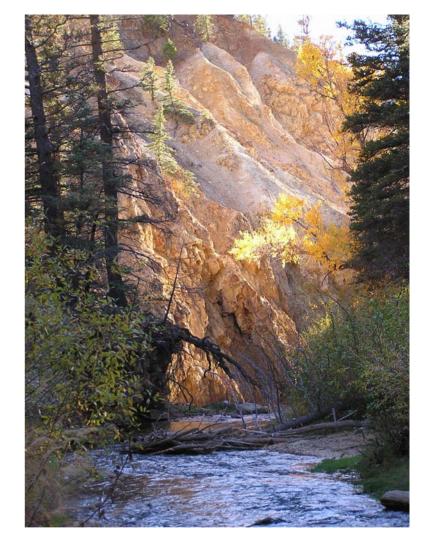
RI/FS Data Collection Overview

February 4, 2005





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Surface Water and Sediment Data Quality Objectives - Ecological

| Problem Statement | Decision Statement | Inputs to the Decision | Analyte Groups |
|--|---|---|--|
| Sources leach or runoff from sources leach to groundwater which migrates to surface water and sediment could pose an ecological risk | A. Has the nature and extent of Red River contamination in surface water and sediment exceeding benchmarks, standards, criteria, or reference concentrations been adequately delineated and have sufficient data been collected for the ecological risk assessment If No - Collect additional data If Yes - Continue with B | A. Analyte concentration in reference and Red River surface water at low flow and storm event and in sediment. Promulgated New Mexico Surface Water Standards or pertinent National Recommended Ambient Water Quality Criteria (if no promulgated New Mexico Surface Water Standard) Surface Water Screening Criteria (Table 3.1 BERA) Sediment quality benchmarks | A. Surface Water Chemistry Periphyton populations Sediment toxicity Surface Water Toxicity Invertebrate populations Fish Populations Tissue metal concentrations |

Surface Water and Sediment Data Quality Objectives – Ecological (Continued)

| Problem Statement | Decision Statement | Inputs to the Decision | Analyte Groups |
|--|--|---|---------------------|
| Sources leach | B. For each exposure area of | B. Periphyton populations | B. Surface |
| or runoff from sources leach to groundwater | interest, does the sediment and/or surface water pose an unacceptable ecological | Surface water chemistry | water chemistry |
| which migrates to surface water and sediment | risk based on a lines of evidence approach using the testable hypotheses | Sediment quality benchmarks | Sediment toxicity |
| could pose an ecological risk | from BERA Problem Formulation Table 9.1 and | Sediment chemistry | Surface |
| ecological risk | 9.3 for the assessment endpoints for survival and growth of aquatic plants | Sediment toxicity | water toxicity |
| | and survival, growth, and | Surface water toxicity | Invertebrate |
| | reproduction of fish and benthic invertebrates and from Table 9.4 for the | Invertebrate populations | populations Tissues |
| | assessment endpoints for survival and reproduction of | Tissues | Hissues |
| | aquatic-dependent bird | | Periphyton |
| | species and aquatic- dependent mammal | NM Surface Water Standards or pertinent National | populations |
| | species | Recommended Ambient Water Quality Criteria | |
| | If No – Recommend NFA | | |
| | If Yes – Decision Point | Risk calculated in EPA's BARA | |

Aquatic Life Data Quality Objectives - Ecological

| Problem Statement | Decision Statement | Inputs to the Decision | Analyte Groups |
|---|--|---|---|
| Analyte concentrations in Red River water and sediment may be taken up by prey aquatic life that could pose a risk to fish birds, and/or mammals through ingestion. | A. Does the aquatic life pose an unacceptable ecological risk based on a lines of evidence approach using the testable hypotheses from BERA Problem Formulation Table 9.3 for the assessment endpoints for survival, growth and reproduction of fish and Table 9.1 for survival and reproduction of aquatic invertebrates? If No – Recommend NFA for prey fish exposure medium If Yes – Decision Point | A. Concentrations of contaminants in the tissues of aquatic plants, benthic macroinvertebrates, and fish (both sites and reference) (i.e., relative to tissue residue benchmarks for selected focal wildlife species). Risk calculated in HHRA's BERA. | A. Surface water chemistry Sediment chemistry Tissue analysis |

Fish Data Quality Objectives – Human Health

| Problem Statement | Decision Statement | Inputs to the Decision | Analyte Groups |
|---|--|---|--|
| Analyte concentrations in Red River water and sediment may be taken up by fish which could pose a risk to human health through ingestion. | A. Do Any analyte concentrations in fish tissue exceed Region 3 RBC's? If No – Recommend NFA for fish exposure medium If Yes – Continue with B | A. Analyte concentrations in fish tissue. Region 3 RBC's for fish tissue. | A. Fillet metal concentrations (mg/kg) |
| | B. For the exposure area of concern, do contaminant concentrations in fish tissue pose an unacceptable risk to human health? If No – Recommend NFA If Yes – Decision Point | B. Analyte concentrations in fish tissue. Analyte concentrations in reference fish tissue. Risk calculated in EPA's HHRA. | B. Fillet metal concentrations (mg/kg) |

Media Sampled

- Fish Populations
- Benthic Invertebrate Populations
- Tissues
 - Fish
 - Benthic Invertebrates
 - Macrophytes/Algae
- Periphyton Populations
- Toxicity Tests
 - Sediment & Water Column
- Habitat
- GSI Study
- Transect Sampling

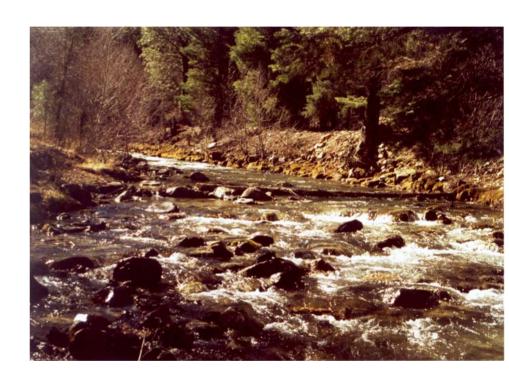




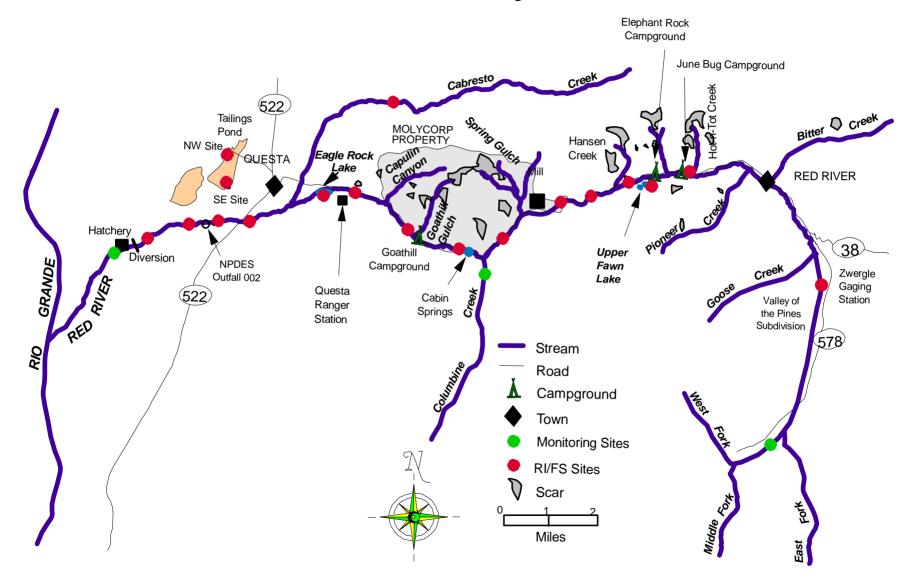
Water Bodies Sampled

- Red River
 - 14 RI/FS and 3 historical monitoring sites
- Cabresto Creek
- Columbine Creek (non RI/FS site)
- Upper Fawn Lake
- Eagle Rock Lake
- Tailings Ponds

(Hatchery)



RI/FS Study Area



Time Frame Sampled

- Long-term monitoring
 - 1997-present, Spring and Fall
- RI/FS
 - 2002-2003, Fall, Spring, Fall
 - 2004, Fall





Surface Water and Sediment Data Quality Objectives - Ecological

| Problem Statement | Decision Statement | Inputs to the Decision | Analyte Groups |
|--|---|---|--|
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Fish Population Sampling

Streams:

- Quantitative population sampling (removal estimate)
- Representative reach (100 m or longer)
- Blocked with nets, when possible
- Electrofished with 1-4 passes (1-pass if no fish collected).

Lakes:

- Qualitative population sampling (relative abundance)
- Gill nets set out overnight
- Baited minnow traps set out overnight

Parameters:

- Fish identified, measured for length and weight, checked for deformities
- Density (fish/acre, fish/mile), biomass (lbs/acre), species, length-frequency, condition

Fish Population Sampling (fall low flow period)

| Sample Date | Stream Sites | Lake/Pond Sites |
|------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| March 31 - April 3, 1997 | 10 (monitoring) | 0 |
| September 8-11, 1997 | 10 (monitoring) | 0 |
| October 6-9, 1998 | 10 (monitoring) | 0 |
| September 13-17, 1999 | 12 (monitoring) | 0 |
| September 18-22, 2000 | 12 (monitoring) | 0 |
| September 17-21, 2001 | 12 (monitoring) | 0 |
| September 23–October 3, 2002 | 17 (14 RI/FS and 3 monitoring) | 4 (RI/FS) |
| September 23-October 2, 2003 | 17 (14 RI/FS and 3 monitoring) | 2 (RI/FS) |
| September 20-29, 2004 | 19 (3 additional Cabresto sites) | 0 |

Surface Water and Sediment Data Quality Objectives – Ecological

| Objectives Ecological | | | |
|--|---|---|--|
| Problem Statement | Decision Statement | Inputs to the Decision | Analyte Groups |
| Sources leach or runoff from sources leach to groundwater which migrates to surface water and sediment could pose an ecological risk | B. For each exposure area of interest, does the sediment and/or surface water pose an unacceptable ecological risk based on a lines of evidence approach using the testable hypotheses from BERA Problem Formulation Table 9.1 and 9.3 for the assessment endpoints for survival and growth of aquatic plants and survival, growth, and reproduction of fish and benthic invertebrates and from Table 9.4 for the assessment endpoints for survival and reproduction of aquatic-dependent bird species and aquatic-dependent mammal species If No – Recommend NFA If Yes – Decision Point | B. Periphyton populations Surface water chemistry Sediment quality benchmarks Sediment chemistry Sediment toxicity Surface water toxicity Invertebrate populations Tissues NM Surface Water Standards or pertinent National Recommended Ambient Water Quality Criteria Risk calculated in EPA's BARA | B. Surface water chemistry Sediment toxicity Surface water toxicity INVERTEBRATE POPULATIONS Tissues Periphyton populations |

Benthic Invertebrate Population Sampling

Stream Sites:

- Quantitative stratified population sampling
- Five replicate samples with modified Hess sampler (500 μm mesh)
- Riffle habitat
- Identified to lowest practical taxonomic level

Lake Sites:

- Quantitative population sampling
- Middle and near-shore sites
- Five replicate samples with Petite Ponar sampler
- Identified to lowest practical taxonomic level

Parameters:

 Density (#/m²), species richness, species composition, diversity, # and % sensitive species

Seasonal Benthic Invertebrate Population Sampling

| Sample Date | Sites | # Samples |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| September 9-11, 1997 | 10 (monitoring) | 50 |
| October 6-9, 1998 | 10 (monitoring) | 50 |
| September 13-17, 1999 | 12 (monitoring) | 60 |
| April 3-5, 2000 | 12 (monitoring) | 60 |
| September 18-22, 2000 | 12 (monitoring) | 60 |
| April 2-5, 2001 | 12 (monitoring) | 60 |
| September 17-20, 2001 | 12 (monitoring) | 60 |
| April 1-4, 2002 | 13 (monitoring) | 65 |
| September 23-October 4, 2002 | 17 stream (14/3) 4 pond/lakes | 85 stream 24 pond/lake |
| March 17-20, 2003 (April 10, 2003) | 17 stream (14/3) 4 pond/lakes | 85 stream 24 pond/lake |
| September 23-October 2, 2003 | 17 stream (14/3) 2 lakes | 85 stream 12 pond/lake |
| March 30-April 1, 2004 | 16 (monitoring) | 80 |
| September 20-28, 2004 | 16 (monitoring) | 80 |

RI/FS = 315 samples

Monitoring = 625 samples



Surface Water and Sediment Data Quality Objectives – Ecological

| <u>Objectives Ecological</u> | | | |
|--|--|---|--|
| Problem Statement | Decision Statement | Inputs to the Decision | Analyte Groups |
| Sources leach or runoff from sources leach to groundwater which migrates to surface water and sediment could pose an ecological risk | B. For each exposure area of interest, does the sediment and/or surface water pose an unacceptable ecological risk based on a lines of evidence approach using the testable hypotheses from BERA Problem Formulation Table 9.1 and 9.3 for the assessment endpoints for survival and growth of aquatic plants and survival, growth, and reproduction of fish and benthic invertebrates and from Table 9.4 for the assessment endpoints for survival and reproduction of aquatic-dependent bird species and aquatic-dependent mammal species If No – Recommend NFA If Yes – Decision Point | B. Periphyton populations Surface water chemistry Sediment quality benchmarks Sediment chemistry Sediment toxicity Surface water toxicity Invertebrate populations Tissues NM Surface Water Standards or pertinent National Recommended Ambient Water Quality Criteria Risk calculated in EPA's BARA | B. Surface water chemistry Sediment toxicity Surface water toxicity Invertebrate populations Tissues PERIPHYTON POPULATIONS |

Periphyton Population Sampling

- Stream sites only
- Collected by scraping algae from substrates (rocks, mud, wood, metal)
- Identified to lowest practical taxonomic level
- One composite sample per site
- Parameters: species composition, relative abundance

Number of Periphyton Population Samples Collected

| Sample Date | # Sites | # Samples |
|------------------------------|---------|-----------|
| September 23-October 4, 2002 | 14 | 14 |
| September 23-October 2, 2003 | 14 | 14 |



Habitat Measurements

- Not specified in DQO's but provided additional correlates with biological data
- Added in August 2002
- Measured to identify physical parameters which might be structuring biotic communities
- Parameters developed and agreed upon by USEPA, USFWS, NMED, and CEC
- Habitat Assessment based on abbreviated R1/R4 method developed by US Forest Service
- Identifies habitat units, lengths, widths, depths, measurement of embeddedness and % fines
- Only stream sites assessed

Habitat Assessment Generally Conducted with Fish Population Sampling

| Sample Date | Number of Sites |
|------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| September 13-17, 1999 | 12 (monitoring fish sites) |
| September 23–October 3, 2002 | 17 (14 RI/FS and 3 monitoring) |
| September 23-October 3, 2003 | 17 (14 RI/FS and 3 monitoring) |
| March 30-April 1, 2004† | 16 (14 RI/FS and 2 monitoring) |
| September 20-29, 2004 | 19 (3 additional Cabresto Sites) |

† Subset of habitat parameters not affected by shelf ice



Surface Water and Sediment Data Quality Objectives – Ecological

| Problem Statement | Decision Statement | Inputs to the Decision | Analyte Groups |
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| Sources leach or runoff from sources leach to groundwater which migrates to surface water and sediment could pose an ecological risk | B. For each exposure area of interest, does the sediment and/or surface water pose an unacceptable ecological risk based on a lines of evidence approach using the testable hypotheses from BERA Problem Formulation Table 9.1 and 9.3 for the assessment endpoints for survival and growth of aquatic plants and survival, growth, and reproduction of fish and benthic invertebrates and from Table 9.4 for the assessment endpoints for survival and reproduction of aquatic-dependent bird species and aquatic-dependent mammal species If No – Recommend NFA If Yes – Decision Point | B. Periphyton populations Surface water chemistry Sediment quality benchmarks Sediment chemistry Sediment toxicity Surface water toxicity Invertebrate populations Tissues NM Surface Water Standards or pertinent National Recommended Ambient Water Quality Criteria Risk calculated in EPA's BARA | B. Surface water chemistry Sediment toxicity Surface water toxicity Invertebrate populations TISSUES Periphyton populations |

Fish Data Quality Objectives - Human Health

| Problem Statement | Decision Statement | on Statement Inputs to the Analyte Groups Decision | |
|---|--|---|--|
| Analyte concentrations in Red River water and sediment may be taken up by fish which could pose a risk to human health through ingestion. | A. Do Any analyte concentrations in fish tissue exceed Region 3 RBC's? If No – Recommend NFA for fish exposure medium If Yes – Continue with B | A. Analyte concentrations in fish tissue. Region 3 RBC's for fish tissue. | A. FILLET METAL CONCENTRATIONS (mg/kg) |
| | B. For the exposure area of concern, do contaminant concentrations in fish tissue pose an unacceptable risk to human health? If No – Recommend NFA If Yes – Decision Point | B. Analyte concentrations in fish tissue. Analyte concentrations in reference fish tissue. Risk calculated in EPA's HHRA. | B. FILLET METAL CONCENTRATIONS (mg/kg) |

Fish Tissue Sampling

Stream sites:

- Multiple fish species (rainbow and brown trout) and sizes (YOY, juvenile, adult)
- Ecorisk whole body adult, juvenile, and YOY
- Human Health fillet adult trout
- Collected separately from population studies
- Fillet and whole body samples for adult trout species (dissected in field)
- Whole body samples for YOY and juveniles

Lake sites:

- Multiple fish species (rainbow and brown trout, white suckers) and sizes (YOY, juvenile, adult)
- Ecorisk whole body adult, juvenile, and YOY
- Human Health fillet adult trout
- Mostly collected from mortalities in population studies (gill nets)
- Fillet and whole body samples for adult trout (dissected in field)
- Whole body samples for YOY and juveniles

Fish Tissue Metal Parameters (mg/kg)

Aluminum

Antimony

Arsenic

Barium

Beryllium

Boron

Cadmium

Calcium

Chromium

Cobalt

Copper

Iron

Lead

Magnesium

Manganese

Mercury

Molybdenum

Nickel

Potassium

Selenium

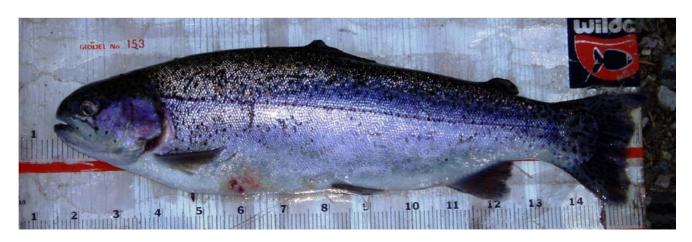
Silver

Sodium

Thallium

Vanadium

Zinc



Number of Fish Tissues Samples Collected (Number of Sites Out of a Possible 14 Stream Sites, two lakes, one hatchery)

| Sample Date Location | Rainbow Trout | Brown Trout | | White Sucker | | | |
|----------------------|------------------|-------------|----------|--------------|-------|----------|-------|
| | Adult | YOY | Juvenile | Adult | YOY | Juvenile | Adult |
| 9/23–10/3, 2002 | | | | | | | |
| Stream | 29 (11) | | 18 (6) | 26 (10) | | | |
| Lake | 6 (2) | | 0 (0) | 2 (1) | | 6 (2) | |
| Hatchery | 10 (1) | | | | | | |
| 9/23-10/2, 2003 | | | | | | | |
| Stream | 4 (2) | 25 (10) | 29 (11) | 27 (10) | | | |
| Lake | | 0 (0) | 0 (0) | 3 | 3 (1) | 6 (2) | 6 (2) |
| Total | 49 | 25 | 47 | 58 | 3 | 12 | 6 |



Benthic Invertebrate Tissue Sampling

- Invertebrates collected with kick net
- Collected from erosional and depositional habitats
- Placed in white pan and sorted on site
- Minimum 5 gram (wet weight) samples
- Composite sample comprised of representative cross-section of available taxa



Invertebrate Tissue Metal Parameters (mg/kg)

Aluminum

Antimony

Arsenic

Barium

Beryllium

Boron

Cadmium

Calcium

Chromium

Cobalt

Copper

Iron

Lead

Magnesium

Manganese

Mercury

Molybdenum

Nickel

Potassium

Selenium

Silver

Sodium

Thallium

Vanadium

Zinc





Number of Benthic Invertebrate Tissue Samples Collected

| Sample Date | # Sites | # Samples |
|------------------------------------|------------------|-----------|
| April 1-4, 2002 | 11 stream | 11 |
| September 23-October 4, 2002 | 14 stream 2 lake | 16 |
| March 17-20, 2003 (April 10, 2003) | 14 stream 2 lake | 16 |
| September 23-October 2, 2003 | 14 stream 2 lake | 16 |



Total = 59 samples

Macrophyte/Algae Tissue Sampling

Stream sites:

- Bryophytes (mosses) were collected because of lack of aquatic macrophytes specified in the DQOs.
- Minimum of 50 g collected from hard substrates and rinsed in stream water

Lake sites:

- Filamentous algae collected because aquatic macrophytes and bryophytes not present, except in Eagle Rock Lake in 2003.
- Minimum of 50 g collected from substrate

Macrophyte/Algae Metal Parameters (mg/kg)

Aluminum

Antimony

Arsenic

Barium

Beryllium

Boron

Cadmium

Calcium

Chromium

Cobalt

Copper

Iron

Lead

Magnesium

Manganese

Mercury

Molybdenum

Nickel

Potassium

Selenium

Silver

Sodium

Thallium

Vanadium

Zinc



Number of Macrophyte /Algae Tissue Samples Collected

| Sample Date | # Sites | # Samples | |
|------------------------------|------------------|-----------|--|
| September 23-October 4, 2002 | 14 stream 2 lake | 16 | |
| September 23-October 2, 2003 | 14 stream 2 lake | 16 | |



Total = 32 samples

Surface Water and Sediment Data Quality Objectives – Ecological

| Problem Statement | Decision Statement | Inputs to the Decision | Analyte Groups |
|--|--|---|------------------------|
| Sources leach or runoff from | B. For each exposure area of interest, does the sediment | B. Periphyton populations | B. Surface water |
| sources leach to groundwater | and/or surface water pose an unacceptable ecological | Surface water chemistry | chemistry |
| which migrates to surface water and sediment | risk based on a lines of evidence approach using the testable hypotheses | Sediment quality benchmarks | SEDIMENT TOXICITY |
| could pose an ecological risk | from BERA Problem Formulation Table 9.1 and | Sediment chemistry | SURFACE |
| coological new | 9.3 for the assessment endpoints for survival and growth of aquatic plants | Sediment toxicity | WATER TOXICITY |
| | and survival, growth, and reproduction of fish and | Surface water toxicity | Invertebrate |
| | benthic invertebrates and from Table 9.4 for the | Invertebrate populations | populations |
| | assessment endpoints for survival and reproduction of | Tissues | Tissues |
| | aquatic-dependent bird species and aquatic- | NIM O of sea Wester Oters In a le | Periphyton populations |
| | dependent mammal | NM Surface Water Standards or pertinent National | populations |
| | species | Recommended Ambient Water Quality Criteria | |
| | If No – Recommend NFA | | |
| | If Yes – Decision Point | Risk calculated in EPA's BARA | |

Toxicity Tests - Overview

- Chronic and acute bioassays
- Water and Sediment
- Base-flow, snowmelt, storm water, paired with GSI and RI/FS addendum serial dilution



Toxicity Tests - Water

| Sample Date | Туре | For: | Organism | # Tests |
|---------------------|---------|------------------|-------------|---------|
| 10/26-11/2, 2000* | Chronic | TMDL | C. dubia | 6 |
| | | | P. Promelas | 6 |
| 10/1-10/9, 2002 | Chronic | RI/FS – Baseflow | C. Dubia | 18 |
| 10/11-10/18, 2002** | Chronic | RI/FS – Baseflow | C. Dubia | 3 |
| 4/21-4/28, 2003 | Chronic | RI/FS – Snowmelt | C. Dubia | 5 |
| 7/28-7/30, 2003 | Acute | RI/FS – Storm | C. Dubia | 3 |
| 8/14-8/16, 2003 | Acute | RI/FS - Storm | C. Dubia | 5 |
| 9/5-9/7, 2003 | Acute | RI/FS - Storm | C. Dubia | 3 |
| 9/6-9/8, 2003 | Acute | RI/FS - Storm | C. Dubia | 5 |
| 9/11-9/13, 2003 | Acute | RI/FS - Storm | C. Dubia | 1 |
| 9/23-9/30, 2003 | Chronic | RI/FS - Addendum | O. mykiss | 4 |

^{*} Pre RI/FS Joint study with NMED for TMDL

^{**} Confirmatory tests near Outfall 002



Toxicity Tests - Sediment

| Sample Date | Туре | For | Organism | # Tests |
|---------------------|---------|-------|--|----------|
| 10/31-11/7, 2000* | Chronic | TMDL | Ceriodaphnia dubia Pimephales promelas | 6 |
| 10/4-10/14, 2002** | Chronic | RI/FS | Chironomus tentans Hyalella azteca | 10 10 |
| 10/18-10/28, 2002** | Chronic | RI/FS | Chironomus tentans Hyalella azteca | 8 |
| 10/14-10/24, 2003** | Chronic | GSI | Chironomus tentans Hyalella azteca | 6 |

^{*} Pre RI/FS joint study with NMED for TMDL that used elutriate from sediment pore water

^{**} RI/FS and GSI-related sediment toxicity used bulk sediment toxicity test methods

EPA's GSI Study

- In situ 96 hr. toxicity test using indigenous and standard laboratory organisms
- Drunella collected by CEC from Zwergle site
- Hyalella from laboratory colony



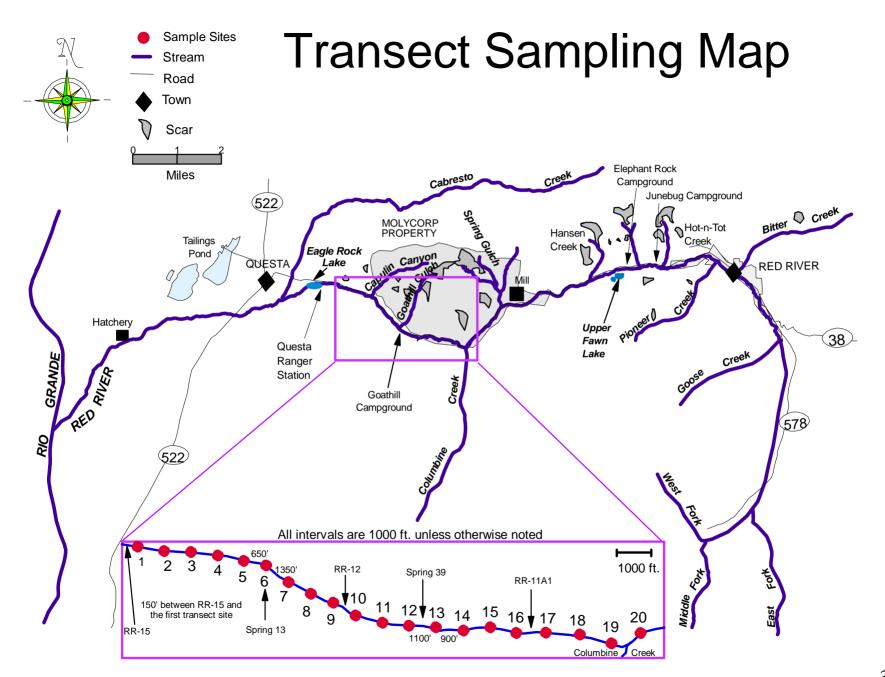
GSI Study

| Sample Date | Organisms | Sites | Total Tests |
|------------------|-----------------|-------|-------------|
| 10/6-10/10, 2003 | Hyalella azteca | 6 | 30 |
| | Drunella spp. | 6 | 30 |
| 9/27-10/1, 2004 | /27-10/1, 2004 | | 30 |
| | Drunella spp | 6 | 30 |



RI/FS Addendum Transect Sampling

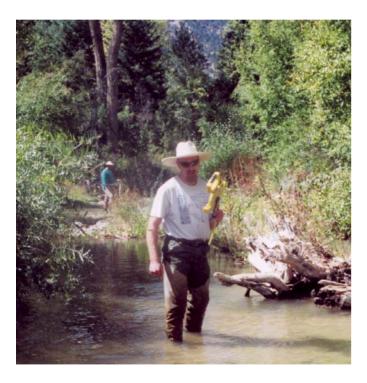
- Twenty transects spaced 1,000 ft apart
- North bank, Center, and South Bank
- RR-15 to upstream of Columbine Creek
- Four additional transects between RR-5 and RR-6
- Benthic invertebrates collected with kick net sampler
- 1-minute timed kick net sample
- EPT counted and identified
- Other invertebrates counted (saved for future identification, if necessary)





Transect Samples

| Sample Date | Sites | Samples |
|------------------------------|-------|-----------|
| September 21-22, 2004 | 24 | 72 |





How Were The DQO's Met?

