

NATURAL POTABILITY COMPETENCE OF GROUND WATER UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF DIFFERENT SOIL TYPES**¹Abhilash N R and ²Rumpa Sarkhel**^{1,2}Assistant Professor, Civil Engineering Department, RNS Institute of Technology, Bengaluru, Karnataka, India**ABSTRACT**

The project undertaken aims towards assessing the natural potability competence of ground water which is influenced by the impartation of soil characteristics of different types like red soil, black cotton soil, coastal Laterite soil, coastal alluvial soil, etc., which are vastly available in Karnataka state. Each type of soil will have different composition and other factors that vary the characteristic of ground water which makes the local community to decide whether to use or not to use the ground water directly without any treatment. This project gives a review on how each soil type has an impact on its ground water and gives a comparison on least affecting impact scale so as to know which soil type region is more naturally potable.

The types and concentrations of natural contaminants depend on the nature of the geological material through which the groundwater flows and quality of the recharge water. Groundwater moving through sedimentary rocks and soils may pick up a wider range of compounds, such as magnesium, calcium, and chloride, arsenic, fluoride, nitrate, and iron; thus, the effect of these natural contamination depends on their types and concentrations.

Keywords: Natural Potability, Ground water, Soil types.

INTRODUCTION

Water is an important natural resource for one's survival/sustainability. The rain or melting ice and snow results in the natural runoff and subsequent percolation into the soil gives rise to ground water. Groundwater accounts for nearly 95 % of the India's fresh water resources. It can stay underground thousands of years, or it can come to the surface and help fill ponds, lakes, rivers, streams or wetlands. Groundwater can also come to the surface as a spring or be pumped from a well. Both of these are common ways we get groundwater to drink.

Nowadays the cheapest and more accessible source of drinking water is ground water and it is less vulnerable to pollution than surface water. Underground reservoir contains more water than capacity of all the surface reservoir. More than 60% of irrigated agriculture and 85% of drinking water supplies are dependent on groundwater. Groundwater Contamination- Polluted groundwater is less visible, but more difficult to clean up, than pollution in river and lakes.

OBJECTIVES

- Assessment of soils' character impartation in groundwater.
- Analysis of drinking water parameters and examine the permissible limits of the same as per the standards prescribed in IS 10500-2012.
- Investigate soil properties' impact on ground water potability at different depths.
- Assessing natural potability competence individual soil type by comparison.
- Proposition of locally available materials for low-cost treatments at individual sample site

STUDY AREA

Four regions of Karnataka state were selected for sampling of ground water at different soil types. They are; Bhalki, Bidar District; Manki Village, Honnavara Taluk, Uttara kannada District, Hosadu village, Kundapura Taluk, Udupi District and Sevanagar, Hassan District.

MATERIALS AND METHODOLOGY

- Identification of bore well points for different soil types in prior listed areas using geological maps from National Bureau of Soil Survey and Land Use Planning.
- The study area is compressed of Karnataka's state divided into regions of different soil availabilities.
- The samples had been tested and analyzed for different parameters.
- Investigation had been conducted on ground water samples to determine the natural potability competence under the influence of listed soil types.
- Explore locally available materials for suggesting low-cost treatment methods for local community.
- List of parameters and tests to be conducted.

Table: 1 Type of soil from different locations taken at different depths

Sl No	STUDY AREA	PLACE	SOIL	DEPTH (ft)	DEPTH (ft)
1	STUDY AREA 1	Bhalki	Black Cotton Soil	200	400
2	STUDY AREA 2	Manki	Late rite Soil	200	400
3	STUDY AREA 3	Hosadu	Clayey Late rite soil	200	400
4	STUDY AREA 4	Sevanagar	Sandy Loam soil	200	400

RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

The following parameters were tested as follows: pH, Turbidity, Alkalinity, Acidity, Dissolved Oxygen, Chlorides, COD, Iron and Total Hardness

➤ **pH:-**

Table: 2-pH Test Results

SAMPLE	At 200ft depth	At 400ft	Avg. pH value from both the depths	Grading points [1 for suitable & 0 for not suitable for drinking]
1-Bhalki	6.49	7.3	6.89	1
2-Manki	6.2	6.4	6.30	0
3-Hosadu	6.35	7.1	6.72	1
4-Sevanagar	6.3	6.48	6.39	0

(all values are in mg/l)

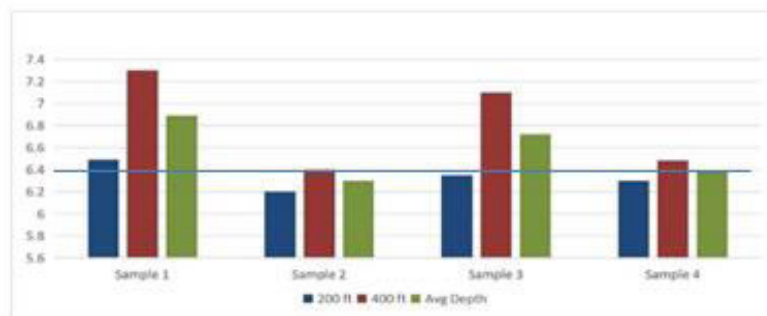


Fig: 1 - Graph of pH Test Results

- As per IS-10500-2012, pH should be between 6.5 to 8.5
- It is observed that all the samples reach potability values of pH with increase in depth. At lesser depths it is observed that the samples have an affinity towards acidic nature.
- Among the 8 samples, the first sample station proved to be the most suitable for drinking with regard to pH.

➤ **Alkalinity:-**

Table: 3- Alkalinity Test Results

SAMPLE	At 200ft depth	At 400ft depth	Avg. Alkalinity value from both the depths	Grading points [1 for suitable & 0 for not suitable for drinking]
1-Bhalki	214.66	230.45	222.55	0
2-Manki	150	164.23	157.11	1
3-Hosadu	90.56	183.65	137.10	1
4-Sevanagar	276.23	312.57	294.40	0

(**all values are in mg/l)

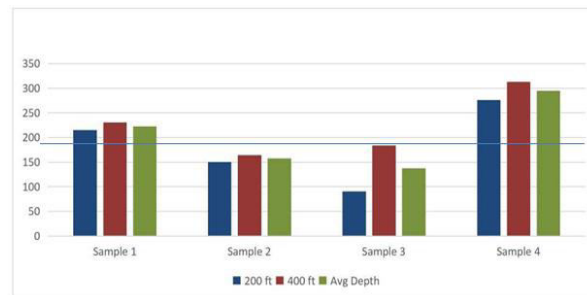


Fig: 2 - Graph of Alkalinity Test Results

- It is observed that alkalinity is very much near to the acceptable limit of 200mg/l as per IS-10500-2012 for samples 2 and 3 where as more in 1 and 4.
- The increase in alkalinity in each sample is increasing due to the presence of carbonates and Bi-carbonates in the soil.

➤ **Total Hardness:-**

Table: 4- Total Hardness Test Results

SAMPLE	At 200ft depth	At 400ft depth	Avg. Total hardness value from both the depths	Grading points [1 for suitable & 0 for not suitable for drinking]
1-Bhalki	92	80	86.00	1
2-Manki	78	71	74.50	1
3-Hosadu	56.6	25.33	40.96	1
4-Sevanagar	82	78	80.00	1

(**all values are in mg/l)

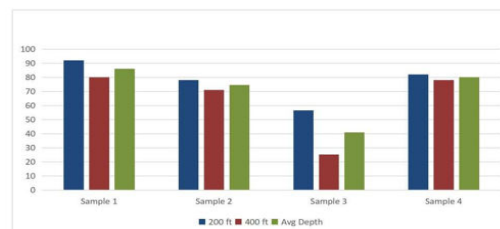


Fig: 3 - Graph of Total Hardness Test Results

- It is observed that Total Hardness of the 4 samples is well within 200mg/l as per IS-10500-2012. Sample 3 shows lesser hardness values than compared to others as the calcium content is less in the respective region.
- Hence all the samples are eligible for drinking with regard to total hardness.

➤ **Dissolved Oxygen:-**

Table: 5- Dissolved oxygen Test Results

SAMPLE	At 200ft depth	At 400ft depth	Avg. Dissolved oxygen value from both the depths	Grading points [1 for suitable & 0 for not suitable for drinking]
1-Bhalki	8	7.5	7.75	1
2-Manki	8.8	8.2	8.50	1
3-Hosadu	9	8.5	8.75	1
4-Sevanagar	6.8	6.2	6.5	1

(**all values are in mg/l)

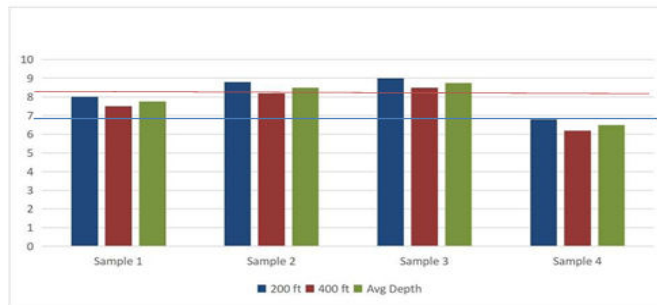


Fig: 4 - Graph of Dissolved oxygen Test Results

- For a healthy drinking water the Dissolved Oxygen level should be within 4-8mg/l.
- The tested samples are well within the range; hence it is drinkable with regard to dissolved oxygen.

➤ **Turbidity:-**

Table: 6- Turbidity Test Results

SAMPLE	At 200ft depth	At 400ft depth	Avg. Turbidity value from both the depths	Grading points [1 for suitable & 0 for not suitable for drinking]
1-Bhalki	5.2	4.8	5.00	1
2-Manki	15.2	14.1	14.65	0
3-Hosadu	20.7	19.8	20.25	0
4-Sevanagar	10	9.6	9.80	0

(**all values are in NTU)

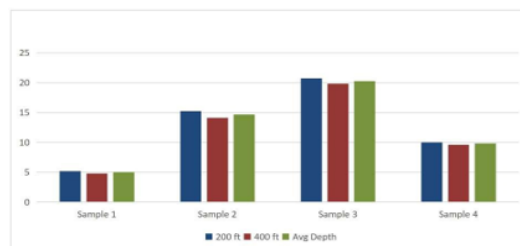


Fig: 5 - Graph of Turbidity Test Results

○ According to IS-10500-2012 the permissible limits of turbidity is 1-5 NTU. It is observed that the turbidity is high in sample 2, 3, 4 and sample 1 shows values within the limit.

➤ **Chloride:-**

Table: 7-Chloride Test Results

SAMPLE	At 200ft depth	At 400ft depth	Avg. Chloride value from both the depths	Grading points [1 for suitable & 0 for not suitable for drinking]
1-Bhalki	129.99	127.35	128.67	1
2-Manki	54.99	52.65	53.82	1
3-Hosadu	39.99	38.96	39.47	1
4-Sevanagar	141.99	140.8	141.39	1

(**all values are in mg/l)

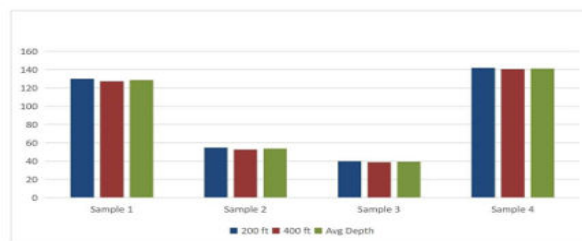


Fig: 6 - Graph of Chloride Test Results

○ Chloride is found in virtually all groundwater. Chloride can occur in groundwater naturally. According to IS 10500-2012, the Chloride content should be within 250 mg/l.

○ The tested samples are well within the range; hence it is drinkable with regard to Chloride.

➤ **COD:-**

Table: 8- COD Test Results

SAMPLE	At 200ft depth	At 400ft depth	Avg. COD value from both the depths	Grading points [1 for suitable & 0 for not suitable for drinking]
1-Bhalki	165.5	179.2	172.35	1
2-Manki	143.6	150.4	147.00	1
3-Hosadu	156.4	169.6	163.00	1
4-Sevanagar	149.3	163.2	156.25	1

(**all values are in mg/l)

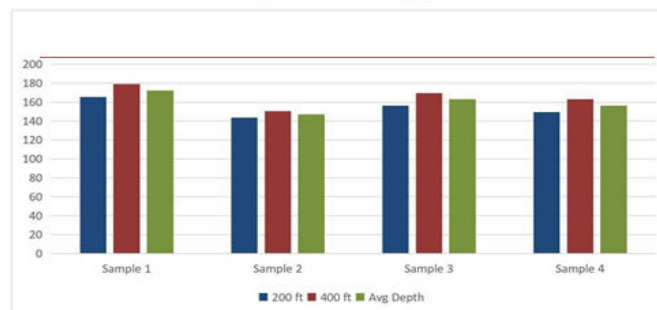


Fig: 7 - Graph of COD Test Results

- For a healthy drinking water the COD value should be within 200mg/lit.
- To understand the quantity of organic matter present in ground water and the results showed that there is less contamination in all the four samples and no industrial effluent intrusion into the groundwater.

➤ **Iron:-**

Table: 9-Iron Test Results

SAMPLE	At 200ft depth	At 400ft depth	Avg. Iron value from both the depths	Grading points [1 for suitable & 0 for not suitable for drinking]
1-Bhalki	0.52	0.59	0.55	0
2-Manki	0.20	0.41	0.30	1
3-Hosadu	0.48	0.50	0.49	0
4-Sevanagar	0.37	0.44	0.40	0

(**all values are in mg/l)

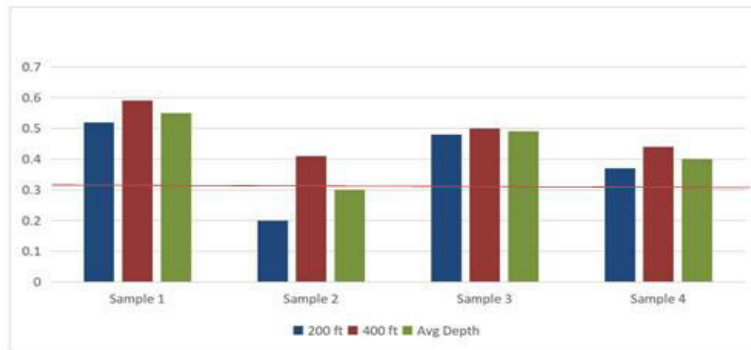


Fig: 8 - Graph of Iron Test Results

- According to IS10500-2012, the iron content should be within 0.3 mg/lit. It is observed that all the samples show a trend of increasing in iron content along with increase in depth of soil as the groundwater passes through different strata.
- Sample 2 and 4 at depths of 200ft or less would be suitable for drinking directly without any treatment with regard to Iron.

CONCLUSION

In this study, the natural potability competence of ground water under the influence of different soil types was investigated. From the results and gradings of the present work, it can be said that the ground water from regions having black cotton soil (Bhalki Tq., Bidar Dist.), Laterite soil (Manki Village, Honnavara Tq., Uttarakannada Dist.) and Clayey Laterite soil (Hosadu, Kundapura Tq., Udupi Dist.) is more naturally suitable for drinking than the red soil. This conclusion is drawn by considering the parameters like pH, Alkalinity, Turbidity, Total Hardness, Chloride, COD, Dissolved oxygen and Iron. The 4th sample station i.e. Sevanagar, Hassan Dist., also shows good quality in Total hardness, chloride, COD and dissolved oxygen, whereas displays poorer results for pH, alkalinity, turbidity and iron.

SCOPE OF FUTURE WORK

- The current project is based on only 4 types of soil types considered, the project regarding sandy soil, clayey soil, loamy soil and forest soil can also be considered for a precise conclusion.

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- The depths of sampling ground water can be taken deeper than 400 ft for every increase in 100 ft.
- The increase in depths gives a scope in studying the soil strata and the sub strata discharges of its characters into the ground water.
- With prior information about the heavy metal presence in the regions can be taken into consideration for an exclusive study.
- The project can also be analyzed for samples which are being influenced with the neighboring water sources such as ponds, lakes, rivers, sea and ocean and assess the potential impacts on the ground water.

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