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Executive Summary

As more and more communities face projected shortages in long-term water supplies, they are increasingly considering desalting as an option to help alleviate the water supply shortage. For inland communities that undertake large projects, disposal of the brine concentrate can present a major problem. In the Southwestern United States, the presence of silica in the groundwater exacerbates the brine concentrate problem because it limits the extent to which water can be extracted from the brackish water supply, resulting in the generation of even larger volumes of waste concentrate. This project was undertaken to investigate ways to reduce the volume of silica-saturated reverse osmosis reject concentrate.

Two processes were studied in this investigation: (1) nanofiltration of the concentrate (for removing hardness) followed by reverse osmosis treatment of the nano permeate, and (2) lime treatment of the concentrate (for removing silica) followed by reverse osmosis of the lime-treated water.

The results showed that the membrane processes could reduce the concentrate volume by up to 55 percent, but at recoveries greater than this, membrane fouling was observed. This is probably because the nanofiltration pre-treatment step did not remove all of the hardness from the concentrate, resulting in silica precipitation in the subsequent reverse osmosis (RO) process when the silica concentration in its reject stream reached about 300 milligrams per liter (mg/L).

Lime treatment of the concentrate was shown to be very effective for removing silica, with the overall process described as a first-order reaction. However, no silica removal occurs until the lime dosage exceeds the lime-equivalent of the alkalinity.

In this study, lime treatment was shown to be more cost-effective than the best “throw-away” option of deep-well injection. At a lime dosage of 750 mg/L, there would be a net savings of \$1.6 million per year compared to injection, and 5 million gallons per day (0.218 cubic meters per second) of project water would be produced at a cost of \$1.43 per thousand gallons (\$0.375 per cubic meter).

1. Introduction

El Paso Water Utilities, in partnership with Fort Bliss (a U.S. Army installation), has committed to build the largest inland reverse osmosis (RO) desalting plant in the United States. The plant will treat 18 million gallons per day (MGD) (0.79 cubic meters per second [m^3/s]) of brackish groundwater and produce 27.5 MGD (1.2 m^3/s) of product water after blending.

A problem faced by any inland water desalting facility is what to do with the brine solution that is generated as reject water in the reverse osmosis process. This problem is exacerbated when the raw water supply contains substances such as silica that could foul membranes if the reject water is concentrated too much. This is the case in the city of El Paso, where the brackish groundwater contains silica at an average concentration of 25-30 milligrams per liter (mg/L). At this concentration, recovery of product water will be limited to about 80-85 percent (%) because above this value, silica will precipitate, fouling the membranes. The 80-85% recovery rate will generate more than 3 MGD of brine concentrate that will have to be disposed of or concentrated in some way.

Lab-scale studies conducted by GE-Osmonics had shown that it might be possible to recover between 65% and 90% of the silica-saturated brine concentrate through appropriate combinations of existing processes (CDM, 2002). The purpose of this project was to verify the laboratory scale studies with pilot scale systems and obtain meaningful data that could be used in the design of a full-scale membrane-based brine-concentrate treatment system.

2. Conclusions and Recommendations

Based on the results of this study, the following conclusions and recommendations can be made with reasonable certainty:

1. The membrane processes of nanofiltration followed by reverse osmosis can be used to recover a significant portion of the water from silica-saturated RO brine, but the volume recoverable is limited by both the concentration of calcium and the concentration of silica in the nano permeate. In this study, the maximum overall recovery that was achieved using only membranes was about 55%, with the maximum silica concentration reaching about 300 mg/L at a hardness concentration of around 500 mg/L.
2. Silica removal from nanofiltration and RO concentrates via lime precipitation appears to be a first-order reaction of the general equation:

$$C = C_0 10^{-kL}$$

Where: C = Silica concentration remaining, mg/L
Co = Initial silica concentration, mg/L
k = Rate Constant
L = Lime dosage, mg/L

For the concentrates used in this project, the k values ranged from 0.0027 to 0.0064.

3. Hardness can have a major effect on precipitation of silica from silica-saturated brines. At high pH values, even very low concentrations of hardness can facilitate rapid precipitation of silica. Hardness also affects silica precipitation during lime treatment of brine concentrates. In general, the higher the concentration of hardness in the brine, the greater the silica removal per mg/L of lime.
4. Alkalinity has a significant effect on silica removal via lime precipitation. Results in this study show that there is essentially no silica removal at lime concentrations lower than the lime-equivalent of the alkalinity. However, silica is removed on essentially a one-for-one basis with lime at incremental lime dosages above the alkalinity equivalent concentration of lime when the silica concentration is greater than 200 mg/L. Thus, degassing of the brine prior to treatment with lime reduces the lime dosage required for a given amount of silica removal in direct proportion to the reduction in the alkalinity.
5. When silica is assumed to be the only parameter limiting recovery of the brackish water from RO concentrate, the lime-softening process is very cost effective when compared to either pond evaporation or deep-well injection. For example, any lime dosage above 350 mg/L would result in a lower annual cost for disposing of the RO concentrate than would deep-well injection, while at the same time producing additional project water. For example, at a lime dosage of 750 mg/L in degassed RO concentrate, the net annual savings would be over \$1.6 million per year (the expected cost for injecting the 3 MGD of concentrate). This assumes that 80% of the concentrate would be recoverable through additional RO treatment after the silica concentration is reduced. The other 20% would be disposed of through evaporation ponds. Blending of this recovered water with brackish groundwater would result in an extra 5 MGD (0.218 m³/s) of project water at a cost of approximately \$1.43 per thousand gallons of produced water (\$0.375/m³).
6. Pilot studies should be conducted to determine which parameters are limiting recovery of the RO concentrate. In the economic evaluation conducted in this report, silica was assumed to be the limiting parameter. However, other parameters such as barium sulfate could limit the extent to which the brine could be concentrated and this would obviously affect the economics of the process. On the other hand, the maximum silica concentration used for determining water recovery during RO treatment of the lime-treated water was

140 mg/L. Since it is possible that a higher silica concentration could be feasible, additional pilot studies are warranted to investigate this possibility.

7. In addition to identifying the parameters that limit recovery of the brine, long-term pilot studies need to be conducted to accurately determine the operating parameters of the reverse osmosis system that would treat the lime-treated water. These parameters would include feed pressure, flux rate, operating pH, membrane type, etc. Again, this information is necessary for conducting accurate economic analyses.
8. Finally, since hardness has a significant effect on precipitation of silica under super-saturated conditions, it would be worthwhile to investigate the use of ion exchange for softening the water from the nanofiltration system and, possibly, for softening some of the water from the lime treatment process. This would allow for higher recovery of water in the RO process and, therefore, may be economically attractive.

3. Work Performed

This research project could be considered as consisting of two separate research projects embodied in one. This is because two completely different concepts regarding how the silica-saturated RO concentrate should be handled were investigated. The first concept that was tested involved using only membranes to concentrate the silica saturated brine. The membrane treatment scheme was based on the premise that by removing hardness from the brine using nano filtration, the silica concentration could be raised considerably above the normal saturation value without precipitating any of the silica in a subsequent reverse osmosis brine recovery unit. The second concept that was tested involved lime treatment of the concentrate to reduce its silica concentration so that additional water could be recovered from the concentrate through additional reverse osmosis treatment.

3.1 Membrane Studies

The membrane studies were conducted at the Montana Booster Station field site owned by El Paso Water Utilities. A 10 feet (') x 14 feet (3.05 meters (m) x 4.27 m) building was constructed at the site to house the membrane units. As stated above, the membrane studies involved the use of nano filtration to remove hardness from the brine while allowing the silica to pass through the membrane with the permeate. The high-silica nano permeate was then subjected to RO treatment to recover some of the water from the softened brine. This resulted in further concentration of the silica in the brine. A schematic diagram of the process (as originally envisioned) is shown in figure 1.

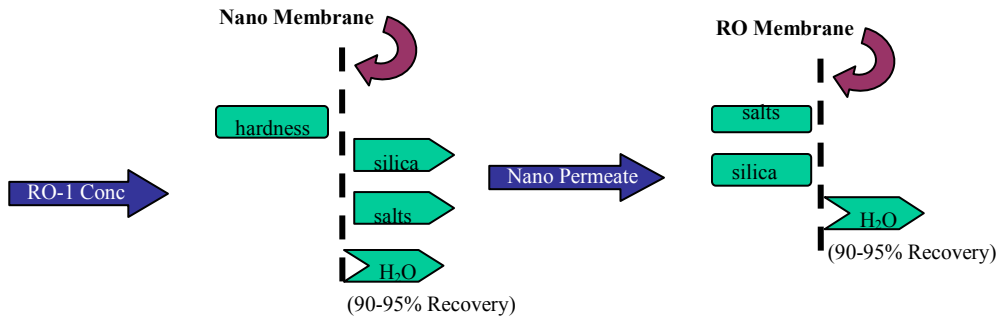


Figure 1 – Schematic of Membrane Processes.

The feed water to the nano filtration unit was RO concentrate (identified as RO-I concentrate) from a reverse osmosis pilot plant operated Camp, Dresser, & McKee Inc. The 25-gallons-per-minute (gpm) (0.095 m³/min) pilot plant was operated at recovery rates ranging between 75% and 85%, producing about 4 gpm (0.015 m³/min) of RO concentrate having a silica concentration ranging between 120 mg/L and 175 mg/L.

The RO-I concentrate was subjected to nano filtration using 4 inches (") (10.16 centimeters [cm]) diameter membranes in series in a four-vessel system that was provided by GE-Osmonics. This unit was operated at recovery rates ranging from 50% to 85%. The permeate from the nano system was treated using 2.5 " (6.35 cm) membranes in series in a three-vessel, six-membrane RO system (also provided by GE-Osmonics).

Samples were taken from the permeate and concentrate streams of each unit and were subjected to various physical and chemical tests including conductivity, temperature, pH, total hardness, calcium, chlorides, alkalinity, sulfates, silica, and TDS. Most of the analyses were conducted using HACH procedures, but silica was occasionally also analyzed using Inductively Coupled Plasma (ICP) to verify the HACH procedure and to measure silica that was in a non-monomeric form.

3.2 Lime Treatment Studies

The lime treatment studies involved batch experiments conducted at the lab scale, and continuous flow experiments conducted using pilot-scale equipment. The lab studies used water taken from four different streams: RO-I concentrate, nano permeate, nano concentrate, and RO-II concentrate. Some of the physical and chemical characteristics of each sample are shown in table A1 of appendix A.

The laboratory jar test procedure used one-liter samples in square containers of a Phipps & Bird jar test apparatus. The samples were treated with various concentrations of hydrated lime, Ca(OH)₂, ranging from 100 mg/L to 800 mg/L. After dosing, the samples were stirred for 30 minutes at 40 revolutions per minute

(rpm), allowed to settle for 60 minutes, and then filtered through 9 cm, no. 25 fiberglass filters. Various physical and chemical analyses were performed on the filtrates, depending on the purpose of each particular trial run.

The pilot scale studies were conducted at the Montana Booster Station site, where a 12' x 16' x 15' (3.7 m x 4.9 m x 4.6 m) partially-enclosed structure was constructed to house the treatment units. The pilot plant equipment was leased from CDM Inc., and it included a pumping module, a three-tank flocculation unit, a tube settler for solids separation, and two 13' (4 m) tall by 4" (10.2 cm) diameter mixed-media pressure filters. The units were capable of handling flows up to about 2 gpm (0.0075 m³/min). Near the end of the project period, three 55-gallon (0.208 m³) drums were added in series ahead of the flocculation unit to serve as CO₂ degasifiers.

A schematic diagram of the lime-treatment pilot plant is shown in figure 2.

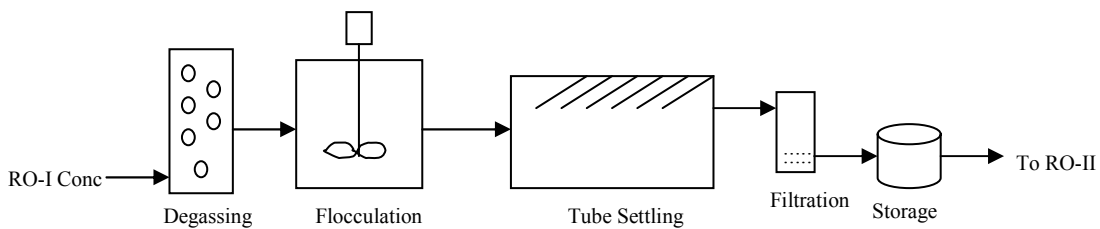


Figure 2 – Schematic of Lime Treatment Pilot Plant.

Degassing was accomplished in three-55 gallon (0.208 m³) drums by injecting acid into the first drum and aerating the first two by passing compressed air at 2 CFM (0.057 m³/min) through ½" (1.27 cm) PVC diffuser pipes (having 1/16" diameter holes) located in the bottom of the drums.

The three-compartment flocculator had a total volume of 70 gallons (0.265 m³), yielding a theoretical detention time of 78 minutes at the average flow of 0.9 gpm (4.9 m³/day) that was used during most of the lime-treatment studies. The flocculated solids were removed through a tube-settler and multi-media filter, with some of the treated water stored in a 500-gallon (1.89 m³) tank for subsequent treatment by reverse osmosis to further concentrate the original RO-I reject.

The silica concentration in the treated water was measured daily, with other parameters measured intermittently as deemed necessary to understand the overall performance of the process.

4. Analysis of Results

4.1 Membrane Studies

When the membrane studies were first begun, unchlorinated *well water* was used as the source of supply to both membrane units (i.e., nano and RO) for the first few days to provide time for the investigators and El Paso Water Utility personnel to become familiar with the operating characteristics of the systems. The recovery rates on both the nano and RO units were set at about 75% and the systems performed well. When the source of supply was switched to RO-I concentrate, the feed pressure in the RO unit increased from 450 psi (3.1 MPa) to over 900 psi (6.2 Mpa) *overnight*. Therefore, it was obvious that the 75% recovery rates were too high, so the nano recovery rate was set back to 65% and the RO rate to 50%. The recovery rates were then gradually increased until the maximum short-term sustainable rates could be identified as discussed below.

A major complicating factor in this study was the changing characteristics of the concentrate that was the source of supply for the membrane systems. This occurred because the RO-I concentrate that was the supply for these systems was generated in another pilot plant that was operated to provide design information for the full-scale desalination facility. As such, changes were frequently made in that unit in recovery rates, membrane type, antiscalants, acid feed rate, etc. Each change resulted in generation of a somewhat different concentrate. Figure 3 is a plot of the changes in conductivity of the feed water to the nano unit that occurred during the project period (see Appendix A for data for all figures) and, as shown, the conductivity changed by a factor of more than three (i.e., 3,520 to 10,940 $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$). Similar changes occurred in other parameters of interest, including hardness, alkalinity, chlorides, etc., as shown by the raw data provided in tables B1 thru B9 of appendix B. The biggest change in quality occurred in April when a new groundwater source of supply was used for the project. Although these changes made it difficult to identify the maximum non-fouling operating conditions for either of our membrane systems, the results were obtained over equilibrium time periods that were sufficiently long to render them fairly reliable.

In addition to showing the quality of the feed water for 9 different parameters, tables B1 thru B9 show the results for samples collected at 12 different places within the two systems. These results were collected over a 7-month period of time, with operating conditions frequently being changed so that the maximum water recovery rates could be identified. Figure 4 shows the recovery rates tested for the nano and RO systems during that time and, as shown, fouling started when the recovery rate in the RO unit reached about 71% on 2/19. There was no apparent fouling at a 65% recovery rate, and since the recovery rate in the nano unit at that time was about 85%, the maximum overall recovery rate that was achieved for the membrane systems as a whole was about 55%. When the quality

Each solution was treated with 500 mg/L of lime and then subjected to the jar test procedure described above. The results shown in figure 5 reveal that more silica is removed per mg/L of lime as the silica concentration in the water increases. This is expected of course because silica is very unstable in solutions having concentrations exceeding the silica saturation value (Iler, 1979).

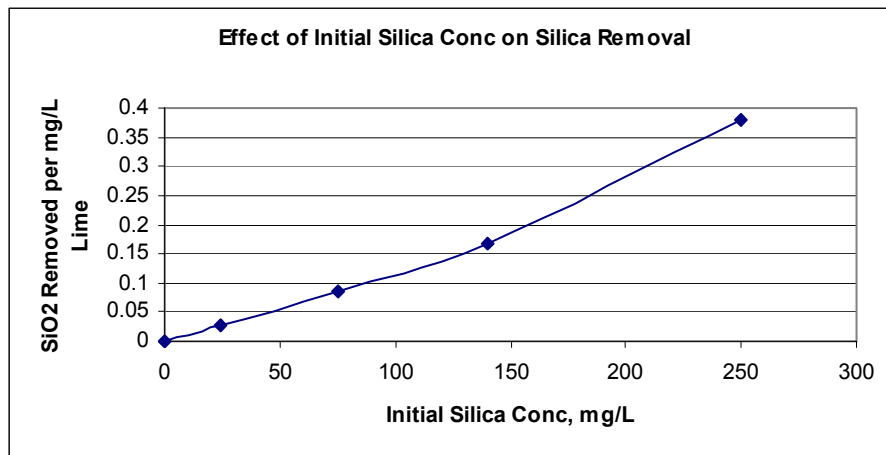


Figure 5 – Effect of Initial Silica Concentration on SiO₂ Removal – 500 mg/L Lime

The effectiveness of lime for removing silica was determined through jar tests wherein the lime dosage was varied in four different silica-containing solutions: RO-I concentrate, nano permeate, nano concentrate, and RO-II concentrate. The data from these tests are shown in tables A5 and A6 of appendix A.

Figure 6 is a plot of silica removal versus lime dosage for RO-I concentrate and as the graph clearly shows, lime is very effective for removing silica from the concentrate. Silica removal appears to follow a first-order reaction as shown by the fairly good fit ($R^2 = 0.89$) of the exponential equation.

$$C = 129 * e^{-0.0027L}$$

Where: C = Silica remaining, mg/L
L = Lime dosage in mg/L

This equation could be used to determine the lime dosage required to reduce the silica concentration to any level that would be desired.

Figures 7 shows the relationship between silica removal and lime dosage for the other three brine streams that were treated: nano permeate, nano concentrate, and RO-II concentrate.

The graphs for these brines are very similar to that of RO-I concentrate, with even higher correlation coefficients for the respective equations. With k values of 0.0027, 0.0044, 0.0046 and 0.0029 for RO-I concentrate, nano permeate, nano

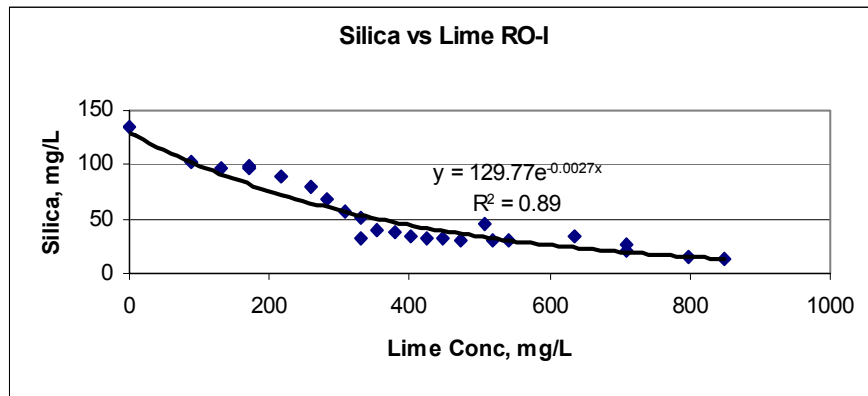


Figure 6 – Silica Remaining vs Lime Concentration for RO-I Concentrate.

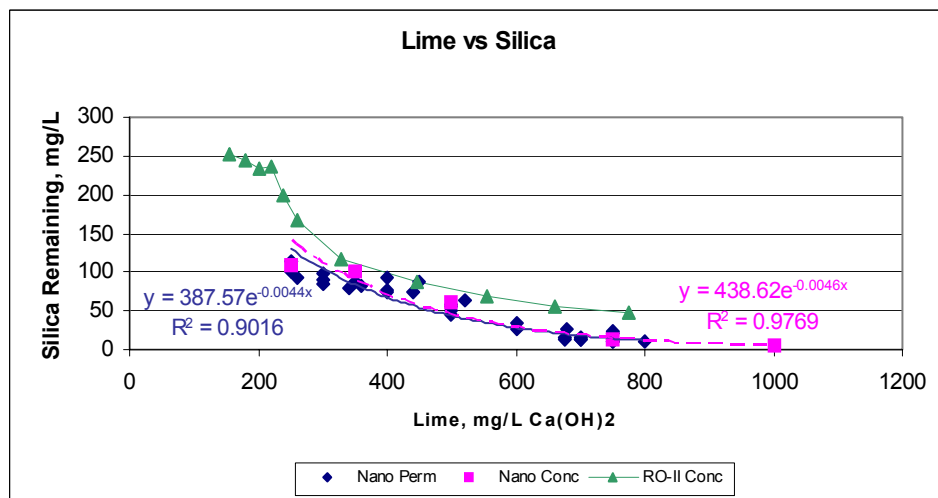


Figure 7 – Lime vs Silica for Nano Perm, Nano Concentrate, and RO-II Concentrate.

concentrate, and RO-II concentrate, respectively, it is fairly certain that silica removal via lime addition can be described as a first-order reaction with a k-value close to 0.004. However, it should be pointed out that these equations apply to lime dosages that are required to remove silica *and* satisfy the alkalinity, because lime reacts with alkalinity first, and then it reacts with the silica, as discussed later in this report.

The effect of *hardness* on silica precipitation was investigated by spiking pure silica standard solutions and nano permeate with various concentrations of CaCl_2 . No attempt was made to control the pH, so some of the solutions had pH values as high as pH 11. The solutions were stirred for 10 minutes, filtered and then analyzed for silica. Figure 8 shows the results obtained when the hardness of the silica standards was increased by various amounts up to 15,000 mg/L using CaCl_2 .

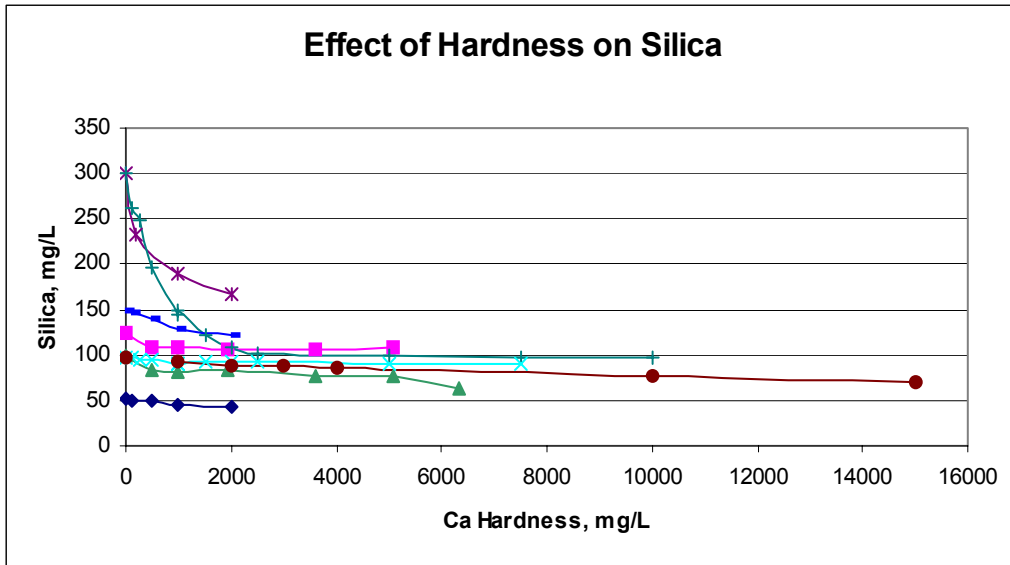


Figure 8 – Effect of Hardness on Silica Precipitation From Standard Silica Solutions.

The results show that for a given concentration of hardness, more silica precipitates as the concentration of silica is increased. This is similar to the results discussed previously wherein *lime* caused greater silica precipitation in silica standards having higher initial concentrations of silica (see figure 5).

To better quantify the effect of hardness and pH on silica precipitation, silica standards were prepared wherein the pH of the standards was adjusted to between pH 2 and pH 8. The results are shown in table 1 and they reveal that the monomeric silica concentration is affected by hardness and silica concentration, but the change is much less at these pHs than at higher pH values.

Table 1 – Effect of Hardness on Silica Precipitation at Various pH values

| Hard, mg/L | Silica, mg/L at pH | | | | | | | |
|------------|--------------------|-------|-------|-------|-----|-------|-------|-------|
| | 2 | 4 | 6 | 8 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 8 |
| 0 | 141 | 143 | 160 | 155 | 241 | 246 | 250 | 212 |
| 1,000 | 130 | 138 | 147.5 | 145 | 225 | 229 | 227.5 | 188.5 |
| 2,000 | 127 | 132 | 140 | 134.5 | | 209.5 | 218 | 189.5 |
| 3,000 | 117.5 | 130 | 129 | 134.5 | 204 | 208.5 | 212 | 175 |
| 4,000 | 110 | 129.5 | 128.5 | 133 | 208 | 200 | 203 | 175 |
| 5,000 | | 120 | 123.5 | 130 | | 196 | 188.5 | 169 |

These results indicate that calcium hardness can have a significant effect on silica precipitation, especially at the concentrations of silica that may be encountered in membrane concentrates generated at the higher recovery rates in RO systems.

This effect would be beneficial during lime treatment of brines for silica removal, but it would be detrimental during membrane treatment of high-silica, high-hardness brines.

To further evaluate the effect of hardness on silica precipitation during lime treatment of brines, *nano permeate* was spiked with different amounts of CaCl_2 and then treated with 500 mg/L of lime. The un-spiked permeate had a hardness of 230 mg/L and a silica concentration of 123 mg/L. The CaCl_2 -spiked samples had hardness values of 600 mg/L, 650 mg/L, and 1250 mg/L. After treatment with 500 mg/L of lime, the silica concentration decreased to 30.9 mg/L in the un-spiked sample, but it decreased to less than 16 mg/L in each of the other three. These results, which are presented in figure 9, show that extra calcium hardness does have a small beneficial effect on silica removal in the lime treatment process.

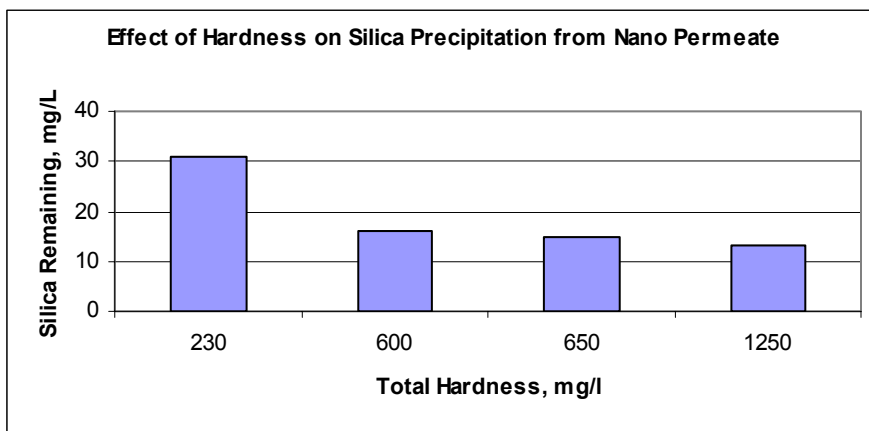


Figure 9 – Effect of Hardness on Silica Precipitation From Nano Permeate.

The final parameter investigated with respect to its effect on silica removal during lime treatment of brines was alkalinity. The alkalinity in RO-I concentrate, which had a silica concentration of 135 mg/L, was varied from zero to 1,560 mg/L either by adding sulfuric acid and degassing (by bubble aeration) or by adding sodium bicarbonate. After the alkalinity was adjusted, lime was added at a concentration of 500 mg/L and the jar test procedure was conducted. The results are in figure 10 and they reveal that alkalinity has a major effect on silica removal via lime precipitation. Specifically, the data show that there is essentially no silica removal at lime concentrations lower than the lime-equivalent of the alkalinity. This means that lime reacts with alkalinity first, and then it reacts with silica. Therefore, the lime dosage required to achieve a given amount of silica removal in a given brine solution is reduced on a *one-for-one basis* as the alkalinity of the solution is reduced.

Thus, for concentrates that have a significant amount of alkalinity, the lime dosage required for a given amount of silica removal could be reduced in direct proportion to any reduction in the alkalinity of the solution.

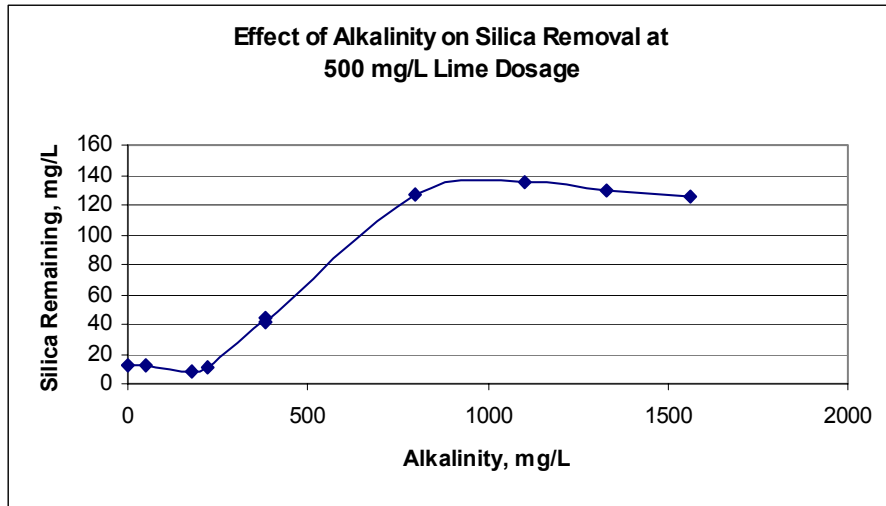


Figure 10 – Silica Remaining vs Alkalinity at 500 mg/L Lime Dosage.

To further demonstrate the effect of alkalinity reduction on silica removal via lime precipitation, the alkalinity of RO-I concentrate (initial silica concentration of 135 mg/L) was reduced from 380 mg/L to 150 mg/L, 80 mg/L, and 40 mg/L, respectively. The solutions were then dosed with various concentrations of lime and stirred using the jar test apparatus. The results are plotted in figure 11 and they clearly show that the curves are almost parallel, shifted by an amount equal to the lime equivalent of the alkalinity difference between the respective samples. Thus, there is a significant reduction in the amount of lime required to reach a specified silica concentration as the alkalinity of the solutions is reduced.

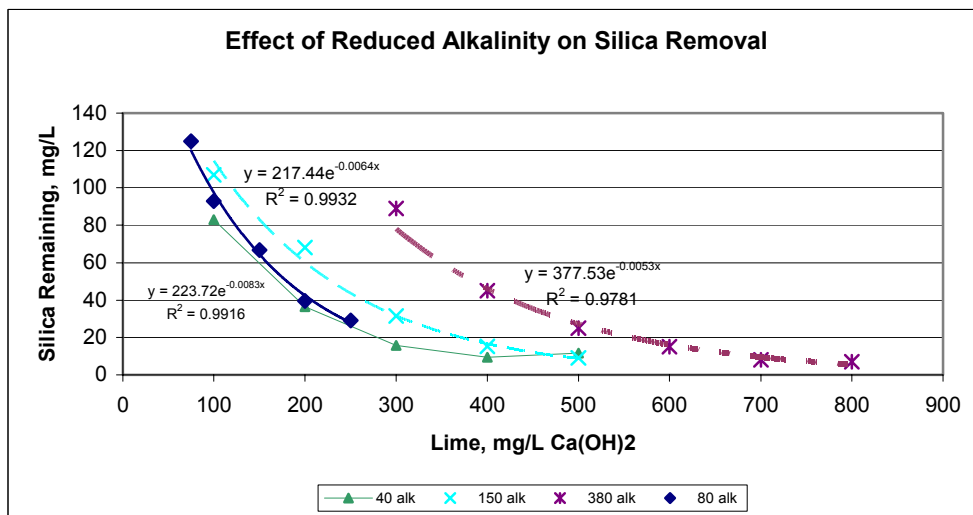


Figure 11- Silica Remaining vs Lime Dosage at Various Alkalinities.

For example, to reduce the silica concentration from 135 mg/L to 40 mg/L in RO-I concentrate, the lime dosage required would be approximately 425 mg/L if the alkalinity were 380 mg/L. However, if the alkalinity were reduced to 150 mg/L, the required lime dosage decreases to 260 mg/L and at 40 mg/L alkalinity, the lime dosage is less than 200 mg/L. Thus, removal of alkalinity by acidification and gasification reduces the lime required proportionately and, therefore, reduces the volume of sludge that must be handled and subsequently disposed of.

4.3 Lime Treatment Studies – Pilot Plant

pilot studies regarding lime precipitation were conducted in a continuous flow environment primarily to verify the trends identified in the batch-mode laboratory studies. Some of the water produced in the lime treatment pilot plant was treated through reverse osmosis to demonstrate the effectiveness of the silica reduction process. The recovery rate in those tests was limited to 60% because frequent changes in the operation of the lime-treatment pilot plant made it nearly impossible to predict the quality of the feed water to the RO-II system. Nevertheless, meaningful results were obtained as discussed in a later section of this report.

During the first 2 months of operation of the lime treatment plant, the silica concentration in RO-I concentrate was 135 mg/L. In the last month, the silica concentration was 165 mg/L because of a higher recovery rate in the CDM pilot plant.

The results from both time periods are plotted in figure 12 and, as shown, the data are very well represented by exponential equations. The K-values of 0.0044 and 0.0029 are similar to those found in the lab studies.

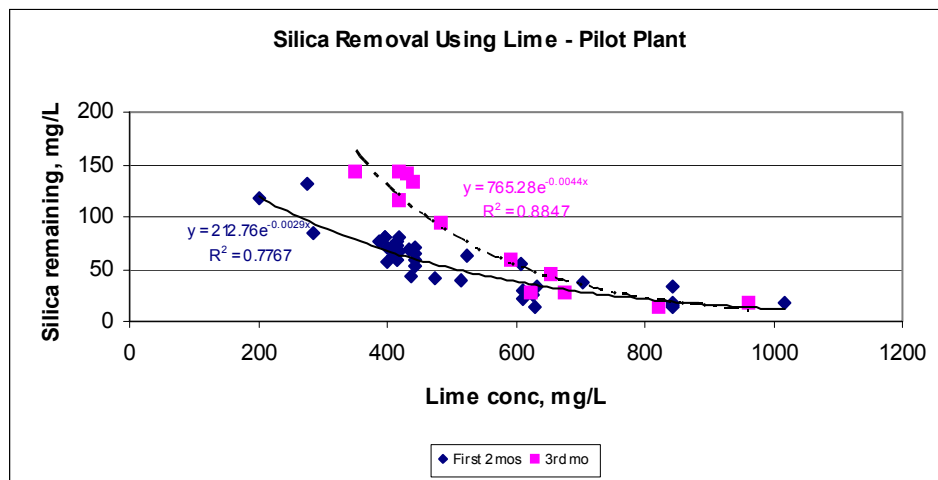


Figure 12 – Pilot Plant Results with Silica at 135 mg/L and 165 mg/L.

By removing the alkalinity from the influent concentrates through degassing, the curves would be shifted to the left because no lime would be consumed by the bicarbonates.

Figure 13 shows the results obtained when RO-I concentrates having silica concentrations of 135 mg/L and 165 mg/L, respectively, were degassed prior to lime treatment. The curves are shifted to the left by approximately 200-300 mg/L of lime, meaning less lime is required to execute a given amount of silica removal.

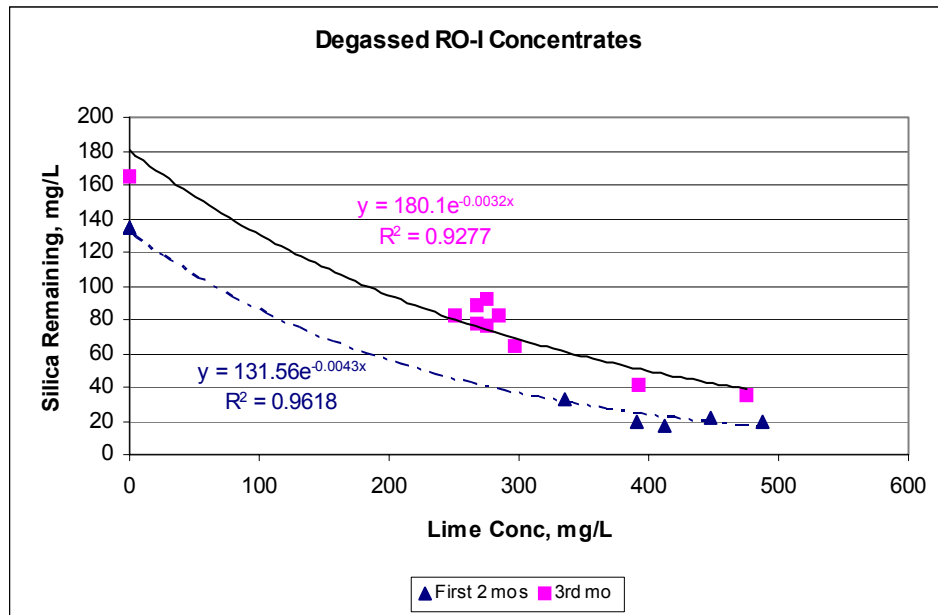


Figure 13 – Degassed Concentrates with Original Silica of 135 mg/L and 165 mg/L.

Theoretically, the curves would be shifted by an amount equal to the lime-equivalent of the alkalinity that is degassed. For example, if 500 mg/L of alkalinity is removed, the lime requirement would be reduced by $[(500/50)*28]$, or 280 mg/L. Inspection of the two curves in figure 13 indicates that the concentrate having the lower initial silica concentration (i.e., 135 mg/L) was probably degassed better than the other one, as indicated by the value of each constant compared to their initial silica concentrations (135 versus 131.5 mg/L compared to 165 versus 180 mg/L). This is probably because the concentrate having the higher silica also had a higher alkalinity (560 versus 380 mg/L) and the air compressors used for the degassing could not deliver enough air to complete the operation. In any case, the advantage of low alkalinity from the standpoint of reduced lime requirements is obvious. On the other hand, alkalinity removal through degassing leaves a higher calcium concentration in the water because calcium carbonate hardness is not removed by lime softening. Thus, the advantage of less lime and less sludge for a given silica removal must be weighed against the disadvantages of extra cost for degassing and higher osmotic pressure.

4.4 RO Treatment of Lime-Treated Water

Some of the lime-treated water was treated by reverse osmosis in an attempt to demonstrate that a significant percentage of the reduced-silica brine could be recovered. The RO system initially was operated at 50 % recovery, with the idea that the recovery rate would be increased after the reliability of the lime treatment system was established. However, operation of the lime treatment system proved to be so demanding that the RO system could not be operated at high recovery rates. The almost constant variations that were occurring in the lime treatment system due to influent water quality changes, component failures, or intentional changes in operating parameters made it almost impossible to know what the silica concentration in the feed water to the RO system was going to be. Therefore, the system generally had to be operated very conservatively to avoid possibly fouling the membranes from unexpected high concentrations of influent silica. In spite of these problems, the RO system was operated on a continuous basis for more than one month, with the highest recovery rate at 63 %. There was some fouling during the initial run because of high silica spikes and a relatively high flux rate (i.e., 16 GPD/ft²)(0.65 m³/day-m²), but after the membranes were cleaned, there was no other apparent fouling at any of the recovery rates tested, even though the silica concentration in the RO-II concentrate reached a value as high as 220 mg/L on one occasion.

Thus, the lime treatment system did seem to satisfy the objective of rendering most of the RO-I concentrate recoverable, even though the RO system was not operated at the high levels of recovery that appear to be possible on the basis of the low silica concentrations achievable through the lime precipitation system.

The quality parameters of the RO-II feed water and of the product streams at a 57 % recovery rate are shown in table 2.

Table 2 – Water Quality Data for RO Treatment of Lime-Treated Water

| | Cond | TDS | Hard | Cl | Alk | SO4 | Silica |
|------------|--------|--------|-------|-------|-----|-------|--------|
| RO-II Feed | 10,190 | 7,636 | 1,220 | 3,275 | 0 | 1,020 | 27 |
| RO-II Perm | 1,430 | 836 | 40 | 435 | 0 | 15 | 10 |
| RO-II Conc | 22,715 | 17,036 | 2,910 | 7,225 | 0 | 2,305 | 46 |

Although the TDS of 836 mg/L is below the desired maximum concentration of 1,000 mg/L, the 435 mg/L chloride concentration exceeds the Secondary Drinking Water standard of 250 mg/L. To overcome this problem, the RO-II permeate was collected in a separate tank and again treated in the RO system, with the second-pass product water identified as RO-III permeate. The permeate and concentrate streams during this treatment scheme were put back into the same tank to allow

for continuous circulation of the RO-II feed water. The system was operated this way for 7 days at a recovery rate of about 80%, and the results are shown in table 3.

Table 3 – Water Quality Data for RO Treatment of RO-II Permeate

| | Cond | TDS | Hard | Cl | Alk | SO4 | Silica |
|-------------|------|------|------|------|-----|-----|--------|
| RO-III Feed | 1190 | 696 | 50 | 335 | 0 | 1 | 4 |
| RO-III Perm | 69 | * | * | 15 | 0 | * | * |
| RO-III Conc | * | 3020 | 200 | 1420 | 0 | * | * |

The quality of the second-pass RO permeate was very high, having a conductivity of only 69 $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$ and a chloride concentration of 15 mg/L. This nearly-pure water is obviously perfect for blending, probably on a one-for-one basis, so that the product water volume from the entire process will possibly exceed the amount of concentrate that was originally brought in. This clearly helps make the process more attractive from an economic point of view, as discussed in the economic analysis section below.

5. Economic Analysis

In a previous section of this report, it was shown that the silica concentration remaining in the water after lime treatment could be reduced to essentially any value that is desired. However, the amount of lime required per mg/L of silica removed increases exponentially as the residual silica concentration decreases. Since silica is the parameter that limits the amount of water that could be removed through reverse osmosis in this project, the obvious question is “What is the most economical amount of silica that should be removed?”

To conduct an economic analysis such as this, it is necessary to assign values to all of the variables involved (interest rate, lives, first cost, blend ratio, water rates, percent recovery, etc) (Blank and Tarquin, 2002). The values used in this analysis are listed in Table C1 of Appendix C.

The rationale for the analysis carried out here is based on the fact that only two things can be done with concentrate from a reverse osmosis process: (1) throw it away, or (2) recover all or some of it and throw the rest away. The only “throw-away” options that will be discussed here are pond evaporation and deep-well injection. However, five “recover” options are investigated, including membrane-only and lime treatment followed by reverse osmosis.

The costs for the two throw-away options were based on information obtained from a report prepared by CDM for El Paso Water Utilities (CDM, 2002). Total evaporation would require over 800 acres (3.24 square kilometers [km^2]) and

would cost \$2.7 million per year of which \$25.4 million is for capital investment and \$657,000 is for annual maintenance and operation. The capital investment cost is for land acquisition and site improvements, including, excavation, lining, fencing, piping, and pumping. The injection alternative calls for four injection wells and would require an initial investment cost of \$9.7 million. Annual maintenance and operation is estimated to be \$750,000. When the initial cost is amortized over a twenty-year period using an interest rate of 5.5% per year, the total equivalent annual cost comes to \$1.56 million per year.

A description of the “recover” options along with the projected cost of the treated water is shown in table 4.

Table 4 – Description of Recover Options and Preliminary Costs

| Option | Description | Cost, \$/1,000 gallons |
|--------|--|------------------------|
| 1 | Treat RO-I conc w/Nano; treat Nano perm in RO-II; dispose of Nano & RO-II concentrates by evap | 10.30 |
| 2 | Treat RO-I conc w/Nano, treat Nano perm in RO-II; lime-trt RO-II conc, treat lime-trt'd RO-II conc in RO III, dispose Nano & RO-III conc by evap | 4.89 |
| 3 | Lime treat RO-I conc, treat lime-trt'd RO-I conc in RO-II, dispose of RO-II conc & lime sludge by evap | 3.83 |
| 4 | Lime treat RO-I conc, treat lime-trt'd RO-I conc in RO-II, lime-trt RO-II conc, treat lime-trt'd RO-II conc in RO III, evap RO-III conc | 2.70 |
| 5 | Treat RO-I conc w/Nano; lime treat Nano perm; treat lime trt'd Nano perm in RO II; dispose Nano & RO-II conc by evap | 6.04 |

These preliminary calculations, which are based on a single concentration of lime (e.g., 500 mg/L) and a single RO recovery rate (e.g., 75%), show that Option 4 is the best of the five options. This option involves RO treatment of lime-treated RO-I concentrate, followed by RO treatment of lime-treated RO-II concentrate. The projected cost of the product water is \$2.70 per thousand gallons (\$0.713/m³) prior to blending.

To get a better understanding of the costs associated with an alternative similar to this one, a more detailed analysis was conducted wherein the cost was calculated as a function of the volume of water recovered (based on the lime dosage). That

is, the maximum allowable silica concentration was set at 140 mg/L. Then, the lime dosage was varied and the silica concentration remaining in the water was calculated per the regression equations developed for regular and degassed RO-I concentrate. On the basis of the silica concentration remaining, the recovery rate that would yield a silica concentration of 140 mg/L in RO-II concentrate was determined. The recovered RO permeate was then treated in RO-III (to reduce chlorides as discussed later) and then assumed to be blended with brine on a 1:1 volumetric basis, with the blended water assumed to be salable for \$1.50 per thousand gallons (\$0.4 /m³).

Table 5 shows the values obtained when regular RO-I concentrate and degassed RO-I concentrate were treated with lime and then handled as described above. Note that a lime concentration of 0 mg/L is equivalent to total evaporation of the concentrate and in this case, that cost would be \$2.7 million per year. The cost for deep-well injection of the concentrate would be \$1.6 million per year as stated previously.

Table 5 – Net Cost of Lime-Treated Concentrate

| Lime, mg/L | Regular RO-1 Concentrate | | | Degassed RO-1 Concentrate | | |
|------------|--------------------------|-----------|---------------|---------------------------|-----------|---------------|
| | SiO2 left,mg/L | max recov | netcost,\$/yr | SiO2 left,mg/L | max recov | netcost,\$/yr |
| 0 | | | \$2,656,092 | | | \$2,656,092 |
| 100 | 159.4 | 0% | \$3,993,986 | 130.7 | 7% | \$3,282,891 |
| 200 | 119.3 | 15% | \$2,786,983 | 94.9 | 32% | \$2,210,653 |
| 300 | 89.2 | 36% | \$1,894,835 | 68.9 | 51% | \$1,444,031 |
| 400 | 66.8 | 52% | \$1,238,326 | 50.0 | 64% | \$899,382 |
| 500 | 50.0 | 64% | \$758,175 | 36.3 | 74% | \$515,964 |
| 600 | 37.4 | 73% | \$410,021 | 26.4 | 81% | \$249,660 |
| 700 | 28.0 | 80% | \$160,662 | 19.2 | 86% | \$68,431 |
| 800 | 20.9 | 85% | -\$14,746 | 13.9 | 90% | -\$50,993 |
| 900 | 15.7 | 89% | -\$134,799 | 10.1 | 93% | -\$125,515 |
| 1,000 | 11.7 | 92% | -\$213,412 | 7.3 | 95% | -\$167,412 |
| 1,200 | 6.6 | 95% | -\$285,364 | 3.9 | 97% | -\$186,558 |
| 1,500 | 2.7 | 98% | -\$270,470 | 1.5 | 99% | -\$127,032 |

The net cost per year values were obtained by subtracting the revenue received from the sale of the blended product water at \$1.50 per thousand gallons (\$0.4 /m³) from the total cost of treatment.

Figure 14 is a plot of the net cost values from table 5 and it clearly shows that there is a significant cost advantage in lime treatment of the concentrate compared to either of the two throw-away options.

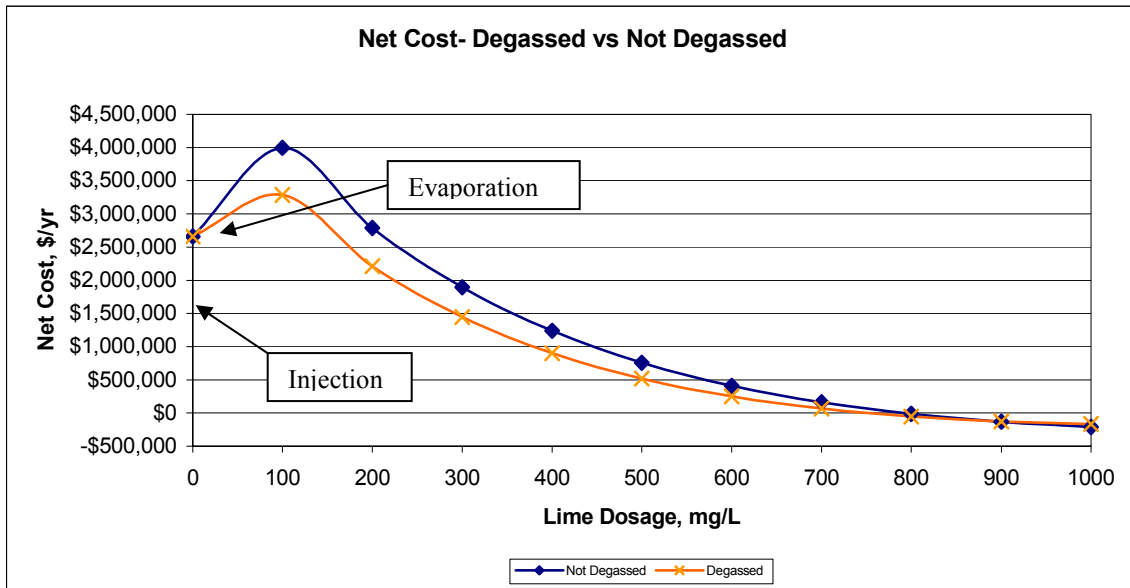


Figure 14 – Net Cost/yr for Treatment of Degassed and Regular RO-1 Concentrate.

For regular RO-1 concentrate, any lime dosage above 200 mg/L would have a lower annual cost than evaporation and any dosage above 350 mg/L would yield a net cost lower than deep-well injection (the better of the throw-away options). At lime doses above 800 mg/L, there would be net income from the treatment processes, yielding an economic advantage of at least \$1.6 million per year over deep-well injection while producing 5 MGD (0.218 m³/s) of product water (with blending) from the project. The savings are even greater when the alkalinity is removed by degassing prior to lime treatment. For example, a lime dosage of 275 mg/L would yield a net cost equal to that of injection, but it would produce an extra 3 MGD (0.13 m³/s) (with blending) of product water. At a lime dosage of 750 mg/L, there would be a net savings of \$1.6 million compared to injection and the extra product water volume would be over 5 MGD (0.218 m³/s). Thus, lime treatment of degasified RO-1 concentrate is clearly the best option for “disposing” of the high-silica brine concentrate.

This analysis assumed that silica was the only parameter that would limit recovery of the water through the reverse osmosis process (this value was set at 140 mg/L). However, it is possible that at recoveries above 63% (the maximum rate tested in this study), other parameters such as calcium or barium sulfate may limit the extent to which water can be recovered. On the other hand, the 140 mg/L limit on silica is probably lower than the concentration that could actually be reached without fouling the RO membranes. If so, this would render the alternatives even more attractive than indicated in the calculations above. Therefore, these results should be regarded as preliminary until they could be verified through membrane performance at the pilot plant level.

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Appendix A

Tables and Data for Figures in Report

Table A1 – Chemical Characteristics of Brine Concentrate Samples

| Parameter | Nano Permeate | | | RO-I Conc | Nano Conc | RO-II Conc |
|--------------------------|---------------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| | Sample 1 | Sample 2 | Sample 3 | | | |
| Silica, mg/L | 110 | 123 | 92 | 125 | 127 | 251 |
| Alkalinity, mg/L | 130 | 100 | 150 | 380 | 270 | 300 |
| Total Hardness, mg/L | 170 | 230 | 210 | 800 | 3,300 | 540 |
| Ca Hardness, mg/L | 160 | 170 | 180 | 620 | 2,100 | 460 |
| pH | 6.3 | 6.3 | 6.4 | 8.2 | 6.9 | 6.6 |
| Conductivity, μ S/cm | 3,325 | 3,570 | 3,475 | 10,180 | 7,600 | 8,950 |

Table A2 – Conductivities During Project (Figure 3)

| Date | Cond | Date | Cond | Date | Cond | Date | Cond |
|----------|-------|---------|-------|---------|------|---------|--------|
| 11/1/02 | 6,180 | 1/18/03 | 3,930 | 2/13/03 | 3830 | 3/13/03 | 3,730 |
| 11/6/02 | 5,770 | 1/19/03 | 3,940 | 2/14/03 | 3820 | 3/14/03 | 3,830 |
| 11/7/02 | 5,760 | 1/20/03 | 4,920 | 2/14/03 | 3810 | 3/17/03 | 4,370 |
| 11/8/02 | 5,880 | 1/21/03 | 4,100 | 2/17/03 | 3540 | 3/19/03 | 4,290 |
| 11/11/02 | 5,770 | 1/23/03 | 3,950 | 2/18/03 | 3590 | 3/21/03 | 4,300 |
| 11/29/02 | 4,450 | 1/24/03 | 3,920 | 2/19/03 | 3550 | 3/24/03 | 4,180 |
| 12/17/02 | 5,500 | 1/25/03 | 3,930 | 2/19/03 | 3500 | 3/25/03 | 4,020 |
| 12/19/02 | 5,190 | 1/25/03 | 4,020 | 2/20/03 | 3550 | 3/31/03 | 4,120 |
| 12/20/02 | 6,000 | 1/27/03 | 3,970 | 2/21/03 | 3520 | 4/5/03 | 4,250 |
| 12/23/02 | 5,500 | 1/29/03 | 3,950 | 2/25/03 | 4060 | 4/8/03 | 4,330 |
| 12/28/02 | 5,700 | 1/29/03 | 3,940 | 2/25/03 | 4090 | 4/11/03 | 7,600 |
| 12/29/02 | 5,800 | 1/30/03 | 3,950 | 2/26/03 | 4090 | 4/11/03 | 8,150 |
| 12/30/02 | 5,300 | 1/31/03 | 4,040 | 2/27/03 | 3820 | 4/16/03 | 7,300 |
| 12/31/02 | 5,500 | 2/1/03 | 3,880 | 2/28/03 | 3830 | 4/22/03 | 8,000 |
| 1/1/03 | 5,900 | 2/3/03 | 3,940 | 3/3/03 | 3990 | 6/24/03 | 11,000 |
| 1/2/03 | 6,000 | 2/5/03 | 3,920 | 3/4/03 | 4020 | 6/25/03 | 10,900 |
| 1/5/03 | 5,800 | 2/6/03 | 3,930 | 3/5/03 | 3990 | 7/21/03 | 10,500 |
| 1/7/03 | 5,740 | 2/7/03 | 3,650 | 3/5/03 | 3900 | 7/23/03 | 10,800 |
| 1/8/03 | 6,000 | 2/10/03 | 3,910 | 3/8/03 | 3890 | 7/23/03 | 10,740 |
| 1/8/03 | 5,660 | 2/11/03 | 3,900 | 3/10/03 | 3810 | 7/24/03 | 10,940 |
| 1/12/03 | 4,120 | 2/12/03 | 3,930 | 3/10/03 | 3950 | 9/18/03 | 10,780 |
| 1/14/03 | 4,040 | 2/12/03 | 3,890 | 3/11/03 | 3830 | | |

Table A3 – Nano and RO Recoveries During Project (Figure 4)

| Date | Nano | RO | Date | Nano | RO | Date | Nano | RO |
|----------|-------|-------|---------|-------|-------|----------|-------|-------|
| 11/25/02 | 68.4% | 73.8% | 1/8/03 | 67.4% | 45.1% | 3/11/03 | 84.1% | 60.2% |
| 11/26/02 | 68.4% | 71.4% | 1/10/03 | 66.1% | 52.8% | 3/12/03 | | 62.2% |
| 11/27/02 | 66.6% | 71.4% | 1/11/03 | 66.6% | 53.1% | 3/13/03 | 85.0% | 60.8% |
| 11/29/02 | 68.4% | 71.8% | 1/12/03 | 66.8% | 53.1% | 3/14/03 | 83.5% | 61.9% |
| 12/2/02 | 67.3% | 67.8% | 1/13/03 | 66.8% | 53.9% | 3/17/03 | 85.4% | 63.8% |
| 12/3/02 | 66.5% | | 1/16/03 | | 66.9% | 3/19/03 | 85.4% | 61.2% |
| 12/6/02 | 67.4% | 70.6% | 1/18/03 | 66.6% | 65.9% | 3/21/03 | 85.5% | 60.2% |
| 12/6/02 | 67.4% | 53.0% | 1/19/03 | | 65.9% | 3/24/03 | 86.1% | 60.5% |
| 12/6/02 | 67.4% | 53.0% | 1/21/03 | 67.4% | 64.7% | 3/25/03 | 86.1% | 63.8% |
| 12/7/02 | 67.4% | 51.4% | 1/22/03 | | 64.1% | 3/31/03 | 85.9% | 62.3% |
| 12/7/02 | 67.4% | 51.4% | 1/24/03 | 66.7% | 61.5% | 4/5/03 | 86.2% | 61.7% |
| 12/7/02 | 67.4% | 50.7% | 1/25/03 | 67.0% | 61.7% | 4/8/03 | 86.0% | 62.6% |
| 12/8/02 | | 49.8% | 1/26/03 | 67.0% | 62.7% | 4/10/03 | | |
| 12/8/02 | | 53.0% | 1/27/03 | 67.0% | 57.7% | 4/11/03 | 85.6% | 58.1% |
| 12/9/02 | 66.5% | 51.2% | 1/28/03 | 67.0% | 58.2% | 4/14/03 | | 57.1% |
| 12/10/02 | 65.5% | 50.7% | 1/29/03 | 67.0% | 56.9% | 4/16/03 | 85.6% | 57.7% |
| 12/10/02 | 67.4% | 50.0% | 1/30/03 | 67.0% | 57.0% | 4/18/03 | | 58.7% |
| 12/11/02 | 67.4% | 49.5% | 1/31/03 | 67.0% | 60.2% | 4/20/03 | | 60.2% |
| 12/12/02 | 66.5% | 48.5% | 2/1/03 | 67.0% | 58.7% | 4/22/03 | 85.6% | 58.1% |
| 12/13/02 | 67.0% | 50.2% | 2/3/03 | 67.0% | 57.5% | 4/25/03 | | 58.1% |
| 12/14/02 | 67.0% | 48.5% | 2/5/03 | 76.1% | 60.4% | 4/27/03 | 87.0% | 59.8% |
| 12/15/02 | 67.0% | 48.5% | 2/6/03 | 76.8% | 58.2% | 4/28/03 | 89.5% | 60.8% |
| 12/16/02 | 66.5% | 46.8% | 2/7/03 | 76.9% | 57.4% | 4/29/03 | | 68.2% |
| 12/17/02 | 66.5% | 47.1% | 2/10/03 | 80.6% | 57.5% | 4/30/03 | 87.7% | 67.6% |
| 12/18/02 | 65.5% | 45.7% | 2/11/03 | 84.5% | 62.2% | 5/1/03 | 77.7% | 66.7% |
| 12/19/02 | 65.2% | 45.7% | 2/12/03 | 84.2% | 62.2% | 5/4/03 | 78.7% | 54.9% |
| 12/20/02 | 64.1% | 48.4% | 2/13/03 | 84.5% | 57.7% | 5/6/03 | | 53.6% |
| 12/23/02 | 66.0% | | 2/14/03 | 84.6% | 57.8% | 5/10/03 | 77.6% | 51.4% |
| 12/23/02 | 67.3% | 52.8% | 2/17/03 | 84.4% | 64.6% | 5/12/03 | 77.5% | 51.9% |
| 12/26/02 | 69.0% | | 2/18/03 | 84.5% | 66.2% | 6/2/03 | 82.5% | 57.4% |
| 12/26/02 | 68.1% | 48.1% | 2/19/03 | 84.5% | 70.8% | 6/5/03 | 74.2% | 52.6% |
| 12/27/02 | 67.8% | 50.0% | 2/20/03 | 84.5% | 71.0% | 6/18/03 | 55.5% | 53.1% |
| 12/27/02 | | 49.7% | 2/21/03 | 84.1% | 68.6% | 6/23/03 | | |
| 12/28/02 | 66.7% | 54.8% | 2/25/03 | 83.4% | 65.8% | 6/24/03 | 52.5% | |
| 12/29/02 | | 39.8% | 2/26/03 | 83.4% | 65.8% | 6/25/03 | 51.9% | 47.5% |
| 12/30/02 | 66.5% | 41.2% | 2/27/03 | 83.6% | 65.6% | 7/21/03 | 52.5% | 48.5% |
| 12/31/02 | 66.5% | 39.4% | 2/28/03 | 84.2% | 65.4% | 7/23/03 | 47.2% | 50.5% |
| 1/1/03 | 66.5% | 43.2% | 3/3/03 | 83.7% | 62.4% | 12/30/03 | | |
| 1/2/03 | 66.5% | | 3/4/03 | 83.7% | 62.0% | | 61.7% | 54.5% |
| 1/3/03 | | 44.6% | 3/5/03 | 83.5% | 65.3% | 1/6/2004 | | 55.4% |
| 1/4/03 | 67.0% | 45.8% | 3/8/03 | 84.1% | 60.3% | 1/7/2004 | | 47.3% |
| 1/5/03 | 67.8% | 51.0% | 3/10/03 | 84.3% | 60.0% | 1/9/2004 | 58.4% | 49.1% |

Table A4 – Effect of Initial Silica Concentration on Precipitation (Figure 5)

| Init SiO2 | Ratio |
|-----------|-------|
| 0 | 0 |
| 24.5 | 0.026 |
| 75 | 0.086 |
| 140 | 0.166 |
| 250 | 0.38 |

Table A5 – Silica Remaining vs Lime for RO-I Concentrate (Figure 6)

| Lime | Silica |
|------|--------|
| 0 | 135 |
| 87 | 102 |
| 130 | 98 |
| 172 | 98 |
| 172 | 97 |
| 217 | 90 |
| 260 | 79 |
| 283 | 68 |
| 307 | 57 |
| 330 | 33 |
| 331 | 51 |
| 354 | 40 |
| 378 | 38 |
| 401 | 34 |
| 425 | 33 |
| 448 | 32 |
| 472 | 31 |
| 507 | 45 |
| 519 | 30 |
| 542 | 30 |
| 634 | 35 |
| 708 | 20 |
| 710 | 26 |
| 797 | 14 |
| 850 | 13 |

**Table A6 – Lime Treatment of Nano Perm,
Nano Conc, & RO Conc (Figure 7)**

| Lime | Nano Perm | Nano Conc | RO Conc |
|------|-----------|-----------|---------|
| 155 | * | * | 251 |
| 180 | * | * | 243 |
| 200 | * | * | 234 |
| 200 | * | * | 237 |
| 240 | * | * | 199 |
| 250 | 115 | * | * |
| 250 | 101 | * | * |
| 250 | 101 | 110 | * |
| 260 | 94 | * | 168 |
| 300 | 86 | * | * |
| 300 | 98 | * | * |
| 300 | 90 | * | * |
| 330 | * | * | 118 |
| 340 | 80 | * | * |
| 350 | 89 | 101 | * |
| 360 | 81 | * | * |
| 400 | 75 | * | * |
| 400 | 93 | * | * |
| 400 | 78 | * | * |
| 440 | 73 | * | * |
| 445 | * | * | 87 |
| 450 | 87 | * | * |
| 500 | 57 | 60 | * |
| 500 | 57 | * | * |
| 500 | 45 | * | * |
| 500 | 50 | * | * |
| 520 | 63 | * | * |
| 555 | * | * | 69 |
| 600 | 35 | * | * |
| 600 | 27 | * | * |
| 660 | * | * | 56 |
| 675 | 16 | * | * |
| 675 | 14 | * | * |
| 680 | 27 | * | * |
| 700 | 14 | * | * |
| 700 | 17 | * | * |
| 700 | 13 | * | * |
| 750 | 10 | 12 | * |
| 750 | 10 | * | * |
| 750 | 14 | * | * |
| 750 | 24 | * | * |
| 750 | 20 | * | * |
| 775 | * | * | 49 |
| 800 | 10 | * | * |
| 1000 | * | 5 | * |

Table A7 – Effect of Hardness on Silica Precipitation (Figure 8)

| Hardness, mg/L | Silica Concentration, mg/L | | | | | | |
|-------------------|----------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|
| | 300 | 300 | 150 | 125 | 100 | 100 | 50 |
| 0 | 300 | 300 | 150 | 125 | 100 | 100 | 50 |
| 100 | 261 | * | 146 | * | 96 | * | 49 |
| 200 | * | 230 | * | * | * | * | * |
| 250 | 248 | * | * | * | 95 | * | * |
| 500 | 196 | * | 140 | 109 | 95 | 84 | 49 |
| 1000 | 144 | 189 | 129 | 108 | 91 | 81 | 46 |
| 1000 | 150 | * | * | * | 90 | * | * |
| 1500 | 122 | * | * | * | 93 | * | * |
| 2000 | 108 | 168 | 122 | 107 | 93 | 83 | 42 |
| 2500 | 102 | * | * | * | 92 | * | * |
| 4000 | * | * | * | 105 | * | 77 | * |
| 5000 | 100 | * | * | * | 91 | 76 | * |
| 6000 | * | * | * | 110 | * | 63 | * |
| 7500 | 97 | * | * | * | 91 | * | * |
| 10000 | 98 | * | * | * | * | * | * |

Table A8 – Effect of Hardness on Silica Precipitation from Nano Permeate (Figure 9)

| Hardness | Silica |
|----------|--------|
| 230 | 30.9 |
| 600 | 15.9 |
| 650 | 15 |
| 1250 | 13.3 |

Table A9– Effect of Alkalinity on Silica Removal at 500 mg/L Lime (Figure 10)

| Alk | Silica |
|------|--------|
| 0 | 12.7 |
| 50 | 12.3 |
| 180 | 8.8 |
| 220 | 10.6 |
| 380 | 44.7 |
| 380 | 41.3 |
| 800 | 127.5 |
| 1100 | 135.5 |
| 1330 | 130 |
| 1560 | 126 |

Table A10 – Effect of Reduced Alkalinity on Silica Removal at Various Lime Dosages (Figure 11)

| Lime, mg/L | Silica (mg/l) at Stated Alkalinity (mg/L) | | | |
|------------|---|------|-------|------|
| | 380 | 150 | 80 | 40 |
| 0 | 125 | 125 | 125 | 125 |
| 75 | * | * | 125 | * |
| 100 | * | 107 | 103.9 | 96.4 |
| 150 | * | * | 83.2 | * |
| 200 | * | 68 | 74.2 | 54.6 |
| 250 | * | * | 54.7 | * |
| 300 | 89 | 31.5 | * | 23 |
| 400 | 45 | 15.3 | * | 13.4 |
| 500 | 25 | 9.1 | * | 11.3 |
| 600 | 15 | * | * | * |
| 700 | 8 | * | * | * |
| 800 | 7 | * | * | * |

Table A11 – Pilot Plant Lime Treatment Studies – 135 mg/L Silica (Figure 12)

| Date | Lime | Silica |
|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| 8/13 | 400 | 57 |
| 8/13 | 201 | 118 |
| 8/14 | 444 | 59.4 |
| 8/18 | 437 | 44 |
| 8/20 | 474 | 42 |
| 8/20 | 285 | 85 |
| 8/22 | 388 | 77 |
| 8/23 | 400 | 71 |
| 8/24 | 405 | 71 |
| 8/25 | 410 | 62 |
| 8/26 | 415 | 69 |
| 8/27 | 420 | 66 |
| 8/28 | 435 | 69 |
| 9/1 | 608 | 54 |
| 9/2 | 523 | 62 |
| 9/3 | 416 | 73 |
| 9/4 | 397 | 80 |
| 9/5 | 397 | 80 |
| 9/10 | 705 | 38 |
| 9/11 | 444 | 65 |
| 9/12 | 444 | 53 |
| 9/14 | 444 | 70.2 |
| 9/17 | 842 | 18.4 |
| 9/18 | 842 | 33.5 |
| 9/19 | 842 | 16.3 |
| 9/20 | 842 | 14.6 |
| 9/23 | 629 | 13.8 |
| 9/24 | 1016 | 17.3 |
| 9/26 | 419 | 81 |
| 9/29 | 414 | 76 |
| 9/30 | 415 | 58.7 |
| 10/1 | 275 | 132 |
| 10/1 | 516 | 40 |
| 10/2 | 632 | 33 |
| 10/4 | 626 | 26 |
| 10/6 | 612 | 21 |
| 10/6 | 612 | 29.7 |

Table A12 – Pilot Plant Lime Treatment Studies – 165 mg/L Silica (Figure 12)

| Date | Lime | Silica |
|-------|------|--------|
| 11/1 | 653 | 46 |
| 11/2 | 623 | 28 |
| 11/3 | 593 | 59 |
| 11/19 | 419 | 116 |
| 11/19 | 432 | 142 |
| 11/20 | 440 | 133 |
| 11/20 | 350 | 143 |
| 11/21 | 484 | 95 |
| 11/21 | 675 | 27 |
| 11/22 | 823 | 14 |
| 11/16 | 419 | 144 |
| 11/16 | | |
| 11/17 | | |
| 11/18 | 962 | 18 |

Table A13 – Degassed Concentrate – 135 mg/L Silica (Figure 13)

| Date | Lime | Silica |
|-------|------|--------|
| 10/15 | 0 | 135 |
| 10/16 | 0 | 135 |
| 10/16 | 448 | 21.6 |
| 10/17 | 488 | 20 |
| 10/17 | 390 | 20 |
| 10/18 | 412 | 16.7 |
| 10/19 | 335 | 33 |

Table A14 – Degassed Concentrate – 165 mg/L Silica (Figure 13)

| Date | Lime | Silica |
|-------|------|--------|
| 11/3 | 0 | 165 |
| 11/4 | 0 | 165 |
| 11/4 | 393 | 41 |
| 11/5 | 475 | 35 |
| 11/7 | 275 | 92 |
| 11/8 | 268 | 78 |
| 11/9 | 275 | 76 |
| 11/10 | 267 | 88 |
| 11/12 | 284 | 82 |
| 11/13 | 250 | 82 |
| 11/15 | 297 | 64 |

Table B3 - Calcium Hardness

| Date | nano Raw | nano Feed | nano Perm | nano 1 | nano 3 | nano Conc | RO Feed | RO Perm1 | RO Perm2 | RO Perm3 | RO Tperm | RO Conc | Lime fil Eff | Tank 3 |
|-----------|----------|-----------|-----------|--------|--------|-----------|---------|----------|----------|----------|----------|---------|--------------|--------|
| 17-Dec-02 | 600 | | 160 | | | 1400 | 70 | | | | 20 | 100 | | |
| 19-Dec-02 | 680 | | 180 | | | 1680 | 40 | | | | 0 | 70 | | |
| 2-Jan-03 | 600 | | 170 | 1150 | 1350 | 1500 | 180 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 290 | | |
| 2-Jan-03 | 700 | | 180 | 1200 | 1300 | 1500 | 180 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 280 | | |
| 3-Jan-03 | 580 | | 180 | 1150 | 1350 | 1450 | 190 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 300 | | |
| 6-Jan-03 | 580 | 1000 | 180 | 1000 | 1200 | 1350 | | | | | | | | |
| 7-Jan-03 | 600 | 960 | 160 | 900 | 1100 | 1200 | 180 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 300 | | |
| 8-Jan-03 | 600 | 1020 | 180 | 1120 | 1200 | 1350 | 170 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 260 | | |
| 8-Jan-03 | 600 | 1020 | 180 | 1120 | 1200 | 1350 | 170 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 260 | | |
| 14-Jan-03 | 420 | 650 | 130 | 850 | 1000 | 1100 | 180 | | | | | 0 | 290 | |
| 15-Jan-03 | 460 | 650 | 140 | | | 900 | | 5 | | | | 260 | | |
| 16-Jan-03 | | | | | | | | 5 | | | | 340 | | |
| 16-Jan-03 | | | | | | | | 5 | | | | 340 | | |
| 18-Jan-03 | 420 | 650 | 140 | 700 | 900 | 950 | 210 | | | | 10 | 330 | | |
| 20-Jan-03 | 440 | 700 | 120 | | | 900 | 220 | | | | 0 | 330 | | |
| 22-Jan-03 | | | 130 | | | | 240 | | | | | 320 | | |
| 23-Jan-03 | 280 | 800 | 140 | 700 | 900 | 950 | 220 | | | | 0 | 300 | | |
| 25-Jan-03 | | | 140 | | | | 260 | | | | 0 | 330 | | |
| 29-Jan-03 | | | 140 | | | | 270 | | | | 0 | 310 | | |
| 1-Feb-03 | | | | | | | 140 | | | | 0 | 340 | | |
| 6-Feb-03 | 400 | 800 | 140 | 900 | | 1150 | 150 | | | | 0 | 330 | | |
| 10-Feb-03 | 400 | 1320 | 160 | 1400 | | 1900 | | | | | | | | |
| 12-Feb-03 | 480 | 1400 | 140 | | | 2150 | 140 | | | | 0 | 320 | | |
| 14-Feb-03 | 420 | 1200 | 160 | | | 1750 | 160 | | | | 0 | 370 | | |
| 17-Feb-03 | | | | | | | 160 | | | | 0 | 400 | | |
| 19-Feb-03 | 420 | 1300 | 170 | | | 2150 | 160 | | | | 0 | 500 | | |
| 25-Feb-03 | 440 | 1200 | 170 | | | 1950 | 70 | | | | | 460 | | |
| 5-Mar-03 | 400 | 1150 | 140 | 1250 | | 2200 | | | | | | | | |
| 10-Mar-03 | 480 | 1200 | 160 | | | 2100 | | | | | 0 | 370 | | |
| 17-Mar-03 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6-Apr-03 | 520 | 500 | 180 | 650 | 1250 | 2400 | 190 | | | | 0 | 420 | | |
| 11-Apr-03 | 920 | 500 | 280 | | | 4250 | 290 | | | | | 640 | | |
| 3-Jun-03 | 800 | 750 | 280 | | | 4000 | | | | | 0 | 620 | | |
| 5-Jun-03 | 650 | 650 | 250 | | | 2100 | | | | | | 550 | | |
| 17-Jun-03 | | | | | | | | | | | | 410 | | |
| 18-Jun-03 | 666 | 666 | 200 | | | 1166 | 200 | | | | 22 | 366 | | |
| 24-Jun-03 | 1554 | 1332 | 444 | | | 2442 | | | | | 11.1 | 777 | | |
| 21-Jul-03 | 2003.6 | 2003.6 | 366.3 | | | 2053.6 | | | | | 0 | 677 | | |
| 23-Jul-03 | 1276.5 | 1221 | 399.6 | | | 2164.5 | | | | | 11.1 | 721.5 | | |

| Table B4 - Alkalinity | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------|----------|-----------|-----------|--------|--------|-----------|---------|----------|----------|----------|----------|---------|--------------|--------|----|
| Date | Nano Raw | Nano Feed | Nano Perm | Nano 1 | Nano 3 | Nano Conc | RO Feed | RO Perm1 | RO Perm2 | RO Perm3 | RO Tperm | RO Conc | Lime fil Eff | Tank 3 | |
| 1-Nov-02 | 400 | | | 150 | | 500 | | | | | | | | | |
| 6-Nov-02 | 380 | | | 300 | 480 | 650 | 700 | | | | | | | | |
| 7-Nov-02 | 260 | | | 120 | 300 | 400 | 410 | | | | | | | | |
| 8-Nov-02 | 390 | | | 180 | 480 | 560 | 600 | | | | | | | | |
| 11-Nov-02 | 480 | | | 210 | | 730 | | | | | | | | | |
| 30-Nov-02 | | | | | | | 250 | 15 | 15 | 20 | 10 | 750 | | | |
| 17-Dec-02 | 300 | | | 200 | | 540 | 200 | | | | | 30 | 760 | | |
| 19-Dec-02 | 240 | | | 250 | | 780 | 240 | | | | | 10 | 240 | | |
| 2-Jan-03 | 340 | | | 210 | 520 | 600 | 660 | 230 | | | | 10 | 340 | | |
| 2-Jan-03 | 360 | | | 220 | 540 | 620 | 640 | 220 | | | | 0 | 340 | | |
| 3-Jan-03 | 380 | | | 230 | 540 | 640 | 680 | 230 | | | | 10 | 360 | | |
| 6-Jan-03 | 340 | 460 | | 210 | 500 | 560 | 600 | | | | | | | | |
| 7-Jan-03 | 360 | 420 | | 180 | 460 | 520 | 560 | 200 | | | | 10 | 340 | | |
| 8-Jan-03 | 320 | 440 | | 190 | 460 | 540 | 580 | 200 | | | | 10 | 330 | | |
| 14-Jan-03 | | | | | | | 210 | | | | | 0 | 310 | | |
| 18-Jan-03 | 280 | 360 | | 120 | 400 | 440 | 440 | 350 | | | | 30 | 370 | | |
| 20-Jan-03 | 260 | 300 | | 150 | | 750 | 250 | | | | | 10 | 370 | | |
| 22-Jan-03 | | | | 160 | | | 260 | | | | | 20 | 380 | | |
| 23-Jan-03 | 300 | 360 | | 170 | 380 | 460 | 480 | 260 | | | | 10 | 390 | | |
| 25-Jan-03 | | | | 180 | | | 310 | | | | | 10 | 400 | | |
| 29-Jan-03 | | | | 160 | | | 300 | | | | | 10 | 380 | | |
| 1-Feb-03 | | | | | | | 160 | | | | | 10 | 380 | | |
| 6-Feb-03 | 300 | 320 | | 150 | 350 | 620 | 155 | | | | | 10 | 350 | | |
| 10-Feb-03 | 300 | 340 | | 160 | 350 | 450 | | | | | | | | | |
| 12-Feb-03 | 200 | 150 | | 70 | | 200 | 70 | | | | | 20 | 120 | | |
| 14-Feb-03 | 300 | 300 | | 160 | | 400 | 180 | | | | | 20 | 340 | | |
| 17-Feb-03 | | | | | | | 150 | | | | | 20 | 390 | | |
| 19-Feb-03 | 280 | 350 | | 160 | | 400 | 160 | | | | | 20 | 480 | | |
| 25-Feb-03 | 240 | 250 | | 110 | | 300 | 120 | | | | | 20 | 300 | | |
| 5-Mar-03 | 200 | 250 | | 100 | 200 | 250 | | | | | | | | | |
| 10-Mar-03 | 260 | 250 | | 70 | | 250 | | | | | | 20 | 220 | | |
| 17-Mar-03 | 310 | 110 | | 80 | | 260 | 90 | | | | | 20 | 180 | | |
| 6-Apr-03 | 260 | 250 | | 150 | 250 | 450 | 600 | 150 | | | | 10 | 370 | | |
| 11-Apr-03 | 220 | 200 | | 60 | | 300 | 90 | | | | | 20 | 190 | | |
| 4-Jun-03 | 500 | 250 | | 150 | | 600 | | | | | | 20 | 390 | | |
| 5-Jun-03 | 450 | 300 | | 250 | | 550 | | | | | | | 400 | | |
| 17-Jun-03 | | | | | | | | | | | | | 430 | | |
| 18-Jun-03 | 440 | 150 | | 80 | | 150 | 90 | | | | | 60 | 110 | | |
| 24-Jun-03 | 420 | 400 | | 140 | | 300 | | | | | | 20 | 240 | | |
| 21-Jul-03 | 450 | 287 | | 130 | | 300 | | | | | | 10 | 240 | | |
| 23-Jul-03 | 380 | 200 | | 120 | | 440 | | | | | | 30 | 250 | | |
| 18-Sep-03 | 380 | | | | | | 0 | | | | | 0 | 0 | 50 | 20 |

Table B5 - Conductivity

| Date | Nano Raw | Nano Feed | Nano Perm | Nano 1 | Nano 3 | Nano Conc | RO Feed | RO Perm1 | RO Perm2 | RO Perm3 | RO Tperm | RO Conc | Lime fil Eff | Tank 3 |
|-----------|----------|-----------|-----------|--------|--------|-----------|---------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------------|--------------|--------|
| 1-Nov-02 | 6180 | | | 3590 | | | 7050 | | | | | | | |
| 6-Nov-02 | 5770 | | | 3650 | 6610 | 7140 | 7560 | | | | | | | |
| 7-Nov-02 | 5760 | | | 3820 | 6740 | 7270 | 7630 | | | | | | | |
| 8-Nov-02 | 5880 | | | 3960 | 6700 | 7060 | 7500 | | | | | | | |
| 11-Nov-02 | 5770 | | | 3820 | | | 7410 | | | | | | | |
| 27-Nov-02 | | | | | | | | 4350 | 50 | 75 | 190 | 100 | 12500 | |
| 29-Nov-02 | 4450 | | | 3200 | | | 6500 | | | | | | | |
| 17-Dec-02 | 5500 | | | 4500 | 7500 | 8000 | 8200 | 4550 | 75 | 151 | 165 | 182.5 | 7500 | |
| 19-Dec-02 | 5190 | | | 4000 | | | 7050 | 4040 | | | | 120.6 | 6420 | |
| 20-Dec-02 | 6000 | | | 4600 | 7700 | 8000 | 8100 | 4450 | 70 | 138 | 160 | | 7500 | |
| 23-Dec-02 | 5500 | | | 4150 | | | 8100 | | | | | | | |
| 28-Dec-02 | 5700 | | | 4450 | 7500 | 8100 | 8500 | 3250 | 40 | 49 | 50 | | 5250 | |
| 29-Dec-02 | 5800 | | | 4440 | 7500 | 8200 | 8500 | 4300 | 60 | 70 | 93 | | 6900 | |
| 30-Dec-02 | 5300 | | | 4300 | 7100 | 7800 | 8000 | 4200 | 52 | 61 | 88 | | 6500 | |
| 31-Dec-02 | 5500 | | | 4400 | 7300 | 8000 | 8000 | 4370 | 59 | 69 | 82 | | 6800 | |
| 1-Jan-03 | 5900 | | | 4620 | 7500 | 8100 | 8500 | 4600 | 58 | 73 | 101 | | 7200 | |
| 2-Jan-03 | 6000 | | | 4550 | 7700 | 8200 | 8500 | 4520 | 65 | 80 | 108 | | 7400 | |
| 3-Jan-03 | | | | | | | | 4510 | | | | | 84 | 7160 |
| 5-Jan-03 | 5800 | 7100 | | 4500 | 6900 | 8000 | 8300 | 4480 | 52 | 70 | 93 | 70 | 7200 | |
| 7-Jan-03 | 5740 | 6870 | | 4420 | 7170 | 7540 | 8020 | | | | | | | |
| 8-Jan-03 | 6000 | 7250 | | 4550 | 7800 | 8100 | 8600 | 4600 | 58 | 76 | 105 | 75 | 7800 | |
| 8-Jan-03 | 5660 | 6790 | | 4390 | 7030 | 7710 | 8050 | 4390 | 84 | 75 | 133 | 89 | 7070 | |
| 11-Jan-03 | | 4960 | | 3190 | 5200 | 5800 | 5900 | 3850 | 48 | 55 | 73 | 61 | 5500 | |
| 12-Jan-03 | 4120 | 5100 | | 3160 | 5300 | 5950 | 6050 | 3890 | 48 | 58 | 78 | 62 | 5500 | |
| 14-Jan-03 | 4040 | 4750 | | 3000 | 5100 | 5600 | 5790 | 4390 | 84 | 75 | 133 | 89 | 7070 | |
| 18-Jan-03 | 3930 | 4930 | | 3050 | 5100 | 5600 | 5900 | 4600 | 59 | 75 | 107 | 78 | 7000 | |
| 19-Jan-03 | 3940 | 4900 | | 3030 | 5100 | 5600 | 5600 | 4580 | 62 | 85 | 118 | 80 | 7100 | |
| 20-Jan-03 | 4920 | 3980 | | 3000 | | | 5780 | 4760 | | | | 112 | 7020 | |
| 21-Jan-03 | 4100 | 5100 | | 3200 | 5300 | 5900 | 6000 | 5010 | 93 | 112 | 129 | 110 | 7650 | |
| 22-Jan-03 | | | | | | | 2980 | 4680 | | | | 98 | 6770 | |
| 23-Jan-03 | 3950 | 4850 | | 2980 | 5090 | 5480 | 5620 | 4610 | 75 | 94 | 148 | 93 | 6660 | |
| 24-Jan-03 | 3920 | 4900 | | 3080 | 5100 | 5400 | 5800 | 5600 | 102 | 128 | 174 | 120 | 7300 | |
| 25-Jan-03 | 3930 | 4950 | | 3120 | 5100 | 5600 | 5800 | 5700 | 105 | 128 | 169 | 128 | 7200 | |
| 25-Jan-03 | 4020 | 5020 | | 3110 | 5100 | 5600 | 5900 | 5800 | 102 | 130 | 175 | 125 | 7500 | |
| 25-Jan-03 | | | | 2990 | | | | 5220 | 126 | 156 | 170 | 110 | 6820 | |
| 27-Jan-03 | 3970 | 4990 | | 3080 | 5100 | 5600 | 5750 | 5400 | 98 | 124 | 155 | 122 | 5950 | |
| 29-Jan-03 | 3950 | 4990 | | 3110 | 5100 | 5500 | 5800 | 5400 | 92 | 119 | 154 | 112 | 6950 | |
| 29-Jan-03 | 3940 | 5110 | | 2940 | 4910 | 5380 | 5610 | 4790 | 98 | 123 | 183 | 130 | 6520 | |
| 30-Jan-03 | 3950 | 4980 | | 3110 | 5050 | 5600 | 5800 | 5700 | 97 | 122 | 138 | 119 | 7000 | |
| 31-Jan-03 | 4040 | 4900 | | 3000 | 5050 | 5700 | 5800 | 3020 | 70 | 110 | 102 | 95 | 7300 | |
| 1-Feb-03 | 3880 | 4830 | | 3030 | 5050 | 5400 | 5750 | 3050 | 59 | 118 | 120 | 96 | 6900 | |
| 1-Feb-03 | | | | | | | | 2770 | 66 | 119 | 158 | 110 | 6510 | |
| 3-Feb-03 | 3940 | 4910 | | 3070 | 5100 | 5600 | 5900 | 3030 | 41 | 71 | 112 | 67 | 7100 | |
| 5-Feb-03 | 3920 | 5400 | | 3100 | 5700 | 6200 | 6400 | 3100 | 46 | 90 | 127 | 75 | 7100 | |
| 6-Feb-03 | 3930 | 5400 | | 3170 | 5800 | 6200 | 6500 | 3170 | 52 | 92 | 145 | 73 | 7400 | |
| 7-Feb-03 | 3650 | 5100 | | 2950 | 5200 | 5900 | 6050 | 2930 | 51 | 79 | 138 | 65 | 6700 | |
| 10-Feb-03 | 3910 | 5800 | | 3220 | 6000 | 6750 | 7000 | 3300 | 52 | 83 | 150 | 73 | 7200 | |
| 11-Feb-03 | 3900 | 6050 | | 3270 | 6300 | 7000 | 7250 | 3290 | 51 | 98 | 155 | 79 | 7650 | |
| 12-Feb-03 | 3930 | 6300 | | 3170 | 6800 | 7400 | 7900 | 3160 | 53 | 102 | 176 | 83 | 7400 | |
| 12-Feb-03 | 3890 | 5970 | | 3020 | | | 7620 | 3020 | | | | 76 | 6830 | |
| 13-Feb-03 | 3830 | 6000 | | 3190 | 6250 | 7000 | 7250 | 3150 | 50 | 88 | 160 | 78 | 7200 | |
| 14-Feb-03 | 3820 | 6000 | | 3180 | 6300 | 7000 | 7200 | 3190 | 49 | 88 | 162 | 78 | 7200 | |
| 14-Feb-03 | 3810 | 5670 | | 3040 | | | 7160 | 3080 | | | | 76 | 6750 | |
| 17-Feb-03 | 3540 | 5700 | | 2905 | 6000 | 6800 | 6950 | 2900 | 49 | 106 | 166 | 93 | 7900 | |
| 17-Feb-03 | | | | | | | | 2790 | | | | 68 | 7390 | |
| 18-Feb-03 | 3590 | 5800 | | 2975 | 6050 | 6850 | 7000 | 2990 | 51 | 99 | 158 | 83 | 8400 | |
| 19-Feb-03 | 3550 | 5800 | | 2990 | 6050 | 6800 | 7000 | 2990 | 56 | 106 | 169 | 88 | 9900 | |
| 19-Feb-03 | 3500 | 5280 | | 2770 | | | 6550 | 2810 | | | | 76 | 8740 | |
| 20-Feb-03 | 3550 | 5600 | | 2950 | 6000 | 6800 | 7000 | 2980 | 51 | 99 | 146 | 81 | 8600 | |
| 21-Feb-03 | 3520 | 5300 | | 2990 | 5700 | 6200 | 6500 | 2980 | 43 | 81 | 138 | 63 | 5200 | |
| 25-Feb-03 | 4080 | 5820 | | 3280 | | | 7210 | 3320 | | | | 100.9 | 8950 | |
| 25-Feb-03 | 4090 | 6100 | | 3430 | 6650 | 7150 | 7450 | 3400 | 65 | 138 | 309 | 130 | 9900 | |
| 25-Feb-03 | 4090 | 6150 | | 3480 | 6700 | 7150 | 7400 | 6100 | 86 | 146 | 280 | 130 | 9900 | |
| 27-Feb-03 | 3820 | 5900 | | 3160 | 6150 | 6800 | 7100 | 5700 | 72 | 120 | 223 | 104 | 9050 | |
| 28-Feb-03 | 3830 | 5900 | | 3200 | 6200 | 6900 | 7150 | 5850 | 73 | 119 | 223 | 106 | 9050 | |
| 3-Mar-03 | 3990 | 6200 | | 3370 | 6500 | 7200 | 7350 | 6000 | 73 | 112 | 192 | 97 | 9300 | |
| 4-Mar-03 | 4020 | 6100 | | 3330 | 6650 | 7100 | 7500 | 5600 | 79 | 100 | 213 | 101 | 8900 | |
| 5-Mar-03 | 3990 | 6100 | | 3300 | 6500 | 7050 | 7300 | 6000 | 85 | 132 | 289 | 118 | 9300 | |
| 5-Mar-03 | 3900 | 5860 | | 3110 | | | 7220 | | | | | | | |
| 8-Mar-03 | 3890 | 6000 | | 3220 | 6400 | 7200 | 7500 | 3320 | 77 | 95 | 134 | 101 | 8000 | |
| 10-Mar-03 | 3810 | 5950 | | 3175 | 6200 | 7000 | 7250 | 3150 | 73 | 85 | 126 | 92 | 7500 | |
| 10-Mar-03 | 3950 | 6050 | | 3130 | | | 7560 | | | | | 93 | 7540 | |
| 11-Mar-03 | 3830 | 6000 | | 3130 | 6200 | 7050 | 7300 | 3170 | 72 | 87 | 129 | 95 | 7600 | |
| 13-Mar-03 | 3730 | 5900 | | 3130 | 6250 | 6900 | 7200 | 3180 | 71 | 87 | 133 | 97 | 7700 | |
| 14-Mar-03 | 3830 | 6000 | | 3220 | 6600 | 7300 | 7600 | 3250 | 80 | 93 | 142 | 102 | 7850 | |
| 17-Mar-03 | 4370 | 4500 | | 3570 | 5000 | 7000 | 9100 | 3580 | 77 | 98 | 132 | 103 | 8350 | |
| 19-Mar-03 | 4290 | 4450 | | 3450 | 4950 | 7000 | 9050 | 3430 | 72 | 86 | 122 | 95 | 8000 | |
| 21-Mar-03 | 4300 | 4470 | | 3400 | 4970 | 7000 | 9000 | 3450 | 77 | 94 | 142 | 101 | 8300 | |
| 24-Mar-03 | 4180 | 4230 | | 3390 | 4770 | 6700 | 9100 | 3470 | 82 | 89 | 134 | 97 | 8200 | |
| 25-Mar-03 | 4020 | 4200 | | 3280 | 4640 | 6800 | 8900 | 3340 | 77 | 90 | 138 | 97 | 8200 | |
| 31-Mar-03 | 4120 | 4300 | | 3380 | 4800 | 6700 | 8600 | 3430 | 73 | 101 | 144 | 102 | 8700 | |
| 5-Apr-03 | 4250 | 4400 | | 3480 | 4900 | 6900 | 8800 | 3550 | 63 | 87 | 147 | 98 | 8600 | |
| 8-Apr-03 | 4330 | 4490 | | 3590 | 4970 | 7000 | 9100 | 3650 | 99 | 118 | 158 | 103 | 9000 | |
| 11-Apr-03 | 7600 | 7800 | | 6500 | 8800 | 11700 | 14800 | 6500 | 153 | 239 | 280 | 231 | 14600 | |
| 11-Apr-03 | 8150 | 8160 | | 6630 | | | 15810 | 6560 | | | | 228 | 15120 | |
| 16-Apr-03 | 7300 | 7700 | | 6200 | 8500 | 11400 | 14100 | 6300 | 163 | 221 | 219 | 221 | 13800 | |
| 22-Apr-03 | 8000 | 8100 | | 6700 | 9100 | 12300 | 15000 | 6700 | 170 | 261 | 327 | 255 | 15000 | |
| 5-Jun-03 | 5460 | 5490 | | 4170 | | | 8950 | | | | | | 10300 | |
| 17-Jun-03 | | | | | | | | | | | | | 7500 | |
| 18-Jun-03 | 5400 | 5600 | | 4240 | 6100 | 7200 | 7100 | 4300 | 510 | 680 | 720 | 680 | 7700 | |
| 24-Jun-03 | 11000 | 11100 | | 9000 | 11700 | 13200 | 13200 | 9400 | 910 | 1030 | 1320 | 1230 | 14500 | |
| 25-Jun-03 | 10900 | 11200 | | 9000 | 11900 | 13200 | 13200 | 9400 | 850 | 1150 | 1250 | 1180 | 14900 | |
| 21-Jul-03 | 10500 | 10800 | | 83600 | 11500 | 13000 | 13300 | 8700 | 510 | 780 | 900 | 800 | 14700 | |
| 23-Jul-03 | 10800 | 10800 | | 8900 | 11700 | 12900 | 12800 | 9300 | 1030 | 1120 | 1420 | 1320 | 14700 | |
| 23-Jul-03 | 10740 | 10820 | | 8260 | | | 13280 | | | | | 730 | 14750 | |
| 24-Jul-03 | 10940 | 10950 | | 8710 | | | 12900 | | | | | 1230 | 14620 | |
| 18-Sep-03 | 10780 | | | | | | | 10190 | | | | 1430 above rang | 10190 | 10080 |
| 30-Dec-03 | | 11800 | | 9800 | 12700 | 14600 | 14800 | | | | | 740 | 20100 | |
| 6-Jan-04 | | 11700 | | 9300 | | | 14800 | | | | | 690 | 20200 | |
| 7-Jan-04 | | 11600 | | 9700 | | | 15200 | | | | | 520 | 18400 | |
| 9-Jan-04 | | 11700 | | 9500 | | | 14300 | | | | | 560 | 17000 | |

Blue numbers represent Dr T's analyses
 Violet numbers represent Aide's analyses
 Green numbers represent Yanet analyses
 Black numbers represent Gautam analyses

Table B6 - pH

| Date | Nano Raw | Nano Feed | Nano Perm | Nano 1 | Nano 3 | Nano Conc | RO Feed | RO Perm1 | RO Perm2 | RO Perm3 | RO Tperm | RO Conc | Lime fil Eff | Tank 3 |
|-----------|----------|-----------|-----------|--------|--------|-----------|---------|----------|----------|----------|----------|---------|-----------------|--------|
| 11/1/02 | 7.37 | | 7.27 | | | 7.77 | | | | | | | | |
| 11/6/02 | 8.02 | | 7.48 | 8.86 | 8.04 | 7.84 | | | | | | | | |
| 11/7/02 | 7.41 | | 6.87 | 7.29 | 7.33 | 7.35 | | | | | | | | |
| 11/8/02 | 6.49 | | 6.7 | 7.01 | 6.85 | 5.6 | | | | | | | | |
| 11/10/02 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 11/11/02 | 6.2 | | 6 | | | 6.1 | | | | | | | | |
| 12/12/02 | 7.2 | | 7.04 | 7.38 | 7.45 | 7.4 | 7.2 | 5.95 | 6.06 | 6.05 | | 7.27 | | |
| 12/17/02 | 7.6 | | 7.29 | 7.25 | 7.28 | 7.33 | 7.08 | 5.54 | 5.85 | 5.81 | | 6 | 7.21 | |
| 12/19/02 | 8.1 | | 7.86 | | | 8.17 | 7.99 | | | | | 6.61 | 8.01 | |
| 12/20/02 | 7.46 | | 7.28 | 7.58 | 7.6 | 7.63 | 7.35 | 5.6 | 5.88 | 5.88 | | | 7.42 | |
| 12/28/02 | 7.07 | | 6.88 | 7.24 | 7.31 | 7.28 | 7.22 | 5.57 | 5.64 | 5.47 | | | 7.25 | |
| 12/29/02 | 7.05 | | 6.92 | 7.24 | 7.29 | 7.31 | 7.05 | 5.58 | 5.41 | 5.48 | | | 7.1 | |
| 12/30/02 | 7.44 | | 7.25 | 7.57 | 7.58 | 7.61 | 7.4 | 5.67 | 5.59 | 5.69 | | | 7.13 | |
| 12/31/02 | 7.21 | | 7.08 | 7.39 | 7.45 | 7.46 | 7.23 | 5.55 | 5.49 | 5.58 | | | 7.27 | |
| 1/1/03 | 7.4 | | 7.2 | 7.53 | 7.54 | 7.56 | 7.33 | 5.51 | 5.52 | 5.6 | | | 7.39 | |
| 1/2/03 | 7.29 | | 7.1 | 7.43 | 7.48 | 7.5 | 7.3 | 5.68 | 5.54 | 5.58 | | | 7.37 | |
| 1/2/03 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1/3/03 | 7.52 | | 7.22 | | | 7.68 | | | | | | | | |
| 1/5/03 | 7.25 | 7.43 | 7.12 | 7.43 | 7.48 | 7.47 | 7.24 | 5.57 | 5.51 | 5.55 | 5.51 | 7.31 | | |
| 1/7/03 | 7.62 | 7.82 | 7.75 | 7.87 | 7.81 | 7.94 | | | | | | | | |
| 8-Jan-03 | 7.17 | 7.36 | 7.01 | 7.36 | 7.4 | 7.41 | 7.17 | 5.52 | 5.48 | 5.5 | 5.44 | 7.29 | | |
| 8-Jan-03 | 7.55 | 7.63 | 7.32 | 7.75 | 7.72 | 7.83 | 7.72 | 6.38 | 5.72 | 6.71 | 6.08 | 7.78 | | |
| 11-Jan-03 | 7.77 | 7.89 | 7.57 | 7.88 | 7.91 | 7.91 | 7.35 | 5.75 | 5.68 | 5.68 | 5.72 | 7.46 | No acid feed | |
| 12-Jan-03 | 6.75 | 6.95 | 6.62 | 6.97 | 7.07 | 7.07 | 6.85 | 5.24 | 5.23 | 5.29 | 5.26 | 6.95 | at CDM RO plant | |
| 14-Jan-03 | 7.57 | 7.71 | 7.45 | 7.76 | 7.76 | 7.83 | 7.6 | 6.44 | 5.82 | 5.84 | 5.97 | 7.74 | | |
| 18-Jan-03 | 7.3 | 7.46 | 7.11 | 7.43 | 7.47 | 7.47 | 7.38 | 5.12 | 5.13 | 5.29 | 5.14 | 7.38 | | |
| 19-Jan-03 | 7.15 | 7.33 | 7 | 7.33 | 7.36 | 7.39 | 7.16 | 5.12 | 5.15 | 5.3 | 5.12 | 7.3 | | |
| 21-Jan-03 | 7.09 | 7.25 | 6.95 | 7.25 | 7.29 | 7.3 | 7.18 | 5.18 | 5.21 | 5.5 | 5.26 | 7.21 | | |
| 23-Jan-03 | 6.75 | 7.23 | 7 | 7.27 | 7.17 | 7.39 | 7.69 | 5.25 | 5.52 | 5.51 | 5.64 | 7.77 | | |
| 24-Jan-03 | 7.21 | 7.36 | 7.02 | 7.34 | 7.43 | 7.41 | 7.38 | 5.29 | 5.32 | 5.51 | 5.32 | 7.32 | | |
| 25-Jan-03 | 7.22 | 7.35 | 7.02 | 7.36 | 7.39 | 7.41 | 7.24 | 5.25 | 5.28 | 5.49 | 5.32 | 7.35 | | |
| 25-Jan-03 | | | 7.65 | | | | 7.73 | 6.06 | 7.17 | 6.84 | 6.47 | 7.9 | | |
| 26-Jan-03 | 7.22 | 7.42 | 7.07 | 7.37 | 7.43 | 7.42 | 7.4 | 5.27 | 5.35 | 5.6 | 5.36 | 7.35 | | |
| 27-Jan-03 | 7.23 | 7.4 | 7.05 | 7.39 | 7.43 | 7.44 | 7.39 | 5.25 | 5.31 | 5.48 | 5.29 | 7.38 | | |
| 28-Jan-03 | 7.41 | 7.57 | 7.19 | 7.55 | 7.55 | 7.54 | 7.52 | 5.78 | 5.86 | 6.11 | 5.88 | 7.46 | | |
| 29-Jan-03 | 7.24 | 7.38 | 7.05 | 7.39 | 7.42 | 7.45 | 7.33 | 5.21 | 5.33 | 5.49 | 5.26 | 7.31 | | |
| 29-Jan-03 | 7.43 | 7.55 | 7.13 | 7.84 | 7.88 | 7.59 | 7.55 | 6 | 5.73 | 6 | 5.74 | 7.59 | | |
| 30-Jan-03 | 7.25 | 7.45 | 7.11 | 7.42 | 7.45 | 7.47 | 7.37 | 5.25 | 5.32 | 5.42 | 5.34 | 7.34 | | |
| 31-Jan-03 | 7.3 | 7.49 | 7.02 | 7.46 | 7.52 | 7.52 | 7.25 | 5.21 | 5.3 | 5.59 | 5.25 | 7.45 | | |
| 1-Feb-03 | 7.29 | 7.45 | 7.06 | 7.43 | 7.47 | 7.48 | 7.23 | 5 | 5.29 | 5.35 | 5.21 | 7.41 | | |
| 1-Feb-03 | | | | | | | 7.08 | 5.39 | 5.42 | 6.12 | 5.65 | 7.68 | | |
| 3-Feb-03 | 7.26 | 7.42 | 7.05 | 7.39 | 7.47 | 7.49 | 7.18 | 4.82 | 5.06 | 5.35 | 5.07 | 7.39 | | |
| 5-Feb-03 | 7.21 | 6.68 | 6.33 | 6.64 | 6.69 | 6.7 | 6.41 | 4.39 | 4.68 | 5 | 4.68 | 6.73 | | |
| 6-Feb-03 | 7.35 | 6.72 | 6.4 | 6.72 | 6.79 | 6.8 | 6.57 | 4.44 | 4.81 | 5.17 | 4.72 | 6.8 | | |
| 7-Feb-03 | 7.47 | 6.84 | 6.43 | 6.79 | 6.85 | 6.86 | 6.54 | 4.39 | 4.64 | 5.17 | 4.66 | 6.86 | | |
| 10-Feb-03 | 7.33 | 6.72 | 6.39 | 6.72 | 6.78 | 6.76 | 6.73 | 4.32 | 4.7 | 5.09 | 4.58 | 6.7 | | |
| 11-Feb-03 | 7.53 | 6.79 | 6.44 | 6.75 | 6.81 | 6.81 | 6.53 | 4.36 | 4.71 | 5.16 | 4.63 | 6.82 | | |
| 12-Feb-03 | 6.88 | 6.21 | 5.93 | 6.16 | 6.23 | 6.23 | 5.95 | 4.4 | 4.78 | 5.11 | 4.63 | 6.2 | | |
| 12-Feb-03 | 7.25 | 6.57 | 6.36 | | | 6.59 | 6.37 | | | | 5.37 | 6.77 | | |
| 13-Feb-03 | 7.31 | 6.69 | 6.4 | 6.67 | 6.75 | 6.75 | 6.44 | 4.49 | 4.83 | 5.2 | 4.67 | 6.71 | | |
| 14-Feb-03 | 7.33 | 6.72 | 6.39 | 6.69 | 6.76 | 6.77 | 6.45 | 4.5 | 4.81 | 5.19 | 4.68 | 6.77 | | |
| 14-Feb-03 | 7.85 | 7.51 | 6.58 | | | 6.86 | 7.2 | | | | 5.35 | 7 | | |
| 17-Feb-03 | 7.31 | 6.7 | 6.4 | 6.7 | 6.75 | 6.75 | 6.46 | 4.42 | 4.8 | 5.12 | 4.71 | 6.83 | | |
| 17-Feb-03 | | | | | | | 6.55 | | | | 5.39 | 6.93 | | |
| 18-Feb-03 | 7.26 | 6.69 | 6.36 | 6.64 | 6.69 | 6.72 | 6.48 | 4.41 | 4.76 | 5.01 | 4.66 | 6.78 | | |
| 19-Feb-03 | 7.39 | 6.73 | 6.42 | 6.7 | 6.76 | 6.79 | 6.47 | 4.47 | 4.81 | 5.21 | 4.78 | 6.88 | | |
| 19-Feb-03 | 7.12 | 6.59 | 6.18 | | | 6.61 | 6.38 | | | | 5.11 | 6.68 | | |
| 20-Feb-03 | 7.42 | 6.77 | 6.45 | 6.75 | 6.81 | 6.8 | 6.48 | 4.48 | 4.86 | 5.11 | 4.65 | 6.89 | | |
| 21-Feb-03 | 7.44 | 7.66 | 7.3 | 7.66 | 7.69 | 7.69 | 7 | 4.73 | 5.08 | 5.58 | 5.03 | 7.36 | | |
| 25-Feb-03 | 7.2 | 6.56 | 6.09 | | | 6.52 | 6.34 | | | | 5.05 | 6.57 | | |
| 25-Feb-03 | 7.33 | 6.61 | 6.31 | 6.6 | 6.65 | 6.67 | 6.42 | 4.65 | 5.01 | 5.44 | 4.98 | 6.68 | | |
| 26-Feb-03 | 7.29 | 6.56 | 6.27 | 6.56 | 6.6 | 6.61 | 6.57 | 4.62 | 4.96 | 5.4 | 4.89 | 6.64 | | |
| 27-Feb-03 | 7.3 | 6.6 | 6.32 | 6.59 | 6.68 | 6.66 | 6.65 | 4.68 | 5.05 | 5.47 | 4.93 | 6.77 | | |
| 28-Feb-03 | 7.33 | 6.63 | 6.35 | 6.6 | 6.71 | 6.71 | 6.69 | 4.63 | 5 | 5.48 | 4.96 | 6.72 | | |
| 3-Mar-03 | 7.38 | 6.69 | 6.37 | 6.66 | 6.71 | 6.71 | 6.71 | 4.67 | 5.05 | 5.57 | 4.9 | 6.81 | | |
| 4-Mar-03 | 7.36 | 6.71 | 6.41 | 6.66 | 6.71 | 6.74 | 6.65 | 4.69 | 5 | 5.67 | 4.91 | 6.72 | | |
| 5-Mar-03 | 7.37 | 6.35 | 6.07 | 6.3 | 6.37 | 6.37 | 6.38 | 4.69 | 4.98 | 5.71 | 4.94 | 6.5 | | |
| 5-Mar-03 | 7.23 | 6.25 | 5.92 | 6.26 | | 6.13 | | | | | | | | |
| 8-Mar-03 | 7.44 | 6.45 | 6.21 | 6.43 | 6.48 | 6.49 | 6.27 | 5.1 | 5.28 | 5.45 | 5.28 | 6.49 | | |
| 10-Mar-03 | 7.3 | 6.4 | 6.17 | | | 6.5 | | | | | 5.4 | 6.5 | | |
| 10-Mar-03 | 7.46 | 6.45 | 6.21 | 6.42 | 6.46 | 6.47 | 6.29 | 5.12 | 5.33 | 5.48 | 5.3 | 6.51 | | |
| 11-Mar-03 | 7.45 | 6.49 | 6.2 | 6.42 | 6.48 | 6.5 | 6.34 | 5.36 | 5.37 | 5.41 | 5.33 | 6.48 | | |
| 13-Mar-03 | 7.41 | 6.6 | 6.36 | 6.56 | 6.6 | 6.64 | 6.48 | 5.22 | 5.37 | 5.48 | 5.4 | 6.7 | | |
| 14-Mar-03 | 7.39 | 6.44 | 6.15 | 6.4 | 6.46 | 6.47 | 6.33 | 5.3 | 5.36 | 5.47 | 5.35 | 6.52 | | |
| 17-Mar-03 | 7.39 | 6.25 | 6.09 | 6.24 | 6.43 | 6.49 | 6.23 | 5.29 | 5.39 | 5.43 | 5.36 | 6.41 | | |
| 19-Mar-03 | 7.46 | 6.34 | 6.12 | 6.27 | 6.48 | 6.52 | 6.26 | 5.21 | 5.36 | 5.35 | 5.37 | 6.48 | | |
| 21-Mar-03 | 7.4 | 6.25 | 6.09 | 6.26 | 6.41 | 6.48 | 6.33 | 5.29 | 5.4 | 5.44 | 5.32 | 6.41 | | |
| 24-Mar-03 | 7.47 | 6.3 | 6.1 | 6.32 | 6.48 | 6.56 | 6.33 | 5.42 | 5.4 | 5.52 | 5.39 | 6.44 | | |
| 25-Mar-03 | 7.33 | 6.19 | 5.99 | 6.22 | 6.32 | 6.39 | 6.27 | 5.3 | 5.36 | 5.45 | 5.37 | 6.44 | | |
| 31-Mar-03 | 6.07 | 6.73 | 6.54 | 6.7 | 6.91 | 6.98 | 6.66 | 5.35 | 5.47 | 5.58 | 5.52 | 6.66 | | |
| 5-Apr-03 | 7.32 | 6.92 | 6.7 | 6.68 | 7.05 | 7.12 | 6.78 | 5.29 | 5.5 | 5.71 | 5.55 | 7.09 | | |
| 8-Apr-03 | 7.46 | 6.59 | 6.4 | 6.56 | 6.75 | 6.8 | 6.59 | 5.46 | 5.45 | 5.36 | 5.78 | 6.83 | | |
| 11-Apr-03 | 7.35 | 6.44 | 6.23 | 6.38 | 6.53 | 6.52 | 6.27 | 5.25 | 5.4 | 5.51 | 5.46 | 6.47 | | |
| 11-Apr-03 | 7.39 | 6.51 | 6.37 | | | 6.75 | 6.56 | | | | 5.74 | 6.69 | | |
| 16-Apr-03 | 7.51 | 6.54 | 6.31 | 6.43 | 6.6 | 6.67 | 6.44 | 5.13 | 5.26 | 5.41 | 5.48 | 6.6 | | |
| 22-Apr-03 | 7.36 | 6.39 | 6.26 | 6.42 | 6.55 | 6.61 | 6.41 | 5.16 | 5.3 | 5.48 | 5.45 | 6.47 | | |
| 5-Jun-03 | 8.1 | 7.36 | 6.6 | | | 6.96 | | | | | | 7.03 | | |
| 17-Jun-03 | | | | | | | | | | | | 7.35 | | |
| 19-Jun-03 | 8.04 | 5.98 | 5.83 | 5.94 | 6.01 | 6.02 | 5.85 | 5.61 | 5.7 | 5.63 | 5.61 | 5.95 | | |
| 24-Jun-03 | 7.97 | 6.45 | 6.24 | 6.37 | 6.43 | 6.42 | 6.34 | 5.71 | 5.72 | 5.75 | 5.7 | 6.36 | | |
| 25-Jun-03 | 7.97 | 6.41 | 6.2 | 6.34 | 6.42 | 6.41 | 5.55 | 5.66 | 5.68 | 5.65 | 6.31 | 6.36 | | |
| 21-Jul-03 | 7.86 | 6.5 | 6.23 | 6.38 | 6.48 | 6.46 | 6.33 | 5.43 | 5.57 | 5.55 | 5.61 | 6.39 | | |
| 23-Jul-03 | 7.69 | 6.51 | 6.24 | 6.35 | 6.44 | 6.44 | 6.38 | 5.69 | 5.71 | 5.79 | 5.77 | 6.5 | | |
| 23-Jul-03 | 8.13 | 6.95 | 6.75 | | | 6.64 | | | | | | 5.82 | 8.21 | |
| 24-Jul-03 | 7.79 | 6.48 | 6.35 | | | 6.52 | | | | | | 5.61 | 6.84 | |
| 18-Sep-03 | 7.7 | | | | | | 4.5 | | | | 8.3 | 3.5 | 9.8 | 9.4 |
| 30-Dec-03 | | 6.06 | 5.88 | 6.02 | 6.12 | 6.13 | | | | | | 5.27 | 6.24 | |
| 6-Jan-04 | | 6.04 | 5.84 | | | 6.2 | | | | | | 5.27 | 6.22 | |
| 7-Jan-04 | | 5.87 | 5.75 | | | 6.07 | | | | | | 5.2 | 5.98 | |
| 9-Jan-04 | | 6.34 | 6.09 | | | 6.27 | | | | | | 5.7 | 6.38 | |

Blue numbers represent Dr T's analyses
 Violet numbers represent Aide's analyses

Table B9 - Total Dissolved Solids (TDS)

| Date | Nano Raw | Nano Feed | Nano Perm | Nano 1 | Nano 3 | Nano Conc | RO Feed | RO Perm1 | RO Perm2 | RO Perm3 | RO Tperm | RO Conc | Lime fil Eff | Tank 3 |
|-----------|----------|-----------|-----------|--------|--------|-----------|---------|----------|----------|----------|----------|---------|--------------|--------|
| 1-Nov-02 | 4306 | | 2254 | | | 5744 | | | | | | | | |
| 6-Nov-02 | 3894 | | 2194 | 4640 | 5204 | 5548 | | | | | | | | |
| 7-Nov-02 | 3890 | | 2136 | 4602 | 5108 | 5338 | | | | | | | | |
| 8-Nov-02 | 3898 | | 2260 | 4546 | 5020 | 5248 | | | | | | | | |
| 11-Nov-02 | 3914 | | 2374 | | | 5390 | | | | | | | | |
| 12-Nov-02 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 26-Nov-02 | 3755 | | 2470 | 5430 | 6155 | 6485 | | | | | | | | |
| 27-Nov-02 | 3805 | | 2495 | 5500 | 6155 | 6560 | 2500 | 40 | 56 | 104 | 68 | | | |
| 28-Nov-02 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 29-Nov-02 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 30-Nov-02 | 4170 | | 2645 | 5745 | | 6850 | 2550 | 16 | 56 | 52 | 52 | | | |
| 1-Dec-02 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2-Dec-02 | 3150 | | 2860 | 5935 | 6570 | 6725 | 2665 | 85 | 295 | 260 | 210 | 1305 | | |
| 3-Dec-02 | 3960 | | 2685 | 5585 | 6250 | 6525 | | | | | | | | |
| 7-Jan-03 | 3800 | 4953 | 2567 | 5237 | 5893 | 6130 | 2580 | | | | 30 | 4240 | | |
| 8-Jan-03 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 8-Jan-03 | 3763.3 | 4943.3 | 2593.3 | 5120 | 5796.6 | 5873.3 | 2556.6 | | | | | 4290 | | |
| 14-Jan-03 | 2580 | 4423 | 1720 | 3510 | 3860 | 4193.3 | 2170 | | | | 40 | 3266.6 | | |
| 15-Jan-03 | 2628 | 3464 | 1812 | | | 4304 | 2272 | | | | 40 | 3324 | | |
| 18-Jan-03 | 2452 | 3320 | 1780 | 3600 | 3984 | 3994 | 2816 | | | | | 4440 | | |
| 20-Jan-03 | 2685 | | | | | 4317 | 2920 | | | | | | | |
| 22-Jan-03 | | | 1620 | | | | 2450 | | | | 40 | 4020 | | |
| 23-Jan-03 | 2476 | 3280 | 1825 | 3444 | 3876 | 4088 | 2772 | 8 | 28 | 40 | 124 | 4116 | | |
| 25-Jan-03 | | | 1928 | | | | 3476 | 153 | 182 | 524 | 270 | 4528 | | |
| 29-Jan-03 | 2596 | 3324 | 1792 | 3552 | 3960 | 4172 | 3244 | 80 | 92 | 108 | 148 | 4048 | | |
| 1-Feb-03 | | | | | | | | 16 | 40 | 52 | 56 | 4056 | | |
| 5-Feb-03 | | 1680 | | | | 4596 | | | | | | | | |
| 6-Feb-03 | 2448 | 3808 | 1708 | 4084 | | 5144 | 1696 | | | | 288 | 4148 | | |
| 7-Feb-03 | 2408 | 4284 | 1956 | | | 5408 | | | | | | | | |
| 10-Feb-03 | 2536 | 4252 | 1832 | | | 5544 | | | | | | | | |
| 11-Feb-03 | 2636 | 4800 | 1856 | | | 6364 | | | | | | | | |
| 12-Feb-03 | 2528 | 4908 | 1884 | | | 7040 | 1756 | | | | 20 | 4516 | | |
| 14-Feb-03 | 2292 | 4276 | 1568 | | | 6088 | 1536 | | | | 8 | 3916 | | |
| 17-Feb-03 | | | | | | | 76.2324 | | | | 52.4453 | 4504 | | |
| 19-Feb-03 | 2428 | 4300 | 1740 | | | 5836 | 1792 | | | | 92 | 5828 | | |
| 25-Feb-03 | 2884 | 4952 | 2268 | | | 6580 | 2260 | | | | 84 | 6320 | | |
| 5-Mar | 2556 | 4684 | 1936 | 5064 | | 6292 | | | | | | | | |
| 10-Mar-03 | 2356 | 4392 | 1844 | | | 6300 | | | | | 48 | 4600 | | |
| 19-Mar-03 | 3200 | 3152 | 2332 | | | 7832 | 2116 | | | | 152 | 5032 | | |
| 6-Apr-03 | 2784 | 2800 | 2096 | 3124 | 4864 | | | | | | | | | |
| 3-Jun-03 | 4016 | 4012 | 3930 | | | 10400 | | | | | 160 | 7350 | | |
| 5-Jun-03 | 3390 | 3552 | 2400 | | | 6932 | | | | | | 6280 | | |
| 18-Jun-03 | 3124 | 3600 | 2596 | | | 4988 | 2610 | | | | 650 | 3540 | | |
| 24-Jun-03 | 7856 | 7860 | 5788 | | | 9872 | | | | | 972 | 9724 | | |
| 23-Jul-03 | 6600 | 6764 | 4572 | | | 9308 | | | | | 300 | 8828 | | |
| 18-Sep-03 | 8148 | | | | | | 7636 | | | | 836 | 17036 | 7484 | 7508 |
| 24-Sep-03 | 5484 | | | | | | 5316 | | | | 320 | | 5028 | 5164 |

Blue numbers represent Dr T's analyses

Red numbers represent Janet/Bhaskar data entry

Green numbers represent Yanet analyses

Table B10 - Pilot Plant Operating Conditions

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|--|---|-------------|-----------|-----------|--------|-------|------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|--------|--------------|---------|
| Nano | | | | | | | RO | | | | | | |
| Date | Feed press | Final press | perm flow | Conc flow | Recvry | Temp | Feed press | Final press | Perm flow | Conc flow | Recvry | Recycle flow | Temp |
| 11/25/02 | 130 | 110 | 2.6 | 1.2 | 68.4% | 22 | 305 | 275 | 1.55 | 0.55 | 73.8% | | 24 |
| | 78 | 48 | 1.55 | 6.5 | | 22 | 65 | 35 | 0 | 3.3 | | | 23.75 |
| System on City water feed; Concentrate valve was closed and recycle was half open. Nano started at 0845 hrs and stopped at 1610 hrs. RO unit started at 1500 hrs and stopped at 1610 hrs | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 11/26/02 | 135 | 115 | 2.6 | 1.2 | 68.4% | 21 | 300/340 | 280/310 | 1.50 | 0.60 | 71.4% | | 24/23 |
| | 80 | 48 | 1.6 | 6.5 | | 21 | 70 | < 30 | 0.00 | 2.86 | | | 23 |
| 11/27/02 | 128 | 109 | 2.55 | 1.28 | 66.6% | 21 | 330 | 300 | 1.50 | 0.60 | 71.4% | | 22.5/23 |
| | 79 | 47 | 1.55 | 6.5 | | | 70 | < 30 | 0.00 | 2.86 | | | 24 |
| 11/29/02 | 139 | 119 | 2.6 | 1.2 | 68.4% | 21 | 320/400 | 305/363 | 1.27 | 0.50 | 71.8% | | 25/27 |
| 11/30/02 | 78 | 47 | 1.55 | 6.5 | | 22 | 70 | < 30 | 0.00 | 2.86 | | | 23.5 |
| 12/2/02 | 139 | 119 | 2.68 | 1.3 | 67.3% | 20/23 | 475/925 | 450/873 | 0.80 | 0.38 | 67.8% | | 24/26 |
| Nano Unit was left running. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 12/3/02 | 126 | 109 | 2.58 | 1.3 | 66.5% | 23 | | | | | | | |
| 12/6/02 | 132 | 113 | 2.48 | 1.2 | 67.4% | 19 | 400 | | 1.42 | 0.59 | 70.6% | | |
| 12/6/02 | 132 | 113 | 2.48 | 1.2 | 67.4% | 19 | 310 | 285 | 1.14 | 1.01 | 53.0% | | |
| 12/6/02 | 132 | 113 | 2.48 | 1.2 | 67.4% | 19 | 310 | 285 | 1.14 | 1.01 | 53.0% | | |
| 12/7/02 | 132 | 113 | 2.48 | 1.2 | 67.4% | 19 | 310 | 285 | 1.07 | 1.01 | 51.4% | | |
| 12/7/02 | 132 | 113 | 2.48 | 1.2 | 67.4% | 19 | 320 | 298 | 1.07 | 1.01 | 51.4% | | |
| 12/7/02 | 132 | 113 | 2.48 | 1.2 | 67.4% | 19 | 325 | 300 | 1.04 | 1.01 | 50.7% | | |
| 12/8/02 | | | | | | | 340 | 310 | 1.00 | 1.01 | 49.8% | | |
| Nano Unit was left running. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ion exchange connected between Nano and RO | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 12/9/02 | 122 | 105 | 2.38 | 1.2 | 66.5% | 23 | 340 | 318 | 1.14 | 1.01 | 53.0% | | |
| RO unit was switched to Raw because tank level went down to @ 100 gallons @ 1815 hrs and put back on Perm @ 2100 hrs | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 12/10/02 | 122 | 104 | 2.28 | 1.2 | 65.5% | | 360 | 330 | 1.04 | 1.01 | 50.7% | | |
| Cartridge filters changed on Nano | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 128 | 110 | 2.38 | 1.15 | 67.4% | | 380 | 340 | 1.01 | 1.01 | 50.0% | | |
| 14" of water in RO permeate tank @ 1230hrs; 14 1/4" @ 1330hrs. Looks like there is a small amount of oil on surface in brine | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Check CDM inflow for oil and let me know what u find out. Switched to raw on RO @ 1800 hrs tank level 12", full @ 2300 hrs | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 12/11/02 | | | | | | | 380 | 340 | 0.99 | 1.01 | 49.5% | | |
| | 128 | 109 | 2.38 | 1.15 | 67.4% | | 380 | 343 | 0.99 | 1.01 | 49.5% | | |
| 12/12/02 | 128 | 109 | 2.38 | 1.2 | 66.5% | | 383 | 342 | 0.95 | 1.01 | 48.5% | | |
| 12/13/02 | 128 | 110 | 2.33 | 1.15 | 67.0% | 24 | 390 | 345 | 1.02 | 1.01 | 50.2% | | 24 |
| Shut down RO @ 0908 hrs to change pressure gauges, put new ones in and started @ 0912 hrs. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Shut nano @ 0932 hrs to install plumbing for acid injection ancvalve for pH sampling. Start back up @ 0940 hrs. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 12/14/02 | 128 | 110 | 2.33 | 1.15 | 67.0% | | 395 | 350 | 0.95 | 1.01 | 48.5% | | |
| 12/15/02 | 125 | 108 | 2.33 | 1.15 | 67.0% | | 400 | 360 | 0.95 | 1.01 | 48.5% | | |
| Flush started on RO @ 1530 hrs and stopped @ 1630 hrs, Pressure down by @ 5 psi. timed flows RO 230 sec for 5 gal @ 1.3 gpm, rotometer displays 1.2 gpm. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| RO perm 150 sec for 5 gal @ 0.94 gpm rotometer displays 0.97. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 12/16/02 | 128 | 108 | 2.28 | 1.15 | 66.5% | 23.5 | 402 | 360 | 0.89 | 1.01 | 46.8% | | |
| 12/17/02 | 127 | 108 | 2.28 | 1.15 | 66.5% | 24 | 405 | 360 | 0.90 | 1.01 | 47.1% | | 26 |
| 12/18/02 | 128 | 110 | 2.18 | 1.15 | 65.5% | 22 | 410 | 380 | 0.85 | 1.01 | 45.7% | | 24 |
| 12/19/02 | 127 | 109 | 2.15 | 1.15 | 65.2% | | 440 | 400 | 0.85 | 1.01 | 45.7% | | |
| 12/20/02 | 125 | 108 | 2.18 | 1.22 | 64.1% | | 430 | 385 | 0.91 | 0.97 | 48.4% | | |
| 12/23/02 | 135 | 115 | 2.43 | 1.25 | 66.0% | | | | | | | | |
| Above readings r when Nano was started after a 2 hour chemical flush. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 150 | 143 | 2.8 | 1.36 | 67.3% | | 390 | 342 | 1.04 | 0.93 | 52.8% | | |
| Above readings r after moving yellow valve to completely closed position. Discharge pressure 160 psi. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| RO started @ 1445 hrs after chemical flush and placing 2 IO tanks in series. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 12/26/02 | 150 | 140 | 3.18 | 1.43 | 69.0% | | | | | | | | |
| After taking readings moved recycle valve on Nano to reduce flows. Also changed valve at bottom of RO to reduce perm and conc flow. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 135 | 121 | 2.78 | 1.3 | 68.1% | | 280 | 240 | 0.78 | 0.84 | 48.1% | | |
| 12/27/02 | 130/125 | 111/105 | 2.63 | 1.25 | 67.8% | 21 | 380 | 340 | 0.00 | | | | |
| Moved recycle valve on Nano to adjust flows. RO tank had feed water since 2 days temp of water was 12 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| adjusted recycle valve on RO to get new value since perm was reading 0 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | 425 | 380 | 0.76 | 0.76 | 50.0% | | 15 |
| Adjusted recycle valve on RO to get perm to 0.8. After adjustments and temp changes readings r noted below. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mass balance: perm 0.8 and conc 1.1. Hardness feed to RO = 40 mg/l. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | 315 | | 0.82 | 0.83 | 49.7% | | 18 |
| 12/28/02 | 123 | 107 | 2.5 | 1.25 | 66.7% | 22.5 | 305 | 260 | 0.92 | 0.76 | 54.8% | | |
| 12/29/02 | | | | | | | 280 | | 0.78 | 1.18 | 39.8% | | 24 |
| Found water on floor, discovered that tee from ion exchange was leaking badly; | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Knob "push for service" was in wrong position (not in service) took ion exchange units out of circulation. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Pressure feed to RO was 315 psi with perm flow 1 gpm. Changed concentrate valve to lower perm flow to 0.82 and conc to 1.4 temp was 24 pressure went down to 280 psi. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 12/30/02 | 123 | 107 | 2.38 | 1.2 | 66.5% | 22.5 | 280 | 230 | 0.80 | 1.14 | 41.2% | | 23 |
| Changed cartridge filters on Nano. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 12/31/02 | 129 | 111 | 2.48 | 1.25 | 66.5% | 22 | 280 | 230 | 0.82 | 1.26 | 39.4% | | 24 |
| RO is at 36% recovery. RO feed hardness 200 mg/l and RO conc hardness 320 mg/l. Perfect mass balance. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1/1/03 | 128 | 110 | 2.48 | 1.25 | 66.5% | 22 | 280 | 222 | 0.83 | 1.09 | 43.2% | | 24.2 |
| 1/2/03 | 128 | 110 | 2.48 | 1.25 | 66.5% | 22 | | | | | | | |
| 1/3/03 | | | | | | | 315 | 260 | 0.95 | 1.18 | 44.6% | | 25 |
| Changed RO permeate flow rate from 0.88 gpm to 1 gpm. Also changed conc flow rate from 1.3 gpm to 1.4 gpm. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1/4/03 | 128 | 110 | 2.48 | 1.22 | 67.0% | 23 | 305 | 260 | 0.98 | 1.16 | 45.8% | | 26 |
| 1/5/03 | 128 | 111 | 2.48 | 1.18 | 67.8% | 22 | 315 | 260 | 1.03 | 0.99 | 51.0% | | 24 |
| 1/6/03 | Perm flow in Nano down a bit; everything else the same. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1/8/03 | 128 | 110 | 2.48 | 1.2 | 67.4% | 23 | 315 | 260 | 0.97 | 1.18 | 45.1% | 0 | 25 |
| Everything looks good; Changed RO recovery rate to 50%(after collecting samples) and started to recirculate to increase xflow velocity (1.0 perm, 1.0 conc, 1.0 recirc) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

| Pilot Plant Operating Conditions | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|---|-----|------|------|-------|------|-----|-----|------|------|-------|-------|------|
| 1/9/03 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Plant down due to power outage; both systems were flushed and restarted; perm in RO was set at 1 gpm, CDM recovery lowered from | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1/10/03 | 129 | 110 | 2.38 | 1.22 | 66.1% | 22.5 | 305 | 250 | 0.94 | 0.84 | 52.8% | 1 | 25 |
| 1/11/03 | 128 | 110 | 2.43 | 1.22 | 66.6% | 22 | 308 | 255 | 0.94 | 0.83 | 53.1% | 0.99 | 25 |
| | Out of acid on CDM feed. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1/12/03 | 129 | 110 | 2.45 | 1.22 | 66.8% | 22 | 305 | 250 | 0.95 | 0.84 | 53.1% | 0.95 | 25.5 |
| 1/13/03 | 128 | 110 | 2.45 | 1.22 | 66.8% | 23 | 310 | 255 | 0.96 | 0.82 | 53.9% | 0.95 | 25.5 |
| 1/15/03 | RO set to 66% recovery perm 1.0 conc 0.5 recycle 1.0; temp 24. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1/16/03 | 128 | 110 | 2.43 | | | 22 | 320 | 270 | 0.95 | 0.47 | 66.9% | >1.0 | 24.5 |
| | Pressure observed from yesterday to today; seems that RO behaves better during the day than at night. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | The perm flow seems to drop and pressure increases at night over a 3 degree increase in temp, so is it possible that silica precipitates at lower night temp? | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1/18/03 | 126 | 109 | 2.43 | 1.22 | 66.6% | 22 | 323 | 275 | 0.91 | 0.47 | 65.9% | >1.0 | 24 |
| | Pressure is definitely increasing and perm flow reducing each day. Did 15 minute flush; pressure still slightly over 320 after resetting perm flow to 0.97 gpm. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1/19/03 | 127 | 109 | 2.38 | 1.22 | | 22 | 327 | 279 | 0.91 | 0.47 | 65.9% | >1.0 | 24.5 |
| | Press up a little from yesterday, perm lower. Started power flush at 1115 hrs will continue till Gautam turns it back on in pm | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1/21/03 | 122 | 102 | 2.48 | 1.2 | 67.4% | 22 | 278 | 223 | 0.77 | 0.42 | 64.7% | >1.09 | 26 |
| 1/22/03 | 123 | 103 | 2.48 | | | 22 | 280 | 230 | 0.75 | 0.42 | 64.1% | >1.0 | 26 |
| 1/24/03 | 125 | 108 | 2.48 | 1.24 | 66.7% | 21.5 | 270 | 220 | 0.67 | 0.42 | 61.5% | 1.55 | 26 |
| 1/25/03 | 125 | 108 | 2.48 | 1.22 | 67.0% | 21 | 276 | 220 | 0.66 | 0.41 | 61.7% | 1.55 | |
| 1/26/03 | 125 | 107 | 2.48 | 1.22 | 67.0% | 21.5 | 275 | 222 | 0.64 | 0.38 | 62.7% | 1.55 | 26.5 |
| | Pressure up slightly from yesterday; Permeate slightly down; changed conditions to 0.7 flux, 0.5 conc, 2.0 recycle | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1/27/03 | 128 | 108 | 2.48 | 1.22 | 67.0% | 21 | 281 | 225 | 0.64 | 0.47 | 57.7% | 2.05 | 26 |
| 1/28/03 | 128 | 109 | 2.48 | 1.22 | 67.0% | 21 | 282 | 225 | 0.64 | 0.46 | 58.2% | 2.05 | 25.5 |
| 1/29/03 | 125 | 107 | 2.48 | 1.22 | 67.0% | 22 | 282 | 225 | 0.62 | 0.47 | 56.9% | 2.05 | 26.5 |
| | All readings seem to be the same as yesterday | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1/30/03 | 126 | 108 | 2.48 | 1.22 | 67.0% | 21.5 | 282 | 225 | 0.61 | 0.46 | 57.0% | 2.05 | 26 |
| | Everything looks good; All readings seem to be the same as yesterday | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | RO feed pressure increased to 478 (was 460 at start a few days ago) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1/31/03 | 128 | 109 | 2.48 | 1.22 | 67.0% | 21.5 | 297 | 255 | 0.64 | 0.42 | 60.2% | 0 | 25 |
| | Stopped recycle flow last night at 7:30 pm; kept perm @0.68/0.638 and conc @0.5/0.422; readings this morning same | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2/1/03 | 128 | 109 | 2.48 | 1.22 | 67.0% | 21.5 | 298 | 255 | 0.61 | 0.43 | 58.7% | 0 | 24.5 |
| | All readings look the same as yesterday | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2/3/03 | 127 | 108 | 2.48 | 1.22 | 67.0% | 22 | 465 | 425 | 0.92 | 0.68 | 57.5% | 0 | 24.5 |
| | RO system was changed Saturday night to increase flux, same recovery rate (i.e 59%) as before | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2/4/03 | Acid feed was set up today; began feeding acid and lowered nano feed pH to 6.7; | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | RO feed pressure increased to 478 (was 460 at start a few days ago) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2/5/03 | 128 | 110 | 2.48 | 0.78 | 76.1% | 22.5 | 485 | 425 | 0.90 | 0.59 | 60.4% | 0 | 25 |
| | Recovery in nano unit was changed to 76%; all readings above were taken after recovery rate was changed | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2/6/03 | 128 | 111 | 2.48 | 0.75 | 76.8% | 22 | 490 | 450 | 0.87 | 0.63 | 58.2% | 0 | 24 |
| | Nano readings look good; RO pressure up slightly and permeate down slightly | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2/7/03 | 129 | 111 | 2.47 | 0.74 | 76.9% | 21 | 500 | 465 | 0.85 | 0.63 | 57.4% | 0 | 23 |
| | RO pressure up, perm down, but temp is lower; nano recovery rate changed to 80 % after samples were collected | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2/10/03 | 130 | 112 | 2.45 | 0.59 | 80.6% | 22 | 497 | 462 | 0.85 | 0.63 | 57.5% | 0 | 24.2 |
| | RO readings about the same over last several days; nano recovery changed to 84% after samples were collected | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2/11/03 | 130 | 112 | 2.45 | 0.45 | 84.5% | 23 | 490 | 455 | 0.86 | 0.52 | 62.2% | 0 | 25.5 |
| | Slime in nano feed hose all gone. It may be due to fast forward flush done 2 days ago. All nano and RO values look good. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2/12/03 | 131 | 113 | 2.42 | 0.45 | 84.2% | 22.5 | 490 | 455 | 0.86 | 0.52 | 62.2% | 0 | 25 |
| | RO readings same as yesterday; not sure about nano; pH of conc from CDM low (6.88); therefore, all of our pH's are lower | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2/13/03 | 130 | 113 | 2.45 | 0.45 | 84.5% | 22.5 | 497 | 460 | 0.85 | 0.62 | 57.7% | 0 | 25 |
| | Readings on both units look good (no changes); RO elbow broke; flushed system for about 2 hrs w/city water | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2/14/03 | 130 | 112 | 2.45 | 0.45 | 84.6% | 22 | 502 | 466 | 0.86 | 0.63 | 57.8% | 0 | 25 |
| | RO pressure a little high; may be due to readjustment of conc valve because of leak repair | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2/17/03 | 130 | 112 | 2.4 | 0.44 | 84.4% | 22 | 525 | 495 | 0.87 | 0.48 | 64.6% | 0 | 25 |
| | RO recovery rate raised to 64% | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2/18/03 | 129 | 111 | 2.4 | 0.44 | 84.5% | 23 | 522 | 492 | 0.88 | 0.45 | 66.2% | 0 | 26.5 |
| | All pressures and permeate rates look good | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2/19/03 | 129 | 111 | 2.4 | 0.44 | 84.5% | 22.5 | 545 | 518 | 0.89 | 0.37 | 70.8% | | |
| | RO recovery changed to 70% last night at same permeate rate | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2/20/03 | 129.5 | 112 | 2.38 | 0.44 | 84.5% | 22 | 565 | 535 | 0.85 | 0.35 | 71.0% | 0 | 25 |
| | RO pressure is 20 psi higher, may be due to 1.5 degree colder temp; need to check silica balance | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2/21/03 | 129 | 112 | 2.33 | 0.44 | 84.1% | 22 | 578 | 550 | 0.81 | 0.37 | 68.6% | 0 | 25 |
| | RO press higher, perm lower; nano perm also lower; pH feed to nano way too high; acid feed not working; will flush all membranes | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2/25/03 | 130 | 112 | 2.38 | 0.47 | 83.4% | 22 | 555 | 525 | 0.82 | 0.43 | 65.8% | | |
| | RO system was down from Saturday thru Monday morning because of leak; System was restarted at 64% recovery; will start recirculating at 1.0 gpm in RO tonight | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2/26/03 | 130 | 112 | 2.37 | 0.47 | 83.4% | 23 | 580 | 545 | 0.84 | 0.44 | 65.8% | 1 | 26.5 |
| | There is no advantage (from pressure point of view) for recirculating; therefore will discontinue in next day or so | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2/27/03 | 129 | 112 | 2.4 | 0.47 | 83.6% | 22 | 590 | 552 | 0.82 | 0.43 | 65.6% | 1 | 26 |
| | Pressure in RO up from yesterday; may try flushing tomorrow if pressure increases | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2/28/03 | 129 | 111 | 2.5 | 0.47 | 84.2% | 22 | 590 | 555 | 0.81 | 0.43 | 65.4% | 1 | 26.5 |
| | RO pressure same as yesterday; nano good | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3/3/03 | 128 | 111 | 2.38 | 0.47 | 83.7% | 22 | 610 | 577 | 0.70 | 0.42 | 62.4% | 1.04 | 27 |
| | RO pressure higher, perm lower, flushed RO system for 15 minutes; didn't appear to do any good | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3/4/03 | 128 | 110 | 2.38 | 0.46 | 83.7% | 22.5 | 620 | 590 | 0.77 | 0.47 | 62.0% | 1 | 26.5 |
| | Flushed RO system for 4 hrs; pressures and flow rates improved, but not back to original, clean membrane values; lowered pH in nano feed from 6.7 to 6.4 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3/5/03 | 128 | 110 | 2.35 | 0.46 | 83.5% | 22 | 615 | 580 | 0.77 | 0.41 | 65.3% | 1 | 27 |
| | Flushed RO system for 15 mins; didn't seem to help | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3/6/03 | Flushed RO system for 12 hours; feed pressure still too high; will do chemical cleaning tomorrow; RO conc rotometer stuck; cleaned salt build-up from stem | | | | | | | | | | | | |

| (Continued Pilot Plant Operating Conditions) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|-----|------|------|-------|------|-----|------|------|------|-------|---|------|
| 3/7/03 | Did chemical flush from 1 AM to 9 AM; changed cartridge filter in nano (previous change was on 12/31/02) restarted nano at 3 PM, RO at 8 PM Set flow conditions similar to 2/1/03; RO feed pressure lower than before by 40 psi; chemical cleaning worked great!! pH of 1:100 dilution of high flux cleaning solution is 3.55 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3/8/03 | 132 | 118 | 2.47 | 0.47 | 84.1% | 22 | 255 | 208 | 0.70 | 0.46 | 60.3% | 0 | 26 |
| All pressures and flows look good; pH readings on perm look like those on 2/1/03 when flow conditions were similar; other pH values lower because of acid feed | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3/10/03 | 134 | 118 | 2.47 | 0.46 | 84.3% | 22 | 245 | 205 | 0.67 | 0.45 | 60.0% | 0 | 25 |
| All systems look good; RO recovery rate at 60% | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3/11/03 | 135 | 119 | 2.5 | 0.47 | 84.1% | 22 | 245 | 205 | 0.68 | 0.45 | 60.2% | 0 | 25.5 |
| 3/12/03 | 135 | 118 | 2.43 | | | 23 | 245 | 205 | 0.74 | 0.45 | 62.2% | 0 | 27 |
| Acid feed line was leaking; flushed membranes and then shut down both systems | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3/13/03 | 135 | 118 | 2.58 | 0.46 | 85.0% | 22 | 245 | 205 | 0.72 | 0.46 | 60.8% | 0 | 26 |
| 3/14/03 | 136 | 120 | 2.48 | 0.49 | 83.5% | 24 | 245 | 202 | 0.73 | 0.45 | 61.9% | 0 | 27 |
| Stopped recirculation in nano unit; kept same conditions as before: perm = 2.5 gpm and conc = 0.45 gpm | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3/17/03 | 131 | 126 | 2.52 | 0.43 | 85.4% | 22.5 | 242 | 202 | 0.67 | 0.38 | 63.8% | 0 | 25.5 |
| 3/19/03 | 132 | 128 | 2.5 | 0.43 | 85.4% | 22 | 243 | 203 | 0.62 | 0.39 | 61.2% | 0 | 24 |
| 3/21/03 | 131 | 127 | 2.52 | 0.43 | 85.5% | 23 | 245 | 205 | 0.69 | 0.46 | 60.2% | 0 | 26 |
| 3/24/03 | 131 | 127 | 2.6 | 0.42 | 86.1% | 24 | 245 | 202 | 0.70 | 0.46 | 60.5% | 0 | 26 |
| All systems look good | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3/25/03 | 130 | 127 | 2.6 | 0.42 | 86.1% | 25 | 243 | 202 | 0.67 | 0.38 | 63.8% | 0 | 27 |
| Acid feed valve came apart; Gautam put it back together w/o the spring; Ralph will replace when new valves arrive | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3/31/03 | 130 | 125 | 2.53 | 0.41 | 85.9% | 22 | 250 | 205 | 0.72 | 0.44 | 62.3% | 0 | 26 |
| System was down on 28th because CDM cleaned their membranes; pH from CDM unit is high | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4/5/03 | 133 | 129 | 2.52 | 0.40 | 86.2% | 22 | 255 | 218 | 0.68 | 0.42 | 61.7% | 0 | 25 |
| 4/8/03 | 132 | 128 | 2.58 | 0.42 | 86.0% | 22 | 255 | 218 | 0.68 | 0.41 | 62.6% | 0 | 24 |
| Nano unit was off line, apparently all night; don't know why | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4/9/03 | Switched to new well 72 today; cond is 2320 (about twice as high as old wells) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4/10/03 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4/11/03 | 135 | 130 | 2.47 | 0.42 | 85.6% | 23 | 258 | 220 | 0.61 | 0.44 | 58.1% | 0 | 26 |
| 4/14/03 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4/16/03 | 135 | 131 | 2.45 | 0.41 | 85.6% | 23 | 255 | 218 | 0.59 | 0.43 | 57.7% | 0 | 25.5 |
| 4/18/03 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4/20/03 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4/22/03 | 133 | 130 | 2.42 | 0.41 | 85.6% | 24 | 255 | 218 | 0.59 | 0.43 | 58.1% | 0 | 27 |
| 4/25/03 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Flushed both units for 6 hrs; | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4/27/03 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4/28/03 | 142 | 138 | 2.31 | 0.27 | 89.5% | 24.5 | 248 | 205 | 0.67 | 0.43 | 60.8% | 0 | 29 |
| Nano recovery rate was changed to about 90% last night; RO recovery low at 56% | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4/29/03 | 150 | 145 | 2 | | | | 243 | 205 | 0.73 | 0.34 | 68.2% | | |
| Flushed nano w/city water | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4/30/03 | 135 | 131 | 2.43 | | | | 241 | 0.76 | | | | | |
| 5/1/03 | 133 | 129 | 2.26 | 0.65 | 77.7% | | 245 | 205 | 0.71 | 0.34 | 67.6% | | |
| 5/2/03 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5/4/03 | 136 | 131 | 2.22 | 0.60 | 78.7% | | 245 | 205 | 0.62 | 0.51 | 54.9% | | |
| 5/6/03 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5/8/03 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5/10/03 | 137 | 132 | 2.1 | 0.61 | 77.6% | | | | 0.55 | 0.52 | 51.4% | | |
| 5/12/03 | 138 | 132 | 2.14 | 0.62 | 77.5% | | 250 | 210 | 0.55 | 0.51 | 51.9% | | |
| Adjusted bottom valve on RO for THM test | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5/13/03 | 170 | 155 | 2.4 | | | | 530 | 200 | 1.14 | | | | |
| 5/13/03 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5/13/03 | 169 | 162 | 2.7 | 0.60 | 81.8% | | 540 | 510 | 1.05 | 0.57 | 64.8% | | |
| Flushed with city water for 2 hrs; didn't help | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5/14/03 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Flushed w/city water for 1 hr: no apparent change | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5/16/03 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5/17/03 | 172 | 167 | 2.28 | | | | 520 | | 0.85 | | | | |
| Flushed nano; changed nano conc valve to get perm to 1.5 gpm; nano feed cond = 8100 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5/17/03 | 166 | 160 | 2.79 | 0.74 | 79.0% | | 505 | 470 | 0.86 | 0.49 | 63.7% | | |
| 5/18/03 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Acid feed hasn't been working for several days--air lock | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5/19/03 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5/20/03 | 169 | | 2.72 | 0.54 | 83.4% | | | | 0.65 | 0.28 | 69.9% | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Conducted Geosmin test today; readjusted RO to 440 psi | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5/21/03 | Did chemical cleaning in nano and RO units | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6/2/03 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nano is down (from 6/4/03 yesterday) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6/5/03 | 153 | 148 | 2.1 | 0.73 | 74.2% | 24.5 | 270 | 230 | 0.91 | 0.82 | 52.6% | 0 | 29 |
| 6/18/03 | 83 | 78 | 1.77 | 1.42 | 55.5% | 23 | 95 | 50 | 0.43 | 0.38 | 53.1% | 0 | 27 |
| Acid was re-started and lowered to 6.0; new RO membranes appear to be fouling even though recovery is at 49%; flow is still from wells 500; well 72 will be re-started in next few days | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6/23/03 | 84 | 79 | 1.69 | | | 24 | 140 | 95 | 0.59 | | | | 29 |
| pH of nano feed is about 6.4; | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6/24/03 | 85 | 80 | 1.69 | 1.53 | 52.5% | 24.5 | 145 | 95 | 0.57 | | | 0 | 29 |
| Both perm flows lower than yesterday; nano recovery is about 54% and RO is about 44% | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6/25/03 | 83 | 79 | 1.66 | 1.54 | 51.9% | 24 | 143 | 95 | 0.58 | 0.64 | 47.5% | 0 | 28 |
| Both perm flows about same as yesterday; King Lee antiscalant feed was started yesterday at 30 ppm to nano unit | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 7/21/03 | 143 | 138 | 1.58 | 1.43 | 52.5% | 24.5 | 180 | 120 | 0.83 | 0.88 | 48.5% | 0 | 28.5 |
| Nano definitely fouling; must reduce recovery from 64% (on 7/18) to about 50%. RO may be OK at about 50% | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 7/23/03 | 90 | 85 | 1.7 | 1.90 | 47.2% | 25 | 140 | 90 | 0.50 | 0.49 | 50.5% | 0 | 29.5 |
| Nano recovery at 47%; pressure way down; RO recovery at 46% | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 12/30/03 | The results from here on are for new RO System | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 108 | 102 | 2.09 | 1.3 | 61.7% | 22 | 246 | 230 | 0.60 | 0.50 | 54.5% | | |
| 1/6/2004 | 113 | 108 | 2.1 | | | 22 | 245 | 228 | 0.62 | 0.5 | 55.4% | | |
| 1/7/2004 | 115 | 110 | 2.1 | | | 22 | 238 | 219 | 0.7 | 0.78 | 47.3% | | |
| 1/9/2004 | 108 | 102 | 2.02 | 1.44 | 58.4% | 22.5 | 240 | 222 | 0.83 | 0.86 | 49.1% | | |

Appendix C

Other Data

Table C1 – Values Used in Economic Analysis

| <u>Item</u> | <u>Value</u> |
|---|--------------|
| initial RO-I conc volume, gpd | 3,000,000 |
| Lime cost, \$/lb | 0.0462 |
| Interest rate, % | 5% |
| Evap rate, in/yr | 50 |
| Liner cost, \$/sq ft | 0.75 |
| Liner life, yrs | 20 |
| Excavation, \$/cu yd | \$3.00 |
| Fence, \$/LF | \$10.00 |
| Flow storage, mos | 5 |
| Excavation amortization time, yrs | 20 |
| Sludge density, lbs/cu ft | 70 |
| Sludge disposal cost(pickup, hauling, disp), \$/cu yd | 5.88 |
| Reactor/Clarifier, \$ | \$560,000 |
| Lime silo/feeder, \$ | \$130,000 |
| Thickener/press, \$ | \$250,000 |
| Sand filter, \$ | \$600,000 |
| Equipment life, yrs | 20 |
| Recovery of lime-softn'd water,% | 95% |
| Water selling price,\$/1000 gal | \$1.50 |
| Blending ratio(total vol/RO perm) | 2 |
| RO capital cost, \$/MGD | \$480,000 |
| RO operating press, psi | 200 |
| Power cost, \$/kw-hr | \$0.08 |
| Pump & Motor efficiency, % | 70% |
| Buildings, \$ | \$250,000 |
| Membrane cost, \$/80 sq ft | \$400 |
| Membrane life, yrs | 3 |
| Membrane life RO, yrs | 5 |
| Flux, gpd/sq ft | 10 |
| RO-III flux,gpd/sq ft | 25 |
| H2SO4 cost, \$/lb | \$0.06 |
| H2SO4 dosage, lbs acid/MG/mg/L alk | 8.47 |
| Alkalinity to be removed, mg/L | 330 |
| Lime equiv of alk removed, mg/L | 185 |

