

**CE 37200: Environmental Impact Assessment**  
**Homework 7**  
**Chapter 8**  
**Due: May 15**

1) Select a surface water quality measurement station of interest to you under <http://waterdata.usgs.gov/nwis/current/?type=quality> . Select one of the following measured quantities: temperature, specific conductivity, dissolved oxygen, turbidity, nitrate, pH. Make a plot of this quantity measured at the station over the last 30 days, and compare to an applicable surface water quality standard, such as New York's: [http://water.epa.gov/scitech/swguidance/standards/wqslibrary/ny\\_index.cfm](http://water.epa.gov/scitech/swguidance/standards/wqslibrary/ny_index.cfm) (Section 2). Explain what sources of pollution can affect this quantity. Also give a couple of ways to reduce the impact of pollution on this quantity if a development project is being planned in this watershed.

2) (a) Find the infiltration rate 1 hour into a strong rainstorm in a Dothan loamy sand. (b) Plot the infiltration rate as a function of time for a 2-hour long rainstorm. (c) Find the total amount infiltrated over 2 hours.

3) Assume that the water table height (m above sea level) was measured at three wells as

x	y	h
100	100	9.5
200	200	9
300	0	7

where the horizontal coordinates x and y are also in meters.

(a) Determine the magnitude and direction of the local hydraulic gradient assuming a planar water table.  
(b) Estimate the groundwater flow velocity assuming that the subsurface is limestone.  
(c) Estimate the effective infiltration velocity of benzene in a pollutant plume in the area if the organic matter mass fraction is 0.005 and the specific gravity is 1.7.

4) Consider a river with a flow rate of  $5 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ , uniform temperature of  $15 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ , deoxygenation rate  $k_d = 0.2 \text{ day}^{-1}$ , reoxygenation rate  $k_r = 1 \text{ day}^{-1}$ . Assume that upstream of a pollution source the water is saturated with DO and contains no BOD. According to the Streeter-Phelps model, how much BOD (in  $\text{mg O}_2$  equivalent) could the pollution source discharge without depleting the DO by more than 10%? Assume that the discharge does not change the flow rate or temperature in the river.