

CIEG436	S2023			Total enrollment	23	
HW5 #3 (liner design)				Total env majors	16	Total civil majors 3
Outcome 2 - design				Env majors assessed	16	Civil majors assessed 3
n =	19 (16 env, 3 civ)					
Individual	Scores	Notes				
1	3	env				
2	4	env				
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4	4	env				
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7	1	env				
8	4	env				
9	3	env				
10	3	env				
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12	4	env				
13	4	env				
14	4	env				
15	3	env				
16	3	env				
17	2	civil				
18	4	civil				
19	2	civil				
	ENV		CIV			
	3.3125	average	2.66667			
	0.873212	SD	1.154701			

### 3. Contaminant movement through liner (10 pts)

A geomembrane manufacturer has a new, thin (30 mil) geomembrane that has a never-before-seen hydraulic conductivity of  $10^{-14}$  cm/sec. Your usual 60 mil GM has a hydraulic conductivity of  $10^{-13}$  cm/s. You're interested in using the thinner GM in your 50-acre landfill because you believe it will be easier to work with; however, you suspect you may need additional clay below the GM. The clay contains a significant amount of bentonite and has a hydraulic conductivity of  $10^{-8}$  cm/s.

You decide to compare 2 options for liner system design:

	Option A	Option B
Geomembrane	30 mil	60 mil
Clay	3.5 ft	3ft

Your goal is to design to be protective for a 12-inch layer of leachate, containing 3 mg/L of trichloroethylene (TCE), on top of the liner. The effective diffusion coefficient of TCE through the geomembrane material is  $3 \times 10^{-9}$  cm<sup>2</sup>/s and the effective diffusion coefficient of TCE through the clay is  $2 \times 10^{-6}$  cm<sup>2</sup>/s. Assume that the clay is saturated, the water pressure below the liner is equal to atmospheric pressure, the leachate liquid level above the geomembrane remains constant, and that the concentration of TCE at the bottom of the clay is zero. Follow the analysis in the lecture notes and in Box 10.8.3 in Chapter 10.8 of Christensen (2011). *1 mil = 0.001 inches*.

**Your 50-acre landfill cannot contribute more than 2 kg/year of TCE to the groundwater from advective and diffusive flux together. Which option would you select to meet this requirement?**

Option A
30 mil GM
3.5 ft clay
1.00E-14 GM K, cm/s
1.00E-08 clay K, cm/s
3.00E-09 GM D, cm <sup>2</sup> /s
2.00E-06 clay D, cm <sup>2</sup> /s

0.0762 cm  
106.68 cm

137.2362 delta h  
106.7562 delta L  
106.7562 delta z

Keq 1.4E-11 cm/s  
Deq 1.36E-06 cm<sup>2</sup>/s

Advection  
5.39545E-11 mg\*cm/L\*sec  
0.067982624 g/acre/year  
3.399131216 g/year over 50 acre landfill

Diffusion  
3.81001E-08 mg\*cm/L\*sec  
48.00609601 g/acre/year  
2400.304801 g/year over 50 acre landfill

Total  
2403.703932 g/year  
2.403703932 kg/year

Option B
60 mil GM
3 ft clay
1.00E-13 GM K, cm/s
1.00E-08 clay K, cm/s
3.00E-09 GM D, cm <sup>2</sup> /s
2.00E-06 clay D, cm <sup>2</sup> /s

0.1524 cm  
91.44 cm

122.0724 delta h  
91.5924 delta L  
91.5924 delta z

Keq 5.97416E-11 cm/s  
Deq 9.48947E-07 cm<sup>2</sup>/s

Advection  
2.38867E-10 mg\*cm/L\*sec  
0.300972167 g/acre/year  
15.04860835 g/year over 50 acre landfill

Diffusion  
3.10816E-08 mg\*cm/L\*sec  
39.1628678 g/acre/year  
1958.14339 g/year over 50 acre landfill

Total  
1973.191998 g/year  
**1.973191998 kg/year**

TCE conc	3 mg/L	
liquid	12" head	30.48 cm head
LF size	50 acres	

40000000 cm<sup>2</sup>/acre  
31500000 sec/year  
1000 g/kg; cm<sup>3</sup>/L

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12 inch leachate = 30.48 cm  
 60 mil GM = 0.06" = 0.15 cm = t<sub>GM</sub>  
 3 ft clay = 91.44 cm = t<sub>clay</sub>

C = 3 mg/L TCE

$$K_{eq} = \frac{t_{GM} + t_{clay}}{\frac{t_{GM}}{K_{GM}} + \frac{t_{clay}}{K_{clay}}} = \frac{0.15 + 91.44}{\frac{0.15}{10^{-13}} + \frac{91.44}{10^{-8}}} = 6.07 \times 10^{-11} \text{ cm/s}$$

$$D_{eq} = \frac{t_{GM} + t_{clay}}{\frac{t_{GM}}{D_{GM}} + \frac{t_{clay}}{D_{clay}}} = \frac{0.15 + 91.44}{\frac{0.15}{3 \times 10^{-9}} + \frac{91.44}{2 \times 10^{-6}}} = 9.57 \times 10^{-7} \text{ cm}^2/\text{s}$$

Δh = top of leachate → bottom of clay  
 = 122 cm (approx)

$$\Delta L = t_{GM} + t_{clay} = 91.59 \text{ cm} = \Delta z$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Advective flux} &= K_{eq} \left( \frac{\Delta h}{\Delta L} \right) C = 6.07 \times 10^{-11} \left( \frac{122}{91.59} \right) (3) \\ &= 2.43 \times 10^{-10} \text{ mg cm/Ls} \\ &\quad \times \frac{4 \times 10^7 \text{ cm}^2}{\text{ac}} \times \frac{3.15 \times 10^7 \text{ s}}{\text{yr}} / 1000 \\ &= 0.30618 \text{ g/ac/yr} \times 50 \text{ ac LF} \\ &= \boxed{15.309 \text{ g/yr}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Diffusive flux} &= D_{eq} \left( \frac{\Delta C}{\Delta z} \right) = 9.57 \times 10^{-7} \left( \frac{3}{91.59} \right) \\ &= 3.13 \times 10^{-8} \text{ mg cm/Lg} \\ &= 4.98 \times 10^{-7} \text{ g/ac/yr} \times 50 \text{ ac} \\ &= 0.25 \text{ g/yr} \end{aligned}$$

15.309 + 0.25 = 15.559 g/yr = 0.02 kg/yr  
 which is well under requirement of 72 kg/yr

③  
 new: 30mil GM  $K = 10^{-14}$  cm/sec  
 usual: 60mil GM  $K = 10^{-13}$  cm/s

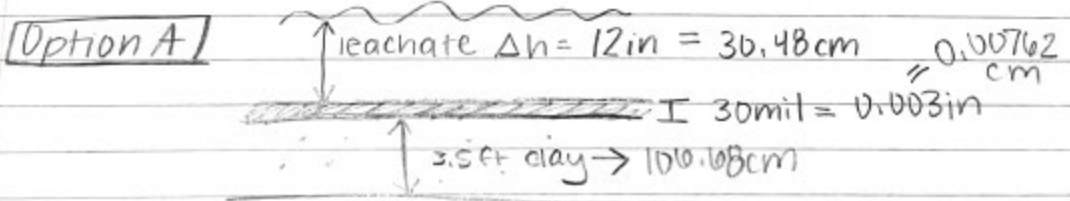
50 acre field clay  $K = 10^{-8}$  cm/s

	OPTION A	OPTION B
GM	30mil	60mil
Clay	3.5ft	3ft

1mil = 0.001in

goal: 12in layer leachate  
 $\hookrightarrow$  3mg/L TCE  $\rightarrow$  diffusion coeff  $3 \times 10^{-9} \frac{cm^2}{s}$   
 $[TCE]_{bottom} = 0$   $P = P_{atm}$   $\hookrightarrow$  clay  $= 2 \times 10^{-6} \frac{cm^2}{s}$

- cannot exceed 2kg/year of TCE to the groundwater from advective + diffusive flux together
- Which option?



$$K_{eq} = \frac{t_{GM} + t_{clay}}{\frac{t_{GM}}{K_{GM}} + \frac{t_{clay}}{K_{clay}}} = \frac{0.00762cm + 106.68cm}{\frac{0.00762cm}{10^{-14}cm/s} + \frac{106.68cm}{10^{-8}cm/s}} = 1.38 \times 10^{-10} cm/s \#$$

$$D_{eq} = \frac{t_{GM} + t_{clay}}{\frac{t_{GM}}{D_{GM}} + \frac{t_{clay}}{D_{clay}}} = \frac{0.00762cm + 106.68cm}{\frac{0.00762cm}{3 \times 10^{-9} \frac{cm^2}{s}} + \frac{106.68cm}{2 \times 10^{-6} \frac{cm^2}{s}}} = 1.91 \times 10^{-6} cm^2/s \#$$

$$\Delta L = t_{GM} + t_{clay} = 106.68762 \text{ cm}$$

$$\left(1.38 \times 10^{-10} \frac{\text{cm}}{\text{s}}\right) \left(\frac{137.16 \text{ cm}}{106.68762 \text{ cm}}\right) \left(3 \frac{\text{mg}}{\text{L}}\right)$$

$$= 5.32 \times 10^{-10} \frac{\text{cm} \cdot \text{mg}}{\text{L} \cdot \text{s}}$$

$$\left(5.32 \times 10^{-10}\right) \left(\frac{4 \times 10^7 \text{ cm}^2}{\text{acre}}\right) \left(\frac{3.15 \times 10^7 \text{ s}}{\text{yr}}\right) \left(\frac{1 \text{ g}}{1000 \text{ mg}}\right) \left(\frac{1 \text{ L}}{1000 \text{ cm}^3}\right)$$

$$= \underline{0.745 \text{ g/acre/yr}}$$

$$\underline{\text{diffusive flux}} = D_{eq} \left(\frac{\Delta C}{\Delta z}\right)$$

$$\Delta z = t_{GM} + t_{clay} = 106.68762 \text{ cm}$$

$$= \left(1.91 \times 10^{-6} \text{ cm}^2/\text{s}\right) \left(\frac{3.3 - 0 \frac{\text{mg}}{\text{L}}}{106.68762 \text{ cm}}\right) = 5.91 \times 10^{-8} \frac{\text{mg}}{\text{s} \cdot \text{L}}$$

③ CONT OPTION A

$$\text{advective flux} = qC = K_{eq} \left( \frac{\Delta n}{\Delta L} \right) C$$

$$\Delta n = \begin{matrix} \text{top of} \\ \text{leachate} \end{matrix} + \begin{matrix} \text{bottom} \\ \text{of clay} \end{matrix} = 30.48 \text{ cm} + 106.68 \text{ cm} \\ = 137.16 \text{ cm}$$

$$\Delta L = t_{\text{cm}} + t_{\text{clay}} = 106.68762 \text{ cm}$$

$$\left( 1.38 \times 10^{-10} \frac{\text{cm}}{\text{s}} \right) \left( \frac{137.16 \text{ cm}}{106.68762 \text{ cm}} \right) \left( 3 \frac{\text{mg}}{\text{L}} \right) \\ = 5.32 \times 10^{-10} \frac{\text{cm} \cdot \text{mg}}{\text{L} \cdot \text{s}}$$

$$\left( 5.32 \times 10^{-10} \right) \left( \frac{4 \times 10^7 \text{ cm}^2}{\text{acre}} \right) \left( \frac{3.15 \times 10^7 \text{ s}}{\text{yr}} \right) \left( \frac{1 \text{ g}}{1000 \text{ mg}} \right) \left( \frac{1 \text{ L}}{1000 \text{ cm}^3} \right) \\ = 0.745 \text{ g/acre/yr} \#$$

$$\text{diffusive flux} = D_{eq} \left( \frac{\Delta C}{\Delta z} \right)$$

$$\Delta z = t_{\text{cm}} + t_{\text{clay}} = 106.68762 \text{ cm}$$

$$= \left( 1.91 \times 10^{-6} \frac{\text{cm}^2}{\text{s}} \right) \left( \frac{3.3 - 0 \frac{\text{mg}}{\text{L}}}{106.68762 \text{ cm}} \right) = 5.91 \times 10^{-8} \frac{\text{mg}}{\text{s} \cdot \text{L}}$$

$$\frac{5.91 \times 10^{-8} \text{ mg}}{\text{s} \cdot \text{L}} \left( \frac{3.15 \times 10^7 \text{ s}}{\text{yr}} \right) \left( \frac{1 \text{ g}}{1000 \text{ mg}} \right) \left( \frac{1 \text{ L}}{1000 \text{ cm}^3} \right) \left( \frac{4 \times 10^7 \text{ cm}^2}{\text{acre}} \right)$$

$$= 82.74 \text{ g/acre/year} \#$$

$$\text{Total flux} = 83.485 \text{ g/acre/year}$$

$$= 0.083 \text{ kg/acre/yr} \text{ (50 acres)}$$

$$= 4.17 \text{ kg/year}$$

$$K_{eq} = \frac{t_{GM} + t_{clay}}{\frac{t_{GM}}{K_{GM}} + \frac{t_{clay}}{K_{clay}}} = \frac{0.1524 \text{ cm} + 91.44 \text{ cm}}{\frac{0.1524 \text{ cm}}{10^{-13} \text{ cm/s}} + \frac{91.44 \text{ cm}}{10^{-8} \text{ cm/s}}}$$

$$= 5.97 \times 10^{-11} \text{ cm/s} \#$$

$$D_{eq} = \frac{t_{GM} + t_{clay}}{\frac{t_{GM}}{D_{GM}} + \frac{t_{clay}}{D_{clay}}} = \frac{0.1524 + 91.44}{\frac{0.1524}{3 \times 10^{-9} \frac{\text{cm}^2}{\text{s}}} + \frac{91.44}{2 \times 10^{-10} \frac{\text{cm}^2}{\text{s}}}}$$

$$= 9.49 \times 10^{-7} \text{ cm}^2/\text{s} \#$$

$$\text{Advective flux} = K_{eq} (\Delta h / \Delta L) C$$

$$\Delta h = \overset{\text{top}}{\text{leachate}} + \overset{\text{bottom}}{\text{of clay}} = 30.48 \text{ cm} + 91.44 \text{ cm}$$

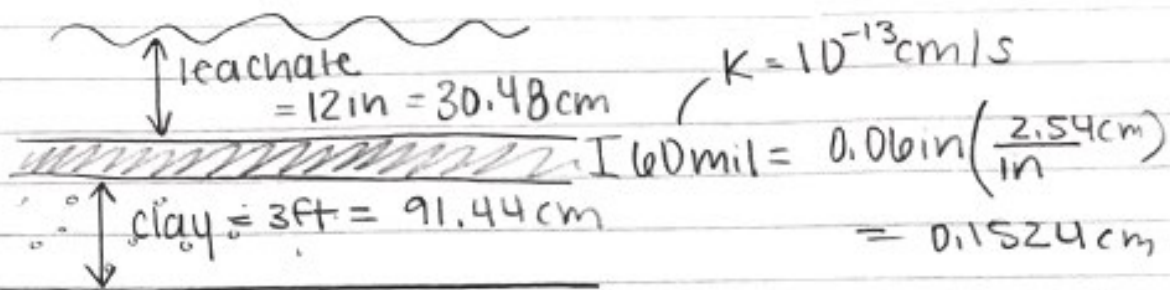
$$= 121.92 \text{ cm}$$

$$\Delta L = t_{GM} + t_{clay} = 91.5924 \text{ cm}$$

$$\left( 5.97 \times 10^{-11} \frac{\text{cm}}{\text{s}} \right) \left( \frac{121.92 \text{ cm}}{91.5924 \text{ cm}} \right) \left( 3 \frac{\text{mg}}{\text{L}} \right) = 2.38 \times 10^{-10} \frac{\text{cm} \cdot \text{mg}}{\text{L} \cdot \text{s}}$$

$$= 0.3003 \text{ g/acre/year}$$

③ CONT **OPTION B**



$$K_{eq} = \frac{t_{GM} + t_{clay}}{\frac{t_{GM}}{K_{GM}} + \frac{t_{clay}}{K_{clay}}} = \frac{0.1524 \text{ cm} + 91.44 \text{ cm}}{\frac{0.1524 \text{ cm}}{10^{-13} \text{ cm/s}} + \frac{91.44 \text{ cm}}{10^{-8} \text{ cm/s}}}$$
$$= \underline{5.97 \times 10^{-11} \text{ cm/s}} \#$$

$$D_{eq} = \frac{t_{GM} + t_{clay}}{\frac{t_{GM}}{D_{GM}} + \frac{t_{clay}}{D_{clay}}} = \frac{0.1524 + 91.44}{\frac{0.1524}{3 \times 10^{-9} \frac{\text{cm}^2}{\text{s}}} + \frac{91.44}{2 \times 10^{-10} \frac{\text{cm}^2}{\text{s}}}}$$
$$= \underline{9.49 \times 10^{-7} \text{ cm}^2/\text{s}} \#$$

$$\text{Advective flux} = K_{eq} (\Delta h / \Delta L) C$$

$$\Delta h = \overset{\text{top}}{\text{leachate}} + \overset{\text{bottom}}{\text{of clay}} = 30.48 \text{ cm} + 91.44 \text{ cm}$$
$$= 121.92 \text{ cm}$$

$$\Delta L = t_{GM} + t_{clay} = 91.5924 \text{ cm}$$

$$\left( 5.97 \times 10^{-11} \frac{\text{cm}}{\text{s}} \right) \left( \frac{121.92 \text{ cm}}{91.5924 \text{ cm}} \right) \left( 3 \frac{\text{mg}}{\text{L}} \right) = 2.38 \times 10^{-10} \frac{\text{cm} \cdot \text{mg}}{\text{L} \cdot \text{s}}$$

$$= 0.3003 \text{ g/acre/year}$$



③ CONT **OPTION B**

$$\text{diffusive flux} = D_{eq} \left( \frac{\Delta C}{\Delta z} \right)$$

$$\Delta z = t_{GM} + t_{clay} = 91.5924$$

$$= (9.49 \times 10^{-7} \text{ cm}^2/\text{s}) \left( \frac{3.3 - 0 \text{ mg/L}}{91.5924 \text{ cm}} \right) = 3.42 \times 10^{-8} \frac{\text{cm} \cdot \text{mg}}{\text{L} \cdot \text{s}}$$

$$= \underline{43.08 \text{ g/acre/yr}}$$

$$\text{Total flux} = 43.08 + 0.3003 = \underline{43.38 \text{ g/acre/yr}}$$

$$= 0.0434 \text{ kg/acre/yr (50 acre)}$$

$$= \underline{2.169 \text{ kg/year}}$$

$\therefore$  I would pick option B because it is the closest to the amount unable to exceed at 2.169 kg/acre/year

Environmental

	A	B
geomembrane (mil)	30	60
clay (ft)	3.5	3

concentration ppm                      3  
 lechate depth (cm)                      30.48

### Option A

material	thickness (cm)	K (cm/s)	D (cm <sup>2</sup> /sec)
geomembrane	0.0762	1.00E-13	3.00E-09
clay	106.68	1.00E-07	2.00E-06

keq	1.40E-10	cm/sec
Deq	1.36E-06	cm <sup>2</sup> /sec
delta h	137.2362	cm
delta L	106.7562	cm
advective flux	5.40E-10	cm *mg/ L*s
diffusive flux	3.81E-08	cm *mg/ L*s

sum                                      3.86E-08 cm \*mg/ L\*s  
    0.05 kg/acre/day

for 50 acres                      **2.43** kg/day

### Option B

material	thickness (cm)	K (cm/s)	D (cm <sup>2</sup> /sec)
geomembrane	0.1524	1.00E-12	3.00E-09
clay	91.44	1.00E-07	2.00E-06

keq	5.97E-10	cm/sec
Deq	9.49E-07	cm <sup>2</sup> /sec
delta h	122.0724	cm
delta L	91.5924	cm
advective flux	2.39E-09	cm *mg/ L*s
diffusive flux	3.11E-08	cm *mg/ L*s

sum                                      3.35E-08 cm \*mg/ L\*s  
    0.04 kg/acre/day

for 50 acres                      **2.11** kg/day

I would choose option B as it is closer to the target value of 2 kg/day

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Z/h (in)	12						
Z/h (cm)	30.48						
Ctce (mg/L)	3						
Ctce (g/cm3)	0.003						
acres	50						
Case A	t (cm)	K (cm/sec)	De (cm2/sec)	Case B	t (cm)	K (cm/sec)	De (cm2/sec)
liner	0.0762	1.00E-14	3.00E-09	liner	0.1524	1.00E-13	3.00E-09
GM	106.68	1.00E-08	2.00E-06	GM	91.44	1.00E-08	2.00E-06
Keq (cm/s)	1.40E-11			Keq (cm/s)	5.97E-11		
Deq (cm2/s)	1.36E-06			Deq (cm2/s)	9.49E-07		
Jwadv (kg/yr)	0.0034			Jwadv (kg/yr)	0.0150		
Jwdiff (kg/yr)	2.4003			Jwdiff (kg/yr)	1.9581		
Total flux (kg/yr)	2.4037			Total flux (kg/yr)	1.9732		

I would pick Option B since Option A released more than 2 kg/yr, and that is not allowed. However, Option B meets the requirement

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Codes:
Function Keq(tGM, tC, KGm, KC)
  Keq = (tGM + tC) / ((tGM / KGm) + (tC / KC))
End Function

Function Deq(tGM, tC, DGM, DC)
  Deq = (tGM + tC) / ((tGM / DGM) + (tC / DC))
End Function

Function Jw_adv(Keq, tGM, tC, Z, Cw, acre)
  deltah = Z + tGM + tC
  deltaL = tGM + tC
  Jw = Keq * (deltah / deltaL) * Cw
  Jw_adv = Jw * (4 * 10 ^ 7) * (3.15 * 10 ^ 7) * (1 / 1000) * (1 / 1000) * acre
End Function

Function Jw_diff(Deq, Cw, tGM, tC, acre)
  'assume Ci is zero
  deltaz = tGM + tC
  Jwd = Deq * (Cw / deltaz)
  Jw_diff = Jwd * (4 * 10 ^ 7) * (3.15 * 10 ^ 7) * (1 / 1000) * (1 / 1000) * acre
End Function

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