

Quality Management Report

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Status Report on QA Activities

- Response to 2004 Quality Systems Review
- Laboratory Operations
- Field Operations

Response to July 2004 Quality Systems Review

- Reviews occur every 3 years. This was the first review.
- Purpose of review:
 - Ensures that NADP activities comply with the NADP Quality Management Plan.
 - Ensure that the NADP's Quality System is documented and fully implemented.
 - Ensures that NADP data is of sufficient quality to meet Data Quality Objectives (DQOs).

Review Details

- · Review team:
 - Terry Schertz, USGS
- Richard Grant, Purdue University
- Martin Risch, USGS
- Review occurred on July 14-15 at NADP Program Office in Champaign, IL
- Review team's report presented at Fall 2004 NADP meeting

Review Findings and Response

- QMP was deemed adequate and "thorough in scope." Additional QA documents in preparation.
- Revised network QA Plan (completed draft by Spring 2006)
- Complete data management SOPs (completed in 2005)
- HAL QA Plan (draft complete)

Findings and Response, cont.

- "The typical approach is to keep adding requirements and details in the documentation, but the danger is that it will become too unwieldy to be useful. The difference will be critical to keeping the QMP in a role of supporting the work of NADP instead of eventually becoming more work than it is worth."
 - QA programs support NADP science

Findings and Response, cont.

- Procedures needed for phasing in new field equipment and evaluating changes in data quality for data users
 - Final decision on field equipment has not been made.
 - QAAG will assist in evaluating changes in data quality

Findings and Response, cont.

Development of Data Quality Objectives (DQOs)

- "If a DQO is established, there should be a reason why it must be met by NADP and a corrective action plan if it is
- Given the wide ranging end-user objectives for the NADP data, the more appropriate approach may be to use available QC data to estimate the variability in the results and provide that information to the users

 - The review team could not find a compelling reason for the NADP to do more than quantify the quality of the data. That information would be a valuable addition to the available datasets and of great value to the data users.
- If the quality of the data is shifting significantly over time, then some corrective actions may be required, but the existing external QC programs have not indicated any such problem."

Findings and Response, cont.

- Data quality will be assessed and communicated in a format that meets needs of data users
- · Benchmarks set to evaluate trends in data quality over time

Review Findings and Response

 Draft response reviewed by QAAG, recommend to Executive Committee that report be approved

Status of QA Activities: **Laboratory Operations**

- External review of HAL conducted in June 2003
 - HAL response approved by NOS/DMAS
 - HAL 1-yr followup report received, approved at Fall 2004 NADP meeting.
- CAL review should occur in Fall 2005
 - Same format as 2003 HAL Review
 - 2 reviewers of analytical operations
 - · 2 reviewers of data management operations
 - · Team leader
 - QA Manager

Status of QA Activities: Field Operations

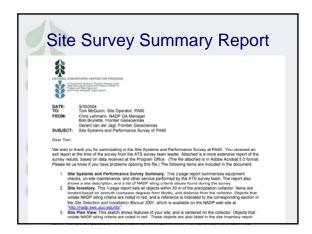
- USGS External Quality Assurance Programs
 - Sample Handling Evaluation (SHE) Program and Intersite Comparison in NTN ended in
 - System Blank Program in the MDN expanded to all sites in 2004
 - Field Audit Program in the NTN expands to all sites in 2005
 - 3 "long-term" collocated sites established as of October 2004

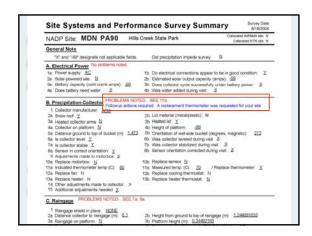
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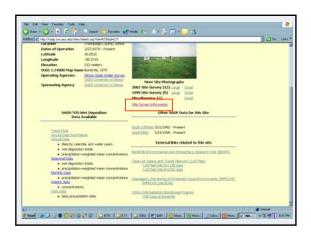
- U.S. EPA-supported Site Systems and Performance Surveys
- 2004 reports issued through October (102 surveys conducted/77 reports issued)
- 2005 reports received through February

Site Remedial Actions

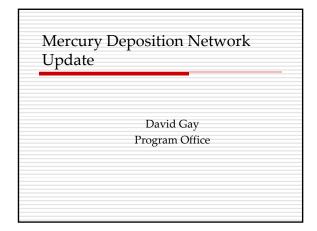
- 1. Survey data received at Program Office
- 2. Site plan view prepared/updated
- Survey data verified, site survey summary report issued to site operator, supervisor, and funding agency (goal: 3 months after receiving data)
- 4. Report responses documented (~2 months after report sent)
- 5. Site plan view, siting criteria posted to NADP web site (~6 months after survey)
- 6. All actions documented in database





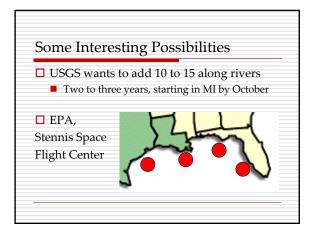


	<u> </u>		Issues	
	SummaryReports	Sites Having Siting	Remedial Actions	
	Issued to Site	Criteria Issues	Reported	
2002 Surveys				
NTN	67	49	3	
MDN	20	18	0	
AIRMoN	3	3	0	
Total	90	70	3	
2003 Surveys				
NTN	72	53	4	
MDN	29	28	1	
AIRMoN	3	3	0	
Total	104	84	5	
2004 Surveys				
NTN	59	32	2	
MDN	17	14	0	
AIRMoN	1	1	0	
Total	77	47	2	

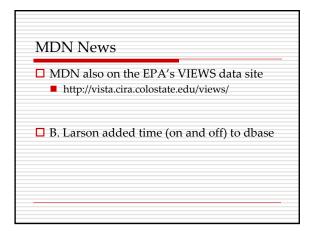




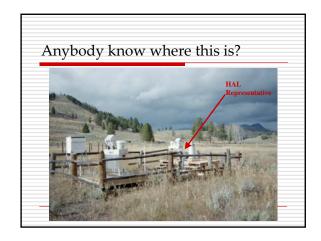




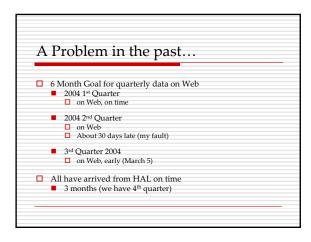
MDN Data One data set All stations All years All total Hg observations On the web (nadp.sws.uiuc.edu) NEXT is Methyl Mercury (June 1)



MDN News First MDN Operators Training Class October, 2004 In Seattle 12 attendees HAL did an exceptionally good job Next class will be in June, 2005



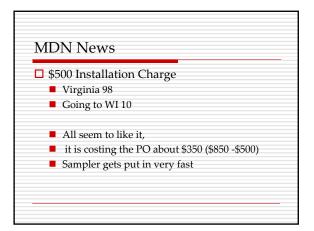
MDN News ☐ New MDN Website coming ☐ Have text and graphics ready ☐ Paste up/programming coming soon ☐ Bob Larson has plans to rework NTN, AIRMON and MDN web sites later



Data Holes Addressing the gaps From 2 hours to 1 week Update 300 gaps identified 35% cleared 50% of these no real gap 30% yet to call or receive information

MDN News I think the last data SOP is here in Savannah, in final form, for approval Program Office Data Review SOP Chris Lehmann has reviewed it Going to DMAS today





A Topic For Discussion...

Field Inter-comparison of Mercury Measurements

Co-operative Programme for Monitoring and Evaluation of the Long-range Transmission of Air Pollutants in Europe (EMEP).

Comparison of wet-deposition methods

Across Europe (no other U.S. participation)

Event based, for 6 months

Cost:

\$12,000 to \$14,000

Plus HAL cost of analysis

Priorities for Next Months

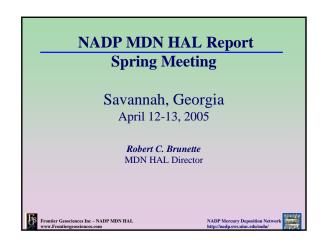
Goal Setting, HAL and PO, May

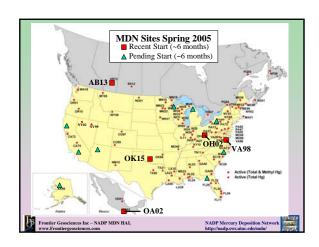
Probable Priorities

Methyl Mercury

We are ready to complete
Put on web

HAL-specific Quality Assurance Project Plan
To finalize





Recent MDN Site Start-Ups OA02 Puerto Angel – Official 09/21/04 (09/30/03) AB13 ATCO Power - 09/28/04 VA98 Harcum – 12/17/04 OH02 Athens – Official 01/25/05 (05/0404) OK15 Cherokee-Newkirk – 03/01/05 Experimental Sites AL-EXP Birmingham – 12/22/04 FL-EXP Pensacola – 2/08/05 Puerto Rico – 04/02/05







Potential MDN Site Closures/Restarts OR01/OR10 – Funding Issues (Dec 2004) Sites are still operating USGS to hand off funding to ODEQ Spring 05 NV02/NV99 – Funding Issues (Feb 2005) Potential new funding source Short fall funding through May 05 AK99 Ambler – Restart (Spring 2005) Loss of site operator in remote region

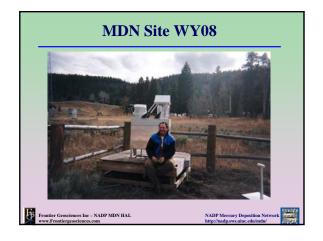
- Restart pending training of new site operator

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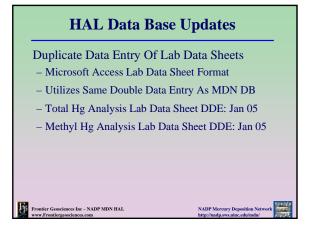


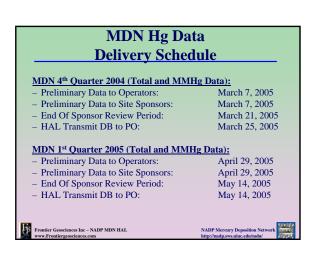


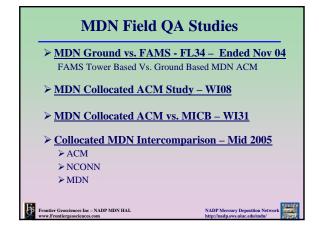


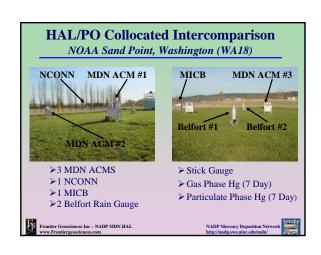








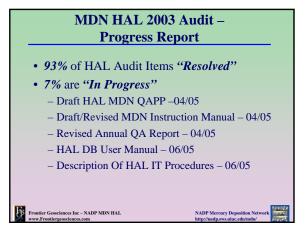




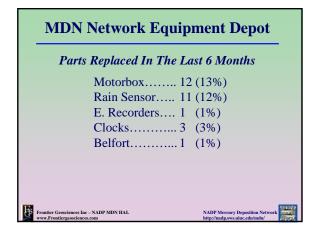
USGS MDN External Audit Program External Laboratory PE Sample Program Single Blind Implemented Nov-Dec 2003 External System Blank Program Single Blind Implemented Nov-Dec 2003 HAL To Continue 3 Lab Rainwater Comparison

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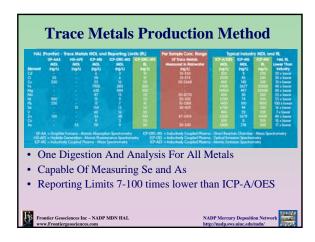




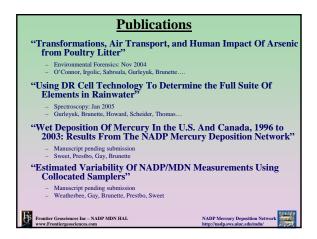


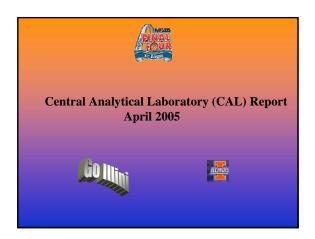






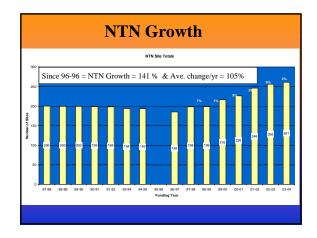












Site Operations (cont)

Protocol changes (details in NOS)

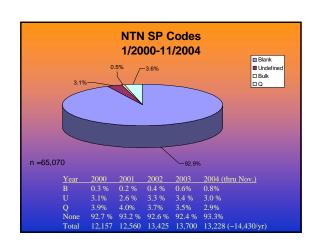
NTN: 1st year with NO NTN Field Chemistry, ended 1-1-2005
New protocols, new FORFs, monthly field printouts
Sites continuing field chemistry requesting solutions

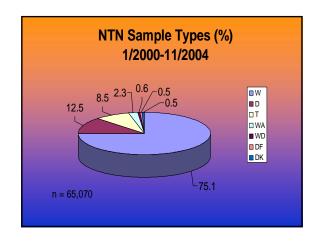
2005 Field Operations Training Course: May 3-5, 2005
no field chemistry training; increased time for field equipment training
VOM included

1.5 days plus welcome mixer
enrollment reduced to 15 attendees to accommodate budget
constraints and test new format

2006 CALendar in planning; pictures and descriptions requested
Shipping protocol changes—4-in-1 (details in NOS)
now -62% of network; 100% by Dec. 2005

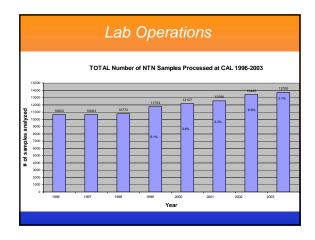
CAL Site Liaison- New hire in 2005







Lab Operations Analytical sample load = 14,000++ analyses/year plus lab QA Critical need for efficient procedures, cross-training at all levels, and analytical instrument and computer systems redundancy and backup Equipment updates On-track for updating aging equipment, provide for backup instruments, and provide for research capability •New IC (sulfate, nitrate, chloride) coming on-line mid year CAL will follow a protocol similar to AAS-ICP evaluation; details at NOS Critical need: •New bucket, lid, bottle washer next major purchase in 2005 •Facility redesign cost for sample supply washer in 2005







Lab Operations (con't)

LIMS: major upgrade completed new FORF entry format from elimination of field chemistry bar-coded site ID in use for sample log-in

communicates with bar-coding at sample receiving to track transfer data between databases

Additional updates required as new equipment comes on-line

QA/QC

2002 - completed and out for review 2003-2004 - in preparation, combined report, target Dec.2005

MDLs procedure to compute periodic MDLs (yrly minimum) using long-term low-level internal blind QC sample (~ 10th percentile level). Good representation of 'real' samples. Stats done quarterly.



Data transfer to PO—on schedule

New NTN FORF, data entry, and data review programming changes completed (no field chemistry)

Pending: new format for monthly site reports

4-in-1 shipping protocol continuing—report at NOS
Total & organic nitrogen measurements continuing—report at NOS

Total phosphorus continuing—MDL ~ 30 ppb by ICP evaluating in-line digestion with FIA for P total

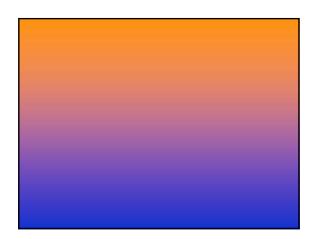
Trace metals—measurements continuing in routine NTN samples

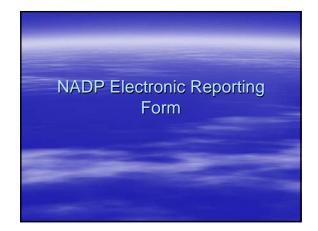
Biological agents of interest (fungal diseases)—PO report IC method development continuing—report at NOS WMO sample preparation continuing

Evaluation of pH electrodes and meters—continuing Perchlorate in precipitation--new











Two Options PDA with field office PC + Printer PDA without field office PC Cost responsibility PO supplies PDA Site supplies desktop computer + printer PO supplies desktop application

PDA application

Collect field data (dates/times/conditions/precip)
Covers all three networks
Modular design allows new rain gages to be dropped in.
Internal database stores:
Site information
Operator information
Sample history
Maintenance calendar
Minimize freeform data entry

Desktop Application Data Entry Correct/modify anything entered with PDA Free form notes Functions Sample Vol / ER / Precip Analysis Field form print out Transfer data via Internet w/ confirmation

Option 1: PDA with desktop computer in field office

Initial data entry in field with PDA

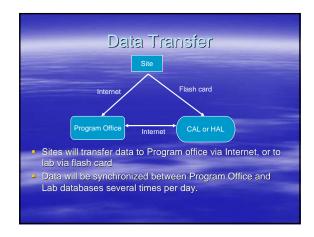
Additional notes and diagnostic information using PC

PC can print paper copy for operator records

Data transfer via Internet with confirmation

Fallback: flash/paper





Field Form Standardization Form an Ad hoc group to standardize field form language across networks Particularly the site operations block NTN: Harlin, Dossett AIRMON: Rothert MDN Brunette, Van der Jagt Mediator: Lehmann Unresolved issues will be decided by the Exec Committee in June.





NADP Siting Criteria

Ad-hoc committee report:
Chris Lehmann (chair)
Gary Stensland
Bob Larson
Greg Wetherbee
Preston Lewis
Rick Artz
Martin Risch
Scott Dossett

Some History....

- August 2001: "NOS chair will appoint an ad-hoc group to ... review the siting criteria specifics and make recommendations on any needed changes to these specifications."
- Reports given at ~5 meetings outlining status of proposed revisions.
- March 2004: Revised draft of siting criteria distributed to NOS.

Our Approach

- We took a "fresh look" at original siting criteria (1978) and revisions thereafter.
 - Considered "old" criteria, and incorporated where appropriate
 - Provided additional detail and specifications
 - Incorporated NADP Site Classification & Site Characterization schemes
 - Preparing white paper to accompany siting criteria that outlines approach and rationale.

Today's Discussion

- Draft set of criteria has been distributed— Does this fulfill our committee's charge?
- Want feedback on individual criteria, either here or on NADP forums site.
- Final vote on new siting criteria document at Spring 2005 meeting?



Siting Criteria Document

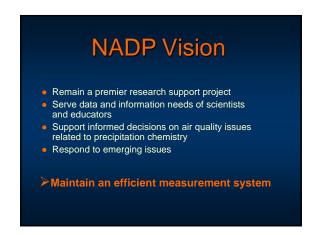
- I Introduction
 - Purpose of siting criteria
- II Site Classification: Urban (U), Suburban (S), Rural (R), & Isolated (I)
 - Differing criteria based on site classification
- III Siting Rules and Guidelines
 - Rules: New sites must comply fully or seek exception.
 Existing sites follow Remedial Action Plan
 - Guidelines: Beneficial, but not required.

Siting Criteria Document

- IV Siting Criteria
 - A. General Criteria (guidelines)
 - B. Regional Criteria (> 1km)
 - C. Local Criteria (< 1 km)
 - D. On-Site Criteria (< 30 m)

Siting Criteria Document

- V Remedial Action Plan
 - New sites: Sites should strive to meet all GUIDELINES. New sites not meeting all RULES must seek exception via petition submitted to NOS.
 - Existing sites: Sites surveyed approximately once every three years. Sites not meeting RULES should seek compliance, or receive exception via NOS petition. Data from sites not meeting RULES and/or GUIDELINES will be flagged.





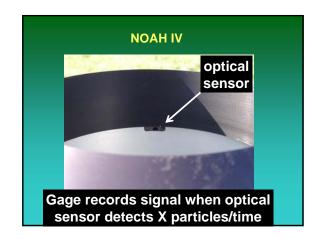














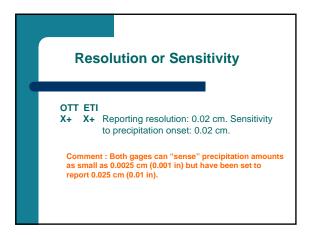


Range or Capacity

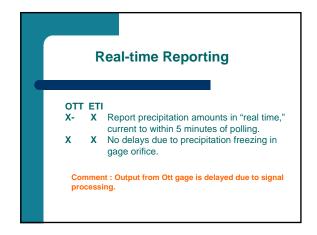
OTT ETI

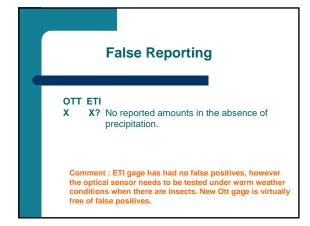
X X+ Capacity: ≥ 25 cm (9.84 inches) liquid equivalent depth (unattended)

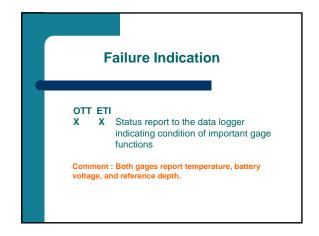
Comment: Gage capacity is lowered, when antifreeze is added to keep the bucket contents from freezing. This lowers the capacity of the Ott gage below 25 cm.



Accuracy OTT ETI X? X Lab Accuracy: within 0.05 cm over entire range & at rates up to 2.5 cm in 5 minutes. Field Accuracy: within 5% or 0.05 cm of NWS stick gage measurements Comment: Old Ott gage exceeded requirement; new Ott gage has a calibration problem. ETI meets requirement.



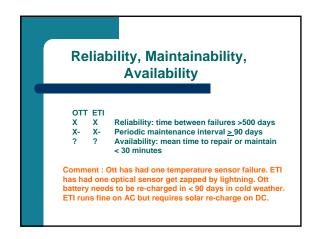


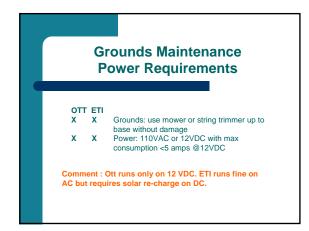


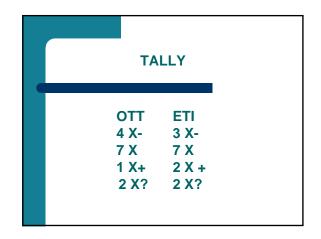
Wind and Temperature

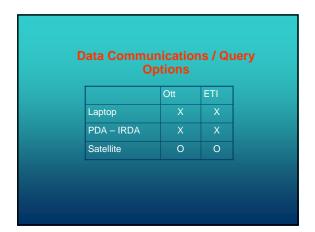
OTT ETI
X- X- Temperature: accurate at - 45C to + 50C & can withstand - 50C to +55C.
X- X- Wind: accurate at 15 m/s steady & 25 m/s gusts and can withstand 30 m/s steady & 60 m/s gusts.

Comment: Load cell temperature range only goes to -30C. Neither gage is likely to go undamaged in 60 m/s (-133 mph) gusts.



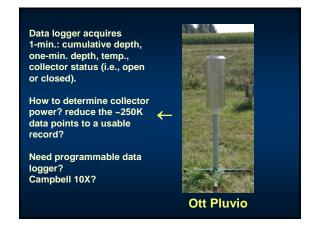


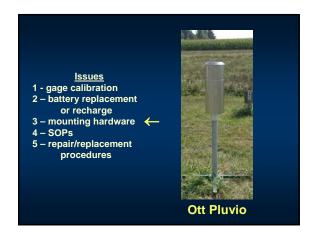


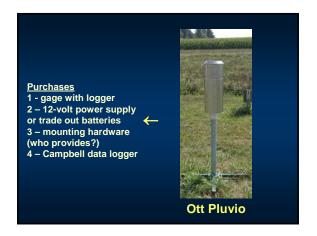






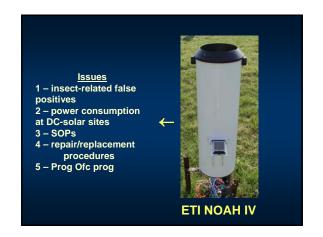






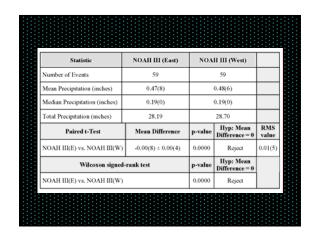




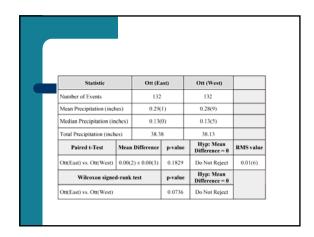




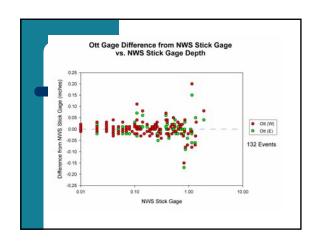


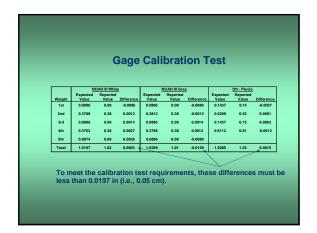


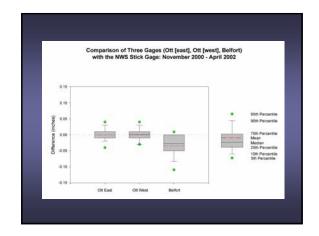
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Number of Events	28		28	
Mean Precipitation (inches)	0.39(8)		0.39(1)	
Median Precipitation (inches)	0.65(5)	0.65(0)		
Total Precipitation (inches)	11.14		10.94	
Paired t-Test	Mean Difference	p-value	Hyp: Mean Difference = 0	RMS
NOAH III(E) vs. NOAH III(N)	0.00(7) ± 0.00(5)	0.0125	Reject	0.01(
Wilcoxon signed-	rank test	p-value	Hyp: Mean Difference = 0	
NOAH III(E) vs. NOAH III(N)		0.0188	Reject	1

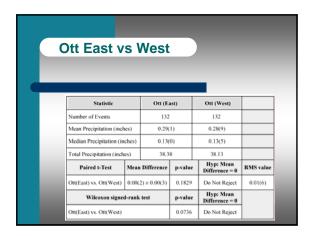


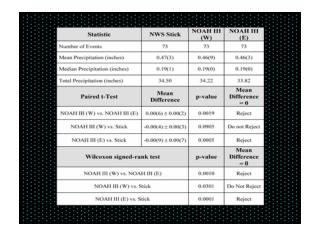
Statistic		Ott 1		Ott 2	NWS Stick
Number of Events		132		132	132
Mean Precipitation (inches)		0.28(9)		0.29(1)	0.28(9)
Median Precipitation (inches)		0.13(5)		0.13(0)	0.13(0)
Total Precipitation (inches)		38.13	3	38.38	38.13
Paired t -Test	Mean Difference		p-value	Hyp: Mean Difference = 0	
Ott 1 vs. Ott 2	-0.00(2) ± 0.00(3)		0.1829	Do Not Reject	
Ott 1 vs. Stick	0.00(0) ± 0.00(5)		1.0000	Do Not Reject	
Ott 2 vs. Stick	0.00	2) ± 0.00(4)	0.5274	Do Not Reject	
Wilcoxon signed-rank test			p-value	Hyp: Mean Difference = 0	
Ott 1 vs. Ott 2			0.0810	Do Not Reject	
Ott 1 vs. Stick			0.9843	Do Not Reject	
Ott 2 vs. Stick			0.7642	Do Not Reject	1

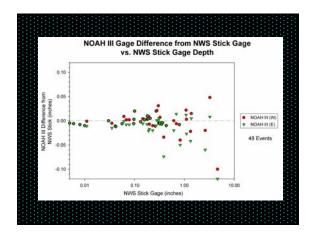


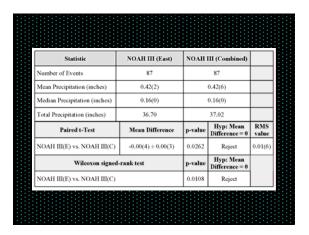


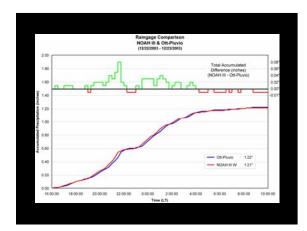


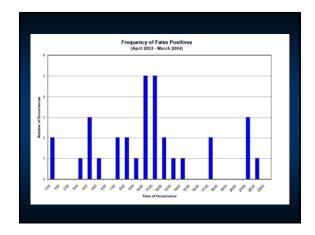


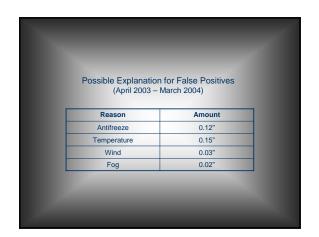


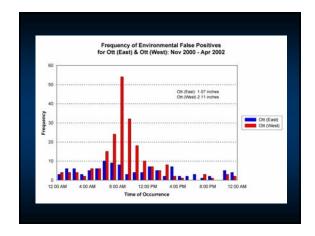




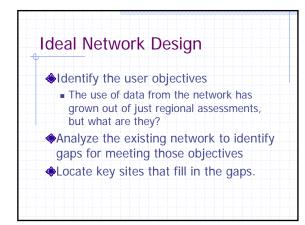


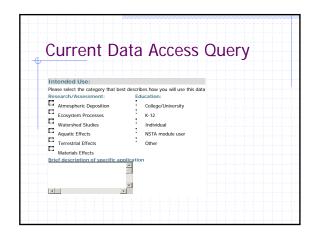


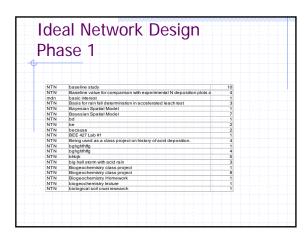


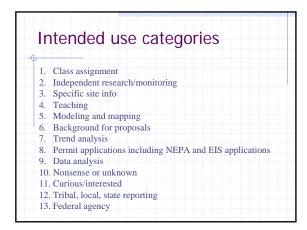


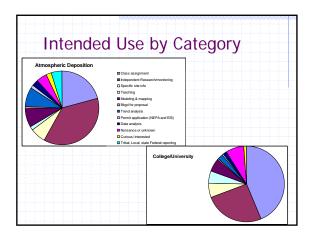


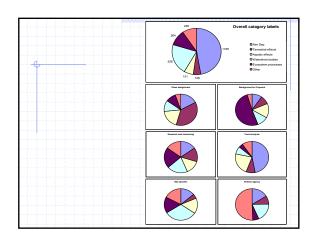


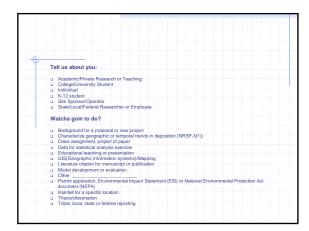


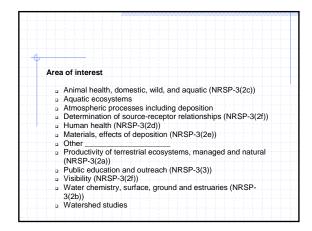














Establishing a Timetable and Procedure for NADP Meeting Planning

Interim, Executive and Technical Committee Meetings

Purpose of Proposal

- Establish meeting venues and dates in a more timely fashion.
- Get approvals for travel and contracts through the UI and SWS system sooner.
- Still retain choice in meeting location but avoid destinations that are not financially or logistically optimal.
- Have meeting & sleeping room costs established earlier.

General Meeting Considerations

- Near a large metropolitan airport
- Transportation available from the airport to the meeting location
- Costs of air travel
- Establish local contact to facilitate hotel and field trip details.
- Room rates must be within the federal government per diem.
- Location in relation to previous meetings

Proposal for Interim Subcommittee Meetings

- January 2005 Program Office initiates an email dialogue with chairs and vice-chairs of the subcommittees
- 3 or 4 suggestions decided on by this group then the Program Office investigates costs
- Spring 2005 Two choices picked by group presented at the Interim Meeting to decide on the location for the next year's meeting
- Program Office negotiates meeting space contract for 2006 Interim Meeting

Budget Advisory & Executive Committee Meeting Timetable

- March 2005 Chair of BAC and Vice-Chair of Executive Committee begin email dialogue with the Program Office
- Summer 2005 Two choices presented to Executive Committee for Summer 2006
- Program Office negotiates meeting space contract for 2006 meeting

Technical Committee Meeting and Scientific Symposium

- March 2005 NADP Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Past Chair begin email dialogue initiated by the Program Office.
- The 2005 Secretary will be responsible for the program of the 2006 meeting.
- Summer 2005 One or more choices presented to Executive Committee for Fall 2006
- Program Office negotiates meeting space contract for 2006 meeting
- Announcement made at 2005 Technical Committee meeting for 2006 meeting location

