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Subject: Ecological Risk Assessment for Fipronil Uses
(Addendum 2: providing additional time series output for onion seed)

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The Environmental Fate and Effects and Registration Divisions (EFED and RD) met in March to discuss the results of the 2007 ecological risk assessment for new Section 3 and conditional registrations for fipronil. The Chief of RD requested additional information regarding the frequency and magnitude of the potential risks to aquatic invertebrates associated with proposed use as a seed treatment for onions. EFED agreed to provide RD with information regarding the distribution of risk quotients (RQs) for the entire time series of modeled surface water concentrations. In addition EFED also agreed to provide these results using a Northwestern states use scenario more closely matching use sites in that region.

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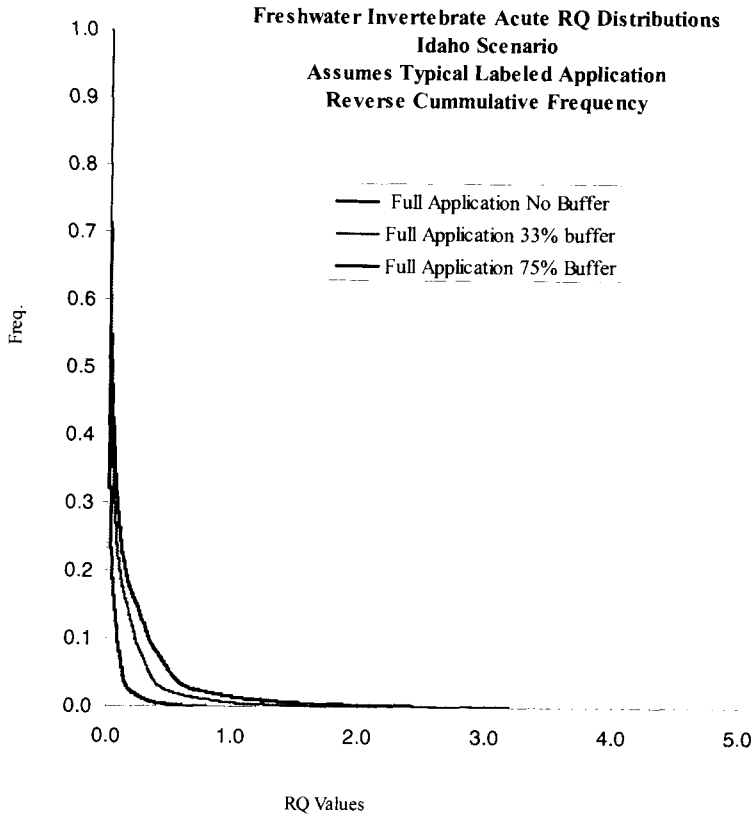
The following figures present the results of the combined effects of buffers and alternative application rates on the distribution of RQs for the total time series of PRZM/EXAMS model runs. The first eight figures represent the distributions of RQs for both the typical and low application rates and considering a new model scenario with an Idaho meteorological file and soil profile more specific to the northwestern states. The second eight are RQ distributions for the previously modeled Georgia onion scenario. The effects of low and upper bound buffer efficiencies are presented on each graph. These are reverse cumulative distributions and the interpolation of X-axis RQ value on the Y-axis is interpreted as the fraction of all predicted EECs that meet or exceed the selected X-axis value.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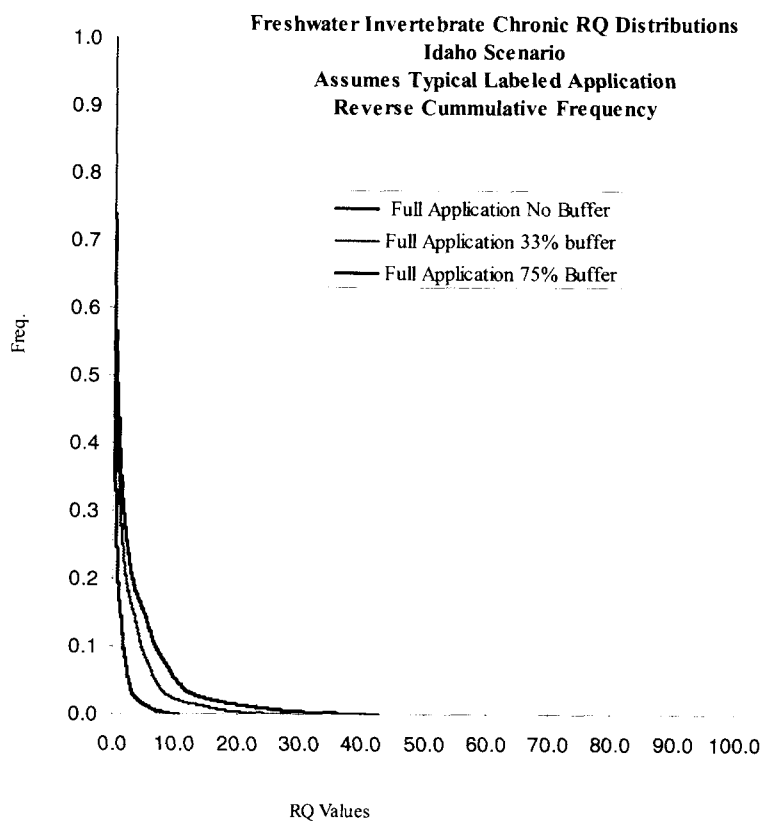
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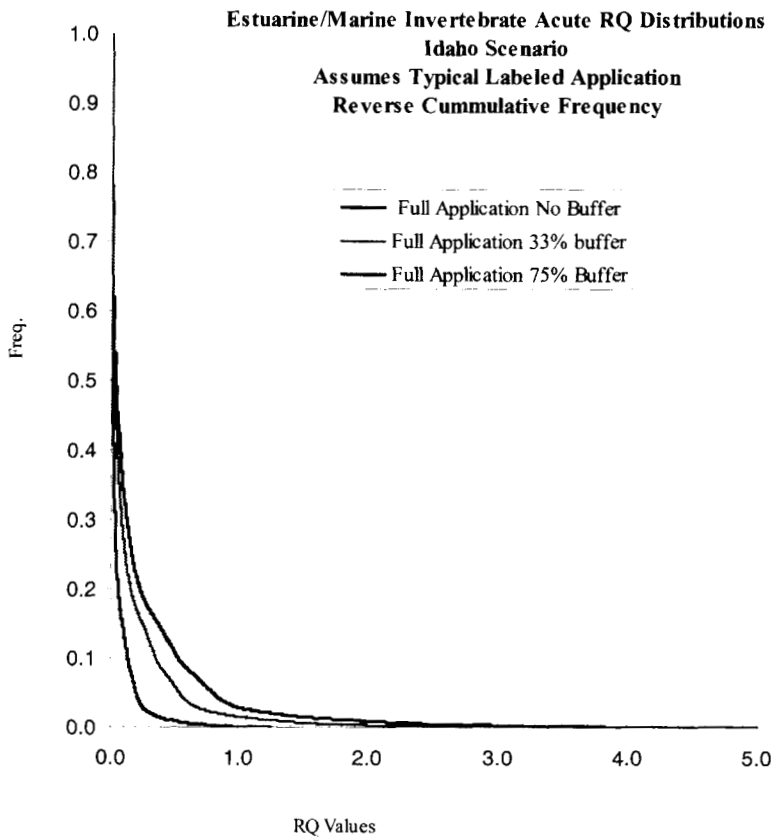
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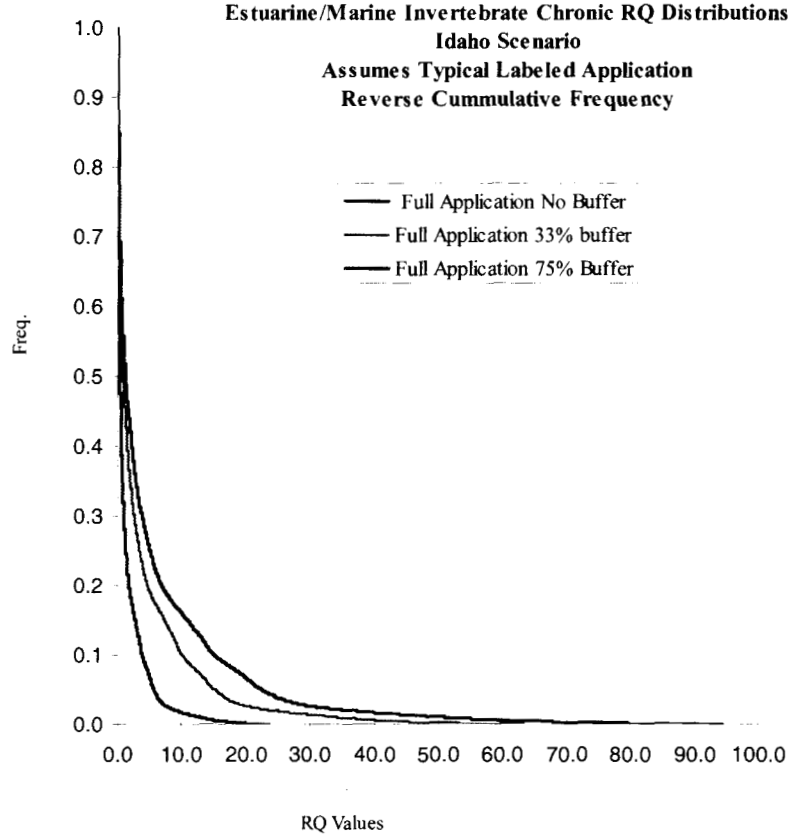
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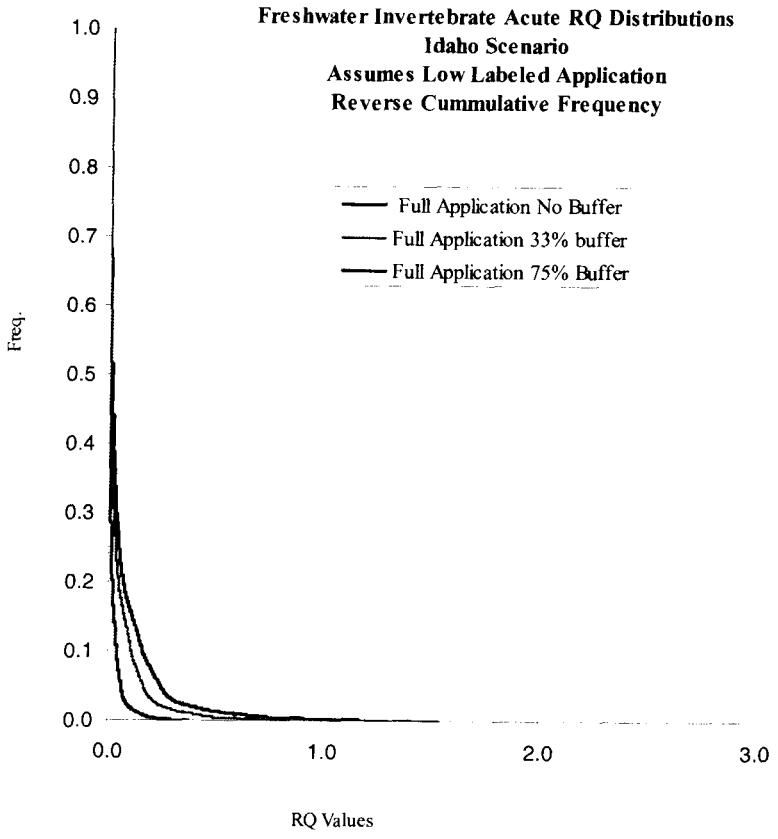
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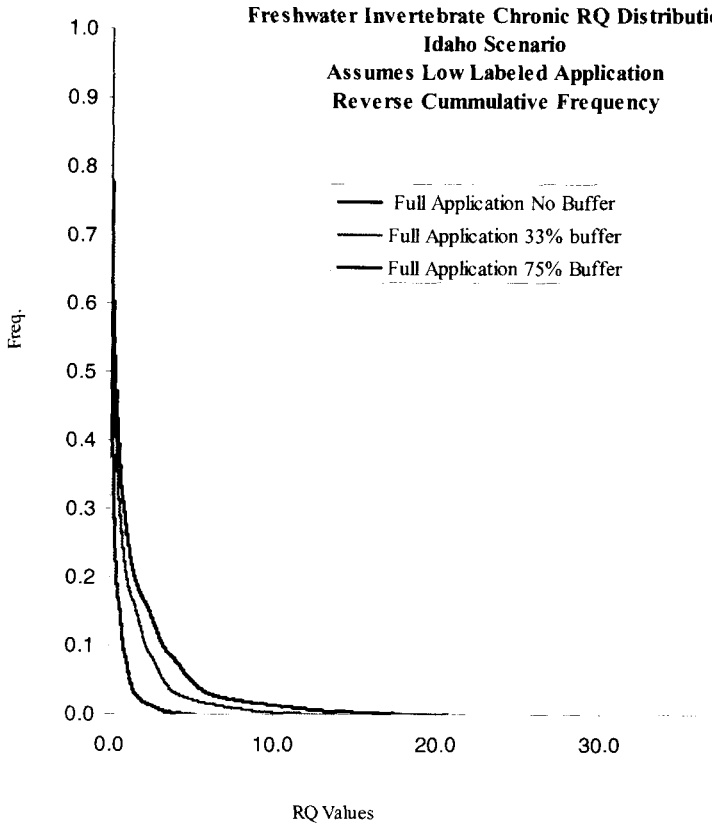
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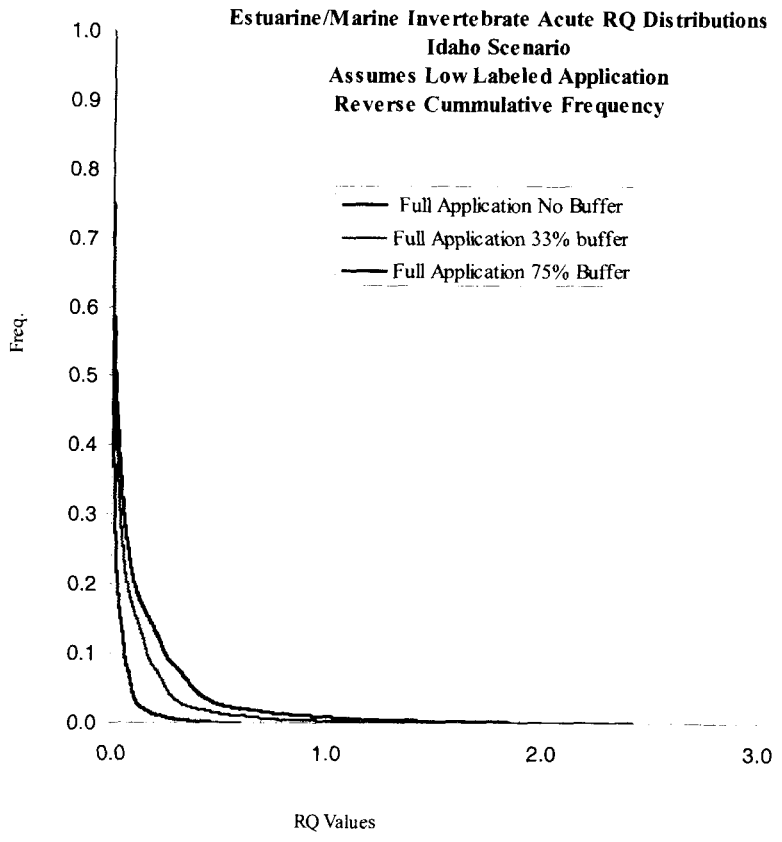
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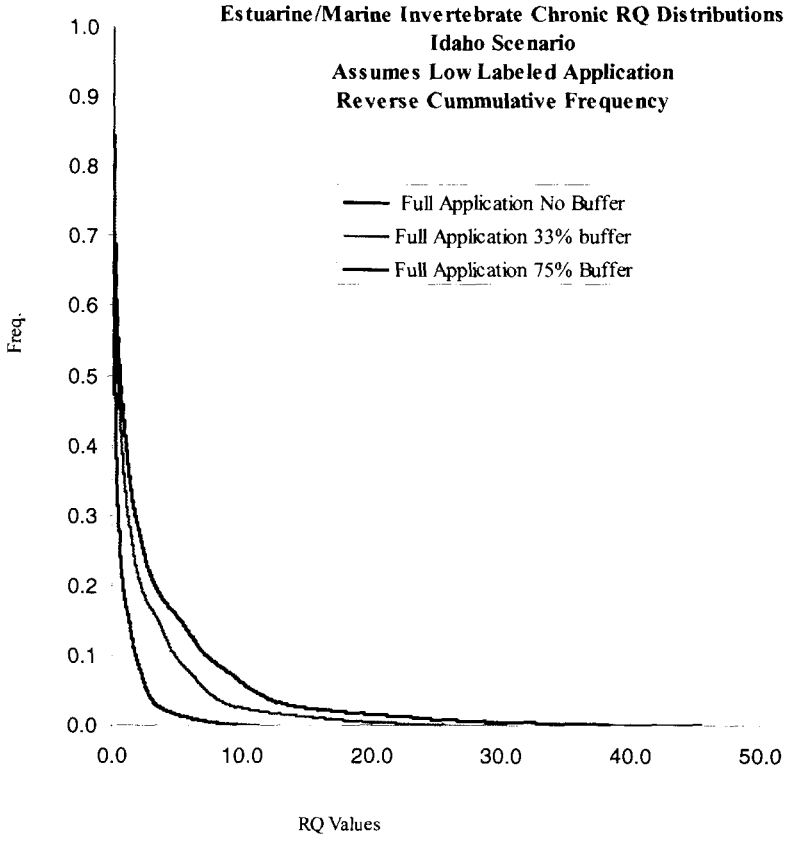
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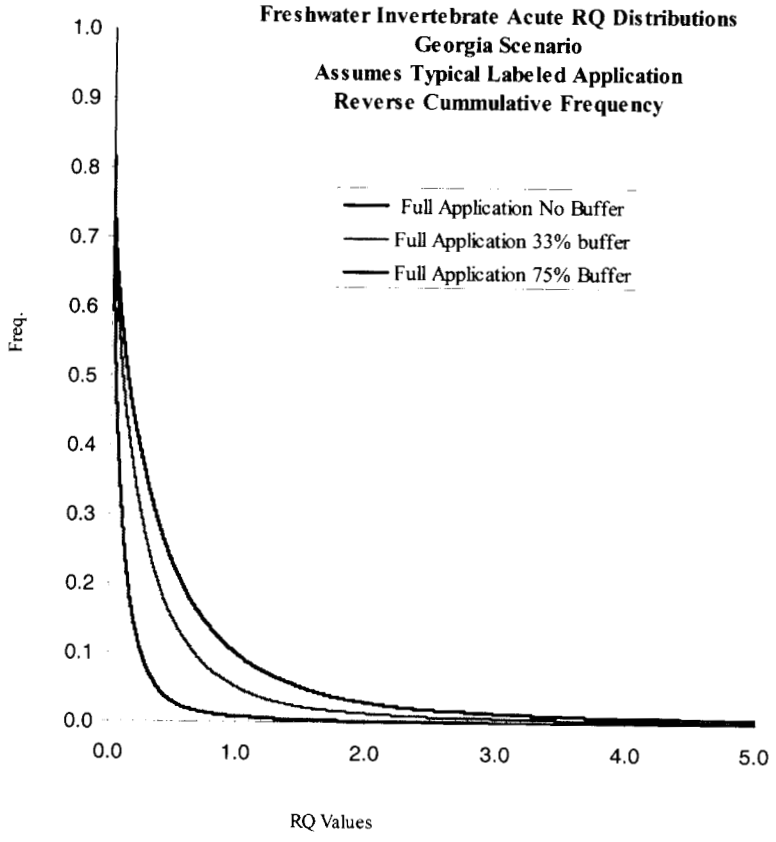
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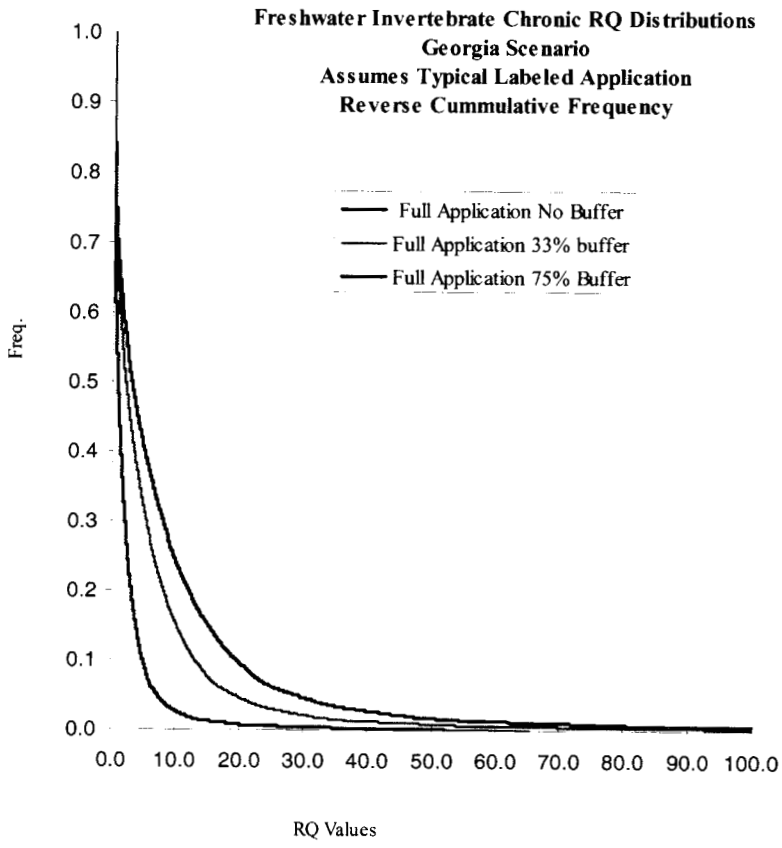
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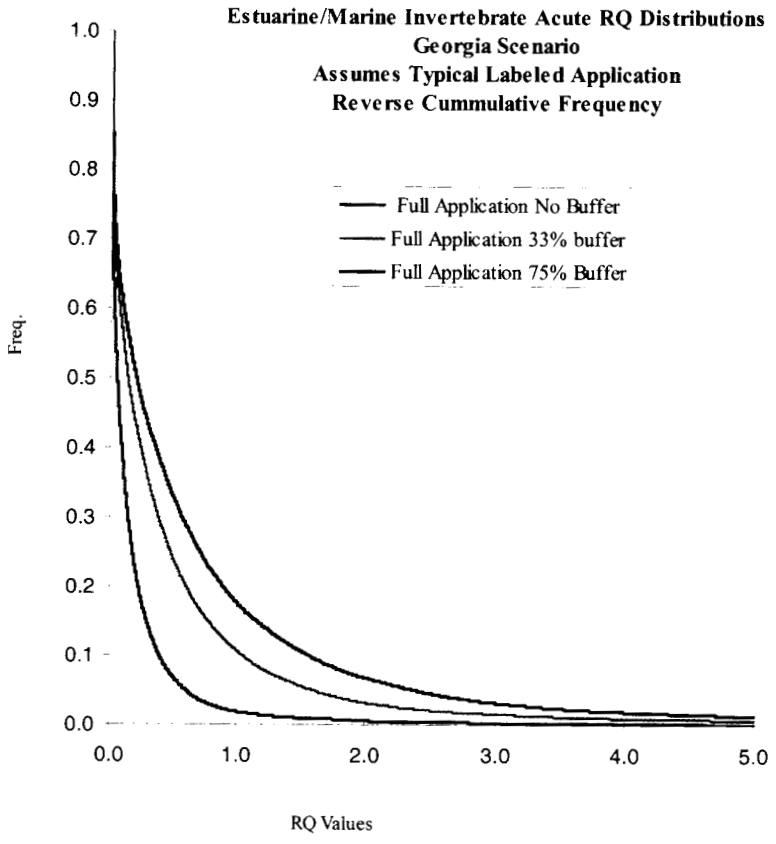
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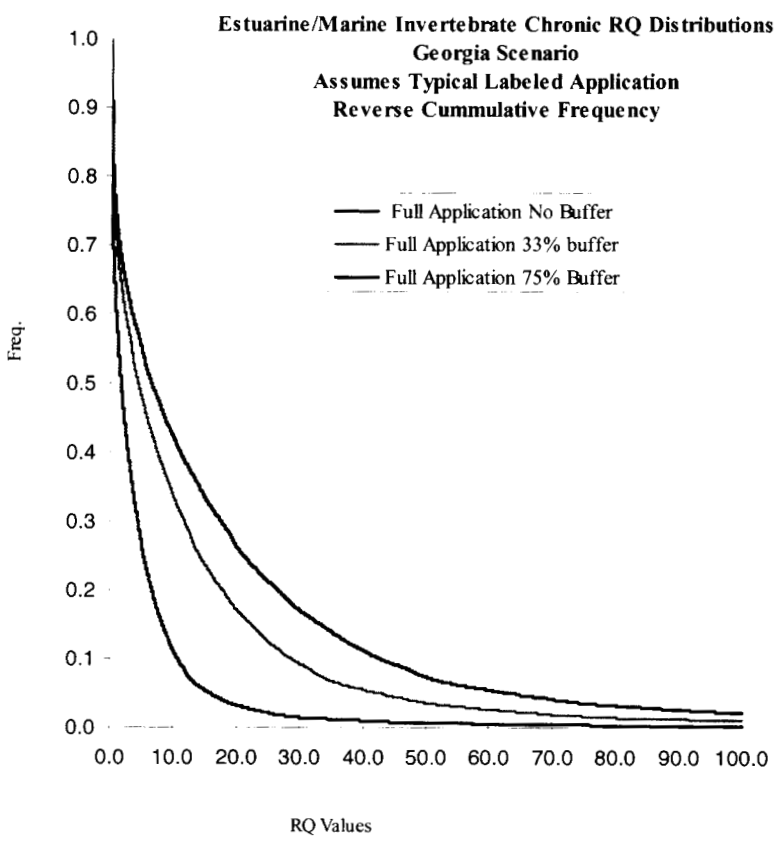
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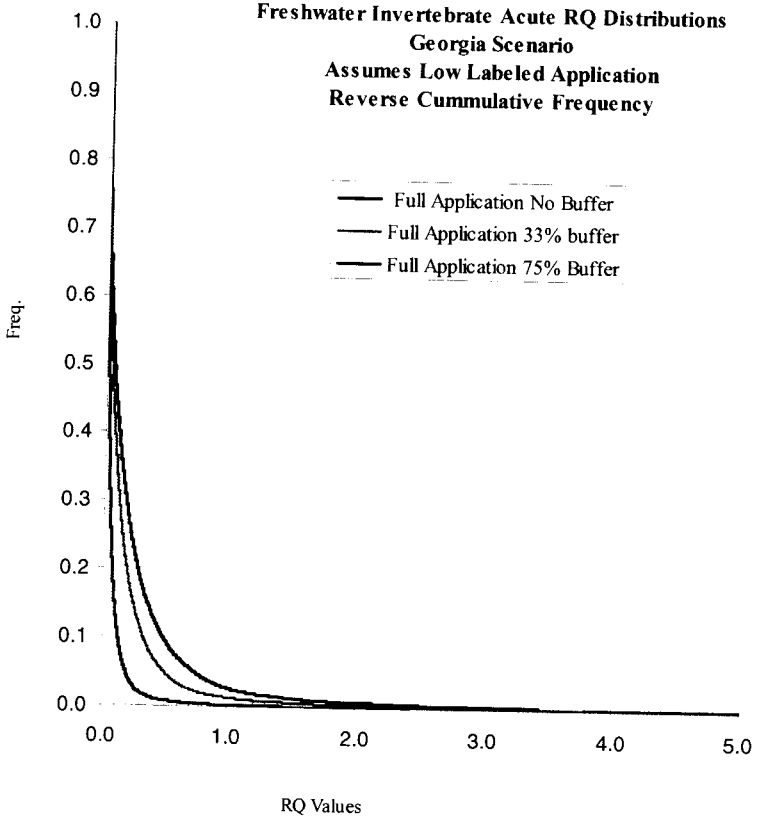
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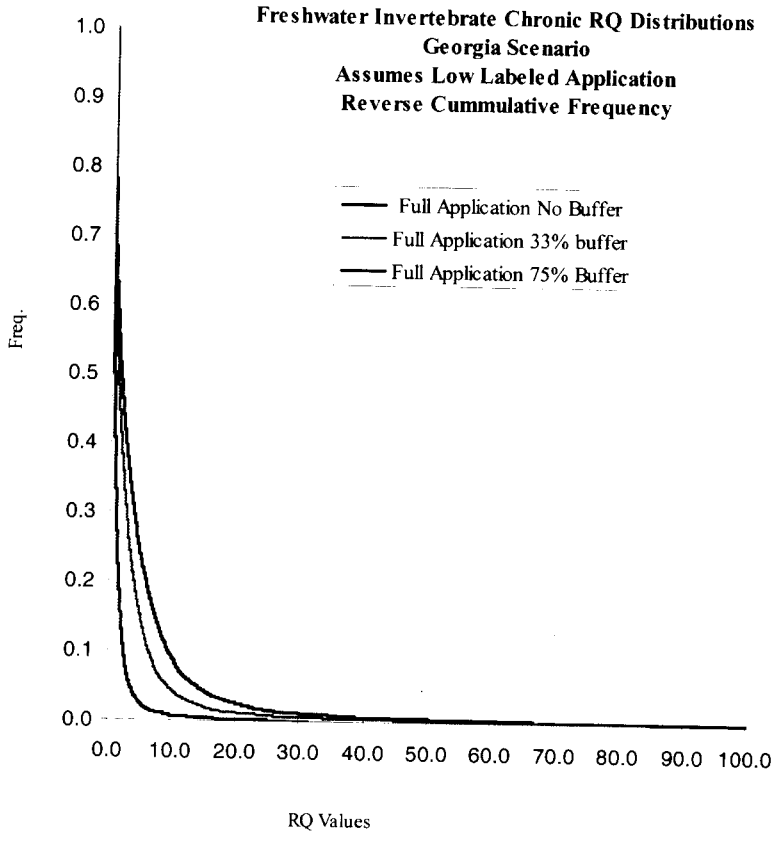
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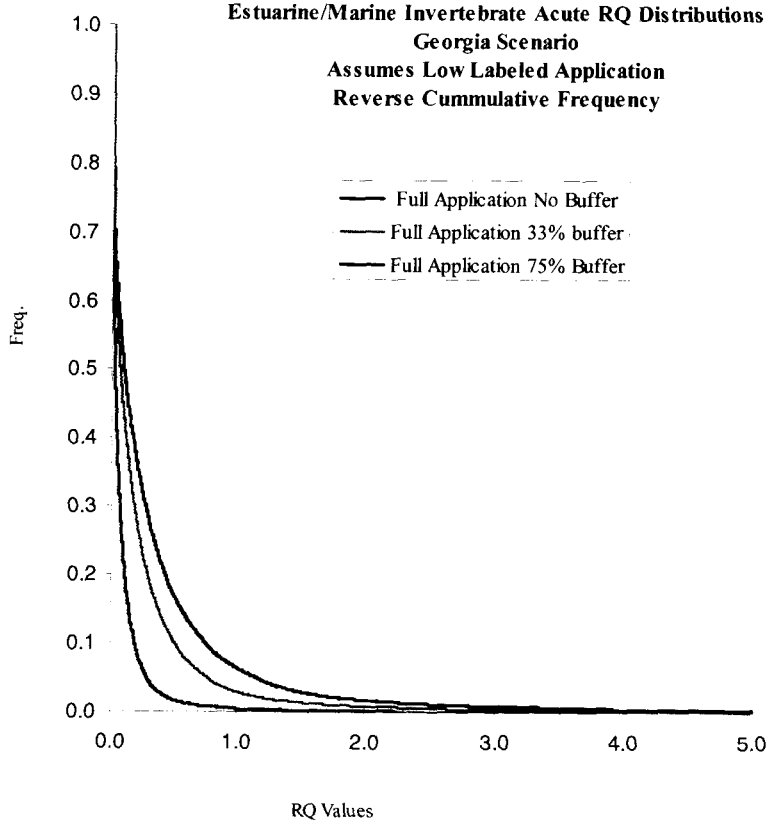
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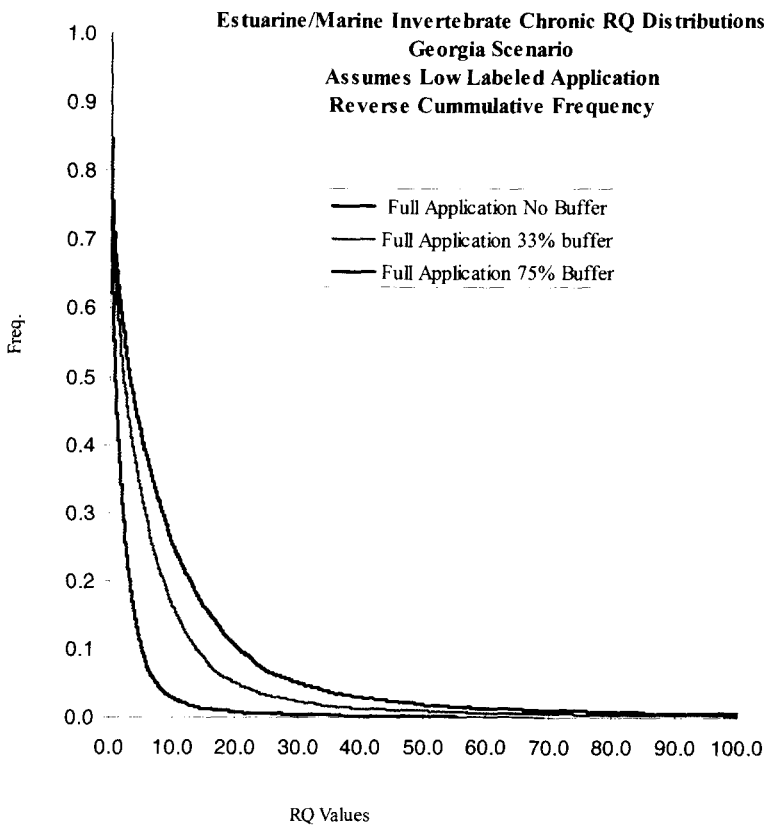
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