Data Needed for Selection and Design of AMD Treatment Systems

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Goal: AMD Treatment based on Good Science

Objectives

- Communicate the importance of good **flow** data
- Help design a solid sampling plan
- Provide a list of essential data
 - This includes good **flow** measurements
- Review why data is critical to design



Populate the Dataset

Date	Flow	F.Cond.	Cond.	F.pH	рН	Alk.	Acid.	Fe	D. Fe	Mn	D. Mn	AI	D. Al	Sulfate	TSS	Acid	T.Fe	D Fe	T.Mn	D.Mn	T.Al.	D.Al.
	gpm	umho/cm	tinno/cm	s.u.	s.u.	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	lb/day	lb/day	lb/day	lb/day	lb/day	lb/day	lb/day
01/01/21	32			3.6	4.19	ND	166	0.3	0.3	3.9	3.8	38.6	36.8	919	6	64	0.1	0.1	1.5	1.5	14.8	14.2
02/12/21	60	1512	1500	4.3	4.08	10	90	0.1	0.1	1.0	1.0	11.8	12.2	840	1	65	0.1	0.1	0.7	0.7	8.5	8.8
03/17/21	50	824	1700	4.3	4.24	10	92	0.1	0.1	1.1	1.1	13.3	13.3	920	1	55	0.1	0.1	0.6	0.6	8.0	8.0
04/51/21	60	1560	1600	4.2	4.14	10	96	0.1	0.2	1.1	1.1	13.7	13.4	910	1	69	0.1	0.1	0.8	0.8	9.9	9.7
5/16/21	100	1341	1400	4.4	4.21	10	64	1.8	0.4	0.9	0.9	9.2	8.4	760	204	77	2.2	0.5	1.1	1.1	11.0	10.1
06/19/21	100	1469	1500	4.3	4.24	10	64	0.1	0.1	1.0	1.0	11.0	11.1	880	17	77	0.2	0.1	1.1	1.2	13.2	13.3
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11/11/21	75	1532	1500	4.6	4.17	10	190	0.1	0.1	1.2	1.2	15.1	14.0	1200	1	171	0.1	0.1	1.0	1.0	13.6	12.6
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Where should I collect the sample?

Sample Location



Investigate the Entire Site

• There can be clues – is low pH iron removal happening?





How Location & Low pH Fe Can Impact Design

Parameter	Data Collected ~100 ft from Source	At Source
рН	3.4	3.7
Acid (mg/L)	159	177
Fe (mg/L)	2	30
Mn (mg/L)	39	68
Al (mg/L)	20	5



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DATE: How Long Should I Sample?

- Preferred: Monthly for 1 Year
 - 12 samples
- Better: Bimonthly for 1 Year
 - 24 Samples
- Adequate: Monthly During High Flow
 - January through June
 - 6 Samples
 - You may miss the late summer/early fall "Hurricane Rains"
- More data is better (must have FLOW)
- (Only the flow measurement from treated samples can be helpful)



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FLOW: Should I Measure the Flow?



How Do I Measure Flow?

- Bucket and Stopwatch
- Flume
- Weir
- Flow Meter









Bucket & Stopwatch

- Set a pipe
- Calibrated Bucket
- Stopwatch







Calibrated Buckets

Standard 5-Gallon	Bucket Calibration
Feet from Bottom	US Gal.
1.070	5.0
0.965	4.5
0.865	4.0
0.765	3.5
0.660	3.0
0.550	2.5
0.450	2.0
0.340	1.5
0.235	1.0
0.170	0.5
Bottom	0.0



Measuring Flow: A Solid Investment



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- Osmotic Pressure





The Complete Dataset

Field Parameters

- Flow
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- Carbon Dioxide (Cold Acidity)
- ORP



Laboratory Analysis

- Conductivity
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- Acidity (Hot Peroxide Method +/-)
- Bicarbonate
- Chloride
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- Total & Dissolved:
 - Fe (Ferrous/Ferric), Mn, Al, Mg, Ca, K
- Total & Dissolved (if needed):
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Median	68	1560	1700	4.3	4.18	10	110	0.1	0.1	1.2	1.2	15.9	15.4	960	2	89	0.1	0.1	1.1	1.1	13.4	13.5
Minimum	32	824	1400	3.6	4.07	10	64	0.1	0.1	0.9	0.9	9.2	8.4	760	1	55	0.1	0.1	0.6	0.6	8.0	8.0
Maximum	100	1858	1900	4.6	4.51	10	220	2.2	0.4	3.9	3.8	38.6	36.8	1700	204	171	2.2	0.5	1.6	1.6	21.0	21.6

Calculate the Load

Load Calculation

Flow (gpm) x Concentration (mg/L) x 0.01202 = lb/day

- Used to size aerobic wetlands
- Can be used to size manganese removal beds
- Helps to estimate sludge volumes
- Used to estimate chemical consumption
- Used to project environmental benefit
 - Stream Impact, TMDLs, etc.



Quick Tip

The Shucka-Shucka Test

- Use pH to check for CO₂
 - Measure pH
 - Shake sample
 - Does pH go up?



Why Carbon Dioxide Matters



Field vs. Lab: What's the Difference?

Point	Flow gpm	Field pH	Lab pH	Field Alk. mg/L CaCO ₃	Lab Alk. mg/L CaCO ₃	(Hot) Acidity mg/L CaCO ₃
VFP-West	61	6.5	5.77	108	53	-4
VFP-East	81	6.7	5.67	121	43	2
Wetland	228	6.2	5.08	33	3	96

Field vs. Lab and Total vs. Dissolved

Point	Field pH	Lab pH	Field Alk. mg/L CaCO ₃	Lab Alk. mg/L CaCO ₃	Total Fe mg/L	Diss. Fe mg/L	Total Mn mg/L	Diss. Mn _{mg/L}	Total Al mg/L	Diss. Al mg/L
2	6.29	6.08	191	113	275	238	7	6	1	1
3	3.35	3.14	0	0	177	148	12	12	3	3

Calculated & Treatment Acidity

Calculated Acidity

50,000 x 10^{-pH} + 1.79(Fe²⁺) + 2.83(Fe³⁺) + 1.82(Mn) + 5.56(Al) - Alk

(field pH, subtract field alkalinity)

+ 4.34(Mg) + 2.50(Ca) + 1.53(Zn) + 1.57(Cu) + 1.70(Ni)

- Used dissolved metals
- Not all Mn may precipitate in Hot Acidity Test
- **Treatment acidity** may differ as Mg, Ca, may precipitate at high pH, + other metals

Treatment Acidity

Read Paper by Brent Means & Tiff Hilton:

"Comparison of Three Methods to Measure Acidity of Coal-Mine Drainage"

Available from the American Society of Reclamation Sciences (www.asrs.us)

asrs.us/past-asrs-meetings/2004-morgantown-wv-member/

It has a great Literature Cited Section





Great References for the AMD Practitioner

Great Reference for Passive Treatment of AMD:

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Flow: Expectations vs. Reality



Thank you! Questions?

