

South River Science Team Human Exposure Pathways Evaluation

Expert Panel Review
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Human Exposure Evaluation

The key objectives:

- **better identify potential exposure,**
- **define potential risks and uncertainties,**
- **communicate information to the public.**

Human Exposure Evaluation

Exposure Team Members

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Human Exposure Evaluation

Exposure scenarios to be evaluated

- ✓ Fish Consumption
- ✓ Recreational Use of River
- ✓ Potential Drinking Water exposures
- ✓ Contact with soils on the floodplain
- Other potential dietary exposures
 - Hunting consumption, e.g., waterfowl, small game
 - Domestic consumption, e.g., Garden crops, Beef, Poultry

Communicating to public on these issues

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Floodplain soils

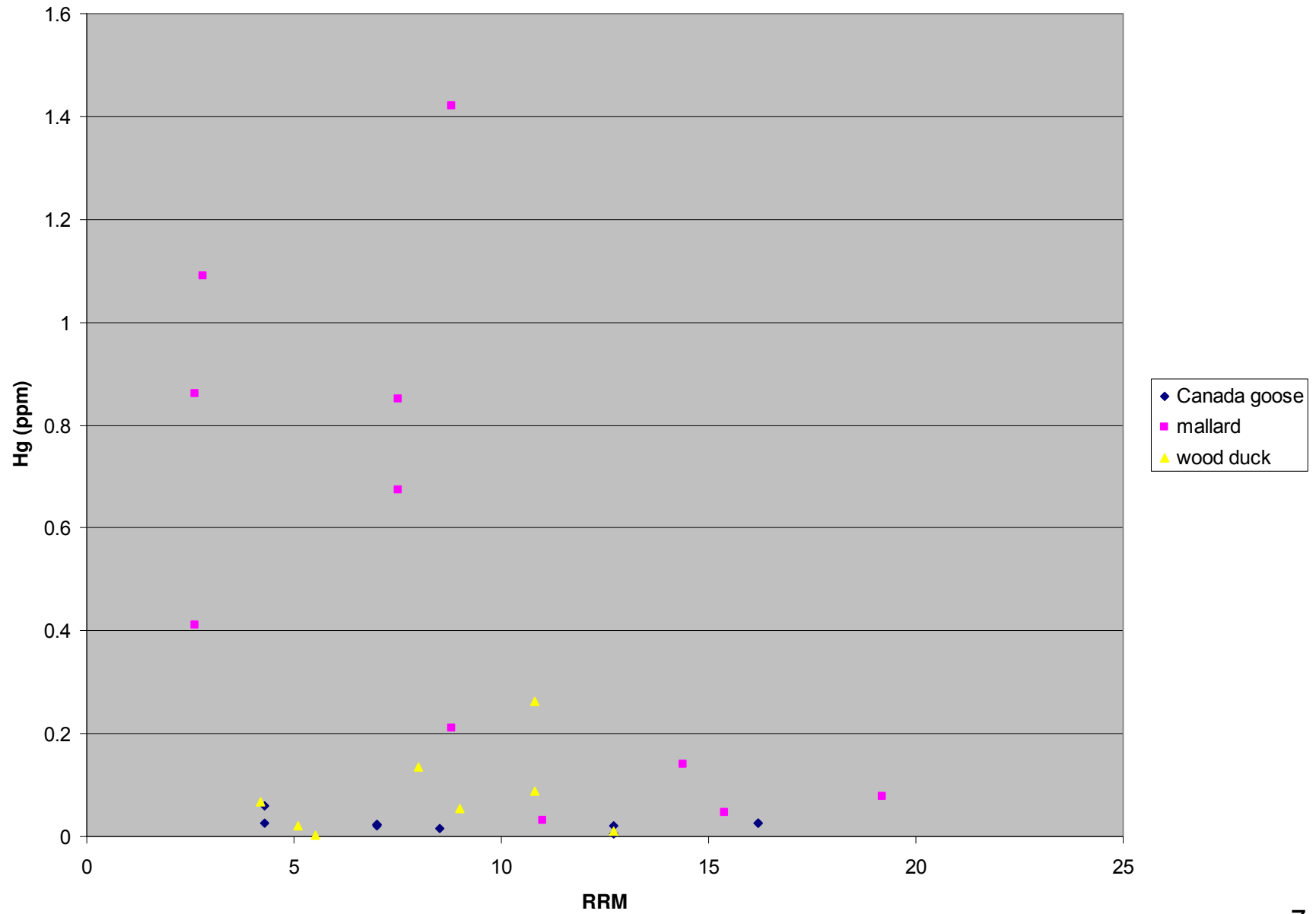
- Potential exposure evaluated:
 - ✓ direct contact (soil sampling);
 - ✓ ingestion of garden crops (2-year garden study);
 - ✓ ambient air (2 rounds of ambient air sampling)
 - ✓ Communicating results
 - ✓ General conclusions included in fact sheet,
 - ✓ Letters to landowners sent, follow up phone calls
 - ✓ Fact sheet on soil sampling completed
 - ✓ Fact sheet on garden crops
- Some additional soil sampling at specific locations, including ponds
- Peer review publication of garden crop study being revised per reviewer comments

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Potential dietary exposures

- Hunting consumption, e.g., waterfowl, small game
 - ✓ Literature review of tissue levels completed
 - Includes domestic & game animals, total and methyl mercury
 - In general, results consistent with expectations
 - ✓ Waterfowl samples results available
 - 10 Canada geese, 11 Mallards, 8 Wood ducks
 - In general, results consistent with expectations
 - ✓ Results of small game analysis
 - Muskrats, squirrels available
- Statistical analysis of Hg concentrations and evaluation of potential consumption rates for waterfowl

Waterfowl Muscle Tissue Total Hg



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Potential dietary exposures

- For wildlife evaluation, sampling plan for deer that graze on the floodplain based on likely exposure scenarios will be developed. Considerations for developing the plan include:
- Sub-team (Jordan, Quinn, Bugas, Lafon & Guiseppi-Elie)
 - Workplan complete.
 - Research permit obtained.
 - Study in progress.
 - Two deer (1 control, 1 Forestry Center)
 - Plans for collecting others this fall
- Results of prior wildlife (waterfowl, squirrels, muskrats, snapping turtles) to be evaluated

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Potential dietary exposures

- For livestock evaluation, sampling plan for cattle that graze on the floodplain based on likely exposure scenarios will be developed.
- A sub-team (Jordan, Quinn, Brown, Gruszynski & Guiseppi-Elie) will draft plan for review by rest of team, implementation 2010
 - Met over the summer
 - Identifying farms on floodplain where cattle raised
 - Develop spreadsheet of options
 - Also identifying dairy farms for collection of milk samples
 - Milk samples likely first
 - Obtain background meat, milk samples (markets, etc.)
 - Other domestic consumption? Poultry?

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Health survey at local clinics

- √ Local physicians (explicitly made aware of issue) have not reported any signs/symptoms
- √ Local health clinics have been provided literature (in both Spanish and English)
- Health survey to address effectiveness of consumption advisories
 - Survey completed
 - Data being analyzed