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1. INTRODUCTION. This publication contains criteria on metering, instrumentation, controls, and chemical feeding devices used in wastewater disposal systems.

2. RELATED CRITERIA. Certain criteria related to the subject matter appear elsewhere.

3. USE OF CRITERIA. These criteria indicate simple recommended practices applicable to plants with up to 5 Mgd average flow.

3.1 SPECIAL CASES. Specific design problems may require departures from these practices; therefore, use these criteria with discretion. For example, use of computers and microprocessors for data logging, indication, and process control is considered an emerging technology. This technology is presently primarily applicable to large wastewater treatment plants with adequately trained staff to maintain the hardware (greater than 10 Mgd size). However, improvements in electronics, hardware, software, and sensing devices (primarily sensing elements) will make this technology more desirable for smaller plants. Detailed information is not included for such emerging technology because of its state of rapid change and because additional development and application experience need to occur before application to the smaller naval facilities is justified.

3.2 LETTERS IN TABLES. To further clarify terms in the tables, the letters (E), (O), and (S) are used to mean:

(E) = Essential Items described are required wherever particular applications occur.

(O) = Optional Items described may be required (contingent on specific plant needs).

(S) = Special Cases Items are sometimes used in large installations or where process variable control is critical.

4. POLICIES. Devices and systems should be as simple as possible. In any installation or facility, equipment procurement should be limited to the smallest practicable number of manufacturers.

4.1 PRIMARY MEASUREMENT. Provide elements to measure any function essential to proper operating control and evaluation of plant performance.

4.2 INSTRUMENTATION. Provide remote readouts only where operating convenience and cost savings outweigh added maintenance needs or where hazardous wastes are being treated. Record functions that significantly affect public health, the environment, or economy of operation. Consider data logging devices where costs can be offset by reduced operating manpower needs.

4.3 CONTROLS. Consider automatic controls where significant improvement in performance will result or where cost can be offset by reduced operating manpower needs or where treating hazardous wastes; otherwise, keep controls as simple as possible. Wherever feasible, use fixed or manual controls (for example, weirs, launders, siphons, or throttling valves) in preference to mechanical devices. Use direct acting controls (for example, float valves) in preference to electrically or pneumatically actuated devices. Always consider the effects of possible control malfunctions.

4.4 STANDARDIZATION. Standardize equipment wherever possible. Use identical or similar components to the maximum extent. Instrumentation, control, and feeding equipment should be homogeneous (that is, all self-powered, all pneumatic, and so forth).

4.5 EQUIPMENT ACCURACY. Equipment accuracy tolerances should be as low as possible and consistent with the functions desired.

4.6 EQUIPMENT RANGES. Before selecting equipment such as meters or feeders, compute the required maximum and minimum capacities, and keep ranges as narrow as possible for any piece of equipment.

4.7 NEW PRODUCTS. New products and applications are constantly being developed.

5. INFORMATION REQUIRED. Obtain the following information to assist in equipment selection:

- a) Type of treatment.
- b) Chemical, physical, and bacteriological qualities of raw wastewater, treated wastewater, and permissible discharge limits.
- c) Variations of flow rate for raw wastewater.
- d) Ranges of other related variables.
- e) Size of treatment plant.
- f) Effluent disposal conditions.

6. WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEMS

6.1 PRIMARY MEASURING DEVICES

6.1.1 LOCATION AND PURPOSE. Primary measuring devices are required at critical locations in wastewater treatment systems to sense and measure flow, pressure, elevation, temperature, weight, and physical and chemical characteristics of process streams. For type of device, see Table 1. For examples of location of measuring devices and types of measurements for industrial waste treatment systems, see Table 2.

6.1.2 USE LIMITATIONS. Different types of measuring devices are available for each application. The listed capacity of a device includes most sizes and types of the device that are available. The range is the useful turndown ratio of a particular device.

6.1.3 DISCRETE VERSUS ANALOG DEVICES. Alarm functions and many control functions require only the presence or absence of a process variable input for their operation. For example, a sump pump may start if the liquid level is above a certain point or a tank heater may start if the temperature is below a selected point. Control these functions by discrete devices such as flow switches, temperature switches, level switches, and pressure switches. If the actual status of the process variable is required, rather than on/off for indication or control, an analog primary device should be used. Some alarm switches are not included in the tables; for example, clarifier torque switches, speed switches, and other equipment protection switches that are normally supplied with the equipment.

6.1.4 SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS. Primary measuring devices for wastewater systems must meet more rigorous operational requirements than those for water supply systems. Select devices constructed of materials impervious to the corrosive effects of the wastewater. Consider plugging of impulse or sampling lines and buildup of solids and grease on analytical probes when specifying these devices.

6.2 INSTRUMENTATION. Instrumentation covers all secondary instruments (such as gages, indicators, recorders, or totalizers) needed for efficient operation of wastewater treatment systems. Information sensed by a primary device is translated by instruments into an operator usable form called "readout." Most analog primary devices require secondary instruments, although a few (such as displacement meters) contain built-in counters.

6.2.1 USE LIMITATIONS. Instruments may be obtained in any combination of totalizing, indicating, or recording of information developed by primary devices. Other more

sophisticated forms of instruments (such as summation and multiplication of variables) are possible, but are not normally needed.

6.2.2 TRANSMISSION. Select means of transmitting information from primary measuring devices to secondary instruments from the following:

6.2.2.1 MECHANICAL. Transmission distance is limited to a few feet. Consider the effects of corrosion, wear, or icing on mechanical linkages.

6.2.2.2 PNEUMATIC. Transmission distance can be up to 1,000 feet (304.8 m). Reaction time of pneumatic loops is relatively long if transmission distance is long.

6.2.2.3 ELECTRICAL. There is no limitation on distance. Analog signals may require amplification for transmission distances greater than 1,000 feet (304.8 m).

6.2.3 REMOTE INDICATION. Remote indicators should provide the operator with the status of any function necessary for remote operation of the plant. Panel lights should indicate the on/off status of pumps or other discrete devices, alarm functions, and operator-actuated functions (for example, initiate backwash, fill day tank).

| Primary Measurement and Type of Device | Use Examples | General | Capacity | Range |
|--|--|--|---|--------------|
| Open Channel Flow: | | Accuracy is dependent on piping configuration. Consult vendor data on specific device. | | |
| Flume (Parshall or Palmer-Bowlis) | Plant influent, bypass lines. | Suspended matter does not hinder operation, More costly than weir. | 10 gpm (0.6 L/s) and up. | 75:1 |
| Weir | Plant influent, plant effluent. | Requires free fall for discharge and greater head loss than flume. Influent weirs may plug. | 0.5 gpm (0.03 L/s) and up. | 100:1 and up |
| Pressure Pipeline Flow: | | | | |
| Differential producers | Filled lines. Fluids under positive head at all times. Not generally for water supply service. | | | |
| Venturi tube or flow tube | Most fluid lines where solids build up and scale will not be a problem. | Long laying length required. Costly in large pipe sizes. | 5 gpm (0.03 L/s) and up for liquid; 20 ft ³ /min (9.4 L/s) and up for gas. | 10:1 |
| Orifice plate | Air and gas lines, water except filter effluent. | Clean fluids only. | 5 gpm (0.03 L/s) and up for liquid; 20 ft ³ /min (9.4 L/s) and up for gas. | 5:1 |
| Flow nozzle | Water except filter effluent. | Clean fluids only. | Determined by pipe sizes. | 3:1 |
| Displacement meters | Plant water and distribution system service connections. | Different types available. Maximum flow volume somewhat limited. May be in conjunction with chemical feed pump. Clean fluids only. | 0.1 to 9,000 gpm (0.006 L/s to 568 L/s) for liquid; 0 to 100 ft ³ /min for gas. | 10:1 |
| Target meters | Plant effluent, sludge, dirty fluids. | Suspended matter does not hinder operation. | 0.07 gpm (0.004 L/s) and up. | 10:1 |
| Velocity meters, propeller meter | Water, clean liquids. | Insertion turbine or full bore types available. | 0.001 to 40,000 gpm (6.3 x 10 ⁻⁵ to 2524 L/s) for liquids, to 10,000,000 ft ³ /min (630,900 L/s) for gas. | 10:1 to 50:1 |

Table 1

Types of Measuring Devices Applicable to Wastewater Treatment Systems

| Primary Measurement and Type of Device | Use Examples | General | Capacity | Range |
|---|---|--|---|-------------|
| Magnetic meter, sonic or ultrasonic meter | Plant influent, sludge, clean to dirty liquids, plant effluent. | No obstruction in flow stream. Well suited for suspended matter and solids. Sonic meters are subject to interference by air bubbles. Suitable for confined piping systems. | 0.001 to 500,000 gpm (6.4 x 10 ⁻⁵ to 31,545 L/s). | 10:1 |
| Vortex shedding meter | Heat exchanger water lines. | | 3 to 5,000 gpm (0.2 to 315 L/s). | 15:1 |
| Variable area rotameter | Gas and gas solution feeders, chemical dilution systems, influent lines to ion exchange units, water and clean liquids. | Available in very small to very large flow rates at lowest cost for flow indicator. | 0.01 mL/min to 4,000 gpm (252 L/min) to 1,300 ft ³ /min (614 L/s) for gas. | 5:1 to 12:1 |
| Open flow nozzle | Plant influent or effluent, sludge. | Requires free fall from end of pipeline. | 5 to 11,000 gpm (0.3 to 694 L/s). | 5:1 to 10:1 |
| Level: | | | | |
| Staff gauge | Wet wells, floating cover digesters, water supply intake. | Indication only. | Unlimited. | 100:1 |
| Float | Wet wells, sumps. | Indication near tank, has moving parts. | Unlimited. | 100:1 |
| Capacitance probes, RF probes | Wet wells, elevated tanks, tanks, most level applications. | Many types immune to conductive build-up and coating on probe. | Unlimited. | 100:1 |
| Sonic or ultrasonic meters | Wet wells, supply intake, batch tanks. | Continuous type does not contact the liquid, may not be suitable for foaming liquids. Gap type for on/off applications. | Unlimited. | 50:1 |
| Differential pressure | Batch tanks, chemical tanks. | Specific gravity should be fairly constant. Build-up may be a problem. | Unlimited. | 20:1 |
| Bubble tube | Water supply wells. | Requires air supply for automatic. Manual (hand pump type) available for indication only. | Depth limited by air pressure if automatic. | 10:1 |

Table 1 (continued)

Types of Measuring Devices Applicable to Wastewater Treatment Systems

| Primary Measurement and Type of Device | Use Examples | General | Capacity | Range |
|--|--|--|-----------------------------------|-------|
| Pressure: | | | | |
| Pressure gauge | Pump discharge, transmission mains, elevated tanks, digester gas, aeration air. | Seals or diaphragm may be required to prevent corrosion of plugging impulse connections. | Vacuum to 1,500 psig (10,342 kPA) | 10:1 |
| Loss of head gauge | Gravity filters | | Unlimited. | 3:1 |
| Temperature: | | | | |
| Thermometer or resistance thermal device | Plant influent, clearwell, atmosphere, digester, digester heating system. | | | |
| Analytical Instruments: | | | | |
| | Plant influent or effluent, pH precipitator, neutralization, oxidation or reduction processes. | | 0 to 14 units. | |
| Oxidation on Reduction Potential (ORP) | Precipitator, oxidation, or reduction processes. | May also be used for free residual chlorine. | -400 mV to +400 mV ¹ | |
| Dissolved oxygen | Mixed liquor, aerobic digester, aeration basin, plant effluent. | | 0 to 20 mg/L | |
| Turbidity | Filter influent/effluent. Settling basin effluent. | | 0 to 1,000 NTU | |
| Residual chlorine, residual ozone | Treatment unit effluent | | 0 to 2 mg/L ¹ | |
| Specific ion electrodes | Treatment unit effluent | | 0 to 2 mg/L ¹ | |
| Ultraviolet photometer | Oil treatment unit influent or effluent. | | 0 to 50 mg/L | |
| Sand expansion: | | | | |
| Float | Gravity filter | | Unlimited. | 20:1 |
| Weight: | | | | |
| Scales | Chem. feed and storage equip., grit chamber, sludge cake conveyor. | Weighing devices may be integral to gravimetric feeders. | 1 to unlimited. | 12:1 |

Table 1 (continued)

Types of Measuring Devices Applicable to Wastewater Treatment Systems

| Primary Measurement and Type of Device | Use Examples | General | Capacity | Range |
|--|--|--|-------------------|---------------|
| Gas Concentration: Concentration indicator or alarm | Chlorine rooms, digester operating room, wet wells, lift stations. | | 0 to 100% | |
| Time: Elapsed time meter (ETM) | Motors requiring periodic service, motors driving principal pumps. | | 0 to 10,000 h | 100,000:1 |
| Revolutions: Counter | Positive displacement sludge pumps. | May be used for primary metering of sludge flow. | 0 to 100 million. | 100 million:1 |
| Electric Power Use: Watt-hour meter | Plant power. | Public utility may have governing requirements. | Unlimited. | 10,000:1 |

Table 1 (continued)
Types of Measuring Devices Applicable to Wastewater Treatment Systems

| Location and Use | Type of Measurement | Type of Instrument | Range of Measurement and/or Readout | Item Regulated | Controls Type |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|--|--|--------------------|--|
| Pumping: | | | | | |
| Lift station discharge | Flow | Indicator (O) Totalizer (E) Recorder (O) | Minimum to maximum pumping capacity | | |
| | Pressure | Indicator (E) | 0 to 1.5 times shutoff pressure | | |
| Suction | Pressure | Indicator (O) | Full vacuum to 1.5 times static suction head | | |
| Transfer pumps suction | Pressure | Indicator (O) | Full vacuum to 1.5 times static suction head | | |
| Transfer pump discharge | Pressure | Indicator (E) | 0 to 1.5 times shutoff pressure | | |
| Major pumps | Temperature | Indicator (O) | 32° to 200°F (0° to 93°F) | | |
| | Running time | Totalizer (O) | At least 2 times maintenance period | | |
| Surge Tank: | Level | Indicator (E) | Depth of tank | Lift pumps | Automatic (E) |
| Batch Treatment Tank: | Level | Indicator (E) | Depth of tank | Transfer pump | Manual (O) |
| Chrome or cyanide waste | pH | Indicator (E) | 0 to 14 units | Chemical addition | Automatic (E) |
| | | Recorder (O) | | | Automatic (O) |
| | ORP | Indicator (E) | -200 to +200 mV | Chemical addition | Manual (E) Proportional-automatic (O) |
| Metal waste | pH | Indicator (E) | 0 to 14 units | Chemical addition | Manual (E) Proportional-automatic (O) |
| Neutralization Tank: (batch type) | Level | Indicator (E) | Depth of tank | | |
| | pH | Indicator (E) | 0 to 14 units | Chemical addition | Automatic (O) |
| Clarified Water Storage: | Level | Indicator (E) | Depth of stack | | |
| Filters: | | | | | |
| Influent line to each filter | Flow | Indicator (E) | 1 to 4 | Filtration rate | Manual (E) |
| Individual filters | Pressure differential | Indicator (E) | 1 to 3 | Backwash frequency | Manual (E) |
| Backwash pump | Flow | Indicator (E) | 1 to 4 | Backwash rate | Manual (E) |

Table 2
Metering, Instrumentation, and Control Requirements for
Industrial Wastewater Treatment Systems

| Location and Use | Type of Measurement | Type of Instrument and/or Readout | Range of Measurement and/or Readout | Item Regulated | Controls | Type |
|--|----------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--|------|
| Spent backwash storage tank | Level | Indicator (E) | Depth of tank | | | |
| Sludge Storage Tank: | Level | Indicator (E) | Depth of tank | | | |
| Gas feeder: | | | | | | |
| Chlorine or sulfur dioxide | Flow | Indicator (E) | 1 to 10 | Application rate | Manual (E) Proportional-automatic (O) | |
| On-line chlorine cylinder or on-line sulfur dioxide cylinder | Flow | Indicator (E) | 3 times full cylinder weight | Chlorine supply | Manual (E) | |
| Chemical bulk storage | Level Temperature | Indicator (E) Indicator (O) | Depth of tank Depends on chemical | Chemical supply Tank heater (if required) | Manual (E) Automatic (E) | |
| Chemical day tanks | Level | Indicator (O) | Depth of tank | Day tank supply | Manual (E) | |
| Oil emulsion breaking tank | Temperature | Indicator (E) | 1 to 10 | Tank content temperature | Automatic (E) | |

Table 2 (continued)

Metering, Instrumentation, and Control Requirements for Industrial Wastewater Treatment Systems

6.3 CONTROLS. Controller devices are needed to regulate the functions of equipment throughout the process. Controls may be classified by the degree of automation.

6.3.1 MANUAL. Use this type of control where the operator will start, stop, or adjust rates of operations based on instrument observations, laboratory tests, or indicated conditions.

6.3.2 AUTOMATIC. Use this type to automatically start, stop, or regulate rates of operations in response to changes in a measured variable or other input. All equipment must also have manual control to override automatic control regardless of the degree of automation provided.

6.3.3 DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS. Many controls combine manual and automatic operations. The operator may initiate an automatic-timed cycle backwash system, or

adjust set points of a proportional controller based on instrument observation. Controls that seldom require adjustment (rate of flow to filters, for example) should be manual. Controls requiring frequent adjustment (starting sump pumps, proportional chemical feeding) should be automatic. Whether the automation is on/off timed cycle, or proportional, it must be based on analysis of plant requirements.

7. CHEMICAL HANDLING AND FEEDING

7.1 INTRODUCTION. See Table 3 for function of chemicals used for cyanide, oil, and metal removal. See Table 4 for the usual chemical strengths and other data on chemicals.

7.2 CHEMICAL HANDLING AND FEEDING

7.2.1 HANDLING. See Table 5 for handling precautions. Provide the following:

- a) Roofed unloading platforms.
- b) Mechanical handling aids for unloading and transporting chemicals to the storage area, feed hoppers, and solution tanks.
- c) Dust control equipment for dry, dusty chemicals.
- d) Washdown and cleanup. Facilities for dry and liquid chemical spills.

| Chemical | Cyanide Removal | | Metal Removal | | | | Oil Removal | | |
|---|-----------------|---|---------------|----|---|----|-------------|----|---|
| | pH | O | A | pH | R | PR | C | pH | C |
| 1. Activated Carbon | | | X | | | | | | |
| 2. Aluminum Sulfate | | | | | | | X | | X |
| 3. Calcium Carbonate (limestone) | | | | X | | | | | |
| 4. Calcium Hydroxide (hydrated lime) | X | | | X | | X | | X | |
| 5. Calcium Oxide (quick lime) | X | | | X | | X | | X | |
| 6. Calcium Hydrochlorate (HTH, perchlorane) | | X | | | | | | | |
| 7. Chlorine | | X | | | | | | | |
| 8. Chlorine Dioxide | | X | | | | | | | |
| 9. Ferric Chloride | | | | | | | X | | |
| 10. Ferrous Sulfate | | | | | | | X | | X |
| 11. Ferrous Sulfide | | | | | | X | | | |
| 12. Hydrochloric Acid | X | | | X | | | | X | |
| 13. Hydrogen Peroxide | | X | | | | | | | |
| 14. Ozone | | X | | | | | | | |
| 15. Polymers (polyelectrolytes) | | | | | | | X | | X |
| 16. Sodium Carbonate | | | | X | | X | | | |
| 17. Sodium Chlorite | | X | | | | | | | |
| 18. Sodium Hypochlorite | | X | | | | | | | |
| 19. Sodium Hydroxide | X | | | X | | X | | X | |
| 20. Sodium Meta Bisulfate | | | | | X | | | | |
| 21. Sulfur Dioxide | | | | | X | | | | |
| 22. Sulfuric Acid | X | | | X | | | | X | |

Key: A = Adsorption pH = pH Adjustment
C = Coagulation PR = Precipitant
O = Oxidizing Agent R = Reducing Agent

Table 3
Function of Chemicals for Industrial and Oily Wastewater Treatment

| Chemical | Available Form | Shipping Container | Bulk Weight lb/ft ³ (kg/m ³) | Commercial Strength | Water Solubility lb/gal (kg/L) | Feeding Form | Feeder Type | Accessory Equipment | Suitable Handling Materials | Comments |
|---|------------------------|--|---|--|--|-----------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------|--|------------------|
| Activated Carbon C | Powder Granular | Bag, bulk Bag, bulk | Varies 20 to 35 (320 to 560) | | Insoluble | Dry or slurry | Volumetric metering pump | Slurry tank, dust control services | Dry-iron, steel Wet- scrubber, plastic, stainless steel | Combustible dust |
| Aluminum Sulfate (Alum), Al ₂ (SO ₄) ₃ 0.14H ₂ O | Slab, lump, powder | Bag (100 to 200 lb (45 to 90 kg)), drum | 60 to 75 (960 to 1,200) | 17% Al ₂ O ₃ | 5.2 @ 32 °F (0.6 @ 0 °C) 5.5 @ 0 °F (0.65 @ 10 °C) 5.9 @ 68 °F (0.7 @ 20 °C) | Dry or solution | Volumetric metering pump | Dissolver of solution tank | Dry iron, steel, concrete | |
| | Liquid | Bulk | 10.71 lb/gal (1.3 kg/L) | 5.8 to 8.5% Al ₂ O ₃ | Complete | Solution | Metering pump | Solution tank | Wet-lead, rubber, plastic | |
| Ammonia NH ₃ | Liquefied gas | Cylinder (100, 150 lb (45, 70 kg)), bulk | | 99 to 100% | 3.9 @ 32 °F (0.5 @ 0 °C) | Gas | | | Dry- steel, iron | |
| | | Carboy, drum, bulk | | 15 to 30% | 3.1 @ 60 °F (0.4 @ 15 °C) | Solution | Metering pump | Solution tank | Wet- stainless steel | |
| Ammonium Sulfate (NH ₄) ₂ SO ₄ | Crystals | Bag (100 lb (45 kg)) | 54 (865) | | 5.9 @ 32 °F (0.7 @ 0 °C) 6.1 @ 50 °F (0.73 @ 10°C) | Solution | Metering pump | Solution tank | Plastic | |

Table 4

Data on Chemicals for Wastewater Treatment

| Chemical | Available Form | Shipping Container | Bulk Weight lb/ft ³ (kg/m ³) | Commercial Strength | Water Solubility lb/gal (kg/L) | Feeding Form | Feeder Type | Accessory Equipment | Suitable Handling Materials | Comments |
|---|---------------------------------|---|---|----------------------------------|--|--|---|---------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| Calcium Carbonate CaCO ₃ | Powder, crushed (various sizes) | Bag, barrel, bulk | Powder: 48 to 71 (769 to 1,137); crushed: 70 to 110 (1,120 to 1,760) | | Nearly insoluble | Dry slurry used in fixed beds | Volumetric metering pump | Slurry tank | Iron, steel | |
| Calcium Hydroxide Ca(OH) ₂ | Powder, granules | Bag (50 lb [22 kg]), bulk | 25 to 50 (400 to 800) | Normally 13% Ca(OH) ₂ | Nearly insoluble | Dry or slurry | Volumetric metering pump | Slurry tank | Iron, steel, plastic, rubber hose | |
| Calcium Oxide CaO | Lump, pebble, ground | Bag (80 lb [36 kg]), barrel, bulk | 40 to 70 (640 to 1120) | 75 to 99% normally 90% CaO | Nearly insoluble | Dry or slurry (must be slaked to Ca(OH) ₂ bed | Dry-volumetric Wet-slurry (centrifugal pump) | Slurry tank, slaker | Iron, steel, plastic, rubber hose | Provide means for cleaning slurry transfer pipes |
| Calcium Hypochlorite Ca(OCl) ₂ 0.4H ₂ O | Granules, tablets | Can (5 lb [2 kg]), drums (100, 300, 800 lb [45, 136, 362 kg]) | 50 to 55 (800 to 880) | 70% available chlorine | 1.8% @ 32 °F (1.8% @ 0 °C) | Solution or dry | Solution metering pump, Dry tablet contact feeder | Solution tank | Glass, plastic, rubber | Soft water required for solution |
| Chlorine Cl ₂ | Liquefied gas | Cylinder (100, 200 lb [45, 68, 90 kg] bulk) | Liquid: 91.7 (1,470) Gas: 0.19 @60 °F (3 @16 °C) and atm. pressure | 99.8% | 0.12 @ 32 °F (0.014 @ 0 °C) 0.047 @ 87 °F (0.006 @ 31 °C) | | | | | |

Table 4 (continued)

Data on Chemicals for Wastewater Treatment

| Chemical | Available Form | Shipping Container | Bulk Weight lb/ft ³ (kg/m ³) | Commercial Strength | Water Solubility lb/gal (kg/L) | Feeding Form | Feeder Type | Accessory Equipment | Suitable Handling Materials | Comments |
|---|-------------------------|---|---|--------------------------|--|-----------------------|--|--|---|---|
| Chlorine Dioxide ClO ₂ | Gas | Prepared on site using chlorine and sodium chlorite, solution pump, and contractor column | | | 0.07 @ 60 °F (0.008 @ 16 °C) 0.4 @ 100 °F (0.005 @ 38 °C) | Water solution of gas | Chlorinator plus sodium chlorite solution pump | Scales, switch over devices, leak detectors, reactor tower | Sched. 80 steel for gas under pressure. Plastic or rubber-lined for gas under vacuum or water solution. | |
| Ferric Chloride FeCl ₃ | Powder | Drum (135, 350 lb (61, 159 kg)) | 175 (2,800) | 98% | 4.6 @ 32 °F (0.55 @ 0 °C) | Liquid | Metering pump | Solution tank | Glass, rubber, plastic | Dilution limited due to iron hydrolysis |
| Ferric Sulfate Fe(SO ₄) ₃ .xH ₂ O | Liquid | Bulk | 87 to 94 (1390 to 1500) | 39 to 45% | 5.8 @ 55°F (0.7 @ 13 °C) | Liquid | Metering pump | | | |
| Ferric Sulfate FeSO ₄ 0.7H ₂ O | Powder | Bag (50, 100, 175 lb (23, 45, 79 kg)) | 70 to 72 (1120 to 1150) | 21% | Very soluble | Liquid pump | Metering tank | Solution plastic | Glass, rubber | Dilution limited due to iron hydrolysis |
| Ferrous Sulfate FeSO ₄ 0.7H ₂ O | Crystals, powder, lumps | Bag (50, 100 lb(23, 45 kg)); Drum (55 gal (208 L)); bulk | 62 to 66 (990 to 1060) | 55 to 58% | | Liquid | Metering pump | Solution tank | Glass, rubber, plastic | Dilution limited due to iron hydrolysis |
| Ferrous Sulfide | Liquid | Bulk | Varies, consult producer | Varies, consult producer | | Liquid | Metering pump | | | |
| | Liquid solution | Prepared on site by mixing ferrous sulfate, a soluble sulfide and lime | Varies, consult producer | | Nearly insoluble | Slurry | Metering pump | | | |

Table 4 (continued)

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|---|----------------|---|---|----------------------|---|--------------|---------------|----------------------------|---|------------------------|
| Hydrochloric acid HCL | Liquid | Barrel, drum, bulk | 27.9%, 0.53 lb/gal (0.06 kg/L), 31.45%, 9.65 lb/gal (1.16 kg/L) | 27.9%, 31.45%, 35.2% | Complete | Liquid | Metering pump | Dilution | Hastelloy A, selected plastic and rubber types | |
| Hydrogen Peroxide H ₂ O ₂ | Liquid | Drum (30, 55 gal (113, 208 L)), bulk | 35%, 9.4 lb/gal (1.13 kg/L), 50%, 10 lb/gal (1.2 kg/L), 70%, 10.8 lb/gal (1.3 kg/L) | 35%, 50%, 100% | Complete | Liquid | Metering pump | | Type 304 stainless steel, polyethylene | Strong oxidizing agent |
| Ozone O ₃ | Gas | Generated on site from air or oxygen | | | | Gas solution | | Consult equipment supplier | Unplasticized PVC, stainless steel | Toxic, irritant |
| Polymers | Liquid, powder | Drum, bulk | See note 1 | | | Solution | | Storage and dilution tanks | Consult supplier | See note 2 |
| Phosphoric Acid H ₃ PO ₄ | Liquid | Carboy, barrel, keg, bulk | 75%, 13.1 lb/gal (1.6 kg/L) | 75% | Complete | Liquid | Metering pump | | Type 316 or alloy 20 stainless steel, selected plastics | |
| Potassium Permanganate KMnO ₄ | Crystals | Drum (110, 220, 550 lb (50, 100, 250 kg)) | 100 (1,600) | 95 to 99% | 0.525 @ 68 °F (0.06 @ 20 °C) | Liquid pump | Metering tank | Dissolvin 9 | Iron, steel, PVC | |
| Sodium Aluminate NaAlO ₂ | Powder | Bag (100, 150, 250, 440 lb (45, 68, 113, 200 kg)) | 50 to 60 (800 to 960) | 72 to 90% | 2.45 @ 32 °F (0.3 @ 0 °C), 2.8 @ 50 °F (0.34 @ 10 °C), 3.1 @ 66 °F (0.37 @ 20 °C) | Dry | Volumetric | Dissolvin 9 tank | Wet or dry-iron, steel | |

Table 4 (continued)

Data on Chemicals for Wastewater Treatment

| Chemical | Available Form | Shipping Container | Bulk Weight lb/ft ³ (kg/m ³) | Commercial Strength | Water Solubility lb/gal (kg/L) | Feeding Form | Feeder Types | Accessory Equipment | Suitable Handling Materials | Comments |
|--|------------------------------------|--|---|------------------------------|---|-------------------------|--|---------------------|------------------------------|--|
| Sodium Bicarbonate NaHCO ₃ | Liquid Granular, powder Bulk | Drum Bag Bag (100 lb (45 kg)), bulk | Varies 44 to 55 (705 to 880) | Varies 99.8% | 3.3 @ 86 °F (0.4 @ 30 °C) 0.57 @ 32 °F (0.07 @ 0 °C) 0.68 @ 50 °F (0.08 @ 10 °C) 0.80 @ 68 °F (0.10 @ 20 °C) | Liquid Dry Liquid | Metering pump Volumetric Metering Pump | Dissolving tank | Iron, steel, stainless steel | Tends to decompose and absorb moisture |
| Sodium Carbonate Na ₂ CO ₃ | Powder | Bag (100 lb (45 kg)), bulk | 34 to 62 (545 to 993) | 99.2% | 0.58 @ 32 °F (0.07 @ 0 °C) 1.04 @ 50 °F (0.12 @ 10 °C) 1.79 @ 68 °F (0.21 @ 20 °C) 3.33 @ 86 °F (0.40 @ 30 °C) | Dry Liquid | Volumetric feeder Metering pump | Dissolving | Iron, steel | Can cake |
| Sodium Chloride NaCl | Rock, evaporated | Bag, barrel, bulk | 50 to 70 (800 to 1,120) | Varies | 2.97 @ 32 °F (0.356 @ 0 °C) 2.97 @ 50 °F (0.356 @ 10 °C) 3.00 @ 68 °F (0.359 @ 20 °C) 3.02 @ 86 °F (0.362 @ 30 °C) | Solution | Pump | Dissolving tank | Plastic, iron, steel | |
| Sodium Chlorite NaClO ₂ | Flake Liquid | Drum (100 lb (45kg)) Drum, bulk | Varies | Varies | | Solution | Metering pump | Dissolving tank | Plastic (avoid cellulose) | Use to produce chlorine dioxide |
| Sodium Hypochlorite (NaOCl) | Liquid | Carboy (5, 13, 59 gal. (19, 49, 223 L)), bulk (1,300, 2,000 gal (4,920, 7,570 L))/truck-load | | 12 to 15% available chlorine | Complete | Solution | Metering pump | Solution tank | Plastic, glass, rubber | |

Table 4 (continued)

Data on Chemicals for Wastewater Treatment

| Chemical | Available Form | Shipping Container | Bulk Weight lb/ft ³ (kg/m ³) | Commercial Strength | Water Solubility lb/gal (kg/L) | Feeding Form | Feeder Type | Accessory Equipment | Suitable Handling Materials | Comments |
|---|-----------------------------------|--|--|---------------------|---|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|---|--|
| Sodium Hydroxide NaOH | Solid flake, ground flake, liquid | Drum (735, 1b [333 kg]); drum (100 lb [45 kg]); drum (450 lb [204 kg]) | Varies | 98% | 3.5 @ 32 °F (0.4 @ 0 °C) 4.3 @ 50 °F (0.5 @ 10 °C) 9.1 @ 68 °F (1.09 @ 20 °C) 9.2 @ 86 °F (1.10 @ 30 °C) | Solution | Metering pump | Solution tank | Iron, steel | Dissolving solid forms generates much heat |
| Sodium Meta-bisulfite Na ₂ S ₂ O ₅ | Lump, ground | Bag (100 lb [45 kg]); drum (100 and 300 lb [45 and 136 kg]) | 84 to 95 (1346 to 1522) | | 2.3 @ 68 °F (0.28 @ 20 °C) | Solution | Metering | Solution | Plastic, Type 316 stainless steel | |
| Sulfur Dioxide SO ₂ | Liquefied gas | Cylinder (150, 2,000 lb [6807 kg]) | Liquid- 89.6 (1435) Gas @ 32 °F and 1 atm. - 0.183 (0 °C and 101 kPa-2.9) | 99% | 1.0 @ 60 °F (0.014 @ 16 °C) | Water solution of gas | Vacuum-sulfur-meter | Scales, switch over devices | Dry-316 stainless steel Wet and low pressure plastic, rubber | |
| Sulfuric Acid H ₂ SO ₄ | Liquid | Carboy, drum (825 lb [374 kg]); Bulk | 106 (1700) 114 (1830) | 77.7% 93.2% | Complete | Liquid | Metering pump | | | Provide for spill cleanup and neutralization |

Notes: The various cationic, anionic, and nonionic polymers vary in composition, density and other characteristics. Consult a supplier for data. Polyelectrolytes have relatively short periods of chemical potency once mixed and diluted. Most manufacturers will advise mixing no more than a 1 to 3 day supply in the solution feed tank. Therefore, a protected area must be provided for storage of sealed bugs or containers of dry polyelectrolyte or sealed containers of concentrated liquid polyelectrolyte.

Table 4 (continued)

Data on Chemicals for Wastewater Treatment

7.2.2 STORAGE. See Table 6 for space criteria and Table 7 for type criteria. Refer to American Concrete Institute (ACI), Concrete Sanitary Engineering Structures, for criteria on protection of concrete against chemicals.

- a) Store materials in original containers in dry rooms on boards or pallets.
- b) Locate storage for dry chemicals at the level of feed hopper inlets if possible.
- c) Do not exceed safe floor load limits.
- d) For liquefied gas cylinders, provide cool, dry, well ventilated, aboveground storage rooms of noncombustible construction, remote from heat sources, walkways, elevators, stairways, and ventilating system intakes.
- e) Determine compatibility of all chemicals stored. Store incompatible chemicals separately.
- f) Observe personnel safety precautions.

7.2.3 ON-SITE GENERATION AND FEEDING EQUIPMENT

7.2.3.1 OZONE. Ozone can be generated from air or from high-purity oxygen.

- a) Generation from air requires the air to be filtered and dried to a dew point less than -58°F (-50°C) by desiccation and refrigeration.
- b) When using oxygen for the production of ozone, refrigeration and desiccation are not required except when recycling is used. Use oxygen for the generation of ozone where savings are indicated. Power consumption is halved when oxygen is used to generate ozone, but oxygen must be recycled or used for aeration to achieve overall economy.

| Class of Chemicals | Noninterruptible | Interruptible |
|--|---|--|
| Examples of class | All chemicals used for disinfection. Chemicals used for coagulation in treatment plants where raw water is polluted. Softening chemicals. | Chemicals used for corrosion control. Taste and odor fluoridation. |
| Minimum stock to be maintained, in days. ¹ | 30 | 10 |
| Additional allowance based on shipping time, in days. ^{1,2} | 2 times shipping time. | 1-1/2 times shipping time. |

¹Based on maximum use expected for total consecutive days plus additional allowance.

²Additional allowance based on shipping time, in days.

Table 5
Chemical Storage Space Criteria

c) For ozone feeding equipment, use porous diffusers, injectors, or emulsion turbines to ensure optimum contact.

7.2.3.2 HYPOCHLORITE. Compare the cost of hypochlorite generated from brine with the cost of purchased hypochlorite solution delivered to site. Generation is generally cheaper and may compare favorably with the cost of gaseous chlorine.

| Type of Storage | Dry | Wet |
|-----------------------------------|--|---|
| Handling requirements | Allow for access corridors between stacks of packaged chemicals. | Provide agitation for slurries such as carbon or lime (not less than 1 hp mixing for 100 ft ³) |
| | Palletize and use forklift truck only in large installations. | Check manufacturers of feed and mixing equipment for pumps, pipe sizing, and materials selection. |
| Safety and corrosion requirements | Provide separated storage spaces for combustibles and for toxic chemicals, such as carbon or chlorine gas. | Double-check corrosion resistance of bulk storage linings, pipe, mixing, and pumping materials. |
| | Provide ample space between stores of materials that may interact, such as ferrous sulfate and lime. | Isolate hazardous or toxic solutions such as fluosilicic acid. Prefer below ground or outdoor storage. |

Table 6
Chemical Storage Type Criteria

7.2.3.3 CHLORINE DIOXIDE. Chlorine dioxide can be generated using a solution of sodium chlorite (NaClO₂) and a solution feed-type gas chlorinator.

a) Solutions are fed through packed media reactor for generation of chlorine dioxide in solution.

b) Optimum operating conditions are pH ≤ 4; chlorine solution 500 milligram per liter (mg/L); 1:1 weight ratio of pure chlorite to chlorine; and reaction time ≥ 1.0 minute.

c) Reactor effluent will contain approximately 70 percent hypochlorite and 30 percent chlorine dioxide. Approximate yield is 0.4 lb ClO₂/lb Cl₂. Near 100 percent conversion to chlorine dioxide can be achieved by available recycle equipment. (Yield = 1.0 lb ClO₂/lb Cl₂)

d) Practical dosage range of 6:1. System operating as flow proportional should provide acid injection directly upstream from the chlorinator injector to maintain optimum pH.

e) Chlorine dioxide solutions are unstable in open vessels. Solution lines and diffusers must be designed so there is minimum possibility of chlorine dioxide coming out of solution.

7.2.4 CHEMICAL FEEDERS. See Table 7 for applications of various types of feeders.

a) Dry Feeder Accessories. Dry feeders may require specific auxiliary equipment or accessories when the chemical to be fed has unusual characteristics. Accessories and the conditions under which they are used are as follows:

| <u>Accessory</u> | <u>Characteristics of Material Requiring Use of Accessory</u> |
|--------------------|---|
| Agitator | Arches in hoppers |
| Rotolock mechanism | Tends to flood |
| Dissolving chamber | To be fed in solution |
| Dust collector | Dusty |
| Vapor collector | Noxious or irritating fumes |

b) Feeder Construction. Mechanisms of feeders must be constructed out of materials resistant to substances to be handled. See Table 4 for guidance on materials selection.

c) Feeder Accuracy. The accuracy of feeders should be in these ranges:

| Type of Feeder | Use | General | Limitations Capacity ft ³ /hr (m ³ /hr) | Range |
|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---------------------------|
| Dry Feeder: | | | | |
| Volumetric: | | | | |
| Oscillating plate | Any material, granules or powder | | 0.01 to 35 (2.83 x 10 ⁻⁴ to 0.99) | 40 to 1 |
| Oscillating throat (universal) | Any material, any particle size | | 0.002 to 100 (5.66 x 10 ⁻⁵ to 2.83) | 40 to 1 |
| Rotating disc | Moist materials including NaF, granules or powder | Use disc unloader for arching. | 0.01 to 1.0 (2.83 x 10 ⁻⁴ to 0.028) | 20 to 1 |
| Rotating cylinder (star) | Any material, granules or powder | | 8 to 2,000 (0.23 to 56.6) | or 10 to 1 |
| Screw | Dry, free flowing material, powder or granules | | 0.05 to 18 (1.41 x 10 ⁻³ to 0.51) | 20 to 1 |
| Ribbon | Dry, free flowing material, powder, granules, or lumps | | 0.0006 to 0.16 (1.7 x 10 ⁻⁵ to 4.53 x 10 ⁻³) | 10 to 1 |
| Belt | Dry, free flowing material up to 1-1/2-inch (3.8 cm) in size. Powder or granules. | | 0.01 to 3,000 (2.83 x 10 ⁻⁴ to 85.0) | 10 to 1 or 100 to 1 |
| Gravimetric: | | | | |
| Continuous-belt and scale | Dry, free flowing, granular material, or floodable material | Use hopper agitator to maintain constant density. | 0.02 (5.7 x 10 ⁻⁴) | 100 to 1 |
| Loss in weight | Most materials, powder, granules or lumps | | 0.02 to 80 (5.66 x 10 ⁻⁴ to 2.27) | 100 to 1 |

Table 7
Types of Chemical Feeders for Wastewater Treatment Systems

| Type of Feeder | Use | General | Limitations Capacity ft ³ /hr (m ³ /hr) | Range |
|---------------------|---|---------|---|----------|
| Proportioning Pump: | | | | |
| Diaphragm | Most solutions. Special unit for 5% slurries ¹ | | 0.004 to 0.15 (1.13 x 10 ⁻⁴ to 4.25 x 10 ⁻³) | 100 to 1 |
| Piston | Most solution, light slurries | | 0.01 to 170 (2.83 x 10 ⁻⁴ to 4.81) | 20 to 1 |
| Gas Feeders: | | | | |
| Solution feed | Chlorine | | 8,000 lb/day maximum (3629 kg/day maximum) | 20 to 1 |
| | Ammonia | | 2,000 lb/day maximum (907 kg/day maximum) | 20 to 1 |
| | Sulfur dioxide | | 7,600 lb/day maximum (3447 kg/day maximum) | 20 to 1 |
| Direct feed | Chlorine | | 300 lb/day maximum (136 kg/day) maximum | 10 to 1 |
| | Ammonia | | 120 lb/day maximum (54 kg/day) maximum | 7 to 1 |

Table 7 (continued)

Types of Chemical Feeders for Wastewater Treatment Systems

- (1) Volumetric feeders, accuracy of ± 3 percent.
- (2) Gravimetric feeders, accuracy of ± 1 percent.

Gravimetric feeders are more expensive than volumetric feeders.

7.2.5 SAFETY PRECAUTIONS. Provide the following safety factors as a minimum:

- a) First aid kits.
- b) Continuous toxic gas monitors with alarms and pressure demand self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) for emergency gas situations.

- c) A readily accessible potable water supply to wash away chemical spills. Locate emergency shower and eyewash facilities where they are easily accessible to those in need.
- d) Special handling clothing and accessories, such as gloves, goggles, aprons, and dust masks.
- e) Adequate ventilation as determined by the medical activity industrial hygienist.
- f) No electrical convenience outlets in activated carbon storage or feeding rooms. Store activated carbon in a separate room with adequate fire protection.
- g) Entry into confined spaces will require adherence to a gas-free engineering program.

7.2.6 CHEMICAL FEEDER CAPACITY AND STANDBY REQUIREMENTS. Base feeder capacity on maximum expected instantaneous flow and dosage. Essential (noninterruptible) chemical feeders such as disinfection units must have a standby unit having capacity equal to the largest unit. The need for standby units on other treatment processes depends on raw water quality and the specific treatment scheme. Where two chemical feed systems could use the same spare chemical feeder, one standby unit to serve both is adequate. Refer to EPA 430-99-74-001, Design Criteria for Mechanical, Electrical, and Fluid System Component Reliability (MCD-29).

7.3 SAMPLING. Institute sampling programs only as needed to obtain data for the design and operation of wastewater treatment facilities, or to determine compliance with standards and the effect of waste streams (both raw and treated) on receiving waters. Refer to American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) D 3370, Sampling Water, for general discussion of sampling water and wastewater.

7.3.1 SAMPLING TECHNIQUES

a) Collection Point. Collect all samples in conduits or channels at a point where flow is highly turbulent. Collect a sample from the process tank only if tank contents are well mixed. Consider width, length, and depth when selecting the sampling point from the process tank.

b) Type of Sample. Use samples composited on the basis of time and flow, but take single grab samples when:

(1) Wastewater stream is intermittent or concentration is highly variable.

(2) Obtaining information for which time between collection and analysis of sample must be minimized (for example, sampling for dissolved oxygen, temperature, pH, chlorine demand, and residual chlorine).

(3) Ascertaining characteristics at extreme conditions.

(4) Samples for oil and grease may be manually composited. Automatic sampling is not normally accurate.

c) Method of Sampling. Use widemouthed containers to take grab samples. At small plants (up to 1 Mgd [3.8×10^6 L/d]), take composite samples manually by combining a series of regularly collected grab samples, such that the contribution from a particular grab sample is proportional to the flow at the time it was taken. At large plants and industrial wastes use automatic sampling devices that can be programmed for desired sampling method, that is, grab, continuous, or flow proportional composite.

7.3.2 SAMPLE VOLUME AND PRESERVATION. Volume and preservation requirements depend on: (1) the analytical determinations to be carried out on the sample, and (2) the time between sample collection and analysis. See Table 8 for

recommendations for sampling and sample preservation. Refer to American Public Health Association (APHA) Examination of Water and Wastewater and EPA PB 84-128677, Manual of Methods for Chemical Analysis of Water and Wastes, for specific recommendations regarding sample containers, volumes, and methods of sample preservation for each analytical measurement.

7.4 ANALYTICAL METHODS. Analytic methods available for quantitative determination of physical, biological, inorganic chemical, and organic chemical characteristics of wastewater samples are summarized in Table 9. Refer to APHA Examination of Water and Wastewater for detailed laboratory procedures.

7.4.1 ROUTINE TESTING DURING PLANT OPERATION. A routine sampling and analysis program to maintain plant operability and performance is required. This program is unique to the individual industrial and oily wastewater treatment facilities and a general program cannot be developed by this manual. The program should be fully developed in the Operations and Maintenance Manual and revised accordingly after plant startup and the 30-day performance certification period. The program should include the following: sample locations and method, sample type (grab or composite), sampling frequency, and analyses required per sample. The Operations Manual should also identify minimum reporting requirements for regulatory compliance and should provide operating log sheets for recording operating data.

| Measurement | Volume mL | Container ¹ | Preservative | Holding Time ² |
|----------------------------------|--------------|------------------------|--|---------------------------|
| Physical Properties: | | | | |
| Color | 50 | P,G | Cool, 4°C (39.2°F) | 24 h |
| Conductance | 100 | P,G | Cool, 4°C (39.2°F) ³ | 24 h |
| Hardness | 100 | P,G | Cool, 4°C (39.2°F) | 6 mo |
| Odor | 200 | G only | HNO ₃ to pH<2 ⁴ | 24 h |
| pH | 25 | P,G | Cool, 4°C (39.2°F) | 6 h |
| Residue: | | | | |
| Filterable | 100 | P,G | Determine on site | 7 d |
| Nonfilterable | 100 | P,G | Cool, 4°C (39.2°F) | 7 d |
| Total | 100 | P,G | Cool, 4°C (39.2°F) | 7 d |
| Volatile | 100 | P,G | Cool, 4°C (39.2°F) | 7 d |
| Settleable Matter | 1000 | P,G | None required | 24 h |
| Temperature | 1000 | P,G | None | No holding |
| Turbidity | 100 | P,G | Cool, 4°C (39.2°F) | 7 d |
| Metals: | | | | |
| Dissolved | 200 | P,G | Filter on site | 6 mo |
| | | | HNO ₃ to pH <2 ⁴ | |
| Suspended | 200 | P,G | Filter on site | 6 mo |
| Total | 100 | P,G | HNO ₃ to pH<2 ⁴ | 6 mo |
| Mercury: | | | | |
| Dissolved | 100 | P,G | Filter on site | 38 d (glass) |
| | | | HNO ₃ to pH <2 ⁴ | 13 d (hard plastic) |
| Total | 100 | P,G | HNO ₃ to pH<2 ⁴ | 38 d (glass) |
| | | | | 13 d (hard plastic) |
| Inorganics, Nonmetallics: | | | | |
| Acidity | 100 | P,G | None required | 24 h |
| Alkalinity | 100 | P,G | Cool, 4°C (39.2°F) | 24 h |
| Bromide | 100 | P,G | Cool, 4°C (39.2°F) | 24 h |
| Chloride | 50 | P,G | None required | 7 d |
| Chlorine | 200 | P,G | None | No holding |
| Cyanides | 500 | P,G | Cool, 4°C (39.2°F) | 24 h |
| | | | NaOH to pH 12 | |
| Fluoride | 300 | P,G | None required | 7 d |
| Iodine | 100 | P,G | Cool, 4°C (39.2°F) | 24 h |

Table 8
Recommendations for Sample Collection and
Preservation According to Measurement

| Measurement | Volume mL | Container ¹ | Preservative | Holding Time ² |
|---|-----------|------------------------|--|---------------------------|
| Nitrogen: | | | | |
| Ammonia | 400 | P,G | Cool, 4°C (39.2°F) H ₂ SO ₄ to pH<2 | 24 h |
| Total Kjeldahl | 500 | P,G | Cool, 4°C (39.2°F) H ₂ SO ₄ to pH<2 | 24 h ⁵ |
| Nitrate plus nitrite | 100 | P,G | Cool, 4°C (39.2°F) H ₂ SO ₄ to pH<2 | 24 h ⁵ |
| Nitrate | 100 | P,G | Cool, 4°C (39.2°F) | 24 h |
| Nitrite | 50 | P,G | Cool, 4°C (39.2°F) | 48 h |
| Dissolved Oxygen: | | | | |
| Probe | 300 | G only | None | No holding |
| Winkler | 300 | G only | Fix on site | 4 to 8 h |
| Phosphorous: | | | | |
| Orthophosphate, dissolved | 50 | P,G | Filter on site | 24 h |
| Hydrolyzable | 50 | P,G | Cool, 4°C (39.2°F) H ₂ SO ₄ to pH<2 | 24 h ⁵ |
| Total | 50 | P,G | Cool, 4°C (39.2°F) H ₂ SO ₄ to pH<2 | 24 h ⁵ |
| Total, dissolved | 50 | P,G | Filter on site Cool, 4°C (39.2°F) H ₂ SO ₄ to pH<2 | 24 h ⁵ |
| Silica | 50 | P only | Cool, 4°C (39.2°F) | 7 d |
| Sulfate | 50 | P,G | Cool, 4°C (39.2°F) | 7 d |
| Sulfide | 500 | P,G | 2 ml zinc acetate | 24 h |
| Sulfite | 50 | P,G | None | No holding |
| Organics: | | | | |
| BOD | 1000 | P,G | Cool, 4°C (39.2°F) | 24 h |
| COD | 50 | P,G | H ₂ SO ₄ to pH<2 | 7 d ⁵ |
| Oil and Grease | 1000 | G only | Cool, 4°C (39.2°F) H ₂ SO ₄ or HCL to pH<2 | 24 h |
| Organic carbon | 25 | P,G | Cool, 4°C (39.2°F) H ₂ SO ₄ or HCL to pH<2 | 24 h |
| H₂SO₄ or HCL | | | | |
| Phenolics | 500 | G only | Cool, 4°C (39.2°F) H ₂ PO ₄ to pH<4 1.0 g CuSO ₄ /l | 24 h |
| MBAS | 250 | P,G | Cool, 4°C (39.2°F) | 24 h |
| NTA | 50 | P,G | Cool, 4°C (39.2°F) | 24 h |

Table 8 (Continued)

Recommendation for Sample Collection and Preservation According to Measurement

- 1) Plastic (P), Glass (G). For metals, polyethylene with a polypropylene cap (no liner) is preferred.
- 2) Recommended holding times for properly preserved samples based on currently available data. Extension or reduction of these times may be possible for some sample types and measurements. Where shipping regulations prevent the use of proper preservation techniques or the holding time is exceeded, reported analytical data should indicate the variation in recommended procedures.
- 3) If the sample is preserved, it should be warmed to 25°C (77°F) for measurement or temperature correction made and results reported at 25°C (77°F).
- 4) Where HN03 cannot be used because of shipping restrictions, the sample may be initially preserved by icing and immediately shipped to the laboratory. Upon receipt in the laboratory, the sample must be acidified to a pH<2 with HN03 (normally 3 mL 1:1 HN03/L is sufficient). At the time of analysis, the sample container should be thoroughly rinsed with 1:1 HN03 and the washings added to the sample. A volume correction may be required.
- 5) Data from National Enforcement Investigations Center, Denver, Colorado, support a 4-week holding time for this parameter in sewerage systems (SIC 4952).

| Characteristics | Method of Analytic Determination |
|---|--|
| Physical Parameters: | |
| Color | Photometric |
| Odor | Physiological |
| Temperature | Thermometric |
| Turbidity | Nephelometric |
| Total suspended solids | Gravimetric |
| Specific conductance | Conductivity meter |
| Biological Parameters | |
| Total coliform bacteria | Fermentation tube or membrane filter |
| Fecal coliform bacteria | Fermentation tube or membrane filter |
| Inorganic Chemical Parameters¹: | |
| Alkalinity | Potentiometric or colorimetric titration |
| Ammonia nitrogen | Spectrophotometric, or titrimetric |
| Arsenic | AA spectroscopy |
| Boron | Colorimetric |
| Cadmium | AA spectroscopy |
| Chloride | Titrimetric |
| Chlorine residual | Colorimetric or potentiometric titration |
| Hexavalent chromium | AA spectroscopy |
| Copper | AA spectroscopy |
| Fluoride | Colorimetric or ion selective probe |
| Hardness | Titrimetric |
| Iron | Colorimetric or AA spectroscopy |
| Lead | AA spectroscopy |
| Manganese | Colorimetric |
| Mercury | AA spectroscopy |
| Nitrates | Colorimetric or ion selective probe |
| Nitrites | Spectrophotometric |
| pH | Electrometric |
| Phosphorous | Colorimetric |
| Selenium | AA spectroscopy |
| Silver | AA spectroscopy |
| Sulfate | Gravimetric or nephelometric |
| Sulfide | Colorimetric |
| Total dissolved solids | Gravimetric |
| Zinc | AA spectroscopy |
| Organic Chemical Parameters: | |
| Cyanide | Colorimetric |
| Methylene blue active substances | Spectrophotometric |
| Oil and grease | Hexane extraction |

| Characteristics | Method of Analytic Determination |
|---------------------------|--|
| Pesticides | Solvent extraction plug gas chromatographic analysis |
| Phenols | Photometric |
| Biochemical oxygen demand | Chemical oxidation |

¹Atomic absorption spectroscopy and flame emission photometry are recommended for most metals analyses. These are designated "AA spectroscopy."

Table 9
Analytical Methods