

# Current Status of the Phase 6 Suite of Modeling Tools

Water Quality Goal Implementation Team  
September 25, 2017

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**Chesapeake Bay Program**  
*Science, Restoration, Partnership* <sub>1</sub>

*“In my new role as Chair of the Principals’ Staff Committee (PSC), I am committed to following through on the necessary decisions and work deliverables on time so we can proceed forward with developing and implementing our Phase III WIPs with the best available information and data. I am asking you as the WQGIT leadership and members to work collectively.... so that you can bring the WQGIT’s recommendations to the October PSC retreat. We cannot afford any further delays in reaching agreement on the models and tools supporting our decision making as well as the needed decisions on how we are going to develop the draft Phase III WIP planning targets.”*

*Secretary Ben Grumbles  
August 2, 2017*



# Midpoint Assessment Priorities Identified in 2012 – The Charge to the Modeling Workgroup

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- Update local land use and incorporate high resolution land cover data – **DONE**
- Update fertilizer and manure application – **DONE**
- Incorporate new and updated BMP efficiencies – **DONE**
- Update BMP historical record for 1985 – 2013; with data for 2014-2016 due September 1 – **DONE**
- Set overall land use loading rates – **DONE**
- Revise Modeling Structure – **DONE**



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- Revisit watershed model calibration methods – **DONE**
- Incorporate multiple model estimates for sensitivity to nutrient inputs – **DONE**
- Simulate phosphorus in the soil and improve process simulation - **DONE**
- Provide the capability to simulate groundwater lag times – **DONE**
- Extend the watershed simulation period – **DONE**



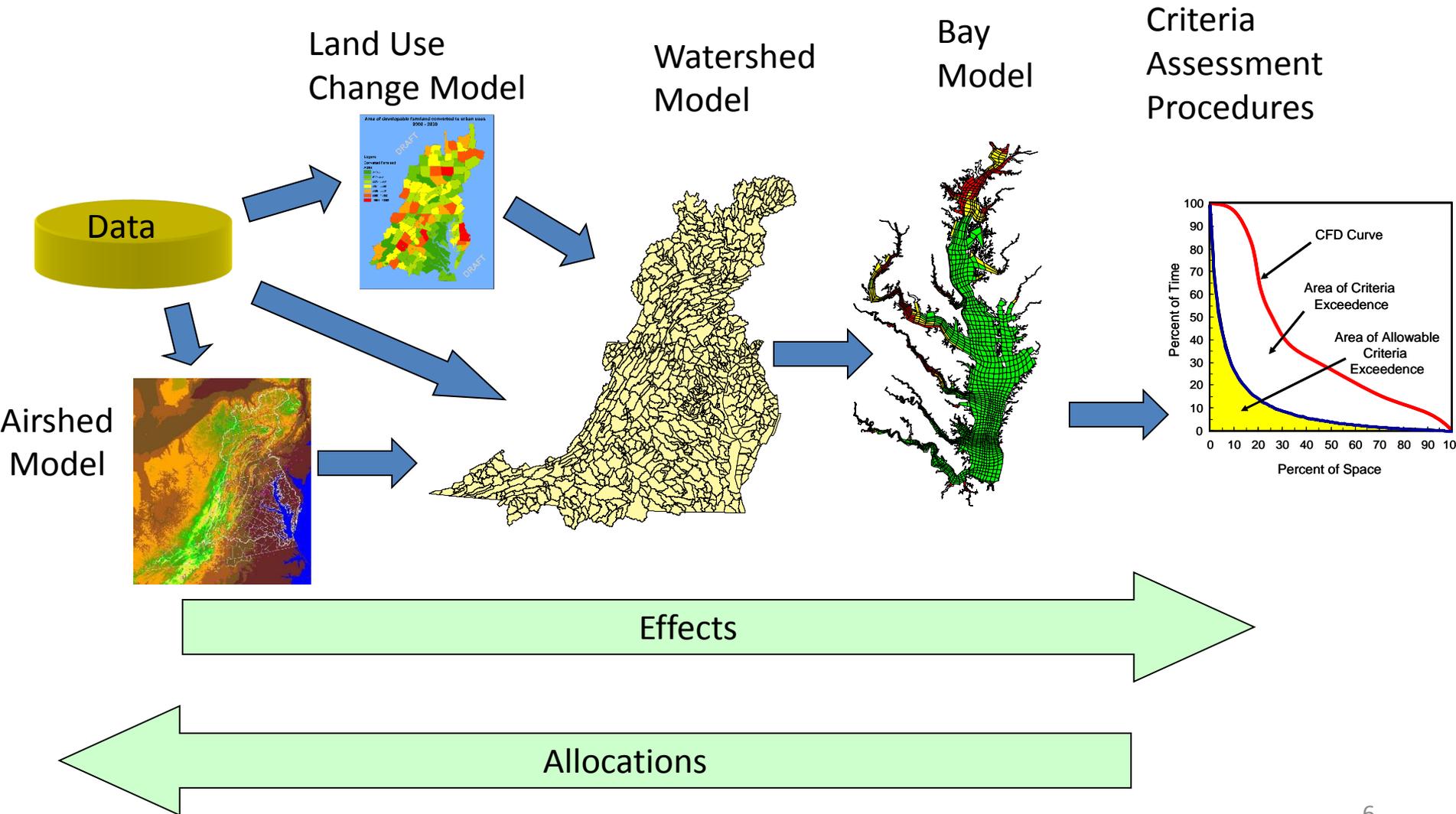
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- Incorporate new Community Multiscale Air Quality Model (CMAQ) air deposition estimates – **DONE**
- Incorporate new land use modeling for future buildout conditions – **DONE**
- Develop an approach to simulate effects due to Conowingo, and develop options for addressing such impacts – **DONE**
- Develop an approach to simulate effects due to climate change, and develop options for addressing such impacts – **DONE**



# Decision Support System





# Midpoint Assessment Modeling Peer Reviews

<b>Review Title/Topic</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>
Chesapeake Bay Scenario Builder/Nutrient Input Approach	<b>Complete</b>	Watershed Technical Workgroup
Proposed revised James River chlorophyll <i>a</i> water quality criteria (Part I) And (Part II)	<b>Complete</b> <b>Complete</b>	Criteria Assessment Protocol Workgroup
Phase 6 Chesapeake Bay Watershed Model	<b>Complete</b>	Modeling Workgroup
Chesapeake Bay Water Quality/Sediment Transport Model (WQSTM)	Finalizing	Modeling Workgroup
Approach being taken to factor climate change considerations into the 2017 Midpoint Assessment	Finalizing	Climate Resiliency Workgroup

Source: Rachel Dixon and Bill Ball - CRC

# Phase 6 Chesapeake Bay Watershed Model



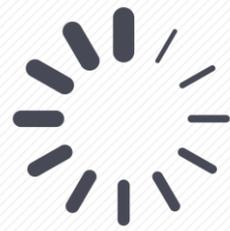
**Review Charge:** Phase 6 is the most recent of a series of increasingly refined versions of the CBWM, and is a major departure from previous deterministic and mechanistic versions. The water quality simulation is an entirely new approach which relies on a structure based on multiple models. The panel is reviewing the Phase 6 Model with particular emphasis on the new multiple model aspects of the watershed simulation

**Status:** Excellent guidance, recommendations, and advice have been provided by the Phase 6 Watershed Model peer review report and a response to the report is being drafted. No fatal scientific errors identified.

Source: Rachel Dixon and Bill Ball - CRC

Reviewer	Affiliation
Zach Easton	VT, STAC
Don Scavia	U of Michigan
Doug Smith	USDA-ARS
Andrew Miller	UMBC, STAC
Peter Kleinman	USDA-ARS
Claire Welty	UMBC
Lawrence Band	UNC
Kathy Boomer	TNC, STAC
Rich Alexander	USGS
James Pizzuto	U of Del

# Chesapeake Bay Water Quality/Sediment Transport Model (WQSTM)



**Review Charge:** The 2017 version of the WQSTM is the most recent of a series of coupled hydrodynamic and water quality models. New aspects include improved representation of the bioavailability of particulate organics and ability to simulate Conowingo infill and climate change in tidal waters. Refinements to the shallow water simulation include attenuation of nutrient/sediment loads through tidal wetlands, the representation of shoreline loads, and the explicit representation of oyster aquaculture, sanctuaries, and wild populations.

**Status:** The panel is finalizing the peer review. No fatal scientific errors were identified.

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Reviewer	Affiliation
Damian Brady	U of Maine
Joe DePinto	Limnotech (retired)
Marjy Friedrichs	VIMS, STAC
Tom Jordan	SERC
Dominic DiToro	U of Delaware
Steven Chapra	Tufts
Meng Xia	UMES
Matt Gray	UMCES Horn Point

# Fatal Flaw Review

- Changes include
  - Documentation
  - E3 definitions
  - Land use changes
  - Agricultural and BMP Data Corrections
  - Soil P uncertainty
  - Additional streambank load in developed areas
  - Calibration methods
- Management Board Approved on 9/21/17

# MB-approved soil P plan

- Statistical analysis of soil P
- Regional standards for soil P data
- Standardize collection and analytical methods across states
- Biennial collection and use in model
- STAC workshop on soil P in developed landscapes

# Status of Phase 6

- September Version includes all recent comment resolutions other than calibration methods
- CAST version of September model will be ready around Oct 1
- Calibration beginning to produce final Phase 6 in October



# Phase III WIP planning target development

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- Draft No-Action and E3 Scenarios, geo-isolation runs, and Conowingo scenarios, climate change analyses are complete
- Review of planning targets, Conowingo infill analysis, and climate change influence by WQGIT at September 25-26, 2017 meeting.
- Review of planning targets, Conowingo infill analysis, and climate change influence by PSC at October 2017 meeting.
- Release of draft Phase III WIP planning targets; October 31, 2017 - November 1, 2017 - February 28, 2018 for partnership review.
- PSC approval of final Phase III WIP planning targets with special cases and release - March, 2018.

# Planning Target Method

# Guidelines for Allocations

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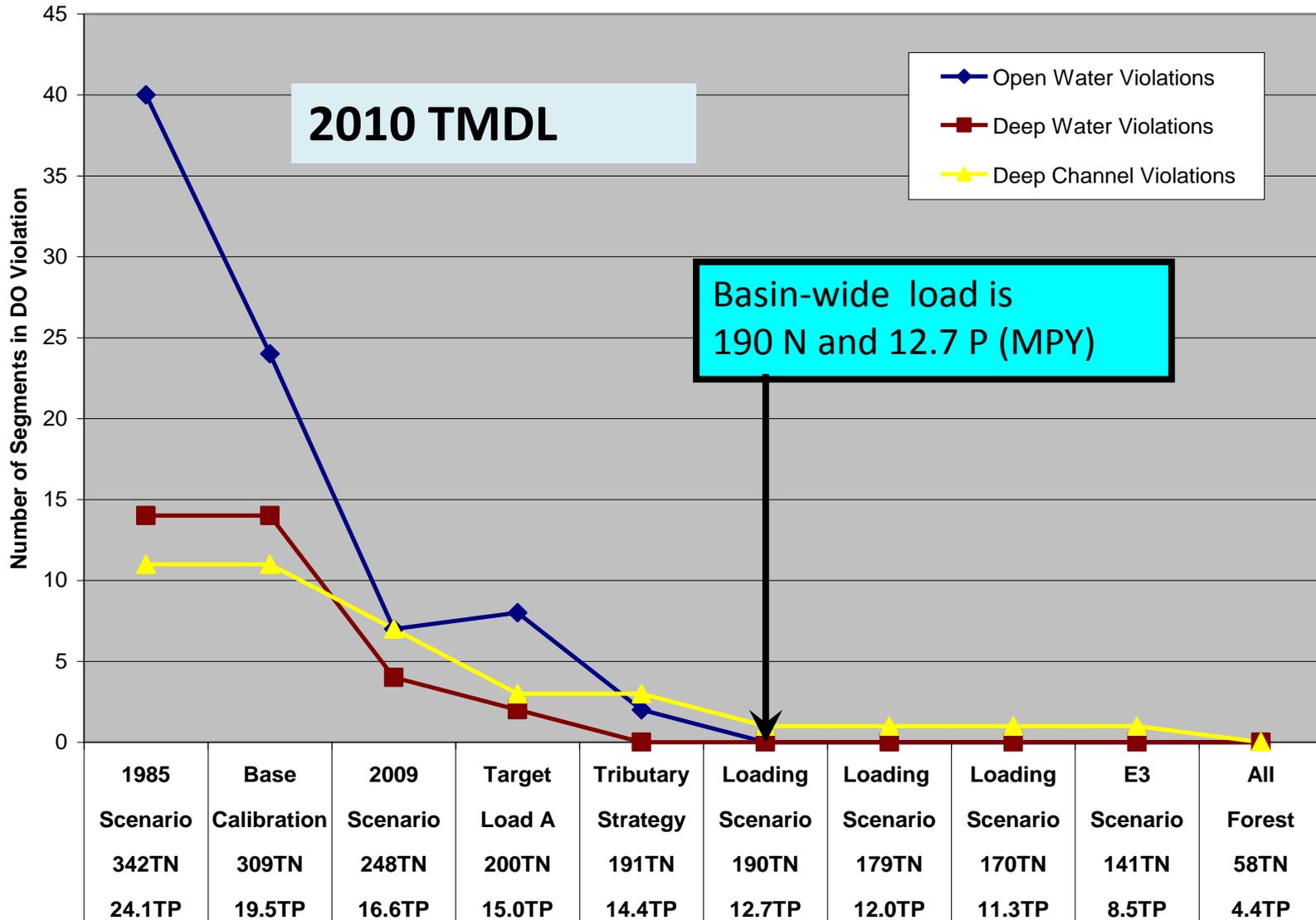
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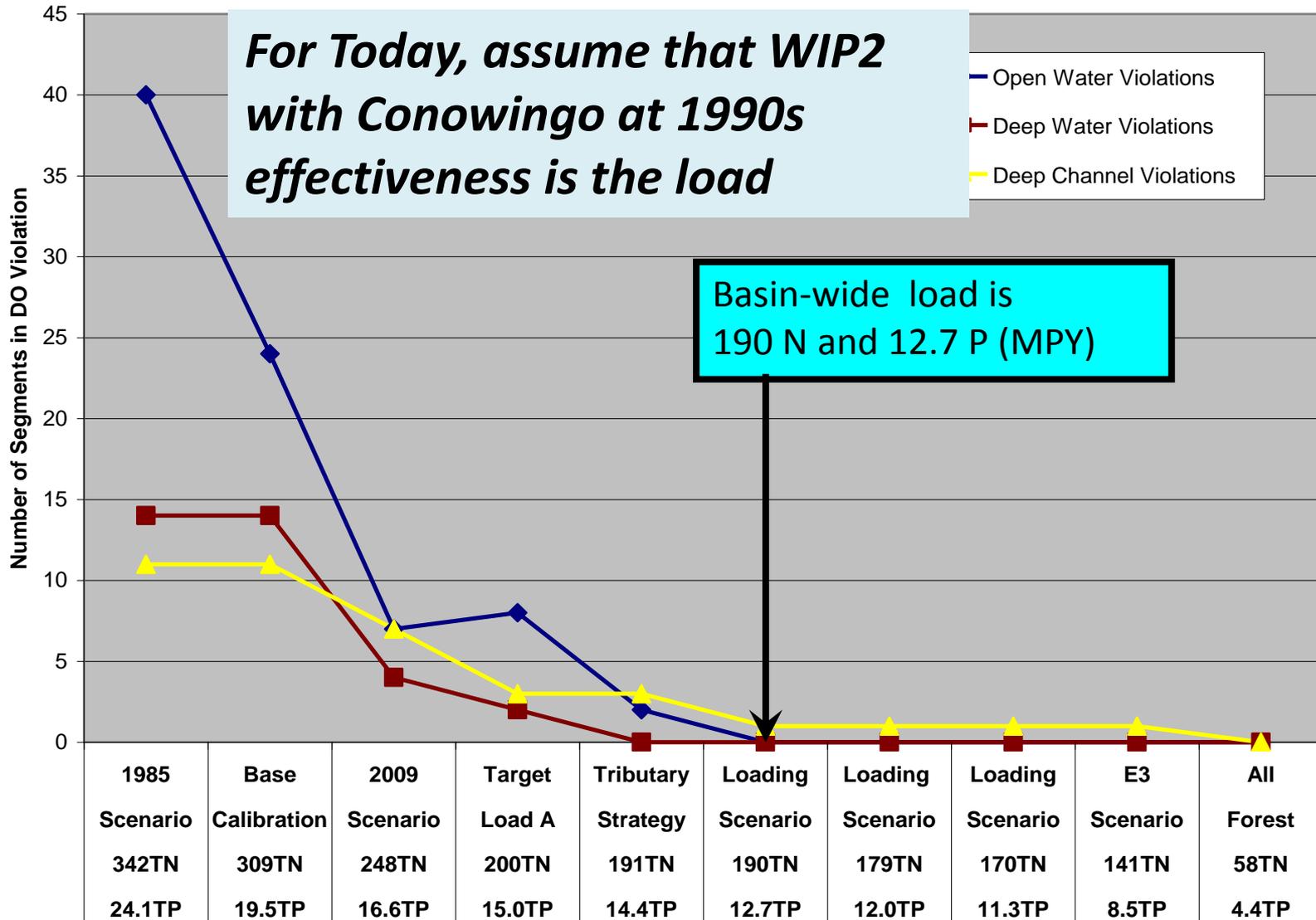
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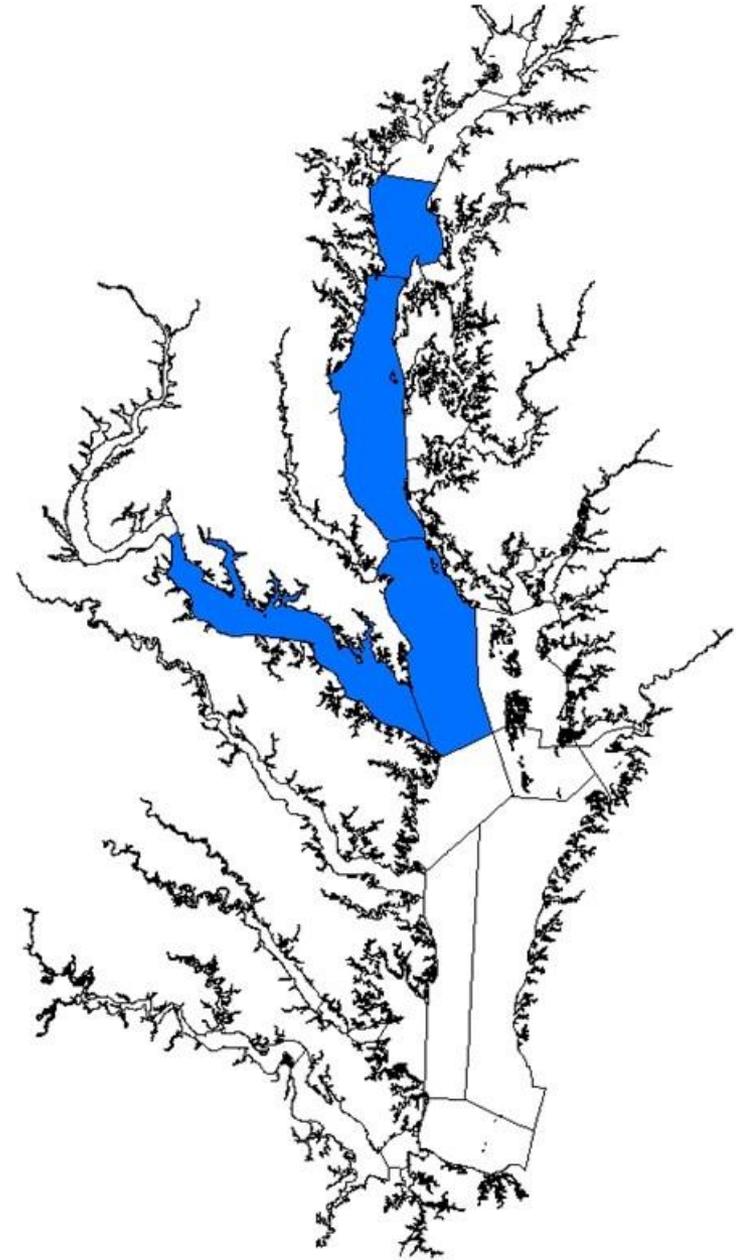


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Based on the effectiveness in increasing DO in CB3MH, CB4MH, and CB5MH Deep Water and Deep Channel; and POTMH Deep Water



# Determining Who Contributes the Most

Key factors:

Watershed Transport

- Watershed Characteristics
- Travel time
- Existence of impoundments

Position along mainstem bay

- Estuarine circulation

Existence of riverine estuary

Watershed delivery:

Pound delivered per pound produced

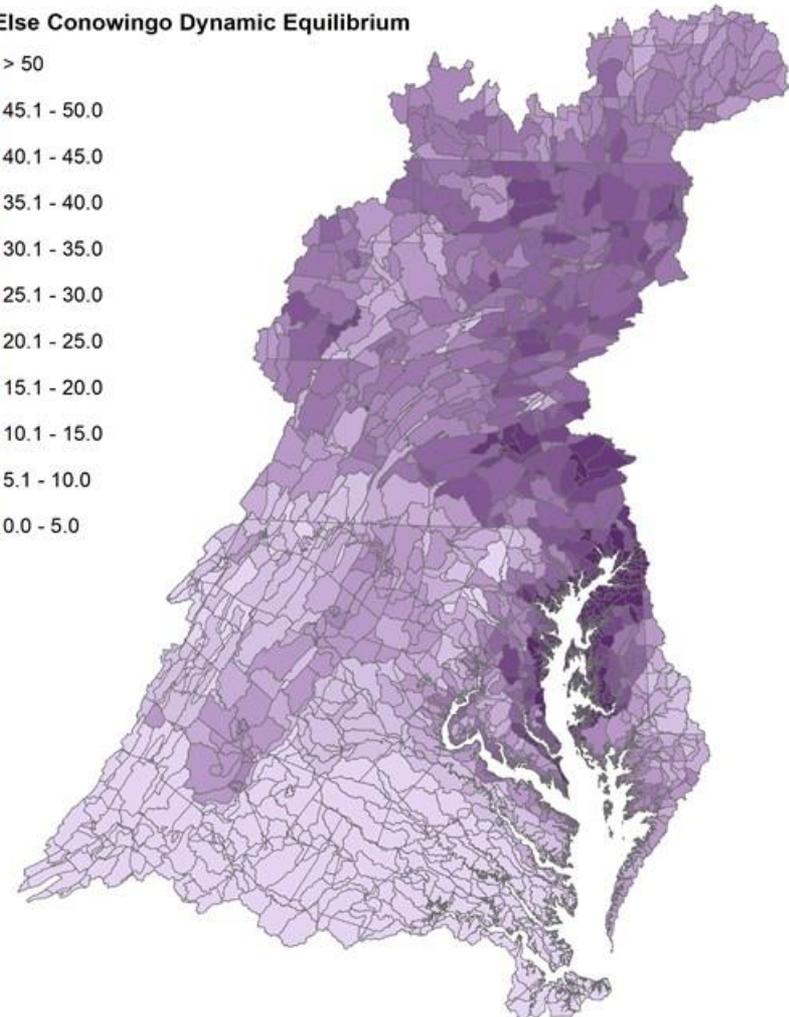
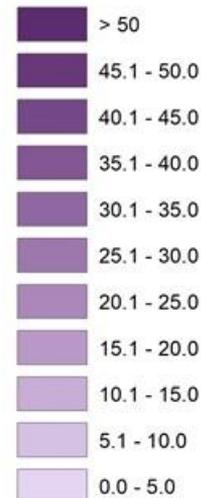
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Oxygen reduced per pound produced

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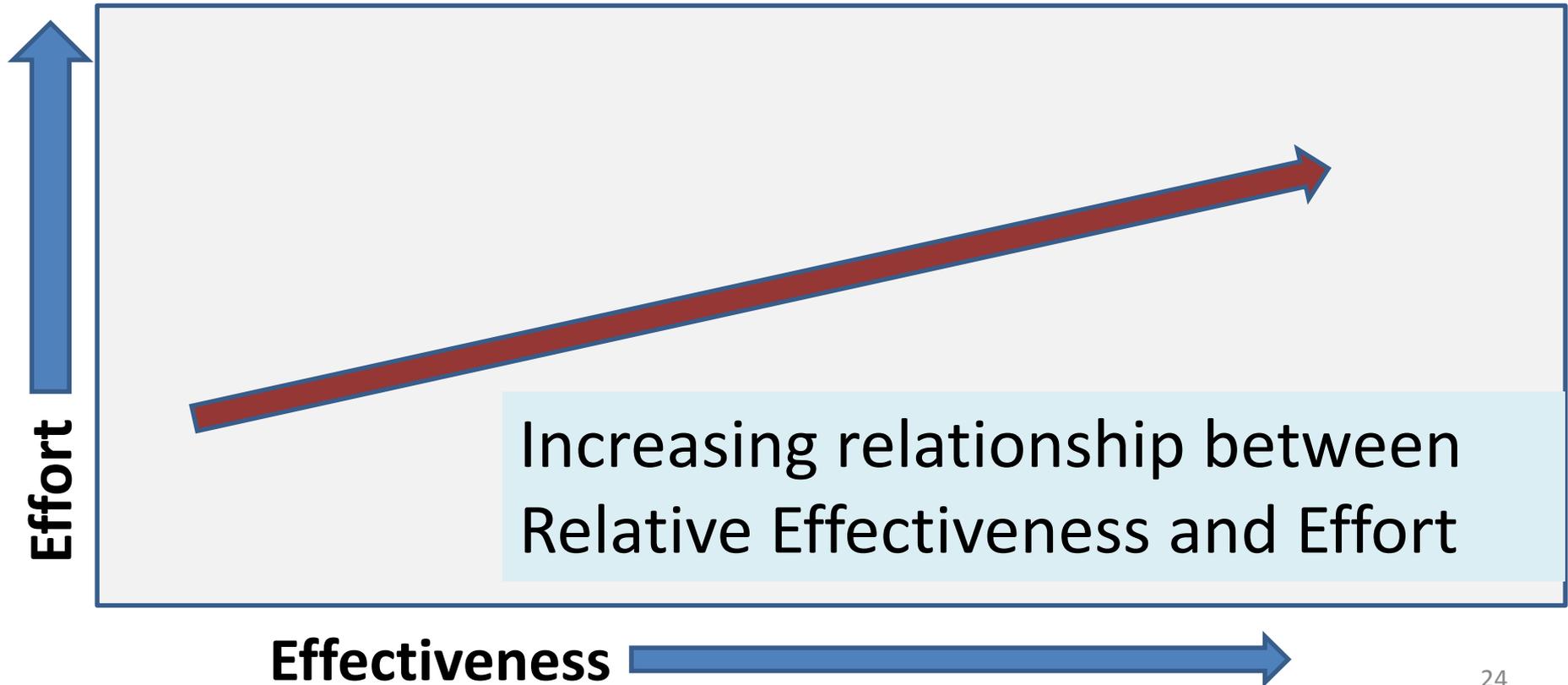
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# Accounting for Previous Reductions

- A planning target method that requires all states to make a similar effort from here on out would disadvantage states that have already done more.
- Require a percentage of the way between:
  - No Action: no BMPs, low level of WWTP
  - Everyone, Everything, Everywhere (E3)

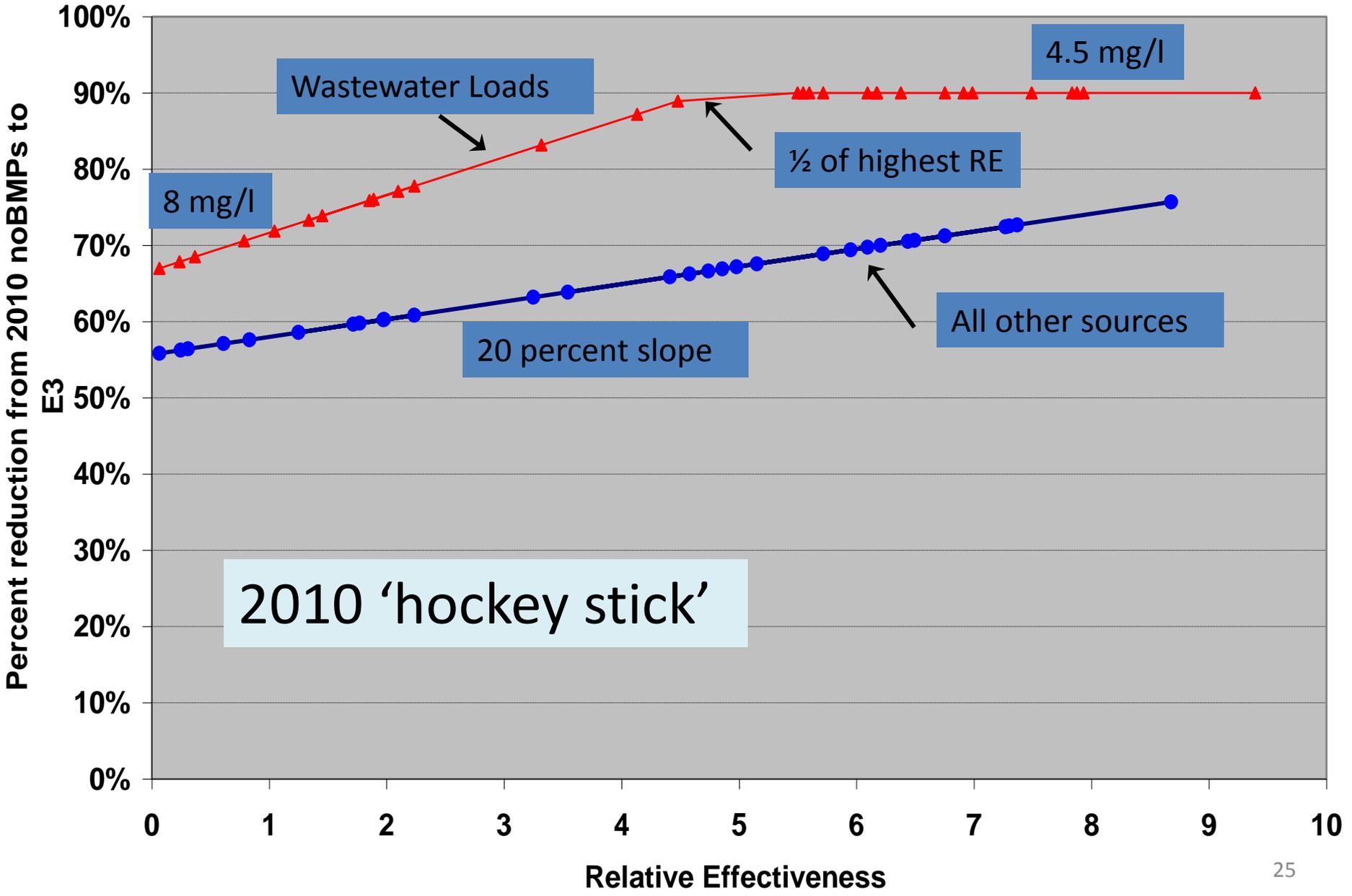
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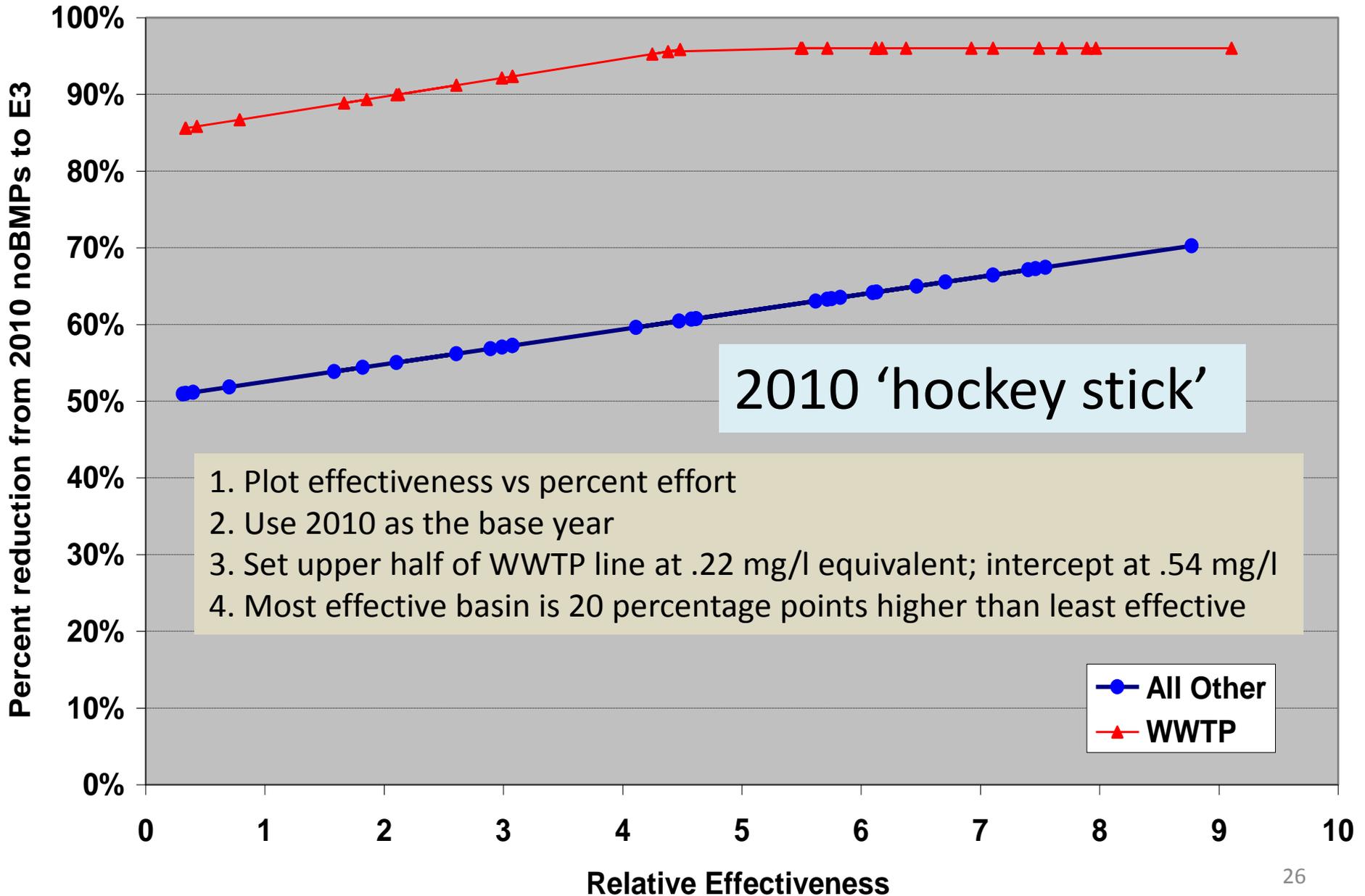


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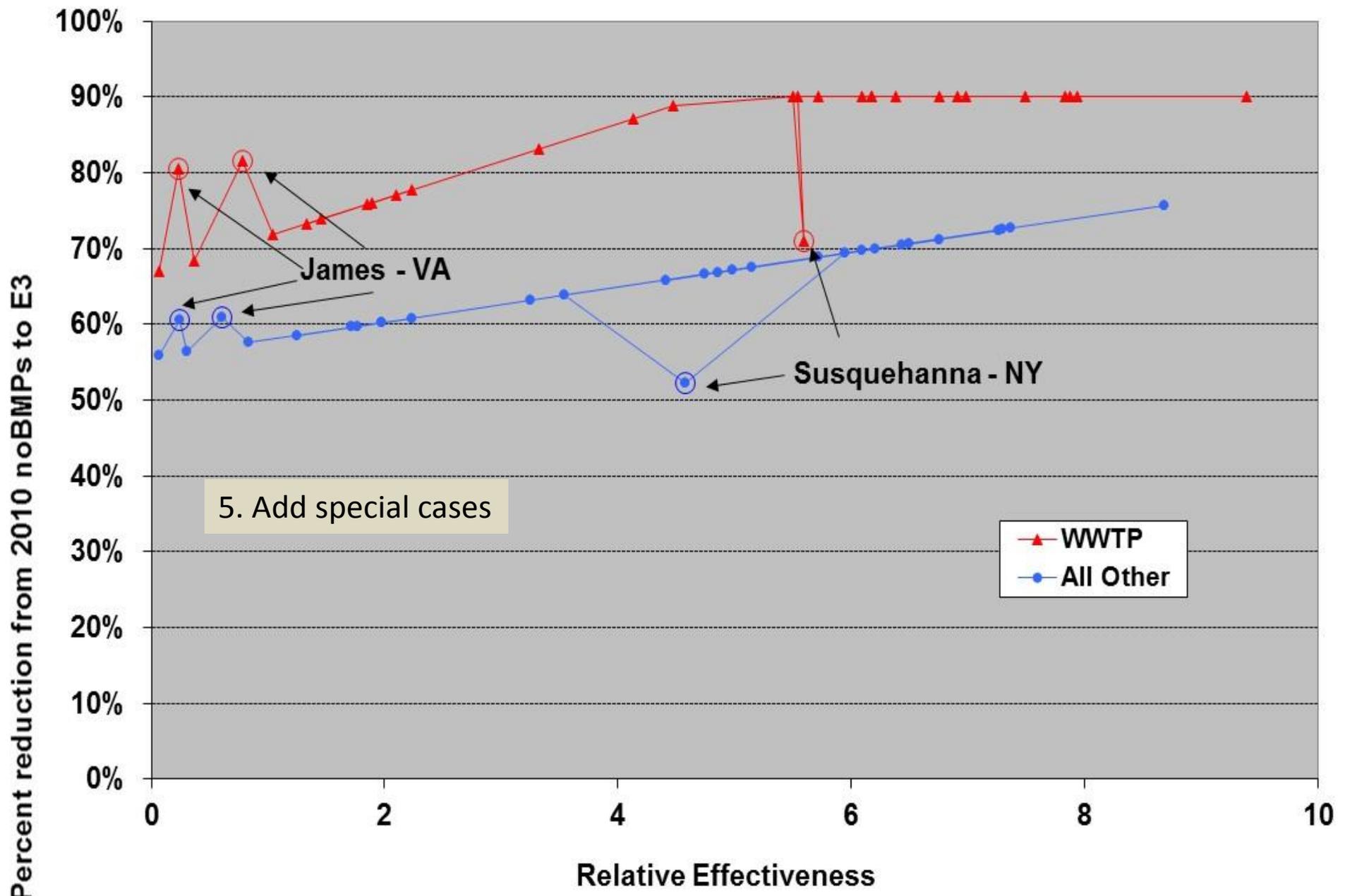
- All Other
- ▲ WWTP



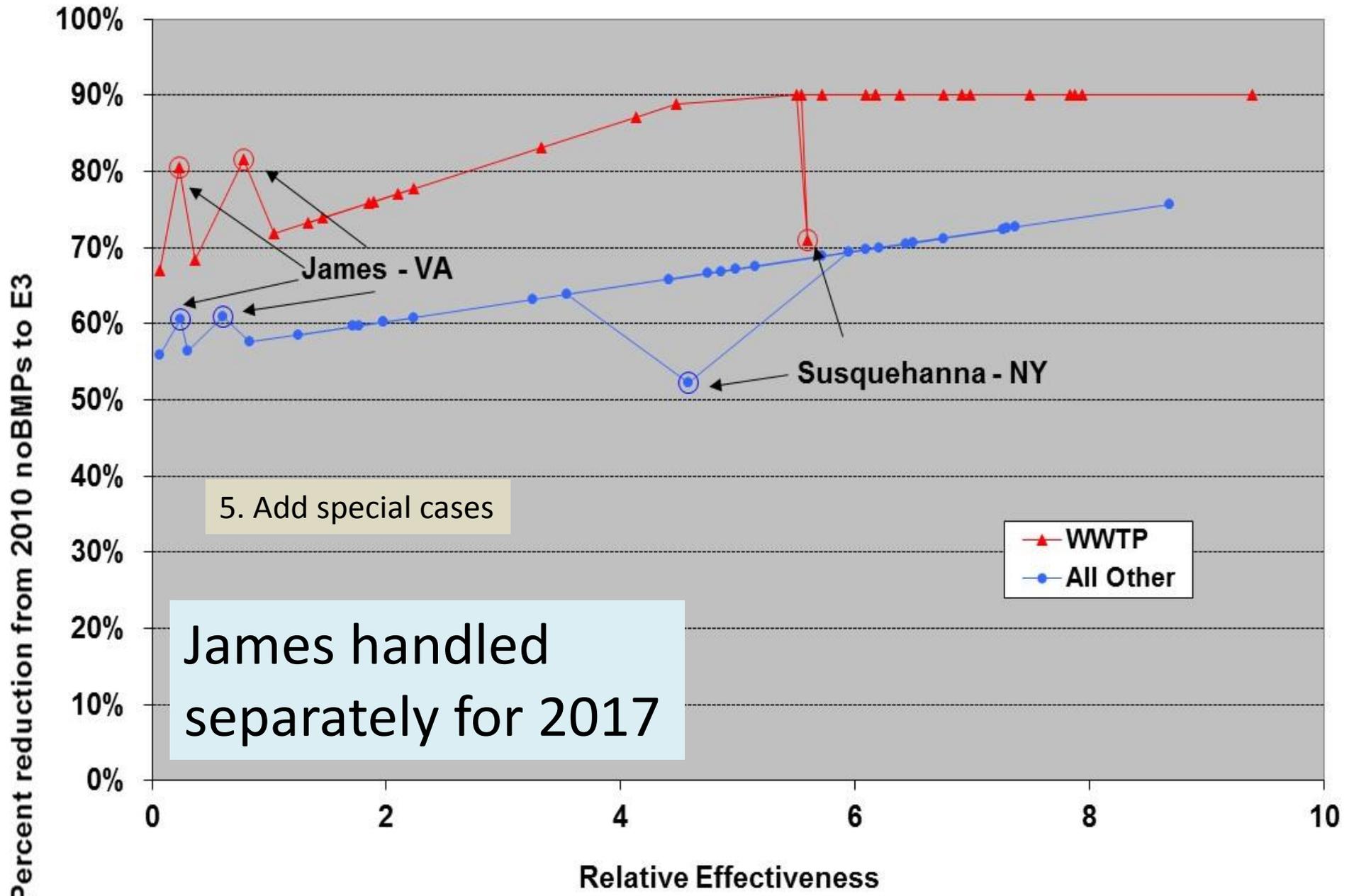
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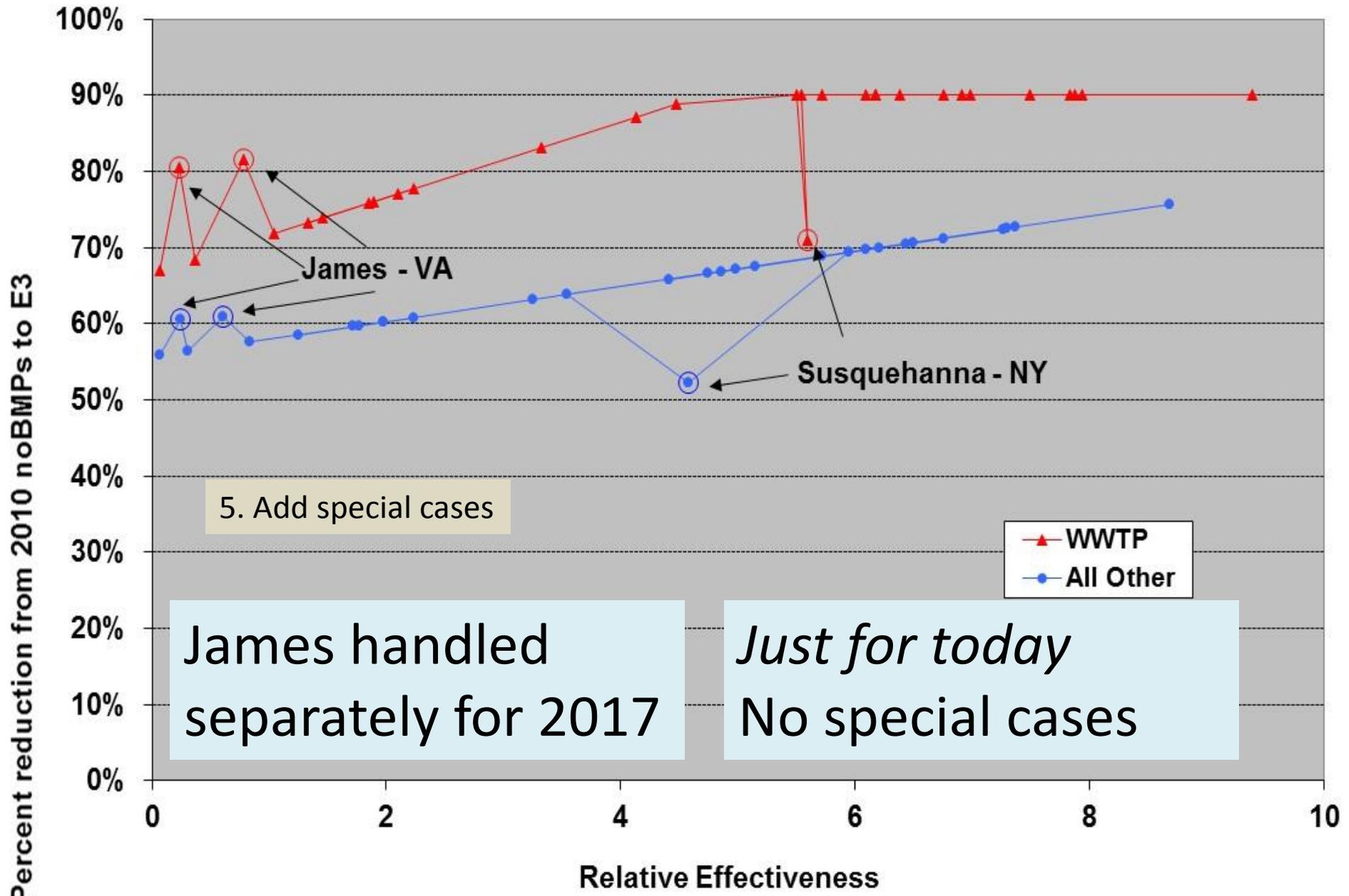
# Nitrogen -- Phase 5.3 -- Goal=190



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5. Add special cases

James handled separately for 2017

Just for today  
No special cases

▲ WWTP  
● All Other

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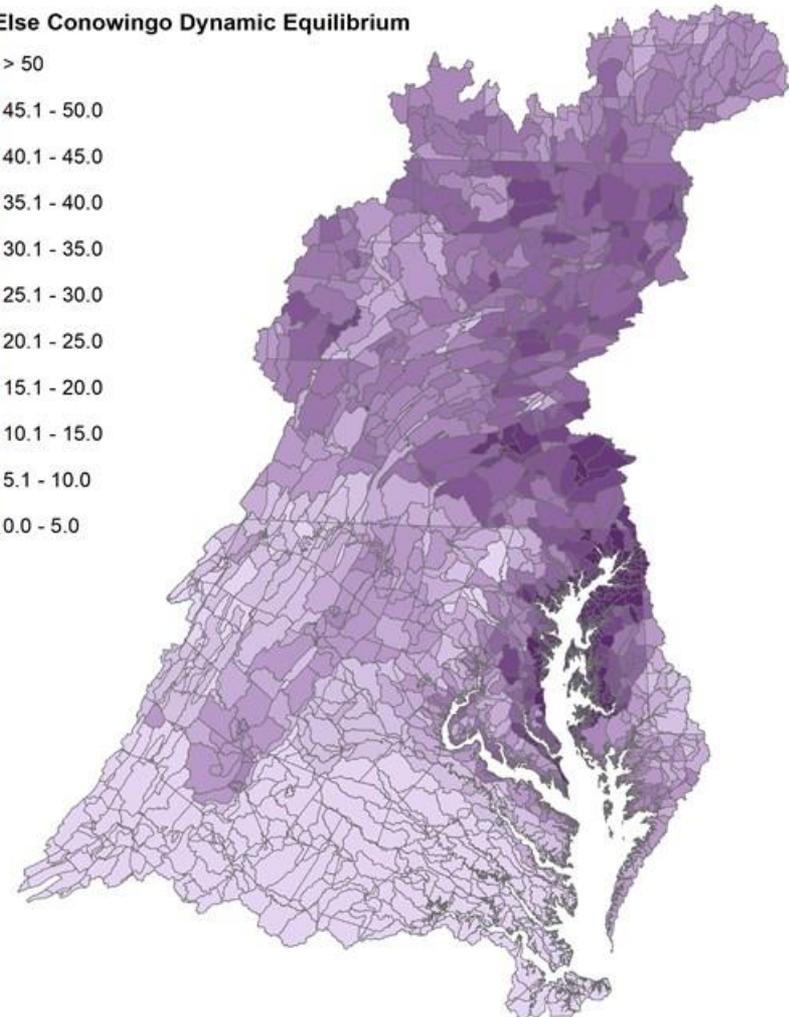
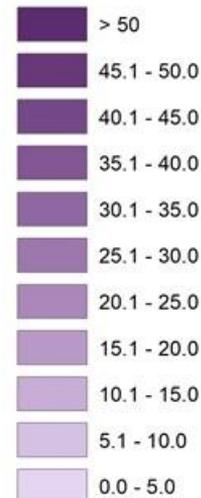
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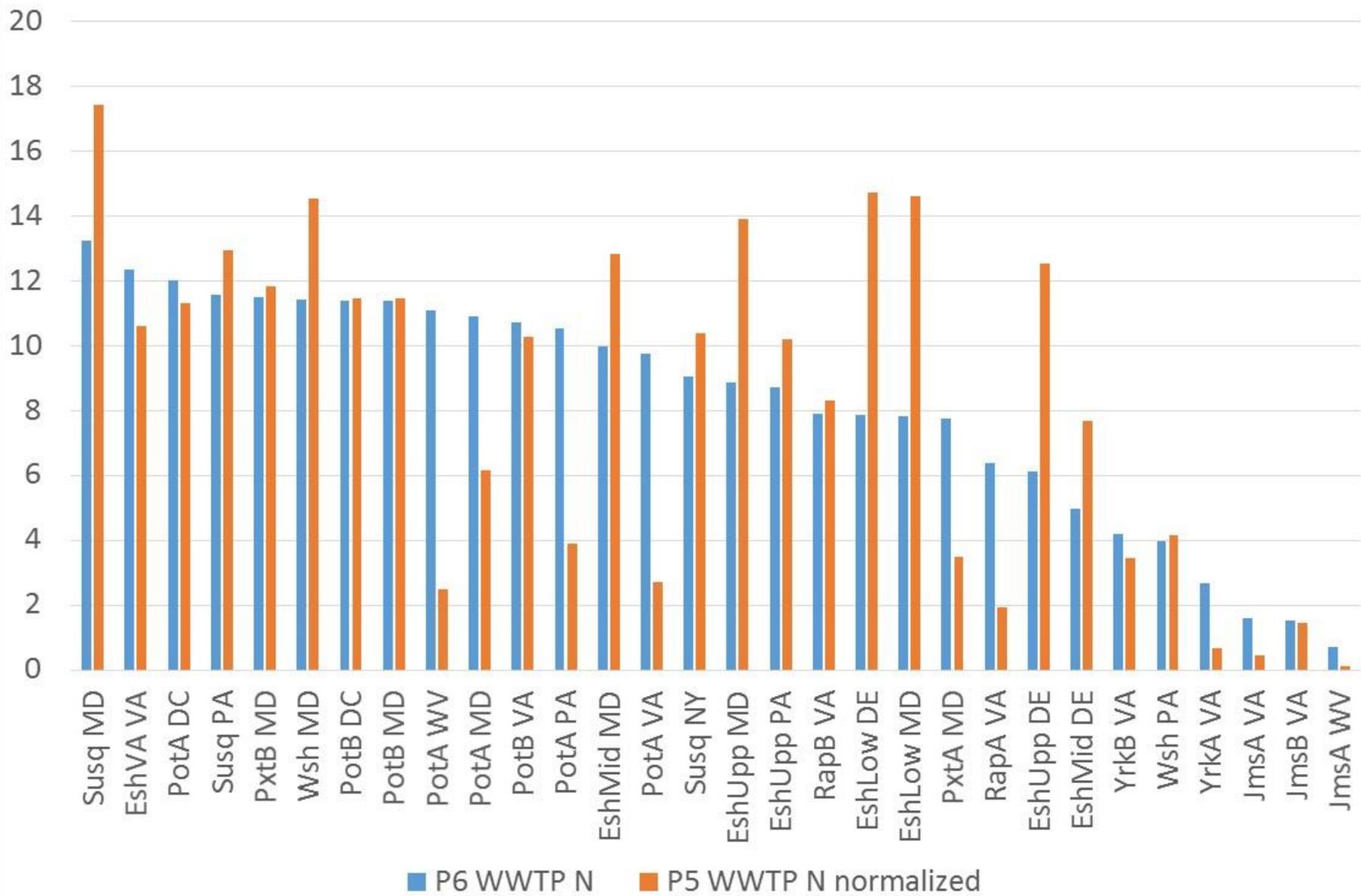
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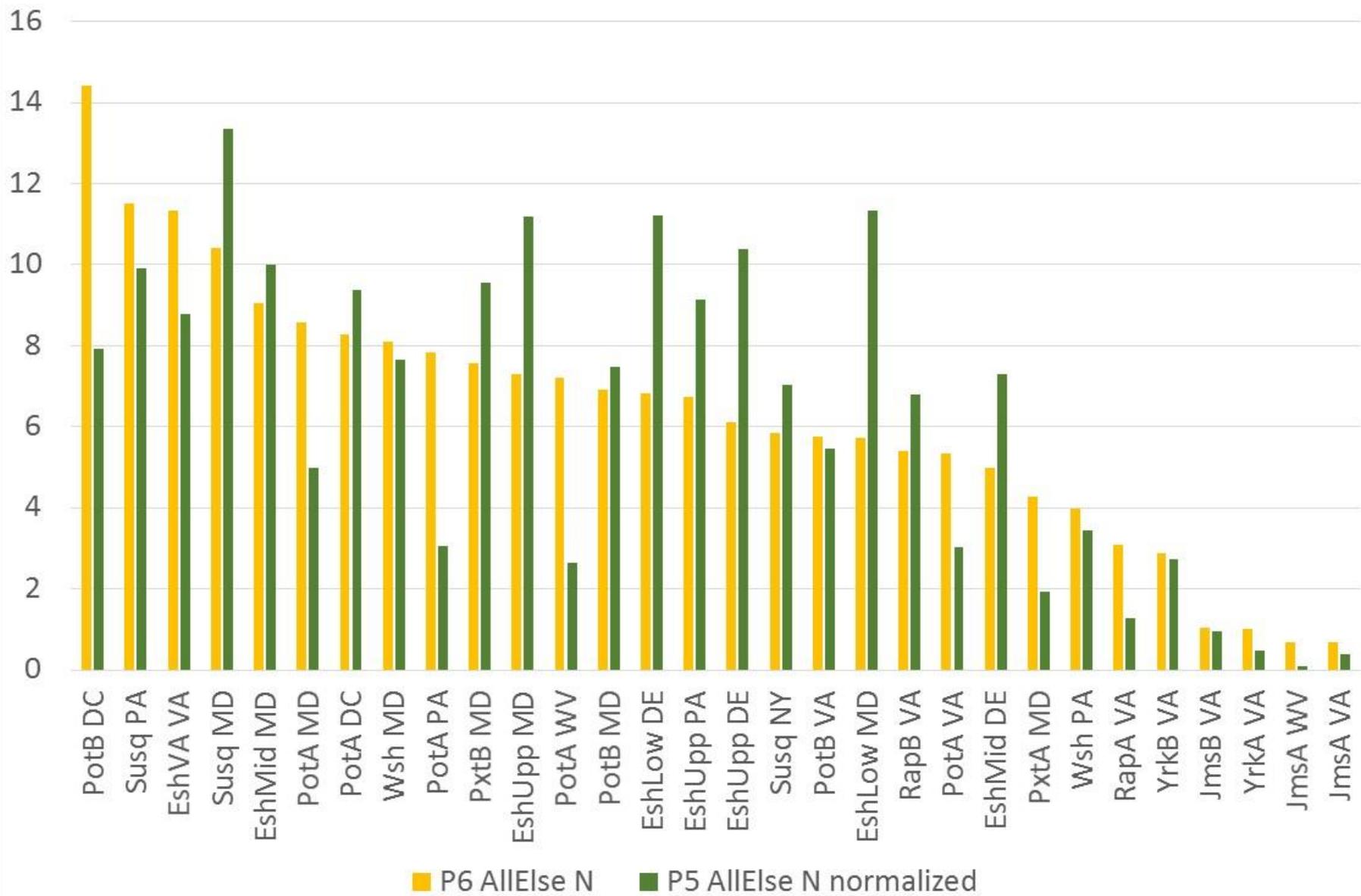
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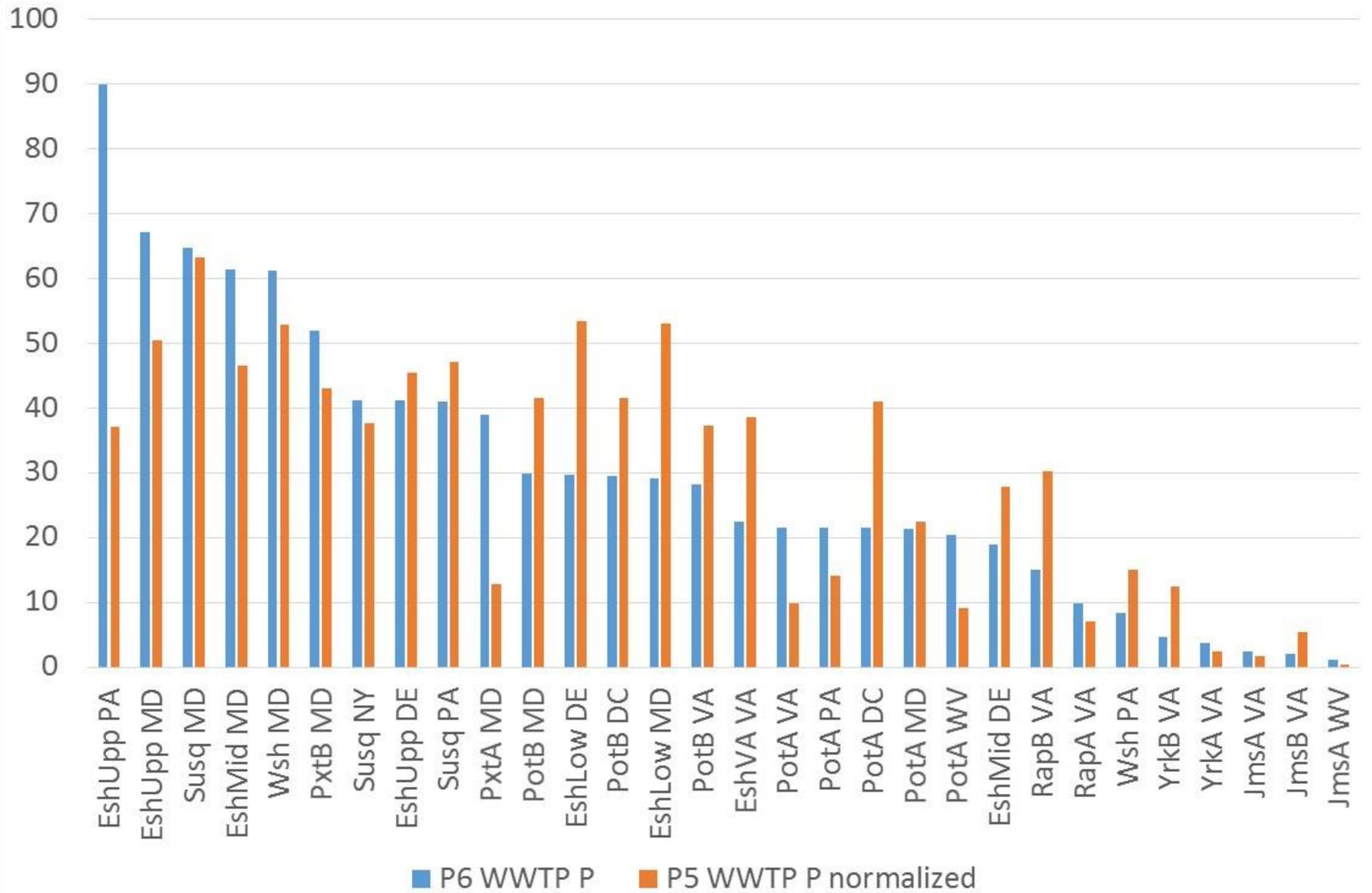
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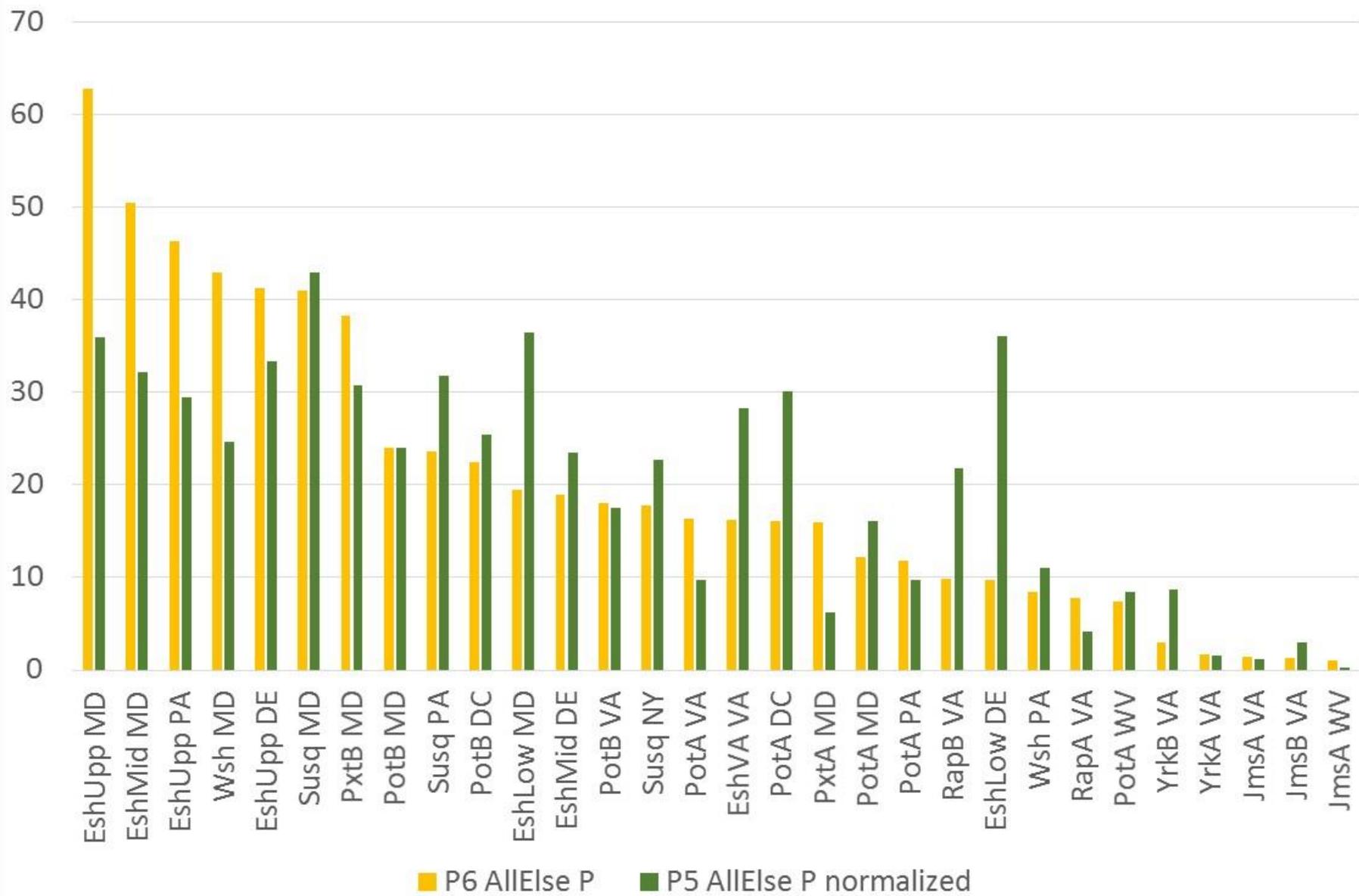
## Nitrogen Relative Effectiveness for All Other Sources



## Phosphorus Relative Effectiveness for WWTP



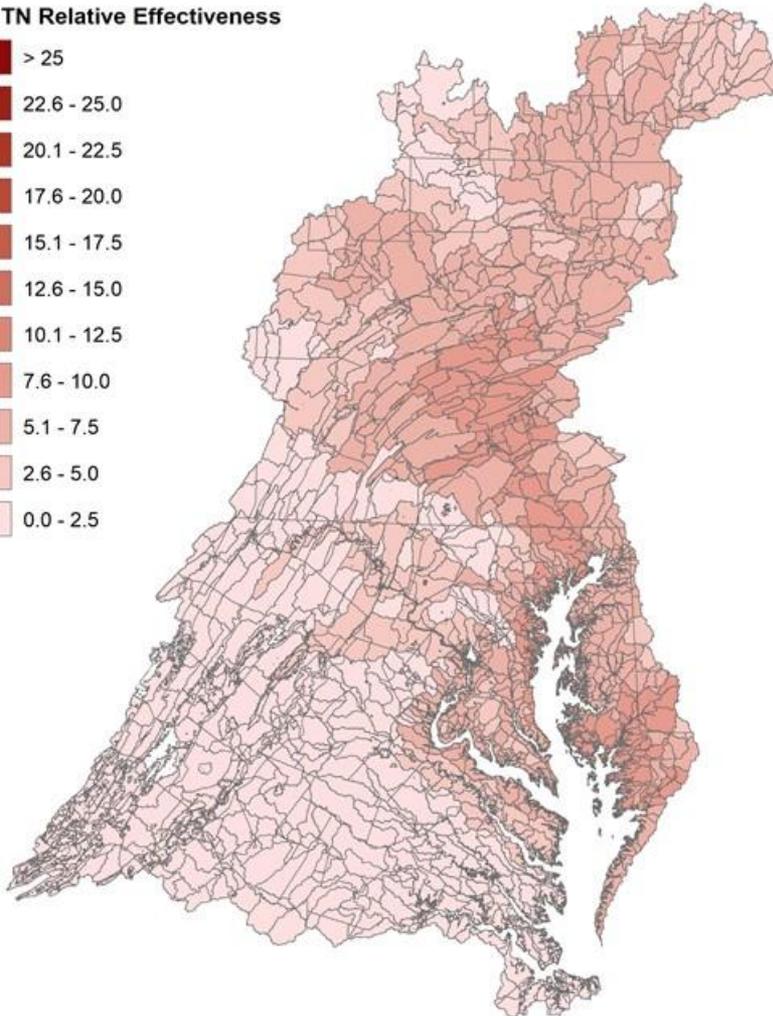
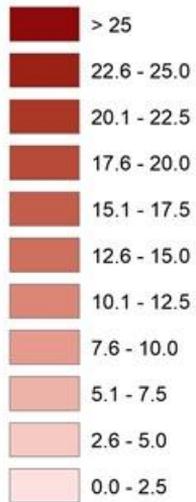
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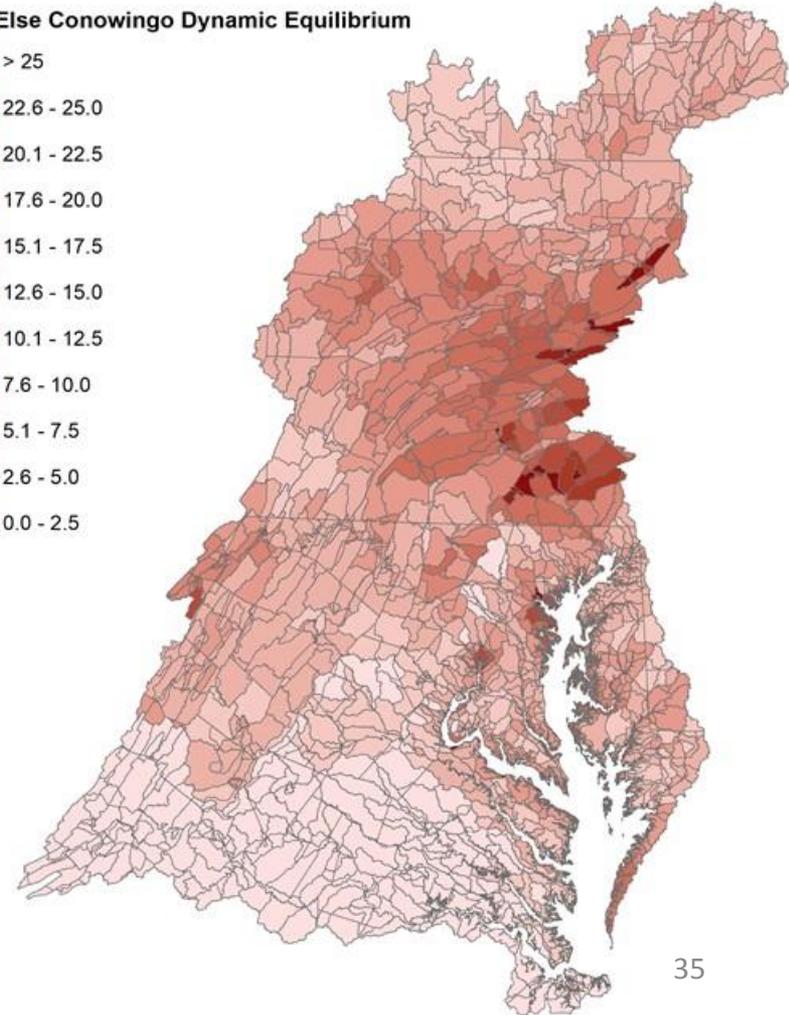
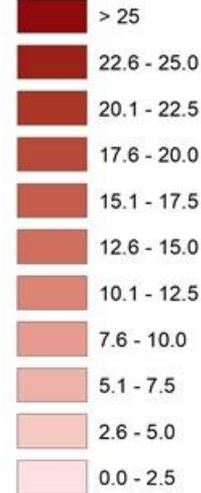
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P 5.3 TN Relative Effectiveness



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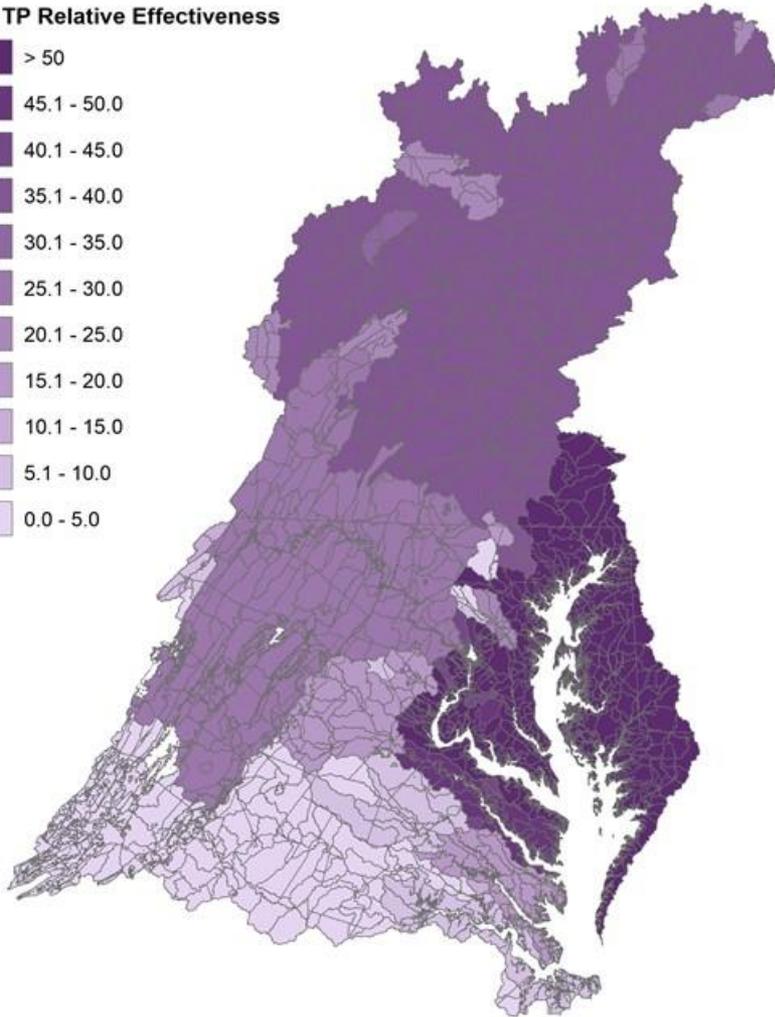
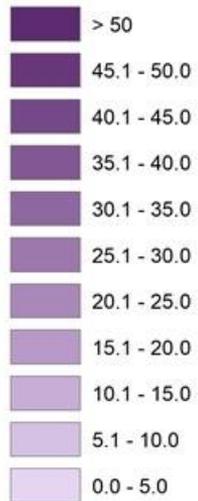
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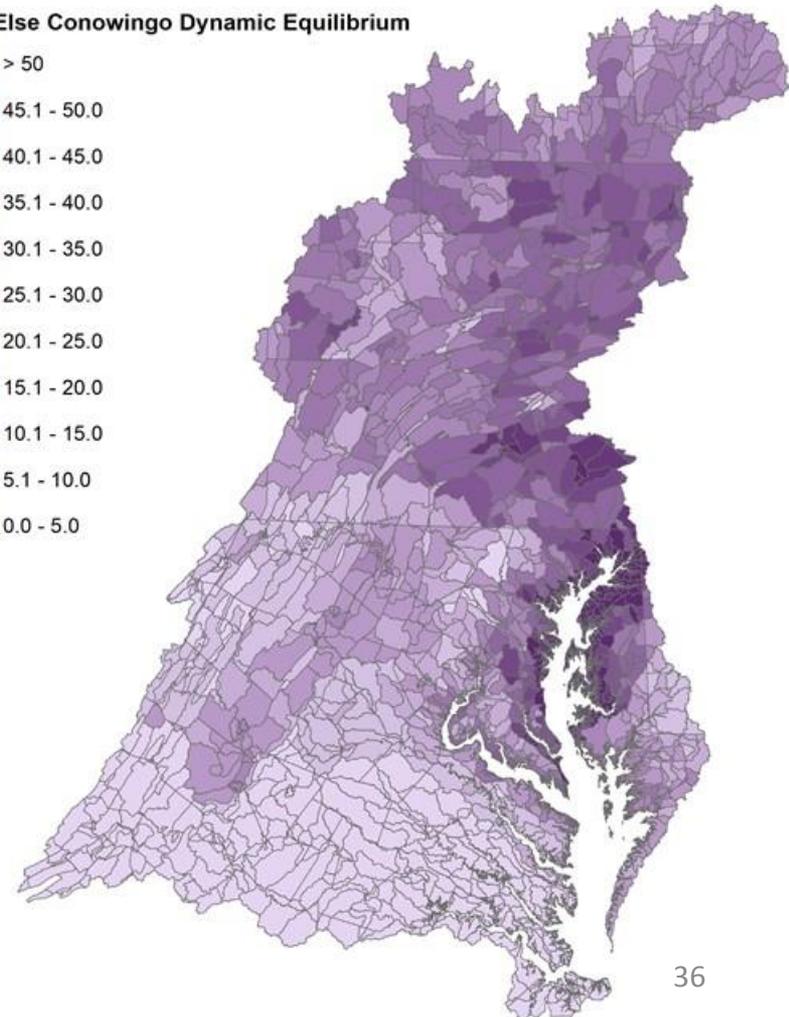
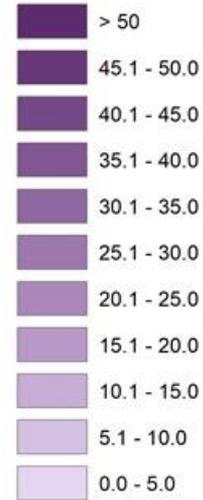
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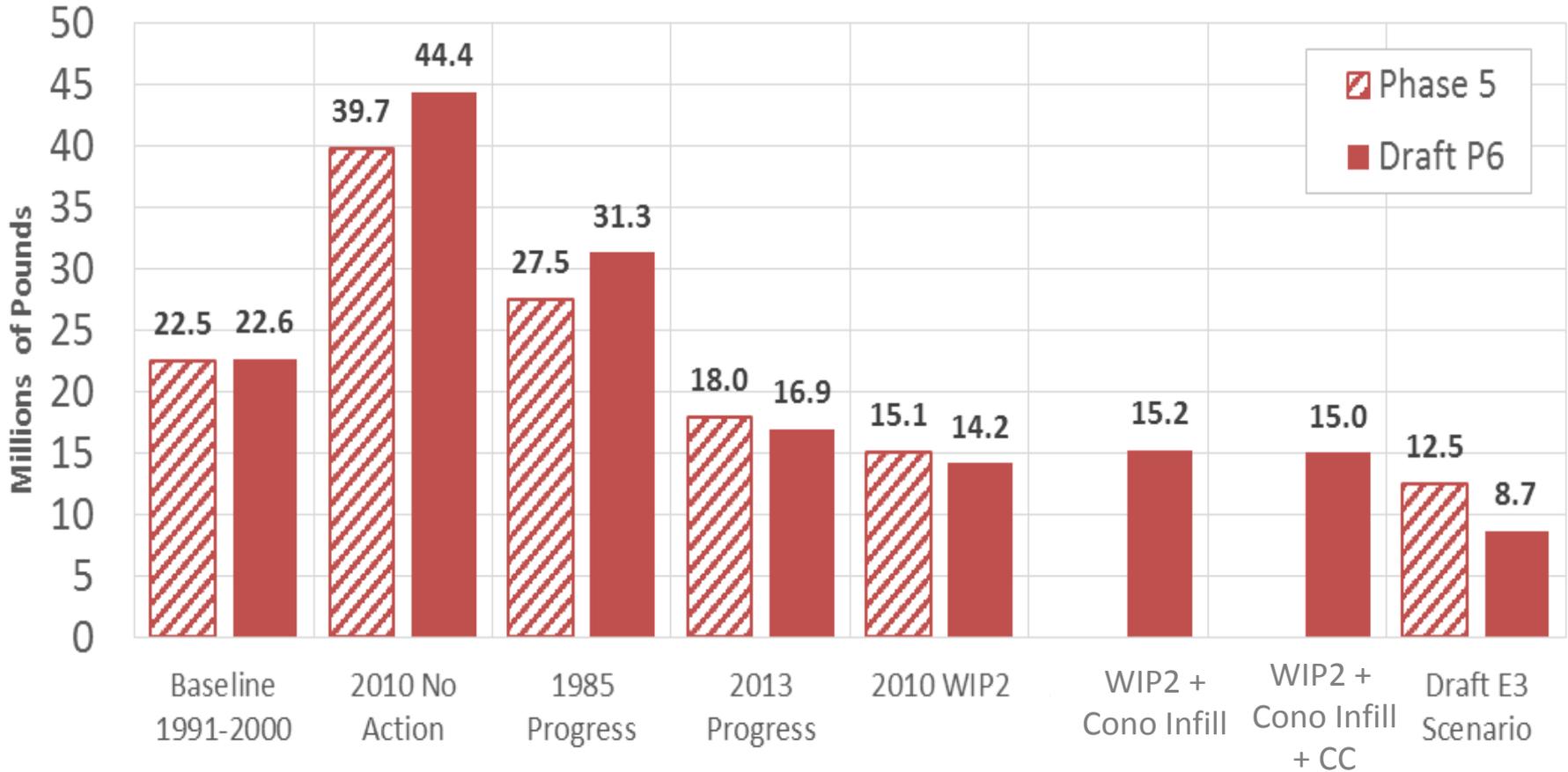
# New Phase 6 Model Results

- Better inputs
- Better model
- Better calibration
- New No Action and E3
- Hydrodynamics
- Biogeochemistry
- Shoreline loads



# Phase 6 Phosphorus Loads

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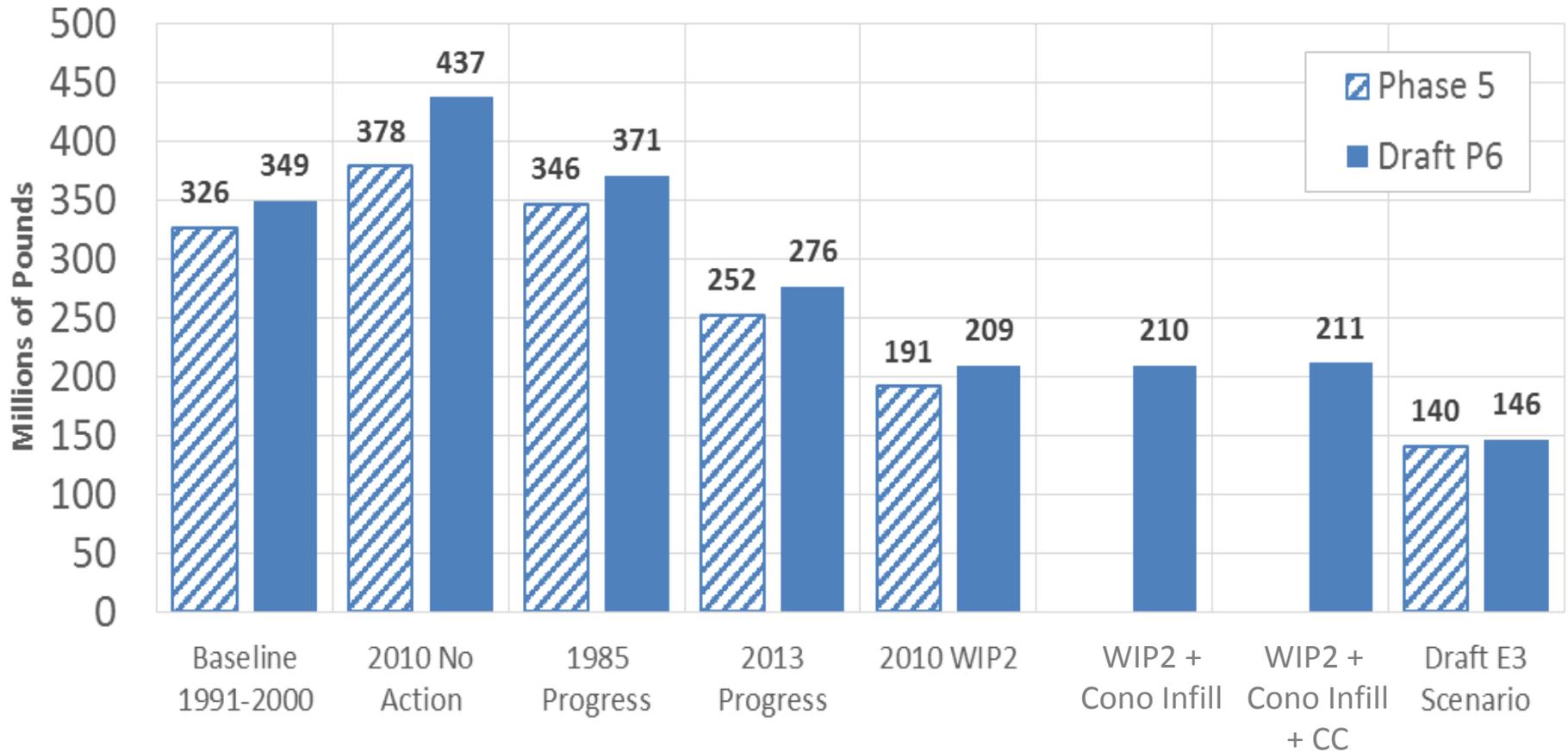


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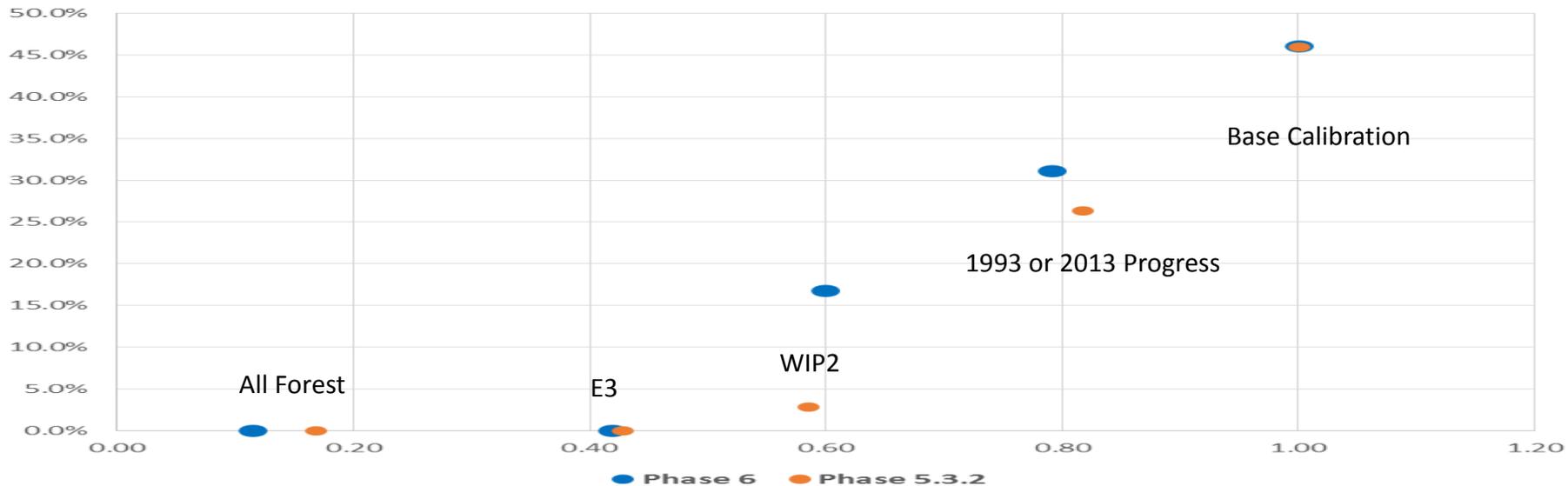


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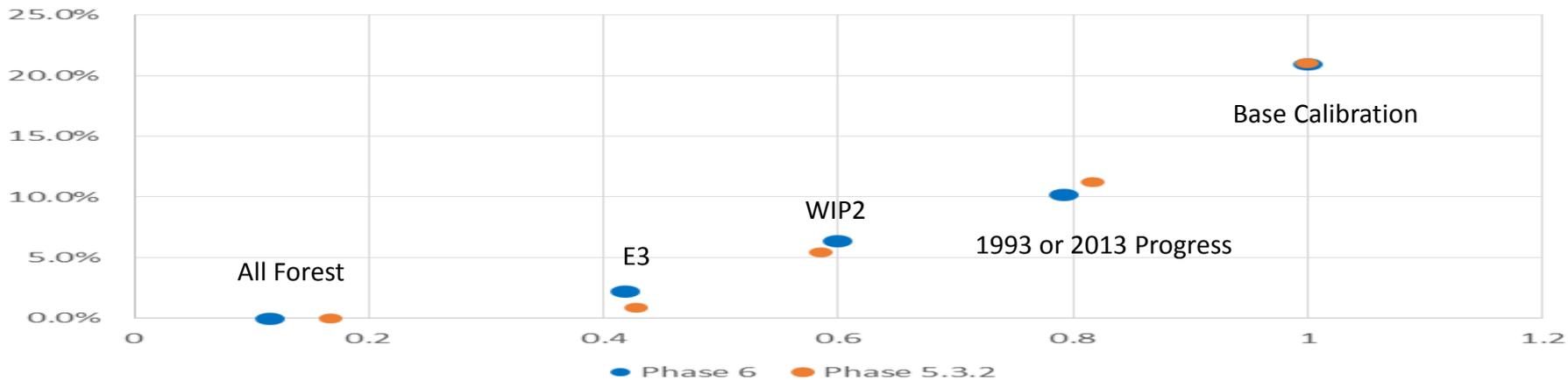


# The Degree of Water Quality Attainment In Deep Channel & Deep Water DO

Response of 2010 and 2017 WQSTM Deep Channel DO to TN Load Reductions as a Percent of Phase 6 and Phase 5.3.2 Base in CB4MH



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# The Phase 6 Assessment of Deep Channel DO Standard Achievement

		Base	No Action	1985 Progress	1993 Progress	2013 Progress	WIP2	WIP2 + Cono Infill	WIP2 + Cono + CC	E3	All Forest
<b>Phase 6</b>		349TN	437TN	371TN	279TN	276TN	209TN	210TN	211TN	146TN	40TN
<b>9/25/17</b>		22.6TP	44.4TP	31.3TP	17.9TP	16.9TP	14.2TP	15.2TP	15.0TP	8.7TP	2.1TP
		1993-1995	1993-1995	1993-1995	1993-1995	1993-1995	1993-1995	1993-1995	1993-1995	1993-1995	1993-1995
Cbseg	State	Deep Channel	Deep Channel	Deep Channel	Deep Channel	Deep Channel	Deep Channel	Deep Channel	Deep Channel	Deep Channel	Deep Channel
CB3MH	MD	16.0%	14.9%	10.6%	8.1%	1.6%	0.0%	0.6%	0.7%	0.0%	0.0%
CB4MH	MD	46.0%	56.1%	50.6%	47.2%	31.1%	16.8%	18.9%	19.4%	0.0%	0.0%
CB5MH	MD/VA	14.2%	21.8%	17.4%	15.6%	2.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
CHSMH	MD	37.4%	25.5%	19.8%	17.9%	9.3%	8.8%	11.5%	13.2%	0.6%	0.0%
POTMH	MD/VA	20.2%	23.9%	19.4%	17.6%	0.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
POMMH	MD	20.4%	24.0%	19.5%	17.7%	0.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
RPPMH	VA	19.0%	27.9%	18.3%	17.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
EASMH	MD	25.4%	34.4%	23.1%	19.5%	13.4%	9.8%	14.5%	14.6%	1.1%	0.0%
MD5MH	MD	21.7%	29.2%	24.4%	22.4%	6.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%
VA5MH	VA	4.5%	11.9%	7.9%	6.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
PATMH	MD	24.8%	44.2%	41.2%	28.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

		Base	No Action	1985 Progress	2009 Progress	WIP2	E3	All Forest
<b>Phase 5.3.2</b>		323TN	376TN	344TN	264TN	189TN	138TN	54TN
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## Phase 6

## Phase 5

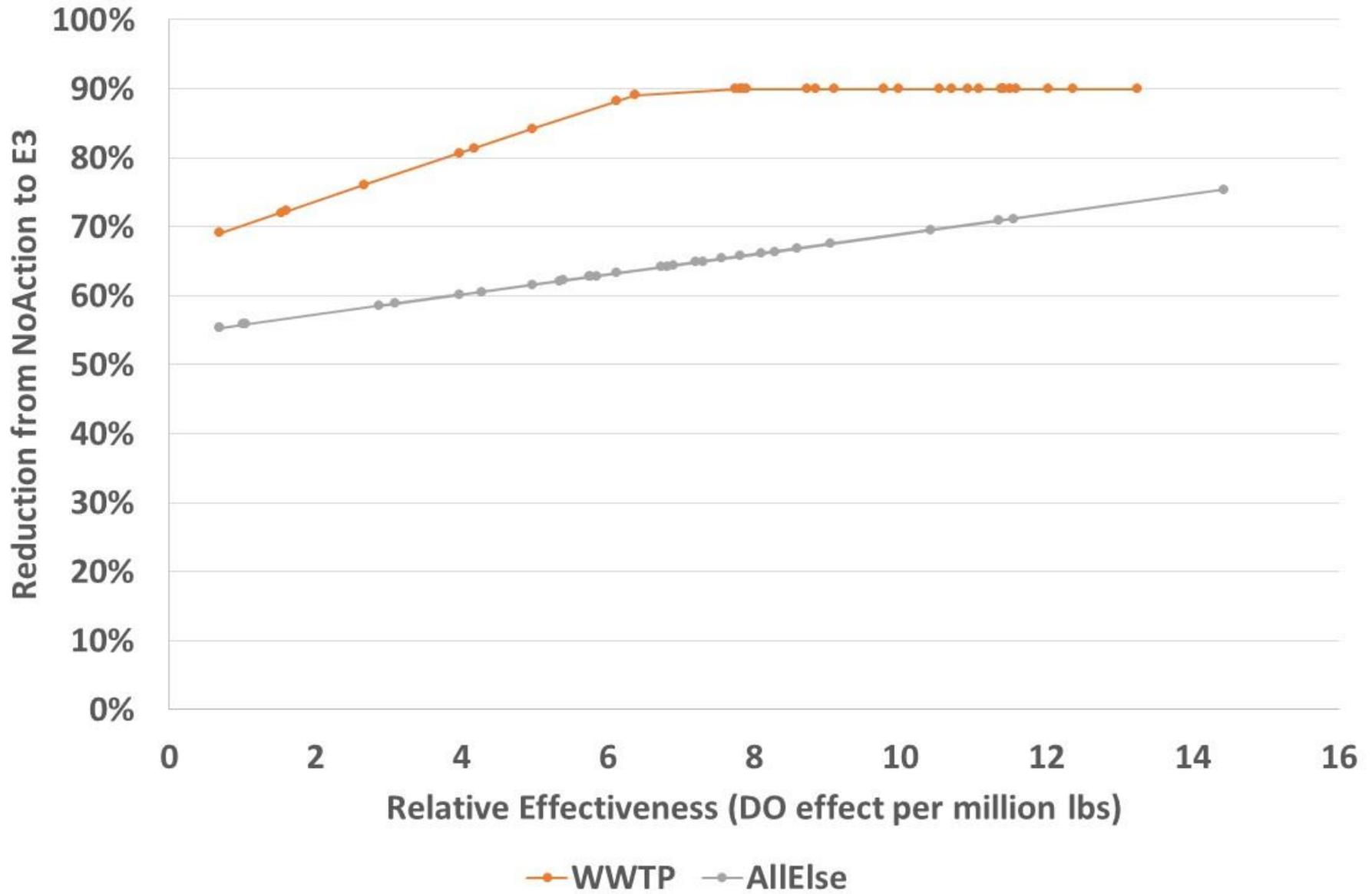
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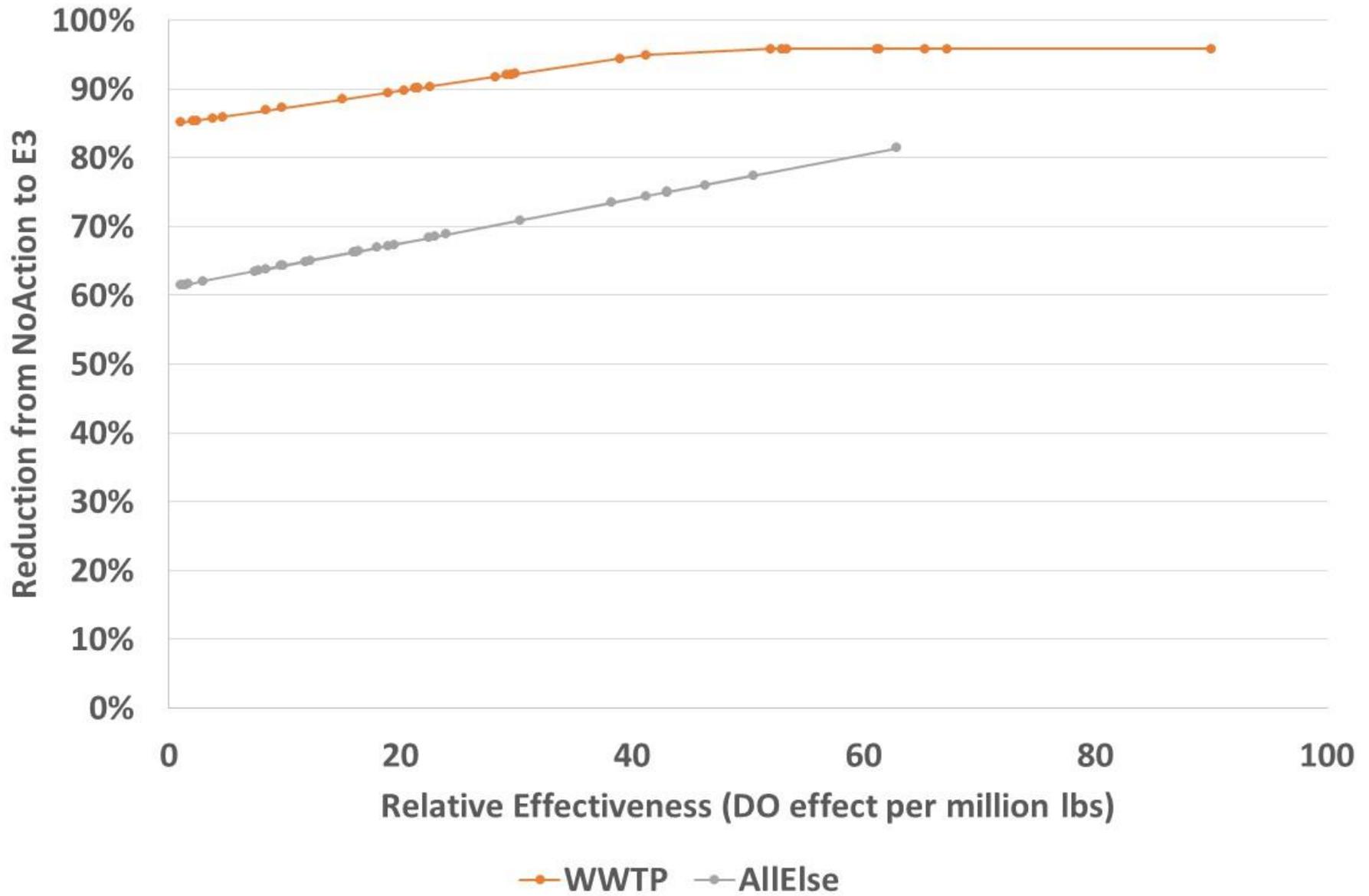
# Planning Target Calculation

- Assumed the assimilative capacity was the WIP2 with the mid-1990s Conowingo
- Incrementally look at the effects of
  - Model changes
  - Planning Target Method changes

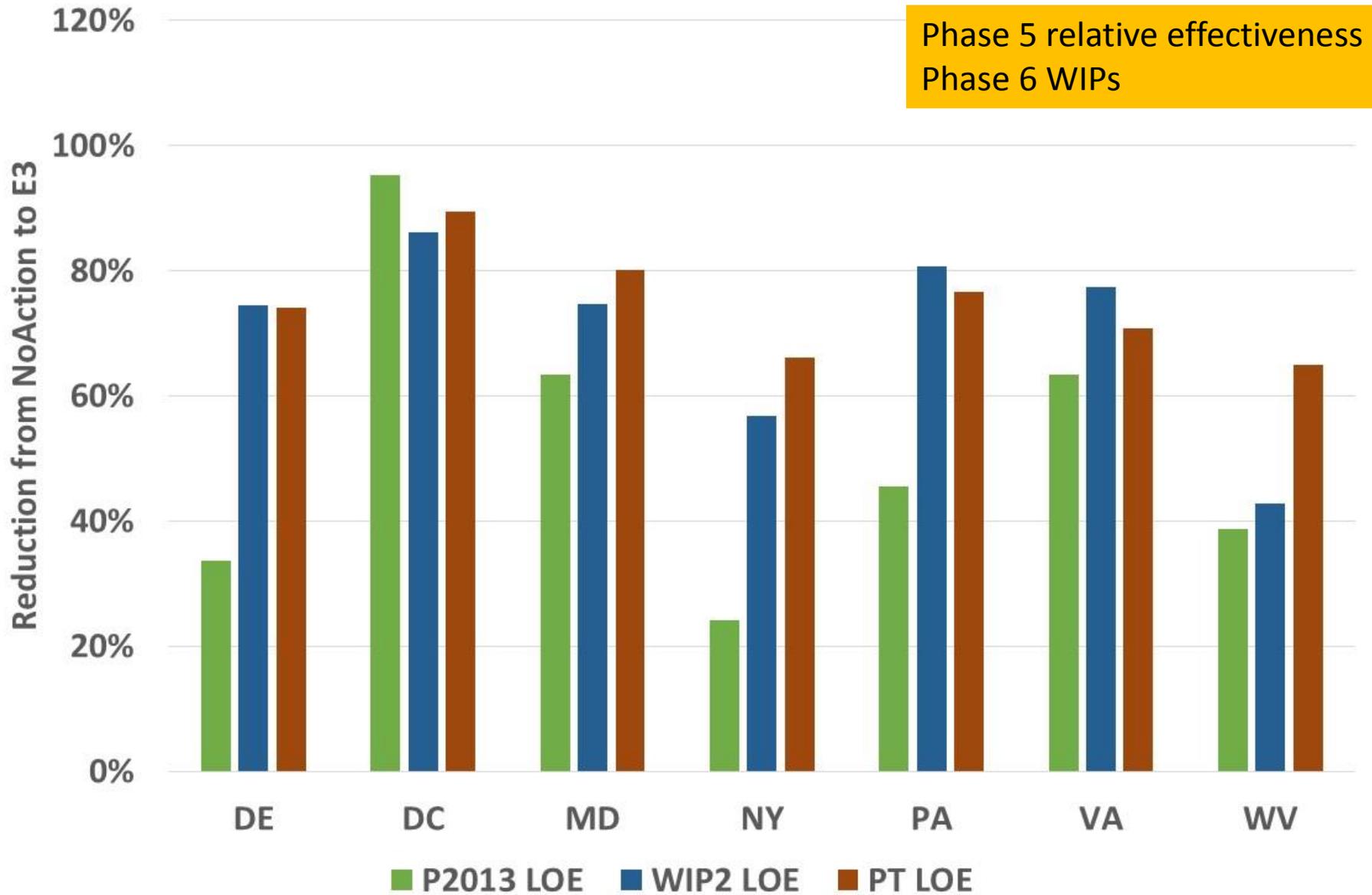
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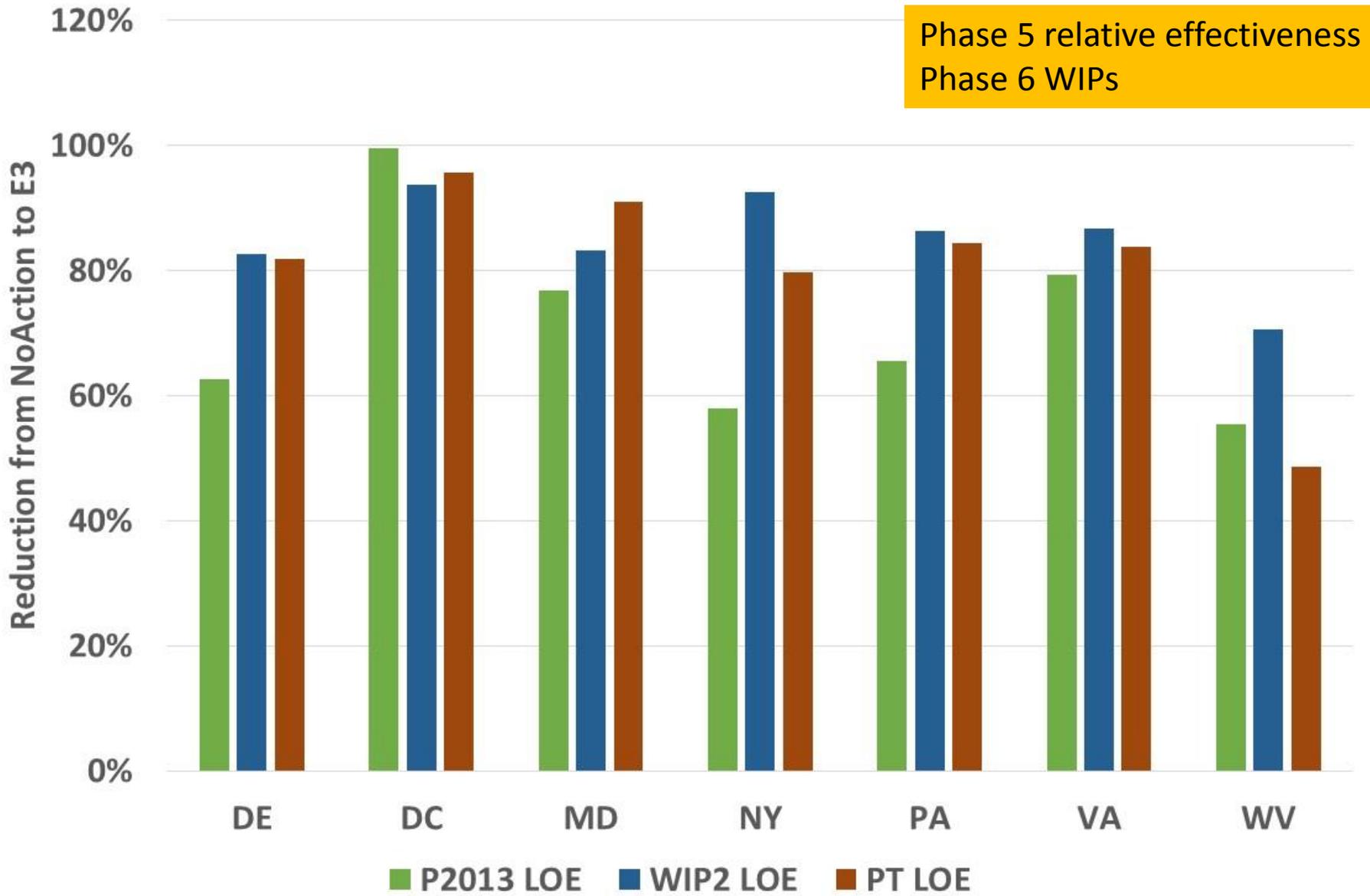
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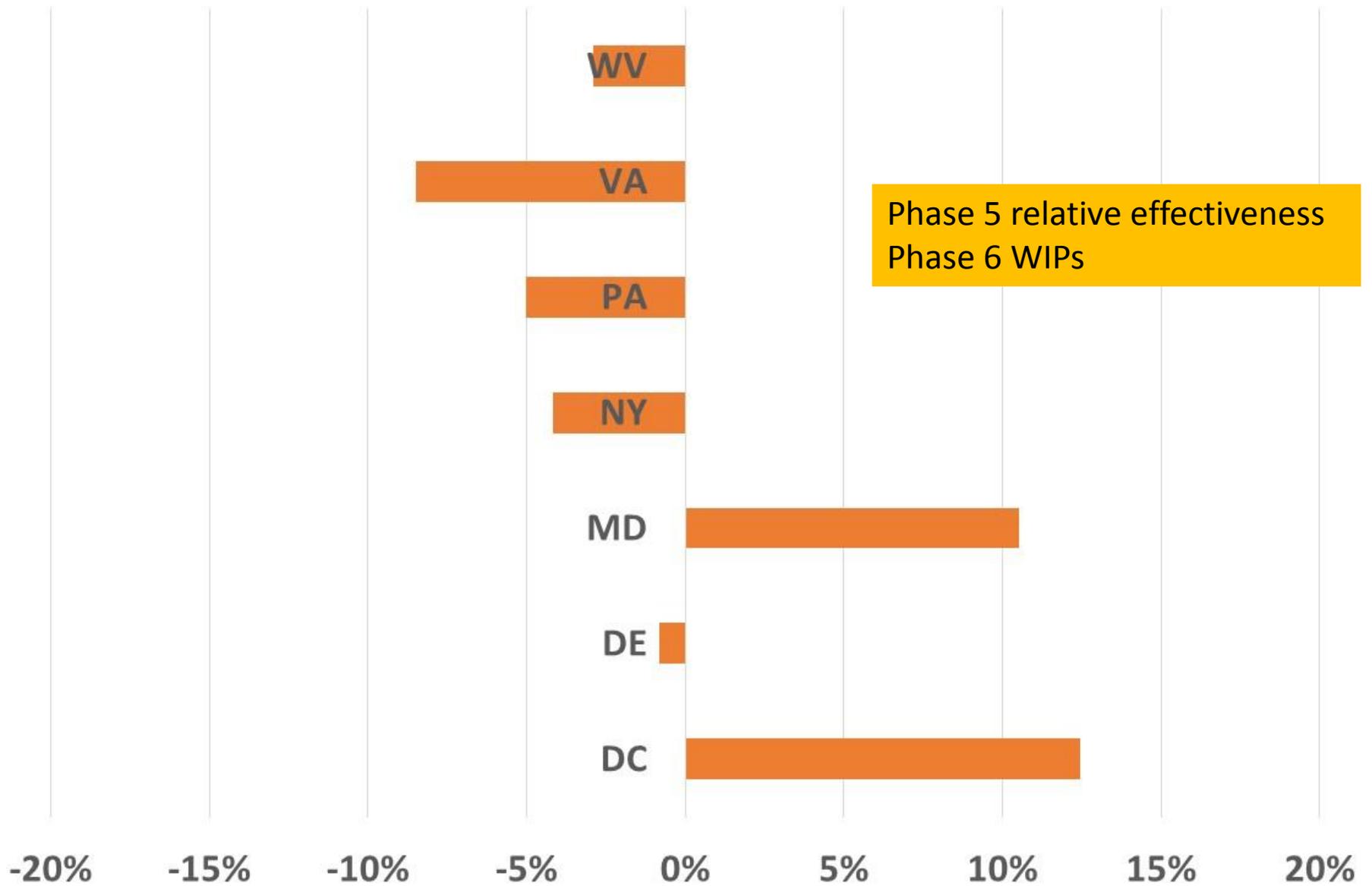
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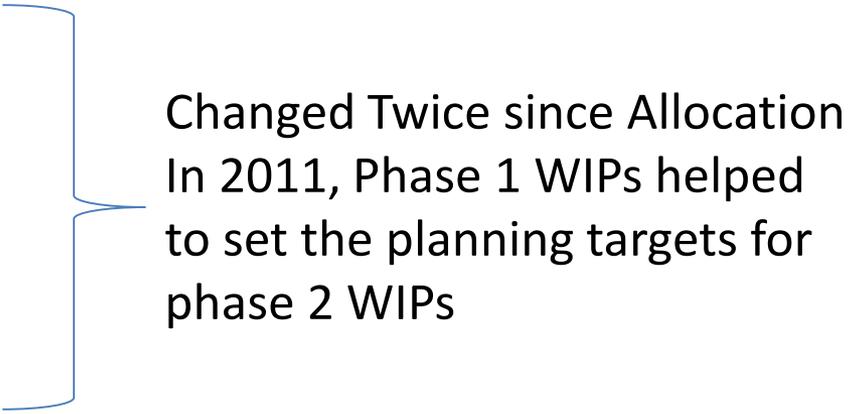
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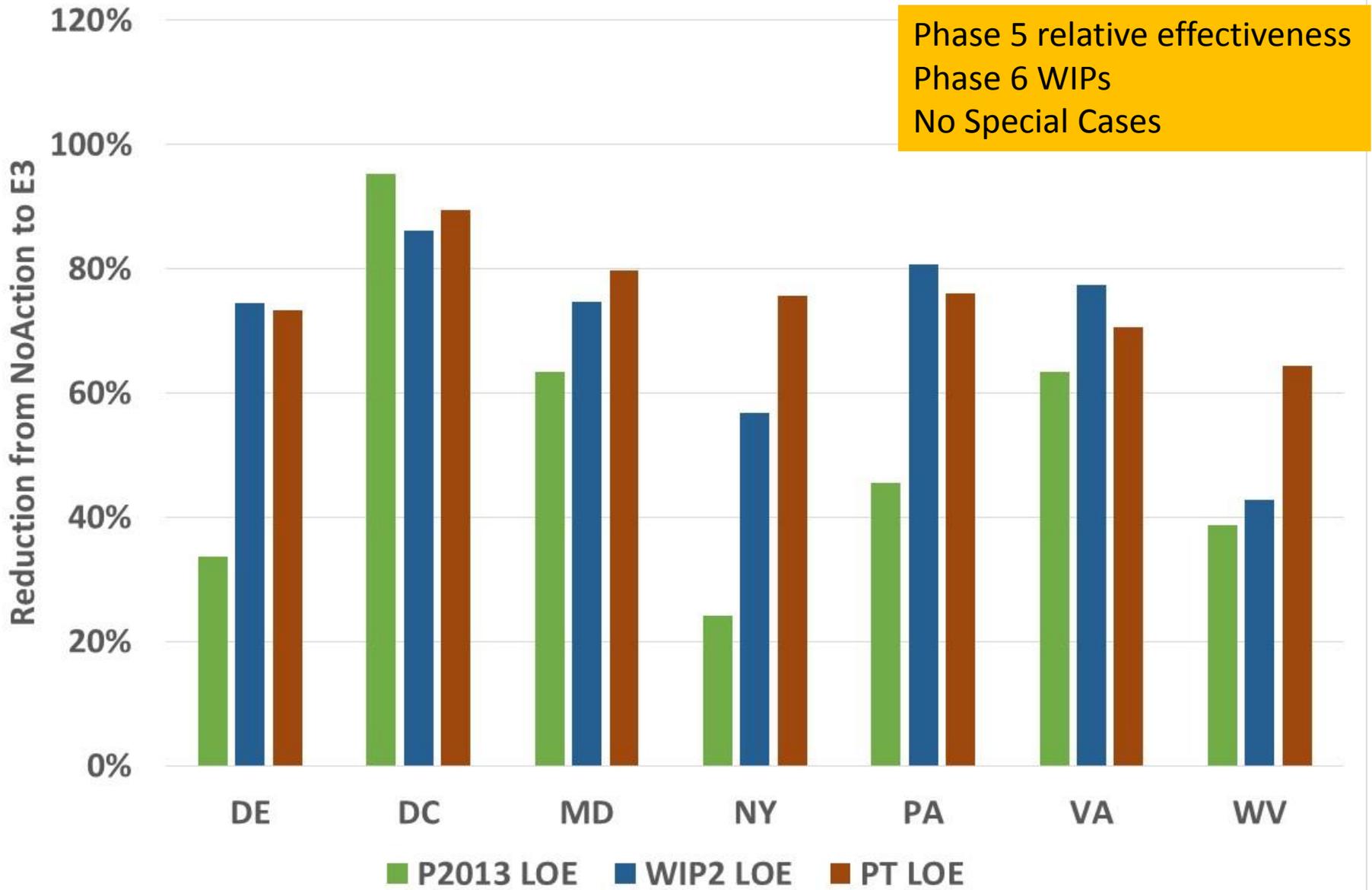
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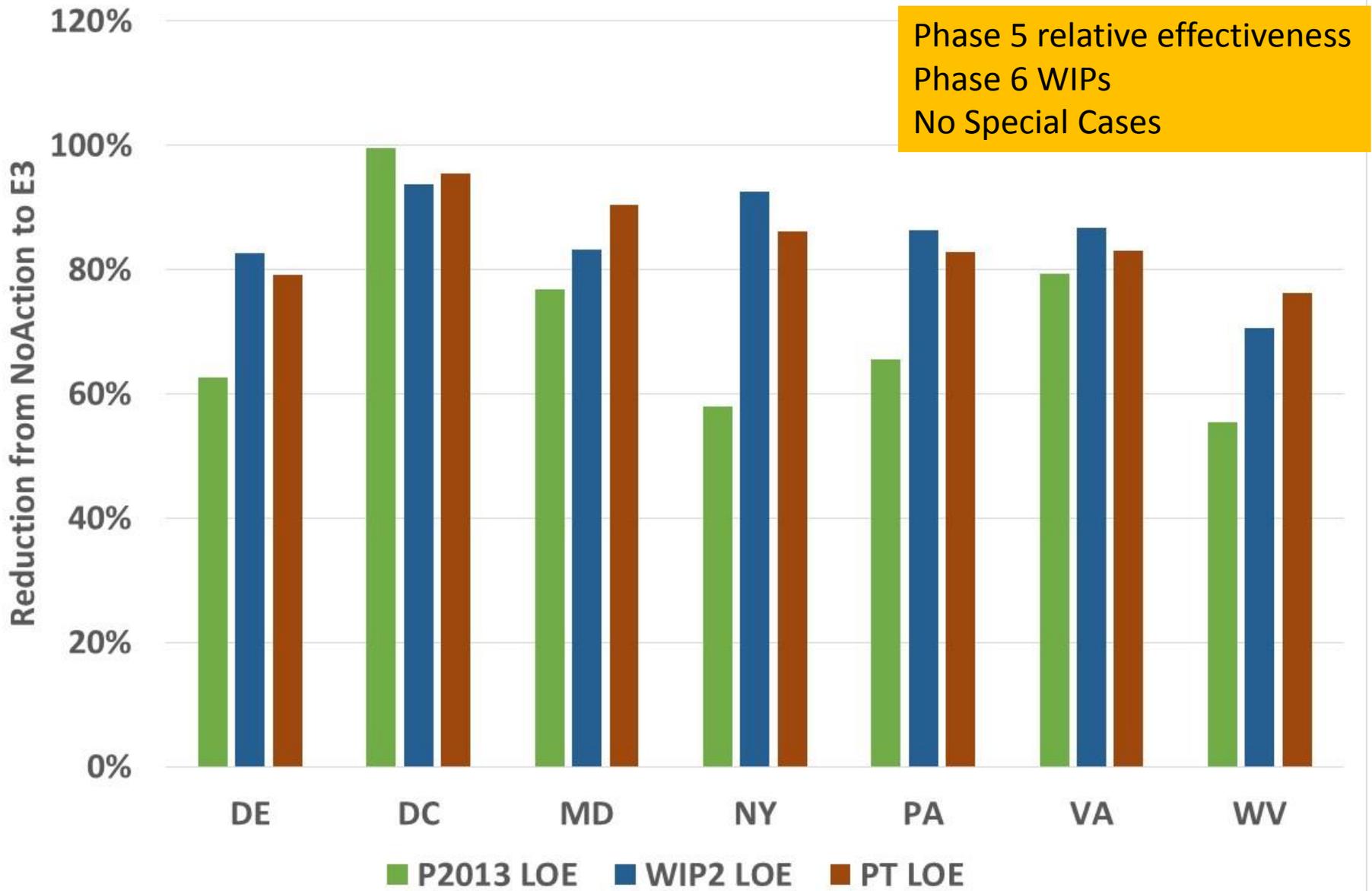
# What Changed?

- Number of BMPs
  - Effectiveness of BMPs
  - Land loading rates
  - Watershed delivery
  - No action and E3 definitions
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- Changed Twice since Allocation  
In 2011, Phase 1 WIPs helped  
to set the planning targets for  
phase 2 WIPs
- Caveat - WIPs are not perfectly translated

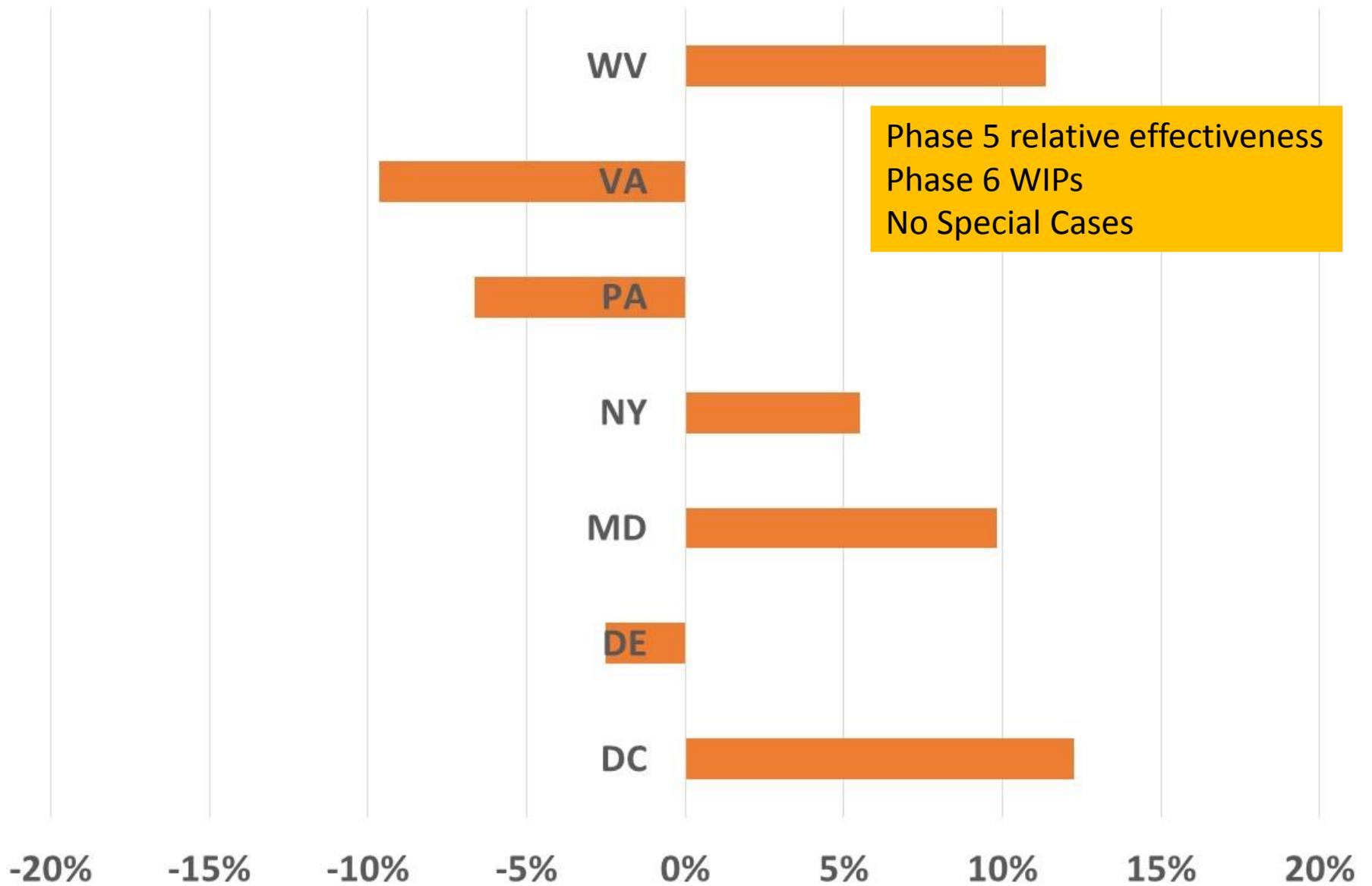
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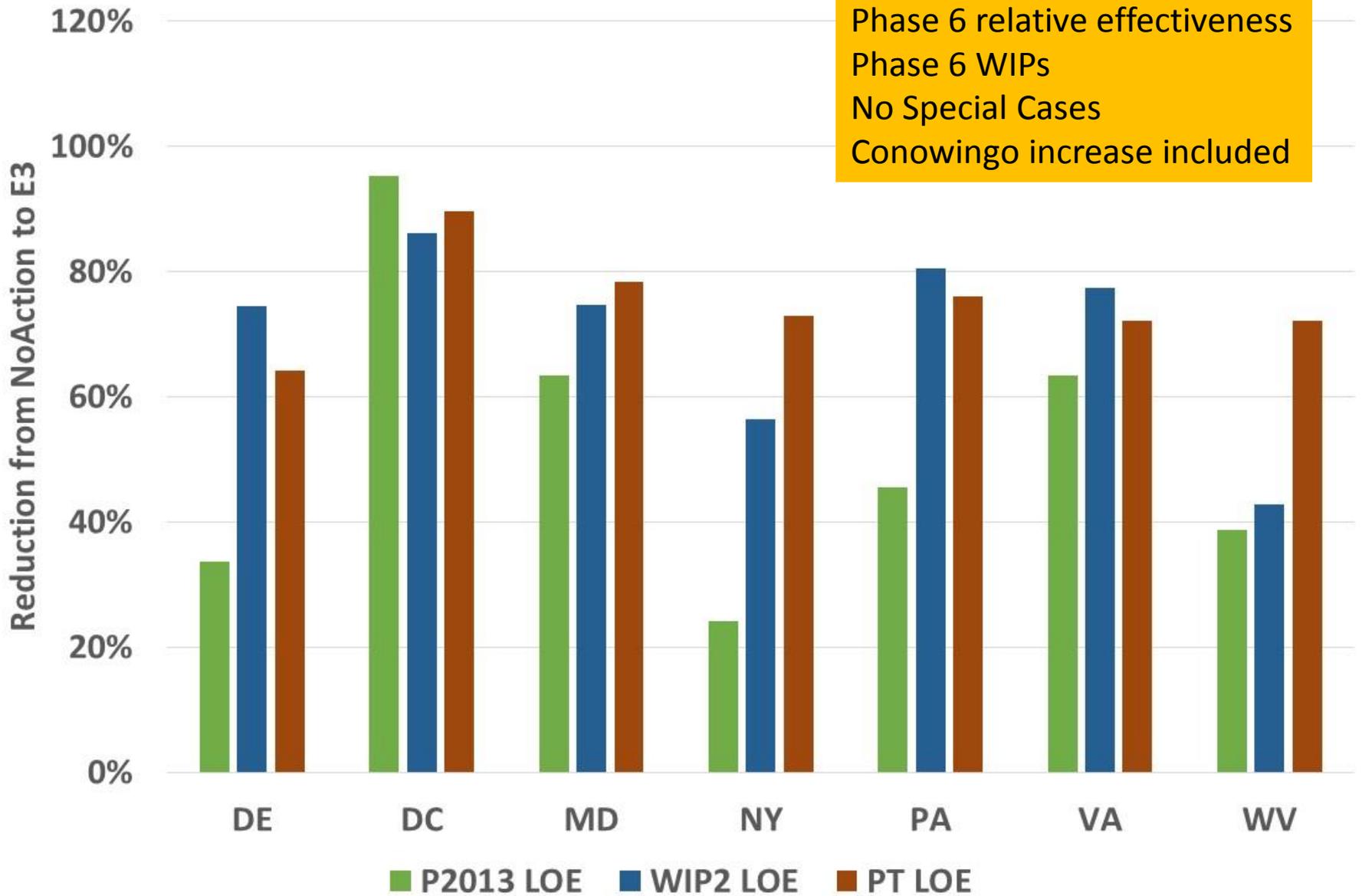
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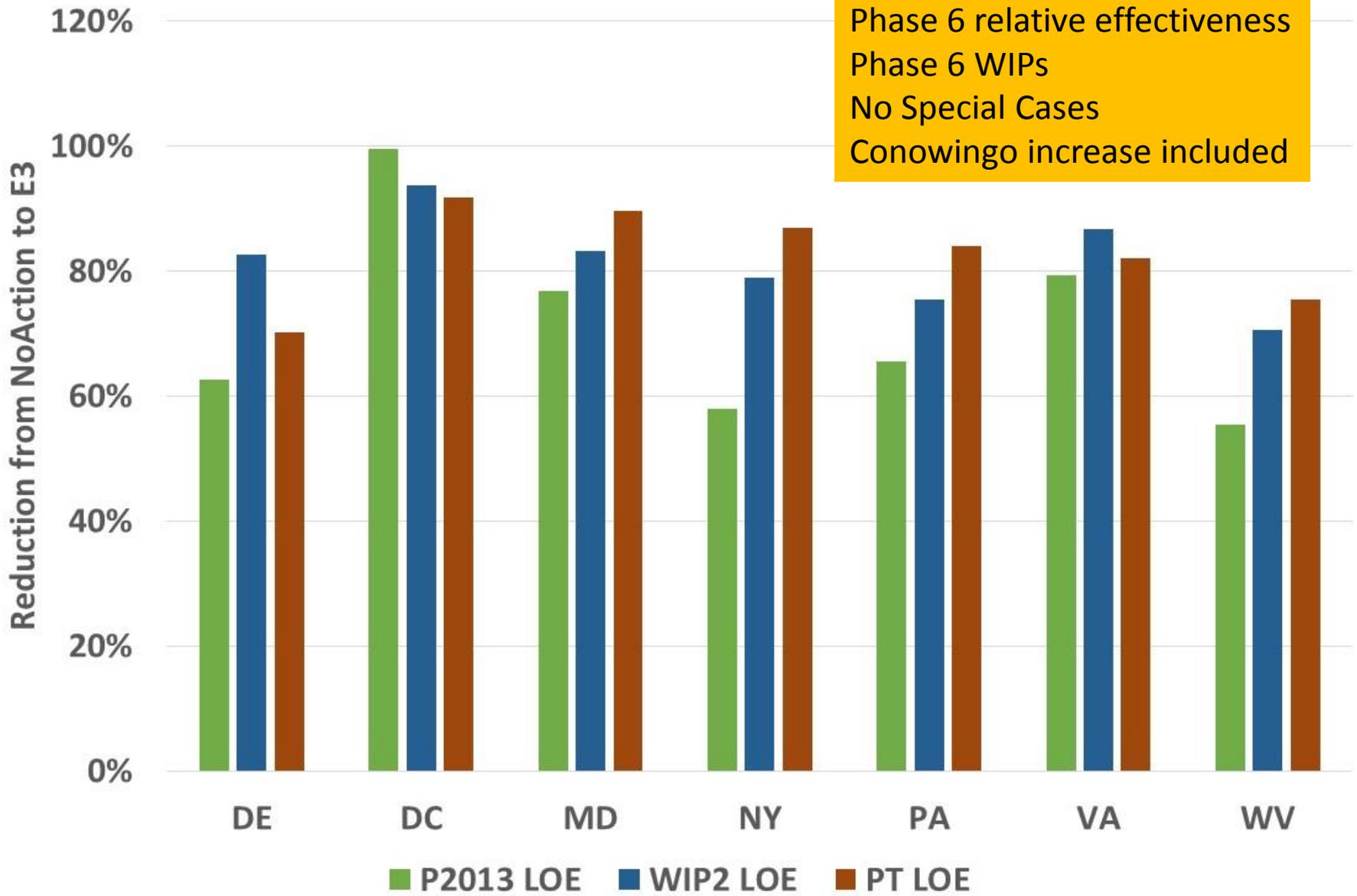
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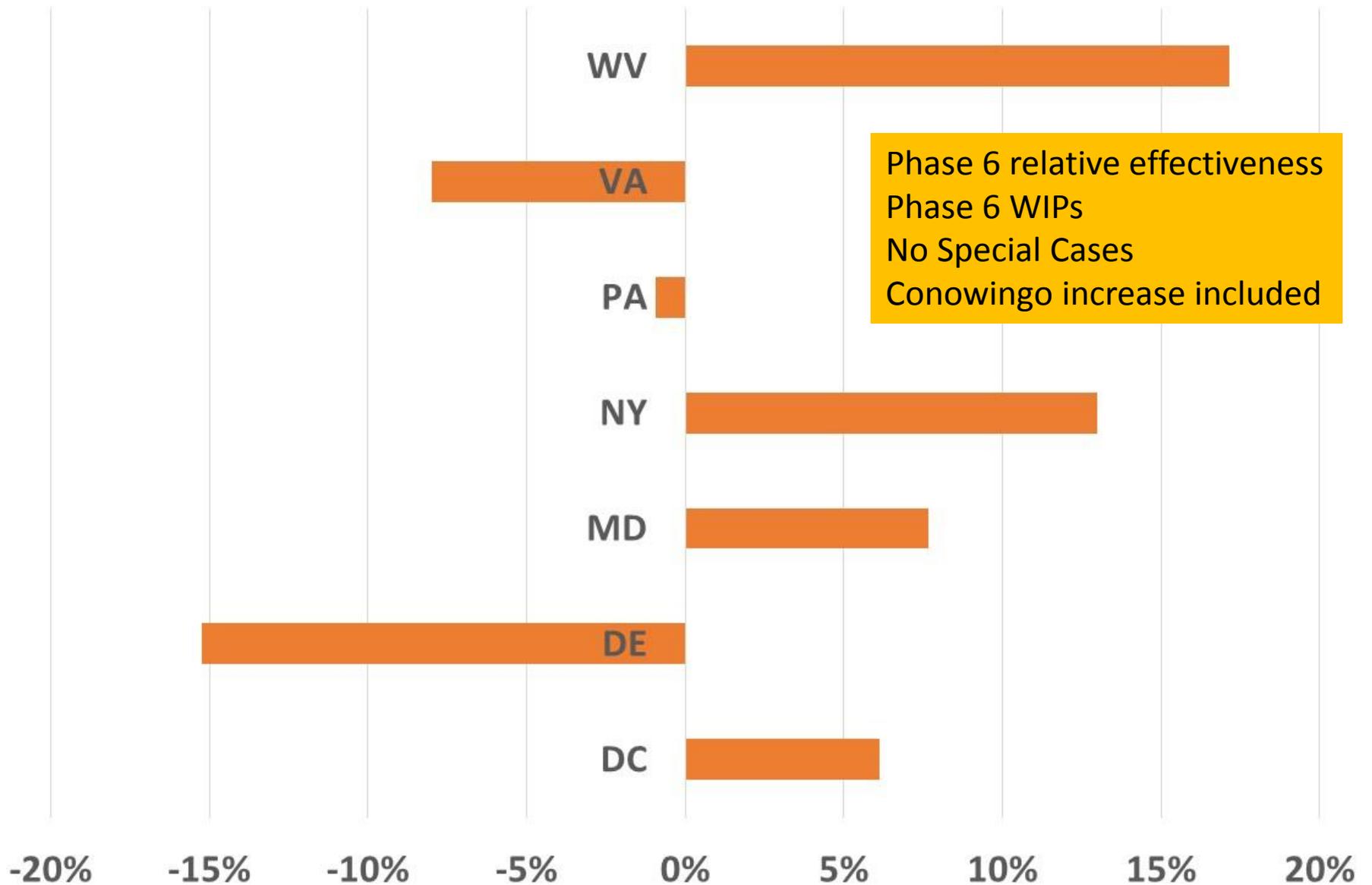
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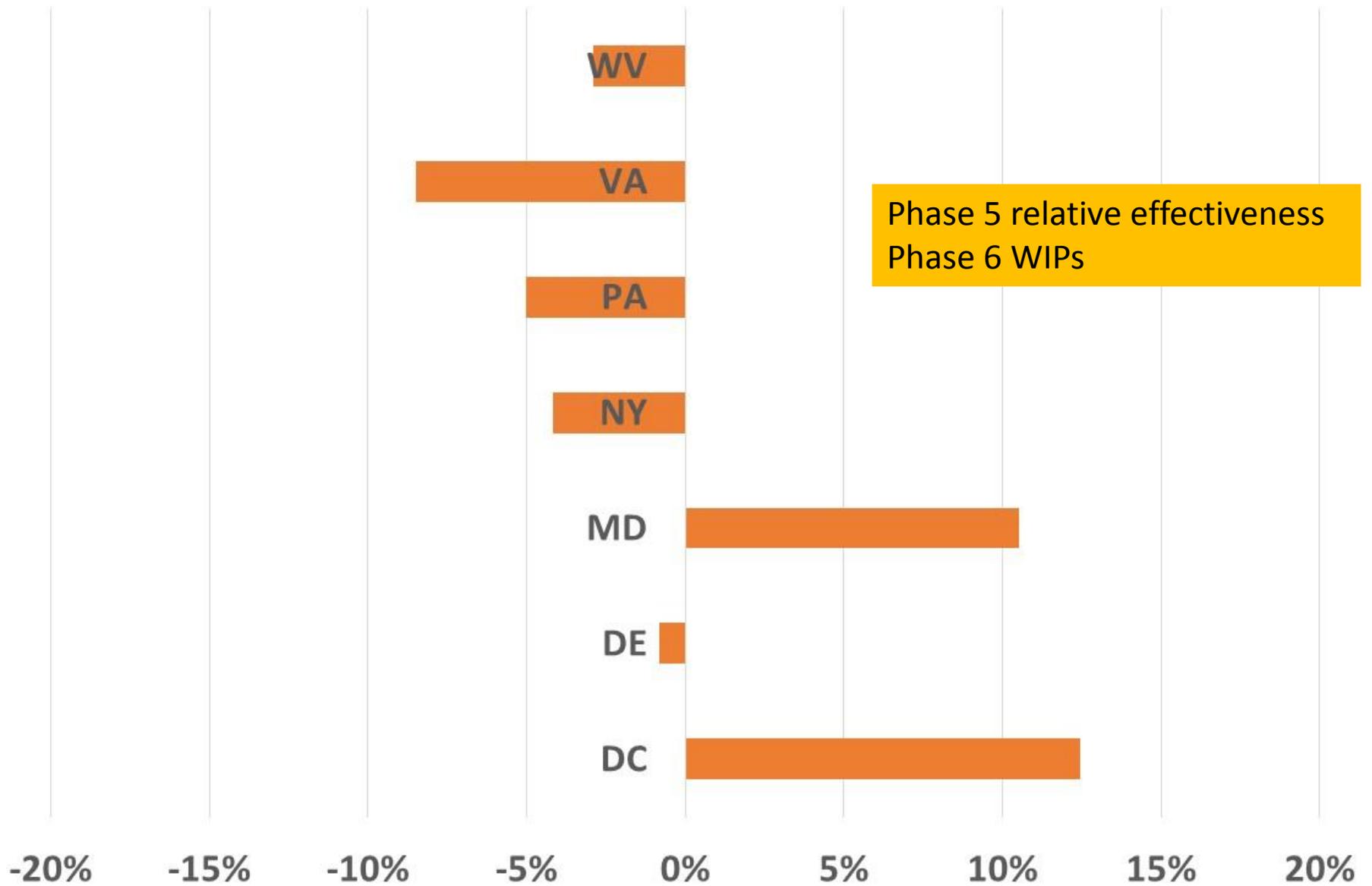
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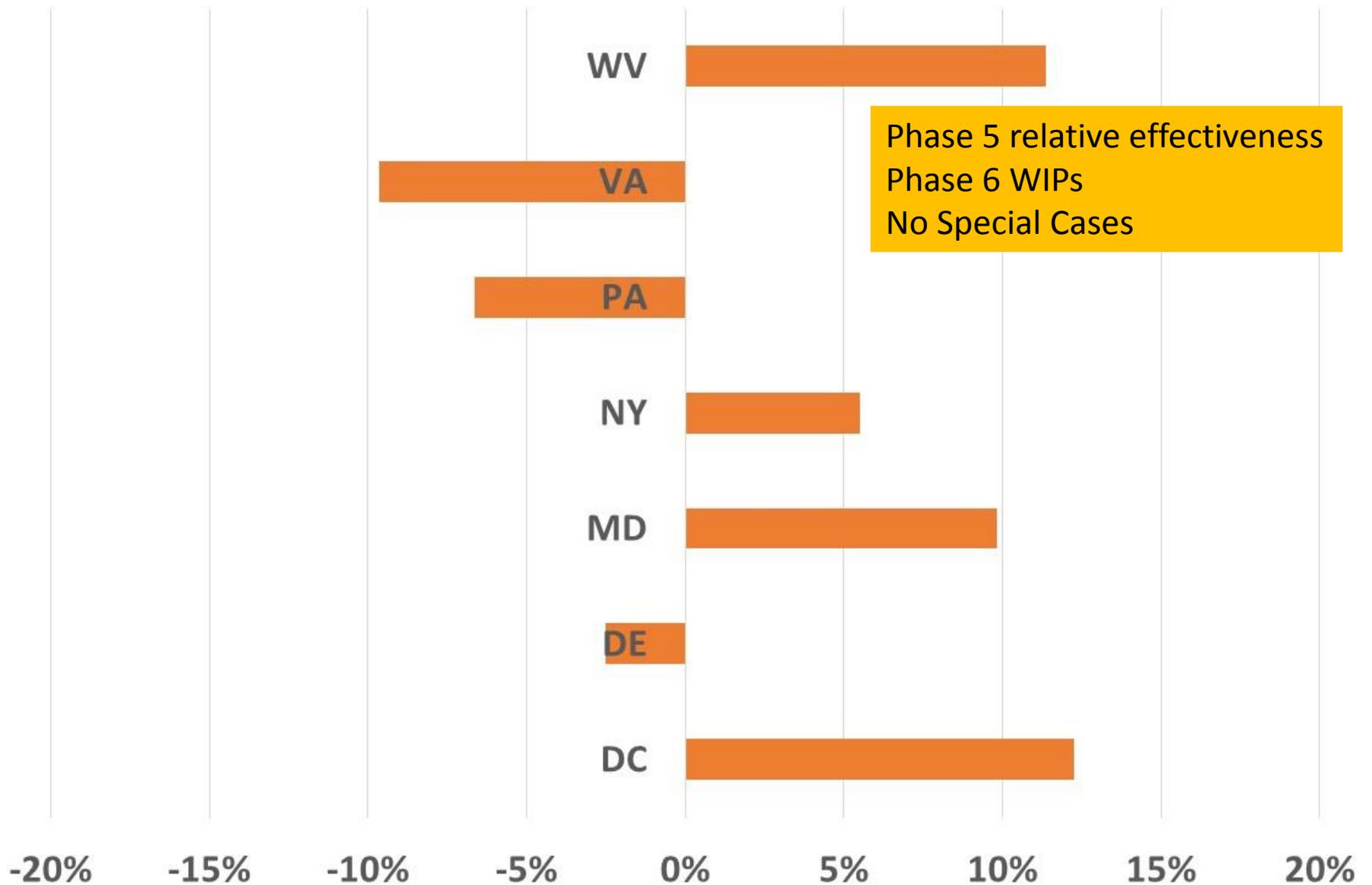
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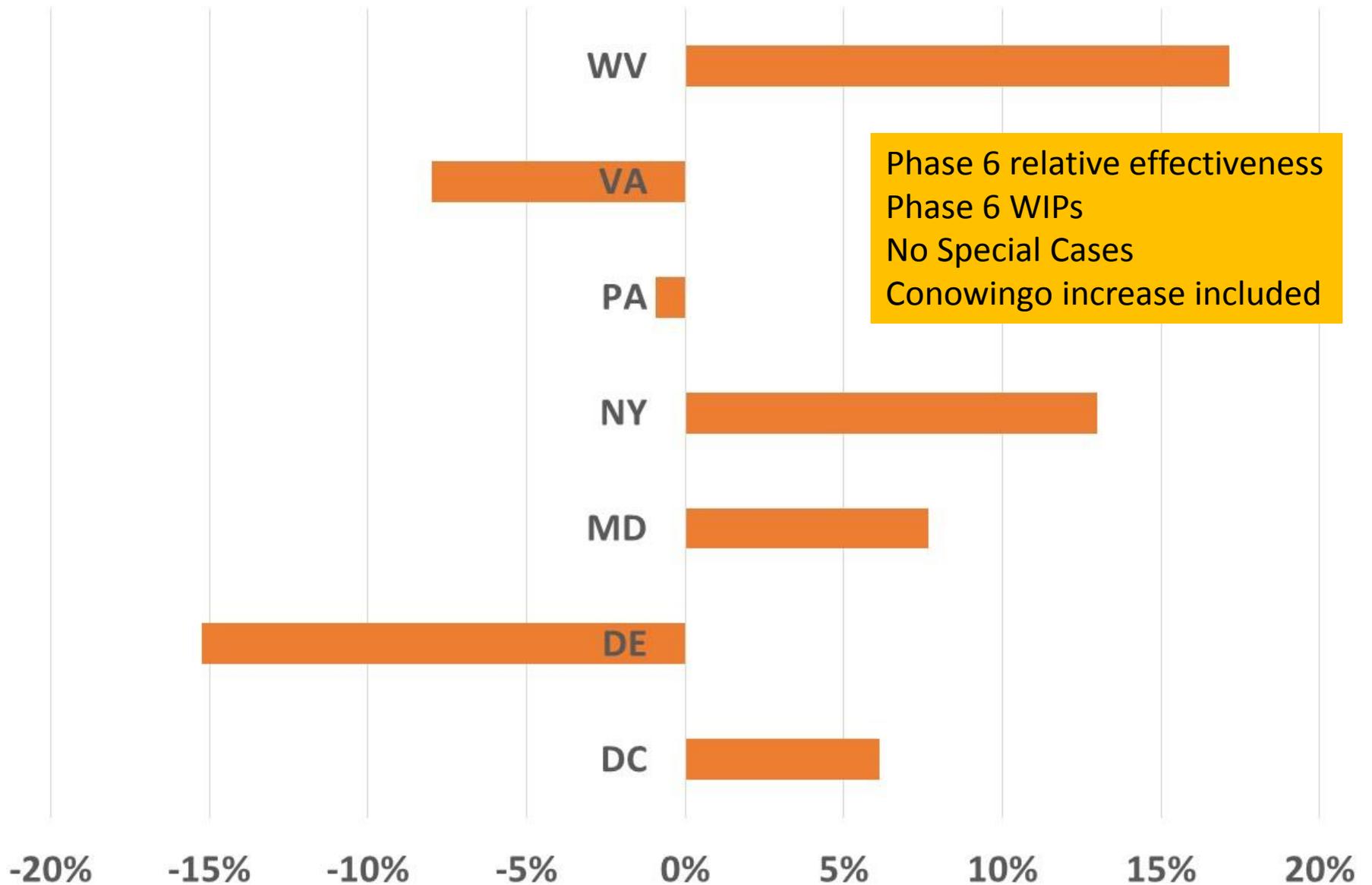
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# What will change between now and final planning targets

- Geographic relative effectiveness
  - Watershed Delivery – updated based on final calibrated watershed model
- Absolute Loads
  - Updated based on final calibrated watershed model
- Updated Bay assimilative capacity
- Partnership decisions on scenario year, Conowingo, and Climate Change
- Factoring in jurisdictions' requests for special cases
- Factoring in jurisdictions' request for N for P, P for N exchanges

# Upcoming Requests for Decisions

- Scenario Year – Today 1-3pm
  - Year for no action and E3 used in the planning target calculations
- Conowingo – Today 3-5pm
  - Who is responsible for additional load
  - When to address additional load
- Climate Change – Tomorrow 10am-noon
  - How to incorporate climate change