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Please feel free to ask me any questions, and I will endeavour my level best to respond either via emails and/or in person at one of your meetings, if invited to do so.

**Appendix-A:** Typical stressors in stormwater runoff (representative North American data from Government and other relevant sources. While some of it is dated, periodic sampling at the end of select storm sewers in HRM has shown concurrence of the ranges.)

(USEPA, 1976 [Source: Sartor and Boyd, 1972])

Measured Pollutant	Particle size				
	<43µ		43µ - 246µ		>246µ
	(% by weight)				
TS	5.9		37.5		56.5
BOD <sub>5</sub>	24.3		32.5		43.2
COD	22.7		57.4		19.9
VS	25.6		34.0		40.4
Phosphates	56.2		36.0		7.8
Nitrates	31.9		45.1		23.0
Kjeldahl Nitrogen	18.7		39.8		41.5
All heavy metals		51.2		48.7	
All pesticides		73		27	
PCB		34		66	

(Vokey, J. 1998. Development of Unit Urban Phosphorus Export Coefficients in the local watersheds of 2 Mesotrophic Lakes within the Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM), NS, Canada. Project-C. (2 Lakes: Settle and Bissett). Soil & Water Conservation Society of Metro Halifax. viii, 51p.)

<b>Local watershed</b>	<b>Storm sewer catchment area (ha)</b>	<b>TP Export Coefficient (kg/ha.yr)</b>
Settle Lake	7.3	0.53
Bissett Lake	57.6	0.57

(USEPA. 1976. Areawide Assessment Procedures Manuals. Vols. I-III. Municipal Environ. Res. Lab., Cincinnati, Ohio. EPA-600/9-76-014.)

	<b>Average (Kg/ha/yr)</b>			<b>Range (Kg/ha/yr)</b>		
	<b>TN</b>	<b>TP</b>	<b>TSS</b>	<b>TN</b>	<b>TP</b>	<b>TSS</b>
Forest	2.5	0.2	250	1-10	0.005-1	40-400
Range/Pasture	5	0.3	400	2-10	0.2-0.6	10-1,000
Cropland	10	0.6	1,600	1-40	0.03-0.7	300-4,000
Urban	5	0.8	2,000	2-20	0.25-5	200-5,000
Feedlots	1,000	250	---	700-1,500	100-400	---
Precipitation	10	0.25	---	1-100	0.05-1	---
Lake Sediments						
Aerobic Conditions	---	20	---	---	5-40	---
Anaerobic Conditions	---	150	---	---	100-200	---

(Herr and Harper [Source: Harper, H.H. 1988. Effects of Stormwater Management Systems on Groundwater Quality. Final Report for Project SM 190, submitted to the Florida Department of Environmental Regulation.]

Parameter	Typical Distribution (%)	
	Dissolved	Particulate
Total N	40	60
Total P	50	50
TSS	0	100
BOD	60	40
Total Cd	70	30
Total Cr	65	35
Total Cu	70	30
Total Ni	70	30
Total Pb	25	75
Total Zn	35	65

(Drapper *et al* [Source: Driscoll, E., Shelley, P.E., and Strecker, E.W. 1990. Pollutant Loadings and Impacts from Highway Stormwater Runoff. Volumes I-IV. FHWA/RD-88-006-9, Federal Highway Administration, Woodward-Clyde Consultants, Oakland, CA])

Pollutant	Urban (ADT> 30,000)	Rural (ADT< 30,000)
	(µg/l)	(µg/l)
TSS (Total Suspended Solids)	142,000	41,000
VSS (Volatile Suspended Solids)	39,000	12,000
TOC (Total Organic Carbon)	25,000	8,000
COD (Chemical Oxygen Demand)	114,000	49,000
NO <sub>3</sub> /NO <sub>2</sub> (Nitrate + Nitrite)	760	570
TKN (Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen)	1,830	870
Phosphorus as PO <sub>4</sub>	400	160
Cu (Total Copper)	54	22
Pb (Total Lead)	400	80
Zn (Total Zinc)	329	80

Estimated Net Mass Reduction in Stormwater Constituents Achieved Based on 70% TSS Removal (*cf.* Herr and Harper)

<b>Parameter</b>	<b>Estimated Annual Mass Load Reduction (%)</b>
Total N	30
Total P	25
TSS	70
BOD	20
Cadmium	15
Chromium	18
Copper	15
Lead	38
Nickel	15
Zinc	33

Rate of settling in pure, still water (temp=10oC, sp. gravity of particles=2.65, shape of particles=spherical) (Welch, 1935)

<b>Material</b>	<b>Diameter (mm)</b>	<b>Hydraulic subsiding value (mm/sec)</b>	<b>Time required to settle 1 ft.</b>
Gravel	10.0	1000.0	0.3 sec
Coarse sand	1.0	100.0	3.0 sec
Fine sand	0.1	8.0	38.0 sec
Silt	0.01	0.154	33.0 min
Bacteria	0.001	0.00154	55.0 hr
Clay	0.0001	0.0000154	230.0 days
colloidal particles	0.00001	0.000000154	63 years