Fig. 1. Example of drawing of one M(Y) curve for TSS.
National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES)

1972 – Amendment to Clean Water Act (CWA). “Point sources” required to obtain NPDES permit.

1987 – Amendments to CWA add framework for regulating stormwater discharges from:

- Municipalities (> 100,000)
- Industrial
- Construction activities (> 5 acres)

Implementation of Best Management Practices (BMPs) and monitoring.

1999 – Extension of NPDES permit requirements to stormwater discharges from:

- All communities
- Construction activities (> 1 acre)

Implementation of BMPs, monitoring, and measurable goals.