Title	Explain and determine water flow, and describe the selection of pumps and structures for an extractive site		
Level	6	Credits	20

Purpose	People credited with this unit standard are able to: explain water flow concepts and water quality properties; determine surface water flows in and around extractive sites; demonstrate knowledge of ground water flows at extractive sites; describe the selection process for a pumping system for extractive sites; and explain the purpose of hydraulic structures and describe the selection process for extractive sites.

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Guidance Information

- Performance of the outcomes of this unit standard must comply with the following: Health and Safety at Work Act 2015 (HSW); Health and Safety at Work (Mining Operations and Quarrying Operations) Regulations 2016;

 Technical Memorandum No. 61. A method for estimating design peak discharge.
 - Technical Memorandum No 61 A method for estimating design peak discharge (Ministry of Works and Development, 1984).
- Any new, amended or replacement Acts, regulations, standards, codes of practice, guidelines, or authority requirements or conditions affecting this unit standard will take precedence for assessment purposes, pending review of this unit standard.

Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

Explain water flow concepts and water quality properties.

Performance criteria

- 1.1 The concept of water flow is explained in terms of movement from high potential energy to low potential energy.
 - Range work, power, energy, flow rates, momentum.
- 1.2 Hydraulic head as a driving force is explained in relation to the resultant water pressure at a different levels and its relationship with energy.

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1.3 The effects of water quality on extractive site operations are explained in relation to quality parameters.

Range water quality parameters include but are not limited to – pH,

temperature, turbidity, suspended solids, dissolved oxygen, toxic

compounds, diesel spills.

Outcome 2

Determine surface water flows in and around extractive sites.

Performance criteria

2.1 Water flow is determined in terms of low flows, flood flows, and site risk from runoff in relation to the catchment area and its sources.

Range may include but is not limited to – rainfall statistics, depth-duration

tables, storm return periods, topography, vegetation, geology,

catchment area, hydrograph analysis, flow estimation.

2.2 Water flow is calculated for water channels and pipes.

Range may include but is not limited to – quantity, velocity and area,

hydraulic radius, wetted perimeter, V-notch method.

2.3 The effects of interaction between surface flow and ground water are explained.

Range water table, groundwater depth, aquifer, pumping, seepage.

2.4 Design of stable channels is described for an extractive site.

Range may include but is not limited to – bed grade and type, bank

batters, erosion control, seepage control, energy dissipation

structures, armouring.

2.5 Water uptake and discharge are explained in accordance with a given resource

management consent for a selected site.

Outcome 3

Demonstrate knowledge of ground water flows at extractive sites.

Performance criteria

3.1 The effects of ground water are determined.

Range may include but is not limited to – types of ground water, aquifers,

hydraulic properties, dewatering, geotechnical stability, ground

water contamination.

3.2 Ground water testing methods are described.

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Range includes but is not limited to – non-flowing bores, flowing bores,

test equipment, analysis methods.

3.3 Types of bores are explained for extractive sites.

Outcome 4

Describe the selection process for a pumping system for extractive sites.

Performance criteria

4.1 The different types of pumps and pipes are explained in terms of their purpose.

Range includes but is not limited to – positive displacement pumps

(piston, diaphragm), rotodynamic pumps (centrifugal, axial flow, mixed flow), other pump types (jet, submersible, slurry, airlift,

borehole).

4.2 Pump characteristics are explained in terms of their design and purpose.

Range includes but is not limited to – flow rate, suction lift, suction head,

delivery head, efficiency, power consumption, speed, cavitation, friction losses, water hammer, priming, positive submergence.

4.3 A pumping system selection process is described in accordance with the stated performance requirements for extractive sites.

Outcome 5

Explain the purpose of hydraulic structures and describe the selection process for extractive sites.

Performance criteria

5.1 Basic hydraulic structures are explained in terms of their purposes.

Range includes but is not limited to – orifice structures, culvert, weirs,

flumes, spillway, diversion channels, energy dissipation, drainage

channels.

5.2 The hydraulic structure selection process for extractive sites is described in

terms of the stated performance requirements.

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Comments on this unit standard

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