

APPENDIX B

**CORPS OF ENGINEERS PLAN OF
ACTION FOR DISSOLVED GAS
MONITORING FOR 2003**

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INTRODUCTION

This Plan of Action for 2003 summarizes the role and responsibilities of the Corps of Engineers as they relate to dissolved gas monitoring, and identifies channels of communication with other cooperating agencies and interested parties. The Plan summarizes what to measure, how, where, and when to take the measurements and how to analyze and interpret the resulting data. It also provides for periodic review and alteration or redirection of efforts when monitoring results and/or new information from other sources justifies a change. Some information on the complementary activities of other participating agencies is provided at the end of this document.

GENERAL APPROACH

The total dissolved gas (TDG) monitoring program consists of a range of activities designed to provide management information about dissolved gas and spill conditions. These activities include time-series measurements, data analysis, synthesis and interpretation, and calibration of numerical models. Four broad categories of objectives are involved:

- 1) data acquisition, to provide decision-makers with synthesized and relevant information to control dissolved gas supersaturation on a real-time basis,
- 2) real-time monitoring, to ascertain how project releases affect water quality relative to ESA Biological Opinion measures and existing state and tribal dissolved gas standards;
- 3) trend monitoring, to identify long-term changes in basin wide dissolved gas saturation levels resulting from water management decisions; and
- 4) model refinement, to enhance predictive capability of existing models used to evaluate management objectives.

Portland, Seattle and Walla Walla Districts have direct responsibilities for TDG monitoring at their respective projects, including data collection, transmission, and analysis and reporting. The Division's Reservoir Control Center (RCC) will coordinate this activity with the Districts and other State and Federal agencies and private parties as needed to insure the information received meet all real-time operational and regulatory requirements. Districts and Division roles and functions are described in more detail in later sections of this document.

The Corps considers TDG monitoring a high priority activity with considerable potential for adversely affecting reservoir operations and ongoing regional efforts to protect aquatic biota. It will make all reasonable efforts toward achieving at least a data quality and reliability level comparable to that provided in previous years, including 2002.

Furthermore, the Corps believes it is important to maintain a two-way communication between those conducting the monitoring and the users of monitoring information. These interactions give decision-makers and managers an understanding of the limitations of monitoring and, at the same time, provide the technical staff with an understanding of what questions should be answered.

Therefore, comments and recommendations received from users were and continue to be very useful in establishing monitoring program priorities and defining areas requiring special attention.

DISTRICTS/DIVISION RESPONSIBILITIES

Portland, Seattle and Walla Walla Districts Functions. Portland, Seattle and Walla Walla Districts will perform all the activities required at their TDG monitoring sites. Data will be collected and transmitted from those sites systematically and without interruption to the Columbia River Operational Hydromet Management System (CROHMS) (or any alternate database as may be specified). Normal monitoring season will be from 1 April through 15 September for all stations except Bonneville and the stations below Bonneville. Because of the Spring Creek hatchery release, monitoring for Bonneville and stations below Bonneville will be from 10 March through 15 September. Winter monitoring, where applicable, will be at least from 15 December through 15 March. If needed, TDG monitoring for Spring Creek hatchery fish may be necessary before 10 March and will be coordinated with the Portland District.

District responsibilities include but are not limited the following tasks:

- preparing annual monitoring plan of action and schedule, as described in RPA 131 of the National Marine Fisheries Service 2000 Biological Opinion
- procuring data collection/transmission instruments
- preparing and awarding equipment and service contracts
- performing initial instrument installation and testing
- setting up and removal of permanent monitoring installations, if requested
- evaluate existing stations, as described in RPA 132 of the National Marine Fisheries Service 2000 Biological Opinion
- collecting and transmitting TDG data to CROHMS
- reviewing data for early detection of instrument malfunction
- making periodic calibration, service and maintenance calls once every 2 weeks
- providing emergency service calls as needed and/or when so notified
- performing special TDG measurements, if needed
- keeping records of instrument calibration and/or adjustments
- retrieving, servicing, and storing instruments at the end of the season
- providing final data corrections to the Division office
- performing data analysis to establish/strengthen spill vs. TDG relationship
- preparing an annual activity report
- document and report QA/QC performance

All three Districts will also be responsible for (1) preparing an annual report on instrument performances, and (2) providing the necessary material including test and data analyses, charts, maps, etc. for incorporation in the Corps' Annual TDG Report, which will be finalized by the Division. Additional monitoring at selected locations may be required on an as needed basis and as possible based on available funding. Dissemination of data to outside users will remain a Division responsibility to avoid duplication and uncoordinated service.

Division's Functions. The Division will be responsible for overall coordination of the TDG monitoring program with the Districts, other State and Federal agencies and cooperating parties. The Leader of the Water Quality Team, CENWD--CM-WR-N, is the designated TDG Division Program Coordinator reporting through the chain of command through Chief, Reservoir Control Center and Chief, Water Management Division to Director, Engineering & Technical Services Directorate. The coordinator will be a member of, and consult as needed, with the NWD- Water Quality Team.

The Division TDG Program Coordinator will provide overall guidance to District counterparts to ensure that the monitoring program is carried out in accordance with the plan outlined in this document, including close adherence to a general schedule and operating QA/QC protocols. The individual will be the main point of contact for all technical issues related to the TDG monitoring at Corps projects. The coordinator will refer problems of common regional interest to relevant forums such as the EPA/NMFS Water Quality Team (WQT) for peer review and open discussion. The individual will facilitate final decision-making on technical issues based on all relevant input from interested parties.

The Division TDG Program Coordinator will meet with District counterparts in February to discuss and firm up detailed implementation plan and schedule for the current year. Discussion will cover monitoring sites, equipment, data collection and transmission procedures, service and maintenance, budget, etc. A set of specific performance measures will be jointly prepared as a basis for reviewing and monitoring District performances. A post-season review meeting will be held annually to provide a critique of the operations and identify areas needing changes and/or improvements.

2003 ACTION PLAN

The 2003 Action Plan consists of the following eight phases observed in previous years, plus winter monitoring. These phases are as follows:

- (1) Program start-up;
- (2) Instrument Installation;
- (3) In-season Monitoring and Problem Fixing;
- (4) Instrument Removal and Storage;
- (5) Winter Monitoring;
- (6) Data Compilation, Analysis and Storage;
- (7) Program Evaluation and Report; and
- (8) Special Field Studies

The Plan of Action for all three Districts is similar to the one in 2002, with the exception of some fixed monitoring station changes and some QA/QC modifications.

A NMFS Forum Water Quality Team Subcommittee met in 2001 and 2002 to consider actions concerning RPA 132 of the Biological Opinion. RPA 132 calls for a plan to conduct a systematic

review and evaluation of the TDG fixed monitoring stations in the forebays of all the mainstem Columbia and Snake River dams, in coordination with the Water Quality Team.

The Fixed Monitoring Station (FMS) Subgroup of the Water Quality Team (WQT) met on November 12, 2002 to complete the review of the FMS system for the Federal Columbia River Power System (FCRPS). The recommendations shown below in Table B-1 are for the 2003 spill season.

**TABLE B-1
FIXED MONITORING STATION SUBGROUP
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2003 SPILL SEASON**

Fixed Monitoring Station	Recommendation/Comments
Camas/Washougal	Continue the CWMW site with additional exploratory monitoring for the Corbett site (see below).
Corbett	Continue the exploratory efforts at the Corbett site with consideration of Corbett replacing CWMW as the downstream site for BON.
Warrendale	The site is inconsistent with other tailwater sites in the system due to considerable mixing. Recommend eventual retirement of this site.
BON Tailrace	Consider relocation of Warrendale tailwater monitor to the BON spillway channel. NOAA Fisheries (NMFS) is reviewing the 2002 BON spill test TDG data prior to a final decision on this recommendation
BON Forebay	Recommend no change in this site.
TDA Tailrace	The station is currently inconsistent with other tailwater sites in the system due to considerable mixing with powerhouse flows. Recommend addition of an exploratory site in spill water on the north shore and within 1000 feet of the spill water but beyond aerated flow. NOAA Fisheries (NMFS) is reviewing the 2002 BON spill test TDG data prior to a final decision on this recommendation
TDA Forebay	There are potential benefits in relocation of this site to the provisional site on the opposite end of the structure. Recommend continuing the TDA site with consideration of relocating.
JDA Tailrace	Recommend no change in this site.
JDA Forebay	Recommend continue with current sampling location and depth but recognize that some elevated readings for TDG are temperature induced. Expand exploratory sampling to added locations in the tailwaters of the powerhouse or draft tube deck location. Expand exploratory sampling to a deeper depth at the current locations in the forebay and to an upstream location adjacent to the BRZ and at depths greater than 20 ft. Recommend continued thermal profiling in the JDA forebay water.

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Fixed Monitoring Station	Recommendation/Comments
MCN Tailrace	Recommend no change in site location. Site anchoring system in need of repairs.
MCN Forebay	Recommend expansion of exploratory investigations of the MCN forebay stations.
Pasco	Recommend no change in this site.
IHR Tailrace	Recommend no change in this site. Site installation recently upgraded with stronger, larger diameter pipe and anchoring as required.
IHR Forebay	See Forebay Fixed Monitoring Station Review discussion below
LMN Tailrace	Recommend no change in this site. Site installation recently upgraded with stronger, larger diameter pipe and anchoring as required.
LMN Forebay	See Forebay Fixed Monitoring Station Review discussion below
LGS Tailrace	Recommend no change in this site. Site installation recently upgraded with stronger, larger diameter pipe and anchoring as required.
LGS Forebay	See Forebay Fixed Monitoring Station Review discussion below
LWG Tailrace	Recommend no change in this site. Site installation recently upgraded with stronger, larger diameter pipe and anchoring as required.
LWG Forebay	See Forebay Fixed Monitoring Station Review discussion below
DWR Tailrace	Recommend upgrading station to standards of the FMS system. Determine if station is sampling mixed waters from DWK project.
Peck	Site installation recently upgraded with stronger, larger diameter pipe.
Lewiston	Station to modified to correct existing problems with dewatering during low flow conditions.
Anatone	Site installation recently upgraded with stronger, larger diameter pipe and extended 150 feet further into the thalweg and beyond influence from the Grand Ronde discharges.

Additionally the Fixed Monitoring Station Subgroup reviewed a multi-year plan to review and evaluate the forebay fixed monitoring stations within the Walla Walla District, Army Corps of Engineers that will be implemented in FY 2003. The plan will include the completion of the tasks shown below at each of the Lower Snake River projects, i.e., Lower Granite, Little Goose, Lower Monumental and Ice Harbor and two forebay stations at McNary dams. They include review and analysis of existing data from the forebay fixed monitors for representativeness and

anomalies in total dissolved gas and temperature. Also, they include evaluation and comparison of auxiliary sites at each project for performance and representativeness. Candidate sites are as follows:

- One site in powerhouse release possibly located on the after deck or draft tube deck for each project;
- One site inside the powerhouse inline with waters flowing through the structure. A possible point of sample would be plumbed to either a generator penstock, fish unit penstock, cooling water supply etc.
- Adjacent to the current fixed monitor in the forebay of the project but at an alternate depth

There will also be Quality Assurance/Quality Control modifications for the 2003 spill season. The NMFS Biological Opinion RPA 131 stipulates that QA/QC should also include redundant and backup monitoring, biweekly calibration, and spot-checking of monitoring equipment. To address these concerns the Corps has drafted Data Quality Criteria (DQC), similar to Data Quality Objectives (DQOs) described in national monitoring programs, for the fixed monitoring program. The National Water Quality Monitoring Council (<http://water.usgs.gov/wicp/acwi/monitoring/>), through the efforts of the Intergovernmental Task Force on Monitoring Water Quality (1992 - 1996) recommends performance based objectives. The DQCs describe the accuracy, precision, and completeness of the data needed at each station. The fixed monitoring stations will be assessed at the end of the 2003 monitoring season against these criteria and a performance report will be created and shown in the Corps annual TDG report. Adjustments will be made to the individual fixed monitoring stations that do not perform to the objectives described. The DQC approach was recommended to the Water Quality Team in 2002 instead of the redundant and backup monitoring, and spot-checking approaches since DQCs will provide greater flexibility with equipment and less impact on program cost.

Portland District will continue to use the USGS to conduct their TDG monitoring. Walla Walla District water quality staff will contract out routine instrument calibration responsibilities in 2003. Seattle District will continue to contract their routine calibration of TDG equipment. In general the 2003 plan is as follows.

Phase 1: Program Start-Up

Responsible parties (See Table 2) will be invited for a follow-up coordination meeting some time in February for final discussions on the plan of action. This will ensure a good mutual understanding of the most current objectives of the dissolved gas monitoring program, including data to be collected, instrument location, procedures to be used, special requirements, etc. The draft plan will be presented for peer review at a February meeting of the WQT.

All three Districts will ensure that adequate funding is available for 2003 monitoring activities. Portland District, having decided to continue to use the service of the USGS in 2003, will prepare the necessary MIPRs to secure those services and provide for rental and associated maintenance of the USGS's Sutron data collection platforms. Walla Walla District will review their equipment inventory and proceed with the necessary orders for new TDG instruments and

DCPs, if applicable. Seattle will renew or develop new contractual arrangements as needed for the operation of the Chief Joseph and Libby stations.

All maintenance and service contracts should be completed at least two weeks before the instruments are installed in the field. Where applicable, the Districts will ensure that real estate agreements and right of entry are finalized between the landowners and the Corps. All paper work for outside contracting will be completed no later than 31 January.

To date, the districts have been initiating the MIPR processes to continue contracts through the 2002-2003 winter monitoring season and the 2003-monitoring season. Districts and division have been updating the QA/QC protocols. Temperature loggers have been placed in Dworshak Reservoir for winter monitoring. All districts will continue GOES satellite transmission.

Discussions between districts, division and contractors are expected to continue through February, at which time a final plan of action will be produced. It is also understood that the following entities will continue to operate their monitoring instruments in 2003:

- U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, below Hungry Horse, at the International Boundary and above and below Grand Coulee Dam;
- Mid-Columbia PUDs (Douglas, Chelan and Grant Counties), above and below all five PUD dams on the Columbia River; and
- Idaho Power Company, in the Hells Canyon area (as part of its Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's license renewal requirement).

Phase 2: Instrument Installation

Instruments to be installed and their assigned locations are listed in Table 3 and shown in Figure 1. Some of them are already in place for the 2002-2003 winter monitoring. The Corps network will essentially remain the same as in 2002.. Walla Walla will keep the Anatone and Pasco sites in operation over the winter measuring temperature only.

As before, the station below Libby Dam will only be activated if spill for flood control at the project becomes likely.

All instruments are scheduled to have been in place and duly connected to their Sutron or Zeno DCP's no later than 10 March at Bonneville and downstream stations, and no later than 1 April at all other stations. If needed, the station below Libby will be reactivated in May or at least two weeks before the start of flow releases for white sturgeon. Monitoring stations below Bonneville are scheduled to be in place first, prior to the release of Spring Creek Hatchery fish.

Corps stations that remain in service during the 2002-2003 winter will continue their operation with minimum interruption into the spring, following the necessary instrument service and maintenance check-up and site equipment (piping) upgrades. These stations include the following: Dworshak tailwater, Pasco (temperature), Anatone (temperature), Lower Granite forebay and tailwater, Ice Harbor forebay and tailwater, McNary forebay (Oregon and Washington sides) and tailwater, Bonneville forebay, and Warrendale. An assessment of monitoring site integrity will be conducted; any damages that may have occurred over the winter

will be fixed before proceeding on to calibration and testing. Selected project personnel may be requested to assist on this task as needed.

Phase 3: In-season Monitoring and Problem Fixing

Actual data collection and transmission will start prior to the first Spring Creek Hatchery release, but no later than 15 March for stations below Bonneville, and no later than 1 April for the remainder of the monitoring network. Exact starting dates will be coordinated with the Corps' Reservoir Control Center (CENWD--CM-WR-N), project biologists and cooperating agencies, based on run-off, spill, and fish migration conditions.

The following data will be collected approximately every hour:

- WC, Water Temperature (°C)
- BH, Barometric Pressure (mm of Hg)
- NT, Total Dissolved Gas Pressure (mm of Hg)
- Gage depth (feet)

Oxygen pressure and calculated nitrogen pressure parameters are currently collected at Walla Walla stations and at one Seattle District station.

- OP, Dissolved Oxygen Pressure (mm of Hg)
- NP, Nitrogen + Argon Pressure (mm of Hg)

Data will be collected at least hourly and transmitted at least every four hours. If feasible, the previous 12 hours of data will also be sent to improve the capability of retrieving any data that may have been lost during the preceding transmission. For Portland, Seattle and Walla Walla Districts, data transmission will be done via the GOES Satellite, to the Corps' ground-receive station in Portland. After decoding, all data will be stored in the CROHMS database. Per their contract with Portland District, the USGS is planning to have the satellite data going into CROHMS and ADAPS (internal to the USGS) simultaneously to allow for some pre-screening.

Given their direct relevance to fish mortality, the first three parameters (WC, BH and NT) will be collected on a first priority basis.

Only at John Day, a second or “redundant” instrument at the John Day tailwater will be placed in the same monitoring pipe as the first instrument during the 2003-monitoring season. Both instruments will transmit to CROHMS real-time.

Daily reports summarizing TDG and related information will be posted on the Technical Management Team's (TMT) home page. To the extent feasible, the measured TDG data will be compared with model predicted values so that suspicious values can be flagged and/or discarded before they are released. Data filtering through other methods will also be made. Information provided on the homepage will include the following data:

- Station Identifier
- Date and Time of the Probe Readings
- Water Temperature, °C
- Barometric Pressure, mm of Hg
- TDG Pressure, mm of Hg
- Calculated TDG Saturation Percent (%)
- Project Hourly Spill, Kcfs (QS)
- Project Total Hourly Outflow, Kcfs (QR)
- Number of Spillway Gates Open
- Probe depth, ft
- Calculated Compensation Depth, ft

Spill bay stop settings, if different from the numbers provided in the Fish Passage Plan, also will be reported to and coordinated with the TMT. Stopsettings, however, will not be part of the water quality data set available on the TMT home page.

Reconciliation between data received to CROHMS will be made by the Reservoir Control Center staff based on the input from the field before the data are permanently stored in the Corps' Water Quality Data Base. Additional data posting in the TMT home page will continue.

Instrument reliability and accuracy will be monitored through the following basic QA/QC procedures, including Data Quality Criteria, as discussed through the WQT technical workgroup.

- Calibrations of instruments will occur every two weeks
- Competent personnel (Corps or contractor) will visit monitoring site to check for and if necessary, fix site problems (probes clogging, leaking membranes, instruments out of calibration, etc.) and recalibrate the faulty instrument(s).
- Calibration will be accomplished using a primary standard (pressure gauge, hand-held barometer, etc). A secondary standard, such as a portable lab-calibrated instrument, will be used as needed to limit sampling precision uncertainty.
- TDG membranes will be changed every two weeks with a dry, functioning membrane.
- If an emergency visit is conducted, a redundant monitor will be placed in river during emergency visit to serve as a temporary back-up to field monitor.

Draft Data Quality Criteria

This draft criteria coordinated with the NMFS forum Water Quality Team are:

Secondary TDG Standard Sensor Calibration:

Calibrate the secondary standard TDG sensor at two points using the primary NIST standard. The TDG pressure must be +/- 1 mm Hg at both pressures, otherwise the secondary standard is recalibrated. Pressures at which the sensor is calibrated must bracket the expected range of field measurements.

Laboratory Calibration: Secondary Barometric Pressure Standard:

Calibrate the secondary standard barometer at ambient barometric pressure to the NIST standard. The barometer must be ± 1 mm Hg of the primary standard otherwise the secondary standard is recalibrated.

Field Instrument TDG Sensor Calibration:

The two point TDG sensor calibration must agree within ± 1 mmHg at both pressures, otherwise the sensor is recalibrated. Pressures at which the sensor is calibrated must bracket the expected range of field measurements.

Field Instrument Thermistor Calibration:

A check or verification still constitutes a calibration and should be documented in records. The instrument's thermistor must agree within $\pm 0.2^{\circ}\text{C}$ with the primary NIST (National Institute of Standards and Technology) standard. This variance will be monitored and if the probe performs outside this range, it will be returned to the manufacturer for maintenance.

Field Instrument Post-Calibration:

Following a two-week deployment, a two point TDG sensor calibration must agree within ± 4 mmHg at both pressures. Pressures at which the sensor is calibrated must bracket the expected range of field measurements. If the pressure is not ± 4 mmHg of the standard, the data will be reviewed and appropriately corrected. If, after data review, a correction can not be applied, the data will be removed from the database. Sensor drift can be handled using a linear correction, but it is entirely possible for someone to enter incorrect calibration values, which would result in a shift affecting all readings equally.

If the any parameter is considered suspect following these calibration checks on return to the laboratory, the data collected for the previous time period will be reviewed and if applicable, corrections will be applied or the data will be removed from the database.

Field Performance Check:

After the deployment period, prior to removal of the field instrument, the TDG pressure will be compared to the secondary standard.

During initial deployment of a new instrument, after sufficient time for equilibration (up to one hour), the TDG pressure must be ± 4 mmHg of the secondary standard otherwise another (standby) probe is deployed.

During initial deployment of the new instrument, the thermistor will be $\pm 0.4^{\circ}\text{C}$ of the secondary standard, corrected for calibration, or replace the instrument with a standby.

At each visit the field barometer pressure reading should be ± 2 mmHg of the secondary standard or the field barometer will be returned to the manufacturer for adjustment.

The sensor must be deployed to a depth where the compensation depth is sufficient to accommodate the change in pressure relative to the atmosphere; otherwise the TDG measurements may be underestimated. If the site does not accommodate maintaining the probe at

greater than the compensation depth for more than 95% of the measuring cycle, investigations will begin to re-locate the fixed monitoring station.

As a goal, data collected at each site will be 95% of the data that could have been collected during the defined monitoring period. The calculation of data set completeness is based on temperature and percent TDG, encompassing barometric pressure and TDG pressure, not the completeness of each parameter measured.

Sources of measurement error:

1. calibration
 2. drift
 3. probe location
 4. rotation of probes from one location to another
- sampling variability

If data recorded by the fixed sensors are different from those recorded during calibration procedure, appropriate corrections will be made to current as well as past data already stored in CROHMS as soon as possible. Data corrections will be provided to the Division office on an on-going basis so that they can be incorporated into the database. Significant and/or unusually large changes will be reported immediately to all customary users, including the Fish Passage Center.

The Corps, or their contractors, will have an adequate inventory of spare instruments will be maintained to ensure that at least one backup monitor will be made available for deployment as necessary. A malfunctioning instrument will be repaired within 24 to 48 hours, depending on the remoteness of the instrument location and TDG conditions (weekends may require a longer response time). High priority will be placed on fixing a faulty instrument when TDG are or expected to be in excess of the current state standards.

Contractor and/or Corps staff will maintain TDG instruments. Instruments needing repairs that are beyond the staff's capability will be shipped to the manufacturer. In-house water quality and information management will do repairs of communication network staff. USGS Stennis Center (MS) staff will handle Service and repairs of the Sutron DCPs. Service and repairs of the Zeno DCPs will be performed by a contractor.

To better understand the physical process of dissolved gas distribution across the reservoirs and its dissipation along the various pools, selected transects studies will continue to be conducted on an as-time-permits basis. An additional objective for this activity is to be able to define how representative readings from current monitoring sites really are with respect to the entire river reach. Model runs using SYSTDG (developed by the Waterway Experimental Station) or MASS1 (developed by Battelle) for the Gas Abatement Study will be performed as needed to define the range of expected/acceptable TDG levels under various spill conditions. The Corps work with National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Fisheries Service to provide additional training in January 2003 to use SYSTDG during the 2003 spill season.

To help reduce response time in determining whether an emergency field visit is needed, the following decision-making procedure was developed by the WQT:

- 1) No emergency trips are made for the parameter of temperature or oxygen.
- 2) For gas and barometric pressure, if more than 25% of the hourly values are missing, then an emergency trip is needed.
- 3) If the difference in values between two consecutive stations is larger than 20 mm Hg for gas pressure, or 14 mm Hg for barometric pressure, then an emergency trip is triggered. Criterion 3 does not apply if:
 - a) there is a transient “spike” for a parameter.
 - b) if the higher-than-expected gas pressure value is associated with spill operations.
- 4) If gas parameters at a station do not fall within any of the Corps Engineering Research and Development Laboratory (ERDC) generated/RCC generated gas production curves, are not caused from operational or structural changes, and these data persist for over 48 hours, then an emergency visit is triggered.
- 5) If there is uncertainty with an abnormal reading at a gas monitoring station that persists for more than 48 hours, the COE will notify WQT members as soon as possible via email. The WQT should develop a recommendation to TMT, and to IT if necessary. If the COE plans to change fish passage actions because of the uncertainty, it should notify both the TMT & WQT members of the proposed change. TMT members will determine whether or not a meeting or conference call is needed and advise the COE of this need. The COE will then convene a TMT meeting, if requested to do so. If an abnormal reading at the gas monitoring station persists for more than 48 hours, the Corps will adopt the 2000 Plan of Action language on the subject. According to the May 2, 2000 letter from the Corps to NMFS, "If the WQT chairs determine a water quality issue exists, the issue will be framed by the WQT and forwarded from the chairs of the WQT to the chair of TMT or IT, as appropriate. Each state's fishery and water quality agencies and tribes will work together prior to any TMT meeting on this issue to balance and assure consistency of the proposed actions with fishery management requirements and state water quality standards."

Phase 4: Instrument Removal and Storage

Water quality monitors will be removed shortly after the end of the monitoring season (15 September) by Corps staff or the USGS, except for those that are slated for continued winter monitoring. Those removed will be serviced by the maintenance and service contractors and stored at a convenient location until the beginning of the next monitoring season. A selected number of monitors and spare DCPs will be available for off-season special monitoring activities upon request. Seattle District owns its Sutron DCPs, and maintains and stores them as needed.

Phase 5: Winter Monitoring.

The same few stations that were selected for winter operation in 2001-2002 will be retained for compliance monitoring in the following 2002-2003 winter. These included, at a minimum, stations located at International Boundary, Dworshak tailwater, Lower Granite forebay and

tailwater, Ice Harbor forebay and tailwater, McNary forebay (Oregon and Washington) and tailwater, Bonneville forebay, and Warrendale. Anatone and Pasco stations will continue to monitor temperature over the winter season. Larger diameter pipe replacement at the Anatone station, extending it approximately 150 feet further out into the thalweg of the stream, is being performed during the 2002-2003 winter.

Phase 6: Data Compilation, Analysis and Storage

Time and resource permitting, Corps staff and contractors will fill data gaps, perform statistical analyses, and develop trends and relationships between spill and TDG saturation. Efforts will be made to use the SYSTDG, MASS1, and COLTEMP (Water Temperature) models, and finding ways to facilitate and/or improve user access to the TDG and TDG-related database. The SYSTDG model (developed by ERDC) will be available for in-season gas production predictions and screening. Data collected at and transmitted from all network stations will be ultimately stored at CENWD-CM--WR-N, where they can be accessed through a data management system such as HEC-DSS or download the information from the TMT website.

Phase 7: Program Evaluation and Summary Report

An annual report will be prepared after the end of the normal (spring and summer) monitoring season to summarize the yearly highlights of the TDG monitoring program. Preparation for the annual report will begin with a post-season review, with participation by the three Corps districts and the NMFS forum WTQ. The report will include a general program evaluation of the adequacy and timeliness of the information received from the field, and how that information is used to help control TDG supersaturation and high water temperature in the Columbia River basin. Information on the performance of the instruments (including accuracy, precision and bias associated with each parameter) and the nature and extent of instrument failures will be documented. This summary should include statistics on data confidence limits. Division staff will prepare the Annual TDG Monitoring Report based on field input, other material provided by each District, and recommendations by the WQT. This report will also contain suggestions and recommendations to improve the quality of the data during the FY2003 monitoring program.

Phase 8: Special Field Studies

As provided for in Phase 3, additional monitoring of dissolved gas saturation will be conducted on an as-needed basis. The current plan for additional monitoring includes transect measurements below selected dams to: 1) establish the relationship between various spill amounts and TDG saturation, and 2) plot TDG variations within a given cross-section of the river, especially a cross-section that includes a fixed monitoring station. Special consideration will continue to be made at evaluating improvements (or any other changes) to TDG levels brought about by the new flip-lips at John Day Dam. Efforts will also be expanded in learning more about dissolved gas supersaturation dissipation along the fish migration route, possibly using monitoring made from moving fish barges and deployment of self-contained wireless probes. These on-going efforts are expected to continue for several years.

COOPERATION WITH PARTICIPATING AGENCIES

The Bureau of Reclamation, Douglas County PUD, Chelan County PUD, and Grant County PUDs currently monitor for total dissolved gases at their mainstem projects. Until recently, these groups were not directly influenced by the listings of salmon and steelhead under the Endangered Species Act. Nonetheless, they have maintained a cooperative effort with the Corps in collecting and reporting total dissolved gas and related water quality parameters and in making this information available to the Corps for storage in their CROHMS database. Idaho Power Company is believed to have been collecting some TDG information in the Hells Canyon Complex for use in numerical modeling for FERC relicensing efforts. However, this information has not been as widely disseminated as the data from the rest of the TDG monitoring network. Following are the action plans for the cooperating agencies.

Bureau of Reclamation. Bureau of Reclamation TDG monitoring will continue at International Boundary and the Grand Coulee forebay and tailrace, and the Hungry Horse sites in 2003. Hourly data transmission to CROHMS will continue via the GOES satellite.

Douglas County PUD. TDG monitoring will continue at the forebay and tailrace of Wells Dam in 2003. Hourly data from both of these stations will continue to be sent to the Corps.

Chelan County PUD. The physical monitoring of TDG to be conducted in 2002 will be very similar to the monitoring conducted from 2000 to 2002. Chelan will continue to monitor TDG in the forebay and tailrace of both Rocky Reach and Rock Island Dams. The PUD will continue to use Common Sensing monitors in the forebay and Hydrolab Datasonde 4s in the tailrace. Data will continue to arrive to the Corps hourly, and efforts will be made to repair malfunctioning probes within 48 hours. Monitoring instruments will be calibrated every three to four weeks or as necessary. Chelan will also continue to conduct weekly transects in the tailraces of both projects to validate the locations of the tailrace monitors and may institute some forebay transects to verify that forebay readings are representative of the conditions in the river at large.

Grant County PUD. TDG will continue to be monitored in the forebays and tailraces of both Wanapum and Priest Rapids Dams. Fixed site locations will not be changed and all probes will be calibrated before the season and every three to four weeks following. Hourly data will continue to be posted on the Grant Co. PUD website. The PUD will also continue weekly cross sectional monitoring at the four fixed monitoring stations in the forebay and tailraces of both projects. Calibration of the instruments was contracted out in 2001.

TABLE 2
List of Contact Persons in 2003

Project	Name	Position	Phone #	E-Mail
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TABLE 3
2003 Dissolved Gas Monitoring Network

STATION CODE	STATION NAME	OWNERS
CIBW*	US/Can Boundary	USBR
HGHW	Below HGH	USBR
FDRW	GCL Forebay	USBR
GCGW	GCL Tailwater	USBR
LIBM (#)	LIB Tailwater	NWS
CHJ	CHJ Forebay	NWS
CHQW	CHJ Tailwater	NWS
WEL	WEL Forebay	Douglas County
WELW	WEL Tailwater	Douglas County
RRH	RRH Forebay	Chelan County
RRDW	RRH Tailwater	Chelan County
RIS	RIS Forebay	Chelan County
RIGW	RIS Tailwater	Chelan County
WAN	WAN Forebay	Grant County
WANW	WAN Tailwater	Grant County
PRD	PRD Forebay	Grant County
PRXW	PRD Tailwater	Grant County
PAQW	Col. Above Snake	NWW
DWQI*	DWR Tailwater	NWW
PEKI	Peck/Clearwater	NWW
LEWI	Lewiston/Clearwater	NWW
ANQW	Upper Snake at	NWW
LWG*	LWG Forebay	NWW
LGNW*	LWG TW	NWW
LGS	LGS Forebay	NWW
LGSW	LGS Tailwater	NWW
LMN	LMN Forebay	NWW
LMNW	LMN Tailwater	NWW
IHR*	IHR Forebay	NWW
IDSW*	IHR Tailwater	NWW
MCQW*	MCN FB/Wa	NWW
MCQO*	MCN FB/Or	NWW
MCPW*	MCN Tailwater	NWW
JDA	JDA Forebay	NWP
JHAW	JDA Tailwater	NWP
TDA	TDA Forebay	NWP
TDDO	TDA Tailwater	NWP
BON*	BON Forebay	NWP
WRNO*	Warrendale	NWP
CWMW	Camas	NWP

(#) during spill only (*) winter monitoring station USBR= U.S. Bureau of Reclamation NPP= Portland District NPS= Seattle District
NPW= Walla Walla District LB=Left bank RB=Right bank MC=mid-channel

Figure 1.
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