Nine Springs at Syene Rd

Road Salt Monitoring Data Summary February – December 2011

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Specific conductance summary:

• 12 measurements taken

Minimum: 790 μS/cm on 10/16/2011
Maximum: 1030 μS/cm on 3/10/2011

Mean: 836 μS/cm

Chloride (Cl⁻) summary:

• 7 samples collected

Minimum: 60 mg/L 6/29/2011Maximum: 137 mg/L 3/10/2011

Mean: 79 mg/L

Specific conductance ranges at which to collect grab samples in 2012 for this site:

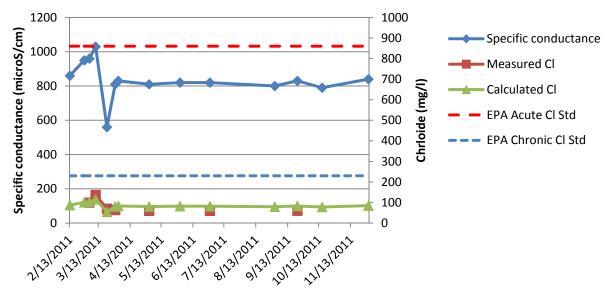
• Mid-level: 800-900 μS/cm

High-level: >900 μS/cm

EPA Acute and Chronic Exceedences for Chloride¹:

Neither the EPA acute nor chronic chloride standards were exceeded at this site based on volunteer monitoring in 2011.

Results Over Time:



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

² Two regression equations calculated based on specific conductance and chloride data collected from the Madison and Milwaukee areas collectively. The equation used when specific conductance >1540 μS/cm was Cl = 0.3441 * SC − 291, adjR² = 0.98; and when specific conductance ≤ 1540 μS/cm was Cl = 1.044 * (exp(0.001609 * SC + 3.046)), adj R² = 0.65.