Pike River Between CTH Y and Sheridan Rd

Road Salt Monitoring Data Summary September 2011 –December 2012



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Specific conductance summary:

11 measurements taken

Minimum: 535 μS/cm on 10/4/2012
Maximum: 1310 μS/cm on 2/17/2012

Mean: 840 μS/cm

Chloride (Cl⁻) summary:

16 samples collected

Minimum: 69.3 mg/L on 10/4/2012Maximum: 286.8 mg/L on 2/17/2012

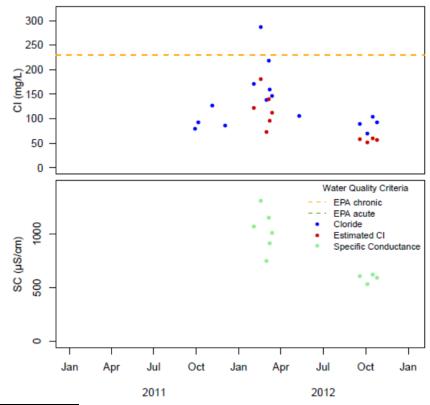
Mean: 129 mg/L

EPA Acute and Chronic Exceedences for Chloride¹:

The EPA acute chloride standard of 860 mg/L was not exceeded at this site in 2011 or in 2012. However, the EPA chronic chloride standard of 230 mg/L was exceeded at this once in 2012:

287 mg/L on 2/17/2012 (measured)

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 SC >1540 μS/cm was Cl = 0.3441 * SC - 291, adjR² = 0.98; when SC was $\leq 1540 μ$ S/cm was Cl = 1.044 * (exp(0.001609 * SC + 3.046)), adj R² = 0.65. Equations based on data from both Madison and Milwaukee.