

## Case Scenario:

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### Site #1:

This sample comes from a site that is fed by **irrigation water runoff** from commercial farming fields, averaging 728 acres in size, growing corn and various vegetables. Ten new farms opened last year.



Sample Taken from May 15, 2017



Sample Taken from May 27, 2018

# Key



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= Water Boatman: sensitive to insecticides, low dissolved oxygen, heavy metals, and high acidity/basicity



= Flatworm: sensitive to insecticides and heavy metals

**Dissolved oxygen:** contains 0.0007 g of oxygen per 200 g of water.

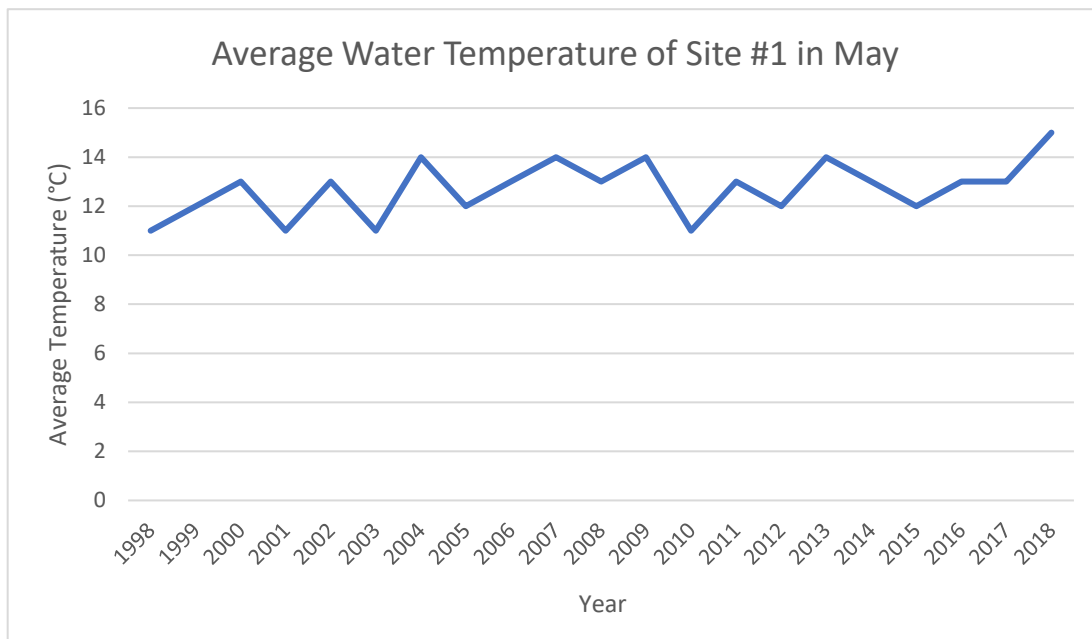
**Acidity:** measure the water sample using liquid indicator.

**Heavy Metal Concentration:** contains 0.0036 g of lead per 200 g of water.

**Phosphorus Concentration:** contains 0.00003 g of phosphorous per 200 g of water.

**Pesticide Concentration:** contains 0.00038 g of Fenthion per 200 g of water.

**Temperature:**



# Normal Levels of Environmental Chemical Indicators

<u>Chemical Indicator</u>	<u>Healthy Limit</u>
Dissolved Oxygen	≥5 ppm
Acidity	5.5 ≤ pH ≤ 8.5
Phosphorous	≤0.08 ppm
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## Red Cabbage Indicator Colour Chart

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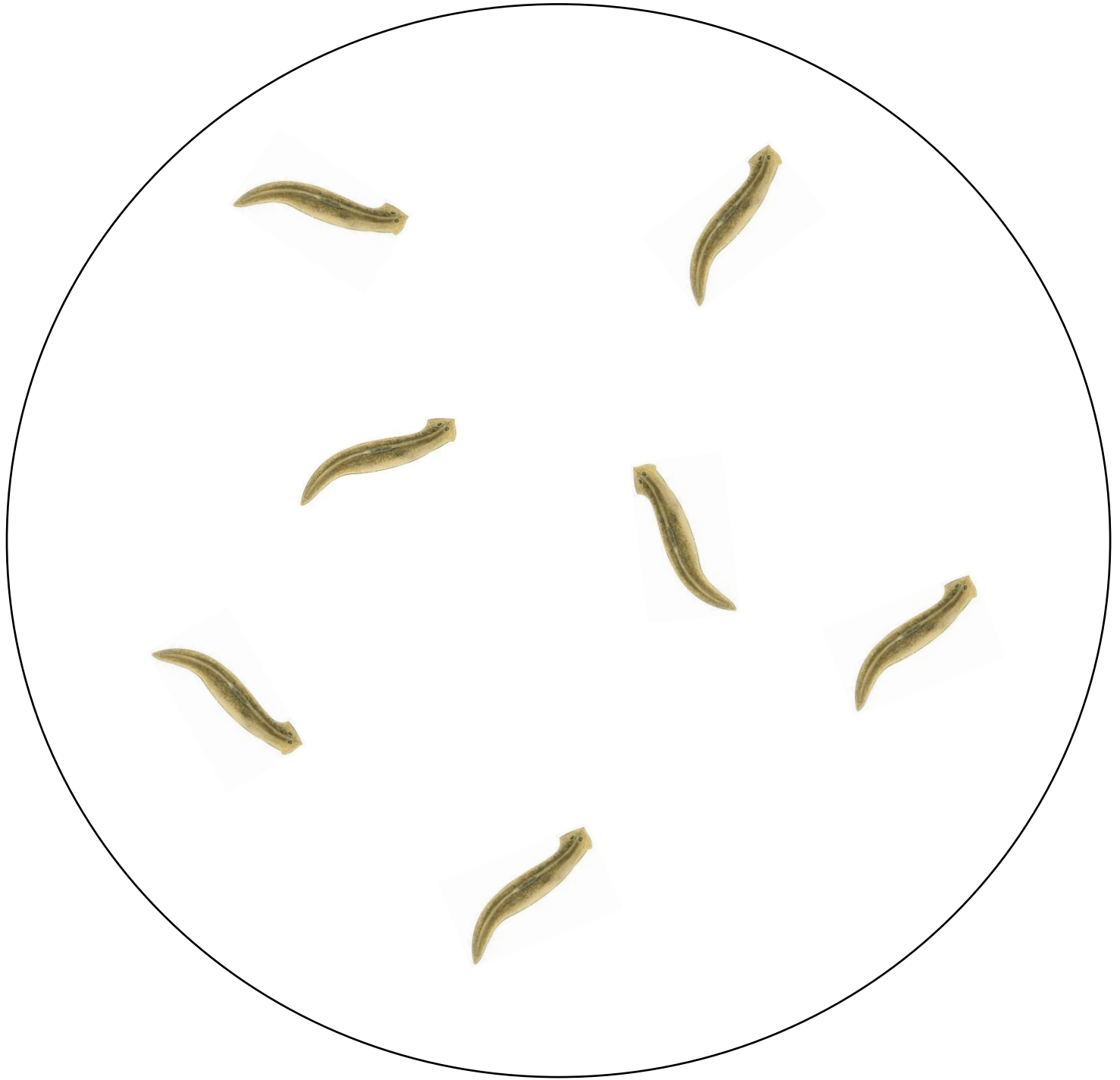
### Site #2:

This sample comes from a site that has **water runoff** from a factory. The factory has added a new division for **paper and pulp production** in the last year.



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**Dissolved oxygen:** contains 0.0015 g of oxygen per 350 g of water.

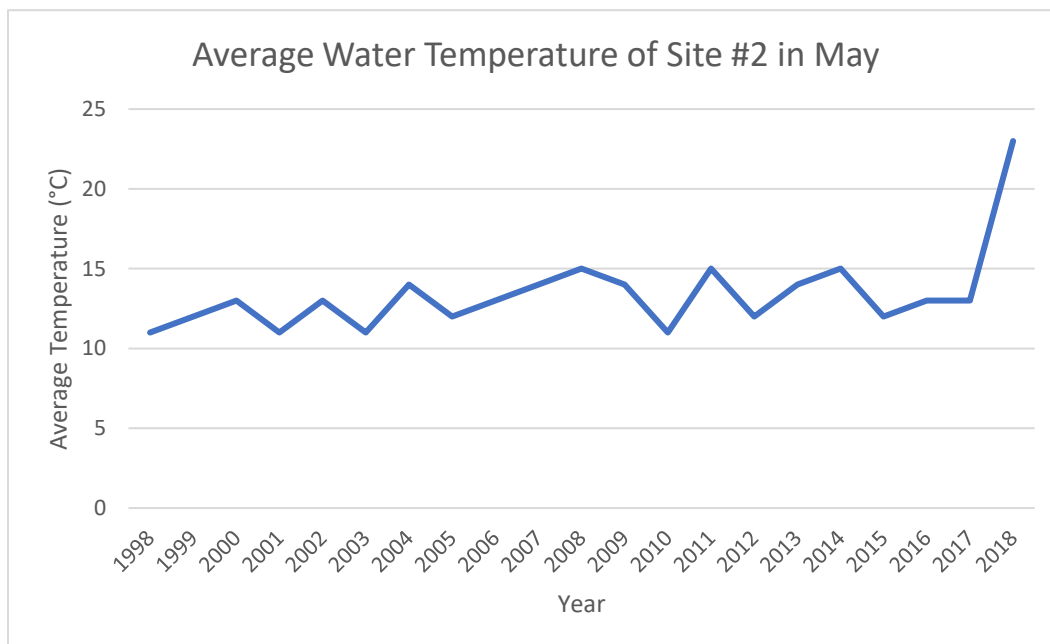
**Acidity:** measure the water sample using the litmus paper.

**Heavy Metal Concentration:** contains 0.0018 g of lead per 350 g of water.

**Phosphorus Concentration:** contains 0.00002275 g of phosphorous per 350 g of water.

**Pesticide Concentration:** contains 0.00011 g of Fenthion per 350 g of water.

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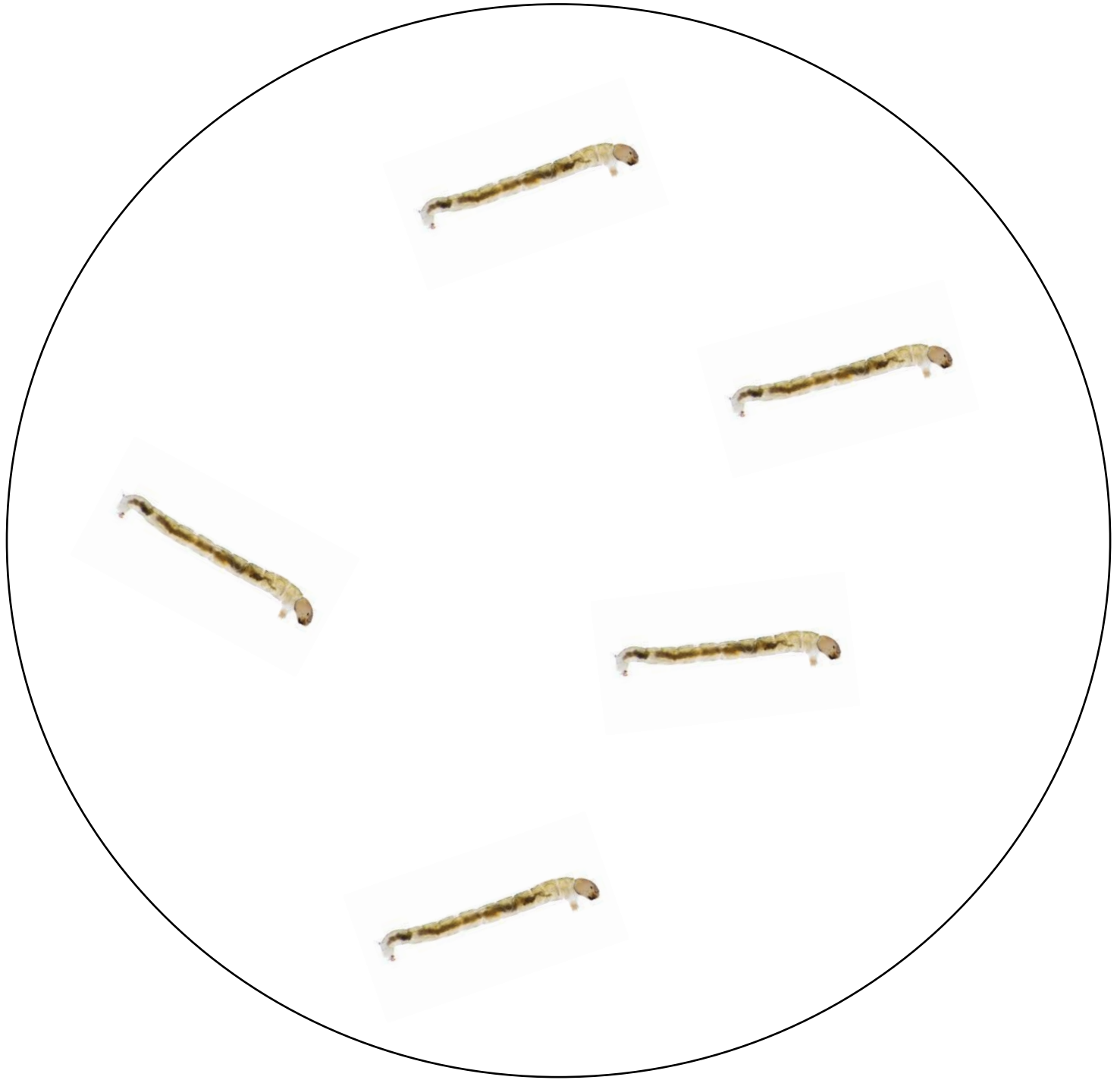
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### Site #3:

This sample comes from a site that is fed by storm drains from a local **municipality**. The **municipality** features over 40,000 residents with many residents having acreages, vehicles, and washing machines. A new golf course just opened in the last year.



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**Dissolved oxygen:** contains 0.00105 g of oxygen per 300 g of water.

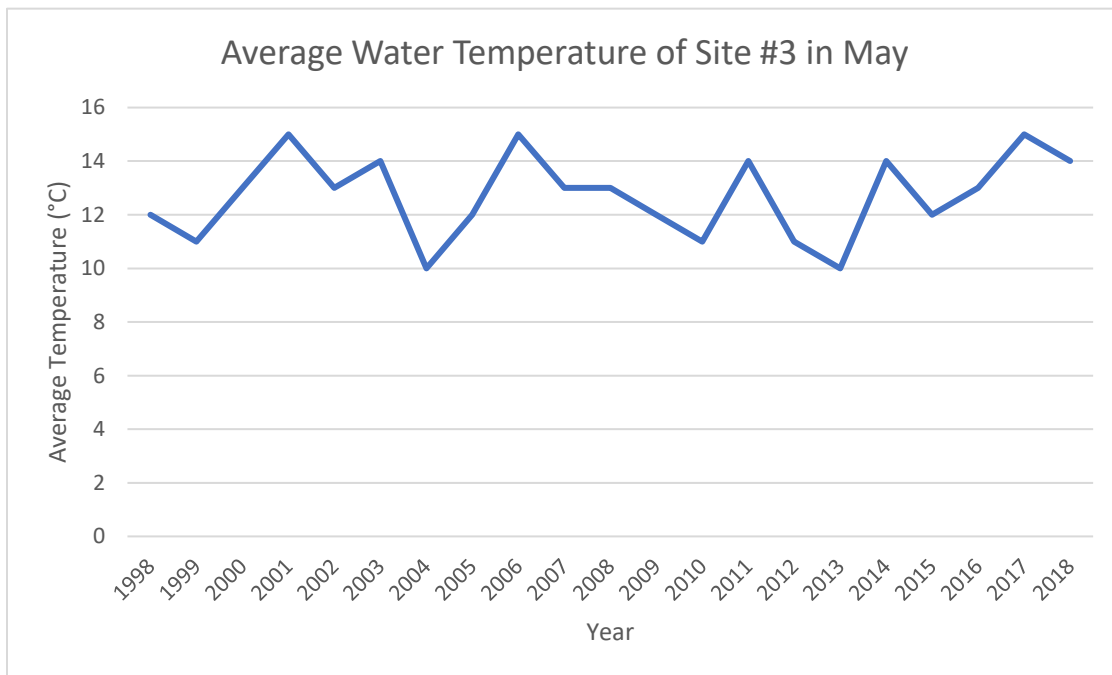
**Acidity:** measure the water sample using the litmus paper.

**Heavy Metal Concentration:** contains 0.0043 g of lead per 300 g of water.

**Phosphorus Concentration:** contains 0.000105 g of phosphorous per 300 g of water.

**Pesticide Concentration:** contains 0.000603 g of Fenthion per 300 g of water.

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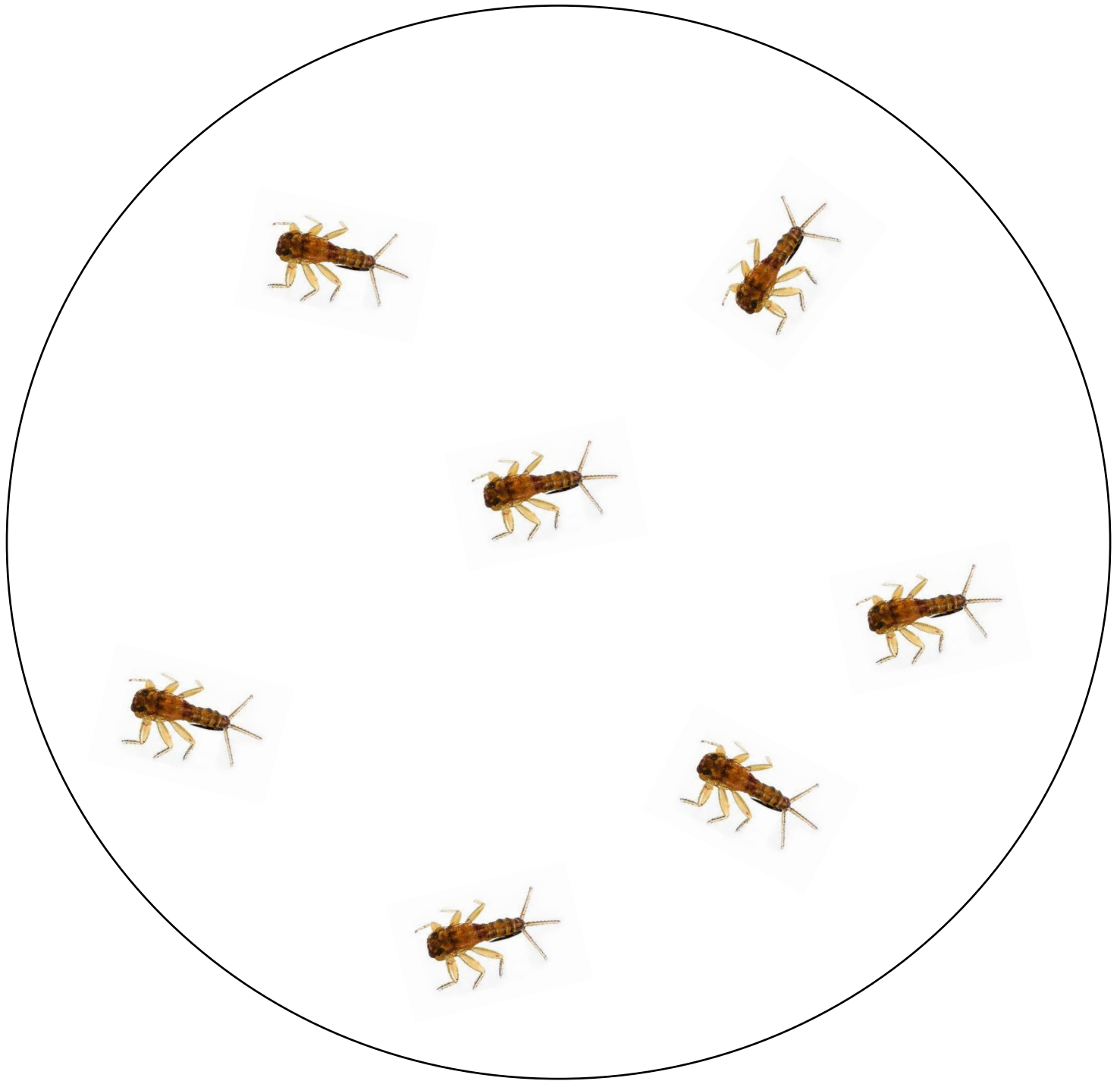
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### Site #4:

This water sample is from the **surface water runoff** from a nearby mine that collects various precious metals. The mining company has recently started using **hydraulic mining practices** to increase efficiency.



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**Dissolved oxygen:** contains 0.000908 g of oxygen per 300 g of water.

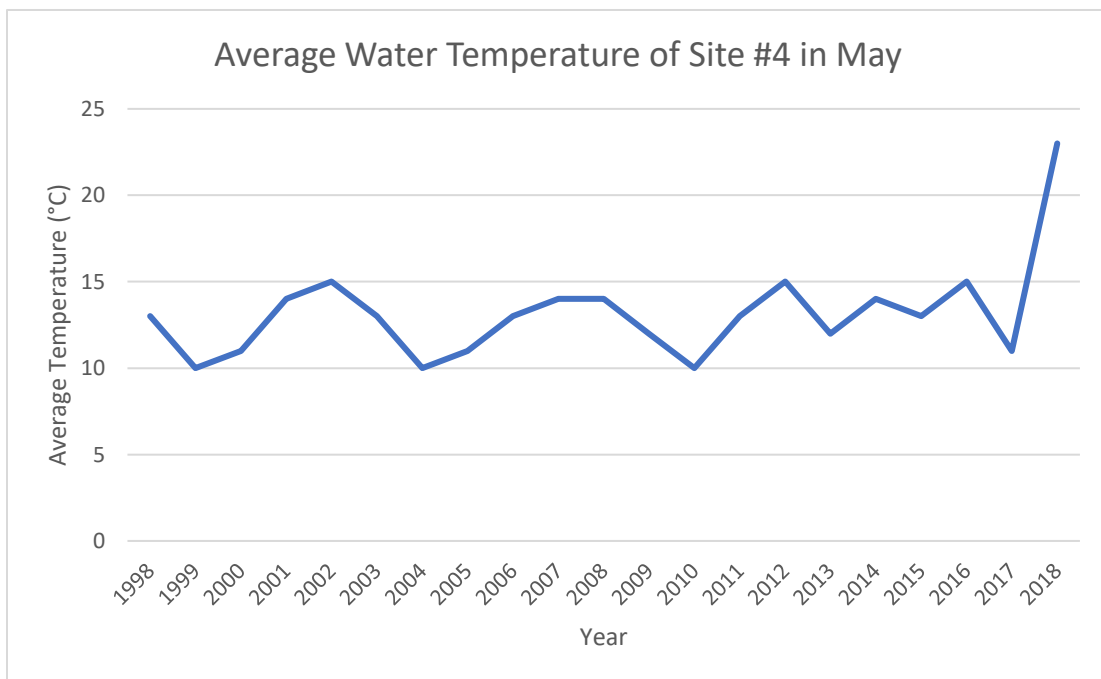
**Acidity:** measure the water sample using the litmus paper.

**Heavy Metal Concentration:** contains 0.025 g of lead per 300 g of water.

**Phosphorus Concentration:** contains 0.000004 g of phosphorus per 300 g of water.

**Pesticide Concentration:** contains 0.00021 g of Fenthion per 300 g of water.

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