



NOTE: This graph charts the pH level of the water leaving the active chemical drain neutralization system from the

Natural Science and Engineering Cleanroom laboratory on the UTD campus.

- The servo deadband is shown by Purple UL and LL boundary lines.
- We found that the shifting experimental chemistries caused the discharge pH to significantly drift up and down over time.
- This required both base and acid neutralization, so early in 2012, we added a base-neutralizing acid system to the servo system controlling the discharge pH. This has stabilized the drift inside the servo dead-band (+/- 0.8 unit of pH)
- In 2016 we reset the pH Neutralizing servo parameters to avoid self oscillation and minimize overshooting the city limits via short term spikes from unexpected large user dumps of very low pH chemicals.

The pH measures the acidity of the water leaving this system and entering the Richardson City sanitary sewer.

City pH Limits UL = 10.5, LL = 5.5

REF: pH=7 is Neutral, pH<7 is acidic, pH>7 is basic (caustic) pH is monitored daily.

NOTE: The fluid discharge rate from the lab is on the order of 2 gallons per minute of city water used to flush chemicals.

The Chemical discharge volume is highly variable but is estimated to be less than 2 or 3 gallons per day.