



December 17th, 2025

Attn: Travis Hertneky, PE; THEngineering, LLC

Project Name: Kiowa Creek Recycling Facility  
Case Number: USR25-001  
Parcel No.: 2067-00-0-00-372  
Variance Letter: #2

The Arapahoe County Technical Review Committee (TRC) and Southeast Metro Stormwater Authority (SEMSWA) met on December 17th, 2025, for a regularly scheduled meeting to discuss the Kiowa Creek Facility Use By Special Review to review and reassess the additional documentation and discussion of alternatives for distribution of stormwater and the alternative outlet structures from Variance Request Memo #1. The request and justification are described in detail in the attached Variance Response Memo provided by THEngineering, LLC., and are summarized here:

TRC Response and Comment:

- a. The applicant provided sufficient justification and discussion of constructability concerns of using the standard slotted curb distribution and TRC approves the use of a gated pipe system subject to this discussion.
- b. The proposed changes to the outlet structure are acceptable to TRC:
  - i. Use of an 8" PVC outlet pipe instead of an 18" RCP pipe.
  - ii. Use of an alternative trash rack based on the need to keep the pipe system charged and prevent finer composting debris from entering the outlet structure.
- c. Maintenance requirements of the gated pipe system and alternative outlet structure are to be included in the Ownership and Maintenance manual and agreement associated with this project.
- d. Applicant is to provide the CDPHE close out plan along with the final versions of the gated outlet pipe system, outlet structure, and site-specific O&M manual to TRC prior to final approval to confirm that all requirements are met.

Sincerely,

Emily Gonzalez, PE  
Engineering Services Division on Behalf of TRC

Attachments: Kiowa Creek Facility USR Variance Response Memo

cc: Technical Review Committee  
Arapahoe County Case File USR25-001

December 12, 2025

Arapahoe County Public Works and Development  
Technical Review Committee  
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RE: USR25-001 Kiowa Creek Facility, E 1/2 of the E 1/2 of the NW 1/4 Section 12, Township 5S, Range 67W, of the 6th PM, Arapahoe County, Colorado, Parcel no: 2067-00-0-00372

To Whom It May Concern,

This variance request letter is in reference to the variance request dated October 8, 2025 and response letter dated November 6, 2025.

Response letter dated November 6, 2025 indicated that the usage of a Vegetative Treatment Area (VTA) does not necessitate a variance.

Response letter also indicated that the "Alternative Outlet Structure" was not acceptable due to potential maintenance concerns. I request the TRC review this decision and work with us to determine an outlet structure that meets TRC expectations and site and construction constraints.

### Background

This site will be a class I composting site regulated by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) solid waste department. Site must meet requirements of CDPHE regulation 6 CCR 1007-2 14 as well as county requirements. A VTA was selected to meet the requirements of both parties and more information is available on this in the previous submittals.

The original variance request involved a pond outlet that was constructed with a Hickenbottom outlet to provide filtering and connecting directly to an 8in PVC outlet pipe. The outlet pipe connected directly to a gated pipe distribution system to evenly distribute the outfall across the VTA.

### Distribution device options

Various other outlet structure and distribution options were investigated. The main design constraint driving this variance request is the necessity to evenly distribute effluent across the entire VTA. The distribution device must be able to evenly distribute the outfall along a distance of 680ft, or slightly over 1/8<sup>th</sup> of a mile. A concrete level spreader was evaluated, but posed the following concerns.

The constructability of a level wall that long within the construction tolerances necessary will be challenging. The maximum hydraulic loading rate of the VTA has been calculated to be 6cfs with the previous outlet design capacity calculated at 4.2cfs. Preliminary calculations using a weir formula show a 6cfs flow depth across the 680ft long concrete weir of 0.02ft. If we use generous construction tolerances of 1/2 flow depth we are looking at a tolerance of 0.01ft or approximately 1/8<sup>th</sup> in. A high quality long range laser level (Topcon RL-H5A) is rated at 10 arc second accuracy which equates to 0.03ft across the 680ft length. A typical construction grade laser level (Dewalt 20V) has a listed accuracy of 1/16in in 100ft which equates to 0.04ft across the 680ft length. This just outlines the common measurement accuracy and does not account for construction variability. For this reason, I am concerned about the construction of a constant height weir of this length with this low of a flow depth.

Another option evaluated was the construction of this concrete wall, but putting notches every 90in. This would increase our flow depth through each notch. If we planned on a notch every 90in (same as every 3<sup>rd</sup> gate open on gated pipe) we get a flow/notch of 0.07cfs and a flow depth in a 3in wide notch of 0.19ft. This is greater depth than constant height weir; however, still very difficult to construct across a 680ft long wall.

Further concerns are raised due to the likelihood of the wall moving over time. Surface soils are fairly heavy clay and although shrink and swell analysis was not performed, surface cracking was evident. This raises the concern of long term heave of the wall which could raise portions and thus compromise the effective distribution along the length of the spreader.

The option of constructing several independent spreaders of shorter length was evaluated however this would require even distribution to each spreader in the fashion of a distribution box or similar. We would then need to convey these divided flows to each spreader and the distribution system became very complex with many points of potential failure during construction or over time.

All of these options require some sort of ditch on the upstream side of the weir wall. Initial ideas focused around a concrete channel on the up side of the weir, but this became a massive structure in order to make it large enough to clean with loaders. Second design idea focused around an earthen channel above the weir which would likely be preferable. This earthen channel would be vegetated which would impede flow down the channel but if the channel was deep enough water would find its level path and way to the end. Maintenance of this channel would require regular cleaning of sediment from the channel. The sediment/debris from the site is not as much of a concern as the runoff from the adjacent area upslope of the channel. Since this is an earthen channel it could be cleaned regularly with loaders and equipment on-site. I feel the construction of an earthen channel above the weir is a feasible option, however will require regular maintenance.

Other industry standards were evaluated including the use of an earthen or concrete ditch with siphon tubes similar to many historic flood irrigation systems. This would require manual labor to set siphon tubes every time it rains and thus is not a good option. An earthen or concrete irrigation style ditch could be constructed with small headgates or turnouts along the length of the ditch at the bottom. This idea would allow us to divert the water out of the ditch along the bottom with head pressure above the orifices and not require the exacting construction tolerances as a weir. Concerns with this open ditch would be debris that would accumulate in the ditch from adjacent weeds, windblown dirt, etc. and the plugging of orifices. Situations where I have seen this successfully implemented, the orifices are approximately 3in or 4in which is far too large for our available flows in this situation.

Gated pipe is another industry standard for distributing water along the top of the field and utilized in many flood irrigation projects, and the initial choice for this project. Gated pipe normally functions as a closed conduit with full pipe flow and not normally partial pipe flow situation. For this reason, the exacting tolerances for the gate elevations is not necessary as we are utilizing many submerged orifices as opposed to an overtopping weir. The gated pipe can function with very minimal head; however, functions best with a couple feet of head. In order to achieve the desired head pressure a closed conduit to the pond is proposed. Plastic gated pipe is proposed due to availability and theft concerns of aluminum pipe. Plastic gated pipe is UV rated and spec requires it meets NRCS practice standards of a minimum 15 year lifespan. Replacement pipe is readily available off the shelf from almost any irrigation dealer. Gated pipe is listed as a design option for VTAs in most all available references including the attached Colorado guidance technical note 26, page 3, as well as the NRCS practice standard 635, page 2.

Gated pipe will require regular maintenance. Once installed and staked into place, annually it will need to be checked for breaks, rotation of the pipe, excessive sediment accumulation, rodent dwelling or damage, and gate adjustment, etc. It is anticipated that this would take one man approximately 0.5hr each spring to inspect and adjust pipe. Operation and maintenance plan would also outline regular inspections during and after each significant rainfall event.

For the reasons outlined above I believe the gated pipe is a superior distribution device for this situation based primarily on the length of distribution.



Photo 1, Gated pipe from irrigation project this summer, approx. 500ft long with approx. 2ft head pressure and every 3<sup>rd</sup> gate open. Picture was during initial adjustment and not staked down yet.

#### Pond outlet

In order for the gated pipe to function as best as possible it needs head pressure. For this reason it is proposed to use closed conduit to the pond and use the pond elevation as head pressure for the system. Proposed layout starts the gated pipe 0.8ft lower than the bottom of the pond with the pond providing up to an additional 6.0ft of head pressure on the pipe.

It is my understanding that the pond outlet works is the main item of concern by the TRC. The original design of a Hickebottom outlet provided an off the shelf solution that provided screening for debris and is still my preference. This outlet design allowed for closed conduit to the gated pipe with readily available fittings. If the TRC would rather see an outlet structure that is more consistent to what you are used to seeing in the urban environment, I do believe we can design a structure that meets that criteria and still allows us to use pond head to pressure pipe. Special concerns need to be taken into account for screening the runoff since the predominate feedstock at this site is ground green waste. This feedstock will be couple inches long and float and highly likely to transport off of the composting site to the runoff pond. These ideas can better be discussed in meeting with TRC to determine what meets site constraints and TRC's expectations.

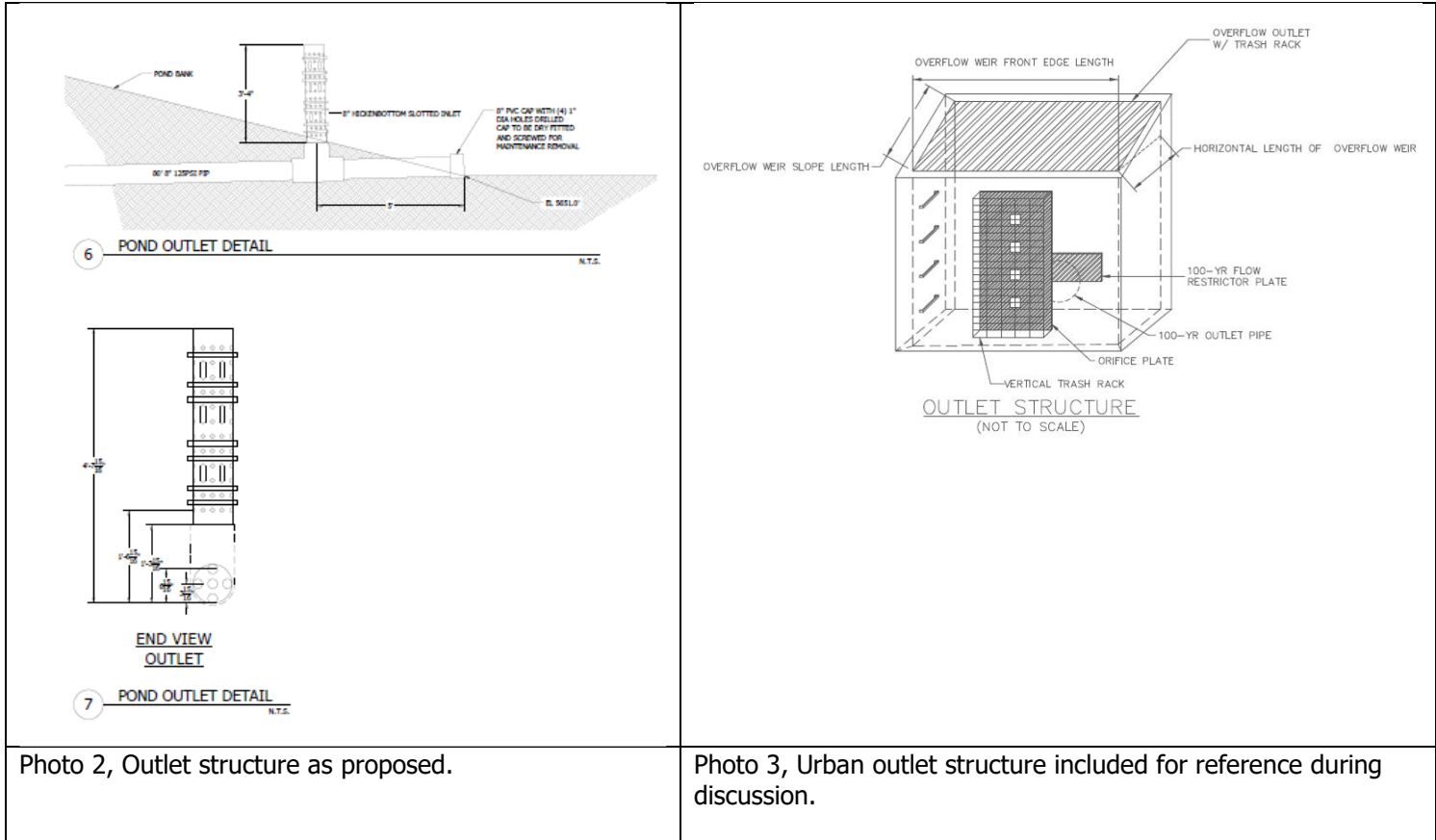


Photo 2, Outlet structure as proposed.

Photo 3, Urban outlet structure included for reference during discussion.

**Summary**

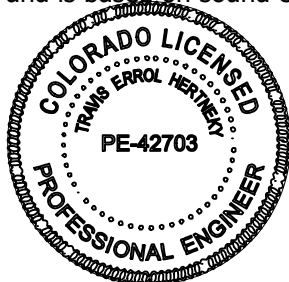
As a reminder, we are not asking for any variance from any outfall flow requirements and proposed system detains 100yr storm, releasing a less than the historic 5yr rate. Pipeline sizing regulates outflow to slightly less than soil infiltration rate of VTA. Outlet is designed to drain the pond to 99% of the 100yr inflow in 58hrs. Pond is oversized to also meet anticipated state regulations and can safely contain the 100yr-1hr storm or the 25yr-24hr storm event if the outlet was completely plugged before flowing out of the emergency spillway.

This will be an actively managed site with employees and equipment present during normal working hours. This is different than a subdivision or similar where there may still be a responsible party, but that party is largely absent. This usage is allowed as part of a special use permit and must be returned to historic conditions if use is ceased. If the facility ceases operation due to financial failure or similar, the financial assurance held by the state would fund the cleanup operations of the site and negate the necessity for continual operation of the VTA. There is no anticipated scenario where operator would not be actively managing site and not have operations personal on-site to perform maintenance.

We ask for you to grant us a variance to allow us to use the proposed outlet structure as designed or help confirm a design that will meet site constraints and TRC's expectations.

Please feel free to reach out with any questions.

This Variance Request from the Arapahoe County Infrastructure Design and Construction Standards, and Stormwater management manual hydrology runoff prediction methods listed in chapter 10, and 13.4.4 of the Stormwater management manual dated 7/1/2019 was prepared for the Kiowa Creek Facility by me and is based on sound engineering judgement and practices.



Travis Hertneky, PE  
TTheEngineering, LLC

Enclosure:      Phase III Drainage report dated October 6, 2025  
                      Drainage plan dated October 6, 2025  
                      Colorado NRCS TN-26, Feedlot runoff treatment system  
                      Colorado Conservation practice standard Vegetated Treatment area 635



**Natural Resources Conservation Service**  
**CONSERVATION PRACTICE STANDARD**  
**VEGETATED TREATMENT AREA**

**CODE 635**

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**DEFINITION**

An area of permanent vegetation used for agricultural wastewater treatment.

**PURPOSE**

This practice is used to accomplish the following purpose:

- Improve water quality by using vegetation to reduce the loading of nutrients, organics, pathogens, and other contaminants associated with livestock, poultry, and other agricultural operations

**CONDITIONS WHERE PRACTICE APPLIES**

This practice applies where:

- A vegetated treatment area (VTA) can be constructed, operated and maintained to treat contaminated runoff from such areas as feedlots, feed storage, compost areas, solid manure storage areas, barnyards, and other livestock holding areas; or to treat process wastewater from agricultural operations.
- A VTA is a component of a planned agricultural waste management system.

**CRITERIA**

**General Criteria Applicable to All Purposes**

Size the total treatment area for the VTA on both the contributing site water runoff and vegetation nutrient balances.

- Water balance is the soil's capacity to infiltrate and retain runoff within the root zone. Base the runoff determination on the most restrictive soil layer within the root zone regardless of its thickness. Use the soil's water holding capacity in the root zone, infiltration rate, permeability, and hydraulic conductivity to determine its ability to absorb and retain runoff.
- Nutrient balance utilizes the nutrients from the waste runoff to meet the nutrient removal requirements in the harvested vegetation. Base the nutrient balance on the most limiting nutrient (i.e. nitrogen or phosphorus).

Divert uncontaminated water from the treatment area to the fullest extent possible unless additional moisture is needed to manage vegetation growth in the treatment area.

Establish permanent vegetation in the treatment area. Use a single species or a mixture of grasses, legumes, and other forbs adapted to the soil and climate. Select species to meet the current site conditions and intended use. Selected species will have the capacity to achieve adequate density, vigor, and yield within an appropriate time frame to treat contaminated runoff. Complete site preparation and seeding at a time and in a manner that best ensures survival and growth of the selected species.

NRCS reviews and periodically updates conservation practice standards. To obtain the current version of this standard, contact your Natural Resources Conservation Service State office or visit the Field Office Technical Guide online by going to the NRCS website at <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/> and type FOTG in the search field.

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Select vegetation that will withstand anticipated wetting or submerged conditions. Harvest vegetation as appropriate to encourage dense growth, maintain an upright growth habit, and remove nutrients and other contaminants that are contained in the plant tissue.

Design the VTA based on the need to treat the runoff volume from the 25-year, 24-hour storm event from the agricultural animal management facility. Infiltrate a portion or the entire volume of the design storm, based on management objectives. Unless discharge is permitted by applicable regulations, store the noninfiltrated portion of the design volume for utilization or treatment.

Exclude all livestock, including grazing, from the VTA.

Apply discharge into and through vegetated treatment area as sheet flow. To encourage sheet flow across the treatment area, provide a means to disperse concentrated flow, such as a ditch, curb, gated pipe, level spreader, or a sprinkler system. Complete land grading and install structural components necessary to maintain sheet flow throughout the treatment area.

Limit the natural or constructed slope of the VTA from 0.3 to 6 percent. The minimum entrance slope to the VTA is 1 percent.

Use NRCS Conservation Practice Standard (CPS) Code 632, Waste Separation Facility, to pretreat influent with waste separation (i.e., settling basin) to reduce organic loading and nutrients to levels that are tolerated by the VTA and to prevent excessive accumulation of solids in the treatment area.

Utilize inlet control structures to control the rate and timing of inflow during normal operations and to control inflow as necessary for operation and maintenance.

Locate VTAs outside of floodplains. However, if site restrictions require location within a floodplain, provide protection from inundation or damage from a 25-year flood event, or larger, if required by regulation.

Install VTAs where the water table is either naturally deep or artificially lowered so that the infiltrated runoff does not mingle with the groundwater at the bottom of the root zone. Subsurface drainage within the VTA is not allowed. Subsurface drainage may be used to lower the seasonal high water table to an acceptable level provided the subsurface drain lines are at least 10 feet away from the VTA boundary.

Unless soil moisture can be maintained to prevent drying and cracking, do not plan infiltration areas where soil features such as cracking will result in preferential flow paths that transport untreated runoff from the surface to below the root zone.

Ensure that appropriate erosion control measures and sheet flow control measures (i.e., gravel spreaders) are adequately addressed over the entire length of the VTA.

#### **Additional Criteria for Pressure Dosing Systems**

Distribute the effluent over the VTA through sprinkler irrigation or other pressure dosing system. Match the application rate of sprinkler nozzles to the most restrictive soil infiltration rate or other factors to prevent effluent from discharging from the VTA.

#### **CONSIDERATIONS**

Additional nutrient and infiltration design guidance in *Vegetated Treatment Systems for Open Lot Runoff*, (Koelsch, et. al., 2006).

Provide more than one vegetated treatment area to allow for resting, harvesting vegetation, and maintenance, and to minimize the potential for overloading.

Provide additional storage in the basin collection area to minimize or eliminate discharge into the VTA during rainfall events. Delay application until rainfall has ended to improve infiltration and nutrient uptake.

To maximize nutrient uptake, use warm and cool season species in separate areas to ensure that plants are actively growing during different times of the year.

Supplement water as necessary to maintain plants in a condition suitable for the treatment purpose.

Direct contaminated effluent to a waste storage facility during excessively wet or cold climatic conditions.

Consider suspension of application to treatment area when weather conditions are not favorable for aerobic activity or when soil temperatures are lower than 39° F. When soil temperatures are between 39° F and 50° F, consider reducing application rate and increasing application period while maintaining a constant hydraulic loading rate.

Manage the VTA to maintain vegetative treatment effectiveness throughout the growing season. Time the harvest of the VTA plants so vegetation can regrow to a sufficient height to effectively filter effluent late in the growing season.

Install a berm around the lower end of the VTA to contain excess runoff that may occur.

Effluent from the VTA may be stored for land application, recycled through the wastewater management system, or otherwise used in the agricultural operation.

Install fences or other measures to exclude or minimize access of the VTA to humans or animals.

Install a pumping system at the bottom of the VTA to either recirculate the effluent to the top of the VTA or transfer to a waste storage facility.

## **PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS**

Prepare plans and specifications that describe the requirements for applying the practice to achieve its intended use.

As a minimum include:

- Critical construction perimeters, necessary construction sequence, vegetation establishment requirements, level spreader mechanism requirements, associated practices and agronomic nutrient removal
- Plan view showing the location of the VTA
- Details of the length, width, and slope of the treatment area to accomplish the planned purpose (length refers to flow length down the slope of the treatment area)
- Herbaceous species, seed selection, and seeding rates to accomplish the planned purpose
- Planting dates, care, and handling of the seed to ensure that planted materials have an acceptable rate of survival
- Site preparation sufficient to establish and grow selected species

## **OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE**

Develop an operation and maintenance plan consistent with the purposes of the practice, its intended life, safety requirements, and the criteria for its design.

Include the following items as appropriate:

- Control undesired weed species, especially state-listed noxious weeds, and other pests that could inhibit proper functioning of the VTA
- Inspect and repair treatment areas after storm events to address gullies, reseed disturbed areas, and prevent concentrated flow
- Apply supplemental nutrients and soil amendments as needed to maintain the desired species

composition and stand density of herbaceous vegetation

- Maintain or restore the treatment area as necessary by periodically grading or removing excess material when deposition jeopardizes its function. Reestablish herbaceous vegetation
- Routinely dethatch or aerate a treatment area used for treating runoff from livestock holding areas in order to promote infiltration
- Conduct maintenance activities only when the surface layer of the VTA is dry enough to prohibit compaction

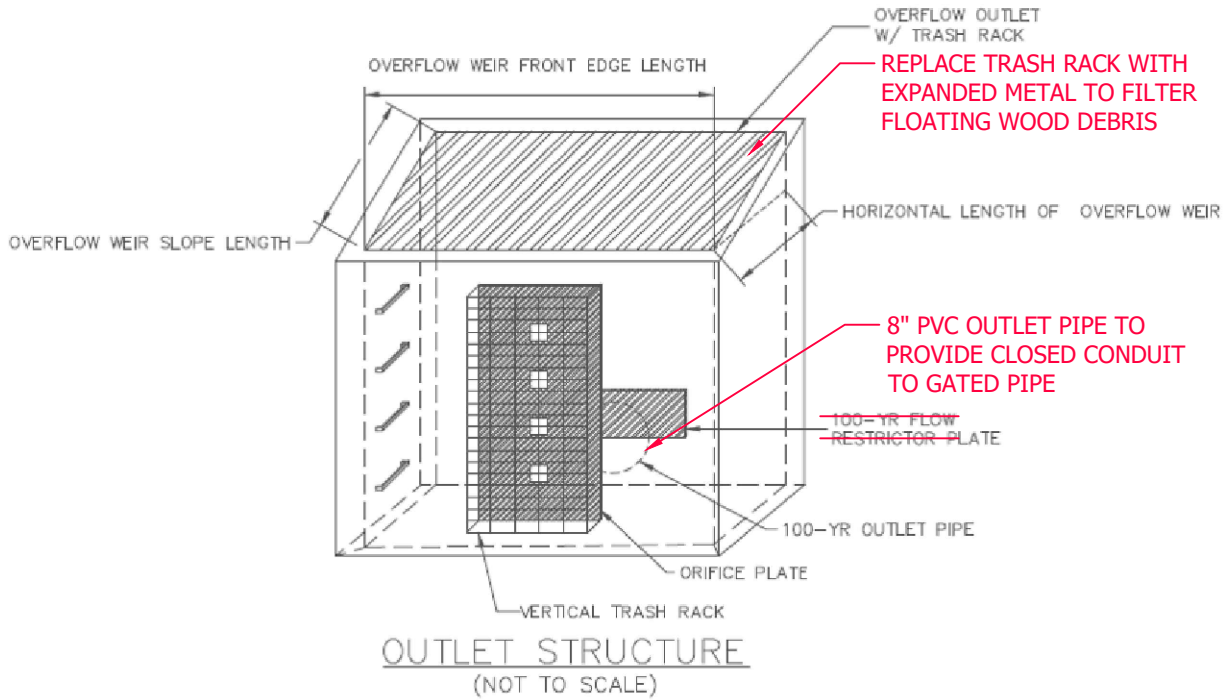
Monitor treatment areas in arid or semiarid regions that potentially could be affected by high salinity or sodium content for excessive salt and sodium buildup. Take corrective action if excessive salt or sodium is found.

Monitor all treatment areas to maintain optimal crop growth and environmental protection. Ensure that neither phosphorus is accumulating in the soil profile, nor nitrogen is leaching below the root zone.

## **REFERENCES**

USDA/NRCS, National Engineering Handbook, Part 651, Agricultural Waste Management Field Handbook.

Koelsch, R., B. Kintzer, and D. Meyer. (ed.) 2006. Vegetated Treatment Systems for Open Lot Runoff - A Collaborative Report. USDA, NRCS.



# TECHNICAL NOTES

ENGINEERING TECHNICAL NOTE 26

January, 2003

## FEEDLOT RUNOFF TREATMENT SYSTEM

### DESCRIPTION and PURPOSE

A feedlot runoff treatment system is a combination of practices including a sediment basin, flow distribution device, and vegetated infiltration area designed for the treatment of stormwater runoff from open livestock feedlots. A conceptual plan is shown in Figure 1. This technical note provides an additional design method for use under NRCS Conservation Practice Standard 635 - Wastewater Treatment Strip.

The purpose of this system is to collect and infiltrate stormwater runoff to prevent degradation of downstream water sources, providing an alternative to the traditional runoff storage pond. The system design addresses both nutrient and hydraulic loading within the infiltration area. The sediment basin and vegetated treatment area are utilized to collect and recycle nutrients for beneficial use.

### LIMITATIONS

This system applies only to the treatment of runoff, and shall not include process wastewater such as that generated from a dairy milking center, residential septic system, manure slurry from a confined swine facility or effluent from a waste treatment lagoon. The system is not suitable where runoff from the infiltration area discharges directly to a surface water body. This system is not acceptable for any Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation as defined under either federal or state regulations. The system is limited to use on sites with adequate land area, topography, and soil characteristics such that the design criteria can be satisfied. Generally soils with a depth of less than 2 feet, slopes outside the range of 0.5 to 4%, or an intake family of 1.5 or greater are not suitable. Sites where groundwater is located within 10 feet of the ground surface should be avoided.

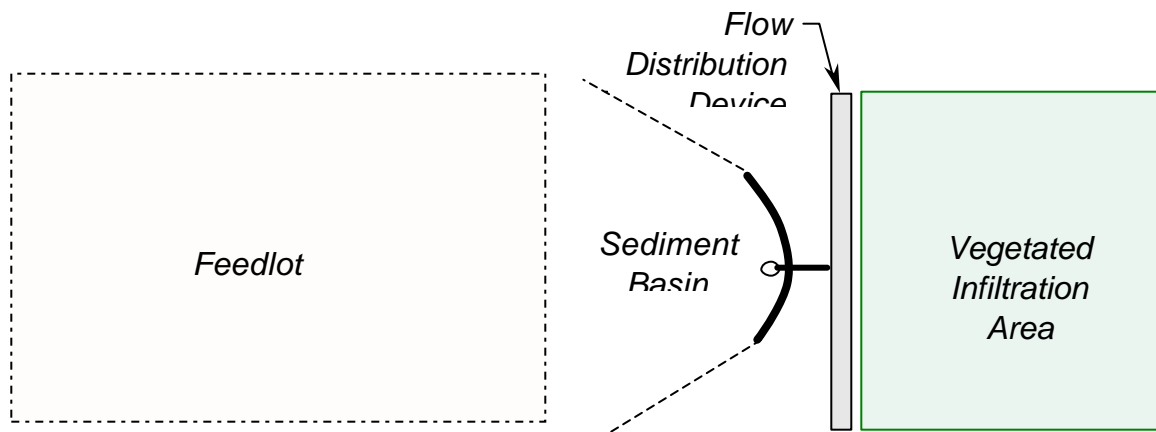


FIGURE 1. Feedlot Runoff Treatment System Schematic

## **OPERATIONAL CONCEPTS & ASSUMPTIONS**

The feedlot runoff treatment system design and operational criteria are based on the following concepts and assumptions:

- Analysis of climate station data indicates 80% to 90% of all rainfall events are smaller in amount than the 2yr - 24 hr event. Therefore infiltrating all the runoff from a 2yr-24hr event within the vegetated treatment area, and providing a high level of treatment for larger storms, will provide an adequate level of water quality protection for runoff receiving areas downstream from Animal Feeding Operations (AFOs).
- Runoff from the feedlot can be detained in the sediment basin until most runoff from direct rainfall on the infiltration area has occurred. This reduces the opportunity for transporting contaminants off the infiltration area during runoff events smaller than the 2yr frequency design storm.
- Feedlot runoff discharged from the sediment basin is applied to the infiltration area by the flow distribution system such that the application rate does not exceed the soil's intake rate.
- The infiltration area is sized such that the annual average nitrogen loading rate does not exceed the nitrogen removal rate from harvesting the vegetation.
- It is assumed the soil moisture content in the plant root zone beneath the infiltration area prior to an event is less than 50% of total water holding capacity. Therefore limiting the design application volume (direct rainfall and lot runoff) to 50% of the soil moisture storage capacity will minimize the opportunity for leaching nutrients below the root zone.
- Extraneous runoff producing areas outside the feedlot must be excluded from the system with diversions, gutters, etc., to the extent feasible.
- Regular maintenance is required, which includes removing solids from the sediment basin and harvesting the vegetation from the infiltration area at least once per year.

## **DESIGN CRITERIA**

**Sediment Basin.** The storage volume and outlet system shall be sized to:

1. Store the average annual sediment volume delivered from the feedlot area, which is estimated as 2% of the average annual runoff.
2. Provide runoff storage volume and release rate(s) that result in a minimum of 2 hours detention time for the 25yr-24hr runoff event, and adequate detention time to facilitate infiltration of the 2yr-24hr event, without uncontrolled discharge from the basin.

Pipe spillways, consisting of an inlet structure, a flow controlling orifice, and a main conduit will be used as the primary outlet device. The inlet shall consist of a perforated riser or other device designed to preclude entry of debris into the pipe spillway. Risers shall be made from rigid, relatively smooth materials. Perforations may consist of round holes (minimum 1" dia.) or rectangular slots. The minimum diameter or side dimension of any riser shall be 6 inches. The hydraulic capacity of the inlet shall be 1.2 times the required design discharge.

An orifice will be designed to control discharge as nearly as possible to provide the required design discharge. An orifice is typically fabricated from a plate fixed within the riser between the sediment basin channel and the main conduit. A single smooth circular hole centered in the plate provides the flow control. The holes are generally fabricated in 1/4-inch increments.

The main conduit shall consist of non-perforated pipe with a minimum diameter of six inches. Design hydraulic capacity shall be greater than or equal to design orifice discharge.

All pipe spillway components shall be designed to withstand dead loads from earth fill and adjacent structures and live loads due to animal and vehicle traffic. Components and fittings shall be hydraulically smooth, watertight and corrosion-resistant. Where applicable, pipe spillway components shall also be protected from damages resulting from fire and maintenance operations.

Sediment basins formed by earth embankments shall have side slopes of 3H:1V or flatter and minimum top widths of four feet. A natural or excavated emergency spillway will be provided whenever possible. Freeboard of at least 1.0 feet will be provided between 25yr storm detention volume elevation and the crest of the emergency spillway.

The designed dimensions, cross sections and clearance distances shall facilitate maintenance operations, especially sediment removal. The riser and orifice shall be accessible for sediment removal and repair.

**Flow Distribution Device.** The flow distribution device shall be designed to distribute the outflow from the sediment basin uniformly over the upstream end of the vegetated infiltration area in a manner that satisfies the hydraulic performance criteria for the infiltration area. The water control structure may consist of gated pipe, level weirs or other similar devices connected to the sediment basin outlet. For long infiltration areas multiple flow distribution structures will be necessary to assure adequate application uniformity. Head loss within the flow distribution device should be minimized. Closed conduits shall have a minimum diameter of six inches. The flow distribution device shall be designed to facilitate maintenance, especially sediment and debris removal.

**Vegetated Infiltration Area.** The infiltration area is designed using graded border irrigation principles to accomplish the following:

1. Infiltrate the sediment basin discharge resulting from a 2 year 24 hour runoff event. The infiltration area is sized such that the infiltration volume does not to exceed 50% of the available water storage capacity in the root zone beneath the infiltration area.
2. Limit flow depth to 6 inches, flow velocity to a maximum of 1.5 ft/sec, and provide a contact time of at least 2 hours for the sediment basin discharge resulting from a 25 year 24 hour storm event; and
3. Limit nitrogen loading to the rate of nitrogen removal from harvesting vegetation in the infiltration area.

Infiltration Design Element. The grass filter area shall be designed to infiltrate the sediment basin discharge resulting from the 2 year - 24 hour rainfall. The following relationship shall be used to allocate soil moisture storage:

$$I_F + I_{LR} < 0.5AWC \quad \text{where:}$$

- $I_F$  = Portion of 2yr-24hr rainfall that falls directly onto the grass filter area and is infiltrated, in inches;
- $I_{LR}$  = Volume of lot runoff discharged from the sediment basin that is infiltrated into the grass filter, expressed as an equivalent depth in inches over the grass filter area; and
- AWC = Plant available water content of the soil within the root zone.

NRCS procedures may be used to determine runoff depths to compute  $I_F$  and  $I_{LR}$  using Tables A2 and A3 from Appendix A.

“Available Water Content (AWC)” refers to the amount of moisture which can be stored in the soil root zone and extracted by the plant. AWC by soil type is listed in soil survey data tables in Section II of the NRCS Field Office Technical Guide . The soil must have a minimum depth of two feet.

The intake family curves will be used to determine opportunity and application times. The minimum required application time is given by the relationship

$$T_A = T_T - T_F \quad \text{where:}$$

- $T_A$  = Minimum required application time onto the grass filter area;
- $T_T$  = Total opportunity time required for application of  $I_F + I_{LR}$  ; and
- $T_F$  = Opportunity time required for infiltration of  $I_F$ .

To meet this requirement, the detention time of the sediment basin must equal or exceed the application time,  $T_A$ . The peak discharge from the sediment basin pipe spillway is related to the border width and length using the following border irrigation principles:

$$Q = w \times Q_u \quad \text{and} \quad Q_u = \frac{(L)(I_{LR})}{720(T_A)} \quad \text{where:}$$

- $w$  = grass filter width (ft);
- $Q$  = peak discharge from the sediment basin pipe spillway (cfs);.
- $Q_u$  = Unit flow rate through the treatment area, (cfs/ft); and
- $L$  = Flow length through the treatment area, (ft).

The parameters  $I_{LR}$  and  $T_A$  are as previously defined; 720 is a unit conversion factor.

Within the overall width ( $w$ ) and length ( $L$ ), the vegetated treatment area will be subdivided into border segments according to the following guideline:

<u>Flow Direction Slope (%)</u>	<u>Maximum Border Width (ft)</u>
0.5 - 1.0	50
1.1 - 2.0	40
2.1 - 4.0	30

Slopes of less than 0.5% or greater than 4.0 % are not applicable to this practice. Uniform slopes in the direction of flow are strongly recommended; however, actual slope may vary from the design slope by  $\pm$  50% as long as the slope limits are not exceeded. Each border is to be level in the direction perpendicular to the flow (no cross slope). The maximum border length is 1,200 feet. Flow re-distribution devices shall be provided for each border length increment of 300 feet. Flow distances of 300 feet or less are more conducive to uniform flow and infiltration. The minimum border ridge height shall be 0.8 feet. Grass filter and border dimensions may be adjusted slightly to facilitate maintenance and equipment operation.

Flow Design Element. The flow through the grass filter area shall conform to the following limits:

1. Flow depth less than 6 inches;
2. Flow velocity less than or equal to 1.5 ft/sec; and
3. Contact time (i.e. travel time through the filter) greater than or equal to 2 hours.

The unit discharge determined for the infiltration design element will be used to analyze the flow design. Charts and equations contained in Appendix 1 may be used for this analysis.

The outlet of the grass filter area shall be stable and the filter shall not discharge into an actively-eroding area such as a gully or into any surface water body.

Nitrogen Loading Design Element. Unless site specific data is available, the nitrogen load shall be estimated as 50 pounds per acre-inch of feedlot runoff applied to the treatment area. The amount of runoff shall be determined as a percentage of annual rainfall, for climate data shown in Appendix A. The size of the treatment area must be adequate to assure the annual nitrogen load does not exceed the average annual uptake by the vegetation, based upon a realistic yield goal. Nitrogen uptake or consumption by crop or type of vegetation may be taken from NRCS Agronomy Technical Note No. 78, Colorado State University Cooperative Extension publications, Chapter 6 of the NRCS Agricultural Waste Management Field Handbook, or another appropriate reference. The operation and maintenance plan for the treatment area should include periodic sampling and testing of sediment basin effluent and the infiltration area soils as needed to assess the actual nutrient loading and removal rates in order to evaluate treatment system performance.

Vegetation Design Element. Permanent herbaceous vegetation consisting of a single species or a mixture of grasses, legumes and/or other forbs adapted to the soil and climate shall be established in the treatment strip according to NRCS Conservation Practice Standard Critical Area Planting, Code 342. Vegetation shall be selected based on its ability to withstand anticipated alternating dry and wet conditions and nutrient assimilative capacity as described in Colorado Plant Materials Technical Note

59 for wastewater treatment strips. The vegetation will be established prior to allowing any discharge from the sediment basin, and it will be maintained with a minimum height of four inches.

## **PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS**

**Construction Drawings.** Construction drawings will contain the following details:

1. Sediment basin: Dimensions, channel grades, cuts and fills and other related information for earthwork. Pipe spillway dimensions, materials, inlet and outlet elevations, orifice and riser details and pipe trench elevations and grades will also be included.
2. Flow distribution device: Dimensions, materials, elevations and location of device components.
3. Grass filter area: Grading requirements including cuts, fills and finished slopes; dimensions of border areas and berms; and vegetation seeding and establishment requirements.
4. Drawings of other pertinent components such as diversions or gutters.
5. A table of quantities to include but is not limited to excavation, embankment fill, pipe material and fittings, and other appurtenances such as timber, concrete, etc.

**Specifications.** Construction specifications will be developed for each design which address materials and construction methods. Excavation and embankment grading tolerances, seed quality, and material and installation requirements for pipe, concrete, lumber, and fences, as applicable, are to be included in the specifications. Specifications may be shown in the form of notes on the drawings or a separate document, such as the construction specification for Conservation Practice Standard 635 - Wastewater Treatment Strip.

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## APPENDIX A – DESIGN TOOLS

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**TABLE A1. Basic Climate Data for Feedlot Runoff Treatment System Design**

County	Climate Station	Design Rainfall <sup>1</sup>		Average Precipitation <sup>2</sup>	Annual Runoff <sup>3</sup> (% of Annual Precipitation)	
		2yr-24hr	25yr-24hr		Concrete Lots	Earth Lots
		(inches)	(inches)	(inches/year)		
Adams	Beyers 5ENE	1.8	3.4	15.0	40%	13%
Alamosa	Alamosa WSO AP	0.9	1.9	7.1	35%	10%
Alamosa	Great Sand Dunes NM	0.9	1.9	10.3	35%	10%
Archuleta	Pagosa Springs	1.8	3.0	19.9	33%	10%
Baca	Campo	2.5	5.2	15.5	51%	21%
Baca	Springfield 7WSW	2.5	5.2	15.3	51%	21%
Baca	Walsh	2.5	5.2	15.9	51%	21%
Bent	John Martin Dam	2.1	4.2	11.7	50%	20%
Bent	Las Animas	2.1	4.2	12.2	50%	20%
Boulder	Boulder	2.2	4.0	18.5	35%	11%
Boulder	Longmont 2ESE	2.1	4.0	13.2	35%	11%
Chaffee	Buena Vista	1.4	2.4	10.4	32%	10%
Chaffee	Salida 3W	1.4	2.6	7.3	32%	10%
Cheyenne	Cheyenne Wells	2.3	4.6	15.3	50%	20%
Cheyenne	Kit Carson	2.1	4.2	13.5	50%	20%
Conejos	Manassa	1.0	2.4	13 - 40	32%	10%
Costilla	San Luis	1.0	2.2	11.3	33%	10%
Crowley	Ordway	2.0	3.8	11.2	45%	16%
Custer	Westcliffe	1.6	2.8	14.5	35%	10%
Delta	Cedaredge	1.4	2.0	12.3	30%	10%
Delta	Delta	1.0	2.0	7.9	30%	10%
Denver	Denver WSO AP	2.1	3.9	15.4	36%	12%
Dolores	Rico	1.6	2.8	27.7	31%	10%
Douglas	Castle Rock	2.0	3.4	14 - 20	36%	12%
Eagle	Eagle FAA AP	1.2	2.0	10.7	30%	10%
El Paso	Colorado Springs WSO AP	2.1	3.8	15.8	35%	13%
Fremont	Canon City	1.6	2.8	12.6	32%	10%
Garfield	Glenwood Springs #2	1.2	2.0	17.0	30%	10%
Grand	Grand Lake	1.4	2.4	13.5	33%	10%
Grand	Hot Sulphur Springs	1.0	2.0	12.1	33%	10%
Grand	Kremling	1.0	2.0	11.9	33%	10%
Gunnison	Gunnison	1.0	2.0	10.4	30%	10%
Huerfano	Walsenburg	2.1	3.6	15.5	35%	11%
Jackson	Walden	1.0	2.0	10.4	33%	10%
Kiowa	Eads	2.1	4.5	14.5	50%	20%
Kit Carson	Burlington	2.2	4.2	16.2	50%	17%
Kit Carson	Flagler	2.1	4.0	15.8	50%	17%
Kit Carson	Stratton	2.1	4.2	15.9	50%	17%
La Plata	Durango	1.6	2.6	19.1	32%	10%
La Plata	Ignacio	1.5	2.6	14.2	32%	10%
La Plata	Valecito Dam	2.5	4.0	26.3	32%	10%
Larimer	Estes Park	2.0	3.4	14.0	35%	11%
Larimer	Fort Collins	2.0	3.8	14.9	35%	11%
Las Animas	Branson	2.2	4.3	15.2	45%	13%
Las Animas	Delhi	2.1	3.9	12.2	45%	13%

**TABLE A1. continued**

County	Climate Station	Design Rainfall		Average Precipitation (inches/year)	Annual Runoff (% of Annual Precipitation)	
		2yr-24hr	25yr-24hr		Concrete Lots	Earth Lots
		(inches)	(inches)			
Las Animas	Trinidad	2.0	3.4	14.7	45%	13%
Lincoln	Arriba	2.0	3.9	16.0	45%	16%
Lincoln	Genoa	1.9	3.8	14.9	45%	16%
Lincoln	Karval	2.0	3.9	13.0	45%	16%
Lincoln	Limon	1.9	3.6	14.4	45%	16%
Logan	Sterling	2.0	3.4	15.4	45%	16%
Mesa	Colbran	1.6	2.4	14.8	30%	10%
Mesa	Fruita 1W	1.2	2.0	8.5	30%	10%
Mesa	Grand Junction	1.0	2.0	8.7	30%	10%
Mesa	Palisade	1.0	1.8	9.8	30%	10%
Moffat	Craig	1.1	2.1	13.2	30%	10%
Moffat	Dinosaur Ntl Monument	1.2	2.2	12.3	30%	10%
Moffat	Maybell	1.0	2.0	12.7	30%	10%
Moffat	Sunbeam	1.0	2.0	9.9	30%	10%
Montezuma	Cortez	1.4	2.5	13.4	33%	10%
Montezuma	Mesa Verde NP	1.5	2.5	18.0	33%	10%
Montrose	Cimmaron 3S	1.2	2.4	13.1	30%	10%
Montrose	Uravan	1.2	2.2	12.9	30%	10%
Morgan	Fort Morgan	1.9	3.4	12.7	43%	15%
Morgan	Wiggins 7SW	1.7	3.2	16.1	43%	15%
Otero	La Junta	2.1	4.0	15.7	45%	16%
Otero	Rocky Ford 2SE	2.0	3.9	11.7	45%	16%
Park	Bailey	1.6	2.6	16.4	30%	10%
Phillips	Holyoke	2.4	4.2	18.1	47%	17%
Prowers	Holly	2.5	5.0	15.1	51%	21%
Prowers	Lamar	2.2	4.5	14.9	51%	21%
Pueblo	Pueblo	2.0	3.7	11.4	37%	13%
Pueblo	Rye	2.0	3.7	22.6	37%	13%
Rio Blanco	Meeker 2	1.4	2.4	14.1	30%	10%
Rio Blanco	Rangely 1E	1.0	2.1	10.3	30%	10%
Rio Grande	Del Norte	1.1	2.2	9.8	32%	10%
Rio Grande	Monte Vista	1.0	1.9	7.1	32%	10%
Routt	Hayden	1.2	2.1	16.7	30%	10%
Routt	Steamboat Springs	1.4	2.8	23.9	30%	10%
Routt	Yampa	1.2	2.2	16.1	30%	10%
Saguache	Saguache	1.0	2.0	8.3	32%	10%
San Miguel	Norwood	1.2	2.5	14.8	30%	10%
Washington	Akron 4e	2.0	3.6	16.7	46%	16%
Weld	Greeley UNC	1.7	3.4	14.2	40%	14%
Weld	New Raymer	1.8	3.4	14.0	40%	14%
Weld	Nunn	1.7	3.4	12.9	40%	14%
Yuma	Bonny Dam 2 NE	2.2	4.4	16.5	48%	17%

<sup>1</sup> From NOAA Atlas II.

<sup>2</sup> From NRCS Temperature and Precipitation (TAPS) Data Files.

<sup>3</sup> From NRCS Waste Management Field Handbook, Appendix 10C.

## RUNOFF ESTIMATION – NRCS METHOD

**TABLE A2. Runoff Curve Numbers for Feedlot Runoff Treatment System Design**

<i><b>Runoff Curve Numbers</b></i>	Hydrologic Soil Group		
	B	C	D
Soil Cover Complex & Condition			
Feed Lot or Confinement Area, Earth surface	90	90	90
Feed Lot or Confinement Area, Concrete Surface	97	97	97
Treatment Area – Undisturbed Grass (>95% ground cover)	58	71	78
Treatment Area – Grass, Lightly Grazed (>75% ground cover)	61	74	80
Treatment Area – Close Seeded Legume (>50% ground cover)	72	81	85

**TABLE A3. Runoff Depths for Selected Curve Numbers and Rainfall Amounts**

<i>Curve Number</i>	58	61	71	72	74	80	81	85	90	97
<i>Rainfall Depth</i>	<i>Runoff Depths in Inches</i>									
0.8						0.03	0.04	0.09	0.20	0.52
0.9						0.06	0.07	0.13	0.26	0.61
1.0			0.01	0.01	0.02	0.08	0.10	0.17	0.32	0.71
1.1			0.02	0.02	0.04	0.12	0.13	0.22	0.39	0.80
1.2			0.03	0.04	0.06	0.15	0.17	0.27	0.46	0.89
1.3			0.05	0.06	0.09	0.19	0.22	0.33	0.53	0.99
1.4			0.07	0.09	0.12	0.24	0.26	0.39	0.61	1.09
1.5		0.01	0.10	0.11	0.15	0.29	0.31	0.45	0.68	1.18
1.6		0.02	0.13	0.14	0.18	0.34	0.37	0.52	0.76	1.28
1.7	0.01	0.03	0.16	0.18	0.22	0.39	0.42	0.58	0.84	1.38
1.8	0.02	0.04	0.19	0.21	0.26	0.44	0.48	0.65	0.93	1.48
1.9	0.03	0.06	0.23	0.25	0.30	0.50	0.54	0.72	1.01	1.57
2.0	0.04	0.07	0.27	0.29	0.35	0.56	0.60	0.80	1.09	1.67
2.1	0.05	0.09	0.31	0.34	0.40	0.62	0.67	0.87	1.18	1.77
2.2	0.07	0.12	0.35	0.38	0.45	0.69	0.73	0.94	1.27	1.87
2.3	0.09	0.14	0.40	0.43	0.50	0.75	0.80	1.02	1.35	1.97
2.4	0.11	0.17	0.44	0.48	0.55	0.82	0.87	1.10	1.44	2.06
2.5	0.13	0.20	0.49	0.53	0.61	0.89	0.94	1.18	1.53	2.16
2.6	0.16	0.23	0.54	0.58	0.67	0.96	1.01	1.26	1.62	2.26
2.7	0.18	0.26	0.59	0.64	0.72	1.03	1.09	1.34	1.71	2.36
2.8	0.21	0.29	0.65	0.69	0.78	1.10	1.16	1.42	1.80	2.46
2.9	0.24	0.33	0.70	0.75	0.85	1.18	1.24	1.50	1.89	2.56
3.0	0.27	0.37	0.76	0.81	0.91	1.25	1.31	1.59	1.98	2.66
3.1	0.31	0.40	0.82	0.87	0.97	1.33	1.39	1.67	2.08	2.76
3.2	0.34	0.44	0.88	0.93	1.04	1.40	1.47	1.76	2.17	2.86
3.3	0.38	0.49	0.94	0.99	1.10	1.48	1.55	1.84	2.26	2.96
3.4	0.41	0.53	1.00	1.06	1.17	1.56	1.63	1.93	2.35	3.06
3.5	0.45	0.57	1.06	1.12	1.24	1.64	1.71	2.02	2.45	3.15
3.6	0.49	0.62	1.13	1.19	1.31	1.72	1.79	2.10	2.54	3.25
3.7	0.53	0.67	1.19	1.25	1.38	1.80	1.87	2.19	2.64	3.35
3.8	0.58	0.71	1.26	1.32	1.45	1.88	1.95	2.28	2.73	3.45
3.9	0.62	0.76	1.33	1.39	1.52	1.96	2.04	2.37	2.82	3.55
4.0	0.66	0.81	1.39	1.46	1.60	2.04	2.12	2.46	2.92	3.65
4.1	0.71	0.86	1.46	1.53	1.67	2.12	2.21	2.55	3.01	3.75
4.2	0.76	0.92	1.53	1.60	1.74	2.21	2.29	2.64	3.11	3.85
4.3	0.81	0.97	1.60	1.67	1.82	2.29	2.38	2.73	3.20	3.95
4.4	0.85	1.02	1.67	1.75	1.90	2.38	2.46	2.82	3.30	4.05
4.5	0.90	1.08	1.75	1.82	1.97	2.46	2.55	2.91	3.40	4.15
4.6	0.96	1.14	1.82	1.89	2.05	2.55	2.63	3.00	3.49	4.25
4.7	1.01	1.19	1.89	1.97	2.13	2.63	2.72	3.09	3.59	4.35
4.8	1.06	1.25	1.97	2.05	2.21	2.72	2.81	3.18	3.68	4.45
4.9	1.11	1.31	2.04	2.12	2.28	2.81	2.90	3.28	3.78	4.55
5.0	1.17	1.37	2.12	2.20	2.36	2.89	2.99	3.37	3.88	4.65

**Intake Family Curves.** Most soils map units described in published surveys in irrigated areas have been assigned to Intake Family groups. The Intake Family curves (accumulated intake vs. time) were developed from the following equation:

$$F = aT_o^b + 0.275, \text{ where:}$$

- $F$  = accumulated water intake, in inches;
- $T_o$  = intake opportunity time, in minutes; and
- $a$  and  $b$  are curve fitting parameters, as described below:

**TABLE A5.** Soil Intake Family Curve Parameters

Intake Family	Parameter Values		Intake Family	Parameter Values	
	a	b		a	b
<b>0.1</b>	0.0244	0.661	<b>0.8</b>	0.0614	0.7728
<b>0.3</b>	0.0368	0.7204	<b>0.9</b>	0.0659	0.7792
<b>0.5</b>	0.0467	0.7475	<b>1.0</b>	0.0701	0.785
<b>0.6</b>	0.052	0.7572	<b>1.5</b>	0.0899	0.799
<b>0.7</b>	0.0568	0.7656			

**Available Water Capacity (AWC).** AWC is the amount of water held in the soil and available for use by plants. Major soil characteristics affecting AWC are texture, structure, bulk density, salinity, sodicity, mineralogy, soil chemistry and organic matter content. Of these texture is the predominant factor in mineral soils. Table A5 describes AWC by soil texture.

**TABLE A6.** Available Water Capacity (AWC) by Soil Texture

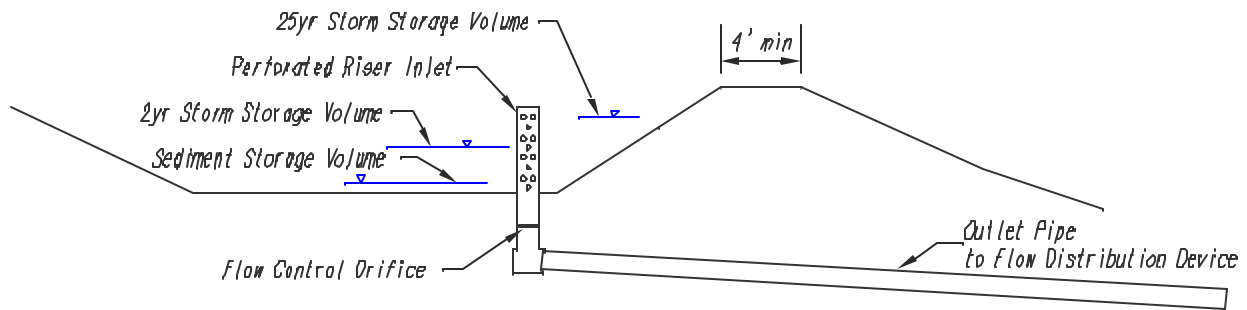
USDA Soil Texture	AWC Range		Typical AWC Value (inches per feet)
	(inches per inch)	(inches per feet)	
Coarse sand	0.01 – 0.03	0.1 – 0.4	0.25
Sand	0.01 – 0.03	0.1 – 0.4	0.25
Fine Sand	0.05 – 0.07	0.6 – 0.8	0.75
Very Fine Sand	0.05 – 0.07	0.6 – 0.8	0.75
Loamy coarse sand	0.06 – 0.08	0.7 – 1.0	0.85
Loamy sand	0.06 – 0.08	0.7 – 1.0	0.85
Loamy fine sand	0.09 – 0.11	1.1 – 1.3	1.25
Loamy very fine sand	0.10 – 0.12	1.0 – 1.4	1.25
Coarse sandy loam	0.10 – 0.12	1.2 – 1.4	1.30
Sandy loam	0.11 – 0.13	1.3 – 1.6	1.45
Fine sandy loam	0.13 – 0.15	1.6 – 1.8	1.70
Very fine sandy loam	0.15 – 0.17	1.8 – 2.0	1.90
Loam	0.16 – 0.18	1.9 – 2.2	2.0
Silt Loam	0.19 – 0.21	2.3 – 2.5	2.4
Silt	0.16 – 0.18	1.9 – 2.2	2.0
Sandy clay loam	0.14 – 0.16	1.7 – 1.9	1.80
Clay loam	0.19 – 0.21	2.3 – 2.5	2.40
Silty clay loam	0.19 – 0.21	2.3 – 2.5	2.40
Sandy Clay	0.15 – 0.17	1.8 – 2.0	1.90
Silty clay	0.15 – 0.17	1.8 – 2.0	1.90
Clay	0.14 – 0.16	1.7 – 1.9	1.80

## SEDIMENT BASIN STORAGE AND RELEASE RATE FACTORS

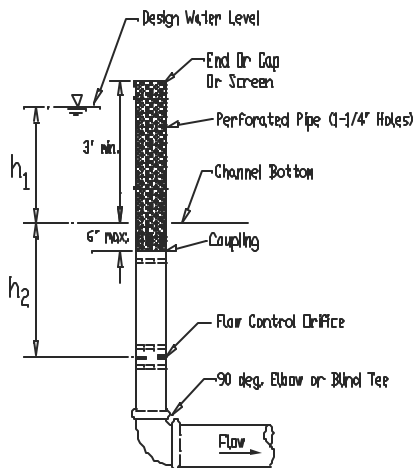
Detention time, flood storage volume and outlet release rates shall be determined based on inflow and outflow hydrographs and standard reservoir routing procedures. For drainage areas of 20 acres or less the following factors may be used in lieu of more detailed analysis:

**TABLE A7.** Sediment Basin Storage and Release Rate Factors

Detention Time (hours)	Outflow Rate Factor (cfs/ac-in of runoff)	Flood Storage Factor (% of Runoff Volume)	Detention Time (hours)	Outflow Rate Factor (cfs/ac-in of runoff)	Flood Storage Factor (% of Runoff Volume)
2	0.502	25	15	0.056	56
3	0.335	31	18	0.056	59
6	0.168	42	24	0.042	63
9	0.112	48	36	0.028	69
12	0.084	53	48	0.021	75



**FIGURE A1.** Typical Sediment Basin Layout



$$Q_{orifice} = CA\sqrt{2gH}, \quad \text{where:}$$

$Q_{orifice}$  = flow rate through orifice, cfs  
**C** = orifice flow coefficient. Use **0.6**  
**A** = area of orifice opening  
**H** = head in feet =  $0.7h_1 + h_2$ .

**FIGURE A2.** Typical Inlet Riser Detail

Orifice diameter may be 3" to 6" in 1/4" increments. Minimum riser diameter is 2x orifice diameter, with a minimum number of evenly spaced 1/4" holes, as follows:

Riser diameter	6"	8"	10"	12"
# holes per foot	30	40	50	60

## DEPTH AND VELOCITY RELATIONSHIPS FOR SHALLOW FLOW IN VEGETATED CHANNELS

**Channel Dimensions.** Assuming the treatment area has a cross section similar to a trapezoidal channel across its width, its width will be significantly greater than the flow depth during the design event. Therefore the amount of flow carried in the triangular portions of the channel between the bottom edge and the top of the side slopes can be ignored, and flow velocity and resulting depth computations made assuming a rectangular cross section will result in negligible error for the purpose of this technical note. The following relationships apply for a unit width of rectangular channel:

Manning's equation:  $V = \frac{1.486}{n} R^{2/3} S^{1/2}$ , where:

- V = average flow velocity, in feet per second (fps);
- R = hydraulic radius = flow area / wetted perimeter. For a rectangular channel  $R = wd/w = d$ , where d is the flow depth.
- S = Slope of the Hydraulic grade line, which is similar to the land slope for this application, in feet per foot.
- n = Manning's roughness coefficient, which varies in relation to flow velocity, depth and degree of vegetative retardance as follows:

$$n = e^{(0.01333 C_1 \ln(VR)^2 - 0.0945 C_1 \ln(VR) + 0.297 C_1 - 4.16)}, \text{ and}$$

C<sub>1</sub> is c coefficient from the following table:

Vegetative Retardance	C <sub>1</sub>	n <sub>max</sub>
A	10.00	-
B	7.64	-
C	5.60	0.30
D	4.44	0.20
E	2.88	-

From continuity the flow rate,  $Q = VA$ , and from above,  $Q = VR = Vd$  for the unit width of flow. Therefore by substitution the expression for n becomes:

$$n = e^{(0.01333 C_1 (\ln Q_u)^2 - 0.0945 C_1 \ln(Q_u) + 0.297 C_1 - 4.16)}, \text{ where}$$

Q<sub>u</sub> = the unit flow rate, in cubic feet per second

Solution of the equations to obtain V & D for a given Q<sub>u</sub> is a trial and error procedure. Its recommended these values be obtained from published charts for vegetated channel design or by use of several computer programs available for this purpose. Tables A8 – A10 have been prepared for this purpose. NRCS Colorado Plant Material Technical Note 59 lists appropriate retardance values for selected vegetation species. The solutions must be determined to assure adequate capacity under the highest retardance condition and stability under the lowest or most erosive condition. In addition ARS software "SRFR" or other similar models can be used to optimize graded border design for the treatment area, and provide an estimate of system application uniformity and efficiency for the design storms.

**TABLE A8. Vegetated Filter Flow Depth, Velocity and Unit Flow Rate at C Retardance**

Depth		Slope = 0.5%		Slope = 1.0%		Slope = 1.5%		Slope = 2%		Slope = 2.5%		Slope = 3%		Slope = 3.5%		Slope = 4.0%	
		v	Qu	v	Qu	v	Qu	v	Qu	v	Qu	v	Qu	v	Qu	v	Qu
(inches)	(feet)	(fps)	(cfs/ft)	(fps)	(cfs/ft)	(fps)	(cfs/ft)	(fps)	(cfs/ft)	(fps)	(cfs/ft)	(fps)	(cfs/ft)	(fps)	(cfs/ft)	(fps)	(cfs/ft)
0.1	0.0083	0.0144	0.0001	0.0204	0.0002	0.0250	0.0002	0.0289	0.0002	0.0323	0.0003	0.0354	0.0003	0.0382	0.0003	0.0408	0.0003
0.2	0.0167	0.0229	0.0004	0.0324	0.0005	0.0397	0.0007	0.0458	0.0008	0.0512	0.0009	0.0561	0.0009	0.0606	0.0010	0.0648	0.0011
0.3	0.0250	0.0300	0.0008	0.0425	0.0011	0.0520	0.0013	0.0601	0.0015	0.0671	0.0017	0.0736	0.0018	0.0794	0.0020	0.0849	0.0021
0.4	0.0333	0.0364	0.0012	0.0514	0.0017	0.0630	0.0021	0.0727	0.0024	0.0813	0.0027	0.0891	0.0030	0.0962	0.0032	0.1029	0.0034
0.5	0.0417	0.0422	0.0018	0.0597	0.0025	0.0731	0.0030	0.0844	0.0035	0.0944	0.0039	0.1034	0.0043	0.1117	0.0047	0.1194	0.0050
0.6	0.0500	0.0477	0.0024	0.0674	0.0034	0.0826	0.0041	0.0953	0.0048	0.1066	0.0053	0.1168	0.0058	0.1261	0.0063	0.1348	0.0067
0.7	0.0583	0.0528	0.0031	0.0747	0.0044	0.0915	0.0053	0.1056	0.0062	0.1181	0.0069	0.1294	0.0075	0.1398	0.0082	0.1494	0.0087
0.8	0.0667	0.0577	0.0038	0.0817	0.0054	0.1000	0.0067	0.1155	0.0077	0.1291	0.0086	0.1414	0.0094	0.1528	0.0102	0.1633	0.0109
0.9	0.0750	0.0625	0.0047	0.0883	0.0066	0.1082	0.0081	0.1249	0.0094	0.1397	0.0105	0.1530	0.0115	0.1652	0.0124	0.1767	0.0132
1.0	0.0833	0.0670	0.0056	0.0948	0.0079	0.1161	0.0097	0.1340	0.0112	0.1498	0.0125	0.1641	0.0137	0.1773	0.0148	0.1895	0.0158
1.1	0.0917	0.0714	0.0065	0.1010	0.0093	0.1237	0.0113	0.1428	0.0131	0.1597	0.0146	0.1749	0.0160	0.1889	0.0173	0.2019	0.0185
1.2	0.1000	0.0757	0.0076	0.1070	0.0107	0.1311	0.0131	0.1513	0.0151	0.1692	0.0169	0.1853	0.0185	0.2002	0.0200	0.2140	0.0214
1.3	0.1083	0.0798	0.0086	0.1129	0.0122	0.1382	0.0150	0.1596	0.0173	0.1785	0.0193	0.1955	0.0212	0.2112	0.0229	0.2257	0.0245
1.4	0.1167	0.0839	0.0098	0.1186	0.0138	0.1452	0.0169	0.1677	0.0196	0.1875	0.0219	0.2054	0.0240	0.2219	0.0259	0.2372	0.0277
1.5	0.1250	0.0878	0.0110	0.1242	0.0155	0.1521	0.0190	0.1756	0.0219	0.1963	0.0245	0.2151	0.0269	0.2323	0.0290	0.2483	0.0310
1.6	0.1333	0.0917	0.0122	0.1296	0.0173	0.1588	0.0212	0.1833	0.0244	0.2050	0.0273	0.2245	0.0299	0.2425	0.0323	0.2593	0.0346
1.7	0.1417	0.0954	0.0135	0.1350	0.0191	0.1653	0.0234	0.1909	0.0270	0.2134	0.0302	0.2338	0.0331	0.2525	0.0358	0.2699	0.0382
1.8	0.1500	0.0991	0.0149	0.1402	0.0210	0.1717	0.0258	0.1983	0.0297	0.2217	0.0333	0.2429	0.0364	0.2623	0.0393	0.2804	0.0421
1.9	0.1583	0.1028	0.0163	0.1454	0.0230	0.1780	0.0282	0.2056	0.0325	0.2298	0.0364	0.2518	0.0399	0.2719	0.0431	0.2907	0.0460
2.0	0.1667	0.1064	0.0177	0.1504	0.0251	0.1842	0.0307	0.2127	0.0355	0.2378	0.0396	0.2605	0.0434	0.2814	0.0469	0.3008	0.0501
2.1	0.1750	0.1099	0.0192	0.1554	0.0272	0.1903	0.0333	0.2198	0.0385	0.2457	0.0430	0.2691	0.0471	0.2907	0.0509	0.3108	0.0544
2.2	0.1833	0.1133	0.0208	0.1603	0.0294	0.1963	0.0360	0.2267	0.0416	0.2534	0.0465	0.2776	0.0509	0.2999	0.0550	0.3206	0.0588
2.3	0.1917	0.1167	0.0224	0.1651	0.0316	0.2022	0.0388	0.2335	0.0448	0.2611	0.0500	0.2860	0.0548	0.3089	0.0592	0.3302	0.0633
2.4	0.2000	0.1201	0.0240	0.1699	0.0340	0.2080	0.0416	0.2402	0.0480	0.2686	0.0537	0.2942	0.0588	0.3178	0.0636	0.3397	0.0679
2.5	0.2083	0.1234	0.0257	0.1745	0.0364	0.2138	0.0445	0.2468	0.0514	0.2760	0.0575	0.3023	0.0630	0.3265	0.0680	0.3491	0.0727
3.0	0.2500	0.1394	0.0348	0.1971	0.0493	0.2414	0.0604	0.2787	0.0697	0.3116	0.0779	0.3414	0.0853	0.3687	0.0922	0.3942	0.0986
3.5	0.2917	0.1545	0.0450	0.2184	0.0637	0.2675	0.0780	0.3089	0.0901	0.3454	0.1007	0.3783	0.1103	0.4087	0.1192	0.4369	0.1274
4.0	0.3333	0.1688	0.0563	0.2388	0.0796	0.2924	0.0975	0.3377	0.1126	0.3775	0.1258	0.4136	0.1379	0.4814	0.1605	0.6511	0.2170
4.5	0.3750	0.1826	0.0685	0.2583	0.0969	0.3163	0.1186	0.3653	0.1370	0.4894	0.1835	0.7094	0.2660	0.9234	0.3463	1.1320	0.4245
5.0	0.4167	0.1959	0.0816	0.2771	0.1154	0.3393	0.1414	0.5764	0.2401	0.8508	0.3545	1.1159	0.4650	1.3727	0.5720	1.6220	0.6758
5.5	0.4583	0.2088	0.0957	0.2952	0.1353	0.5560	0.2549	0.8937	0.4096	1.2177	0.5581	1.5289	0.7007	1.8283	0.8380	2.1170	0.9703
6.0	0.5000	0.2212	0.1106	0.4036	0.2018	0.7384	0.3692	1.2162	0.6081	1.5900	0.7950	1.9455	0.9727	2.2854	1.1427	2.6114	1.3057

TABLE A9. Vegetated Filter Flow Depth, Velocity and Unit Flow Rate at D Retardance

Depth		Slope = 0.5%		Slope = 1.0%		Slope = 1.5%		Slope = 2%		Slope = 2.5%		Slope = 3%		Slope = 3.5%		Slope = 4.0%	
		v (fps)	Qu (cfs/ft)	v (fps)	Qu (cfs/ft)	v (fps)	Qu (cfs/ft)	v (fps)	Qu (cfs/ft)	v (fps)	Qu (cfs/ft)	v (fps)	Qu (cfs/ft)	v (fps)	Qu (cfs/ft)	v (fps)	Qu (cfs/ft)
(inches)	(feet)																
0.1	0.0083	0.0217	0.0002	0.0306	0.0003	0.0375	0.0003	0.0433	0.0004	0.0484	0.0004	0.0530	0.0004	0.0573	0.0005	0.0612	0.0005
0.2	0.0167	0.0344	0.0006	0.0486	0.0008	0.0595	0.0010	0.0687	0.0011	0.0769	0.0013	0.0842	0.0014	0.0909	0.0015	0.0972	0.0016
0.3	0.0250	0.0450	0.0011	0.0637	0.0016	0.0780	0.0020	0.0901	0.0023	0.1007	0.0025	0.1103	0.0028	0.1192	0.0030	0.1274	0.0032
0.4	0.0333	0.0546	0.0018	0.0772	0.0026	0.0945	0.0032	0.1091	0.0036	0.1220	0.0041	0.1337	0.0045	0.1444	0.0048	0.1543	0.0051
0.5	0.0417	0.0633	0.0026	0.0895	0.0037	0.1097	0.0046	0.1266	0.0053	0.1416	0.0059	0.1551	0.0065	0.1675	0.0070	0.1791	0.0075
0.6	0.0500	0.0715	0.0036	0.1011	0.0051	0.1238	0.0062	0.1430	0.0071	0.1599	0.0080	0.1751	0.0088	0.1892	0.0095	0.2022	0.0101
0.7	0.0583	0.0792	0.0046	0.1121	0.0065	0.1372	0.0080	0.1585	0.0092	0.1772	0.0103	0.1941	0.0113	0.2096	0.0122	0.2241	0.0131
0.8	0.0667	0.0866	0.0058	0.1225	0.0082	0.1500	0.0100	0.1732	0.0115	0.1937	0.0129	0.2122	0.0141	0.2292	0.0153	0.2450	0.0163
0.9	0.0750	0.0937	0.0070	0.1325	0.0099	0.1623	0.0122	0.1874	0.0141	0.2095	0.0157	0.2295	0.0172	0.2479	0.0186	0.2650	0.0199
1.0	0.0833	0.1005	0.0084	0.1421	0.0118	0.1741	0.0145	0.2010	0.0168	0.2247	0.0187	0.2462	0.0205	0.2659	0.0222	0.2843	0.0237
1.1	0.0917	0.1071	0.0098	0.1515	0.0139	0.1855	0.0170	0.2142	0.0196	0.2395	0.0220	0.2623	0.0240	0.2834	0.0260	0.3029	0.0278
1.2	0.1000	0.1135	0.0113	0.1605	0.0161	0.1966	0.0197	0.2270	0.0227	0.2538	0.0254	0.2780	0.0278	0.3003	0.0300	0.3210	0.0321
1.3	0.1083	0.1197	0.0130	0.1693	0.0183	0.2074	0.0225	0.2394	0.0259	0.2677	0.0290	0.2932	0.0318	0.3167	0.0343	0.3386	0.0367
1.4	0.1167	0.1258	0.0147	0.1779	0.0208	0.2179	0.0254	0.2516	0.0293	0.2812	0.0328	0.3081	0.0359	0.3328	0.0388	0.3558	0.0415
1.5	0.1250	0.1317	0.0165	0.1863	0.0233	0.2281	0.0285	0.2634	0.0329	0.2945	0.0368	0.3226	0.0403	0.3484	0.0436	0.3725	0.0466
1.6	0.1333	0.1375	0.0183	0.1944	0.0259	0.2381	0.0318	0.2750	0.0367	0.3074	0.0410	0.3368	0.0449	0.3638	0.0485	0.3889	0.0519
1.7	0.1417	0.1432	0.0203	0.2025	0.0287	0.2480	0.0351	0.2863	0.0406	0.3201	0.0453	0.3507	0.0497	0.3788	0.0537	0.4049	0.0574
1.8	0.1500	0.1487	0.0223	0.2103	0.0315	0.2576	0.0386	0.2974	0.0446	0.3325	0.0499	0.3643	0.0546	0.3935	0.0590	0.4206	0.0631
1.9	0.1583	0.1542	0.0244	0.2180	0.0345	0.2670	0.0423	0.3084	0.0488	0.3448	0.0546	0.3777	0.0598	0.4079	0.0646	0.4361	0.0690
2.0	0.1667	0.1595	0.0266	0.2256	0.0376	0.2763	0.0461	0.3191	0.0532	0.3567	0.0595	0.3908	0.0651	0.4221	0.0704	0.4513	0.0752
2.1	0.1750	0.1648	0.0288	0.2331	0.0408	0.2855	0.0500	0.3296	0.0577	0.3685	0.0645	0.4037	0.0707	0.4361	0.0763	0.4662	0.0816
2.2	0.1833	0.1700	0.0312	0.2404	0.0441	0.2945	0.0540	0.3400	0.0623	0.3801	0.0697	0.4164	0.0763	0.4498	0.0825	0.4809	0.0882
2.3	0.1917	0.1751	0.0336	0.2477	0.0475	0.3033	0.0581	0.3502	0.0671	0.3916	0.0751	0.4290	0.0822	0.4633	0.0888	0.4953	0.0949
2.4	0.2000	0.1802	0.0360	0.2548	0.0510	0.3120	0.0624	0.3603	0.0721	0.4029	0.0806	0.4413	0.0883	0.4767	0.0953	0.5096	0.1019
2.5	0.2083	0.1851	0.0386	0.2618	0.0545	0.3207	0.0668	0.3703	0.0771	0.4140	0.0862	0.4535	0.0945	0.4898	0.1020	0.5436	0.1133
3.0	0.2500	0.2091	0.0523	0.2957	0.0739	0.3621	0.0905	0.4181	0.1045	0.5560	0.1390	0.7153	0.1788	0.8722	0.2180	1.0266	0.2566
3.5	0.2917	0.2317	0.0676	0.3277	0.0956	0.4784	0.1395	0.7057	0.2058	0.9268	0.2703	1.1416	0.3330	1.3496	0.3936	1.5520	0.4527
4.0	0.3333	0.2533	0.0844	0.4431	0.1477	0.7501	0.2500	1.0434	0.3478	1.3235	0.4412	1.5914	0.5305	1.8488	0.6163	2.0965	0.6988
4.5	0.3750	0.2739	0.1027	0.6567	0.2463	1.0391	0.3897	1.3966	0.5237	1.7333	0.6500	2.0525	0.7697	2.3566	0.8837	2.6480	0.9930
5.0	0.4167	0.3805	0.1585	0.8821	0.3675	1.3381	0.5575	1.7576	0.7323	2.1488	0.8954	2.5168	1.0487	2.8656	1.1940	3.1983	1.3326
5.5	0.4583	0.5215	0.2390	1.1155	0.5113	1.6425	0.7528	2.1217	0.9725	2.5647	1.1755	2.9793	1.3655	3.3705	1.5448	3.7423	1.7152
6.0	0.5000	0.6694	0.3347	1.3531	0.6765	1.9489	0.9745	2.4851	1.2425	2.9778	1.4889	3.4367	1.7183	3.8684	1.9342	4.2772	2.1386

TABLE A10. Vegetated Filter Flow Depth, Velocity and Unit Flow Rate at E Retardance

Depth		Slope = 0.5%		Slope = 1.0%		Slope = 1.5%		Slope = 2%		Slope = 2.5%		Slope = 3%		Slope = 3.5%		Slope = 4.0%	
		v	Qu	v	Qu	v	Qu	v	Qu	v	Qu	v	Qu	v	Qu	v	Qu
(inches)	(feet)	(fps)	(cfs/ft)	(fps)	(cfs/ft)	(fps)	(cfs/ft)	(fps)	(cfs/ft)	(fps)	(cfs/ft)	(fps)	(cfs/ft)	(fps)	(cfs/ft)	(fps)	(cfs/ft)
0.1	0.0083	0.0217	0.0002	0.0306	0.0003	0.0375	0.0003	0.0433	0.0004	0.0484	0.0004	0.0530	0.0004	0.0573	0.0005	0.0612	0.0005
0.2	0.0167	0.0344	0.0006	0.0486	0.0008	0.0595	0.0010	0.0687	0.0011	0.0769	0.0013	0.0842	0.0014	0.0909	0.0015	0.0972	0.0016
0.3	0.0250	0.0450	0.0011	0.0637	0.0016	0.0780	0.0020	0.0901	0.0023	0.1007	0.0025	0.1103	0.0028	0.1192	0.0030	0.1274	0.0032
0.4	0.0333	0.0546	0.0018	0.0772	0.0026	0.0945	0.0032	0.1091	0.0036	0.1220	0.0041	0.1337	0.0045	0.1444	0.0048	0.1543	0.0051
0.5	0.0417	0.0633	0.0026	0.0895	0.0037	0.1097	0.0046	0.1266	0.0053	0.1416	0.0059	0.1551	0.0065	0.1675	0.0070	0.1791	0.0075
0.6	0.0500	0.0715	0.0036	0.1011	0.0051	0.1238	0.0062	0.1430	0.0071	0.1599	0.0080	0.1751	0.0088	0.1892	0.0095	0.2022	0.0101
0.7	0.0583	0.0792	0.0046	0.1121	0.0065	0.1372	0.0080	0.1585	0.0092	0.1772	0.0103	0.1941	0.0113	0.2096	0.0122	0.2241	0.0131
0.8	0.0667	0.0866	0.0058	0.1225	0.0082	0.1500	0.0100	0.1732	0.0115	0.1937	0.0129	0.2122	0.0141	0.2292	0.0153	0.2450	0.0163
0.9	0.0750	0.0937	0.0070	0.1325	0.0099	0.1623	0.0122	0.1874	0.0141	0.2095	0.0157	0.2295	0.0172	0.2479	0.0186	0.2650	0.0199
1.0	0.0833	0.1005	0.0084	0.1421	0.0118	0.1741	0.0145	0.2010	0.0168	0.2247	0.0187	0.2462	0.0205	0.2659	0.0222	0.2843	0.0237
1.1	0.0917	0.1071	0.0098	0.1515	0.0139	0.1855	0.0170	0.2142	0.0196	0.2395	0.0220	0.2623	0.0240	0.2834	0.0260	0.3029	0.0278
1.2	0.1000	0.1135	0.0113	0.1605	0.0161	0.1966	0.0197	0.2270	0.0227	0.2538	0.0254	0.2780	0.0278	0.3003	0.0300	0.3210	0.0321
1.3	0.1083	0.1197	0.0130	0.1693	0.0183	0.2074	0.0225	0.2394	0.0259	0.2677	0.0290	0.2932	0.0318	0.3167	0.0343	0.3386	0.0367
1.4	0.1167	0.1258	0.0147	0.1779	0.0208	0.2179	0.0254	0.2516	0.0293	0.2812	0.0328	0.3081	0.0359	0.3328	0.0388	0.3558	0.0415
1.5	0.1250	0.1317	0.0165	0.1863	0.0233	0.2281	0.0285	0.2634	0.0329	0.2945	0.0368	0.3226	0.0403	0.3484	0.0436	0.3725	0.0466
1.6	0.1333	0.1375	0.0183	0.1944	0.0259	0.2381	0.0318	0.2750	0.0367	0.3074	0.0410	0.3368	0.0449	0.3638	0.0485	0.3889	0.0519
1.7	0.1417	0.1432	0.0203	0.2025	0.0287	0.2480	0.0351	0.2863	0.0406	0.3201	0.0453	0.3507	0.0497	0.3788	0.0537	0.4049	0.0574
1.8	0.1500	0.1487	0.0223	0.2103	0.0315	0.2576	0.0386	0.2974	0.0446	0.3325	0.0499	0.3643	0.0546	0.3935	0.0590	0.4206	0.0631
1.9	0.1583	0.1542	0.0244	0.2180	0.0345	0.2670	0.0423	0.3084	0.0488	0.3448	0.0546	0.3777	0.0598	0.4079	0.0646	0.4361	0.0690
2.0	0.1667	0.1595	0.0266	0.2256	0.0376	0.2763	0.0461	0.3191	0.0532	0.3567	0.0595	0.3908	0.0651	0.4221	0.0704	0.4513	0.0752
2.1	0.1750	0.1648	0.0288	0.2331	0.0408	0.2855	0.0500	0.3296	0.0577	0.3685	0.0645	0.4037	0.0707	0.4361	0.0763	0.4662	0.0816
2.2	0.1833	0.1700	0.0312	0.2404	0.0441	0.2945	0.0540	0.3400	0.0623	0.3801	0.0697	0.4164	0.0763	0.4498	0.0825	0.4809	0.0882
2.3	0.1917	0.1751	0.0336	0.2477	0.0475	0.3033	0.0581	0.3502	0.0671	0.3916	0.0751	0.4290	0.0822	0.4633	0.0888	0.4953	0.0949
2.4	0.2000	0.1802	0.0360	0.2548	0.0510	0.3120	0.0624	0.3603	0.0721	0.4029	0.0806	0.4413	0.0883	0.4767	0.0953	0.5096	0.1019
2.5	0.2083	0.1851	0.0386	0.2618	0.0545	0.3207	0.0668	0.3703	0.0771	0.4140	0.0862	0.4535	0.0945	0.4898	0.1020	0.5436	0.1133
3.0	0.2500	0.2091	0.0523	0.2957	0.0739	0.3621	0.0905	0.4181	0.1045	0.5560	0.1390	0.7153	0.1788	0.8722	0.2180	1.0270	0.2568
3.5	0.2917	0.2317	0.0676	0.3277	0.0956	0.4784	0.1395	0.7057	0.2058	0.9268	0.2703	1.1416	0.3330	1.3497	0.3937	1.5520	0.4527
4.0	0.3333	0.2533	0.0844	0.4433	0.1478	0.7501	0.2500	1.0434	0.3478	1.3235	0.4412	1.5913	0.5304	1.8486	0.6162	2.0965	0.6988
4.5	0.3750	0.2739	0.1027	0.6567	0.2463	1.0391	0.3897	1.3967	0.5238	1.7333	0.6500	2.0525	0.7697	2.3566	0.8837	2.6480	0.9930
5.0	0.4167	0.3805	0.1585	0.8821	0.3675	1.3382	0.5576	1.7576	0.7323	2.1487	0.8953	2.5167	1.0486	2.8656	1.1940	3.1983	1.3326
5.5	0.4583	0.5215	0.2390	1.1155	0.5113	1.6425	0.7528	2.1217	0.9725	2.5647	1.1755	2.9793	1.3655	3.3706	1.5449	3.7423	1.7152
6.0	0.5000	0.6694	0.3347	1.3532	0.6766	1.9488	0.9744	2.4851	1.2425	2.9778	1.4889	3.4367	1.7183	3.8684	1.9342	4.2772	2.1386

*APPENDIX B DESIGN EXAMPLE*

# Feedlot Runoff Treatment System Design Computations

**Project Name:** Tech Note 26 Example

**Location:** Greeley, CO

Computed By: JEA

Checked By:

Date: 1/9/03

Date:

## RAINFALL AND RUNOFF ESTIMATION FOR FEEDLOT AREA

**Climate Station:** Greeley UNC

	Earth Surfaces	Paved Surfaces	Roofed Surfaces
Contributing Lot Area:	<b>5</b> acres	<b>0</b> sqft	<b>0</b> sqft
Runoff Curve Numbers:	<b>90</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>100</b>
2yr-24hr Rainfall:	<b>1.7</b> inches	<b>1.7</b> inches	<b>1.7</b> inches
2yr-24hr Runoff:	<b>0.84</b> inches	<b>1.38</b> inches	<b>1.70</b> inches
25yr-24hr Rainfall:	<b>3.4</b> inches	<b>3.40</b> inches	<b>3.40</b> inches
25yr-24hr Runoff:	<b>2.35</b> inches	<b>3.06</b> inches	<b>3.40</b> inches
Ave. Annual Precipitation:	<b>14.2</b> inches	<b>14.2</b> inches	<b>14.2</b> inches
Average Annual Runoff:	<b>14%</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>100%</b>
Average Annual Runoff:	<b>1.99</b> inches	<b>5.68</b> inches	<b>14.20</b> inches
2yr-24hr Runoff Volume:		<b>4.22</b> Acre-inches	
25yr-24hr Runoff Volume:		<b>11.77</b> Acre-inches	
Average Annual Runoff Volume:		<b>9.94</b> Acre-inches	
Average Annual Sediment Yield:		<b>0.20</b> Acre-inches (2% of runoff volume)	
Average Annual Nitrogen Yield:		<b>497</b> Pounds/year (50#/Acre-inch of runoff)	

## PHYSICAL DATA FOR PROPOSED TREATMENT AREA

Soil Type: **Weld Sandy Loam**

Hydrologic Group: C

Intake Family: 0.3

Water Holding Capacity: **0.18** in/in

a = 0.0368

Maximum rooting Depth: **60** inches

b = 0.7204

Maximum Infiltration Depth: **5.4** inches (50% AWC)

Land Slope in Direction of Flow: **0.01** ft/ft

Maximum Available Length: **600** feet

Available Width: **300** feet

# Feedlot Runoff Treatment System Design Computations

## PROPOSED TREATMENT AREA VEGETATION TYPE AND CHARACTERISTICS

Species	Mix Fraction	Rooting Depth (inches)	N Content (% DM)
<b>Smooth Brome</b>	<b>60.0%</b>		<b>1.75%</b>
<b>Alfalfa</b>	<b>40.0%</b>		<b>2.25%</b>

Expected Yield: **4.00** tons/acre Annual N Removal: **156** lbs./acre

Vegetation Condition: Close Seeded Legume (>50% ground cover), C Soil: ▼

Runoff Curve Number: **81** 2yr-24hr Runoff: **0.42** inches  $I_{TA} =$  **1.28** inches

Flow Retardance: **C** ▼ Time to Infiltrate  $I_{TA} =$  **98** minutes

## PROPOSED TREATMENT AREA DIMENSIONS

Minimum Area for N Removal: **3.19** acres (To utilize annual N Yield from feedlot)

Minimum Area for Runoff Infiltration: **0.78** acres (To Infiltrate 2yr Lot Runoff Event)

Use: **3.2** acres *Is Adequate Land Available? YES*

Approximate Dimensions: **600** ft long x **231** feet wide (W = Area/Length)

Use: **600** ft long x **240** feet wide

Target Infiltration Amount,  $I_{LR}$ : **1.32** inches (for infiltration of 2yr Runoff Event)

Total Infiltration Amount,  $I_T$ : **2.60** inches (lot runoff + direct precip. on treatment area)

Time to Infiltrate  $I_T$ : **316** minutes Time to Infiltrate  $I_{LR}, T_A =$  **218** minutes

## SEDIMENT BASIN DESIGN REQUIREMENTS

### For the 2yr-24hr Event:

Required Detention Period > **3.6** hours Use **6** hours

Storage Factor = **0.42** (Vs/Vr)

Minimum Storage Volume = **1.77** acre-inches, or **6,430** cu.ft.

Release Rate Factor = **0.168** cfs/ac-in runoff

Design Release Rate = **0.71** cfs Unit Q = **0.0030** cfs/ft (Q/W)

Limiting Qu = **0.0051** cfs/ft

Is Qu > Unit Q ? **OK**

### For the 25yr-24hr Event:

Maximum allowable flow velocity = **0.0833** fps (L, ft. / 7,200 sec.)

Flow Depth = **0.82** inches depth < 6" ? **OK**

Maximum Unit Flow Rate = **0.0057** cfs/ft

Minimum Detention Period: **8.6** hours ---> **USE 10** hours

Storage Factor = **0.5** (Vs/Vr)

Minimum Storm Storage Volume = **5.89** acre-inches, or **21,367** cuft

Release Rate Factor = **0.101** cfs/ac-in

Maximum Basin Release Rate = **1.19** cfs

*APPENDIX C – BLANK FORMS*

*Feedlot Runoff Treatment System Design Computations*

**Project Name:**

**Location:**

Computed By:   
Date:

Checked By:   
Date:

**RAINFALL AND RUNOFF ESTIMATION FOR FEEDLOT AREA**

	<b>Earth Surfaces</b>		<b>Paved Surfaces</b>		<b>Roofed Surfaces</b>	
Contributing Lot Area:	<input type="text"/>	acres	<input type="text"/>	sqft	<input type="text"/>	sqft
Runoff Curve # (Table A2):	<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>	
2yr-24hr Rainfall (Table A1):	<input type="text"/>	inches	<input type="text"/>	inches	<input type="text"/>	inches
2yr-24hr Runoff (Table A3):	<input type="text"/>	inches	<input type="text"/>	inches	<input type="text"/>	inches
25yr-24hr Rainfall (Table A1):	<input type="text"/>	inches	<input type="text"/>	inches	<input type="text"/>	inches
25yr-24hr Runoff (Table A3):	<input type="text"/>	inches	<input type="text"/>	inches	<input type="text"/>	inches
Ave. Annual Precip. (Table A1):	<input type="text"/>	inches	<input type="text"/>	inches	<input type="text"/>	inches
Ave. Annual Runoff (Table A1):	<input type="text"/>	%	<input type="text"/>	%	<input type="text"/>	%
Ave. Annual Runoff:	<input type="text"/>	inches	<input type="text"/>	inches	<input type="text"/>	inches

	<b>Total</b>
2yr-24hr Runoff Volume:	<input type="text"/> Acre-inches
25yr-24hr Runoff Volume:	<input type="text"/> Acre-inches
Average Annual Runoff Volume:	<input type="text"/> Acre-inches
Average Annual Sediment Yield:	<input type="text"/> Acre-inches (2% of runoff volume)
Average Annual Nitrogen Yield:	<input type="text"/> Pounds/year (50#/Acre-inch of runoff)

**PHYSICAL DATA FOR PROPOSED TREATMENT AREA**

Predominant Soil Type:

Hydrologic Group:	<input type="text"/>	NRCS Intake Family:	<input type="text"/>
Available Water Holding Capacity (AWC):	<input type="text"/> in/in	a =	<input type="text"/> (Table A5)
Maximum rooting Depth:	<input type="text"/> inches	b =	<input type="text"/> (Table A5)
Maximum Infiltration Depth:	<input type="text"/> inches (50% AWC)		
Land Slope in Direction of Flow:	<input type="text"/> ft/ft		
Maximum Available Length:	<input type="text"/> feet	Available Width:	<input type="text"/> feet

*Feedlot Runoff Treatment System Design Computations*

**PROPOSED TREATMENT AREA VEGETATION TYPE AND CHARACTERISTICS**

Species	Mix Fraction %	Rooting Depth (inches)	N Content (% DM)

Expected Yield:  tons/acre    Annual N Removal:  lbs./acre

Vegetation Condition:

Runoff Curve Number:  (table A2)    2yr-24hr Runoff:  inches (table A3)  
 Flow Retardance @ Maturity:   
 2yr Precip. - Runoff =  $I_{TA}$  =  inches    Infiltration time  $T_{TA}$  =  minutes

**PROPOSED TREATMENT AREA DIMENSIONS**

Minimum Area for N Removal:  acres (To utilize annual N Yield from feedlot)  
 Minimum Area for Runoff Infiltration:  acres (To Infiltrate 2yr Lot Runoff Event)  
 Use:  acres  
 Approximate Dimensions:  ft long x  feet wide ( $W = \text{Area}/\text{Length}$ )  
 Use:  ft long x  feet wide  
 Target Infiltration Amount,  $I_{LR}$ :  inches (for infiltration of 2yr Runoff Event)  
 Total Infiltration Amount,  $I_T$ :  inches (lot runoff + direct precip. on treatment area)  
 Time to Infiltrate  $I_T$ ,  $T_{IT}$ :  minutes  
 Time to Infiltrate  $I_{LR}$ ,  $T_{LR}$ :  minutes

**SEDIMENT BASIN DESIGN REQUIREMENTS**

**For the 2yr-24hr Event:**

Required Detention Period >  hours    Use  hours  
 Storage Factor =  ( $V_s/V_r$ )  
 Minimum Storage Volume =  acre-inches, or  cu.ft.  
 Release Rate Factor (Table A7) =  cfs/ac-in runoff  
 Design Release Rate =  cfs    Unit Q =  cfs/ft (Q/W)  
 Limiting  $Q_u$  =  cfs/ft

**For the 25yr-24hr Event:**

Maximum allowable flow velocity =  fps (L, ft. / 7,200 sec.)  
 Flow Depth =  inches    depth < 6" ?  
 Maximum Unit Flow Rate =  cfs/ft (calculated or from table)  
 Minimum Detention Period:  hours    --- > **USE**  hours  
 Storage Factor =  ( $V_s/V_r$ )  
 Minimum Storm Storage Volume =  acre-inches, or  cuft  
 Release Rate Factor =  cfs/ac-in  
 Maximum Basin Release Rate =  cfs