

Alliance's Experience

**Dr. Dean Reynolds,
Superintendent
Alliance Water Treatment Department**

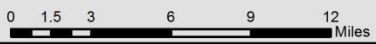
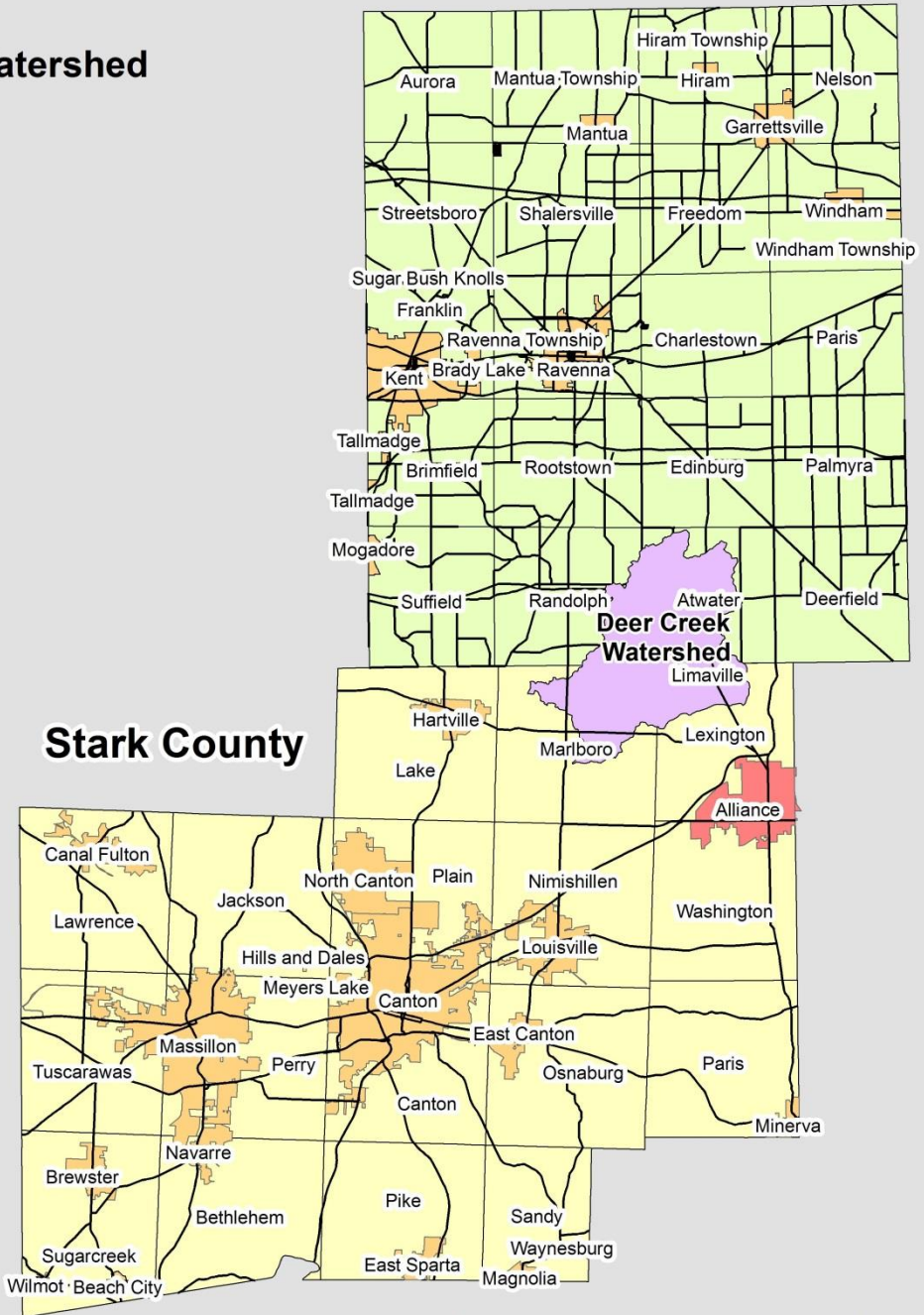
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Deer Creek Watershed

Portage County

Stark County



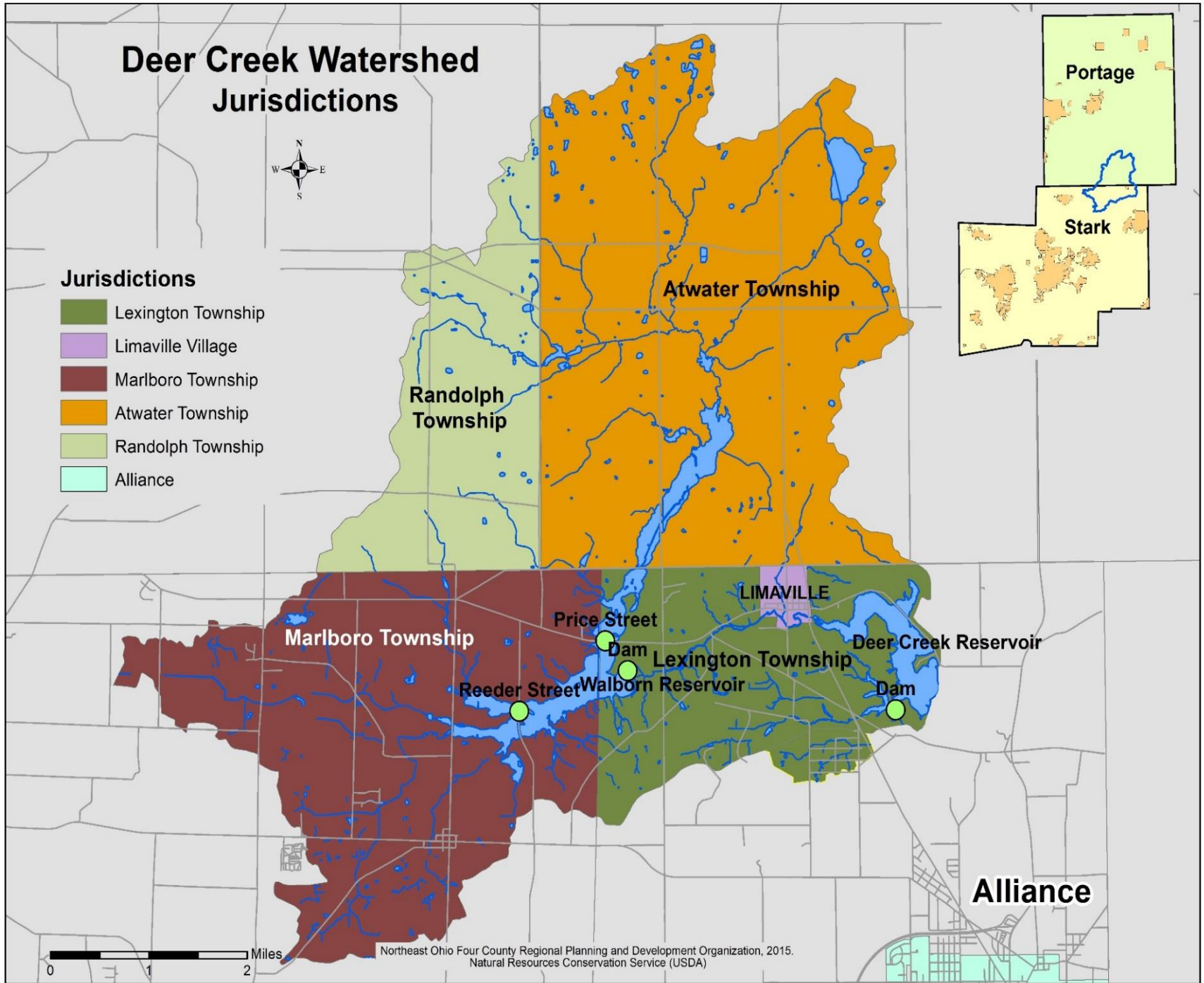
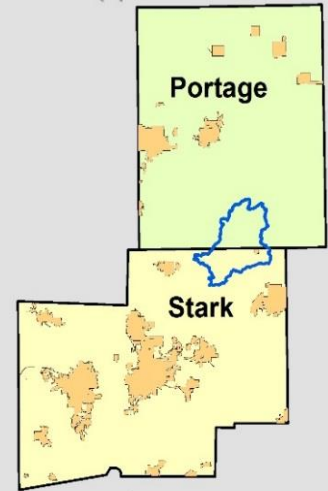
- Major Roads
- Deer Creek Watershed
- Municipalities

Deer Creek Watershed Jurisdictions



Jurisdictions

- Lexington Township
- Limaville Village
- Marlboro Township
- Atwater Township
- Randolph Township
- Alliance



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Alliance hunting for source of musty smell in drinking water



Alliance Schools seek renewal of operating levy

7.8-mill issue will appear on May 5 ballot

By **STEPHANIE UJHELYI**
The Review

The Alliance Board of Education will go back to the primary ballot, hoping for a levy renewal.

During Tuesday's regular meeting, board members voted to put its 7.8-mill operating levy up for renewal on the May 5 ballot.

Treasurer Kirk Heath said that the issue, if passed, would raise \$2 million annually.

This levy was passed back in March 2003 by a 2,493 to 2,081 margin. At that point, the district was facing cutting 56 positions and busing changes if the levy failed.

Owners of a \$50,000 home would continue to pay \$110.50 a year, Heath explained.

In other action, Sharon Walker, a high school technology resources instructor, will retire at the end of the year after 23 years with the district.

West Branch graduate enjoyed atmosphere at the inauguration

By **JONI BOWEN**
The Review

at Wheeling Jesuit University. His interest in politics

WATER CHEMICALS USED

Year or Mo.	ALUM		FERRIC SULFATE		LIME		CARBON		CHLORINE		SALT MG		
	Tons	GPG	Ions	GPG	Tons	GPG	Tons	PPM	Pre T/M	Post PPM	Tons	Brine	B2S
1930	150	1.5	----	----	--	---	---	---	0.5	.22	4.4	----	--
1931	139	1.6	----	----	--	---	---	---	0.7	.25	4.9	----	--
1932	118	1.6	----	----	--	---	---	---	0.7	.23	4.1	----	--
1933	118	1.5	----	----	--	---	---	---	0.7	.31	5.3	----	--
1934	112	1.4	----	----	--	---	---	---	0.7	.25	4.7	----	--
1935	116	1.4	----	----	--	---	---	---	0.8	.38	5.6	----	--
1936	136	1.3	----	----	--	---	---	---	0.7	.40	6.8	----	--
1937	118	1.2	----	----	--	---	---	---	0.9	.38	7.1	----	--
1938	115	1.3	----	----	--	---	---	---	1.3	.54	9.6	----	--
1939	130	1.4	----	----	12	0.8	---	---	1.1	.62	10.9	----	--
1940	138	1.4	----	----	22	0.7	---	---	1.5	.37	10.1	----	--
1941	116	1.2	----	----	24	0.2	---	---	1.1	.53	14.5	----	--
1942	136	1.2	----	----	--	---	---	---	2.5	.17	21.9	----	--
1943	166	1.3	----	----	--	---	---	---	4.7	.62	45.0	----	--
1944	157	1.2	----	----	76	0.5	---	---	5.2	.80	51.5	----	--
1945	163	1.2	----	----	45	0.6	---	---	4.9	.70	48.5	----	--
1946	183	1.4	----	----	--	---	---	---	4.9	.33	43.1	----	--
1947	185	1.4	----	----	198	9.4	---	---	5.4	.70	53.9	----	--
1948	99	1.0	31.0	0.7	966	6.8	---	---	3.0	.87	66.5	16.5	56
1949	71	0.8	16.4	0.5	1046	7.0	---	---	7.1	.74	52.3	18.7	7
1950	106	1.1	7.2	0.2	907	6.1	---	---	5.5	.21	40.8	19.3	0
1951	117	0.9	0.3	0.3	930	6.2	---	---	5.1	.27	40.4	13.6	0
1952	89	0.8	0.3	0.5	1053	7.5	1.5	4.2	7.1	.20	51.2	20.2	0
1953	86	0.7	----	----	1223	7.5	34.0	4.4	6.5	.21	55.7	13.7	0
1954													
Jan.	8.6	0.6	----	----	115	9.2	3.3	5.3	3.3	.00	2.0	0.8	0
Feb.	5.4	0.6	----	----	82	7.8	2.4	4.1	4.9	.01	2.8	1.3	0
Mar.	14.8	1.1	----	----	40	5.5	1.9	3.1	5.5	.34	3.8	1.4	0
Apr.	17.3	1.7	----	----	27	4.8	1.7	2.8	6.0	.27	3.9	1.4	0
May	6.3	0.8	----	----	85	6.0	2.0	3.3	6.5	.12	4.1	1.4	0
June	15.6	1.5	----	----	78	7.3	1.7	2.6	10.2	.59	7.0	1.4	0
July	3.5	0.3	----	----	144	9.5	1.3	2.7	8.2	.17	6.2	1.4	0
Aug.	8.0	0.7	----	----	106	8.4	1.6	2.4	8.7	.36	6.0	0.1	0
Sep.	1.2	0.4	----	----	121	9.2	1.6	2.5	7.9	.12	4.9	0.8	0
Oct.	10.7	1.1	----	----	75	6.9	2.0	3.4	9.5	.29	5.0	1.4	0
Nov.	3.0	0.3	----	----	81	7.2	2.3	4.2	6.1	.04	3.5	1.3	0
Dec.	6.3	0.6	----	----	102	8.2	1.1	2.5	3.0	.01	1.2	1.5	0
TOT.	103.7				1060		22.9				51.0	14.5	0
AVG.		0.8				7.6		3.2	6.7	.13			

Know Your Enemy *****

- Problems algae create
- Algae identification
 - Class
 - Microscopes and slides
- Sampling
 - Where and at what depth
 - Planktonic vs Benthic
- Population shifts

Problems Associated with Algal Blooms and Their Rated Severity

Problem	Yes (%)	No (%)	Do not know (%)	Severe Impact (%)	Moderate Impact (%)	No Impact (%)
T&O	90	3	2	50	47	3
Filter Clogging	48	32	14	23	62	13
Coagulant Demand	36	33	24	31	62	7
Chlorine Demand	50	22	21	13	79	5
THM Formation	17	29	44	23	73	0
Algal Toxins	6	25	54	14	43	43

AWWA, 2008 (114 surface water utilities responded out of 124)

Taste and Odor

- The most common cause of customer complaints
- Most cases, problem is aesthetic not a human health concern
- Surface water systems
- No U.S. EPA or Ohio EPA standards
- Control costs can be staggering

Algae that Produce Taste and Odor

- **Bluegreen algae (Cyanophyta)**
 - Earthy, musty,
- **Green algae (Chlorophyta)**
 - grassy odor; fishy odor if in large numbers
 - *Chara* skunk-like or garlic odor
 - *Nitella* grassy-septic odor
- **Golden or yellow brown algae (Chrysophytes)**
 - *Dinobryon, Uroglenopsis, Uroglena*
 - *Synura* – cod liver oil; fishy odor
- **Yellow green algae (Xanthophyceae)**
 - *Tribonema* filter clogger

Algae that Produce Taste and Odor

- **Diatoms**- bloom during cool temps, stop after stratification
 - Filter clogging frustules-siliceous cell walls
 - *Asterionella, Cyclotella, and Tabellaria*
 - Mostly fishy odors
 - Marine species produce toxins
- **Dinoflagellates**
 - *Ceratium, Peridinium*
 - *Fishy, septic odors*

Three Broad Categories of T&O

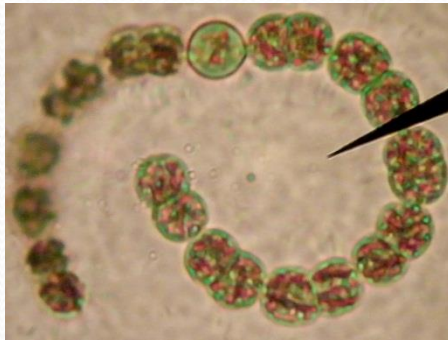
- Over 200 different compounds produced by algae capable of causing T&O issues
- Earthy-musty
 - Most resistant to oxidation
- Grassy, fishy, cucumber-like, geranium
- Decaying algae- septic, putrefactive and pigpen

Cyanobacteria

- Geosmin
- 2-isomethylborneol (MIB)
- 2t,4c,7c-decatrienal
- 2t,6c-nonadienal
- Linolenic acid
- β -cyclocitral
- Isovaleric acid
- Earthy-musty
- Earthy-musty
- Fishy
- Cucumber
- Sweet-melon-watermelon
- Sweet fruity-chocolate-pipe tobacco
- Rancid-cheesy-dirty socks-sour

What Causes it?

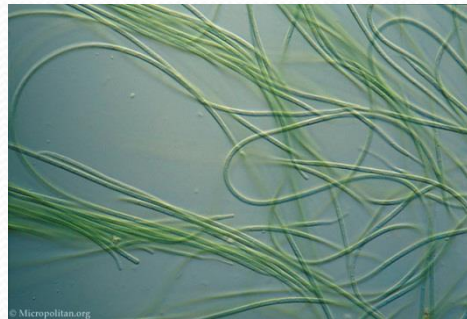
- Cyclic organic compounds
- Produced by some species of bluegreen algae (cyanobacteria)



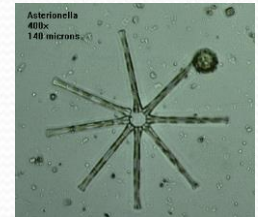
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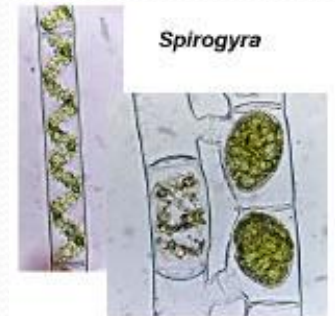
Aphanizomenon
400x
1=17 microns



Oscillatoria



Asterionella
400x
140 microns



Spirogyra



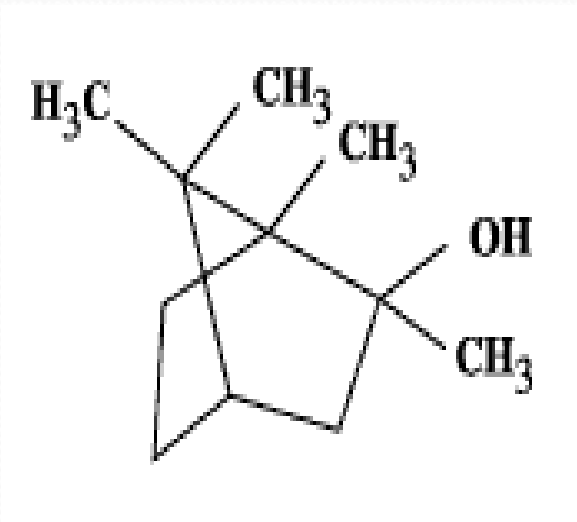
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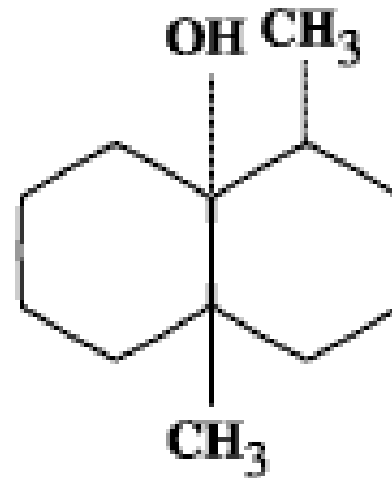
Synura

COMPOUNDS GENERATED BY SOME CYANOBACTERIA

Aesthetics: T&O cmpds



2-Methylisoborneol
(MIB)



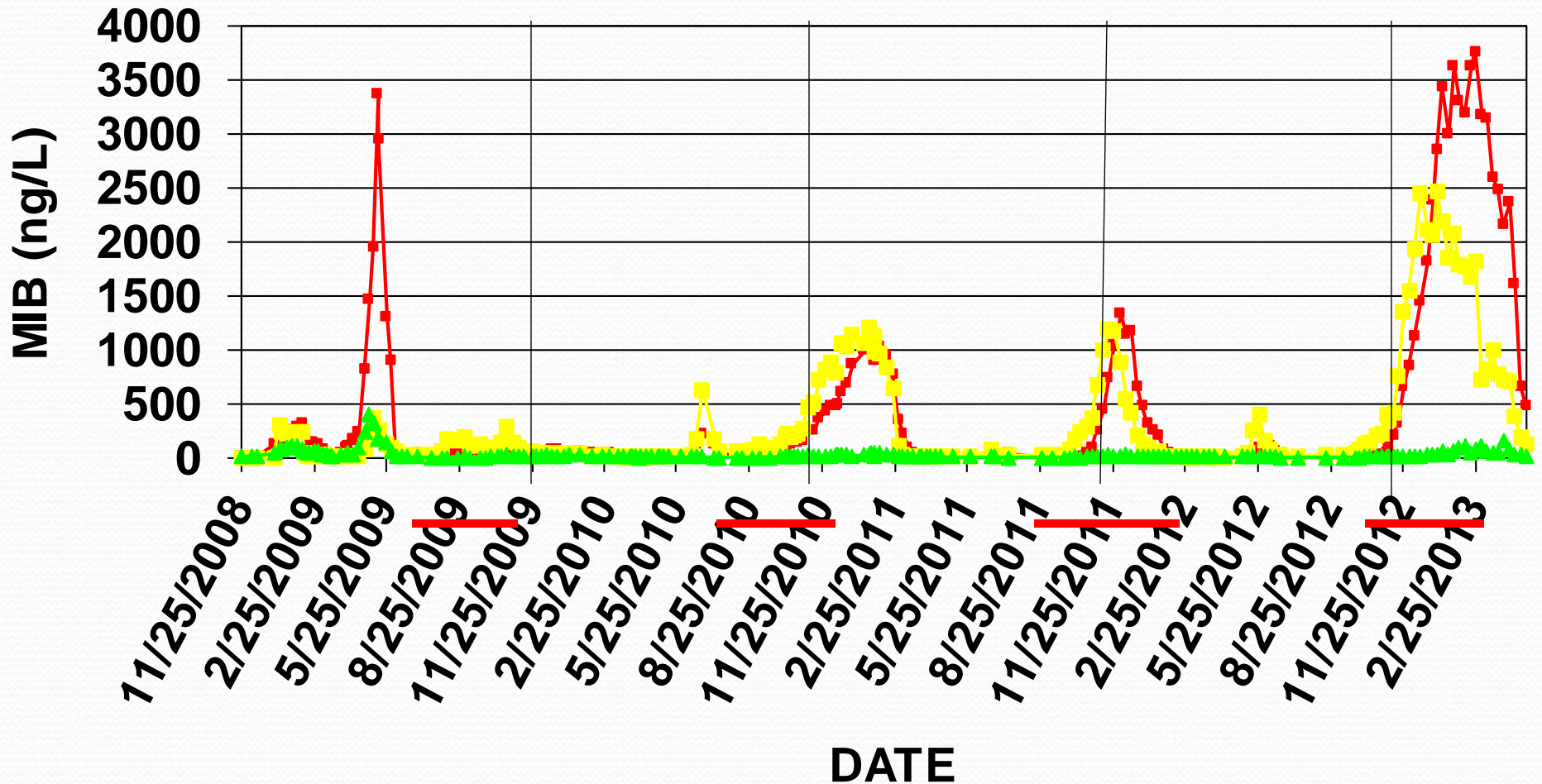
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MIB CONCENTRATION

—■— Deer Creek Intake

—■— Walborn Dam

—▲— Finished Water

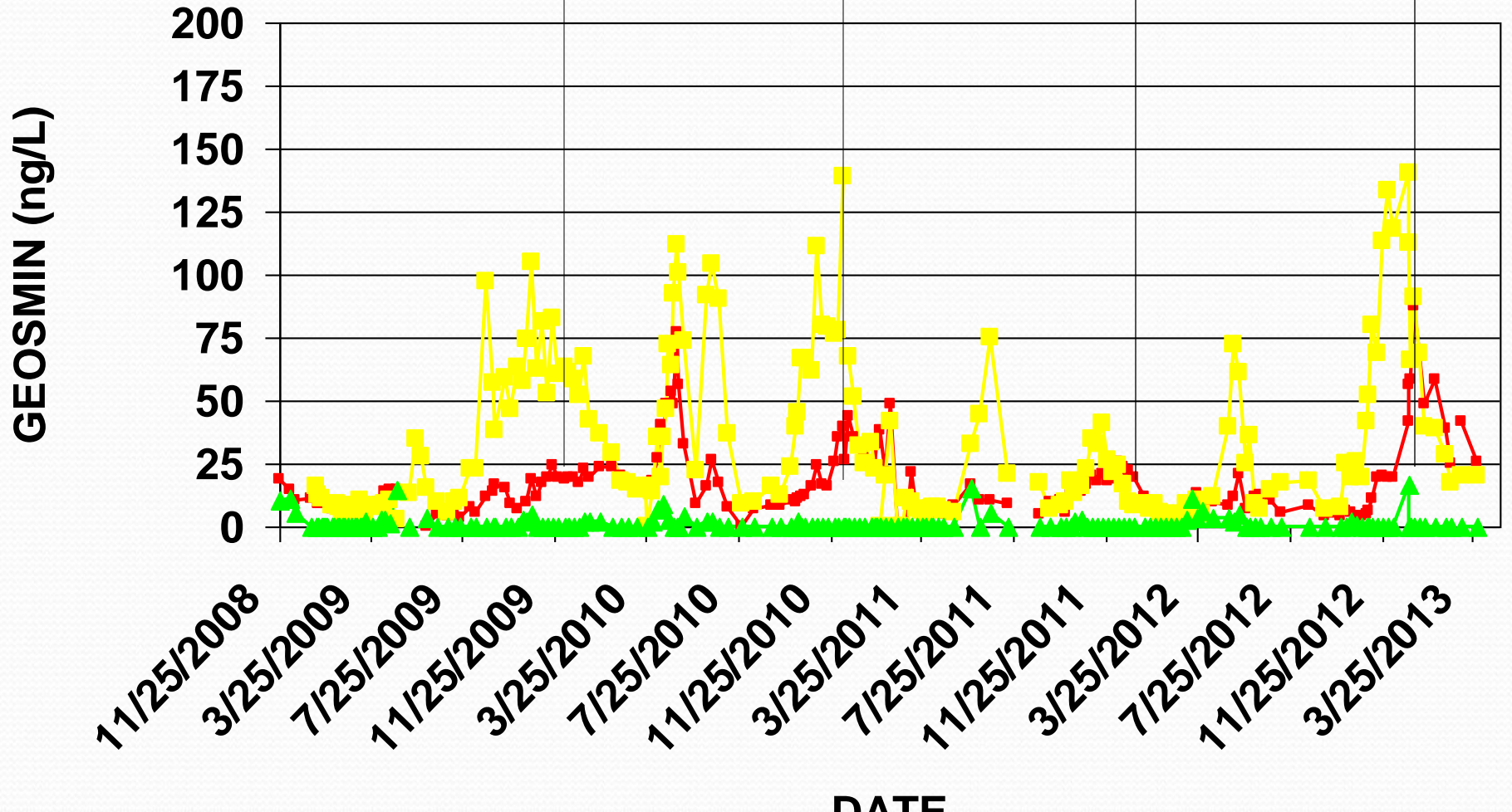


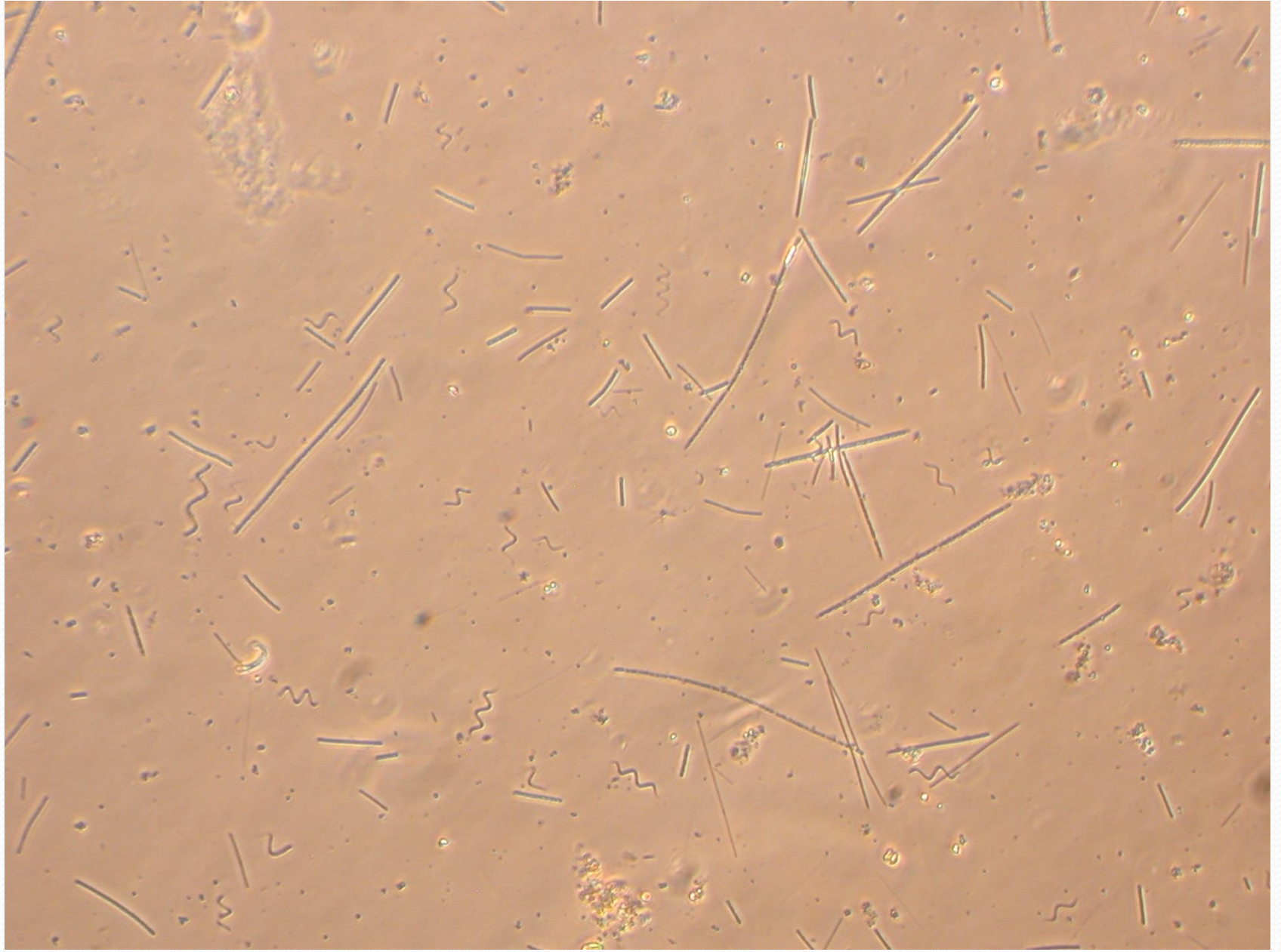
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Algae Identification

OSU Stone Lab Classes 2016 Gibraltar Island

- Algae Identification Workshop
 - August 8 - August 9
 - August 10 - August 11
 - Dr. Rex Lowe, Emeritus Prof. Bowling Green University
- Dealing with Cyanobacteria, Algal Toxins and Taste & Odor Compounds Workshop
 - August 8 - August 9
 - August 10 - August 11
 - Team taught Heather Raymond, Richard Lorenz, others

Algae Identification

- Texts

- *Freshwater Algae of North America; Ecology and Classification.* Edited By Wehr and Sheath
- *Algae Source to Treatment.* AWWA Publication M57
- *How to Know the Freshwater Algae.* Edited by Prescott

- Web sites

- <http://greenwaterlab.com/algal-id.html>
- <http://www-cyanosite.bio.purdue.edu/images/images.html>



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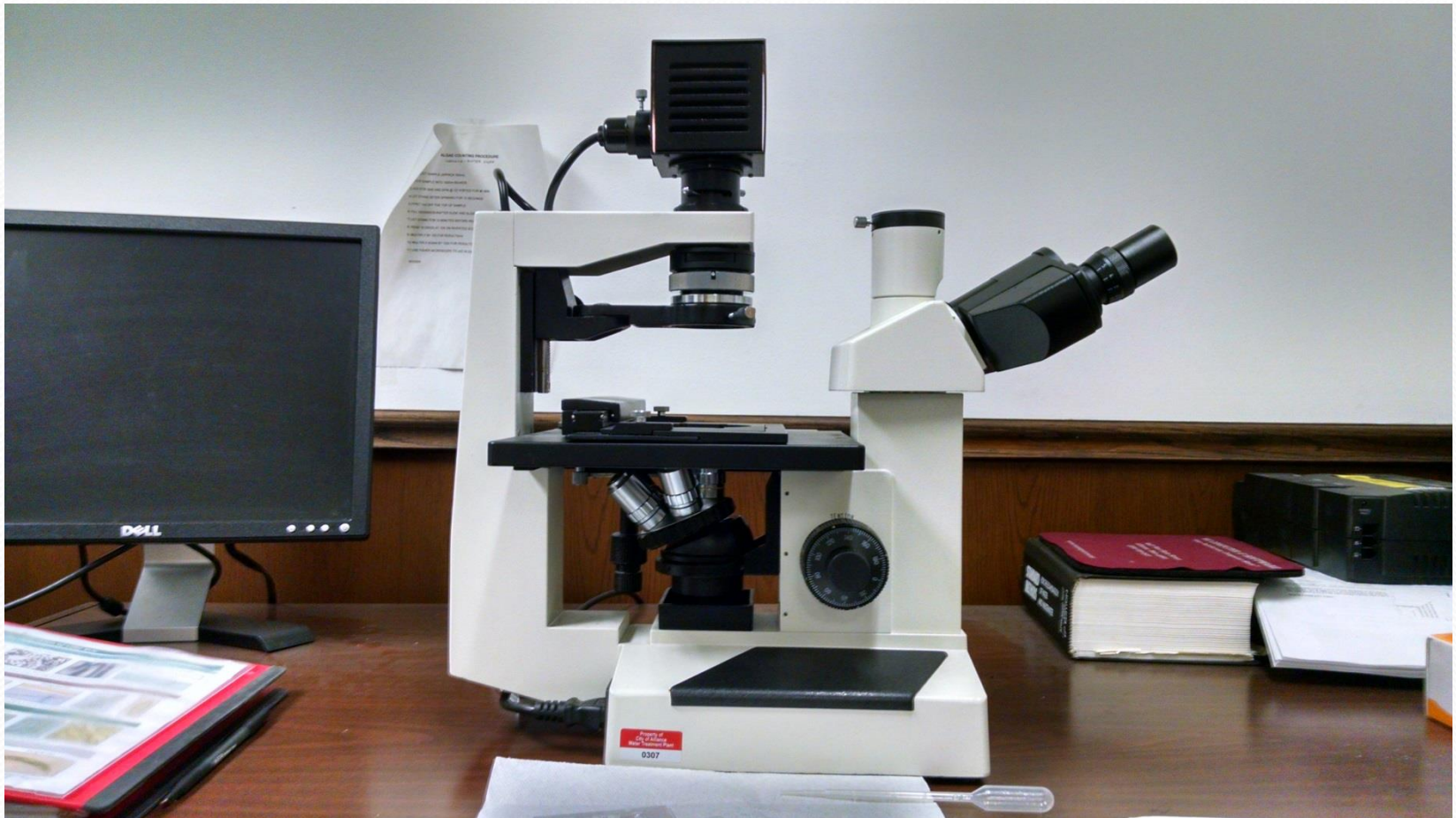


Sedgewick Rafter Counting Chamber Slide

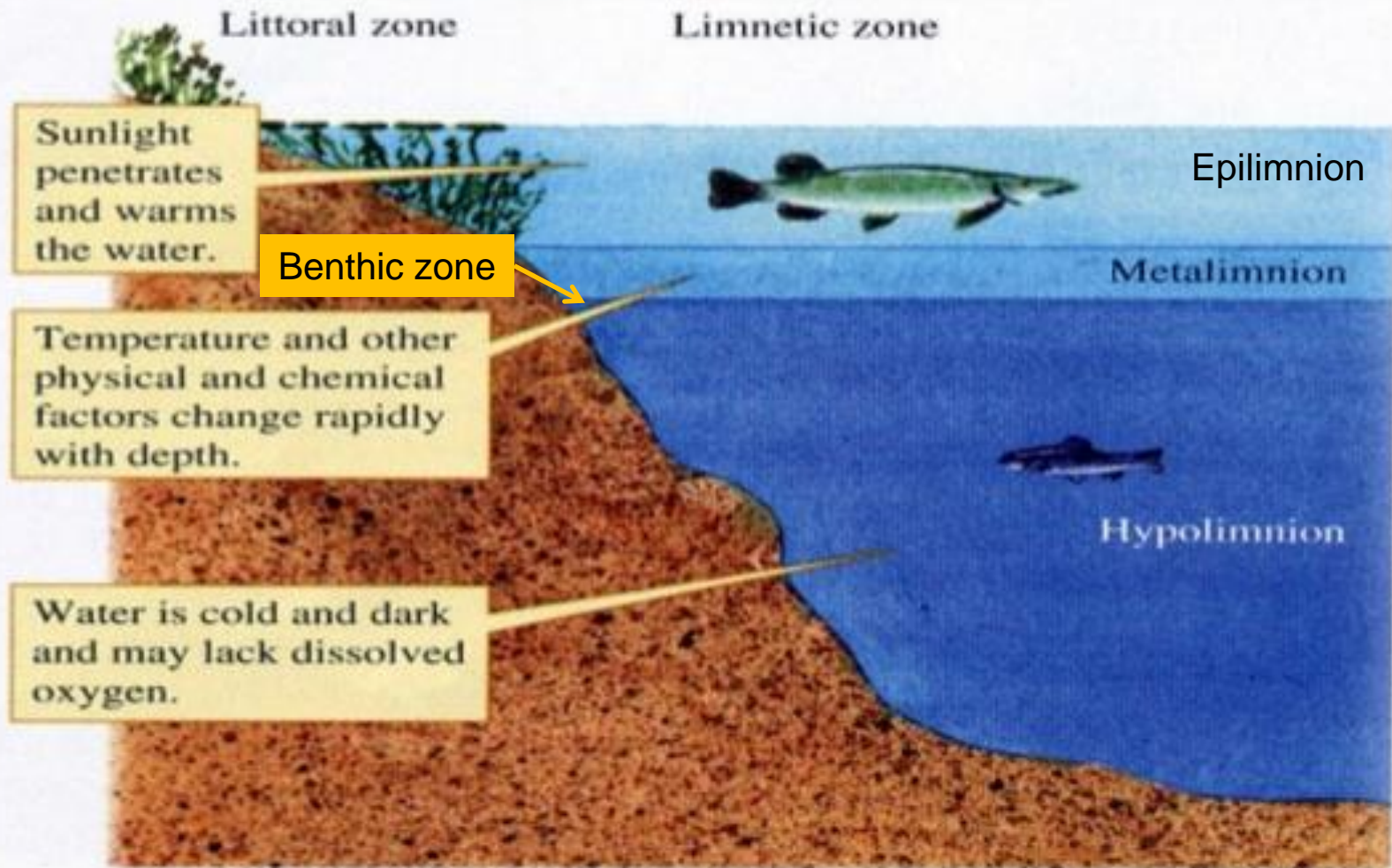
Compound Light Microscope



Inverted Light Microscope



Lake Structure



Algae Sampling

- Where to sample
- Depth and time of day affects
- Planktonic vs benthic
 - Artificial substrate

Anabaena Bloom

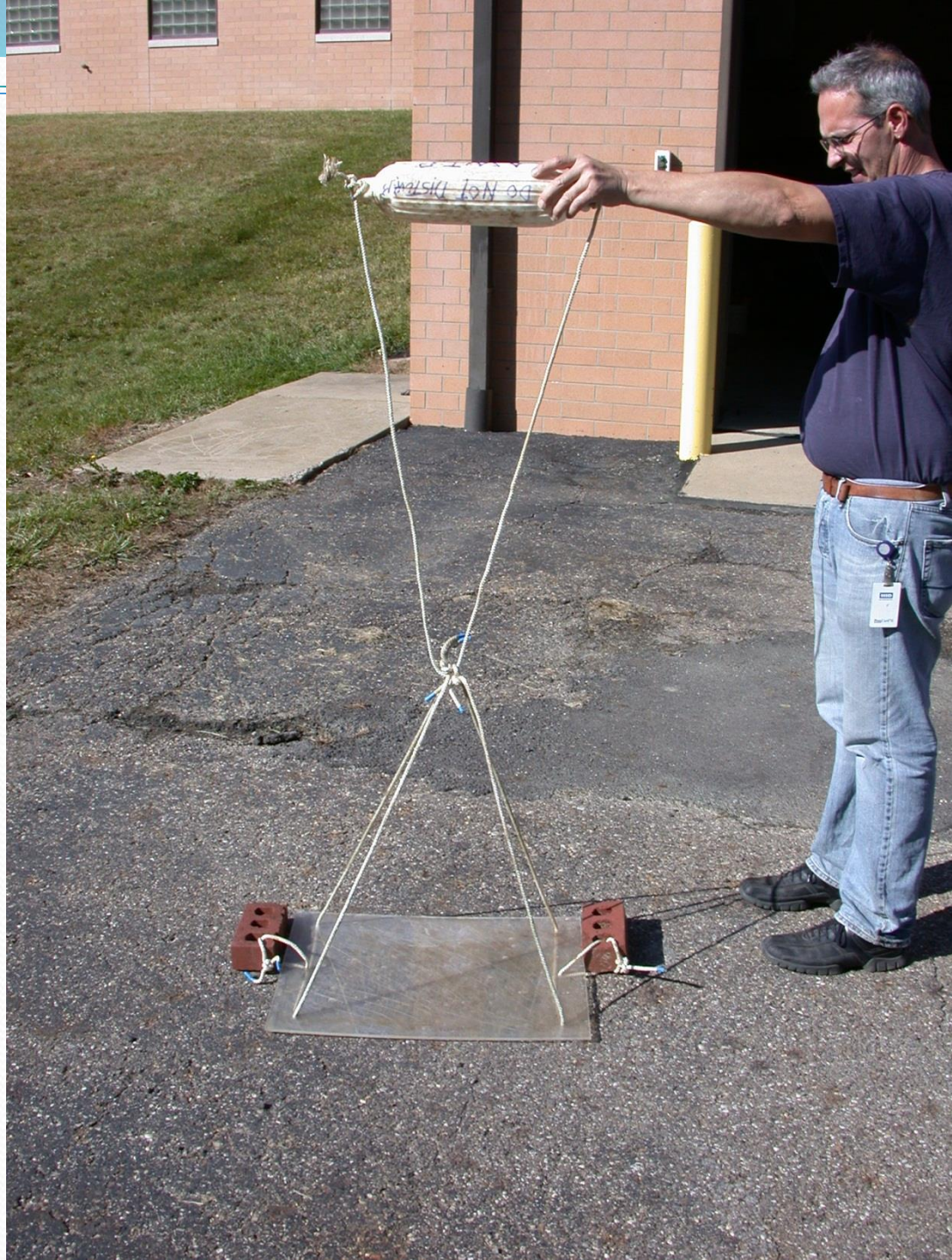
Geosmin producer

Microcystin producer

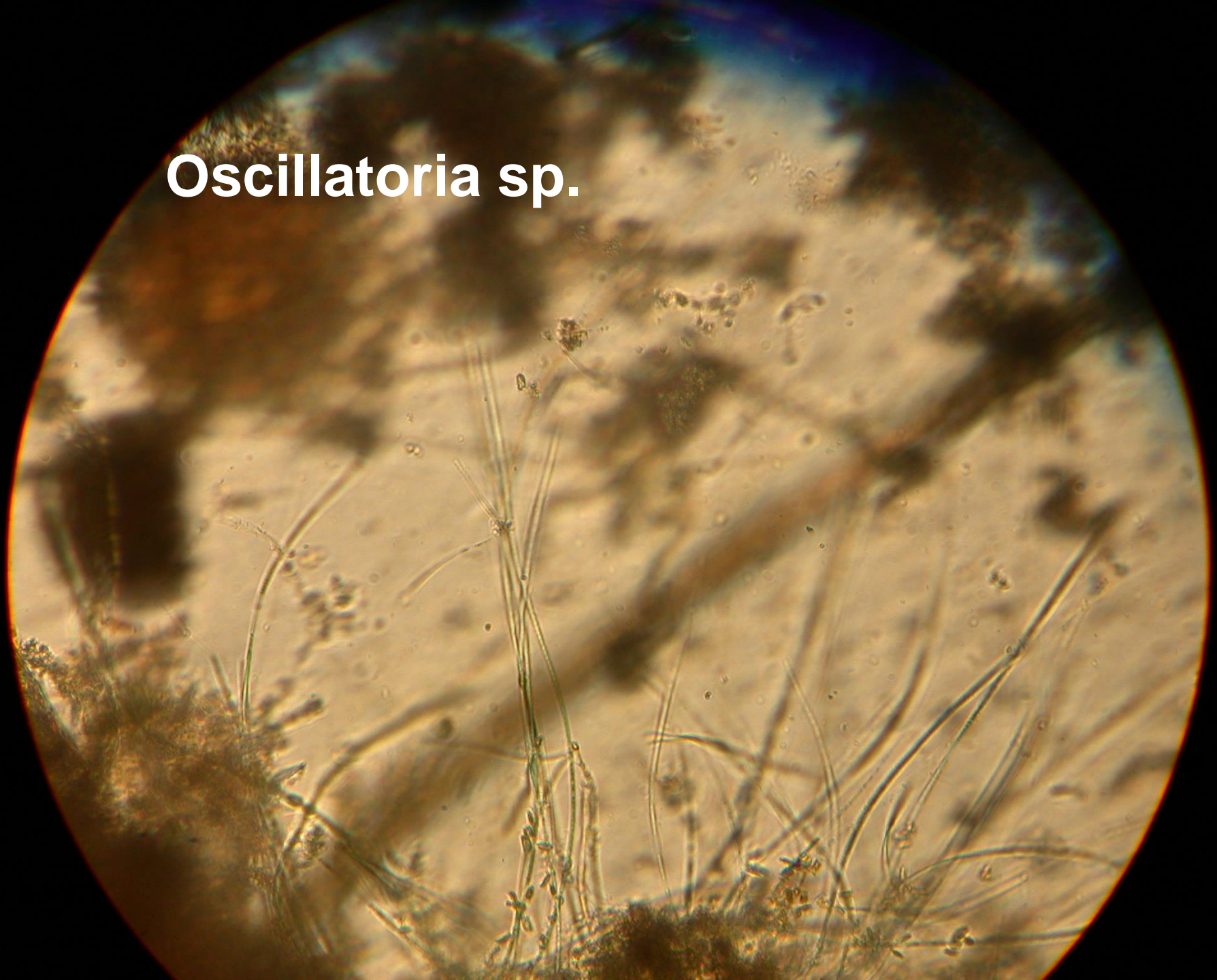


Artificial Substrate

12 placed in
Walborn Reservoir

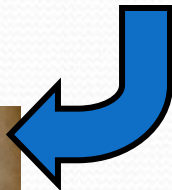


Oscillatoria sp.

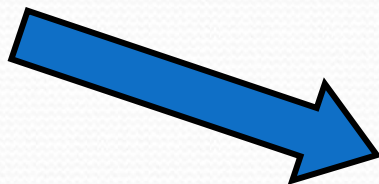


Why do we have a problem with Cyanobacteria?

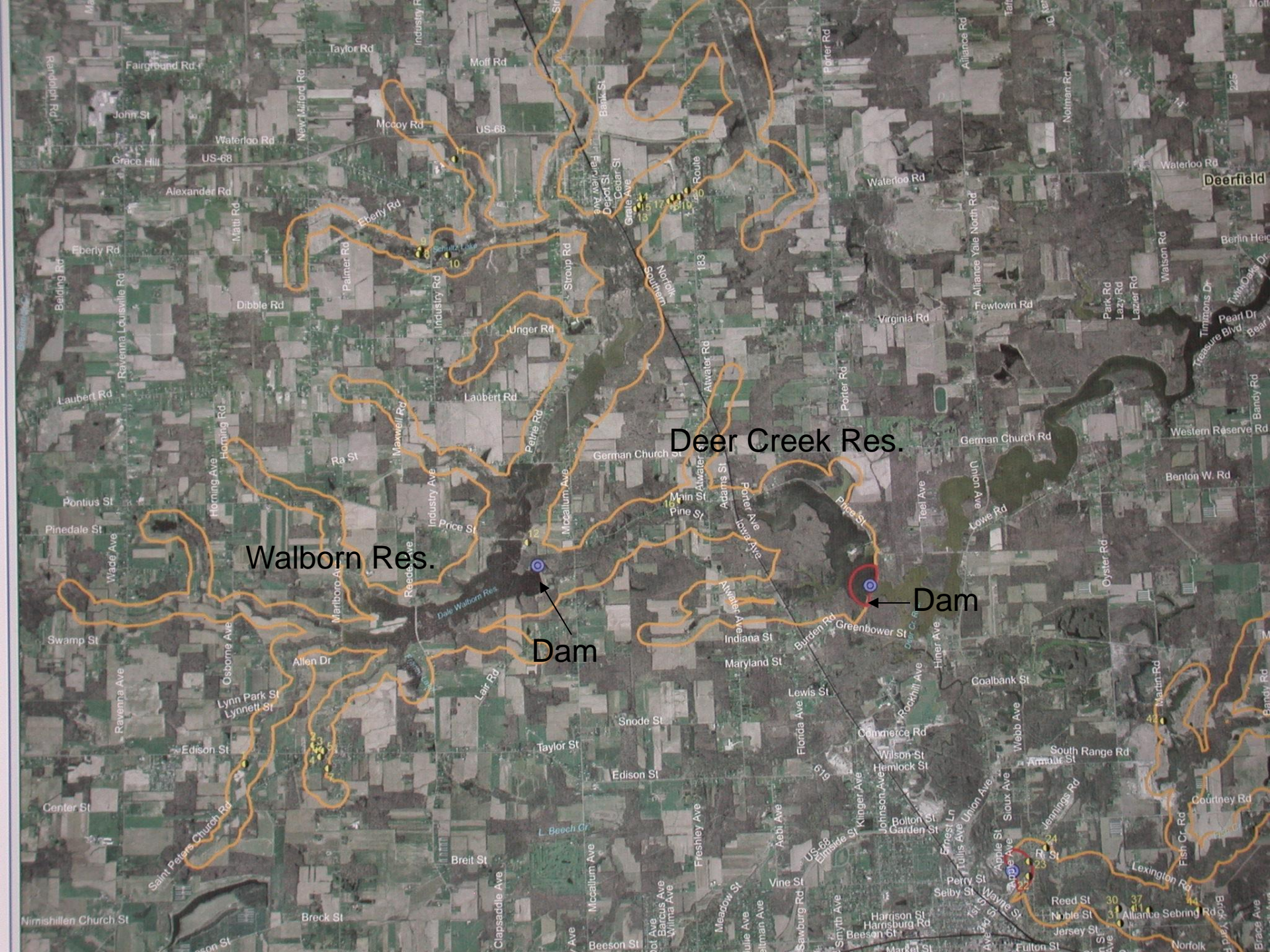
- **Reservoirs are Eutrophic**
- **Nutrient contaminants are flowing into the reservoirs from the watershed**
 - **Nitrogen compounds**
 - **Phosphorus**
 - **More efficient than competition**
 - **Absorb and store 10 x what is needed**
 - **Expand 16 x biomass**
 - **N:P ratio very important**
 - **Low ratio favors cyanobacteria**
 - **Some fix their own nitrogen from the environment**



Geosmin



2-methylisoborneol
(MIB)



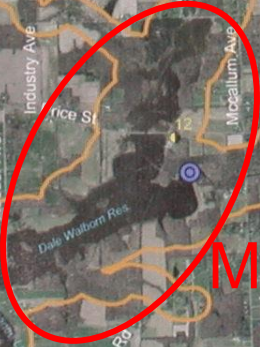
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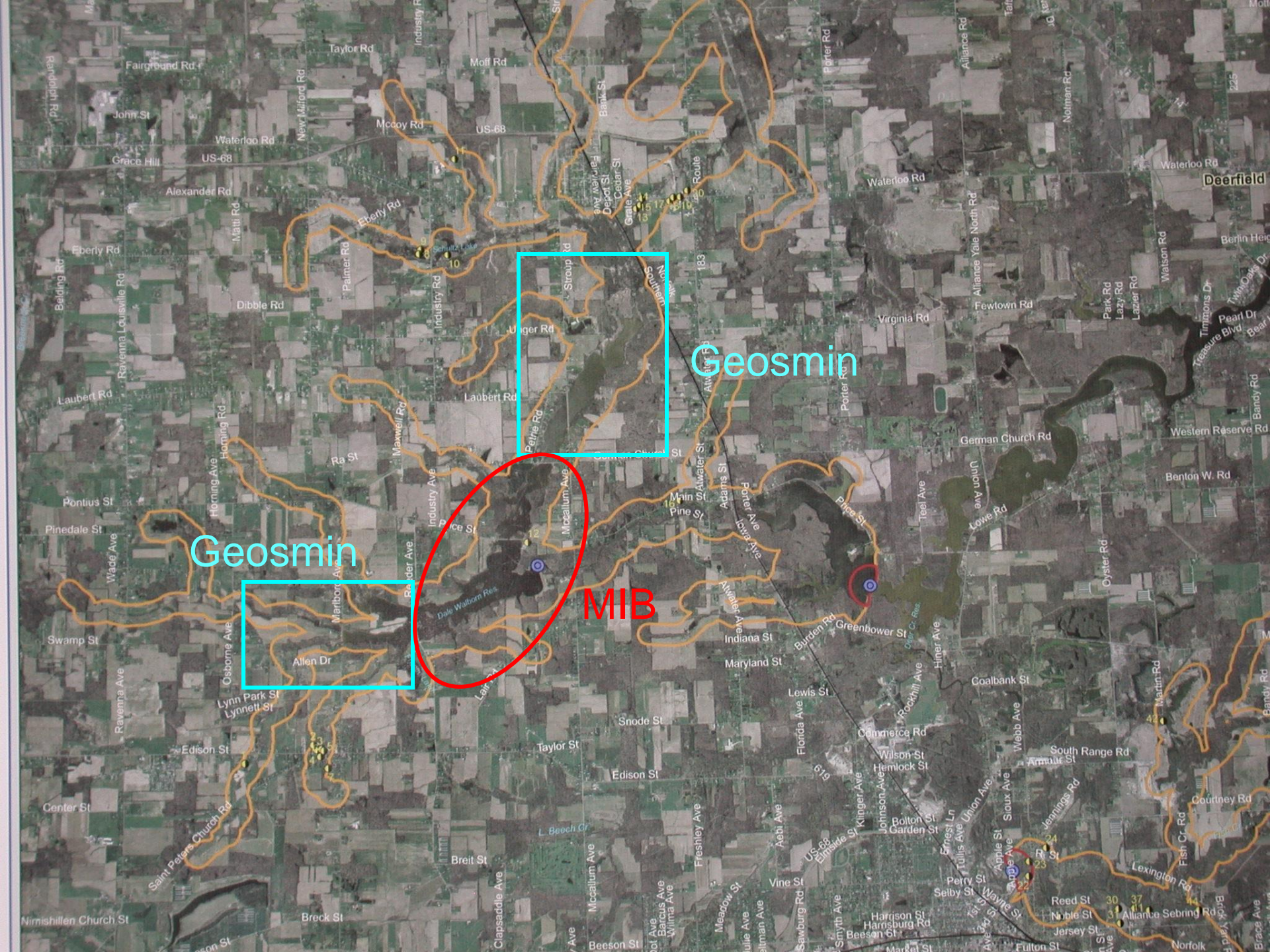
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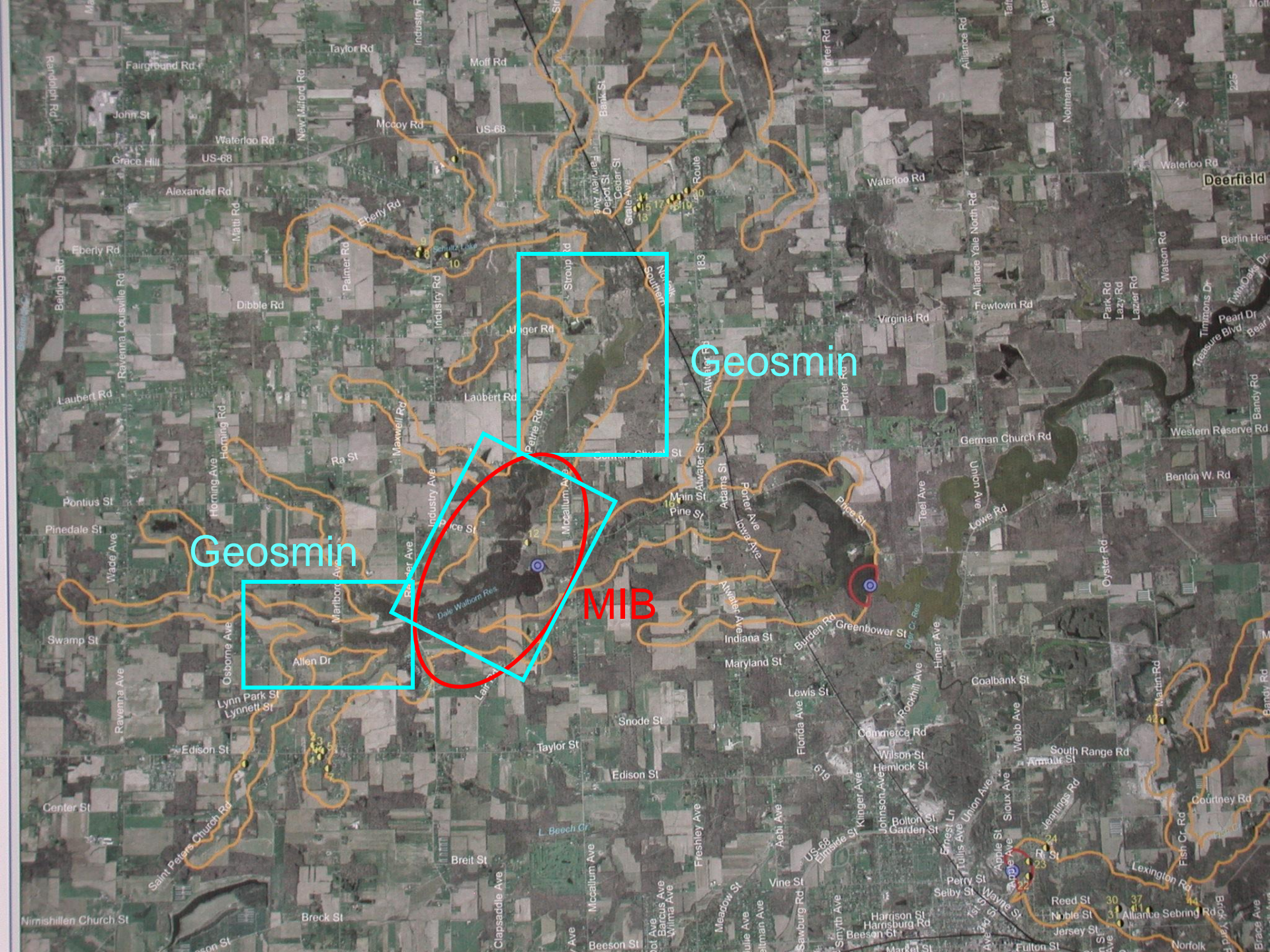
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MIB

Experience with Traditional Watershed Management

- Algicide
 - Did not help because biggest problem with T&O was in winter
 - Algae population very low in late fall and winter
 - Most of the MIB was extracellular
- Artificial destratification and aeration
- Alum coagulation (using alum sludge - potential)
 - Internal vs external sources of nutrients
- Intake port - depth modification
 - Stratification
 - Manganese

DEER CREEK RESERVOIR INTAKE

INTAKE PORTS

3' (1m)

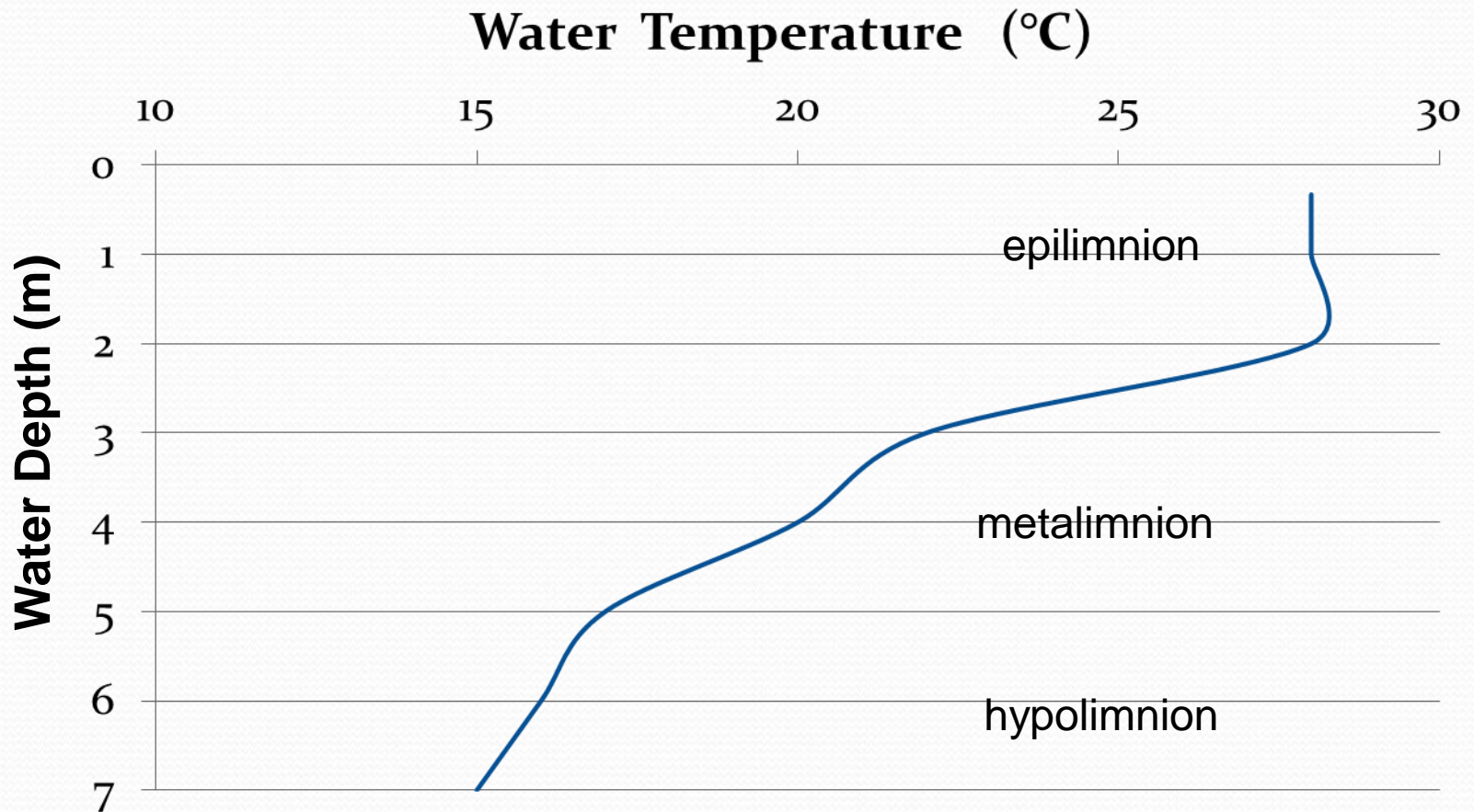
10' (3m)

17' (5m)

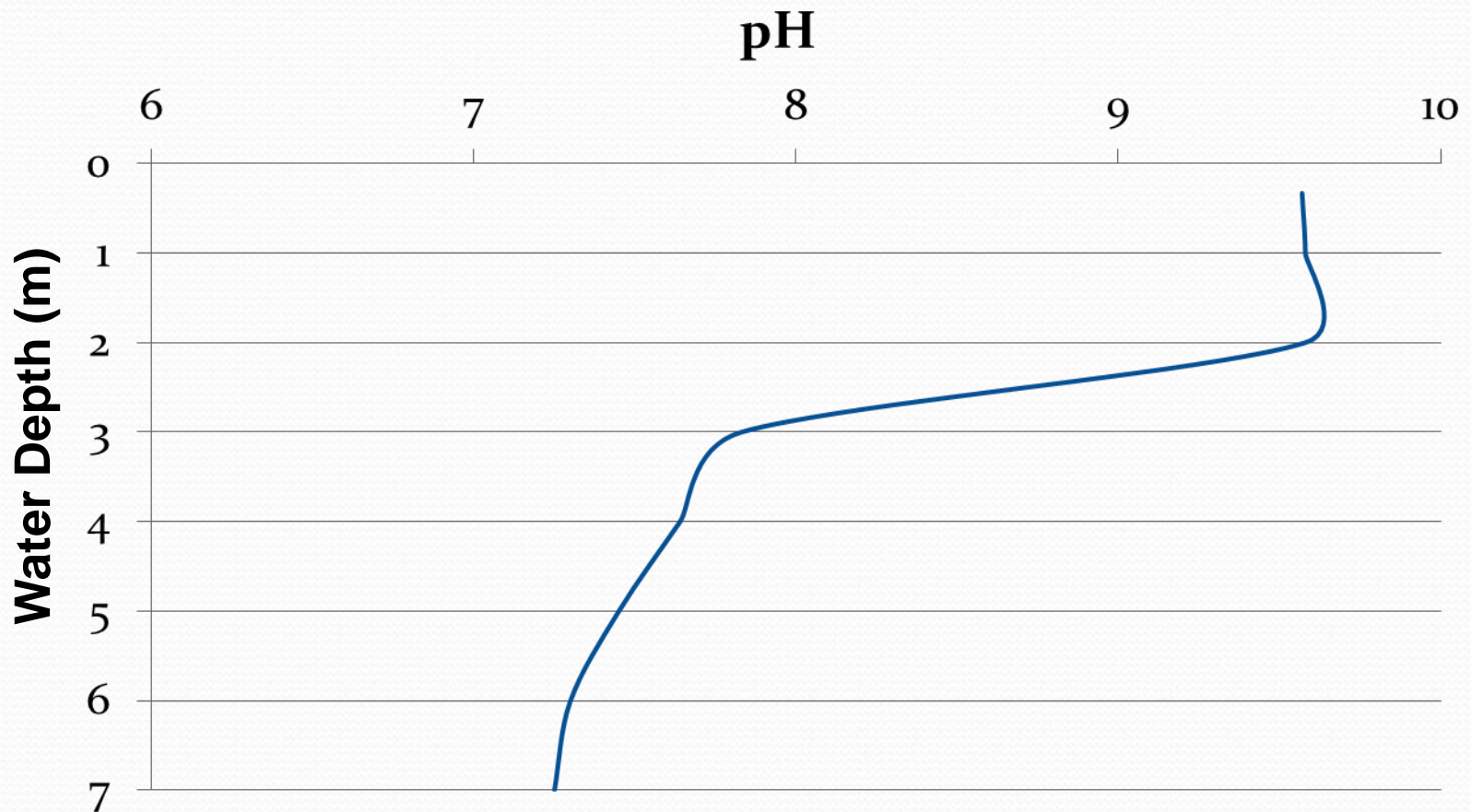
23' (7m)



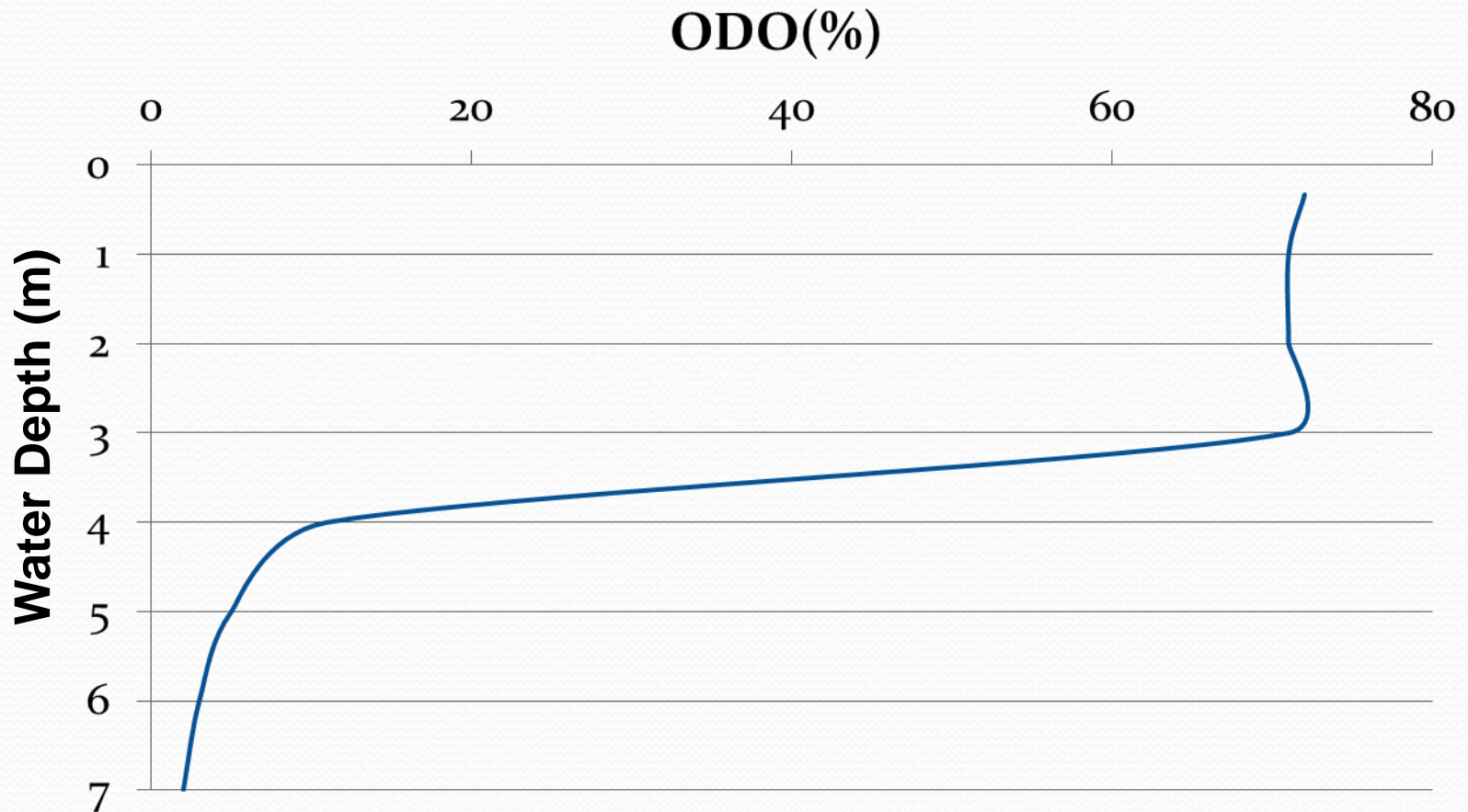
Deer Creek Water Temperature on 7/30/2015



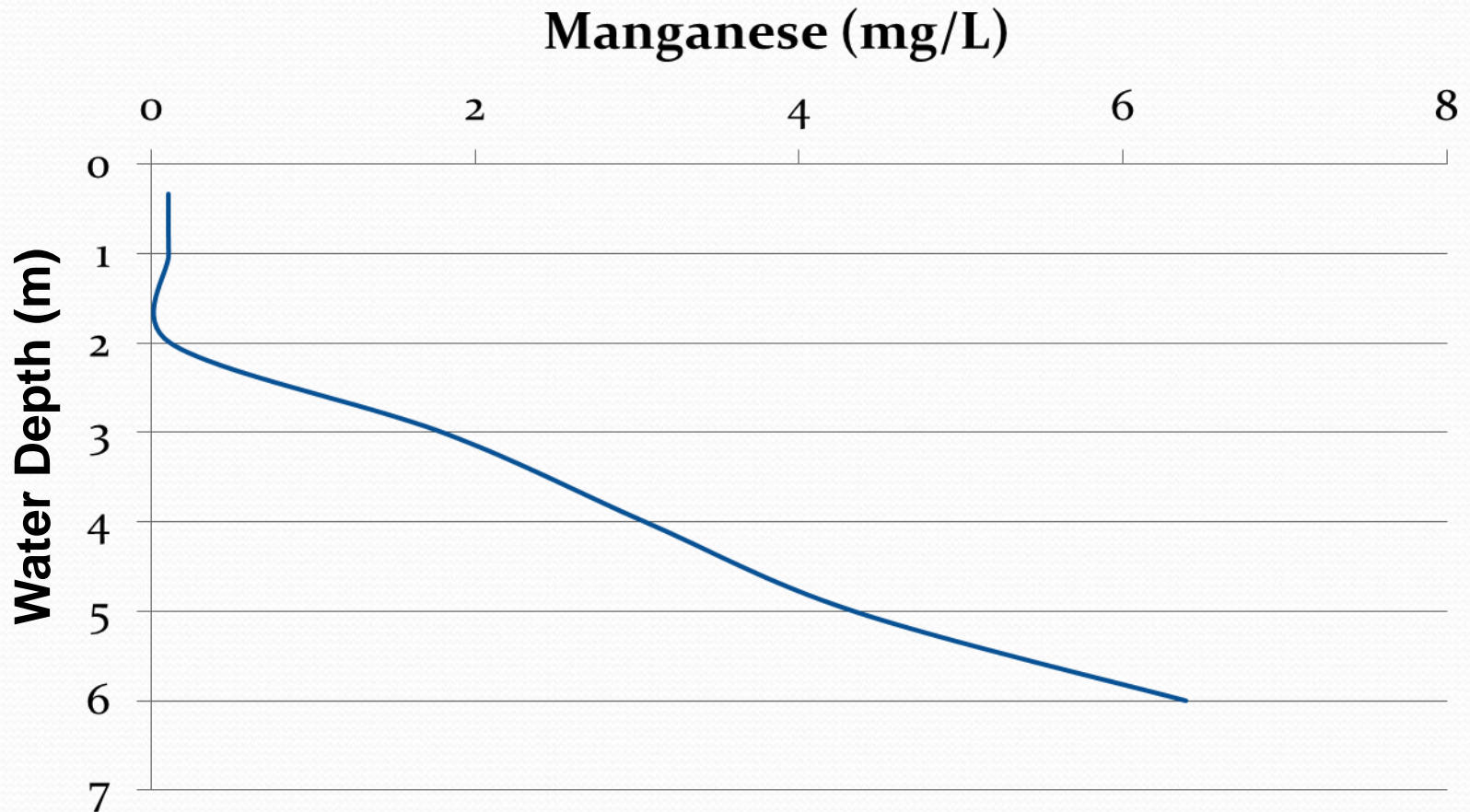
Deer Creek pH on 7/30/2015



Deer Creek Dissolved Oxygen on 7/30/2015

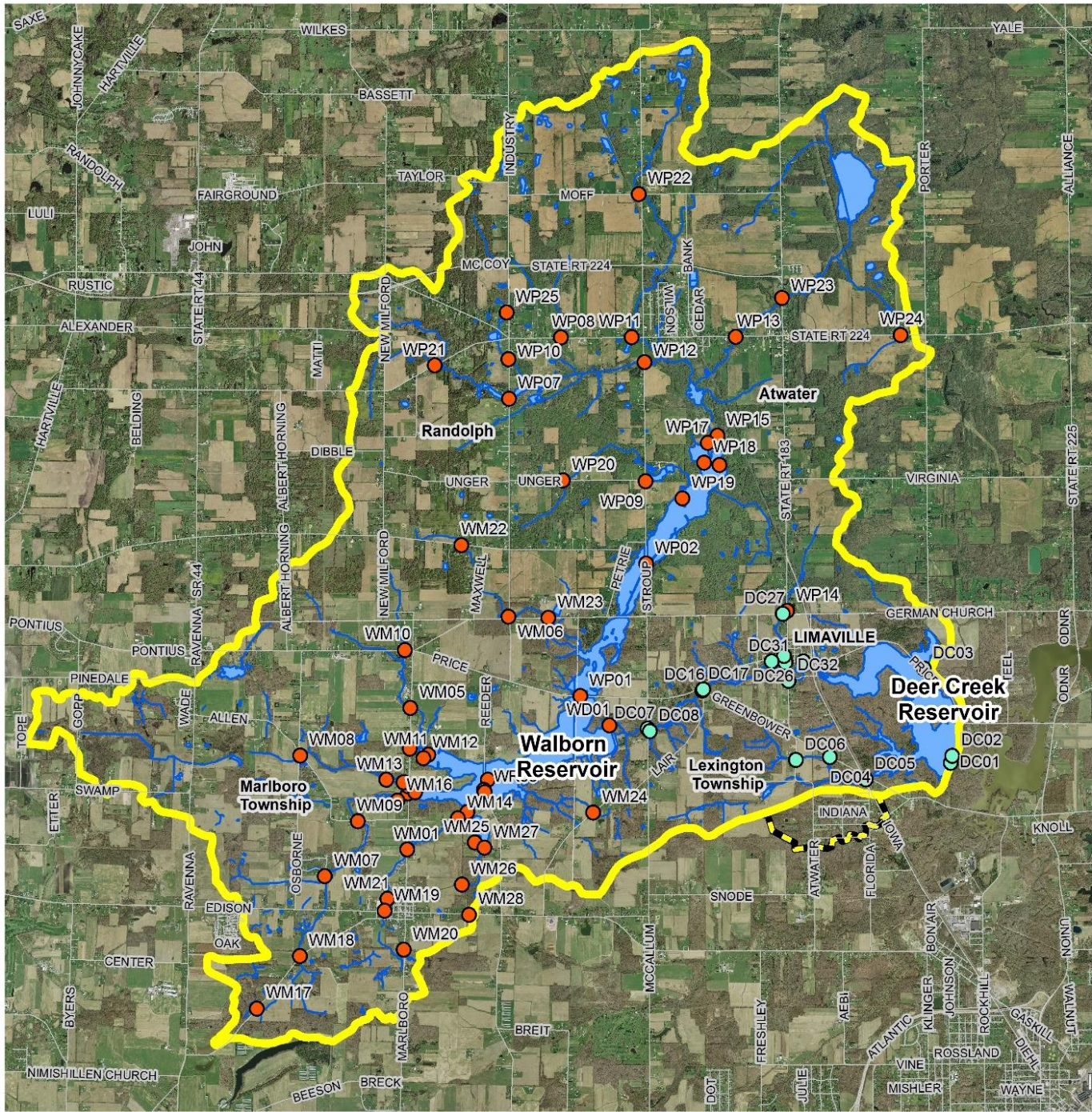


Deer Creek Manganese Concentrations on 7/30/2015

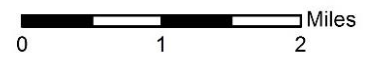


Deer Creek Watershed

Sampling Locations



- Deer Creek Reservoir Sampling Locations
- Sampling Locations
- Deer Creek Watershed
- Deer Creek Watershed Fixed



Watershed Sampling

- >60 sites in the watershed
 - Tributaries
 - Reservoirs
- Field and laboratory analyses



Analyses

Nitrogen: Ammonia, Nitrate, Nitrite and Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen

Phosphorus: Total and Ortho

Chloride

Water Clarity

Temperature

Dissolved oxygen

MIB and Geosmin (9 sampling sites)

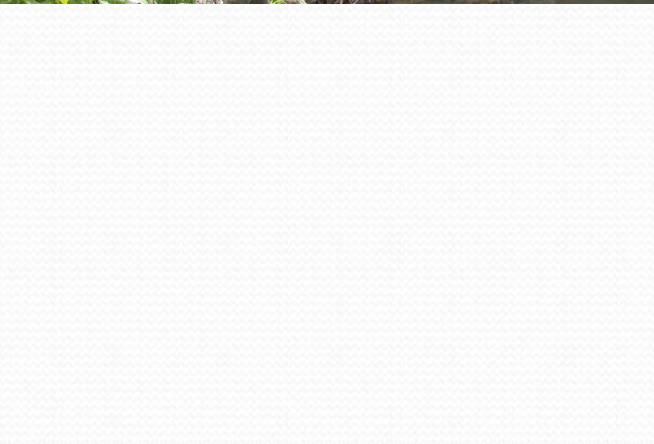
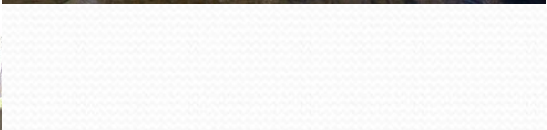
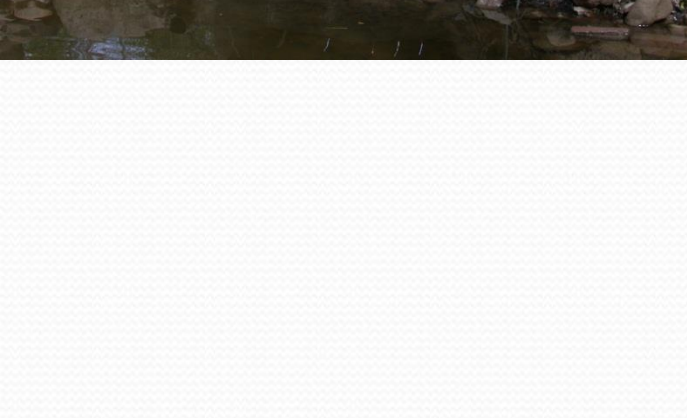
Nutrient Contaminant Ranges (mg/L)

Area	NO₃	NH₃	TKN	Total P	Chloride
<u>Stark Co.</u> Marlboro and Lexington Areas	<0.4 – 13.03	<0.1 – 11.26	<0.1 – 27.4	<0.2 – 23.42	<0.2 – >641
<u>Portage Co.</u> Atwater Area	<0.4 – 2.04	<0.1 – 0.8	<0.1 – 1.94	<0.2 – 1.30	<0.2 – >641

Point Sources of Nutrient Contaminants

- One dairy farm
 - Stark County Soil and Water Conservation District
- Town of Marlboro ~110 homes
 - Army Corps of Engineers, SC Sanitary Engineers, Township Trustees
 - Wastewater facility completed June 2013
- Village of Limaville
 - Work starting Winter 2016
- Home septic systems (many sites)
 - Stark County Health Department
 - Lacking any system
 - Compromised home septic system





Other Potential Sources

- Agriculture non-point sources
 - Animal manure
 - Fertilizers
- Atwater Treatment Plant in Portage County
- Five Wastewater Utilities have OEPA approved fields for sludge application
 - Rules for application have changed recently
 - Require more monitoring of any runoff
 - Liquid vs. solid applications

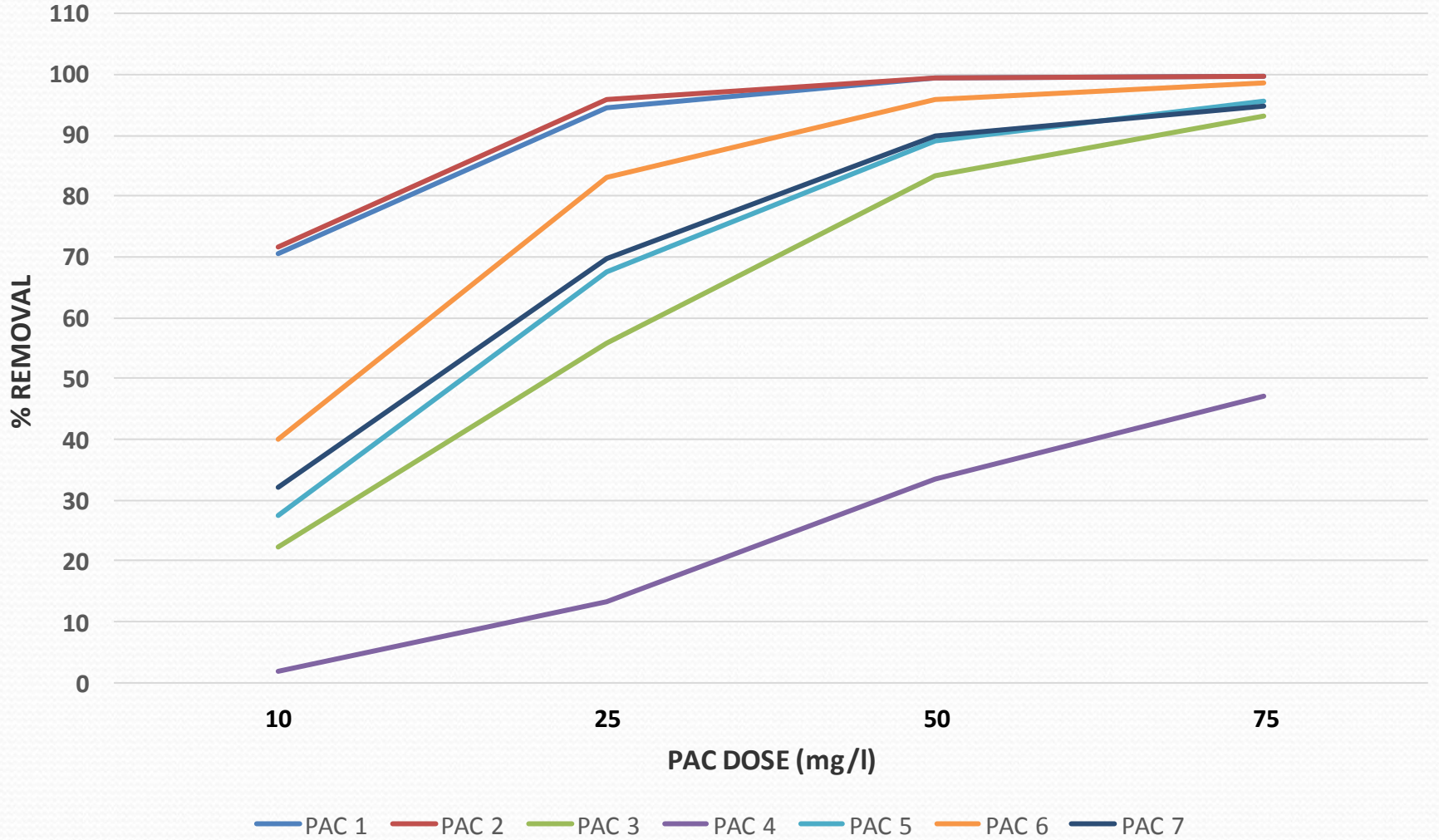
Two Pronged Attack

- Finding and eliminating nutrient contamination in watershed
- Treatment in Plant – Multi-barrier
 - ClO₂ oxidation – releases T&O and toxins
 - Coagulation – removes cells
 - PAC
 - Filter GAC biologically active mid June-mid October
 - UV Advanced Oxidation Process
 - CT - 20 times or more than needed in clearwell

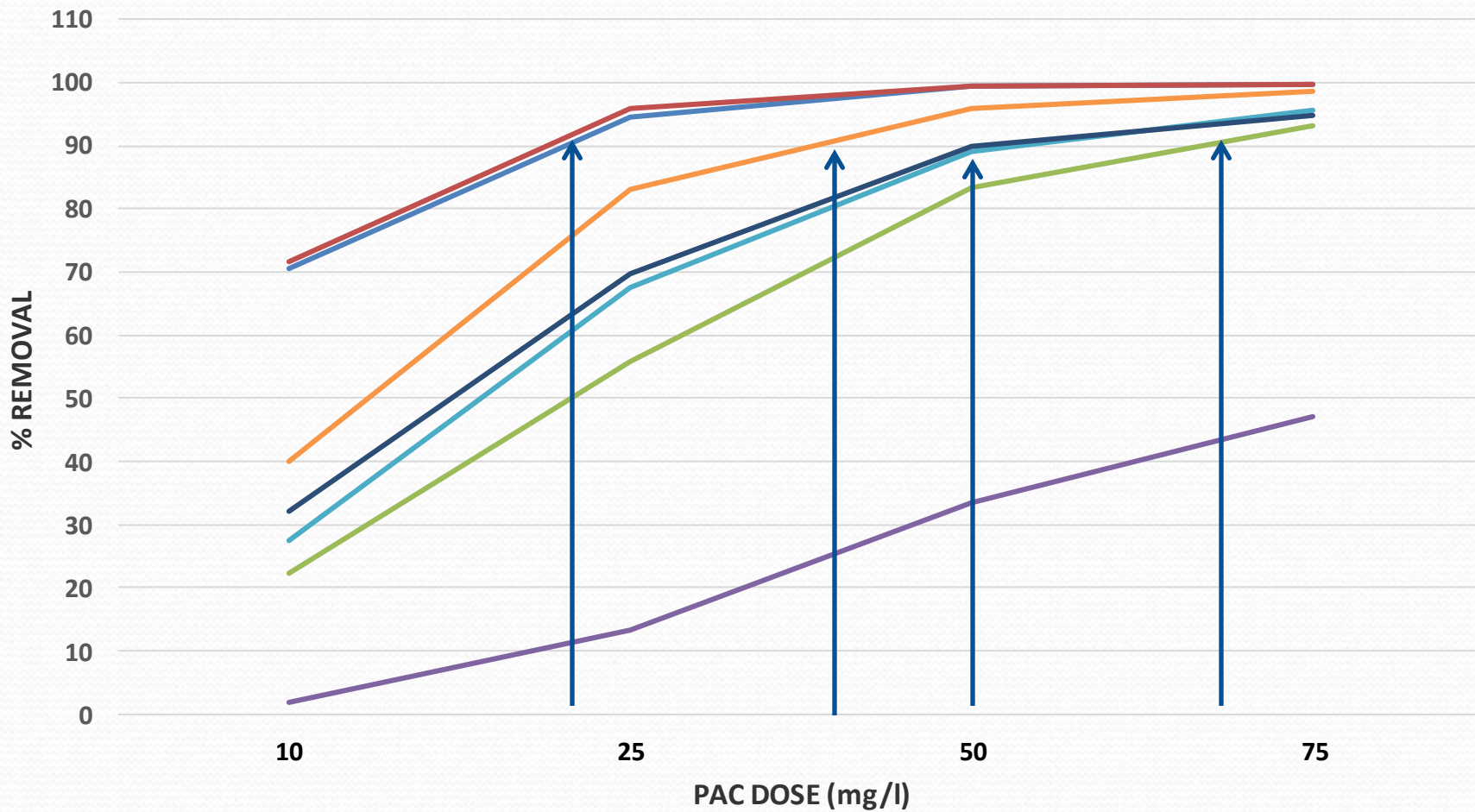
Treatment Tools for Taste and Odor Removal

- Powdered Activated Carbon
 - \$247,000 January 2008-June 2009
 - \$170,000 Winter of 2009-2010
 - \$280,000 Winter of 2010-2011
 - \$245,000 Winter of 2011-2012
 - \$300,428 Spring 2012 – Winter 2013
- Granulated Activated Carbon
 - Not biologically active when water is cold
 - Adsorptive removal of MIB limited to first year
 - \$250,000 to reactivate GAC in all 8 filters
- UV Advanced Oxidation using H₂O₂

PAC Comparison



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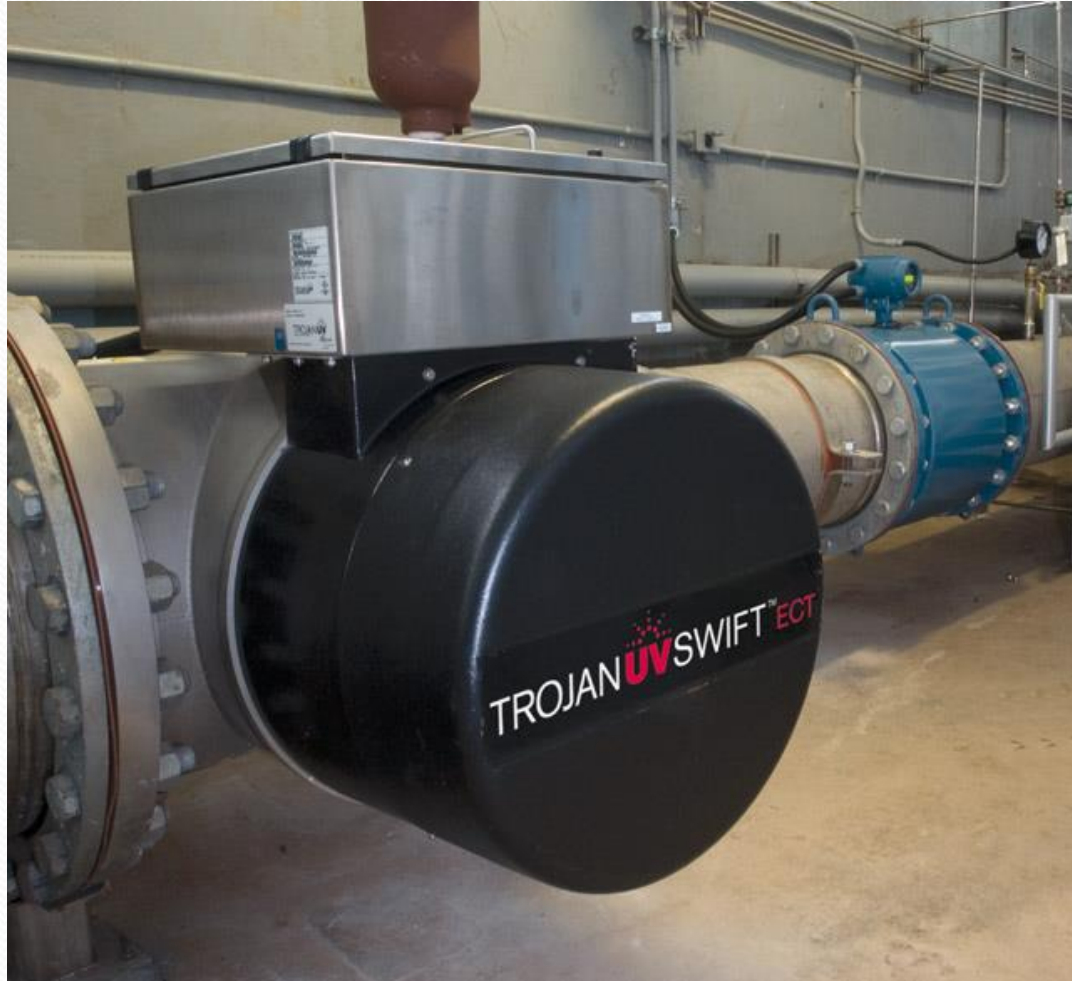


PAC 1 PAC 2 PAC 3 PAC 4 PAC 5 PAC 6 PAC 7

Treatment Tools for Taste and Odor Removal

- UV Advanced Oxidation using H_2O_2
 - 2-30" TrojanUV SwiftTMECT reactors
 - Medium pressure lamps
 - Installed October 2014
 - Tests in Fall 2014
 - Running 2015

TASTE & ODOR INSTALLATION - CORNWALL, ONTARIO



UV-OXIDATION – OPERATIONAL PHILOSOPHY

More UV is required for T&O control than for disinfection

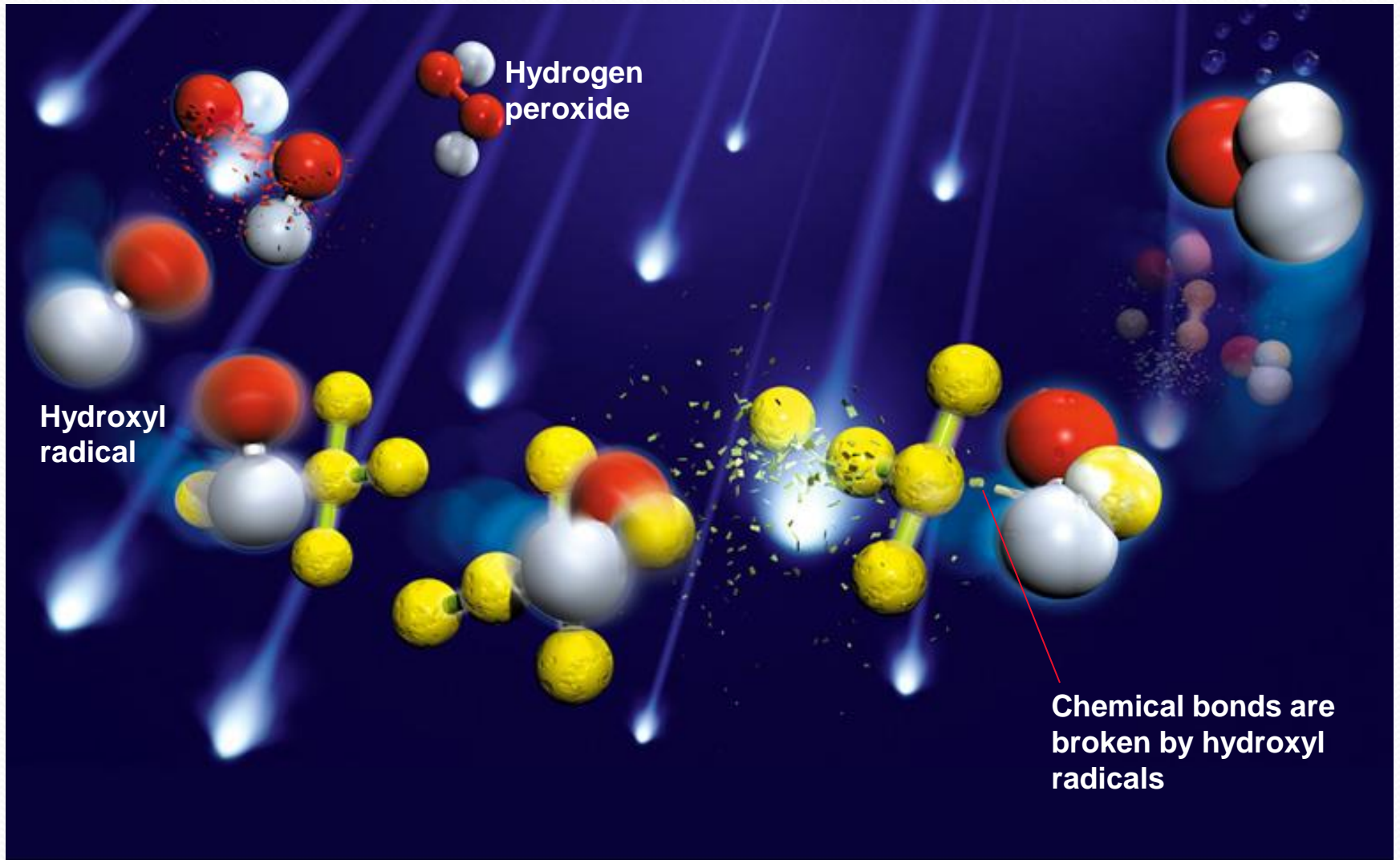
For T&O events, more UV lamps are turned on and H_2O_2 is injected upstream

UV system located post-filtration

Treatment occurs nearly instantaneously inside the reactor



UV-OXIDATION



Total Cost for T&O

- ▣ PAC (average/yr) \$250,000/yr
- ▣ GAC \$ 83,000/yr
- ▣ Sampling, shipping \$ 56,000/yr
- Algal ID \$ 6,240/yr
- ▣ Sludge removal \$ 5,000/yr
- ▣ Safety equipment \$ 3,500/yr
- ▣ **Operator time(\$32,000/yr)**

Total cost/year \$403,740 (20%)

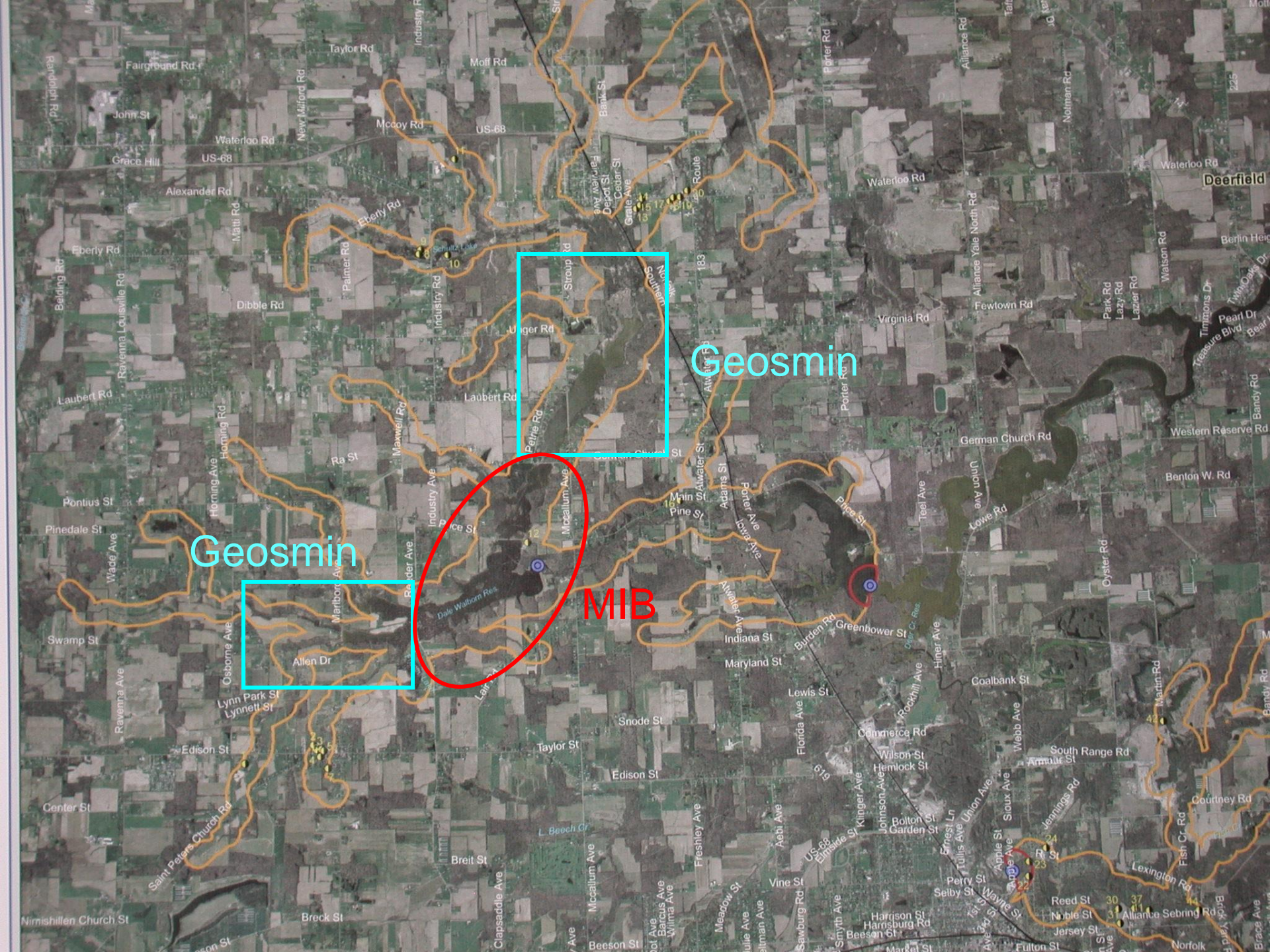
Operating Budget \$2,000,000/yr

Alliance Water Treatment

- ▣ Four years with very little presence
 - Microcystin at 0.2 µg/L (ppb) occasionally in raw water.
 - Below Detectable Limit in finished water
 - Health Advisory Levels set in 2015 by U.S. EPA
 - “DO NOT DRINK”
 - 0.3 µg/L (ppb) children 6 yr or younger
 - 1.6 µg/L (ppb) older than 6 yr
 - Anatoxin-a at one sampling
 - Saxitoxin at one sampling
 - Cylindrospermopsin not found
 - Routine sampling for all four toxins
 - ELISA Analysis 2 times/year at cost of \$3,000
 - 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013

Alliance Water Treatment

- 2014 Increased sampling frequency
 - All four toxins at four locations \$1,600
 - Saxitoxin - one location just above the MDL
 - Microcystin at 150ug/L (ppb) in Walborn
 - Microcystin - multiple samplings \$4,625
 - PAC at 15 mg/L \$45,000
- 2015 Sampled weekly throughout summer
 - Microcystin only
 - \$250/wk for test reagents



Geosmin

Geosmin

MIB



Indirect Costs to the Alliance Utility

- ▣ 64 years since first reservoir was built
- ▣ Image or reputation
 - “Their water is terrible.”
- ▣ Several Taste & Odor events
 - 5 of the last 7 years
- ▣ Complaint calls



Cost of Treatment Tools for Taste and Odor Removal

▣ Powdered Activated Carbon

- \$247,000 January 2008-June 2009
- \$170,000 Winter of 2009-2010
- \$280,000 Winter of 2010-2011
- \$245,000 Winter of 2011-2012
- \$300,428 Spring 2012 – Winter 2013

▣ Granulated Activated Carbon

- Not biologically active when water is cold
- Adsorptive removal of MIB limited to first year
- \$250,000/3 yrs to reactivate GAC in all 8 filters

▣ UV Advanced Oxidation using H₂O

- \$2.2 million
- Cutting edge technology – currently ~12 in U.S.

Alliance Treatment Costs for Taste and Odor Removal

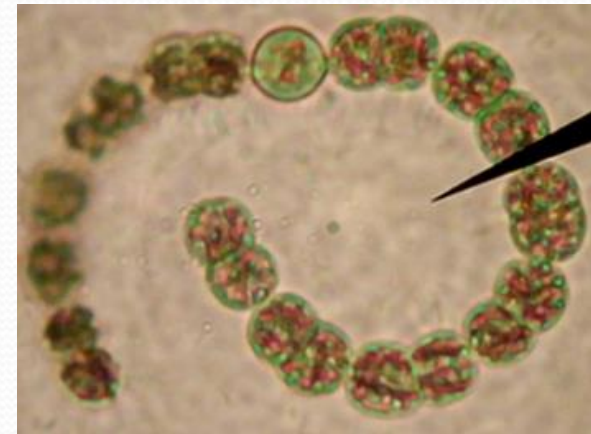
- Granulated Activated Carbon
 - Not biologically active when water is cold
 - Adsorptive removal of MIB limited to first year
 - \$250,000 to reactivate GAC in all 8 filters/3 yrs
 - \$6,944/mo.
- UV Advanced Oxidation using H_2O_2
 - Construction costs - \$2.2 million Project
 - Power and chemical costs vary

Sampling Costs

- MIB and Geosmin samples GC-MS
 - \$200 per sample
 - Shipping 4-8 sample locations
 - \$110/week overnight to Florida (**\$3,000 +/-yr**)
 - Timely results are important
 - 1,375 samples x \$200 = \$275,000 /6 yrs
 - ~\$46,000/yr
 - 4.5 hrs/wk sampling time x \$30/hr = \$135/wk
 - \$135/wk x 52 wk/yr = ~\$7,000/yr
 - **Total \$56,000/yr**

Algal Identification

- Weekly species ID and enumeration
- Collection 1hr x 2 locations/week
- Scope time 1hr x 2 locations/week
- Cost for ID/wk: $4 \text{ hr/wk} \times \$30/\text{hr} = \$120/\text{wk}$
- **Total \$6,240 /yr**



PAC Additional Costs

- ▣ Additional sludge created by addition of PAC
 - ~\$5,000/yr
- ▣ Quarter of operators shift spent loading PAC into the equipment = \$180/day
- ▣ Safety equipment - masks, gloves and Tyvek Suits
 - \$3,500 /yr
- ▣ Employee injury
 - 6 weeks time off after hand surgery
 - Hospital costs \$24,000

Cyanotoxins

- Most common in Ohio
 - Microcystin - >100 congeners - LR
 - Anatoxin-a
 - Cylindrospermopsin
 - Saxitoxin
- Others
 - Nodularins
 - Lyngbyatoxin
 - BMAA
 - Lipopolysaccharides





Walborn Dam



Deer Creek Spillway



