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In a recent review, Piña-Ochoa and Álvarez-Cobelas (2006) argued that we need to understand similarities or differences between habitat-scale and regional-scale controls on rates of denitrification.

The denitrification enzyme assay (DEA) is a measure of the potential for a sample to carry out denitrification and can be used to indicate where in a stream there is a large enough capacity to bring about significant NO_3^- removal and conversion to N gases. The nature of the assay (e.g., anoxic conditions along with addition of carbon and NO_3^-

grand median (4061 ng N g AFDM $^{-1}$ h $^{-1}$), indicating that this substrate type does not necessarily support uniformly high rates of DEA. Mass of epilithic or filamentous algae were generally low in abundance, with median mass (0.7 g AFDM m $^{-2}$) much lower

dramatically over-estimate the actual rates of denitrification observed in situ yet this appears not to be the case. In a review of aquatic denitrification rates, Piña-Ochoa and Álvarez-Cobelas (2006) show (their Fig. 2

aerobic microenvironment. Additionally, nitrification during daytime may supply NO_3^- that supports denitrification and maintains high potentials.

Appendix

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