South River Pilot – In Situ Water Quality Measurements Integral Consulting

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SR Optically-Based Monitoring Pilot Study

- Pilot test to test technology for near real-time assessment of Hg and MeHg in water (by correlation)
- Data will be collected in situ for a one month period
- Collects a data point every 15 to 60 minutes to datalogger
- The instrumentation measures:
 - Colored dissolved organic matter (CDOM) using fluorometers
 - Chlorophyll concentration (Chl) using same
 - Turbidity and TSS using a backscatter sensor
 - Particle size analyzer using a spectral absorption- attenuation meter
 - Velocity using a doppler velocimeter
 - Temperature, conductivity, depth, DO and pH in a multiparameter water quality sonde

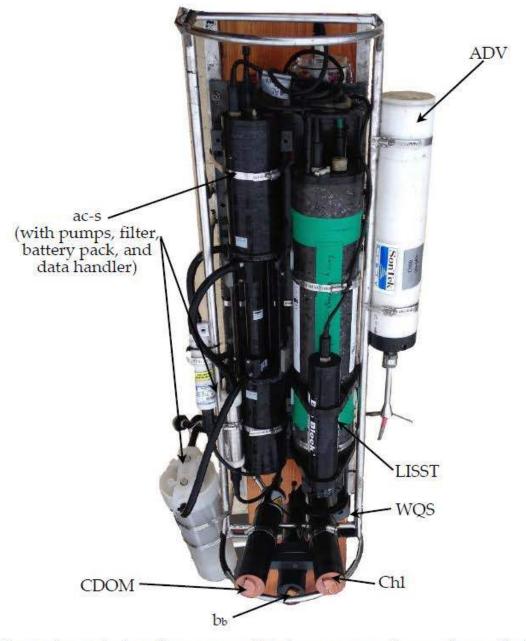


Figure 1. Example optical and water quality instrumentation package. In this configuration, the platform is roughly 1-m in length and is nearly 100 kg in weight.

South River Optical Monitoring Pilot Study Plan

- 1. Site visit (February 2016) to scope out potential locations and to evaluate logistics.
- Field preparation and mobilization (February and March 2016).
- 3. Field deployment (April 2016).
- 4. Discrete water sampling (April/May 2016).
- 5. Recovery and demobilization (April/May 2016).
- Evaluation (Upon receipt of the validated laboratory analytical data). Data processing and statistical model development for particulate and dissolved mercury and methyl mercury
- 7. Presentation of results via webinar.