

# WHEN TO MAKE A CORROSION CONTROL TREATMENT (CCT) CHANGE

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# OUTLINE OF REPORT

Chapter 1 Background and Purpose

When and how should a utility revisit its CCT? .....

Chapter 2 Events That Could Trigger a New CCT

Chapter 3 Evaluate Current CCT and Status .....

Define Existing CCT.....

Find and Fix in the event of Elevated Lead or Copper Results .....

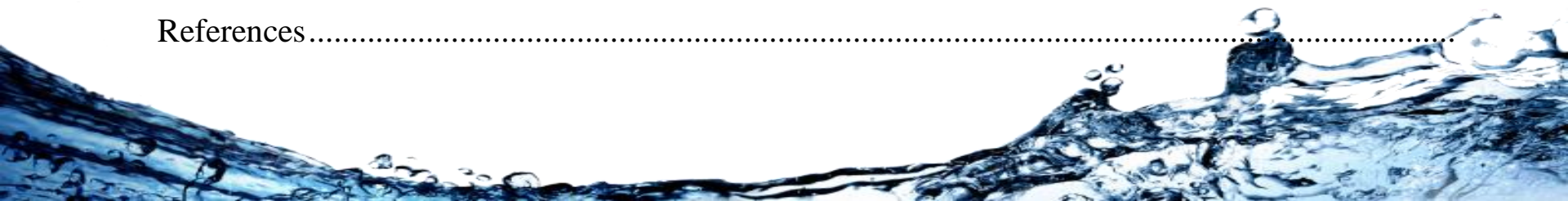
Evaluation of Data .....

Chapter 4 Treatment or Water Quality Changes That May Impact CCT .....

Chapter 5 Determining the Proper Study Method to Use .....

Chapter 6 Putting it All Together.....

References.....



# Factors Driving A CCT Evaluation and Possible Change

Making a WQ or TRT change

Blending or changing Source or  
blending in Finished Water

Requirement or desire to lower  
lead levels

A study or demonstration would  
drive a CCT change

Could Involve 'tweaking' @ full  
scale within reasonable ranges

Can study within the limits of  
current practice as starting point

More elaborate would  
necessitate study or  
demonstration

Might necessitate 'drastic' CCT  
change to lower lead

See Evaluation Methodology

# EXAMPLE CHANGES THAT WARRANT A CCT EVALUATION

1. Water Sources
Change source water
2. Blending Source or Finished Water Seasonally
Blending of different source waters
Blending of different finished waters
3. Disinfection
Change in disinfectant type or disinfection strategy
4. WQ Parameters Directly affecting CCT
Change in pH or alkalinity
Change in inhibitor type (e.g., changing any combination of polyphosphate, blended phosphate, or orthophosphate; as well as adding any P-containing product when no ortho- or poly-phosphate was added before)
Change of blended or polyphosphate inhibitor product or supplier
5. Treatment Changes
Change in coagulant type (e.g., Fe-based to/from Al-based, or Cl-based to/from SO4-based)
Change in treatment process that increases NOM
Change or addition of new oxidant (e.g. adding ozone)
Addition of ion exchange (IX)



# EXAMPLE CHANGES THAT DO NOT WARRANT A CCT EVALUATION EXCEPT DESKTOP OR SOLUBILITY

1. Change in blending/ seasonal impacts that have historically occurred specifically within allowed WQPs

2. Inhibitor

Change in orthophosphate dose, but solubility study helpful

Change in orthophosphate vendor (not blended or polyphosphate, see above)

3. Treatment

Membrane filtration as long as WQ at tap does not change

Change in softening agent

Addition of GAC if pH doesn't change



# EVALUATION METHODOLOGY

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# EVALUATE CURRENT STATUS-ACTIONS

- Trend and Evaluate Data
- Map Lead lines/Older Housing
- Evaluate Presence of Biofilms
- Conduct Profile Sampling
- Define Current CCT





# EVALUATE CURRENT STATUS- OUTCOMES FROM FIND AND FIX FOR Pb REDUCTION

- Could Result in Lead Reduction-----Ending Further Actions



- But, Could Require Further Actions.....





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# BASED ON CHANGE-DEFINE WQP CHANGING

Change	Possible changes in corrosion-related water quality parameters									Potential impacts scale
	Change in finished water pH	Change in DIC/Alkalinity	Change in Cl:SO <sub>4</sub>	Change in ORP	Change in NOM	Change in Biofilm	Change in Temp	Change in Al/Fe/Mn	Change in solubility	Change in redox potential
Addition of a new source of supply	•	•	•		•		•	•	•	
Blending of different source waters	•	•	•		•		•	•	•	
Blending of different finished waters	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	
Change in free chlorine dose	•			•		•			•	•
Change from chlorine gas to hypochlorite	•		•						•	
Addition of other oxidants/disinfectants			•	•	•			•		•
Conversion to chloramines	•			•		•			•	•
Enhanced coagulation for NOM removal	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•

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- Sequestrant Presence
- ORP
- Ca, Al, Fe, Mn
- Water use Rate
- Water Flow Rate in Pipes/Plumbing
- Scale Disruption
- Microbial Growth



# A DIVERSION INTO THE LT LCR PROPOSAL

- Proposal states loops must be used because of scale impacts and coupons only screen & not set OCCT
- What does the proposal mean by a “loop” study-assume---flow through harvested material study



# BUT: TOOLBOX OF AVAILABLE STUDY METHODS

	Solubility	Galvanic	Sequestrant	ORP	Ca, Al, Fe, Mn	Water Use and Rate	Scale Disruption	Microbial
Theoretical Solubility	M			M				
Research Actual Solubility	M+			M+				
Batch Coupon Weight Loss								
Batch Coupon Solubility	H		H	M			L	
Batch Harvested Pipe	H-	H	H-	M	M		M	
Batch Galvanic Tests		M						
"Loop" Virgin Pipes	M	H	L	L	L		L	
"Loop" Coupons	M	H	L	L	L		L	
Flow Through Harvested Pipe	L+	H	L+	H	H	H	H	
Scale Analysis	M	M	H	H	H		M	

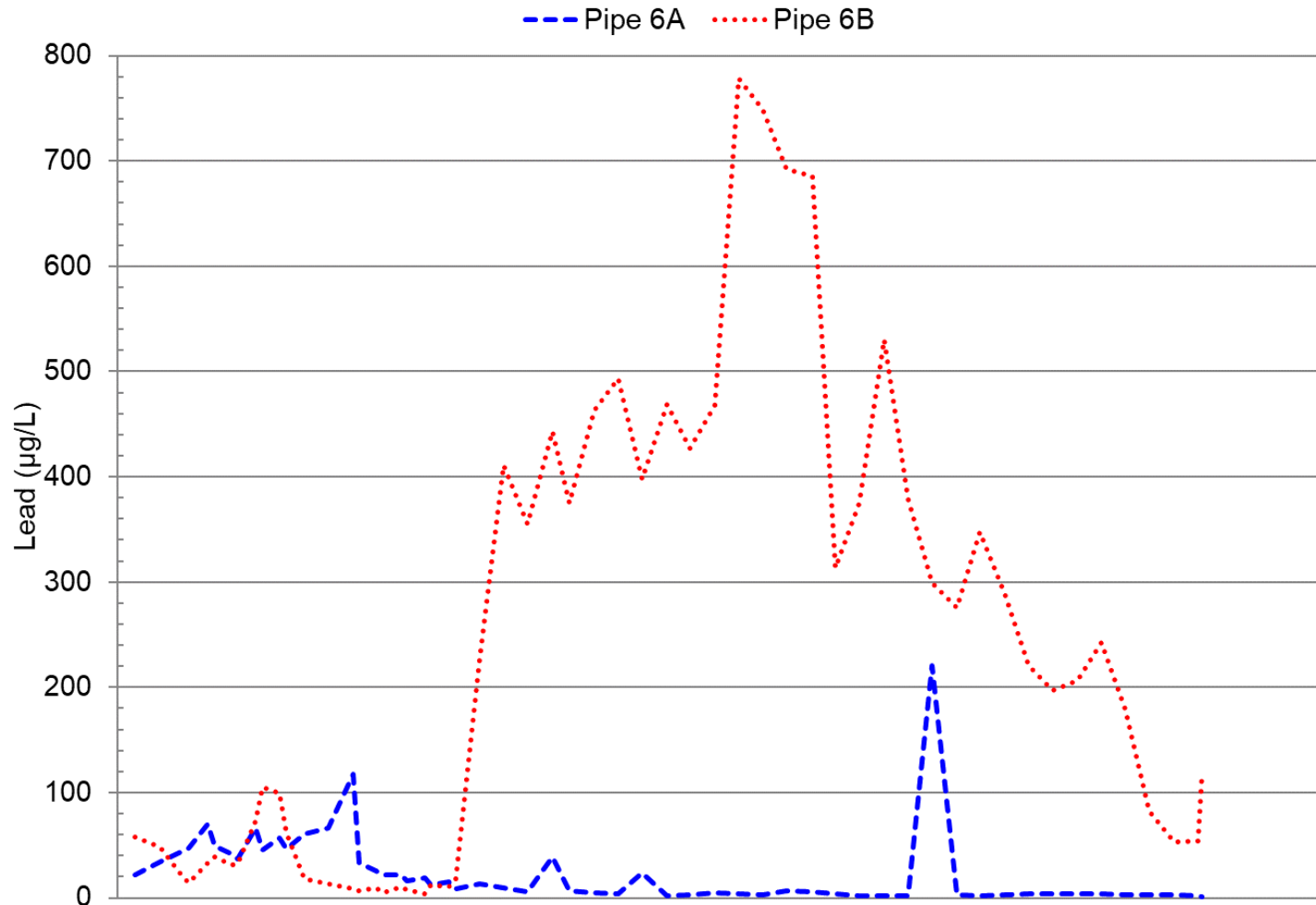
# HARVESTED MATERIAL FLOW THROUGH TEST LIMITATIONS

- Loop studies have not been successful in evaluating different CCT methods on harvested premise materials like copper/lead solder or faucets—too much variability in materials
- *plus* Harvesting premise pipes from INSIDE a house has liability issues and unintended consequences
- So, we have ~70% of CWS w/o LSL where harvested flow through studies aren't particularly good
- Many changes don't affect LSL scales
- LSL pipe studies are also variable and take a long time to settle down





# TWO COPPER/SOLDER PIPES FROM SAME HOUSE



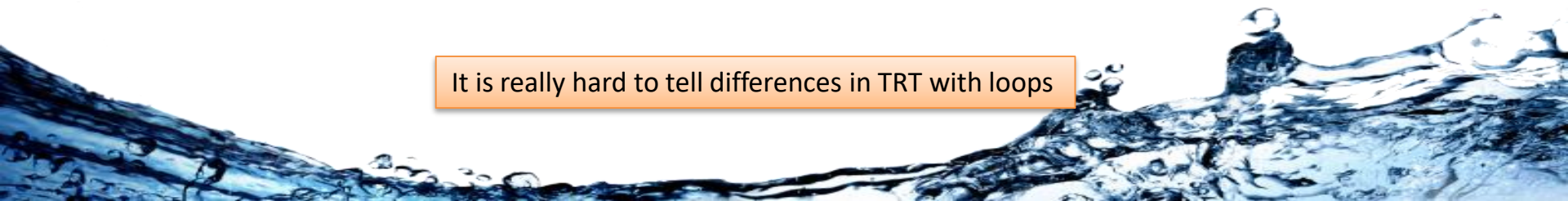
- Loops have large variability even with LSLs making it hard to compare different test conditions
- Note the high 2SD values making a distinction in test conditions difficult
- These are values after the pipes have “settled” down

PO4 Dose	1.2 mg/L	2.5 mg/L	3.0 mg/L	3.5 mg/L	4.0 mg/L	5.0 mg/L
Mean ppb	2.9	10.5	5.2	3.8	3.6	3.0
2 SD ppb	3.4	3.4	15.8	5.0	24.8	7.8

	location 5		
Dose	Ortho 1	Ortho 2	Ortho 3
Mean ppb	16.0	30.7	35.9
2 SD ppb	118.0	52.0	64.6

	Location 2					
Loop	Loop 1	Loop 2	Loop 3	Loop 4	Loop 5	Loop 6
Mean ppb	436.9	544.8	682.4	357.7	137.1	81.5
2 SD ppb	320.0	622.0	374.0	300.0	180.0	70.0

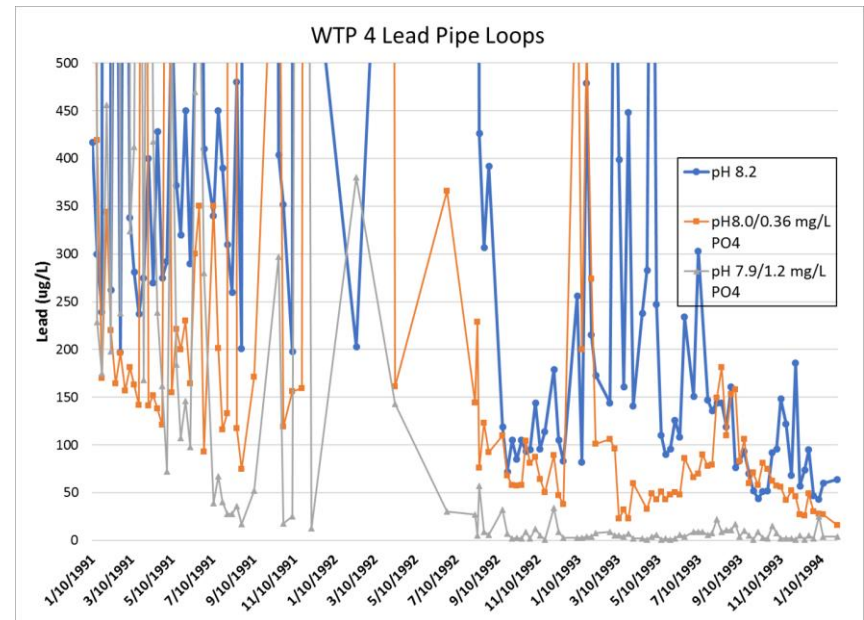
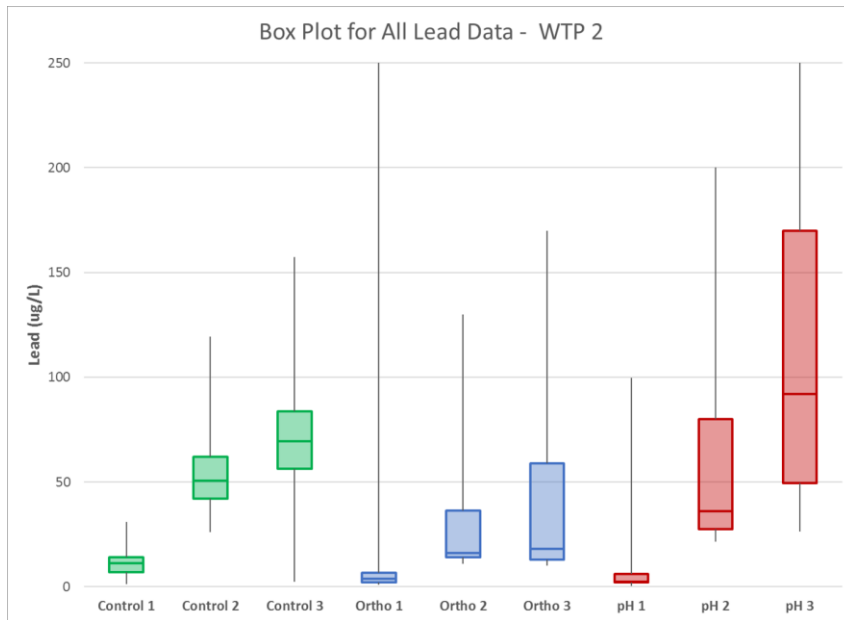
It is really hard to tell differences in TRT with loops



# WHAT FLOW THROUGH HARVESTED PIPE RESULTS LOOKS LIKE

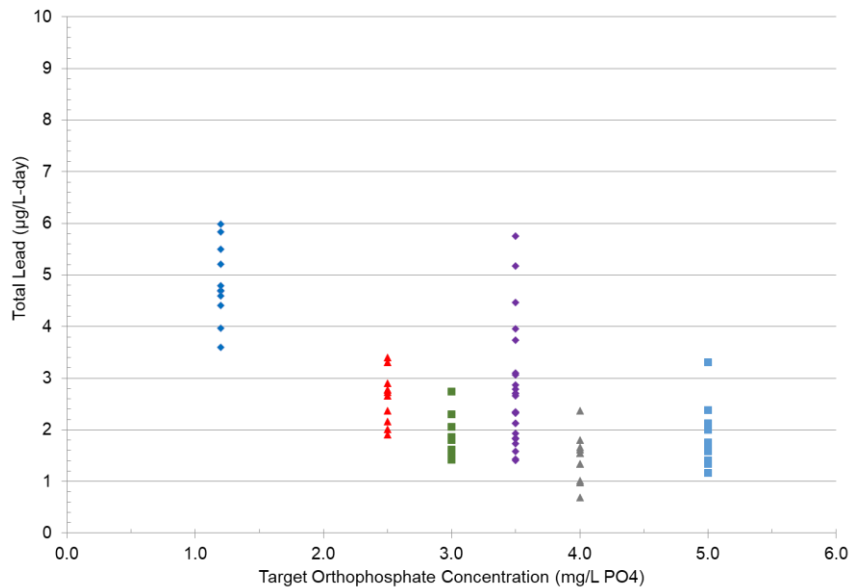
An example different City-All TRT tests showed 1 low pipe and some high pipes

~ 2 years to settle down

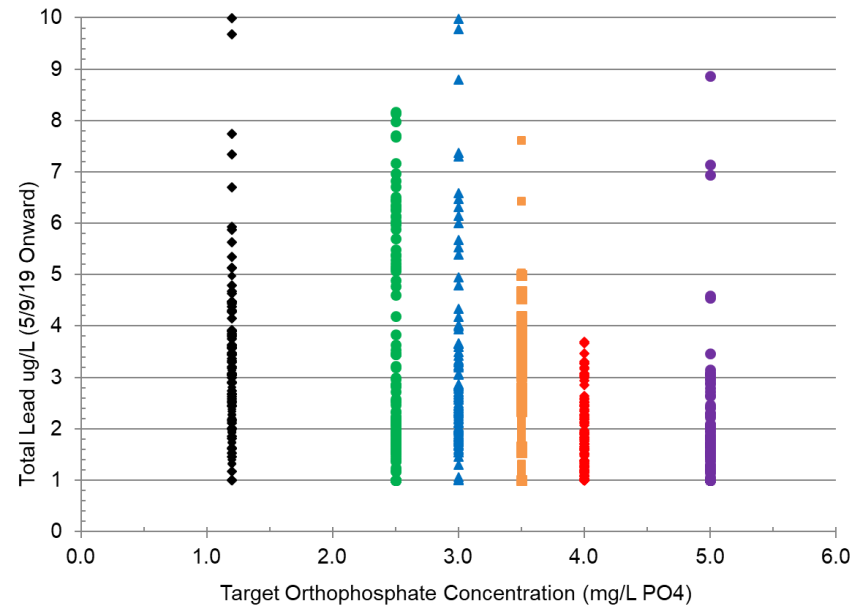


# FLOW THROUGH HARVESTED PIPE STUDIES AND COUPON SOLUBILITY STUDY

## Side by side coupon solubility study



## Harvested Pipe Data after one year from start and onward-took over a year to settle down



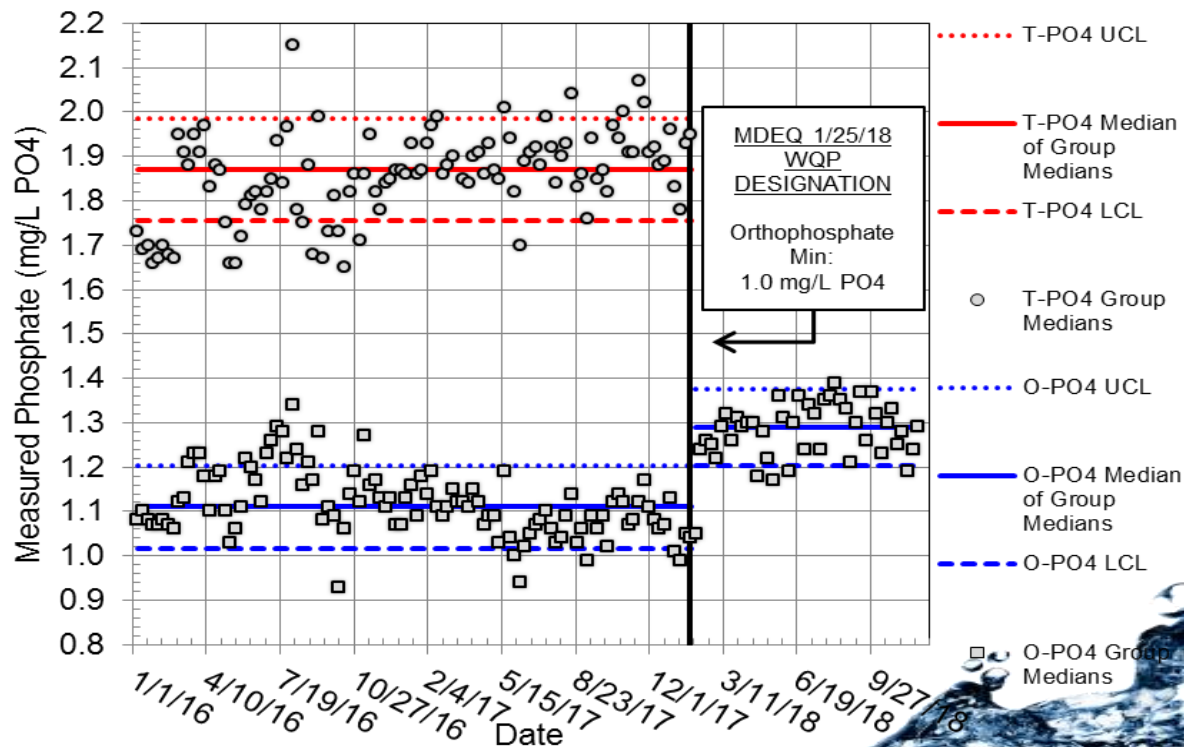
# KEY POINTS

- Additional study on scale impacts has a place when scales could be disrupted-flow through harvested pipes are one option *but other options are available and more being researched*
- Coupon solubility tests are very good for lead solubility testing which in many cases is all that is needed or might be needed for quick CCT change when over AL or when there aren't LSLs or galvanized pipes
- A toolbox approach would seem to be a valid approach to types of studies available and appropriate



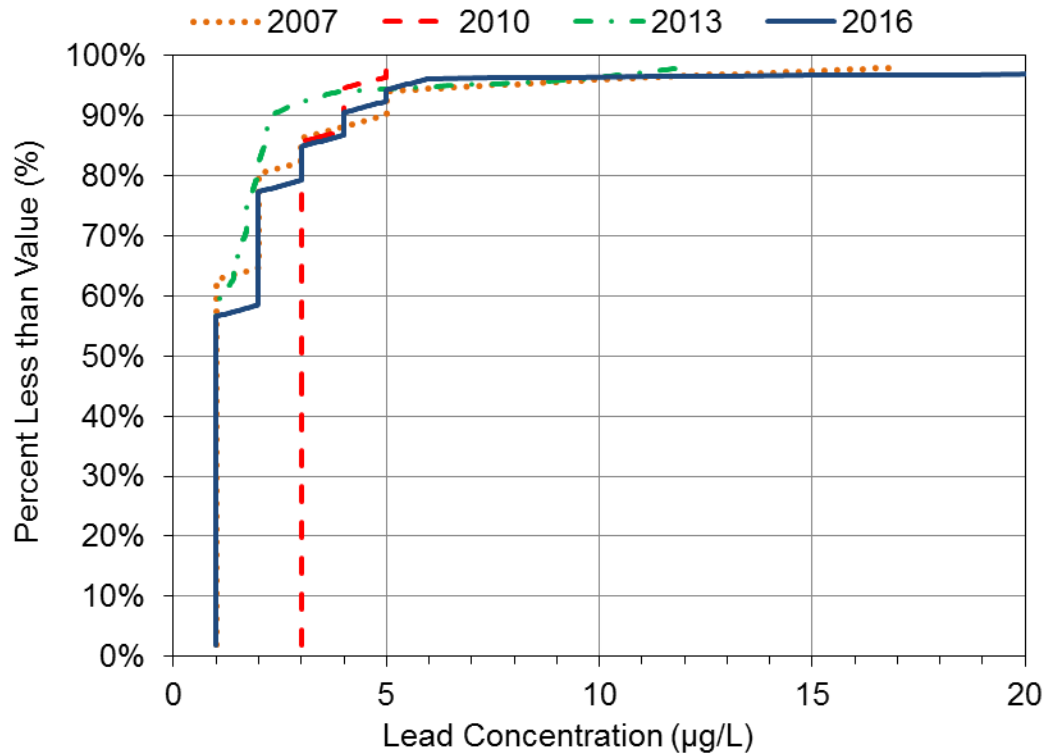
# GRAND RAPIDS, MI AS AN EXAMPLE

- Serves 280,000 population
- Lake Michigan water source
- Fairly conventional WTP using alum
- Have used a 50/50 polyphosphate blend with a goal of about 1 mg/L PO<sub>4</sub> (ortho portion)
- Desire to eliminate poly due to transmission capacity loss





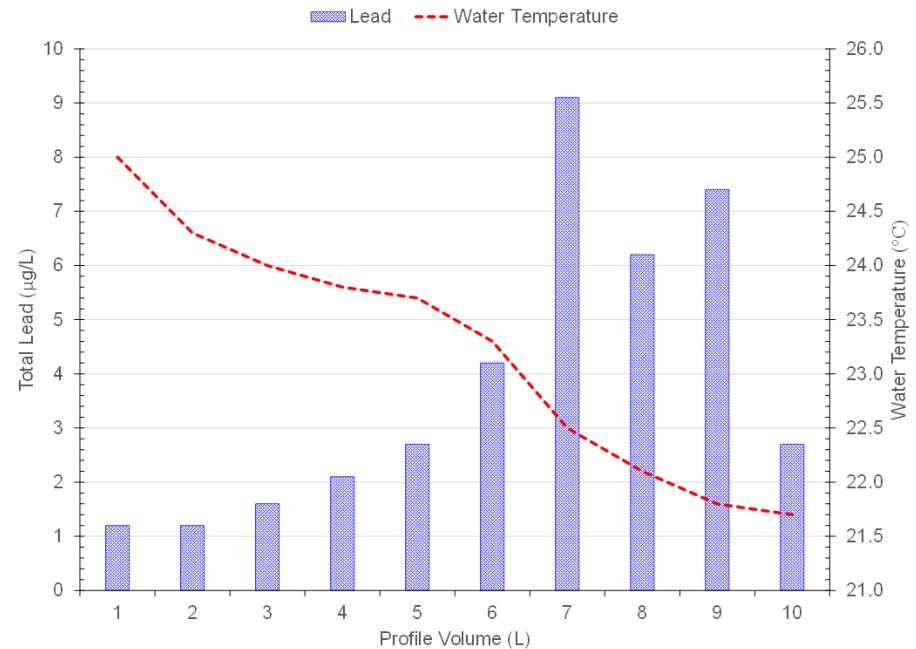
# HISTORICAL LEAD HAS BEEN LOW: NOTE GR HAS LSLS





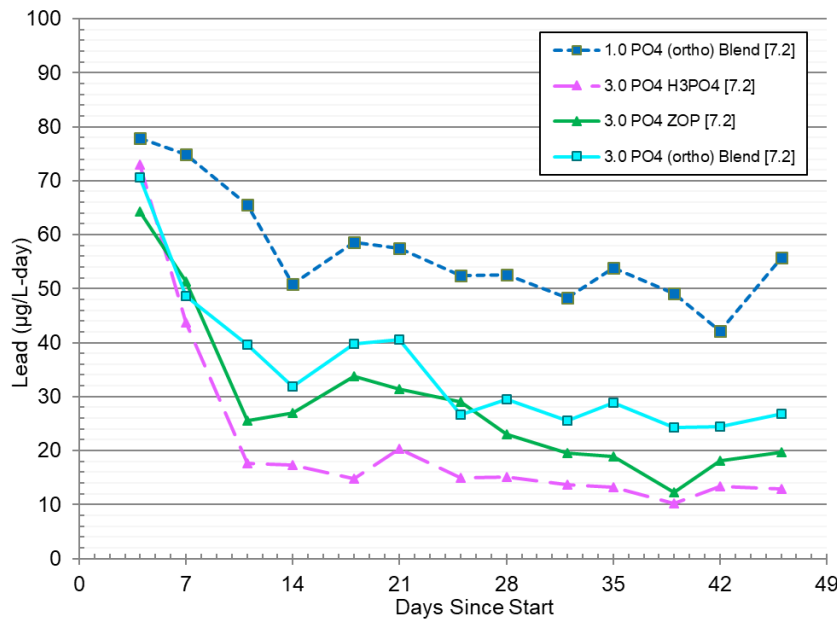
# PROFILE SAMPLING ALSO SHOWED LOW LEAD LEVELS

Hence a strategy worked out with EGLE was to move CAUTIOUSLY



# KEY STUDIES AT GR TO DATE

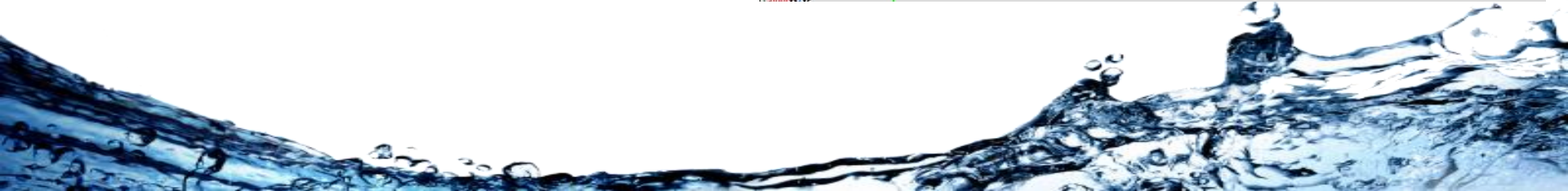
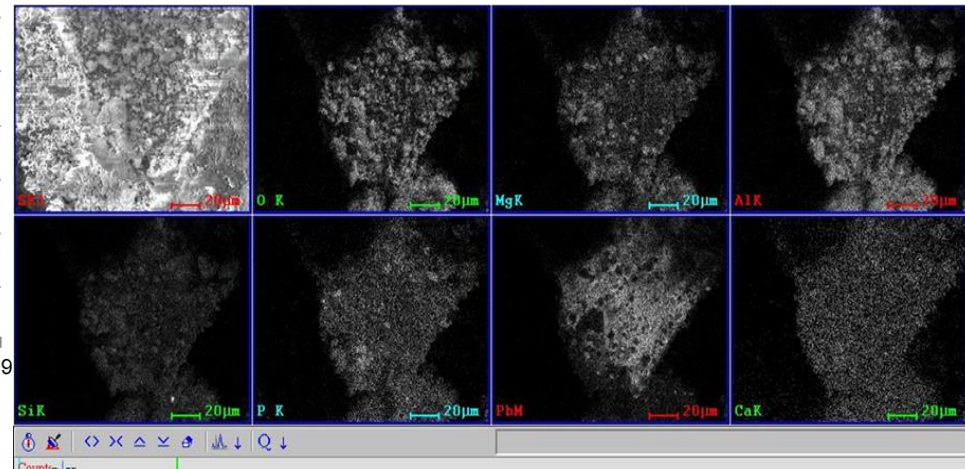
## Lead solubility coupon studies showed ortho better



## But scale studies cautioned switching

Lots of amorphous AL-OH and poly P

Also lots of Lead 4



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Highlighted Items of  
Concern for GR



# SO IN GRAND RAPIDS

- With close EGLE-City coordination all have agreed in this case to move cautiously, no apparent immediate need to switch and scales might be impacted
- In this case additional scale analysis is planned, further refinement using coupons and a scale impact study of method TBD



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# MONITORING POST CCT CHANGE

- Sentinel homes
  - Locate homes with representative material
  - Conduct regular lead monitoring
- Profile Follow Up
  - Allows for more detail assessment of improvement
  - Could be at sentinel homes
- Increased WQP
  - Tighter goals
  - Increased number of sites
  - Increase frequency





# SO WHERE ARE WE

- There are no easy answers—It's not a Cookbook approach
- Can't Emphasize Enough to Use Caution –Error on the side of not making a change
- For the CCS methods in LT LCR move toward a toolbox approach

