#### Day 4: Lagoon Design, Construction, and Advanced Treatment



## **Outline for Today**

- 1. Lagoon Design Considerations and Components
- 2. Groundwater Considerations
- 3. Calculations
- 4. Permits
- 5. Advanced Treatment

### Pre-Quiz – write answers down for later

- 1. What types of lagoon liners are available?
- 2. What are different methods of flow measurement?
- 3. What features might be desireable on an inlet or outlet structure?
- 4. What are some factors that should be considered when designing a new lagoon?
- 5. What federal regulation covers sludge disposal
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#### 1. LAGOON DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS AND COMPONENTS

#### Resources



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Principles of Design and Operations of Wastewater Treatment Pond Systems for Plant Operators, Engineers, and Managers



General Considerations:

- Where is there space to put the pond?
- Proximity to neighbors who might find it a nuisance.
- Will treated wastewater be discharged or does it need to evaporate? (this will control the size).
- Preferably downhill from users!

# Design Criteria

- Loading rates
- Flow
- HRT
- Location
- Soil conditions
- Wastewater characteristics
- Pond configuration and shape

- Inlet/outlet structures
- Hydraulics
- Treated effluent disposal
- Solids disposal
- Flow measuring devices
- Inlet/outlet structures
- Note:
  - Each state has different design standards

## Pond Configuration

- Number of impoundments needed is decided during design
- Operated in series or parallel
  - Pipes connecting each pond
  - Valves to isolate each pond
  - Separate influent pipe to each pond



# Pond Configuration



### Dikes

- Need to withstand weather and burrowing animals
  - Riprap
  - Fabric
  - Grass
  - Concrete
  - Gravel
- Designed to minimize seepage
- May require bank stability on the exterior toe
- Fence is typically installed near exterior toe to reduce pond visibility

## Design Criteria



## Pond Sealing

- The primary motive for sealing ponds is to prevent seepage
- Liners must be impermeable
- Pond sealers can be classified into three categories:
  - 1. Synthetic and rubber liners
  - 2. Earthen and cement liners
  - 3. Natural and chemical treatment sealers
- The most common liners are bentonite clay and geosynthetic

Commonly constructed in the two following ways:

- Bentonite is spread as a membrane approximately
   2.5 to 5 cm thick
  - Covered with 20 to 30 cm of soil and gravel to protect the membrane and increase stability
- Bentonite is mixed with sand and layered 5 to 10 cm thick
  - Covered with a protective layer of sand or soil





Construction considerations:

- Overexcavated with graders and free of large rocks or sharp angles
- Side slopes cannot exceed 2:1
- Subgrade rolled with steel roller
- Protective cover consists of sand and small gravel, in addition to a cohesive, fine-grained material

### **Geosynthetic Liners**



### **Geosynthetic Liners**

- Essentially zero permeability
- Economical
- Resistant to most chemicals
- Applied in large sheets
- Protect against toxic wastewater



### Leakage Detection

- Pond liners must be inspected and tested during construction
- Any leaks detected are required to be fixed
- Hydraulic conductivity specified for the liner shall not exceed the derived value
  - $k = 2.6 \times 10^{-9} L$
  - k = hydraulic conductivity (cm/s), percolation rate
  - L = thickness of seal (cm)

### Pond Recirculation

- Requires a pumping station
- Effluents from pond cells are mixed with influent
- Replaces mechanical pond mixing
- Intrapond recirculation:
  - Effluent from a single cell is returned to the influent of that same cell
- Interpond recirculation:
  - Effluent from another pond is returned and mixed with the influent
- Can be done in parallel or series

### **Pond Recirculation**



Interpond recirculation

#### **Pond Recirculation**



### Flow Measuring Devices

- 1. Weir or Parshall Flume: Measures water levels
- 2. Area Velocity Meters: Measure velocity and depth
- 3. Staff Gauge: Sonic device that sends and receives a signal to an electronic recorder
- 4. Measurements should be taken during low and high flow conditions

### Flow Measuring Devices







### Flow Measuring Devices

- Parshall Flume
- Gauge measures fluid height; use conversion chart





#### Inlet/Outlet Structures

- Design and placement avoids short-circuiting
- Split influent between lagoons
- Split effluent to recirculate or discharge
- Must be sealed properly
- Aligned perpendicular to wind



### Headworks/Screening

• Remove trash/solids from influent





### **Treated Effluent Disposal**

- Dictated by the discharge permit
- Effluent must meet water quality limits laid out in the permit
- Samples must be taken and reported



## Solids Disposal

Options:

- 1. Drain lagoon and dry sludge in place, then haul to disposal site
- 2. Drain lagoon and pump sludge to drying beds, then haul to disposal site
- Use floating dredging equipment to pump solids to drying beds, belt press or land application
- 4. Bio-stimulation/Bio augmentation

#### PART 503 - STANDARDS FOR THE USE OR DISPOSAL OF SEWAGE SLUDGE

- General requirements
- Pollutant limits
- Management practices
- Operational standards
- Monitoring and record keeping
- Pathogen and alternative vector attraction reduction rqeuiprments for land application sites

Things to Remember when Draining a Lagoon and Pumping Sludge (p. 101)

- 1. Know the rules
- 2. Develop a plan including budget
- 3. Sludge best removed during spring and early summer
- 4. Have sludge analyzed
- 5. Have several land application/storage sites available as options
- 6. Consider lagoon access and equipment required

Things to Remember when Draining a Lagoon and Pumping Sludge (p. 101)

- 7. Consider how sludge will be moved to the pump
- 8. Calculate amt of lime required
- Secondary lagoons may become overloaded while sludge removal is in progress – Add more air
- 10. Wash sludge down that sticks to sides (but not dirt)
- 11. When lagoon is down is a good time for repairs

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12. The pumps may not pick up sand and gravel. The remaining grit can be spread out evenly.
13. Create a sump within the lagoon for pumping
14. A sludge holding pit can be constructed where sludge can be lime-stabilized. Pit provides a measure of safety due to delays



### Quiz

1. What are the two ways in which ponds are operated?

✓ Parallel✓ Series

### Quiz

2. Why are liners necessary?

They prevent seepage.

### Quiz

3. What materials are the typical liners constructed of?

Clay or geosynthetic
#### **2. GROUNDWATER CONSIDERATIONS**

### Leakage Detection

- Influent and effluent must be recorded to determine extent of infiltration and/or exfiltration
- Reporting is required per the permit
- Most states require both influent and effluent to be reported
- Monitoring wells:
  - Multiple groundwater monitoring wells must be in place where samples may be collected to determine seepage and groundwater quality
  - Reporting and limitations are required by the permit

# **Flooding Considerations**

- Maps of the floodplain are produced by the USGS
- Flood mitigation procedures must be worked out during design to *not* impact lagoons
- Site evaluations and environmental impacts will be completed during the design phase

#### **Liner Inspections**

- Inspect lagoon liners every 6 months
- Visually inspect pipe boot connections
- Check all mechanically battended areas for wear or loose bolts
- Check top of slope on pond liners for rips and tears caused by maintenance, vehicular traffic etc.

#### Liner Inspections/Repairs

- Inspect after major weather events
- Clean up any fallen tree limbs or debris
- Hire a professional to do repairs
- Keep detailed records of repairs

#### **3. CALCULATIONS**

# Surface Area, Depth, Volume

#### <u>Variables</u>

- A = Surface area
- L = Length
- W = Width
- d = Depth
- V = Volume
- r = Radius
- D = Diameter

 $\pi = Pi = 3.14$ 

s = Side slope (2:1)=2

<u>Rectangle</u> A = L \* WV = A \* dCircle  $A = \pi * r^2 \text{ or } \frac{\pi}{4} * D^2$ V = A \* dPond w/ side slopes V = [L \* W + (L - 2sd)(W - 2sd) + $4(L-sd)(W-sd) = \frac{d}{6}$ 

#### Flow Rate

Variables

- Q = Flowrate (volume/time)
- V = Velocity (distance/time)

A = Area

Q = Q Q = V \* A $Q = ft^3/sec, gpm, m^3/sec$ 



#### Flow Variations: diurnal curve



## Calculations

Organic loading (lb BOD/acre/day) =  $(BOD, \frac{mg}{L})(Flow, MGD)(8.34 \frac{lb}{gal})$ 

Lagoon area in acres

BOD removal efficiency = 
$$\frac{BODin - BODout}{BODin} * 100$$

Detention time in days =  $\frac{Pond \ volume}{Flow rate/day}$ 



1. What is the velocity in a 6-inch pipe if the flow is 300 gpm?

Area of pipe = PI x  $(.5/24)^2$ , V = QA = 3.4 feet per second

2. What is the BOD removal rate if the BODin = 245 mg/L and the BODout = 22 mg/L?

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(245-22)/245 x 100 = 91%
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3. What is the organic loading if the BODin= 300 mg/L, the plant flow is .1 mgd, and the area of the lagoon is 2 ac?

125 lbs BOD/acre/day

#### **4. PERMITS**

# **Regulations and Guidance**

- NPDES Permit
- Discharge Permit
- Certified Operator



## NPDES

- What is NPDES?
- National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System
- The NPDES permit program addresses water pollution by regulating point sources that discharge pollutants to waters of the United States.
- Created in 1972 by the Clean Water Act, the NPDES permit program authorizes state governments to perform many permitting, administrative, and enforcement aspects of the program.

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## NPDES Permit

- Contains limits on what can be discharged, monitoring and reporting requirements, and other provisions to ensure water quality and human health
- Must be applied for, prior to discharging
- Protects the waters of the U.S.; specifies where treated effluent can be discharged
- Penalties are in place for permit violations
- Permits are limited to 5 years; can be renewed

# Discharge Permit

- New Mexico Environment Department Ground Water Quality Bureau (NMED GWQB)
- Types of facilities that NMED issues permits for:
  - Domestic wastewater facilities
  - Large capacity (> 5,000 gpd)
  - Power generating facilities
  - Dairy facilities
  - Chile processors
  - Mining operations
  - Other commercial and industrial operations
  - Groundwater clean-up systems



# Discharge Permit (DP)

Discharge permits indicate the following:

- Operational plan
- Monitoring and reporting
- Contingency plan
- Closure plan
- Record keeping
- Penalties and compliance

# **Certified Operator**

Water Certifications	Examination Application Fee	Experience Required (Years)	Training Credits Required
Water Sampling Tech 1 (WST1)	\$25	0	5
Water Sampling Tech 2 (WST2)	\$25	0	10
Small Water(SW)	\$25	1	10
Adv. Small Water(SWA)	\$25	1	10
Water Supply Level 1 (WS1)	\$30	1	10
Water Supply Level 2 (WS2)	\$30	2	30
Water Supply Level 3 (WS3)	\$30	4	50
Water Supply Level 4 (WS4)	\$30	1 year as WS3	80
Distribution Systems 1 (DS1)	\$30	1	10
Distribution Systems 2 (DS2)	\$30	2	30
Distribution Systems 3 (DS3)	\$30	4	50

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Wastewater Level 4 (WW4)	\$30	1 year as WW3	80
Wastewater Lab Tech 1 (WWLT1)	\$25	1	10
Wastewater Lab Tech 2 (WWLT2)	\$30	2	30
Wastewater Lab Tech 3 (WWLT3)	\$30	4	50
Collection Systems 1 (CS1)	\$30	1	10
Collection Systems 2 (CS2)	\$30	2	30



1. Why does an operator need to know the treatment facility's permit requirements?

To ensure compliance and avoid penalties and violations

#### **5. ADVANCED TREATMENT**

#### Nutrients -

• What are they and how do we remove them?

#### What are Nutrients?



# Why Remove Nutrients?

The nutrients in wastewater contribute to eutrophication: "excessive richness of nutrients in a lake or other body of water, frequently due to runoff from the land, which causes a dense growth of plant life and death of animal life from lack of oxygen."



# "Typical" wastewater

- Influent nitrogen 23 to 69 mg/L total N, 60 to 70% of which is ammonia-nitrogen ; remaining 30 to 40% is organic
- Ammonium typical 5 mg/L, no NO<sub>3</sub>- or NO<sub>2</sub>-
- Influent phosphorus 6 to 8 mg/L as P for domestic WW
- Sources are human waste, food and certain soaps and detergents.

## Forms of Nitrogen in Wastewater

- 1) Ammonia (NH<sub>3</sub>-N)
- 2) Nitrite (NO<sub>2</sub>-N)
- 3) Nitrate (NO<sub>3</sub>-N)
- 4) Nitrogen Gas (N<sub>2</sub>)

### Forms of Nitrogen

Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen (TKN) = Organic N + NH<sub>3</sub>-N

Total Inorganic Nitrogen (TIN) =  $NH_3-N+NO_2-N+NO_3-N$ 

# Influent Nitrogen

#### 99% is in the form of TKN

- 40% organic nitrogen
- 59% ammonia/ammonium
- This ratio is dependent on pH, temperature and detention time in the collection system
- Less than 1% nitrate and nitrite

## Forms of Influent Phosphorus

- Phosphate (aka orthophosphate) H<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>or HPO<sub>4</sub>-<sup>2</sup>
- Polyphosphate
- Organic phosphorus

#### Forms and Source of P

#### **Organic Phosphorus**

- complex organic compounds
- soluble or particulate
- decomposes to Ortho-P



## Forms and Sources of P

Polyphosphate (condensed phosphate)

- chained molecules
- soluble
- home, industrial detergents
- potable water treatment
- decomposes to Ortho-P





# Forms and Sources of P

#### Orthophosphate

- Simple Phosphate, PO4
- soluble
- household cleaning agents
- industrial cleaners;
- phosphoric acid
- conversion of organic and poly phosphate






#### Influent Total Phosphorus

- 6 to 8 mg/L as P for domestic waste
- could be higher from industrial sources



# Mechanisms for Nitrogen and Phosphorus Removal

 Bacteria cells contain N and P which are incorporated to the biomass that is removed either through settling (ponds), sloughing (fixed film) or wasting (activated sludge).



# Quiz

- 1. Why do N and P need to be removed from wastewater?
- 2. What is a typical concentration of P in influent wastewater?
- 3. What is a typical concentration of nitrate in influent wastewater?

#### **Chemistry Review**

- Atoms: building blocks of nature
- Element: particular type of atom
- Atomic #: # of protons in the atom (specific to the type of element)



#### **Chemistry Review**

- Molecules and compounds: combination of 2 or more atoms that are chemically bound together
- Molecules made from 2 or more elements are compounds
- All compounds are molecules but not all molecules are compounds





#### PERIODIC TABLE OF ELEMENTS

#### Chemical Group Block

1	1 1 1.0080 H Hydrogen													Puk	<b>C</b> h	em		2 4.00260 Hee Helium
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7	87 223.01 Fr Francium Alkali Metal	88 226.02 <b>Ra</b> Radium Alkaline Earth Me		104 267.1 <b>Rf</b> Rutherfordium Transition Metal	105 268.1 Db Dubnium Transition Metal	106 269.1 Sg Seaborgium Transition Metal	107 270.1 Bh Bohrium Transition Metal	108 269.1 HS Hassium Transition Metal	109 277.1 Mt Meitnerium Transition Metal	110 282.1 DS Darmstadtium Transition Metal	111 282.1 <b>Rg</b> Roentgenium Transition Metal	112 286.1 Cn Copernicium Transition Metal	113 286.1 Nh Nihonium Post-Transition M	114 290.1 Fl Flerovium Post-Transition M	115 290.1 Mc Moscovium Post-Transition M	116 293.2 LV Livermorium Post-Transition M	117 294.2 <b>TS</b> Tennessine Halogen	118 295.2 Og Oganesson Noble Gas
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				89 227.02 Actinium Actinide	90 232.038 Th Thorium Actinide	91 231.03 Pa Protactinium Actinide	92 238.0289 U Uranium Actinide	93 237.04 Np Neptunium Actinide	94 244.06 Pu Plutonium Actinide	95 243.06 Am Americium Actinide	96 247.07 Cm Curium Actinide	97 247.07 Bk Berkelium Actinide	98 251.07 Cf Californium Actinide	99 252.0830 ES Einsteinium Actinide	100 257.0 <b>Fm</b> Fermium Actinide	101 258.0 Md Mendelevium Actinide	102 259.1 No Nobelium Actinide	103 266.1 Lr Lawrenclum Actinide

#### **Chemistry Review**

- Moles: one mole =  $6.022 \times 10^{23}$  atoms
- Atomic weight: given in grams/mole
- (ex. 602 200 000 000 000 000 000 000 000 atoms of carbon weighs 12.011 g)
- Molecular weight how much 1 mole of a molecule weighs (Ex. table salt, NaCl weighs 58.5 g)



#### More Chemistry Vocabulary

- Ions: atoms or molecules that have a charge (cation +; anion -)
- Chemical Reactions: when molecules interact to form something new
- Stochiometry: the ratio of moles of reactants to moles of products needed to complete a reaction
- Equilibrium = balanced; reaction can go either way

# **Balancing Chemical Reactions**

(ferric chloride + hydrogen sulfide goes to ferric sulfide + hydrochloric acid)



# Problem – Find the formula weight for calcium carbonate (CaCO<sub>3)</sub>



#### **Biological Nitrification**



#### Bacteria

- Ammonia Oxidizing Bacteria (AOB) convert ammonia (NH<sub>3</sub>-N) to nitrite (NO<sub>2</sub>-N)
- Nitrite Oxidizing Bacteria (NOB) convert nitrite (NO<sub>2</sub>-N) to nitrate (NO<sub>3</sub>)j
- The NOB grow faster than the AOB when the water temperature is below 25°C (77  $^\circ$  F)

#### **Biological Nitrification**



#### Nitrification/Denitrification



# Chemical Reactions of Nitrification/Denitrification

Process	Reaction N <sub>2</sub> (g) + 8H <sup>+</sup> + 8e <sup>-</sup> $\rightarrow$ 2NH <sub>3</sub> (g) + H <sub>2</sub> (g)						
Fixation							
Ammonification	$NH_2$ -CO- $NH_2$ + $H_2O$ (I) $\rightarrow 2NH_3(g) + CO_2(g)$						
Nitrification (Two Steps)	(1) $NH_4^+ + 1.5O_2(g) \rightarrow NO_2^- + 2H^+ + H_2O(I)$ (2) $NO_2^- + 0.5O_2(g) \rightarrow NO_3^-$						
Denitrification	$NO_3^- \rightarrow NO_2^- \rightarrow NO \rightarrow N_2O \rightarrow N_2$						



#### Ammonium ion vs. unionized ammonia - pH and temp sensitive



## Quiz

- Nitrification is a 3 step process involving
  2 groups of bacteria. T or F?
- 2. The NOB obtain their energy from nitrite and their carbon from alkalinity. T or F?
- 3. The AOB grow faster than the NOB when the water temperature is below 25°C (77 ° F) T or F?

#### Phosphorus Removal

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Removal of <u>Ortho-P</u> may Occur Through:

Enhanced Biological Update
 Chemical Precipitation

## Settling

 Removal of Settleable Solids can provide some phosphorus removal

Primary Sedimentation 5 - 15 %



#### **Biological Uptake**

- Polyphosphate Accumulating Organisms (PAOs) can be used
- Two stage: 1) anaerobic or "anaerobic selector", and 2) aerobic

#### Biological P Removal – Stage 1

PAO's uptake Volatile Fatty Acids (VFAs) from the organic carbon in the influent (or added as sidestream flow) and store it as polyhydroxyalkanoate (PHA) for later oxidation



### Biological P Removal – Stage 2

- Stored PHA is metabolized, providing energy for cell growth and luxury uptake of soluble orthophosphate, which is stored as polyphosphates. The PAOs uptake and store more phosphorus under aerobic conditions than is released under anaerobic conditions, providing a net uptake an storage of phosphorus.
- Stored phosphorus is removed from the system with waste sludge.

### **Biological P Removal**







#### **Biological P Removal**

RAS



The MLSS Cycles From Anaerobic to Aerobic

#### This Promotes

Phosphate Accumulating Organisms (PAO)

<u>Anaerobic</u>

Fermentation Acetate Production P Released to Produce Energy <u>Aerobic</u>

Stored Food Consumed Excess P Taken Up Sludge Wasted Biological P Removal Aerobic Conditions Rapid Aerobic Metabolism of Stored Food (PHB) Producing New Cells <u>PO<sub>4</sub></u> Used in Cell Production Excess <u>Stored</u> as Polyphosphate ("Luxury Uptake")



Biological P Removal Aerobic Conditions PO<sub>4</sub> Used in Cell Production Excess Stored as Polyphosphate

Biomass Approximately 5 to 7% P by Weight (Normal 1.5 to 2 %)

Sludge is Wasted When Loaded With P



#### **Biological P Removal**

**Anaerobic Conditions** 

Heterotrophic Bacteria Break Down Organics Fermentation Volatile Fatty Acids (VFAs) Acetate (Acetic Acid)

Also Selection of PAO - Phosphate Accumulating Organisms (Able to Out-Compete Other Aerobic Heterotrophic Bacteria for Food When Anaerobic)

#### **Phosphorus Removal**

 Biological Wastewater Treatment Systems Will Remove Phosphorus 100:5:1 (C:N:P) Primary and TF 20 - 30 % Primary and AS 30 - 50 %

Total Influent P Ranges from 2 to 8 mg/L

### **Biological Phosphorus Removal**

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uc3mDP0OVUc

#### Questions?

# **POST-**



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# Weir, Parshall flume, area velocity meter, staff gage

3. What features might be desirable on an inlet or outlet structure?

Flow-splitting, perpendicular alignment to wind, proper sealing
4. What are some factors that should be considered when designing a new lagoon?

Biological loading, hydraulic loading, space requirements, effluent disposal, solids disposal, pond configuration

# 5. What federal regulation covers sludge disposal?

40 CFR Part 503

6. What is a diurnal curve?

It is a graph of the daily pattern of flow.

7. What nutrients are most commonly required to be removed from wastewater?

Nitrogen and phosphorus

8. Can phosphorus be removed biologically?

Yes