

# Delaware River Basin Commission

## ***FFMP Implementation Performance***

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Office of the Delaware River Master (ODRM)

United States Geological Survey (USGS)

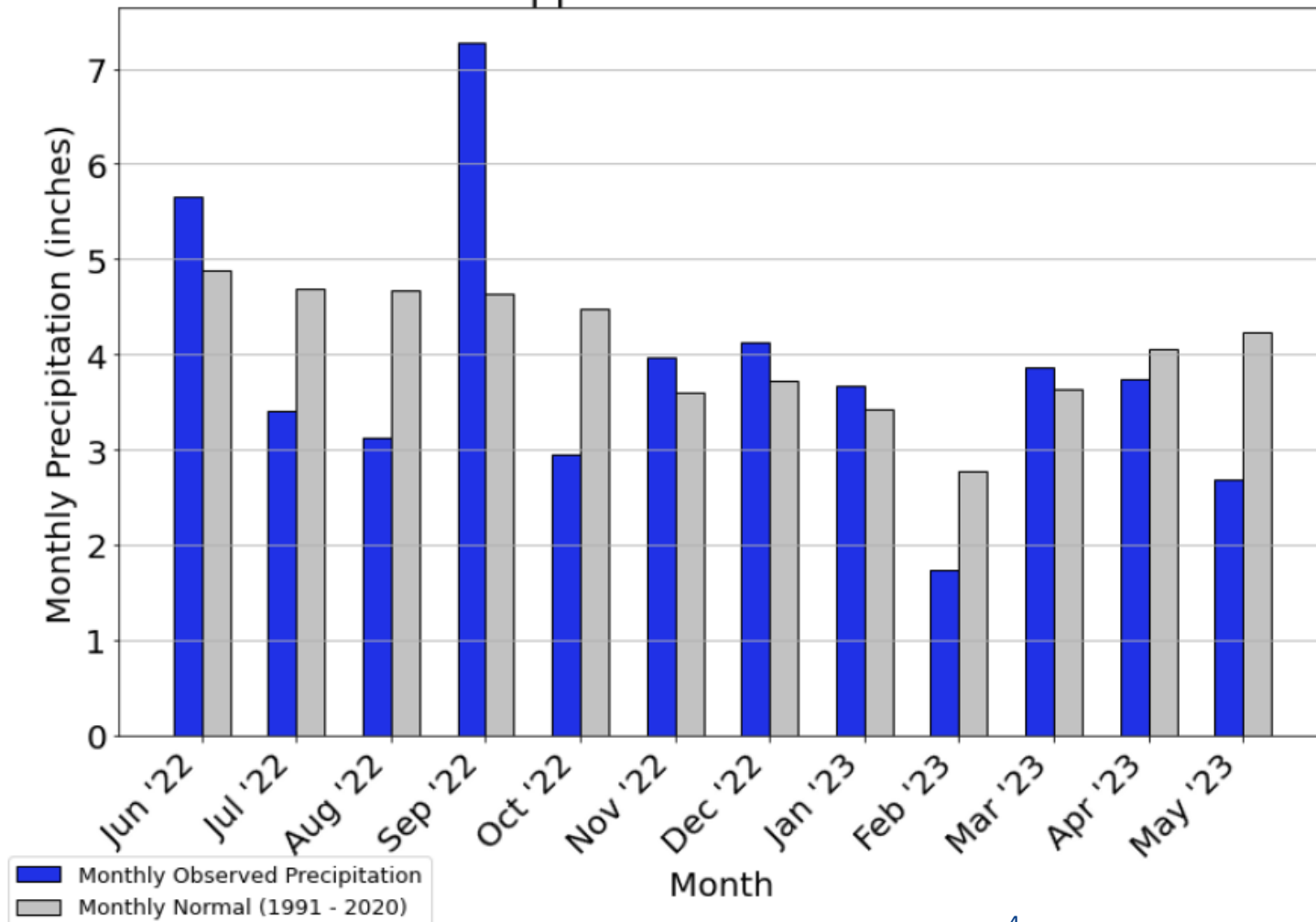
# FFMP Performance Goals

- \* Manage Droughts
- \* Maintain Flow Objectives
- \* Provide enhanced conservation releases
- \* Maintain desirable tailwater temperatures
- \* Minimize spills using the Conditional Seasonal Storage Objective (CSSO)

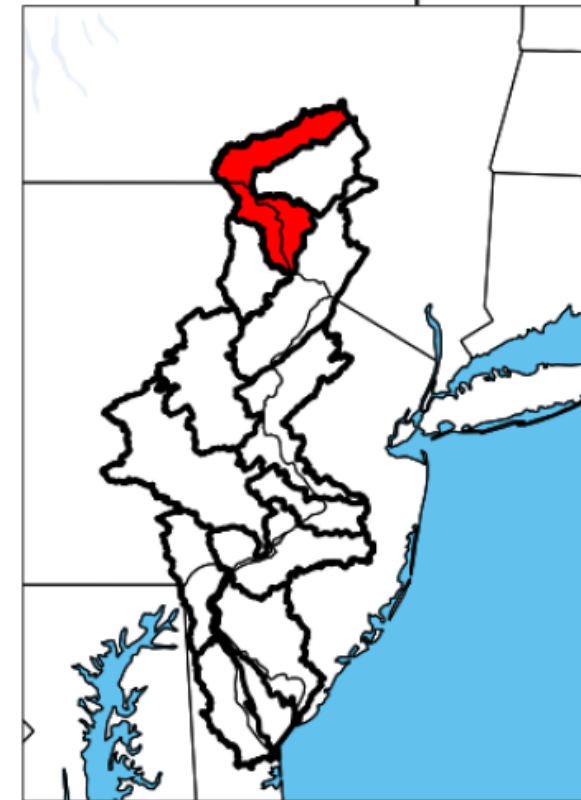
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# Precipitation – Upper Basin

Monthly and Normal Precipitation  
Upper Delaware basin



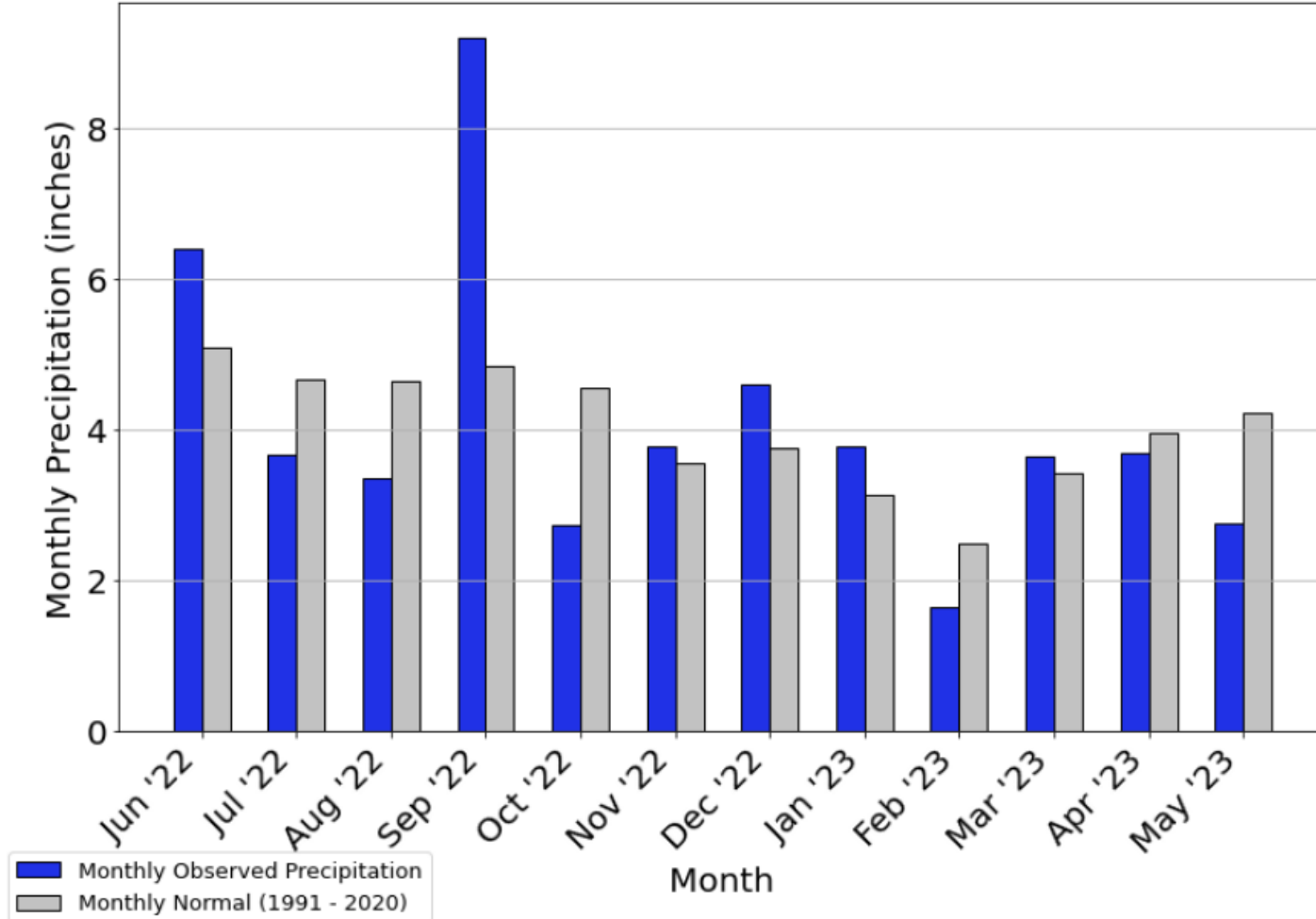
Locator Map



Source: ACIS, USGS HUC: 02040101  
Monthly Normal is based of 4 stations in the  
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# Precipitation – Upper Basin

Monthly and Normal Precipitation  
East Branch Delaware basin



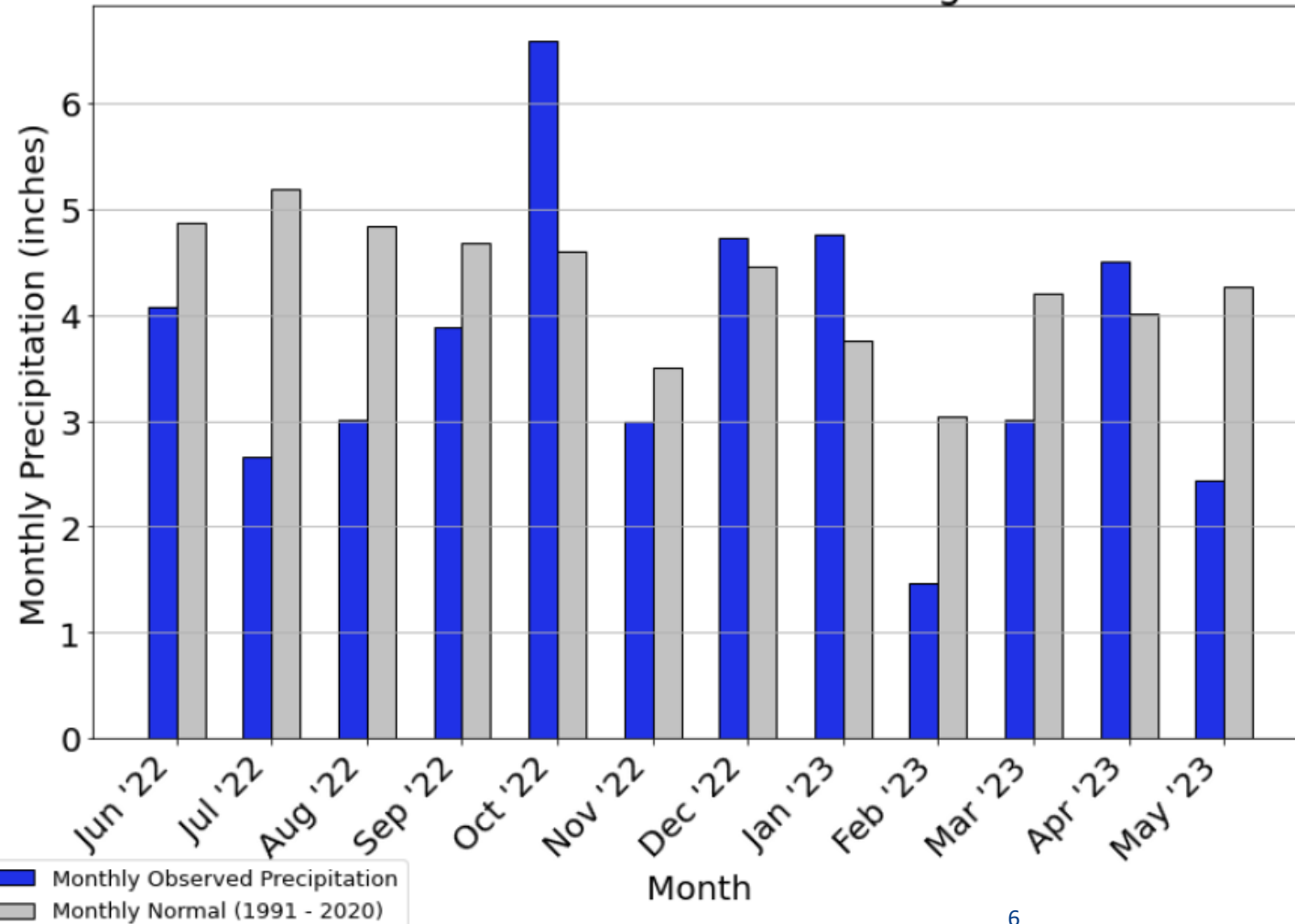
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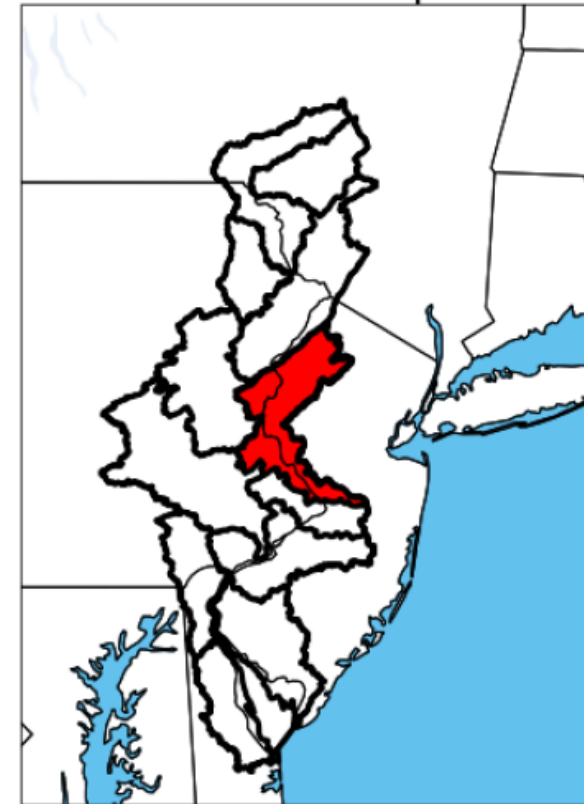
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# Precipitation – Lower Basin

Monthly and Normal Precipitation  
Middle Delaware-Musconetcong basin



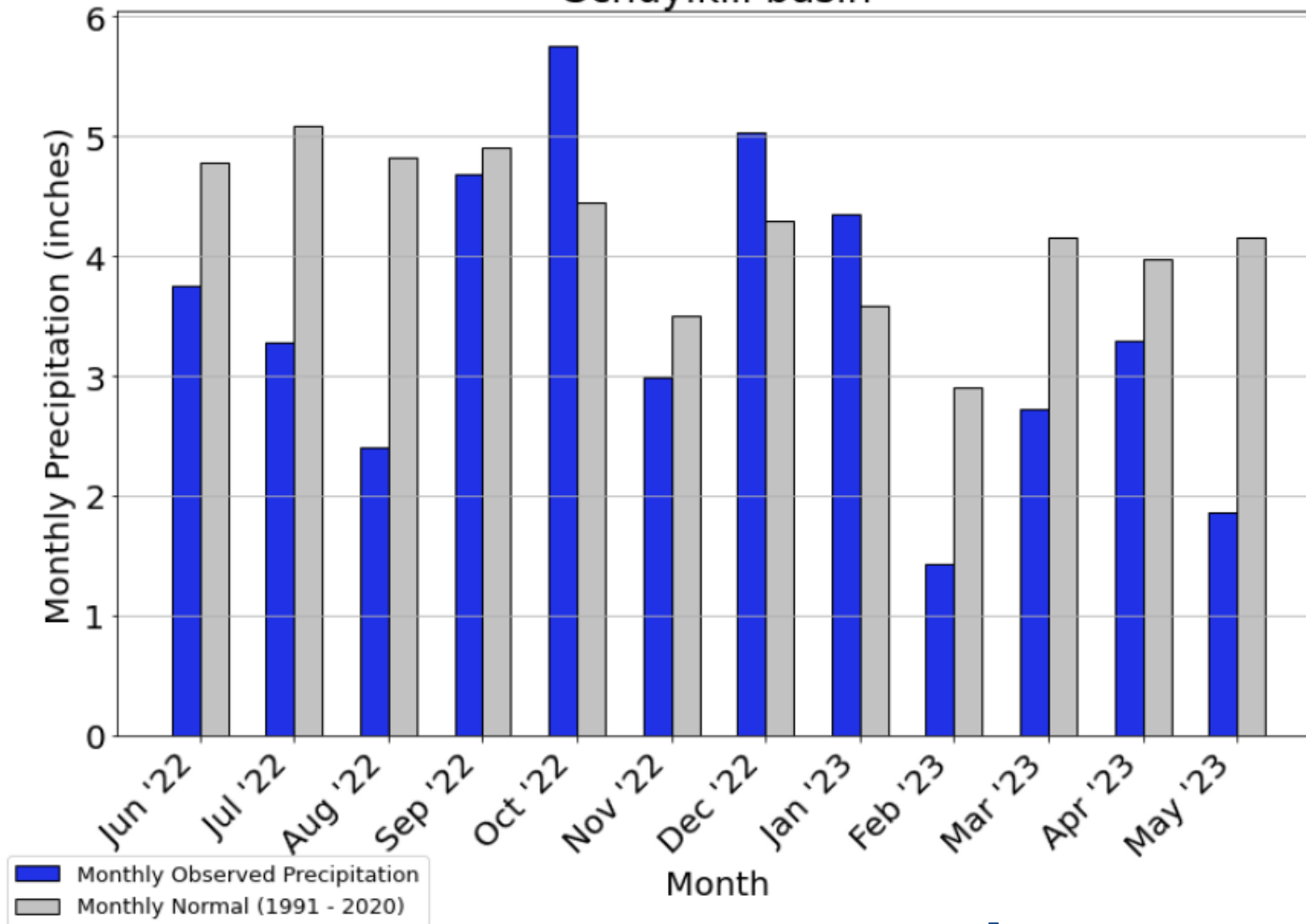
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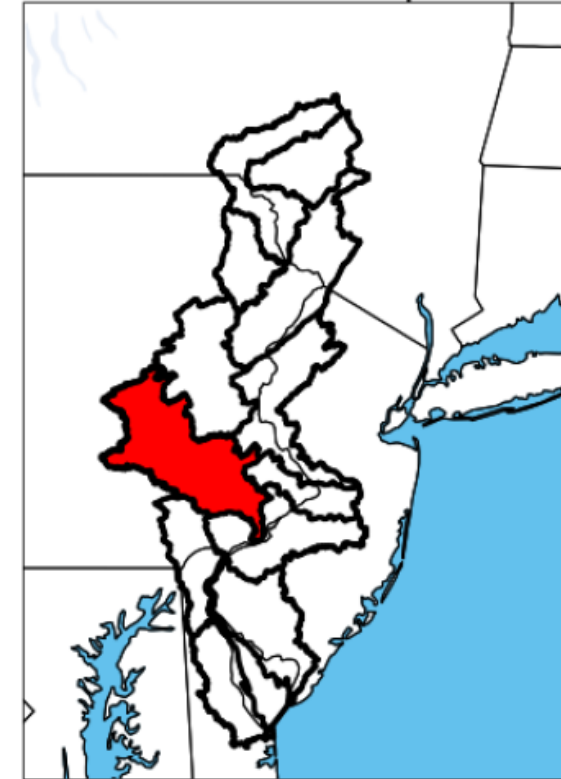
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Middle Delaware-Musconetcong basin

# Precipitation – Lower Basin

Monthly and Normal Precipitation  
Schuylkill basin

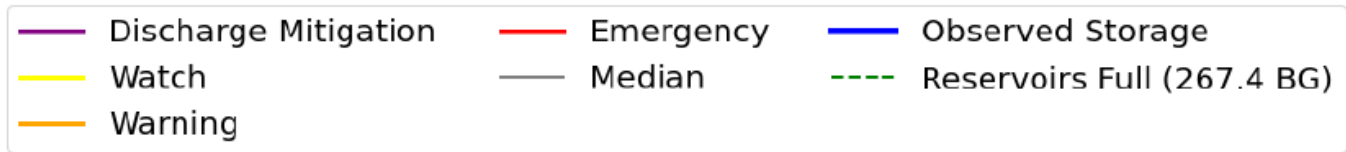
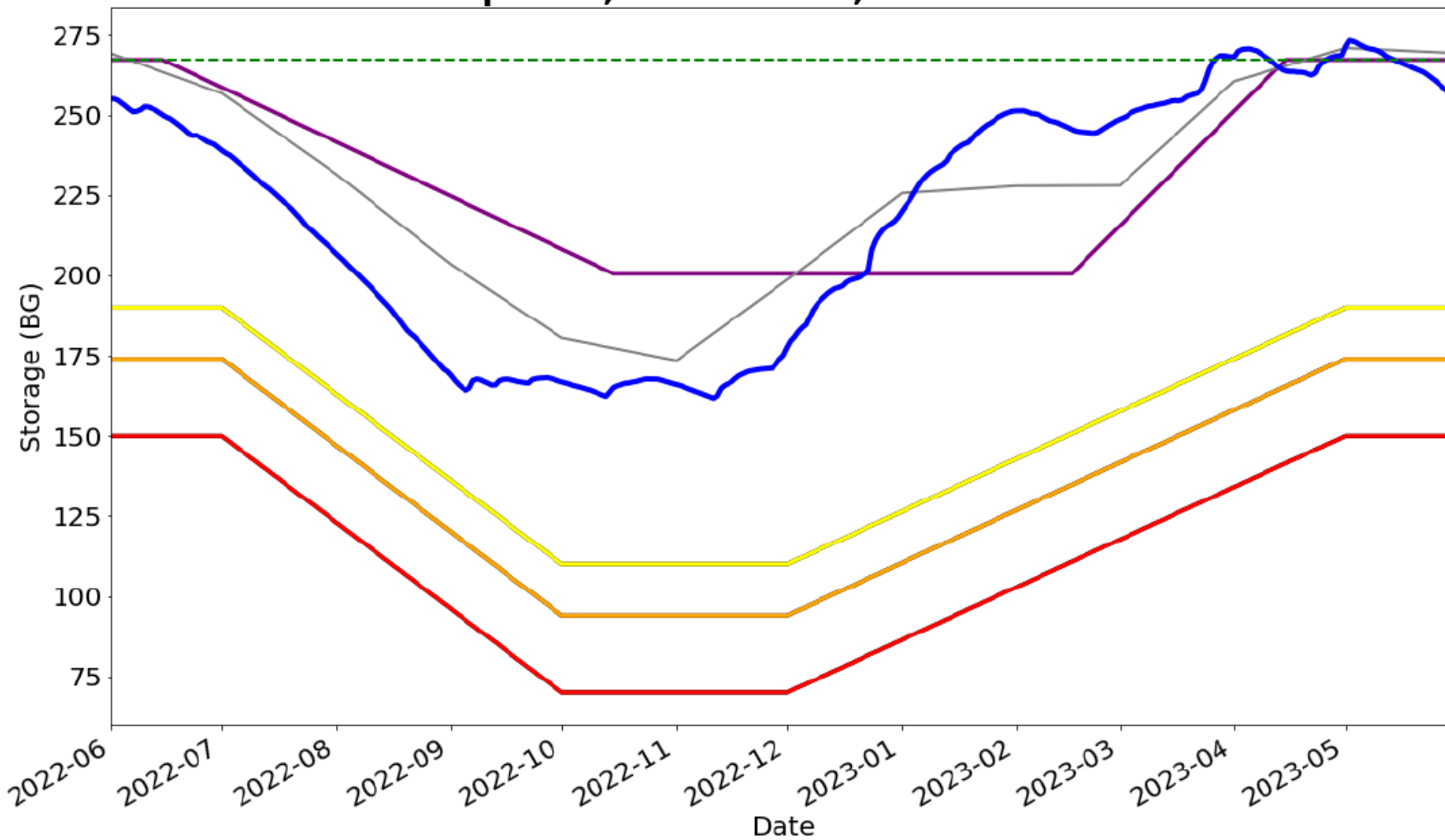


Locator Map



Source: ACIS, USGS HUC: 02040203  
Monthly Normal is based of 19 stations in the Schuylkill basin

## Combined Storage Amount in the NYC Reservoirs Pepacton, Cannonsville, and Neversink

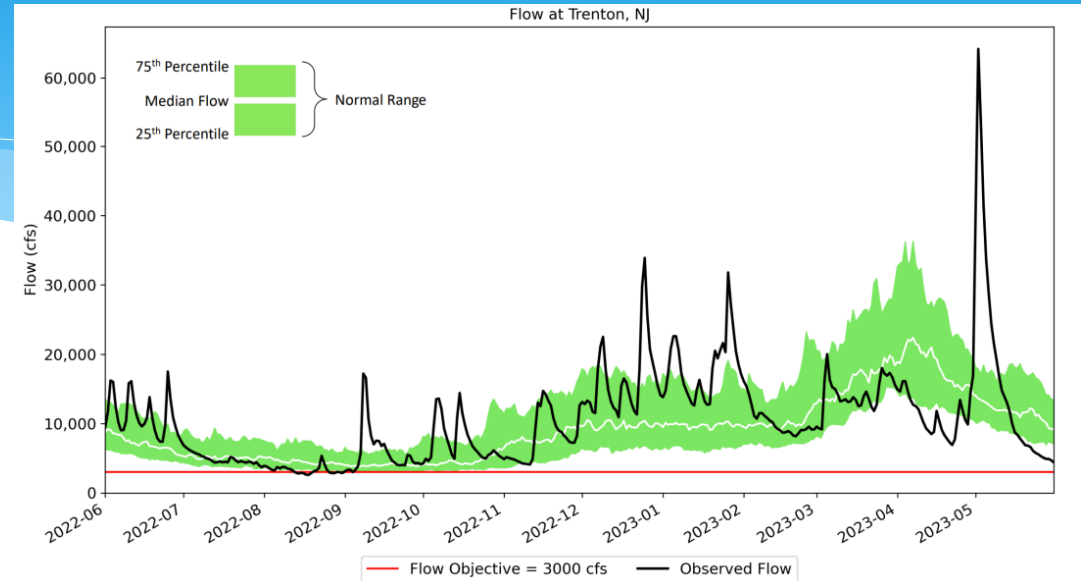
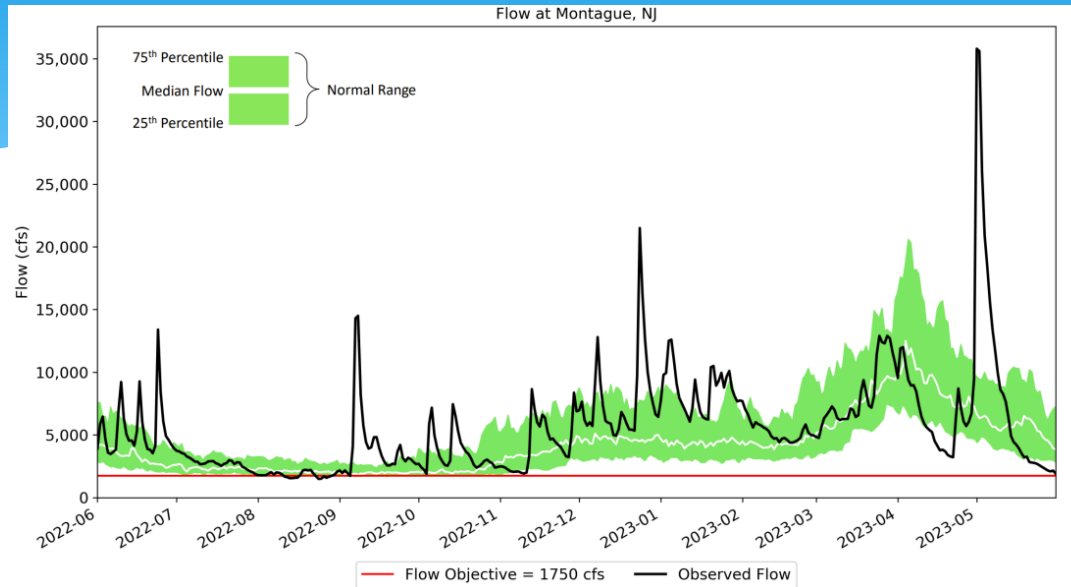




# Flow Objectives

Montague

Trenton



<b>Water Released from NYC to Meet Flow Objectives (MG)</b>	
Montague	21,448*
Trenton	550
<b>Total</b>	<b>21,968</b>

<b>Water Released from Lower Basin to Meet Trenton Flow Objectives (MG)</b>	
Beltzville	990
Blue Marsh	550
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,540</b>

\*Includes the portion of the conservation releases needed to meet Montague, but not the amount of the conservation release that exceeds what is needed to meet Montague.

# Diversions

## Monthly Average Daily Diversion (June 1, 2022 – May 31, 2023)

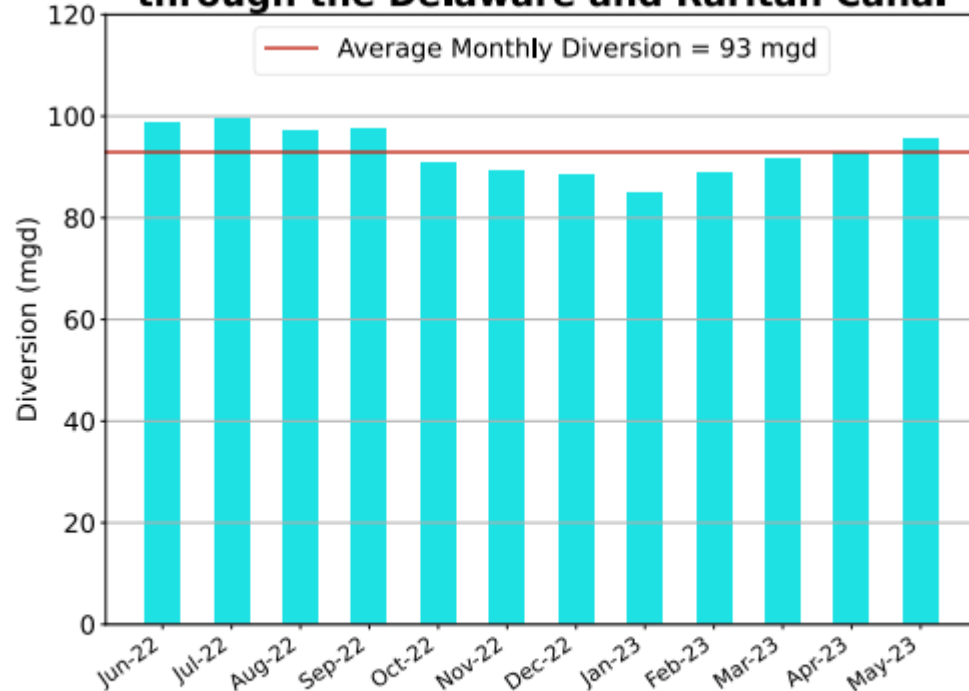
New Jersey

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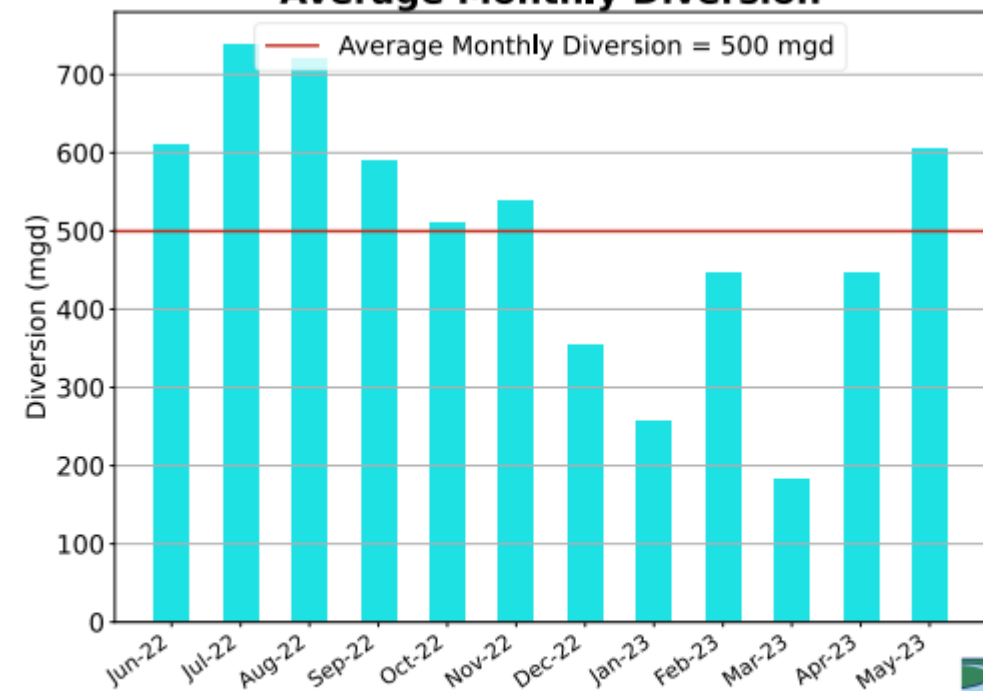
New York

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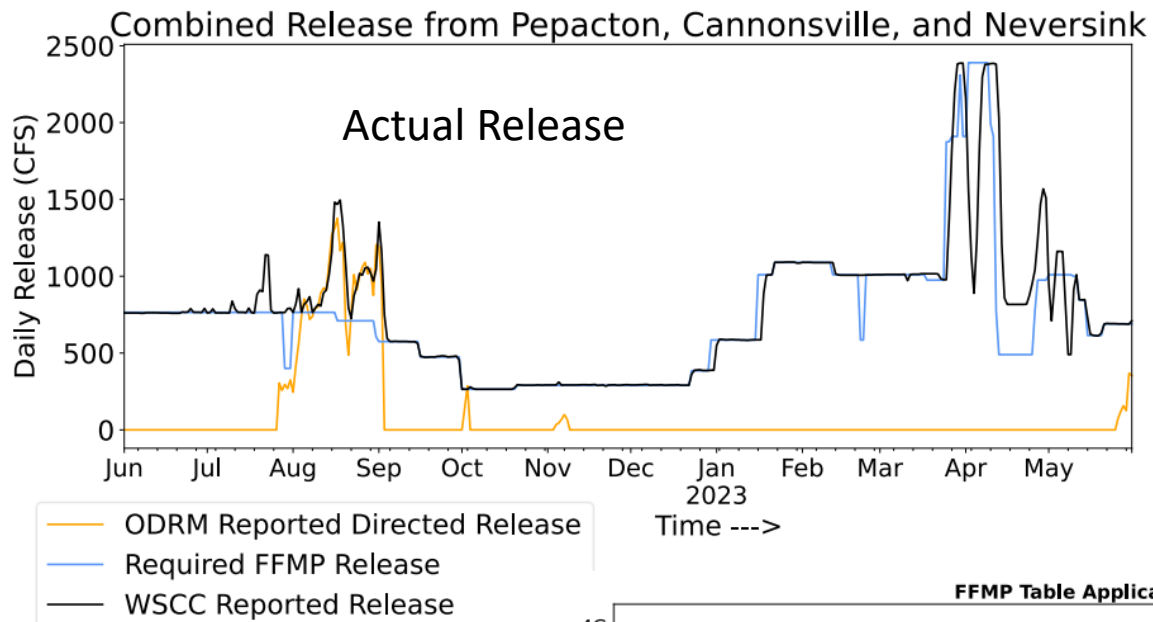
**NJ average monthly diversion through the Delaware and Raritan Canal**



**New York City Average Monthly Diversion**

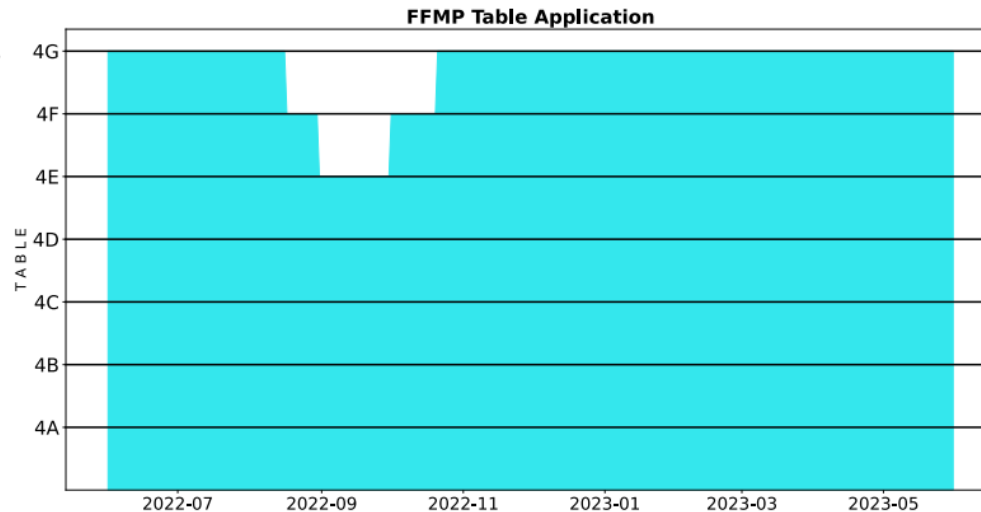


# Conservation Releases



Volume of Conservation Releases (MG)			
	FFMP 2017 Tables Based on Storage (6/1/22 - 5/31/23)	REV1	Multiple of Revision 1
<b>Cannonsville</b>	104,190	20,665	5.0
<b>Pepacton</b>	43,476	14,562	3.0
<b>Neversink</b>	23,482	8,664	2.7

Values are the conservation releases required by the FFMP Tables Only. All or a portion of the release may have been used to meet the Montague Flow Objective. Additional release volume may have been required for bank use.



FFMP TABLE	Number of Days	Percent (%)
<b>4G</b>	300	82.2
<b>4F</b>	34	9.3
<b>4E</b>	31	8.5
<b>4D</b>	0	0
<b>4C</b>	0	0
<b>4B</b>	0	0
<b>4A</b>	0	0



# Bank Use

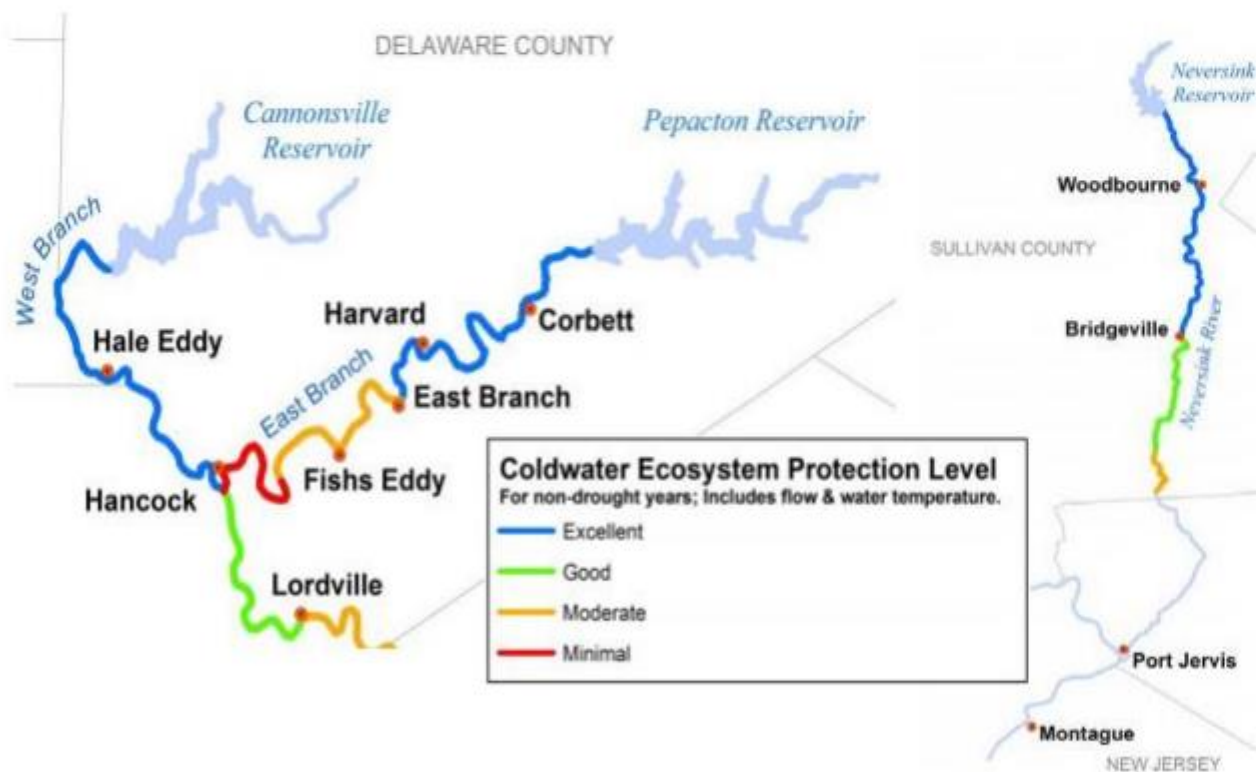
<b>FFMP 2017 Bank</b>	<b>Used</b>	<b>Size</b>
NJ Diversion Amelioration Bank	0	of 2,545 cfs-days
Rapid Flow Change Mitigation Bank	14	of 1,000 cfs-days
Thermal Mitigation Bank	1,754	of 2,500 cfs-days
Trenton Equivalent Flow Objective Bank	850	of 9,423 cfs-days
NJ Diversion Offset Bank*	0	cfs-days

Thermal Releases were made on 26 days for 9 events in June 2022, July 2022, and August 2022. A rapid flow change mitigation release was needed on August 20, 2022.

\*The NJ Diversion Offset Bank accumulated 2,075 cfs-days

# Habitat Protection

(Temperature)



## Goals for Excellent Habitat:

- \* Summer Temperature typical less than 20 °C
- \* Rare Exceedances of > 24 °C

# Temperature

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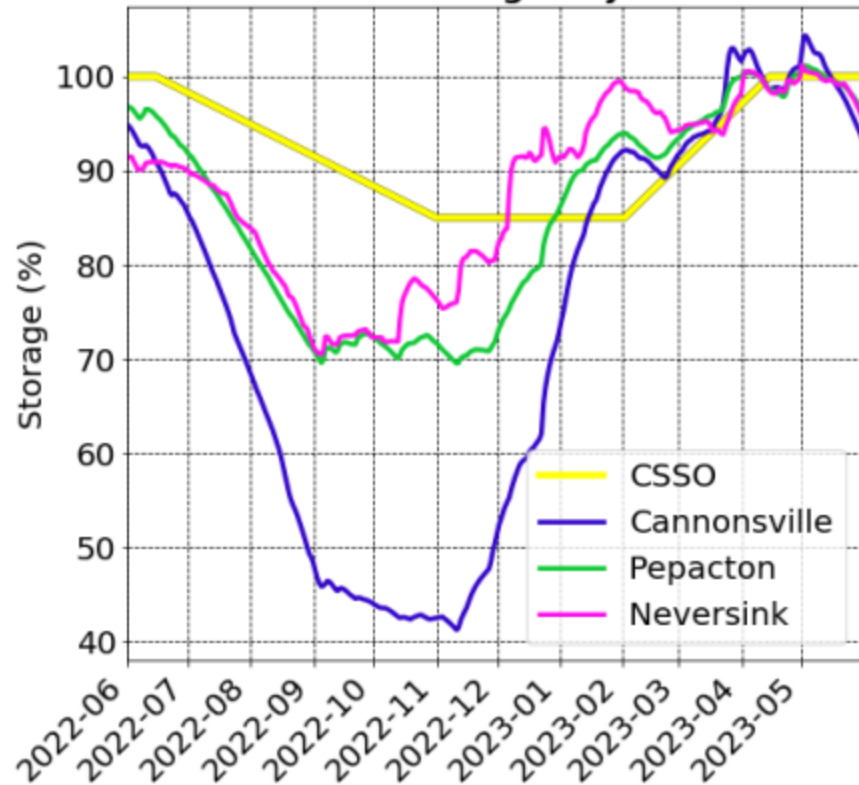
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Location	Exceedances of 24 <sup>0</sup> C		Exceedances of 20 <sup>0</sup> C	
	Days the Maximum Temperature was above 24 <sup>0</sup> C	Days the Average Temperature was above 24 <sup>0</sup> C	Days the Maximum Temperature was above 20 <sup>0</sup> C	Days the Average Temperature was above 20 <sup>0</sup> C
Hale Eddy	0	0	0	0
Harvard	0	0	15	0
Hancock	0	0	0	0
Lordville	2	0	67	37
Bridgeville	3	0	70	11

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# Discharge Spill Mitigation

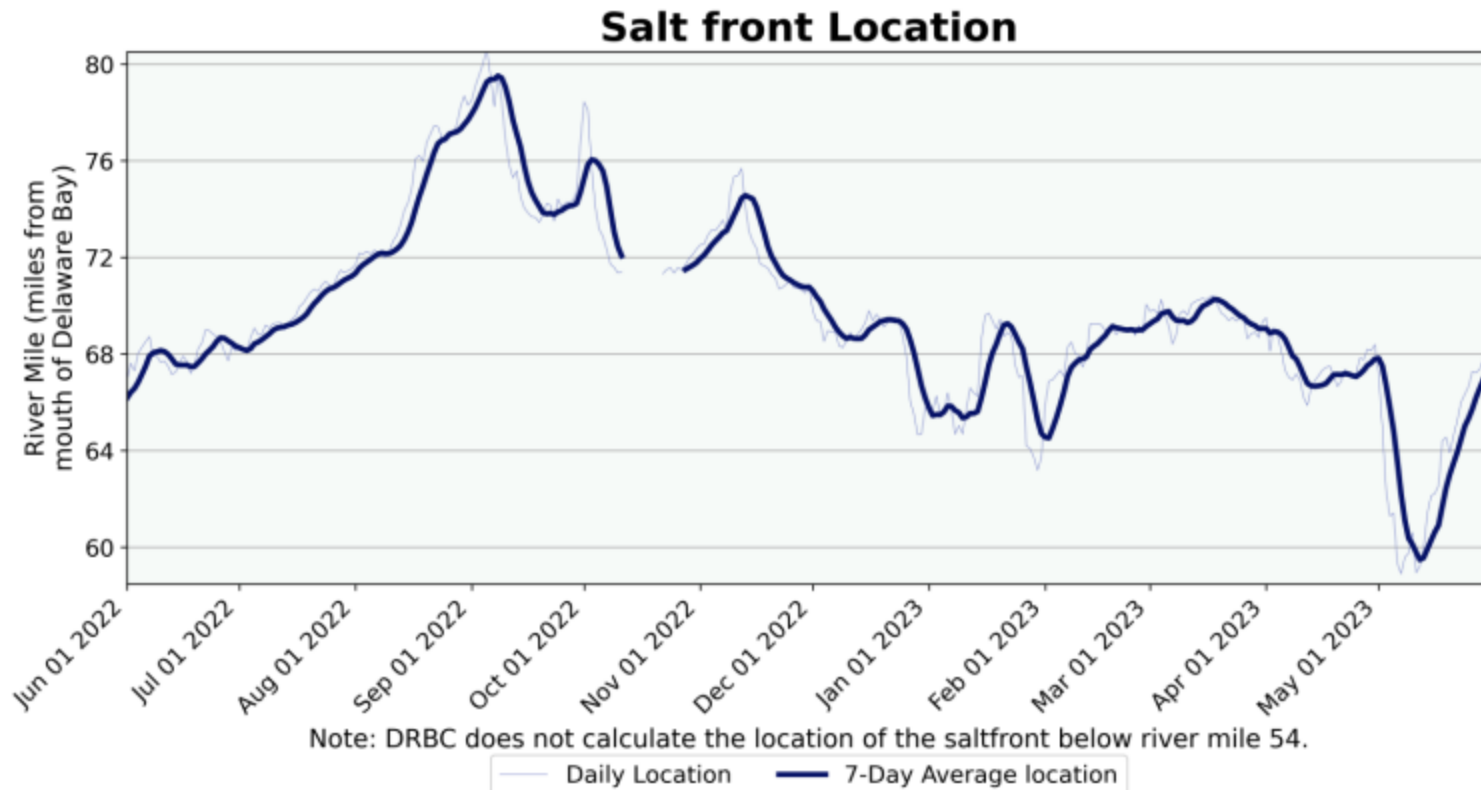
**Usable Storage and Conditional Season Storage Objective**



	Spill Volume (MG)	Days
Cannonsville	27,770	40
Pepacton	10,652	25
Neversink	3,611	19

	All L1 Discharge Mitigation Releases (MG)	Number of days above CSSO (L1-a, L1-b)
Cannonsville	48100	104
Pepacton	28844	118
Neversink	11866	110

# Salinity Management (Water Code)



- \* DRBC is responsible for making releases to manage the salt front
- \* Under the FFMP 2017 agreement, NYC makes additional releases **during drought emergency** to provide additional flow from upstream based on the location of the salt front.
- \* Note: No drought emergency occurred in the past FFMP release year.



# Summary FFMP 2022-2023

- \* Warm water temperatures during June, July, and August of 2022 required use of the **thermal mitigation bank** on twenty-six separate days. Approximately 1.13 BG was used from the bank.
- \* The maximum water temperature exceeded 24°C on 2 days at Lordville and 3 days at Bridgeville.
- \* Dry conditions during July and August required release of approximately 20.4 BG to meeting **Montague Flow Objective**.
- \* Additional releases were made during November 2022, February 2023 and May 2023 bring the total; directed releases for Montague to approximately 21.5 BG.
- \* Releases of approximately 1.5 BG were made for lower basin reservoirs Beltzville and Blue Marsh to meet the **Trenton Equivalent Flow Objective**.
- \* The **conservation releases** were based on Table 4G for 82.2% of the year
- \* The three NYC reservoirs were below the CSSO for most of the time between June 2002 and November 2002. From November 2002 until May 2023:
  - Neversink was above the CSSO except at the end of May
  - Pepacton was above the CSSO except during December and at the end of May
  - Cannonsville was above the CSSO except during the second part of December and at the end of May



# Presentation Available On DRBC's Website

[http://www.nj.gov/drbc/programs/flow/FFMP\\_PerformanceRpts.html](http://www.nj.gov/drbc/programs/flow/FFMP_PerformanceRpts.html)