approached with a proposal EPA for grant funding
- ASCE/EPA Cooperative Agreement was Established

# Project Approach - A Scientifically Rigorous BMP Data Collection and Analysis Effort

- Development of protocols for collection and reporting of BMP performance information
- Establish tool to store BMP monitoring and design data in standard format
- Tool has been a driver for formal discussion and specification of protocols
- Establish standard techniques for data collection, storage, reporting, and analysis (guidance document)
- Conduct data analysis and exploration
- Disseminate findings
- Promote technical design improvements



# Products Produced to Date

- Protocol Documents
- Database Tool
  - Data Input and Search
  - Available in CD (1700 distributed to-date) and Downloadable Formats
- Web Site ([www.bmpdatabase.org](http://www.bmpdatabase.org))
  - Searchable Database
  - Project Deliverables Available
  - Downloads
  - Project Information
- Guidance Manual

# BMP Software: BMP Database Data Entry Module

Microsoft Access - [Water Quality Sampling]

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## Water Quality Sampling Event

BMP Test Site Name

Select Monitoring Station Where Data Collected

Sampling Event General Information | Water Quality Data For Sampling Event

Press F1 (Help) for more information on techniques for copying and pasting data to reduce data entry time. For example, highlighting water quality data records with the mouse then right-clicking on Copy will enable the data set to be copied to a new sampling event water quality data spreadsheet.

STORET Parameter	Value	Units	Q	Analysis Method
▶ CHROMIUM, DISSOLVED (UG/L AS CR)	-1	mg/l		
HARDNESS, TOTAL (MG/L AS CaCO3)	39	mg/l		
CARBON, TOTAL ORGANIC (MG/L AS C)	6	mg/l		
NITROGEN, KJELDAHL, TOTAL, (MG/L AS N)	1.6	mg/l		
NITRITE PLUS NITRATE, TOTAL 1 DET. (MG/L AS N)	0.59	mg/l		
PHOSPHORUS, TOTAL (MG/L AS P)	0.165	mg/l		

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# BMP Database Data Search Engine

National Stormwater BMP Database - [Structural BMPs]		
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Test Site Name	Date Fac	Description, Types, and Designs of Outlets
▶ DeBary Detention with Filtration Pond		Filter underdrain outlet. The filter has 362 ft of underdrain pipe. Filter material is filter sand covered by a thin layer of coarse gravel. The travel distance for water flowing through the filter was in excess of 2 ft. The filter is isolated from groundwater influence by a polyethylene film. A wier structure in-line with the underdrain pipe to measure flows.
Duval County Pond 1		1 culvert
Lake Munson System	1/1/50	There is no description of the outlets in the study.
Pinellas Detention Pond	1/1/89	Outlet is through a low-head v-notch weir. During construction of the retention ponds, an area of fill was placed parallel to the original creek channel in order to temporarily isolate the channel from the northern part of the pond. After construction, the fill was not completely removed, leaving it partially emerged during base-flow conditions and overgrown by cattails. Even when submerged during storms, the fill probably restricts
Silver Star Rd Det. Mt/nd System	1/1/80	Storm runoff discharges from the pond into the wetlands by overflowing an earthen spillway at the northeast corner of the pond. The pipe is connected to the detention pond and wetlands by a weir in a junction box. During periods of extreme high-pressure flow in the iron pipe, discharge from the pipe can be forced over the connection weir into the study drainage system, the detention pond, and wetlands.
Silver Star Rd Det Mt/nd	1/1/80	Flow leaves the wetlands through a compound weir built around a drop inlet and enters a culvert leading to a drainage canal. Note that excess runoff pumped from another

Record: 1 of 9

Name location is known by locally

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# BMP Database Website

National Stormwater BMP Database - Microsoft Internet Explorer

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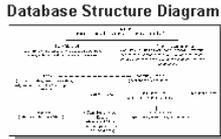
## NATIONAL STORMWATER BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES (BMP) DATABASE

### On-line Documents

This section provides downloadable documents produced by the National Stormwater BMP Database Project Team.

#### Database Documents

- 2001 BMP Database User's Guide (376kb PDF)
  - Provides more complete information on both the data entry and retrieval modules of the database.
- Description of data elements document (139kb PDF)
  - A complete list and description of each field in the database.
- Database Structure Diagram



Click on image to enlarge

#### Database Background Documents

- Master Bibliography for Database Development  
The initial bibliography consisted of 779 entries, which were organized into 6 text files. These files are organized into BMP categories and can be downloaded in .PDF format below.

Select BMP Type

Select One

#### BMP Performance Measures Documents

- Initial Recommendations on Database Structure (September 1996)\*  
Data elements and tables (31 pages, 120kb file)

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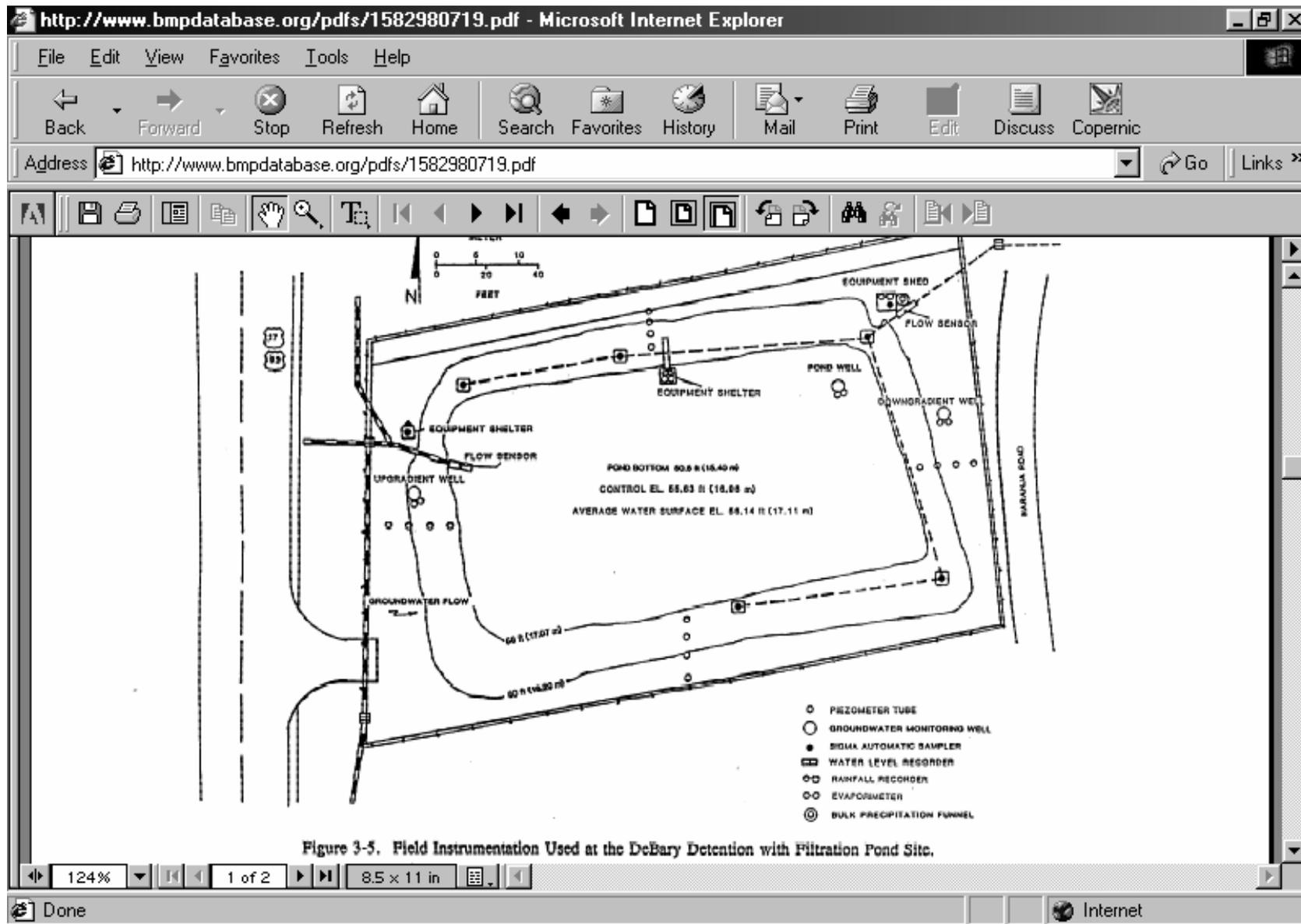
Address <http://www.bmpdatabase.org/cgi-bin/BasicSearch.asp?SC=S&state=FL&count=&bmp=S&bmp=Retention+Pond+%28Wet%29+ +Surface+Pond+With+a+Permanent+Pool&SGbmp=&NI> Go Links

<p><b>HOME</b></p> <p><b>DATA SEARCH ENGINE</b></p> <p><b>DOWNLOADS</b></p> <p><b>DOCUMENTS</b></p> <p><b>BACKGROUND ON DATABASE</b></p> <p><b>WHAT'S NEW</b></p> <p><b>FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQS)</b></p> <p><b>CONTACT INFORMATION</b></p>	<b>Test Site Name:</b> DeBary Detention with Filtration Pond
	<b>City:</b> DeBary <b>State:</b> FL <b>Country:</b> US
	<b>Monitoring/Sponsoring Agency Name(s):</b> Environmental Research & Design, Inc. St. Johns River Water Management District
	<b>Analytical Parameters</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● ALKALIN FIXENDPTLAB MG/L</li> <li>● BOD 5 DAY MG/L</li> <li>● CADMIUM CD,DISS UG/L</li> <li>● CADMIUM CD,TOT UG/L</li> <li>● CHLORIDE TOTAL MG/L</li> <li>● CHLRPHYL A MG/L</li> <li>● CHROMIUMCR,DISS UG/L</li> <li>● CHROMIUMCR,TOT UG/L</li> <li>● CONDUCTVY AT 25C MICROMHO</li> <li>● COPPER CU,DISS UG/L</li> <li>● COPPER CU,TOT UG/L</li> <li>● DO MG/L</li> <li>● FEC COLIM-FCAGAD /100 ML</li> <li>● IRON FE,DISS UG/L</li> <li>● IRON FE,TOT UG/L</li> <li>● LEAD PB,TOT UG/L</li> <li>● LEAD PB,DISS UG/L</li> <li>● NH3+NH4-N TOTAL MG/L</li> <li>● NO2&amp;NO3 N-TOTAL MG/L</li> <li>● ORG N N MG/L</li> <li>● ORG N DISS-N MG/L</li> <li>● PH SU</li> <li>● PHOS-DIS ORTHO MG/L P</li> <li>● PHOS-DISORGANIC MG/L P</li> <li>● PHOS-SUS MG/L P</li> <li>● PHOS-TOT MG/L P</li> <li>● REDOX ORP MV</li> <li>● RESIDUE TOT NFLT MG/L</li> <li>● TOTAL N N MG/L</li> <li>● TURBIDTY LAB NTU</li> <li>● ZINC ZN,TOT UG/L</li> <li>● ZINC ZN,DISS UG/L</li> </ul>
	<b>BMP Name:</b> DeBary Detention with Filtration Pond
	<b>BMP Type:</b> Retention Pond (Wet) - Surface Pond With a Permanent Pool
	<a href="#">BMP Summary (.PDF format)</a>
	<a href="#">Detailed Statistical Analysis Report (.PDF format)</a>

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# Online Results of Analysis BMP Plans and Images



# Online Results of Analysis

## Quantitative Summary of Study

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**CATEGOR** RP **BMP TYPE** RP  
**Retention Pond (Wet) - Surface Pond With a Permanent Pool**  
**CITY** DeBary **STATE:** FL **ZIP:** 32713

Watershed Parameters	Summary of Flow and Precip. Data	Nearest Climate ID Station Data
Total Watershed Area 20.52 ha	Start Date: 5/27/92	Climate ID Station #: 6638
Total Watershed Length 1524 m	End Date: 11/27/92	Location: ORLANDO WSO AP
59.6 Percent Impervious	# events monitored: 59	Average # Storms/Year: 69
<b>% By Land Use</b>	Sample Period (days): 184	Average Annual Precip (cm): 119.76
High Density Residential:	Minimum Depth (cm): 0.30	Average Storm Depth (cm): 1.7526
Low Density Residential:	Maximum Depth (cm): 15.01	Average Storm Duration (hr): 5.9
50 Medium Density Residential:	Average Depth (cm): 1.09	Average Storm Intensity (cm/hr) 0.42926
Multi-Family Residential:	Median Depth (cm): 1.77	
50 Office Commercial:	Standard Deviation of Depth: 2.20	
Retail:	# Flow Events Monitored: 74	
Light Industrial:	Average Total Flow Volume (l): 563700	
Rangeland:	Minimum Total Flow Volume (l): 0	
Unknown:	Maximum Total Flow Volume (l): 6630390	
	Standard Deviation Flow: 933456	

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# Online Results of Analysis

## Statistical Water Quality Summary By BMP and Parameter

**CATEGOR**  
RP  
**CITY** Roseville

**Lake McCarrons Sedimentation Basin**  
**Retention Pond (Wet) - Surface Pond With a Permanent Pool**  
**STATE:** MN

**BMP TYPE**  
RP  
**ZIP:** 55126

**Solids, Total Suspended (mg/l)**  
530

Count	Log Data				
	Mean	STDEV	Upper CL	Lower CL	
Inlet	23	5.72	1.1	6.19	5.25
Outlet	28	3.02	1.17	74.42	26.82

Count	Arithmetic Data				
	Mean	Median	COV	Upper CL	Lower CL
Inlet	554.69	304.51	1.52	1045.79	366.72
Outlet	40.64	20.42	1.72	74.42	26.82

Pollutant Removals	
Mean Inflow - Mean Outflow	Percent Difference
514.05	93%

Analysis of Variance (Mann Whitney Test)		
U-Statistic	Probability	CHI Square
616	0	30.98

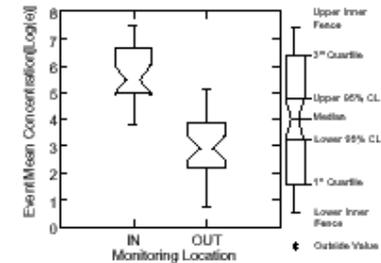
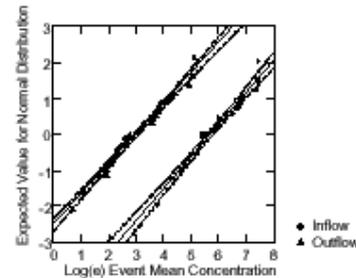
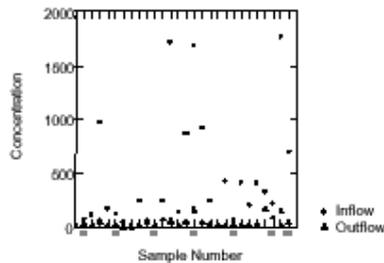
Analysis of Variance (ANOVA)		
Sum of Squares	F-ratio	P-Value
92.19	71.09	0

Kolmogorov-Smirnoff Test	
Maximum Difference for Pair	Probability
0.77	0

	Inlet	Outlet
10th Percentile	20.55	4.54
25th Percentile	58.23	9.26
75th Percentile	589.22	45.06
90th Percentile	1669.6	91.85

	Difference	% Difference
Inflow 10th Percentile - Outflow 10th Percentile	16.01	78.0%
Inflow 90th Percentile - Outflow 90th Percentile	1577.75	94.0%

Maximum Percent Removal (upper inflow CI to lower outflow CL)	97.4%
Minimum Percent Removal (lower inflow CI to upper outflow CL)	79.7%

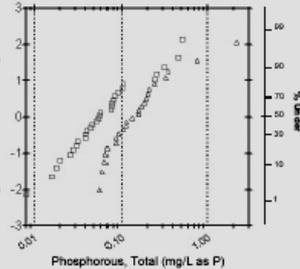
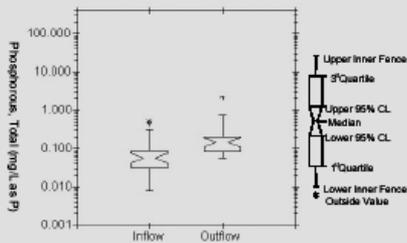
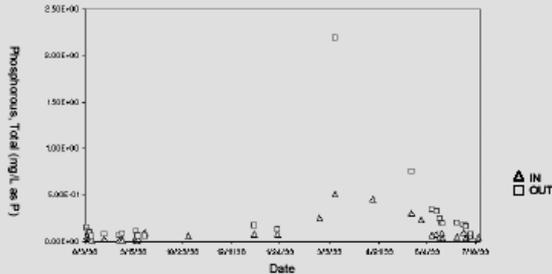


# Updated Statistical Analysis – PDF Documents

## Water Quality Analysis

**Swale - F4**  
**Biofilter - Grass Swale**  
**Phosphorous, Total (mg/L as P)**

Inflow		Outflow	
Number of Inflow EMCs	30	Number of Outflow EMCs	24
Upper 95% Confidence Limit	0.1554	Upper 95% Confidence Limit	0.3356
Arithmetic Estimate of the Mean Inflow EMC	<b>0.1002</b>	Arithmetic Estimate of the Mean Outflow EMC	<b>0.2228</b>
Lower 95% Confidence Limit	0.0726	Lower 95% Confidence Limit	0.165
Arithmetic Estimate of Standard Deviation of the Inflow EMC	0.127	Arithmetic Estimate of Standard Deviation of the Outflow EMC	0.2275
Mean Inflow EMCs	0.103	Mean Outflow EMCs	0.2586
Standard Deviation of Inflow EMCs	0.1266	Standard Deviation of Outflow EMCs	0.4371
Log Mean of Inflow EMCs	-2.779	Log Mean of Outflow EMCs	-1.858
Log Standard Deviation of Inflow EMCs	0.9788	Log Standard Deviation of Outflow EMCs	0.845



**Summary Statistics - Event Mean Concentrations**  
**Swale - F4**

**Biofilter - Grass Swale**  
**Phosphorous, Total (mg/L as P)**  
**Summary of Distributional Characteristics**

Shapiro-Wilks W-test (n<50) $\alpha = 0.05$			
Inflow		Outflow	
Inflow EMCs Normally Distributed?	No	Outflow EMCs Normally Distributed?	No
Inflow EMCs Log Normally Distributed?	Yes	Outflow EMCs Log Normally Distributed?	No
Lilliefors Test (used when n>50) $\alpha = 0.05$			
Inflow		Outflow	
Lilliefors Probability for Inflow EMCs	0	Lilliefors Probability for Outflow EMCs	0
Lilliefors Probability for Log Transformed Inflow EMCs	0.193	Lilliefors Probability for Log Transformed Outflow EMCs	0.147

**Hypothesis Test Results - Raw Data**

Nonparametric Analysis - Mann-Whitney Test $\alpha = 0.05$			
Reject the Null Hypothesis that the two means are the same?	Yes	Mann-Whitney Probability	0
Parametric Analysis - t-Test $\alpha = 0.05$			
Reject the Null Hypothesis that the two means are the same? Assuming Equal Variance.	No	Reject the Null Hypothesis that the two means are the same? Assuming Unequal Variance.	No
Separate Probability	0.103	Pooled Probability	0.069

**Hypothesis Test Results - Log Transformed Data**

Nonparametric Analysis - Mann-Whitney Test $\alpha = 0.05$			
Reject the Null Hypothesis that the two means are the same?	Yes	Mann-Whitney Probability	0
Parametric Analysis - t-Test $\alpha = 0.05$			
Separate Probability	0.001	Pooled Probability	0.001
Reject the Null Hypothesis that the two means are the same? Assuming Equal Variance.	Yes	Reject the Null Hypothesis that the two means are the same? Assuming Unequal Variance.	Yes

**Test of Equal Variance - Levene Test - Log Transformed Data**

Equal Variance?	No	Probability	0.444
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# Updated Statistical Analysis – PDF Documents

## Flow and Precipitation

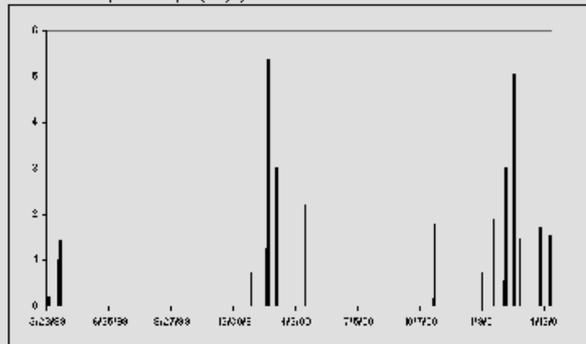
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 Detention Basin Detention Basin  
**Detention Basin (Dry) - Surface Grass-Lined Basin That Empties Out After A Storm** DE

**CITY:** Escondido **STATE:** CA **ZIP:** 92025

Characteristics of Nearby Climate Station Indicative of Precipitation at Site	Summary of Monitored Precipitation Events Associated with Water Quality Events
Station Name: SAN DIEGO WSO AP	Number of Precipitation Events Monitored: 19
Station ID or Gage Number: 7740	Average Depth of Precipitation Event: 2.01
Period of record against total # of storms 0.10" or > in depth: 18	Minimum Depth of Precipitation: 0.51
Coefficient of variation for # of storms: 0.41	Maximum Depth of Precipitation: 5.05
Period of record against total precipitation total - in inches: 8.97	Standard Deviation of Depth of Precipitation: 1.255
Coefficient of variation for precip total: 0.44	Variance of Depth of Precipitation: 1.574
Period of record duration of storms 0.10" or > in depth: 11.8	
Coefficient of variation for storm duration: 0.75	
Period of record intensity of storms 0.10" or > in depth: 0.052	
Coefficient of variation for storm intensity: 0.82	
Period of record period between storms 0.10" or > in depth: 503	
Coefficient of variation of period between storms: 2	

1. Sites are limited to those identified in "Analysis of Storm Event Characteristics at Selected Rainfall Gages Throughout the United States", (Dixon, 1980).

Monitored Precipitation Depth (cm) by Date

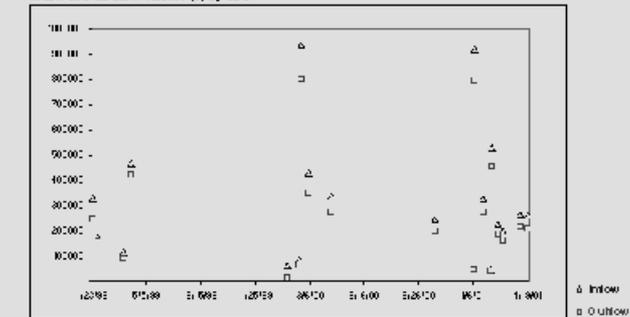


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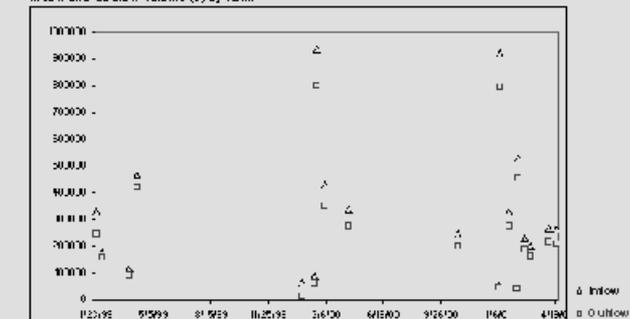
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Summary of Monitored Inflows Associated with Water Quality Events	Summary of Monitored Outflows Associated with Water Quality Events
Number of Inflow Measurements Collected: 19	Number of Outflow Measurements Collected: 19
Number of Water Quality Events Where Inflows Were Measured: 19	Number of Water Quality Events Where Outflows Were Measured: 19
Average of Total Event Inflow Volume: 317207	Average of Total Event Outflow Volume: 263704
Minimum Total Event Inflow Volume: 46156	Minimum Total Event Outflow Volume: 10506
Maximum Total Event Inflow Volume: 938732	Maximum Total Event Outflow Volume: 801678
Standard Deviation of Total Event Inflow Volume: 250200	Standard Deviation of Total Event Outflow Volume: 218972

Inflow and Outflow Volume (L) by Date

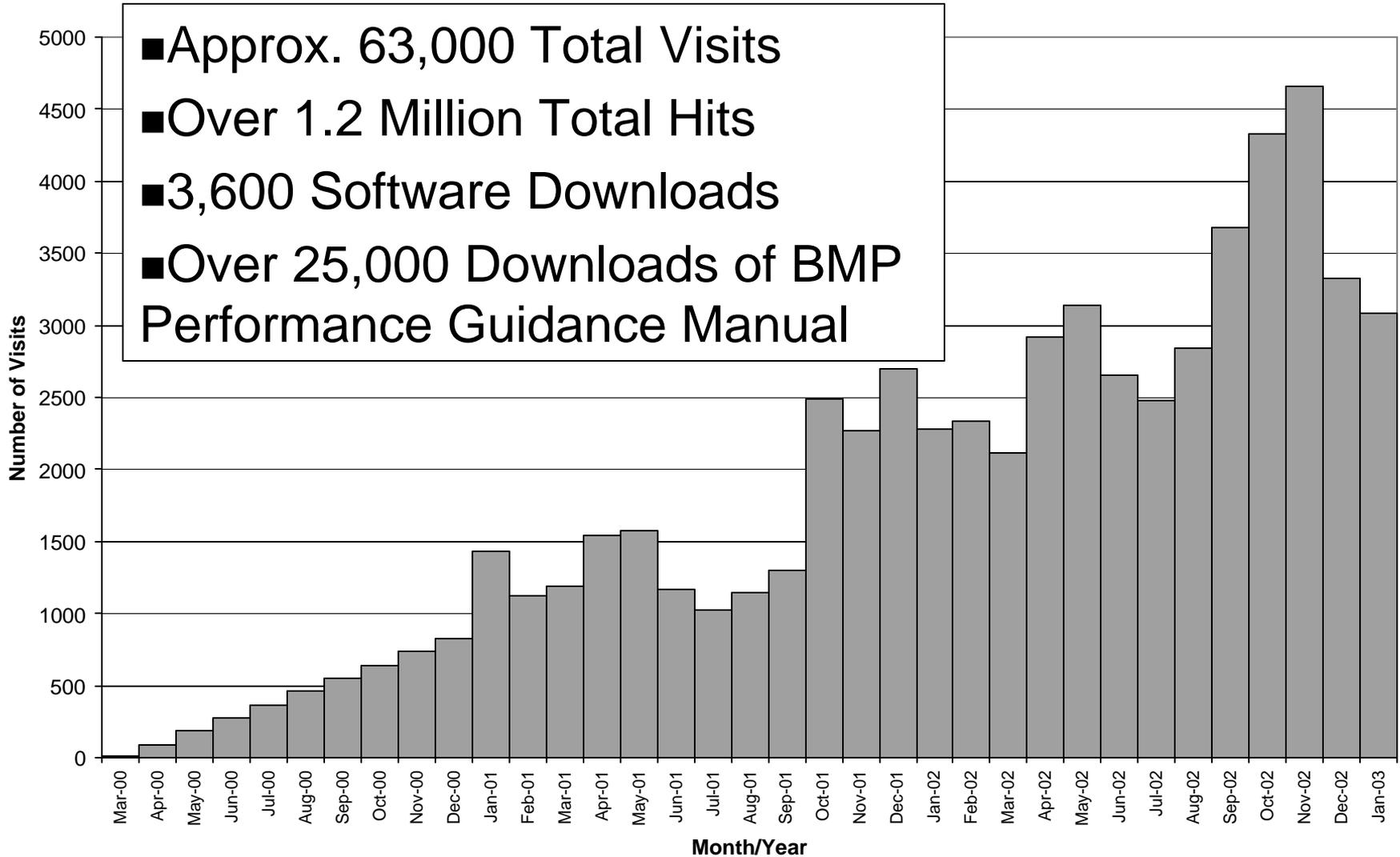


Inflow and Outflow Volume (L) by Rank



# Growth of Database Use - Website

National Stormwater BMP Database Website Visits Since 2/26/01 Release



# Distribution of Current Studies (2/5/03)

**BMP TOTALS BY CATEGORY**

BMP CATEGORY	NUMBER OF BMPS
<b>Structural</b>	
Biofilter (Grass Swales)	32
Detention Basin	24
Hydrodynamic Device	16
Media Filter	30
Percolation Trench/Well	1
Porous Pavement	5
Retention Pond	33
Wetland Basin	15
Wetland Channel	14
<b>Total</b>	<b>170</b>
<b>Non-Structural</b>	
Maintenance Practice	28
<b>Total</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>198</b>

**BMP TOTALS BY STATE/COUNTRY**

STATE	NUMBER OF BMPS
<b>Domestic</b>	
AL	13
<b>CA</b>	<b>41</b>
CO	4
FL	24
GA	2
IL	5
MD	4
MI	5
MN	7
NC	6
NJ	3
OH	1
OR	3
TX	19
VA	29
WA	20
WI	10
<b>International</b>	
Sweden	1
Canada	1

# Potential Future Studies

- 112 Potential Data Providers Identified (9 International)
  - Integrated into Contacts Database
- 9ICUD Identified Additional Sources (At Least 3)
- New Studies for 2003

Data Provider	Number of Studies	BMP Types
<b>Domestic</b>		
City of Greenboro, North Carolina	2	Bioretention
Washington State Department of Transportation	2	Infiltration Trench and Hydrodynamic Device
Denver Urban Drainage and Flood Control District	4	3 Media Filters and 1 Porous Pavement
BaySaver, Inc.	1	Hydrodynamic Device
Penn State University	1	Porous Pavement
Vortechinics, Inc.	1	Hydrodynamic Device
<b>International</b>		
University of Canberra, Australia	Numerous BMPs	Unknown
University of Abertay Dundee, United Kingdom	3	2 Swales and 1 Porous Pavement
<b>Total</b>	<b>14</b>	

# Protocols in Practice - The Manual



## Urban Stormwater BMP Performance Monitoring

A Guidance Manual for Meeting the National  
Stormwater BMP Database Requirements

April 2002



- The manual is available in three formats:
  - EPA will be publishing the Manual in Paper Form- first ½ of 2003
  - Available on CD – Limited Production
  - Available for download on [WWW.BMPDATABASE.ORG](http://WWW.BMPDATABASE.ORG)
- Approximately 25,000 downloads to date from web site
- Guidance is highly relevant for various levels of BMP monitoring

# Key Guidance Recommendations

- Flow monitoring must be rigorous
- Water quality performance should ultimately be assessed by hydrology/hydraulic as well as effluent quality performance
- Statistically sound approaches must be used to assess water quality performance and should be an integral component of BMP monitoring plan development and implementation as well as data analyses

# Flow Measurement Errors

- Propagate throughout monitoring study (Loads and EMCs)
- Often little or no opportunity for calibration under actual field conditions
- Field conditions problematic (unsteady flow conditions)
- Upstream conditions required for operation of weirs and flumes are often not satisfied
- Many types of devices are not well suited for flows which may vary by three or more orders of magnitude

# FHWA/USGS Study Demonstrates the Large Variability in Flow Measurements

**-25% to +100%  
on Average!**

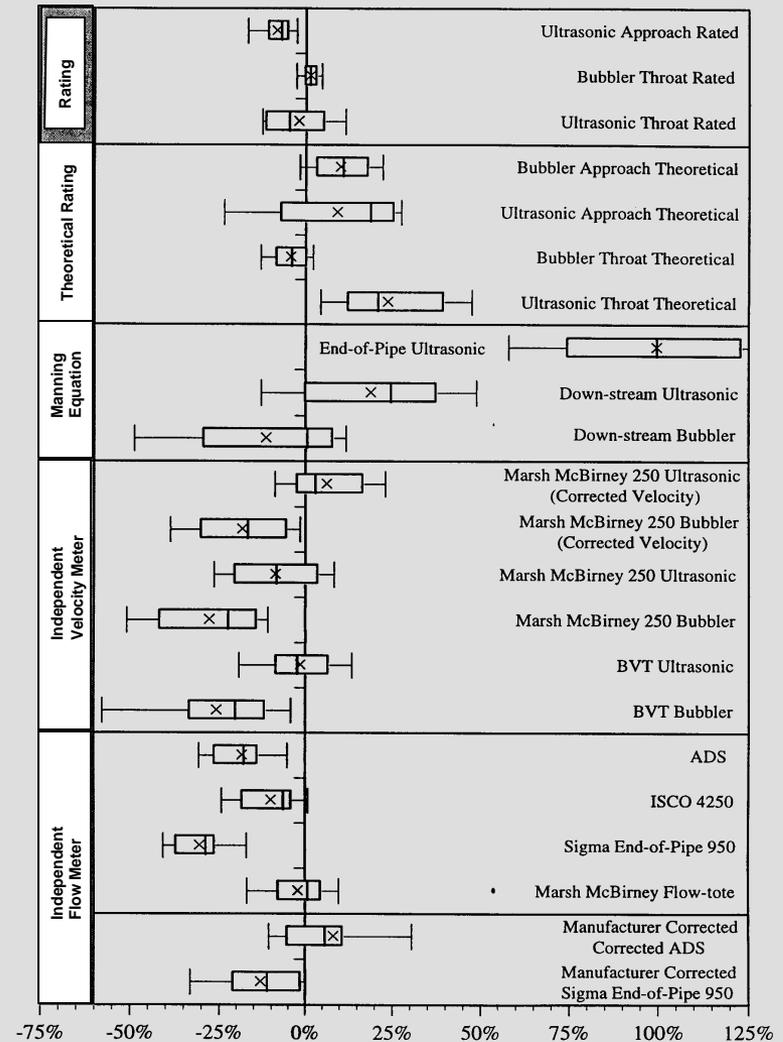


Figure 7. Boxplot of the percent differences between total storm volumes computed using various flow estimation methods and the total storm volume of the bubbler approach rated discharge (bold line at 0%).

# Measures of Performance

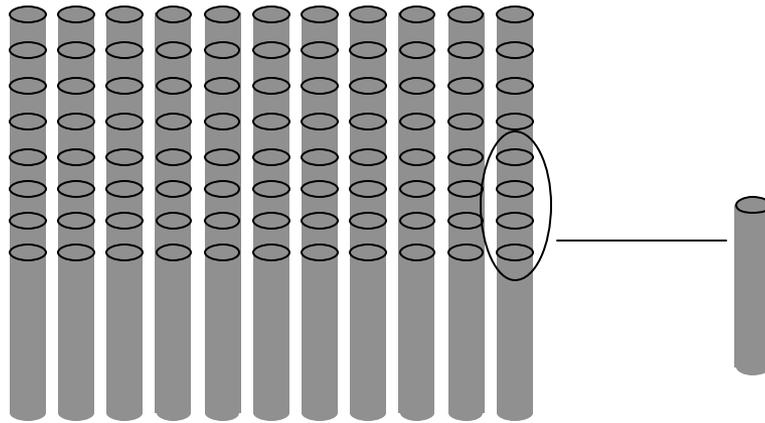
- How much stormwater runoff is prevented? (“hydrological source control”)
- How much of the runoff that occurs is treated by the BMP or not (“hydraulic performance”)?
- Of the runoff treated, what is the effluent quality? (“concentration characteristics achieved”)

# Measures of Performance Cont.

- Guidance manual review of historical approaches
- Recommended approach for water quality
  - Effluent Probability Method
  - Statistically determine that the BMP removes pollutants
  - Focus on EFFLUENT QUALITY
- Percent Removal is Very Problematic

# Results From Analysis of Flow-Weighted Composite Sampling

- USGS Monitoring Data Set Used
  - Initial Set of 80 sub-samples



What Number of Sub-Samples are Required?

- A minimum of between 12 and 16 sub-samples should be collected during an event

# Monitoring Equipment Selection

- Monitoring Location
  - Watershed Type
  - Specific Site Characteristics
  - Location Within a Watershed
    - On the surface (gutter flow, typically grab sample)
    - At inlets (typically grab sample)
    - Mid-conveyance (manhole, in-pipe or open channel)
    - Outfall
- Monitoring Frequency
- Range of Flows to be Monitored

# Flow Measurement Equipment Selection Factors

- Site location
- Site condition
- Expected discharge rates
- Allowable loss of capacity
- Accuracy
- Expense
- Installation requirements
- Operations and maintenance requirements
- Special considerations for small watersheds

# Sampling Equipment

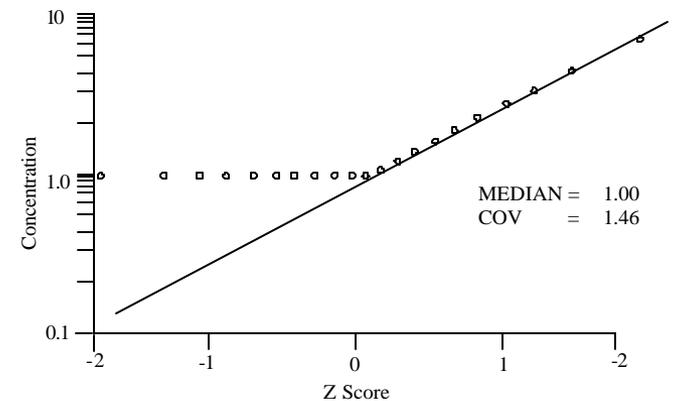
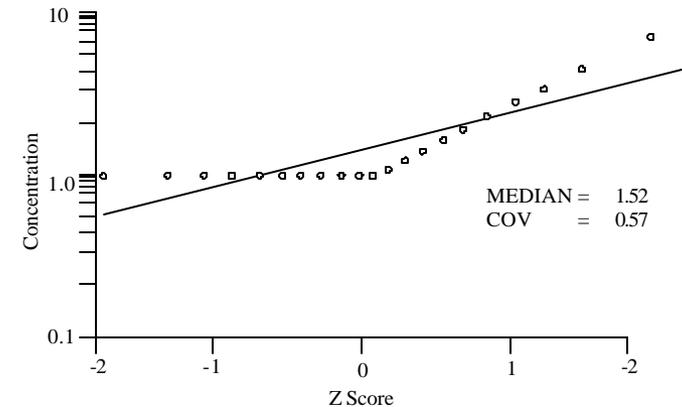
- Grab Versus Composite Samples
- Manual Versus Automated Sampling Methods
  - Cost
  - Study Objectives
  - Sampling issues with regards to larger particles/debris
- Composite Sampling Approaches
  - Constant volume - time proportional to flow volume increment
  - Constant time - constant volume
  - Constant time - volume proportional to flow increment
  - Constant time - volume proportional to flow rate

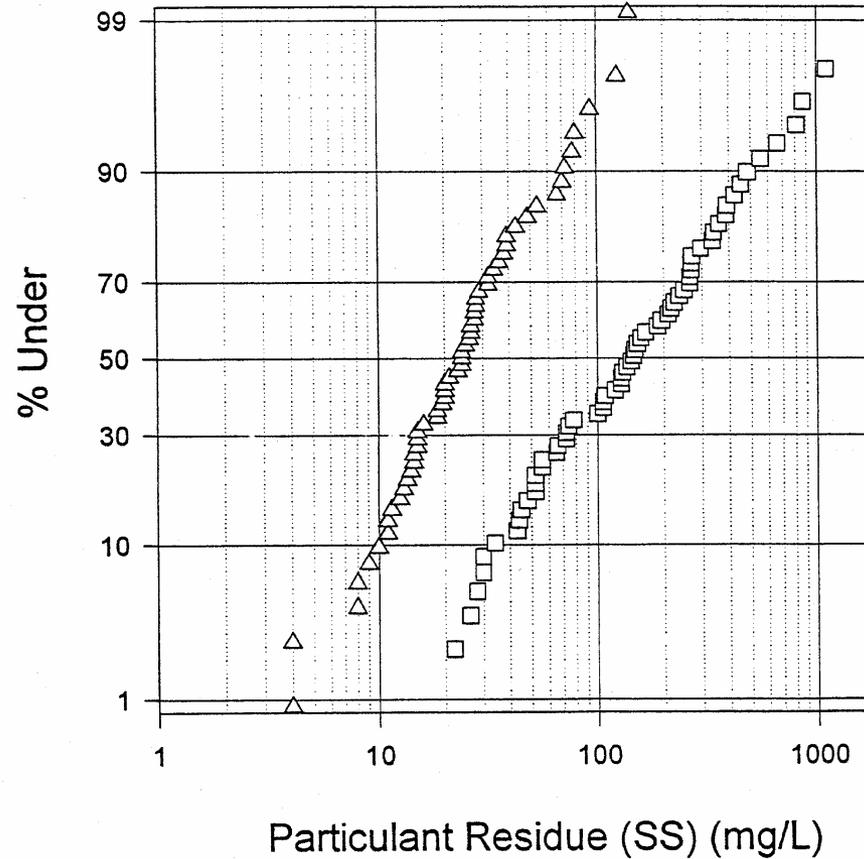
# Appendices

- Data Evaluation and Statistical Hypothesis Testing
- Generic Health and Safety Plan for Monitoring
  - Specific to the Near-highway Environment
- Example Standard Operating Procedures for Field Sampling
  - Plan Used for Monitoring Work for Field Studies

# Data Evaluation and Statistical Hypothesis Testing

- Understanding Detection Limits and Effects on Analysis
- Descriptive Statistics for Log-Normal Data
- Hypothesis Testing
  - Are Two Data Sets Statistically Different from One Another?
  - Are Changes in Water Quality Statistically Significant?
  - Upstream/Downstream or Temporal Comparisons





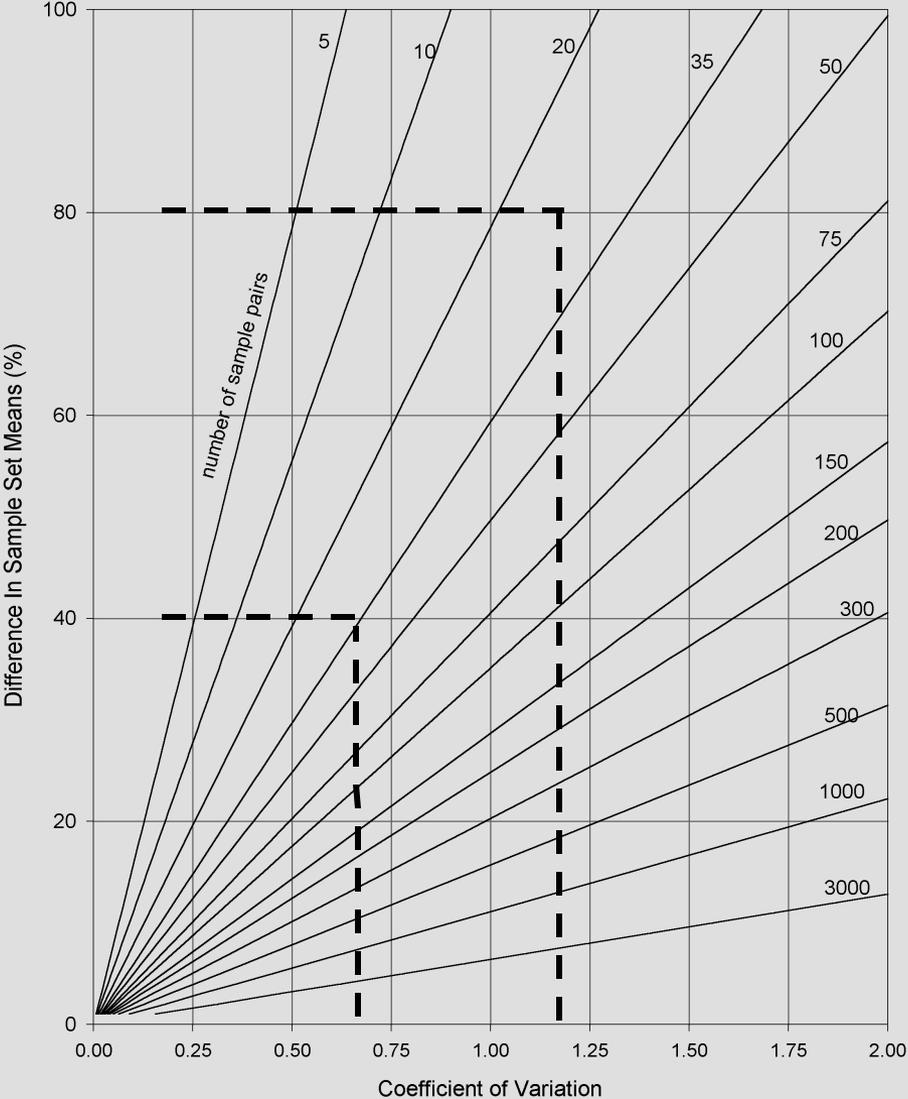
- Inlet
- △ Outlet

# Effluent Probability Method Normal Probability Plots

# Understanding Water Quality Variability

- Many sampling programs do not yield useful results – they are reported as valid assessments of performance
- Number of samples to obtain a statistically valid result from monitoring program
- Feedback to monitoring program design
- More events vs. fewer parameters –cost trade offs?

### Number of Sample Pairs Needed (Power=80% Confidence=95%)



**Adapted from Pitt  
and Parmer**

# Recent Results From the NSW BMP Database

- 198 BMPs (~215 by Spring 2003)
- >122,000 water quality records
- ~45,000 EMCs
- Statistical Analysis of Each BMP for Each Pollutant (~2000 separate statistical analyses)
  - Descriptive Statistics (Arithmetic and Log Trans.)
  - Tests of normality (W-test and Lilliefors)
  - Tests of equal variance (F-test and Levene test)
  - Parametric and Non-Parametric Hypothesis Testing
  - Normal prob. plots, Scatter plots, Box and Whisker plots

# Distribution of Current Studies (2/5/03)

**BMP TOTALS BY CATEGORY**

BMP CATEGORY	NUMBER OF BMPS
<b>Structural</b>	
Biofilter (Grass Swales)	32
Detention Basin	24
Hydrodynamic Device	16
Media Filter	30
Percolation Trench/Well	1
Porous Pavement	5
Retention Pond	33
Wetland Basin	15
Wetland Channel	14
<b>Total</b>	<b>170</b>
<b>Non-Structural</b>	
Maintenance Practice	28
<b>Total</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>198</b>

**BMP TOTALS BY STATE/COUNTRY**

STATE	NUMBER OF BMPS
<b>Domestic</b>	
AL	13
<b>CA</b>	<b>41</b>
CO	4
FL	24
GA	2
IL	5
MD	4
MI	5
MN	7
NC	6
NJ	3
OH	1
OR	3
TX	19
VA	29
WA	20
WI	10
<b>International</b>	
Sweden	1
Canada	1



Table 1 cont: Number of Statistical Summaries that are Available from the ASCE/EPA Database Analysis by BMP Type and Parameter

Parameter	Hydrodynamic Devices	Infiltration (Percolation) Trench	Oil & Water Separator	Porous Pavement Asphalt	Porous Pavement Poured Concrete	Retention Pond (Wet) Surface	Wetland Basin With Open Water Surfaces	Wetland Basin Without Open Water (Wetland Meadow Type)	Wetland Channel With Wetland Bottom
						Pond With a Permanent Pool	With Open Water Surfaces	(Wetland Meadow Type)	With Wetland Bottom
Cadmium, Dissolved	4					1	1		
Cadmium, Total	5			1	1	10	2		
Copper, Dissolved	7					4	1		
Copper, Total	9			1	1	13	2		
Lead, Dissolved	7					5	1		2
Lead, Total	8	1		1	1	16	3		3
Nitrate + Nitrite, Dissolved									
Nitrate + Nitrite, Total	4					10	3		
Nitrate Nitrogen, Dissolved	1								
Nitrate Nitrogen, Total	2	1		1		4	3		3
Nitrogen, Kjeldahl, Total	4	1		1	1	13	4		2
Nitrogen, Organic Dissolved						2			
Nitrogen, Organic Kjeldahl, Total									
Nitrogen, Total	1	1		1		6	6		4
Nitrogen, Total Organic						6	3		1
Oil and Grease	3			1	1	2	2		1
Phosphate, Ortho	3					4	2	2	

CATEGOR  
RP

CITY Roseville

## Lake McCarrons Sedimentation Basin

Retention Pond (Wet) - Surface Pond With a Permanent Pool

STATE: MN

BMP TYPE  
RP  
ZIP: 55126

**Solids, Total Suspended (mg/l)**

530

	Count	Log Data			
		Mean	STDEV	Upper CL	Lower CL
Inlet	23	5.72	1.1	6.19	5.25
Outlet	28	3.02	1.17	74.42	26.82

Analysis of Variance (Mann Whitney Test)		
U-Statistic	Probability	CHI Square
616	0	30.98

	Arithmetic Data				
	Mean	Median	COV	Upper CL	Lower CL
Inlet	554.69	304.51	1.52	1045.79	366.72
Outlet	40.64	20.42	1.72	74.42	26.82

Analysis of Variance (ANOVA)		
Sum of Squares	F-ratio	P-Value
92.19	71.09	0

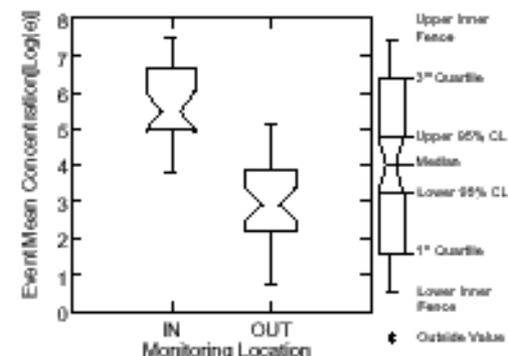
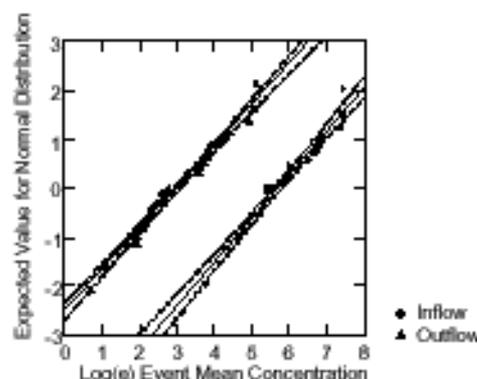
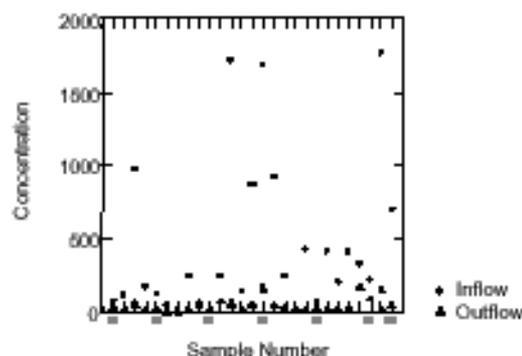
Pollutant Removals	
Mean Inflow - Mean Outflow	Percent Difference
514.05	93%

Kolmogorov-Smirnoff Test	
Maximum Difference for Pair	Probability
0.77	0

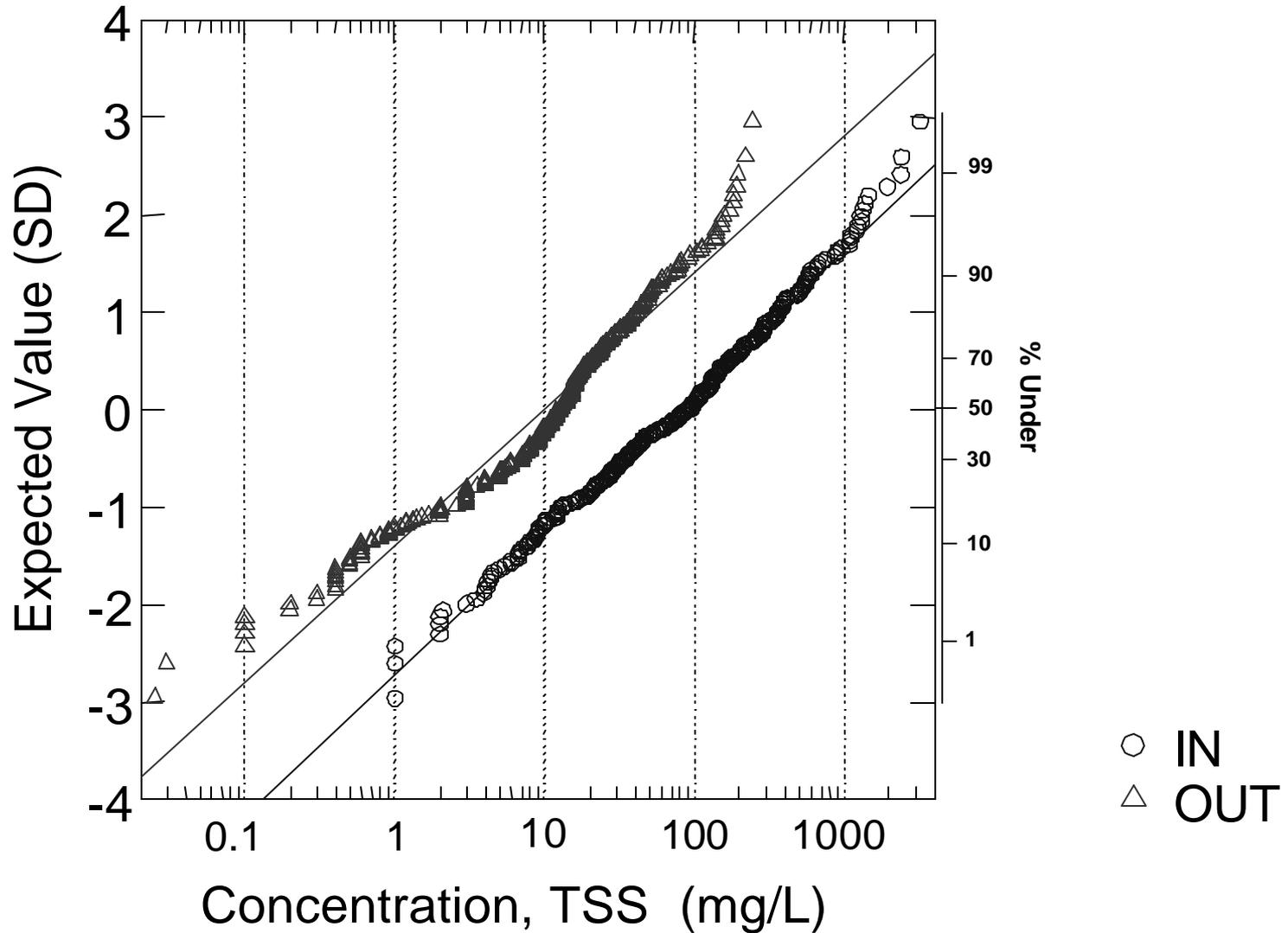
	Inlet	Outlet
10th Percentile	20.55	4.54
25th Percentile	58.23	9.26
75th Percentile	589.22	45.06
90th Percentile	1669.6	91.85

	Difference	% Difference
Inflow 10th Percentile - Outlet 10th Percentile	16.01	78.0%
Inflow 90th Percentile - Outlet 90th Percentile	1577.75	94.0%

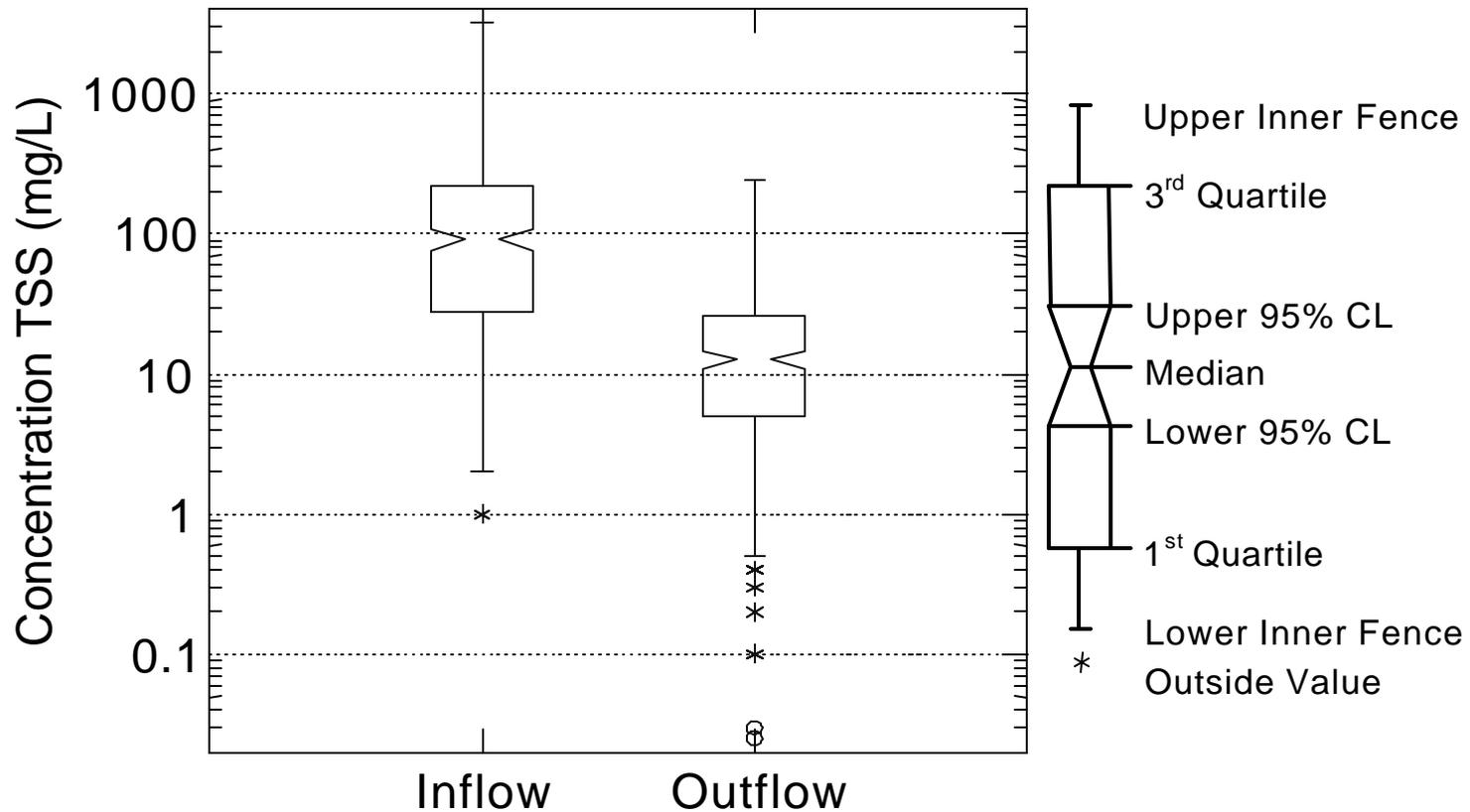
Maximum Percent Removal (upper inflow CL to lower outlet CL)	97.4%
Minimum Percent Removal (lower inflow CL to upper outlet CL)	79.7%



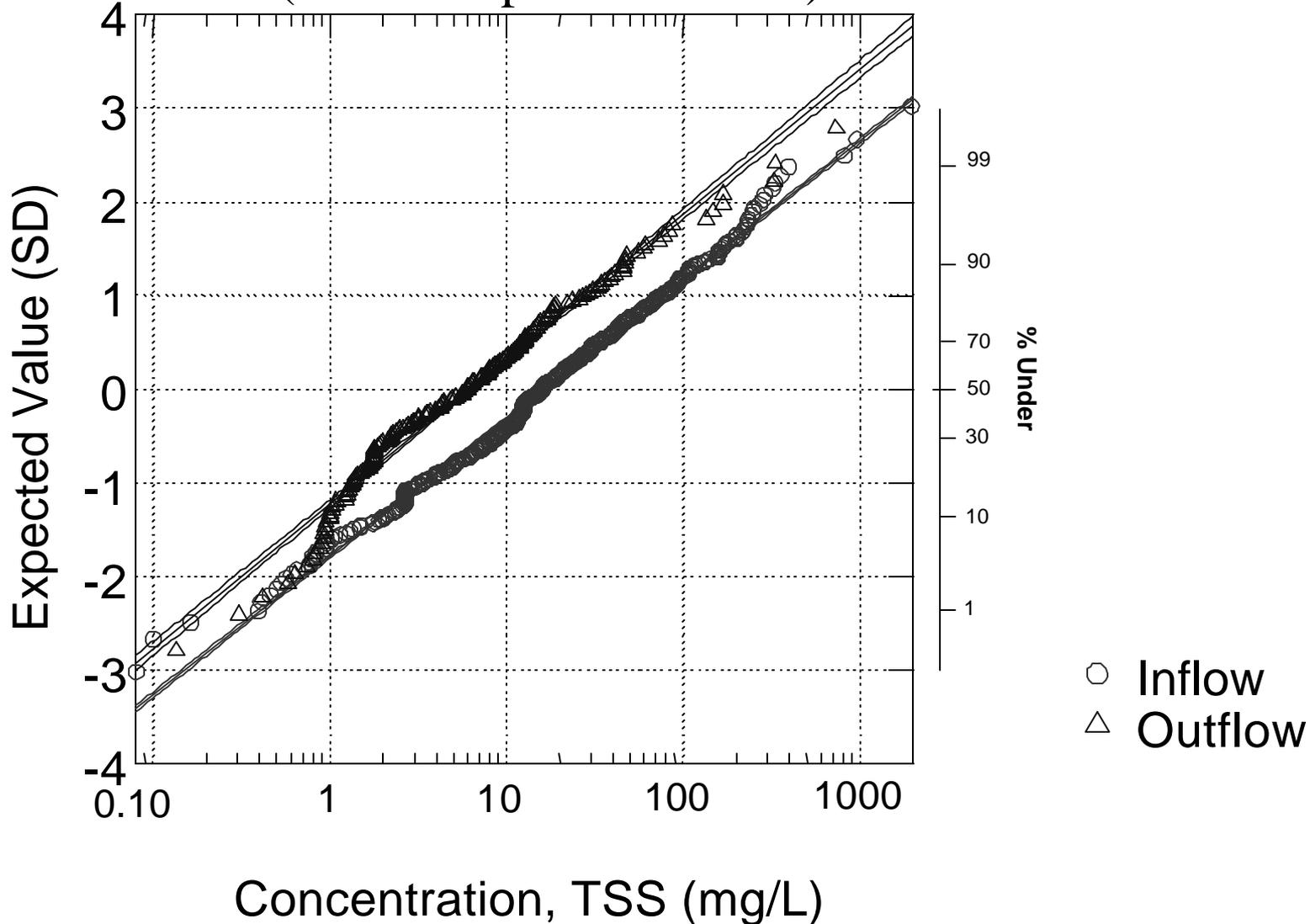
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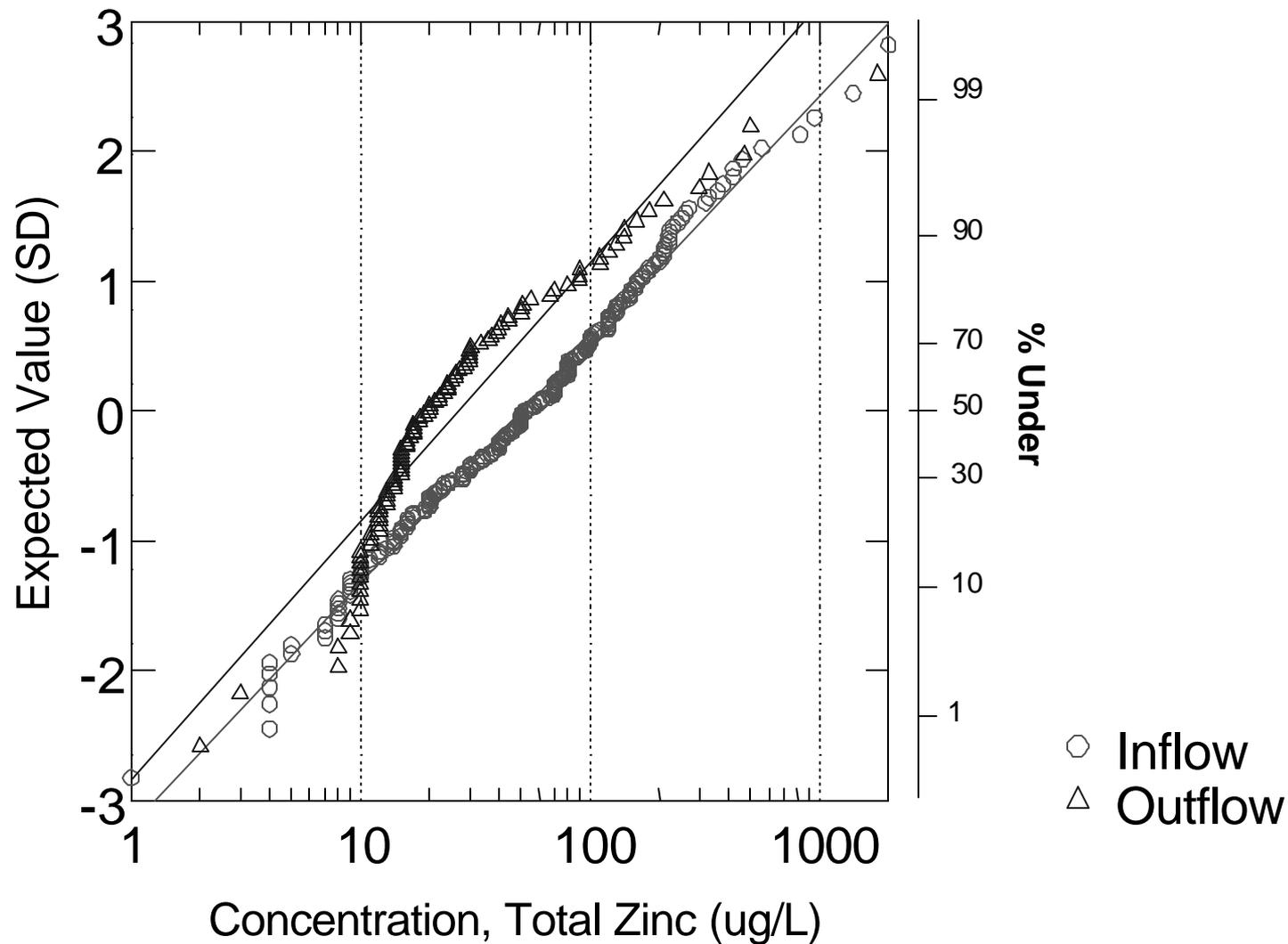
# Box and Whisker Plot of Influent and Effluent Event Mean Concentration (Total Suspended Solids) for All Retention Ponds



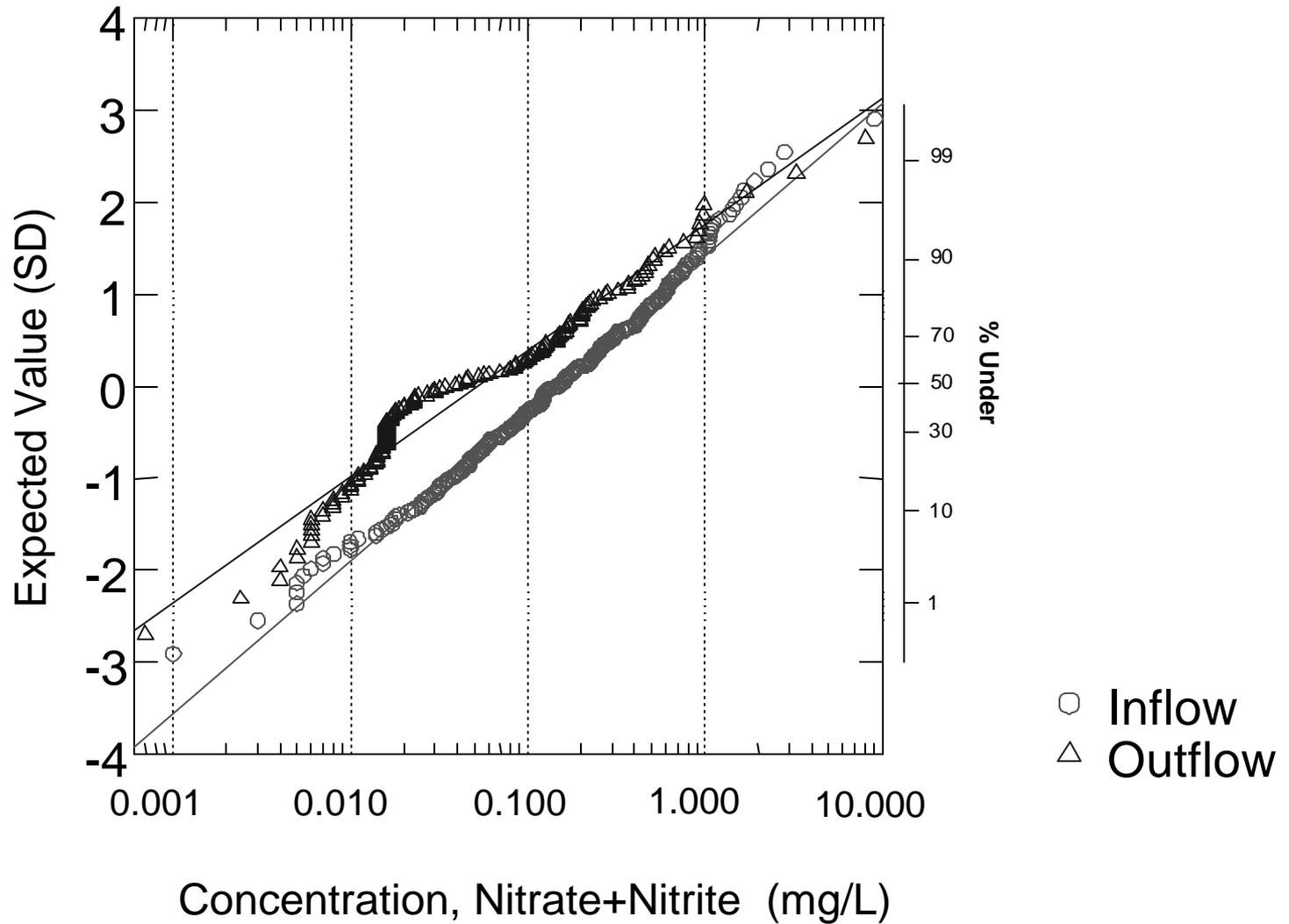
# Normal Probability Plot of Influent and Effluent Event Mean Concentration (Total Suspended Solids) for All Wetland Basins



# Normal Probability Plot of Influent and Effluent Event Mean Concentration (Total Zinc) for All Wetland Basins

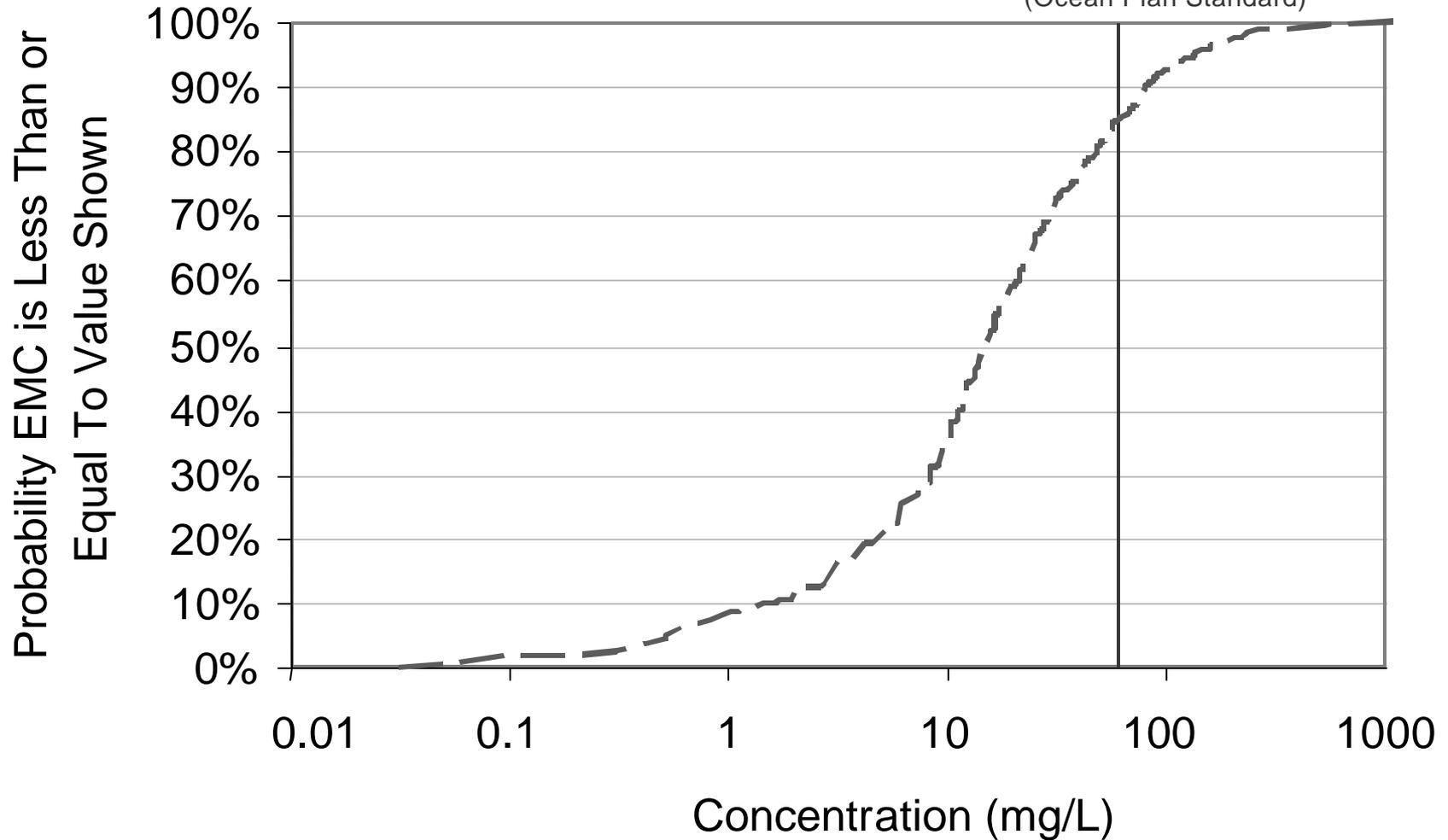


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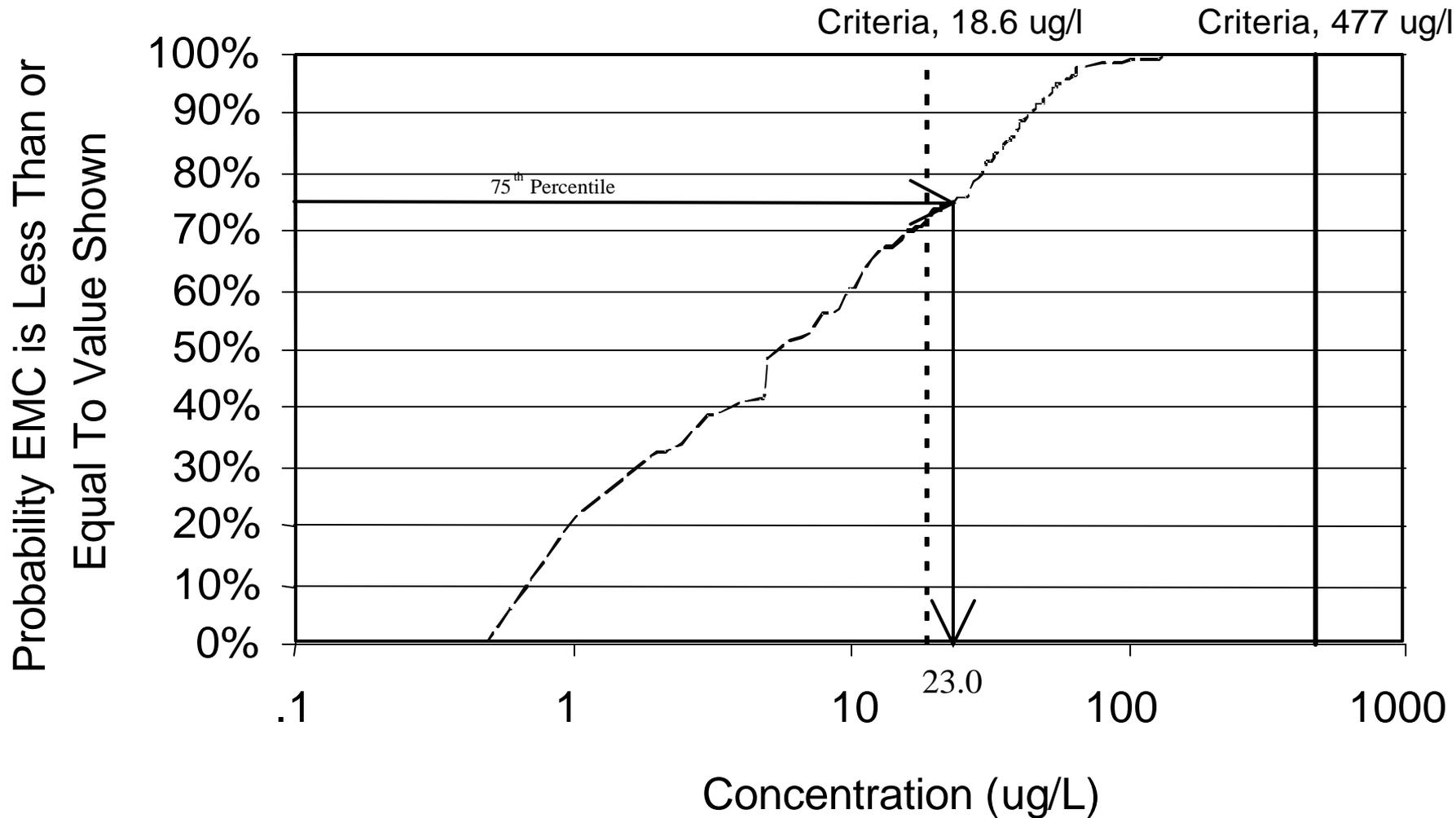


# Cumulative Distribution Function for Total Suspended Solids (Retention Ponds with Permanent Pools)

Criteria, 60 mg/l  
(Ocean Plan Standard)

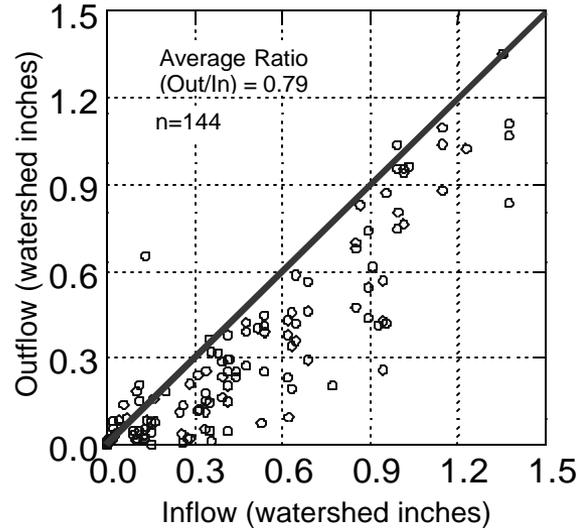


# Cumulative Distribution Function for Total Lead (Retention Ponds with Permanent Pools)

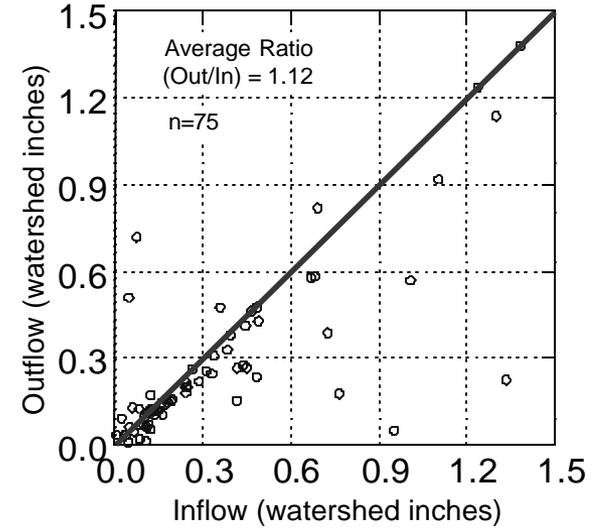


# Runoff Volume Control

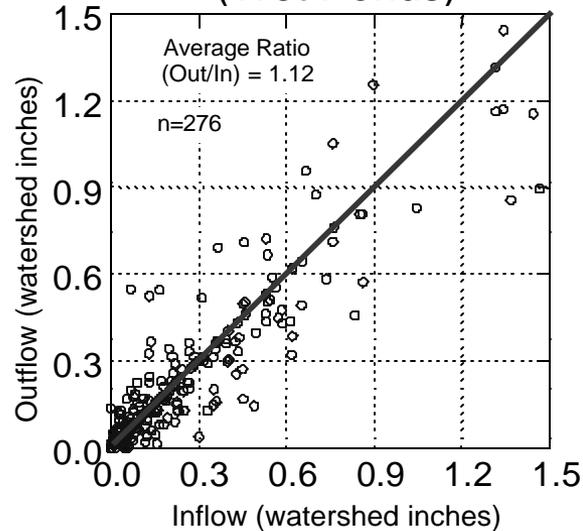
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(Swale and Filter Strips)



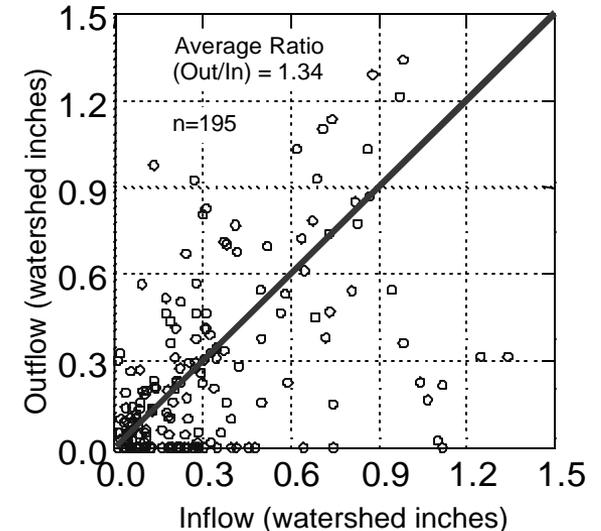
Detention Basins (N=11)  
(Dry Ponds)



Retention Ponds (N=20)  
(Wet Ponds)



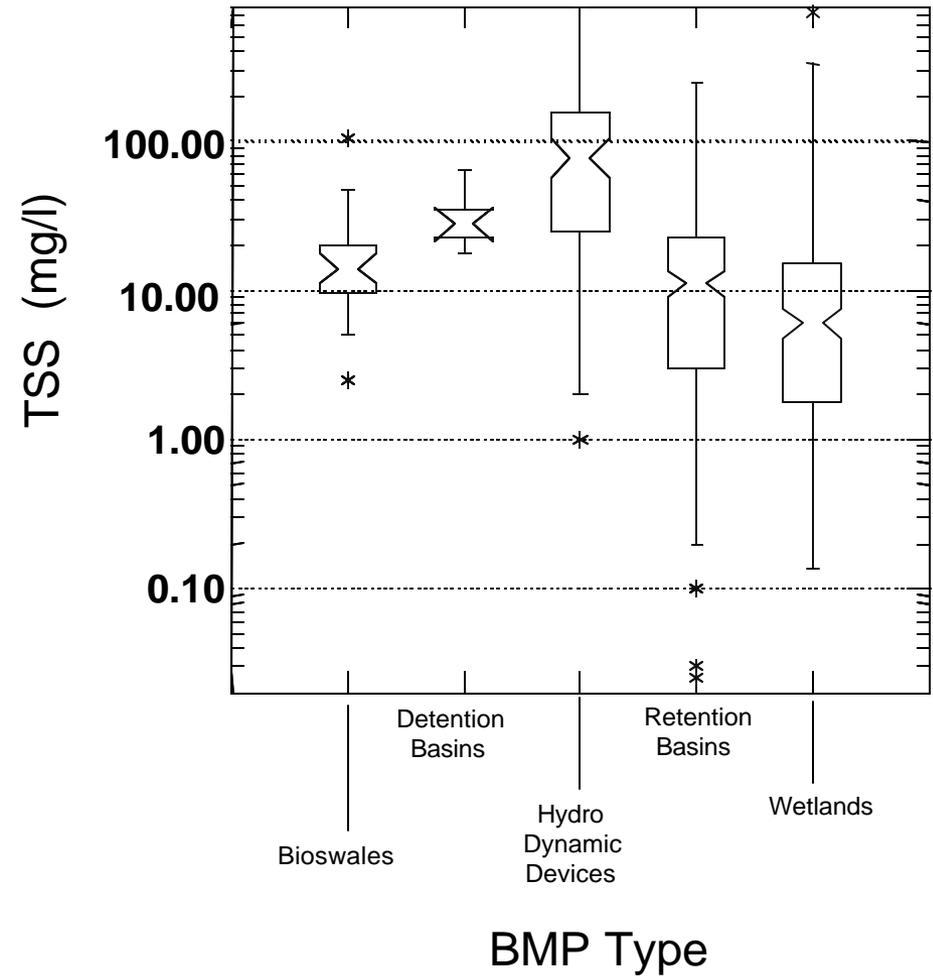
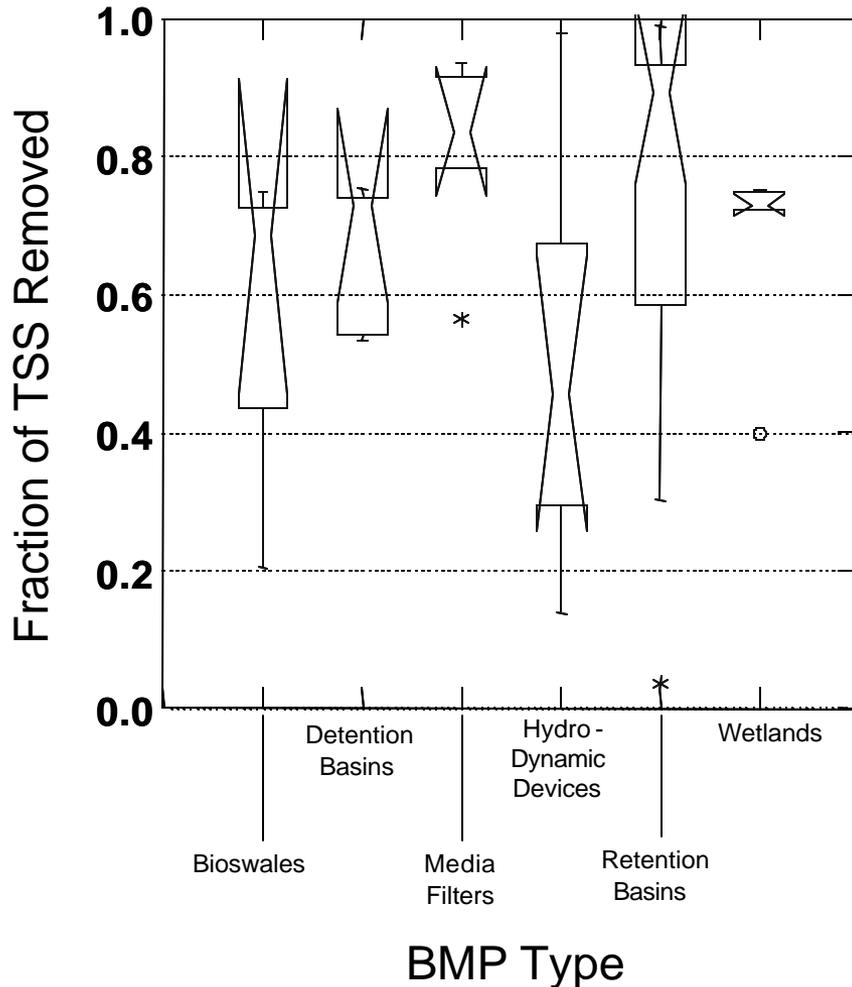
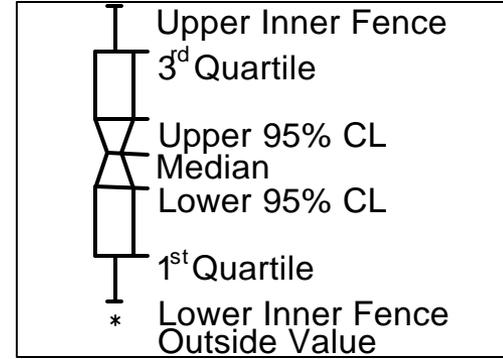
Wetland Basins (N=10)



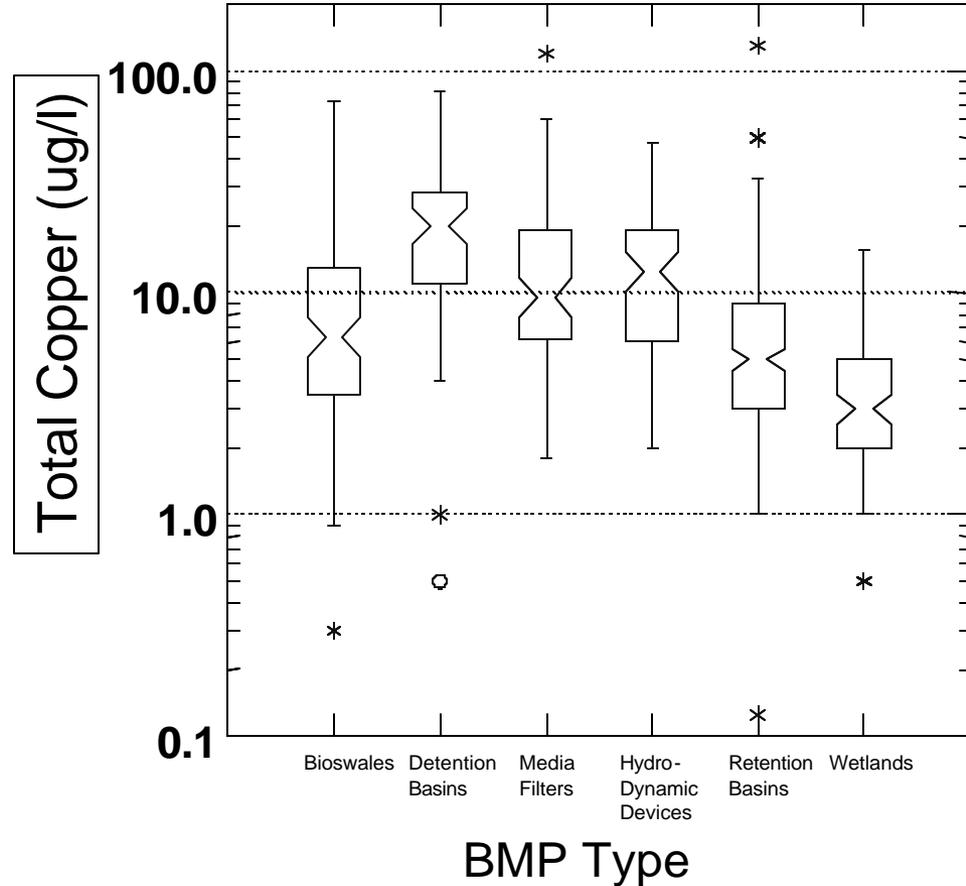
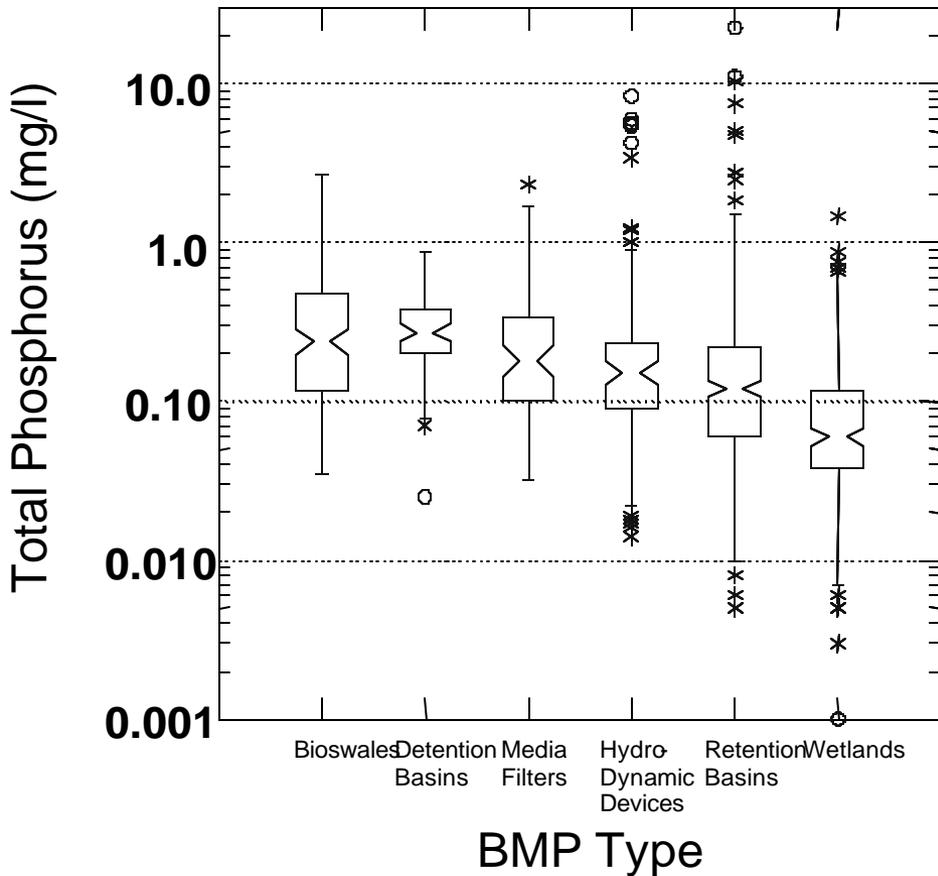
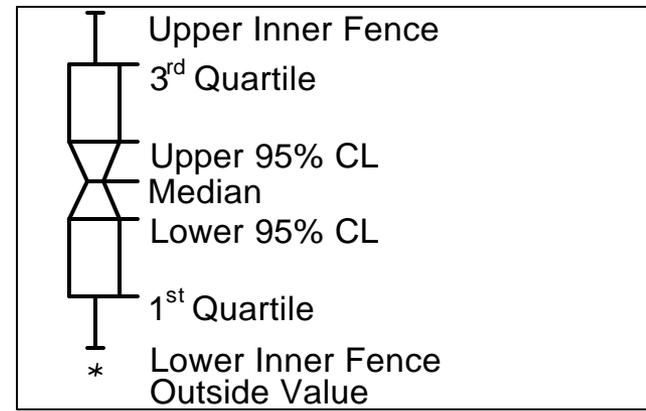
# Runoff Volume Control

<b>BMP Type</b>	<b>Mean Monitored Outflow/Mean Monitored Inflow for Events Where Inflow is Greater Than or Equal to 0.2 Watershed Inches</b>
<b>Detention Basins</b>	<b>0.70</b>
<b>Biofilters</b>	<b>0.62</b>
<b>Media Filters</b>	<b>1.00</b>
<b>Hydrodynamic Devices</b>	<b>1.00</b>
<b>Wetland Basins</b>	<b>0.95</b>
<b>Retention Ponds</b>	<b>0.93</b>
<b>Wetland Channels</b>	<b>1.00</b>

# Box plots of the fractions of Total Suspended Solids (TSS) removed and of effluent quality of selected BMP types

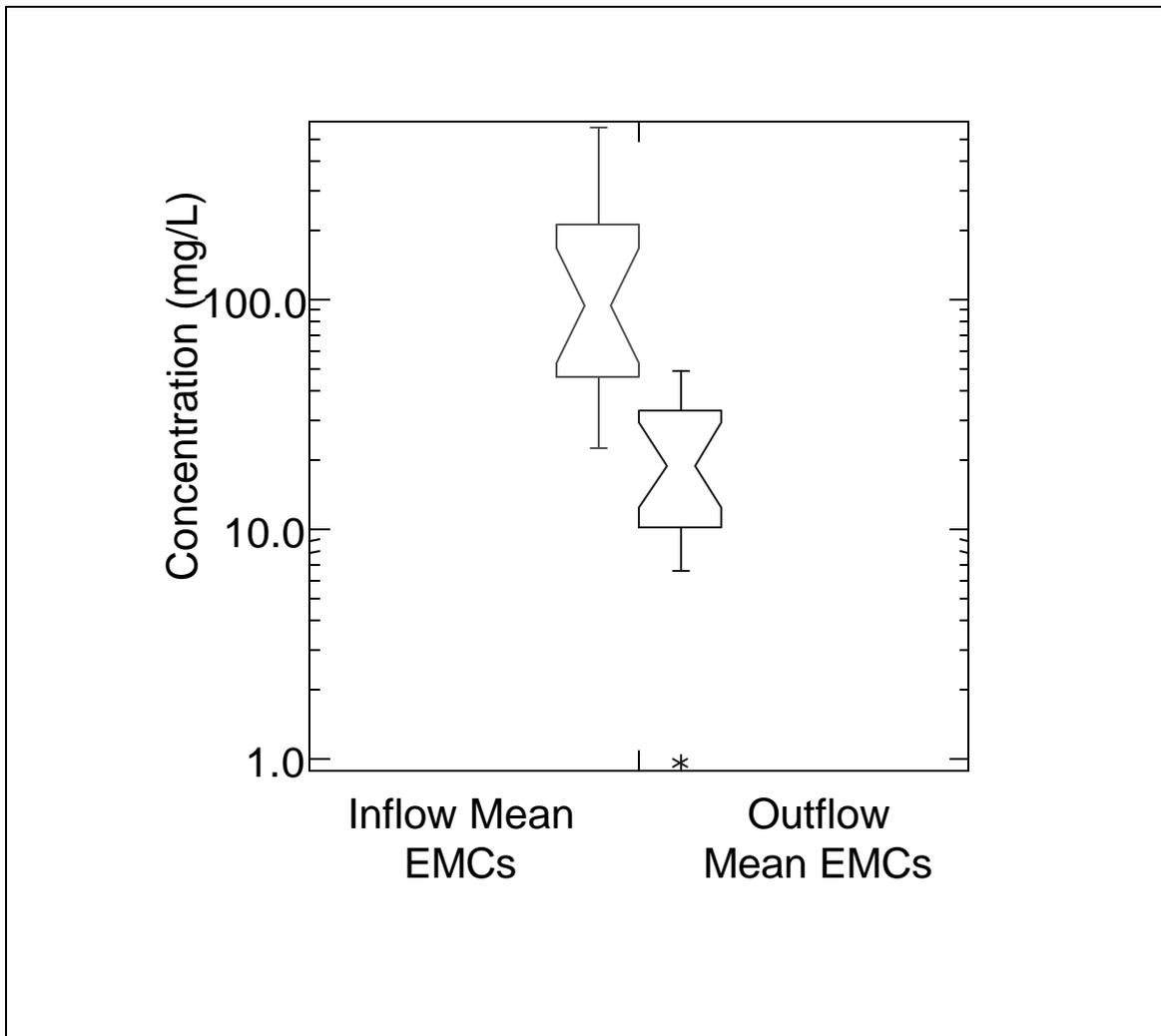


# Box plots of effluent quality of selected BMP types for Total Phosphorus and Total Copper



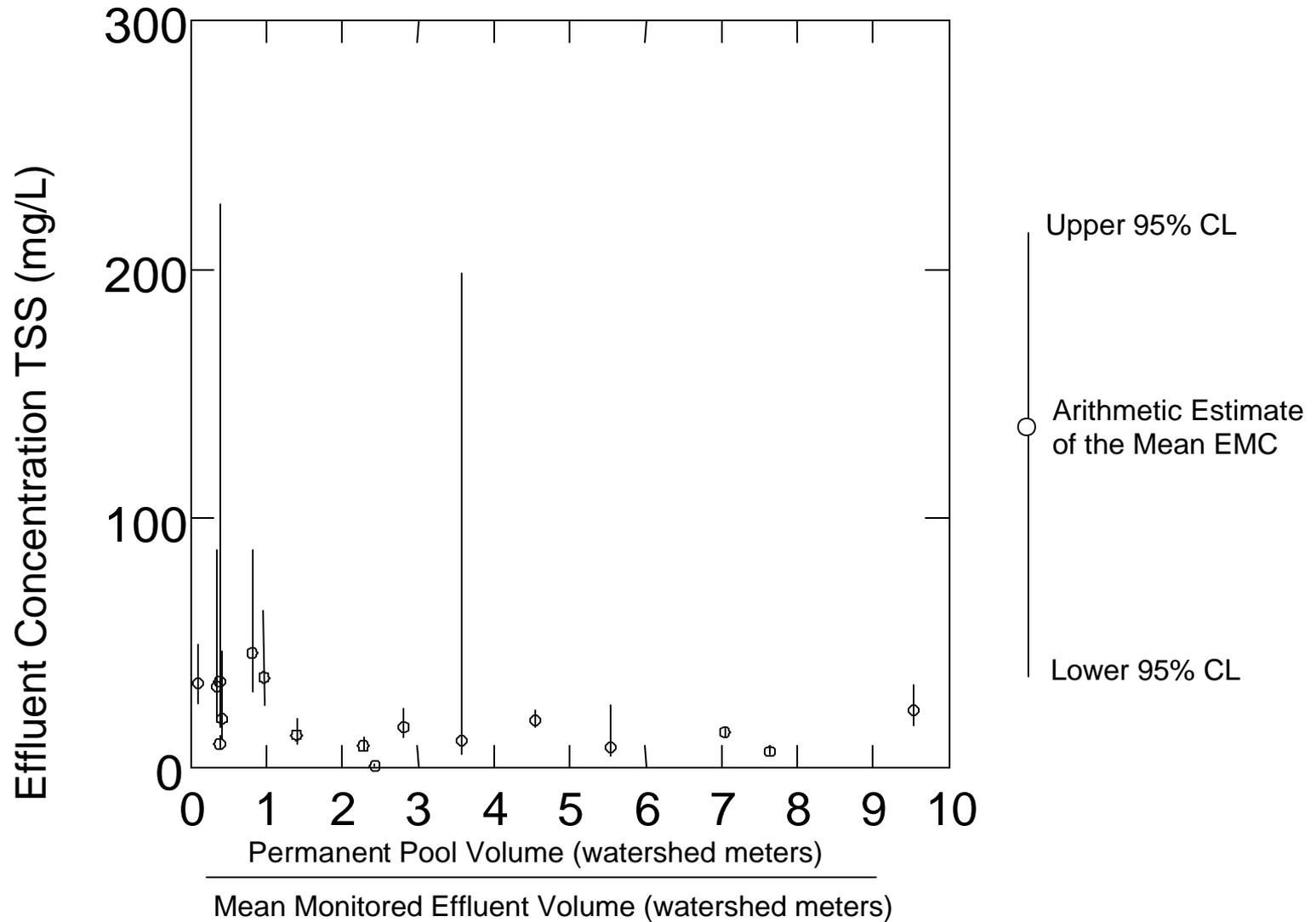
# Relating Design to Performance

- One of the primary long-term project objectives
- Multiple regression analysis
- Sub-sample parameter analysis

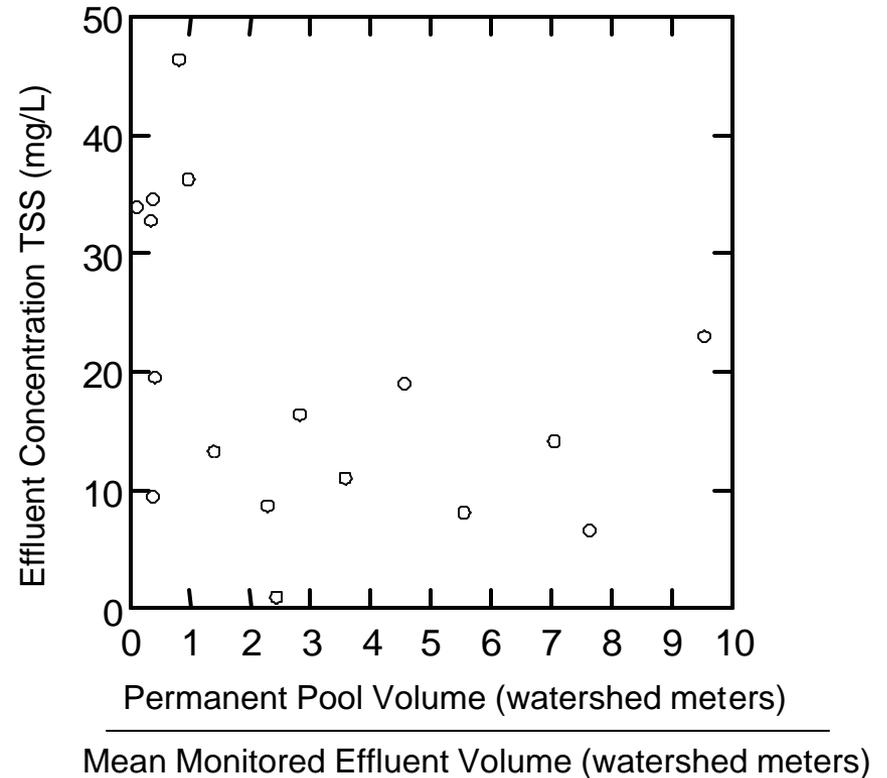
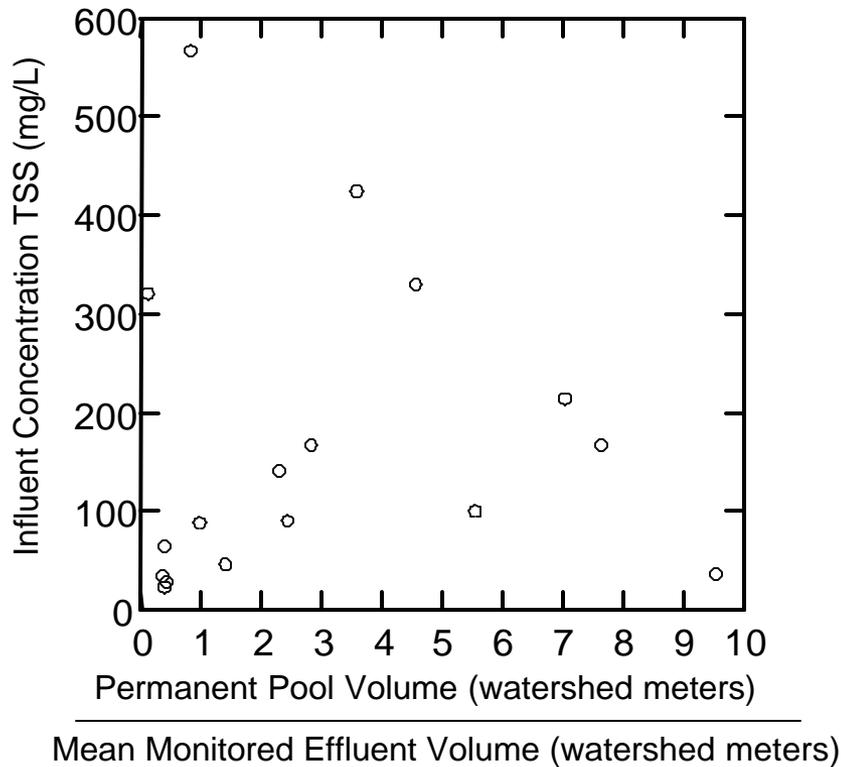


# Retention Ponds Solids, Total Suspended (mg/L)

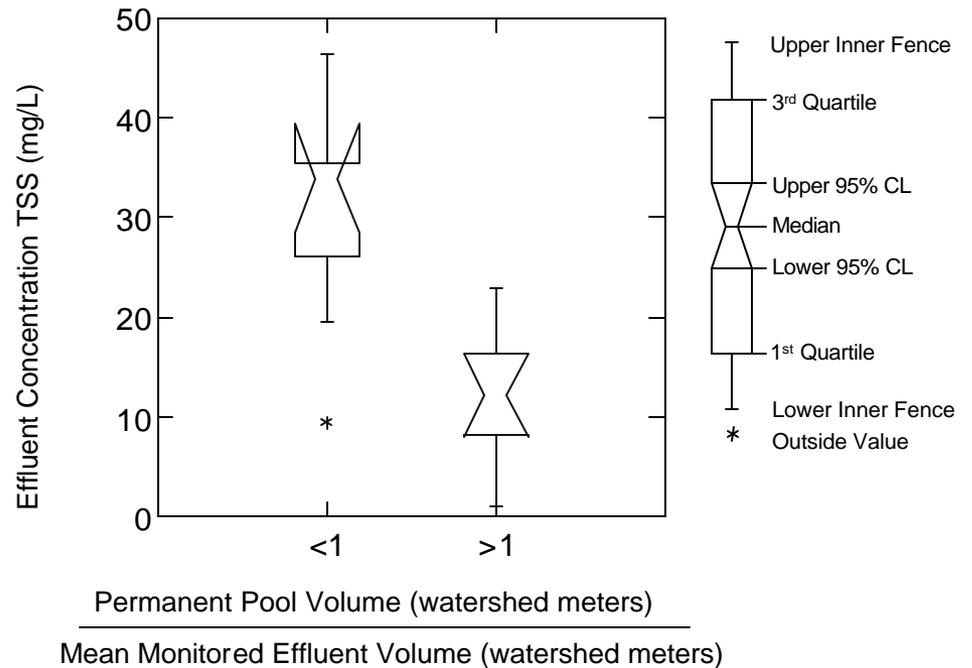
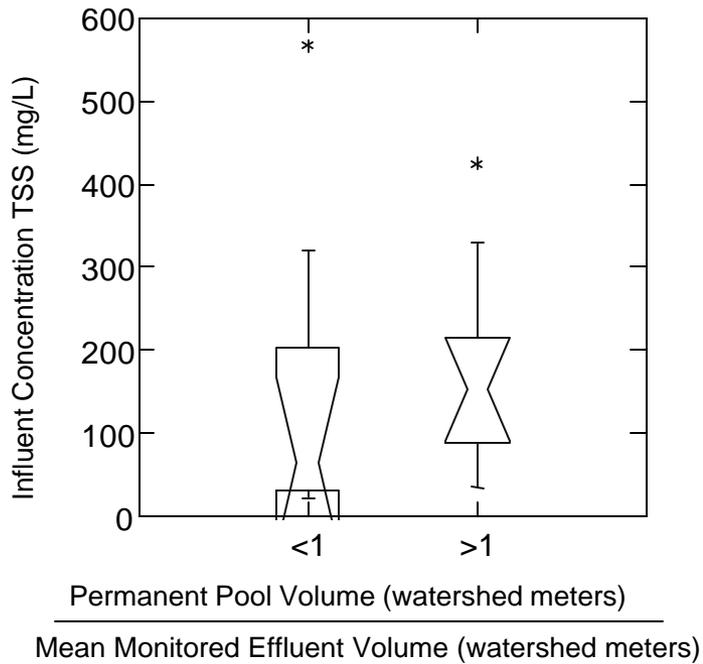
# Effluent Water Quality as a Function of the Permanent Pool Design Volume Ratio



# Scatter Plot Showing Effluent Water Quality as a Function of the Permanent Pool Design Volume Ratio



# Box Plot Showing Effluent Water Quality as a Function of the Permanent Pool Design Volume Ratio



# Analysis Findings

- Results of the analyses of the now expanded database have reinforced the initial finding that BMPs are best described by
  - how much they reduce runoff volumes,
  - how much of the runoff that occurs is treated (and not) by the BMP,
  - and of the runoff treated what effluent quality (concentrations and potential toxicity) is achieved?

# Analysis Findings Cont.

- Basic BMP performance descriptions can then be utilized to assess effects on total loadings, frequency of potential exceedances of water quality criteria or other targets, and other desired water quality performance measures.

# Analysis Findings Cont.

- The results show that the effluent quality of various BMP types can be statistically characterized as being different from one another.
- Some design parameters (sizing relative to incoming measured storm volumes) may be statistically significant with regards to performance of BMPs

# Recent Trends

- Source Controls and LID
  - Careful monitoring more difficult
  - Variability may be higher
  - Highly impervious and “flashy” watersheds (3-4 orders of magnitude in flows that need to be monitored)
  - Very small volumes and flow rates
  - In many cases standard equipment does not exist
    - Roger Bannerman – Modified tipping bucket rain gauges for surface flow measurement on very small plots
  - Accurate assessment of flows is key
  - Low flows are very difficult to measure

# Example Use of Database and Product Deliverables by EPA and Others

- Regulatory and Policy
  - Phase II, TMDLs, On-going Phase I, ESA work, and CZARA Manual Update
  - BMP certification programs (ex. City of Reno Nevada)
  - Stormwater Best Management Practice Manual Development
  - BMP monitoring requirements and measurable goals assessment
  - Basis for Tier II Protocol for Interstate Reciprocity
    - Endorsed by California, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Virginia

# Example Use of Database and Product Deliverables by EPA and Others

- Research Examples:
  - University of Colorado – BMP Performance Analyses and Database Tools
  - University of Guelph, Canada – Linking database with BMP cost analysis software
  - Tufts University – Graduate Research BMP Performance modeling
  - EPA Edison
- Data Management and BMP Monitoring Programs
  - City of Greensboro (NC)
  - Port of Houston (TX)
  - University of British Columbia (Canada)
- Selection and Design of BMPs Around U.S.

# Example Use of Database and Product Deliverables by EPA and Others

- TMDL Implementation Programs
  - Example: San Diego Creek Natural Treatment Systems Master Plan to meet TMDLs
- EIS and/or State EIRs (NEPA and CEQA)
  - Example: Southern California EIR assessments of post-development water quality
- Enforcement Assessments
- Expansion of the database to other BMP types (agriculture?)
- Smart growth - improve evaluations of water quality and quantity performance

# Other Efforts

- Chesapeake Bay Program Directive for Reduced Stormwater Contribution
- Lake Tahoe TMDL Development

# Database Outreach Efforts

- Conferences and Presentations
  - Extensive national and international publicity with > 20 presentations
  - 2002-2003 9ICUD, AWWA SWAP, EPA Chicago, WEF/TMDL, EWIR Philadelphia
- Paper/Publications
  - > 20 publications
  - 2001 and 1995 Journal of Water Resources Planning and Management
  - New paper to be developed based upon reanalysis of Database

# Database Outreach Efforts

- Web Site Usage (shown previously)
- Potential National Training Courses
  - BMP monitoring and design application
  - BMP selection and design

# Historical Funding Support

- Primary funding source as been EPA
- Volunteer efforts by Council members and PIs

# Future Funding Needs/Challenges

- Website enhancements and development
- Adding and reviewing new studies
- Enhancing database access and analysis tools (ongoing)
- Future assessments and analysis of studies in the database (every 2 to 4 years depending on data input)
- Future review and update of protocols and monitoring methods, if needed

# ■ Potential Website Improvement – GIS Based Search Engine

The screenshot displays a web browser window with two main components: an interactive SVG map and a search engine interface.

**Interactive SVG Map of North America - Microsoft Internet Explorer**

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**NATIONAL STORMWATER BMP**

Instructions for the map:  
 Press ALT for panning  
 Press CONTROL for zoom in  
 Click right mouse button for options  
 Click on the features to display data  
 Click on yellow boxes to hide layers  
 Click on arrows to scroll legend up and down

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Long	-82.45000
Catname	Wetland Basin
Bmpfn	Hidden River Wetland.pdf

**ACTIVE SEARCH ENGINE**

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**Hidden River Wetland**

Wetland - Basin With Down Water Surface

Watershed Parameters	Summary of Flow and Precip. Data	Nearest Climate ID Station Data
Total Watershed Area: 838 sq mi	Start Date: 5/2/95	Climate ID Station #: 188
Flow Threshold Length: 100 ft	Stop Date: 20/9/02	Station: CT PETERSBURG
% By Land Use	# years monitored: 300	Average # Storms/Year: 30
High Density Residential	Length of Reach (mi): 684	Average Annual Precip (in): 110.02
Low Density Residential	Urbanization Depth (in): 0.26	Average Storm Depth (in): 1.002
Medium Density Residential	Maximum Depth (in): 1.15	Average Storm Duration (hr): 2.022
Major Road Residential	Average Depth (in): 1.27	Average Storm Intensity (in/hr): 0.5098
Other Commercial	Urban Depth (in): 1.81	
Small	Standard Coefficient of Depth: 1.00	
Light Industrial	# Flow Events Monitored: 980	
Highway	Average Total Flow Volume (c): 37040	
Wetland	Maximum Total Flow Volume (c): 0	
	Maximum Total Flow Volume (c): 492730	
	Standard Deviation Flow: 37040	

**Water Quality Summary**

Water Quality	Flow	Time										
Flow	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Time	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

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# Current Efforts for Long-Term Funding Support

- EPA
- EWRI,
- WERF,
- NAHB,
- APWA,
- And others.

# Question and Discussion

