

AMD/TIME

A SIMPLE SPREADSHEET FOR PREDICTING ACID MINE DRAINAGE

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ABSTRACT

Prediction of acid mine drainage has been a primary regulatory and industrial planning need for decades, yet there still is no satisfactory method. The most widely accepted method is acid base accounting (ABA) which only estimates whether there will or will not be a problem. It does not estimate ultimate acid loading, treatment costs nor duration of acid mine drainage.

However, the principles behind acid base accounting are reasonable: that there is a relationship between the acid generation and neutralization potentials of a given rock mass. This paper presents a spreadsheet which uses ABA data in a dynamic fashion to predict acid generation, loading, concentration and duration. The spreadsheet uses conventional variables plus three new ones: sulfur flux (%Sf), net deliverable neutralization (NDN) and net deliverable acidity (NDA).

The spreadsheet and preliminary validation is presented though it is recognized that a great deal of work is needed before this becomes a reliable prediction tool.

INTRODUCTION

Acid Base Accounting.

Acid Base Accounting (ABA) was developed in the early 1970's by researchers at West Virginia University to identify and classify geologic strata encountered during mining (West Virginia University, 1971). A history of Acid Base Account is provided by Skousen et al. (1990).

Since its development, ABA has been used extensively in the United States and several other countries for premining coal overburden analysis. Its popularity largely stems from its simplicity. However, it has been subject to criticism since it does not account for the different rates of acid and alkali-generating reactions in rock. Modifications to ABA have been

recommended (Smith and Brady, 1990; and diPretoro, 1986). Other methods have developed which accelerate or otherwise control the oxidation and leaching process in rock samples. One such procedure, that of Renton et al. (1988), was employed in this study to simulate the rate of weathering of acid-producing rock samples alone and in combination with alkaline amendments. The results are compared with traditional ABA parameters

Recent Studies.

diPretoro and Rauch (1988) found poor correlations (reported R squared = 0.16) between a volume-weighted acid base net neutralization potential (NP) and net drainage alkalinity near thirty mine sites in West Virginia. Erickson and Hedin (1988) showed similar poor correlation between maximum potential acidity (MPA), NP, net NP from ABA and net alkalinity from drainage water. Both papers related that factors other than overburden characteristics were involved in predicting post-mining water quality.

diPretoro and Rauch (1988) found that sites which had greater than 3% calcium carbonate equivalent (NP) in overburden produced alkaline drainages while at 1% or less acidic drainage resulted. Erickson and Hedin's results indicate that 2% calcium carbonate or less produced acidic drainage while 8% or more produced alkaline drainage. (in this later study there were no sampling points between 2% and 8%).

O'Hagan and Caruccio (1986) found that the addition of calcium carbonate at 5% by weight to a coal refuse containing 1% S produced alkaline drainage. In Minnesota, Lapakko (1988) found that 3% calcium carbonate neutralized an overburden material with 1.17% S.

Hedin and Erickson (1988) compared water quality from rocks weathered in humidity cells to ABA values. Cumulative sulfate from humidity cells was strongly correlated with total sulfur (R squared = 0.69), while cumulative acidity/alkalinity was correlated with net NP (R squared = 0.37). They also showed sulfate from humidity cells was significantly correlated to sulfate from drainage water (R squared = 0.17), but the correlation was not strong enough to predict post-mining drainage quality.

Bradham and Caruccio (1991) conducted several overburden analytical tests on pyritic wastes from Canada. They found water quality resulting from column leachings, ABA projections, and Soxhlet's correctly predicted eight out of ten sites where drainage was monitored from refuse piles, with weathering cells predicting ten out of ten results.

There have been several modifications in using ABA in predicting drainage quality. The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources (PaDER) (Smith and Brady, 1990) developed a spreadsheet which calculates mass-weighted maximum potential acidity (MPA), NIP, and net NIP. The spreadsheet also summarizes the overburden analysis in terms of the ratio of NP/MPA and the percent sandstone. The spreadsheet of ABA data can be compared to significant thresholds or numerical limits for NP and %S and other factors can be changed to estimate the impact on drainage quality. For example, Brady and Hornberger (1989) suggested threshold values of NP equal to or greater than 3% and %S less than 0.5 as guidelines for delineating alkaline-producing strata.

In the development of its spreadsheet, PaDER (Cravotta et al., 1990) reviewed the calculation of NP in ABA. In current ABA usage, 3.125 g calcium carbonate equivalent is required to neutralize acidity resulting from oxidation of 1 g S. Cravotta et al. (1990) argue that this ratio

should double to 6.25:1. Volume-weighted maximum acidities are subtracted from NP giving a positive or negative net NP for the mined area. A negative, or deficient, net NP is interpreted to indicate the amount of calcite that must be added to equalize the deficiency and prevent AMD formation.

Other alkaline materials have higher NP's than calcite. Quicklime, kiln dust and hydrated lime all have higher activities than calcite, though it is not clear that the kinetics of pyrite oxidation favor readily soluble sources of alkalinity.

Brady et al. (1990) conducted a study of 12 sites where ABA data were available. They computed net NP based on both 3.125% and 6.25% to 1 % S. Alkaline addition on the sites was conducted to abate potential AMD problems. When using 6.25%, the sign of the net NP (+ or -) matched the sign of the overall net alkalinity of water at 11 of 12 sites.

The results of their study concluded that NP and traditional estimates of MPA (e.g. 3.125% to 1% S) were not equivalent and that overburden NP must be twice the MPA to produce alkaline mine drainage. They also concluded that mining practices (such as alkaline addition, selective handling, and concurrent reclamation) enhanced the effect of alkaline addition on reducing acidity. Lastly, they concluded additional studies are needed to determine the rates, application and placement of alkaline material during mining.

Brady and Hornberger (1990), after summarizing the work on AMD prediction by ABA made the following conclusions in a recent PaDER Mining and Reclamation Manual. First, NP from ABA shows the strongest relationship with actual post-mining water quality. This relationship is only qualitative (e.g. acid vs. non-acid), and NP must significantly exceed MPA in order to produce alkaline water. If NP and MPA are similar, AMD will most likely result. Sites with less than 0.5% S will not be significant AMD producers, except where little or no NP exists. High sandstone composition in the overburden (greater than 65%) will almost always result in acid drainage.

Factors Which Induce Error in Acid Base Accounting.

The foregoing discussion makes it clear that interpretations of ABA are diverse. Given the policy and economic implications of ABA it is considered useful to better understand the basis for ABA predictions and, where acid problems are identified, to generate cost-effective solutions.

Errors in conventional application of ABA result from variance in total S content (Rymer et al. 1991), and perhaps more significantly, non-homogeneous placement of spoils. For example Schueck (1990) reported AMD generation from a surface mine site in Pennsylvania resulted largely from buried refuse and pit cleanings within an otherwise neutral to alkaline spoil matrix as identified by ABA.

Acid neutralization in spoil dumps-a paradigm'. Obviously, some spoils will be composed entirely of acid forming rocks. Others such as refuse tend to have little NP at all. But in cases where AMD forms despite significant alkalinity in the overburden, it appears to originate from localized sites within the backfill. While finding the path of least resistance to the downstream side of the dump, the acidity is influenced only the alkalinity directly in its path. Once this is overcome, AMD flows freely to the nearest stream while the remaining alkalinity persists as a spectator to the process. This is to be expected since dissolution of calcite is controlled by pH and the partial pressure of carbon dioxide. Where pore water gas is confined, and exposed to

mineral acidity, its pH will remain around 6.2 the-buffering point of bicarbonate and carbonic acid. In the absence of mineral acidity, its pH will reflect bicarbonate saturation - 8.3. In either case, additional calcite will dissolve only upon addition of acidity and outgassing of carbon dioxide. So, unless contacted directly by acidity, most of the spoil calcite will simply remain in solid form. So, the presence of alkalinity in the clump does not ensure that it will be a factor in neutralizing acidity. To be an efficient process, the acid-forming and alkaline rock must be thoroughly mixed.

This largely becomes a materials handling issue. Where there is insufficient alkalinity available it would be necessary to add it to the rock. Otherwise, if one relies on random spoil dumping the system would need an overwhelming supply of alkaline rock. This probably accounts for the above reported field observations that twice or more NP is required for each unit of MPA.

THE AMD/TIME SPREADSHEET

The above introductory remarks are a necessary background for development and application of the AMD/TIME spreadsheet. For example, without good mixing of acid producing and alkaline rock, neither ABA nor AMD/TIME will correctly estimate the outcome. Without reliable estimates of %pyrite sulfur and neutralization potential, neither ABA nor AMD/TIME will correctly estimate the outcome.

In developing AMD/TIME the following assumptions were made:

1. Within fairly narrow limits pyrite oxidizes at a nearly fixed rate. It is about 7% per year.
2. The pyrite oxidation rate is the rate limiting step.
3. Rock geometry and porosity are simple multipliers. For example the following factors might be multiplied against 7%.

sandstone	100%
shale	50%
refuse with fines	20%

4. The resulting value is called sulfur flux.

AMD/TIME uses conventional variables plus the following:

%Sf/yr	Percentage of remaining pyritic sulfur oxidized and leached per year.
FLOW	Annual rainfall (inches) X 102970 X surface area (acres) X net infiltration (%) - yielding liters per year.
NDN	Net deliverable neutralization potential. This is the proportion of NP that is exposed to acid water and is able to react with it.
NDA	Net deliverable acidity. This is the proportion of MPA that oxidizes.

AMD/TIME operates on the Quatro Pro spreadsheet developed by Borland International, Inc. Quatro Pro is similar to Lotus 1,2,3 and, except for the graphics would probably work equally well. The spreadsheet only uses several hundred KRAM so it will work on nearly all IBM compatible desktop computers. Naturally, machine power and higher order Intel chips will make it work more quickly.

AMD/TIME was developed for simplicity, not elegance. It uses simple, empirical rather than

deterministic variables. Table 1 shows the working end of AMD/TIME indicating where data is input through the variable block. The user only needs to enter the following data:

- target NP/MPA ratio
- years of mining
- acid rock production (tons of rock produced in mining)
- surface area (acres)
- %Sf/yr
- %S pyritic (from ABA)
- %NP natural (from ABA)
- %NP added
- %NDN
- %NDA
- cost of alkaline amendment \$
- amendment NP (%)

TABLE 1. AMD/TIME SPREADSHEET

ESTIMATED LONG TERM ACID GENERATION AND COSTS OF TREATMENT.

SITE ABC MINING

TARGET NP/MPA 1

YEARS OF MINING 2

VARIABLE BLOCK

ACID ROCK PRODUCTION ARP (T)	14976000
SURFACE AREA (ACRES)	60
RATE OF LOSS (%/YR)	5.00
FLOW (L/YR)	222026400
%S	0.227
%NP NATURAL	0.061
%NP ADDED	0.000
%NP TOTAL	0.061
% NET DEL. NEUTRALIZATION (NDN)	100
%NET DELIVERABLE ACIDITY (NDA)	50
REQUIRED NP (%)	0.29
REQD ALKALINE AMENDMENT (%)	0.31
COST ALK. AMENDMENT (\$/TON)	12.00
AMENDMENT NP (%)	95
COST OF WATER TRT CHEMICAL (\$/T)	60
ACID CAPITAL (T)	53118
ALKALINE CAPITAL (T)	9198

RESULTS BLOCK

LIFE OF MINE PRODUCTION	(TONS)	648000
COST OF WATER TREATMENT	(\$)	2002773
COST OF ALKALINE AMENDMENT	(\$)	0
COST OF WATER TREATMENT	(\$/RAW TON)	3.09
COST OF ALKALINE AMENDMENT	(\$/RAW TON)	0.00
TOTAL COST WATER TREATMENT + AMENDMENT	(\$/RAW TON)	3.09

YEAR	1	1328	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	TOTAL ACID PRODUCTION (T/YR)	ALKALINE RESERVE (T)	NET ALKALINITY (T/YR)	ACID LOAD (T/YR)	ACID (MGL)	WATER TREATMENT CHEMICAL COSTS ONLY ANNUAL WATER TRT COST	CUM. WATER TRT COST	AMENDMENT COST MATERIALS ONLY ANNUAL AMEND. COST	CUM. AMEND. COST	TOTAL CUMULATIVE COST
1	1328																

cost of water treatment chemical (\$/T)

life of mine coal production (T)

AMD/TIME will then estimate acid loads, concentrations, alkalinity pools for the next several hundred years. AMD/TIME automatically estimates the chemical cost of water treatment for the

life of amd production. It also automatically estimates the required amount of alkaline amendment needed to reach a target NP/MPA ratio. If you enter that amount at the "%NP added" block the spreadsheet will estimate the cumulative cost of amendment. Costs in current dollars are given in absolute amounts and in dollars per raw ton of coal.

Table 2. shows the complete AMD/TIME spreadsheet extended to 70 years. In the scenario given roughly one half of the required alkaline amendment was added to the rock so the costs reflect combined amendment and chemical treatment costs.

COMPARISON OF ESTIMATES TO SMALL SCALE FIELD DATA:

As configured AMD/TIME is an acidity model. It can also be simplified to a sulfate model. This was used to compare various variable combinations to 11 year old 400 ton test pile data at Island Creek's Upshur Complex (Table 3). Two net infiltration values and three %Sf and %NDA rates were tested a factorial arrangement. %Sf was calculated for each pile between each two week sampling period. In each pile, %Sf was very slow during the first six months, then accelerated rapidly to a maximum within about 10 months. Three estimates of %Sf were evaluated in this study: 1) low-%Sf integrated over one year, 2) medium-%Sf integrated over the last 7 months and 3) high-%Sf integrated over the last 5 months.

The column on the left of the table indicates observed sulfate concentrations at the end of year one and at the end of year 11. The best fit for each pile and variable combination was chosen and is indicated by the shading.

The best fits were either of the two variable combinations:

PILES:	1,3	2,4,5,10
NET INFILTRATION %	50	75
%Sf	low	high
NDA(%)	100	50

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%Sf	low	high
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It was surprising that only two scenarios captured the best fits for all of the test piles. Additionally, piles 1 and 3 were primarily sandstone while the other piles were mainly shale. It is logical that high NDA fits better with the sandstones given its greater porosity. Why net infiltration appeared higher on the shale than on the sandstone is a mystery unless this actually estimates residence time of water. This analysis is far from definitive. It is just the beginning of what will be a rigorous process of identifying NDA, NDN, %Sf and net infiltrations for various rock types.

TABLE 2. AMD/TIME SPREADSHEET
ESTIMATED LONG TERM ACID GENERATION AND COSTS OF TREATMENT.

SITE ABC MINING
TARGET NP/MPA 1
YEARS OF MINING 2

VARIABLE BLOCK

ACID ROCK PRODUCTION APP (T)	1487000
SURFACE AREA (ACRES)	66
RATE OF S LOSS (NS/YR)	7.90
FLOW (LYR)	22206409
%S	0.100
%NP NATURAL	0.061
%NP ADDED	0.045
%NP TOTAL	0.106
% NET DEL. NEUTRALIZATION (NDN)	100
%NET DELIVERABLE ACIDITY (INDA)	50
REQUIRED NP (%)	0.09
REQ'D ALKALINE AMENDMENT (%)	0.10
COST ALK. AMENDMENT (\$/TON)	12.00
AMENDMENT NP (%)	95
COST OF WATER TRT CHEMICAL (\$/T)	60
ACID CAPITAL (T)	23400
ALKALINE CAPITAL (T)	13607

RESULTS BLOCK

LIFE OF MINE PRODUCTION	(TONS)	640000
COST OF WATER TREATMENT	(\$)	332019
COST OF ALKALINE AMENDMENT	(\$)	85127
COST OF WATER TREATMENT	(\$/PAW TO)	0.51
COST OF ALKALINE AMENDMENT	(\$/PAW TO)	0.13
TOTAL COST-WATER TREATMENT + AMENDMENT	(\$/PAW TO)	0.65

YEAR	YEAR 1 ACID (T/YR)	YEAR 2 ACID (T/YR)	YEAR 3 ACID (T/YR)	YEAR 4 ACID (T/YR)	YEAR 5 ACID (T/YR)	TOTAL ACID PRODUCTION (T YR)	ALKALINE RESERVE (T)	NET ALKALINITY (T/YR)	ACID LOAD (T/YR)	[ACID] (MG/L)	WATER TREATMENT CHEMICAL COSTS ONLY ANNUAL WATER TRT COST	AMENDMENT COST MATERIALS ONLY ANNUAL AMEND COST	TOTAL CUMULATIVE COST
1	819					819	13607	13118	0	0	0	42563	42563
2	762	819				1581	13118	13537	0	0	0	42563	85127
3	708	762	0			1470	13537	12067	3	0	0	0	85127
4	659	708	0	0		1367	12067	10700	0	0	0	0	85127
5	613	659	0	0	0	1275	10700	9428	0	0	0	0	85127
6	570	613	0	0	0	1182	9428	8248	0	0	0	0	85127
7	530	570	0	0	0	1100	8248	7146	3	0	0	0	85127
8	493	530	0	0	0	1023	7146	6124	0	0	0	0	85127
9	458	493	0	0	0	951	6124	5173	0	0	0	0	85127
10	426	458	0	0	0	885	5173	4388	0	0	0	0	85127
11	396	426	0	0	0	823	4388	3688	3	0	0	0	85127
12	369	396	0	0	0	765	3688	3091	0	0	0	0	85127
13	343	369	0	0	0	711	3091	2591	0	0	0	0	85127
14	319	343	0	0	0	662	2591	2187	0	0	0	0	85127
15	297	319	0	0	0	615	2187	1712	0	0	0	0	85127
16	276	297	0	0	0	572	1712	1400	0	0	0	0	85127
17	256	276	0	0	0	532	1400	0	382	1768	0	0	85127
18	239	256	0	0	0	495	0	0	486	2229	17895	0	103022
19	222	239	0	0	0	460	0	0	480	2073	22570	45465	125562
20	206	222	0	0	0	423	0	0	428	1928	20990	61485	146540
21	192	206	0	0	0	386	0	0	388	1793	19521	80576	166103
22	178	192	0	0	0	350	0	0	370	1668	18154	99131	184257
23	166	178	0	0	0	314	0	0	344	1551	16884	116014	201141
24	154	166	0	0	0	280	0	0	320	1442	15702	131716	216843
25	144	154	0	0	0	248	0	0	298	1341	14603	146319	231465
26	133	144	0	0	0	217	0	0	277	1247	13580	158899	245026
27	124	133	0	0	0	186	0	0	258	1140	12630	172520	257656
28	115	124	0	0	0	154	0	0	240	1070	11746	184275	269401
29	107	115	0	0	0	123	0	0	223	1003	10924	195198	280325
30	100	107	0	0	0	93	0	0	207	933	10159	205357	290484
31	93	100	0	0	0	63	0	0	190	868	9448	214805	299901
32	86	93	0	0	0	33	0	0	174	807	8786	223591	308718
33	80	86	0	0	0	3	0	0	157	751	8171	231162	316889
34	75	80	0	0	0	155	0	0	139	696	7599	239362	324480
35	69	75	0	0	0	144	0	0	4	649	7067	246429	331556
36	65	69	0	0	0	134	0	0	13	604	6573	253002	338129
37	60	65	0	0	0	125	0	0	125	561	6113	259115	344241
38	56	60	0	0	0	116	0	0	116	522	5685	264799	349906
39	52	56	0	0	0	108	0	0	108	486	5287	270086	355213
40	48	52	0	0	0	100	0	0	101	452	4917	275003	360130
41	45	48	0	0	0	93	0	0	91	420	4573	279575	364702
42	42	45	0	0	0	87	0	0	87	391	4252	283828	368955
43	39	42	0	0	0	81	0	0	8	363	3965	287783	372908
44	36	39	0	0	0	75	0	0	7	338	3678	291441	376587
45	34	36	0	0	0	70	0	0	71	314	3421	294881	380008
46	31	34	0	0	0	65	0	0	65	292	3184	298002	383180
47	29	31	0	0	0	60	0	0	60	272	2965	301021	386147
48	27	29	0	0	0	56	0	0	56	253	2751	303772	388999
49	25	27	0	0	0	52	0	0	52	235	2589	306331	391437
50	23	25	0	0	0	49	0	0	49	219	2380	308710	393637
51	22	23	0	0	0	45	0	0	45	203	2213	310923	395650
52	20	22	0	0	0	42	0	0	42	189	2058	312981	397481
53	19	20	0	0	0	39	0	0	39	176	1914	314895	400022
54	17	19	0	0	0	36	0	0	36	164	1780	316675	401802
55	16	17	0	0	0	34	0	0	34	152	1655	318331	403458
56	15	16	0	0	0	31	0	0	31	141	1540	319870	404997
57	14	15	0	0	0	29	0	0	29	132	1432	321308	406429
58	13	14	0	0	0	27	0	0	27	122	1332	322634	407761
59	12	13	0	0	0	25	0	0	25	114	1238	323872	408999
60	11	12	0	0	0	23	0	0	23	106	1152	325024	410151
61	11	11	0	0	0	22	0	0	22	98	1071	326096	411220
62	10	11	0	0	0	20	0	0	20	91	996	327091	412218
63	9	10	0	0	0	19	0	0	19	85	926	328017	413144
64	8	9	0	0	0	18	0	0	18	79	862	328876	414008
65	8	8	0	0	0	16	0	0	16	74	801	329680	414807
66	7	8	0	0	0	15	0	0	15	68	745	330425	415552
67	7	7	0	0	0	14	0	0	14	64	693	331118	416245
68	6	7	0	0	0	13	0	0	13	59	644	331763	416889
69	6	6	0	0	0	12	0	0	12	55	599	332362	417488
70	5	6	0	0	0	11	0	0	11	51	557	332919	418046
TOTALS						23049	-13607	730			332919	85127	

TABLE 3. USE OF SIMPLIFIED AND TIME-SPECIFIC SHEET TO PREDICT SULFATE CONCENTRATIONS AT ICC UPSHUR COMPLEX 400 TON PILES AFTER 11 YEARS. (cont.) RESULTS OF FIELD OBSERVATIONS AND 18 SIMULATIONS ARE PRESENTED. SHADED COLUMNS REPRESENT CLOSEST FITS TO OBSERVED VALUES.

PILE 3 LAYERED SHALE/SANDSTONE CONTROL

[illegible]

PILE 4 SANDSTONE/SHALE LAYERED WITH 1% LINES 1 ONE AMENDMENT

[illegible]

TABLE 3. USE OF SIMPLIFIED ADJUSTMENT TO PREDICT SULFATE CONCENTRATIONS AT ICC UPSHAR COMPLEX 400 TON PILES AFTER 11 YEARS. RESULTS OF FIELD OBSERVATIONS AND 18 SIMULATIONS ARE PRESENTED. SHADED COLUMNS REPRESENT CLOSEST FITS TO OBSERVED VALUES.

FILE 5 SANDSTONE/SHALE LAYERED WITH 0.5% LIMESTONE AMENDMENT

[illegible]

PILE 10 SHALE/SANDSTONE BLENDED CONTROL

[illegible]

COMPARISON OF ESTIMATES TO LARGE SCALE FIELD SITES:

AMD/TIME was applied to a site in northern West Virginia five years after initial mining and where water quality and flow data were available. Figure 1 shows acid load and acid concentrations as estimated and as observed for the site. For this case the key variables were set as suggested by the above sandstone piles (1,3):

%Sf/yr	6%
NDA(%)	100

This didn't work very well, estimated acid concentrations and loads were about 4 times higher than observed in the field. Eventually a good fit (the one shown in figure 1) was found with the following settings:

NET INFILTRATION %	80
%Sf/yr	4%
NDA(%)	50

Figure 1 shows a shortcoming with AMD/TIME as presently configured: alkalinity is presumed to be consumed with 100% efficiency until it is exhausted, the acid load curve then leaps from zero to a high number in the following year. In reality this is, doubtless, a more gradual process though the net result is likely to be the same.

Extension of the curves in figure 1 to the point of acid exhaustion indicates that at year 113 acid loading will be 10 tons per year (figure 2.). Long before that, however, it will be negligible or easily treated in a passive system. AMD/TIME was used to estimate the required amount of alkaline amendment and the effects on acid generation. Figure 3 shows that AMD/TIME slightly underestimated the required amount (probably by a roundoff error) such that at year 115 the added limestone was exhausted and a small (19 T/yr) peak in acid load appeared for a few years.

Treatment costs are automatically estimated. by AMD/TIME. Figure 4 shows the cumulative costs of limestone amendment versus 113 years of water treatment using hydrated lime. With alkaline amendment all costs were incurred during mining.

AMD/TIME is extremely sensitive to application of the wrong key variables. Figure 5, 6 and 7 show the effects of holding all variables constant while varying %Sf from 1 to 8. It is likely that many refuse piles resemble figure 5 (without the alkalinity) while most spoils are closer to figure 6. An annual sulfur flux such as the 8% shown in figure 7 is unlikely to occur outside the laboratory. Figure 8 shows a very unhappy situation where, due to poor mixing of alkaline materials, NDN is only 75% while NDA is 100%. This is otherwise the same scenario as figure 6. Things get much worse much more quickly, however.

FIGURE 1. ACID LOADS AND CONCENTRATIONS
PROJECTED AND OBSERVED @ LAUREL #3

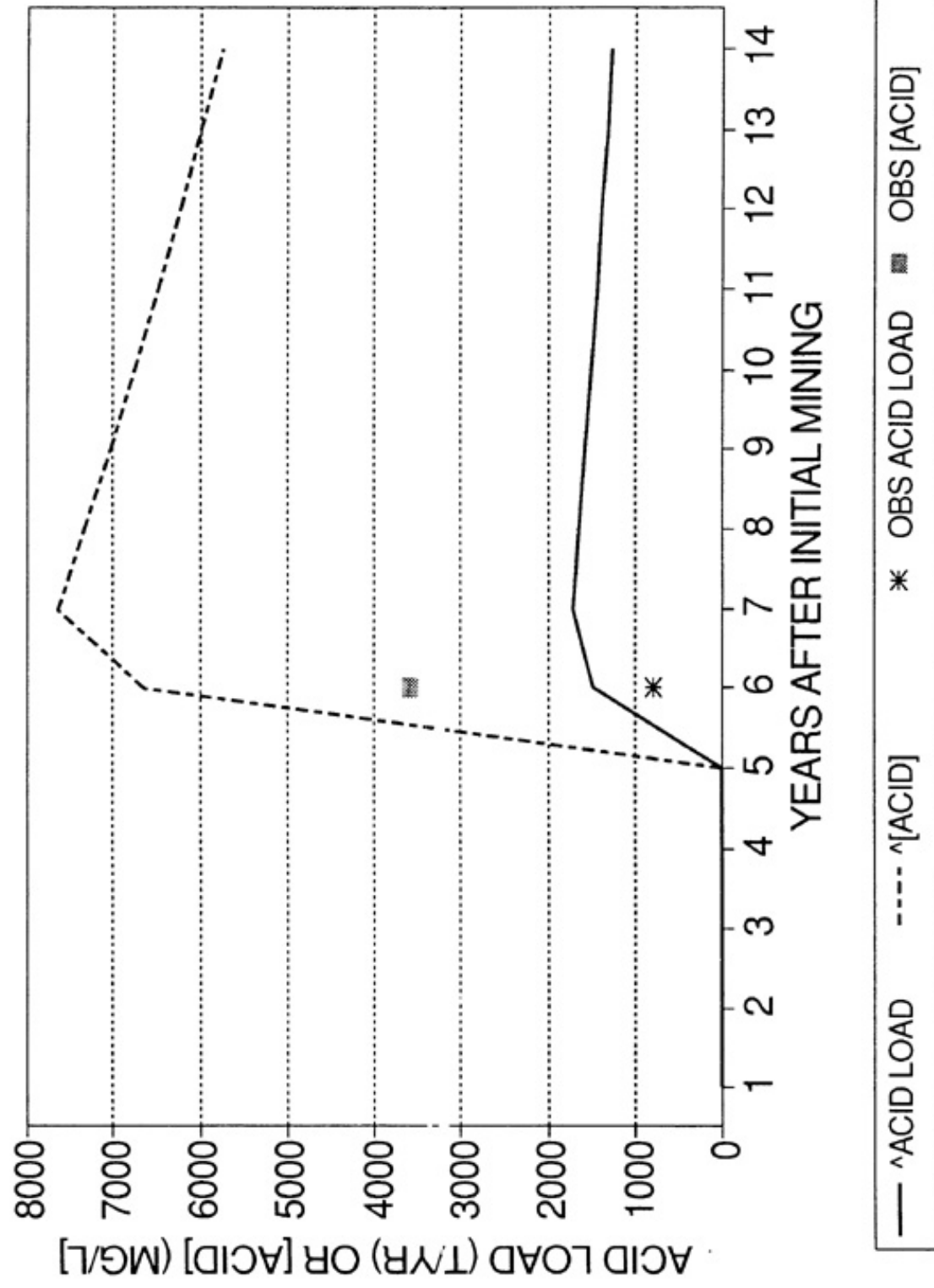


FIGURE 2. ACID LOADS AND CONCENTRATIONS
PROJECTED @ LAUREL #3

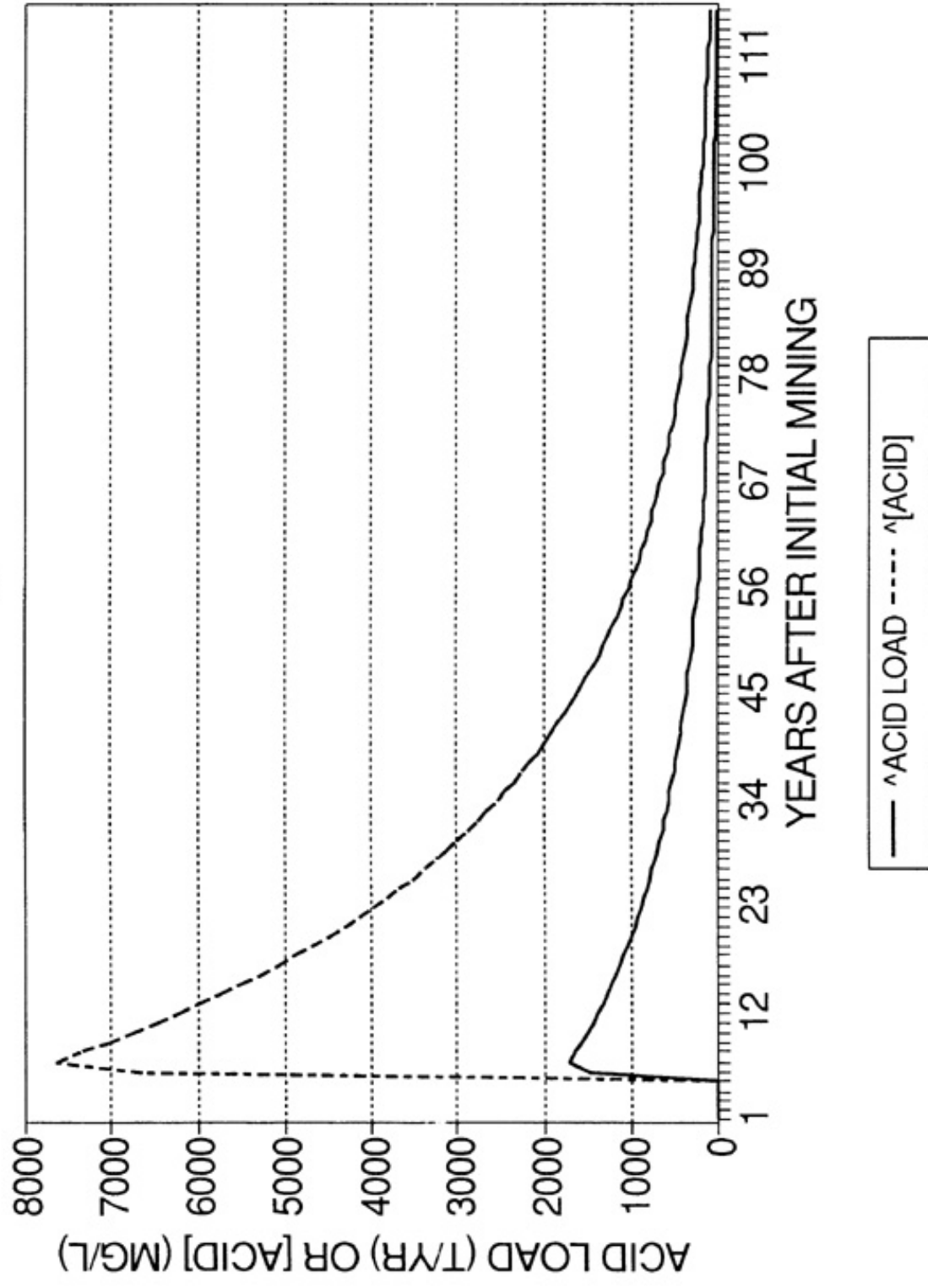


FIGURE 3. PROJECTED ACID LOAD-LAUREL #3
WITH 0.29% LIMESTONE ADDED.

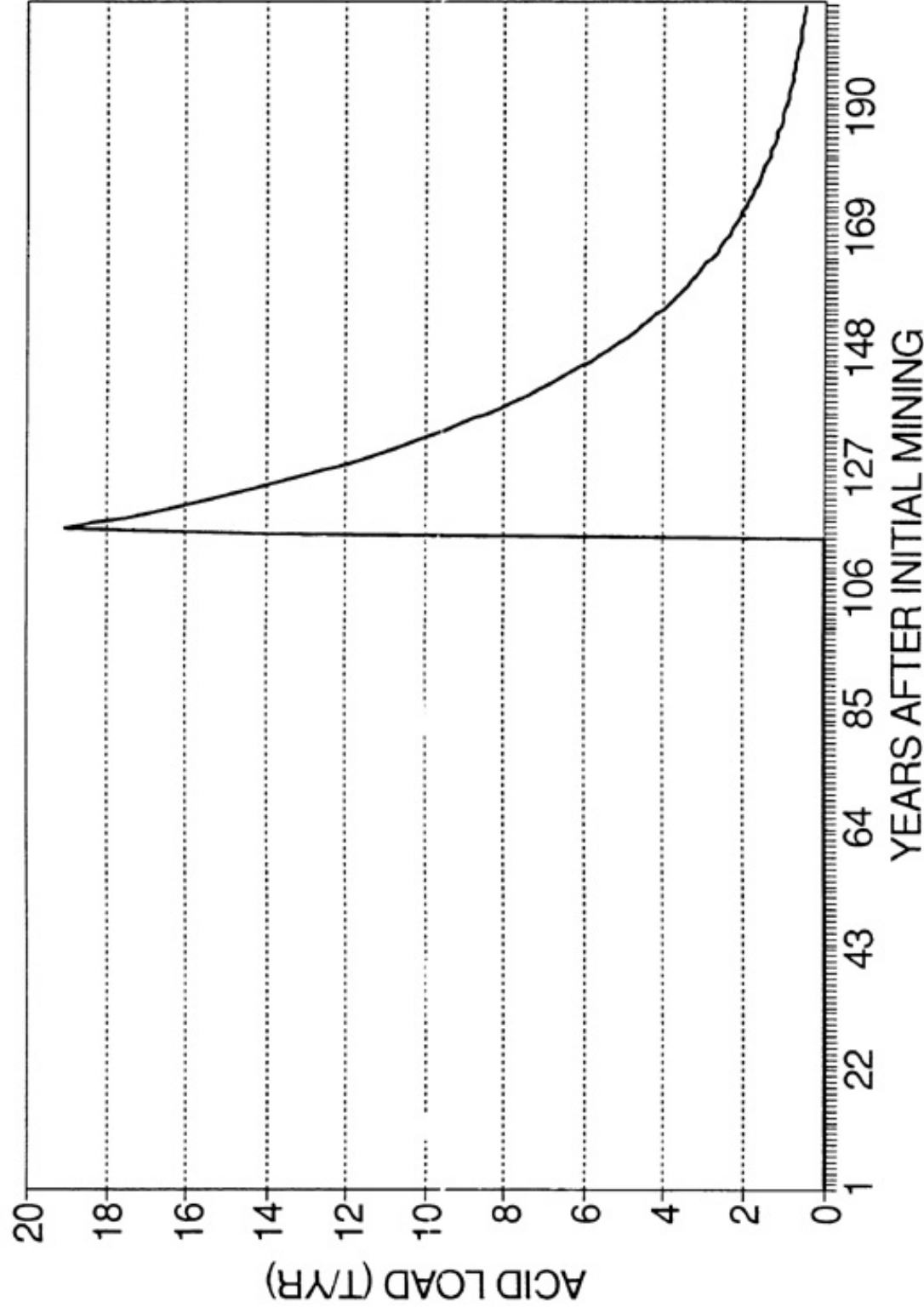


FIGURE 4. PROJECTED COST AMENDMENT VS. WATER TREATMENT WITH 0.29% LIMESTONE.

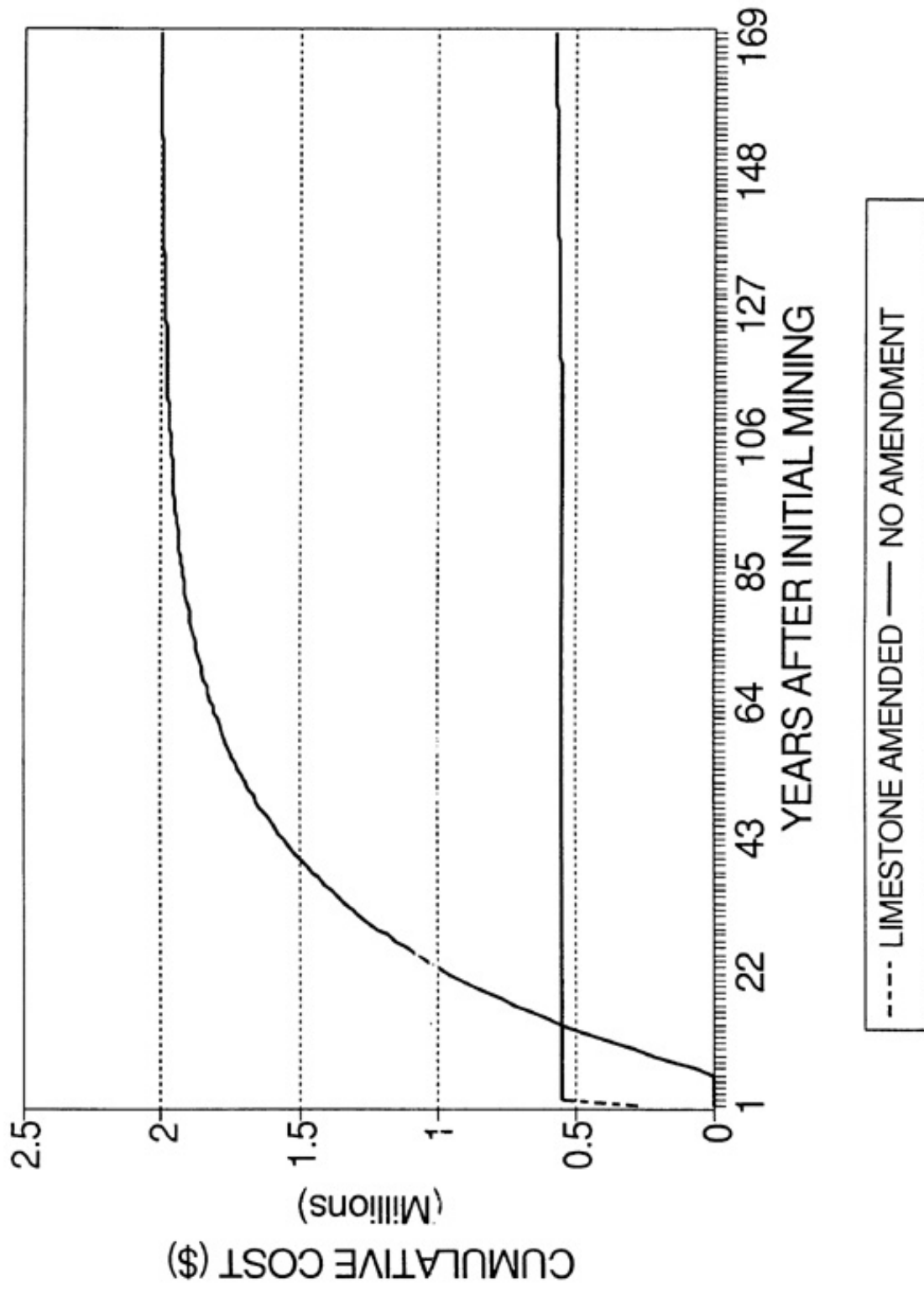


FIGURE 5. ACID LOADS AND CONCENTRATIONS
 $\%Sf=1.0$

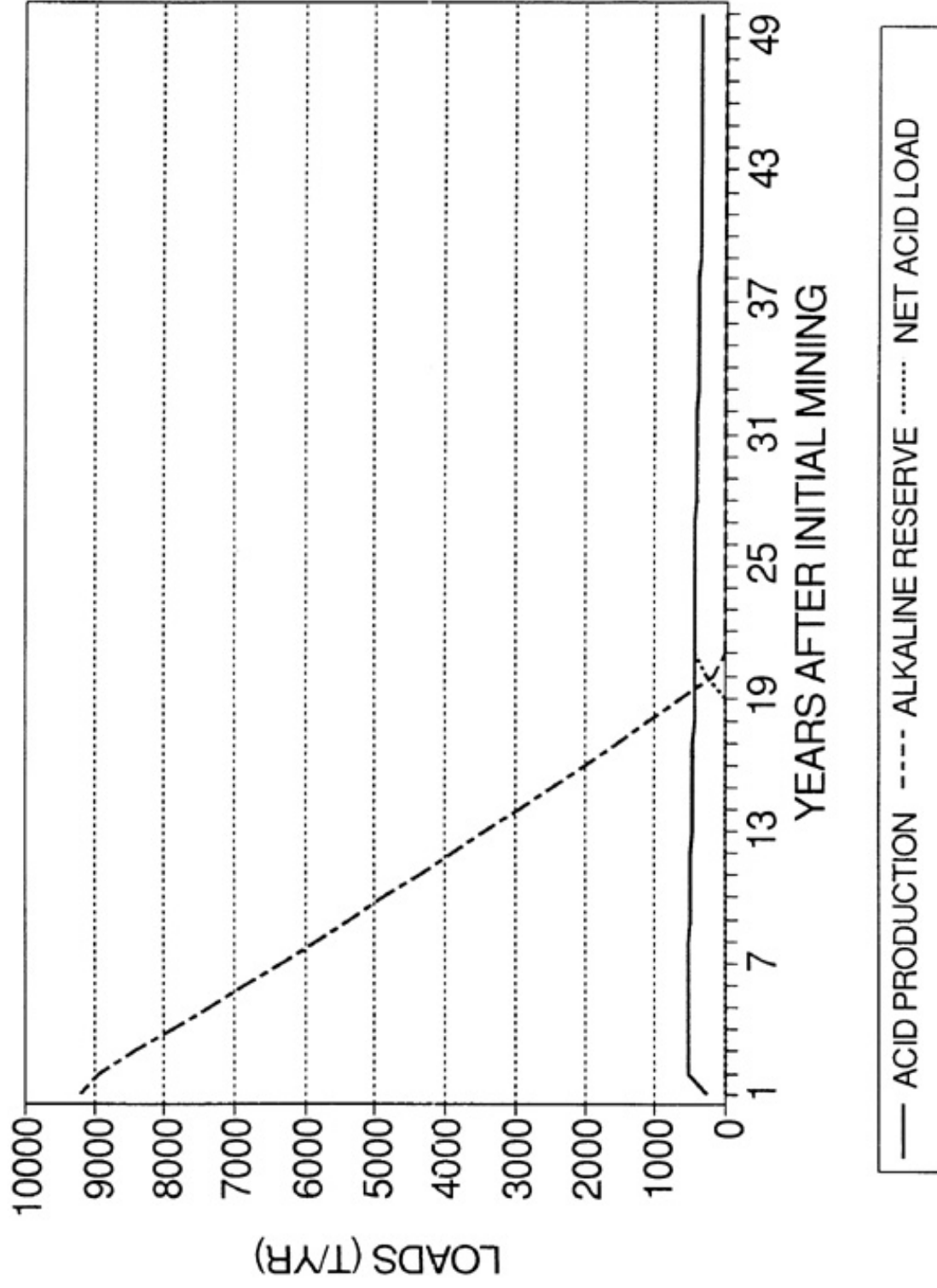


FIGURE 6. ACID LOADS AND CONCENTRATIONS
 $\%Sf=5.0$

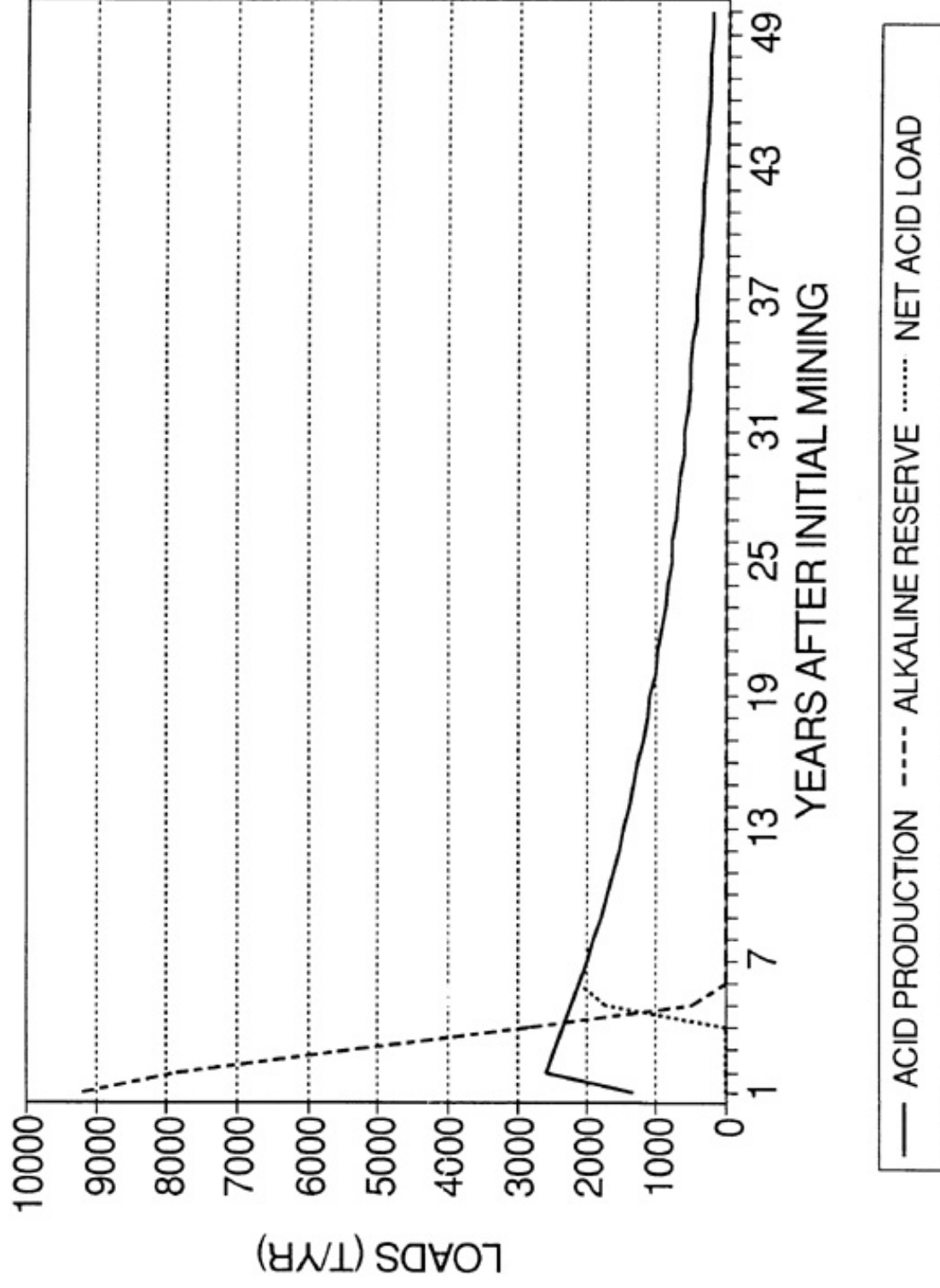


FIGURE 7. ACID LOADS AND CONCENTRATIONS
 $\%S_f=8.0$

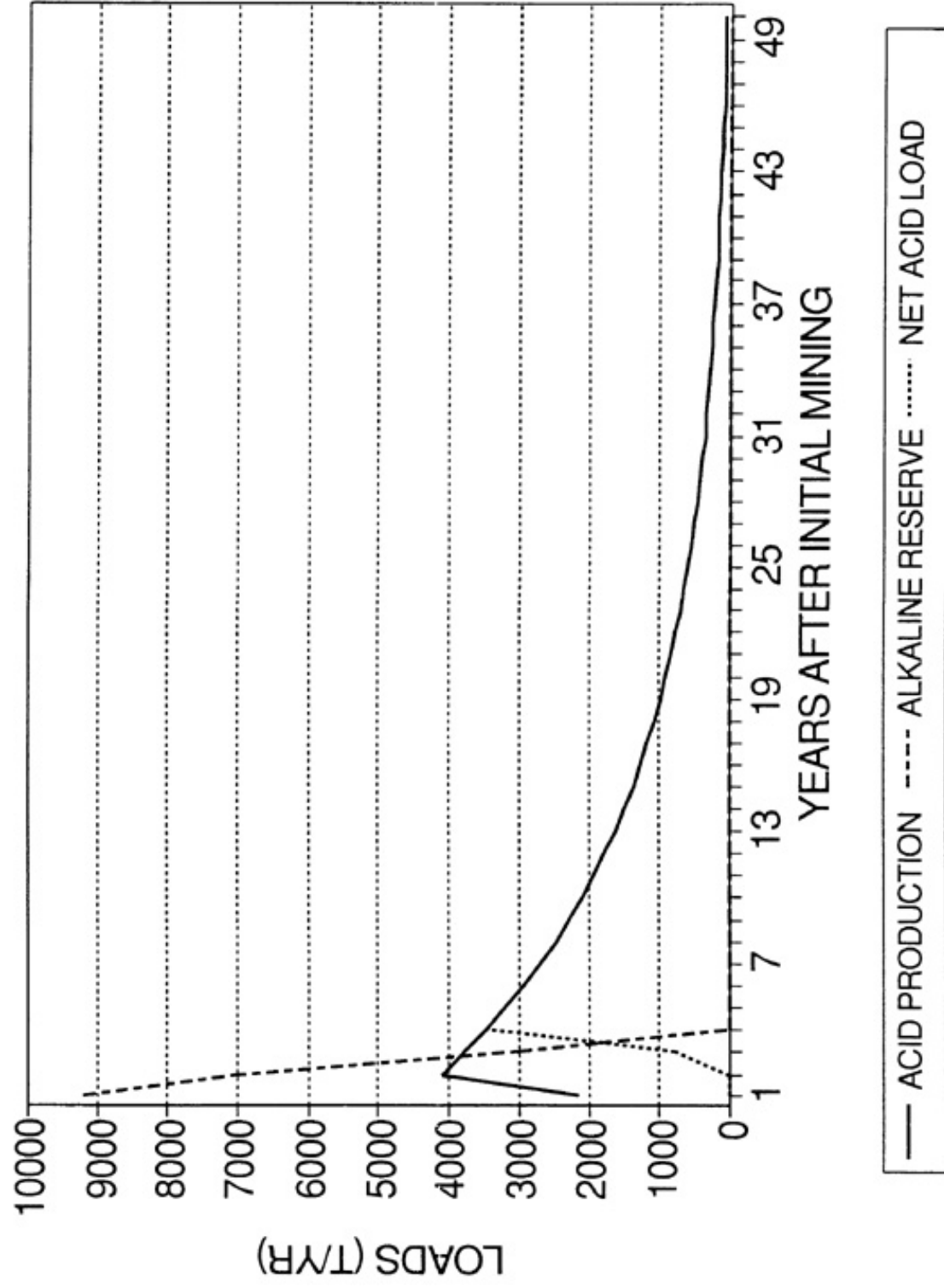
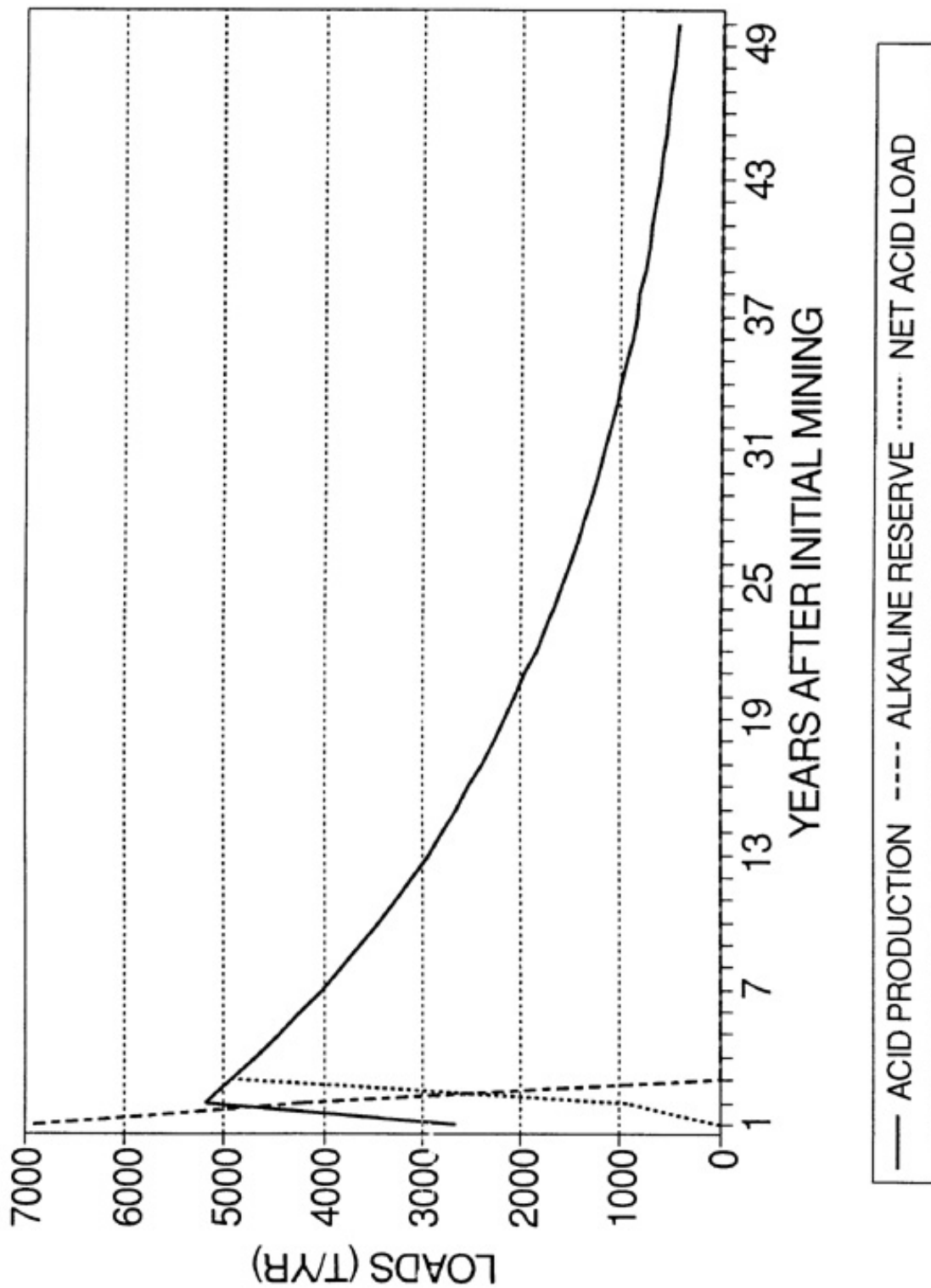


FIGURE 8. ACID LOADS AND CONCENTRATIONS
 $\%Sf=5.0$ $NDN=75$ $NDA=100$



VALIDATION OF AMD/TIME

Like all predictive tools, AMD/TIME is only as good as the variables which make it run. Since it uses empirical variables it is useful to compare predictions within set boundary conditions to field observations.

The spreadsheet is not proprietary. A copy of the codes is attached in the appendix. Feel free to copy it and use it. I only ask two favors:

1. let me know if it works for your situation. I will be happy to work with you and your data to zero in on the right variable settings.
2. If it works, I would appreciate acknowledgement, if it does not work, don't bother.

Let me know either way. My phone number is (304) 293 2867.

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APPENDIX

CODES FOR CONSTRUCTING THE AMD/TIME SPREADSHEET

THE COLUMN ON THE LEFT INDICATES THE CELL ADDRESS

DESIGNATIONS SUCH AS [W10] AND (F0)

ONLY REFER TO CELL WIDTHS AND FONTS. THEY ARE NOT IMPORTANT.

A5: [W10] 'AMD/TIME ZIEMKIEWICZ
 A6: [W10] 'SITE
 E6: [W12] 'ABC MINING
 A7: [W10] 'TARGET NP/MPA
 E7: [W12] 1
 A8: [W10] 'YEARS OF MINING
 E8: [W12] 2
 A10: [W10] 'VARIABLE BLOCK
 H10: [W11] 'RESULTS BLOCK
 A11: [W10] 'ACID ROCK PRODUCTION ARP (T)
 E11: (F0) U [W12] 3200*78*E12
 G11: [W18] 'LIFE OF MINE PRODUCTION
 K11: [W11] '(TONS)
 L11: (F0) [W14] 60*6*1800
 A12: [W10] 'SURFACE AREA (ACRES)
 E12: (F0) U [W12] 60
 G12: [W18] 'COST OF WATER TREATMENT
 K12: [W11] '(\$)
 L12: (F0) [W14] +L375
 A13: [W10] 'RATE OF S LOSS (%Sf/YR)
 E13: (F2) U [W12] 5
 G13: [W18] 'COST OF ALKALINE AMENDMENT
 K13: [W11] '(\$)
 L13: (F0) [W14] +N375
 A14: [W10] 'FLOW (L/YR)
 E14: (F0) [W12] 102790*45*E12*0.8
 G14: [W18] 'COST OF WATER TREATMENT
 K14: [W11] '(\$/RAW TON)
 L14: (F2) [W14] +L12/L11
 A15: [W10] '%S
 E15: (F3) U [W12] 0.227
 G15: [W18] 'COST OF ALKALINE AMENDMENT
 K15: [W11] '(\$/RAW TON)
 L15: (F2) [W14] +L13/L11
 A16: [W10] '%NP NATURAL
 E16: (F3) U [W12] +U717
 G16: [W18] 'TOTAL COST-WATER TREATMENT + AMENDMENT
 K16: [W11] '(\$/RAW TON)
 L16: (F2) [W14] +L14+L15
 A17: [W10] '%NP ADDED
 E17: (F3) U [W12] 0
 A18: [W10] '%NP TOTAL
 E18: (F3) [W12] +E16+E17
 A19: [W10] '% NET DEL. NEUTRALIZATION (NDN)
 E19: (F0) U [W12] 100
 A20: [W10] '%NET DELIVERABLE ACIDITY (NDA)
 E20: (F0) U [W12] 50
 A21: [W10] 'REQUIRED NP (%)
 E21: (F2) [W12] ((E7*(E15*3.125*E20*0.01)/(E19*0.01))-E16)

A22: [W10] 'REQ'D ALKALINE AMENDMENT (%)
 E22: (F2) [W12] $((E7*(E15*3.125*E20*0.01)/(E19*0.01))-E16)/(E24*0.01)$
 A23: [W10] 'COST ALK. AMENDMENT (\$/TON)
 E23: (F2) U [W12] 12
 A24: [W10] 'AMENDMENT NP (%)
 E24: (F0) U [W12] 95
 A25: [W10] 'COST OF WATER TRT CHEMICAL (\$/T)
 E25: (F0) U [W12] 60
 A26: [W10] 'ACID CAPITAL (T)
 E26: (F0) [W12] $(E11*E15*0.01*3.125)*(E20*0.01)$
 A27: [W10] 'ALKALINE CAPITAL (T)
 E27: (F0) [W12] $(E11*(E18*0.01)*(E19*0.01))$
 L29: [W14] ' WATER TREATMENT
 N29: ' AMENDMENT COST
 L30: [W14] ' CHEMICAL COSTS ONLY
 N30: ' MATERIALS ONLY
 B31: [W8] ^YEAR 1
 C31: [W8] ^YEAR 2
 D31: [W8] ^YEAR 3
 E31: [W12] ^YEAR 4
 F31: [W8] ^YEAR 5
 G31: [W18] ^TOTAL ACID
 H31: [W11] ^ALKALINE
 I31: [W12] ^NET
 J31: [W11] ^ACID
 K31: [W11] ^[ACID]
 L31: [W14] ^ANNUAL
 M31: [W13] ^CUM.
 N31: ^ANNUAL
 O31: [W13] ^CUM.
 P31: [W14] ^TOTAL
 B32: [W8] ^ACID
 C32: [W8] ^ACID
 D32: [W8] ^ACID
 E32: [W12] ^ACID
 F32: [W8] ^ACID
 G32: [W18] ^PRODUCTION
 H32: [W11] ^RESERVE
 I32: [W12] ^ALKALINITY
 J32: [W11] ^LOAD
 L32: [W14] ^WATER
 M32: [W13] ^WATER
 N32: ^AMEND.
 O32: [W13] ^AMEND.
 P32: [W14] ^CUMULATIVE
 B33: [W8] ^ (T/YR)
 C33: [W8] ^ (T/YR)
 D33: [W8] ^ (T/YR)
 E33: [W12] ^ (T/YR)

F33: [W8] ^ (T/YR)
 G33: [W18] ^ (T/YR)
 H33: [W11] ^ (T)
 I33: [W12] ^ (T/YR)
 J33: [W11] ^ (T/YR)
 K33: [W11] ^ (MG/L)
 L33: [W14] ^ TRT COST
 M33: [W13] ^ TRT COST
 N33: ^ COST
 O33: [W13] ^ COST
 P33: [W14] ^ COST
 A34: [W10] ^ YEAR
 A35: [W10] 1
 B35: (F0) [W8] (E26/E8*(E13*0.01))
 G35: (F0) [W18] @SUM(B35..F35)
 H35: (F0) [W11] +E27
 I35: (F0) [W12] @IF((H35-G35)<0,0,(H35-G35))
 J35: (F0) [W11] @IF((H35-G35)<0,(@ABS(H35-G35)),0)
 K35: (F0) [W11] +J35*1000000000/\$E\$14
 L35: (F0) [W14] +J34*0.76*(\$E\$25)
 M35: (F0) [W13] +L35
 N35: (F0) @IF(\$E\$8<1,0,(\$E\$11)*((\$E\$17/(\$E\$24*0.01))*\$E\$23*0.01))/E8
 O35: (F0) [W13] +N35
 P35: (F0) [W14] +M35+O35
 A36: [W10] +A35+1
 B36: (F0) [W8] +B35-(B35*(E13*0.01))
 C36: (F0) [W8] @IF(E8<2,0,B35)
 G36: (F0) [W18] @SUM(B36..F36)
 H36: (F0) [W11] @IF(I35<0,0,I35)
 I36: (F0) [W12] @IF((H36-G36)<0,0,(H36-G36))
 J36: (F0) [W11] @IF((H36-G36)<0,(@ABS(H36-G36)),0)
 K36: (F0) [W11] +J36*1000000000/\$E\$14
 L36: (F0) [W14] +J35*0.76*(\$E\$25)
 M36: (F0) [W13] +M35+L36
 N36: (F0) @IF(\$E\$8<2,0,(\$E\$11)*((\$E\$17/(\$E\$24*0.01))*\$E\$23*0.01))/E8
 O36: (F0) [W13] +O35+N36
 P36: (F0) [W14] +M36+O36
 A37: [W10] +A36+1
 B37: (F0) [W8] +B36-(B36*(E13*0.01))
 C37: (F0) [W8] +C36-(C36*(E13*0.01))
 D37: (F0) [W8] @IF(E8<3,0,B35)
 G37: (F0) [W18] @SUM(B37..F37)
 H37: (F0) [W11] @IF(I36<0,0,I36)
 I37: (F0) [W12] @IF((H37-G37)<0,0,(H37-G37))
 J37: (F0) [W11] @IF((H37-G37)<0,(@ABS(H37-G37)),0)
 K37: (F0) [W11] +J37*1000000000/\$E\$14
 L37: (F0) [W14] +J36*0.76*(\$E\$25)
 M37: (F0) [W13] +M36+L37
 N37: (F0) @IF(\$E\$8<3,0,(\$E\$11)*((\$E\$17/(\$E\$24*0.01))*\$E\$23*0.01))/E8

O37: (F0) [W13] +O36+N37
 P37: (F0) [W14] +M37+O37
 A38: [W10] +A37+1
 B38: (F0) [W8] +B37-(B37*(E13*0.01))
 C38: (F0) [W8] +C37-(C37*(E13*0.01))
 D38: (F0) [W8] +D37-(D37*(E13*0.01))
 E38: (F0) [W12] @IF(E8<4,0,B35)
 G38: (F0) [W18] @SUM(B38..F38)
 H38: (F0) [W11] @IF(I37<0,0,I37)
 I38: (F0) [W12] @IF((H38-G38)<0,0,(H38-G38))
 J38: (F0) [W11] @IF((H38-G38)<0,(@ABS(H38-G38)),0)
 K38: (F0) [W11] +J38*1000000000/\$E\$14
 L38: (F0) [W14] +J37*0.76*(\$E\$25)
 M38: (F0) [W13] +M37+L38
 N38: (F0) @IF(\$E\$8<4,0,(\$E\$11)*((\$E\$17/(\$E\$24*0.01))*\$E\$23*0.01)/E8
 O38: (F0) [W13] +O37+N38
 P38: (F0) [W14] +M38+O38
 A39: [W10] +A38+1
 B39: (F0) [W8] +B38-(B38*(E13*0.01))
 C39: (F0) [W8] +C38-(C38*(E13*0.01))
 D39: (F0) [W8] +D38-(D38*(E13*0.01))
 E39: (F0) [W12] +E38-(E38*(E13*0.01))
 F39: (F0) [W8] @IF(E8<5,0,B35)
 G39: (F0) [W18] @SUM(B39..F39)
 H39: (F0) [W11] @IF(I38<0,0,I38)
 I39: (F0) [W12] @IF((H39-G39)<0,0,(H39-G39))
 J39: (F0) [W11] @IF((H39-G39)<0,(@ABS(H39-G39)),0)
 K39: (F0) [W11] +J39*1000000000/\$E\$14
 L39: (F0) [W14] +J38*0.76*(\$E\$25)
 M39: (F0) [W13] +M38+L39
 N39: (F0) @IF(\$E\$8<5,0,(\$E\$11)*((\$E\$17/(\$E\$24*0.01))*\$E\$23*0.01)/E8
 O39: (F0) [W13] +O38+N39
 P39: (F0) [W14] +M39+O39
 A40: [W10] +A39+1
 B40: (F0) [W8] +B39-(B39*(E13*0.01))
 C40: (F0) [W8] +C39-(C39*(E13*0.01))
 D40: (F0) [W8] +D39-(D39*(E13*0.01))
 E40: (F0) [W12] +E39-(E39*(E13*0.01))
 F40: (F0) [W8] +F39-(F39*(E13*0.01))
 G40: (F0) [W18] @SUM(B40..F40)
 H40: (F0) [W11] @IF(I39<0,0,I39)
 I40: (F0) [W12] @IF((H40-G40)<0,0,(H40-G40))
 J40: (F0) [W11] @IF((H40-G40)<0,(@ABS(H40-G40)),0)
 K40: (F0) [W11] +J40*1000000000/\$E\$14
 L40: (F0) [W14] +J39*0.76*(\$E\$25)
 M40: (F0) [W13] +M39+L40
 N40: (F0) 0
 O40: (F0) [W13] +O39+N40
 P40: (F0) [W14] +M40+O40