

N2: Phosphorus

Need Filtration or Equivalent? Demonstration Testing Prepares Communities for Low Level Phosphorus

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CASE STUDY

Presentation Will Cover.....

- 1. Background**
- 2. Technology Review**
- 3. Demonstration Tests**
 - a) RESULTS!?!?**
 - b) Key Points**
- 4. Wrap Up and Questions**

1 – Background

-NR102/NR217
- 2010: 7-9 yrs to construct filters or equivalent
- Demonstration Tests
 - Performance
 - O&M costs
 - Operability/Familiarity

You Get What
You Pay For!



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- Multi-Point
- Rapid Mix
- Flocculation
- Coagulant Selection
- pH Adjustment

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**Lagoons, Clarifiers,
High-Rate Clarifiers**

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Filters

- Shallow Sand
- Multi-media Sand
- Cloth-media Disk

Membranes

- Ultrafiltration
- MF, NF, RO

Which Technologies are a Good Fit?

Technology	Achievable Limit (mg/L)	Donohue Comment
Conventional Sand Filters	01. - 0.15	High headloss; non-proprietary package
Disc Filtration	0.1 - 0.15	Reduced headloss; reduced capital
Compressible Media Filtration	0.15	Emerging technology; little full scale experience
Coagulation-Flocculation-Sedimentation	0.05	Large capital; high level of performance
High Rate Clarification	0.05 - 0.1	High level of “moving parts”; high level of treatment; expandable with filters
Solids Contact Clarifier	0.1 0.05 with filters	High level of “moving parts”; high level of treatment; solids contact a concern as tertiary treatment; expandable with filters
Biomag	0.3	Emerging technology
Continuous Backwash Filtration	0.1	High capital; typically applied for flows less than 2 mgd (but not always...)
DAF Clarifier	0.2	Emerging technology; based on floating limited solids
Membranes	0.05	Almost guaranteed performance; high capital; high energy; treatment exceeds requirement

2 – Technology Review

- **Ultrafiltration Membranes**
 - **Capital Cost**
 - **Membrane Replacement Cost**
 - **Energy Cost**
- **Typically a “worst-case” placeholder for Long-Term Planning**



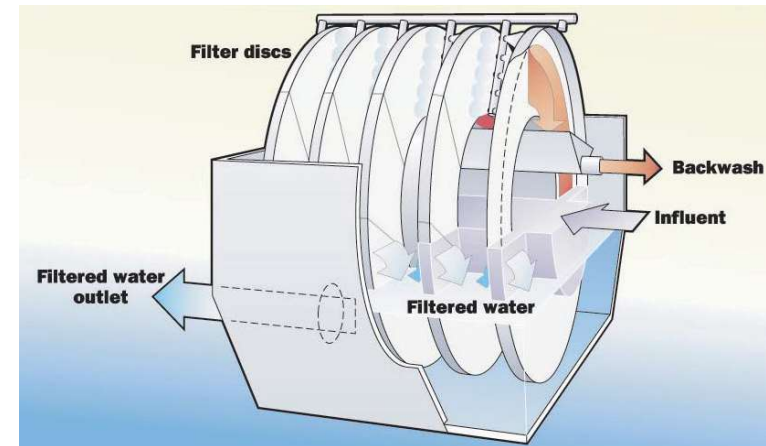
What about those other technologies?

Jackson, WI (2010)

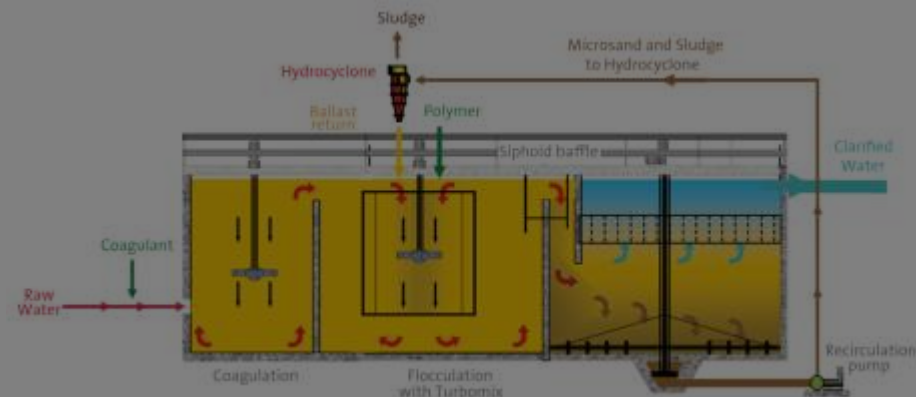
- **Filter Replacement (1.37 mgd avg)**
 - What about future TP requirements (0.075 mg/L)
- **Membrane/CBW Filters/Actiflo = 0.075**
 - still need RM/Coag/Floc
- **Disk Filter mfrs would not guarantee 0.075**
 - TP depends on the WWTP
 - Might tout 0.1 mg/L TP as long as influent is “good” (<15 TSS and <0.3 TP)
 - 0.075 mg/L TP if piloted

3 – Demonstration Testing

- 2013 WI Testing:
 - Hydrotech Discfilter
(<0.1 mg/L)



- Actiflo
(<0.075 mg/L)



3 – Demonstration Testing

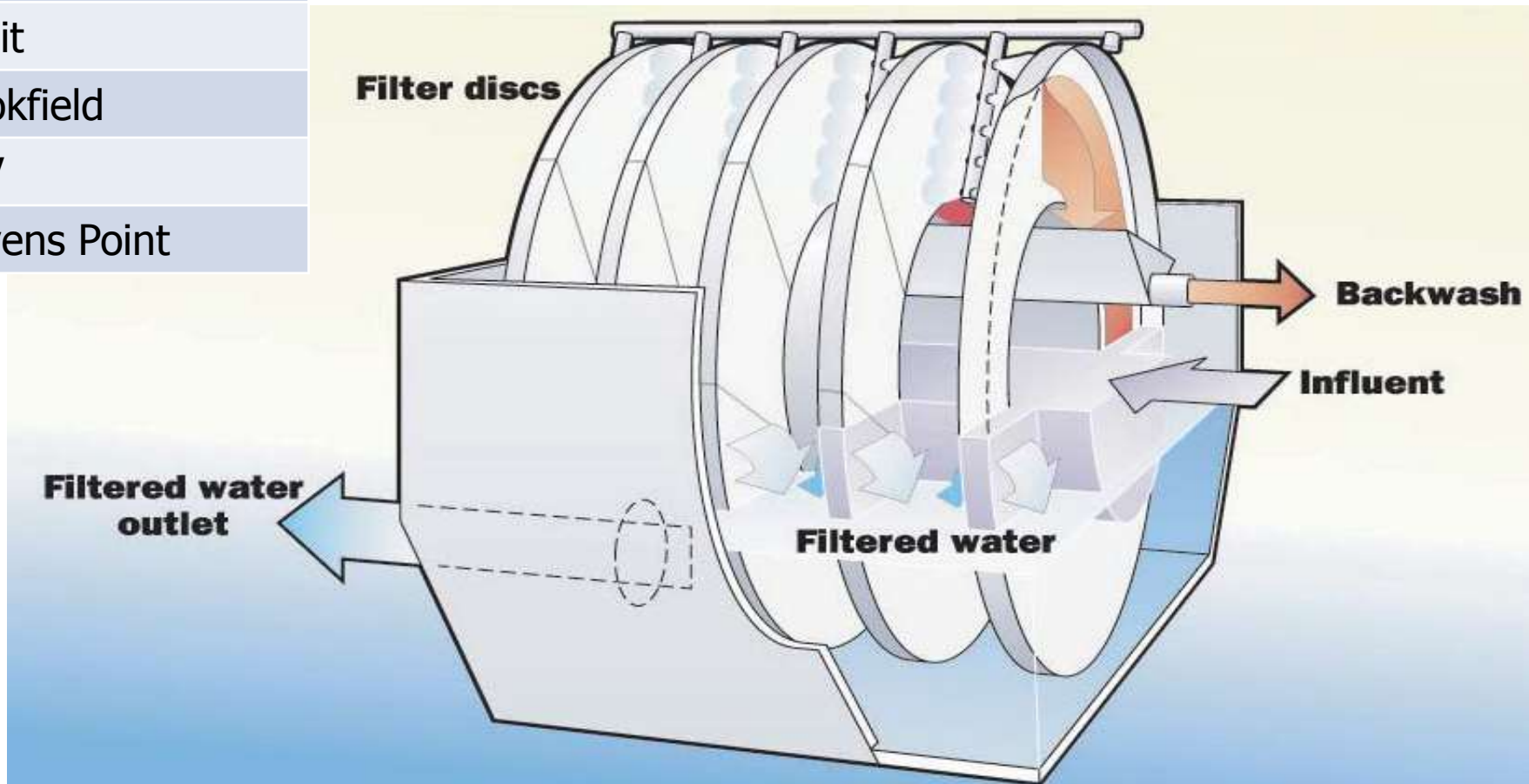
Sun Prairie

Beloit

Brookfield

HOV

Stevens Point



Cloth Media Filters (Hydrotech Discfilter)

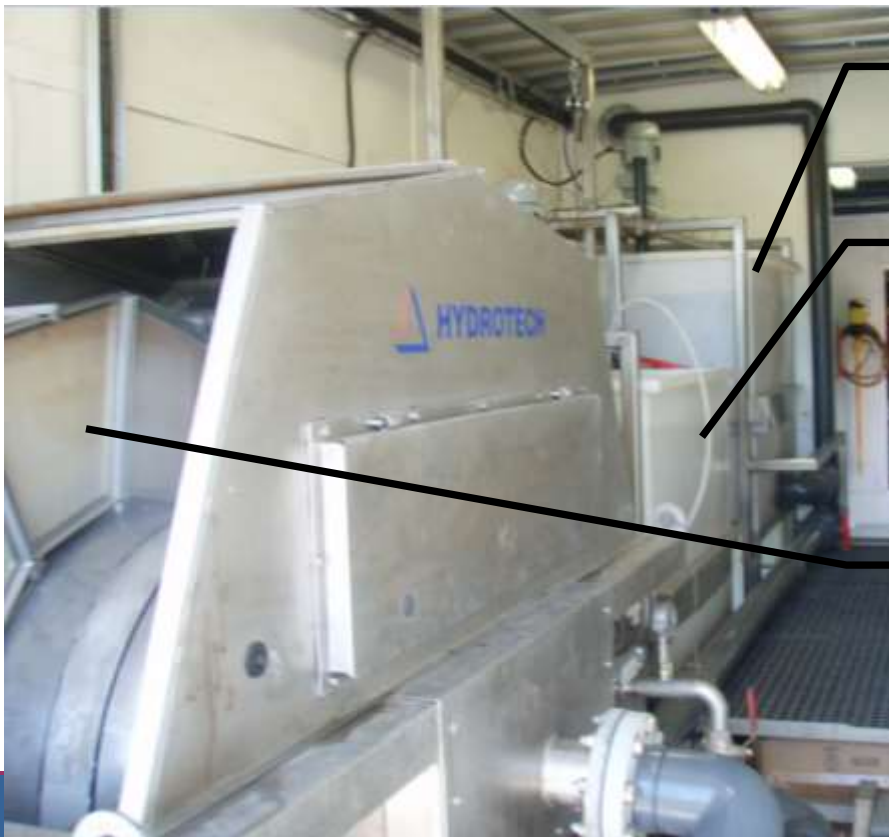
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- Tertiary: “Influent” = FC Effluent
- Goal: confirm <0.10 mg/L claims
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 - Coagulant & Polymer Dose Response
 - Potential Hybrid Solution
 - Familiarity



3 – Demonstration Testing

- Chemical Feed (Ferric Chloride, Polymer)
- Coagulation, Flocculation, Filtration



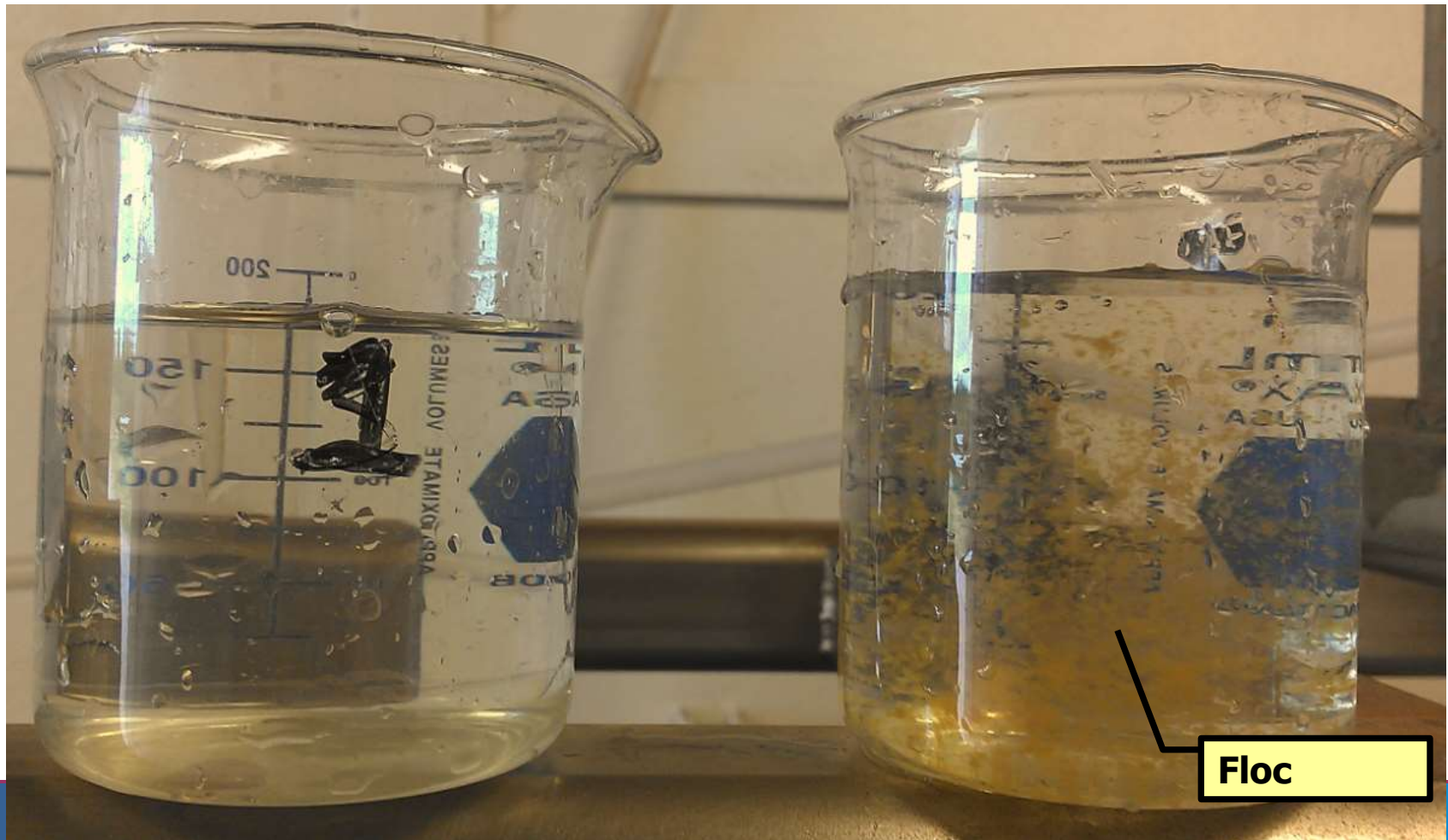
Coagulation

Flocculation

Filtration (10 μm)

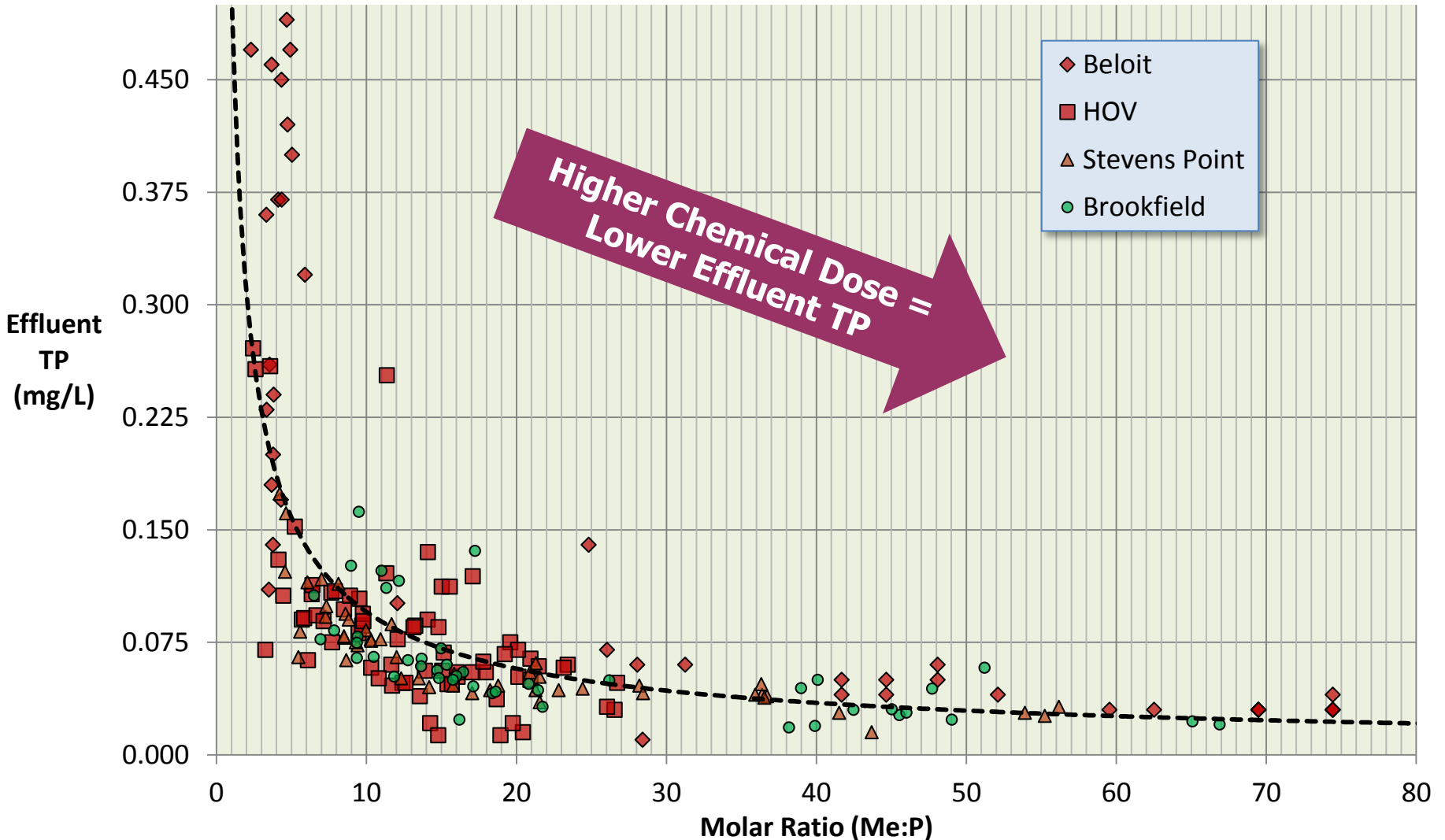
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- Larger Particle Size = Easier Separation



3 – Demonstration Testing

■ Results: Compiled Data



3 – Demonstration Testing

- Check the units!
 - Reported as mg/L
 - ✓ mg/L as **Fe** or **Ferric Chloride**?

3 – Demonstration Testing

- Changes to the “influent” shift the molar

**Situation: Constant Dose 60 mg/L Ferric Sulfate
~ 11.3 mg/L as Fe**

Case 1:

Influent TP = 0.26 mg/L

Effluent TP = 0.06 mg/L

Removal = 0.20 mg/L

Fe:P Molar Ratio = 31

Case 2:

Influent TP = 0.19 mg/L

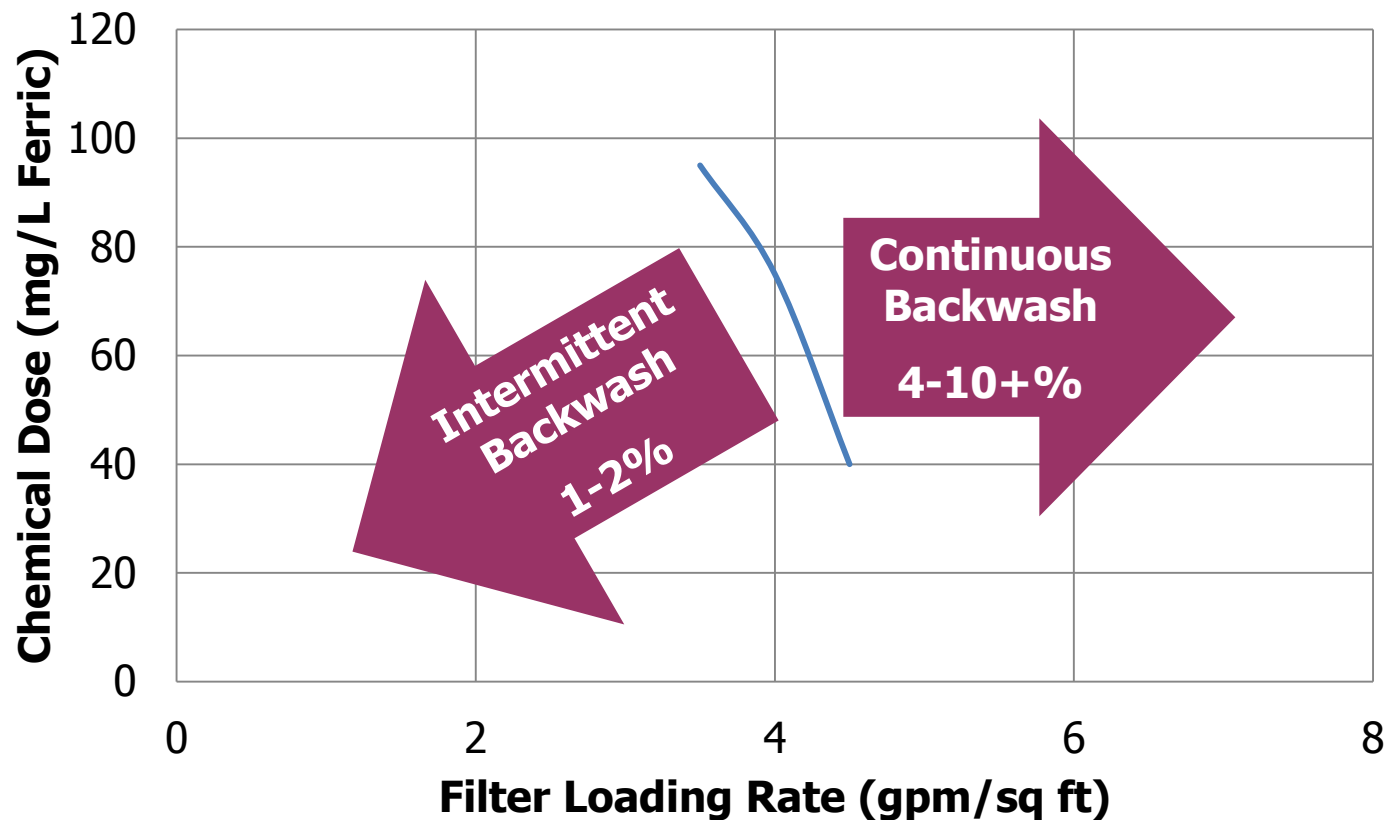
Effluent TP = 0.06 mg/L

Removal = 0.13 mg/L

Fe:P Molar Ratio = 48

3 – Demonstration Testing

■ Results: Recycle Flows



3 – Demonstration Testing

- **Key Points**

- **Sampling Requirements**

- LOD/LOQ for <0.075 Accuracy**

- Multiple vials per day/setup**

- **Lab turn around**

- In-house vs. Commercial Lab**

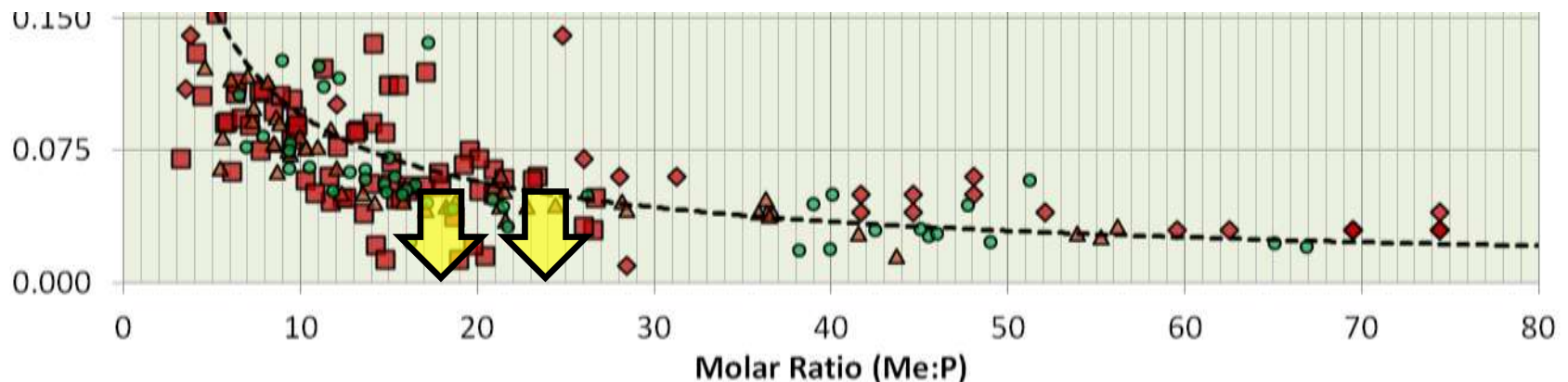
- **Operations**

- Normal vs. Stress-test the pilot**

3 – Demonstration Testing

■ Discfilter:

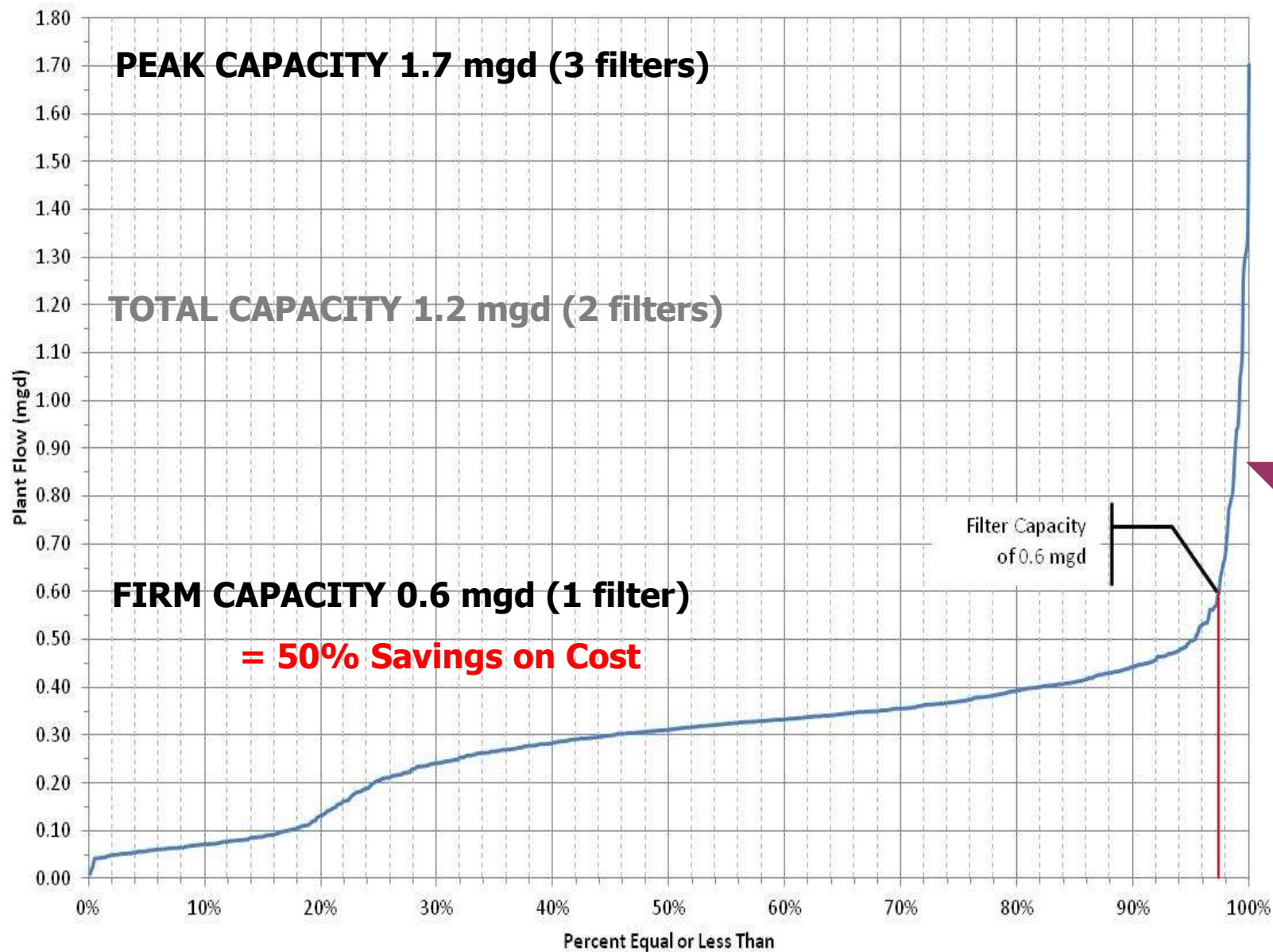
- Exceeded goal of 0.1 mg/L Eff TP
- Sustained <0.075 mg/L when influent TP was <0.3 mg/L
- Staff enthusiastic about process simplicity
- Chemical dose \sim 18-25 molar ratio



3 – Demonstration Testing

- **Compliance Note:**
 - **0.075 mg/L** (or 0.1 mg/L) **on a 6-mo avg**
 - **Monthly limit = 3x**
- **With one month excursion up to 0.2 mg/L**
 - **Avg Day needs to be <0.05 mg/L**
 - **Mass Balance = Right-size filters**

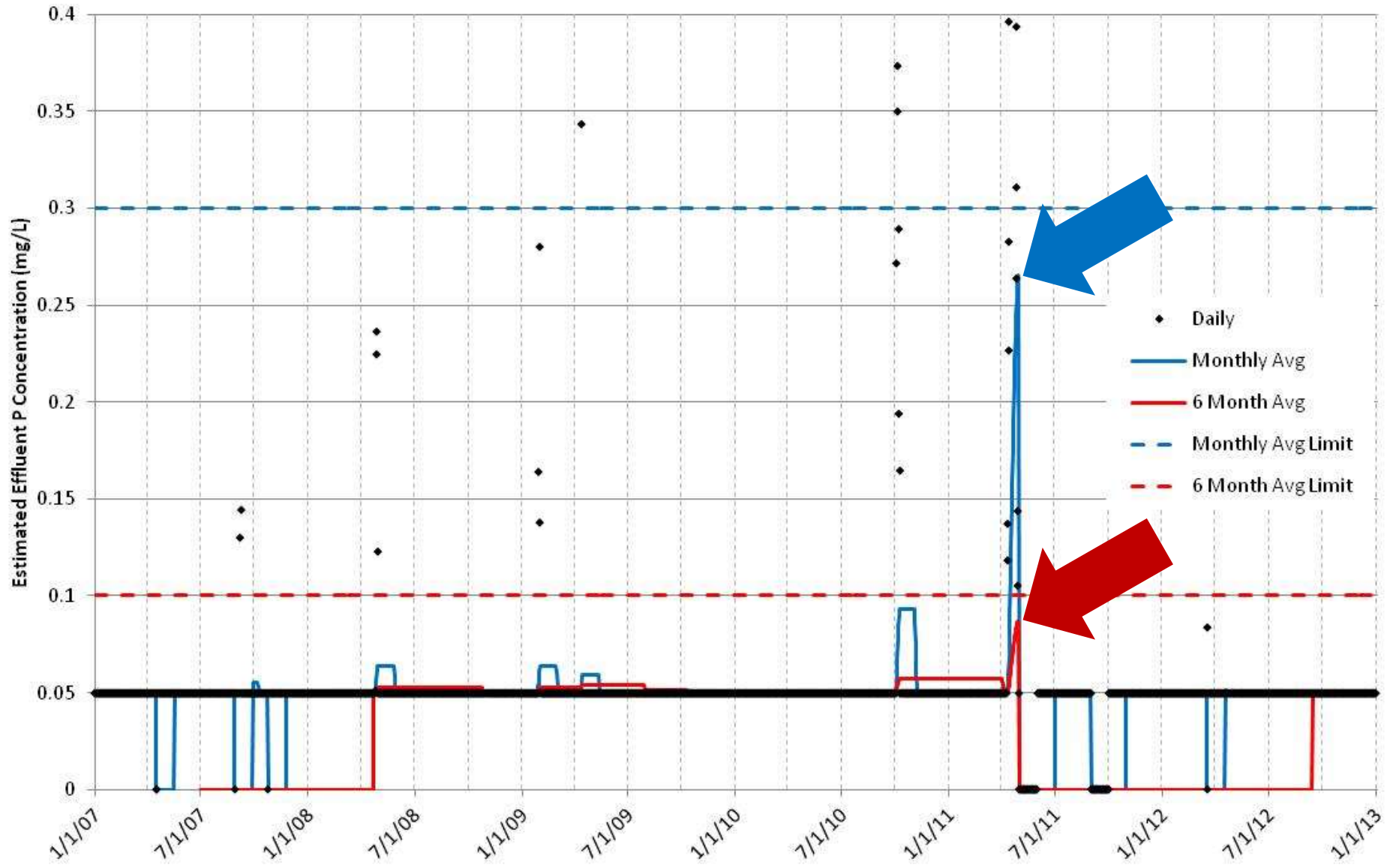
Figure 5-4
2010-2012 Flow Probability



COST

Figure 5-3

0.6 mgd Filtered at 0.05 mg/L Effluent P
0.6 mgd Filter Bypass at 1.0 mg/L Effluent P



4 – Other Manufacturers

- **2013 WI Testing:**
 - **AquaDisk (Beloit, Brookfield, Sheboygan)**
(<0.075 mg/L)

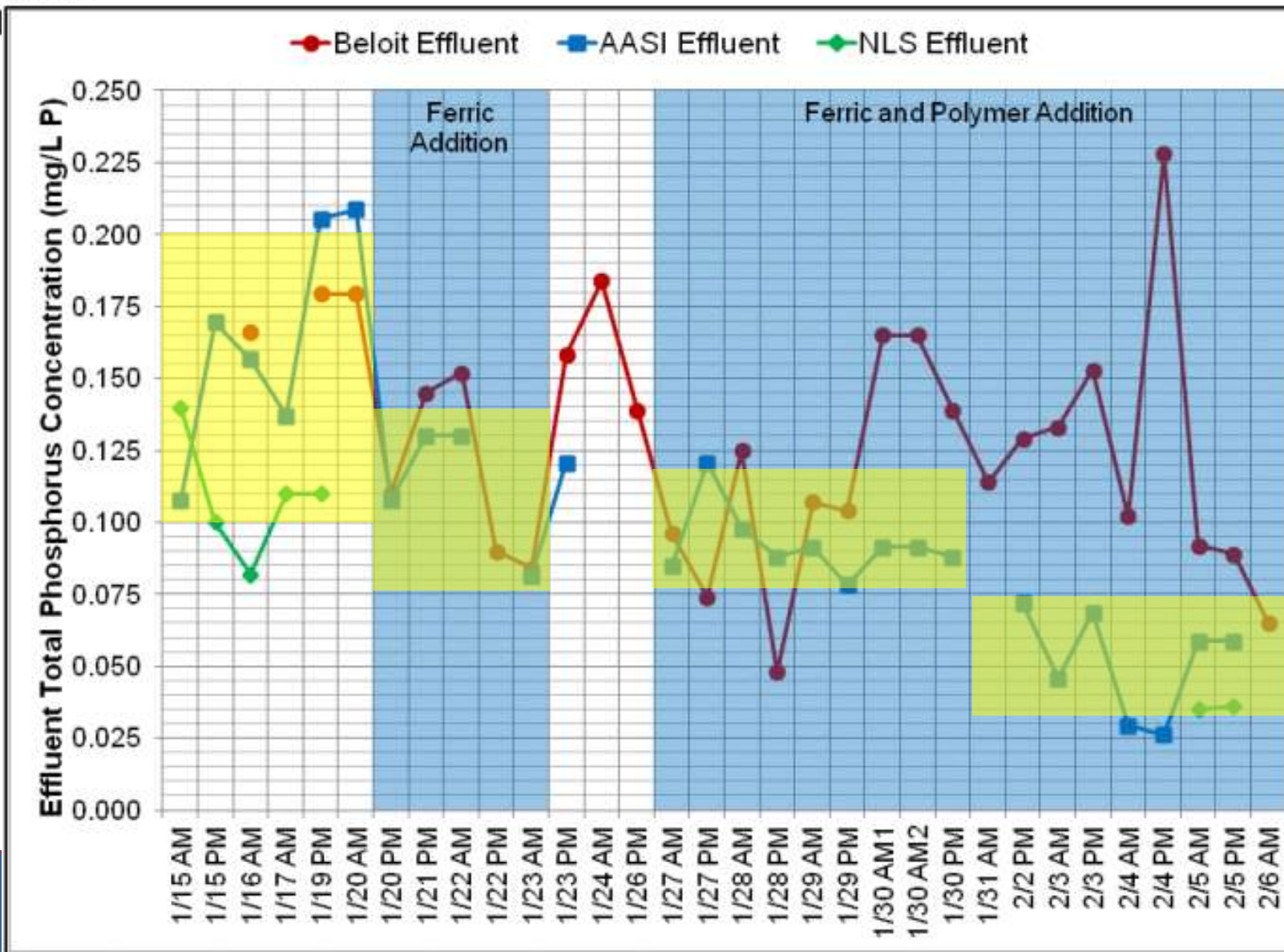


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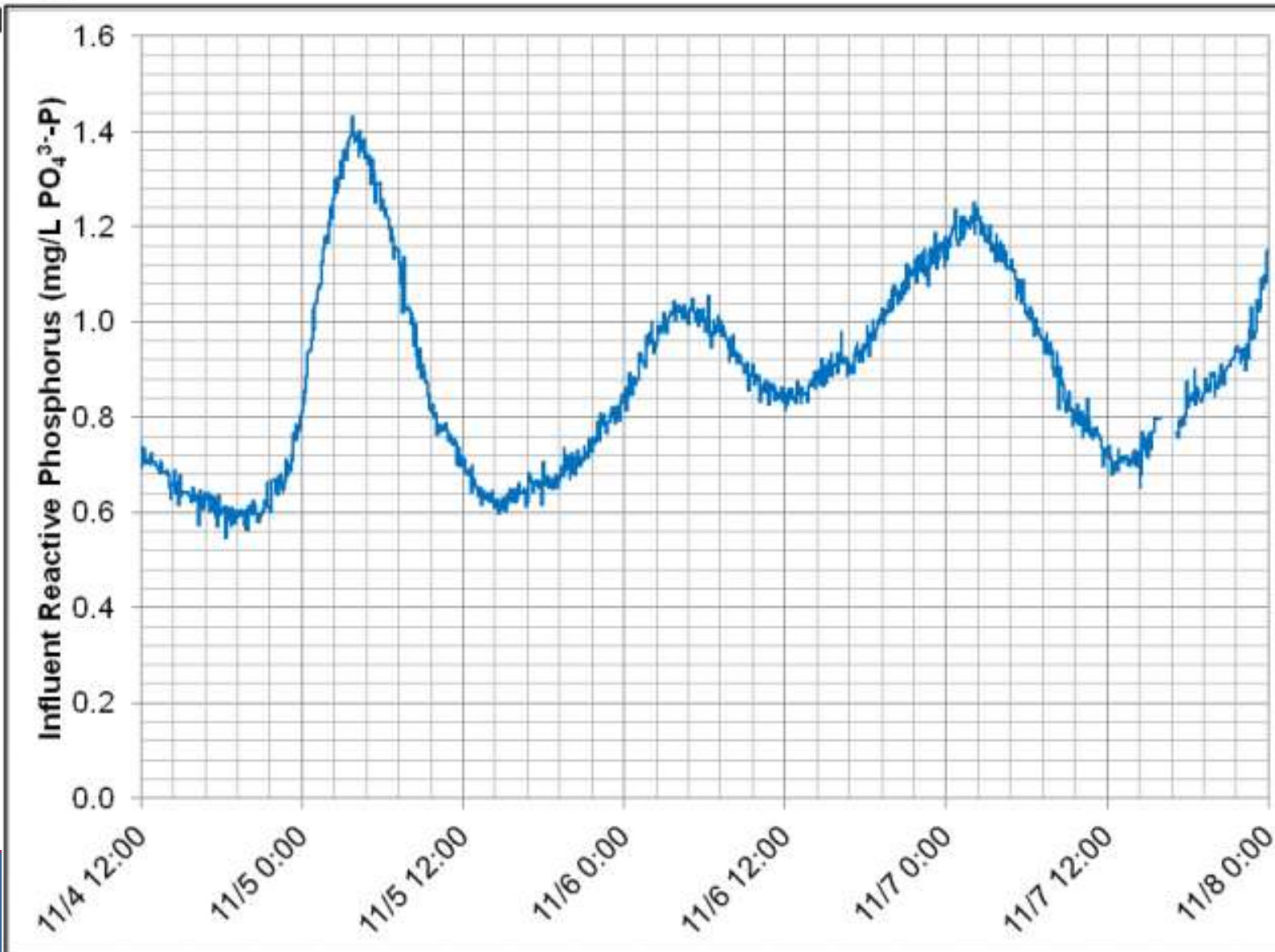
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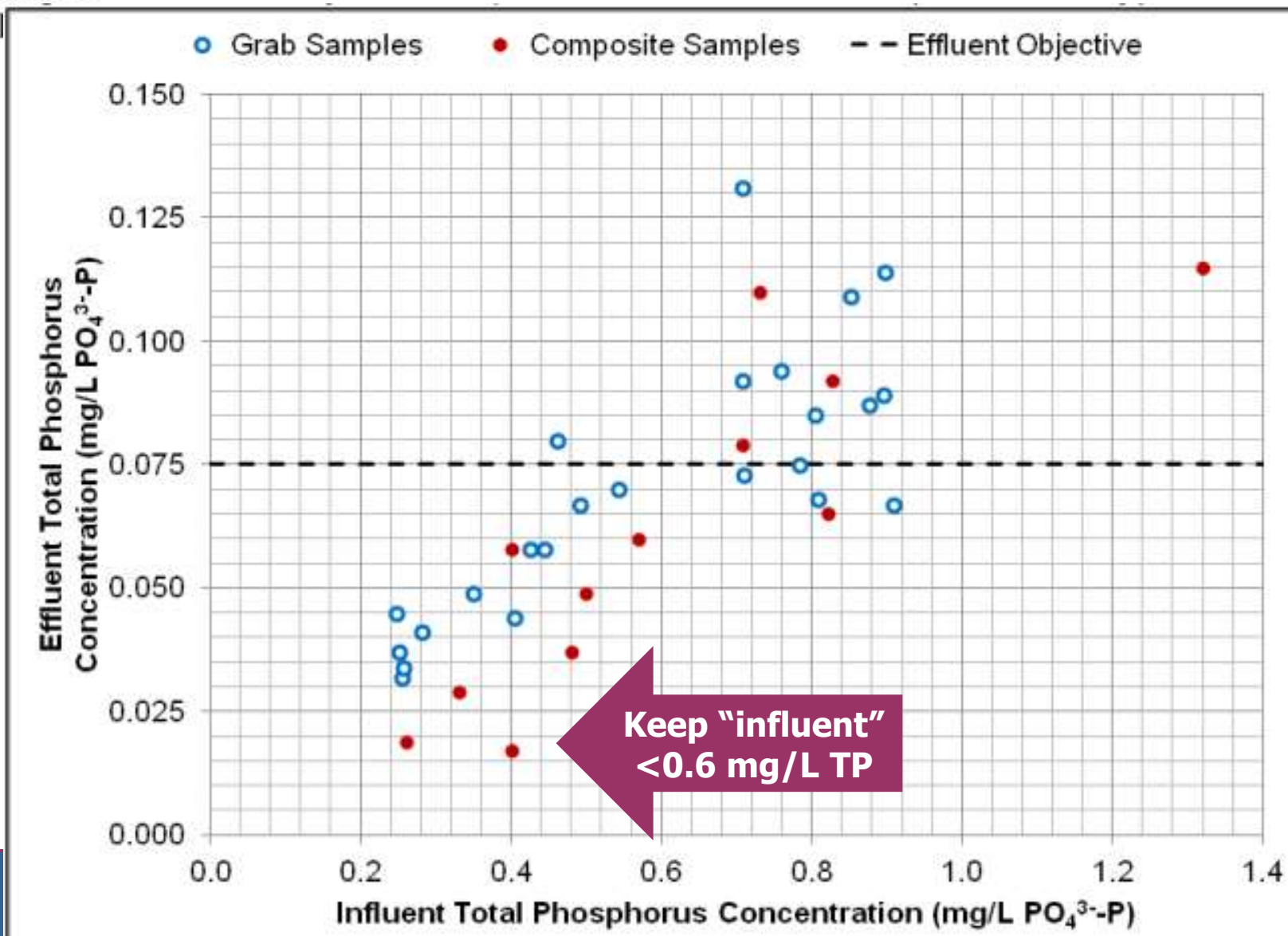
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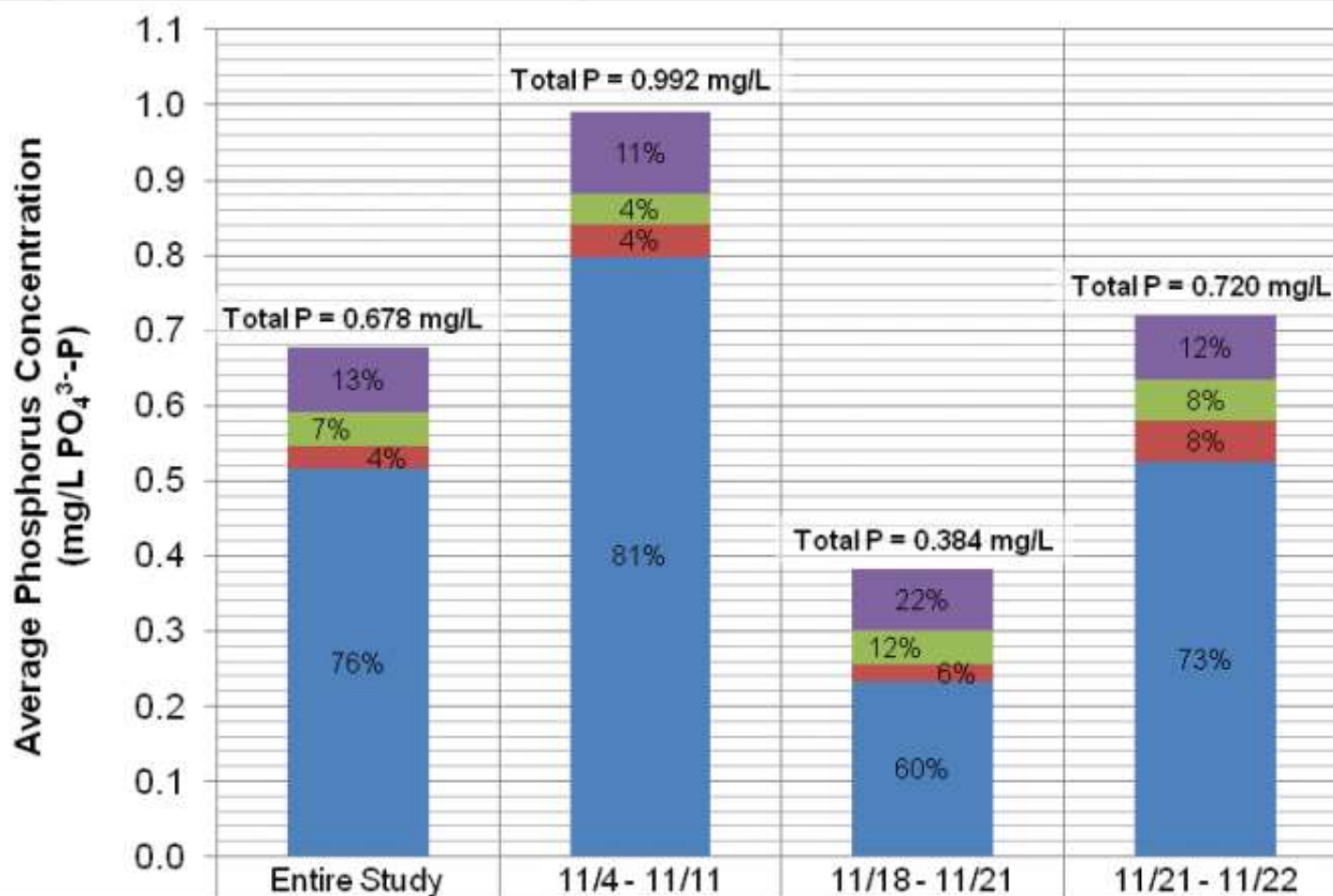
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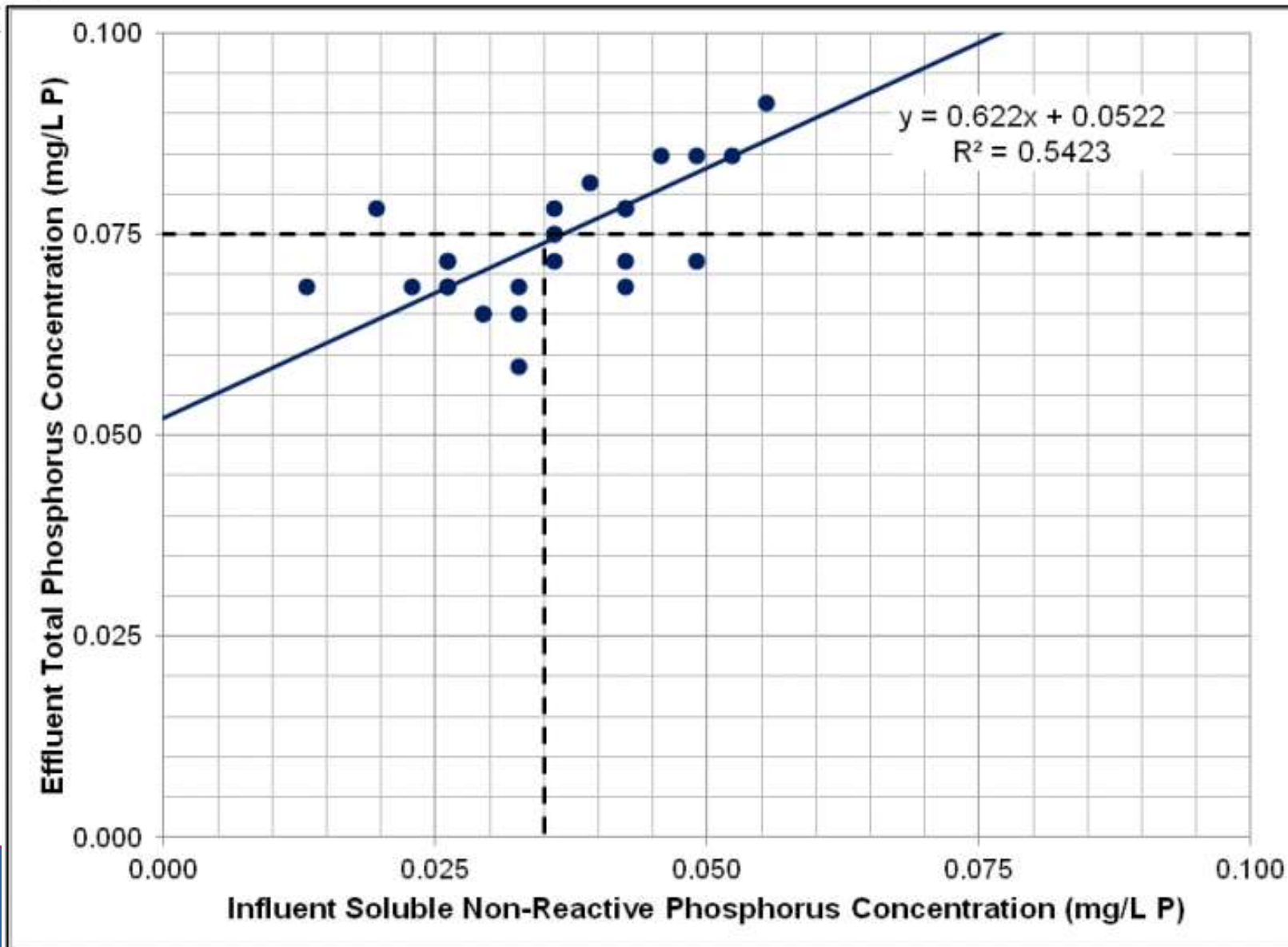


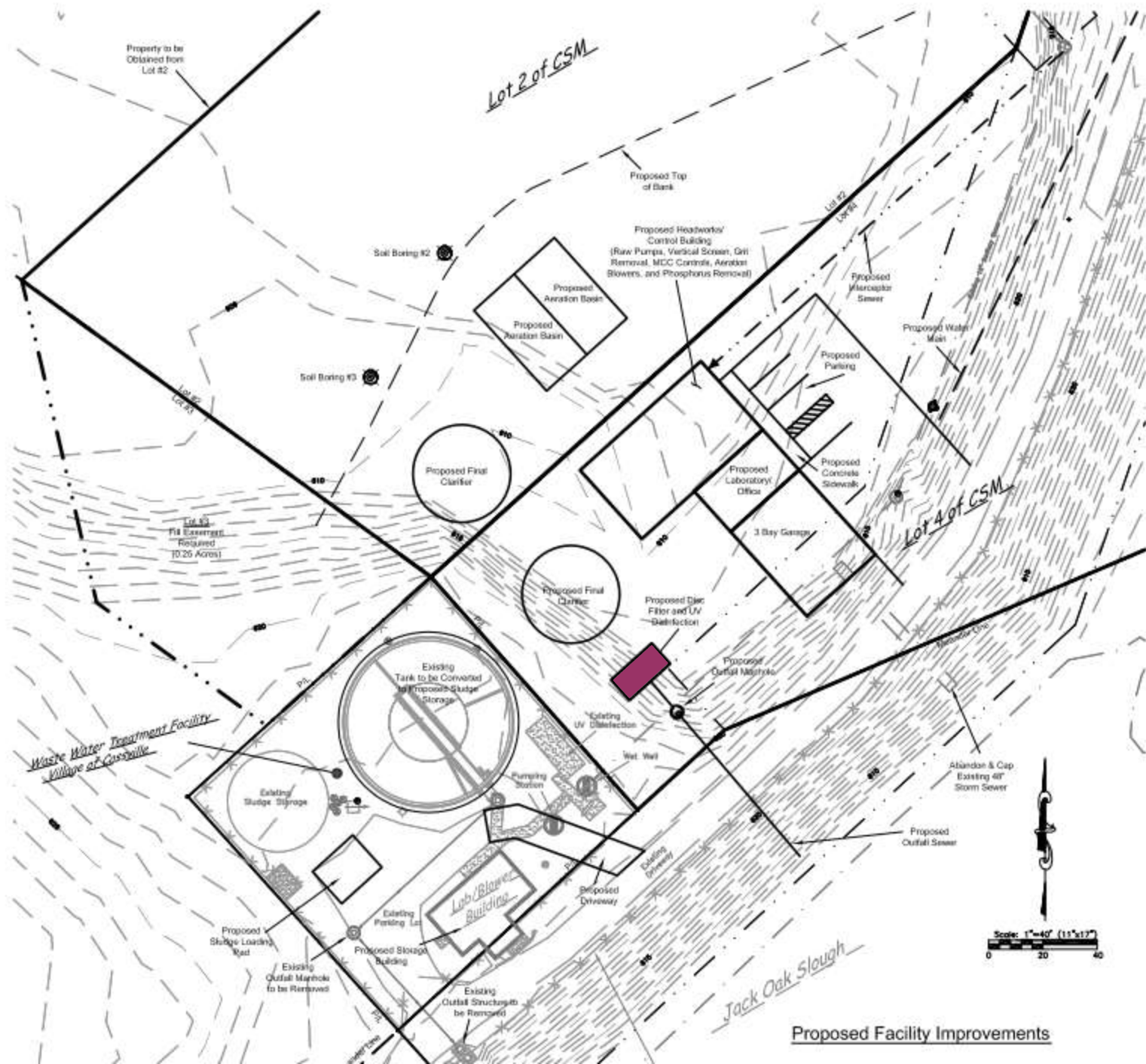
Insoluble Non-Reactive	0.087	0.110	0.083	0.085
Insoluble Reactive	0.045	0.040	0.045	0.055
Soluble Non-Reactive	0.030	0.043	0.024	0.055
Soluble Reactive	0.516	0.799	0.232	0.525



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4 – Other Manufacturers





Proposed Facility Improvements

5 - Cost

- **Capital Cost (it depends)**
 - **Need for pumping**
 - **Structure**
 - **Land**
 - **Chemical System**

\$1.0 – 2.0 million/mgd

5 – Cost

- **Helps to have optimal “influent”**
 - **Use online analyzers**
- **Caution on downstream side**
 - **consider manual only based on a steady molar ratio to handle the remaining P.**

5 – Cost

Main Plant Chem Feed: 4.5 mg/L down to 0.8 mg/L; molar ratio ~ 2:1

\$20-30/mgd/day

Tertiary Filter Chem Feed: 0.8 down to 0.05; molar = 25:1

+\$50-70/mgd/day

Or

**\$8-11/lb
(chemical cost)**

<u>Inputs</u>		Case 1	Case 2
Total Wastewater Flowrate to Process	gpm	694	694
Total Wastewater Flowrate to Process	MGD	1.000	1.000
Number of Parallel Ferric Feed Points in Process		1.0	1.0
Influent P Concentration to Process	mg/L	4.5	0.8
Est. P Taken Up Biologically Within Process	mg/L	0.0	0.0
Target Process Effluent TP Concentration	mg/L	0.8	0.05
<u>Dosage Calculations</u>			
P to be Removed Chemically	mg/L	3.7	0.8
Target Fe to P Molar Ratio		2.00	25.00
Fe Dosage	mg/L	13.3	33.8
Total FeCl3 Solution Feed Rate	gal/hour	3.7	9.3
<u>Ferric Chloride Cost</u>			
Ferric Price	\$/DT	400	400
Daily Cost of Ferric	\$/day	\$ 22	\$ 56
Annual Cost of Ferric	\$/yr	\$ 8,124	\$ 20,585
Ferric Price	\$/DT	500	500
Daily Cost of Ferric	\$/day	\$ 28	\$ 70
Annual Cost of Ferric	\$/yr	\$ 10,155	\$ 25,731

- **“Clean Waters Healthy Economy Act”**

\$50/lb
- \$10/lb Ferric Cost (conservative)
\$40/lb contrast with capital cost

\$40/lb @ 0.8 mg/L @ 1 mgd ~ \$100,000/yr

\$100k/yr debt service = \$1.4 million project

**Essentially Equal,
variance wins if
effluent is optimized**

Questions



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