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Abstract:

A mathematical model is developed for the Delaware River Estuary between Trenton and Reedy Island. The model assesses the efficacy of various proposals for improvement of water quality. The principal factors affecting Delaware River water quality are carbonaceous and nitrogenous waste loadings, the benthic demand of bottom deposits, and background water quality. The analysis highlights the importance of nitrification on water quality in river systems receiving waste discharges. It is instituted in the Delaware Basin, the reduction in the carbonaceous demand may foster nitrification in areas during summer. The analysis of winter data indicates good correlation of observed dissolved oxygen distributions as only active demand on the system. The analysis demonstrates the pronounced relationship between waste loadings and practical from an engineering viewpoint to construct collection and treatment facilities on a basin-wide scale at a specific location.

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