# Notes About Constructed Wetlands

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# k-C\* Model (1996)

$$A = (\frac{0.0365 * Q}{k}) \ln \left(\frac{C_i - C^*}{C_e - C^*}\right)$$
 (1)

$$C_o = C^* + (C_i - C^*) \exp\left(-\frac{kA}{0.0365Q}\right)$$
 (2)

 $C_o = \text{outlet concentration (mg/L)}$ 

 $C_i = \text{inlet concentration (mg/L)}$ 

 $C^* = \text{background concentration (mg/L)}$ 

k =modified first order areal constant (m/d)

 $A = \text{area (m}^2/\text{d)}$ 

 $Q = \text{design flow (m}^3/\text{d)}$ 

Table 1: Typical Media Characteristics for Subsurface Flow Wetlands

	BOD	TSS	Organic N	NH <sub>4</sub> -N	NO <sub>x</sub> N	TN	TP	FC
k20, m/yr	180	1000	35	34	50	27	12	95
Θ	1.0	1.0	1.05	1.04	1.09	1.05	1	1
C*, mg/L	3.5+0.053 C <sub>i</sub>	7.8+0.063 C <sub>i</sub>	1.5	0	0	1.5	0.02	10

Table 2: Possible Effluent Values at Certain Areas

Area (m²	BOD	TSS	Organic N	NH <sub>4</sub> -N	$NO_xN$	TN	TP	FC
500	18.64	13.16	5.98	21.79	12.28	19.04	6.54	183093
1000	12.65	13.16	3.83	11.87	5.02	12.27	5.28	33529.6
10000	12.4	13.16	1.36	0	0	1.36	0.13	10

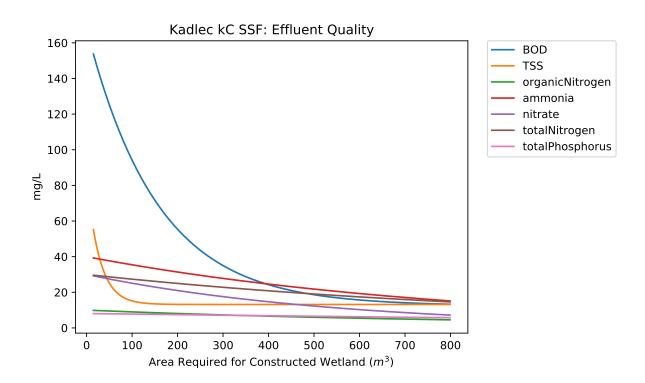


Figure 1: Kadlec Effluent

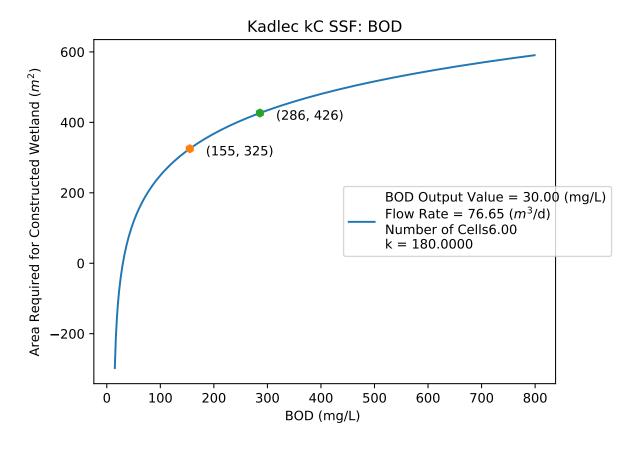


Figure 2: Kadlec Area

# P-k-C\* Model (2009)

$$\frac{(C_o - C^*)}{(C_i - C^*)} = \frac{1}{(1 + k/Pq)^P}$$
(3)

 $C_o = \text{outlet concentration (mg/L)}$ 

 $C_i = \text{inlet concentration (mg/L)}$ 

 $C^* =$ background concentration (mg/L)

k =modified first order areal constant (m/d)

p =number of cells

q = hydrolic loading rate (m/d)

$$k_T = K_{20}\theta^{(T-20)} (4)$$

$$C^* = C_0 = 1.5 + 0.22C_i \tag{5}$$

$$Q_1 = Q_i + A_1(P - ET - I) (6)$$

 $A_1$  = area of the first segment (tank), m<sup>3</sup>

ET = evapotranspiration, m/d

I = infiltration, m/d

P = precipitation, m/d

 $Q_i = \text{inlet flow rate, m}^3/\text{d}$ 

 $Q_1 = \text{outlet flow rate from first segment, m}^3/\text{d}$ 

$$q = Q/A \tag{7}$$

q =hydrolic loading rate

 $Q = \text{inflow rate, m}^3/\text{d}$ 

 $A = \text{area, m}^2$ 

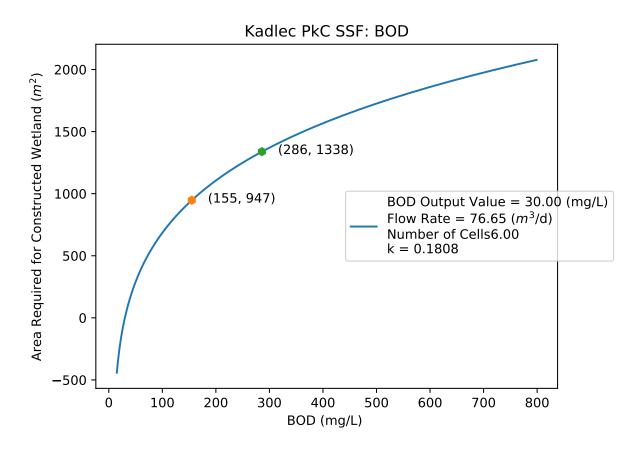


Figure 3: Kadlec Area

Table 3: Calculations from Kadlec Second Edition

Input Parameters				Calculated Values			
Flow rate, Q	76.65	m <sup>3</sup> /d		Volume per tank		$m^3$	
PTIS	4	system		Area per tank		$m^3$	
Area, A Porosity $\epsilon$	1000 0.8	$m^2$		Influent flow Effluent flow		$m^3/d$ $m^3/d$	
Bed Depth	0.5	m		Average flow		m³/d	
$C_{i}$	168	mg/L		Effluent mass load		g/d	
C*	168	mg/L		Nominal HRT		d	
k	66.0	m/yr		HRT (based on Q <sub>avg</sub> )		d	
k	0.1808	m/d		HRT (based on <i>P</i> TIS)		d	
Calculated		System	Exit	Exit Tank 2	Exit	Exit	System
Values		In	Tank 1	<b>-</b>	Tank 3	Tank 4	Out
Net flow	m <sup>3</sup> /d	76.65	76.65	76.65	76.65	76.65	76.65
HLR, q	m/d	0.08	0.31	0.31	0.31	0.31	0.08
-		168	108.64	71.31	47.82	33.05	33.05
Concentration							
HRT	days	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Table 4: Summary of First-Order Rate Constants for Selected Parameters

C <sub>i</sub> (mg/L)	BOD Tertiary 0-30 (mg/L)	BOD Tertiary 30-100 (mg/L)	BOD Tertiary 100-200 (mg/L)	BOD Tertiary >200 (mg/L)
FWS				
P	1	1	1	1
C*, (mg/L)	2	5	10	20
30th %ile (k, m/yr)	16	16	23	54
50th %ile (k, m/yr)	33	41	36	189
70th %ile (k, m/yr)	79	67	112	439
HSSF				
P	3	3	3	3
C*, (mg/L)	1	5	10	15
30th %ile (k, m/yr)	36	24	15	21
50th %ile (k, m/yr)	86	<b>3</b> 7	25	66
70th %ile (k, m/yr)	224	44	44	114

Table 5: Summary of First-Order Rate Constants for Selected Parameters

C <sub>i</sub> (mg/L)	ORG-N	NH <sub>4</sub> -N	NO <sub>x</sub> -N	TKN	TN	TP	FC
FWS							
P	3	3	3	3	3	3.4	3
C*, (mg/L)	1.5	0	0	1.5	1.5	0.002	40
30th %ile (k, m/yr)	10.7	8.7	18.5	6.1	6.6	4.5	49
50th %ile (k, m/yr)	17.3	14.7	26.5	9.8	12.6	10.0	83
70th %ile (k, m/yr)	27.4	45.1	33.6	13.6	24.2	16.7	177
HSSF							
P	6	6	8	6	6	•	6
C*, (mg/L)	1	0	0	1	1	•	0
30th %ile (k, m/yr)	8.8	5.2	32	4.8	4.7	•	56
50th %ile (k, m/yr)	19.6	11.4	42	9.1	8.4	•	103
70th %ile (k, m/yr)	38.0	18.8	73	14.6	14.2	•	181

# Table 16.3: Predesign Checklist

#### **Potential Weltand Site Data**

Site name: CEFONMA

• City/Community: Xix, Guatemala

• Current Population: 150 (Half day students, half boarding students)

• Future Population: 450

Other anticipated Wetland Uses (nature study, hunting, aquaculture, other):

Key/sensitive wildlife habitat:

Site substrate material (e.g., sand, clay, muck, sandy clay, clayey sand, etc.):

• Substrate permeability: high medium low

#### %Vegitation Cover:

- Submergent:
- Emergent:
- Meadow:
- Forest:

Land area available:

Proximity to water/wastewater source:

- Zoning:
- Ownership:

#### Adjacent land use:

- Zoning:
- Ownership:

Presence of existing or potential limiting land use (e.g., environmentally sensitive areas, etc.):

Protected species historical or archealogical resources on or near site:

Aquifers, aquitards, or natural wetlands (note location):

% of Available land area covered by natural wetlands:

Type of natural wetland (marsh, openwater, floating aquitic, etc):

Dominant plant species:

Site topography (flat, rolling, steep, other):

- Is the wetland/site landlocked? Yes No
- If no, what water body will/does teh treatment wetland discharge to?

Water body classification:

Wetland outlet location and description:

Upland buffer zone description:

#### **Climatic Factors**

Site elevation:

Number of frost-free days:

Annual and monthly temperature

Table 6: Annual and Monthly Temps

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
14.6	15.1	16.6	17.4	17.5	17.5	16.7	16.7	16.8	16.1	15.7	15.2	16.33

Table 7: Annual and Monthly Snowfall

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
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Table 8: Annual and Monthly Rainfall

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
65	42	50	66	128	306	264	230	251	224	127	64	1818

Table 9: Annual and Monthly Evapotranspiration

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
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## **Potential Influent Quantity and Quality**

Design flows:

Stormwater to watershed area:

Define watershed border and note watershed area: ha

Runoff coefficient:

Wastewaters (municipal, industrial, etc):

Wastewater pretreatment:

Operating season (months):

Period of record

- Start year
- End year

Average flow  $(m^3/d)$ :

Metals (list):

Pesticides/herbicides (list):

Organics (list):

### **Parameter Concentrations and Loadings**

Parameter		
BOD <sub>5</sub>	 mg/L	 kg/d
TSS	 mg/L	 kg/d
NH <sub>4</sub> -N	 mg/L	 kg/d
$NO_3+NO_2$	 mg/L	 kg/d
TN	 mg/L	 kg/d
TKN	 mg/L	 kg/d
Organic Nitrogen	 mg/L	 kg/d
TP	 mg/L	 kg/d
$SO_4/S_2$	 mg/L	 kg/d
Alkalinity	 mg/L	 kg/d
Chloride	 mg/L	 kg/d
Dissolved Oxygen	 mg/L	 kg/d
Conductivity	 _	
pН		
Temperature	 (°C)	
Fecal Coliform	 (CFU/100 mL)	
E. coli	 (CFU/100 mL)	

### **Treatment Wetland System Outflow Targets**

Approval permit limits to be met at:

wetland inflow:

# • wetland outflow:

Approved flow (per day, week, month, year):

Approval duration:

Parameter		
BOD <sub>5</sub> TSS NH <sub>4</sub> -N TN TP Dissolved Oxygen Fecal Coliform pH	mg/L mg/L mg/L mg/L mg/L mg/L (CFU/100 mL)	kg/d kg/d kg/d kg/d kg/d