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Research of improvement and hydraulic model test for the treatment of thermal diffusion around the intake and outlet structure of Linkou power plant in Taiwan coastal zone

Taiwan Power Company tries to solve the warm water from outlet affecting water temperature of intake for protecting power generation of Linkou power plant runs well. Therefore, the company subscribed the research project to Institute of Harbor and Marine Technology (IHMT). The author oversaw this project and supervising for improving the arrangement of intake and outlet structures. Linkou power plant is in the north-western coast of Taiwan. Tamsui river and Linco river located in the east side (upstream) and Nan Kang river located in the west side (downstream). Sediment transport around Linkou power plant is very active. This research is also concerning about how to prevent sediment silting the intake. In summer, water temperature is higher and the reverse tidal current bring warm water (from outlet discharged) to increase the intake water temperature. Due able to diffusion effect of the thermal discharged from outlet, it is easily affect the function of power generation and probably decrease the efficiency of power generation. Therefore, a lot of field survey using echo-sounding to measure sea bottom topographic change, currents (tidal current, near shore current and alongshore current, etc.) measurement, waves and littoral drift are measured to supply the hydraulic thermal diffusion test in the basin (60 m×45 m×1 m) of physical model. Through above physical model experimental results, an optimal arrangement of intake and out let structures are proposed for future improvement of the Linkou power plant.

Biography

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