Climate allocation methods

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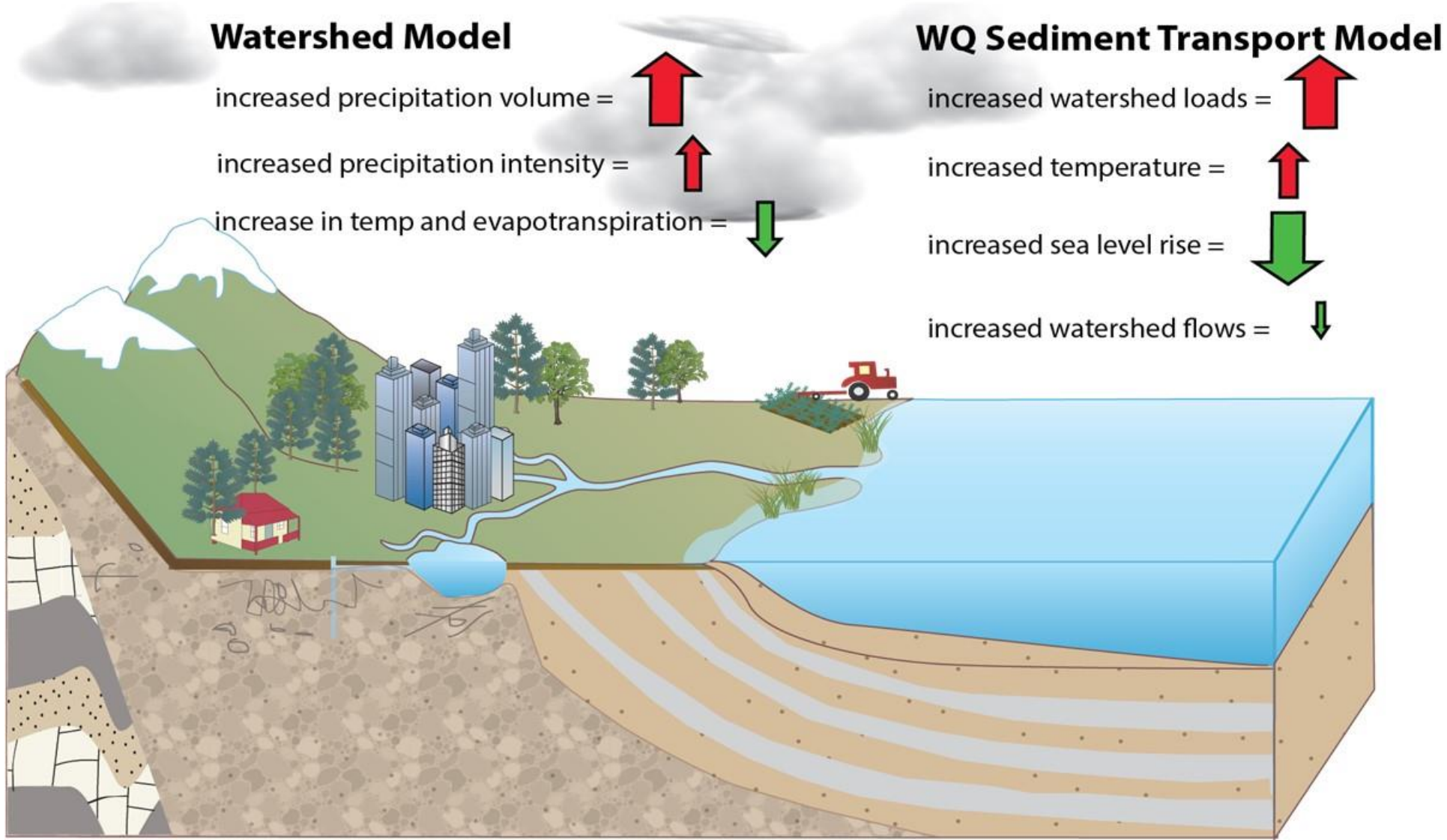

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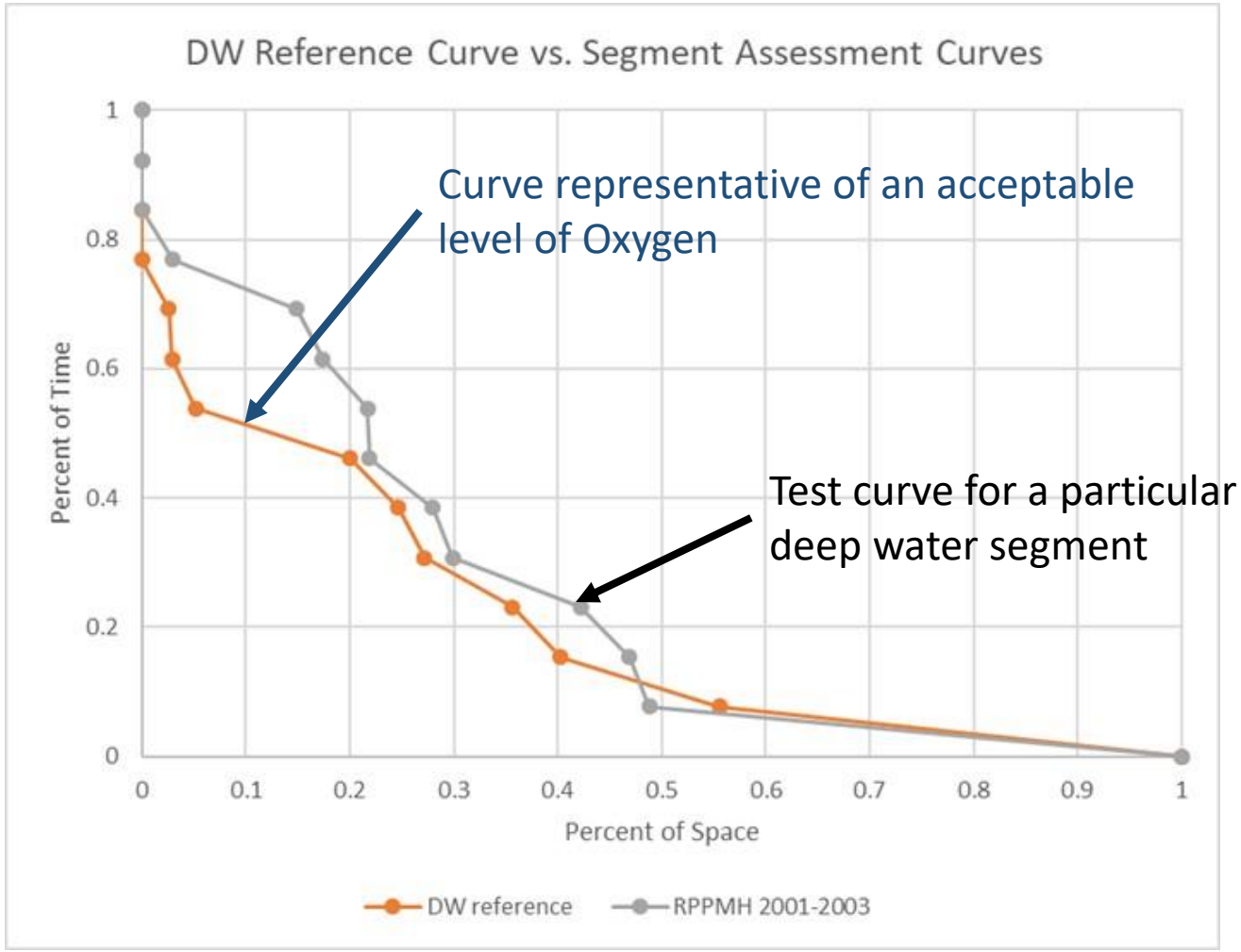

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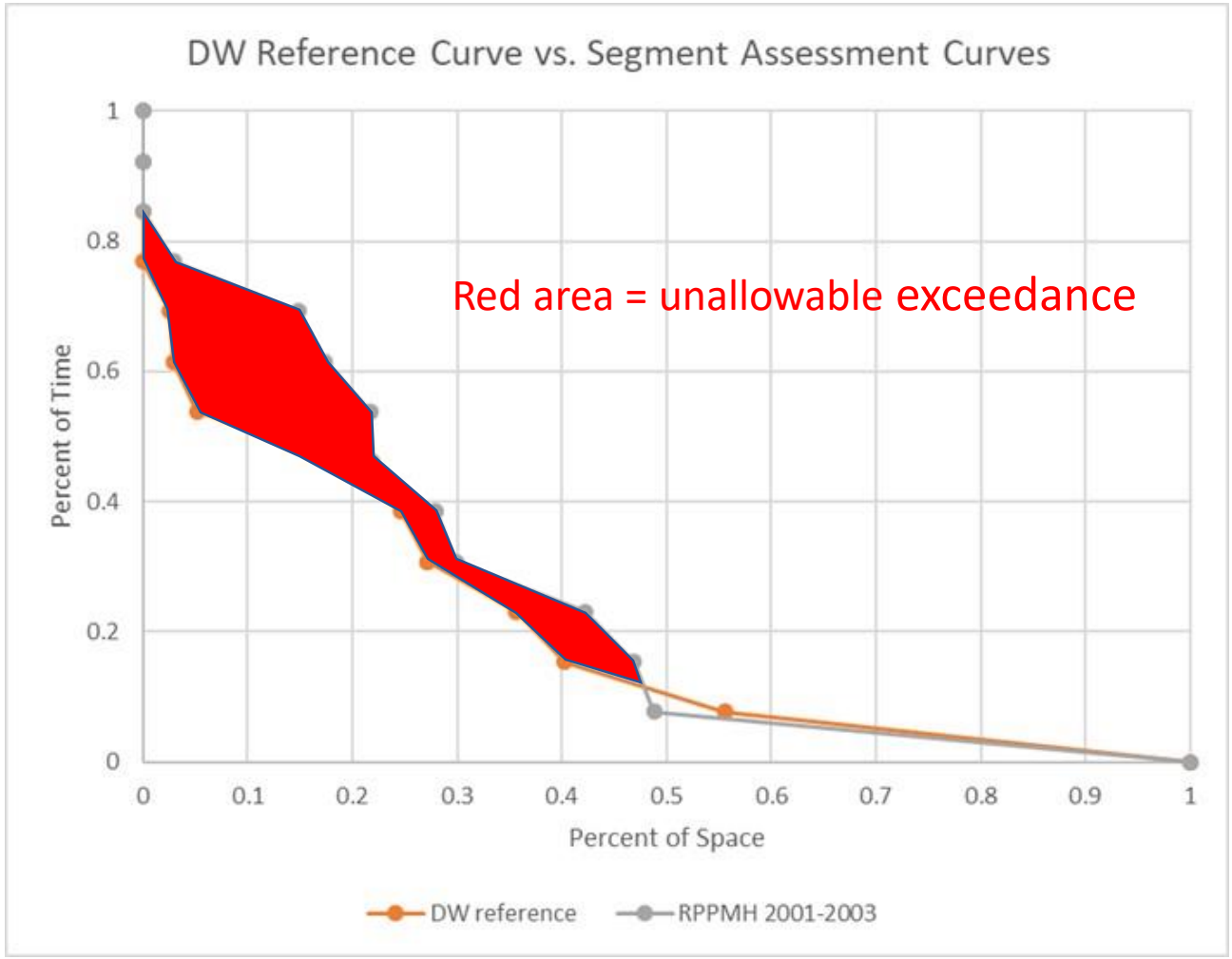

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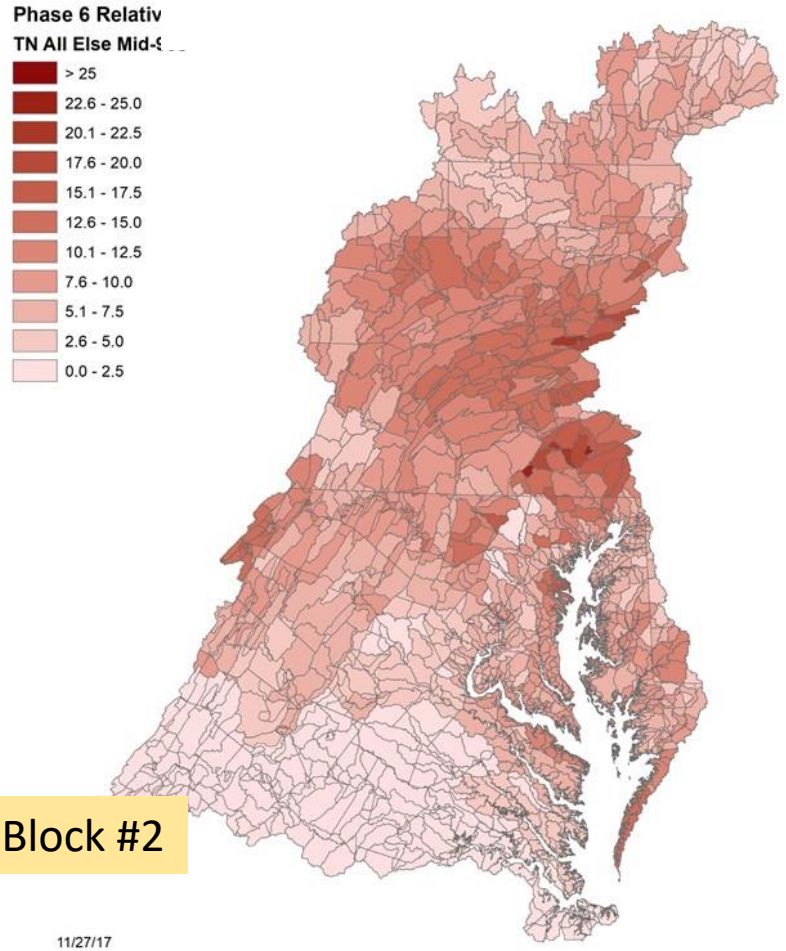
Dissolved Oxygen effect per pound of nutrient released in the watershed

More Impact, Do More

Nitrogen



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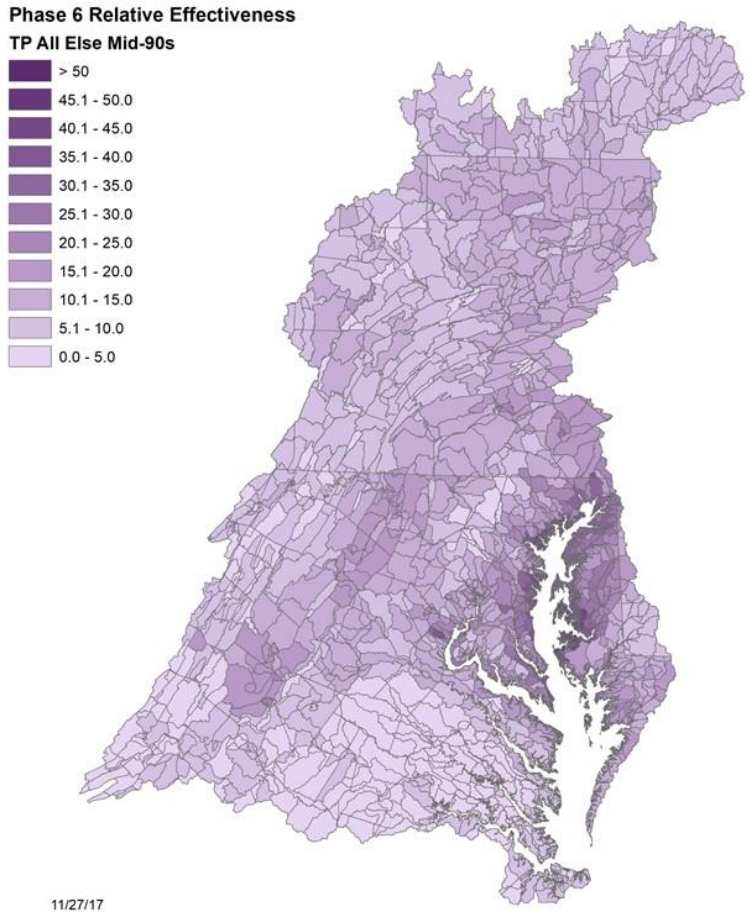

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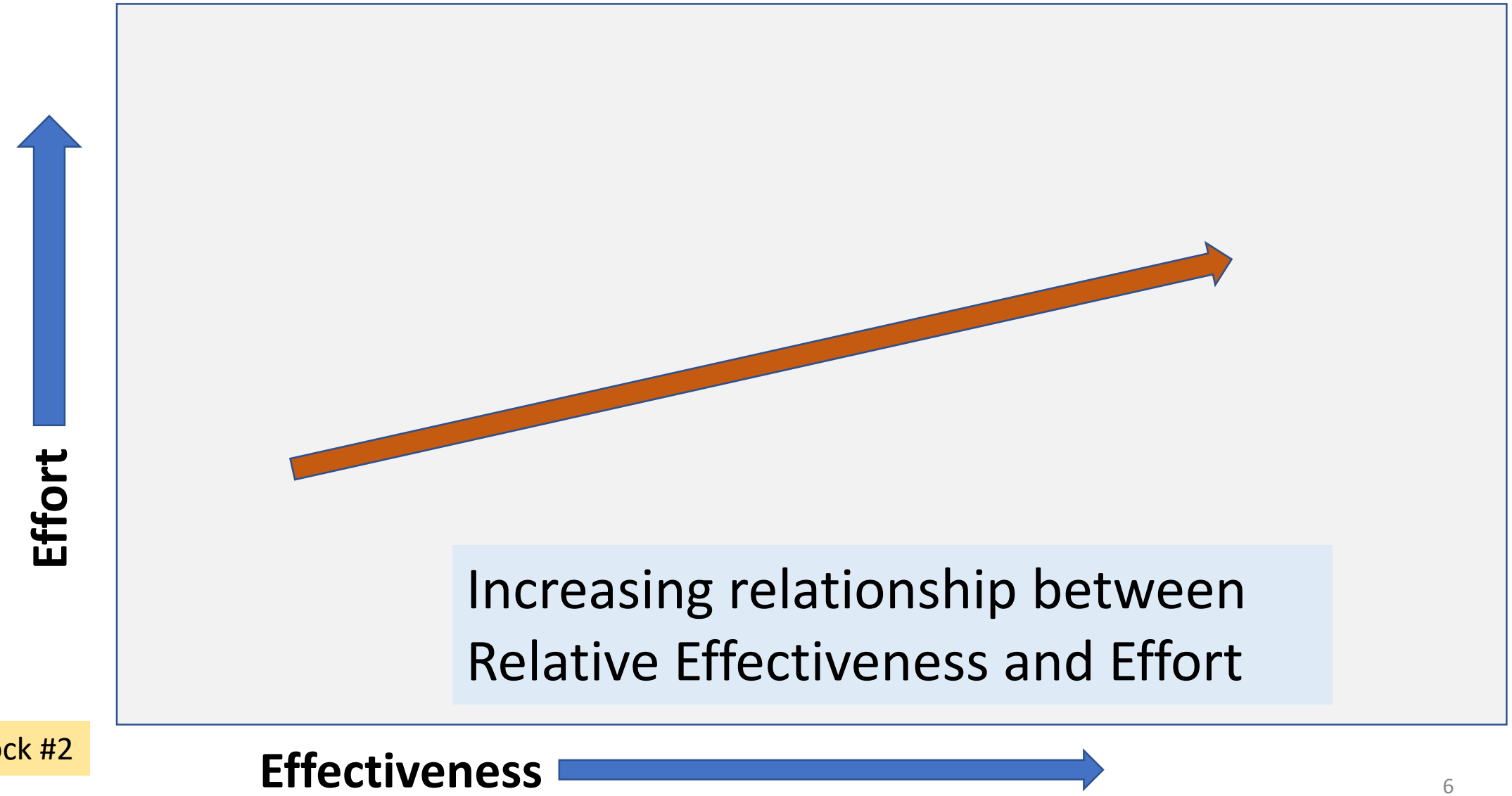

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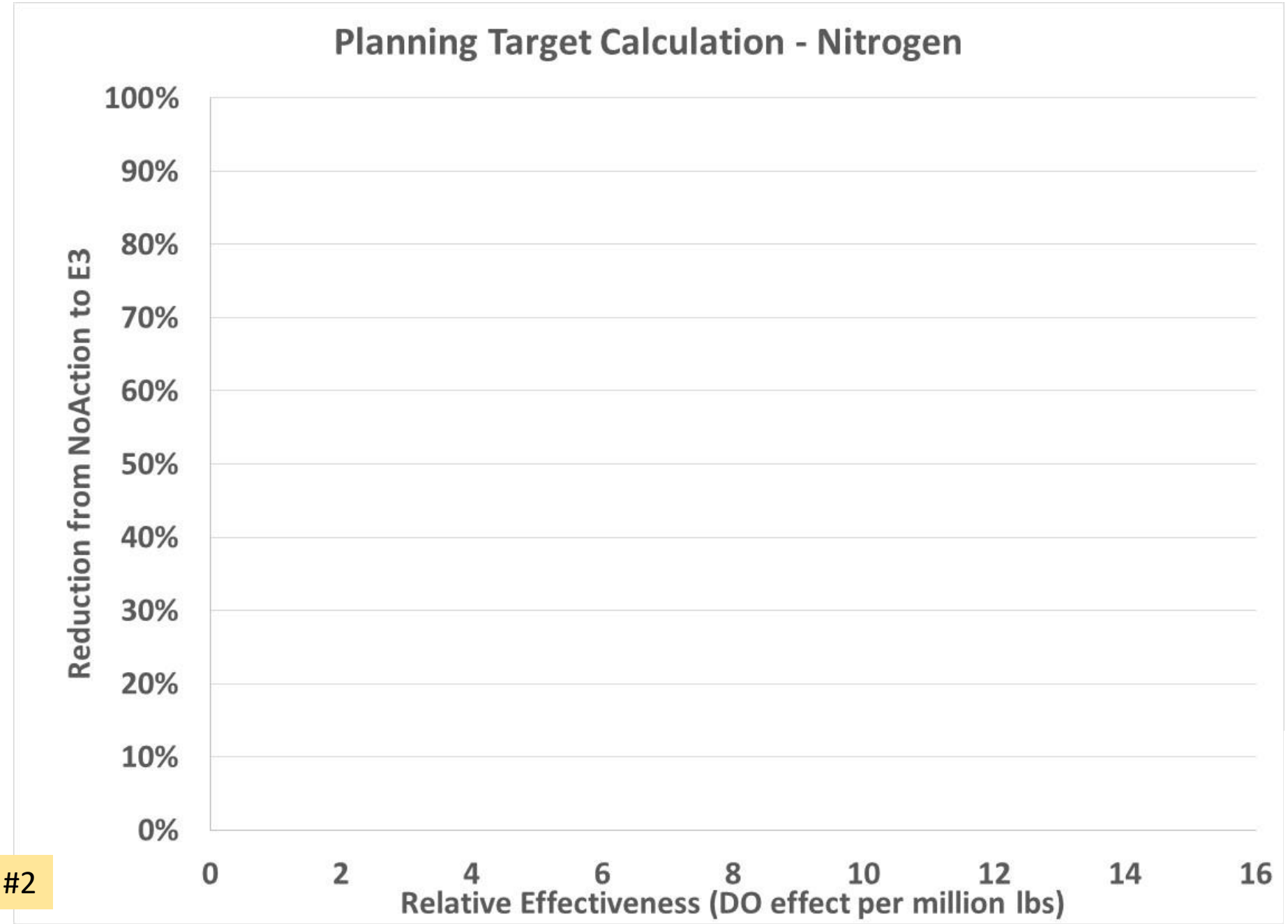

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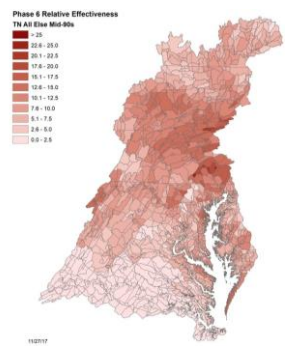

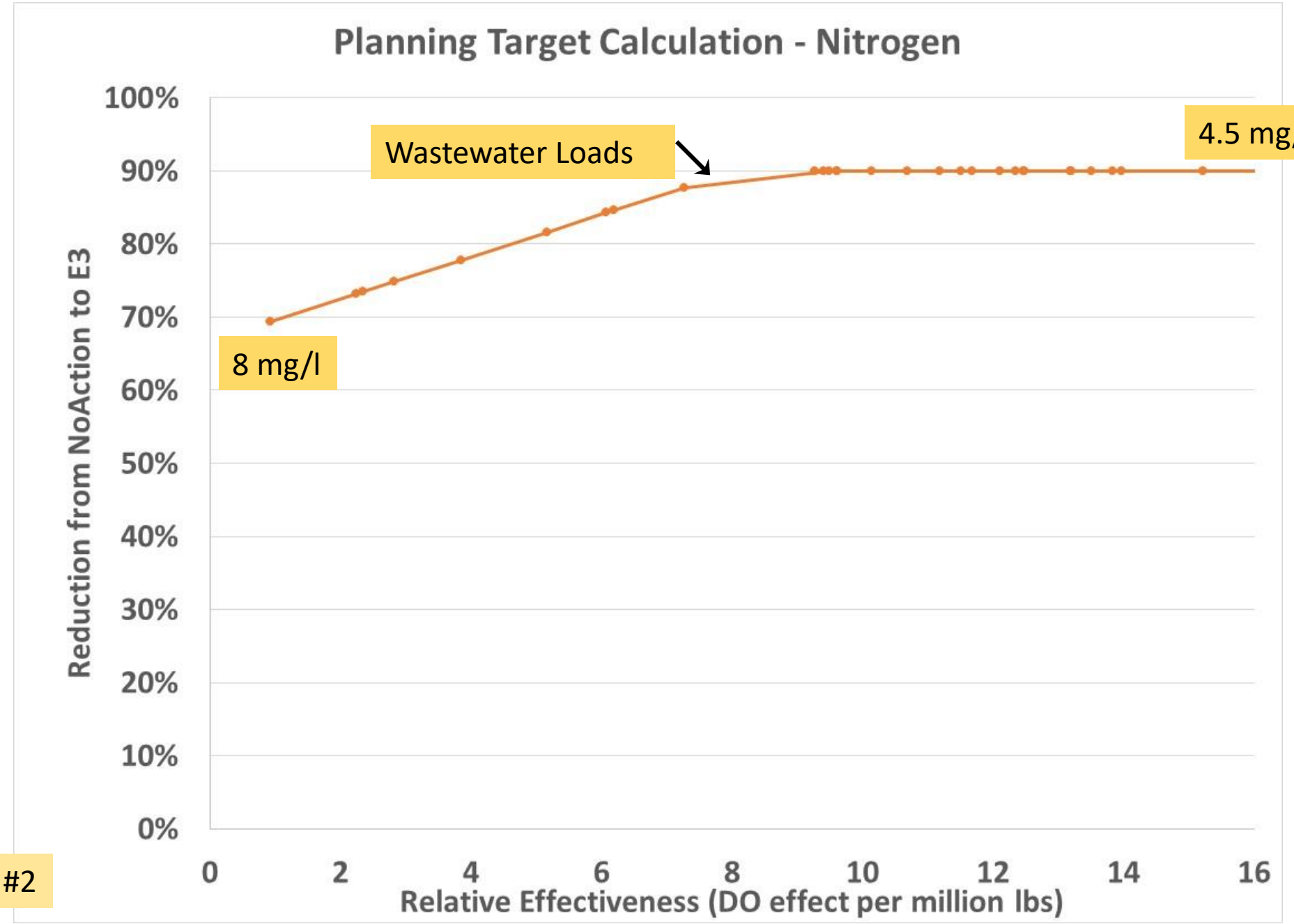

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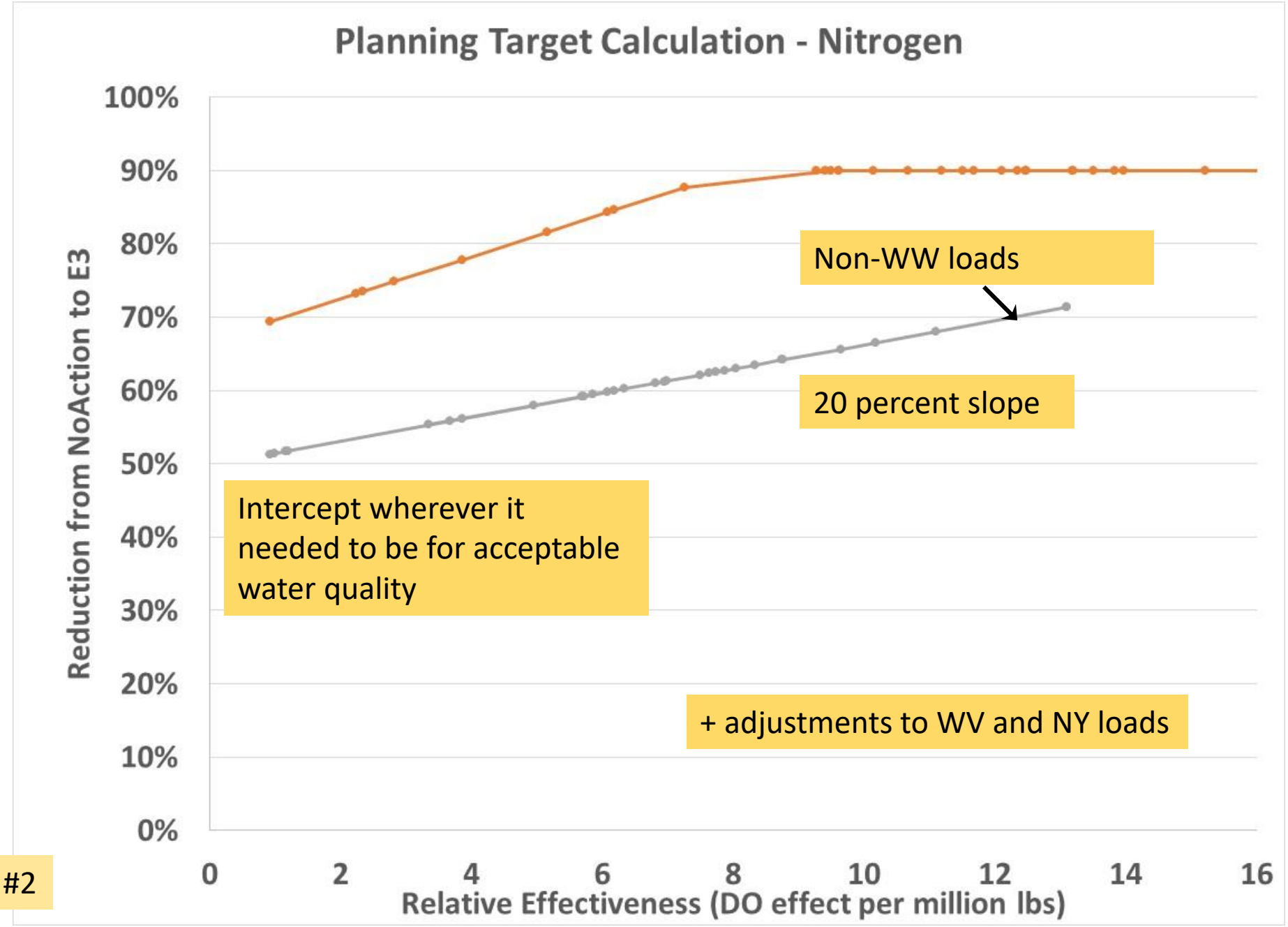

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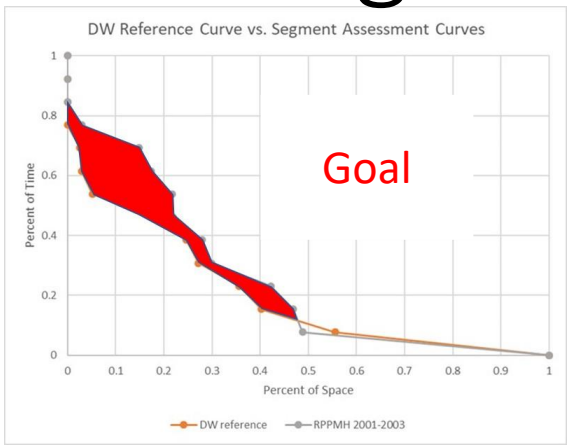

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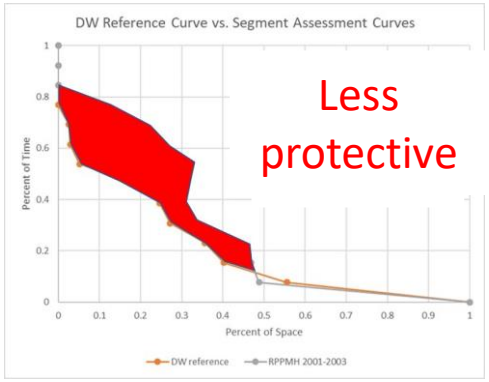

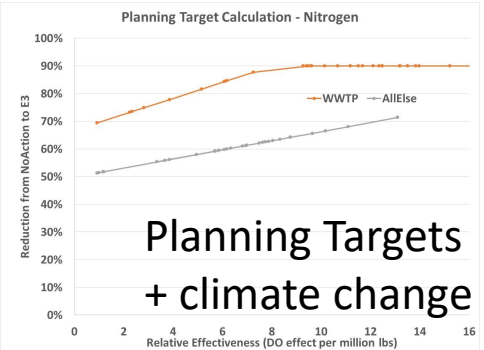

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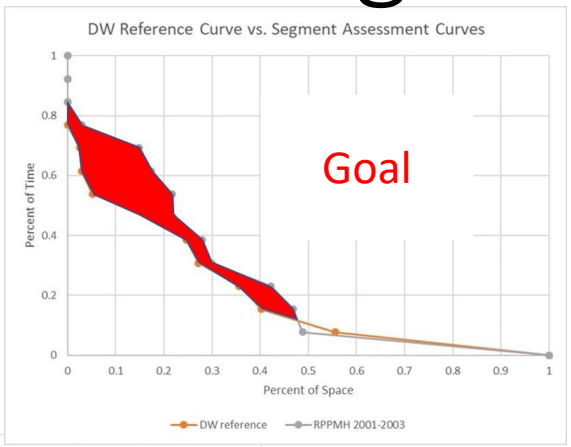

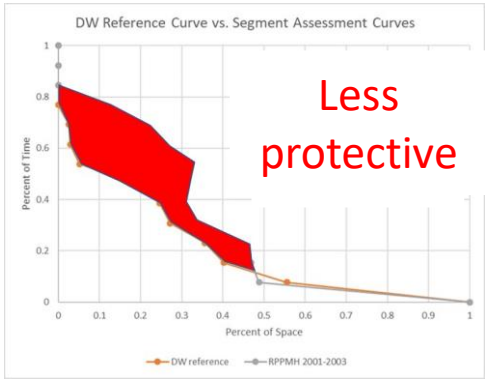

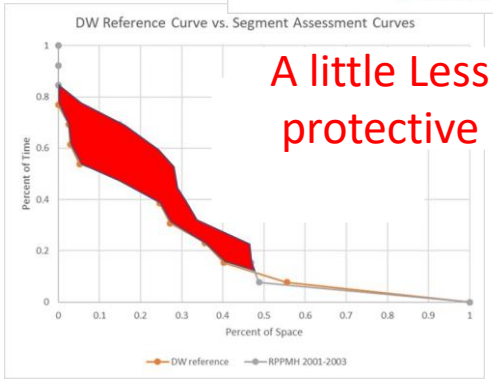

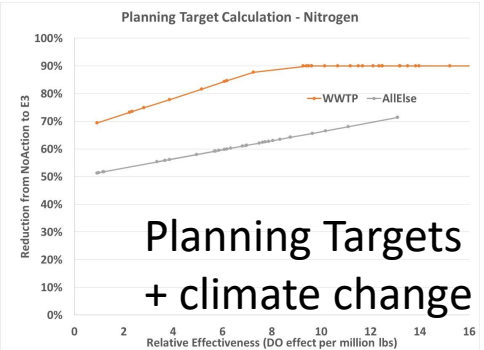

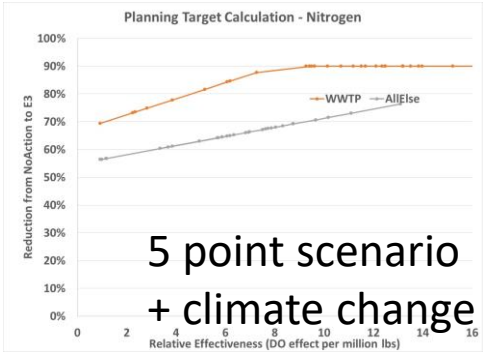

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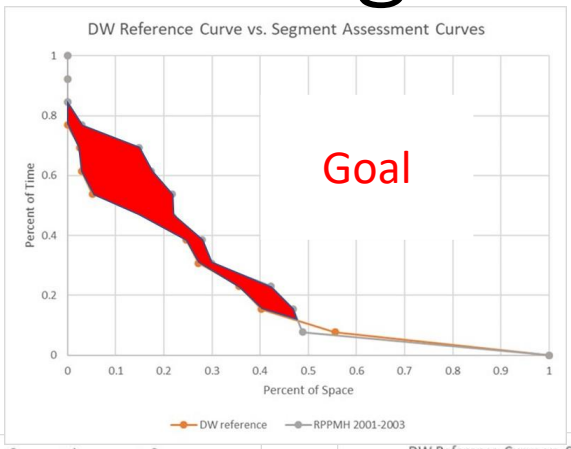

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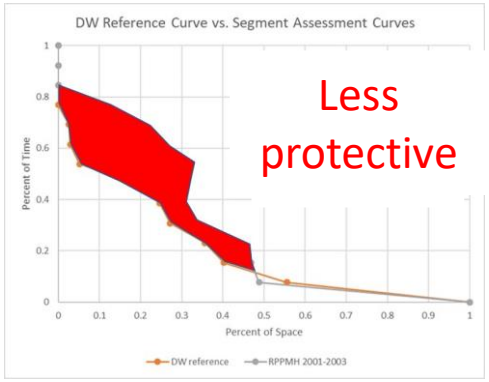

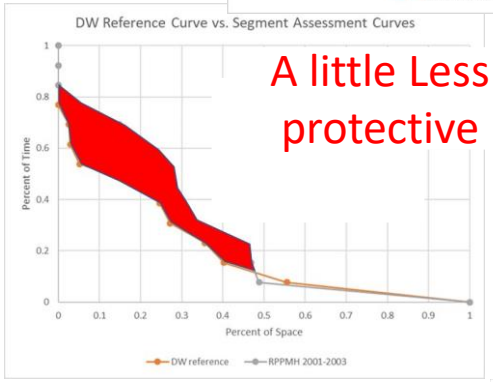

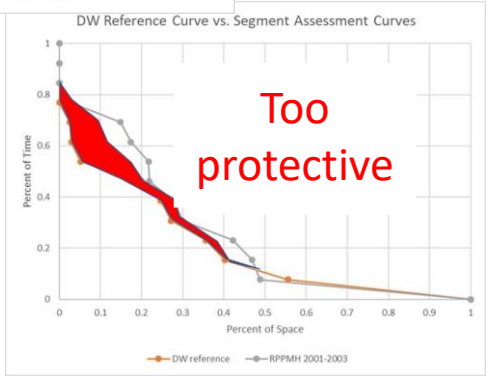

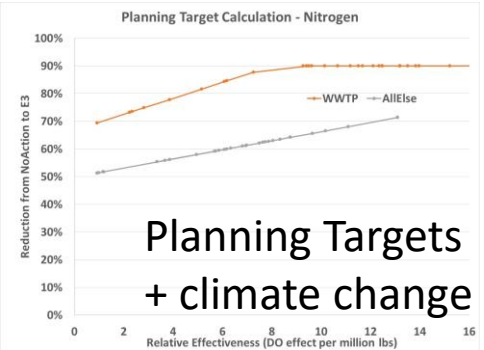

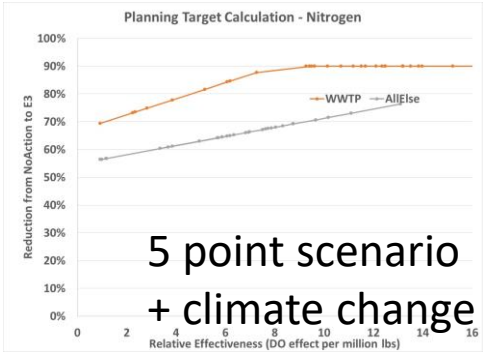

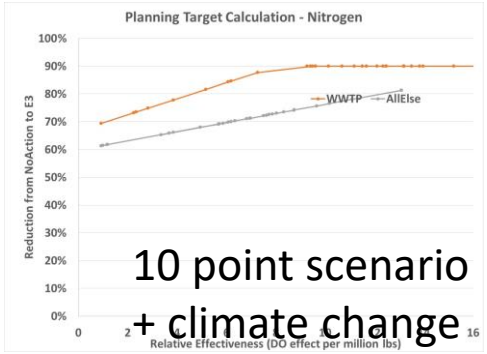

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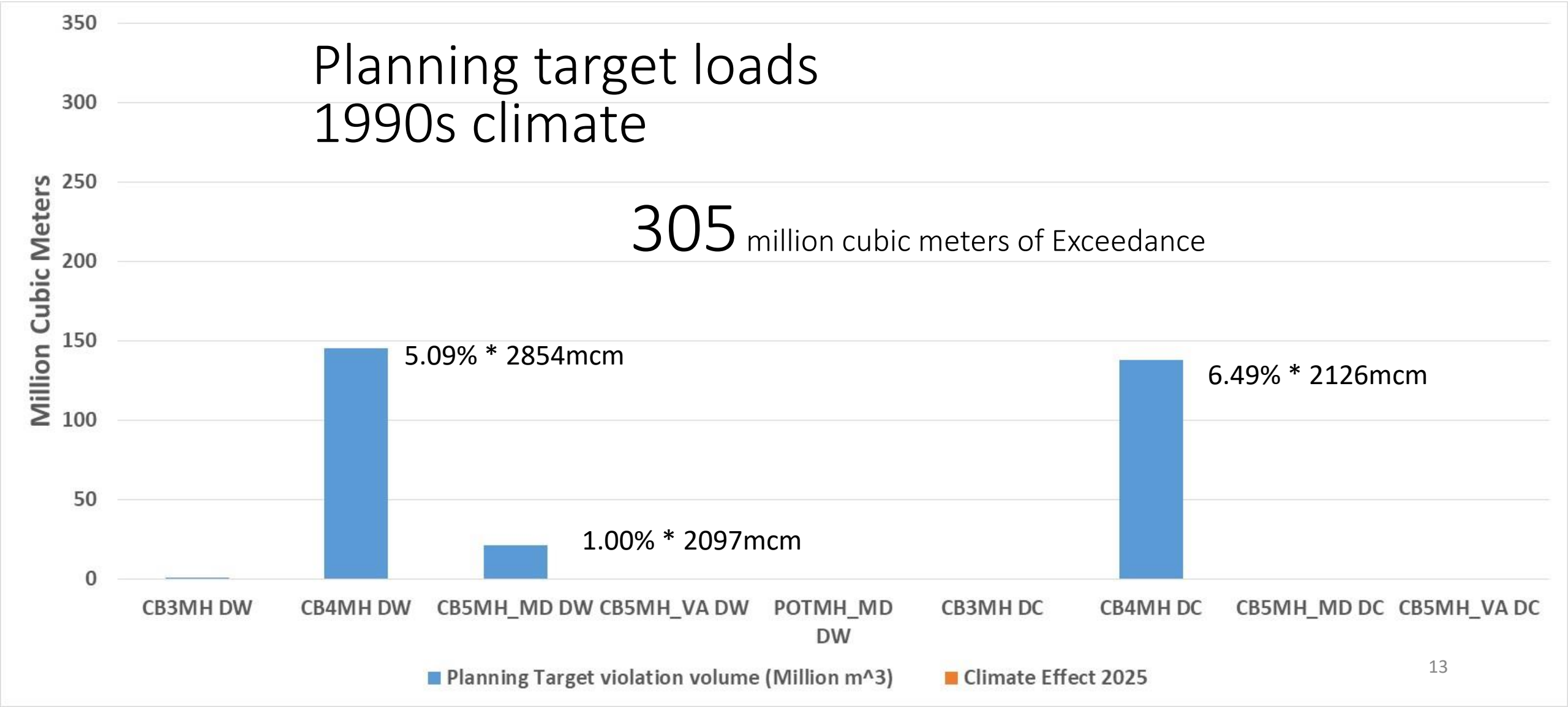

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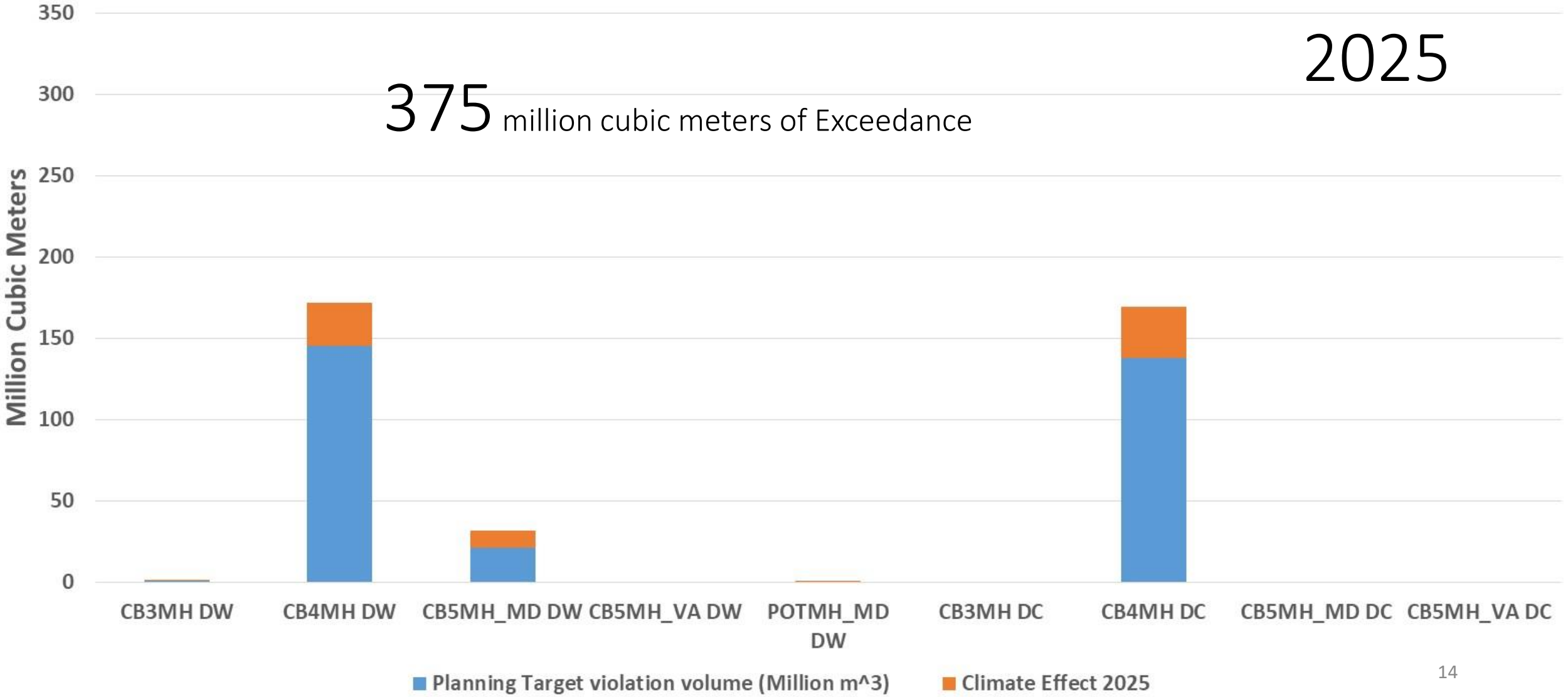
2025

375 million cubic meters of Exceedance



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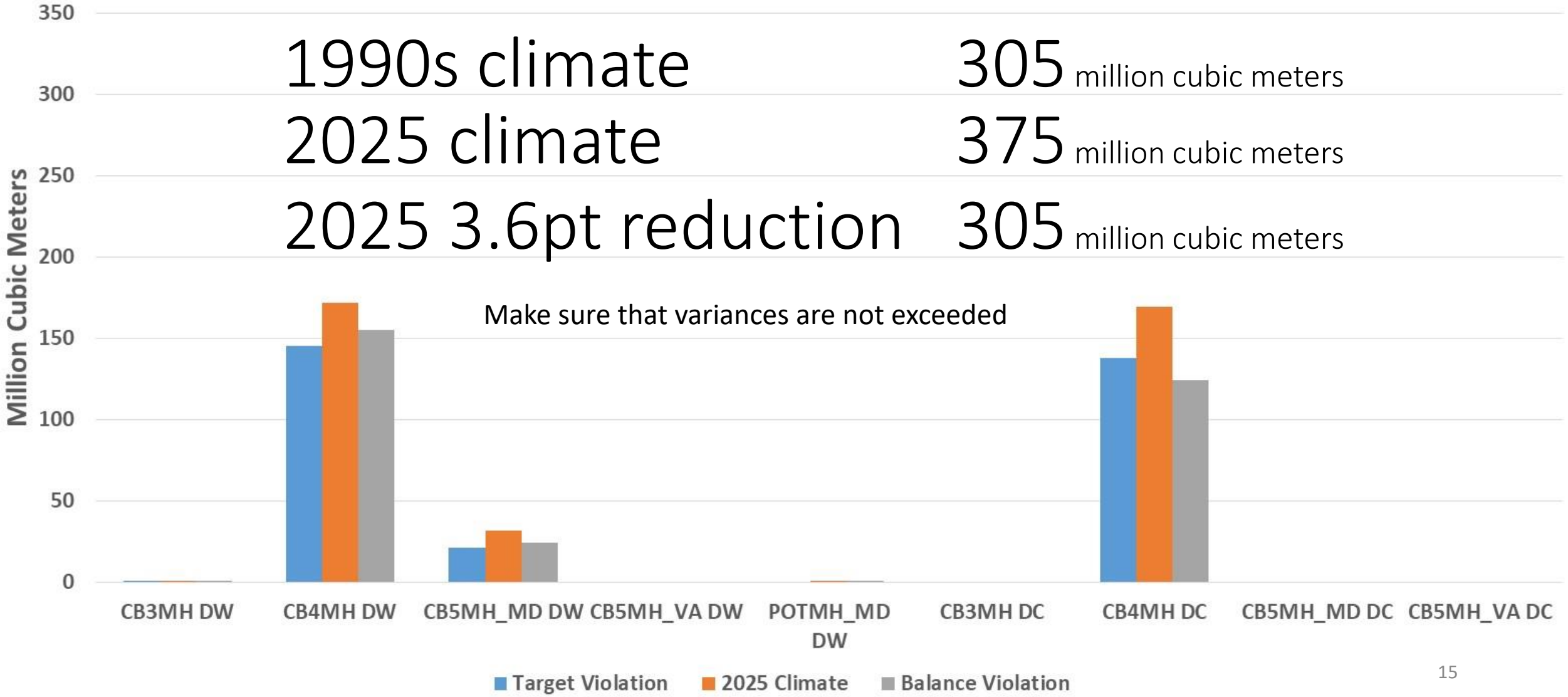
1990s climate 305 million cubic meters

2025 climate 375 million cubic meters

2025 3.6pt reduction 305 million cubic meters

Make sure that variances are not exceeded



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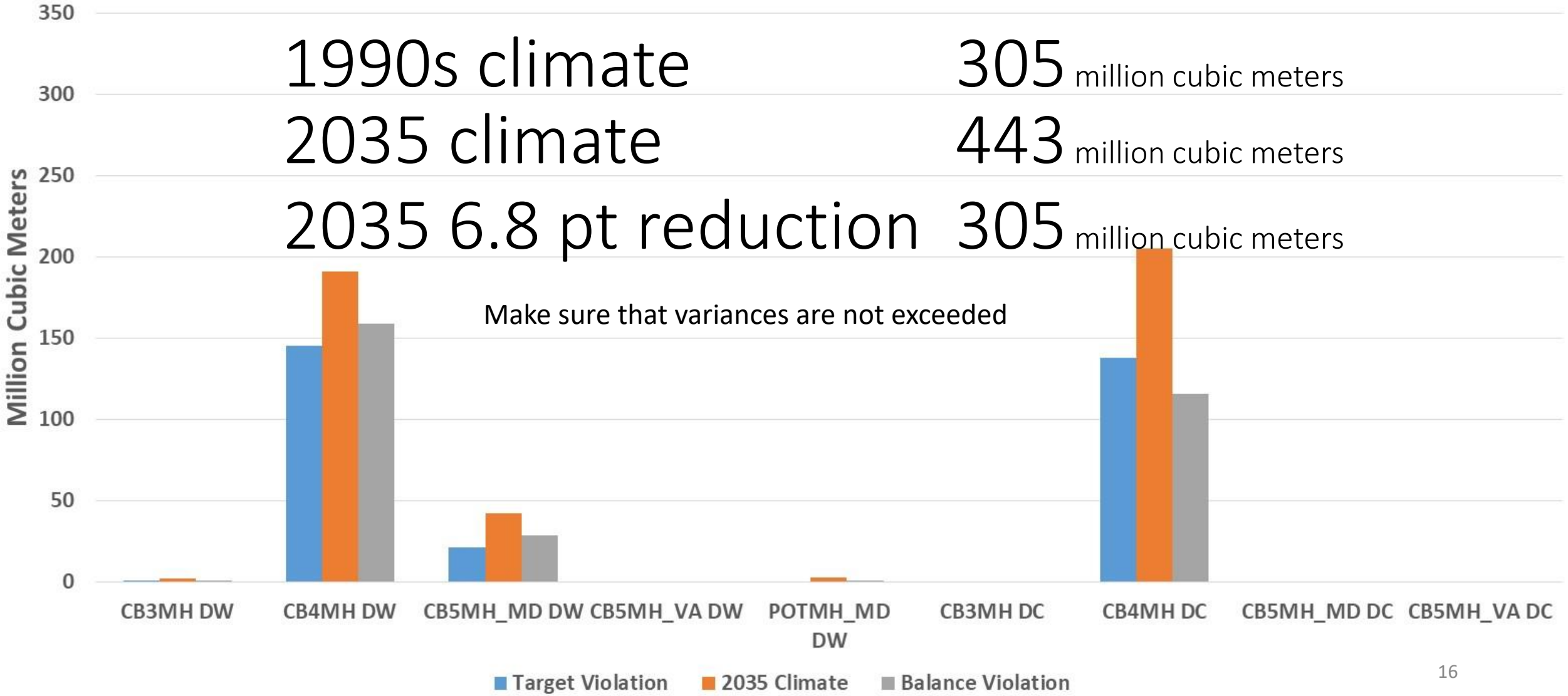
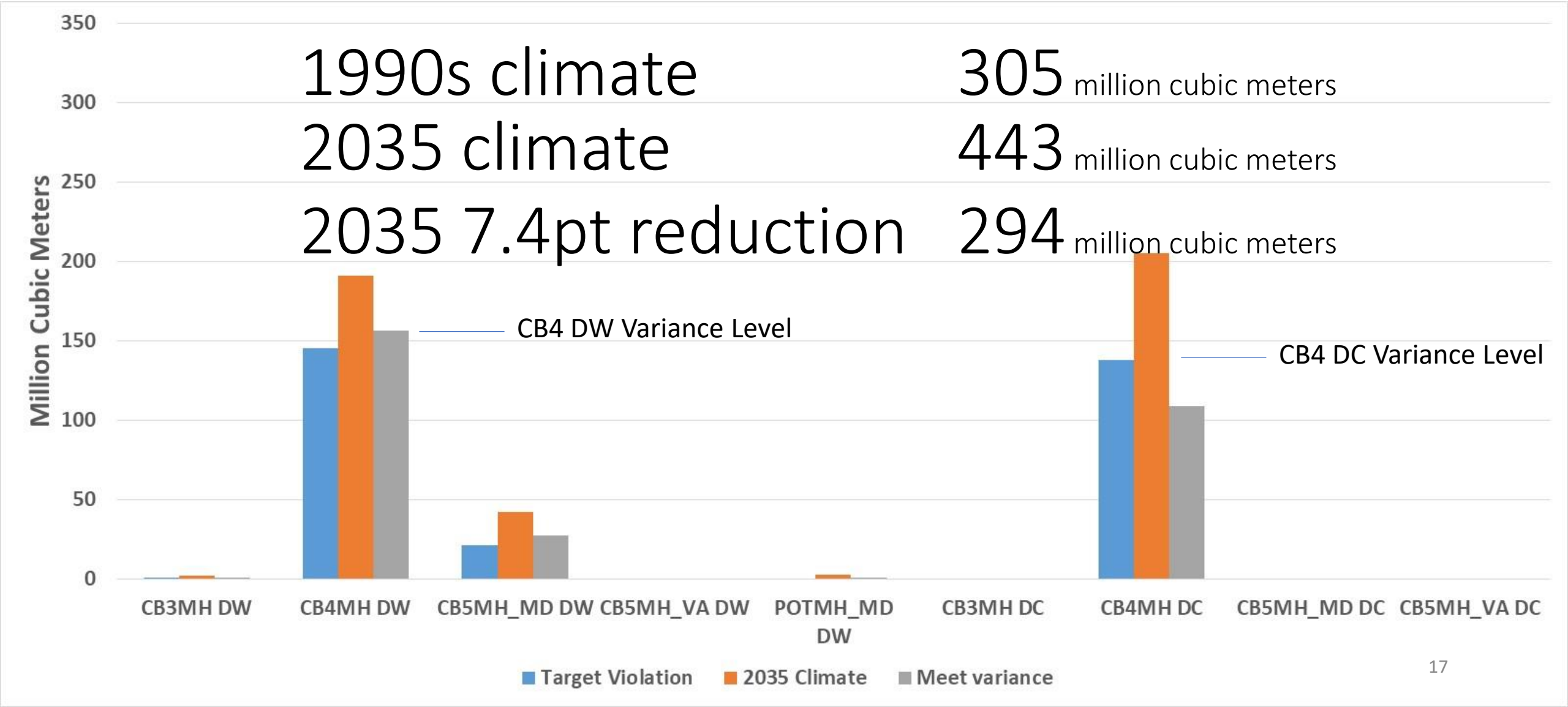


2035 DWDC lower load to meet CB4 DW



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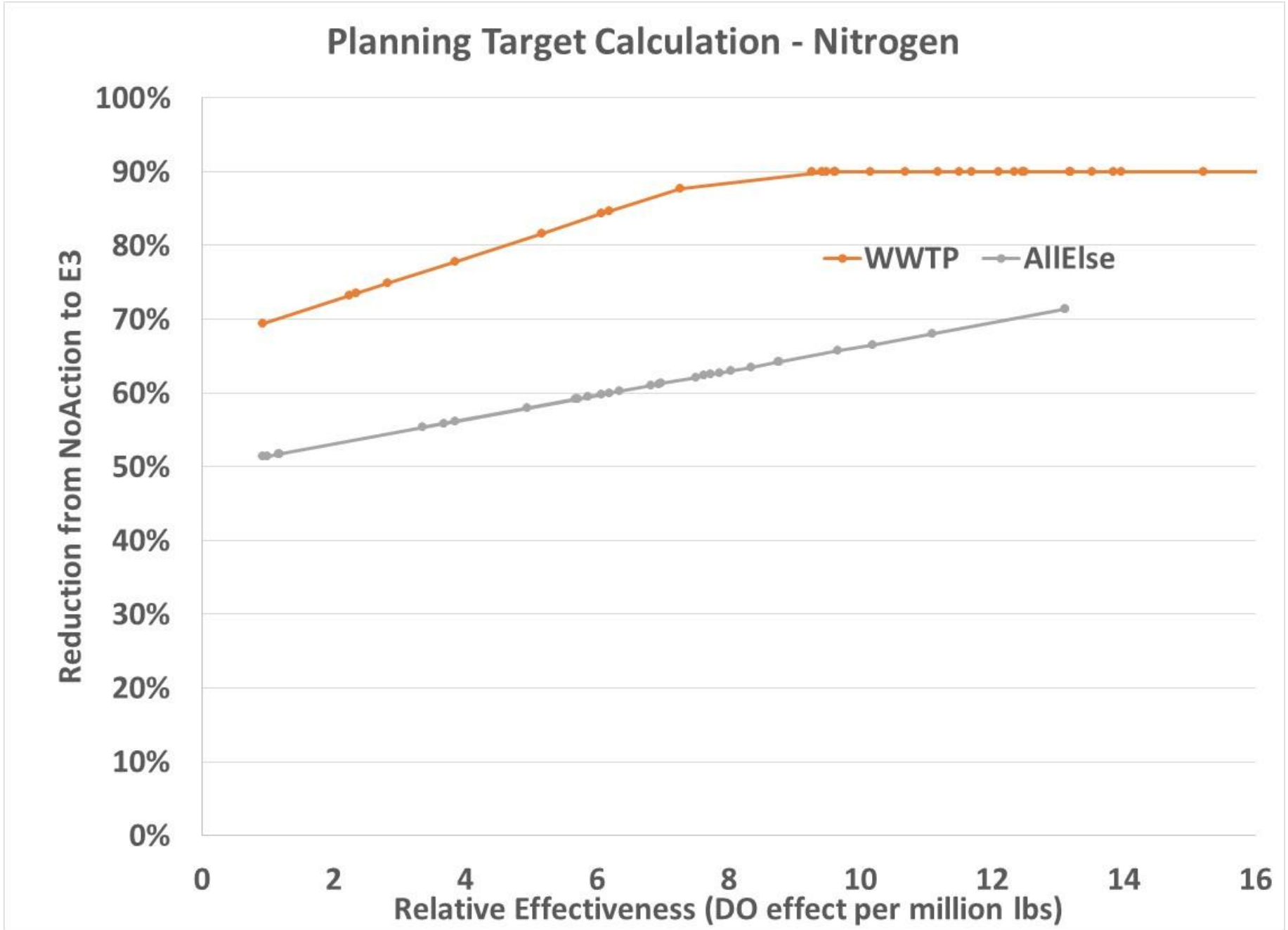
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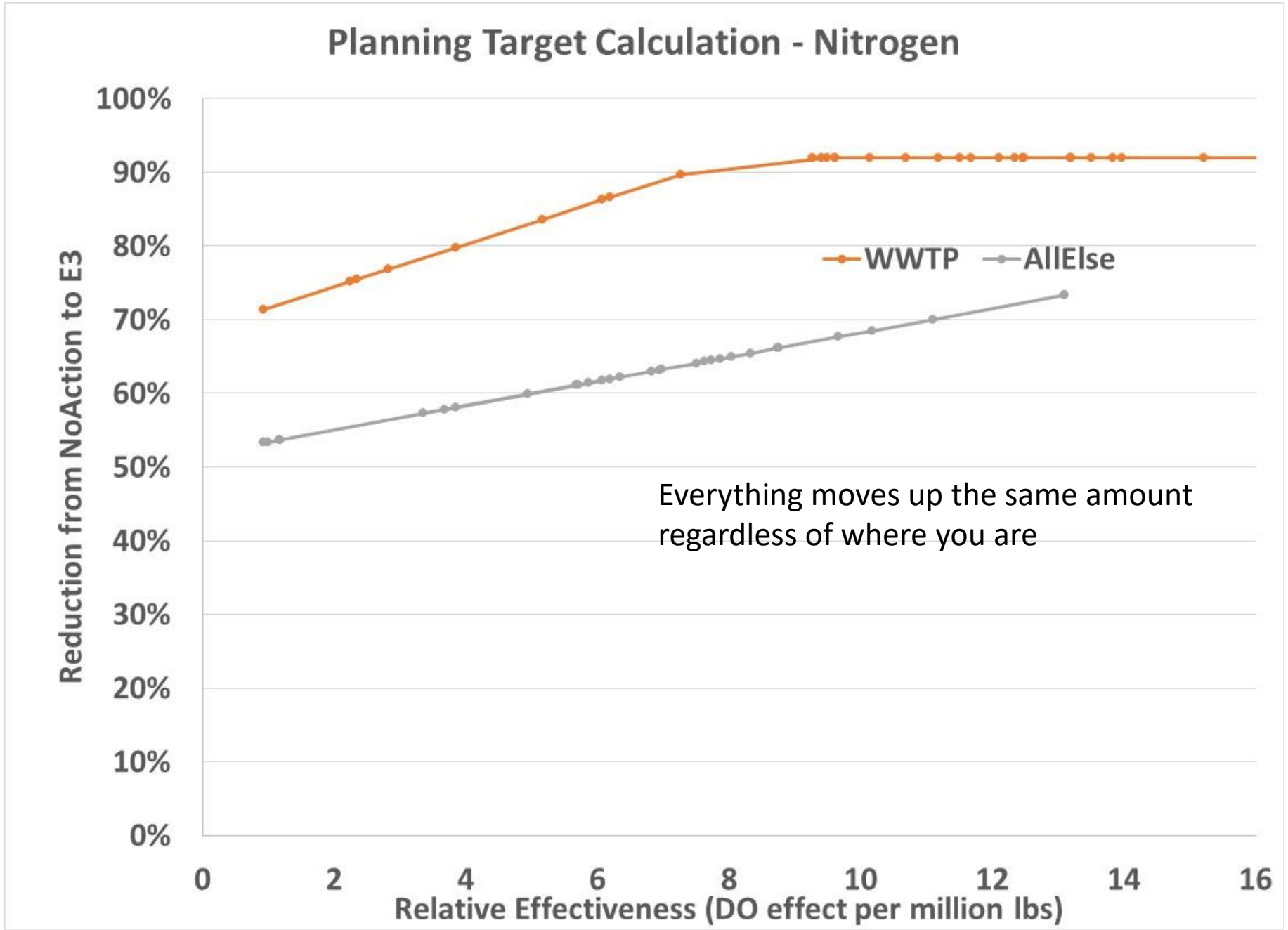
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Everything moves up the same amount regardless of where you are
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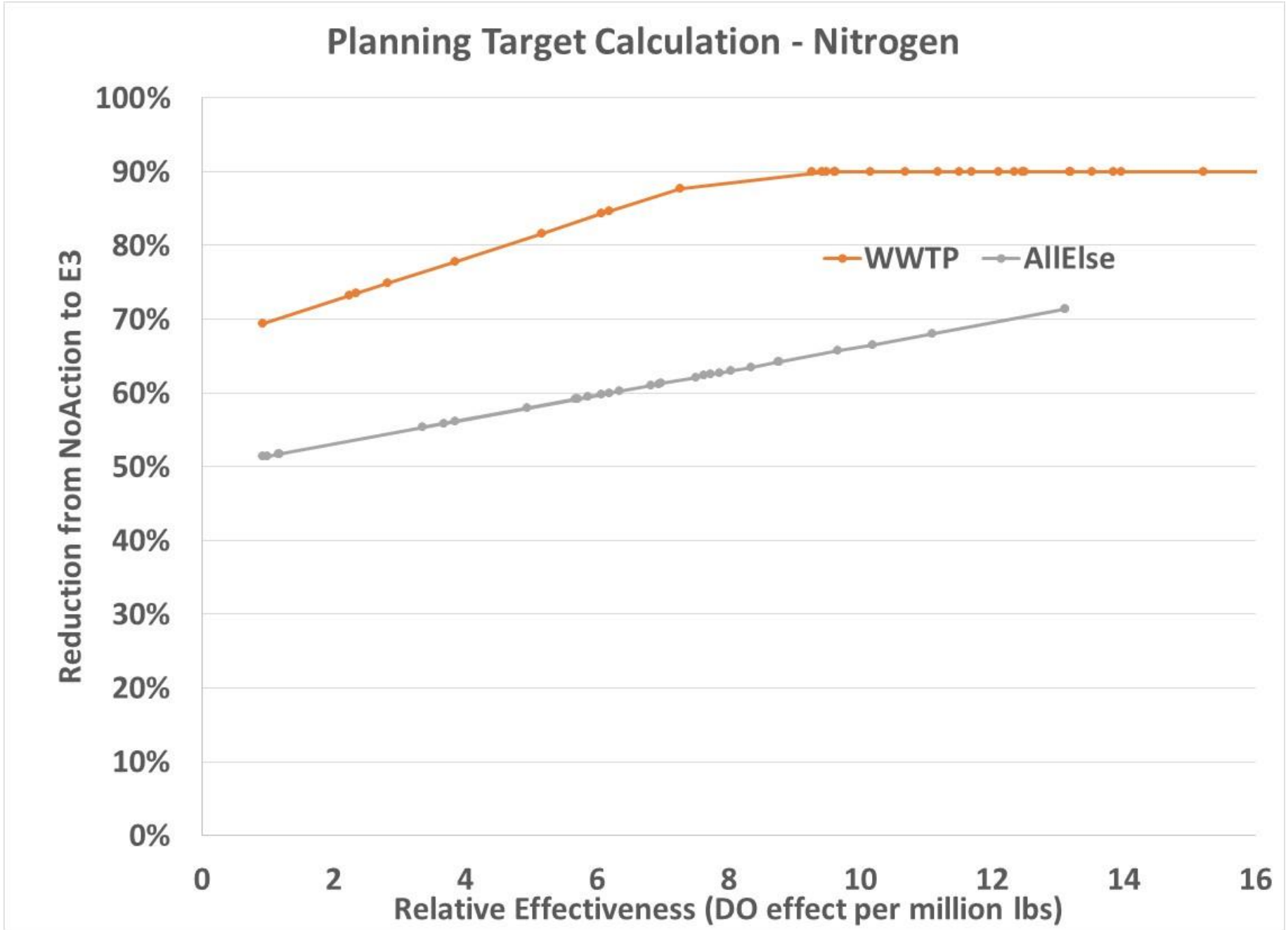
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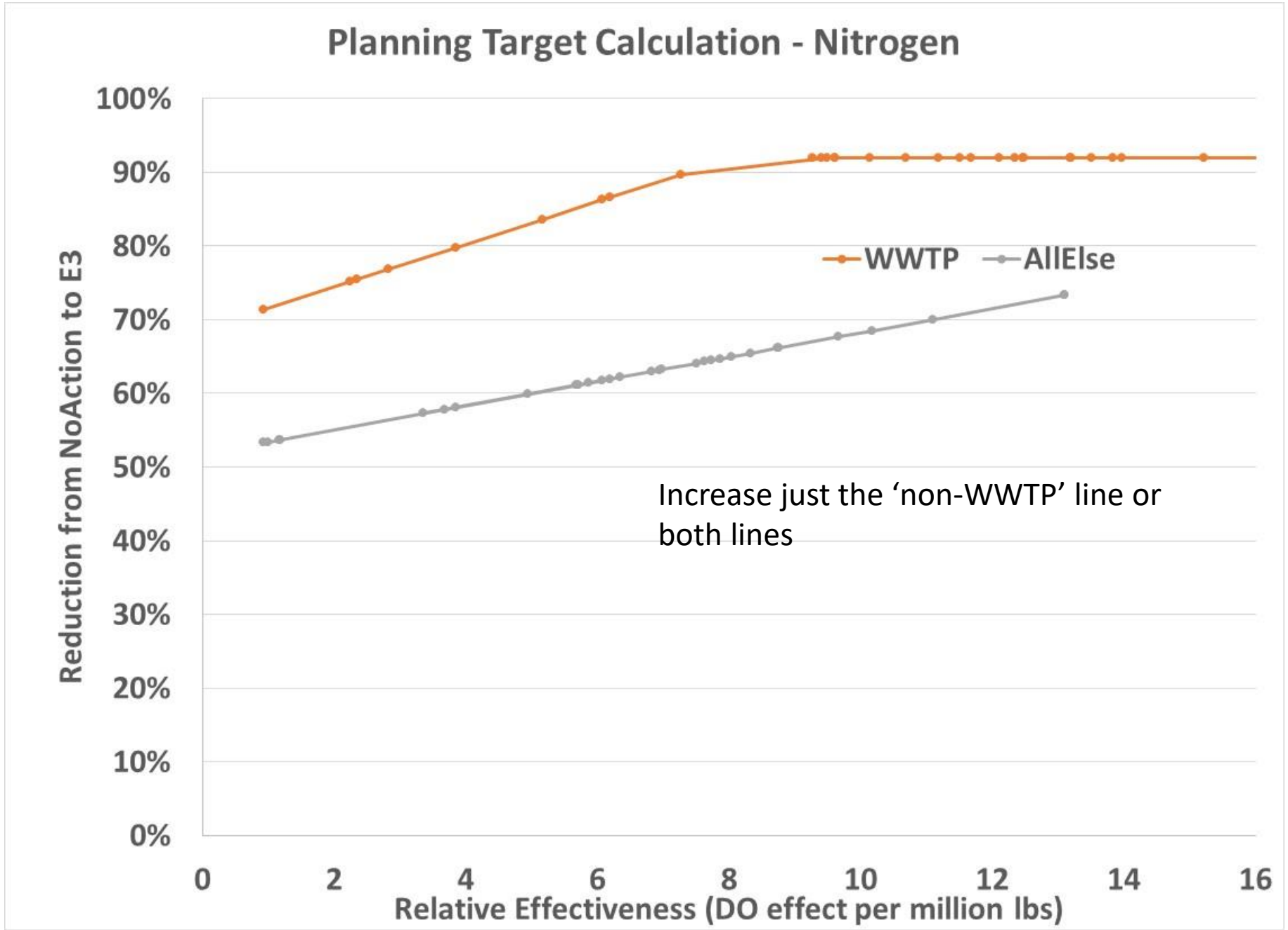
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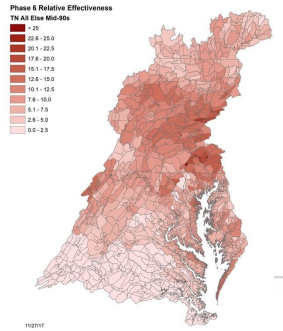
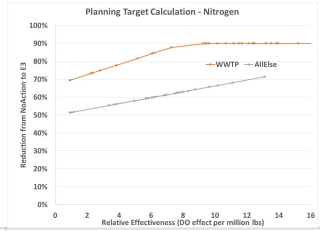
Watershed Loads First





- Ran WQSTM run to show reduced non-attainment for jurisdiction reductions equal to the climate load increase
- Allocated remaining effect

	Climate Increase		Allocated Additional Reduction		Total Reduction
DC	0.00		0.00		0.00
DE	0.00		0.01		0.01
MD	0.11		0.09		0.20
NY	0.04	+	0.01	=	0.06
PA	0.09		0.12		0.21
VA	0.34		0.16		0.49
WV	0.01		0.01		0.02
Total	0.60		0.40		1.00

2025, phosphorus, OWDWDC, non-WWTP example

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Year Decision

- What change to account for –
  - 1995-2025
  - 1995-2035
- When the reductions would need to be accomplished
  - 2025
  - 2035
  - Some other date

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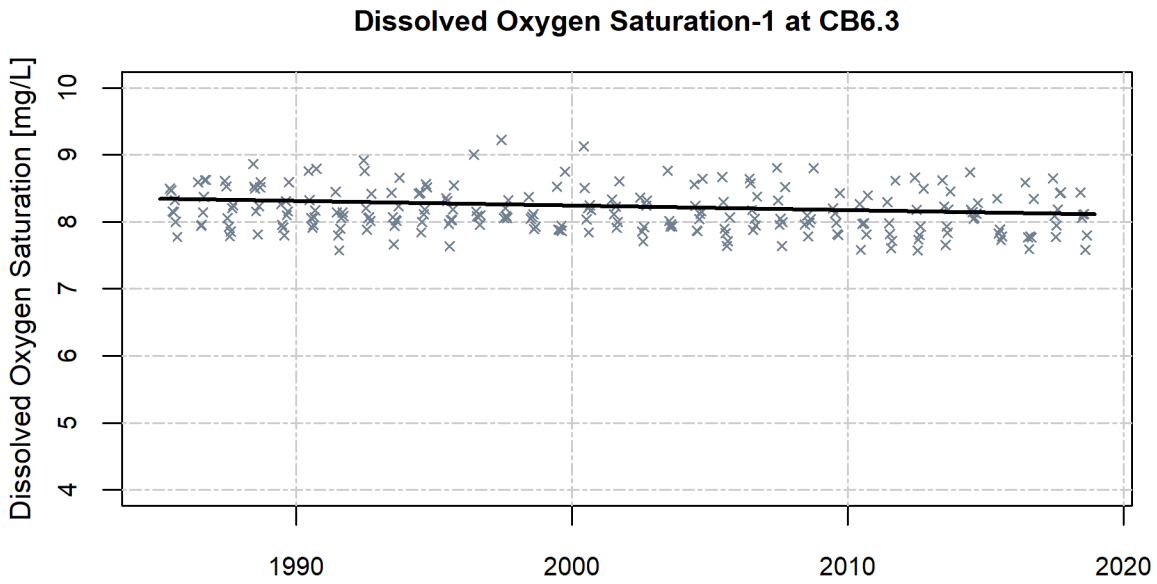
Open water is important!

- The OW criteria are based on living resource needs for striped bass and other important species
- There is a huge amount of open water (2/3 of the Bay)
- It’s the part of the bay that humans interact with

Open water is likely affected by climate change

- Climate change is decreasing the saturation concentration of oxygen
- Open water is more often saturated or super saturated so it will be decreased by a lowering of the saturation level
- Deep water and Deep Channel rarely approach saturation, so lowering of the saturation concentration may have less of an effect



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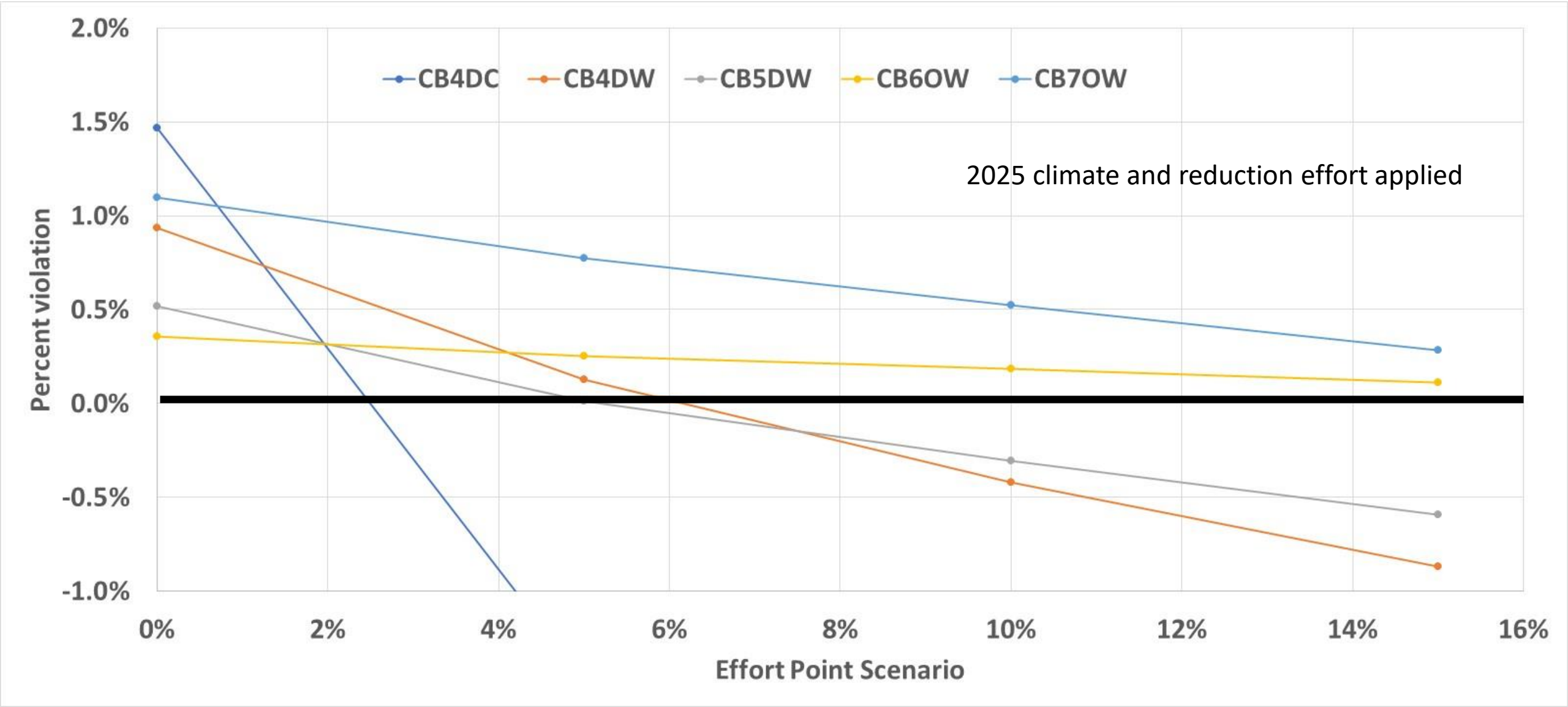

Open Water violation rates in large CBSEGs

- Most areas do not reach violation, even by 2055
- CB6 and CB7 are much more effected

Cbseg	Planning Target	2025	2035	2045	2055
CB1TF	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
CB2OH	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
CB3MH	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
CB4MH	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
CB5MH_MD	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
CB5MH_VA	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
CB6PH	0.03%	0.39%	0.71%	0.99%	1.29%
CB7PH	0.32%	1.41%	2.11%	3.02%	4.19%
CB8PH	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

Cbseg	Planning Target	2025	2035	2045	2055
PAXMH	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.03%
POTMH_MD	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
RPPMH	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
YRKPH	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
MOBPH	0.00%	0.00%	0.01%	0.11%	0.16%
JMSPH	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
CHSMH	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
EASMH	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
CHOMH2	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
TANMH_MD	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
TANMH_VA	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.03%

https://www.chesapeakebay.net/content/publications/cbp_13218.pdf

Why are CB6 and CB7 acting so differently?

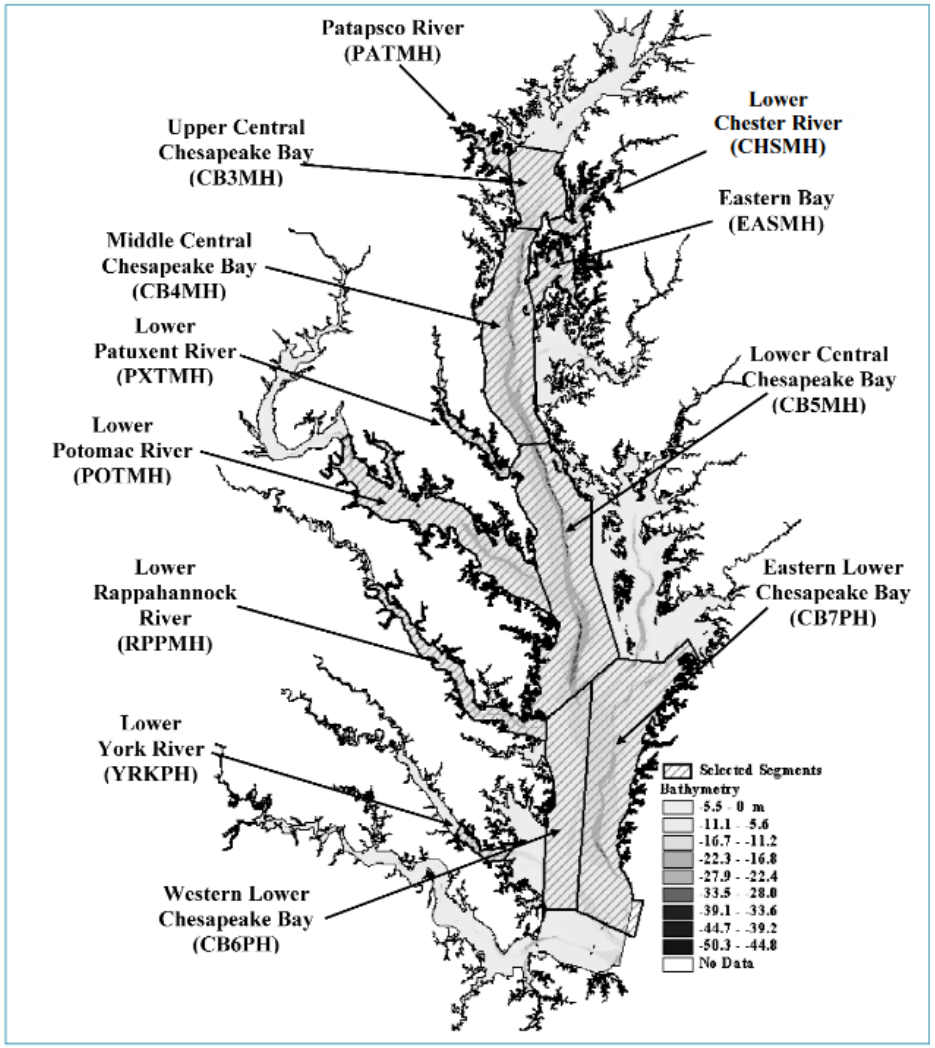

Figure IV-19. Chesapeake Bay Program segments identified as having chronic low dissolved oxygen

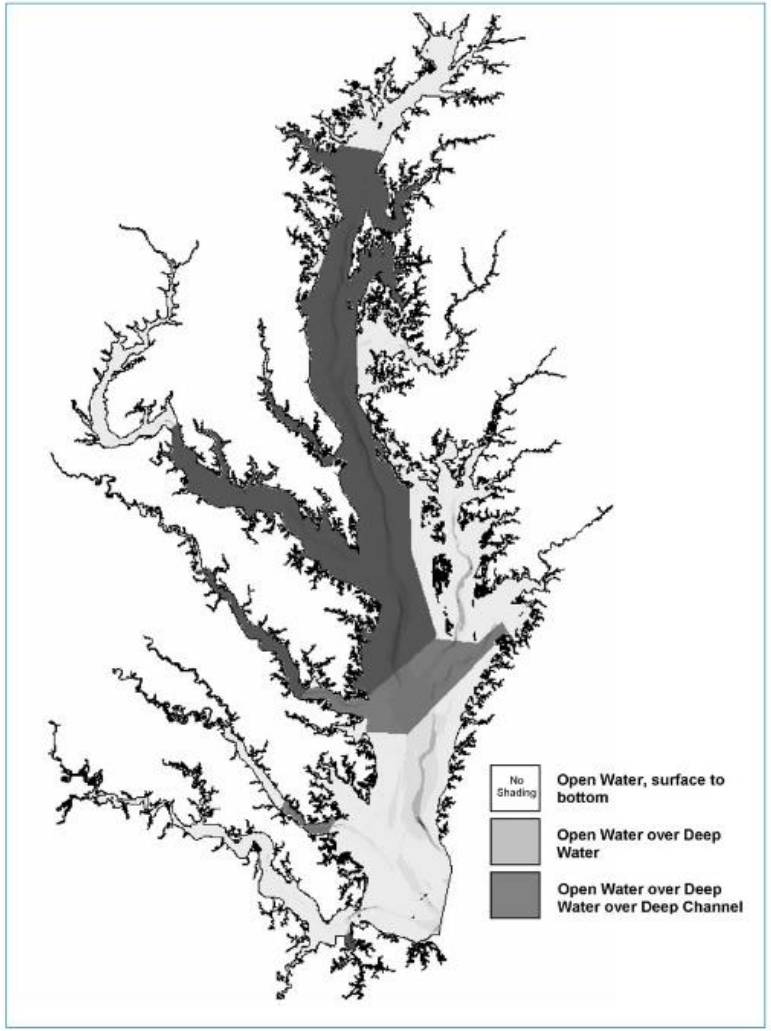

Figure IV-23. Map showing the dissolved oxygen designated uses of the Chesapeake Bay and its tidal tributaries.

- 2003 Technical Support Document

"The delineation of the boundary was determined by examining maps of contemporary dissolved oxygen concentration distributions and the anecdotal historical dissolved oxygen concentration data record."

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CB6 boundary moved in 2004

- Chosen as:
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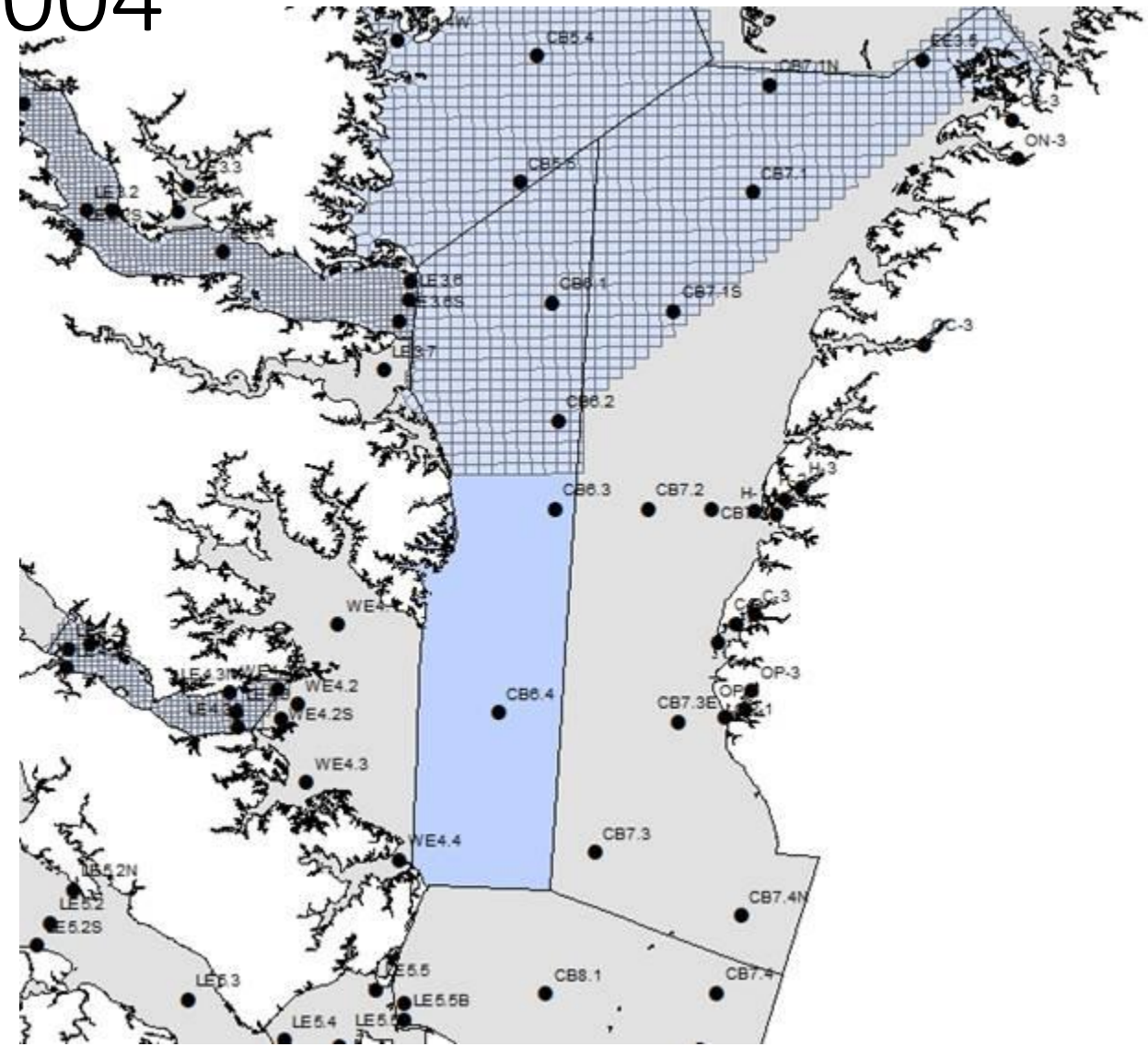

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Are there violations above the pycnocline in CB6 and CB7?

- There are no violations in the surface mixed layer at 2035 at WIP implementation.
- The violation is in the deeper ocean-influence water.

Scenario	Planning Target	2025	2035	2045	2055	2035 - DW everywhere
CB1TF	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
CB2OH	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
CB3MH	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
CB4MH	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
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CB5MH_VA	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
CB6PH	0.03%	0.39%	0.71%	0.99%	1.29%	0.00%
CB7PH	0.32%	1.41%	2.11%	3.02%	4.19%	0.00%
CB8PH	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

Open Water Thoughts

- Open water is an important use for living resources
- Open water may be more affected by temperature due to concentrations closer to saturation
- The Modeling Workgroup did not advocate for the WQGIT to drive allocations with CB6 and CB7 open water
  - Relatively insensitive to load reductions
  - No other Mainstem Open Water violations through 2055
    - Other large rivers mostly have no violations through 2055
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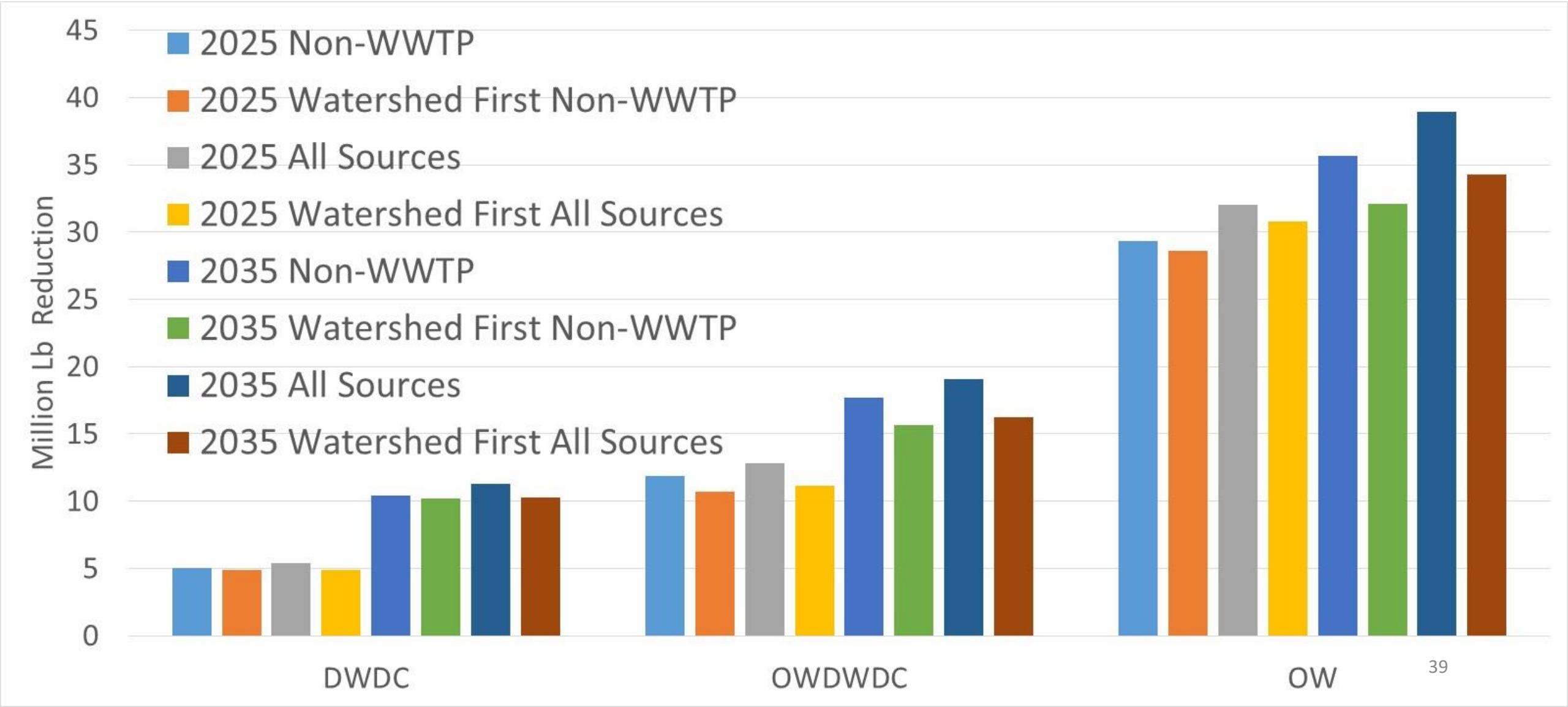

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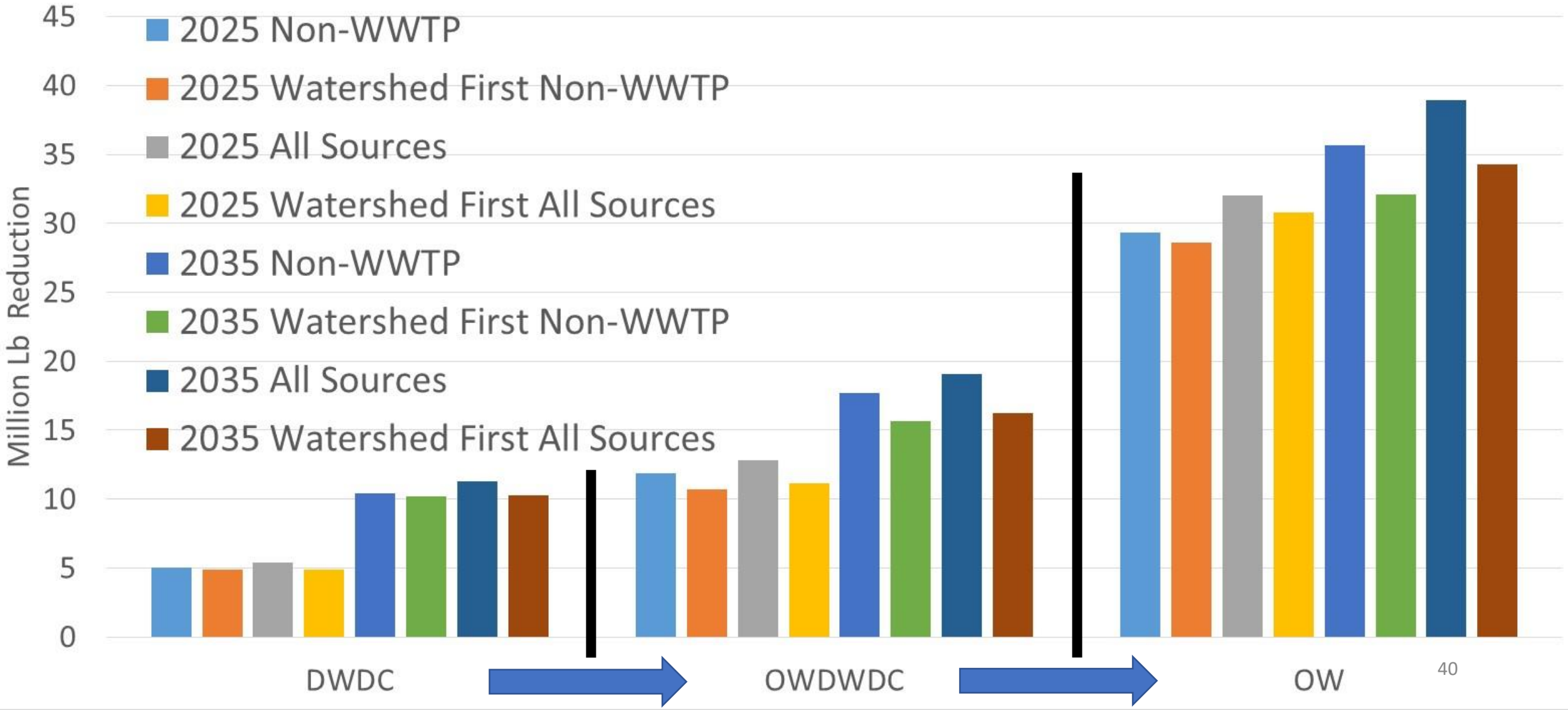

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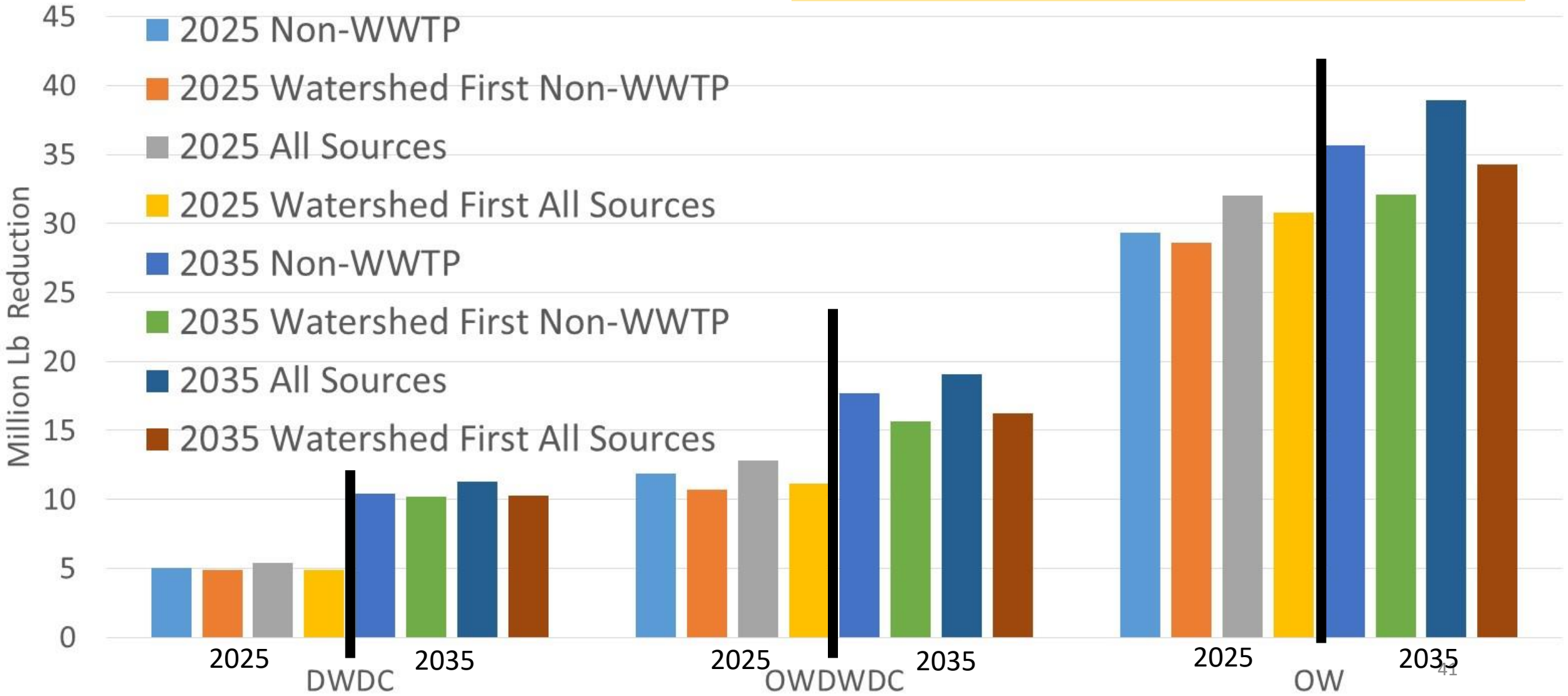

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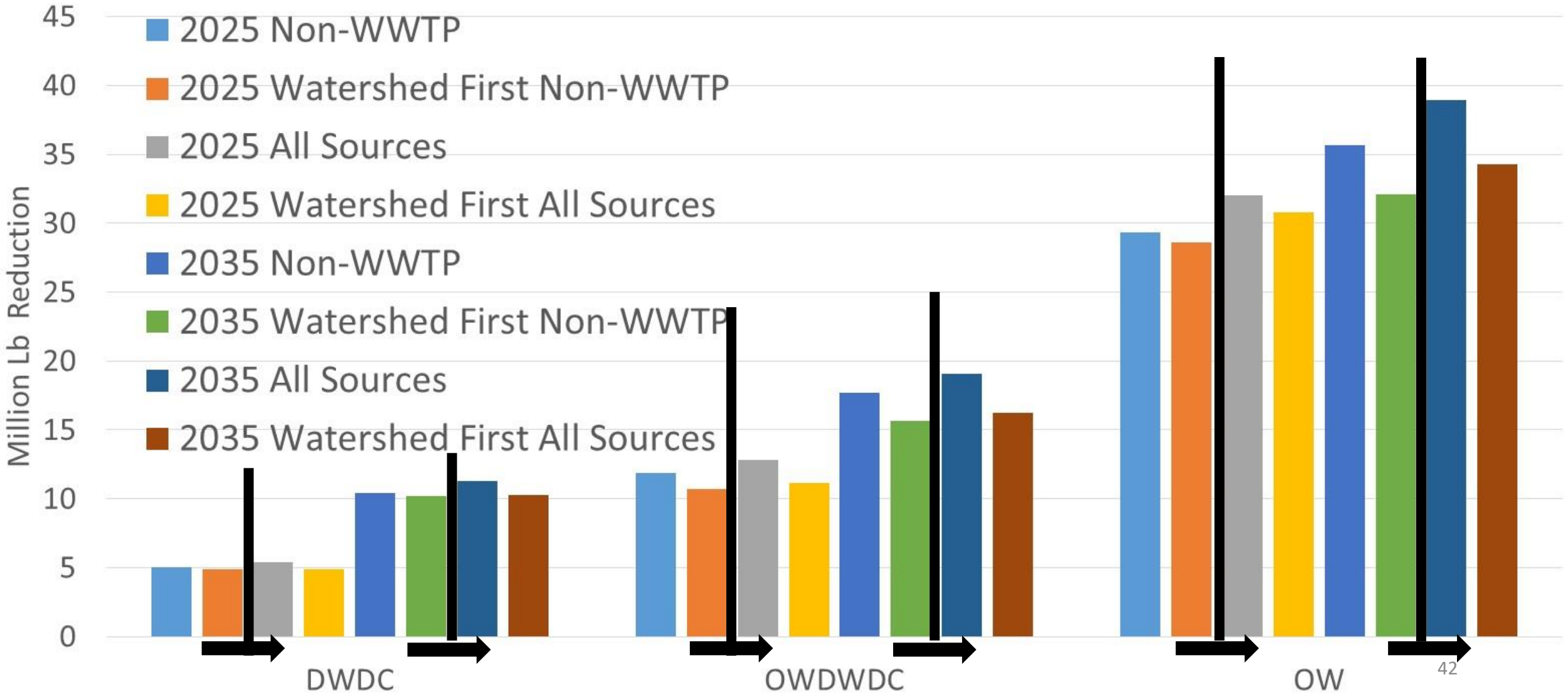

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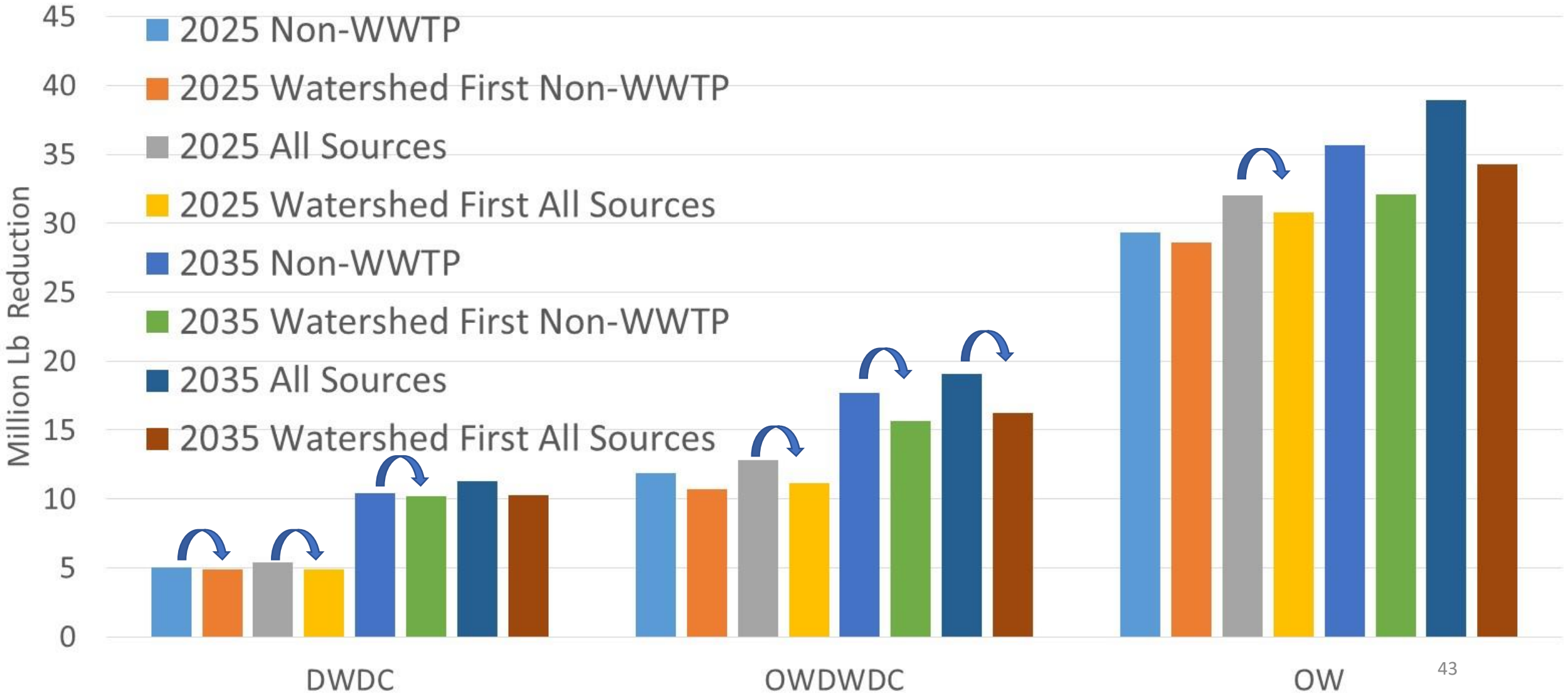

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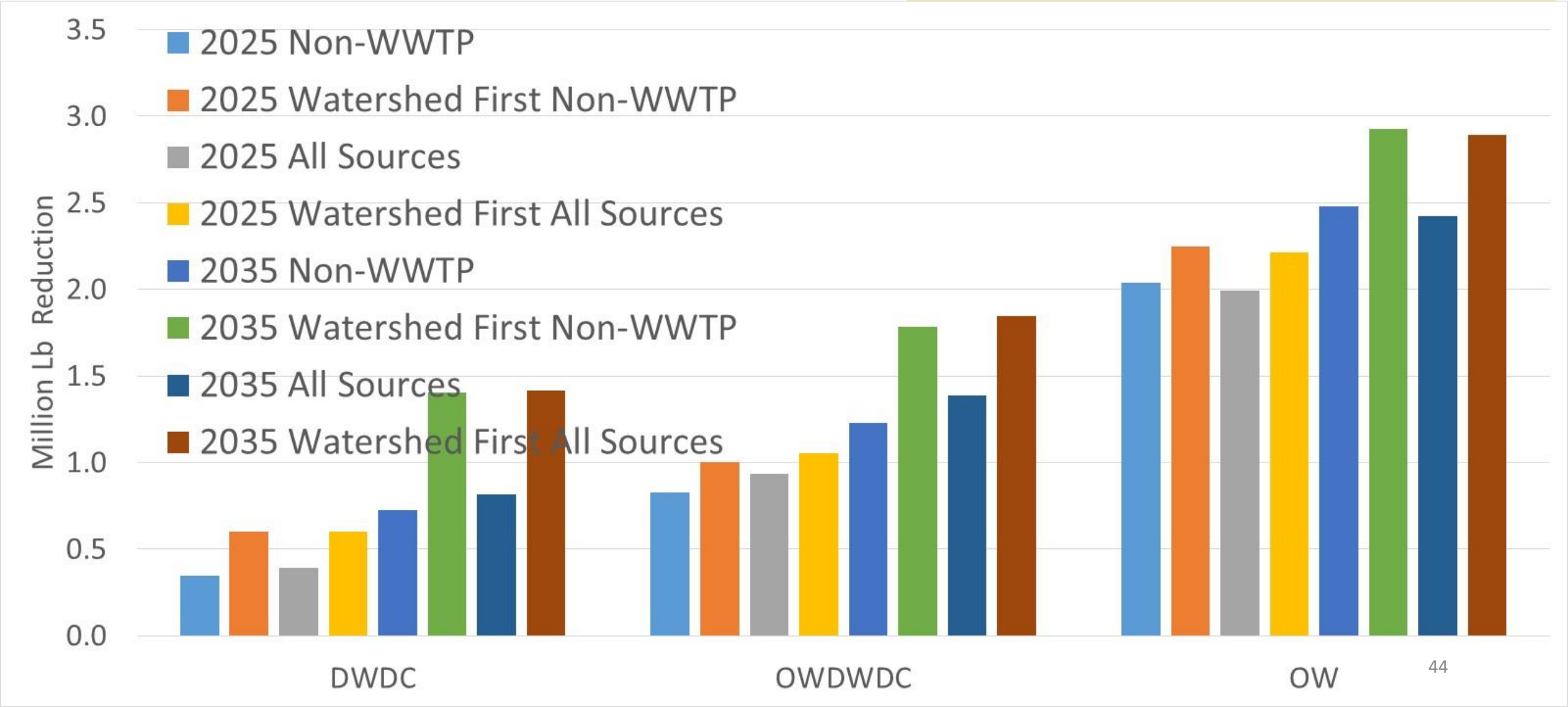

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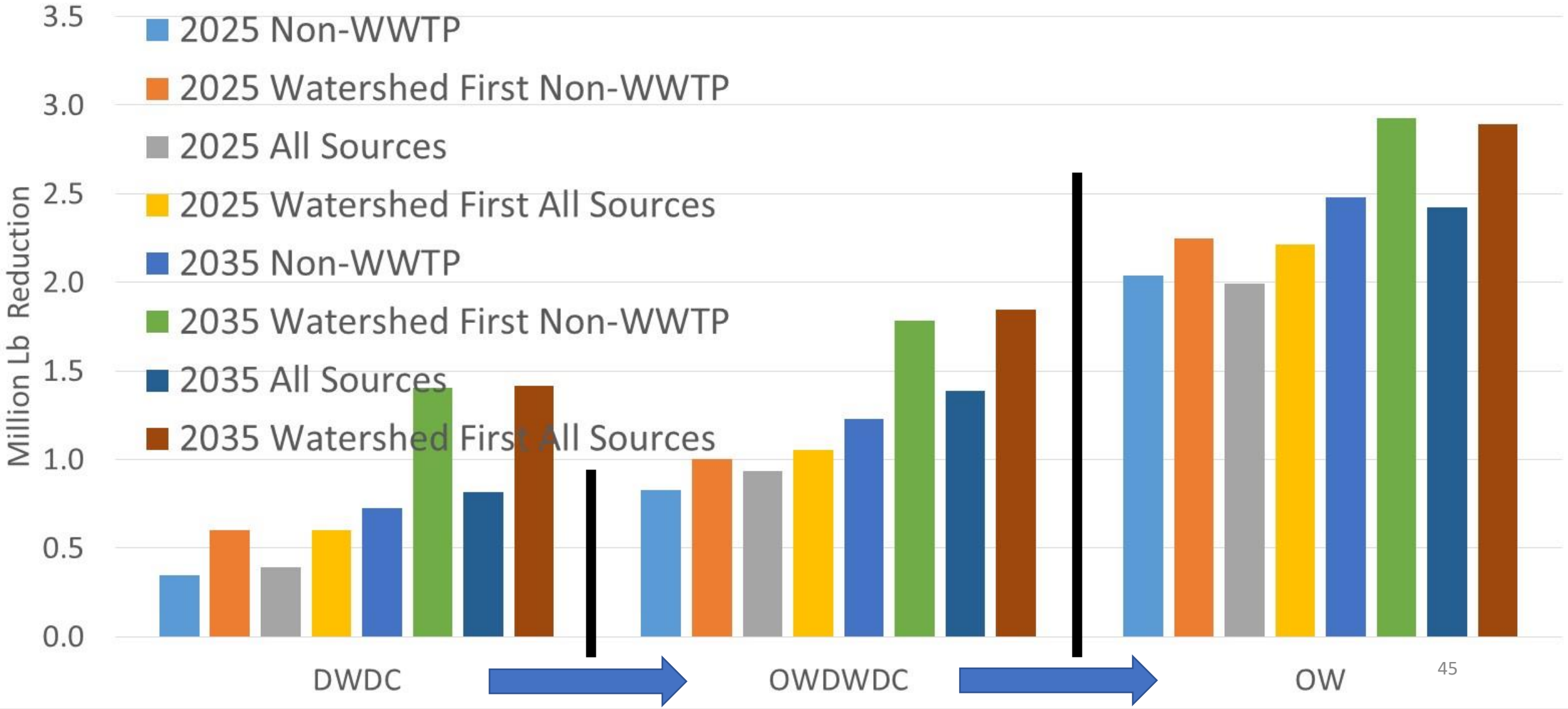

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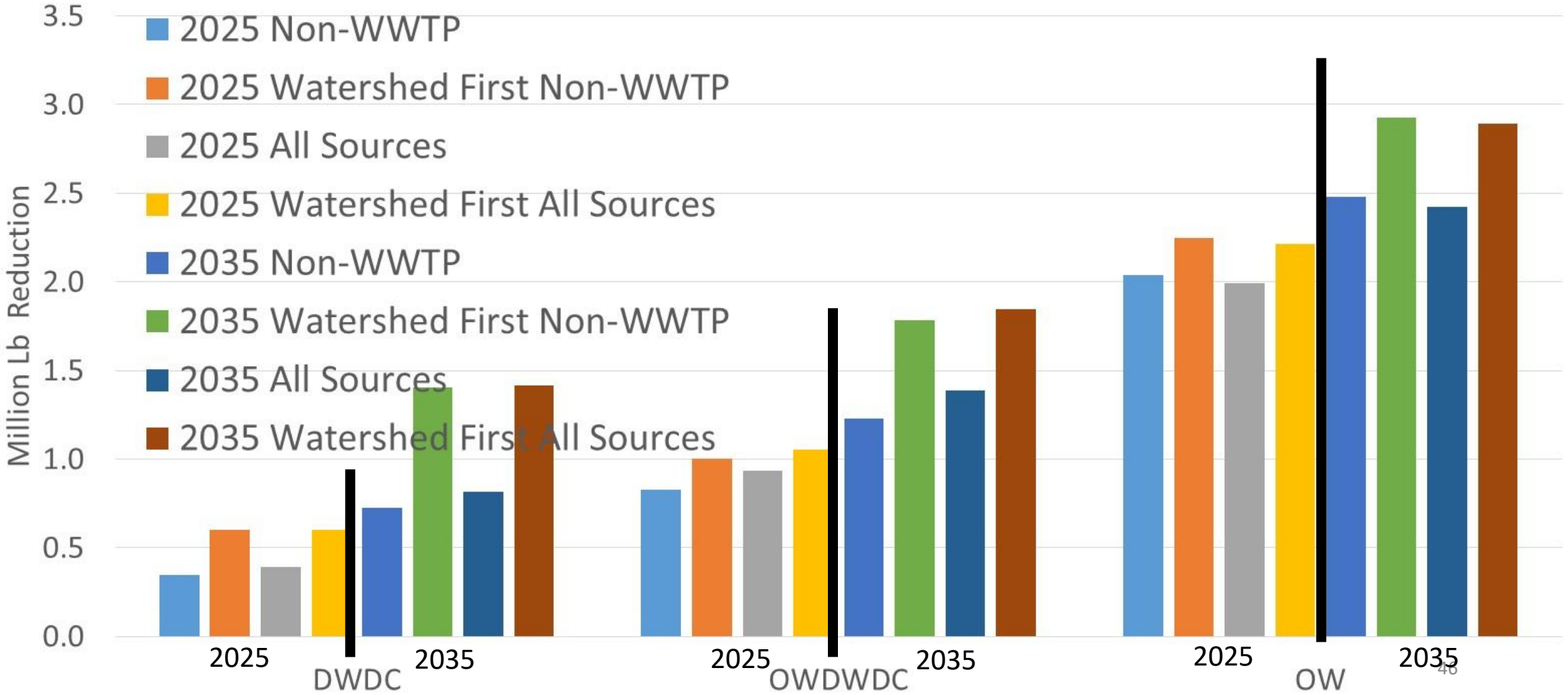

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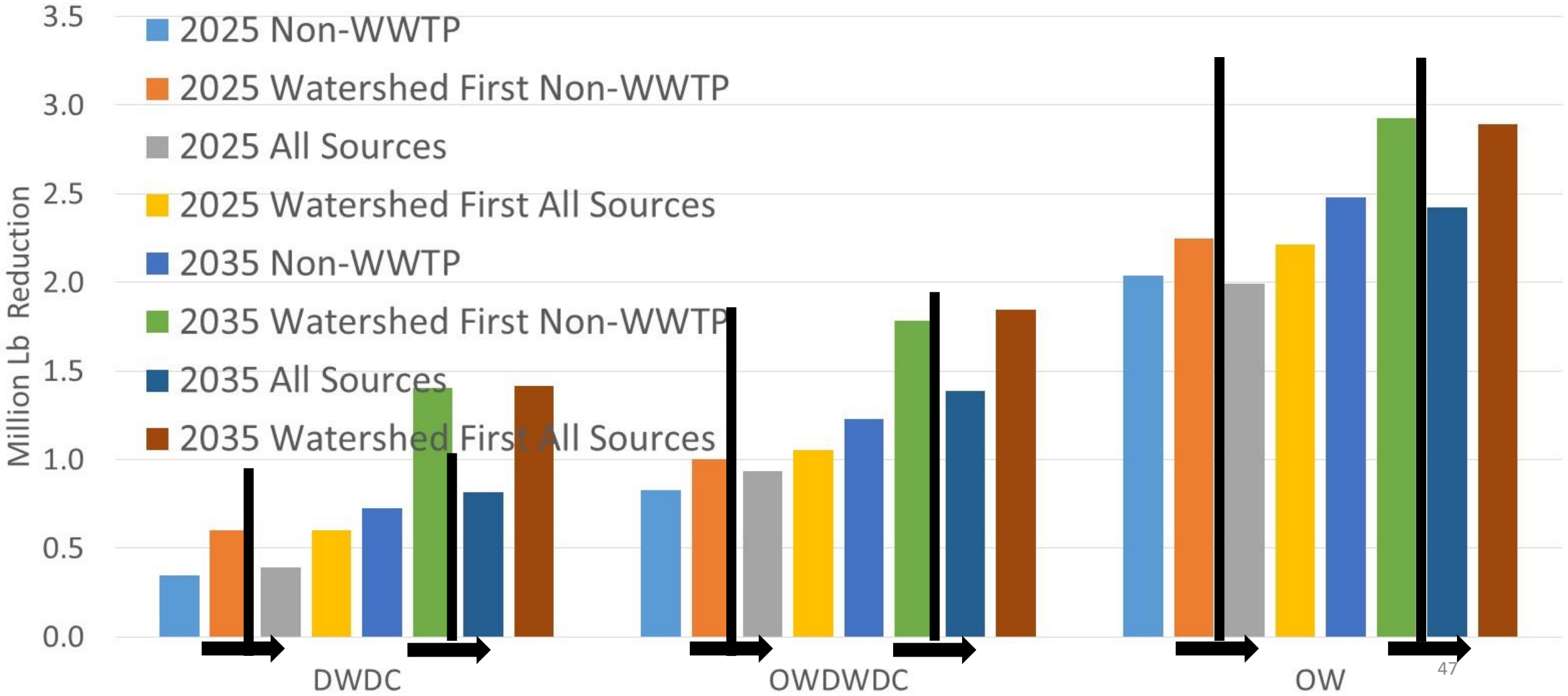

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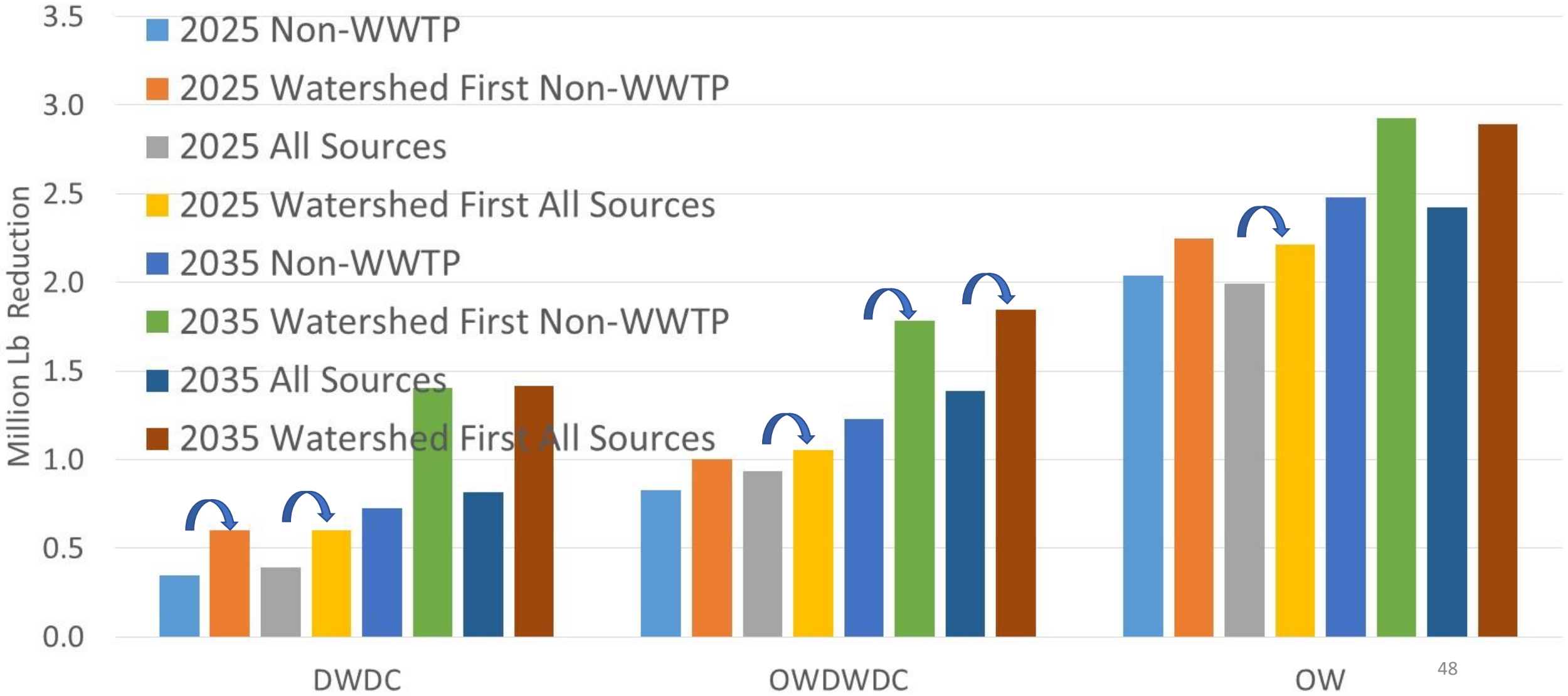

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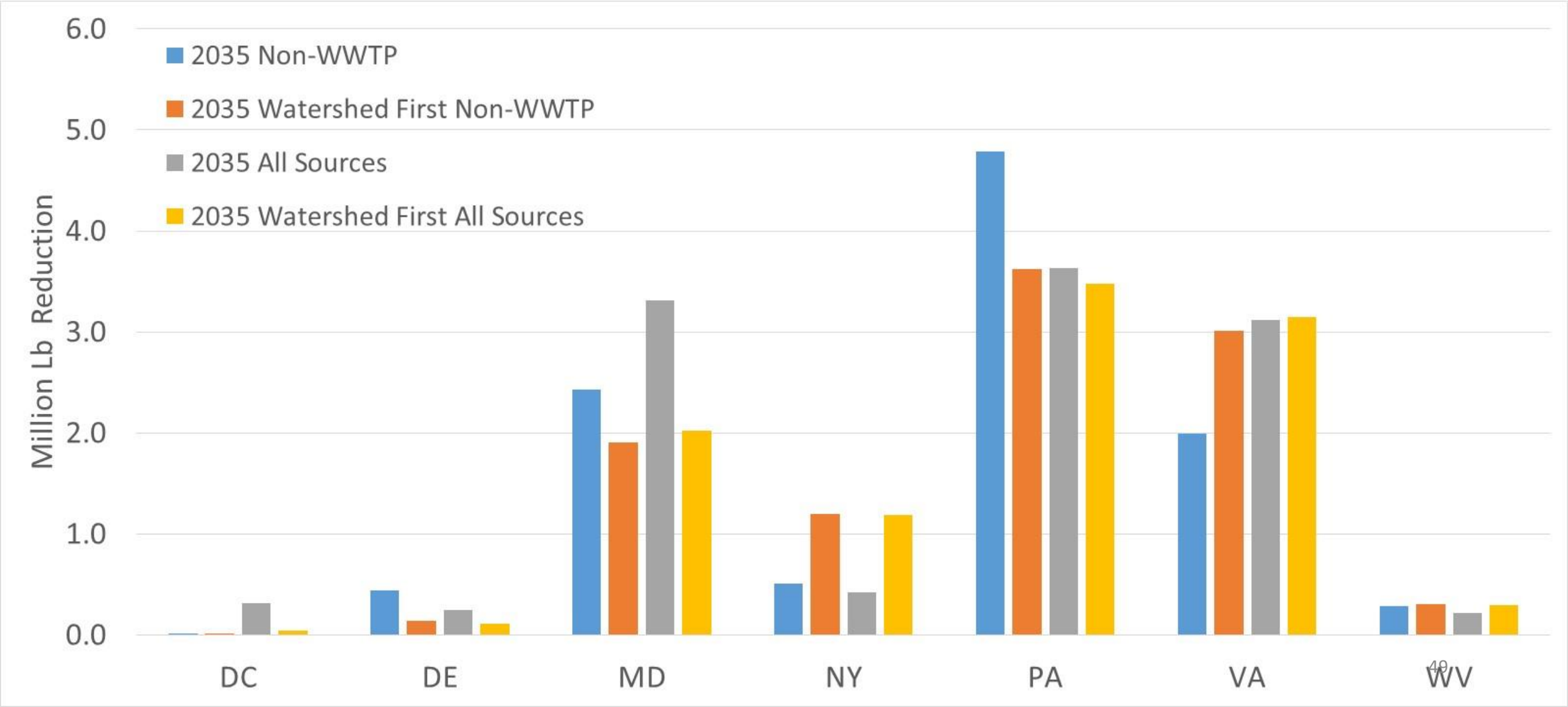

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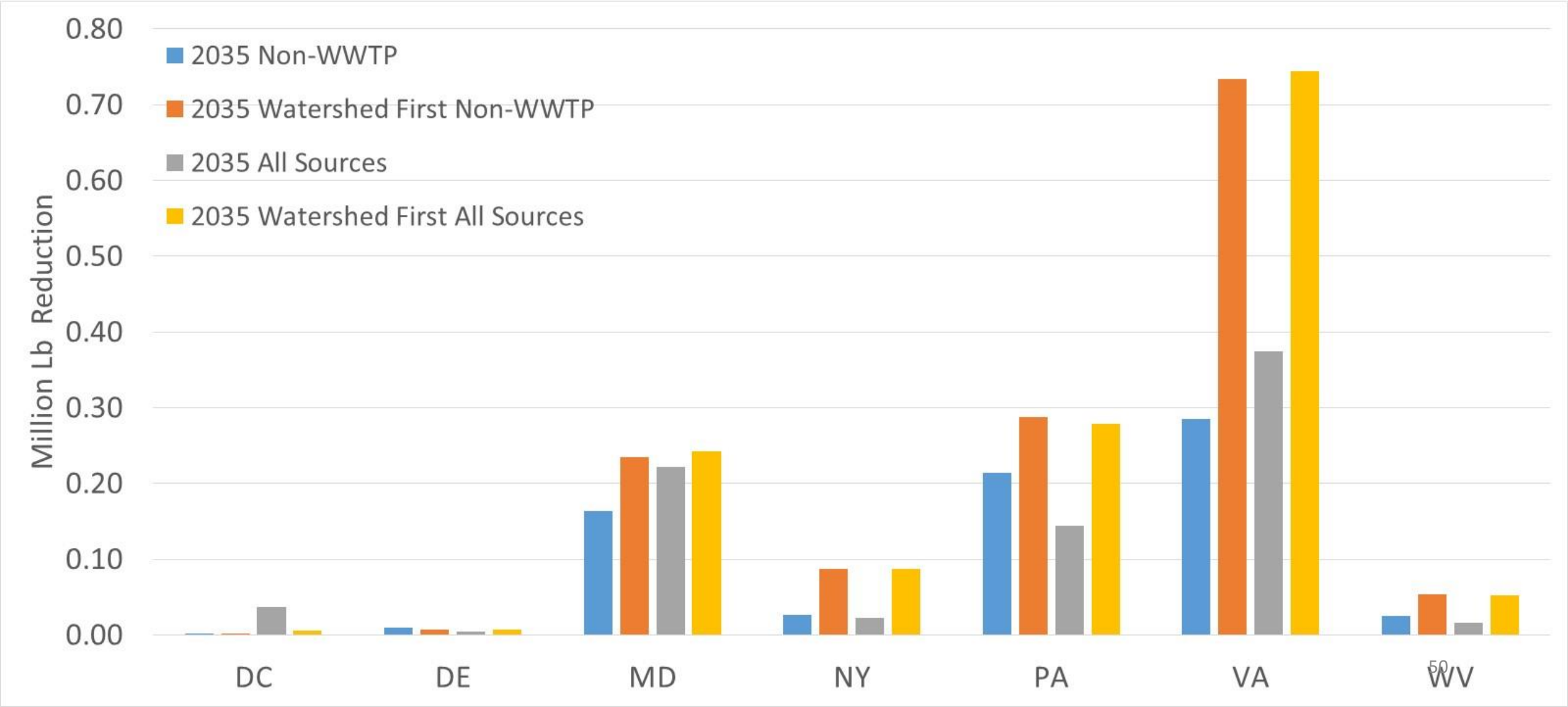

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DU	DWDC	DWDC	DWDC	DWDC	DWDC	DWDC	DWDC	DWDC	DWDC	DWDC	DWDC	DWDC	DWDC
Year	2025.00	2035.00	2025.00	2035.00	2025.00	2035.00	2025.00	2035.00	2025.00	2035.00	2025.00	2035.00	2025.00
Loads First	All allocation	All allocation	Loads First	Loads First	All allocation	All allocation	Loads First	Loads First	All allocation	All allocation	Loads First	Loads First	All allocation
Nutrient	TN	TN	TN	TN	TN	TN	TN	TN	TP	TP	TP	TP	TP
DC	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.15	0.32	0.01	0.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.02
DE	0.21	0.44	0.04	0.14	0.12	0.24	0.04	0.11	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00
MD	1.16	2.43	1.06	1.91	1.59	3.31	1.06	2.02	0.08	0.16	0.11	0.23	0.11
NY	0.24	0.50	0.70	1.20	0.20	0.42	0.70	1.19	0.01	0.03	0.04	0.09	0.01
PA	2.30	4.79	1.68	3.62	1.74	3.63	1.68	3.47	0.10	0.21	0.09	0.29	0.07
VA	0.96	1.99	1.48	3.01	1.50	3.12	1.48	3.15	0.14	0.29	0.34	0.73	0.18
WV	0.14	0.29	-0.05	0.31	0.10	0.21	-0.05	0.30	0.01	0.03	0.01	0.05	0.01
Total	5.01	10.45	4.91	10.19	5.40	11.25	4.91	10.29	0.35	0.73	0.60	1.40	0.39
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Nutrient	TN	TN	TN	TN	TN	TN	TN	TN	TP	TP	TP	TP	TP
DC	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.54	0.18	0.21	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.36	0.04
DE	0.50	0.75	0.28	0.37	0.01	0.41	0.17	0.24	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.28	0.00
MD	2.76	4.10	2.40	3.18	0.32	5.61	2.90	3.76	0.19	0.28	0.20	3.78	0.25
NY	0.57	0.85	0.98	1.47	0.10	0.71	0.93	1.41	0.03	0.04	0.06	0.48	0.03
PA	5.45	8.10	4.34	6.13	0.40	6.14	3.69	5.38	0.24	0.36	0.21	4.14	0.16
VA	2.27	3.37	2.58	4.06	0.88	5.29	3.21	4.79	0.32	0.48	0.49	3.56	0.43
WV	0.33	0.49	0.11	0.46	0.07	0.36	0.06	0.41	0.03	0.04	0.02	0.24	0.02
Total	11.90	17.67	10.70	15.68	1.79	19.06	11.15	16.21	0.83	1.23	1.00	12.84	0.93

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DE	1.24	1.51	1.04	1.07	0.69	0.84	0.59	0.63	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.01
MD	6.81	8.28	6.57	7.00	9.43	11.46	8.69	9.08	0.46	0.56	0.48	0.58	0.54
NY	1.41	1.72	1.84	2.26	1.19	1.45	1.66	2.08	0.07	0.09	0.10	0.14	0.05
PA	13.44	16.34	12.55	13.67	10.32	12.54	10.03	11.20	0.60	0.73	0.58	0.74	0.35
VA	5.60	6.81	6.00	7.20	8.88	10.79	8.66	9.80	0.80	0.97	0.98	1.33	0.91
WV	0.81	0.98	0.60	0.91	0.61	0.74	0.44	0.76	0.07	0.09	0.07	0.11	0.04
Total	29.34	35.65	28.63	32.12	32.03	38.92	30.81	34.26	2.04	2.48	2.25	2.93	1.99

Summary – allocation options ready

- Include CB6 and CB7 Open Water?
- Include responsibility for WWTP loads?
- Reduce watershed loads first and allocate the rest?
- 2025 or 2035?