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# CEE 577: Surface Water Quality Modeling

Lecture #4  
(mass balance, loadings & steady state solutions)  
Chapra L3

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## Completely-mixed lake or CSTR

- Often useful to assume perfect mixing
  - same concentration throughout system

*Accumulation = loading - outflow - reaction - settling*

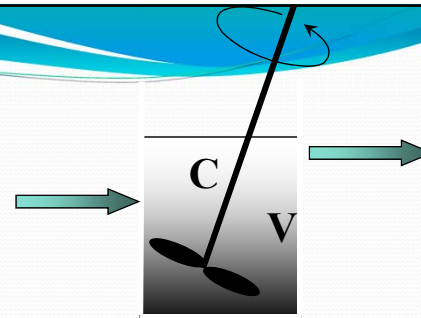
### Mass Balance

The diagram illustrates a rectangular tank representing a completely-mixed lake or CSTR. A vertical stirrer with two blades is shown inside the tank, with a circular arrow indicating rotation. An arrow labeled 'Loading' enters the tank from the left, with  $C_{in}$  and  $Q$  written next to it. An arrow labeled 'Outflow' exits the tank to the right, with  $C$  and  $Q$  written next to it. Inside the tank, the concentration is labeled  $C$  and the volume is labeled  $V$ . A purple arrow labeled 'reaction' points downwards from the concentration  $C$ . A blue arrow labeled 'settling' points downwards from the bottom of the tank.

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## Accumulation

$$Accumulation = \frac{\Delta M}{\Delta t}$$



and

$$c = \frac{M}{V}$$

$$M = Vc$$

$$Accumulation = \frac{\Delta Vc}{\Delta t}$$

And if volume is constant:

$$Accumulation = V \frac{\Delta c}{\Delta t} \rightarrow V \frac{dc}{dt}$$

Equals zero  
at steady  
state

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## Loading

- Point Sources
  - Municipal Wastewater
  - Industrial Wastewater
  - Tributaries
- Non-point sources
  - agricultural
  - silvicultural
  - atmospheric
  - urban & suburban runoff
  - groundwater

$$Loading = W(t) = Qc_{in}(t)$$

Well defined origin  
easily measured  
more constant

Diffuse origin  
more transient  
often dependent on precipitation

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## Reported Values Of Selected Waste Input Parameters In The United States

(Table 1.3 from Thomann & Mueller)

Variable	Units <sup>a</sup>	Municipal Influent <sup>b</sup>	CSO <sup>c</sup>	Urban Runoff <sup>d</sup>	Agriculture (lb/mi <sup>2</sup> -d) <sup>e</sup>	Forest (lb/mi <sup>2</sup> -d) <sup>e</sup>	Atmosphere (lb/mi <sup>2</sup> -day) <sup>f</sup>
Average daily flow	gcd	125					
Total suspended solids	mg/L	300	410	610	2500	400	
CBOD5 <sup>g</sup>	mg/L	180	170	27	40	8	
CBODU <sup>g</sup>	mg/L	220	240				
NBOD <sup>g</sup>	mg/L	220	290				
Total nitrogen	mg-N/L	50	9	2.3	15	4	8.9-18.9
Total phosphorus	mg-P/L	10	3	0.5	1.0	0.3	0.13-1.3
Total coliforms	10 <sup>6</sup> /100 mL	30	6	0.3			
Cadmium	µg/L	1.2	10	13			0.015
Lead	µg/L	22	190	280			1.3
Chromium	µg/L	42	190	22			0.088
Copper	µg/L	159	460	110			
Zinc	µg/L	241	660	500			1.8
Total PCB	µg/L	0.9	0.3	-			0.002-0.02

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## Footnotes for T&M Table 1.3

<sup>a</sup>Units apply to municipal, CSO (combined sewer overflow), and urban runoff sources; gcd = gallons per capita per day.

<sup>b</sup>Thomann (1972); heavy metals and PCB, HydroQual (1982).

<sup>c</sup>Thomann (1972); total coli, Tetra Tech, (1977); heavy metals Di Toro et al. (1978); PCB. Hydroscience (1978).

<sup>d</sup>Tetra Tech (1977); heavy metals, Di Toro et al. (1978).

<sup>e</sup>Hydroscience (1976a).

<sup>f</sup>Nitrogen and phosphorus, Tetra Tech (1982); heavy metals and PCB, HydroQual (1982).

<sup>g</sup>CBOD5 = 5 day carbonaceous biochemical oxygen demand (CBOD); CBODU = ultimate CBOD; NBOD = nitrogenous BOD.

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## Loading: Flow as a function of precipitation

- Non point sources are difficult to characterize
    - Empirical approach: export coefficients (see Table 3.1 in T&M)
    - Mechanistic approach: relate to meteorology, topology, etc.
      - Flow: use the rational formula:  $Q_R = cIA$ 
        - Runoff flow [ $L^3/T$ ]
        - Runoff coefficient
        - Rainfall Intensity [ $L/T$ ]
        - Drainage Area [ $L^2$ ]
- 0.1-0.3 for rural areas (1 person/acre)  
0.7-0.9 for heavy commercial areas

### Note:

1 acre-in/hr  $\approx$  1 cfs

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## Runoff: Contrasting approaches

- Lumped model
  - Empirical
  - Built on a single rainfall intensity from rain gage data
- Distributed model
  - Mechanistic
  - Built on radar data for rainfall
    - Spatial & temporal resolution
  - Combine with overland flow models
    - Many computer codes
      - CASC2D, CUHP, CUHP/SWMM, DR3M, HEC-1, HSPF, PSRM, SWMM, TR20

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## Loading: conc. as a function of flow

- It is common for pollutant concentrations from uncontrolled sources (e.g. tributaries) to be correlated with flow

- establish a log-log relationship
- $c=aQ^b$

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## Loading Example: #3.1 from T&M

- Data: Runoff from 100 mi<sup>2</sup> of agricultural lands drains to a point in a river where a city of 100,000 people is located. The city has a land area of 10 mi<sup>2</sup> and its sanitary sewers are separated from its storm drains. A sewage treatment plant discharges to the river immediately downstream of the city. The area receives an annual rainfall of 30 in. of which 30% runs off the agricultural lands and 50% drains off the more impervious city area.
- Problem: Using the loading data from Table 1.3 and the residual fractions cited in the table below, compare the contributions of the atmospheric, agricultural and urban sources to annual average values of flow, CBOD<sub>5</sub>, total coliform bacteria, and lead in the river. Neglect any decay mechanisms for all parameters.

Item	(at) Atmospheric	(ag) Agricultural	(ur) Urban Runoff	Wastewater Treatment Plant	
				Influent	Resid. Fract.
Flow		30% precip.	50% precip.	125 gcd	1.00
CBOD <sub>5</sub>		40 lb/mi <sup>2</sup> -d	27 mg/L	180 mg/L	0.15
Total coliform		100/100 mL	3x10 <sup>7</sup> /100mL	3x10 <sup>7</sup> /100mL	0.0001
Lead	1.3 lb/mi <sup>2</sup> -d		280 µg/L	22 µg/L	0.05

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## Solution to loading problem

- Flow contributions

$$Q(ag) = 100mi^2(30in/yr)0.3\left(\frac{5280ft}{mi}\right)^2 \frac{1ft}{12in} \frac{1yr}{365d} \frac{1d}{86,400s}$$

$$= 66.3cfs$$

$$Q(ur) = 10mi^2(30in/yr)0.5\left(\frac{5280ft}{mi}\right)^2 \frac{1ft}{12in} \frac{1yr}{365d} \frac{1d}{86,400s}$$

$$= 11.1cfs$$

$$Q(wwtp) = 100,000cap \frac{125gal}{cap-d} \frac{1MG}{10^6gal}$$

$$= 12.5MGD \left(\frac{1.548cfs}{MGD}\right)$$

$$= 19.4cfs$$

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## Solution to loading problem (cont.)

- CBOD<sub>5</sub> loading

$$W(ag) = 100mi^2 \left(40 \frac{lb}{mi^2 d}\right)$$

$$= 4000 \frac{lb}{d}$$

$$W(ur) = 11.1cfs(27mg/L)5.4 \frac{lb/d}{cfs-mg/L}$$

$$= 1620 \frac{lb}{d}$$

$$W(wwtp) = 12.5MGD(180mg/L)0.15 \left(\frac{8.34lb/d}{MGD*mg/L}\right)$$

$$= 2810 \frac{lb}{d}$$

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### Solution to loading problem (cont.)

- Lead loading

$$W(atm) = 100mi^2 \left( 1.3 \frac{lb}{mi^2 d} \right) 0.1$$

$$= 13 \frac{lb}{d}$$

$$W(ur) = 11.1cfs(280\mu g / L) 5.4 \frac{lb/d}{cfs - mg/L} \left( \frac{10^{-3} mg}{\mu g} \right)$$

$$= 16.8 \frac{lb}{d}$$

$$W(wwtp) = 12.5MGD(22\mu g / L) 0.05 \left( \frac{8.34lb/d}{MGD * mg/L} \right) \frac{10^{-3} mg}{\mu g}$$

$$= 0.11 \frac{lb}{d}$$

### Other Terms in the Mass Balance

- Outflow

$$Outflow = Qc$$

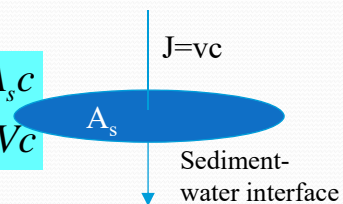
- Reaction

$$Reaction = kM = kVc$$

- Settling

$$Settling = vA_s c$$

$$= k_s Vc$$



Since:

$$k_s = v/H$$

$$V = A_s H$$

## Combining all terms:

$$V \frac{dc}{dt} = W(t) - Qc - kVc - vA_s c$$

- Dependent variable:  $c$
- Independent variable:  $t$
- Forcing function:  $W(t)$ , the way in which the external world “forces” the system
- Parameters:  $V, Q, k, v, A_s$

## Steady State Case

- Mass Balance

$$V \frac{dc}{dt} = 0 = W(t) - Qc - kVc - vA_s c$$

- Solution

$$c = \frac{W}{Q + kV + vA_s}$$

or

$$c = \frac{W}{a}$$

- Assimilation factor

- Where

$$a = Q + kV + vA_s$$

- The assimilation or “cleansing” factor



## Steady State Example

#3.1 from Chapra (pg.52)

A lake has the following characteristics:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Volume} &= 50,000 \text{ m}^3 \\ \text{Mean Depth} &= 2 \text{ m} \\ \text{Inflow} = \text{Outflow} &= 7500 \text{ m}^3 \text{d}^{-1} \\ \text{Temperature} &= 25^\circ \text{C} \end{aligned}$$

The lake receives the input of a pollutant from three sources: a factory discharge of  $50 \text{ kg d}^{-1}$ , a flux from the atmosphere of  $0.6 \text{ g m}^{-2} \text{ d}^{-1}$ , and the inflow stream that has a concentration of  $10 \text{ mg/L}$ . If the pollutant decays at the rate of  $0.25/\text{d}$  at  $20^\circ\text{C}$  (note:  $\Theta=1.05$ ).

- compute the assimilation factor
- steady state concentration
- show breakdown for each term

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## Example 3.1: Solution

First correct the decay rate for temperature

$$\begin{aligned} k &= 0.25\theta^{25-20} = 0.25(1.05)^{25-20} \\ &= 0.319 \text{d}^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

Now the assimilation factor

$$\begin{aligned} a &= Q + kV \\ &= 7500 + 0.319(50,000) \\ &= 23,454 \text{m}^3 \text{d}^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

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### Example 3.1: Solution (cont.)

The surface area of the lake is:

$$A_s = \frac{V}{H} = \frac{50,000}{2} = 25,000m^2$$

The atmospheric and inflow load is then:

$$W_{atmosphere} = JA_s = 0.6(25,000) = 15,000g/d$$

$$W_{inflow} = 7500(10) = 75,000g/d$$

Combining all loads:

$$\begin{aligned} W &= W_{factory} + W_{atmosphere} + W_{inflow} \\ &= 50,000 + 15,000 + 75,000 \\ &= 140,000g/d \end{aligned}$$

### Example 3.1: Solution (cont.)

And finally, the concentration:

$$\begin{aligned} c &= \frac{W}{a} \\ &= \frac{140,000g/d}{23,454m^3/d} \\ &= 5.97mg/L \end{aligned}$$

### Transfer function & residence time

$$c = \frac{W}{Q + kV + vA_s}$$

$$= \frac{Qc_{in}}{Q + kV + vA_s}$$

$$\frac{c}{c_{in}} = \beta \equiv \frac{Q}{Q + kV + vA_s}$$

Transfer function

$$\tau_E = \frac{E}{dE/dt}$$

generic

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

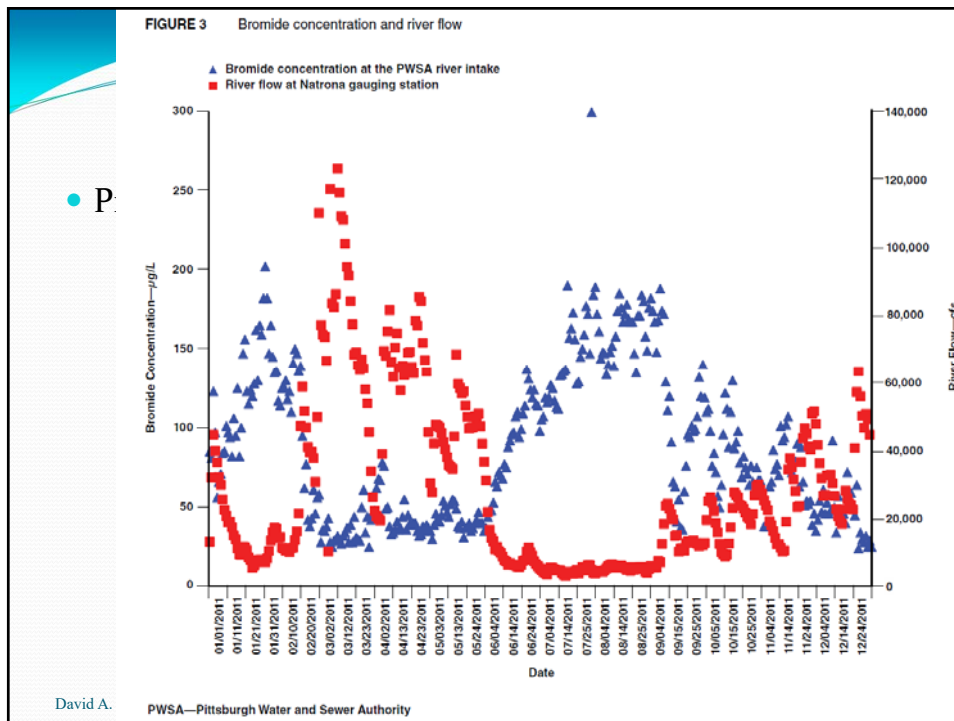
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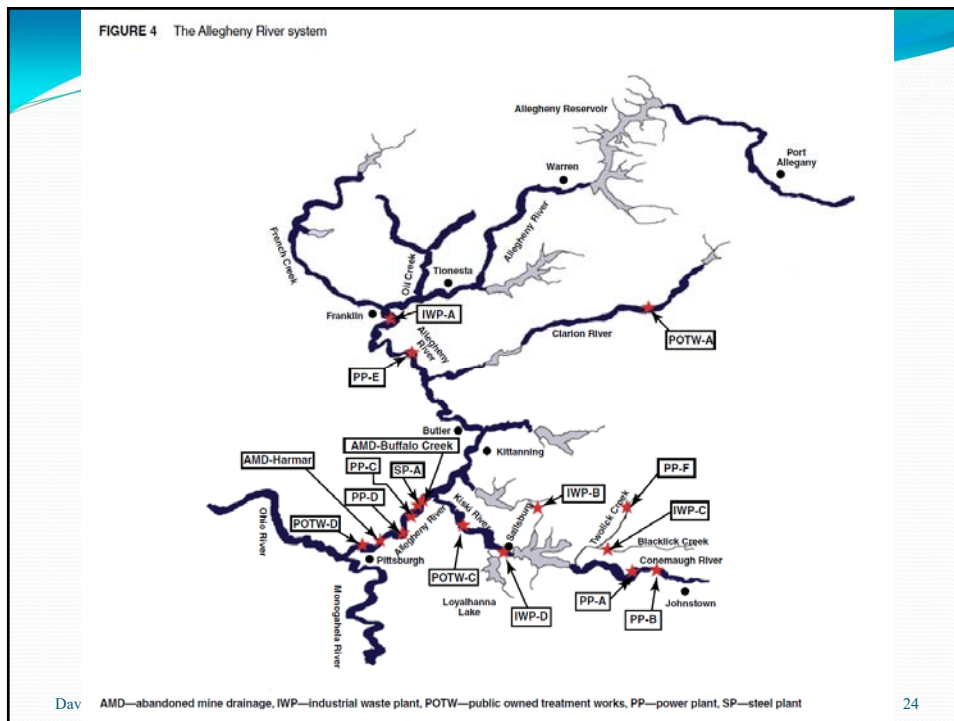
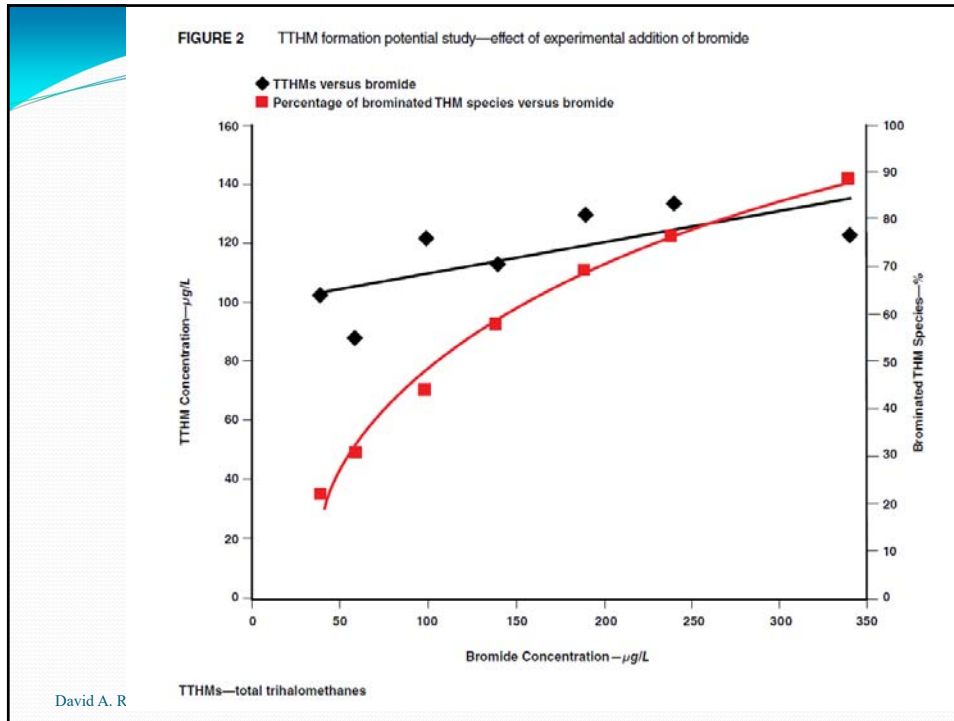
Residence times

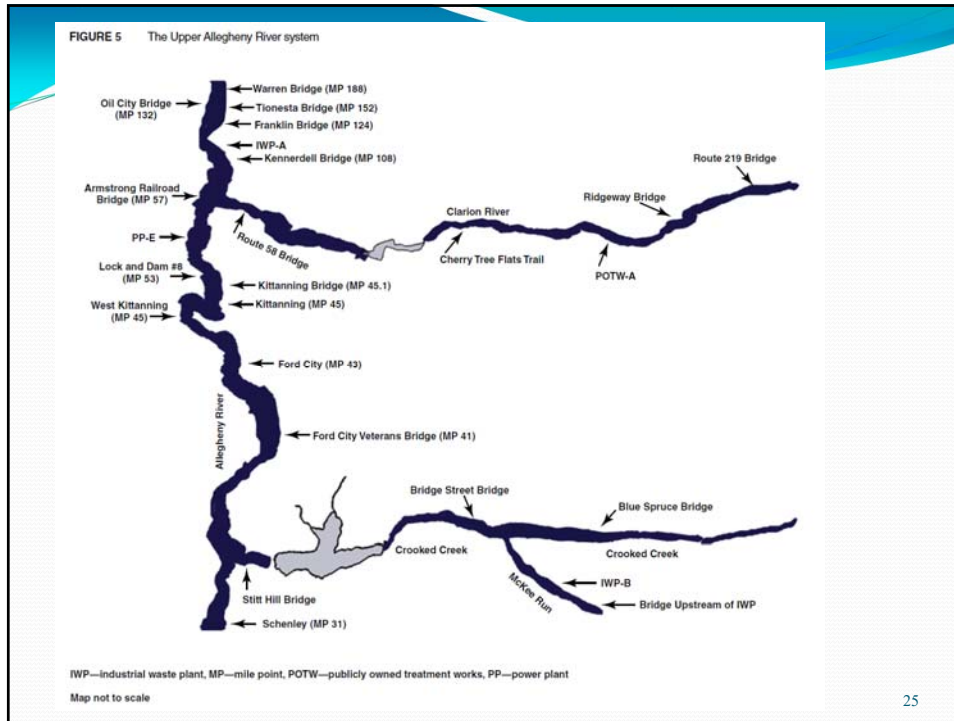
$$\tau_c = \frac{Vc}{Qc + kVc + vA_s c} = \frac{V}{Q + kV + vA_s}$$

contaminant

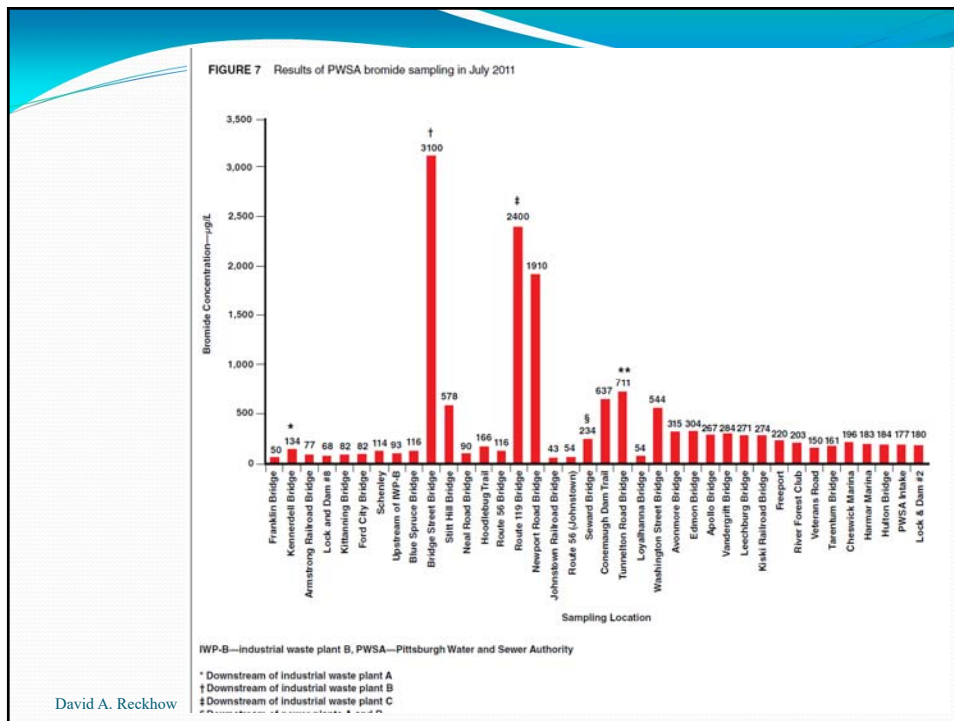
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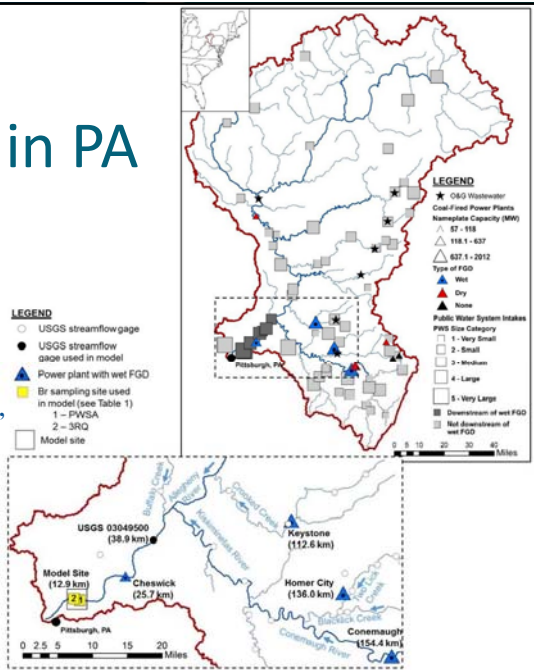
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# Bromide in PA

Kelly D. Good and Jeanne M. VanBriesen, 2016  
 “Current and Potential Future Bromide Loads from Coal-Fired Power Plants in the Allegheny River Basin and Their Effects on Downstream Concentrations”, ES&T 50, 9078



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Figure 1. Map of the Allegheny River Basin showing coal-fired power plants and public drinking water systems. Inset map shows wet FGD power plants (blue triangles), USGS streamflow gage used in the model (black circle), sampling sites for bromide (yellow squares), and the model site at river kilometer (RKM) 12.9. Distances provided are RKM measured from the confluence in Pittsburgh, PA.

### Calculation for estimated Baseline wet FGD bromide load (kg/day)

$$\left( \begin{array}{c} \text{Estimated} \\ \text{Baseline} \\ \text{wet FGD Br load,} \\ \text{kg/day} \end{array} \right) = \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{Br capture in} \\ \text{wet FGD,} \\ \% \end{array} \right) \times \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{Wet-FGD associated} \\ \text{coal consumption,} \\ \text{dry basis, kg/day} \end{array} \right) \times \left( \frac{\text{million kg}}{10^6 \text{ kg}} \right) \times \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{Br content} \\ \text{dry coal, ppm} \end{array} \right)$$

Where:

$$\left( \begin{array}{c} \text{Wet-FGD associated} \\ \text{coal consumption,} \\ \text{dry basis, kg/day} \end{array} \right) = \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{Wet-FGD associated} \\ \text{coal consumption,} \\ \text{as received,} \\ \text{tons/month} \end{array} \right) \times \left( \frac{2000 \text{ lb}}{\text{ton}} \right) \times \left( \frac{\text{kg}}{2.2 \text{ lb}} \right) \times \left( \frac{\text{month}}{\text{days}} \right) \times \left( \frac{1}{1 - \left( \frac{\text{moisture}}{\text{content, \%}} \right)} \right)$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{c} \text{Br content} \\ \text{dry coal, ppm} \end{array} \right) = \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{Br/Cl content} \\ \text{in coal} \end{array} \right) \times \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{Cl content} \\ \text{dry coal, ppm} \end{array} \right)$$

### Calculation for estimated Br Addition wet FGD bromide load (kg/day)

Same as above, except for Br added for Hg control, as shown below.

$$\left( \begin{array}{c} \text{Estimated} \\ \text{Br Addition} \\ \text{wet FGD Br load,} \\ \text{kg/day} \end{array} \right) = \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{Br capture} \\ \text{in wet FGD,} \\ \% \end{array} \right) \times \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{Wet-FGD associated} \\ \text{coal consumption,} \\ \text{dry basis, kg/day} \end{array} \right) \times \left( \frac{\text{million kg}}{10^6 \text{ kg}} \right) \times \left[ \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{Br content} \\ \text{dry coal, ppm} \end{array} \right) + \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{Br added for} \\ \text{Hg control,} \\ \text{ppm in} \\ \text{dry coal} \end{array} \right) \right]$$

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**Calculation for estimated oil and gas (O&G) wastewater bromide load (kg/day)**

$$\left( \begin{array}{c} \text{Estimated} \\ \text{O\&G wastewater} \\ \text{Br load,} \\ \text{kg/day} \end{array} \right) = \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{POTW Br load,} \\ \text{kg/day} \end{array} \right) + \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{CWT Br load,} \\ \text{kg/day} \end{array} \right)$$

Where:

$$\left( \begin{array}{c} \text{POTW Br load,} \\ \text{kg/day} \end{array} \right) = \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{POTW Br load,} \\ \text{lb/day} \end{array} \right) \times \left( \frac{\text{kg}}{2.2 \text{ lb}} \right)$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{c} \text{CWT Br load,} \\ \text{kg/day} \end{array} \right) = \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{Maximum} \\ \text{daily flow,} \\ \text{mgd} \end{array} \right) \times \left( \frac{10^6 \text{ gal}}{\text{MG}} \right) \times \left( \frac{3.7854 \text{ L}}{\text{gal}} \right) \times \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{Average TDS} \\ \text{concentration,} \\ \text{mg/L} \end{array} \right) \times \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{Median} \\ \text{Br/TDS ratio} \end{array} \right) \times \left( \frac{\text{kg}}{10^6 \text{ mg}} \right)$$

**Calculation for estimated nonpoint bromide load (kg/day)**

$$\left( \begin{array}{c} \text{Estimated} \\ \text{nonpoint} \\ \text{Br load,} \\ \text{kg/day} \end{array} \right) = \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{Nonpoint Br} \\ \text{concentration,} \\ \mu\text{g/L} \end{array} \right) \times \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{Streamflow,} \\ \text{m}^3/\text{sec} \end{array} \right) \times \left( \frac{1000 \text{ L}}{\text{m}^3} \right) \times \left( \frac{\text{kg}}{10^9 \mu\text{g}} \right) \times \left( \frac{86400 \text{ sec}}{\text{day}} \right)$$

Where nonpoint Br concentration is assumed to be 22  $\mu\text{g/L}$  at the Model Site, as described in the paper.

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