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# Exam Review

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# **Section I: Basic Wastewater Treatment Concepts**

## **Lecture Outline**

1. What is pure water?

2. Wastewater characteristics:

Bacteriological

Physical

Chemical

3. Types of waste discharges

Domestic

Industrial

4. Measuring wastewater characteristics:

BOD

Settleable solids

Suspended solids

Dissolved solids

Total solids

Volatile solids

Other tests

5. Example composition of solids in medium strength raw sewage

Organic

Suspended solids

Dissolved solids

Inorganic

Suspended solids

Dissolved solids

Total solids

6. Objectives of wastewater treatment:

Remove organic material

Eliminate disease producing agents

7. The NPDES Permit

(National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System)

8. Calculation of treatment plant Flows:

gallons per minute (gpm)

Million Gallons per Day (MGD)

cubic feet per second (cfs or ft<sup>3</sup>/sec)

conversions:

1 cubic foot = 7.48 gallons

days, hours, minutes, seconds

Examples:

Other conversions:

$$1 \text{ ft}^3/\text{sec} = 0.646 \text{ MGD} = 448.8 \text{ gpm}$$

$$1 \text{ MGD} = 1.547 \text{ ft}^3/\text{sec} = 694.4 \text{ gpm}$$

$$1 \text{ gpm} = 0.002228 \text{ ft}^3/\text{sec} = 0.00144 \text{ MGD}$$

Examples:

9. The Flow Formula:  $Q=VA$

$$Q \text{ (Flow)} = \text{ft}^3/\text{sec} \quad V \text{ (Velocity)} = \text{ft}/\text{sec} \quad A \text{ (Area)} = \text{ft}^2$$

To solve for Velocity or Area using the Flow Formula:

$$\text{Velocity: } V = \frac{Q}{A}$$

$$\text{Area: } A = \frac{Q}{V}$$

Examples:

10. Calculations using the Pounds Formula

$$\text{MG} \times \text{mg/L} \times 8.34 \text{ lbs/gal} = \text{lbs}$$

Examples:

11. Dimensional Analysis

Work only with the dimensions or units

To work with dimensional analysis you must know

- how to express a horizontal fraction as a vertical fraction
- how to divide by a fraction
- how to divide out and cancel terms in the numerator and denominator

Examples:

PLATE  
POSITION

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## **Section II: Pretreatment of Wastewater**

### **Lecture Outline**

1. What is the major objective of pretreatment in a wastewater treatment plant?

Protection of equipment

Protection of the biological process

Industrial waste pretreatment

2. Pretreatment Methods:

Screening

Grinding

Grit removal

Pre-aeration

Chemical addition

**3. Screening:**

**Bar screens and racks**

**Fine mesh screens**

**4. Grinding:**

**Comminutors**

**Barminutors**

**Muffin monsters**

**5. Grit removal:**

**Grit channels**

**Velocity of 0.7 to 1.2 ft/sec**

**Average grit particle settling velocity of 0.075 ft/sec**

Example 1: The grit channel at the front of the wastewater treatment plant is 2 ft wide and 1 ft deep. If the flow meter registers a flow of 1 MGD, how far down the channel would an average sized particle travel before it reaches the bottom and is removed?

Aerated grit chambers

Cyclone grit separators

Grit washing or classification

6. Disposal of screenings and grit

7. Pre-aeration

8. Chemical addition

Chlorine

Hydrogen peroxide

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Odor masking agents

9. Removal efficiency

$$\text{Percent Efficiency} = \frac{\text{IN} - \text{OUT}}{\text{IN}} \times 100$$

Example 2: 210 mg/L SS reach the plant in the raw wastewater flow. After the flow passes through the grit channel the SS are reduced to 195 mg/L. What is the efficiency of removal of SS in the grit channel?

Example 3: The BOD in the raw influent is measured as 160 mg/L. If after treatment the final BOD is measured as 24 mg/L, what is the efficiency of BOD removal at this plant?

Example 4: 225 mg/L SS come into the plant in the influent. The SS level is reduced through the process to an effluent SS level of 15 mg/L. Calculate the efficiency of SS removal.

## Section III: Primary Treatment

### Lecture Outline

1. Major functions of primary treatment.

2. Primary treatment removal efficiencies

Settleable solids \_\_\_\_\_

Suspended solids \_\_\_\_\_

Total solids \_\_\_\_\_

BOD \_\_\_\_\_

Bacteria \_\_\_\_\_

3. Types of clarifiers

Circular:

Rim feed

Center feed

Rectangular:

Plug flow

#### 4. Clarifier components

Influent channel or pipe

Target baffle or Deflector plate

Effluent weir

Effluent trough or launder

Scum skimmer or water sprays

Scum baffle

Scum trough

Scum pit

Sludge scraper or collector

Sludge collection sump

Sludge removal pump

5. Clarifier Detention time

$$\text{Detention Time (hrs)} = \frac{\text{Tank Vol ft}^3 \times 7.48 \text{ gal/ft}^3 \times 24 \text{ hrs/day}}{\text{Flow gal/day}}$$

$$\text{Detention time} = \frac{\text{Volume}}{\text{Flow}}$$

Example 1:

A rectangular primary clarifier is 60 ft long, has a width of 30 ft and an average depth of 10 ft. Calculate the detention time if the flow to the tank is 3.0 MGD.

Example 2:

A circular clarifier is 100 ft in diameter and has an average depth of 12 ft. Calculate the detention time if the flow to the tank is 6.8 MGD.

6. Surface Settling Rate (SSR) or Surface Loading Rate

$$\text{SSR (gpd/ft}^2\text{)} = \frac{\text{Flow Rate gpd}}{\text{Surface Area ft}^2}$$

Example 3:

The plant flow rate is 3.12 MGD. If the primary clarifier is circular with a diameter of 85 ft. what would be the Surface Settling Rate in gpd/ft<sup>2</sup>?

7. Weir Overflow Rate (WOR)

$$\text{WOR (gpd/ft)} = \frac{\text{Flow Rate in gpd}}{\text{Length of Weir in ft}}$$

Example 4:

Calculate the Weir Overflow Rate for the same conditions in Example #3;

Q = 3.12 MGD and Dia = 85 ft.

Example 5:

A rectangular clarifier has 4 effluent troughs each 40 ft long. If the flow to this tank is 4.2 MGD what would be the WOR? (Hint: each trough has weirs on each side.)



## 8. Primary Sludge Removal

Average concentrations

Measuring daily sludge accumulation

Imhoff cone

Suspended solids removal

Removal time

Sludge pumping

## 9. Primary Sludge Pumping Rates

Ground rules:

1% concentration = 10,000 mg/L

LBS Formula:  $\text{MGD} \times \text{mg/L} \times 8.34 \text{ lbs/gal} = \text{lbs}$

or:  $\text{gal/day} \times \text{percent as decimal} \times 8.34 = \text{lbs}$

Algebraic changes in the pounds formula:

$$\text{MGD} = \frac{\text{lbs}}{\text{mg/L} \times 8.34} \quad \text{or} \quad \text{mg/L} = \frac{\text{lbs}}{\text{MGD} \times 8.34}$$



- d) If the sludge concentration is increased to 5% solids before it is removed, how many gpm should be pumped?
- e) If the primary sludge pump is rated at 30 gpm how would you set the timer to remove the 5% sludge of part d?
- f) How much volume is saved in the digester by increasing the primary sludge concentration from 3% to 5% ?

#### 10. Clarifier operational problems

Short circuiting

Floating sludge

Overpumping



## Section IV: Secondary Biological Treatment

### Lecture Outline

#### Part One: Theory and Operation.

1. Purpose of Secondary Biological Treatment
2. Biological wastewater treatment is a "conversion" process
3. Five major groups of organisms found in biological treatment systems

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#### 4. Bacterial growth

Organic material + O<sub>2</sub> + Bacteria → Energy + New Cells + CO<sub>2</sub> + H<sub>2</sub>O

Adsorption

Absorption

#### 5. Environmental growth "Factors" or "Pressures"

Food and the Idea Growth Curve

Flow or Hydraulic Loading

Oxygen (aerobic or anaerobic)

Temperature

pH

Toxic or Poisonous materials



6. Secondary Treatment Processes consist of:

Biological growth

Suspended

Attached

Clarification

7. Activated Sludge

Aeration Tank

Mechanical

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Diffused

Secondary clarification

Circular

Rectangular

Three main controls

Air supply

Return Sludge (RAS)

Waste Sludge (WAS)

8. Activated Sludge treatment variations and modes of operation

Variations:

High Rate

Conventional

Contact Stabilization

Extended Aeration

Modes of Operation:

Complete mix

Plug Flow

Step Aeration

Tapered Aeration



Batch Process

Kraus Process

Pure Oxygen Aeration

Oxidation Ditch

ABF process

## 9. The Concept of Sludge Quality

Visual Observations

Aeration Tank

Clarifier

Floc formation and the settleometer

## 10. Trickling Filter Biological Treatment Systems

Components

Wastewater flow

Filter media

Underdrain and air flow

Recirculation

The Biological process

Zoogleal Film,

Sloughing

#### 11. Trickling Filter Classification

Standard Rate

High Rate

Roughing Filters

Filter Staging

#### 12. Trickling Filter-Solids Contact (TF/SC)

Aeration channel

### 13. Rotating Biological Contactors (RBC's)

#### Components

Plastic media

Rotating Drums

Stages and Trains

Series and Parallel flow

#### Biological Growth

Zoogleal slime layer

Sloughing

Visual Observations

### 14. Wastewater Stabilization Ponds

Microbiology

Facultative systems

Normal operation

## Part Two: Process Control Calculations

### 15. Hydraulic Loadings

Effects of influent flow -> treatment time

Activated Sludge: Detention Time

$$DT = \frac{\text{Aeration Tank Volume}}{\text{Flow to the Aeration Tank}}$$

Trickling Filters: gpd/ft<sup>2</sup>

$$HL = \frac{\text{Flow to the Filter in gpd}}{\text{Surface Area of Filter in ft}^2}$$

Example 1: A single filter system has a trickling filter that is 90 ft in diameter. If the total flow to the filter is 0.5 MGD calculate the hydraulic loading for the filter.

Filter comparison by hydraulic loading:

Roughing Filter	100 - 1,000 gpd/ft <sup>2</sup>
High Rate Filter	100 - 1,000 gpd/ft <sup>2</sup>
Standard Rate	25 - 100 gpd/ft <sup>2</sup>

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RBC's: gpd/ft<sup>2</sup>

$$HL = \frac{\text{Flow to RBC's in gpd}}{\text{Surface Area of Plastic discs in ft}^2}$$

Example 2: The flow to an RBC treatment system averages 2.5 MGD. The surface area of plastic media is given by the manufacturer as 800,000 ft<sup>2</sup>. Calculate the hydraulic loading.

RBC comparison by hydraulic loading:

BOD removal      1.5 - 6 gpd/ft<sup>2</sup>

Nitrogen removal   1.5 - 1.8 gpd/ft<sup>2</sup>

Stabilization Lagoons: inches/day

$$HL = \frac{\text{Depth of Pond in inches}}{\text{Detention Time in days}}$$

other information: 1 acre = 43,560 ft<sup>2</sup>

1 MGD = 36.8 ac-in/day

Example 3: A wastewater stabilization pond has an average width of 400 ft and an average length of 700 ft. At an influent flow rate of 0.3 MGD the pond depth is operated at a depth of 3.5 ft. Calculate the hydraulic loading for this pond. (Hint: first calculate the detention time.)

Normal ranges for lagoon hydraulic loadings

Detention time may vary between 30 days to 120 days

Hydraulic loading may vary between 0.5 inches to several inches per day

#### 16. Organic loadings

Effects of influent organic strength -> rate of biological growth

Activated Sludge: use Food to Microorganism Ratio (F/M)

(sometimes given as lbs/1,000 gal volume)

$$F/M = \frac{\text{Pounds of BOD in Influent}}{\text{Pounds of MLSS or MLVSS in Aeration Tank}}$$

Example 4: A rectangular aeration tank has the dimensions of 80 ft long, 30 ft wide, and 12 ft deep. The average MLSS in the tank is 1,500 mg/L. Flow to the tank is 0.85 MGD with a primary effluent BOD concentration of 95 mg/L. Calculate the F/M ratio.

Activated Sludge comparisons for F/M ratio:

Conventional range	0.2 - 0.5
High rate	1.0
Extended aeration	0.01 - 0.1

Trickling Filters: lbs BOD/day/1,000 ft<sup>3</sup>

$$\text{Organic Loading} = \frac{\text{BOD Applied lbs BOD/day}}{\text{Volume of Media in 1000 ft}^3 \text{ units}}$$

Example 5: A primary effluent flow of 1.17 MGD with a BOD of 105 mg/L is sent to two trickling filters operated in parallel flow. Each filter is 85 ft in diameter and has a media depth of 6 ft. Calculate the organic loading in this system.

Trickling Filter organic loading comparisons:

Roughing rate > 300 lbs BOD/day/1,000 ft<sup>3</sup>  
High rate 25 - 300 lbs BOD/day/1,000 ft<sup>3</sup>  
Standard rate 5 - 25 lbs BOD/day/1,000 ft<sup>3</sup>

RBC's: lbs BOD/day/1,000 ft<sup>2</sup>

$$\text{Organic Loading} = \frac{\text{BOD Applied lbs BOD/day}}{\text{Area of Media in 1000 ft}^2 \text{ units}}$$

Example 6: The primary effluent flow has a BOD concentration of 95 mg/L.

The volume of flow reaching the RBC's is 5.7 MGD. If the total surface area of the media is 1,500,000 ft<sup>2</sup>, what would be the organic loading?

Comparisons for RBC organic loading:

Range for BOD removal: 3 - 5 lbs BOD/day/1,000 ft<sup>2</sup>

Stabilization Lagoons: lbs BOD/day/acre

$$\text{Organic loading} = \frac{\text{Influent BOD lbs/day}}{\text{Pond Area in acres}}$$



Example 7: A wastewater stabilization lagoon with a width of 400 ft, length of 700 ft, and a depth of 3.5 ft receives a daily flow of 0.3 MGD. If the influent flow contains 200 mg/L of BOD calculate the organic loading of this treatment system: (Hint: 1 acre of area = 43,560 ft<sup>2</sup>)

Typical organic loadings for stabilization ponds:

Facultative lagoons	20 - 50 lbs BOD/day/acre
Aerated lagoons	60 - 200 lbs BOD/day/acre

**Other process calculations for Activated Sludge control:**

17. Sludge Volume Index (SVI)

$$SVI = \frac{\text{Settled Sludge Volume @ 30 min} \times 1000}{MLSS}$$

Example 8: A sample from the end of the aeration tank is used to run a settleometer test. After 30 min of settling the volume read from the settleometer is 250. If the MLSS in the aeration tank is 2,000 mg/L what would be the SVI?

Comparisons for SVI values:

Conventional range      80 - 130

Slow settling              > 200

Fast settling               < 80

note: make sure you know the settling volume used.

18. Mean Cell Residence Time (MCRT) or Sludge Age

$$MCRT = \frac{\text{Aeration lbs} + \text{Clarifier lbs}}{\text{Wasted lbs} + \text{Clarifier Effluent lbs}}$$

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Alternate calculation with minimum sludge storage in the clarifier:

$$\text{MCRT} = \frac{\text{Aeration lbs}}{\text{Wasted lbs} + \text{Clarifier Effluent lbs}}$$

Example 9: Calculate the MCRT for the following conditions:

Influent plant flow	5.5 MGD
Aeration volume	1.22 MG
Aeration concentration (MLSS)	2,100 mg/L
2 clarifiers	
Diameter each clarifier	70 ft
Average depth of clarifier	12 ft
Average Depth of Blanket	10 ft
Waste sludge flow (total)	20 gpm
Waste sludge concentration	9,015 mg/L
Effluent suspended solids	17 mg/L

Comparisons for MCRT values:

Conventional range	5 to 15 days
Old sludge	> 15 days
Young sludge	< 5 days

19. Using a target MCRT value to calculate waste sludge flow:

$$\text{sludge to waste, lbs/day} = \frac{\text{total lbs in the system}}{\text{desired MCRT}} - \text{lbs eff SS}$$

$$\text{WSF, gpd} = \frac{\text{waste lbs/day} \times 1000000 \text{ gal/MG}}{\text{sludge conc mg/L} \times 8.34 \text{ lbs/gal}}$$

Example 10: Use the same plant operational data given in example #9 to calculate the required waste sludge flow (WSF) for a target MCRT or Sludge Age of 12 days.

20. The Sludge Unit (SU) approach for solids inventory:

Volumes or flows in MG units (sometimes 10,000 gal units)

Concentrations by centrifuge spin

$$\text{SU} = \text{Volume (MG)} \times \text{Concentration (\%spin)}$$

$$1 \text{ SU} = 1 \text{ MG} \times 1\% \text{ spin}$$

See Appendix A for calculation summary.

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# Section V: Sludge Digestion

## Lecture Outline

### 1. Sludge sources

Raw or Primary sludge

Secondary biological sludge

Chemical

Other

### 2. Objectives of sludge digestion

Stabilization

Reduce mass and volume

Destroy pathogenic organisms

Condition sludge for further handling

Useful by-products

### 3. Digestion processes

Aerobic

Anaerobic

### 4. Aerobic Digestion

Biological process

$VS + \text{aerobic bacteria} + O_2 \rightarrow CO_2 + H_2O + NH_3 + \text{energy}$

$VS + \text{aerobic bacteria} + O_2 \rightarrow CO_2 + H_2O + NO_3 + \text{energy (nitrification)}$

Relationship to Activated Sludge process

Process equipment

Cycle of operation

### 5. Aerobic Digestion operational performance factors

Sludge type

Digestion time

Digestion temperature

Volatile solids loading

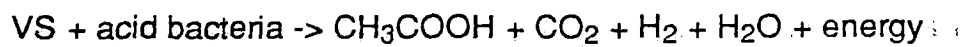
Air supply and D.O residual

Percent volatile solids reduction

## 6. Anaerobic Digestion

Biological process

Volatile acid formers



Methane formers



Process equipment

Tanks and stages

Mixing

Heating

Gas system

7. Anaerobic Digestion operational performance factors

Sludge type

Digestion time

Digestion temperature

Volatile solids loading

VA/Alk ratio and pH

Gas production

Percent volatile solids reduction

8. Anaerobic digester control: VA/Alk calculation

$$\text{VA/Alk ratio} = \frac{\text{Volatile Acids mg/L}}{\text{Alkalinity mg/L}}$$

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Example 1: A sample of digesting sludge is taken from an anaerobic digester to determine both the volatile acid level and the alkalinity level. If the volatile acids concentration is 220 mg/L and the alkalinity is 2,800 mg/L calculate the VA/Alk ratio.

Criteria: range 0.1 to 0.35, not greater than 0.35.

9. Digester control: volatile solids loading

$$\text{VS loading} = \frac{\text{Lbs of VSS sent to the digester}}{\text{Volume of digester ft}^3}$$

\* Example 2: An anaerobic digester is 50 ft in diameter and has a side wall depth of 25 ft. If 8,000 lbs of raw sludge (with a volatile content of 74%) are fed to the tank each day what is the volatile solids loading?

Criteria:

Aerobic digestion - 0.07 to 0.20 lbs VS/day/ft<sup>3</sup>

Anaerobic digestion - 0.15 to 0.35 lbs VS/day/ft<sup>3</sup>

10. Measuring stabilization

Volatile solids content

Pathogen indicator organism reduction

Specific oxygen uptake rate

11. Calculating percent volatile solids reduction

$$\%VS \text{ Reduction} = \frac{VS \text{ in} - VS \text{ out}}{VS \text{ in} - (VS \text{ in} \times VS \text{ out})} \times 100$$

Example 3: Raw sludge being fed to an anaerobic digester has a volatile solids content of 68%. If after digestion the digested sludge volatile solids content is 54% what is the overall volatile solids reduction?

Criteria: 50% VS reduction

Anaerobic digestion - 40% to 60% reduction

Aerobic digestion - 25% to 35% reduction

## 12. Sludge Conditioning

Purpose

Chemical addition

Heat treatment

Elutriation

## 13. Sludge Thickening Processes

Applications

Gravity thickening

Flotation thickening

## 14. Sludge Dewatering Processes

Sludge drying beds

Centrifugation

Vacuum filtration

Belt filter press

## 15. Final Sludge Disposal

Incineration

Land application

Landfill

## **Section VI: Effluent Chlorination and Disinfection**

### **Lecture Outline**

#### **1. Objectives of Disinfection in Wastewater Treatment**

Reduction of pathogenic organisms

#### **2. Treatment Process Removals**

Pre-treatment

Primary treatment

Trickling Filters

Activated Sludge

#### **3. Types of Disinfection Processes**

Chlorination

Ozone

Ultraviolet Light (UV)

#### 4. Sources of Chlorine for Disinfection

Chlorine gas

Chlorine Dioxide gas

Hypochlorites

#### 5. Reactions of Chlorine in Wastewater

Free Chlorine:  $\text{Cl}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{HOCl} + \text{HCl}^-$

Chlorine Dioxide:  $2\text{ClO}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{ClO}_3^- + \text{ClO}_2^- + 2\text{H}^+$

Hypochlorite:  $\text{NaOCl} + \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{NaOH} + \text{HOCl} + \text{OCl}^- + \text{H}^+$

#### 6. Reactions With Impurities

Inorganic reducing materials:  $\text{H}_2\text{S}$

Ammonia:  $\text{NH}_3$

Breakpoint chlorination

## 7. Factors Influencing Disinfection

pH

Temperature

Time

Mixing

Interfering material

Tank design and injection point

## 8. Chlorine Requirements:

Chlorine Demand = Chlorine Dosage - Chlorine Residual

Chlorine Demand

Chlorine Dosage

Chlorine Residual

Example 1: A gas chlorinator is set at a feed rate of 50 lbs per day (24 hrs). After a contact time of 30 minutes a chlorine residual of 0.5 mg/L can be measured. If the flow through the plant is 0.85 MGD, find the chlorine dosage and chlorine demand.

9. Monitoring Chlorine Residual (Combined)

Iodometric Method

DPD Titrimetric Method

Amperometric Titration

10. Monitoring Coliform Bacteria

MPN Method

Membrane Filter Method



## 11. Other Applications for Chlorination

### Collection Systems

### In plant treatment

### Activated Sludge

### Digester

### Normal Disinfection Levels

- Raw wastewater
- Primary clarifier effluent
- Trickling filter effluent
- Activated sludge effluent
- AWT effluent

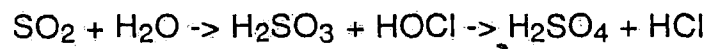
## 12. Dechlorination: needs

### Protection of receiving streams

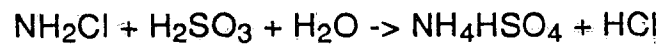
### 13. Reactions with Sulfur Dioxide

Chemical properties

Reaction with chlorine



Reaction with combined residual



Chemical reaction with chlorine is one to one

## Section VII: Pumps and Maintenance

### Lecture Outline

#### 1. Centrifugal Pump Theory of Operation

##### A. The basic components of the centrifugal pump

Impeller

Volute case

Shaft

Packing

Suction

Discharge

##### B. Energy Transfer in the centrifugal pump

Power = Energy

Elevation head

Pressure head

Velocity head

Atmospheric pressure

## Head versus Pressure

Depends on height or depth and weight of the fluid

$P = \text{height} \times \text{weight}$

1 psi = 2.31 ft of head

1 ft of head = 0.433 psi

Example 1: A pressure gage on the discharge side of a centrifugal pump reads 65 psi. If the pump is not running, how high up is the water level in the discharge line?

Example 2: The water level in a water storage tank rises 109 ft above ground level. If a pressure gage is installed at ground level to monitor the changing water level in the tank, what would the gage read in psig?

## 2. Calculation of Pumping Rates

### A. Rate of flow produced by the pump

$$\text{Rate of flow} = \frac{\text{volume of water}}{\text{period of time}} = \frac{\text{gallons}}{\text{minutes}}$$

Example 3: During a 15 minute pumping test, 15,820 gallons of water are pumped into an empty rectangular storage tank. Calculate the pumping rate in gpm.

Example 4: A tank that is 40 ft in diameter is filled with water to a depth of 3 ft. To conduct a pumping test, the outlet valve is closed and the pump is allowed to discharge into the tank. After 1 hour and 15 minutes the water level in the tank is measured to be 5.25 ft. What is the pumping rate in gpm?

## 3. Static, Dynamic, Suction, and Discharge Head

### A. Static Head

Static suction head

Static suction lift

Static discharge head

Total static head

Example 5: A pressure gage on the suction side of the pump reads 9 psi when the pump is off. A second pressure gage on the discharge side of the pump reads 85 psi. Calculate the total static head of this system.

### B. Dynamic Head

Dynamic suction head

Dynamic suction lift

Dynamic discharge head

Total dynamic head

Example 6: During the operation of a pump system the pressures are recorded to calculate Total Dynamic Head. The inlet pressure reads 98 psi and the discharge pressure reads 261 psi. Calculate the TDH.

Example 7: The inlet pressure gage reads -6 psi and the discharge pressure gage reads 48 psi while the pump is running. Calculate the TDH. (Extra: If the inlet gage reads in inches of mercury vacuum how would the -6 psi be represented?)

#### 4. Horsepower and Efficiency

##### A. Horsepower

Water horsepower

Brake horsepower

Motor horsepower

$$\text{WHP} = \frac{\text{Flow rate gpm} \times \text{TDH ft} \times 8.34}{33000}$$

Example 8: A pump is producing 2,000 gpm against a head of 20 ft. What horsepower (water horsepower) will be required to do the work?

Example 9: What is the maximum pumping rate (gpm) of a pump that is producing 15 whp against a head of 65 ft?

##### B. Efficiency

Motor efficiency

Pump efficiency

Wire-to-water efficiency

Example 10: A pump is to delivering 460 gpm of water against a head of 95 ft with a rated pump efficiency of 75 percent. What horsepower must be delivered to the pump to provide this flow?

Example 11: You have already calculated the required water horsepower for a pumping application to be 6 whp. If the pump to be used is 80% efficient and the motor is 92% efficient, what motor horsepower will be required? What is the wire-to-water efficiency?

### C. Horsepower and kilowatts

1 horsepower = 746 watts

1 horsepower = 0.746 kilowatts

Example 12: If 11 kilowatts (kW) of power are supplied to a motor that produces 13 brake horsepower, what is the efficiency of the motor?



5. Reading Pump Performance Curves

A. Description

Head (TDH)

Capacity (gpm)

Pump speed (rpm)

Impeller diameter (inches)

B. Performance information

Horsepower

Efficiency

NPSH required

Example 13: A centrifugal pump described in curve A is operating with a impeller diameter of 15 inches and is able to produce 2,500 gpm. Using curve A find the following:

TDH: \_\_\_\_\_

Efficiency: \_\_\_\_\_

HP: \_\_\_\_\_

NPSH: \_\_\_\_\_

Example 14: A centrifugal pump described in curve B is operating with a impeller diameter of 13 inches and is pumping against a head (TDH) of 140 ft. Using curve B find the following:

Capacity: \_\_\_\_\_

Efficiency: \_\_\_\_\_

HP: \_\_\_\_\_

NPSH: \_\_\_\_\_

## 6. Normal Maintenance Procedures

### A. Routine inspections

Observations and records

Unusual noises

Odors

Heat

Preventative maintenance

### B. Lubrication

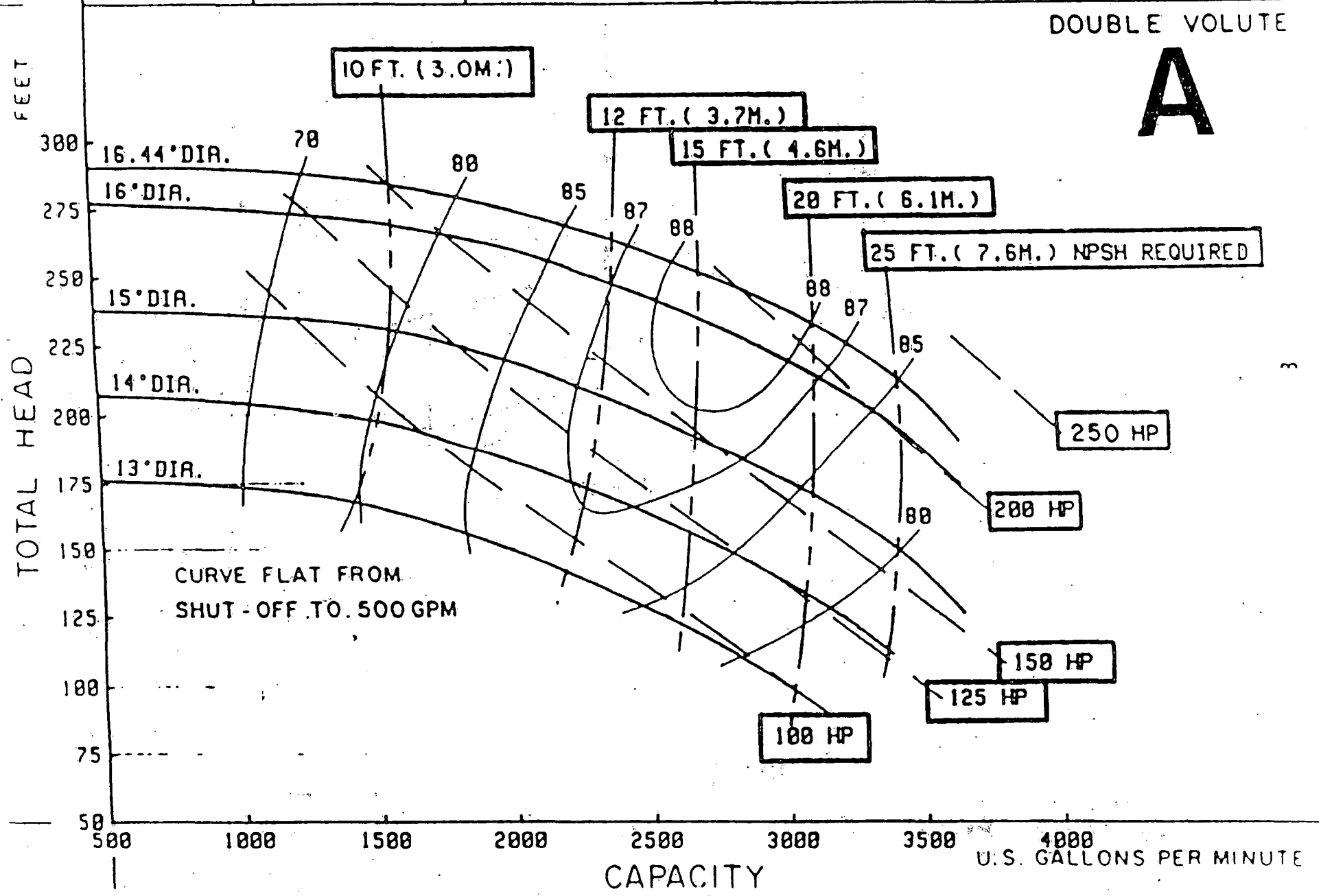
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IMP. DIA.: VARIOUS	$N_s = 1568$	MAX. DIA. SOLIDS: 1.22"	SPEED: 1785 RPM	MODEL: 6HH
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DOUBLE VOLUTE

# A



CORNELL MODEL 6RB

SPEED 1780 R.P.M.

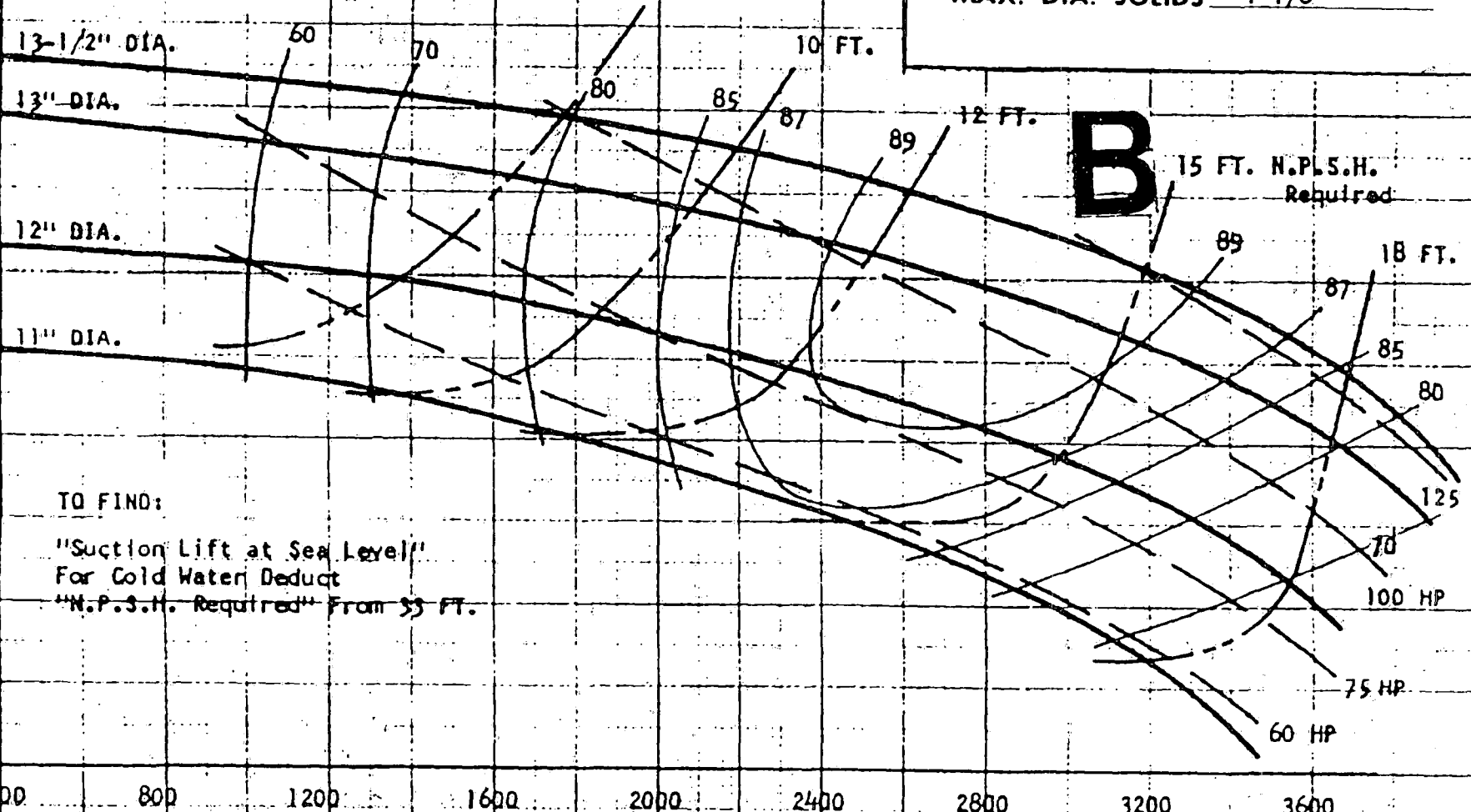
IMPELLER CLOSED

DIAMETER VARIOUS

MAX. DIA. SOLIDS 1-1/8"

TOTAL HEAD IN FEET

200  
180  
160  
140  
120  
100  
80  
60  
40  
20



TO FIND:  
 "Suction Lift at Sea Level"  
 For Cold Water Deduct  
 "N.P.S.H. Required" From 55 FT.

U.S. GALLONS PER MINUTE

6RB - 1800

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