Data file description

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These data were extracted from the Passaic River-Newark Bay EQuIS database by CDM for use on the public website OurPassaic.org.

Contained in this file (2007-08 USEPA-MPI EMBM WATER COLUMN SAMPLE.zip) are the laboratory analytical data associated with combined sewer overflow/stormwater outfall (CSO/SWO) water samples collected from locations in the Lower and Upper Passaic River, Saddle River, Second River, and Third River between December 2007 and March 2008 at depths ranging from 0.25 feet (ft) to 2 ft below the surface. The data include laboratory results for both normal environmental (N) and field duplicate (FD) samples as indicated in the column titled "sample_type." The water samples were analyzed by the laboratory for suspended solids, dioxins and furans, polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), pesticides, metals, and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs). All of the results were considered to be reportable and included both concentrations detected above their respective laboratory reporting limits and non-detects. The results included both initial and re-extraction result as indicated in the column titled "test_type." Dilutions were required by the laboratory for several results, as indicated in the column titled "dilution_factor." All data was validated and subjected to partial Level 4 validation. The qualifiers as provided by both the laboratory and the validator, where applicable, are presented. The data set includes target results as provided by the laboratory as well as calculated results completed following receipt of the data from the laboratory, as identified in the column titled "result_type_code." Latitude and longitude coordinates are provided for each sample location.

The data are contained in a Microsoft Access database on the Analytical Results table. There are also a series of reference tables starting with "rt" that describe certain values used in the data set. Users have the ability to create their own queries for reviewing and analyzing these data. Please be aware that there are no relationships between the tables, since all of the data are contained on the Analytical Results table and the "rt" tables are provided simply for data definition.

A detailed description of the sampling program can be found on the OurPassaic.org website using this link: http://passaic.sharepointspace.com/Public%20Documents/2008-11-05%20Rain%20Event%20Sampling%20Program.pdf