#### Operational Goals and Putting Them Into Practice How Philadelphia Water is Making Use of Available Tools







# Workshop on the Science of Disinfectant Residual Mechanicsburg, PA November 24, 2015



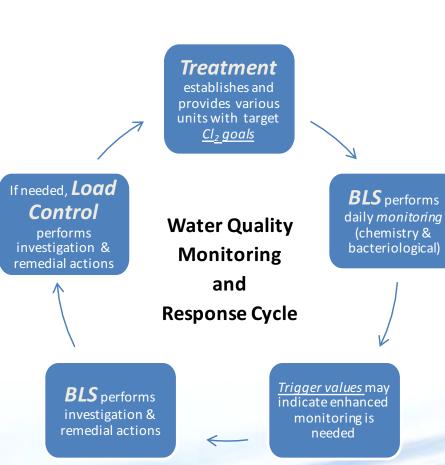




## Agenda

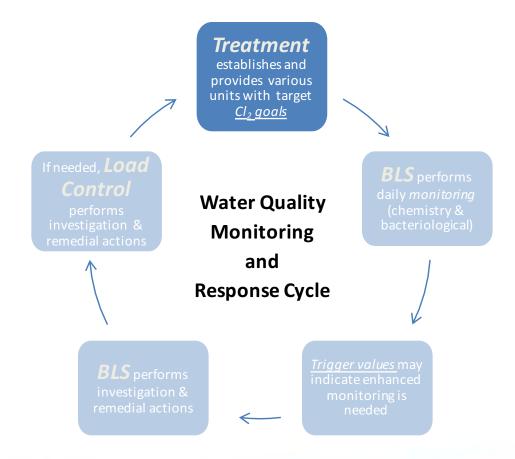
- Response to Declining Water Quality
  - > Treatment
  - Bureau of Laboratory Services (BLS)
  - Load Control
- Case studies
- Findings & Conclusions

### Response to Declining Water Quality



- Continual, cyclical effort among various Philadelphia Water units:
  - > Treatment
    - Seasonal Cl<sub>2</sub> progressions
  - > BLS
    - WQ monitoring (routine and online)
    - Trigger levels
    - Premise & Hydrant Investigations
  - > Load Control
    - Hydraulic Investigations & remedial actions
      - Flushing, valving, and water movement operations

#### Response to Declining Water Quality – Treatment



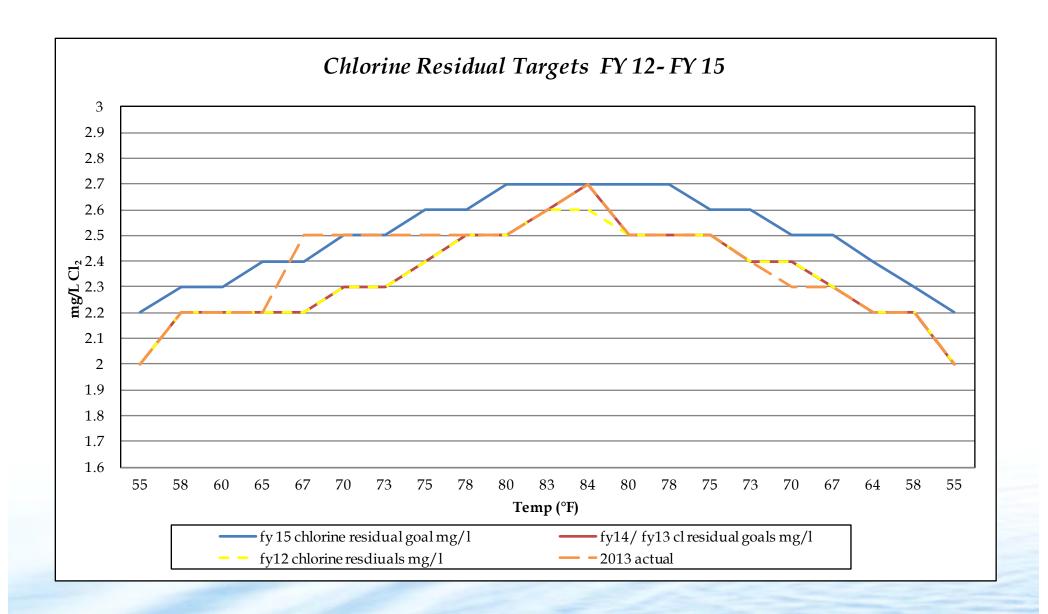
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  - > Treatment provides seasonal Cl<sub>2</sub> progressions, typically dependent on:
    - Temperature (as water temps. ↑, target Cl2 ↑'s)
    - Operational changes
    - Water age, system demands
    - District trends



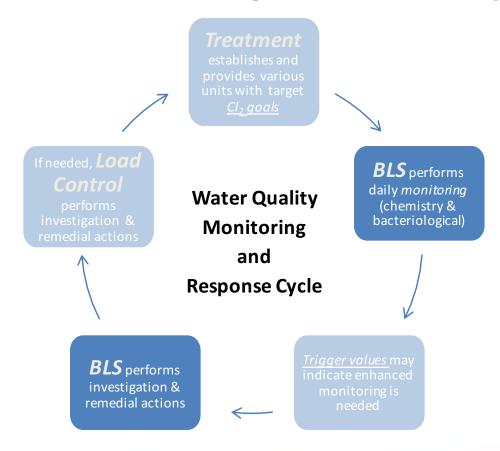
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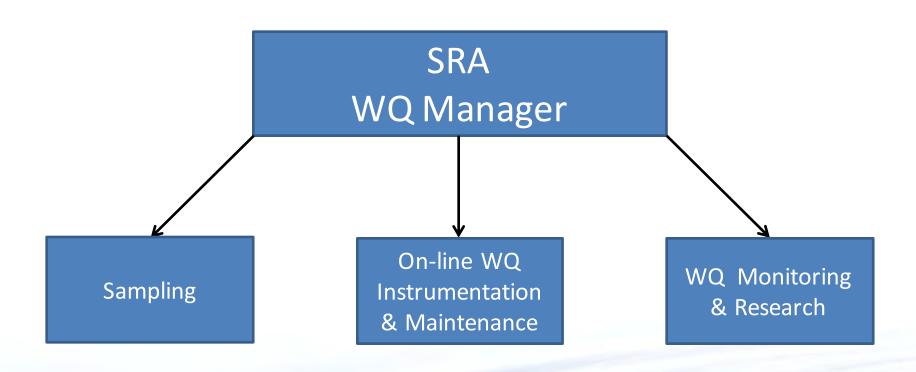


#### **Response to Declining Water Quality – BLS**



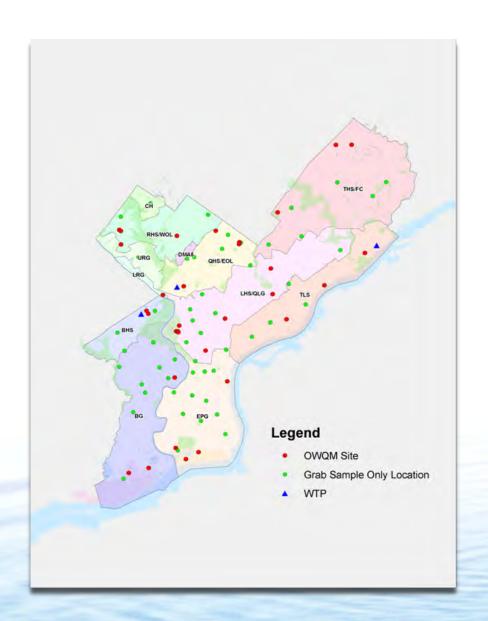
- Continual, cyclical effort among various Philadelphia Water units:
  - > BLS continually monitors various water quality parameter throughout the distribution system
    - Daily WQ monitoring (routine and on-line)
    - Establishes trigger levels for various parameters
    - Performs premise & hydrant Investigations

# BLS Water Quality Management Scientific & Regulatory Affairs Unit (SRA)



### **Routine Sampling Program**

- Extensive routine "grab" sampling & monitoring program
- Samples are collected from representative locations throughout the distribution system
  - > 80+ sampling locations
  - Pre-determined sampling frequency schedule
  - Procedures in place so that water samples collected represents water "from the main"



## **Routine Sampling Program**

- Extensive routine "grab" sampling & monitoring program
- Population Served:
   1,520,001 to 1,850,000
- 360 monthly samples required for TCR
- Philadelphia Water typically collects and analyses:
  - > 500+ monthly TCR samples
  - 750+ monthly chlorine residual samples

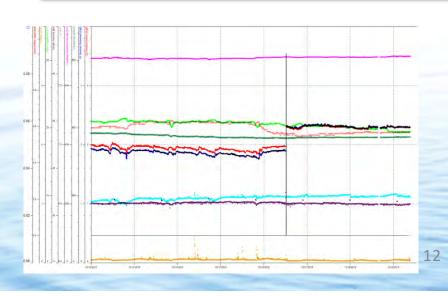




Monitor water quality in real-time to establish trends & detect anomalies

- 36 online sites
- 4 portable units
- Located at WTP effluents, pump stations, storage tanks, reservoirs, and distribution sites
- Real-time 2 minute data transmitted
- Multiple sensors
  - All sites Cl2, conductivity, pH,
     ORP, pressure, temperature,
     turbidity
  - > Select sites flow, UV 254

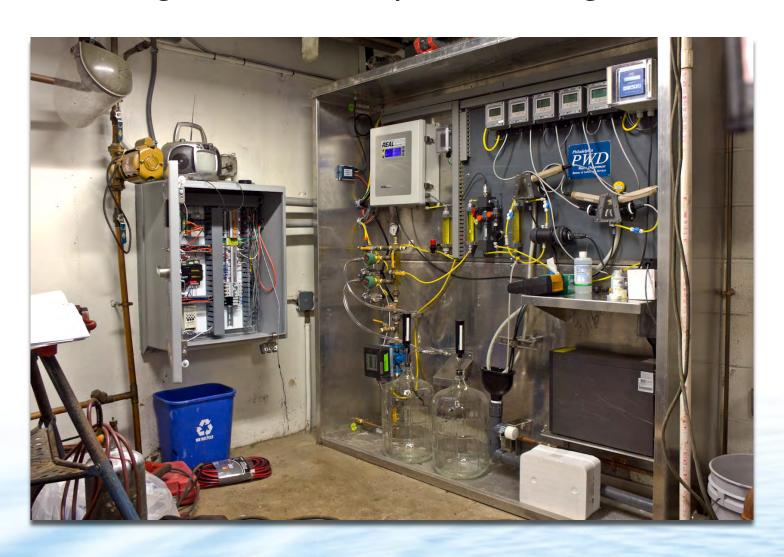




Philadelphia Water Facility Water Quality Monitoring Panel



Public Building Water Quality Monitoring Panel



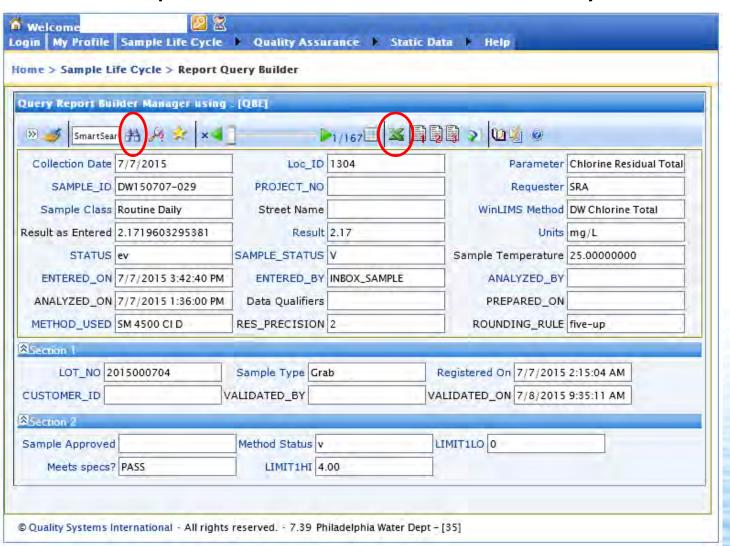
Privately Owned Building Water Quality Monitoring Panel



# How Are Data Generated From These Processes Managed & Utilized?

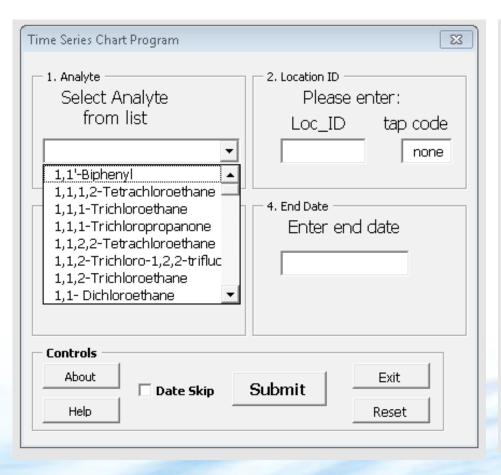
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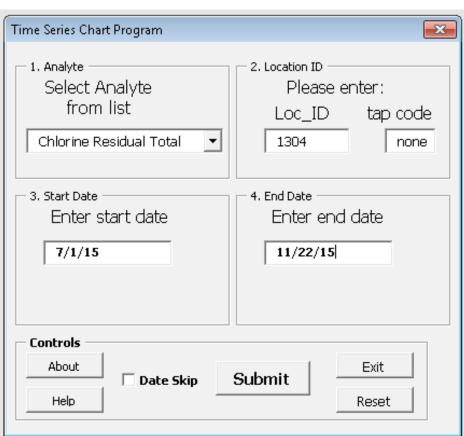
- <u>Laboratory Information Management System houses all</u> analytical testing and grab sample results
  - > data can be exported to excel for further analysis



#### **Data Management – Time Series Program**

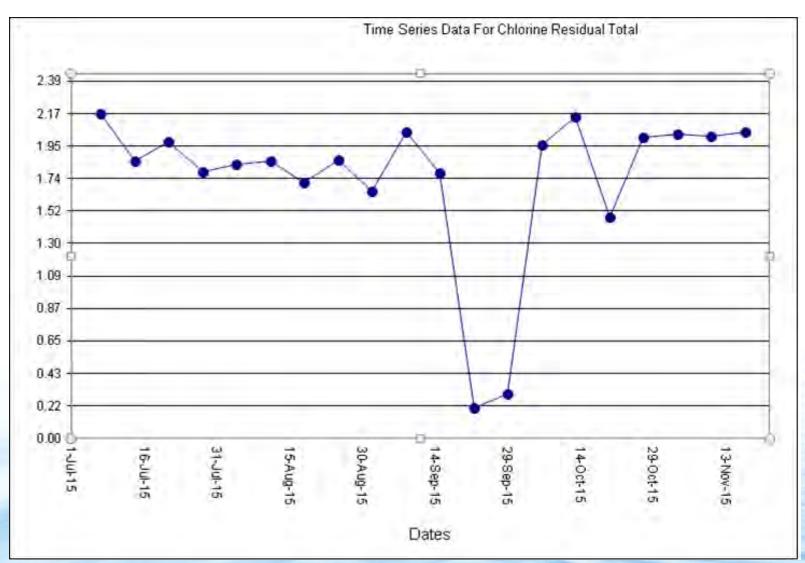
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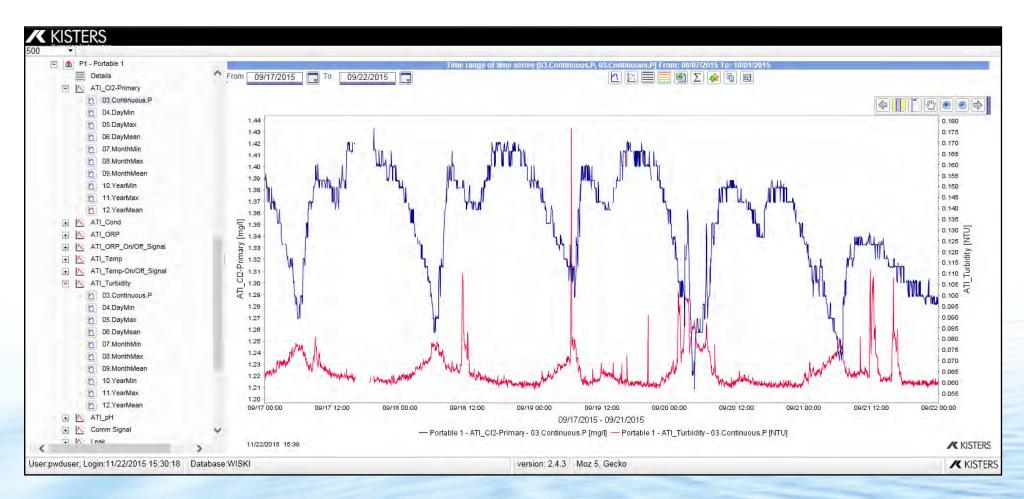
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3	DW150714-029	7/14/2015	1.85		Chlorine Res	idual Total	mg/L
4	DW150721-029	7/21/2015	1.98		Chlorine Res	idual Total	mg/L
5	DW150728-029	7/28/2015	1.78		Chlorine Res	idual Total	mg/L
6	DW150804-029	8/4/2015	1.83		Chlorine Res	idual Total	mg/L
7	DW150811-029	8/11/2015	1.85		Chlorine Res	idual Total	mg/L
8	DW150818-029	8/18/2015	1.71		Chlorine Res	idual Total	mg/L
9	DW150825-029	8/25/2015	1.86		Chlorine Res	idual Total	mg/L
10	DW150901-029	9/1/2015	1.65		Chlorine Res	idual Total	mg/L
11	DW150908-029	9/8/2015	2.05		Chlorine Res	idual Total	mg/L
12	DW150915-029	9/15/2015	1.77		Chlorine Res	idual Total	mg/L
13	DW150922-029	9/22/2015	0.20		Chlorine Res	idual Total	mg/L
14	DW150929-029	9/29/2015	0.30		Chlorine Res	idual Total	mg/L
15	DW151006-029	10/6/2015	1.96		Chlorine Res	idual Total	mg/L
16	DW151013-029	10/13/2015	2.15		Chlorine Res	idual Total	mg/L
17	DW151020-029	10/20/2015	1.48		Chlorine Res	idual Total	mg/L
18	DW151027-029	10/27/2015	2.01		Chlorine Res	idual Total	mg/L
19	DW151103-029	11/3/2015	2.03		Chlorine Res	idual Total	mg/L
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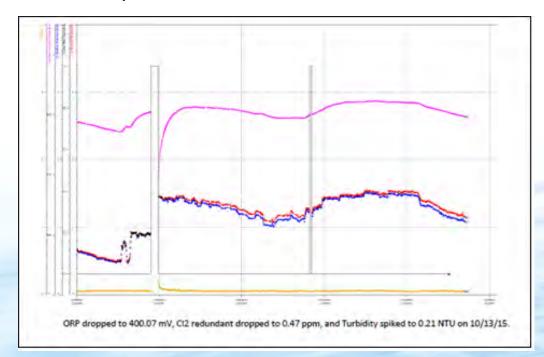
#### Data Management – WISKI Time Series Program

- Time Series program storing data from on-line sensors
  - > Stores data imported from SCADA, which can be exported for analysis
  - Desktop and web applications



#### **Daily Monitoring Reports**

- Reports, compiled daily summarizing any anomalous trends from on-line sensor data stored in the WISKI database
  - Allows the WQ staff to understand, in real time and historically, trends at online locations
  - Communicates to the On-line group potential maintenance may be needed
  - On-line group informs all BLS WQ staff regarding daily maintenance and updates



Below is a summary of today's alarms 10/23/2015

#### On-line Water Quality Monitoring

1719: Has a low primary Cl2 of 0.67 ppm, and a low redundant Cl2 of 0.74 ppm.

2502: Has a low primary Cl2 of 0.72 ppm, and a low redundant Cl2 of 0.73 ppm.

7401: Has a low redundant Cl2 of 0.90 ppm, and the primary Cl2 is 1.02 ppm.

7502: No flow

#### Comments:

2718: pH left offline for repairs (8/19/15).

7302: Site offline during repairs (10/19/15).

- Operational Strategy documents dictate levels of acceptable disinfectant residual within distribution and at storage locations
  - > Trigger levels may change pending minimum disinfectant residual requirements

Chlorine Residual Trigger Values (mg/L) and Response Actions					
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#### **Trigger Levels Recap**

- WQ Research & Monitoring team extensively monitors all locations
- If trigger levels are exceeded, the team is notified
- Triggers Monitoring
  - > voice or e-mail communications
  - > If available, review on-line trends, HPC data and other parameters
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#### Trigger Levels – SRA WQ Group Meetings

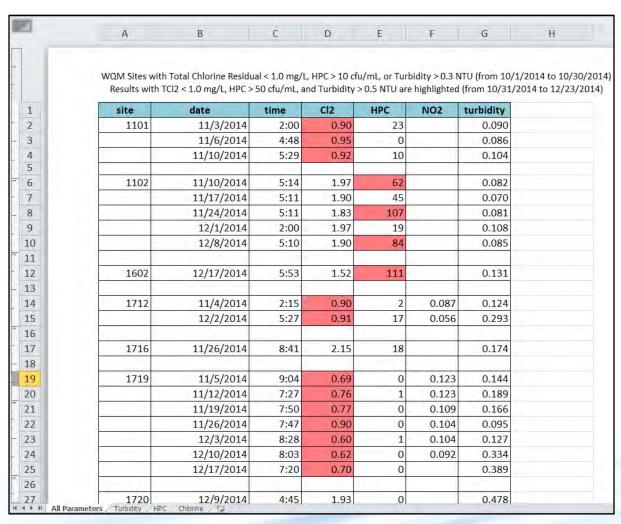
- WQ Research & Monitoring team meets regularly to review water quality trends within the distribution system and at storage facilities
- Meetings are intended to plan for remedial actions in response to water quality deterioration
- Actions include, but are not limited to:
  - > Site investigations
  - > Adjusting sampling protocols
  - > Sample tap or dedicated sampler tap maintenance
- Meetings are more frequent during the summer season, as water quality deteriorates more rapidly in warmer weather
- Utilize Microsoft VBA Programs, incorporating defined trigger levels to identify sites exceeding triggers

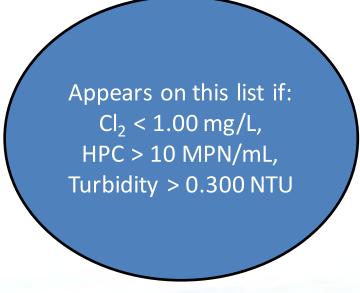
#### Trigger Levels – Microsoft VBA Program 1

- Data from LIMS
- Makes the Distribution
   System Anomalies list if, for any location:
  - $\rightarrow$  Total CL<sub>2</sub> < 1.00 mg/L
  - > HPC is detected
  - > Turbidity > 0.300 NTU
  - Pre-scheduled routine sample was not collected
  - Any parameter(s) not tested

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Summary of Recent Instances - Low Chlorine, High HPC, or High Turbidity						
		Period cove	ered by this repo	rt: 11/17/2	2014 to	11/18/2014
	Identifying I	information			<u>Analytes</u>	
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11/17/14	1102		Р	45	1.90	0.070
11/17/14	3904			4	0.75 *	0.231
11/17/14	2703			2	1.00	0.191
11/17/14	1603		Р	0	0.55 *	0.077
11/17/14	3907		Р	7	1.56	0.101
11/18/14	1711			NS	NS	NS
11/18/14	2707		Р	7	2.02	0.416 *
11/18/14	1305		Р	2	1.75	0.091
11/18/14	1720		Р	4	2.10	0.280
11/18/14	2704		Р	2	1.50	0.138
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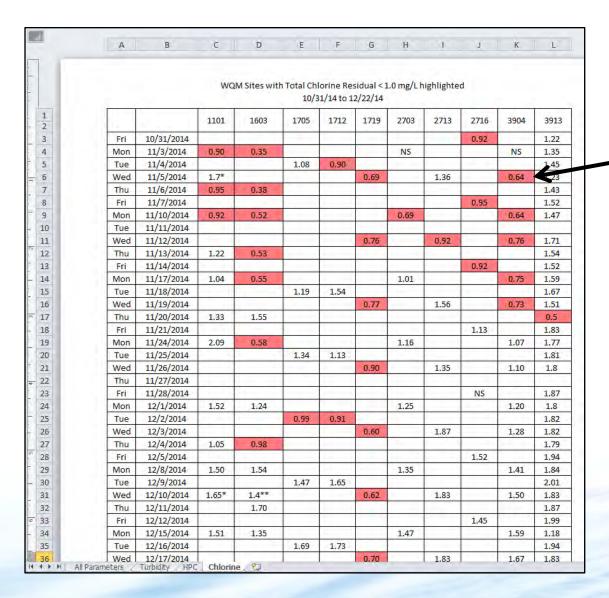
### **Trigger Levels – Microsoft VBA Program 2**





Similar structure to VBA program 1, but provides a tabular time-series analysis for each site per parameter set on the anomalies list...

### **Trigger Levels – Microsoft VBA Program 2**



Result is highlighted if Cl<sub>2</sub> < 1.00 mg/L

And site specific time-series data for specific parameter(s) of concern

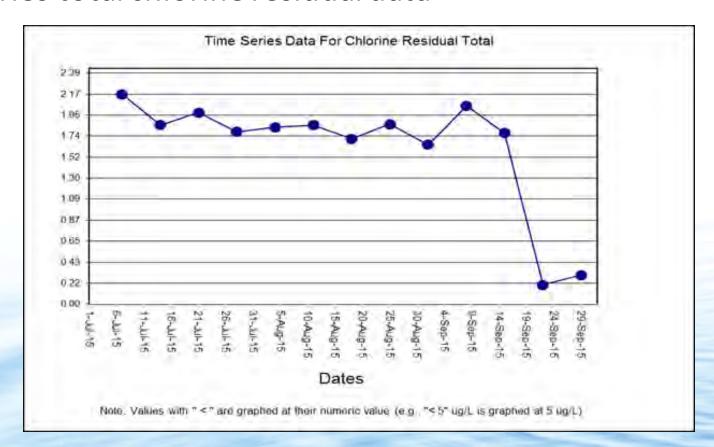
# How Does Philadelphia Water Proceed When Trigger Levels Are Exceeded?

### **Through Investigation and Remedial Action**

(some may be a "simple, quick remediation", others can be more prolonged or recurring)

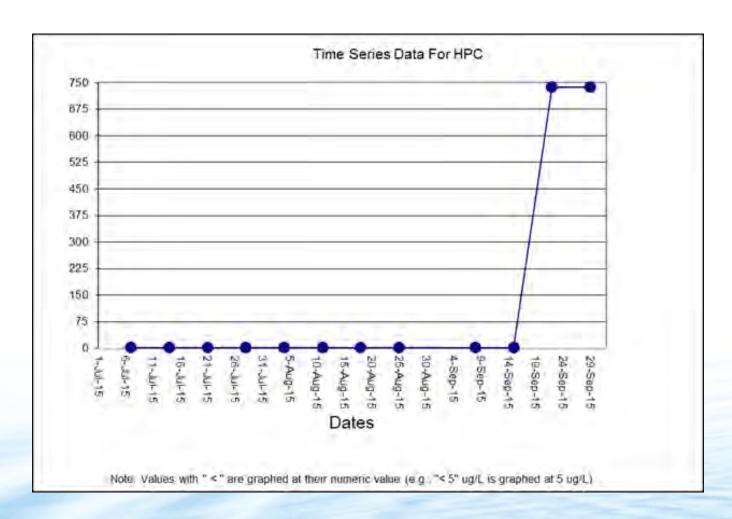
# Case Study 1 – Routine Sampling Station Sudden Cl<sub>2</sub> drop, Significant Presence of HPC

- Anomaly programs identified routine samples collected from a routine sampling station (close to WTP district entry point) with low disinfectant residuals and elevated levels of heterotrophic bacteria
- Time series total chlorine residual data

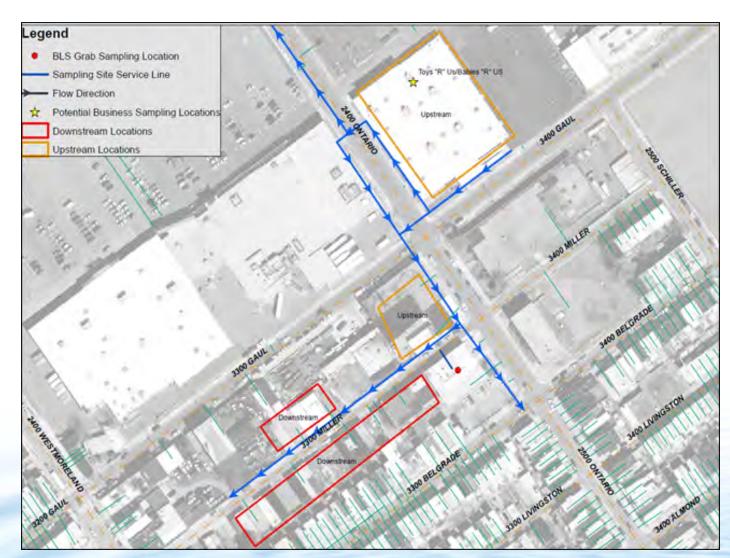


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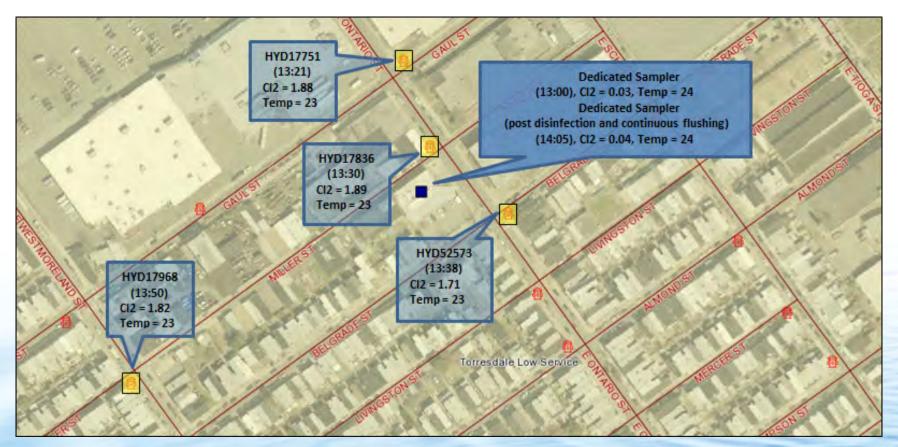
Time series HPC data



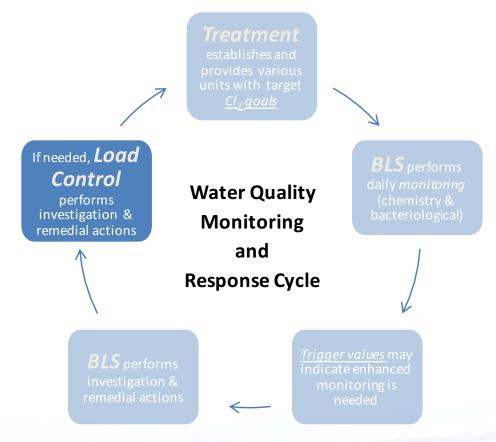
- Prompted BLS to initiate a site and hydrant investigation
  - On-site total chlorine residual analysis
- Hydrants for testing selected using Hydraulic Modeling
  - pipe and flow characteristics are incorporated into the model
  - helps identify the likely flow and direction of flow when the routine samples were collected



- BLS on-site investigation (total chlorine residual results)
  - > Hydrant chlorine levels showed normal total chlorine levels
  - Routine location chlorine levels were low

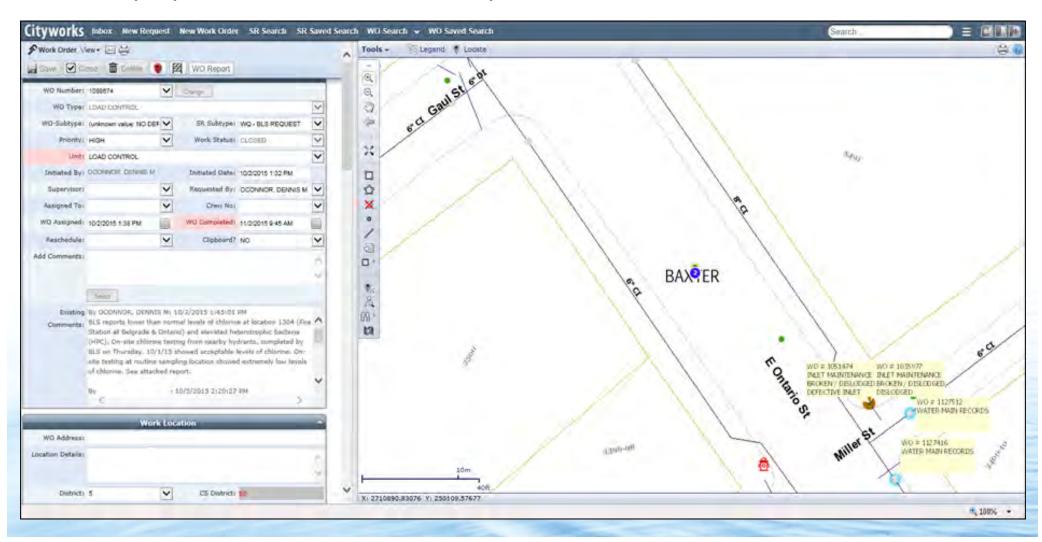


### Case Study 1 – Routine Sampling Station Response to Declining Water Quality – Load Control



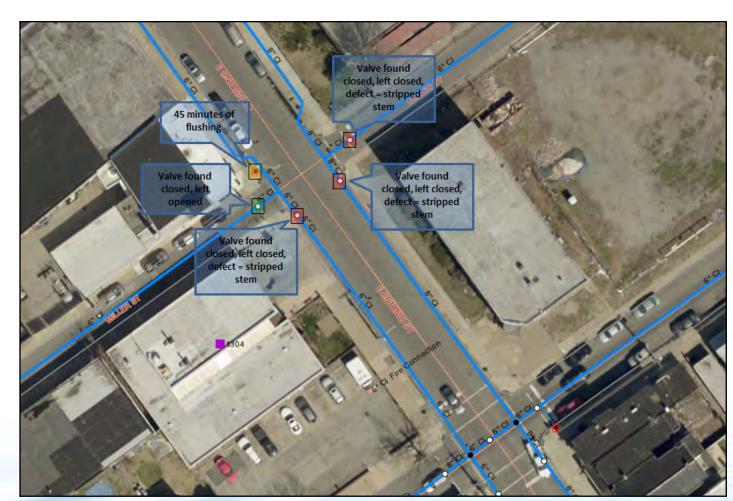
- Continual, cyclical effort among various Philadelphia Water units:
  - > Load Control
    - Hydraulic investigations & remedial actions
      - Valve inspection, valve operation, flushing and water movement operations
      - Aggressively monitors water age and flushes to promote turnover

- Work Order submitted to Load Control via CityWorks (ArcGIS)
  - > public asset work order management system
  - > displays work orders in the nearby area

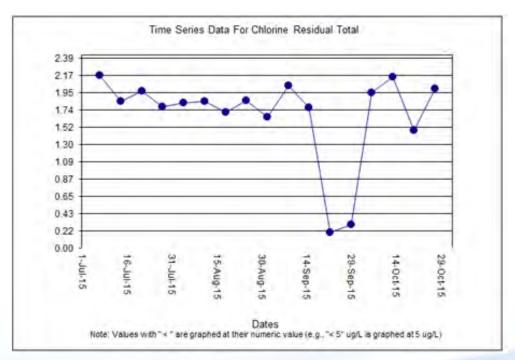


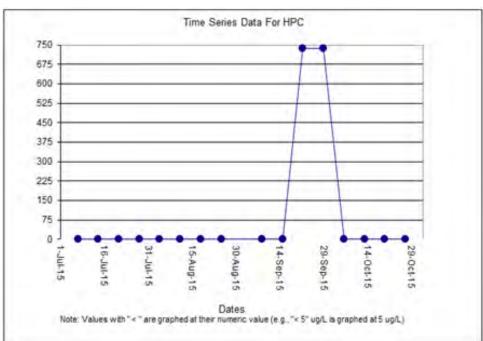
#### Findings

- 3 broken (closed) valves, left closed
- 1 valve closed, left opened
- Remedial action
  - > ~ 1hour of flushing
- Result
  - Total chlorine
     residual at routine
     sample tap
     improved from
     0.25 to 1.1 mg/L
  - Broken valves replaced



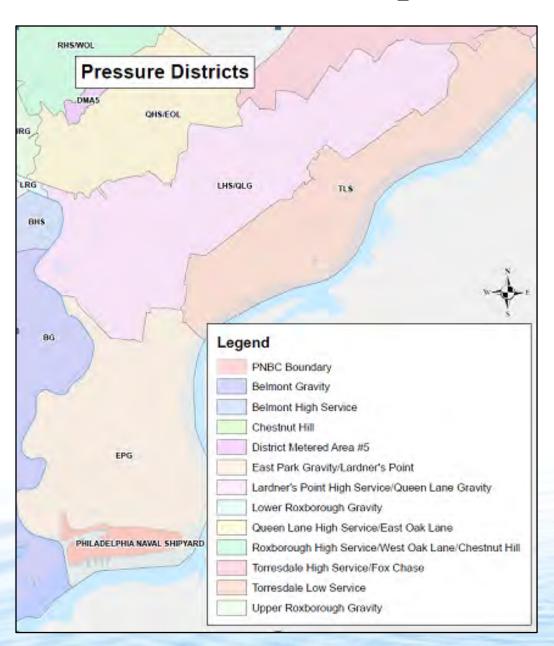
Routine Samples following investigation and corrective action





#### Case Study 2 – Pressure District 13 (Low Cl<sub>2</sub>)

- Located at the bottom of the distribution system
- Pressure District receives water from two different treatment plants
- Water systems (potable, sewer, and storm) transferred to Philadelphia Water during FY 2008-2009
  - Old, oversized water systems
  - New construction
  - Unknown piping and water main configurations



#### Case Study 2 – Pressure District 13 (Low Cl<sub>2</sub>)

- Low Cl<sub>2</sub> throughout the Pressure District 13 prompted multiple investigations by BLS and Load Control
  - > attempt to better understand hydraulics
- WQ monitoring station (grab & online) was adjusted to better reflect "water from the main"



#### Case Study 2 – Pressure District 13 (Low Cl<sub>2</sub>)

- Investigations found the following challenges in Pressure District 13:
  - Extensive network of oversized cast iron water mains
    - Some old water mains were replaced or decommissioned, some still exist
  - High Water Age
  - > Low usage
  - Nitrification events
- Remedial action (despite water main replacement)
  - Continuous seasonal flushing program
    - Typically flush > 0.5 MGD
  - Rigorous additional monitoring





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- Treatment
   establishes
   goals for
   targeted
   chlorine levels
   in Pressure
   District 13
- Load Control
   aggressively
   monitors water
   age and
   addresses this
   through
   flushing

# Through the continual Water Quality Monitoring & Response Cycle...

- Various units among Philadelphia Water communicate more effectively
- Philadelphia Water has improved the response and mitigation associated with declining water quality
  - > Decreased the number of sampling locations with low CL<sub>2</sub>
- Has progressively better met the Partnership for Safe Water Distribution System Disinfectant goal
  - Chloraminated systems, 95% of monthly samples ≥ 0.50 mg/L and ≤ 4.0 mg/L
- Although Cl<sub>2</sub> is the "surrogate" monitoring parameter, this monitoring and response cycle extends to other parameters like HPC, turbidity, and other water quality parameters

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