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Professional Overview

Dr. Joseph Odencrantz is a California-based environmental and water specialist with extensive experience in the private/public sectors. Dr. Odencrantz is a water and environmental expert with a unique set of qualifications and experience that spans from traditional civil and environmental engineering to current state-of-the-art methods. He directs routine and complex analysis, investigations, water resources, special projects, water treatment, waste water treatment and remediation projects on behalf of a variety of clients. He has extensive testifying experience as an expert witness.

Education

Ph.D., Civil & Environmental Engineering, Environmental Engineering and Science, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign: *Area of Specialization-Groundwater and Environmental.*

Dissertation Title: Modeling the Biodegradation Kinetics of Dissolved Organic Contaminants in a Heterogeneous Two-Dimensional Aquifer

Completed The University of Waterloo Summer Hydrogeology Field School, Canada. A three-week applied program in which two graduate students from the United States are invited to attend each year.

M.S., Civil Engineering, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign: *Area of Specialization-Water Resources Systems and Hydrology*
Masters Project Title: Experimental Investigation of Mass Exchange from Recirculating Regions of Rivers and Streams

B.S., Civil Engineering, University of Maine at Orono. Summer Cooperative Education
Project Report Title: Effectiveness of Silt Fence at Reducing Sediment Load Through a Sensitive Salmon Spawning Area via Regression Analysis of Sediment Transport Data

Professional Positions

- Tri-S Environmental, Sensible Strategies and Solutions for the Environment, Principal Civil and Environmental Engineer, Newport Beach, California, Current
- Kyoto University, Research Center for Environmental Quality Management, Visiting Scholar.

Registrations

Registered Professional Civil Engineer, State of California C 61137. Expires on December 31, 2024.

Awards

Sir Francis T. Crowe Society, Distinguished Member with Medallion, University of Maine at Orono (for recognition of considerable engineering contributions and honor to the profession)

Young Civil Engineering Achievement Award, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Civil Engineering Alumni Association.

Certificate of Excellence, City of Costa Mesa, California for Outstanding Performance and lasting Contribution to Stormwater Pollution Prevention,

Notable Projects

- Aerojet Rocketdyne, Ranch Cordova, California:
UV H₂O₂ Oxidation Expert (TrojanUVPHOX) and Groundwater Remediation
- Union Station, City of Los Angeles, California:
Gateway Center Parking Garage Dewatering System Project
Design/Manager/Sulfide Removal/UV H₂O₂ Oxidation (PeroPure)
- City of Dallas, Texas:
Explorer Pipeline Break/Water Supply Response Consultant
- City of South Lake Tahoe, California:
Groundwater Expert
- City of Fryeburg, Maine:
Over-Pumping of Local Groundwater Consultant
- City of Punta Cana, Dominican Republic:
Seawater Intrusion Consultant
- William Lyon Homes, California:
Groundwater and Landslide Analysis Expert
- Atlas Galvanizing, California:
Stringfellow Superfund Site Expert
- Repsol, Spain:
Soil, Sediment and Groundwater Consultant for Europe and South America. Some refinery wastewater projects in Europe were implemented using FIDIC conditions of contract
- Shell Exploration&Production, California:
Soil and Groundwater Expert on the Taper Site
- Coast Wholesale Florist, California:
Most Knowledgeable Person Testimony for Transport and General Operations
- Walnut Creek Manor, California:
Soil and Groundwater Consultant, Hookston Site

- Unocal, California:
Guadalupe Oil Field Volume Estimation Consultant and Product Recovery

Editorial Boards

Associate Editor, *Journal of Remediation*-Wiley, Current.
Associate Editor, *Biodegradation*-Springer, Current.

Examples of Professional Experience

- Served as an expert for Occidental Chemical Corporation (Formerly Hooker Chemical) in the Federal case [L.A. Terminals, Inc. v. City of Los Angeles \(2:18-cv-06754\) District Court, Central District of California](#). The site is located in the Port of Los Angeles. The subject matter involved the history of chlorinated solvent contamination, the extent of contamination, remediation methods, monitoring, beneficial uses of water resources and long-term response cost expenditures.
- Environmental and water expert for international arbitration cases on behalf of several prominent law firms, municipalities, oil companies and insurance organizations. These cases involved impacts to public and private water supply systems (groundwater and surface water), waste water treatment systems and the responsible party's previous knowledge of the fate, transport and taste/odor characteristics of organic compounds.
- Provided expert consulting services to Dallas Water Utilities (DWU), Dallas, Texas in response to the largest surface water impact of MTBE in United States history. Designed and managed the collection of data from surface water, soil and sediments in an effort to track gasoline components released from a substantial pipeline rupture. Participated in numerous public meetings on DWU's behalf in an effort to keep the citizens of Dallas informed of the risk to their water supply and treatment systems.
- Designed and managed a groundwater dewatering and treatment system as part of the construction of the second largest subterranean parking structure west of the Mississippi River and a forty-story tower. The primary goal of the project was to lower the groundwater table 20 feet over approximately ten acres and keep the water level down for a two year period. Located in Los Angeles, the 1.2 million gallons per day Gateway Center Water Treatment Plant consisted of extensive pH adjustment, hydrogen peroxide addition for hydrogen sulfide removal and UV oxidation/activated carbon for trace petroleum hydrocarbons and chlorinated solvent removal. A prototype hydrogen peroxide control system was implemented to minimize the hydrogen peroxide usage. A Catellus Development Corporation and Rapid Transit District of Los Angeles project.
- Directed the Carson Regional Groundwater Group's Groundwater and Hydrocarbon Model (CRGGCAD) calibration (Wilmington-Carson, California). The CRGGCAD model consisted of a groundwater flow model, a hydrocarbon flow model and a dissolved phase transport model that interfaces with a comprehensive database from four oil refineries and one distribution terminal. The model consists of a 30 square mile regional model that communicates to five smaller scale model domains (1.5 square

miles) through boundary conditions. The calibration of CRGGCAD was performed by using data from 1,700 monitoring wells in conjunction with the predictions from the CRGGCAD model. The CRGGCAD model serves two primary purposes: a. The Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board sees CRGGCAD as the result of a unique cooperative effort among five major oil companies and b. The calibrated model is used to investigate a variety of specific remedial alternatives.

- Estimated the diluent (diesel) volume in the subsurface at a site in Guadalupe, Central California. The site is an oil field approximately 3,500 acres in size with 29 known pools of product within its boundaries. The “floating product” spread over an area of approximately 100 acres. The estimated volume was a critical element of the project as it was subject to close scrutiny by the regulatory agencies and the public. The Sacramento Bee covered this story extensively.
- Conducted research in the general area of biodegradation modeling/phenomena in groundwater as part of the United States Department of Energy's Subsurface Science Program. Developing and applying a fate and transport model capable of describing different biodegradation kinetics expanded the research. The developed model was used to examine the interaction of biodegradation, adsorption, advection, and dispersion in stratified porous media at Battelle's Pacific Northwest Laboratory, Richland, Washington.
- Wrote sections of the report entitled *Basinwide Instream Flow Assessment Model to Evaluate Flow Needs*, Bureau of Reclamation, US Department of Interior, Washington, D.C. A probabilistic model was developed to incorporate hydraulic geometry relationships to average flow parameter values without the necessity of field observations. The results of the model were used to quantify sufficient or minimum flow needed to sustain the aquatic habitat is necessary for satisfactory resolution of water use conflicts and planning of water allocation strategies. Pool and riffle sequences from numerous streams in Central Illinois were correlated to drainage area, slope and other hydrologic variables.
- Wrote sections of the report entitled *Hydraulic Interaction of the Fox River with Shallow Aquifers*, Illinois State Water Survey. The effect of switching from groundwater to surface water was examined for the community of Elgin by conducting detailed surface water measurements in the Fox River west of Chicago, Illinois. Water withdrawals from the deep sandstone aquifers were reduced because of steeply falling piezometric levels and declining water quality. The results of the analysis were used to properly manage the withdrawals of water from the Fox River and the groundwater aquifer beneath it.
- Supervised data collection and analysis for cost minimization analysis for surface water flow monitoring stations throughout New England for the U.S. Geological Survey, Water Resource Division. Results of the analysis were eventually used to support the elimination of forty percent of the active stations in the district. Also performed pumping and slug tests and installed groundwater monitoring wells at a peat bog located in the “down east” portion of the State of Maine.

- Directed water quality monitoring program of a sensitive salmon-spawning area in a brook that ran through the middle of a large interstate construction project for the Maine Department of Transportation. Developed a sediment transport model through the highway construction project in Brewer, Maine. Thousands of turbidity measurements were taken in Felt's Brook and dozens of tributaries leading to it. Developed a model of the exposed fill erosion potential based upon stream turbidity data, rainfall intensity and duration, land and stream slopes, and other environmental data. The multi-variable nonlinear regression model of the construction area, turbidity measurements and other hydrologic variables proved useful to aid in the placement of erosion control equipment. Field responsibility was to inspect the integrity of various erosion control systems

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2. Odencrantz, J. 2015. Property Line Contamination Issues and Associated Risks to Buildings plus Cross-Contamination Issues & Water Supply Protection. *Keynote Address*. Proceedings of the 3rd International Symposium on Advances in Civil and Environmental Engineering Practices for Sustainable Development-ACEPS 2015, held on March 9, 2015. Galle, Sri Lanka. Pages 2-9.
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11. Odencrantz, J.E., and H. O'Neill. 2009. Passive to Active Tie-In for Soil Gas Surveys: Improved Technique for Source-Area, Spatial Variability, Remediation-Monitoring, and Vapor-Intrusion Assessment, The Journal of REMEDIATION, Wiley Periodicals, Inc., Vol. 19., No. 2, Spring Issue, pp. 71-83.
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