**Operational Produced Water Management Optimization Model**

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Mathematical Notation

**Sets**

Time periods (i.e. days)

Well pads

Production pads (subset of well pads )

Completions pads (subset of well pads )

Freshwater sources

Disposal sites

Storage sites

Treatment sites

Beneficial Reuse options

Network nodes

Locations (superset of well pads, disposal sites, nodes, …)

Production tanks

Water quality components

Production-to-completions pipeline arcs

Production-to-node pipeline arcs

Production-to-production pipeline arcs

Completions-to-node pipeline arcs

Completions-to-completions pipeline arcs

Node-to-node pipeline arcs

Node-to-completions pipeline arcs

Node-to-disposal pipeline arcs

Node-to-storage pipeline arcs

Node-to-treatment pipeline arcs

Node-to-beneficial reuse pipeline arcs

Freshwater-to-completions pipeline arcs

Treatment-to-node pipeline arcs

Treatment-to-completions pipeline arcs

Treatment-to-disposal pipeline arcs

Storage-to-node pipeline arcs

Storage-to-completions pipeline arcs

Storage-to-disposal pipeline arcs

Storage-to-treatment pipeline arcs

Storage-to-beneficial reuse pipeline arcs

Production-to-completions trucking arcs

Freshwater-to-completions trucking arcs

Production-to-disposal trucking arcs

Production-to-storage trucking arcs

Production-to-treatment trucking arcs

Production-to-beneficial reuse trucking arcs

Completions-to-disposal trucking arcs

Completions-to-storage trucking arcs

Completions-to-treatment trucking arcs

Completions-to-completions trucking arcs (flowback reuse)

Storage-to-completions trucking arcs

Storage-to-disposal trucking arcs

Treatment-to-disposal trucking arcs

Pad-to-tank links

**Continuous Variables**

Produced water piped from one location to another location

Produced water trucked from one location to another location

Fresh water sourced from source to completions pad

Water put into completions pad storage

Water removed from completions pad storage

Leftover water from the treatment process

If the production tanks are separate, water level and water drainage are tracked at each individual production tank:

Produced water drained from production tank

Water level in production tank at the end of time period t

Otherwise, if the production tanks are equalized, the water level and water drainage can be aggregated to a pad level: Produced water drained from equalized production tanks

Water level in equalized production tanks at the end of time period t

Produced water for transport from pad

Water level in storage site at the end of time period t

Water level in completions pad storage at the end of time period t

Cost of piping produced water from one location to another location

Cost of trucking produced water from one location to another location

Cost of sourcing fresh water from source to completions pad

Cost of injecting produced water at disposal site

Cost of treating produced water at treatment site

Cost of reusing produced water at completions site

Cost of storing produced water at storage site (incl. treatment)

Credit for retrieving stored produced water from storage site

Total cost of sourcing freshwater

Total cost of injecting produced water

Total cost of treating produced water

Total cost of reusing produced water

Total cost of piping produced water

Total cost of storing produced water

Total cost of storing produced water at completions pad

Total cost of trucking produced water

Total cost of slack variables

Total credit for withdrawing produced water

Water quality at location

Slack variable to meet the completions water demand

Slack variable to process produced water production

Slack variable to process flowback water production

Slack variable to provide necessary pipeline capacity

Slack variable to provide necessary storage capacity

Slack variable to provide necessary disposal capacity

Slack variable to provide necessary treatment capacity

Slack variable to provide necessary beneficial reuse capacity

**Binary Variables**

Directional flow between two locations

Completions pad storage use

**Parameters**

Completions demand at a completions site in a time period

If the production tanks are separate, water level and water drainage are tracked at each individual production tank: Produced water supply forecast for a production pad

Production tank capacity

Initial water level in production tank

Otherwise, if the production tanks are equalized, the water level and water drainage can be aggregated to a pad level Produced water supply forecast for a production pad

Combined capacity of equalized production tanks

Initial water level in equalized production tanks

Flowback supply forecast for a completions pad

Daily pipeline capacity between two locations

Daily disposal capacity at a disposal site

Storage capacity at a storage site

Storage capacity at completions site

Daily treatment capacity at a treatment site

Daily reuse capacity at a beneficial reuse site

Daily freshwater sourcing capacity at freshwater source

Daily truck offloading sourcing capacity per pad

Daily truck offloading sourcing capacity per storage site

Daily processing (e.g. clarification) capacity per pad

Daily processing (e.g. clarification) capacity at storage site

Truck capacity

Drive time between two pads

Drive time from a pad to a disposal site

Drive time from a pad to a storage site

Drive time from a pad to a treatment site

Drive time from a pad to a beneficial reuse site

Drive time from a storage site to a completions site

Drive time from a storage site to a disposal site

Drive time from a treatment site to a disposal site

Initial storage level at storage site

Initial storage level at completions site

Terminal storage level at completions site

Pipeline segment length

Disposal operational cost

Treatment operational cost (may include “clean brine”)

Completions reuse operational cost

Storage deposit operational cost

Completions pad operational cost

Storage withdrawal operational credit

Pipeline operational cost

Trucking hourly cost (by source)

Fresh sourcing cost (does not include transportation cost)

Initial water quality at pad

Big-M flow parameter

Slack cost parameter

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Mathematical Program Formulation

The default objective function for this produced water operational model is to **minimize costs**, which includes operational costs associated with procurement of fresh water, the cost of disposal, trucking and piping produced water between well pads and treatment facilities, and the cost of storing, treating and reusing produced water. A credit for using treated water is also considered, and additional slack variables are included to facilitate the identification of potential issues with input data.

**Objective**

**Completions Pad Demand Balance**

Completions pad demand can be met by trucked or piped water moved into the pad in addition to water in completions pad storage. For each completions pad and for each time period, completions demand at the given pad is equal to the sum of all piped and trucked water moved into the completions pad plus water removed from the pad storage minus water put into the pad storage plus slack.

**Completions Pad Storage Balance**

This constraint sets the storage level at the completions pad. For each completions pad and for each time period, completions pad storage is equal to storage in last time period plus water put in minus water removed. If it is the first time period, the pad storage is the initial pad storage.

**Completions Pad Storage Capacity**

The storage at each completions pad must always be at or below its capacity in every time period.

**Terminal Completions Pad Storage Level**

The storage in the last period must be at or below its terminal storage level.

**Freshwater Sourcing Capacity**

For each freshwater source and each time period, the outgoing water from the freshwater source is below the freshwater capacity.

**Completions Pad Truck Offloading Capacity**

For each completions pad and time period, the volume of water being trucked into the completions pad must be below the trucking offloading capacity.

**Completions Pad Processing Capacity**

For each completions pad and time period, the volume of water (excluding freshwater) coming in must be below the processing limit.

Note: this constraint has not actually been implemented yet.

**Storage Site Truck Offloading Capacity**

For each storage site and each time period, the volume of water being trucked into the storage site must be below the trucking offloading capacity for that storage site.

**Storage Site Processing Capacity**

For each storage site and each time period, the volume of water being trucked into the storage site must be less than the processing capacity for that storage site.

**Production Tank Balance**

If there are individual production tanks, the water level must be tracked at each tank. The water level at a given tank at the end of each period is equal to the water level at the previous period plus the flowback supply forecast at the pad minus the water that is drained. If it is the first period, it is equal to the initial water level.

For individual production tanks:

Otherwise, if the production tanks are equalized, the water level in all production tanks can be aggregated to a production pad level. The water level at the production pad at the end of each period is equal to the level at the last period plus the forecasted flowback supply minus the water that is drained. If it is the first period, it is equal to the initial water level.

For equalized production tanks:

**Production Tank Capacity**

The water level at the production tanks must always be below the production tank capacity.

For individual production tanks:

For equalized production tanks:

**Terminal Production Tank Level Balance**

The water level at the production tanks in the final time period must be below the terminal production tank water level parameter.

For individual production tanks:

For equalized production tanks:

**Tank-to-Pad Production Balance**

If there are individual production tanks, the water drained across all tanks at the completions pad must be equal to the produced water for transport at the pad.

For individual production tanks:

Otherwise, if the production tanks are equalized, the production water drained is measured on an aggregated production pad level.

For equalized production tanks:

Note: The constraint proposed above is obviously not necessary but included to facilitate switching between (1) an equalized production tank version and (2) a non-equalized production tank version.

**Production Pad Supply Balance**

All produced water must be accounted for. For each production pad and for each time period, the volume of outgoing water must be equal to the produced water transported out of the production pad.

**Completions Pad Supply Balance (i.e. Flowback Balance)**

All flowback water must be accounted for. For each completions pad and for each time period, the volume of outgoing water must be equal to the forecasted flowback produced water for the completions pad.

**Network Node Balance**

Flow balance constraint (i.e., inputs are equal to outputs). For each pipeline node and for each time period, the volume water into the node is equal to the volume of water out of the node.

**Bi-Directional Flow**

There can only be flow in one direction for a given pipeline arc in a given time period. Flow is only allowed in a given direction if the binary indicator for that direction is “on”.

Note: Technically this constraint should only be enforced for truly reversible arcs (e.g. *NCA* and *CNA*); and even then it only needs to be defined per one reversible arc (e.g. *NCA* only and not *NCA* and *CNA*).

**Storage Site Balance**

For each storage site and for each time period, if it is the first time period, the storage level is the initial storage. Otherwise, the storage level is equal to the storage level in the previous time period plus water inputs minus water outputs.

**Pipeline Capacity**

**Storage Capacity**

The total stored water in a given time period must be less than the capacity. If the storage capacity limits the feasibility, the slack variable will be nonzero, and the storage capacity will be increased to allow a feasible solution.

**Disposal Capacity**

The total disposed water in a given time period must be less than the capacity. If the disposal capacity limits the feasibility, the slack variable will be nonzero, and the disposal capacity will be increased to allow a feasible solution.

**Treatment Capacity**

The total treated water in a given time period must be less than the capacity. If the treatment capacity limits the feasibility, the slack variable will be nonzero, and the treatment capacity will be increased to allow a feasible solution.

**Beneficial Reuse Capacity**

The total water for beneficial reuse in a given time period must be less than the capacity. If the beneficial reuse capacity limits the feasibility, the slack variable will be nonzero, and the beneficial reuse capacity will be increased to allow a feasible solution.

**Fresh Sourcing Cost**

For each freshwater source, for each completions pad, and for each time period, the freshwater sourcing cost is equal to all output from the freshwater source times the freshwater sourcing cost.

**Disposal Cost**

For each disposal site, for each time period, the disposal cost is equal to all water moved into the disposal site multiplied by the operational disposal cost. Total disposal cost is the sum of disposal costs over all time periods and all disposal sites.

**Treatment Cost**

For each treatment site, for each time period, the treatment cost is equal to all water moved to the treatment site multiplied by the operational treatment cost. The total treatments cost is the sum of treatment costs over all time periods and all treatment sites.

**Treatment Balance**

Water input into treatment facility is treated with a level of efficiency, meaning only a given percentage of the water input is outputted to be reused at the completions pads.

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**Completions Reuse Cost**

Completions reuse water is all water that meets completions pad demand, excluding freshwater. Completions reuse cost is the volume of completions reused water multiplied by the cost for reuse.

Note: Freshwater sourcing excluded from completions reuse costs.

**Piping Cost**

Piping cost is the total volume of piped water multiplied by the cost for piping.

Note: the constraints above explicitly consider freshwater piping via FCA arcs.

**Storage Deposit Cost**

Cost of depositing into storage is equal to the total volume of water moved into storage multiplied by the storage operation cost rate.

**Storage Withdrawal Credit**

Credits from withdrawing from storage is equal to the total volume of water moved out from storage multiplied by the storage operation credit rate.

**Pad Storage Cost**

**Trucking Cost (Simplified)**

Trucking cost between two locations for time period is equal to the trucking volume between locations in time t divided by the truck capacity [this gets # of truckloads] multiplied by the lead time between two locations and hourly trucking cost.

Note: the constraints above explicitly consider freshwater trucking via FCT arcs.

**Slack Costs**

Weighted sum of the slack variables. In the case that the model is infeasible, these slack variables are used to determine where the infeasibility occurs (e.g. pipeline capacity is not sufficient).

**Disposal Water Quality**

The water quality of disposed water is dependent on the flow rates into the disposal site and the quality of each of these flows.

**Storage Site Water Quality**

The water quality at storage sites is dependent on the flow rates into the storage site, the volume of water already in storage, and the quality of each of these flows. Even mixing is assumed, so all outgoing flows have the same water quality.

**Treatment Site Water Quality**

The water quality at treatment sites is dependent on the flow rates into the treatment site, the efficiency of treatment, and the water quality of the flows. Even mixing is assumed, so all outgoing flows have the same water quality.

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**Network Node Water Quality**

The water quality at nodes is dependent on the flow rates into the node and the water quality of the flows. Even mixing is assumed, so all outgoing flows have the same water quality.

**Beneficial Reuse Water Quality**

The water quality at beneficial reuse sites is dependent on the flow rates into the site and the water quality of the flows.

Terminology

**Beneficial Reuse Options:** This term refers to the reuse of water at mining facilities, farms, etc.

**Completions Demand:** Demand set by completions pads. This demand can be met by produced water, treated water, or freshwater.

**Completions Reuse Water:** Water that meets demand at a completions site. This does not include freshwater or water for beneficial reuse.

**Network Nodes:** These are branch points for pipelines only. Note: well pads are not a subset of network nodes.

**[t]:** This notation indicates that timing of capacity expansion has not yet been implemented.

**Terminal Storage Level:** These are goal storage levels for the final time period. Without this, the storage levels would likely be depleted in the last time period.