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**Software for the Analysis, Design, and Management of
Storm, Sanitary, and Combined Sewer Systems**

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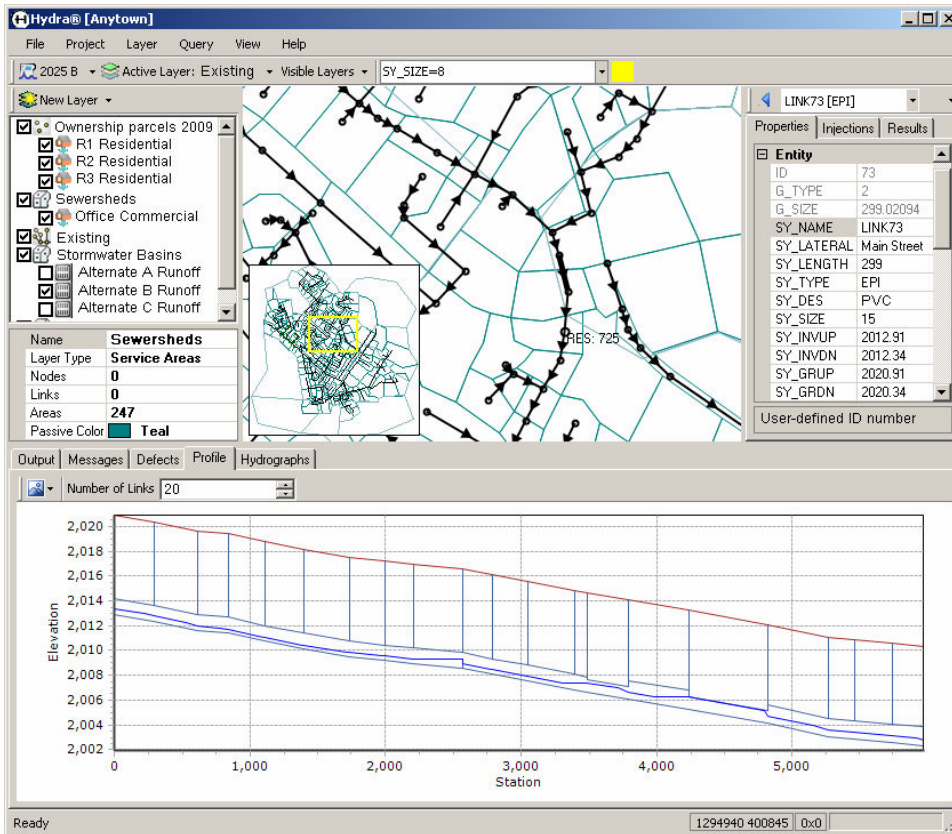
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The Interface

The HYDRA interface has been completely re-written, using the latest programming technology. While the program concepts are based on the HYDRA 6 program series, everything has been improved to give users more power, features, and flexibility, while also simplifying the menu system. The windows within the Hydra program are flexible. You can resize them as large or as small as needed to show the level of detail you need.



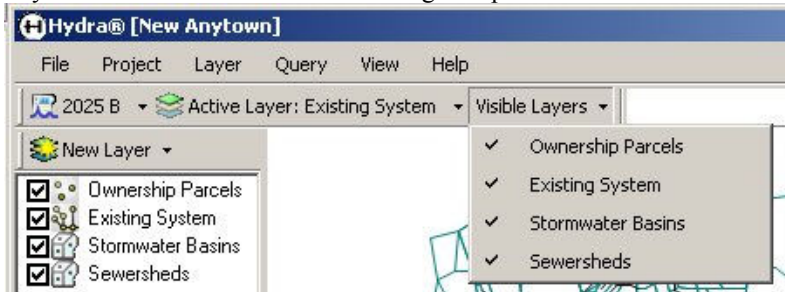
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Plan View Window and Birdseye

The Plan View window is also sizable. If the Plan View window is less than twice the height of the Birdseye, the Birdseye will disappear. The view menu has many options for zooming and panning. Also, you can use your mouse scroll wheel to zoom and pan. The **Properties** dialog box in the **Project** menu, allows you to change the background color, adjust the line widths, node and arrowhead size.

Making Layers Visible and Active

Layer selection is now accessible through drop down menus.



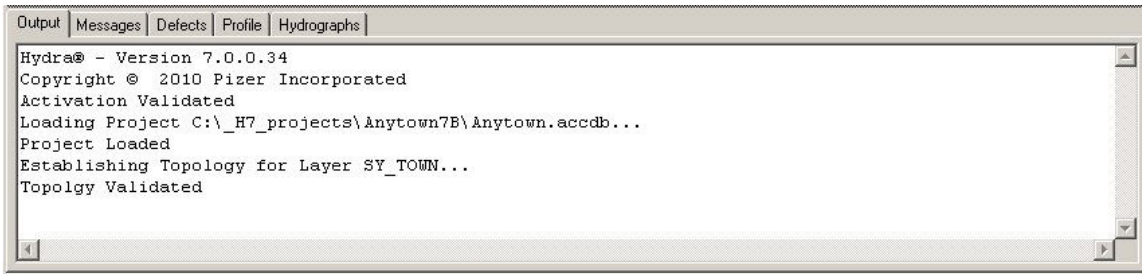
New Project Elements Window

A new window to the left of the Plan View window shows all the layers and flow injections in the modeling project. See the properties of each graphical layer and flow injection, including number of entities in each layer and the type and number of flow injections on each layer. Quickly add or remove layers and flow injections for the current analysis scenario

The Lower Window

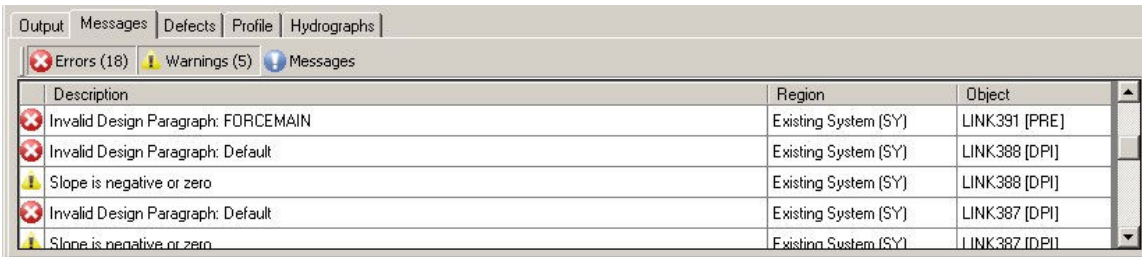
Output tab

The output tab displays messages regarding certain program operations and error messages.



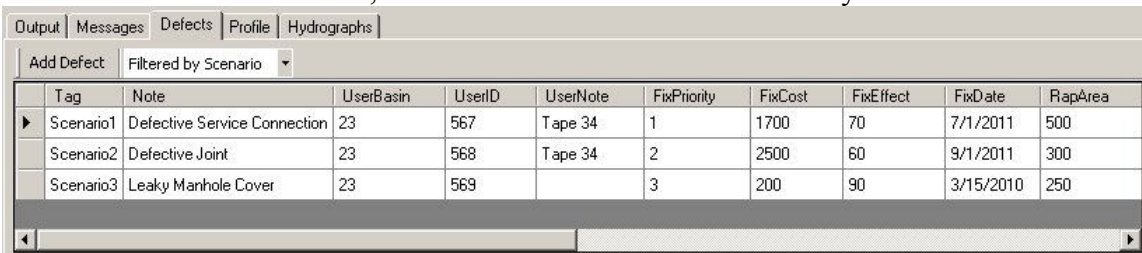
Messages tab

From the Project menu, Check Data looks over the data required for hydraulic analysis and reports errors, warnings, and other messages. Dynamically linked, double click on each record to go to the input or correct the data. When there are no errors reported, your project is ready for hydraulic analysis.



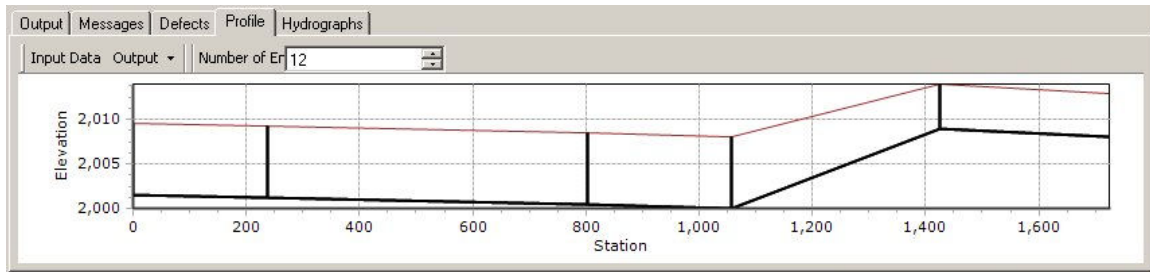
Defects tab

When a collection system layer is the active layer, the Defects tab provides a data grid for information on the condition, used for infiltration and inflow analysis.



Profile tab

In the Pipe Profile window you can display any number of pipes/links. The profile data for link inverts and ground elevation display as soon as the data is input into the database.

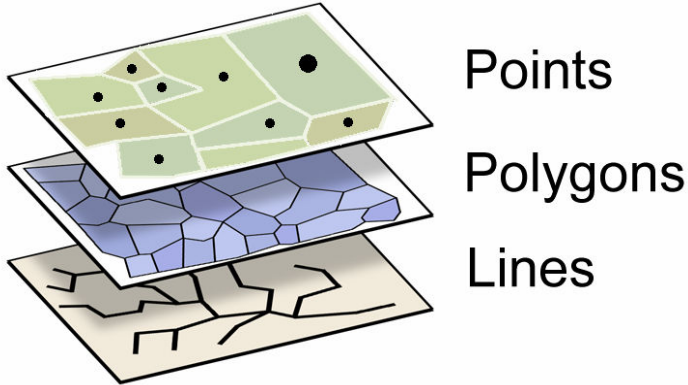


Hydrograph tab

After hydraulic analysis has been run, the hydrograph tab displays a graph of flow over time for the collection system entity currently selected in the Plan View window.

Graphical Layers

A Hydra modeling project may contain any number of graphical layers to represent aspects of your data. The collection system layer is made up primarily of lines, with points to represent manholes, reservoirs, pumps, and diversion structures. Other layers might represent land use zones, ownership parcels, sanitary service areas, stormwater drainage basins, or building footprints. You can create a new layer in Hydra in several different ways.



To draw the graphics in Hydra:

1. Click the **New Layer** button (below the **File** menu) and then select **New Empty Layer**.
2. In the New Layer dialog box, give the new layer a name and select one of the 3 layer types. Click the Ok button.
3. Click the **Active Layer** button and select the layer.
4. From the **Layer** menu, select **Edit Graphics...** and use the tools in the Drawing Editor to draw the layer graphics.

To copy an existing Hydra layer:

1. Click the **New Layer** button and then select **Clone of Existing Layer**.
2. Select the layer you want to copy.

To import a layer from a previous version of Hydra:

1. Click the **New Layer** button and then select **From DXA File**.
2. Find and select the Hydra DXA file you want to import.

To import from AutoCAD:

1. Create a DXA file using the Hydra GISMaster add-on tool for AutoCAD.
2. Click the **New Layer** button and then select **From DXA file** to import the drawing layer.

To import from an ESRI ArcGIS Shapefile:

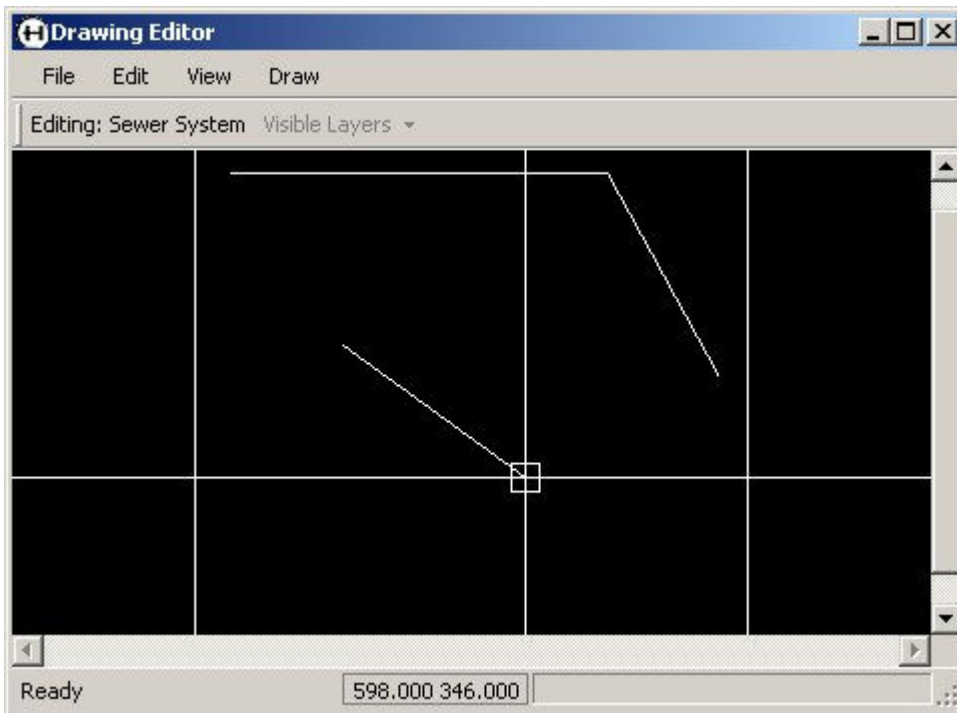
1. Click the **New Layer** button and then select **From Shapefile**.
2. In the Layer from Shapefile dialog box, create a name, select one of the three layer types, select the Shapefile.
3. Map any associated data fields to the appropriate Hydra required fields or user fields.

Drawing Capability

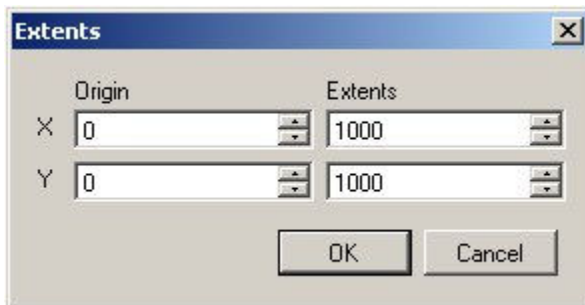
Hydra includes basic drawing capability within the program. You can add, delete, or move pipes, or any other graphical element on existing layers. You can also create a new empty layer and do basic drawing to create the layer.

To switch to drawing mode:

1. From the **Layer** menu, select **Edit Graphics...**



If this is a new empty layer, first you will need to set the extents of the project map. This dialog box will automatically appear:



Flow Loading the Model

In Hydra any graphical layer in the model may be used to organize the loads, or flow contributions, for any type of flow – sanitary, stormwater, infiltration, or inflow. Each entity on the graphical layer (line, polygon, or point) may have any number of “injection sets” to represent grouping of flows.

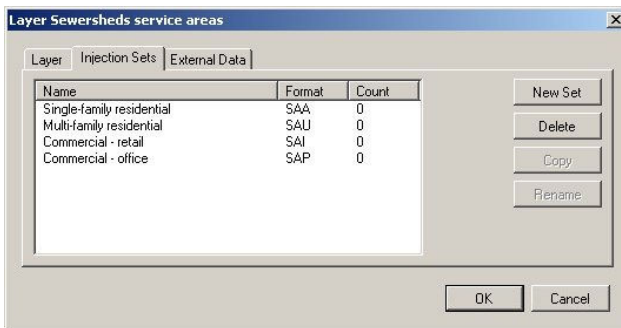
Each injection set includes its own diurnal curve (flow pattern over time) and flow volume data. For example, you could have an injection set to represent single-family residential customers, and another injection set for multi-family customers. For the same area, you could also have an injection set for office-commercial, and one for retail-commercial, and one for hotel customers.

You select how the volume data is organized. You can organize flow volume by population, units, or area. For example, to represent apartment buildings in an area, you might choose to organize it this way: 75 apartment units, averaging 2 people per apartment unit, with each person using 65 gallons per day. Hydra will combine this data to calculate a total daily volume. Organizing the data in this way, it's easy to update the flows as your data changes, for example when the contribution per capita changes after a water conservation effort.

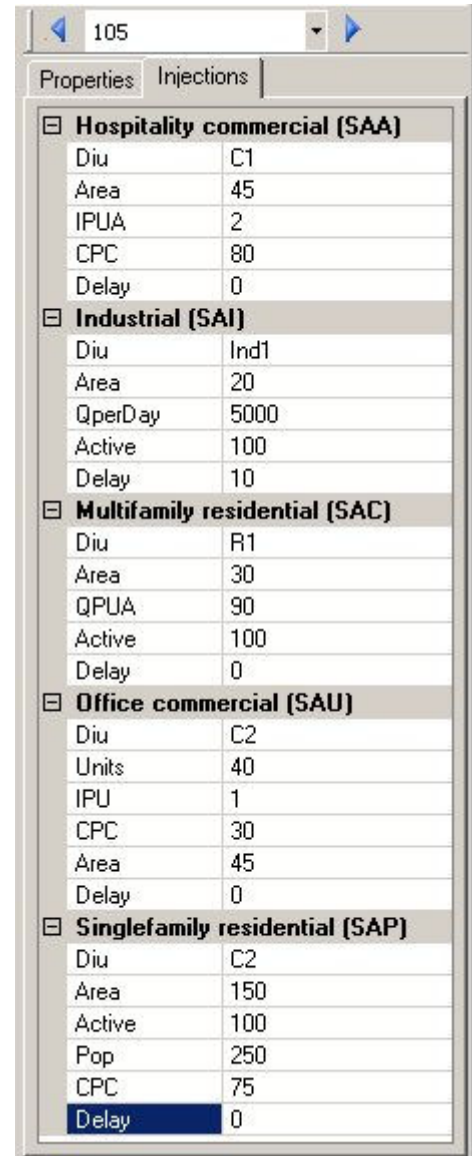
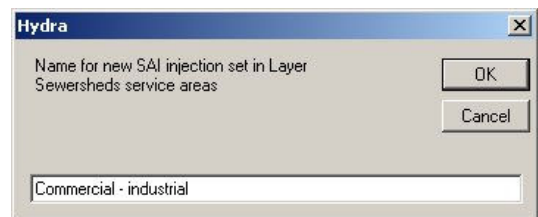
Once you set up a layer how you want it, the input fields are available for every entity in the layer. These flow organizing features are available on any layer, including the collection system layer, polygon layers, or point layers.

To add an injection set:

1. From the **Layer** menu, select **Injection Sets**. The Layer dialog box will appear, with the Injection Sets tab displayed.



2. Click the **New Set** button, and select a type. Give the injection set a name.



Rainfall Data & Stormwater

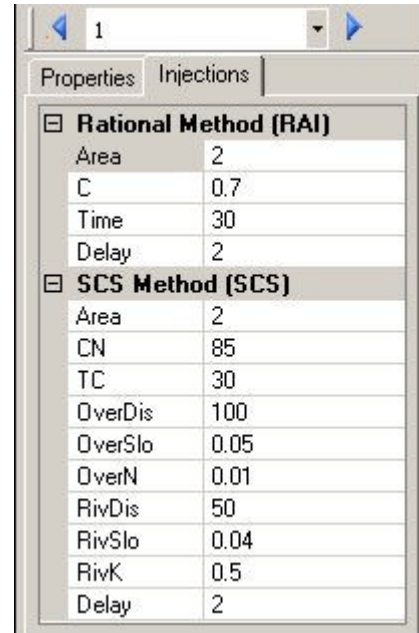
You can model stormwater runoff using either the SCS Method (modified Santa Barbara method), the Rational Method, or true Hydrographic simulation (based on the Stanford Watershed approach).

Runoff Characteristic

The stormwater runoff characteristics can be added as an injection set to any graphical layer in the model.

To add a stormwater injection set to the current layer:

1. From the **Layer** menu, select **Injection Sets**. The Layer [layername] dialog will appear.
2. Click the **New Set** button. Select a Storm injection set (Rational, SCS, or Hydrologic)
3. Give the injection set a name, and click **OK**. When asked, add the injection set to the current Scenario.
4. Click on an entity and input the data in the Injections tab.



Storm events

For rainfall data, you can use IDF curves (intensity-duration-frequency), single gauge rainfall hyetographs, radar data, or multiple rain gauges. A storm must be added to the current analysis scenario to generate runoff.

To add rainfall data to the project:

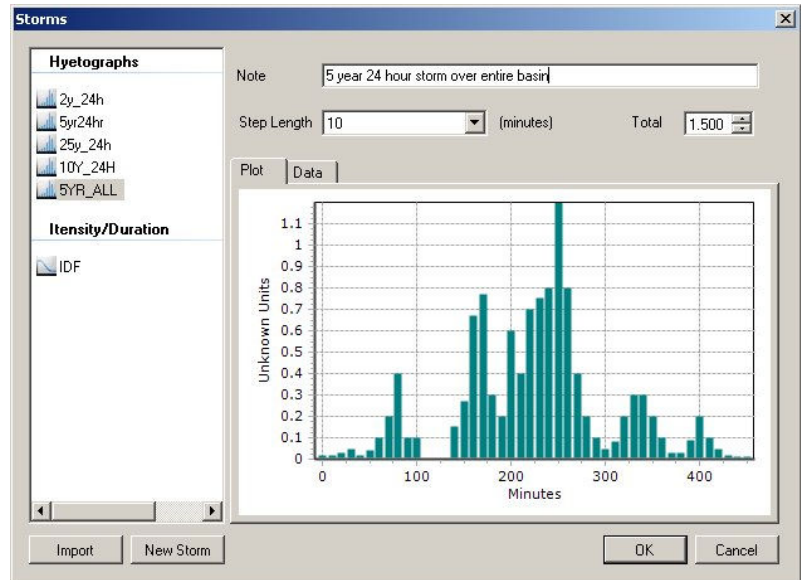
1. From the **Projects** menu, select **Storm**. The Storms dialog box will appear.
2. Click the **New Storm** button. Select one of the 3 types of storm files.
3. Give the storm a name, and input the data for it in the Data tab.

To import a Hydra 6 Storm file:

1. In the Storms dialog, click on the **Import** button.
2. Select a Hydra 6 format .STO file.

To add a storm to an analysis scenario:

1. From the **Projects** menu, select **Scenarios**.
2. Select a scenario, then click the **Properties** button.
3. In the **Storms** tab, select the rain event from the drop down box.



Infiltration and Inflow Modeling

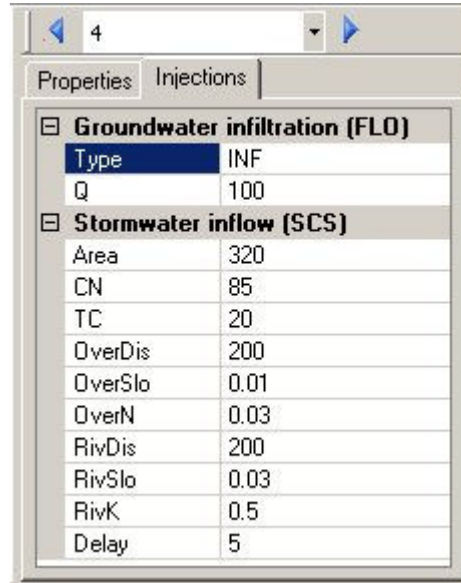
Hydra offers a variety of methods for modeling infiltration and inflow, from simple to sophisticated.

The simplest is the traditional assumption-based methods, which use either population, area, pipe length, or pipe diameter/length to calculate a daily volume. This method produces a steady flow hydrograph characteristic of groundwater infiltration.

Stormwater inflow can be added to a sanitary model, just as it would be in a stormwater model. You can add runoff characteristics to any graphical layer in the model, by adding an Injection Set.

To add an injection set:

1. From the **Layer** menu, select **Injection Sets**. The Layer [layername] dialog will appear.
2. Click the **New Set** button. Select a Storm injection set (Rational, SCS, or Hydrologic) or the Constant Flow (FLO) for infiltration.
3. Give the injection set a name, and click **OK**.
4. Click on an entity and then input data in the Injections tab.

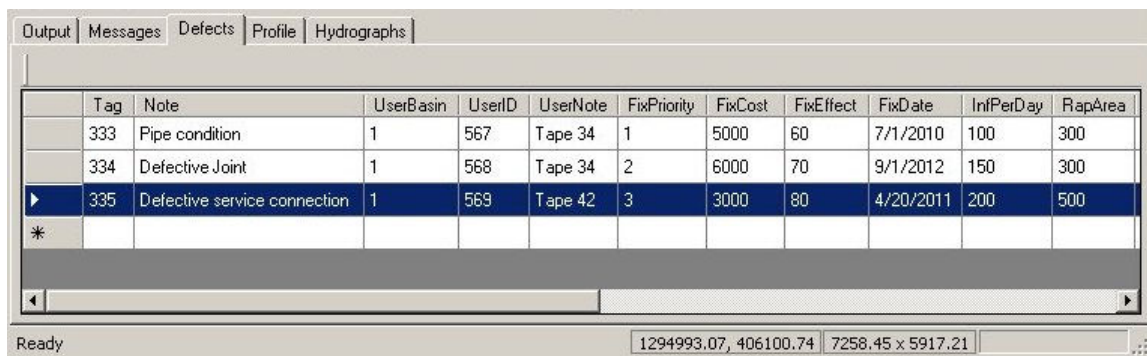


Defects Database

For more sophisticated infiltration and inflow modeling, Hydra software include the Defects Database. This approach uses data on the condition of pipes and manholes to match metered flow from actual rain events. You can create any number of data records for each pipe and manhole to represent individual defects, or generalize them according to flow meter. Hydra's unique ability to track each type of flow separately (sanitary, groundwater infiltration, rainfall-derived infiltration, stormwater inflow) means you can easily see what data source needs to be adjusted to match metered flow. Once you have a calibrated model using the Defects Database, you can use the powerful features of Hydra software to help you determine the most effective plan to restore system capacity currently used by infiltration and inflow. You can model different pipeline rehabilitation scenarios to determine the impact on overall flows. Model system repair criteria, including repair priority, expected repair date, and effectiveness of repair.

To add a Defects Database to the current Collection System layer:

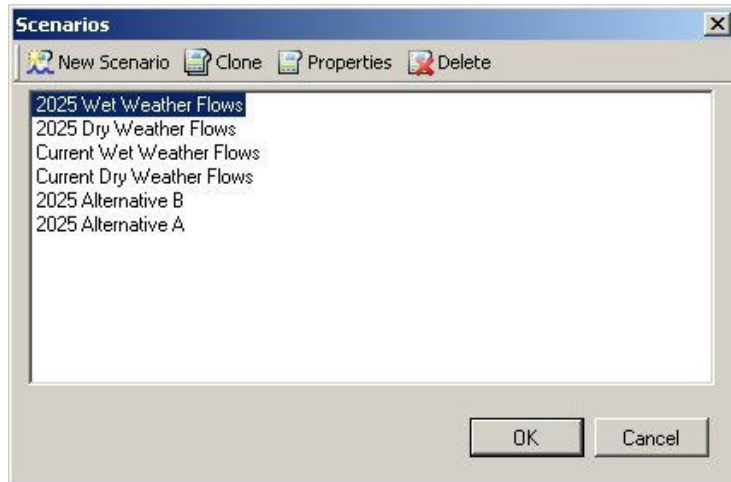
1. Select the **Defects** tab in the lower window.
2. Click the check box to add defects. You will have the option to add them to the current Scenario.



Analysis Scenarios

A Scenario is a grouping of data to represent a current or potential condition to model. It is based on one collection system layer, and its properties include a variety of design criteria data, injection sets of flow contributions, a storm (optional), and hydraulic analysis settings.

You can create and save many different scenarios using your own naming system. One scenario is active at a time, for editing, modifying, analysis, and viewing.

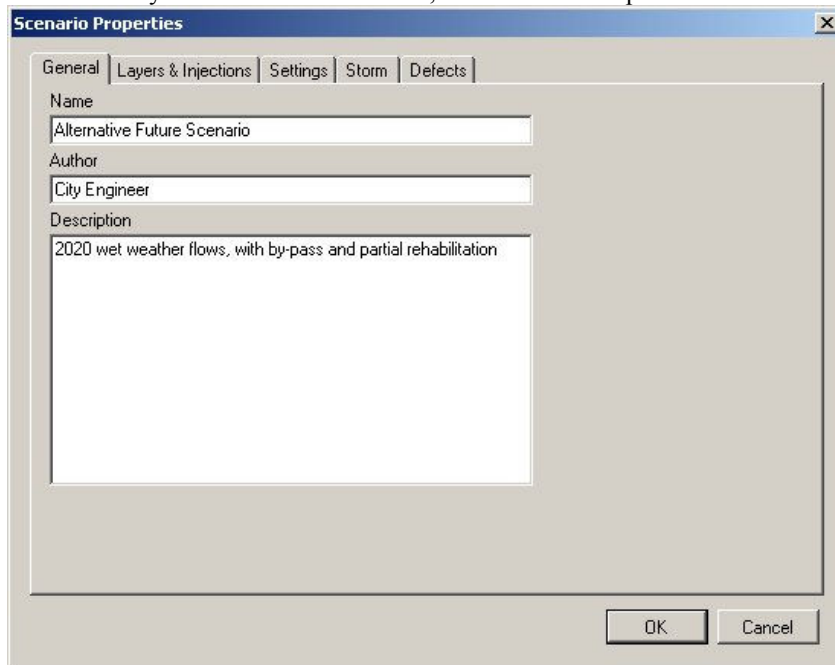


To create a new scenario:

1. From the **Project** menu, select **Scenario**. The Scenarios dialog box appears.
2. Click **New Scenario**. The Scenario Properties dialog box appears.

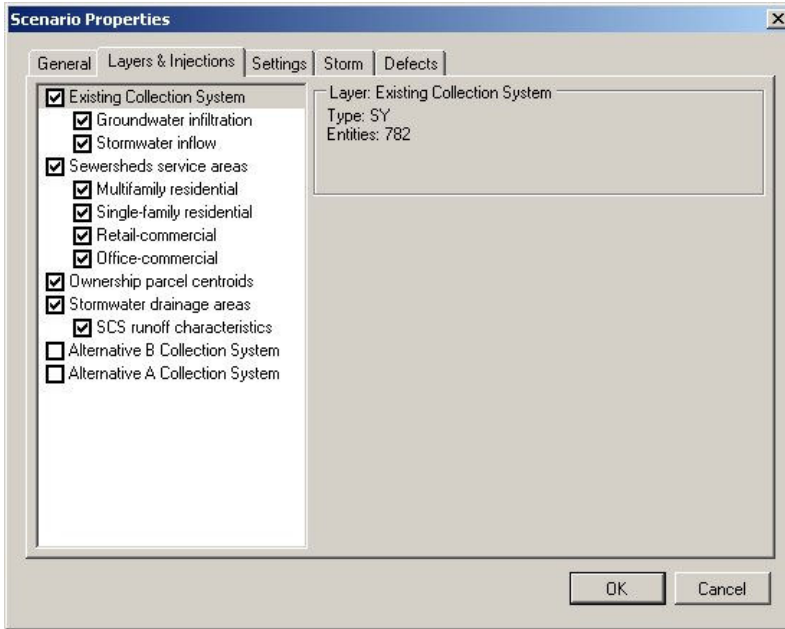
Scenario General tab

Give the analysis scenario a short name, author and description.



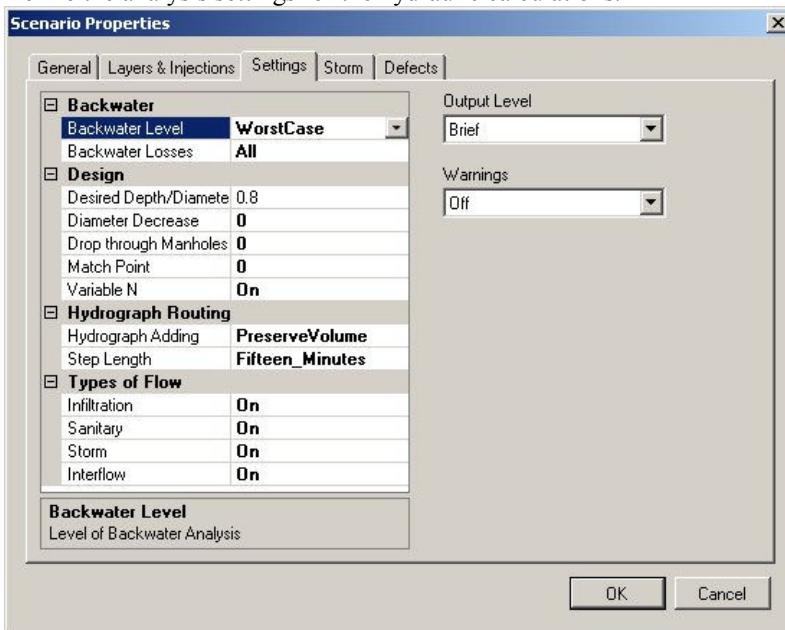
Scenario Layers and Injections tab

Select layers and any needed layer intersections. Select and/or un-select individual Injection Sets.



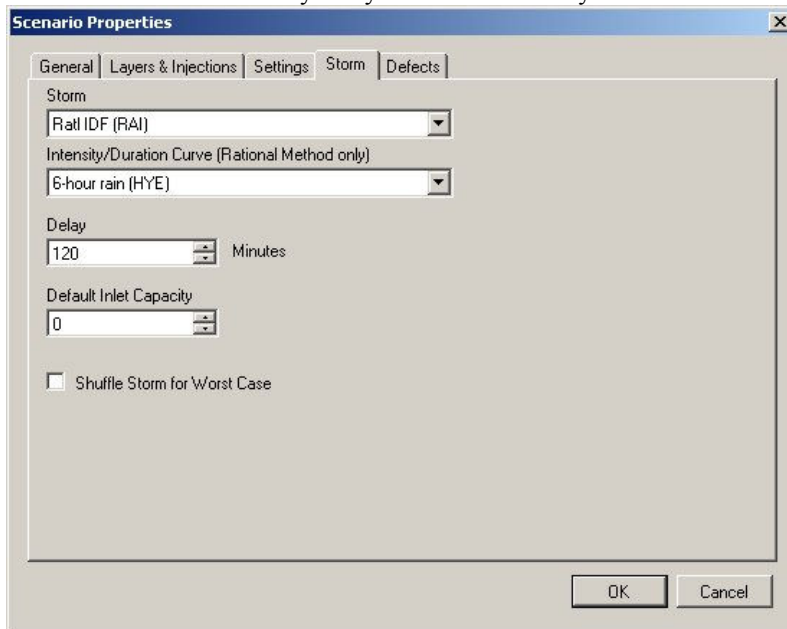
Scenario Settings tab

Define the analysis settings for the hydraulic calculations.



Scenario Storms tab

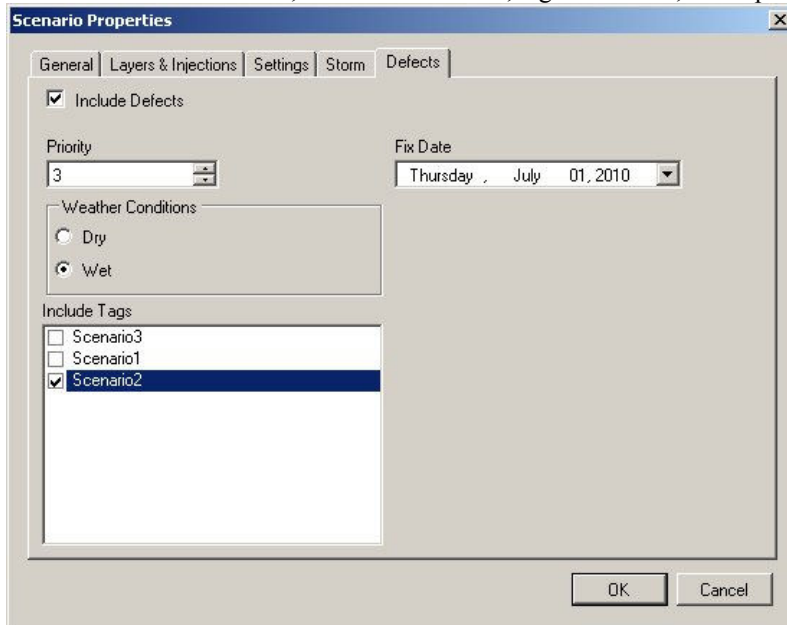
Select the rain event and any delay or worst-case analysis.



The screenshot shows the "Scenario Properties" dialog box with the "Storm" tab selected. The "Storm" section contains a dropdown menu set to "RatI IDF (RAI)", another dropdown for "Intensity/Duration Curve (Rational Method only)" set to "6-hour rain (HYE)", a "Delay" field set to "120" with "Minutes" to its right, and a "Default Inlet Capacity" field set to "0". There is an unchecked checkbox labeled "Shuffle Storm for Worst Case". At the bottom right are "OK" and "Cancel" buttons.

Defects tab

Select the defects database, weather conditions, tags to include, and repair priority.

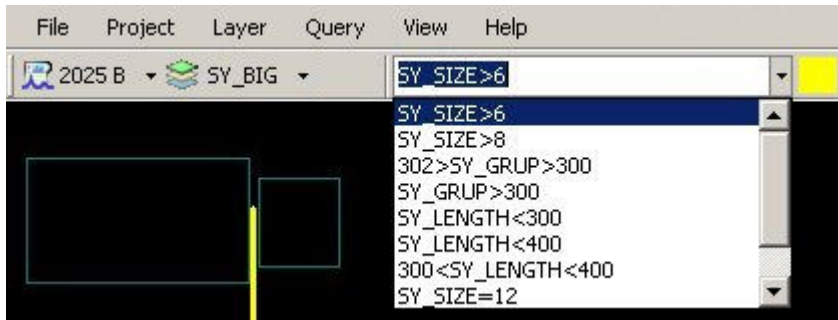


The screenshot shows the "Scenario Properties" dialog box with the "Defects" tab selected. The "Include Defects" checkbox is checked. The "Priority" dropdown is set to "3" and the "Fix Date" dropdown is set to "Thursday, July 01, 2010". Under "Weather Conditions", the "Wet" radio button is selected. The "Include Tags" list contains three items: "Scenario3", "Scenario1", and "Scenario2", with "Scenario2" selected. At the bottom right are "OK" and "Cancel" buttons.

Queries and Selection Sets

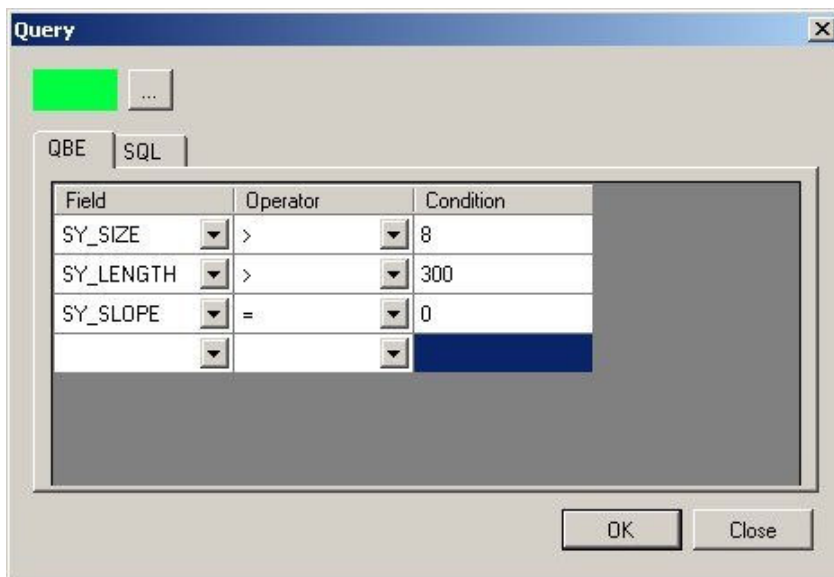
Quick Query

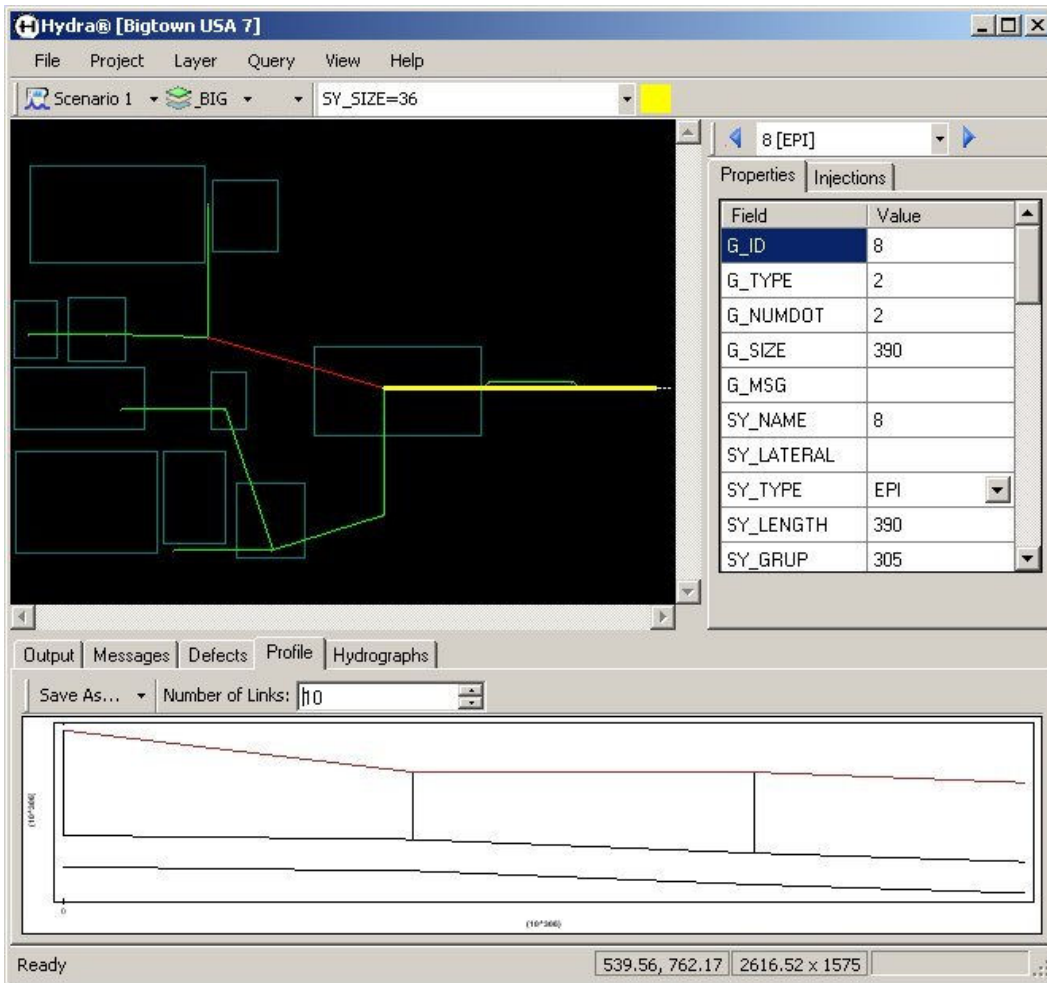
You can use the Quick Query text box to input simple data queries on the current layer. Simply select the color for the Selection Set, and type the query statement. Each query is saved in the list for even quicker use in the future.



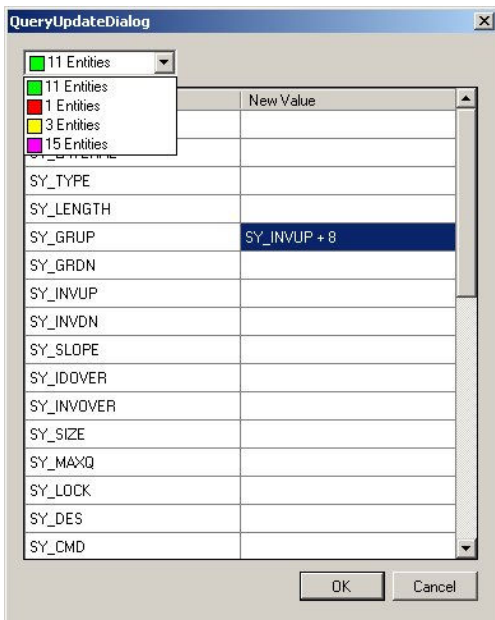
Standard Query

For more complex queries, use the Query dialog box. Create a query using the tools provided, or type an SQL statement in the text box. Go through the process any number of times using different colors each time to create a multi-color Selection Set.

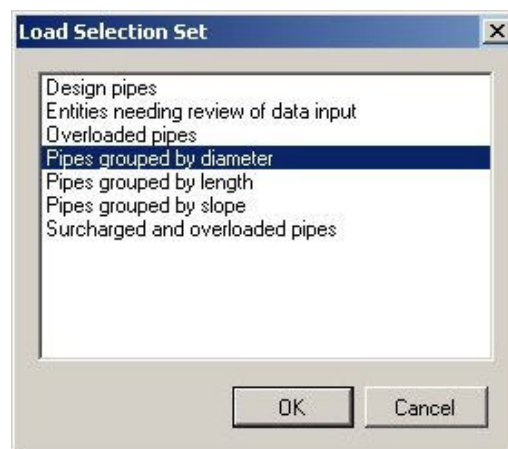




The Update Layer Using Selection Set feature allows you to use the Selection Set to update data in the layer table – the quickest way to input data into your project.



Any query result, or selection set, can be saved and displayed on screen at a later time.



Hydraulic Analysis Results

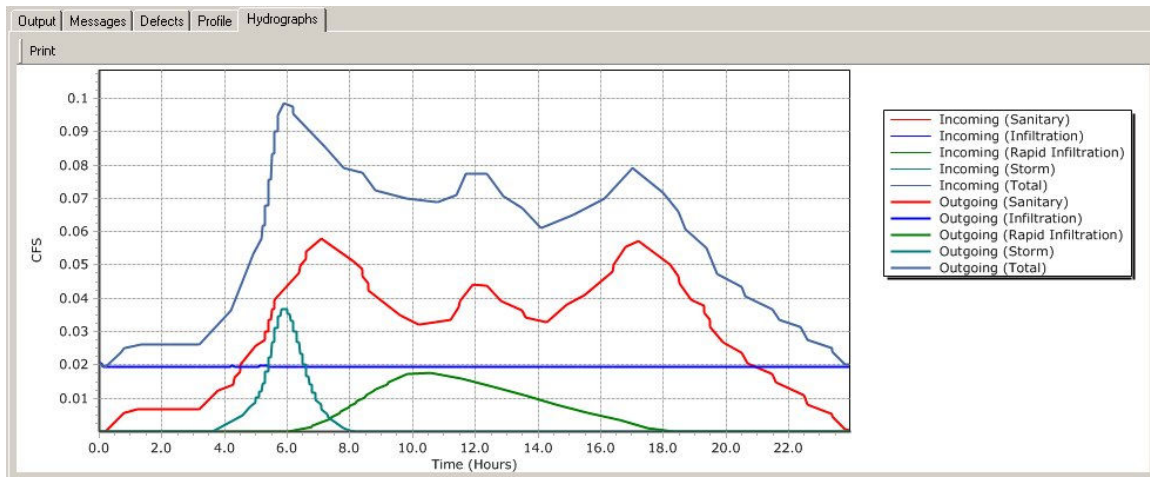
You can run a hydraulic analysis of the currently selected analysis scenario.

To do a hydraulic analysis of the current Scenario:

1. From the **Project** menu, select **Analyze**.

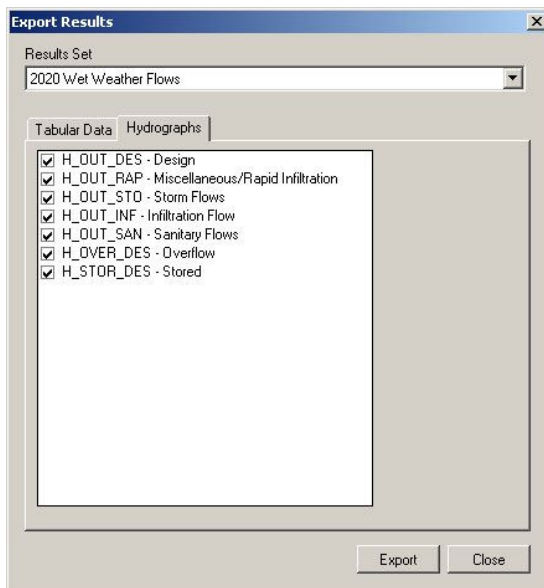
Hydrograph tab

The Hydrographs tab displays the flows throughout the analysis period. Size the window to show the level of detail you want. Each type of flow (sanitary, stormwater, infiltration, and inflow) is tracked separately throughout the system. This is a unique feature of Hydra software, and is very useful for ensuring accurate calibration of the model. You can print this data, or export the data to a spreadsheet program.



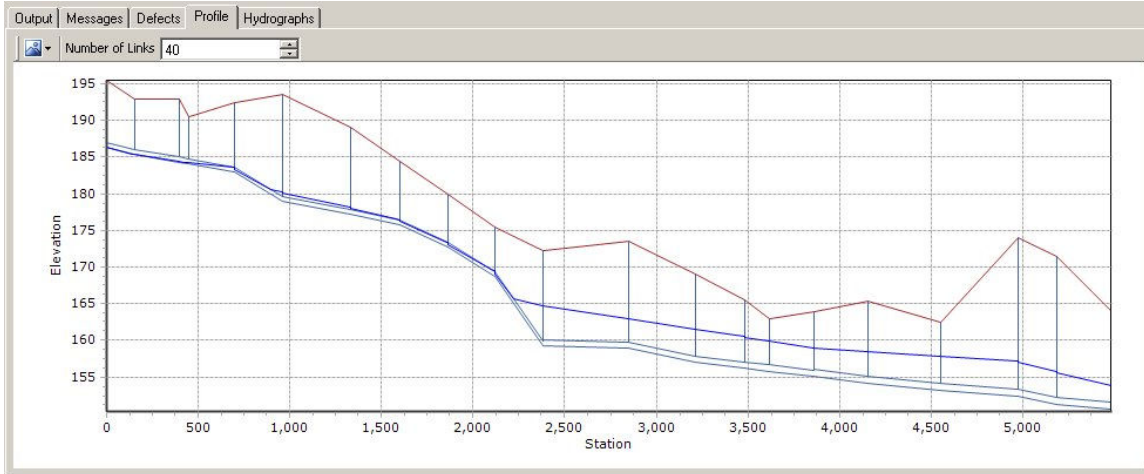
To export hydrograph data:

1. Select **Export Results** from the **File** menu.
2. In the **Hydrographs** tab, select the separate hydrographs to include.
3. Click the **Export** button, then give the data file a name.



Profile tab

The Profile tab displays the hydraulic grade line (HGL) at the highest flow during the analysis period. You can select the number of entities to include in the profile display. The window is sizable, so you can see as much as you want. Save the profile as either a raster image (bitmap .BMP) or a vector drawing (drawing exchange file .DXF).



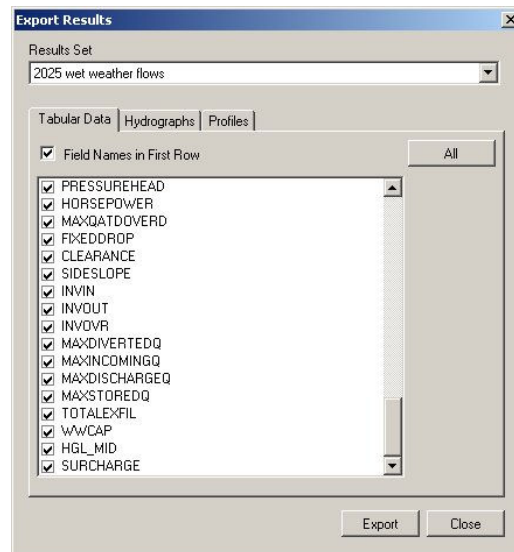
Tabular Results Data

The Results tab displays tabular results for each entity for the current analysis scenario. Different results fields will be displayed for each entity type (pipe, manhole, channel, pump, etc). The description for each results field is displayed below the data grid. You can export the data in the results tab to a delimited text file.

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Properties	Results
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Q_AVERAGE	0
NORM_WS_DN	163.03
LINK_TIME	41.6667
COST_TOTAL	0
HGL_UP	171.93
HGL_DN	163.03
HGL_MIDSTA	500
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N	0.013
QFULL	1.6166
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EXCESSCAP	1.6101

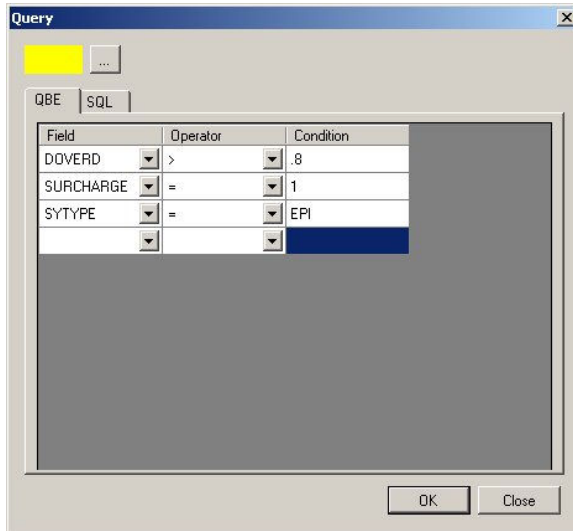
To export tabular results:

1. Select **Export Results** from the **File** menu.
2. In the **Tabular Data** tab, select the fields to include.
3. Click the **Export** button. Then give the text file a name. Click OK to create the file.



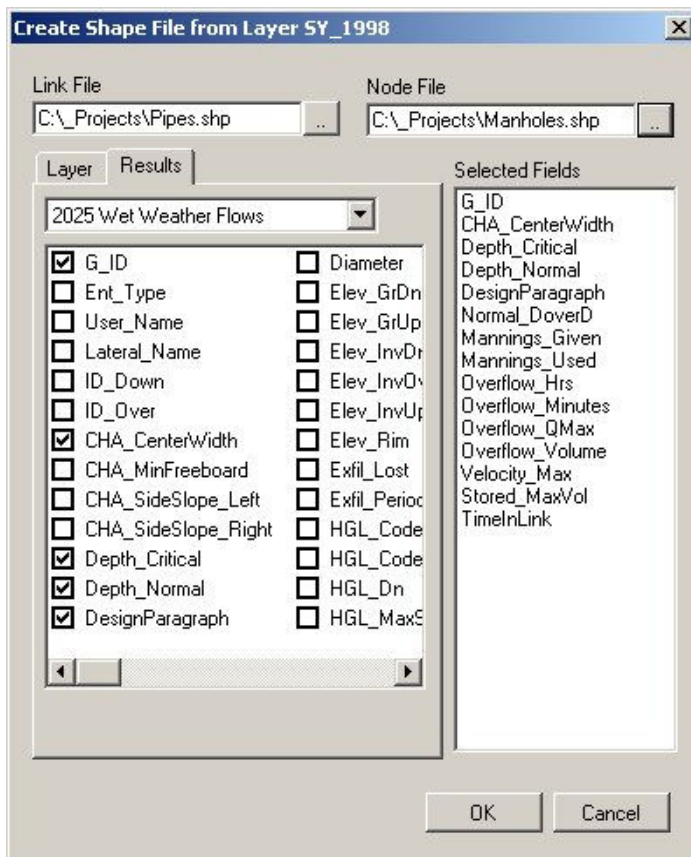
Results Data Query

To create a Selection Set showing the characteristics of the results data, select **Query Results** from the **Query** menu.



Export Results to ArcGIS

You can export hydraulic analysis results to a Shapefile for use in ArcGIS. Use **Export Shapefile** in the **File** menu.

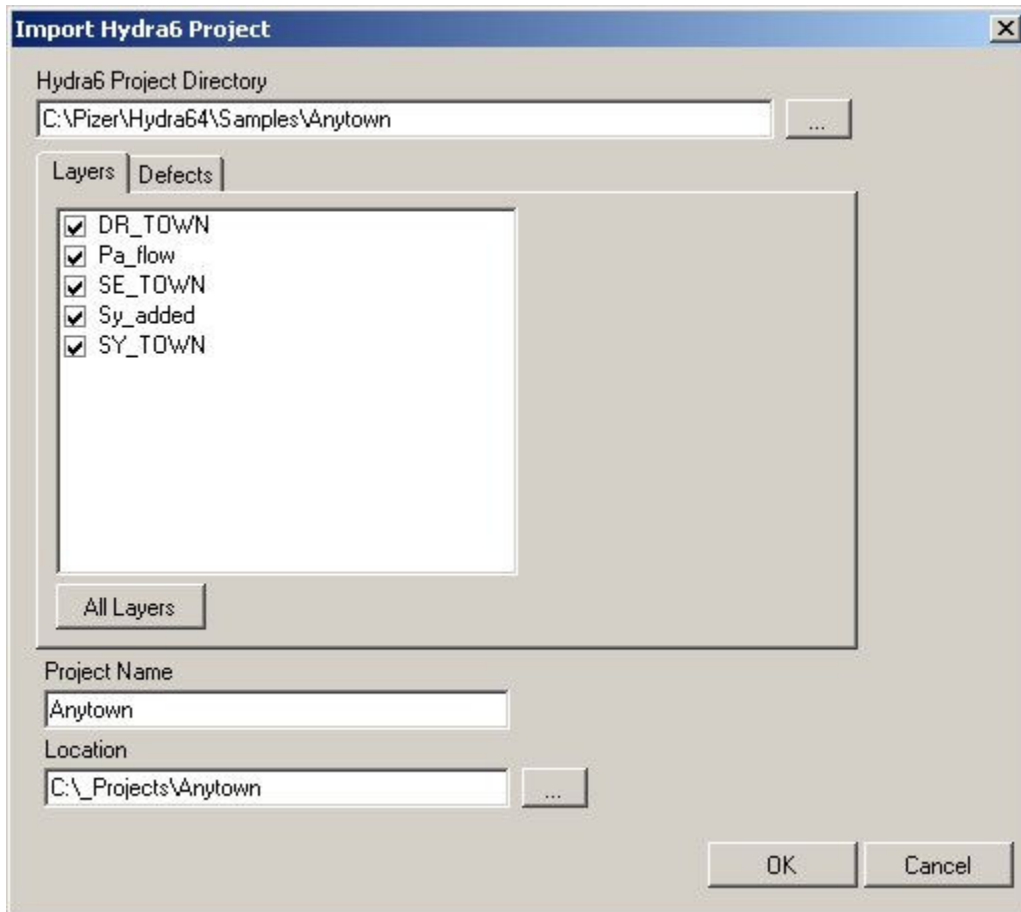


Import from HYDRA version 6 series

You can import project data from any version of HYDRA 6 (6.0, 6.1, 6.2, 6.3, or 6.4). The layers, defects databases, and design paragraphs are converted together. The storm files must be individually imported.

To convert Hydra 6 data:

1. From the **File** menu, select **Convert**.
2. In the Select a Hydra 6 Project dialog box, navigate to your Hydra 6 Project Directory.
3. Select the PROJECT.INI file in the folder. Then click the OK button.
4. In the Import Hydra6 Project dialog box on the Layers tab, select all the layer you want
5. On the Defects tab, select the collection system layer for associating the Defects database.



To import Storm files:

1. From the **Project** menu, select **Storms**.
2. In the Storms dialog box, click the Import button. Then select the storm file from your Hydra 6 Project Directory folder.

Hydra 7 Database

Hydra version 7 uses a single Microsoft Access database to store all project data and hydraulic analysis results. It uses the ACCDB file format, which is similar to the MDB file format. When the Hydra program is using the database, it has exclusive use of it.

Saving your data

Data is saved to the database at these times:

- When you select **Save** from the **File** menu.
- When you select **Analyze** from the **Project** menu.
- When you open a new project and/or close the project, if you select Yes when asked if you want to save the project data.

Other project files

When you run hydraulic analysis, there may be other files created. These include:

- Command file (.CMD) – All data input to the model for a analysis scenario in a text file.
- Analysis run output file (.RUN) – The command file plus the output level from the hydraulic engine you requested.
- Warnings output file (.WAR) -- Hydraulic warnings from the hydraulic analysis.
- Construction cost estimation output (COSTING.CSV)
- Spreadsheet output (.CSV)

External editing of project data

You can input and edit data into your Hydra project using an external database program or spreadsheet.

For editing using a spreadsheet:

1. Using Microsoft Excel 2007 or later, in the **Data** tab, select **GetExternalData**, and then **From Access**.
2. Find your Hydra project database (ACCDB), and select it. You'll get a list of tables, representing the project layers.
3. Pick a layer and it will come into Excel, editing the project tables directly.