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ECO Chlorophyll Fluorometer Characterization Sheet

Date: 6/25/2013

S/N: BB2FVMG-398

Chlorophyll concentration expressed in $\mu\text{g/l}$ can be derived using the equation:

$$\text{CHL } (\mu\text{g/l}) = \text{Scale Factor} * (\text{Output} - \text{Dark counts})$$

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| Dark counts | Digital |
| Scale Factor (SF) | 52 counts |
| Maximum Output | 0.0163 $\mu\text{g/l/count}$ |
| Resolution | 4118 counts |
| | 2.0 counts |
| Ambient temperature during characterization | 21.0 °C |

Dark Counts: Signal output of the meter in clean water with black tape over detector.

SF: Determined using the following equation: $\text{SF} = x \div (\text{output} - \text{dark counts})$, where x is the concentration of the solution used during instrument characterization. SF is used to derive instrument output concentration from the raw signal output of the fluorometer.

Maximum Output: Maximum signal output the fluorometer is capable of.

Resolution: Standard deviation of 1 minute of collected data.

The relationship between fluorescence and chlorophyll-a concentrations in-situ is highly variable. The scale factor listed on this document was determined using a mono-culture of phytoplankton (*Thalassiosira weissflogii*). The population was assumed to be reasonably healthy and the concentration was determined by using the absorption method. To accurately determine chlorophyll concentration using a fluorometer, you must perform secondary measurements on the populations of interest. This is typically done using extraction-based measurement techniques on discrete samples. For additional information on determining chlorophyll concentration see "Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater" part 10200 H, published jointly by the American Public Health Association, American Water Works Association, and the Water Environment Federation.

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Scattering Meter Calibration Sheet

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Wavelength: 470

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Use the following equation to obtain "scaled" output values:

$$\beta(\theta_c) \text{ m}^{-1} \text{ sr}^{-1} = \text{Scale Factor} \times (\text{Output} - \text{Dark Counts})$$

- **Scale Factor for 470 nm** = 1.867E-05 (m⁻¹sr⁻¹)/counts
- **Output** = meter reading counts
- **Dark Counts** = 51 counts

Instrument Resolution = 1.0 counts 1.50E-05 (m⁻¹sr⁻¹)

Definitions:

- **Scale Factor:** Calibration scale factor, $\beta(\theta_c)/\text{counts}$. Refer to User's Guide for derivation.
- **Output:** Measured signal output of the scattering meter.
- **Dark Counts:** Signal obtained by covering detector with black tape and submersing sensor in water.

Instrument Resolution: Standard deviation of 1 minute of collected data.



Scattering Meter Calibration Sheet

6/24/2013

Wavelength: 700

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Use the following equation to obtain "scaled" output values:

$$\beta(\theta_c) \text{ m}^{-1} \text{ sr}^{-1} = \text{Scale Factor} \times (\text{Output} - \text{Dark Counts})$$

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| • Scale Factor for 700 nm | = | 3.279E-06 (m ⁻¹ sr ⁻¹)/counts |
| • Output | = | meter reading counts |
| • Dark Counts | = | 50 counts |

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| Instrument Resolution | = | 1.9 counts | 6.14E-06 (m ⁻¹ sr ⁻¹) |
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Definitions:

- **Scale Factor:** Calibration scale factor, $\beta(\theta_c)/\text{counts}$. Refer to User's Guide for derivation.
- **Output:** Measured signal output of the scattering meter.
- **Dark Counts:** Signal obtained by covering detector with black tape and submersing sensor in water.

Instrument Resolution: Standard deviation of 1 minute of collected data.

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Technician: dcm

Repairs and Modifications: Evaluated instrument and found instrument fully functional, conducted standard puck service.

Comments: New char sheets included.