

Pigeon River by Wauwautosa Rd

Road Salt Monitoring Data Summary

February – December 2011



Photo courtesy of Jim Beecher

Volunteer: Phil Strobel

Specific conductance summary:

- 10 measurements taken
- Minimum: 700 $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$ on 9/26/2011
- Maximum: 1060 $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$ on 3/11/2011
- Mean: 843 $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$

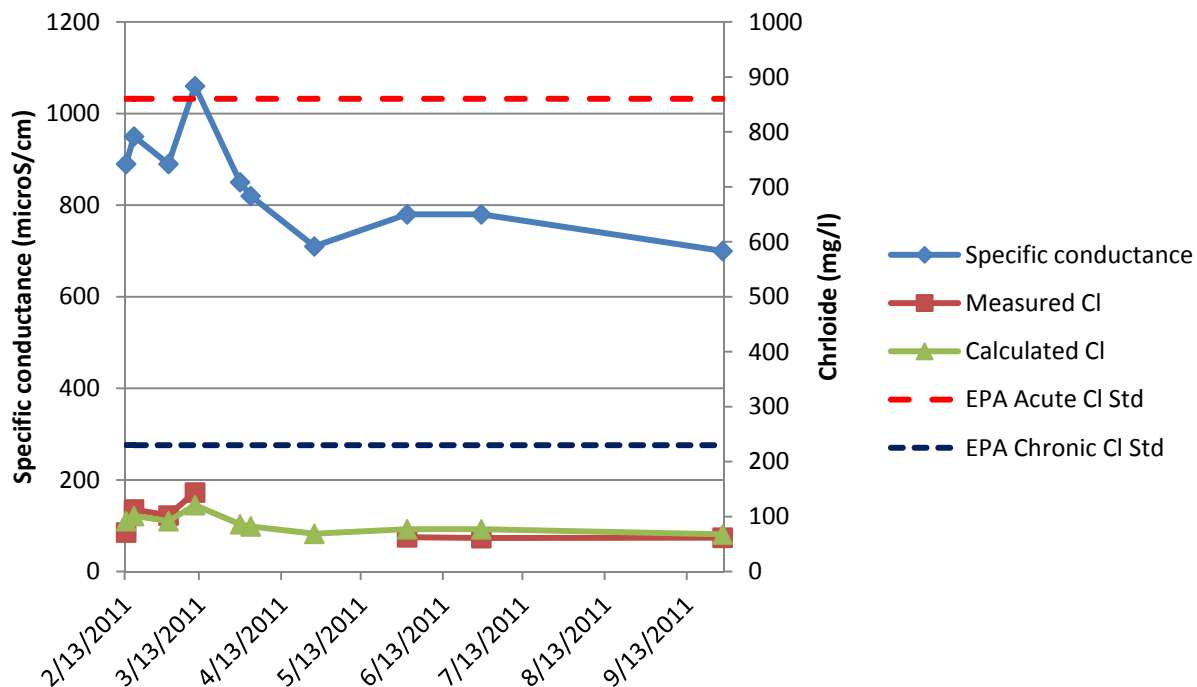
Chloride (Cl⁻) summary:

- 7 samples collected
- Minimum: 61.1 mg/L 6/27/2011
- Maximum: 113 mg/L 2/16/2011
- Mean: 88 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 $\text{Cl} = 0.3441 * \text{SC} - 291$, $\text{adj} R^2 = 0.98$; when SC was $\leq 1540 \mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$ was $\text{Cl} = 1.044 * (\exp(0.001609 * \text{SC} + 3.046))$, $\text{adj} R^2 = 0.65$. Equations based on data from both Madison and Milwaukee.