

### An Exploration of Nutrients and Chlorophyll in North Carolina's Estuaries

North Carolina is home to many estuarine waters, from Albemarle Sound in the North, to Lockwoods Folly in the South. In order to investigate possible linkages between nutrient concentrations and chlorophyll a concentrations in estuarine waters, we have examined data from several monitoring stations throughout North Carolina's coastal area. These stations are shown in yellow above. Finding a link between nutrient concentrations and chlorophyll concentrations would allow for the development of statewide nutrient concentration limits. North Carolina monitors a large number of stations in the coastal areas. The ones chosen to examine here had to meet the following criteria: the waters are classified as estuarine, chlorophyll a and nutrient concentrations were analyzed for, and samples were collected in the period January 1, 2002 through December 31, 2006, which was the assessment period used.

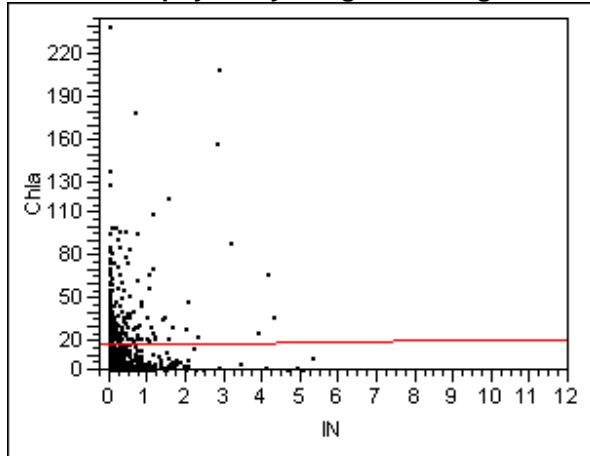
The data were divided in many different ways to help evaluate what has an effect and what does not. For example, the data were divided by basin location (north, central, and south), location within the estuary (upper, middle, and lower), and season. Location is a useful distinction because the tidal movements of each area vary significantly, from mostly wind driven in the north to strong lunar tides in the south. For similar reasons, location within an estuary is also a useful divider. Upper estuarine locations get heavier loading of sediment due to drops in stream velocity, and the lower in the estuary you are, the greater the tidal action (though this varies greatly from north to south).

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The first task is to evaluate whether there is a direct link between chlorophyll a and nutrient concentrations.

**Chlorophyll a vs. Nutrients**

**Fit of Chlorophyll a By Inorganic Nitrogen**



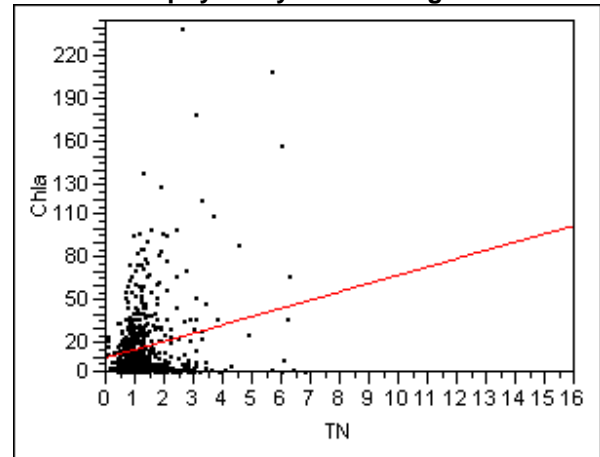
**Summary of Fit**

RSquare 0.00006  
RSquare Adj -0.00154  
Root Mean Square Error 25.9416  
Mean of Response 18.22127  
Observations (or Sum Wgts) 629

**Analysis of Variance**

Source	DF	Sum of Squares	Mean Square	F Ratio
Model	1	25.15	25.154	0.0374
Error	627	421950.19	672.967	Prob > F
C. Total	628	421975.34		0.8468

**Fit of Chlorophyll a By Total Nitrogen**



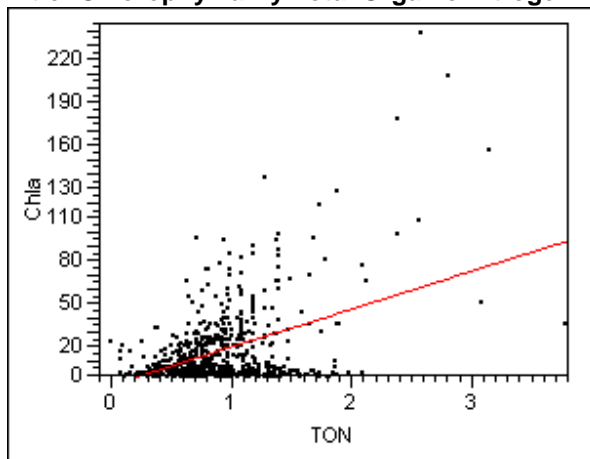
**Summary of Fit**

RSquare 0.042728  
RSquare Adj 0.041201  
Root Mean Square Error 25.3821  
Mean of Response 18.22127  
Observations (or Sum Wgts) 629

**Analysis of Variance**

Source	DF	Sum of Squares	Mean Square	F Ratio
Model	1	18030.08	18030.1	27.9861
Error	627	403945.26	644.3	Prob > F
C. Total	628	421975.34		<.0001

**Fit of Chlorophyll a By Total Organic Nitrogen**



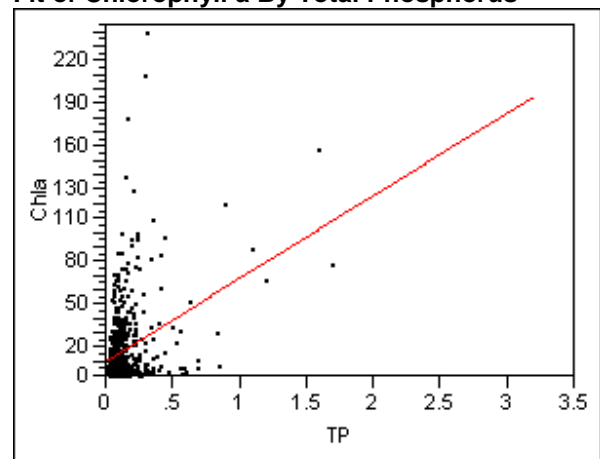
**Summary of Fit**

RSquare 0.189569  
RSquare Adj 0.188278  
Root Mean Square Error 23.34329  
Mean of Response 18.19505  
Observations (or Sum Wgts) 630

**Analysis of Variance**

Source	DF	Sum of Squares	Mean Square	F Ratio
Model	1	80045.01	80045.0	146.8961
Error	628	342202.85	544.9	Prob > F
C. Total	629	422247.86		<.0001

**Fit of Chlorophyll a By Total Phosphorus**



**Summary of Fit**

RSquare 0.115536  
RSquare Adj 0.114128  
Root Mean Square Error 24.38619  
Mean of Response 18.19505  
Observations (or Sum Wgts) 630

**Analysis of Variance**

Source	DF	Sum of Squares	Mean Square	F Ratio
Model	1	48784.89	48784.9	82.0347
Error	628	373462.97	594.7	Prob > F
C. Total	629	422247.86		<.0001

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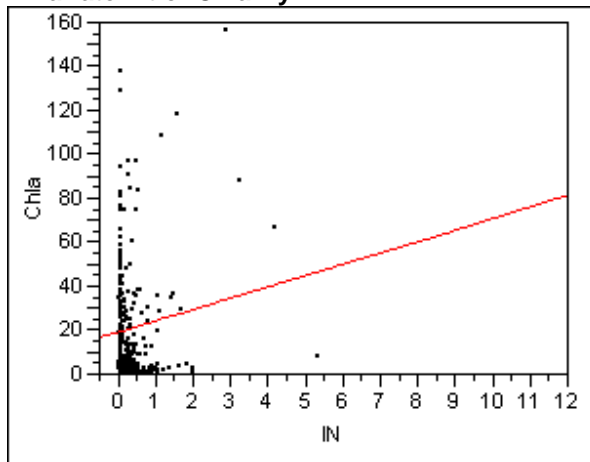
Linear regression indicates that there are weak correlations between chlorophyll a (chl<sub>a</sub>) concentrations and total organic nitrogen (TON), total nitrogen (TN), and total phosphorus (TP) concentrations, and no correlation at all between chl<sub>a</sub> and inorganic nitrogen concentrations (IN). The strongest of the four is TON, which has an  $r^2$  value of 0.190. However, it is problematic to rely on TON, TP, or TN, because each of them includes in their concentration the nitrogen and phosphorus already incorporated into the biomass of algae, resulting in self-correlation. This self-correlation probably explains most of the observed correlation. IN does not have this problem and is thus a better indicator of free nutrient concentrations. Additionally, because IN is not yet incorporated into algal biomass, it is more available to algae to use for growth.

The graph of chl<sub>a</sub> vs. IN appears to indicate an exclusive relationship, where most commonly, either chl<sub>a</sub> is present or IN is present, but not both. This is consistent with the idea that IN is taken up readily by algae when present.

**Growing Season**

Because the initial comparison did not provide satisfactory results, various data restrictions were used to probe the relationship further. This included restricting data points to May through September, the “growing season,” which is the time of most concern for algal blooms.

**Bivariate Fit of Chla By IN**



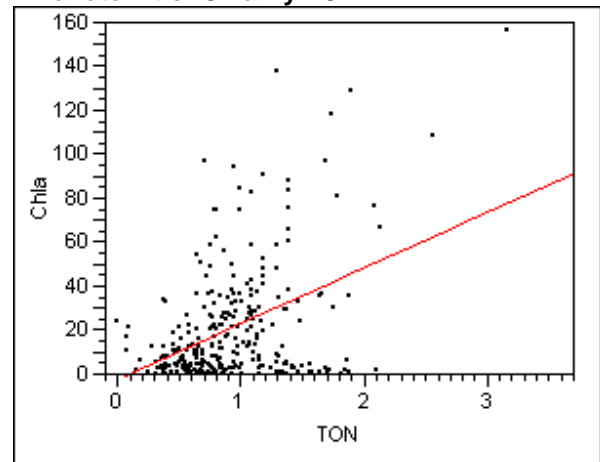
**Summary of Fit**

RSquare	0.012521
RSquare Adj	0.009127
Root Mean Square Error	25.69493
Mean of Response	21.30836
Observations (or Sum Wgts)	293

**Analysis of Variance**

Source	DF	Sum of Squares	Mean Square	F Ratio
Model	1	2436.05	2436.05	3.6897
Error	291	192126.74	660.23	Prob > F
C. Total	292	194562.79		0.0557

**Bivariate Fit of Chla By TON**



**Summary of Fit**

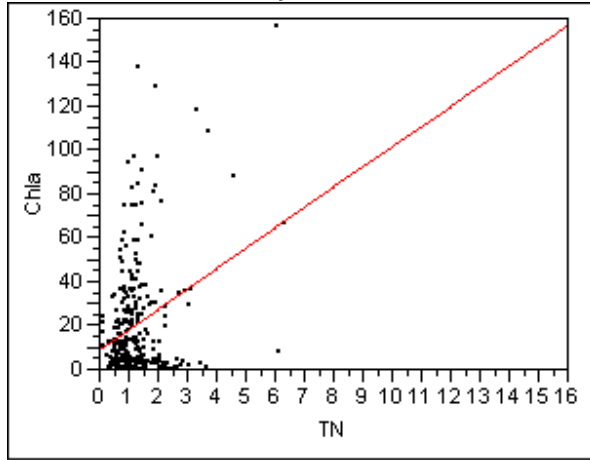
RSquare	0.175035
RSquare Adj	0.17221
Root Mean Square Error	23.4684
Mean of Response	21.24167
Observations (or Sum Wgts)	294

**Analysis of Variance**

Source	DF	Sum of Squares	Mean Square	F Ratio
Model	1	34122.32	34122.3	61.9543
Error	292	160823.65	550.8	Prob > F
C. Total	293	194945.97		<.0001

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**Bivariate Fit of Chla By TN**



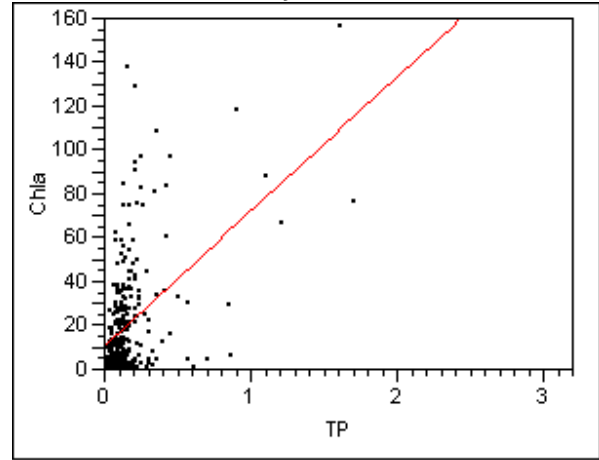
**Summary of Fit**

RSquare	0.086235
RSquare Adj	0.083094
Root Mean Square Error	24.71729
Mean of Response	21.30836
Observations (or Sum Wgts)	293

**Analysis of Variance**

Source	DF	Sum of Squares	Mean Square	F Ratio
Model	1	16778.03	16778.0	27.4625
Error	291	177784.76	610.9	Prob > F
C. Total	292	194562.79		<.0001

**Bivariate Fit of Chla By TP**



**Summary of Fit**

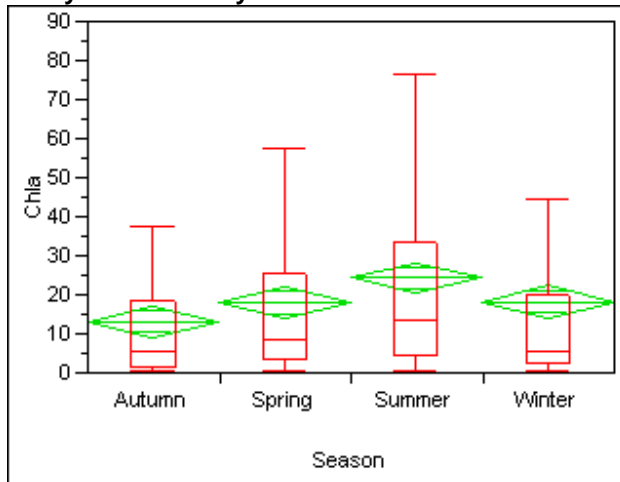
RSquare	0.214952
RSquare Adj	0.212264
Root Mean Square Error	22.89358
Mean of Response	21.24167
Observations (or Sum Wgts)	294

**Analysis of Variance**

Source	DF	Sum of Squares	Mean Square	F Ratio
Model	1	41904.08	41904.1	79.9519
Error	292	153041.89	524.1	Prob > F
C. Total	293	194945.97		<.0001

Restricting the data to the growing season did generally improve the correlations slightly; however the best correlation, chla vs TP, still only yielded an  $r^2$  of 0.215. IN still did not significantly correlate with chla. However, there were fewer points in the graph where IN was present without chla, indicating that IN concentrations are seasonal. The next step was to examine seasonal and geographical variation in chla and IN concentrations.

**Analysis of Chla By Season**



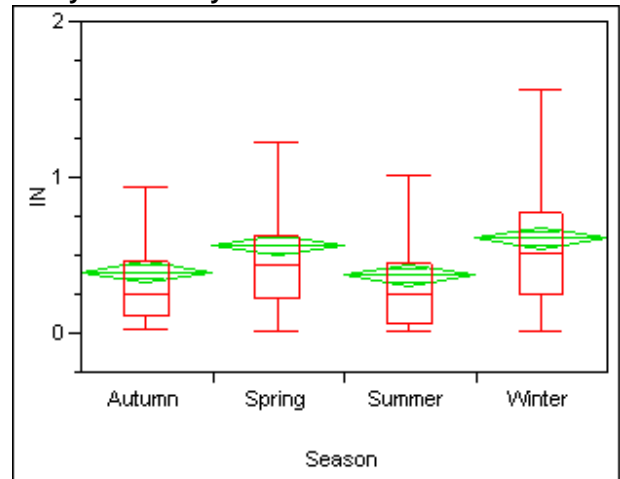
**Wilcoxon / Kruskal-Wallis Tests (Rank Sums)**

Level	Count	Score Sum	Score Mean	(Mean-Mean0)/Std0
Autumn	175	50813	290.360	-3.456
Spring	157	54220	345.350	0.883
Summer	180	70730.5	392.947	4.855
Winter	154	46347.5	300.958	-2.395

**1-way Test, ChiSquare Approximation**

ChiSquare	DF	Prob>ChiSq
31.0196	3	<.0001

**Analysis of IN By Season**



**Wilcoxon / Kruskal-Wallis Tests (Rank Sums)**

Level	Count	Score Sum	Score Mean	(Mean-Mean0)/Std0
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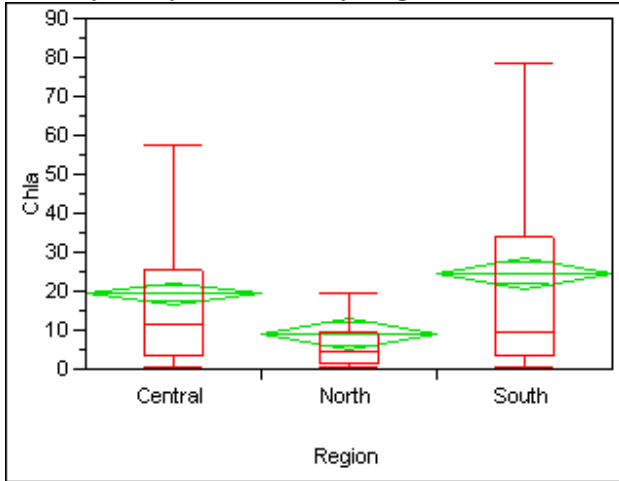
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Level	Count	Score Sum	Score Mean (Mean-Mean0)/Std0
Autumn	380	247038	650.100
Spring	365	299526	820.619
Summer	378	226689	599.706
Winter	357	322687	903.885

**1-way Test, ChiSquare Approximation**

ChiSquare	DF	Prob>ChiSq
123.0969	3	<.0001

**Oneway Analysis of Chla By Region**



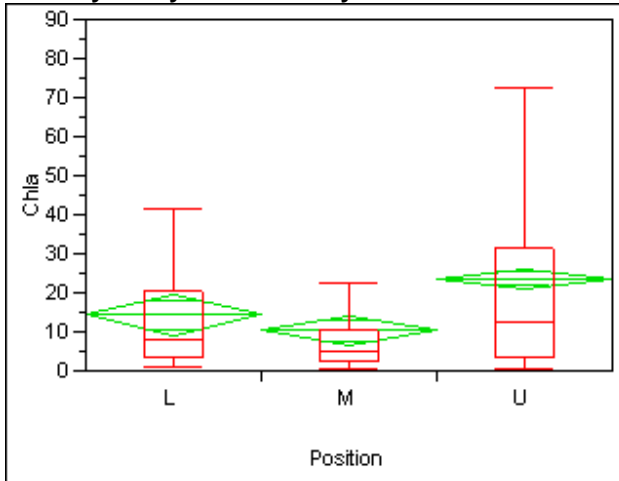
**Wilcoxon / Kruskal-Wallis Tests (Rank Sums)**

Level	Count	Score Sum	Score Mean (Mean-Mean0)/Std0
Central	348	121635.5	349.527
North	148	38117.5	257.551
South	170	62358	366.812

**1-way Test, ChiSquare Approximation**

ChiSquare	DF	Prob>ChiSq
30.6088	2	<.0001

**Oneway Analysis of Chla By Position**



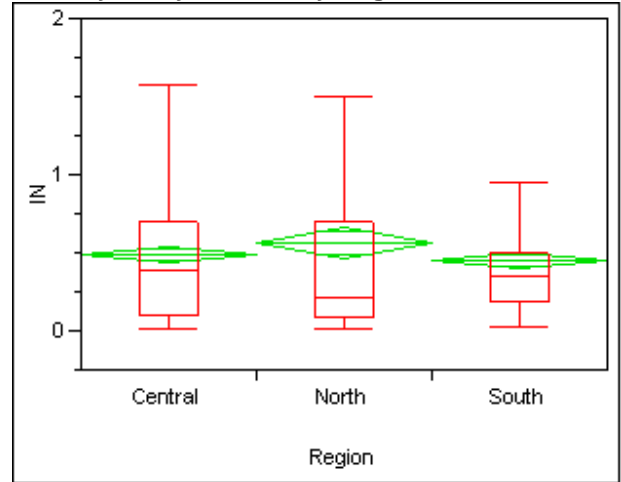
**Wilcoxon / Kruskal-Wallis Tests (Rank Sums)**

Level	Count	Score Sum	Score Mean (Mean-Mean0)/Std0
L	96	32052.5	333.880
M	191	49567.5	259.516
U	379	140491	370.689

**1-way Test, ChiSquare Approximation**

ChiSquare	DF	Prob>ChiSq
42.4521	2	<.0001

**Oneway Analysis of IN By Region**



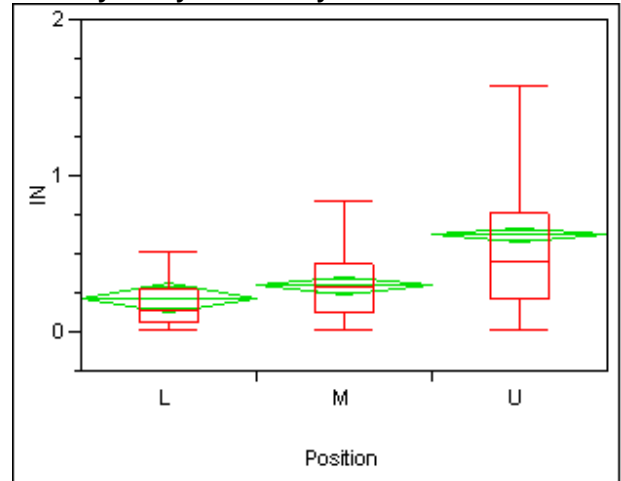
**Wilcoxon / Kruskal-Wallis Tests (Rank Sums)**

Level	Count	Score Sum	Score Mean (Mean-Mean0)/Std0
Central	624	479268.5	768.058
North	167	112884.5	675.955
South	689	503787	731.186

**1-way Test, ChiSquare Approximation**

ChiSquare	DF	Prob>ChiSq
6.7346	2	0.0345

**Oneway Analysis of IN By Position**



**Wilcoxon / Kruskal-Wallis Tests (Rank Sums)**

Level	Count	Score Sum	Score Mean (Mean-Mean0)/Std0
L	176	78157.5	444.077
M	424	262207.5	618.414
U	880	755575	858.608

**1-way Test, ChiSquare Approximation**

ChiSquare	DF	Prob>ChiSq
186.5773	2	<.0001

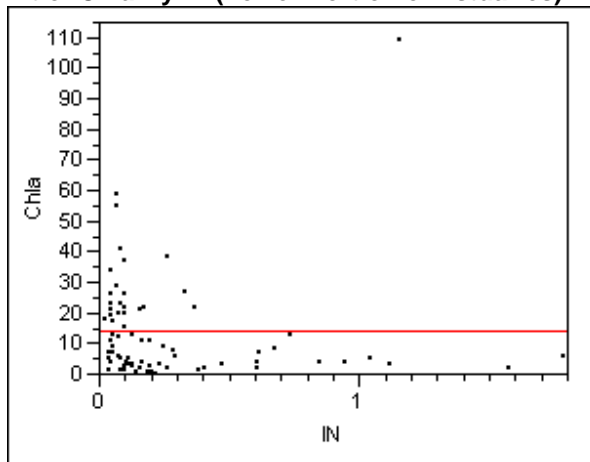
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Chla is highest in the Summer and lowest in the Autumn. IN is highest in the Winter and Spring, and lowest in the Summer. This again implies the exclusive relationship where generally one is present when the other is not. When viewed from the perspective of loading, this makes sense. The accumulation of IN in the winter and spring is consumed by algae during the summer.

Differences among "Regions" show the variation between concentrations in the North (Albemarle Sound and related waters), the Central (the Neuse and Pamlico rivers), and the Southern (the White Oak, Cape Fear and other smaller rivers near to them) estuaries. This comparison again shows the exclusive relationship of IN and chla. IN is highest in the northern estuaries and chla is lowest in them, and the reverse is true in the southern estuaries.

"Positions" show the differences between The lower, middle, and upper sections of each estuary. In this comparison there is a hint of correlation, as the highest concentrations of both chla and IN occur in the upper portions of the estuaries. This again makes sense from a loading standpoint, as once waters enter the slower waters of the estuary, the drop most of their burden of sediment, including any particulate IN burden, leaving less to move into the middle and lower portions of the estuary. It also makes sense for the highest algal growth to take place where the most loading has taken place. To investigate this further, the data was separated by estuary position and then chla and IN were compared again.

**Fit of Chla By IN (Lower Portion of Estuaries)**



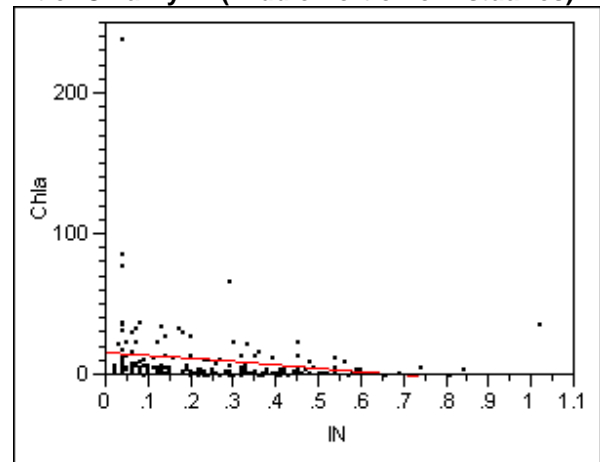
**Summary of Fit**

RSquare 0.000016  
 RSquare Adj -0.01314  
 Root Mean Square Error 16.70544  
 Mean of Response 14.27564  
 Observations (or Sum Wgts) 78

**Analysis of Variance**

Source	DF	Sum of Squares	Mean Square	F Ratio
Model	1	0.331	0.331	0.0012
Error	76	21209.453	279.072	Prob > F
C. Total	77	21209.784		0.9726

**Fit of Chla By IN (Middle Portion of Estuaries)**



**Summary of Fit**

RSquare 0.037834  
 RSquare Adj 0.032716  
 Root Mean Square Error 20.52202  
 Mean of Response 10.572  
 Observations (or Sum Wgts) 190

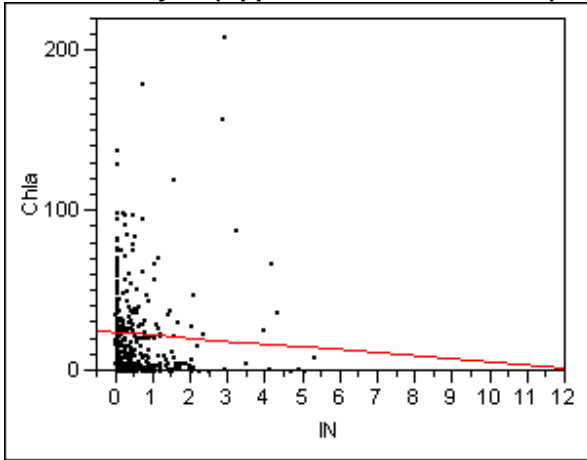
**Analysis of Variance**

Source	DF	Sum of Squares	Mean Square	F Ratio
Model	1	3113.332	3113.33	7.3924
Error	188	79176.814	421.15	Prob > F
C. Total	189	82290.146		0.0072

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**Fit of Chla By IN (Upper Portion of Estuaries)**



**Summary of Fit**

RSquare 0.00312  
RSquare Adj 0.000343  
Root Mean Square Error 28.74459  
Mean of Response 23.09972  
Observations (or Sum Wgts) 361

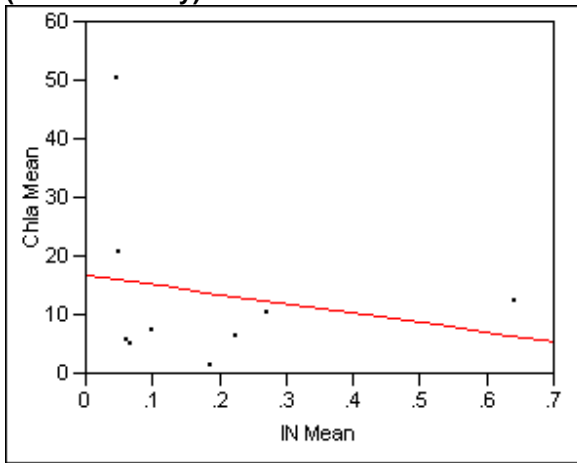
**Analysis of Variance**

Source	DF	Sum of Squares	Mean Square	F Ratio
Model	1	928.24	928.239	1.1234
Error	359	296624.17	826.251	Prob > F
C. Total	360	297552.41		0.2899

This graph again shows the pattern of exclusivity. However, because chla and IN are both highest in the upper portions of the estuaries, it is worth breaking this down further into the seasons. A comparison of the high seasons for IN (winter and spring) and the high season for chla (summer), may reveal a correlation.

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**Fit of Summer Chla Mean By Spring IN Mean  
 (Lower Estuary)**



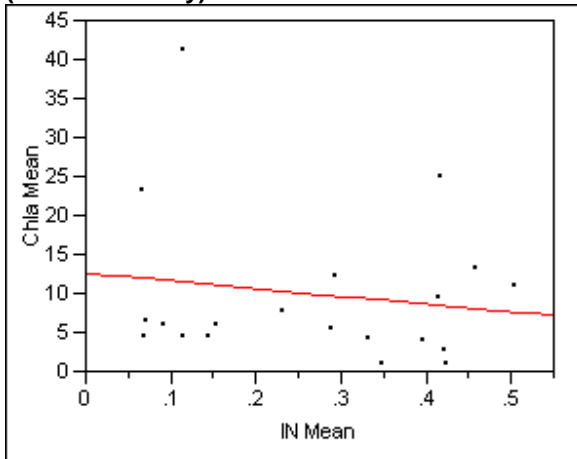
**Summary of Fit**

RSquare 0.041723  
 RSquare Adj -0.09517  
 Root Mean Square Error 15.68284  
 Mean of Response 13.87963  
 Observations (or Sum Wgts) 9

**Analysis of Variance**

Source	DF	Sum of Squares	Mean Square	F Ratio
Model	1	74.9601	74.960	0.3048
Error	7	1721.6598	245.951	Prob > F
C. Total	8	1796.6199		0.5981

**Fit of Summer Chla Mean By Spring IN Mean  
 (Middle Estuary)**



**Summary of Fit**

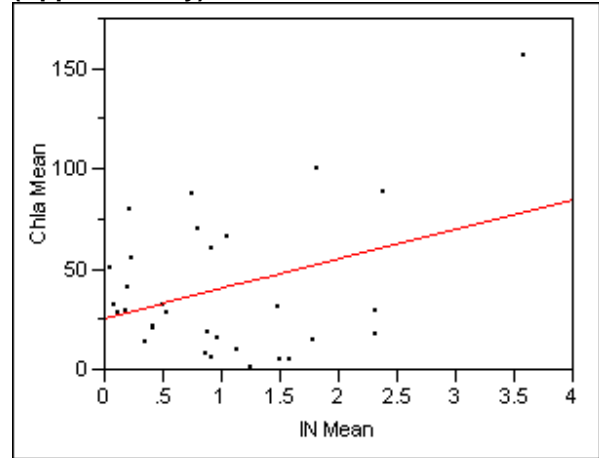
RSquare 0.0238  
 RSquare Adj -0.03043  
 Root Mean Square Error 9.955826  
 Mean of Response 10.07325  
 Observations (or Sum Wgts) 20

**Analysis of Variance**

Source	DF	Sum of Squares	Mean Square	F Ratio
Model	1	43.4982	43.4982	0.4389

Source	DF	Sum of Squares	Mean Square	F Ratio
Error	18	1784.1325	99.1185	Prob > F
C. Total	19	1827.6306		0.5161

**Fit of Summer Chla Mean By Spring IN Mean  
 (Upper Estuary)**



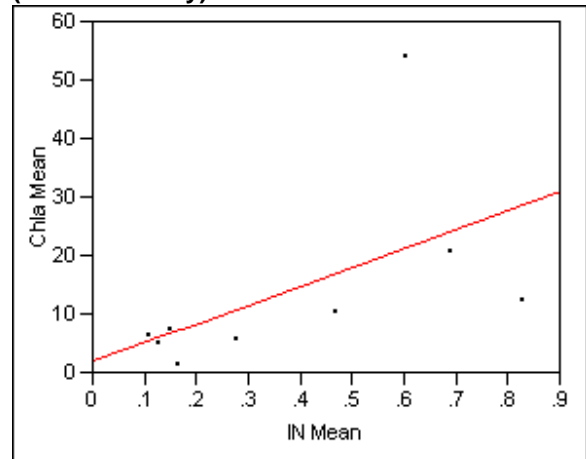
**Summary of Fit**

RSquare 0.127286  
 RSquare Adj 0.098196  
 Root Mean Square Error 32.9874  
 Mean of Response 40.56771  
 Observations (or Sum Wgts) 32

**Analysis of Variance**

Source	DF	Sum of Squares	Mean Square	F Ratio
Model	1	4761.323	4761.32	4.3755
Error	30	32645.058	1088.17	Prob > F
C. Total	31	37406.381		0.0450

**Fit of Summer Chla Mean By Winter IN Mean  
 (Lower Estuary)**



**Summary of Fit**

RSquare 0.303137  
 RSquare Adj 0.203585  
 Root Mean Square Error 14.29951  
 Mean of Response 14.25  
 Observations (or Sum Wgts) 9

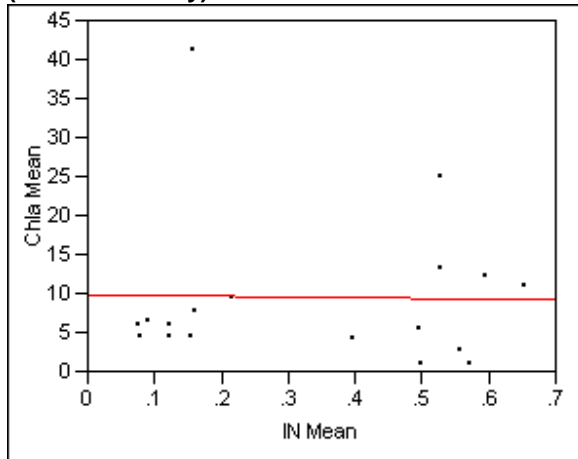


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**Analysis of Variance**

Source	DF	Sum of Squares	Mean Square	F Ratio
Model	1	622.6330	622.633	3.0450
Error	7	1431.3325	204.476	Prob > F
C. Total	8	2053.9656		0.1245

**Fit of Summer Chla Mean By Winter IN Mean (Middle Estuary)**



**Summary of Fit**

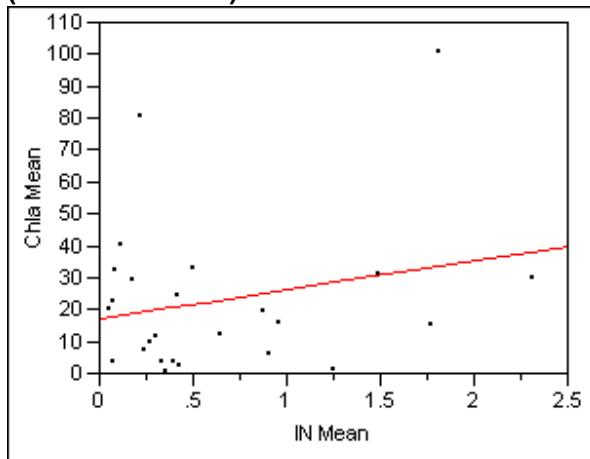
RSquare	0.000425
RSquare Adj	-0.06205
Root Mean Square Error	10.01116
Mean of Response	9.631667
Observations (or Sum Wgts)	18

**Analysis of Variance**

Source	DF	Sum of Squares	Mean Square	F Ratio
Model	1	0.6825	0.682	0.0068
Error	16	1603.5719	100.223	Prob > F
C. Total	17	1604.2544		0.9353

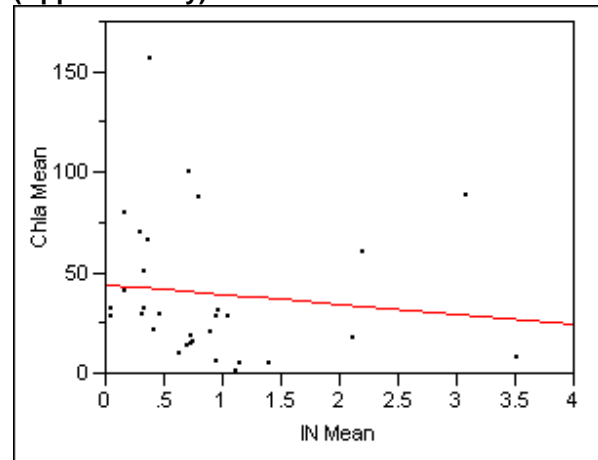
The fit of summer chla by spring IN in the upper portions of estuaries shows a significant correlation, and an  $r^2$  of 0.127. However, a visual examination of this graph indicates that the correlation does not begin until above 50 ug/L chla. Below 50, the correlation is very noisy. The other correlations were not significant. A cross-season comparison was also done by estuary location.

**Fit of Summer Chla Mean By Spring IN Mean (Central Estuaries)**



**Summary of Fit**

**Fit of Summary Chla Mean By Winter IN Mean (Upper Estuary)**



**Summary of Fit**

RSquare	0.012827
RSquare Adj	-0.02121
Root Mean Square Error	35.55056
Mean of Response	40.03763
Observations (or Sum Wgts)	31

**Analysis of Variance**

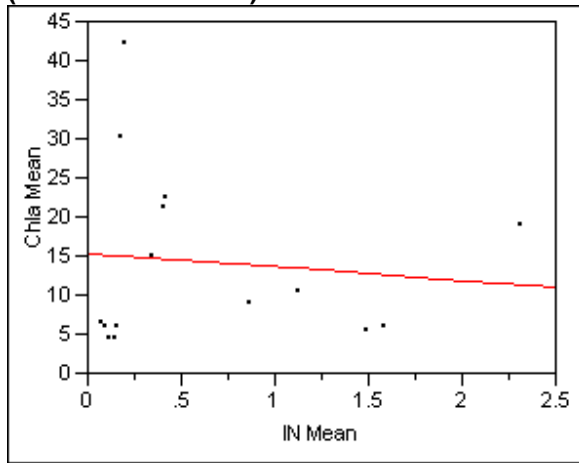
Source	DF	Sum of Squares	Mean Square	F Ratio
Model	1	476.228	476.23	0.3768
Error	29	36651.422	1263.84	Prob > F
C. Total	30	37127.651		0.5441

RSquare	0.057084
RSquare Adj	0.016088
Root Mean Square Error	23.67267
Mean of Response	23.2386
Observations (or Sum Wgts)	25

**Analysis of Variance**

Source	DF	Sum of Squares	Mean Square	F Ratio
Model	1	780.305	780.305	1.3924
Error	23	12889.094	560.395	Prob > F
C. Total	24	13669.399		0.2501

**Fit of Summer Chla Mean By Spring IN Mean  
 (Northern Estuaries)**



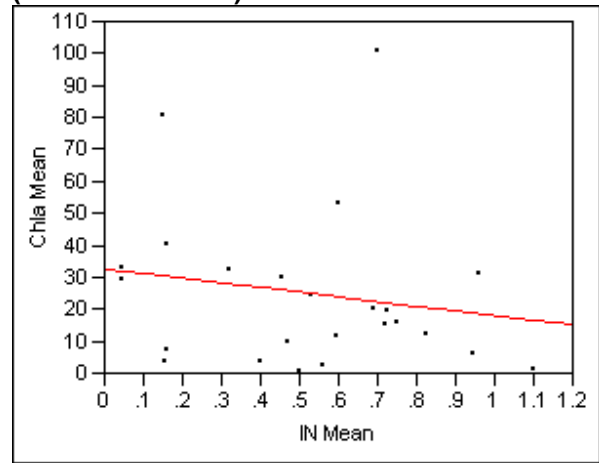
**Summary of Fit**

RSquare 0.011078  
 RSquare Adj -0.06499  
 Root Mean Square Error 11.52923  
 Mean of Response 14.34444  
 Observations (or Sum Wgts) 15

**Analysis of Variance**

Source	DF	Sum of Squares	Mean Square	F Ratio
Model	1	19.3581	19.358	0.1456
Error	13	1728.0012	132.923	Prob > F
C. Total	14	1747.3593		0.7089

**Fit of Summer Chla Mean By Winter IN Mean  
 (Central Estuaries)**



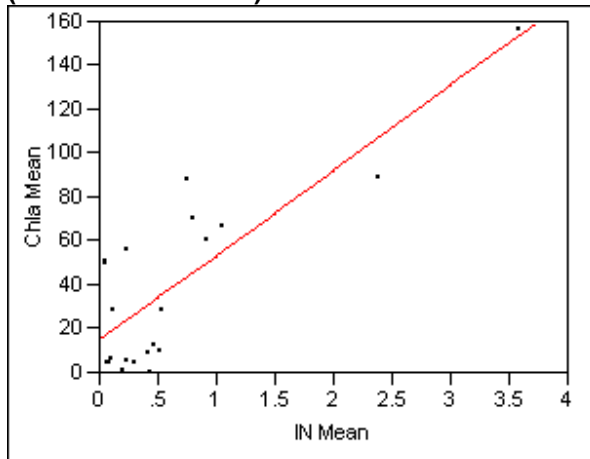
**Summary of Fit**

RSquare 0.031108  
 RSquare Adj -0.01293  
 Root Mean Square Error 24.9873  
 Mean of Response 25.30014  
 Observations (or Sum Wgts) 24

**Analysis of Variance**

Source	DF	Sum of Squares	Mean Square	F Ratio
Model	1	441.017	441.017	0.7063
Error	22	13736.036	624.365	Prob > F
C. Total	23	14177.053		0.4097

**Fit of Summer Chla Mean By Spring IN Mean  
 (Southern Estuaries)**



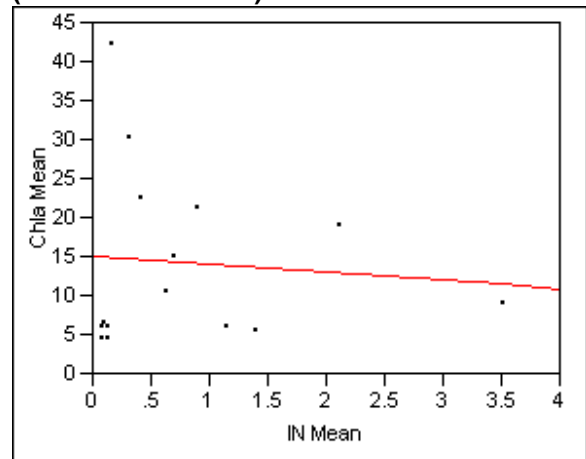
**Summary of Fit**

RSquare 0.673362  
 RSquare Adj 0.65617  
 Root Mean Square Error 23.73667  
 Mean of Response 39.44841  
 Observations (or Sum Wgts) 21

**Analysis of Variance**

Source	DF	Sum of Squares	Mean Square	F Ratio
Model	1	22068.579	22068.6	39.1683
Error	19	10705.163	563.4	Prob > F
C. Total	20	32773.742		<.0001

**Fit of Summer Chla Mean By Winter IN Mean  
 (Northern Estuaries)**



**Summary of Fit**

RSquare 0.007992  
 RSquare Adj -0.06832  
 Root Mean Square Error 11.54721  
 Mean of Response 14.34444  
 Observations (or Sum Wgts) 15

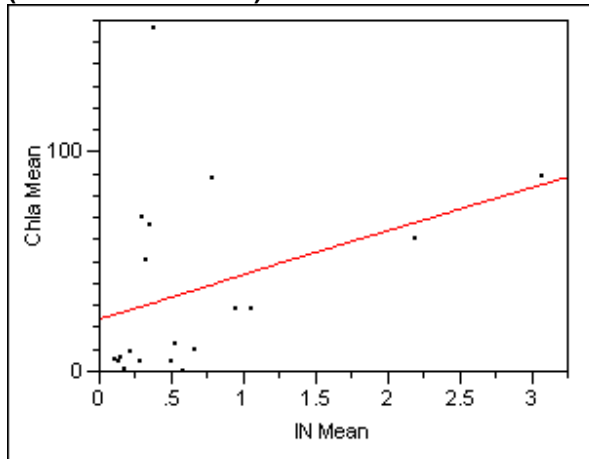
**Analysis of Variance**

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Source	DF	Sum of Squares	Mean Square	F Ratio
Model	1	13.9656	13.966	0.1047
Error	13	1733.3937	133.338	Prob > F
C. Total	14	1747.3593		0.7514

**Fit of Summer Chla Mean By Winter IN Mean (Southern Estuaries)**



**Summary of Fit**

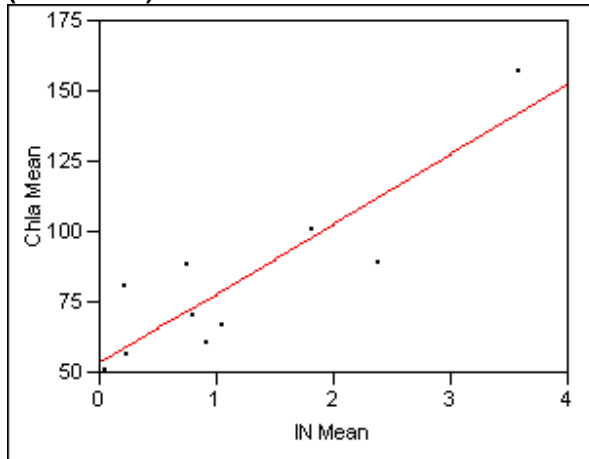
RSquare	0.12753
RSquare Adj	0.076209
Root Mean Square Error	40.707
Mean of Response	37.91667
Observations (or Sum Wgts)	19

**Analysis of Variance**

Source	DF	Sum of Squares	Mean Square	F Ratio
Model	1	4117.655	4117.66	2.4849
Error	17	28170.011	1657.06	Prob > F
C. Total	18	32287.666		0.1334

The fit of summer chla to spring IN in the southern estuaries shows significant correlation and an  $r^2$  of 0.673, by far the best fit seen. The rest of the location fits did not produce significant results. However, similar to what was seen in the fit of summer chla to spring IN in the upper estuary set, the correlation does not appear until approximately 50 ug/L chla and above. So next, chla concentrations were separated into those greater than 50 ug/L and those less than 50 ug/L.

**Fit of Summer Chla Mean By Spring IN Mean (Chla >= 50)**



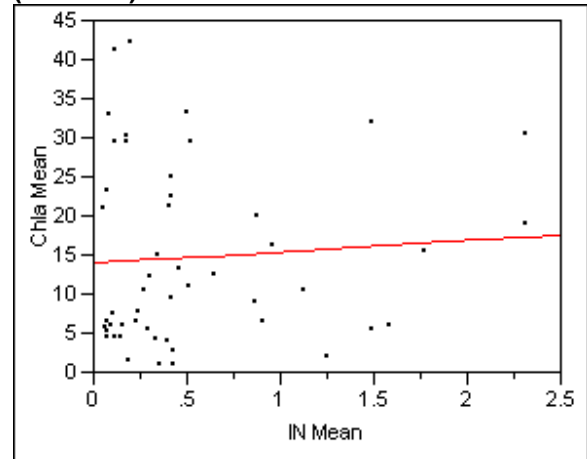
**Summary of Fit**

RSquare	0.79505
RSquare Adj	0.772278
Root Mean Square Error	14.6922
Mean of Response	80.10606
Observations (or Sum Wgts)	11

**Analysis of Variance**

Source	DF	Sum of Squares	Mean Square	F Ratio
Model	1	7536.3795	7536.38	34.9132
Error	9	1942.7468	215.86	Prob > F
C. Total	10	9479.1263		0.0002

**Fit of Summer Chla Mean By Spring IN Mean (Chla <50)**



**Summary of Fit**

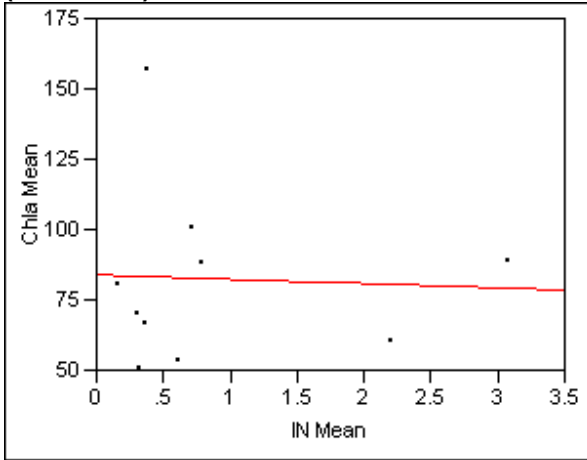
RSquare	0.005033
RSquare Adj	-0.0157
Root Mean Square Error	11.4631
Mean of Response	14.86763
Observations (or Sum Wgts)	50

**Analysis of Variance**

Source	DF	Sum of Squares	Mean Square	F Ratio
Model	1	31.9070	31.907	0.2428
Error	48	6307.3329	131.403	Prob > F
C. Total	49	6339.2400		0.6244

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**Fit of Summer Chla Mean By Winter IN Mean  
 (Chla >= 50)**



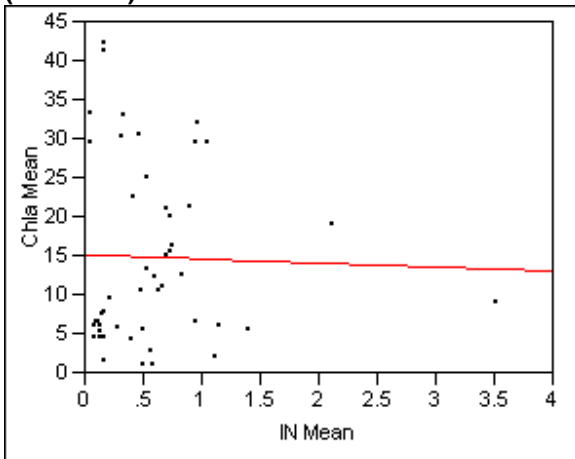
**Summary of Fit**

RSquare 0.002461  
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 Root Mean Square Error 32.92227  
 Mean of Response 82.75  
 Observations (or Sum Wgts) 10

**Analysis of Variance**

Source	DF	Sum of Squares	Mean Square	F Ratio	Prob > F
Model	1	21.3939	21.39	0.0197	
Error	8	8671.0088	1083.88		
C. Total	9	8692.4028		0.8917	

**Fit of Summer Chla Mean By Winter IN Mean  
 (Chla < 50)**



**Summary of Fit**

RSquare 0.000663  
 RSquare Adj -0.02106  
 Root Mean Square Error 11.55844  
 Mean of Response 14.90181  
 Observations (or Sum Wgts) 48

**Analysis of Variance**

Source	DF	Sum of Squares	Mean Square	F Ratio	Prob > F
Model	1	4.0761	4.076	0.0305	
Error	46	6145.4856	133.598		
C. Total	47	6149.5617		0.8621	

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A strong correlation appears to exist between summer chla concentrations and spring IN concentrations ( $r^2$  is 0.795), but only at high concentrations of chla ( $\geq 50$ ). The other fits were not significant.

**Conclusions**

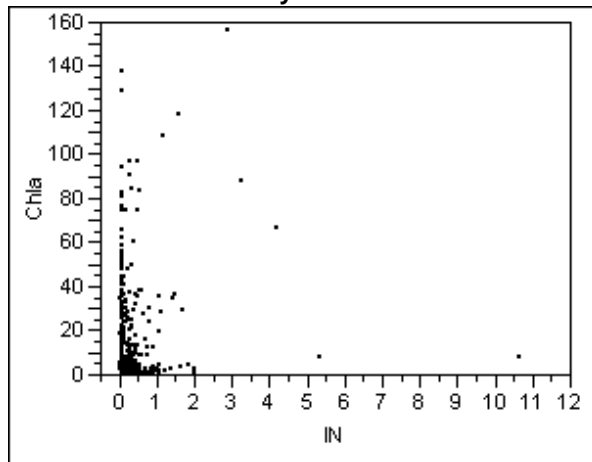
TN, TON, and TP all suffer from self-correlation when compared to chla. IN does not have that problem, but must be viewed seasonally because it is used up by algae when chla is highest. Nutrient loading occurs each day of the year, but monitoring of concentrations only happens once or twice a month at these stations. Occasional monitoring of concentration is not sufficient to accurately reflect total loading. In areas where the highest chla is found, it is reasonable to suppose that there is high loading of IN, which is reflected in the continually high observed concentrations in the spring. But in areas where chla concentrations are lower, it is also reasonable to assume that the daily loading is quite variable, leaving little correlation between concentration on six or seven days, and the total loading for the season. Because the standard for chla in North Carolina is 40 ug/L, and no correlation exists until 50+ ug/L, IN concentrations are also not useful as a statewide standard.

**Appendix**

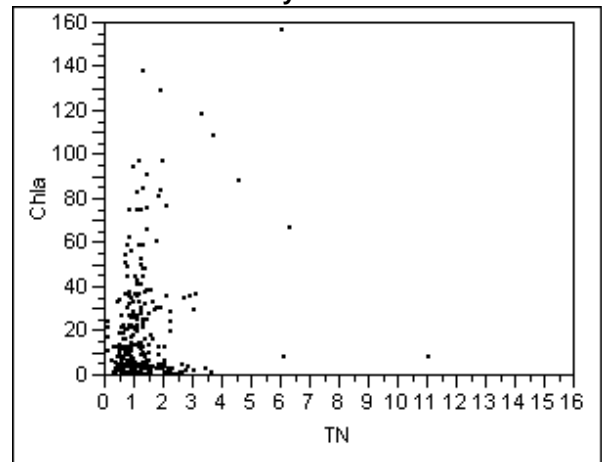
Additional comparisons of chla or IN to other parameters were made, which did not result in useful correlations. They are included here.

Growing Season:

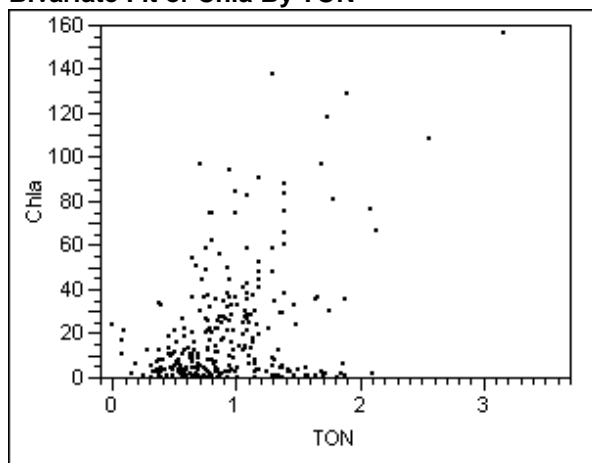
**Bivariate Fit of Chla By IN**



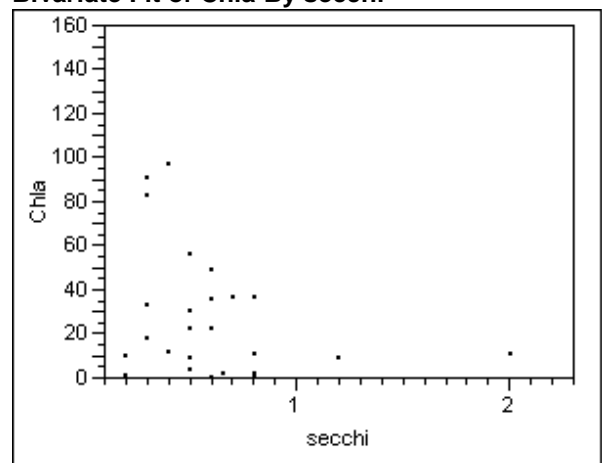
**Bivariate Fit of Chla By TN**



**Bivariate Fit of Chla By TON**

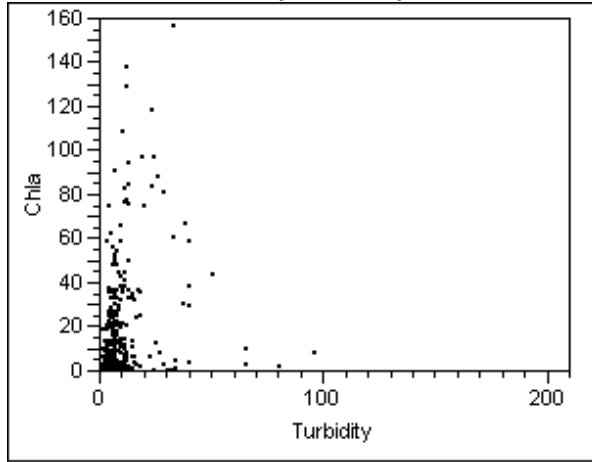


**Bivariate Fit of Chla By secchi**

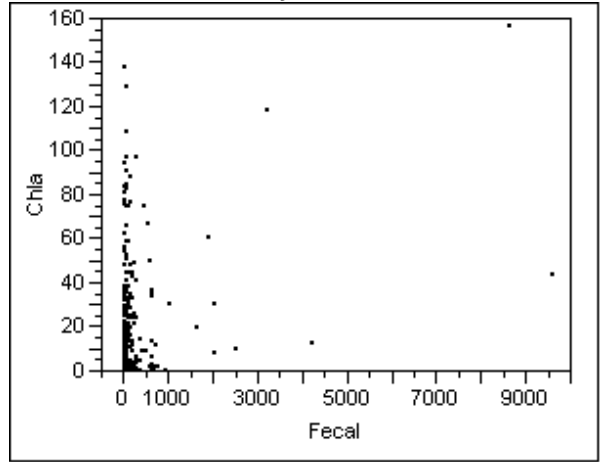


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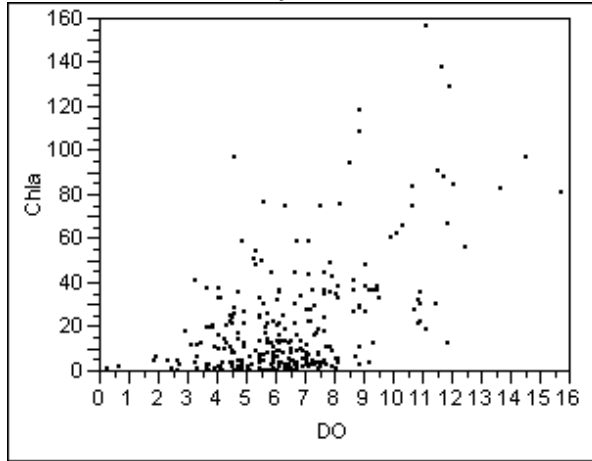
**Bivariate Fit of Chla By Turbidity**



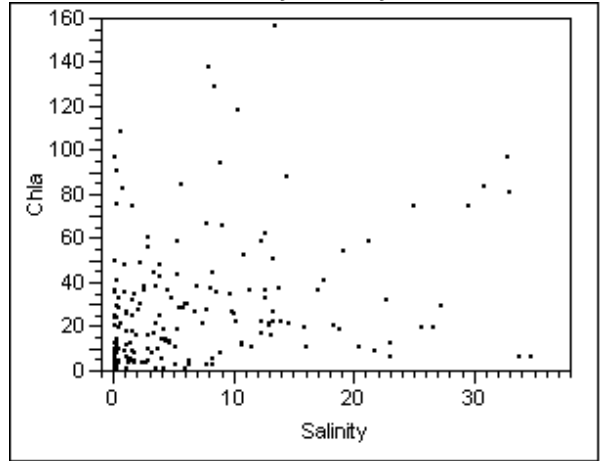
**Bivariate Fit of Chla By Fecal**



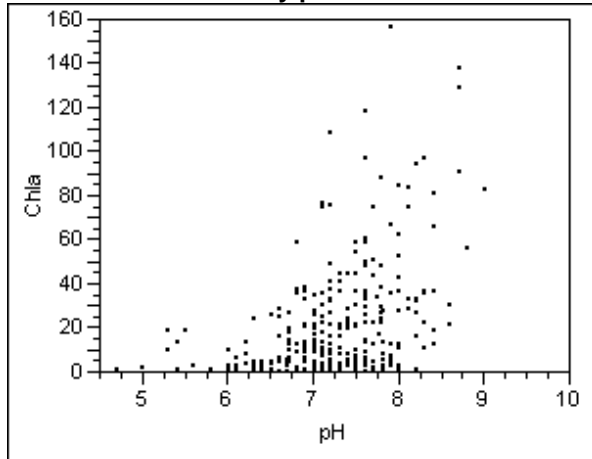
**Bivariate Fit of Chla By DO**



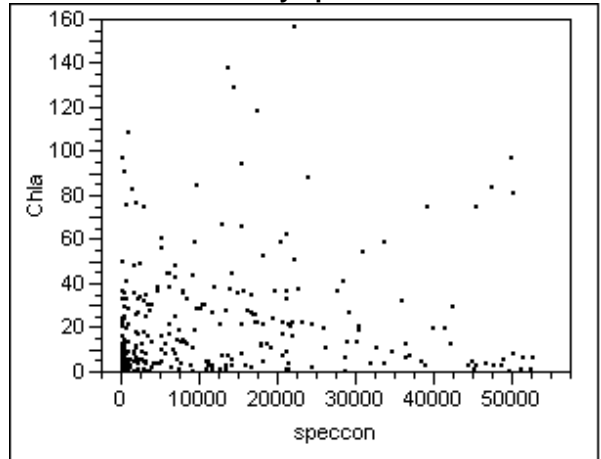
**Bivariate Fit of Chla By Salinity**



**Bivariate Fit of Chla By pH**

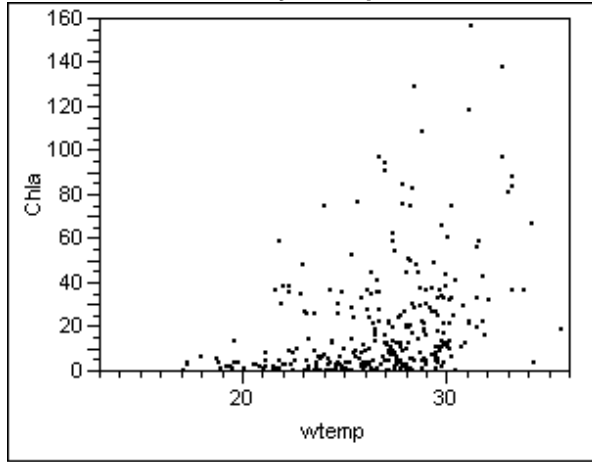


**Bivariate Fit of Chla By speccon**

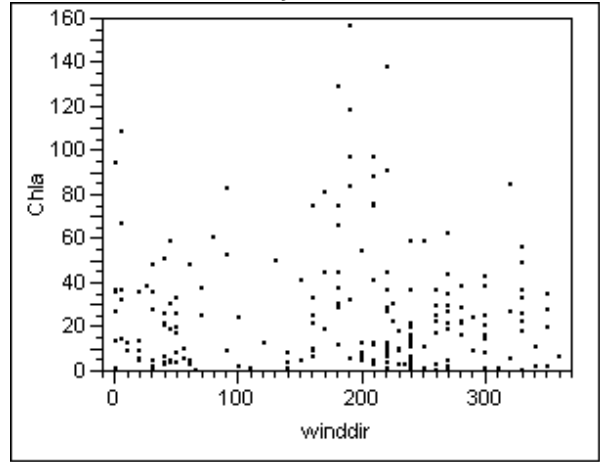


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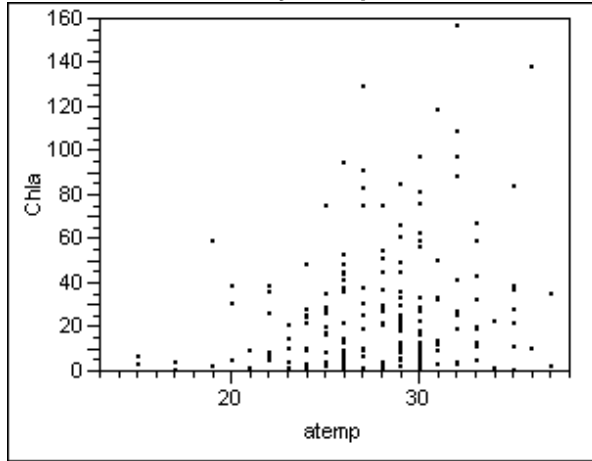
**Bivariate Fit of Chla By wtemp**



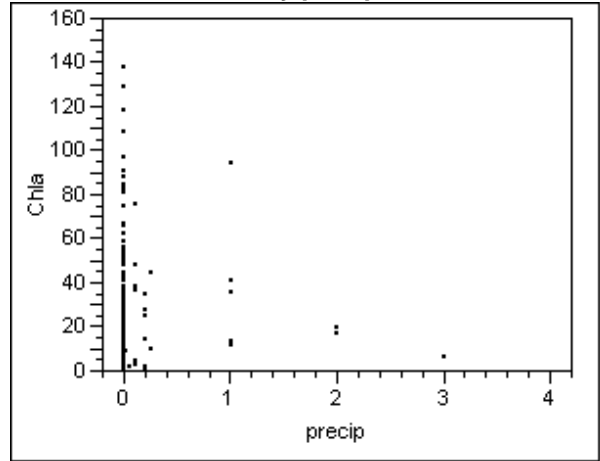
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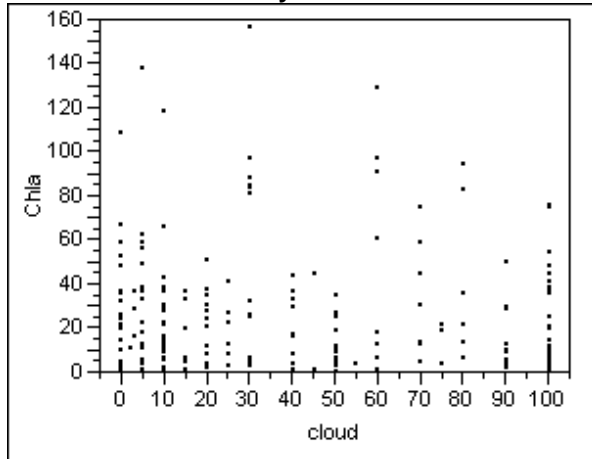
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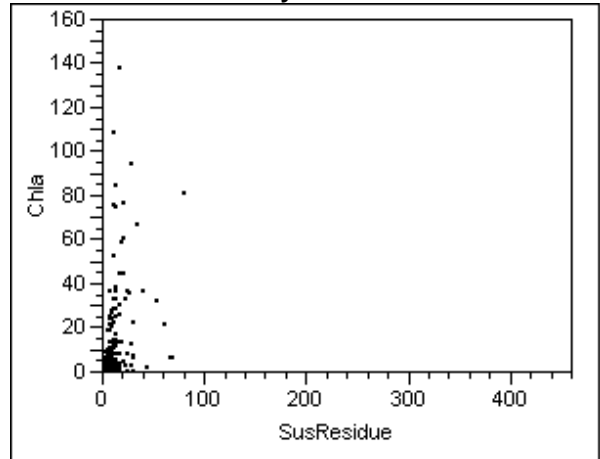
**Bivariate Fit of Chla By precip**



**Bivariate Fit of Chla By cloud**

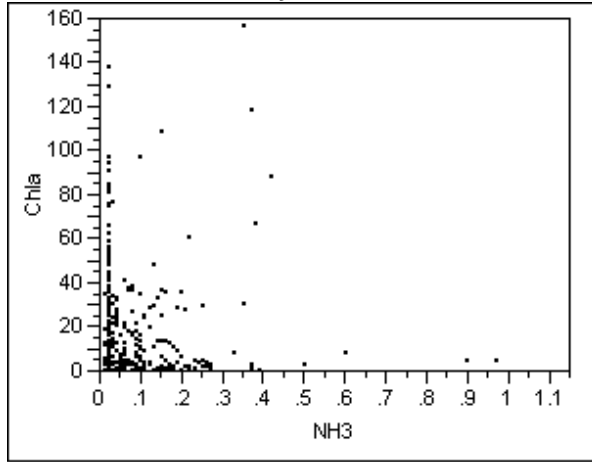


**Bivariate Fit of Chla By SusResidue**

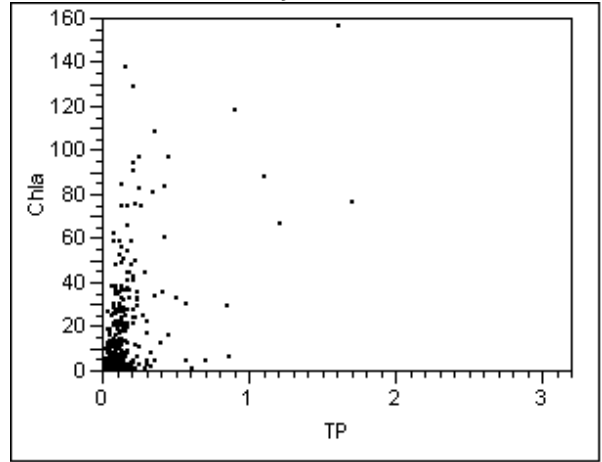


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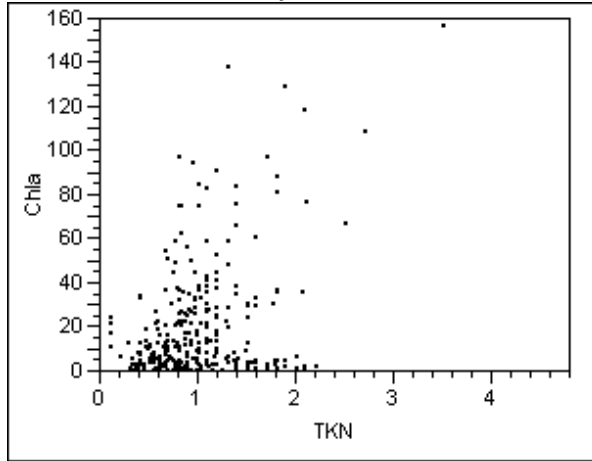
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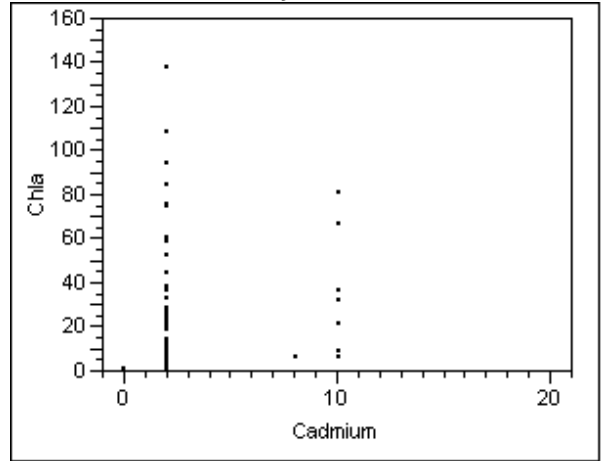
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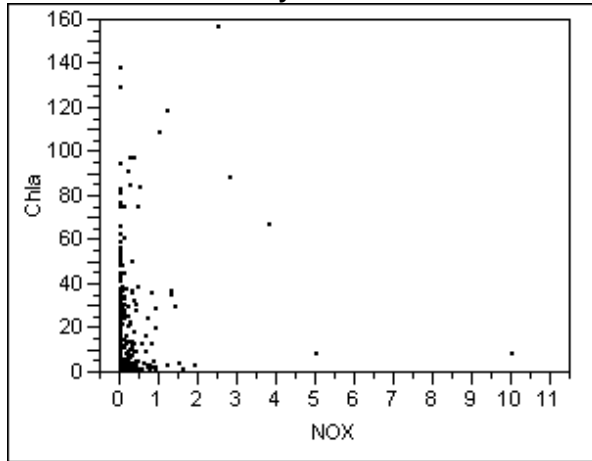
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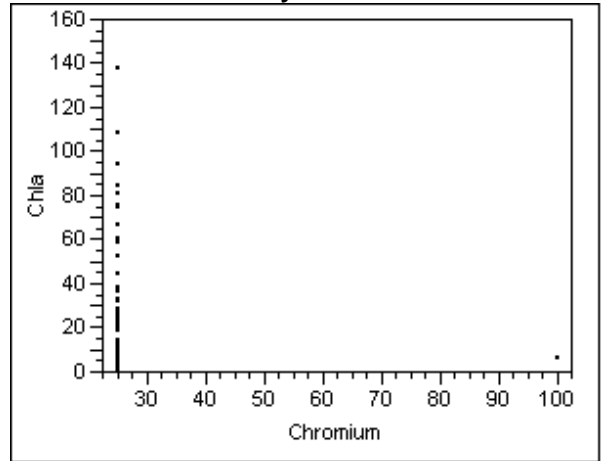
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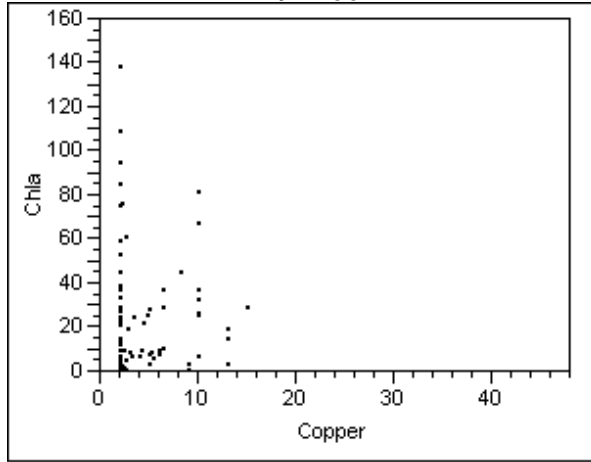
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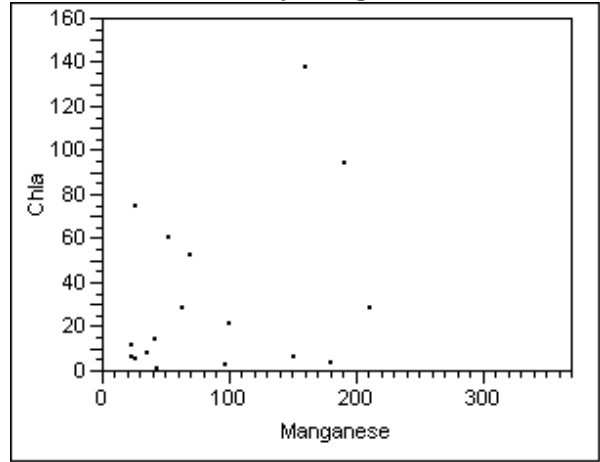


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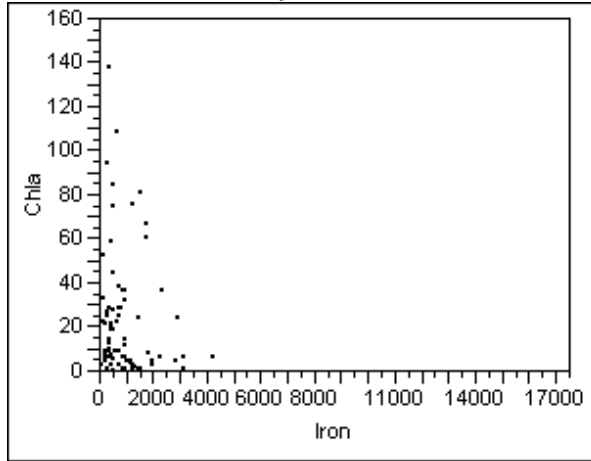
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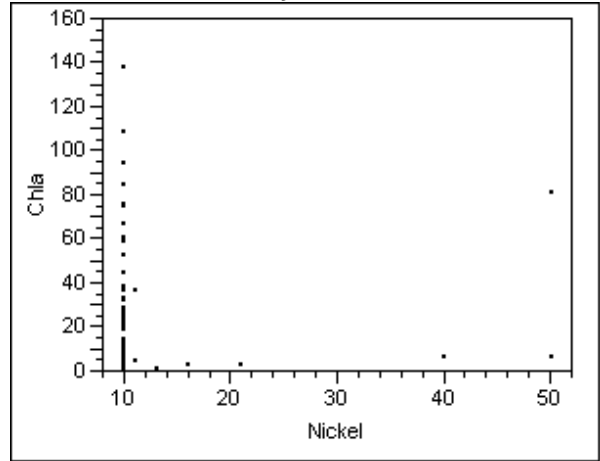
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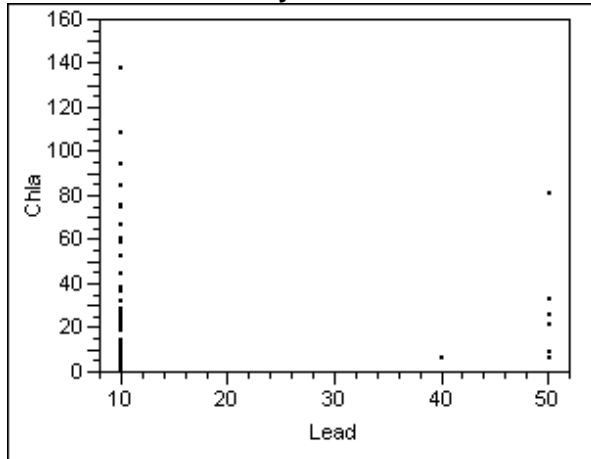
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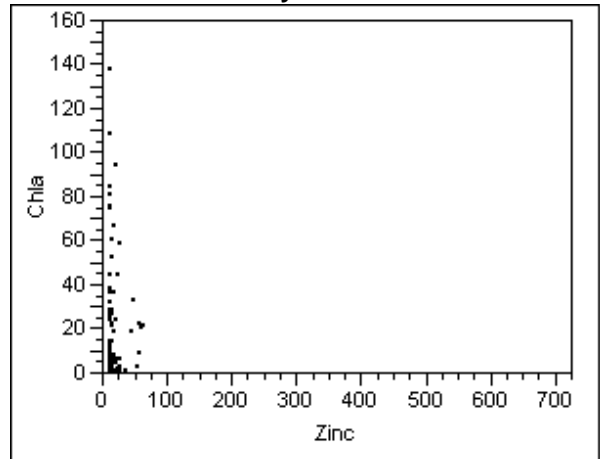
**Bivariate Fit of Chla By Nickel**



**Bivariate Fit of Chla By Lead**

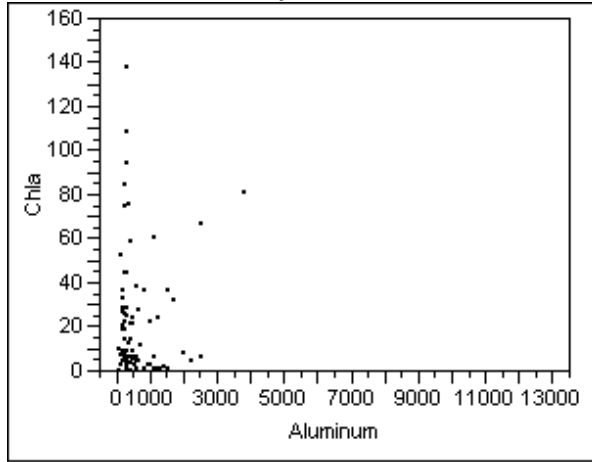


**Bivariate Fit of Chla By Zinc**



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**Bivariate Fit of Chla By Aluminum**



**Bivariate Fit of Chla By Mercury**

