**Nitrogen Concentration Prediction in Waste Water Study**

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**Executive Summary**

This report summarizes the statistical modeling and analysis results associated with the Nitrogen concentration prediction in waste water study. The purpose of this report is to document both the implemented sampling design and all corresponding data modeling and inference techniques used during the subsequent statistical analyses.

The development of the sampling protocol, including both the data source and data cleaning strategy are discussed in Section 2.

The basic statistics that summarize the contamination data associated with the analyzed compounds are given in Section 3. A total of 9 variables were analyzed for eight locations for this study. Five compounds concentration measurements include BOD5, TKN, NH3.N, P.TOT, SS. Two variables factors analyzed in this study include FLOW and Rainfall. The statistics summary and several plots were performed in this study.

Section 4 presents the analysis of the demographic, based on the 8 waste water treatment plants where data were acquired. ANOVA-test p-value approach were used to compare data for TKN (target variable) to see if the means are equal.

Regression models and Algorithm background are discussed in Section 5; both the baseline-linear regression and PCA may also be present; Additionally, Linear regression with variable selection and linear regression with regularization were used to XXXX.

Section 6 introduces model evaluations.

Finally, in section 7, discussion and conclusion are given.

**1.0 Introduction**

Waste water is a becoming a significant problem for the Great Lakes Region, especially when untreated sewage makes its way into the natural ecosystem from combined sewage overflows (CSO's). Untreated sewage unbalances the natural nutrient cycle by loading large concentrations of nutrients, like nitrogen, in the water. Algae already present in the water use these nutrients to grow exponentially to the point that they become harmful algae blooms (HAB). A HAB is dangerous for the environment and human health and usually necessitates the shut-down of water treatment plants used for drinking water. This has massive consequences for the local economy and the sustainability of natural ecosystems. One of the ways to prevent theses algae blooms is to better understand how much nitrogen is present in the natural ecosystem. The metric used to measure the total amount of nitrogen in the water is called Total Kieldahl Nitrogen (TKN). This Kjeldahl method was used to quantitative determine the nitrogen that contained in organic substances plus the nitrogen in tuck ammonia and ammonium (NH3/NH4+). This process requires a lab to analyze a sample of water to determine the TKN presents, only approximate calculation was provided. It is not always the case that TKN was captured in present or past data. However, TKN is a required parameter for regulatory reporting at many wastewater treatment plants for monitoring plants operationis. To overcome this issue, we want to predict the level of TKN present in the water using other measurements that are present in the dataset.

**2.0 Data Processing**

**3.0 Basic Summary Statistics**

**4.0 Analysis of Demographic and Avova Test**

# 5.0 Exploratory Regression Models

**6.0 Evaluations of Models**

**7.0 Results and Discussion**

**8.0 References**

**Appendix: R Code**

(for performing all data analyses described in Report)