THE LARGEST AMD TREATMENT PLANT IN THE WORLD?

THE COPPER BASIN
RECLAMATION PROJECT

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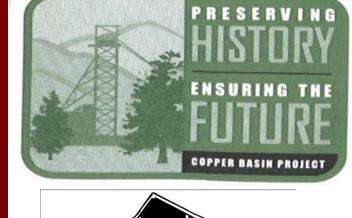
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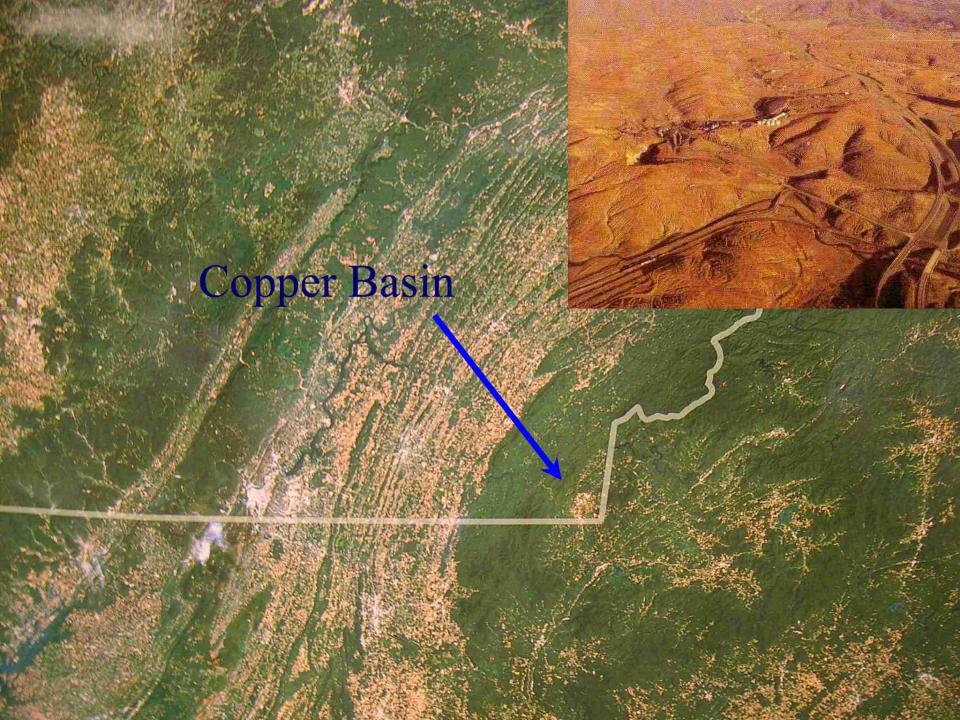


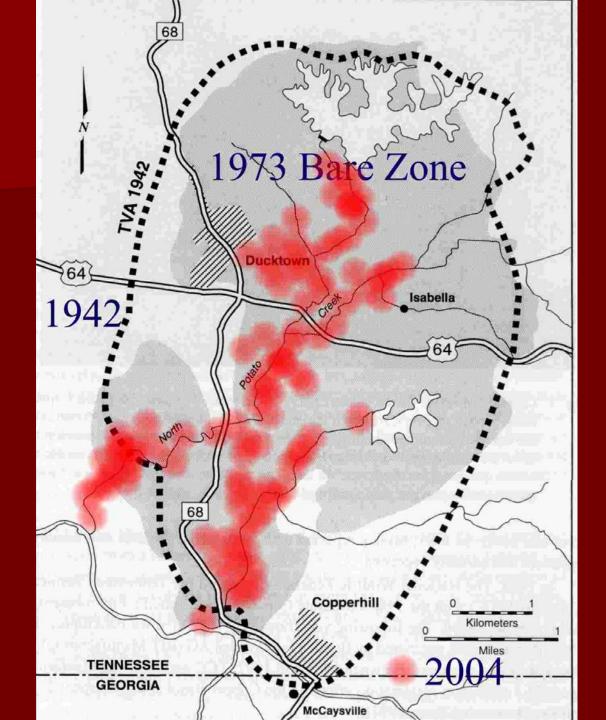




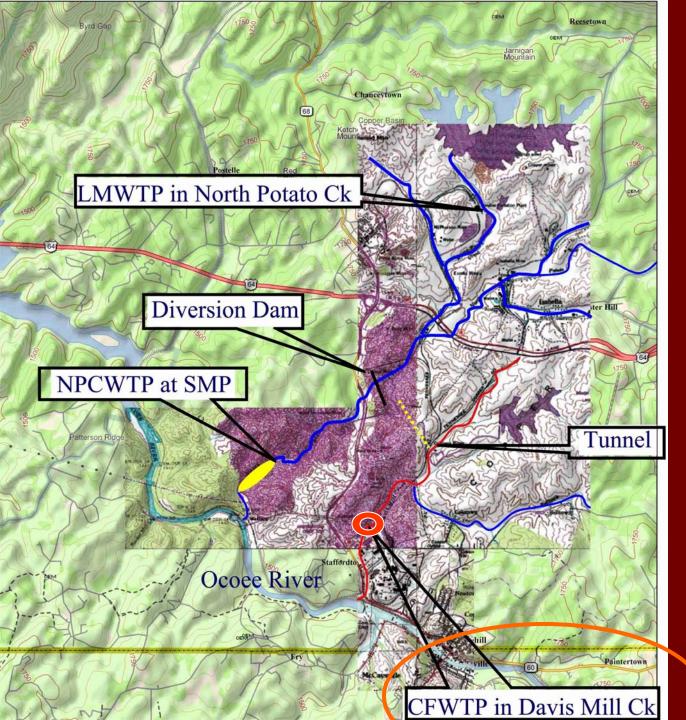
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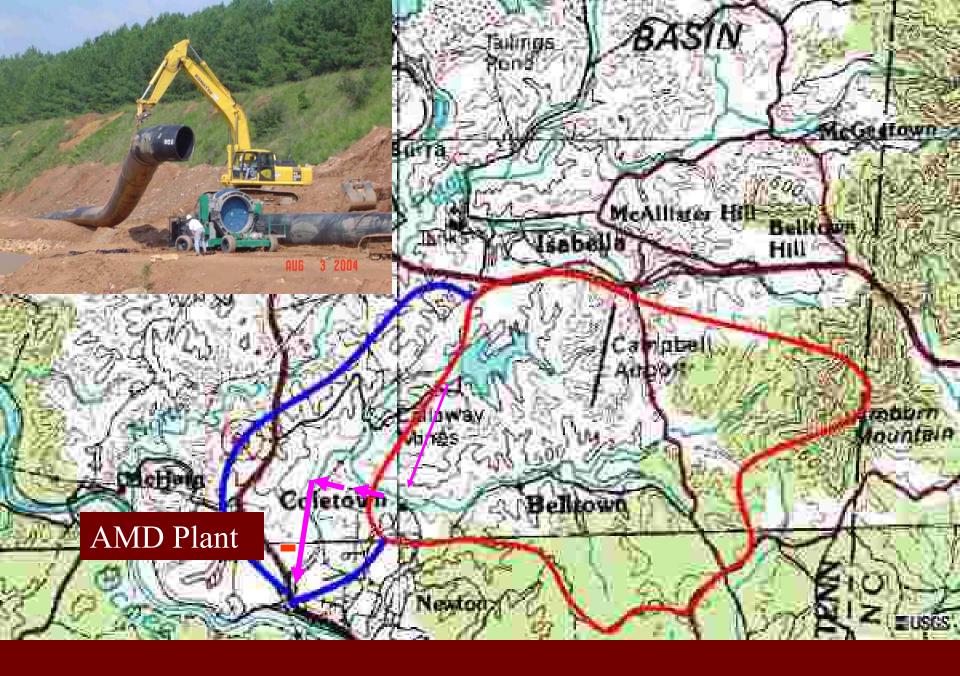




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- 2. London Mill
- 3. NPC South Mine Pit





Belltown Diversion - 3.5/5.0 sq. mile watershed diverted to 63" pipe

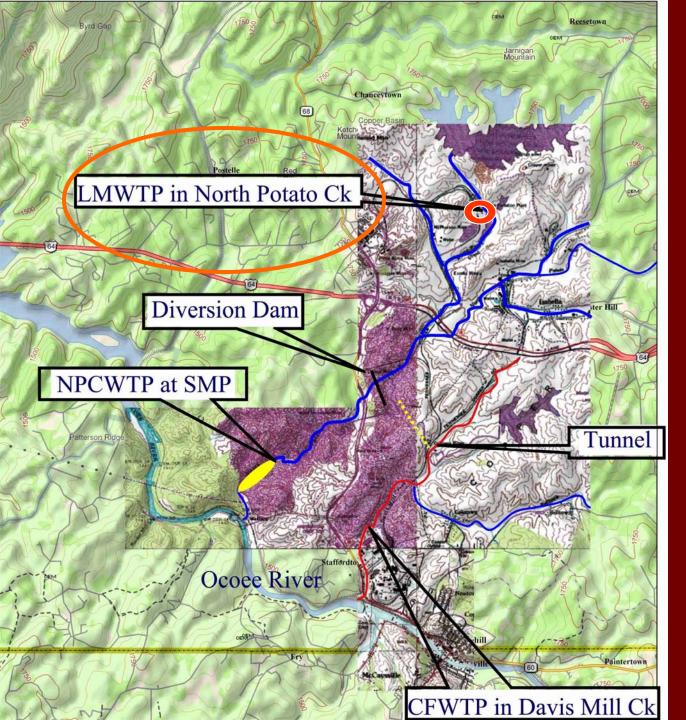






Cantrell Flats WTP first 2 years:

- Removed over 4 million # iron from Davis Mill Creek, Ocoee River
- an additional 1 million # of other metals (Cu, Zn, Pb, Cd, Mn)
- Removed over 12 million # of acidity (17,400 #/day of acidity neutralized)
- Treated over 2 billion gallons (~71% DMC)



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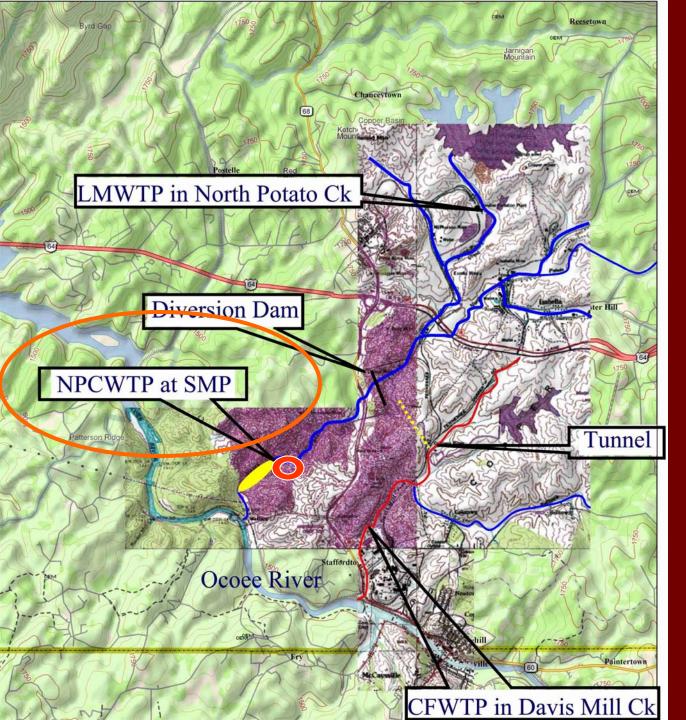




London Mill WTP treats: McP mine, Isabella Mine, Waste Drainage

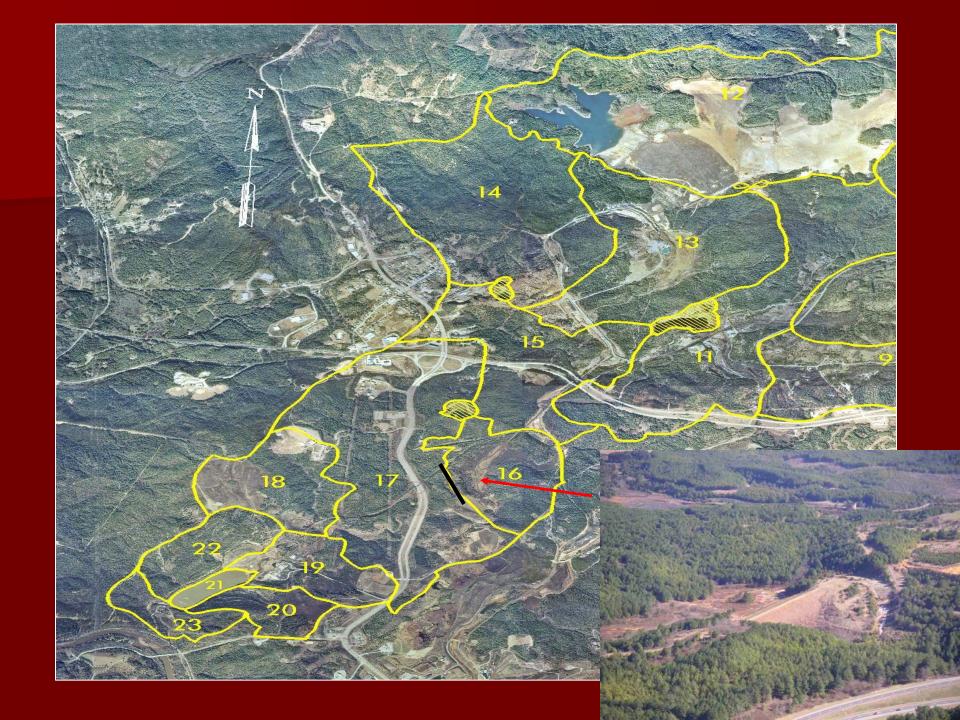


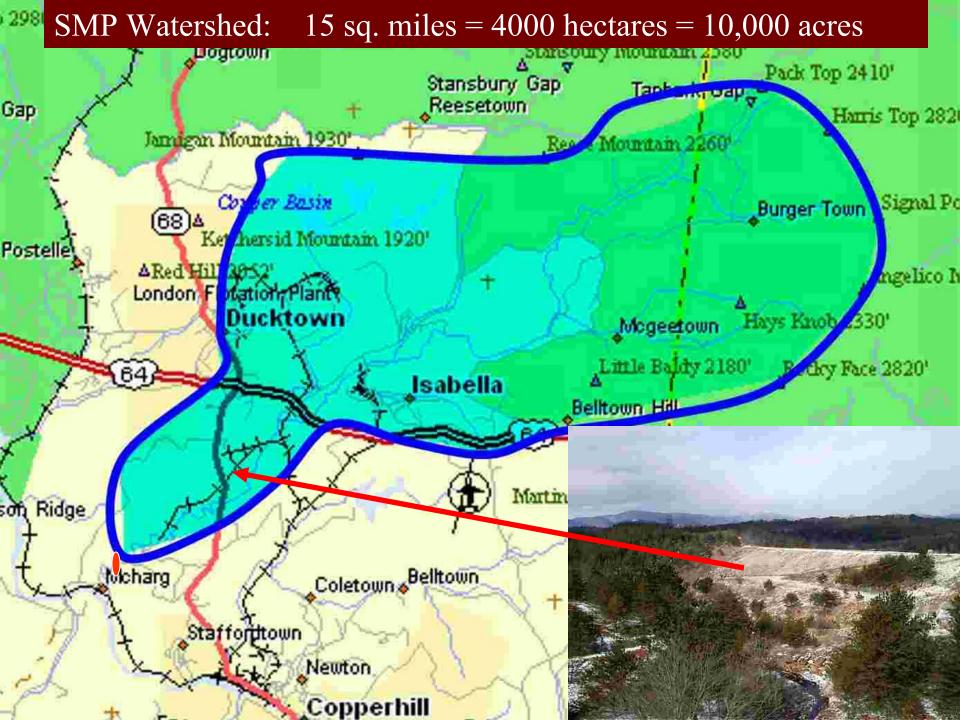




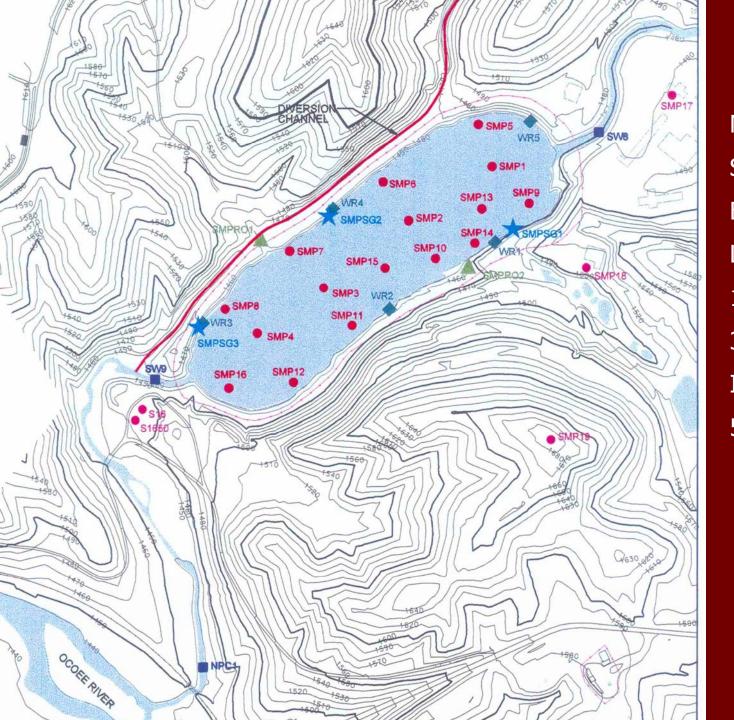
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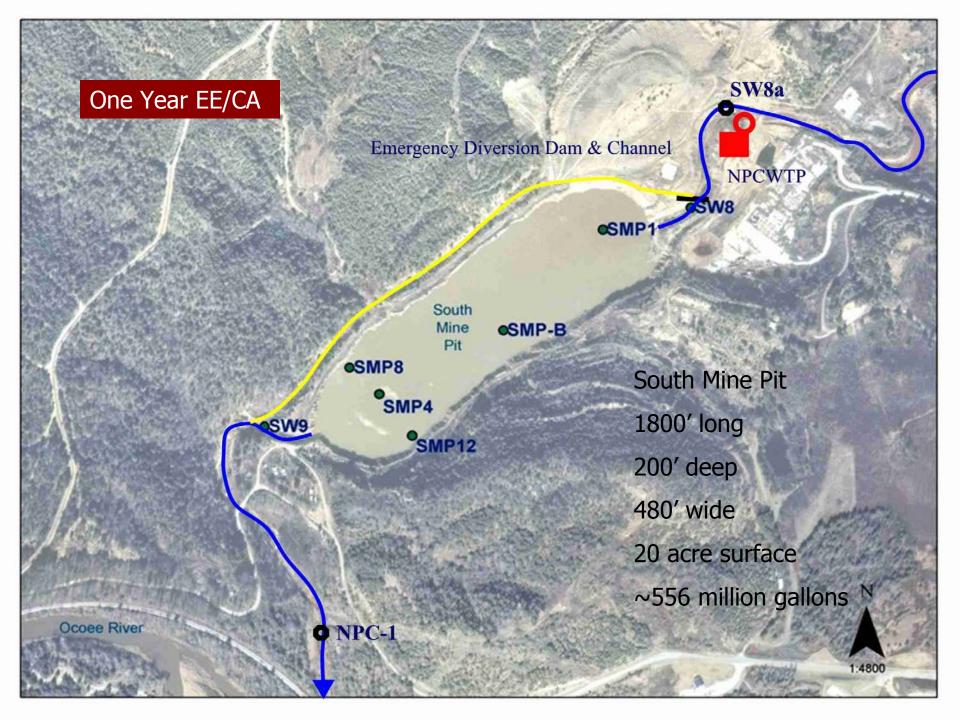








North Potato Creek
South Mine Pit
EE/CA sampling
Locations:
16 chemocline
3 analytical plus
Inlet, outlet, runoff
5 wells/deep mines



Average values over 12 month period 2001-2002 EE/CA at South Mine Pit

Location	gpm	Field pH	Acidity (mg/L)	Dissolved iron (mg/L)
Pit inlet	8,160	5.0	23	10
Pit outlet	8,920	3.3	37	3.6

Streamlined Eco Risk Assessment identified COPECS EcoHQs:

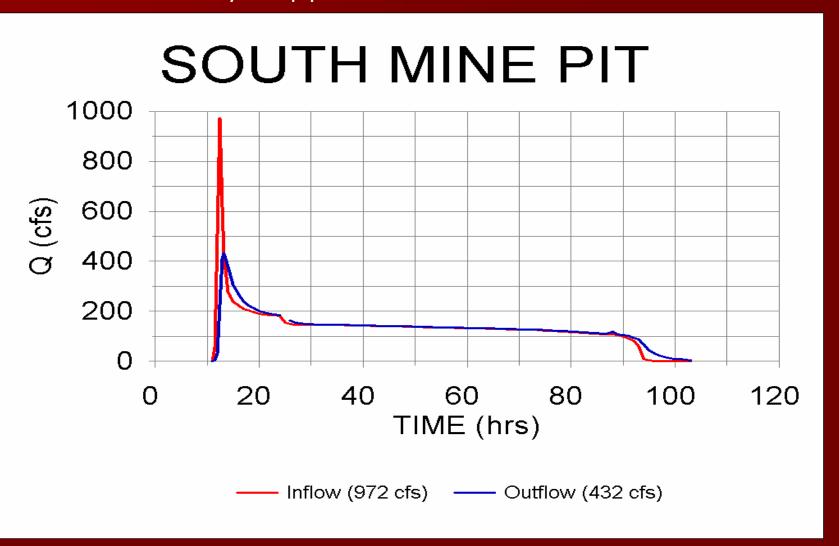
- pH
- Aluminum 13.3
- Cadmium 1.6
- Cobalt 1.1
- **■** *Copper 6.6*
- **■** *Iron 3.5*
- Manganese 1.2
- Lead 1.1
- *Zinc 2.7*
- No human health risks; primary drivers

Objectives of NPC WTP

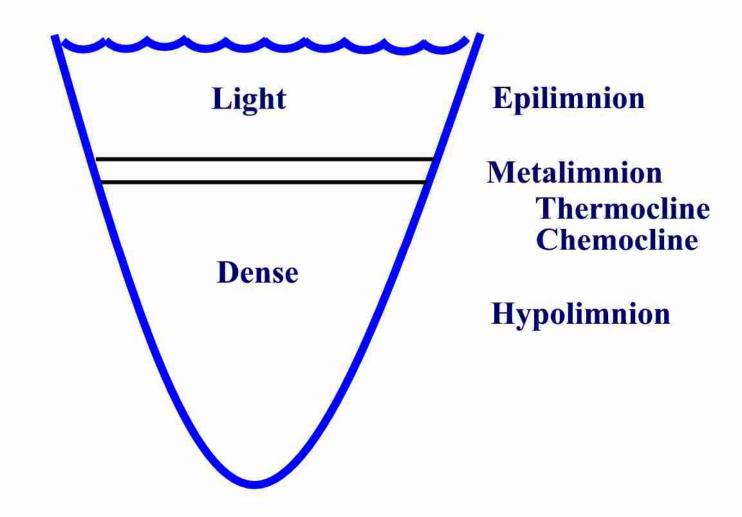
- Adequately treat groundwater flow into the SMP & flow in NPC attributable to a 10yr/24 hr storm
- Address and alleviate contaminant discharge from the NPC into the Ocoee River



Attenuation of 10 yr/24 hr Flow to South Mine Pit by 30" pipe outlet of Diversion Dam

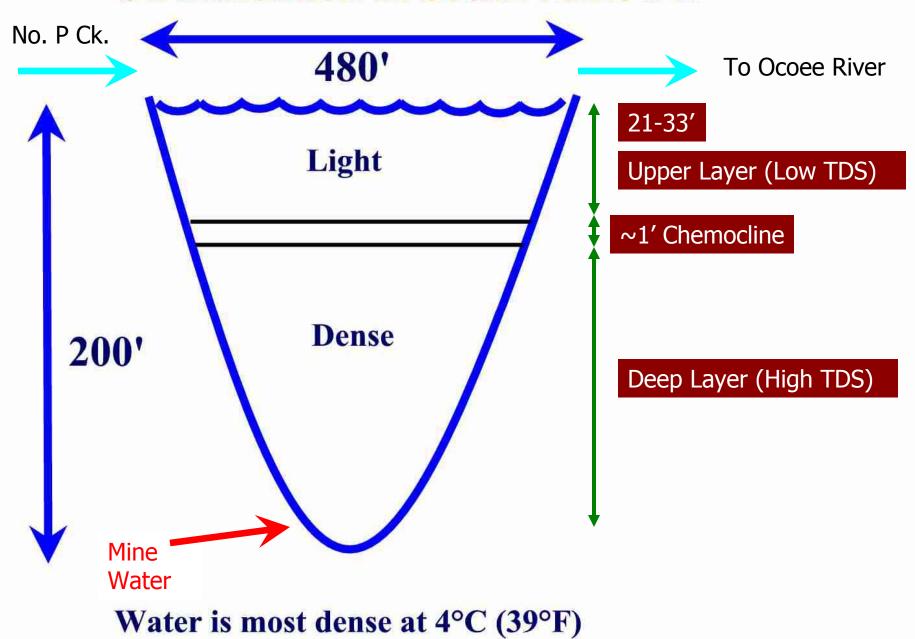


Thermal (or Chemical) Stratification



Water is most dense at 4°C (39°F)

Stratification in South Mine Pit

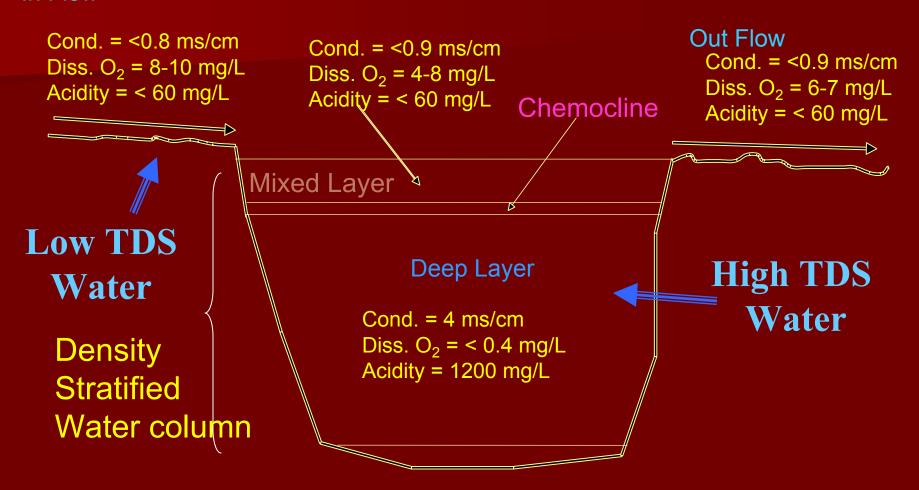


Shallow and Deep Water Quality in South Mine Pit (EE/CA values)

	рН	s.c.	Acidity mg/L	A1 μg/L	Cd µg/L	Co µg/L	Cu µg/L	Fe mg/L	Mn mg/L	Pb μg/L	Zn μg/L	SO ₄ mg/L
shallow	3.37	660	30	1147	0.69	25	108	3.6	2.5	5.5	605	262
deep	4.64	3860	1140	995	0.3	68	18	551	37	0.6	876	2895

Representative Field Chemistry

In Flow



Bench-Scale Treatability Study



Bench-Scale Iron Hydroxide Settling Experiments

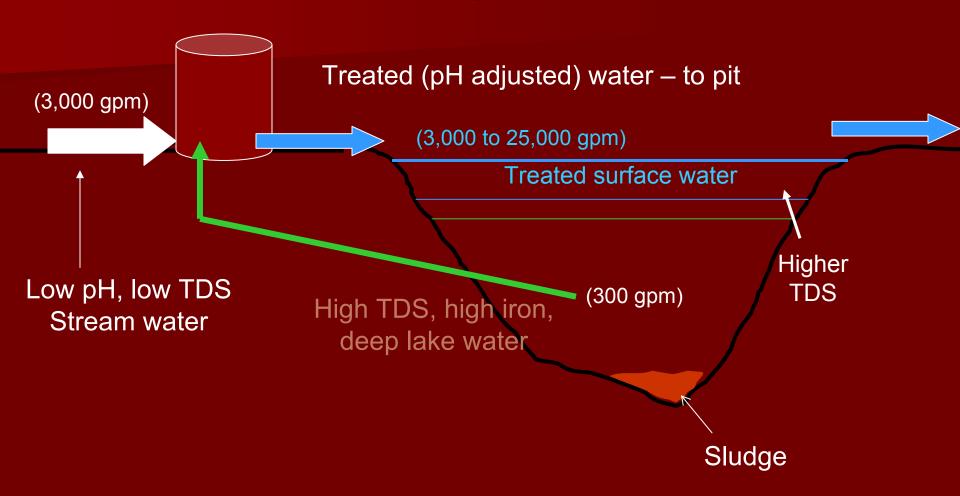


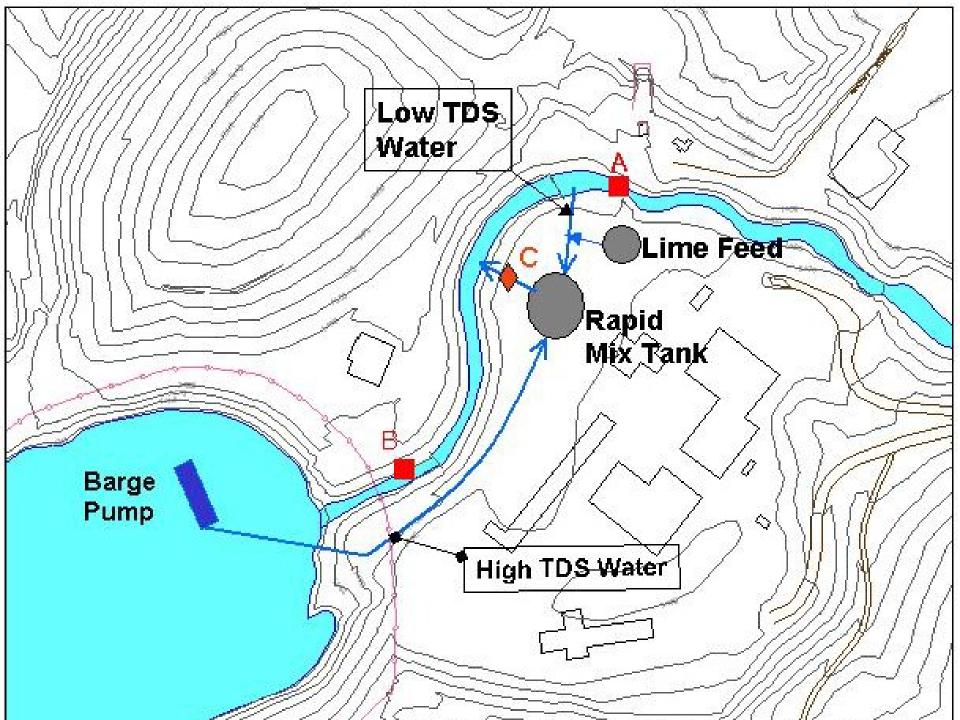




1 minute 3 minutes 7 minutes

Field Treatability Demonstration

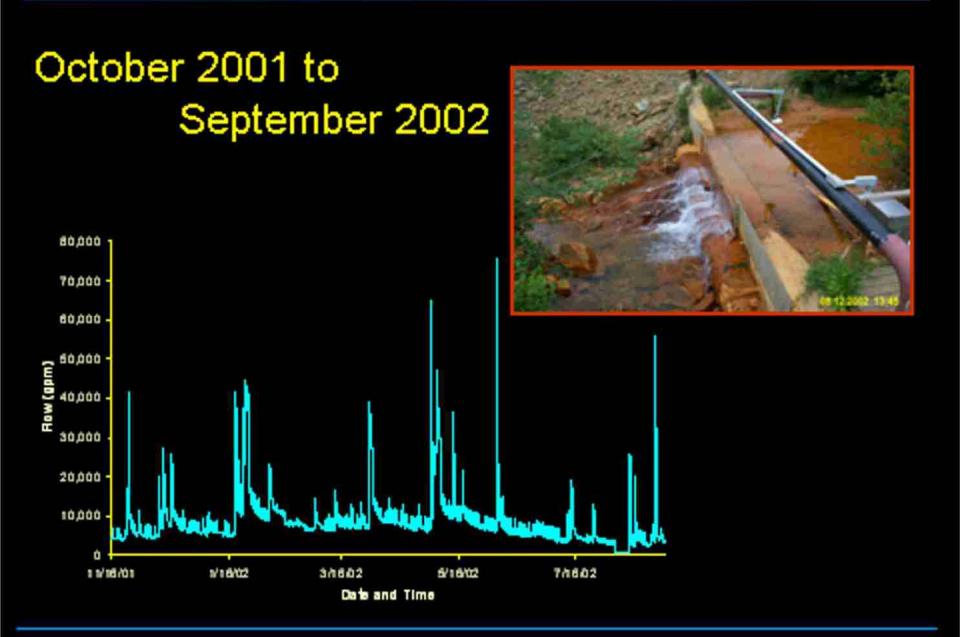


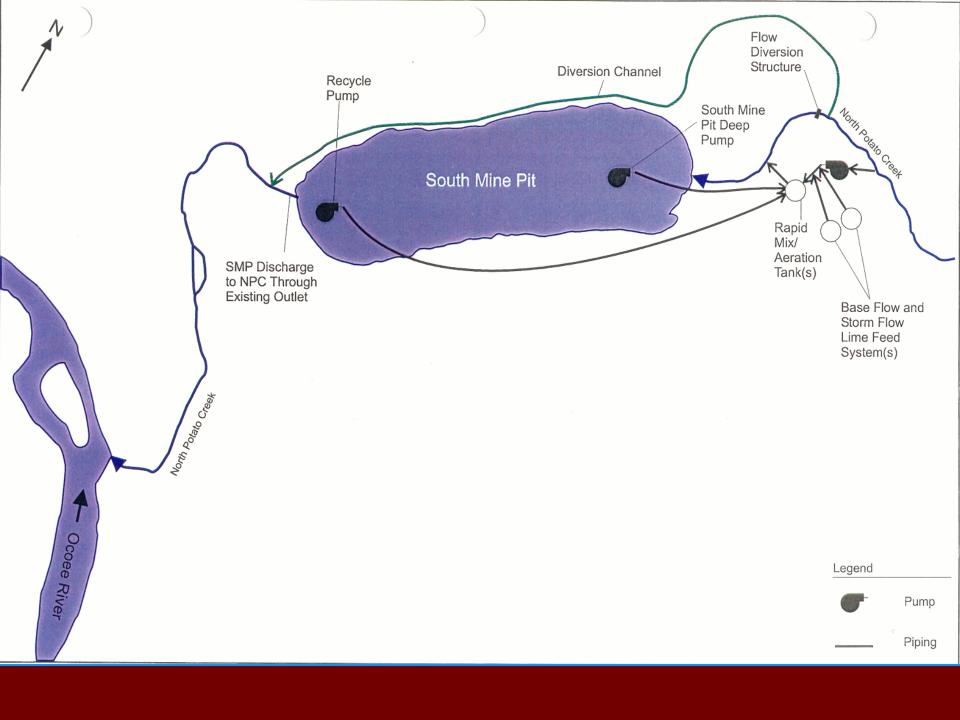




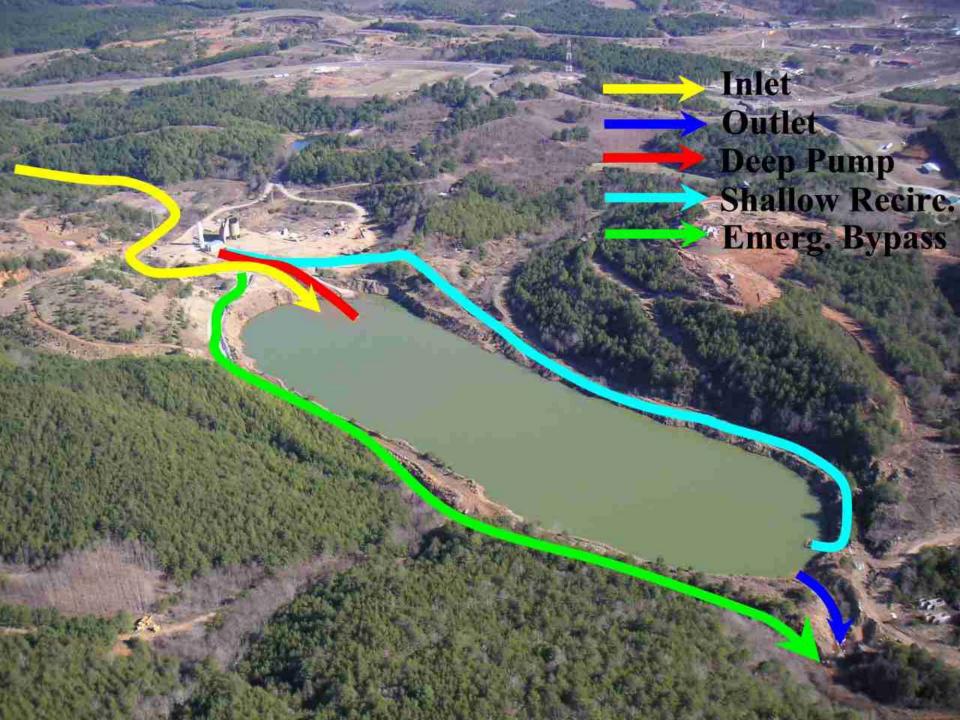


EXTENT OF IRON SLUDGE PLUME IN PIT AFTER THE TREATMENT PLANT WAS IN OPERATION FOR APPROXIMATELY 3.5 HOURS

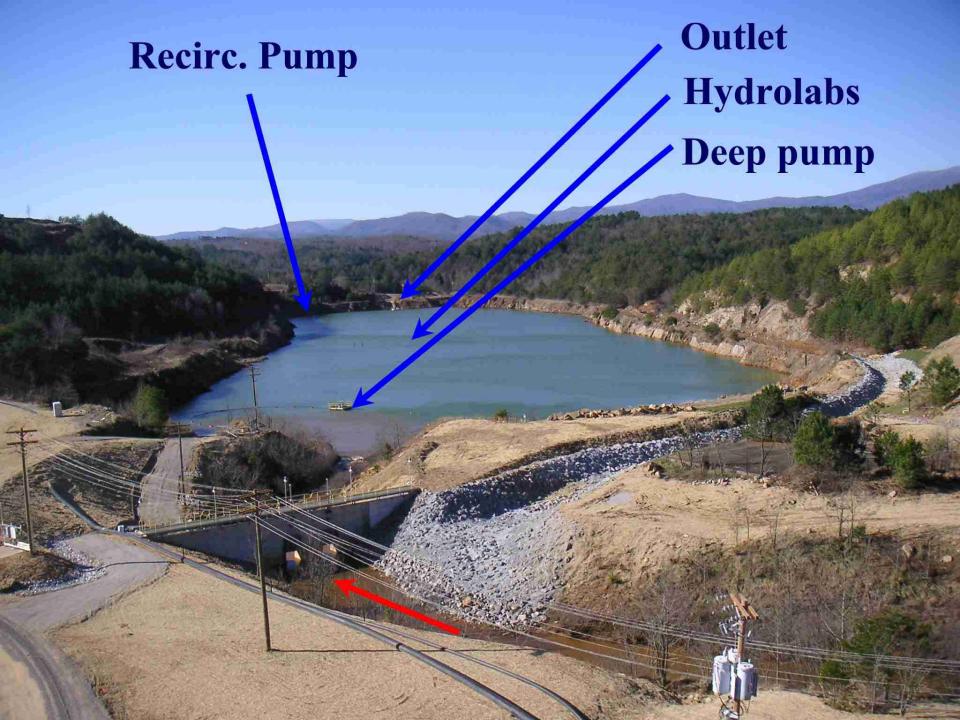








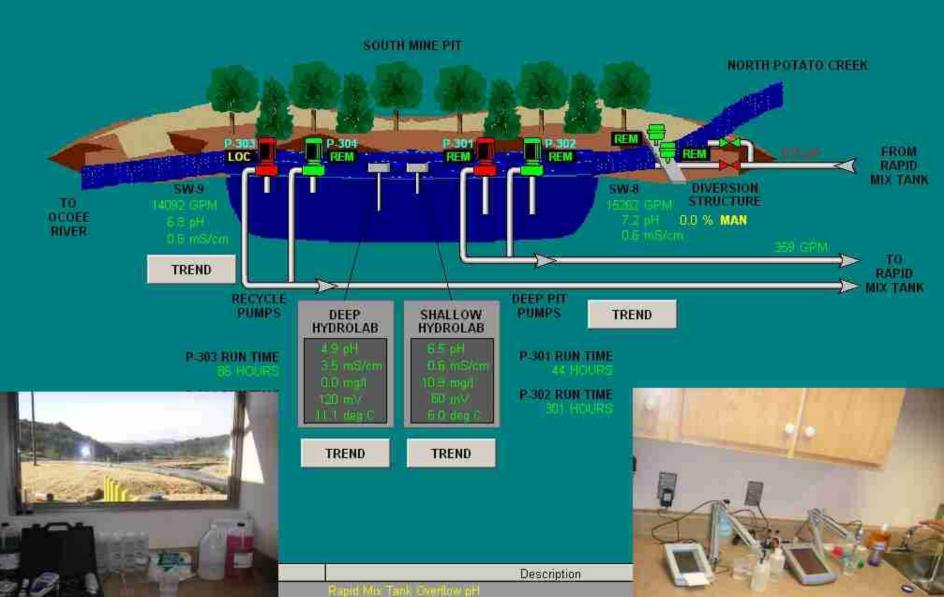




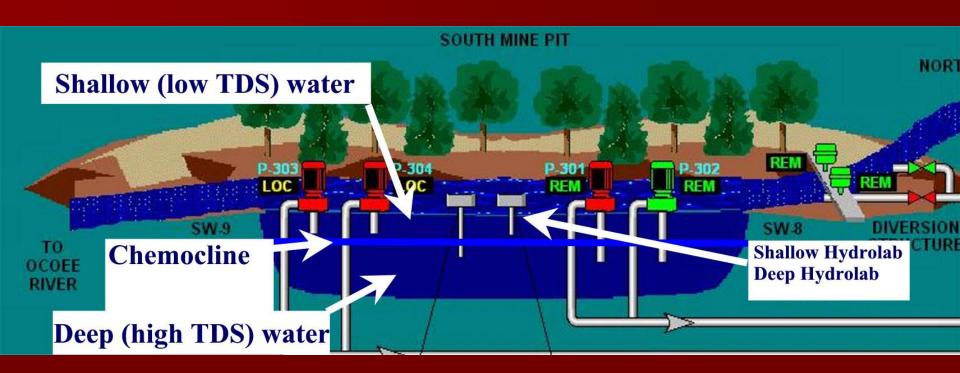


NORTH POTATO CREEK WATER TREATMENT PLANT





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LIME SILO	NPC P/S	RAPID MIX TANK	SW-8	DEEP PIT	HYDROLABS		SW-9
18.0 %	1 GPM 684 GALLONS			PUMPS 359 GPM 225027 GALLONS		SHALLOW 6.5 pH 0.6 mS/cm 11.0 mg/l	6.8 pH 0.6 uMHOS
LONDON MILL INFLUENT 11.4 pH EFFLUENT 99 pH			15085 GPM			60 m∨	14076 GPM

SCADA PLC COMM STATUS: NORMAL
LIME SILO PLC COMM STATUS: NORMAL
DEEP HYDROLAB RF LINK: FAULT
DEEP HYDROLAB BATTERY: 13.3 VOLTS
SHALLOW HYDROLAB RF LINK: NORMAL
SHALLOW HYDROLAB BATTERY: 13.2 VOLTS
RECYCLE/SW-9 RF LINK: NORMAL

CURRENT FLOW TOTALS

NPC TO RAPID MIX TANK

684 GALLONS

DEEP PIT TO RAPID MIX TANK

225039 GALLONS

PREVIOUS FLOW TOTALS

NPC TO RAPID MIX TANK

888 GALLONS

DEEP PIT TO RAPID MIX TANK

521288 GALLONS

LONDON MII

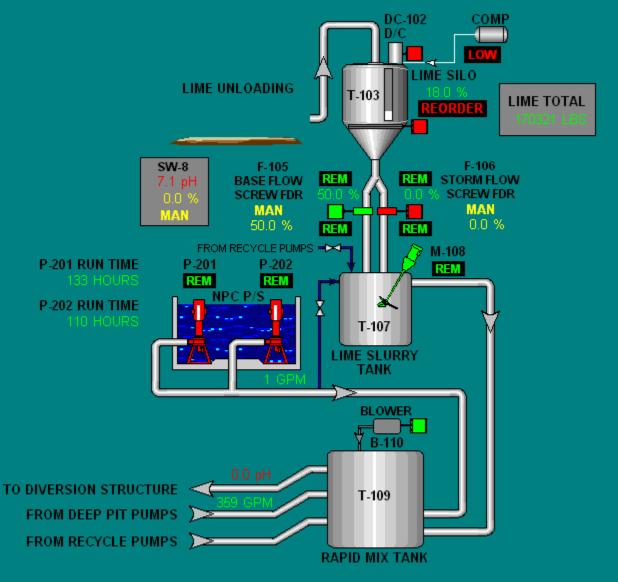
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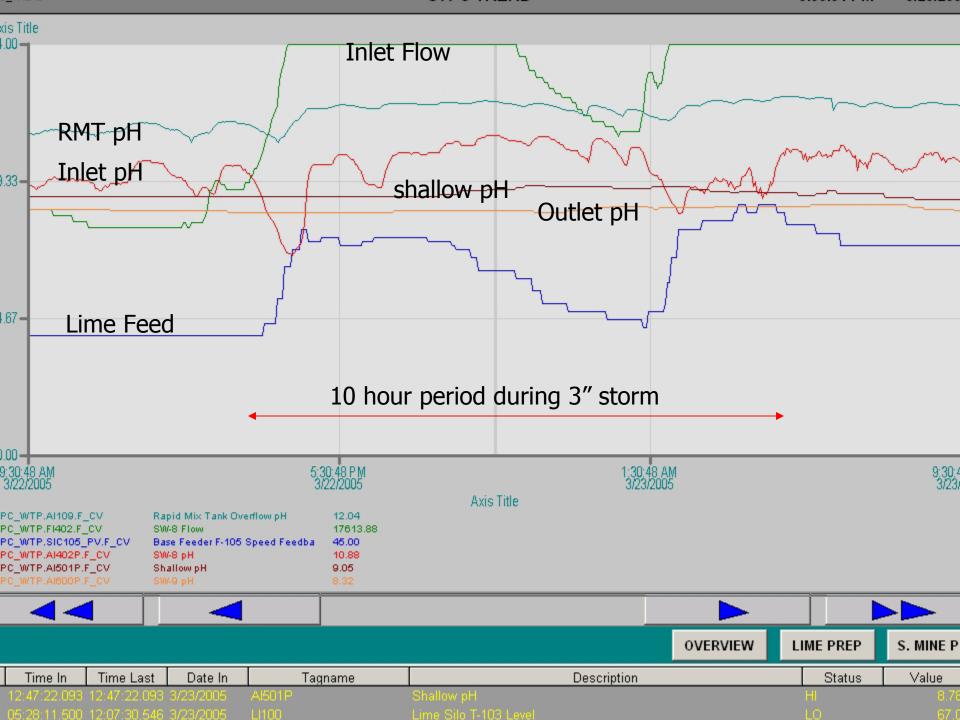
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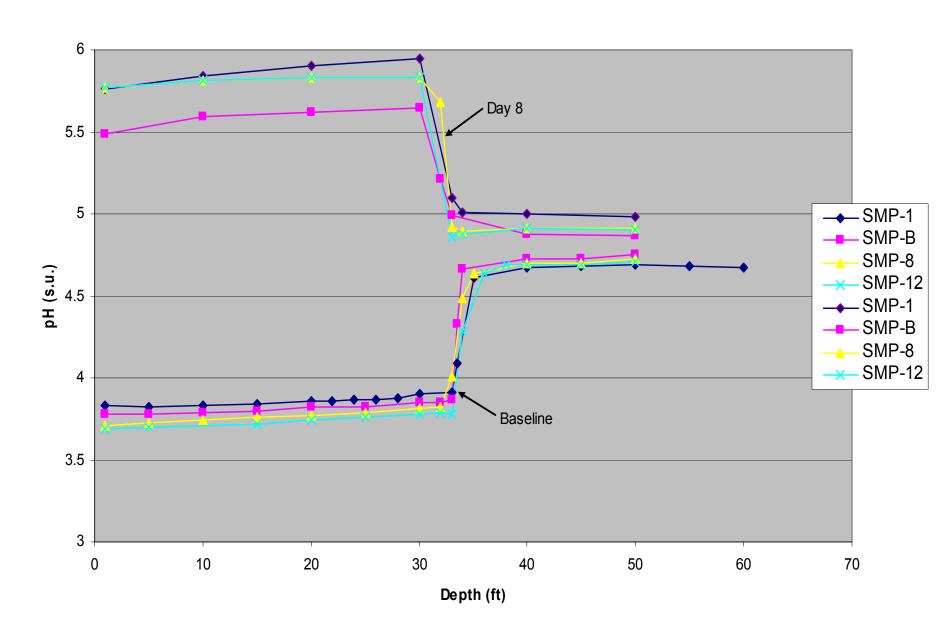
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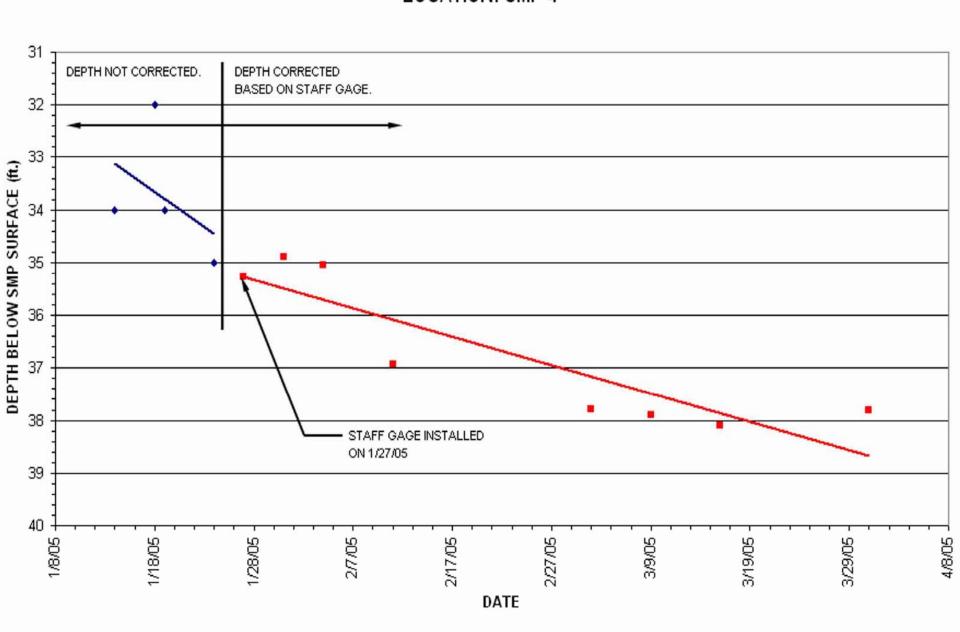
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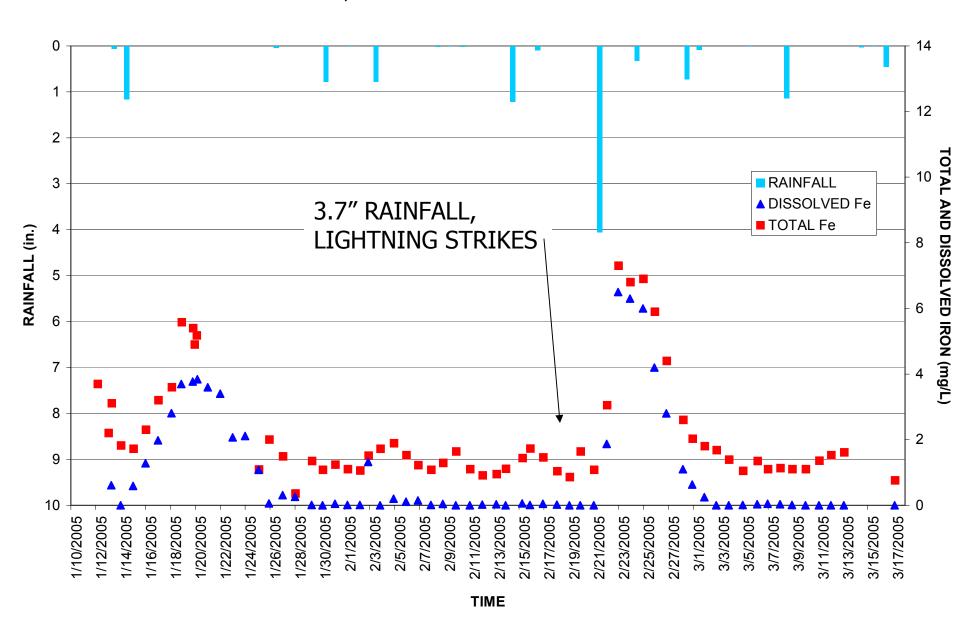
Baseline and Day 8 Results



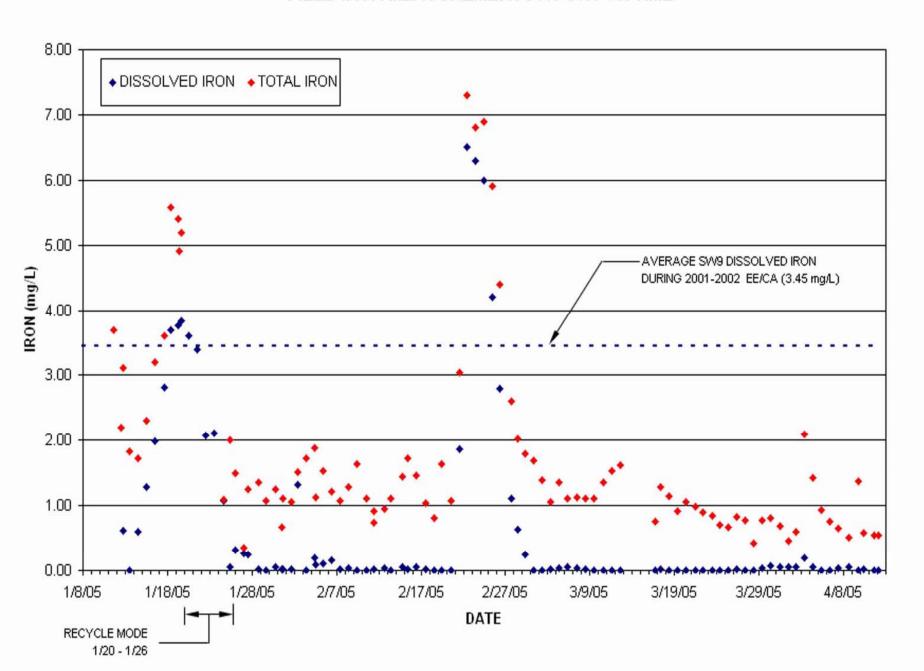
CHEMOCLINE DEPTH TREND VS. TIME (BASED ON SPECIFIC CONDUCTIVITY) LOCATION: SMP-4



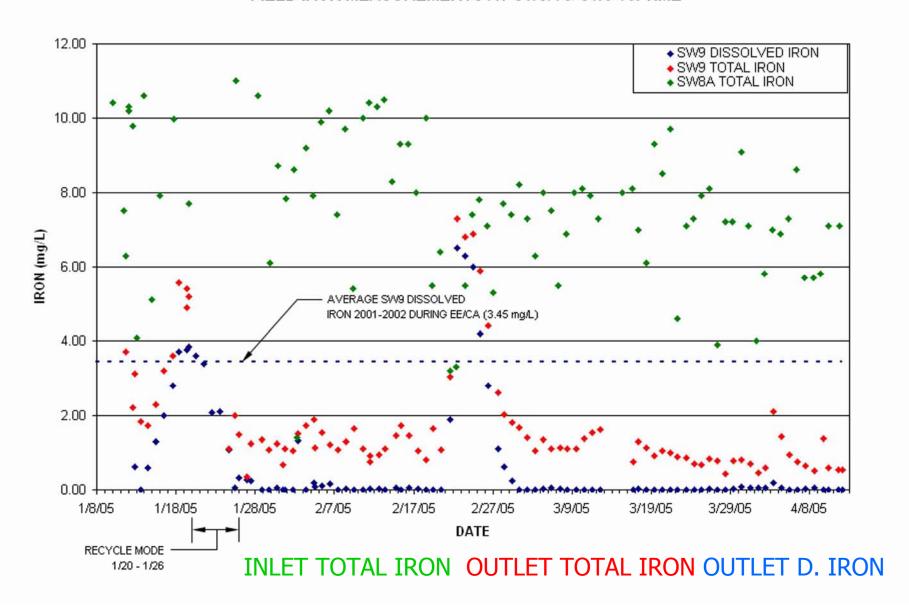
RAINFALL, TOTAL & DISSOLVED IRON AT SW9 vs. TIME



FIELD IRON MEASUREMENTS AT SW9 vs. TIME



FIELD IRON MEASUREMENTS AT SW8A & SW9 vs. TIME



Since treatment of NPCk. @ SMP:

- pH to the Ocoee River increased, remains >6
- Acidity has been eliminated
- Aluminum, Cadmium, Cobalt, Copper, Lead, Zinc have decreased and are not < chronic Eco SV
- Iron has dramatically decreased, affected by storms and instrument failure, and has since been < chronic Eco SV
- Manganese remains near the chronic Eco SV

Ocoee River at North Potato Creek 2005





