

# Continuous In-Situ Measurements of Turbidity in Kansas Streams

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# Sensor

- Not all sensors are equal
- No two sensors will give the same value
- Some standards are sensor specific

# Turbidity, Suspended Sediment, and Water Clarity: A Review

R. J. Davies-Colley and D. G. Smith

JAWRA vol. 37, No. 5, pages 1085-1101

- Summary of many turbidity papers
- Recommendations based on observed data and previous studies
- Beam attenuation

# The calibration of optical backscatter sensors for suspended sediment of varying darkness levels

Sutherland, T. F. and others, *Marine Geology*, 162 (2000), pages 587-597

- Compares sediment color to Munsell Soil Chart
- Measurements are made with OBS
- Color of particles influence OBS output

# Point Measurement Representativeness

- Sensor placement must represent cross-section
- 20 cross-sections annually
- Plot data for comparison

# Turbidity Duration Curve

## Kansas River @ De Soto

