Sidney's Big Book of Water and Wastewater Math

INDIGO WATER GROUP

Unit Conversions to Know by Heart

1 inch = 2.54 centimeters 1 gallon = 8.34 lbs when specific gravity is 1.0

1 meter = 3.28 feet 1 kg = 2.2 lbs

1 mile = 5280 feet

1 acre = 43,560 ft² 1% = 10,000 mg/L 1 m² = 10.76 ft² 1 mg/L = 1 ppm

 $1 \mu g/L = 1 ppb$

1 gallon = 3.785 liters

1 ft³ = 7.48 gallons 1 day = 1440 minutes 1 m³ = 35.31 ft³ 1 hp = 0.746 kW

1 ft water = 0.433 psi 1 gram = 15.43 grains

1 grain per gallon = 17.1 mg/L

Water Formulas

pounds per day = (concentration in mg/L)*(flow rate in mgd)*(8.34)

chlorine dose = demand + residual

flow rate = $\underline{\text{volume}}$ $Q = \underline{V}$ \underline{t}

overflow rate = $\frac{\text{flow rate}}{\text{area}}$

weir loading rate = <u>flow rate</u> feet of weir

(concentration 1)*(volume 1) = (concentration 2)*(volume 2) $C_1V_1 = C_2V_2$

(conc. 1)*(volume 1) + (conc. 2)*(volume 2) = (conc. 3)*(volume 3)

 $C_1V_1 + C_2V_2 = C_3V_3$

horsepower = (flow in gpm)*(lift in feet)3960

Velocity

VELOCITY

- 1. What is the approximate volume of flow (MGD) treated in a 7' wide, 4'deep grit chamber, if a floating stick moves 24' in 30 seconds.
 - a) 13.65 MGD
 - b)16.7 MGD
 - c) 15.42 MGD
 - d)14.5 MGD
- 2. A 42" diameter pipe is flowing at a rate of 6.5 ft/sec. What is the flow rate in cu ft/sec?
 - a) 17.86
 - b)35.71
 - c)62.50
 - d)521.25
- 3. Given the following data, calculate the average velocity in the channel. 2.5 ft wide channel, flow depth is 1.4 ft, flow rate is 7.2 MGD
 - a) 1.2 ft.sec
 - b)3.2 ft/sec
 - c) 11.2 ft/sec
 - d)32.2 ft/sec
- 4. A plastic float is dropped into a wastewater channel and is found to travel 10 feet in 4.2 seconds. The channel is 2.4 feet wide and is flowing 1.8 feet deep. Calculate the flow rate of this wastewater in cubic feet per second.
 - a) 1.0 ft3/sec
 - b)2.3 ft3/sec
 - c) 4.2 ft3/sec
 - d)5.7 ft3/sec
 - e) 10.3 ft3/sec
- 5. What is the average flow velocity in ft/sec in a 12-in diameter force main carrying a daily flow of 2.5 mgd?
 - a) 4.9 ft/sec
 - b)5.3 ft/s
 - c) 18.0 ft/sec
 - d) 18.85 ft/sec
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- 6. The flow velocity in a 6-in. diameter pipe is twice that in a 12-in diameter pipe if both are carrying 50 gal/min of wastewater.
 - a) True
 - b)False
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VELOCITY IS FLOW PASSING THROUGH OR PAST AN AREA. IN OTHER WORDS, HOW FAST IS THE WATER MOVING PAST A PARTICULAR POINT?

THE AREA IS ALWAYS
THE CROSS SECTIONAL AREA
OF THE PIPE OR CHANNEL.

1. V = Q AREA = WIDTH × DEPTH

AREA = $(7FT \times 4FT)$ AREA = $28FT^2$

24 FT = Q 30 Dec 38 FT2

 $0.8 \frac{EI}{5EC} = \frac{Q}{28EF^2}$ $22.4 \frac{EI^3}{5EC} = Q$

22.4 FF3 60 SEC | 1440min | 7.48 gal | 1 mg = 14.5 mgD SEC | 1 min | 1 DAY | 1 FF3 | 1000 000 gall

2. AREA = T(r² 42" = 3.5 ft AREA = (3.14)(1.75 FT)² AREA = 9.62 FT²

V = Q A6.5 <u>FT</u> = Q 9.62 pt^{2} 62.5 CFS = Q

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$$\mathcal{V} = Q$$

$$\frac{10 \text{ FT}}{4.2 \text{ SEC}} = \frac{Q}{4.32 \text{ FT}^2}$$

$$\frac{3.38 \text{ FT}}{5 \text{ SEC}} = \frac{Q}{4.32 \text{ FT}^2}$$

$$10.3 \frac{\text{FT}^3}{94.2 \text{ FT}^3} = Q$$

$$V = \frac{Q}{A}$$

$$V = \frac{3.87 \text{ CFS}}{0.785 \text{ Fg}^2}$$

$$V = 4.9 \text{ FT/pec}$$

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AREA = (3.14 × 0.5 FT) 2

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AREA 15 4x BIGGER FOR A 12" VS 6"
PIPE, SO VELOCITY 15 & VELOCITY
AT THE SAME FLOW RATE

Velocity

1. What should the flow meter read in gallons per minute, if a 4 inch diameter main is to be flushed at 4.6 feet per second?

Answer: gpm

2. The velocity through a channel is 4.18 fps. If the channel is 4 feet wide by 2 feet deep by 10 feet long, what is the flow in cubic feet per second?

Answer: cfs

3. A 6 inch diameter pipe conveys 380 gpm from the clear well into the distribution system. What is the velocity of water in the pipe?

Answer: fps

4. Distribution main flushing is done to maintain a minimum velocity in the pipe of 5.68 fps. A particular main discharges 4.46 cfs. If the main is 450 feet long, what is the diameter?

Answer: inches

5. A stick dropped into a channel travels 15 feet in 8 seconds. What is the velocity of the water through the channel?

Answer: fps

6. The velocity through a channel is 3.96 fps. If the channel is 3 feet wide by 1.5 feet deep by 40 feet long, what is the flow in cubic feet per second?

Answer: cfs

7. A stick dropped into a channel travels 32 feet in 6 seconds. What is the velocity of the water through the channel?

Answer: fps

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$$Tr^2$$

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Area = 0.196 ft²

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$$A = \pi r^{2}$$

$$0.785 \text{ sf} = \pi r^{2}$$

$$0.25 = r^{2}$$

$$0.50 \text{ ff} = r$$

$$diameter = 1 \text{ foot}$$

6.
$$v = Q$$
3.96 fps = Q
(1.5 x 3.0)
17.82 cfs = Q

Flow Velocities in Pipes and Channels

- 49. A 42" diameter pipe is flowing at a rate of 6.5 ft/sec. What is the flow rate in cu ft/sec?
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 - b)35.71
 - c) 62.53
 - d)521.25
- 50. Given the following data, calculate the average velocity in the channel. 2.5 ft wide channel, flow depth is 1.4 ft, flow rate is 7.2 MGD
 - a) 1.2 ft.sec
 - b)3.2 ft/sec
 - c) 11.2 ft/sec
 - d)32.2 ft/sec
- 51. What is the approximate volume of flow (MGD) treated in a 7 ft wide, 4 ft deep chamber, if a floating stick moves 24 inches in 30 seconds.
- a) 1.37 MGD
- b)1.21 MGD
- c) 5.42 MGD
- d)4.52 MGD
- 52. What is the average flow velocity in ft/sec in a 12-in diameter force main carrying a daily flow of 2.5 mgd?
 - a) 4.9 ft/sec
 - b) 5.3 ft/s
 - c) 18.0 ft/sec
 - d) 18.85 ft/sec

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- 53. A plastic float is dropped into a water channel and is found to travel 10 feet in 4.2 seconds. The channel is 2.4 feet wide and is flowing 1.8 feet deep. Calculate the flow rate of this wastewater in cubic feet per second.
- a) ft3/sec
 - a) 2.3 ft3/sec
 - b)4.2 ft3/sec
 - c) 5.7 ft3/sec
 - d)10.3 ft3/sec

FLOW VECCITES Velocity is a measure of how fast a volume of water passes by a particular point. Mathematically, it is Velocity = Flow Area 49. The first step is to find the cross sectional area of the pipe in the pipe in the pipe diameter is in inches, so correct it to feet. 42 inches | 1 foot | 3.5 ft : radius = 1.75 ft Area = 17/2 Area = (3.14)(1.75ft)2 Area = 9.62 ft2 Velocity = Flow Area $6.5 \text{ ft/sec} = F/o\omega$ 9.62 ft^2 $(6.5 \times 9.62) = F/o\omega$ 625 ft3/sec = Flow

50. Convert flow rate from 7.2 mgd to ft /sec 7.2 mg 1000000 st 1 ft 3 1 day 1 min 1 11.14 ft 3/sec day 1 mg 17.48-gllons 1440 min 60sec Velocity = Flow Area Velocity = \$ 11.14 ft3/sec (2.5ft)1.4ft Velocity = 11.14 ft3/sec 3.5 ft2 Velocity = 3.18 ft/sec 51. Velocity = Flow Area 1.87 ft3 7.48 gallors | 1 m6 | 60 sec | 1440 min | 1.21 m60 sec | 1 ft3 | 100000 gl | min | 1 day |= ond the area into units of feet. 12 inches 1 st 1 1 st diameter 12 inches/ 6° radius = 0.5 ft 2.5 mg/100000 ml / 143 | Iday | Imin | 3.87 ft3 day | Ims | 7.48gal | 1440 min 60 sec | Sec Velocity = 3.87 ft3/sec Velocity = 3.87 ft3/sec (3.14 X 0.5 ft)2 Velocity = 3.87 ft3/sec 0.785 ft2 Velocity = 4.9 ft/sec Kelocity = Flow 53. 10ft Flow 2.38 ft/pec = Flow 4.32ft² 10.3 ft³/ = Flow /Alc

Weir Loading Rates and Surface Overflow Rate

Weir Loading Rates

- 40. Calculate the weir loading for a sedimentation tank that has an outlet weir 480 ft long and a flow of 5MGD.
 - a) 9,220 gpd/ft
 - b)9,600 gpd/ft
 - c) 9,920 gpd/ft
 - d) 10,420 gpd/ft
- 41. Find the wier loading rate in gpd/ft for a circular tank. The tank is 40 feet in diameter and the influent flow rate is 4 mgd.
 - a) 31847 gpd/ft
 - b)3185 gpd/ft
 - c) 7960 gpd/ft
 - d)15794 gpd/ft

Surface Overflow Rates

- 42. Find the surface overflow rate in gpd/ft2 for a circular tank. The tank is 40 feet in diameter and the influent flow rate is 4 mgd.
 - a) 3185 gpd/ft2
 - b)796 gpd/ft2
 - c) 1325 gpd/ft2
 - d) 1760 gpd/ft2
- 43. A circular tank receives 12.5 mgd of flow and has a SOR of 100 gpm/ft. What is the diameter of the tank?
 - a) 27.6 ft
 - b) 10.5 ft
 - c) 75.0 ft
 - d) 14.7 ft
- 44. A water plant is equipped with six sedimentation basins that are operated in parallel. Each basin is 30 ft long by 25 ft wide. If the finished water demand is 30 mgd, how many basins need to be on-line to maintain a surface overflow rate of approximately 10 gpm/sft?
- a) 2
 - b)3
 - c) 4
 - d)5
 - e) 6

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Filter Loading and Backwash

Filter Loading and Backwash Rates

- 45. A sand filter with dimensions of 12 feet by 15 feet receives 0.75 mgd. What is the hydraulic loading rate in gpm/sft?
 - a) 2.9 gpm/sft
 - b) 29.0 gpm/sft
 - c) 4167 gpm/sft
 - d)69.4 gpm/sft
- 46. At what rate in gpm must wash water be delivered to a mixed media filter to attain a backwash rate of 15 gpm/sq ft if the filter is 20' wide and 30' long.
 - a) 600
 - b)2400
 - c)3000
 - d)9000
- 47. Your filter filters at a rate of 200 GPM. On your last filter run you filtered 728,000 gallons of water before backwashing. How many hours did this filter run?
 - a) 6.1 hours
 - b) 60.7 hours
 - c) 3,640 hours
 - d)607 hours
 - e) 36.4 hours
- 48. The optimum hydraulic loading rate for a new type of filter is 30 gpm/sft. If the flow going to the filter is 1.85 mgd, what should the dimensions of the filter be? Round to the nearest whole foot.
 - a) 43 sft
 - b)32 sft
 - c) 60 sft
 - d)52 sft

FILTER LOADING & BACKWASH BATES The first step is to correct the flow rate into gpm. 0.75 mg | 1000 000 zallons | 1 day | 520.8 gpm day | 1 mg | 1440 min | HLR = 520.8 gpm (12f+X15f+) HLR= 2.9 gpm/f+2 He Same formula, but we need to sobre for a different variable. 15 gpm (205+X305+) 15 = Q 600 ft² 9000 gpm = Q

47. This is really a unit correction
problem in disquise.

728,000 gallons | 1 minute | 1 hour | - 60.7 hours
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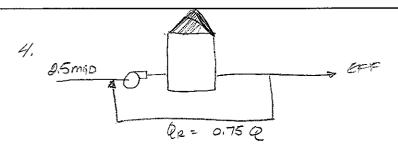
Fixed Film Processes

FIXED FILM PROCESSES

- 1. Calculate the lbs of BOD entering the trickling filter. Raw wastewater flow = 1.5 MGD, Raw wastewater BOD = 150 mg/l, 30% reduction in BOD through primary treatment.
 - a) 562 lb/day
 - b)870 lb/day
 - c) 1314 lb/day
 - d) 1880 lb/day
- 2. A rotating biological contactor treats a flow of 2.2 MGD with a BOD of 110 mg/L. The surface area of the media is 550,000 sq ft. What is the organic loading in lb BOD/day/1000 sq ft
 - a)2.7
 - b)3.0
 - c)3.5
 - d)3.7
- 3. At what rate in gpm must wash water be delivered to a mixed media filter to attain a backwash rate of 15 gpm/sq ft if the filter is 20' wide and 30' long.
 - a) 600
 - b)2400
 - c)3000
 - d)9000
- 4. The flow to a trickling filter is 2.5 mgd. The filter has a diameter of 100 ft and a media depth of 4 ft. The recirculation rate is 0.75:1. Calculate the hydraulic loading rate in gallons per day per square foot.
 - a) 438 gal/d/ft2
 - b)557 gal/d/ft2
 - c) 785 gal/d/ft2
 - d)995 gal/d/ft2

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