

Mother Road Brewing Company Wastewater Pre-Treatment Design



CENE 486C - STILL WATER TREATMENT ENGINEERING:
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Project Purpose



Reduce contaminant of concern (COC) concentrations in the Mother Road Brewing Company (MRBC) wastewater effluent



Lower MRBC's monthly expenditures



Increase MRBC's environmental sustainability

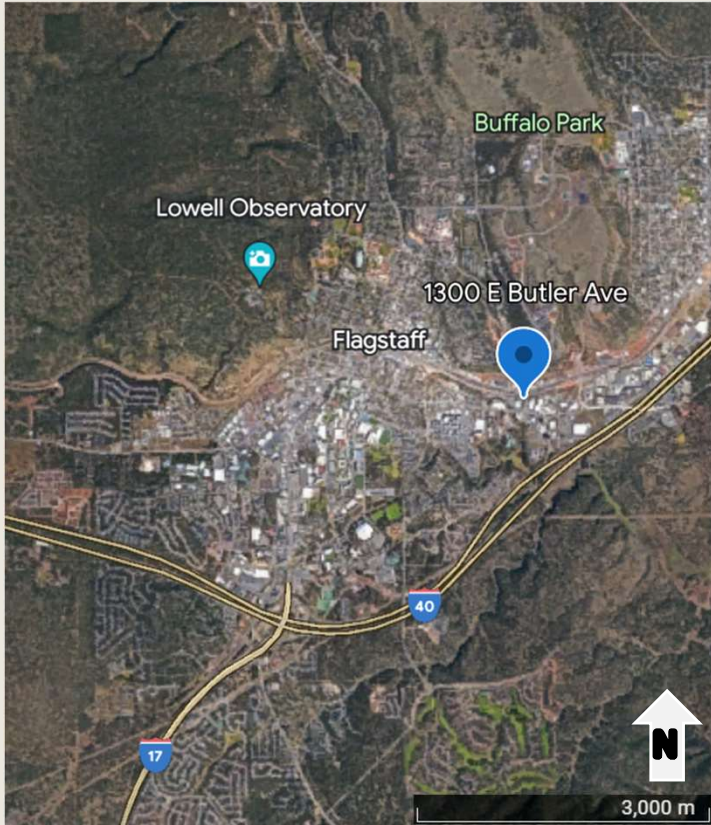


Figure 1: City Location of MRBC Brewery [1]



Figure 2: Street Location of MRBC Brewery [1]

Site Location

Project Background

Table 1: Current Concentrations and Regulations [2]

Contaminant	Current Concentration (mg/L)	Standards for Discharge (mg/L)
BOD	3,108 – 21,075	10,323*
TSS	120 – 1,860	1,917*
TKN	104 – 211	173

*Limit changes based on discharge rate [2]

Brown: In Exceedance

BOD: Biochemical Oxygen Demand

- Amount of oxygen used by organisms in water

TSS: Total Suspended Solids

- Amount of solids in water that do not settle

TKN: Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen

- Sum of organic nitrogen and ammonia

Project Background

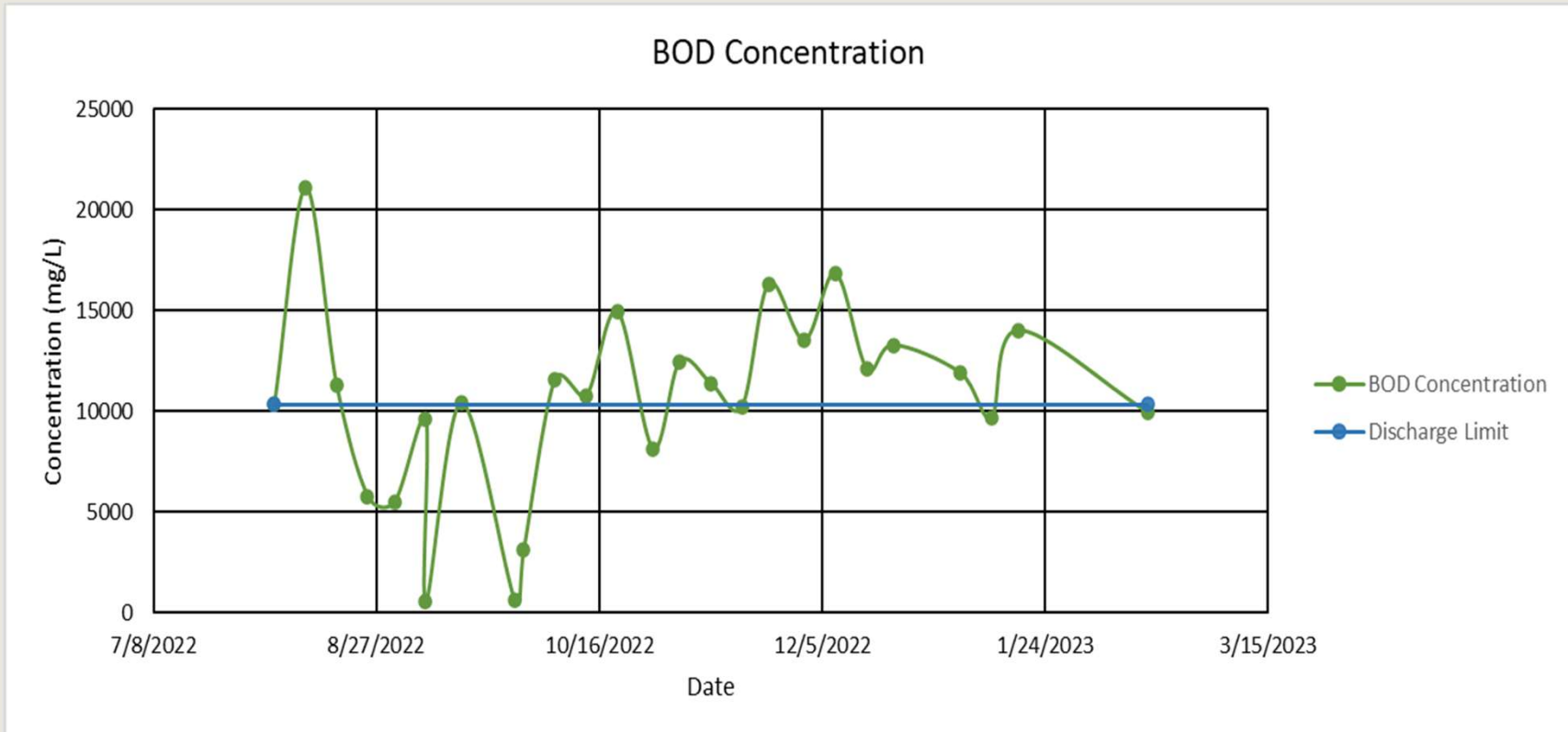


Figure 3: BOD Concentration Graph

Project Background

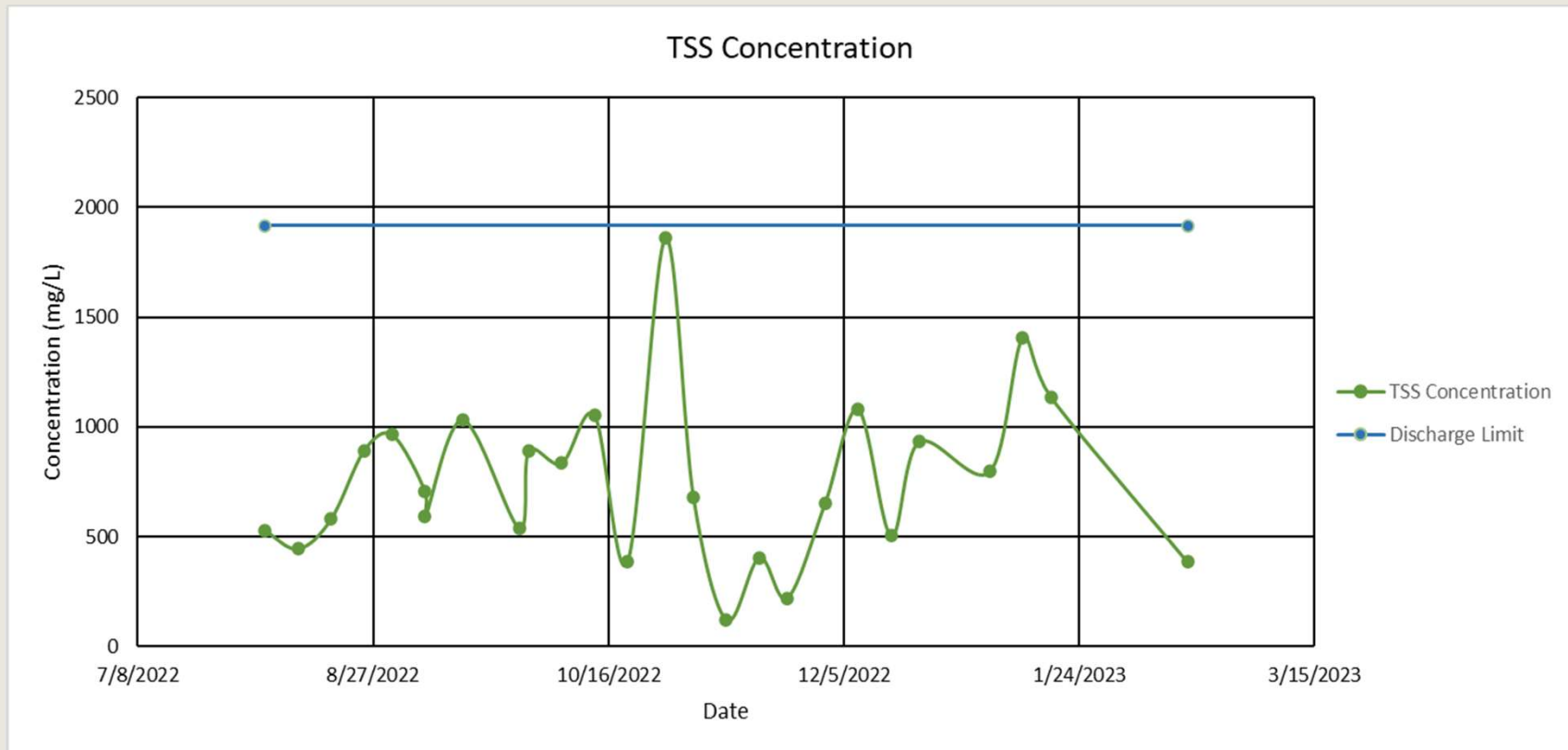


Figure 4: TSS Concentration Graph

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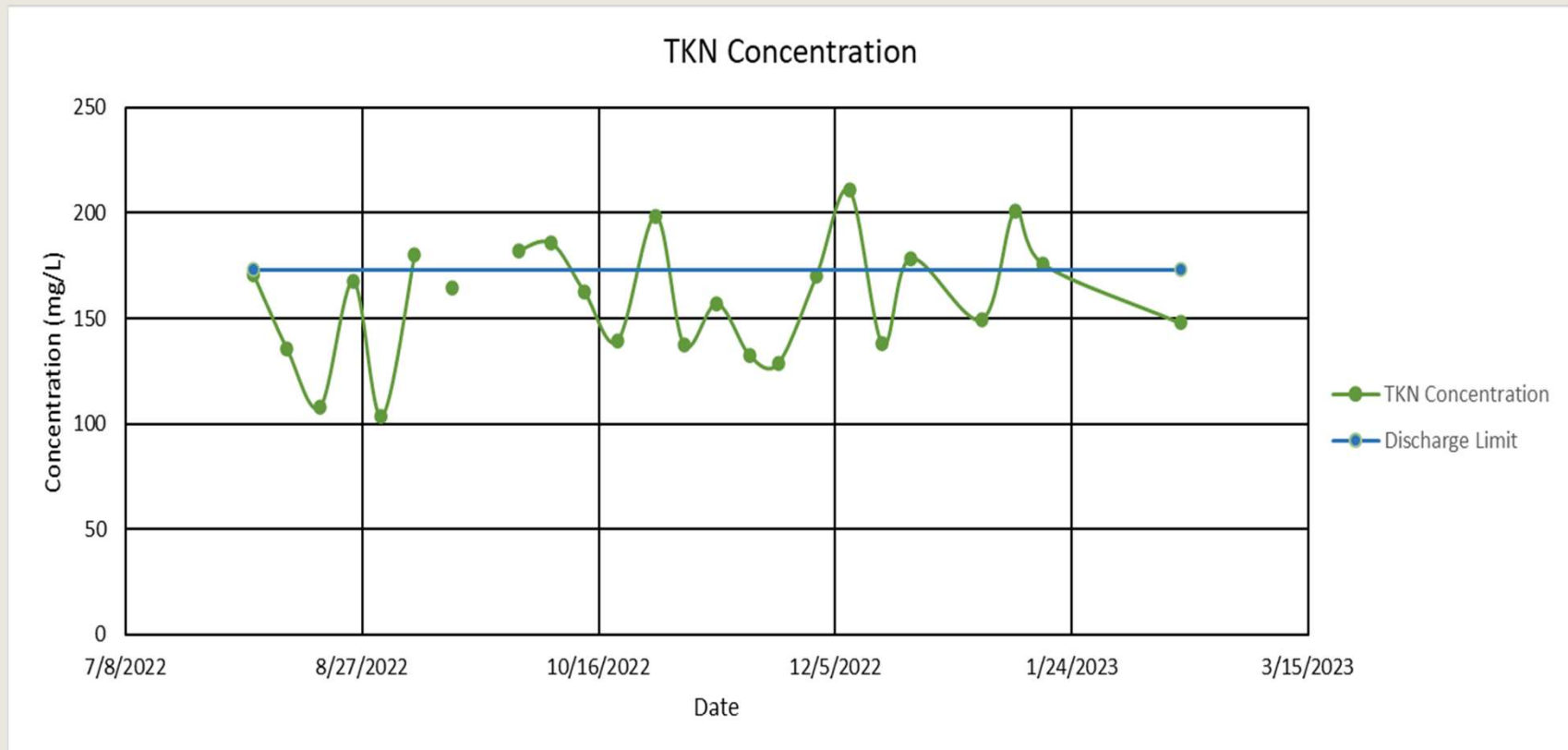


Figure 5: TKN Concentration Graph

Lab Testing

- Lab analysis conducted to confirm provided COC data
- Max COC accepted for modeling parameters
- Additional COCs tested to better understand wastewater characteristics

Table 2: Lab Test Data, IBE Test Data, and Accepted Data

COC	Sample Size (n)	Still Water Treatment Engineering Concentration Data (Average mg/L ± Standard Deviation)	IBE Data Range (mg/L)	Accepted Maximum Concentration Values (mg/L)
BOD (mg/L)	19	824 ± 811	3108-21075	21075
TKN (mg/L)	4	113 ± 0	104-211	211
TSS (mg/L)	6	690 ± 330	120-1860	1860
VSS (mg/L)	6	630 ± 307	N/A	937
COD (mg/L)	6	10210 ± 5703	N/A	14916
PO4 (mg/L)	4	5 ± 2	N/A	7

The Brewing Process

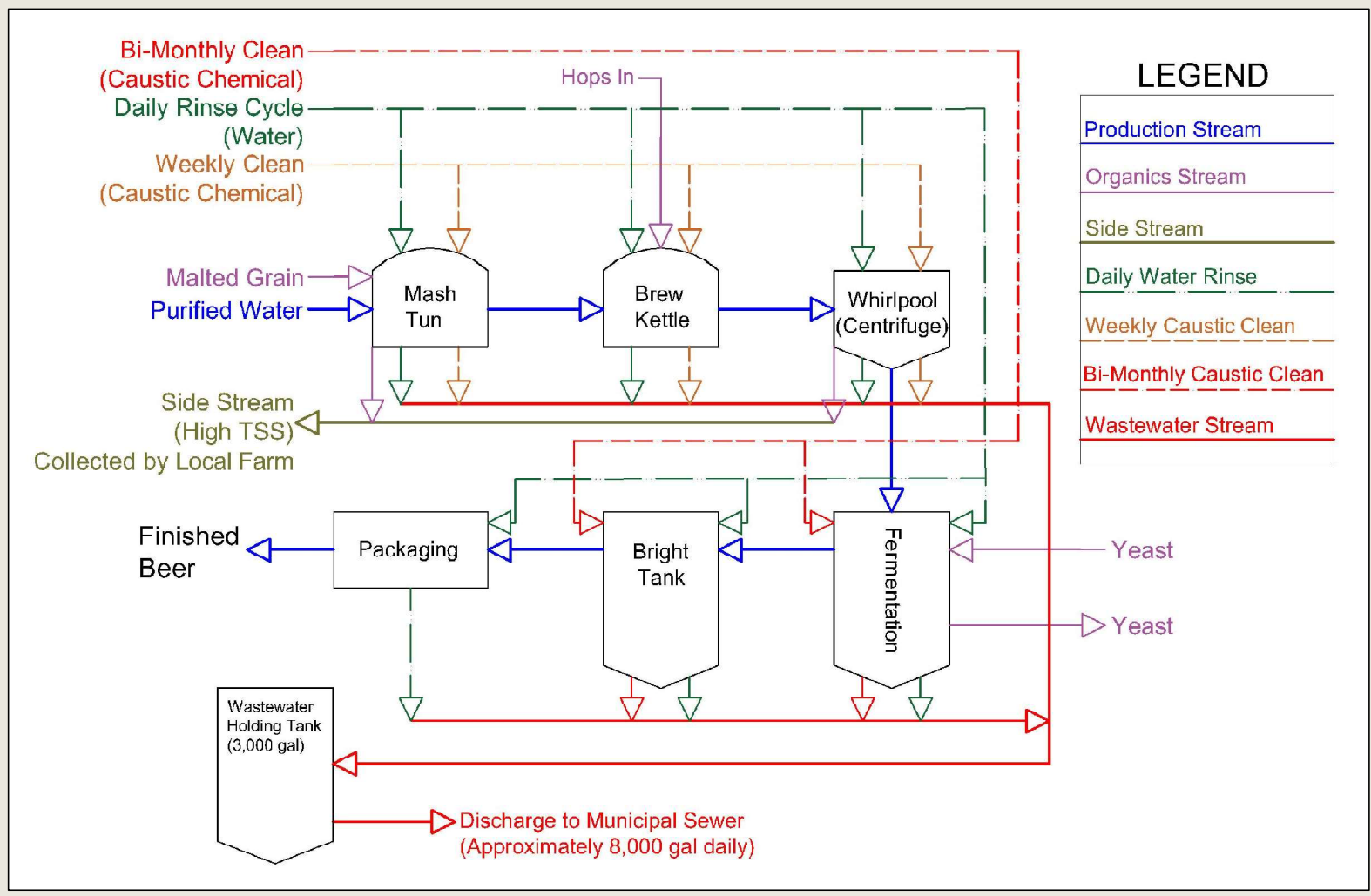
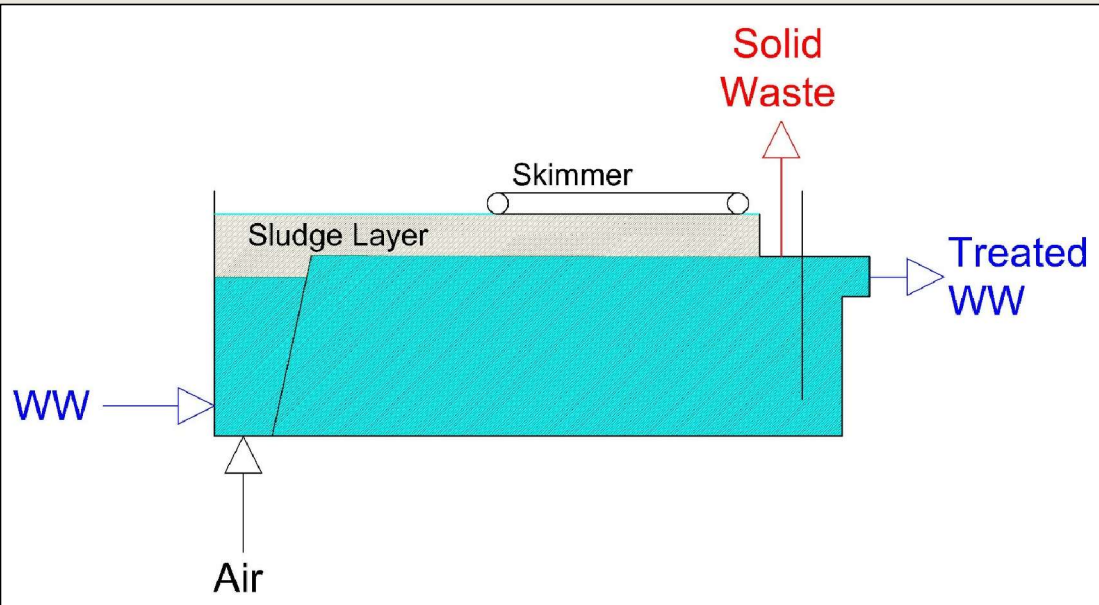


Figure 6: Brewery Process Wastewater Process Flow Diagram

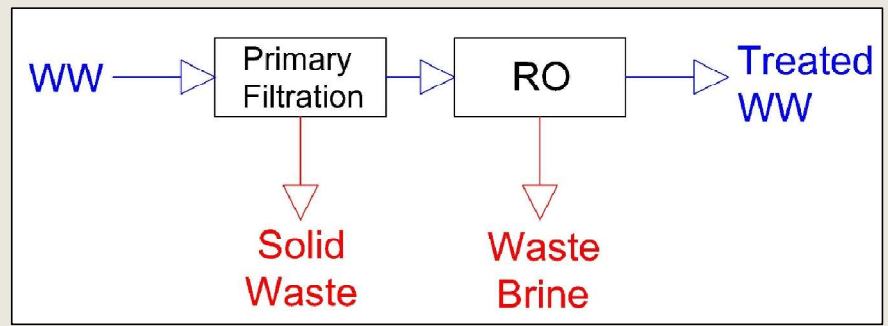
Treatment Alternatives (BOD)

Figure 7: Dissolved Air Flotation



- HIGHLIGHTS
- BOD: 50% removal
 - Rely on stratification of solids

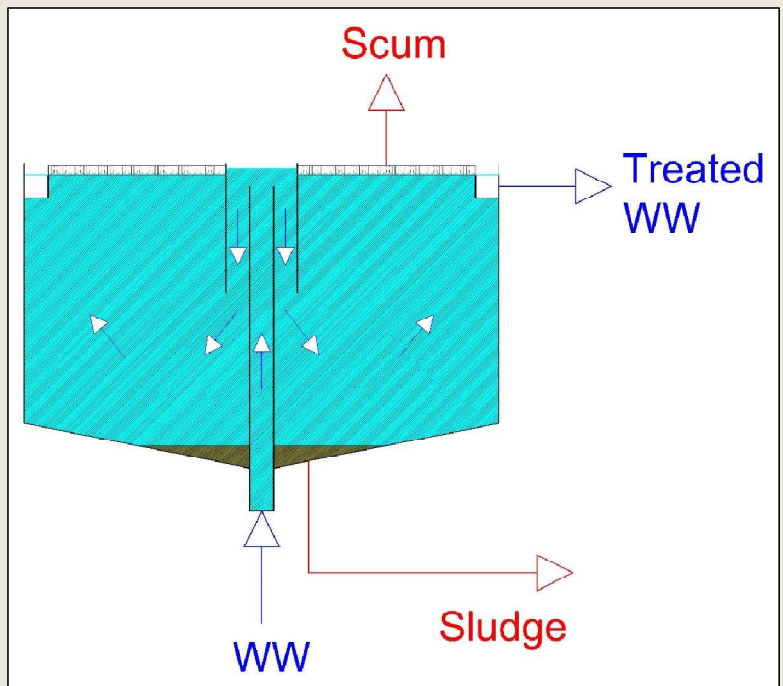
Figure 8: Reverse Osmosis



- HIGHLIGHTS
- BOD: 99% removal
 - Durable system

Treatment Alternatives (BOD)

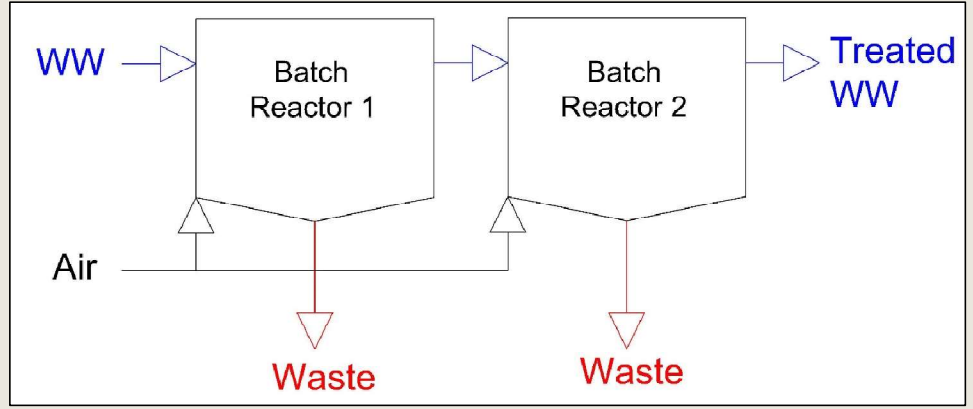
Figure 9: Settling Tank



HIGHLIGHTS

- BOD: 25-35% removal
- Rely on stratification of solids

Figure 10: Anaerobic Sequencing Batch Reactor (SBR)

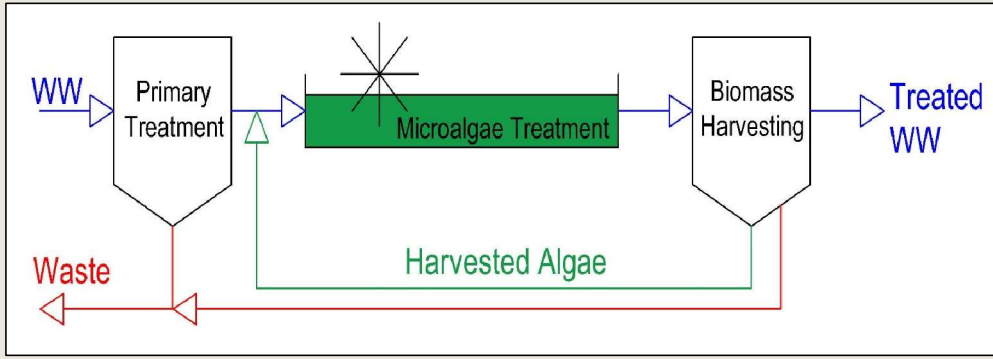


HIGHLIGHTS

- BOD: 80% removal
- Suitable for high organic loading rates

Treatment Alternatives (TKN)

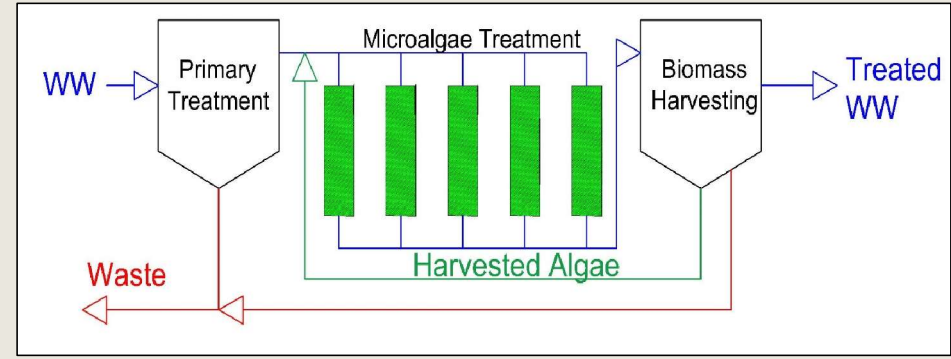
Figure 11: Microalgae Raceway Pond



HIGHLIGHTS

- TKN: 99% removal
- Highly reliant on natural light

Figure 12: Microalgae Photobioreactor

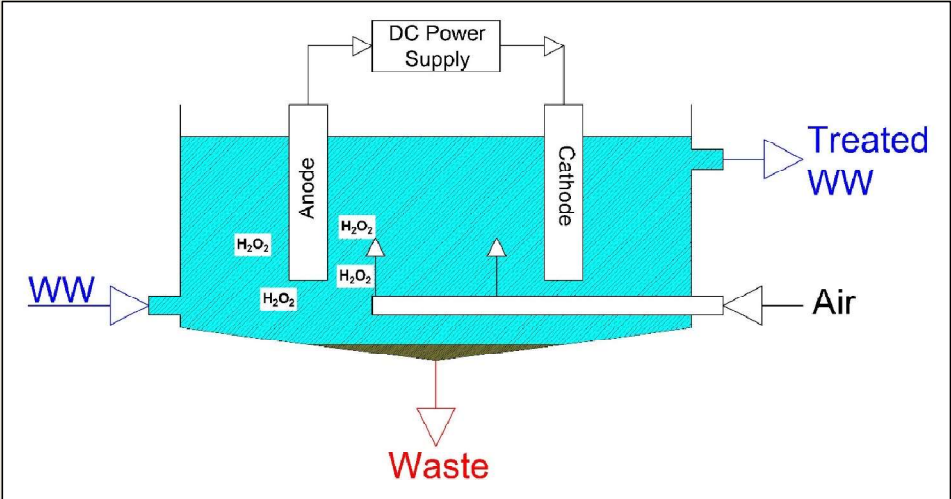


HIGHLIGHTS

- TKN: 99% removal
- Highly reliant on natural light

Treatment Alternatives (TKN)

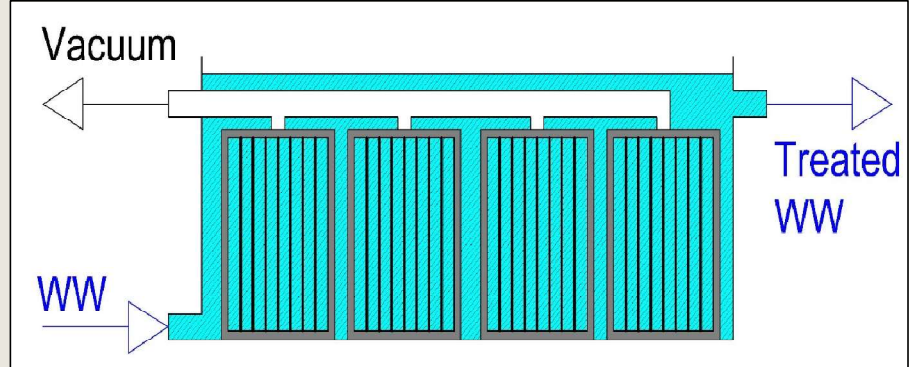
Figure 13: Electro-Fenton Sequencing Batch Reactor (EF-SBR)



HIGHLIGHTS

- TKN: 98% removal
- High maintenance and installation cost

Figure 14: LEAPmbr™

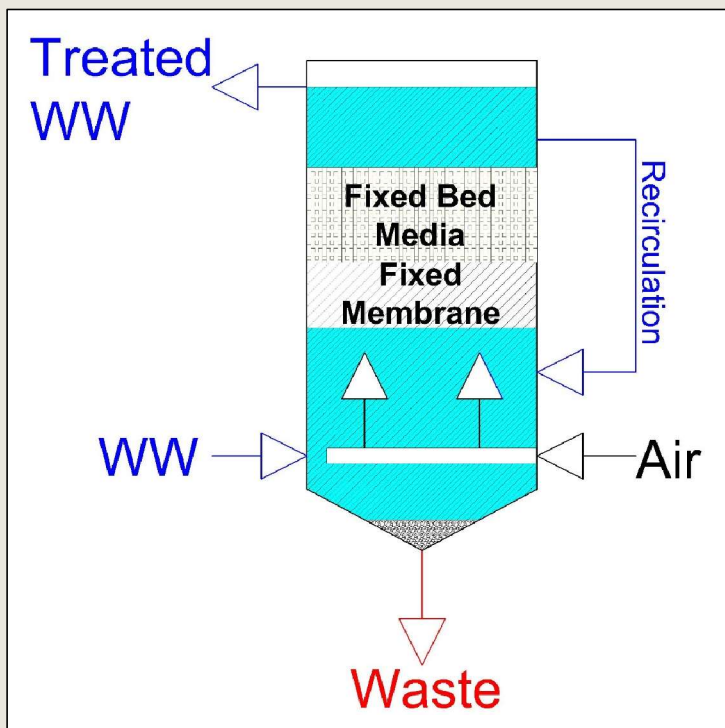


HIGHLIGHTS

- TKN: 90% removal
- High maintenance and installation cost

Treatment Alternatives (BOD & TKN)

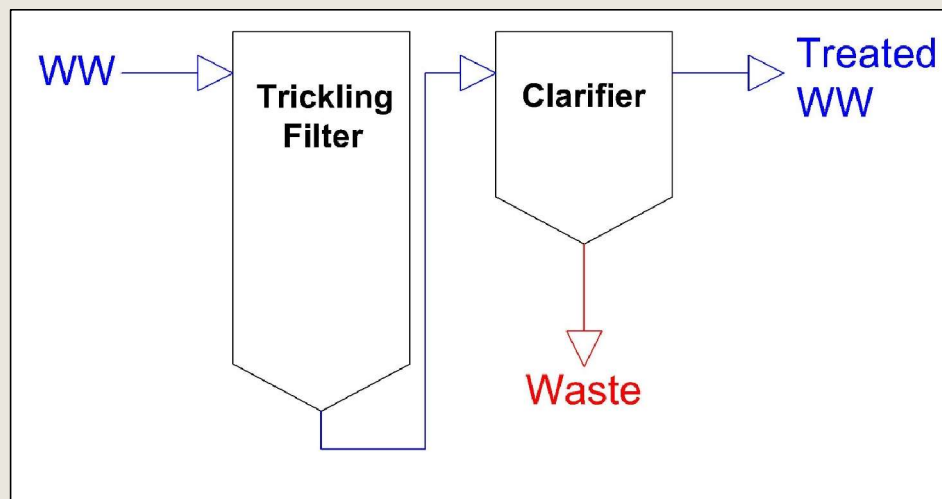
Figure 15: Hybrid Fixed Bed Membrane Bioreactor



HIGHLIGHTS

- BOD: 95% removal, TKN: 49% removal
- Suitable for high organic loading rates

Figure 16: Trickling Filter

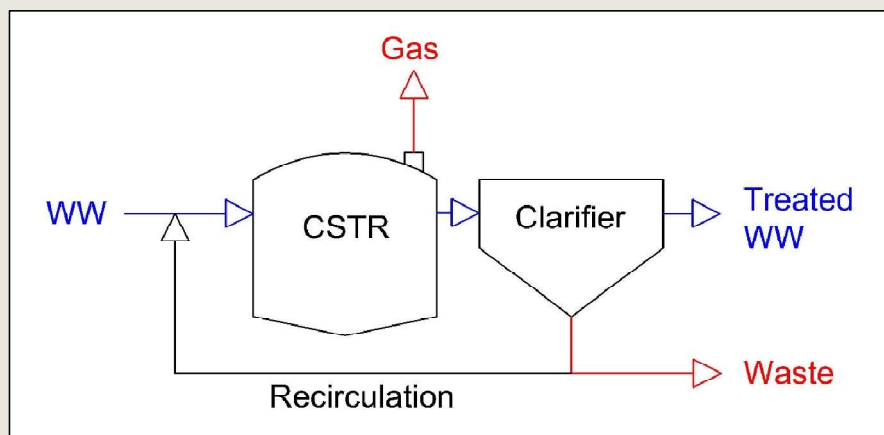


HIGHLIGHTS

- BOD: 95% removal, TKN: 70% removal
- Proven in brewery wastewater applications

Treatment Alternatives (BOD & TKN)

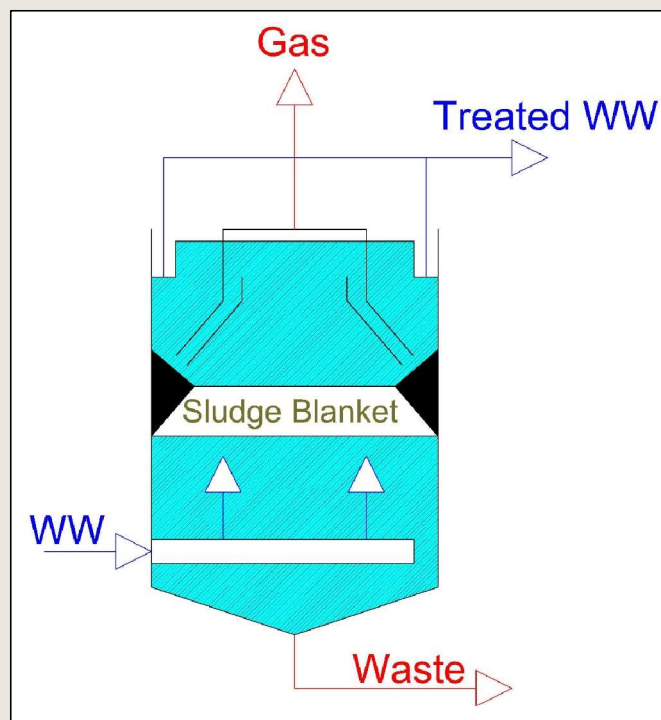
Figure 17: Anaerobic Continuously Stirred Tank Reactor (CSTR)



HIGHLIGHTS

- BOD: 80% removal, TKN: 40% removal
- Suitable for high organic loading rates

Figure 18: Upflow Anaerobic Sludge Blanket (UASB)



HIGHLIGHTS

- BOD: 80% removal, TKN: 98.3% removal
- Separation of gas, solids, and liquids

Screening Decision Matrix Scoring

Table 3: Quantitative Scoring

Score	Capital/Installation Cost	Removal Efficiency Range
1	\$90,000+	1-9%
2	\$80,001-\$90,000	10-19%
3	\$70,001-\$80,000	20-29%
4	\$60,001-\$70,000	30-39%
5	\$50,001-\$60,000	40-49%
6	\$40,001-\$50,000	50-59%
7	\$30,001-\$40,000	60-69%
8	\$20,001-\$30,000	70-79%
9	\$10,001-\$20,000	80-89%
10	\$5,000-\$10,000	90%+

Table 4: Qualitative Scoring

Score	0	5	10
Physical Footprint	Normally greater than 8' x 20' in area	Can be easily decreased in area	Normally less than 8' x 20' in area
Environmental Dependency	More than one dependency	One dependency	Zero dependency
Reliability	Has not been used in practice	N/A	Has been used in practice

Screening Decision Matrix Scoring

Table 5: Scoring Percentages

	Quantitative Data	Qualitative Data
Percent of Total Score	75%	25%
Capital/Installation Cost	40%	N/A
Researched Efficiency	60%	N/A
Physical Footprint	N/A	50%
Environmental Dependency	N/A	10%
Reliability	N/A	40%

BOD Technologies Screening Decision Matrix

Table 6: BOD Removal Technologies Screening Decision Matrix

	Quantitative Subtotal	Weighted Score (75%)	Qualitative Subtotal	Weighted Score (25%)	Grand Total
Hybrid Fixed Bed Membrane Bio-Reactor	8.4	6.30	7	1.75	8.05
Anaerobic CSTR	9	6.75	7	1.75	8.50
Upflow Anaerobic Sludge Blanket	6.6	4.95	6.5	1.63	6.58
Trickling Filter	10	7.50	9.5	2.38	9.88
Dissolved Air Floatation	6.8	5.10	4.5	1.13	6.23
Membrane Filtration	8.4	6.30	7.5	1.88	8.18
Settling Tank	4.8	3.60	7	1.75	5.35
Aerobic Sequencing Batch Reactor	8.6	6.45	7	1.75	8.20

TKN Technologies Screening Decision Matrix

Table 7: TKN Removal Technologies Screening Decision Matrix

	Quantitative Subtotal	Weighted Score (75%)	Qualitative Subtotal	Weighted Score (25%)	Grand Total
Hybrid Fixed Bed Membrane Bio-Reactor	5.4	4.05	7	1.75	5.80
Anaerobic CSTR	6.6	4.95	7	1.75	6.70
Upflow Anaerobic Sludge Blanket	7.2	5.40	6.5	1.63	7.03
Trickling Filter	8.8	6.60	9.5	2.38	8.98
Electro-Fenton Sequential Batch Reactor	6.4	4.80	3.5	0.88	5.68
LEAPmbr	6.4	4.80	3.5	0.88	5.68

Selected Alternatives

Figure 16: Trickling Filter

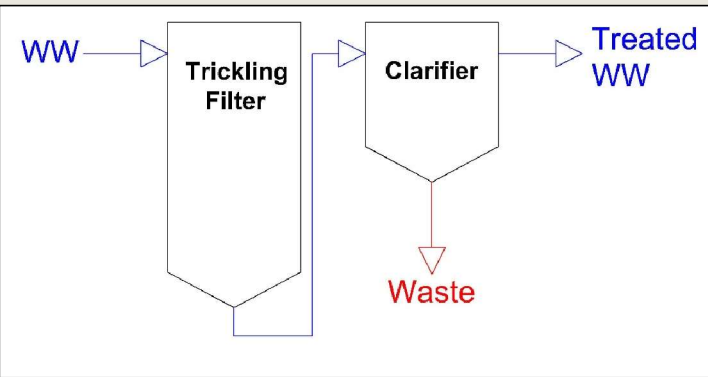


Figure 17: Anaerobic CSTR

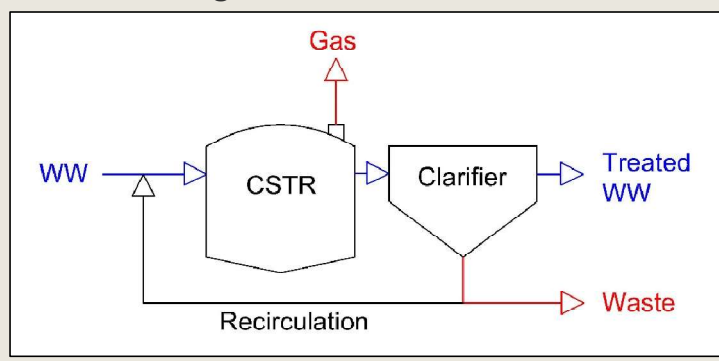
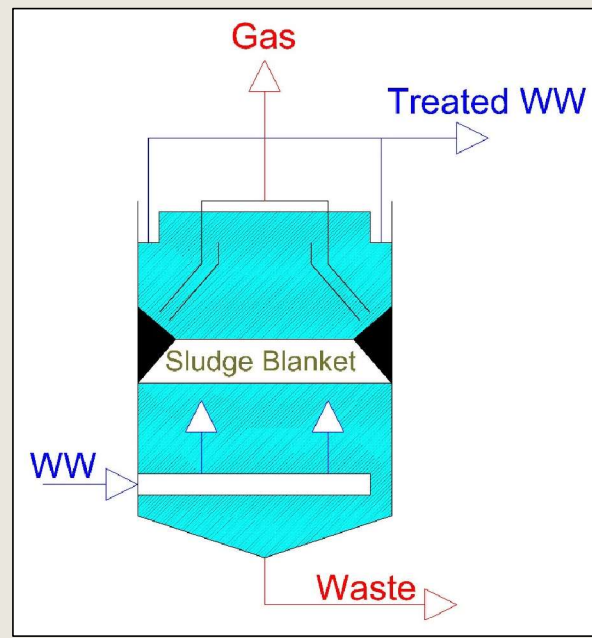
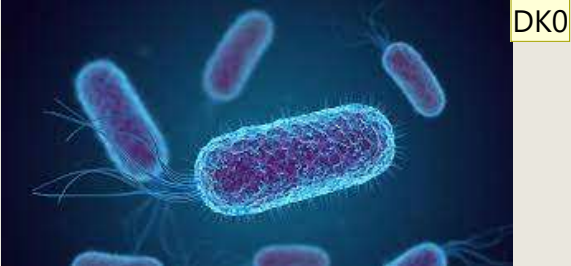


Figure 18: Upflow Anaerobic Sludge Blanket

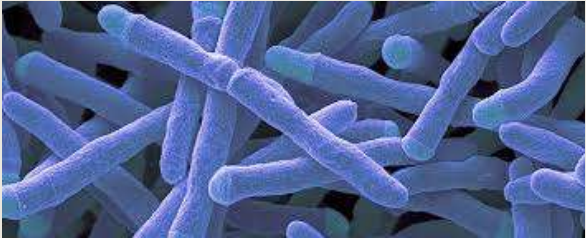


Reactor Microbial Activity

Original Microbes



Increased Microbe Numbers



BOD



CH₄ and CO₂

TKN

Sludge

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Modeling Results

ANAEROBIC PROCESSES

Table 8: Anaerobic Modeling Results

Parameter	Value
Hydraulic Retention Time (Days)	0.275 ✓
Minimum Required Solids Residence Time (Days)	2.15 (Requires Recirculation)
Minimum Required Substrate (mg/L)	0.018 ✓

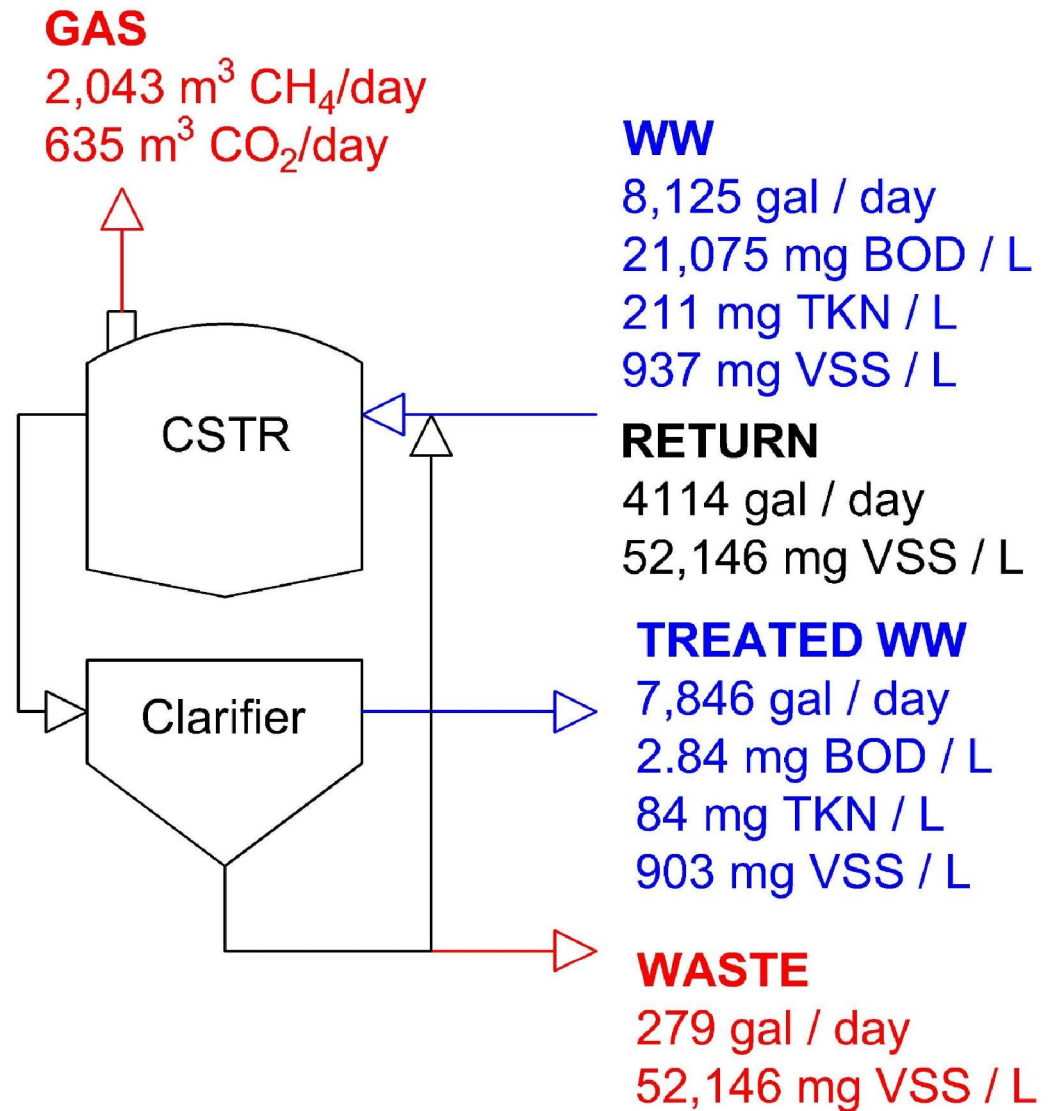
TRICKLING FILTER RESULTS

Table 9: Trickling Filter Modeling Results

Parameter	Value	Typical Values
Hydraulic Loading (ft/d)	22 (Low)	131
Surface Loading (mg/ft ² *d)	15,800 (High)	654
Volumetric Loading (mg/ft ³ *d)	962,000 (High)	11

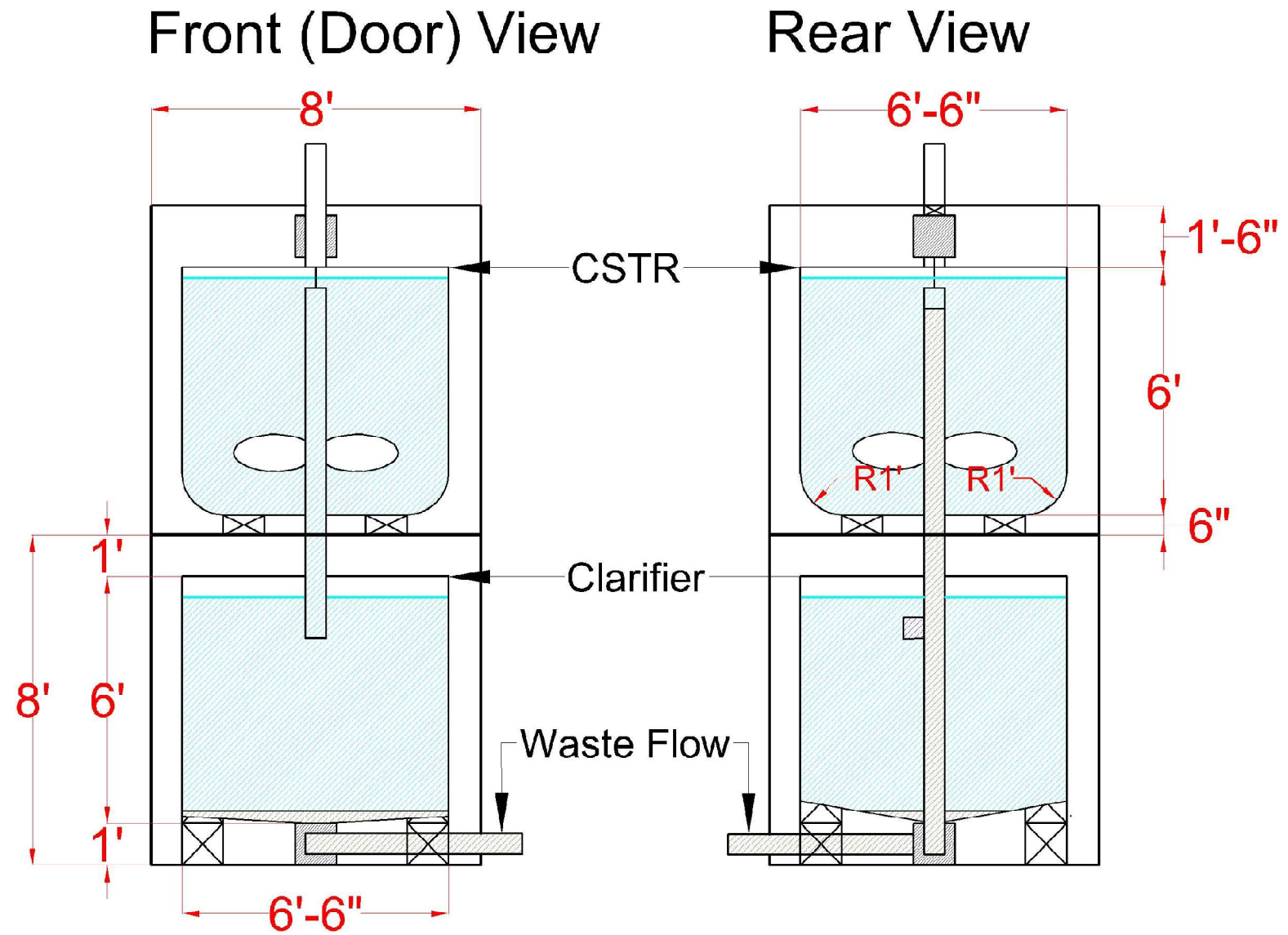
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- Model calculated theoretical treatment of MRBC wastewater
 - BOD Effluent: 2.84 mg/L
 - TKN Effluent: 84 mg/L
- Required Return Flow Rate:
 - 4,114 gal/day
- Methane Production:
 - 2,043 m³/day
 - 846 kW



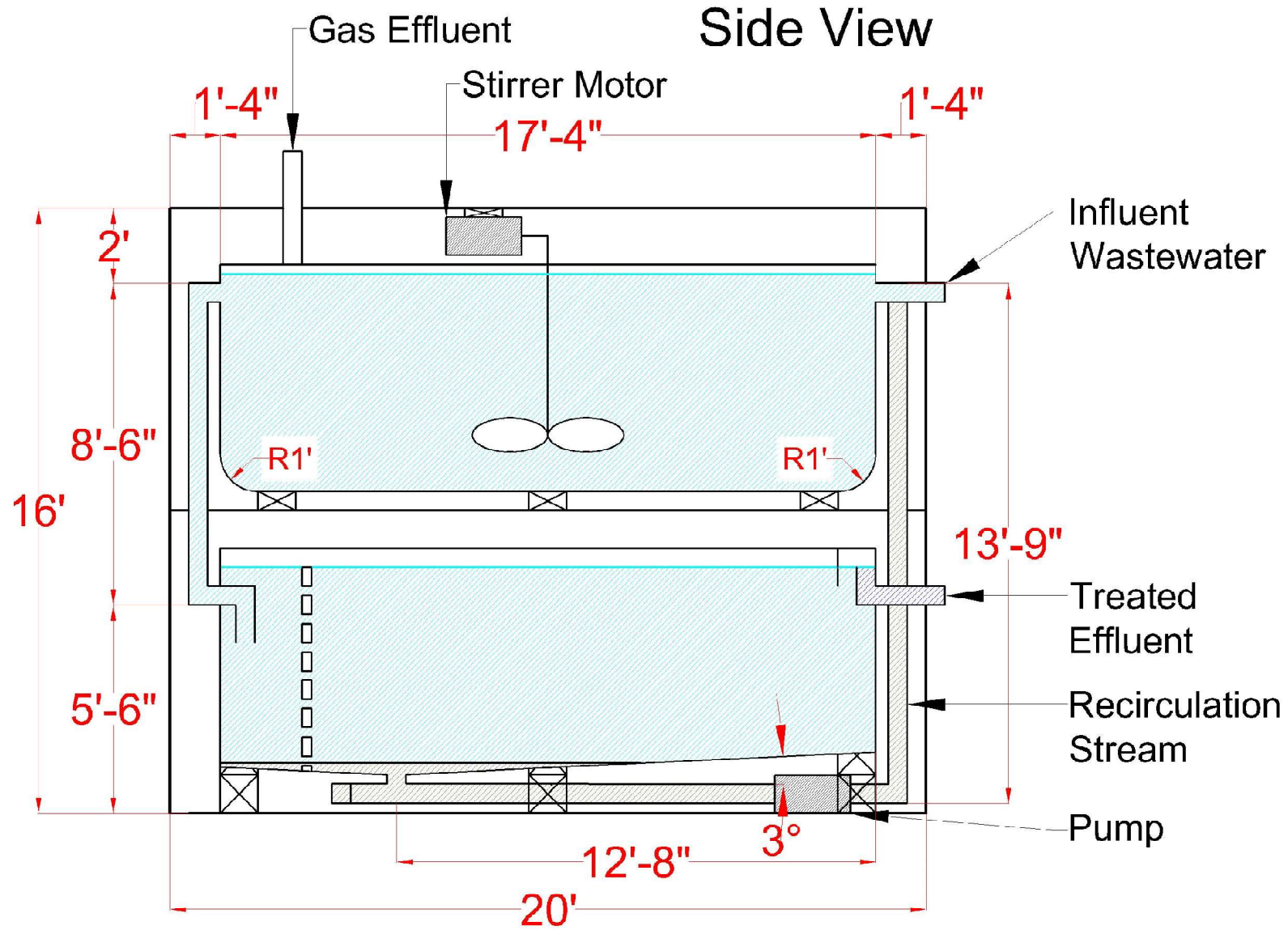
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- Additional shipping container required



Final Design

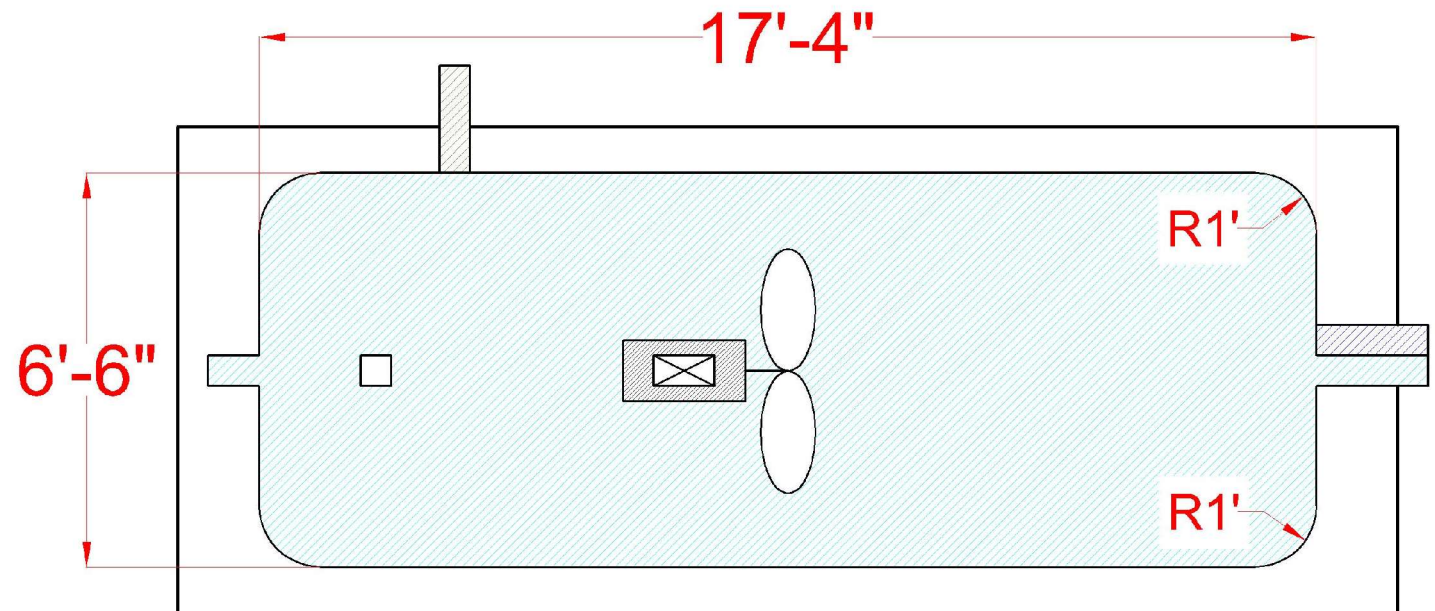
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Final Design

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Top View



Methane Control Options

1. Flaring/Burning

- Methane burned in a flare stack to convert methane to carbon dioxide

2. Cogeneration

- Methane is converted to renewable energy using a gas engine and generator [3] (Saves \$3,250.05/day of electricity)

3. Capture and Refine

- Methane is captured in a column and is sent to be refined by reacting with steam in the presence of a catalyst

Pricing For Design Materials

Table 10: Design Pricing

Design Equipment	Price Range
CSTR Tank and Impeller	\$15,000-\$25,000 [4]
Clarifier	\$10,000-\$35,000 [5]
Shipping Container (Per Container)	\$1,500-\$3,000 [6]
Pump	\$1,000-\$2,000 [7]
Total	\$29,000-\$68,000

Project Impacts

Table 11: Project Impacts

Pros	Cons
Improve Rio De Flag WWTP performance	Design maintenance and construction costs
Remove MRBC's monthly fine	Increased electricity usage
Sludge production can be used as fertilizer	Concentration of contaminants in sludge
Possible energy production using methane	Permitting of methane flare/gas emissions management
Promote sustainable local businesses	Poor aesthetics and odor

Final Process Design



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Thank you!

Are there any questions?

Chemical Equations

$$R = f_e R_a + f_s R_c - R_d$$

Where:

R = General stoichiometric reaction (unitless)

f_e = The percentage adjustment factor for the energy generation (unitless)

f_s = The percentage adjustment factor for the synthesis reaction (unitless)

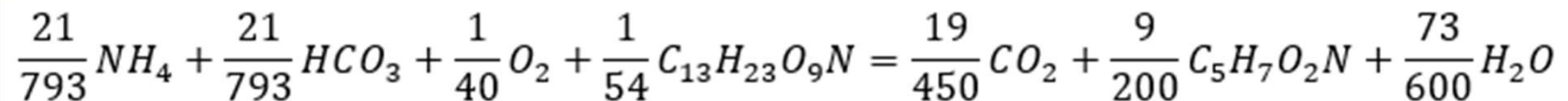
R_d = Electron Donor Half Reaction (unitless)

R_a = Electron Acceptor Half Reaction (unitless)

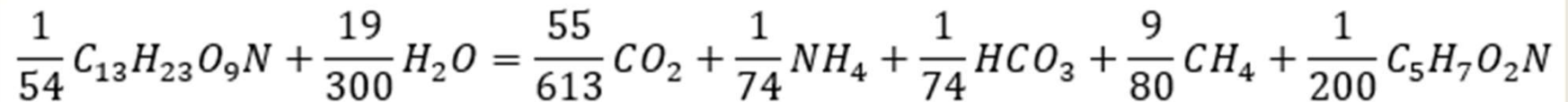
R_c = Cell Synthesis Half Reaction (unitless)

Chemical Equations

Aerobic



Anaerobic



Chemical Equation Results

Table 12: Stoichiometric Yield Factors

Yield Factors		
Description	Unit	Value
Growth Yield Factor (Y)	(g VSS / g BOD)	0.09
Substrate Yield Factor	(g O ₂ /g Substrate)	0.13
Methane Yield Factor	(g sub/g CH ₄)	3.47
CO ₂ Yield Factor	(g sub/g CO ₂)	4.35

Table 13: Stoichiometric Gas Production

Gas Production		
Description	Unit	Value
Methane Production	g CH ₄ /day	1.46E+06
	m ³ CH ₄ /day	2.04E+03
CO ₂ Production	g CO ₂ /day	1.16E+06
	m ³ CO ₂ /day	6.35E+02

Biological Kinetic Constants

Table 14: Stoichiometric Gas Production [3]

TABLE 6.1 Estimated f_s^0 , Y , \hat{q} , $\hat{\mu}$, and b Values for Key Microbial Types in Environmental Biotechnology

Organism Type	Electron Donor	Electron Acceptor	End Products	C-Source	f_s^0	Gram Donor/ e ⁻ eq	Y	\hat{q}	$\hat{\mu}$	b
Aerobic heterotrophs	Carbohydrate BOD	O ₂	CO ₂	BOD	0.7	8	0.49 g VSS/g BOD _L	27 g BOD _L /g VSS-d	13.2	0.8
	Other BOD	O ₂	CO ₂	BOD	0.6	8	0.42 g VSS/g BOD _L	20 g BOD _L /g VSS-d	8.4	0.5
Denitrifiers	BOD	NO ₃ ⁻	CO ₂ , N ₂	BOD	0.5	8	0.35 g VSS/g BOD _L	16 g BOD _L /g VSS-d	5.6	0.3
	H ₂	NO ₃ ⁻	N ₂	CO ₂	0.2	1	1.13 g VSS/g H ₂	1.25 g H ₂ /g VSS-d	1.4	0.08
	S(s)	NO ₃ ⁻	SO ₄ ²⁻ , N ₂	CO ₂	0.2	5.33	0.21 g VSS/g S	6.7 g S/g VSS-d	1.4	0.08
Nitrifying autotrophs	NH ₄ ⁺	O ₂	NO ₂ ⁻	CO ₂	0.14	3.5	0.23 g VSS/g NH ₄ ⁺ -N	4.1 g NH ₄ ⁺ -N/g VSS-d	0.94	0.06
	NO ₂ ⁻	O ₂	NO ₃ ⁻	CO ₂	0.10	14	0.04 g VSS/g NO ₂ ⁻ -N	15.6 g NO ₂ ⁻ -N/g VSS-d	0.62	0.04
Methanogens	Acetate BOD	Acetate	CO ₂ , CH ₄	Acetate	0.05	8	0.035 g VSS/g BOD _L	8.4 g BOD _L /g VSS-d	0.3	0.02
	H ₂	CO ₂	CH ₄	CO ₂	0.08	1	0.45 g VSS/g H ₂	1.1 g H ₂ /g VSS-d	0.5	0.03
Sulfide-oxidizing autotrophs	H ₂ S	O ₂	SO ₄ ²⁻	CO ₂	0.2	4	0.28 g VSS/g H ₂ S-S	5 g S/g VSS-d	1.4	0.08
Sulfate reducers	H ₂	SO ₄ ²⁻	H ₂ S	CO ₂	0.05	1	0.28 g VSS/g H ₂	1.05 g H ₂ /g VSS-d	0.29	0.02
	Acetate BOD	SO ₄ ²⁻	CO ₂ , H ₂ S	Acetate	0.08	8	0.057 g VSS/g BOD _L	8.7 g BOD _L /g VSS-d	0.5	0.03
Fermenters	Sugar BOD	Sugar	CO ₂ , BOD	Sugar	0.18	8	0.13 g VSS/g BOD _L	9.8 g BOD _L /g VSS-d	1.3	0.08

Notes:

- Y is computed assuming a cellular VSS composition of C₅H₇O₂N.
- \hat{q} is computed using $\hat{q}_e = 1 \text{ e}^- \text{ eq/g VSS}_a\text{-d}$.
- $\hat{\mu}$ and b have units of d⁻¹.

Anaerobic Modeling Equations

Hydraulic Retention Time [8]

$$\theta = \frac{\theta_x Y (S_0 - S)}{X(1 + b\theta_x)}$$

Minimum Required Substrate [8]

$$S_{min} = \frac{Kb}{Yq - b}$$

Minimum Allowable Solids Residence Time [8]

$$\theta_x^{min} = \frac{K + S^0}{S^0(Yq - b) - bK}$$

Table 15: Anaerobic Modeling Input Values

Variable Notation	Variable Meaning	Fixed Input Value
K	Half Saturation Constant (mgBOD/L)	10
S ⁰	Influent BOD Concentration (mgBOD/L)	21075
Y	Growth Yield Factor (gVSS/gBOD)	0.091
q	Maximum Specific Rate of Substrate Utilization (gBOD/gVSS*day)	8.4
b	Monod Decay Constant (day ⁻¹)	0.02

Trickling Filter Modeling Equations

Hydraulic Loading Rate [8]

$$HL = \frac{Q + Q^r}{A_{pv}}$$

BOD Surface Loading Rate [8]

$$SL = \frac{QS^0}{A_{pv}da}$$

Volumetric Loading Rate [8]

$$VL = \frac{QS^0}{A_{pv}d}$$

Table 16: Trickling Filter Modeling Input Values

Variable Notation	Variable Meaning	Fixed Input Value
Q	Incoming Flow Rate (ft ³ /d)	1086
Q ^r	Return Flow Rate (ft ³ /d)	1000
A _{pv}	Cross-Sectional Area of Filter (ft ²)	96
S ⁰	Incoming BOD Concentration (mg/ft ³)	590,000
d	Depth of Filter (ft)	7
a	Approximate Media Surface Area (ft ⁻¹)	61

CSTR Design Modeling Results

Table 17: CSTR Modeling Results

Parameter	Description	Units	Value
θ	Hydraulic Retention Time	(day)	0.62
$[\theta_x^{\min}]_{\text{lim}}$	Organism Washout SRT	(day)	1.35
SF_{selected}	Input Safety Factor	(unitless)	5.00
$\theta_{x\text{-selected}}$	Selected SRT	(day)	6.75
S^4	Reactor Effluent Substrate	(mg/L)	2.84
X_a^3	Reactor Active Biomass	(mg VSS/L)	18344
X_i^3	Reactor Inert Biomass	(mg VSS/L)	10722
X_v^3	Reactor Total Biological Solids	(mg VSS/L)	29065
X_a^1	Input Active Biomass	(mg VSS/L)	16663
TKN^4	Effluent TKN	(mg/L)	84.40

System Mass Balance

Table 18: CSTR Mass Balance (Pt 1, 2)

Iteration 1: Assume No Return Flow			
Step 1: Calculate Mass Rates			
Variable	Description	Units	Value
m_a^1	WW Influent Active Mass Rate	(mg/d)	0.00E+00
m_a^2	CSTR Influent Active Mass Rate	(mg/d)	5.12E+08
m_a^3	CSTR Effluent Active Mass Rate	(mg/d)	5.64E+08
m_a^4	Effluent WW Active Mass Rate	(mg/d)	1.69E+07
m_a^5	Settled Active Mass Rate	(mg/d)	5.47E+08
Iteration 2: Assume Mass Rate CSTR Influent = Mass Rate Return			
Step 1: Calculate Remining Mass Rates			
Variable	Description	Units	Value
m_a^7	Return Active Mass Rate	(mg/d)	5.12E+08
m_a^6	Waste Active Mass Rate	(mg/d)	3.48E+07

System Mass Balance

Table 19: CSTR Mass Balance (Pt. 3)

Iteration 3: Balance Flow and Concentration By Iterating				
Step 1: Given All Mass Rates, Balance Flow & Active Concentration				
Location	Variable	Description	Units	Value
1	m_a^1	WW Influent Active Mass Rate	(mg/d)	0.00E+00
	Q^1	Influent Flow Rate	(L/d)	30757
	X_a^1	Influent Active Biomass	(mg/L)	0
	$m_a^{1-CHECK}$	CHECK WW Influent Active Mass Rate	(mg/d)	0
2	m_a^2	CSTR Influent Active Mass Rate	(mg/d)	5.12E+08
	Q^2	CSTR Influent Flow	(L/d)	46329
	X_a^2	CSTR Influent Active Biomass	(mg/L)	11062
	$m_a^{2-CHECK}$	CHECK CSTR Influent Active Mass Rate	(mg/d)	5.12E+08
3	m_a^3	CSTR Effluent Active Mass Rate	(mg/d)	5.64E+08
	Q^3	CSTR Effluent Flow	(L/d)	46329
	X_a^3	CSTR Effluent Active Biomass	(mg/L)	12178
	$m_a^{3-CHECK}$	CHECK CSTR Effluent Active Mass Rate	(mg/d)	5.64E+08
4	m_a^4	Effluent WW Active Mass Rate	(mg/d)	1.69E+07
	Q^4	Effluent WW Flow	(L/d)	29700
	X_a^4	Effluent WW Active Biomass	(mg/L)	570
	$m_a^{4-CHECK}$	CHECK Effluent WW Active Mass Rate	(mg/d)	1.69E+07

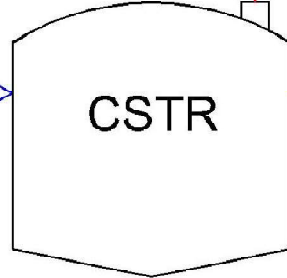
5	m_a^5	Settled Active Mass Rate	(mg/d)	5.47E+08
	Q^5	Settled Flow	(L/d)	16629
	X_a^5	Settled Active Biomass	(mg/L)	32910
	$m_a^{5-CHECK}$	CHECK Settled Active Mass Rate	(mg/d)	5.47E+08
7	m_a^7	Return Active Mass Rate	(mg/d)	5.12E+08
	Q^7	Return Flow	(L/d)	15572
	X_a^7	Return Active Biomass	(mg/L)	32910
	$m_a^{7-CHECK}$	CHECK Return Active Mass Rate	(mg/d)	5.12E+08
6	m_a^6	Waste Active Mass Rate	(mg/d)	3.48E+07
	Q^6	Waste Flow	(L/d)	1056
	X_a^6	Waste Active Biomass	(mg/L)	32910
	$m_a^{6-CHECK}$	CHECK Waste Active Mass Rate	(mg/d)	3.48E+07

WW

$Q^1 = 30,756 \text{ L/d}$
 $S^1 = 21,075 \text{ mg BOD/L}$
 $\text{TKN}^1 = 211 \text{ mg TKN/L}$
 $X_a^1 = 0 \text{ mg VSS/L}$
 $X_i^1 = 937 \text{ mg VSS/L}$

REACTOR INLUENT

$Q^2 = 46,329 \text{ L/d}$
 $X_a^2 = 11,062 \text{ mg/L}$



CSTR

REACTOR EFFLUENT

$Q^3 = 46,329 \text{ L/d}$
 $S^3 = 2.84 \text{ mg BOD/L}$
 $\text{TKN}^3 = 84.4 \text{ mg TKN/L}$
 $X_a^3 = 12,178 \text{ mg/L}$
 $X_i^3 = 7,118 \text{ mg/L}$

GAS
 $2,043 \text{ m}^3 \text{ CH}_4/\text{day}$
 $635 \text{ m}^3 \text{ CO}_2/\text{day}$

Clarifier

TREATED WW

$Q^4 = 29,700 \text{ L/d}$
 $S^4 = 2.84 \text{ mg BOD/L}$
 $\text{TKN}^4 = 84.4 \text{ mg TKN/L}$
 $X_a^4 = 570 \text{ mg/L}$
 $X_i^4 = 333 \text{ mg/L}$

SETTLER

$Q^5 = 16,629 \text{ L/d}$
 $X_a^5 = 32,910 \text{ mg VSS/L}$

RETURN

$Q^7 = 15,572 \text{ L/d}$
 $X_a^7 = 32,910 \text{ mg VSS/L}$

PUMP

WASTE

$Q^6 = 1,056 \text{ L/d}$
 $X_a^6 = 32,910 \text{ mg VSS/L}$