

Software Program to Ascertain Radionuclide Residual Concentrations (SPARRC) Model

SPARRC Model Overview

- **Input influent water quality and treatment information to estimate:**
 - Quantity & concentrations of radium and uranium in residuals
 - Disposal costs
 - Complete for IX, RO, AA, green sand
 - Not complete for coagulation/filtration and lime softening

SPARRC Model Overview, cont.

➤ **Version 2 developed in 2006**

- Interim release (no external peer review)

➤ **Model is not intended to:**

- Establish regulatory requirements
- Assist with design of process equipment
- Account for state or local restrictions on disposal

Clarification Filtration

Lime Softening

Ion Exchange

Reverse Osmosis

Activated Alumina

Green Sand Filtration

Water Characteristics

Uranium Conc (pCi/L)

Radium Conc (ug/L)

Activity Ratio (ug/pCi)

Iron Conc. (mg/L)

Hardness (mg/L)

Alkalinity (SU)

Design Variables

Design Flow (MGD)

Regeneration Flow (MGD)

Backwash Flow (MGD)

Resin Characteristics

Resin type

Regenerated Yes No

Regeneration Time (min) Bed Depth

Volumes to Regeneration

Uranium Removal (%)

Hardness Removal (%)

Regeneration Variables

Backwash (Bed Volumes)

Fast Rinse (Bed Volumes)

Brine Weight (% brine solution)

Slow Rinse (Bed Volumes)

Final Rinse (Bed Volumes)

Backwash Outside Regeneration Cycle

Backwash Yes No

Backwash Rate (gpm/sqft)

Backwash Duration (min) Interval (hrs)

Water Loss in System (%)

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Main Output

Annual Cost

	Treated Water		Finished Water	
Flow	<input type="text" value="0.25"/>	mgd	<input type="text" value="0.25"/>	
Radium removal	<input type="text" value="99.8"/>	percent	<input type="text" value="99.8"/>	
Uranium removal	<input type="text" value="0.0"/>	percent	<input type="text" value="0.0"/>	
Hardness removal	<input type="text" value="99.80"/>	percent	<input type="text" value="99.80"/>	
Radium Concentration	<input type="text" value="0.1"/>	pCi/L	<input type="text" value="0.1"/>	
Uranium Concentration	<input type="text" value="60.0"/>	ug/L	<input type="text" value="60.0"/>	
Hardness	<input type="text" value="0.5"/>	mg/L CaCO3	<input type="text" value="0.5"/>	

Resin Volume	<input type="text" value="125.3"/>	ft3	Regeneration Level	<input type="text" value="15.17"/>	lb NaCl/ft3 resin	NaCl Applied	<input type="text" value="4.16"/>	eq NaCl / L
Resin Weight	<input type="text" value="5264.0"/>	lb	Hardness Capacity	<input type="text" value="1.24"/>	eq CaCO3 / L	Regeneration Efficiency	<input type="text" value="3.37"/>	eq NaCl/eq Ca

Regeneration Waste (brine + slow rinse)

Volume	<input type="text" value="3984"/>	gal/event	Hardness Concentration	<input type="text" value="14529.7"/>	mg CaCO3 / L	Time to Breakthrough	<input type="text" value="20.25"/>
Flow	<input type="text" value="4722"/>	gal/day	Excess NaCl	<input type="text" value="40313.4"/>	mg NaCl / L	Total Dissolved Solids	<input type="text" value="32190.0"/>

Radium

Concentration pCi/L

Uranium

SAC may be applicable to the removal of uranium at pH < 6

Additional Regeneration Waste Volume (fast rinse + backwash) gal/event gal/day gal

Backwash Waste Volume Outside Regeneration Cycle gal/event gal/day gal

Total Waste (brine + slow rinse + fast rinse + backwash + backwash outside regeneration cycle)

Volume gal/d Solid lb/d

Radium

Concentration pCi/L

Wet Basis pCi/g

Dry Basis pCi/g

Removal pCi/day Ci/year

POTW Concentration pCi/L

Uranium

Strong Acid Cation (SAC) might be applicable for the removal of uranium at pH less than 6, however, it might not be practical

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Mass Variables

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Water Characteristics

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enerated Yes No

min) Bed Depth

Volumes to Regeneration

um Removal (%)

ness Removal (%)

Regeneration Variables

wash (Bed Volumes)

(Bed Volumes)

weight (% brine solution)

rinse (Bed Volumes)

rinse (Bed Volumes)

Wash Outside Regeneration Cycle

Yes No

wash Rate (gpm/sqft)

n) Interval (hrs)

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Main Output

Annual Cost

Unit Cost Set: <input type="text" value="System Default"/>	<input type="button" value="Adjust Unit Costs"/>	Distance to Disposal Facility (miles) <input type="text" value="100"/>
Liquid		Spent Resin
6.5 MGa/yr 844.36pCi/L Ra		- ft ³ /yr - pCi/g Ra
Direct Discharge	\$2,000.00	
NPDES Permit	\$2,000.00	
Discharge to POTW	\$15,816.14	
POTW Fees	\$15,816.14	
Underground Injection (I)	Contact Regional EPA	
Disposal Fees	or State UIC office	
Underground Injection (V)	Contact Regional EPA	
Disposal Fees	or State UIC office	
Contract Uranium Extraction		NA
Disposal Fees		NA
Non-Hazardous Landfill		NA
Disposal Fees		NA
Transportation		NA
Hazardous Landfill		NA
Disposal Fees		NA
Transportation		NA
TENORM Landfill		NA
Disposal Fees		NA
Transportation		NA
Non-Hazardous LLRW		NA
Disposal Fees		NA
Transportation		NA
Hazardous LLRW (mixed)		NA
Disposal Fees		NA
Transportation		NA

For More Information

- Model and user's guide available at:
 - <http://www.npdespermits.com/sparrc/>
- Contact EPA