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1. What is the solids content in mg/l of a 2.5% sludge?

Answer: 25,000 mg/l

2. How many lbs of salt needs to be dissolved in water to make 1 liter of 5% salt solution?

Solution:

$$5\% \text{ salt solution} \implies 50,000 \text{ mg/l salt}$$

To prepare 1 litre of salt solution need to dissolve 50,000 mg or:

$$50,000 \text{ mg} * \frac{lb}{453.6 \text{ gms}} * \frac{gm}{1,000 \text{ mg}} = \boxed{0.11 \text{ lb salt}} \text{ in enough water to make 1 liter of solution.}$$

3. What is the concentration in mg/l of 4.5% solution of that substance.

4. How many lbs of salt is needed to make 5 gallons of a 2500mg/l salt solution

$$2500 \text{ mg/l} = 2500 \text{ ppm} = \frac{2500 \text{ lbs salt}}{1,000,000 \text{ lbs salt solution}} * 5 * 8.34 \text{ salt solution} = \boxed{0.1 \text{ lbs salt}}$$

5. An operator mixes 40 lb of lime in a 100-gal tank containing 80 gal of water. What is the percent of lime in the slurry? Solution:

$$\left(\frac{40 \text{ lbs lime}}{80 \text{ gal water} * 8.34 \frac{lbs}{gal \text{ water}} + 40 \text{ lbs lime}} * \frac{1,000,000 \text{ lbs}}{\text{million lbs}} \right) * \frac{\%}{10,000 \text{ ppm}} = \boxed{5.7\%}$$