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Cold Climate Considerations in Stream Restoration

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USACE Environmental Operating Principles

- 1. Strive to *achieve environmental sustainability*. An environment maintained in a healthy, diverse, and sustainable condition is necessary to support life.
- 2. Recognize the *interdependence of life and the physical environment*, and consider environmental consequences of Corps programs and activities in all appropriate circumstances.
- 3. Seek balance and synergy among human development activities and natural systems by designing economic and environmental solutions that support and reinforce one another.
- 4. Continue to accept corporate responsibility and accountability under the law for activities and decisions under our control that impact human health and welfare and the continued viability of natural systems.
- 5. Seek ways and means to assess and mitigate *cumulative impacts* to the environment; bring systems approaches to the full life cycle of our processes and work.
- 6. Build and share an integrated scientific, economic & social *knowledge base* that supports a greater understanding of the environment and impacts of our work.
- 7. Respect the views of individuals and groups interested in Corps activities; listen to them actively and learn from their perspective in the search to find win-win
 solutions to the Nation's problems that also protect & enhance the environment.

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Sustainable Urban Flood Damage Reduction

Sustainable Urban FDR

- The impacts of urbanization and the engineering efforts to control urban flooding are not simply local impacts, but are part of system-wide cumulative impacts and may affect the entire watershed
- There is little published guidance for accomplishing restoration of urban channels within a systems context that considers the entire watershed
 - Direct impacts of natural events and human activities
 - urbanization
 - construction of dams, levees, and diversion structures
 - straightening, widening, deepening, clearing of channel systems
 - Indirect impacts through pathways
 - hydrological
 - ecological
 - Cumulative impacts at the system scale





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Stormwater Management Issues

- Existing regulations tend to neglect system considerations
- Volume/duration/stability relations poorly understood
- Techniques for multiple benefits needed
- Guidelines for designs related to watershed position needed
- New outlet controls needed
- Efficient stormwater management often includes retention and detention basins to reduce the impacts of development upon runoff characteristics
 - Potential adverse impacts on receiving streams by extending the duration of flows with sufficient energy to induce erosion of the channel's bed and banks
 - Solutions that involve modification to the design of stormwater basins can reduce this impact



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Methods to enhance or restore the stream and riparian environment are needed as well



Cold Climate Issues

- Snowmelt ⇒ pollutant loads (numerous)
- Snow management, deicing techniques ⇒ pollutant loads (numerous)
- Stormwater facilities ⇒ freezing, pollutant loads, ice covers (e.g., Gary Oberts, MN BMP, Center for Watershed Protection)
- Stream restoration ⇒ effective design guidelines
- Impacts of ice on stream restoration design has not been adequately addressed
 - Design of a stable channel slope and channel stabilization measures
 - Ice-affected stage-frequency
- As a result, stream restoration projects in cold climates may not operate as designed
- This presentation will discuss planning and design considerations for stream restoration in cold climates



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Dynamically formed (frazil) ice









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Ice Cover Growth

Estimate thermal ice growth from modified Stefan equation

$$t(in) = \alpha \sqrt{AFDD(\circ F)}$$

| Ice Cover Condition |
|-------------------------|
| Windy lake w/no snow |
| Average lake with snow |
| Average river with snow |
| Sheltered small river |

| α^* | α † |
|------------|------------|
| 2.7 | 0.80 |
| 1.7-2.4 | 0.50-0.70 |
| 0.4-0.5 | 0.12-0.15 |
| 0.7-1.4 | 0.21-0.41 |

* AFDD calculated using degrees Celsius. The ice thickness is in centimeters. † AFDD calculated using degrees Fahrenheit. The ice thickness is in inches.



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http://www.crrel.usace.army.mil/ierd/tectran/ieieb.htm



http://www.usace.army.mil/inet/usace-docs/eng-manuals/cecw.htm

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Method to Estimate River Ice Thickne **Based on Meteorological Data**

River ice can damage riverine structures such as bridges, locks, dams, dikes, groins, levees, r forms of bank protection, and can block hydropower and water supply intakes. Ice jams affec stoppages, or damage to tows, barges, and mooring/fleeting areas. Ice-induced scour may cause banks, with adverse affects on fish and wildlife habitat, as well as the exposure of utilities buries presence of river ice can result in wintertime oxygen deficits that impair water quality.

Removal of dams in ice-affected rivers can result in changes to the riverine ice regime that or more severe ice jamming. Emergency and medical relief to flooded areas may be limited by and erosion of roads resulting in road closures, or by the closure of bridges weakened or des exists for death or serious injury during ice-related flooding, evacuations, and other ice mitigation

The planning, engineering, and design of ice jam mitigation measures designed to decrea described above generally require some estimate of ice cover thickness. Ice covers can result cesses. This Ice Engineering Technical Note discusses a method of estimating ice thickness processes based on meteorological data.



Figure 1. Hydraulic modeling of ice iams requires some estimate of ice th

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management plans.

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Manual



Engineering and Design

ICE ENGINEERING

This manual supersedes EM 1110-2-1612, dated 30 April 1999.

works design, construction, operations, and maintenance.

EM 1110-2-1612



| Theoretical value: | 16.2 inches or | 41.2 cm | (K = . | 35) |
|--|----------------|---------|----------------|-------|
| Windy lakes with no snow: | 12.5 inches or | 31.8 cm | (K = 2 | 27) |
| Average lake with snow: | 9.5 inches or | 24.1 cm | (K = 2) | 20.5) |
| Average river with snow: | 6.7 inches or | 17.1 cm | (K = 1) | 14.5) |
| Sheltered small river with rapid flow: | 4.9 inches or | 12.3 cm | $(K = \lambda$ | 10.5) |



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http://www.mvp-wc.usace.army.mil/ice/

Ice Cover Breakup

- Continuum from thermal to mechanical
- Thermal Breakup: Ice cover melts in place
 - Direct sunlight plays a large role
 - Surface color influences absorption of sunlight: Dusting ice promotes melting
 - Water on ice decreases reflection, may promote melting
 - Open water areas absorb sunlight
- Mechanical Breakup: Hydrodynamic forces acting on cover exceed cover strength
 - Results from an increase in discharge
 - Precipitation event
 - Snowmelt event
 - Dam operation (large, sudden increase)



Ice Cover Breakup

- Rule-of-thumb: stage increase of between 1.5 and 3 times the ice thickness needed to lift, break, and transport ice cover
- Often occurs later in impoundments due to damped hydrograph and thicker ice



Ice cover transport and jamming

- Broken pieces move downstream until transport capacity is exceeded
 - Decrease in slope
 - Constriction
 - Obstruction (e.g., solid ice cover)
 - Bend, island
- Jam forms quickly
- Underside is very rough, leading to erosion and scour
- Jam failure associated with surges that cause erosion





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Freezeup Jams

- Early to midwinter formation
- Subfreezing air temperatures
- Fairly steady discharge
- Frazil and broken border ice
- Unlikely to release suddenly
- Smooth to moderate surface roughness





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Breakup Jams

- Can occur any time after ice cover formation but generally mid to late winter
- Can form more than once per season
- Near-freezing air temperatures
- Highly unstable, with sudden failures
- Unsteady water flow (surges)
- Moderate to extreme surface roughness
- Midwinter jams may freeze in place, causing additional problems later in the season





Manning's Equation with Ice

$$Q = \frac{1.486}{n_c} A_i R_i^{\frac{2}{3}} S_o^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$Q = \frac{1.486}{n_c} Bd \left[\frac{Bd}{2B + 2d} \right]_i^{\frac{2}{3}} S_o^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$H = \frac{\rho'}{\rho} \eta + 1.32 \left[\frac{Qn_c}{1.486BS_o^{\frac{1}{2}}} \right]_{i}^{3/2}$$

At least 32% increase in total depth due to ice cover at uniform flow

A = cross sectional flow area

P = wetted perimeter

 Δx = distance between cross sections

R = A/P (hydraulic radius)



Velocity profile under steady flow conditions •assume average flow velocity in the ice region and the bed region are equal •assume Manning's equation applies to each •assume the energy grade line is the same in both

$$P_{c} = \left[\frac{n_{i}^{3/2} + n_{b}^{3/2}}{2}\right]^{2/3}$$

Belokon-Sabaneev Formula

$$V_{i} = \frac{1}{n_{i}} R_{i}^{2/3} S^{1/2}$$
$$V_{b} = \frac{1}{n_{b}} R_{b}^{2/3} S^{1/2}$$
$$V_{o} = \frac{1}{n} R_{o}^{2/3} S^{1/2}$$

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Table 1. Values of ice roughness coefficient (n_i) and composite roughness coefficient (n_c) calculated from discharge measurements.

| (n _i) | (n _c) | Comment | Reference |
|-------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| | 0.010-0.012 | Sheet ice, early winter* | Nezhikhovskiy (1964) |
| | 0.008 - 0.010 | Sheet ice, late winter | Nezhikhovskiy (1964) |
| 0.010–0.06† | | Ice cover formed from loose frazil* | Nezhikhovskiy (1964) |
| 0.013-0.09† | | Ice cover formed from dense frazil* | Nezhikhovskiy (1964) |
| 0.015-0.10 1 | | Ice cover formed from sheet ice* | Nezhikhovskiy (1964) |
| 0.010-0.028** | 0.018 - 0.027 | Sheet ice | Carey (1966) |
| 0.004-0.013** | 0.015-0.022 | Sheet ice | Carey (1967) |
| 0.10 | 0.090 - 0.109 | Breakup jams | Beltaos (1978) |
| 0.057-0.065, | 0.041 - 0.046 | Breakup jam | Andres (1980) |
| $\bar{n}_{i} = 0.060$ | | | |
| 0.010-0.015 | | Breakup jam | Knowles and Hodgins (1980) |
| | 0.053-0.142 | Breakup jams | Michel (1980) |
| 0.013 - 0.040 | | Freezeup jam* | Beltaos (1981) |
| 0.033-0.041++ | | Freezeup jam* | Beltaos (1983) |
| 0.072 | | Breakup jams | Andres and Doyle (1984) |
| 0.020-0.15 | | Freezeup jam, frazil deposits | Majewski and Grzes (1986) |

*Within three days of formation.

[†]Higher values for thicker accumulations.

**Lower values earlier in the winter.

++Higher values for thinner accumulations.



White 1999 http://www.crrel.usace.army.mil/techpub/CRREL_Reports/reports/CR99_11.pdf

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| Table 4. Stability of Channel Linings for Given Velocity Ranges | | | | | | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|--|--|
| Lining | 0 – 2 fps | 2 – 4 fps | 4 – 6 fps | 6 – 8 fps | > 8 fps | | |
| Sandy Soils | | | | | | | |
| Firm Loam | | | | <u>.</u> | | | |
| Mixed Gravel and | | | | | | | |
| Cobbles | | | | | | | |
| Average Turf | | | | | | | |
| Degradable RECPs | | | | | | | |
| Stabilizing | | | | | | | |
| Bicengineering | | | | | | | |
| Good Turf | | | | | | | |
| Permanent RECPs | | | | | | | |
| Armoring | | | | | | | |
| Bioengineering | | | | | | | |
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| Riprap | | | | | | | |
| Concrete | | | | | | | |
| Key: | | | | | | | |
| Appropriate | | | | | | | |
| Use Caution | | | | | | | |
| Not Appropriate | | | | | | | |

Increased velocity and shear due to ice cover has implications on material selection



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Ice-Affected Stage-Frequency





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Combined Stage Frequency Method



Ice-Affected Stage-Frequency





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Summary of river ice regime

- Frazil ice is dominant form of ice in northern rivers
- Ice often forms more quickly in impounded areas than in more turbulent river reaches
- Frazil deposits tend to form at upstream end of impoundments and tributary confluences
- Ice cover thickens due to thermal, deposition, shoving processes
- Thinner ice covers break up sooner than thicker ice covers with implications on jam location/timing
- Jams or rough ice covers increase scour and erosion
- Ice covers, deposits, and jams increase stage >30%



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Replacement bridge: ice-affected stagefrequency not included in design





Friday, April 13, 2001 1800 U/S face Rte 3 Bridge Israel River, Lancaster NH





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Modeling Ice-covered Rivers

- Steady Flow
 - HEC-RAS (HEC-2 is obsolete!)
 - 1-D steady flow
 - Freezeup or breakup
 - Can model deposition using iterative process
- Unsteady Flow
 - UNET
 - Discrete Element Models
- Zufelt (1999) provides test to determine whether steady flow assumptions are violated to the point that unsteady flow is required
- 2 Dimensional Flow
 - Currently in development



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- 1. Characterize existing ice regime
 - Ice formation, growth, breakup, transport, jamming
 - Sources of information:
 - USGS gage records
 - NWS meteorological records
 - CRREL Ice Jam Clearinghouse, Ice Jam Database
 - Other historic documents (e.g., town histories, newspapers)



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Anecdotal evidence

| RREL Ice Jam Info | mation Clearinghouse - Microsoft Internet Explorer | |
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| QuickLooks | This Web Site has been established to integrate current information related to Spring 2002 ice Jam and ice Jam Flooding Potential across the United States and to provide links to technical assistance available from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. | Ice Jam Flooding: Causes & Possible Solutions Engineering & Design |
| Current Ice Jams | Expect frequent changes as data sources will be updated daily if possible and new products added as they are completed. Some information resources we hope to make available include: | Ice Jam Mitigation Slide Show of Mitigation Techniques |
| Latest Status Report Emergency Assistance | Ability to view and query the CRREL Ice Jam Database (map or text based) Access to current Spatial Data: Ice thickness (empirical and measured) Snow depth and water equivalence Downloadable maps Index map to potential ice jam flooding Ice Guides, Reports, and Other Information Links to other agencies providing ice or snow related Information | All about Ice Jams A short overview of Ice Jams |
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2. Review hydrometeorological conditions

- ID those associated with openwater, ice cover, ice jams
- Estimate ice cover thickness
- Estimate ice jam thickness and length
- 3. Perform hydraulic modeling of ice conditions to estimate stages
 - Ice cover
 - Ice jam
 - Numerous conference papers and technical reports available

4. Combine frequencies





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Recommendations

| 5. | Determine ice in channel re (velocity, sco | d | 96-12 | Ice Action | on Riprap | 0 | REL | | | |
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