

SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIAL FOR**Influence of hydrologic and anthropogenic drivers on emerging organic contaminants in drinking water sources in the Susquehanna River Basin**

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Table S1. Physicochemical characteristics and EC50 or LC50 (mg/L) criteria used for risk assessment.

| Compound | Physicochemical characteristics | | | | EC50 or LC50 (mg/L) | | |
|----------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| | ^a Chemical Formula | ^a Molar Mass (g/mol) | ^a pK _a | ^a Log K _{ow} | Fish | Algae | <i>Daphnia</i> |
| Human Antibiotics | | | | | | | |
| Ampicillin | C ₁₆ H ₁₉ N ₃ O ₄ S | 349.40 | 2.5; 7.3 | 1.35 | -- | ^b >1000 | -- |
| Sulfamethoxazole | C ₁₀ H ₁₁ N ₃ O ₃ S | 253.28 | 1.6; 5.7 | 0.89 | ^c 890 | ^e 51 | ^d 189.2 |
| Ofloxacin | C ₁₈ H ₂₀ FN ₃ O ₄ | 361.37 | 5.97; 9.28 | -0.39 | ^e 16 | ^e 4.74 | ^f 31.75 |
| Trimethoprim | C ₁₄ H ₁₈ N ₄ O ₃ | 290.32 | 7.12 | 0.91 | ^g 92.66 | ^g 83.8 | ^g 8.21 |
| Antidiuretic | | | | | | | |
| Metformin | C ₄ H ₁₂ ClN ₅ | 165.63 | 12.4 | -0.5 | ^h *383.3 | ^h 320 | ^h 81.4 |
| Antihistamine | | | | | | | |
| Cimetidine | C ₁₀ H ₁₆ N ₆ S | 252.34 | 6.8 | 0.40 | -- | -- | -- |
| Analgesics | | | | | | | |
| Acetaminophen | C ₈ H ₉ NO ₂ | 151.17 | 9.38 | 0.46 | ⁱ 378 | ⁱ 132 | ⁱ 9.2 |
| Naproxen | C ₁₄ H ₁₄ O ₃ | 230.26 | 4.15 | 3.18 | ^e 34 | ^e 22 | ^e 15 |
| Stimulant | | | | | | | |
| Caffeine | C ₈ H ₁₀ N ₄ O ₂ | 194.19 | 10.4 | -0.07 | ^j 90 | -- | ^k 16 |
| Metabolites | | | | | | | |
| Theobromine | C ₇ H ₈ N ₄ O ₂ | 180.17 | 9.9 | -0.78 | -- | -- | -- |
| Antimicrobial | | | | | | | |
| Triclosan | C ₁₂ H ₇ Cl ₃ O ₂ | 289.54 | 7.9 | 4.73 | -- | -- | -- |
| Veterinary Antibiotics | | | | | | | |
| Chlortetracycline | C ₂₂ H ₂₄ Cl ₂ N ₂ O ₈ | 515.34 | -- | -- | ^l *78.9 | ^l 3.1 | -- |
| Erythromycin | C ₃₇ H ₆₇ NO ₁₃ | 733.94 | 8.88 | 3.06 | ^l *>100 | ^l 0.02 | ^l 22.45 |
| Tetracycline | C ₂₂ H ₂₅ ClN ₂ O ₈ | 480.90 | 3.30 | -1.37 | -- | ^l 2.2 | ^l 44.8 |
| Oxytetracycline | C ₂₂ H ₂₅ ClN ₂ O ₉ | 496.90 | 9.5 | -0.90 | ^l *110-215.4 | ^l 4.5 | ^l 22.64 |
| Sulfadiazine | C ₁₀ H ₁₀ N ₄ O ₂ S | 250.28 | 6.36 | -- | -- | ^l 0.135 | ^l 221 |
| Sulfadimethoxine | C ₁₂ H ₁₄ N ₄ O ₄ S | 310.33 | -- | -- | ^l *>100 | ^l 2.3 | ^l 248 |
| Sulfamethazine | C ₁₂ H ₁₄ N ₄ O ₂ S | 278.33 | 2.07; 7.49 | 0.14 | ^l *>100 | -- | ^l 202 |
| Tylosin | C ₄₆ H ₇₇ NO ₁₇ | 916.11 | 7.73 | 1.63 | -- | ^l 0.034 | ^l 680 |
| Neonicotinoid Insecticide | | | | | | | |
| Thiamethoxam | C ₈ H ₁₀ ClN ₅ O ₃ S | 291.71 | -- | -0.13 | ^m 3.7 | ^m 81.8 | ^m >100 |

K_a: Acid dissociation constant; K_{ow}: Octanol water partition coefficient; EC50: Effective concentration; LC50: Lethal concentration -- No values; Sources: ^a<https://pubchem.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov>; ^bEguchi et al., 2004; ^cSanderson et al., 2003; ^dSantos et al., 2010; ^eFerrari et al., 2004; ^fIsidori et al., 2005; ^gDe Liguoro et al., 2012; ^hLee, 2008; ⁱGrung et al., 2008; ^jMoore et al., 2008; ^kLilius et al., 1995; ^lSantos et al., 2010; ^mFinnegan et al., 2017.

Table S2. Summary statistics for seasonal variations during Phase I (row 1: mean ± standard deviation, row 2: detection frequency).

| Compound | Spring | | Summer | | Fall | | Winter | |
|------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| | Riverine | Reservoir | Riverine | Reservoir | Riverine | Reservoir | Riverine | Reservoir |
| Acetaminophen | 0.08 ± 0.04 22% | <LOD 0% | 0.24 ± 0.22 78% | 0.05 ± 0 50% | 0.10 ± 0.09 33% | 0.16 ± 0.12 25% | 0.22 ± 0.15 67% | 0.37 ± 0.35 67% |
| Ampicillin | 0.72 ± 0.66 22% | <LOD 0% | 0.37 ± 0.17 33% | <LOD 0% | 0.05 ± 0 33% | 0.05 ± 0 8% | 0.05 ± 0 11% | 0.05 ± 0 11% |
| Caffeine | 4.72 ± 4.30 56% | 0.06 ± 0.01 22% | 0.11 ± 0.05 56% | 2.43 ± 2.78 50% | 0.33 ± 0.02 22% | 0.08 ± 0 8% | 3.28 ± 1.01 33% | 2.88 ± 0.58 33% |
| Naproxen | 5.76 ± 3.34 33% | 1.33 ± 0.89 33% | 0.61 ± 0.20 33% | 0.05 ± 0 25% | 230.33 ± 0 11% | 91.62 ± 1489 25% | 5.09 ± 0 11% | <LOD 0% |
| Ofloxacin | 7.60 ± 5.54 44% | 1.14 ± 0 11% | 1.75 ± 0 11% | <LOD 0% | 17.87 ± 0.62 22% | 13.64 ± 8.07 42% | 3.07 ± 0 11% | 8.96 ± 0 11% |
| Sulfamethoxazole | 0.07 ± 0.03 67% | 0.12 ± 0.10 22% | 0.16 ± 0.11 100% | 0.26 ± 0.55 58% | 0.06 ± 0.02 78% | 0.05 ± 0 8% | 1.16 ± 2.26 67% | 4.85 ± 3.21 44% |
| Trimethoprim | 22.69 ± 22.3 33% | 0.42 ± 0.34 22% | 1.13 ± 1.21 44% | 0.28 ± 0.30 58% | <LOD 0% | 0.56 ± 0.67 17% | 0.28 ± 0.01 33% | 0.48 ± 0.02 33% |

LOD = Limit of detection (0.01 µg/L) for all compounds except ofloxacin (0.3µg/L).

Table S3. Summary statistics for seasonal variations at site E during Phase II (concentration values: mean ± standard deviation).

| Compound | Concentration (µg/L) | | % Detection Frequencies | |
|------------------|----------------------|-----------|-------------------------|--------|
| | Winter | Spring | Winter | Spring |
| Acetaminophen | 0.14±0.09 | 0.14±0.06 | 100% | 97% |
| Caffeine | 0.08±0.05 | 0.06±0.02 | 97% | 93% |
| Metformin | 0.09±0.06 | 0.17±0.14 | 88% | 86% |
| Naproxen | <LOD | 0.05 | 2% | 45% |
| Ofloxacin | 3.31 | 0.01 | 2% | 2% |
| Oxytetracycline | 0.41 | <LOD | 2% | 0% |
| Sulfadimethoxine | 0.18 | <LOD | 2% | 0% |
| Sulfamethazine | 0.04 | <LOD | 2% | 0% |
| Sulfamethoxazole | <LOD | 0.11±0.1 | 0% | 43% |
| Tetracycline | 0.39 | <LOD | 2% | 0% |
| Theobromine | 0.07±0.06 | 0.06±0.02 | 100% | 96% |
| Thiamethoxam | <LOD | 0.06±0.09 | 0% | 49% |

LOD = Limit of detection (0.01 µg/L) for all compounds except ofloxacin (0.3 µg/L).

Table S4. Calculated predicted no effect concentrations (PNEC) and seasonal risk quotients (RQ) for fish, algae, and *Daphnia* during Phase I.

| Riverine Sources | | | | | | |
|------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| | Compound | PNEC ($\mu\text{g/L}$) | Seasonal Risk Quotient (RQ) | | | |
| | | | Fall | Spring | Summer | Winter |
| Fish | Acetaminophen | 378 | 3.0E-04 | 2.0E-04 | 6.0E-04 | 6.0E-04 |
| | Ampicillin | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| | Caffeine | 90 | 3.6E-03 | 5.3E-02 | 1.2E-03 | 3.7E-02 |
| | Naproxen | 34 | 6.8 | 1.7E-01 | 1.8E-02 | 1.5E-01 |
| | Ofloxacin | 16 | 1.12 | 4.7E-01 | 1.1E-01 | 1.9E-01 |
| | Sulfamethoxazole | 890 | 1.0E-04 | 1.0E-04 | 2.0E-04 | 1.3E-03 |
| | Trimethoprim | 92.66 | 0 | 2.4E-01 | 1.2E-02 | 3.0E-03 |
| Daphnia | Acetaminophen | 9.2 | 1.14E-02 | 8.2E-03 | 2.63E-02 | 2.38E-02 |
| | Ampicillin | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| | Caffeine | 16 | 2.04E-02 | 2.95E-01 | 7.00E-03 | 2.05E-01 |
| | Naproxen | 15 | 1.54E+01 | 3.84E-01 | 4.09E-02 | 3.39E-01 |
| | Ofloxacin | 31.75 | 5.63E-01 | 2.39E-01 | 5.52E-02 | 9.66E-02 |
| | Sulfamethoxazole | 189.2 | 3.0E-04 | 4.0E-04 | 8.0E-04 | 6.10E-03 |
| | Trimethoprim | 8.21 | 0 | 2.76 | 1.37E-01 | 3.38E-02 |
| Algae | Acetaminophen | 132 | 8.0E-04 | 6.0E-04 | 1.8E-03 | 1.7E-03 |
| | Ampicillin | 1000 | 1.0E-04 | 7.0E-04 | 4.0E-04 | 1.0E-04 |
| | Caffeine | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| | Naproxen | 22 | 1.05E+01 | 2.62E-01 | 2.79E-02 | 2.31E-01 |
| | Ofloxacin | 4.74 | 3.77 | 1.6 | 3.7E-01 | 6.47E-01 |
| | Sulfamethoxazole | 51 | 1.2E-03 | 1.3E-03 | 3.1E-03 | 2.28E-02 |
| | Trimethoprim | 83.8 | 0 | 2.71E-01 | 1.34E-02 | 3.3E-03 |

| Reservoir Sources | | | | | | |
|-------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| | Compound | PNEC ($\mu\text{g/L}$) | Seasonal Risk Quotient (RQ) | | | |
| | | | Fall | Spring | Summer | Winter |
| Fish | Acetaminophen | 378 | 4.0E-04 | 0 | 1.0E-04 | 1.0E-03 |
| | Ampicillin | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| | Caffeine | 90 | 9.0E-04 | 7.0E-04 | 2.7E-02 | 3.2E-02 |
| | Naproxen | 34 | 2.69 | 3.9E-02 | 1.5E-03 | 0 |
| | Ofloxacin | 16 | 8.52E-01 | 7.13E-02 | 0 | 5.6E-01 |
| | Sulfamethoxazole | 890 | 1.0E-04 | 1.0E-04 | 3.0E-04 | 5.5E-03 |
| | Trimethoprim | 92.66 | 6.1E-03 | 4.5E-03 | 3.0E-03 | 5.2E-03 |
| Daphnia | Acetaminophen | 9.2 | 1.69E-02 | 0 | 5.4E-03 | 3.99E-02 |
| | Ampicillin | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| | Caffeine | 16 | 5.2E-03 | 3.8E-03 | 1.52E-01 | 1.8E-01 |
| | Naproxen | 15 | 6.11 | 8.84E-02 | 3.3E-03 | 0 |
| | Ofloxacin | 31.75 | 4.3E-01 | 3.59E-02 | 0 | 2.82E-01 |
| | Sulfamethoxazole | 189.2 | 3.0E-04 | 6.0E-04 | 1.4E-03 | 2.57E-02 |
| | Trimethoprim | 8.21 | 6.86E-02 | 5.1E-02 | 3.36E-02 | 5.83E-02 |
| Algae | Acetaminophen | 132 | 1.2E-03 | 0 | 4.0E-04 | 2.8E-03 |
| | Ampicillin | 1000 | 1.0E-04 | 0 | 0 | 1.0E-04 |
| | Caffeine | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| | Naproxen | 22 | 4.16 | 6.03E-02 | 2.3E-03 | 0 |
| | Ofloxacin | 4.74 | 2.88 | 2.41E-01 | 0 | 1.89 |
| | Sulfamethoxazole | 51 | 1.0E-03 | 2.3E-03 | 5.0E-03 | 9.52E-02 |
| | Trimethoprim | 83.8 | 6.7E-03 | 5.0E-03 | 3.3E-03 | 5.7E-03 |

RQ = 0 when surface water concentrations were <LOD; -- = No values.

Table S5. Calculated predicted no effect concentrations (PNEC) and risk quotients (RQ) for fish, algae, and *Daphnia* during Phase II.

| | Compound | PNEC ($\mu\text{g/L}$) | Risk Quotient (RQ) | | | | |
|--------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|----------|---------|----------|----------|
| | | | January | February | March | May | June |
| Fish | Acetaminophen | 378 | 3.0E-04 | 4.0E-04 | 4.0E-04 | 3.0E-04 | 4.0E-04 |
| | Ampicillin | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| | Caffeine | 90 | 1.4E-03 | 7.0E-04 | 6.0E-04 | 4.0E-04 | 7.0E-04 |
| | Metformin | 383.3 | 3.0E-04 | 4.0E-04 | 1.0E-04 | 2.0E-04 | 7.0E-04 |
| | Naproxen | 34 | 2.0E-04 | 0 | 0 | 1.0E-04 | 1.2E-03 |
| | Ofloxacin | 16 | 2.3E-02 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4.0E-04 |
| | Sulfamethoxazole | 890 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1.0E-04 |
| | Trimethoprim | 92.66 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Triclosan | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| | Chlortetracycline | 78.9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Erythromycin | 100 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Oxytetracycline | 162.7 | 3.0E-04 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Tetracycline | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| | Theobromine | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| | Thiamethoxam | 3.7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1.23E-02 | 2.05E-02 |
| | Cimetidine | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| | Tylosin | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| | Sulfadiazine | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| | Sulfadimethoxine | 100 | 2.0E-04 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Sulfamethazine | 100 | 4.0E-05 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Algae | Acetaminophen | 132 | | | | | |
| | Ampicillin | 1000 | 8.0E-04 | 1.0E-03 | 1.0E-03 | 1.0E-03 | 1.1E-03 |
| | Caffeine | -- | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Metformin | 320 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| | Naproxen | 22 | 4.0E-04 | 5.0E-05 | 1.0E-04 | 3.0E-04 | 8.0E-04 |
| | Ofloxacin | 4.74 | 3.0E-04 | 0 | 0 | 1.0E-04 | 1.8E-03 |
| | Sulfamethoxazole | 51 | 7.75E-02 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1.2E-03 |
| | Trimethoprim | 83.8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1.0E-04 | 2.5E-03 |
| | Triclosan | -- | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Chlortetracycline | 3.1 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| | Erythromycin | 0.02 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Oxytetracycline | 4.5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Tetracycline | 2.2 | 1.01E-02 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Theobromine | -- | 1.99E-02 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Thiamethoxam | 81.8 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| | Cimetidine | -- | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6.0E-04 | 9.0E-04 |
| | Tylosin | 0.034 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| | Sulfadiazine | 0.034 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Sulfadimethoxine | 0.135 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Sulfamethazine | 2.3 | 1.0E-01 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

| <i>Daphnia</i> | | | | | | | |
|-------------------|-------|---------|---------|---------|---------|----------|----|
| Acetaminophen | 9.2 | 1.0E-02 | 2.0E-02 | 2.0E-02 | 1.4E-02 | 1.53E-02 | |
| Ampicillin | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| Caffeine | 16 | 8.1E-03 | 3.8E-03 | 3.2E-03 | 3.0E-03 | 4.0E-03 | |
| Metformin | 81.4 | 1.5E-03 | 2.0E-04 | 5.0E-04 | 1.0E-03 | 3.0E-03 | |
| Naproxen | 15 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2.0E-04 | 3.0E-03 | |
| Ofloxacin | 31.75 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2.0E-04 | |
| Sulfamethoxazole | 189.2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1.0E-05 | 7.0E-04 | |
| Trimethoprim | 8.21 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Triclosan | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| Chlortetracycline | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| Erythromycin | 22.45 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Oxytetracycline | 22.64 | 2.0E-03 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Tetracycline | 44.8 | 1.0E-03 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Theobromine | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| Thiamethoxam | 100 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5.0E-04 | 8.0E-04 | |
| Cimetidine | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| Tylosin | 680 | 0 | 0 | 1.0E-03 | 0 | 0 | |
| Sulfadiazine | 221 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Sulfadimethoxine | 248 | 1.0E-04 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Sulfamethazine | 202 | 2.0E-05 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |

RQ = 0 when surface water concentrations were <LOD; -- = No values.

Table S6. Predicted concentrations in fish, predicted human dose and human health risk quotients.

| Compound | Calculated Bioconcentration Factor | Predicted Concentration in Fish ($\mu\text{g kg}^{-1}\text{wt}$) | Predicted Human Dose ($\mu\text{g kg}^{-1}\text{wt d}^{-1}$) | Acceptable Daily Intake (ADI) ($\mu\text{g Kg}^{-1}\text{d}^{-1}$) | Human Health Risk Quotient (RQ) |
|------------------|------------------------------------|--|--|--|---------------------------------|
| Acetaminophen | 0.5 | 0.07 | 2.48E-05 | 340 ^a | 7.3E-08 |
| Ampicillin | 2.8 | 0.5 | 2.0E-04 | 0.5 ^b | 3.0E-04 |
| Caffeine | 0.17 | 0.3 | 1.0E-04 | 30 ^c | 3.36E-06 |
| Naproxen | 0.07 | 4214 | 1.4 | 5.7 ^d | 2.0E-01 |
| Ofloxacin | 100.7 | 0.6 | 2.0E-04 | 7.1 ^d | 3.0E-05 |
| Sulfamethoxazole | 0.09 | 1.0 | 3.0E-04 | 130 ^a | 2.46E-06 |
| Trimethoprim | 1.1 | 3.8 | 1.3E-03 | 4.2 ^a | 3.0E-04 |

Sources: ^aSchwab et al., 2005; ^bVragović et al., 2012; ^cMcEachran et al., 2017; ^dProsser & Sibley, 2015.

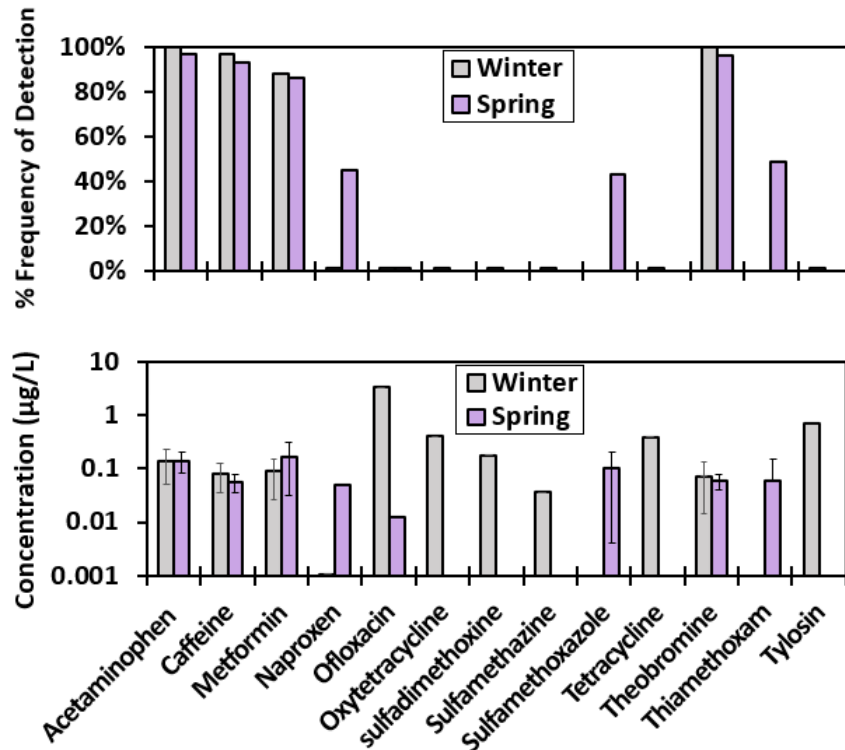


Figure S1. Seasonal variations in detection frequencies greater than the limit of detection (>LOD) and mean concentrations in samples collected in Phase II. Standard deviations are shown as error bars for compounds with values >LOD in more than one sample.

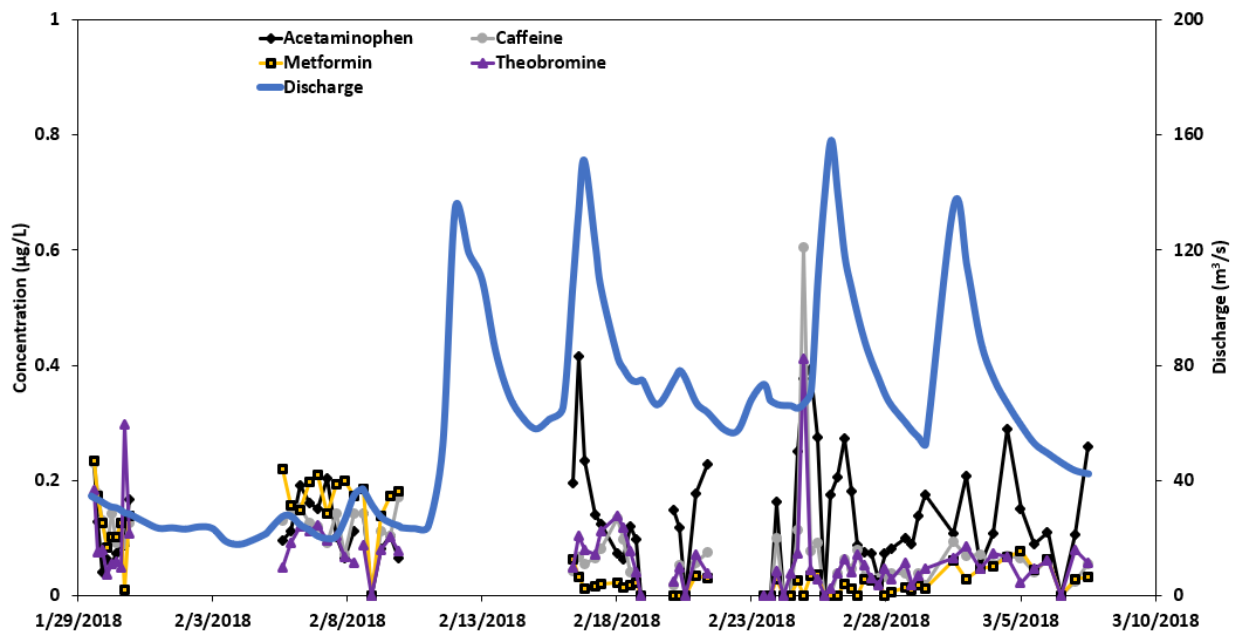


Figure S2. Fluxes of dissolved emerging organic contaminants (EOCs) with discharge in January through March, Phase II.

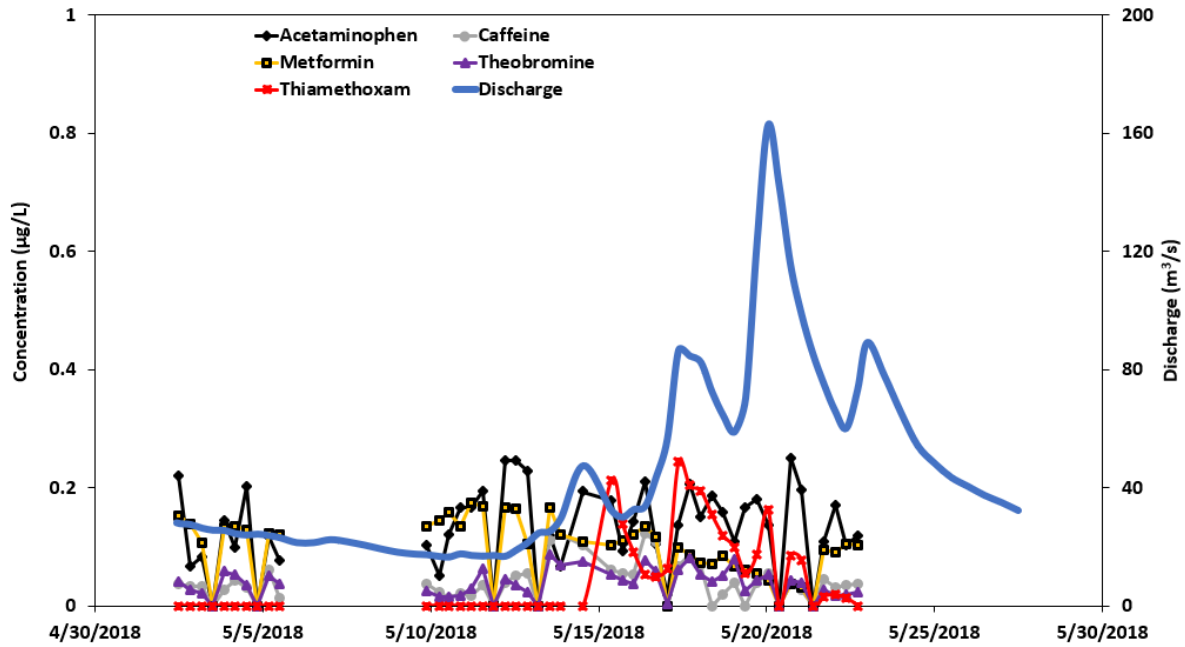


Figure S3. Fluxes of dissolved emerging organic contaminants (EOCs) with discharge in April and May, Phase II.

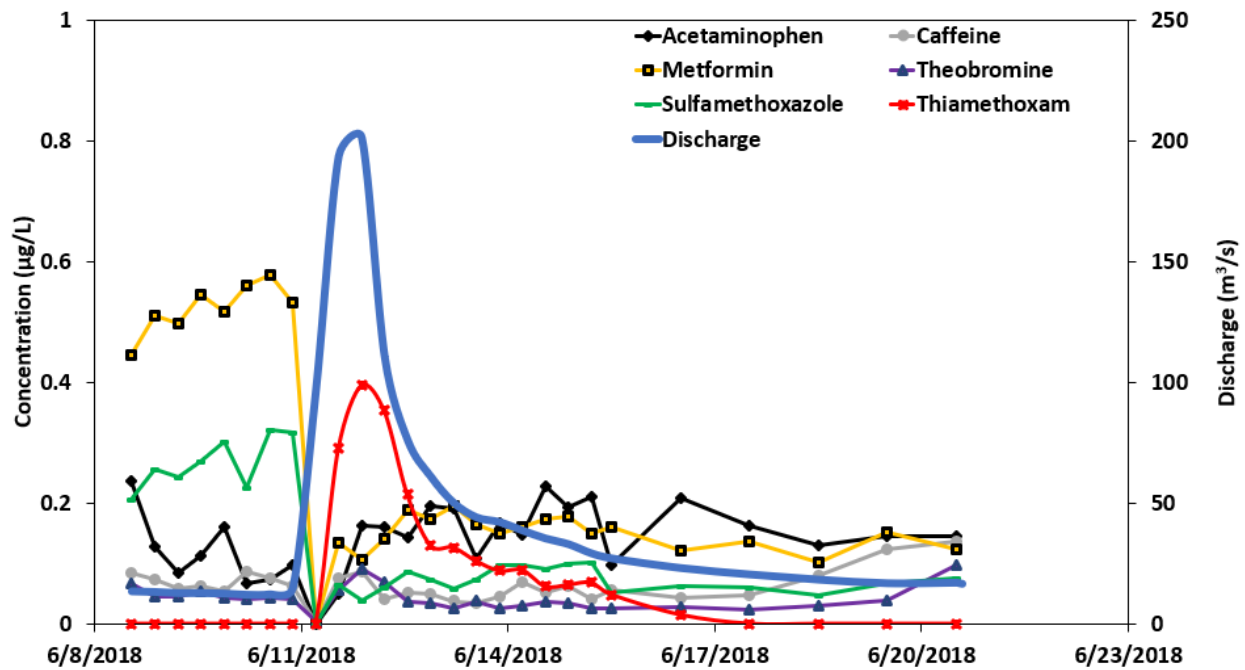


Figure S4. Fluxes of dissolved emerging organic contaminants (EOCs) with discharge in June, Phase II.

Relationships with Water Quality Indicators

In general, sulfamethoxazole ($r=-0.22$), caffeine ($r=-0.40$), and theobromine ($r=-0.39$) were significantly inversely correlated with temperature ($p<0.01$). Increased temperatures generally correspond with increased solar UV radiation, which increases biodegradation and photodegradation rates. In a water-sediment system, sulfamethoxazole's biodegradation rates have been observed to increase by over 40% at elevated temperatures independent of initial concentrations (Xu et al., 2011). Metformin ($r=0.38$), thiamethoxam ($r=0.32$), and naproxen ($r=0.49$) depicted significant ($p<0.01$) positive correlation with temperature. For thiamethoxam and naproxen, correlations may be representative of temporal variability especially since concentrations were higher in samples collected during warmer temperatures. Metformin concentrations decreased with increasing dissolved oxygen concentrations ($p<0.01$; $r=-0.30$). Although metformin is not readily biodegradable in aquatic environments (Scheurer et al., 2012), biodegradation rates in soil have increased (80-92%) under aerobic conditions (Mrozik and Stefańska, 2014) indicating a likelihood to degrade in water-sediment interphase under high dissolved oxygen levels. Naproxen showed similar patterns with dissolved oxygen ($p<0.01$; $r=-0.28$). However, as naproxen is a moderately hydrophobic compound, sorption to sediment can reduce aqueous concentrations (Kunkel and Radke, 2008).

Bernot et al. (2013) reported total dissolved carbon in surface water as a significant aqueous regulator of concentrations of pharmaceuticals and personal care products (PPCPs). In this study, trimethoprim ($r=-0.16$), ampicillin ($r=-0.14$), and naproxen ($r=-0.12$), had weak inverse relationships with total organic carbon. Increasing total organic carbon may provide a sink for concentration as emerging organic contaminants can combine with organic matter to reduce aqueous concentrations, especially for hydrophobic compounds. Sorption in natural environments is further influenced by compound characteristics such as structure and pKa and by aqueous phase characteristics such as pH and temperature. Hydrophilic compounds, ofloxacin ($r=-0.26$) and caffeine ($r=-0.15$), also had weak negative correlations with total organic carbon. The heterocyclic-N group in caffeine increases caffeine's ability to form hydrogen bonds to increase sorption potential (Nam et al., 2014). Similarly, the sorption capacity for quinolones, such as ofloxacin, are pH dependent, with their highest sorption potential near a neutral pH (Fu et al., 2017). This pH dependence is demonstrated in part with increasing ofloxacin concentrations as water pH increases ($r=0.14$).

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