Jarrett Creek 100m upstream of Lake Menomin

Road Salt Monitoring Data Summary December 2012 – June 2013



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Specific conductance summary:

• 40 measurements taken

• Minimum: 300 μS/cm on 4/10/2013

• Maximum: 5100 μS/cm on 1/29/2013

Mean: 861 μS/cm

Chloride (Cl⁻) summary:

5 samples collected

Minimum: 48.6 mg/L on 4/10/2013

• Maximum: 1530 mg/L on 1/29/2013

Mean: 467 mg/L

EPA Acute and Chronic Exceedences for Chloride¹:

The EPA acute chloride standard of 860 mg/L was exceeded twice at this site.

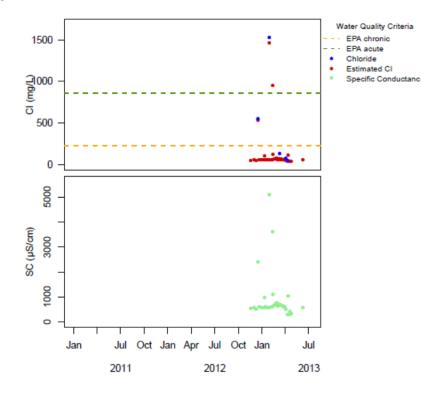
o 1530 mg/L on 1/29/2013 (measured)

948 mg/L on 2/11/2013 (calculated)

In addition, the EPA chronic chloride standard of 230 mg/L was exceeded once at this site:

o 555 mg/L on 12/16/2012 (measured)

Results Over Time²:



¹ Source: EPA. 1988. Ambient Water Quality Criteria for Chloride. EPA 440/6-88-001.

² Calculated chloride: When SC >1540 μ S/cm was Cl = 0.3441 * SC – 291, adjR² = 0.98; when SC was ≤ 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.