EVE 290 Introduction to Environmental Engineering

Homework #12

1. Two rivers (R₁, R₂) flow into a large, completely mixed lake, and two rivers (R₃, R₄) flow out. The rivers have volumetric flow rates and DDT concentrations as shown below:

 $Q_1 = 3.6 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ $Q_2 = 1.4 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ $Q_3 = ?$ $Q_4 = 2.8 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ $C_1 = 2.1 \ \mu\text{g/m}^3$ $C_2 = 0 \ \mu\text{g/m}^3$ $C_3 = 1.7 \ \mu\text{g/m}^3$ $C_4 = ?$

Determine Q₃ and C₄. Clearly state all assumptions. (Ans: Q₃ = 2.2 m³/s, C₄ = 1.36 μ g/m³)

- A lagoon is to be designed to accommodate an input flow of 0.10 m³/s of non-conservative pollutant with concentration 30.0 mg/L and reaction rate 0.20 day⁻¹. The effluent from the lagoon must have a pollutant concentration of less than 10.0 mg/L. Assuming complete mixing, how large must the lagoon be? (Ans: 86,400 m³)
- 3. A college bar with volume 500 m³ has 50 smokers in it, each smoking two cigarettes per hour. An individual cigarette emits, among other things, about 1.4 mg of formaldehyde (HCHO). Formaldehyde converts to carbon dioxide with a reaction rate coefficient of k = 0.40 hr⁻¹. Fresh air enters the bar at the rate of 1000 m³/hr, and stale air leaves at the same rate. Assuming complete mixing, estimate the steady-state concentration of formaldehyde in the air. (Ans: 0.117 mg/m³).
- 4. Consider a 10 x 10⁶ m³ lake fed by a polluted stream with a flow rate of 5 m³/s and a pollutant concentration of 10 mg/L. There is also a sewage outfall that discharges 0.5 m³/s of wastewater with a pollutant concentration of 100 mg/L. Stream and sewage wastes have a reaction rate coefficient of 12% per day. Find the steady-state (i.e., effluent) pollutant concentration and flow rate.