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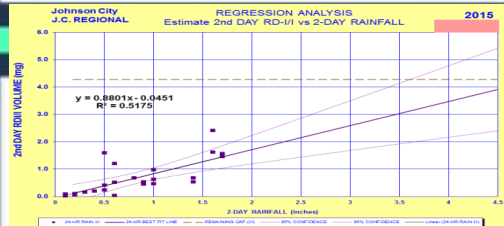
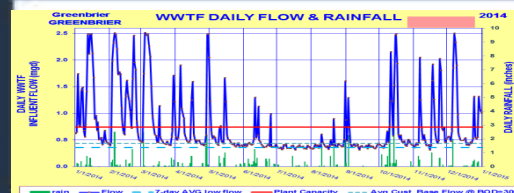
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Municipal Collection System Metrics in Tennessee



A photograph of a rectangular warning sign with a black border and orange and white diagonal stripes on its top and bottom edges. The sign is partially submerged in murky, turbulent floodwater. At the top of the sign, there is a yellow base with a circular orange reflective light. The sign's text is printed in red and black. The background shows more floodwater and a blurred fence in the distance.

**SANITARY SEWER
OVERFLOW**

AVOID PHYSICAL
CONTACT WITH AREA.

EXPOSURE TO WATER
MAY CAUSE A
HEALTH RISK.















SEWER SYSTEM OVERFLOWS (SSO'S) AND/OR RELEASES

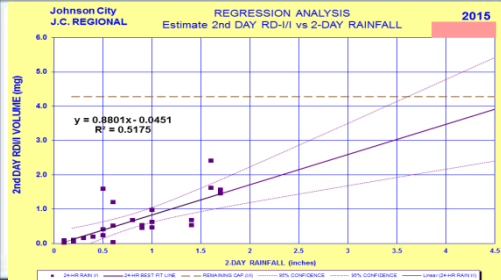
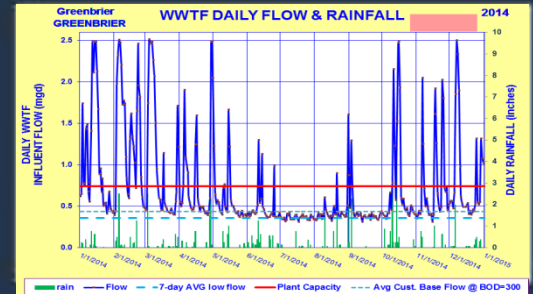


Collection Systems

Metrics



Regulators ❤️ Metrics





No. TN0021067

Authorization to discharge under the
National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES)

Issued By

STATE OF TENNESSEE
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION
DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES
William R. Snodgrass - Tennessee Tower
312 Rosa L. Parks Avenue, 11th Floor
Nashville, Tennessee 37243-1102

Under authority of the Tennessee Water Quality Control Act of 1977 (T.C.A. 69-3-101 et seq.) and the delegation of authority from the United States Environmental Protection Agency under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended by the Clean Water Act of 1977 (33 U.S.C. 1251, et seq.)

Discharger: Millington Wastewater Treatment Plant
is authorized to discharge: treated municipal wastewater from Outfall 001
from a facility located: in Millington, Shelby County, Tennessee
to receiving waters named: Big Creek at mile 6.9
in accordance with effluent limitations, monitoring requirements and other conditions set forth herein.
This permit shall become effective on: July 1, 2017
This permit shall expire on: June 30, 2022
Issuance date: July 1, 2017

for Tisha Calabrese Benton
Director

NPDES
PERMIT

Municipal NPDES Permits

OLD

1.0. EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS AND MONITORING REQUIREMENTS

1.1. NUMERIC AND NARRATIVE EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS

The City of Millington is authorized to discharge treated municipal wastewater from Outfall 001 to the Big Creek. Discharge 001 consists of municipal wastewater from a treatment facility with a design capacity of 5.8 MGD. Discharge 001 shall be limited and monitored by the permittee as specified below:

Description : External Outfall, Number : 001, Monitoring : All Weather, Season : All Year							
Code	Parameter	Qualifier	Value	Unit	Sample Type	Frequency	Statistical Base
80998	Bypass of Treatment	Report		occur/mo	Occurrences	Monthly	Monthly Total
Description : External Outfall, Number : 001, Monitoring : Dry Weather, Season : All Year							
Code	Parameter	Qualifier	Value	Unit	Sample Type	Frequency	Statistical Base
74062-U	Overflow use, occurrences	Report		occur/mo	Occurrences	Monthly	Monthly Total

Monitoring : All Weather							
Code	Parameter	Qualifier	Value	Unit	Sample Type	Monitoring Frequency	Statistical Base
51929	Bypass of Treatment Facility	Report		occur/mo	Occurrences	Continuous	Monthly Total
51929	Bypass of Treatment Facility	Report		gal/mo	Estimate	Continuous	Monthly Total

Monitoring : Dry Weather

Code	Parameter	Qualifier	Value	Unit	Sample Type	Monitoring Frequency	Statistical Base
51925	SSO, Dry Weather	Report		gal/mo	Estimate	Continuous	Monthly Total
51925	SSO, Dry Weather	Report		occur/12 Mo Cumulative Total	Calculated	Continuous	Total
51925	SSO, Dry Weather	<=	0	occur/mo	Occurrences	Continuous	Monthly Total
51927	Release [Sewer], Dry Weather	Report		occur/mo	Occurrences	Continuous	Monthly Total
51927	Release [Sewer], Dry Weather	Report		gal/mo	Estimate	Continuous	Monthly Total

Monitoring : Wet Weather

Code	Parameter	Qualifier	Value	Unit	Sample Type	Monitoring Frequency	Statistical Base
51926	SSO, Wet Weather	Report		gal/mo	Estimate	Continuous	Monthly Total
51926	SSO, Wet Weather	Report		occur/12 Mo Cumulative Total	Calculated	Continuous	Total
51926	SSO, Wet Weather	<=	0	occur/mo	Occurrences	Continuous	Monthly Total
51928	Release [Sewer], Wet Weather	Report		gal/mo	Estimate	Continuous	Monthly Total
51928	Release [Sewer], Wet Weather	Report		occur/mo	Occurrences	Continuous	Monthly Total

Municipal NPDES Permits

NEW



DEFINITIONS

“Discharge” or “Discharge of a Pollutant”

**The addition of pollutants
to waters from a source.**

“Sanitary Sewer Overflow (SSO)”

**An unpermitted discharge of pollutants
from the collection or transmission
system owned or operated by the
permittee other than through a
permitted outfall.**



DEFINITIONS

“Release”

The flow of sewage from any portion of the collection or transmission system owned or operated by the permittee other than through permitted outfalls that does not add pollutants to waters.

Moratorium



HOW TO GET ON A MORATORIUM



*Chronic (>5)
SSO's + Releases
at any location.*



*Effluent
Violations*

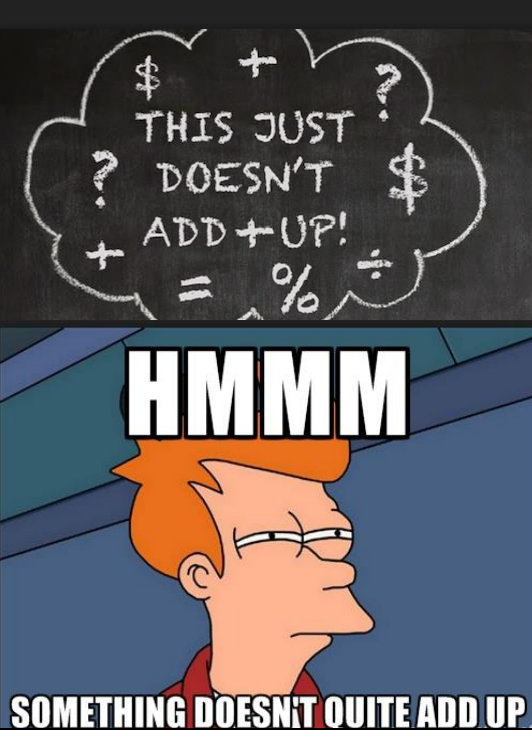


HOW TO GET OFF A MORATORIUM



Reduce or Eliminate
“Reported” SSO’s + Releases

Requirement	Penalty	Amt Due	Due Date
Submit CAP/ER	Contingent	\$20,000.00	20-MAY-11
Initiate CAP/ER within 45d of approval	Contingent	\$10,000.00	15-MAR-11
Complete CAP/ER	Contingent	\$20,000.00	31-DEC-16
Implement SORP within 90 days of written approval	Contingent	\$20,000.00	10-MAY-11
Submit CMOM Program	Contingent	\$20,000.00	12-AUG-11
Submit 1st Annual CMOMs Report	Contingent	\$5,000.00	01-AUG-12
Submit 2nd Annual CMOMs Report	Contingent	\$5,000.00	01-AUG-13
Maintain capacity, collection, and treatment protocols	Contingent	\$20,000.00	14-FEB-12
Complete all requirements of the Order	Contingent	\$20,000.00	31-JUL-17
Submit List of Legally Obligated Sewer Taps	Contingent	\$20,000.00	15-MAR-11
Submit Current List of Legally Obligated Sewer Taps	Contingent	\$20,000.00	15-MAR-11
Moratorium on new connections	Contingent	\$20,000.00	31-JUL-17
Upfront Civil Penalty	Upfront	\$0.00	15-MAR-11
		\$200,000.00	



IF THE
WORDS DON'T
ADD UP,
ITS USUALLY
BECAUSE THE
TRUTH WASN'T
INCLUDED IN
THE EQUATION.

%I/I

VS.

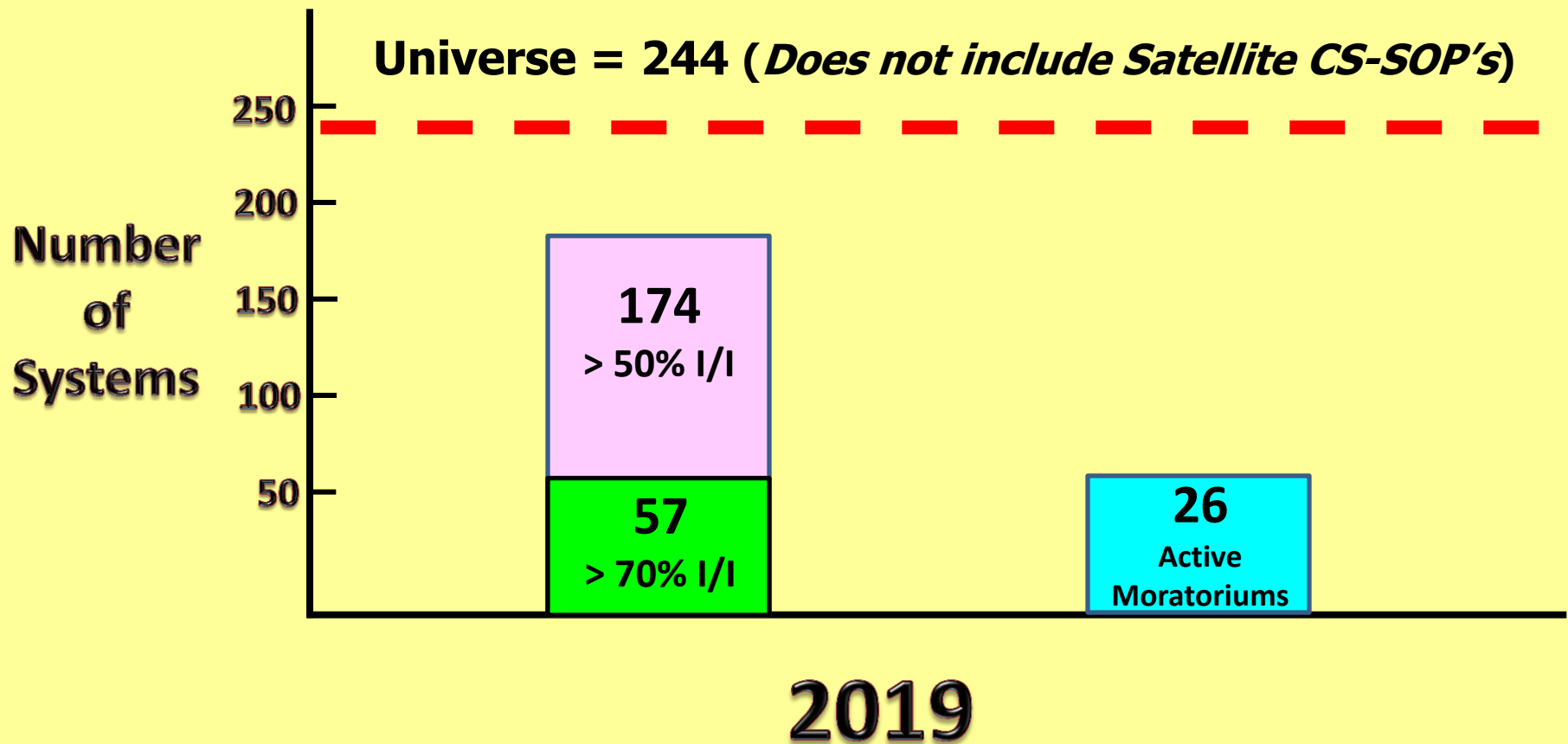
Moratoriums

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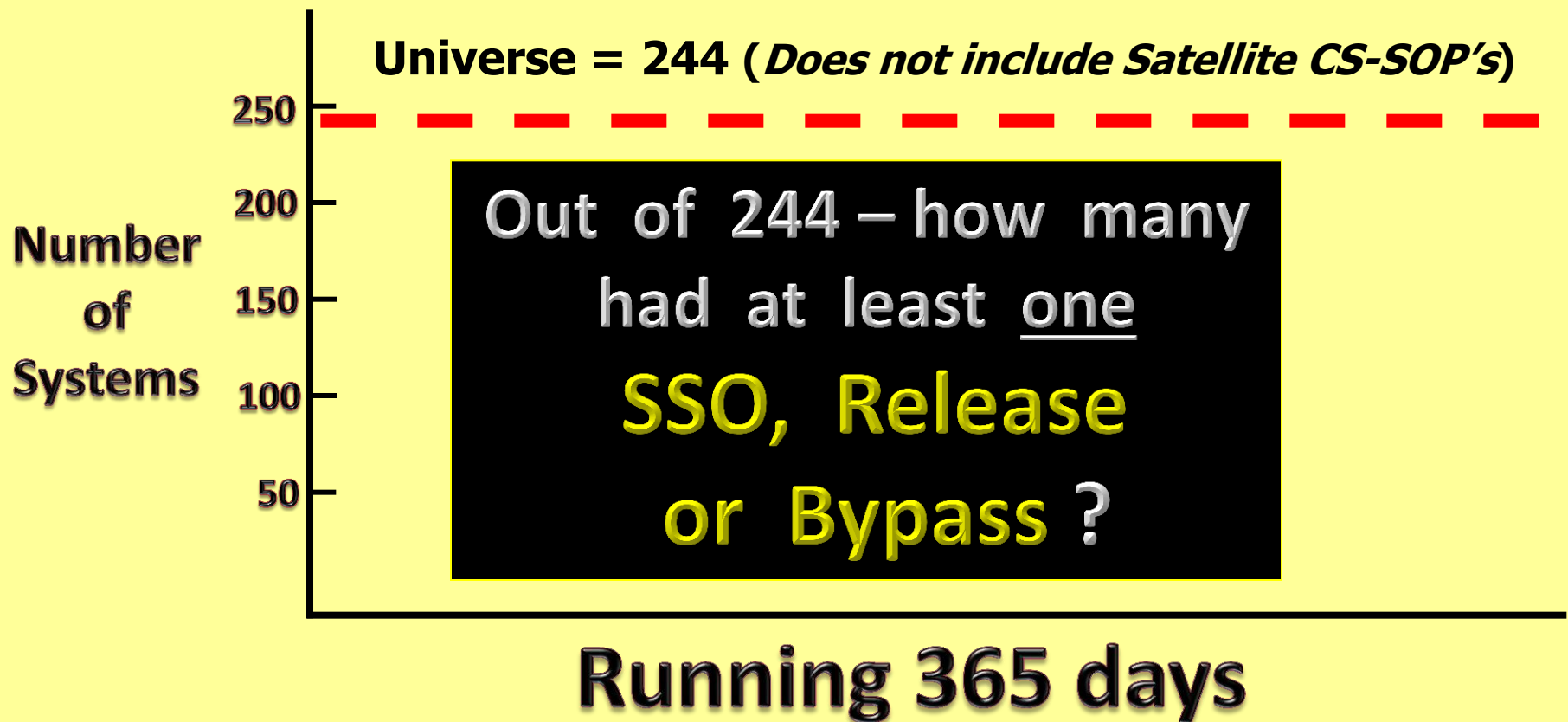
SSO's + Releases

Collection Systems Status

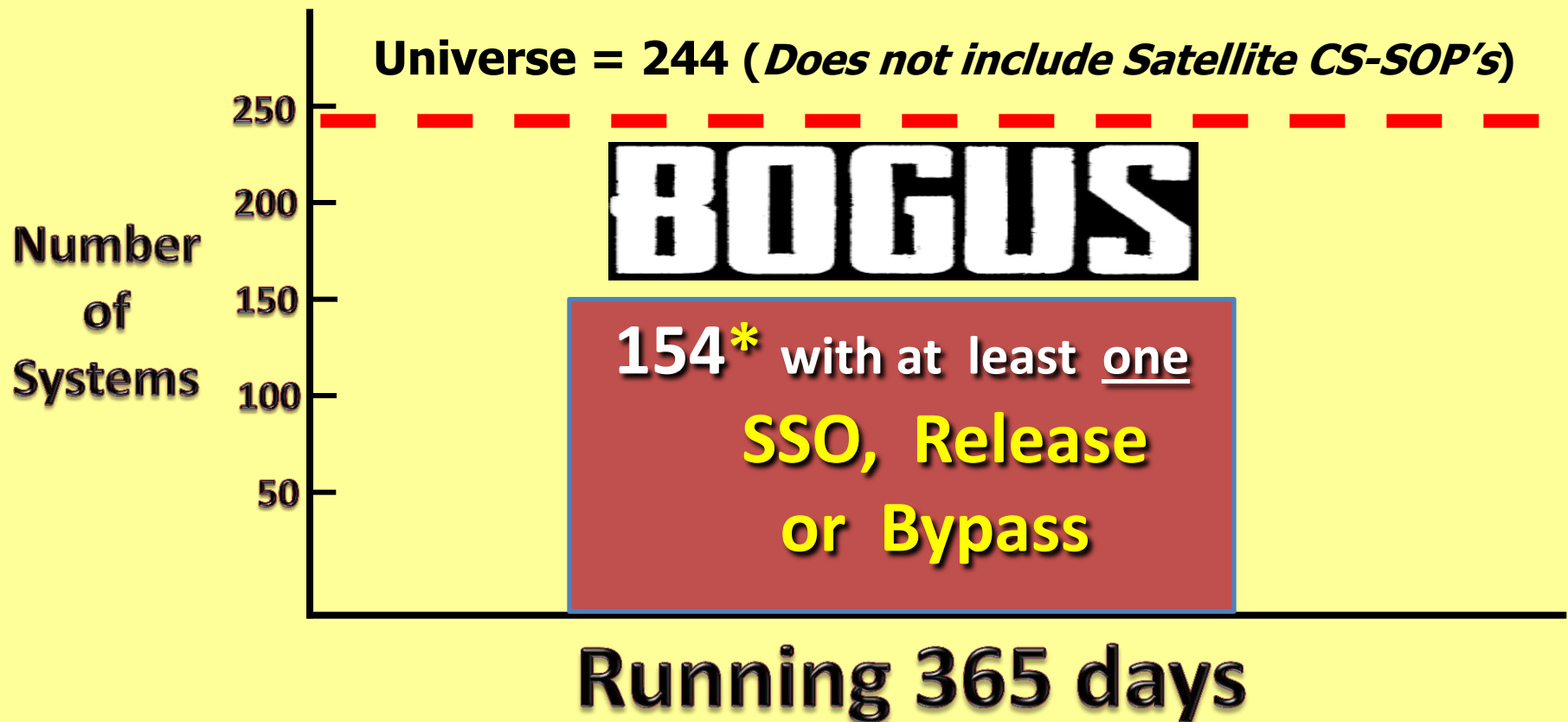
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Collection Systems Status Tennessee



Collection Systems Status Tennessee



* Total = 3,124; **AVG = 23**; Median = 5

If a tree falls in
the woods and
no one is there
to **tweet**
about it, did it
really happen?



Collection Systems Status

Tennessee

Permit No	Permittee Name	Parameter	Condition	Season	Sum Total
		Bypass	Wet Weather	All Year	331
		Overflow	Wet Weather	All Year	225
		Overflow	Dry Weather	All Year	139
		Overflow	Dry Weather	All Year	132
		Overflow	Dry Weather	All Year	121
		Overflow	Wet Weather	All Year	112
		Overflow	Wet Weather	All Year	74
		Overflow	Dry Weather	All Year	58
		Overflow	Wet Weather	All Year	56

Should we cancel our trip to China now that the state has placed us on a total sewer moratorium ?



Sometimes people demand Moratorium Relief



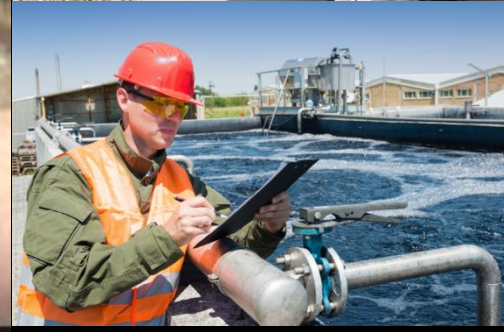
*“It is a capital mistake to theorize before one has **data**. Insensibly one begins to twist facts to suit theories, instead of theories to suit **facts**...”*



Sherlock Holmes

“A Scandal in Bohemia”

DMR'S AND MOR'S DATA WWTP OPERATORS COLLECT ON A DAILY BASIS



Monthly Operation Reports (MORs)

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HYDROGRAPH / HYETOGRAPH

WWTP Daily Flow and Rainfall



DATA REQUIRED FOR HYDROGRAPH & HYETOGRAPH

ELEMENT	DEFINITION	SOURCE
Daily WWTP Influent Flow	Daily Average Flow	MOR's
Daily Rainfall	Daily Recorded Rainfall in closest proximity to sewershed.	MOR's
7-Day AVG Low Flow (7 to 14 Days)	Wastewater flow data at the WWTP during a dry weather period of 7 to 14 days.	MOR's
Base Flow	The portion of wastewater which includes domestic, commercial, institutional, and industrial sewage and specifically excludes infiltration and inflow.	MOR's & PT
Permitted WWTP Capacity	WWTP flow via the NPDES Permit	NPDES Permit
Hydraulic WWTP Capacity	Maximum flow WWTP capable of handling without a ByPass	Permittee
Time	Calendar Year, Running 365-Day, or November 1st through April 30th	MOR's

WWTP Daily Flow and Rainfall



365 Days →



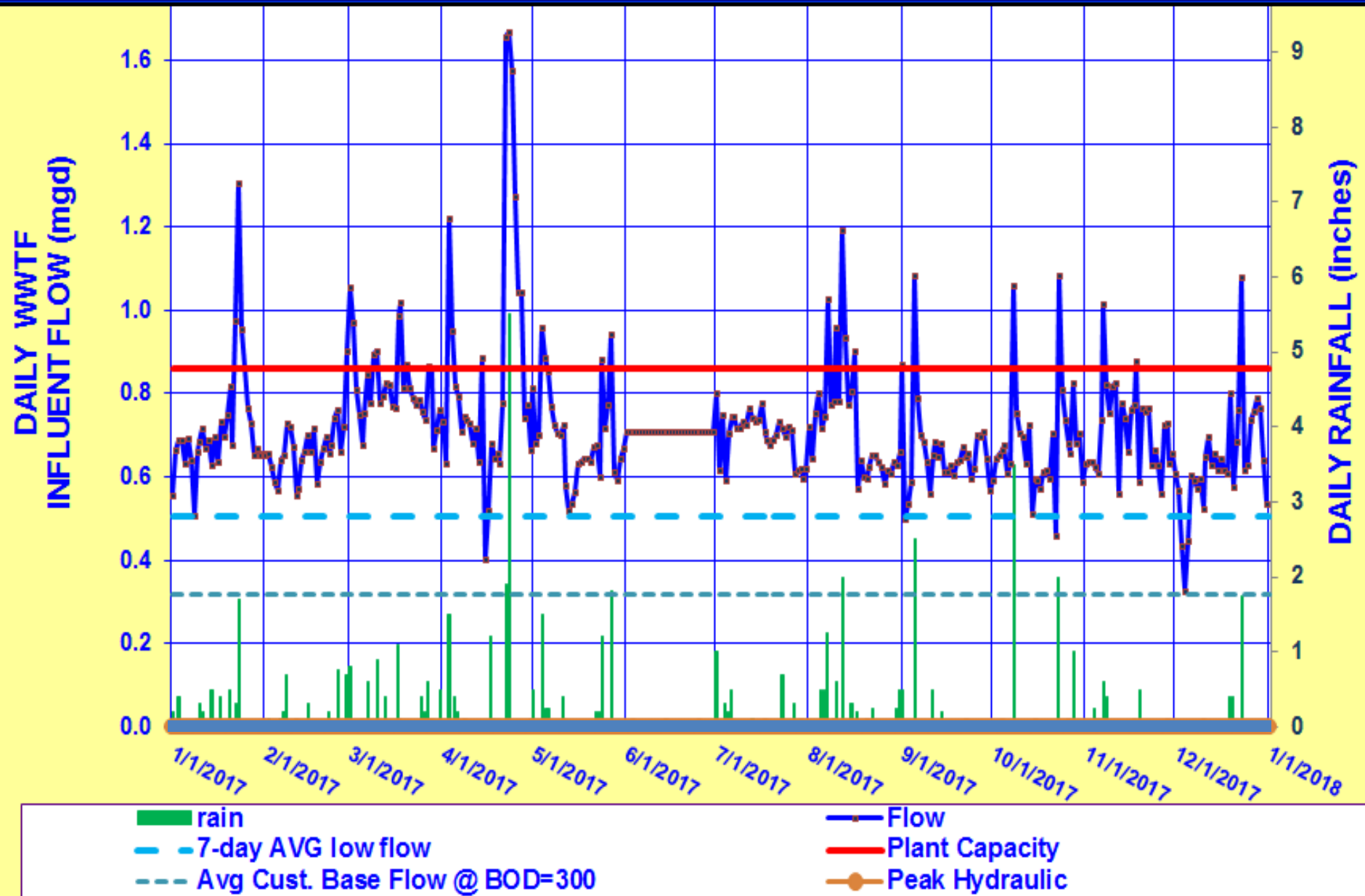


Any flow greater than
"Base Sanitary Flow"
is caused by I/I

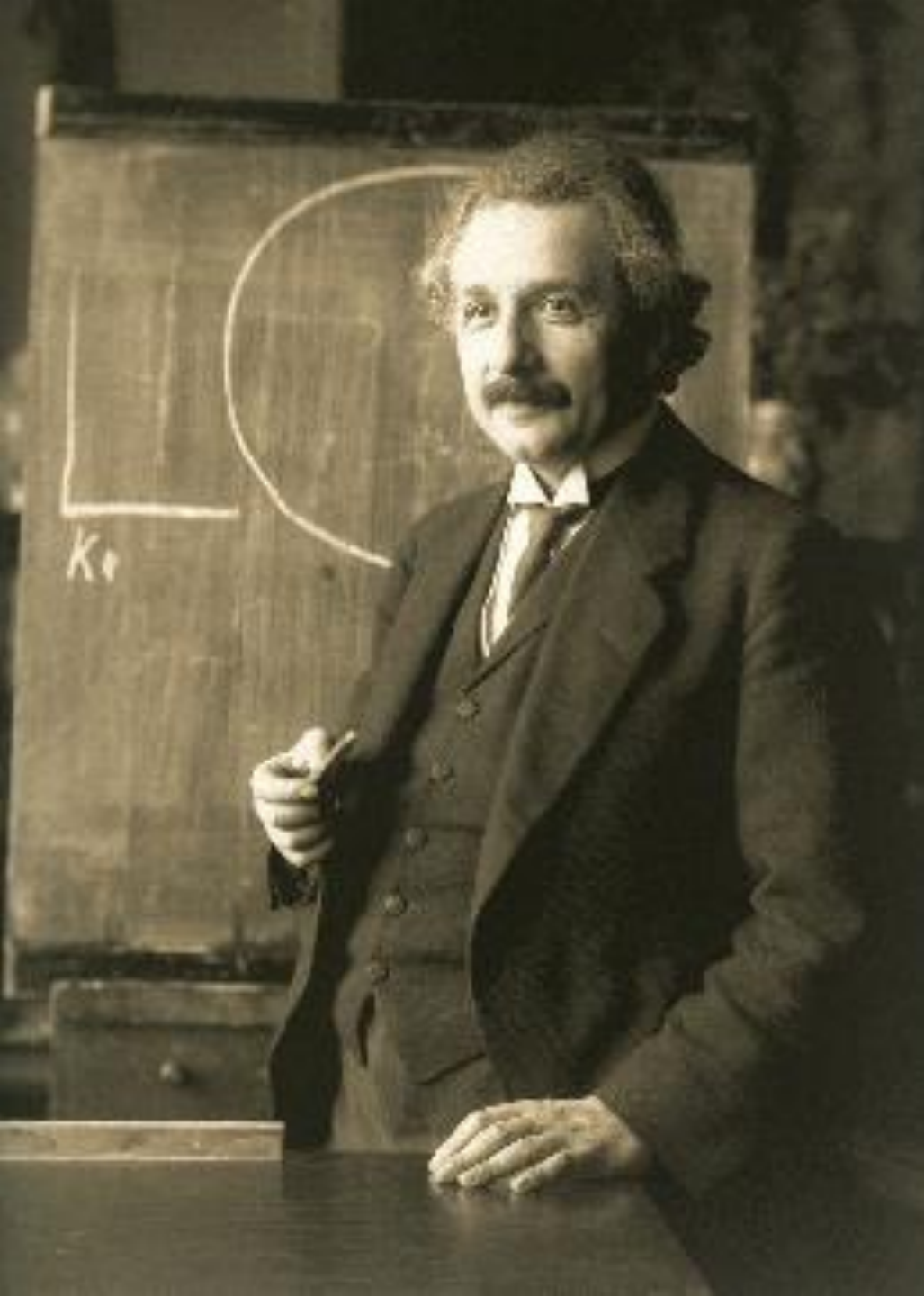
FACTORS IN INDUSTRIAL FLOWS



INDUSTRIAL FLOW IMPACTS



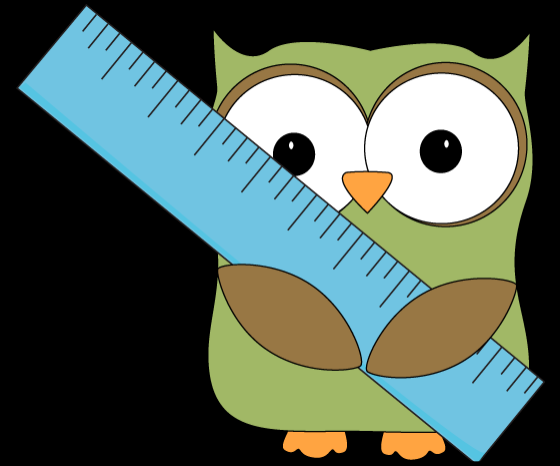
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*All models
are wrong,
but some
are useful.*

- Albert Einstein

MORATORIUM METRICS



Kurzian Regression Model

Using
MOR
Data.



REFERENCES

Simple Method for Estimating I/I Using Treatment Plant Flow Monitoring Reports A Self Help Tool for Operators

by

George E. Kurz, P.E., DEE

Greg Ballard, P.E.

Brett Ward

Method to Verify I/I Reduction to Obtain Moratorium Relief

by

George E. Kurz, P.E., DEE

Kevin Colvett, P.E.

RD-I/I is estimated by linear regression of I/I quantity compared to rainfall depth for discrete events.

REGRESSION ANALYSIS



TDEC-DWR is using a regression analysis “Model” for analyzing the statistical relationship between the 2nd day RD-I/I and two-day rainfall event.

Reference: George E. Kurz, P.E., DEE et al

WWTF INFLUENT MONITORING DATA ANALYSES

for

TN EXAMPLE #1

ANALYSIS PERIOD

JANUARY 01, 2015, to DECEMBER 31, 2015

I/I as a Percent of Annual Flow:

34%

Calculated by BOD dilution

Estimated Annual I/I Cost: \$510,000

Years to Payback: 10.5

(After 50% Reduction)

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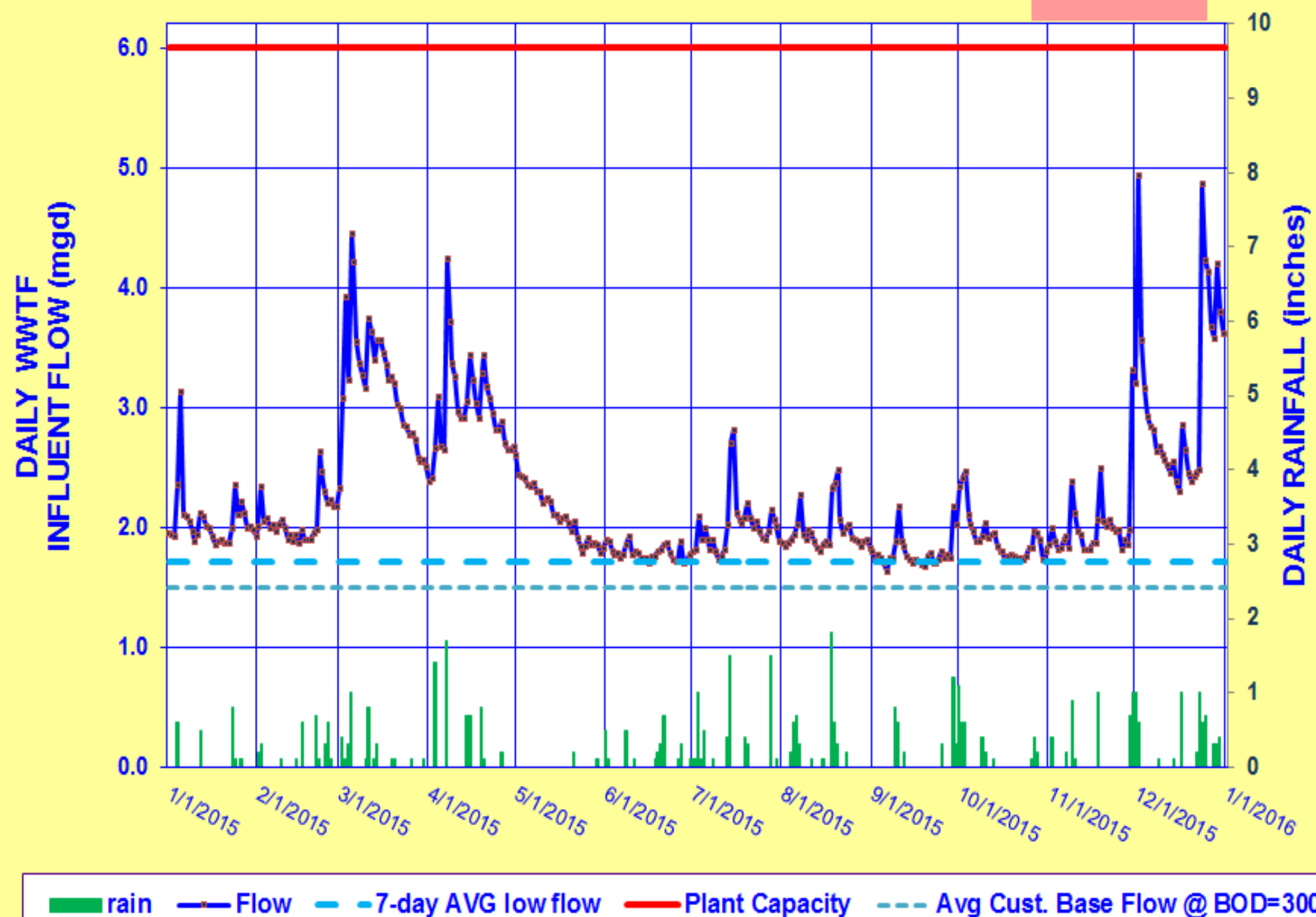
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WWTF DAILY FLOW & RAINFALL

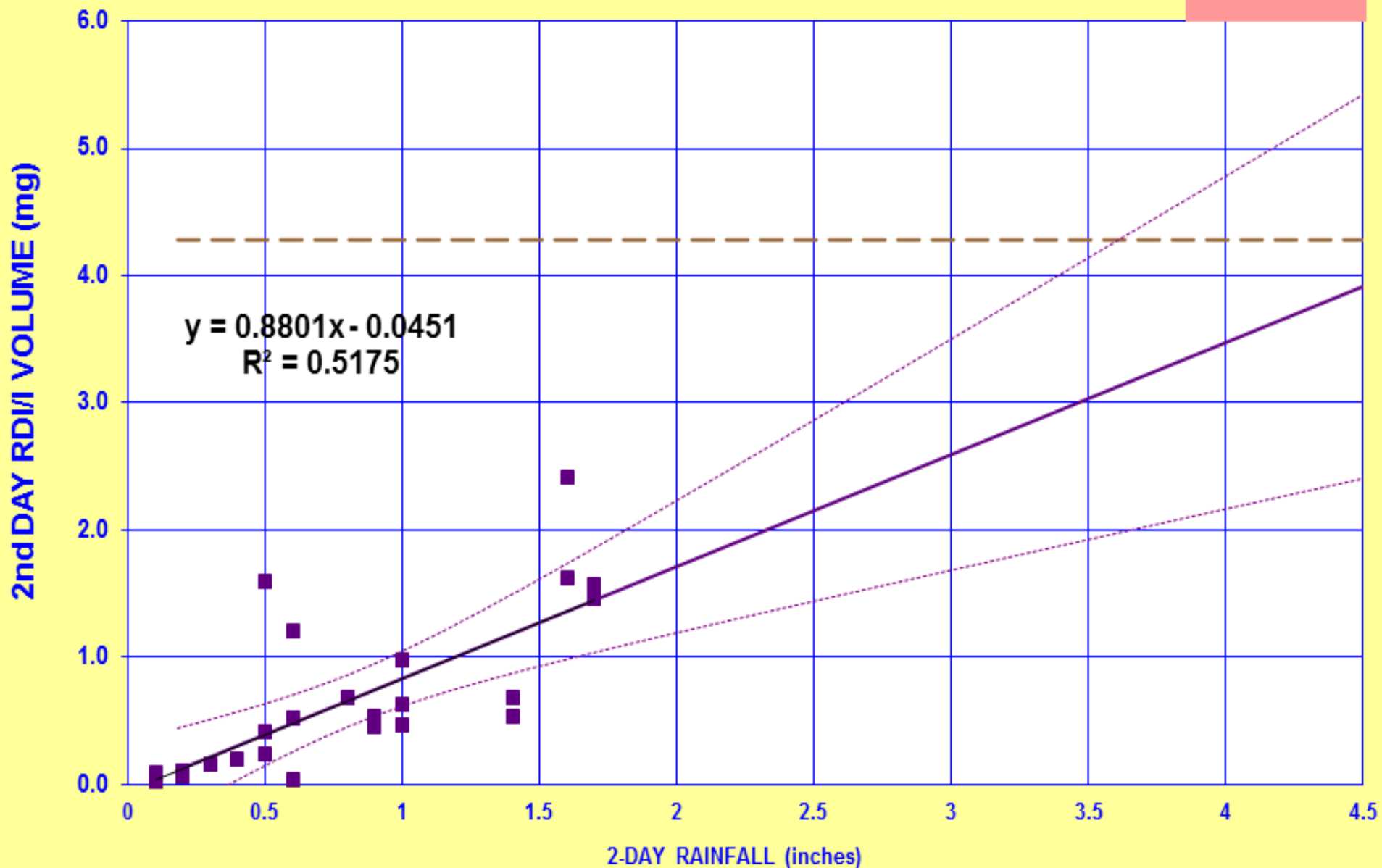
2015



TN #1

REGRESSION ANALYSIS Estimate 2nd DAY RD-I/I vs 2-DAY RAINFALL

2015



■ 24-HR RAIN I/I — 24-HR BEST FIT LINE - - - REMAINING CAP (I/I) . . . 95% CONFIDENCE . . . 95% CONFIDENCE — Linear (24-HR RAIN I/I)

WWTF INFLUENT MONITORING DATA ANALYSES

for

TN EXAMPLE #2

FLOW METER LIKELY PEGGED AT 2.5 MGD

ANALYSIS PERIOD

JANUARY 01, 2014, to DECEMBER 31, 2014

I/I as a Percent of Annual Flow:

52%

Calculated using ADDWF - 7-day low flow

Estimated Annual I/I Cost: \$260,000

**Years to Payback: 10.5
(After 50% Reduction)**

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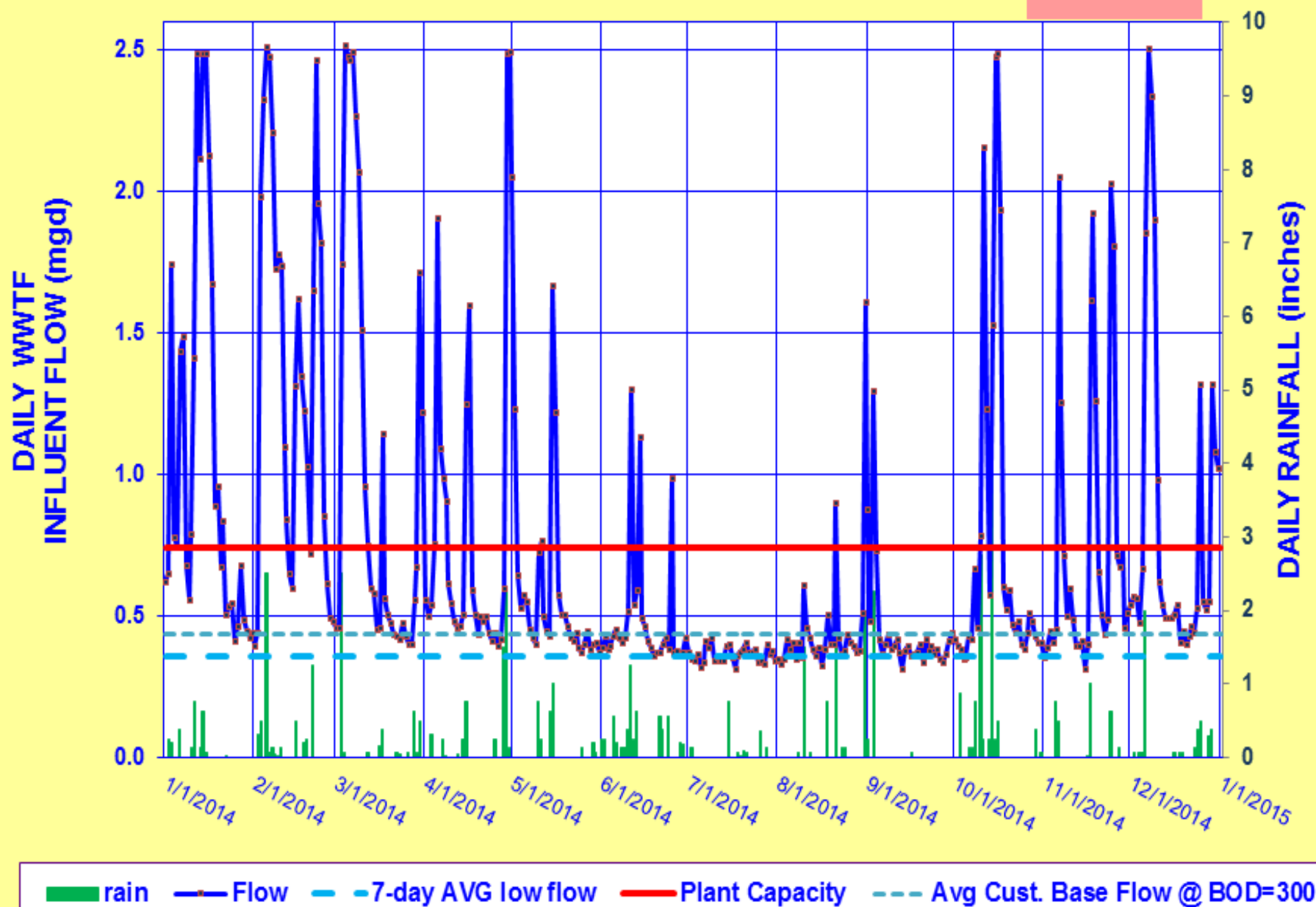
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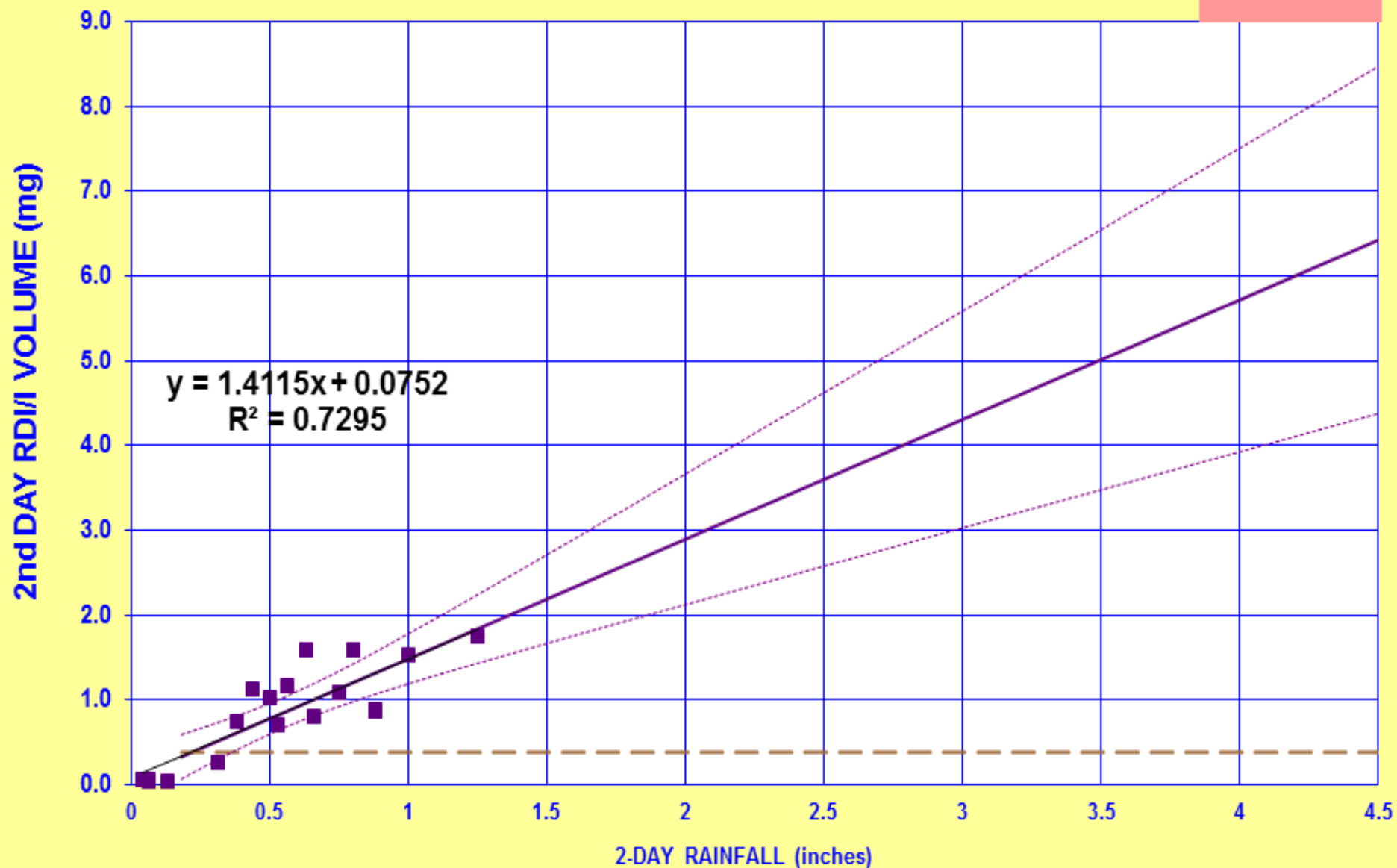
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TN #2

WWTF DAILY FLOW & RAINFALL

2014





■ 24-HR RAIN I/I — 24-HR BEST FIT LINE — REMAINING CAP. (I/I) - - - 95% CONFIDENCE - - - 95% CONFIDENCE — Linear (24-HR RAIN I/I)

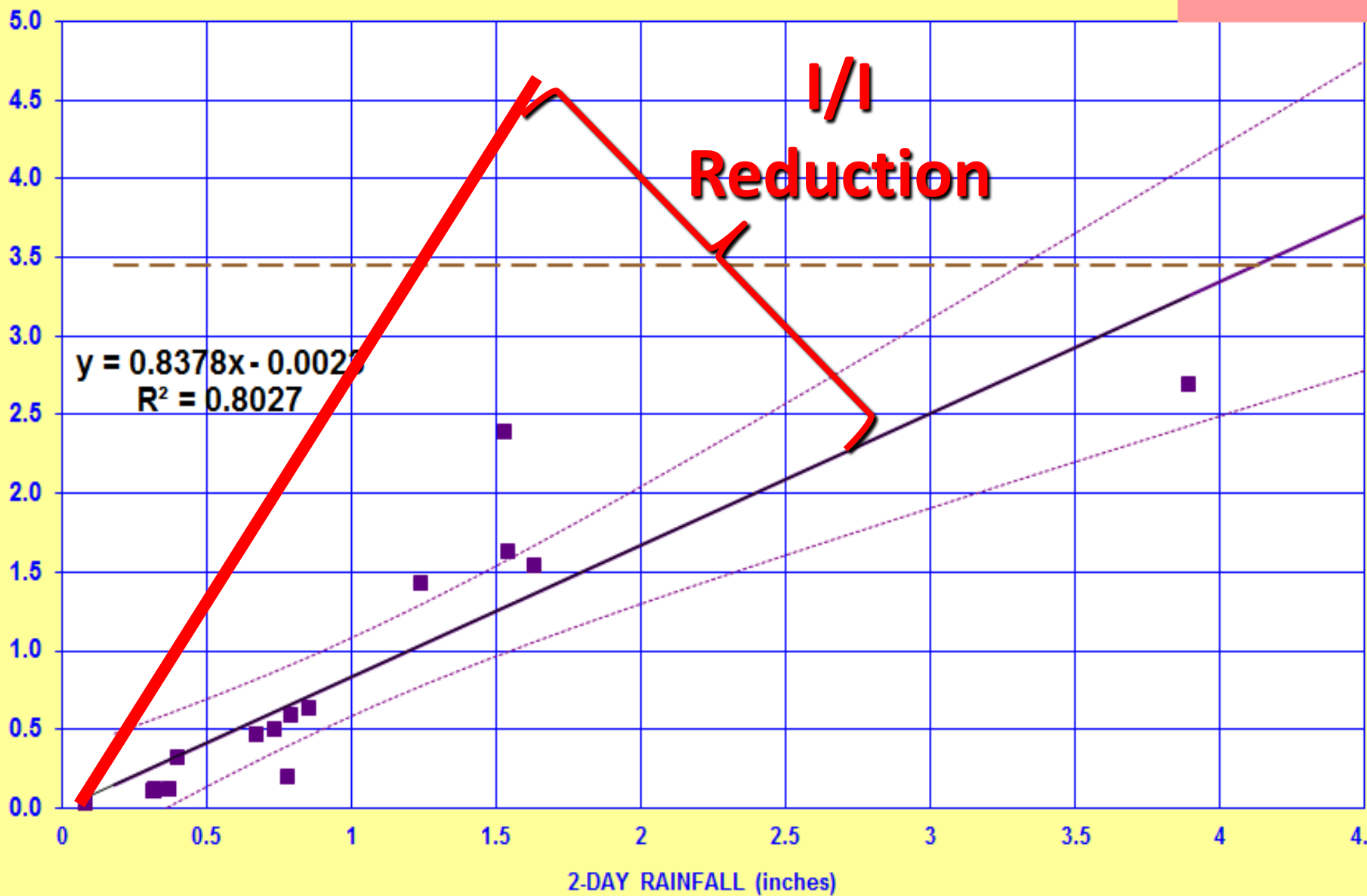
Estimate 2nd DAY RD-I/I vs 2-DAY RAINFALL

2nd DAY RD-I/I VOLUME (mg)

I/I
Reduction

$$y = 0.8378x - 0.0027$$

$$R^2 = 0.8027$$





Take
Home
Points

KEY FACTORS FOR MORATORIUM RELIEF

The capacity of the sewer system between the proposed connection and the chronic overflow/release points.

Compliance record for the WWTP – no effluent violations related to I/I.

Using the last 12 months of MOR data does the regression line model shows significant improvement.



MAKE SURE
EACH STEP
YOU TAKE
IS IN
THE
RIGHT
DIRECTION





**If you
don't
Reduce
I/I**

**A lot of Money
is going to be
flushed down
the toilet.**



INFILTRATION AND INFLOW

Tennessee

Treatment O&M Cost

@ \$1.80/1,000 gallons =
\$200,000,000/year*

*** Does not include
extra debt service and
depreciation on
capacity already
installed.**



INFILTRATION AND INFLOW

Tennessee

**When ALL costs are
considered the
Total Annual Cost
could be :**

\$1 BILLION

AFRAID OF A DOCTOR'S EXAM ?



WHAT IS THE HEALTH OF YOUR COLLECTION SYSTEM?



Thank You



The End



time for **questions**

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