

Treatment BMP Training – “Introduction to Traction Sand Traps”
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Slide 1: In this module we do the Workshop Example for the Traction Sand Trap Treatment BMP

Traction Sand Trap Workshop Example

Estimating the Volume of Traction Sand

$V = [(S)(R)(L)(E)]/F$ Eqn. 9, PPDG Pg. B-35

Where:

- V = Volume of traction sand that must be stored (ft³ or m³).
- S = Estimated volume of sand applied (ft³/yr or m³/yr).
- R = Factor for sand recovered by sweeping.
- L = Factor for other miscellaneous losses or accumulations.
- E = Estimated recovery efficiency.
- F = Number of times the trap will be cleaned (times/yr).

Slide 3: This is Eqn. 9, PPDG Pg. B-35. The factors are explained in more detail on the following slides and in the PPDG Appendix B, TSTs. Look for an update to this equation and the factors in the update to the July 2005 PPDG.

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Estimating the required storage volume of Traction Sand Traps

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The next slide will show the equation that we will use.

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Estimating the Volume of Traction Sand



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Estimating the Volume of Traction Sand

F = Number of times trap will be cleaned per year.

- Typically **F = 1.0**, for clean out once per year
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Step by Step For Traction Sand Devices

- **Determine the tributary area**
- **Determine annual or seasonal loading, & clean out period (terms for Eqn. 9)**
- **1st choice: size a Detention Basin to capture the traction sand**
- **2nd choices: CMP Riser or Vault TSTs**
- **Do not omit access area for Maintenance**

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- Determine the tributary area
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Equation 9

First calculate the S term, volume of sand applied over the tributary area
 $S = 2,670 \text{ ft}^3/\text{lane}/\text{mi}/\text{year} \times 2 \text{ lanes} \times 0.25 \text{ mi} = 1,335 \text{ ft}^3$

Then use Equation 9, $V = [(S)(R)(L)(E)]/(F)$
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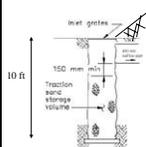
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Interior Volume of a CMP Riser TST

Which traction sand trap is most appropriate to store 800 ft³ of sand?

The volume of one CMP riser inlet using a 36 inch-dia CMP with an outflow pipe of 18 inch-dia:



Total available depth (assume there is adequate distance from inlet to crown of the outflow pipe):
 (10 ft - 0.5 ft - 1.5 ft) = 8 ft of depth available for storage
 Area of the 36 inch-dia pipe = (3/2)² x π = 7.1 ft²
 Volume of one CMP riser = 7.1 ft² x 8 ft = 57 ft³
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3. If only CMPs, what changes?

- If a site is limited to CMP risers, then decreasing the treatment area length (i.e., increasing the number of inlets along the highway length) would decrease the total traction sand volume (by reducing the S factor) and allow the design volume to be captured.
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Questions?



Slide 15: End of the presentation.