

# Important Substrate Concentration Formulas PDF



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## List of 11 Important Substrate Concentration Formulas

### 1) Concentration of Solids Formulas ↗

#### 1.1) Concentration of Sludge in Return Line given RAS Pumping Rate from Aeration Tank Formula ↗

Formula

$$X_r = X \cdot \frac{Q_a + RAS}{RAS + Q_w'}$$

Example with Units

$$32.7805 \text{ mg/L} = 1200 \text{ mg/L} \cdot \frac{1.2 \text{ m}^3/\text{d} + 10 \text{ m}^3/\text{d}}{10 \text{ m}^3/\text{d} + 400 \text{ m}^3/\text{d}}$$

Evaluate Formula ↗

#### 1.2) Concentration of Sludge in Return Line given Wasting Rate from Return Line Formula ↗

Formula

$$X_r = \left( V \cdot \frac{X}{\theta_c \cdot Q_w'} \right) - \left( Q_e \cdot \frac{X_e}{Q_w'} \right)$$

Evaluate Formula ↗

Example with Units

$$199.9999 \text{ mg/L} = \left( 1000 \text{ m}^3 \cdot \frac{1200 \text{ mg/L}}{7 \text{ d} \cdot 400 \text{ m}^3/\text{d}} \right) - \left( 1523.81 \text{ m}^3/\text{d} \cdot \frac{60 \text{ mg/L}}{400 \text{ m}^3/\text{d}} \right)$$

#### 1.3) Concentration of Solids in Effluent given Wasting Rate from Return Line Formula ↗

Formula

$$X_e = \left( V \cdot \frac{X}{\theta_c \cdot Q_e} \right) - \left( Q_w' \cdot \frac{X_r}{Q_e} \right)$$

Evaluate Formula ↗

Example with Units

$$60 \text{ mg/L} = \left( 1000 \text{ m}^3 \cdot \frac{1200 \text{ mg/L}}{7 \text{ d} \cdot 1523.81 \text{ m}^3/\text{d}} \right) - \left( 400 \text{ m}^3/\text{d} \cdot \frac{200 \text{ mg/L}}{1523.81 \text{ m}^3/\text{d}} \right)$$



## 2) Effluent Substrate Concentration Formulas ↗

### 2.1) Effluent Flow Rate given Wasting Rate from Return Line Formula ↗

Formula

Evaluate Formula ↗

$$Q_e = \left( V \cdot \frac{X}{\theta_c \cdot X_e} \right) \cdot \left( Q_w' \cdot \frac{X_r}{X_e} \right)$$

Example with Units

$$1523.8095 \text{ m}^3/\text{d} = \left( 1000 \text{ m}^3 \cdot \frac{1200 \text{ mg/L}}{7 \text{ d} \cdot 60 \text{ mg/L}} \right) \cdot \left( 400 \text{ m}^3/\text{d} \cdot \frac{200 \text{ mg/L}}{60 \text{ mg/L}} \right)$$

### 2.2) Effluent Substrate Concentration given Net Waste Activated Sludge Formula ↗

Formula

Example with Units

Evaluate Formula ↗

$$S = S_o \cdot \left( \frac{P_x}{Y_{obs} \cdot Q_a \cdot 8.34} \right)$$

$$24.9975 \text{ mg/L} = 25 \text{ mg/L} \cdot \left( \frac{20 \text{ mg/d}}{0.8 \cdot 1.2 \text{ m}^3/\text{d} \cdot 8.34} \right)$$

### 2.3) Effluent Substrate Concentration given Theoretical Oxygen Requirement Formula ↗

Formula

Evaluate Formula ↗

$$S = S_o \cdot \left( \left( O_2 + (1.42 \cdot P_x) \right) \cdot \left( \frac{f}{8.34 \cdot Q_a} \right) \right)$$

Example with Units

$$24.9979 \text{ mg/L} = 25 \text{ mg/L} \cdot \left( (2.5 \text{ mg/d} + (1.42 \cdot 20 \text{ mg/d})) \cdot \left( \frac{0.68}{8.34 \cdot 1.2 \text{ m}^3/\text{d}} \right) \right)$$

### 2.4) Effluent Substrate Concentration given Volume of Reactor Formula ↗

Formula

Evaluate Formula ↗

$$S = S_o \cdot \left( \frac{V \cdot X_a \cdot (1 + (k_d \cdot \theta_c))}{\theta_c \cdot Q_a \cdot Y} \right)$$

Example with Units

$$15.6994 \text{ mg/L} = 25 \text{ mg/L} \cdot \left( \frac{1000 \text{ m}^3 \cdot 2500 \text{ mg/L} \cdot (1 + (0.050 \text{ d}^{-1} \cdot 7 \text{ d}))}{7 \text{ d} \cdot 1.2 \text{ m}^3/\text{d} \cdot 0.5} \right)$$

### 3) Influent Substrate Concentration Formulas ↗

#### 3.1) Influent Substrate Concentration for Organic Loading using Hydraulic Retention Time Formula ↗

Formula

$$S_o = V_L \cdot \theta_s$$

Example with Units

$$9.84 \text{ mg/L} = 1.23 \text{ mg/L} \cdot 8 \text{ s}$$

Evaluate Formula ↗

#### 3.2) Influent Substrate Concentration given Net Waste Activated Sludge Formula ↗

Formula

$$S_o = \left( \frac{P_x}{8.34 \cdot Y_{obs} \cdot Q_a} \right) + S$$

Example with Units

$$15.0025 \text{ mg/L} = \left( \frac{20 \text{ mg/d}}{8.34 \cdot 0.8 \cdot 1.2 \text{ m}^3/\text{d}} \right) + 15 \text{ mg/L}$$

Evaluate Formula ↗

#### 3.3) Influent Substrate Concentration given Organic Loading Formula ↗

Formula

$$S_o = V_L \cdot \frac{V}{Q_i}$$

Example with Units

$$25.102 \text{ mg/L} = 1.23 \text{ mg/L} \cdot \frac{1000 \text{ m}^3}{49 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}}$$

Evaluate Formula ↗

#### 3.4) Influent Substrate Concentration given Theoretical Oxygen Requirement Formula ↗

Formula

$$S_o = \left( O_2 + (1.42 \cdot P_x) \right) \cdot \left( \frac{f}{8.34 \cdot Q_a} \right) + S$$

Evaluate Formula ↗

Example with Units

$$15.0021 \text{ mg/L} = (2.5 \text{ mg/d} + (1.42 \cdot 20 \text{ mg/d})) \cdot \left( \frac{0.68}{8.34 \cdot 1.2 \text{ m}^3/\text{d}} \right) + 15 \text{ mg/L}$$

## Variables used in list of Substrate Concentration Formulas above

- **f** BOD Conversion Factor
- **k<sub>d</sub>** Endogenous Decay Coefficient (1 Per Day)
- **O<sub>2</sub>** Theoretical Oxygen Requirement (Milligram per Day)
- **P<sub>x</sub>** Net Waste Activated Sludge (Milligram per Day)
- **Q<sub>a</sub>** Average Daily Influent Flow Rate (Cubic Meter per Day)
- **Q<sub>e</sub>** Effluent Flow Rate (Cubic Meter per Day)
- **Q<sub>i</sub>** Influent Average Flow Rate (Cubic Meter per Second)
- **Q<sub>w</sub>'** WAS Pumping Rate from Return Line (Cubic Meter per Day)
- **RAS** Return Activated Sludge (Cubic Meter per Day)
- **S** Effluent Substrate Concentration (Milligram per Liter)
- **S<sub>o</sub>** Influent Substrate Concentration (Milligram per Liter)
- **V** Reactor Volume (Cubic Meter)
- **V<sub>L</sub>** Organic Loading (Milligram per Liter)
- **X** MLSS (Milligram per Liter)
- **X<sub>a</sub>** MLVSS (Milligram per Liter)
- **X<sub>e</sub>** Solid Concentration in Effluent (Milligram per Liter)
- **X<sub>r</sub>** Sludge Concentration in Return Line (Milligram per Liter)
- **Y** Maximum Yield Coefficient
- **Y<sub>obs</sub>** Observed Cell Yield
- **θ<sub>c</sub>** Mean Cell Residence Time (Day)
- **θ<sub>s</sub>** Hydraulic Retention Time in Seconds (Second)

## Constants, Functions, Measurements used in list of Substrate Concentration Formulas above

- **Measurement:** Time in Day (d), Second (s)  
*Time Unit Conversion* ↗
- **Measurement:** Volume in Cubic Meter (m<sup>3</sup>)  
*Volume Unit Conversion* ↗
- **Measurement:** Volumetric Flow Rate in Cubic Meter per Day (m<sup>3</sup>/d), Cubic Meter per Second (m<sup>3</sup>/s)  
*Volumetric Flow Rate Unit Conversion* ↗
- **Measurement:** Mass Flow Rate in Milligram per Day (mg/d)  
*Mass Flow Rate Unit Conversion* ↗
- **Measurement:** Density in Milligram per Liter (mg/L)  
*Density Unit Conversion* ↗
- **Measurement:** First Order Reaction Rate Constant in 1 Per Day (d<sup>-1</sup>)  
*First Order Reaction Rate Constant Unit Conversion* ↗



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