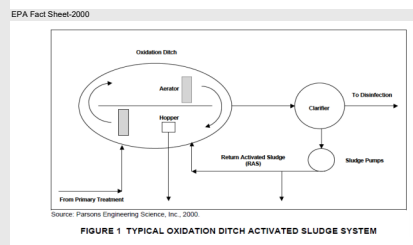


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Primary settling prior to an oxidation ditch is sometimes practiced, but is not typical in this design. Tertiary filters may be required after clarification. **Long hydraulic retention time and complete mixing minimize the impact of a shock load or hydraulic surge.**

Surface aerators, such as brush rotors, disc aerators, draft tube aerators, or fine bubble diffusers are used to circulate the mixed liquor.

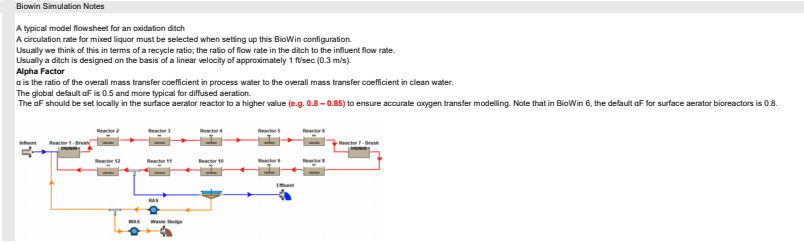
nitrification will occur. Oxidation ditch effluent is usually settled in a separate secondary clarifier. An anaerobic tank may be added prior to the ditch to enhance biological phosphorus removal.



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Design Parameters

Screened wastewater enters the ditch, is aerated, and circulates at about 0.25 to 0.35 m/s (0.8 to 1.2 ft/s) to maintain the solids in suspension (Metcalf & Eddy, 1991). The RAS recycle ratio is from 75 to 150 percent, and the mixed liquor suspended solids (MLSS) concentration ranges from 1,500 to 5,000 mg/L (0.01 to 0.04 lb/gal) (Metcalf & Eddy, 1991). The oxygen transfer efficiency of oxidation ditches ranges from 2.5 to 3.5 lb./Hp-hour (Baker Process, 1999).



Legend	Given Info
	Assumptions
	Calculations

Characterization

Influent Wastewater Characteristics

BOD	250 mg/L
TSS	360 mg/L
TKN	55 mg/L

ADF	2.3 MGD
AWWF	5 MGD
PWWF	5.9 MGD
PHF	16.5 MGD

AWWF:ADF	2.17
PWWF:ADF	2.57
PHF:ADF	7.17

Industry practice often assumes PMF = 1.5–2.5 × ADF	
PMF:ADF	2.5
PMF	5.75 MGD

BioWin Model Influent

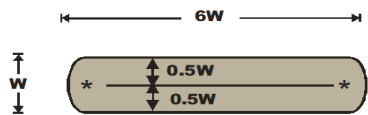
Flow	5.75
COD - Total mgCOD/L	500
N - Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen mgN/L	55
P - Total P mgP/L	6.5
S - Total S mgS/L	10
N - Nitrate mgN/L	0
pH	7.3
Alkalinity mgCaCO3/L	300
ISS Total mgSS/L	72
Metal soluble - Calcium mg/L	80
Metal soluble - Magnesium mg/L	15
Gas - Dissolved oxygen mg/L	0

BioWin Model WW Characteristics

Name	Default	Value
Fbs - Readily biodegradable (including A _v)	0.16	0.07
Fvfa - Volatile fatty acids [g VFA COD/g c]	0.15	0.3429
Fac - Acetate [gCOD/g of VFA COD]	1	1
Fxsp - Non-colloidal slowly biodegradable	0.75	0.9599
Fus - Unbiodegradable soluble [gCOD/	0.05	0.03
Fup - Unbiodegradable particulate [gC/	0.13	0.13
Fcel - Cellulose fraction of unbiodegradal	0.5	0.5
Fna - Ammonia [gNH3-N/gTKN]	0.66	0.48
Fnox - Particulate organic nitrogen [gN/	0.5	0.5
Fnus - Soluble unbiodegradable TKN [g	0.02	0.02
FupN - N:COD ratio for unbiodegradable	0.07	0.07
Fpo4 - Phosphate [gPO4-P/gTP]	0.5	0.5
FupP - P:COD ratio for unbiodegradable	0.022	0.022
Fsr - Reduced sulfur [H2S] [gS/gS]	0.15	0.15
FZbh - Ordinary heterotrophic COD fracti	0.02	0.02
FZbm - Methylothetic COD fraction [g	1.00E-04	1.00E-04
FZao - Ammonia oxidizing COD fraction [g	1.00E-04	1.00E-04
FZno - Nitrite oxidizing COD fraction [g/	1.00E-04	1.00E-04
FZaao - Anaerobic ammonia oxidizing C/	1.00E-04	1.00E-04
FZppa - Phosphorus accumulating COD	1.00E-04	1.00E-04
FZpa - Propionic acetogenic COD fractio	1.00E-04	1.00E-04
FZam - Acetoclastic methanogenic COD	1.00E-04	1.00E-04
FZhm - Hydrogenotrophic methanogenic	1.00E-04	1.00E-04
FZso - Sulfur oxidizing COD fraction [g/	1.00E-04	1.00E-04
FZsrpa - Sulfur reducing propionic acetoy	1.00E-04	1.00E-04
FZsrpa - Sulfur reducing acetotrophic COI	1.00E-04	1.00E-04
FZsrh - Sulfur reducing hydrogenotroph	1.00E-04	1.00E-04
FZe - Endogenous products COD fractio	0	0

Sizing

assume that we are designing a new ditch system, and we select the "length-to-width" ratio as 6:1 as



Assumptions

HRT	18 hr
Influent Flow	5.75 MGD
Depth	13 ft
Design Linear Velocity	1 ft/s

Volume, Area and Circulation

Ditch Volume	4.3 MG
Ditch Volume	576,497.37 ft ³
Ditch Area	44,345.95 ft ²
Width	85.97 ft
Width of channel	42.99 ft
Area for Flow	558.81 ft ²
Flow in ditch	48,281,245.36 ft ³ /d
Flow in ditch	361.17 MGD
Recycle Ratio	62.81

Model Size Inputs

Number of Bioreactors	12
Volume of each Bioreactor	0.36 MG
Width	42.99 ft
Depth	13 ft
Total Volume	4.3 MG

Recirculation

Recycle Ratio	62.81
Rate in main	361.17 MGD

Oxidation Ditch Dimensions

Width	42.99 ft
Depth	13 ft
Volume	4.3 MG

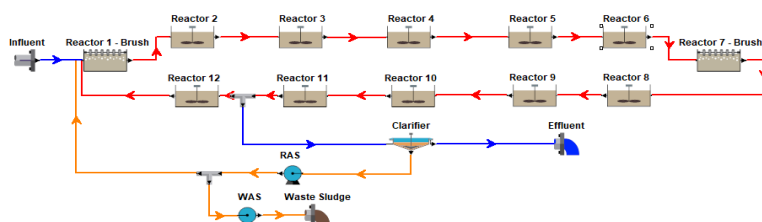
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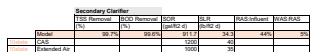
Volume	0.6 MG
Depth	13 ft

Effluent Limits

Effluent Quality Targets

cBOD	30 mg/L
TSS	30 mg/L



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Oxidation Ditch Dimensions	
Width	42.99 ft
Depth	13 ft
Volume	4.31 MG

Secondary Clarifier	
Volume	0.6 MG
Depth	13 ft

Oxidation Ditch Concrete Volume

Convert Volume to Cubic Feet	
	4,312,500 gallons 576,499 ft3
Estimate Total Length of Ditch	
Area	558.81 ft2
Length	1,032 ft
Assuming the race-track shape consists of: 2 semicircular ends (combined = 1 full circle) 2 straight sections	
Radius of the semicircles:	
Width=2*Radius	
Radius	21.5 ft
Circumference of full circle	135.0 ft
Length of straight sections :	
Straight length	896.61 ft
Each straight section	448.31 ft
Calculate Wall Surface Area	
Straight walls	11,655.95 ft2
Curved walls (full circle perimeter × dep	1,755.6 ft2
Total wall surface area	13,411.50 ft2
Wall Concrete Volume	
All Walls volume	15,647 ft3

Oxidation Ditch Base Slab Volume

Base slab area = total footprint of ditch

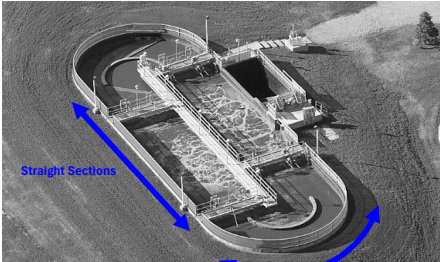
Straight section area	
Area	19,271 ft2
Curved Section Area (Full Circle)	
Area	1,451 ft2
Total Footprint Area	
A-total	20,722 ft2
Base Slab Volume (with 2 ft thickness)	
Base Volume	41,444 ft3
Total Concrete Volume	
Total Concrete Volume	57,090 ft3

Excavation Volume

Total tank depth: 13 ft
Above-ground portion: 3 ft
Below-ground portion: 10 ft
Excavation slope: 1 vertical : 2 horizontal
→ For every 10 ft depth, we extend 20 ft outward from the tank edge on all sides
So the excavation will form a trapezoidal cross-section around the tank, sloping outward from the base to the surface.

Total Footprint Area	
A-bottom	20,722 ft2
Top footprint: tank footprint extended outward by 20 ft on all sides	
Top Rectangle	
Original rectangle: 448 ft × 42.99 ft	
Add 20 ft on each side → new dimensions:	
Length: 448 + 2×20	488.3 ft
Width: 42.99 + 2×20 = 82.99 ft	83.0 ft
A-top rectangle	40,522 ft2
Top Circle	
Original radius: 21.495 ft	
Add 20 ft → new radius	41.5 ft
A-top circle	5,409 ft2
Total Top Footprint	
A-top	45,931 ft2

Excavation Volume (Trapezoidal Prism)	
average area between top and bottom footprints, multiplied by depth $V_{\text{excavation}} = ((A_{\text{top}} + A_{\text{bottom}}) / 2) \times \text{depth}$	
V-excavation	333,264 ft3



Secondary Clarifier Concrete Volume

Convert Volume to Cubic Feet	
	80,209 ft3
Estimate Diameter	
r2	1,964
r	44.32 ft
D	88.63 ft
Wall Surface Area	
A-wall	3,620 ft2
Wall Volume	
V-wall	4,223 ft3
Sloped Floor Geometry	
model the sloped floor as a conical frustum (a cone with the top cut off), sloping from the outer edge down to the center. Horizontal distance from center to wall: R=44.33 ft Slope: 1:15 → for every 15 ft horizontal, 1 ft vertical vertical drop from wall to center is 2.95 ft center of the clarifier is 2.95 ft deeper than the outer edge.	
Volume of Sloped Floor (Conical Frustum)	
sloped cone-shaped floor $V = 1/3 \pi h (R^2 + Rr + Rr^2 + Rr^2)$ h=2.96 ft (vertical height of the slope) R1=0 (center point) R2=44.33 (outer radius)	
	6,076 ft3
Total Concrete Volume	
	10,299 ft3

Secondary Clarifier Slab Volume

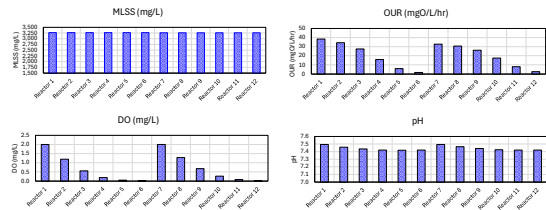
Clarifier Footprint Area	
	6,170 ft2
Base Slab Volume (with 2 ft thickness)	
Base Volume	12,340 ft3

Excavation Volume

Clarifier depth: 13 ft
Above-ground portion: 3 ft
Below-ground portion: 10 ft
Excavation slope: 1 vertical : 2 horizontal
→ For every 10 ft depth, we extend 20 ft outward from the tank edge on all sides

Bottom radius = tank radius = 44.33 ft
Top radius = 44.33 + 20 = 64.33 ft
Excavation depth = 10 ft

Bottom Area (Clarifier Footprint)	
A-bottom	6,170 ft2
Top Area (Excavation Footprint)	
A-top	12,995 ft2
Average Area	
A-Avg	9,583 ft2
Excavation Volume	
V-excavation	95,826.88 ft3

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		Secondary Clarifier					
		TSS Removal (%)	BOD Removal (%)	SCR (gal/R2 d)	SLR (lb/R2 d)	FAS:Influent	FAS:FAS
	Model	99.7%	99.6%	928.6	40.8	44%	5%
10x30x6	CAS			1200	40		
10x30x6	Extended Air			1000	35		

	Final Effluent		
	TSS (mg/L)	BOD (mg/L)	Ammonia (mg/L)
Model	10.1	3.3	0.39
Limit	30	30	

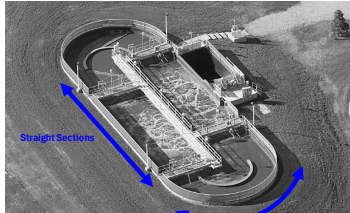
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Oxidation Ditch Dimensions	
Width	42.99 ft
Depth	13 ft
Volume	4.31 MG

Thickener	
Volume	0.6 MG
Depth	13 ft

Secondary Clarifier	
Volume	0.6 MG
Depth	13 ft

Anaerobic Digester	
Area	2,245 ft ²
Depth	25 ft
Volume	0.42 MG



Oxidation Ditch Concrete Volume

Convert Volume to Cubic Feet	4,312,500 gallons 576,499 ft ³
Estimate Total Length of Ditch	Area: 558.81 ft ² Length: 1,032 ft

Assuming the race-track shape consists of:
2 semicircular ends (combined = 1 full circle)
2 straight sections

Radius of the semicircles:	Width=2*Radius
Radius	21.5 ft
Circumference of full circle	135.0 ft

Length of straight sections:	Straight length: 896.61 ft Each straight section: 448.31 ft
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Calculate Wall Surface Area	Straight walls: 11,655.95 ft ² Curved walls (full circle perimeter * dep: 1,755.6 ft ² Total wall surface area: 13,411.55 ft ²
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Wall Concrete Volume	All Walls volume: 15,647 ft ³
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Oxidation Ditch Base Slab Volume

Base slab area = total footprint of ditch	
Straight section area	Area: 19,271 ft ²
Curved Section Area (Full Circle)	Area: 1,451 ft ²
Total Footprint Area	A-total: 20,722 ft ²
Base Slab Volume (with 2 ft thickness)	Base Volume: 41,444 ft ³
Total Concrete Volume	Total Concrete Volume: 57,090 ft ³

Excavation Volume

Total tank depth: 13 ft
Above-ground portion: 3 ft
Below-ground portion: 10 ft
Excavation slope: 1 vertical : 2 horizontal
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Total Footprint Area	A-bottom: 20,722 ft ²
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Top footprint: tank footprint extended outward by 20 ft on all sides

Top Rectangle	Original rectangle: 448 ft * 42.99 ft Add 20 ft on each side → new dimensions: Length: 448 + 2*20 = 488.3 ft Width: 42.99 + 2*20 = 82.99 ft
A-top rectangle	40,522 ft ²

Top Circle	Original radius: 21.495 ft Add 20 ft → new radius: 41.5 ft
A-top circle	5,409 ft ²

Total Top Footprint	A-top: 45,931 ft ²
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Excavation Volume (Trapezoidal Prism)	average area between top and bottom footprints, multiplied by depth V _{excavation} =(A _{top} +A _{bottom})(Z)/2=depth
V _{excavation}	333,264 ft ³

Secondary Clarifier Concrete Volume

Convert Volume to Cubic Feet	80,209 ft ³
Estimate Diameter	r ² : 1,964 r: 44.32 ft D: 88.63 ft

Wall Surface Area	A-wall: 3,620 ft ²
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Wall Volume	V-wall: 4,223 ft ³
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Sloped Floor Geometry
model the sloped floor as a conical frustum (a cone with the top cut off), sloping from the outer edge down to the center.
Horizontal distance from center to wall: R=44.33 ft
Slope: 1:15 → for every 15 ft horizontal, 1 ft vertical
vertical drop from wall to center is 2.95 ft
center of the clarifier is 2.95 ft deeper than the outer edge.

Volume of Sloped Floor (Conical Frustum)	sloped cone-shaped floor V=(1/3)*pi*(R ² +R*r+R ² +r ²)*h/2 h=2.96 ft (vertical height of the slope) R1=0 (center point) R2=44.33 (outer radius)
6,076 ft ³	

Total Concrete Volume	10,299 ft ³
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Secondary Clarifier Slab Volume

Clarifier Footprint Area	6,170 ft ²
Base Slab Volume (with 2 ft thickness)	Base Volume: 12,340 ft ³

Excavation Volume

Clarifier depth: 13 ft
Above-ground portion: 3 ft
Below-ground portion: 10 ft
Excavation slope: 1 vertical : 2 horizontal
→ For every 10 ft depth, we extend 20 ft outward from the tank edge on all sides

Bottom radius = tank radius = 44.33 ft
Top radius = 44.33 + 20 = 64.33 ft
Excavation depth = 10 ft

Bottom Area (Clarifier Footprint)	A-bottom: 6,170 ft ²
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Top Area (Excavation Footprint)	A-top: 12,995 ft ²
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Average Area	A-Avg: 9,583 ft ²
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Excavation Volume	V _{excavation} : 95,826.88 ft ³
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Thickener

Convert Volume to Cubic Feet	80,209 ft ³
Estimate Diameter	r ² : 1,964 r: 44.32 ft D: 88.63 ft

Wall Surface Area	A-wall: 3,620 ft ²
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Wall Volume	V-wall: 4,223 ft ³
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Total Concrete Volume	10,298 ft ³
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Secondary Clarifier Slab Volume

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Excavation depth = 10 ft

Bottom Area (Clarifier Footprint)	A-bottom: 6,170 ft ²
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Top Area (Excavation Footprint)	A-top: 12,995 ft ²
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Average Area	A-Avg: 9,583 ft ²
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Excavation Volume	V _{excavation} : 95,826.88 ft ³
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Anaerobic Digester

Convert Volume to Cubic Feet	56,146 ft ³
Estimate Diameter	r ² : 715 r: 26.74 ft D: 53.47 ft

Wall Surface Area	A-wall: 4,200 ft ²
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Wall Volume	V-wall: 4,900 ft ³
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Roof Slab Volume	Assuming a flat circular roof with 1 ft thickness A-roof: 2,246 ft ² V-roof: 2,246 ft ³
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Total Concrete Volume	7,146 ft ³
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AD Slab Volume

AD Footprint Area	2,246 ft ²
Base Slab Volume (with 2 ft thickness)	Base Volume: 4,492 ft ³

Excavation Volume

for a 25 ft deep, 0.42 MG digester, it's much more typical to build it above ground on a reinforced concrete slab.

Input		Source: Ambient Water Quality Criteria for Ammonia (Saltwater) - 1989, EPA 440/5-88-004 April 1989
Ammonia Sample (mg/L)	15	This is the measured total ammonia concentration in the effluent — in this case, 15 mg/L.

Constants	
ECA Acute	0.21 ECA Acute / Chronic: These are the EPA Criteria Ammonia limits for acute and chronic toxicity.
ECA Chronic	0.38
AMEL Multiplier	1.9 AMEL / MDEL Multipliers: Used to calculate Average Monthly Effluent Limit (AMEL) and Maximum Daily Effluent Limit (MDEL).
MDEL Multiplier	4.8
CV	0.97 (Coefficient of Variation): Used in statistical calculations for effluent variability.

Input					Calculations														
Date	Temp (deg C)	pH (su)	Salinity (ppt)	Pressure (ATM)	Molat Ionic Strength (I) (not valid if >0.85):	pKa8 (X) @ 25 deg C	% Unionized (% UIA):	Unionized		Total NH3 (Criteria)		Long Term Average		Ammonia Standards		Ammonia Impact Ratio		Ammonia Impact Ratio	
								Acute	Chronic	Acute	Chronic	Acute	Chronic	AMEL (mg/L)	MDEL (mg/L)	AMEL	MDEL	AMEL	MDEL
1/25/2023	9.50	7.50	23.47	1.00	0.48	9.30	0.005	0.23	0.04	47.04	7.07	9.87	2.70	5.17	12.86	2.4	1.0	2.9	1.2
2/22/2023	8.60	7.90	26.69	1.00	0.55	9.31	0.01	0.23	0.04	20.52	3.08	4.31	1.18	2.25	5.61	7.5	3.0	6.7	2.7
3/22/2023	12.40	8.00	22.03	1.00	0.45	9.30	0.02	0.23	0.04	12.06	1.81	2.53	0.69	1.32	3.30	9.7	3.9	11.3	4.5
4/19/2023	14.00	8.00	25.14	1.00	0.51	9.30	0.02	0.23	0.04	10.91	1.64	2.29	0.63	1.20	2.98	6.9	2.8	12.5	5.0
5/3/2023	16.60	7.90	29.96	1.00	0.62	9.32	0.02	0.23	0.04	11.61	1.74	2.44	0.67	1.28	3.17	13.6	5.4	11.8	4.7
6/15/2023	20.20	8.40	34.50	1.00	0.71	9.33	0.08	0.23	0.04	3.06	0.46	0.64	0.18	0.34	0.84	17.0	6.8	44.7	18.0
7/19/2023	22.20	8.40	36.52	1.00	0.76	9.33	0.09	0.23	0.04	2.69	0.40	0.56	0.15	0.30	0.74	5.6	2.3	50.7	20.4
8/3/2023	22.90	7.90	35.25	1.00	0.73	9.33	0.03	0.23	0.04	7.56	1.14	1.59	0.43	0.83	2.07	2.5	1.0	18.1	7.3
9/19/2023	19.40	8.00	30.08	1.00	0.62	9.32	0.03	0.23	0.04	7.57	1.14	1.59	0.43	0.83	2.07	2.8	1.1	18.0	7.2
10/18/2023	17.90	8.10	25.04	1.00	0.51	9.30	0.04	0.23	0.04	6.57	0.99	1.38	0.38	0.72	1.80	4.8	1.9	20.8	8.3
11/16/2023	15.70	8.00	21.07	1.00	0.43	9.29	0.02	0.23	0.04	9.43	1.42	1.98	0.54	1.04	2.58	8.1	3.2	14.5	5.8
12/4/2024	13.00	7.80	22.34	1.00	0.46	9.30	0.01	0.23	0.04	18.19	2.73	3.82	1.04	2.00	4.97	7.5	3.0	7.5	3.0
1/11/2024	8.44	7.60	20.18	1.00	0.41	9.29	0.01	0.23	0.04	39.74	5.97	8.34	2.28	4.37	10.87	4.1	1.7	3.4	1.4
2/8/2024	9.50	7.60	10.55	1.00	0.21	9.27	0.01	0.23	0.04	34.85	5.24	7.31	2.00	3.83	9.53	3.3	1.3	3.9	1.6
3/21/2024	14.10	7.70	24.34	1.00	0.50	9.30	0.01	0.23	0.04	21.29	3.20	4.47	1.22	2.34	5.82	4.5	1.8	6.4	2.6

AMMONIA EQUATIONS: Refer to EPA criteria document listed above for saltwater criteria calculation tables (starting on pg. 27)