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Overview of activities during 2015-2016. A schematic summary of progress on the project plan is provided below (Table 1) and discussed on the following pages. We have concluded the final year of five for the most current project agreement, which supports the continuing needs of EPA to assess the effectiveness of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 (CAAA). Field work and data assessment continue on schedule. Project coordination as well as most analytical chemistry, and some field sampling are conducted by the University of New Hampshire. Additional field sampling, data quality assurance, and data reporting are conducted by the University of Maine. This year the project is partially funding a Postdoctoral Researcher who is evaluating biotic and abiotic changes in the LTM and TIME lakes. One graduate student at the University of Maine was partly funded through this project, or in research leveraged on this project. Publications by three graduate students who were supported last year by this funding or leveraged research were completed or are in review at present. One research faculty at the University of Maine was partly supported during this project year to coordinate sampling, develop R code for data QA and analysis, and begin to transition data management to a new secure server. Additionally, this project continues to fund a portion of the base program of stream chemistry monitoring at Bear Brook Watershed in Maine (BBWM), for the reference watershed, East Bear. BBWM is nearing completion of a three-year NSF DEB grant that is evaluating nitrogen dynamics in both watersheds using ¹⁵N tracer studies. The base funding through this IAG project created continuity that was key in securing the NSF award.

Table 1. 2011-2015 Project plan progress to date.

<i>Project Activity</i>	2011				2012				2013				2014				2015				2016
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1
project period																					
funding received																					
RLTM drainage																					
RLTM seepage																					
original LTM																					
HELM subset																					
BBWM - EB																					
TIME New England																					
TIME Adirondacks																					
sample analyses																					
Data submission																					
annual report																					

= project plan
 = in progress
 = completed
 = cancelled (weather)

Project background

Objectives. This research is part of EPA CAMD programs that are verifying the effectiveness of emission controls at reducing acidification of surface waters. Our approach is to collect long-term high-quality data that characterize the trends and patterns of response in low ionic-strength surface waters. We have specifically targeted waters that have been classified as being sensitive to acidic deposition and will represent lakes across the Northeast in varying landscape settings. The goals and methods are hierarchical, ranging from intensive site-specific investigations to regional assessment of sites that have been chosen to provide a statistically rigorous sample of regional surface waters. The objectives are to:

- 1) document the changes and patterns in aquatic chemistry for defined sub-populations and sites that are known to be susceptible to acidification or recovery;
- 2) evaluate the extent to which changes in surface waters, if any, can be linked to changes in deposition that are driven by regulatory actions;
- 3) characterize the effectiveness of the CAAA in meeting goals of reducing acidification of surface waters and improving biologically-relevant chemistry in the northeastern US;
- 4) provide information for assessment of the need for future reductions in atmospheric deposition based on the long-term trajectories of the systems under study; and
- 5) assess the extent to which increased variability in precipitation events will play a role in the long-term sustainability of CAAA success in these sensitive surface waters. This is leveraged through other funded research.

Approach. The schedule of tasks ranges from weekly to annual, continuing data records that now range from 22 to 33 years. We evaluate chemistry on a weekly basis year-round at the small watershed-scale at BBWM, quarterly in LTM, and annually during the historical index period for the TIME and HELM lakes. These project components provide a *statistical framework* for inferring regional patterns in chemistry using TIME and LTM (and ELS-II under separate funding). The *long-term records* of LTM, HELM and BBWM provide information on seasonal and annual variability, and thus provide a seasonal context for the annual surveys.

Expected Results. This information is needed for EPA to meet its Congressional mandate to assess the effectiveness of the CAAA. The combination of site-specific data within the regional context provides a rigorous assessment of the effects of declining pollutant emissions on SO₄ concentrations, base cation depletion, and changes in N-saturation or DOC contributions to acid-base status. The results are also central to assessing whether additional emission reductions may be needed to produce recovery.

Project Status: Water Chemistry

Field sampling. All project field objectives in 2015 were accomplished as planned. A summary of the annual field schedule for this project is provided below (Table 2).

Table 2. Annual project field schedule for lake sampling

Project	sub-project	n	Times		May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.
			Sampled	Field work						
RLTM-Maine										
	seepage	3	3	UMaine	X		X			X
	drainage	10	3	UMaine/UNH	X		X			X
	LTM lakes	3	1	UMaine						X
TIME										
	New England	31	1	UNH			X	X	X	
	Adirondacks	43	1	ALSC			X	X	X	
HELM		25-30	1	UNH						X

Analytical. Analyses are complete for all samples collected through 2015. All laboratory analyses for TIME, RLTM, and HELM are conducted at the University of New Hampshire Water Quality Analysis Laboratory (WQAL) except for aluminum. Total and organic aluminum samples are processed on an ICP at the USDA Forest Service Region 1 laboratory in Durham, NH. All analyses for TIME, RLTM, and HELM continue to be conducted by, or under the supervision of, Jody Potter as has been the case since 2012.

Samples from East Bear Brook at BBWM, which are collected on a regular basis year-round, continue to be analyzed at the University of Maine Sawyer Water Research Lab.

Data reporting. All data collected through 2014 have been delivered to EPA. The next delivery of data to EPA is expected before August 2016, after evaluation of inter-laboratory comparisons and regular QA analyses by UNH and UMaine.

Presentation of findings. Several publications and presentations continue to result from this project and are listed at the end of this report. Recent leveraged funding supported portions of two M.S. theses and a Ph.D. dissertation at UMaine under the supervision of co-PI Saros; results of those projects are now published (Strock et al. 2016; Boeff et al. 2016) or in review (Brown et al. 2016).

New developments: During the past four years we were able to make routine two new sets of analyses to continue to extract new and innovative information from these study sites. A subset of lakes were analyzed for DOC quality using SUVA and fluorescence (EEMS) analysis, as well as concentrations of the dissolved greenhouse gases (CH₄, CO₂, and N₂O) in surface waters. Moving forward, these data will provide valuable insight into changes in organic sources to acid-base status as well as the influence of precipitation event variability on long-term changes in surface water chemistry.

Publications using related project information (recent publications in bold):

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- Boeff, K.A., K.E. Strock, J.E. Saros. 2016. Evaluating planktonic diatom response to climate change across three lakes with differing morphometry. *J Paleolimnol*. DOI 10.1007/s10933-016-9889-z**
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Presentations using related project information (recent presentations in bold):

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Recent Bear Brook publications and presentations that include “base program” data (East Bear Brook stream chemistry partly funded through this grant):

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