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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Degradation of the natural environment due to human activity has been well documented in American literature by the likes of Aldo Leopold in Sand County Almanac (1949) and Rachel Carson's Silent Spring (1962). However, it was not until the 1970's when widespread human health was imminently threatened that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) was created by an Executive Order. A series of Federal environmental regulations that became increasingly popular with the American public were subsequently promulgated. The EPA, along with its state analogues and other governmental agencies, is primarily charged with determining to what extent environmental releases of contaminants will result in a minimal negative impact on the general population. In other words, "What level of risk is acceptable to society?" This is not a simple task.

More often than not, it seems that determining what is an acceptable level of risk is based not so much on science, but rather on political agendas, industrial propaganda, and grass roots ideologies. Unfortunately, groups on all sides of an environmental debate can often produce "scientific evidence" to support their particular views. The reason for this is largely due to the complexity of the human physiology coupled with the myriad of chemicals which must be regulated. Adding to the dilemma is a scientific lack of understanding surrounding many of these chemicals. Even more confounding to the problem is
that many environmental contaminants may exist in several different forms once released into the environment, either through natural attenuation or by reacting with elements already present. This only serves to increase the level of uncertainty in the regulatory arena of human health and associated decisionmaking processes.

The subject of this work is ecological risk assessment. For all of the uncertainties that may exist in determining an acceptable level of risk to allow in human health assessments, broadening the application to the complexity of an ecosystem-level analysis greatly widens the chasm between what is known and what must be derived by mathematical interpolation (i.e., modeling).

Environmental contamination may adversely affect human health and/or ecosystem viability. As environmental contamination often results from routine economic activities, management approaches are needed to define contaminant release levels that afford protection to humans and the receiving ecosystems. Often these levels can be adequately described and attained by a specific numeric standard. More frequently however, complexities associated with either propagation of disease in humans or in environmental degradation within ecosystems serves to minimize the effectiveness of a standard. Risk assessment approaches have been developed to address more complex situations.

In a broad classification, risk assessments have traditionally focussed on human health considerations (environmental risk assessment) or ecosystem concerns (ecological risk assessment). Ecological risk assessment requires an
effective method of assigning and attaining regulatory and societal goals at a reasonable cost and within an acceptable timeframe. Due to the massive variability and complexity inherent in ecosystems, this is only possible through a logical breakdown of responsibilities performed by a multidisciplinary team.

The term ecological risk assessment is defined below. Several simulation models will be reviewed as well as some of the techniques which attempt to deal with the uncertainty surrounding model inputs and outputs. The focus here is the application of a risk assessment model to a wetland ecosystem. The term wetland will be defined and the importance of wetland ecosystems will be discussed. Lastly, recent status and trends of wetlands in North America will be described.

### 1.1 Ecological Risk Assessment - Defined

An ecological risk assessment can be defined as the process of scientifically evaluating the probability (or likelihood) of compromising ecological integrity due to exposure to stressors (or contaminants) related to human activities (Norton et al. 1992). Furthermore, the assessment process should also give some measure of the magnitude of the compromising effects (Matlock et al. 1994). Norton et al. (1992) defined stressors as any chemical, physical, or biological entity that can elicit harmful ecological effects. Thus, the ecological risk assessment process must be broad enough to encompass the variety found in any given ecosystem. Due to the inherent complexities and lack of understanding of many ecological processes, no ecological risk assessment will
ever be perfect or totally complete (Cairns and McCormick 1992). However, there are guidelines in place that, if followed, should give as complete an assessment as possible.

The purpose of this work is not to provide a treatise on ecological risk assessment, but rather to develop and describe a mathematical model which may be used as a tool by risk assessors along with a discussion of the methods for understanding and managing inherent uncertainties. Modeling ecological risk is only part of the overall risk assessment process. Several protocols have been developed for completing an ecological risk assessment. The particular protocol chosen may depend upon several factors including: (1) statutory requirements, (2) site-, contaminant-, or species-specific applicability, (3) time limits/requirements, and (4) ultimate goals. Norton et al. (1992), Cairns and McCormick (1992), and Hope (1995), provide in-depth discussions of three ecological risk paradigms. A brief description of these paradigms is provided below. Although not intended to be inclusive of the whole of ecological risk assessment philosophies, these three methodologies illustrate the variety of the field.

The EPA's ecological risk assessment paradigm, as described by Norton et al. (1992), is a tri-phase process consisting of (1) Problem Formulation, (2) Analysis, and (3) Risk Characterization. In the formulation phase, the specific stressor of concern is identified and a conceptual model created or chosen to explain the ecological interactions. The analysis phase uses the site-specific or
site-appropriate model to evaluate collected information and stressor-related ecological impacts. Risk characterization estimates the potential ecological risks and evaluates potential remedial technologies.

Hope (1995) described an ecological risk paradigm similar to that of the EPA's but broke the process down into seven phases in an attempt to better define goals, optimize time, increase overall quality, and more efficiently allocate costs. Each of Hope's (1995) phases, which he called work breakdown structures (WBS's), were further divided into several sub-phases. Hope (1995) stated that it is extremely important to maintain an orderly and structured approach to ecological risk assessment in order to keep projects within budget and on schedule.

Cairns and McCormick (1992) offer a slightly different philosophy towards ecological risk assessment than those described by Norton et al. (1992) and Hope (1995). Rather than emphasizing laboratory experimentation and conceptual modeling, Cairns and McCormick (1992) suggest ongoing biological monitoring of carefully selected indicators of ecological integrity. As Cairns and McCormick (1992) point out, since "everything is an indicator of something, but nothing is an indicator of everything" selection of the appropriate indicator species is paramount to the successful discharge of their protocol.

### 1.2 Modeling Ecological Risk

Both Norton et al. (1992) and Hope (1995) state the need for a conceptual model that relates stressor-receptor interactions. Even Cairns and McCormick
(1992), who warn against the shorfalls and many uncertainties associated with describing complex ecological processes in the relatively simple format of simulation models, concede their importance Ideally, ecological risk assessment models should be generic enough to predict the likelihood of many different types of stressors causing adverse effects in various regions to many different types of species (Hanratty and Stay 1994). These models aid the assessment team by estimating stressor exposure to receptors and stressor concentrations in particular media (MacIntosh et al. 1993). The models available to risk assessors range from simple bioconcentration models to much more complex food web models which require numerous inputs and extensive laboratory and field investigations. The key is understanding that simulation models are merely tools and that the risk assessor is charged with identifying the correct tool needed to achieve identified goals and objectives.

Aquatic ecological risk assessments have historically relied on steady-state and equilibrium partitioning models (Landrum et al. 1992). However, as Landrum et al. (1992) argue, simulation of non-steady-state and non-equilibrium phenomena in proper temporal and spatial context requires the use of kinetic models. Kinetic models are better able to simulate stressor concentrations in receptor tissues due to absorption, distribution, metabolism, and elimination (Landrum et al. 1992). Landrum et al. (1992) and MacIntosh et al. (1993) provide an overview of many of the previously mentioned models. A few of those are examined here.

### 1.2.1 Steady-State Models

Receptors are said to be at steady-state when stressor exposure and uptake and loss factors remain unchanged. This equilibrium state may be assumed for resident receptors with relatively long life-cycles (MacIntosh et al. 1993). For aquatic stressor exposures under these conditions, a tissue bioconcentration factor (BCF) in milliliters per gram can be expressed as:

$$
\begin{equation*}
B C F=\frac{C_{a}}{C_{w}} \tag{1}
\end{equation*}
$$

where:
$C_{a}=$ stressor concentration in the receptor ( $\mu \mathrm{g} / \mathrm{g}$ )
$\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{w}}=$ stressor concentration in the water ( $\mu \mathrm{g} / \mathrm{mL}$ )

When assessing risk to benthic receptors the above equation can be modified to focus on stressor uptake from sediment or food source to yield a bioaccumulation factor (BAF) in grams of sediment or food source per gram of tissue:

$$
\begin{equation*}
B A F=\frac{C_{a}}{C_{s}} \tag{2}
\end{equation*}
$$

where:
$\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{s}}=$ stressor concentration in the sediment or food source ( $\mu \mathrm{g} / \mathrm{g}$ )

The last steady-state model given by Landrum et al. (1992) again describes stressor uptake from sediment or food source. However, it also takes into account the lipid content in the stressor and organic carbon content in the
foodstuff. This accumulation factor (AF) in grams of organic carbon per grams of lipid is:

$$
\begin{equation*}
A F=\frac{C_{a}(I)}{C_{5}(c)} \tag{3}
\end{equation*}
$$

where:
$C_{a}(n)=$ receptor stressor concentration per gram lipid ( $\mu \mathrm{g} / \mathrm{g}$ )
$\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{s}}(c)=$ source stressor concentration per gram organic carbon ( $\mu \mathrm{g} / \mathrm{g}$ )

### 1.2.2 Kinetic Models

Landrum et al. (1992) state that kinetic models can be placed into one of two categories: (1) compartment-based or (2) physiology-based. Compartmentbased models describe stressor movement between the biotic components, or compartments (e.g., species, population, trophic level), and the abiotic components (i.e., water, soil, sediment) of an ecosystem system. Physiologybased pharmacokinetic (PBPK) models simulate stressor accumulation and distribution within receptor tissues.

### 1.2.3 Compartment Models

Landrum ot al. (1992) detail many of the assumptions associated with compartment models: (1) homogeneous mixture of stressor within each compartment, (2) no stressor biotransformation, (3) rate constants do not change over time, and (4) first-order transfer between compartments.

Using first-order transfer functions, with the stressor concentration in the water compartment $\left(\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{w}}\right)$ held static, Landrum et al. (1992) provide the following
model for calculation of the stressor concentration in the receptor $\left(\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{a}}\right)$ :

$$
\begin{equation*}
C_{a}=\left(\frac{k_{u} \cdot C_{w}}{k_{e}}\right)\left(1-e^{-k_{t} t}\right) \tag{4}
\end{equation*}
$$

where:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \mathrm{k}_{\mathrm{u}}=\text { conditional uptake clearance ( } \mathrm{mg} / \mathrm{g} / \mathrm{hour} \text { ) } \\
& \mathrm{k}_{\mathrm{e}}=\text { conditional elimination rate constant (hour }{ }^{-1} \text { ) } \\
& \mathrm{t}=\text { time (hours) }
\end{aligned}
$$

The term clearance is defined as the mass of a compartment relieved of stressor per mass of receptor per time (Landrum et al. 1992).

Growth compensation can be applied to the above model by adding a firstorder growth rate constant in grams per gram per hour (g) to the elimination rate constant ( $k_{\mathrm{e}}$ ):

$$
\begin{equation*}
C_{a}=\left(\frac{k_{u} \cdot C_{w}}{k_{e}+g}\right)\left(1-e^{-\left(k_{0}+g\right) t}\right) \tag{5}
\end{equation*}
$$

Decay could similarly be incorporated into the model by applying the term as a negative value.

MacIntosh et al. (1993) described a compartment-based model similar to equations 3 and 4 which gave a bioaccumulation factor for the stressor from contaminated food:

$$
\begin{equation*}
B A F=(B C F+B M F)\left(1-e^{k_{0} t}\right) \tag{6}
\end{equation*}
$$

where:
$B C F=$ bioconcentration factor: stressor partitioning between compartments
$(\mathrm{mL} / \mathrm{g})$
BMF = biomagnification factor: stressor uptake from contaminated food (unitless)
$\mathrm{k}_{\text {el }}=$ conditional elimination rate constant ( day $^{-1}$ )
t = average receptor life span (days)
To calculate stressor uptake (BMF) from food and drinking water, MacIntosh et al. (1993) employed the following equation:

$$
\begin{equation*}
B M F=M \cdot \Sigma f \cdot B A F+I_{w} \cdot A_{\text {eff }} \cdot k_{\text {el }}^{-1} \tag{7}
\end{equation*}
$$

with,

$$
\begin{equation*}
M=I_{p} \cdot A_{\text {eff }} \cdot k_{e l}{ }^{-1} \tag{8}
\end{equation*}
$$

where:
$\mathrm{M}=$ magnification term (unitless)
$\mathrm{f}=$ fraction of predator diet consisting of prey (unitless)
$I_{p}=$ amount of food ingested ( $\mathrm{g} / \mathrm{g} /$ day )
$\mathrm{I}_{\mathrm{w}}=$ amount of water ingested ( $\mathrm{g} / \mathrm{g} /$ day )
BAF = bioaccumulation factor for each prey (unitless)
$A_{\text {eff }}=$ fraction of ingested stressor that is absorbed across the gut lining of the receptor (unitless)

In small static systems stressor concentration in the water compartment decreases as it is accumulated in the receptor. By incorporating the mass balance of stressor in each compartment, Landrum et al. (1992) state that the concentration of the stressor in the receptor $\left(\mathrm{Q}_{\mathrm{a}}\right)$ can be expressed as:

$$
\begin{equation*}
Q_{\mathrm{a}}=\frac{\left(k_{u m} \cdot A\right)\left(1-e^{-\left(k_{m}+k_{0}\right) t}\right)}{k_{u m}+k_{e}} \tag{9}
\end{equation*}
$$

where:
A = stressor in the system $\left(Q_{w}+Q_{a}\right)$ in $\mu \mathrm{g}$
$\mathrm{k}_{\mathrm{um}}=$ uptake rate constant (hour ${ }^{-1}$ )

### 1.2.4 Physiology-Based Pharmacokinetic Models

Physiology-based pharmacokinetic (PBPK) models compartmentalize the receptor into related tissue types (Landrum et al. 1992). PBPK models are attractive due to the fact that they can be used on practically any species given the availability of that species' physiological information. However, these models also require much more prior information for proper implementation than do the aforementioned compartment models (Landrum et al. 1992).

### 1.3 Model Selection

The assessor should take great care in choosing the proper model which will be used to describe a study site. If the initial phases of the risk assessment are performed properly (i.e., within a logical framework and with clear goals in mind), choosing the correct simulation model will be a much easier task. Once the proper model or suite of models is chosen, the risk assessor must then make a decision on how to deal with the uncertainty associated with his choice.

### 1.4 Uncertainty Analysis

Simulation models used in ecological risk assessment are often plagued with a large amount of uncertainty surrounding their input and output values. These
uncertainties can come from a variety of sources, such as: lablimited understanding of ecological processes, limited access or ability to measure actual ranges of model inputs and parameters, sampling error, ecological variability, and mathematical oversimplification of ecological processes (Dakins et al. 1995). If ignored, these uncertainties can compromise the utility of a model and thus lead to poor or improper decision making. A widely used method to combat the uncertainty found in parameter selection for simulation modeling is Monte Carlo analysis.

### 1.4.1 Monte Cario Analysis

Monte Carlo analysis samples statistical frequency distributions (a.k.a. probability distribution functions) for uncertain model parameters. These probability distribution functions (pdfs) are calculated from value ranges obtained from published or field data. Simulations are run numerous times, randomly accessing values for each iteration from the user-defined distributions (Dilks et al. 1992). Monte Carlo analysis is attractive to modelers due to its applicability to many different types of models as well as to many types of frequency distributions (i.e., normal, log-normal, triangular, etc.) (Slob 1994). Figure 1 clearly shows the difference between a typical deterministic (point) estimate and a Monte Carlo (probabilistic or stochastic) estimate using distribution functions rather than single average values for each input parameter.

The point estimate shown at the top of Figure 1 depicts four values $(A, B, C$, and D) which are used to calculate the result (E). In a traditional analysis, the
four values would likely represent averages of several actual field or laboratory measurements. The result ( E ) then represents a rather sterile average answer which does not enlighten the researcher to the variability common in natural systems. The graphic in the lower half of Figure 1 depicts the same four input variables, however, rather than only using single average values, the Monte Carlo approach utilizes density functions developed from measurements. In this way, the analyst can define probabilities of occurrence for the outputs.


Figure 1. Comparison of a point estimate and a Monte Carlo estimate.

### 1.4.2 Latin Hypercube

Latin Hypercube is a stratification of the pdfs which "allows the output distribution to be characterized with a smaller number of replications than simple random sampling" (Dakins $\theta$ al. 1995, pg. 69). Once the pdf is stratified, or separated into equal intervals, samples are randomly taken from each interval (Palisade 1996). Each stratification is sampled only once during an analysis. In this manner, Latin Hypercube analysis reportedly more accurately represents the
input pdf with fewer iterations than with a traditional Monte Carlo analysis (Palisade 1996).

### 1.4.3 Statistical Quality of Monte Carlo Analysis

The statistical quality of a Monte Carlo analysis is dependent upon the quality of the uniform random number generator employed by the particular software used. Unbeknownst to many analysts is the fact that computers use "mechanical, wholly deterministic methods" to generate random numbers (Barry 1995). Pseudo-random numbers (i.e., random numbers generated deterministically by computers) are defined by Barry (1995) as being good if they exhibit statistical uniformity, statistical independence, reproducibility, and can be generated quickly and economically.

### 1.5 Wetland Ecosystems

Wetlands are ecosystems where saturation with water is the dominant factor determining the types of plant and animal communities living in the soil or on its surface (i.e., habitat which is transitional between terrestrial and aquatic systems in which the water table usually lies at or near the surface.) (Cowardian et al. 1979). Wetlands provide critical feeding, resting, and breeding habitat for many waterfowl, shorebirds, and Neotropical migrants as well as many other animals (Hobbs and Barksdale 1993). Wetlands are also very important to humans by reducing flooding problems through temporary storage of flood waters. Wetlands aid water quality by filtering out pollutants and sediments, and also provide recreation (e.g., hunting, bird watching) (USDI 1988).

### 1.5.1 Status of Wetlands in North America

Of the approximately 87 million-ha of wetlands that existed in North America at the time of the continent's settlement, only about 41 million-ha remained in the 1980's (Frayer 1991). These figures equate to an approximate $53 \%$ net loss of the nation's wetlands.

## 2. METHODOLOGY

The model chosen for this wetland ecosystem risk assessment is an adaptation of the classic carrying capacity equation which has seen widespread use among wildlife management professionals. This model was chosen because it incorporates many of the characteristics of the equations previously described from Landrum et al. (1992) and Macintosh et al. (1993) such as first-order kinetics and steady-state equilibrium partitioning. Further, the model lends itself to a compartment-based application. The basic carrying capacity equation, as taken from Anderson (1991), is as follows:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\frac{d N}{d t}=r N\left(\frac{K-N}{K}\right) \tag{10}
\end{equation*}
$$

where:
$r=$ constant, intrinsic rate of increase, equal to the birth rate minus the death rate
$\mathbf{N}=$ number of individuals in the population at a given moment
$K=$ carrying capacity, the maximum number of individuals a habitat can support
$t=$ time
The carrying capacity model provides wildlife professionals with a useful tool for managing animals in a population context. The equation simulates three basic
phenomena of population growth: (1) exponential growth, typical of small populations increasing rapidly in an under-utilized habitat; (2) logarithmic growth, typical of relatively larger populations in which growth is slowed due to decreasing availability of resources; and (3) population stabilization, in which the population growth is in equilibrium with the environment (see Figure 2).


Figure 2. Visual representation of the carrying capacity equation.

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The model utilized for this work has the same basic form as the carrying capacity equation.

$$
\begin{equation*}
\frac{d C}{d t}=r C\left(\frac{C_{e}-C}{C_{e}}\right) \tag{11}
\end{equation*}
$$

where:
$\mathbf{r}=$ net contaminant uptake rate (time ${ }^{-1}$ )
$\mathrm{C}=$ compartmental contaminant concentration ( $\mathrm{mg} / \mathrm{kg}$ or L )
$\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{e}}=$ endpoint contaminant concentration ( $\mathrm{mg} / \mathrm{kg}$ )
$t=$ time
Further, net contaminant uptake rate, $r$, is represented by the following expression and is similar to the BMF term employed by MacIntosh ot al. (1993) (see equation 7):

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left[\sum\left(C_{s} \cdot d f\right) \cdot\left(k_{u} \cdot e \mathrm{eff}\right)\right]-k_{e} \tag{12}
\end{equation*}
$$

where:
$\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{s}}=$ contaminant concentration in source compartment (mg/kg or L )
df $=$ dietary fraction (unitless)
$\mathrm{k}_{\mathrm{u}}=$ contaminant uptake rate constant (kg or L/mg/time)
eff $=$ contaminant assimilation efficiency (unitless)
$k_{e}=$ contaminant elimination rate constant (time $e^{-1}$ )
Therefore, the compartmental contaminant concentration can be calculated for $\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{t}}$ as follows:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left.C_{t}=\left(\left[\left(\sum\left(C_{s} \cdot d f\right) \cdot\left(k_{u} \cdot e f f\right)\right]-k_{e}\right) \cdot C_{t-1}\right] \cdot\left[\frac{C_{e}-C_{t-1}}{C_{e}}\right]\right)+C_{t-1} \tag{13}
\end{equation*}
$$

The model above provides an estimate of risk, the Risk Factor (RF), based on the ratio of the contaminant concentration within a compartment and the userdefined endpoint concentration $\left(\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{e}}\right)$ for that compartment. The risk present at a specific time interval or at the maximum contaminant concentration level for a compartment is calculated as follows:

$$
\begin{equation*}
R F_{t}=\frac{C_{t}}{C_{e}} \tag{14}
\end{equation*}
$$

and

$$
\begin{equation*}
R F_{\max }=\frac{\mathrm{C}_{\text {max }}}{\mathrm{C}_{0}} \tag{15}
\end{equation*}
$$

where:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \mathrm{RF}_{\mathrm{t}}=\text { risk factor at time } \mathrm{t} \text { (unitless) } \\
& \mathrm{RF}_{\max }=\text { risk factor at maximum contaminant concentration level (unitless) } \\
& \mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{t}} \quad=\text { contaminant concentration at time } \mathrm{t}(\mathrm{mg} / \mathrm{kg}) \\
& \mathrm{C}_{\max }=\text { maximum contaminant concentration ( } \mathrm{mg} / \mathrm{kg} \text { ) } \\
& \mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{e}} \quad=\text { endpoint contaminant concentration ( } \mathrm{mg} / \mathrm{kg} \text { ) }
\end{aligned}
$$

The risk factor is expressed as a unitless number between zero and one. The greater the RF, the greater the risk.

### 2.2 Explanation of Model Terms

The model requires the user to input several variables. Based on these userdefined inputs, the model will calculate output data. The nomenclature used within the model to identify these variables is described below.

Contaminant Concentration (C). Represents the stressor concentration within a compartment of interest at a particular time. Dependent upon the compartment, the contaminant concentration contains units of $\mathrm{mg} / \mathrm{kg}$ or $\mathrm{mg} / \mathrm{L}$. This term can be expressed in several different forms: $\mathrm{C}_{0}$, initial contaminant concentration; $\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{t}}$, contaminant concentration at a specific time interval; $\mathrm{C}_{\text {max }}$ maximum contaminant concentration over a user-defined time period; $\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{e}}$,
endpoint concentration; $C_{s}$, contaminant concentration in the source compartment.

Endpoint Concentration $\left(\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{e}}\right)$. Mathematically, this term sets the asymptotic maximum value which the model will return for a particular compartmental contaminant concentration. For risk assessment purposes, this term is used to identify the concentration at which individuals or components within a compartment of interest may be expected to show signs of overexposure (e.g., infertility, birth defects, mutations, death, etc.). $\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{e}}$ may also be used to represent the concentration at which humans may exhibit ill-effects via exposure to the individuals or components within the contaminated compartments.

Contaminant Concentration in the Source Compartment ( $\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{s}}$ ). In order for the model to calculate a compartmental contaminant concentration, all source compartments must be identified and "loaded" with an initial contaminant concentration ( $\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{o}}$ ).

Dietary Fraction (df). Once all relevant inter-compartmental relationships were identified, the fraction of each source compartment utilized by the receiving compartment was estimated. For example, a herbivorous invertebrate compartment could be identified to potentially receive contaminant from terrestrial plants, soil, and water compartments. In this scenario, the model would require the user to define what fraction of each of these compartments the herbivorous invertebrates utilize in their diet. These unitless values must be input as decimals and their sum should equal 1.00 .

Contaminant Uptake Rate Constant $\left(\mathrm{k}_{\mathrm{u}}\right)$. This is the gross contaminant
uptake rate for a compartment expressed as either $\mathrm{kg} / \mathrm{mg} /$ time or $\mathrm{L} / \mathrm{mg} / \mathrm{time}$.
Contaminant Assimilation Efficiency (eff). This is the fraction of the contaminant which is actually absorbed into the tissues of the individuals comprising a compartment.

Contaminant Elimination Rate Constant $\left(\mathbf{k}_{\mathrm{e}}\right)$. This is the rate per time at which contaminant is purged from the tissues of the individuals comprising a compartment.

Net Contaminant Uptake Rate (r). Calculated from equation 12, the net contaminant uptake rate represents the relative per time increase, or decrease, of contaminant which persists within each compartment.

Risk Factor (RF). The amount of risk present within each compartment is calculated from equations 14 and 15 . $R F_{1}$ (equation 14) allows the user to estimate the incremental risk present within a given compartment at any point between $\mathrm{C}_{0}$ and $\mathrm{C}_{\text {max }} . \mathrm{RF}_{\text {max }}$ (equation 15), the maximum risk factor, calculates the amount of risk present within a compartment at the maximum contaminant concentration encountered over the user-defined time interval. The risk factor is a unitless value between 0 and 1.00 . with risk increasing as the RF approaches unity.

### 2.3 Generalized Wetland Ecosystem Food Web Matrix

The previously described model was applied to a wetland food web matrix consisting of fifteen compartments, twelve biotic and three abiotic. Each of the biotic compartments represents an entire trophic level (e.g., top predator, waterfowl, aquatic plants) rather than populations (e.g., Canada geese, river
elms) or individuals. The three abiotic compartments include soil, sediment, and water. The contaminant transfer relationships between the fifteen compartments are provided below as Figure 3.

1. Top Carnivore (TC)
2. Waterfowl (WF)
3. Carnivorous Mammals (CM)
4. Herbivorous Mammals (HM)
5. Terrestrial Carnivorous

Invertebrates (TCI)
6. Terrestrial Herbivorous

Invertebrates (THI)
7. Terrestrial Plants (TP)
8. Carnivorous Fish (CF)
9. Herbivorous Fish (HF)
10. Aquatic Carnivorous

Invertebrates (ACI)
11. Aquatic Herbivorous

Invertebrates (AHI)
12. Aquatic Plants (AP)


Figure 3. Generalized wetland ecosystem food web matrix.

### 2.4 Model Input Data

Initial stressor concentration values were adapted from selenium data from Kesterson Reservoir, California (CH2M Hill 1986 and USBR 1990). Site-specific and contaminant-specific data for the remaining input variables (i.e., endpoint concentrations, uptake and elimination rates, assimilation efficiencies, and dietary fractions) were not included in the original reports. Therefore, statistical distributions describing uptake and elimination rates for contaminants other than selenium were adapted from Stehly et al. (1990), similar to the approaches of Connoly and Tonelli (1985) and MacIntosh et al. (1993). The remaining input variables were estimated from available sources. Subsequently, a sensitivity analysis was performed to determine the applicability of this effort where the relative impact of input variables on the modeled results was evaluated. As discussed later, these uncertain variables were shown to have a negligible effect on the final model output in the sensitivity portion of the stochastic analysis, thereby reinforcing the utility of the technique employed.

The three abiotic compartments only required input of an initial contaminant concentration. The model was run both deterministically and stochastically. Input values used in the deterministic analysis for each compartment and compartment variables are listed in Tables 1 through 14. Table 1 shows the initial contaminant concentration, $\mathrm{C}_{0}$, deterministic input values for variables common to all biotic compartments. Tables 3 through 14 show the deterministic input values for variables specific to each biotic compartment. Stochastic input value ranges are provided in Tables 15 through 31.

Table 1. Initial Se Contaminant Concentration, $\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{o}}$, Deterministic Input Values for Abiotic Compartments

| COMPARTMENT NAME | UNITS | INPUT VALUE ${ }^{\mathbf{1}}$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Soil | $\mathrm{mg} / \mathrm{kg}$ | 7.00 |
| Sediment | $\mathrm{mg} / \mathrm{kg}$ | 7.00 |
| Water | $\mathrm{mg} / \mathrm{L}$ | 0.23 |

${ }^{1} \mathrm{CH} 2 \mathrm{M}$ Hill (1986)

Table 2. Deterministic Input Values for Variables Common to all Biotic Compartments

| COMPARTMENT NAME | INPUT VALUE |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | C. | C. ${ }^{4}$ | $k_{4}{ }^{\text {a }}$ | $k_{0}{ }^{3}$ | eff ${ }^{4}$ |
|  | $\mathrm{mg} / \mathrm{kg}$ | mg/kg | ( kg or L) / mg/time | time ${ }^{-1}$ | unitese |
| Top Camivore, TC | $9.40^{\prime}$ | 100.00 | 0.04 | 0.02 | 0.40 |
| Carnivorous Marmmats, CM | $8.40{ }^{1}$ | 100.00 | 0.04 | 0.02 | 0.35 |
| Herbivorous Marmmals, HM | $9.40{ }^{1}$ | 100.00 | 0.05 | 0.02 | 0.30 |
| Terrestrial Carnivorous Invertebrates, TCI | $10.20{ }^{2}$ | 100.00 | 0.02 | 0.01 | 0.20 |
| Terrestrial Herbivorous Invertebrates, THI | $7.80^{2}$ | 100.00 | 0.05 | 0.02 | 0.20 |
| Terrestrial Plants, TP | $5.00{ }^{1}$ | 100.00 | 0.06 | 0.02 | 0.40 |
| Waterfow, WF | $4.60{ }^{1}$ | 100.00 | 0.04 | 0.02 | 0.35 |
| Camivorous Fish, CF | $135.00^{\prime}$ | 250.00 | 0.04 | 0.02 | 0.30 |
| Herbivorous Fish, HF | $135.00^{\text { }}$ | 250.00 | 0.08 | 0.02 | 0.30 |
| Aquatic Camivorous Invertebrates, ACI | $114.50{ }^{2}$ | 250.00 | 0.04 | 0.02 | 0.60 |
| Aquatic Herbivorous Invertebrates, AHI | $114.50{ }^{2}$ | 350.00 | 0.08 | 0.02 | 0.20 |
| Aquatic Plants, AP | $5.00{ }^{1}$ | 100.00 | 0.10 | 0.02 | 0.40 |

${ }^{1}$ CH2M Hill (1986)
${ }^{2}$ USBR (1990)
${ }^{3}$ Adapted from Stehly (1890)
${ }^{4}$ Estimated

Table 3. Deterministic Input Values for Variables Specific to Top Carnivore Compartment

| TOP CARNIVORE SOURCE COMPARTMENTS | INPUT VALUE ${ }^{1}$ |
| :---: | :---: |
|  | Hascodf |
|  | Unitiess |
| Soil | 0.10 |
| Sediment | 0.05 |
| Water | 0.05 |
| Carnivorous Mammals, CM | 0.05 |
| Herbivorous Mammals, HM | . 030 |
| Terrestrial Camivorous Invertebrates, TCI | 0.10 |
| Terrestrial Herbivorous Invertebrates, THI | 0.10 |
| Waterfow, WF | 0.05 |
| Camivorous Fish, CF | 0.05 |
| Herbivorous Fish, HF | 0.05 |
| Aquatic Camivorous Invertebrates, ACI | 0.05 |
| Aquatic Herblvorous Invertebrates, AHI | 0.05 |

${ }^{1}$ Estimated

Table 4. Deterministic Input Values for Variables Specific to Carnivorous Mammals Compartment

| CARNIVOROUS MAMMALS SOURCE COMPARTMENTS | InPUT VALUE ${ }^{1}$ |
| :---: | :---: |
|  | df |
|  | Unitioss |
| Soil | 0.05 |
| Sedirnent | , 0.05 |
| Water | 0.10 |
| Herbivorous Mammats, HM | 0.35 |
| Terrestrial Camivorous Invertebrates, TCl | 0.10 |
| Terrestrial Herbivorous Invertebrates, THI | 0.10 |
| Waterfow, WF | 0.05 |
| Camivorous Fish, CF | 0.05 |
| Herbivorous Fish, HF | 0.05 |
| Aquatic Carnivorous Invertebrates, ACl | 0.05 |
| Aquatic Herbivorous Invertebrates, AHI | 0.05 |

[^0]Table 5. Deterministic Input Values for Variables Specific to Herbivorous Mammals Compartment

| HERBIVOROUS MAMMALS <br> SOURCE COMPARTMENTS | INPUT VALUE ${ }^{1}$ |
| :--- | :---: |
|  | df |
|  | Unitiess |
| Soil | 0.05 |
| Sediment | 0.05 |
| Water | 0.10 |
| Terrestrial Plants, TP | 0.70 |
| Aquatic Plants, AP | 0.10 |

' Estimated
Table 6. Deterministic Input Values for Variables Specific to Terrestrial Carnivorous Invertebrates Compartment

| TERRESTRIAL CARNIVOROUS INVERTEBRATES <br> SOURCE COMPARTMENTS | INPUT VALUE ${ }^{\text {1 }}$ |
| :--- | :---: |

${ }^{1}$ Estimated
Table 7. Deterministic Input Values for Variables Specific to Terrestrial Herbivorous Invertebrates Compartment

| TERRESTRIAL HERBIVOROUS INVERTEBRATES SOURCE COMPARTMENTS | INPUT VALUE ${ }^{\text { }}$ |
| :---: | :---: |
|  | df |
|  | Unitiess |
| Soil | 0.10 |
| Sediment | 0.10 |
| Water | 0.05 |
| Terrestrial Plants, TP | 0.70 |
| Aquatic Plants, AP | 0.05 |

[^1]Table 8. Deterministic Input Values for Variables Specific to Terrestrial Plants Compartment

| $\sqrt{2}$ | Ues INPUT VALUE ? ${ }^{\text {a }}$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| SOURCE COMPARTMENTS | Compar df int |
|  | Unitiees |
| Soil | 0.75 |
| Sediment | 0.05 |
| Water | 0.20 |

${ }^{1}$ Estimated
Table 9. Deterministic Input Values for Variables Specific to Waterfowl Compartment

| WATERFOWL SOURCE COMPARTMENTS | INPUT VALUE ${ }^{\text {1 }}$ |
| :--- | :---: |
|  | dI |
|  | Unitiees |
| Soil | 0.05 |
| Sediment | 0.05 |
| Water | 0.20 |
| Terrestrial Camivorous Invertebrates, TCI | 0.05 |
| Terrestrial Herbivorous Invertebrates, THI | 0.05 |
| Terrestrial Plants, TP | 0.10 |
| Carnivorous Fish, CF | 0.10 |
| Herbivorous Fish, HF | 0.10 |
| Aquatic Carnivorous Invertebrates, ACI | 0.10 |
| Aquatic Herblvorous Invertebrates, AHI | 0.10 |
| Aquatic Plants, AP | 0.10 |

${ }^{1}$ Estimated
Table 10. Deterministic Input Values for Variables Specific to Carnivorous Fish Compartment

| CARNIVOROUS FISH SOURCE COMPARTMENTS | INPUT VALUE ${ }^{1}$ |
| :--- | :---: |
|  | df |
|  | Unitiess |
| Soil | 0.05 |
| Sediment | 0.05 |
| Water | 0.20 |
| Terrestrial Camivorous Invertebrates, TCI | 0.05 |
| Terrestrial Herbivorous Invertebrates, THI | 0.05 |
| Herbivorous Fish, HF | 0.50 |
| Aquatic Carnivorous Invertebrates, ACI | 0.05 |
| Aquatic Herbivorous Invertebrates, AHI | 0.05 |

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Table 11. Deterministic Input Values for Variables Specific to Herbivorous Fish Compartment

| HERBIVOROUS FISH SOURCE COMPARTMENTS | INPUT VALUE ${ }^{\text {' }}$ |
| :--- | :---: |
|  | df |
|  | Unitiess |
| Sediment | 0.05 |
| Water | 0.05 |
| Aquatic Plants, AP | 0.20 |

${ }^{1}$ Estimated

Table 12. Deterministic Input Values for Variables Specific to Aquatic Carnivorous Invertebrates Compartment

| AQUATIC CARNIVOROUS INVERTEBRATES SOURCE COMPARTMENTS | INPUT VALUE ${ }^{1}$ |
| :---: | :---: |
|  | df |
|  | Unitiees |
| Soil | 0.05 |
| Sediment $+\cdots, 4,)^{\text {a }}$, | 0.05 |
| Water | 0.20 |
| Terrestrial Camivorous invertebrates, TCI | 0.05 |
| Terrestrial Herbivorous Invertebrates, THI | 0.05 |
| Aquatic Herbivorous Invertebrates, AHI | 0.60 |

' Estimated

Table 13. Deterministic Input Values for Variables Specific to Aquatic Herbivorous Invertebrates Compartment

| AQUATIC HERBIVOROUS INVERTEBRATES <br> SOURCE COMPARTMENTS |  |  | INPUT VALUE ' |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | df |  |  |
|  | Unitless |  |  |
| Soil | 0.05 |  |  |
| Sediment | 0.05 |  |  |
| Water | 0.20 |  |  |
| Aquatic Plants, AP | 0.70 |  |  |

[^3]Table 14. Deterministic Input Values for Variables Specific to Aquatic Plants Compartment

| AQUATIC PLANTS SOURCE COMPARTMENTS | INPUT VALUE ${ }^{1}$ |
| :--- | :---: |
|  | df |
|  | Unitless |
| Soil | 0.05 |
| Sediment | 0.75 |
| Water | 0.20 |

${ }^{1}$ Estimated
The stochastic input ranges for each model variable are provided below in Tables 15 through 31. The ranges shown in Table 15 for the initial contaminant concentration, $\mathrm{C}_{0}$, are again taken from published values for selenium contamination at Kesterson Reservoir, California (CH2M Hill 1986 and USBR 1990). All published contaminant concentration ranges, with the exception of the water selenium contaminant concentration, were reported as a minimum, maximum, and mean and therefore, a triangular distribution was assigned to each of these variables in the model. The water selenium contaminant concentration reported by CH 2 M Hill (1986) consisted of seventy-three data points. These data were analyzed with a probability distribution fitting software package and assigned a normal distribution. The results of the curve fitting analysis is provided as Appendix A.

Tables 16, 17, 18, and 19 list input ranges for endpoint contaminant concentrations, elimination rate constants, and assimilation efficiencies respectively for all biotic compartments. Tables 20 through 31 list the dietary fraction input ranges specific to each of the twelve biotic compartments. As previously mentioned, site- and contaminant-specific values for these variables
were not found in the literature. In order to randomize these variables in the stochastic analysis, triangular ranges were created for each value by setting the maximum to 1.5 times the deterministic values and the minimum to 0.5 times the deterministic values. The deterministic value was used as the mean.

Table 15. Initial Se Contaminant Concentration, $\mathrm{C}_{\text {o }}$ Stochastic Input Values for All Compartments

|  | INPUT RANGE (mg / [kg or LI]) |  |  | DISTRIBUTION TYPE |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| COMPARTMENT NAME | MIN | MAX | MEAN |  |
| Soil ${ }^{1}$ | 1.000 | 85.000 | 7.000 | Triangular |
| Sediment ${ }^{1}$ | 1.000 | 85.000 | 7.000 | Triangular |
| Water ${ }^{1}$ | standard deviation $=0.129$ |  | 0.228 | Normal |
| Top Carnivore, TC ${ }^{1}$ | 0.100 | 125.000 | 9.400 | Triangular |
| Camivorous Mammals, CM ${ }^{1}$ | 0.100 | 125.000 | 9.400 | Triangular |
| Herbivorous Mammals, $\mathrm{HM}^{1}$ | 0.100 | 125.000 | 9.400 | Triangular |
| Terrestrial Camivorous Invertebrates, TCl $^{2}$ | 2.000 | 84.000 | 10.200 | Triangular |
| Terrestrial Herbivorous Invertebrates, THI ${ }^{2}$ | 0.400 | 42.000 | 7.800 | Triangular |
| Terrestrial Plants, TP ${ }^{1}$ | 0.100 | 82.000 | 5.000 | Triangular |
| Waterfow, WF ${ }^{1}$ | 1.600 | 31.000 | 4.600 | Triangular |
| Carnivorous Fish, CF ${ }^{1}$ | 2.000 | 200.000 | 135.000 | Triangular |
| Herbivorous Fish, HF ${ }^{1}$ | 2.000 | 200.000 | 135.000 | Triangular |
| Aquatic Camivorous Invertebrates, $\mathrm{ACl}^{2}$ | 20.000 | 218.000 | 114.500 | Triangular |
| Aquatic Herbivorous Invertebrates, $A C l^{2}$ | 20.000 | 218.000 | 114.500 | Triangular |
| Aquatic Plants, AP ${ }^{1}$ | 0.100 | 82.000 | 5.000 | Triangular |

${ }^{\prime}$ CH2M Hill (1986)
${ }^{2}$ USBR (1990)

Table 16. Endpoint Se Contaminant Concentration, $\mathrm{C}_{0}$, Stochastic Input Values for Biotic Compartments

|  | INPUT RANGE (mg/kg) ${ }^{\boldsymbol{1}}$ |  |  | DISTRIBUTION <br> TYPE |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| COMPARTMENT NAME | MIN | MAX | MEAN |  |
| Top Carnivore, TC | 50.000 | 150.000 | 100.000 | Triangular |
| Camivorous Mammals, CM | 50.000 | 150.000 | 100.000 | Triangular |
| Herbivorous Mammals, HM | 50.000 | 150.000 | 100.000 | Triangular |
| Terrestrial Carnivorous <br> Invertebrates, TCI | 50.000 | 150.000 | 100.000 | Triangular |
| Terrestrial Herbivorous <br> Imvertebrates, THI | 50.000 | 150.000 | 100.000 | Triangular |
| Terrestrial Plants, TP | 50.000 | 150.000 | 100.000 | Triangular |
| Waterfowl, WF | 50.000 | 150.000 | 100.000 | Triangular |
| Carnivorous Fish, CF | 125.000 | 375.000 | 250.000 | Triangular |
| Herbivorous Fish, HF | 125.000 | 375.000 | 250.000 | Triangular |
| Aquatic Carnivorous Invertebrates, <br> ACI | 125.000 | 375.000 | 250.000 | Triangular |
| Aquatic Herbivorous Invertebrates, <br> ACI | 125.000 | 375.000 | 250.000 | Triangular |
| Aquatic Plants, AP | 50.000 | 150.000 | 100.000 | Triangular |

${ }^{1}$ Estimated

## Table 17. Se Uptake Rate Constants, $\mathbf{k}_{\mathrm{u}}$, Stochastic Input Values for Biotic Compartments

|  | INPUT RANGE ([kg or LI/ $/ \mathrm{mg} /$ time $)^{1}$ |  |  | DISTRIBUTION <br> TYPE |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| COMPARTMENT NAME | MIN | MAX | MEAN |  |
| Top Camivore, TC | 0.020 | 0.060 | 0.040 | Triangular |
| Carnivorous Mammals, CM | 0.020 | 0.060 | 0.040 | Triangular |
| Herbivorous Mammals, HM | 0.025 | 0.075 | 0.050 | Triangular |
| Terrestrial Carnivorous <br> Invertebrates, TCI | 0.010 | 0.030 | 0.020 | Triangular |
| Terrestrial Herbivorous <br> Invertebrates, THI | 0.025 | 0.075 | 0.050 | Triangular |
| Terrestrial Plants, TP | 0.030 | 0.090 | 0.060 | Triangular |
| Waterfom, WF | 0.005 | 0.015 | 0.010 | Triangular |
| Carnivorous Fish, CF | 0.020 | 0.060 | 0.040 | Triangular |
| Herbivorous Fish, HF | 0.040 | 0.120 | 0.080 | Triangular |
| Aquatic Carnivorous Invertebrates, <br> ACI | 0.020 | 0.060 | 0.040 | Triangular |
| Aquatic Herbivorous Invertebrates, <br> ACl | 0.040 | 0.120 | 0.080 | Triangular |
| Aquatic Plants, AP | 0.050 | 0.150 | 0.100 | Triangular |

${ }^{1}$ Adepted from Stehly (1990)

Table 18. Se Elimination Rate Constants, $\mathbf{k}_{\mathbf{e}}$, Stochastic Input Values for Biotic Compartments

|  | INPUT RANGE (time $\left.{ }^{-1}\right)^{\text {1 }}$ |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| COMPARTMENT NAME | MIN | MAX | MEAN | TYPE |
| Top Camivore, TC | 0.001 | 0.003 | 0.002 | Triangular |
| Camivorous Mammals, CM | 0.010 | 0.030 | 0.020 | Triangular |
| Herblvorous Mammals, HM | 0.010 | 0.030 | 0.020 | Triangular |
| Terrestrial Camivorous Invertebrates, TCI | 0.005 | 0.015 | 0.010 | Triangular |
| Terrestrial Herbivorous Invertebrates, THI | 0.010 | 0.030 | 0.020 | Triangular |
| Terrestrial Plants, TP | 0.010 | 0.030 | 0.020 | Triangular |
| Waterfow, WF | 0.010 | 0.030 | 0.020 | Triangular |
| Camivorous Fish, CF | 0.010 | 0.030 | 0.020 | Triangular |
| Herbivorous Fish, HF | 0.010 | 0.030 | 0.020 | Triangular |
| Aquatic Camivorous Invertebrates, ACl | 0.010 | 0.030 | 0.020 | Triangular |
| Aquatic Herbivorous Invertebrates, ACl | 0.010 | 0.030 | 0.020 | Triangular |
| Aquatic Plants, AP | 0.010 | 0.030 | 0.020 | Triangular |

Table 19. Se Contaminant Assimilation Efficiency, eff, Stochastic Input Values for Biotic Compartments

|  | INPUT RANGE (unitiess) $^{1}$ |  |  | DISTRIBUTION <br> TYPE |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| COMPARTMENT NAME | MIN | MAX | MEAN |  |
| Top Carnivore, TC | 0.200 | 0.600 | 0.400 | Triangular |
| Carnivorous Mammals, CM | 0.175 | 0.525 | 0.350 | Triangular |
| Herbivorous Mammals, HM | 0.100 | 0.300 | 0.200 | Triangular |
| Terrestrial Camivorous <br> Invertebrates, TCI | 0.100 | 0.300 | 0.200 | Triangular |
| Terrestrial Herbivorous <br> Invertebrates, THI | 0.100 | 0.300 | 0.200 | Triangular |
| Terrestrial Plants, TP | 0.200 | 0.600 | 0.400 | Triangular |
| Waterfowl, WF | 0.035 | 0.105 | 0.070 | Triangular |
| Carnivorous Fish, CF | 0.100 | 0.300 | 0.200 | Triangular |
| Herbivorous Fish, HF | 0.100 | 0.300 | 0.200 | Triangular |
| Aquatic Camivorous Invertebrates, <br> ACI | 0.100 | 0.300 | 0.200 | Triangular |
| Aquatic Herbivorous Invertebrates, <br> ACI | 0.100 | 0.300 | 0.200 | Triangular |
| Aquatic Plants, AP | 0.200 | 0.600 | 0.400 | Triangular |

[^4]Table 20. Stochastic Input Values for Variables Specific to Top Carnivore Compartment

| TOP CARNIVORE SOURCE COMPARTMENTS | DIETARY FRACTION, df, (unitless) ${ }^{1}$ |  |  | DISTRIBUTION TYPE |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | INPUT RANGE |  |  |  |
|  | MIN | MAX | MEAN |  |
| Soil | 0.025 | 0.075 | 0.050 | Triangular |
| Sediment | 0.025 | 0.075 | 0.050 | Triangular |
| Water | 0.050 | 0.150 | 0.100 | Triangular |
| Carnivorous Mammats, CM | 0.025 | 0.075 | 0.050 | Triangular |
| Herbivorous Mammats, HM | 0.150 | 0.450 | 0.300 | Triangular |
| Terrestrial Carnivorous Invertebrates, TCI | 0.050 | 0.150 | 0.100 | Triangular |
| Terrestrial Herbivorous Invertebrates, THI | 0.050 | 0.150 | 0.100 | Triangular |
| Waterfow, WF | 0.025 | 0.075 | 0.050 | Triangular |
| Camivorous Fish, CF | 0.025 | 0.075 | 0.050 | Triangular |
| Herbivorous Fish, HF | 0.025 | 0.075 | 0.050 | Triangular |
| Aquatic Carnivorous invertebrates, ACl | 0.025 | 0.075 | 0.050 | Triangular |
| Aquatic Herbivorous Invertebrates, AHI | 0.025 | 0.075 | 0.050 | Triangular |

${ }^{1}$ Estimated

Table 21. Stochastic Input Values for Variables Specific to Carnivorous Mammals Compartment

| CARNIVOROUS MAMMALS SOURCE COMPARTMENTS | DIETARY FRACTION, df, (unitless) ${ }^{\text {' }}$ |  |  | DISTRIBUTION TYPE |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | INPUT RANGE |  |  |  |
|  | MIN | MAX | MEAN |  |
| Soil | 0.025 | 0.075 | 0.050 | Triangular |
| Sediment | 0.025 | 0.075 | 0.050 | Triangular |
| Water | 0.050 | 0.150 | 0.100 | Triangular |
| Herbivorous Mammals, HM | 0.175 | 0.525 | 0.350 | Triangular |
| Terrestrial Camivorous Invertebrates, TCI | 0.050 | 0.150 | 0.100 | Triangular |
| Terrestrial Herbivorous Invertebrates, THI | 0.050 | 0.150 | 0.100 | Triangular |
| Waterfow, WF | 0.025 | 0.075 | 0.050 | Triangular |
| Camivorous Fish, CF | 0.025 | 0.075 | 0.050 | Triangular |
| Herbivorous Fish, HF | 0.025 | 0.075 | 0.050 | Triangular |
| Aquatic Carnivorous Invertebrates, ACl | 0.025 | 0.075 | 0.050 | Triangular |
| Aquatic Herbivorous Invertebrates, AHI | 0.025 | 0.075 | 0.050 | Triangular |

[^5]Table 22. Stochastic Input Values for Variables Specific to Herbivorous Mammals Compartment

| HERBIVOROUS MAMMALS SOURCE COMPARTMENTS | DIETARY FRACTION, df, (unitless) ${ }^{\text { }}$ |  |  | DISTRIBUTION TYPE |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | INPUT RANGE |  |  |  |
|  | MIN | MAX | MEAN |  |
| Soil | 0.025 | 0.075 | 0.050 | Triangular |
| Sediment | 0.025 | 0.075 | 0.050 | Triangular |
| Water | 0.050 | 0.150 | 0.100 | Triangular |
| Terrestrial Plants, TP | 0.350 | 1.050 | 0.700 | Triangular |
| Aquatic Plants, AP | 0.050 | 0.150 | 0.100 | Triangular |

${ }^{1}$ Estimated

Table 23. Stochastic Input Values for Variables Specific to Terrestrial Carnivorous Invertebrates Compartment

| TERRESTRIAL CARNIVOROUS INVERTEBRATES SOURCE COMPARTMENTS | DIETARY FRACTION, df, (unitlees) ${ }^{\text {' }}$ |  |  | DISTRIBUTION TYPE |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | INPUT RANGE |  |  |  |
|  | MIN | MAX | MEAN |  |
| Soil | 0.100 | 0.300 | 0.200 | Triangular |
| Sediment | 0.025 | 0.075 | 0.050 | Triangular |
| Water | 0.025 | 0.075 | 0.050 | Triangular |
| Terrestrial Herbivorous Invertebrates, THI | 0.300 | 0.900 | 0.600 | Triangular |
| Aquatic Carnivorous Invertebrates, ACI | 0.025 | 0.075 | 0.050 | Triangular |
| Aquatic Herbivorous Invertebrates, AHI | 0.025 | 0.075 | 0.050 | Triangular |

'Estimated

Table 24. Stochastic Input Values for Variables Specific to Terrestrial Herbivorous Invertebrates Compartment

| TERRESTRIAL HERBIVOROUS INVERTEBRATES SOURCE COMPARTMENTS | DIETARY FRACTION, df, (unitless) ${ }^{1}$ |  |  | DISTRIBUTION TYPE |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | INPUT RANGE |  |  |  |
|  | MIN | MAX | MEAN |  |
| Soil | 0.050 | 0.150 | 0.100 | Triangular |
| Sediment | 0.050 | 0.150 | 0.100 | Triangular |
| Water | 0.025 | 0.075 | 0.050 | Triangular |
| Terrestrial Plants, TP | 0.350 | 1.050 | 0.700 | Triangular |
| Aquatic Plants, AP | 0.025 | 0.075 | 0.050 | Triangular |

[^6]Table 25. Stochastic Input Values for Variables Specific to Terrestrial Plants Compartment

| TERRESTRIAL PLANTS SOURCE COMPARTMENTS | DIETARY FRACTION, dif, (unitess) ${ }^{1}$ |  |  | DISTRIBUTION TYPE |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | INPUT RANGE |  |  |  |
|  | Min | MAX | MEAN |  |
| Soil | 0.375 | 1.125 | 0.750 | Triangular |
| Sediment | 0.025 | 0.075 | 0.050 | Triangular |
| Water | 0.100 | 0.300 | 0.200 | Triangular |

' Estimeted
Table 26. Stochastic Input Values for Variables Specific to Waterfowl Compartment

| WATERFOWL SOURCE COMPARTMENTS | DIETARY FRACTION, df, (unitiess) ${ }^{1}$ |  |  | DISTRIBUTION TYPE |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | INPUT RANGE |  |  |  |
|  | MIN | MAX | MEAN |  |
| Soill | 0.025 | 0.075 | 0.050 | Triangular |
| Sediment | 0.025 | 0.075 | 0.050 | Triangular |
| Water | 0.100 | 0.300 | 0.200 | Triangular |
| Terrestrial Camivorous invertebrates, TCl | 0.025 | 0.075 | 0.050 | Triangular |
| Terrestrial Herbivorous Invertebrates, THI | 0.025 | 0.075 | 0.050 | Triangular |
| Terrestrial Plants, TP | 0.050 | 0.150 | 0.100 | Triangular |
| Camivorous Fish, CF | 0.050 | 0.150 | 0.100 | Trianguiar |
| Herbivorous Fish, HF | 0.050 | 0.150 | 0.100 | Triangular |
| Aquatic Carnivorous Invertebrates, ACl | 0.050 | 0.150 | 0.100 | Triangular |
| Aquatic Herbivorous Invertebrates, AHI | 0.050 | 0.150 | 0.100 | Triangular |
| Aquatic Plants, AP | 0.050 | 0.150 | 0.100 | Triangular |

${ }^{1}$ Estimated
Table 27. Stochastic Input Values for Variables Specific to Carnivorous Fish Compartment

| CARNIVOROUS FISH SOURCE COMPARTMENTS | DIETARY FRACTION, df, (unitioss) ${ }^{1}$ |  |  | DISTRIBUTIONTYPE |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | INPUT RANGE |  |  |  |
|  | MIN | MAX | MEAN |  |
| Soil | 0.025 | 0.075 | 0.050 | Triangular |
| Sediment | 0.025 | 0.075 | 0.050 | Triangular |
| Water | 0.100 | 0.300 | 0.200 | Triangular |
| Terrestrial Camivorous Invertebrates, TCI | 0.025 | 0.075 | 0.050 | Triangular |
| Terrestrial Herbivorous Invertebrates, THI | 0.025 | 0.075 | 0.050 | Triangular |
| Herbivorous Fish, HF | 0.025 | 0.075 | 0.050 | Triangular |
| Aquatic Carnivorous Invertebrates, ACl | 0.025 | 0.075 | 0.050 | Triangular |
| Aquatic Herblworous Invertebrates, AHI | 0.025 | 0.075 | 0.050 | Triangular |

[^7]Table 28. Stochastic Input Values for Variables Specific to Herbivorous Fish Compartment

| HERBIVOROUS FISH SOURCE COMPARTMENTS | DIETARY FRACTION, df, (unitless) ${ }^{1}$ |  |  | DISTRIBUTION TYPE |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | INPUT RANGE |  |  |  |
|  | MIN | MAX | MEAN |  |
| Soil | 0.025 | 0.075 | 0.050 | Triangular |
| Sediment | 0.025 | 0.075 | 0.050 | Triangular |
| Water | 0.100 | 0.300 | 0.200 | Triangular |
| Aquatic Plants, AP | 0.035 | 1.050 | 0.700 | Triangular |

${ }^{1}$ Estimate

Table 29. Stochastic Input Values for Variables Specific to Aquatic Carnivorous Invertebrates Compartment

| AQUATIC CARNVOROUS INVERTEBRATES SOURCE COMPARTMENTS | DIETARY FRACTION, df, (unitless) ${ }^{1}$ |  |  | DISTRIBUTIONTYPE |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | INPUT RANGE |  |  |  |
|  | MIN | MAX | MEAN |  |
| Soil | 0.025 | 0.075 | 0.050 | Triangular |
| Sediment | 0.025 | 0.075 | 0.050 | Triangular |
| Water | 0.100 | ${ }^{0} 0.300$ | 0.200 | Triangular |
| Terrestrial Camivorous Invertebrates, TCI | 0.025 | 0.075 | 0.050 | Triangular |
| Terrestrial Herbivorous Invertebrates, THI | 0.025 | 0.075 | . 050 | Triangular |
| Aquatic Herbivorous Invertebrates, AHI | 0.300 | 0.900 | 0.600 | Triangular |

${ }^{1}$ Estimate

Table 30. Stochastic Input Values for Variables Specific to Aquatic Herbivorous Invertebrates Compartment

| AQUATIC HERBIVOROUS INVERTEBRATES SOURCE COMPARTMENTS | DIETARY FRACTION, df, (unitless) ${ }^{1}$ |  |  | DISTRIBUTION TYPE |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | INPUT RANGE |  |  |  |
|  | MIN | MAX | MEAN |  |
| Soil | 0.025 | 0.075 | 0.050 | Triangular |
| Sediment | 0.025 | 0.075 | 0.050 | Triangular |
| Water | 0.100 | 0.300 | 0.200 | Triangular |
| Aquatic Plants, AP | 0.350 | 1.050 | 0.700 | Triangular |

${ }^{1}$ Estimate

Table 31. Stochastic Input Values for Variables Specific to Aquatic Plants Compartment

| AQUATIC PLANTS SOURCE COMPARTMENTS | DIETARY FRACTION, di, (unttiees) ${ }^{1}$ |  |  | DISTRIBUTION TYPE |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | INPUT RANGE |  |  |  |
|  | MIN | MAX | MEAN |  |
| Soil | 0.025 | 0,075 | 0.050 | Triangular |
| Sediment | 0.375 | 1.125 | 0.750 | Triangular |
| Water | 0.100 | 0.300 | 0.200 | Triangular |

[^8]
### 2.5 Model Development and Use

The model which has been described here can be incorporated into readily available personal computer spreadsheet software. For this work, Microsoft ${ }^{\oplus}$ Excel Version 7.0 was used. Lotus ${ }^{(1-2-3}$, or other similar desktop spreadsheets would be equally acceptable for this type of analysis. The Monte Cario sampling portion of the modeling employed the use of @RISK, Risk Analysis and Simulation Add-In for Microsoft ${ }^{\circledR}$ Excel or Lotus ${ }^{\infty}$ 1-2-3 (Palisade 1996). BestFit, Probability Distribution Fitting for Windows ${ }^{\star}$, a companion product to @RISK, was used as well to identify the distribution type for the water concentration contaminant level input range (Palisade 1998).

### 2.5.1 Environment and Architecture

As viewed from the spreadsheet, the model consists of nine worksheets. A flow diagram of the model is provided as Figure 4. The first worksheet, labeled INTRO, provides a brief description of the other eight worksheets and their contents. The INTRO worksheet also provides instruction on saving input parameters and output results.

The second worksheet, labeled MATRIX, includes a graphical representation
of the simplified wetland ecosystem food web matrix similar to that of Figure 2.
The third worksheet, EQUATIONS, provides a description of the mathematical terms on which the model is based.


Figure 4. Model flow diagram.

The INPUTS worksheet contains input fields for all of the variables associated with the fifteen compartments which comprise the model. Upon entering all required input data, the model can be executed from the RUN MODEL worksheet.

Once the model has been executed, the user is automatically taken to the sixth worksheet - OUTPUTS. The OUTPUTS worksheet contains the following results based on the data entered into the INPUTS worksheet for each of the twelve biotic compartments:
$\mathrm{C}_{\text {max }}$, maximum contaminant concentration;
$R F_{t}$, risk factor at requested time interval;
$\mathrm{RF}_{\text {max }}$, maximum risk factor.
In order to calculate $R F_{t}$, a value must be entered for $C_{t}$.
Tables containing a summary of the model results can be printed by selecting the button located within the PRINT worksheet. These same tables can be viewed from the TABLES worksheet.

The final worksheet, RAW, contains the incremental contaminant concentrations calculated by the model for each of the twelve biotic compartments. It is from this worksheet that the model estimates risk and summarizes results in the OUTPUTS and TABLES worksheets. Due to the number of data points present in the raw data output, it exists only for the successful execution of the model and generation of desired results. Although the user can print and view these raw data, it could be rather awkward and time consuming and is therefore not recommended.

### 2.5.2 Saving Input Data and Output Results

Each time a new set of input parameters is entered into the model and the model is executed, the old input data and results are overwritten. Therefore, a companion file to the model, filename DATA.xis, was created that automatically updates the current input parameters and output results when opened simultaneously with the model, filename MODEL.xds. The user can manage the DATA.xls file as with any other Excel workbook. This will allow for efficient archiving and replication of previous data sets as well as to conserve disk space. The user should not corrupt the DATA.xls filename designation, but rather save previous work under another user-defined filename.

### 2.5.3 Automation

In an effort to increase efficiency and applicability, decrease confusion, and minimize human error, several steps within the model have been greatly simplified or completely automated via macros (see Appendix B for a complete listing of the macro code used for the model). Microsoft Excel employs the Visual Basic programming language for creating macros. The macros within the model allow the user to perform fairly simple tasks such as "point-and-click" printing of data tables and instantaneous archiving of current input variables and output data. A much more complex macro routine, developed for this research, greatly adds to the utility of the model. This macro allows the user to employ a wide range for the average life span variable without the need to repeatedly edit the raw data output range.

The initial portion of the code turns off the normal screen updating feature when the model is executed. This makes the macro more transparent and speeds up the model execution time (Walkenbach 1996).

Sub Run_Model()
Application.ScreenUpdating = False
The next section of the code selects the RAW worksheet and then clears the existing raw data output from the previous model run for each of the twelve biotic compartments. Although only the top carnivore compartment code is shown in this excerpt, the code for the other compartments is similar.

Sheets("RAW").Select
'Clear previous TOP CARNIVORE results
Range("B9").Select
Range(ActiveCell, ActiveCell.End(xlDown)).Select
Selection.Borders(xILeft).LineStyle $=x$ INone
Selection.Borders( $x$ IRight). LineStyle $=x$ INone
Selection.Borders(xITop).LineStyle $=$ xINone
Selection.Borders(xIBottom).LineStyle $=x I N o n e$
Selection.BorderAround LineStyle:=xINone
Selection.ClearContents
Range("C9"). Select
Range(ActiveCell, ActiveCell.End(xIDown)). Select
Selection.Borders(xILeft).LineStyle $=x$ INone
Selection.Borders(xIRight).LineStyle $=x$ INone
Selection.Borders(xITop).LineStyle $=$ xINone
Selection.Borders(xIBottom).LineStyle $=$ xINone
Selection.BorderAround LineStyle:=xlNone
Selection.ClearContents
The next section of the code calculates the new results for each abiotic compartment based on the data entered into the INPUTS worksheet. Notice the range reference format has changed from absolute (i.e., B8) to relative (i.e., 8,2). This allows the programmer to incorporate mathematical functions into the macro which in turn allows the modeler to manipulate the macro without actually changing the code. In this case, it allows the macro to handle potentially highly
variable average life span input values. Again, only the top carnivore compartment is shown here.
'Calculate new results for TOP CARNIVORE
Range(Cells( 8,2 ), Cells $(8,3)$ ).Select
Selection.Copy
Range $(\operatorname{Cells}(8+1,2), \mathrm{Cells}(8+(\operatorname{Cells}(4,3)$. Value -1$), 3))$.Select
ActiveSheet.Paste
Application. CutCopyMode $=$ False
'Place bold line at bottom of Raw Output Resuits Table
Range(Cells(8 + (Cells $(4,3)$. Value -1), 2), Cells $(8+(\operatorname{Cells}(4,3)$. Value - 1), 3)).Select
With Selection.Borders(xIBottom)
. Weight $=$ xlMedium
.ColorIndex $=$ x1Automatic
End With
'Return to cell A1 of RAW DATA OUTPUT worksheet
Cells( 1,1 ).Select
The final portion of the code returns the user to the OUTPUTS worksheet where the model results can be viewed.

```
'Return to cell A1 of OUTPUTS worksheet
    Sheets("OUTPUTS").Select
    Cells(1, 1).Select
End Sub
```


### 2.6 Kesterson Reservoir Site Description

As mentioned, the data set used for this model was taken from selenium contamination at Kesterson Reservoir, California. The Kesterson site, as described by the USBR (1990) and Freedman (1995), in addition to twelve shallow ponds ( $1.0-1.5 \mathrm{~m}$ deep) totaling approximately 500 ha , is composed of four main habitat types. These are: (1) grasslands dominated by saltgrass (Distichlis spicata), (2) soil-filled former wetland areas dominated by annual plant species such as burning bush (Kochia spp.) and grasses, (3) open areas sparsely covered with burning bush (Kochia spp.), prickly lettuce (Lactuca serriola), and clover (Melitotus spp.), and (4) intermittent rainwater puddles. Due
to the area's use as habitat by several important wildlife species and for human recreation, it has received much attention from ecologists regarding the bigh levels of selenium and other contaminant concentrations. The contaminant source was subsurface drainwaters from irrigated agricultural lands that were delivered to the reservoir via the San Luis Drain (CH2M Hill 1986). Delivery of this water to Kesterson was halted in mid-1986 (CH2M Hill 1986).

Effects of selenium overexposure at Kesterson were most noticeable in avian populations and included reproductive failure, reduced fecundity, and adult mortality (CH2M Hill 1986): Brain damage and other developmental abnormalities were highly prevalent among embryos and chicks (Freedman 1995). Several mammal species at Kesterson were shown to exhibit reduced reproductive success as compared to populations located at the Volta Wildlife Area (CH2M Hill 1986). Although no specific effects of overexposure were noticed for fish, invertebrates, and plants, Kesterson populations exhibited selenium levels of approximately 10 to 300 times higher than those of the reference wetland at the Volta Wildlife Area (Freedman 1995). Limited human health studies conducted on persons living adjacent to and working at the Kesterson site found selenium levels to be within normal ranges with no symptoms of overexposure (CH2M Hill 1986). Due to the levels of contamination found and the toxic effects witnessed, especially among bird populations, coupled with its ability to bioaccumulate, selenium was made the focus of risk assessment and mitigation efforts (CH2M Hill 1986).

Three levels of selenium removal were suggested by CH2M Hill (1986) and a
risk assessment was performed for each as well as the original condition. The cleanup alternatives were: (1) a flexible response plan (FRP) consisting of "spot-removal" of contaminated soil and vegetation, (2) removal and on-site storage of $450,000 \mathrm{yd}^{3}\left(340,050 \mathrm{~m}^{3}\right)$ of soil and vegetation (ONSITE-1), and (3) removal and on-site storage of $1,000,000 \mathrm{yd}^{3}\left(764,555 \mathrm{~m}^{3}\right)$ of soil and vegetation (ONSITE-2). The ONSITE-1 and ONSITE-2 alternatives would have reportedly reduced the soil selenium concentrations to 3.0 and $1.5 \mathrm{mg} / \mathrm{kg}$ respectively. The CH2M Hill (1986) analysis culminated in a risk characterization for the site for each cleanup alternative using a stochastic approach to describe a range and likelihood of possible exposure scenarios under each cleanup alternative. This effort focussed upon the application of an alternative modeling technique to these suggested remediation levels. As with the CH2M Hill (1986) effort, the output results from the model developed for this work were used to compare the compartmental selenium contaminant concentrations under pre-clean-up conditions and the ONSITE-1 and ONSITE-2 mitigation alternatives.

### 2.7 Analytical Design

Models were prepared which compared several selenium contaminant scenarios for the Kesterson site. Scenarios 1 through 3 assume that the 1986 biotic compartmental selenium concentrations were not in a state of equilibrium (referred to as ASSUMPTION A). The $C_{e}$ values employed for these scenarios were arbitrarily selected but critical to model performance. Scenarios 1 through 3 are defined as follows:

Scenario 1. Initial conditions present at 1986;

Scenario 2. Reduced soil, sediment, and water concentrations representative of ONSITE-1 cleanup goals with biotic compartment concentrations at 1986 levels; and

Scenario 3. Reduced soil, sediment, and water concentrations representative of ONSITE-2 cleanup goals with biotic compartment concentrations at 1986 levels.

The remaining five scenarios (4 through 6) assume that the biotic compartmental selenium concentrations reported by CH2M Hill (1986) and USBR (1990) represent conditions at equilibrium (referred to as ASSUMPTION B). For these analyses, the 1986 compartmental selenium concentrations were entered as the endpoint concentration $\left(\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{e}}\right)$ and the initial concentrations ( $\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{o}}$ ) were set to $0.01 \mathrm{mg} / \mathrm{kg}$ for all compartments. The $0.01 \mathrm{mg} / \mathrm{kg}$ value falls within the typical range for selenium in food (ASTDR 1989). Scenarios 4 through 6 are similar to 1 through 3 and are defined as follows:

Scenario 4. Initial conditions present at 1986;
Scenario 5. Reduced soil, sediment, and water concentrations representative of ONSITE-1 cleanup goals with biotic compartment endpoint concentrations $\left(C_{e}\right)$ set at 1986 measured levels; and

Scenario 6. Reduced soil, sediment, and water concentrations representative of ONSITE-2 cleanup goals with biotic compartment endpoint concentrations $\left(\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{e}}\right)$ set at 1986 measured levels.

## 3. RESULTS

The deterministic output data returned the incremental contaminant concentration for each biotic compartment. This incremental selenium concentration was used to compare the time to $\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{e}}$ for each biotic compartment under the initial 1986 conditions (scenarios 1 and 4) and the ONSITE-1 (scenarios 2 and 5) and ONSITE-2 (scenarios 3 and 6) cleanup alternatives proposed by CH2M Hill (1986). The stochastic approach was used to (1) estimate the relative effects each of the input parameters had on the output results via a rank order correlation and (2) to generate and compare contaminant concentration probability distribution functions of each biotic compartment for the six modeled scenarios and two basic equilibrium assumptions.

### 3.1 Deterministic Output Data

The deterministic, or point, analysis was repeated three times under the two equilibrium state assumption criteria (once for each of the six described scenarios). Figures 5 through 28 compare the selenium concentration for each biotic compartment for scenarios 1 through 3 (ASSUMPTION A) and scenarios 4 through 6 (ASSUMPTION B) up to 100\% of the endpoint concentration.


Figure 5. Top carnivore compartment time to $100 \%$ of endpoint concentration comparison.


Figure 6. Waterfowl compartment time to $100 \%$ of endpoint concentration comparison.


Figure 7. Carnivorous mammals compartment time to $100 \%$ of endpoint concentration comparison.


Figure 8. Herbivorous mammals compartment time to $100 \%$ of endpoint concentration comparison.


Figure 9. Terrestrial carnivorous invertebrates compartment time to $\mathbf{1 0 0 \%}$ of endpoint concentration comparison.


Figure 10. Terrestrial herivorous invertebrates compartment time to $\mathbf{1 0 0 \%}$ of endpoint concentration comparison.


Figure 11. Terrestrial plants compartment time to $100 \%$ of endpoint concentration comparison.


Figure 12. Carnivorous fish compartment time to $100 \%$ of endpoint concentration comparison.


Figure 13. Herbivorous fish compartment time to 100\% of endpoint concentration comparison.


Figure 14. Aquatic carnivorous invertebrates compartment time to $\mathbf{1 0 0 \%}$ of endpoint concentration comparison.


Figure 15. Aquatic herbivorous invertebrates compartment time to $\mathbf{1 0 0 \%}$ of endpoint concentration comparison.


Figure 16. Aquatic plants compartment time to $100 \%$ of endpoint concentration comparison.


Figure 17. Top carnivore compartment time to $100 \%$ of endpoint concentration comparison.


Figure 18. Waterfowl compartment time to 100\% of endpoint concentration comparison.


Figure 19. Carnivorous mammals compartment time to $100 \%$ of endpoint concentration comparison.


Figure 20. Herbivorous mammals compartment time to $100 \%$ of endpoint concentration comparison.


Figure 21. Terrestrial carnivorous invertebrates compartment time to $\mathbf{1 0 0 \%}$ of endpoint concentration comparison.


Figure 22. Terrestrial herbivorous invertebrates compartment time to $\mathbf{1 0 0 \%}$ of endpoint concentration comparison.


Figure 23. Terrestrial plants compartment time to 100\% of endpoint concentration comparison.


Figure 24. Carnivorous fish compartment time to $100 \%$ of endpoint concentration comparison.


Figure 25. Herbivorous fish compartment time to $100 \%$ of endpoint concentration comparison.


Figure 26. Aquatic carnivorous invertebrates compartment time to $\mathbf{1 0 0 \%}$ of endpoint concentration comparison.


Figure 27. Aquatic herbivorous invertebrates compartment time to $\mathbf{1 0 0 \%}$ of endpoint concentration comparison.


Figure 28. Aquatic plants compartment time to $100 \%$ of endpoint concentration comparison.

### 3.2 Stochastic Output Data

 egression coes es n not sufficiently explainThe stochastic estimate approach employed a Latin Hypercube sampling technique in order to generate probability distributions for the compartmental contaminant concentration value for each of the twelve biotic compartments at $t$ $=1$ under the six scenarios. The initial probability data generated were used to analyze the relative sensitivity each of the input parameters had on the modeled results via a rank order correlation. The probability distributions (i.e., ranges) provided in Tables 15 through 31 for each input variable were sampled until a convergence threshold of $1.5 \%$ was attained between successive 100 iterations based on the following statistics:

- percentiles
- mean
- standard deviation

The total number of iterations required to attain this convergence threshold for each of the five scenarios under ASSUMPTION A criteria was 1,400 (scenario 1), 1,300 (scenario 2), and 1,100 (scenario 3 ). Under ASSUMPTION B criteria the tally was 1,400 (scenario 4), 1,400 (scenario 5), and 700 (scenario 6).

### 3.2.1 Sensitivity of Outputs to Inputs

A rank order correlation analysis was performed to better understand the relative impact each of the uncertain input range variables had on the modeled results. A rank order correlation was chosen over a multivariate stepwise regression due to the very low $R^{2}$ value (i.e., < $1 \%$ ) returned for all compartments. An $R^{2}$ value less than approximately $60 \%$ suggests that the
linear multivariate stepwise regression does not sufficiently explain the relationship between the inputs and outputs (Palisade 1996). The results of the sensitivity analysis showed an almost perfect positive correlation between the modeled output and the initial contaminant concentration ( $\mathrm{C}_{0}$ ) for all compartments. The remaining input parameters showed extremely weak correlations, both positively and negatively. The sensitivity analysis was performed under ASSUMPTION A and B criteria with similar results.

### 3.2.2 Stochastic Output Result Ranges and Probability Distributions

Based on the input data ranges, the Latin Hypercube sampling analysis produced a range of possible values for each compartmental contaminant concentration $\left(\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{t}=1}\right)$. Probability distributions were also calculated for each compartment. The modeled ranges, means, standard deviations, and $25 \%$ and $75 \%$ confidence intervals, representing the intraquartile range, for each biotic compartment under each of the six scenarios are given in Tables 32 through 37. The probability distributions for each compartment under the six scenarios are presented as box and whisker diagrams in Figures 29 through 52. The upper and lower horizontal elements of each box represent the $75^{\text {th }}$ and $25^{\text {th }}$ percentiles respectively. The upper and lower vertical lines extend to the maximum and minimum selenium concentrations returned by the model under each scenario. Summary statistics for the stochastic analyses under the six scenarios are provided as Appendices C through H .

Table 32. Compartmental Se Stochastic Output Result Ranges, $\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{t}=1}$ ( $\mathrm{mg} / \mathrm{kg}$ ) under Scenario 1 - ASSUMPTION A Conditions

|  | TC | WF | CM | HM | TCI | THI | TP | CF | HF | ACI | AHI | AP |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| MAX | 130.6 | 61.7 | 131.0 | 128.6 | 62.5 | 53.8 | 123.1 | 353.0 | 302.6 | 187.6 | 267.2 | 165.4 |
| MIN | 2.3 | 3.2 | 1.5 | 1.1 | 2.8 | 0.8 | 0.7 | 6.8 | 7.5 | 0.0 | 26.3 | 0.8 |
| MEAN | 54.2 | 20.1 | 54.5 | 50.3 | 31.9 | 20.9 | 39.2 | 157.5 | 139.3 | 79.7 | 136.1 | 45.4 |
| SD | 28.7 | 10.8 | 28.6 | 27.5 | 18.8 | 10.8 | 23.2 | 51.5 | 49.8 | 30.3 | 42.9 | 27.2 |
| $25 \%$ | 29.5 | 11.7 | 30.3 | 27.4 | 15.8 | 12.0 | 19.7 | 126.0 | 106.9 | 59.6 | 106.0 | 23.3 |
| $76 \%$ | 76.2 | 28.3 | 77.2 | 71.8 | 45.5 | 28.4 | 56.9 | 193.1 | 173.8 | 98.0 | 166.8 | 65.5 |

Table 33. Compartmental Se Stochastic Output Result Ranges, $\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{t}=1}$ ( $\mathrm{mg} / \mathrm{kg}$ ) under Scenario 2 - ASSUMPTION A Conditions

|  | TC | WF | CM | HM | TCI | THI | TP | CF | HF | ACI | AHI | AP |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| MAX | 132.6 | 56.1 | 131.5 | 117.8 | 83.1 | 47.7 | 81.0 | 298.8 | 311.2 | 165.3 | 266.7 | 81.9 |
| MIN | 0.0 | 2.2 | 1.2 | 1.0 | 2.6 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 10.5 | 11.6 | 0.0 | 30.9 | 0.5 |
| MEAN | 56.6 | 20.5 | 53.0 | 49.5 | 32.4 | 19.1 | 29.2 | 154.9 | 136.1 | 81.1 | 133.2 | 29.4 |
| SD | 27.9 | 10.5 | 28.1 | 28.0 | 18.5 | 10.0 | 18.6 | 50.2 | 48.0 | 31.4 | 43.7 | 19.0 |
| $25 \%$ | 34.5 | 11.5 | 29.2 | 28.2 | 16.6 | 11.0 | 13.3 | 124.0 | 105.9 | 61.3 | 101.1 | 13.1 |
| $75 \%$ | 78.9 | 27.3 | 74.7 | 71.5 | 45.5 | 25.9 | 42.5 | 189.6 | 167.9 | 101.5 | 164.2 | 42.6 |

Table 34. Compartmental Se Stochastic Output Result Ranges, $\mathbf{C}_{\mathrm{t}=1}$ ( $\mathrm{mg} / \mathrm{kg}$ ) under Scenario 3-ASSUMPTION A Conditions

|  | TC | WF | CM | HM | TCI | THI | TP | CF | HF | ACI | AHI | AP |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| MAX | 148.5 | 55.6 | 130.6 | 117.8 | 81.2 | 59.8 | 79.9 | 302.9 | 305.2 | 176.6 | 252.3 | 80.0 |
| MIN | 2.5 | 2.6 | 1.5 | 1.2 | 2.5 | 1.3 | 0.4 | 14.7 | 8.8 | 0.0 | 27.2 | 0.7 |
| MEAN | 55.8 | 20.1 | 54.2 | 50.9 | 31.5 | 19.5 | 29.0 | 155.3 | 136.7 | 80.1 | 132.4 | 29.2 |
| SD | 28.5 | 10.6 | 28.4 | 50.9 | 18.5 | 10.3 | 18.5 | 49.8 | 49.8 | 30.0 | 43.9 | 10.6 |
| 25\% | 33.3 | 11.6 | 29.8 | 25.4 | 15.6 | 10.7 | 13.3 | 121.4 | 102.4 | 60.5 | 99.9 | 13.0 |
| $75 \%$ | 76.9 | 27.7 | 76.9 | 72.7 | 44.2 | 26.6 | 42.8 | 190.3 | 171.0 | 97.9 | 164.5 | 42.2 |

Table 35. Compartmental Se Stochastic Output Result Ranges, $\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{t}=1}$ ( $\mathrm{mg} / \mathrm{kg}$ ) under Scenario 4 - ASSUMPTION B Conditions

|  | TC | WF | CM | HM | TCI | THI | TP | CF | HF | ACI | AHI | AP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| MAX | $\begin{array}{r} 1.54 \mathrm{E}- \\ 02 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1.56 \mathrm{E}- \\ 02 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1.56 \mathrm{E}- \\ 02 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1.59 \mathrm{E}-\mathrm{e} \\ 02 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1.48 \mathrm{E}- \\ 02 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1.68 \mathrm{E}- \\ 02 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 4.13 \mathrm{E}-\mathrm{O} \\ 02 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1.51 \mathrm{E}- \\ 02 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1.65 \mathrm{E}- \\ 02 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1.47 \mathrm{E}- \\ 02 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1.54 \mathrm{E}- \\ 02 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 6.94 \mathrm{E}- \\ 02 \end{array}$ |
| MIN | $\begin{array}{r} 5.39 \mathrm{E}-\mathrm{B} \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 5.30 \mathrm{E}- \\ 03 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 5.30 \mathrm{E}- \\ 03 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 5.21 \mathrm{E}- \\ 03 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 5.23 \mathrm{E}-\mathrm{x} \\ 03 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 5.08 \mathrm{E}- \\ 03 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 6.09 \mathrm{E}- \\ 03 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 5.19 \mathrm{E}- \\ 03 \end{array}$ | $5.28 \mathrm{E}-$ | $5.15 \mathrm{E}-$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { 5.12E- } \\ 03 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 6.14 \mathrm{E}- \\ 03 \end{array}$ |
| MEAN | $\begin{array}{r} 1.04 \mathrm{E}- \\ 02 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1.02 \mathrm{E}- \\ 02 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1.02 \mathrm{E}- \\ 02 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1.03 \mathrm{E}- \\ 02 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 9.92 \mathrm{E}-1 \\ 03 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1.04 \mathrm{E}- \\ 02 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1.57 \mathrm{E}- \\ 02 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1.01 \mathrm{E}- \\ 02 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1.05 \mathrm{E}- \\ 02 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 9.99 \mathrm{E}-\mathrm{O} \\ 03 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1.02 \mathrm{E}- \\ 02 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1.96 \mathrm{E}- \\ 02 \\ \hline \end{array}$ |
| SD | $\begin{array}{r} 2.10 \mathrm{E}- \\ 03 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2.10 \mathrm{E}- \\ 03 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \hline 2.13 \mathrm{E}- \\ 03 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2.17 \mathrm{E}- \\ 03 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2.01 \mathrm{E}- \\ 03 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2.20 \mathrm{E}-\mathrm{O} \\ \mathrm{O} \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 5.34 \mathrm{E}-\mathrm{B} \\ \hline 0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \hline 2.13 \mathrm{E}- \\ 03 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2.24 \mathrm{E}- \\ 03 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1.98 \mathrm{E}-\mathrm{-} \\ 03 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \hline 2.09 E- \\ 03 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 8.31 \mathrm{E}- \\ 03 \end{array}$ |
| 25\% | $\begin{array}{r} 8.89 \mathrm{E}- \\ 03 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 8.74 \mathrm{E}- \\ 03 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 8.75 \mathrm{E}- \\ 03 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 8.71 \mathrm{E}- \\ 03 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 8.48 \mathrm{E}- \\ 03 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 8.82 \mathrm{E}- \\ 03 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1.19 \mathrm{E}- \\ 02 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 8.64 \mathrm{E}- \\ 03 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 8.84 \mathrm{E}- \\ 03 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 8.54 \mathrm{E}- \\ 03 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 8.75 \mathrm{E}-\mathrm{r} \\ 03 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1.38 \mathrm{E}- \\ 02 \end{array}$ |
| 75\% | $\begin{array}{r} 1.19 \mathrm{E}- \\ 02 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1.17 \mathrm{E}- \\ 02 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1.17 \mathrm{E}- \\ 02 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1.18 \mathrm{E}- \\ 02 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1.14 \mathrm{E}- \\ 03 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1.20 \mathrm{E}- \\ 02 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1.85 \mathrm{E}- \\ 02 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1.16 \mathrm{E}- \\ 02 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1.21 \mathrm{E}- \\ 02 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1.15 \mathrm{E}- \\ 02 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1.17 \mathrm{E}- \\ 02 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2.37 \mathrm{E}- \\ 02 \end{array}$ |

Table 36. Compartmental Se Stochastic Output Result Ranges, $\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{t}=1}$ ( $\mathrm{mg} / \mathrm{kg}$ ) under Scenario 5 - ASSUMPTION B Conditions

|  | TC | WF | CM | HM | TCI | THI | TP | CF | HF | ACl | AHI | AP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| MAX | $\begin{array}{r} 1.46 \mathrm{E}- \\ 02 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1.47 \mathrm{E}- \\ 02 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1.44 \mathrm{E}- \\ 02 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1.46 \mathrm{E}- \\ 02 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1.48 \mathrm{E}- \\ 02 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1.46 \mathrm{E}- \\ 02 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1.54 \mathrm{E}- \\ 02 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1.47 \mathrm{E}- \\ 02 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1.46 \mathrm{E}- \\ 02 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1.48 \mathrm{E}- \\ 02 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1.47 \mathrm{E}- \\ 02 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1.67 \mathrm{E}- \\ 02 \end{array}$ |
| MIN | $\begin{array}{r} 4.99 \mathrm{E}- \\ 03 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 4.99 \mathrm{E}- \\ 03 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 5.09 \mathrm{E}- \\ 03 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 5.06 \mathrm{E}- \\ 03 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 5.11 \mathrm{E}- \\ 03 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 5.11 \mathrm{E}- \\ 03 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 5.42 \mathrm{E}- \\ 03 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 5.06 \mathrm{E}- \\ 03 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 5.05 \mathrm{E}- \\ 03 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 5.24 \mathrm{E}- \\ 03 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 5.11 \mathrm{E}- \\ 03 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 5.28 \mathrm{E}- \\ 03 \end{array}$ |
| MEAN | $\begin{array}{r} 1.00 \mathrm{E}- \\ 02 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 9.91 \mathrm{E}- \\ 03 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 9.94 \mathrm{E}- \\ 03 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 9.85 \mathrm{E}- \\ 03 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 9.80 \mathrm{E}- \\ 03 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 9.89 \mathrm{E}- \\ 03 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1.03 \mathrm{E}- \\ 02 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 9.82 \mathrm{E}- \\ 03 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 9.85 \mathrm{E}- \\ 03 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1.01 \mathrm{E}- \\ 02 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 9.80 \mathrm{E}- \\ 03 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1.06 \mathrm{E}- \\ 02 \end{array}$ |
| SD | $\begin{array}{r} 2.06 \mathrm{E}- \\ 03 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2.04 \mathrm{E}- \\ 03 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2.02 \mathrm{E}- \\ 03 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2.03 \mathrm{E}- \\ 03 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2.03 \mathrm{E}- \\ 03 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2.03 \mathrm{E}- \\ 03 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2.09 \mathrm{E}- \\ 03 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2.05 \mathrm{E}- \\ 03 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1.99 \mathrm{E}- \\ 03 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2.06 \mathrm{E}- \\ 03 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2.07 \mathrm{E}- \\ 03 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2.20 \mathrm{E}- \\ 03 \\ \hline \end{array}$ |
| 25\% | $\begin{array}{r} 8.54 \mathrm{E}- \\ 03 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 8.46 \mathrm{E}- \\ 03 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 8.58 \mathrm{E}- \\ 03 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 8.29 \mathrm{E}- \\ 03 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 8.30 \mathrm{E}- \\ 03 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 8.38 \mathrm{E}- \\ 03 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 8.82 \mathrm{E}- \\ 03 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 8.35 \mathrm{E}- \\ 03 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 8.50 \mathrm{E}- \\ \mathrm{O3} \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 8.61 \mathrm{E}- \\ 03 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 8.37 \mathrm{E}- \\ 03 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 9.03 \mathrm{E}- \\ 03 \\ \hline \end{array}$ |
| 75\% | $\begin{array}{r} 1.15 \mathrm{E}- \\ 02 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1.14 \mathrm{E}- \\ 02 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1.15 \mathrm{E}- \\ 02 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1.13 \mathrm{E}- \\ 02 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1.12 \mathrm{E}- \\ 03 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1.13 \mathrm{E}- \\ 02 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1.18 \mathrm{E}- \\ 02 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1.13 \mathrm{E}- \\ 02 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1.13 \mathrm{E}- \\ 02 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1.16 \mathrm{E}- \\ 02 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1.13 \mathrm{E}- \\ 02 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1.22 \mathrm{E}- \\ 02 \end{array}$ |

Table 37. Compartmental Se Stochastic Output Result Ranges, $\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{t}=1}$ ( $\mathrm{mg} / \mathrm{kg}$ ) under Scenario 6 - ASSUMPTION B Conditions

|  | TC | WF | CM | HM | TCI | THI | TP | CF | HF | ACI | AHI | AP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| MAX | $\begin{array}{r} 1.45 \mathrm{E}- \\ 02 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1.45 \mathrm{E}- \\ 02 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1.44 \mathrm{E}- \\ 02 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1.45 \mathrm{E}- \\ 02 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1.48 \mathrm{E}- \\ 02 \end{array}$ | $1.45 \mathrm{E}-$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1.48 \mathrm{E}- \\ 02 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1.45 \mathrm{E}- \\ 02 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1.47 \mathrm{E}- \\ 02 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1.45 \mathrm{E}- \\ 02 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1.45 \mathrm{E}- \\ 02 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1.55 \mathrm{E}- \\ 02 \end{array}$ |
| MIN | $\begin{array}{r} 5.06 \mathrm{E}- \\ 03 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 5.21 \mathrm{E}- \\ 03 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 5.06 \mathrm{E}- \\ 03 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 4.98 \mathrm{E}- \\ 03 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 5.11 \mathrm{E}- \\ 03 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 5.14 \mathrm{E}- \\ 03 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 5.21 \mathrm{E}- \\ 03 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { 4.96E- } \\ 03 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 5.06 \mathrm{E}- \\ 03 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 5.08 \mathrm{E}- \\ 03 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 5.19 \mathrm{E}- \\ 03 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 5.47 \mathrm{E}- \\ 03 \end{array}$ |
| MEAN | $\begin{array}{r} 9.67 \mathrm{E}- \\ 03 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 9.89 \mathrm{E}- \\ 03 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 9.74 \mathrm{E}- \\ 03 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 9.82 \mathrm{E}- \\ 03 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 9.98 \mathrm{E}-\mathrm{a} \\ 03 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 9.84 \mathrm{E}- \\ 03 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1.01 \mathrm{E}- \\ 02 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 9.80 \mathrm{E}- \\ 03 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 9.74 \mathrm{E}- \\ 03 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1.00 \mathrm{E}- \\ 02 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 9.92 \mathrm{E}-\mathrm{a} \\ \hline 03 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1.03 \mathrm{E}- \\ 02 \\ \hline \end{array}$ |
| SD | $\begin{array}{r} 2.05 \mathrm{E}- \\ 03 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1.93 \mathrm{E}- \\ 03 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1.94 \mathrm{E}- \\ 03 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1.99 \mathrm{E}- \\ 03 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2.02 \mathrm{E}- \\ 03 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1.98 \mathrm{E}- \\ 03 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1.98 \mathrm{E}- \\ 03 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2.01 \mathrm{E}- \\ 03 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2.01 \mathrm{E}- \\ 03 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1.99 \mathrm{E}-\mathrm{B} \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2.00 \mathrm{E}- \\ 03 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2.11 \mathrm{E}- \\ 03 \end{array}$ |
| 25\% | $\begin{array}{r} 8.26 \mathrm{E}- \\ 03 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 8.53 \mathrm{E}-\mathrm{x} \\ 03 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 8.26 \mathrm{E}- \\ 03 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 8.36 \mathrm{E}- \\ 03 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 8.56 \mathrm{E}- \\ 03 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 8.42 \mathrm{E}- \\ 03 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 8.82 \mathrm{E}- \\ 03 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 8.38 \mathrm{E}- \\ 03 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 8.32 \mathrm{E}- \\ 03 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 8.64 \mathrm{E}- \\ 03 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 8.42 \mathrm{E}- \\ 03 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 8.75 \mathrm{E}- \\ 03 \\ \hline \end{array}$ |
| 75\% | $\begin{array}{r} 1.14 \mathrm{E}- \\ 02 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1.13 \mathrm{E}- \\ 02 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1.12 \mathrm{E}- \\ 02 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1.12 \mathrm{E}- \\ 02 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1.15 \mathrm{E}- \\ 03 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1.12 \mathrm{E}- \\ 02 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1.15 \mathrm{E}- \\ 02 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1.12 \mathrm{E}- \\ 02 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1.11 \mathrm{E}- \\ 02 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1.14 \mathrm{E}- \\ 02 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1.14 \mathrm{E}- \\ 02 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1.19 \mathrm{E}- \\ 02 \end{array}$ |



Figure 29. Probability distribution comparison for top carnivore compartment.


Figure 30. Probability distribution comparison for waterfowl compartment.


Figure 31. Probability distribution comparison for carnivorous mammals compartment.


Figure 32. Probability distribution comparison for herbivorous mammals compartment.


Figure 33. Probability distribution comparison for terrestrial carnivorous invertebrates compartment.


Figure 34. Probability distribution comparison for terrestrial herbivorous invertebrates compartment.


Figure 35. Probability distribution comparison for terrestrial plants compartment.


Figure 36. Probability distribution comparison for carnivorous fish compartment.


Figure 37. Probability distribution comparison for herbivorous fish compartment.


Figure 38. Probability distribution comparison for aquatic carnivorous invertebrates compartment.


Figure 39. Probability distribution comparison for aquatic herbivorous invertebrates compartment.


Figure 40. Probability distribution comparison for aquatic plants compartment.


Figure 41. Probability distribution comparison for top carnivore compartment.


Figure 42. Probability distribution comparison for waterfowl compartment.


Figure 43. Probability distribution comparison for carnivorous mammals compartment.


Figure 44. Probability distribution comparison for herbivorous mammals compartment.


Figure 45, Probability distribution comparison for terrestrial carnivorous invertebrates compartment.


Figure 46. Probability distribution comparison for terrestrial herbivorous invertebrates compartment.


Figure 47. Probability distribution comparison for terrestrial plants compartment.


Figure 48. Probability distribution comparison for carnivorous fish compartment.


Figure 49. Probability distribution comparison for herbivorous fish compartment.


Figure 50. Probability distribution comparison for aquatic carnivorous invertebrates compartment.


Figure 51. Probability distribution comparison for aquatic herbivorous invertebrates compartment.


Figure 52. Probability distribution comparison for aquatic plants compartment.

## 4. DISCUSSION

The deterministic and stochastic analyses produced the large amount of data shown here. The data were analyzed to assess how the six modeled scenarios affected the dynamics of selenium transfer between the identified ecosystem compartments shown in Figure 3.

### 4.1 Deterministic Output Data

The deterministic output data for scenarios 1 through 3, described for all compartments in Figures 5 through 28, are represented by a fairly sigmoid curve which begins at the initial compartmental contaminant concentration ( $\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{o}}$ ) and then asymptotes toward $100 \%$ of the endpoint concentration $\left(\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{e}}\right)$. These data were used to compare the effects of the time required to reach $\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{e}}$ within each compartment under the successively lower soil, sediment, and water selenium concentrations suggested by CH2M Hill (1986). Under ASSUMPTION A (scenarios 1 through 3 ), the initial biotic selenium concentrations were set at the levels reported by CH2M Hill (1986) and USBR (1990). The underlying assumption here was that the reported levels did not reflect an equilibrium state between the biotic compartments and the ecosystem contamination. Under ASSUMPTION B (scenarios 4 through 6), a equilibrium state was assumed and the biotic $\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{e}}$ concentrations were set at the levels reported by CH2M Hill (1986) and USBR (1990).

As expected, the time required to reach the endpoint concentration increased for all compartments as the concentration within the three abiotic compartments decreased. However, appreciable differences were not realized in the top carnivore, waterfow, carnivorous mammals, and aquatic carnivorous invertebrates compartments (see Figures 5, 6, 7, 12, and 14) under ASSUMPTION A criteria. A slight decrease in the time to $C_{e}$ was calculated under ASSUMPTION A criteria for the terrestrial carnivorous and herbivorous invertebrates (Figures 9 and 10), herbivorous fish (Figure 13), and the aquatic herbivorous invertebrates (Figure 15) compartments. The most significant decreases for scenarios 1 through 3 were seen in the herbivorous mammals, terrestrial plants, and aquatic plants compartments as shown in Figures 8, 11, and 16 respectively. The ASSUMPTION B criteria results returned for scenarios 4 through 6 (Figures 17 through 28) provided the most striking stratification of time to $\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{e}}$ for all twelve biotic compartments.

In each case, the lower trophic levels generally appeared to be much more responsive to changes in the abiotic contaminant concentration than were the higher levels of the food web. Since increasingly higher trophic levels logically accumulate contaminant from increasingly more sources than the lower levels, this result would appear to be a plausible representation of natural food web dynamics.

### 4.2 Stochastic Output Data

As previously described, the stochastic analysis was twofold. First, a rank order correlation was performed which related model output results to the input
parameters. This portion of the stochastic analysis was done in order to measure the relative sensitivity the input parameters had on the final output. Secondly, the model was executed once for each of the five described scenarios in order to generate probability distribution functions for comparison of the various selenium contaminant levels at 1986 levels and the ONSITE-1 and ONSITE-2 cleanup goals.

### 4.2.1 Sensitivity of Outputs to Inputs

A rank order correlation analysis was performed for each compartment in an attempt to better understand the relative sensitivity each uncertain input variable had on the final output results. Not surprising, the initial contaminant concentration $\left(C_{o}\right)$ had nearly a perfect positive correlation on the output results for all twelve biotic compartments. Unexpected however, was that this parameter was the only variable resulting in a strong correlation.

### 4.2.2 Stochastic Output Result Ranges and Probability Distributions

The Latin Hypercube analysis generated ranges and probability density functions (pfds) for each compartmental contaminant concentration at the initial time step $(t=1)$. As before, the model was run once for each of the six scenarios. Summary results for scenarios 1 through 6 are presented in Tables 44 though 49. The intraquartile range and maximum and minimum values returned for each compartment under the six contaminant scenarios are compared in the box and whisker diagrams of Figures 29 through 52. Unlike the deterministic analysis, reducing the abiotic selenium concentrations did not universally reduce the modeled selenium concentration in all biotic
compartments under scenarios 1 through 6. In fact, for several compartments, the model returned high maximum values for scenarios 2 and 3 (ASSUMPTION A criteria) and scenarios 5 and 6 (ASSUMPTION B criteria) than for scenarios 1 and 4. The terrestrial and aquatic plants were the only two compartments which showed a significant downward shift in probability range (see Figures $35,40,47$, and 52) under both assumption criteria. These two compartments represent the lowest trophic levels and could be assumed to reflect a decrease in soil, sediment, and water selenium concentrations prior to the other compartments.

## 5. SUMMARY and CONCLUSIONS

Ecological risk assessment is a broad and complicated endeavor which, as described by Norton et al. (1992), requires analysts to measure the probability of ecological damage due to stressor contamination. In order to complete projects within generally acceptable timeframes and in an economically feasible manner, researchers must often times reduce complicated ecosystem interactions to simplified mathematical expressions (i.e., models). Unfortunately, no model will ever fully describe ecological interactions and very few input data sets are complete. For these reasons, risk assessors are faced with uncertainties surrounding not only the models chosen, but the input data used to calculate the output results. As such, the final results of an analysis must be interpreted with an understanding of the relative uncertainty inherent to the chosen model and input data. Stochastic modeling techniques can aid researches in managing input parameter uncertainties. Selection of the proper model for a specific site or contaminant should be done very carefully so to reduce model uncertainties.

The model chosen for this work lent itself well to the compartment-based approach as well as incorporating first-order kinetics and equilibrium partitioning components into a single term. The modeled results under the six scenarios appear to make sense ecologically. For the deterministic assessment, as the soil, sediment, and water selenium concentrations were reduced, the model
returned decreased selenium concentrations in the twelve biotic compartments. As expected, decreases were most notable in the lower trophic levels which are more intimately related to the three abiotic elements of the modeled system. The stochastic analysis did not provide as clear a relationship between decreased abiotic selenium concentrations and the output data as did the point estimate approach. However, the two lowest trophic levels (terrestrial and aquatic plants) did show a marked decrease in compartmental selenium concentration as the abiotic compartments were reduced.

The results of the deterministic and stochastic analyses suggest that the ONSITE-1 and ONSITE-2 cleanup alternatives proposed by CH2M Hill (1986) would not likely benefit the current resident populations which are already "loaded" with selenium. However, future generations would enjoy a much reduced level of risk.

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APPENDIX A - BESTFIT (1998) CURVE FITTING SUMMARY STATISTICS

## APPENDIX B - VISUAL BASIC (MACRO) CODE USED FOR MODEL AUTOMATION PROCESSES

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'Clear previous TOP CARNIVORE results
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    End With
'Calculate new results for CARNIVOROUS MAMMALS
    Range(Cells(8, 10), Cells(8, 12)).Select
    Selection.Copy
    Range(Cells(8 + 1, 10), Cells(8 + (Cells(4, 12).Value - 1), 12)).Select
    ActiveSheet.Paste
    Application.CutCopyMode = False
    'Place bold line at bottom of Raw Output Results Table
    Range(Cells(8 + (Cells(4, 12).Value - 1), 10), Cells(8 + (Cells(4, 12).Value -
1), 12)).Select
    With Selection.Borders(xIBottom)
        .Weight = xIMedium
        .ColorIndex = x|Automatic
    End With
'Calculate new results for HERBIVOROUS MAMMALS
    Range(Cells(8, 14), Cells(8, 16)).Select
    Selection.Copy
    Range(Cells(8 + 1, 14), Cells(8 + (Cells(4, 16).Value - 1), 16)).Select
    ActiveSheet.Paste
    Application.CutCopyMode = False
    'Place bold line at bottom of Raw Output Results Table
    Range(Cells(8 + (Cells(4, 16).Value - 1), 14), Cells(8 + (Cells(4, 16).Value -
1), 16)).Select
    With Selection.Borders(x|Bottom)
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. Weight $=$ xIMedium
.ColorIndex $=$ xIAutomatic
End With
'Calculate new results for TERRESTRIAL CARNIVOROUS INVERTEBRATES Range(Cells(8, 18), Cells(8, 20)).Select
Selection.Copy
Range(Cells(8 + 1, 18), Cells(8 + (Cells(4, 20).Value - 1), 20)).Select
ActiveSheet.Paste
Application.CutCopyMode $=$ False
'Place bold line at bottom of Raw Output Results Table
Range(Cells(8 + (Cells(4, 20).Value - 1), 18), Cells(8 + (Cells(4, 20).Value -
1), 20)).Select

With Selection.Borders(x|Bottom)
. Weight = xIMedium
.ColorIndex $=$ xIAutomatic
End With
'Calculate new results for TERRESTRIAL HERBIVOROUS INVERTEBRATES
Range(Cells(8, 22), Cells(8, 24)).Select
Selection.Copy
Range(Cells(8 + 1, 22), Cells(8 + (Cells(4, 24).Value - 1), 24)).Select
ActiveSheet.Paste
Application.CutCopyMode $=$ False
'Place bold line at bottom of Raw Output Results Table
Range(Cells(8 + (Cells(4, 24).Value - 1), 22), Cells(8 + (Cells(4, 24).Value 1), 24)).Select

With Selection.Borders(x|Bottom)
.Weight = xIMedium
.Colorindex $=x \mid$ Automatic
End With
'Calculate new results for TERRESTRIAL PLANTS
Range(Cells(8, 26), Cells(8, 28)).Select
Selection.Copy
Range(Cells( $8+1,26$ ), Cells( $8+($ Cells(4, 28).Value -1$), 28)$ ).Select
ActiveSheet.Paste
Application.CutCopyMode $=$ False
'Place bold line at bottom of Raw Output Results Table
Range(Cells(8 + (Cells(4, 28).Value - 1), 26), Cells(8 + (Cells(4, 28).Value -
1), 28)).Select

With Selection.Borders(x|Bottom)
. Weight = xIMedium
.ColorIndex $=$ xIAutomatic
End With
'Calculate new results for CARNIVOROUS FISH
Range(Cells(8, 30), Cells(8, 32)).Select
Selection.Copy

Range(Cells(8 + 1, 30), Cells(8 + (Cells(4, 32).Value - 1), 32)).Select ActiveSheet.Paste
Application.CutCopyMode $=$ False
'Place bold line at bottom of Raw Output Results Table
Range(Cells(8 + (Cells(4, 32).Value - 1), 30), Cells(8 + (Cells(4, 32).Value -
1), 32)).Select

With Selection.Borders(x|Bottom)
.Weight = x 1 Medium
.ColorIndex $=$ xIAutomatic
End With
'Calculate new results for HERBIVOROUS FISH
Range(Cells(8, 34), Cells(8, 36)).Select
Selection.Copy
Range(Cells( $8+1,34$ ), Cells( $8+($ Cells(4, 36).Value - 1), 36)).Select
ActiveSheet.Paste
Application.CutCopyMode $=$ False
'Place bold line at bottom of Raw Output Results Table
Range(Cells(8 + (Cells(4, 36).Value - 1), 34), Cells(8 + (Cells(4, 36).Value -
1), 36)).Select

With Selection.Borders(x|Bottom)
.Weight = xIMedium
.Colorindex $=$ xIAutomatic
End With
'Calculate new results for AQUATIC CARNIVOROUS INVERTEBRATES
Range(Cells(8, 38), Cells(8, 40)).Select
Selection.Copy
Range(Cells( $8+1,38$ ), Cells( $8+($ Cells( 4,40$)$.Value - 1), 40)).Select
ActiveSheet.Paste
Application.CutCopyMode $=$ False
'Place bold line at bottom of Raw Output Results Table
Range(Cells(8 + (Cells(4, 40).Value - 1 ), 38), Cells(8 + (Cells(4, 40).Value -
1), 40)).Select

With Selection.Borders(x|Bottom)
.Weight = xIMedium
.Colorindex $=x \mid$ Automatic
End With
'Calculate new results for AQUATIC HERBIVOROUS INVERTEBRATES
Range(Cells(8, 42), Cells(8, 44)).Select
Selection.Copy
Range(Cells(8 + 1, 42), Cells(8 + (Cells(4, 44).Value - 1), 44)).Select
ActiveSheet.Paste
Application.CutCopyMode $=$ False
'Place bold line at bottom of Raw Output Results Table
Range(Cells(8 + (Cells(4, 44).Value - 1), 42), Cells(8 + (Cells(4, 44).Value -
1), 44)).Select

With Selection.Borders(xIBottom)
. Weight $=$ xIMedium
.ColorIndex $=x \mid$ Automatic
End With
'Calculate new results for AQUATIC PLANTS
Range(Cells $(8,46)$, Cells $(8,48))$.Select
Selection.Copy
Range(Cells(8 + 1, 46), Cells(8 + (Cells(4, 48).Value - 1), 48)).Select
ActiveSheet.Paste
Application.CutCopyMode $=$ False
'Place bold line at bottom of Raw Output Results Table
Range(Cells(8 + (Cells(4, 48).Value - 1), 46), Cells(8 + (Cells(4, 48).Value -
1), 48)).Select

With Selection.Borders(x|Bottom)
.Weight = xlMedium
.ColorIndex = xIAutomatic
End With
'Return to cell A1 of RAW DATA OUTPUT worksheet
Cells(1, 1).Select
'Return to cell A1 of OUTPUTS worksheet
Sheets("OUTPUTS").Select
Cells(1, 1).Select
End Sub

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