

# Important Pumping Rate Formulas PDF



**Formulas  
Examples  
with Units**

**List of 11  
Important Pumping Rate Formulas**

## 1) Average Daily Influent Flow Rate Formulas

### 1.1) Average Daily Influent Flow Rate given Net Waste Activated Sludge Formula

Formula

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

Example with Units

$$0.0003 \text{ m}^3/\text{d} = \frac{20 \text{ mg/d}}{8.34 \cdot 0.8 \cdot (25 \text{ mg/L} - 15 \text{ mg/L})}$$

Evaluate Formula 

### 1.2) Average Daily Influent Flow Rate given Theoretical Oxygen Requirement Formula

Formula

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

Evaluate Formula 

Example with Units

$$0.0003 \text{ m}^3/\text{d} = \left( 2.5 \text{ mg/d} + (1.42 \cdot 20 \text{ mg/d}) \right) \cdot \left( \frac{0.68}{8.34 \cdot (25 \text{ mg/L} - 15 \text{ mg/L})} \right)$$

### 1.3) Average Daily Influent Flow Rate using Recirculation Ratio Formula

Formula

$$Q_a = \frac{RAS}{\alpha}$$

Example with Units

$$1.2048 \text{ m}^3/\text{d} = \frac{10 \text{ m}^3/\text{d}}{8.3}$$

Evaluate Formula 

## 2) RAS Pumping Rate Formulas

### 2.1) RAS Pumping Rate from Aeration Tank Formula

Formula

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

Example with Units

$$78.56 \text{ m}^3/\text{d} = \frac{1200 \text{ mg/L} \cdot 1.2 \text{ m}^3/\text{d} - 200 \text{ mg/L} \cdot 400 \text{ m}^3/\text{d}}{200 \text{ mg/L} - 1200 \text{ mg/L}}$$

Evaluate Formula 

### 2.2) RAS Pumping Rate using Recirculation Ratio Formula

Formula

$$RAS = \alpha \cdot Q_a$$

Example with Units

$$9.96 \text{ m}^3/\text{d} = 8.3 \cdot 1.2 \text{ m}^3/\text{d}$$

Evaluate Formula 



### 3) WAS Pumping Rate Formulas

#### 3.1) WAS Pumping Rate from Aeration Tank Formula

Formula

$$Q_w = \frac{V}{\theta_c}$$

Example with Units

$$142.8571 \text{ m}^3/\text{d} = \frac{1000 \text{ m}^3}{7 \text{ d}}$$

Evaluate Formula 

#### 3.2) WAS Pumping Rate from Return Line given RAS Pumping Rate from Aeration Tank Formula

Formula

$$Q_w = \left( \left( \frac{X}{X_r} \right) \cdot (Q_a + \text{RAS}) \right) - \text{RAS}$$

Example with Units

$$57.2 \text{ m}^3/\text{d} = \left( \left( \frac{1200 \text{ mg/L}}{200 \text{ mg/L}} \right) \cdot (1.2 \text{ m}^3/\text{d} + 10 \text{ m}^3/\text{d}) \right) - 10 \text{ m}^3/\text{d}$$

Evaluate Formula 

#### 3.3) WAS Pumping Rate from Return Line given Wasting Rate from Return Line Formula

Formula

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

Example with Units

$$399.9999 \text{ m}^3/\text{d} = \left( 1000 \text{ m}^3 \cdot \frac{1200 \text{ mg/L}}{7 \text{ d} \cdot 200 \text{ mg/L}} \right) - \left( 1523.81 \text{ m}^3/\text{d} \cdot \frac{60 \text{ mg/L}}{200 \text{ mg/L}} \right)$$

Evaluate Formula 

#### 3.4) WAS Pumping Rate using Wasting Rate from Return Line when Concentration of Solid in Effluent is Low Formula

Formula

$$Q_w = V \cdot \frac{X}{\theta_c \cdot X_r}$$

Example with Units

$$857.1429 \text{ m}^3/\text{d} = 1000 \text{ m}^3 \cdot \frac{1200 \text{ mg/L}}{7 \text{ d} \cdot 200 \text{ mg/L}}$$

Evaluate Formula 



## 4) Wasting Rate Formulas

### 4.1) Wasting Rate from Return Line Formula

Formula

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

Evaluate Formula 

Example with Units

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

### 4.2) Wasting Rate from Return Line when Concentration of Solid in Effluent is Low Formula

Formula

$$\theta_c = \frac{V \cdot X}{Q_w' \cdot X_r}$$

Example with Units

$$15 \text{ d} = \frac{1000 \text{ m}^3 \cdot 1200 \text{ mg/L}}{400 \text{ m}^3/\text{d} \cdot 200 \text{ mg/L}}$$






Evaluate Formula 



## Variables used in list of Pumping Rate Formulas above

- **f** BOD Conversion Factor
- **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>w</sub>** WAS Pumping Rate from Reactor (Cubic Meter per Day)
- **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)
- **X** MLSS (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<sub>obs</sub>** Observed Cell Yield
- **α** Recirculation Ratio
- **θ<sub>c</sub>** Mean Cell Residence Time (Day)

## Constants, Functions, Measurements used in list of Pumping Rate Formulas above

- **Measurement: Time** in Day (d)  
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)  
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 



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