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BACTERIA SAMPLING AND LAB METHODS

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BACTERIA SAMPLING

- Sterile Container
- Sample Collection
 - Depends on Project Objectives
 - Evaluating Bacteria Standards
 - Evaluating Relation with Flow
 - Trying to Model Bacteria
- Sample Storage on Ice
- Samples Delivery ~8 Hours

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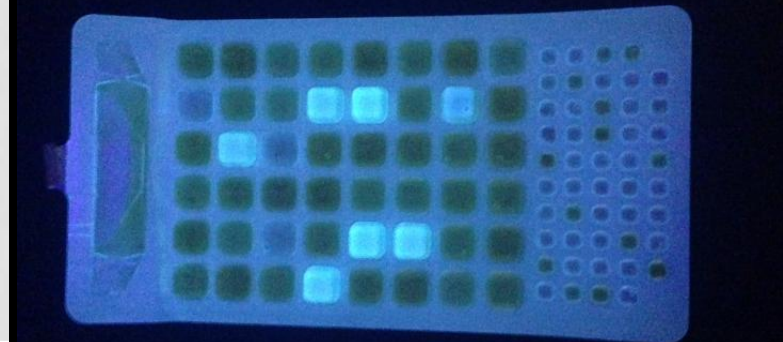
- Colilert Substrate
- IDEXX Quanti-Tray Sealer
- Incubate 24-hr 35°C
- Simultaneous Detects:
 - Total coliforms
 - Escherichia coli (E. coli)
- USEPA Approved Method
- Most Relied of all Methods

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BACTERIA MPN

- Most Probable Number Table
- Count Numbers

- Large Wells
- Small Wells

Read MPN

- Incidence of Positive/Negative



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Large Wells Positive

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	
0	<1	1.0	2.0	3.0	4.0	5.0	6.0	7.0	8.0	9.0	10.0	11.0	12.0	13.0	14.1	15.1	16.1	17.1	18.1	19.1	20.2	21.2	22.2	23.3	24.3
1	1.0	2.0	3.0	4.0	5.0	6.0	7.1	8.1	9.1	10.1	11.1	12.1	13.2	14.2	15.2	16.2	17.3	18.3	19.3	20.4	21.4	22.4	23.5	24.5	25.6
2	2.0	3.0	4.1	5.1	6.1	7.1	8.1	9.2	10.2	11.2	12.2	13.3	14.3	15.4	16.4	17.4	18.5	19.5	20.6	21.6	22.7	23.7	24.8	25.8	26.9
3	3.1	4.1	5.1	6.1	7.2	8.2	9.2	10.3	11.3	12.3	13.4	14.4	15.5	16.5	17.6	18.6	19.7	20.8	21.9	22.9	23.9	25.0	26.1	27.1	28.1
4	4.1	5.2	6.2	7.2	8.3	9.3	10.4	11.4	12.5	13.5	14.6	15.6	16.7	17.8	18.8	19.9	21.0	22.0	23.1	24.2	25.3	26.3	27.4	28.5	29.6
5	5.2	6.3	7.3	8.4	9.4	10.5	11.5	12.6	13.7	14.7	15.8	16.9	17.9	19.0	20.1	21.2	22.2	23.3	24.4	25.5	26.6	27.7	28.8	29.9	31.0
6	6.3	7.4	8.4	9.5	10.6	11.6	12.7	13.8	14.8	15.9	17.0	18.1	19.2	20.3	21.4	22.5	23.6	24.7	25.8	26.9	28.0	29.1	30.2	31.3	32.4
7	7.4	8.5	9.6	10.7	11.8	12.8	13.9	15.0	16.1	17.2	18.3	19.4	20.5	21.6	22.7	23.8	24.9	26.0	27.1	28.2	29.3	30.4	31.5	32.6	33.7
8	8.5	9.7	10.8	11.9	13.0	14.1	15.2	16.3	17.4	18.5	19.6	20.7	21.8	22.9	24.1	25.2	26.3	27.4	28.5	29.6	30.7	31.8	32.9	34.0	35.1
9	8.8	10.0	12.0	13.1	14.2	15.3	16.4	17.6	18.7	19.8	20.9	22.0	23.2	24.3	25.4	26.6	27.7	28.9	30.0	31.2	32.3	33.5	34.6	35.8	37.0
10	11.0	12.0	13.2	14.4	15.5	16.6	17.8	19.0	20.2	21.4	22.6	23.8	24.9	26.1	27.3	28.5	29.7	30.9	32.1	33.3	34.5	35.7	37.0	38.2	39.5
11	12.2	13.4	14.5	15.6	16.8	17.9	19.1	20.2	21.4	22.5	23.7	24.8	26.0	27.2	28.3	29.5	30.7	31.9	33.0	34.2	35.4	36.6	37.8	39.0	40.2
12	13.6	14.6	15.8	16.9	18.1	19.3	20.4	21.6	22.8	23.9	25.1	26.3	27.5	28.6	29.8	31.0	32.2	33.4	34.6	35.8	37.0	38.2	39.5	40.7	41.9
13	14.8	16.0	17.1	18.3	19.5	20.6	21.8	23.0	24.2	25.4	26.6	27.8	29.0	30.2	31.4	32.6	33.8	35.0	36.2	37.4	38.6	39.9	41.2	42.4	43.6
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20	24.9	26.2	27.5	28.8	30.1	31.5	32.8	34.1	35.4	36.8	38.1	39.5	40.8	42.2	43.6	44.9	46.3	47.7	49.1	50.5	51.9	53.3	54.7	56.1	57.5
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31	46.2	47.9	49.5	51.2	52.8	54.6	56.3	58.1	59.8	61.6	63.3	65.1	66.9	68.7	70.5	72.4	74.2	76.1	78.0	79.9	81.8	83.7	85.7	87.6	89.6
32	48.7	50.4	52.1	53.8	55.6	57.3	59.1	60.8	62.7	64.5	66.3	68.2	70.0	71.9	73.8	75.7	77.6	79.5	81.5	83.5	85.5	87.5	89.5	91.5	93.6
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35	56.8	58.6	60.5	62.4	64.4	66.3	68.3	70.3	72.3	74.3	76.3	78.4	80.4	82.4	84.5	86.5	88.6	90.7	92.8	94.9	97.0	99.1	101.2	103.3	105.4
36	59.8	61.7	63.7	65.7	67.7	69.7	71.7	73.8	75.8	78.0	80.1	82.3	84.5	86.7	88.9	91.2	93.5	95.8	98.1	100.5	102.9	105.3	107.7	110.2	112.7
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40	73.8	76.1	78.5	80.9	83.3	85.7	88.2	90.8	93.3	95.9	98.5	101.2	103.8	106.5	109.3	112.1	115.0	117.9	120.9	123.9	127.0	130.1	133.3	136.5	140.0
41	78.0	80.5	83.0	85.5	88.0	90.6	93.3	95.9	98.6	101.4	104.2	107.1	110.0	113.0	116.0	119.1	122.2	125.4	128.7	132.0	135.4	138.9	143.3	147.9	152.5
42	82.6	85.1	87.6	90.2	92.8	95.4	98.1	100.8	103.6	106.4	109.3	112.3	115.4	118.6	121.8	125.1	128.5	132.0	135.6	139.3	143.1	147.0	151.0	155.1	160.2
43	87.6	90.4	93.2	96.0	98.9	101.9	105.0	108.1	111.2	114.5	117.8	121.1	124.6	128.1	131.7	135.4	139.1	143.0	147.0	151.1	155.2	159.4	163.8	168.2	172.8
44	93.1	96.1	99.1	102.2	105.4	108.6	111.9	115.3	118.7	122.3	125.9	129.6	133.4	137.4	141.5	145.7	150.0	154.5	159.1	163.8	168.7	173.7	178.9	184.2	189.6
45	99.3	102.5	105.8	109.2	112.6	116.2	119.8	123.6	127.4	131.4	135.4	139.6	143.8	148.3	152.9	157.6	162.4	167.4	172.6	177.9	183.3	188.9	194.6	200.5	207.5
46	106.3	109.7	113.4	117.2	121.0	125.0	129.1	133.4	137.8	142.3	147.0	151.8	156.8	161.9	167.2	172.7	178.4	184.2	190.1	196.2	202.4	208.7	215.2	221.9	228.7
47	114.3	118.3	122.4	126.6	130.9	135.4	140.1	145.0	150.0	155.3	160.7	166.4	172.3	178.3	184.5	190.8	197.4	204.2	211.2	218.4	225.7	233.2	240.8	248.6	256.7
48	123.8	128.4	133.1	137.9	143.0	148.3	153.9	159.7	165.8	172.2	178.9	186.0	193.5	201.4	209.6	218.									

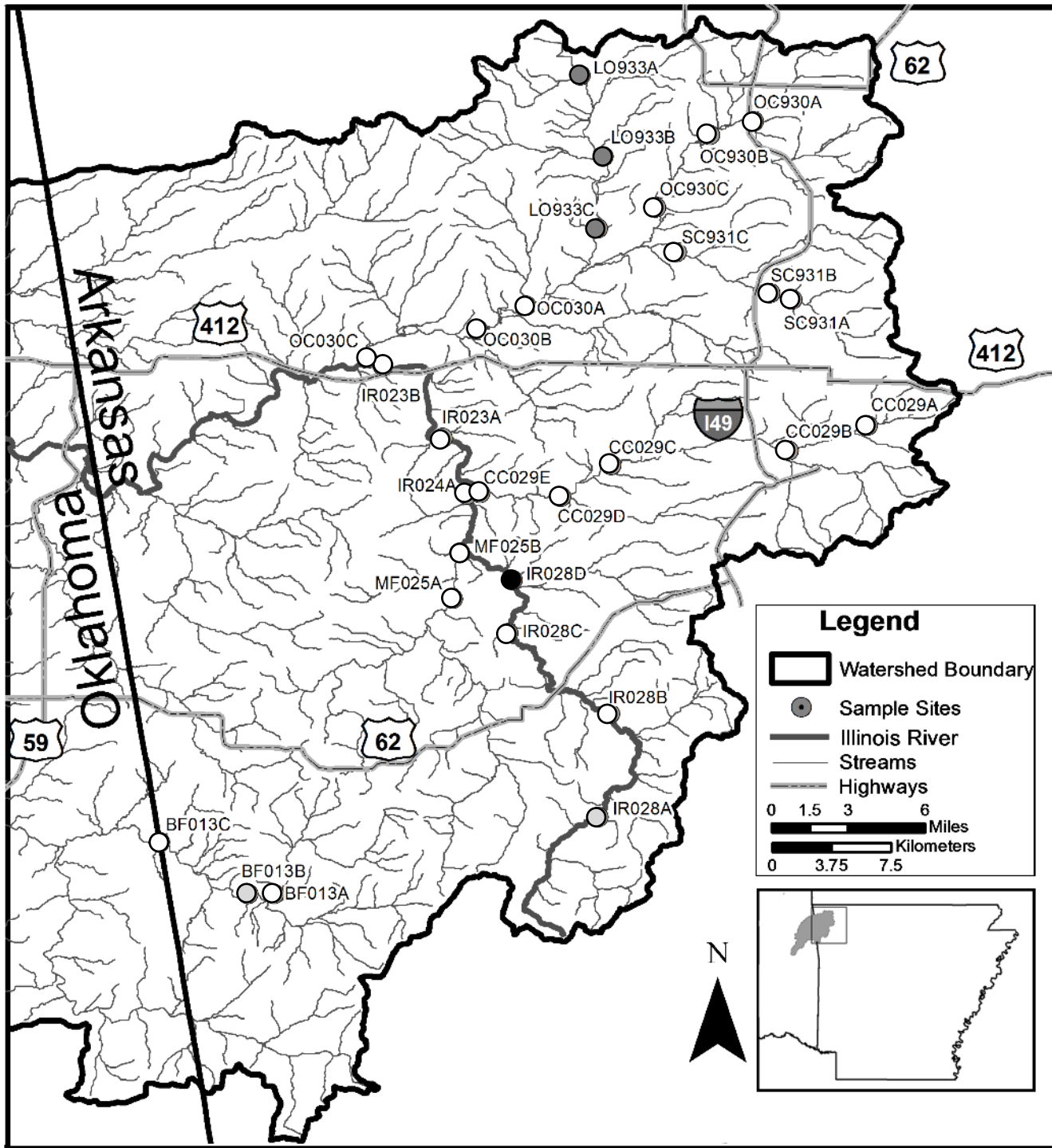
ILLINOIS RIVER CASE STUDY

APCEC Regulation 2
E. coli numbers should not exceed the applicable limit* in more than 25% of the water samples collected in no less than 8 samples taken during the primary contact season.

The *limits are:

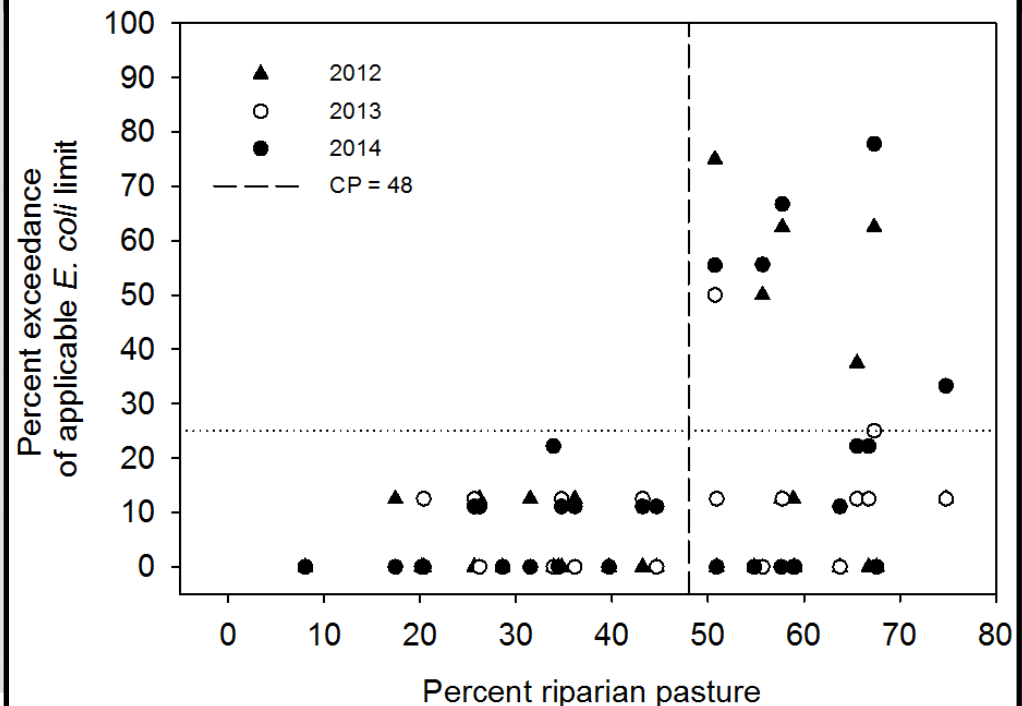
- Illinois River (ESW)
→ 298 col/100 mL
- All Other Streams
→ 410 col/100 mL

BASE FLOW SAMPLES



ILLINOIS RIVER CASE STUDY

- We looked at the relation between elevated levels of *E. coli* and pasture land in riparian zone.
- ***The only sites where *E. coli* numbers exceeded the limits had more than 50% pasture land in the riparian zone within 2-km.***
- *E. coli* seems to be a localized issue, although weak relations are often observed with watershed land use.



HOW DOES BACTERIA VARY WITH FLOW? ILLINOIS RIVER CASE STUDY

