# LT2 Round 1 *Cryptosporidium*Matrix Spike Recovery

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## LT2 MS Recovery Projections

- Spike recovery (the fraction of spiked oocysts that are counted, expressed as a percentage) varies from assay to assay.
- Recovery distribution (method 1622/1623)
  - Mean recovery = 40%
  - Standard deviation of recovery = 20%
  - RSD = 20% / 40% = 50%
- We did not attribute additional variability to matrices or laboratories.

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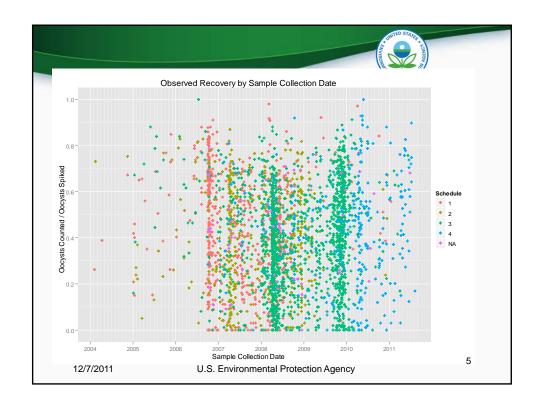


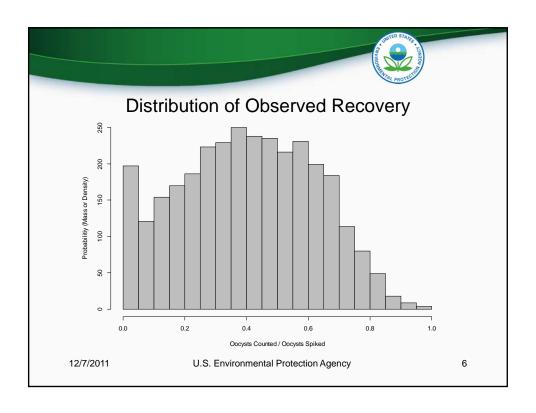
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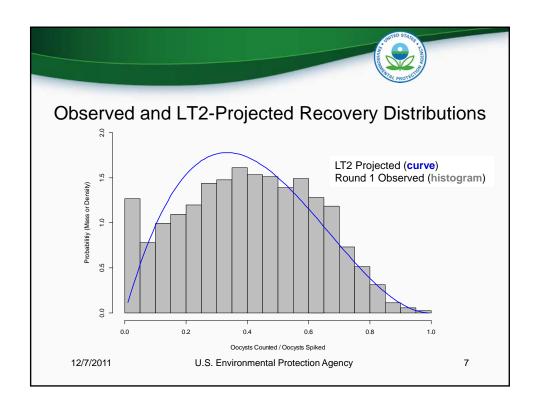
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### Cryptosporidium MS Recovery Summary Statistics for Samples

- 3107 records are used for understanding recovery
  - 3107 samples with at least 95 oocysts spiked, full sample volume assayed, and recovery not greater than 100% are included.
  - 127 samples with too few oocysts spiked, less than full volume assayed, and infeasible recoveries are excluded.
- Observed recoveries range from 0% to 100%.
- Average recovery is 40.4% (LT2 projected 40%)
- Standard deviation of recovery is 21.9% (LT2 20%)
- Relative standard deviation of recovery is 54.2% (LT2 50%)
- Small variation due to water type.

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# Cryptosporidium Mean MS Recovery by Water Type

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Water Type*	Number of Facilities	Number of Records	Mean Recovery
Res/Lake (LR)	698	1412	41.7%
River/Stream (FS)	596	1209	39.1%
Both (LR & FS)	57	105	39.4%
GWUDI-FS	70	146	37.0%
GWUDI-LR	35	62	45.1%
NA**	101	173	41.5%
Total	1557	3107	40.4%

\*GWUDI = ground water under direct influence of surface water.

\*\*NA = not available. Water Type was missing for some facilities.

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# Cryptosporidium MS Recovery Summary Statistics for Labs

- Using same 3107 records
- 50 Labs
- Lab-specific average recoveries
  - Minimum = 21.3%
  - Median = 41.4%
  - Maximum = 90.5%
- Between-lab variability is due to both differences in lab performance and matrix effects. (LT2 assumed no systematic matrix or lab effects.)

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## MS Recovery Summary

- Overall recovery distribution is very much like that assumed in LT2 EA, but with higher frequency of very low recoveries.
- Large variability remains between Labs and matrices, but the DCTS data are of limited value for separating the contributions of these two variance components (lab and matrix).

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## Occurrence Summary

- Key statistics regarding reduced occurrence:
  - Zero counts in about 93% of samples (vs. 86% for LT2)
  - o All-zeros for 51% of plants (vs. 20%)
  - o Average measured concentration 0.016/L (vs. 0.053)
  - o 4.7% of source water means equal or exceed 0.075/L (vs. 14%)
    - Higher occurrence for flowing streams than reservoirs & lakes
    - Occurrence increases with system size (Schedule)
    - Nearly 10% of schedule 4 facilities have means above 0.075
- The occurrence reduction appears to be real. The reduction is <u>not</u> due a systematic change in recovery.

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