Leachate Trends in Bioreactors and Closed Landfills

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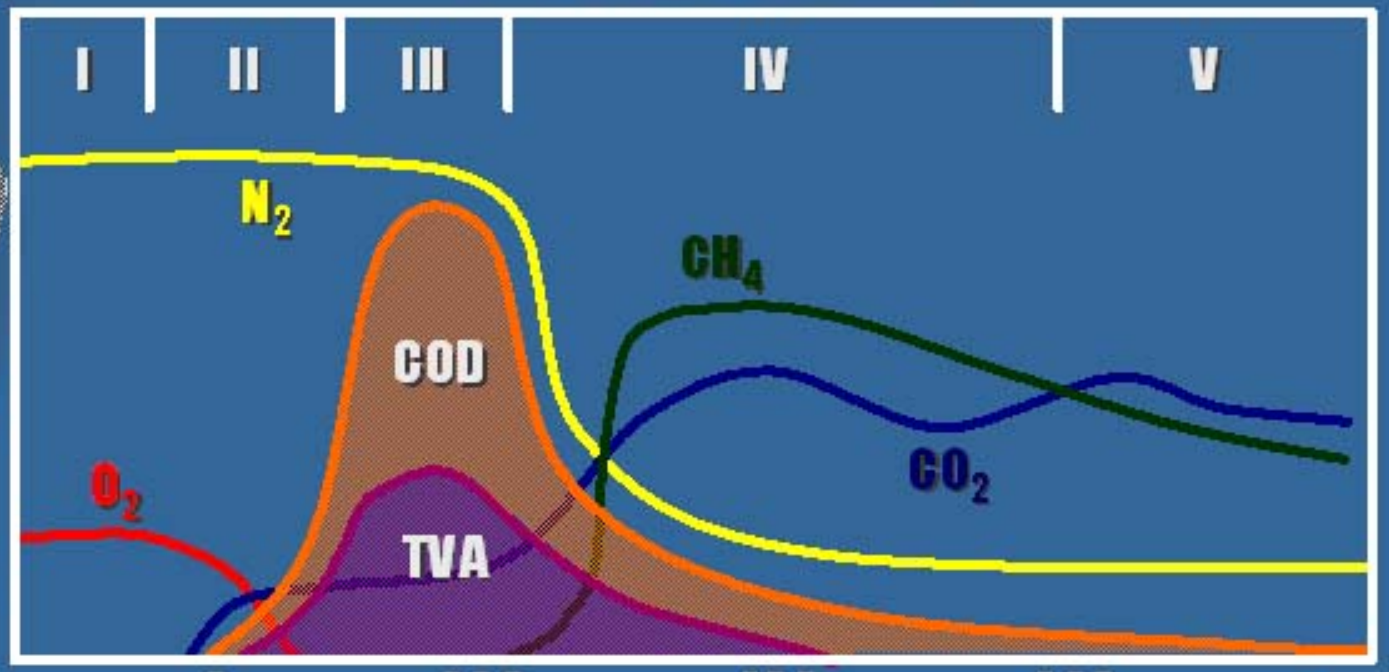
Stabilization Profile



DATA ANALYSIS APPROACH

1. Waste Degradation Indicator Parameters:

- **These parameters include BOD, COD, TOC, TVA, pH, and Total Alkalinity**
- **Parameters were evaluated by tracking concentration versus time and comparing to Pohland and Harper, 1986.**

Figure 3

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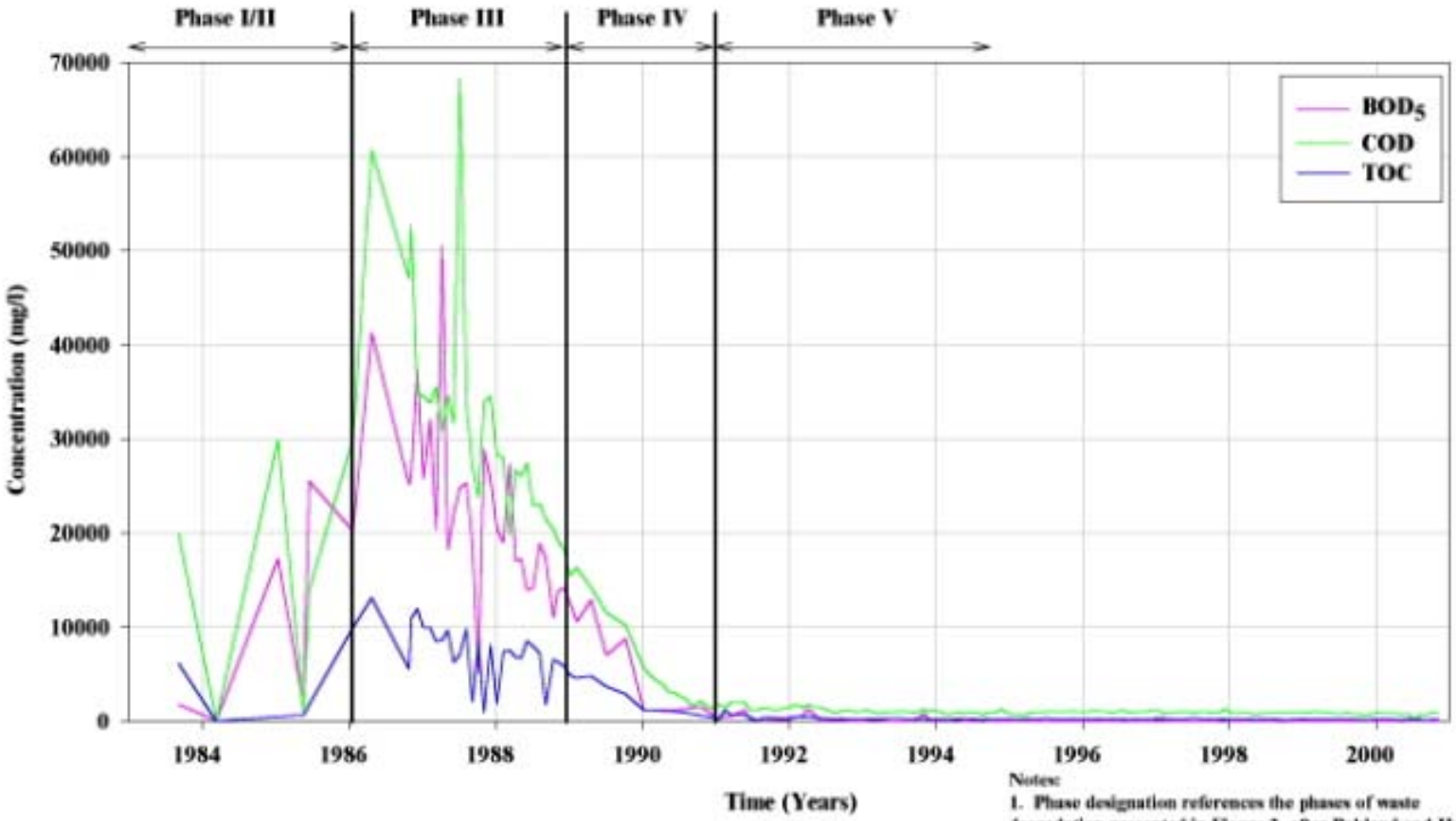
LEACHATE QUALITY SUMMARY, BOD_5, COD, AND TOC

Evaluation of Historical Data at Leachate Recirculating Landfills
Area A/B Disposal Cells, Central Solid Waste Management Center

Sandtown, Delaware



Notes:
1. Phase designation references the phases of waste degradation presented in Figure 2, after Pohland and Harper, 1986.
2. BOD_5 concentrations that are greater than COD concentrations are assumed to be reported in error.

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Figure 4

LEACHATE QUALITY SUMMARY, TVA, pH, AND TOTAL ALKALINITY

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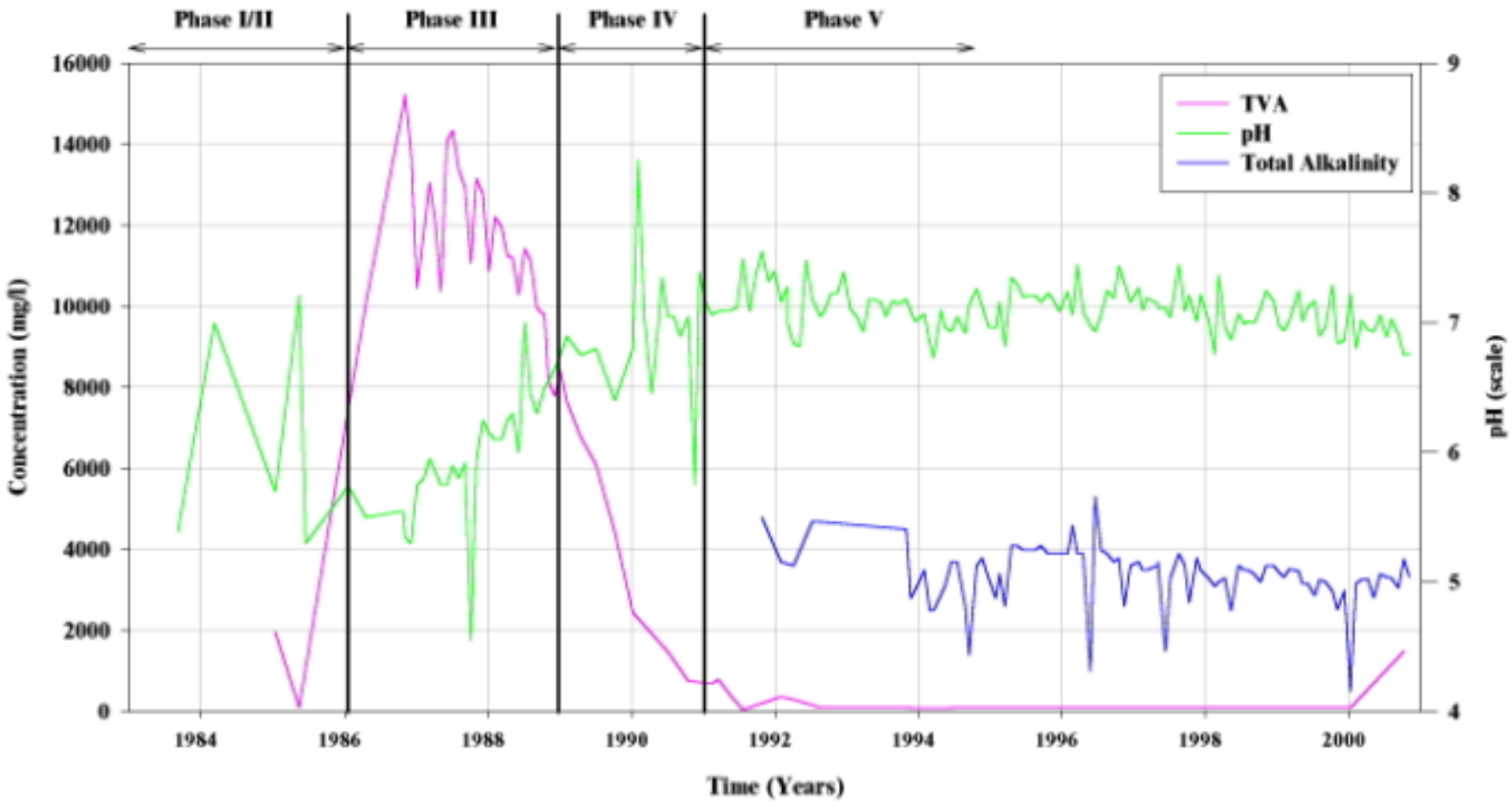

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Figure 8

WASTE DEGRADATION PHASE SUMMARY, DISPOSAL CELL B

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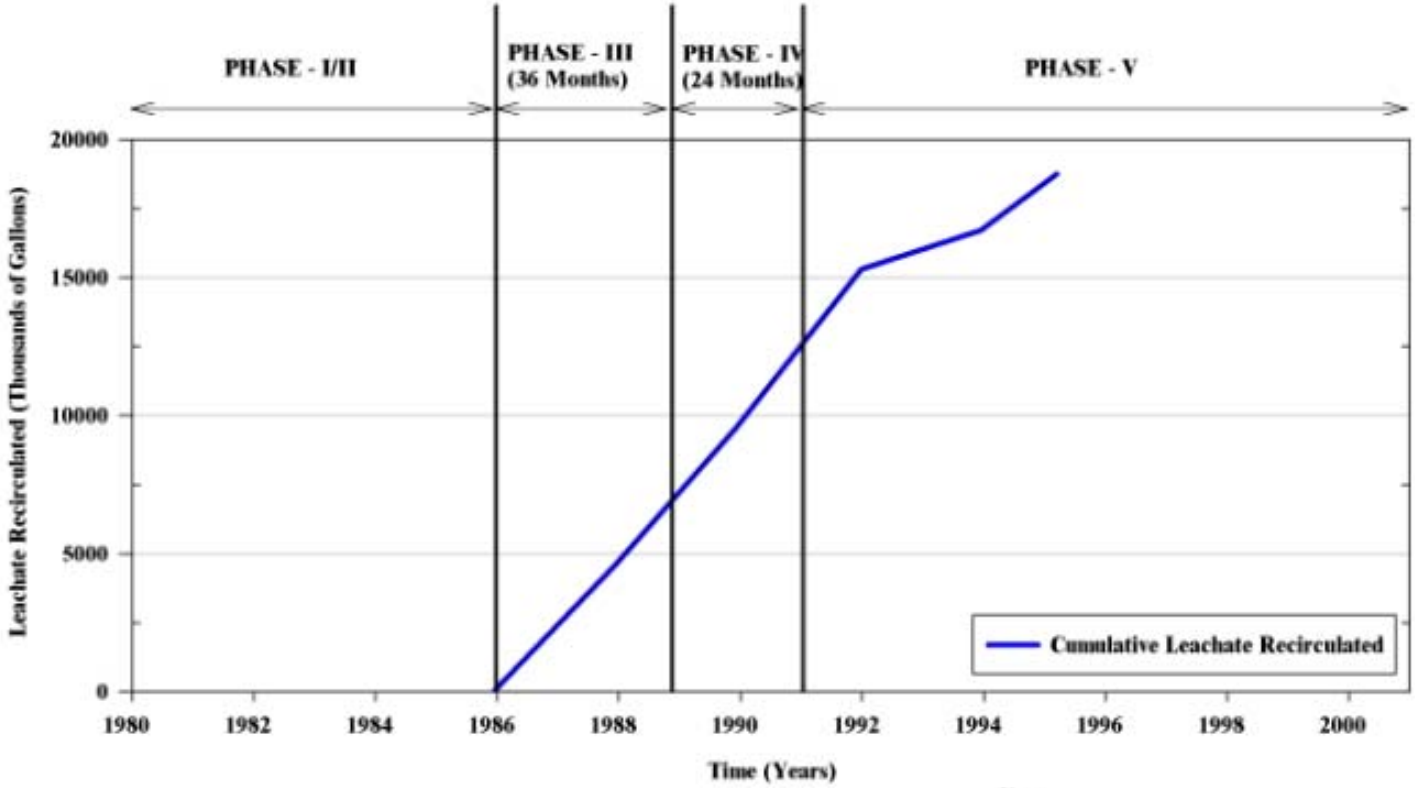

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DATA ANALYSIS APPROACH

2. Metals, VOCs and BTEX:

- **Parameters were evaluated by tracking concentration versus time**
- **Final concentrations of these parameters were compared to Drinking Water Standards, and findings of previous studies (Kilmer and Tustin, 1999)**

Figure 10

LEACHATE QUALITY SUMMARY, IRON, MANGANESE, AND pH

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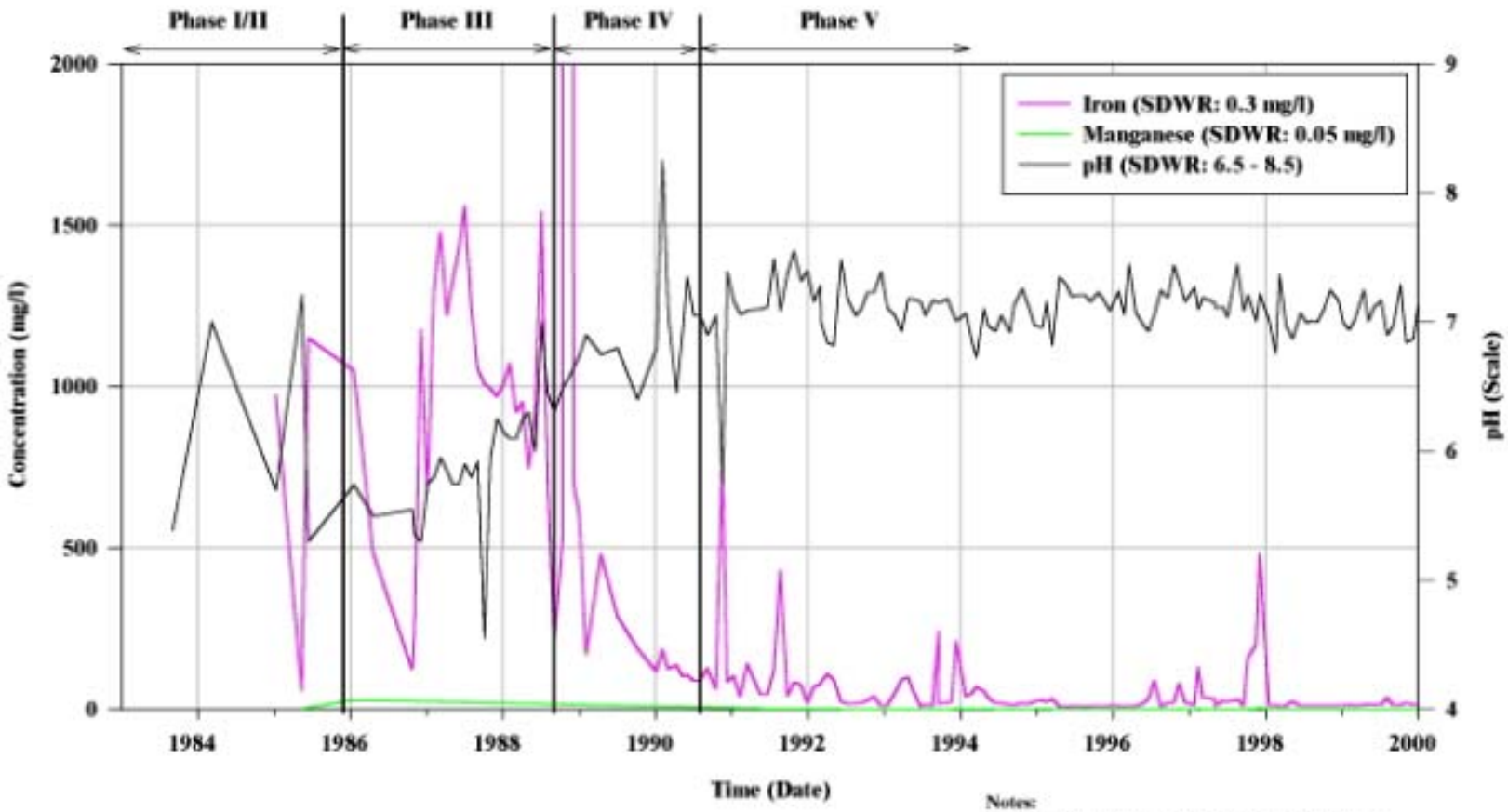

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2. SDWR: Secondary Drinking Water Regulation.

Figure 9

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LEACHATE QUALITY SUMMARY, BERYLLIUM, CADMIUM CHROMIUM, SELENIUM, AND pH

Evaluation of Historical Data at Leachate Recirculating Landfills Area A/B Disposal Cells, Central Solid Waste Management Center

Sandtown, Delaware

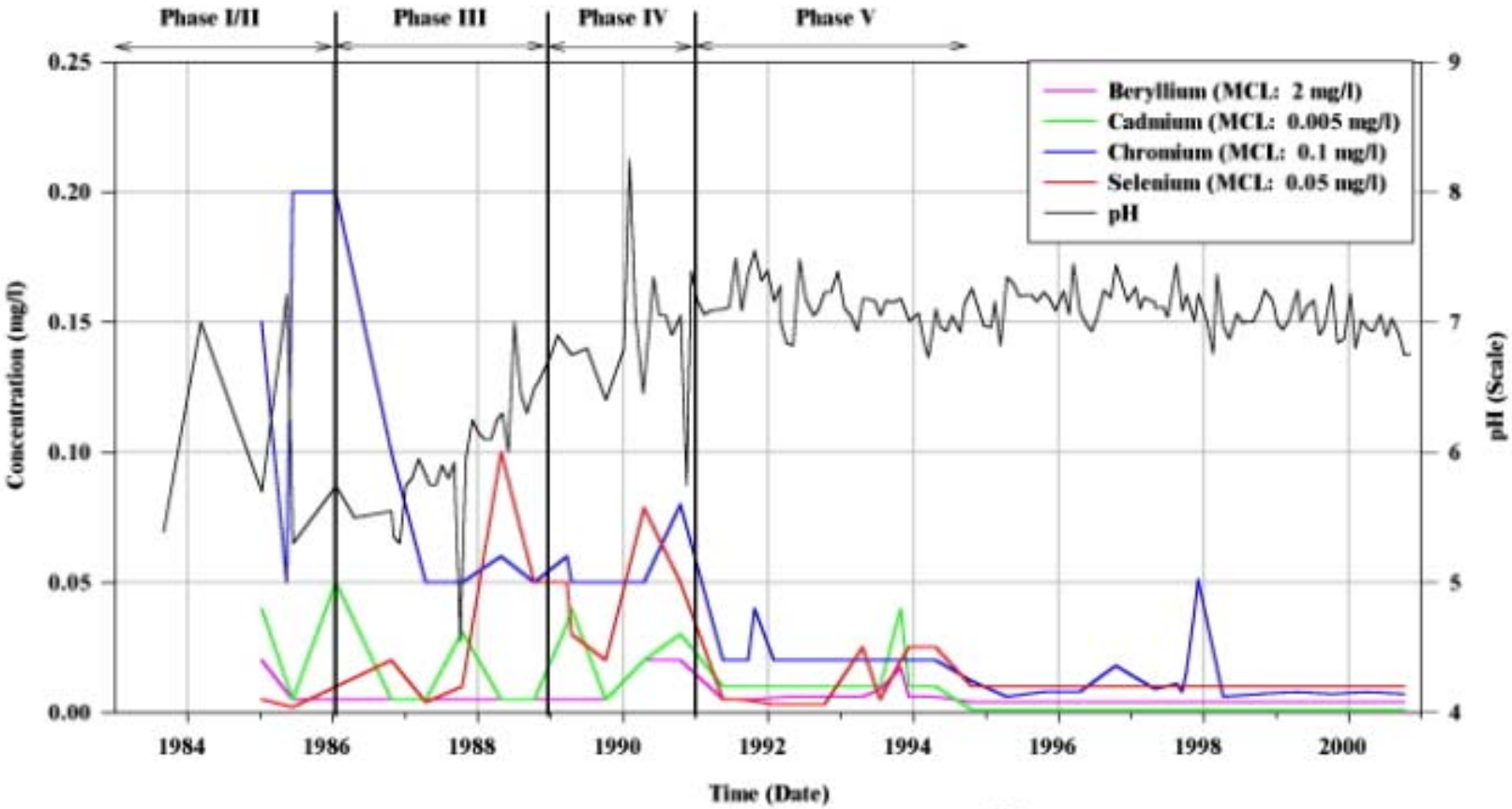

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Figure 12

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LEACHATE QUALITY SUMMARY, TRANS-1,2-DICHLOROETHYLENE, TRICHLOROETHYLENE, AND TETRACHLORETHYLENE

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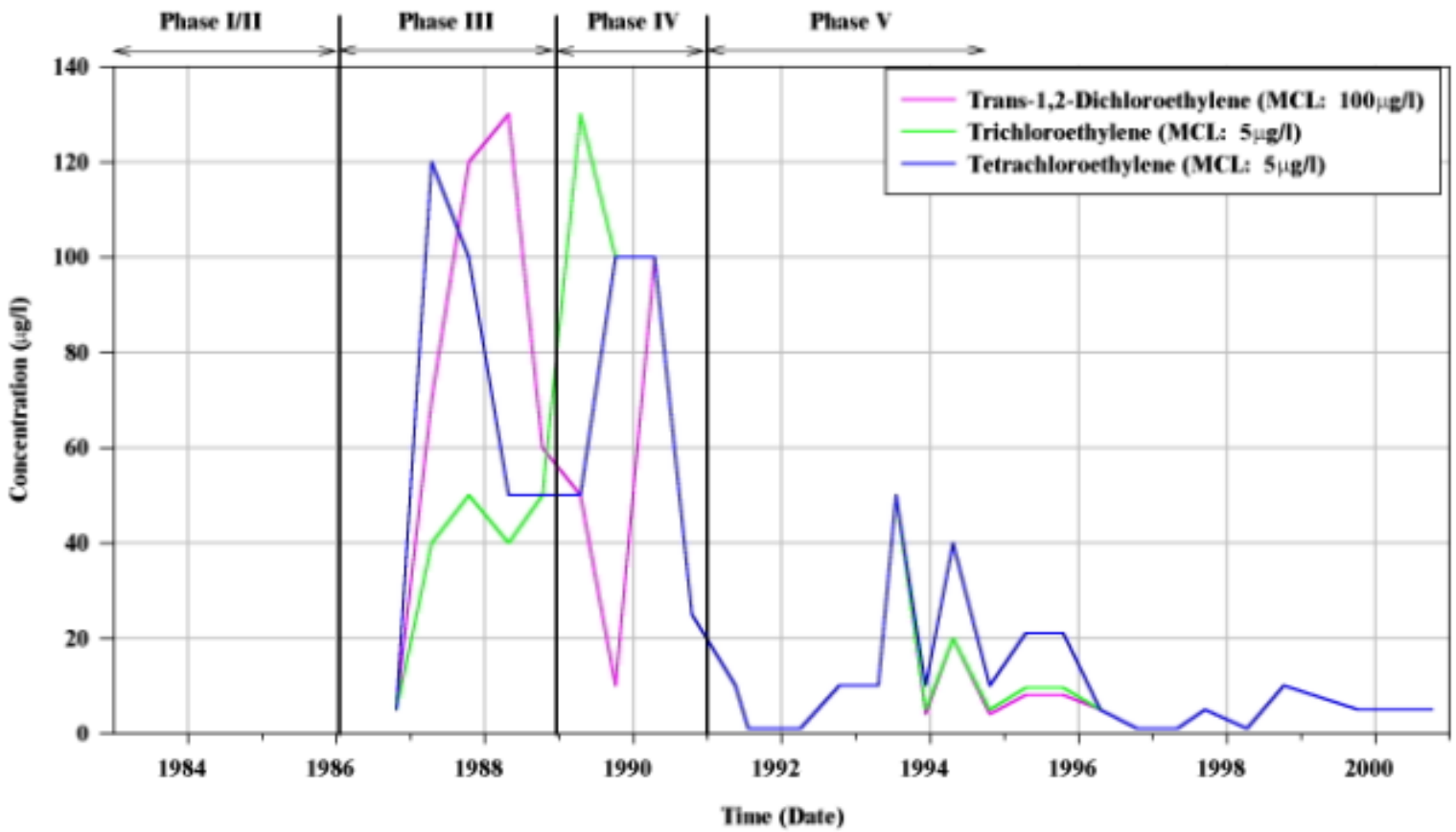

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Figure 13

LEACHATE QUALITY SUMMARY, BTEX

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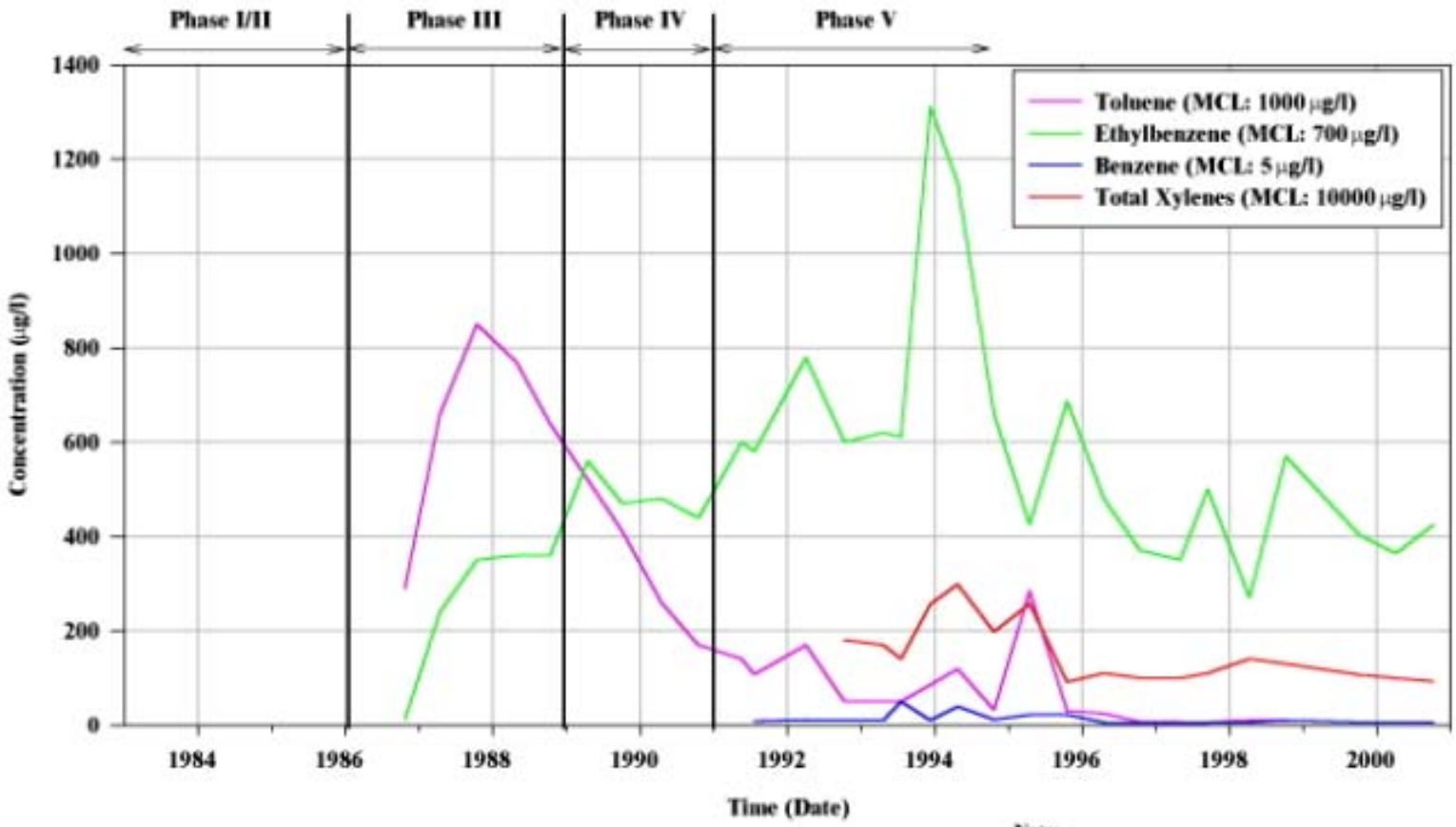

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CONCLUSIONS

- The concentrations of waste degradation parameters in leachate followed the model suggested by Pohland and Harper, 1986.
- The data indicate that metals, VOCs and BTEX were not present at concentrations above their MCLs after a short period into Phase V.
- Based on WMI experience, this level of improvement in leachate quality is consistent with the improvements at other similarly operated leachate recirculating landfills.

Central Disposal Facility Bioreactor Data

Leachate Data

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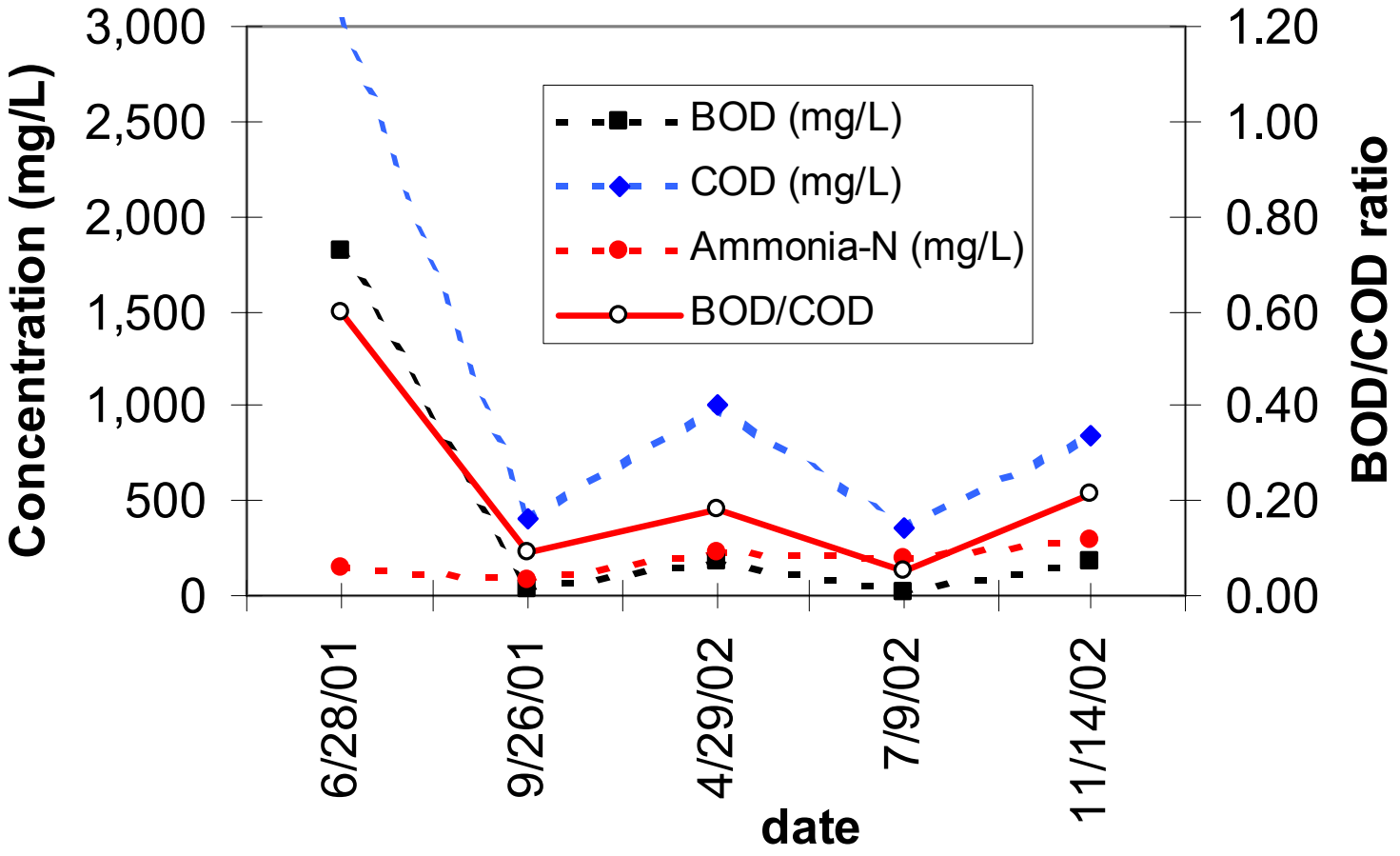

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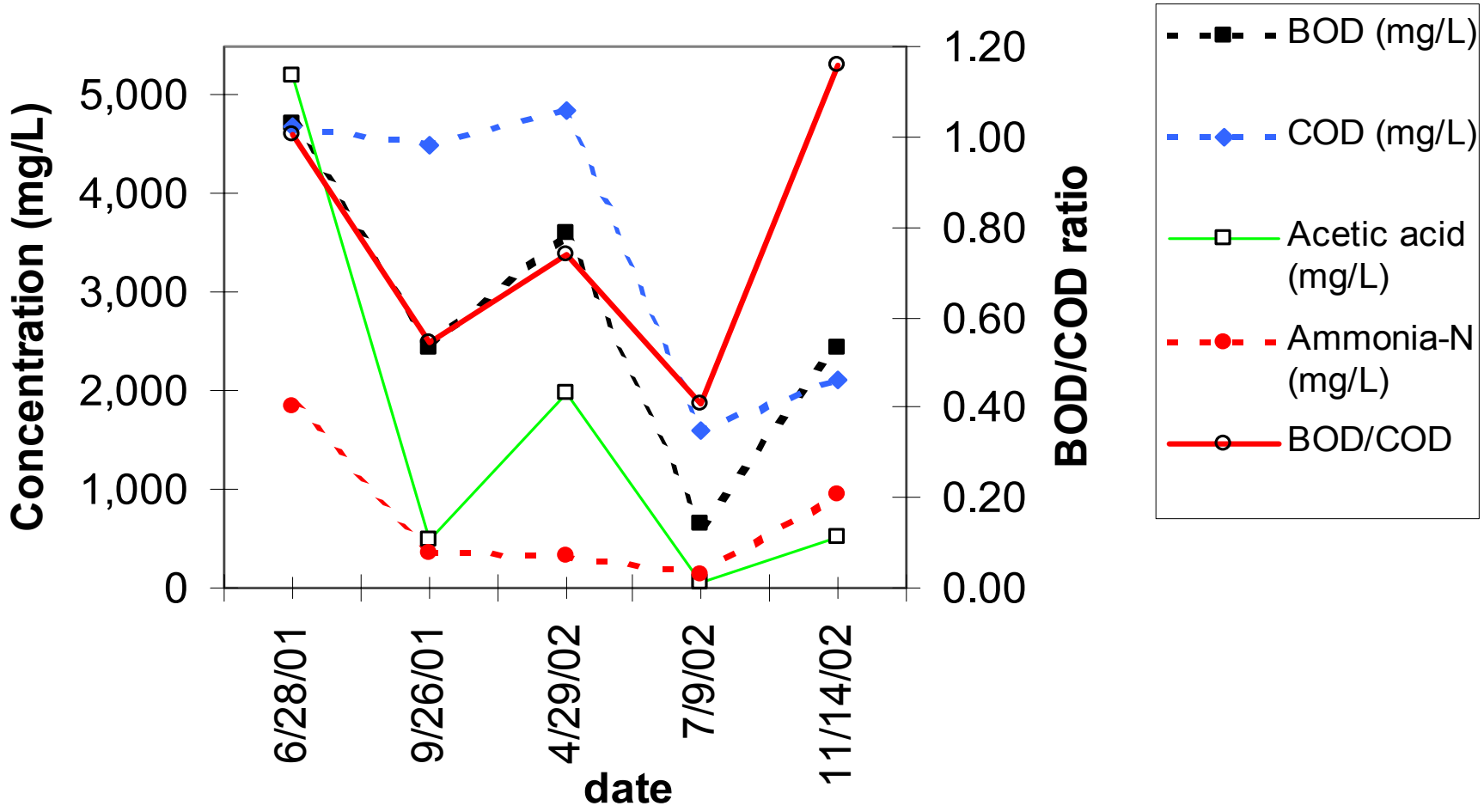

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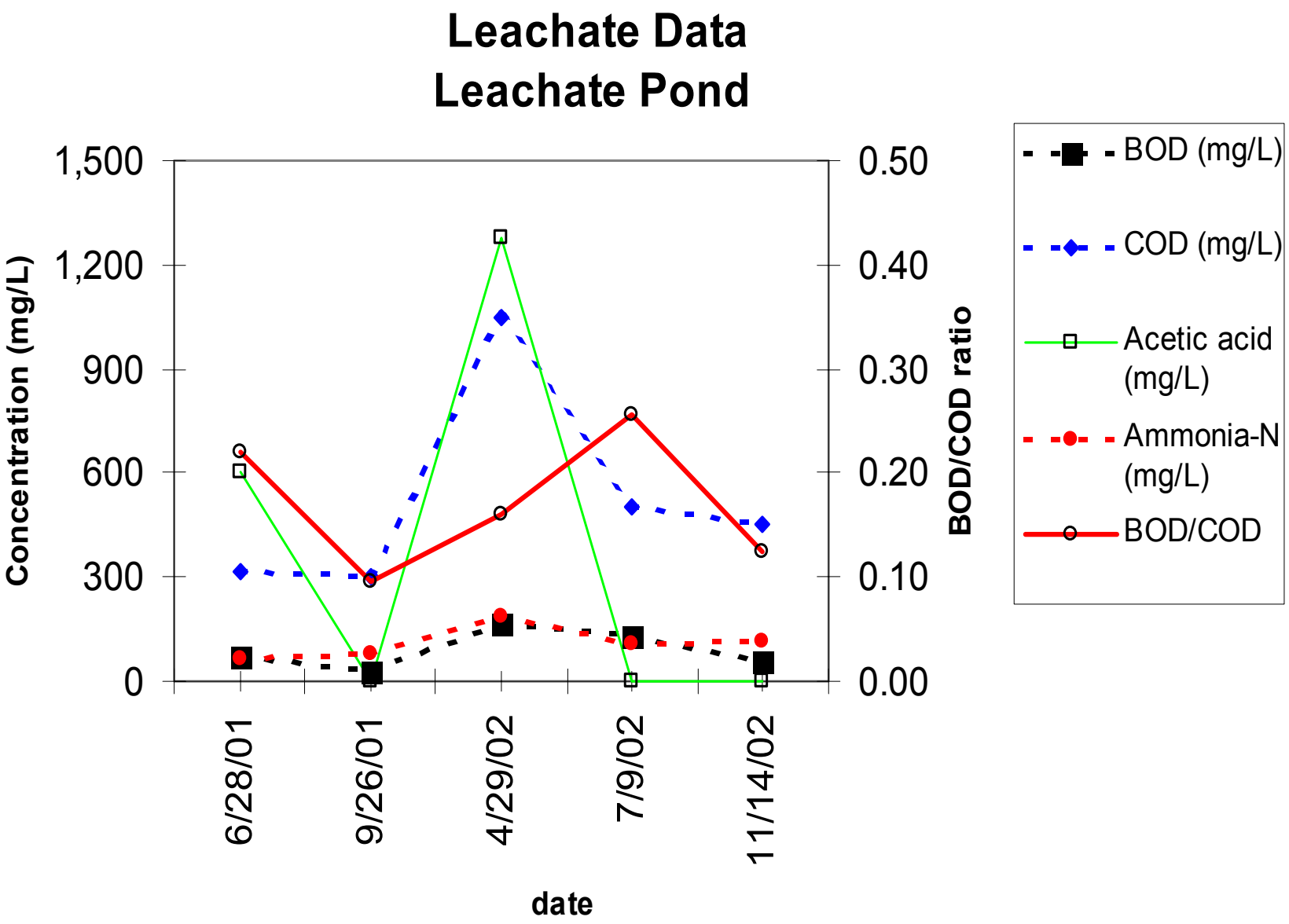


Central Disposal - VOCs

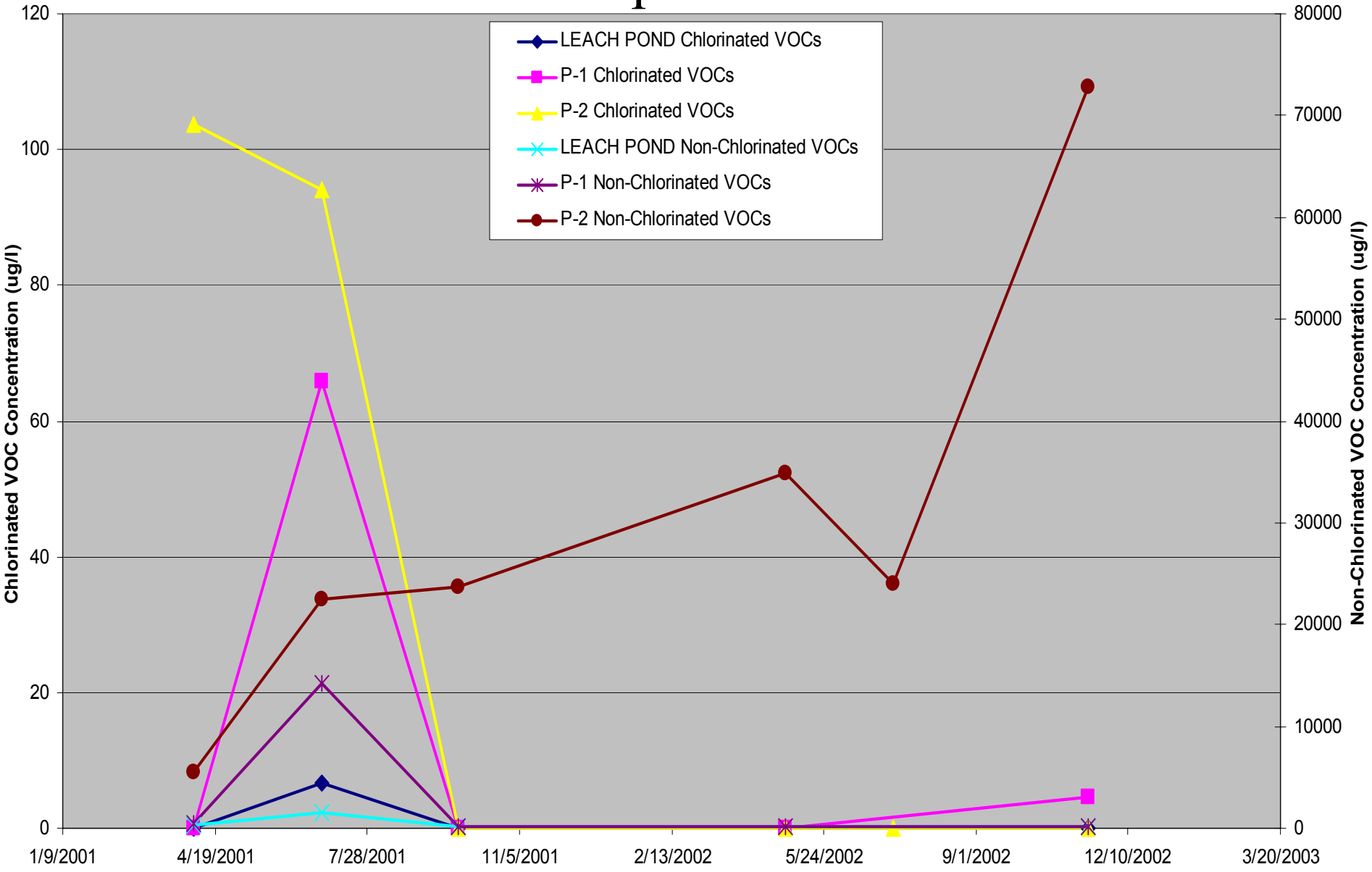


Figure 2: Comparison of COD Concentration

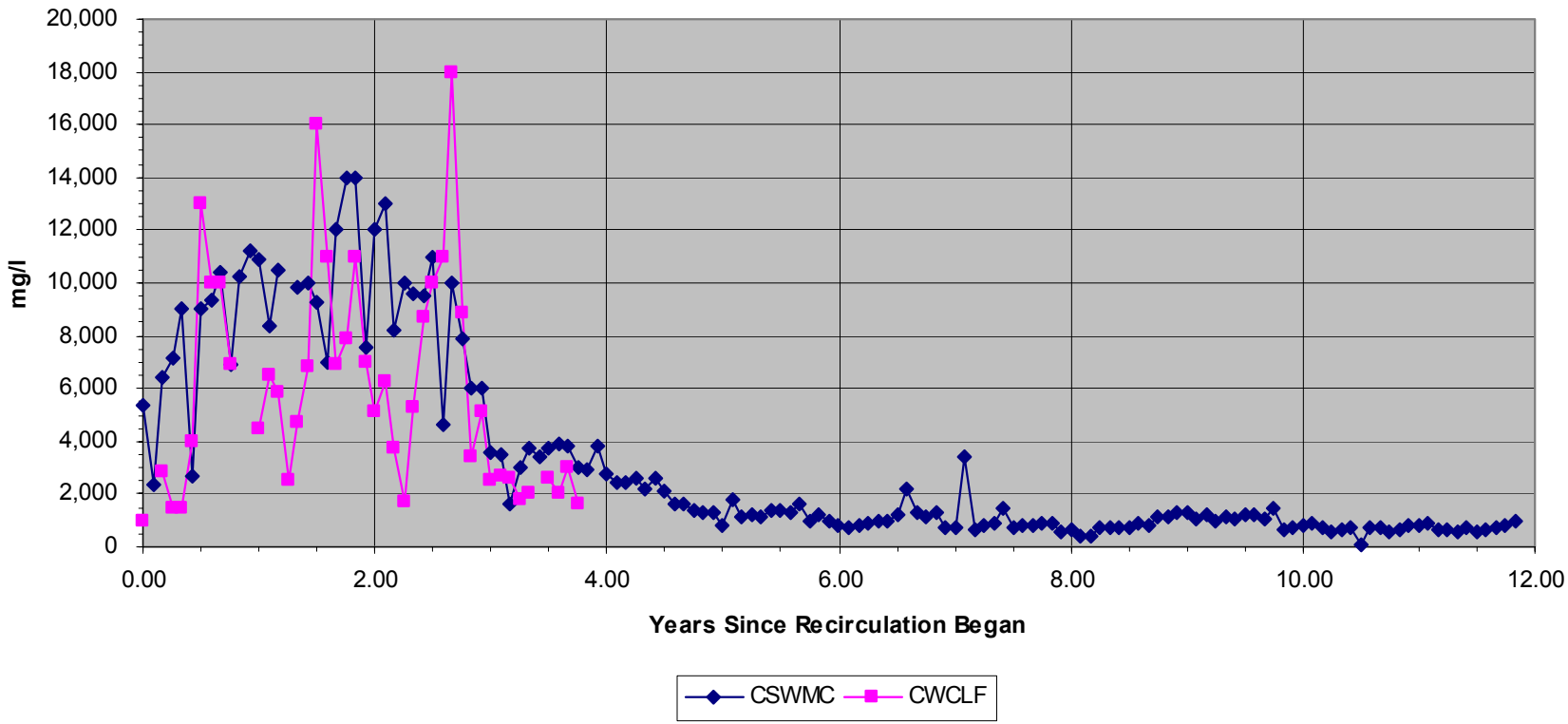
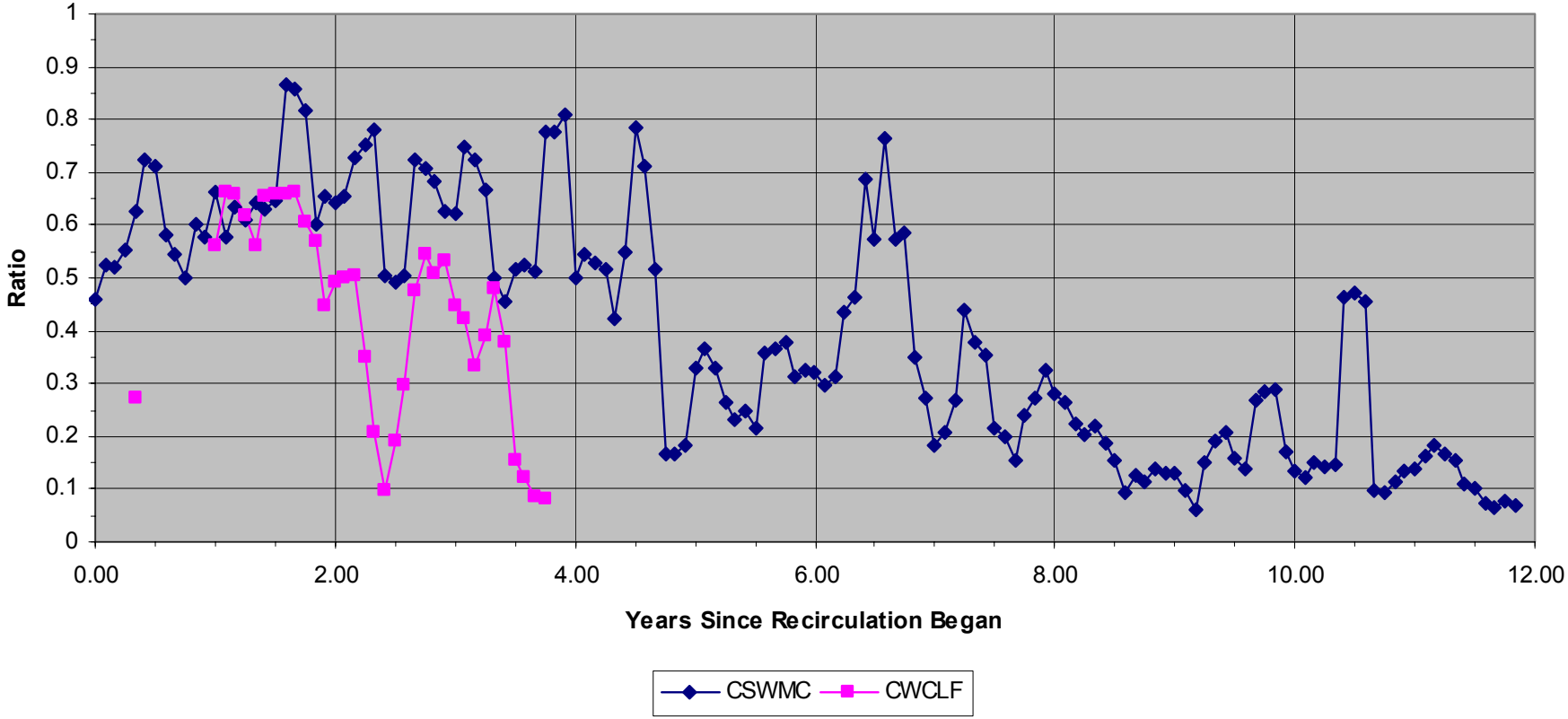
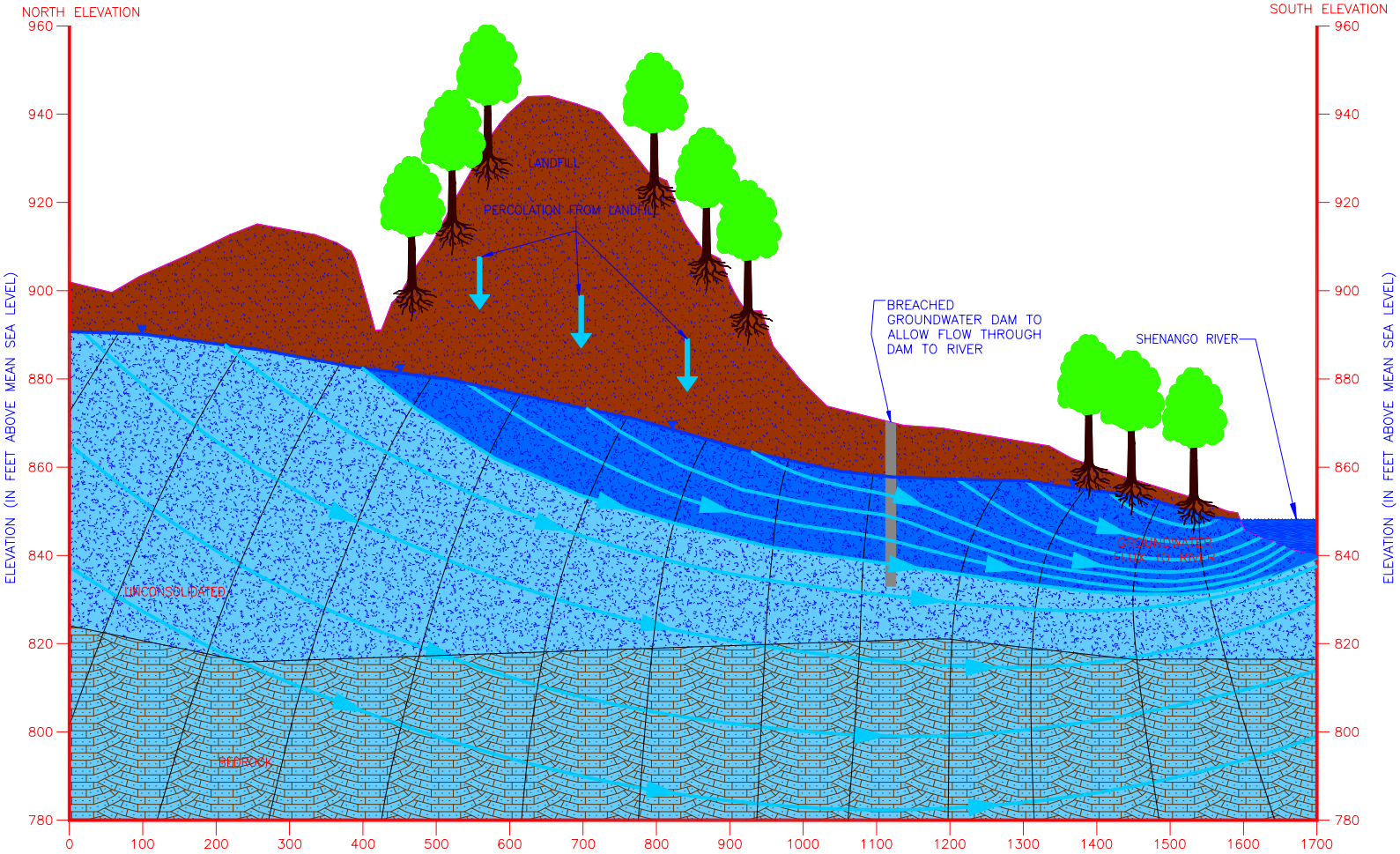


Figure 3: 3-Month Moving Average BOD/COD Ratio





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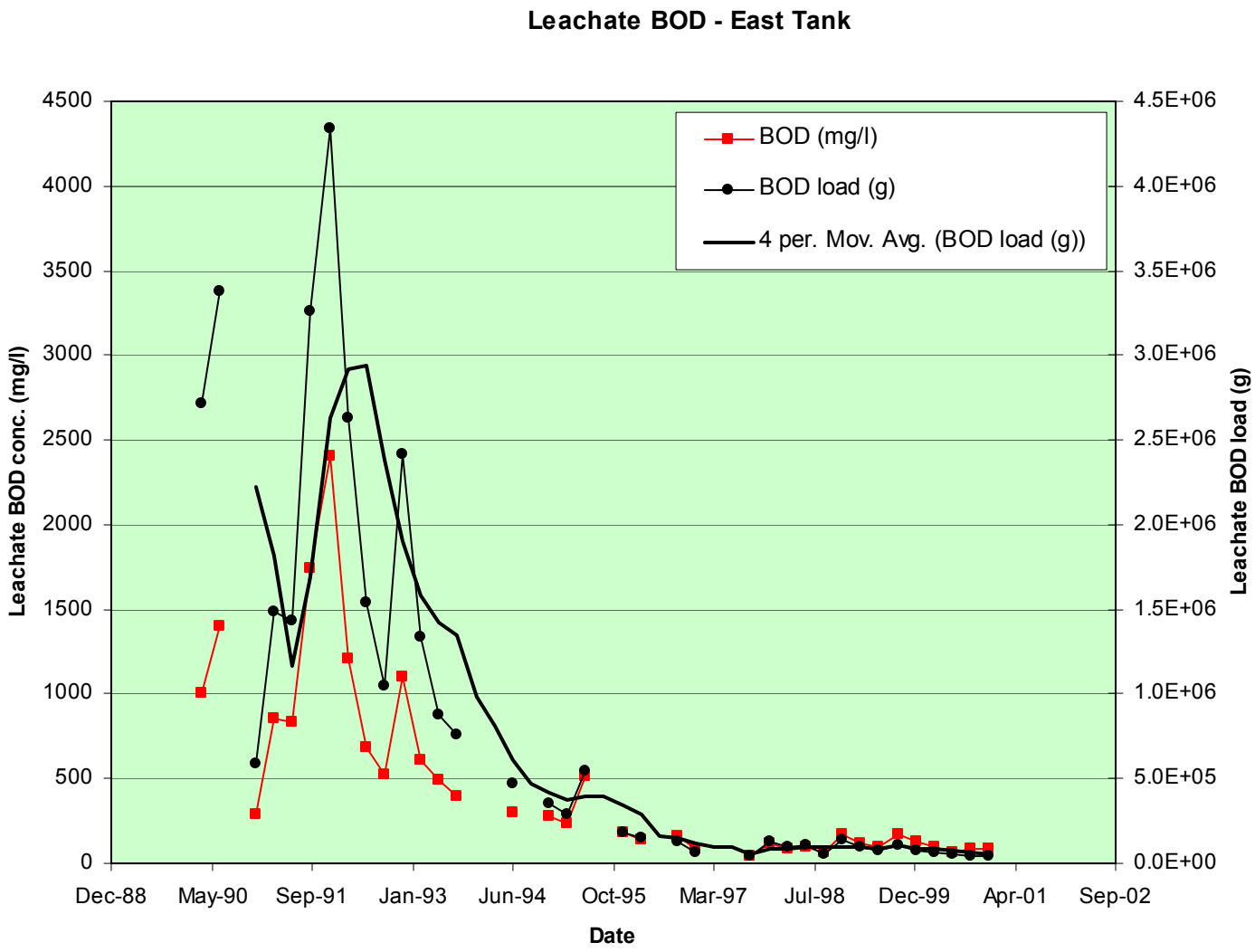
Leachate BOD - East Tank
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BOD load (g)
4 per. Mov. Avg. (BOD load (g))
Leachate BOD conc. (mg/l)
Leachate BOD load (g)
Date
4500
4000
3500
3000
2500
2000
1500
1000
500
0
4.5E+06
4.0E+06
3.5E+06
3.0E+06
2.5E+06
2.0E+06
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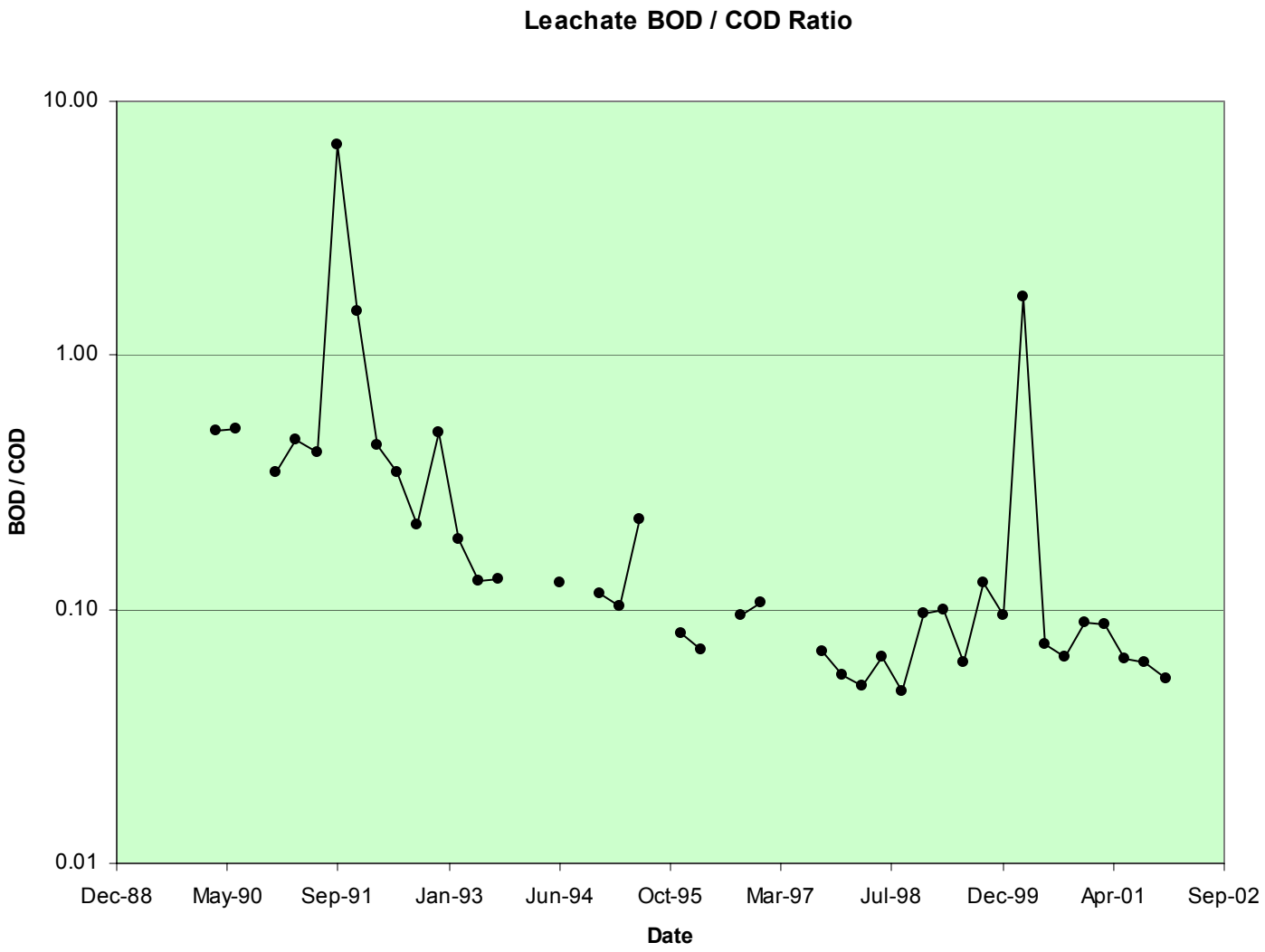
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BOD / COD
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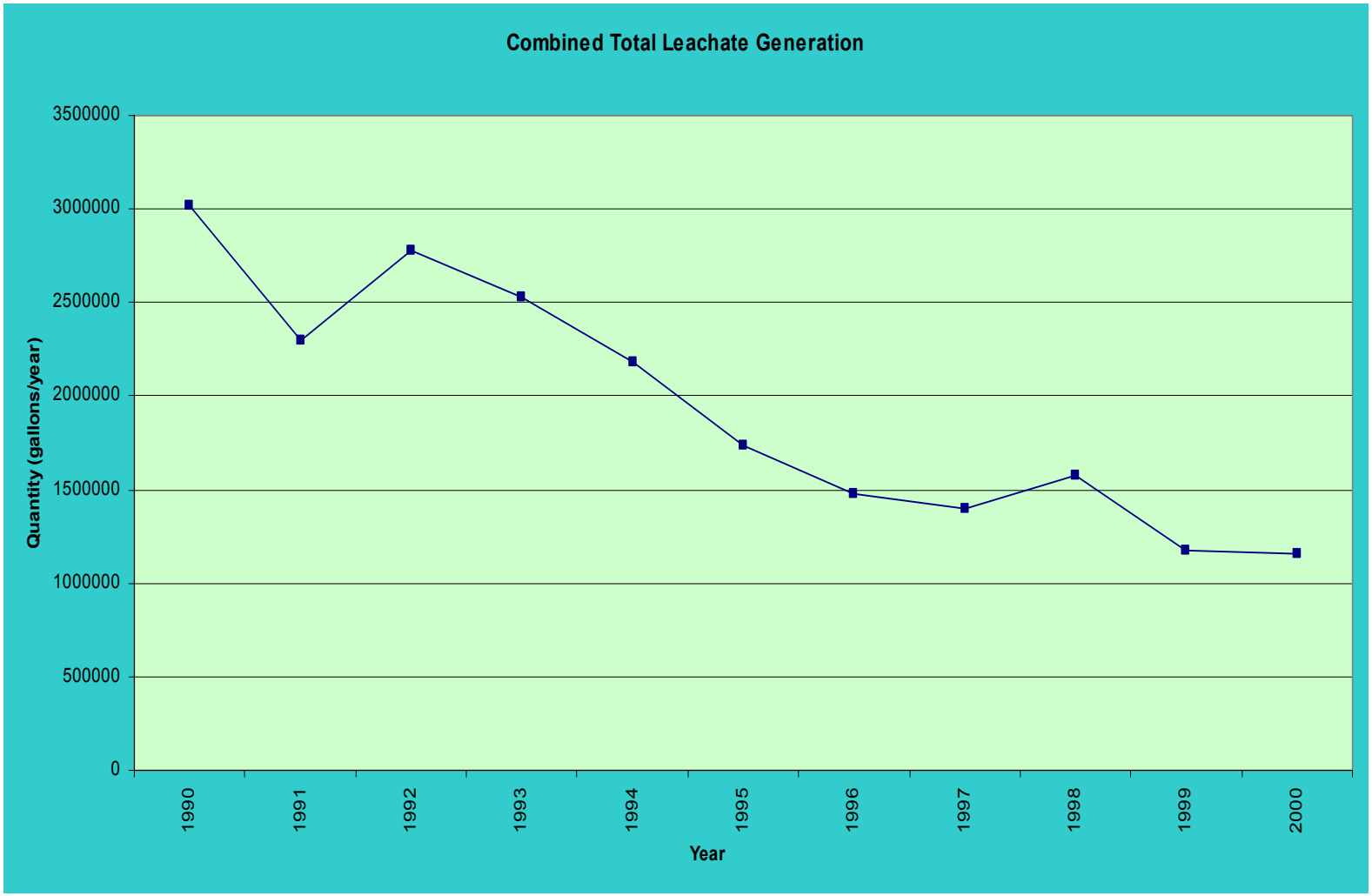
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Year

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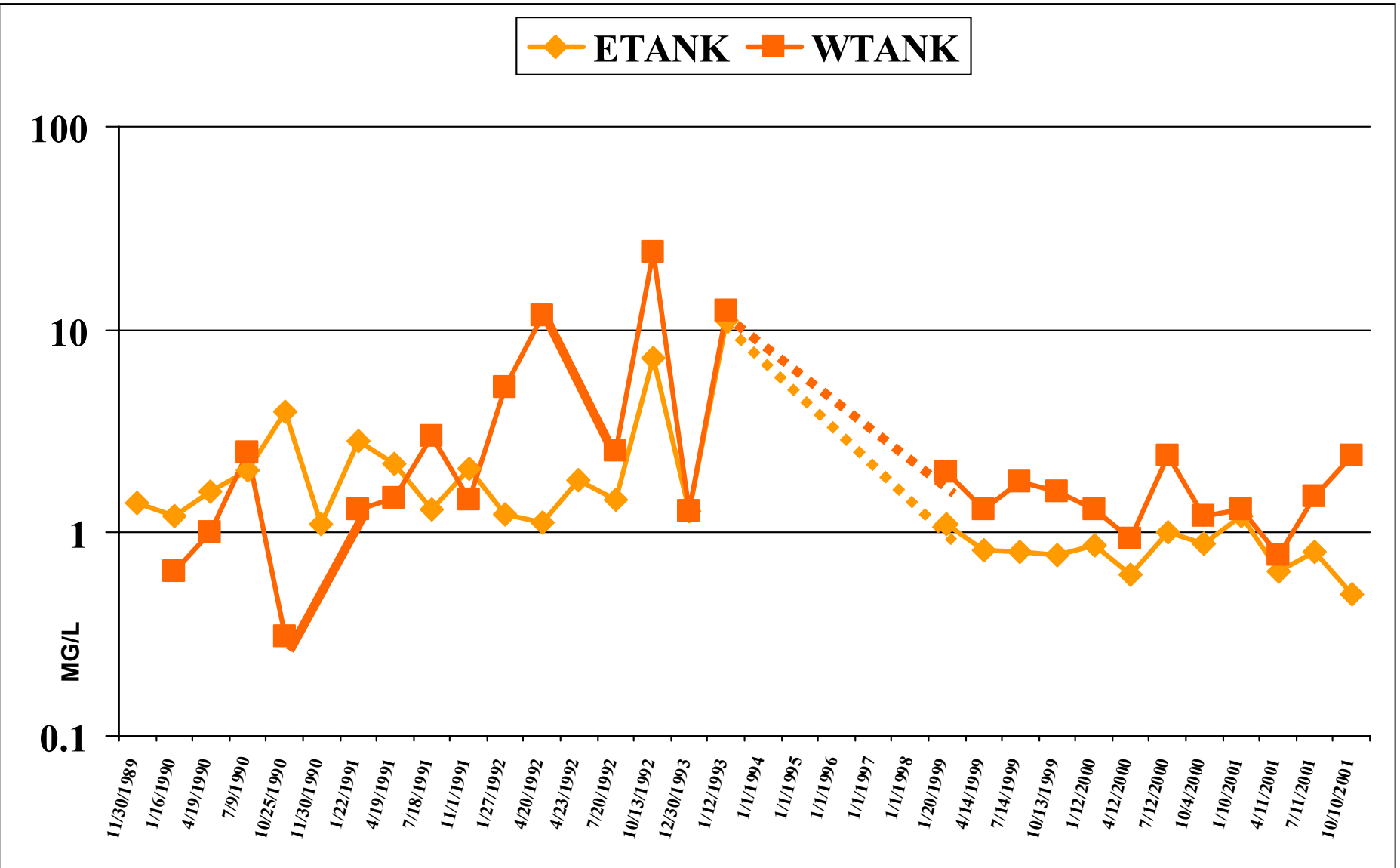
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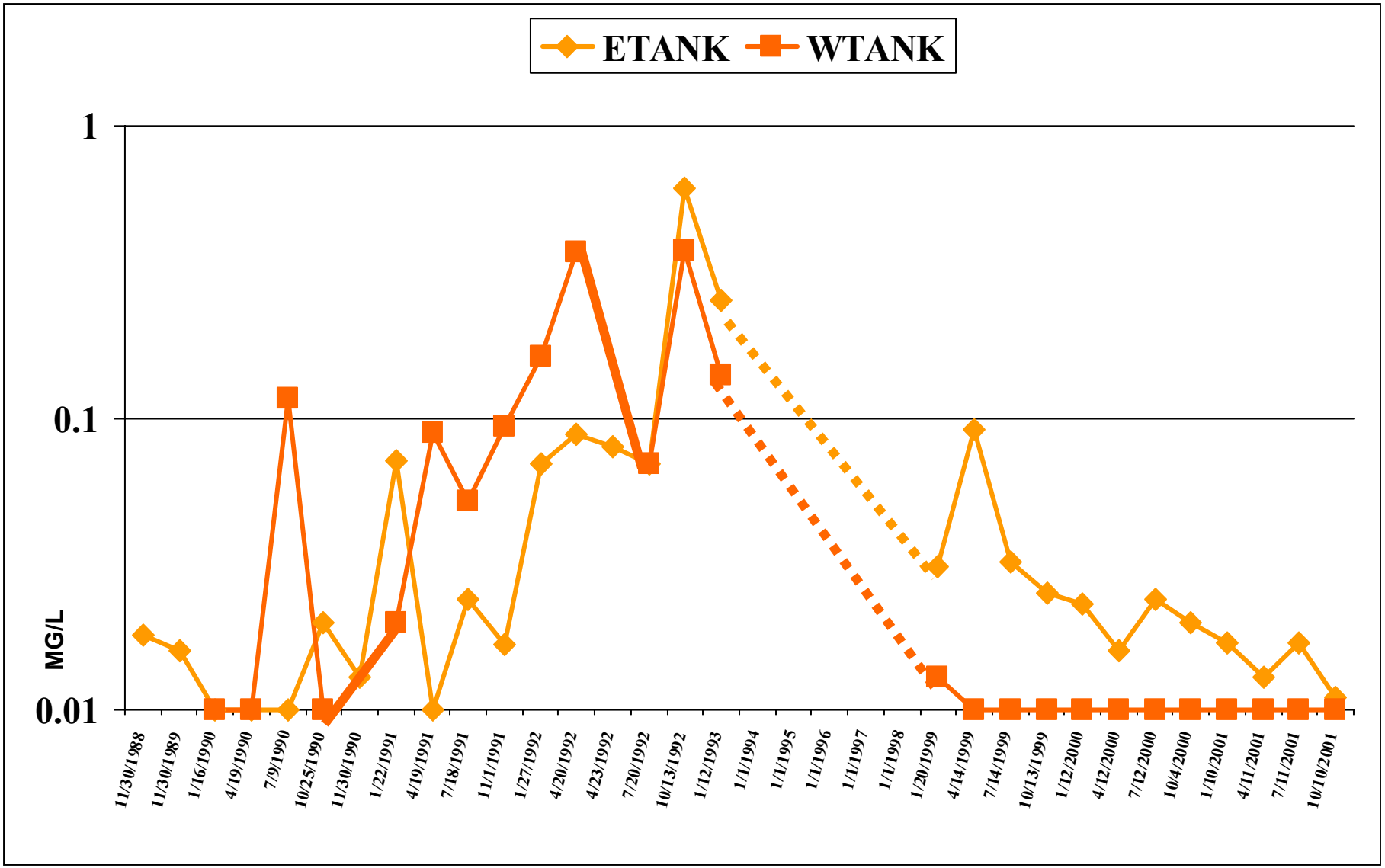
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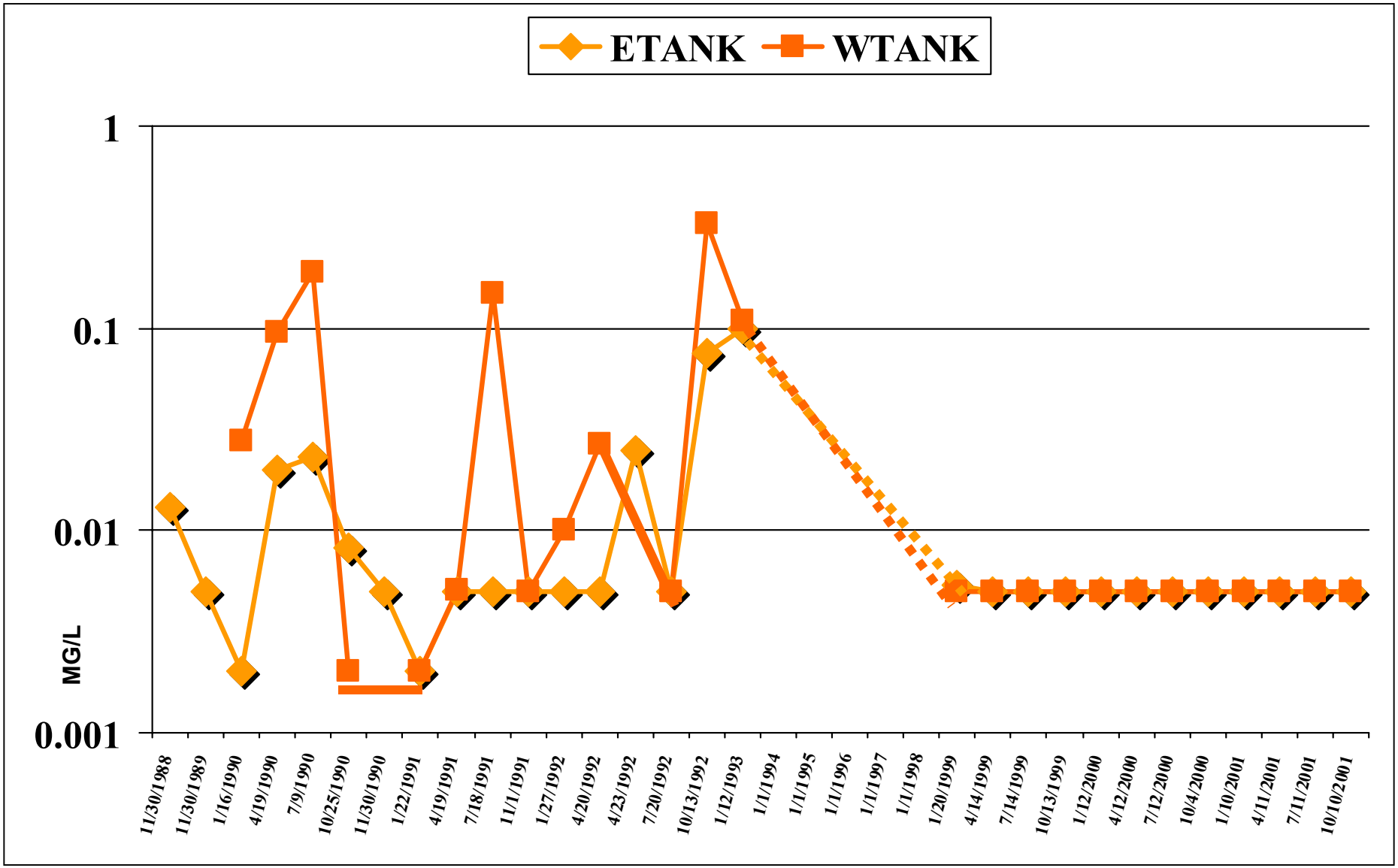
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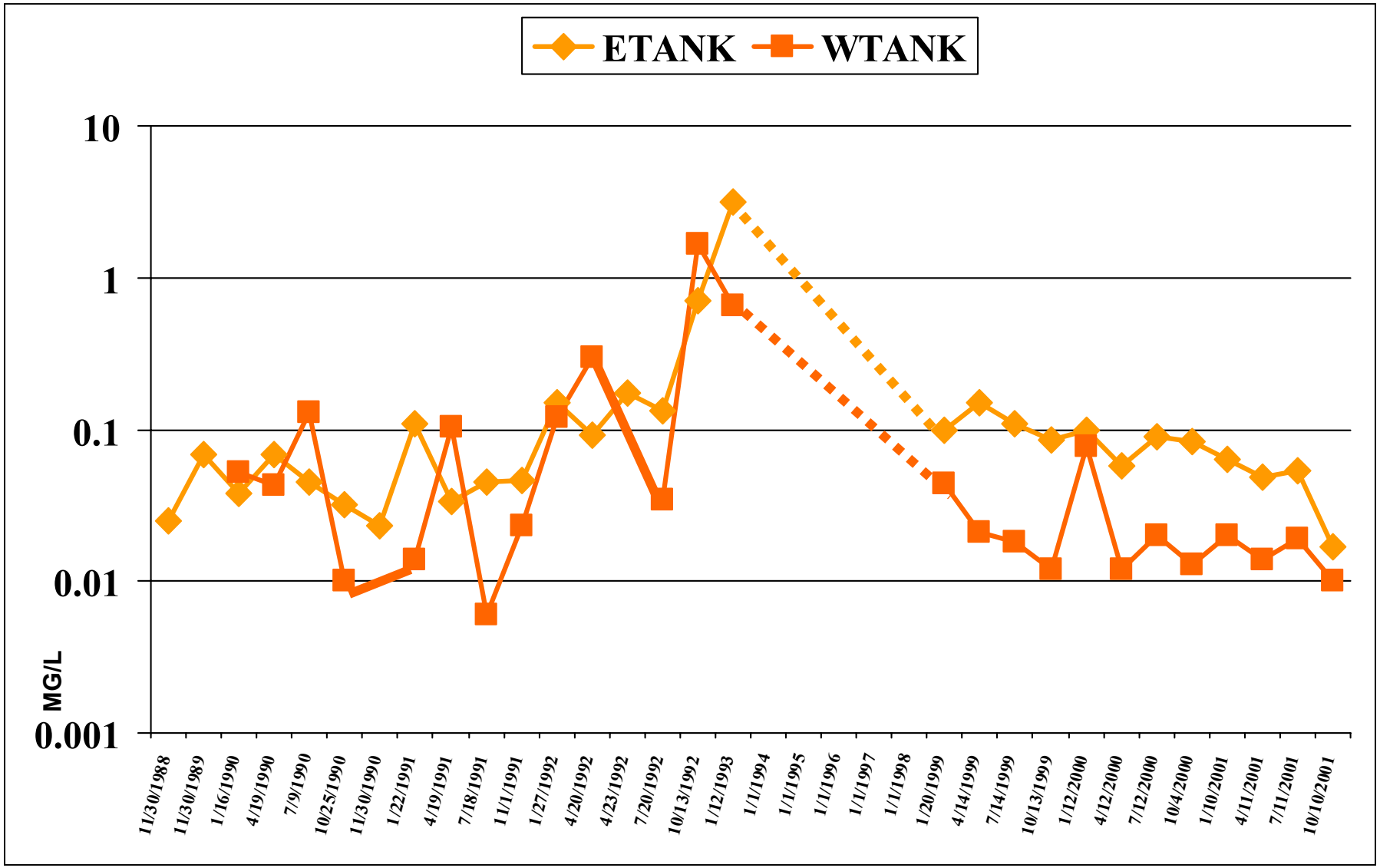
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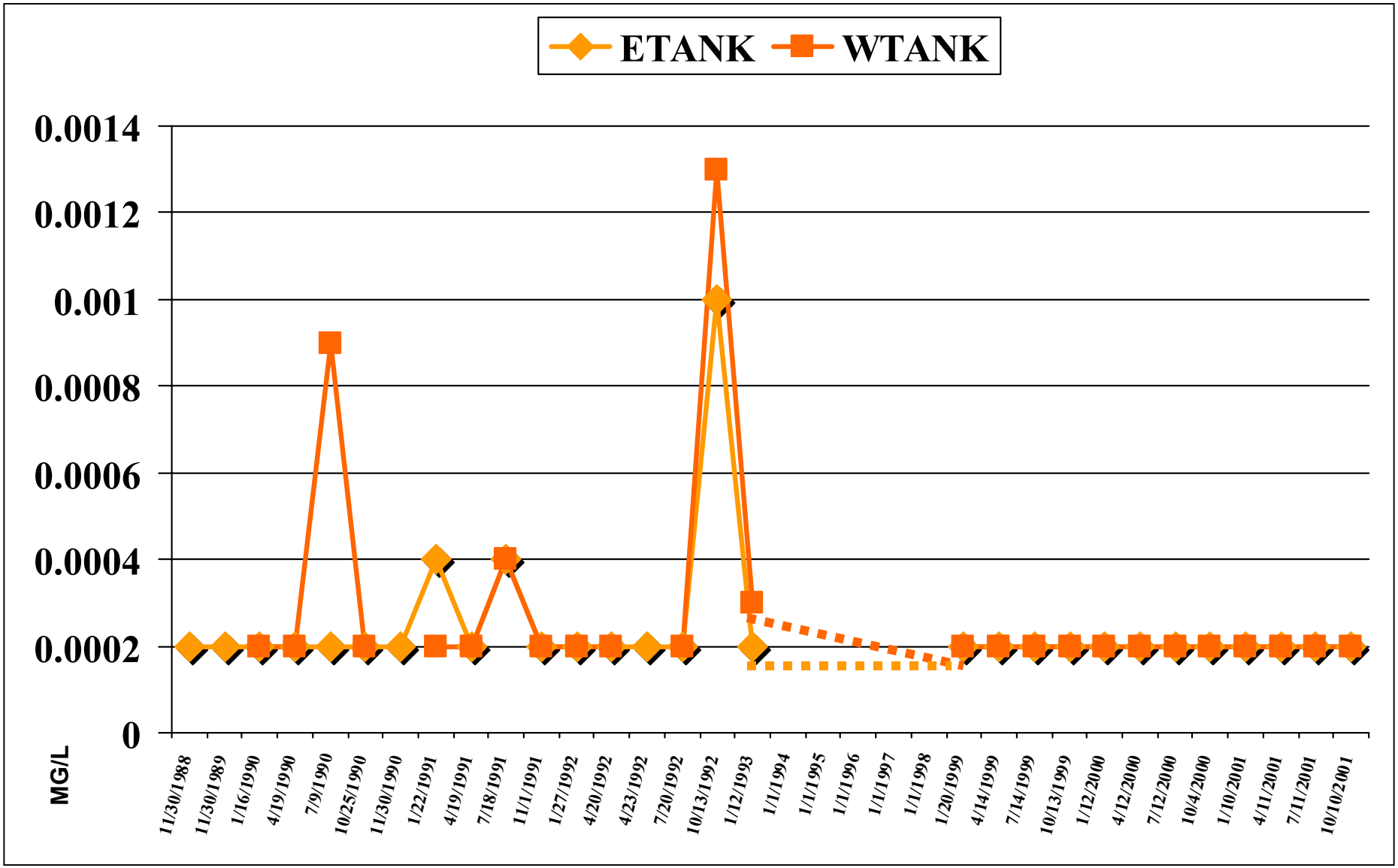
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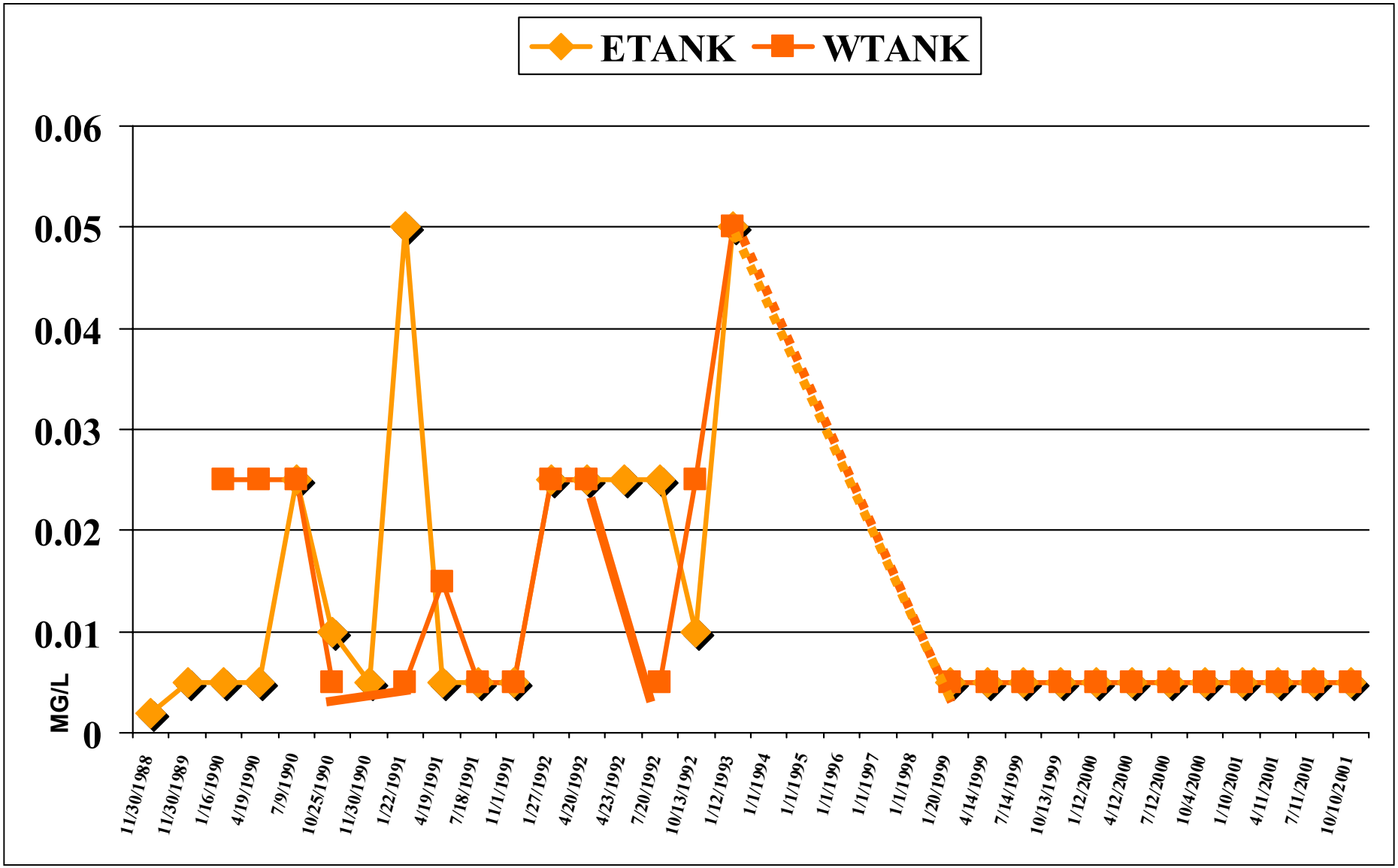
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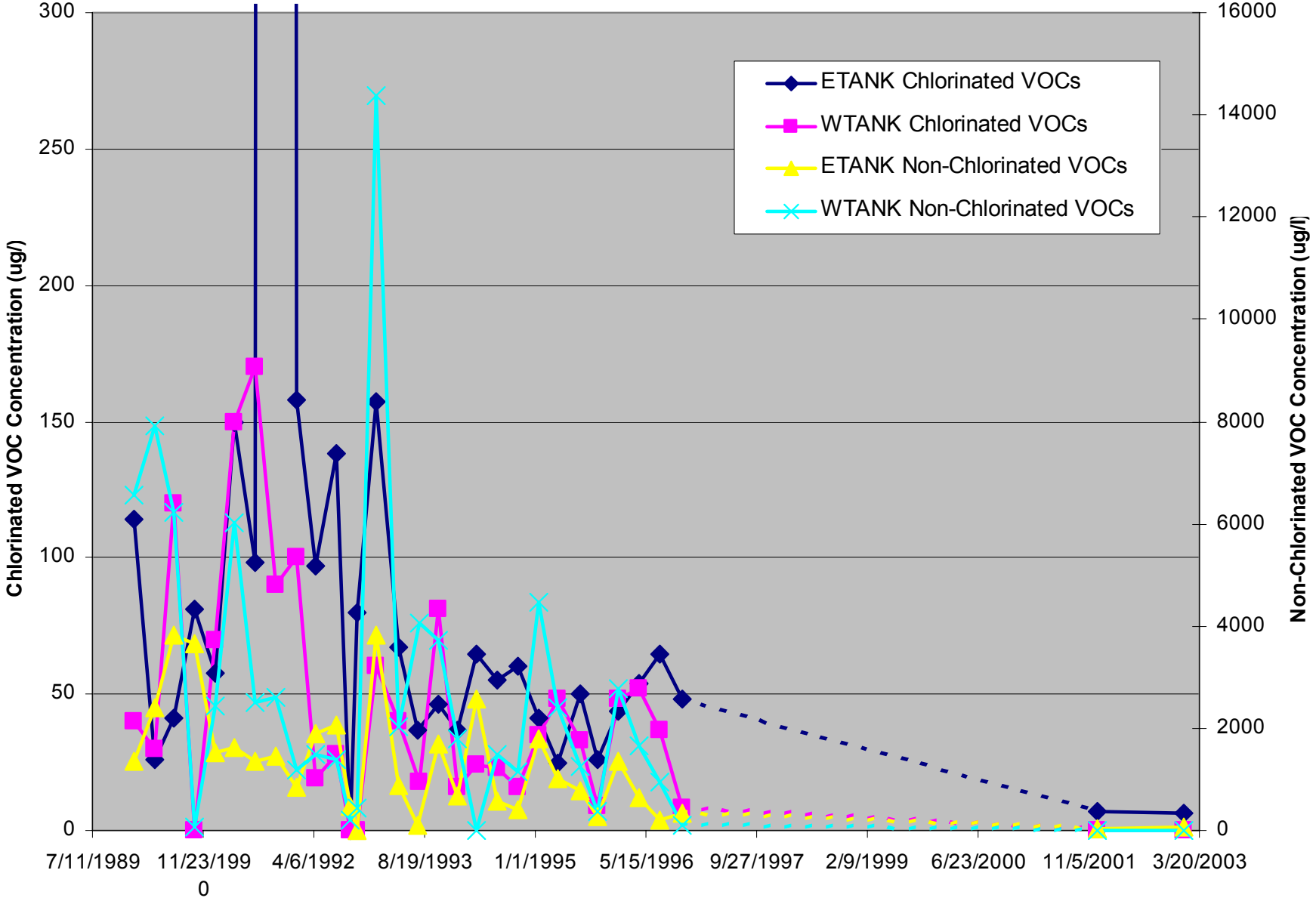
VOCs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200
150
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50
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6000
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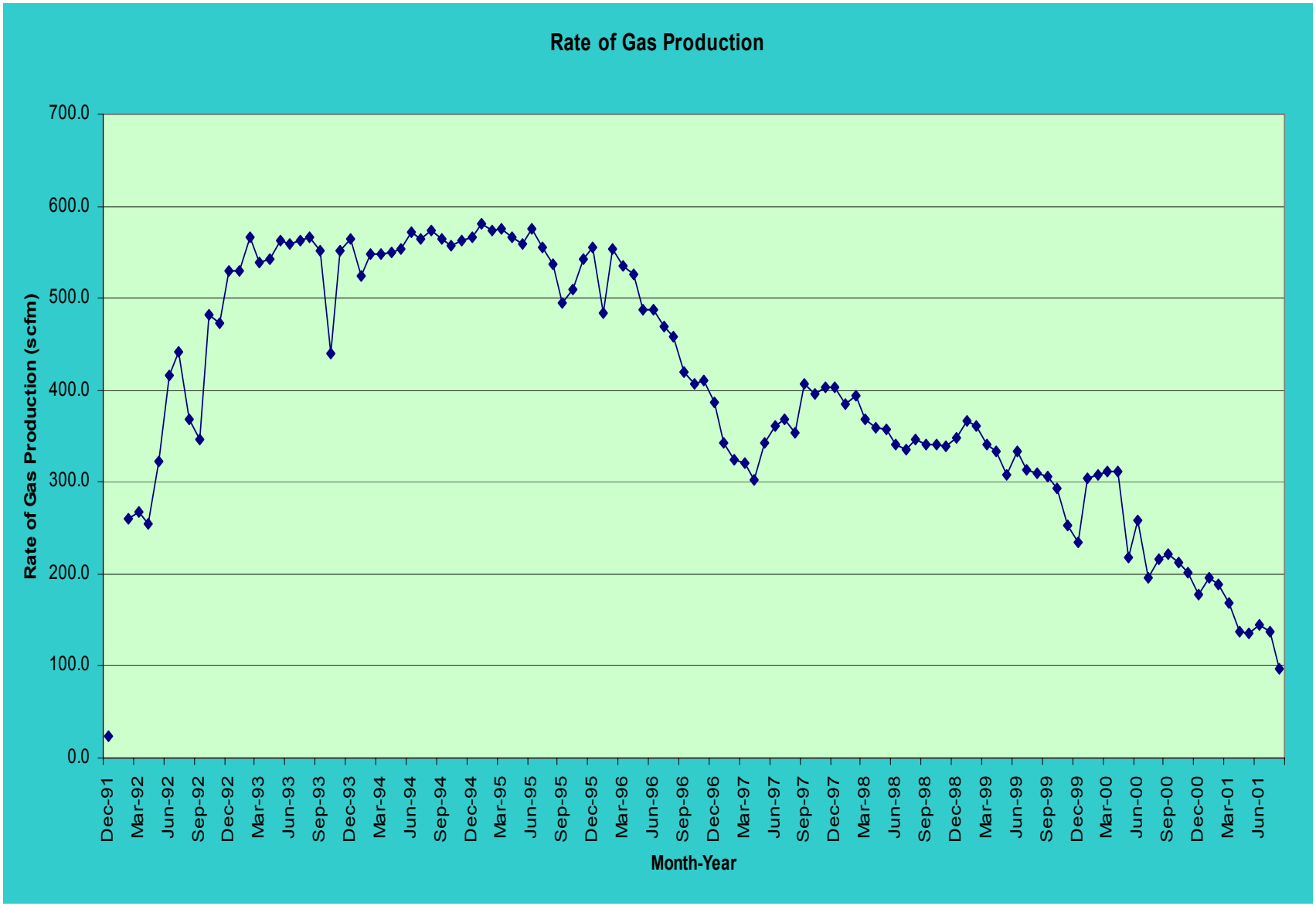
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Rate of Gas Production (scfm)
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Water Balance

- 2.3 pore volumes or 5.7 bed volumes moved through waste
- When BOD/COD <0.1, 0.2 pore volumes or 0.6 bed volumes were estimated
- Literature states that BOD/COD <0.1 occurs when 0.4 pore volumes are added

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Leachate BOD/COD

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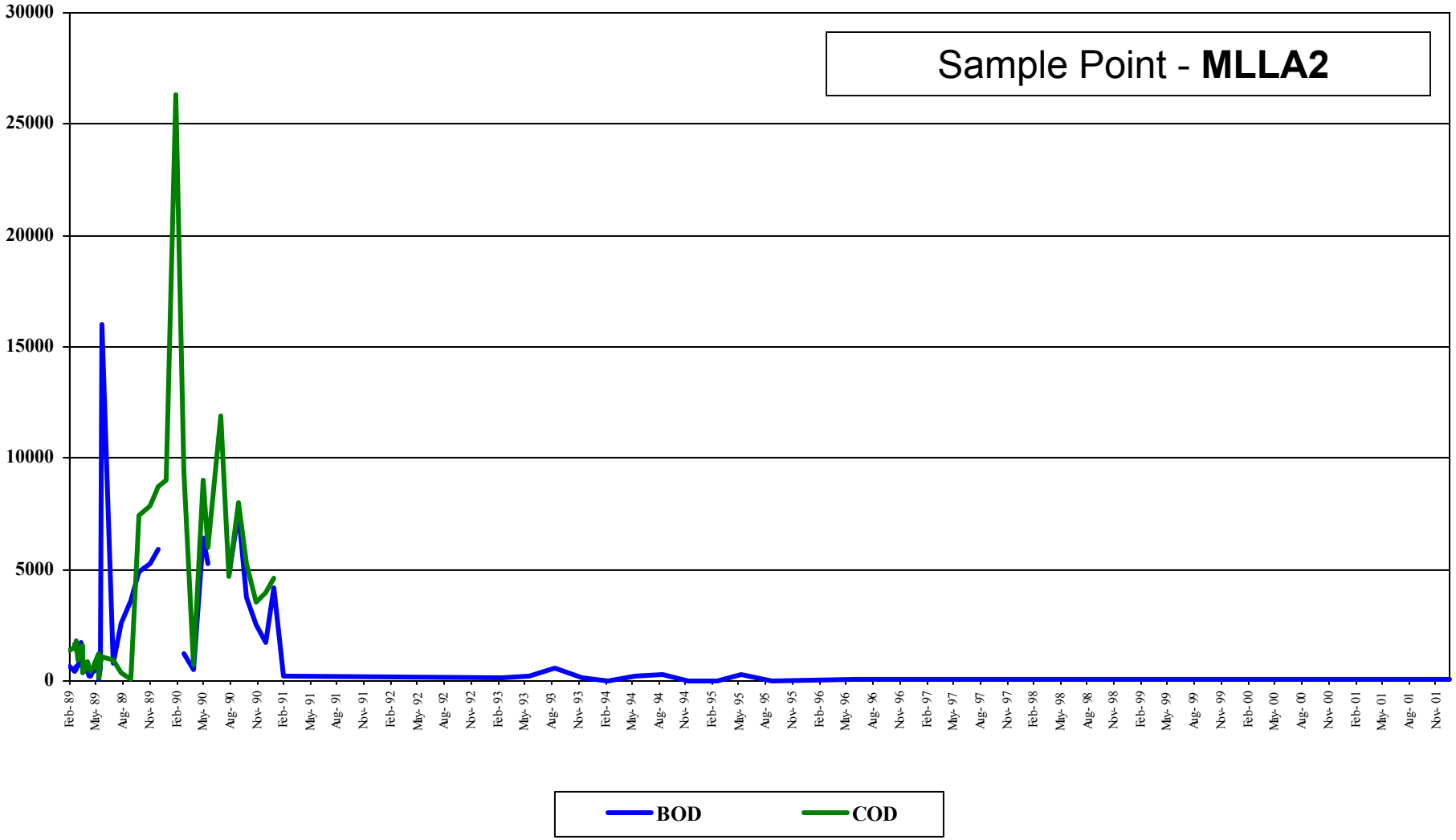
ALL BOD - COD Historical Data



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METALS

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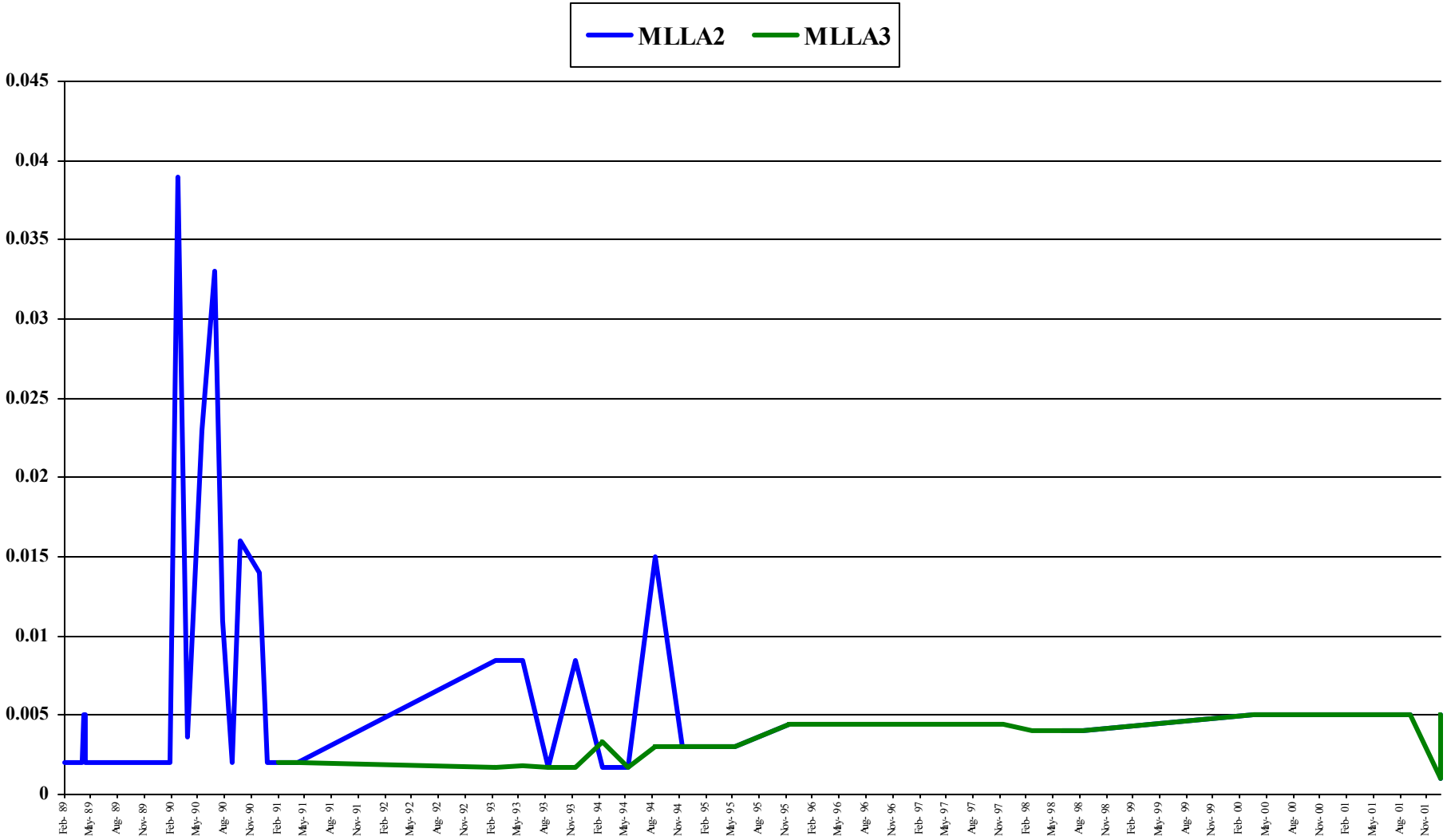
Cadmium



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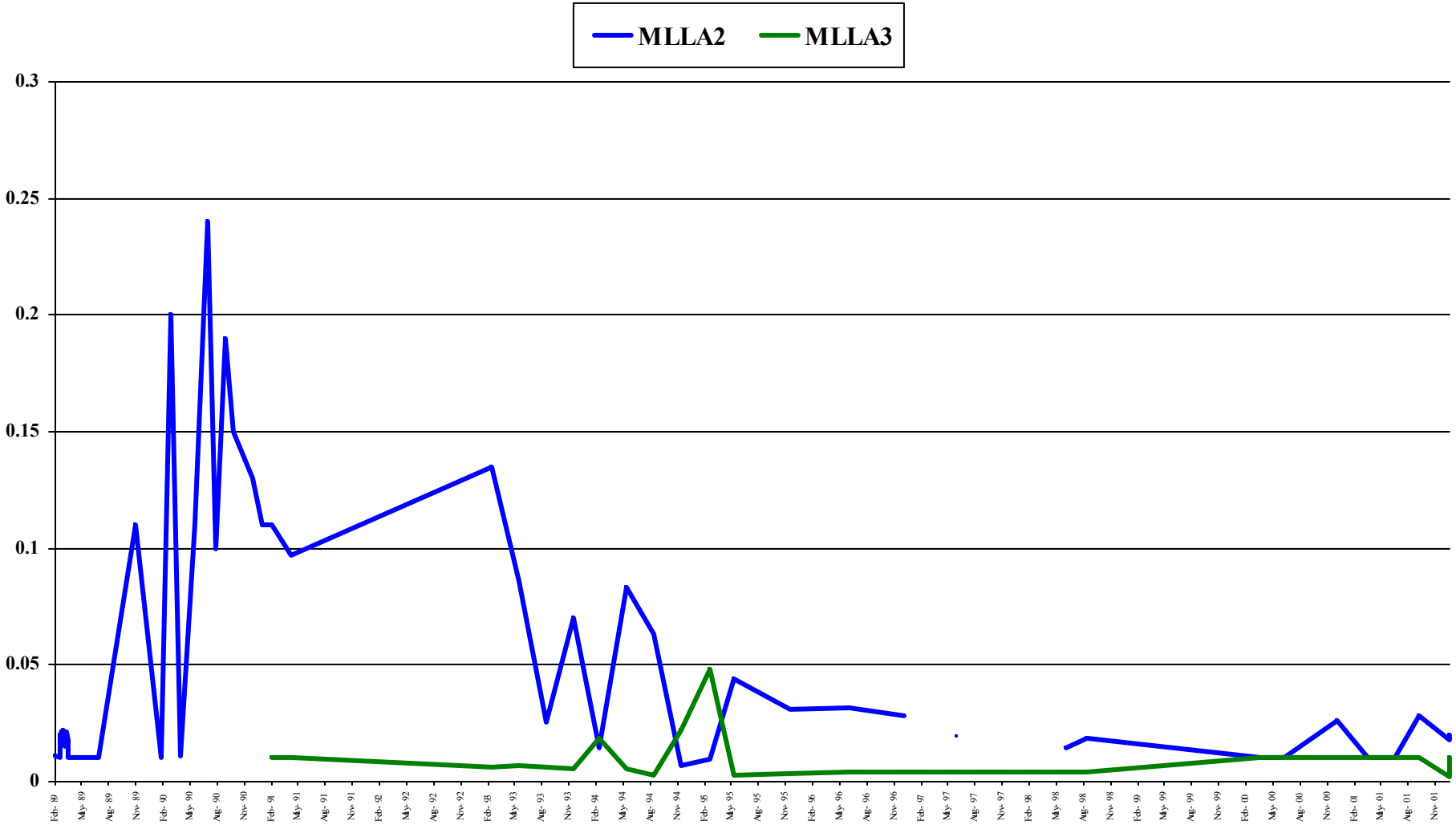

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METALS

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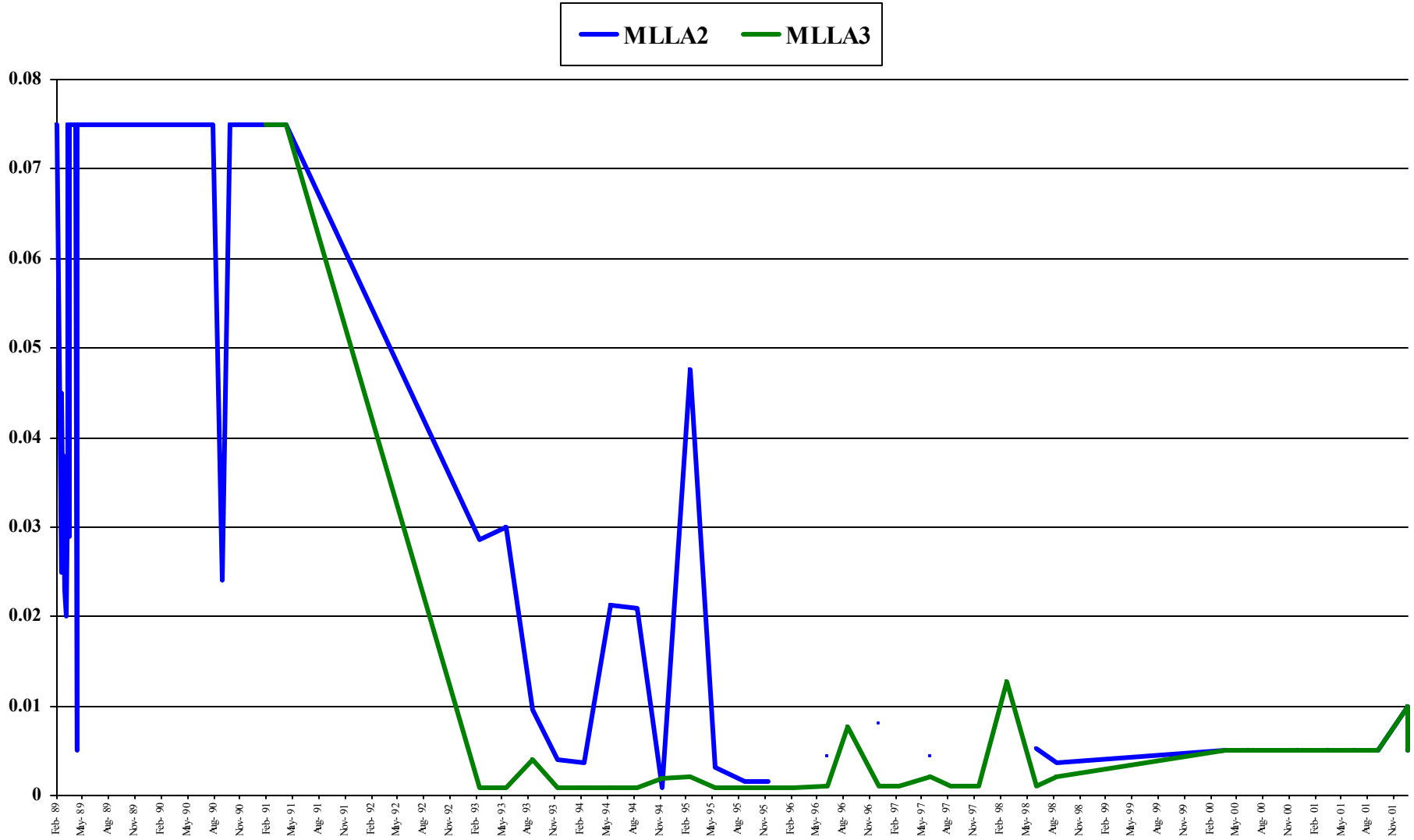
Lead



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VOC's

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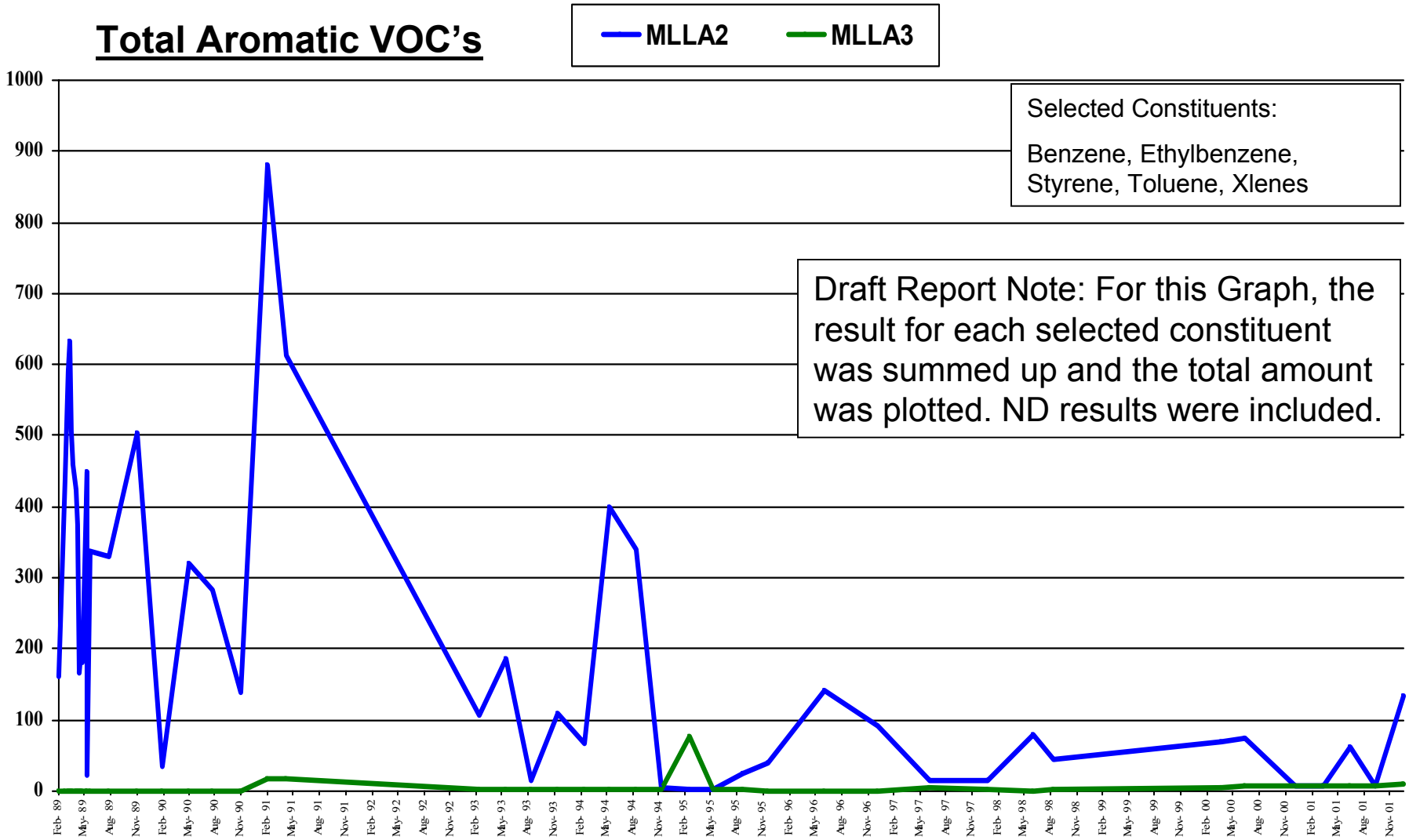

Selected Constituents:

Benzene, Ethylbenzene, Styrene, Toluene, Xlenes

Draft Report Note: For this Graph, the result for each selected constituent was summed up and the total amount was plotted. ND results were included.

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VOC's

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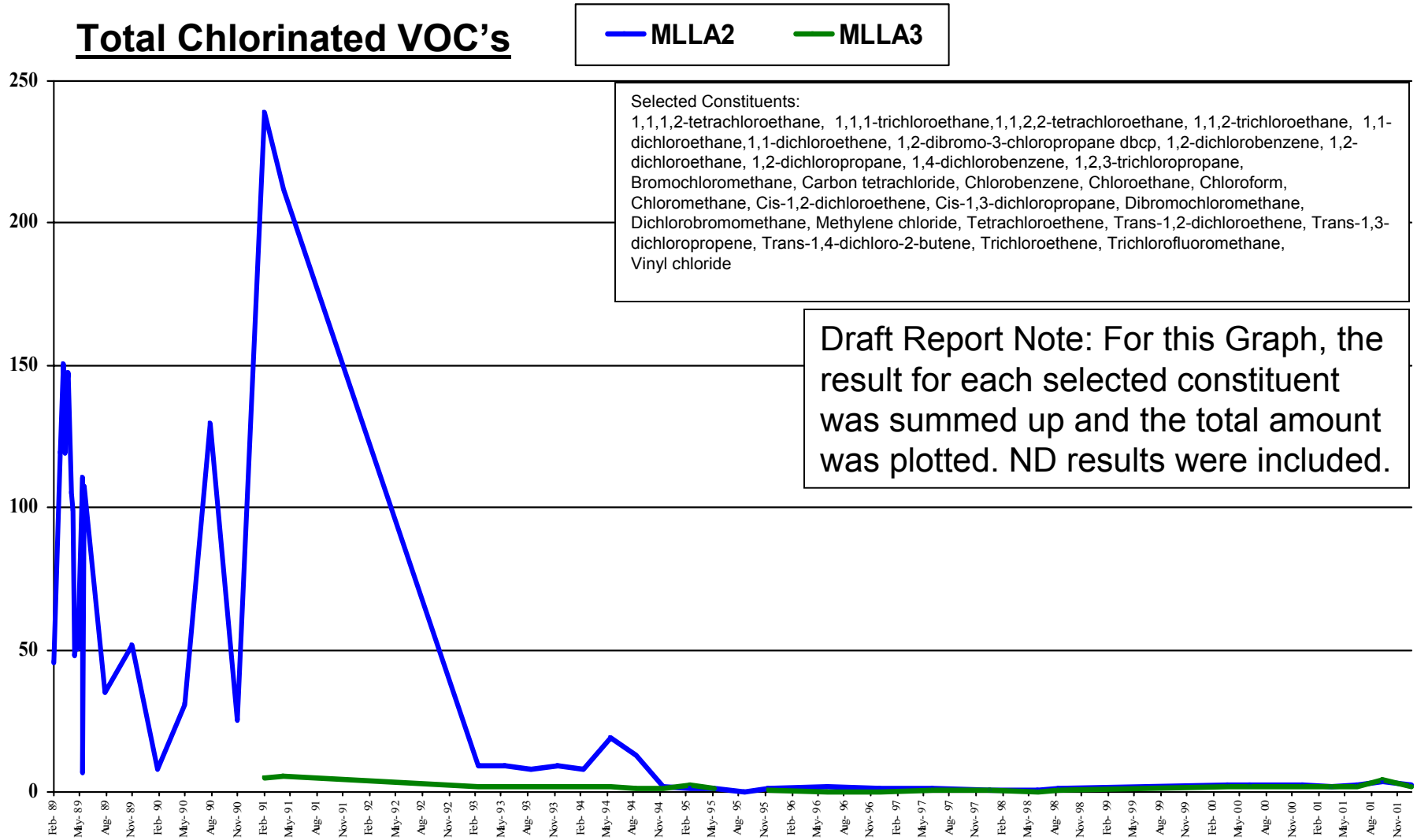
Total Chlorinated VOC's



Selected Constituents:
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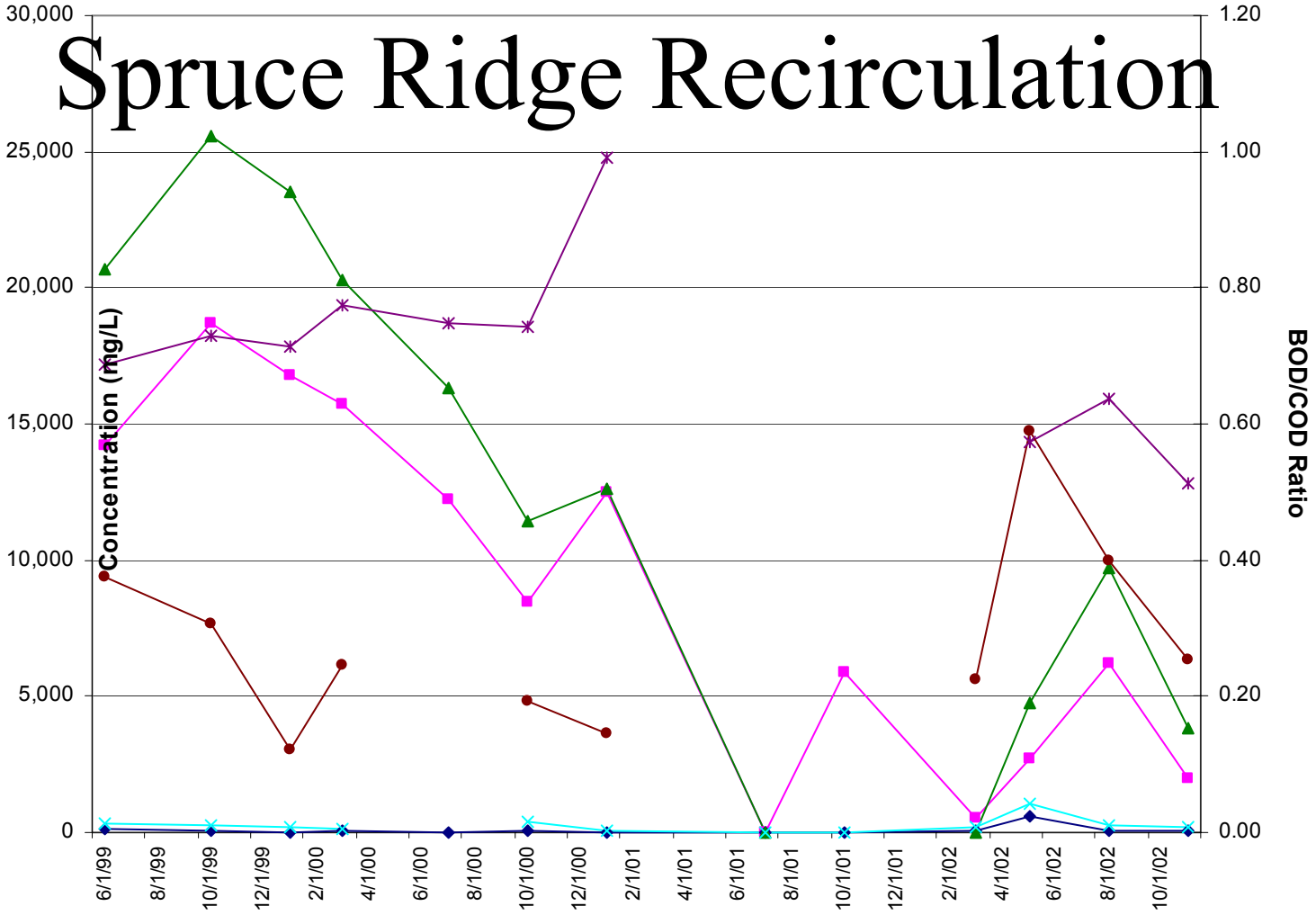
Draft Report Note: For this Graph, the result for each selected constituent was summed up and the total amount was plotted. ND results were included.

Spruce Ridge Recirculation



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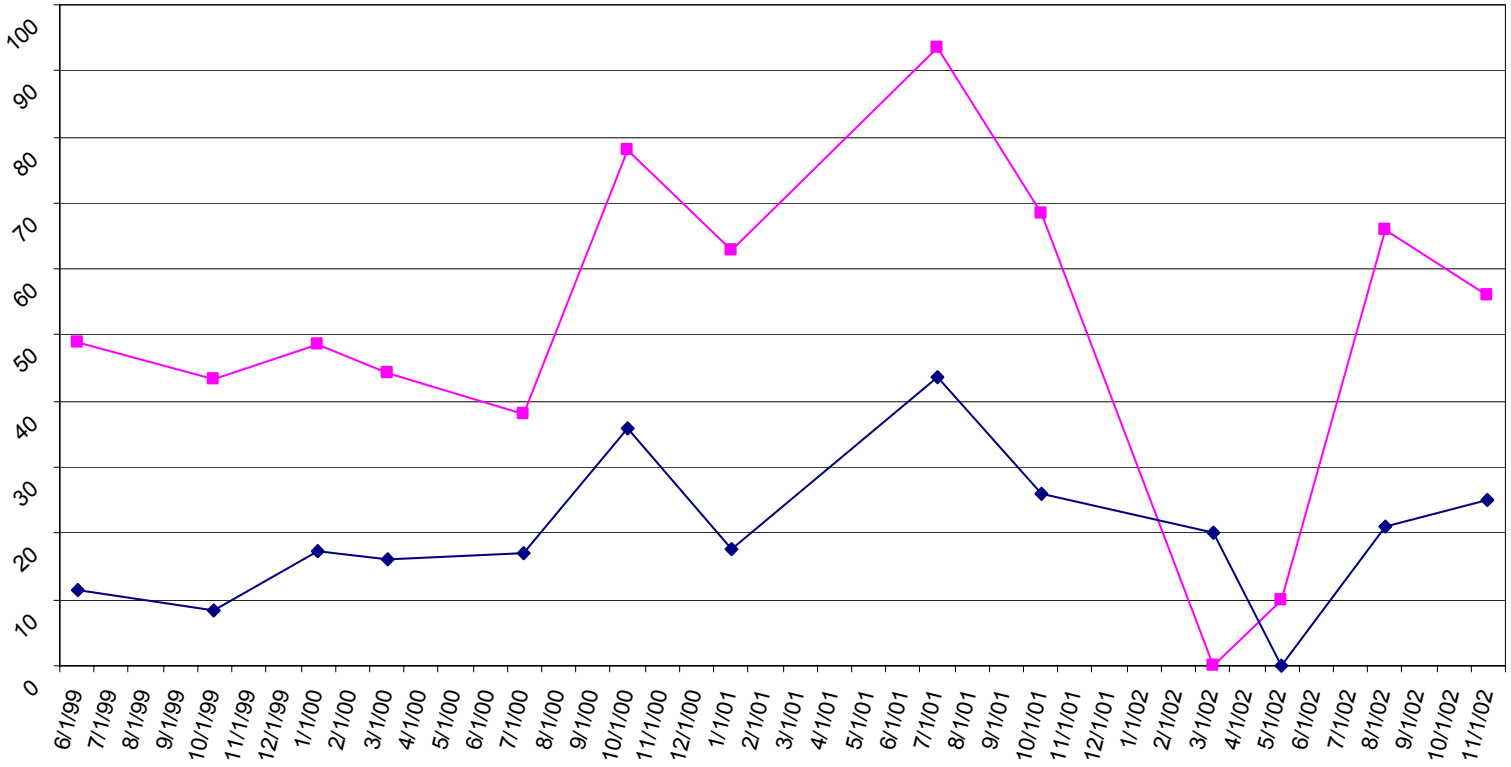
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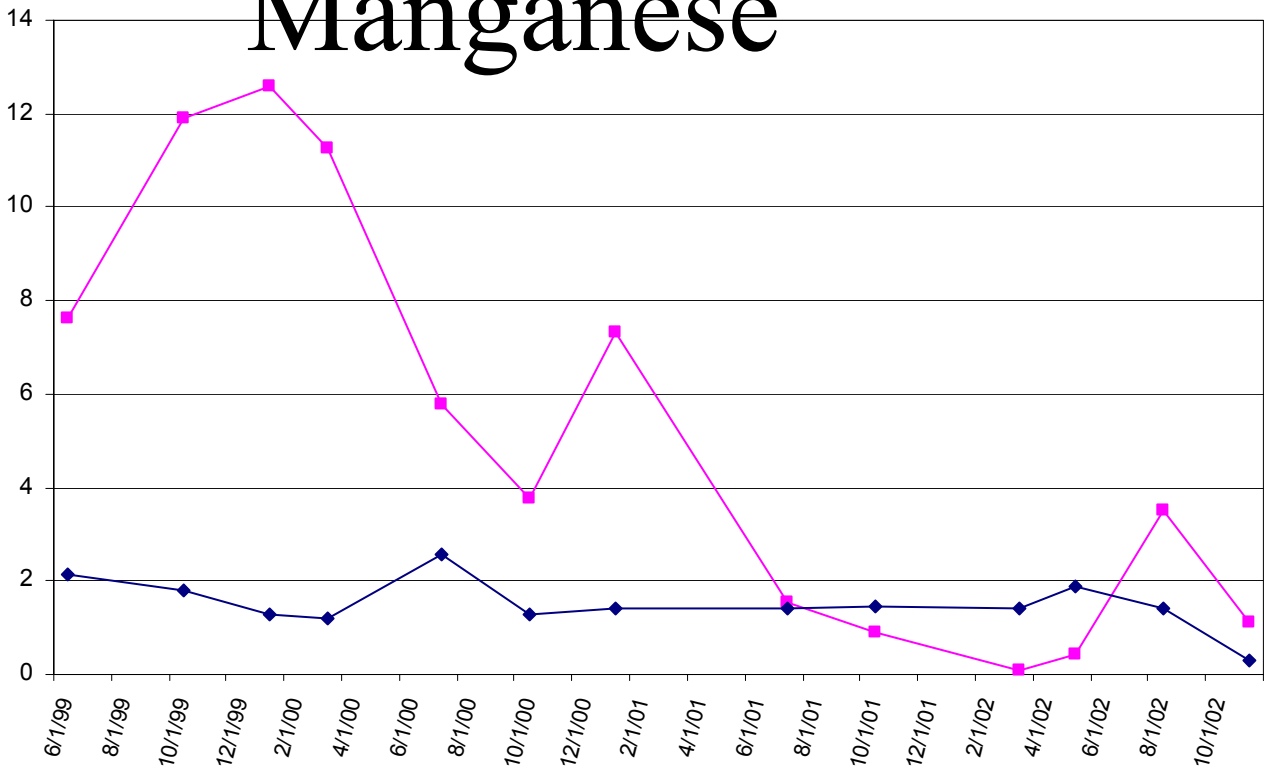
Manganese



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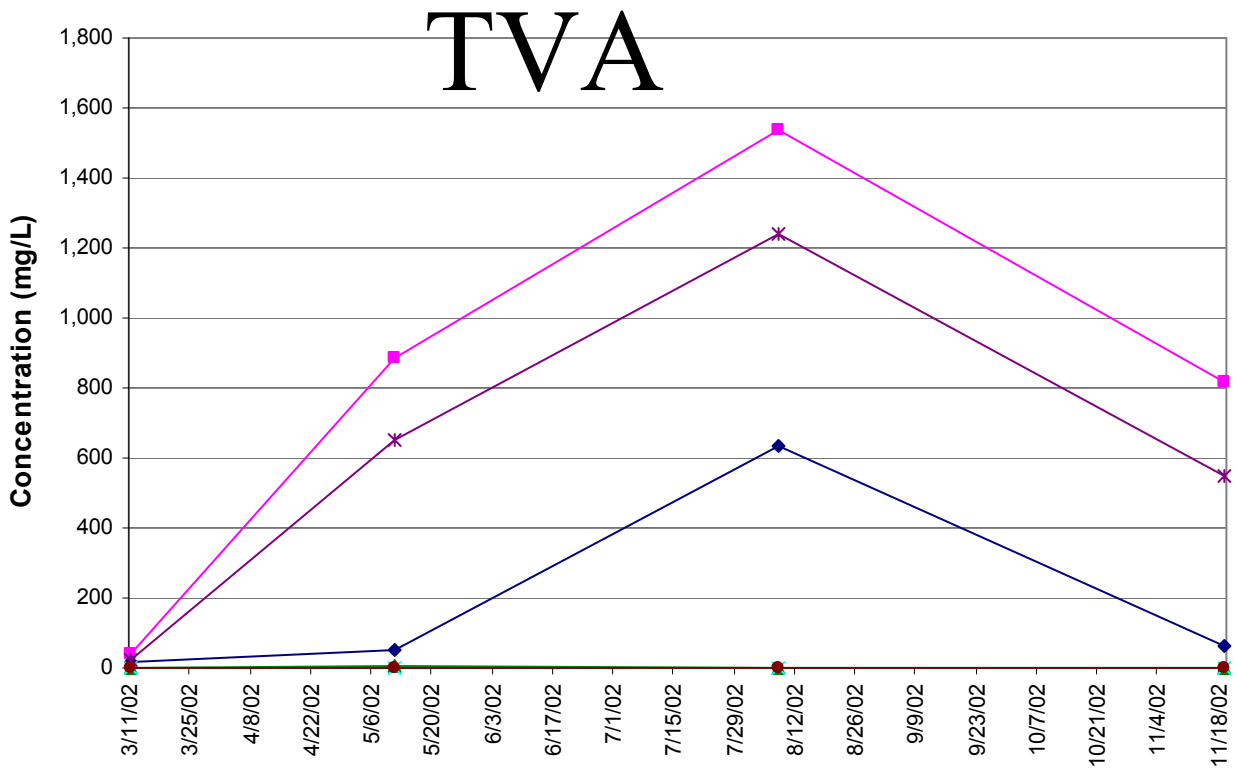
Manganese Conc. (mg/L) - Recirculation	7.6	11.9	12.6	11.28	5.764	3.78	7.3	1.53	0.904	0.097	0.41	3.5	1.1
Manganese Conc. (mg/L) - Control	2.13	1.78	1.28	1.199	2.559	1.27	1.42	1.42	1.45	1.4	1.9	1.4	0.3



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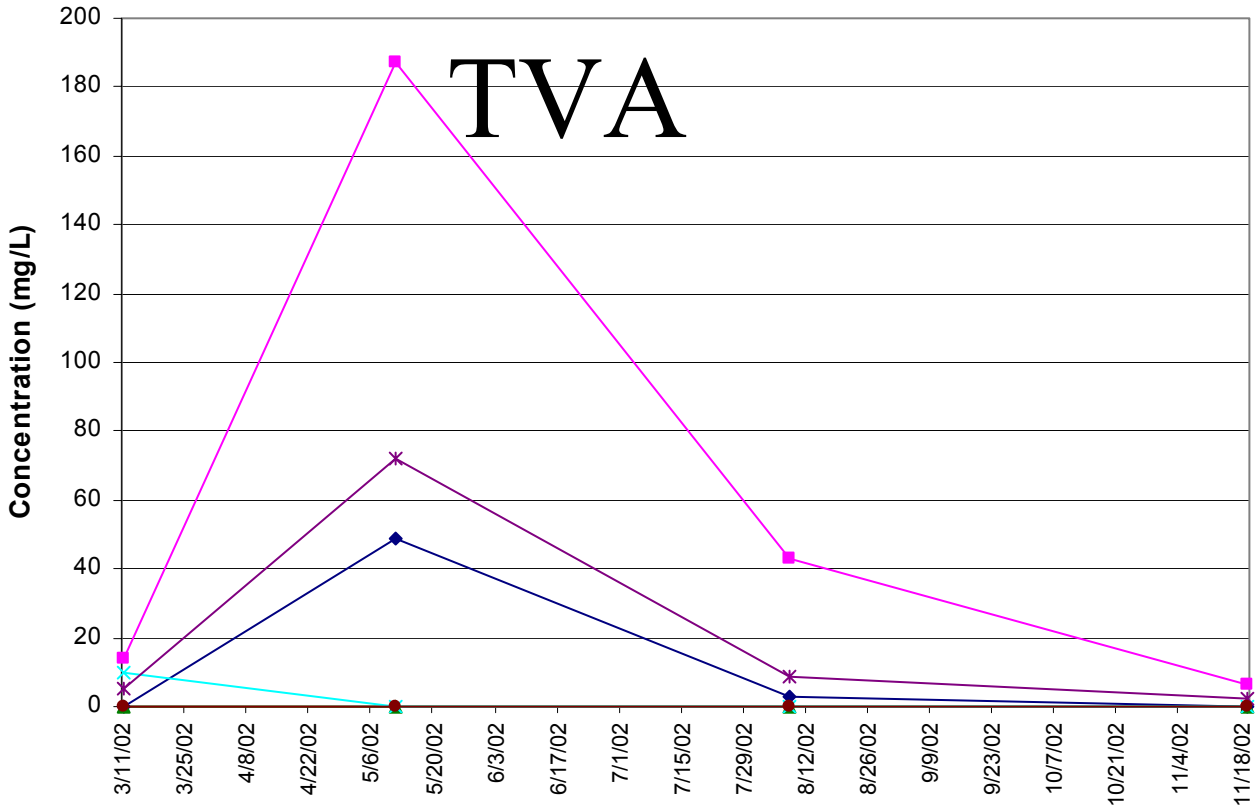
Acetic Acid Conc. (mg/L) - Recirculation	38	887	1,536	817
Butyric Acid Conc. - (mg/L) - Recirculation	17	52	632	63
Formic Acid Conc. (mg-L) - Recirculation	0	7	0	0
Lactic Acid Conc. (mg/L) - Recirculation	0	0	0	0
Propionic Acid (mg/l) - Recirculation	21	650	1,242	549
Pyruvic Acid (mg/l) - Recirculation	0	0	0	0



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Acetic Acid Conc. (mg/L) - Control	14	187	43	6.3
Butyric Acid Conc. - (mg/L) - Control	0	49	2.7	0
Formic Acid Conc. (mg-L) - Control	0	0	0	0
Lactic Acid Conc. (mg/L) - control	10	0	0	0
Propionic Acid (mg/l) - control	5	72	8.8	2.1
Pyruvic Acid (mg/l)-control	0	0	0	0