

Homework #6

1. Groundwater and contaminant flow

Two groundwater wells are located 500 m apart within the same aquifer. Well #1 has a water level at 373 ft above mean sea level. The second well's water level is 401 ft above mean sea level. The mean hydraulic conductivity in this aquifer is 0.3 m/day, and the porosity is 0.45. Determine the following:

- Darcy's velocity between the wells
- True velocity between the wells
- The time it takes for water to travel between the two wells
- The time it takes for a contaminant to travel between the two wells. Assume that the contaminant has an affinity for the soil such that at any given time, 80% of it will be adsorbed and 20% will be dissolved in the water.
- Calculate the partition coefficient (K) for this contaminant in units of L/kg. Use the information in part "d", the porosity, and assume an aquifer soil particle density (ρ_s) of 2.2 g/cm³.

2. Lake Modeling

Julana Lake has a surface area of 4.1×10^6 m². The average depth of the lake is 15 m. The lake is fed by a stream having a flow rate of 2.02 m³/s and a phosphorus concentration of 0.023 mg/L. A wastewater treatment plant discharges into the lake at a rate of 0.2 m³/s and a phosphorus concentration of 1.1 mg/L. Runoff from the homes along the lake adds phosphorus at an average rate of 1.35 g/s. The settling rate of phosphorus from the lake averages 0.94 y⁻¹. The river flows from the lake at a flow rate of 2.42 m³/s. Assume evaporation and precipitation to negate each other. Assume steady state conditions apply.

- Make a clear sketch of the problem
- What is the concentration of phosphorus in the river flowing from the lake?
- Calculate the expected phosphorus concentration leaving the lake if there was a reduction in phosphorous concentration in the wastewater to 0.2 mg/L.

Given (from above): Surface area = 4.1×10^6 m², depth = 15 m, $Q_{in} = 2.02$ m³/s, $P_{in} = 0.023$ mg/L, $Q_{ww} = 0.2$ m³/s, $P_{ww} = 1.1$ mg/L or 0.2 mg/L, runoff = 1.35 g/s, settling rate = 0.94 y⁻¹, $Q_{out} = 2.42$ m³/s, assuming evaporation and precipitation negate one another and system is steady state.

Assigned: 1 November 19

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Your Name:

Answer Page

Fill in the boxes with the correct answer.

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1	a.		m/s
	b.		m/s
	c.		yr
	d.		yr
	e.		L/kg

2	a (sketch)		
	b		mg/L
	c		mg/L