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Re: Revised Bacteria TMDLs

Dear Deputy Director Wassell:

The U.S Environmental Protection Agency (the EPA) Region 6 has reviewed the revisions to the Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) transmitted on May 18, 2026. The EPA is approving the revisions to the transmitted TMDLs. The EPA also acknowledges that these TMDLs will be incorporated as updates to the water quality management plan. The TMDLs are listed below:

- Pathogen TMDLs for Planning Segments 4G Reaches
- Pathogen TMDLs For Selected Reaches in Planning Segment 4E

If you would like to further discuss the EPA's action on these TMDL revisions, please contact Elijah Klopp, of my staff, at (214) 665-7149 or via email at klopp.elijah@epa.gov. We appreciate DEQ's efforts to revise these TMDLs, and we look forward to continued collaboration.

Sincerely,

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ADDENDUM

March 30, 2025 Addendum to:

Pathogen TMDLs for Planning Segments 4G Reaches

June 1, 2007

The primary purpose of this addendum is to revise existing total maximum daily loads (TMDLs) to reflect current water quality standards using *Escherichia coli* (*E. coli*) as the indicator organism. TMDLs have been updated to reflect changes in 8 CAR pt. 21 which include the addition of seasonal geomeans for all other waters, the extension of the Primary Contact Season (PCR), and the removal of fecal coliform. This addendum also incorporates future growth (FG) into the TMDLs, which was not considered in previous calculations.

New facilities with National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits are also incorporated into this addendum. This addendum corrects the different seasonal Waste Load Allocation (WLA) for the City of Oxford, which discharges to a receiving stream designated for secondary contact recreation (SCR) year-round. All updated calculations were developed from the seasonal geomean criteria in EPA -approved 8 CAR pt. 21, effective October 2025.

The pathogen TMDLs for eight impaired stream reaches in Arkansas Planning Segment 4G (assessment units (AUs) AR_11010009_902, AR_11010012_016, AR_11010012_015, AR_11010012_014, AR_11010012_011, AR_11010012_010, AR_11010012_008, and AR_11010012_003) in the Strawberry River Basin in northern Arkansas have been updated from the 2007 and 2019 reports. These reaches now include updated WLAs for all municipal facilities discharging pollutants of concern into applicable AUs.

This addendum utilizes updated drainage areas for AUs (Table A1) and updated flow data from two USGS gages identified in the original report, as well as two additional applicable gages (Table A2). A mid-flow regime of the load duration curve methodology was applied, with the median (50th percentile) flow used to calculate TMDLs. Flow data from April 1 to October 31 estimate TMDLs for the PCR season, while November 1 to March 31 data estimate TMDLs for the SCR season, unless specifically designated for SCR year-round (i.e. AR_11010012_011).

In addition to the 10% MOS included in the original report, this revision introduces a 10% loading allowance for FG, supporting potential expansion of existing facilities or new discharges into impaired streams.

Overall TMDL values for each AU were recalculated using updated criteria values and seasons, and non-point source load allocations were recalculated to incorporate the 10% MOS and FG. Updated WLAs for both PCR and SCR seasons are presented in Tables A3 and A4. A summary of the revised pathogen TMDLs for AUs in Planning Segment 4G is in Table A5. The flow percentiles and calculated target loads for individual AUs are presented in Tables A6-A13.

Table A1. Impaired Stream Miles and drainages in the Strawberry River Basins

| Assessment Unit | Stream Name | Drainage area (mi²)¹ |
|------------------------|-------------------------|---|
| AR_11010009_902 | Dota Creek | 79.96 |
| AR_11010012_003 | Cooper Creek | 52.77 |
| AR_11010012_008 | Strawberry River | 383.16 |
| AR_11010012_010 | Little Strawberry River | 40.74 |
| AR_11010012_011 | Strawberry River | 85.39 |
| AR_11010012_014 | Reed's Creek | 39.75 |
| AR_11010012_015 | Caney Creek | 22.12 |
| AR_11010012_016 | Mill Creek | 23.52 |

¹ Drainage areas calculated through U.S. Geological Survey, 2019, The StreamStats program, online at <https://streamstats.usgs.gov/ss/>, accessed on (October, 2025)

Table A2. Information for stream flow gage stations and assigned AUs

| Watershed | Stream Gage Name | Stream Gage Number | Coordinates | Drainage Area (mi²) | Period of Record | Assessment Units Assigned |
|-------------------------|---|---------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|---|
| Strawberry River | Strawberry River near Evening Shade, AR | 7073000 | 36.0989, -91.6084 | 217 | March 1939 – October 1979 | AR_11010012_010, AR_11010012_011 |
| Strawberry River | Strawberry River near Poughkeepsie, AR | 7074000 | 36.1111, -91.4494 | 473 | October 1951 – October 2024 | AR_11010012_008, AR_11010012_016 |
| White River | White River at Newport, AR | 07074500 | 35.6052, -91.2888 | 19900 | October 1927– January 2026 | AR_11010009_902 |
| Black River | Black River at Elgin Ferry, AR | 07074420 | 35.7655, -91.3002 | 8420 | January 1999 – January 2026 | AR_11010012_003, AR_11010012_014, AR_11010012_015 |

Table A3. WLAs for point sources in the PCR season (April – October).

| Reach ID | NPDES Permit Number | Facility Name | Design Flow (MGD) | Avg. Monthly <i>E. coli</i> Limit (col/100 ml) | WLA for <i>E. coli</i> (cfu/day) |
|-----------------|----------------------------|--|--------------------------|---|---|
| AR_11010009_902 | None | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| AR_11010012_003 | None | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| AR_11010012_008 | AR0035254 | City of Horseshoe Bend White Oak Wastewater Treatment | 0.20 | 126 | 9.54E+08 |
| AR_11010012_010 | AR0039608 | City of Horseshoe Bend Paradise Acres Wastewater Treatment | 0.06 | 126 | 2.86E+08 |
| AR_11010012_011 | AR0049701 | City of Oxford | 0.093 | 630 ² | 2.22E+09 |
| | AR0052558 ³ | Spring Creek Materials, Inc. Cooper Site | variable | NA | NA |
| AR_11010012_014 | None | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| AR_11010012_015 | None | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| AR_11010012_016 | None | NA | NA | NA | NA |

² Receiving stream < 10 mi² with no PCR designated use

³ This facility does not discharge pollutant of concern

Table A4. WLAs for point sources in the SCR season (November – March).

| Reach ID | NPDES Permit Number | Facility Name | Design Flow (MGD) | Avg. Monthly <i>E. coli</i> Limit (col/100 ml) | WLA for <i>E. coli</i> (cfu/day) |
|-----------------|----------------------------|---|--------------------------|---|---|
| AR_11010009_902 | None | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| AR_11010012_003 | None | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| AR_11010012_008 | AR0035254 | City of Horseshoe Bend White Oak Wastewater Treatment | 0.20 | 630 | 4.77E+09 |
| AR_11010012_010 | AR0039608 | City of Horseshoe Bend Paradise Acres Wastewater Treatment | 0.06 | 630 | 1.43E+09 |
| AR_11010012_011 | AR0049701 | City of Oxford | 0.093 | 630 | 2.22E+09 |
| | AR0052558 ⁴ | Spring Creek Materials, Inc. Cooper Site | variable | NA | NA |
| AR_11010012_014 | None | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| AR_11010012_015 | None | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| AR_11010012_016 | None | NA | NA | NA | NA |

⁴ This facility does not discharge pollutant of concern

Table A5. Revised bacteria TMDLs in Planning Segment 4G.

| Reach ID | Pollutant | Season | WLA (cfu/day) | LA Total (cfu/day) | MOS (cfu/day) | FG (cfu/day) | TMDL (cfu/day) |
|--------------------------------|------------------|---------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Dota Creek | | | | | | | |
| AR_11010009_902 | <i>E. coli</i> | PCR | 0 | 1.50E+11 | 1.87E+10 | 1.87E+10 | 1.87E+11 |
| | <i>E. coli</i> | SCR | 0 | 9.51E+11 | 1.19E+11 | 1.19E+11 | 1.19E+12 |
| Cooper Creek | | | | | | | |
| AR_11010012_003 | <i>E. coli</i> | PCR | 0 | 9.69E+10 | 1.21E+10 | 1.21E+10 | 1.21E+11 |
| | <i>E. coli</i> | SCR | 0 | 7.03E+11 | 8.79E+10 | 8.79E+10 | 8.79E+11 |
| Strawberry River | | | | | | | |
| AR_11010012_008 | <i>E. coli</i> | PCR | 9.54E+08 | 2.53E+11 | 3.17E+10 | 3.17E+10 | 3.17E+11 |
| | <i>E. coli</i> | SCR | 4.77E+09 | 3.30E+12 | 4.13E+11 | 4.13E+11 | 4.13E+12 |
| Little Strawberry River | | | | | | | |
| AR_11010012_010 | <i>E. coli</i> | PCR | 2.86E+08 | 1.73E+10 | 2.20E+09 | 2.20E+09 | 2.2E+10 |
| | <i>E. coli</i> | SCR | 1.43E+09 | 2.44E+11 | 3.07E+10 | 3.07E+10 | 3.07E+11 |
| Strawberry River | | | | | | | |
| AR_11010012_011 | <i>E. coli</i> | PCR | 2.22E+09 | 3.47E+10 | 4.61E+09 | 4.61E+09 | 4.61E+10 |
| | <i>E. coli</i> | SCR | 2.22E+09 | 5.12E+11 | 6.43E+10 | 6.43E+10 | 6.43E+11 |
| Reed's Creek | | | | | | | |
| AR_11010012_014 | <i>E. coli</i> | PCR | 0 | 7.30E+10 | 9.12E+09 | 9.12E+09 | 9.12E+10 |
| | <i>E. coli</i> | SCR | 0 | 5.30E+11 | 6.62E+10 | 6.62E+10 | 6.62E+11 |
| Caney Creek | | | | | | | |
| AR_11010012_015 | <i>E. coli</i> | PCR | 0 | 4.06E+10 | 5.08E+09 | 5.08E+09 | 5.08E+10 |
| | <i>E. coli</i> | SCR | 0 | 2.95E+11 | 3.68E+10 | 3.68E+10 | 3.68E+11 |
| Mill Creek | | | | | | | |
| AR_11010012_016 | <i>E. coli</i> | PCR | 0 | 1.56E+10 | 1.95E+09 | 1.95E+09 | 1.95E+10 |
| | <i>E. coli</i> | SCR | 0 | 2.03E+11 | 2.54E+10 | 2.54E+10 | 2.54E+11 |

**Table A6. Flow percentile and calculated target *E. coli* load for AR_11010009_902
– Dota Creek.**

| Season | Percent | Flow (cfs) | Target Load (cfu/day) |
|---------------|----------------|-------------------|------------------------------|
| PCR | 0.004% | 1366.147 | 4.21E+12 |
| PCR | 0.010% | 1278.204 | 3.94E+12 |
| PCR | 0.10% | 887.3888 | 2.74E+12 |
| PCR | 1.00% | 393.7718 | 1.21E+12 |
| PCR | 5.00% | 230.698 | 7.11E+11 |
| PCR | 10.00% | 180.01 | 5.55E+11 |
| PCR | 15.00% | 146.6599 | 4.52E+11 |
| PCR | 20.00% | 121.346 | 3.74E+11 |
| PCR | 25.00% | 107.6845 | 3.32E+11 |
| PCR | 30.00% | 100.452 | 3.1E+11 |
| PCR | 35.00% | 94.02306 | 2.9E+11 |
| PCR | 40.00% | 80.84376 | 2.49E+11 |
| PCR | 45.00% | 68.70916 | 2.12E+11 |
| PCR | 50.00% | 60.673 | 1.87E+11 |
| PCR | 55.00% | 54.64588 | 1.68E+11 |
| PCR | 60.00% | 49.02057 | 1.51E+11 |
| PCR | 65.00% | 44.60068 | 1.37E+11 |
| PCR | 70.00% | 40.5826 | 1.25E+11 |
| PCR | 75.00% | 37.2476 | 1.15E+11 |
| PCR | 80.00% | 33.75187 | 1.04E+11 |
| PCR | 85.00% | 30.09541 | 9.28E+10 |
| PCR | 90.00% | 26.19788 | 8.08E+10 |
| PCR | 95.00% | 21.37618 | 6.59E+10 |
| PCR | 99.00% | 16.1125 | 4.97E+10 |
| PCR | 100.00% | 11.53189 | 3.55E+10 |
| SCR | 0.004% | 1161.225 | 1.79E+13 |
| SCR | 0.010% | 1052.735 | 1.62E+13 |
| SCR | 0.10% | 735.2925 | 1.13E+13 |
| SCR | 1.00% | 397.7858 | 6.13E+12 |
| SCR | 5.00% | 241.4866 | 3.72E+12 |
| SCR | 10.00% | 205.7257 | 3.17E+12 |
| SCR | 15.00% | 186.4389 | 2.87E+12 |
| SCR | 20.00% | 167.1521 | 2.58E+12 |
| SCR | 25.00% | 147.4635 | 2.27E+12 |
| SCR | 30.00% | 127.7749 | 1.97E+12 |
| SCR | 35.00% | 111.3008 | 1.72E+12 |
| SCR | 40.00% | 98.04114 | 1.51E+12 |
| SCR | 45.00% | 87.19232 | 1.34E+12 |
| SCR | 50.00% | 77.14712 | 1.19E+12 |

| Season | Percent | Flow (cfs) | Target Load (cfu/day) |
|---------------|----------------|-------------------|------------------------------|
| SCR | 55.00% | 67.90554 | 1.05E+12 |
| SCR | 60.00% | 58.82468 | 9.07E+11 |
| SCR | 65.00% | 51.02961 | 7.87E+11 |
| SCR | 70.00% | 45.4043 | 7E+11 |
| SCR | 75.00% | 40.18079 | 6.19E+11 |
| SCR | 80.00% | 35.92163 | 5.54E+11 |
| SCR | 85.00% | 31.46156 | 4.85E+11 |
| SCR | 90.00% | 27.48366 | 4.24E+11 |
| SCR | 95.00% | 22.74233 | 3.51E+11 |
| SCR | 99.00% | 17.23756 | 2.66E+11 |
| SCR | 100.00% | 12.45605 | 1.92E+11 |

**Table A7. Flow percentile and calculated target *E. coli* load for AR_11010012_003
– Cooper Creek.**

| Season | Percent | Flow (cfs) | Target Load (cfu/day) |
|---------------|----------------|-------------------|------------------------------|
| PCR | 0.004% | 1222.119 | 3.77E+12 |
| PCR | 0.010% | 1211.261 | 3.73E+12 |
| PCR | 0.10% | 1033.474 | 3.19E+12 |
| PCR | 1.00% | 269.3363 | 8.3E+11 |
| PCR | 5.00% | 175.0137 | 5.4E+11 |
| PCR | 10.00% | 141.6405 | 4.37E+11 |
| PCR | 15.00% | 116.4147 | 3.59E+11 |
| PCR | 20.00% | 91.50226 | 2.82E+11 |
| PCR | 25.00% | 75.83406 | 2.34E+11 |
| PCR | 30.00% | 65.17969 | 2.01E+11 |
| PCR | 35.00% | 57.65896 | 1.78E+11 |
| PCR | 40.00% | 49.57417 | 1.53E+11 |
| PCR | 45.00% | 43.62025 | 1.34E+11 |
| PCR | 50.00% | 39.29583 | 1.21E+11 |
| PCR | 55.00% | 35.53547 | 1.1E+11 |
| PCR | 60.00% | 32.71519 | 1.01E+11 |
| PCR | 65.00% | 29.84791 | 9.2E+10 |
| PCR | 70.00% | 27.01197 | 8.33E+10 |
| PCR | 75.00% | 24.61473 | 7.59E+10 |
| PCR | 80.00% | 22.81289 | 7.03E+10 |
| PCR | 85.00% | 21.24607 | 6.55E+10 |
| PCR | 90.00% | 19.55391 | 6.03E+10 |
| PCR | 95.00% | 17.61105 | 5.43E+10 |
| PCR | 99.00% | 14.91612 | 4.6E+10 |
| PCR | 100.00% | 12.59723 | 3.88E+10 |
| SCR | 0.004% | 764.6079 | 1.18E+13 |
| SCR | 0.010% | 751.7976 | 1.16E+13 |
| SCR | 0.10% | 628.1968 | 9.68E+12 |
| SCR | 1.00% | 275.3591 | 4.24E+12 |
| SCR | 5.00% | 179.2441 | 2.76E+12 |
| SCR | 10.00% | 153.5483 | 2.37E+12 |
| SCR | 15.00% | 130.3594 | 2.01E+12 |
| SCR | 20.00% | 115.3179 | 1.78E+12 |
| SCR | 25.00% | 102.1566 | 1.57E+12 |
| SCR | 30.00% | 90.2488 | 1.39E+12 |
| SCR | 35.00% | 80.22116 | 1.24E+12 |
| SCR | 40.00% | 71.44697 | 1.1E+12 |
| SCR | 45.00% | 63.92623 | 9.85E+11 |
| SCR | 50.00% | 57.03223 | 8.79E+11 |

| Season | Percent | Flow (cfs) | Target Load (cfu/day) |
|---------------|----------------|-------------------|------------------------------|
| SCR | 55.00% | 51.5797 | 7.95E+11 |
| SCR | 60.00% | 44.74836 | 6.9E+11 |
| SCR | 65.00% | 38.2304 | 5.89E+11 |
| SCR | 70.00% | 32.4645 | 5E+11 |
| SCR | 75.00% | 28.45344 | 4.39E+11 |
| SCR | 80.00% | 25.42008 | 3.92E+11 |
| SCR | 85.00% | 22.5622 | 3.48E+11 |
| SCR | 90.00% | 20.55667 | 3.17E+11 |
| SCR | 95.00% | 18.98985 | 2.93E+11 |
| SCR | 99.00% | 16.7963 | 2.59E+11 |
| SCR | 100.00% | 13.28663 | 2.05E+11 |

Table A8. Flow percentile and calculated target *E. coli* load for AR_11010012_008 – Strawberry River.

| Season | Percent | Flow (cfs) | Target Load (cfu/day) |
|---------------|----------------|-------------------|------------------------------|
| PCR | 0.004% | 20737.68 | 6.39E+13 |
| PCR | 0.010% | 20541.2 | 6.33E+13 |
| PCR | 0.10% | 18772.94 | 5.79E+13 |
| PCR | 1.00% | 11869.08 | 3.66E+13 |
| PCR | 5.00% | 1523.733 | 4.7E+12 |
| PCR | 10.00% | 703.2989 | 2.17E+12 |
| PCR | 15.00% | 473.7263 | 1.46E+12 |
| PCR | 20.00% | 350.5964 | 1.08E+12 |
| PCR | 25.00% | 231.2737 | 7.13E+11 |
| PCR | 30.00% | 203.4885 | 6.27E+11 |
| PCR | 35.00% | 167.3595 | 5.16E+11 |
| PCR | 40.00% | 136.7391 | 4.22E+11 |
| PCR | 45.00% | 117.5405 | 3.62E+11 |
| PCR | 50.00% | 102.8783 | 3.17E+11 |
| PCR | 55.00% | 91.53741 | 2.82E+11 |
| PCR | 60.00% | 81.5574 | 2.51E+11 |
| PCR | 65.00% | 69.93296 | 2.16E+11 |
| PCR | 70.00% | 61.90521 | 1.91E+11 |
| PCR | 75.00% | 56.94761 | 1.76E+11 |
| PCR | 80.00% | 54.01517 | 1.67E+11 |
| PCR | 85.00% | 50.80731 | 1.57E+11 |
| PCR | 90.00% | 46.18994 | 1.42E+11 |
| PCR | 95.00% | 40.91641 | 1.26E+11 |
| PCR | 99.00% | 34.51689 | 1.06E+11 |
| PCR | 100.00% | 30.62048 | 9.44E+10 |
| SCR | 0.004% | 127990.4 | 1.97E+15 |
| SCR | 0.010% | 125385.8 | 1.93E+15 |
| SCR | 0.10% | 101945 | 1.57E+15 |
| SCR | 1.00% | 19158.05 | 2.95E+14 |
| SCR | 5.00% | 7783.92 | 1.2E+14 |
| SCR | 10.00% | 3261.324 | 5.03E+13 |
| SCR | 15.00% | 1324.457 | 2.04E+13 |
| SCR | 20.00% | 719.5002 | 1.11E+13 |
| SCR | 25.00% | 551.2496 | 8.5E+12 |
| SCR | 30.00% | 455.0948 | 7.01E+12 |
| SCR | 35.00% | 387.2923 | 5.97E+12 |
| SCR | 40.00% | 339.4175 | 5.23E+12 |
| SCR | 45.00% | 294.2968 | 4.54E+12 |
| SCR | 50.00% | 268.1317 | 4.13E+12 |

| Season | Percent | Flow (cfs) | Target Load (cfu/day) |
|---------------|----------------|-------------------|------------------------------|
| SCR | 55.00% | 231.7598 | 3.57E+12 |
| SCR | 60.00% | 198.7901 | 3.06E+12 |
| SCR | 65.00% | 175.7842 | 2.71E+12 |
| SCR | 70.00% | 155.3706 | 2.39E+12 |
| SCR | 75.00% | 111.789 | 1.72E+12 |
| SCR | 80.00% | 79.24061 | 1.22E+12 |
| SCR | 85.00% | 65.89883 | 1.02E+12 |
| SCR | 90.00% | 56.28335 | 8.68E+11 |
| SCR | 95.00% | 46.50586 | 7.17E+11 |
| SCR | 99.00% | 41.40569 | 6.38E+11 |
| SCR | 100.00% | 38.55912 | 5.94E+11 |

Table A9. Flow percentile and calculated target *E. coli* load for AR_11010012_010 – Little Strawberry River.

| Season | Percent | Flow (cfs) | Target Load (cfu/day) |
|--------|---------|------------|-----------------------|
| PCR | 0.004% | 2552.965 | 7.87E+12 |
| PCR | 0.010% | 2306.332 | 7.11E+12 |
| PCR | 0.10% | 1409.877 | 4.35E+12 |
| PCR | 1.00% | 437.383 | 1.35E+12 |
| PCR | 5.00% | 105.3286 | 3.25E+11 |
| PCR | 10.00% | 55.75225 | 1.72E+11 |
| PCR | 15.00% | 38.13492 | 1.18E+11 |
| PCR | 20.00% | 27.78227 | 8.56E+10 |
| PCR | 25.00% | 21.21214 | 6.54E+10 |
| PCR | 30.00% | 16.33147 | 5.03E+10 |
| PCR | 35.00% | 12.95254 | 3.99E+10 |
| PCR | 40.00% | 10.51221 | 3.24E+10 |
| PCR | 45.00% | 8.635029 | 2.66E+10 |
| PCR | 50.00% | 7.133285 | 2.2E+10 |
| PCR | 55.00% | 6.006977 | 1.85E+10 |
| PCR | 60.00% | 5.068386 | 1.56E+10 |
| PCR | 65.00% | 4.317514 | 1.33E+10 |
| PCR | 70.00% | 3.75436 | 1.16E+10 |
| PCR | 75.00% | 3.191206 | 9.84E+09 |
| PCR | 80.00% | 2.81577 | 8.68E+09 |
| PCR | 85.00% | 2.440334 | 7.52E+09 |
| PCR | 90.00% | 2.064898 | 6.37E+09 |
| PCR | 95.00% | 1.633147 | 5.03E+09 |
| PCR | 99.00% | 1.201395 | 3.7E+09 |
| PCR | 100.00% | 0.506839 | 1.56E+09 |
| SCR | 0.004% | 3416.468 | 5.2659E+13 |
| SCR | 0.010% | 3302.335 | 5.09E+13 |
| SCR | 0.10% | 2077.663 | 3.2024E+13 |
| SCR | 1.00% | 722.7144 | 1.1139E+13 |
| SCR | 5.00% | 185.6531 | 2.8615E+12 |
| SCR | 10.00% | 101.3677 | 1.5624E+12 |
| SCR | 15.00% | 69.8311 | 1.0763E+12 |
| SCR | 20.00% | 54.62594 | 8.4197E+11 |
| SCR | 25.00% | 44.11373 | 6.7994E+11 |
| SCR | 30.00% | 37.16817 | 5.7288E+11 |
| SCR | 35.00% | 31.91206 | 4.9187E+11 |
| SCR | 40.00% | 27.21911 | 4.1954E+11 |
| SCR | 45.00% | 23.27703 | 3.5878E+11 |
| SCR | 50.00% | 19.89811 | 3.067E+11 |

| Season | Percent | Flow (cfs) | Target Load (cfu/day) |
|---------------|----------------|-------------------|------------------------------|
| SCR | 55.00% | 16.89462 | 2.604E+11 |
| SCR | 60.00% | 14.07885 | 2.17E+11 |
| SCR | 65.00% | 11.4508 | 1.7649E+11 |
| SCR | 70.00% | 9.198183 | 1.4177E+11 |
| SCR | 75.00% | 7.133285 | 1.0995E+11 |
| SCR | 80.00% | 5.443823 | 8.3907E+10 |
| SCR | 85.00% | 4.129796 | 6.3654E+10 |
| SCR | 90.00% | 3.003488 | 4.6294E+10 |
| SCR | 95.00% | 2.064898 | 3.1827E+10 |
| SCR | 99.00% | 1.685708 | 2.5982E+10 |
| SCR | 100.00% | 0.863503 | 1.3309E+10 |

Table A10. Flow percentile and calculated target *E. coli* load for AR_11010012_011 – Strawberry River.

| Season | Percent | Flow (cfs) | Target Load (cfu/day) |
|---------------|----------------|-------------------|------------------------------|
| PCR | 0.004% | 5351.684 | 1.65E+13 |
| PCR | 0.010% | 4834.676 | 1.49E+13 |
| PCR | 0.10% | 2955.471 | 9.11E+12 |
| PCR | 1.00% | 916.8694 | 2.83E+12 |
| PCR | 5.00% | 220.7963 | 6.81E+11 |
| PCR | 10.00% | 116.8713 | 3.6E+11 |
| PCR | 15.00% | 79.94078 | 2.46E+11 |
| PCR | 20.00% | 58.23891 | 1.8E+11 |
| PCR | 25.00% | 44.4662 | 1.37E+11 |
| PCR | 30.00% | 34.23504 | 1.06E+11 |
| PCR | 35.00% | 27.15193 | 8.37E+10 |
| PCR | 40.00% | 22.03635 | 6.79E+10 |
| PCR | 45.00% | 18.10128 | 5.58E+10 |
| PCR | 50.00% | 14.95323 | 4.61E+10 |
| PCR | 55.00% | 12.5922 | 3.88E+10 |
| PCR | 60.00% | 10.62467 | 3.28E+10 |
| PCR | 65.00% | 9.050642 | 2.79E+10 |
| PCR | 70.00% | 7.870124 | 2.43E+10 |
| PCR | 75.00% | 6.689605 | 2.06E+10 |
| PCR | 80.00% | 5.902593 | 1.82E+10 |
| PCR | 85.00% | 5.11558 | 1.58E+10 |
| PCR | 90.00% | 4.328568 | 1.33E+10 |
| PCR | 95.00% | 3.423504 | 1.06E+10 |
| PCR | 99.00% | 2.51844 | 7.76E+09 |
| PCR | 100.00% | 1.062467 | 3.28E+09 |
| SCR | 0.004% | 7161.812 | 1.1E+14 |
| SCR | 0.010% | 6922.561 | 1.07E+14 |
| SCR | 0.10% | 4355.326 | 6.71E+13 |
| SCR | 1.00% | 1514.999 | 2.34E+13 |
| SCR | 5.00% | 389.1776 | 6E+12 |
| SCR | 10.00% | 212.4933 | 3.28E+12 |
| SCR | 15.00% | 146.3843 | 2.26E+12 |
| SCR | 20.00% | 114.5103 | 1.76E+12 |
| SCR | 25.00% | 92.47395 | 1.43E+12 |
| SCR | 30.00% | 77.91422 | 1.2E+12 |
| SCR | 35.00% | 66.89605 | 1.03E+12 |
| SCR | 40.00% | 57.0584 | 8.79E+11 |
| SCR | 45.00% | 48.79477 | 7.52E+11 |
| SCR | 50.00% | 41.71165 | 6.43E+11 |

| Season | Percent | Flow (cfs) | Target Load (cfu/day) |
|---------------|----------------|-------------------|------------------------------|
| SCR | 55.00% | 35.41556 | 5.46E+11 |
| SCR | 60.00% | 29.51296 | 4.55E+11 |
| SCR | 65.00% | 24.00388 | 3.7E+11 |
| SCR | 70.00% | 19.2818 | 2.97E+11 |
| SCR | 75.00% | 14.95323 | 2.3E+11 |
| SCR | 80.00% | 11.41168 | 1.76E+11 |
| SCR | 85.00% | 8.657136 | 1.33E+11 |
| SCR | 90.00% | 6.296099 | 9.7E+10 |
| SCR | 95.00% | 4.328568 | 6.67E+10 |
| SCR | 99.00% | 3.533685 | 5.45E+10 |
| SCR | 100.00% | 1.810128 | 2.79E+10 |

Table A11. Flow percentile and calculated target *E. coli* load for AR_11010012_014 – Reed’s Creek.

| Season | Percent | Flow (cfs) | Target Load (cfu/day) |
|--------|---------|------------|-----------------------|
| PCR | 0.004% | 920.5366 | 2.84E+12 |
| PCR | 0.010% | 912.358 | 2.81E+12 |
| PCR | 0.10% | 778.4435 | 2.4E+12 |
| PCR | 1.00% | 202.8721 | 6.25E+11 |
| PCR | 5.00% | 131.8256 | 4.06E+11 |
| PCR | 10.00% | 106.6878 | 3.29E+11 |
| PCR | 15.00% | 87.68702 | 2.7E+11 |
| PCR | 20.00% | 68.92223 | 2.12E+11 |
| PCR | 25.00% | 57.12048 | 1.76E+11 |
| PCR | 30.00% | 49.09529 | 1.51E+11 |
| PCR | 35.00% | 43.43045 | 1.34E+11 |
| PCR | 40.00% | 37.34074 | 1.15E+11 |
| PCR | 45.00% | 32.85608 | 1.01E+11 |
| PCR | 50.00% | 29.59879 | 9.12E+10 |
| PCR | 55.00% | 26.76637 | 8.25E+10 |
| PCR | 60.00% | 24.64206 | 7.6E+10 |
| PCR | 65.00% | 22.48234 | 6.93E+10 |
| PCR | 70.00% | 20.34622 | 6.27E+10 |
| PCR | 75.00% | 18.54055 | 5.72E+10 |
| PCR | 80.00% | 17.18335 | 5.3E+10 |
| PCR | 85.00% | 16.00318 | 4.93E+10 |
| PCR | 90.00% | 14.72859 | 4.54E+10 |
| PCR | 95.00% | 13.26517 | 4.09E+10 |
| PCR | 99.00% | 11.23527 | 3.46E+10 |
| PCR | 100.00% | 9.488608 | 2.93E+10 |
| SCR | 0.004% | 575.9255 | 8.88E+12 |
| SCR | 0.010% | 566.2764 | 8.73E+12 |
| SCR | 0.10% | 473.1766 | 7.29E+12 |
| SCR | 1.00% | 207.4087 | 3.2E+12 |
| SCR | 5.00% | 135.012 | 2.08E+12 |
| SCR | 10.00% | 115.6572 | 1.78E+12 |
| SCR | 15.00% | 98.19057 | 1.51E+12 |
| SCR | 20.00% | 86.86089 | 1.34E+12 |
| SCR | 25.00% | 76.94742 | 1.19E+12 |
| SCR | 30.00% | 67.97809 | 1.05E+12 |
| SCR | 35.00% | 60.42497 | 9.31E+11 |
| SCR | 40.00% | 53.81599 | 8.29E+11 |
| SCR | 45.00% | 48.15115 | 7.42E+11 |
| SCR | 50.00% | 42.95838 | 6.62E+11 |

| Season | Percent | Flow (cfs) | Target Load (cfu/day) |
|--------|---------|------------|-----------------------|
| SCR | 55.00% | 38.85137 | 5.99E+11 |
| SCR | 60.00% | 33.7058 | 5.2E+11 |
| SCR | 65.00% | 28.79627 | 4.44E+11 |
| SCR | 70.00% | 24.45323 | 3.77E+11 |
| SCR | 75.00% | 21.43198 | 3.3E+11 |
| SCR | 80.00% | 19.14716 | 2.95E+11 |
| SCR | 85.00% | 16.99452 | 2.62E+11 |
| SCR | 90.00% | 15.4839 | 2.39E+11 |
| SCR | 95.00% | 14.30372 | 2.2E+11 |
| SCR | 99.00% | 12.65148 | 1.95E+11 |
| SCR | 100.00% | 10.00789 | 1.54E+11 |

Table A12. Flow percentile and calculated target *E. coli* load for AR_11010012_015 – Caney Creek.

| Season | Percent | Flow (cfs) | Target Load (cfu/day) |
|--------|---------|------------|-----------------------|
| PCR | 0.004% | 512.2995 | 1.58E+12 |
| PCR | 0.010% | 507.7479 | 1.57E+12 |
| PCR | 0.10% | 433.2215 | 1.34E+12 |
| PCR | 1.00% | 112.9029 | 3.48E+11 |
| PCR | 5.00% | 73.36392 | 2.26E+11 |
| PCR | 10.00% | 59.3742 | 1.83E+11 |
| PCR | 15.00% | 48.79981 | 1.5E+11 |
| PCR | 20.00% | 38.35678 | 1.18E+11 |
| PCR | 25.00% | 31.78884 | 9.8E+10 |
| PCR | 30.00% | 27.32264 | 8.42E+10 |
| PCR | 35.00% | 24.17003 | 7.45E+10 |
| PCR | 40.00% | 20.78097 | 6.41E+10 |
| PCR | 45.00% | 18.28515 | 5.64E+10 |
| PCR | 50.00% | 16.4724 | 5.08E+10 |
| PCR | 55.00% | 14.89609 | 4.59E+10 |
| PCR | 60.00% | 13.71386 | 4.23E+10 |
| PCR | 65.00% | 12.51193 | 3.86E+10 |
| PCR | 70.00% | 11.32313 | 3.49E+10 |
| PCR | 75.00% | 10.31824 | 3.18E+10 |
| PCR | 80.00% | 9.562924 | 2.95E+10 |
| PCR | 85.00% | 8.90613 | 2.75E+10 |
| PCR | 90.00% | 8.196792 | 2.53E+10 |
| PCR | 95.00% | 7.382367 | 2.28E+10 |
| PCR | 99.00% | 6.252681 | 1.93E+10 |
| PCR | 100.00% | 5.280626 | 1.63E+10 |
| SCR | 0.004% | 320.5156 | 4.94E+12 |
| SCR | 0.010% | 315.1456 | 4.86E+12 |
| SCR | 0.10% | 263.3335 | 4.06E+12 |
| SCR | 1.00% | 115.4276 | 1.78E+12 |
| SCR | 5.00% | 75.13726 | 1.16E+12 |
| SCR | 10.00% | 64.36584 | 9.92E+11 |
| SCR | 15.00% | 54.64528 | 8.42E+11 |
| SCR | 20.00% | 48.34006 | 7.45E+11 |
| SCR | 25.00% | 42.82298 | 6.6E+11 |
| SCR | 30.00% | 37.83135 | 5.83E+11 |
| SCR | 35.00% | 33.62787 | 5.18E+11 |
| SCR | 40.00% | 29.94982 | 4.62E+11 |
| SCR | 45.00% | 26.7972 | 4.13E+11 |
| SCR | 50.00% | 23.90731 | 3.68E+11 |

| Season | Percent | Flow (cfs) | Target Load (cfu/day) |
|--------|---------|------------|-----------------------|
| SCR | 55.00% | 21.62167 | 3.33E+11 |
| SCR | 60.00% | 18.75804 | 2.89E+11 |
| SCR | 65.00% | 16.02578 | 2.47E+11 |
| SCR | 70.00% | 13.60878 | 2.1E+11 |
| SCR | 75.00% | 11.92738 | 1.84E+11 |
| SCR | 80.00% | 10.65583 | 1.64E+11 |
| SCR | 85.00% | 9.457837 | 1.46E+11 |
| SCR | 90.00% | 8.61714 | 1.33E+11 |
| SCR | 95.00% | 7.960346 | 1.23E+11 |
| SCR | 99.00% | 7.040834 | 1.09E+11 |
| SCR | 100.00% | 5.569615 | 8.58E+10 |

Table A13. Flow percentile and calculated target E. coli load for AR_11010012_016 – Mill Creek.

| Season | Percent | Flow (cfs) | Target Load (cfu/day) |
|---------------|----------------|-------------------|------------------------------|
| PCR | 0.004% | 1272.919 | 3.92E+12 |
| PCR | 0.010% | 1260.859 | 3.89E+12 |
| PCR | 0.10% | 1152.32 | 3.55E+12 |
| PCR | 1.00% | 728.547 | 2.25E+12 |
| PCR | 5.00% | 93.52968 | 2.88E+11 |
| PCR | 10.00% | 43.16984 | 1.33E+11 |
| PCR | 15.00% | 29.07823 | 8.96E+10 |
| PCR | 20.00% | 21.52028 | 6.63E+10 |
| PCR | 25.00% | 14.19603 | 4.38E+10 |
| PCR | 30.00% | 12.49051 | 3.85E+10 |
| PCR | 35.00% | 10.27285 | 3.17E+10 |
| PCR | 40.00% | 8.393307 | 2.59E+10 |
| PCR | 45.00% | 7.214863 | 2.22E+10 |
| PCR | 50.00% | 6.31487 | 1.95E+10 |
| PCR | 55.00% | 5.618742 | 1.73E+10 |
| PCR | 60.00% | 5.00615 | 1.54E+10 |
| PCR | 65.00% | 4.29262 | 1.32E+10 |
| PCR | 70.00% | 3.799861 | 1.17E+10 |
| PCR | 75.00% | 3.495554 | 1.08E+10 |
| PCR | 80.00% | 3.315555 | 1.02E+10 |
| PCR | 85.00% | 3.118651 | 9.61E+09 |
| PCR | 90.00% | 2.835227 | 8.74E+09 |
| PCR | 95.00% | 2.511528 | 7.74E+09 |
| PCR | 99.00% | 2.118713 | 6.53E+09 |
| PCR | 100.00% | 1.879544 | 5.79E+09 |
| SCR | 0.004% | 7856.294 | 1.211E+14 |
| SCR | 0.010% | 7696.423 | 1.186E+14 |
| SCR | 0.10% | 6257.578 | 9.645E+13 |
| SCR | 1.00% | 1175.958 | 1.813E+13 |
| SCR | 5.00% | 477.792 | 7.364E+12 |
| SCR | 10.00% | 200.1863 | 3.086E+12 |
| SCR | 15.00% | 81.29773 | 1.253E+12 |
| SCR | 20.00% | 44.16431 | 6.807E+11 |
| SCR | 25.00% | 33.83676 | 5.215E+11 |
| SCR | 30.00% | 27.9346 | 4.306E+11 |
| SCR | 35.00% | 23.77275 | 3.664E+11 |
| SCR | 40.00% | 20.8341 | 3.211E+11 |
| SCR | 45.00% | 18.0645 | 2.784E+11 |

| Season | Percent | Flow (cfs) | Target Load (cfu/day) |
|---------------|----------------|-------------------|------------------------------|
| SCR | 50.00% | 16.45844 | 2.537E+11 |
| SCR | 55.00% | 14.22586 | 2.193E+11 |
| SCR | 60.00% | 12.20212 | 1.881E+11 |
| SCR | 65.00% | 10.78997 | 1.663E+11 |
| SCR | 70.00% | 9.536945 | 1.47E+11 |
| SCR | 75.00% | 6.861827 | 1.058E+11 |
| SCR | 80.00% | 4.863941 | 7.497E+10 |
| SCR | 85.00% | 4.044997 | 6.235E+10 |
| SCR | 90.00% | 3.454781 | 5.325E+10 |
| SCR | 95.00% | 2.854619 | 4.4E+10 |
| SCR | 99.00% | 2.541561 | 3.917E+10 |
| SCR | 100.00% | 2.366833 | 3.648E+10 |

November 13, 2019

Re: Addendum to “Pathogen TMDLs for Planning Segments 4G Reaches” TMDL document dated June 1, 2007.

IMPORTANT UPDATE

Per an EPA approval letter dated October 28, 2019 (attached) TMDLs for the Strawberry River and Little Strawberry River have been revised as follows.

Summary of Fecal Coliform TMDLs (Primary Contact Recreation – Summer)

| Reach ID | Stream Name | Explicit MOS | WLA | LA | TMDL |
|--------------|-------------------------|--------------|----------|----------|----------|
| 11010012-011 | Strawberry River | 3.86E+10 | 1.43E+09 | 3.46E+11 | 3.86E+11 |
| 11010012-010 | Little Strawberry River | 1.62E+10 | 9.53E+08 | 1.45E+11 | 1.62E+11 |
| 11010012-008 | Strawberry River | 1.43E+10 | 3.18E+09 | 1.26E+11 | 1.43E+11 |

Summary of Fecal Coliform TMDLs (Primary Contact Recreation – Winter)

| Reach ID | Stream Name | Explicit MOS | WLA | LA | TMDL |
|--------------|-------------------------|--------------|----------|----------|----------|
| 11010012-011 | Strawberry River | 1.93E+11 | 7.15E+09 | 1.73E+12 | 1.93E+12 |
| 11010012-010 | Little Strawberry River | 8.10E+10 | 4.76E+09 | 7.24E+11 | 8.10E+11 |
| 11010012-008 | Strawberry River | 7.13E+10 | 1.59E+10 | 6.26E+11 | 7.13E+11 |

Summary of *E. coli* TMDLs (Primary Contact Recreation – Summer)

| Reach ID | Stream Name | Explicit MOS | WLA | LA | TMDL |
|--------------|-------------------------|--------------|----------|----------|----------|
| 11010012-011 | Strawberry River | 3.97E+10 | 1.40E+09 | 3.56E+11 | 3.97E+11 |
| 11010012-010 | Little Strawberry River | 1.66E+10 | 9.32E+08 | 1.48E+11 | 1.66E+11 |
| 11010012-008 | Strawberry River | 1.46E+10 | 3.11E+09 | 1.28E+11 | 1.46E+11 |

Table 11d Summary of *E. coli* TMDLs (Primary Contact Recreation – Winter)

| Reach ID | Stream Name | Explicit MOS | WLA | LA | TMDL |
|--------------|-------------------------|--------------|----------|----------|----------|
| 11010012-011 | Strawberry River | 1.98E+11 | 3.57E+09 | 1.78E+12 | 1.98E+12 |
| 11010012-010 | Little Strawberry River | 8.30E+10 | 2.38E+09 | 7.45E+11 | 8.30E+11 |
| 11010012-008 | Strawberry River | 7.31E+10 | 7.94E+09 | 6.50E+11 | 7.31E+11 |

The above TMDLs will replace existing TMDLs of the same AU/parameter/season within the TMDL document. All other TMDLs will remain in place. WLAs for permitted facilities did not change, but were reallocated to the correct stream reach/assessment unit. Table 12 below replaces Table 12 within the original TMDL document.

Table 12 Summary of WLA for Fecal Coliform and *E. coli*

| Facility Name | NPDES Permit No. | Receiving Stream Path | Contact Recreation Season | Fecal Coliform WLA (cfu/day) | <i>E. coli</i> WLA (cfu/day) |
|---|------------------|---|---------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| City of Horseshoe Bend (Paradise Acres) | AR0039608 | Hubble Branch / Little Strawberry River – Reach 010 | PCR - S | 9.53E+08 | 9.32E+08 |
| City of Horseshoe Bend (White Oak) | AR0035254 | Unnamed tributary / Strawberry River – Reach 909 /009 / 008 | PCR - S | 3.18E+09 | 3.11E+09 |
| City of Oxford | AR0049701 | Sandy Creek / Strawberry River – Reach 011 | PCR - S | 1.43E+09 | 1.40E+09 |
| City of Horseshoe Bend (Paradise Acres) | AR0039608 | Hubble Branch / Little Strawberry River – Reach 010 | PCR - W | 4.76E+09 | 2.38E+09 |
| City of Horseshoe Bend (White Oak) | AR0035254 | Unnamed tributary / Strawberry River – Reach 909 /009 / 008 | PCR - W | 1.59E+10 | 7.94E+09 |
| City of Oxford | AR0049701 | Sandy Creek / Strawberry River Reach 011 | PCR - W | 7.15E+09 | 3.57E+09 |



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October 28, 2019

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RE: Approval of the revision request to the *Pathogen TMDLs for Planning Segments 4G Reaches* TMDL document.

Dear Dr. Blanz:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region 6 has reviewed the updates to the Arkansas Statewide Water Quality Management Plan (WQMP) transmitted on September 25, 2019. Following EPA's review and evaluation of the WQMP updates, EPA is approving the revisions to the *Pathogen TMDLs for Planning Segments 4G Reaches* TMDL document.

The WQMP updates and TMDL withdrawal have undergone public participation dated August 18, 2019, as required by 40 CFR Part 25.

EPA appreciates ADEQ's continuing efforts to maintain the WQMP in an efficient and timely manner. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me directly at (214) 665-7101, or your staff may contact Syed A. Shahriyar, Regional Coordinator, WQMP Program at (214) 665-2783 or Selena Medrano, TMDL Coordinator at (214) 665-2776.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charles W. Maguire", is positioned above the typed name.

Charles W. Maguire
Director
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Enclosure

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Kristi Williams, Ecologist Coordinator, OWQ



August 1, 2019

Re: Revision of three TMDLs within the document "Pathogen TMDLs for Planning Segments 4G Reaches. 2007"

Dear Mr. Wooster:

This letter is to inform EPA Region 6 of the Arkansas Division of Environmental Quality's (ADEQ) intention to revise three TMDLs within the document "Pathogen TMDLs for Planning Segments 4G Reaches. 2007." These revisions are necessary because three facilities were assigned waste load allocations (WLAs) for one reach, AR_11010012_010, when the three facilities discharge into three different reaches: AR_11010012_010, AR_11010012_011, and AR_11010012_008.

A TMDL was calculated for all three reaches of concern, but only reach AR_11010012_010 was assigned a Σ WLA greater than zero. A WLA was calculated for each facility, then all three of those WLAs were assigned to reach AR_11010012_010. To correct this, ADEQ will assign the calculated WLA for each facility to the proper reach and recalculate Σ LA accordingly. This will alter the Σ LA and the Σ WLA for three reaches: AR_11010012_010, AR_11010012_011, and AR_11010012_008. ADEQ will not alter the MOS or the TMDL value for any reaches.

Please refer to Tables 11a – d (attached) taken from section 4.2 of the original TMDL document for proposed Σ WLA and Σ LA revisions. Only those reaches where revisions occur are included. Table 12 (attached) is modified from section 4.2.1 to show WLAs assigned to each facility and correctly assigns each facility to the proper receiving stream reach.

ADEQ will simultaneously public notice these TMDL revisions and corresponding 208 plan updates within the coming weeks.

The existing TMDL document can be found on the ADEQ website:

[://www.adeq.state.ar.us/downloads/WebDatabases/Water/TMDL/pdfs/seg_4g_pathogens_2007_06_01](http://www.adeq.state.ar.us/downloads/WebDatabases/Water/TMDL/pdfs/seg_4g_pathogens_2007_06_01).

If you have any questions regarding these proposed revisions please contact Kristi Williams at [@adeq.state.ar](mailto:kristi.williams@adeq.state.ar) or at 501.683.1546.

Sincerely,

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Attachment:

Table 11a Summary of Fecal Coliform TMDLs (Primary Contact Recreation – Summer)

| Reach ID | Stream Name | Explicit MOS | WLA | LA | TMDL |
|--------------|-------------------------|--------------|----------|----------|----------|
| 11010012-011 | Strawberry River | 3.86E+10 | 1.43E+09 | 3.46E+11 | 3.86E+11 |
| 11010012-010 | Little Strawberry River | 1.62E+10 | 9.53E+08 | 1.45E+11 | 1.62E+11 |
| 11010012-008 | Strawberry River | 1.43E+10 | 3.18E+09 | 1.26E+11 | 1.43E+11 |

Table 11b Summary of Fecal Coliform TMDLs (Primary Contact Recreation – Winter)

| Reach ID | Stream Name | Explicit MOS | WLA | LA | TMDL |
|--------------|-------------------------|--------------|----------|----------|----------|
| 11010012-011 | Strawberry River | 1.93E+11 | 7.15E+09 | 1.73E+12 | 1.93E+12 |
| 11010012-010 | Little Strawberry River | 8.10E+10 | 4.76E+09 | 7.24E+11 | 8.10E+11 |
| 11010012-008 | Strawberry River | 7.13E+10 | 1.59E+10 | 6.26E+11 | 7.13E+11 |

Table 11c Summary of E. coli TMDLs (Primary Contact Recreation – Summer)

| Reach ID | Stream Name | Explicit MOS | WLA | LA | TMDL |
|--------------|-------------------------|--------------|----------|----------|----------|
| 11010012-011 | Strawberry River | 3.97E+10 | 1.40E+09 | 3.56E+11 | 3.97E+11 |
| 11010012-010 | Little Strawberry River | 1.66E+10 | 9.32E+08 | 1.48E+11 | 1.66E+11 |
| 11010012-008 | Strawberry River | 1.46E+10 | 3.11E+09 | 1.28E+11 | 1.46E+11 |

Table 11d Summary of E. coli TMDLs (Primary Contact Recreation – Winter)

| Reach ID | Stream Name | Explicit MOS | WLA | LA | TMDL |
|--------------|-------------------------|--------------|----------|----------|----------|
| 11010012-011 | Strawberry River | 1.98E+11 | 3.57E+09 | 1.78E+12 | 1.98E+12 |
| 11010012-010 | Little Strawberry River | 8.30E+10 | 2.38E+09 | 7.45E+11 | 8.30E+11 |
| 11010012-008 | Strawberry River | 7.31E+10 | 7.94E+09 | 6.50E+11 | 7.31E+11 |

Table 12 Summary of WLA for Fecal Coliform and E. coli

| Facility Name | NPDES Permit No. | Receiving Stream Path | Contact Recreation Season | Fecal Coliform WLA (cfu/day) | E. coli WLA (cfu/day) |
|---|------------------|---|---------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| City of Horseshoe Bend (Paradise Acres) | AR0039608 | Hubble Branch / Little Strawberry River – Reach 010 | PCR - S | 9.53E+08 | 9.32E+08 |
| City of Horseshoe Bend (White Oak) | AR0035254 | Unnamed tributary / Strawberry River – Reach 909 /009 / 008 | PCR - S | 3.18E+09 | 3.11E+09 |
| City of Oxford | AR0049701 | Sandy Creek / Strawberry River – Reach 011 | PCR - S | 1.43E+09 | 1.40E+09 |
| City of Horseshoe Bend (Paradise Acres) | AR0039608 | Hubble Branch / Little Strawberry River – Reach 010 | PCR - W | 4.76E+09 | 2.38E+09 |
| City of Horseshoe Bend (White Oak) | AR0035254 | Unnamed tributary / Strawberry River – Reach 909 /009 / 008 | PCR - W | 1.59E+10 | 7.94E+09 |
| City of Oxford | AR0049701 | Sandy Creek / Strawberry River Reach 011 | PCR - W | 7.15E+09 | 3.57E+09 |

Pathogen TMDLs

For

Planning Segments 4G Reaches

Segments

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Water Quality Planning and Management Regulations (Title 40 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* [CFR] Part 130) require states to develop Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for impaired waterbodies. A TMDL establishes the amount of a pollutant that a waterbody can assimilate without exceeding its water quality standard for that pollutant. TMDLs provide the scientific basis for a state to establish water quality-based controls to reduce pollution from both point and non-point sources to restore and maintain the quality of the state's water resources (USEPA 1991).

A TMDL for a given pollutant and waterbody is composed of the sum of individual waste-load allocations (WLAs) for point sources, load allocations (LAs) for non-point sources, and natural background levels. In addition, the TMDL must include an implicit or explicit margin of safety (MOS) to account for the uncertainty in the relationship between pollutant loads and the quality of the receiving water-body and may include a future growth (FG) component. The TMDL components are illustrated using the following equation: $TMDL = \sum WLAs + \sum LAs + MOS + FG$

The study area is part of the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) Planning Segment 4G and is located within both the Ozark Highlands and the Mississippi Alluvial plains ecoregion. The study area for this project is limited to eight reaches in the Arkansas planning segment 4G (**11010009-902, 1010012-016, 11010012-015, 11010012-014, 11010012-011, 11010012-010, 11010012-008, and 11010012-003**). Land use in the study area consists mostly of forest and pastureland. The designated beneficial uses that have been established by ADEQ for Planning Segment 4G include propagation of fish and wildlife, primary and secondary contact recreation; domestic, agricultural and industrial water supply. Two of the planning 4G segments have been designed as extraordinary resource waters, ecologically sensitive waters, and natural and scenic waterways.

The TMDLs in this report were developed using the load duration curve methodology. This method illustrates allowable loading at a wide range of stream flow conditions. The numeric water quality criteria that apply to the impaired reaches in the Strawberry River Subbasin can be found in Section 2.6.1 of the TMDL report.

The seasonal fecal coliform bacteria TMDLs were developed on the basis of analyses of the applicable water quality criteria (i.e., calculating allowable loads and percent reductions for both summer and winter).

Table ES-1 Summary of Fecal Coliform TMDLs, (Primary Contact Recreation)-Summer

| Arkansas Reach ID | Stream Name | Explicit MOS* | WLA* | LA* | TMDL* |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------|----------|----------|----------|
| 11010009-902 | Dota Creek | 2.51E+10 | 0 | 2.26E+11 | 2.51E+11 |
| 11010012-015 | Caney Creek | 5.67E+09 | 0 | 5.10E+10 | 5.67E+10 |
| 11010012-016 | Mill Creek | 4.18E+09 | 0 | 3.76E+10 | 4.18E+10 |
| 11010012-014 | Reed's Creek | 1.57E+10 | 0 | 1.41E+11 | 1.57E+11 |
| 11010012-010 | Little Strawberry River | 1.62E+10 | 5.31E+09 | 1.40E+11 | 1.62E+11 |
| 11010012-003 | Cooper Creek | 2.09E+10 | 0 | 1.88E+11 | 2.09E+11 |

cfu/day = colony forming units per day

Table ES-2 Summary of Fecal Coliform TMDLs, (Primary Contact Recreation)-Winter

| Arkansas Reach ID | Stream Name | Explicit MOS* | WLA* | LA* | TMDL* |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------|----------|----------|----------|
| 11010009-902 | Dota Creek | 1.26E+11 | 0 | 1.13E+12 | 1.26E+12 |
| 11010012-015 | Caney Creek | 2.84E+10 | 0 | 2.55E+11 | 2.84E+11 |
| 11010012-016 | Mill Creek | 2.09E+10 | 0 | 1.88E+11 | 2.09E+11 |
| 11010012-014 | Reed's Creek | 7.84E+10 | 0 | 7.06E+11 | 7.84E+11 |
| 11010012-010 | Little Strawberry River | 8.10E+10 | 2.65E+10 | 7.02E+11 | 8.10E+11 |
| 11010012-003 | Cooper Creek | 1.05E+11 | 0 | 9.42E+11 | 1.05E+12 |

cfu/day = colony forming units per day

Table ES-3 Summary of E. Coli TMDLs (Primary Contact Recreation)-Summer

| Arkansas Reach ID | Stream Name | Explicit MOS* | WLA* | LA* | TMDL* |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------|----------|----------|----------|
| 11010009-902 | Dota Creek | 2.57E+10 | 0 | 2.32E+11 | 2.57E+11 |
| 11010012-015 | Caney Creek | 5.81E+09 | 0 | 5.23E+10 | 5.81E+10 |
| 11010012-016 | Mill Creek | 4.28E+09 | 0 | 3.85E+10 | 4.28E+10 |
| 11010012-014 | Reed's Creek | 1.61E+10 | 0 | 1.45E+11 | 1.61E+11 |
| 11010012-011 | Strawberry River | 2.87E+10 | 0 | 2.59E+11 | 2.87E+11 |
| 11010012-010 | Little Strawberry River | 1.66E+10 | 5.44E+09 | 1.44E+11 | 1.66E+11 |
| 11010012-008 | Strawberry River | 1.06E+10 | 0 | 9.56E+10 | 1.06E+11 |
| 11010012-003 | Cooper Creek | 2.15E+10 | 0 | 1.93E+11 | 2.15E+11 |

cfu/day = colony forming units per day

Table ES-4 Summary of E. Coli TMDLs (Primary Contact Recreation)-Winter

| Arkansas Reach ID | Stream Name | Explicit MOS* | WLA* | LA* | TMDL* |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------|----------|----------|----------|
| 11010009-902 | Dota Creek | 1.29E+11 | 0 | 1.16E+12 | 1.29E+12 |
| 11010012-015 | Caney Creek | 2.91E+10 | 0 | 2.62E+11 | 2.91E+11 |
| 11010012-016 | Mill Creek | 2.14E+10 | 0 | 1.93E+11 | 2.14E+11 |
| 11010012-014 | Reed's Creek | 8.04E+10 | 0 | 7.24E+11 | 8.04E+11 |
| 11010012-011 | Strawberry River | 1.44E+11 | 0 | 1.29E+12 | 1.44E+12 |
| 11010012-010 | Little Strawberry River | 8.30E+10 | 2.72E+10 | 7.20E+11 | 8.30E+11 |
| 11010012-008 | Strawberry River | 5.31E+10 | 0 | 4.78E+11 | 5.31E+11 |
| 11010012-003 | Cooper Creek | 1.07E+11 | 0 | 9.66E+11 | 1.07E+12 |

cfu/day = colony forming units per day

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

This report presents total maximum daily loads (TMDLs) for fecal coliform and *Escherichia coli* (*E. coli*) for 8 stream reaches in the Strawberry River Basin in northern Arkansas. These stream reaches were included on the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) 2004 Section 305(b) Report (ADEQ 2004a) as not supporting their designated use of primary contact recreation. The suspected sources of contamination and causes of impairment from the 303(d) listing are shown below in Table 1. The TMDLs in this report address the impairments due to pathogens and were developed in accordance with Section 303(d) of the Federal Clean Water Act and the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) regulations in 40 CFR 130.7.

The purpose of a TMDL is to determine the pollutant loading that a waterbody can assimilate without exceeding the water quality standard for that pollutant and to establish the load reduction that is necessary to meet the standard in a waterbody. The TMDL is the sum of the wasteload allocation (WLA), the load allocation (LA), and a margin of safety (MOS). The WLA is the load allocated to point sources of the pollutant of concern. The LA is the load allocated to nonpoint sources (NPS), including natural background. The MOS is a percentage of the TMDL that takes into account any lack of knowledge concerning the relationship between pollutant loadings and water quality.

Table 1- Pathogen Impaired 4G reaches

| HUC-Reach Number | Waterbody Name | Impaired Use | Pollutant | Suspected Source | Priority Ranking |
|------------------|-------------------------|--------------|-----------|------------------|------------------|
| 11010009-902 | Dota Creek | PCR | Pathogen | Unknown | Low |
| 11010012-015 | Caney Creek | PCR | Pathogen | Unknown | High |
| 11010012-016 | Mill Creek | PCR | Pathogen | Unknown | High |
| 11010012-014 | Reeds' Creek | PCR | Pathogen | Unknown | High |
| 11010012-011 | Strawberry River | PCR | Pathogen | Unknown | High |
| 11010012-010 | Little Strawberry River | PCR | Pathogen | Unknown | High |
| 11010012-008 | Strawberry River | PCR | Pathogen | Unknown | High |
| 11010012-003 | Cooper Creek | PCR | Pathogen | Unknown | High |

PCR = Primary Contact Recreation

2.0 STUDY AREA INFORMATION

2.1 General Description

The Strawberry River and its tributaries are part of the White River Basin (USGS Hydrologic Unit 110100012) (Appendix A, Figure A-1). The Black River and its tributaries are also a part of the White River Basin (USGS Hydrologic Unit 110100009). The State of Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has designated the Strawberry River, the Black River

and its tributaries as planning segment 4G. The drainage area of Strawberry River Basin is 774 square miles (Table 2).

Table 2- Impaired Stream Miles in the Strawberry River and Black River Subbasins

| HUC-Reach Number | Watershed | 303(d) Listed Stream Miles (mi.) | Drainage (sq. mi ²) |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Black River Subbasin | | | |
| 11010009-902 | Dota Creek | 21.8 | 63.56 |
| Strawberry River Subbasin | | | |
| 11010012-015 | Caney Creek | 11.6 | 14.4 |
| 11010012-003 | Cooper Creek | 11.8 | 53.0 |
| 11010012-010 | Little Strawberry River | 16 | 42.2 |
| 11010012-016 | Mill Creek | 9.9 | 10.6 |
| 11010012-014 | Reed's Creek | 15 | 39.7 |
| 11010012-008 | Strawberry River | 7.93 | 97.6 |
| 11010012-011 | Strawberry River | 20.3 | 39.1 |

Source: EPA, BASINS

The impaired 4G planning segment contains a total of 114 stream miles, all of which are being assessed using monitoring data.

2.2 Soils and Topography

Impaired waters in planning unit 4G are located within both the Ozark Highlands and Mississippi Alluvial Plains ecoregions (i.e. Mississippi Delta). The soils and topography information was obtained from soil surveys for Fulton, Izard, Sharp, and Lawrence Counties (USDA 1984a, USDA 1984b, USDA 1978). The soils in the study area range from deep stony soils to shallow clay and loamy soils. The topography of the study area is characterized by rolling hills, steep valleys, and ridges (Appendix A, Figure A-2).

2.3 Land Use

The Strawberry and Black River subbasins are located in the White River Basin in Clay, Fulton, Independence, Izard, Randolph, Sharp, and Lawrence counties. Populated cities and towns in these subbasins are identified in Table 3 (Appendix A, Figure A-3). The largest city in this subbasin is the City of Horseshoe Bend, with a population of 2,278 people.

Table 3- Populated Cities and Towns in the Strawberry and Black River Subbasins

| HUC-Reach Number | Watershed | Cities / Towns | Population* |
|------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-------------|
| 11010012-015 | Caney Creek | Town of Mount Pleasant | 401 |
| 11010012-003 | Cooper Creek | Town of Smithville | 73 |
| 11010012-010 | Little Strawberry River | City of Horseshoe Bend | 2278 |
| 11010012-014 | Reed's Creek | Town of Strawberry | 283 |
| 11010012-008 | Upper Strawberry River | City of Oxford | 1535 |

Source: EPA, BASIN, 2007

Land use data for the impaired watersheds were obtained from the National Land Use Classification Data (NLCD). These data were based on satellite imagery from 1999. The spatial distribution of these land uses is shown in Appendix A (Figure A-4). Approximate acreage and percentages of these land uses for each watershed is listed in Table 4.

Table 4- Land Use Acres (Percents) in the Strawberry and Black River Subbasins (NLCD).

| Watersheds | Land Use Categories (Acres / (Percent Area)) | | | | | | | Total |
|---|---|---------------|------------------|------------------|--------------|------------|--------------------|------------------|
| | Barren | Cropland | Forest | Pasture | Transitional | Urban | Water/ Wetlands | |
| Black River Subbasin | | | | | | | | |
| Dota Creek | 0 (0%) | 0 (0%) | 18095 (44.5%) | 22522 (55.4%) | 0 (1.6%) | 0 (0%) | 68 (0.01%) | 40685 (100%) |
| Strawberry River Subbasin | | | | | | | | |
| Caney Creek 11010012-016 | 0 (0%) | 149 (3.2%) | 2635 (57.5%) | 1724 (37.7%) | 71 (1.6%) | 8 (0%) | 4 (0%) | 4591 (100%) |
| Cooper Creek 11010012-003 | 12482 (74%) | 617 (4%) | 132 (1%) | 3598 (21%) | 0 (0%) | 8 (0%) | 124 (1%) | 16,961 (100%) |
| Little Strawberry River 11010012-010 | 0 (0%) | 732 (3%) | 15875 (66%) | 7397 (31%) | 66 (0%) | 66 (0%) | 49 (0%) | 24,185 (100%) |
| Mill Creek 11010012-016 | 0 (0%) | 37 (1%) | 2910 (86%) | 411 (12%) | 20 (1%) | 0 (0%) | 0 (0%) | 3,378 (100%) |
| Reed's Creek 11010012-014 | 0 (0%) | 1072 (8%) | 7905 (62%) | 3655 (29%) | 44 (0%) | 1 (0%) | 13 (0%) | 12,690 (100%) |
| Strawberry River 11010012-011 | 8 (0%) | 1426 (3%) | 27379 (66%) | 12435 (30%) | 350 (1%) | 54 (0%) | 42 (0%) | 41,694 (100%) |
| Strawberry River 11010012-008 | 0 (0%) | 228 (2%) | 9289 (80.4%) | 1742 (15.1%) | 199 (2%) | 7 (0%) | 86 (0.01%) | 11551 (100%) |

Source: EPA, BASINS, 2007

For most of the impaired watersheds identified in Table 4, the predominate landuse is forest. Pastureland is the second most prevalent landuse present in the impaired watersheds.

2.4 Climatic Characteristic

Precipitation estimates for the Strawberry River subbasin are estimated using the Newport, Mammoth Springs, and Mountain Home weather stations. Annual average rainfall is approximately 40 inches. Mean monthly precipitation totals for the three weather stations are shown in Appendix A (Figure A-5). The mean monthly precipitation values are the lowest in January highest during the months March through August.

2.5 Flow Characteristics

The USGS has published stream flow data for waters in the Strawberry River subbasin at 5

locations. The locations of the gages are shown in Appendix A (Figure A-6). The only active gage in the study area is Strawberry River near Poughkeepsie, AR (USGS 07074000). Information for these flow gages is summarized below in Table 5.

Table 5- Streamflow Gage Stations

| Watershed | Stream Gage Name | Stream Gage Number | Gage Type | | Period of Record |
|------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------|---|------------------|
| | | | C | P | |
| Strawberry River | Strawberry River Near Evening Shade | 07073000 | C | P | 1939-1980 |
| Piney Fork River | Piney Fork River @ Evening Shade | 07073500 | C | P | 1939-1985 |
| Strawberry River | Strawberry River Near Poughkeepsie | 07074000 | C | P | 1939-Present |
| Dry Branch | Dry Branch Tributary Near Sidney | 07074200 | | P | 1961-1985 |
| Reeds Creek | Reeds Creek at Strawberry | 07074250 | | P | 1963-1982 |

Note: C = Continuous gage, P= Peakflow gage

2.6 Water Quality Standards

2.6.1 Water Quality Standards for Surface Waters of the State of Arkansas

Arkansas standards for pathogenic organisms are found in the Arkansas's Pollution Control and Ecology Commission Regulations Establishing Water Quality Standards for Surface Waters of the State of Arkansas (Adopted on April 23, 2004, Amended April 28, 2006).

2.6.2 Designated Uses for Impaired Waters

The use classifications for the impaired waterbodies are shown in Table 6 below.

Table 6- Designated Uses in the Strawberry and Black River Subbasins

| HUC-Reach Number | Waterbody Name | Impaired Use | Other Designated Uses* | | | | | | |
|------------------|-------------------------|--------------|------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----------|---|
| | | | ERW | NSW | ESW | PCR | SCR | D,I,A, WS | F |
| 11010009-902 | Dota Creek | PCR | | | | X | X | X | X |
| 11010012-015 | Caney Creek | PCR | | | | X | X | X | X |
| 11010012-016 | Mill Creek | PCR | | | | X | X | X | X |
| 11010012-014 | Reeds' Creek | PCR | | | | X | X | X | X |
| 11010012-011 | Strawberry River | PCR | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| 11010012-010 | Little Strawberry River | PCR | | | | X | X | X | X |
| 11010012-008 | Strawberry River | PCR | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| 11010012-003 | Cooper Creek | PCR | | | | X | X | X | X |

*(ERW) Extraordinary Resource Water, (NWS) Natural and Scenic Waters, (ESW) Ecologically Sensitive Water, (PCR) Primary Contact Recreation, (SCR) Secondary Contact Recreation, (D,I,A, WS) Domestic, Industrial, Agricultural Water Supply, (F) Fisheries

2.6.3 Numeric Criterion for Bacteria

As specified in the State of Arkansas Water Quality Standards, the Arkansas Department of Health has the responsibility of approving or disapproving surface waters for public water supply and of approving or disapproving the suitability of specifically delineated outdoor bathing places for body contact recreation, and it has issued rules and regulations pertaining to such uses.

For the purposes of this regulation, all streams with watersheds less than 10 mi² shall not be designated for primary contact unless and until site verification indicates that such use is attainable. No mixing zones are allowed for discharges of bacteria.

(A) Primary Contact Waters - Between May 1 and September 30, the fecal coliform content shall not exceed a geometric mean of 200 col/100 ml nor a monthly maximum of 400 col/100 ml. Alternatively, in these waters, Escherichia coli colony counts shall not exceed a geometric mean of more than 126 col/100 ml. or a monthly maximum value of not more than 298 col/100 ml in lakes, reservoirs and Extraordinary Resource Waters or 410 col/100 ml in other rivers and streams. During the remainder of the calendar year, these criteria may be exceeded, but at no time shall these counts exceed the level necessary to support secondary contact recreation (below).

(B) Secondary Contact Waters - The fecal coliform content shall not exceed a geometric mean of 1000 col/100 ml, nor a monthly maximum of 2000 col/100 ml. E. coli values shall not exceed the geometric mean of 630 col/100 ml or a monthly maximum of 1490 col/100 ml for lakes, reservoirs and Extraordinary Resource Waters and 2050 col/100 ml for other rivers and streams.

(C) For assessment of ambient waters as impaired by bacteria, the above listed applicable values shall not be exceeded in more than 25% of samples in no less than eight (8) samples taken during the primary contact season or during the secondary contact season.”

2.6.4 Antidegradation

As specified in EPA’s regulation 40 CFR §130.7(b)(2), applicable water quality standards include antidegradation requirements. Arkansas’ antidegradation policy is listed in Section 2.201 through 2.204 of Regulation No. 2. These sections are summarized below:

- Existing instream water uses and the level of water quality necessary to protect the existing uses shall be maintained and protected.
- Water quality that exceeds standards shall be maintained and protected unless allowing lower water quality is necessary to accommodate important economic or social development, although water quality must still be adequate to fully protect existing uses.
- For outstanding state or national resource waters, those uses and water quality for which the outstanding waterbody was designated shall be protected.

- For potential water quality impairments associated with a thermal discharge, the antidegradation policy and implementing method shall be consistent with Section 316 of the Clean Water Act.

The numeric criteria above specific one value for primary contact recreation that applies between May 1 and September 30, and a different criterion for the remainder of the year. In this report, we will refer to the primary contact recreation time period from May 1 to September 30 as primary contact recreation-summer (PCR-S). The remainder of the year will be referred to as primary contact recreation-winter (PCR-W). The descriptors PCR-S and PCR-W do not appear in the State of Arkansas water quality standards. They are used to differentiate the numeric criterion that apply during the various seasons.

3.0 CHARACTERIZATION OF EXISTING WATER QUALITY

Eight reaches of the Strawberry River are included on the 2004 Arkansas 305(b) report as not supporting primary contact recreation designated use due to exceedences of numeric criteria for pathogens. ADEQ historical water quality data were analyzed

3.1 Comparison of Observed Data to Criteria

Fecal coliform and e.coli monitoring data for each listed reach were obtained from ADEQ. Data for most stations were available between 2001 and 2003. All of the available data for each of the stations were evaluated against the instantaneous fecal coliform and e.coli criterion. Based on this evaluation, most of the sampling locations had exceedences of the instantaneous fecal coliform and e.coli criterion (Table 7a and Table 7d).

Table 7a. Summary of Pathogen (E.Coli) Data –Primary Contact Recreation-Summer

| HUC-Reach Number | Station Name | Sampling Station ID | Criterion (col./100mL) | N | Number of Exceedences (% exceedence) |
|------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|----|--------------------------------------|
| 11010012-015 | Caney Creek* | WHI0143R | 410 | 14 | 2/14 (14%) |
| 11010009-902 | Dota Creek ⁺ | WHI0165 | 410 | 10 | 0/10 (10%) |
| 11010012-010 | Little Strawberry River* | WHI0143H | 410 | 14 | 3/14 (21%) |
| 11010012-016 | Mill Creek* | WHI0143N | 410 | 14 | 2/14 (14%) |
| 11010012-014 | Reed's Creek* | UWRDC01 | 410 | 14 | 3/14 (21%) |
| 11010012-008 | Strawberry River | UWSBR01 | 298 | 14 | 2/14 (14%) |

Note: + Arkansas Bacteria Data, *TMDL Toolbox

Table 7b. Summary of Pathogen (E.Coli) Data –Primary Contact Recreation-Winter

| HUC-Reach Number | Station Name | Sampling Station ID | Criterion (col./100mL) | N | Number of Exceedences (% exceedence) |
|------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|
| 11010012-015 | Caney Creek | WHI0143R | 2050 | 9 | 1/9 (11%) |
| 11010009-902 | Dota Creek ⁺ | WHI0165 | 2050 | 7 | 1/7 (15%) |
| 11010012-010 | Little Strawberry River* | WH10143H | 2050 | 9 | 3/9 (33%) |
| 11010012-016 | Mill Creek* | WHI0143N | 2050 | 9 | 0/9 (0%) |
| 11010012-014 | Reed's Creek* | UWRDC01 | 2050 | 9 | 1/9 (21%) |
| 11010012-008 | Strawberry River* | UWSBR01 | 1490 | 9 | 1/9 (11%) |

Note: + Arkansas Bacteria Data, *TMDL Toolbox

Table 7c. Summary of Pathogen (Fecal) Data –Primary Contact Recreation-Summer

| HUC-Reach Number | Station Name | Sampling Station ID | Criterion (col./100mL) | N | Number of Exceedences (% exceedence) |
|------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|----|--------------------------------------|
| 11010012-016 | Cooper Creek | WH10143S | 400 | 16 | 6/15 (40%) |
| 11010009-902 | Dota Creek ⁺ | WHI0165 | 400 | 10 | 3/10 (30%) |
| 11010012-010 | Little Strawberry River* | WH10143H | 400 | 14 | 4/14 (36%) |
| 11010012-016 | Mill Creek* | WHI0143N | 400 | 15 | 4/15 (27%) |
| 11010012-014 | Reed's Creek* | UWRDC01 | 400 | 20 | 7/20 (35%) |

Note: + Arkansas Bacteria Data, *TMDL Toolbox

Table 7d. Summary of Pathogen (Fecal) Data –Primary Contact Recreation-Winter

| HUC-Reach Number | Station Name | Sampling Station ID | Criterion (col./100mL) | N | Number of Exceedences (% exceedence) |
|------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|----|--------------------------------------|
| 11010012-016 | Cooper Creek | WH10143S | 2000 | 9 | 3/9 (33%) |
| 11010009-902 | Dota Creek ⁺ | WHI0165 | 2000 | 7 | 2/7 (29%) |
| 11010012-010 | Little Strawberry River* | WH10143H | 2000 | 9 | 3/9 (33%) |
| 11010012-016 | Mill Creek* | WHI0143N | 2000 | 9 | 0/9 (0%) |
| 11010012-014 | Reed's Creek* | UWRDC01 | 2000 | 14 | 3/14 (21%) |

Note: + Arkansas Bacteria Data, *TMDL Toolbox

3.2 Trends and Patterns in Observed Data

The load duration curves for both fecal coliform and e.coli were used to determine the general trend in all of the observed data (Appendix B). For most watersheds, exceedences of the fecal and e.coli primary contact recreation criterion occurred during dry and low flow conditions. Exceedences of the secondary contact recreation criterion for both fecal coliform and e.coli occurred during dry and mid-range flow conditions.

In addition, precipitation and pathogen data (both fecal coliform and e.coli data) were evaluated to determine if a statistical association existed between the two variables. The data showed that some watershed showed a high positive association between bacteria (fecal coliform and e.coli) and rainfall. This high positive association may indicate that bacteria sources may be close to the stream and are only delivered in response to rainfall events. Some watersheds showed a low positive association between rainfall and bacteria. In these watersheds, most of the exceedence occurred during dry and low flow conditions. Therefore, there may be some indication that the exceedences of the water quality standard may be the result of direct inputs.

4.0 SOURCE ASSESSMENT

An important part of the TMDL analysis is the identification of potential source categories. Sources are broadly classified as either point or nonpoint sources. A point source is defined as a discernable, confined, and discrete conveyance from which pollutants are or may be discharged to surface waters. Nonpoint sources are diffuse, and generally, but not always, involve accumulation of fecal coliform bacteria on land surfaces that wash off as a result of storm events.

4.1 Point Source Assessment

Title IV of the Clean Water Act establishes the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit program. Basically, there are three categories of NPDES permits: 1) municipal and industrial wastewater treatment facilities, 2) regulated storm water discharges, and combined animal feeding operations (CAFO). The location of all point sources can be found in Appendix A (Figure A-7).

4.1.1 Wastewater Treatment Facilities

In general, industrial and municipal wastewater treatment facilities have NPDES permits with effluent limits. These permit limits are either based on federal and state effluent guidelines (technology-based limits) or on water quality standards (water quality-based limits).

The EPA has developed technology-based guidelines, which establish a minimum standard of pollution control for municipal and industrial discharges without regard for the quality of the receiving waters. These are based on Best Practical Control Technology Currently Available (BPT), Best Conventional Control Technology (BCT), and Best Available Technology Economically Achievable (BAT). The level of control required by each facility depends on the type of discharge and the pollutant.

Municipal and industrial wastewater treatment facilities' discharges may contribute fecal coliform to receiving waters. There are three NPDES permitted discharges with flows greater than 0.1 MGD identified in the Strawberry River Basin that discharge treated municipal wastewater to the impaired stream segments. Table 8 provides the monthly average discharge flows and fecal coliform concentrations for the municipal and industrial treatment facilities, obtained from calendar year 2005 Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR) data. The permitted flow and fecal coliform concentrations for these facilities are also included in this table.

Table 8- Point Source Discharges in Planning Unit 4G

| Facility Name | NPDES Permit No. | Receiving Stream | NPDES Permit Limits | | Number of Violations |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|--|---------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| | | | Average Design Flow (MGD) | Average Monthly FC (No./ 100mL) | |
| City of Horseshoe Bend (Paradise) | AR0039608 | Hubble Branch / Little Strawberry River | 0.06 | 87 | 0 |
| City of Horseshoe Bend (White) | AR0035254 | Little Strawberry River / Strawberry River | 0.2 | 43 | 0 |
| City of Oxford | AR0049701 | Little Strawberry River | 0.09 | 2 | 0 |

Combined sewer systems convey a mixture of raw sewage and storm water in the same conveyance structure to the wastewater treatment plant. These are considered a component of municipal wastewater treatment facilities. When the combined sewage exceeds the capacity of the wastewater treatment plant, the excess is diverted to a combined sewage overflow (CSO) discharge point. There are no permitted CSO outfalls in the Strawberry River Basin.

4.1.2 Regulated Storm Water Discharges

Some storm water runoff is covered under the NPDES Permit Program. It is considered a diffuse source of pollution. Unlike other NPDES permits that establish end-of-pipe limits, storm water NPDES permits establish controls "to the maximum extent practicable" (MEP). Regulated storm water discharges that may contain fecal coliform bacteria consist of those associated with industrial activities including construction sites disturbing one acre or greater, and large, medium, and small municipal separate storm sewer systems (MS4s) that serve populations of 50,000 or more.

Storm water discharges associated with industrial activities are currently covered under a General Storm Water NPDES Permit. This permit requires visual monitoring of storm water discharges, site inspections, implementation of Best Management Practices (BMPs), and record keeping.

As of March 10, 2003, small MS4s serving urbanized areas are required to obtain a storm water permit under the Phase II storm water regulations. An urbanized area is defined as an entity with a residential population of at least 50,000 people and an overall population density of at least 1,000 people per square mile. There are no Phase I or Phase II cities in this planning segment.

4.1.3 Confined Animal Feeding Operations

Confined livestock and confined animal feeding operations (CAFOs) are characterized by high animal densities. This results in large quantities of fecal material being contained in a limited area. Processed agricultural manure from confined hog, dairy cattle, and select poultry operations is generally collected in lagoons. It is then applied to pastureland and cropland as a fertilizer during the growing season, at rates that often vary monthly.

In 1990, the State of Arkansas began registering CAFOs. Many of the CAFOs were issued land application or NPDES permits for treatment of wastewaters generated from their operations. The type of permit issued depends on the operation size (i.e., number of animal units). There are no registered CAFOs in this planning segment.

4.2 Nonpoint Sources

In general, nonpoint sources cannot be identified as entering a waterbody through a discrete conveyance at a single location. Typical nonpoint sources of fecal coliform bacteria include:

- Wildlife
- Agricultural Livestock
 - Animal grazing
 - Animal access to streams
 - Application of manure to pastureland and cropland
- Urban Development
 - Leaking sanitary sewer lines
 - Septic systems
 - Land Application Systems
 - Landfills

4.2.1 Wildlife

The importance of wildlife as a source of fecal coliform bacteria in streams varies considerably, depending on the animal species present in the subwatersheds. Wildlife resource studies show that animals that spend a large portion of their time in or around aquatic habitats are the most important wildlife sources of fecal coliform. Waterfowl, most notably ducks and geese, are considered to potentially be the greatest contributors of fecal coliform. This is because they are typically found on the water surface, often in large numbers, and deposit their feces directly into the water. Other potentially important animals regularly found around aquatic environments include racoons, beavers, muskrats, and to a lesser extent, river otters and minks. Population estimates of these animal species in Arkansas are currently not available.

White-tailed deer have a significant presence throughout the Strawberry River Basin. The number of deer camps for hunters provides a relative estimate of area that may have higher deer populations. Based on 1999 deer camp densities for Fulton, Independence, Izard, Lawrence, and Sharp counties have deer densities ranging from 11 – 100 deer per square mile.

Fecal coliform bacteria contributions from deer to water bodies are generally considered less significant than that of waterfowl, racoons, and beavers. This is because a greater portion of their time is spent in terrestrial habitats. Feces deposited on the land surface can result in the introduction of fecal coliform to streams during runoff events. It should be noted that between storm events, considerable decomposition of the fecal matter might occur, resulting in a decrease in the associated fecal coliform numbers.

3.2.2 Agricultural Livestock

Agricultural livestock are a potential source of fecal coliform to streams in the Strawberry River Basin. The animals grazing on pastureland deposit their feces onto land surfaces, where it can be transported during storm events to nearby streams. Animal access to pastureland varies monthly, resulting in varying fecal coliform loading rates throughout the year. Beef cattle spend all of their time in pastures, while dairy cattle and hogs are periodically confined. Agricultural livestock will often have direct access to streams that pass through their pastures, and can thus impact water quality in a more direct manner (USDA, 2002).

Table 9 provides the estimated number of beef cattle, dairy cattle, goats, horse, swine, sheep, and chickens by category reported by county. These data were provided by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and are based on 2006 data (NRCS, 2006).

Table 9. Estimated Agricultural Livestock Populations in the Strawberry River Basin

| County | Livestock (head of animals) | | | | |
|--------------|-----------------------------|--------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| | Beef Cattle | Dairy Cattle | Chickens-Broilers Farms | Chickens-Broilers Sold | Hog and Pig Inventory |
| Fulton | 24,057 | 755 | 1 | (D) | 160 |
| Independence | 25,284 | 140 | 54 | 20,880,219 | 261 |
| Izard | 18,101 | 255 | 24 | 8,528,054 | (D) |
| Lawrence | 10,467 | 0 | 24 | 8,469,646 | 363 |
| Sharp | 17,000 | (D) | 34 | 13,755,996 | 214 |

Source: USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, Arkansas Field Office, 2002

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual farms.

4.0 TMDL DEVELOPMENT

A TMDL is the total amount of a pollutant that can be assimilated by the receiving waterbody while still achieving water quality standards. In TMDL development, allowable loadings from all pollutant sources that cumulatively amount to no more than the TMDL must be established and thereby provide the basis for establishing water quality-based controls.

A TMDL for a given pollutant and waterbody is composed of the sum of individual wasteload allocations (WLAs) for point sources, and load allocations (LAs) for nonpoint sources and natural background levels. In addition, the TMDL must include an implicit or explicit margin of safety (MOS) to account for the uncertainty in the relationship between pollutant loads and the quality of the receiving waterbody. This TMDL also includes a future growth (FG) component to account for loadings from the continued growth in the TMDL area. The TMDL components are illustrated using the following equation:

$$TMDL = \sum WLAs + \sum LAs + MOS + FG$$

TMDLs, for some pollutants, are expressed as a mass loading (e.g., kilograms per day). TMDLs, for bacteria, can be expressed in terms of organism counts per day, in accordance with 40 CFR 130.2(i). TMDLs in this document are expressed in colony forming unit (cfu) per day.

4.1 TMDL Analytical Approach

The methodology used for the TMDLs in the report is the load duration curve. Because loading capacity varies as a function of the flow present in the stream, these TMDLs represent a continuum of desired loads over all flow conditions, rather than fixed at a single value. The basic elements of this procedure are documented on the Kansas Department of Health and Environment web site (KDHE 2005). This method was used to illustrate allowable loading at a wide range of flows. The steps for how this methodology was applied for the TMDLs in this report can be summarized as follows:

1. Develop a flow duration curve.
2. Convert the flow duration curve to load duration curves for bacteria
3. Plot observed loads with load duration curves.
4. Calculate TMDL, MOS, FG, WLA, and LA (see also Section 4.2).

4.1.1 Flow Duration Curve

For this TMDL, a flow duration curve was developed based on one active USGS gage in the drainage basin (Table 10). Daily streamflow measurements from the USGS gage was sorted in increasing order, and the percentile ranking of each flow was calculated (Appendix C).

Figure 1 below is an example of a flow duration curve. The X-axis shows the percentage of days on which the plotted flow is exceeded. Points at the lower end of the plot (0 through 10 percent) represent high-flow conditions where only 0 through 10 percent of the flow exceeds the plotted point. Conversely, points on the high end of the plot (90 to 100 percent) represent low-flow

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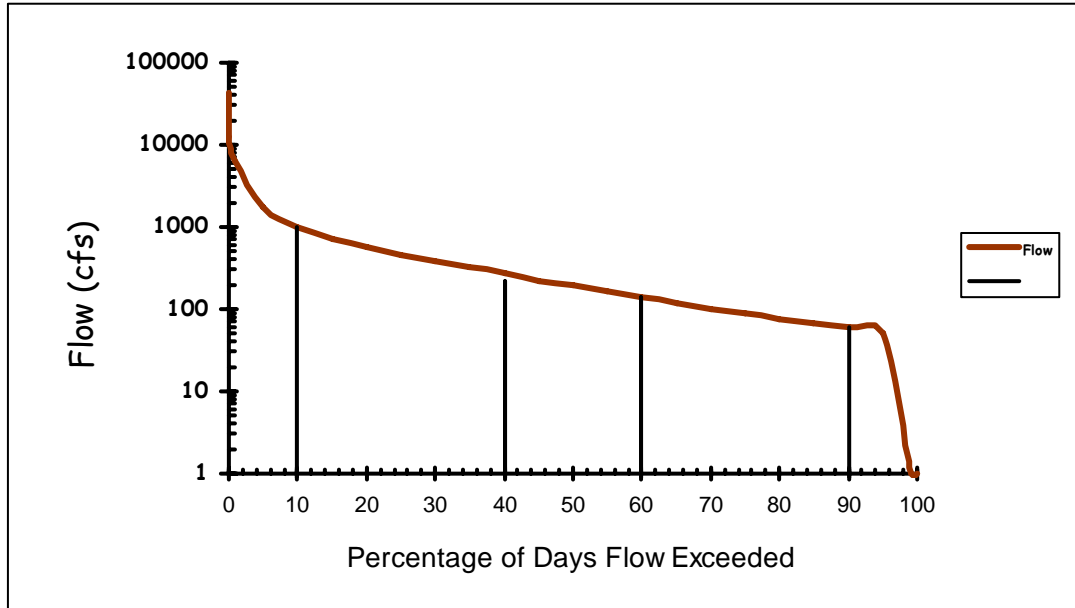


Figure 1. Example of Flow Duration Curve.

Table 10. USGS Streamflow Gage Used for Load Duration Curve

| Watershed | Stream Gage Name | Stream Gage Number | Gage Type | | Period of Record |
|------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------|---|------------------|
| | | | C | P | |
| Strawberry River | Strawberry River Near Poughkeepsie | 07074000 | C | P | 1939-Present |

4.1.2 Load Duration Curve

In developing the load duration curve, the methodology requires that the same flow period be used for both developing the flow duration and calculating load curves from sampling data.

The load duration curve is beneficial when analyzing monitoring data because it presents corresponding flow information and monitoring results plotted as a load. This approach allows the monitoring data to be placed in relation to their place in the flow continuum. Assumptions of the probable source or sources of the impairment can then be made from the plotted data. The load duration curve shows the calculation of the TMDL at any flow rather than at a single critical flow. The official TMDL number is reported as a single number, but the curve is provided to demonstrate the value of the acceptable load at any flow. This will allow analysis of load cases in the future for different flow regimes. Appendix B contains the load duration curve calculations.

4.1.3 Observed Loads

For each sampling station and season, observed loads were calculated by multiplying the observed bacterial concentration by the flow on the sampling day. These observed loads were then plotted versus the percent flow exceedance of the flow curve on the sampling day and placed on the same plot as the load duration curve. TMDL allocations were set at the 50th percentile water quality criteria to obtain a TMDL for each reach. These plots are shown in Appendix B of this report.

These plots provide visual comparisons between observed and allowable loads under different flow conditions. Observed loads that are plotted above the load duration curve represent conditions where observed water quality concentrations exceed the target concentrations. Observed loads plotted below the load duration curve represent conditions where observed water quality concentrations were less than target concentrations (i.e., not exceeding water quality standards).

4.2 TMDL Development

Each TMDL was calculated as the area under the load duration curve. Because the load duration curves were expressed in mass per unit drainage area, the area under the curve was multiplied by the drainage area for each reach. Tables 11a through 11d present the TMDLs and allocations for the sub-segments in this report.

Table 11a Summary of Fecal Coliform TMDLs, (Primary Contact Recreation-Summer)

| Arkansas Reach ID | Stream Name | Explicit MOS* | WLA* | LA* | TMDL* |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------|----------|----------|----------|
| 11010009-902 | Dota Creek* | 2.51E+10 | 0 | 2.26E+11 | 2.51E+11 |
| 11010012-015 | Caney Creek | 5.67E+09 | 0 | 5.10E+10 | 5.67E+10 |
| 11010012-016 | Mill Creek | 4.18E+09 | 0 | 3.76E+10 | 4.18E+10 |
| 11010012-014 | Reeds' Creek | 1.57E+10 | 0 | 1.41E+11 | 1.57E+11 |
| 11010012-011 | Strawberry River | 3.86E+10 | 0 | 3.47E+11 | 3.86E+11 |
| 11010012-010 | Little Strawberry River | 1.62E+10 | 5.31E+09 | 1.40E+11 | 1.62E+11 |
| 11010012-008 | Strawberry River | 1.43E+10 | 0 | 1.28E+11 | 1.43E+11 |
| 11010012-003 | Cooper Creek | 2.09E+10 | 0 | 1.88E+11 | 2.09E+11 |

*Note: cfu/day = colony forming units per day

Table 11b Summary of Fecal Coliform TMDLs, (Primary Contact Recreation-Winter)

| Arkansas Reach ID | Stream Name | Explicit MOS* | WLA* | LA* | TMDL* |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------|----------|----------|----------|
| 11010009-902 | Dota Creek | 1.26E+11 | 0 | 1.13E+12 | 1.26E+12 |
| 11010012-015 | Caney Creek | 2.84E+10 | 0 | 2.55E+11 | 2.84E+11 |
| 11010012-016 | Mill Creek | 2.09E+10 | 0 | 1.88E+11 | 2.09E+11 |
| 11010012-014 | Reed's Creek | 7.84E+10 | 0 | 7.06E+11 | 7.84E+11 |
| 11010012-011 | Strawberry River | 1.93E+11 | 0 | 1.74E+12 | 1.93E+12 |
| 11010012-010 | Little Strawberry River | 8.10E+10 | 2.65E+10 | 7.02E+11 | 8.10E+11 |
| 11010012-008 | Strawberry River | 7.13E+10 | 0 | 6.42E+11 | 7.13E+11 |
| 11010012-003 | Cooper Creek | 1.05E+11 | 0 | 9.42E+11 | 1.05E+12 |

*Note: cfu/day = colony forming units per day

Table 11c Summary of E. Coli TMDLs (Primary Contact Recreation-Summer)

| Arkansas Reach ID | Stream Name | Explicit MOS* | WLA* | LA* | TMDL* |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------|----------|----------|----------|
| 11010009-902 | Dota Creek | 2.57E+10 | 0 | 2.32E+11 | 2.57E+11 |
| 11010012-015 | Caney Creek | 5.81E+09 | 0 | 5.23E+10 | 5.81E+10 |
| 11010012-016 | Mill Creek | 4.28E+09 | 0 | 3.85E+10 | 4.28E+10 |
| 11010012-014 | Reed's Creek | 1.61E+10 | 0 | 1.45E+11 | 1.61E+11 |
| 11010012-011 | Strawberry River | 3.97E+10 | 0 | 3.57E+11 | 3.97E+11 |
| 11010012-010 | Little Strawberry River | 1.66E+10 | 5.44E+09 | 1.44E+11 | 1.66E+11 |
| 11010012-008 | Strawberry River | 1.46E+10 | 0 | 1.32E+11 | 1.46E+11 |
| 11010012-003 | Cooper Creek | 2.15E+10 | 0 | 1.93E+11 | 2.15E+11 |

*Note: cfu/day = colony forming units per day

Table 11d Summary of E. Coli TMDLs (Primary Contact Recreation-Winter)

| Arkansas Reach ID | Stream Name | Explicit MOS* | WLA* | LA* | TMDL* |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------|----------|----------|----------|
| 11010009-902 | Dota Creek | 1.29E+11 | 0 | 1.16E+12 | 1.29E+12 |
| 11010012-015 | Caney Creek | 2.91E+10 | 0 | 2.62E+11 | 2.91E+11 |
| 11010012-016 | Mill Creek | 2.14E+10 | 0 | 1.93E+11 | 2.14E+11 |
| 11010012-014 | Reed's Creek | 8.04E+10 | 0 | 7.24E+11 | 8.04E+11 |
| 11010012-011 | Strawberry River | 1.98E+11 | 0 | 1.78E+12 | 1.98E+12 |
| 11010012-010 | Little Strawberry River | 8.30E+10 | 2.72E+10 | 7.20E+11 | 8.30E+11 |
| 11010012-008 | Strawberry River | 7.31E+10 | 0 | 6.58E+11 | 7.31E+11 |
| 11010012-003 | Cooper Creek | 1.07E+11 | 0 | 9.66E+11 | 1.07E+12 |

*Note: cfu/day = colony forming units per day

4.2.1 Wasteload Allocation

The WLA portion of the TMDL equation is the total loading of a pollutant that is assigned to point sources. There are three permitted facilities discharging sanitary wastewater into Little Strawberry River reach 11010012-010 (Table 12).

Table 12 Summary of WLA for Fecal Coliform and E.coli

| Facility Name | NPDES Permit No. | Receiving Stream | Contact Recreation Season | Fecal Coliform WLA (cfu/day) | E.coli WLA (cfu/day) |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|--|---------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|
| City of Horseshoe Bend (Paradise) | AR0039608 | Hubble Branch / Little Strawberry River | PCR-S | 9.53E+08 | 9.32E+08 |
| City of Horseshoe Bend (White) | AR0035254 | Little Strawberry River / Strawberry River | PCR-S | 3.18E+09 | 3.11E+09 |
| City of Oxford | AR0049701 | Little Strawberry River | PCR-S | 1.43E+09 | 1.40E+09 |
| City of Horseshoe Bend (Paradise) | AR0039608 | Hubble Branch / Little Strawberry River | PCR-W | 4.76E+09 | 2.38E+09 |
| City of Horseshoe Bend (White) | AR0035254 | Little Strawberry River / Strawberry River | PCR-W | 1.59E+10 | 7.94E+09 |
| City of Oxford | AR0049701 | Little Strawberry River | PCR-W | 7.15E+09 | 3.57E+09 |

4.2.2 Load Allocation

The load allocation is the portion of the TMDL assigned to natural background loadings as well as nonpoint sources such as septic tank leakage, wildlife, and agricultural practices. For this TMDL, that LA was calculated by subtracting the WLA, MOS, and FG from the total TMDL. LAs were not allocated to separate nonpoint sources; due to the lack of available source characterization data. The LAs are presented in Table 4-2.

Both section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act and the regulations at 40 CFR 130.7 require that TMDLs include an MOS to account for uncertainty in available data or in the actual effect that controls will have on the loading reductions and receiving water quality.

4.2.3 Seasonality and Critical Conditions

The federal regulations at 40 CFR 130.7 require that TMDLs include seasonal variations and take into account critical conditions for streamflow, loading, and water quality parameters. Fecal coliform and e.coli loadings for subsegments with primary contact recreation as the designated use were determined for winter and summer on the basis of seasonal water quality criteria, thus accounting for seasonality. The sampling results for fecal coliform bacteria were plotted over time and reviewed for any seasonal patterns (see Section 3.2).

By accounting for critical conditions, the TMDL makes sure that water quality standards are maintained for infrequent occurrences and not only for average conditions. For fecal coliform bacteria, the water quality criteria include values that must not be exceeded more than 25 percent of the time (primary and secondary contact recreation).

Because of the way the criteria are written (i.e., including critical and noncritical conditions), the TMDL for the pollutant of concern can be developed by reviewing pollutant loads at all flow conditions within applicable periods of the year and evaluating the percentage of values exceeding the criteria. The load duration curve, which determines the allowable loading at a wide range of flows, was chosen as the approach for these TMDLs (see Section 4.1). Therefore, the TMDLs were calculated at all flows rather than at a single critical flow.

4.2.4 Margin of Safety

The margin of safety (MOS) is the portion of the pollutant loading reserved to account for any lack of knowledge concerning the relationship between effluent limitations as stated in 40 CFR §130.7. There are two ways to incorporate the MOS (USEPA 1991). One way is to implicitly incorporate the MOS by using conservative model assumptions to develop allocations. The other way is to explicitly specify a portion of the TMDL as the MOS and use the remainder for allocations. The MOS is an explicit 10 percent was set aside for each impaired segment. Using 10 percent of the TMDL load provides an additional level of protection to the designated uses of the waterbodies of concern.

5.0 OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION

In accordance with Section 106 of the federal Clean Water Act and under its own authority, ADEQ has established a comprehensive program for monitoring the quality of the State's surface waters. ADEQ collects surface water samples at various locations, utilizing appropriate sampling methods and procedures for ensuring the quality of the data collected. The objectives of the surface water monitoring program are to determine the quality of the state's surface waters, to develop a long-term data base for long term trend analysis, and to monitor the effectiveness of pollution controls. The data obtained through the surface water monitoring program is used to develop the state's biennial 305(b) report (Water Quality Inventory) and the 303(d) list of impaired waters, which are issued as a single document titled Arkansas Integrated Water Quality Monitoring and Assessment Report.

6.0 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

When EPA establishes TMDLs, federal regulations require EPA to publicly notice and seek comment concerning the TMDLs. Pursuant to a May 2000 consent decree, these TMDLs were prepared by EPA. After development of the draft version of these TMDLs, EPA prepared a notice seeking comments, information, and data from the general public and any other interested parties. No comments, data, or information were submitted during the public comment period. EPA has transmitted the final TMDLs to the ADEQ for implementation and incorporation into ADEQ's current water quality management plan.

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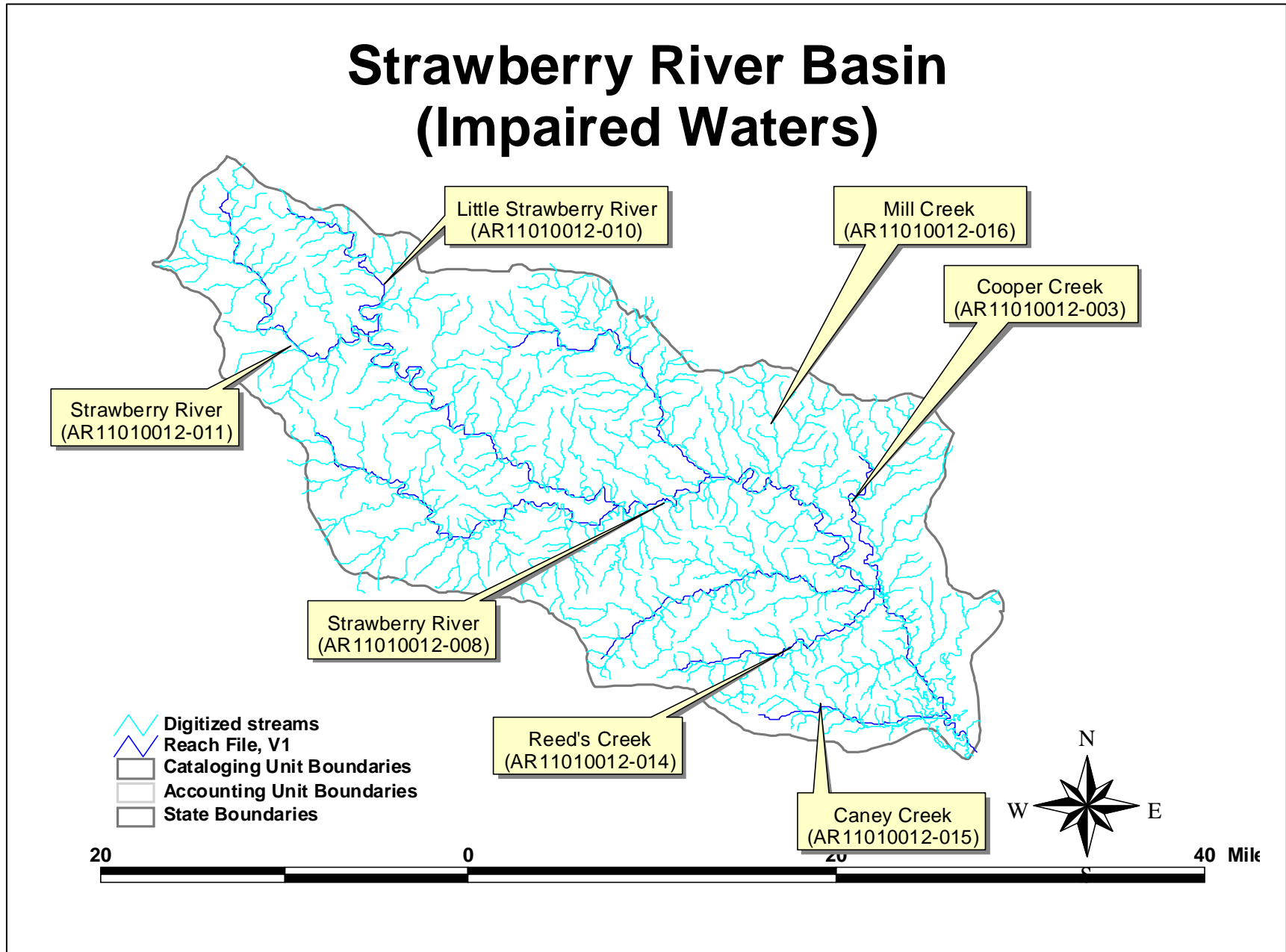


Figure A-1 Study area for Planning Segments in 4G

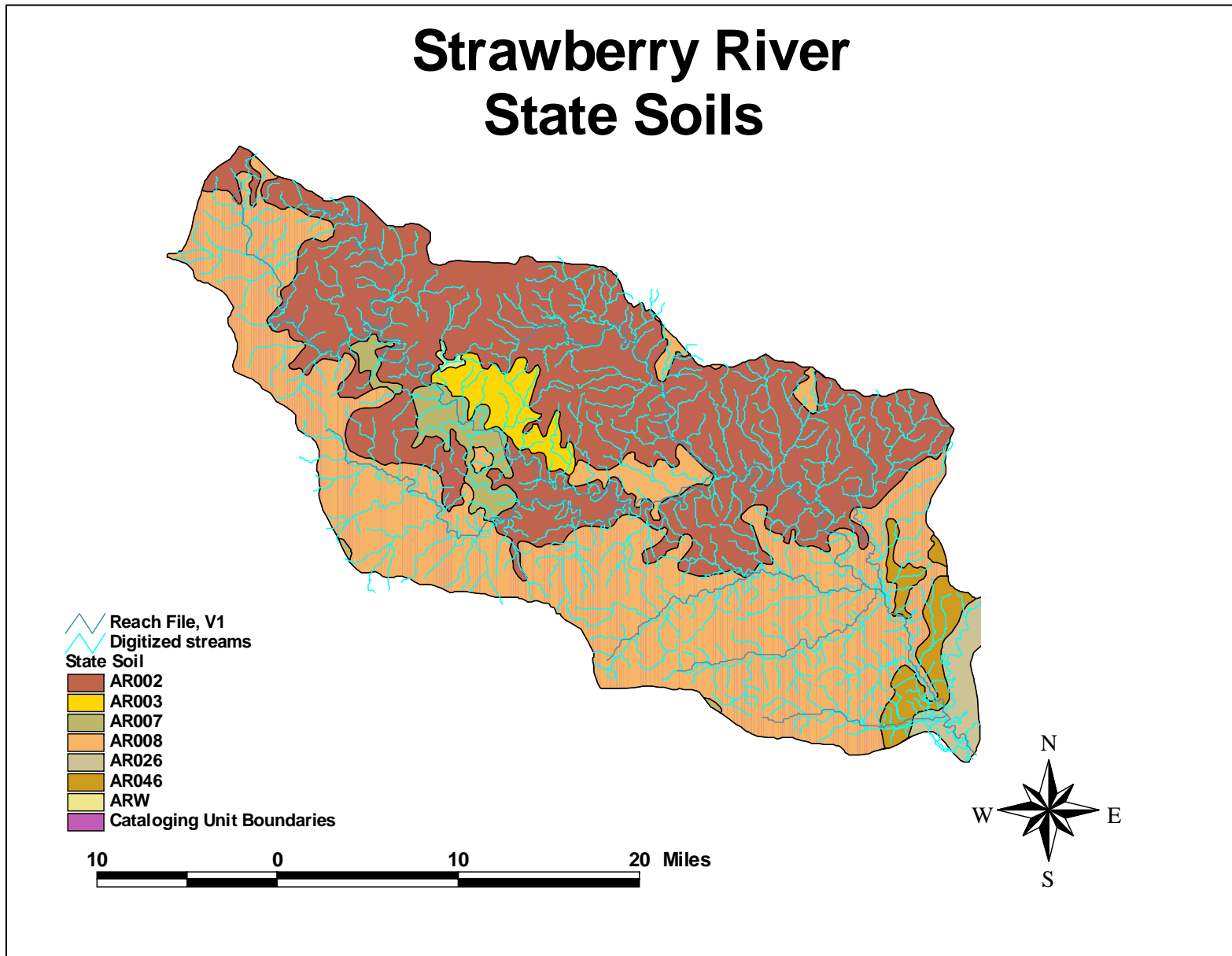


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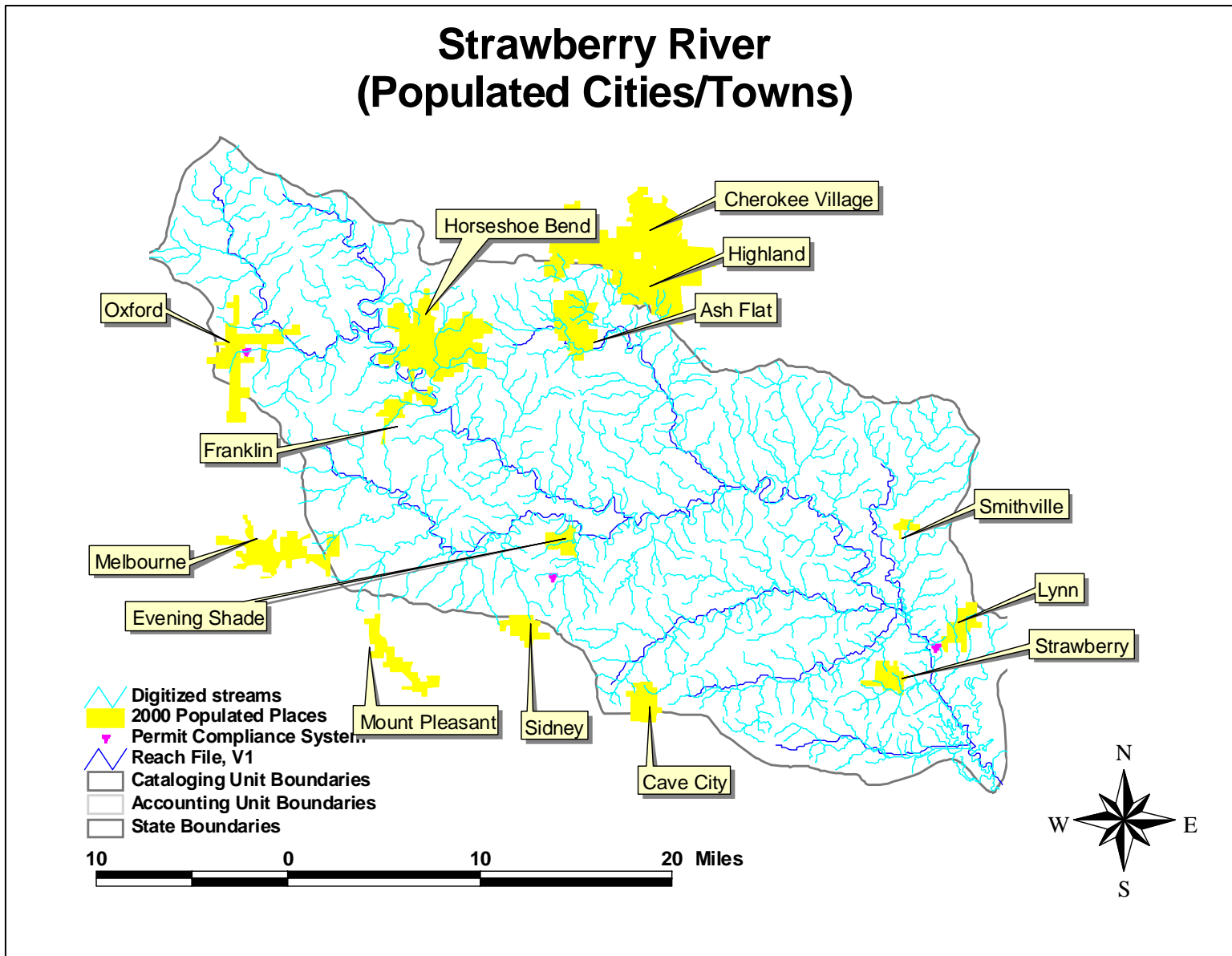


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Strawberry River Basin Landuse

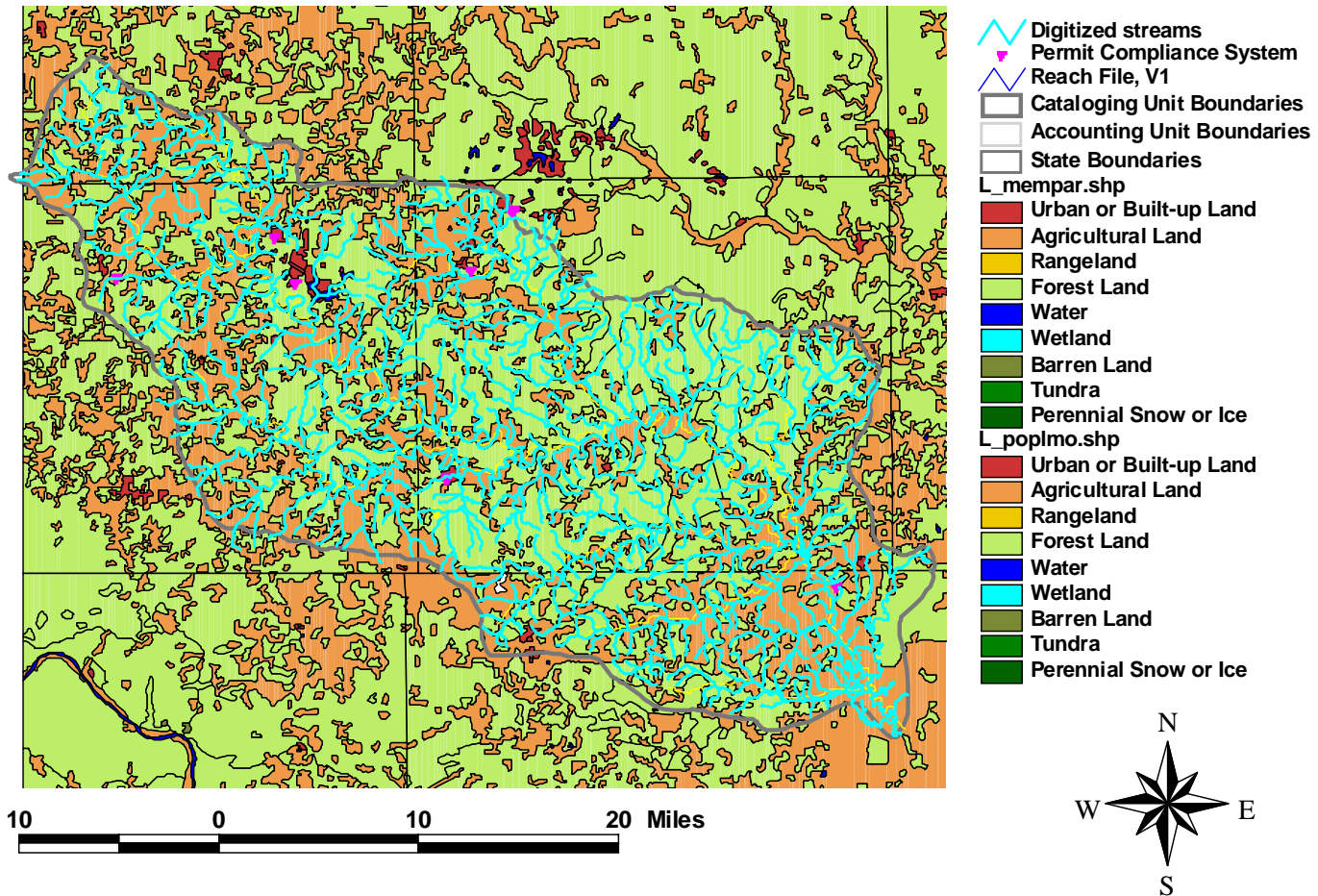


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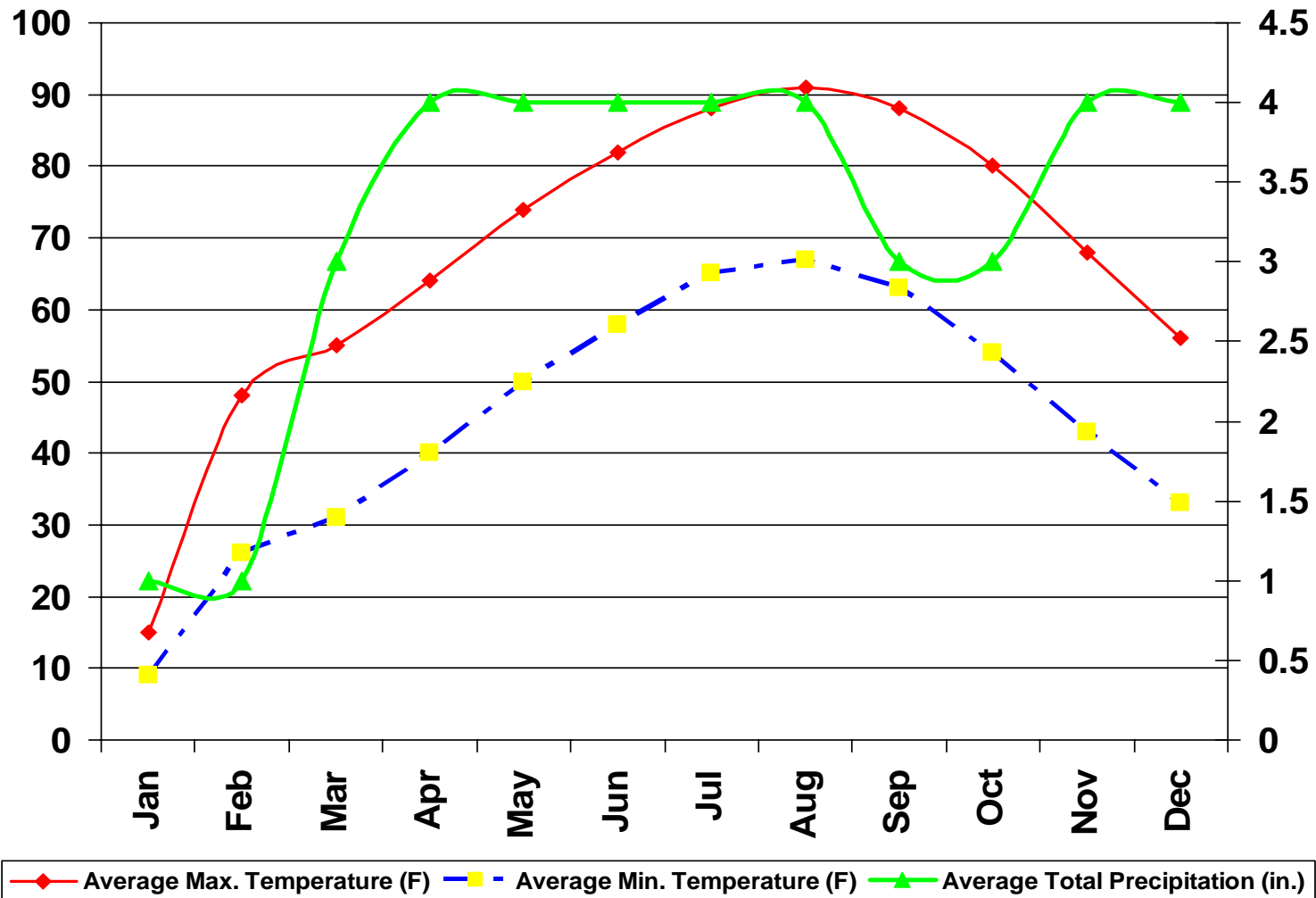


Figure A-5 Climate Conditions in Planning Segments 4G

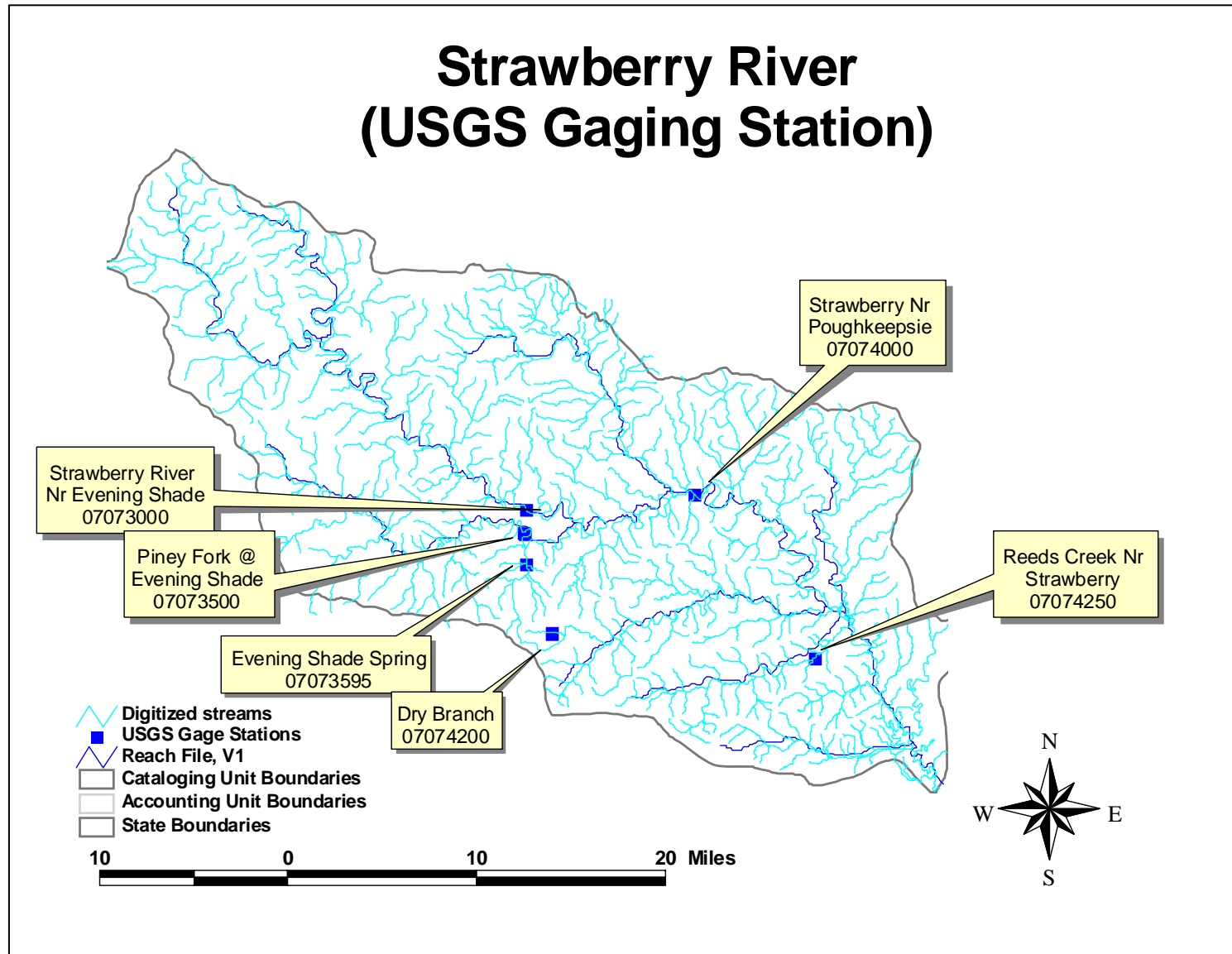


Figure A-6 USGS Streamflow Gages in Planning Segments 4G

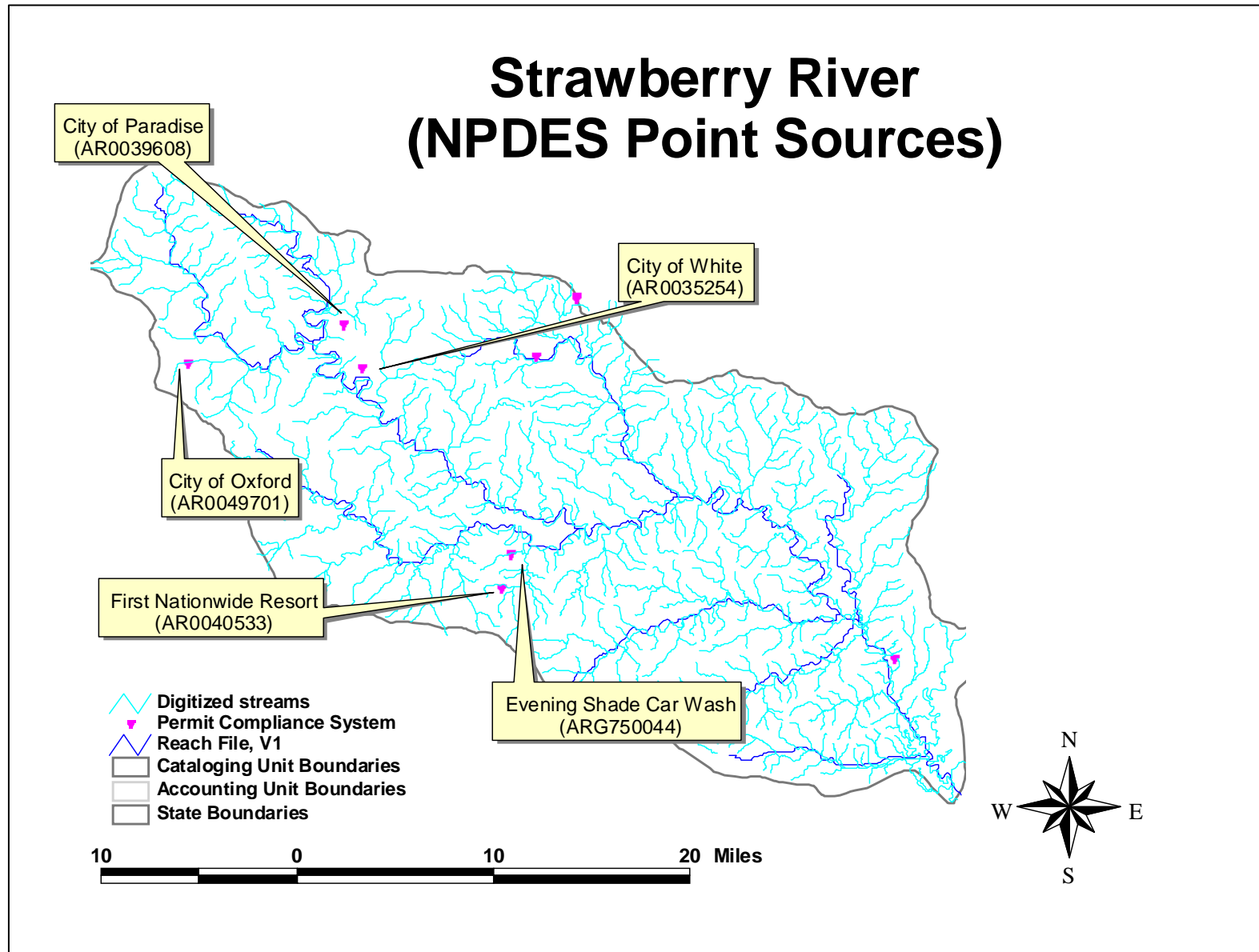


Figure A-7 Point Source Dischargers in Planning Segment 4G

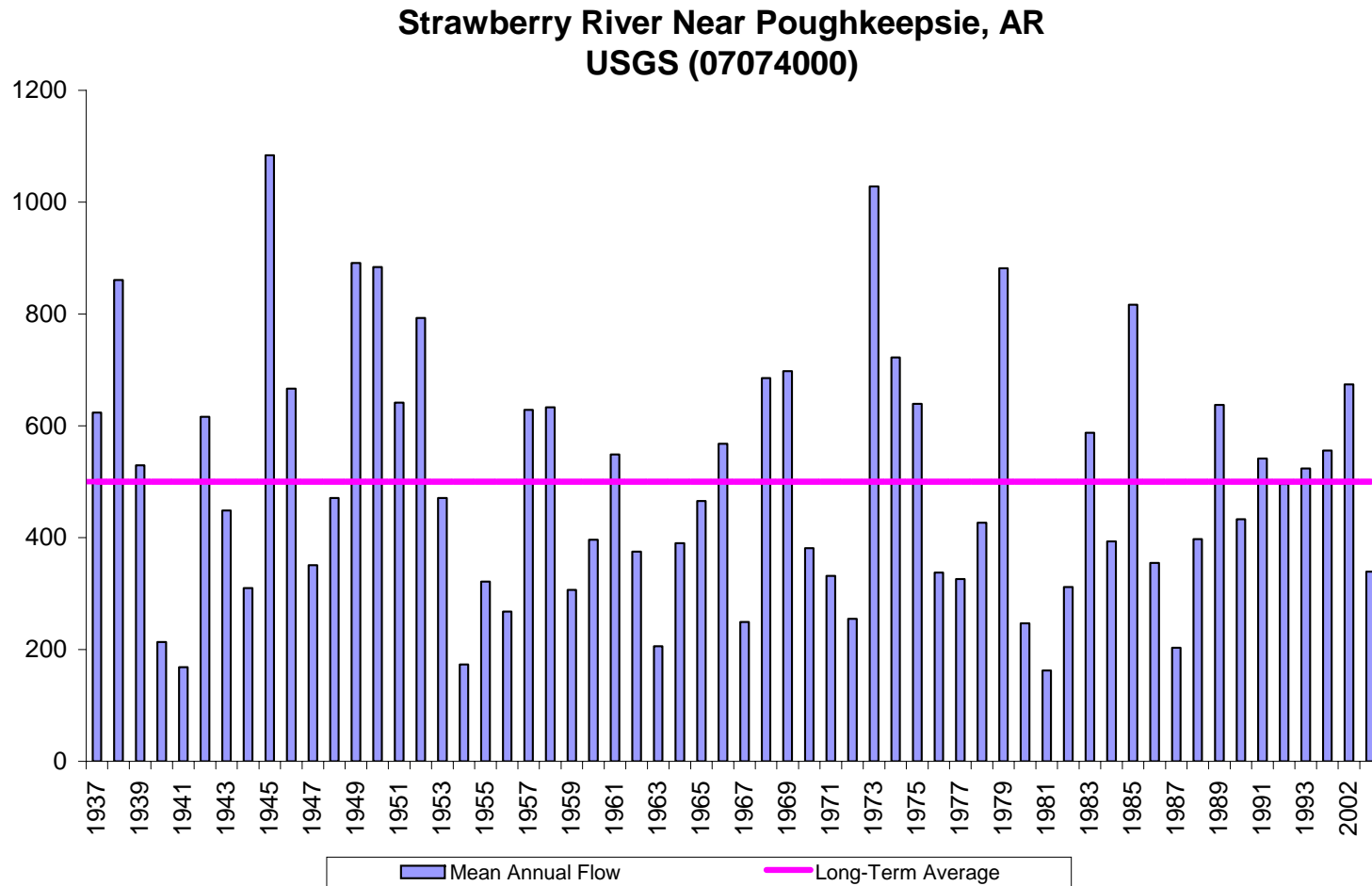


Figure A-8 Streamflow Estimation for Strawberry River Stations

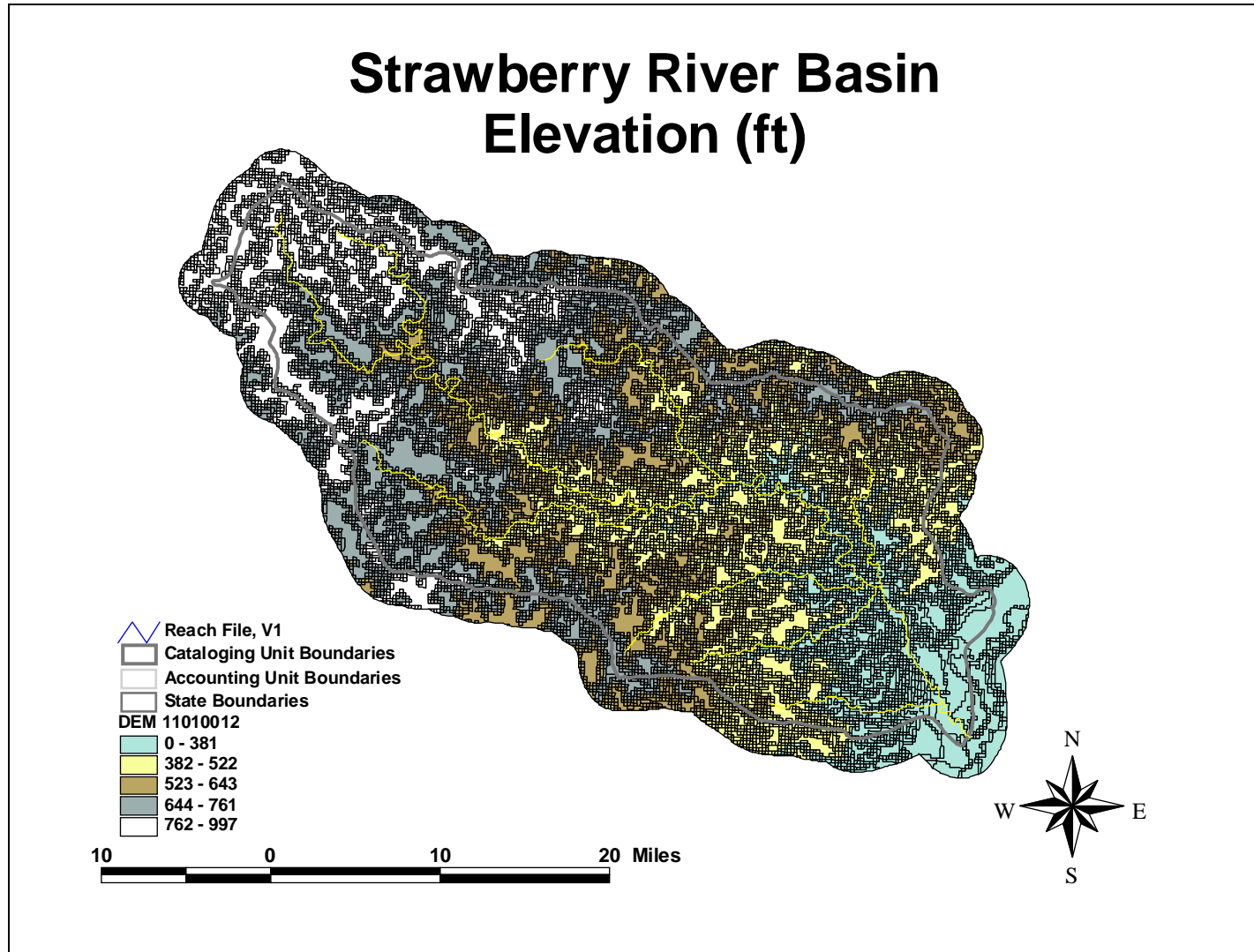


Figure A-9 Strawberry River Basin Elevation (ft)

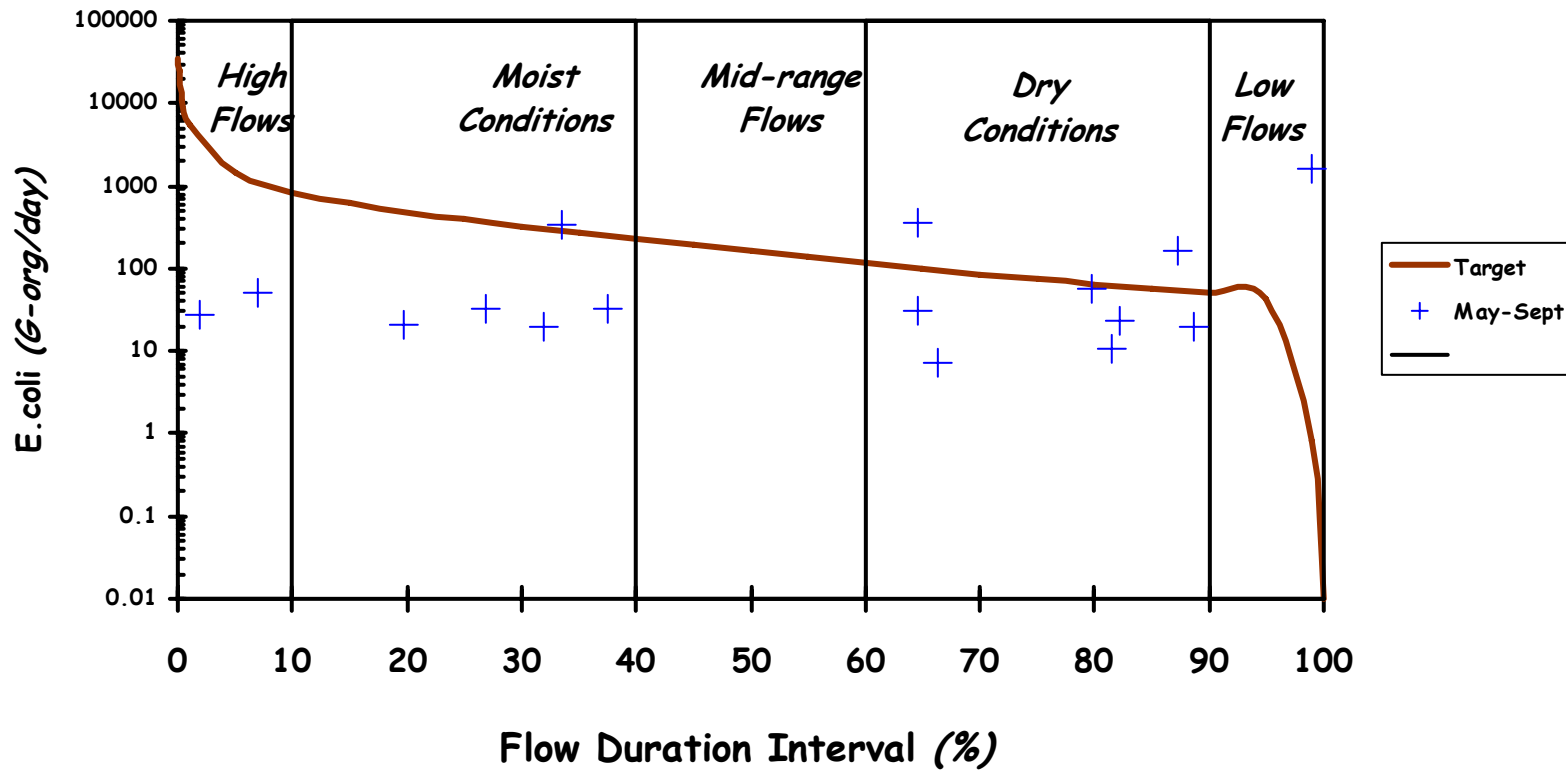
Appendix B

Reed's Creek, AR

Load Duration Curve

(2001 - 2002 E.coli Monitoring Data (PCR-Summer))

Site:UWRDC01



ADEQ Data & USGS Gage Duration Interval

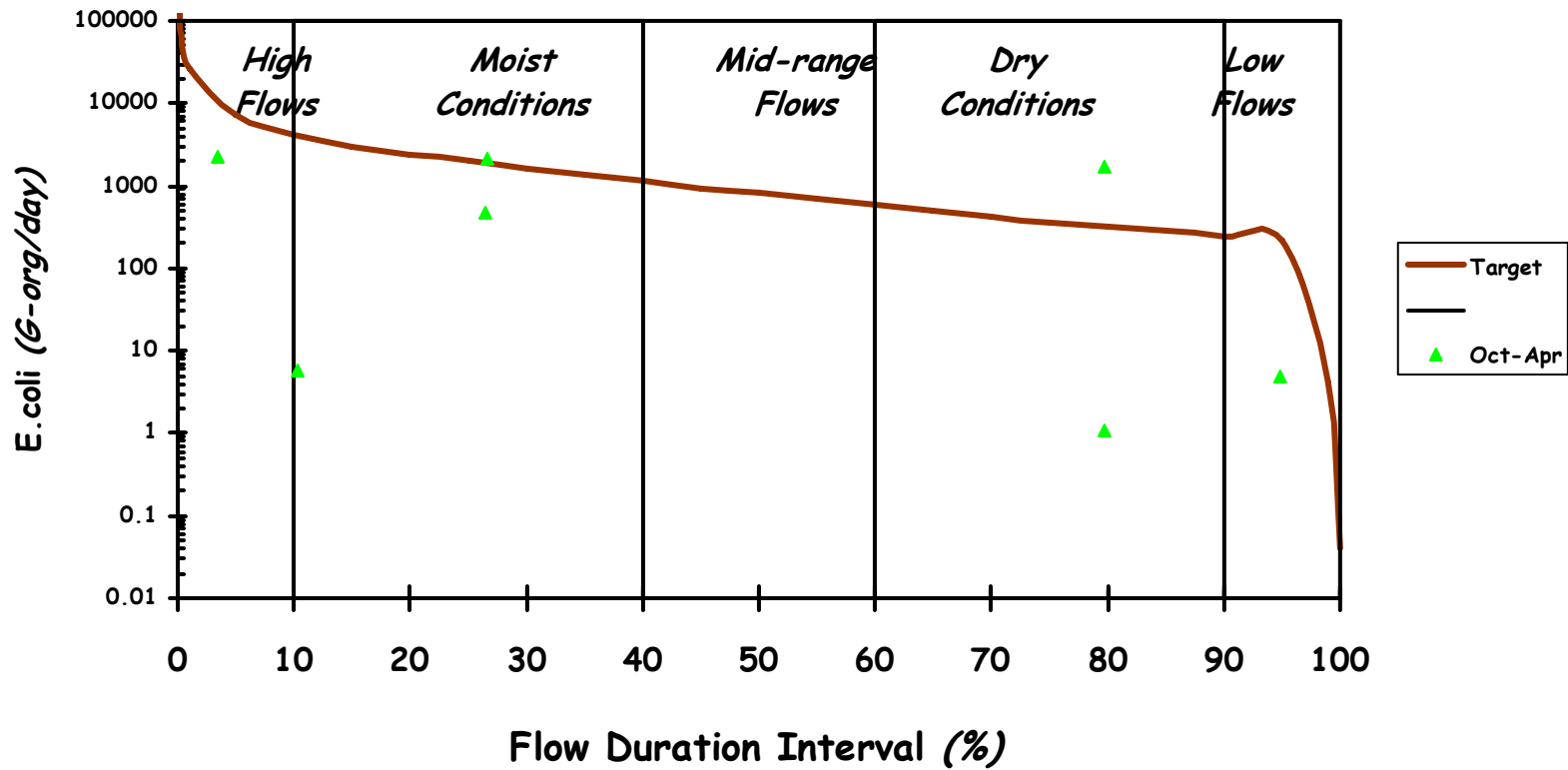
39.7 square miles

Reed's Creek, AR

Load Duration Curve

(2001 - 2002 E.coli Monitoring Data (PCR-Winter))

Site:UWRDC01



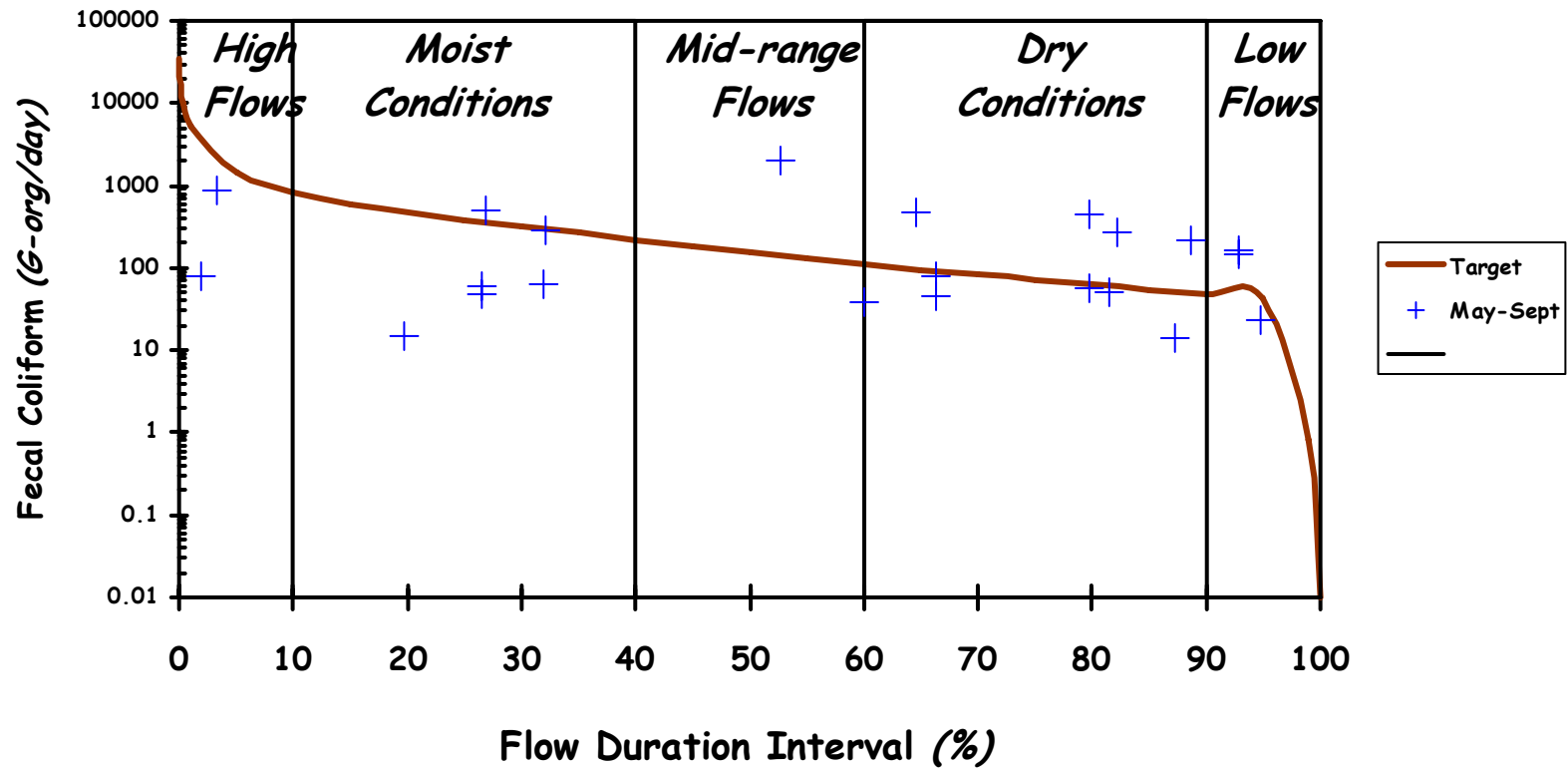
ADEQ Data & USGS Gage Duration Interval

39.7 square miles

Reed's Creek, AR

Load Duration Curve

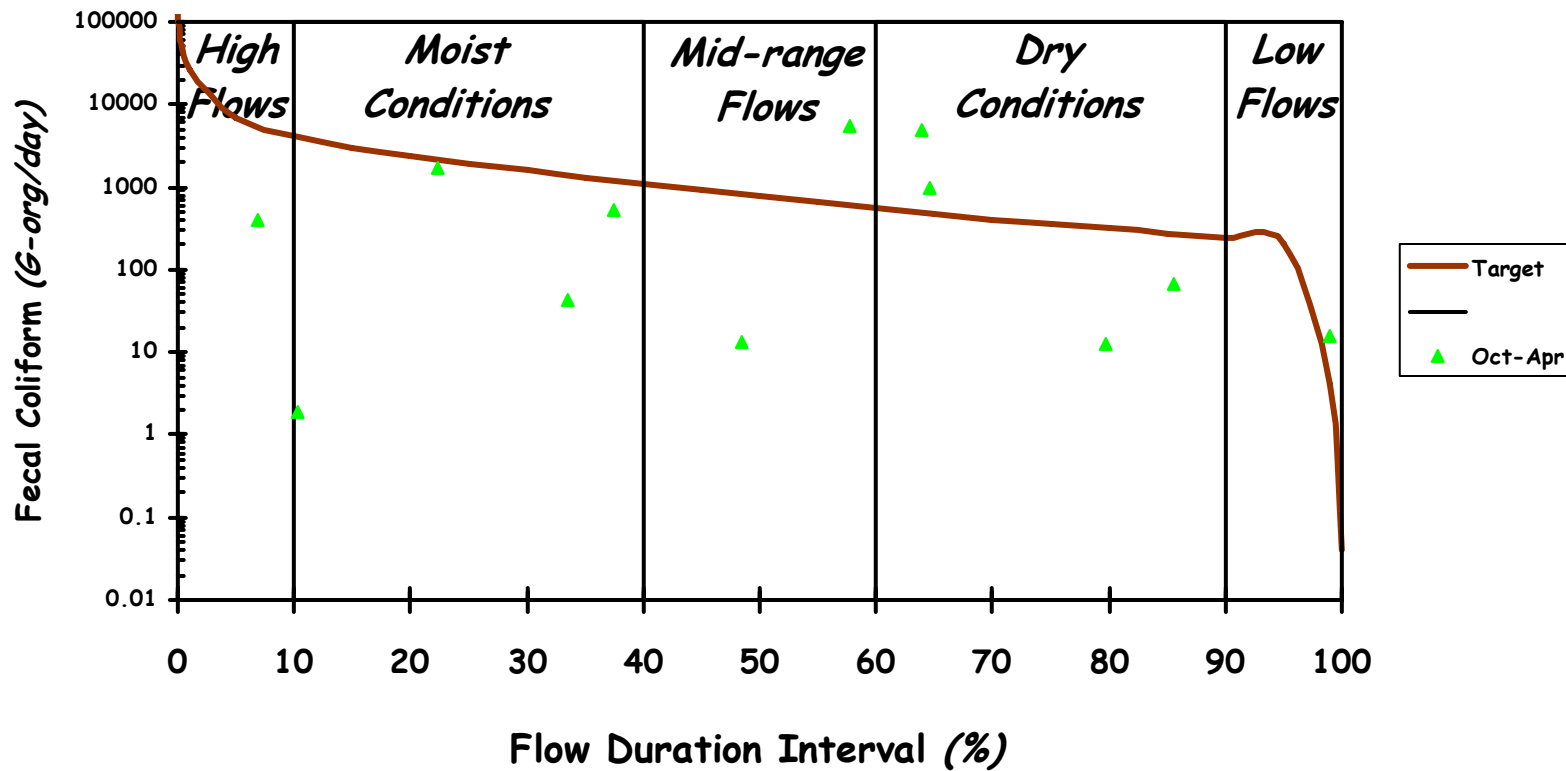
(1994 - 2002 Fecal Coliform Monitoring Data (PCR-Summer))
Site:UWRDC01



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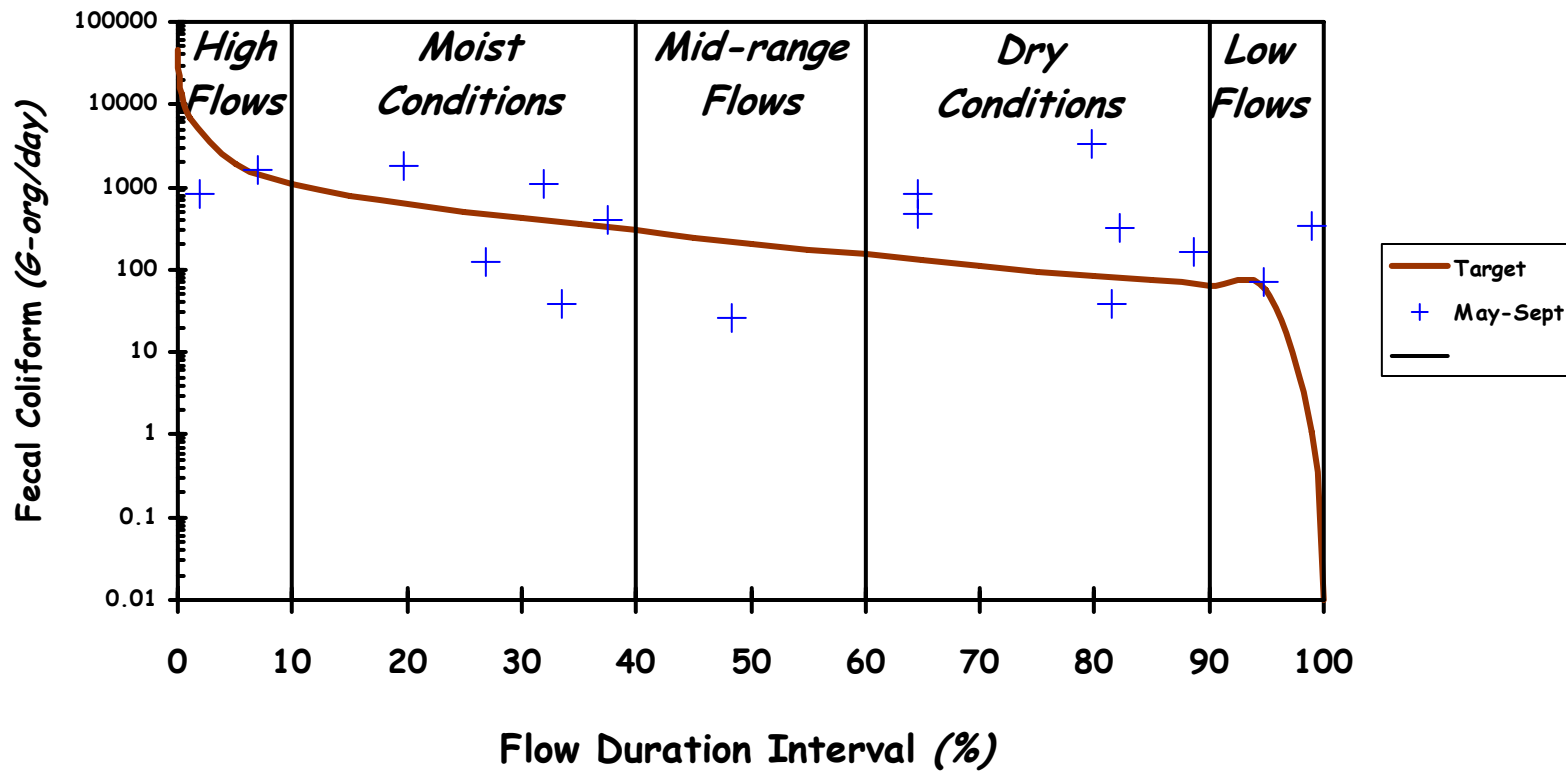
Reed's Creek, AR Load Duration Curve (1994 - 2002 Fecal Coliform Monitoring Data (PCR-Winter)) Site:UWRDC01



ADEQ Data & USGS Gage Duration Interval

39.7 square miles

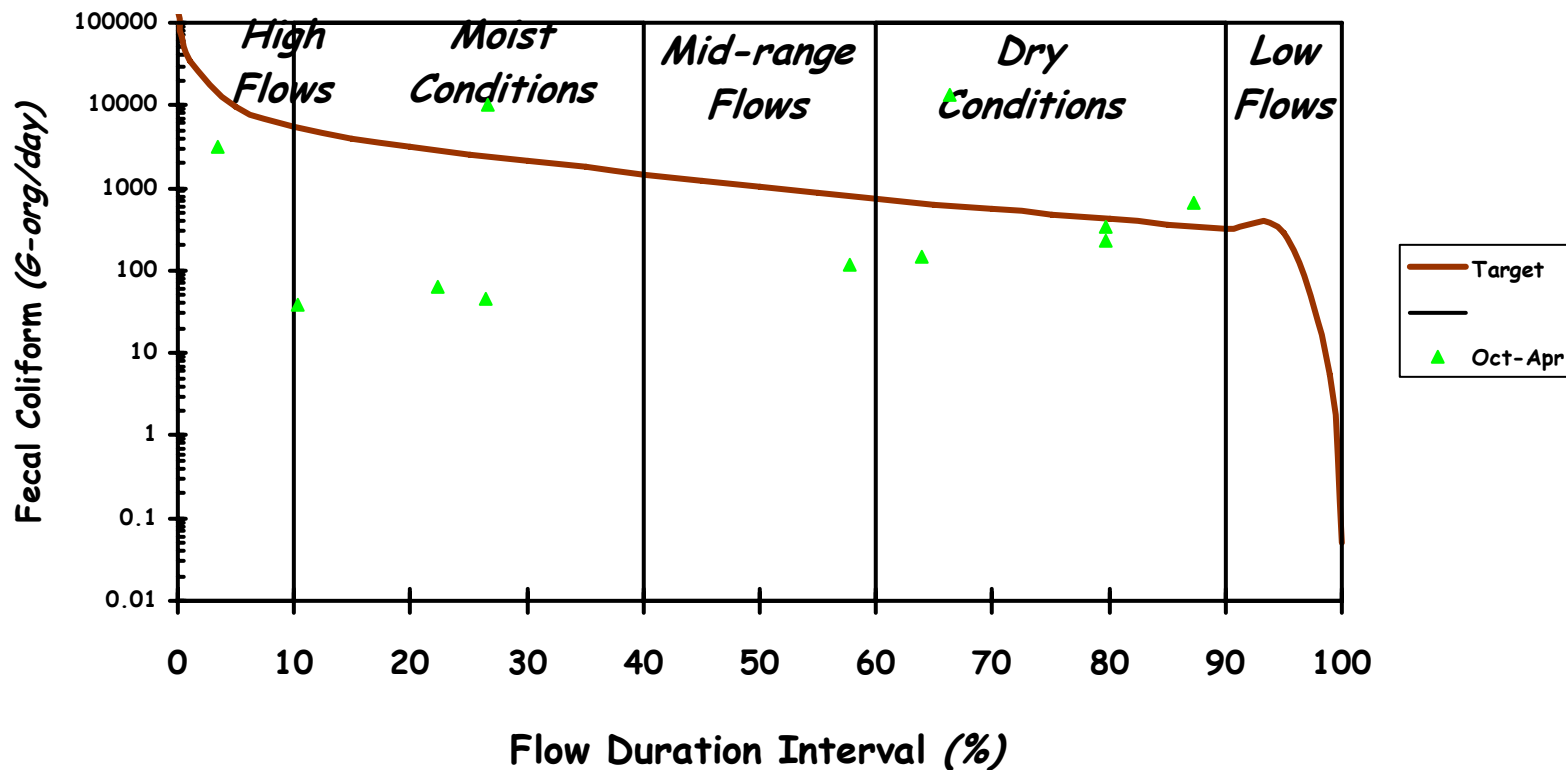
Cooper Creek near Smithville, AR Load Duration Curve (2001 - 2002 Fecal Coliform Monitoring Data (PCR-Summer)) Site:WHI0143S



ADEQ Data & USGS Gage Duration Interval

53 square miles

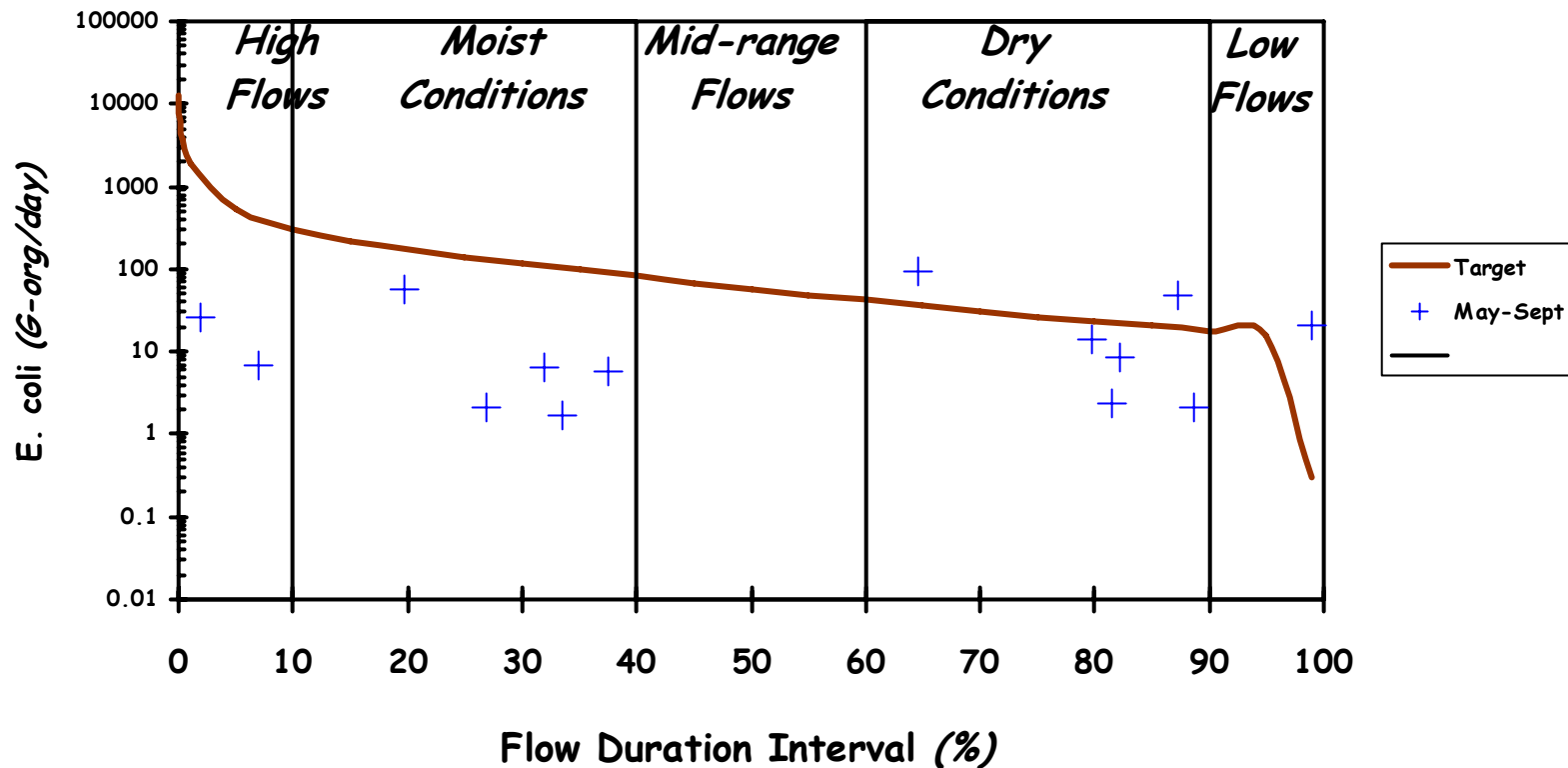
Cooper Creek near Smithville, AR Load Duration Curve (2001 - 2002 Fecal Coliform Monitoring Data (PCR-Winter)) Site:WHI0143S



ADEQ Data & USGS Gage Duration Interval

53 square miles

Caney Creek east of Saffell, AR Load Duration Curve (2001 - 2002 E.coli Monitoring Data (PCR-Summer)) Site: WHI0143R



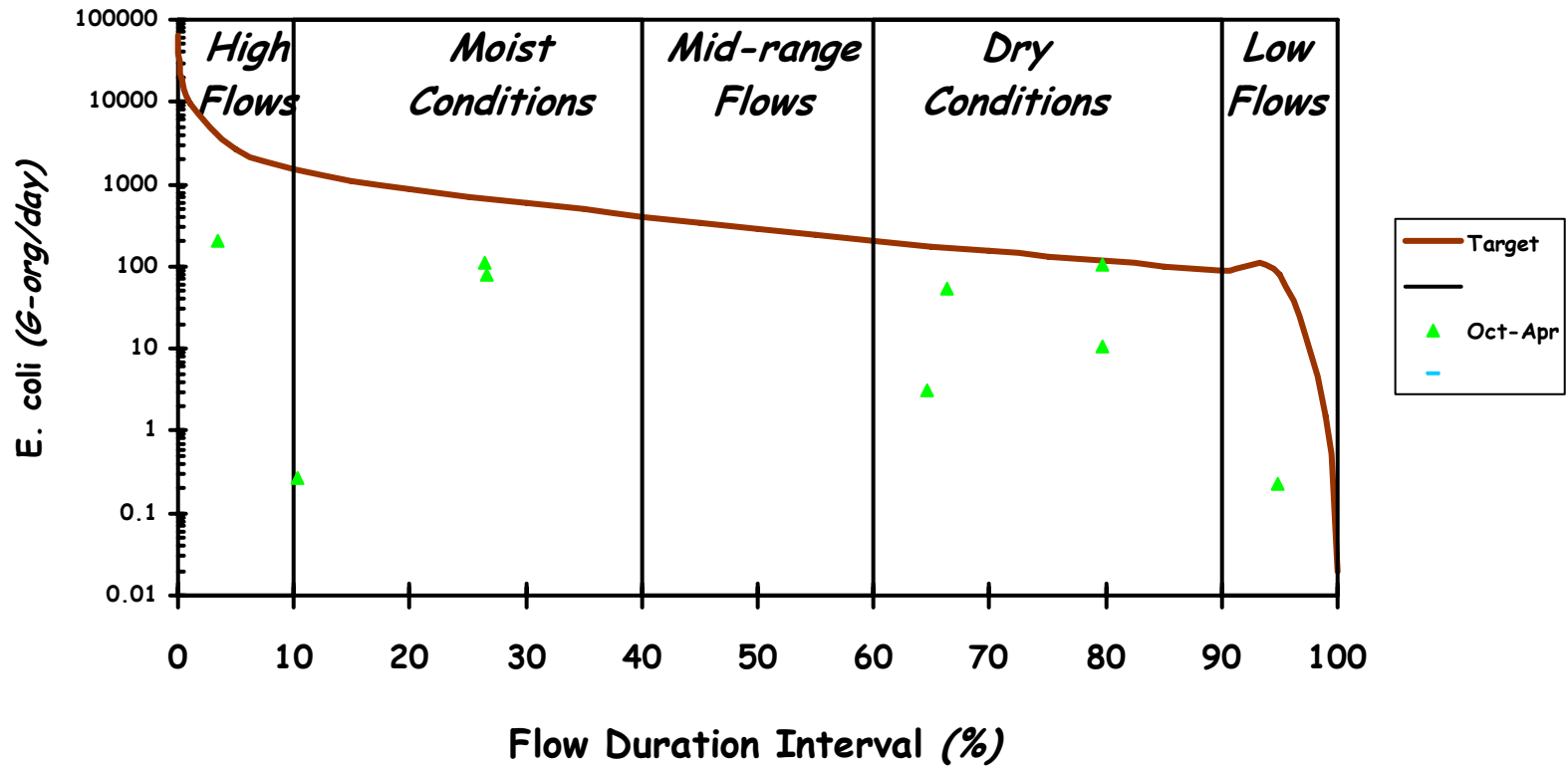
ADEQ Data & USGS Gage Duration Interval

14.4 square miles

Caney Creek east of Saffell, AR

Load Duration Curve

(2001 - 2002 E. Coli Monitoring Data (PCR-Winter))
Site: WHI0143R



ADEQ Data & USGS Gage Duration Interval

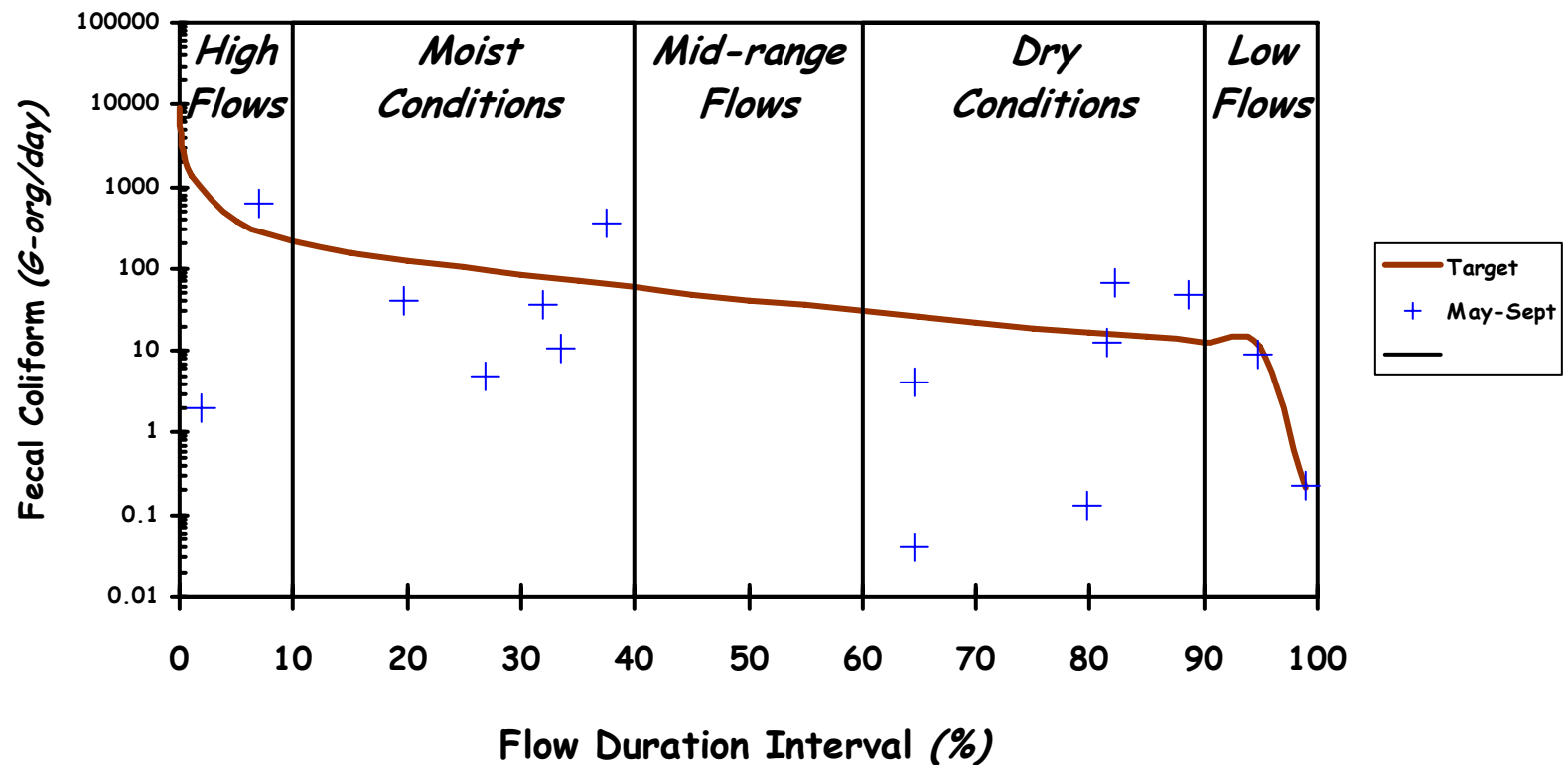
14.4 square miles

Mill Creek, South of Sitka, AR

Load Duration Curve

(Fecal Coliform 2001 - 2002 Monitoring Data (PCR-Summer))

Site: WHI0143N



ADEQ Data & USGS Gage Duration Interval

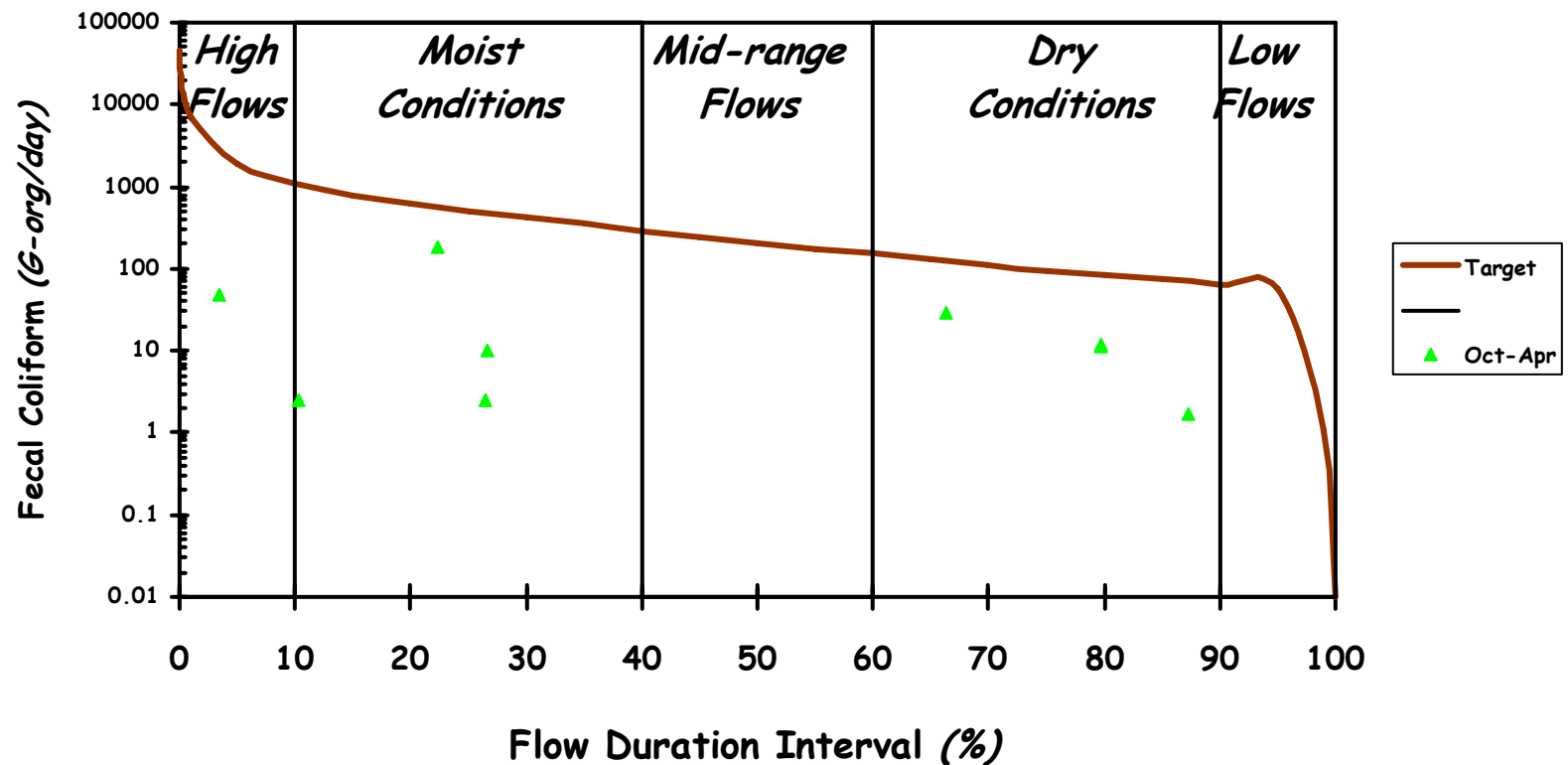
10 square miles

Mill Creek, South of Sitka, AR

Load Duration Curve

(Fecal Coliform 2001 - 2002 Monitoring Data (PCR-Winter))

Site: WHI0143N



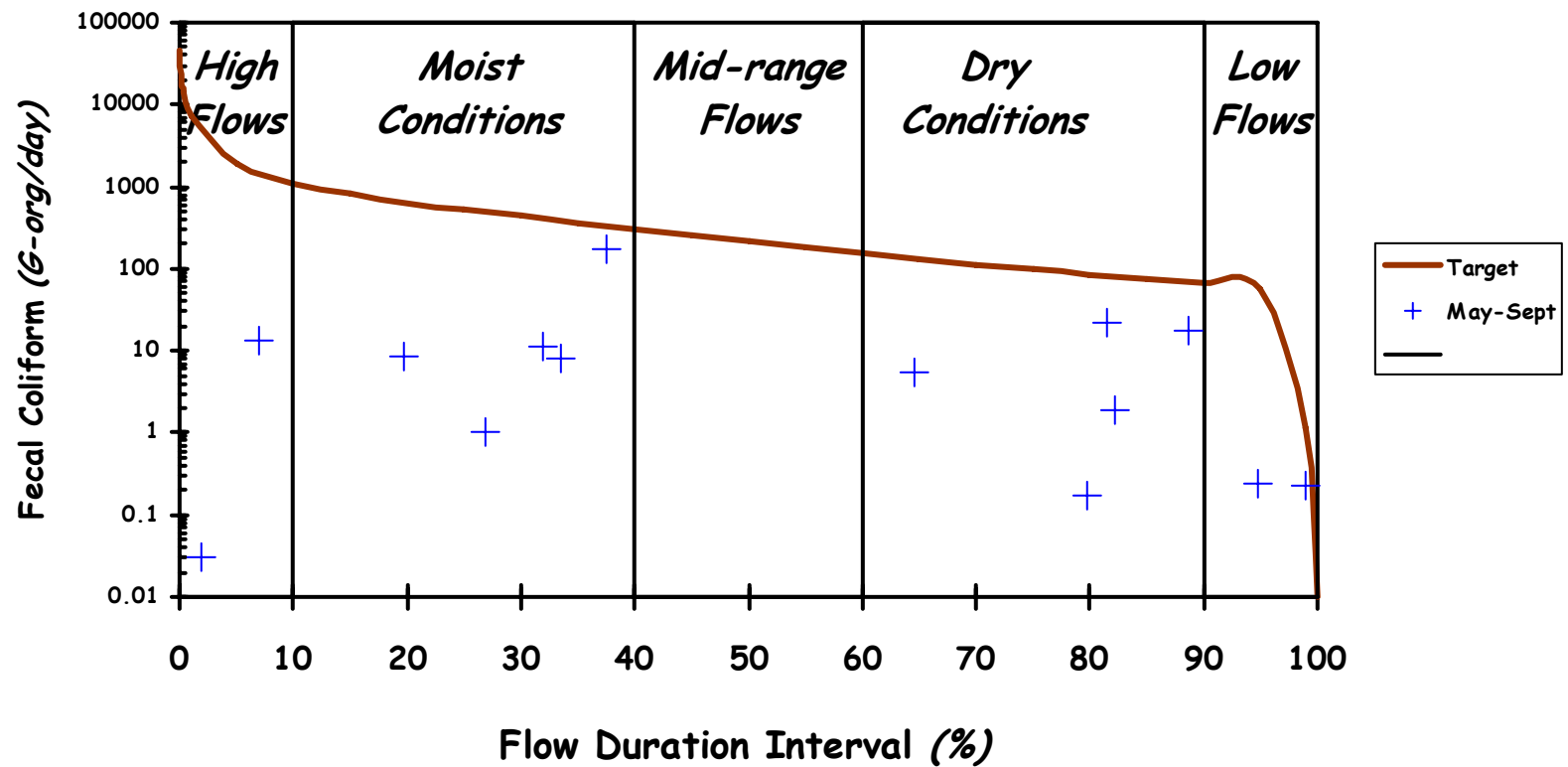
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10 square miles

Mill Creek, South of Sitka, AR

Load Duration Curve

(2001 - 2002 E.coli Monitoring Data (PCR-Summer))



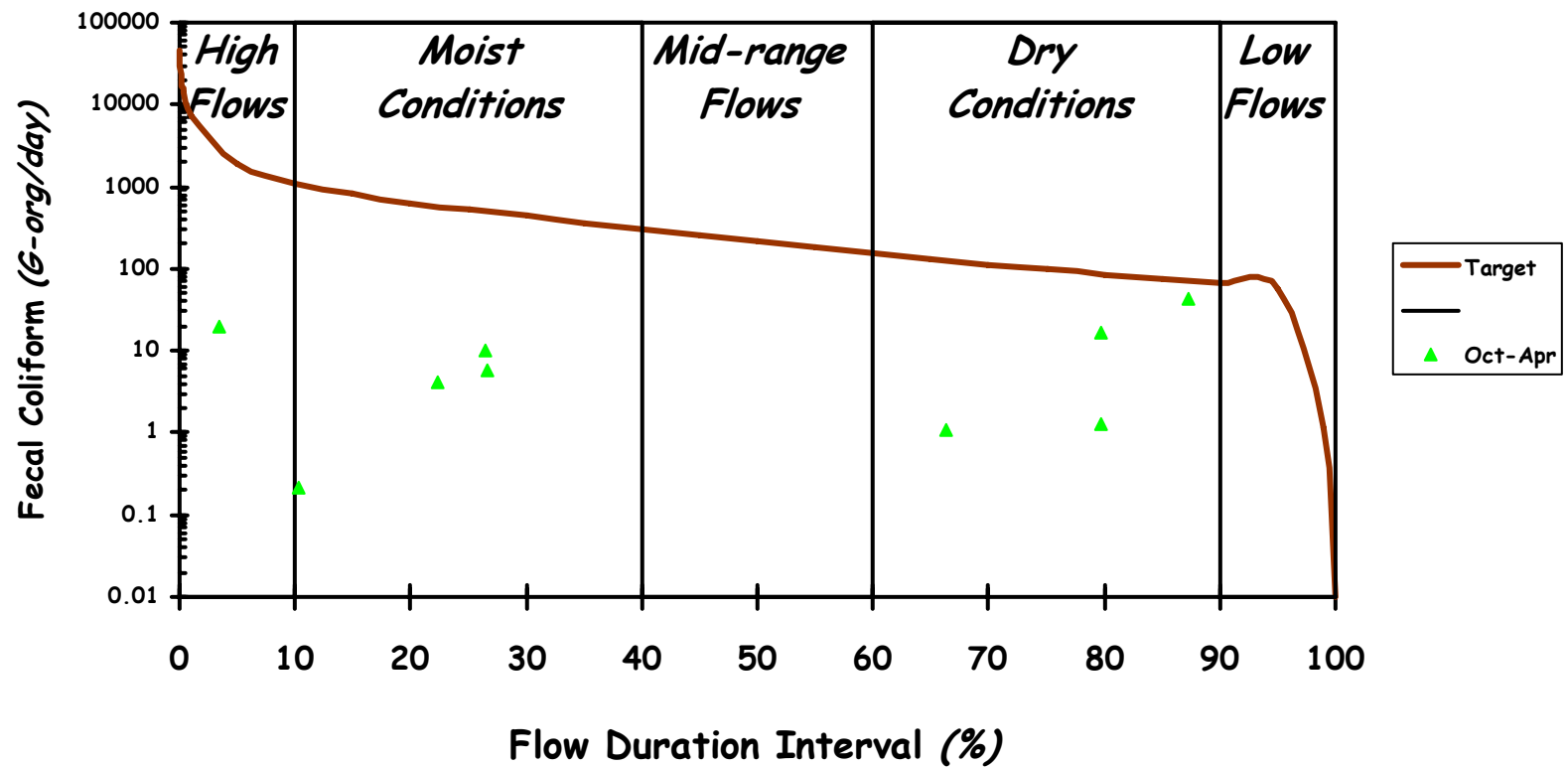
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Mill Creek, South of Sitka, AR

Load Duration Curve

(2001 - 2002 *E.coli* Monitoring Data (PCR-Winter))
 Site: WHI0143N



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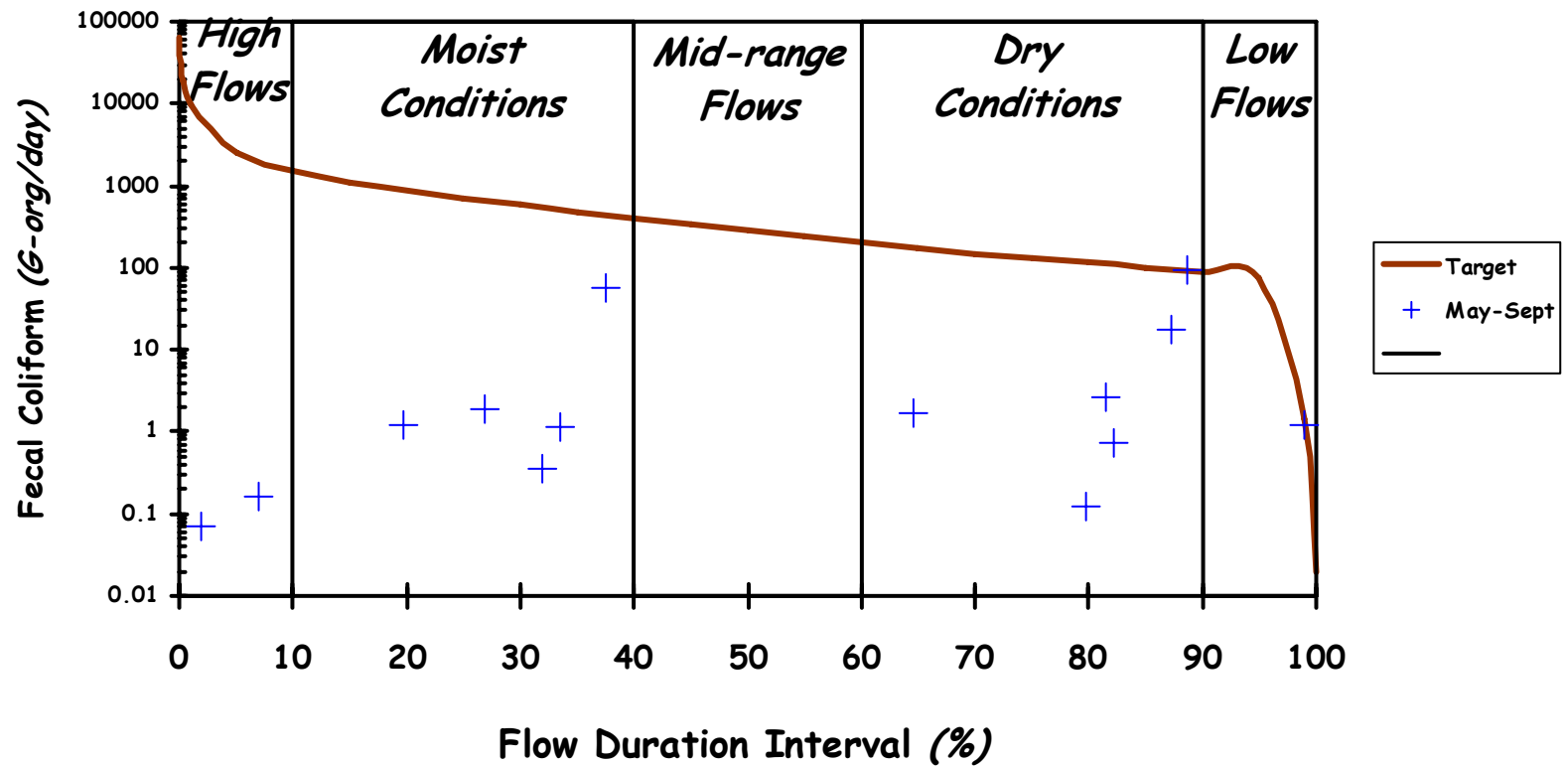
10 square miles

Strawberry River near Wiseman, AR

Load Duration Curve

(2001 - 2002 E.coli Monitoring Data (PCR-Summer))

Site: UWSBR01 (ERW)



ADEQ Data & USGS Gage Duration Interval

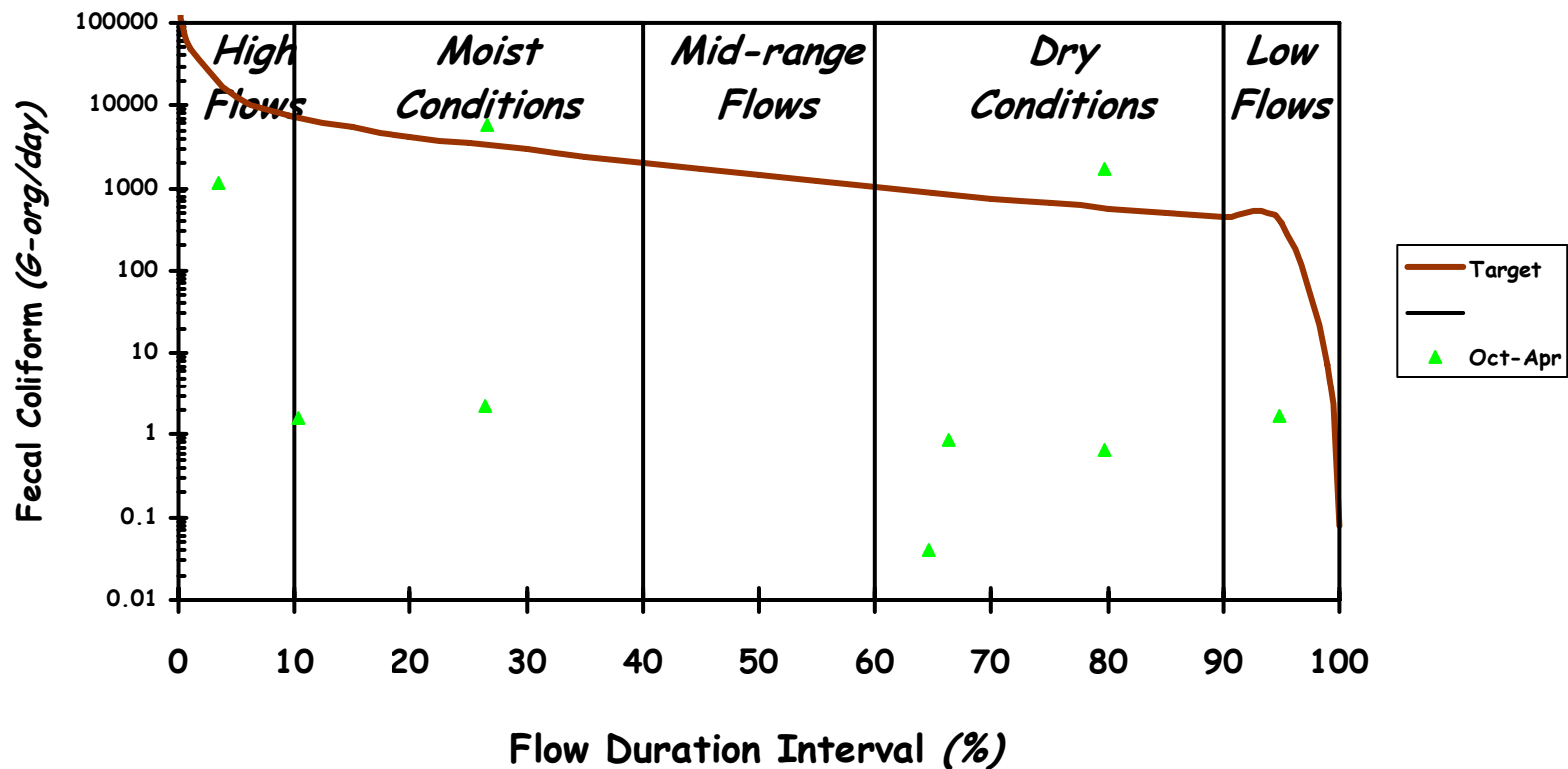
36.6 square miles

Strawberry River near Wiseman, AR

Load Duration Curve

(2001 - 2002 E.coli Monitoring Data (PCR-Winter))

Site: UWSBR01 (ERW)



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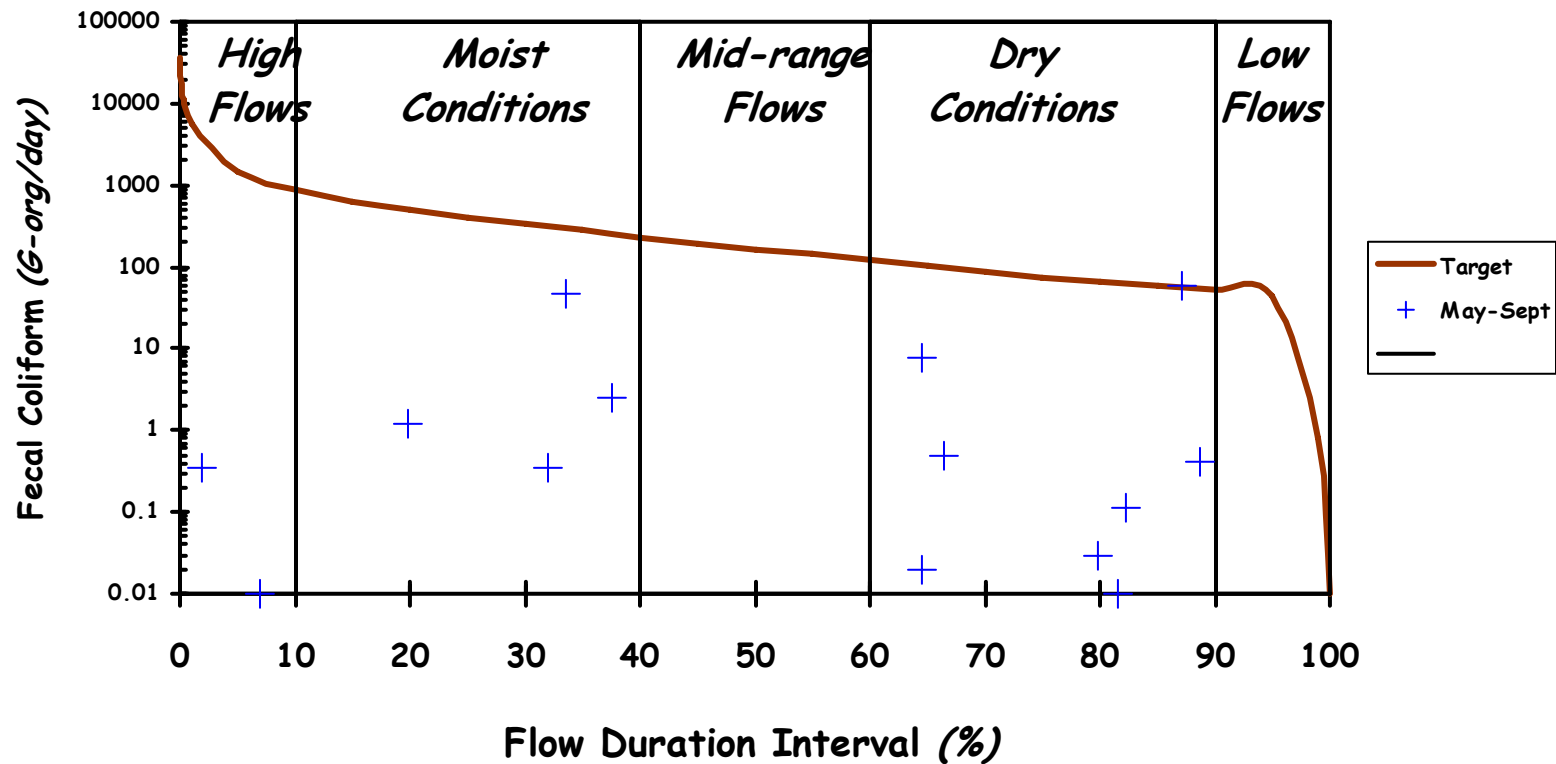
36.6 square miles

Little Strawberry River near Wiseman, AR

Load Duration Curve

(2001 - 2002 E.coli Monitoring Data (PCR-Summer))

Site: WHI0143H



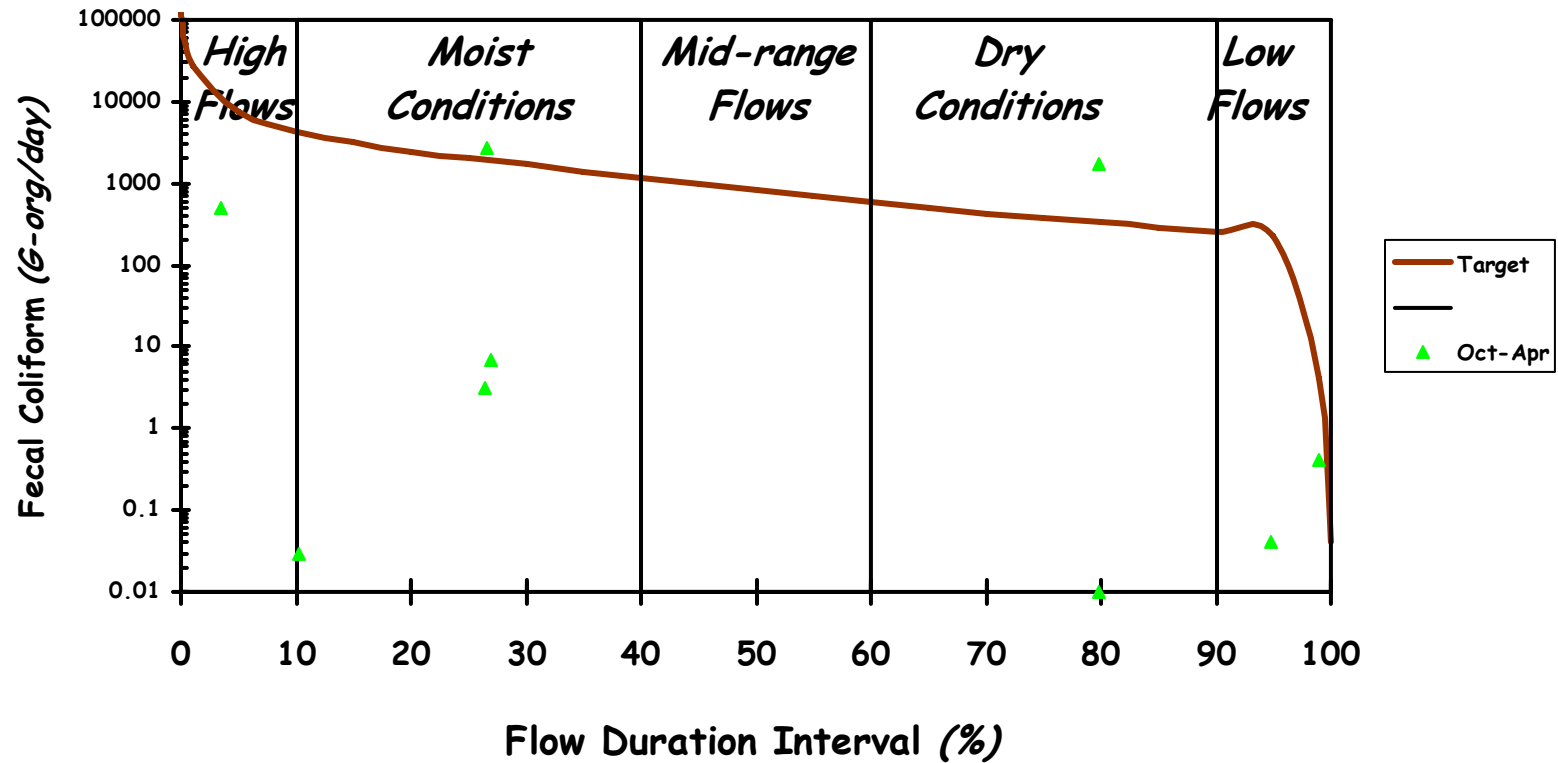
ADEQ Data & USGS Gage Duration Interval

42.2 square miles

Little Strawberry River near Wiseman, AR

Load Duration Curve

(2001 - 2002 *E.coli* Monitoring Data (PCR-Winter))
Site: WHI0143H



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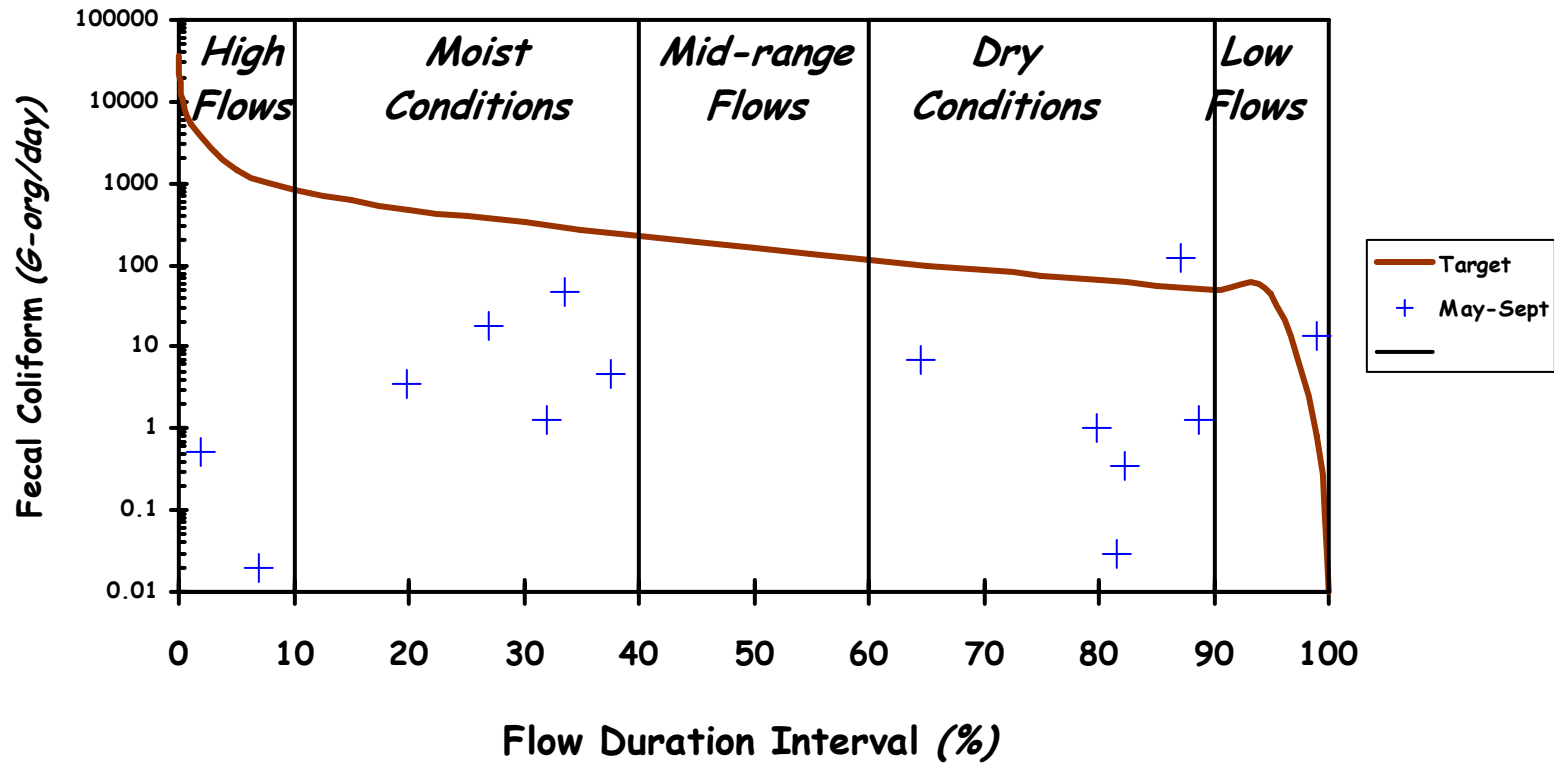
42.2 square miles

Little Strawberry River near Wiseman, AR

Load Duration Curve

(2001 - 2002 Fecal Coliform Monitoring Data (PCR-Summer))

Site: WHI0143H



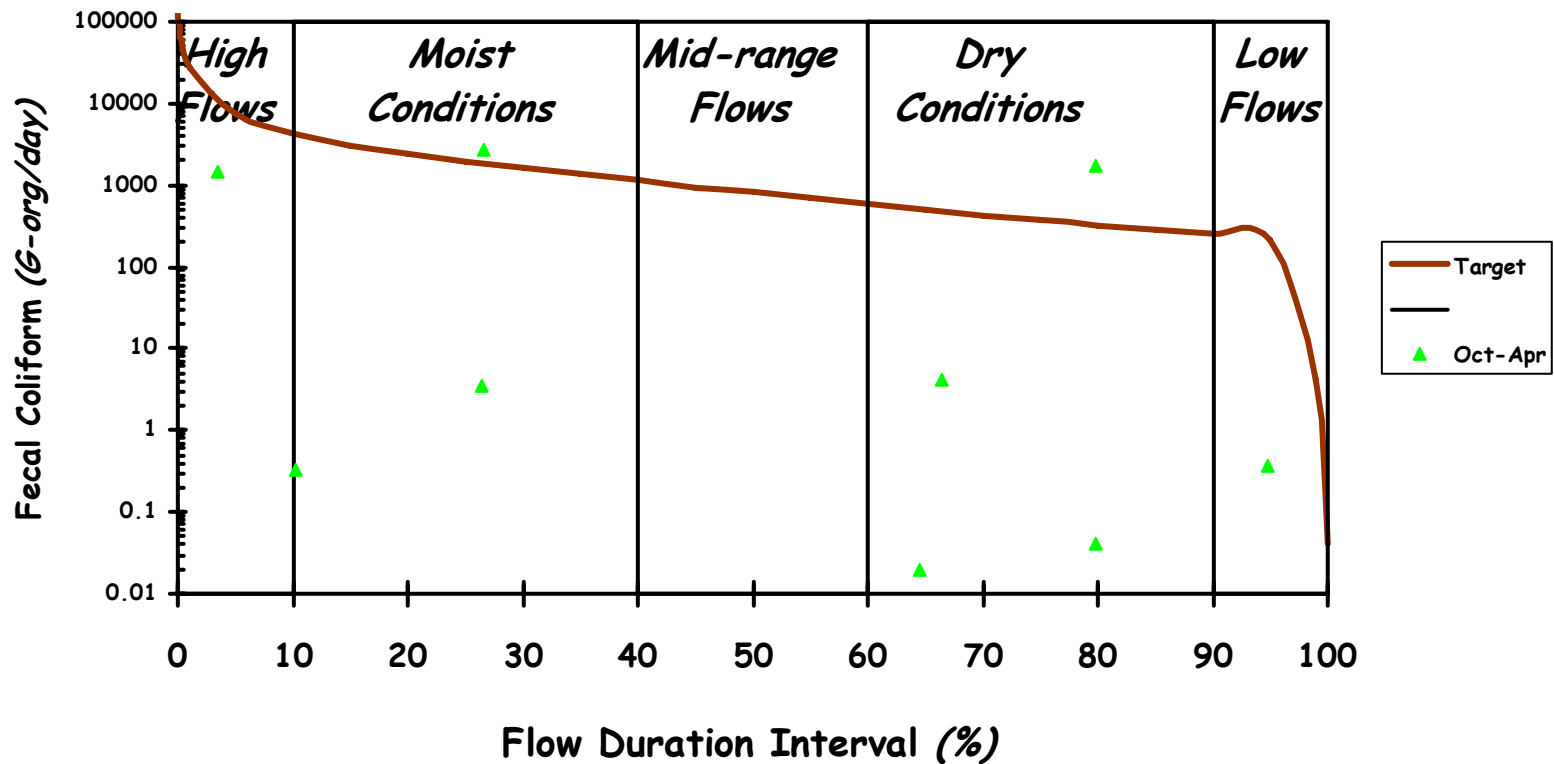
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42.2 square miles

Little Strawberry River near Wiseman, AR

Load Duration Curve

(2001 - 2002 Fecal Coliform Monitoring Data (PCR-Winter))
Site: WHI0143H



ADEQ Data & USGS Gage Duration Interval

42.2 square miles

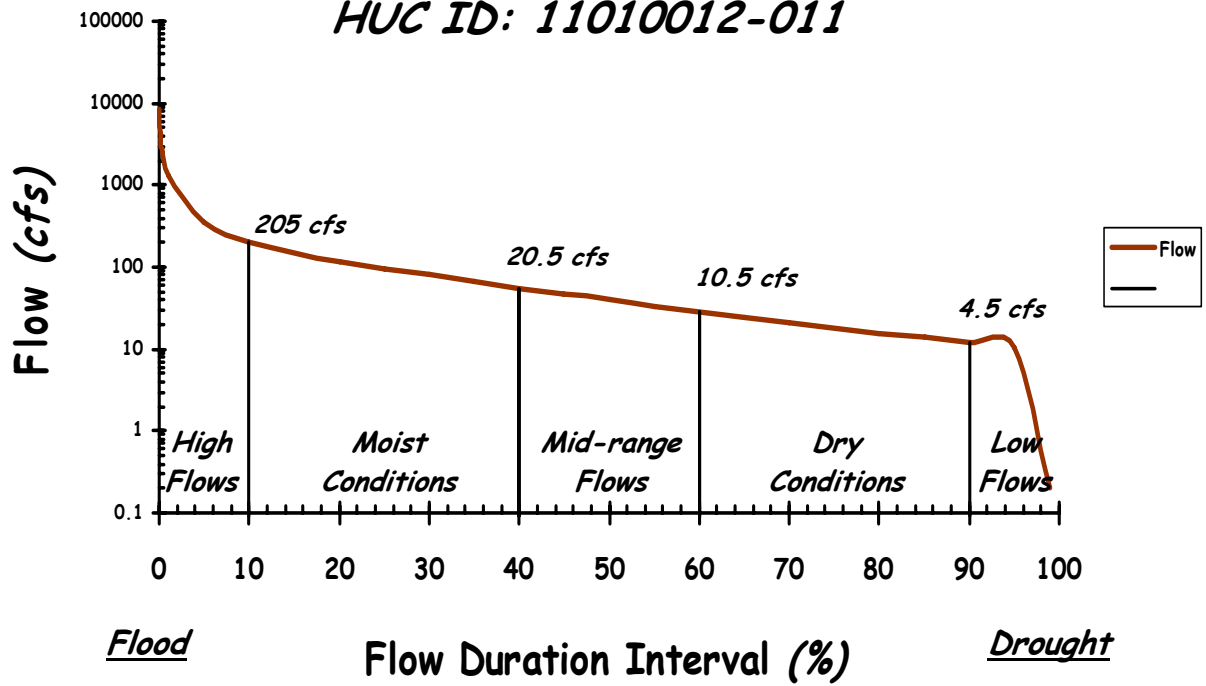
Appendix C

Figure 1 –Flow Duration Curve for Strawberry River at Poughkeepsie, AR

Strawberry River at Poughkeepsie, AR

Flow Duration Curve

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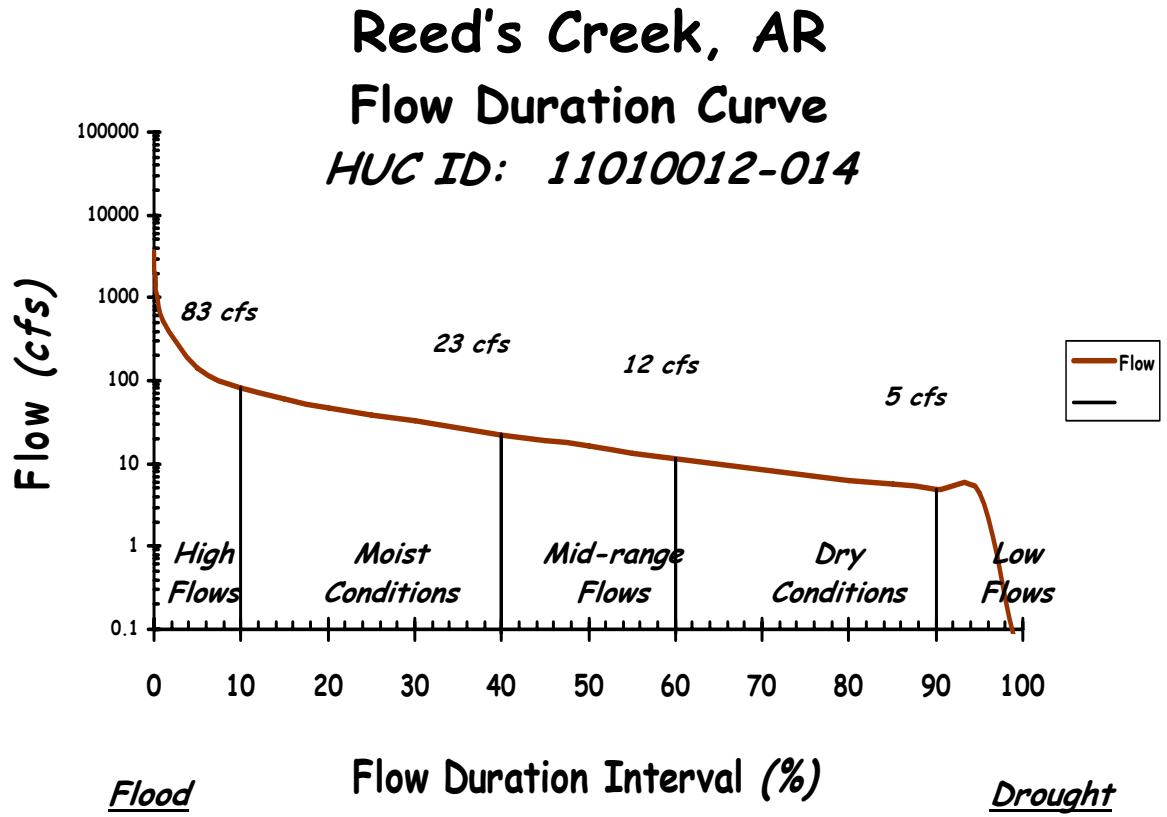
USGS Flow Data

97.6 square miles

Table 1 –Flow Duration Curve for Strawberry River @ Poughkeepsie, AR

| % > Flow | Flow (cfs) |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| 0.005 | 42000 |
| 0.01 | 30155 |
| 0.1 | 12460 |
| 1 | 6405 |
| 5 | 1720 |
| 10 | 994 |
| 15 | 726 |
| 20 | 569 |
| 25 | 468 |
| 30 | 390 |
| 35 | 323 |
| 40 | 269 |
| 45 | 225 |
| 50 | 191 |
| 55 | 162 |
| 60 | 138 |
| 65 | 117 |
| 70 | 100 |
| 75 | 87 |
| 80 | 76 |
| 85 | 67 |
| 90 | 59 |
| 95 | 51 |
| 99 | 1 |
| 100 | 0.99 |

Figure 2 –Flow Duration Curve for Reed’s Creek



USGS Flow Data

39.7 square miles

Table 2 –Flow Duration Curve for Reeds Creek

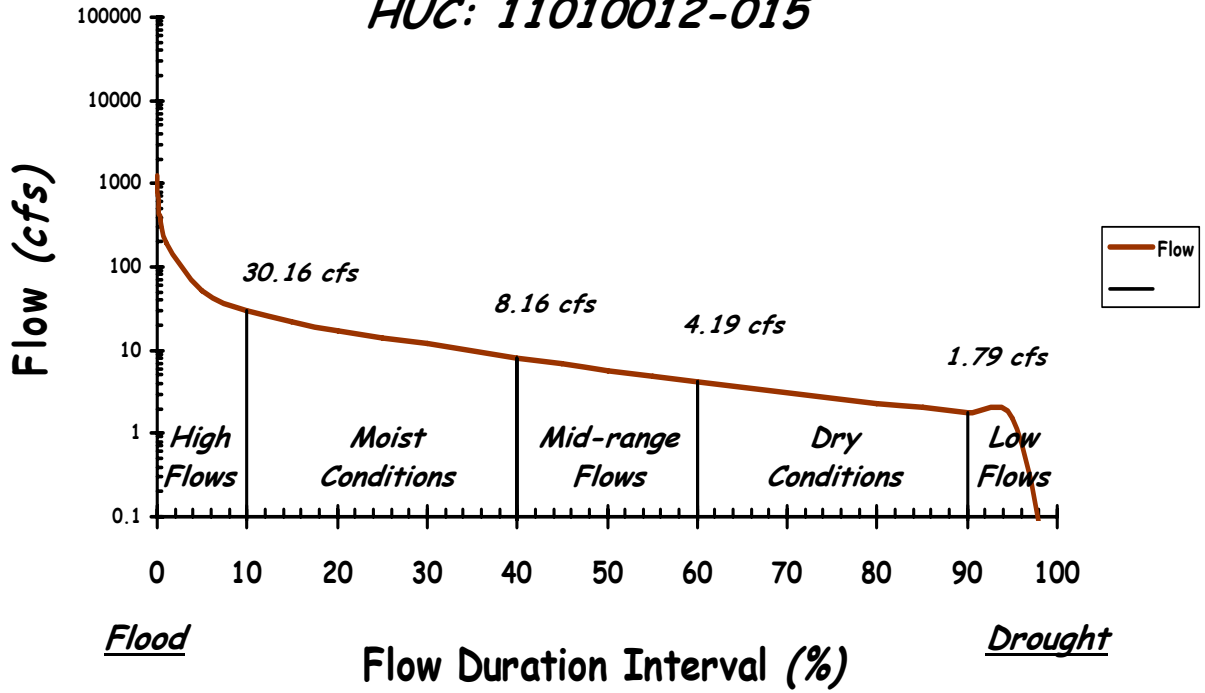
| % > Flow | Flow (cfs) |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| 0.005 | 3520.72 |
| 0.01 | 1452.09 |
| 0.1 | 1044.5 |
| 1 | 536.91 |
| 5 | 144.18 |
| 10 | 83.32 |
| 15 | 60.82 |
| 20 | 47.7 |
| 25 | 39.23 |
| 30 | 32.69 |
| 35 | 27.08 |
| 40 | 22.55 |
| 45 | 18.86 |
| 50 | 16.01 |
| 55 | 13.58 |
| 60 | 11.57 |
| 65 | 9.81 |
| 70 | 8.38 |
| 75 | 7.29 |
| 80 | 6.37 |
| 85 | 5.62 |
| 90 | 4.95 |
| 95 | 4.28 |
| 99 | 0.08 |
| 100 | 0 |

Figure 3 –Flow Duration Curve for Caney Creek

Caney Creek East of Saffell, AR

Flow Duration Curve

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USGS Flow Data

14.35 square miles

Table 3 –Flow Duration Curve for Caney Creek

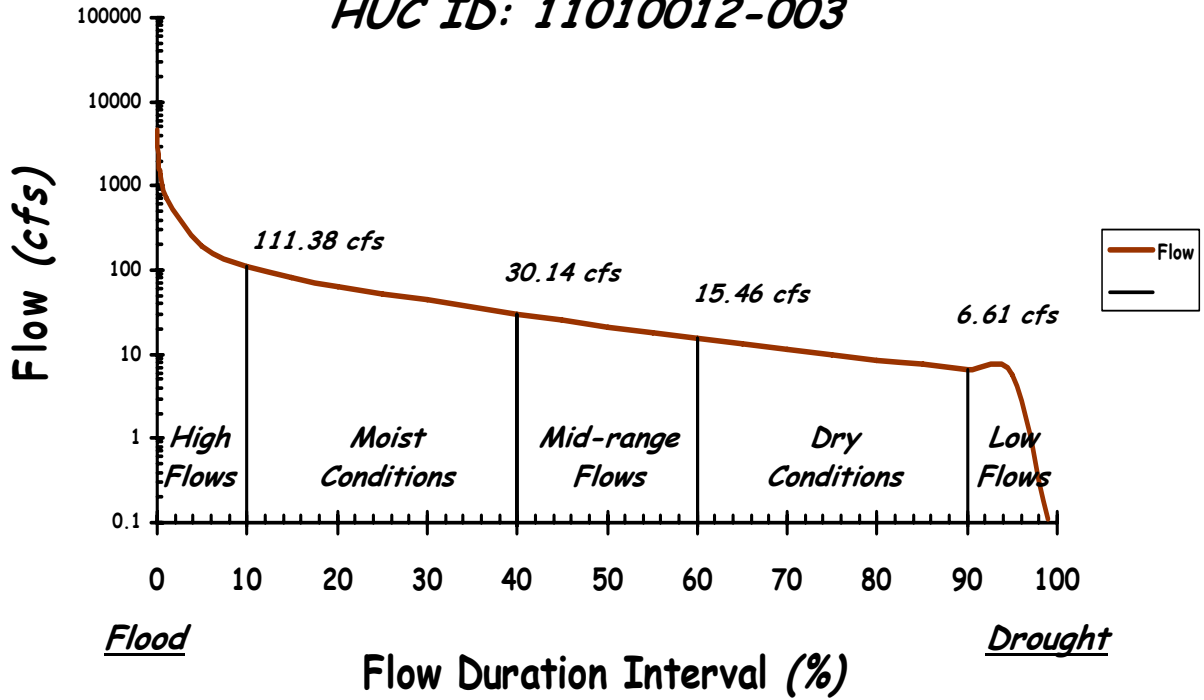
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|--------------------|-------------------|
| 0.005 | 1274.21 |
| 0.01 | 525.53 |
| 0.1 | 378.02 |
| 1 | 194.32 |
| 5 | 52.18 |
| 10 | 30.16 |
| 15 | 22.01 |
| 20 | 17.26 |
| 25 | 14.2 |
| 30 | 11.83 |
| 35 | 9.8 |
| 40 | 8.16 |
| 45 | 6.83 |
| 50 | 5.79 |
| 55 | 4.91 |
| 60 | 4.19 |
| 65 | 3.55 |
| 70 | 3.03 |
| 75 | 2.64 |
| 80 | 2.31 |
| 85 | 2.03 |
| 90 | 1.79 |
| 95 | 1.55 |
| 99 | 0.03 |
| 100 | 0 |

Figure 3 –Flow Duration Curve for Cooper Creek

Cooper Creek near Smithville, AR

Flow Duration Curve

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USGS Flow Data

53 square miles

Table 4 –Flow Duration Curve for Cooper Creek

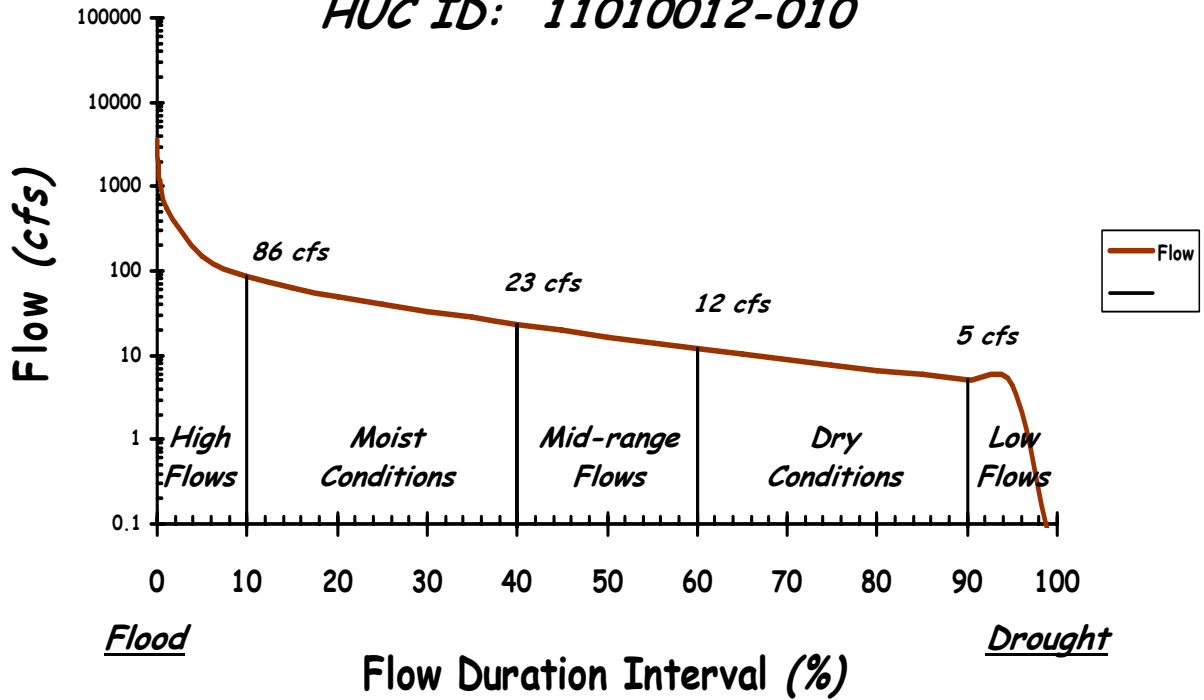
| % > Flow | Flow (cfs) |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| 0.005 | 4706.13 |
| 0.01 | 1941 |
| 0.1 | 1396.18 |
| 1 | 717.68 |
| 5 | 192.73 |
| 10 | 111.38 |
| 15 | 81.29 |
| 20 | 63.76 |
| 25 | 52.44 |
| 30 | 43.7 |
| 35 | 36.19 |
| 40 | 30.14 |
| 45 | 25.21 |
| 50 | 21.4 |
| 55 | 18.15 |
| 60 | 15.46 |
| 65 | 13.11 |
| 70 | 11.21 |
| 75 | 9.75 |
| 80 | 8.52 |
| 85 | 7.51 |
| 90 | 6.61 |
| 95 | 5.71 |
| 99 | 0.11 |
| 100 | 0 |

Figure 5 –Flow Duration Curve for Little Strawberry River

Little Strawberry River near Wiseman

Flow Duration Curve

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USGS Flow Data

40.99 square miles

Table 5 –Flow Duration Curve for the Little Strawberry River

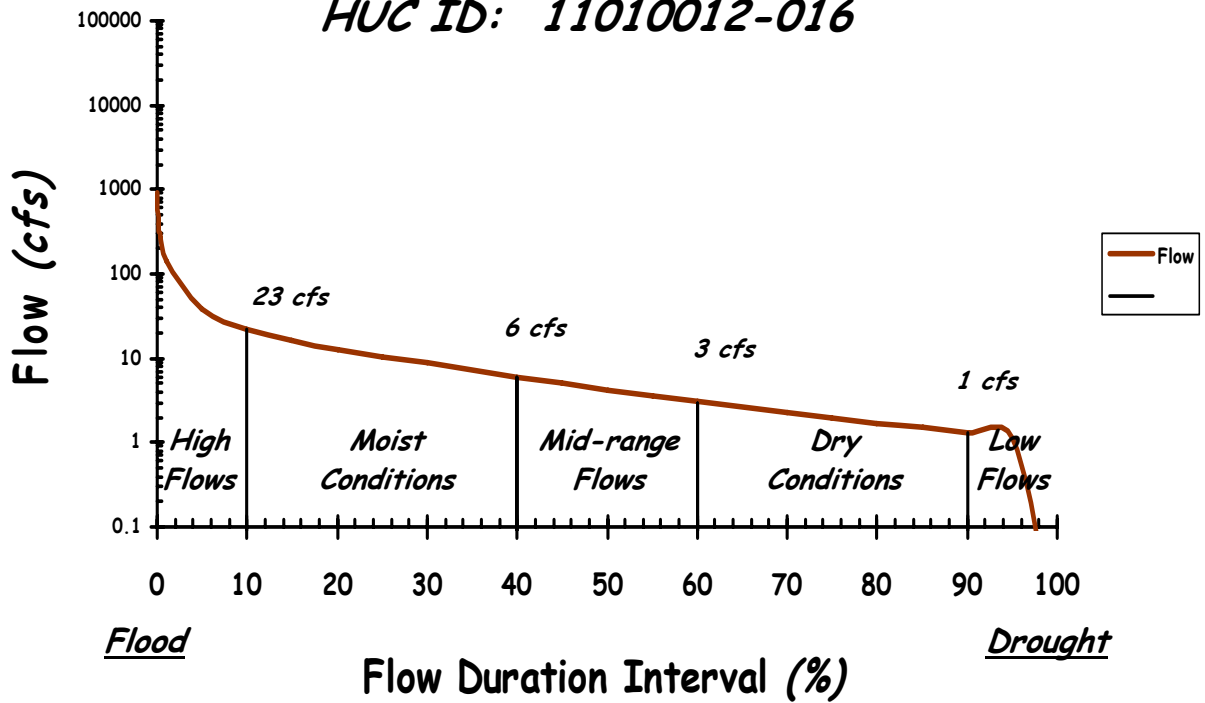
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|--------------------|-------------------|
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| 0.01 | 1941 |
| 0.1 | 1396.18 |
| 1 | 717.68 |
| 5 | 192.73 |
| 10 | 111.38 |
| 15 | 81.29 |
| 20 | 63.76 |
| 25 | 52.44 |
| 30 | 43.7 |
| 35 | 36.19 |
| 40 | 30.14 |
| 45 | 25.21 |
| 50 | 21.4 |
| 55 | 18.15 |
| 60 | 15.46 |
| 65 | 13.11 |
| 70 | 11.21 |
| 75 | 9.75 |
| 80 | 8.52 |
| 85 | 7.51 |
| 90 | 6.61 |
| 95 | 5.71 |
| 99 | 0.11 |
| 100 | 0 |

Figure 6 –Flow Duration Curve for Mill Creek

Mill Creek, South of Sitka, AR

Flow Duration Curve

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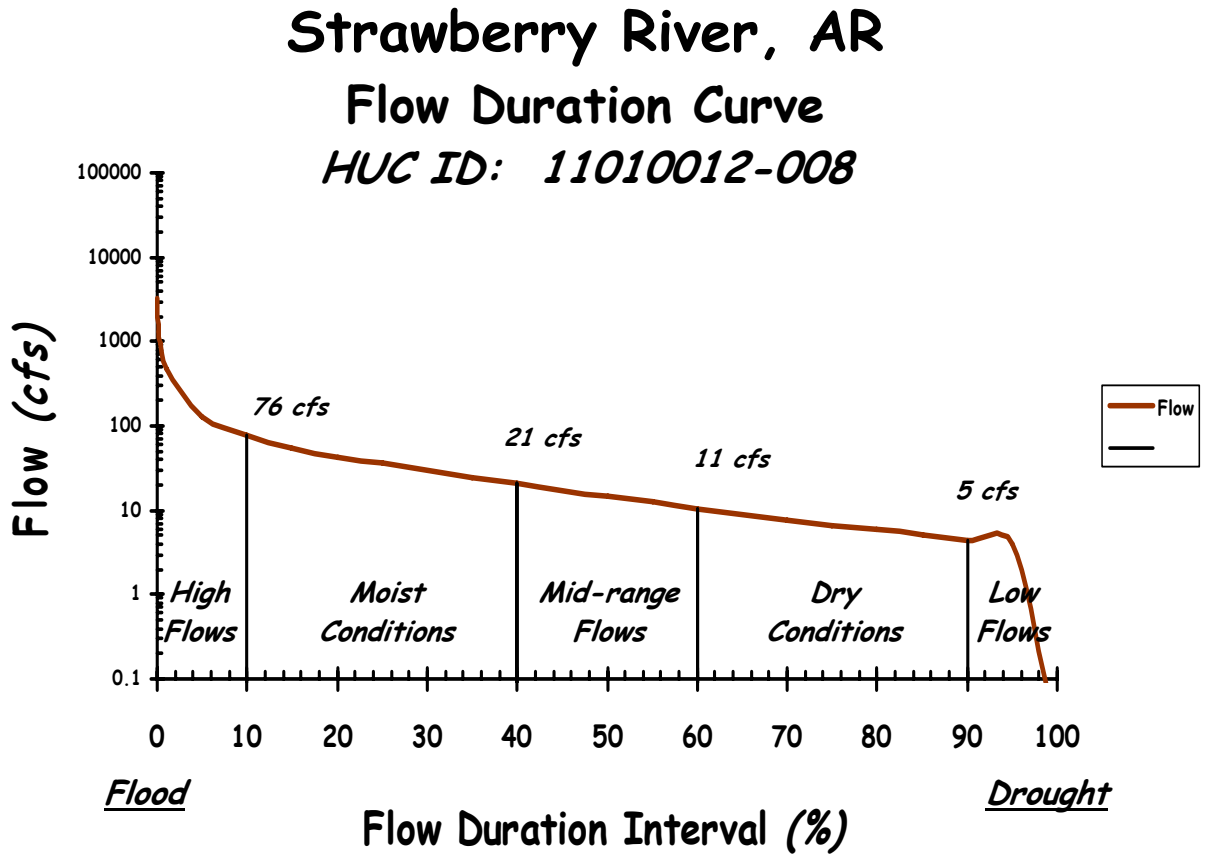
USGS Flow Data

10.57 square miles

Table 6 –Flow Duration Curve for Mill Creek

| % > Flow | Flow (cfs) |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| 0.005 | 938.56 |
| 0.01 | 387.1 |
| 0.1 | 278.45 |
| 1 | 143.13 |
| 5 | 38.44 |
| 10 | 22.21 |
| 15 | 16.21 |
| 20 | 12.72 |
| 25 | 10.46 |
| 30 | 8.72 |
| 35 | 7.22 |
| 40 | 6.01 |
| 45 | 5.03 |
| 50 | 4.27 |
| 55 | 3.62 |
| 60 | 3.08 |
| 65 | 2.61 |
| 70 | 2.23 |
| 75 | 1.94 |
| 80 | 1.7 |
| 85 | 1.5 |
| 90 | 1.32 |
| 95 | 1.14 |
| 99 | 0.02 |
| 100 | 0 |

Figure 7 –Flow Duration Curve for Strawberry River (Segment 11010012-008)



USGS Flow Data

36.1 square miles

Table 7 – Flow Duration Curve for the Strawberry River (Segment 11010012-008)

| % > Flow | Flow (cfs) |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| 0.005 | 3204.61 |
| 0.01 | 1321.71 |
| 0.1 | 950.72 |
| 1 | 488.7 |
| 5 | 131.24 |
| 10 | 75.84 |
| 15 | 55.36 |
| 20 | 43.41 |
| 25 | 35.71 |
| 30 | 29.76 |
| 35 | 24.64 |
| 40 | 20.52 |
| 45 | 17.17 |
| 50 | 14.57 |
| 55 | 12.36 |
| 60 | 10.53 |
| 65 | 8.93 |
| 70 | 7.63 |
| 75 | 6.64 |
| 80 | 5.8 |
| 85 | 5.11 |
| 90 | 4.5 |
| 95 | 3.89 |
| 99 | 0.07 |
| 100 | 0 |

Table 8 – Flow Duration Curve for Dota Creek (11010009-902)

| % > Flow | Flow (cfs) |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| 0.005 | 5643.81 |
| 0.01 | 2327.73 |
| 0.1 | 1674.37 |
| 1 | 860.68 |
| 5 | 231.13 |
| 10 | 133.57 |
| 15 | 97.49 |
| 20 | 76.46 |
| 25 | 62.89 |
| 30 | 52.41 |
| 35 | 43.4 |
| 40 | 36.15 |
| 45 | 30.23 |
| 50 | 25.67 |
| 55 | 21.77 |
| 60 | 18.54 |
| 65 | 15.72 |
| 70 | 13.44 |
| 75 | 11.69 |
| 80 | 10.21 |
| 85 | 9 |
| 90 | 7.93 |
| 95 | 6.85 |
| 99 | 0.13 |
| 100 | 0 |