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Acronyms and Abbreviations

MEDRC Middle East Desalination Research Center

Measurements

°F degree Fahrenheit
°C degree Celsius
c centimeter
µg/L microgram per liter

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Executive Summary

Provide a brief synopsis of the need for research, the specific research questions, methods used to address the research questions, and conclusion. Add any important caveats or salient information that a decisionmaker funding the next project or person using the research should know.

Do not put anything here that is not covered in the report.

Report Limits and Instructions

Limit the main report to 50 pages. Put any other details into appendices. Put all data into an excel spreadsheet. The only figures and tables in the main report should summarize data and provide an overall picture of your work.

Figure Instructions

If it will help the reader understand your results, copy the most important figures from the text. For the executive summary, do not use automatic figure numbering. Just type in the figure reference: Figure ES-1 shows the major project results. Note that figure captions should be lower case (except for proper nouns), with a period at the end. Captions should be left-aligned *on the left edge of the figure* (which may or may not be the same as the left edge of the column). Have one space before and after each figure and caption.

Figures should be readable, with contrasting colors and shapes.

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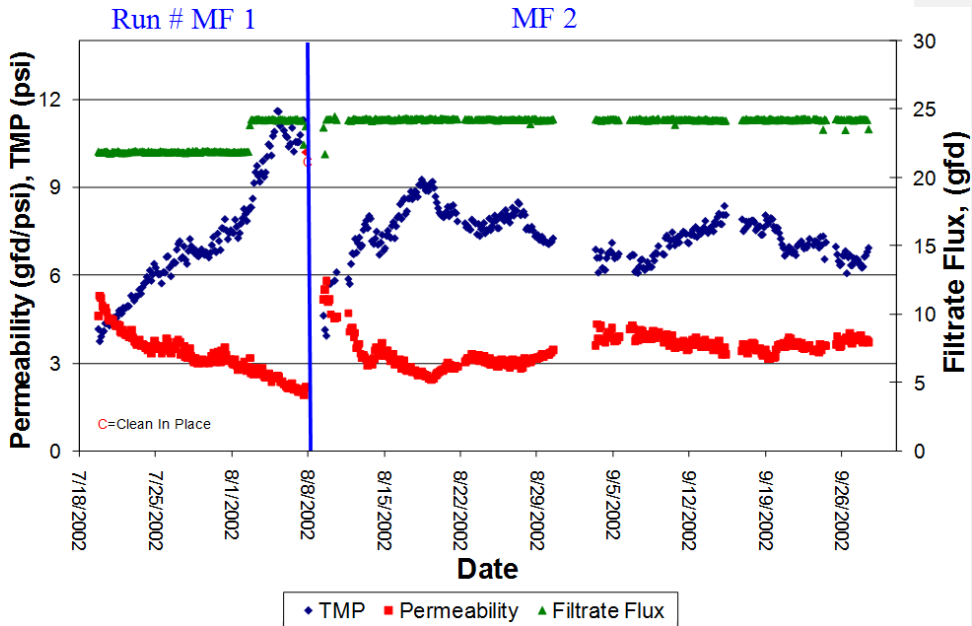


Figure ES-1.—Sum it all up, please.

Table Instructions

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Table ES-1.—Summary of results table

Factor	Run 1	Run 2	Run 3

1. Introduction

Provide the background needed to understand why we did the project (needs), what the project accomplished (objectives), approach, and overview. (Hint: Copy from your project application.)

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1.1. Project Background

Describe the project (for example, location, study area, regulations, origin of the project). Figure 1 shows a map of the study area.

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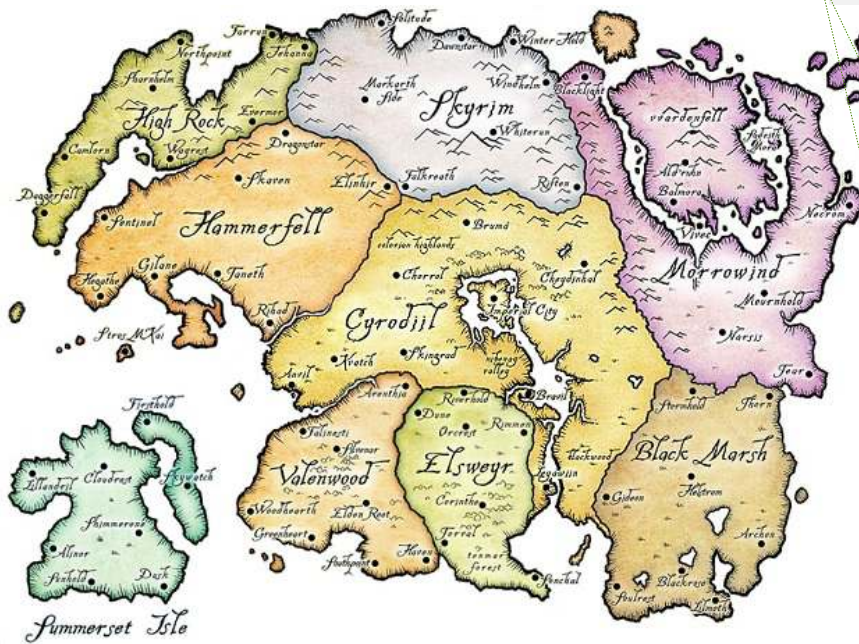


Figure 1.—Study area.

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1.1.1. Problem

Briefly discuss the problem that the project addresses, if appropriate.

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1.1.1.1. Do Not Worry About Formatting

Headings are like road signs. They tell the reader what is coming up in the next few paragraphs. So detailed headings are good to have. Again, for any heading, just copy and paste the heading here and type in what you want it to be. Keep it consistent: Either Capitalize Every Word or Just capitalize the first word. But always do it the same way.

1.1.1.2. We Will Take Care of It

Just type your content in. We will make it consistent.

Heading 5 If You Need Detailed Headings

You can go to heading level 5 if you want.

Heading 5 Use Levels 5 and 6

But, like road signs, you need to have a choice of where to go. So give us at least two headings per heading level.

Heading 6 Point 1

This really gets us into the weeds here, but ok.

Heading 6 Point 2

Never have a heading all by itself. It gets lonely at night.

1.1.2. Participants

Briefly discuss previous research for the project, if appropriate.

1.2. Project Needs and Objectives

1.2.1. Needs

Why is this project needed? What problem is it solving?

1.2.2. Objectives

What did the project accomplish?

1.3. Project Overview

1.3.1. Overall Approach and Concepts

What was the overall approach taken? What were the general concepts? Provide a schema, such as Figure 2, if appropriate.

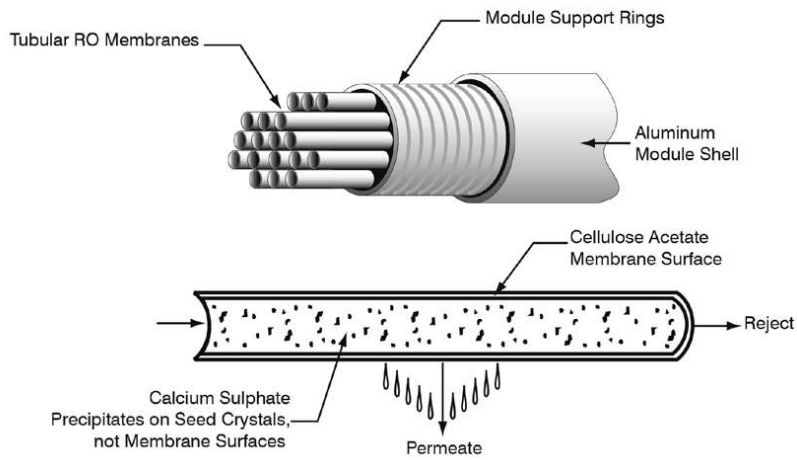


Figure 2.—Schematic of overall project concept.

1.3.2. Overall Method

Briefly discuss the overall methods and analysis.

1.3.3. Participants

Note who was involved, if appropriate. Or just put names in the acknowledgment section.

2. Technical Approach and Methods

In this chapter, detail what was done and how it was done. Provide descriptions of the project facility or physical apparatus, runs and methods, and analysis (including equations used).

2.1. Project Facility/Physical Apparatus

2.1.1. Design Criteria

2.1.2. Source Water

What source water did you use? Provide a brief table such as Table 1 if appropriate. Note that data tables should be provided in a separate excel spreadsheet.

Table 1.—Summary of Water Quality Data

Parameter	Units	Feed	Product	Concentrate
TDS	mg/L	18,600	10,400	22,300
Sodium	mg/L	4,100	1,700	5,500
Calcium	mg/L	2,200	950	1,600
Magnesium	mg/L	600	300	700
Chloride	mg/L	9,900	5,700	10,600
Sulfate	mg/L	2,200	600	3,300
Bicarbonate	mg/L	200	100	300

mg/L = milligrams per liter

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2.1.3. Set Up

What physical set up did you use? Add pictures of the set up or facility as appropriate (Figure 3).

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Figure 3.—Really cool picture of the project that makes us wish we were there.

2.2. Methodology

2.2.1. Methods Used

2.2.2. Runs and Experiments Done

2.3. Analysis

2.3.1. Analytical Background

Provide the background needed to understand your analysis. Include equations, in accordance with Faraday's law as shown in Equation 1:

Equation 1. Faraday's Law

Where:

- m_{Fe} is the mass of Fe generated (g),
- I is constant current
- t is variable generation time

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- Z is the number of electrons transferred per Fe atom (2 for ferrous ions and 3 for ferric ions)
- F is Faraday's constant (96,486 C eq⁻¹)

2.3.2. Analytical Process

Explain how you analyzed the results.

3. Results and Discussion

Discuss the conclusions and results. Explain what the results mean. The simpler the language, the better.

Have summary figures. Keep your result figures as simple as possible. Use only lines that MEAN something in the figure. Also, do not put additional information in the caption. Put all relevant information in the text.

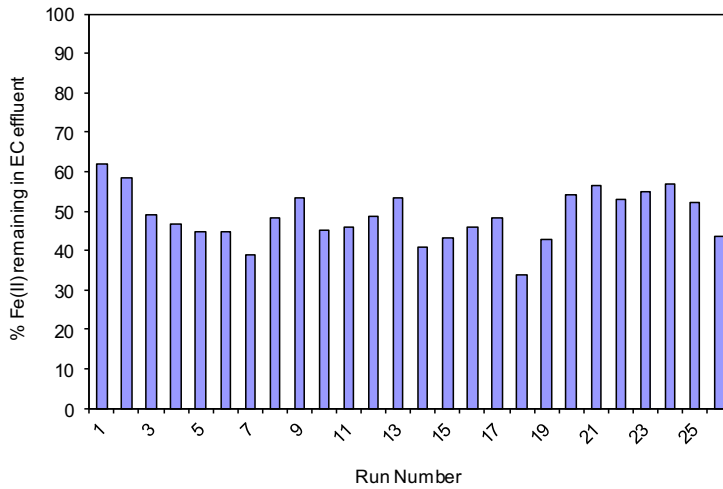


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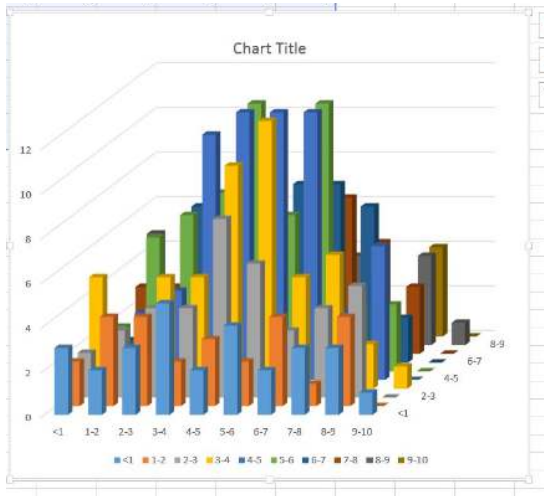


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4. Conclusions

4.1. Conclusions

Provide the bottom line. Use the same concluding figures and tables as in the Executive Summary, such as Figure 6.

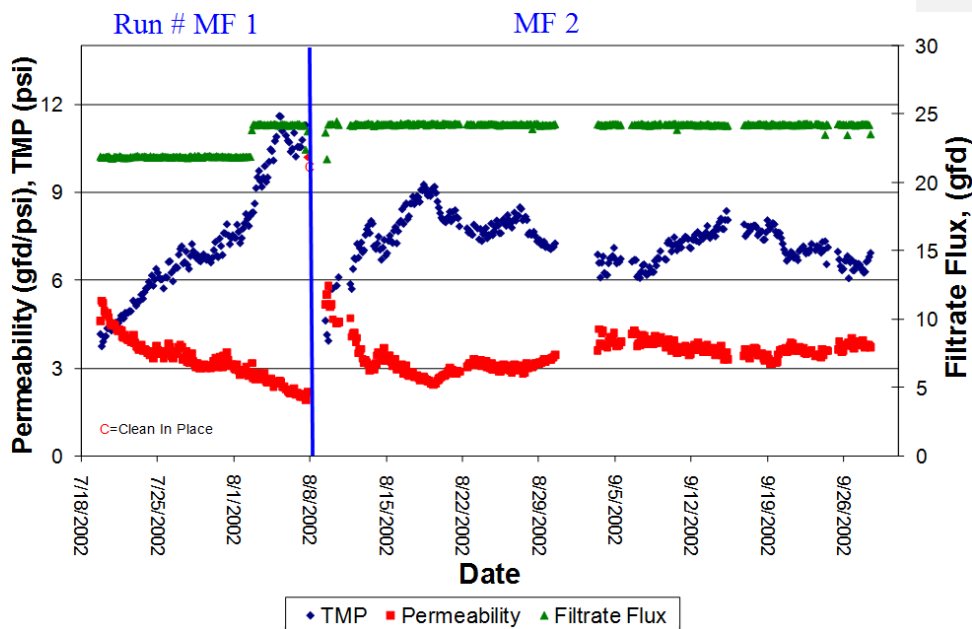


Figure 6.—Sum it all up please.

Table 2.—Summary of results table

Factor	Run 1	Run 2	Run 3

4.2. Recommended Next Steps

What should happen next? How should we continue this great work and make this investment worthwhile?

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Glossary (optional)

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Phrase or word to be defined. Copy this definition and type in the phrase or word to be defined in the bold area and the definition in the plain text area.

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Metric Conversions (optional but highly recommended)

Provide metric equivalents for non-metric units used in the text:

Unit	Metric equivalent
1 gallon	3.785 liters
1 gallon per minute	3.785 liters per minute
1 gallon per square foot of membrane area per day	40.74 liters per square meter per day
1 inch	2.54 centimeters
1 million gallons per day	3,785 cubic meters per day
1 pound per square inch	6.895 kilopascals
1 square foot	0.093 square meters
°F (temperature measurement)	$(^{\circ}\text{F} - 32) \times 0.556 = ^{\circ}\text{C}$
1 °F (temperature change or difference)	0.556 °C