

# All the water we use has to go somewhere



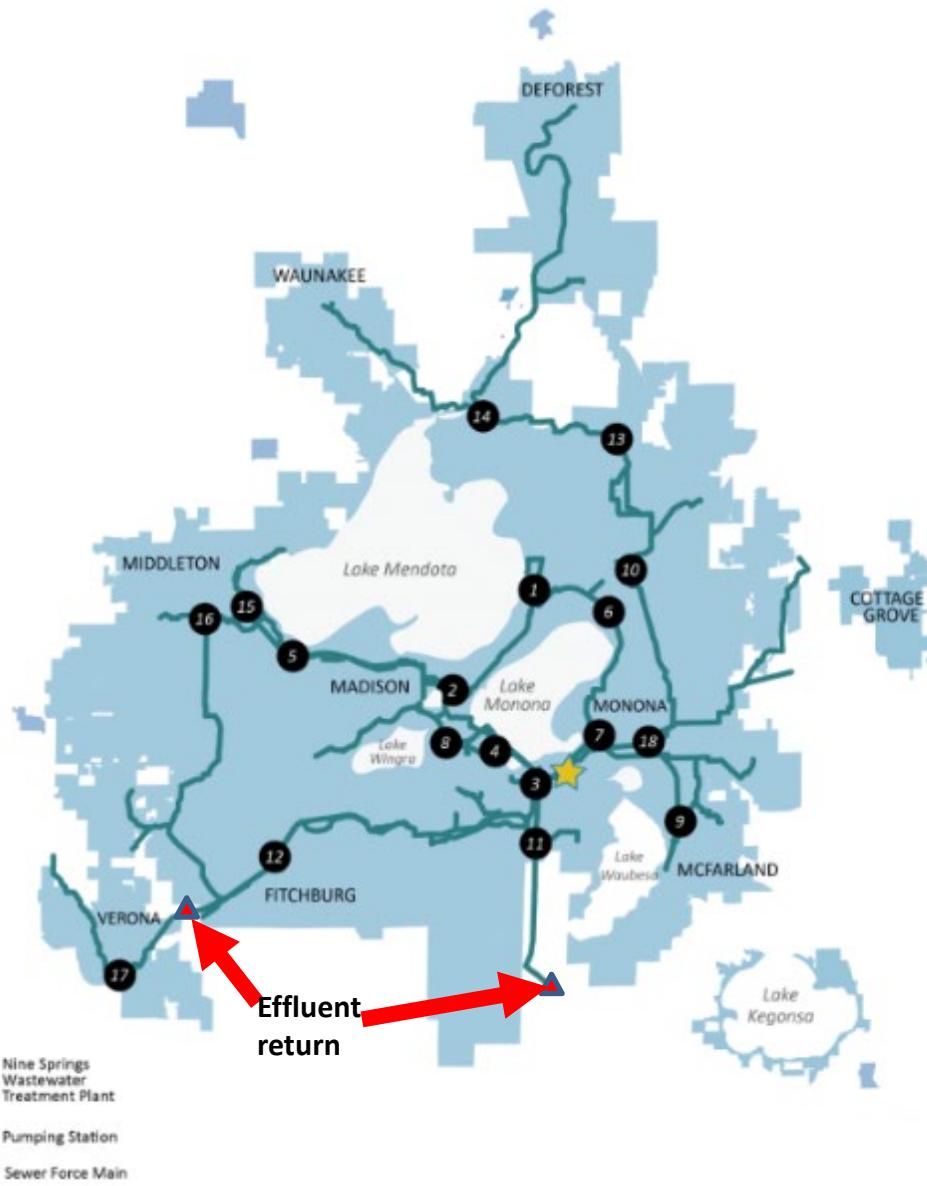
Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District





## About the District:

- Serve more than 425,000 people in 25 communities in 187 square miles
- Own & maintain over 760,000 feet of sewer pipes
- Own 18 pumping stations and maintains 46 other pumping stations
- Recover 13 billion gallons of water and 36 million gallons of biosolids yearly
- Operate around the clock, 365 days a year



Large service area, one plant, two effluent return locations

## Diverse challenges:

- Compliance with permit requirements
- Aging infrastructure (some over 90 yrs)
- Operation, maintenance & preventive
- Climate change
- Expanding service area
- Constrained budgets
- New regulations
- Emerging contaminants



- Governed by Clean Water Act through a DNR (WPDES) permit.
- Treatment process removes compatible pollutants



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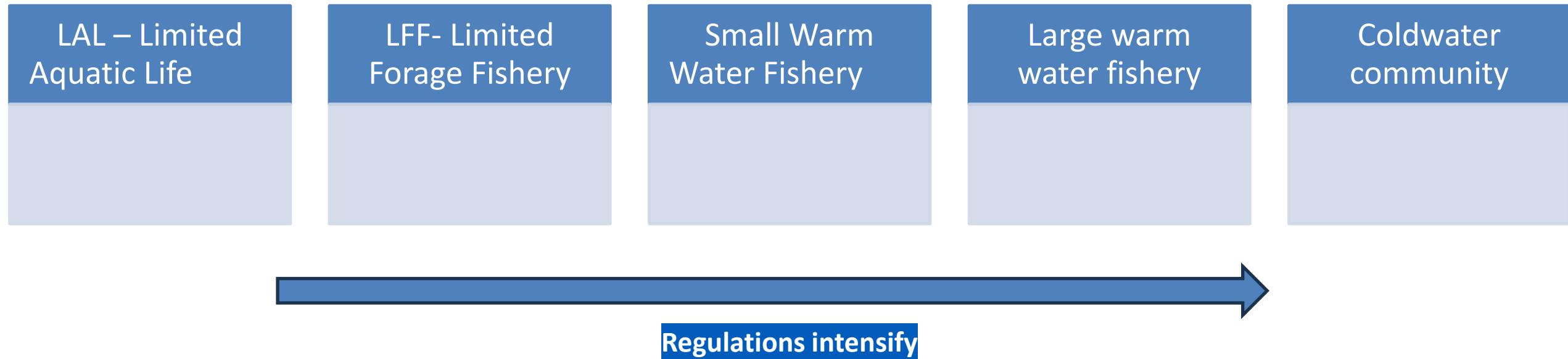


Permit requirements are based on parameter, receiving water and time of year.

Parameters/limits in current permit:

- CBOD: Carbonaceous Biochemical Oxygen Demand
- TSS: Total Suspended Solids
- Dissolved Oxygen
- pH
- Fecal Coliform
- Ammonia
- Phosphorus
- Chloride
- Mercury
- Temperature
- Upcoming Nitrogen

# Wisconsin Aquatic Use Designations (NR102.04)



All surface waters are considered appropriate for the protection of fish and other aquatic life. Surface waters vary naturally with respect to factors like temperature, flow, habitat and water chemistry. This variation allows different types of Aquatic Life communities to be supported.

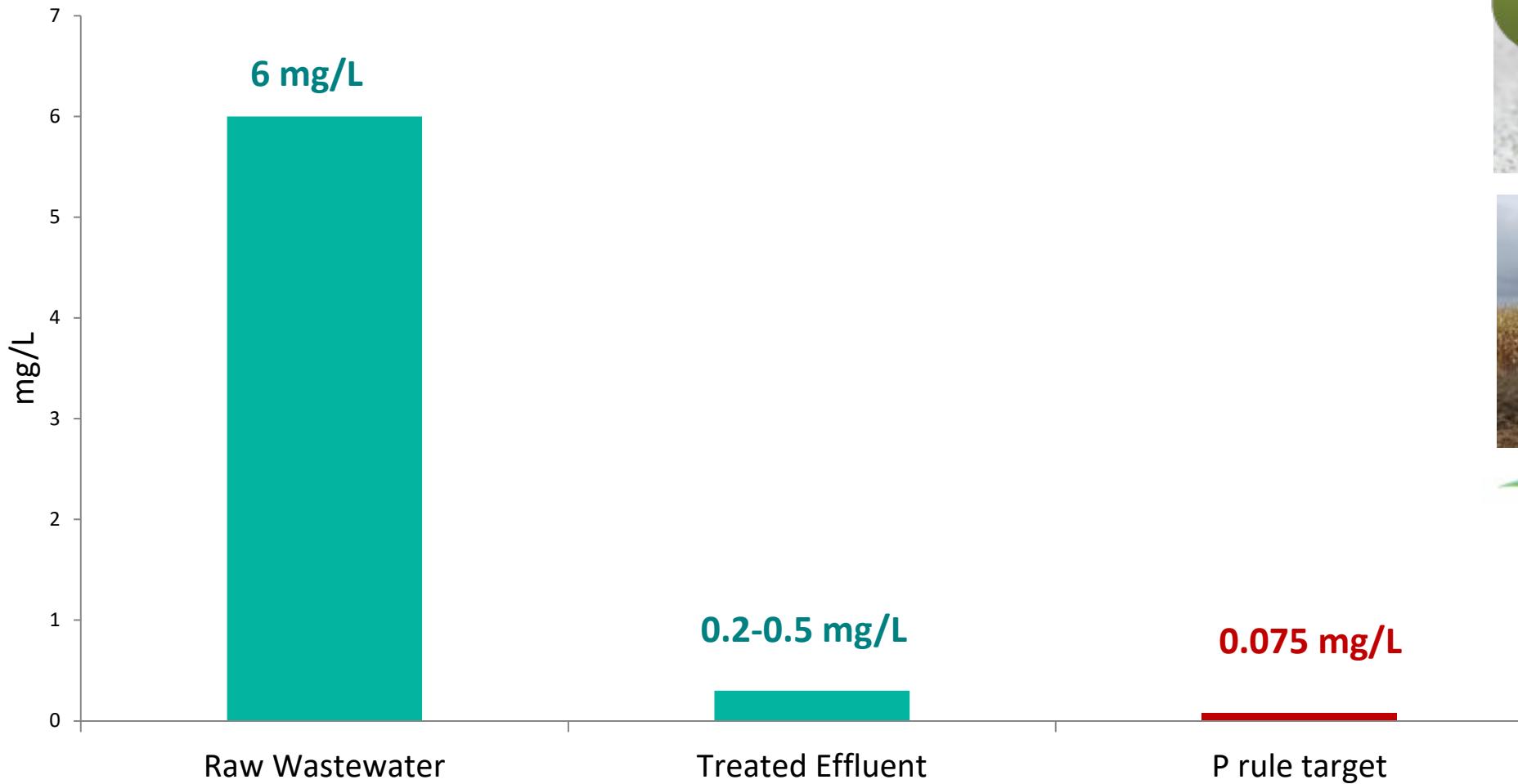
# Temperature

	District effluent daily mean Maximum temperature (deg F), current permit term	WDNR Thermal Criteria LFF & <i>degrees effluent exceeds criteria</i>	WDNR Thermal Criteria for Small Warm & <i>degrees effluent exceeds criteria</i>	WDNR Thermal Criteria Cold & <i>degrees effluent exceeds criteria</i>
<b>January</b>	57.35	54 (4)	50 (7.4)	47 (10.4)
<b>February</b>	55.68	54 (1.7)	50 (5.7)	45 (11.7)
<b>March</b>	56.5	54 (2.5)	54 (2.5)	53 (3.5)
<b>April</b>	59.95	64	65	59 (1)
<b>May</b>	64.24	75	70	59 (5)
<b>June</b>	68.89	75	72	67 (1.9)
<b>July</b>	71.64	75	74	68 (3.6)
<b>August</b>	72.96	77	78	68 (5)
<b>September</b>	72.38	92	87	52 (20.4)
<b>October</b>	71.53	54 (7.5)	54 (17.5)	52 (19.5)
<b>November</b>	66.32	54 (12.3)	50 (16.3)	50 (16.3)
<b>December</b>	61.84	54 (7.8)	50 (11.8)	46 (15.8)

Table 8 - District effluent temperatures compared to various sublethal criteria

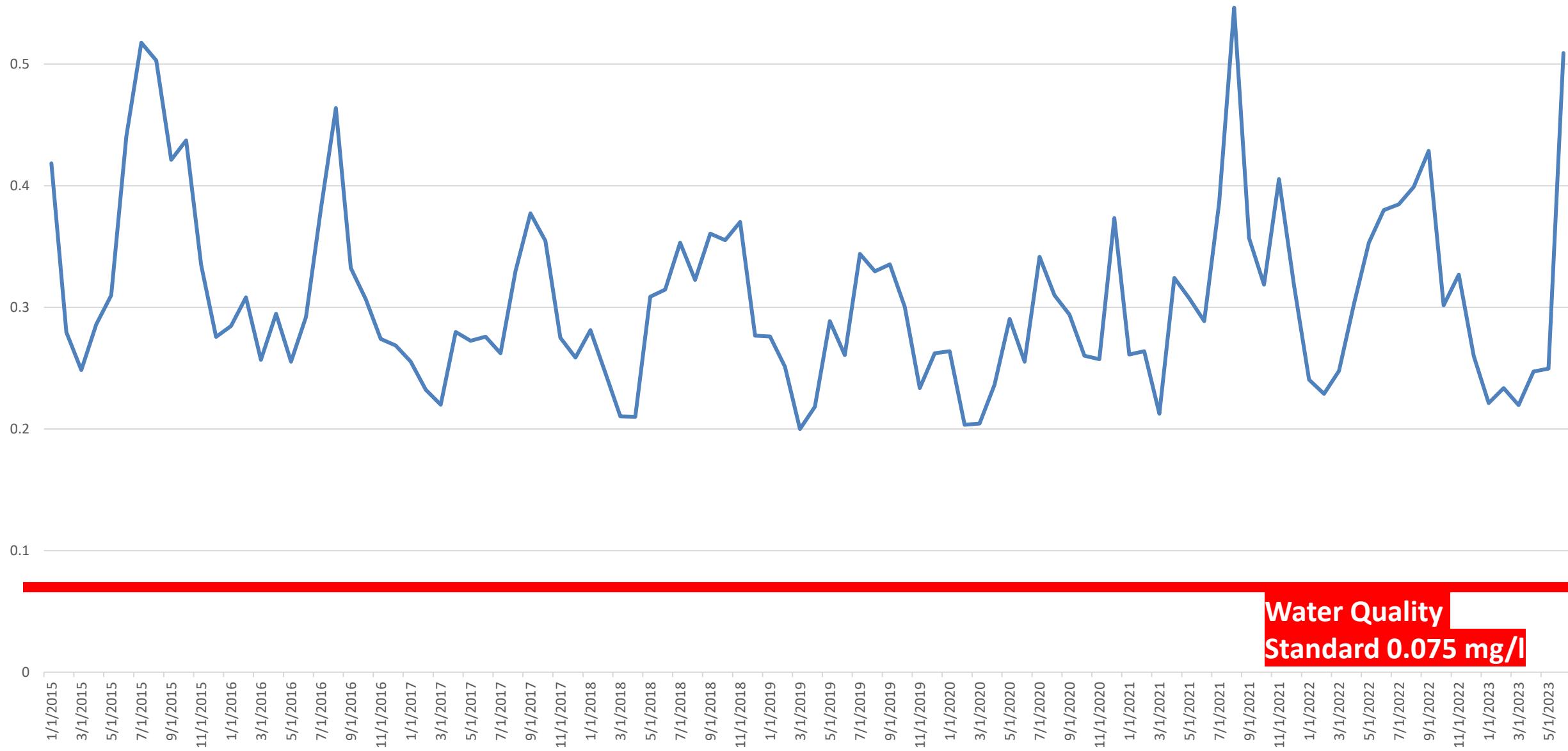
# Phosphorus

Average Phosphorus Concentrations in District Wastewater



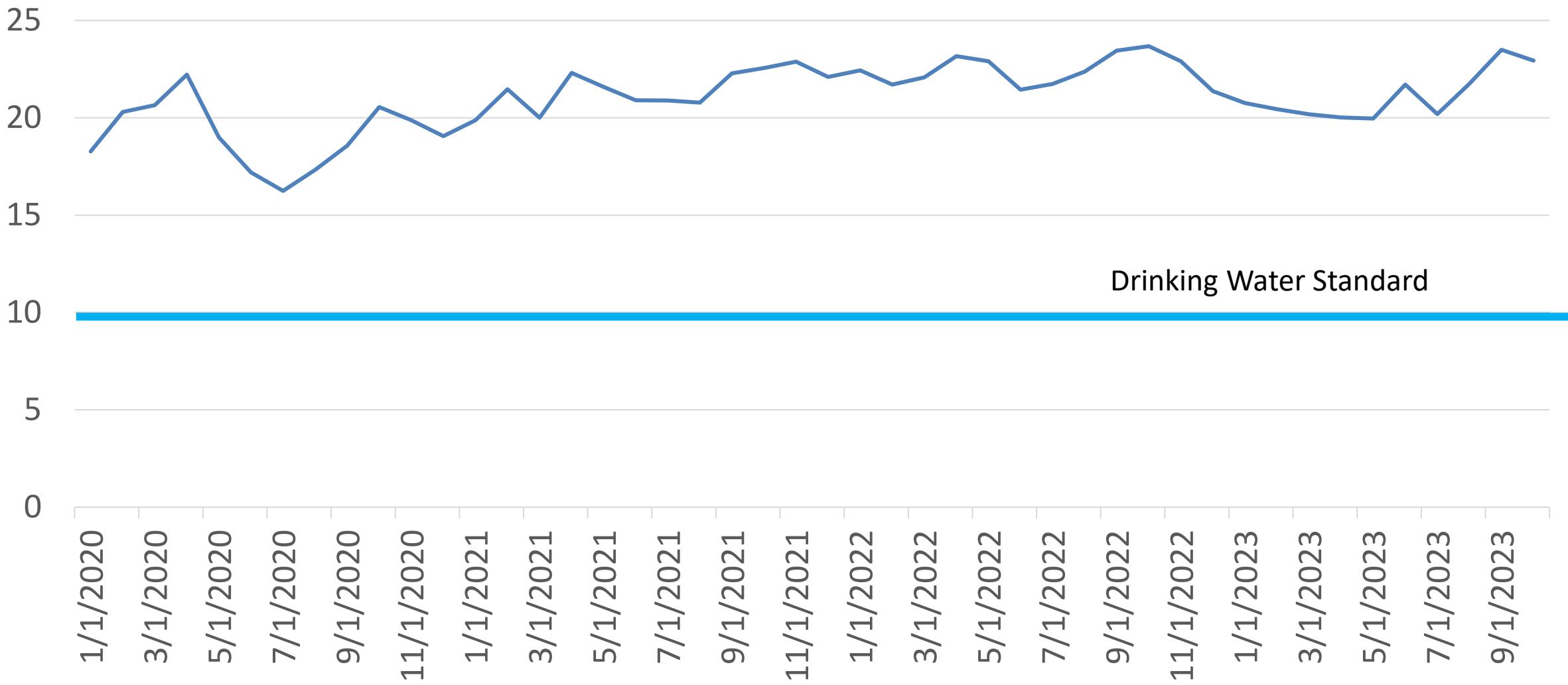
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# District Effluent Adds Phosphorus



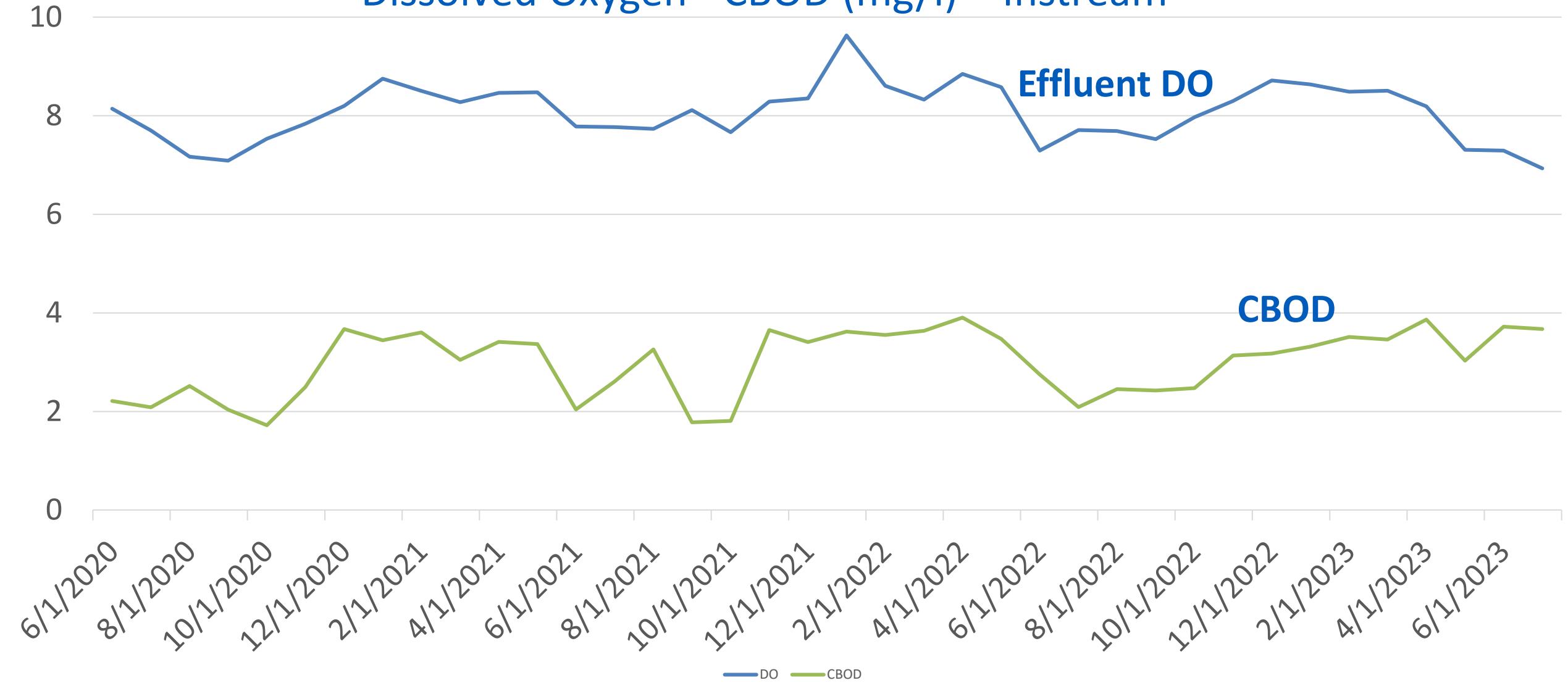
Water Quality  
Standard 0.075 mg/l

## Effluent - Nitrate Nitrogen (mg/l)



**CBOD – Carbonaceous Biochemical Oxygen Demand** – a way to measure organic pollution in water by looking at the rate at which micro-organisms in the water use up dissolved oxygen when they metabolize the organic pollutants.

## Dissolved Oxygen - CBOD (mg/l) = Instream



# Chloride

- Average Wisconsin streams <40 mg/l
- MMSD Effluent >395 mg/l
- Effluent adds chloride

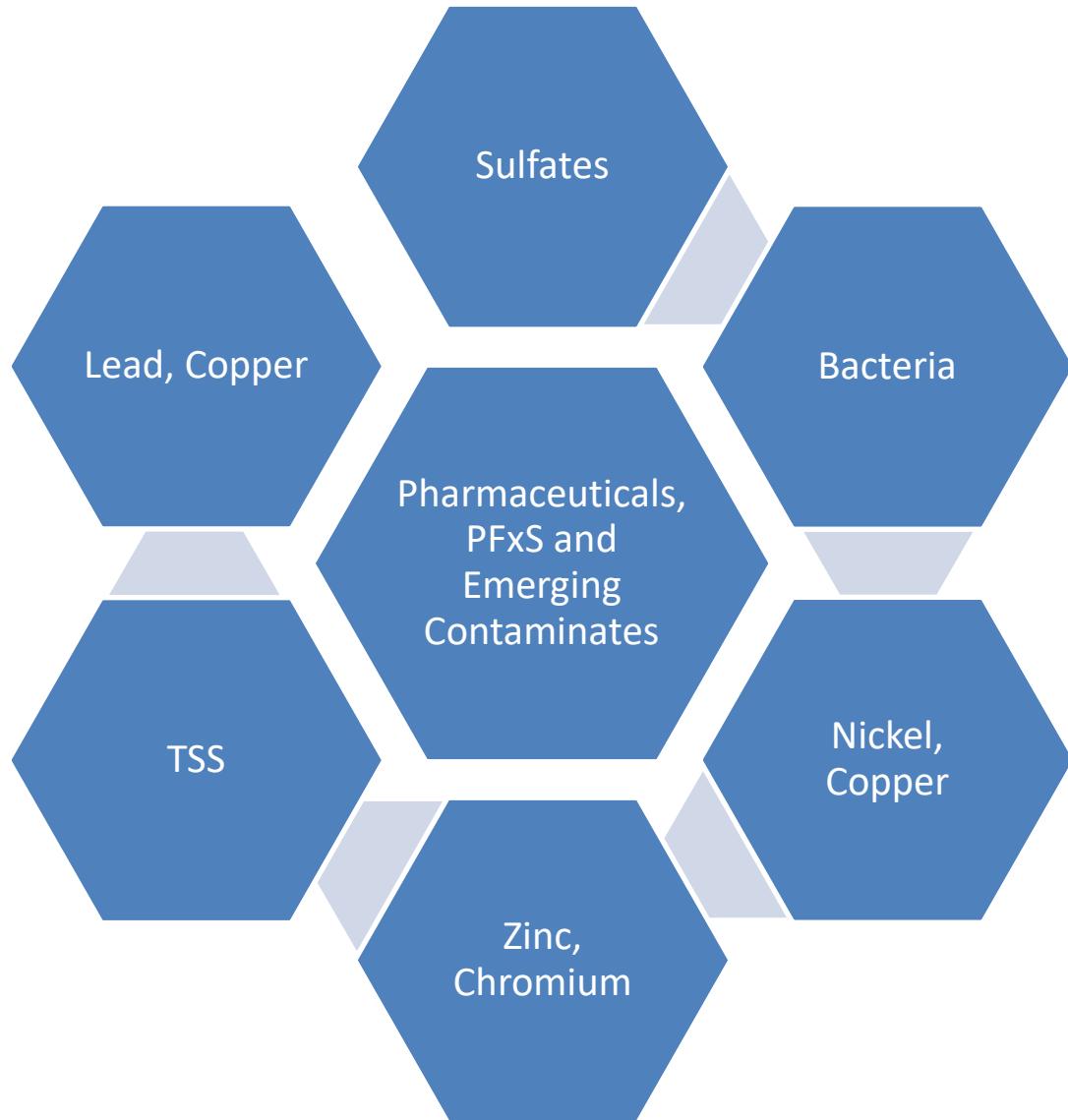


# Mercury – Wisconsin Standard 1.3 ppt

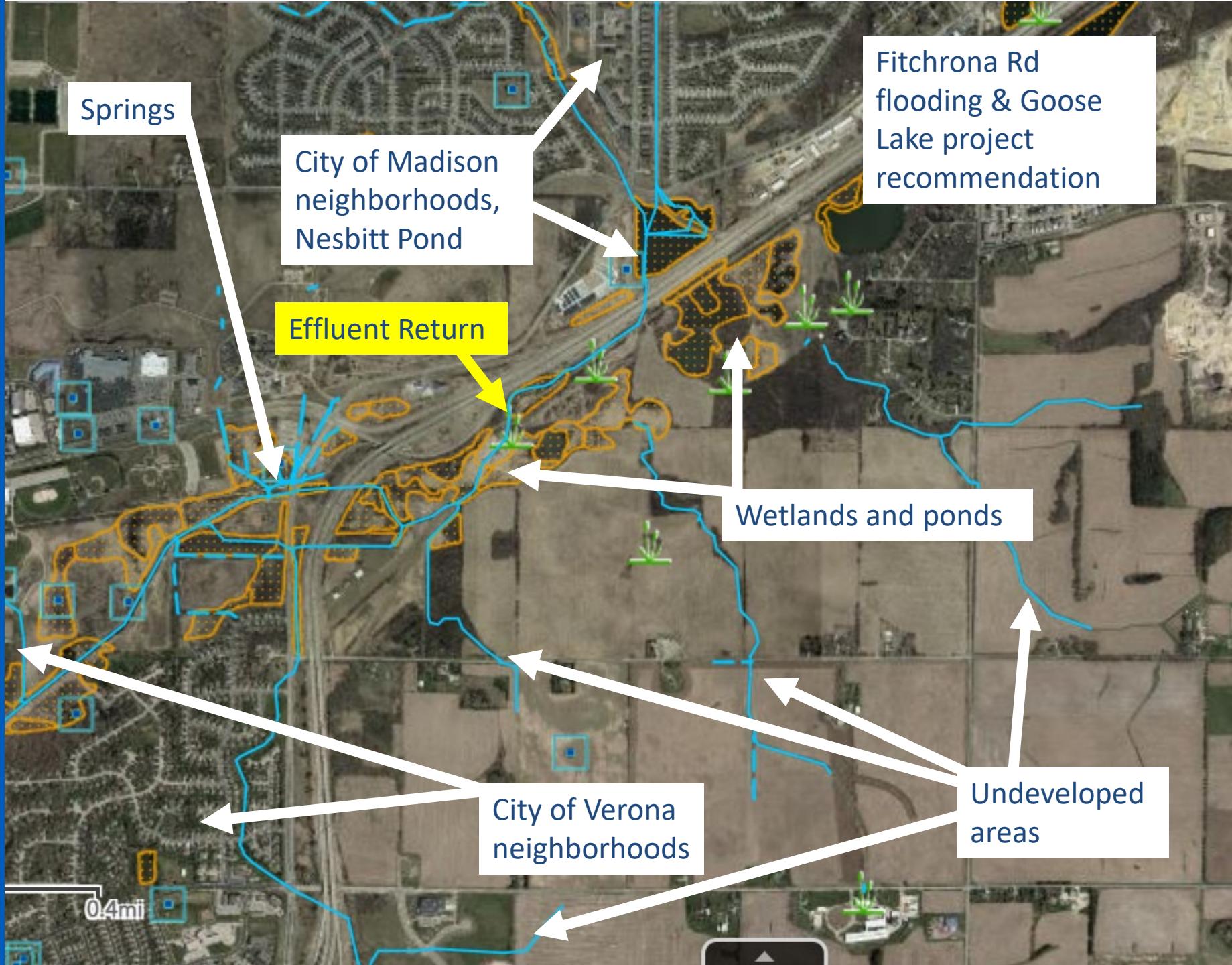
- Wisconsin Standard 1.3 ppt
- MMSD variance limit 3.4 ppt
- Over past 20-years, maximum effluent mercury decreased from over 6 ppt to under 3.4 ppt.
- Effluent adds mercury

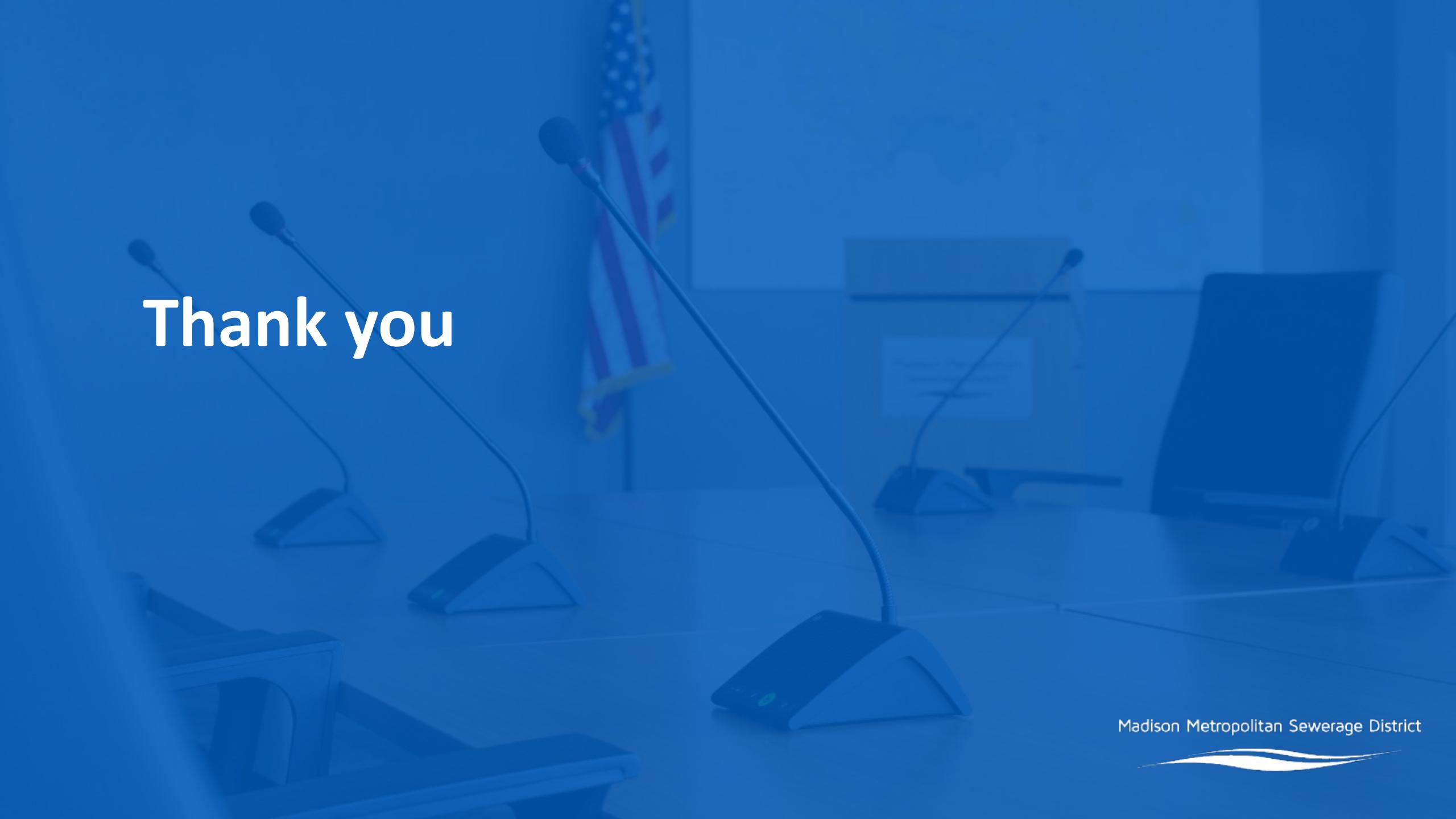


# Other parameters come with effluent:



# Many sources provide water to Badger Mill Creek



A blue-tinted photograph of a conference room. In the foreground, there are several microphones on stands. In the background, an American flag is visible. The overall atmosphere is professional and formal.

Thank you

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