Pennsylvania State Urban Hydrology Model as a Tool for Highway Drainage Design

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The capabilities of the Pennsylvania State Urban Hydrology Model are presented. The model contains 17 subprograms that perform various hydrologic and hydraulic operations, which include curve number weighting, travel time, swale design, hydrograph combining, graphics plotting, rainfall calculations, Soil Conservation Service (SCS) unit hydrograph, SCS tabular hydrograph, modified rational hydrograph, Muskingum channel routing, modified Puls routing, and multiple-stage outlet analysis. The model operates on an IBM personal computer or compatible and is menu driven. An example is presented to illustrate the use of the model.

The Pennsylvania State Urban Hydrology Model (PSUHM) is a menu-driven interactive model written in the BASIC programming language specifically for IBM-compatible MS-DOS personal computers. The model contains 17 programs that perform various hydrologic tasks. The tasks are organized into four types of hydrologic operations; namely, utilities, rainfall, runoff, and routing, as indicated by the PSUHM main menu screen shown in Figure 1. The programs are connected through a submenu selection program and a data file management system. Several of the programs, which are modules for the PSUHM, are capable of saving the computational results of the selected task in an MS-DOS file. These data can be accessed by other modules later through the data file management system. Data that can be saved as a file include hyetographs, hydrographs, subarea characteristics, elevation-storage charts, elevation-outflow charts, and detention outlet geometry.

The first version of the PSUHM was issued in October 1984 in a Pennsylvania State University continuing education short course on computational methods in stormwater management. This original software has been modified substantially through annual revisions. The present hydrologic and hydraulic capabilities in PSUHM include design storm and hyetograph calculations, curve number weighting, rational and modified rational methods, Soil Conservation Service (SCS) curvilinear unit hydrograph, SCS TR-55 tabular hydrograph, Muskingum channel routing, modified Puls reservoir routing, hydrograph combining, and plotting and sizing of outlets in a multistage detention structure.

The multistage outlet design and routing model in the PSUHM is especially useful in light of recent ordinances requiring control of multiple points on the flood frequency curve. The outlet routine is capable of developing a complex rating curve representing up to 10 different outlets or stages. Output takes the form of elevation-storage-discharge tables that can be passed to the reservoir routing module for full analysis of a proposed detention facility.

DESCRIPTION OF PSUHM MODULES

In order to access any of the 17 modules in PSUHM, the user must select the group number on the main menu screen that contains the module of interest. Each module in PSUHM will be briefly described here according to the four basic groups of the main menu. More detailed information on each module is provided in the PSUHM User's Manual (1).

Utility Modules (Group 1)

A utility module is defined here as any module that does not perform rainfall, runoff, or routing calculations. It is the miscellaneous category of PSUHM. There are five modules in this group.

Module 1A. Curve Number (CN) Weighting is an area-based weighting scheme that computes an average CN value for a multiple-land use subarea. The module allows up to 20 land uses per subarea and an unlimited number of subareas. CN values are used to estimate runoff from rainfall and are devel-

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* PENN STATE URBAN HYDROLOGY MODEL *
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** MAIN MENU **

HIT TO RUN

<1> UTILITIES
<2> RAINFALL
<3> RUNOFF
<4> ROUTING

<5> information
<6> shell to DOS
<7> to QUIT

FIGURE 1 PSUHM main menu screen.

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opened by the SCS as described in the SCS Technical Release 55 (TR-55) (2).

Module 1B. Travel Time Calculation will solve various travel time equations that are listed in the module's travel time menu. This module features the SCS segmental approach to travel time calculation from TR-55 (2). Other equations solved in this module are the average velocity charts in the 1975 TR-55 (3), the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) overland flow equation, the kinematic wave equation, Manning’s equation for pipe or channel flow, and the SCS basin lag equation. These single equations are summarized in the American Geophysical Union (AGU) Water Resources Monograph No. 7 (4).

Module 1C. Hydrograph Combination will add two hydrographs together, as in the case of a confluence point in a stream network. The new hydrograph can be saved in a data file.

Module 1D. Data File Plotting uses screen graphics to display the contents of one or two data files of the same type for comparative analysis. Hyetographs, hydrographs, elevation-storage, and elevation-outflow files may be plotted on the display. The screen display can be sent to the printer.

Module 1E. Swale Design uses a Newton-Raphson scheme to solve Manning’s equation for a trapezoidal channel. The user can specify depth and solve for flow or specify flow and solve for depth. A report of several hydraulic parameters of the swale is provided, including a recommended rip-rap for bed stability.

Runoff Modules (Group 3)

The runoff modules contain methods that create complete runoff hydrographs for a given watershed or subarea. The TR-55 methods in Module 3B were designed to create partial hydrographs; however, for most small watersheds the hydrographs produced will be sufficiently complete.

Module 3A. Subarea Hydrographs by SCS Unit Hydrograph will create a hydrograph based on the SCS curvilinear unit hydrograph discussed in the SCS National Engineering Handbook, Section 4 (7). A design storm created through one of the rainfall modules in Group 2 acts as the input to this subprogram. Along with the runoff hydrograph, periods of rainfall excess and the unit hydrograph are presented. The method is general and no limit is placed on watershed size.

Module 3B. SCS TR-55 Tabular Hydrograph will create a hydrograph using the 1986 tabular method found in Chapter 5 of TR-55 (2). The method is based on the SCS TR-20 runoff program and is an approximate method for developing a hydrograph for a watershed composed of several subareas. In addition to a complete hydrograph, this module generates a summary screen that shows runoff contributions of each subarea to the peak flow in the composite hydrograph. The method is limited to areas with times of concentration less than 2 hr, but greater than 0.1 hr.

Module 3C. Hydrograph by Modified Rational Method will create a simple yet useful hydrograph for small areas (0 to 20 acres) with uniform land use. The method uses the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation IDF curves (6) to create a skewed hyetograph with time base equal to 11 times the subarea time of concentration. The program then utilizes the rational formula \( Q = c_i A \) by multiplying each ordinate of the hyetograph by \( c_i A \) to create a hydrograph. The program also has an option that allows the user to estimate the required detention pond size for a given design release rate.

Module 3D. Manual Entry of Hydrograph will allow the entry of an observed or created hydrograph (up to 101 points) to be used with other PSUHM modules such as Module 4B Modified Puls Routing.

Routing Modules (Group 4)

The routing modules will pass a given hydrograph through a detention structure or channel reach and examine the effects on the hydrograph. PSUHM contains three routing modules.

Module 4A. Muskingum Channel Routing is a hydrologic procedure that routes a hydrograph through a channel reach. It is approximate and is based on the principle of mass continuity and a storage flow relation. The method is described in most hydrology texts, such as Viessman et al. (8). The module checks to ensure that the routing procedure is numerically stable and that the proper number of subreaches is used.

Module 4B. Modified Puls Routing will route a hydrograph through a reservoir using the storage indication method also described in Viessman et al. (8). This method is based on mass conservation principles and the hydraulics of the reservoir outlet structure. The user must develop and enter two curves: a storage-elevation curve from basin contour data and

Rainfall Modules (Group 2)

Five rainfall modules are available in PSUHM. Every module creates a hyetograph that can be stored and used in conjunction with the Unit Hydrograph Module 3A.

Module 2A. Composite Storm by U.S. Weather Bureau IDF Curves will create a synthetic hyetograph for a specified return period, on the basis of the U.S. Weather Bureau’s standard intensity-duration-frequency (IDF) curves as developed by Yarnell (5). The storm is central peaking, limited to a maximum length of 120 min and minimum step of 5 min.

Module 2B. SCS Type II Scaled Rainfall Distribution will create a synthetic hyetograph according to the SCS Type II rainfall distribution. This distribution is defined in TR-55 (2). The duration of the storm can be any length from 0 to 24 hr and the step can be any practical value, in hours. Design storms shorter than the Type II standard of 24 hr are scaled to include the most intense portion of the 24-hr distribution.

Module 2C. SCS Type III Scaled Rainfall Distribution works exactly the same as the Type II Module 2B, except it uses the Type III rainfall distribution also described in TR-55 (2).

Module 2D. Composite Storm by Pennsylvania DOT-IDF Curves works practically identical to Module 2A except that it uses rainfall curves developed specifically for Pennsylvania as given by Aron (6). Use is limited to Pennsylvania and neighboring areas.

Module 2E. Manual Entry of a Hyetograph will allow the user to enter a design storm or observed storm of any duration and any time step. The storm can contain up to 101 data points.
a discharge-elevation curve from the hydraulics of the outlet configuration. The storage-elevation and discharge-elevation curves can be stored in a file and used again for other runoff situations. The storage-elevation and discharge-elevation curves can be developed in Module 4C.

Module 4C, Multiple Stage Routing Model (MSRM) will route a hydrograph through a multiple outlet detention facility. Written by Chamberlain (9), the model contains a subroutine that will compute the hydraulic performance curve for an outlet structure with up to 10 openings or stages. This capability is useful when trying to reduce runoff peaks for several return periods through the use of one structure. The subroutine can model rectangular, v-notch and proportional weirs, perforated risers, emergency spillways, circular and rectangular orifices, open and grated drop inlets, discharge pipes, outfall culverts, and outfall channels. MSRM will adjust outlet capacity for riser box submergence and for inlet-outlet control in the outfall culvert.

APPLICATIONS OF PSUHM

The software package has an interactive structure that allows it to model an infinite number of hydrologic situations. The user must decide on a sequence of hydrologic operations necessary to solve the problem at hand and then select the appropriate modules from the model to complete the task. On selection of a given module, the subprogram will prompt the user to enter the required information for completing the module task. On task completion, the user is returned to the main menu for the next task selection. This process is repeated until the sequence of desired operations is completed.

The following example will illustrate the use and interactive structure of PSUHM. This example consists of a hypothetical design based on an actual watershed and highway-stream crossing in Pennsylvania.

PROTECTING A HIGHWAY CROSSING IN THE WHISKEY RUN WATERSHED

A highway crossing at Whiskey Run located along old Route 28 in East Franklin Township, Armstrong County, Pennsylvania, contains a 50-ft, 6- × 6-ft box culvert that was built in 1925 to control the 25-year flood. Under full-flow conditions, the culvert capacity is 440 ft³/sec, assuming submerged outlet with head of 4.0 ft. The watershed area of 645 acres above the culvert is shown in Figure 2. Since 1925, the area above the culvert has developed from an agricultural watershed to a single-family residential watershed. Highway flooding at the culvert has been observed on numerous occasions. The flooding condition could be corrected by the construction of a stormwater detention facility within the contributing watershed. In addition to correcting the roadway flooding condition, the detention facility should also be designed to protect the downstream receiving channel from erosion by reducing the 5-year flood peak back to the 2-year flood peak.

Thus the 2- and 25-year events (Q2 and Q25) are chosen as the levels for stream channel and highway crossing protection. PSUHM has been used to design a detention facility that will meet release targets of Q2 and Q25 from Subarea

Assembling Physical Data for Whiskey Run Watershed

The engineer must collect watershed physical information before using PSUHM as a runoff model. In this case involving a sizeable watershed, it is reasonable to use the SCS tabular hydrograph module in PSUHM. The necessary information includes watershed area, land use types, hydrologic soil groups (HSG) for each land use, and travel times along critical runoff flow paths.

The watershed area and land use were determined from a USGS 1:24,000 scale topographic map. The engineer collected this information by field survey and a USGS 1:24,000 scale topographic map and by field survey, respectively. Figure 2 shows the land use of the Whiskey Run watershed. In the process of gathering the land use information, it is observed that the watershed should be divided into two subareas as shown in Figure 3. The upper subarea, Subarea 1 (SA1), contains all of the developed portion of the watershed. The lower subarea, Subarea 2 (SA2), is totally agricultural or wooded. This division leads to a natural division in type of land use in the two subareas and should make the results of the model more accurate. The soil type information for each land use was determined from SCS soil maps for the county.

The runoff flow paths for the watershed were also determined by field survey and a USGS 1:24,000 scale topographic.
slope, P(2-year/24-hr)

flow is defined as sheet flow; concentrated flow is defined as swale or ditch flow; channel flow is defined as flow in a well-defined watercourse. The rainfall depth required for the overland flow calculation in each area is by definition the 2-year/24-hr rainfall depth and was determined by reference to the Pennsylvania IDF charts (6).

Step 3. SCS TR-55 Tabular Hydrographs Using Module 3B. With the results of the first two steps, Module 3B can calculate a runoff hydrograph for Q2, Q5, and Q25. The 24-hr rainfalls are 2.3, 2.7, and 3.7 in., respectively, from the Pennsylvania IDF charts (6). The printout of the module results is presented in Table 3 for the 25-year hydrograph. The peak flow is 602 ft³/sec, which is 162 ft³/sec greater than the capacity of the culvert. From this result, the size of the detention pond necessary to reduce the peak flow to something less than 440 ft³/sec can be estimated.

Similar runs with Module 3B for the 2- and 5-year floods produce SA1 peaks of 184 and 263 ft³/sec, respectively. Runoff depths for SA1 are 0.82 and 1.51 in., respectively, for Q2 and Q5.

Step 4. Sizing the Detention Facility. Figure 6 shows that the bulk of the runoff (525 of the 602 ft³/sec) comes from SA1 at time 12.5 hr. It is reasonable therefore to place the detention facility in the lower end of this subarea. The Q25 basin inflow peak is 525 ft³/sec, whereas the target outflow is now 440 ft³/sec (culvert capacity) less the 78 ft³/sec from SA2 for a target release of 362 ft³/sec for Q25. At the same time, it is desired to use the detention basin in SA1 to reduce Q5 of 263 ft³/sec to Q2 of 184 ft³/sec to protect the receiving channel below the detention basin from excessive bank erosion. Thus, the two outflow targets from the detention facility are 184 and 362 ft³/sec for the Q5 and Q25 events, respectively.

The detention basin design proceeds in three steps. First, a preliminary estimate of the volume of storage required at the SA1 site is made and a storage-elevation table is developed.

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\text{TOTAL AREA} = 489 \text{ acres} \quad \text{WEIGHTED CN} = 76
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### Table 1: Printout of Curve Number Weighting Module 1A for Whiskey Run Watershed, Subarea 1

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\text{TOTAL AREA} = 156 \text{ acres} \quad \text{WEIGHTED CN} = 63
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The hydraulic outlet structure is sized with appropriate stages to control Q5 and Q25 at their respective targets and a discharge-elevation table is developed. Third, storage-indication routing of Q5 and Q25 inflow hydrographs is performed through the basin to determine if the basin outlet structure is sized with the particular combination of outlet structure geometry and basin storage are met. Repetition of this process is carried out readily using the multistage routing model in Module 4C.

A first guess of the total basin storage required to control Q25 is obtained by applying the approximate routing chart in Figure 6–1 of TR–55 (2). This figure contains plots of the volume ratio $V_i/V$, as a function of the peak flow ratio $Q_i/Q_o$, where $V_i$ is the estimated storage volume, $V_o$ and $Q_o$ are runoff volume and peak of the inflow hydrograph, and $Q_i$ is the target outflow peak. In this example, $Q_i/Q_o$ is 362/525 (0.690) for Q25. $V_i/V_o$ is then found to be 0.21 from Figure 6–1 of TR–55 (2). The depth of runoff in SA1 for Q25 is 1.51 in. (from Figure 6) and $V_i$ is then 489 acres $\times$ 1.51 in. $\div$ 12 [61.5 acre-ft (AF)]. The estimated gross storage, $V_o$, required to reduce Q25 leaving SA1 from 525 to 362 ft$^3$/sec is thus computed as $0.21 \times 61.5 \text{ AF} = 12.9 \text{ AF}$. This estimate of storage will be revised by modified Puls routing through the trial basin. Using a detailed topographic survey for the SA1 site, storage-elevation data can be developed at 1-ft intervals as presented in Table 4.

Step 5. Sizing the Outlet Structure Using Module 4C. In the attempt to control two points on the frequency curve for SA1 of Whiskey Run, it is reasonable to assume that two stages are required in the basin outlet structure. Both stages are mounted in a riser box, which in turn discharges to an outlet culvert through the embankment to the downstream receiving channel. The lower first stage is sized to reduce Q5 from 263 to 184 ft$^3$/sec. This outlet, together with the upper second stage, jointly reduces Q25 from 525 to 362 ft$^3$/sec. Consequently, the upper-stage design depends on the hydraulic capacity of the lower stage and the design analysis must start there.

From TR–55 (2) and the tabular hydrograph results of Step 3, the runoff volume for the 5-year flood, $V_o$, is (0.82 in.) $\times$ (489 acres) $\times$ 12 = 33.4 AF. The peak flow ratio $Q_i/Q_o$ is 184/263 (0.70), and from Figure 6–1 in TR–55 (2) the $V_i/V_o$ ratio is 0.21. $V_i$ is then $0.21 \times 33.4 \text{ AF} = 7.0 \text{ AF}$. According to the storage-elevation relation in Table 4, 7.0 AF of storage...
TABLE 3 PRINTOUT OF TABULAR HYDROGRAPH MODULE 3B FOR 25-YEAR STORM OF WHISKEY RUN WATERSHED

* PSUHM: MODULE <3-B> - SCS TR-55 TABULAR METHOD *

WATERSHED TITLE: WHISKEY RUN

25 YR. STORM: PRECIPITATION = 3.7 in.

SUMMARY OF INPUT PARAMETERS

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<th>TC (hrs)</th>
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INDIVIDUAL SUBAREA & COMPOSITE HYDROGRAPHS

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THE PEAK FLOW IS 602.4 cfs - OCCURS AT 12.5 hrs

TABLE 4 STORAGE-ELEVATION DATA FOR WHISKEY RUN DETENTION FACILITY

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occurs at elevation 1003.44 ft. Because the floor elevation is 998.00 ft, there will be approximately 5.44 ft of water (head) impounded in the detention basin during maximum stage of the Q5 event. Using the FHWA culvert charts (10), it is determined that two 48-in.-diameter circular orifices with invert elevations at 998.00 ft will discharge just slightly more than 184 ft³/sec at a maximum headwater of 4.38 ft. The corresponding water surface elevation is 1002.38 ft and the associated storage is 4.75 AF. Preliminary runs with the outlet rating and basin routing programs in the multistage routing Module 4C reveal that maximum outflow will be 187 ft³/sec and that 4.75 AF of storage are required to control Q5. These numbers must be confirmed by actual routing, as described later.

In the second stage, calculation indicates that reducing Q25 from 525 to 362 ft³/sec will require storage of approximately 12.9 AF. According to Table 4, this storage occurs at elevation 1005.88 ft. Thus, the maximum stage will be 7.88 ft above the basin floor elevation of 998.00 ft. According to the preliminary rating curve developed in Module 4C, the discharge through the lower stage outlets will be 294 ft³/sec at elevation 1005.88 ft. The second stage must therefore release 68 ft³/sec at elevation 1005.88 ft under Q25 inflows. The invert or bottom of the upper stage will be located just above the maximum water surface elevation reached during Q5, say 1002.40 ft.
The head on the second stage will then be 3.48 ft during Q25. A rectangular orifice 2 ft high by 7 ft long installed vertically above the twin 48-in. circular orifices would be satisfactory here. However, it was decided to use a grated drop inlet with an effective area of 14 ft² and effective perimeter of 14 ft installed on the top of the riser box at elevation 1002.40 ft. Preliminary analysis with Module 4C indicates that Stages 2 and 1 together perform satisfactorily in meeting the Q25 outflow target of 362 ft³/sec. Again, full routing with the modified Puls routine in Module 4C is required for confirmation of this preliminary outlet design.

The final element in the basin outlet structure is the outfall culvert leading from the concrete riser box upstream of the embankment to the lower receiving channel downstream from the embankment. The discharge rating curve for the outlet structure must include a correction for submergence of the riser box by the outfall culvert. Inspection of the site near the embankment and present stream location indicates that a culvert may be required. Normal depth tailwater would not be expected to submerge the culvert at its lower end. The culvert will be mounted in a square-end corrugated metal pipe with a Manning n value of 0.012. From the FHWA culvert charts (10) or the discharge pipe option in Module 4C, an 8.5-ft corrugated metal pipe (CMP) culvert is recommended.
will discharge a flow of 478 ft³/sec under inlet control at elevation 1005.80 ft. This flow is greater than the riser inlet capacity at this elevation. In general, the outfall culvert should be sufficiently large that it does not control pond releases through the two-stage riser box. Although the riser box can still be submerged, hydraulic control of the detention pond is maintained by the riser inlets, rather than by the outfall culvert. Submergence of the riser box inlets is an important factor because it can significantly reduce basin outflow capacity. Module 4C has the ability to compute the outfall culvert capacity under both inlet and outlet control and to make appropriate corrections for submergence of the riser box inlets. Final confirmation of the preliminary design is conducted by routing Q5 and Q25 through the basin to determine whether the outflow targets of 184 and 362 ft³/sec are met.

Step 6. Routing of Q5 and Q25 Through the Trial Detention Structure Using Module 4C. The basin routing operation contained in Module 4C of PSUHM can test the two-stage outlet structure proposed for the SA1 site. Module 4C combines the storage-elevation data in Table 4 and the outlet discharge rating curve previously developed and computes a routed outflow hydrograph by the modified Puls method. Module 4C prompts for the names of the inflow hydrograph file, the storage-elevation file, and the outflow-elevation file. It asks for the starting water surface in the detention basin and the time step for the routing operation. Output takes the form of a routed outflow hydrograph for the Q25 event. Inspection of the basin outflow hydrograph reveals that the maximum outflow is only 322 ft³/sec and that the corresponding storage used is 11.61 AF. Similar execution of Module 4C for the Q5 event produces a maximum outflow of 167 ft³/sec at an elevation of 1002.70 ft. This routing operation confirms that the first stage of the two-stage riser is reasonably effective in meeting the target Q5 outflow of 184 ft³/sec, but that the second-stage drop inlet should be enlarged to meet the 362-ft³/sec target of Q25. This was accomplished by enlarging the effective area to 20 ft² and the effective perimeter to 16 ft. Note that the top of the grated inlet has been raised to 1002.70 ft. As shown in the Module 4C output routing table in Table 5, Q25 through the revised outlet structure now produces a maximum outflow of 360 ft³/sec and storage volume of 10.4 AF at elevation 1004.88 ft. This is significantly less than the 12.9 AF projected initially for the site and demonstrates the clear need to perform rigorous hydraulic routing calculations.
for larger detention structures. Plots of the final outlet rating curve and the routed Q25 hydrograph are shown in Figures 5 and 6, respectively. A sketch of the final outlet structure is shown in Figure 7.

As a matter of interest, Q25 was routed through the final detention basin with the upper stage deleted from the outlet structure. As expected, maximum outflow was considerably reduced to 256 ft³/sec versus the target 362 ft³/sec. On the other hand, maximum storage required was increased to 13.7 AF at elevation 1006.22 ft. This example illustrates the difficulty of meeting multiple outflow targets with a single-stage outflow structure. The final two-stage structure in this case does an excellent job of meeting both the Q5 and the Q25 targets and probably provides considerable protection at other design frequencies as well.

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