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AQUATOX Supporting Documentation

This model is being distributed, maintained and actively supported by EPA.

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User's Manual

The AQUATOX 3.1 Supporting Documents <<https://epa.gov/hydrowq/aquatox-31-supporting-documents>> User's Manual guides you through the use and operations of the various model capabilities, describes the model structure, and provides example applications. This file may also be accessed when running

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AQUATOX by using the AQUATOX help menu or by pressing the “help” button available on most screens.

Setup Guide

The new Guidance in AQUATOX Setup and Application <<https://epa.gov/hydrowq/aquatox-setup-guide>> provides a "quick start" guide to introduce major model features, as well as being a type of "cookbook" to guide basic model setup, calibration, and validation.

Technical Documentation

The AQUATOX 3.1 Supporting Documents <<https://epa.gov/hydrowq/aquatox-31-supporting-documents>> Technical Documentation presents a detailed description of the model structure and documentation of 452 component equations in Release 3.1.

AQUATOX Release 2.1 Users' Manual for the Extension to BASINS

The AQUATOX 3.1 Supporting Documents <<https://epa.gov/hydrowq/aquatox-31-supporting-documents>> BASINS Extension Users' Manual guides you through the use

- What does AQUATOX do?
<<https://epa.gov/hydrowq/what-does-aquatox-do>>
 - Potential applications to water management
<<https://epa.gov/hydrowq/potential-applications-aquatox>>
 - Unique features and operations
<<https://epa.gov/hydrowq/aquatox-features-and-tools>>
- Training - classes and downloadable presentation materials <<https://epa.gov/hydrowq/aquatox-training-workshops>>
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and operation of the link to the BASINS GIS and watershed modeling system, including the enhancements made in Release 2.1. Note: the linkage operates in essentially the same manner under Release 3.1 as Release 2.1

Notes on linkage: The linkage from WinHSPF in BASINS 4.1 to AQUATOX 3.1 operates in essentially the same manner as to Release 2.1. However, the most recent version of BASINS (version 4.1) contains a newer version of the SWAT watershed model, with which the linkage to AQUATOX no longer works.

Model Validation Reports

Note: these model validation reports <<https://epa.gov/hydrowq/aquatox-model-validation-reports>> are from Release 1 and 1.1. They have not been re-done using the Release 3.1 code, so the model results would be somewhat different. The overall results and conclusions should still be valid.

- Nutrient analysis on the Onondaga Lake, New York
- Nutrient analysis of the Coralville Reservoir, Iowa
- Bioaccumulation of PCBs in Lake Ontario
- Download the entire document
- Report on the periphyton simulation and validation

Sensitivity Analysis

- **AQUATOX Email Listserv** <<https://epa.gov/hydrowq/aquatox-listserv>>
- **Peer Review** <<https://epa.gov/hydrowq/peer-review-aquatox>>
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- **Modeling Periphyton with AQUATOX** <<https://epa.gov/hydrowq/modeling-periphyton-aquatox>>
- **Download the model** <<https://epa.gov/hydrowq/aquatox-31-download-page>>
- **Data sources** <<https://epa.gov/hydrowq/aquatox-data-sources-parameter-values>>

EPA performed a AQUATOX 3.1 Supporting Documents <<https://epa.gov/hydrowq/aquatox-31-supporting-documents>> structured sensitivity analysis of AQUATOX. This analysis identified the model parameters that cause the most sensitivity in model output.

- Sensitivity Analysis of AQUATOX
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Technical Notes

The AQUATOX 3.1 Supporting Documents <<https://epa.gov/hydrowq/aquatox-31-supporting-documents>> technical notes describe the parameters, requirements, sources, conditioning, and modeling water flows in AQUATOX.

- AQUATOX Technical Note 1: A Calibrated Parameter Set for Simulation of Algae in Shallow Rivers
- AQUATOX Technical Note 2: Requirements, Sources, and Conditioning of Data for AQUATOX
- AQUATOX Technical Note 3: Modeling Water Flows with AQUATOX Release 3

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