

TOPIC: 191007
KNOWLEDGE: K1.01 [2.3/2.5]
QID: P935 (B737)

A demineralizer is being used in a water purification system. How will the accumulation of suspended solids in the demineralizer affect the performance of the demineralizer?

- A. The rate of resin depletion will increase.
- B. The flow rate of water through the demineralizer will increase.
- C. The differential pressure across the demineralizer will decrease.
- D. The rate of unwanted ion removal from the system will decrease.

ANSWER: D.

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QID: P1035

A sudden increase in the conductivity of water at the outlet of a demineralizer will result from...

- A. increased demineralizer flow rate.
- B. reduced demineralizer inlet temperature.
- C. increased demineralizer effluent pressure.
- D. reduced demineralizer inlet conductivity.

ANSWER: A.

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QID: P1535 (B1138)

A condensate demineralizer differential pressure (D/P) gauge indicates 4.0 psid at 50% flow rate. Over the next two days plant power changes have caused condensate flow rate to vary between 25% and 100%.

Which one of the following combinations of condensate flow rate and demineralizer D/P, observed during the power changes, indicates an increase in the accumulation of corrosion products in the demineralizer?

	<u>Condensate Flow Rate</u>	<u>Demineralizer D/P (psid)</u>
A.	100%	15.0
B.	75%	9.0
C.	60%	5.0
D.	25%	2.0

ANSWER: D.

TOPIC: 191007
KNOWLEDGE: K1.01 [2.3/2.5]
QID: P1736 (B1736)

A condensate demineralizer differential pressure (D/P) gauge indicates 6.0 psid at 50% flow rate. Which one of the following combinations of condensate flow rate and demineralizer D/P observed at various power levels over the next few days indicates an increase in the accumulation of insoluble corrosion products in the demineralizer?

	<u>Condensate Flow Rate</u>	<u>Demineralizer D/P (psid)</u>
A.	100%	23.5
B.	75%	16.5
C.	60%	8.5
D.	25%	1.5

ANSWER: B.

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KNOWLEDGE: K1.01 [2.3/2.5]
QID: P2035 (B2039)

Which one of the following conditions will lead to channeling in a demineralizer?

- A. Suspended solids and insoluble particles forming a mat on the surface of the resin bed.
- B. A sudden 10°F decrease in the temperature of the influent to the demineralizer.
- C. Exhaustion of the resin bed due to high conductivity of the demineralizer influent.
- D. Operation of the demineralizer with influent flow rate at 10 percent below design flow rate.

ANSWER: A.

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KNOWLEDGE: K1.01 [2.3/2.5]
QID: P2135 (B637)

High differential pressure in a demineralizer could be caused by all of the following except...

- A. resin exhaustion.
- B. resin overheating.
- C. crud buildup.
- D. high flow rate.

ANSWER: A.

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KNOWLEDGE: K1.01 [2.3/2.5]
QID: P2235 (B2638)

A condensate demineralizer differential pressure (D/P) gauge indicates 4.0 psid at 50% flow rate. Which one of the following combinations of condensate flow and demineralizer D/P observed at various power levels over the next few days indicates an increase in the accumulation of insoluble corrosion products in the demineralizer?

	<u>Condensate Flow Rate</u>	<u>Demineralizer D/P (psid)</u>
A.	25%	0.9
B.	60%	6.3
C.	75%	8.7
D.	100%	15.6

ANSWER: B.

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KNOWLEDGE: K1.01 [2.3/2.5]
QID: P2335 (B2338)

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Which one of the following combinations of condensate flow and demineralizer D/P, observed during the power changes, indicates an increased accumulation of corrosion products in the demineralizer?

	<u>Condensate Flow Rate</u>	<u>Demineralizer D/P (psid)</u>
A.	100%	15.0
B.	75%	9.0
C.	40%	3.0
D.	25%	1.0

ANSWER: C.

TOPIC: 191007
KNOWLEDGE: K1.03 [2.2/2.5]
QID: P535 (B39)

Which one of the following is an indication of resin exhaustion in a demineralizer:

- A. An increase in suspended solids in the effluent.
- B. A decrease in the flow rate through the demineralizer.
- C. An increase in the conductivity of the effluent.
- D. An increase in the differential pressure across the demineralizer.

ANSWER: C.

TOPIC: 191007
KNOWLEDGE: K1.03 [2.2/2.5]
QID: P835 (B839)

The demineralization factor of a demineralizer can be expressed as...

- A. Inlet Conductivity minus Outlet Conductivity.
- B. Outlet Conductivity minus Inlet Conductivity.
- C. Inlet Conductivity divided by Outlet Conductivity.
- D. Outlet Conductivity divided by Inlet Conductivity.

ANSWER: C.

TOPIC: 191007
KNOWLEDGE: K1.03 [2.2/2.5]
QID: P936

The ion exchange efficiency of a condensate demineralizer is determined by performing a calculation using the...

- A. change in conductivity at the outlet of the demineralizer over a period of time.
- B. change in pH at the outlet of the demineralizer over a period of time.
- C. demineralizer inlet and outlet conductivity.
- D. demineralizer inlet and outlet pH.

ANSWER: C.

TOPIC: 191007
KNOWLEDGE: K1.03 [2.2/2.5]
QID: P1735

Which one of the following is an indication that a demineralizer resin has become exhausted?

- A. Decreased demineralizer process water flow rate.
- B. Decreased demineralizer influent conductivity.
- C. Decreased demineralizer differential pressure.
- D. Decreased demineralizer decontamination factor.

ANSWER: D.

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KNOWLEDGE: K1.03 [2.2/2.5]
QID: P1835

The ion exchange efficiency of a condensate demineralizer can be calculated using the values for demineralizer inlet and outlet...

- A. conductivity.
- B. pH.
- C. N-16 radioactivity.
- D. pressure.

ANSWER: A.

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KNOWLEDGE: K1.03 [2.2/2.5]
QID: P2236 (B1437)

To determine the demineralization factor for a demineralizer, the parameters that must be monitored are inlet and outlet:

- A. pH
- B. conductivity
- C. suspended solids
- D. pressure

ANSWER: B.

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KNOWLEDGE: K1.03 [2.2/2.5]
QID: P2735 (B2737)

What percentage of impurities is being removed from the water passing through an ion exchanger if the ion exchanger has a decontamination factor of 25?

- A. 99 percent
- B. 96 percent
- C. 88 percent
- D. 75 percent

ANSWER: B.

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KNOWLEDGE: K1.03 [2.2/2.5]
QID: P3235 (B3238)

What percentage of ionic impurities is being removed from the water passing through an ion exchanger if the ion exchanger has a decontamination factor of 50?

- A. 98 percent
- B. 96 percent
- C. 75 percent
- D. 50 percent

ANSWER: A.

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KNOWLEDGE: K1.03 [2.2/2.5]
QID: P3435 (B3437)

The decontamination factor (also called the demineralization factor) of a condensate demineralizer has just been determined to be 50 based on conductivity measurements.

If condensate having a conductivity of 20 $\mu\text{mho/cm}$ is flowing into this demineralizer, which one of the following is the conductivity of the condensate at the outlet of the demineralizer?

- A. 0.4 $\mu\text{mho/cm}$
- B. 1.0 $\mu\text{mho/cm}$
- C. 4.0 $\mu\text{mho/cm}$
- D. 10.0 $\mu\text{mho/cm}$

ANSWER: A.

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KNOWLEDGE: K1.03 [2.2/2.5]
QID: P3636 (B3637)

The decontamination factor (or demineralization factor) of a condensate demineralizer has just been determined to be 10, based on conductivity measurements.

If condensate having a conductivity of 20 $\mu\text{mho/cm}$ is flowing into this demineralizer, which one of the following is the conductivity of the condensate at the outlet of the demineralizer?

- A. 0.5 $\mu\text{mho/cm}$
- B. 2.0 $\mu\text{mho/cm}$
- C. 5.0 $\mu\text{mho/cm}$
- D. 10.0 $\mu\text{mho/cm}$

ANSWER: B.

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KNOWLEDGE: K1.03 [2.2/2.5]
QID: P4219 (B4219)

The decontamination factor (or demineralization factor) of a condensate demineralizer has just been determined to be 5.0, based on conductivity measurements.

If condensate having a conductivity of 20 $\mu\text{mho/cm}$ is flowing into this demineralizer, which one of the following is the conductivity of the condensate at the outlet of the demineralizer?

- A. 0.4 $\mu\text{mho/cm}$
- B. 4.0 $\mu\text{mho/cm}$
- C. 10.0 $\mu\text{mho/cm}$
- D. 100.0 $\mu\text{mho/cm}$

ANSWER: B.

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KNOWLEDGE: K1.03 [2.2/2.5]
QID: P4718 (B4719)

What percentage of ionic impurities is being removed from the water passing through an ion exchanger if the ion exchanger has a decontamination factor of 1.0?

- A. 100 percent
- B. 99 percent
- C. 1 percent
- D. 0 percent

ANSWER: D.

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KNOWLEDGE: K1.03 [2.2/2.5]
KNOWLEDGE: K1.06 [2.1/2.5]
QID: P5418

Two indications of channeling through an operating demineralizer are a _____-than-normal demineralizer differential pressure and a _____-than-normal demineralization factor.

- A. higher; lower
- B. higher; higher
- C. lower; lower
- D. lower; higher

ANSWER: C.

TOPIC: 191007
KNOWLEDGE: K1.06 [2.1/2.5]
QID: P635 (B2237)

How does demineralizer differential pressure indicate the condition of a demineralizer resin bed?

- A. Low differential pressure indicates flow blockage in the demineralizer.
- B. Low differential pressure indicates that the demineralizer resin bed is exhausted.
- C. High differential pressure indicates flow blockage in the demineralizer.
- D. High differential pressure indicates that the demineralizer resin bed is exhausted.

ANSWER: C.

TOPIC: 191007
KNOWLEDGE: K1.06 [2.1/2.5]
QID: P836 (B539)

A lower than expected differential pressure across a demineralizer is an indication of...

- A. depletion of the cation exchange resin.
- B. channeling through the resin bed.
- C. improper resin regeneration.
- D. excessive accumulation of suspended solids.

ANSWER: B.

TOPIC: 191007
KNOWLEDGE: K1.06 [2.1/2.5]
QID: P1036 (B639)

As the operating time of a demineralizer resin bed increases, the differential pressure across the bed...

- A. increases due to depletion of resin sites.
- B. increases due to trapping of suspended solids.
- C. decreases due to gradual resin breakdown.
- D. decreases due to erosion of the resin sites.

ANSWER: B.

TOPIC: 191007
KNOWLEDGE: K1.06 [2.1/2.5]
QID: P1136

Which one of the following will cause a large pressure drop across a demineralizer that is in operation?

- A. Channeling of flow through the demineralizer
- B. Depletion and resultant swelling of resin beads
- C. Accumulation of suspended solids filtered by the resin beads
- D. Improper demineralizer venting after resin fill

ANSWER: C.

TOPIC: 191007
KNOWLEDGE: K1.06 [2.1/2.5]
QID: P1236

An indication that a demineralizer resin bed is clogged is a...

- A. large pressure drop across the bed.
- B. high flow rate through the bed.
- C. temperature rise in the effluent.
- D. large conductivity increase across the bed.

ANSWER: A.

TOPIC: 191007
KNOWLEDGE: K1.06 [2.1/2.5]
QID: P1537 (B1539)

A higher than expected differential pressure across an operating mixed-resin demineralizer can be caused by...

- A. exhaustion of the cation exchange resin.
- B. channeling through the resin bed.
- C. insufficient resin backwash.
- D. decreased demineralizer inlet conductivity.

ANSWER: C.

TOPIC: 191007
KNOWLEDGE: K1.06 [2.1/2.5]
QID: P1836 (B337)

A demineralizer that is continuously exposed to flowing water with high concentrations of suspended solids will first develop an increase in the...

- A. conductivity at the demineralizer outlet.
- B. decontamination factor of the demineralizer.
- C. differential pressure across the demineralizer.
- D. pH at the demineralizer outlet.

ANSWER: C.

TOPIC: 191007
KNOWLEDGE: K1.08 [3.0/3.1]
QID: P1636 (B838)

Which one of the following, if processed through a demineralizer, will rapidly reduce the effectiveness of the demineralizer?

- A. Condensate
- B. Oily water
- C. Radioactive water
- D. Makeup water

ANSWER: B.

TOPIC: 191007
KNOWLEDGE: K1.08 [3.0/3.1]
QID: P2037

A nuclear power plant has been operating normally at 100 percent power for one month and with the same reactor coolant boron concentration for the last 24 hours.

Which one of the following changes associated with the in-service reactor coolant demineralizer will reduce the reactor coolant boron concentration in the demineralizer effluent?

- A. Increase the temperature of the reactor coolant being processed from 95°F to 105°F.
- B. Decrease the temperature of the reactor coolant being processed from 105°F to 95°F.
- C. Increase the flow rate of reactor coolant being processed from 75 gpm to 100 gpm.
- D. Decrease the flow rate of reactor coolant being processed from 75 gpm to 50 gpm.

ANSWER: B.

TOPIC: 191007
KNOWLEDGE: K1.08 [3.0/3.1]
QID: P2837

A PWR nuclear power plant has two identical mixed resin reactor coolant ion exchangers, A and B, which operated in parallel service continuously for two weeks of power operation immediately after a refueling outage. Then, ion exchanger A was removed from service while ion exchanger B remained in service. After 10 months of continuous operation at full power, it is necessary to place ion exchanger A in service and remove ion exchanger B from service.

Which one of the following describes why the effluent from ion exchanger A initially will be drained to a collection facility prior to fully placing the ion exchanger in service?

- A. To avoid an undesired increase in reactor coolant pH.
- B. To avoid an undesired decrease in reactor coolant pH.
- C. To avoid an undesired increase in reactor coolant boron concentration.
- D. To avoid an undesired decrease in reactor coolant boron concentration.

ANSWER: C.

TOPIC: 191007
KNOWLEDGE: K1.08 [3.0/3.1]
QID: P2937

A nuclear power plant has been operating normally at 100 percent power for one month and with the same reactor coolant boron concentration for the last 24 hours.

Which one of the following changes associated with an in-service reactor coolant letdown demineralizer will increase the reactor coolant boron concentration in the demineralizer effluent?

- A. Increase the temperature of the reactor coolant being processed from 95°F to 105°F.
- B. Decrease the temperature of the reactor coolant being processed from 105°F to 95°F.
- C. Increase the flow rate of reactor coolant being processed from 75 gpm to 100 gpm.
- D. Decrease the flow rate of reactor coolant being processed from 75 gpm to 50 gpm.

ANSWER: A.

TOPIC: 191007
KNOWLEDGE: K1.08 [3.0/3.1]
QID: P5719

A mixed-bed ion exchanger is being used to process reactor coolant letdown. The ion exchanger is boron-saturated for the existing reactor coolant conditions.

If reactor coolant letdown temperature decreases by 20°F, the total number of boron atoms occupying the ion exchange sites will _____, and the boron concentration (ppm) in the ion exchanger effluent will _____.

- A. increase; decrease
- B. increase; increase
- C. decrease; decrease
- D. decrease; increase

ANSWER: A.

TOPIC: 191007
KNOWLEDGE: K1.08 [3.2/3.1]
QID: P6018

Reactor coolant is flowing through a mixed-bed ion exchanger. The ion exchanger is boron saturated. Which one of the following describes a condition that will result in the boron concentration of the ion exchanger outlet water being greater than the boron concentration of the inlet water?

- A. An increase in reactor coolant ionic impurities with higher relative affinities for the resin exchange sites will displace borate ions from the resin exchange sites.
- B. An increase in reactor coolant suspended solids with greater mass than the borate ions will mechanically remove borate ions from the resin exchange sites.
- C. A decrease in the temperature of the inlet water will lower the relative affinity of the resin for the borate ions, which releases borate ions from the resin exchange sites.
- D. A decrease in the flow rate through the ion exchanger will lower the retention capacity of the resin, which releases borate ions from the resin exchange sites.

ANSWER: A.

TOPIC: 191007
KNOWLEDGE: K1.08 [3.0/3.1]
QID: P6318

A mixed-bed ion exchanger is being used to process reactor coolant letdown. The ion exchanger is boron-saturated for the existing reactor coolant conditions.

Reactor coolant letdown temperature at the inlet to the ion exchanger increases by 15°F, while remaining within the normal temperature range. As a result of the temperature increase, the total number of boron atoms occupying the ion exchange sites will _____, and the boron concentration (ppm) in the ion exchanger effluent will _____.

- A. increase; decrease
- B. increase; increase
- C. decrease; decrease
- D. decrease; increase

ANSWER: D.

TOPIC: 191007
KNOWLEDGE: K1.08 [3.2/3.1]
QID: P7018

Reactor coolant system (RCS) purification mixed-bed ion exchanger A was removed from service and isolated after several weeks of operation when the RCS boron concentration was 900 ppm. Currently, with ion exchanger B in service, the RCS boron concentration is 450 ppm. If ion exchanger B is isolated and ion exchanger A is immediately returned to service, RCS boron concentration will...

- A. remain the same because the resin in ion exchanger A has already become saturated with boron ions during previous operation.
- B. remain the same because the resin in ion exchanger A has no affinity for the boron ions in the reactor coolant.
- C. increase until the volume of water in ion exchanger A mixes completely with the RCS.
- D. increase until the resin in ion exchanger A reaches equilibrium with the existing RCS boron concentration.

ANSWER: D.

TOPIC: 191007
KNOWLEDGE: K1.09 [2.5/2.7]
QID: P34

What is the reason for bypassing a demineralizer due to high temperature?

- A. Resins expand and restrict flow through the demineralizer.
- B. Resins decompose and restrict flow through the demineralizer.
- C. Resins decompose and create preferential flowpaths through the demineralizer.
- D. Resins decompose and contaminate the system.

ANSWER: D.

TOPIC: 191007
KNOWLEDGE: K1.09 [2.5/2.7]
QID: P235 (B1838)

When a mixed-bed demineralizer resin is exhausted, the resin should be replaced or regenerated because...

- A. ions previously removed by the resin will be released into solution.
- B. the resin will fracture and possibly escape through the retention screens.
- C. particles previously filtered out of solution will be released.
- D. the resin will physically bond together, thereby causing a flow blockage.

ANSWER: A.

TOPIC: 191007
KNOWLEDGE: K1.09 [2.5/2.7]
QID: P236

A demineralizer that has been exposed to _____ should be bypassed because the resin beads may release unwanted ions.

- A. high flow
- B. low flow
- C. high temperature
- D. low temperature

ANSWER: C.

TOPIC: 191007
KNOWLEDGE: K1.09 [2.5/2.7]
QID: P2637 (B239)

A result of proper demineralizer operation on water with ionic impurities is that the exiting water will always have a...

- A. higher pH.
- B. lower pH.
- C. higher conductivity.
- D. lower conductivity.

ANSWER: D.

TOPIC: 191007
KNOWLEDGE: K1.11 [2.5/2.8]
QID: P336

Prior to a scheduled nuclear power plant shutdown, the reactor coolant system was chemically shocked to induce a crud burst. What effect will the crud burst have on the letdown purification ion exchangers?

- A. Decreased radiation levels around the ion exchangers.
- B. Increased flow rate through the ion exchangers.
- C. Decreased ion exchanger outlet conductivity.
- D. Increased pressure drop across the ion exchangers.

ANSWER: D.

TOPIC: 191007
KNOWLEDGE: K1.11 [2.5/2.8]
QID: P1436

Prior to a scheduled nuclear power plant shutdown, the reactor coolant system was chemically shocked to induce a crud burst. What effect will the crud burst have on the in-service reactor coolant letdown ion exchangers?

- A. Decreased ion exchanger outlet conductivity.
- B. Decreased pressure drop across the ion exchangers.
- C. Increased flow rate through the ion exchangers.
- D. Increased radiation levels around the ion exchangers.

ANSWER: D.

TOPIC: 191007
KNOWLEDGE: K1.11 [2.5/2.8]
QID: P2736

A nuclear power plant was operating at steady-state 100 percent power when the reactor coolant system experienced a large crud burst. After 20 minutes, the operators began to record parameters for the in-service reactor coolant purification ion exchanger.

Assuming no additional operator actions, what trend will the recorded parameters show during the next few hours?

- A. Increasing flow rate through the ion exchanger.
- B. Increasing pressure drop across the ion exchanger.
- C. Increasing ion exchanger inlet water conductivity.
- D. Increasing ion exchanger outlet water conductivity.

ANSWER: B.

TOPIC: 191007
KNOWLEDGE: K1.11 [2.5/2.8]
QID: P3537

After 12 months of operation at 100 percent power, a nuclear reactor is shut down with a plant cooldown in progress. An operator reports that the general area radiation levels around the operating shutdown cooling pumps have increased significantly since the cooldown started several hours ago.

Which one of the following is a typical cause of these indications, resulting from the cooldown?

- A. Increased radioactive tritium in the reactor coolant.
- B. Increased radioactive oxygen-16 dissolved in the reactor coolant.
- C. Increased radioactive nitrogen-16 dissolved in the reactor coolant.
- D. Increased radioactive corrosion products suspended in the reactor coolant.

ANSWER: D.

TOPIC: 191007
KNOWLEDGE: K1.11 [2.5/2.8]
QID: P5819 (B5820)

During a nuclear power plant cooldown, the reactor experiences a large crud burst. After 10 minutes, with stable reactor coolant chemistry parameters, the operators begin to record parameters for the in-service reactor coolant purification ion exchanger. The ion exchanger was recently filled with fresh resin.

Assuming no additional operator actions, what trend will the recorded parameters show during the next few hours?

- A. Increasing ion exchanger inlet water conductivity.
- B. Increasing ion exchanger outlet water conductivity.
- C. Increasing flow rate through the ion exchanger.
- D. Increasing radiation levels around the ion exchanger.

ANSWER: D.

TOPIC: 191007
KNOWLEDGE: K1.14 [2.4/2.6]
QID: P337

A nuclear power plant is operating at 70 percent steady-state power level when the temperature of the reactor coolant letdown passing through a boron-saturated mixed bed ion exchanger is decreased by 20°F.

As a result, the boron concentration in the effluent of the ion exchanger will _____ because the affinity of the ion exchanger for boron atoms has _____.

- A. decrease; increased
- B. decrease; decreased
- C. increase; increased
- D. increase; decreased

ANSWER: A.

TOPIC: 191007
KNOWLEDGE: K1.14 [2.4/2.6]
QID: P1335

A nuclear power plant is operating at a stable 70 percent power level when the temperature of the reactor coolant letdown passing through a boron-saturated mixed bed ion exchanger increases by 20°F.

As a result, the boron concentration in the effluent of the ion exchanger will _____ because the affinity of the ion exchanger for boron atoms has _____.

- A. decrease; decreased
- B. decrease; increased
- C. increase; decreased
- D. increase; increased

ANSWER: C.

TOPIC: 191007
KNOWLEDGE: K1.14 [2.4/2.6]
QID: P3337

Which one of the following indicates that a demineralizer receiving 75 gpm of reactor coolant is boron-saturated?

- A. The decontamination factor of the demineralizer is less than 1.0.
- B. The decontamination factor of the demineralizer is greater than 1.0.
- C. Following a reactor coolant temperature increase, demineralizer effluent boron concentration exceeds influent boron concentration.
- D. Following a reactor coolant temperature increase, demineralizer influent boron concentration exceeds effluent boron concentration.

ANSWER: C.