

Parameter Brief

Removal of Suspended Solids using the CDS[®] System – Laboratory Evaluations

The CDS[®] system is a hydrodynamic separator which uses patented continuous deflective separation (CDS) technology to separate and capture trash, debris, sediment and oil and grease from stormwater runoff. Indirect screening allows for 100% removal of floatables and neutrally buoyant material without blinding the screen. Flow and screening controls separate captured solids and minimize resuspension of previously captured pollutants.

The CDS system can effectively capture 100% of particulate material, including trash and debris, greater than screen aperture size (2400 or 4700 microns). In addition, the CDS can remove medium and coarse sediments. A full-scale laboratory evaluation of the CDS system using test materials with various particle size distributions is summarized here.

Laboratory Study – Full-Scale Evaluation at University of Florida

A full-scale CDS unit (Model CDS2020-5B) was tested at the facility of University of Florida, Gainesville, FL. This full-scale CDS unit was evaluated under controlled laboratory conditions of pumped influent and the controlled addition of sediment.

Two different gradations of silica sand material (UF Sediment & OK-110) were used in the CDS performance evaluation. The particle size distributions (PSD) of the test materials were analyzed using standard method “Gradation ASTM D-422 with Hydrometer” by a certified laboratory. UF Sediment is a mixture of three different U.S. Silica Sand products referred as: “Sil-Co-Sil 106”, “#1 DRY” and “20/40 Oil Frac”. Particle size distribution analysis shows that the UF Sediment has a very fine gradation ($d_{50} = 20$ to $30 \mu\text{m}$) covering a wide size range (uniform coefficient C_u averaged at 10.6). In comparison with the hypothetical TSS gradation specified in the NJDEP (New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection) and NJCAT (New Jersey Corporation for Advanced Technology) protocol for lab testing, the UF Sediment covers a similar range of particle size but with a finer d_{50} (d_{50} for NJDEP is approximately $50 \mu\text{m}$) (NJDEP, 2003). The OK-110 silica sand is a commercial product of U.S. Silica Sand. The particle size distribution analysis of this material, also included in Figure 1, shows that 99.9% of the OK-110 sand is finer than 250 microns, with a mean particle size (d_{50}) of 106 microns. The PSDs for the test material are shown in Figure 1.

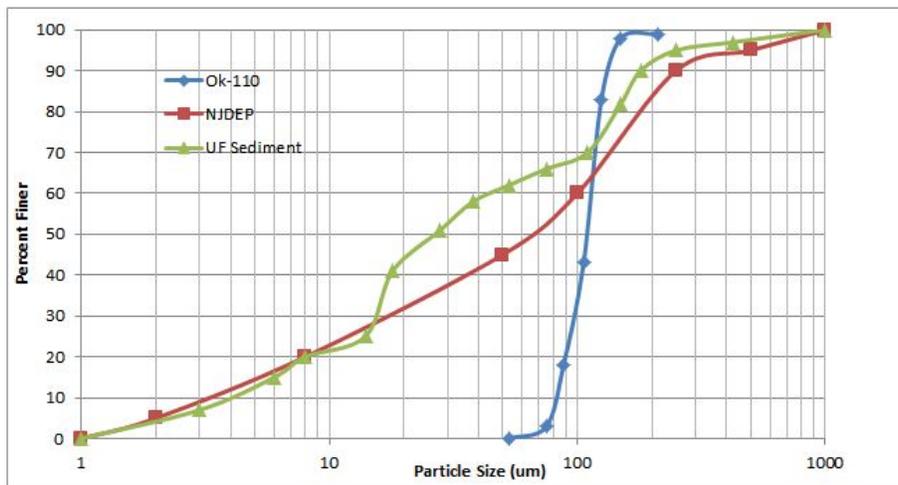


Figure 1. Particle size distributions for the test materials, as compared to the NJCAT/NJDEP theoretical distribution.

Tests were conducted to quantify the CDS unit (1.1 cfs design capacity) performance at various flow rates, ranging from 1% up to 125% of the design capacity of the unit, using the 2400 micron screen. All tests were conducted with controlled influent concentrations approximately 200 mg/L. Effluent samples were taken at equal time intervals across the entire duration of each test run. These samples were then processed with a Dekaport Cone sample splitter to obtain representative sub-samples for Suspended Sediment Concentration (SSC – ASTM Standard Method D3977-97) and particle size distribution analysis.

Results and Modeling

Based on the testing data from the University of Florida, a performance model was developed for the CDS system. A regression analysis was used to develop a fitting curve for the scattered data points at various design flow rates. This model, which demonstrated good agreement with the laboratory data, can then be used to predict CDS system performance with respect to SSC removal for any particle size gradation assuming sandy-silt type of inorganic components of SSC. Figure 2 shows CDS predictive performance for two typical particle size gradations (NJCAT gradation and OK-110 sand).

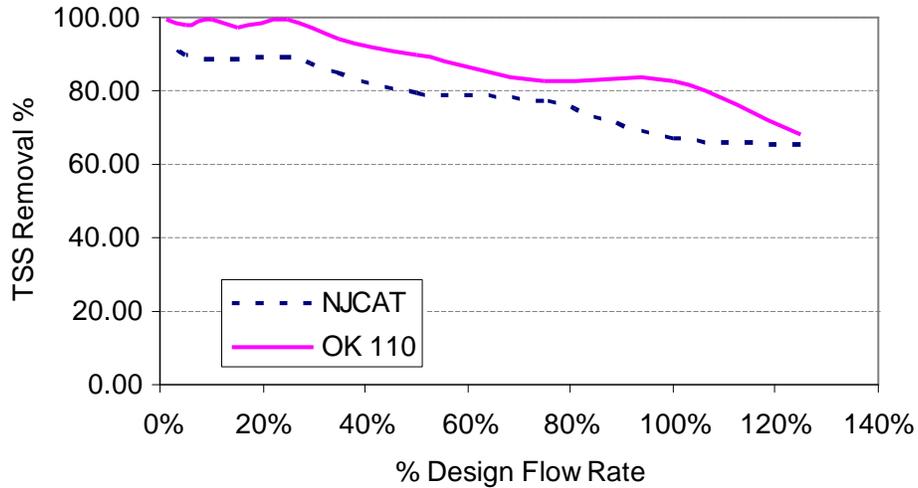


Figure 2. CDS stormwater treatment predictive performance for various particle gradations as a function of operating rate.

Many regulatory jurisdictions set a performance standard for hydrodynamic devices by stating that the devices shall be capable of achieving an 80% removal efficiency for particles having a mean particle size (d_{50}) of 125 microns (WADOE, 2008). The model can be used to calculate the expected performance of such a PSD (shown in Figure 3). Supported by the laboratory data, the model indicates (Figure 4) that the CDS system with 2400 micron screen achieves approximately 80% removal at 100% of design flow rate, for this particle size distribution ($d_{50} = 125 \mu\text{m}$).

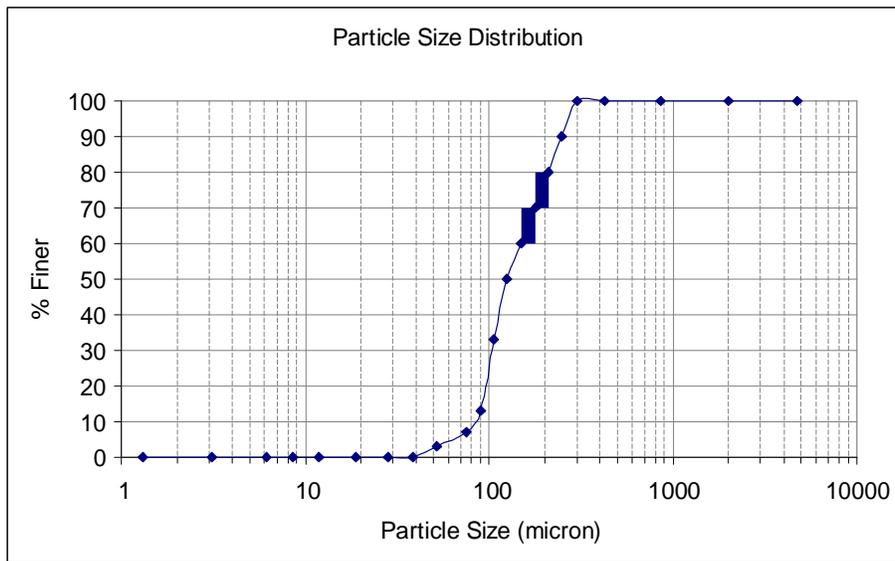


Figure 3. PSD with $d_{50} = 125$ microns, used to model performance for Ecology submittal.

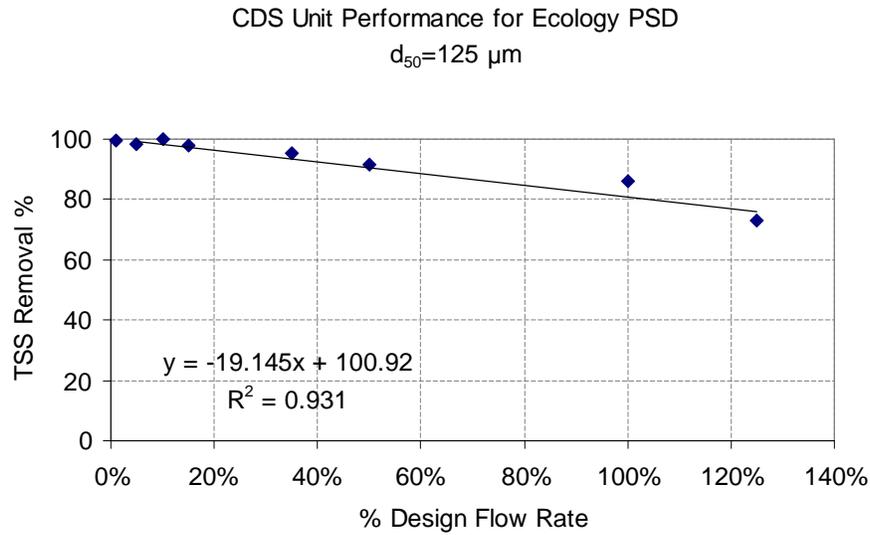


Figure 4. Modeled performance for CDS unit with 2400 microns screen, using Ecology PSD.

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