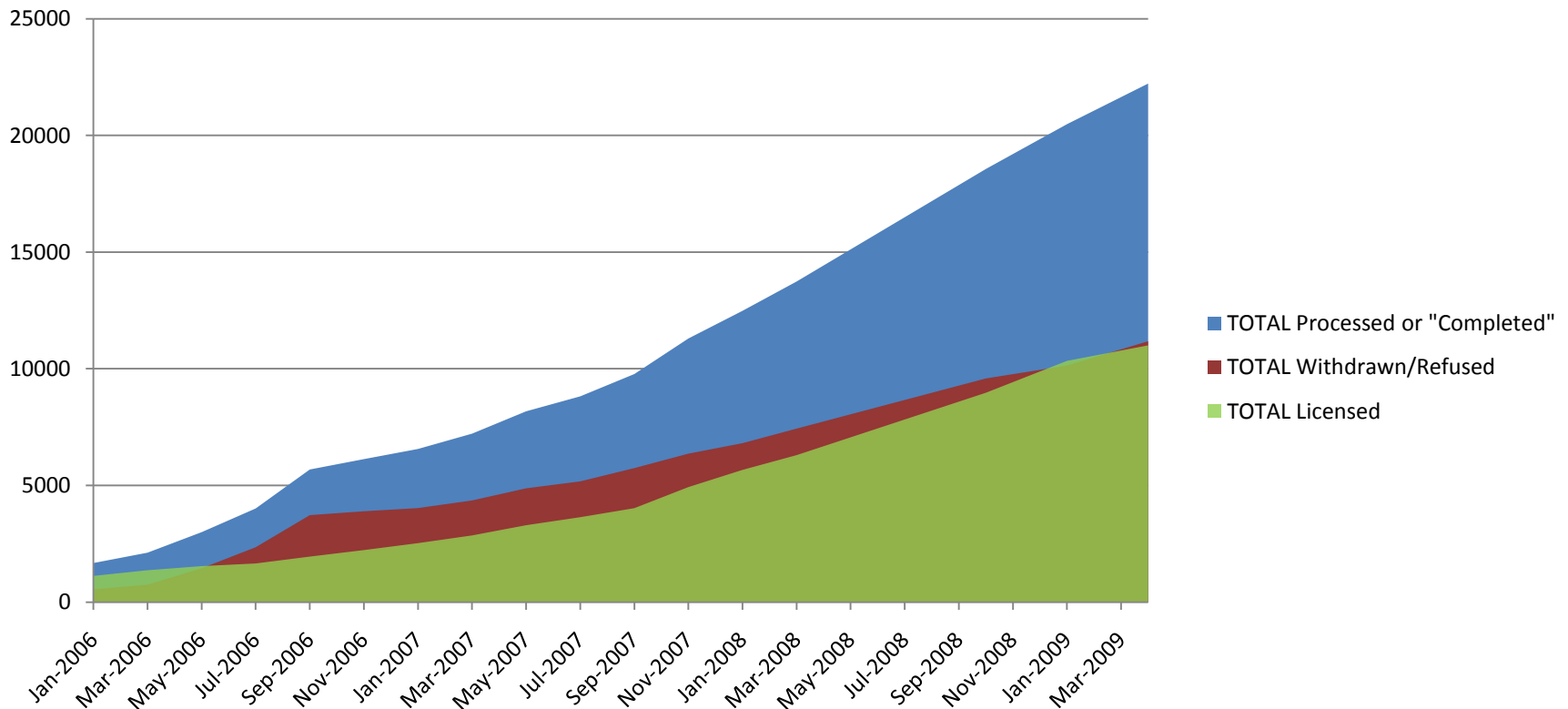
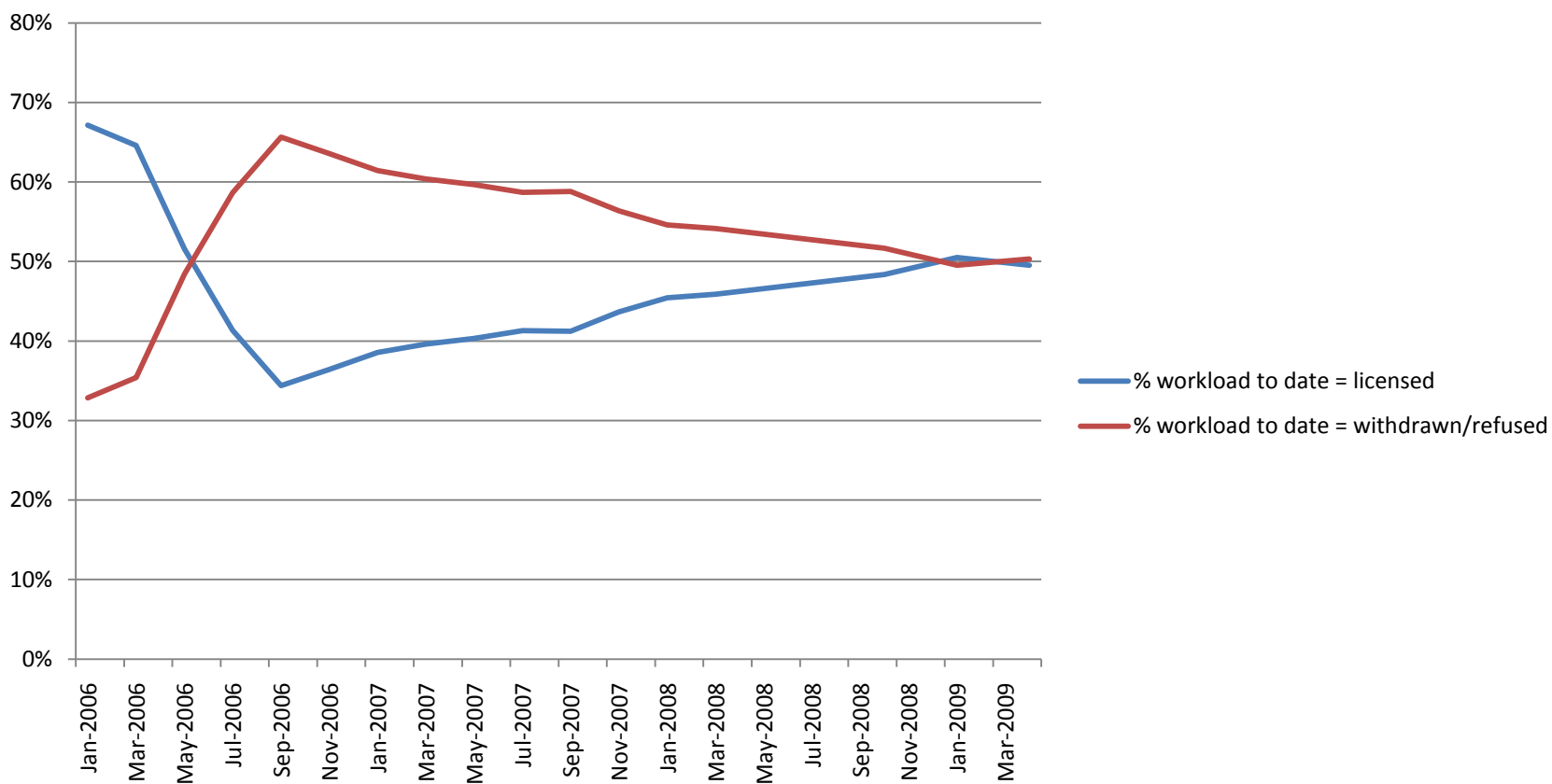


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The following area graph shows accumulated totals for all PLA's "completed" (aka "processed") since 2004. We only have data since early 2006. The blue area represents their overall performance (i.e., how many submissions go in and out of their directorate), the red area are PLA failures to date (for whatever reason), and the green area represents the successful submissions to date.



Because industry is interested in the percent breakdown of success vs. failure for a PLA, it is best to graph this percent breakdown over time. The following line graph tracks the percent of their accumulated workload in either success or failure over time. Note well that the data is cumulative, which means that small monthly changes will not affect these trends, only trends over many months' periods. Note well the radical change in success vs. failure in early mid-2006 – many of us remember this time well, when the NHPD began “flushing” Levels One and Two. The NHPD has not recovered their licensing trends since those days.



For those interested in the short-term trends, the following graph aptly summarizes these (notice there is a much greater short-term variability than the long-term trends, but overall the long-term trends are still noticeable). The NHPD appears to go through extreme changes in licensing behaviour. Christmas 2007 and Christmas 2008 the NHPD was in favour of licensing more than refusing. In 2008 the NHPD saw a similar change from March thru December (Q3 for them). However, note well that the NHPD in early 2009 appears to be going into another such “licensing recession”.



In mid-2008 the NHPD employed a major backlog elimination strategy: they redefined the term “backlog”. Jokes aside, the NHPD’s usage of this term is misleading to industry – if we manually calculate what their backlog actually is, we can graph it (white dashed line in the following area chart). As one can see, the backlog remains ever so steady across a period of three years. The backlog, according to industry standards, is on the rise again.

