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# AMD REFURBISHMENT

Francis Drainage Maintenance, Harrison County, West Virginia  
West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection (WVDEP)  
Office of Abandoned Mine Lands and Reclamation (OAMLRL)

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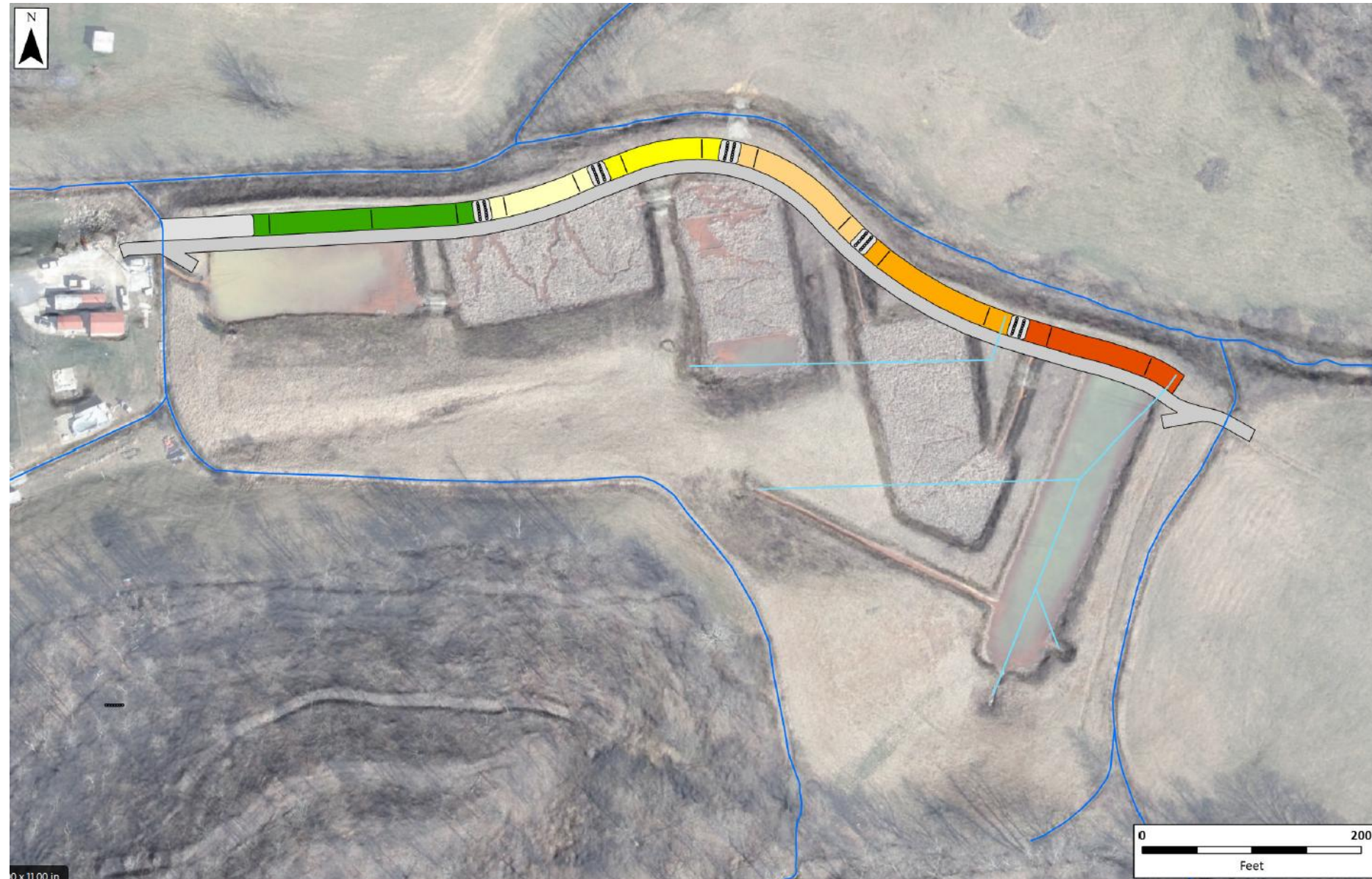
# Original AMD Treatment System



- Initial AML reclamation / AMD remediation constructed in 1997
  - Refuse reclamation
  - Highwall grading
  - Portal closures
  - Anoxic limestone drains
  - Settling ponds
  - Compost-limestone beds
- Approximately 3-acres of pond surface
- Approximately 5-acre footprint



# Proposed AMD Refurbishment



- 20+ years later.....  
Time for Refurbishment
- Landowner objectives
  - Reduced footprint
  - Agriculture grazing
  - Road access
  - Fencing
- Client objectives:
  - Achieve equal treatment as existing condition
  - Adjust technologies
  - Leave ALDs intact

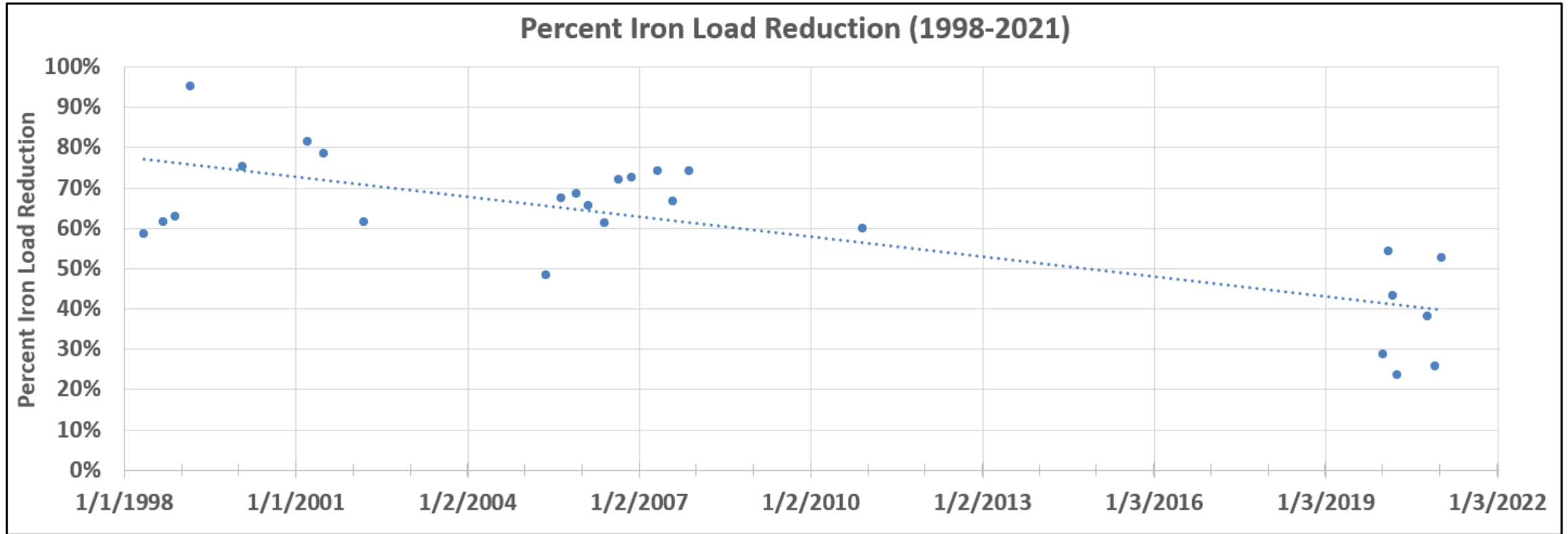


# Refurbished Project

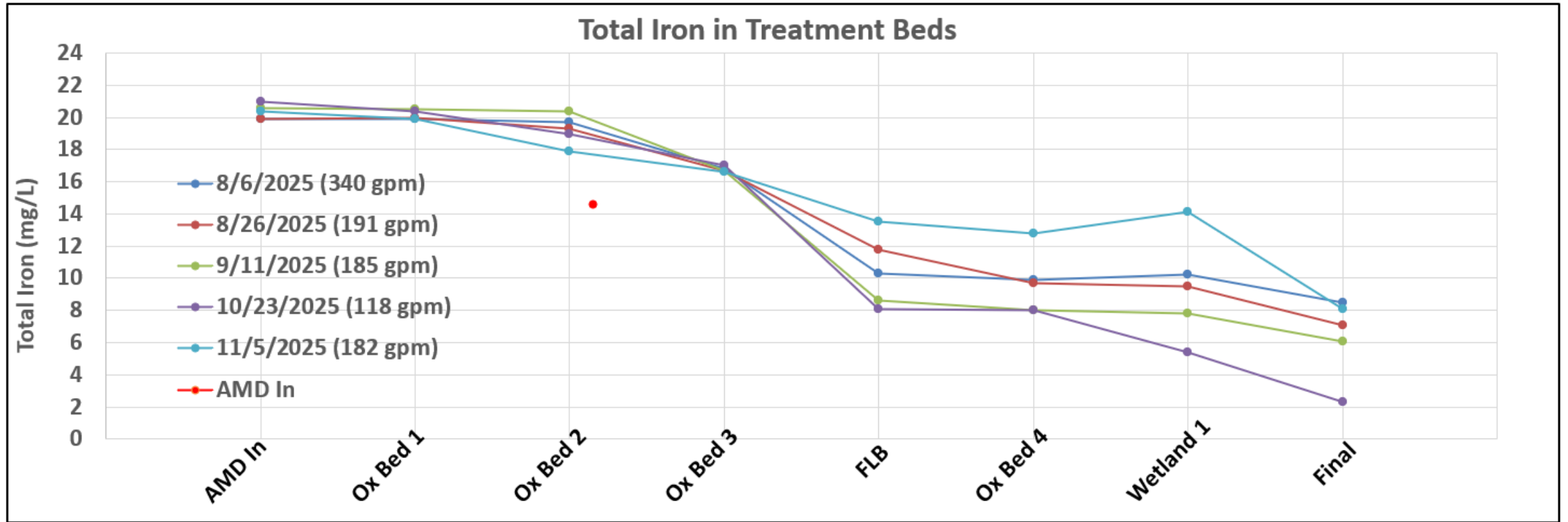


- Approximately 0.43-acres of pond surface
  - Three shallow oxidation beds
  - Flushing limestone bed (FLB)
  - Fourth shallow settling/oxidation bed
  - Two polishing wetlands
- Oxidation beds for ferrous to ferric conversion
- FLB due to periodically observed pH=5.7 and metals acidity=alkalinity
- Settling pond for solids collection
- Wetlands for final polishing

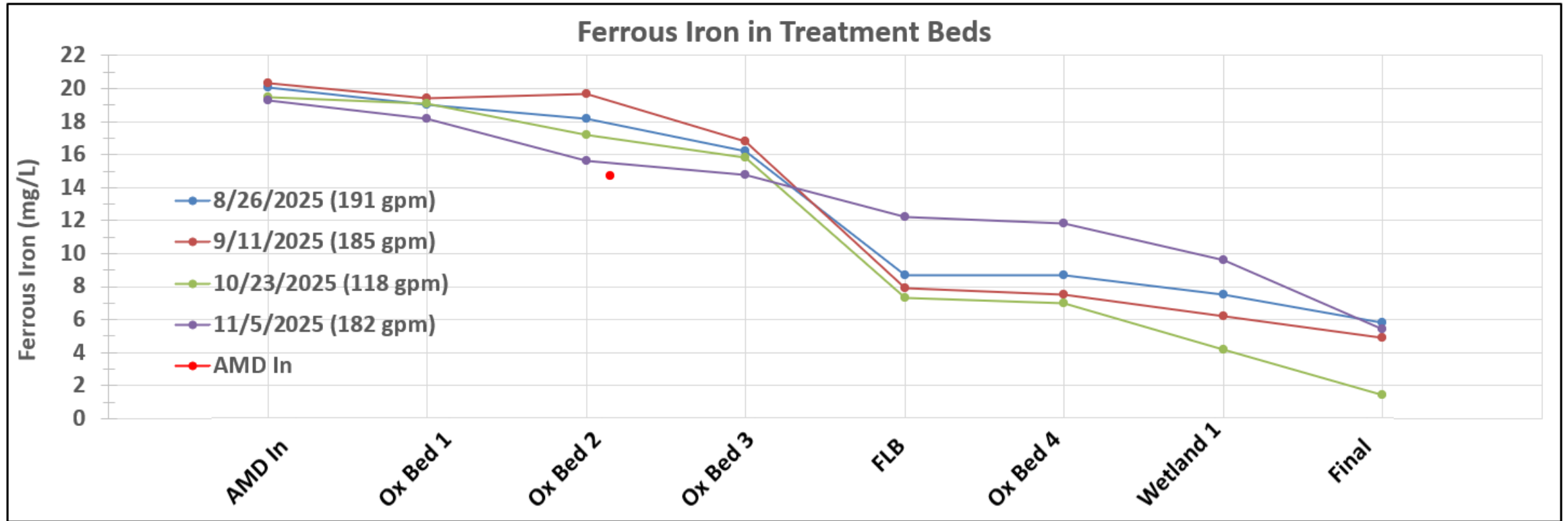
# Original AMD Treatment Data



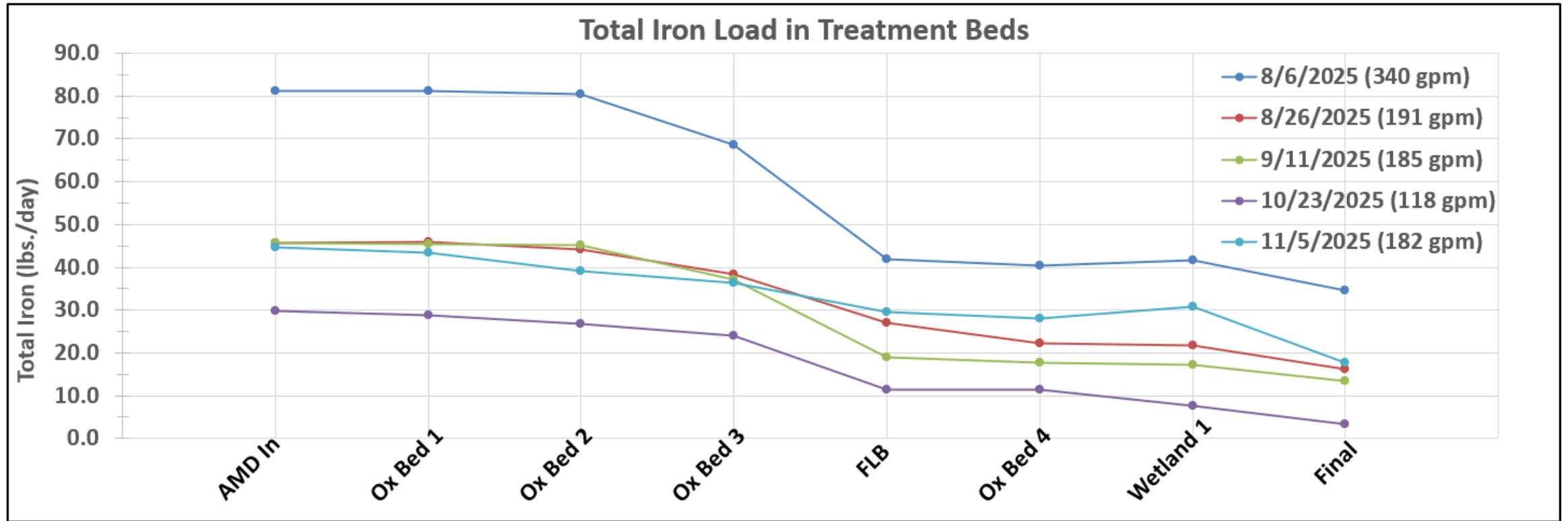
# Refurbished Data – Total Iron Concentration



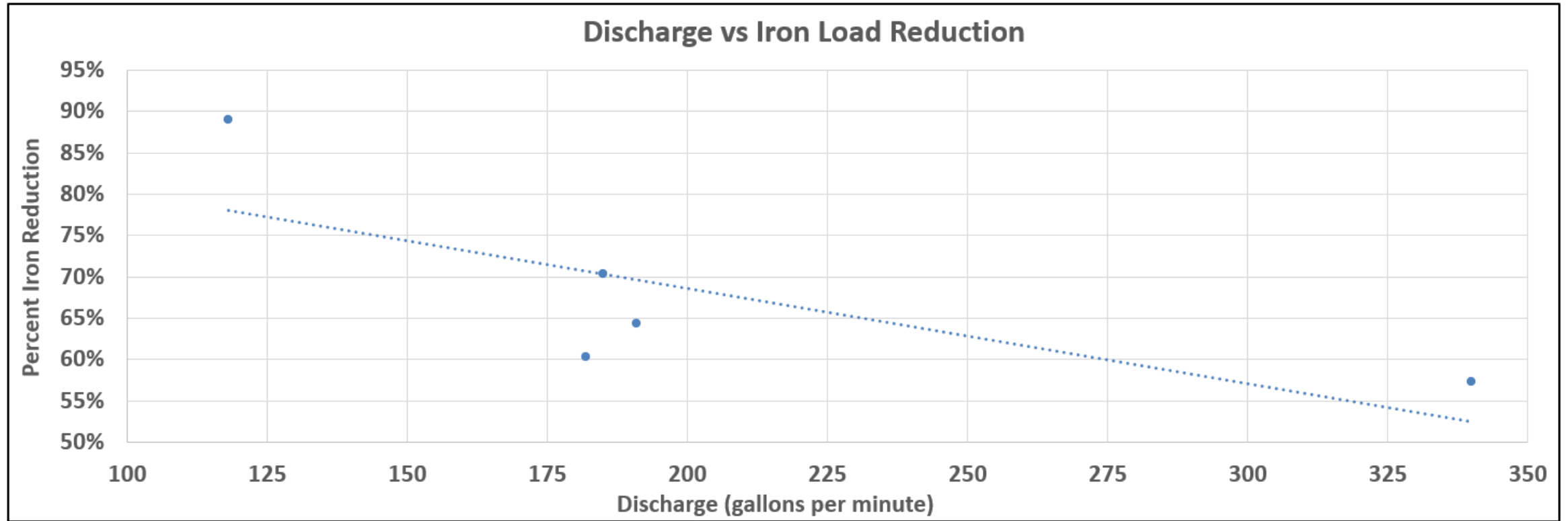
# Refurbished Data – Ferrous Iron Concentration



# Refurbished Data – Total Iron Load

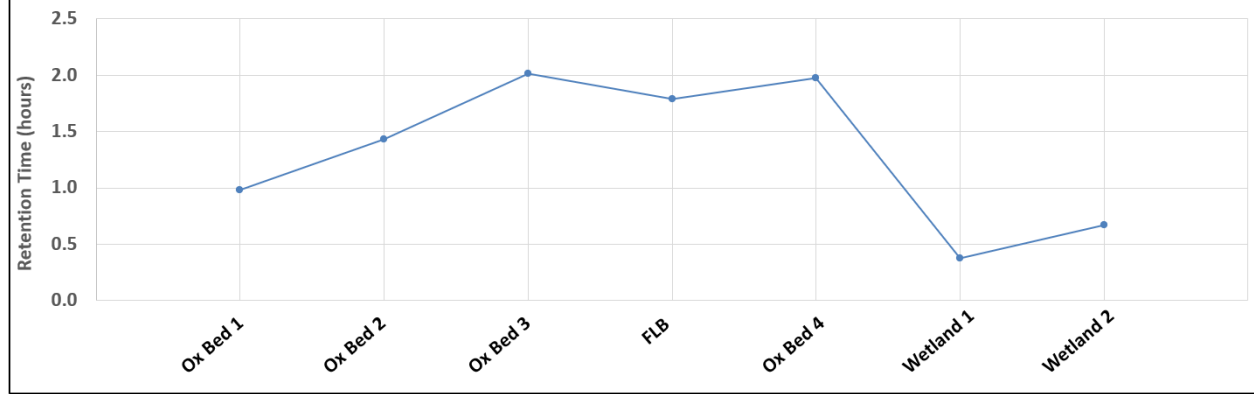


# Refurbished Data - Iron Load Reduction

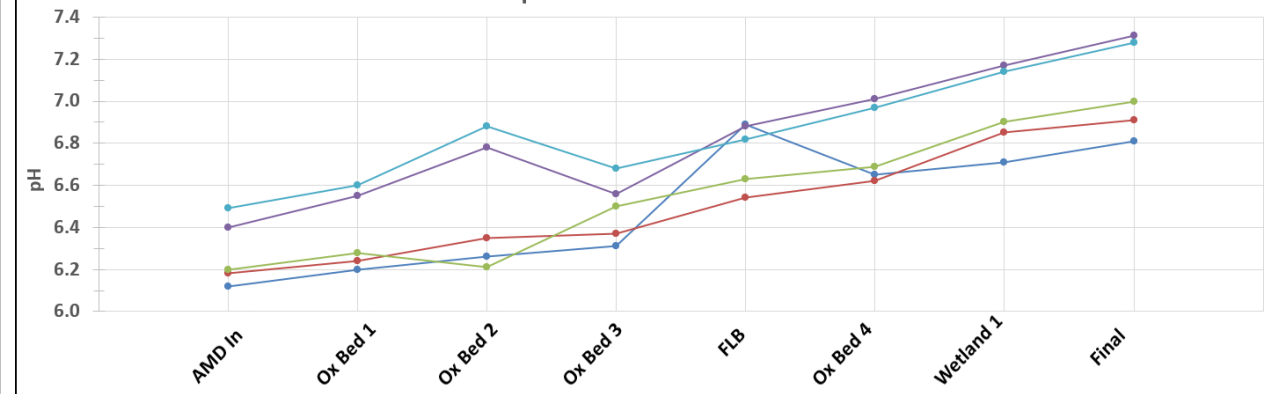


# Influences on Treatment Effectiveness

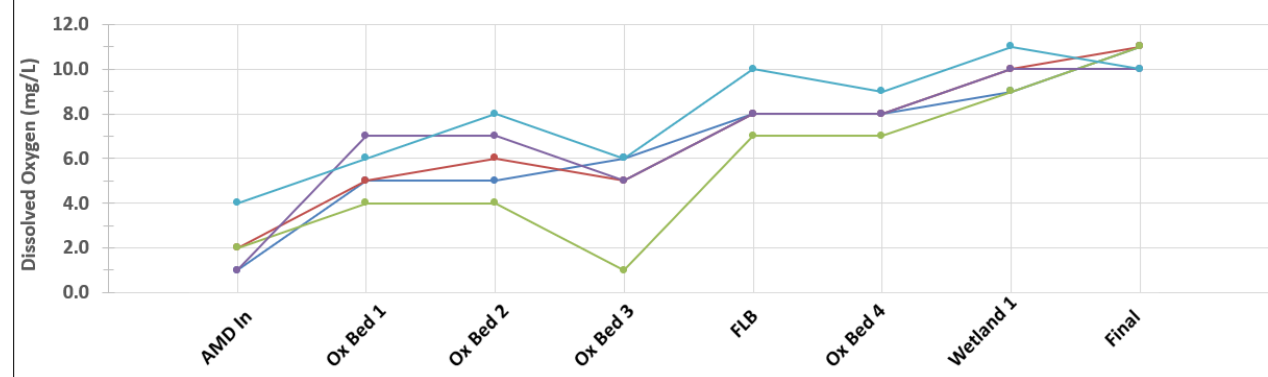
Retention Time (hours) at 340 GPM



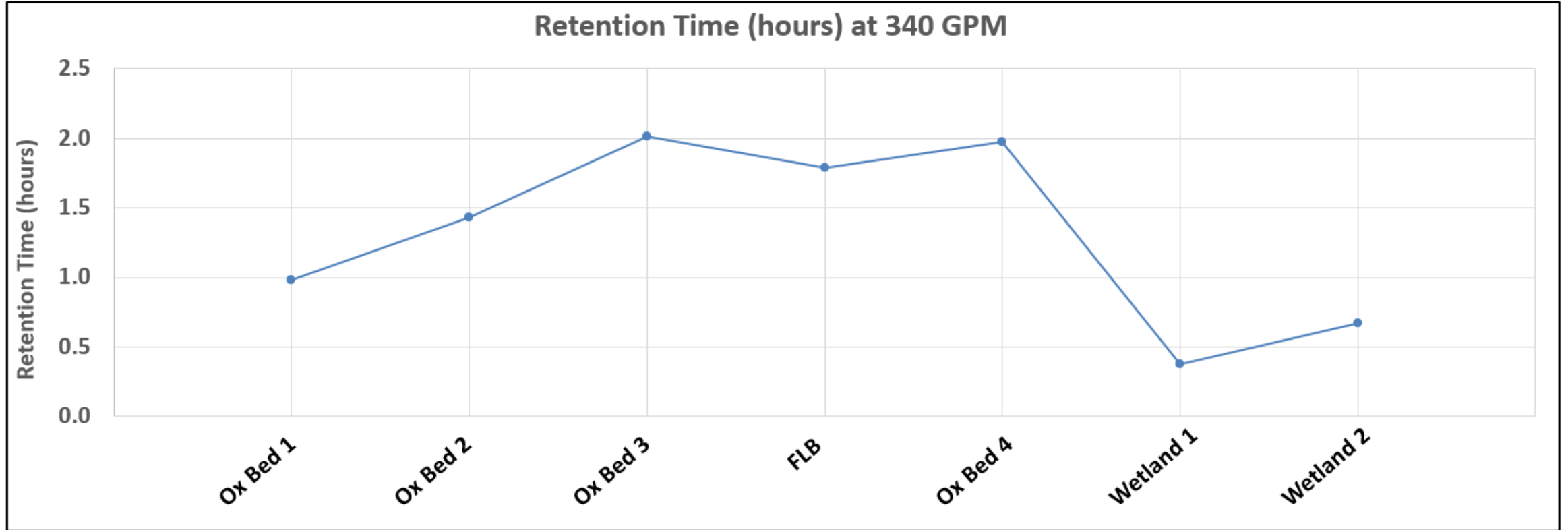
pH in Treatment Beds



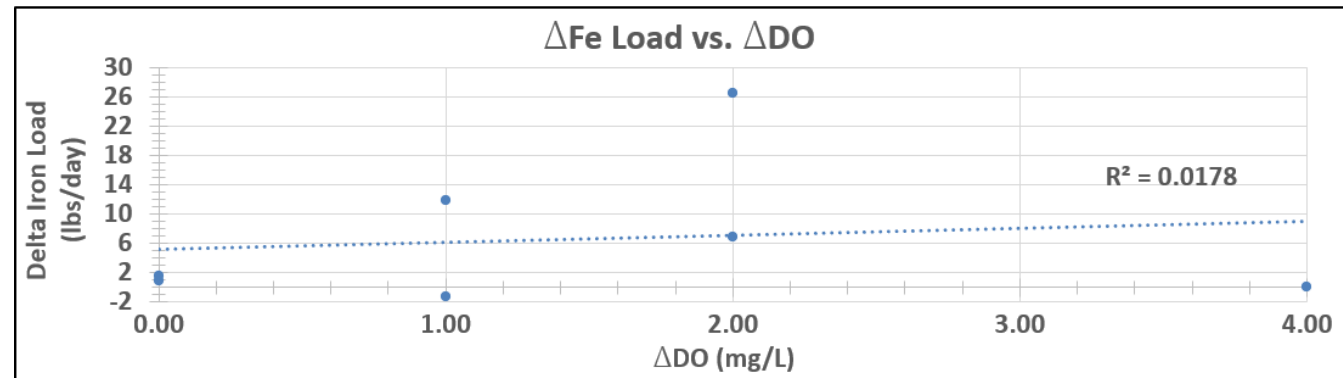
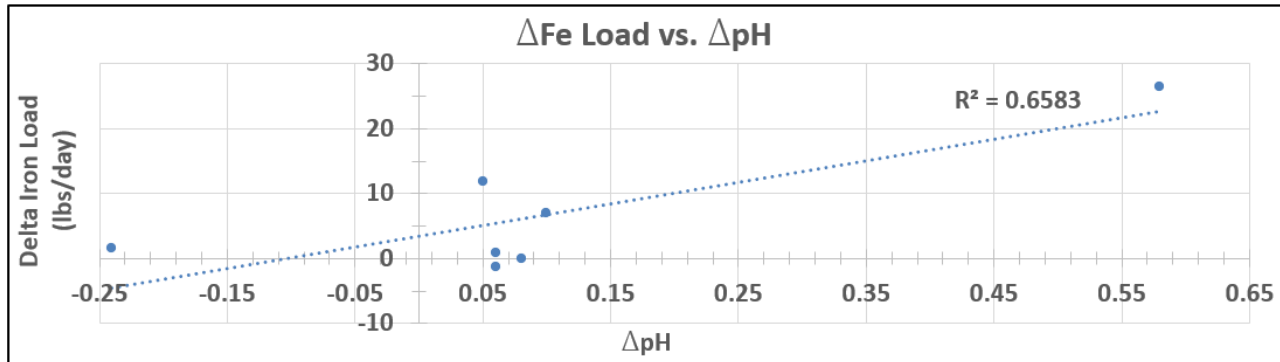
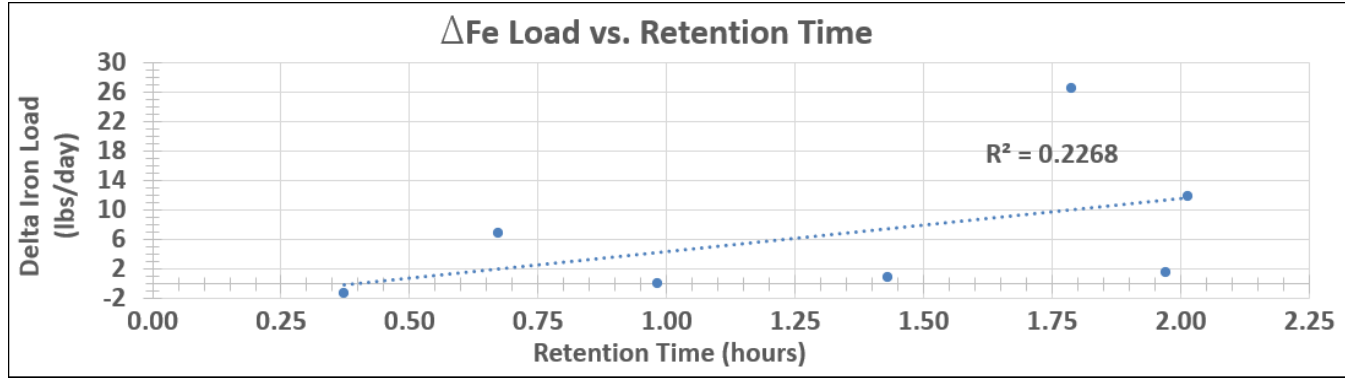
Dissolved Oxygen in Treatment Beds



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# Correlation of Parameters



# Conclusions

- Efficacy fluctuates with climatic conditions
- Meeting pre-refurbishment effectiveness in 86% reduced footprint
- Increased iron oxidation and removal at Flushing Limestone Bed
- pH most strongly correlated to increased performance

$$\frac{d[\text{Fe}^{2+}]}{dt} = -k_{het} \frac{[\text{Fe}^{2+}][\text{O}_2][\text{Fe(III)}_{solid}]}{[\text{H}^+]}$$

- More frequent solids handling with smaller treatment system
  - 4 months, 22,500 gallons vacuumed from FLB





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# Thank You

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