



Sediment Observation and it's Analysis

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ABSTRACT

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The total amount of sediment carried by the run off/ stream flow called as sediment Load can be broadly classified into following types.

Contact Load
Saltation Load
Suspended Load
Bed Load

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Conclusion

Sedimentation of reservoir/canal is a well known natural phenomenon and many researches have highlighted the related issueds.generally economic life of Reservoir/ canal is governed by the silt rate that is going to fill the dead storage allocated below the sill level in dam/canal.

Therefore main concern in the past studies were to analysis the encroachment in the storage by the sediment besides some studies related with flood attenuation

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