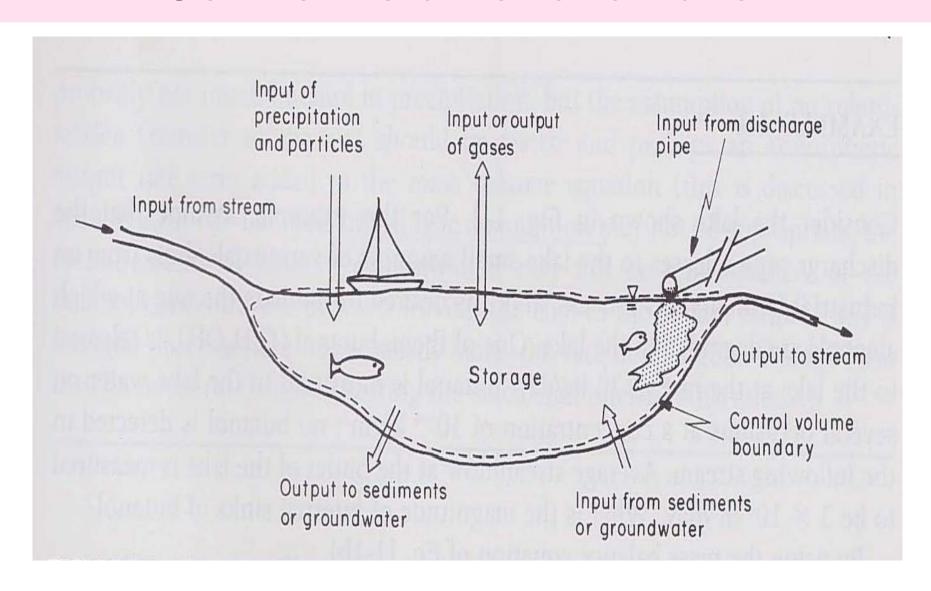
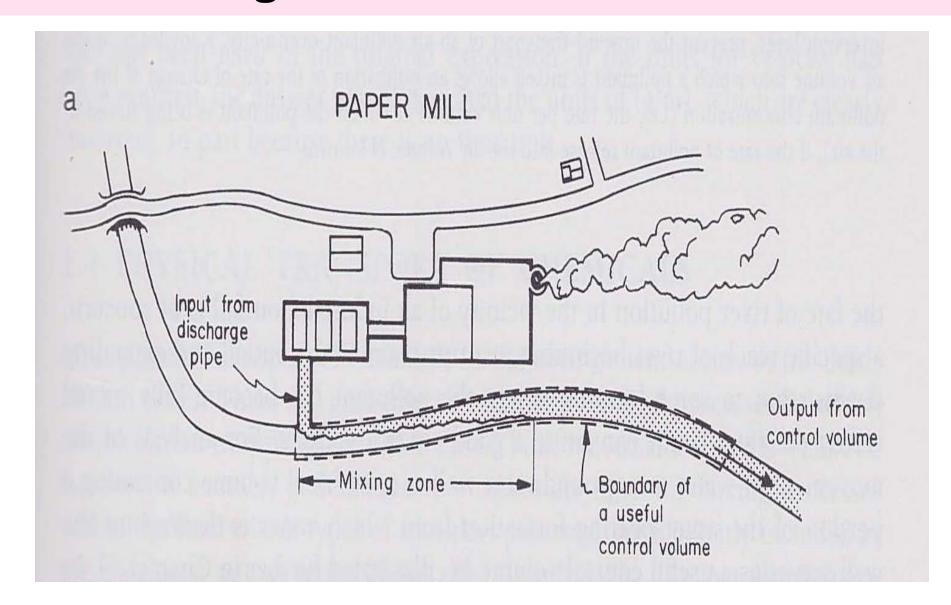
Control Volume for a Lake

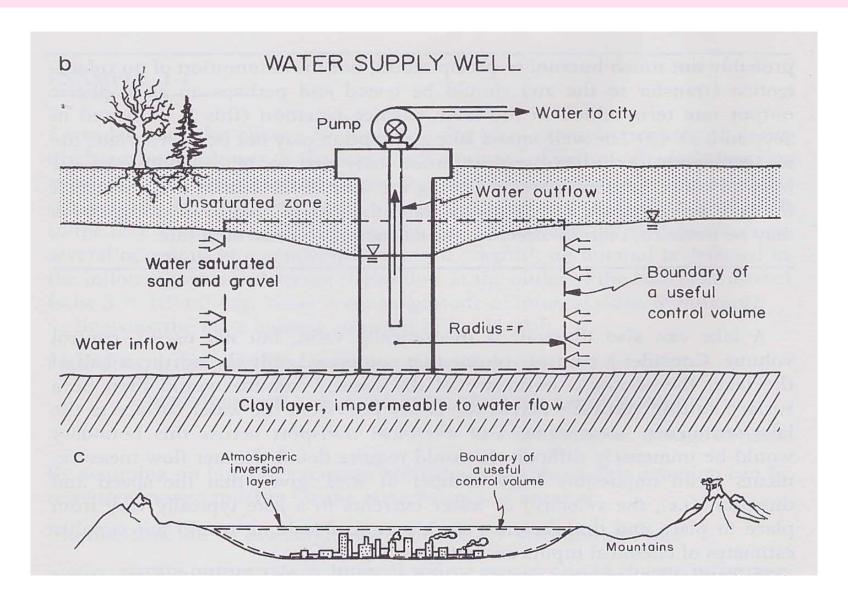


Choosing Useful Control Volume...1



Source: Chemical Fate and Transport in the Environment, 2nd Ed., Hemond, H.F. and Fechner-Levy, E.J. (2000).

Choosing Useful Control Volume...2



Class Problem

On a piece of paper provided to you, please answer the following question. Write your name and roll number before submitting the sheet today.

A stream flowing at 10 m³/s has a tributary feeding into it with a flow of 5 m³/s. The stream's concentration of chloride upstream of the junction is 20.0 mg/L, and the tributary chloride concentration is 40.0 mg/L.

Treating chloride as a conservative substance and assuming complete mixing of the two streams, find the downstream chloride concentration.

Contaminant vs Pollutant

Contaminants: Impurities in fresh water, either dissolved or suspended

- Naturally available fresh water is always impure, i.e., it contains contaminants.
- Presence of contaminants is not harmful to the health of human beings and other organisms.

Pollutants: Contaminants present at concentrations high enough to adversely impact health of human beings and other organisms

Types of Contaminants in Fresh Water

- 1. Dissolved / particulate
- 2. Organic / inorganic

Factors Determining Concentration of Contaminants

1. Loading

How much of the contaminant is added to water

- 2. Physical, Chemical and Biological Transformation

 Reactions in water leading to formation/destruction of contaminants
- 3. Physical Transport, i.e., Mass Transport
 How the contaminant is spread in the water
- 4. Mass Transfer

Transfer of contaminant from water to soil and air

Environmental Quality and Pollution

Processes Undergone by Contaminants in Water

1. Biological / chemical processes involving dissolved contaminants

Acid-Base Reaction organic / inorganic

Complexation Reaction organic / inorganic

Precipitation Reaction inorganic

Oxidation-Reduction organic / inorganic

Hydrolysis mostly organic (will be briefly discussed)

mostly organic (will be briefly discussed) **Photolysis**

Biodegradation mostly organic (will not be discussed)

2. Physical processes involving particulate contaminants

Sedimentation

Coagulation / flocculation

Filtration

3. Mass transport of dissolved / particulate contaminants

Advection

Diffusion / Dispersion

4. Mass transfer of dissolved contaminants

Solid-liquid mass transfer

Gas-liquid mass transfer

adsorption / desorption

absorption / stripping Quality and Pollution