

# Criteria Assessment Protocol WG: Review copy of the 2015 Ambient WQ Criteria Technical Addendum

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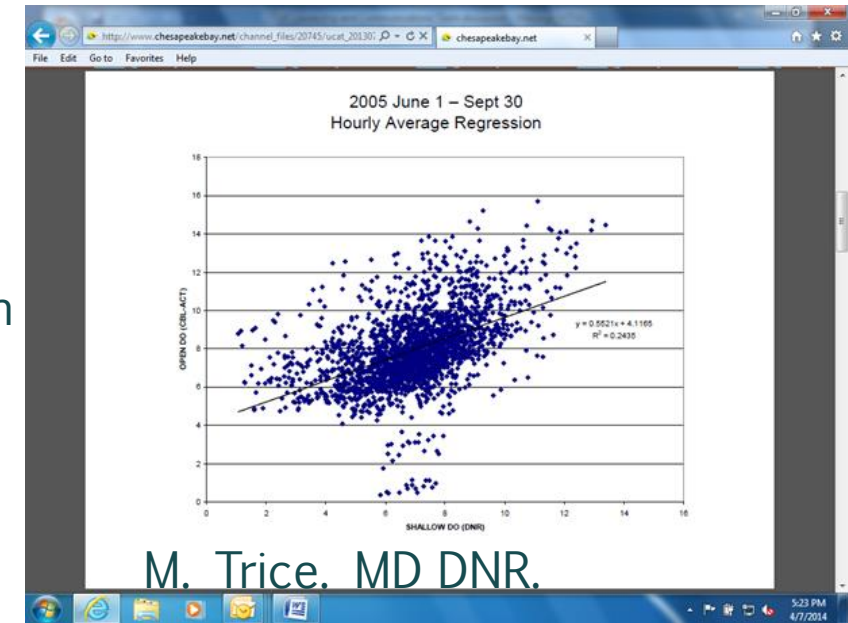
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# Summary

- Chapter 1: Introduction
- Chapters 3-7: Old news to everyone here but updated language for your review regarding
  - Missing segment volumes resolved
  - Multi-metric indicator demystified
  - Underwater grasses water quality standards-based acreage goal
  - Interim rules for the BIBI in Chesapeake Bay
  - Protocol for nontraditional partners to support dissolved oxygen assessments.
- And then there is **Chapter 2: Short duration D.O. criteria assessment.**
  - This is where we need your focused attention.

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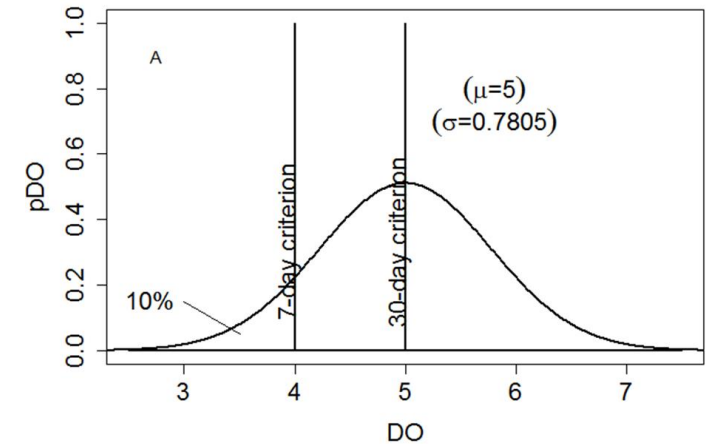
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(See road map to assessment, the how-to, where-to and when-to summary guide, which is Table II-5. Recommended approaches to assess short duration criteria.)

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