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Road Salt and Source Water Protection: Is Convenience Compatible with Environmental Stewardship?



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> So, **IS** Convenience Compatible with Environmental Stewardship?

> > YES!

Outline

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- Field Facility
- Preliminary Results
- Next Steps
- Acknowledgements



Background

CHANGING LIVES IMPROVING LII Between rain or melt events, pollutants tend to accumulate on road surfaces, including:

- Sediment
- Chromium
- Cadmium
- Copper
- Zinc
- Nickel
- Chlorides





- Concentrations of these pollutants are a function of:
 - Average annual daily traffic (AADT)
 - Duration between washoff events (ADD)
 Quality of the vehicles on the road







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5M tonnes of road salt applied annually in Canada (EC, 2007)

- 1.1M tonnes in Ontario alone (1998)
- Number is roughly double that in the U.S.
- Private contractors tend to apply salt at a density that is 4X greater than public agencies
 - Application excess is in response to liability issues
 - Total contribution remains unquantified





Regulations

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> The US EPA has set chronic and acute toxicity thresholds for chlorides which are 230 mg/L and 860 mg/L respectively (EPA, 1988)

More recently, the CCME (2011) has introduced a non-binding guideline for chlorides in surface waters:

Long-Term	Short-Term (Acute							
(Chronic) Exposure	Exposure							
120 mg CI/L	640 mg Cl/L							

Regulations

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Aesthetic chloride ion concentration (taste) objectives for Ontario drinking water are 250 mg/L Cl⁻

 Exceedances of this have already been detected in urban wellfields in the Waterloo area (Bester et al.,



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Implications

- Chemically-induced meromixis

 Death of aquatic organisms
 - Groundwater concentrations of Cl⁻ in excess of 1,600mg/L found in Pickering
 - Greatly exceeds Ontario drinking water guidelines
 - Exceeds 96h LC50 for some amphibians





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Implications

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Our research group has collected streamside chloride ion concentrations in excess of 5,700 mg/L in urban areas

Chloride Ion Concentration (Gordon Rd; Winter 2010-2011)



Chloride Concentration Hanlon Creek Winter 2010-2011





Can we protect surface and groundwater from spikes in chloride ion concentration?



Objectives

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Using bench-scale tests, assess the adsorption capability of several media at removing common highway pollutants



Assess the imperviousness and longevity of several liners under normal field conditions, and quantify their effectiveness at protecting groundwater



Using continuous monitoring techniques, assess the performance of the installed field system at capturing, detaining and attenuating the movement of multiple pollutants



Laboratory Testing

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Based on a review of the literature, multiple candidate materials were tested:





Column and Shaker Tests

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Laboratory shaker tests to screen candidate material

 Column and drip testing for successful materials



Sensor Calibration

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Conductivity Sensor Calibration





Valve Calibration

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Rain Gauge Calibration





There are some promising candidate materials:

Comparison of Conductivity Reduction for Five Materials (48 Hour Test)





Chloride Removal for Amendment 5



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48 Hours Shaker Test -Amendment 5



Calibration

 is linear, so
 results
 correspond
 to 30%
 reduction in
 [Cl⁻]



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Сі	TANGING LIVES	Soils were all high in OM														
		 Samples collected from Municipalities of Brantford, Peel, Peterborough as well as 														
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	Poros	sity (φ)	0.47	0.56	0.56		0.54	0.53								
	Void R	Ratio (e)	0.89	1.26	1.27		1.18	1.13								
	Bulk I (ρ _b ; I	Density kg/m ³)	1161	674	225		516	910								
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Laboratory Results

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Hydrus Modelling

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- Used the collected laboratory data (soil, flow rate & head) to calibrate Hydrus 1-D
 - First calibrated for flow



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Solute Transport

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A few observations...





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 Hydrus 1-D did a good job of simulating both flow and chloride movement through a simple, homogenous laboratory soil

 Despite lots of measured inputs, there was some variability between both the observed and predicted parameters

Field Facility



Upscaling from the Laboratory to the Field

- Peak dampening from diffusion, storage & adsorption
- Testing of Various Liners
- Sub-surface Leak Detection







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Leak Detection

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Storm	Dates:	Average	Precipitation		Under	drain Ru	noff Volu	me (L)	Leak Runoff Volume (L)							
Start Date	End Date	min (°C)	(mm)	1	2	3	4	5	6	1	2	3	4	5	6	
21-Nov-12	21-Nov-12	-3.6	0.0	0	601	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
19-Dec-12	26-Dec-12	-4.1	13.2	0	4000	2240	4354	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
25-Dec-12	31-Dec-12	-7.6	7.4	0	10617	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
09-Jan-13	11-Jan-13	-4.0	5.7	0	0	0	0	0	774	0	0	0	0	0	0	
11-Jan-13	13-Jan-13	2.2	39.0	3825	1745	2671	0	3020	2026	0	0	0	0	0	0	
15-Jan-13	18-Jan-13	-8.4	0.6	1888	1058	1109	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
21-Jan-13	25-Jan-13	-17.3	0.3	2438	0	0	0	0	318	0	0	0	0	0	0	
28-Jan-13	02-Feb-13	-6.2	48.6	0	0	0	0	2855	2842	0	0	0	0	0	0	
25-Feb-13	03-Mar-13	-6.0	31.8	265	1037	1113	1896	2399	691	0	0	0	0	0	0	
06-Mar-13	07-Mar-13	-2.6	3.3	0	730	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
06-Mar-13	13-Mar-13	-3.2	27.6	4243	8703	8734	6221	3057	8267	0	0	0	0	0	0	
22-Mar-13	24-Mar-13	-5.7	0.0	0	0	1011	0	0	1833	0	0	0	0	0	0	
01-Apr-13	01-Apr-13	-6.1	0.0	544	410	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
08-Apr-13	11-Apr-13	1.0	67.2	3381	2484	3462	905	41	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	
10-Apr-13	13-Apr-13	0.7	49.2	2494	728	2082	2072	186	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
13-Apr-13	14-Apr-13	-0.2	5.7	1726	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
22-Apr-13	26-Apr-13	-0.9	8.8	0	204	0	0	0	0	366	453	0	0	238	0	
28-Apr-13	29-Apr-13	6.0	9.3	0	834	33	0	120	120	404	684	755	580	1749	0	
10-May-13	11-May-13	5.0	18.8	1645	1331	232	0	225	145	1161	1278	378	684	1168	0	
17-May-13	18-May-13	6.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12502	0	0	0	0	0	
23-May-13	25-May-13	1.7	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6357	0	0	0	0	0	
28-May-13	29-May-13	12.0	34.8	429	1231	134	0	242	415	0	1793	143	0	246	0	
02-Jun-13	02-Jun-13	6.5	9.6	0	286	49	0	0	79	396	1017	0	0	332	0	
10-Jun-13	11-Jun-13	14.0	25.2	1493	674	43	0	298	358	0	2491	119	0	408	0	
16-Jun-13	16-Jun-13	13.9	10.1	0	73	0	0	45	0	788	0	0	0	0	0	
Total				24370	36746	22914	15448	12487	17892	21975	7716	1396	1264	4141	0	



Preliminary Findings - Liners

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- Compacted Clay allows for upwelling from seasonal water table
- Canal 3 Liner (HPDE) shows promise, as no leaks have been detected in cell # 6 to date
- Seasonally frozen soils appear to inhibit GW/SW interaction → important groundwater implications

Next Steps

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 Initial results are promising, but further testing is required

 More information is needed about the elasticity of the system, as well as the adsorption/desorption parameters



Next Steps

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 Begin simulating pollutant transport, capture and diffusion of the field facility using the HYDRUS Model

 Initiate additional monitoring and modelling of the experimental field facility

Printers consider

THEF BRANCH APPERTANCE



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