

Attachment 1a, NADP Joint Subcommittee minutes, Spring 2003

FINAL AGENDA
NADP Spring Meeting
Joint Subcommittee Meeting
March 25-26, 2003

Tuesday, March 25

8:00-8:15	Introduction of Attendees and Agenda Overview	Nilles
8:30-9:10	NADP Program Office Report	Van Bowersox
9:10-9:40	CAL Report	Karen Harlin
9:40-10:00	Bag liner experiments	Karen Harlin
10:00-10:30	Break	
10:30-11:00	MDN Report	Clyde Sweet
11:00-11:30	HAL Report	Bob Brunett
11:30-1:00	Lunch	
1:00-5:00	Subcommittee Meetings	
	Network Operations Subcommittee (NOS)	Mark Nilles
	Data Management Subcommittee (DMAS)	Bob Larson
	Effects Subcommittee	John Sherwell

Wednesday, March 26

8:00-8:30	YES Inc. Collector performance	Scott Dossett
8:30-8:45	Climate Reference network CD-ROM	Scott Dossett
8:45-9:10	Precipitation data-collocated NTN and MDN sites	Van Bowersox
9:10-9:30	N-CON version II MDN prototype collector	Mark Nilles
9:30-9:45	Ott Pluvio update, reports, software and telemetry	Mark Nilles
9:45-10:15	Break	

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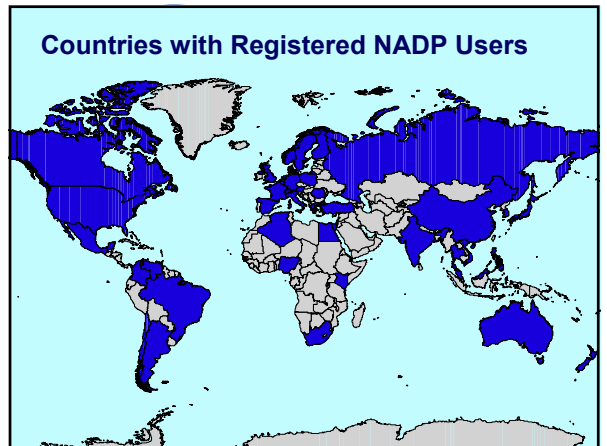
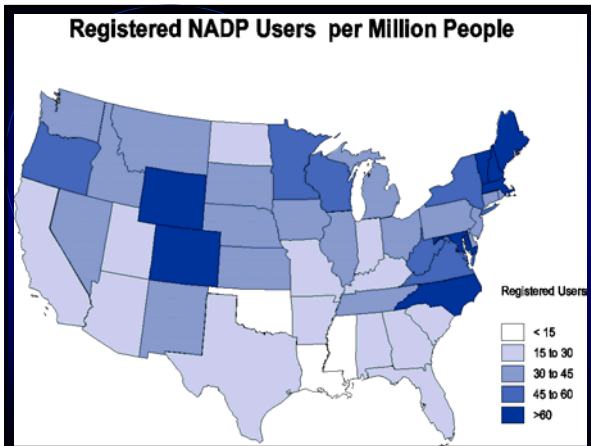
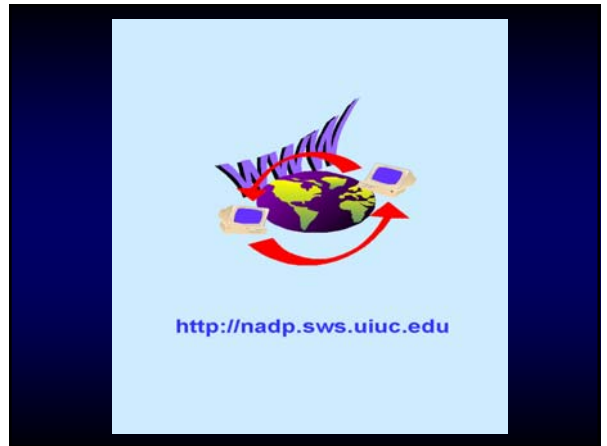
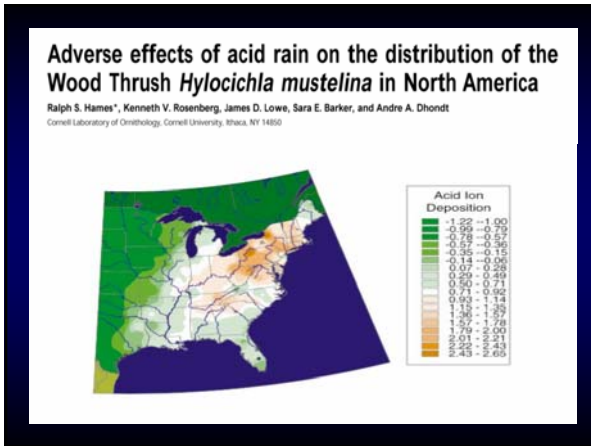
10:15-11:00	Discussion: Testing& decisions for new equipment	All
11:00-11:30	Network QA Report	Chris Lehmann
11:30-1:00	Lunch	
1 :00-2:30	Urban site data utilization in NADP products and other Data subcommittee issues for joint session	Bob Larson
2: 30-3 :00	Break	
3:00-4:30	Environmental effects agenda items joint session	John Sherwell
4:30-4:45	Other business	
4:45-5:00	Straw poll for Spring 2004 Meeting and closing	Latysh
5:00	Adjourn	

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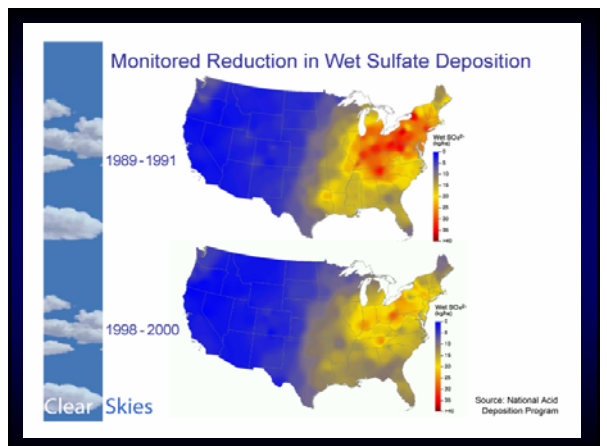
Participation List

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USES OF NADP ISOTOPE DATA

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Study
Climate
Reconstructions

Study
Watershed
Processes

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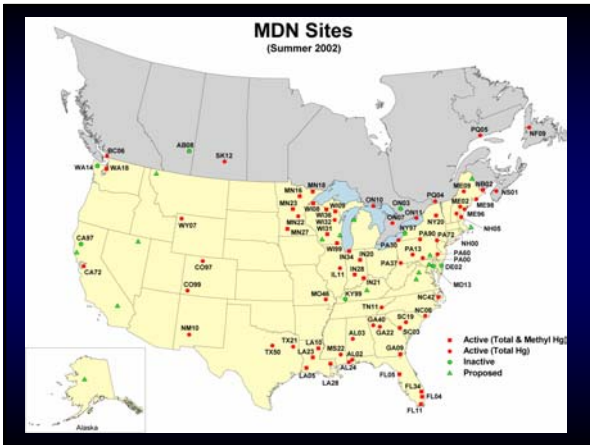
Study Biosphere/
Atmosphere Interactions

Quality Data?

What do we mean when we say:

"NADP provides quality assured data and information in support of research...."

—————> **Data Quality Objectives**



AeroChem Metrics Collector

YES Collector




N-Con Collectors




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NATIONAL ATMOSPHERIC DEPOSITION PROGRAM
A Cooperative Research Support Program of the State Agricultural Experiment Stations (NRSP-3) Federal and State Agencies and Private Research Organizations


NADP
National Research Support Project #3
- A Long-term Monitoring Program
In Support of
Research on the Effects of Atmospheric Chemical Deposition



National Research Support Program-3 Proposal
The National Atmospheric Deposition Program
A Long Term Monitoring Program in Support of Research on the Effects of Atmospheric Chemical Deposition

This proposal can also be reviewed within the
National Information Management and Support System (NIMSS)

Proposal Documents	What is NRSP-3? Additional Information
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposal • Appendix E. Project Participation • Attachment 1. NADP Role in Monitoring Atmospheric Chemical Deposition • Attachment 2. Informational and Educational Brochures and Programs • Attachment 3. Publications by NADP (NRSP-3) Scientists • Attachment 4. NADP (NRSP-3) Cooperators and Technical Committee • Attachment 5. Budget Information 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NRSP-3 Governance • NRSP-3 History • NRSP-3 Protocols • Administrative and Technical Review Report • SAES-122 Multistate Research Activity Accomplishments Report - 2001

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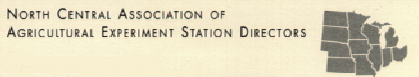


Accepted 5-year renewal of NRSP-3.
October 2002 - September 2007

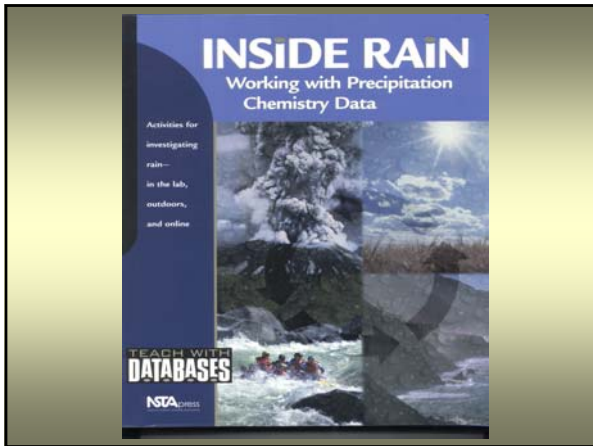


Northeastern Regional Association of State Agricultural Experiment Station Directors

"Recommend approval of proposal subject to consequences of NRSP Review Task Force."




VOTED TO EXTEND NRSP-3 FOR ONE YEAR
AND
CONSIDER A 4-YEAR RENEWAL IN SPRING OF 2003

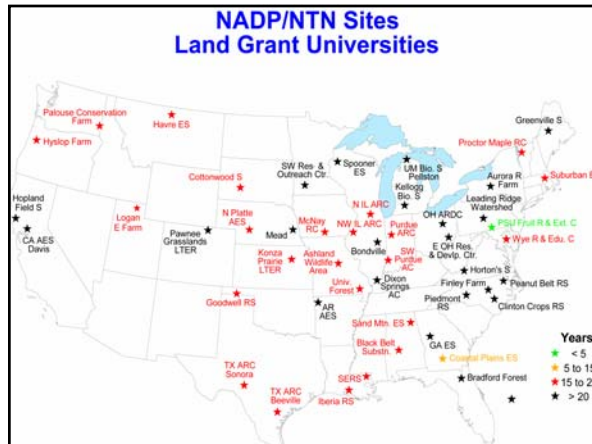
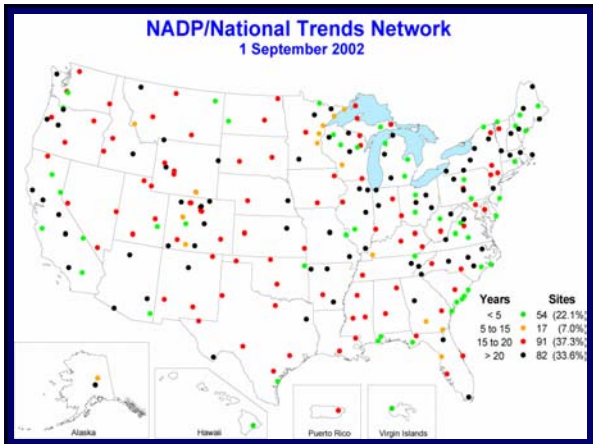
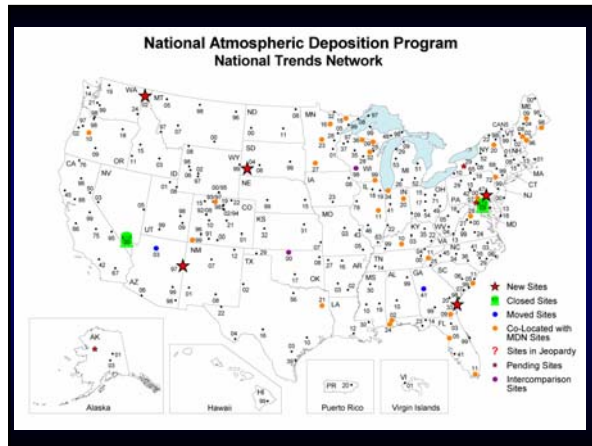


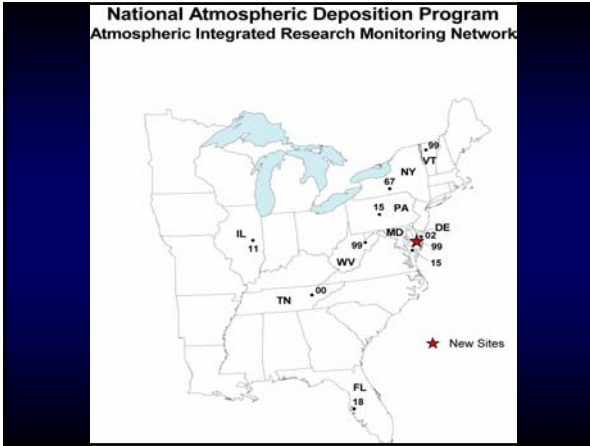
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APPROVED FY03 BUDGET
AND
DEFERRED DECISION ON RENEWAL
UNTIL ITS SUMMER MEETING IN JULY





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- **Respond to emerging issues**

Feature
**ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING AND NATIONAL SECURITY:
IS THERE A CONNECTION?**

by Kathy Fallon Lambert and Van Bowersox

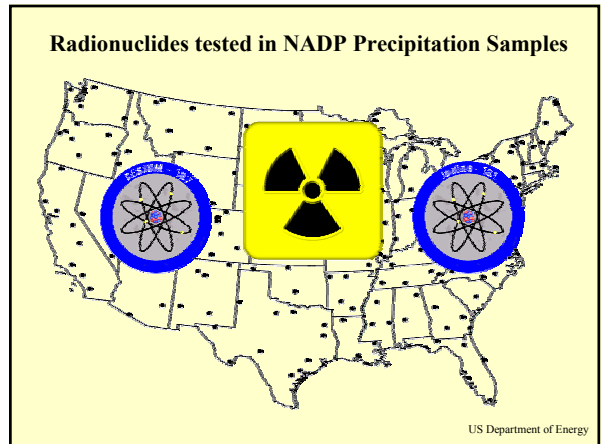
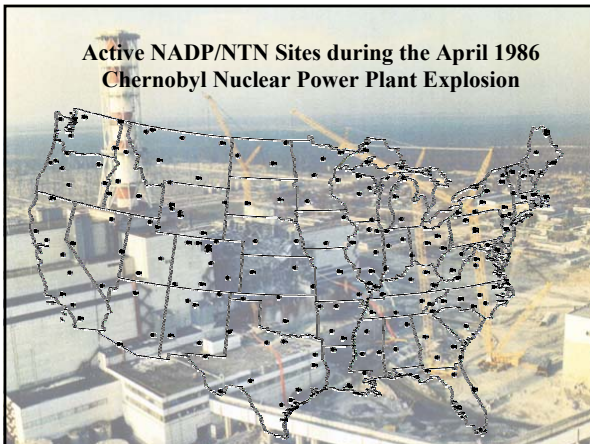
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Threats to air, water, and food

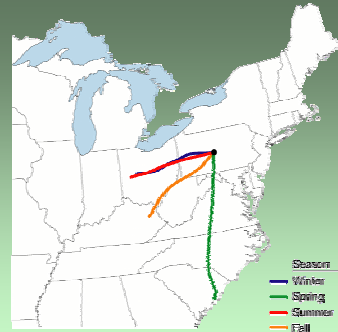
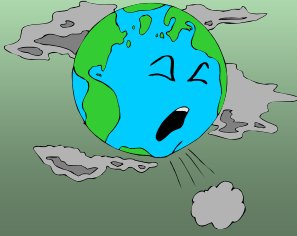
Biohazard

Toxics Chemicals

Radioactivity



Atmospheric Integrated Research Monitoring Network (AIRMoN) 1992



Season	Date	Wind Speed (m/s)	Wind Dir (°)
Winter	25 Jan 88	07	103
Spring	03 Mar 88	11	104
Summer	05 Aug 88	11	179
Fall	20 Sep 88	12	188

Trajectories based on NOAA Air Resources Laboratory
HYSPLIT model

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- **Efficient measurement system**



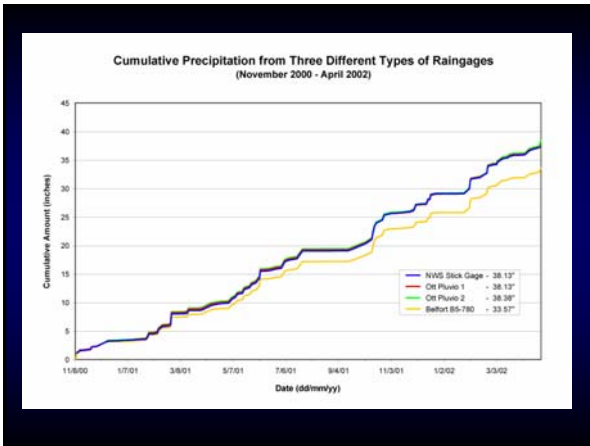
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Geonor T-200



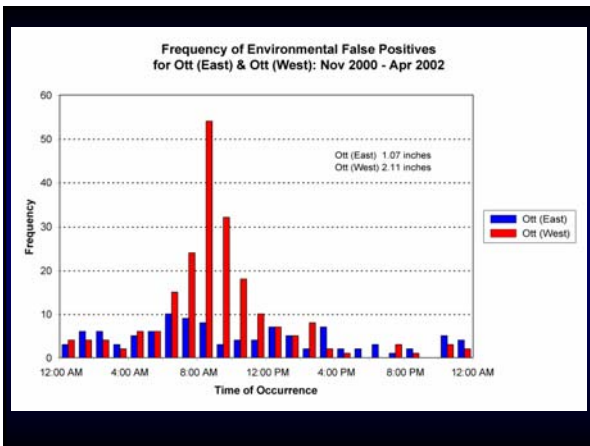
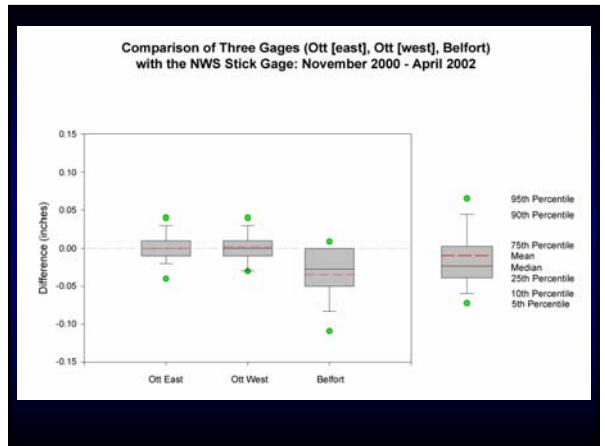
Ott Pluvio





Statistic	Ott 1	Ott 2	
Number of Events	132	132	
Mean Precipitation (inches)	0.28(9)	0.29(1)	
Median Precipitation (inches)	0.13(5)	0.13(0)	
Total Precipitation (inches)	38.13	38.38	
Paired t-Test	Mean Difference	p-value	Hyp: Mean Difference = 0
Ott 1 vs. Ott 2	-0.00(2) ± 0.00(6)	0.1831	Do Not Reject
Paired t-Test	Mean Absolute Difference		Std. Dev.
Ott 1 vs. Ott 2	0.01(8) ± 0.01(0)		0.01(5)
Wilcoxon signed-rank test	p-value	Hyp: Mean Difference = 0	
Ott 1 vs. Ott 2	0.0810	Do Not Reject	

Statistic	Ott 1	Belfort	Stick	Conclusion 1
Number of Events	132	132	132	From Nov 2000 to April 2002, the accumulated precipitation in the Ott and stick gages agree and are within ~0% and are ~14% higher than the Belfort gage.
Mean Precipitation (inches)	0.28(9)	0.25(4)	0.28(9)	
Median Precipitation (inches)	0.13(5)	0.10(5)	0.13(0)	
Total Precipitation (inches)	38.13	33.57	38.13	
Paired t-Test	Mean Difference	p-value	Mean Difference = 0	Conclusion 2
Ott 1 vs. Belfort	0.03(5) ± 0.00(8)	-0	Reject	Paired t-test shows that for 132 events, the Ott and stick gages agree and are 0.03-0.04 inches higher than the Belfort gage.
Ott 1 vs. Stick	0.00(0) ± 0.00(5)	1.0000	Do Not Reject	
Stick vs. Belfort	0.03(5) ± 0.00(8)	-0	Reject	
Wilcoxon signed-rank test	p-value	Mean Difference = 0	Conclusion 3	
Ott 1 vs. Belfort	-0	Reject	Wilcoxon test results: Ott and Stick gage measurements agree; Ott & Belfort and stick & Belfort do not agree	
Ott 1 vs. Stick	0.9843	Do Not Reject		
Stick vs. Belfort	-0	Reject		



NOAH III Raingage Analysis

- Two identical raingages with optical sensors placed approximately 20 feet apart; identified as North (N) and South (S).
- Data divided into three groups: unfiltered, filtered, and filtered with step-down removed.

NOAH III Raingage Analysis

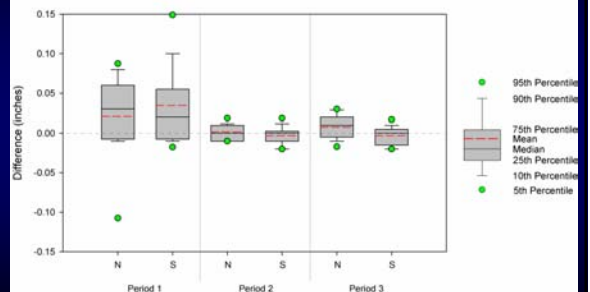
	Dates	Number of Events	Number of Frozen Events	Data Type
Period 1	July 2002 – August 2002	15	0	Unfiltered
Period 2	September 2002 – December 2002	13	2	Filtered
Period 3	December 2002 – February 2003	17	12	Filtered with step-down on North gage

NOAH III Raingage Analysis

	Dates	Data Type	Number of False Positives	Amount of False Positives
Period 1	July 2002 – August 2002	Unfiltered	197*	6.33"*
Period 2	September 2002 – December 2002	Filtered	0	0.00"
Period 3	December 2002 – February 2003	Filtered with step-down on North gage	0	0.00"

* Totals for both gages are included

Comparison of the NOAH III North (N) and South (S) Gages with the NWS Stick Gage: July 2002 - February 2003



The NADP Vision
Support user
needs

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Central Analytical Laboratory (CAL) Report March 2003

Site Operations

NTN 250 active sites as of 03/20/03 (includes 2 collocated sites 02OR and 98WI)

18 new sites or 8% increase in 2002

AIRMoN 10 active sites (Note DE99 to become NTN site in 2003); 3 sites had ATS audit

Inventory required = 300 sampling supplies (buckets, lids, and 1-liter bottles)/wk

Site Operator Training Course

33rd Site Operation Training Course -- April 8-10, 2003

2nd yr that special sessions for MDN and AIRMoN operator training are included. 30 have registered

NTN Site Operation Manual revisions

Revised Appendix A (NTN Equipment Requirements)--done

Revised Section 7 (contact information) --done

Appendix B (Troubleshooting pH and Conductivity Measurements) --final proofing

Revisions to be sent in site mailings this spring with a summary cover letter

2004 CALENDAR

April site mailing will request submission of pictures and information
Deadline May 30

Ideas for this year's theme are welcome

Distributed at the Fall Technical meeting and included in September site mailings

NTN training video "Every Tuesday Morning"

Digitized

Undergoing review by CAL staff prior to being distributed on CDs

On-site troubleshooting decal (new)

To aid in on-site evaluation of motor unit, sensor, or power supply failures

Developed and ready for distribution

NTN Lid Seal Change

Scheduled July 8, 2003

Purchase a 1-year supply this year to deplete inventory pending new collector design

CSU can provide lid seals for new collectors

June 4, 2002; 95 % returned, no unusual problems

Laboratory Operations

Samples received as of 3/21/03

NTN: 236,051

AIRMoN: 14,800

New instrumentation

Replace the 10-year old AAS for major cations (Na, K, Mg, Ca)

Targeted reduced volume (AAS requires 8 mL sample)

elimination or automated addition of modifier

Varian Vista Pro Inductively Coupled Plasma Optical Emission Spectrometer (ICP-OES) purchased

Lab preparations in progress

Expect install in May

Plans to conduct parallel analysis of AAS vs. ICP as referenced in "Flow Injection Analysis Method Validation Study", Nov 1989

Optimization of nutrient methods

Source of standards, external check samples, and in-house sample handling
Total Nitrogen

Sulfate interference was found with Dionex sampler vials with filters (used for AIRMoN)

CAL experienced delays in ion chromatography analysis which the source of the interference was investigated. The problem was resolved after the source was identified. Only vials without filters are now used at CAL. AIRMoN samples are now decanted for IC analysis rather than filtered.

NADP NTN active archive and current (special) samples

approved at the July 02 and Fall 2002 meetings have been shipped to researchers. AIRMoN archive sample distribution is pending. (See Program Office report)

AAS chemist (Bachman) retired Dec 2002

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QA/QC

NOS Review/Audit of CAL operations March 13-15, 2002

CAL received the final report from the review team May 13, 2002
Draft response report to the NADP QA Manager and to the committees in September 2002

Final response report was delivered to the NADP QA Manager for review and distribution in February 2003

2000 CAL Quality Assurance Report -- completed December 2002. CAL and NADP web sites or hard copy by request

2001 CAL Quality Assurance Report

In progress and will be available at fall 2003 meeting

CAL Quality Assurance Plan -- completed August 2002 CAL and NADP web sites or hard copy by request

SOPs

Yearly review on a timetable
Updates proceeding

Quality Assurance Programs (external programs)

USGS

Field Blank Samples (~100/year)

Blind Audit Samples (now SHE) (~100/year)

Interlaboratory Comparison Samples (26 sets/year, 4 per set)

National Water Research Institute, Burlington, Ontario (NWRI), Ecosystem Interlaboratory QA Program (2 sets per year, 10 per set)

World Meteorological Organization (WMO)/Global Atmospheric Watch (GAW) (2 sets per year, 3 per set)

Acid Deposition Monitoring Network in East Asia (EANET), NEW PROGRAM 2001

Norwegian Institute for Air Research (NILU), 1 sample set/year, 4 per set

Data Management Operations

Data to Program Office is on schedule!

NTN Data to PO through **early November 2002**
AIRMoN Data to PO through **mid-December 2002**

Site Information Database -- completed

Information for all three networks (NTN, MDN, AIRMoN)
Includes contact, location, equipment, role, meetings attended, training courses attended, etc.

Programming by Larson, data entry and data entry/updates by CAL

Final Data Review Specialist (NTN) -- Replacement hire

Support programmer (Dzurisin) retired Feb. 2003

Research

The World Meteorological Organization/Global Atmospheric Watch (WMO/GAW)

Interlaboratory comparison study

96 laboratories in 48 countries

CAL prepared the first set of 100 sample sets of three samples

shipped to the Atmospheric Science Research Center in Albany, NY March 20th

Two sets are prepared each year

Jane Rothert coordinates this effort for the CAL

Research

Organic and total nitrogen in NADP precipitation samples

CAL measures inorganic nitrogen (as nitrate and ammonium) in precipitation
Total nitrogen analysis minus inorganic nitrogen = organic nitrogen

NTN Chesapeake Bay samples are being split with Dr. Mark Castro (Univ. of Maryland, Center for Environmental Science Appalachian Laboratory at Frostburg, MD) to compare data between the two laboratories

Research

Biohazards and microbes in precipitation

"Feasibility Study to Evaluate the Use of Precipitation Samples as an Effective Means of Monitoring the Environment for Naturally Occurring, Accidental, or Intentional Release of *Bacillus anthracis* and Other Toxic Agents" submitted to USDS Innovation Fund by Bowersox, Harlin, Maddox (microbiologist), and Jones.

The proposal was not funded, however, preliminary work was conducted.

CAL collected excess sample from 20 states west of the Mississippi

method development

preliminary investigations

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Research

Sulfite and sulfate in AIRMoN samples

Jane Rothert is continuing to evaluate the underestimation of sulfate in winter AIRMoN samples due to the incomplete conversion of sulfite to sulfate.

CAL reports only sulfate

Results will be discussed at the fall 2003 meeting.

Research

Evaluation of bucket liners for NADP sampling

Considerable effort and expense in washing and shipping buckets to sites

Investment in buckets, and mailers to ship them in

Limits the ability of the network to investigate sampler designs that could improve the collection efficiency of blowing precipitation

A study protocol was developed to determine the feasibility of using plastic bucket liners for the NADP project and for new sampler design

Preliminary investigations completed/in-progress

Plastic Bag Liners for Sampler

March 2003 Status Report

Background

Plastic bucket liner could reduce costs:



- Buckets & supplies shipped to/from CAL in 15" x 15" heavy duty mailers
 - mailers could be shipped less frequently
- Shipping costs are currently \$7 to \$25 one-way
- Reduce inventory costs (buckets & mailers)
- CAL must prepare and ship 300 buckets/week

✧ Plastic liner could allow sampler redesign

Current system:

- 3.5-gal bucket 10" deep x 11.5" diameter (25cm x 29 cm)
- depth/width aspect ratio - 0.9

Other Systems:

- 5-gal bucket 14.6" deep x 11.5" diameter (37 cm x 29 cm)
- depth/width aspect ratio - 1.2
- CAPMoN sampler 19.7" deep x 12.4" diameter (50 cm x 31.5 cm)
- depth/width aspect ratio - 1.6
- Prototype 20" deep x 10" diameter (50.8 cm x 25.4 cm)
- depth/width aspect ratio - 2.0

Research Goals

- ✧ Find a plastic bag with the physical characteristics of strength and the ability to conform to the container dimensions
- ✧ The bag must be chemically "clean" for the analytes of interest
- ✧ The bag must yield recovery of spiked samples which are consistent with current procedures
- ✧ Evaluate bags used by other precipitation networks (CAPMoN, NYS)
- ✧ Develop a working procedure to install liners in a field situation
- ✧ Perform preliminary field tests using paired samplers driven by a common sensor
- ✧ Estimate cost savings to networks if monthly or quarterly shipments of site suppliers were implemented

Update

Protocol : Decant into 1-liter bottles as done currently; not mail sealed bag to CAL

What's been done?

Tested a lot of bags with DI water and synthetic rain solutions
50 mL solution added; decant after ~ 24 hours

Results: Many bags rejected due to chemical contamination
Slip and antiblock chemicals added to polyethylene for processing

Many chemicals used

pH effects (increase or decrease seen)

Ca, Na, Cl, NH4 are biggest sources of contamination

Field tested selected bags

- ACM parallel samplers with independent sensors
- ACM parallel samplers with common sensor

Update (continued)

Results from some likely candidates:

CAPMoN bags, polyethylene and Mylar (Vin Plastics, Ontario)

- + Very clean, supplier developed special protocols for precipitation sampling virgin PE, no additives (slip or antiblock), must have polyester for strength
- Too rigid to conform to 3.5 gal bucket
- + Field tested. Only problems were primarily K (lid seal considerations?)

4 mil PE, clean room level 50 bags (Eastern States Packing, MA)

- + Some memory effect when conforming to bucket shape with vacuum
- Na ~ 15 ppb
- NH4 loss (spike @ 80 ppb = 60 ppb, 75% recovery)
- pH drop (DI target @ 5.6 = 5.4; spike target @ 4.96 = 4.88)
- Field tested

Update (continued)

Results from some likely candidates:

CAPMoN lid bags, 2 mil polyethylene (Vin Plastics, Ontario)

- Na ~ 20 ppb
- Ca ~ 10 ppb
- + Field tested, conforms well to bucket

Clean room polyethylene, 2 mil, (KNF Clean Room Products, NY)

- + Very clean
- Only a small surface area tested, (5 x 5)
- Not field tested

Clean room Teflon (KNF Clean Room Products, NY)

- + Very clean
- Very costly! (~\$45 per bag)

Update (continued)

Results from some likely candidates:

FDA grade polyethylene, 3 mil (Rutan Polyethylene Supply & Bag Manuf. Co, New Jersey)

- ~ 5-10 ppb NH4
- Only a small surface area tested (8 x 4 x 8.5)
- Producer does not add anything, must come from supplier with additives; technical contact suspects that we could see an intermittent seasonal problem as humidity levels vary
- + Producer wants to work with us but suggests that KNF may be a better source

What is recommended?

Teflon is idea but too costly (~\$45 each)

Ideal polyethylene bag

~ 3-6 mil and chemically "clean"

fit dimensions of sampler container well

Consistent product quality for 16,000 bags/year

Dimensions to fit existing ACM or equivalent sampler

- 15.5" deep x 19 in. diameter
- Pail liner style bag needed

Dimensions to fit new sampler design if 20" x 10"

- 27" deep x 17.5" diameter

What is recommended?

Vin Plastics, Ontario

- Very clean, has worked with Canadian program to customize a suitable system
- Cannot make polyethylene bag w/mylar, but can make it with thinner polyester film to reduce rigidity
- Has never made pail-liner style bag, but will evaluate the possibility
- Can taper the bottom for a flat style bag
- Cost for flat bag \$0.80- \$1.00 each

KNF Clean Room Products Corp, Ronkonkoma, NY

- Looks OK to date with 5 x 5 bag; they are sending a 20 x 24 bag to test
- QC includes cleaning resin when it arrives, using air showers to remove dirt from product, recleaning it prior to extruding. Used for some NASA applications
- Can do custom manufacturing
- Cost for NASA spec level 100 bag ~ \$0.50 each
- Does not make a pail-liner style bag

What next?

Proceed with field testing a bag that will fit current sampler design (3.5 gallon bucket)?

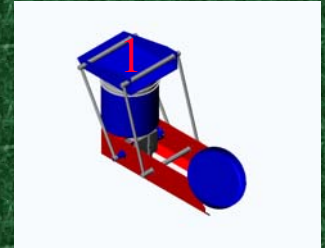
Plan to get a clean, durable bag and wait until next collector design?

YES Inc. TPS 3000 Collector and Their Clima optical sensor performance



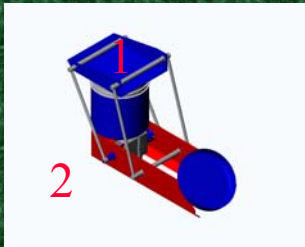
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Flat reciprocating lid



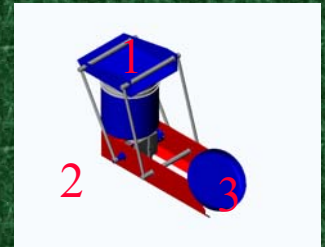
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Strong DC drive motor



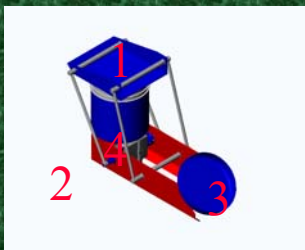
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Lid rest



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Flat reciprocating lid
Strong DC drive motor
Lid rest
Holder to secure up to 5
gallon bucket



YES Total Precipitation Sampler TPS 3000



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Gold grid sensor



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Gold grid sensor

Logic circuitry inside
sensor head



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IRDA data port



Design Review



Design Review

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- Power supply not acceptable (new one just received)**




Operational Review

- Approximately 3.5 months of ISWS "backyard" time
- No freeze room or chemistry tests
- Original unit replaced with YES test collector on 3/11/03.

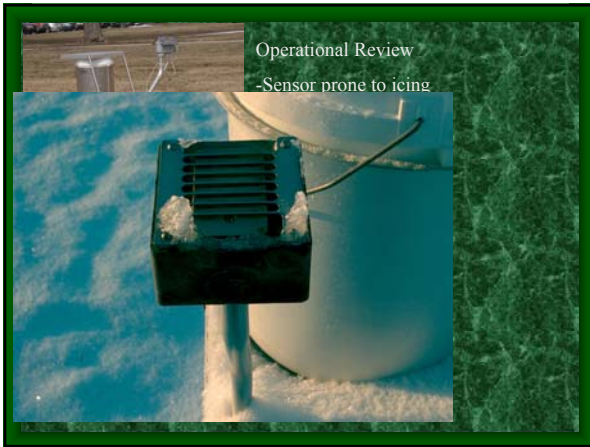
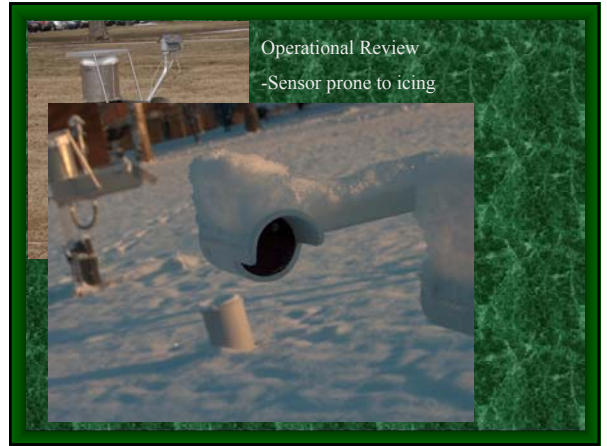
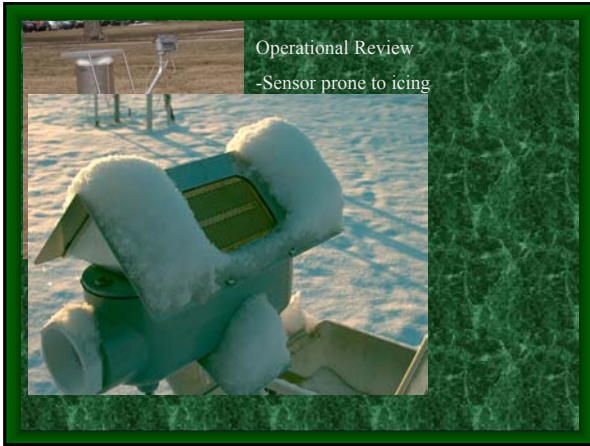


Operational Review

- Sensor prone to icing**



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Operational Review

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Operational Review



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- IRDA port malfunction
- Drive motor "slap" increasing over time
- Power consumption not compatible with DC operation



Operational Review

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Operational Review

- Positive attributes

STRONG DC MOTOR



Operational Review
-Positive attributes

- STRONG DC MOTOR
- GOOD LID POSITION CONTROL




Operational Review
-Positive attributes

- STRONG DC MOTOR
- GOOD LID POSITION CONTROL
- GOOD (NADP STANDARD) LIDSEAL



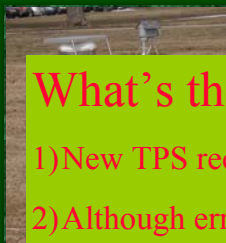
In one sentence



Operational Review

At present the collector can not be relied upon to make wet-deposition only samples.


srd e-mail to YES 3/7/3



Operational Review

What's the plan:

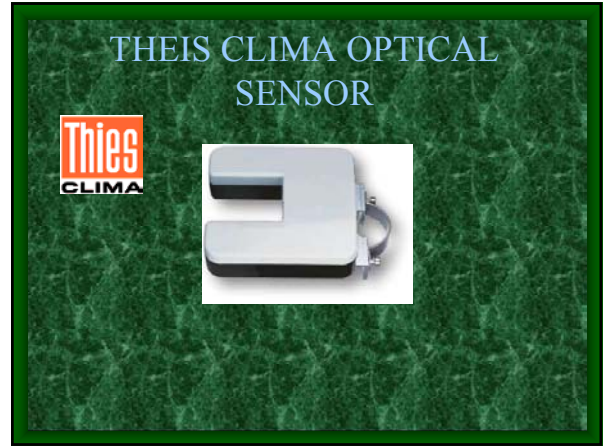
- 1) New TPS received and installed.
- 2) Although erratic lid motion has been noted within the first week of operation OF THE NEW UNIT, we will continue to work with Yankee.



Operational Review

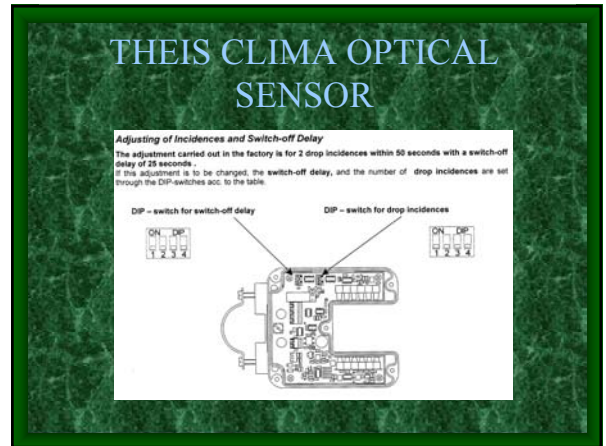
What's the plan:

- 3) It is worth note that YES feels that their responsibilities within PHASE II of the DOC SBIR have been fulfilled.



THEIS CLIMA OPTICAL SENSOR

POSTIVES	NEGATIVE
Small compact design	24 VDC operation
DIP switch settable	Power out default opens collector
Easy mounting	Limited "slit width" reduces sensitivity to snow



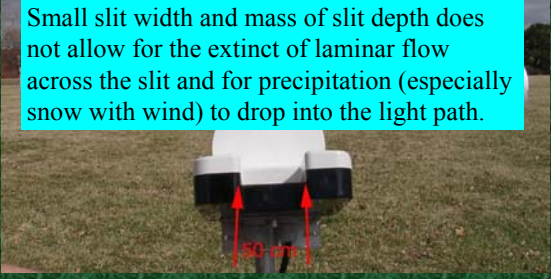
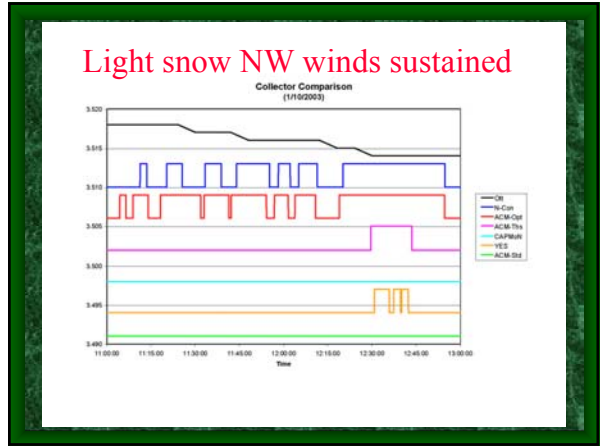
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DIP-switch-off delay (1 = ON)					DIP-drop incidences - filter (1 = ON)				
S.1	S.2	S.3	S.4	time (sec)	S.1	S.2	S.3	S.4	drops
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	50	0	0	0	0	1
1	1	0	0	75	1	1	0	0	3
0	0	1	0	100	0	0	1	0	4
1	0	1	0	125	1	0	1	0	5
0	1	1	0	150	0	1	1	0	6
1	1	1	0	175	1	1	1	0	7
0	0	0	1	200	0	0	0	1	8
1	0	0	1	225	1	0	0	1	9
0	1	0	1	250	0	1	0	1	10
1	1	0	1	275	1	1	0	1	11
0	0	1	1	300	0	0	1	1	12
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1	1	1	1	375	1	1	1	1	15



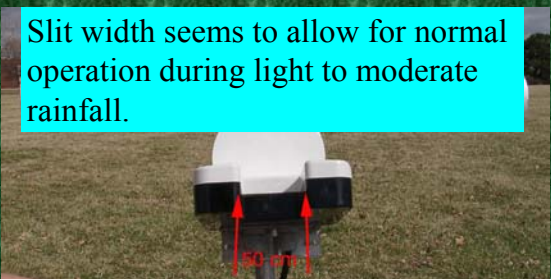
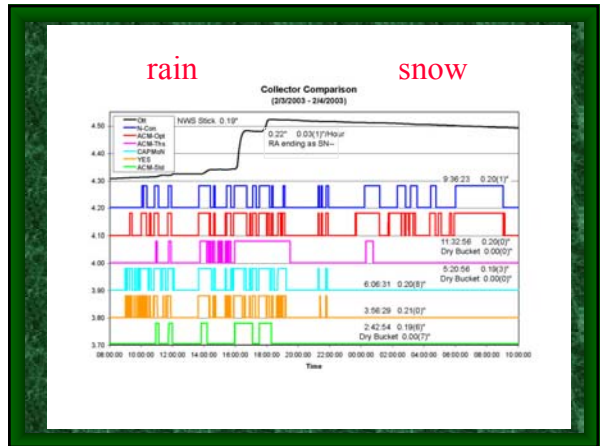
THEIS CLIMA OPTICAL SENSOR

Small slit width and mass of slit depth does not allow for the extinct of laminar flow across the slit and for precipitation (especially snow with wind) to drop into the light path.

THEIS CLIMA OPTICAL SENSOR

Slit width seems to allow for normal operation during light to moderate rainfall.

SUMMARY

Work with YES on
improvements to design,
operation of TPS 3000

Stop work on THEIS

SUMMARY

BUT WAIT!!!

improvements to design,
operation of TPS 3000

Stop work on THEIS

General "sensor" perspectives

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THANKS to Roger Claybrook for the field work,
data editing and slides.

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NOTE: precipitation data taken from OTT Pluvio
which (due to the nature of the DMAS) is late to
report by ~ 15 minutes.

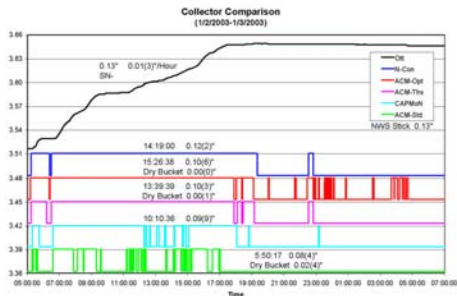
General "sensor" perspectives

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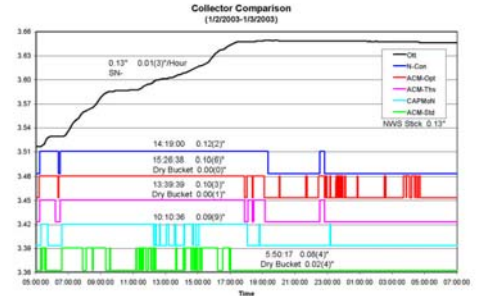
Case 2 LIGHT RAIN

Case 3 MODERATE RAIN

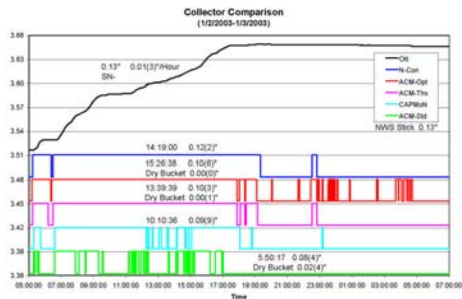
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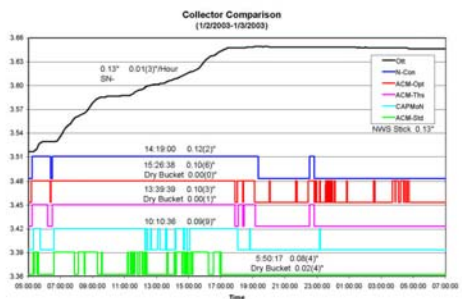
Typically poor grid-plate sensor performance



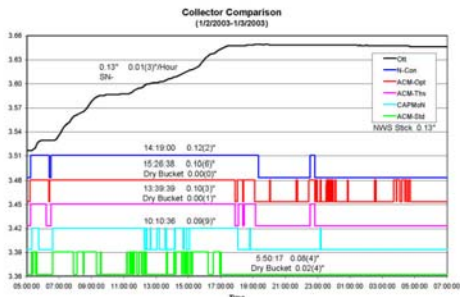
CAPMON better than ACM but not as good as optical



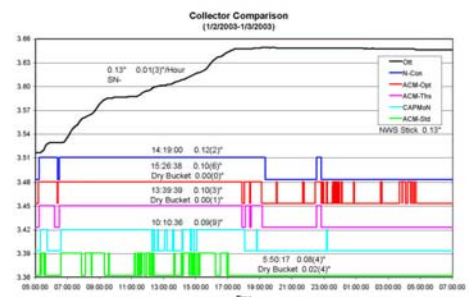
Snow with little wind, THEIS and CAPMON OK



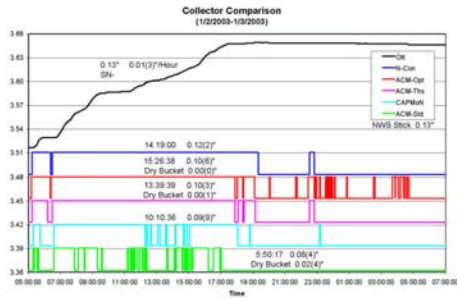
Two ETI's different but most sensitive



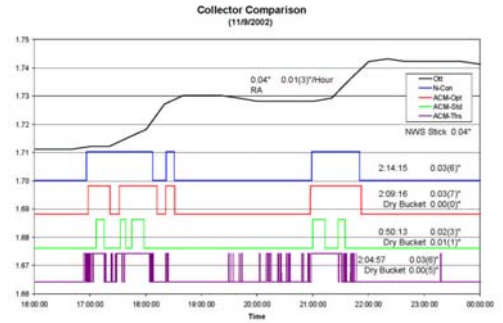
OTT seems to miss late event



Review catch data, Thanks to Van

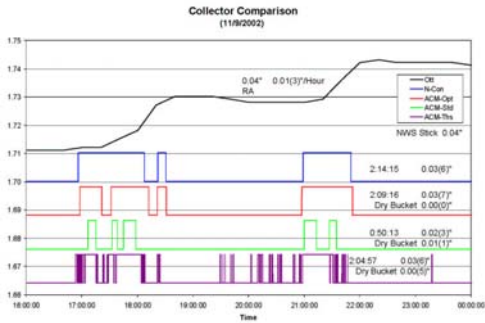


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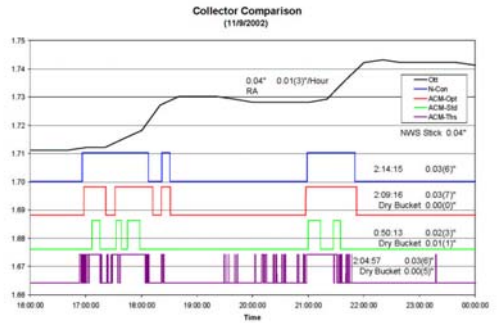


HYPER CLOSE-UP - 8 hour event

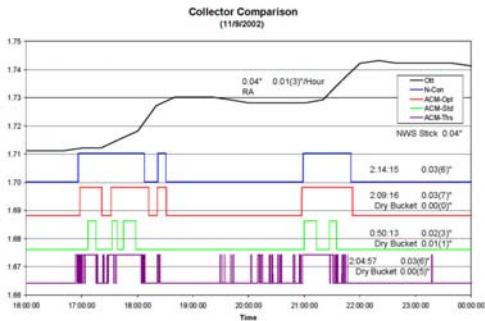
THEIS (purple) and ETI's close (some ETI differences), some THEIS cycling



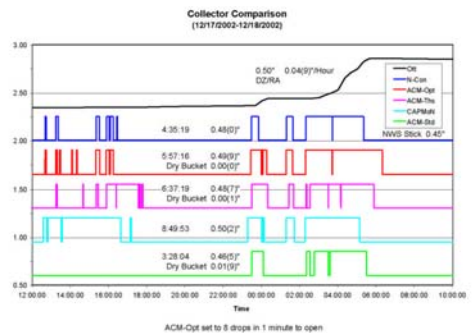
ACM last one out of the gate and missing event



Review catch data

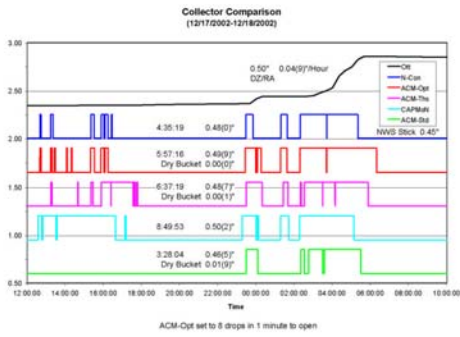


Case 3 MODERATE RAIN

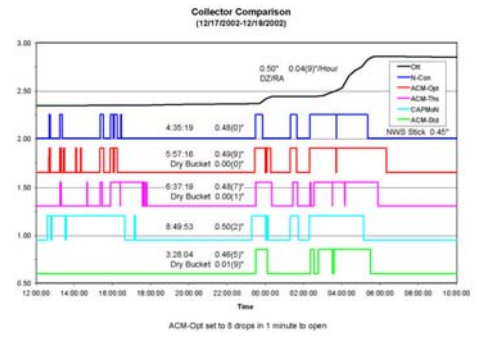


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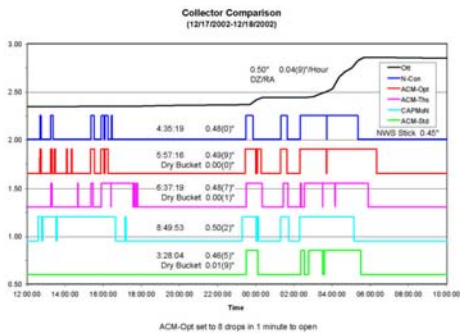
ACM misses light early events



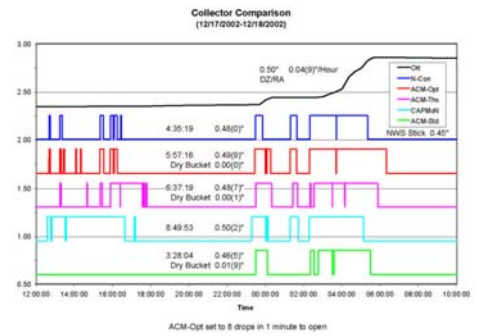
CAPMON open more for early very light precip



THEIS carries event well past other opticals, water"roll off"?



Review catch values (ACM low)



WRAP UP/PLANS

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Add 2 more FTI sensors (with NOAA III gages) to array TOTAL OF 4

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Add 2 more ETI sensors (with NOAH III gages) to array TOTAL of 4

Run fine grid YES

WRAP UP/PLANS

Add 2 more ETI sensors (with NOAH III gages) to array TOTAL of 4

Run fine grid YES

Continue to run

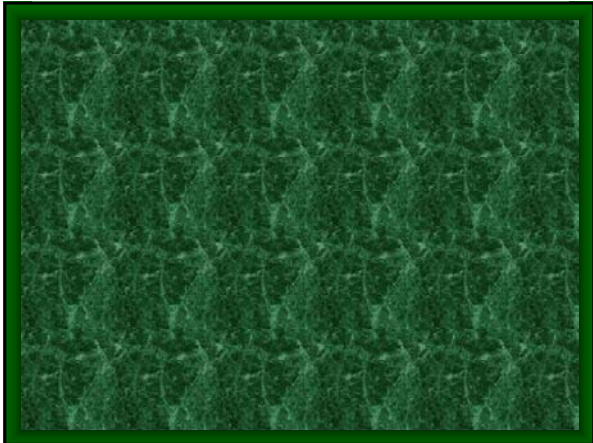
Standard ACM

ETI ACM

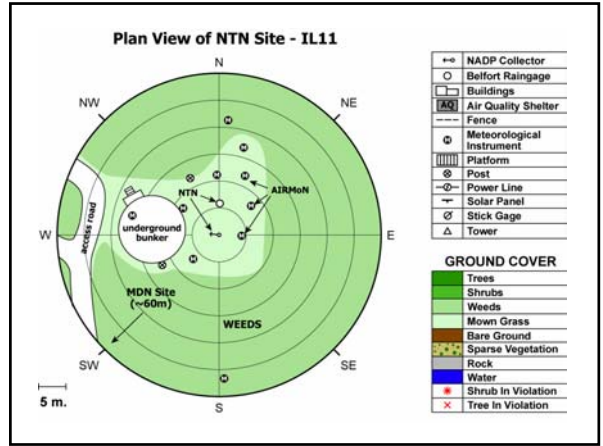
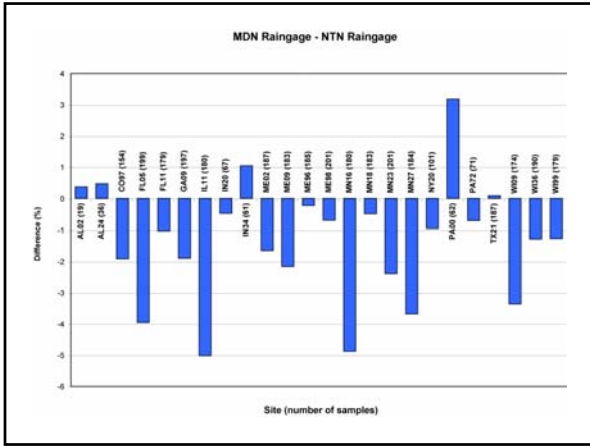
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YES

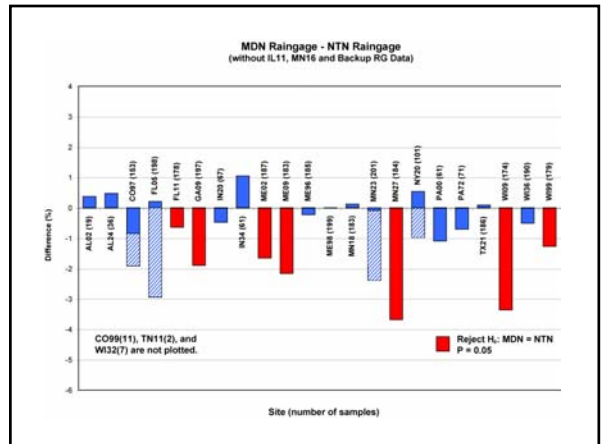
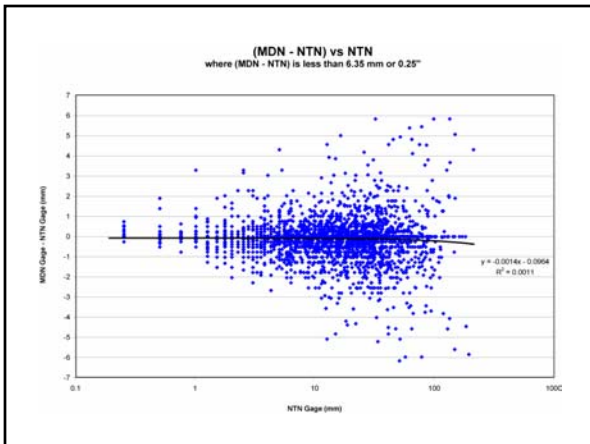
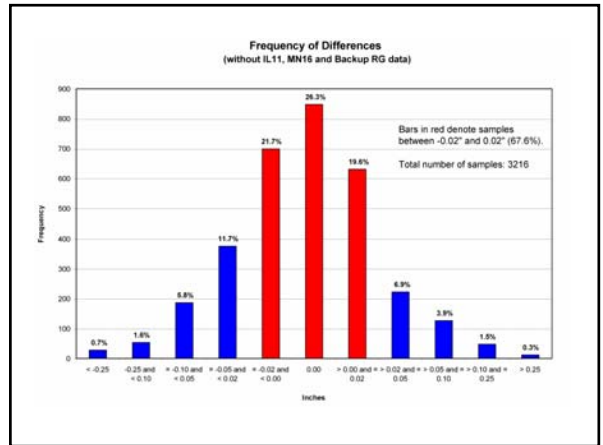


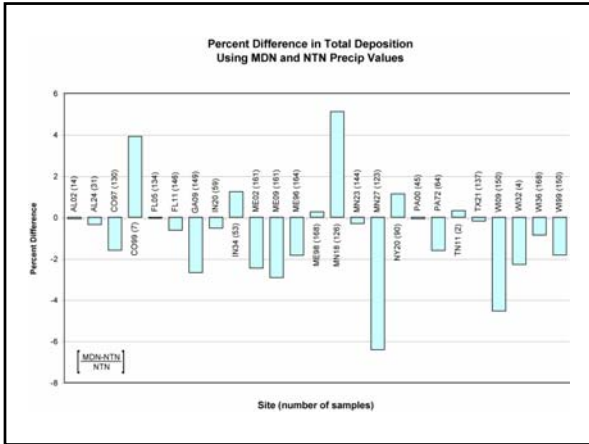
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MN16

Site operated since 1978 by U.S. Forest Service technician who follows Forest Service procedure, which calls for correcting Belfort gage measurements by NWS (stick) gage measurements. Each daily total and weekly total is adjusted by the ratio:


$$\frac{\text{Stick Gage Depth}}{\text{Belfort Gage Depth}}$$




- ### Questions/Discussion Points
- Should the Program Office report different (NTN and MDN) precipitation amounts from the same gage?
 - If NO, what should the Program Office do to reconcile the differences?
 - Should MDN site operators weigh the samples and compare the sample and precipitation depths?

Comparison of NTN bucket depths and NTN & MDN raingage depths


Gage Amount	NTN _{bucketdepth} > NTN _{gagedepth}	NTN _{bucketdepth} > MDN _{gagedepth}
= 0	50.6%	58.5%
> 0 and ≤ 0.02	34.4%	54.1%
> 0.02	32.1%	37.2%




Update New Precipitation Gage Evaluations

Mark Nilles
U.S. Geological Survey


1930's → 2004?






Phase I & II Testing Report

- Copies distributed at this meeting
 - ◆ “Evaluation of candidate rain gages for upgrading precipitation measurement tools for the NADP”, John Gordon, USGS
- Major findings
 - ◆ Ott Pluvio most reliable
 - ◆ Ott Pluvio and ETI NOAA II exhibited highest accuracy and precision



Phase III Test Report and Fact Sheet - Expect Within 8 Weeks

- Report and Fact Sheet on results from a collocated evaluation of the Ott Pluvio at 6 NTN sites for two years.
- Mary Tumbusch, USGS Nevada
 - ◆ Bottom line - Ott performed well with high reliability, accuracy and precision.
 - ◆ Problems:
 - ◆ occasional 0.01 inch false positives at several sites.
 - ◆ Significant user difficulties with DOS based laptop data transfer software and hardware.
 - ◆ Telemetry with Sutron GOES DCP did not work



Little next step

- Test GOES satellite DCP interface and new operator interface software with latest Ott gage.



Proposed big next step (Between now and Fall meeting)

- Review Phase I-III USGS testing reports
- Evaluate GOES DCP interface and new user software
- Request ISWS prepare an independent report on the new rain gage performances at Bondville versus Belfort and stick gage



At Fall 2003 meeting

- Present all summaries of testing to date
- Vote on the (draft) motion: Effective xx/xx/ 2004 the NADP shall adopt the Ott Pluvio or other new gage as the official precipitation gage. All new and relocated sites approved after this date shall install and utilize the new gage. Existing sites shall replace existing Belfort gages with the new gage by XX/200X.

Environmental Effects



New Orleans
Spring 2003

Agenda

Introductions, Additions to the Agenda, Announcements Old Business

Review review

Fall 2003 meeting

Ammonia workshop.

Issues

Isotope network

Ozone passive samplers

Plant and/or animal disease agents in precipitation. (eg anthrax).

Deposition AQRVs

Moving towards reporting Total N-Deposition

Wet & dry, multi-species, point measurement – spatial allocation

Total N

Ammonia passive samplers

Connecting deposition to sources

Developing mercury isopleth maps

Network design, dry deposition

P – can/should we do better?

Brochures/data products

Produce a “Mercury in the Nation's Rain” product?

Other products?

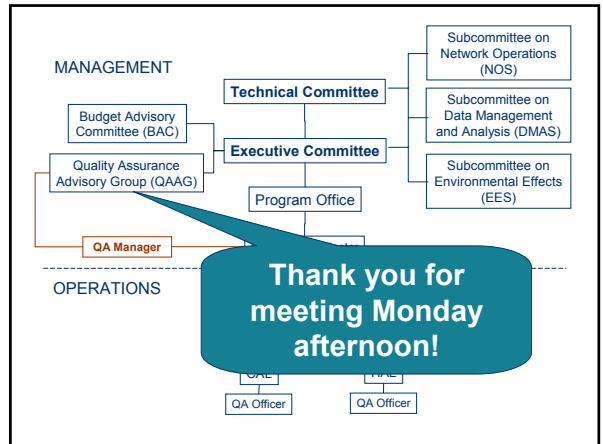
Host a workshop on long-term monitoring programs – ACS option

Web forum for data producers and users

NADP Quality Management Program

Chris Lehmann

2003 Interim Subcommittee Meeting
Joint Session



Quality Management Report

- Quality Management
 - Quality Management Plan
 - Network Quality Assurance Plans
- Quality Assurance
 - Laboratory Operations
 - Field Operations

Quality Management Plan: Status

- Initial draft completed in December 2002
- Reviewed by QAAG, Program Chair, others
- Review comments received were discussed Monday afternoon by QAAG
- Remaining issues will be discussed by Executive Committee at July 2003 meeting.
- Final draft for approval by Fall Technical Committee meeting.

Quality Management Plan: What's in it?

- Introduction
- Management and Organization
- The NADP Quality System
 - Elements of Quality System
 - Planning (establishing Data Quality Objectives, etc.)
 - Documents and Records
 - Assessment and Response
 - Personnel Qualification and Training

Quality Management Plan: What else is in it?

- Procurement of Items, Services, and External Information
 - Items and Services
 - Computer Hardware and Software
- Implementation of Work
- Quality Improvement

Changes proposed by QAAG: SOP Review and Approval

- Network SOPs (operations manuals) distributed for review by NOS 3 months before final approval
- Approved by Associate Coordinator and/or the Assistant Coordinator, the site liaison, and the QA Manager (remove laboratory manager, Program Coordinator, and the NOS chair)

Changes proposed by QAAG: SOP Review and Approval (2)

- Laboratory SOPs made available for review by the QA Manager
- Approved by the laboratory manager, laboratory QA officers, designated laboratory staff (remove approval of QA Manager)
- SOP changes must be submitted to the QA Manager

Changes proposed by QAAG: Confidentiality

- Remove any reference to confidentiality in NADP operations.
 - Provisional data handling policy in Network QA Plan

Changes proposed by QAAG: Assessments

- Assessment programs will be handled by QAAG.
- Does not change current programs:
 - Laboratory reviews
 - Quality Systems reviews
 - Data quality assessments
 - Site Systems & Performance Surveys
 - External QA Programs

Changes proposed by QAAG: Laboratory Reviews

- Schedule
 - External review every three years (CAL '02/HAL '03)
 - Internal review within one year after review report is received.
- Review Team
 - Team leader
 - Lab review (2 members appointed by NOS chair)
 - Data review (2 members appointed by DMAS chair)
 - QA Manager (observer)

Changes proposed by QAAG: Laboratory Reviews (2)

- Review Format
 - Are laboratory practices documented in the laboratory QAP and SOPs?
 - Do laboratory activities comply with QAP and SOPs?
 - Are procedures outlined in QAP and SOPs implemented effectively?
 - Do laboratory practices ensure that the data are of sufficient quality to meet DQOs and meet requirements outlined in SOW?
 - QAAG will propose checklist

Changes proposed by QAAG: Laboratory Reviews

- Review Reports
 - Report from review team: 30 days after review
 - Response from lab: 60 days after receiving report
- NOS and DMAS will approve the response within one month from date report received.
- Conflicts resolved by the QA Manager and Program Chair, in consultation with subcommittee chairs

Changes proposed by QAAG: Quality Improvement

- Responsibility for continued quality improvement in the NADP resides with the QAAG.
- NADP shall seek continued improvement of Data Quality Indicators (precision, bias, comparability, completeness, representativeness)

Changes proposed by QAAG: General Comments

- Statements of Work (SOW) should be reviewed to make sure that they comply with QA documentation.
- Evaluate structure ensuring that SOW requirements are met.
- Emphasis should include field operations, not just laboratory operations.

Network Quality Assurance Plans

- Revise current NTN, AIRMoN & MDN Plans
- Combine three existing network quality assurance plans (NTN, AIRMoN, MDN) into one NADP Network Quality Assurance Plan?
 - Maintain consistency across networks
 - Networks have common structure within NADP, avoid repetition
 - Separate parts discussing aspects unique to each network

Network Quality Assurance Plans: Goals

- Outline document by July 2003 Exec. Committee meeting
- Discuss and resolve inconsistencies in network procedures and quality assurance protocols in NOS at October 2003 meeting
- Prepare initial draft in time for 2004 Interim Subcommittee Meeting

Quality Assurance: Laboratory Operations

- 2003 CAL Followup Review
 - Completed by October 2003 Technical Committee meeting.
- 2003 HAL Review: June 10 – 12
 - Team leader: Mark Peden (retired)
 - Lab: Brooke Connor (USGS), Steve Lindberg (Oak Ridge NL)
 - Data: Chris Rogers (Harding ESE), Jim Lynch (Penn State)
 - Observer: Chris Lehmann (ISWS/NADP)

Quality Assurance: Field Operations

- Expansion of External QA Programs for MDN and AIRMoN
 - Discussed by QAAG
 - Exploring opportunities

Site Systems and Performance Surveys: Remedial Actions

- Program Office has received all reports from sites visited in 2002: 67 NTN, 20 MDN, 3 AIRMoN
- Electronic site sketches will be posted to NADP Internet site (31 prepared)
- Survey summary generated at Program Office from ATS database. Will be sent to site operators, supervisors, and sponsors.

Site Systems and Performance Survey Summary Survey Date: 4/15/2003
 Collocated AIRMoN site: N
 Collocated MDN site: N

NADP Site: **NTN CA67** Joshua Tree National Park-Black Rock

General Note
 *X and "99" designate not applicable fields. Did precipitation impede survey: N

A. Electrical Power No problems noted.

1a. Power supply: AC	1b. Do electrical connections appear to be in good condition: Y
2a. Solar-powered site: N	2b. Estimated solar output capacity (amps): 292
3a. Battery capacity (cold crank amps): 292	3b. Does collector cycle successfully under battery power: X
4a. Does battery need water: X	4b. Was water added during visit: X

B. Precipitation Collector PROBLEMS NOTED...SEE 10b.

1. Collector manufacturer: ACM	3b. Heated lid: N / Heated base: N
2a. Snow roof: N	4b. Height of platform: 292
3a. Heated collector arms: N	5b. Orientation of wet-side bucket (degrees, magnetic): 252
4a. Collector on platform: N	6b. Was collector leveled during visit: X
5a. Distance ground to top of bucket (m): 1.3	7a. Is collector stable: Y
6a. Is collector level: Y	7b. Was collector stabilized during visit: X
7a. Is collector stable: Y	8b. Sensor orientation corrected during visit: X
8a. Sensor in correct orientation: Y	9. Adjustments made to motorbox: N
9. Adjustments made to motorbox: N	10a. Replace motorbox: N
10a. Replace motorbox: N	10b. Replace sensor: Y
11. Other adjustments made to collector: X	12. Additional adjustments needed: X

C. Rainpage PROBLEMS NOTED...SEE 7a, 8a, 9a.

1a. Rainpage shield in place: NONE	2b. Height from ground to top of rainpage (m): 1.3
2a. Distance collector to rainpage (m): 5.2	3b. Platform height (m): 292
3a. Rainpage on platform: N	4b. Distance (m): 5.2 / Direction (deg): 22
4a. Backup rainpage: TIPPING BUCKET	5b. Was rainpage leveled during visit: N
5a. Is rainpage level: Y	6b. Was rainpage stabilized during visit: N
6a. Is rainpage stable: Y	7a. Was gage out of tolerance (+/- 0.1") on 0" to 4" range: Y
7a. Was gage out of tolerance (+/- 0.1") on 0" to 4" range: Y	7b. Calibrated successfully: Y

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D. Field Laboratory No problems noted.

1. Does site conduct field chemistry: Y	Calibration weights: tolerance +/- 3g
2. Target pH of audit sample: 6.21	target (a) measured (a)
3. Measured pH of audit sample: 6.52	1. 621 620
4. Target conductivity of audit sample: 24.6	2. 1643 1542
5. Measured conductivity of audit sample: 25.2	3. 2406 2358
6. Replace pH probe: N	4. 3288 3290

E. NADP Siting Criteria PROBLEMS NOTED...SEE BELOW

ground cover within 5 m of collector	ground cover within 30m of collector	ground cover within 3 m of rainpage
1. 95% BARE GROUND	1. 95% BARE GROUND	1. 95% BARE GROUND
2. 5% SHRUBS	2. 10% OTHER	2. 5% SHRUBS
3. 0% X	3. 5% SHRUBS	3. 0% X
4. 0% X	4. 0% X	4. 0% X

1a. Distance to nearest public road (m): 201 1b. Type of road surface: ASPHALT / Est. vehicular/day: 20

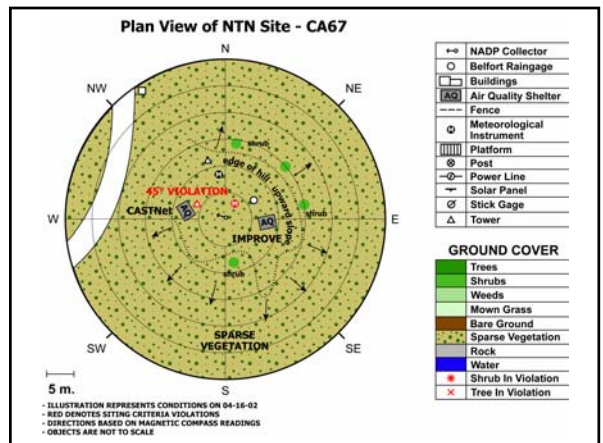
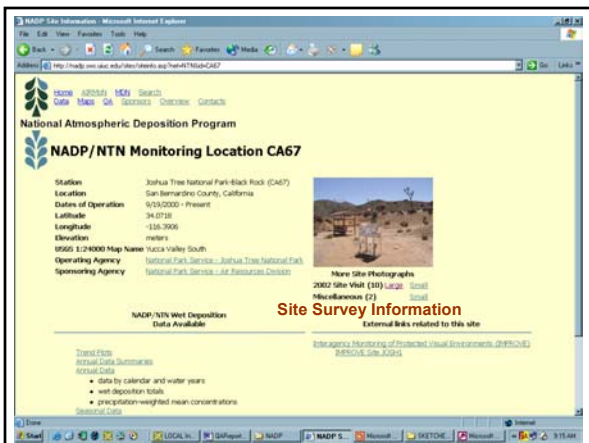
Other programs at site:
 Interagency Monitoring of Protected Visual Environments (IMPROVE); Clean Air Status and Trends Network (CASTNet); Other weather monitoring.

Siting criteria notes:
 Objects impede 45 degree clear to sky clearance of collector. Objects greater than 1m in height are within 5m of rainpage.

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Site Inventory Ordered with Siting Criteria Violations

Distance	Azimuth	Description	Violation
12.4	8	EDGE OF HILL	
3.5	21	MET INSTRUMENT	Object is greater than 1m in height and within 5m of collector/raingage.
12	34	EDGE OF HILL	
8.3	56	BELFORT	
11.9	56	EDGE OF HILL	
12.4	83	EDGE OF HILL	
8.9	109	MET SHELTER (IMPROVE)	
15.9	109	EDGE OF HILL	
13.6	131	EDGE OF HILL	
16.9	145	EDGE OF HILL	
8	146	EDGE OF HILL	
5.7	163	EDGE OF HILL AND BUSH	
8.5	200	EDGE OF HILL	
5.5	278	CORNER SHELTER (8' x 8')	
18.4	295	EDGE OF ACCESS ROAD	
23.7	295	EDGE OF ACCESS ROAD	
28.6	327	SERVICE BOX	
11.4	344	TOWER	Object impedes 45 degree clear to sky clearance of collector/raingage.
8.3	353	MET INSTRUMENT	

Other Issues

- Changes to External QA Programs (NOS)
- Establishing Data Quality Objectives (DMAS)
- CAL Data Minimum Reporting Limits (DMAS)
- Stick gage tolerance at AIRMoN sites (NOS)
- MDN/NTN raingage reporting discrepancies (NOS)
- Siting criteria changes (NOS)

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Performance and Acceptance Criteria (PAC) Data Quality Objectives (DQOs)

for the

NADP/NTN USGS EXTERNAL QUALITY ASSURANCE PROJECT



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Objectives of the USGS External QA Project

1. Estimate total error associated with NADP chemical measurements?
2. Determine portion of total error attributed to each step in the data-collection process?
3. Determine whether known and measurable sources of error are controlled to acceptable levels?
4. Determine what unmeasured sources of error can be identified, measured, and controlled?

USGS QUALITY ASSESSMENTS

1. Document past performance of laboratories, site operators, and field equipment in terms of absolute and relative error.
2. Document "trends" in performance from one year to next.
Improving? No change?
3. Never state whether performance meets expectations.

~~Good?~~

~~Bad?~~

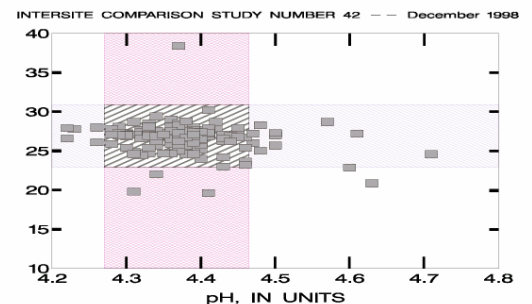
The Performance and Acceptance Criteria Process (PAC)

1. State the Problem
2. Identify the Study Questions
3. Identify Types of Information Needed
4. Establish Study Design Constraints
- 5. Specify Information Quality**
6. Develop a Strategy for Information Synthesis
7. Optimize the Design for Collecting Information

USEPA, October 2002, EPA QA/G-4A, Peer Review Draft

Example PAC for Intersite Program

Data Quality Indicator	Measurement Quality Objectives for Performance Criteria	Acceptance Criteria
Precision	100% within .02 pH Units, 1 μ S/cm	>90% within .05 pH Units, 2 μ S/cm
Bias	Less Than +/- 5%	Less Than +/- 10%
Representativeness	4.0 < pH < 6.0 Sc < 50	3.5 < pH < 6.5 Sc < 100
Comparability	0.02 pH Units 2 μ S/cm	0.04 pH Units 4 μ S/cm
Completeness	100% Sites Respond	95% Sites Respond
Sensitivity	0.02 pH Units, 1 μ S/cm	0.04 pH Units, 2 μ S/cm



Example PAC for Interlaboratory Program

Data Quality Indicator	Measurement Quality Objectives for Performance Criteria	Acceptance Criteria
Precision	2 f-psuedosigma	3 f-psuedosigma
Bias	0%	+/- 5%, No Trends
Representativeness	25 th -75 th NTN Percentile	10 th -90 th NTN Percentile
Comparability	Median Values 95% Accurate Compared to Target Values.	Median Values 90% Accurate Compared to Target Values.
Completeness	100% Lab Analyses	95% Lab Analyses
Sensitivity	No ultrapure D.I. detections	≤ 2 ultrapure D.I. detections

Example PAC for SHE and Field Audit Programs

Data Quality Indicator	Measurement Quality Objectives for Performance Criteria	Acceptance Criteria
Precision	5% Absolute Error	<10% Absolute Error
Bias	0%	Less than +/-5%
Representativeness	Protocol performed correctly by all site operators.	Greater than 90 percent site operators perform protocol correctly.
Comparability	2 f-pseudosigma of median concentration	3 f-pseudosigma of median concentration
Completeness	100% Samples Processed	>90% Samples Processed
Sensitivity	0.02 mg/L Absolute Difference	0.05 mg/L Absolute Difference

Example PAC for Collocated-Sampler Program

Data Quality Indicator	Measurement Quality Objectives for Performance Criteria	Acceptance Criteria
Precision	<10% Absolute Error	<25% Absolute Error
Bias	0%	Less than +/-10%
Representativeness	Less than 5 percent difference in sample volumes.	Less than 10 percent difference in sample volumes.
Comparability	Data for 2 samplers correlated & within historic site data range .	Data within range of historic data for site.
Completeness	100%	75% - Less than 13 weeks missed
Sensitivity	Precipitation Depth: 0.02 inches, Concentrations: 0.02 mg/L Absolute Difference	Precipitation Depth: 0.05 inches, Concentrations: 0.05 mg/L Absolute Difference

The Data Quality Objectives (DQO) Process

7 Steps for DQO Planning Team

1. State the Problem
2. Identify the Decision
3. Identify the Inputs to the Decision
4. Define the Boundaries of the Study
5. Develop a Decision Rule
6. Specify Tolerable Limits on Decision Errors (e.g. $\alpha=0.05$, $\beta=0.20$)
7. Optimize the Design for Obtaining Data (e.g. cost effectiveness)

How are DQOs different from PAC?

...specify tolerable levels of potential decision errors that will be used as the basis for establishing the quality and quantity of data needed to support decisions. (USEPA, 2002)

How are DQOs and PAC related?

DQOs define the performance and acceptance criteria that limit the probabilities of making decision errors by considering the purpose of collecting the data; defining the appropriate type of data needed; and specifying tolerable probabilities of making decision errors. (USEPA, 2002)

Step 2: Identify the Decision(s)

Potential Decisions:

- A) Constituent concentrations in precipitation are decreasing [or increasing].
- B) NTN data quality is "acceptable."
- C) Others?

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Step 5: Develop Decision Rule(s)

...if, then statements

Potential Decision Rules:

- A) **If** a Seasonal Kendall Test detects a negative [or positive] slope, **then** constituent concentrations in precipitation are decreasing [or increasing].

- B) **If** median collocated-sampler [or substitute other program] absolute error is less than or equal to $X\%$ percent, **then** data quality is "acceptable."

Step 6: Specify Tolerable Limits on Decision Errors

Step 6 determines:

- A) How many samples need to be collected (N)
...generally, N becomes larger as α and β get smaller

- B) Spatial distribution of samples (e.g. grid spacing)
...generally, grid spacing tighter as α and β get smaller

- C) Temporal distribution of samples (e.g. seasonality)

Does the NADP/NTN Fit Into the DQO Process?

No:



DQOs:

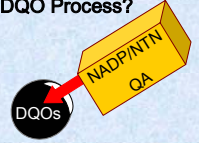
DQOs define number (N), quality, and spatial/temporal distribution of samples required to make decisions with a pre-specified level of statistical confidence.

NADP/NTN:

Natural environment and funding control the number and spatial distribution of NTN samples. Therefore, α and β would have to vary geographically. This complexity would limit spatial interpretation of the data.

Does the NADP/NTN Fit Into the DQO Process?

No:



DQOs:

DQOs are for making decisions about two clear alternatives (e.g. whether action levels are exceeded or not; clean precipitation vs dirty; etc.).

NADP/NTN:

Data analysis not always conducive to making yes/no decisions. Lots of "gray areas." Probability of Type II error (β) would likely be high.

Data Quality Objectives: What do the Trends Show?

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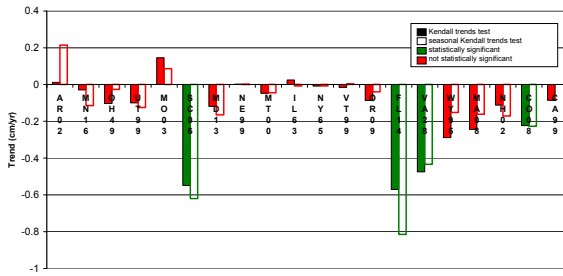


Objective

- Compare variability in data trends with measurement variability.
- Indicator of measurement system performance

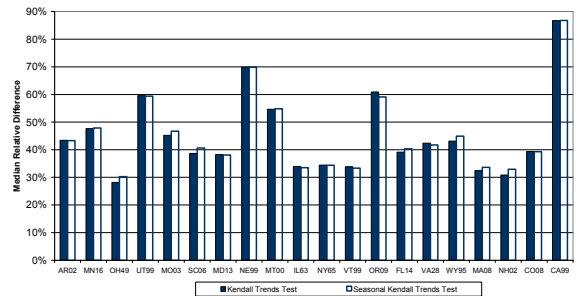
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Precipitation Trend (monthly averages, 1/94 - 9/02)



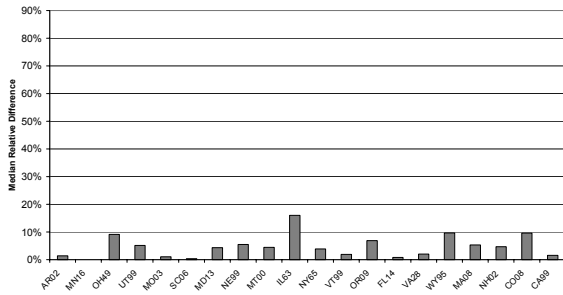
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Precipitation (Data : Trend Comparison)



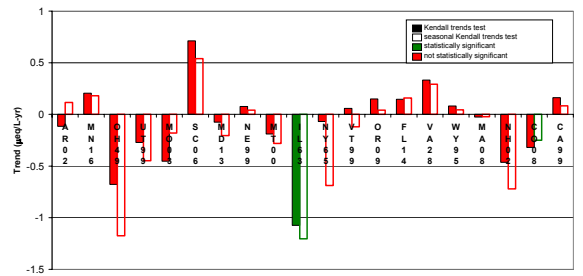
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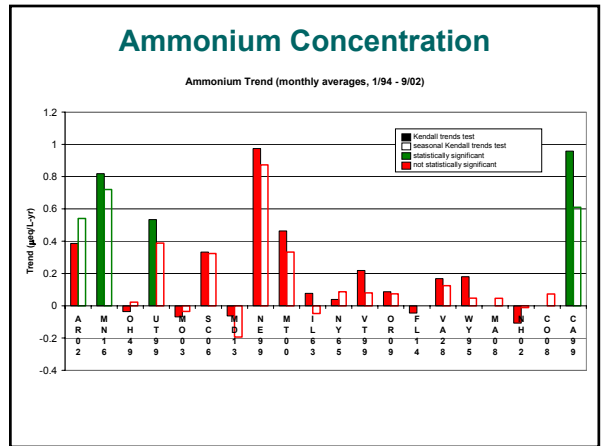
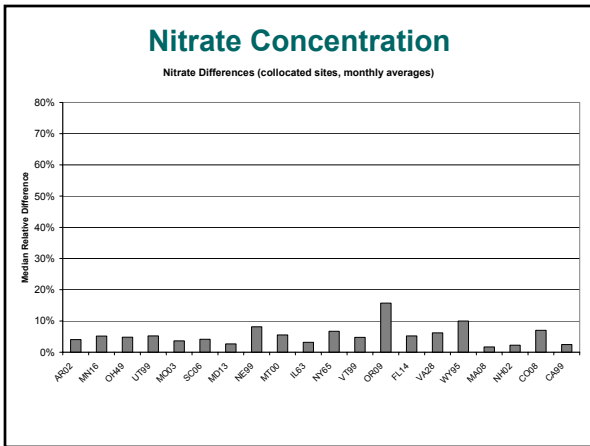
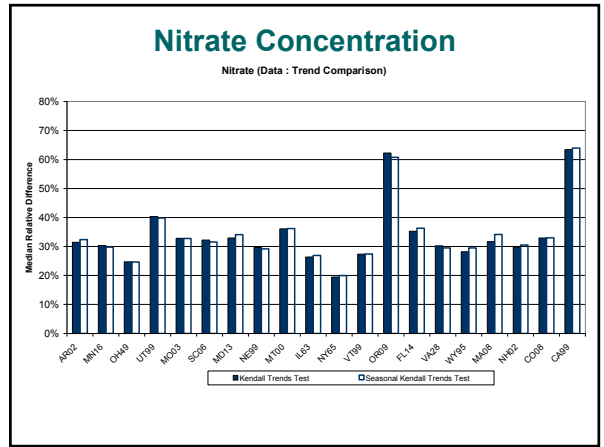
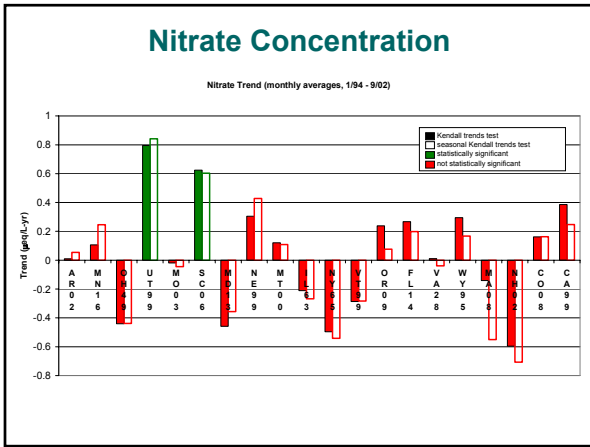
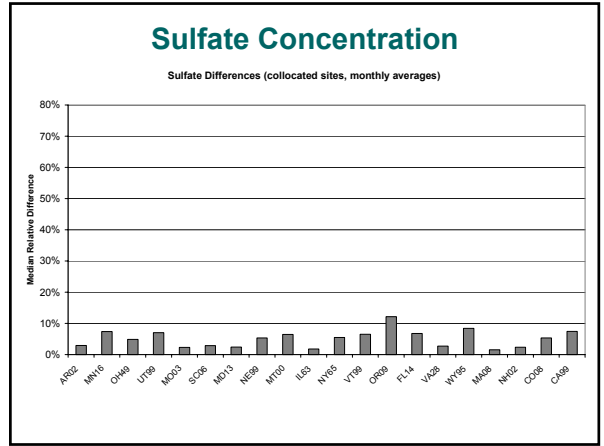
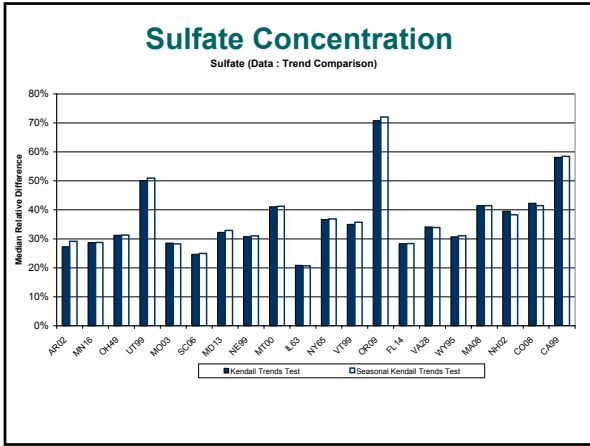
Precipitation Differences (collocated sites, monthly averages)



Sulfate Concentration

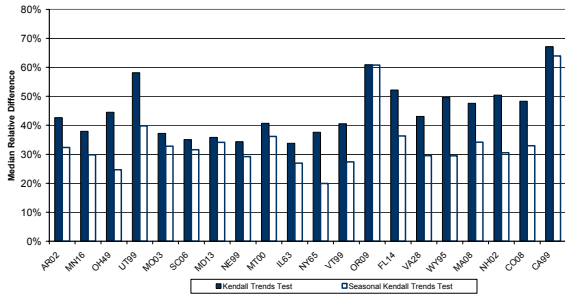
Sulfate Trend (monthly averages, 1/94 - 9/02)





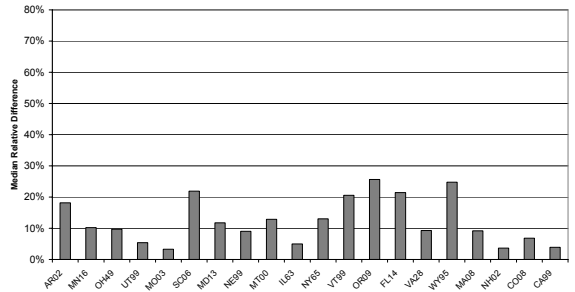
Ammonium Concentration

Ammonium (Data : Trend Comparison)



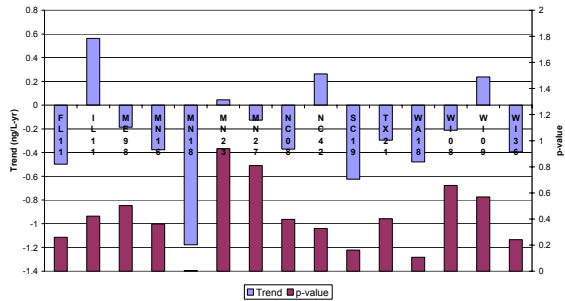
Ammonium Concentration

Ammonium Differences (collocated sites, monthly averages)



Mercury Concentration

Mercury Trend: Weekly data, 1/1998 - 3/2002



Review of NADP Siting Criteria

NOS Ad Hoc Committee

Rick Artz, Natalie Latysh, Chris Lehmann, Preston Lewis, Gary Stensland (chair)



Purpose of Committee

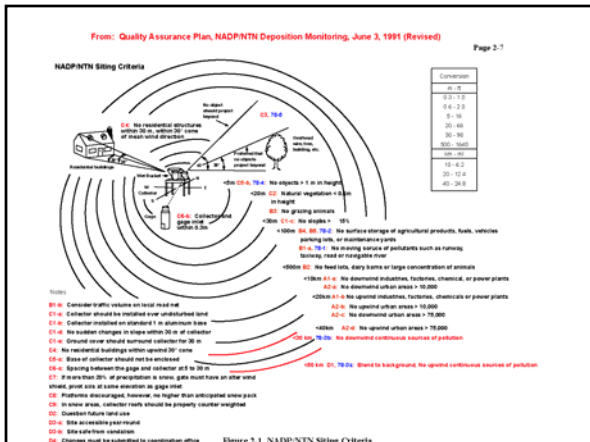
- Review and comment on the scientific foundation for the NADP siting criteria
- Suggest siting criteria changes to reflect the Quality Assurance needs of the NADP

Review

1. Looked at development of NADP criteria since 1978
2. Considered scientific foundation of NADP criteria
 - Made distinction between criteria and operating procedures
 - Noted some criteria only relevant to select analytes

Review

3. Articulated *NADP Site Selection & Installation Manual* into 33 separate criteria.
 - A Criteria - To Minimize Influence of Anthropogenic Emission Sources to Air: Regional Requirements, > 10 km
 - B Criteria - To Minimize Influence of Anthropogenic Emission Sources to Air: Local Requirements, < 10 km
 - C Criteria - On-site Requirements, < 30 m, To Minimize Splash and Wind Flow Alterations
 - D Criteria - Other Criteria Affecting Sample Representativeness



Progress

4. Reviewed 33 criteria
 - (a) for changes in wording
 - (b) to omit some of the 33 from the list
 - (c) distinguishing criteria as
 - siting rules
 - siting guidelines

Issue #1: Distinguish Siting Rules from Siting Guidelines

RULE – Required compliance.

- Supported by scientific evidence of compromised data.
- New sites must seek exceptions from NOS
- Exceptions at new and existing sites shall be reported to data users (remedial action).

GUIDELINE – Desired, but not required, compliance.

- Implemented for general guidance
- Exceptions at new and existing sites may be reported to data users

MOTION #1

The siting committee moves that NADP siting criteria be classified either as “rules” or as “guidelines.”

MOTION #2

The siting committee moves that new sites shall comply completely with all rules or seek exception by majority vote in NOS.

Issue #2: Upwind/Downwind Separation from Sources

- Omit upwind/downwind distinction for separation from industrial sources and population centers, taking largest distance.
- Uses wind rose data, which varies with season and may not reflect precipitation events.
 - (A1) Industrial sources, 10 km if site upwind, 20 km if site downwind
 - (A2) Urban areas, pop < 10,000, 10 km/20 km
 - (A2) Cities, pop > 75,000, 20 km/40 km

MOTION #3

The siting committee moves that separation requirements for industrial sources and urban areas, outlined in Section 2.3.1 of the *NADP/NTN Site Selection and Installation Manual*, be changed to remove reference to wind direction. The separation shall be the largest distance indicated.

Revised wording

“Industrial operations such as power plants, chemical plants and manufacturing facilities should be at least **20** 10 kilometers (km) away from the collector. If the emission sources are located in the general upwind direction (i.e., the mean annual west-east flow in most cases) from the COLLECTOR, then this distance should be increased to 20 km.”

Revised Wording

"This same criteria also applies to suburban/urban areas whose population approximates 10,000 people. For larger population centers (i.e., greater than 75,000) the COLLECTOR should be no closer than 40 20 km. This distance is doubled, to 40 km, if the population is upwind from the COLLECTOR."

Issue #3: Criteria to Omit

Items that are general statements or that refer to procedures and not specific siting criteria.

MOTION #4

The siting committee moves to omit the following from the NADP Siting Criteria

- (D1) "Beyond 50 km both industrial and urban sources are generally assumed to blend in with the typical characteristics of the region." (Section 2.3.1)
- (D2) "...consideration should be given to alternate sites in the event that the original site is no longer representative of the region."
- (D4) "Changes or modifications to established or approved sites or to its equipment must be submitted to the Program Coordinator's Office prior to implementation."
- (B1-b) "The local road net around the site is of particular concern. Traffic volume and type will largely determine the impact of these types of sources on the site."

Issue #4: Discussion of Wording Changes

- The siting committee proposes wording changes outlined on the handout for discussion in NOS

Issue #5: Rooftop Sampling

- Issues to Consider
 - Increased wind speed with height
 - Wind flow heterogeneity
 - Temperature fluctuations
 - Roof splash
 - Contamination (roof sewer vents, HVAC)
 - Data Heterogeneity

Rooftop Sampling--Impacts

- Wind effects influence rain gauge and collector catch efficiency
 - Rainfall reported not representative
 - Chemistry not representative
- Contamination

Rooftop Sampling Discussion

- Add wind shielding?
- Ways to control splash/contamination?



Future Direction of Committee

1. Finish rewording of siting criteria.
2. Propose if rules or guidelines
3. Study rooftop sampling further
4. Prepare new siting criteria list as part of NADP Network QA Plan, with separate section discussing technical basis for each criterion (Fall 2004).

Regionally Representative Sites



Two questions

- How do we determine which sites are regionally representative?
- What do we do with data from sites that are not regionally representative?

CONDENSED SITING CRITERIA FOR ESTABLISHING REGIONALLY REPRESENTATIVE NADP/NTN SITES

Critical distance (see Section 2.3 for more details)

Sources	Distance from the collector	
	Minimum	Becomes background?
Regional Requirements:		
Heavy industry (chem plants, power plants)	10 km (20 km if upwind)	50 km
Suburban/urban populations if population >75,000	10 km (20 km if upwind) 20 km (40 km if upwind)	50 km
Local Requirements:		
Moving sources	100 m	10 km
Feedlots/dairy barns, etc.	500 m	1000 m
Grazing animals	20 m	
Surface storage	100 m	1000 m
Parking lots	100 m	200 m
On-Site Requirements:	<u>Minimum</u>	<u>Maximum</u>
Reinforce (must be in same plane as the collectors 1 ft)	5 m	30 m
Critical angle:		
Buildings	Outside 30° cone of mean wind direction	
Projection angle	45°	
Slope	level 15%	

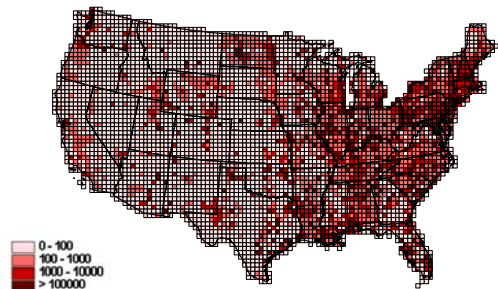
Siting Criteria

- Sites meeting all siting criteria are assumed to be regionally representative
- However:
 - variances allowed
 - regional criteria difficult to interpret
 - does not reflect differences between regions

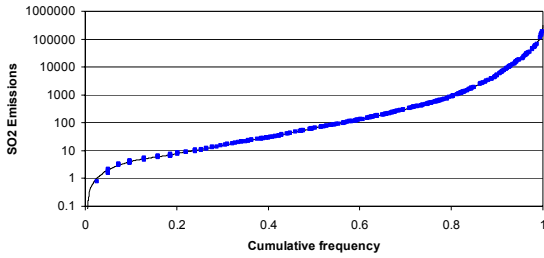
Site Classification

- S-78-67-43-35-N
 - S = Suburban site
 - 78 = Population density within 15 km is greater than 78% of the continental US
 - 67 = Road density within 5 km is greater than 67% of the continental US
 - 43 = SO₂ emission within 25 km is greater than 43% of the continental US
 - 35 = NO_x emissions within 25 km is greater than 35% of the continental US
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SO₂ Emissions



SO₂ Emissions



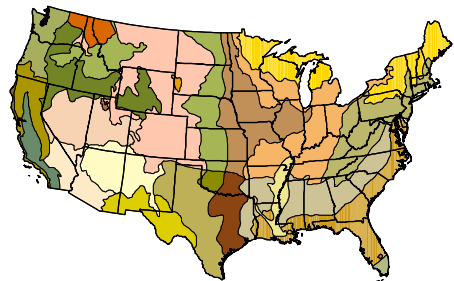
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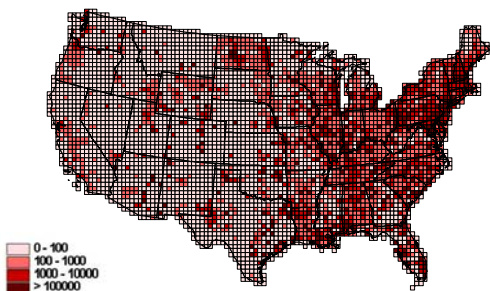
Regional Approach

- Criteria for regional representative sites vary by the region
- Criteria can include
 - Population density
 - SO₂ Emissions
 - NO_x Emissions
 - ??

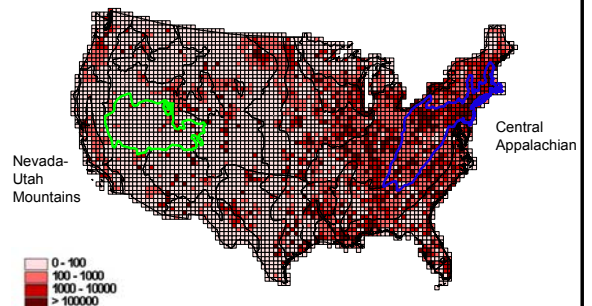
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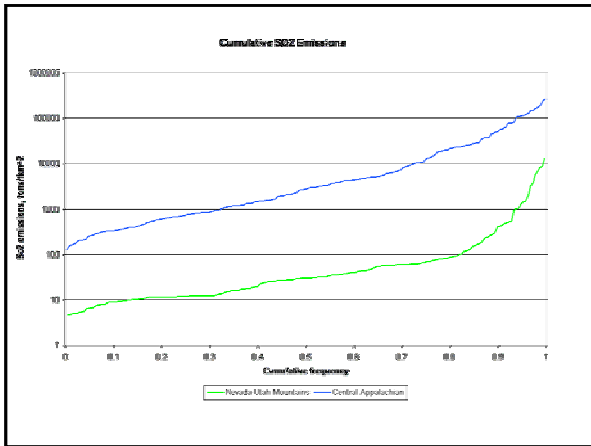


SO₂ Emissions



SO₂ Emissions





National vs Regional

Site	SO ₂	National %	Ecoregion %
MA13	15048	97	76
NY99	3693	94	56
PA00	1242	89	37
PA42	659	88	23
CT15	558	83	19
NC25	256	68	5
WV05	86	56	< 1

- ### Proposal
- Site Classification – National comparison
 - Regional Representative – Regional comparison
 - Continue development
 - Report at Fall meeting with suggested criteria

- ### Sites not meeting regional criteria
- Flag all sites as being regional representative or not
 - Sites that are not regionally representative
 - Show on isopleth map with a different symbol
 - not used for spatial interpolation

Minimum Reporting Levels for NADP Data

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Definitions

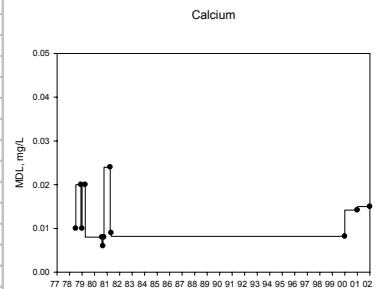
- **Method Detection Limit (MDL)**
Limit at which measured concentration of a particular compound that can be distinguished from zero using a given analytical method
- **Minimum Reporting Level (MRL)**
Level at which concentration of a particular compound can reliably be reported
- **MRL > MDL**

ISSUE

The NADP has traditionally set MRLs (Minimum Reporting Levels) at approximately the MDL (Method Detection Limit) values for the NTN and AIRMoN.

- If MDL values did not vary significantly from year-to-year, MRLs were not changed.
- Values were called "MDLs," even though really "MRLs"

Calcium	
Jul-78	0.01
Dec-78	0.02
Jan-79	0.01
Apr-79	0.02
Aug-80	0.008
Sep-80	0.006
Oct-80	0.008
Apr-81	0.024
May-81	0.009
Jan-00	0.0082
Jan-01	0.0142
Jan-02	0.015
AVERAGE	0.0127
MEDIAN	0.01
MAX	0.024
MIN	0.006



Discussion and Possible Motions...

- CAL should determine MDLs based on EPA Method 40 CFR Part 136 at least annually (more often, as necessary)
- Long-Term MDL (LT-MDL) calculated annually based on 3-year average of bimonthly unfiltered FR10 measurements (blind to analysts).
- MRL be set at 2 to 3 times the LT-MDL, and re-evaluated annually by DMAS.

Continued Discussion....

- Beginning with 2003 NTN Data posted on the NADP web site either:
 - data shall be censored below the determined MDL (indicate <MDL)
 - all data will be reported, including negative numbers, with data below the MDL flagged
- Data between MDL and MRL be flagged

Long-term MDL (LT-MDL) calculated as average of FR10 blind analyses from 2000 - 2002

	Official "MDL"	LT-MDL	2xLT-MDL	3xLT-MDL
Cl	0.005	0.009	0.018	0.027
NO ₃	0.010	0.012	0.024	0.036
SO ₄	0.010	0.018	0.036	0.054
NH ₄	0.02	0.018	0.036	0.054
Ca	0.009	0.021	0.042	0.063
Mg	0.003	0.003	0.006	0.009
Na	0.003	0.006	0.012	0.018
K	0.003	0.006	0.012	0.018

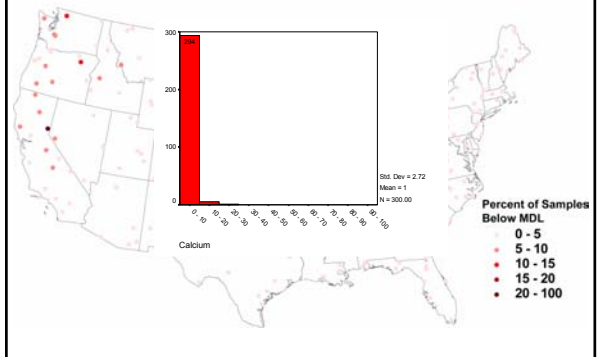
Issues to address

- Historical data—Flag at MRL that is 3x MDLs indicated in 2000 CAL QA report?
- What to do about phosphate? Not part of FR10 matrix.

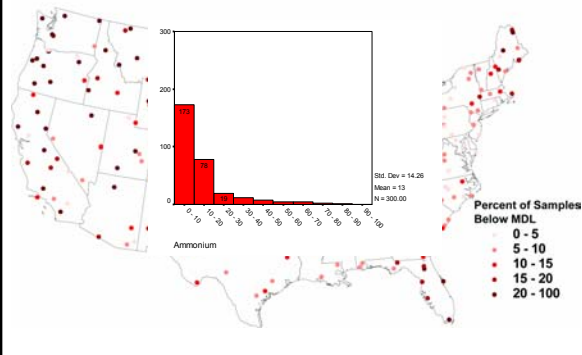
Data Censoring Discussion

- Percent of samples that fall below MDL

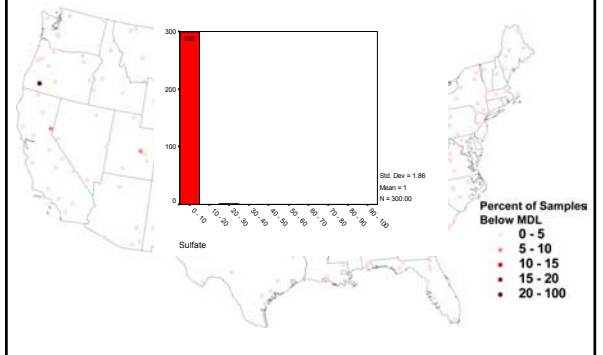
Calcium



Ammonium



Sulfate



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