

# Finding the State and Regional Story in the National Lakes Assessment Data

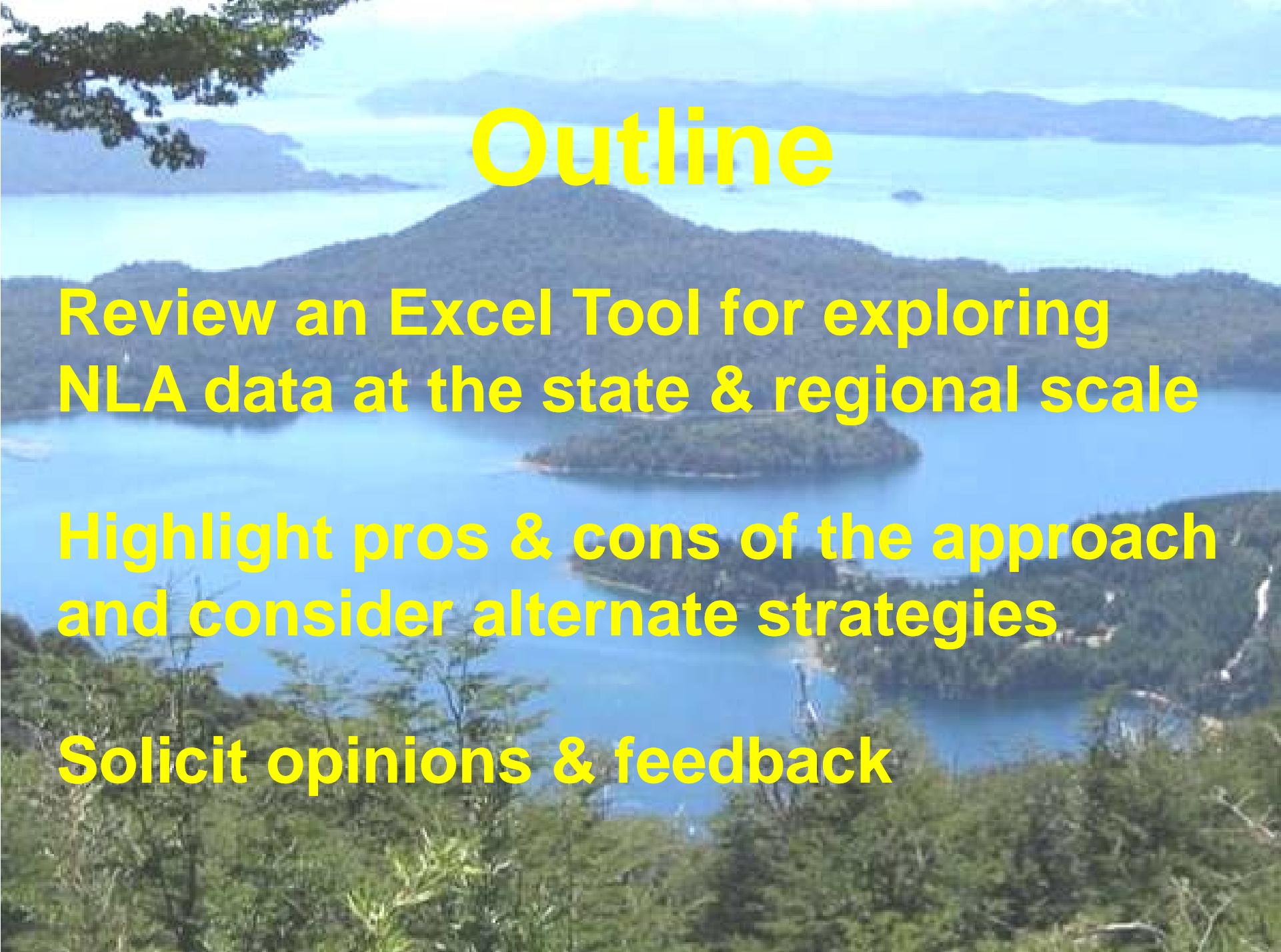
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**“Mr. Osborne, may I be excused? My brain is full.”**

**Gary Larson, The Far Side**





# Outline

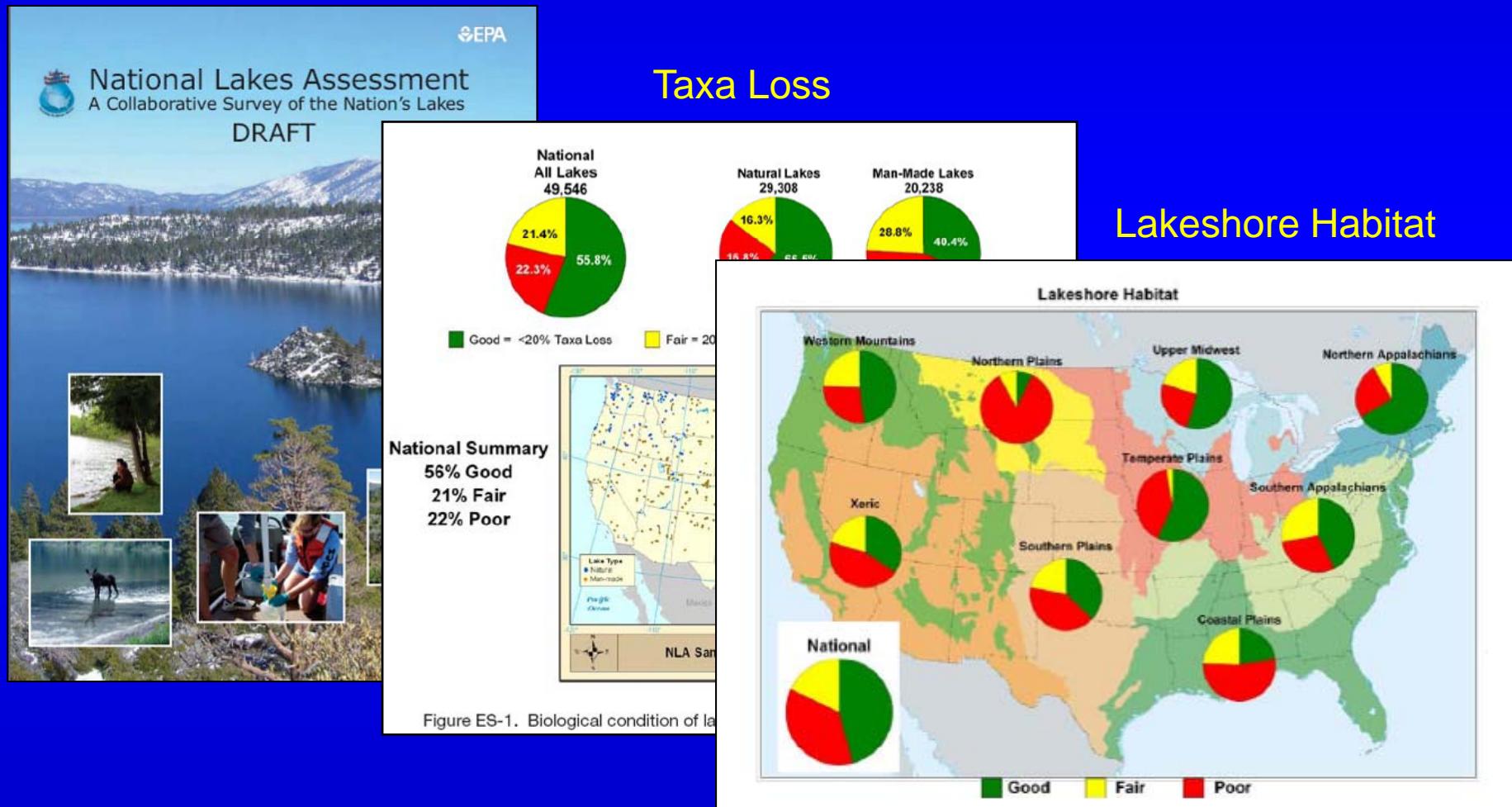
**Review an Excel Tool for exploring  
NLA data at the state & regional scale**

**Highlight pros & cons of the approach  
and consider alternate strategies**

**Solicit opinions & feedback**

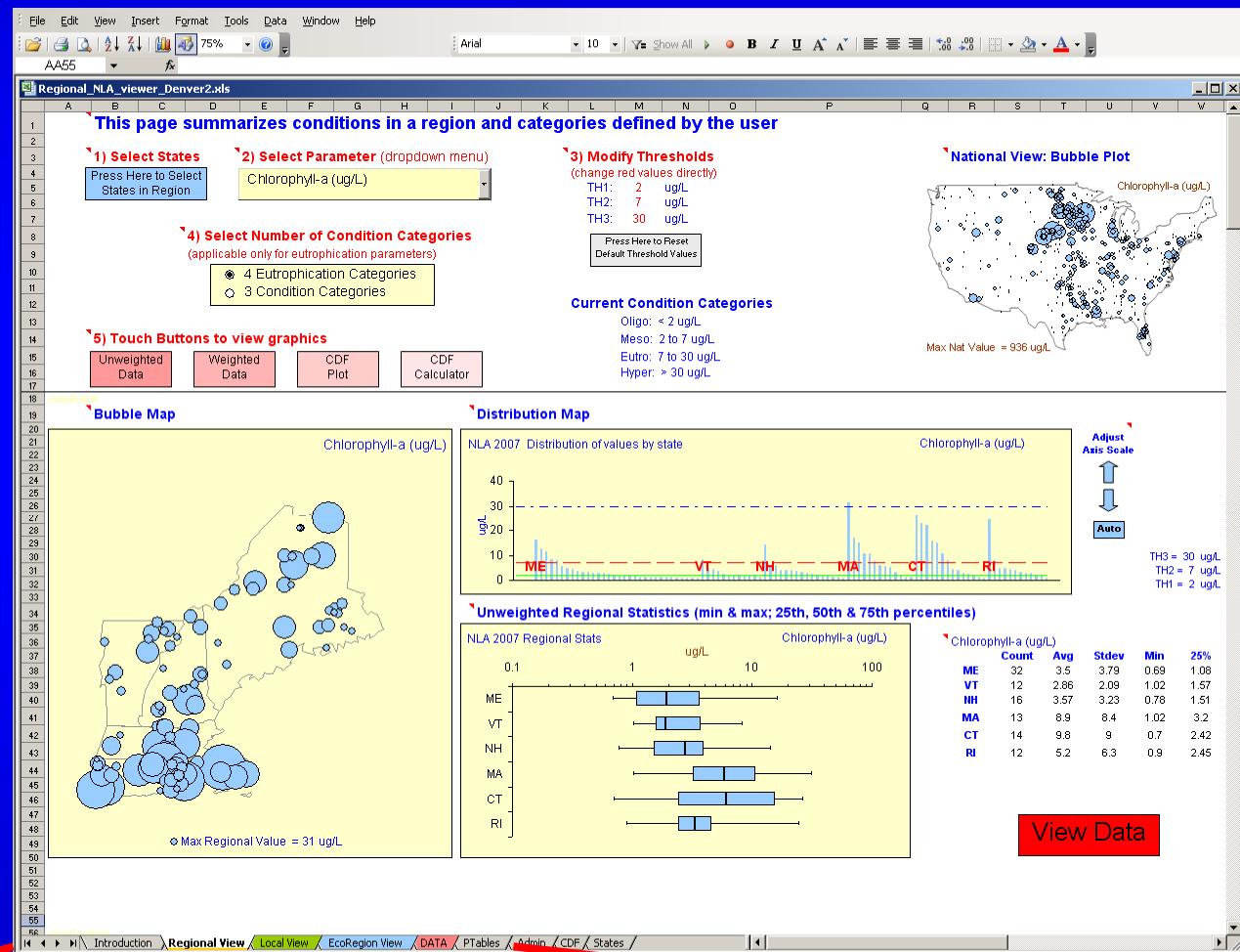
# National Lakes Survey 2007

## Assessment of nation and nine ecoregions



# NLA Data Viewer

Different views provided on separate pages



# Data Page:

## spreadsheet format

### 43 water qual & habitat parameters ecoregion & cluster ids; weights

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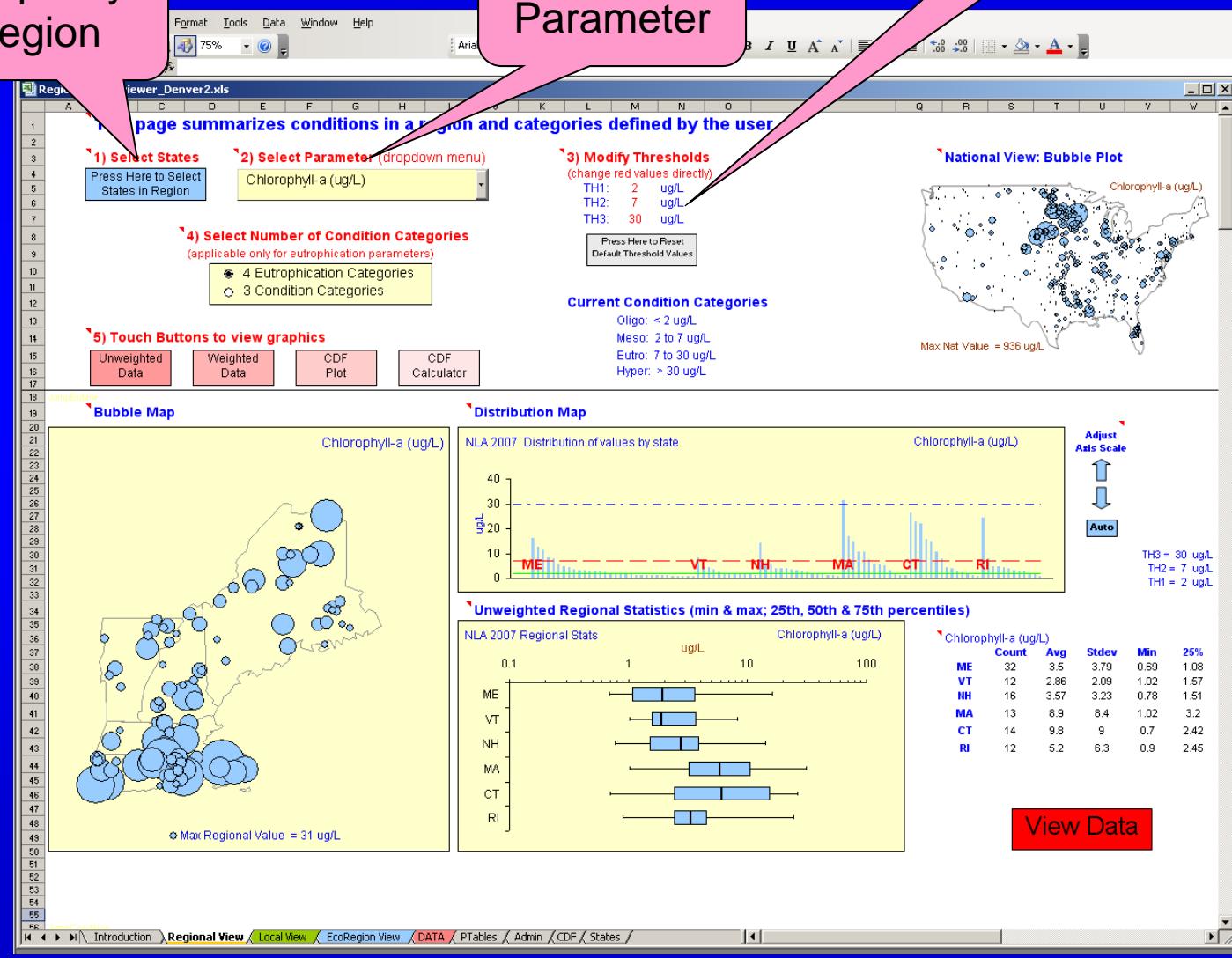
# Regional View Page

## Three steps to operate

1) Specify Region

2) Specify Parameter

3) Specify Thresholds



# Specify region of interest

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Use this page to select states included in spreadsheet calculations. Selected states are designated as the "Region" on plots & tables.

Touch pink macro box to clear all checkboxes (or click checked box to deselect)

Select between 2 and 12 states by checking boxes below. Touch green macro box to implement changes.

Clear All Checkboxes

Press Here to Implement Selection and/or Return to Main Page

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Map of the United States showing state-level regions. States are color-coded and numbered:

- Reg 1: VT, NH, MA, RI
- Reg 2: NY, NJ, DE, WV
- Reg 3: PA, MD, NC, SC, MS, AL, GA, FL
- Reg 4: KY, TN, NC, GA, AL, MS, LA, TX, OK, AR, NM, CO, UT, AZ, CA
- Reg 5: MN, WI, MI, IL, IN, OH, KY, TN, MS, AL, GA, FL
- Reg 6: NM, SD, MO, KS, NE, IA, MO, AR, OK, TX, LA, MS, AL, GA, FL
- Reg 7: ND, KS, IA, MO, MO, AR, OK, TX, LA, MS, AL, GA, FL
- Reg 8: MT, ND, NV, UT, CO, NM, AZ, CA, WA
- Reg 9: CA, WA
- Reg 10: OR, ID, WA

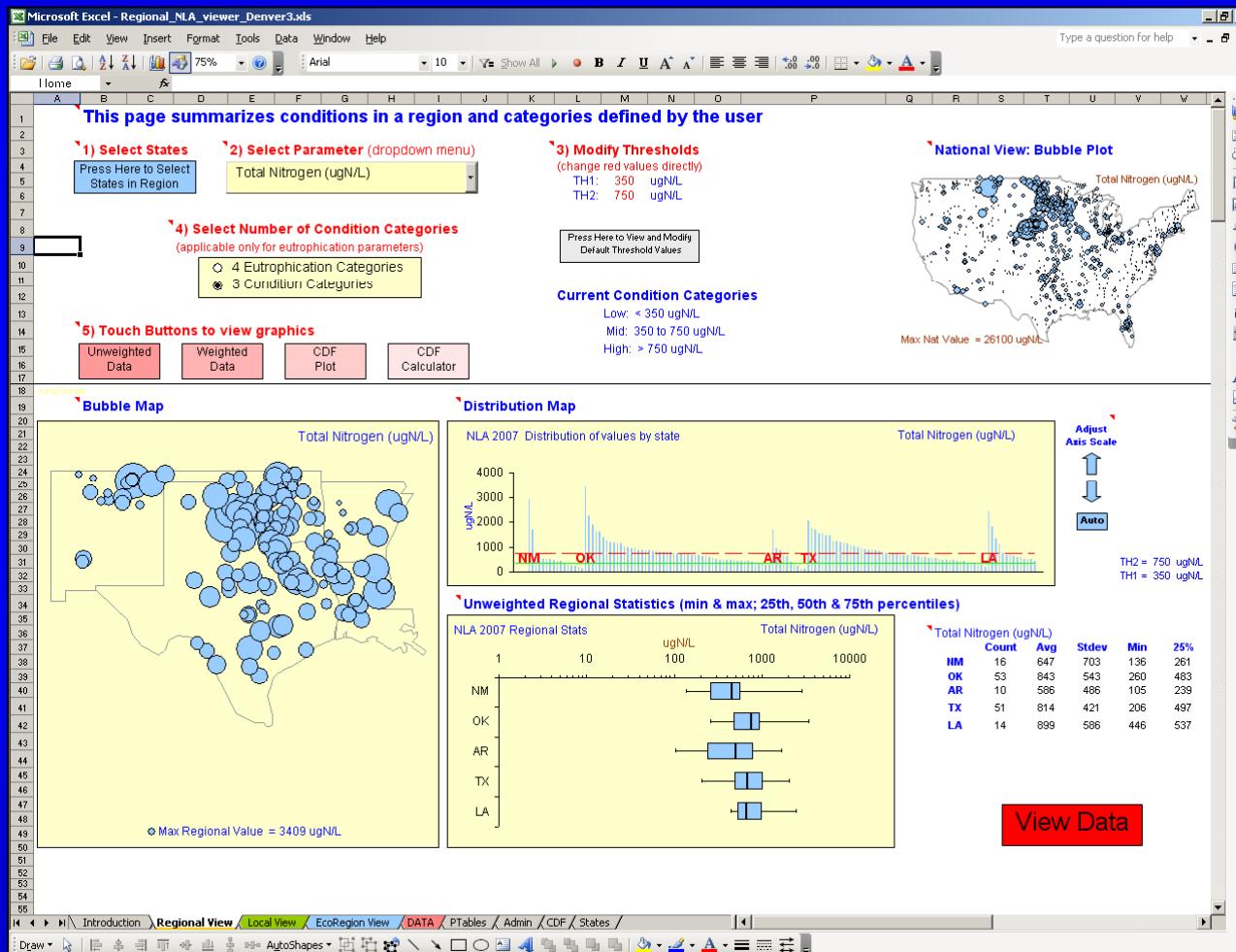
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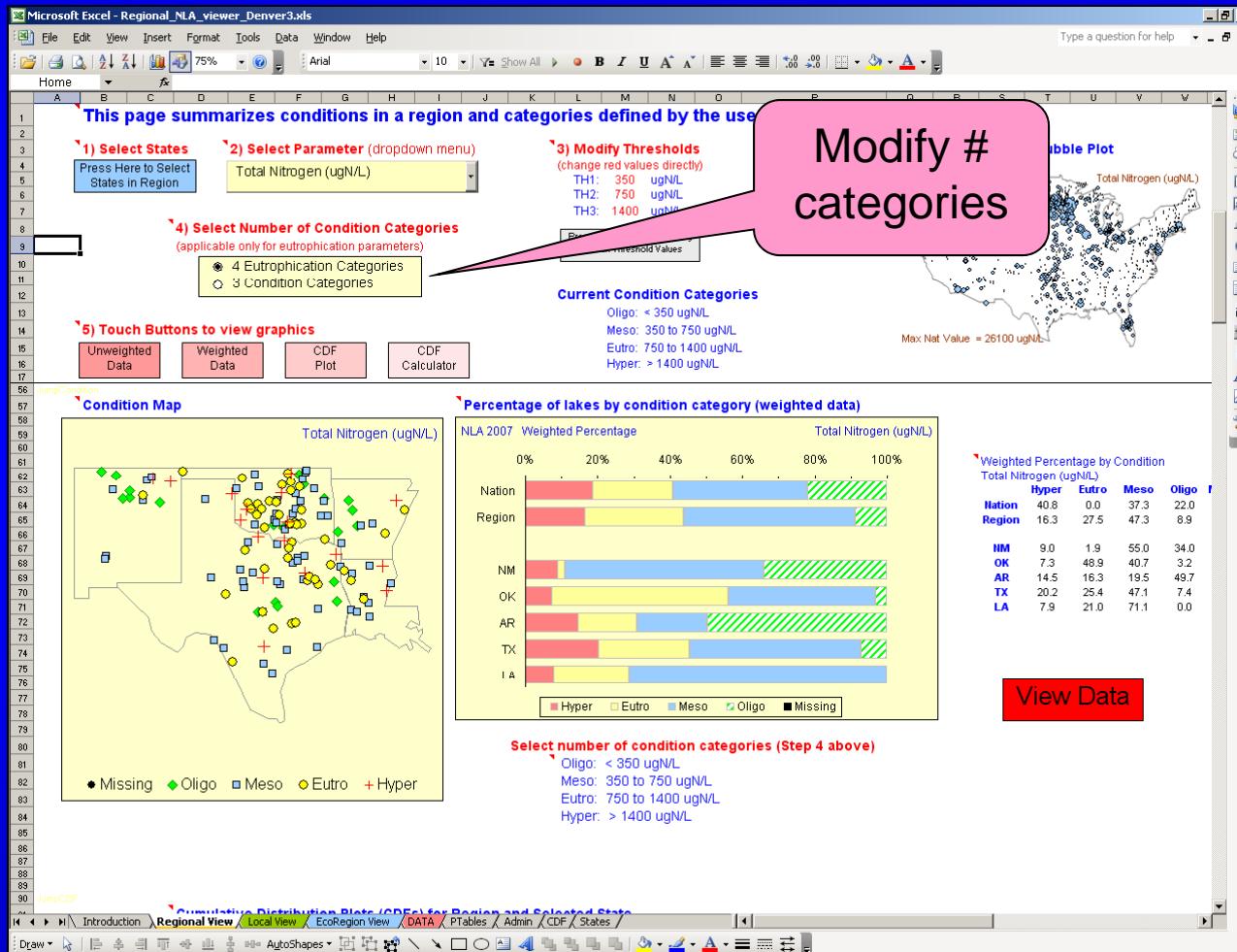
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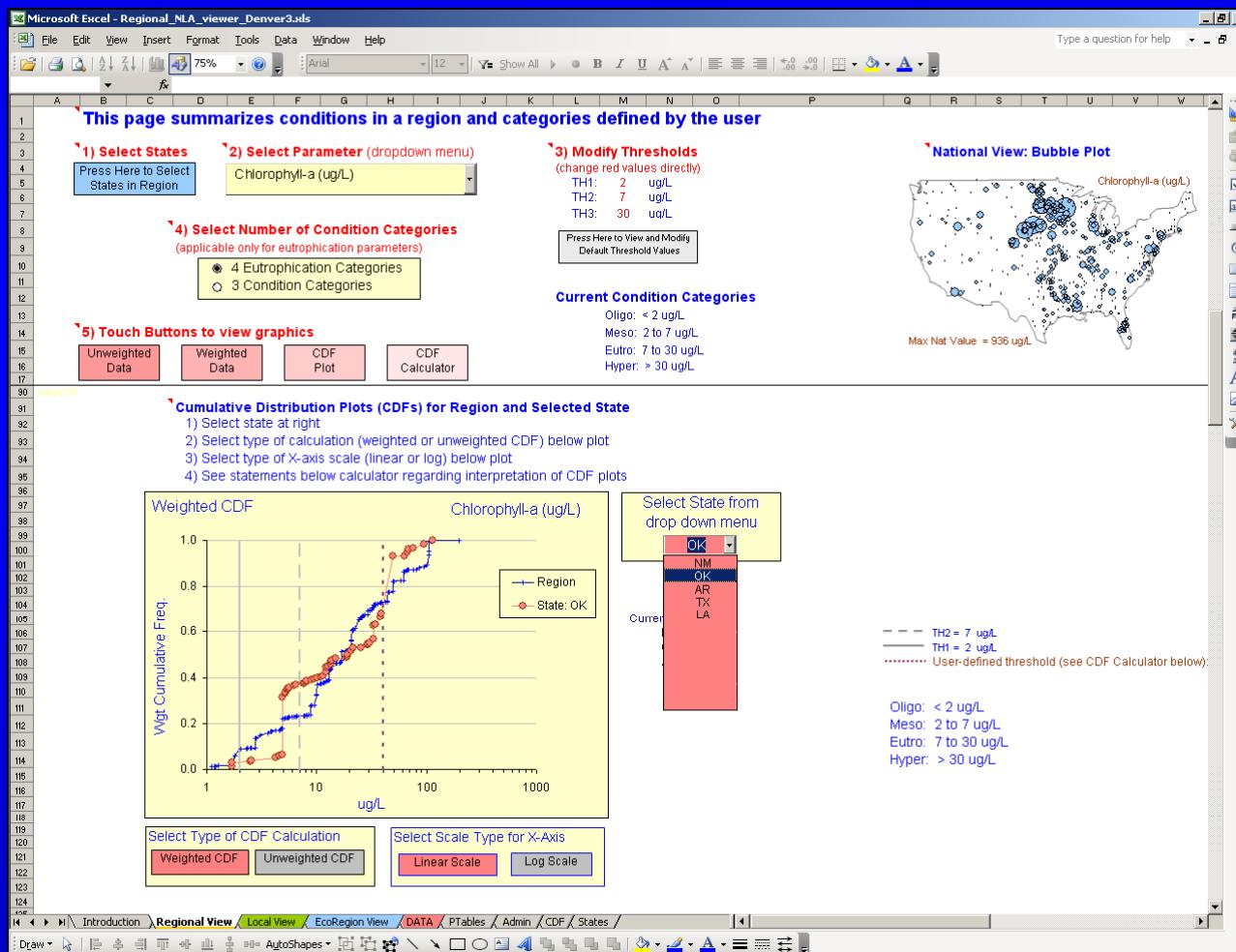


# View weighted data



# Cumulative distribution plots (CDF)

- Weighted or unweighted
- Compare state with region



# How to interpret CDFs

## How to interpret Cumulative Distribution Functions (CDFs)

### What information is available from CDFs?

The range and frequency of values can be determined from the horizontal axis.

The vertical axis provides an estimate of the fraction of lakes displaying conditions less than or equal to values on the horizontal axis  
(see below regarding difference between estimates indicated by unweighted and weighted CDFs).

The relative positions of state and regional curves provides a useful comparison of conditions:

When less is better (e.g., nutrient concentrations), a curve positioned "to the left" indicates better conditions

When more is better (e.g. dissolved oxygen), a curve positioned "to the right" indicates better conditions

Note: the horizontal axis may be formatted as either a linear scale or log scale to facilitate comparison of state and regional CDFs

### Difference between unweighted and weighted CDFs

**Unweighted CDF:** All stations are equally weighted; vertical spacing between points are equal

An unweighted CDF is appropriate when unbiased sampling cannot be assumed (i.e., when a survey was not conducted according to a probabilistic sampling design).

Unweighted CDF estimates therefore pertain only to the sampled lakes.

Statement appropriate for unweighted CDF: "Based on the unweighted CDF, 80% of SAMPLED lakes in the State are estimated to have Chlorophyll a values less than or equal to 30 ug/L"

**Weighted CDF:** Station weights reflect number of lakes in size classes and within ecoregions & states. Large weights generally indicate smaller lake size.

Vertical spacings between points are variable and proportional to station weight.

Note: if a state CDF shows large vertical jumps for one or two points (stations), this indicates that weighted results for the state are dominated by results at those stations

Estimates from weighted CDFs are representative of ALL lakes in the state or region, not just those sampled in the survey.

Statement appropriate for weighted CDF: "Based on the unweighted CDF, 80% of ALL lakes in the State are estimated to have Chlorophyll a values less than or equal to 30 ug/L"

Use weighted CDFs for interpretation of NLA data.

# CDF Calculator

## 1) Enter Value

**CDF Calculator:** Estimate the percentage of lakes with values less than or equal to a designated value

**To Operate:** Enter a threshold value into yellow box. Estimated percentages of lakes with values less than or equal to this threshold are calculated below.

Appropriate statements

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Appropriate statements:

User-defined Threshold (X-value):  ug/L

(this value appears as dotted line in CDF plot above)

% State lakes  $\leq$  X-value:  
% Regional lakes  $\leq$  X-value:

68.1%  
73.1%

Estimates are calculated

Chlorophyll-a (ug/L)    Weighted CDF

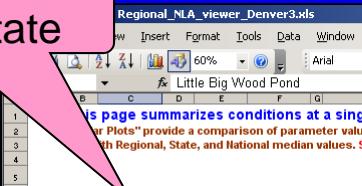
Based on the Weighted CDF, 68.1% of ALL lakes in Oklahoma are estimated to have values less than or equal to 40 ug/L

Based on the Weighted CDF, 73.1% of ALL lakes in the specified Region are estimated to have values less than or equal to 40 ug/L

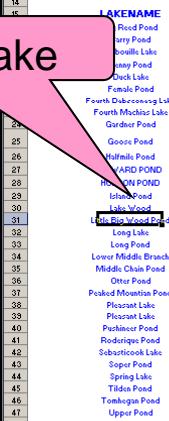
# Local View Page

## Summarizes conditions at a single selected lake

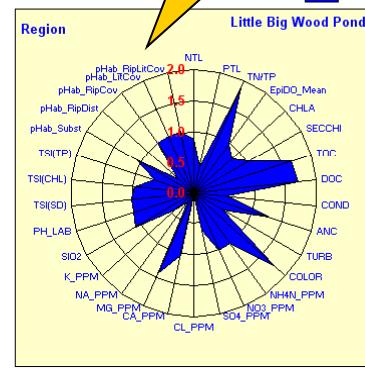
1) Select State



2) Select Lake

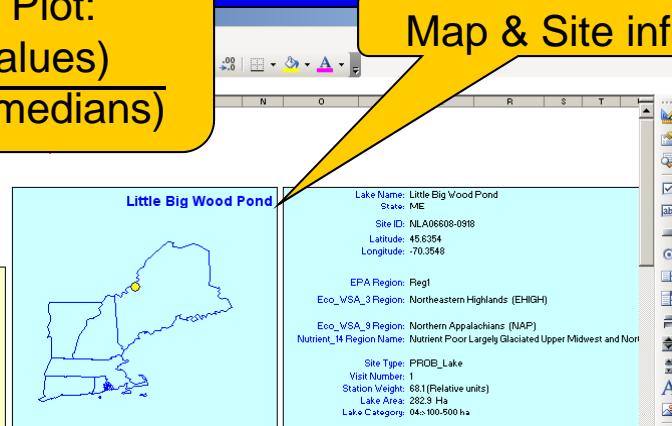


Radar Plot:  
(lake values)  
(regional medians)



Summary of all  
lake data

Map & Site info



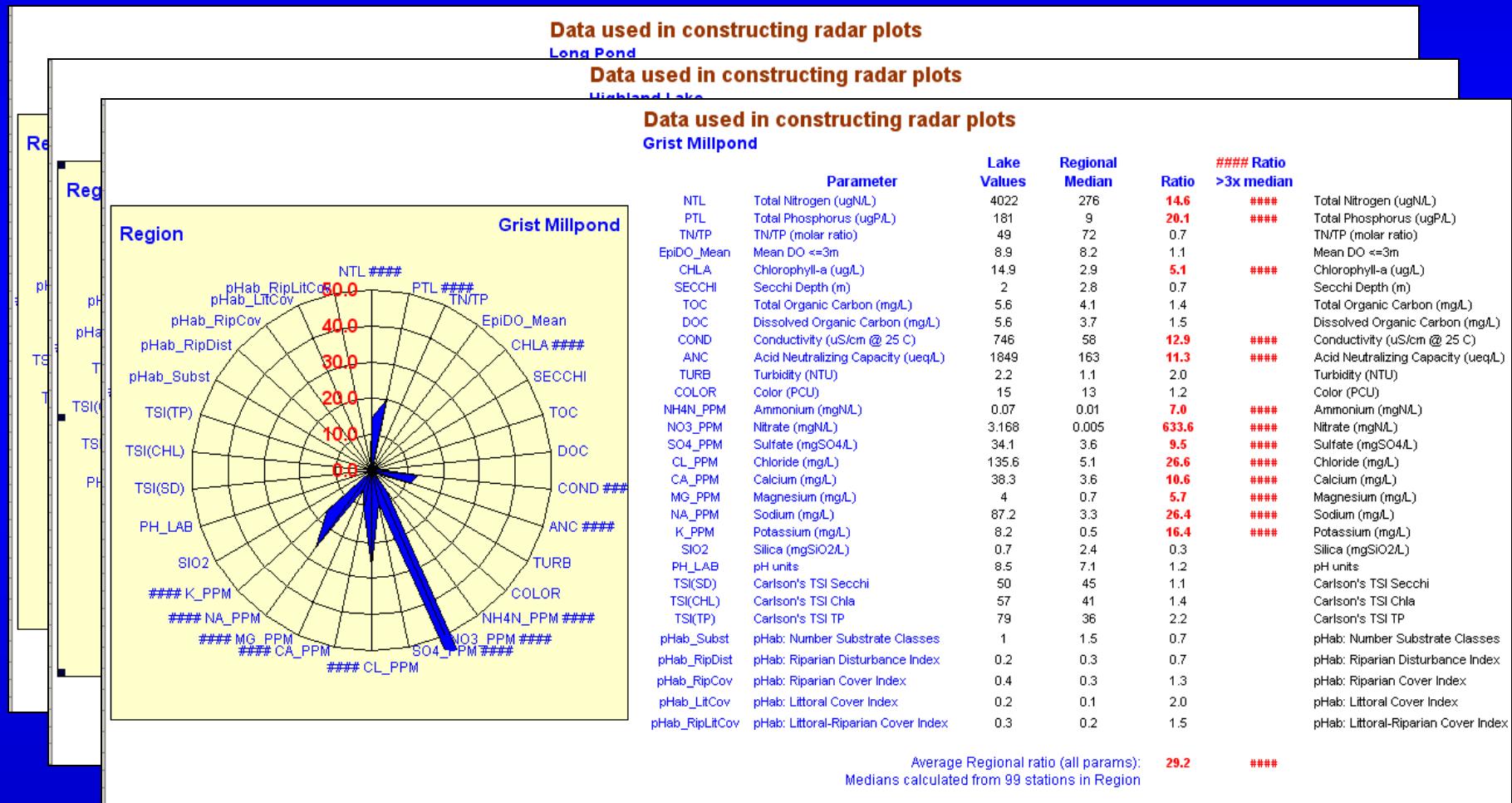
Average Regional ratio (all params): 0.9  
Medians calculated from 99 stations in Region

Data used in constructing radar plots

Lake	Parameter	Values	Regional Median	Ratio	Ratio >3x median
NTL	Total Nitrogen (mg/lit.)	244	276	0.9	NTL
PTL	Total Phosphorus (µg/lit.)	4	9	0.4	PTL
TN/TP	TN/TP (molar ratio)	135	72	1.9	TN/TP
EpDO_Mean	Mean DO (<sat>)	8	8.2	1.0	EpDO_Mean
CHLA	Chlorophyll-a (µg/L)	2.4	2.9	0.8	CHLA
SECCHI	Secchi Depth (m)	2.9	2.9	1.0	SECCHI
DOC	Dissolved Organic Carbon (mg/L)	6.8	4.1	1.7	DOC
COND	Conductivity (µS/cm @ 25°C)	31	58	0.5	COND
ANC	Acid Neutralizing Capacity (µeq/L)	210	163	1.3	ANC
TURB	Turbidity (NTU)	0.6	11	0.5	TURB
COLOR	Color (PCNU)	25	35	0.7	COLOR
NH4_N_PPM	Nitrogen (mg/100L)	0.01	0.01	1.0	NH4_N_PPM
NO2_PPM	Nitrate (mg/mL)	0.005	0.005	1.0	NO2_PPM
SO4_PPM	Sulfate (mg/100L)	2.2	3.6	0.6	SO4_PPM
CL_PPM	Chloride (mg/L)	0.2	5.1	0.0	CL_PPM
CA_PPM	Calcium (mg/L)	3.7	3.6	1.0	CA_PPM
Mg_PPM	Magnesium (mg/L)	1	0.7	1.4	Mg_PPM
NA_PPM	Na (mg/100L)	0.6	3.3	0.2	NA_PPM
K_PPM	K (mg/100L)	0.2	0.5	0.4	K_PPM
SiO2	Silica (mg/100L)	2.6	2.4	1.1	SiO2
PH_units	pH units	7.3	7.1	1.0	PH_UNITS
TSI(SD)	Carlson's TSI Secchi	45	45	1.0	TSI(SD)
TSI(CHL)	Carlson's TSI Chl	39	41	1.0	TSI(CHL)
TSI(TP)	Carlson's TSI TP	24	36	0.7	TSI(TP)
pHab_Subst	pHab: Number Substrate Classes	1.6	1.5	1.1	pHab_Subst
pHab_RipDist	pHab: Riparian Disturbance Index	0.1	0.3	0.3	pHab_RipDist
pHab_RipCov	pHab: Riparian Cover Index	0.3	0.3	1.0	pHab_RipCov
pHab_LitCov	pHab: Littoral Cover Index	0.1	0.1	1.0	pHab_LitCov
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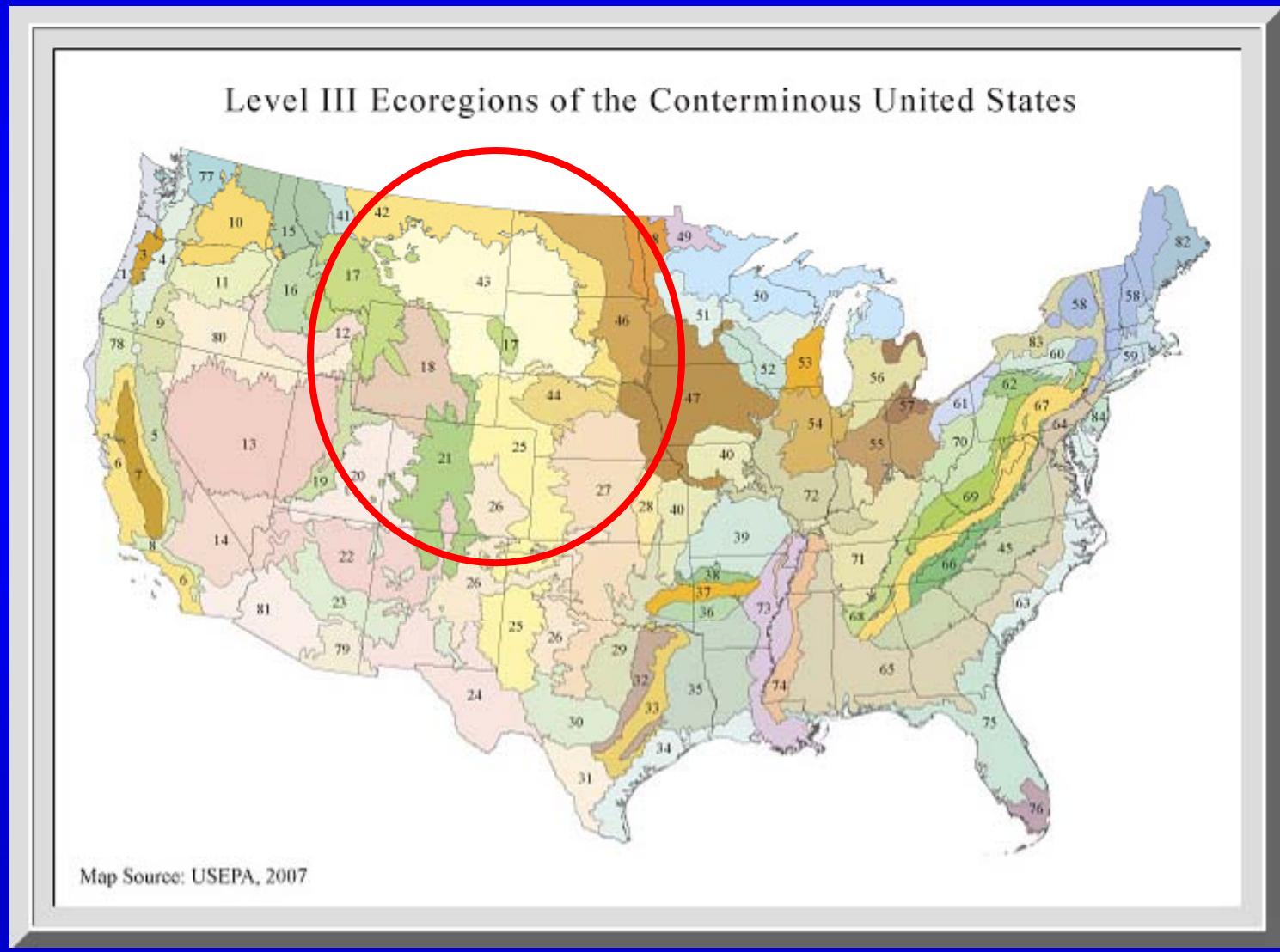
# Local View Page

## Examples of radar plots



# Analyze by Ecoregion

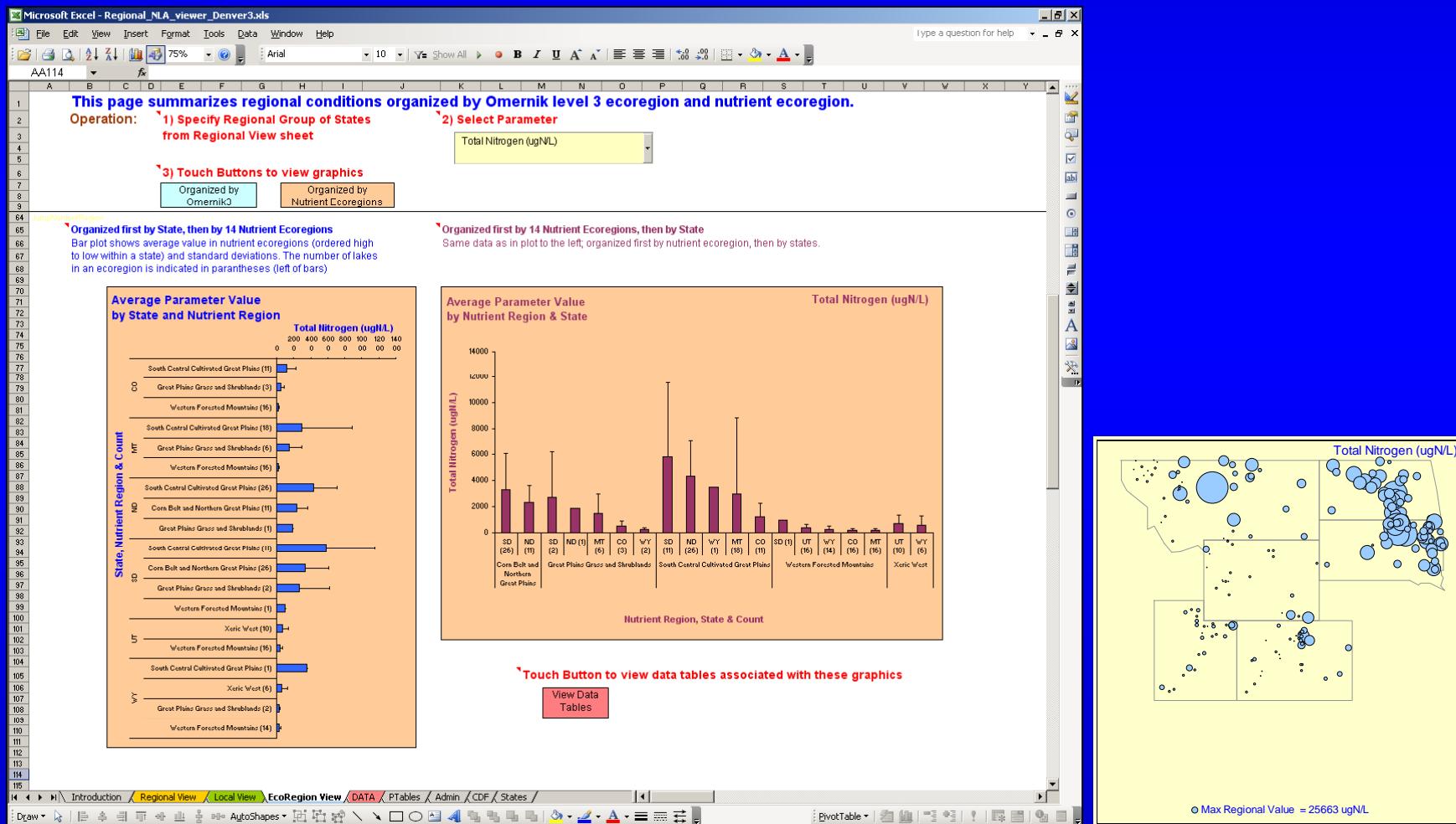
## Level 3 Omernik ecosystem classification



# Ecoregion View Page

Do conditions vary by ecoregion?

Average values plotted vs Level 3 Omernik ecoregions.



# NLA Data Viewer: Pros

Familiar Excel environment

Simple access to NLA data

Multiple views of NLA data  
interpretive graphics  
basic stats; weighted stats  
cumulative distribution function  
radar plots

Emphasis on regional & local scale  
user-defined regions  
user-defined thresholds

Familiar Excel Environment

# NLA Data Viewer: Cons

**Data concerns**

**Version control**

**Unintentional corruption by user**

**Stability concerns**

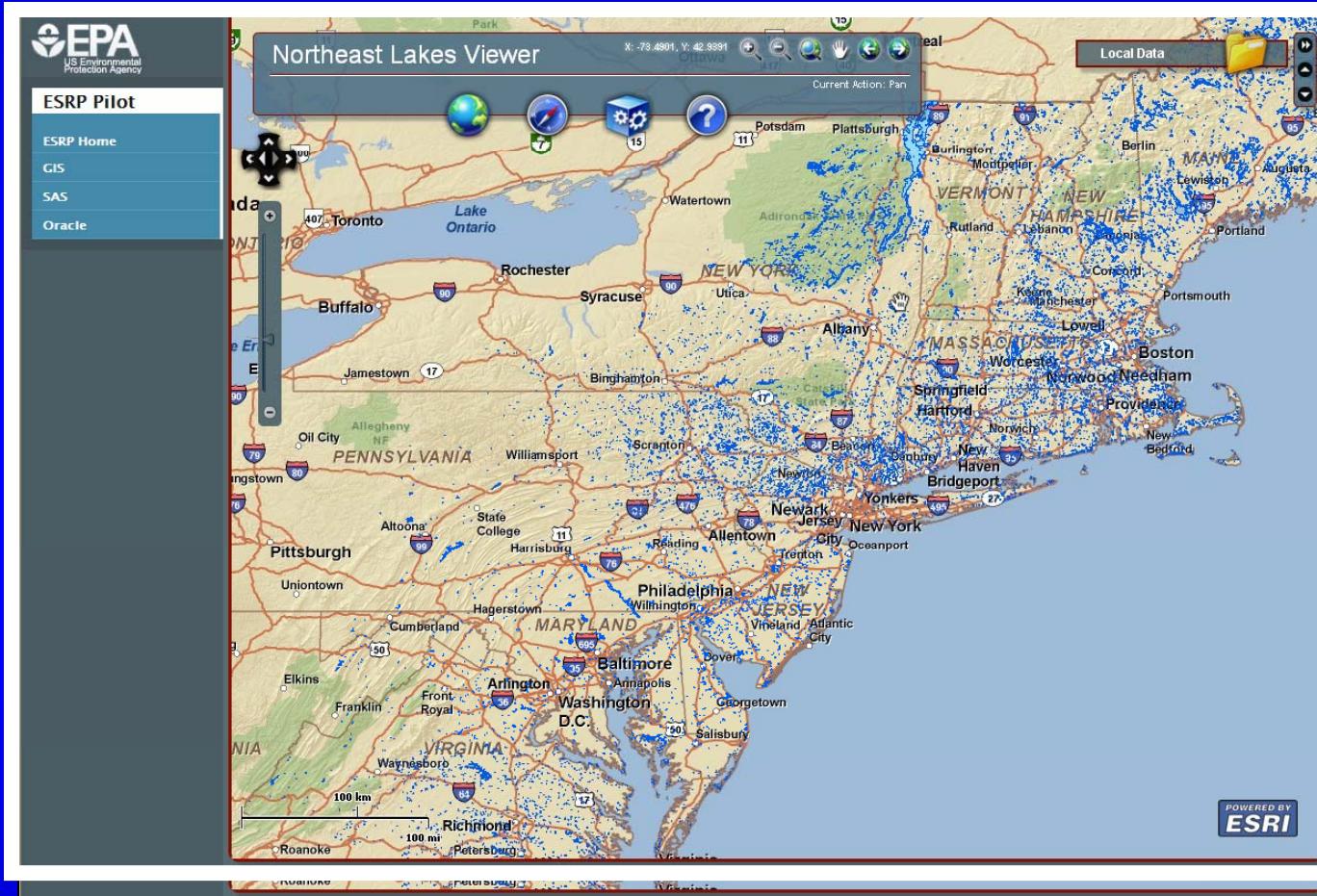
**Spreadsheet not “bullet-proof”**

**Who is the Help-Desk?**

**Better alternate technologies?**

# Alternate Viewer (under development)

## Northeast Lakes Viewer



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# GIS and data analysis via web browser

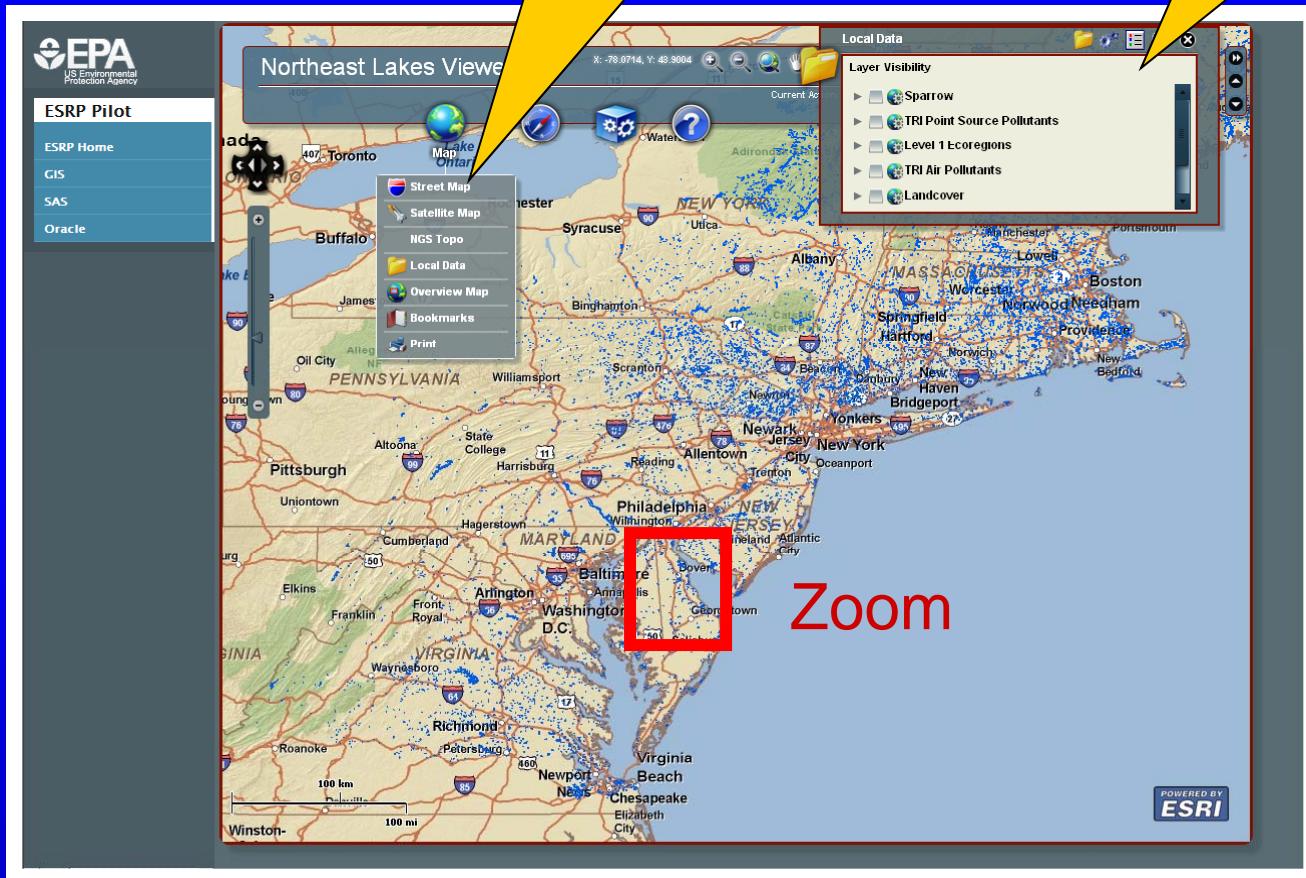
ArcGIS Server

SAS Intranet

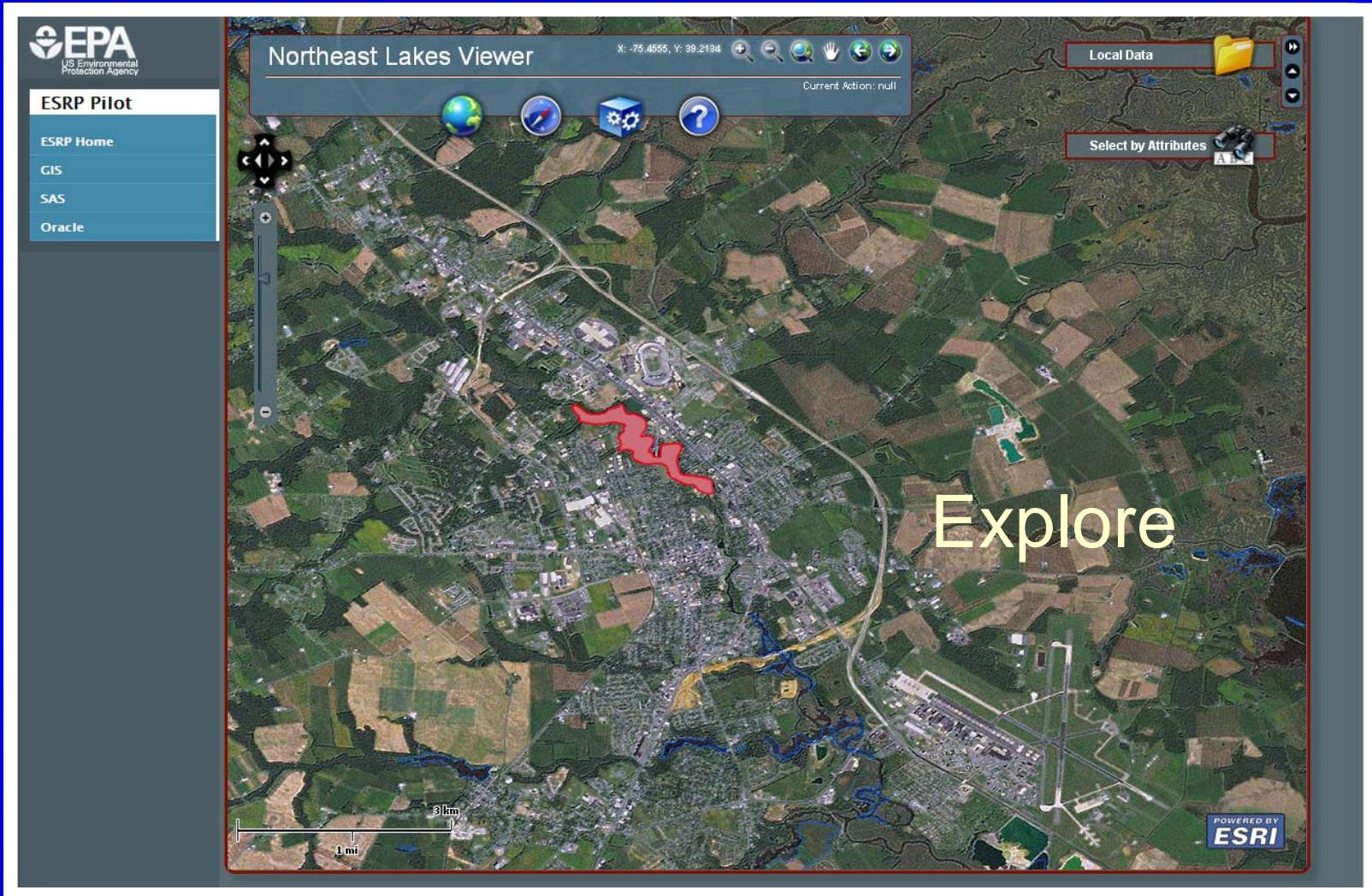
Oracle APEX

Base layers from  
ArcGIS Online

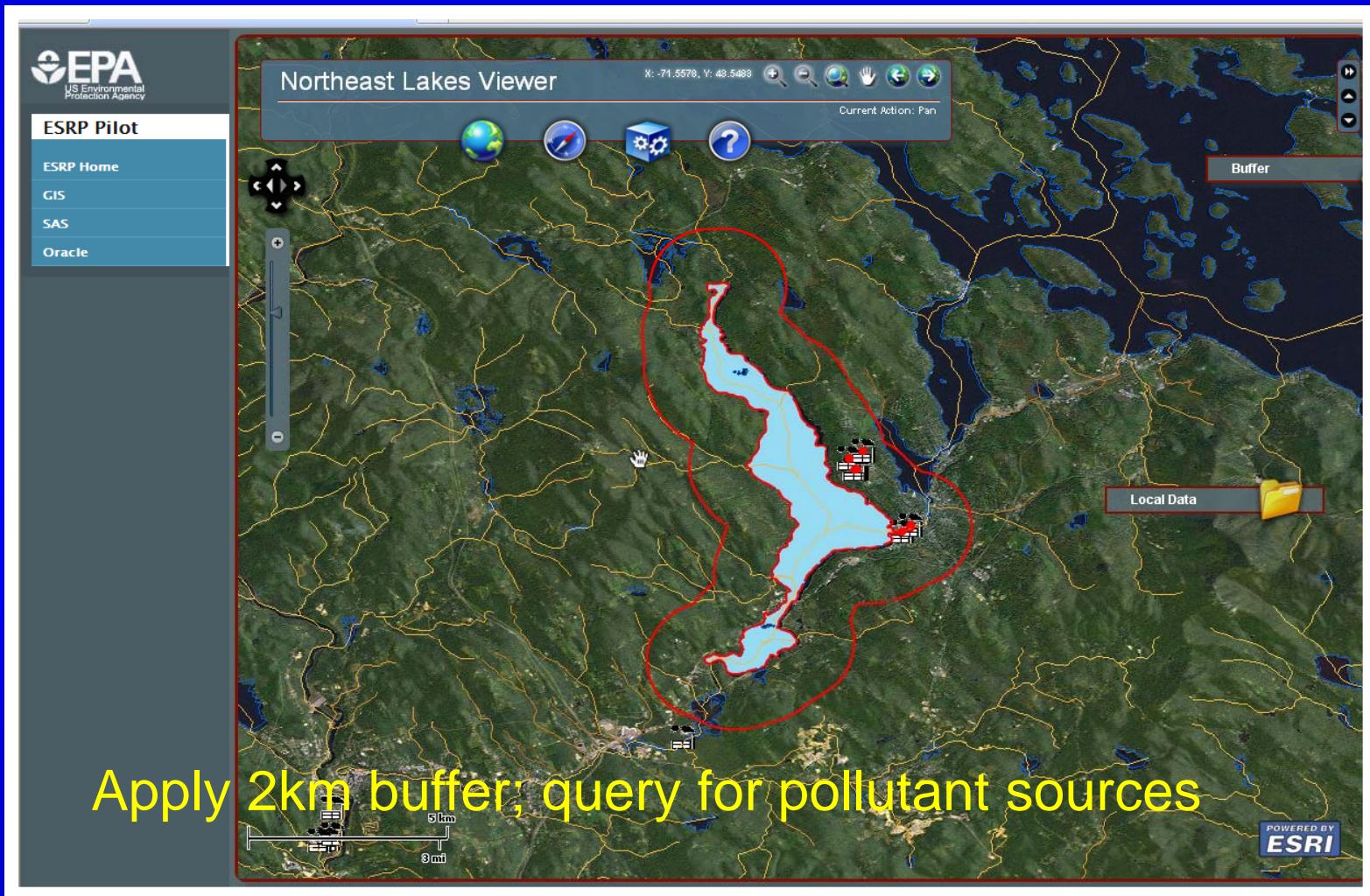
Additional layers  
and datasets from  
local server



# Northeast Lakes Viewer Features: Query by attribute, highlight results



# Northeast Lakes Viewer Tools: Bar charts, radar plots, full GIS analysis tools



# SAS Intrnet: Summaries, maps, charts.....

**ESRP Pilot**

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**SAS Report**

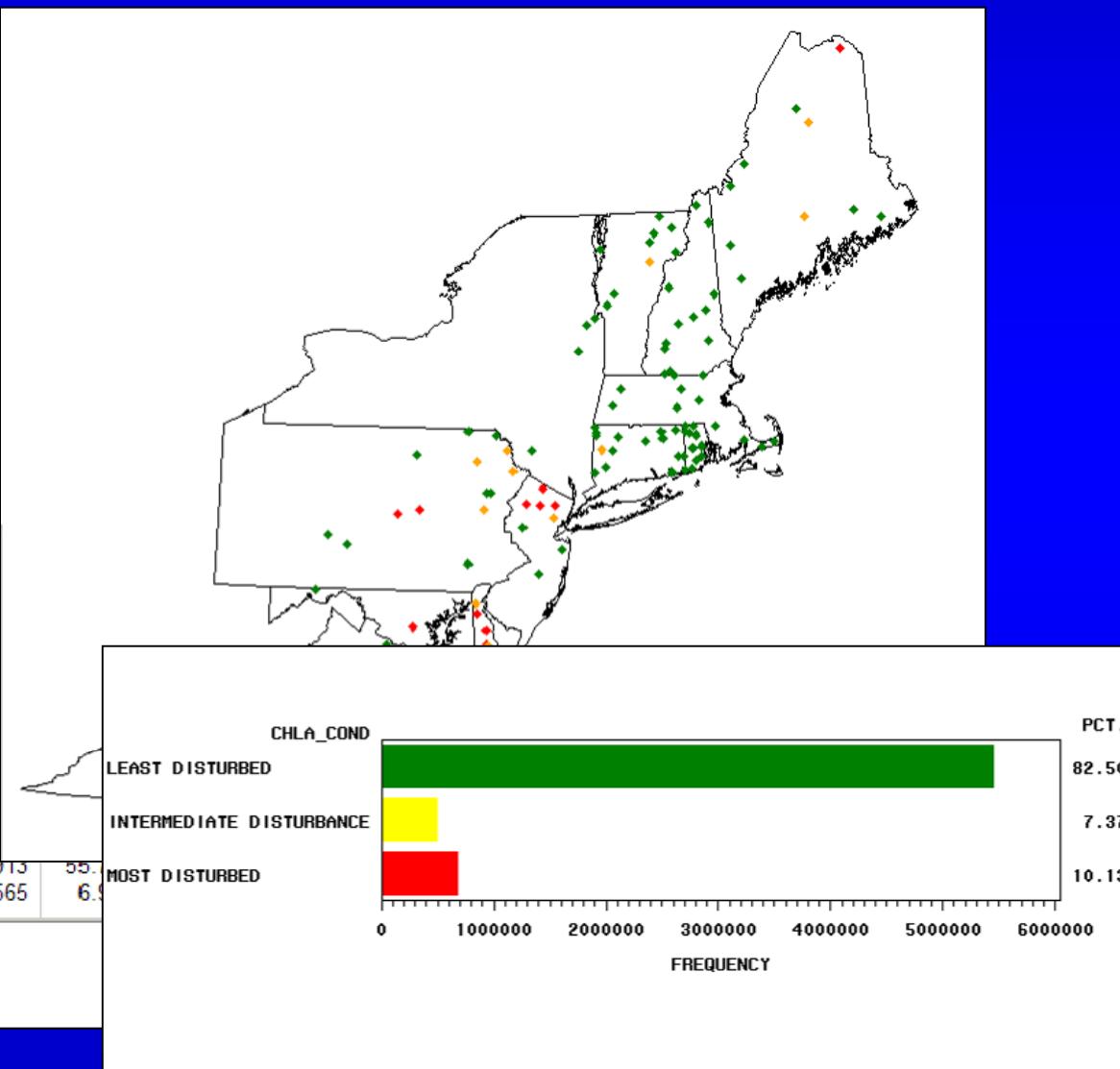
Select Report:

- Chlorophyll Condition Report
- ANC Condition Report
- Turbity Condition Report
- Total Nitrogen Condition Report
- Total Phosphorus Condition Report
- Dissolved Oxygen Condition Report

**National Lakes Assessment**

The ME

Variable	Label	N	Mean
VISIT_NO	VISIT_NO	115	1.00000
LAT_DD	LAT_DD	115	41.85668
LON_DD	LON_DD	115	-73.36023
DO2_2M	DO2_2M	109	8.31218
ANC	ANC	115	580.93800
CHLA	CHLA	115	19.68242
NTL	NTL	115	635.69565
PTL	PTL	115	34.0173913
TURB	TURB	115	4.8953565



# Oracle APEX: Data delivery, manipulation, download.....

The screenshot illustrates the Oracle APEX interface for managing data from the US-EPA ESRP Northeast Lakes Database Pilot. On the left, a sidebar menu includes links for ESRP Pilot, ESRP Home, GIS, SAS, and Oracle. The main content area displays a grid of lake data with columns for Nla Id, Nla Lake Name, Latitude, Longitude, Ntl, Ptl, Ca, Mg, and Chla. A red arrow points from the 'Selected data' callout box to the 'Select Columns' tool in the Oracle Tools sidebar. Another red arrow points from the 'Download' tool in the Oracle Tools sidebar to the bottom right corner of the grid.

Selected data

Nla Id	Nla Lake Name	Latitude	Longitude	Ntl	Ptl	Ca	Mg	Chla
NLA06608-0029	Red Mill Pond	38.75662	-75.21301	246	162	7.222	3.886	106.8
NLA06608-0029	Red Mill Pond	38.75662	-75.21301	2106	247	7.842	3.966	123.12
NLA06608-0050	Adder Pond	43.44606	-71.80946	399	18	2.183	.469	10.08
NLA06608-0050	Adder Pond	43.44606	-71.80946	303	16	1.97	.474	3.952
NLA06608-0053	Lake Champlain	43.54476	-73.46221	275	19	24.32	5.79	5.008
NLA06608-0053	Lake Champlain	43.54476	-73.46221	246	29	24.52	5.03	6.256
NLA06608-0037	Waramaug, Lake	41.69141	-73.34949	338	14	7.329	2.893	5.264
NLA06608-0037	Waramaug, Lake	41.69141	-73.34949	239	14	7.14	2.664	8.03
NLA06608-0038	Island Pond	44.8075	-71.872778					
NLA06608-0038	Island Pond	44.8075	-71.872778					
NLA06608-0045	Beaver Pond	37.29456	-77.88768	430	60	8.9	4.291	21.12
NLA06608-0045	Beaver Pond	37.29456	-77.88768	648	54	7.805	3.843	20.16
NLA06608-0006	Morris Reservoir	41.67626	-73.14483	223	4	5.425	1.872	3.224

Oracle Tools

- Select Columns
- Filter
- Sort
- Control Break
- Highlight
- Compute
- Aggregate
- Chart
- Flashback
- Save Report
- Reset
- Help
- Download

# **Summary: Excel Data Viewer**

**User creates regional view of NLA data**

**Customized region**

**Customized thresholds**

**Graphics & stats put state's condition in context**

**Excel tool not yet robust. Is it worth the effort to make it bullet-proof?**

**Alternative strategy..... Use Excel tool to identify useful graphics/calculations. Build similar capability into web browser.**

# **Feedback is sought & appreciated**

**Is the Excel tool approach advisable?**

**Who would use such a tool?**

**How would you use it?**

**Any component particularly useful.... or not?**

**What's missing?**

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