



# TADA (Tools for Automated Data Analysis)

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# Agenda

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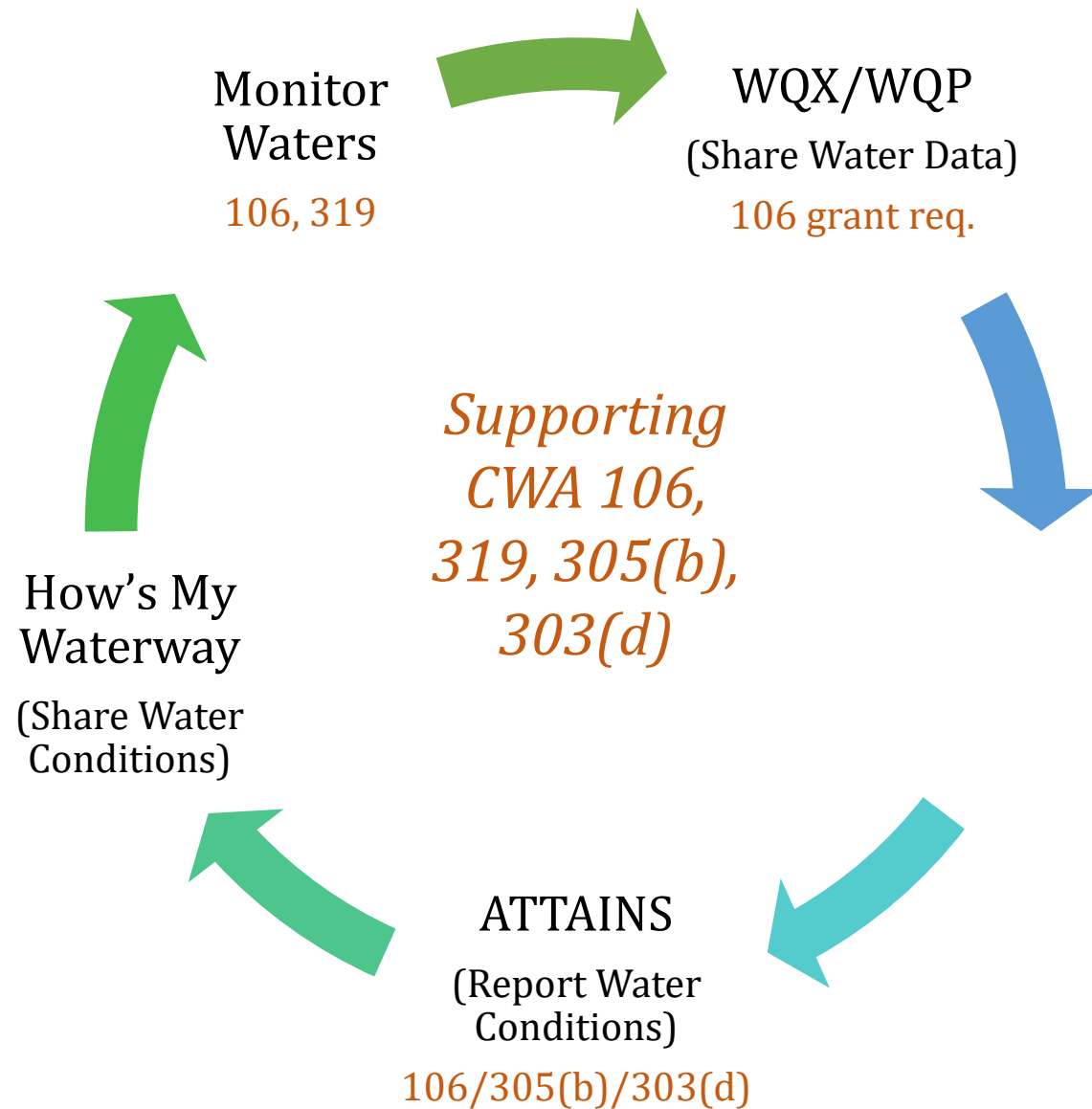
- Presentation (~25 min)
- Hands-on/Q&A (~65 min)



# EPA Water Data Integration Branch (WDIB) Products Supporting the Clean Water Act

## Internet of Water Principles (Data Standards and Interoperability)

- Water Quality Data (WQX/WQP)
- Hydrography (NHDPlus)
- Assessment Decisions (ATTAINS)



Reusable 

Interoperable 

Accessible 

Findable 

# Broader Impacts

Centralized tools (like TADA and HMW) have potential to greatly reduce total government costs

- State and tribal agencies
- EPA regions
- EPA HQ
- USGS, other federal agencies
- Applicable even beyond water

Improving data equity

- TADA makes the WQX QAQC service available on the WQP side
- Organizations can use TADA to help find and address data quality issues and then fix them in WQX/WQP

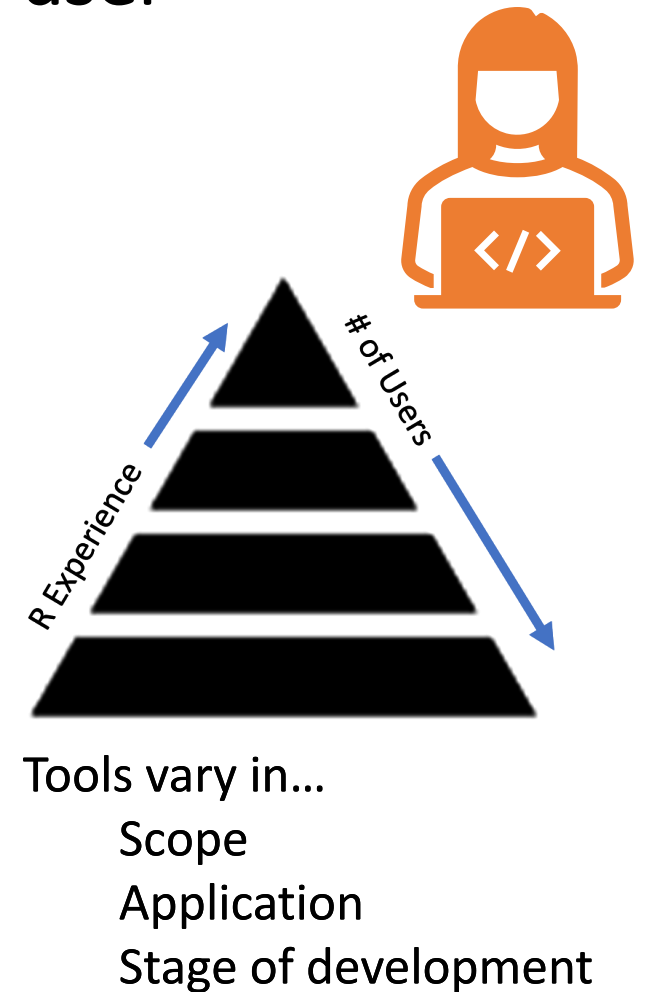
Well received by enthusiastic, engaged user community (open source/collaborative effort from start = more use product)

More efficient assessments may lead to more time for other things, or more waters being assessed! (Or anything else of importance to entity!)



# Developing TADA as an R package and series of user-friendly web apps (R Shiny)

- Open-source
- Efficient, reproducible workflows
- Community driven requirements
  - Accessible
  - Standardized but flexible
  - Highly customizable
- Designed to work with Water Quality Portal data
  - Companion to USGS's **dataRetrieval** package



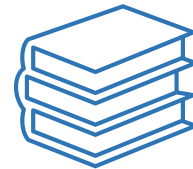
# “Serve as a hub for an open-source water quality community”

**Working Group Mission Statement:** To share and develop **R code** for evaluating and visualizing **WQP** data more efficiently through collaboration and open-source programming. This includes working together to find commonalities in assessment processes across the nation, creating flexible tools that can be easily customized to work within existing workflows, supporting each other in learning R, and ensuring products will be accessible to organizations most in need.

Accessible, QC'd data



Hydrologically-referenced designated beneficial uses



Assessment Criteria & Methods Compendium

“Automating 80% of the workload is helpful”

# Inventory of Open-Source R Tools for Water Analyses

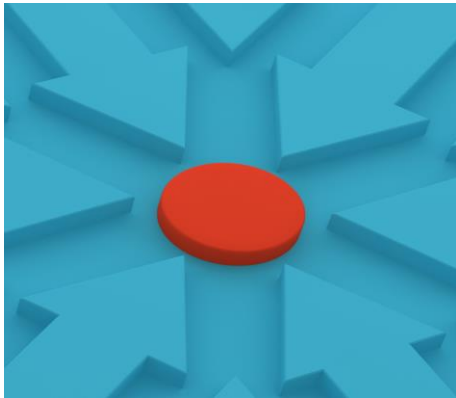
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- Over 50 resources to learn from, and build on
- Working Group helps share knowledge, examples, and set priorities
- Faster progress through collaboration and iteration (learning from each other)



# Involving end users in the development process

## Agile & Community Development via GitHub



- GitHub: setting stage for community participation (two public repositories)
  - Community can be anyone
  - EPA/ORISE initial development
  - Contract to support subject experts with varying R skills

TADA 0.0.1 Reference **Articles** Search for

## Contributing

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Source: [vignettes/CONTRIBUTING.Rmd](#)

### Contribute to TADA!

We encourage you to read this project's [CONTRIBUTING](#) policy (you are here), its [LICENSE](#), and its [README](#).

We're so glad you're thinking about contributing to an EPA open source project! If you're unsure about anything, just ask — or submit your issue or pull request anyway. The worst that can happen is we'll politely ask you to change something. We appreciate all friendly contributions.

No matter who you are, if you spot an error, omission, or bug, you're welcome to open an issue in this repo!

### TADA Working Group Mission

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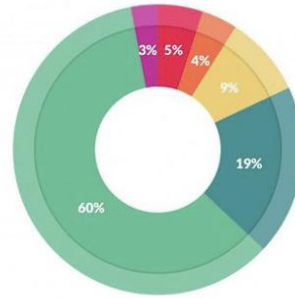
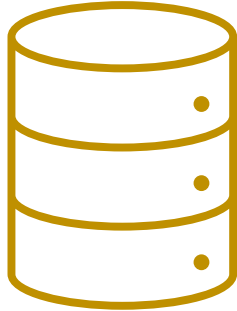
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*Data preparation accounts for about 80% of the work of data scientists*



What data scientists spend the most time doing

- Building training sets: 3%
- Cleaning and organizing data: 60%
- Collecting data sets: 19%
- Mining data for patterns: 9%
- Refining algorithms: 4%
- Other: 5%



# Module 1: Data Discovery and Wrangling

In Progress

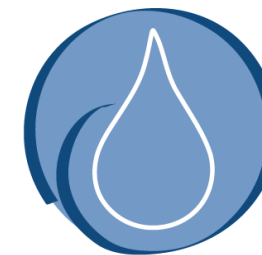


# Finding readily available data

The screenshot shows the EPA website's navigation bar with links for Environmental Topics, Laws & Regulations, Report a Violation, and About EPA. The main heading is "Tools for Automated Data Analysis (TADA) Module 1: Water Quality Portal Data Discovery and Cleaning". Below this is a breadcrumb trail: 1. Load, 2. Overview, 3. Flag, 4. Censored Data. The interface is divided into three options:

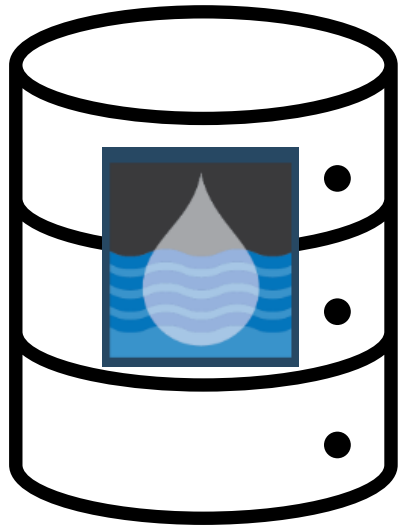
- Option A: Use example data** - A button labeled "Use example data".
- Option B: Query the Water Quality Portal (WQP)** - A section with a descriptive paragraph and a form with the following fields:
  - State: dropdown menu
  - County (pick state first): dropdown menu
  - Hydrologic Unit: text input (example: e.g., 020700100103)
  - Monitoring Location ID(s): text input
  - Organization(s): text input
  - Project(s): text input
  - Characteristic Group: dropdown menu
  - Characteristic(s): text input
  - Sample Media: text input (example: Water)
  - Site Type(s): text input
  - Start Date: text input (example: 2023-04-21)
  - End Date: text input (example: 2023-04-21)A "Run Query" button is located below the form.
- Option C: Upload dataset** - A section with a descriptive paragraph and a file upload field labeled "Browse..." with the text "No file selected".

# Water Quality Portal (WQP)

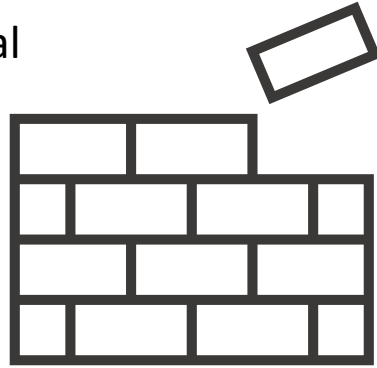
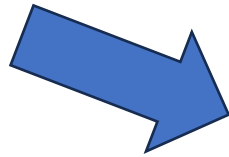


WQX  
WATER QUALITY EXCHANGE

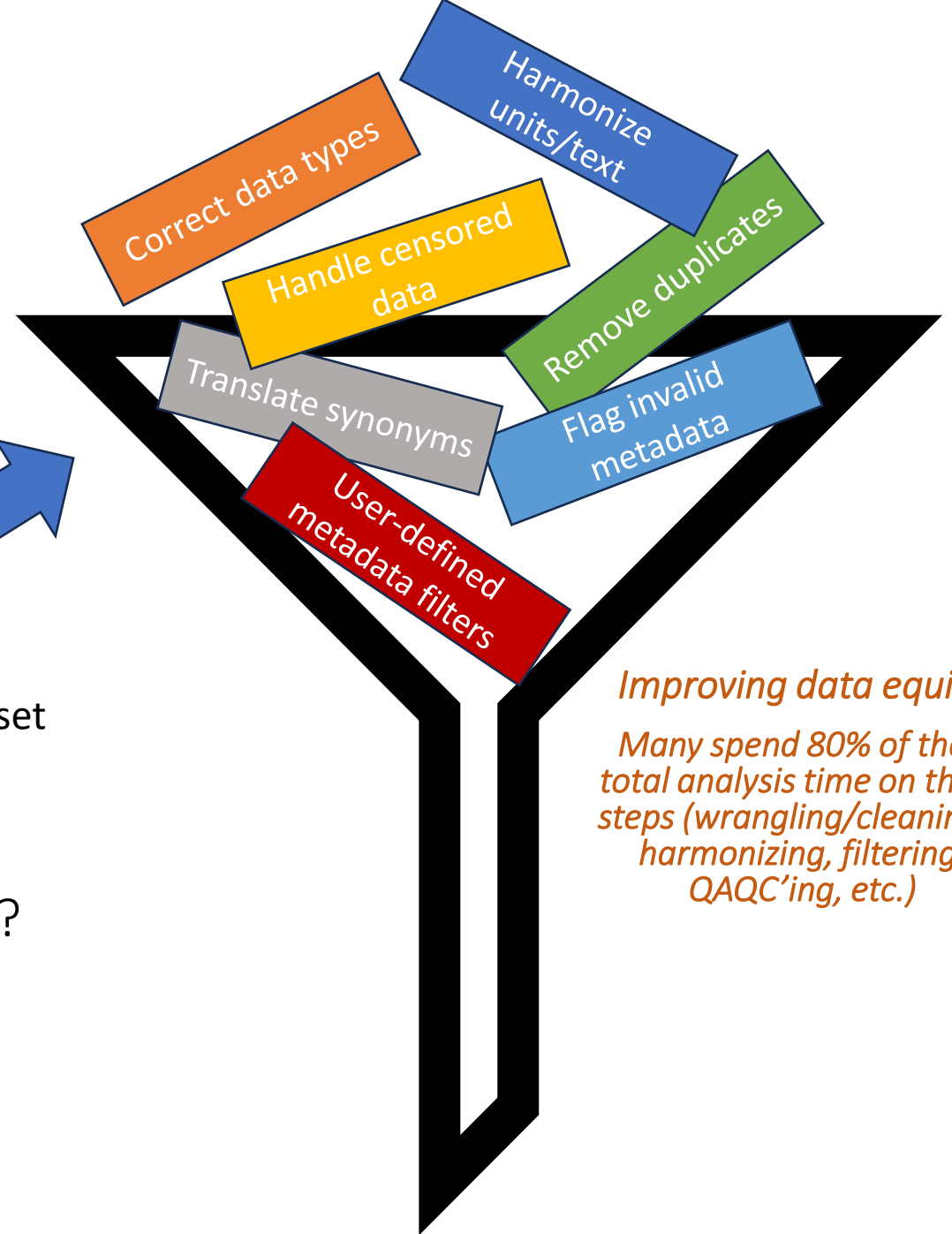
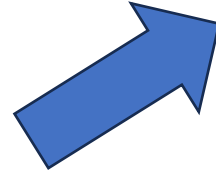




USGS's  
dataRetrieval  
functions



Constructing a unified dataset  
containing key metadata



*Improving data equity*  
*Many spend 80% of their total analysis time on these steps (wrangling/cleaning – harmonizing, filtering, QAQC'ing, etc.)*

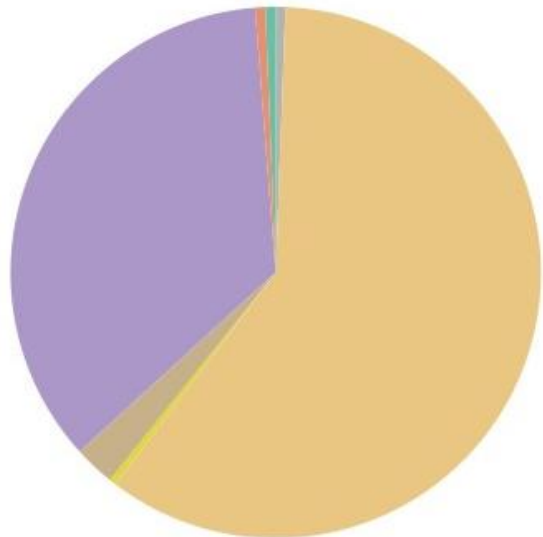
Are the data of sufficient quality for my analysis?

What harmonization and formatting steps are needed to use the data?

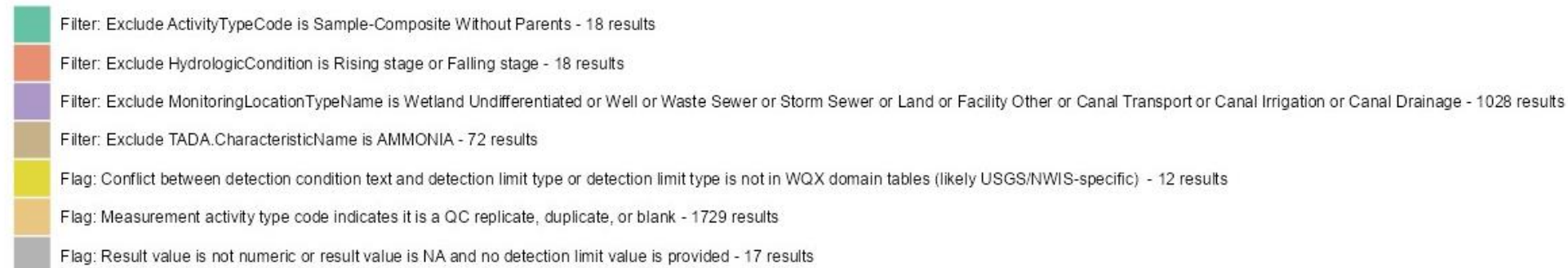
# Summary of User Decisions

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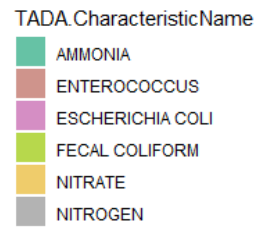
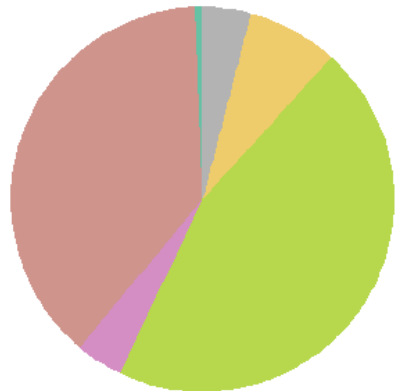
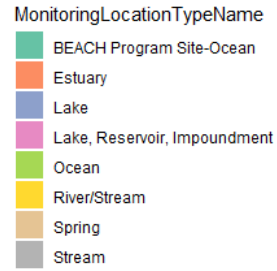
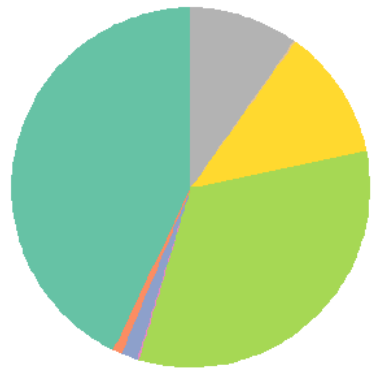
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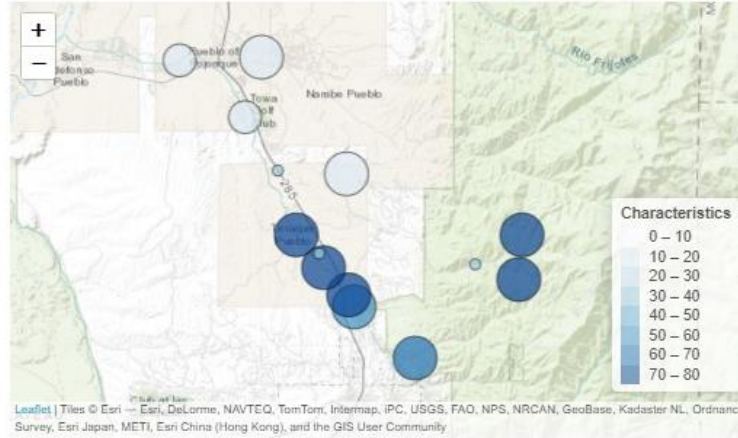
Removal Reasons



# Data Visualization



Your dataset contains **131,106** unique results from **221** monitoring location(s) and **6** unique organization(s).

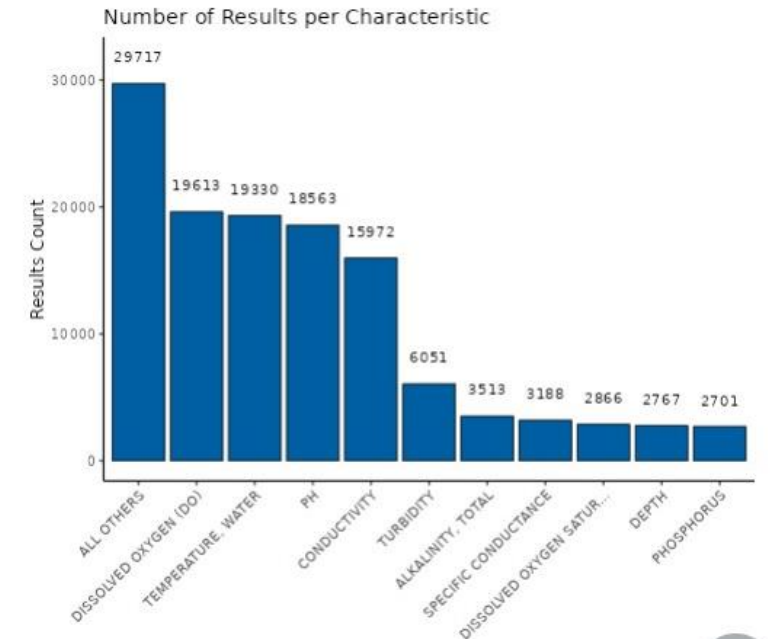
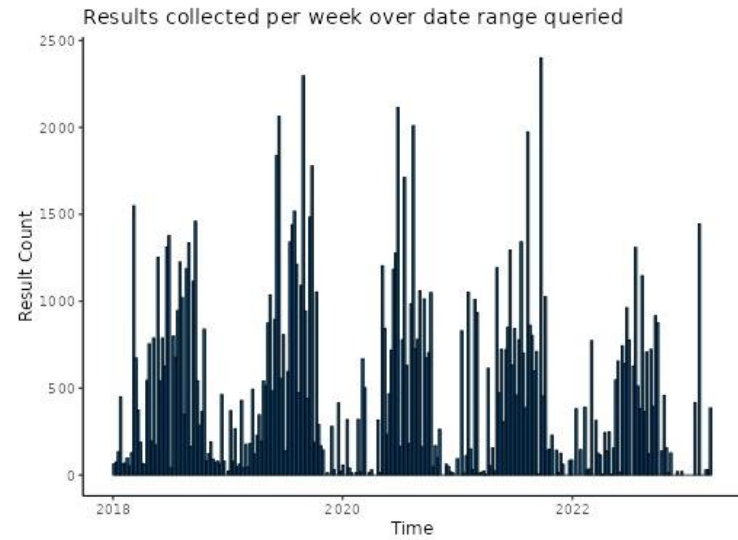


Show 10 entries

OrganizationFormalName	Result_Count
Chickasaw Nation Environmental Service	4580
Fond du Lac Band of Chippewa (MN)	20176
Pueblo Of Tesuque	6795
Pueblo of Pojoaque	1181
Red Lake DNR	81734
Sac and Fox Nation (Tribal)	9815

Showing 1 to 6 of 6 entries

Previous 1 Next







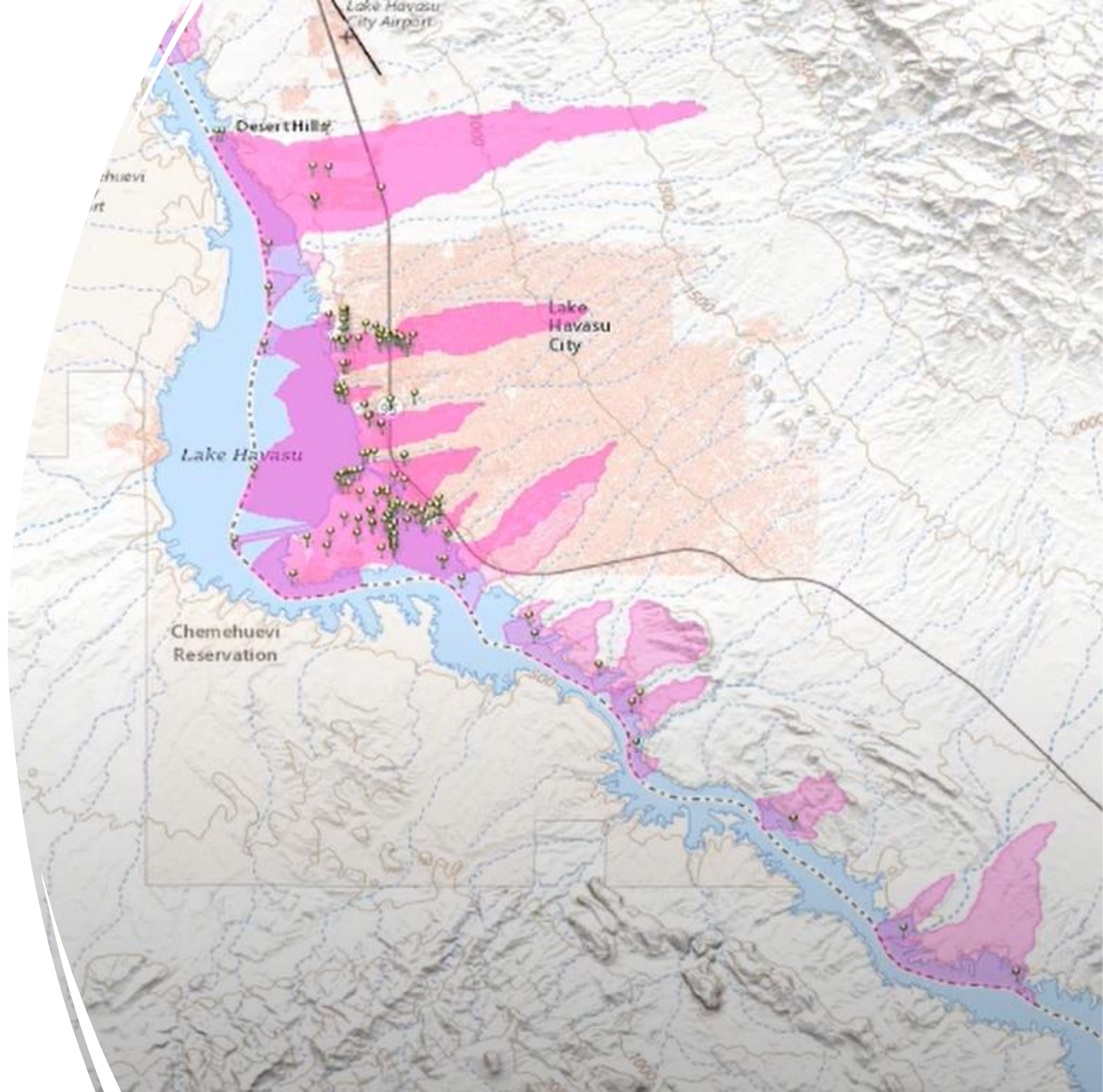
# Module 2: Spatial Aggregation & Use Assignments

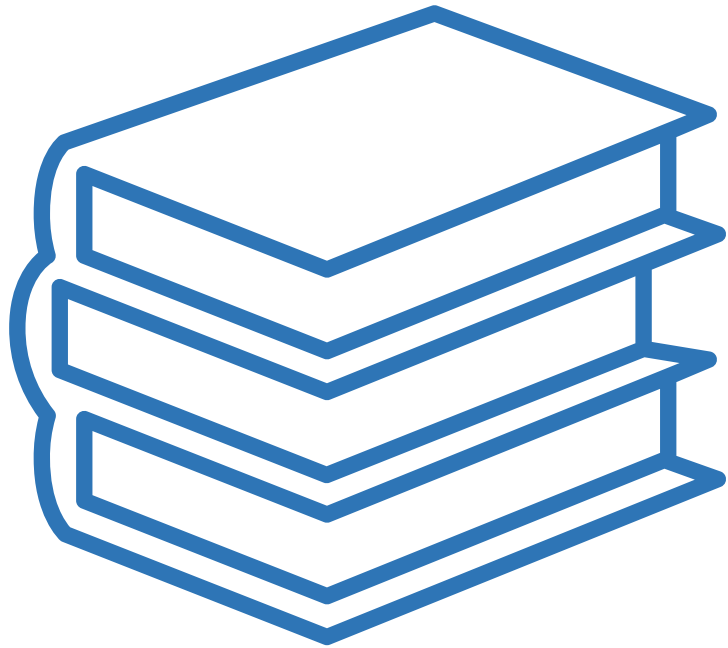
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# Associating Water Quality Criteria, Assessment Units & Uses with WQP Stations

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- Integrate ATTAINS





# Module 3: Assessment Criteria and Methodologies

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# Identified Requirements/Priorities

## Scope

- Focusing on quantitative (numeric) water data in the WQP to start
- Focusing on frequently assessed parameters
- Common assessment processed and methodologies

Arsenic	Nickel
Boron	Nitrate
Chlorophyll a	Total Nitrogen, mixed forms
Chromium	pH
Chromium(VI)	Total Phosphorus, mixed forms
Cadmium	Depth, Secchi disk depth
Copper	Selenium
Dissolved oxygen (DO)	Silver
Dissolved oxygen saturation	Temperature, water
Escherichia coli	Total suspended solids
Lead	Chromium(III)
Mercury	Zinc

## Common Methodologies

- Spatial aggregation – assessment unit and station level assessments
- Characteristic specific assessment start and end dates
- Magnitude, duration (temporal aggregation)
- Criteria context – upper or lower limit, range
- n-day mean, n-day mean maximum or mean minimum, n-hour mean, geometric mean, arithmetic mean, n-day rolling average
- Frequency criteria (e.g., 10% rule, 1-in-3 years rule applied using binomial test or percentile)
- Custom input equations needed to calculate criteria (e.g., for ammonia and certain metals)
- Incorporating depth
- Acute vs chronic
- Seasonality

# Integrate Criteria Search Tool

<https://www.epa.gov/wqs-tech/state-specific-water-quality-standards-effective-under-clean-water-act-cwa>

## Under development

- Does not include narrative standards, duration and frequency, or methodologies
- This compilation is continuously updated as EPA approves new or revised WQS

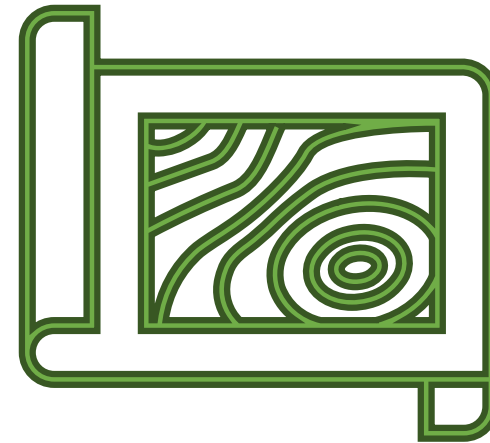
## Users can:

- Query by parameter, application or criteria magnitude value
  - Direct application = designated uses
  - Indirect application = specific waterbody, all other waters, or a class of waters of the parameter
- Query within a state or across all states
- Find National Recommended Water Quality Criteria (304A)
- More detailed webpages for each State, Territory, or Authorized Tribe
- Download as a "flat" spreadsheet file to support custom searches and analyses
- Find source document linking the criterion to EPA-approved state regulation



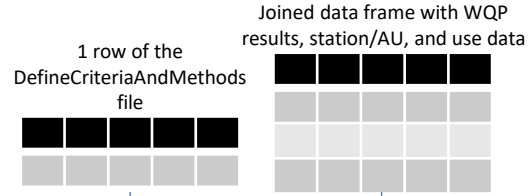
# Module 4: Bringing it all together

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# Conceptual Example

DO and AQU



Magnitude and Duration Analysis

Characteristic	Use	Duration-Result Value	Duration-Criteria	Magnitude-Criteria Value	Magnitude-Criteria Context	Y= meeting criteria; N=not meeting criteria
DO	AQU	5 mg/L	7-day average	3 mg/L	LowerLimit	Y
DO	AQU	7 mg/L	7-day average	3 mg/L	LowerLimit	Y

Magnitude and duration analysis results will be available for all parameter and use combinations

Frequency Analysis (PARAM\_ATTAINMENT\_CODE)

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DO	AQU	0	1 in 3 years	Meeting criteria	Meeting criteria

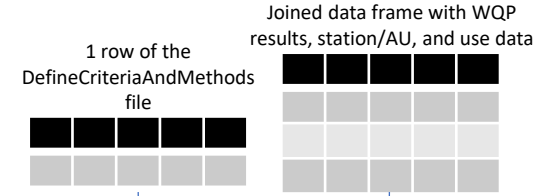
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pH and AQU



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pH	AQU	3	30-day Min	6-8	Range	N
pH	AQU	5	30-day Min	6-8	Range	N

Frequency Analysis (PARAM\_ATTAINMENT\_CODE)

Characteristic	Use	Freq-result (# or % not meeting magnitude and duration criteria)	Freq-criteria	PARAM_ATTAINMENT_CODE	ParameterStatus
pH	AQU	15%	10%, percentile	Not meeting criteria	Cause

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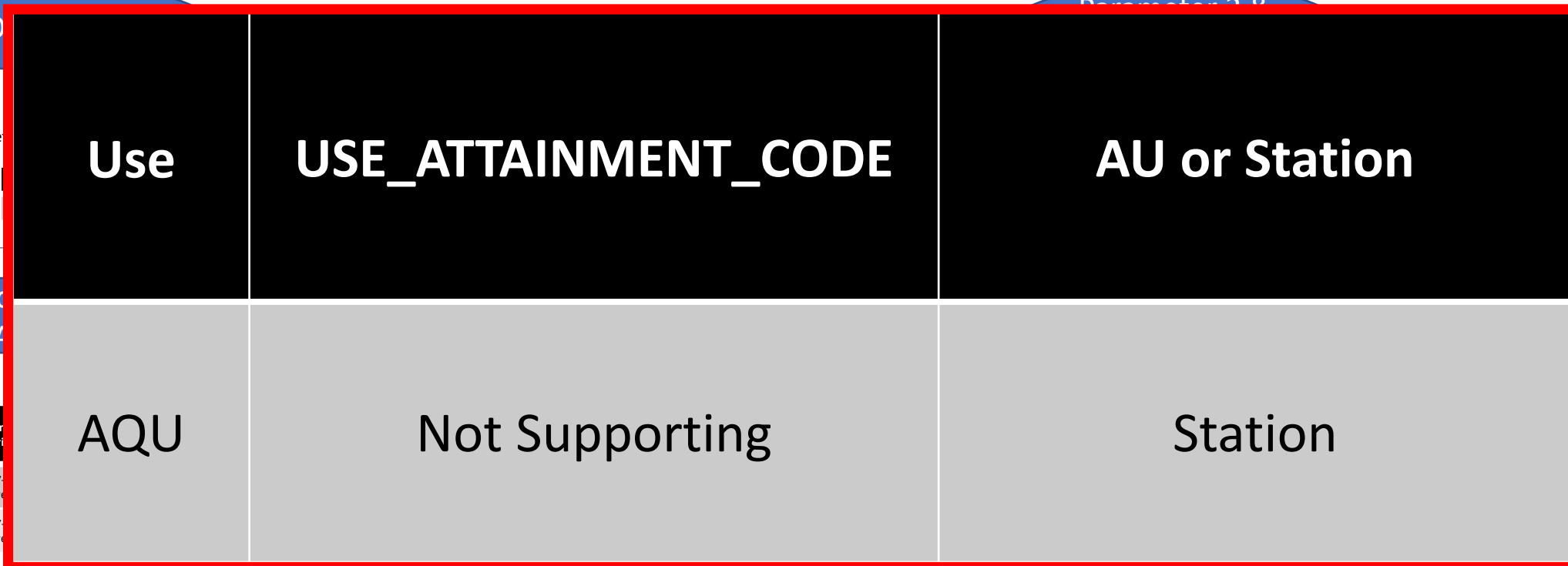
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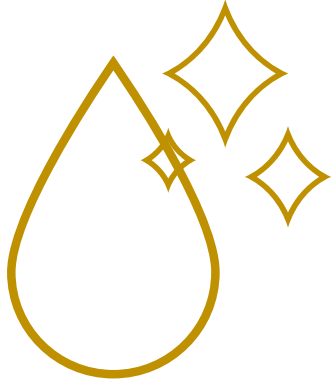
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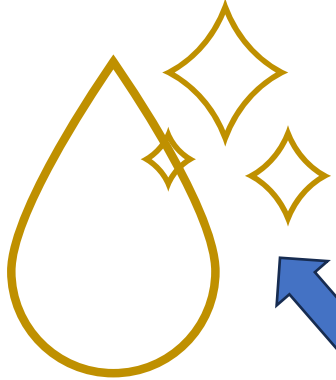
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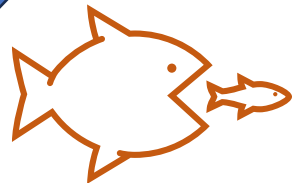
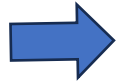
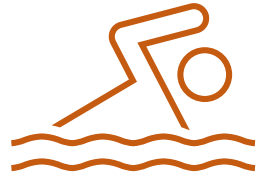


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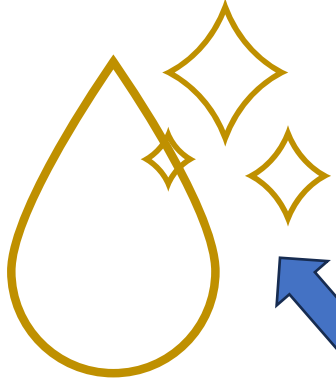
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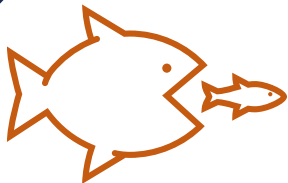
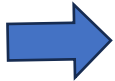
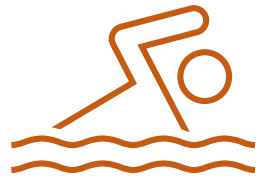
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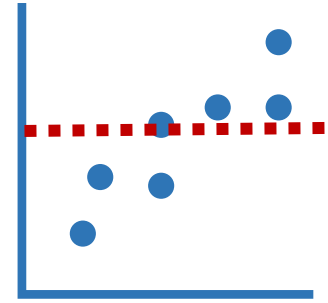
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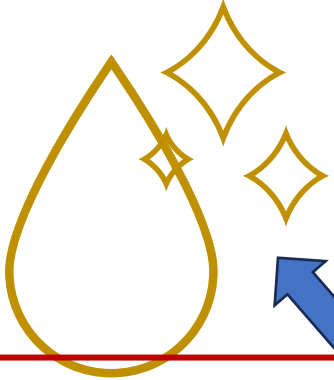
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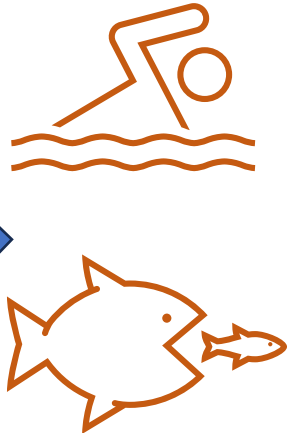
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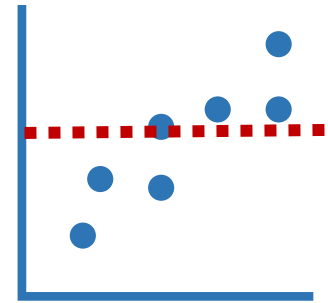
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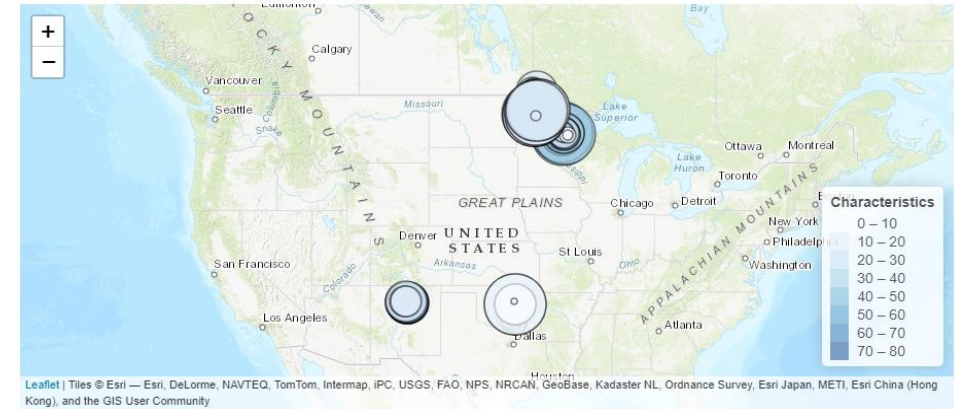
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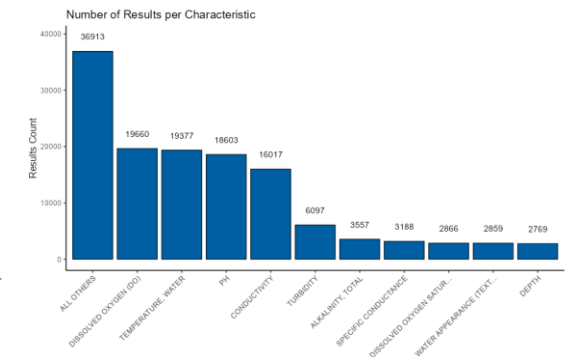
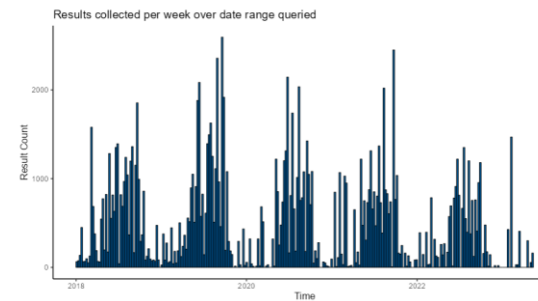
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Once finished, TADA aims to meet the following user requirements: 1) data discovery and cleaning, 2) assessment unit and use integration, 3) criteria and methodologies integration, and 4) assessment unit-use-parameter level analyses in a format compatible with the EPA Assessment, Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Tracking and Implementation System ([ATTAINS](#)). The TADA Team is using an [agile development](#) approach. User requirements are still being adjusted as needed during development using frequent feedback solicited from the TADA user community.

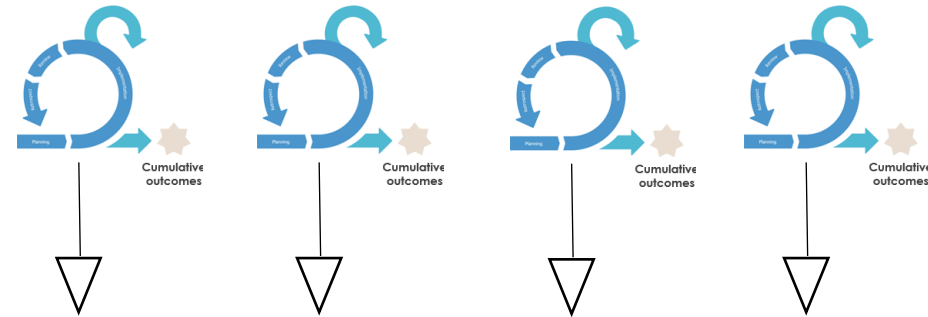
# Current TADA Products

- Different tools for different users
  - [R Package](#) (coders)
  - [R Shiny Application](#) (non-coders)
- [User Guides](#) on GitHub Pages
- [EPA TADA Website](#)
- [Inventory](#) of Open Source and/or Publicly Available Tools that Use WQP Data/Services
- [R and R Shiny Learning Resources](#) for Water Community, Collaborative Effort Between TADA Working Group & North American Lake Management Society (NALMS)
- TADA Master List of Requirements (four modules)

# TADA Project Timeline

Waterfall: Gather requirements & design tool architecture (perform research & stakeholder engagement)

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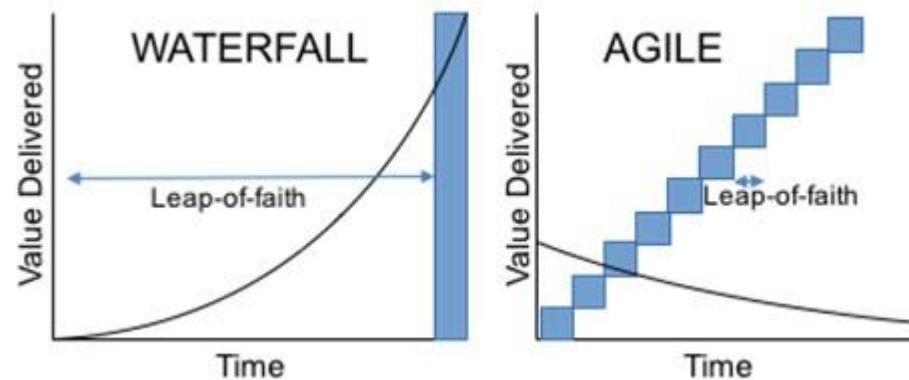
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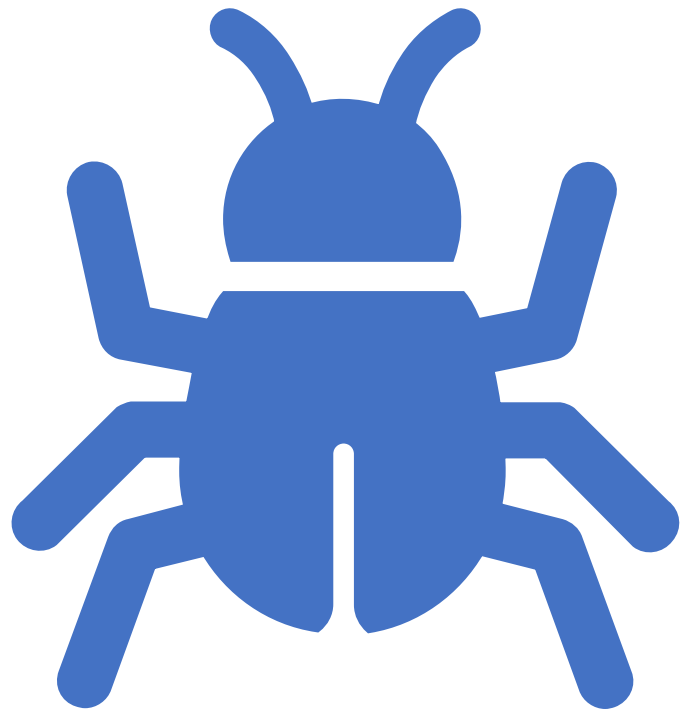
Assemble project team, begin TADA conceptualization and management

TADA Working Group start date (two tracks – 2 meeting per month)

TADA Working Group (single track – growing quickly)

Host regular meetings with open-source water quality data analysis community to deploy tool





## For Today's Training

- TADA Package Vignette:  
<https://usepa.github.io/TADA/articles/TADAModule1.html>
- TADA Shiny App:  
<https://github.com/USEPA/TADAShiny>
- Bug Form:  
<https://forms.gle/PoTCXEeVAaTnEgLs6>
- Feedback Form:  
<https://forms.gle/MACieQUCqsqywMLY7>



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
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 tests	TADA_AutoClean	last week
 vignettes	Update TADATrainingShepherdstown.Rmd	last week
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 DESCRIPTION	template function	2 weeks ago
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## About



This R package can be used to compile and evaluate Water Quality Portal (WQP) data for samples collected from surface water monitoring sites on streams and lakes. It can be used to create applications that support water quality programs and help states, tribes, and other stakeholders efficiently analyze the data.

[usepa.github.io/TADA/](https://usepa.github.io/TADA/)

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# Welcome to TADA: Tools for Automated Data Analysis!

lifecycle experimental

R-CMD-check passing

We encourage you to read this package's [CONTRIBUTING](#), [LICENSE](#), and [README](#) files (you are here).

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We encourage stakeholders to test the functionality and provide feedback. Moreover, open source software provides an avenue for water quality data originators and users to develop and share code, and we welcome your contributions! More information on how to contribute can be found in the [CONTRIBUTING](#) file. This file explains how users can contribute to the R package by submitting a pull request or issue to request a change or provide feedback. We hope to build a collaborative community dedicated to this effort where contributors can discover, share and build the package functionality over time.

[More about the TADA Project](#)

## Installation

You can install and load the most recent version of the TADA R Package from [GitHub](#) by running:

```
library(remotes)
remotes::install_github("USEPA/TADA", ref = "develop", dependencies = TRUE)
```

## Water Quality Portal

### Links

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# Contributing

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Source: [vignettes/CONTRIBUTING.Rmd](#)

## Contribute to TADA!

We encourage you to read this project's [CONTRIBUTING](#) policy (you are here), its [LICENSE](#), and its [README](#).

We're so glad you're thinking about contributing to an EPA open source project! If you're unsure about anything, just ask — or submit your issue or pull request anyway. The worst that can happen is we'll politely ask you to change something. We appreciate all friendly contributions.

No matter who you are, if you spot an error, omission, or bug, you're welcome to open an issue in this repo!

## TADA Working Group Mission

To share and develop R code for evaluating and visualizing Water Quality Portal (WQP) data more efficiently through collaboration and open-source programming. This includes working together to find commonalities in assessment processes across the nation, creating flexible tools that can be easily customized to work within existing workflows, supporting each other in learning R, and ensuring products will be accessible to organizations most in need.

## Package Development

This article will walk through how to contribute to the TADA package via a pull request workflow. This is also not a complete guide to R package development (a comprehensive guide is [R Packages](#)), instead this is meant as more of a checklist for the general steps. Several references are included at the bottom for more information on [R-package](#) development and [git](#) workflows.

## What is GitHub?

GitHub is a third-party website that offers version-controlled repositories that developers and

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# Function reference

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## All functions

`AboveNationalWQXUpperThreshold()`

Check Result Value Against WQX Upper Threshold

`AggregatedContinuousData()`

Check for Aggregated Continuous Data

`BelowNationalWQXLowerThreshold()`

Check Result Value Against WQX Lower Threshold

`GetActivityTypeRef()`

Update Activity Type Reference Table

`GetDetCondRef()`

Update Result Detection Condition Reference Table

`GetDetLimitRef()`

reviewed by the TADA team. Once approved, updates are then merged into the develop branch. However, you are welcome to download any branch you'd like using the `ref` input in `install_github` (see code chunk above). This functionality is mainly only useful to TADA package developers/contributors.

The following code block ensures the additional packages needed to run the code in this RMarkdown document are loaded. However, users may also use the `package name:: package function` notation to avoid the list of `library()` calls.

```
# Load tidyverse
if(!"tidyverse"%in%installed.packages()){
  install.packages("tidyverse")
}
library(tidyverse)
```

## Help pages

All TADA R package functions have their own individual help pages, listed on the [Function reference](#) page on the GitHub site. Users can also access the help page for a given function in R or RStudio using the following format (example below): `?TADA::name of TADA function`

```
?TADA::TADAdataRetrieval
```

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## Install and setup

Users can install the TADA package from GitHub into their R library using the `remotes` package. Copy and paste the code below into your R or RStudio console to download and install.

TADA package relies on other packages, therefore you may be prompted in the console to update dependency packages that have more recent versions available. If you see this prompt, it is recommended to update all of them (enter 1 into the console).

```
# Install TADA
if(!"remotes"%in%installed.packages()){
  install.packages("remotes")
}
remotes::install_github("USEPA/TADA", ref="develop")
library(TADA)
```

It's that easy! The most stable branch for TADA right now is the develop branch. Contributors generally create their own branches based on develop, make some improvements, and then submit a pull request to be reviewed by the TADA Team. Once approved, updates are then merged into the develop branch. However, you are welcome to download any branch you'd like using the `ref` input in `install_github` (see code chunk above). This functionality is mainly only useful to TADA package developers/contributors.

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