



# Certification Boulevard

## *Test Your Knowledge of Conservation and Reuse – Answer Key*

1. Given the following data, calculate the volume of flow in gallons that will be delivered through this flume in a 4-hour period:

- 10 inches long
- 10 inches wide
- 8 inches water depth
- 2 fps flow velocity

- A. 62,330  
B. 87,160  
C. **119,693**  
D. 247,310

*Gallons capacity of flume = L, ft x W, ft x D, ft x 7.48 gal/cu ft*

*10 inches divided by 12 inches/foot = 0.833 feet*

*8 inches divided by 12 inches/foot = 0.667 feet*

*0.833 ft x 0.833 ft x 0.667 ft x 7.48 gal/cu ft = 3.462 gals*

*2 fps divided by 0.833 ft length = 2.401 seconds*

*2.401 secs x 3.462 gals = 8.312 gal/sec*

*8.312 gal/sec x 60 sec/min = 498.72 gal/min*

*4 hours x 60 min/hr = 240 mins per 4 hrs*

*498.72 gal/min x 240 mins = 119,693 gals in 4 hours*

2. Which of these 3/4" meters on a test bench is recommended to be tested with the positive displacement meters?

- A. Turbine Meters  
B. Multi-jet Meters  
C. **Piston Meters**  
D. Compound Meters

*Piston and positive displacement meters measure the same amount going through the meter.*

*Turbine meters start at 2" and larger.*

*Compound meters start at 2" and larger.*

*Multi-jet meters measure on the same level as a turbine meter.*

3. What is a typical permit requirement for chlorine residual maintenance of reuse water that is being applied to a Public Access Reuse System in Florida?

- A. No greater than 1.0 mg/L Total Chlorine Residual  
B. **No less than 1.0 mg/L Total Chlorine Residual**  
C. No greater than 1.0 mg/L Free Chlorine Residual  
D. No less than 0.1 mg/L Total Chlorine Residual

4. What is a typical permit requirement for chlorine residual maximum of effluent disposal in an open body of water in Florida (other than the ocean)?

- A. **No greater than 0.01 mg/L Total Chlorine Residual**
- B. No less than 0.5 mg/L Total Chlorine Residual
- C. No greater than 1.0 mg/L Free Chlorine Residual
- D. No less than 0.1 mg/L Total Chlorine Residual

5. Given the following data, what is the total solids concentration of Primary Sludge and Thickened Waste Activate Sludge (TWAS) after being mixed together?

- 3,200 gallons of primary sludge
- Primary sludge concentration is 3.9% total solids
- 2,800 gallons of TWAS
- TWAS concentration is 5.5 % total solids

- A. **4.6 %**
- B. 3.1 %
- C. 4.1 %
- D. 5.2 %

*ppm = lbs combined solids divided by (flow, mgd x 8.34)*

$$\begin{aligned} \text{lbs of primary solids} &= 0.0032 \text{ mgd} \times 39,000 \text{ ppm} \times 8.3 \text{ lbs/gal} &= 1,041 \text{ lbs} \\ \text{lbs of TWAS} &= 0.0028 \times 55,000 \text{ ppm} \times 8.6 \text{ lbs/gal} &= 1,284 \text{ lbs} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Total combined solids} = 2,325 \text{ lbs}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{ppm} &= 2,325 \text{ lbs divided by } (0.006 \text{ mgd} \times 8.34) = 46,463 \text{ ppm TSS} \\ \text{TS} &= \text{TSS divided by } 10,000 = 46,463 \text{ ppm divided by } 10,000 = 4.6 \% \text{ TS} \end{aligned}$$

6. Given the following information, does this reuse water satisfy the FDEP requirements for fecal coliform standards?

- 50% of the sample are below the detection limits per 100 ml of sample
- The highest day of the month was 30 per 100 ml of sample

- A. Yes, this meets typical requirements in Florida for reuse water fecal coliform
- B. **No, this fails to meet typical requirements in Florida for reuse water fecal coliform**

*The rule for fecal coliform in reuse water states: "over a 30 day period, 75% of the fecal coliform values (the 75% percentile value) shall be below detection limits. Any one sample shall not exceed 25 fecal coliform values per 100 ml of sample."*

7. Which statement best describes typical analytical requirements for effluent to be applied as reuse water in Florida?

- A. CBOD<sub>5</sub> = 3-5 mg/L · TSS = 10 to 20 mg/L · TP = 1.0 mg/L · TN = 3 mg/L
- B. CBOD<sub>5</sub> = 20 - 30 mg/L · TSS = 1 to 2 mg/L · TP = 0.5 mg/L · NO<sub>3</sub> = 15 mg/L
- C. CBOD<sub>5</sub> = 10 - 20 mg/L · TSS = 5 mg/L · TP = 0.5 mg/L · TN = 15 mg/L

**D. CBOD<sub>5</sub> = 10 - 20 mg/L · TSS = 5 mg/L · TP = no limit · NO<sub>3</sub> = 10 - 12 mg/L**

8. How much alkalinity is required to oxidize 0.45 kg of ammonia?

- A. 4.65 kg
- B. 6.70 kg
- C. 7.14 kg
- D. 3.2 kg**

*7.14 lbs alkalinity to oxidize 1 lb of ammonia*

*0.45 kg ammonia x 7.14 = 3.2 kg*

9. Given the following data, what is the TSS concentration of a reuse grab sample:

- 100 ml of sample
- Tare weight of filter is 11.8873 grams
- Final weight of filter after drying is 11.8877 grams

- A. 10 mg/L
- B. 4 mg/L**
- C. 2 mg/L
- D. 8 mg/L

*TSS, mg/L = (final wt., gm – tare wt., gm) x 10,000*

*TSS, mg/L = (11.8877 gm – 11.8873 gm) x 10,000 = 4 mg/L*

10. Which statement is the most accurate?

- A. A percolation pond usually does not have an overflow
- B. A rapid infiltration basin usually does have an overflow
- C. A percolation pond usually has a solid bottom liner
- D. A rapid infiltration basin usually does not have an overflow**

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