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Conventional wastewater treatment processes

Main goals of WW Treatment

1. Prevention of pollution to:

- Ground water
- > Soil
- marine life (aquatic life)
- Water bodies
- > air

cont== Main goals

- 2. Protection of the public health
- 3. Solving asocial problems caused by the acumen of wastewater
- 4. Saving of water for reuse purpose such as:
 - Agriculture
 - Recharge
 - Industrial recycle

Technical goals of wastewater

- Separation of solids from liquid
- 2. Solid stabilization
- Proper reuse and or disposal of liquid and solids
- 4. Destroy pathogenic microorganism

How to a chive the technical goals?





How to achieve the technical goals?

- Preliminary treatment
- Primary treatment
- Secondary treatment
- Physical-chemical treatment
- Advanced wastewater treatment
- Des-infection
- Effluent discharge

Raw sewage Bar rack Pretreatment Grit chamber Equalization basin **Primary** Primary settling treatment Biological treatment Secondary treatment Secondary settling Advanced Tertiary waste treatment treatment Receiving =

Municipal Wastewater Treatment Systems

- Pretreatment removes materials that can cause operational problems, equalization optional
- Primary treatment remove ~60% of solids and ~35% of BOD
- Secondary treatment remove ~85% of BOD and solids
- Advanced treatment varies: 95+ % of BOD and solids, N, P

Preliminary treatment

Remove solids by screening and settling

- The sewage is passed through a screen to remove large pieces of debris (e.g. sticks, stones, rags, and plastic bags).
- Next, the sewage enters a grit chamber, where the water flow is slowed just enough to allow coarse sand and gravel to settle out on the bottom.

Preliminary treatment

Screening:

- > Manual bar screen
- > Mechanical bar screen
- > comminutors



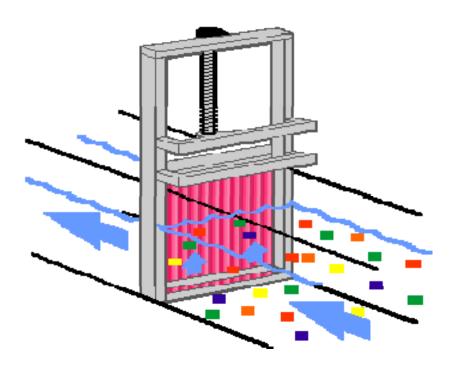
Aim

- > To remove floating materials
- To prevent damage to mechanical equipment such as pumps& aerators
- To prevent blockage of pipes

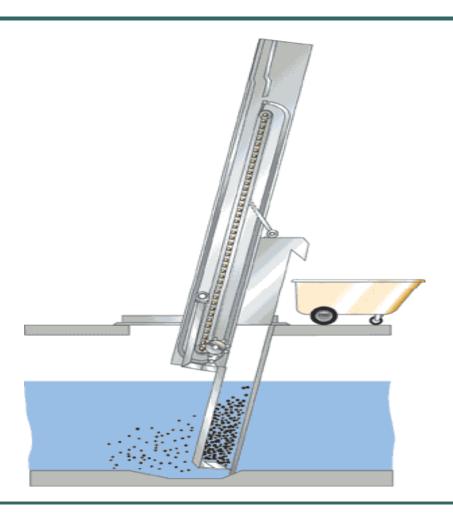
Channel width (W):

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2 ---12mm
W= (Q/VD) * 1.67 --- 18mm
1.5 ---24mm
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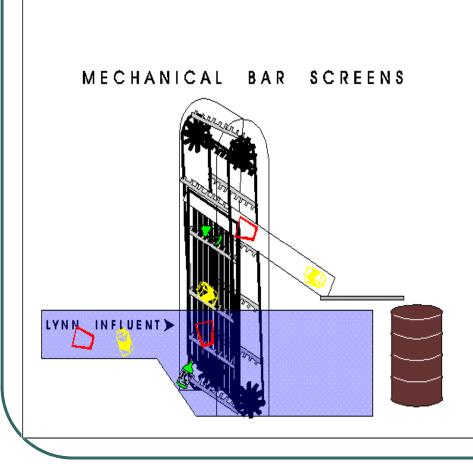
Manual bar screen



Mechanical bar screen



Mechanical bar screen





Grit removal

Aim

- ➤ To prevent abrasion & wear of mechanical equipment
- ➤ To prevent deposition of grit in pipes / channels

((It is important to remove particle with diameter >0.2 mm and to prevent organic material sedimentation))

Grit Basin



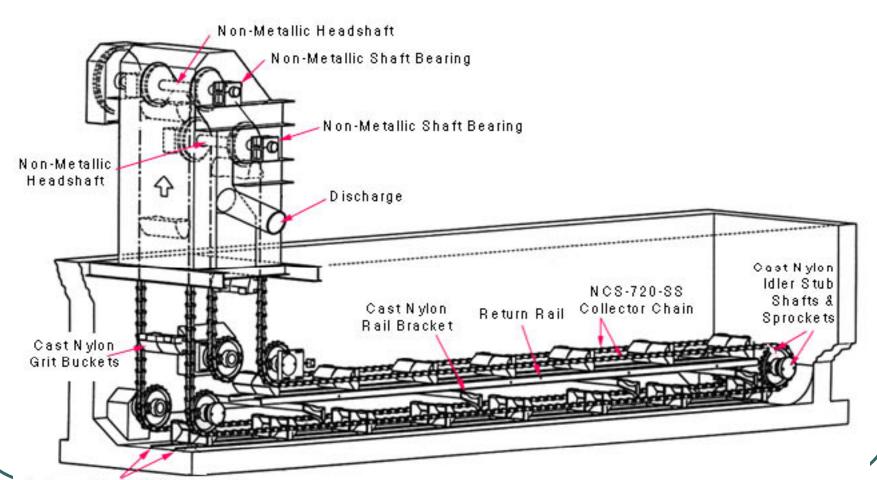
Removal grit

- 1. Grit channel:
- Channel width = 1.5A/H
- Velocity of 0.03m/s is needed for grit settling.
- Channel length = 20 * channel depth

Grit removal

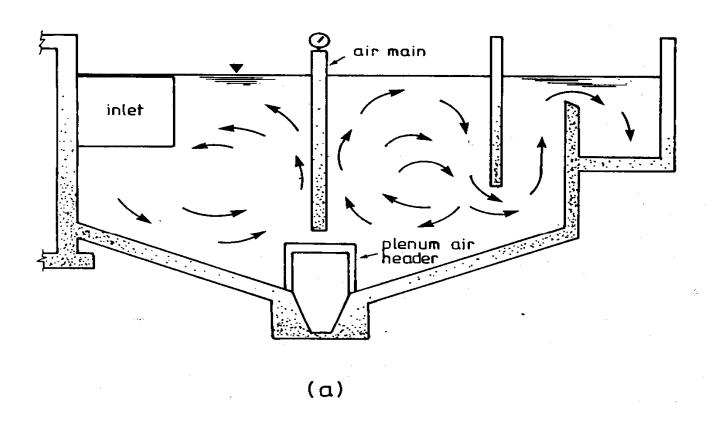


Grit Chambers: Velocity Controlled

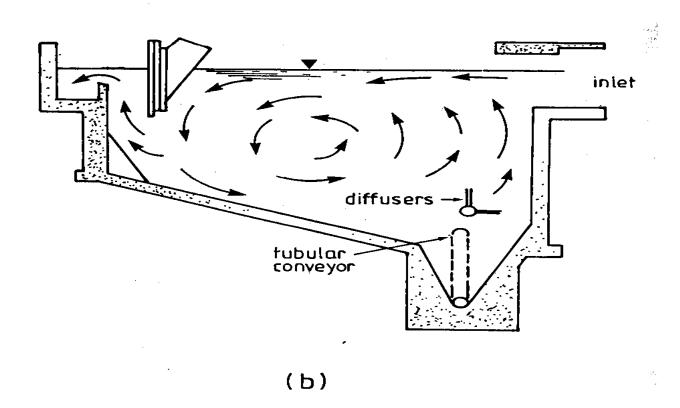


Replaceable UHMW Wearstrips

2.Aerated grit chambers



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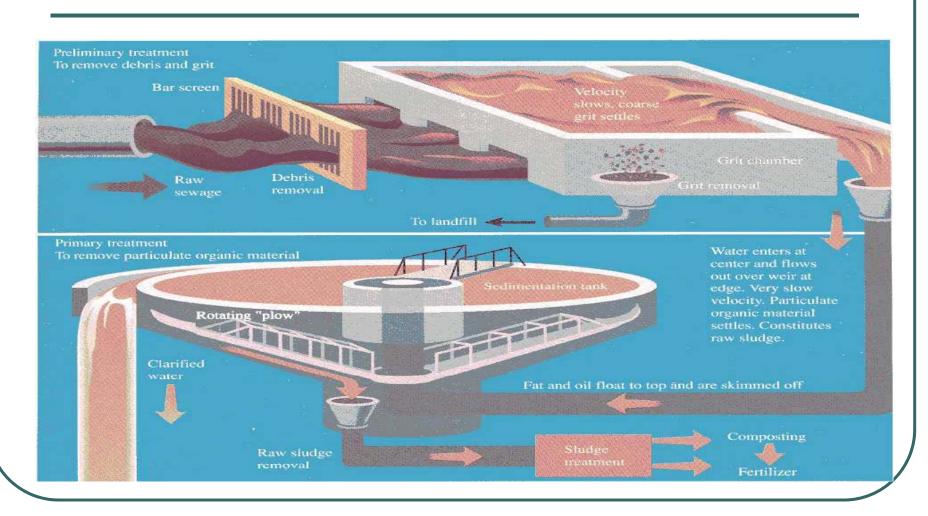


Primary (Treatment) sedimentation

Aim:

- > Removal of settable solids.
- > Removal of 40% of BOD5:

Primary (Treatment) sedimentation





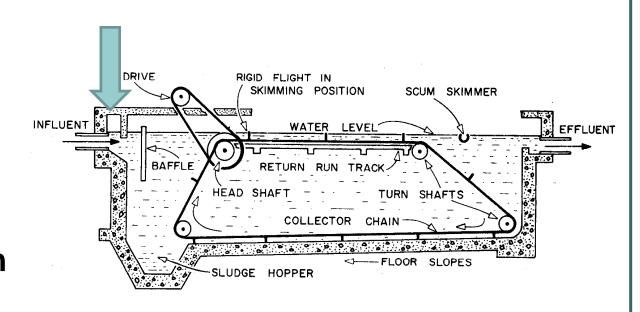
Proper Primary Treatment will reduce reactor size (construction cost) and

Reduce power consumption (operational cost)

Sedimentation tank consist of four zones:

1. <u>Inlet</u> zone:

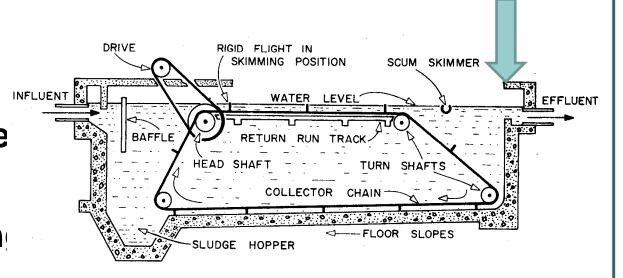
reduce the sewage velocity in a minimum space



2. Outlet weir:

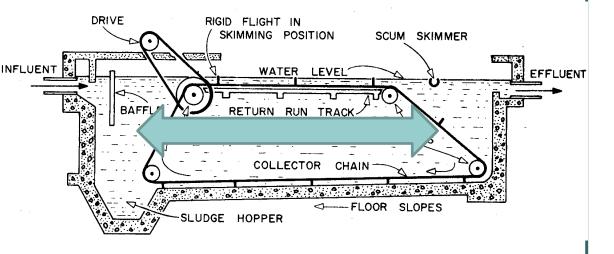
Collect and withdraw the settled sewage

Prevent floating material to pass over outlet weir.



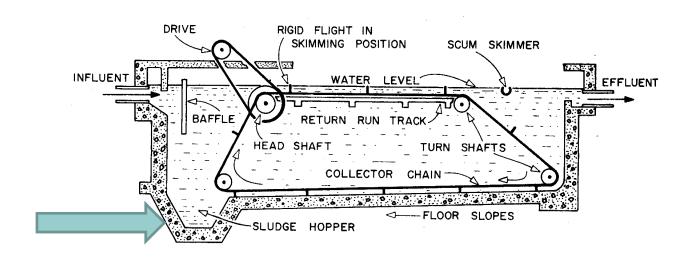
3. Settlement zone:

- ❖ Area for settlir INFLUENT
- Should free from:
- Short-circuiting
- Stagnant areas

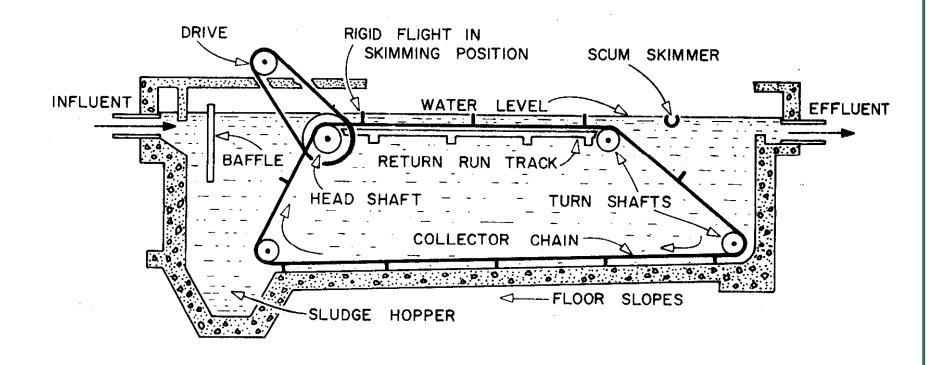


4.Storage, collection and withdraw of sediment solids (desludging):

- > Manual
- > mechanical



Primary Settling



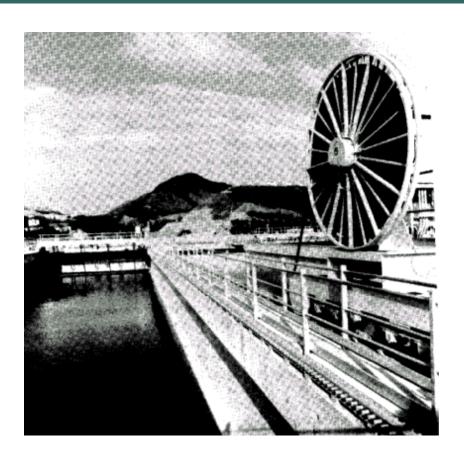


ST type

1. Horizontal flow tanks:

Rectangular Length / Breadth ratio 4:1

Horizontal flow tanks



ST type

- 2. Radial flow tanks:
- circular with slope down floor.
- Inlet of the center and flows up and out
- Outlet is around the tank.

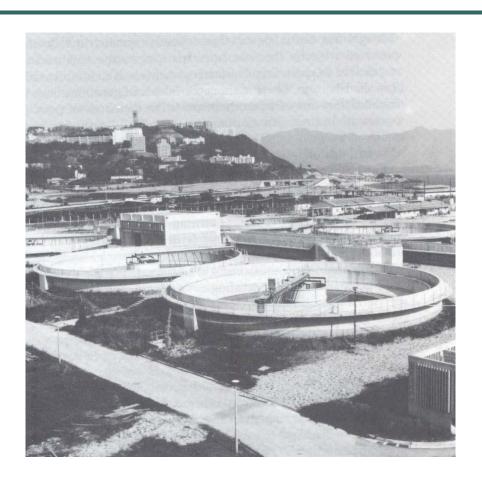
2. Radial flow tanks:



ST type

- 3. Upward-flow tanks:
- > Circular or square.
- Inlet at tank center and flow initially downwards.
- Outlet is around the tank.

Upward-flow tanks

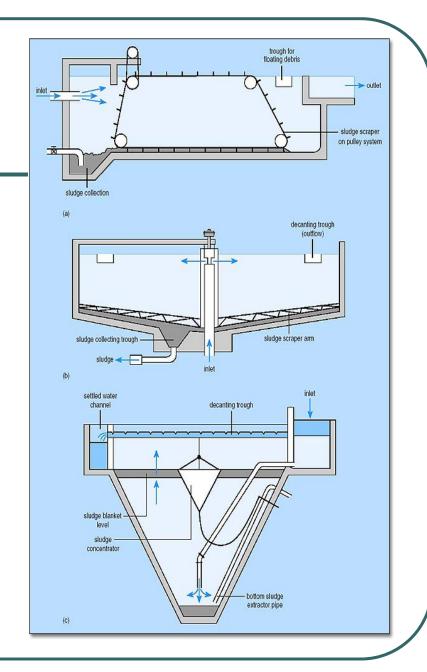


Typical sedimentation tanks:

(a) rectangular horizontal flow tank

(b) circular, radialflow tank

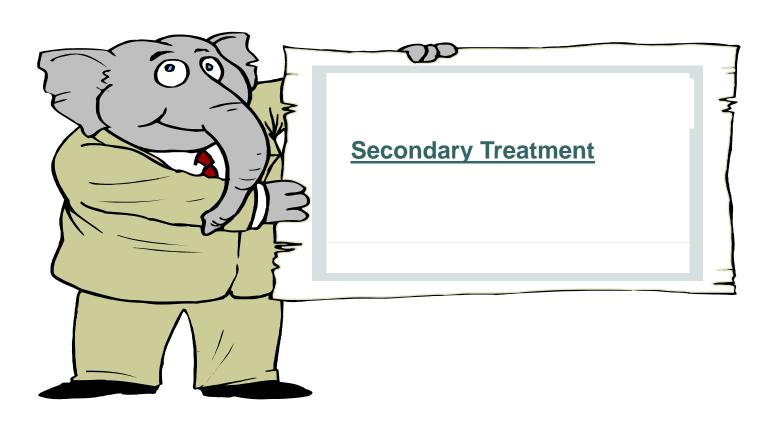
(c) hopper-bottomed, upward flow tank



Primary Settling Tank Design

- Size
 - rectangular: 3-24 m wide x 15-100 m long
 - circular: 3-90 m diameter
- Detention time: 1.5-2.5 hours
- Overflow rate: 25-60 m³/m²·day
- Typical removal efficiencies
 - solids: 50-60%
 - BOD₅: 30-35%

Secondary Treatment



Secondary Treatment

The main Aim of Conventional Secondary Treatment (Biological Unit) is to:

Reduce the Biological Oxygen Demand (BOD) through Aerobic Oxidation.

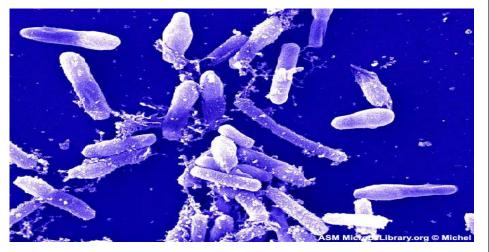
The process needs:

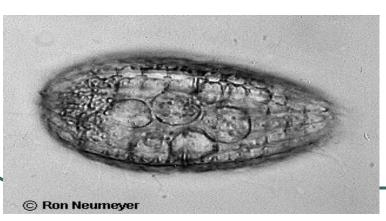
- >organisms
- >oxygen

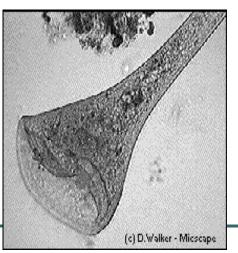
How is this accomplished?

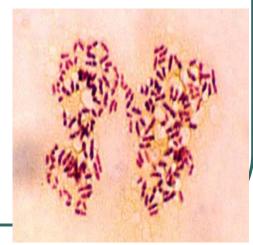
 Create a very rich environment for growth of a diverse microbial community











Secondary Treatment

- Provide BOD removal beyond what is achieved in primary treatment
 - removal of soluble BOD
 - additional removal of suspended solids
- Basic approach is to use aerobic biological degradation:

organic carbon +
$$O_2 \rightarrow CO_2$$

 Objective is to allow the BOD to be exerted in the treatment plant rather than in the stream

Basic Ingredients

- High density of microorganisms (keep organisms in system)
- Good contact between organisms and wastes (provide mixing)
- Provide high levels of oxygen (aeration)
- Favorable temperature, pH, nutrients (design and operation)
- No toxic chemicals present (control industrial inputs)

Process Classification based on form of microbial population:

fixed film processes (Microorganisms are attached)



dispersed growth processes
 (Microorganisms are immobilized)

Dispersed growth vs Fixed Growth

- Dispersed Growth suspended organisms
 - Activated sludge
 - Oxidation ditches/ponds
 - Aerated lagoons, stabilization ponds
- Fixed Growth attached organisms
 - Trickling filters
 - Rotating Biological Contactors (RBCs)

Fixed film processes:

 "Fixed film processes represent the oldest form of wastewater treatment system and includes":

cont==Fixed film processes:

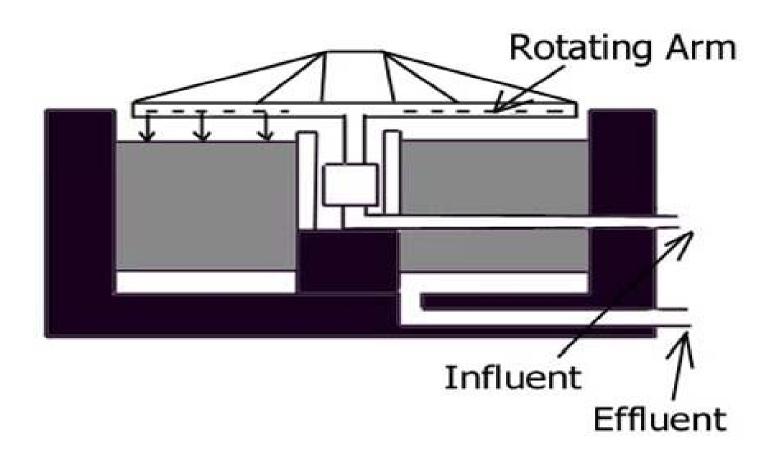
- Land application of sewage
- Trickling or Percolating filter
- Rotating Biological Contractor (RRC)

Trickling filter

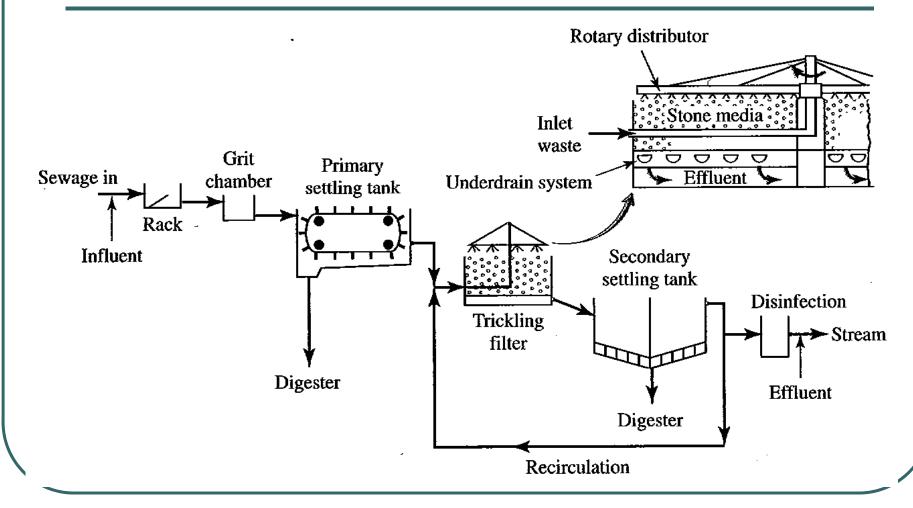
Trickling filter

"Bio-filter, bacteria bed or percolating filter"

Trickling Filters



Trickling Filter Plant Layout

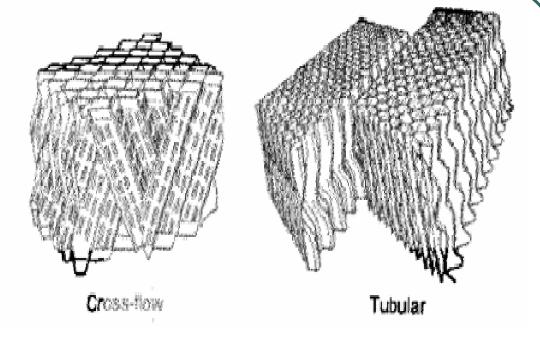


Trickling filter:

- Form: Rectangular or Circular Plan
- Inside: A permeable Media (crushed rock or blast-furnace slag of diameter 25-100mm)
- Depth: 3.0m to 12m (depends of the filter media)

Trickling Filt

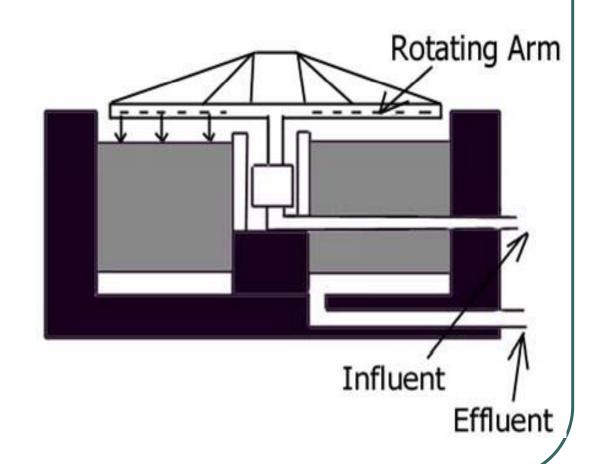


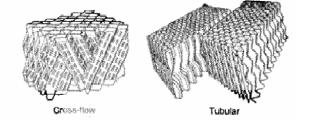




Trickling filter:

- Wastewater distributed mechanically over the media
- Effluent
 collected at
 the filter base





Trickling Filters



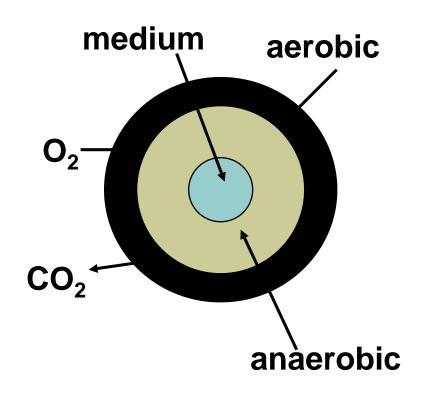
Treatment Process:

 Influent entering at the center of the bed and passing into radial distributor arms above the bed surface

CONTEST Treatment Process

• A microbial film develops over the surface of the media and this is responsible for removal of BOD during passage of sewage through the bed.

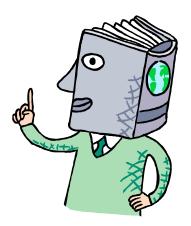
cont== Treatment Process





CONTEST Treatment Process

 The distribution of air through a filter occurs by circulation through void spaces in the filter media.



CONTEST Treatment Process

 Filtration, in the traditional sense of straining out of large particles, does not occur and the process is solely a biological one

The efficiency of the system depends upon:

- Distribution of settled sewage over the surface of the filter
- Circulation of air throughout the filter media



Factors Effected Filters Loading Rates:

- 1. Effluent quality required
- 2. Media employed
- 3. Type of wastewater (Influent quality)

PONDED Problem:

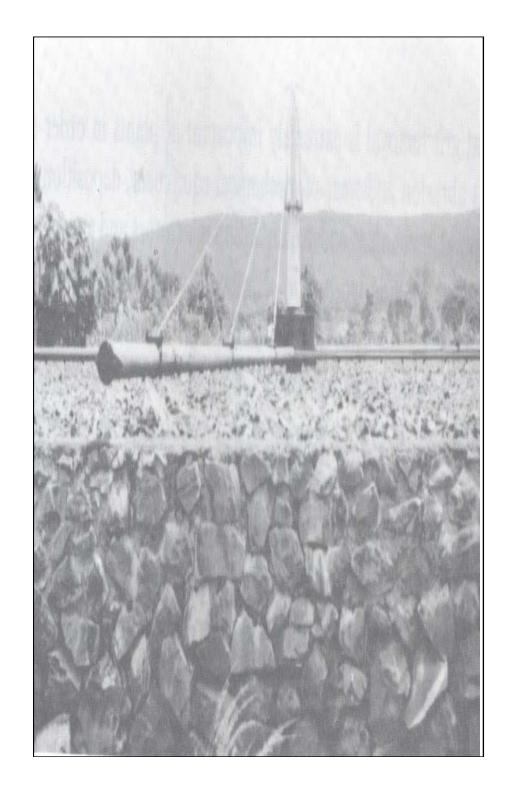
 Over Loading cause excessive growth of the slime layer resulting in the voids between the media and it becoming blocked.

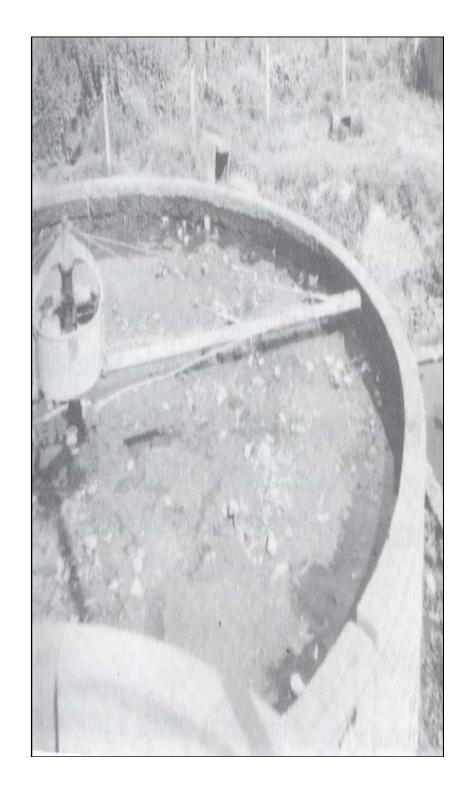


PONDED Problem:

This prevents sewage percolating through the filter and thus it collects on the surface of the media

'Ponded Cause'





Sloughing off':

 In a well operated filter there is a continual cycle of film growth followed by death and detachment from the media. This is known as 'Sloughing Off'.

Cont==Sloughing off':

 The resultant sludge is carried away with the filter effluent.
 Periodic sloughing off the slime layer is a feature of filter operation (change of seasons).
 During this period treatment will be severely reduced.

Trickling Filters

- Not a true filtering or sieving process
- Material only provides surface on which bacteria to grow
- Can use plastic media
 - lighter can get deeper beds (up to 12 m)
 - reduced space requirement
 - larger surface area for growth
 - greater void ratios (better air flow)
 - less prone to plugging by accumulating slime



Advantage of trickling filters:

- Simple technique to design and operate
- Have very low running costs
- Tolerate shock and toxic loads (short contact time)



Disadvantages:

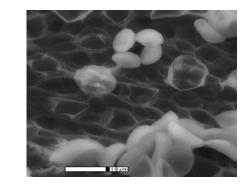
- Land requirements high
- Provide a limited treatment efficiency
- Associated with odorous and fly nuisance (In hot countries)

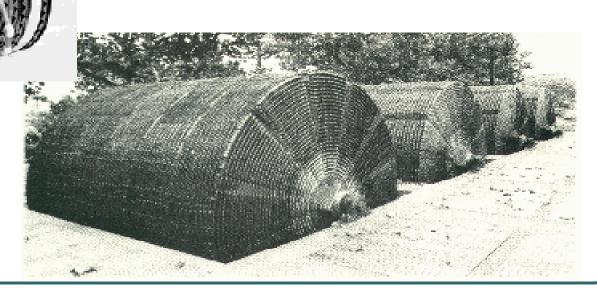
Rotating biological contactor (RBC) (Biodisc):

 A rotating disc (bed) has attached bacteria

 The disc immersed in awastewater tank

Rotating Biological Contactors

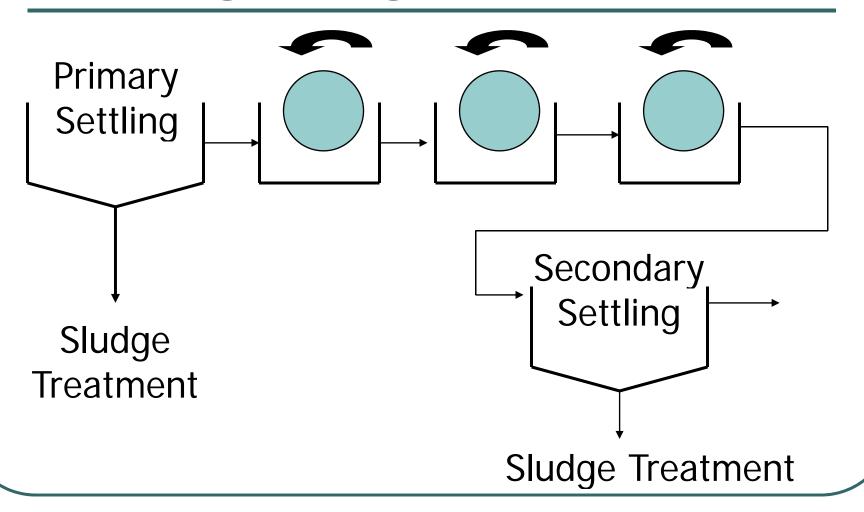




Rotating Biological Contactors

- Called RBCs
- Consists of series of closely spaced discs mounted on a horizontal shaft and rotated while ~40% of each disc is submerged in wastewater
- Discs: light-weight plastic
- Slime is 1-3 mm in thickness on disc

Rotating Biological Contactors



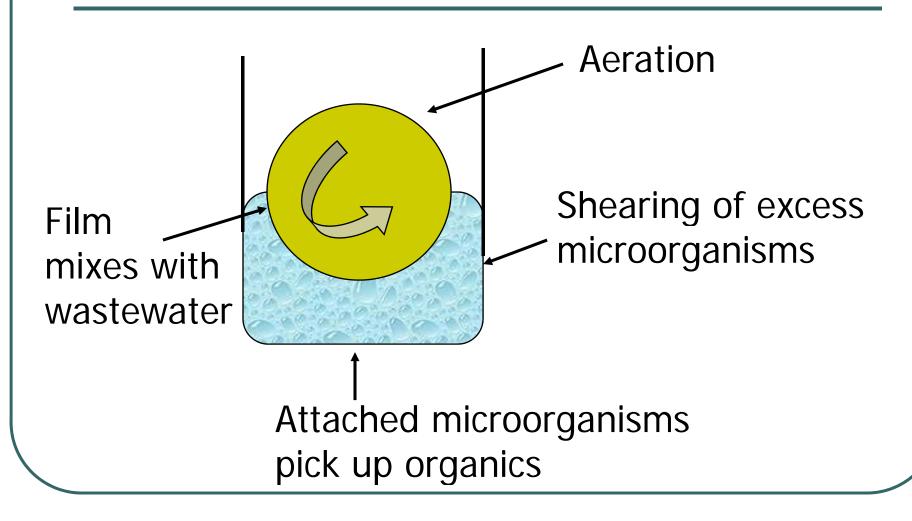
CONTEST Rotating biological contactor (RBC), (Biodisc):

 Rotation of disk will permitting the aeration as disc expose to the atmosphere

CONTEST Rotating biological contactor (RBC), (Biodisc):

 A microbial community will be developed at the disk (from of biofilm = 3mm) which is responsible for BOD removal

Rotating biological contactor (RBC), (Biodisc)



Rotating Biological Contactors



Advantages:

- Ease to operate
- Low land requirement
- Application in rural areas
- Can be marketed as package
- Reduced power and maintenance cost
- Elimination of pounding and clogging

Disadvantages:

- New process
- Breaking and craking of discs
- Shaft bearing failure
- Rain and wind protection faultily

Rotating Biological Contactors



Dispersed Growth Processes

Activated Sludge Process:

The process is a suspended growth system comprising a mass of microorganisms constantly supplied with organic matter and oxygen.

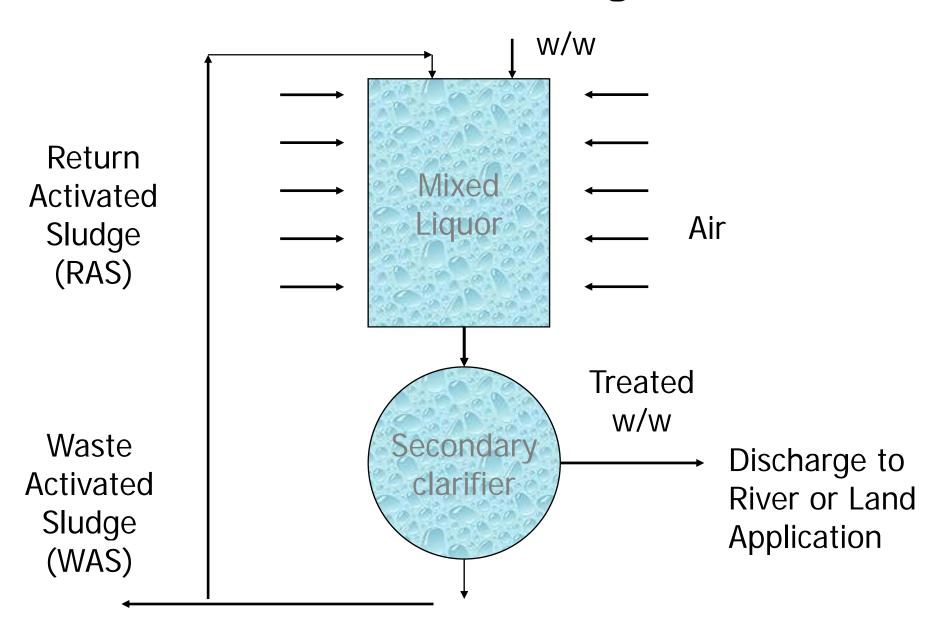
Cont==Activated Sludge Process:

The microorganisms grow in flocs, and these flocs are responsible for the transformation of the organic material into new bacteria, carbon dioxide and water.

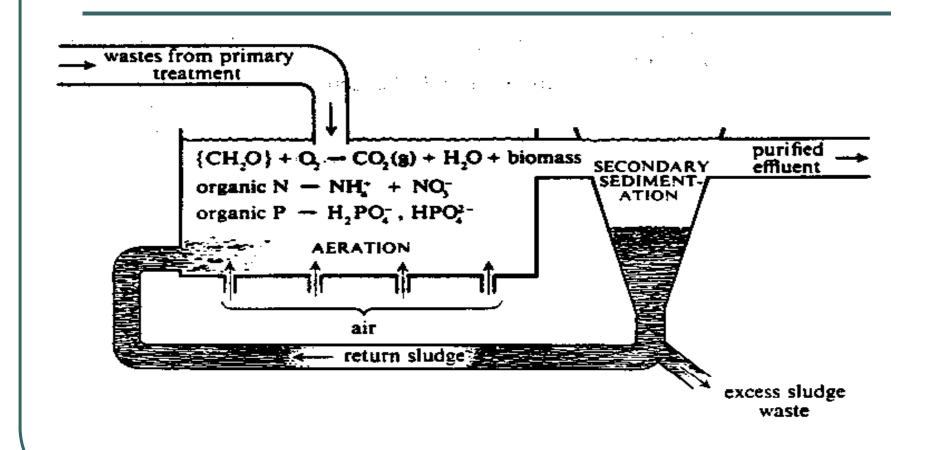
Cont==Activated Sludge Process:

- Process in which a mixture of wastewater and microorganisms (biological sludge) is agitated and aerated
- Leads to oxidation of dissolved organics
- After oxidation, separate sludge from wastewater

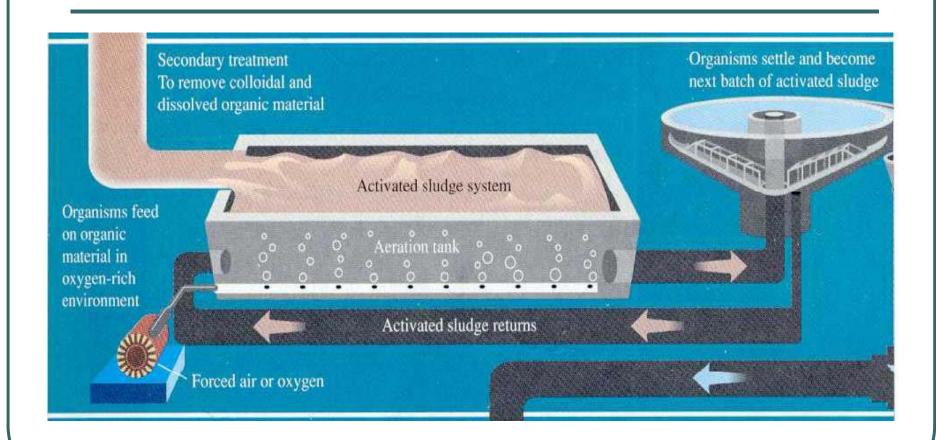
Activated Sludge



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Activated Sludge Process



Actieved Sludge Process

Organic Mater (BOD)

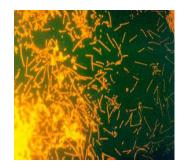
Oxygen

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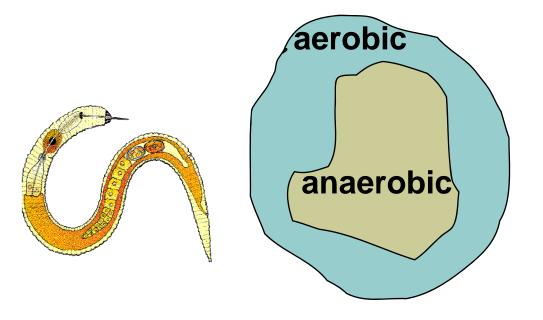
Microorganism



Growth (Flocs)



Sludge floc







Cont== Activated Sludge Process

2.Flocs washing out to the secondary sedimentation tank

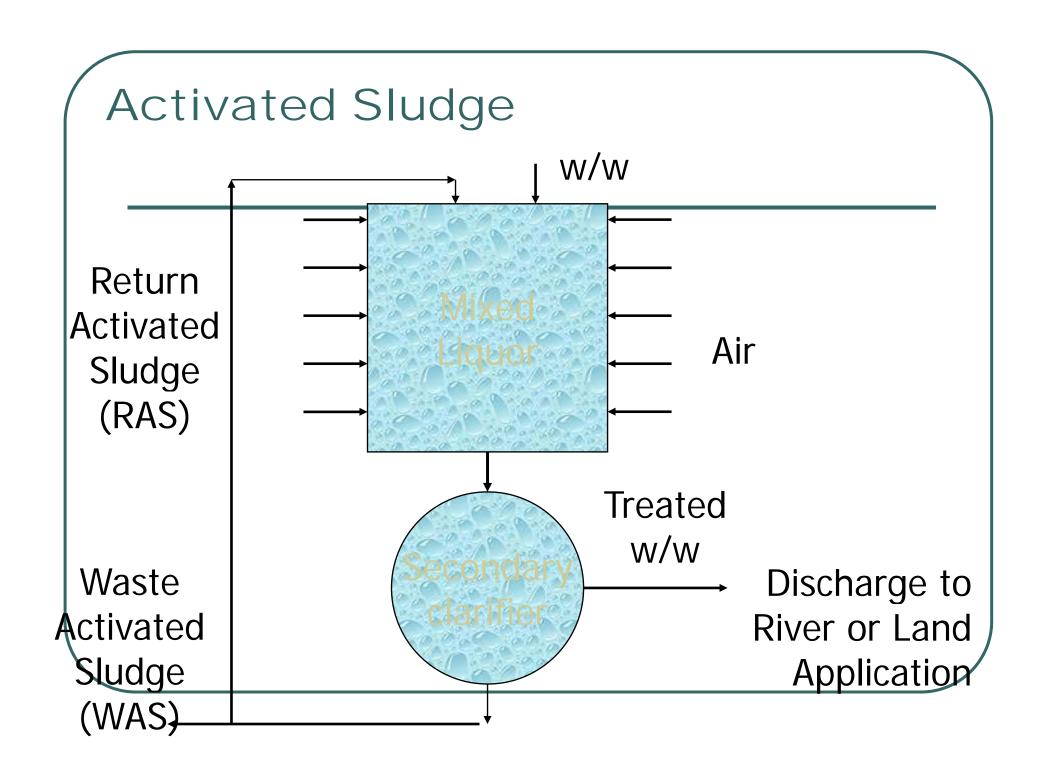
3. Settling of flocs (SLUDGE)



Cont== Activated Sludge Process

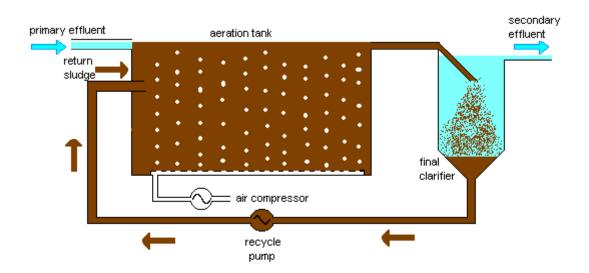
- 4.A fraction of settled sludge recycled back to the aeration tank (Returned Sludge)
- 5.Remainder sludge will be wasted



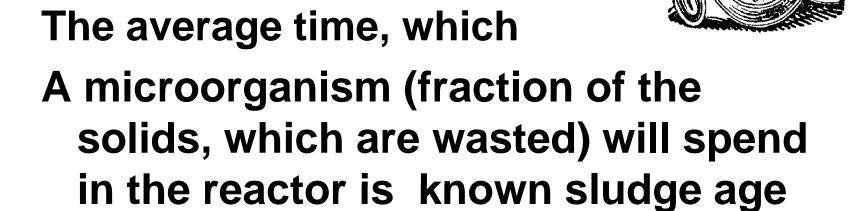


Activated Sludge Process

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Sludge Age





Sludge Age

and is defined as:

Sludge age (d) =

<u>Total solids in reactor (Kg)</u>

Total solids wasted (Kg/d)

Variation principals of activated sludge process

- The method of oxygen supply
- 2. Aeration tank configuration
- 3. Loading rate



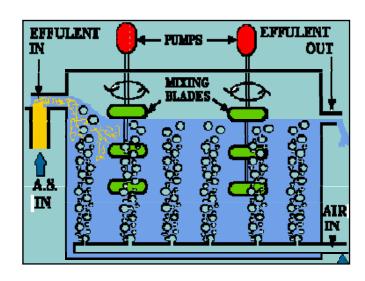
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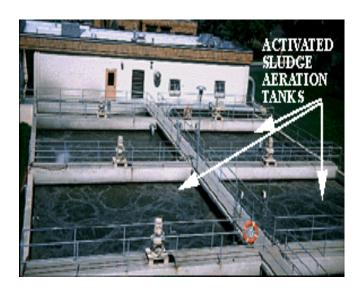
- 1. Mechanical surface aeration.
- 2. Diffused air aeration.

Methods of oxygen supply for activated sludge:

Diffused air aeration.

Mechanical surface aeration.





Mechanical surface aeration:

1. Transfer O2 from atmosphere to the MIXED LIQUOR by agitation of the liquid surface



cont== Mechanical surface aeration:

- 2. Agitation helps to keep the sludge (flocs) in suspension and prevents it settling:
- Vertical A
- Horizontal A

Cont== Mechanical surface aeration:

The immersion depth of the aerator is very important and affect the oxygenation capacity



Vertical A



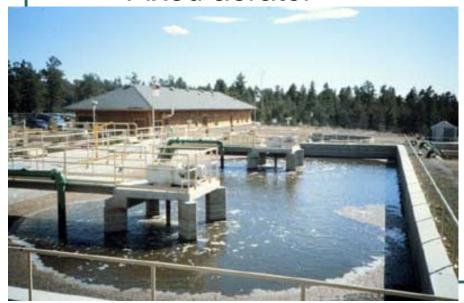




Mechanical Aerators



Fixed aerator



Turbine aerator



Floating aerator



Diffused air aeration:

1. Located at the floor of the reactor and release air stream into mixed liquor in form of bubbles

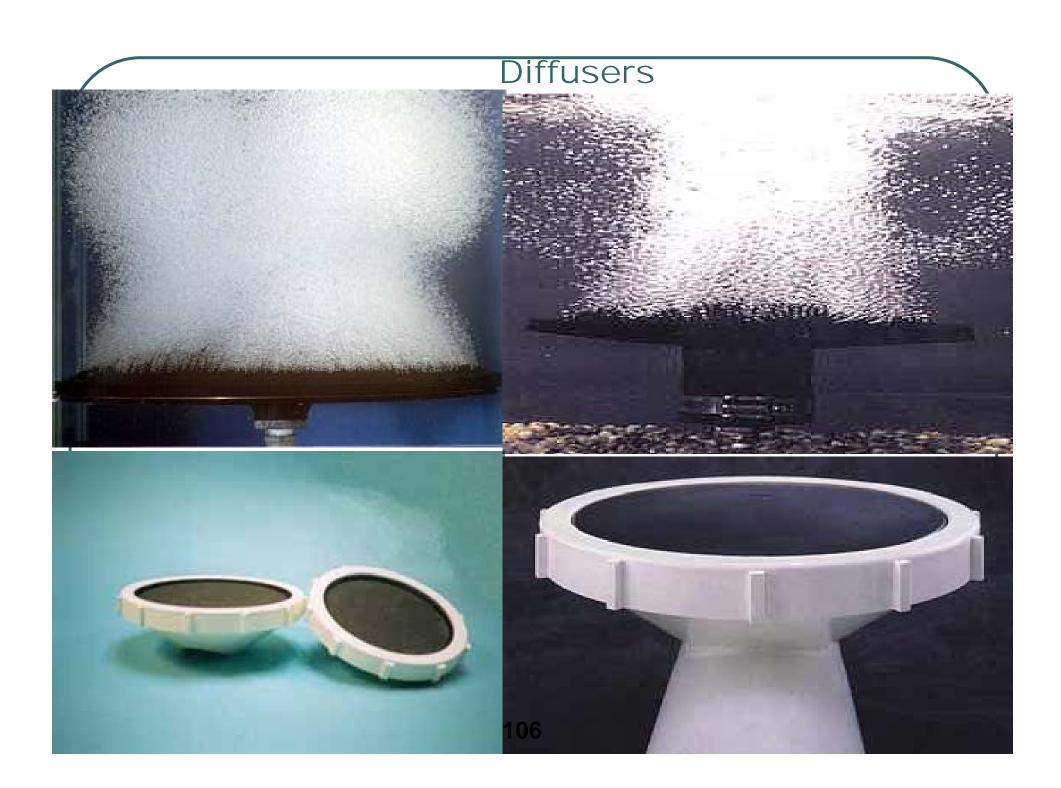
2. As bubbles rise to tank surface, this will keep the mixed liquor solids in suspension form

Diffused air aeration:



Ceramic Disc Air Diffuser









1. Fine bubble diffused air:

- Tiles made of ceramic
- Bubbles diameter up to 2mm
- Provide large air/liquid interface with high oxygen transfer efficiency

Blockage problem



attached biomass particles in air

2. Coarse bubble diffused air

- Bubbles diameter in range 3-5 mm
- Reduced oxygen transfer

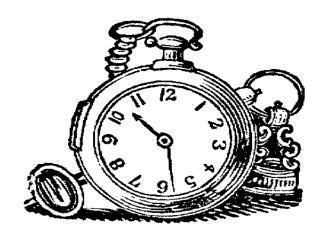
Loading rate

The parameter describe the rate of applying of sewage in the AS reactor

- 1. Volumetric loading
- 2. Organic loading
- 3. Food: microorganism ratio (f/m-ratio)
- 4. Floc loading

1. Volumetric loading:

Determined the time, which the sewage will undergo aeration in reactor



Retention Time (d) [Hydraulic RT]

= Reactor volume (m3)/total daily flow (m3/d)

In cause of absence of sludge Recycle RT= sludge age

- ➤ Contact time (6-10)hs
- > Aeration Tank magnitude

2.Organic loading:

The amount of organic (BOD) applied per unit volume of aeration tank

2.Organic loading:

Organic Loading (Kg BOD/m3.d)=

{ influent flow (m3/d) * BOD (kg/m3)} Reactor volume(m3)

3.Food-Microorganism Ratio (F/M-Ratio):

Sludge loading

F/M-Ratio=

BOD of sewage (Kg/m3) * influent flow (m3/d)

Reactor volume (m3) * Reactor Sludge (Kg/m3)

F/M Parameter

- Low F/M (low rate of wasting)
 - starved organisms
 - more complete degradation
 - larger, more costly aeration tanks
 - more O₂ required
 - higher power costs (to supply O₂)
 - less sludge to handle
- High F/M (high rate of wasting)
 - organisms are saturated with food
 - low treatment efficiency

4.Floc Loading:

Give an indication about BOD concentration available to sludge microorganism at a given time

Floc loading (kg BOD/kg MLSS)=

Mass of BOD at time of mixing

Mass of MLSS at time of mixing

Used where sludge settlement in secondary sedimentation tank is poor

FL >100 kg BOD/ kg MLSS results improvement in sludge settling

Effluent of loading rate on plant performance:

BOD loading in influent will have the following effluent

- Effluent Quality sludge settling properties
- Efficiency of plant performance

1/0= Yq - ka

:Sludge age

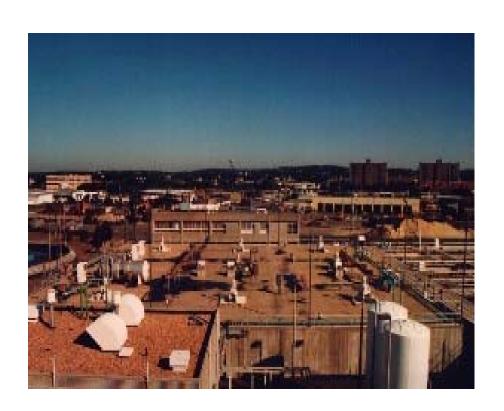
Y: Sludge Yield (kg/kg BOD)

Q: organic loading rate (kg BOD/kg MLSS)

Aeration tank configuration:

 The configuration of selected Activated Sludge reactors (aeration Tank) will have effects on many aspects of plant performance and economy (running and construction costs)

Secondary Treatment Aeration Tank "Reactor"



Batch Reactor (BR):

Activated sludge known as the fill and draw process:

- A reactor filled with settled sewage
- Aeration for sufficient time (generally 8-12 hours)
- Settling the reactor contents

Cont==Batch Reactor (BR):

- Discharge the treated supernatant to a watercourse
- Portion of the settled sludge will be wasted
- The process repeated again

Cont==Batch Reactor (BR):

The process (BR)
Lost fervor because
of the amount of
operator control
required



Sequencing Batch Reactor (SBR):

 A recent modification of BR process know as a sequencing batch reactor (SBR) is gaining increased popularity.

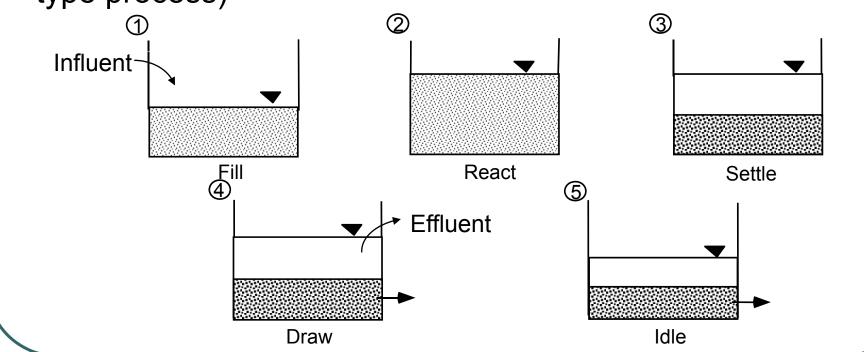
Cont== Sequencing Batch Reactor (SBR):

SBR allows different removal processes to be performed in the same reactor:

- Carbonaceous oxidation
- Nitrification, Denitrification
- Phosphate removal

Sequencing Batch Reactor (SBR)

- Suspended growth system
- > Completely mixed mode; batch mode with discontinuous flow
- Typical F/M = 0.05~0.1 (comparable to an extended aeration type process)



Causes suitable to apply RBC technology:

- Highly variable hydraulic and organic loads
- Small communities
- Vacation resorts and institutional facilities

Complete Mix Reactors (CMR):

- Rapidly distributed of settled sewage and return activated sludge
- MLSS, BOD and O2 concentration should have the same values in any point in the reactor

Cont==Complete Mix Reactors (CMR):

Advantage:

Large dilution of influent provides
 a buffer against any toxic substances

 Uniform distribution of load ensure an efficient use of aerators

Cont== Complete Mix Reactors (CMR):

Disadvantages:

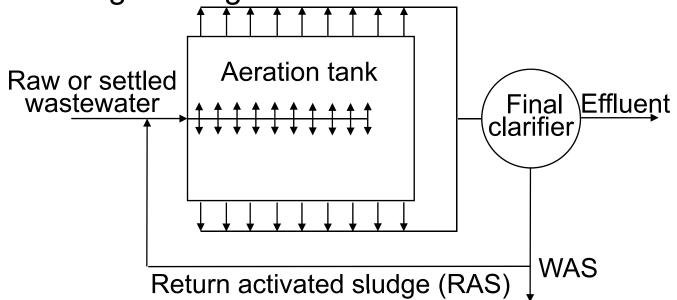


 Short-circuiting, leads to not adequate treatment.

 Low floc loading, leads to sludge settlement problems.

Completely-Mixed Activated Sludge (CMAS)

- Objective is to mix aeration basin completely.
- CMAS is inflexible (one basin); also CMAS systems tend to bulk more than conventional systems at low F/M; CMAS is useful to disperse toxic or shock loads and even out DO demand for high strength wastewater.



Oxidation Ditches:

Originally designed as:

- Inexpensive treatment system for small rural communities
- Shallow (1m) continuous oval ditches
- Excavated directly or with simple lining for certain soil types

Cont== Oxidation Ditches:

Operated at very low loading rates

No need for primary sedimentation

 A horizontal paddle aerator provided mixing and aeration

Cont== Oxidation Ditches:

 Mixed liquor keep in circulation around the ditch

 After a suitable period of aeration , the aerator turned off and the ditch served as secondary sedimentation tank

Cont== Oxidation Ditches:

Low loading rates sludge ages result:

1. Low sludge production (as result of endogenous respiration)

2. Effluent completely nitrified

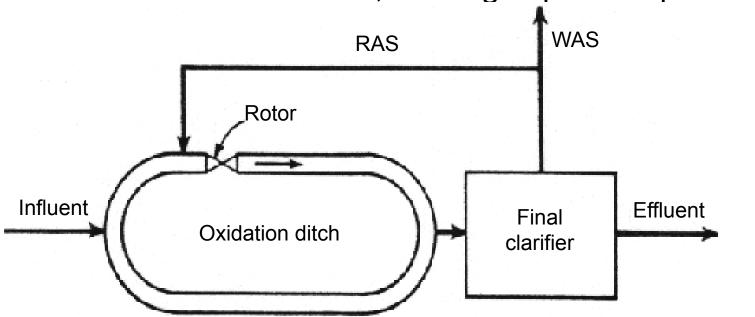
Oxidation Ditches:



Low Rate Activated Sludge

Oxidation Ditch

- Low rate, suspended growth system
- Can be operated intermittently or continuously.
 Continuous operation requires secondary clarifiers.
- Loading rates = $10\sim15$ lb BOD₅/1000 ft³·day
- Useful for small communities; but large space required.



Modified oxidation ditches:

- Represent high wastewater treatment technology
- Separation secondary settlement tanks
- The ditch is invariably constructed using concrete

Cont== Modified oxidation ditches:

 Vertical shaft cone aerators employed

 Carrousel process types for large populations





Ditch



Plug-Flow Reactors:

- 1. Tanks with a high length to breadth ratio
- The reactor consists of a number of tanks or pockets in series, each equipped with its own aerator (pocket behaves a complete mix reactor)

Cont==Plug-Flow Reactors:

3) Settled sewage and return sludge introduced at one end and remove at the other

4) Samples along the tank show a gradient of decreasing BOD, increasing MLSS and decreasing oxygen demand

Cont==Plug-Flow Reactors:

5) As load and oxygen demand not evenly distributed along, step aeration is apply

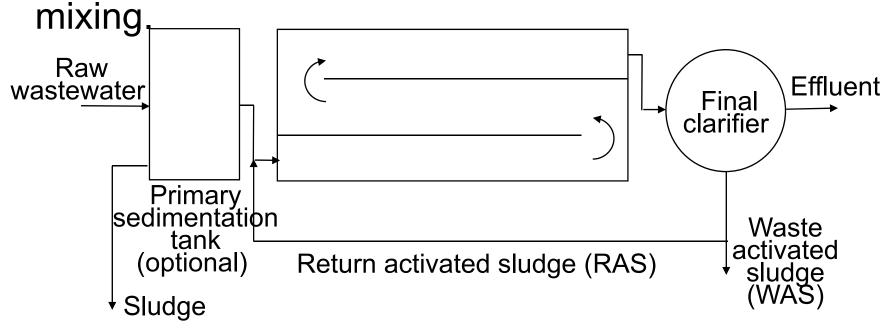
This modification of air supply matches the BOD demand and is utilized more efficiently



Plug-Flow

 RAS and sewage are fed at one and the same point in aeration basin.

The basin configuration will determine degree of



Cont==Plug-Flow Reactors:

7) Advantages : reducing total plant running costs up to 50%

8) Floc loading problem of sludge settlement traditionally reduced

Step Feeding:

- 1) The technique is employed only on plug-Flow reactors with the aim of :
- Distributing the load more evenly
- Avoiding oxygen deficiency at the inlet

Cont==Step Feeding:

2) All return sludge recycled to the reactor inlet

3) The flow of the incoming settled sewage spilt and fed to a number of pockets

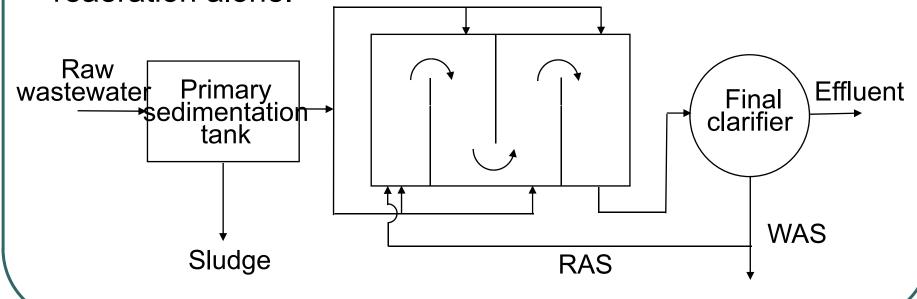
Cont==Step Feeding:

4) If too many increments of feed are employed, reactor will resemble in CMR



Step Aeration

- Tank size for aeration may be reduced to about the half the size of CAS.
- More efficient use of oxygen.
- Can have some part of aeration basin devoted to RAS reaeration alone.



Modifications of conventional sludge process:

Variations are possible, based on:

- Differing reactor configuration modes of aeration
- Modification haves generally a specific function

Cont== Modifications of conventional sludge process:

- Reduce construction and operation costs
- Modification to existing conventional plants



Completely new plant

{Understanding the philosophy behind the modification is important}

(A/B) process:

The absorption-bio-oxidation (A/B) process



- Two stage process in series
- The aim to maximize the production of sludge in two reactor

 Oxygen is required for oxidative process which produced energy and carbon dioxide



The process operates without primary sedimentation

 A separation of the first-stage sludge from that of the second stage

- Two secondary clarifiers are required
- A. The first has a very high sludge loading rate:

> 3-7 kg BOD/kg MLSS d . (operating in facultative anaerobic mode) 50% of the influent BOD is achieved



Reducing energy required to remove 1 kg of BOD from 0.3 kwh to 0.15 kwh.

Exploiting the gut microorganism in raw sewage.

B. The B stage completes the oxidation of the sewage:

Loading rate 0.5kg BOD/kg MLSS d.

Operates aerobically with high solids retention time, with nitrification of ammonia

Efflent ammonia concentration 5-10mg/1.

 A/B process can have a loading rate 50% more than conventional single stage activated sludge plant with the same effluent quality

- Process to solve the sludge settlement in CMR
- The process provides zone with high floc loading in a small tank

Cont== Contact stabilization:

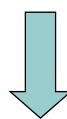
Screened sewage + return sludge 30 min in AT (contact zone)



Settling effluent to wc

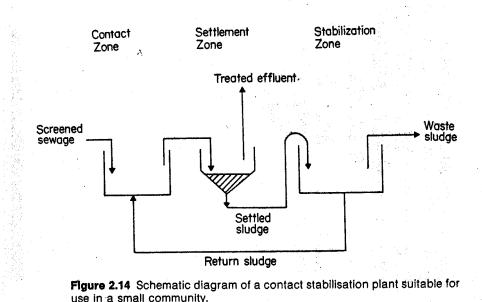


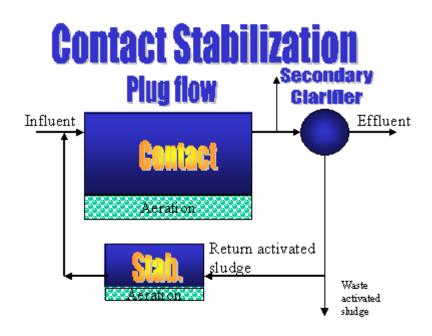
sludge



transfer to stabilization zone (aeration up to 12 hours)

- Sludge returned to contact zone
- Sludge absorbed BOD to floc







Advantages:

large reduction of AT Sludge for a package plant for small communities

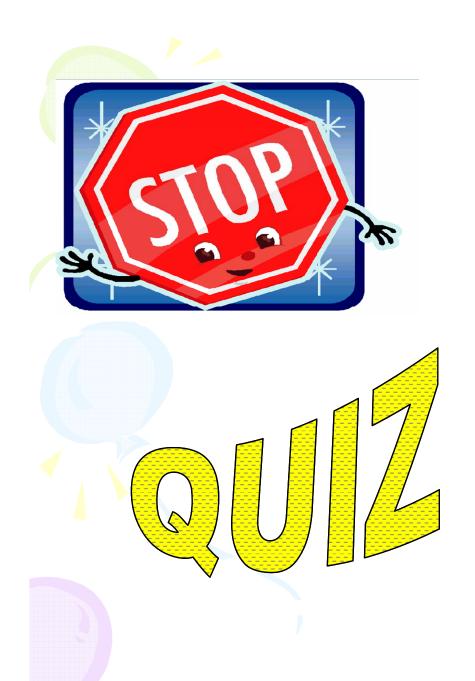
- The aim is to maximize sludge production
- Has two stage AS
- The process operates without primary sedimentation

- Two secondary clarifiers are required
- First stage (A-stage):
- Has very high sludge loading rate (3-7kg BOD/kg MLSS/d)
- Facultative anaerobic

- Treatment efficiency is low
- Rabid BOD removed (50%)
- Energy required low (0.15kwh/1kg BOD)
- BOD removed mechanism is absorption

- B-stage:
- Has low sludge loading (0.3kgBOD/kg MLSS)
- Aerobic with high solids R.T
- Nitrification is occur

- This system save in aeration cost
- Sludge (organic mater) used CH4 produced (anaerobic Digestion)





- 1. The aim of primary treatment To prevent blockage of pipes
- 2. The aim of Grit removal is to prevent organic material sedimentation
- 3. 40% of BOD5 remove in primary sedimentation

- 4. Settlement zone Should free from Short-circuiting
- 5. Fixed film processes represent the oldest form of wastewater treatment system
- trickling filters Simple technique to design ,operate and high running costs

- 7. RBC elimination of pounding and clogging
- 8. The average time, which a microorganism will spend in the reactor is known sludge age
- 9. Coarse bubble diffused air Reduced oxygen transfer

10. CMR rapidly distributed of settled sewage and return activated sludge



