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ABSTRACT

The scope of this document is bifocal, highlighting potential wellhead protection field technologies, as well as recent, applicable literature. The technologies are classified into four groups: in situ and in-line monitoring technologies, portable monitoring technologies, mobile monitoring technologies, and technologies currently under development. In situ and in-line technologies monitor general physical and chemical parameters at a site, such as electrical conductivity, oxidation reduction potential, turbidity, temperature, water level, dissolved oxygen, pH, and salinity. Portable monitoring technologies are those which can be hand-carried into the field, such as geophysics, immunoassays, soil-analysis, test kits, X-ray fluorescence, and gas analysis equipment. Mobile monitoring technologies use equipment that is transported to the field in a trailer or a mobile laboratory. Mobile monitoring technologies include gas chromatography, mass spectroscopy, analytical x-ray fluorescence, and atomic absorption. Innovative monitoring technologies presently in the laboratory-development stage include: ion Mobility Spectrometry, Molecular Optical Spectrometry, extraction membranes, surface acoustic wave probes and quartz-crystal microbalances, spectroelectrochemistry, and biosensors.

The document also contains case studies of water agencies that employ innovative monitoring technologies for ground-water and surface water quality monitoring as early-warning contaminant detection. The case studies describe technology applications of the Orange County Water District, California and the State of Florida.

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ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

ABBREVIATIONS

AA atomic absorption
AC alternating current

ASTM American Society for Testing and Materials

bgs below ground surface
BOD biochemical oxygen demand

CERCLA Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act

COD chemical oxygen demand CV coefficient of variation

DC direct current

DO dissolved oxygen

DQOs data quality objectives

EC electrical conductance

ELISA enzyme-linked immunosorbent immunoassay

EM electromagnetic

FID flame ionization detector
FOCs fiber optic chemical sensors
FPXRF field-portable, X-ray fluorescence

FTIR Fourier Transform IR Spectrophotometer

GC gas chromatography

GC/MS gas chromatography/mass spectroscopy

gpm gallons per minute
GPR ground penetrating radar

HPLC high performance liquid chromatography

ICP/AES inductively coupled plasma discharge/atomic emission spectroscopy

IMS ion mobility spectrometer

IR infrared

LC-MS liquid chromatography-mass spectroscopy

OCWD Orange County Water District

OVAs organic vapor analyzers
OVMs organic vapor meters
PAHs polyaromatic hydrocarbons

PC personal computer

PCBs polychlorinated biphenyls PID photoionization detector

ppb parts per billion
pph parts per hundred
ppm parts per million
ppt parts per trillion

ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS (continued)

ppth parts per thousand

QA/QC quality assurance/quality control
QCM quartz-crystal microbalance

redox oxidation reduction

RCRA Resource Conservation and Recovery Act

RIA radioimmunoassay
SAW surface acoustic wave

SCADA Supervisor Control and Data Acquisition
SERS surface-enhanced Raman spectroscopy
SITE Superfund Innovative Technology Evaluation

SMCU surface memory and control unit

SP spontaneous potential

SSC site-specific calibration standards

trichloroethylene TCE total dissolved solids TDS TOC total organic carbon total suspended solids TSS UV-vis ultraviolet-visible very intense study area **VISA** VOC volatile organic compound WHPA wellhead protection area WHPP wellhead protection program

WRMS Water Resources Management System

XRF X-ray fluorescence

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SECTION 1

INTRODUCTION

The increasing threat of chemical contamination to public water supply wells has created a new political and technical awareness of ground-water protection programs. Management of both contaminant sources and public water supplies is necessary to prevent and minimize ground-water quality degradation. In 1986, the Safe Drinking Water Act was amended to include Section 1428. This amendment called for the creation of a wellhead protection program (WHPP), thus establishing a legal framework to protect public water supply wells, wellfields, and springs from contamination. Elements of a WHPP include, at a minimum (EPA, 1989a):

- Specifying the roles and duties of cooperating agencies.
- Delineating the wellhead protection area (WHPA) for each wellhead or spring.
- Identifying sources of contamination within and in proximity to each wellhead or spring.
- Developing management approaches to protect the water supply within WHPAs from contaminants.
- Developing contingency plans in response to wellhead or spring contamination.
- Siting new wells properly to maximize yield and to minimize contamination.
- Ensuring public participation.

An important technical and management element of WHPP implementation is the monitoring of chemical and physical parameters in WHPAs. A WHPA is defined as the surface and subsurface areas surrounding a well, wellfield, or spring, through which contaminants could pass and reach that portion of the ground water which is contributing to the water supply. Figure 1-1 depicts a simplified WHPA with it's potential source (landfill) and the water well to be protected.

A monitoring strategy for a WHPA is generally designed to perform three functions - source release detection, ambient trend monitoring, and early warning detection (Carter et al., 1987). The function that a monitoring device performs depends, in part, on its position along the flow path from the potential source to the wellhead.

The source release detection function determines if contamination has begun migrating from the source material. Monitoring devices would be situated below or immediately down-gradient of the potential source area. The ambient trend monitoring function assesses the temporal and spatial trends in ground-water quality in the bulk of the WHPA between the source area and the wellhead. A dispersed array of monitoring devices situated along flow paths is required for this purpose. The early warning detection function provides advance notice of the need to enact contingency response plans to prevent public exposure to contaminants. This function is performed by monitoring devices a relatively short distance up-gradient of the wellhead.

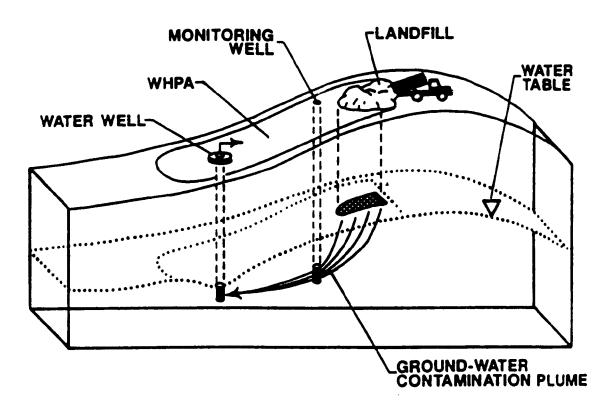


Figure 1-1. Schematic drawing of a wellhead protection area.

This document focuses on field analytical techniques which may be incorporated into the WHPA monitoring strategy to perform one or more of the monitoring functions described. Numerous field technologies that measure chemical and physical parameters in soil and water have been evaluated, but to date, an examination of the relationship of these technologies to WHPA monitoring has not been compiled. This document is intended to fill that gap, presenting methods that complement traditional laboratory analyses and that are especially useful for rapid field screening of ground-water, soil, and soil-gas samples. As such, many of the technologies described are useful tools in the characterization and monitoring of WHPAs.

As monitoring techniques, field methods have several advantages over conventional, analytical laboratory analyses. For example, they can provide timely, on-site information that can be used immediately to make decisions about additional sampling needs. This eliminates the frustration of waiting several weeks for laboratory results. Field technologies are also more portable and less expensive than laboratory methods.

There are, however, several drawbacks to field methods. The detection limits and accuracy of field methods (especially methods currently under development) are not always as reliable as laboratory methods. This is especially critical, for example, if the detection limit of the field method does not meet water quality criteria or regulatory requirements. Nevertheless, even less accurate field methods might be useful to screen samples prior to confirmatory laboratory analyses.

The scope of this document is bifocal, highlighting potential WHPP applications of field technologies, as well as recent, applicable literature. It is written for technical personnel (engineers, geologists, and chemists) from local water departments and utility companies who are responsible for the implementation of WHPP monitoring and the protection of public water supplies. The document includes a description of WHPA monitoring design considerations (Section 2) and discussions of a variety of field measurement technologies. These include in sinu and in-line monitoring technologies for general chemical and physical parameters (Section 3), portable monitoring technologies (Section 4), technologies that can be used in field laboratories (Section 5), and technologies currently under development (Section 6). Section 7 contains descriptions of applications of monitoring technologies by local water districts.

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SECTION 2

WELLHEAD PROTECTION MONITORING DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS

Ground water can become contaminated by numerous hazardous materials such as fertilizers, pesticides, septic tank effluent, and organic and inorganic industrial waste. Ground-water systems can vary greatly in the nature of their flow and assimilative characteristics. It is clear that a monitoring strategy that effectively addresses the physical, chemical, and microbial threats to an adequately characterized ground-water system is essential to protect against the danger of well contamination.

In this section, the considerations in the design of a WHPA monitoring strategy are briefly discussed. Those considerations include the hydrogeologic assessment, the source assessment, the selection of monitoring parameters, and the selection of monitoring technologies. It is not the intent to reproduce information which is provided in other existing or developing WHPP guidance documents, but to develop the framework for the discussion of field analytical techniques in subsequent sections.

2.1 HYDROGEOLOGIC ASSESSMENT

Characterization of the WHPA hydrogeologic system is a prerequisite to the development of the contaminant transport conceptual model and the design of an effective monitoring system. Elements of the conceptual model include the sources, migration pathways, and receptors. In a WHPP, the receptor is the public water supply well, wellfield, or spring. During the initial stages of program implementation, potential contaminant sources are identified, characterized, and prioritized. Concurrently, WHPAs are delineated based on a site-specific, ground-water flow and contaminant transport assessment.

2.2 SOURCE ASSESSMENT

A critical first step in the design of an effective monitoring system is the assessment of potential sources of aquifer contamination. A wide variety of anthropogenic contaminant sources may threaten ground-water supplies. A list of common sources of ground-water contamination is provided in Table 2-1. General guidance for inventorying, prioritizing, and characterizing potential contamination sources for wellhead protection is in the following U.S. EPA documents:

- Tools for Local Governments (1989a).
- Practical Guide for Assessing and Remediating Contaminated Ground Water (1989b).
- Guide to Water-Supply Contingency Planning for Local and State Governments (1990a).

TABLE 2-1. COMMON SOURCES OF GROUND-WATER CONTAMINATION

AGRICULTURAL

Animal burial areas
Animal feedlots
Chemical application
(e.g., pesticides, fungicides, and fertilizers)
Chemical storage areas
firingation
Manure spreading and pits

COMMERCIAL

Airports Auto repair shops Boat yards Construction areas Car washes Cemeteries Dry cleaning establishments Educational institutions (e.g., labs, lawns, and chemical storage areas) Gas stations Golf courses (chemical application) jewelry and metal plating Laundromats Medical Institutions Paint shops l'hotography establishments/printers Railroad tracks and yards/maintenance Research laboratories Road deleing operations (e.g., road salt)

Road maintenance depots
Scrap and pinkyards
Storage tanks and pipes (i.e., above ground
below ground, underground)

INDUSTRIAL.

Asphali plants Chemical manufacture, warehousing, and distribution activities Electrical and electronic products and manufacturing Electroplaters and metal fabricators Foundaries Machine and metalworking shops Manufacturing and distribution sites for cleaning supplies Mining (surface and underground) and mine drainage l'etroleum products production, storage, and distribution centers l'applines (e.g., oa), gas, coal slurry) Septage lagoons and sludge Storage tanks (ie.e., above-ground, below-ground, underground) Toxic and hazardous spills Wells - operating and abandoned (e.g., oil, gas, water supply, injection, monitoring and exploration) Wood Preserving facilities

RESIDENTIAL

Firel storage systems
Firmfure and wood strippers and refinishers
Flousehold hazardous products
Flousehold lawns (chemical application)
Septic systems, cesspools, water softeners
Sewer lines
Swimming pools (e.g., chlorine)

WASTE MANAGEMENT

Fire training facilities
I fazardous waste management units
(e.g., landfills, land treatment areas, surface
impoundments, waste pites, incinerators,
treatment tanks)
Municipal incinerators
Municipal landfills
Municipal wastewater and sewer lines
Open burning sites
Recycling and reduction facilities
Stormwater drains, retention basins,
transfer stations

- A Review of Sources of Ground-Water Contamination from Light-Industry (1990b).
- The Risk Ranking and Screening System (RRSS), Volumes I, II, and III (In Review).

2.3 SELECTION OF MONITORING PARAMETERS

After the contaminant sources are identified, optimal monitoring sites are determined based on the prioritization of sources. Next, monitoring parameters for early-warning detection and source assessment can be selected from a comprehensive list of known and suspected contaminants associated with specific sources. Tailoring the monitoring objectives based on the source assessment and choosing the appropriate monitoring parameters enhances protection and characterization, improves efficiency, and reduces the cost of the program.

It is important to choose chemical parameters for WHPP ground-water monitoring based on the potential contaminants from sources identified as the most serious threat to specific WHPAs. However, if a wide variety of potential sources are within a WHPA, the number of monitoring parameters ultimately must be balanced against the number of samples analyzed and the cost of the analyses. Therefore, when possible, indicator parameters are sought that will be effective for detecting the presence of ground-water contamination and signaling when more comprehensive laboratory analysis is needed.

2.3.1 General Water Quality Parameters

Ground water contains natural chemical constituents; the type and quantity of these constituents depends on the geochemical environment, migration, and source of the ground water (Todd et at 1976). The most common inorganic chemical constituents, which are usually analyzed as part of the broad category of general water quality parameters, include the major cations (calcium, magnesium, potassium, and sodium) and major anions (bicarbonate, chloride, nitrate, and sulfate).

Analyses of environmental isotopes, such as Tritium, can be a valuable aid in a WHPP. These data may allow the investigator to distinguish age zones within the system and to estimate the average linear velocity of ground-water flow.

Other general indicators of water quality include temperature, electrical conductivities, pH, dissolved oxygen (DO), biochemical oxygen demand (BOD), chemical oxygen demand (COD), total organic carbon (TOC), specific conductance, oxidation reduction (redox) potential, total suspended solids (TSS), and turbidity.

By analyzing and graphing the inorganic chemical composition of ground water, interpretations are made concerning the classification, age, origin, source of the water, ground-water flow paths, and interconnections between aquifers. These geochemical interpretations are used to refine the hydrogeologic conceptual model of the study area. Data visualization methods, such as Stiff diagrams, Piper diagrams, and other graphical techniques are commonly used for interpreting water chemistry data (Davis and DeWeist, 1966; Freeze and Cherry, 1979; Hem, 1970).

2.3.2 Site-Specific Monitoring Parameters

Approaches for choosing indicator monitoring parameters were developed for characterizing hazardous waste sites. The Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) interim status regulations identified four indicator parameters for use in detection monitoring for ground-water contamination: specific conductance, pH, total organic carbon, and total organic halides (EPA, 1989c). Plumb (1985, 1987) and Plumb and Pitchford (1985) showed that volatile organic compounds (VOCs) were the single most abundant class of organic contaminants detected in ground water due to releases from hazardous waste sites. They proposed using a VOC scan as a cost-effective monitoring approach to detect ground-water contamination and suggested more comprehensive laboratory analyses at both RCRA and Superfund sites. Rosenfeld (1990a,b) documented ground-water contamination at hazardous waste disposal sites and other industries and proposed using site-specific monitoring parameters that are customized for different source industries.

The chemical parameters in Table 2-2 are suggested as an approach for monitoring the broad categories of sources typically found within or in proximity to WHPAs. This list is only a general guideline, and it is extremely important to choose appropriate monitoring parameters on the basis of site-specific conditions.

TABLE 2-2. MONITORING PARAMETERS FOR VARIOUS SOURCES WITHIN A WHPA

| Source | Monitoring Parameters |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| Agricultural | General water-quality (cations, anions, TDS, pH, specific |
| | conductance, temperature, DO, redox) |
| | Nutrients (nitrate, nitrite, ammonia, phosphate) |
| | Pesticides, insecticides, herbicides VOC scan (optional) |
| Commercial and Industrial Facilities | General water-quality |
| | Trace metals |
| | VOC scan |
| | Other Priority pollutants (optional) |
| | Gross alpha and beta (optional) |
| Residential | General water-quality |
| 1,40144 | Nutrients |
| | VOC scan (optional) |
| | Trace Metals (optional) |
| Waste Management | General water-quality |
| | VOC scan |
| | Trace metals |
| | Other priority pollutants (optional) |
| | Gross alpha and beta (optional) |

TDS = total dissolved solid

DO = dissolved oxygen

VOC = volatile organic compound

The suggested approach is based primarily on using the VOC scan as an indicator of leakage events at commercial, industrial, and waste management sites. Trace metals should also be monitored for those sources to check for inorganic contamination; organic priority pollutants (other than VOCs) and radioactivity screening may also be necessary, depending on site-specific conditions. Nutrient and pesticide analyses are suggested monitoring parameters for agricultural source and residential septic system identification. Additionally, general water quality parameters can potentially be useful for all types of sources, not only for source assessment, but also for refinement of the hydrogeologic conceptual model.

24 SELECTION OF MONITORING TECHNOLOGIES

The field monitoring technologies presented in this document can be used for measurements of many of the suggested monitoring parameters. Figure 2-1 lists the monitoring technologies described in this document and shows the general classes of monitoring parameters that can be detected by each technology. Many of the technologies are used primarily for analyzing water samples, but some of the technologies are more useful for source assessment activities because of their applications for measurements of soil and soil-gas properties. Figure 2-1 can be used as a reference index to the remaining sections of this document to find information on either a specific type of instrumentation or class of monitoring parameter.

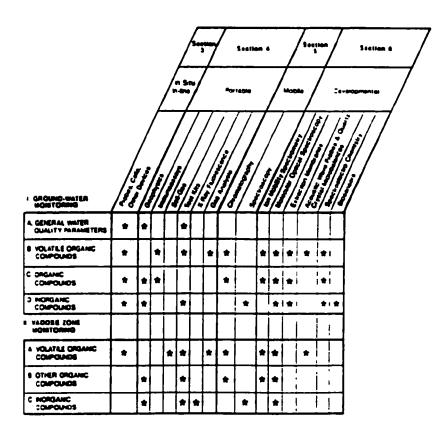


Figure 2-1. Monitoring technologies and general classes of monitoring parameters.

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SECTION 3

AVAILABLE IN SITU AND IN-LINE MONITORING TECHNOLOGIES

3.1 INTRODUCTION

Current water quality monitoring practices generally involve costly and time consuming annual, biannual, or quarterly ground-water sample collection and analysis activities. The use of field screening technologies to monitor selected parameters may indicate the need for ground-water sampling in response to a baseline change rather than as a part of a predetermined sampling schedule. This will provide a more timely detection of the changes in water quality.

General indicators of ground-water quality were provided in Section 2.3.1. Because these indicator parameters are useful for dictating when sampling should occur, it is imperative to establish a data base containing baseline values of clean (uncontaminated) or ambient ground water.

These indicator parameters are sensitive to changes in pressure, temperature, agitation, and exposure to atmospheric gases (Gillham et al., 1983); therefore, it is advantageous to obtain *in situ* sample readings (Garner, 1988; EPA 1986). In situ monitoring devices possess some form of sensor or probe which is designed to be placed in the medium to be monitored (i.e., ground water or soil). This sensor reacts to certain chemical or physical parameters in the medium and transmits information regarding the magnitude of that reaction by means of an electrical current (etc.) to a meter or a recorder. Several companies produce *in situ*, multiparameter probes and data transmitter packages for continuous water quality monitoring (e.g., Hydrolab Corporation; Martek Instruments, Incorporated).

The use of in sum monitoring devices in wells, however, is limited to certain conditions. The rate of aquifer flow through the well screen must be adequate enough so that the well is self-flushing and no purging procedure is necessary. This flow-through rate is controlled by the aquifer properties and the design of the well. An adequate flow-through rate would be analyte-specific and would not have been quantified.

When in situ monitoring is infeasible or impractical, measurements from in-line, flow-through cells at the wellhead can be used to reduce the effects of atmospheric gaseous contamination (Walton-Day et al., 1990; Garner, 1988; Torstensson and Petsonk, 1988; Barcelona et al., 1985; Nacht, 1983; Gibb et al., 1981). In utilizing such a device, ground water is pumped to the surface in a closed system. The ground water is directed to flow through a device (cell) which is designed to react to certain chemical or physical parameters. The magnitude of these reactions are transmitted to a meter or a recorder. Multiparameter, in-line, flow-through cells can be fabricated with commercially available materials (Walton-Day et al., 1990), or purchased from commercial vendors (e.g., YSI Incorporated; Hydrolab Corporation). Additionally, a variety of manufacturers provide standard water quality instruments for measuring temperature, electrical conductivity, pH, and turbidity.

Ion-specific electrodes, available from various vendors, are capable of measuring specific analytes of interest and are commonly used in the waste-water industries. However, many ion-specific electrodes are sensitive to various environmental factors and are not easily useable in continuous monitoring applications for wellhead protection.

Water level monitoring technologies are also useful in WHPA applications. Water level monitoring devices are classified into three main categories: float recorders, acoustic devices, and pressure transducers. By using these methods, continuous water level measurements can be made.

3.2 THEORY OF OPERATION

3.2.1 In Situ, Monitoring, Multiparameter Probes

Commercially available probes are equipped with a sensor for measuring temperature and a six electrode cluster for measuring specific conductance, salinity, pH, DO, oxygen, and redox potential. Additionally, the probes are equipped with a pressure transducer for measuring depth or water level.

Three types of sensors can be used for measuring temperature; these include thermistors, thermocouples, and resistance temperature detectors (Ritchey, 1986). Specific conductance, or conductivity, is measured with a multi-electrode cell that is calibrated with standard potassium chloride or seawater solutions, and the measurement is automatically temperature-compensated because conductivity varies with temperature. Salinity is automatically calculated from the conductivity measurement. The pH is generally determined with a glass membrane electrode cell. The pH electrode is calibrated using standard pH buffer solutions and is automatically temperature-compensated. Dissolved oxygen is measured with an ion-specific electrode and a membrane cell calibrated using saturated air, saturated water, or the Winkler titration method. The measurement is automatically temperature- and salinity-calibrated. The redox potential is measured using a platinum electrode. Water level or depth is measured using a pressure sensitive, strain-gauge transducer that is automatically compensated for specific conductance. The sensors must be calibrated before the probe is submerged in the water well to the desired depth of the screened interval of interest.

3.2.2 In-Line Monitoring, Multiparameter, Flow-Through Cells

Flow-through cells can be purchased from several manufacturers to monitor temperature, temperature-compensated conductivity, temperature-compensated pH, and redox potential. One manufacturer supplies an attachable flow cup for the multiparameter probe that allows in-line measurement of salinity, DO, and pressure.

Water extracted from the desired depth in the well is pumped through the inlet port of the cell chamber where the measuring sensors are located. The chamber is generally constructed of durable, clear acrylic so the water flow and turbidity conditions are observable. Electronically, the water flowing through the chamber is continuously monitored by the sensors, and the values can be stored using a data logger or a computer.

3.2.3 Ion-Specific Electrodes

Electrodes are constructed of a metal wire coated with an insoluble salt of the metal. If the electrode is dipped into a liquid solution containing a low concentration of the metal ion or a high concentration of the negative ion of the insoluble salt, the metal wire will tend to react to form the insoluble salt. Conversely, if the water solution contains a high concentration of the metal ion, or a low concentration of the negative ion, the insoluble salt will tend to form the metal. In these reactions, electrons are added to or removed from the metal wire, changing the electrical charge on the wire. By measuring the voltage of a calibrated electrode, the concentration of the metal ion or negative ion in the solution can be calculated.

The silver chloride and the silver sulfide electrodes are the most common electrodes used in the manufacture of ion-selective electrodes. The silver chloride electrode consists of a silver wire coated with insoluble silver chloride, which is immersed in a solution containing chloride ions. The silver chloride electrode can be used to measure the concentration of silver ions or chloride ions dissolved in water. The principle of operation of the silver sulfide electrode is identical to that of the silver chloride electrode, but the construction of the silver sulfide electrode is simpler because it is not immersed in a solution containing the negative ion of the insoluble salt (sulfide, in this case). If another metal sulfide is dispersed in the silver sulfide matrix, the electrode can be used to measure the concentration of that metal dissolved in water. For example, by mixing lead sulfide with the silver sulfide, the electrode can be used to determine lead dissolved in water. If an insoluble silver salt is dispersed in the silver sulfide, the electrode can be used to measure the concentration of the negative ion of the silver salt dissolved in water. A cyanide-sensing electrode can be made by mixing silver cyanide with the silver sulfide (Willard et al., 1974).

Perhaps the most familiar type of ion-selective electrode is the glass membrane electrode, which is used for measuring the pH of water samples (Figure 3-1a). The pH electrode uses a silver chloride internal reference electrode immersed in a chloride internal filling solution surrounded by a thin glass membrane (Figure 3-1b). When immersed in an alkaline solution, positive hydrogen ions are removed from the outer surface of the bulb, leaving the bulb with a negative charge. The negative charge on the bulb repels negatively charged chloride ions dissolved in the solution within the bulb. The chloride ions cluster around the silver wire, increasing the local chloride concentration, thus making the electrode voltage more negative. When immersed in an acidic solution, hydrogen ions are added to the surface of the glass bulb, giving it a positive charge. The positively charged bulb attracts chloride ions and decreases their concentration around the silver wire. The electrode voltage is charged according to the pH.

The pH electrode forms the basis of other electrodes which can be used to measure the concentration of certain gases dissolved in water. In the ammonia electrode, for example, the glass sensing element of a pH electrode is surrounded by an internal filling solution contained by a porous membrane (Figure 3-2a). The membrane repels liquid water but permits the free passage of gases. When this electrode is dipped into water that contains ammonia, the ammonia passes through the electrode membrane and is dissolved in the solution surrounding the glass bulb. The ammonia changes the pH of the solution; this, in turn, changes the voltage of the electrode. In addition to ammonia, electrodes can be used to measure the concentration of other gases dissolved in water, including carbon dioxide, oxides of nitrogen, and oxygen.

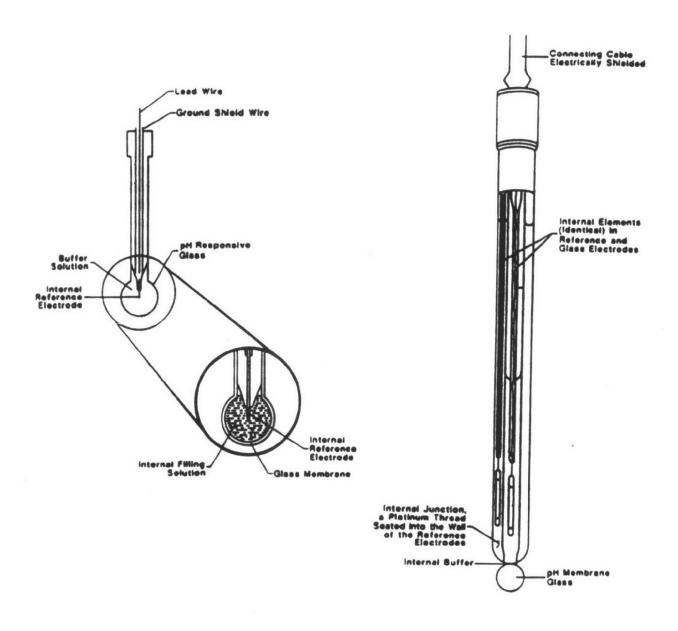


Figure 3-1a. pH electrode which requires an external reference electrode.

Figure 3-1b. "Combination" pH electrode with internal reference electrode.

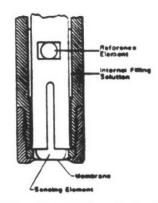


Figure 3-2a. Gas-sensing electrode.

Modified gas-sensing electrodes can be used to measure the concentration of numerous organic compounds dissolved in water. This is accomplished by coating the gas-sensing electrode membrane with an enzyme or catalyst which converts a specific organic compound to the gas that is measured by the electrode (Figure 3-2b). The most common example is the urea electrode in which the enzyme urease is applied to an ammonia electrode membrane. The urease converts urea to ammonia, which is then detected by the ammonia electrode.

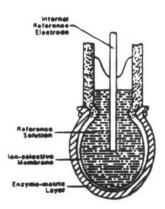


Figure 3-2b. Enzyme electrode.

The fluoride ion electrode is similar in construction to the pH electrode. Instead of a glass membrane, however, the fluoride electrode uses a crystal of the insoluble solid-state ionic conductor lanthanum fluoride, and the internal filling solution contains fluoride as well as chloride ions (Figure 3-2c). When dipped into a solution more concentrated in fluoride than the internal solution, negative fluoride ions enter the crystal, giving it a negative charge. As in the case of the pH electrode, the negatively charged crystal increases the chloride concentration in the vicinity of the silver wire and makes its voltage more negative. When dipped into a more dilute solution, fluoride ions leave the crystal, giving it a positive charge. The chloride concentration in the vicinity of the silver wire is decreased, and the voltage of the wire becomes more positive. Other ion-selective electrodes are based on the silver sulfide electrode instead of the silver chloride electrode.

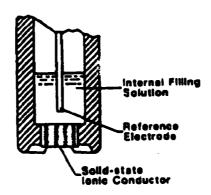


Figure 3-2c. Fluoride electrode.

3.2.4 Water-Level Monitoring

Several different types of devices can be used to monitor water-level measurements. These include float and weight systems, acoustic devices, or pressure transducers that can be connected to a chart recorder, digital encoder and data loggers, or a modem.

Float systems installed in the well require a float that is connected to a weight by a beaded cable or a graduated tape that rests on a pulley. The changing water level in the well causes the float to rise or fall with the water in the well. The change in the position of the float causes the pulley to rotate proportionally, and if the pulley is linked to a clock-controlled chart recorder, a pen records the water level change on a scaled chart. Alternatively, a digital encoder may be linked to the pulley so that the water level change produces a digital signal that is recorded using a data logging device, or the logger may be linked to a modem and the data relayed to a centralized location for analysis and computer storage and use.

Acoustic devices installed in the wellhead produce short pulses of sound waves that reflect off the water surface. The acoustic device receives the reflected sound wave, and the elapsed time between pulse transmission and the reception of the reflected wave is converted to a distance measurement. The water level in the well is periodically monitored by the device, which is linked to a data logger or modem (Figure 3-3).

Transducers, installed in the well beneath the water surface, use pressure/strain relationships to create an electrical signal to measure water level or depth. The electrical signal is transmitted from the transducer and is relayed up a coaxial cable to the wellhead.

3.3 METHODOLOGY

3.3.1 In Situ. Monitoring, Multiparameter Probes

The probe is calibrated at the wellhead using the appropriate standard solutions that include the ranges of values anticipated for the temperatures expected in the well water to be monitored. Next, the probe is lowered into the well using a cable that mounts to a bracket attached to the probe.

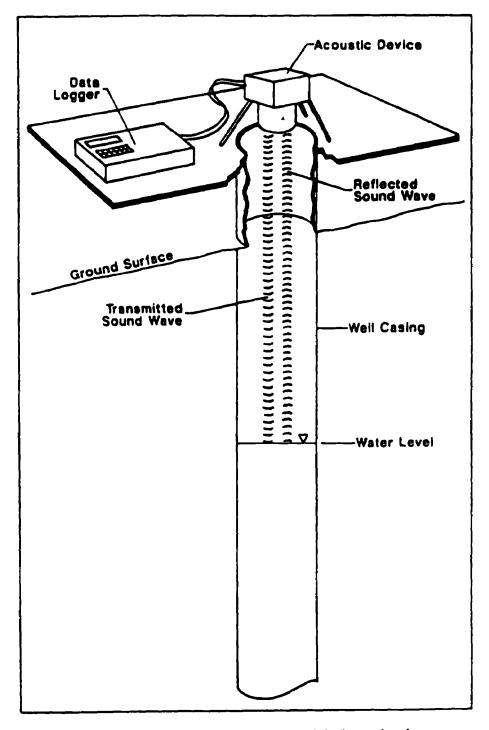


Figure 3-3. Acoustic device installed in a well and linked to a data logger.

Parameter values are manually queried at the wellhead with a rotating switch on the display unit, or the data may be stored on a digital, field data, logging device for manual or unattended data storage. Another device, called a data management unit, is needed to transfer the data from the logging device to any RS-232-C compatible printer, data terminal, or computer. Therefore, unattended monitoring can be performed, and the data can be stored at the monitoring site and retrieved by a site visit, or the data may be transmitted to the centralized data base via modem or telemetry.

3.3.2 <u>In-Line Monitoring Multiparameter Flow-Through Cells</u>

Flow-through cells are calibrated at the wellhead using the appropriate standard solutions tailored to the ambient water conditions. The in-line, multiparameter, flow-through cell is then connected with inert tubing to a device such as a bladder pump. Water is pumped from the well at a flow rate that minimizes agitation of the water. The sensors should be allowed several minutes to adjust to the change in temperature and parameter values (Garner, 1988). Also, the stagnant casing water should be purged from the well in order to allow fresh aquifer water to be drawn into the pumping system and into the cell. Purging should continue until temperature, pH, and electrical conductivity measurements of the purged water have stabilized. These measurements can also be conducted with the use of an appropriate in-line, flow-through cell.

3.3.3 Ion-Specific Electrodes

Electrodes are calibrated by measuring the response voltage to at least two solutions containing different known concentrations of the analyte of interest. This calibration procedure defines the response (voltage) of the electrode within that concentration range of the analyte of interest. To measure the apparent concentration of the analyte of interest in any other solution, the electrode is placed in an apparatus such as a down-hole probe or a flow-through cell and placed in contact with the ground water to be monitored in the appropriate manner, and the electrode voltage is measured using a metering device. The concentration which corresponds to that voltage can then be determined from the calibration data (Kolthof et al., 1971). However, interfering constituents present in some ground water makes proper calibration a difficult task in some situations (Ritchey, 1986).

3.3.4 Water-Level Monitoring

The "Methodology" and the "Theory of Operation" of these water-level monitoring devices are essentially inseperable. Refer to Section 3.2.4 for this information.

3.4 APPLICATION TO WHPA MONITORING

3.4.1 In Situ. Monitoring, Multiparameter Probes

The in situ probe can be installed in two-inch or larger diameter monitoring wells to continuously monitor indicator parameters. If the ground water in the monitoring well is uncontaminated and the water remains uncontaminated for several years, then valuable information can be obtained and used to model the natural, temporal, and spatial variation of the ambient water conditions. Such a record of ambient water quality conditions can be used for recognizing when additional chemical analyses of water samples may be needed. As a result, the early-detection of

contamination may be accomplished, leading to early corrective action, thus protecting valuable water resources, expensive water extraction systems, and the consumer.

3.4.2 In-Line, Monitoring, Multiparameter, Flow-Through Cells

The flow-through cell technology is also used for monitoring ambient water conditions to establish an historical data base to be used for the early-detection of ground-water contamination. The flow-through cell concept can feasibly be implemented through a manual, monthly, monitoring schedule. Additionally, the cells can be used to obtain the basic physical and chemical condition of water collected for routine analysis or to determine when well-development procedures are effective.

3.4.3 Ion-Selective Electrodes

Ion-selective electrodes are available for the measurement of a large number of parameters of interest in WHPPs, including ammonia, bromide, cadmium, calcium, carbon dioxide, chloride, copper, cyanide, fluoride, hardness, lead, nitrate, nitrite, oxygen, pH, sodium, and sulfide (Baxter Healthcare Corp., 1989). Ion selective electrodes could be installed in a flow-through cell or a probe (Figure 3-4).

The silver sulfide-based electrodes (cadmium, copper, cyanide, lead, chloride, and sulfide) are solid, so they may be placed at depths of thousands of feet without being adversely affected by high water pressures. The silver chloride-based electrodes contain liquid reservoirs; they must be manufactured of flexible materials which can be slightly compressed without damage, in order to equalize pressures inside and outside the electrode body. Some electrodes are constructed to withstand high pressures and can be installed at almost any desired depth within a well. Of course, water samples can be pumped from any depth and analyzed at the surface. However, this may compromise the accuracy of the measurements of dissolved gases such as oxygen and carbon dioxide (Lattimer, 1982).

3.4.4 Water-Level Monitoring

Many manufacturers produce equipment for continuous water level monitoring using floats, acoustic devices, or pressure transducers linked to data loggers or telemetry equipment. The information obtained from these systems is valuable for mapping apparent flow direction, seasonal water-level fluctuation, and long-term, water-level changes.

3.5 LIMITATIONS/PERFORMANCE

3.5.1 In Situ. Monitoring, Multiparameter Probes

Multiparameter probes have limited applicability in situations such as long-term monitoring for DO because the membrane on the electrode can become fouled. Additional sensor calibrations must be performed according to manufacturer specifications. Also, without an external power source the probe has limited continuous data recording capability. Table 3-1 shows some of the probe specifications. The most serious limitation for current instrumentation is that many of the sensors have predicted stability for a period of only one month.

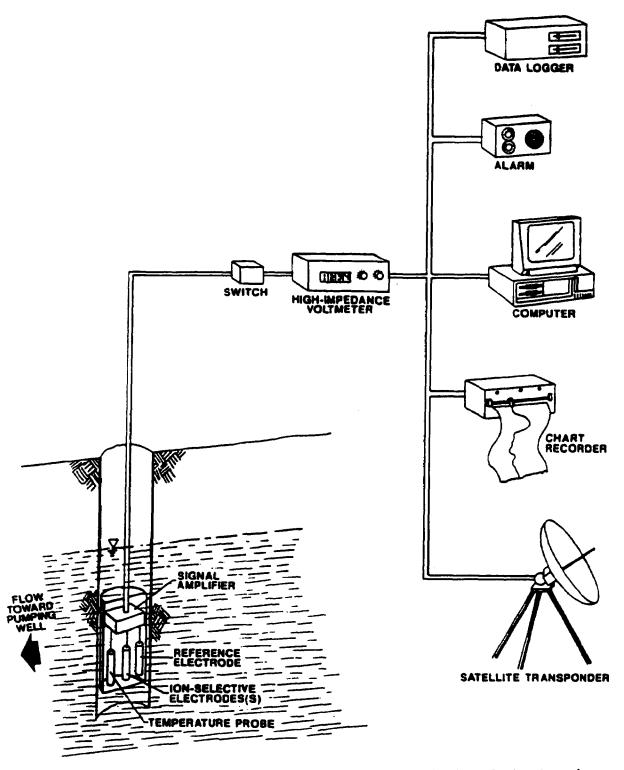


Figure 3-4. Conceptual drawing of a well monitoring system using ion-selective electrodes.

TABLE 3-1 EXAMPLES OF IN STILL PROBE SPECIFICATIONS*

| PARAMETER | RANGE | ACCURACY | SENSOR | COMPENSATIONS | RESOLUTION | CALIBRATION | RESPONSE TIME | STABILITY | OUTPUT OPTIONS |
|-------------------------|-------------------|--------------|--|----------------------------------|------------|--|------------------|-------------|---|
| TEMPERATURE | .5 to 50°C | ±0.15°C | thermistor | aoae req'd | 001°C | none req'd | two minutes | three years | output in deg P. |
| SPECIFIC CONDUCTANCE | 0 to 100 mS/cm | °1% of range | 6-electrode cell | automatic for temp (25°C) | 4 digits | KCI or seawater standards | one minute | six months | output in salinity, conductivity, TDS, or resistivity; output in aScm |
| pH | 0 to 14 units | *0 2 units | glass pH, rebuildable or low ionic strength reference electrode | automatic for temperature | OOL unit | pH 7 buffer, plus one slope buffer | two minutes | one month | aone |
| DISSOLVED OXYGEN | 0 to 20 mg/L. | *0 2 mg/L | rebuildable polarographic; l mil Tellon** or LoFlow ** | automatic for temp & salinsty | 001 mg/L | saturated air, Winkler, or saturated water | two minutes | one month | w/o salinity correction, % Saturation |
| REDOX | -999 to 999 mV | *20 mV | Platinum electrode | none req'd | 1 mV | quinhydrone or transfers | two minutes | one month | BORC |
| DEPTH | 0 to 100 | *0 45 m | strain-gauge transducer | automatic for ap. conductance | 01 m | ect zero in ait | one minute | one month | output in feet |
| LEVEL. | 0 to 10 m | *0 09 m | stain-gauge transducer | automatic for ap | 001 m | ect zero in air | one minute | one month | output in feet |
| SALINITY | 0 to 70 a | *02 ppt | calculated from specific conductance | none red'd | 0 l ppt | uses calibration from specific conductance | two minutes | one month | aone |

*(From Hydrolab Corporation) specifications for probe capable of monitoring four-inch or larger diameter wells. Can also be used for flow-through capability with addition of attachable flow-cup.

TABLE 3-1 Continued®

| PARAMETER | RANGE | ACCURACY | SENSOR TYPE | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Temperature | 0-50°C | ±01.C | Thermolinear array | | | | | | | |
| Conductivity | 0-10 mmbo/cm 0-100 mmbo/cm | ±0.01 | 5 electrode stainless steel | | | | | | | |
| Temperature Corrected Conductivity | Variable | ±2% of range selected | | | | | | | | |
| Salinity | 0-50 ppt | ±0.5 ppt | | | | | | | | |
| рН | 0-14 | ±01 pH | Combination pH electrode with internal alber-alber chloride reference electrode | | | | | | | |
| Dissolved Oxygen | 6-20 ppm | ±0.1 at temperature of calibration | Galvanic electrode with automatic temperature compensation and in-citu stirrer | | | | | | | |
| ORP | ±2000 meters | ±0.05 of actual voltage | Combination platinum electrode with eliver- aliver chloride reference electrode | | | | | | | |
| Depth | 0-300 meters | ±1% of range | Silloon strain gauge-temperature compensated | | | | | | | |

(from Martek Instruments, Inc.) probe capable of monitoring two-inch or larger diameter wells.

3.5.2 In-Line. Monitoring. Multiparameter. Flow-Through Cells

Pumping individual monitoring wells and using in-line cells for monitoring wells on a regular schedule requires manual labor hours that may impose logistical and cost restrictions on the monitoring program. As with multiparameter probes, sensors on the flow-through cells must be manually calibrated according to manufacturer directions. Table 3-2 shows some general specifications of a commercially available unit.

| | | | | | CELLGEORICA | 31.0 |
|--------------|------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
| | RANGE | ACCURACY | SENSOR TYPE | COMPENSATIONS | CALIBRATIONS | RESPONSE TIME |
| Temperature | -5 to 50 °C | ± 04 °C | thermistor | some required | bons required | 95% to 10 seconds |
| Conductivity | 0 to 100 MS/CM | ± 3% to ± 6% Depending on range | 2 electrode | automatic for temperature (25 °C) | conductivity calibrator solution | 95% in 10 seconds |
| РН | 0 to 14 units | Depends on calibration | glass electrode | automatic for temperature | pH buffer | 95% in 10 seconds |
| ORP | -1500 to 1500 mv | ± 2% of reading plus 1 count | piattaum electrode | parabat seco | Zobeli solution | 95% in 10 seconds |

TABLE 3-2 EXAMPLE OF COMMERCIALLY AVAILABLE FLOW-THROUGH CELL SPECIFICATIONS*

* (From YSI Incorporated)

3.5.3 Ion-Specific Electrodes

Ion-specific electrodes must be used with an internal or an external reference electrode. Fortunately, a single reference electrode can be used with any number of ion-selective electrodes as long as they are immersed in the same solution.

Ion-selective electrodes have a very high internal resistance, thus the voltage of an ion-selective electrode must be measured with a very sensitive (high input impedance) voltmeter. Such voltmeters, which may be used with any number of electrodes, are readily available from electrode manufacturers. Some voltmeters display concentrations of detected substances directly, thus eliminating the need for manual calculations using an electrode calibration chart. Ion-specific electrodes produce a voltage response. As a result, they can be connected to chart recorders or data storage devices such as computers to provide continuous monitoring of the analyte concentrations in the water being analyzed. Electrodes respond relatively quickly (generally within two minutes) to sudden changes in the concentration. If desired, an electrode can be connected to an alarm system set to a pre-selected contaminant level. Practical limits of detection for several electrodes are listed in Table 3-3.

The response of an electrode is affected by temperature changes. Thus, electrodes must be calibrated in solutions having the same temperature as the water to be analyzed. Furthermore, the water to be analyzed must remain at a relatively constant temperature. However, the effect of temperature changes on electrode responses is well-known. Thus, a temperature measuring device should be used to provide a correction to the electrode response.

There are, of course, some important limitations on the use of ion-specific electrodes. Perhaps the most important is the non-selective nature of such electrodes. That is, some electrodes may respond to more than one substance. For example, a chloride-sensing electrode will also respond to

TABLE 3-3. PRACTICAL LIMITS OF DETECTION FOR SEVERAL ION-SELECTIVE AND GAS-SENSING ELECTRODES.

| Electrode | Detection Limit (ppm) |
|--------------------|-----------------------|
| Ammonia | 0.01 |
| Bromide | 0.4 |
| Cadmium | 0.01 |
| Calcium | 0.02 |
| Carbon Dioxide | 5 |
| Chloride | 2 |
| Chlorine | 0.01 |
| Copper | 0.001 |
| Cyanide | 0.2 |
| Chloride | 0.02 |
| Hardness | 20 gpg |
| Lead | 0.2 |
| Nitrate nitrogen | 0.1 |
| Oxides of nitrogen | 0.2 |
| Oxygen | 0.5 |
| pН | 2-12 pH units |
| Potassium | 0.04 |
| Silver | 0.01 |
| Sodium | 0.3 |
| Sulfide | 0.005 |

cyanide and sulfide (Orion Research Inc., 1986a). The cyanide and sulfide electrodes will not respond if the water is too acidic (Orion Research Inc., 1986b, 1988). A chemical analysis of the well water will provide information regarding the suitability of using particular electrodes to analyze the water. In some monitoring situations, their use may be inadvisable (Ritchey, 1986).

To obtain maximum accuracy, electrodes must be recalibrated on a regular basis. This procedure requires that the electrodes be withdrawn from a well to the surface, calibrated, and reinserted into the well. The frequency of recalibration (weekly, monthly, semi-annually, etc.) depends on the quality of the water in the well being monitored and the tendency for the electrode to drift off calibration. Electrodes used to monitor relatively clean water will require infrequent recalibration,

while electrodes used to monitor water containing abundant biological activity or suspended oils may need frequent cleaning and recalibration. Probably the best method for determining the optimum recalibration frequency for electrodes used to monitor a particular well is to maintain and regularly review recalibration data.

If electrodes are used in deep wells, their signals must be amplified to overcome the resistance of the long electrical cables required. Electrode systems have been designed to utilize small radio transmitters to broadcast the electrode signal (Lattimer, 1982).

Personnel assigned to install a well-monitoring system utilizing electrodes must be thoroughly familiar with the uses and limitations of electrodes. The team should include an experienced chemist and personnel trained in electronics in order to interface the electrodes with the desired electronic equipment. Although off-the-shelf, computer interfacing hardware and software are available, some computer programming experience may be useful.

3.5.4 Water-Level Monitoring

Float systems and submersible strain-gauge type pressure transducers are relatively simple to install in monitoring wells, and they can be linked to data logging or telemetry equipment. Studies performed to test the accuracy of water level monitoring devices have shown that over approximately a one-year period the average absolute error for selected float systems and pressure transducers is 0.027 feet and 0.098 feet, respectively (Rosenberry, 1990). The accuracy of acoustic devices is reported to be approximately ± 1 foot (Ritchey, 1986).

Measurement inaccuracies are caused by a number of factors, including systematic errors (e.g. site-specific problems, instrument breakdown, surveying errors) or random errors such as weather conditions or instrument calibration (Sweet et al., 1990).

3.6 SUMMARY

Multiparameter probes are available from several commercial manufacturers for *in situ* monitoring in two-inch or larger diameter wells, depending on the model. These probes can be used at multiple sites or used in a single well to continuously monitor changes in general chemical and physical parameters. Linking the continuous monitoring probe to a modem or telemetry system allows rapid data transmission and the application of computer software that will signal an alarm if parameter values reach predetermined levels. Field sampling and analysis procedures may be warranted if the monitored values reach action levels. Monthly sensor calibration is necessary.

In-line, flow-through cells can be constructed in-house or purchased commercially. Flow cells are used at the wellhead to periodically monitor ambient ground-water conditions. Sensor calibration is necessary.

Ion-selective electrodes are currently available for measuring a wide variety of organic and inorganic water contaminants. These electrodes are small, rugged, non-contaminating, inexpensive compared to other analytical methods, and relatively simple to use. They can be used for analyses in wells at great depths, or they can be used to measure contaminants in-line with water samples which

have been pumped to the surface. Applications are limited by various interferences, depending on the water chemistry. A chemical analysis of the well water will indicate which electrodes would be useable in any particular situation.

Several different types of continuous water level monitoring devices are commercially available for monitoring temporal and spatial water level changes and apparent ground-water flow directions. Float recorders have been routinely used in monitoring programs for many years while acoustic devices and pressure transducers are relatively new on the market. The three types can be linked to data loggers or used with moderns for data transmission.

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SECTION 4

PORTABLE MONITORING METHODS

Portable monitoring methods involve light-weight equipment that can be readily carried into the field by the user. Portable methods are applicable for WHPA monitoring by indirect sensing, or anlaysis of the vadose zone, or by direct anlaysis of ground-water samples. The methods described in this section include geophysics, immunoassays, soil-gas sampling and analysis, test kits, X-ray fluorescence spectroscopy, and gas analysis equipment.

4.1 GEOPHYSICS

4.1.1 Introduction

Physical property changes related to some kinds of contaminants can be remotely sensed using geophysical monitoring systems. Because geophysical measurements detect the effect rather than the contaminant, the physical characteristics in a WHPA must be characterized before the monitoring system is installed to establish a basis for identifying changes occurring in an aquifer. A properly designed geophysical monitoring system provides the ability to detect contaminants before they reach a production well. It also provides a mechanism to monitor the movement of contaminants so that pumping rates within the wellhead protection area can be adjusted, and contaminants can be removed through recovery wells with minimal effects on adjacent areas.

Surface and borehole geophysical measurements are useful components of any WHPA monitoring strategy. Each has advantages and limitations; however, the use of both methods may provide the investigator with more comprehensive information than possible with either method alone.

Surface geophysical techniques may be noninvasive and can often provide data along lines over large areas. Different methods can be used to remotely sense subsurface physical property contrasts such as electrical properties, density, and magnetic susceptibility. Data interpretations are used to relate physical properties to geologic or hydrologic objectives, including estimates of depth to water level, stratigraphic thickness, location and movement of contaminated substances, and location of buried objects that influence the movement of contaminants. The primary WHPA targets of interest are the location and movement of contaminants.

Borehole geophysical techniques (or geophysical well-logging) are invasive; however, these can provide the investigator with information that may not be obtainable with surface methods. For example, the borehole tool can be lowered to known depths in a well, making it a good "ground truth" tool. The tool is in close proximity to subsurface formations of interest; therefore, it can produce

better resolution than surface-based measurements. Borehole techniques can be used to obtain information about lithology and to identify physical properties of the rock matrix. They can also provide information about the thickness, porosity, bulk density, resistivity, and percent saturation of aquifers and confining beds. (Keys, 1927).

4.1.2 Theory of Operation

A. Surface Techniques

Direct Current Resistivity--Direct current (DC) resistivity methods measure subsurface distribution of electrical properties. Electrical current passes into the ground via two electrodes connected to an electrical current source. Resistivity is related to ohmic losses that occur when an electric current flows through the earth. Depth of current penetration is related to the separation between current electrodes and potential electrodes (Figure 4-1).

Resistivity is an intrinsic property that remains constant for a homogeneous isotropic material, regardless of the amount of material measured or the electrode configuration (Bisdorf, 1985). The subsurface generally will not consist of homogeneous isotropic material. Apparent resistivity or average resistivity of all material through which current flows will be a function of the true resistivities, depths, and thicknesses of the different subsurface materials down to the limit of current penetration.

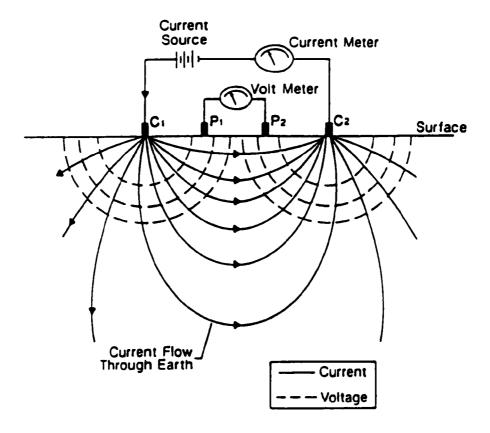


Figure 4-1. Diagram showing basic concept of resistivity measurement.

Electromagnetic Methods—Electromagnetic (EM) techniques, like DC resistivity methods, are sensitive to changes in subsurface electrical properties. EM techniques make use of an inductively induced electromagnetic field to measure conductivity changes (Figure 4-2). Conductivities are measured by inductivity inducing secondary eddy currents in the earth and measuring the associated magnetic field at some location. The apparent conductivity is not a true conductivity except when measurements are taken over a homogeneous, isotropic medium. Otherwise it is a composite value which averages effects from different materials with varying thicknesses, depths, and conductivities found within its range of detection. Depth of penetration is related to these parameters, but also depends on signal frequency and the distance between source and receiver.

Ground Penetrating Radar-Ground penetrating radar (GPR) uses high frequency electromagnetic energy transmitted into the ground by antenna to map conductivity contrasts in the subsurface. GPR differs from the other electromagnetic methods discussed because of the high frequency of the signal. At radar frequencies, electromagnetic induction is not the dominant propagation mechanism. Instead, the energy travels through the subsurface like a wave. This wave is reflected, refracted, diffracted, or transmitted at the water table and other subsurface interfaces where there are changes of complex permittivity. Reflected energy is detected with a receiver antenna and is used to create a continuous cross-sectional profile of the subsurface. A representation of transmitted and reflected energy is shown in Figure 4-3.

Depth of investigation is dependent on the depth that the wave and its reflections can travel before they are attenuated by various loss mechanisms. These loss mechanisms are controlled by the electrical conductivity of the formation, clay content, water content, and particle size. Also, for given subsurface conditions, depth of penetration generally decreases as frequency increases.

B. Borehole Geophysics

Borehole geophysical methods comprise three general categories: mechanical, passive, and active-source devices. Mechanical-source borehole tools use moving parts to obtain information about the borehole environment. Passive-source borehole methods involve those tools that are sensitive to a particular property, but have no active source. Active-source borehole tools contain both source and receiver. Table 4-1 summarizes the suite of borehole tools and their capabilities.

4.1.3 Methodology

A. Surface Techniques

Direct Current Resistivity--Several different electrode configurations, called arrays, are commonly used for resistivity surveys. Three of the most widely used are the Schlumberger, Wenner, and dipole-dipole arrays (Violette, 1987; Zohdy, 1974).

Resistivity surveys can be used to conduct vertical depth soundings or horizontal profiling. The objective of the former is to locate changes in electrical properties with depth. It is accomplished by expanding the array symmetrically about a central point. The objective of horizontal profiling is to locate lateral variat. Is in resistivity at a particular depth. In horizontal profiling, a fixed-spaced array is moved across the surface of the earth. Array configuration in both horizontal and vertical

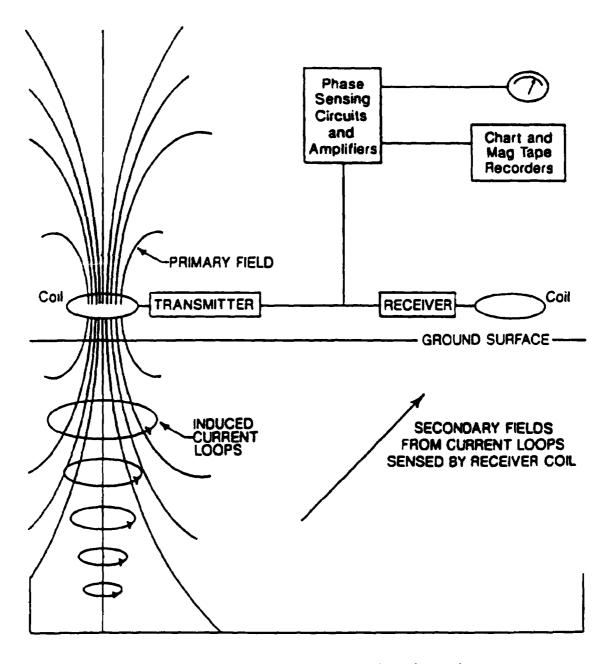


Figure 4-2. Illustration showing EM principle of operations.

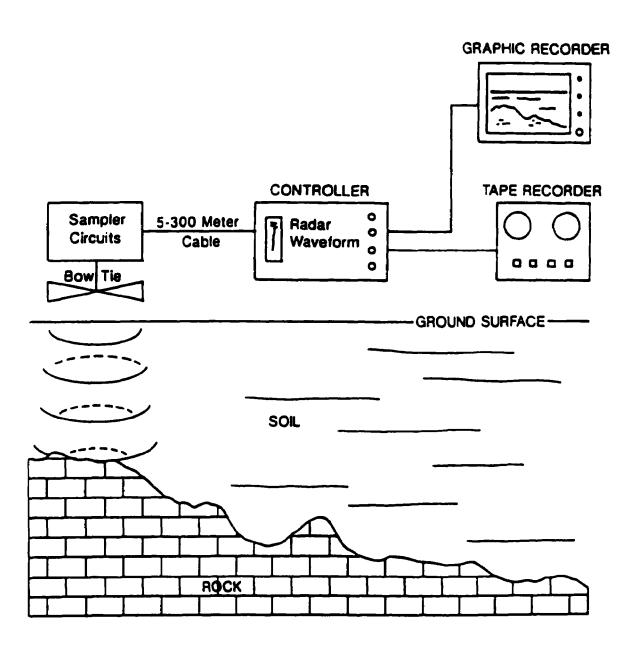


Figure 4-3. Illustration of ground penetrating radar system. Radar waves are relected from soil/rock interface.

TABLE 4-1. SUMMARY OF LOG APPLICATIONS

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| Required information on the properties of rocks, fluid, wells, or the groundwater system. | Widely available logging techniques which might be utilized. |
| Lithology and stratigraphic correlation of aquifers and associated rocks | Electric, sonic, or caliper logs made in open holes, calibrated neutron or gamma-gamma logs in open or cased holes |
| Total porosity or bulk density not resisting | Calibrated long-normal resistivity logs |
| Clay or shale content | Gamma logs |
| Permeability | No direct measurement by logging; may be related to porosity, injectivity, sonic amplitude |
| Secondary permeabilityfractures, solution openings | Caliper sonic, borehole televiewer, or television logs |
| Location of water level or saturated zones | Electric, temperature, or fluid conductivity in open hole or inside casing. Neutron or gamma-gamma logs in open hole or outside casing. |
| Moisture content | Calibrated neutron logs. |
| Infiltration | Time-interval neutron logs under special circumstances or radioactive tracers. |
| Direction, velocity, and path of groundwater flow | Single-well tracer techniquespoint dilution and single-well pulse. Multiwell tracer techniques. |
| Dispersion, dilution, and movement of waste | Fluid conductivity and temperature logs. Gamma logs for some radioactive wastes, fluid sampler. |
| Source and movement of water in a well | Injectivity profile; flowmeter or tracer logging during pumping or injection; temperature logs |
| Chemical and physical characteristics of water, including salinity, temperature, density, and viscosity | Calibrated fluid conductivity and temperature in the well; neutron chloride logging outside casing; multielectrode resistivity |
| Determining construction of existing wells, diameter and position of casing, perforations, screens | Gamma-gamma, caliper, collar, perforation locator, and borehole television |

(continued)

TABLE 4-1. Continued

| Guide to screen setting | All logs providing data on the lithology, water- bearing characteristics, and correlation and thickness of aquifers |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| Cementing | Caliper, temperature, gamma-gamma; acoustic for cement bond |
| Casing corrosion | Under some conditions caliper, or collar locator |
| Casing leaks and (or) plugged screen | Tracer and flowmeter |

investigations is determined by depth of interest. The dipole-dipole array allows a combination of sounding and profiling.

The process of converting measured values (in this case apparent resistivities and electrode spacings) to a subsurface model is called inversion. Inversion is accomplished using specialized algorithms that have in some cases been made user friendly and adapted for use on personal computers (PCs).

Electromagnetic Methods—Though there are several west of EM induction methods, this discussion focuses on frequency-domain and transient (time-domain) EM. The source of the time-varying EM field is an alternating or AC current (as opposed to the direct current of DC resistivity techniques) flowing through the transmitter loop. A receiver loop is used to detect secondary field effects. The loop may be moved across the surface, or one loop may be held fixed while the second is moved. EM measurements can be used either for vertical soundings or as a tool for horizontal profiling at a particular depth. This is a fairly tedious process, and the resulting data reduction and interpretation must be done by a skilled geophysicists. Even then, resolution is often not great enough to delineate targets with required resolution.

Ground Penetrating Radar—The transmitting antenna is moved across the surface of the earth. The moving antenna continuously transmits pulses of high frequency energy into the subsurface. Reflected energy is captured by a receiving antenna. The receiving antenna may be the same antenna that is used as a transmitting antenna; an alternative is to have a separate receiver antenna at a fixed distance from the transmitting antenna. It is advantageous to operate in the bistatic mode to minimize noise.

The GPR systems allow for continuous data acquisition. It is important, however, to have a system for locating the survey area on a map for later analysis purposes. GPR systems use a broadband antenna with a particular center frequency. The higher frequency antennas have greater resolution but are limited to detection of shallow targets. Resolution is reduced when lower frequency antennas are used; however, detection depth is often increased. The larger antennas can weigh more than 70 kilograms, which makes them unwieldy.

Graphic recorders and video displays make it possible to monitor data as it is collected. The data can be displayed in various formats to show the position and amplitude of reflecting interfaces. Usually data are presented with survey distance and two-way travel time as the two axes, similar to the presentation of seismic data. In many cases, this is all the data processing that is necessary for interpretation. It is also possible to use a magnetic tape recorder. This allows the data to be saved and displayed on the graphic recorder at a later time. It also allows them to be used as input for computer processing, which may be desirable for more complex interpretations. This will increase the cost of the survey. Both digital and analog tape recording systems are available.

B. Borehole Geophysics

Mechanical Devices—A good example of a mechanical logging device is the caliper log, which measures the average diameter of the borehole by using two or more caliper arms (Walenco, Inc). This tool is used to obtain information for hole-diameter corrections for other log interpretations and for information on possible fracture zones, casing conditions, and volume for cementing. Another mechanical log is the flowmeter, used for flow zone identification and flow rate measurements. Mechanical flowmeters often are not capable of measuring flow rates if the well is not being pumped. A fairly recent development is the low velocity, heat-pulsed flowmeter (Hess, 1982; Paillet et al., 1987). This device uses a resistance-wire heating grid (activated by a pulsed electrical current) and temperature-sensitive resistors to measure flow rates of as low as 2 liters per minute.

Passive Devices—This section discusses three standard passive borehole devices: the natural gamma log, the spontaneous potential (SP) log, and the temperature log. The natural gamma log measures the naturally occurring gamma emissions from the formation surrounding the borehole (Walenco, Inc). Gamma emissions are often related to clay minerals present in the formation; therefore, the natural gamma log is useful for determining the location of clay layers and other materials like coal. The SP log measures DC voltage (or potential) differences between a moveable electrode down the hole and a fixed electrode at the surface. Potential differences develop at the contact between shale or clay beds and sandy aquifers; they are dependent on conductivity differences between formation fluid and the fluid in the borehole. It is usually necessary to have a conductive fluid, such as drilling mud, in the borehole. The log is used to determine lithology, shale/clay content, and water quality. Response is more complex when used in a hole without a conductive drilling fluid. The log should generally be interpreted by someone with log analysis expertise.

Active Source Devices—Resistivity logs, sonic (or acoustic) logs, including the acoustic televiewer, and the remaining nuclear logs are examples of active methods. The resistivity log operates on the same principle as its surface counterpart. It is useful for determination of lithology and pore fluid quality. The acoustic logs measure the time it takes for a pulsed, compressional sound wave to travel a known distance from source to receiver. These devices are useful for determination of porosity and for fracture detection. The active nuclear devices, both the gamma-gamma and the neutron logs, are used for porosity, bulk density, and moisture content information.

4.1.4 Application to WHPA Monitoring

A. Surface Techniques

Direct Current Resistivity—The electrical resistivity of ground water is usually the controlling factor in formation resistivity. Changes in the electrical resistivity of ground water can sometimes be linked to changes in ground-water quality. The presence of some (mostly inorganic) contaminants can alter the resistivity of ground water enough to be detected with DC resistivity techniques. If an initial resistivity survey were conducted during the wellhead protection area delineation phase, then conducting subsequent surveys will serve to detect any changes in formation resistivity with time. Resistivity might be used to trigger ground-water sampling for electrically conductive contaminants in the area. Examples which demonstrate the use of the resistivity method for detection of ground-water contamination include Fink and Aulenbach (1974), Roux (1975), Sweeney (1984), and Urish (1983).

Electromagnetic Methods—Commercially available EM tools are portable and easy to operate by one or two technicians, under the supervision of a geophysicists. In addition, some instruments allow measurements at several depths. These are suitable for environmental applications. This, along with their ability to detect lateral changes in electrical conductivity, makes EM tools a logical choice for a surface monitoring tool. These tools can cover large areas fairly rapidly. If a careful survey grid is made in the wellhead protection area, periodic EM measurements can be repeated in the same location and then compared. Any anomalous readings can be followed up with other monitoring techniques for confirmation.

Ground Penetrating Radar--Applications of GPR to monitoring wellhead protection areas is dependent on the method's ability to detect organic contaminants floating on the water table. It has been suggested by Olhoeft (1986) and others that some types of hydrocarbons, if present in the subsurface in sufficient quantity, will prevent the radar energy from further penetration. These areas would appear on the radar record as being nearly blank, since little or no energy would penetrate. The presence of hydrocarbons in the saturated zone would also attenuate the signal, but not to such a large degree. Therefore, it may be possible to locate areas where hydrocarbons are present above the water table.

B. Borehole Geophysics

Recently-developed tools have been developed with the hydrological or environmental application in mind. A slimhole EM induction tool has been developed (Taylor, 1990; Bochicchio, 1990). The induction log can be used for many of the same applications as the single-point resistance and multi-electrode resistivity logs. With the induction tool, however, it is possible to log in dry holes, fluid-filled holes, and nonsteel-cased holes. The small diameter of the sonde makes measurements in two-inch monitoring wells possible.

Another significant advance for wellhead monitoring strategy is a new logging application used for the fluid conductivity logging tool (Pedler et al., 1990; Tsang et al., 1990). This device is used to measure the electrical conductivity of the borehole fluid. With the new application, the borehole fluid is replaced with a deionized fluid before logging takes place. Then slug testing or continuous pumping is used to draw the native formation fluid back in the borehole. Variation in fluid electrical conductivity with depth is used to determine the presence of fracture zones or even of individual

fractures which have much greater hydraulic conductivity than the surrounding formation. In addition, this technique can provide information about fluid electrical conductivity, temperature, and pH (Pedler et al., 1990).

A third interesting development is the increasing use of the cone penetrometer for ground-water sampling and monitoring applications. Cone penetrometers have traditionally been used for determining engineering soil properties such as plasticity values, stress data, and load-bearing capabilities. More recently, new adaptations are allowing it to be used as a sampling device (Bergren et al., 1990) and a geophysical tool (Erchul, 1990). The cone penetrometer is of interest because data can be acquired relatively inexpensively without having to drill boreholes.

4.1.5 Limitations/Performance

A. Surface Techniques

Direct Current Resistivity-The limitations of the resistivity method are listed below:

- The presence of nearby power lines, metal fences, railroad tracks, and buried utilities can alter the surface current distribution and cause erroneous interpretations.
- Resistivity is a site-specific property, values which can indicate contaminated ground water at one location may not do so in another nearby location.
- The technique requires a relatively large, costly field effort. It also requires experienced workers (as working with current and voltage can be dangerous if done improperly).
- An understanding of physics is necessary.
- Hydrocarbons and organic contaminants usually do not change the electrical resistivity enough to be detectable.

Electromagnetic Methods--Many of the limitations of the DC resistivity technique also apply to the EM techniques, as shown below:

- The presence of nearby power lines, metal fences, railroad tracks, and buried utilities can alter the eddy current distribution and cause erroneous interpretations.
- Conductivity is a site-specific property; values which can indicate contaminated ground water at one location may not do so in another, nearby location.
- Geophysical expertise is necessary for proper data reduction and interpretation.
- Hydrocarbons and organic contaminants usually do not change the electrical conductivity enough to be detectable.
- The method may not work if the near-surface is conductive.

The limitations of time-domain EM are, for the most part, similar to those of frequency-domain EM, with the exception of poor vertical resolution. An added limitation of time-domain EM is that the complexity of the set-up procedures and the necessity of computer-aided reduction and interpretation means that time-domain EM cannot be used as a quick reconnaissance tool like the frequency-domain instrumentation. This may be a disadvantage for wellhead protection, an effort that requires frequent monitoring.

Ground Penetrating Radar-Limitations of GPR are listed below:

- Depth of penetration in rock/soil is usually limited to under 10 meters.
- Radar signals are attenuated by the presence of moisture and conductive subsurface material.
- Radar signals are severely attenuated by the presence of some clays.
- Cobble-sized and boulder-sized particles cause scattering of radar signals.
- The presence of nearby overhead power lines and metallic features on the surface can interfere with measurements.

B. Borehole Geophysics

When deciding on which well logging methods are correct for an application, it is important to consider the condition of the borehole or well. Some logs (such as resistivity and acoustic logs) can only be run in fluid-filled holes. Resistivity, SP, and acoustic logs must also be run in non-cased ("open") holes, unless information about the casing is desired. The induction logger, magnetic susceptibility tools, and the borehole deviation log cannot be run in a steel-cased hole. Induction logs are used in air-filled holes. Additionally, logging tools with active nuclear sources (gamma-gamma density log, neutron-thermal neutron log) are subject to various regulations and licensing procedures that vary from state to state. Table 4-2 is a summary of the conditions affecting the different well logging devices (Colog, Inc.).

4.1.6 Summary

Surface and borehole geophysical techniques are remote sensing methods that can be applied to WHPA monitoring. The surface applications include direct current resistivity and electromagnetic methods that can be used to detect and monitor the movement of electrically conductive or resistive contaminants. In addition, ground-penetrating radar can be used to detect organic contaminants floating on the ground-water table. Many types of borehole geophysical instruments (i.e. caliper, flowmeter, natural gamma, spontaneous potential, temperature, resistivity, sonic, acoustic televiewer, gamma-gamma and neutron logs) can be lowered down the well bore to provide depth-specific hydrogeologic information such as lithologic characteristics and water quality

TABLE 4-2. SUMMARY OF CONDITIONS AFFECTING WELL LOGGING DEVICES

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4.2 IMMUNOASSAYS

4.2.1 Introduction

Immunoassays are analytical techniques based on protein molecules called antibodies. The binding of a specific antibody to its target analyte can be used to quantitate the extent of contamination in an environmental sample. Specific antibodies can be developed to detect a single analyte or a small group of related compounds.

Antibodies are proteins that are produced in animals in response to the introduction of a foreign substance, known as an antigen. When challenged with an antigen, an animals's immune system responds by synthesizing antibodies in blood cells known as B-Lymphocytes. Injections of an antigen into an animal induce the formation of a broad spectrum of antibody molecules, subsets of which react with different regions of the antigen molecule. Each antibody subset has the ability to recognize and bind to a specific portion, or site, of the antigen. (White and Van Emon, 1989).

Immunoassays offer advantages over other ground-water monitoring applications. These advantages include speed, sensitivity, specificity, and cost effectiveness. Immunoassays, designed as rapid, field-portable, semiquantitative methods or as standard quantitative laboratory procedures, can be used for the analysis of a wide variety of compounds. They are well suited for the analysis of large numbers of samples and often obviate lengthy sample preparation. Immunoassays can be used as screening methods to identify which samples need to be further analyzed by classical analytical chemistry methods. The technology is especially applicable in situations where the analysis of an analyte by conventional methods is not possible or cost effective (White and Van Emon, 1989).

4.2.2 Theory of Operation

There are two basic categories of immunoassays, isotopic, and nonsotopic. Each category is based on the type of label used for detecting the antigen-antibody complex. Isotopic methods, such as radioimmunoassays (RIAs), use radioactive isotopes as labels. Nonisotopic methods include those that have enzymatic, fluorescent, or chemiluminescent labels (White and Van Emon, 1989). Enzyme immunoassays are the most commonly used immunoassays for analysis of toxic environmental compounds.

Radioimmunoassays--

RIA tests provide sensitive, quantitative, analytical techniques that are well-suited to analyzing trace levels of toxic compounds. To conduct an RIA test, a radioactively labeled antigen is used as the label for detection. This radioactively labeled analyte competes with the analyte in the sample for binding sites on the specific antibody. At higher concentrations of analyte in the sample, an increasing amount of labeled antigen is displaced from the antibody. The antibody-bound antigen is displaced from the free analyte and the radioactivity of each fraction is measured (Kimball, 1986).

Enzyme Immunoassays--

Enzyme immunoassays use an enzyme label acting on a colorimetric or fluorescent substrate. The enzyme label provides sensitivity through amplification. Depending on the assay format chosen,

either the specific antibody, the analyte, or a nonspecific secondary antibody can be labeled with the enzyme (Engvall and Perlmann, 1971a,b; Van Weeman and Schuurs, 1971). The process involved in a typical enzyme immunoassay is shown in Figure 4-4.

For typical enzyme immunoassay formats, the rate of color formation by enzymatic action on the substrate is inversely proportional to the analyte concentration in the sample. Higher analyte concentration in the sample inhibits the formation of colored, enzyme product (White and Van Emon, 1989).

Fluorescent and Chemiluminescent Immunoassays--

Immunoassays that employ fluorescent or chemiluminescent labels offer the highest sensitivity. Fluorescent enzymatic substrates have been used to enhance the sensitivity of a variety of enzymes commonly used for enzyme immunoassays. The major difficulty with this type of label is that it is subject to interference and quenching from substance contained in the sample matrix. A variety of approaches to limiting interference have been successfully demonstrated (Soini and Hemmilla, 1979; Elkins, 1985).

4.2.3. Methodology

Some environmental immunoassays are rapid, field-portable tests, which can be run in 5 to 30 minutes and are usually qualitative or semiquantitative. With some assays, 5 to 10 tests can be run simultaneously, an advantage that allows an analyst to run as many as 20 to 30 assays per hour. These tests come in a variety of formats with antibody (or antigen) coated tubes, membranes, microparticles, or other solid phases. In some cases, tests are read visually. Others require a portable colonmeter or spectrophotometer. Rapid field screening tests, however, are not as accurate or precise as the laboratory-based tests. A typical field analysis kit is depicted in Figure 4-5.

Other environmental immunoassays are laboratory tests. These include laboratory enzyme-linked immunosorbent immunoassay (ELISA) and RIA tests. For ELISA tests, a plate reader containing a variable wavelength spectrophotometer (Figure 4-6) is required. A counter is necessary to run RIA tests. These laboratory tests are quantitative and usually have much better accuracy and precision than the field-portable tests. Between-laboratory coefficients of variation (CVs) are usually in the 10 to 15 percent range, and in some studies (Harrison et al., 1989) reasonably good correlation (r=0.9 or above) has been found in comparing laboratory plate ELISA tests with a conventional analytical method. Quantitative ELISA and RIA tests usually cost from \$10 to \$15 per test (as of writing, 1991). Laboratory-based ELISA and RIA tests usually take several hours (to overnight) to run, but sample throughput is high because 10 to 15 samples can be run on each plate. One analyst could run 30 to 40 samples a day (in triplicate). In addition, the instrumentation necessary to fully automate the assays with robotic systems is available commercially. With these systems, even higher sample throughput is possible.

4.2.4 Application to WHPA Monitoring

The key to successfully applying immunoassay technology for WHPA monitoring lies in understanding the advantages and limitations of the methods (Section 4.2.5) and in applying them in appropriate situations (see Table 4-3).

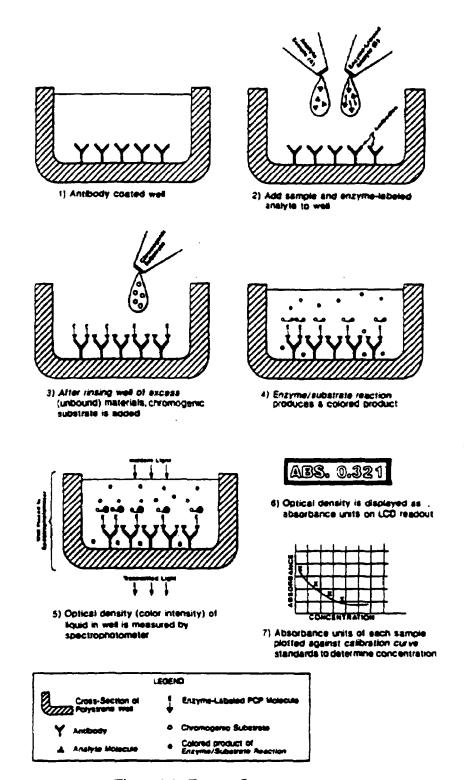


Figure 4-4. Enzyme Immunoassay.

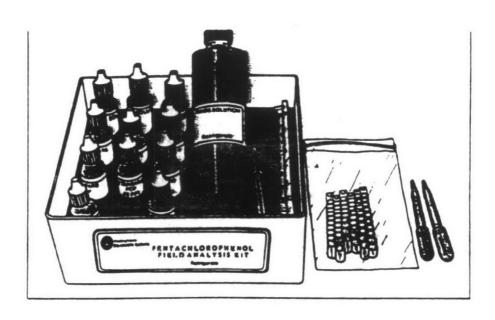


Figure 4-5. A typical field anlaysis kit.

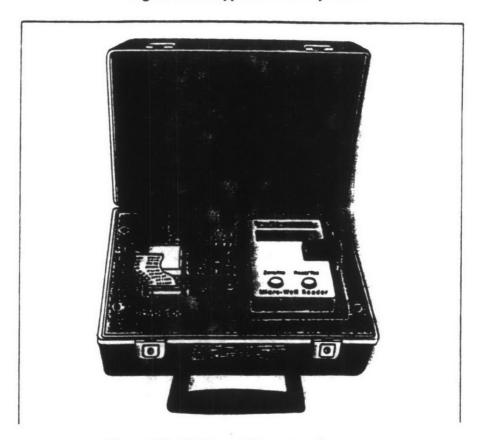


Figure 4-6. Field portable spectrophotometer.

Immunoassay methods are most applicable to the analysis of organic compounds that are difficult or costly to analyze by other methods. They are also very useful in situations where characterization of a contaminated site involves screening large numbers of samples rapidly and inexpensively.

Immunoassays are not useful for analyzing samples containing unknown contaminants or complex mixtures. If extremely accurate and precise measurements are required (such as those involving litigation or enforcement), quantitative laboratory immunoassays would be useful only if used to complement conventional chemical analytical methods.

Full acceptance and implementation of immunoassay technology for environmental monitoring relies on extensive validation and performance evaluation. Validation of the immunoassays involves analyzing spiked and real samples, doing comparison studies with conventional methods, and conducting thorough performance evaluations. Immunoassay accuracy, precision, specificity, sensitivity, and other performance characteristics must also be investigated. Other issues to address include interferences and matrix effects, cross-reactivity, ease-of-use, and ruggedness (White and Van Emon, 1989). Guidelines for evaluation studies have been developed (Van Emon, 1989).

Table 4-4 presents a list of commercially available immunoassays developed for environmental contaminant measurements. Table 4-5 lists immunoassays that have been developed but are not yet commercially available. Cross-reactants refer to compounds that are closely related to the target analyte with which the test's antibody interacts. The manufacturer can be contacted for additional information on these tests.

4.2.5 Limitations/Performance

Table 4-6 delineates the advantages and limitations of immunoassays. The following text supplements the information presented in the table.

Immunoassays offer the following advantages for environmental analyses: speed, sensitivity, specificity, simplicity, and savings.

Speed-Immunoassays have a much higher sample throughput than most conventional analytical methods (Van Emon, 1986). For laboratory plate ELISAs, such as those developed for the analysis of molinate in rice field water (Harrison et al., 1989), batches of 80 samples per day could be analyzed. Rapid field-portable immunoassays such as the Res-I-Mune® series (marketed by Immunosystems, Inc., of Scarborough, NE) require only seven minutes per test, and as many as five tests can be run simultaneously.

The instrumentation to fully automate laboratory plate ELISAs using robotics is commercially available. With these systems, even higher sample throughput is possible.

Sensitivity--Many immunoassay tests are sensitive down to the ppb and sub-ppb range. Even greater sensitivity is possible through fluorescent-labeling, enzyme application, and other methods.

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Specificity—Immunoassays can be made very specific if the proper antibody can be obtained (through careful design of hapten and immunization scheme). An immunoassay which is selective for a single isomer of the pesticide allethrin has been developed and investigated (Wing et al., 1978).

Simplicity—Immunoassays such as the Antox Equate® hydrocarbon water screen or the Res-I-Mune® tests are short and simple tests which require little training to run. The Antox Equate® is a field-portable ELISA for BTX (benzene, toluene, and xylene) and related compounds. The immunoassay is based on an antibody-coated tube, and a portable colorimeter is used to measure enzymatic color development.

Immunoassay methods require much simpler and shorter sample preparation than conventional techniques. As a result, they are suited for compounds such as aldicarb (Brady et al., 1989) and paraquat (Van Emon et al., 1987) which are difficult to extract and analyze.

Savings—Immunoassays typically cost \$5.00 to \$15.00 a test, which is substantially less than some of the conventional analytical methods.

As with any other method, immunoassays have disadvantages. Unlike GC/MS, immunoassays cannot be used if the environmental sample contains an unknown compound or a complex mixture of compounds. In some cases, immunoassays may not be as accurate and precise as conventional analytical procedures. Due to the nature of antibodies, they are subject to interferences (from matrix) and cross-reactivity with compounds other than the target analyte. More lead time is required for the development of immunoassays because antibodies must be produced and characterized (White and Van Emon. 1989).

The accuracy and precision of an immunoassay test depends on a number of factors, including the type of assay, the protocol and how carefully it is followed, the quality assurance/quality control (QA/QC) procedures and guidelines, and the extent of matrix interference. Optimal performance can only be reached when protocols are carefully written and followed, and QA/QC procedures and guidelines are integrated into all phases of the development and manufacture of the tests.

Quantitative laboratory ELISA and RIA tests generally perform with greater accuracy and precision than rapid, field-portable tests. Between-run and between-laboratory CVs (which vary with concentration) generally range from 3 to 15 percent under controlled conditions. Accuracy is difficult to define when comparison is made with a confirmatory method because the two methods may not be measuring the same thing and are subject to different interferences.

Rapid, field-portable assays are designed to be qualitative or semiquantitative. They are intended to be used to determine the approximate concentration range of analyte in a sample (within ±50 percent for example). If results indicate that a sample has a pollutant near or above a critical concentration range, the sample can be sent back to the laboratory for analysis by a more quantitative method. As with laboratory-based immunoassays, the reproducibility is highly dependent on the protocol, the QA/QC guidelines, and the extent of matrix interference. Coefficients of variation can range from 5 to 50 percent, depending on these factors.

4.2.6 Summary

Immunoassay methods offer important advantages for WHPA monitoring. Immunoassays for analysis of a variety of widely-used pesticides are now commercially available. Among the chief advantages of immunoassays are their speed, sensitivity, specificity, simplicity, and savings.

To some extent, the specificity of the immunoassay tests can be controlled by producing antibodies that are selective for a single compound, small groups of related compounds, or classes of

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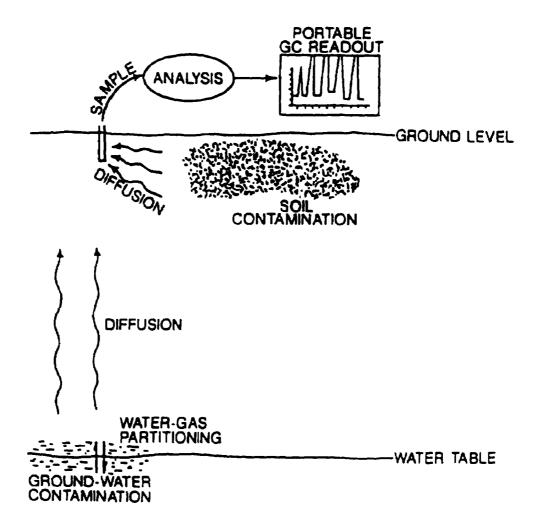


Figure 4-7. Contaminant volatilization and detection by soil-gas sampling and analysis.

Gas Sampling. Active and passive sampling techniques can be used to collect soil gases. The active soil-gas sampling method involves driving a sampling probe to a measured depth and withdrawing a sample using a pump or evacuated container. Probes are commercially available in a variety of models or can be fabricated from readily available materials. The basic design is a steel tube less than an inch in diameter with one or several openings near the bottom end (Figure 4-8). The probe is driven to the desired depth and a purging/sampling manifold is connected to the surface end. The sample is collected through the manifold into a container. Syringes are good sample containers if analysis is within a short time of sample collection. When samples are to be held for long periods of time or shipped elsewhere for analysis, gas containers (e.g., steel conisters or glass sampling tubes) provide longer holding times (EPA, 1991). The passive sampling technique makes use of samplers that have a sorbent with an affinity for the target analytes in the ground for a measured period of time. The most common passive sampling method consists of digging a hole approximately one foot in diameter and one to five feet deep at a sampling location. A passive collection device such as a badge or wire coated with activated carbon is either placed in the hole beneath an impermeable plate or hung inside an inverted can (Figure 4-9). The badge is allowed to collect VOCs for a period of time (often on the scale of days to weeks) and then is removed and analyzed for VOCs.

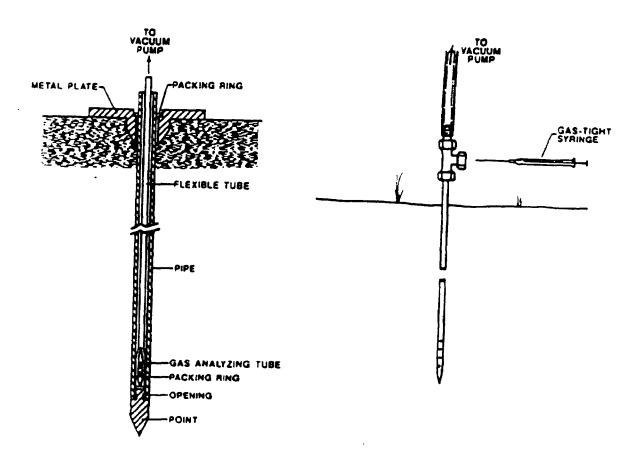


Figure 4-8. Various active soil-gas sampling probe designs.

Sampling Plan. A sampling plan should include the expected target analyte(s), a detailed sampling technique, an analytical method, the expected initial sampling locations, and the desired data quality objectives (DQOs). Since most soil-gas survey objectives require the comparison of data among points to determine patterns of relative concentration, the difference in values needs to be determined as real or as a function of method precision or site-specific influences (EPA, 1991). The QA/QC measures should include at least replicate samples, sample splits, blank samples, and depth profiles.

Data Interpretation. The diffusion transport of the contaminants can produce a decreasing vapor-phase concentration gradient with increasing distance from the source, resulting in predictable VOC soil-gas concentrations. However, additional site-specific conditions such as localized impervious zones, an impermeable surface layer, or other conditions can provide different concentration gradients. As a result, QA/QC measures are extremely critical in decreasing sampling analytical variability as a factor in soil-gas data interpretation.

4.3.4 Application to WHPA Monitoring

Applications of soil-gas measurement to WHPPs include site characterization activities such as screening potential sources of contamination, delineating contaminant plumes, guiding placement of soil borings and/or monitoring wells, and testing storage tanks and pipelines for leakage. Soil-gas measurements can also be used for monitoring the progress of remedial efforts and long-term, periodic monitoring for early warning systems. Soil-gas surveys for site characterization usually can be completed in a period of days to weeks using temporary probe installations.

The application of soil-gas sampling and analysis to monitoring remediation operations or early warning detection of contamination requires committed sampling probes at points that encompass suspected contaminant migration paths and various depths. Long-term monitoring also requires QA/QC measures to ensure that fluctuations in soil-gas concentrations are real and not a function of fluctuations in background concentrations or other unrelated events (Yamaguchi et al., 1962). Also, unknown factors can affect the value of the site-specific, soil-gas results. Unknown factors include the vapor transport rate versus the liquid transport rate (i.e., when a component is detected in the vapor phase, how far behind is the liquid phase?), the influence of vapor-phase contamination on ground-water contaminant concentrations (i.e., can vapor-phase contaminants contaminate ground water?), and subsurface conditions capable of contaminant degradation resulting in altered and potentially undetectable compounds.

4.3.5 Limitations/Performance

Although the use of soil-gas sampling and analysis for contaminant characterization is widespread (Kerfoot, 1988), the indirect nature of the technique produces limitations as to the correlation between soil-gas concentrations and proximity to contamination. As a result, thorough QA/QC procedures are required to identify variabilities in the analysis method, the sampling method, and the site characteristics.

4.4 TEST KITS

4.4.1 Introduction

The term "test kits," as used in this document, refers to commercially available, self-contained systems for qualitative and/or semiquantitative measurements of individual compounds or groups of related compound classes in solids, liquids, and gases. These kits can be used for quick and inexpensive field screening of environmental samples, and usually require little technical background to operate. Most test kits contain a complete set of sample handling and analysis containers, utensils, and pre-packaged analytical reagents (Figure 4-10). Positive results are usually indicated by a color change that occurs as the result of a reaction between the analyte and the test reagents. Quantititative or semiquantitive results are usually based on comparison of the color intensity of the sample with color intensities of scaled standards. Some kits require the use of simplified wet chemistry techniques. Others incorporate indicator reagents impregnated on paper, plastic films, or other appropriate materials, or use reagent-filled tubes through which the sample is drawn. The development of test kits is an area of active research interest, and continued advancement in this area is expected.

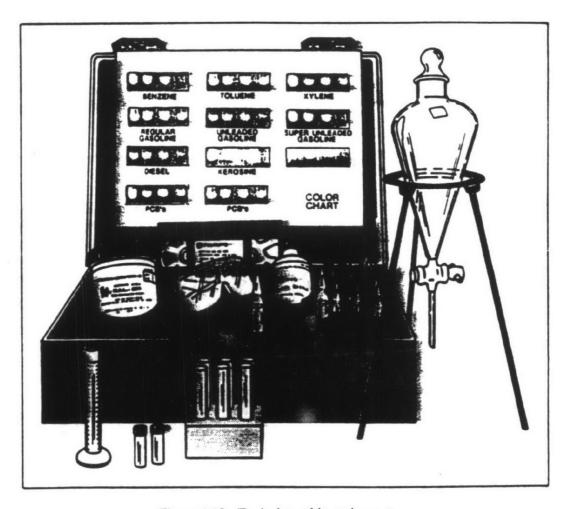


Figure 4-10. Typical test kit equipment.

TABLE 4-8 COMMERCIALLY AVAILABLE WET-CHEMISTRY KITS, BADGES, AND WATER-TEST KITS AND RESPECTIVE TARGET ANALYTES.

| ANALYTE | WET- CHEMISTRY KIT | BADGE | WATER-TEST KIT |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Acidity | | | L |
| Alkalinity (hydrate) | | | L L |
| Alkalimity (total) | | | L |
| Aluminum | | | L |
| Ammonia | G, L | G | L |
| Antimony | | | L |
| Aromatic Amines | | G | |
| Aromatics | S, L | | |
| Carbonate Pesticides | S, L, G | | |
| Carbon Dioxide | | : : | L L |
| Carbon Monoside | G | G | |
| Chlonde | G, L | | L |
| Chloruse | a, L | G | L |
| Chromate (total) | ; ; | ; • | : L |
| Chromic Acid | G,L | <i>i</i> • • | |
| Color | | • | L |
| Copper (total soluble) | | : | : L |
| Cyanide (free) | | : : | ; L |
| Diphenylamine | | • | : L |
| Fluoride | G, L | : | L |
| Formaldebyde | | G | L |
| 4,4-Methylene Diphenylene | G | | |
| Giyool | | : : | L |
| Hardness (calcium) | | <u>.</u> ! | L |
| Hardness (total) | | <u>:</u> | L |
| Hydrazene | | G | L |
| Hydrogen Pesticide | | • | L |
| Hyrogen Sulfide | O | G | L |

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TABLE 4-8. Continued

| ANALYTE | WET CHEMISTRY KIT | BADGE | WATER TEST |
|----------------------------|-------------------|-------|------------|
| Tetramethyi Lead | G | | |
| Thiophosphate Pesticides | S, L, G | | |
| Thiosulfate | | | L |
| Toluene Diisocyanate (TDI) | G | G | |
| Total Oxidants | G | | |
| Turbidity | | | L |
| Zinc | | | L |

S = solid

L = liquid G = gas

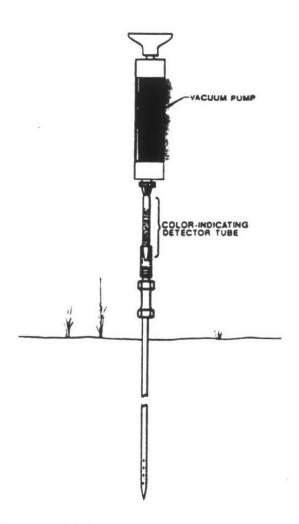


Figure 4-11. Schematic drawing of a detector tube.

target organic and inorganic compounds in solids such as vegetation and soil, liquids such as water and extracts, and gases. Lower detection limits are generally in the low-ppm range. Interference compounds or conditions that may result in false positives or false negatives are usually noted by the manufacturers. Innovative applications of the kits beyond the originally intended application may be noted by the manufacturer or discovered by the user; however, research is needed to ensure the results obtained from innovative applications are both consistent with the capability of the test kit and the conditions at the site.

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AQUAQUANT Reagent Test Kits, EM Science, P.O. Box 70, 480 Democrat Road, Gibbstown, New Jersey, 08027, (800) 222-0342.

CHEMets Test Kits, Chemetrics Incorporated, Route 28, Calverton, Virginia, 22016, (703) 788-9026.

CHLOR-N-SOL 50, Dessil Corporation, One Hamden Park Drive, P.O. Box 6556, Hamden, Connecticut, 06517, (2030 288-3509.

COLORTEC Hydrogen Sulfide Detector, VICI Metronics, 2991 Corvin Drive, Santa Clara, California, 95951, (408) 737-0550.

Drager Detector Tubes, National Drager Incorporated, Ecolyzer Division, P.O. Box 120, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, 15230, (412) 787-8383.

EM Quant Test Strips, EM Science, P.O. Box 70, 480 Democrat Road, Gibbstown, New Jersey, 08027, (800) 222-0342.

EnviroGard Triazine Test Kit, Millipore Corporation, 80 Ashby Road, Bedford, Massachusetts, 01730, (617)275-9200.

EnzyTec Pesticide Biosensor, EnzyTec Incorporated, 8805 Long, Lenexa, Kansas, 66215, (800) 634-2607.

Field Test Kit, Hanby Analytical Laboratories, 4400 South Wayside, Suite 107, Houston, Texas, 77087, (713) 649-4500.

Gallard-Schlesinger Industries Incorporated, 584 Mineola Avenue, Carle Place, New York, 11514, (516) 333-5600.

Hach Water Test Kits, Hach Company, P.O. 389, Loveland, Colorado, 80539, (800) 227-4224.

Hanna Water Analysis Test Kits, Hanna Instruments of America Incorporated, 584 Park East Drive, P.O. Box 849-P, Woonsocket, Rhode Island, 02895, (401) 765-7500.

LaMotte Air Pollution Test Kit, LaMotte Chemical Products Company, P.O. Box 329, Chestertown, Maryland, 21620, (800) 344-3100.

4.5. X-RAY FLUORESCENCE SPECTROSCOPY

4.5.1 Introduction

The field-portable, X-ray fluorescence system (FPXRF) is used for real-time identification and quantitation of inorganic contaminants. The sampling strategy for FPXRF is optimized through the use of geostatistics in order to obtain representative samples and to minimize the estimation error in producing the concentration isopleth maps. The FPXRF is easily carried and is sealed so that it can be decontaminated in the field (Figure 4-12).

The analyte range for FPXRF is from chlorine to uranium. Detection limits, quantitation ranges, and accuracy of the measurements vary depending on the sample matrix and the isotope source used for the analysis. Detection limits generally fall in the range of 200 to 400 mg/kg for most analytes. A precise, site-specific, detection limit for each analyte for each matrix can be calculated only after the conclusion of the field work.

Prior to using the FPXRF, site-specific, intrusive samples (physical samples from the media of concern (EPA, 1987) must be collected. These samples, which are representative of the physical and chemical matrices of the various soil types, are totally digested and analyzed in a laboratory. The laboratory results are used to develop site-specific calibration standards (SSC) in order to minimize the matrix-specific, enhancement/absorption effects encountered on any unique site.

Accuracy and precision data for each sampling effort can be determined from the results of the quality control check samples analyzed periodically during the sampling. The short analysis time (30 seconds) and low per sample cost allow data to be collected from many measurement points. This approach provides a high degree of representativeness for the spatial distribution of contaminants over the waste site.

Though the methodology described in this section addresses the analysis of soil matrices, the measurement procedure can be modified for aqueous samples, sludges, and other solid wastes (Clark & Thornton, 1989; Piorek & Rhodes, 1980).

4.5.2 Theory of Operation

X-ray fluorescence is based on the principle that photons produced from an X-ray tube or radioactive source bombard a sample to generate fluorescence (Jenkins et al., 1981). The incident photon bombardment creates vacancies in one or more of the inner electron shells, and the vacancies cause instability within the atom. As the outer shell electrons seek stability by filling the vacancies in the inner electron shells, the atom emits energy (fluorescence), which is characteristic of the atom (Figure 4-13). Most elements under the photon bombardment fluoresce simultaneously to produce a spectrum of characteristic radiation. It is this spectrum that the FPXRF detector senses and counts.

There are two types of X-ray fluorescence spectrometers, energy dispersive and wavelength dispersive. The principal differences between these two types of instruments are the method of detecting the fluorescent energies of specimen and the method of quantifying the analytes of interest. The portable instruments used in FPXRF utilize energy dispersive spectrometry.

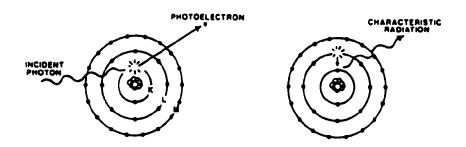


Figure 4-13. Bohr model atomic excitation.

The electronic unit has 32 calibration memories called "models." Each model can be calibrated independently for as many as six elements and can be used to measure elements from chlorine to uranium if the proper isotope source is available. The measured sample intensities are regressed against the calibration curves to yield concentrations.

4.5.3 Methodology

Site-Specific Calibration Standards--

A suite of 10 to 30 samples (depending on the number of analytes), spanning the concentration range of the analytes of interest, must be obtained from the site in question. These samples are sent to a laboratory for total digestion and analysis. If previously characterized, total digestion samples exist, then a suitable selection of these samples will suffice. These samples become the SSC standards.

The FPXRF instrument can be used during a site reconnaissance to assist in selecting samples to be characterized for SSC standards. The instrument is calibrated with a suite of natural or spiked soil standards containing the analytes of interest. With the generically calibrated instrument, a relative range of the analytes of interest can be determined, and a suitable suite of samples can be selected for characterization as SSC standards.

SSC standards are characterized for the elements on the EPA's inorganic Target Analyte List (Table 4-9) in an approved laboratory by a total digestion method (Bernas, 1968; Buckley and Cranston, 1971). Characterization is by U.S. EPA Contract Laboratory Program (CLP) protocol instrument analysis (EPA, 1989). The digestion is performed in an oven or microwave (U.S. Bureau of Mines, 1983) digestion bomb with aqua regia and hydrofluoric acid. The total digestion is necessary because XRF yields a total elemental analysis regardless of the phase (mineralogy) or speciation (oxidation state) of the analyte, whereas the standard CLP extraction (EPA, 1989) produces partial extraction results as a function of the mineralogy. Incomplete elemental characterization of the SSC standards yields biased calibration curves in the FPXRF instrument.

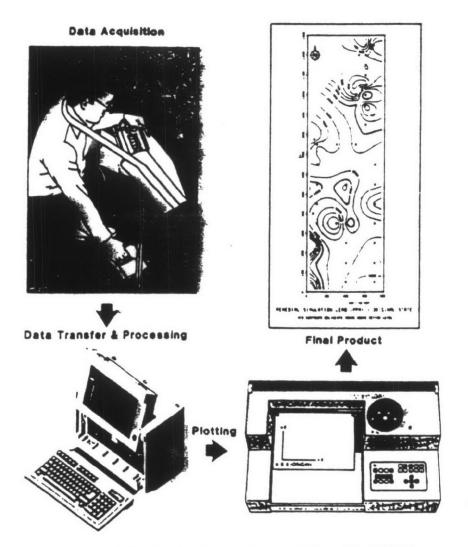


Figure 4-14. Wellhead protection screening with FPXRF.

because more measurements can be taken with the FPXRF units than by conventional sampling and analytical methods. Another advantage is that the FPXRF in sinu measurement eliminates sample collection, handling, and preparation, thereby reducing the overall sampling error. Increased sampling density and reduction of the sampling error, combined with the spatial interpolation by the geostatistical software produces a representative model of the contaminant distribution on the site.

The most significant limitation of FPXRF is its relatively high detection limits. Instrument detection limits generally fall between 200 and 400 mg/kg for most analytes, but the limit of quantitation (ACS Committee on Environmental Quality, 1983) can run as high as 800 mg/kg. These values must be compared to the remediation levels on the site in question.

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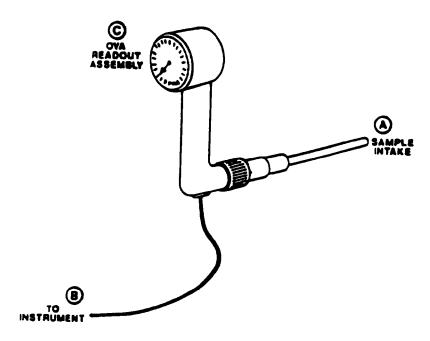


Figure 4-15. Hand-held sampling probe.

4.6.4 Application to WHPA Monitoring

The primary use of OVMs and OVAs in wellhead protection is the screening of wellhead space and collected samples for VOCs. OVMs and OVAs are most commonly used to monitor worker safety during drilling operations and to screen soil cores for high VOC concentrations. Other more recently proposed uses of OVAs (Robbins, 1990) include analysis of soil-gas samples collected in sample bags and head-space analysis of ground-water samples.

4.6.5 Limitations/Performance

Lower detection limits (generally 0.1 ppm), upper detection limits (2,000 to 20,000 ppm), and operating condition limits of OVMs and OVAs (operating in either mode) are specified by the manufacturers. The OVAs are sensitive to low oxygen conditions because the FID detector uses oxygen from the sample to mix with hydrogen to create a flame. A low-oxygen sample may extinguish the flame. For example, a low-oxygen condition can be produced when the OVA directly measures the gas from a soil-gas probe.

Although both OVMs and OVAs provide a readout (in survey mode) of total detectable compounds in ppm equivalents of standard, the total value from the OVA is more representative than that of the OVM. This discrepancy results from the differing responses of the PID and FID to compounds. When a series of detectable compounds passes a PID detector, the PID responds differently for each compound. In contrast, the FID response to most detectable compounds is nearly the same.

SECTION 5

MOBILE MONITORING METHODS

5.1 INTRODUCTION

The need for rapid sample analysis during emergency responses to accidents involving regulated substances and the management of remediation efforts under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) and the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) has underscored the need for mobile laboratories for environmental analysis (EPA, 1984). Mobile monitoring methods are different from portable methods. The equipment is close to laboratory quality and is to heavy to hand-carry to the field. The use of a mobile laboratory as a WHPA monitoring method enables real-time analyses for target compounds and provides data quality at or near the level of an analytical laboratory. Mobile laboratories can contain dedicated analytical instrumentation or can employ a modular arrangement to allow adaptation of instrumentation for specific analytical purposes.

Current chemical analysis methods of solids, liquids, and gases for organic and inorganic compounds involve the use of several major analytical instruments and some associated sample-preparation units. Most of these instruments have associated EPA-approved methodologies that describe their use in a standard method so that results from different laboratories can be compared. Although these analytical instruments were originally designed for use in a controlled laboratory environment, the development of rugged, efficient, and compact electronics has allowed some laboratory-only analytical equipment to be adapted to unconventional laboratory environments. The mobility of the instrumentation requires at a minimum, a consistent power supply and appropriate supplies such as carrier gases. Samples for mobile analysis often require collection into an intermediate device before introduction into the instrument; however, some instrumentation may be capable of analyzing the sample in situ. The type of instrumentation installed in the mobile laboratory is determined by the types of anlaytes expected. This section lists some of the more common instrumentation and describes chromatographic and spectrometric techniques.

5.2 THEORY OF OPERATION

A mobile laboratory can either be leased through a consulting or contracting firm or owned by the agency responsible for monitoring the WHPA. The physical arrangement of a mobile laboratory can range from a converted passenger van to a stand-alone trailer. The support services such as electricity, running water, gas hookups, fume hoods, and solvent cabinets can easily be adapted for the scale of vehicles. Mobile laboratories can be fitted with committed analytical and support equipment in order to provide a specific service or can be arranged generically to accommodate a variety of instrumentation sizes and requirements (Figure 5-1). In any mobile laboratory application,

the desired sample matrix, number of samples, sample preparation, sample analyses, and DQOs will dictate the appropriate equipment and instrumentation to be included in the laboratory.

Most analytical instrumentation was originally intended for use in fixed, laboratory environments due to the size of the instrumentation or the dependence of the instrumentation on a stable or sterile operating environment, and most existing EPA-approved analytical methods are targeted towards these particular instruments. The instrumentation in mobile laboratories consists of either normal laboratory equipment or redesigned laboratory instrumentation which has been modified for portability and ease of operation.

Table 5-1 lists standard analytical instrumentation that could be modified for application in a mobile laboratory. The table also delineates the type of compound that each instrument can detect

TABLE 5-1. DEGREE OF LABORATORY INDEPENDENCE OF INSTRUMENTATION USED FOR CHEMICAL ANALYSES

| | Instrument Use | | Compounds Detected | | | |
|--|----------------|--------|--------------------|------------|----------------|---------------|
| Chromatographic Techniques | Lab | Mobile | Organics | Inorganics | Matrix | EPA Method |
| Gas Chromatograph | X | x | x | | G ^l | Yes |
| Gas Chromatograph w/ Mass Spectrometer | х | x | x | | G | Yes |
| Gas Chromatograph w/ Purge and Trap | х | x | X | | S, L | Yes |
| Gas Chromatograph w/ Thermal Desorption | х | x | X | | S | No |
| High Performance Liquid Chromatography | х | x | X | | L | Yes |
| Spectrometric Techniques | | | | | | |
| Ion Mobility Spectroscopy | x | x | | x | S, L | Yes |
| Atomic Aborption (Furnace and Flame) | х | x | | x | S, L | Yes |
| ICP-AES ² | X | x | | X | S | Yes |
| X-Ray Fluorescence | x | x | | x | S | Yes |
| Fiber Optic Chemical Sensors | х | x | | x | S, L, G | No |

¹ ICP/AES = Inductively coupled plasma discharge/atomic emission spectroscopy

X-ray fluorescence involves bombarding a prepared solid sample with X-rays and reading the remitted, characteristic X-ray remediation. Field-portable XRF is discussed in Section 4.6. Laboratory instrumentation and smaller field instruments have also been used in mobile applications.

Fiber optic chemical sensors involve transmitting light to a sensor in contact with an analyte. The interaction between the sensor and the analyte results in the light being absorbed or refracted or can result in the occurrence of fluorescence. The resulting altered light is collected and returned to a spectrometer for spectral analysis. Detail regarding theory, application, and mobile use can be found in Section 6.4.

5.3 METHODOLOGY

The use of the analytical instrumentation in a mobile setting consists of the particular instrumentation and the method chosen for analysis. Inherent specifications of the instrumentation naturally dictate the sample matrix and potential operating conditions. Sampling and analytical methods can be determined by EPA-approved methods or can be customized applications.

Most mobile analytical instrumentation is complicated; therefore, an experienced operator should be employed. This provides a measure of assurance that analytical results are a function of the sample constituents and the analytical methodology, and not a function of the instrumentation. If custom analysis methods are used, appropriate QA/QC measures must be included to ensure the validity of the analytical results.

5.4 APPLICATION TO WHPA MONITORING

Analytical instrumentation contained within a mobile laboratory is capable of analyzing, within a short time frame, soil, liquid, and gas samples. The instrumentation can also provide data quality ranging from EPA-approved methods to rapid screening. Soil-core, ground-water, and soil-gas samples can be taken during WHPA monitoring activities or source characterization surveys. Although the variability associated with the analytical methodology and instrumentation is easily determined and controlled, the variability associated with the collection and handling of specific samples can be quite large. As a result, appropriate sample collection methods and QA/QC measures are mandatory for maintaining sample representativeness and identity.

5.5 LIMITATIONS/PERFORMANCE

All of the instrumentation listed above has associated detection limits or sensitivities, and the analytical variability can be determined easily. The use of instrumentation in mobile conditions could require adaptations that alter the expected detection limits or sensitivities. Variability in results may also result from sampling and sample-handling methods.

SECTION 6

MONITORING TECHNOLOGIES UNDER DEVELOPMENT

Monitoring technologies are continuously being advanced. For example, advances in medicine, warfare agent monitoring, contraband sensing, and forensics are being applied to ground-water monitoring capabilities. This section provides an overview of some technologies that are expected to be commercially available within the decade. Some of the most promising technologies are ion mobility spectrometry, molecular optical spectroscopy, electrochemical sensors, mass sensitive sensors, extraction membranes, and biosensors.

6.1 ION MOBILITY SPECTROMETRY

6.1.1 Introduction

Ion mobility spectrometry, which has also been known as gaseous electrophonesis and plasma chromatography, is used to detect and characterize organic compounds as vapors at parts-per-billion (ppb) concentrations in air (Eiceman, in press). The IMS output is a mobility spectrum which is useful in compound identification (Bell et al., in prep.). IMSs, ranging from hand-held to laboratory bench models, are becoming available commercially.

The applications of IMSs as mobility detectors in chromatography, environmental sensing, the detection of chemical warfare agents, forensic uses, and contraband sensing were briefly outlined by Eiceman (1991). The first expansive use of IMS technology was the deployment by the U.S. Army of hand-held chemical agent monitors produced by Graseby Ionics, Ltd. Designed for vapor detection, these military units pointed out that IMS technology could be the basis of simple-to-use, field analyzers.

Recent research indicates a growing interest in the use of IMS for field applications. Dam (1984) demonstrated that IMS was suitable for monitoring certain toxic industrial chemical vapors. Carrico et al. (1986) mentioned that compact IMS systems should be able to function as portable alarms for several classes of organic vapors. Eiceman et al. (1990) showed in field trials that the military configuration of IMS was useful as a point vapor sensor for establishing the presence of contaminated patches of soils. Plume shapes and boundaries were also determined. Reategui et al. (1988) discussed applications for IMS as a vapor monitor for field screening applications, though details were not provided. In addition, six papers on the subject were presented at the preliminary program for the Second International Symposium on Field Screening Methods for Hazardous Wastes and Toxic Chemicals (Burroughs, 1991; Davis, 1991; Hoffland and Shoff, 1991; Bell and Eiceman, 1991; Richter, 1991; Snyder et al., 1991).

units can be preprogrammed into these modes for specific analytes (i.e., a maximum of 5 analytes in the positive mode and 3 in the negative mode). These hand-held units use a liquid crystal display of bars that relate to preprogrammed concentration levels. The more sophisticated packages enable the operator to reprogram the instrument. They also provide more capability in terms of quantitative measurements and compound identification. To advance IMS technology in the identification of mixtures while maintaining cost and size efficiency, gas chromatography is being combined with IMS (Meuzelaar et al., 1990).

6.1.4 Application to WHPA Monitoring

Although most IMS research emphasizes vapor sampling and monitoring, ongoing work is relevant to WHPA monitoring strategies. For example, the analysis of water samples for several organic compounds is being performed in a laboratory demonstration of IMS under the U. S. EPA SITE Program (Koglin and Poziomek, 1990). The results will indicate how well some of the existing commercial IMS instruments can detect selected organic compounds in water. Additionally, New Mexico State University, under the sponsorship of the U. S. EPA Office of Exploratory Research, is examining IMS as a rapid, inexpensive field screening method for organic contaminants in water. Though preliminary findings seem promising, there are still uncertainties, including the predictive/interpretive capabilities that are governed by the ionization chemistry and the suitability of the IMS interface with aqueous samples. In sine monitoring of water has also been proposed with a submersible IMS that could fit into monitoring wells.

The sensitivity of the IMS is generally in the low ppm to low ppb range with the possibility of parts-per-trillion (ppt), depending on the analyte and instrument parameters.

6.1.5 Limitations/Performance

There is still much to learn about IMS applications. For example, several fundamental issues need to be resolved concerning the handling of complex mixtures. Compounds can be measured independently but not always simultaneously. The response of a particular analyte may be influenced by the presence of other chemicals. The many ions that might form in a complicated mixture of compounds would undoubtedly interact with each other. Such interactions need to be understood to take full advantage of IMS capabilities.

The development of in situ monitors also presents challenges. For example, monitors must be developed to fit into confined places such as monitoring wells. Generally, miniaturization of monitors results in the loss of sensitivity. Researchers must also design interfaces that allow a vapor sampler to be operated with aqueous samples and develop an IMS probe that can tolerate high humidities over a sustained period.

6.1.6 Summary

IMS is emerging as a technique for the detection and characterization of organic compounds as vapors at the ppb level in air. More attention is being paid to exploit IMS for environmental applications. There are still issues to be resolved, especially the handling of complex mixtures without sacrificing cost and equipment compactness. There is also a need to extend the concentration range for quantitative determinations.

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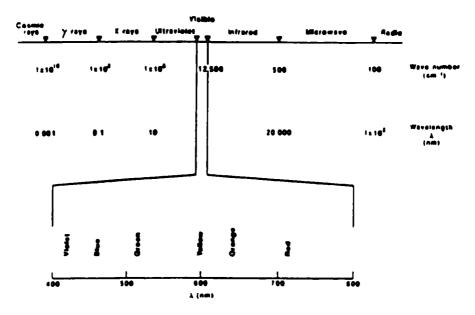


Figure 6-1. Major regions of the electromagnetic spectra.

Absorption occurs when a molecule is raised to a higher energy state (electronic or vibrational). This higher energy state is achieved when a molecule of the sample absorbs a photon of energy. In the simplest case (sometimes called the Beer-Lambert Law), a parallel beam of light, perpendicularly incident on a sample, can be absorbed or transmitted. The logarithm of the ratio of the incident light to the transmitted light, usually called absorbance or optical density, is directly proportional to the concentration of the analyte.

IR absorption spectroscopy is used to measure absorption in the near- to mid-IR spectral range (Colthup et al., 1964; Griffiths and DeHaseth, 1986). In the mid-IR region, peaks are often sharp, and individual peaks can be correlated to specific chemical group stretches or deformations. This feature makes the mid-IR region very useful for chemical classification or identification. Spectra in the near-IR range are broader, vibrational peaks overlap, and combinations of vibrational frequencies are observed. Therefore, spectral deconvolution and pattern recognition procedures are necessary for signal discrimination before identification of specific chemical constituents is possible.

An inelastic scattering process (Raman scattering) is normally used to measure in the visible or near-IR spectral range (Colthup et al., 1964; Vo-Dinh, 1989; Long, 1977). Laser Raman spectroscopy is a technique that complements IR spectroscopy because the two techniques provide different kinds of information about vibrational transitions and related chemical groups. Characteristic frequency shifts associated with vibrational transitions and changes of electrical polarizability (or distortion of the electron cloud) associated with a molecule are measured with this technique, thus allowing identification of specific analytes of interest.

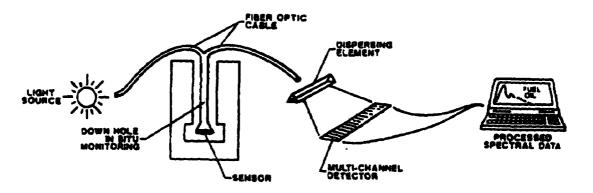


Figure 6-2. Fiber optic chemical anlaysis system.

6.2.3 Methodology

UV-vis absorption spectroscopy is often used for quantification or identification. The technique can be applied directly or after chemical reaction with a reagent to produce a highly colored product in the visible spectrum (Jungreis, 1985). It is also used in conjunction with liquid chromatography. Field deployable and hand-held instruments are available for measurements in the visible region.

Field-deployable instruments and methods have been used in mobile laboratories to make UV-vis luminescence measurements (Montgomery et al., 1985; Remeta and Gruenfeld, 1987). Portable instruments are under development. Several American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) standard methods are available for luminescence analysis of oils and creosotes, fluorescent aromatics, substituted aromatics, and PAHs (ASTM, 1988a, b). Other methods are being developed for phenols, PCBs, fluorescent pesticides, other fluorescent heterocycles, and uranium.

Dispersive IR spectrophotometers and Fourier Transform IR spectrophotometers (FTIRs) are available as field-deployable instruments for identification, classification, and quantification of total oil and grease. They are also used to identify volatile organic chemicals (Grant and Eastwood, 1983). Long-path length FTIRs are used for air monitoring; portable gas-cell dispersive IR instruments are used for industrial hygiene monitoring applications (Small et al., 1988). FTIRs are frequently used as detectors with GCs (Griffiths and Henry, 1986; Gurka, in press).

A number of pattern recognition techniques and expert systems have been developed to aid in the classification or identification of petroleum oils or other complex PAH mixtures. For example, methods have been developed for mid-IR and fluorescence spectra (Puskar et al., 1986; Sogliero et al., 1985). Different approaches are required for the two techniques because room temperature fluorescence spectra have fewer and broader peaks than mid-IR spectra.

FOCS will be useful for in situ monitoring activities. They are used with a variety of spectroscopic techniques. Instrumentation is available to support FOCS sysytems. The major obstacle is the development of analyte-specific coatings to selectively monitor individual compounds.

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|--------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|-----------------|----------------------|-------------|------------------------------|
| MAJOR CHEMICAL GROUPS | UV VIS ABS | UV VIS ABSORPTION | | UV VIS I.UMINESCENCE | | NORMAL RAMAN ^e |
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| | | INORGANIC | | ··· | | |
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| CYANIDE | | | | , then bbp | | 100 ррш |
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| AROMATICS SUBSTITUED AROMATICS | ≥1 ppm | | ppb | | low ppm | 100 ppes |
| PHENOLS | | | ppb | | | 100 ppm |
| POLYAROMATIC COMPOUNDS | ≥1 ppm | | ррив-ррч | | tow ppus | 100 ррш |
| YAN' | low ppm | | pph | | | 100 ррш |
| COMPLEX PAH MIXTURE | low ppm | | ppb | | bbar bbp | |
| PETROLEUM OILS/GREASES | low ppm | | ррь | | • | |
| CREOSOTIES | low ppm | | (u ppb | | | |
| HETEROCYCLES | рргь | | @ ppm ppb | | low ppm | 100-10 ppm |
| PYRIDINE | | | | | | 10 ррсп |
| HYDRAZINE | | | | | I | 100 ppm |
| PCB/ | bbaa | | ppm ppb | | 100-10 ppm | 100 ppm |
| PESTICIDES | | | @ ppb | | 100-10 ррш | 100 ррм |
| DYES | ppes | | (a) bber bbi | | 100-10 ppm | 100 ppm |
| OTHER ORGANICS | | | and detected | (e) ppm | 100 ppm | 100 ppm |

| TABLE 62 ADVANTAGES AND LIMITATIONS OF VARIOUS SPECTROSCOPIC METHODS | | | | | | |
|---|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| ADVANTAGES | LIMITATIONS | | | | | |
| UV-VIS ABSORPTION | | | | | | |
| MATURE TECHNIQUE | EXTENSIVE SAMPLE PREPARATION | | | | | |
| Instrumentation readily available | UNSPECIFIC (COMPARED TO IR AND LUMINESCENCE) | | | | | |
| GOOD QUANTITATIVE ACCURACY FOR SINGLE COMPOUNDS AND SIMPLE MIXTURES | MODERATE SENSITIVITY | | | | | |
| SPECTRAL DATA AVAILABLE | QUANTITATION MAY BE AFFECTED BY SOLVENT, POLARITY OF MEDIUM, CHEMICAL COMPLEXES | | | | | |
| UV-VIS LUMINESCENCE (FLUORESCENCE AND PHOSPHORESCENCE) | | | | | | |
| MOST SENSITIVE METHOD POR TRACE AND ULTRATRACE ANALYSIS WHEN APPLICABLE | LIMITED TO COMPOUNDS WITH FAIRLY HIGH LUMINESCENCE YIELDS (USUALLY PAC), UNLESS DERIVATIZED) | | | | | |
| INSTRUMENTATION READILY AVAILABLE | RELATIVELY UNSPECIFIC FOR STRUCTURAL INFORMATION (COMPARED TO IR) | | | | | |
| NO INTERFERENCE BY WATER | QUANTITATION COMPLICATED BY DIFFERENCES IN QUANTUM YIELDS, QUENCHING, MICROENVIRONMENTS | | | | | |
| few interferences by nonaromatics | _ | | | | | |
| SOME STRUCTURAL SPECIFICITY - ENHANCED BY SPECIAL TECHNIQUES | LIMITED REFERENCE SPECTRA AVAILABLE | | | | | |
| very selective - enhanced by time and wavelength variability | | | | | | |
| INFRARED (DISPERSIVE AND FOURI | ER TRANSFORM | | | | | |
| HIGHLY SPECIFIC STRUCTURAL DATA ON FUNCTIONAL GROUPS FOR CLASSIFYING ORGANICS | MID/LOW SENSITIVITY (LESS SENSITIVE THAN LUMINESCENCE) | | | | | |
| MATURE TECHNIQUE | WATER IS INTERFERENT (1-10 pp/Thousand DETECTION WITH SAMPLE CELL) | | | | | |
| Instrumentation widely available | FTIR CAN TOLERATE SOME WATER (BACKGROUND SUBTRACTION) | | | | | |
| REAL-TIME FLOW-THROUGH VAPOR APPLICATIONS - GC-FTIR | REQUIRES SPECIAL OPTICS/SOLVENTS | | | | | |
| SPECTRAL LIBRARIES AVAILABLE | QUANTITATION DIFFICULTIES | | | | | |
| | WEAK OPTICAL SOURCES AND DETECTORS | | | | | |
| NEAR INFRARED | | | | | | |
| SOURCES AND OPTICAL MATERIALS BETTER THAN MID-IR | LESS SPCTRAL STRUCTURE THAN MID-IR | | | | | |
| OPTICALLY GOOD SENSOR MATERIALS | - OVERTONE OVERLAP -LESS SPECIFICITY -INTERPRETATION COMPLICATED | | | | | |
| CAN DISTINGUISH MAJOR COMPONENTS OF SIMPLE MORTURES | NOT USEFUL FOR COMPLEX MATRICES | | | | | |
| FEWER INTERFERENCES THAN MID-IR | Signal processing and pattern RECOGNITION REQUIRED | | | | | |

Raman spectroscopy remains a laboratory research technique because of its relatively complex instrumentation and low sensitivity. Recent advances in surface-enhanced Raman indicate that sensitivities can be increased for at least some classes of analytes adsorbed on special substrates. This provides a possible future application for WHPA monitoring activities after more research.

FOCS, especially colorimetric and fluorometric sensors, in addition to other chemical sensors such as electrochemical, conductivity, or mass sensors, have potential for remote in situ monitoring. Several techniques, including laser-excited luminescence, laser-excited surface-enhanced Raman, and FOCS, merit further research and development to explore possibilities of improved WHPA monitoring applications.

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6.3 EXTRACTION MEMBRANES

6.3.1 Introduction

A variety of information is available on the use of solid-phase extraction. For example, one application bibliography lists over 500 articles to assist practitioners in choosing procedures for the extraction and purification of a wide variety of chemical compounds (Analytichem International). Most manufacturers of solid-phase extraction products also provide simple guides for sample preparation and choice of sorbents. Applications are not limited to environmental contaminants.

Several references provide insight on the potential application of extraction membrane methodology to WHPAs. The use of solid-phase membranes in the form of 25- or 47- mm disks for the extraction of pesticides, PCBs, and phthalates at the microgram per liter range is described in Hagen et al. (1990). Standard filtration equipment (a suction flask) was utilized. Ground water, surface water, and laboratory tap water samples were used for pesticide, PCB, and phthalate analysis, respectively. The membranes were obtained from Analytichem International with a typical composition of 90% (by weight) of octyl (C8)- or octadecyl (C18)- bonded silica particles and 10% fibrillated polytetrafluorethylene. Recoveries exceeding 80 to 90% were obtained for the classes of compounds examined. This work demonstrates the utility of such membranes for preconcentration purposes.

Recent research addresses the potential of utilizing solid phase extraction membranes as part of a field screening method (Poziomek et al., 1991). The research involves using commercially available extraction membranes to preconcentrate contaminants onto the membranes by sorption from aqueous solution followed by nondestructive spectroscopic measurements in the field. Depending on the analytes being measured and the system parameter, the measurements could involve UV-vis luminescence directly, colorimetry/fluorometry with appropriate reagents. XRF analysis, and radioactivity measurements.

References to a variety of materials that have been examined for solid-phase extraction applications can be found in a paper by Carr and Harris (1988). These include cellulose, carbon,

fiberglass, zeolites, Chelex 100, XAD, Tenex, and glass or silica gel derivatized with alkyl chains. Analytes can be sorbed either directly onto the surface or through specific chemical interactions.

Organic analytes preconcentrated on the support are usually extracted with an appropriate solvent. The extract is then analyzed using an appropriate laboratory method such as GC, GC/MS, or liquid chromatography-mass spectroscopy (LC-MS). The WHPA field screening application would involve examining the extraction membrane directly. Laboratory analysis would be an option after field screening.

6.3.3 Methodology

C18 Empore membrane disks for adsorption of anthracene from water were analyzed nondestructively by solid-state fluorescence spectroscopy (Poziomek et al., 1991). These experiments simulated dip-stick or water-well insertion modes. Tabs were cut from the membrane disks and suspended without stirring in aqueous solutions containing ppb concentrations of anthracene at room temperature. The tabs were exposed to the solutions for given time intervals at different concentrations of anthracene. The tabs were then withdrawn, allowed to dry in air, and examined using fluorescence spectroscopy. Various relationships were found (e.g., linear increase in fluorescence intensity for 10 ppb anthracene versus time [minutes to days]). The results reported are preliminary, but very promising.

Carr and Harris (1988) concentrated pyrene from methanol-water solutions onto a C-18 derivatized porous silica column. They examined the column fluorescence as the pyrene was being sorbed and later allowed to desorb. The C18 silica was packed into a custom, fabricated, quartz tube (43 mm long, 3.2 mm outside diameter, and 0.96 mm inside diameter). The tube was held in place by a brass cuvette. It represented a flow cell arrangement so that the sorption/desorption of the pyrene could be followed in real time by measuring the column fluorescence. Membrane technology was not used in this case. Nevertheless, the reported results add support to the possibility of monitoring the sorption of pollutants onto membrane tabs in real time. It would be difficult to adapt a column flow cell to field operations. However, the use of membrane tabs in a dipstick mode or in wells with fiber optic spectroscopy seems attractive to pursue (Poziomek et al., 1991).

Wyzgol et al. (1990) have proposed the use of a combination of membrane extraction and attenuated total reflection IR spectroscopy for continuous measurements of waste water and air in industrial plants and during remedial actions. The extraction and spectroscopic procedures are combined to give real-time measurements of various organic compounds. The limits of detection have been estimated to be from 0.3-60 mg/L, depending on the compound.

Leyden and Luttrell (1975) immobilized metal-ion chelating functional groups by reacting silica gel with various silylating reagents. They concluded that these materials have potential as preconcentration aids for X-ray analysis. This work is cited to indicate the potential scope of combining solid-phase extraction with various spectroscopic techniques in field screening of not only organic compounds but also metal ions.

6.3.6 Summary

The use of solid-phase extraction membranes to preconcentrate pollutants onto the membranes by sorption from aqueous solution followed by nondestructive spectroscopic measurement has potential as a field screening method for WHPA monitoring. Attractive features involve the use of commercially available extraction membranes and portable field instrumentation. The concept allows flexibility in choosing configurations for use in WHPA monitoring (e.g., dipsticks, standard filtration, or placement into wells at various positions to profile contamination zones). These applications are in the initial stages of development and require validation studies.

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6.4.4 Application to WHPA Monitoring

The application of SAW and QCM technology to WHPA monitoring seems promising for both vapor and aqueous solution monitoring because of the variety of compounds which might be sensed. Organic chemical vapor sensing applications probably have a better chance of success because more is known about this application than solution monitoring. The design of probes should include membranes to protect their sensor coatings when immersed in solution. The QCM probes would have a greater chance of success as in situ water monitors than the SAW devices because more is known about their use in solution. The QCM and SAW technologies are still developing and have not been applied routinely to ground-water monitoring.

6.4.5 <u>Limitations/Performance</u>

The major technology barrier to the development of mass sensitive and other chemical sensors is the proper selection of the sensor coating materials. A comprehensive review on the research and development of sensor coatings is available (Poziomek, 1989). Several problems persist, impeding rapid development of the technology. For example, no information base on chemical reactions and molecular association effects in vapor-solid and liquid-solid phases exists to draw on for the development of chemical sensor coatings. In addition, few guidelines describe the selection of solid phase coatings for use in conjunction with chemical sensors, and standard methods for screening and evaluating candidate solid phase coatings in sensor applications are not readily available (Poziomek and Engelmann, 1990). Most likely, an array of QCM and/or SAW microsensors would be necessary to increase selectivity. Single sensors that are specific to a particular pollutant or a class of chemicals are conceivable; however, a sensor array would broaden the utility of the technologies.

6.4.6 Summary

SAW and QCM microsensors measure changes in mass when analytes sorb and/or react with the device coatings. Such devices have attracted the attention of the sensor community because of their simplicity, ruggedness, and low cost. The major applications to date have been for organic chemical vapor sensing, but the use of the devices, especially QCMs in solution, is beginning to emerge. Specific application to WHPAs seems promising. However, the major technology barrier toward exploiting the potential of SAW and QCM microsensors is proper selection of the sensor coatings. Guidelines need to be established to help practitioners choose coatings.

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Two early reviews give an appreciation of the principles of spectroelectrochemistry and the progress made during the first decade since its discovery (Kuwana and Heineman, 1976; Heineman, 1978). A recent review on the application of spectroelectrochemistry in analytical chemistry provides 62 references (Widring et al., 1990).

6.5.2 Theory of Operation

Electroactive species change at an electrode by the addition or removal of electrons. In spectroelectrochemistry, spectral measurements are made on the solution adjacent to the electrodes as the electrochemical process proceeds. In some cases, the surface itself is examined. Thus, spectroscopy is used as a probe to observe the consequences of an electrochemical process. A typical output would be several spectra of a particular substance obtained for a series of potentials. However, one is not limited to the use of transmission spectroscopy. Specular reflectance and internal reflectance spectroscopy have been used as well. Since its inception in 1964, the "spectro" part of spectroelectrochemistry has been expanded to include electron spin and nuclear magnetic resonance as well as luminescence and scattering spectroscopies. Ultraviolet and visible spectroelectrochemistry are now quite commonly used to identify electrode reaction products and intermediates. Several improvements have been made, including the use of fiber optics for the propagation to and subsequent illumination and detection of light at electrode surfaces. Infrared and Raman spectroscopy are also being applied more frequently to electrochemical problems. Several sources delineate theory and provide specific examples of the different types of spectroscopy that have been used (Heineman et al., 1984; Gale, 1988; McCreery, 1986; Sharpe et al., 1990).

6.5.3 Methodology

Through spectroelectrochemistry, it is theoretically possible to determine the composition of solutions and electrode adsorbed species. The technology allows elucidation of reactants, intermediates, and products.

Recent developments in methodologies include: (1) an IR thin layer cell with a gold or platinum working electrode that serves as a minor for the light beam, (2) mercury/solution interfaces for study of adsorbtion, (3) angle-resolved IR spectroelectrochemistry for *in suu* depth profiling of electrode/electrolyte interfaces, (4) surface-enhanced Raman spectroscopy (SERS) for studying adsorption and electroreduction at silver electrodes, (5) surface-enhanced resonance Raman spectroscopy for monitoring electrode surface reactions of biological molecules, (6) improvements in cell geometries and novel applications of UV-vis spectroelectrochemistry, (7) the use of fiber-optic absorbance probes in conjunction with a bulk electrochemical cell, (8) improvements in optically transparent spectroelectrochemical cells, including the fabrication of high surface area working electrodes, (9) improvements on long optical path length cells for simultaneous electron spin resonance - electrochemical investigations, and (10) extended X-ray adsorption fine structure spectroelectrochemistry (Widring et al., 1990).

The use of spectroelectrochemistry has elucidated the basic chemistry that occurs on the surface of an electrode. Examples of compounds and ions studied recently using any one of a variety of spectroelectrochemistry techniques include ethanol, carbon monoxide, methanol, sulfate, formaldehyde, tetraphenylporphyrin-metal complexes, benzoic acid, benzoate, cyanate, ferrocyanide, dioxouranium (VI), hexakis (arylisocyanide) chromium (III), polythiophene, dopamine, pyrrole,

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6.6 BIOSENSORS

6.6.1 Introduction

First reported by Clark in 1962, biosensors are relatively immature tools of analytical chemistry and are regarded by some as emerging technology. For the purposes of this report, a biosensor is defined as an analytical device that incorporates a biologically active material in intimate contact with an appropriate transduction element in order to detect (reversibly and selectively) the concentration or activity of chemical species in any type of sample (Arnold and Meyerhoff, 1988). This definition relates to the type of (bio) chemical reaction that provides the analytical output (usually electrical).

6.6.2 Theory of Operation

Biosensors are classified into two operational types: biocatalytic and receptor biosensors.

1. Biocatalytic biosensors - the sensing tip of the detection probe contains a very small amount of immobilized biocatalyst which communicates between the analyte and the detector element. As analytes move from the sample medium into the biocatalytic area at some diffusion-controlled rate, they are converted into a form that is measurable by the detector. At the same time, the converted form of analyte (product) diffuses out into the sample medium at some rate. At steady-state conditions, the signal at the detector relates to the concentration of the analyte in the sample.

- 2. Multiple enzyme systems promise synergistic benefits. Their combination can be used to form new biosensors, to increase sensor selectivity, and to amplify chemically the sensor response (Arnold and Meyerhoff, 1988).
- 3. Fiber optic biocatalytic biosensors use the immobilization of an enzyme at the tip of an optical fiber, and detection is through opto-electronic means. Other biosensors use electrochemical means to send their signal through shielded, metallic conductors to the analytical instrument. An advantage of fiber optic devices over electrochemical devices is their capability to use a single fiber for monitoring multiple wavelengths. A disadvantage is that fiber optic cables are usually made of quartz, making them considerably more expensive and less durable than electrical conductors.

6.6.4 Application to WHPA Monitoring

The number of available ground-water monitoring biosensors, even in concept or prototype form, is currently very limited. Biosensors for the detection of sulfate anions (Kobos, 1986) and ammonium ions (Reidel et al., 1985) have been described.

6.6.5 Limitations/Performance

High enzyme levels in the detector produce faster biocatalytic reactions, but the sensor response is limited by diffusion. Low enzyme levels in the detector produce slower biocatalysis, and sensor performance depends on reaction rates. The current list of analytes that are detectable through fiber optic biocatalytic biosensors contains little of interest to WHPA monitoring (Arnold and Meyerhoff, 1988).

Biosensors generally have two main components: (1) a molecular recognition, or biological entity, and (2) a signal-producing entity, or the component connected to the analytical instrumentation. Biosensor research and development requires a large measure of creativity to gain an optimal union between these two components. As biosensors are further developed and improved through innovative technology, applications can be expected in medicine, agriculture, biotechnology, military applications, and environmental studies such as ground-water monitoring for WHPAs.

6.6.6 Summary

Few analytes can be monitored with biosensors; nevertheless, the technique is worthy of continued research. The medium of conveying the signal from biosensor to analyzing instrument for ground-water monitoring for WHPAs should be based on electrically-conducting cable in which ruggedness and cost are controlling considerations. The literature reports many biosensors, but this research focuses mainly on biomedical monitoring of analytes not expected to be found in ground water. Biosensors have been described that can monitor sulfate ions and ammonium ions.

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SECTION 7

CASE STUDIES

This section describes two case studies that exemplify innovative applications of monitoring technologies for drinking water. The first case study is the Orange County Water District, (OCWD) located in Southern California. The OCWP is monitoring ground water using "Multiport Wells" equipped to countinously measure temperature and water level. This data is linked to a centralized computer and water management data base system. The second case study is the State of Florida's Ground Water Quality Monitoring Network and related applications of continuous remote monitoring station that utilize telemetry.

7.1 ORANGE COUNTY (CALIFORNIA) WATER DISTRICT: INNOVATIVE
APPROACH TO GROUND-WATER MONITORING USING AN IN-SITU, MULTILEVEL CONTINUOUS GROUND-WATER DATA ACQUISITION SYSTEM

The OCWD manages a large alluvial ground-water basin in the coastal plain of southern California (Figure 7-1a). Today the OCWD supplies more than 65 percent of the total water demand of the 1.8 million people within the District.

The portion of the basin managed by OCWD covers an area of about 300 square miles and has a useable storage of approximately 1.5 million acre-feet. Though the fresh water aquifers extend to depths up to 4,000 feet, at this time, most production occurs above a depth of 1,500 feet (Figure 7-1b).

Prior to OCWD implementing recharge activities, the natural safe yield of the basin was about 60,000 acre-feet per year. With a ground-water demand of more than 250,000 acre-feet per year, the District must artificially recharge the basin and control sea water intrusion. The recharge facilities, located on more than 1,600 acres of land along the Santa Ana River, consist of about 1,000 wetted acres of in-river and shallow and deep spreading basins. Water is diverted into these facilities from storm and base flows of the Santa Ana River and from the California and Colorado River Aqueducts. As much as 350,000 acre-feet per year can be recharged in these facilities, depending on the availability of water from local and imported sources.

In addition, sea water intrusion caused by the large pumping depressions in the central part of the basin poses a potential problem in certain areas near the coast. The District controls this problem by injecting imported water and reclaimed wastewater into coastal aquifer zones. The District also monitors ground-water contamination problems in the basin and is active in District-financed remedial investigations and clean ups.

This multifaceted program requires a comprehensive monitoring system to provide the data for management decisions. The District has begun a 10-year program to install up to 150 deep and shallow, multi-level monitoring wells throughout the basin. The objective of these wells is to provide an areal as well as vertical understanding of the basin hydrogeology. Typically, these wells are about 1,500 feet in depth, but range from 300 to 2,000 feet. After investigating and experimenting with several construction methods, including nested, cluster, and single standpipe wells (Figure 7-2), the District selected the MP system (Westbay Instruments Inc.), which consists of a single standpipe with multiple screens. A comparison of the alternate methods is given by Black et al. (1988). The monitoring wells are constructed of 4-inch in diameter, mild steel casings and screens. Screens are isolated in the annulus with a mixture of bentonite chips and coarse-grained sand that is placed by pumping through a tremie pipe (Figure 7-3). The MP System isolates the screens on the interior of the casing with water-inflated packers. This system allows the District to isolate, monitor, and sample any or all aquifers penetrated by any given well for both piezometric pressure and water quality. These wells have been useful in locating contaminants, determining hydraulic characteristics of individual aquifers, and identifying flow pathways as water moves from the recharge areas of the basin toward the points of extraction.

The District has installed more than 20 deep and 50 shallow monitoring wells, which provide more than 300 monitoring points for collecting samples and obtaining water pressure measurements. A water quality sample is taken from each point in each well once per quarter for the first year and twice per year thereafter. Pressure measurements are carried out every month. However, as the number of monitoring wells increases, the manpower required to conduct the monitoring and sampling increases to a point that would eventually be economically unacceptable to the District. Recognizing this dilemma, the District decided to participate in a research and development project with Westbay to find a more efficient method of conducting the needed monitoring. Several wells are currently fitted with this down-hole monitoring equipment to evaluate its effectiveness.

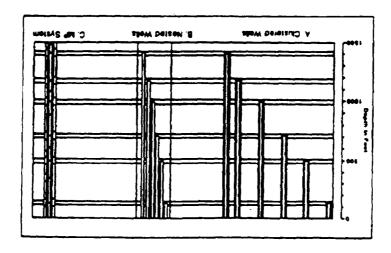


Figure 7-2. Comparison of methods for monitoring ten levels between 0 and 1,500 ft.

THE MOSDAX SYSTEM

The MOSDAX System is a multi-level, continuous, ground-water pressure monitoring system for use with MP System monitoring wells. MOSDAX consists of a series of probes with pressure transducers (pressure probes), which are located at selected measurement ports in the MP monitoring well, and a surface module which is placed at the wellhead (Figure 7-4). Data are collected from each of the probes based on user-selected criteria and are transmitted to the surface module for storage or passed on to a host computer using telemetry techniques (dedicated telephone line, cellular phone, or radio).

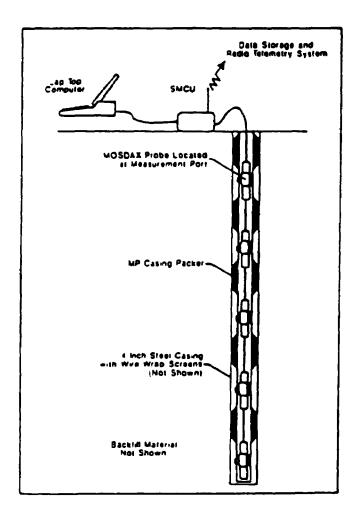


Figure 7-4. Schematic illustration of MOSDAX System monitoring fluid pressure at multiple levels in an MP System well.

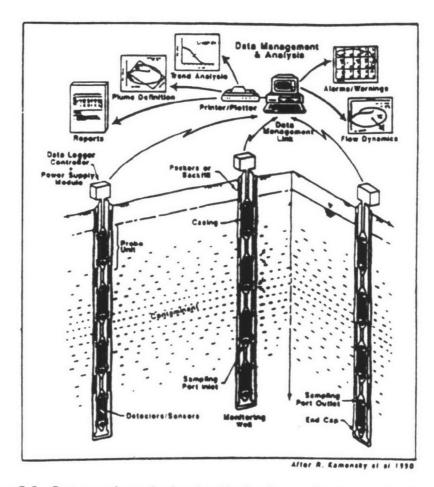


Figure 7-5. Cartoon schematic showing idealized ground-water monitoring system.

distinct from the fluid outside the casing). The procedure requires deactivating each probe so that it reads the pressure inside the MP casing. Following the performance check, the probes can be reactivated to continue monitoring formation fluid pressures. Using this technique, the sensor drift can be checked. It is possible to carry out this check remotely through the telemetry system. The communications protocol between the probes and the surface module contains error checking routines to detect errors in the transmission. If an error is detected, the SMCU can request a retransmission.

Data are stored in the surface module in a memory-efficient form that is not readable without special conversion routines. Manipulating or altering the raw data is difficult. In addition, each of the raw data files contains a header which includes information from the originating probe, such as serial number, sensor calibration constants to be used, and date and file tracing information.

Innovative Monitoring of Recharged Groundwater

The OCWD operates an extensive recharge facility, known as the Forebay, along the Santa Ana River, in Anaheim, California. Because the Orange County ground-water basin is located at the end of the Santa Ana River watershed, it is the recipient of often poor-quality waters generated primarily from three sources. The first, and foremost, is the high-nitrate tertiary treated waste water

Innovative Monitoring Strategies Using Soil Gas Surveying to Evaluate a Groundwater VOC Plume

In January 1987, a City of Orange production well was shut down due to the detection of chlorinated VOCs above state drinking-water standards. OCWD determined the extent of VOC contamination of the shallow ground water in the vicinity of the contaminated well through the use of soil-gas surveys to identify potential source areas, and the construction of ten 100- to 200-foot deep monitoring wells to delineate the lateral extent. In addition, three existing 1,500- to 2,000-foot deep multiscreen monitoring wells were sampled to evaluate the vertical extent migration potential of the plume. Although only the western edge of the plume has been defined to date, a ground-water extraction and treatment system is being installed to minimize further VOC migration. Additional wells will be constructed to delineate the full extent of the plume for future remedial planning and source identification.

SUMMARY

OCWD plans to continue with a program of installing monitoring wells and collecting ground-water pressure and chemical data as required to meet the needs of the ground-water producers in the basin. Accurate and timely data will be provided by a data collection network which will rely on automatic data collection and telemetry techniques to transfer the data directly to a central location. To efficiently store and retrieve a large amount of project data, OCWD is developing their WRMS. The WRMS program will be a network data base which will store data, from virtually every aspect of the ground-water resource. The information includes well design information, lithologic logs, geophysical testing results, geochemical data, and water-level data. The data base will be linked to graphic and modeling tools to facilitate evaluation. Generation of contour maps and cross-sections based on the information contained in the data base or developed from models will become easy and routine. This program, coupled with the data continuously generated from the MOSDAX-equipped MP monitoring wells, will help OCWD meet its mission and responsibilities well into the twenty-first century.

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The Floridan aquifer is underlain by a confining bed and is overlain, throughout most of the state, by the intermediate aquifer system (or intermediate confining unit). However, in some areas, the Floridan is found exposed at or near land surface (Figure 7-7).

In 1983, the Florida Legislature passed the Water Quality Assurance Act, a portion of which required the Department of Environmental Regulation to "establish a ground water quality monitoring network designed to detect or predict contamination of the state's ground water resources" (Florida Statutes, Chapter 403.063). To facilitate this effort, the act requires that the Department work cooperatively with other federal and state agencies, including the five water management districts (Figure 7-8), and other government agencies in the establishment of the network.

The three basic goals of the Ground Water Quality Monitoring Program are:

- To establish the baseline water quality of major aquifer systems in the state.
- To detect and predict changes in ground-water quality resulting from the effects of various land use activities and potential sources of contamination.
- To disseminate water quality data to local governments and the public.

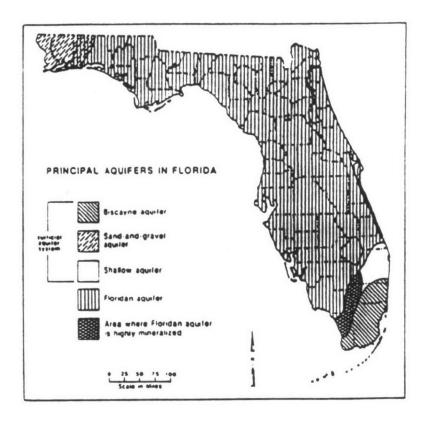


Figure 7-7. Principal aquifers within Florida.

- Background Network, designed to help define background water quality through a network of approximately 1700 wells that tap all major potable aquifers within the state.
- The Very Intense Study Area (VISA) Network, designed to monitor the effects of various land uses on ground-water quality within aquifers in selected areas.
- Private Well Survey, designed to analyze ground-water quality from 50 private drinking water wells in each of Florida's 67 counties. This data will supplement the Background Network by providing additional sampling points, while indicating the general quality of water consumed by private well owners. This survey is a joint effort between the Florida Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services and the Department of Environmental Regulations.

BACKGROUND NETWORK

Before changes in ground-water quality can be detected, baseline water quality must be determined. The term baseline differs from background in that it refers to current regional ground-water quality. This may or may not be synonymous with background, or pristine, ground-water quality that existed before measurable human impact on the aquifer. A well in the Background Network is designed to monitor an area of the aquifer that is representative of the general ground-water quality of the region. It is not designed to be associated with degradation from contamination sources.

The first sampling of each well in the network involves the measurement of a comprehensive set of field, chemical, microbiological, and naturally occurring radioactive parameters (Table 7-1). These analyses, combined with historical data, can be used to estimate baseline ground-water quality. This process of establishing current baseline helps to delineate areas where ground-water quality has degraded. Once this baseline has been determined, data from future monitoring of the network will be continually evaluated to determine changes in water quality over time.

After the initial samples are collected and analyzed, background monitoring wells are periodically sampled for a small group of indicator parameters, in an attempt to detect the onset of degradation or contamination.

Among the indicator parameters selected, the analysis for VOCs is used as a way to detect the presence of organic chemicals in the samples. If a sample is found to contain significant concentrations of VOCs, further analyses for specific organic parameters are conducted.

Development of the Background Network occurred in the following phases:

- Phase I: Data collection, compilation, and location of existing wells which could be incorporated into the network.
- Phase II: Selection and drilling of initial monitoring wells.
- Phase III: Initial sampling of the Background Network to determine ground-water quality trends and define baseline.
- Phase IV: x of wells found to contain significant concentrations of one or more parameters.

- Phase V: Refinement of the network through removal of redundant wells and affected wells and drilling of additional wells where needed.
- Phase VI: Ongoing periodic x to define variations in ground-water quality over time.

VISA NETWORK

The VISA Network monitors specific areas of the state that are believed to be highly susceptible to ground-water contamination, based on predominant land use and hydrogeology. A VISA well is designed to monitor the effects of multiple sources of contamination on water quality within a segment of the aquifer.

Development of the VISA Network is broken down into the following phases:

- Phase I: Evaluation of data to determine areas of predominant land use (Table 7-2).
- Phase II: Determination of relative susceptibility to contamination of each potable aquifer.
- Phase III: Determination of percentage use of each aquifer as a source of potable water.
- Phase IV: Selection of VISAs based on above data.
- Phase V: Data collection, compilation, and selection of suitable existing wells within each VISA.
- Phase VI: Drill additional wells as needed.
- Phase VII: Sample VISA wells.

Areas of predominant land use were located using the Florida Summary Mapping System, a microcomputer geographic information system developed at the University of Florida. The system contains land use data derived from ad valorem tax information for each of Florida's 67 counties. This data has been summarized to each square mile section of the state based on the Public Land Survey System (section, township, and range).

Aquifer vulnerability was determined using DRASTIC, a mapping system developed jointly by the U.S. EPA and the National Water Well Association. DRASTIC is an acronym representing the seven hydrogeological parameters considered most indicative of relative pollution potential. These are:

- D Depth to water
- R Net recharge
- A Aquifer media
- S Soil media
- T Topography
- I Impact of the vadose zone
- C Hydraulic conductivity

Each of these parameters is mapped separately, and numerical scores are assigned to each map polygon. The seven parameter maps form overlays which are combined to create a composite DRASTIC aquifer vulnerability map. The score for each polygon in each overlay is multiplied by a weighting factor, and the weighted scores are summed to produce a DRASTIC index for each polygon on the composite map. Higher scores indicate higher relative pollution potential. Statewide

DRASTIC mapping is scheduled to be completed in the summer of 1990, for the Surficial and Floridan aquifer systems. At that time, maps for each county will be published.

All wells in the VISA Network will be sampled for a standard list of parameters. Additional parameters which are not in the standard list, but are suspected to occur based on land use, also will be included. For example, in industrial areas, products used or produced by facilities within the VISA will be included in the parameters to be sampled. Likewise, in agricultural and urban areas, substances typically produced as byproducts of these land uses will be determined and monitored.

Data from VISA wells will be statistically compared to like parameters sampled from Background Network wells representing the same aquifer segment, to determine the effects of land use and site hydrogeology upon ground-water quality. By analyzing this data, reasonable predictions can be made on the effects of siting similar land uses in hydrogeologically similar areas of the state.

PRIVATE WELL SURVEY

The Florida Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services is conducting a survey of private drinking water systems to determine the general water quality of these wells. The two departments have entered into a cooperative agreement to select up to 70 wells per county (50 primary, 20 backup) for the study, using the same criteria developed to select existing Background and VISA wells. The Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services is sampling these wells for approximately 180 parameters and these analyses will supplement data generated by the Ground Water Quality Monitoring network.

Automated Remote Monitoring System

To meet their monitoring requirements, several of the agencies have installed computerized automated remote monitoring and transmitting systems called Supervisor Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) systems.

The SCADA system links a computer, located at a centralized site, to remote field monitoring and structure control stations using a two-way radio transmitter link.

The field monitoring stations measure hydrological data including ground-water level using floats with encoders, transducers, or sonic devices and selected water quality parameters using available sensors such as DO, electrical conductance, or pH.

The stations are also used to monitor hydrographic data such as reservoir and canal levels, inflow and outflow, and water control structures. Additionally, meteorologic parameters are measured including air temperature, wind-speed, wind-direction, evapotranspiration, rainfall, barometric pressure, and relative humidity.

These monitoring stations can be equipped with radio-transmitter/receiver terminals placed in remote locations and powered by solar cells. The remote radio terminals are capable of automatic event reporting. The data is generally recorded hourly and radio interrogated four-times daily. The system uses radio repeater stations to relay the data transmissions from the remote field sites to the central control center although data transmission can be accomplished using microwave, satellite

SUMMARY

The sampling frequency and chemical parameters to be monitored at each site are based on several factors, including Network well classification (Background, VISA, HRS), land use activity, hydrogeologic sensitivity of the site, and available funding. Wells near suspected sources of contamination will be sampled more frequently than wells in undeveloped or background areas.

Data generated by the Ground Water Quality Monitoring network will be statistically analyzed to:

- Establish baseline and background water quality. This will allow estimation of ground-water quality by aquifer anywhere in the state.
- Determine current ground-water quality statewide and predict future changes to it as a result of anthropogenic activities.
- Determine the degree of degradation of water quality in VISAs.
- Refine the network where needed to maximize information generated at a minimum cost.

The hydrogeological data collected through this monitoring program will be used to map in detail the extent and thickness of the major potable aquifers of Florida. Local mapping will be conducted to more thoroughly define individual water-bearing zones within each aquifer system. Additionally, water level data will be collected from each well. This information, along with similar data generated by other governmental agencies and the private sector, will be used to delineate physical ground-water divides. This will aid in determining the boundaries of ground-water basins,

When ground-water basins for each monitored aquifer have been determined, chemical data from the Network will be used to establish the baseline water quality of smaller aquifer segments within each basin. These chemically similar aquifer segments will be subdivided using statistical techniques. Definition of these aquifer segments will be based on concentrations of parameters present in the aquifer. Therefore, aquifer segments may differ in extent and thickness for each parameter or group of chemically related parameters tested. It is from these data that water quality maps will be produced for each sampled parameter.

Data generated by the Ground Water Quality Monitoring program will provide information for preparation of numerous water quality maps. It will also help with future land use planning, zoning decisions, and the development of more effective Local Government Comprehensive Plans. The raw data, screened for accuracy through various statistical analyses and field checking, is available to the public. Data from the network will help state and local governments evaluate the effects of land use and changes in ground-water quality through time. Information regarding this program may be obtained from:

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