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Mitigation of COD and TP by Implementing Total Pollutant Load Management System in the Shiwha Coastal Reservoir

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1. What is Total Pollutant Load Management System(TPLMS)?

• Korean Version of Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) in the USA "A plan for restoring impaired waters that identifies the maximum amount of a pollutant that a body of water can receive while still meeting water quality standards (or water quality target)"

- Implemented in the designated "Special Management Area(SMA)" based on Marine Environment Management Act
 - Masan Bay('07~), Incheon-Shiwha Coastal Area('13~), Busan Coastal Area('15~), Ulsan Bay('18~), Gwangyang Bay('20~)





Special Management Area (SMA)





2. Do we need TPLMS in the SCR?



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1990



2000



Figure from Lee et al. (2014)



• Extension of 2nd Ansan STP (05) 149*10³m³/d

- Designation as a special management area(SMA) (2000)
- Implementation of 1st phase of SCR environmental management master plan (01-06)
- Establishment of SCR watershed management committee(02)
- Implementation of 2nd phase of SCR environmental management master plan (07-11)
- Implementation of SCR TPLMS (13)

- US\$1.6billion invested
- Tidal Power
 Plant (254MW/d)
- **TPLMS** Implementation
- But, the water quality is still not enough for swimmable & fishable level

 Onset of tidal power plant(TPP) construction(04)
 TPP operation(12)
 -160*10⁶m³/d tidal flushing

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2. Do we need TPLMS in the SCR?



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High development pressure but little additional water control measures





SCR TPLMS long-term water quality target(Before 20yr)

"Water quality for Swimmable and Fishable"

[COD 2.0mg/L, T-P 0.05mg/L]

<Water quality standard: 「Enforcement Decree of the Framework Act on Environmental Policy 」 attached list 1 Environmental standard for marine water quality II grade (2012.7. previous revision >

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- Existing Monitoring Station
- New Monitoring Station from '11
- New Monitoring Station from '13

1st Phase Water Quality Targets

Parameters (mg/L)	COD	ТР
Inner zone	3.3	0.065
Outer Zone	-	-

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Target pollutants (COD, TP) -Consider WQ problems & management condition

Target period (May ~ Aug.) -Consider temporal WQ change

Target area (Middle-outer zone) -Consider spatial WQ distribution

Lookout area (inner zone) -Consider available WQ monitoring data

Calculation WQ target(3-years moving

average of sites 1,2,3 monitoring data)











		Load Allocation to Local Municipalities									
Discharge load		Gu	npo	po Siheung		Ansan		Hwaseong		Sum	
(kg/d)	PS	NPS	PS	NPS	PS	NPS	PS	NPS	PS	NPS
Allocation	COD	90.7	162.9	119.2	961.9	3 01.7	2,237.4	1,371.5	1,996.0	1,883.1	5,358.2
load	TP	1.89	3.35	3.09	19.41	3.11	37.75	70.44	53.96	78.53	114.47

PS : Point Source, NPS : Non-Point Source

Non-point source load >> Point source load







Macauraa	Gunpo		Siheung		Ansan		Hwaseong	
measures	COD	TP	COD	TP	COD	TP	COD	TP
Extension or changing of treatment area	489.4	12.06	-	-	-	-	348.5	13.56
Construction or extension of STP, advanced treatment	-	-	-	-	-	-	208.6	14.34
NPS treatment facilities	-	-	11.3	0.23	6.7	0.14	40.4	1.22
NPS treatment facilities (development area)	4.5	0.12	0.5	0.02	2.0	0.02	15.0	0.30
Wetland operation improvement	-	-	-	-	15.2	0.70	22.1	1.46
Natural purification in stream	-	-	-	-	13.9	0.24	-	-
Sewer maintenance	-	-	0.2	0.01	20.0	0.60	-	-
Road sweeping	5.2	0.07	17.2	0.54	30.1	0.28	15.0	0.20
Dredging conta- minated sediment	-	-	-	-	282.5	14.20	-	-
Sum	499.1	12.25	29.2	0.80	370.4	16.18	649.6	31.08

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1st phase water quality targets were accomplished!









- Establishment of committee in watershed level → Bottom-up approach for management with stakeholders
- Stakeholder's participation from planning to evaluation
 → Roles and responsibilities sharing for implementation of TPLMS
- ➢ Implementing the adaptive management → Discussion of scientific uncertainty to derive the best solution through technical advisory committee



• 2nd phase TPLMS focus on the inner area where mixing is limited



Parameters (mg/L)	2 nd Phase Water	Quality Targets	1 st Phase Water Quality Targets			
	Inner	Outer	Inner	Outer		
COD	5.7	3.1	-	3.3		
T-P	0.123	0.053	-	0.065		

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- large-scale development which was delayed by recent economic downturn, will be resumed during 2nd phase TPLMS
- → Development control is difficult because of permits were already issued
- The pollutant load will increase by large-scale development projects
- → If developer refused to agree, additional load reduction measures will be difficult to apply because the EIA processes have been done

Enhanced EIA consultation and Advanced measures for load reduction should be enforced in the early planning stages





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- Discharged of STP effluent to out side of SCR
- → PS load reduction measures (Strengthen effluent regulation, water reuse and others) can not affected in SCR water quality improving
- NPS was main source to affect in SCR water quality
 Amount of NPS load reduction is generally small and applicable NPS measures are inefficient

Implementation of practical load reduction measures are required such as designation of NPS management area





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 Less financial support for load reduction facilities installation
 Authorities of major load management measures are belong to other ministries: PS treatment facilities (MOE), NPS treatment in agriculture (MAFRA)

- MOF do not have own incentive for TPLMS support
- → Lack of connection between MOF department (e.g. coastal management, permission of private uses of public water, resource development) and TPLMS

Require establishment of effective cooperating system with MOE and other ministries, and development of MOF own incentive to support TPLMS implementation



5. Conclusions

- Implementation of TPLMS was required to improve water quality even though the planned development projects are conducted
- 1st phase of TPLMS was successful mainly because of background effects(dilution effects of tidal power plant operation) and delayed large scale development projects because of the recent economic setback
- 2nd phase of TPLMS are more challenging because
 - water quality targets were additionally set in the inner area where tidal mixing is limited
 - load reduction measures for nonpoint sources are inefficient(high cost & low reduction amount)
- Pollution source control measures (ex: easy development pressure) and innovative nonpoint source control measures (ex: designation of nonpoint source management area) are required

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