

Planning Target Revisions Past and Future

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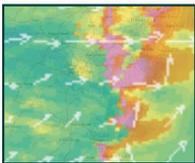
CBP TMDL Modeling System

Data and Model Inputs

Pollution Control Data
 Land Use Data
 Point Sources Data
 Septic Data
 U.S. Census Data
 Agricultural Data



Land Use Change Model



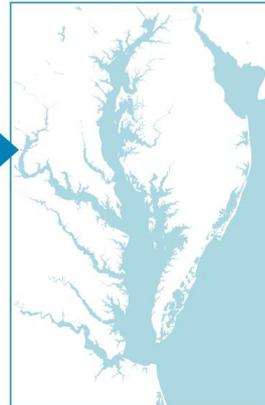
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Phase 5.3

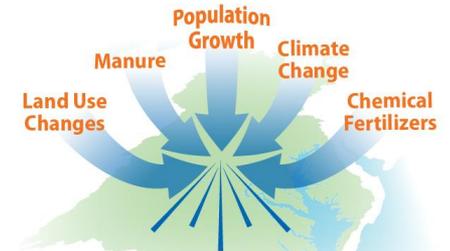


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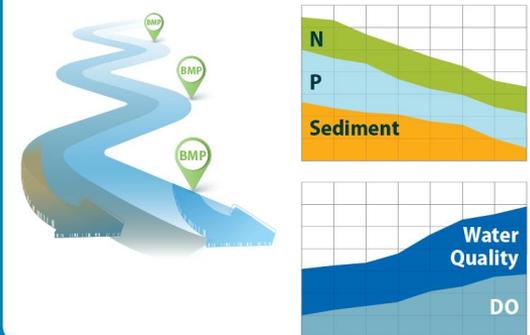


Model Outputs

Prediction of Impacts



BMP Implementation Results



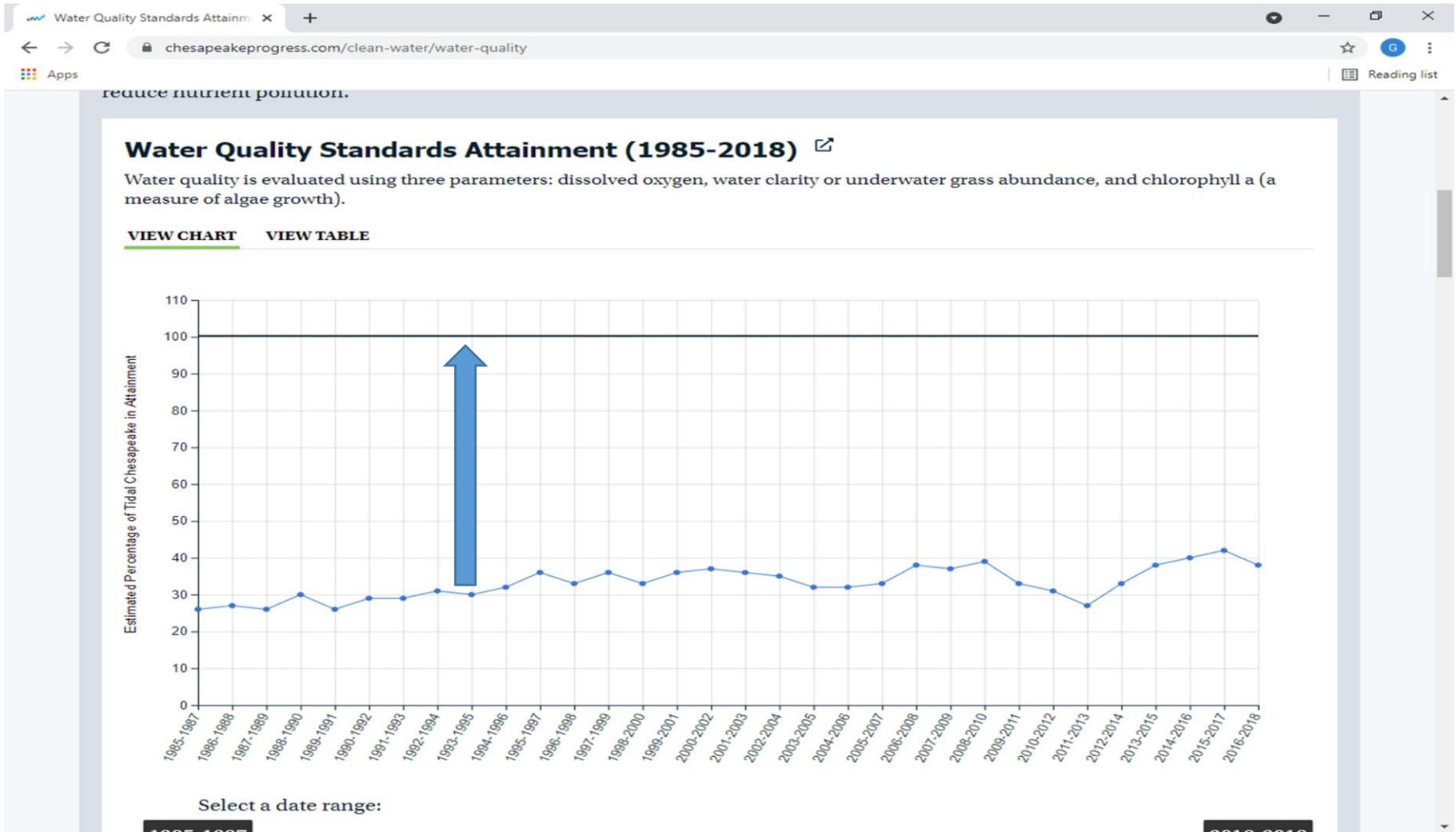
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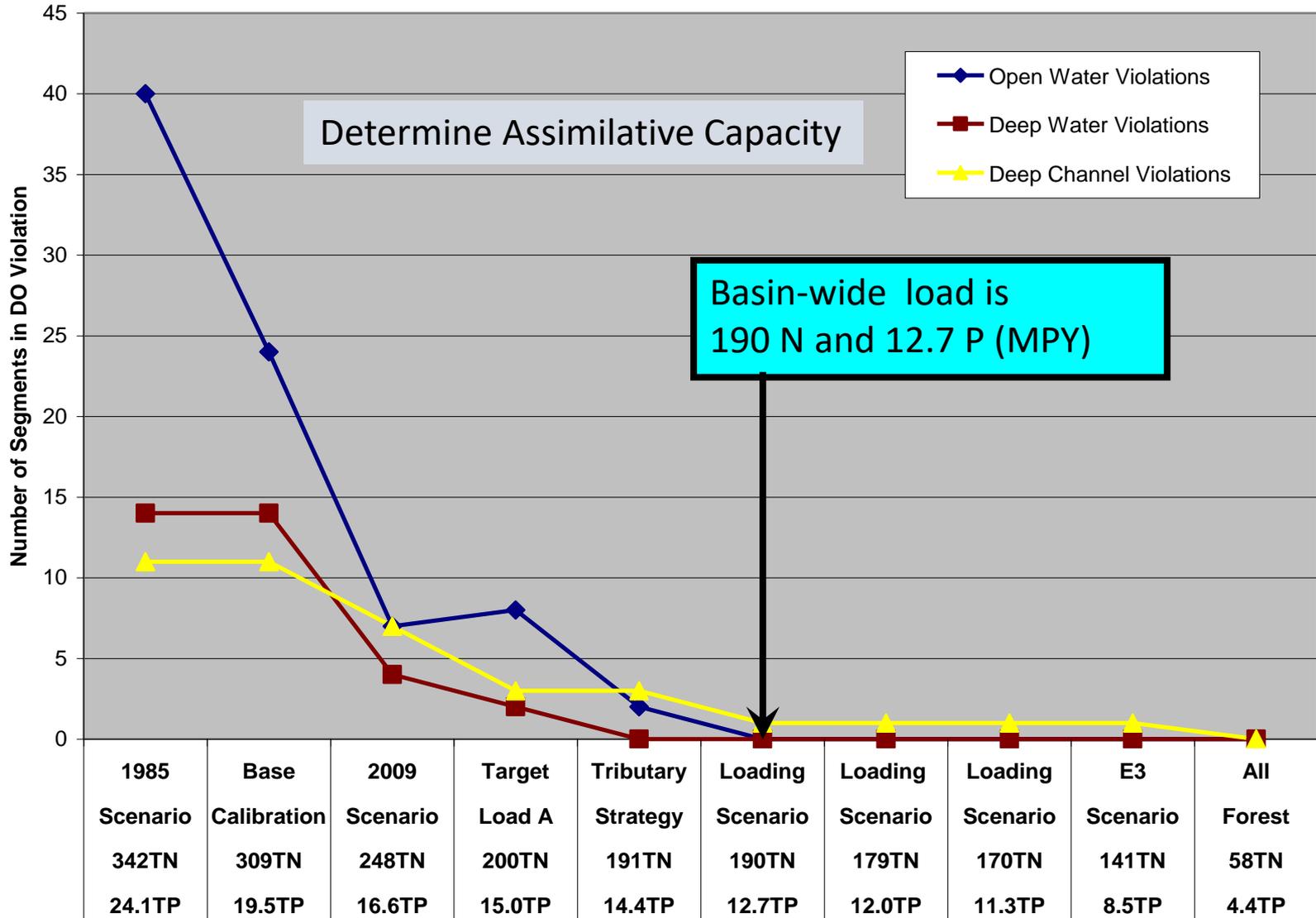
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TMDL question: What level of load reduction from 1995 will be necessary to meet water quality standards?



Dissolved Oxygen Criteria Attainment

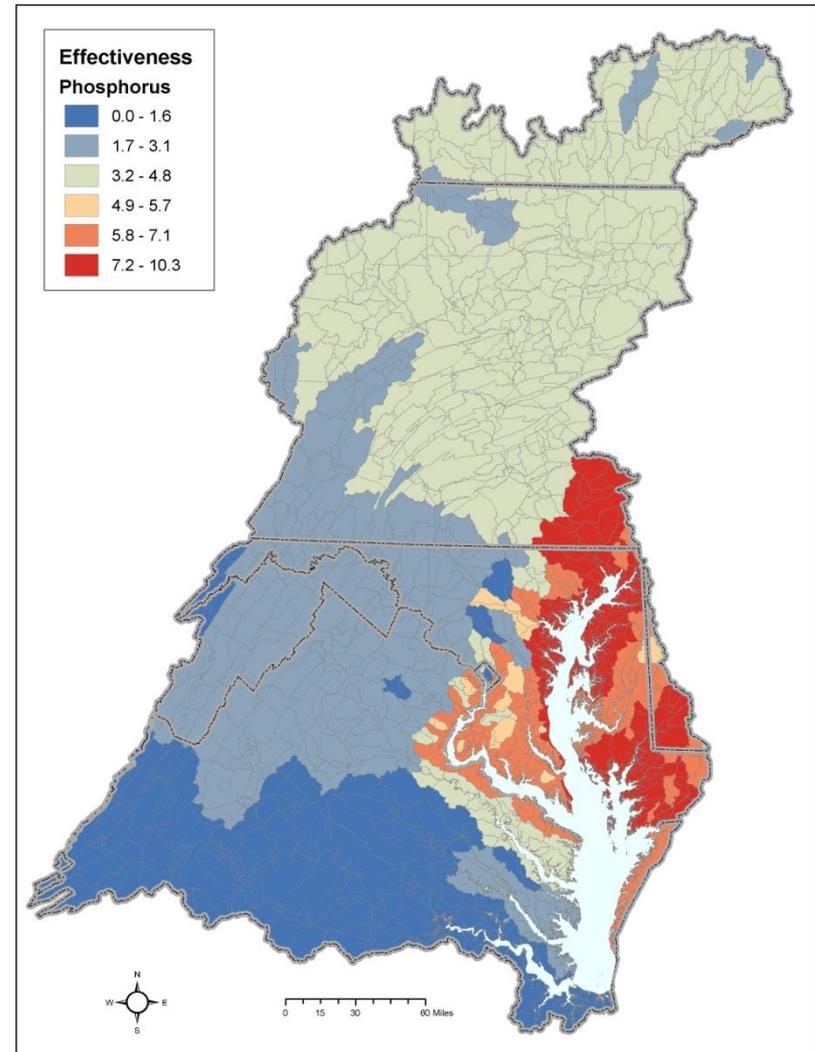
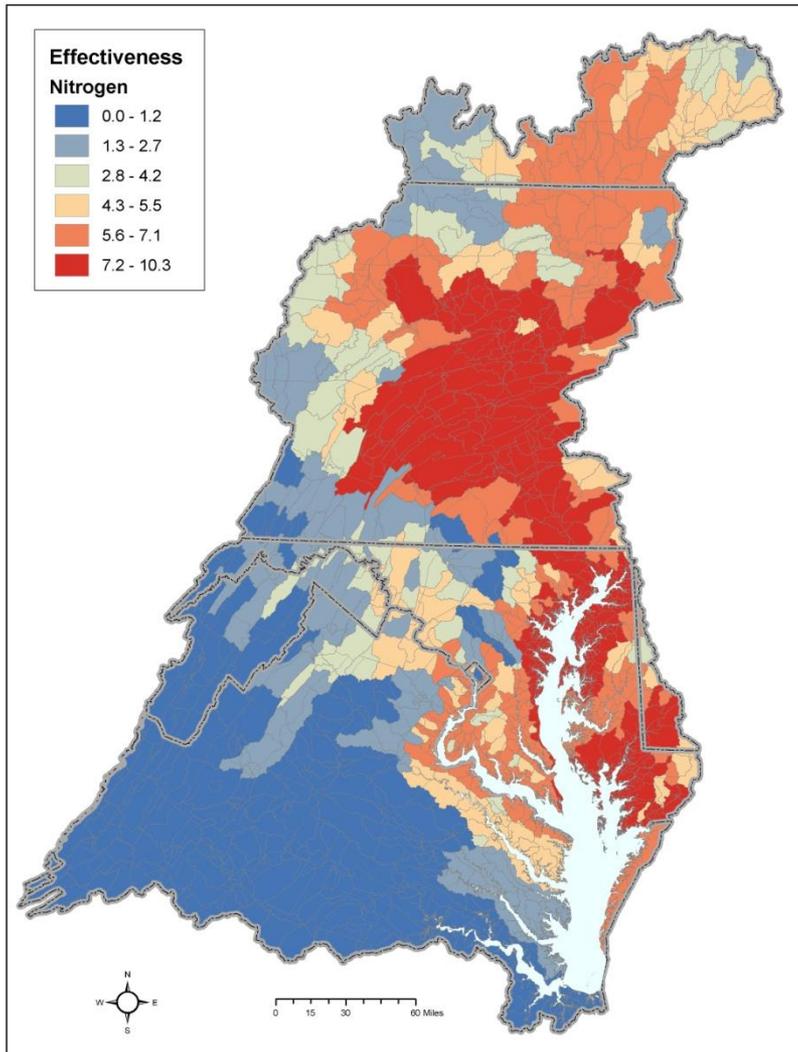
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Relative Effect of a Pound of Pollution on Bay Water Quality



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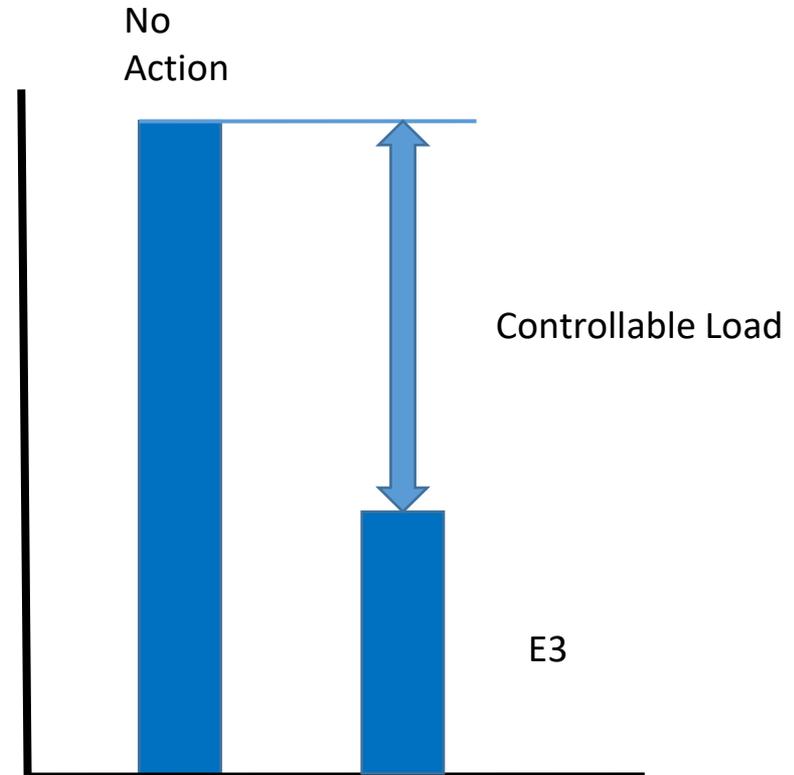
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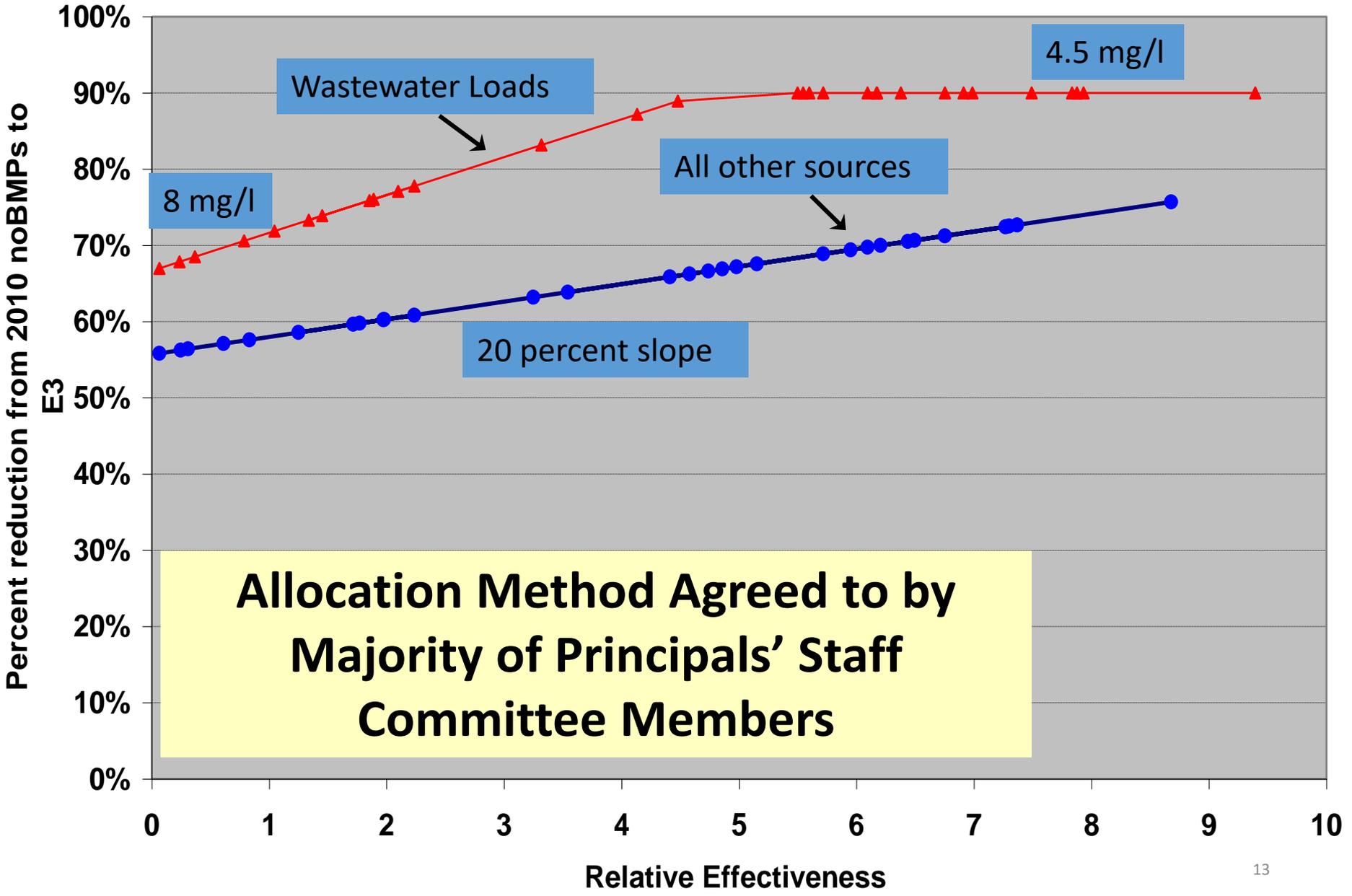
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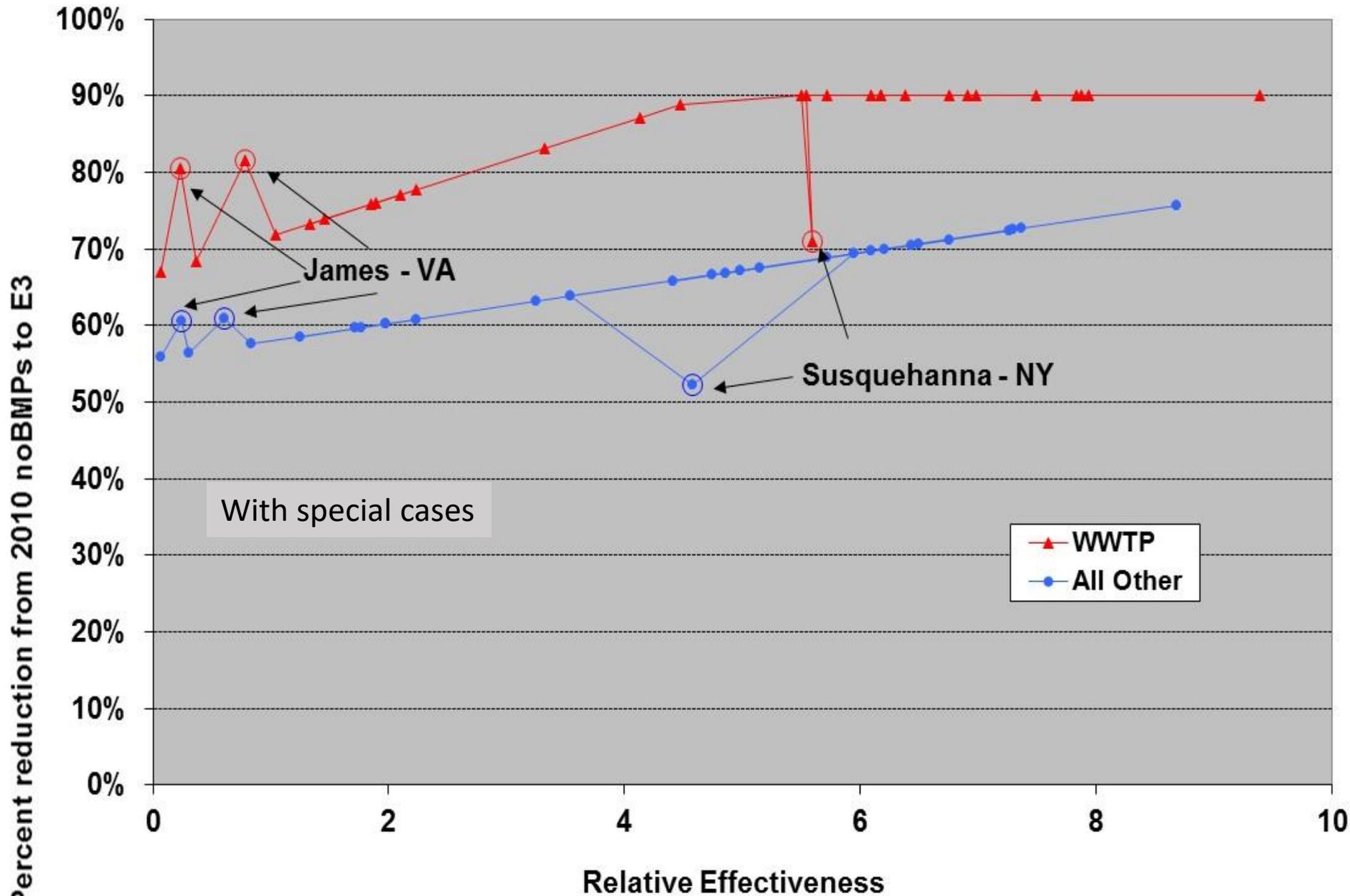
TN, p5.3, goal=190, WWTP = 4.5-8 mg/l, other: max=min+20%

- All Other
- ▲ WWTP



Nitrogen -- Phase 5.3 -- Goal=190

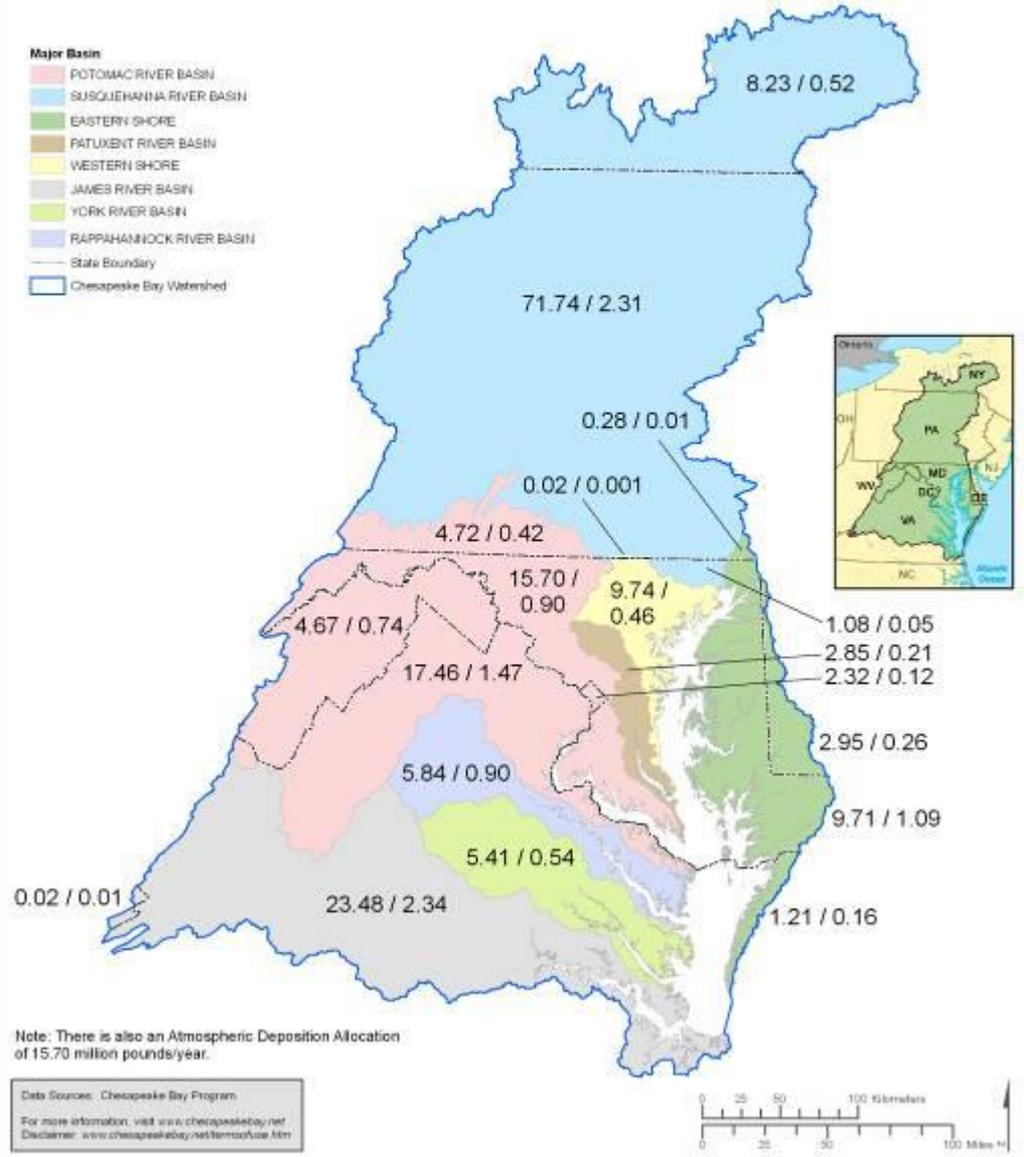
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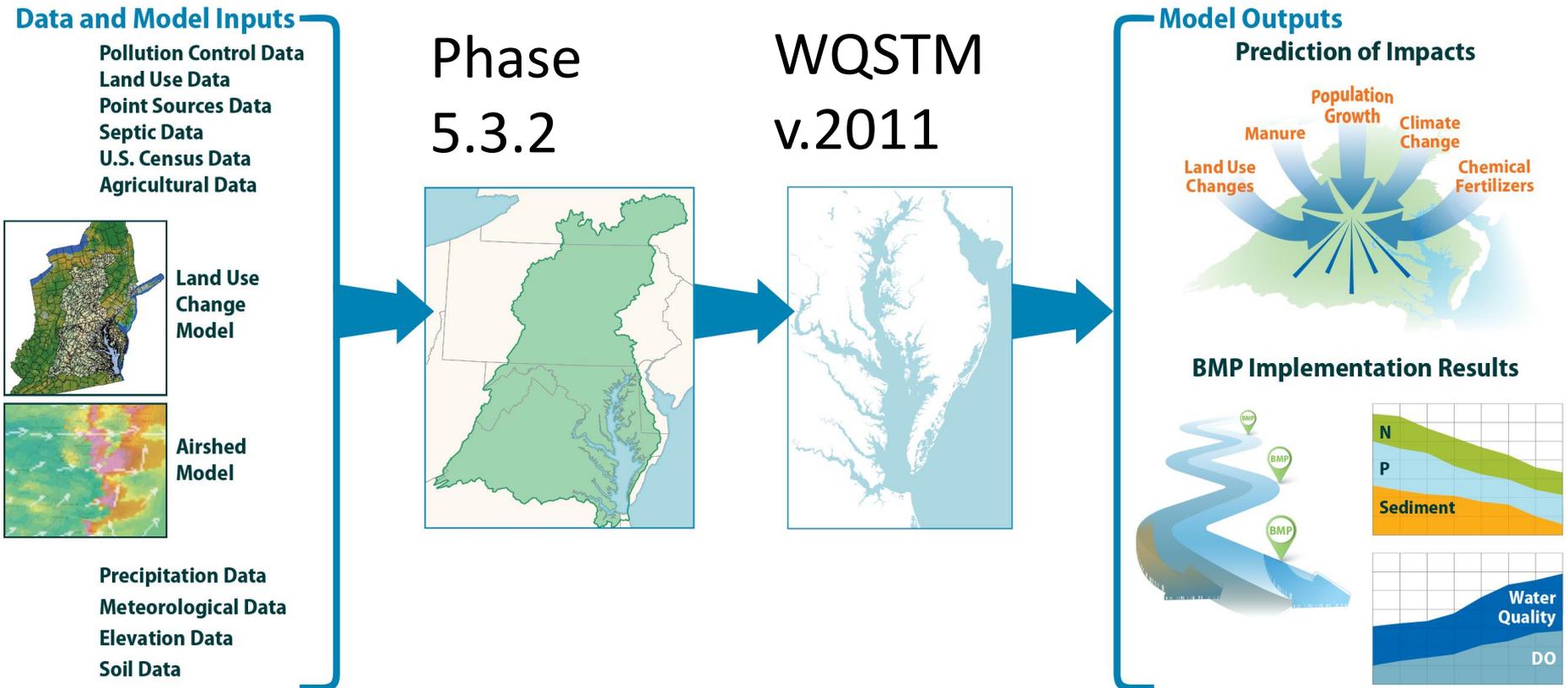
Chesapeake Bay Major River Basin Nitrogen Phosphorus July 1, 2010 Draft Allocations by Jurisdiction

(N / P in million pounds per year)

State/basin allocations
(N/P (MPY))



2011 Phase 2 WIP planning targets



Changes Agreed to by AgWG/WQGIT/PSC

- **Updated land use with better urban coverage**
 - STAC reviewed and modifications incorporated
- **Modified nutrient management**
 - Increased non-NM application rates
 - Stop automatic transfer of manure
 - Dispose of excess manure in a sequence determined by the states
 - Count all manure phosphorus toward total
 - Refine nursery coverage
 - Double crop nutrient applications split
 - Update nutrient applications
 - Keep mass balance of manure with BMPs

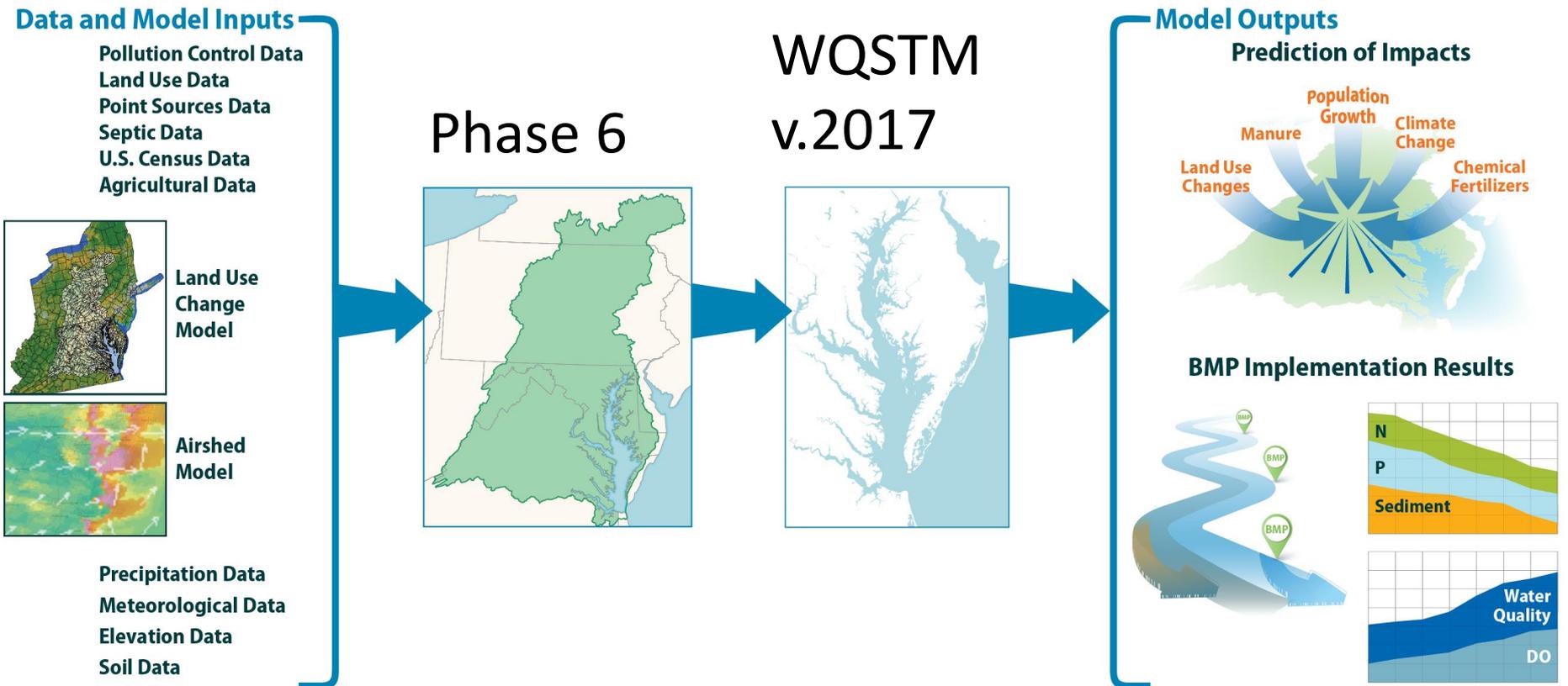
N and P Target Load Methodology

- Run Phase I WIPs (adjusted to exactly meet allocations) through the p5.3.2 watershed model
- Check to see if WQS are met
- Adjust all up or down if necessary

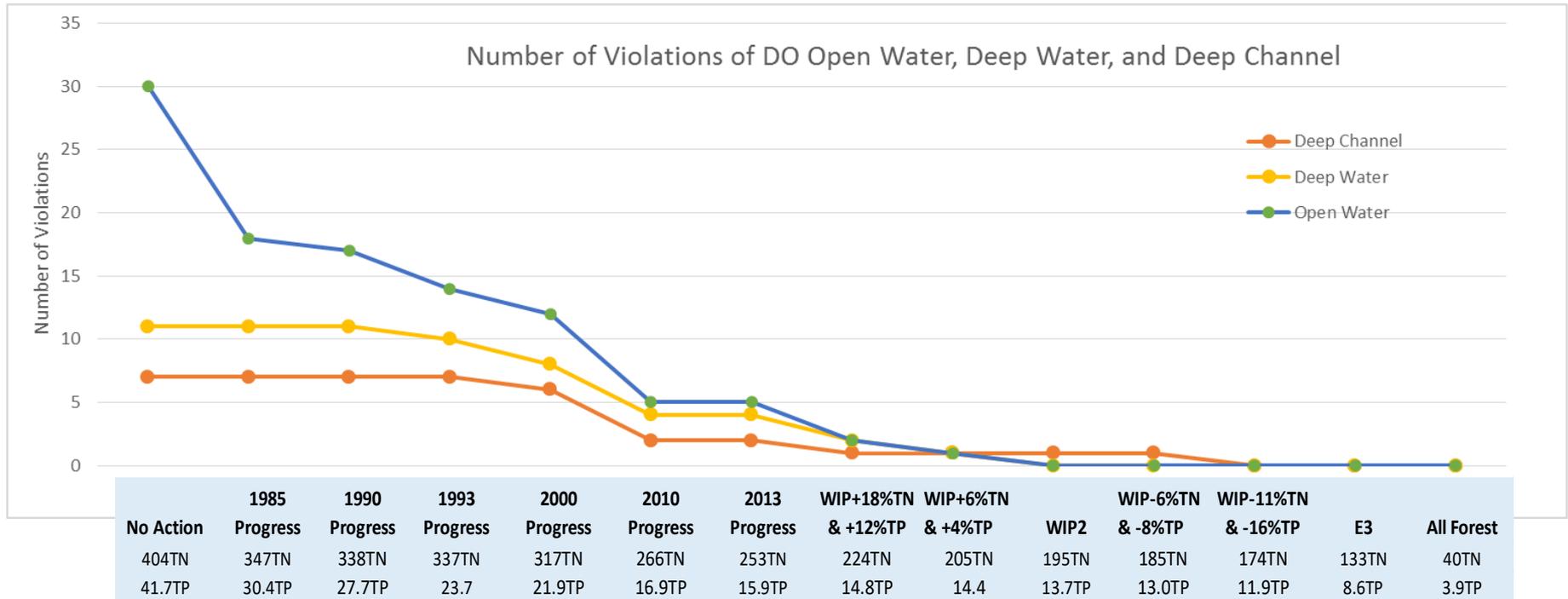
2011 planning targets

State	Basin	WIPs	2010 TMDL LOE	LOE ADJ to WQS
DC	Potomac	2.37	2.37	2.30
	Total	2.37	2.37	2.30
DE	Eastern Shore	3.31	3.39	3.31
	Total	3.31	3.39	3.31
MD	Eastern Shore	11.84	11.82	11.53
	Patuxent	3.12	3.10	3.01
	Potomac	15.31	15.29	14.83
	Susquehanna	1.19	1.19	1.16
	Western Shore	10.15	9.77	9.41
	Total	41.62	41.17	39.95
NY	Susquehanna	8.84	7.94	7.73
	Total	8.84	7.94	7.73
PA	Eastern Shore	0.31	0.32	0.31
	Potomac	3.44	3.85	3.76
	Susquehanna	76.55	74.63	73.29
	Western Shore	0.01	0.04	0.03
	Total	80.32	78.83	77.39
VA	Eastern Shore	1.46	1.41	1.37
	James	23.23	23.21	23.21
	Potomac	16.83	16.41	16.08
	Rappahannock	6.20	5.92	5.78
	York	5.75	5.51	5.40
	Total	53.47	52.46	51.83
WV	James	0.02	0.02	0.02
	Potomac	4.99	4.98	4.84
	Total	5.01	5.00	4.86
All	Total	194.94	191.16	187.36
	Atmospheric deposition	15.70	15.70	15.70
All	Total	210.64	206.86	203.06

2017 Midpoint Assessment



Determining the Bay's Ability to Absorb Pollutants



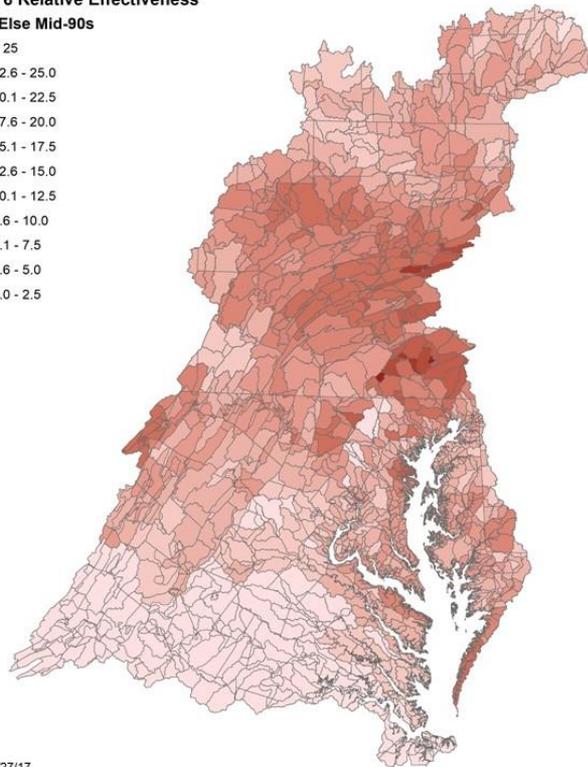
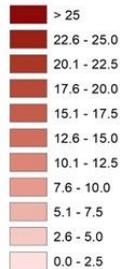
New estuarine model, new assimilative capacity

More Impact, Do More

Nitrogen

Phase 6 Relative Effectiveness

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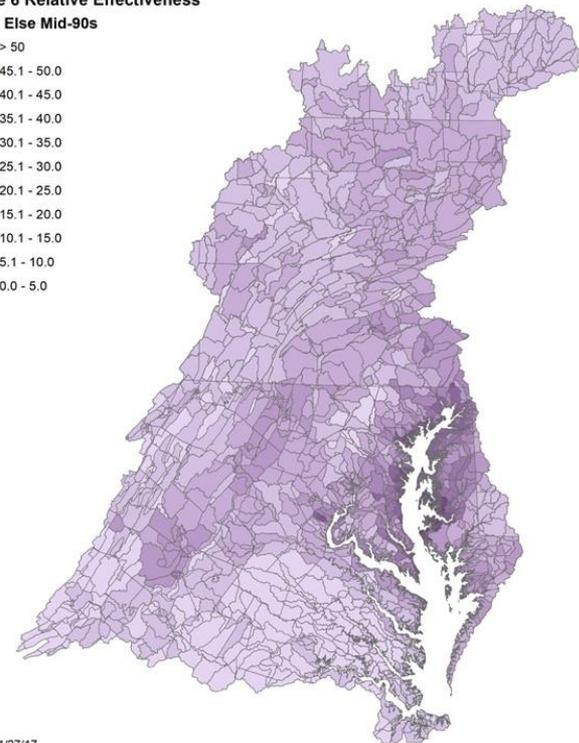
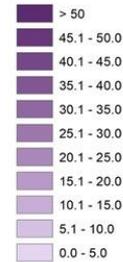


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Ph6 Phosphorus

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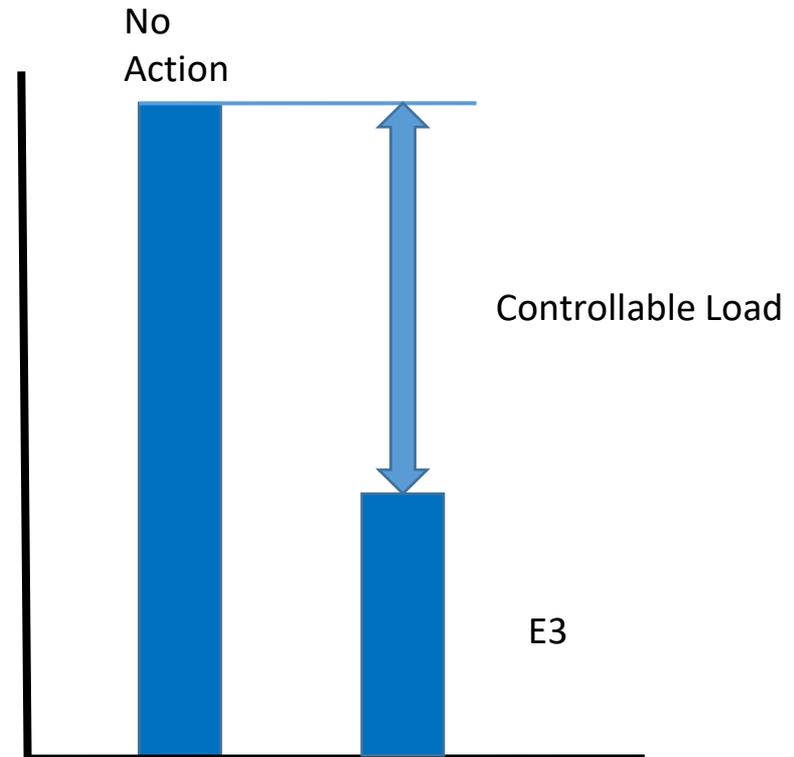
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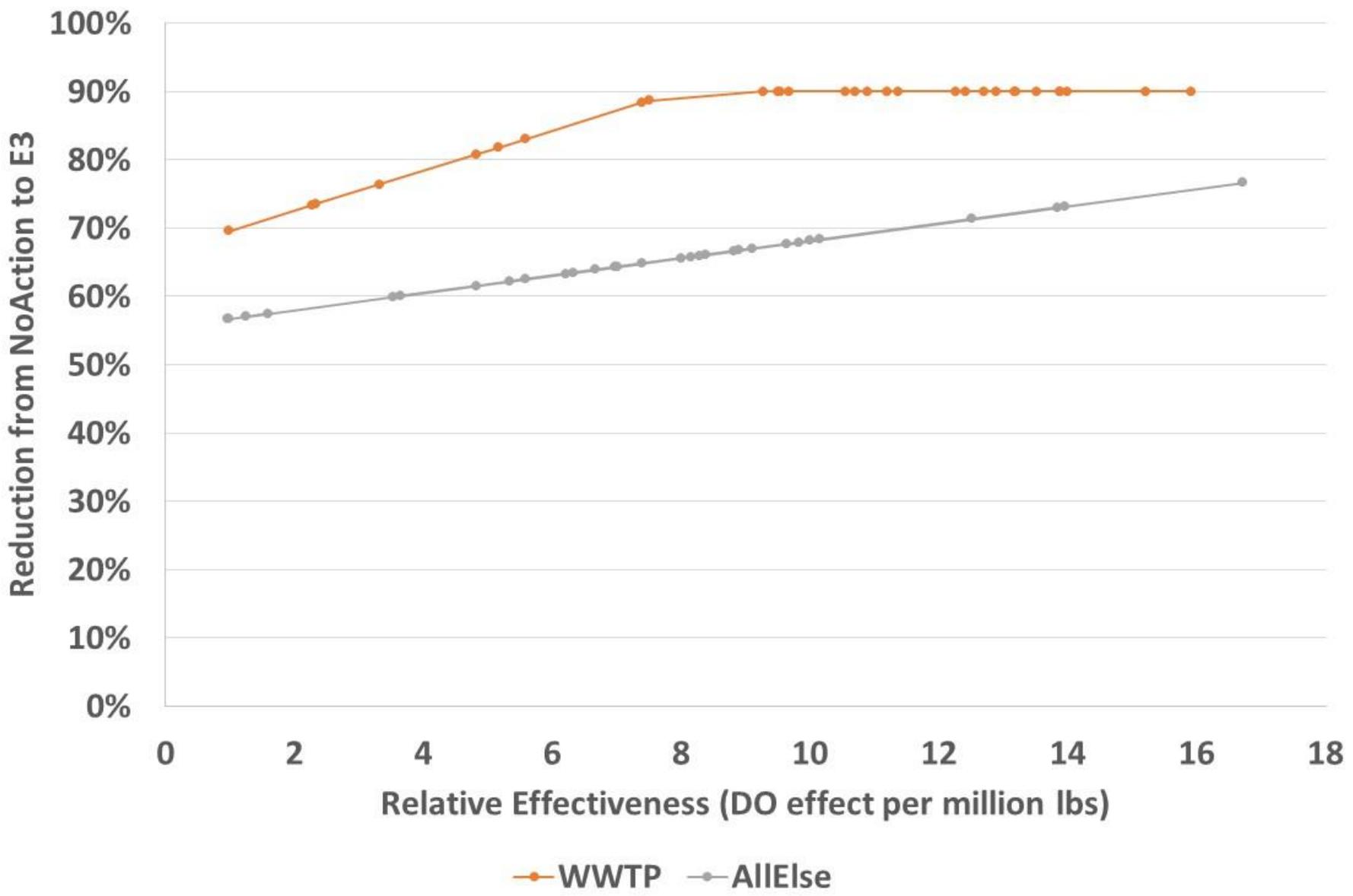
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New model and scenario definitions

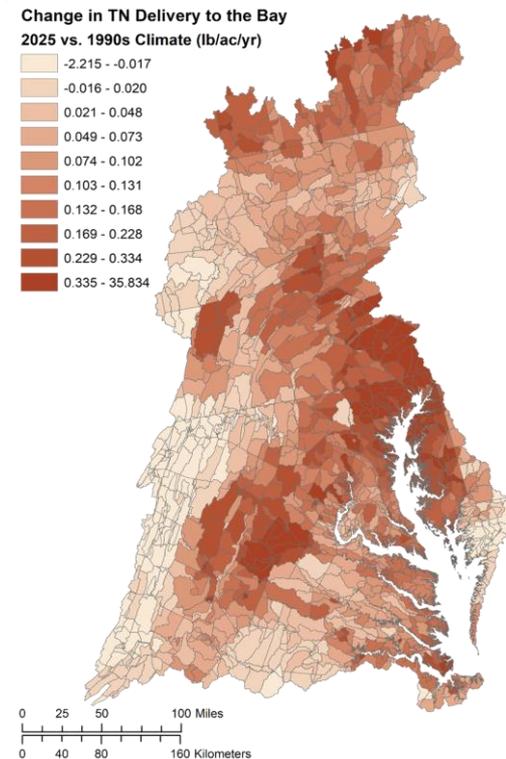
Planning Target Calculation - Nitrogen - 10/2017



			2018 Planning Targets approved by PSC		2019 Planning Targets with Exchanges and Sediment		
Major	State	StateBasin	Nitrogen	Phosphorus	Nitrogen	Phosphorus	Sediment
Potomac	DC	DC Potomac	2.42	0.130	2.42	0.130	41.9
Eastern Shore	DE	DE Eastern Shore	4.55	0.108	4.55	0.108	26.7
Eastern Shore	MD	MD Eastern Shore	15.21	1.286	15.60	1.290	2903.4
Patuxent	MD	MD Patuxent	3.21	0.301	3.21	0.300	437.7
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Susquehanna	MD	MD Susquehanna	1.18	0.053	1.60	0.050	113.8
Western Shore	MD	MD Western Shore	10.89	0.948	9.63	0.950	2959.9
Susquehanna	NY	NY Susquehanna	11.53	0.587	11.53	0.587	532.7
Eastern Shore	PA	PA Eastern Shore	0.45	0.025	0.46	0.022	27.4
Potomac	PA	PA Potomac	6.11	0.357	6.14	0.338	295.5
Susquehanna	PA	PA Susquehanna	66.59	2.661	66.87	2.544	1838.2
Western Shore	PA	PA Western Shore	0.02	0.001	0.02	0.001	0.3
Eastern Shore	VA	VA Eastern Shore	1.43	0.164	1.83	0.152	473.3
James	VA	VA James	25.92	2.731	21.81	2.241	2015.2
Potomac	VA	VA Potomac	16.00	1.892	16.51	1.823	1929.7
Rappahannock	VA	VA Rappahannock	6.85	0.849	7.09	0.819	1505.1
York	VA	VA York	5.52	0.556	5.71	0.548	949.1
James	WV	WV James	0.04	0.005	0.05	0.006	13.0
Potomac	WV	WV Potomac	8.18	0.437	8.18	0.437	505.0

Principles' Staff Committee 12/17/2020

- Approved **reductions based on where increases have occurred**
 - Stipulated that this decision does not set a precedent
- Commitment to continue to improve understanding of climate effects
- Reassess in 2025 for effects to 2035



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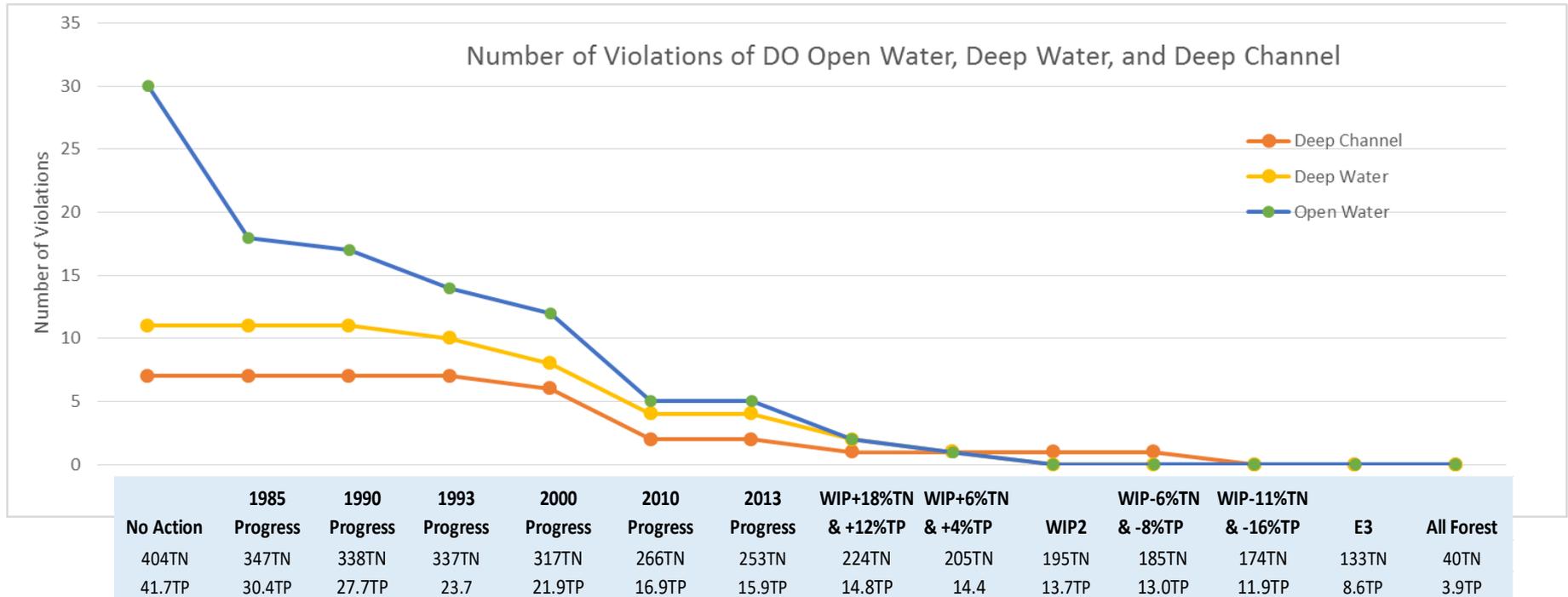
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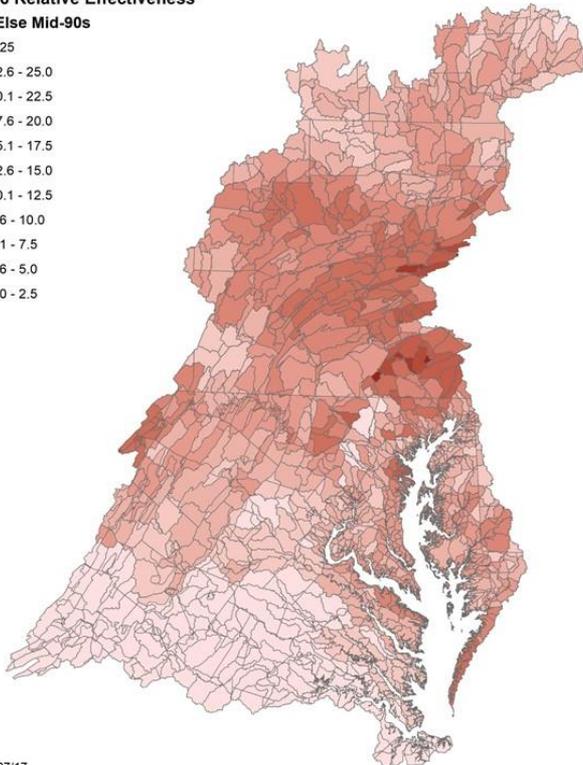
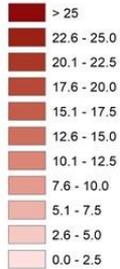


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- New watershed model redefines effectiveness or 1995 baseline load

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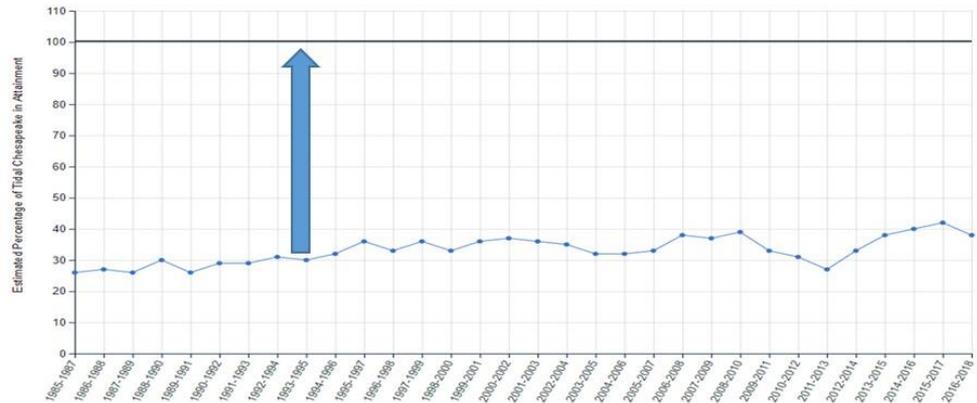
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Water Quality Standards Attainment (1985-2018) [↗](#)

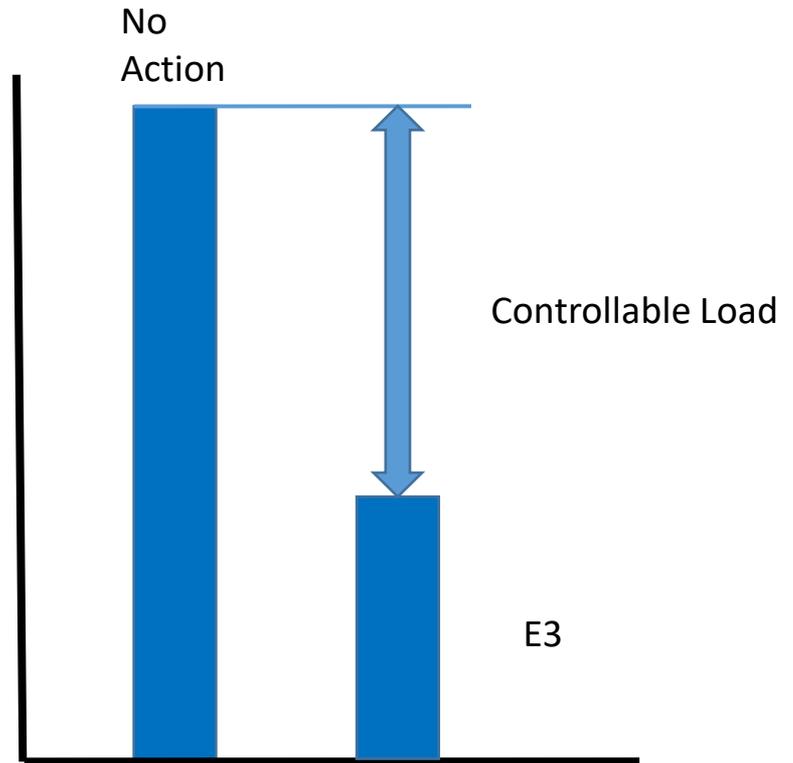
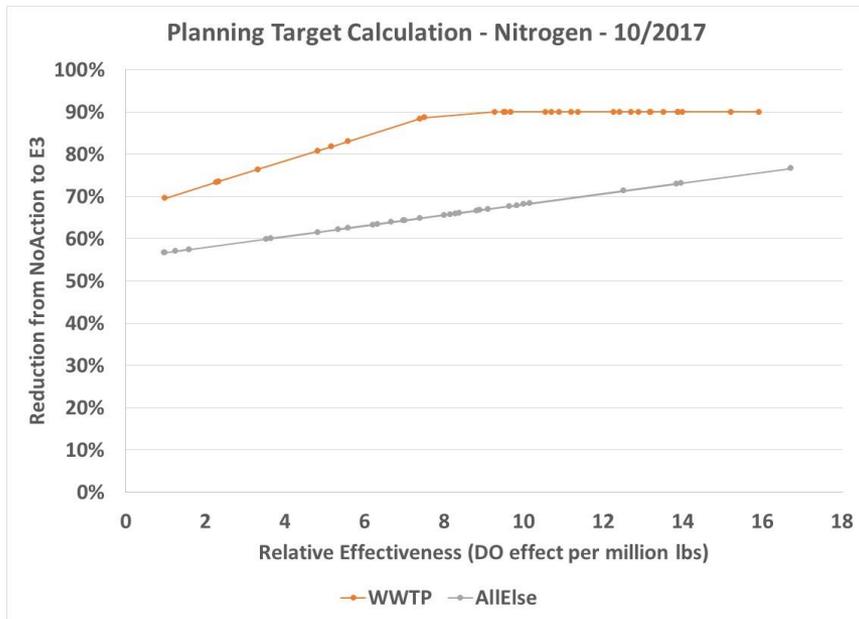
Water quality is evaluated using three parameters: dissolved oxygen, water clarity or underwater grass abundance, and chlorophyll a (a measure of algae growth).

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- New expression of load allocation method



Summary

- Load goals have been re-calculated six times in the past
 - Three times for the TMDL
- The PSC specified that 2035 climate would be handled in 2025
 - A climate adjustment can be made without a full re-calculation
- The PSC specified that planning targets would not change until 2025
- Re-calculation triggered by
 - Use of new estuarine model to calculate capacity
 - Significant change to the watershed model
 - Land use as an absolute value rather than change product
 - Change in important scenarios or expression of allocation rules