

Appendix I

Corrosion rates by various authors

Corresponding
loss of cross-section
in (mm/year)

1. *Kenneth Clear, 1989 (with K.Clear instrument)*

< 0.5 $\mu\text{A}/\text{cm}^2$ – no corrosion damage expected

<0.006 mm/year

0.5 – 2.7 $\mu\text{A}/\text{cm}^2$ – corrosion damage possible after 10 to 15 years

0.006-0.030 mm/year

2.7 – 27 $\mu\text{A}/\text{cm}^2$ – corrosion damage expected in 2 to 10 years

0.030-0.310 mm/year

>27 $\mu\text{A}/\text{cm}^2$ – corrosion damage expected in 2 years or less

>0.31 mm/year

2. *Carmen Andrade, 2000 (with Gecor 6 instrument)*

< 0.1 $\mu\text{A}/\text{cm}^2$ – Negligible

<0.001 mm/year

0.1 – 0.5 $\mu\text{A}/\text{cm}^2$ – Low

0.001-0.006 mm/year

0.5 – 1 $\mu\text{A}/\text{cm}^2$ – Moderate

0.006-0.012 mm/year

> 1 $\mu\text{A}/\text{cm}^2$ – High

>0.012 mm/year

Threshold current density in carbonated structures 0.3 $\mu\text{A}/\text{cm}^2$

3. *Thomas Frolund, 2002 (with GalvaPulse instrument)*

< 0.5 $\mu\text{A}/\text{cm}^2$ – passive areas

<0.006 mm/year

0.5 – 2 $\mu\text{A}/\text{cm}^2$ – negligible corrosion activity

0.006-0.023 mm/year

2 – 5 $\mu\text{A}/\text{cm}^2$ – low corrosion activity

0.023-0.058 mm/year

5 – 15 $\mu\text{A}/\text{cm}^2$ – moderate corrosion activity

0.058-0.174 mm/year

> 15 $\mu\text{A}/\text{cm}^2$ – high corrosion activity

>0.174 mm/year

The transformation from corrosion current in $\mu\text{A}/\text{cm}^2$ is made in the following manner:

Faraday's law of electrochemical equivalent states the 1 $\mu\text{A}/\text{cm}^2$ corresponds to a cross section loss for carbon steel of 11.6 $\mu\text{m}/\text{year}$ (0.0116 mm/year).

The corrosion rate can, therefore, be estimated from the corrosion current and the area of polarization as:

$$\text{Corrosion } (\mu\text{m}/\text{year}) = 11.6 \times I_{\text{corr}}/\text{Area } (\mu\text{A}/\text{cm}^2)$$

The corrosion current I_{corr} in (μA) is calculated from Stern Geary's equation $I_{\text{corr}}=25/R_p$, where R_p is the measured polarization resistance