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In Class Exercise: Oxygen Demand and DO Sag Curve

1. Determine the theoretical oxygen demand for 150 mg/L of glucose.

$$C_6H_{12}O_6 + 6 O_2 = 6CO_2 + 6H_2O$$

MW of glucose = 180 g/mole

Therefore THOD = $\underline{6*32 \text{ g/mole O2}}$ * $\underline{150 \text{ mg/L glucose}}$ = $\underline{160 \text{ mg/L}}$ 180 g/mole glucose

2. The BOD₅ of a sewage sample is 200 mg/L. What is the ultimate BOD_u at 20°C if $k_{20} = 0.16 \text{ day}^{-1}$? What is the BOD₅ and BOD_u of the sample at 30°C if k_{30} is 0.25 day⁻¹?

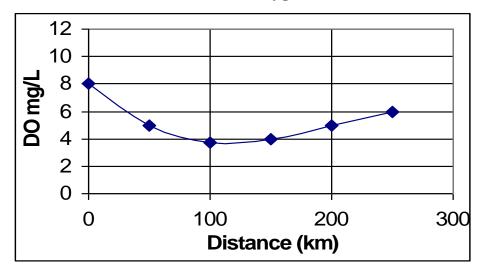
$$L_t = L_o (1-e^{-kt})$$
 Given $Lt = 200$ Lo=? $k_{20} = 0.16$ day⁻¹ $t = 5$ days

$$200 = Lo(1-e^{-.16*5})$$
 or $Lo = 363.19 \text{ mg/L} = BODu$

Note BODu is not a function of temperature. Therefore same BODu will be used at 30°C

BOD₅ =Lt = 363.19
$$(1 - e^{-.25*5})$$
 = 259.13 mg/L

Dissolved Oxygen



1. What is the value of the DO at saturation level if the temperature of the stream is 15°C?

LOOK UP VALUE IN BOOK 10.15 mg/L

- 2. What is the value of the initial DO deficit in mg/L? 10.15 -8.0 =2.15 mg/L
- 3. What is the value of the critical DO? 4.0 mg/L
- 3. What is the value of the maximum deficit of DO in the stream in mg/L?

10.15-4.0= 6.15 mg/L (4.0 is the DO at the lowest point of the curve)

- 4. What is the distance in miles where the maximum deficit occurs? 100 km
- 5. If the velocity of the stream is 0.065 km/sec at what is the value of critical time in days?

Critical Time =
$$\frac{100 \text{ km} * \text{sec *min * hr}}{0.065 \text{ km * } 60 \text{ sec * } 60 \text{ min * } 24 \text{ hrs}} = \frac{0.0178 \text{ days}}{0.0178 \text{ days}}$$

- 2. What causes oxygen depletion in a stream when an organic wastewater is discharged? Draw a qualitative DO sag curve.
- 3. Name three factors that impact the solubility of oxygen in water? Pressure, temperature, salinity
- 4. A waste stream has a dissolved oxygen concentration of 1.5 mg/L, a flow of 0.5 m³/sec, a temperature of 26 °C and an ultimate BOD of 48 mg/L. The stream water is running at 2.2 m³/sec at a saturated DO, a temperature of 12°C and an ultimate BOD of 1.6 mg/L. Calculate the dissolved oxygen concentration 48.3 km downsteam.

Given $k_1 \ 0.2 \ day^{-1}$ and $k_2 = 0.4 \ day^{-1}$

Find mixing temperature, DO and BOD Find corresponding DO_{sat} for mixing temp. to calculate mixing DO. Calculate DO deficit using equation

Mixing Temperature = $0.5 \text{ m}^3/\text{sec}^* 26 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C} + 2.2 \text{ m}^3/\text{sec}^* 12^{\circ}\text{C} = 14.6^{\circ}\text{C} = 15 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ (0.5+2.2) m³/sec

Mixing BOD_u = $0.5 \text{ m}^3/\text{sec}^* 48 \text{mg/L} + 2.2 \text{ m}^3/\text{sec}^* 1.6 \text{ mg/L} = 10.19 \text{ mg/L}$ (0.5+2.2) m³/sec

Look up DO_{sat} at 12°C from book = 10.83mg/L

Mixing DO = $0.5 \text{ m}^3/\text{sec}^* 1.5 \text{ mg/L} + 2.2 \text{ m}^3/\text{sec}^* 10.83 \text{mg/L} = 9.10 \text{ mg/L}$ (0.5+2.2) m³/sec

At a temperature of 15°C DO_{sat} = 10.15 mg/L

Therefore Initial deficit = 10.15-9.1 = 1.05 mg/L

Time t = 48 m/0.37 m/s = 129.73 sec = 0.0015 days

Using equation 8-33 Deficit at 48 m = 1.053 mg/L

Therefore DO at 48 km = 10.15 - 1.053 = 9.09 mg/L

Use eqn 8-35 and 8-37 for critical time and critical deficit

tc = 2.92 days Dc = 2.84 mg/L

Therefore DO at critical point = 10.15-2.84 = 7.31mg/L > 4mg/L required for aquatic life