Page WWTP Phosphorus Reduction

Leading Idaho Initiative Project Update

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SOUTH FORK
EST 1965
★ COEUR D'ALENE RIVER ★
SEWER DISTRICT

Outline

- Overview of South Fork CDA River Sewer District
- The Problem
- The Solution
- Implementation

SOUTH FORK

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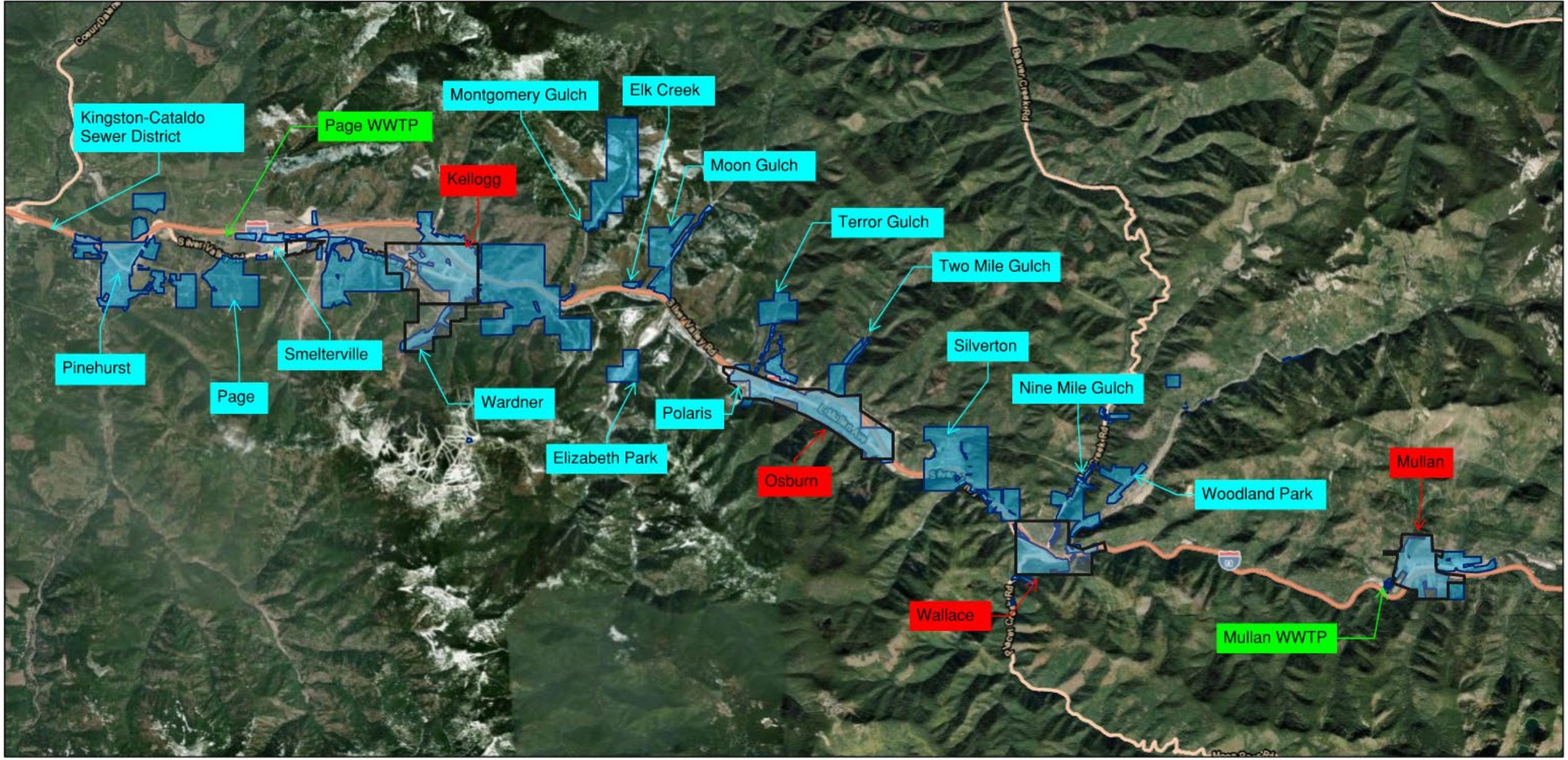
SEWER DISTRICT

- Sewer District established 1965
- Serve 22 separate towns and communities
- Service population 7,055
- 57 miles of pipe (18 miles of interceptor)
- 1,200 manholes
- 7 lift stations
- 2 wastewater treatment plants



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World Transportation

City Boundaries (1965)

Boundary with Annexations (Post-Formation)

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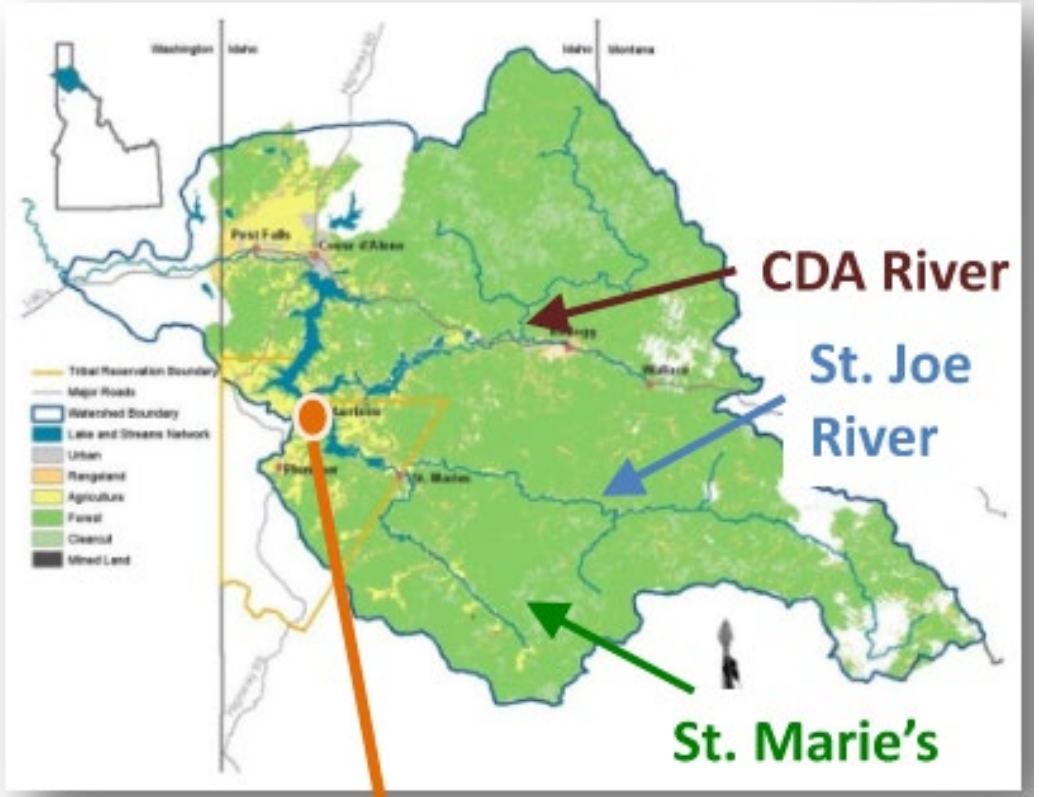
The Problem…

- 75 million metric tons of lead, cadmium, zinc and arsenic deposited in lake bottom
- Logging, farming, construction contribute sediment and nutrients (nitrogen & phosphorus)



Lake acts as a sink for metals and nutrients

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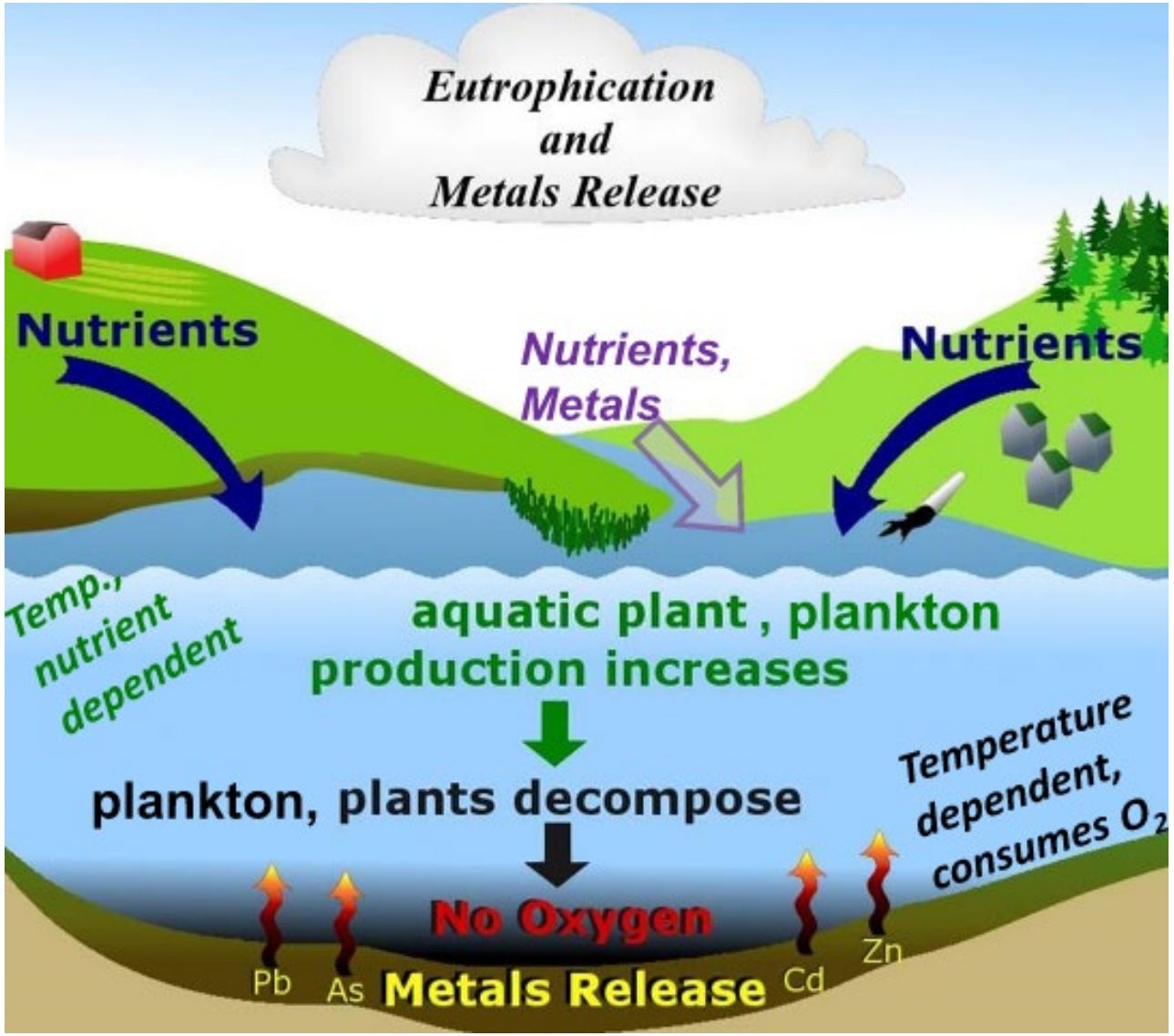
Lake Metabolism:
Nutrients, Carbon, Oxygen

- Nutrients (N, P) = Plant growth
- Plants decompose = Reduced oxygen
- No oxygen (hypoxia) = Metals release
- Higher metals = reduced lake productivity
- Tipping point when lake becomes eutrophic



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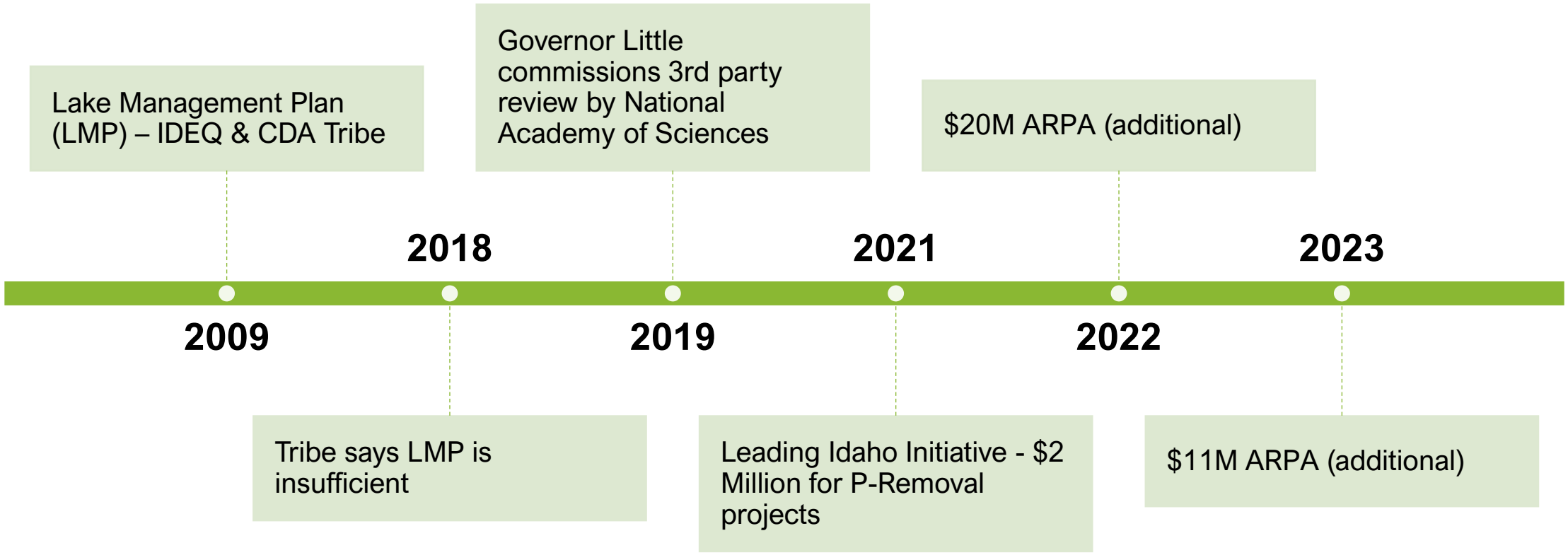
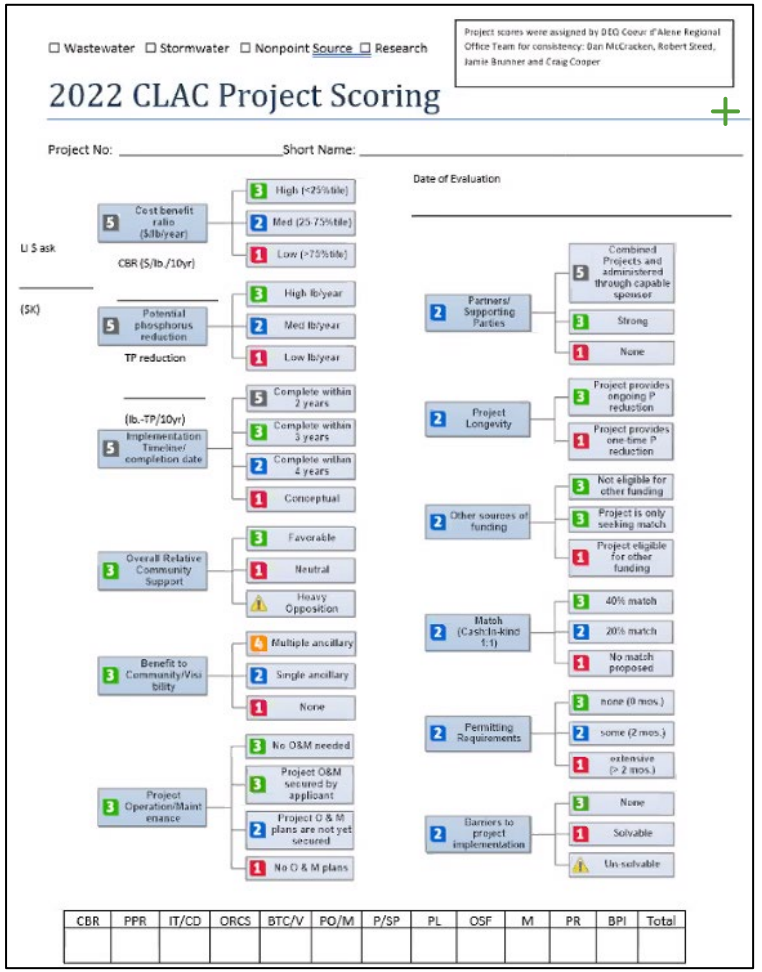
Coeur d'Alene Lake Advisory Committee



Call for Phosphorus Reduction Projects

- Page WWTP Tertiary Treatment
  - 65% of total phosphorus from point source discharges
  - 8-10% of total phosphorus load from CDA River
  - Tertiary treatment estimated to reduce P load by up to 7,015 lb/year (90% Removal)
  - Estimated project cost $17M

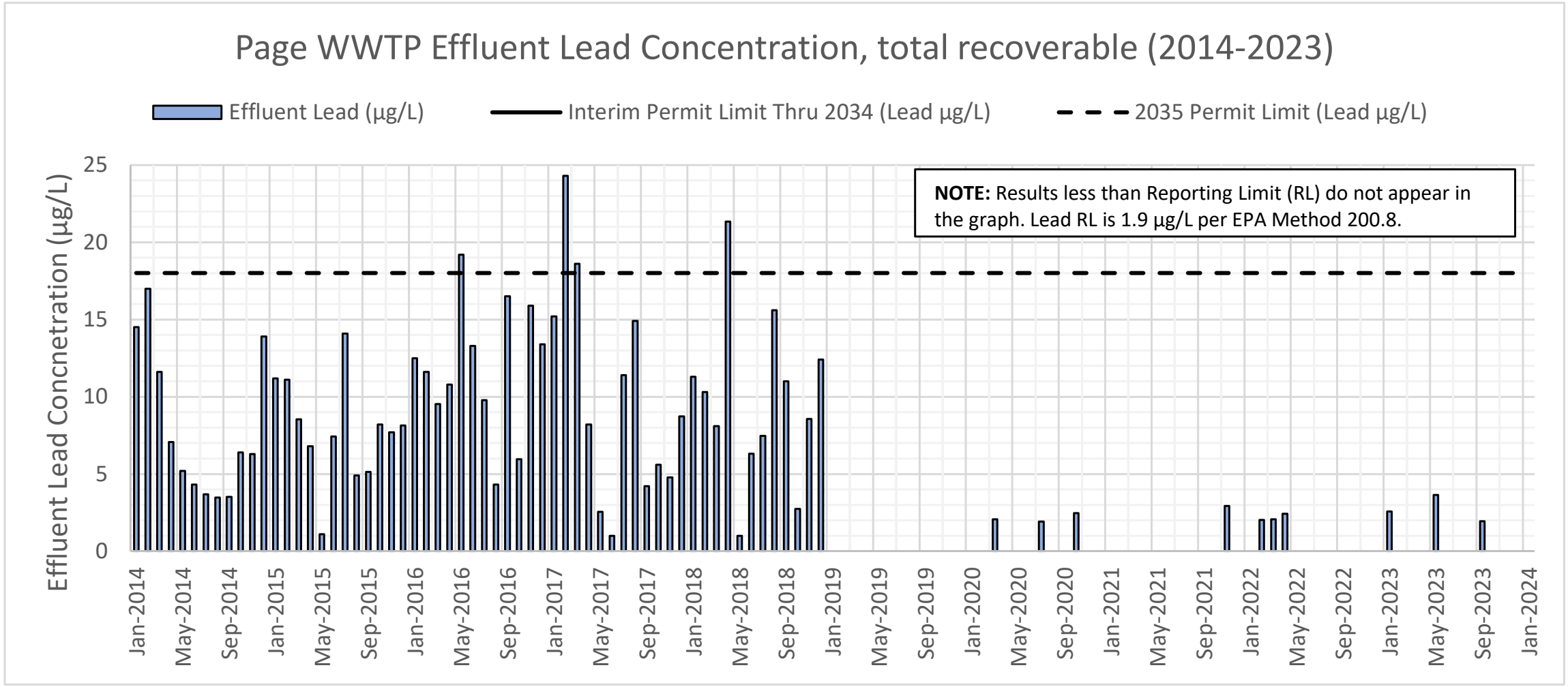


Page Wastewater Treatment Plant

- Dry Weather ADF = 1.8 mgd
- Max Month Flow = 6.4 mgd
- Peak Day Flow = 13.0 mgd (peaking factor = 7.2)
- Average effluent phosphorus
  - 1.5 mg/L
  - 21.4 lb/d
  - 7,800 lb/yr

Problem #2: Heavy Metals Limits

Final Numeric Effluent Limits – Water Quality-Based – Effective January 1, 2035							
Cadmium *Effective* ***January 1, 2035***	µg/L	**0.73**	—	**1.7**	Effluent	1/month	24-hour composite
	lb/day	**0.026**	—	**0.060**			
Lead *Effective* ***January 1, 2035***	µg/L	**18**	—	**39**	Effluent	1/month	24-hour composite
	lb/day	**0.65**	—	**1.4**			
Zinc *Effective* ***January 1, 2035***	µg/L	**107**	—	**168**	Effluent	1/month	24-hour composite
	lb/day	**3.8**	—	**6.0**			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Effluent Lead (µg/L)
Interim Permit Limit Thru 2034 (Lead µg/L)
2035 Permit Limit (Lead µg/L)
NOTE: Results less than Reporting Limit (RL) do not appear in the graph. Lead RL is 1.9 µg/L per EPA Method 200.8.
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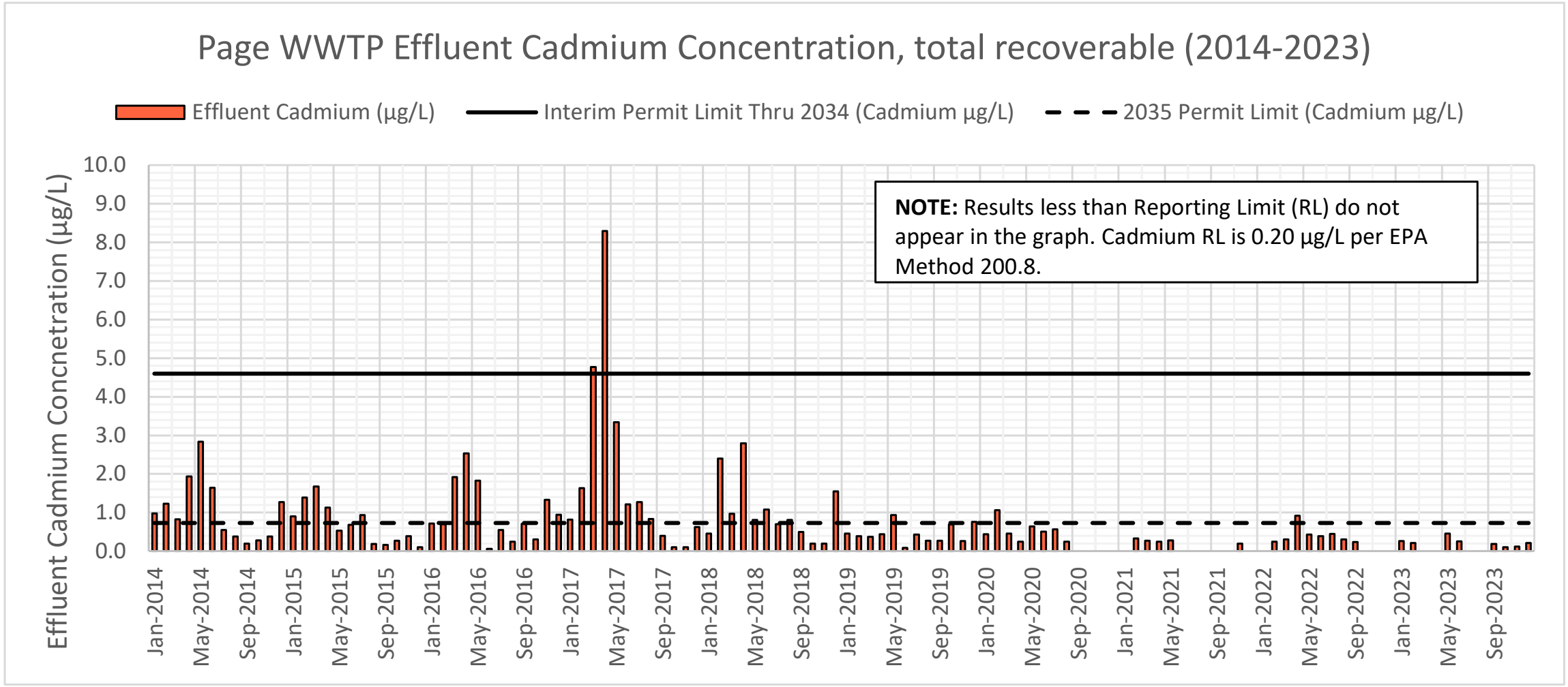
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Interim Permit Limit Thru 2034 (Cadmium µg/L)
2035 Permit Limit (Cadmium µg/L)
Effluent Cadmium Concnetration (µg/L)
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NOTE: Results less than Reporting Limit (RL) do not appear in the graph. Cadmium RL is 0.20 µg/L per EPA Method 200.8.
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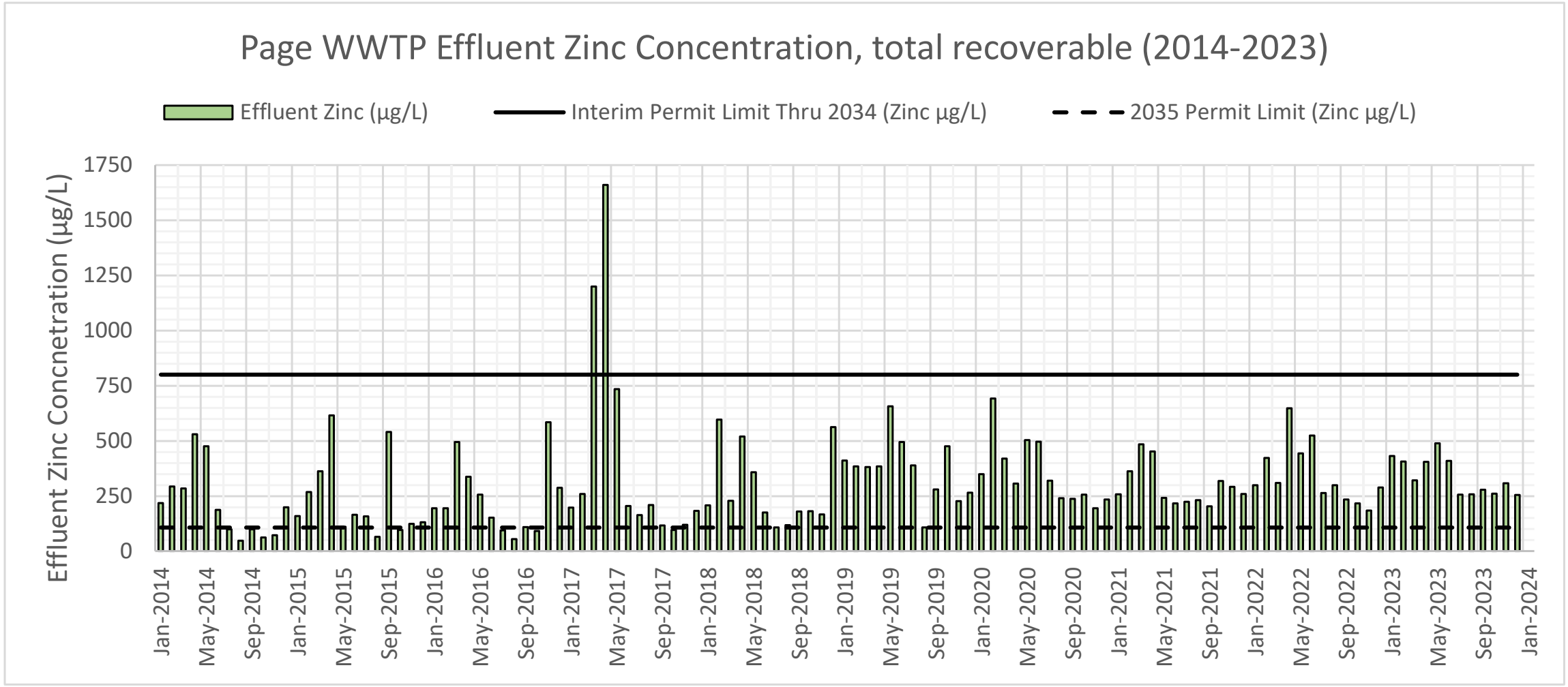
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Effluent Zinc (µg/L)
Interim Permit Limit Thru 2034 (Zinc µg/L)
2035 Permit Limit (Zinc µg/L)
Effluent Zinc Concnetration (µg/L)
1750
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Project Goals

Phosphorus Reduction (voluntary)

Maximize phosphorus removed per dollar spent

Target 80-90% P removal

Future permitting to be determined – ideally seasonal average ppd

Improved heavy metals treatment

Leverage P-removal process for future metals compliance

Minimize operational complexity O&M costs

Small operations staff

Keep rates low

All ARPA funding **must** be spent by Dec. 31, 2026

Design Criteria

- ADF 2.4 mgd
- Peak 3.2 mgd
- Q>3.2 mgd secondary treatment only

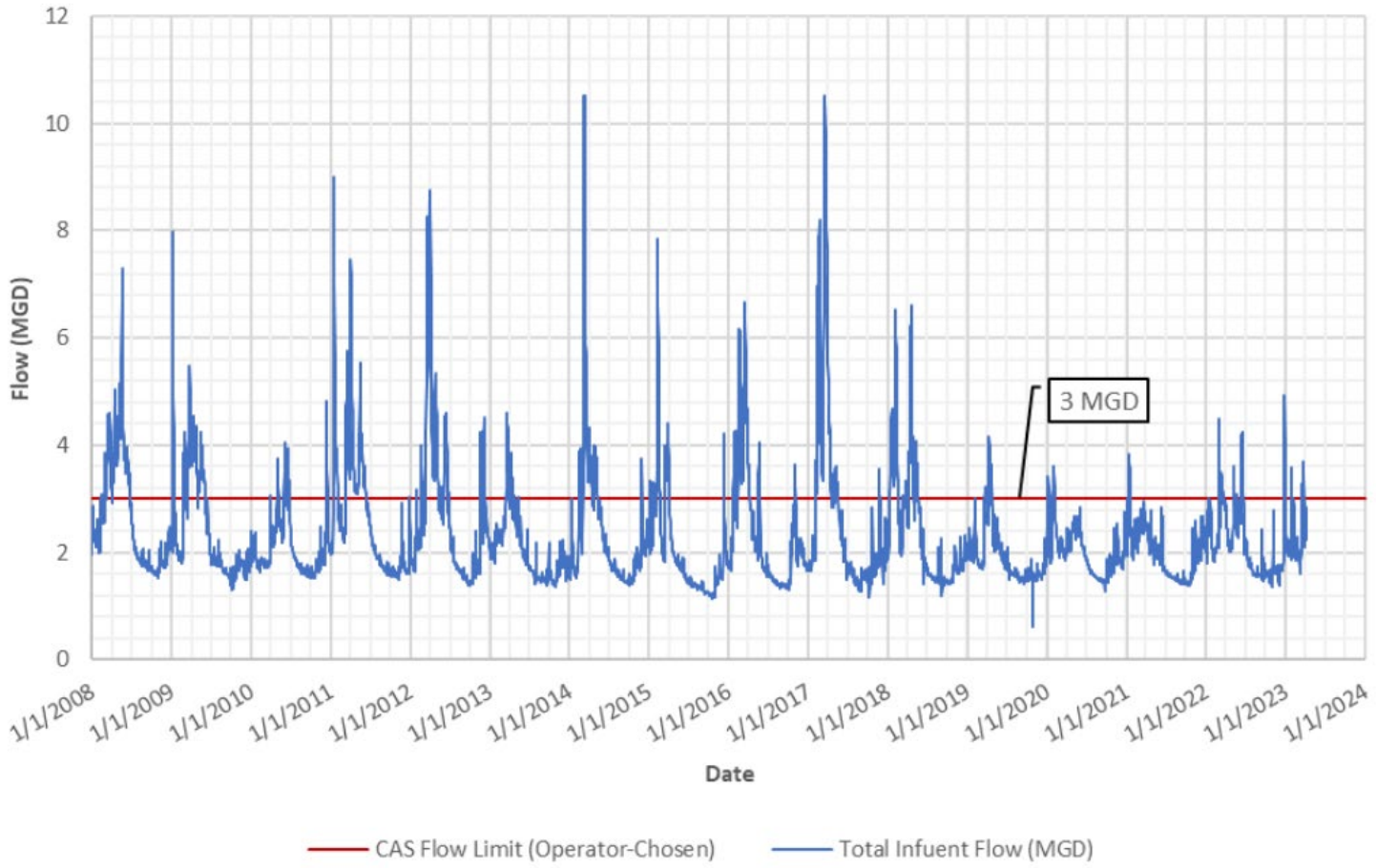


Figure 1 Influent Flow Relative to the AS Capacity

Universe of Treatment Technologies

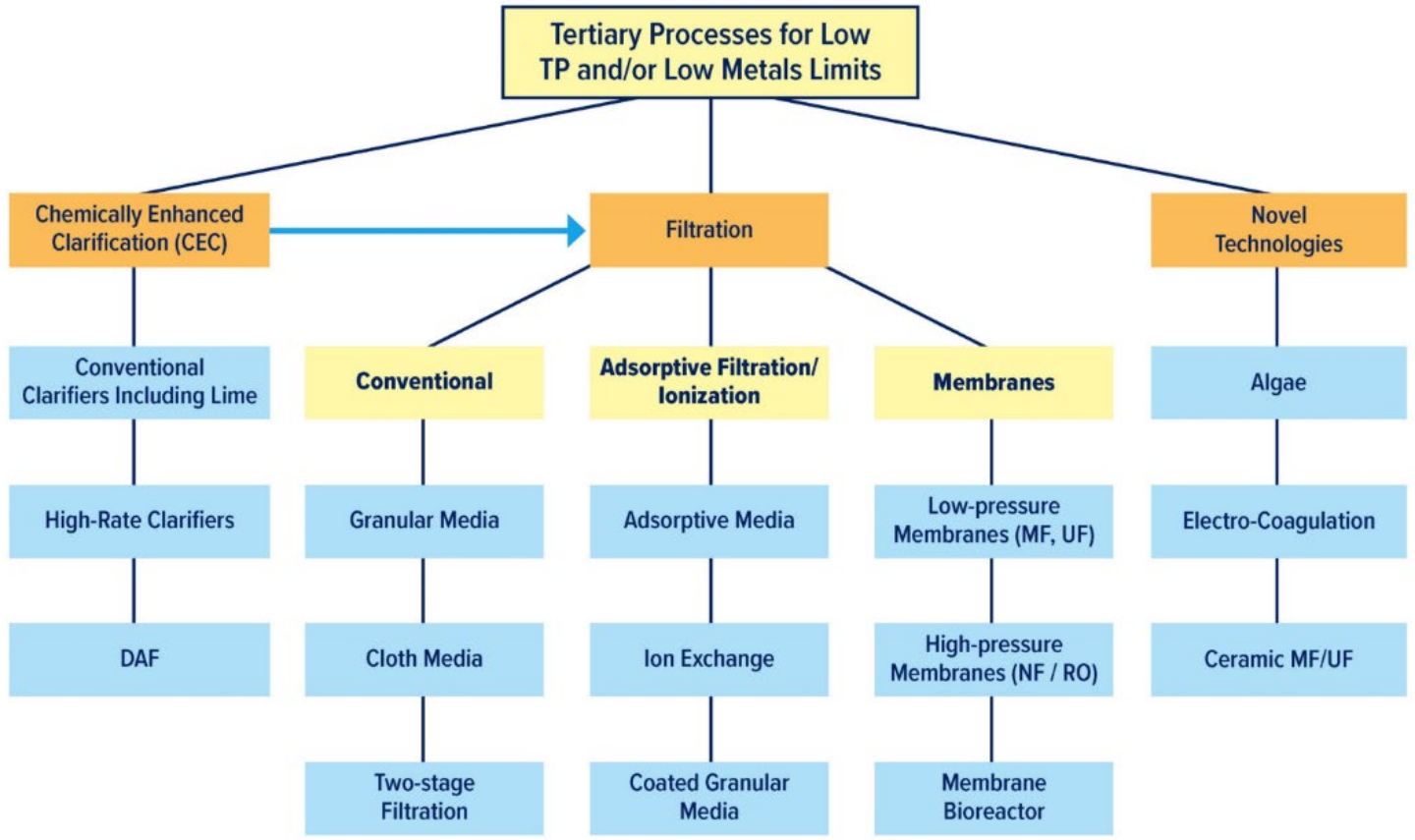
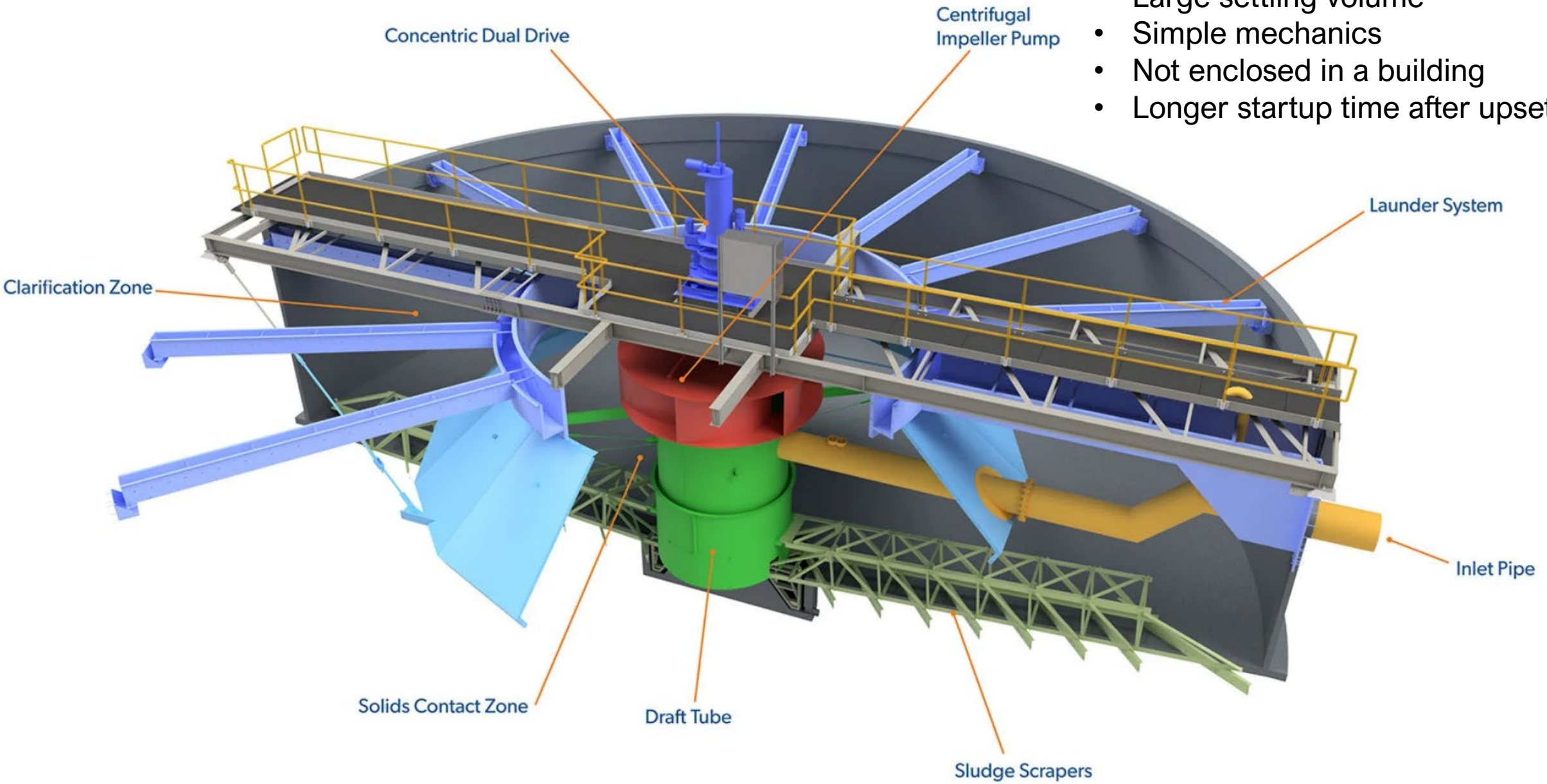


Figure 8 Tertiary Phosphorus and/or Metal Removal Processes

Solids CONTACT CLARIFIER™

- Large footprint
- Large settling volume
- Simple mechanics
- Not enclosed in a building
- Longer startup time after upset



Solids Contact Clarifier

Hayden Area Regional Sewer Board

Jar Testing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1-5ml
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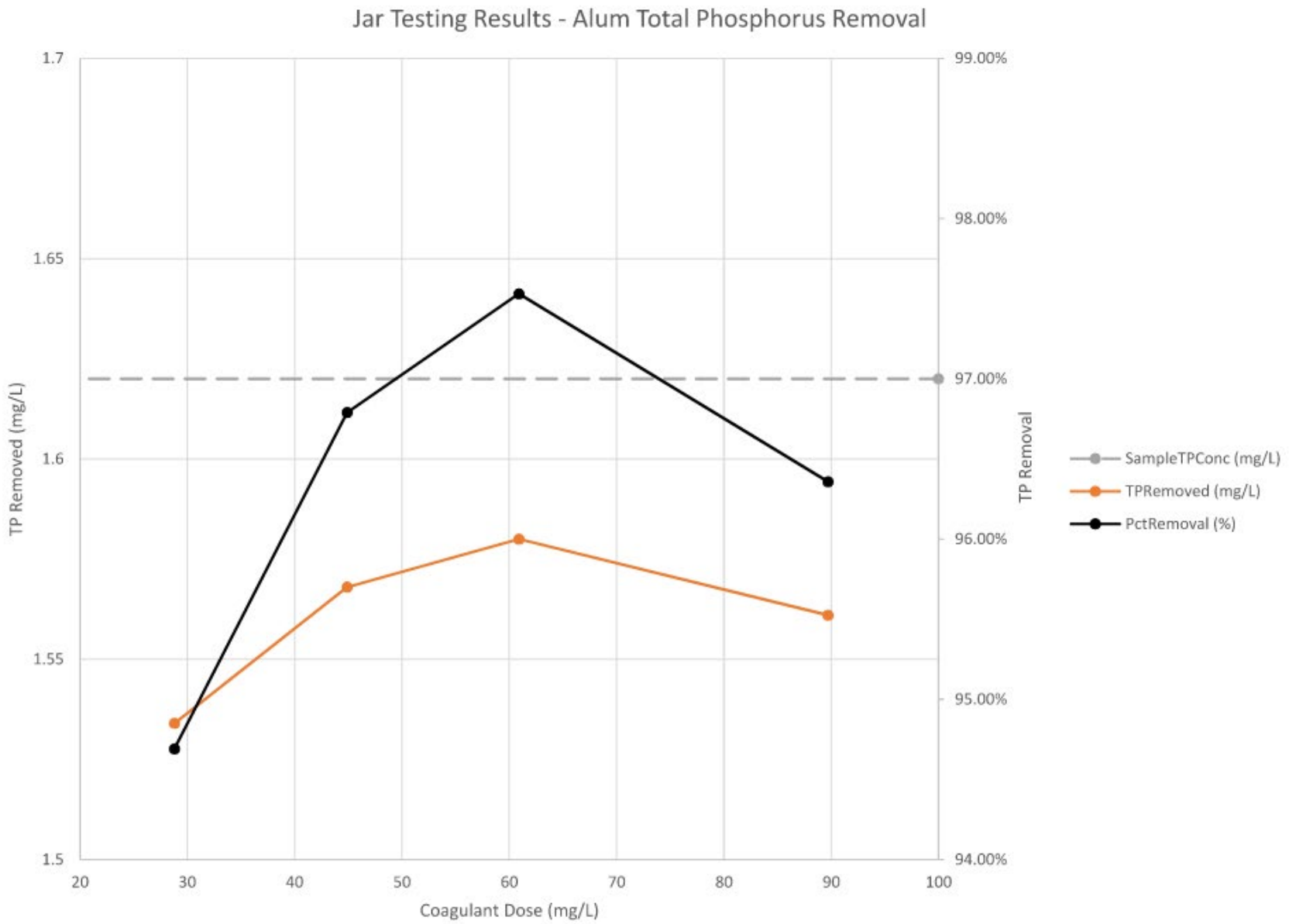
TP Removal - Alum



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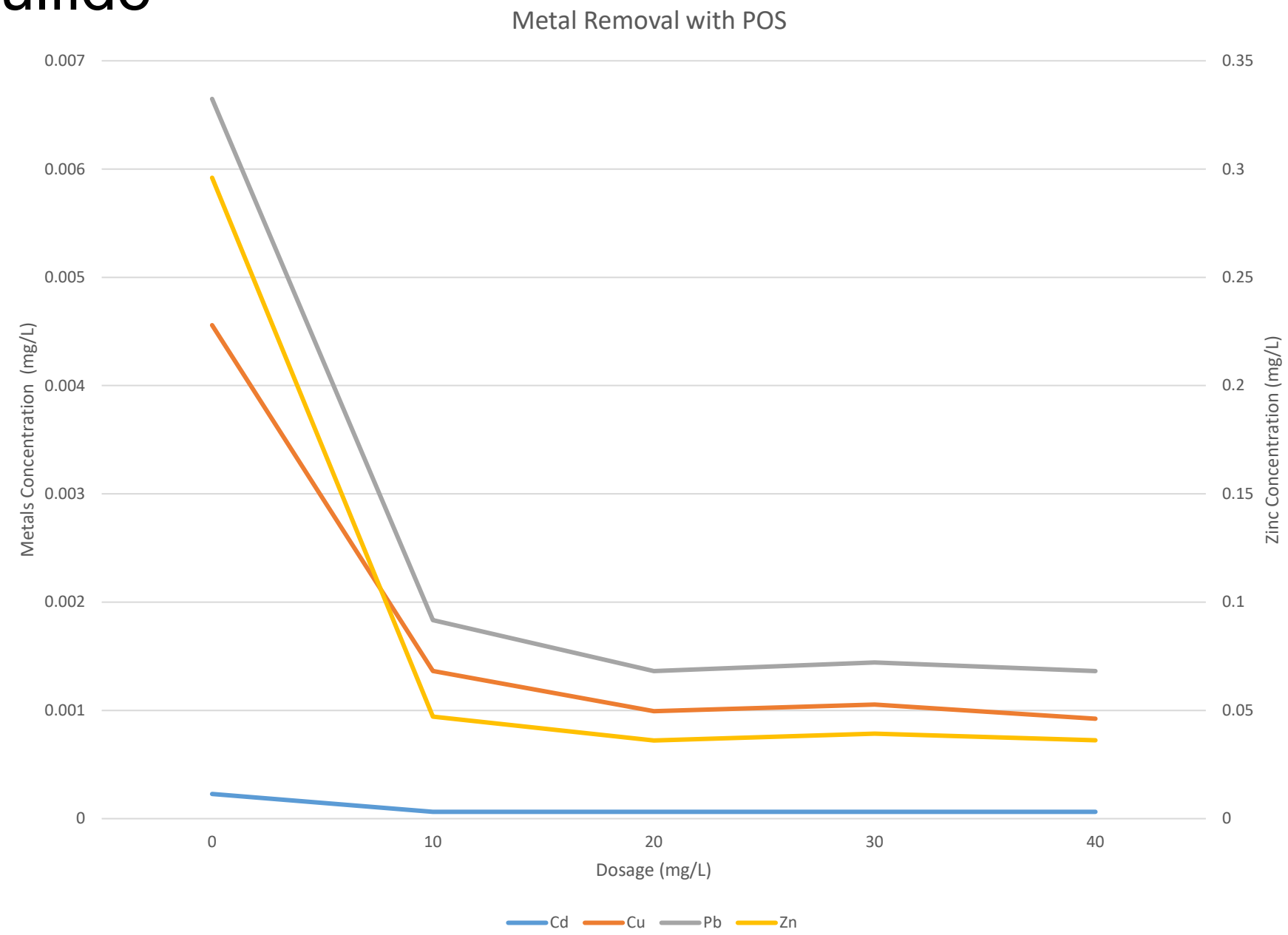

Pilot Testing

Pilot Study Objectives

- Demonstrate phosphorus removal performance of a SCC treatment and provide data to full scale SCC bidders to facilitate their provision of a performance guarantee. Target – 0.15 mg/l P
- Collect data to optimize chemical usage
- Investigate metals removal from the SCC process


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SOLIDS SAMPLING


NaOH
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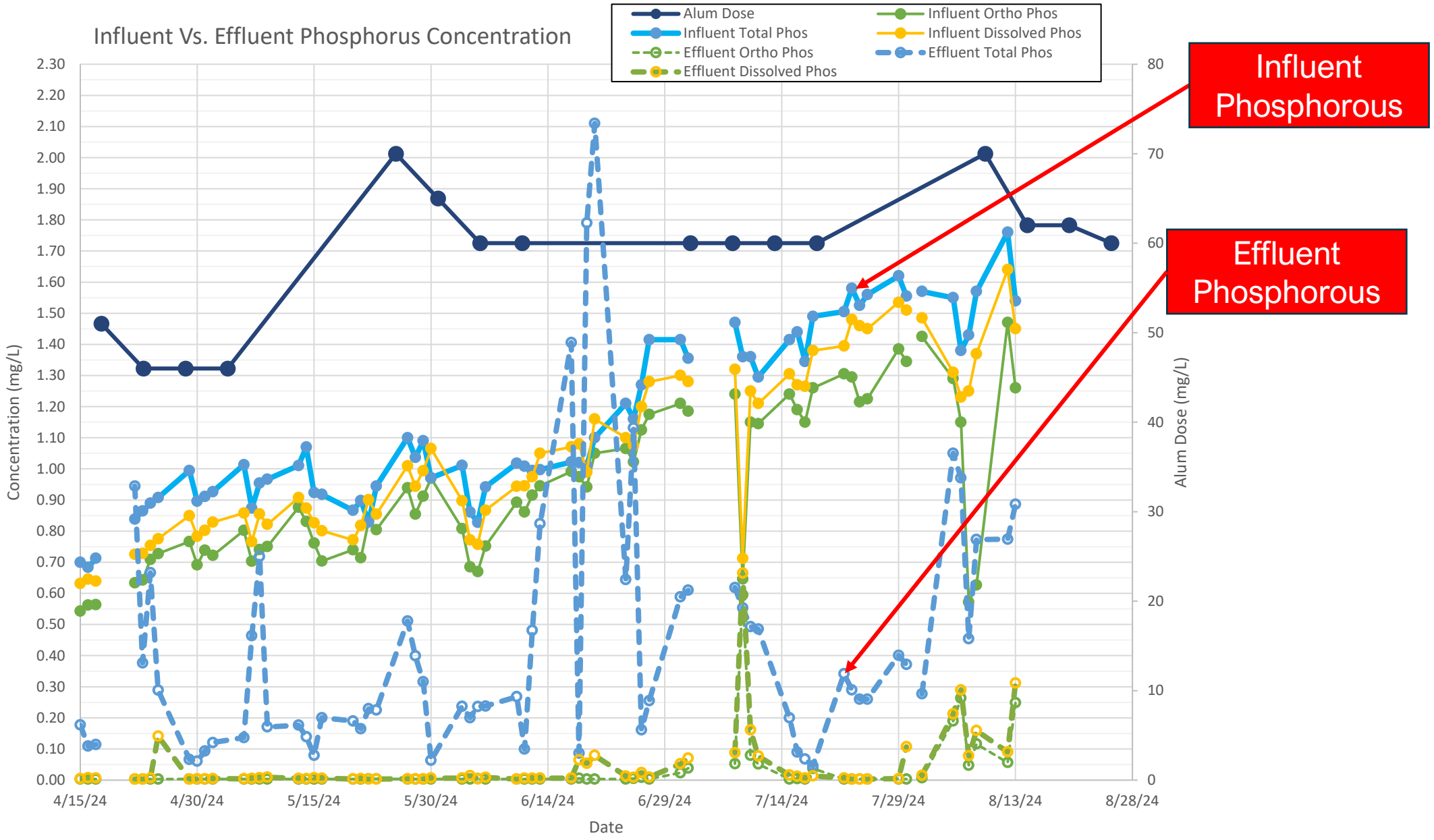
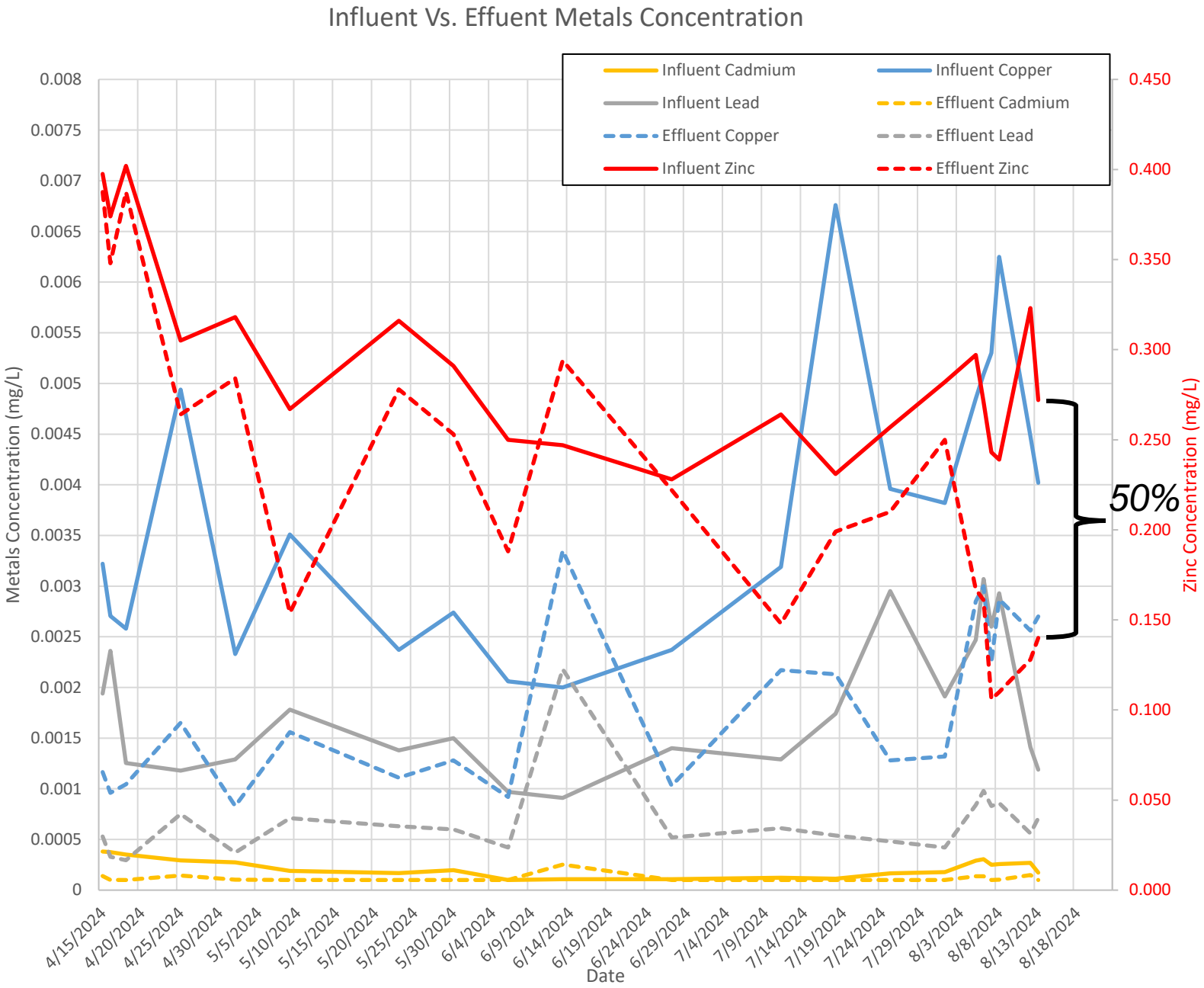
Pilot Results

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Metals Concentration (mg/L)
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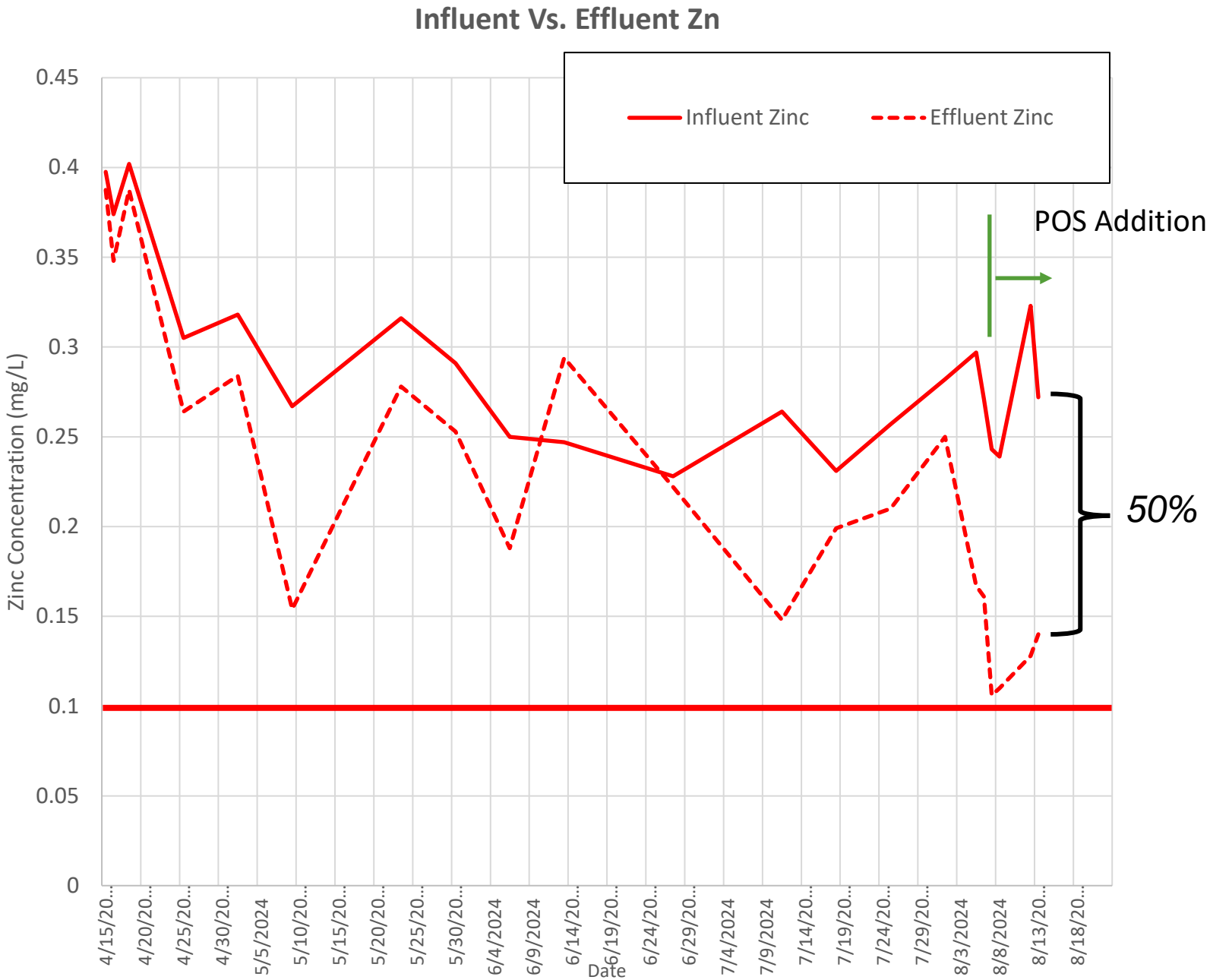
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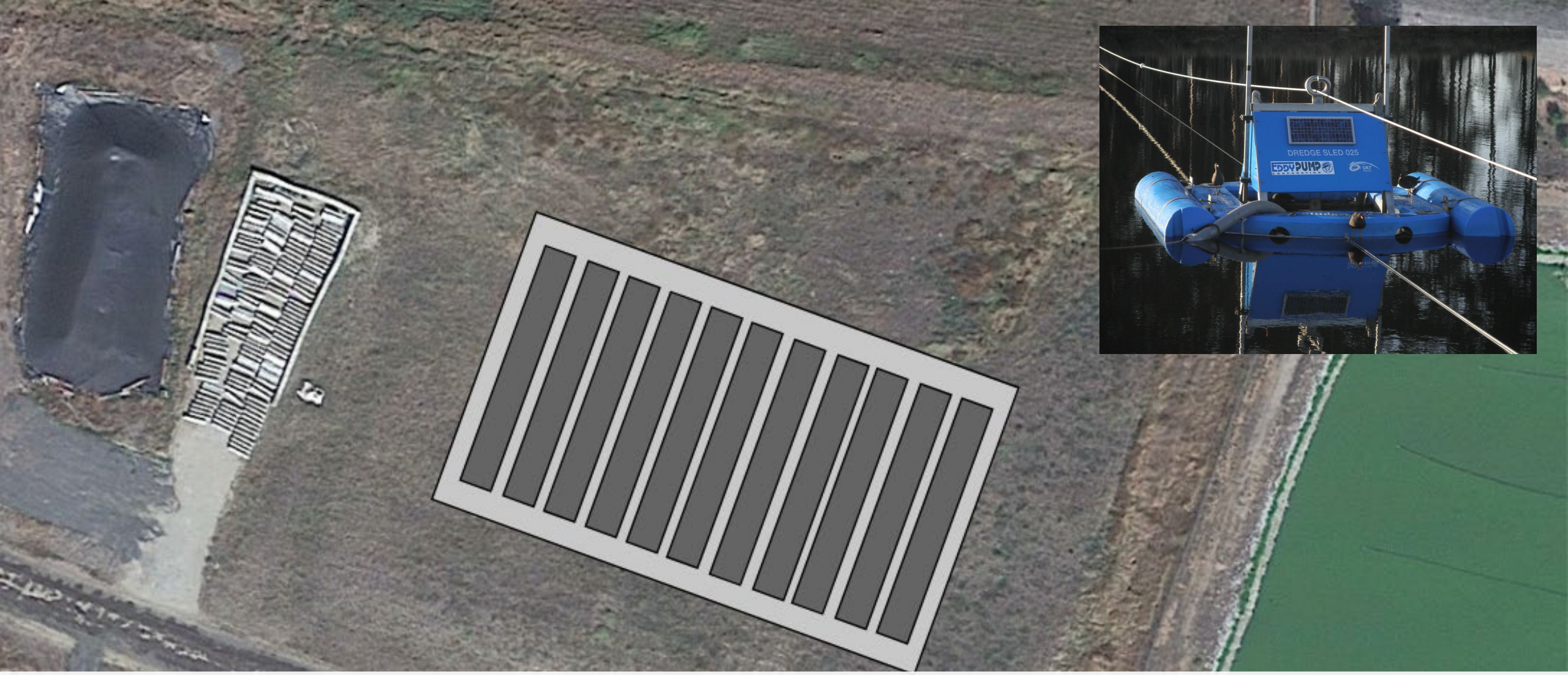
Sludge Handling

Sludge Dewatering



Sludge Dewatering

Geotube Dewaterability Testing

Implementation

Pre-Procurement

October 2024: Geotechnical Improvements (Big Sky Const.)

October 2024: Pre-engineered Metal Building (Ginno/ PBS)

December 2024: Solids Contact Clarifier (WesTech)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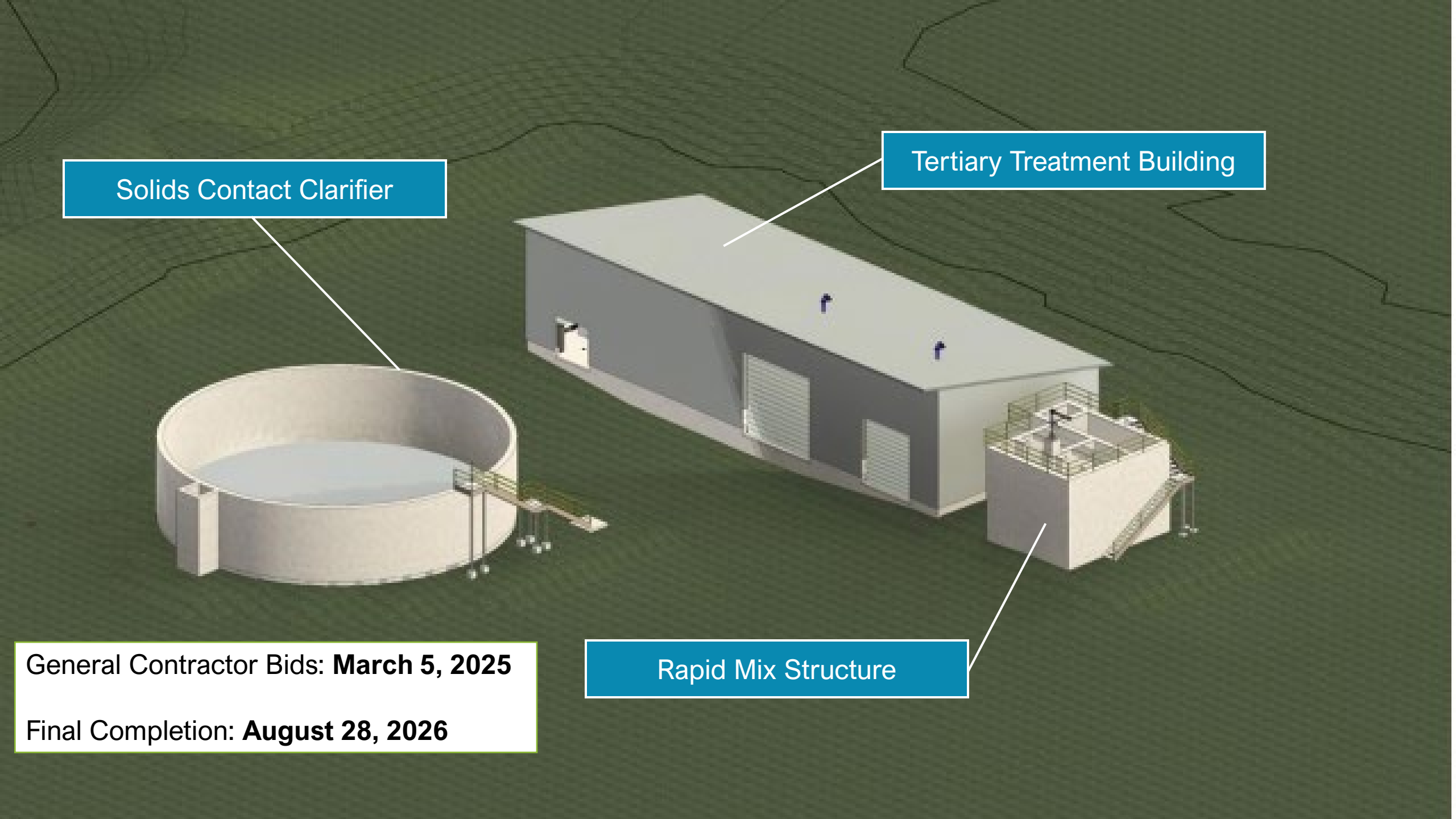


General Contractor Bids: **March 5, 2025**

Final Completion: **August 28, 2026**

Project Budget

Phosphorus Reduction Grant:
$17M

Davis-Bacon Wage Compliance:
$1.2M

Smelterville Annexation:
$3.2M

Total Project:
$21.4M

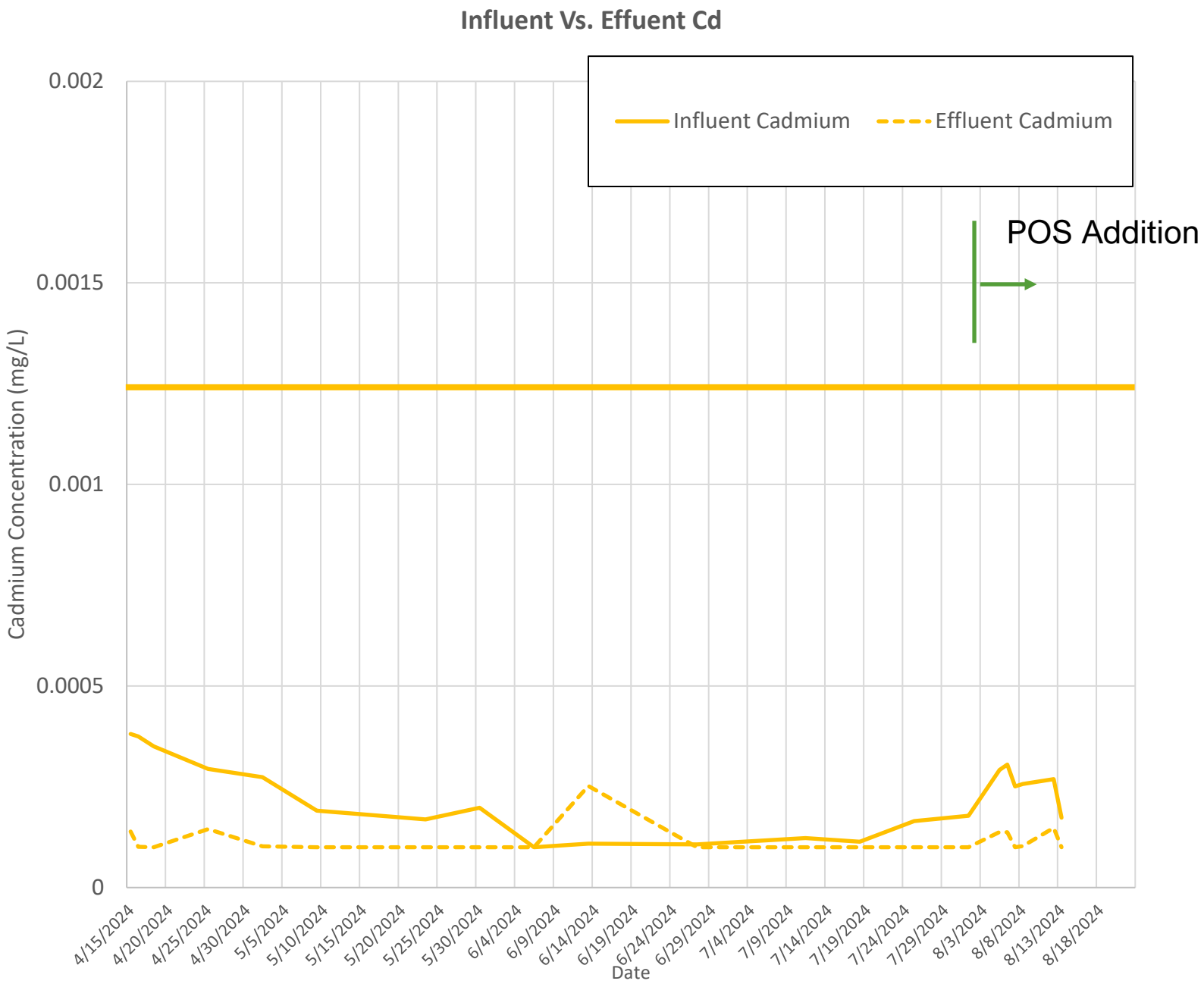

Questions

Preferred Alternatives

- **BPR Conversion** – Not practical due to retrofit challenges and need for carbon supplementation
- **Conventional Clarification**
  - Solids Contact Clarifiers
  - Lamella Plate/ Tube Settlers
- **High-Rate Clarification**
  - Dense Sludge
  - Ballasted Flocculation
- **Filtration**
  - Cloth or screen disk filters
  - Continuous backwash upflow filters

Chemical Precipitation

- Metal coagulant (aluminum or iron based) forms hydroxide sludge
- Hydroxide sludge adsorbs soluble phosphorus creating a particle that can settle or be filtered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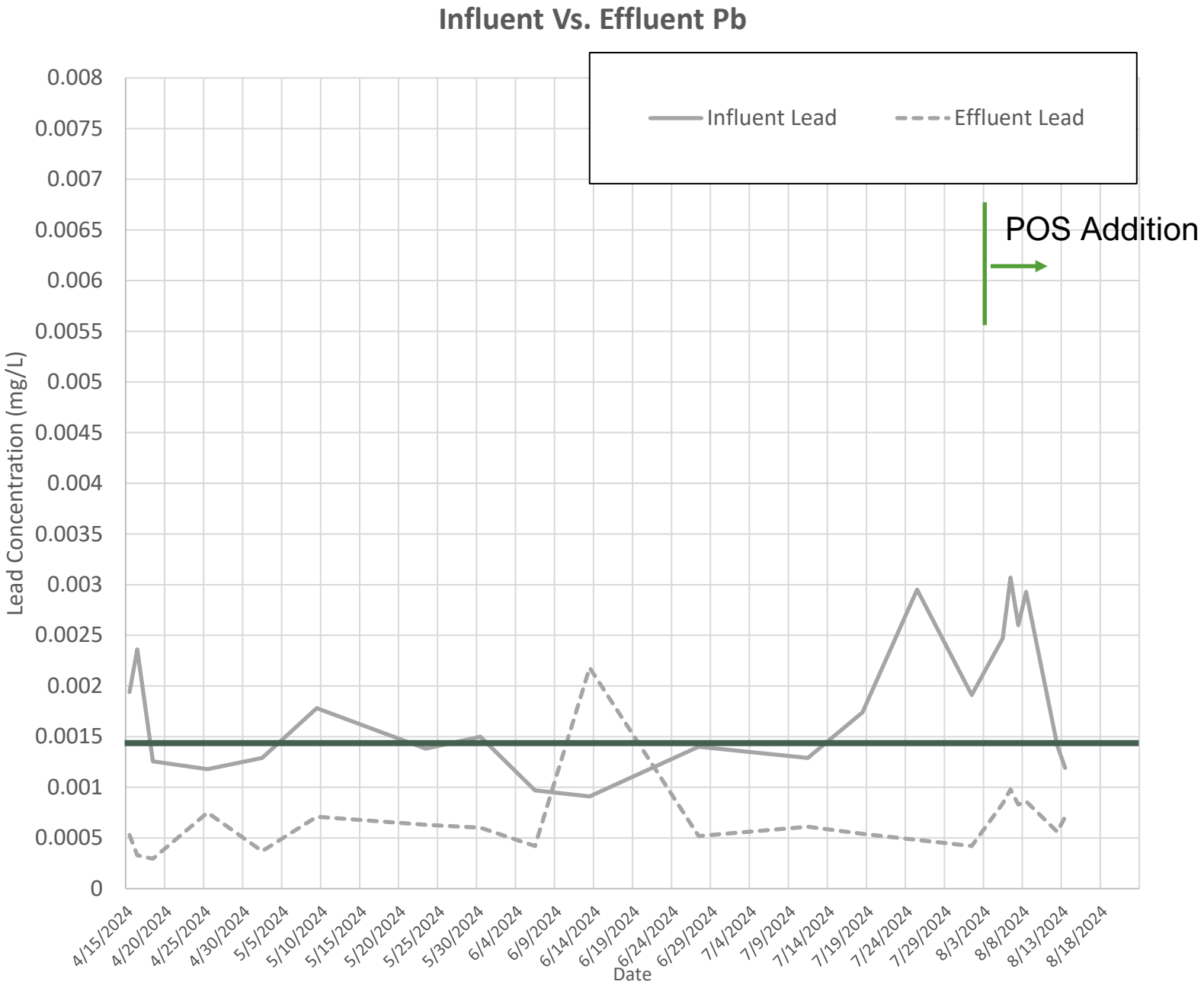
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