

Milwaukee River near Mouth

Road Salt Monitoring Data Summary

February – December 2011



Photo courtesy of Jim Beecher

Volunteers: Cheryl Nenn and Joe Rath

Specific conductance summary:

- 7 measurements taken
- Minimum: 840 $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$ on 10/7/2011
- Maximum: 1670 $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$ on 3/12/2011
- Mean: 1189 $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$

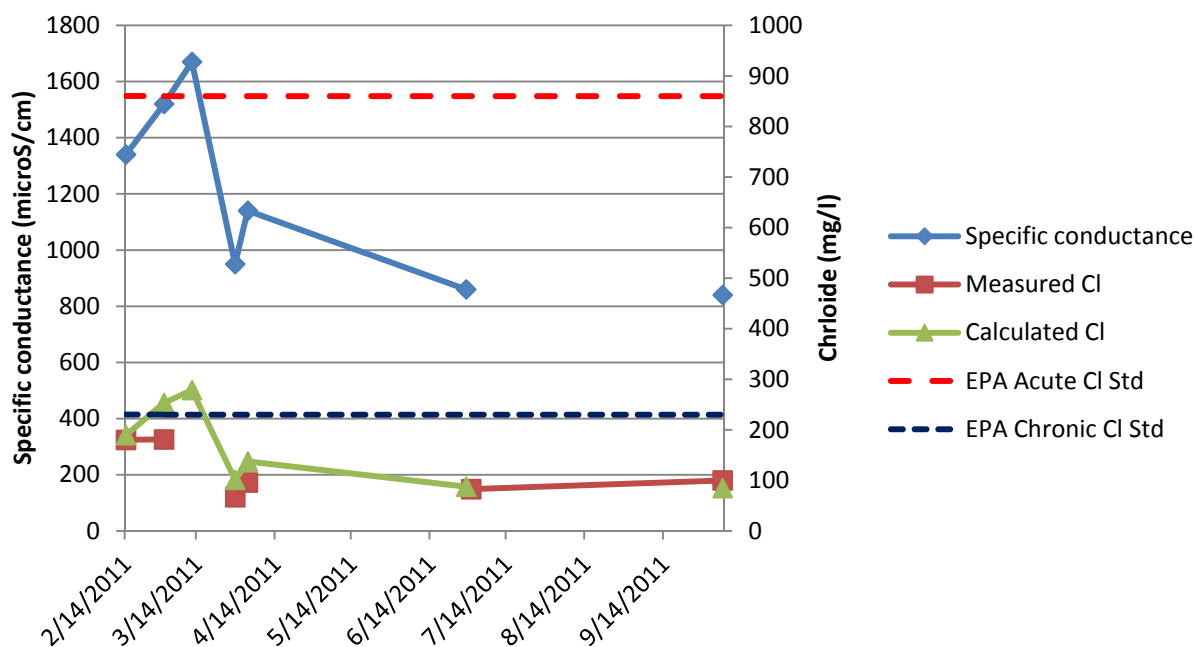
Chloride (Cl⁻) summary:

- 6 samples collected
- Minimum: 66.6 mg/L 3/29/2011
- Maximum: 181 mg/L 3/1/2011
- Mean: 118 mg/L

EPA Acute and Chronic Exceedences for Chloride¹:

Neither the EPA acute chloride standard of 860 mg/L nor the chronic chloride standard of 230 mg/L was exceeded at this site based on volunteer monitoring in 2011.

Results Over Time²:



¹ Acute standard: The one-hour average should not exceed 860 mg/L more than once every three years. Chronic standard: The four day average should not exceed 230 mg/L more than once every three years. Source: EPA. 1988. Ambient Water Quality Criteria for Chloride. EPA 440/6-88-001.

² Calculated chloride: When $\text{SC} > 1540 \mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$ was $\text{Cl} = 0.3441 * \text{SC} - 291$, $\text{adjR}^2 = 0.98$; when $\text{SC} \leq 1540 \mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$ was $\text{Cl} = 1.044 * (\exp(0.001609 * \text{SC} + 3.046))$, $\text{adjR}^2 = 0.65$. Equations based on data from both Madison and Milwaukee.