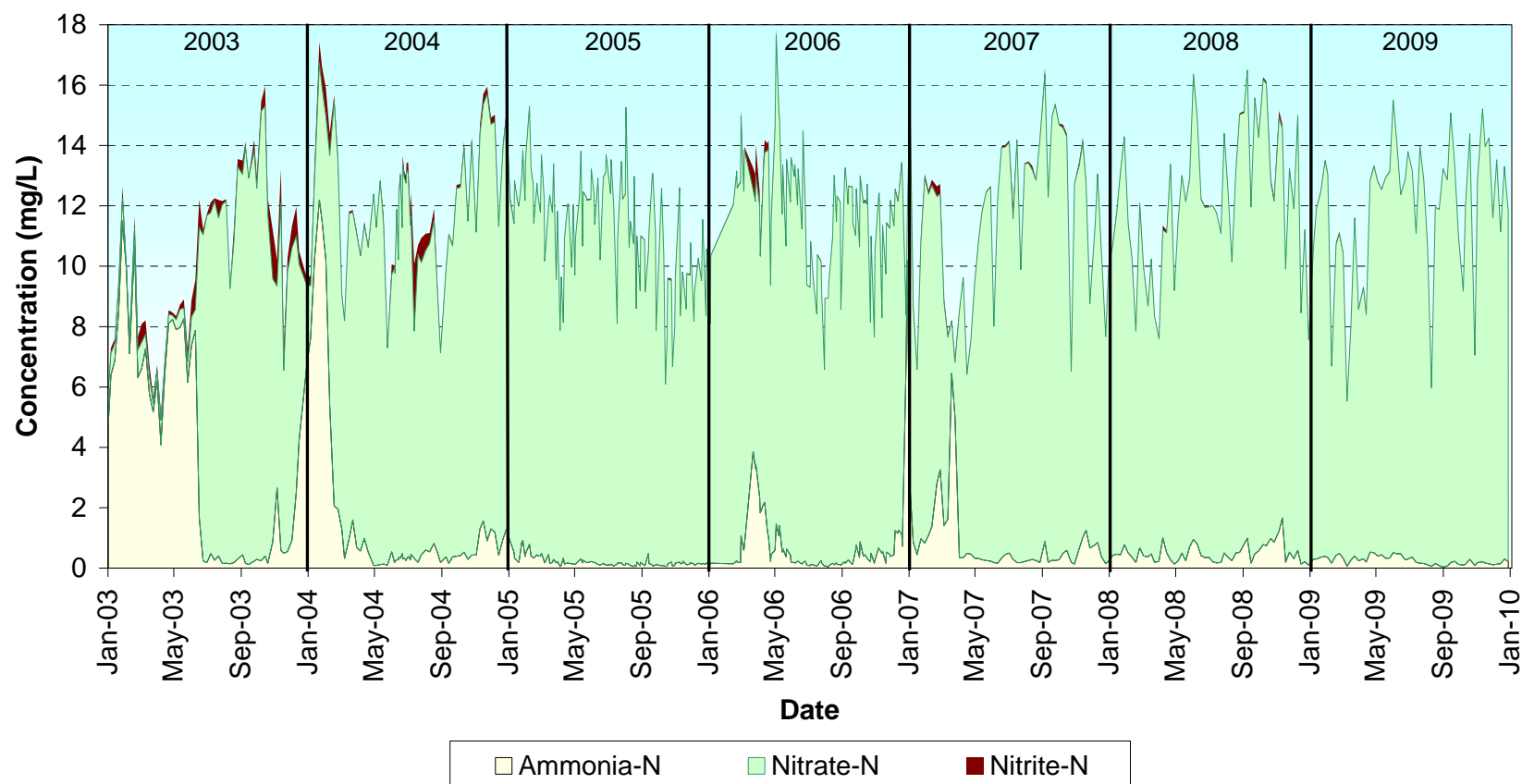


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Inorganic nitrogen species concentration in Metro effluent over time. Ammonia-N and nitrite-N loading from the Metro plant has decreased as a direct result of the improvements in ammonia treatment, including the nitrification provided by operation of the BAF which went on-line in January 2004. Concurrent with the decrease in ammonia-N and nitrite-N, loading of nitrate-N has increased, since nitrate-N is the by-product of the nitrification process that the BAF operation provides.