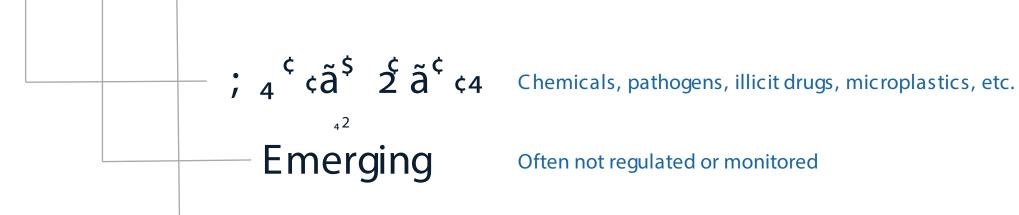
Wastewater Surveillance as a New Tool for Addressingthe Opioid Crisis



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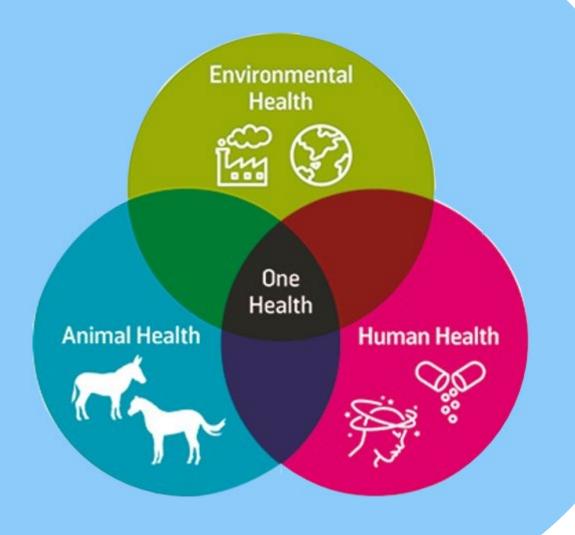


Concern

Prevalence, recalcitrant, linked to human & environment health impacts



The Importance of One Health



One Health

Represents the collaboration of multiple disciplines working locally, nationally, and globally to attain optimal health for people, animals and our environment

Addressing One Health Through Water

We improve human, animal, and environmental health through enhanced access to water data that enables informed decision making



It Starts with a Sample....

Good data requires a good sample

Patented Sampling Technology

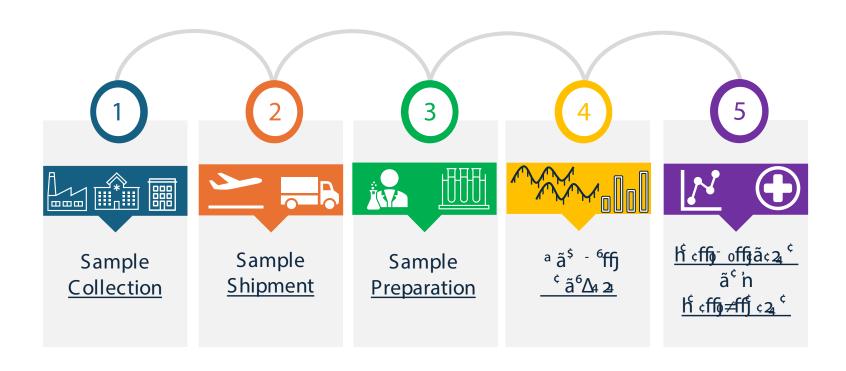
World's most compact, lightweight sampler.

Allows sample collection anywhere.

Patented in US, Canada, and EU



Providing Accessible Solutions



Sampling at any point in sewershed



Onsite rapid detection (<45 min)













Illicit Drugs

KNOW COMMUNITY-LEVEL CONSUMPTION



Trace Chemicals

FROM MICROPLASTICS TO PFAS

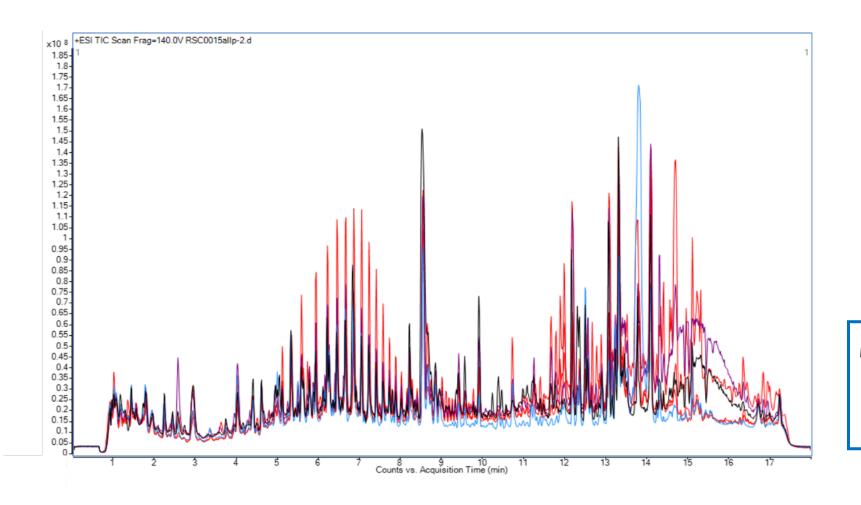


Environmental Contaminants

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Water Data - Non-Targeted



6 Samples Over a 2 Week Period

><u>50,000</u> Peaks Identified

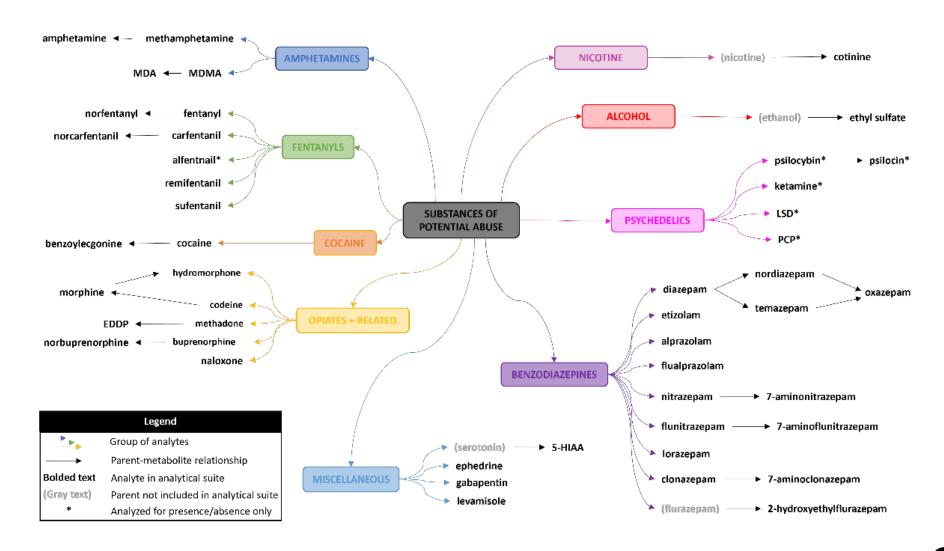
Massive opportunity for understanding community health



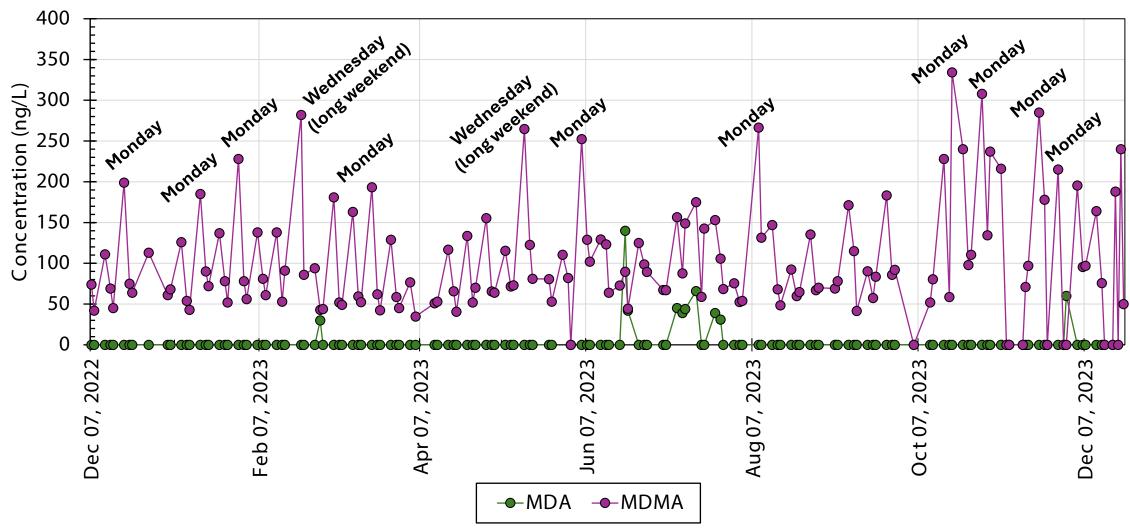


Water Data - Targeted

SoPA =
Substances of
Potential
Abuse

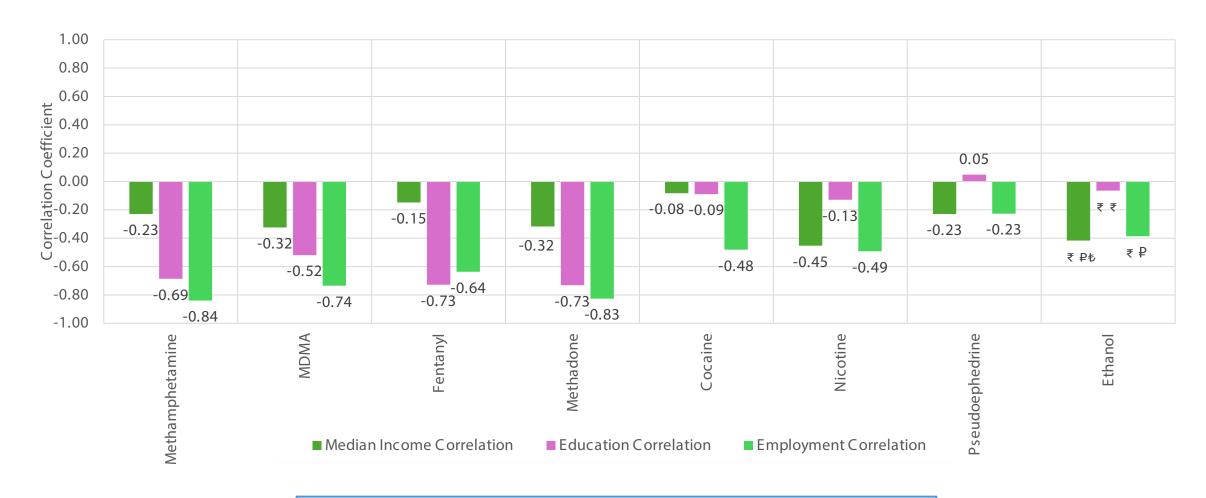


Weekend Effect





Neighbourhood Demographics and Wastewater



Lower the percent employment, the higher the consumption of methamphetamine



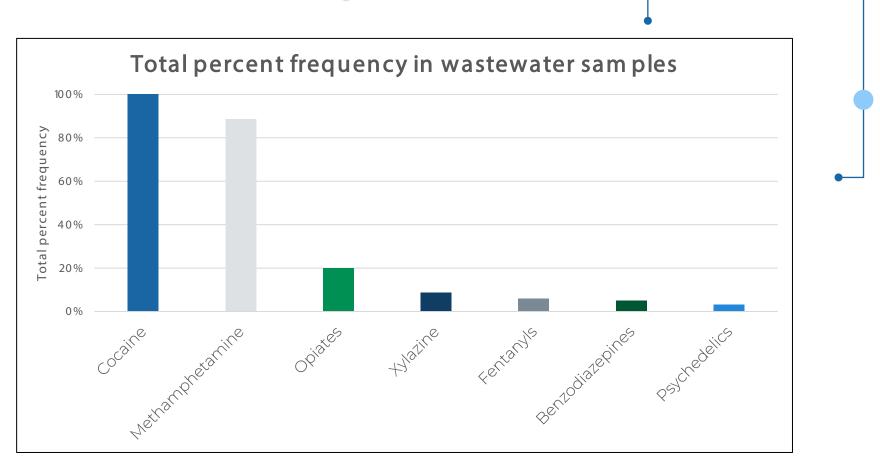


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Wastewater Surveillance Opportunity:

- non-identifiable, but can monitor on a dormitorylevel
- cost reduction relative to spot-testing and random search



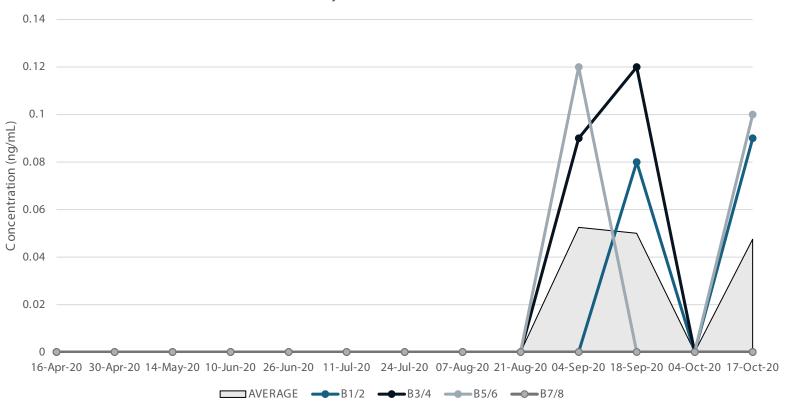


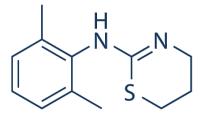
Substances identified went well beyond the "priority substances".....

42 SoPA identified at this location during case study









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Resistant to naloxone

Increasingly found in fentanyl

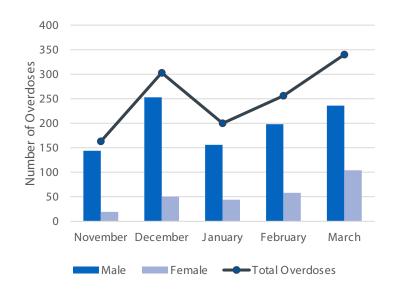
Xylazine started showing up in the drug supply....

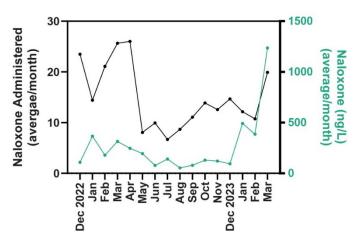
Flagged to OHS team

- Informs stronger harm reduction strategies onsite
- Addresses the full spectrum of substances, not just a select few
- Targeted drug prevention and response programs
- Provides insights into the well-being of the workforce, optimizing resources such as counseling services, education programs, and health initiatives



SoPA at High-Risk Facilities





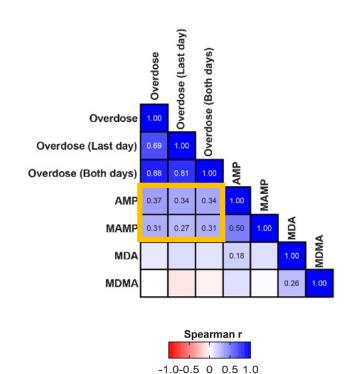
Wastewater monitoring at high-risk facilities:

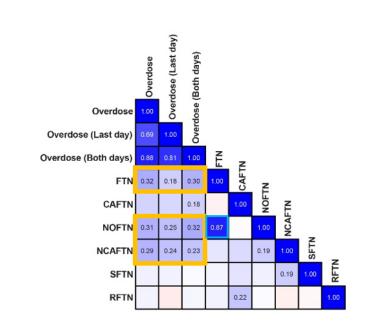
- Identify consumption trends
- Substance consumption based on gender
- Concentration of substance use at an in-building level
- Correlate overdoses and naloxone use at facilities
- Detect drug pois oning agents
- Compare substance concentration data with municipal water treatment facilities

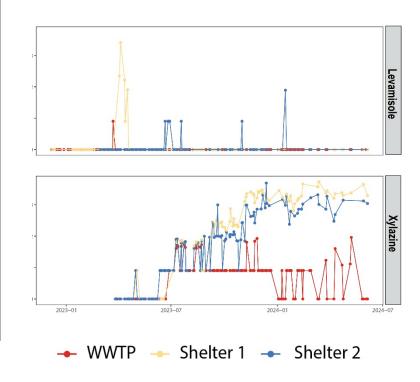


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Understanding Polysubstance Use





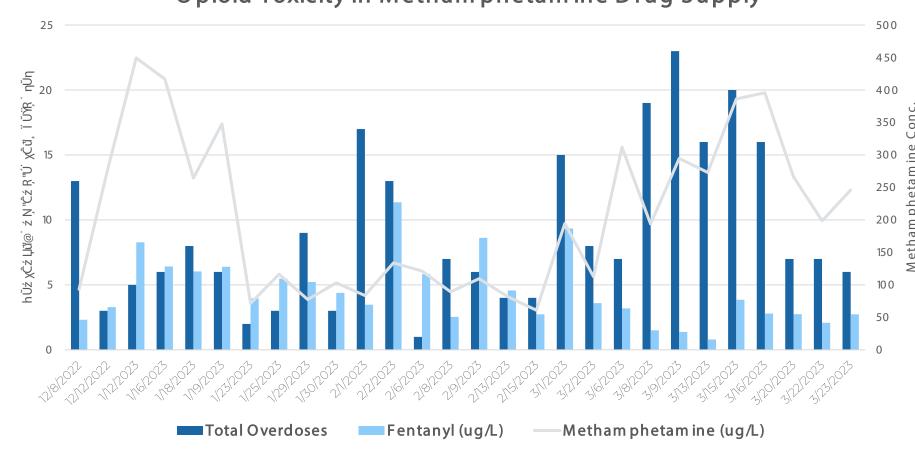


Amphetamines and fentanyls had the strongest association.



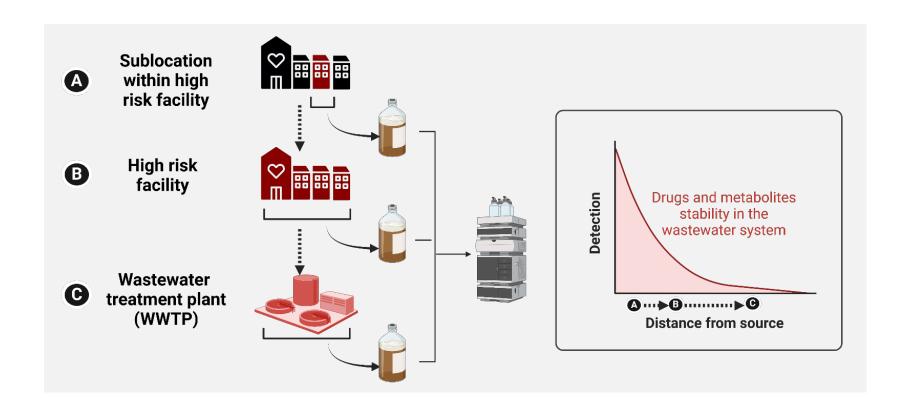
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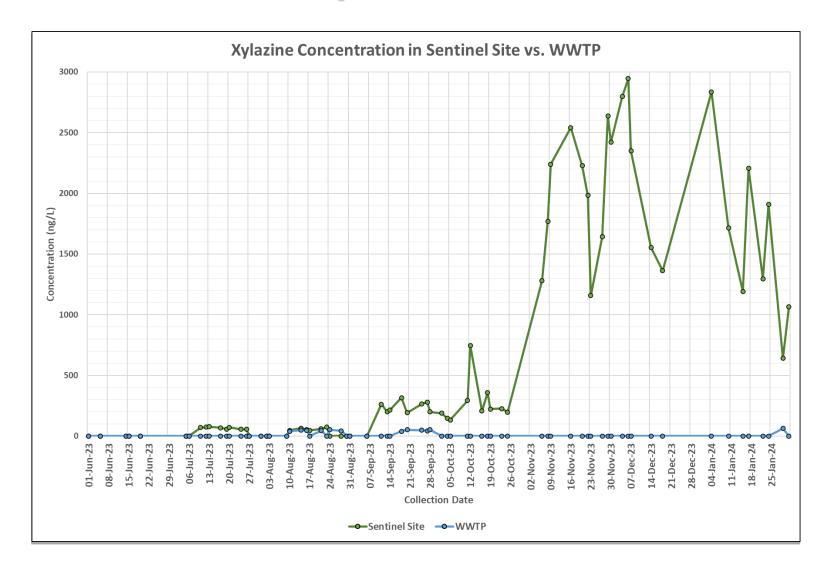
The Case for Upstream Surveillance



WBS across a range of scales can answer different questions

Granular data has not been accessible in the past

The Case for Upstream Surveillance



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Wastewater surveillance makes possible proactive, data-based community and environmental health.

Upstream data can improve health outcomes through targeted response.





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Wastewater Monitoring has <u>tremendous</u>
<u>value</u> for One Health Initiatives



Continue to <u>maximize the value</u> of wastewater



Translating data to action



Combination of city-wide locations AND granular/nodal-based locations