



U.S. Dept of Transportation

***Columnaris* Outbreak in Smallmouth Bass – Environmental Conditions**

Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection



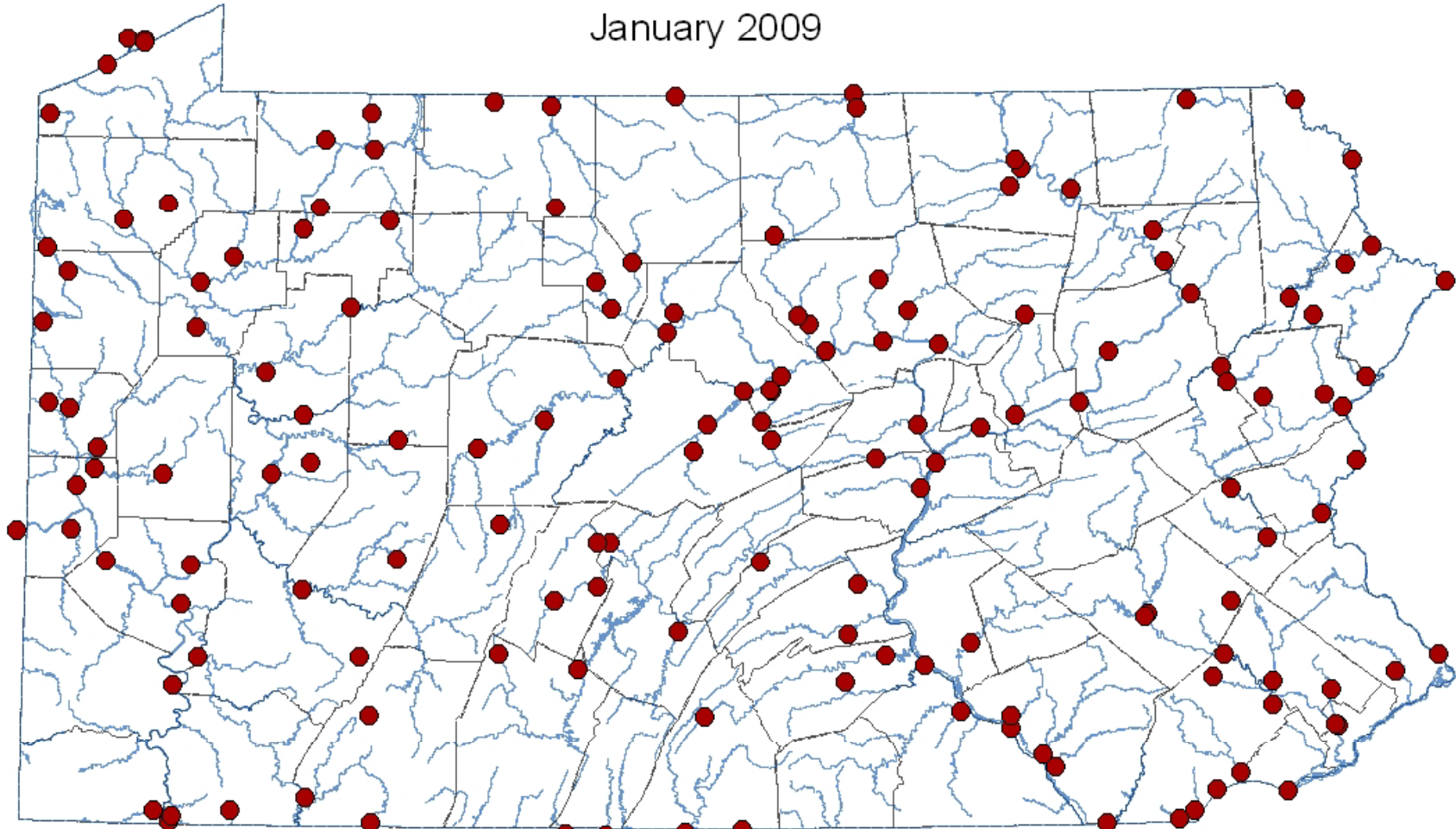
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Division of Water Quality Standards

- Develop Water Quality Criteria
- Conduct Monitoring & Assessment of Surface Waters

Pennsylvania's Water Quality Network

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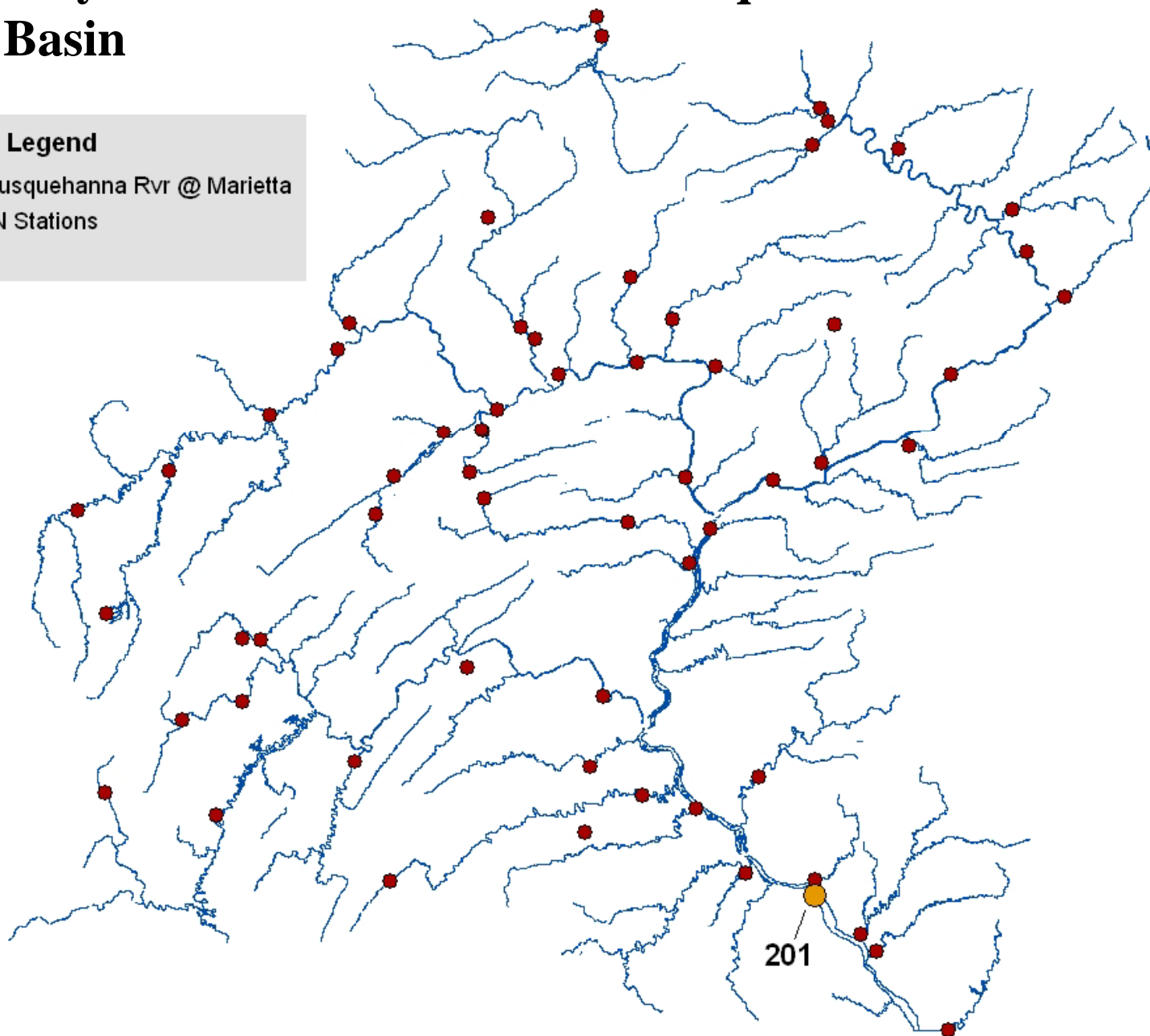
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- ACTIVE WQN Stations
- Major Rivers
- County Borders

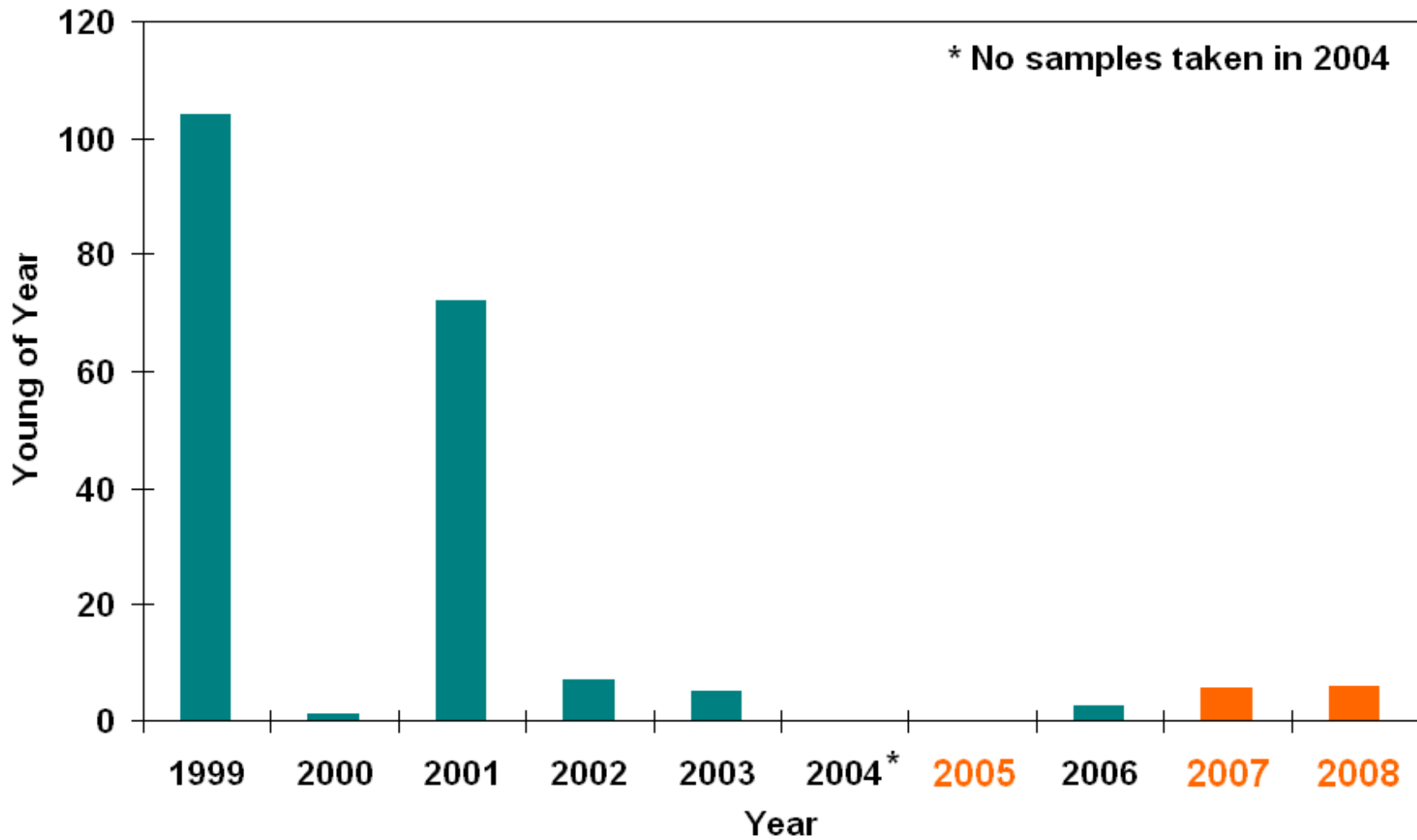
Water Quality Network Stations in the Susquehanna River Drainage Basin

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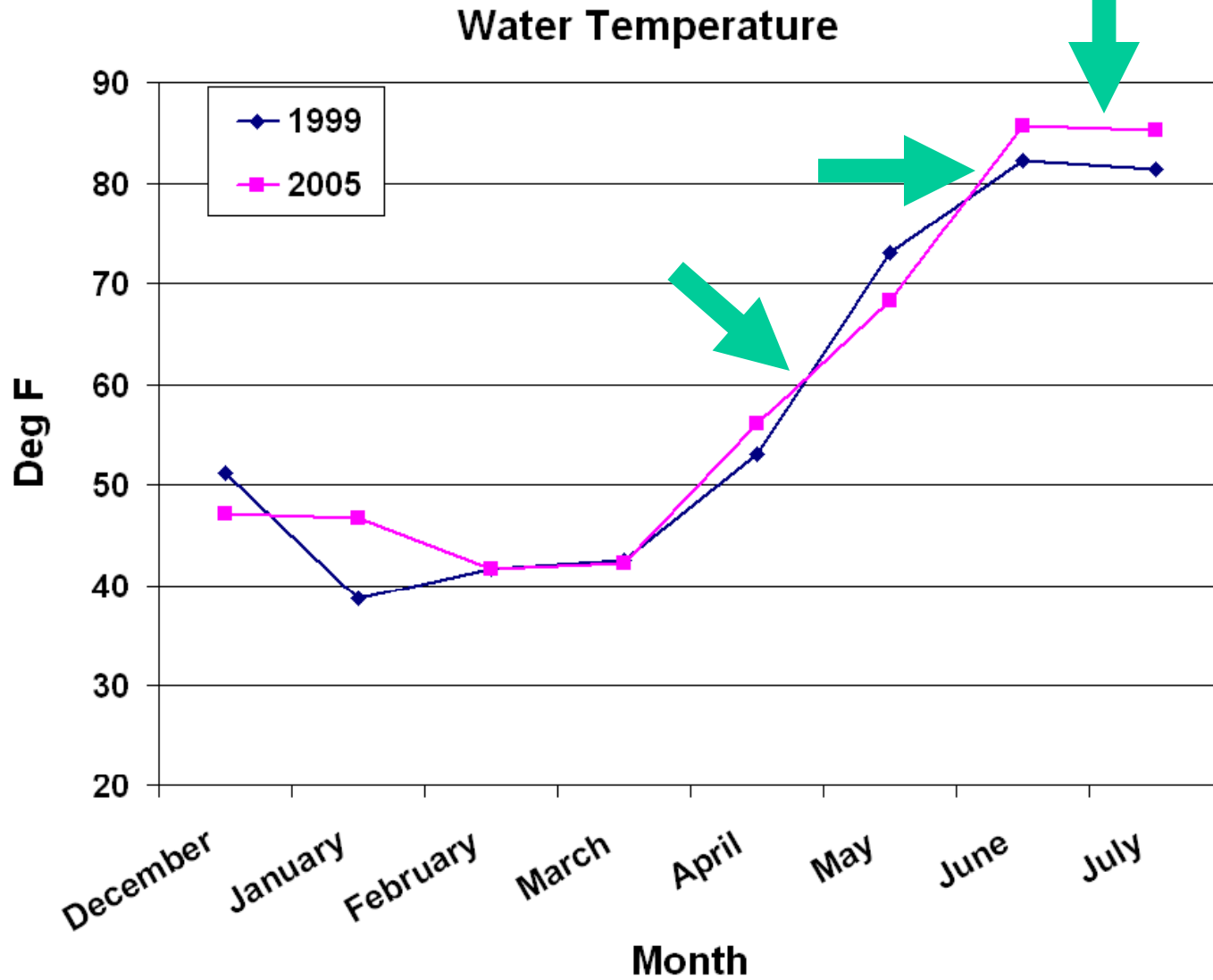
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Young of Year Totals for Susquehanna River York Haven Dam to Rt. 462

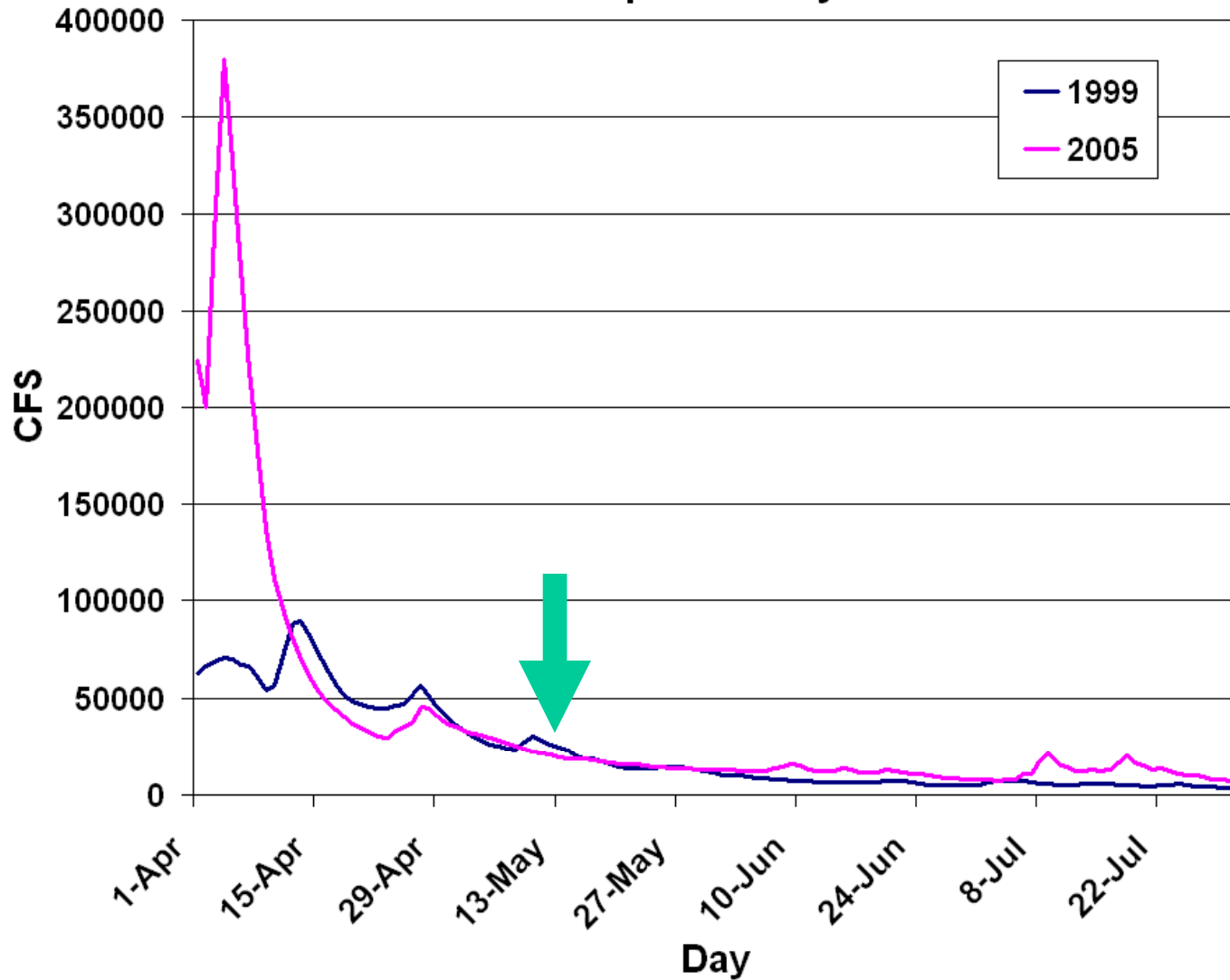


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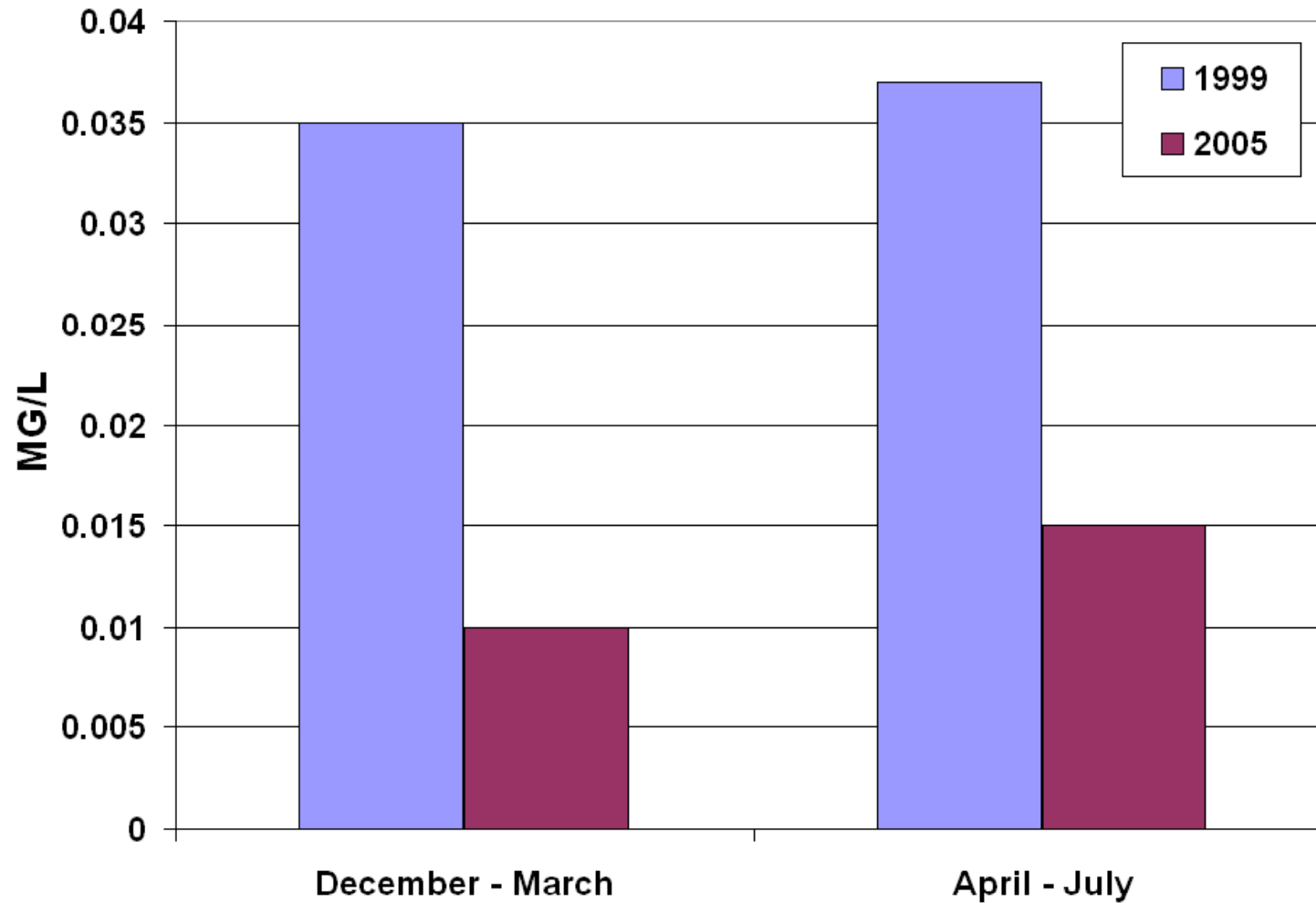
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Flow: April 1 - July 31

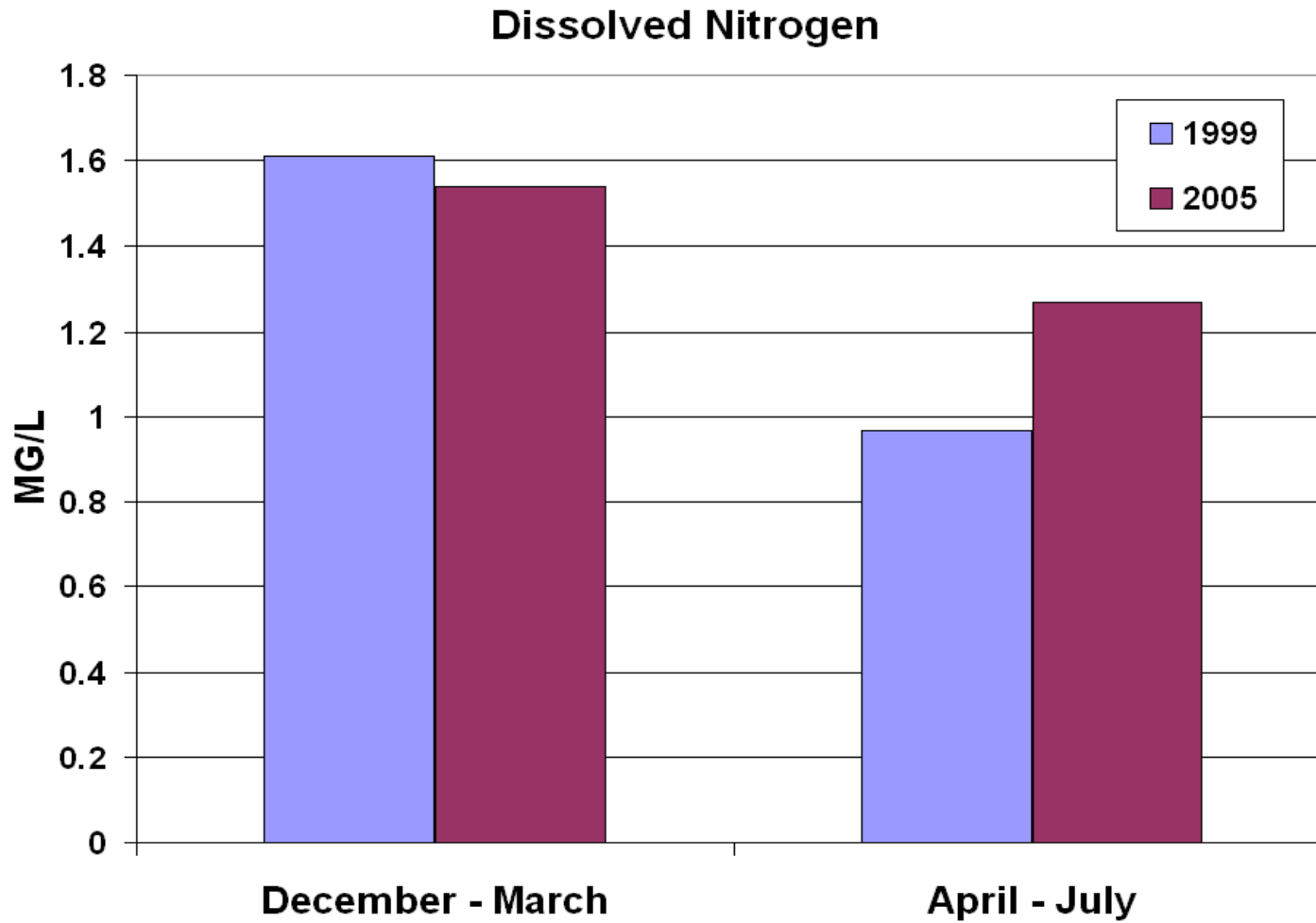


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Dissolved Phosphorus



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Conclusions

- No apparent water quality differences that could explain *Columnaris* outbreaks
- In light of data limitations, more sampling was warranted
- Next speaker will cover that effort in detail

Future Plans - DEP

- Review & revise, if justified, the dissolved oxygen criterion
- Continue to support, with manpower & funding, additional studies targeting this issue
- Regional office staff will be deploying continuous reading probes to record dissolved oxygen & temperature at select locations
- Continue to work with US EPA & Pittsburgh regional DEP office on the development of a large river survey protocol for universal use in assessing the overall health of large riverine systems
- Continue the current effort to develop nutrient criteria for flowing waters in Pennsylvania
- Continue to develop & implement TMDLs to reduce waste loads

